

Magnetism and superconductivity

Course objective:- To teach students basic concepts and principles of physics, relate them to laboratory experiments and their applications.

Course outcome:- Summarize basics of magnetism and superconductivity. Explore few of their technological applications.

Topic - Magnetism

Magnetism:- Magnetism is defined as property by virtue of which a magnetic material is able to create an attraction or repulsion. Magnetism is behaviour of material in magnetic field.

The first magnet was discovered from a naturally occurring minerals called magnetite. The britisher William Gilbert was the first to investigate the magnetism as well as earth magnetism.

Magnetic poles exist in pairs called magnetic dipoles.

Properties of Magnet

- 1) It attracts iron, nickel, cobalt, steel etc
- 2) It always rest in N-S direction if

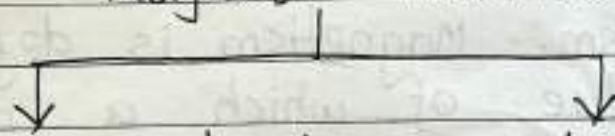
suspended freely.

- 3) like poles repel & unlike poles attract
- 4) Poles exist in pair (dipole), if bar is broken each piece has N-S poles.
- 5) Magnet can magnetize another material like Iron.



Classification of magnetic materials on the basis of material

Magnetic Material



soft magnetic material

- soft material
- susceptibility & permeability is high
- Temporary magnetism
- used in current applications
- in switching ckt

Hard magnetic material

- Hard material
- susceptibility & permeability is low
- Retain magnetism
- used in production of permanent magnets
- in storage devices

Basic definitions:-

Magnetic field:- Magnetic field is the region surrounding the magnet where its magnetic effect / influence is detected.

Magnetic lines of force :-
Imaginary lines representing magnetic field
called magnetic lines of force.

Magnetic flux :-
Total number of magnetic lines of force
in the field is called magnetic flux.

Magnetic Induction :-
Magnetic flux per unit area
in the magnetic field is called
magnetic induction or magnetic flux
density

OR
Total number of lines of force
through a unit area of cross
section perpendicularly.

Unit of magnetic induction - weber/m^2

$$\text{Magnetic induction} = \frac{\text{magnetic flux}}{\text{Area}} \\ = \text{wb/m}^2$$

Magnetic field strength (H)

It is force which a
unit North pole experiences when
placed within the magnetic field.

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It is also called magnetizing force
S.I unit Tesla or Ampere/meter

Magnetization :-
It is the magnetic moment per
unit volume.
S.I unit ampere per meter

As magnetization is induced by
magnet field.

M is proportional to H

Thus

$$M \propto X$$

$$\therefore M = \chi H$$

H \rightarrow magnetic field strength

χ \rightarrow susceptibility of material

Magnetic Susceptibility :-

Magnetic susceptibility of a material
is a measure of the ease with
which the material can be magnetized.

Susceptibility is defined as magnetization
(M) produced in the material per
unit.

applied magnetic field (H)

$$\chi = \frac{M}{H}$$

It is dimensionless quantity.

High susceptibility \rightarrow easily magnetized

Magnetic dipole moment:-

The strength of a magnetic dipole is represented by magnetic dipole moment.

It is a measure of a dipole's ability to align itself according to direction of external magnetic field.

Magnetic dipole moment is defined as the maximum amount of torque caused by magnetic force on a dipole that arises per unit value of surrounding magnetic field in vacuum.

$$\tau = \mu \times B$$

$\tau \rightarrow$ maximum torque

$\mu \rightarrow$ Permeability of the material

$B \rightarrow$ Magnetic induction.

Absolute permeability (μ):-

Absolute permeability of the material is a measure of the degree of which the field lines penetrate the material.

It is defined as the ratio of magnetic induction B in the medium to the magnetizing field strength H .
Thus,

$$\mu = \frac{B}{H}$$

$$\mu = \mu_0 \mu_r$$

$\mu_0 \rightarrow$ permeability of free space

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ (H/m)} \text{ (Henry/meter)}$$

$\mu_r \rightarrow$ Relative permeability

Relative permeability of a material is a measure of the degree to which the material can be magnetized.

Relative permeability (μ_r) of any medium is defined as the ratio of permeability of medium (μ) to the permeability of free space (μ_0).

$$\mu_r = \frac{\mu}{\mu_0}$$

$\mu_r \rightarrow$ only number, no unit

$\mu_r = 1$, for air.

Relation between B, M and H :- When a material is kept in a magnetic field, two induction arise

① When magnetic field H is applied in vacuum, the flux density at any point is, $\mu_0 H$ i.e. induction due to magnetizing field H .

② If solid medium is placed in the field, there will be induced dipole moments giving rise to an additional flux density of $\mu_0 M$ i.e. induction due to magnetization M of material itself.

$$B = \mu_0 H + \mu_0 M$$

$$\therefore B = \mu_0 (H + M)$$

Relation between μ_r and χ

As,

$$B = \mu_0 (H + M) \text{ ---}$$

and magnetic induction by definition

$$B = \mu H$$

$$B = \mu_r \mu_0 H$$

$$\therefore \mu_r \mu_0 H = \mu_0 (H + M)$$

$$\mu_r H = H + M$$

$$\mu_r = \frac{H}{H} + \frac{M}{H}$$

$$\mu_r = 1 + \frac{M}{H}$$

but

$$\frac{M}{H} = \chi$$

$$\boxed{\mu_r = 1 + \chi}$$

Bohr Magnetron (μ_B)

Bohr magneton is the elementary electron magnetic moment and no electron can have a magnetic moment below it.

It is the natural unit for the measurement of atomic magnetic moments.

$$\mu_B = \frac{eh}{4\pi m_e} = 9.28 \times 10^{-24} \text{ A}\cdot\text{m}^2$$

It represents the minimum non-zero value of the projection of magnetic moment of the electron in an arbitrary direction.

Origin of magnetization :-

Magnetic properties of solids arise due to electrons undergoing different motions in atoms.

These motions give rise to magnetic dipole moments.

Magnetic dipole moment of the atom arises because of three sources

<1> Orbital motion of electrons

Electrons move around a nucleus in a specific orbits.

Each loop orbit is equivalent to current loop.

It behaves as an elementary magnet having a magnetic dipole moment.

The sum of orbital magnetic moments of individual electrons generates the total orbital magnetic moment of an atom.

$$\mu_B = \frac{eh}{4\pi m} = 9.28 \times 10^{-24} \text{ A} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

<2> The electron spin

Each electron is spinning about itself and this gives rise to a magnetic dipole moment.

$$\mu_s = s \cdot \left(\frac{eh}{2\pi m} \right)$$

~~$\frac{eh}{2\pi m}$ is angular momentum~~

~~s~~ spin quantum number = $\pm \frac{1}{2}$

3) The Nuclear spin:

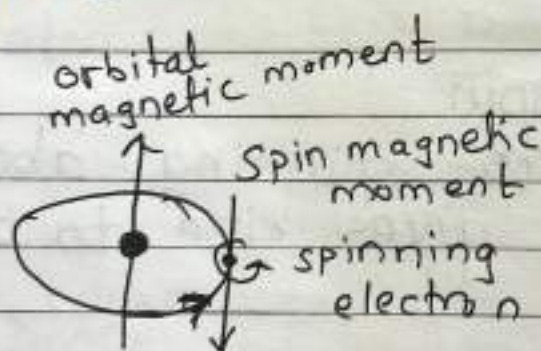
Nucleus spins around itself and it also contributes to magnetic moment of atoms due to magnetic field produced by protons.

Nuclear magnetic moment is,

$$\mu_N = \frac{eh}{4\pi m_p} = 5.05 \times 10^{-27} \text{ A}\cdot\text{m}^2$$

Magnetic moment of the nucleus is about $\frac{1}{1837}$ of the magnetic moment of the electron.

\therefore Therefore, in studying magnetic properties of solids, the magnetic moment due to nuclear spin is neglected.



$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{Total} \\ \text{magnetic} \\ \text{moment} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{orbital} \\ \text{magnetic} \\ \text{moment} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \text{spin} \\ \text{magnetic} \\ \text{moment} \end{array}$$

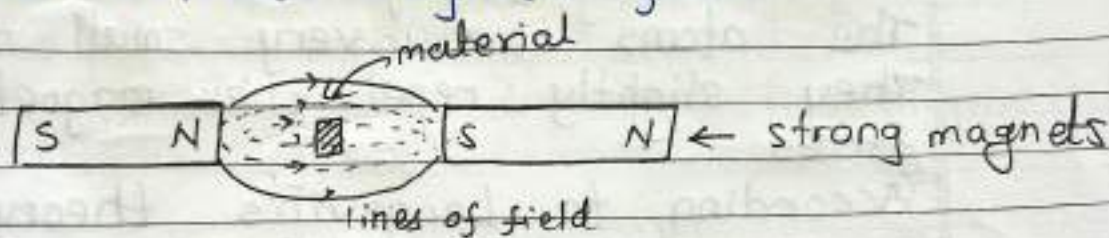
Magnetization of atoms and materials

For a solid, the resultant magnetic moment of an atom is sum of the orbital and spin magnetic moments of its electrons.

↓ contribution is mainly from the spin of unpaired valence electrons.

Number of such magnetic moments aligns in different directions.

When a material is placed in a magnetic field, the atomic dipoles respond to the external magnetic field.



1) Diamagnetic

1) In some material like Bismuth, Atomic moments are weakly aligned along opposite direction of external magnetic field. is diamagnetic material, repelled from magnetic field

2) Materials like aluminium, atomic moments are weakly aligned along same direction of ext. field. weakly attracted towards field, is paramagnetic material

3) Materials like iron, strongly aligned along same direction of ext. field, strongly attracted towards magnetic field is ferromagnetic material.

classification of magnetism

OR
classification of magnetic material on the basis of permeability.

- (1) Diamagnetism (2) Paramagnetism (3) Ferromagnetism

Diamagnetism:

Relative permeability is less than 1; If diamagnetic material is placed in an external magnetic field, develop a weak magnetism in opposite direction of the external magnetic field.

The atoms have very small magnetic moment. They slightly repel the magnetic lines of forces.

According to Langevin's theory of diamagnetism, orbital motion of electrons gives rise to diamagnetic properties.

Susceptibility of diamagnetic material

$$\chi = - \frac{NZ e^2 \mu_0}{6m} \langle r^2 \rangle$$

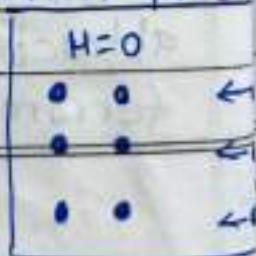
∴ Susceptibility of diamagnetic material is very small and negative.

$$\chi < 0$$

χ is indpt. of strength of applied field

It is due to repulsion experienced by diamagnetic materials when placed in an external magnetic field.

e.g. Bismuth ($\mu_r = 0.00083$)
Copper ($\mu_r = 0.000005$)
Wood ($\mu_r = 0.999$)



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<2> Paramagnetism :-

Relative permeability is slightly greater than 1, $\mu_r > 1$

If paramagnetic material is placed in an external magnetic field, it acquires small magnetism in the direction of the magnetic field.

The atoms are slightly oriented along the direction of the external magnetic field.

They attract the lines of force slightly

According to Langevin theory of paramagnetism, the random thermal motion tends to disturb this alignment making this effect temp. dependent.

Paramagnetic susceptibility,

$$\chi = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_m^2 N}{3KT} = \frac{C}{T} \quad \dots \text{Curie law}$$

$C \rightarrow$ Curie constant

χ is small & positive value.

$\chi > 1$

Here χ is inversely propo. to temp. It is due to slight attraction of field.

According to Weiss, in addition to externally applied field, the internal molecular field produced by neighbouring molecules also acts on magnetic dipole moment.

$$\chi = \frac{C}{T - \theta_c} \quad \text{Curie - Weiss law}$$

$\theta_c \rightarrow$ paramagnetic Curie point

$C \rightarrow$ Curie const.

$T \rightarrow$ Temp.

e.g. Aluminium ($\mu_r = 1.00000065$)
 Tungsten ($\mu_r = 1.000068$)



Ferromagnetism :-

Relative permeability is much greater than $\mu_r > 1$

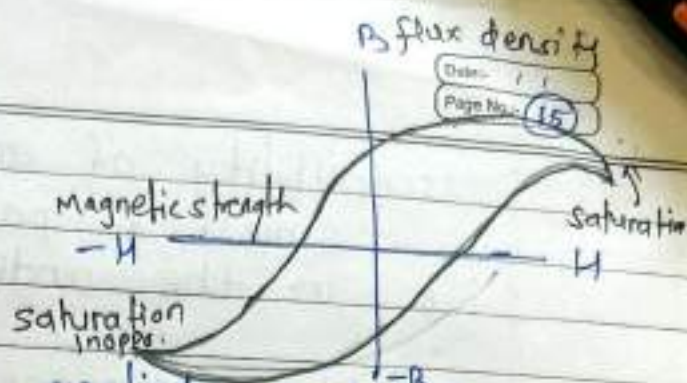
If ferromagnetic material is placed in ext. magnetic field, becomes strongly magnetized in the direction of field. These materials are strongly attracted by field.

They attract the lines of force strongly. On removing the external magnetic field, the material retains magnetic properties and the material shows ~~perp~~ permanent magnetism.

The material loses its magnetic property on increasing the temp upto Curie temp. Above Curie temp T_c , ferromagnetic materials behave as paramagnetic materials.

$$\chi = \frac{C}{T - T_c}$$

T_c - critica temp.



When a field is applied and then removed, the magnetization does not return to its original value.

This phenomenon referred to as hysteresis.

Above the curie temperature, spontaneous magnetization of the ferromagnetic material vanishes and it becomes paramagnetic. Iron ($T_c = 1043\text{ K}$), Cobalt ($T_c = 1394\text{ K}$), Nickel ($T_c = 631\text{ K}$)

ferromagnetic susceptibility is greater than one and positive $\chi \gg 1$

due to large attraction of field.

E.g. Iron ($\mu_r = 100000$)

Cobalt ($\mu_r = 18000$)

Antiferromagnetism:-

Antiferromagnetism is the presence of magnetic field, the magnetic moments of atoms are aligned in opposite directions and equal magnitude.

It cancels magnetic effect.

When unmagnetized, their net magnetization is zero. Above temp. (T_N) i.e.

~~below~~ above particular temp. such materials act as paramagnetic material & such temp is called as Neel temperature (T_N) & Below T_N it shows antiferromagnetism.

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susceptibility of antiferromagnetic material is small & positive.
i.e. in the order of 10^{-3} and 10^{-5} .

Example :- Manganese, MnO , FeO , NiO



Ferrites and Ferrimagnetism:-

Some ceramic materials exhibit net magnetization.

Ferrimagnetic material is also having antiparallel alignment of magnetic moments of atoms. Here direction is opposite but magnitude is not small.

Because some dipoles of some cations are aligned & while other may not.

So it is not equal & opposite dipole. It has only opposite moment but not equal.

Thus dipole moment cannot cancel to each other. So net spin moment exists.


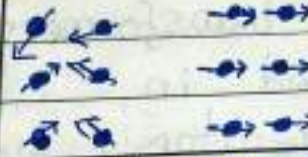

Below Neel temp. (T_N) ferrimagnetic materials behave very like ferromagnetic materials & above Neel temp. behaves as paramagnetic materials.

Susceptibility of ferrimagnetic material is large but field dependent. They also show Weiss-Curie behaviour. e.g. Fe_3O_4 , $NiFe_2O_4$



Distinguish or Comparison of types of Magnetism

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No	Diamagnetism	Paramagnetism	Ferromagnetism
1)	Develop a weak magnetism in oppo. direction	Develop a weak magnetism in same direction	Develop a strong magnetism in same direction
2)	Alignment is opposite and weak $H=0$ $H \rightarrow$ 	Alignment is weak & same $H=0$ $H \rightarrow$ 	Alignment is same & strong $H=0$ $H \rightarrow$ 
3)	Slightly repelled by ext. magne. field	Slightly attracted by ext. magne. field	Strongly attracted by ext. magne. field
4)	Relative permeability $\mu_r < 1$ $\mu_i = 0.00083$	Relative permeability $\mu_r > 1$ $\mu_i = 1.00000065$	Relative permeability $\mu_r \gg 1$ $\mu_i = 1000000$
5)	Susceptibility is small & negative $\chi < 0$	Susceptibility is small but positive $\chi < 1$	Susceptibility is very high $\chi \gg 1$
6)	χ is indep. of temp	$\chi \propto 1/T$	χ is also dep. on temp. in complex way
7)	No hysteresis	No hysteresis	hysteresis exhibited
8)	e.g. Bismuth Copper Wood	e.g. Aluminium Tungsten	e.g. Iron Cobalt Nickel

Application of Magnetic materials

- 1> Transformer cores
- 2> Magnetic storage
- 3> Magneto optical recording

Transformer cores / Magnetic core

The magnetic core is a material with magnetic permeability, which helps confine magnetic fields in transformers.

It is used in electromagnets, transformers, motors, generators, inductors, magnetic recording heads.

It is made up from ferromagnetic materials.

A coil without magnetic core is called an 'air-core' coil.

The amount of magnetic field is increased by the core depends on the magnetic permeability of the core material.

Materials used for magnetic core

1> soft iron / solid iron cores

- magnetic assembly, direct current electromagnets, in electric motor
- magnetic field 2-16 Tesla with saturating
- low coercitivity
- Because of resistance of the it get heated and power loss
- not used in transformers

<2> Laminated magnetic cores.

- losses observed in solid iron core can be minimised here
- made up stacks of thin iron sheet coated with insulation.
- because of insulation barrier to eddy current avoids power losses. uses in transformers

<3> Carbonyl iron

- powdered cores made of carbonyl iron
- high stability
- Reduces eddy current at high freq. ($50 \text{ kHz} - 200 \text{ MHz}$)
- used in high freq. and broadband inductors and transformer.
- called "RF cores"

<4> Amorphous metal

- noncrystalline or glassy
- material is highly responsive to magnetic field, low hysteresis loss.
- reduces eddy current.
- High mechanical strength
- used in high efficiency transformer
- corrosion free

<2> Magnetic storage:-

Data storage devices are the essential requirements of entertainment electronics and computer system.

- semiconductor memories (volatile (RAM)
- ~~flip~~ magnetic memories (permanent and nonvolatile) (ROM)

several types of media are used to store data <a> magnetic tape

 Floppy disk

<c> Hard disk

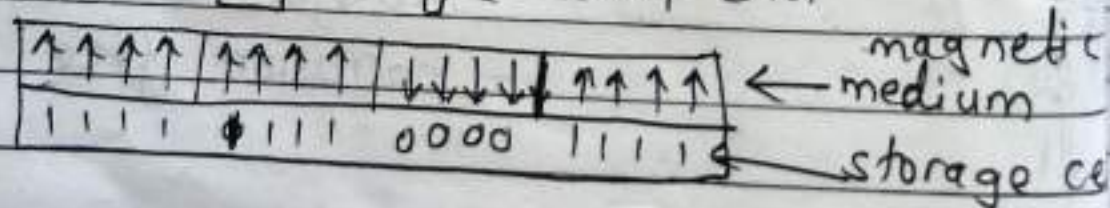
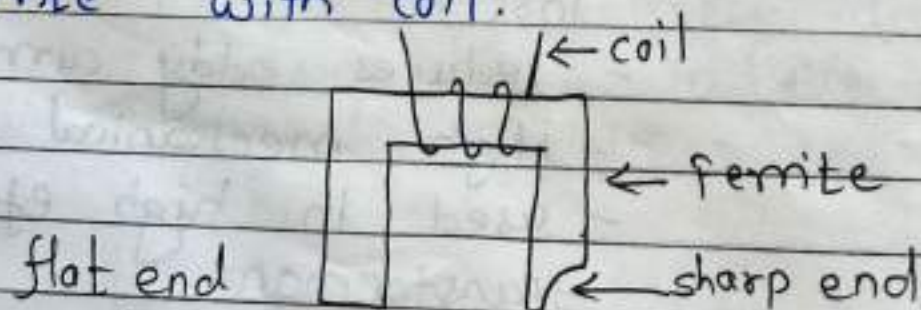
for magnetic storage, ferromagnetic material is used. By using polarity in terms of 0 & 1, data is stored in digital format.

<a> Magnetic tape:-

- made up of plastic strip with thin layer of ferric oxide
- rolled into large reels or small cassettes.

Here recorded magnetic moments are aligned in a vertical direction perpendicular to the plane of the tape.

Recording head is made up of ferrite with coil.



The tape is moved from flat end towards the sharp end so that magnetic flux will be utilized to align the magnetic moments. The data is stored in multiple tracks, in the form of 0 & 1. we can say upward direction 1 & downward 0.

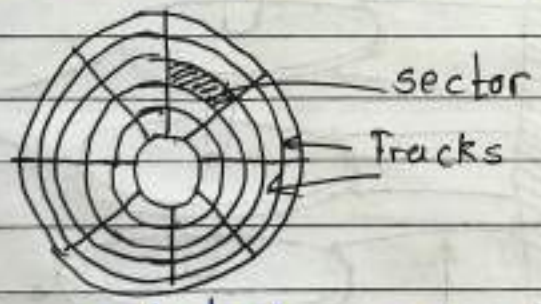
It is low cost, easy to handle, high storage capacity.

Disadvantage is access to data is sequential. To access particular data in the tape required longer time.

(b) Floppy disk

Floppy disks are made of thin plastic disk with a coating of magnetic material on it.

Disk is divided into sectors



The disk is rotated and the write head aligns the magnetic moments on the tracks as it passes over them.

Floppy disks have small storage capacity 1.44 MB

Now they are replaced by compact disk and DVD.

(c) Hard disks.

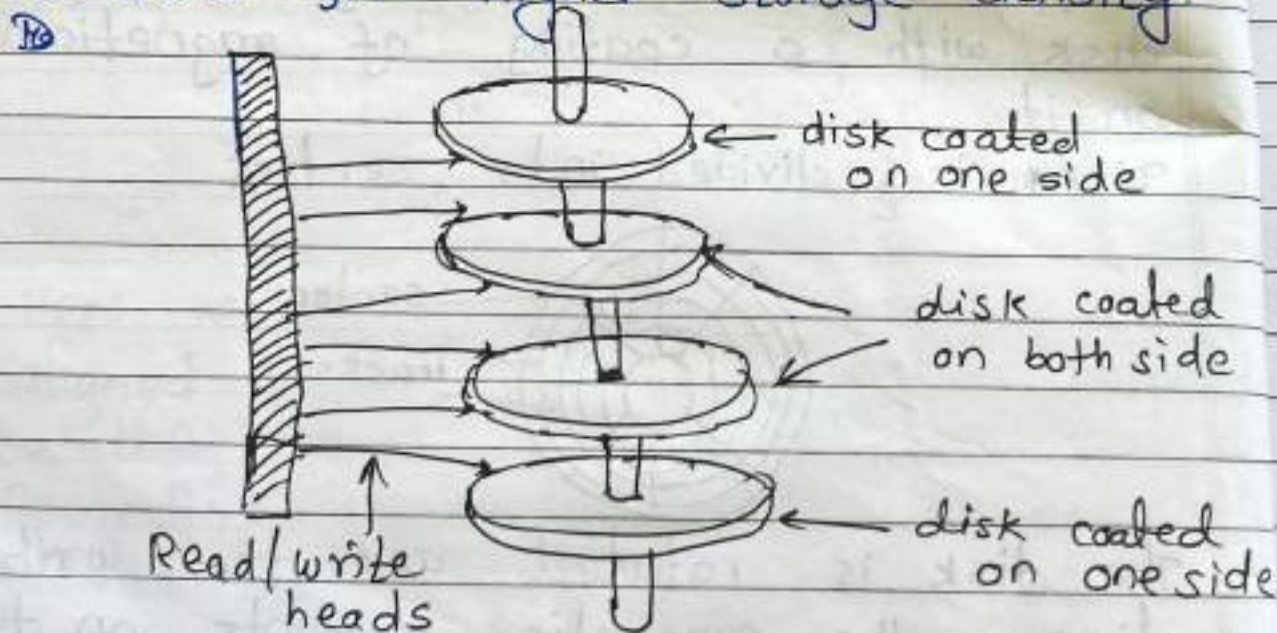
It is magnetic disk similar to floppy disk but with larger number of disks.

Many disks mounted on a common central shaft coated with magnetic material, on both side. outermost disk are coated on inner side only.

one read/write head is provided per surface.

• Each disk have tracks and sectors. The write head aligns the magnetic moments on the tracks as it passes over the track.

Vertical alignment of magnetic moments is used for higher storage density.



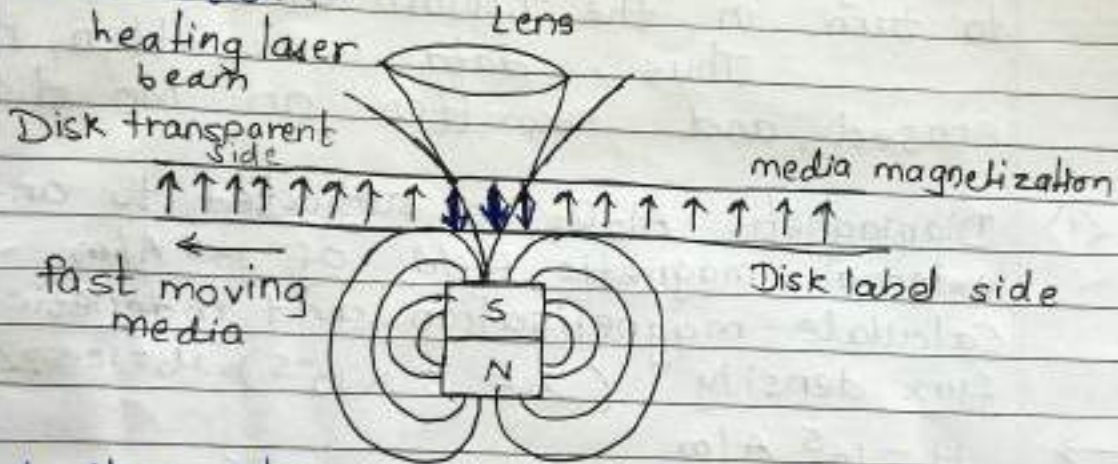
Data can be stored on both sides of disks. Hence has large storage capacity upto 5 terabytes (5 TB)

Available as both internal hard disk (in) and as external hard disk.

Magneto optical Recording
MO recording is a method of storing and retrieving data using a laser and magnet. Magneto optical means write magnetically and read optically.

Principle :- LASER beam is used for recording, reading and erasing data on a MO medium.

construction :-



A thin film of magnetic material is coated on the substrate over which the data is written.

Recording :- When the disk is inserted into drive, the label side face the magnet, the transparent side will face the laser. Atomic magnetic moments are oriented in the upward direction perpendicular to the film. When focused pulsed laser falls on the film, heating occurs. At the high temp. domain reverses and turn downward. Some are in upward dir

and some in downward. In this way data is stored.

Reading:- Mo system can be read with light only. upword & down word of moment gives change in polarized light. The change in magnetization is associated with 0 & 1, which stores data in binary system. This data can be read.

Erasing:- To erase the data, magnetic field is applied in the upward direction.

The focused laser pulse causes local heating which assists the atomic moment to turn in the upward direction.

Thus, data is written, read, erased, and rewritten on Mo disc.

<1> Diamagnetic Al_2O_3 is subjected to an external magnetic field of 10^5 A/m . Calculate magnetisation and magnetic flux density ($\chi = 5 \times 10^{-5}$, $\mu_0 = 12.57 \times 10^{-7}$)

→ $H = 10^5 \text{ A/m}$

$$\chi = -5 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$M = \chi H = -5 \times 10^{-5} \times 10^5$$

$$M = -5 \text{ A/m}$$

$$B = \mu_0 (H + M)$$

$$\therefore B = \mu_0 (10^5 - 5)$$

$$B = 12.57 \times 10^{-7} (10^5 - 5)$$

$$B = 0.126 \text{ W/m}^2$$

Superconductivity

Superconductivity is a state of matter exhibited usually at very low temperature where the resistivity of the material drops to zero.

The superconducting state is a state in which quantum mechanics operates on a macroscopic scale.

The superconducting state is influenced by temperature, current and magnetic field.

Conductivity:- Ability to conduct the electricity (G)

Resistivity:- Reciprocal of conductivity
- Ability to oppose the current.

Electrical resistivity of metal increases with increasing temp.

When current is flowing through the conductor, it has free electrons. When temp. increases lattice vibration increases and cause more scattering of electrons leading to more resistance.

Even at 0 K, metals offer finite resistance, called residual resistance.

In 1911, H. K. Onnes first time verified behaviour of metals at very low temperatures. He discovered that the electrical resistance of mercury dropped to zero at a temperature of 4.15 K. Here 4.15 K is called transition temp. This is entirely new phenomenon.

Onnes also found that at the transition temperature (above 4.15K) regained its resistivity.

Superconductivity:- is the phenomenon in which electrical resistance of materials suddenly disappear below a certain temperature.

The material which are in superconducting state are called superconductors.

Critical temp / Transition temp:- the temperature at which a normal material abruptly changes into a superconductor is called transition temp. or critical temp. (T_c)

B.C.S Theory:-

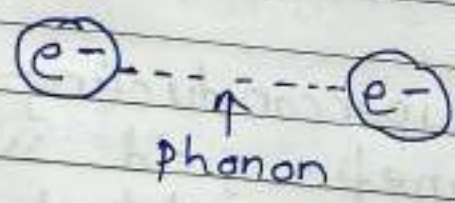
American scientists John Bardeen, Leon Cooper and John Schrieffer jointly developed the theory to explain superconductivity which is known as B.C.S. Theory. When a free electron passes near an ion in a lattice, there is Coulomb attraction between them. This causes deformation of the lattice. If a second free electron passes nearby, it takes advantage of the deformation to lower its energy. Thus the second electron is also attracted towards the lattice. This interaction is called

electron-lattice-electron interaction through phonon.

Phonon is quantum of lattice vibrational energy.

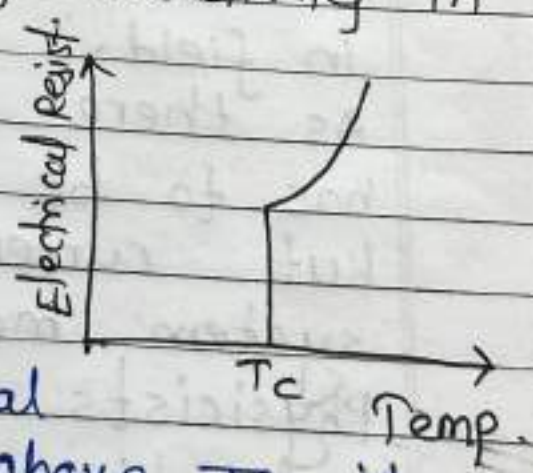
Simply first electron emits a phonon which is absorbed by the second electron. Such pairs of electrons coupled together through a phonon are called Cooper pairs. Cooper pairs are very weak, they can easily separated as temperature increases. (thermal vibrations)

At low temp. density of Cooper pairs is large and they move collectively through the lattice, which minimizes collision, which avoids resistance and we get larger current, even though they have small velocity. We get superconductors at lower temp.



Temperature Dependence of resistivity in superconducting material

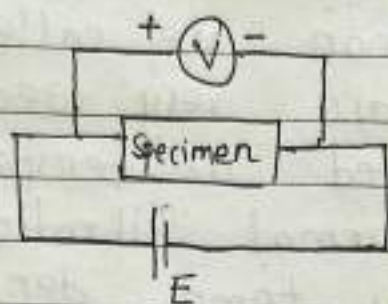
At critical temp. resistivity suddenly drops to zero



Below critical temp. material is superconductor. whereas above T_c it behaves like normal conductor.

Properties of superconductors :-

(i) zero Electrical Resistance



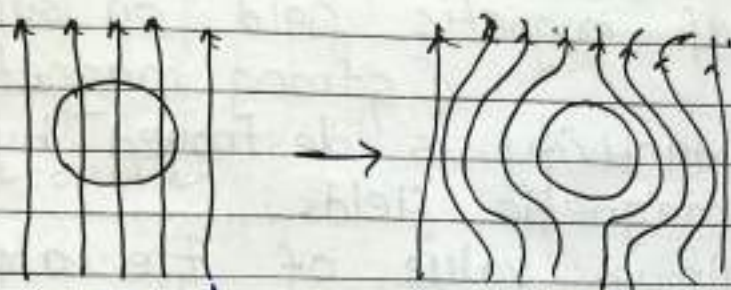
The electrical resistivity is zero. The experimental testing of zero resistance can be done with above diagram.

The temperature of the specimen is lowered. It is observed that below critical temperature, the potential difference across the specimen suddenly dropped to zero.

~~Some way~~ If superconducting ring was kept in a magnetic field. When the magnetic field was switched off, current is induced in the ring due to change in field.

As there is no voltage source, current has to be ~~decreased~~ reduced, because of resistance but current is remaining same in the system means no resistance is there. Physicists ~~File~~ and Mills concluded that ~~time~~ decay ~~for~~ time for current in superconducting solenoids is more than 10^5 years.

27 Meissner effect :- (weak magnetic field)
When a specimen is placed in a weak magnetic field and cooled below the critical temp. the magnetic flux present in the specimen is ejected from the specimen. This effect is known as Meissner effect.



This effect is reversible and the specimen returns to its normal state when its temp is raised above critical temp.

Superconductor act as perfect diamagnets with zero magnetic induction $B=0$
But $B = \mu_0 (H + M)$

$$\therefore \mu_0 (H + M) = 0$$

$$H = -M$$

Susceptibility is,

$$\chi = \frac{M}{H} = -1$$

Relative permeability, $\mu_r = 1 + \chi$
 $= 1 + (-1)$

$$\boxed{\mu_r = 0}$$

Shows perfect diamagnetism.

Meissner effect can not be explained by assuming that the superconductor is a perfect conductor.

Due to Meissner effect, superconductors strongly repel external magnets which leads to magnetic levitation.

3) Effect of magnetic field on superconductivity (strong magnetic field)

Superconductivity is destroyed by sufficiently strong magnetic fields.

The minimum value of the applied magnetic field required to destroy superconductivity is called the critical field H_c .

H_c is a function of temperature.

Above critical temperature, $H_c = 0$

Below critical temperature, H_c depends on T

$$H_c = H_0 \left[1 - \left(\frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 \right]$$

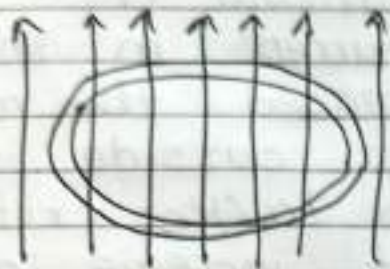
$H_0 \rightarrow$ critical field at absolute zero

4) Persistent currents :-

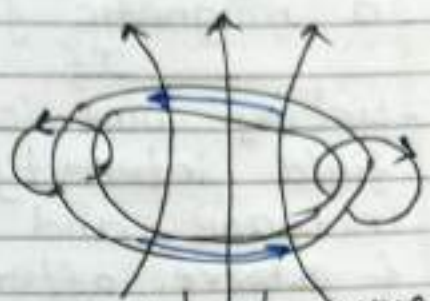
When a superconducting ring is placed in a magnetic field and the field is switched off, a current is induced in the ring.

Current remains the same even though there is no source of emf.

zero resistance in superconductors gives steady currents ~~flow~~ even after years and years, called persistent currents.



superconducting ring in field B



persistent current associated with magnetic field B is switched off.

Thus superconducting rings can be used to produce magnetic fields which do not require any power supply to maintain a constant field.

5) Isotope effect :-

The critical temperature of superconductors varies with isotopic mass. For larger isotopic mass, critical temperature is smaller. This is isotope effect.

$$T_c M^\alpha = \text{constant}$$

$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ for many materials

$$T_c M^{1/2} = \text{const.}$$

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 $T_c \propto M^{-1/2}$

6) Critical current

Every current carrying conductor produces a magnetic field around it.

If the current in the superconducting wire is increased, the magnetic field intensity just outside it will increase and reach to (H_c) critical field & above after that increase in current increases field H_c & which destroys to superconducting state.

The maximum current that superconductor can carry without reverting back to its normal state is known as critical current.

A superconducting ring of radius R ceases to be a superconductor if critical current exceeds,

$$I_c = 2\pi R H_c$$

Current density is defined as current per unit area

Critical current density:- The maximum current density at which the superconductivity disappears.

- (1) Superconducting tin (Sn) has a critical temperature of 3.7 K at zero magnetic field and a critical field of 0.0306 T at 0 K. Find the critical field at 2 K.

Given,

$$T_c = 3.7 \text{ K}$$

$$T = 2 \text{ K}$$

$$B = 0.0306 \text{ T} \quad \& \quad H = \frac{B}{\mu_0}$$

$$H_c = \frac{B_c}{\mu_0} \quad \text{and} \quad H_0 = \frac{B_0}{\mu_0}$$

$$\therefore B_c = B_0 \left[1 - \left(\frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$= 0.0306 \left[1 - \left(\frac{2}{3.7} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\boxed{B_c = 0.02166 \text{ T}}$$

- 2) Calculate the critical magnetic field for lead at 4.2 K. The critical temperature for lead is 7.18 K and $H_c = 6.5 \times 10^4 \text{ A/m at } 0 \text{ K}$

$$\rightarrow T = 4.2 \text{ K} \quad H_c \text{ at } 0 \text{ K} = H_0$$

$$T_c = 7.18 \text{ K}$$

$$H_0 = 6.5 \times 10^4 \text{ A/m}$$

$$H_c = H_0 \left[1 - \left(\frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$H_c = 6.5 \times 10^4 \left[1 - \left(\frac{4.2}{7.18} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\boxed{H_c = 4.28 \times 10^4 \text{ A/m}}$$

- 3) In a superconductor ring of radius 0.02 m the critical magnetic field is 2×10^3 A/m at 5 K. Find the value of critical current.

→ $R = 0.02 \text{ m}$
 $H_c = 2 \times 10^3 \text{ A/m}$

$$I_c = 2\pi R H_c$$
$$= 2 \times 3.14 \times 0.02 \times 2 \times 10^3$$

$$I_c = 251.4 \text{ A}$$

- 4) The critical temp. for a metal with isotopic mass 199.5 is 4.185 K. Calculate the isotopic mass if the critical temp. falls to 4.133 K. Assume $\alpha = 0.5$. Given - $T_{c1} = 4.185 \text{ K}$, $M_1 = 199.5$

→ $T_c M^\alpha = \text{constant}$ $T_{c2} = 4.133 \text{ K}$
 $\alpha = 0.5$

$$T_c M^{0.5} = \text{constant}$$

$$T_{c1} M_1^{0.5} = T_{c2} M_2^{0.5}$$

$$M_2^{0.5} = \frac{4.185 \times 199.5^{0.5}}{4.133}$$

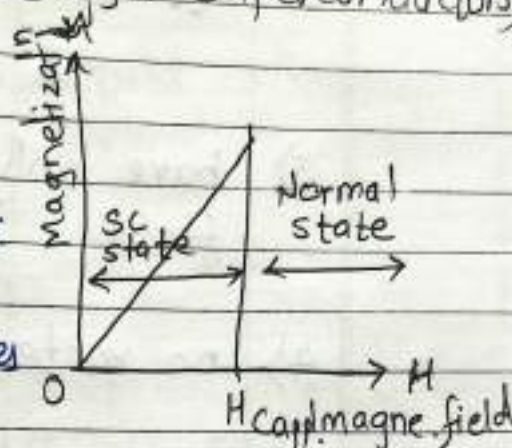
$$M_2 = 204.55$$

Types of superconductors :-

- (1) Type I superconductors (soft superconductors)
- (2) Type II superconductors (Hard superconductors)

1) Type I superconductors (soft superconductors)

Type I superconductors shows meissner effect when the applied magnetic field H is less than H_c . For above H_c , it becomes normal conductor.



Highest value of $H_c \sim 0.01$ to 0.2 Wb/m^2
e.g. Aluminium, lead, mercury

2) Type II superconductors (Hard superconductors)

Type II superconductors have two critical fields. Up to H_{c1} , it shows superconducting property (obeys meissner effect).

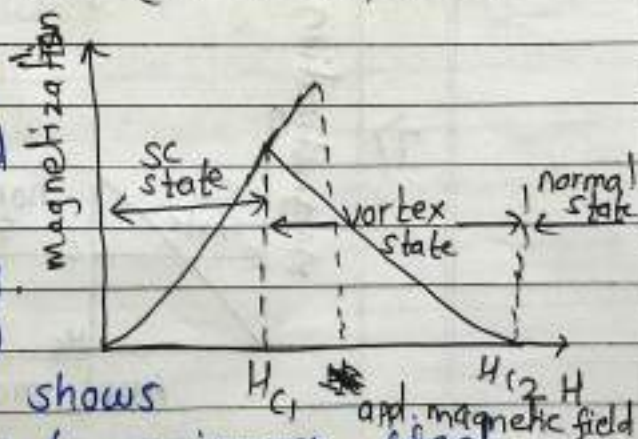
Between H_{c1} & H_{c2} , it shows zero resistance but not meissner effect. \therefore it is said to be intermediate or vortex state (mixed state).

Above H_{c2} it is normal conductor.

Highest value of $H_c \sim 30 \text{ Wb/m}^2$

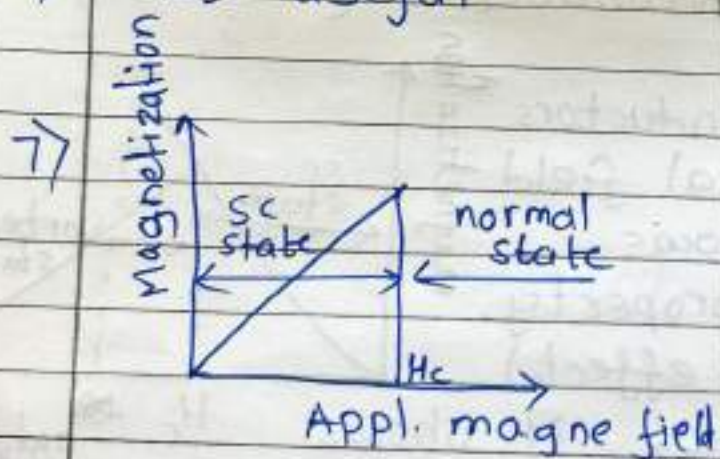
e.g. Nb-Sn, Nb-Ti

(Niobium tin, Niobium titanium)



Type I superconductors

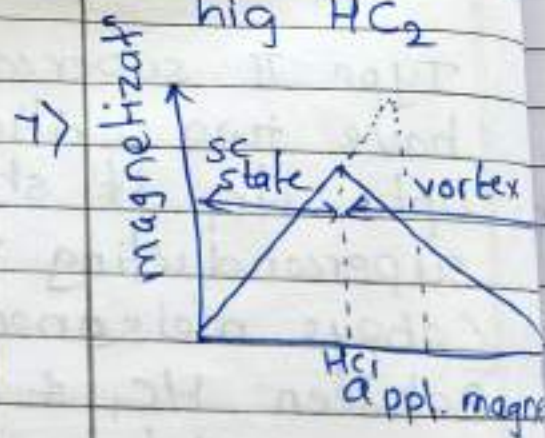
- 1) soft superconductors
- 2) They show Meissner effect below H_c
- 3) have only one critical field
- 4) no vortex state
- 5) Highest value of $H_c = 0.2 \text{ Wb/m}^2$
- 6) not useful



$H < H_c \rightarrow$ superconductor
 $H > H_c \rightarrow$ conductor

Type II superconductors

- 1) Hard superconductors
- 2) They show Meissner effect below H_{c1} but it is incomplete
- 3) have two magnetic critical fields
- 4) Between H_{c1} & H_{c2} vortex state
- 5) Highest value of $H_{c2} = 30 \text{ Wb/m}^2$
- 6) useful due to high H_{c2}



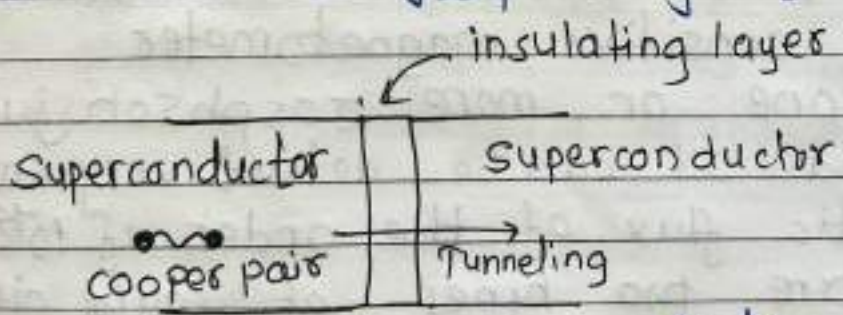
$H < H_{c1}$ superconductor
 $H_{c1} > H < H_{c2}$ - vortex
 $H > H_{c2}$ - conductor

On the basis of critical temp. Low & High temperature superconductors

Low temp. Superconductors	High temp. superconductors
(1) $T_c \approx$ below 24 K	(1) $T_c \approx$ 27K to 138 K
(2) Liquid Helium coolant is used	(2) Liquid nitrogen coolant is used
(3) They are elements	(3) They are alloys
(4) not useful for commercial appli.	(4) useful in generators, motors, MRI, NMR etc

Josephson Effect :-

Two superconductors connected by a thin layer of insulating material ($\sim 1-2$ nm) is called a Josephson junction.



Tunnelling of superconducting electron pairs i.e. cooper pairs from one superconductor to another through insulating layer.

Junction is called "weak link"
Effect is called Josephson effect.

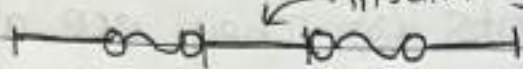
Josephson effect

DC Josephson effect

→ Cooper pair tunnel through the junction without ext. applied voltage

→ DC current is obtained

• $I = I_c \sin \phi$ insulating layer

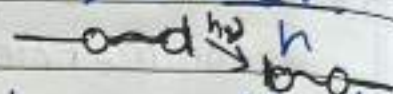


AC Josephson effect

→ After applying voltage Cooper pairs tunnel through junction

→ AC current is obtained i.e. Radio frequency current oscillations are produced

$$\hbar = 2eV$$



On the basis of Josephson effect sensitive magnetometer is formed i.e. SQUID.

SQUID (Superconducting Quantum Interference Device)

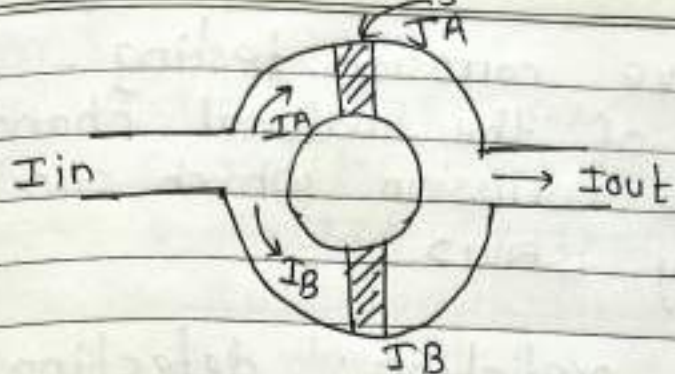
It is sensitive magnetometer

Here one or more Josephson junctions are used. It can detect very small magnetic flux of the order of 10^{-14} T. There are two types of SQUID circuit:

- ① DC SQUID (2 junctions)
- ② AC SQUID (1 junction)

Superconducting ring is used which consists of Josephson junction.

Josphson
junction



J_A & $J_B \rightarrow$ Two Josphson junctions

If an ext. magnetic field is applied, I_{in} modifies the phase of the two currents I_A & I_B which finally modifies output current I_{out} .

The output current varies periodically with applied magnetic flux.

Thus if a magnetic field is applied to a squid, its output current changes.

This change in current is used to find the magnetic flux.

It can detect very small magnetic fields like 10^{-14} T.

\therefore they are used as diagnostic tools in detecting brain signal.

Applications of squid

1) MRI scan

For scanning of human body, strong magnetic field and radio waves are used. Water molecules in body contain Hydrogen nuclei (proton). Because of strong magnetic field proton spins in alignment. This spin is detected by squid.

- 2) Non-destructive corrosion testing:-
Magnetism of the material changes due to the corrosion, which can be detected by SQUID.
- 3) Earthquake prediction:- detecting changes in magnetism of earth by SQUID.
- 4) Mineral exploration:- by detecting magnetic field changes inside the earth crust. can find materials in the earth's crust by SQUID.

Applications of superconductors.

- 1) Superconducting magnets:-
Solenoid made of superconducting wires produces large magnetic field without consuming large power. These magnets will be light weight and compact.
- 2) Magnetic levitation:-
When a magnet is brought near a superconducting ~~wires~~ coil, current is induced in the superconductor which in turn produces a magnetic field which repels the magnet. Thus magnet is floating in air (i.e. levitate) on the superconducting coil.

3) SQUID :-
Two superconductors separated by a thin layer of insulator gives Josephson junction, effect is called Josephson effect.
SQUID is superconducting quantum interference devices.
In SQUID Josephson junctions are used. MRI, nondestructive corrosion testing, earth quake ~~predict~~ prediction and mineral exploration are the appl. of SQUID.

4) Cryotron :-
Cryotron works on the principle that superconductivity is destroyed when magnetic field in which it is placed exceeds the critical field.

Tantalum wire is wound by niobium wire.

Niobium has larger critical field than tantalum.

This arrangement is used in switches.

5) Superconducting magnets :- Solenoids made of superconducting wires can generate strong magnetic fields without consuming large amount of power.

6) Superconducting transmission cables
It avoids transmission losses. Also power can be transmitted at low voltage levels.

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Bearings:- superconducting bearings can operate without frictional losses.

8) IC fabrication:- Heat losses are minimized hence density of components can be increased. It is used in digital integrated circuit.

9) Superconducting transistors:- It is based on Josephson effect. It increases speed of microprocessors.

10) Supercomputers.
Semiconductor logic elements ~~is~~ having speed limit, they operate at a speed of few nanoseconds. Logic elements based on Josephson junction can operate at the speed of few picoseconds, which increases speed of computers.

Important Questions of Unit 5

- (1) Define a) magnetic induction b) magnetic field strength c) magnetization d) Absolute permeability e) Relative permeability f) magnetic flux [6]
- (2) Explain origin of magnetic properties. What is Bohr magneton. [6]
- (3) State and explain relation between B, M, H and Relation between χ & μ_r [4]
- (4) Differentiate between diamagnetism, paramagnetism and ferromagnetism. [6]
- (5) Classify magnetic materials on the basis of their permeability. [6]
- (6) Explain various storage devices [6]
- (7) State and explain the applications of magnetic field materials. [6]
- (8) Explain how information is recorded and retrieved in magneto-optical recording [6]
- (9) What is superconductivity? Explain zero electrical resistance and persistent current [6]
- (10) Explain formation of Cooper pair in superconductors (B.C.S. theory) with the help of electron phonon interaction [6]
- (11) State and explain Meissner effect [4]
- (12) What is critical temperature, critical magnetic field and critical current density? [4]
- (13) Differentiate between type I & type II superconductors.
- (14) Explain DC and AC Josephson effect with diagram. [6]
- (15) What is SQUID? Explain the basics and give two applications of SQUID [6]
- (16) State and explain applications of superconductors [6]