

## 2.5. Magnetism & magnetic field

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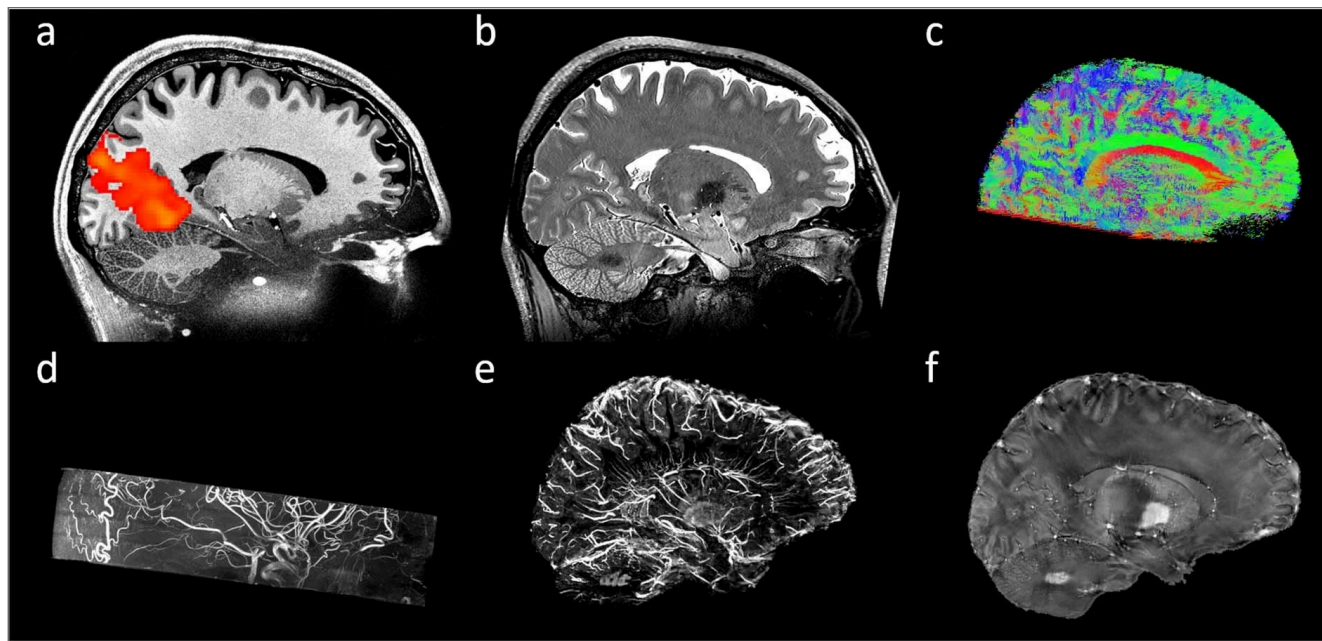
**What happens if you cut a magnet into two pieces?**

- every magnet has a north and south pole
- opposite poles attract while like poles repel
- cutting a magnet always yields smaller magnets with both poles
- all **magnets are dipoles**, **no magnetic monopoles** have been observed



## Primer on magnetism

- magnets and their fields are found in **daily life** e.g. loudspeakers, generators, HDD, and magnetic resonance imaging
- magnetic ore was discovered in the **greek region of magnesia**, giving the phenomenon its name
- the **interdependency of magnetism and electricity** was discovered in the 19th century



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## Disclaimer

- there are two entities to describe the magnetic field
  - $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ : magnetic flux density and measured in tesla [T]
  - $\vec{\mathbf{H}}$ : actual magnetic field strength and measured in amperes per meter [A/m]
  - in vacuum:  $\vec{\mathbf{H}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{\mathbf{B}} - \vec{\mathbf{M}}$  with  $\mu_0$  and  $\vec{\mathbf{M}}$  being the permeability of free space and magnetization
- will use  $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$  / B-field to describe the magnetic field instead of  $\vec{\mathbf{H}}$  / H-field

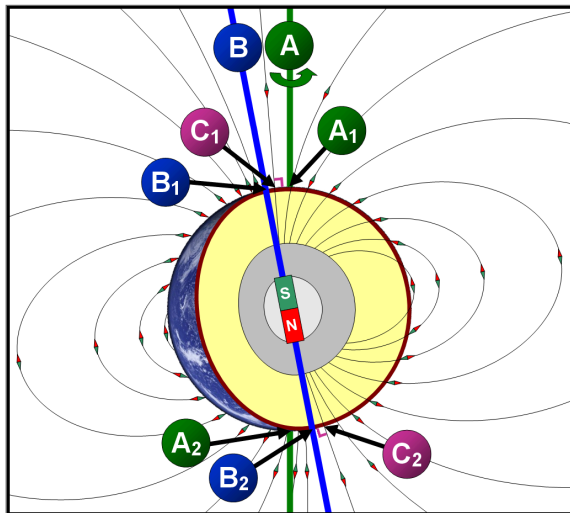
# Magnetic field

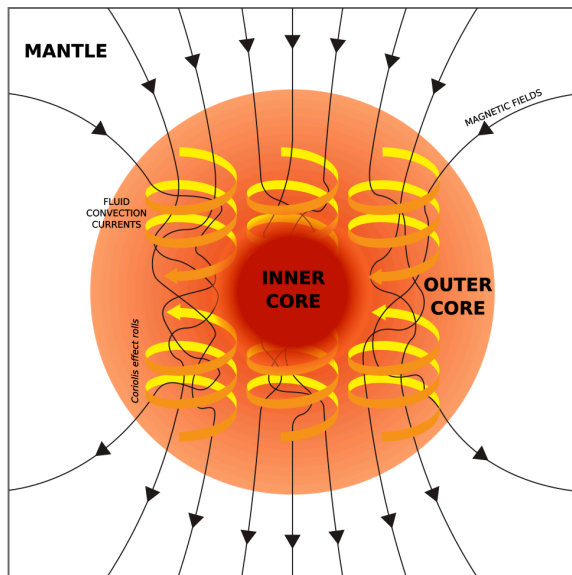
## simulation two bar magnets

- field line density is **proportional** to the strength of the magnetic field
- the magnetic field direction is **tangent** to the field lines at any point
- **difference to electric field lines** / consequence of no magnetic monopoles:
  - field lines run from north to south and **always form closed loops**
  - field lines continue through the magnet itself

## Earth's magnetic field

- earth's magnetic field is believed to be produced by motion of conductive fluid in the earth's core, the **geodynamo**
- the earth's magnetic field can be **approximated as a large bar magnet** (position changes and **not** aligned with geographic poles)
- the compass pole pointing toward geographic north actually aligns with the earth's magnetic south





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## Electric currents produce magnetic fields

### em01 + simulation B-field of wire

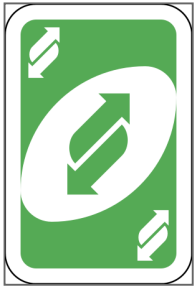
- **static** electric charge and magnet show no interaction
- Hans Christian Ørsted (1777-1851) found that compass needle deflect if put near a wire running current
- **current running through a wire generates a magnetic field**
- magnetic field **not uniform** in direction and magnitude but **forms circular lines around the wire**
- experimentally we can see field magnitude  $B$ :
  - increases with the current  $I$
  - decreases with distance  $r$
  - $B \propto \frac{I}{r}$
- in general, the magnitude of magnetic field  $B$  produced by a long, straight current-running wire is:
  - $B = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{I}{r}$



- with *permeability of free space*  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T m /A}$ .

## Magnetic fields exert a force on currents

em02 + simulation straight wires in B-field



- Hans Christian Ørsted (1777-1851) found that a **current-carrying wire in a magnetic field experiences a force**
- observations for straight wire in homogenous magnetic field (approximated by horseshoe magnet):
  - force  $F$  perpendicular to  $B$
  - $F$  scales with  $l$ ,  $I$ , and  $B$
- in vector form:

$$\vec{F} = I\vec{l} \times \vec{B}$$

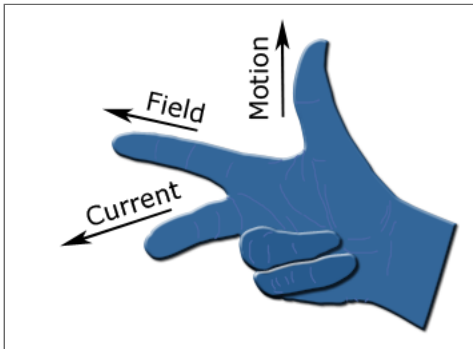
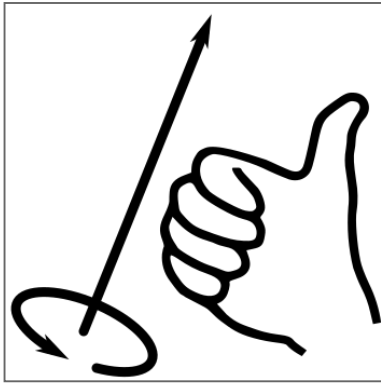
- with  $\theta$  as angle between  $B$  and  $l$ :

$$F = IlB \sin \theta$$

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## Right-hand rules

- convention: magnetic field perpendicularly coming out of the paper shown as  $\times$  and going into the paper as  $\odot$
- *Right-Hand Rule 1* (RHR-1):
  - thumb pointing along the direction of the current  $I$  in a wire
  - wrapped fingers "around"
  - fingers curl in the direction the magnetic field  $\vec{B}$
- *Right-Hand Rule 2* (RHR-2): \*
  - index finger pointing along the direction of the current  $I$
  - middle finger points perpendicular to your thumb along the direction of the magnetic field  $\vec{B}$
  - thumb perpendicular to index & middle finger, points in the direction of the force
- disclaimer: use the conventional current, i.e. running from positive to negative, and not the true physical direction of freely moving electrons



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## Ampère's law

- So far, know only B-field for a long straight, current-running wire:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{I}{r}$$

- **how to generalize to arbitrary configurations?**
- solution by André Marie Ampère (1775-1836)
  - considered a closed path around a current  $I_{enc}$
  - decompose path into many, (infinitesimally) short, straight segments
  - consider only magnetic field component parallel to the path
  - taking the integral yields Amère's law:  $\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{l}} = \mu_0 I_{enc}$

## Example for Ampère's law

- consider long straight wire running the current  $I$
- closed path integral for a circle centered around wires, thus,  $I_{enc} = I$ :

$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{l}} = \mu_0 I$$

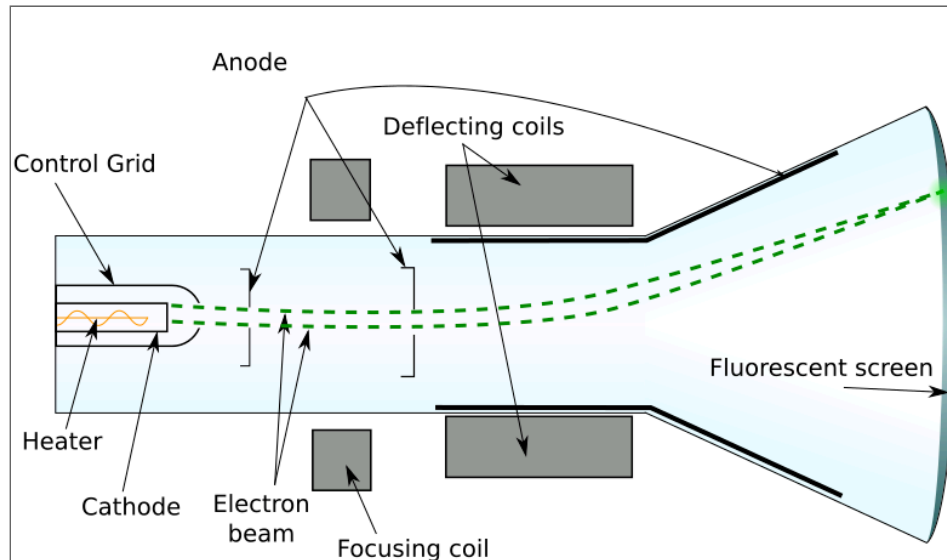
- $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$  is tangent to closed path (const. magnitude) and circumference of circle is  $2\pi r$

$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{l}} = B \oint d\vec{\mathbf{l}} = B2\pi r = \mu_0 I$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{I}{r}$$

# Individual charges moving through magnetic fields

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## Force on a moving charge due to a magnetic field

- for a current-running wire we know  $\vec{\mathbf{F}} = I\vec{\mathbf{l}} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}}$
- current is charge by unit time  $I = \frac{Q}{t} = \frac{Nq}{t}$
- a single charged particles travel the distance  $l$  depending on their speed:  
 $\vec{\mathbf{l}} = t\vec{\mathbf{v}}$
- thus, we obtain:

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}} = I\vec{\mathbf{l}} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{Nq}{t}t\vec{\mathbf{v}} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}}$$

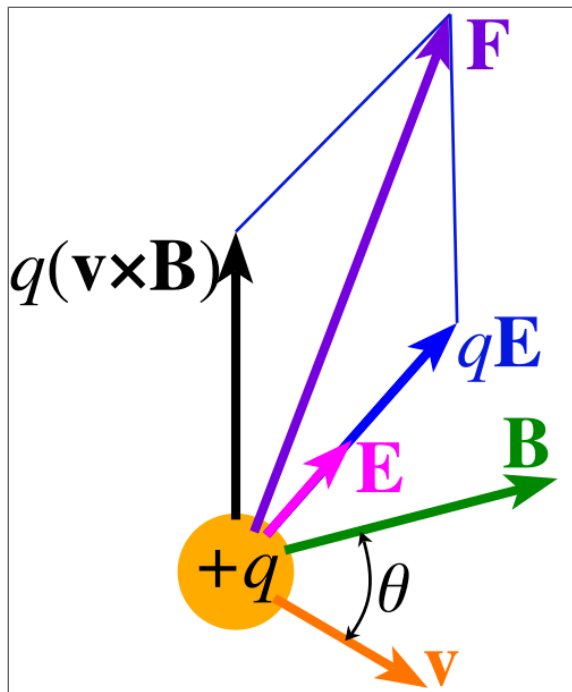
$$\vec{\mathbf{F}} = q\vec{\mathbf{v}} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}}$$

- if  $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$  is uniform, the equation can be simplified to  $F = qvB \sin \theta$  with  $\theta$  as the angle between the magnetic field and the direction the charge is moving

## Lorentz equation

- the total force on a charged particle due to electric and magnetic fields is given by

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}} = q\left(\vec{\mathbf{E}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}}\right)$$



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## Hall effect

em05/em48 + simulation Hall effect

- current-running wire, a.k.a. **confined** space, in a magnetic field (assuming perpendicular, uniform)
- $\vec{\mathbf{F}}_B = e\vec{\mathbf{v}}_d \times \vec{\mathbf{B}}$  with  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}_d$  being the drift velocity of the electron
- **Hall field**: electron will be **deflected** towards one side of the conducting wire **creating an electric field**  $\vec{\mathbf{E}}_H$
- Hall field itself causes a force with the same magnitude but opposite direction to the magnetic force:

$$eE_H = ev_d B$$

$$E_H = v_d B$$

- **Hall voltage**  $V_H$  in the presence of uniform, perpendicular fields and thin, but long conducting wire is:

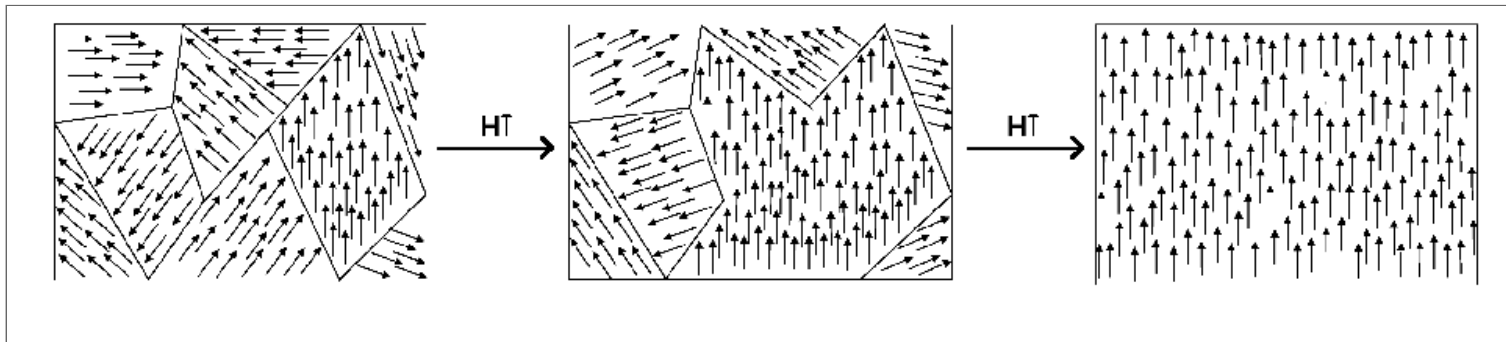
$$V_H = E_H d = v_d B d$$

- with **Hall effect** we can differentiate between positive and negative charges

## Microscopic view of ferromagnetism

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- ferromagnetic materials are divided into domains that act like tiny bar magnets
- in an unmagnetized state, the domains are randomly oriented so their fields cancel
- applying an external magnetic field aligns the domains and magnetizes the material
- heating or mechanical shock can randomize the domains again



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## Magnetic permeability & susceptibility

- a material's permeability  $\mu$  relates to the free space permeability  $\mu_0$
- the relative permeability is defined as

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

- magnetic susceptibility is given by

$$\chi = K_m - 1$$



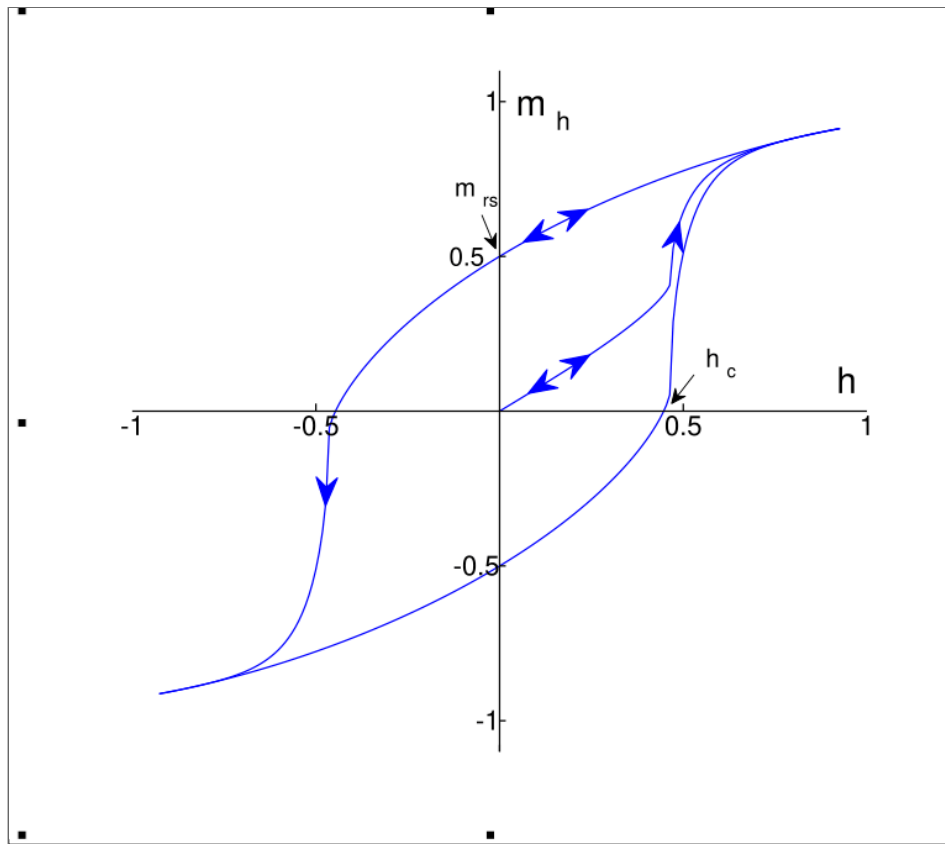
# Magnetic materials

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- **diamagnetic materials**  $\chi < 0$ :
  - push the magnetic field out
  - examples: gold, silver, water, oxygenated blood
- **paramagnetic materials**  $\chi > 0$ :
  - pull the magnetic field in
  - examples: lithium, aluminium, deoxygenated blood
- **ferromagnetic materials**  $\chi \gg 1$ :
  - have a strong pulling effect
  - examples: iron, nickel, cobalt

## Hysteresis

- hysteresis describes the lag in a material's magnetic response to an external field
- as the external field is increased, the material's magnetic field increases until saturation
- when the external field is reduced, the material retains some magnetization
- completely removing the magnetization requires applying a reverse external field
- permanent magnets exhibit broad hysteresis loops while electromagnets show shallower curves



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