

MEE210 ELECTRICAL MACHINES – Experiment #3

LABORATORY CONTENT: Building a simple electromagnet and measuring the generated magnetic field

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: (students should bring electronic components)

Qty Description

- 1 Voltage supply (will be ready at lab.)
- 1 Oscilloscope (will be ready at lab.)
- 1 Iron cylinder/rod/ (ferromagnetic material)
- Electromagnet cable for wrapping (not very very thin)
- 1 Hall effect sensor (not having a large sensitivity, the measurements mostly have 10-20 mT)
- Wiring equipments (jumper cables, crocodiles, etc.)
- Voltmeter

CAUTION:

This experiment includes health and security threats with careless actions. Be cautious about the isolation and the heating problem (doubling the current increases the heat four times, tripling increases nine times!).

PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS:

- 1) Wrap the cable around an iron bar (a nail, bolt or something similar should work). To make the magnetic field more powerful, you may wrap the cable two or three times.
- 2) Build up a circuit for Hall-effect sensor. The output voltage should be read by using a voltmeter or oscilloscope.
- 3) Briefly inspect the experiment system depending on Biot Savart law.

EXERCISE STEPS:

- 1) Apply current to the electromagnet in three steps and measure the magnetic field values far from the electromagnet in a fixed distance for each current. You can decide the current values depending on your electromagnet capacities (basically it might be 1x, 2x and 3x)
- 2) Having the same current value, change the distance and measure the magnetic field values.

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	Sensor output voltage (V)			
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POSTLIMINARY QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is the relationship between magnetic field, current and the distance?

IMPORTANT NOTE: For the next experiment, you need to build up some contents. So, the ones who are not prepared for the experiment will not be allowed to participate.