

Introduction to Geophysics  
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# Magnetics

- ▶ Ask and take picture from Plenum.
- ▶ Geophysics at seminar 20.05.2022
- ▶ Should we do linearly varying density from Ex?

## Learning goals today:

- ▶ Understand the shape of the magnetic anomalies
- ▶ Understand the measurement principle and sensors
- ▶ Understand different types of magnetism and its temperature dependency

The total (physically relevant) magnetic induction  $\vec{B}$  is the superposition of external ( $\vec{H}$ ) and local ( $\chi \vec{M}$ ):

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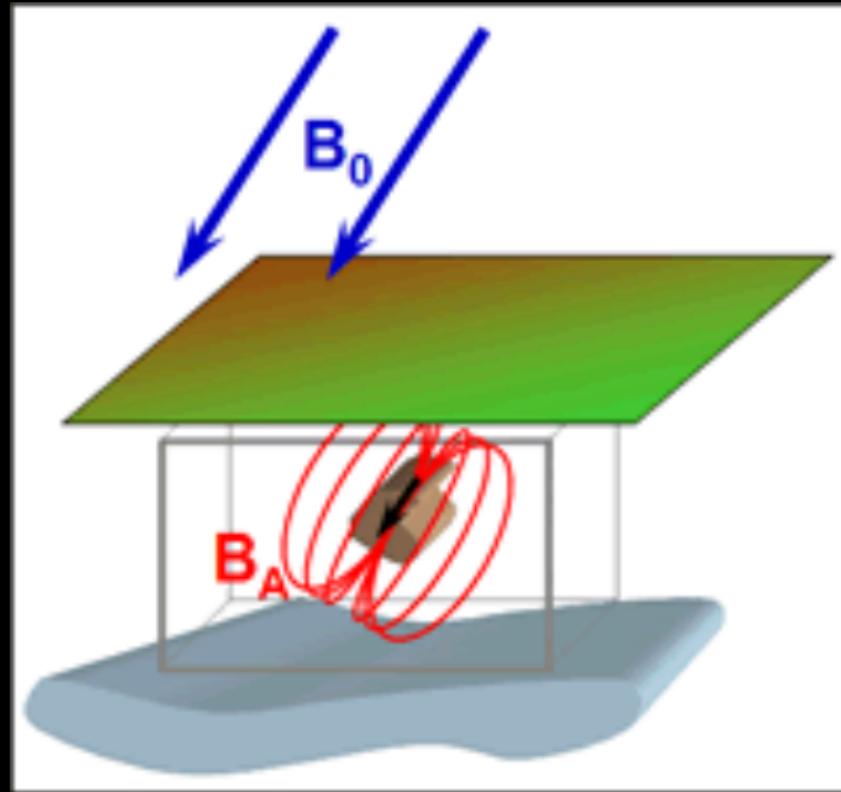
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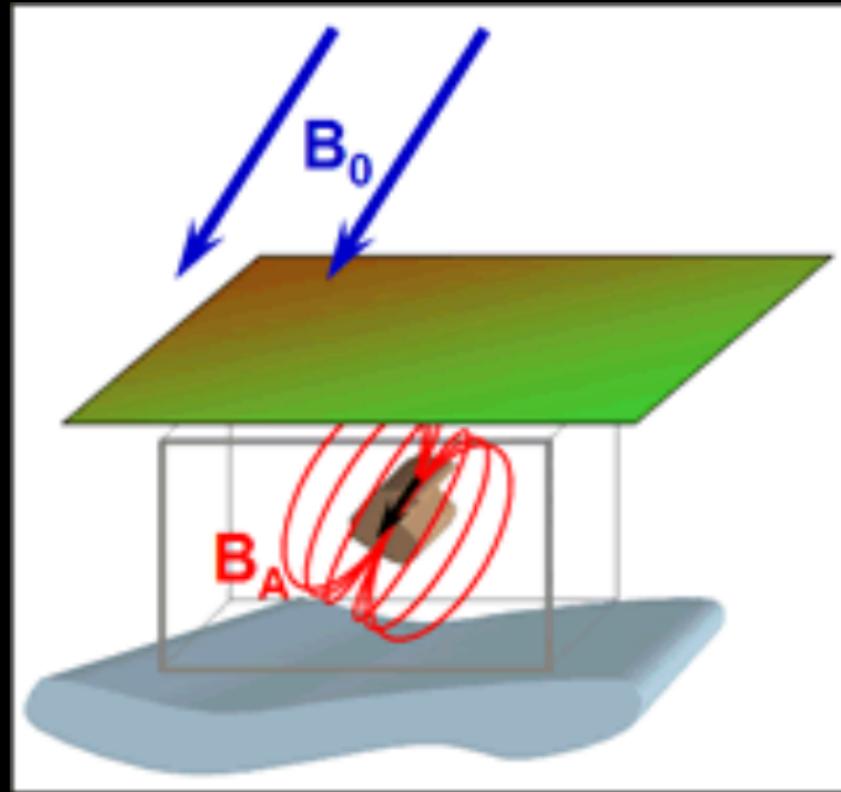
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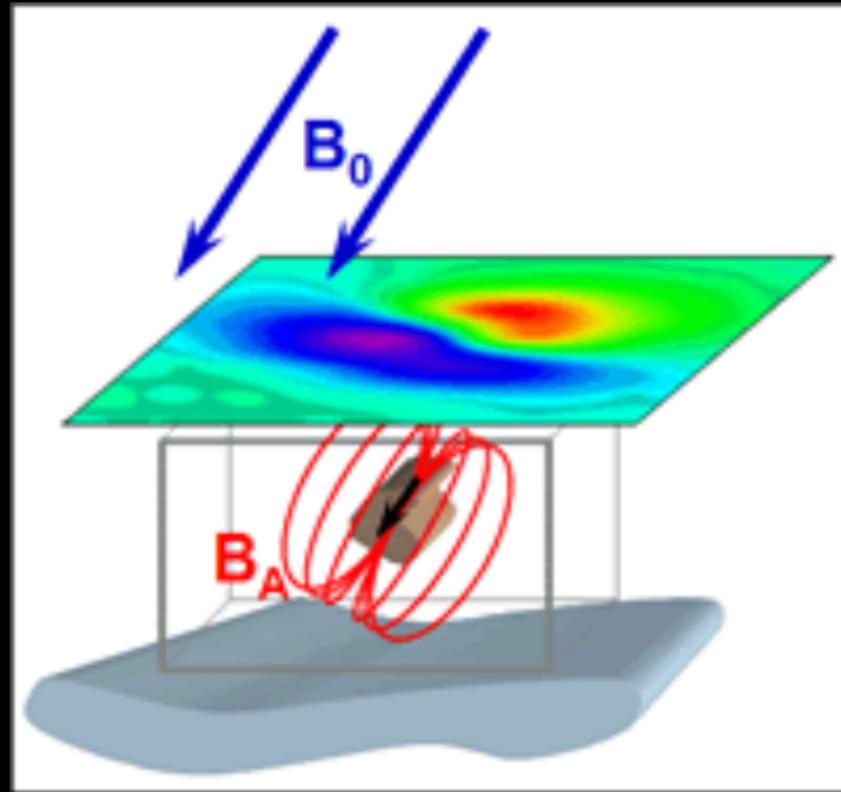
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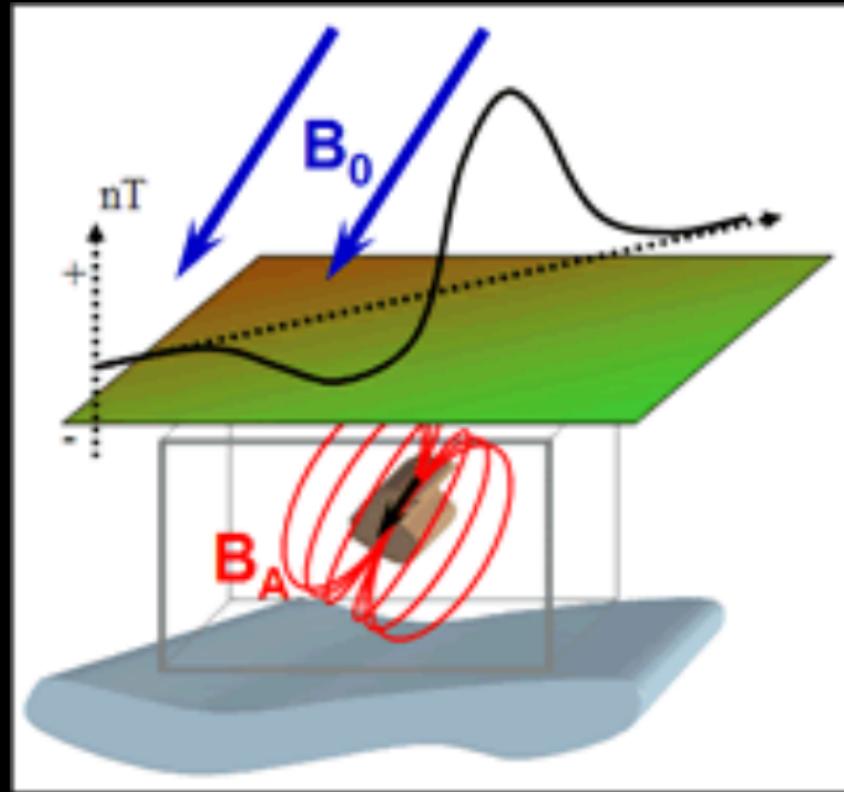
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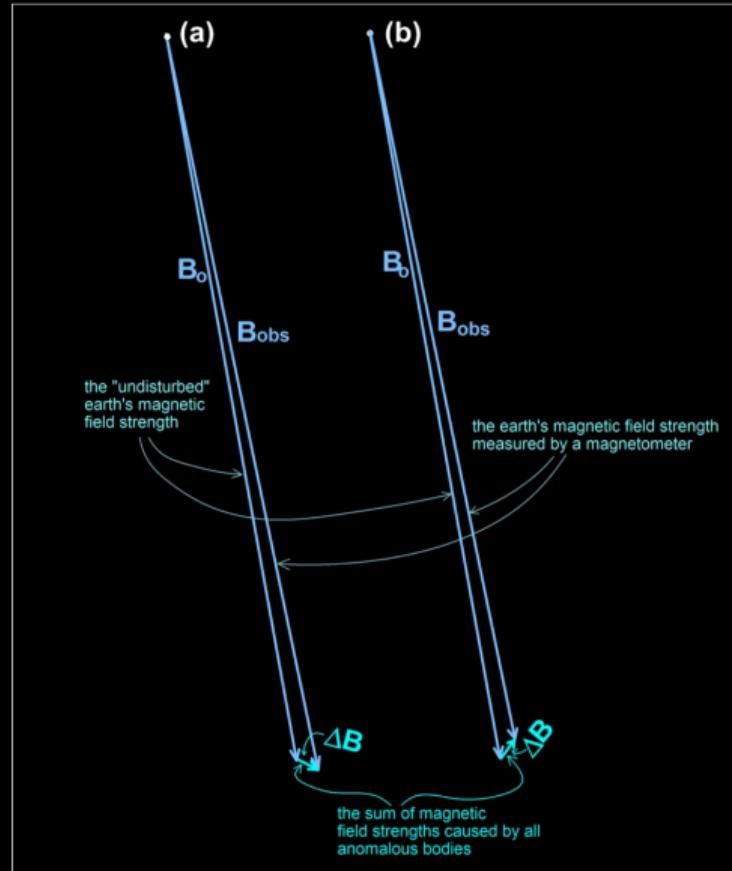
# Strategy for expectations of induced magnetic dipoles

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Induced magnetic dipole:=Direction of  
 $\vec{m} \parallel \vec{B}_0$

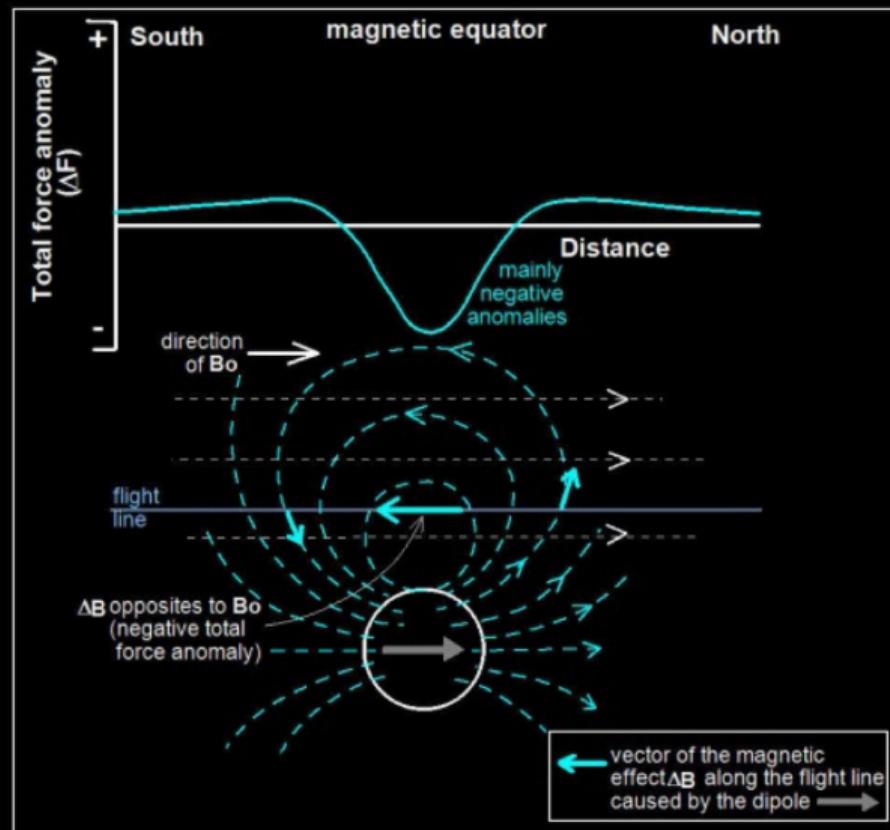
- ▶ Draw S-End, N-End and inclination of planned profile
- ▶ Draw  $\vec{m}$  and corresponding dipole field at depth
- ▶ Analyse superposition of  $B_0$  and dipolfield.
- ▶ (Assume that the anomaly is essentially parallel to  $B_0$ )

# Induced magnetization examples



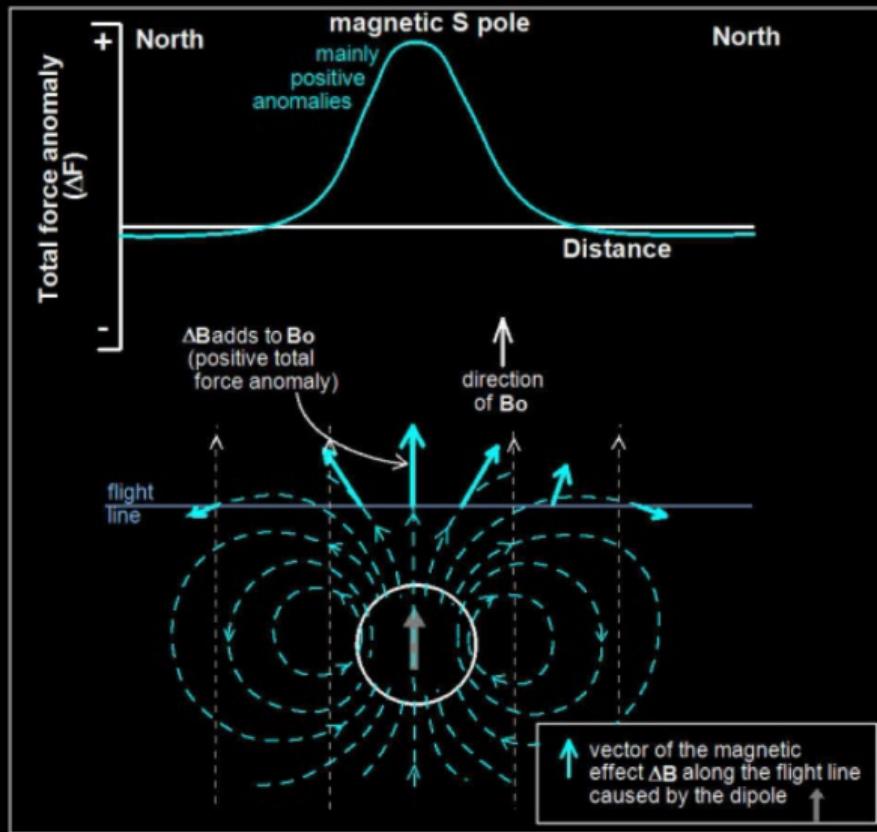
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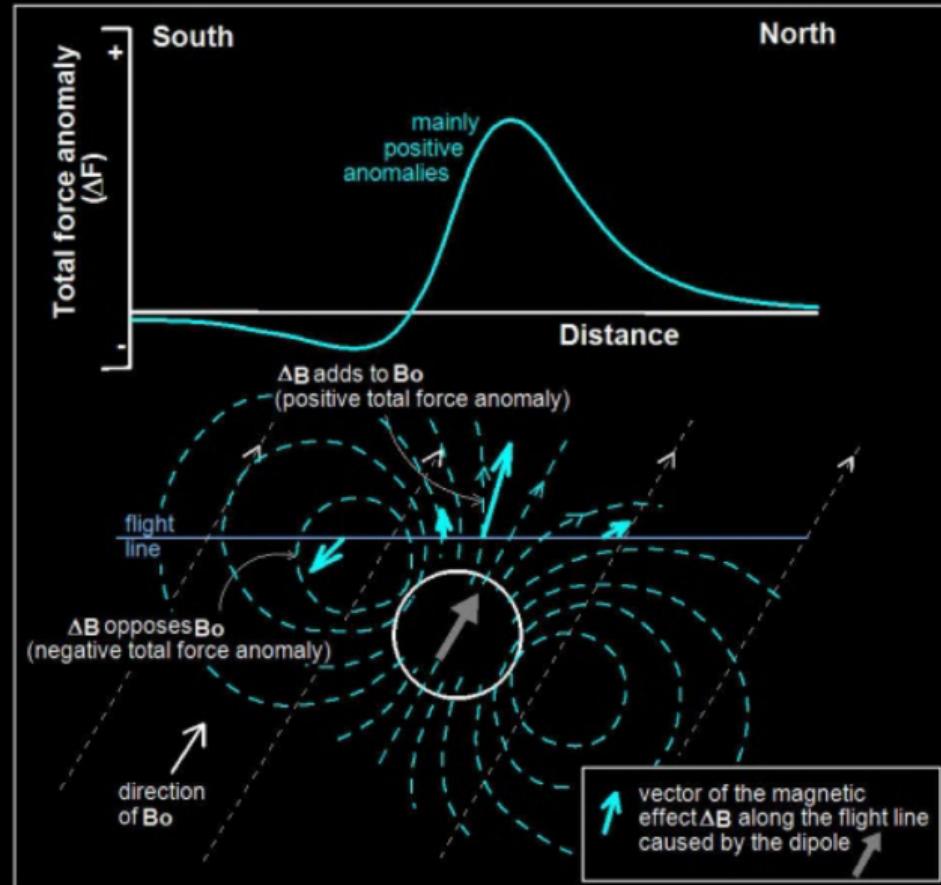
(d) Magnetic equator

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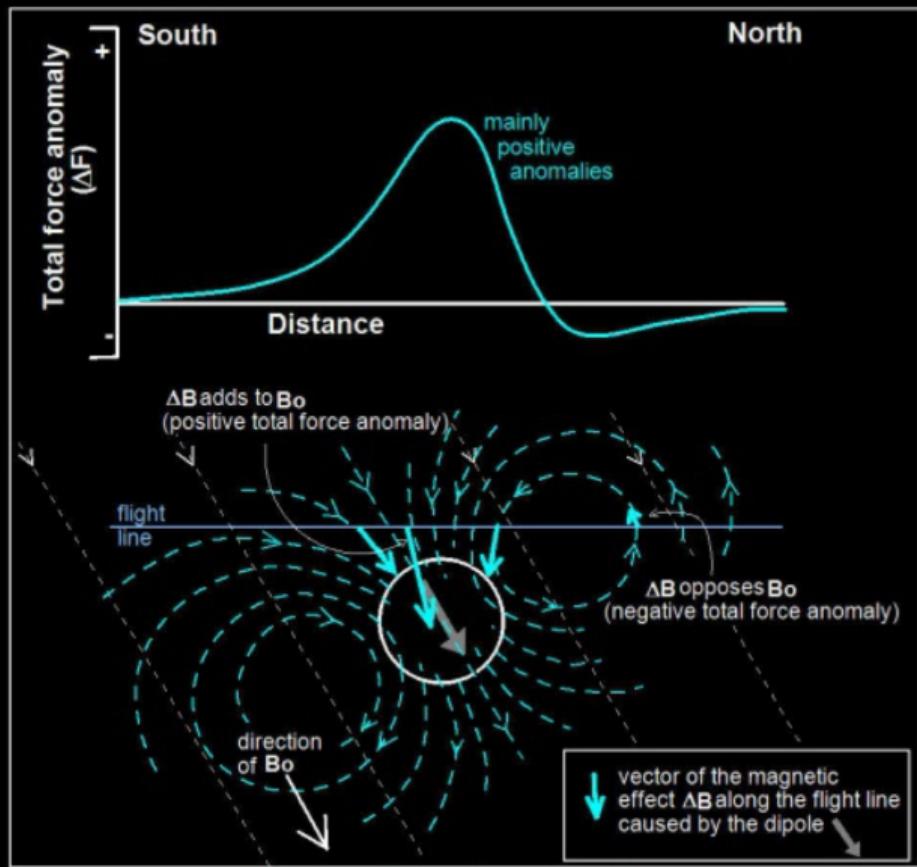
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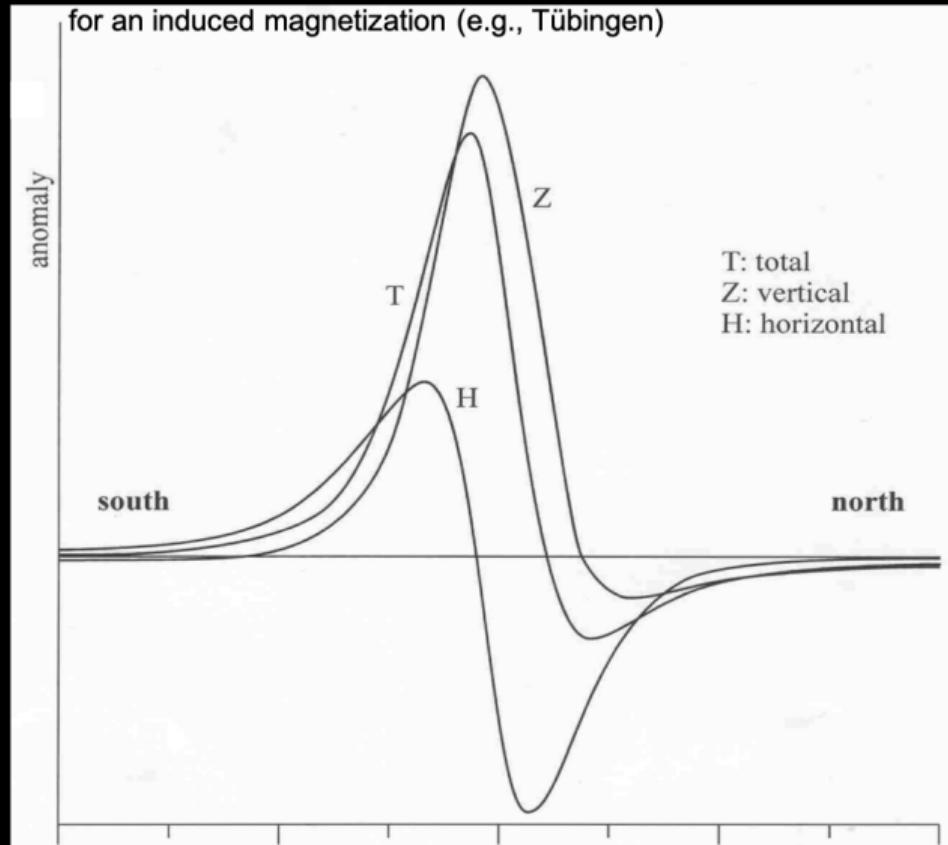
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- ▶ Unlike in gravity, magnetic can be measured in 3D
- ▶ Interpretation of  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Delta H$ ,  $\Delta Z$ , ...
- ▶ Commonly also the vertical gradient of  $\Delta Z$  (cf. exercises)

# Demonstration of foreward model

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## Locally

To run them locally, you will need to have python installed, preferably through [anaconda](#).

You can then clone this reposiroty. From a command line, run

```
git clone https://github.com/geoscixyz/gpgLabs.git
```

Then `cd` into `gpgLabs`

```
cd gpgLabs
```

To setup your software environment, we recommend you use the provided conda environment

```
conda env create -f environment.yml  
conda activate geosci-labs
```

alternatively, you can install dependencies through pip

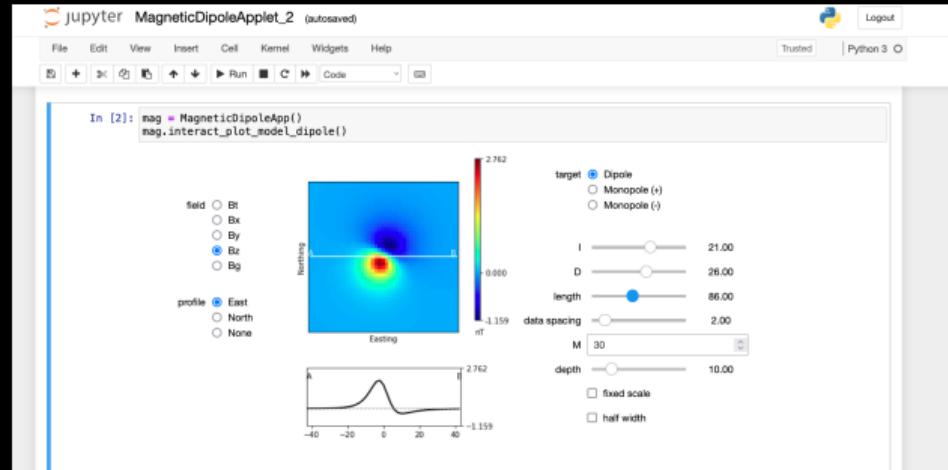
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pip install -r requirements.txt
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You can then launch Jupyter

```
jupyter notebook
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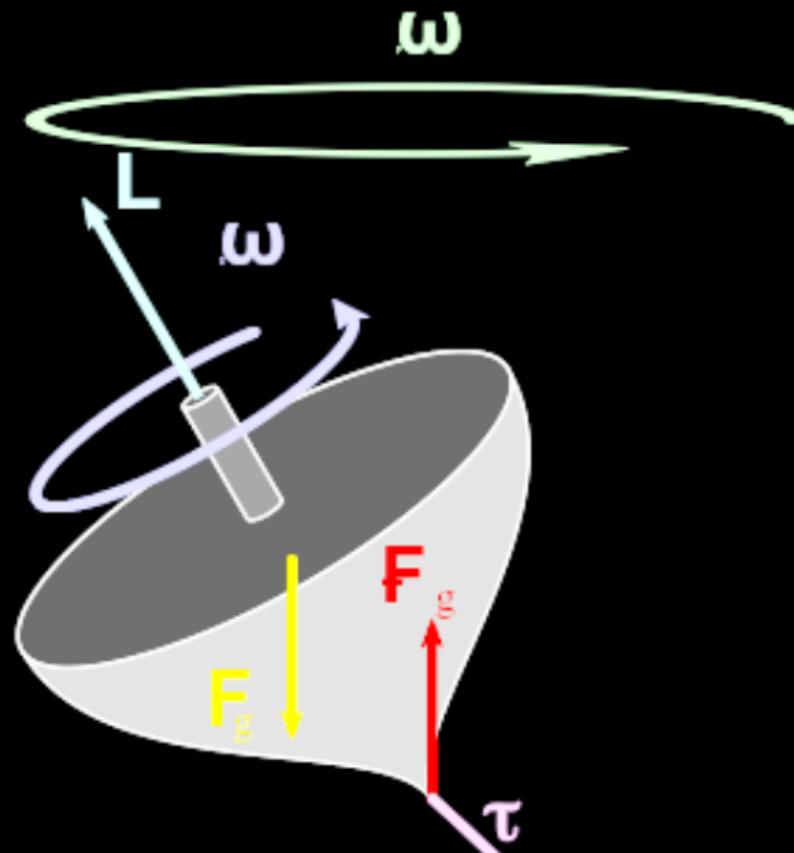
Similar to the anomaly in gravity surveys, we can also apply a half-width rule in magnetics to estimate the depth of the object.

$$d \sim HW$$

Check this with the forward model.

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- ▶ Hydrogen atoms have angular momentum (spin) and magnetic moment (moved charge). Both are vectors which are parallel to each other and linked by the gyromagnetic ratio ( $\gamma_p$ ).

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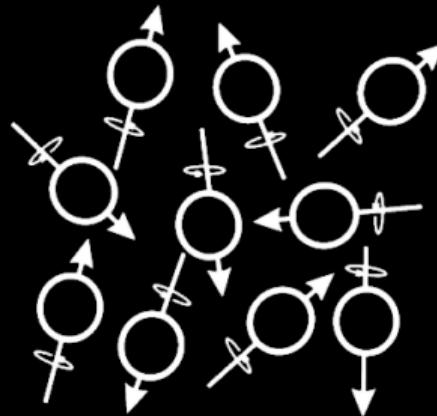
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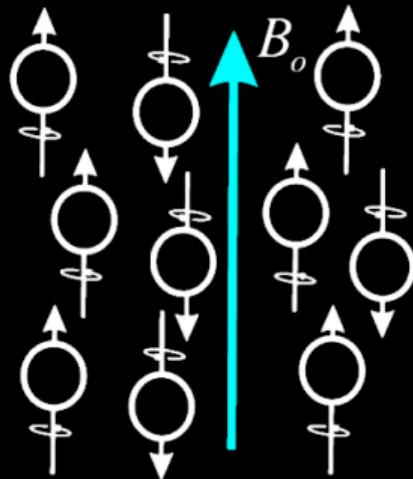
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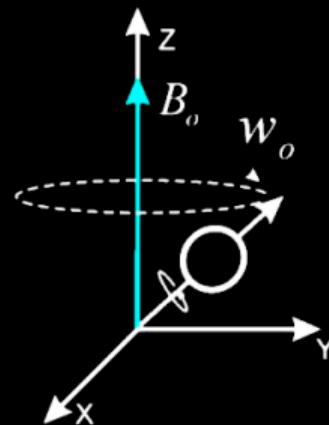
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a



b



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[F. Ordóñez 2014]

At room temperatures spins are not aligned as Earth's magnetic field is too weak to do so.

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- ▶ Faraday's law of induction

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{B}$$

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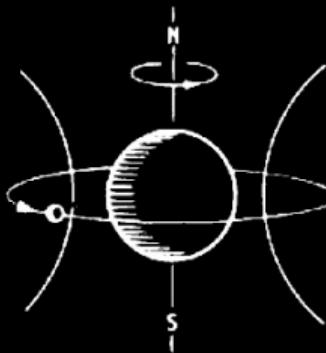


Fig. 1. Magnetic field around hydrogen proton produced by orbiting electron

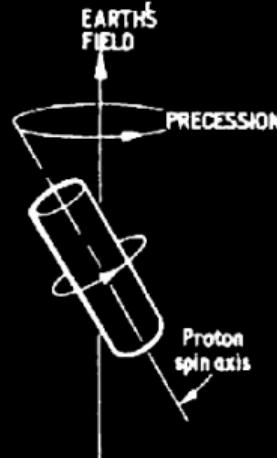


Fig. 2 Precession of proton relative to earth's field when acted upon by external magnetic influence



Fig. 3. Diminishing alternating voltage set up by precession frequencies from the detector coils

[Huggard 1970]

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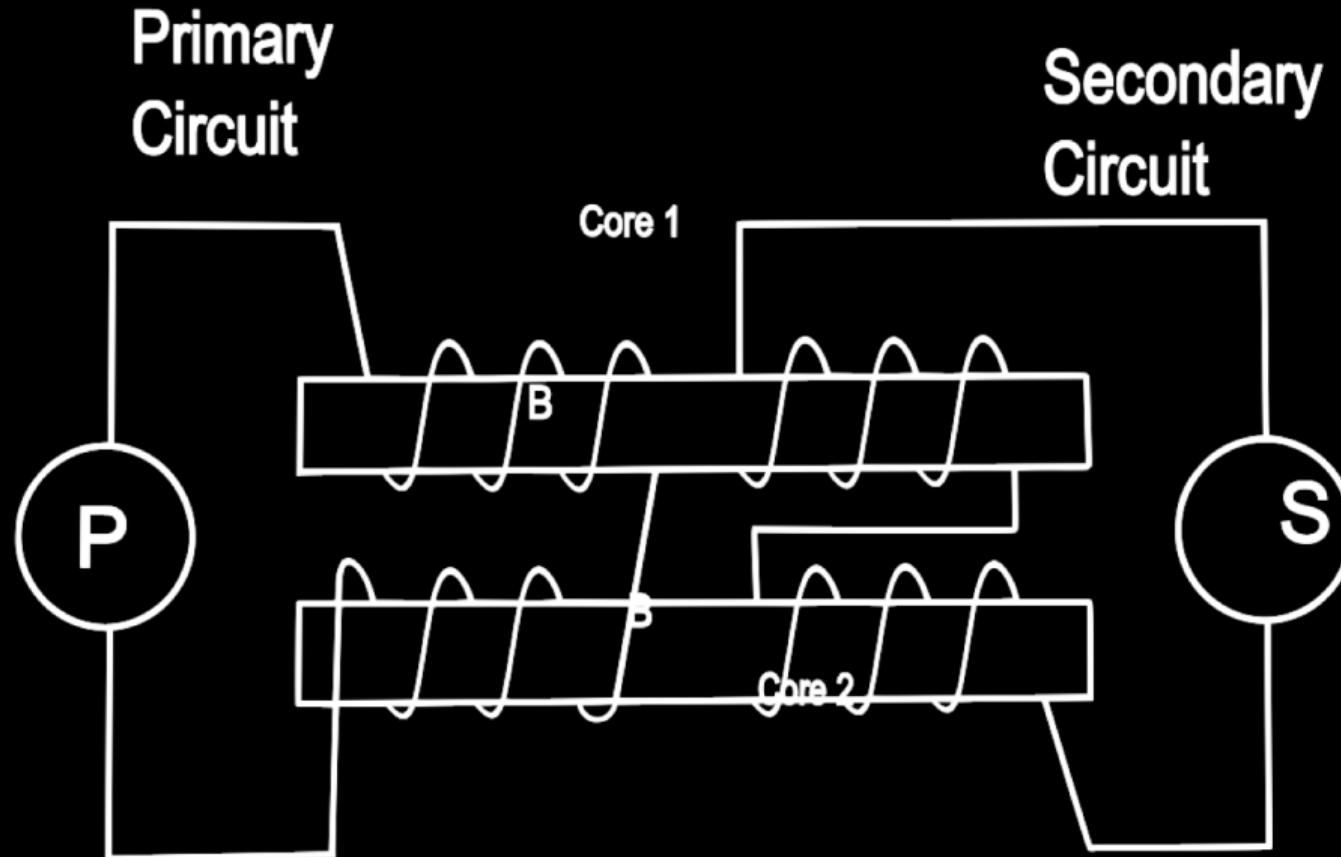
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- ▶ Measures total field (alignment of sensor less important).
- ▶ Based on magnetic moment of hydrogen atom and larmor precession.
- ▶ Alignment in artificial external  $B$  field.
- ▶ Measure relaxation and larmor precession via induction in surrounding coils.
- ▶ Sensitivity  $\sim 0.1nT$ .
- ▶ Principals are similar to MRI

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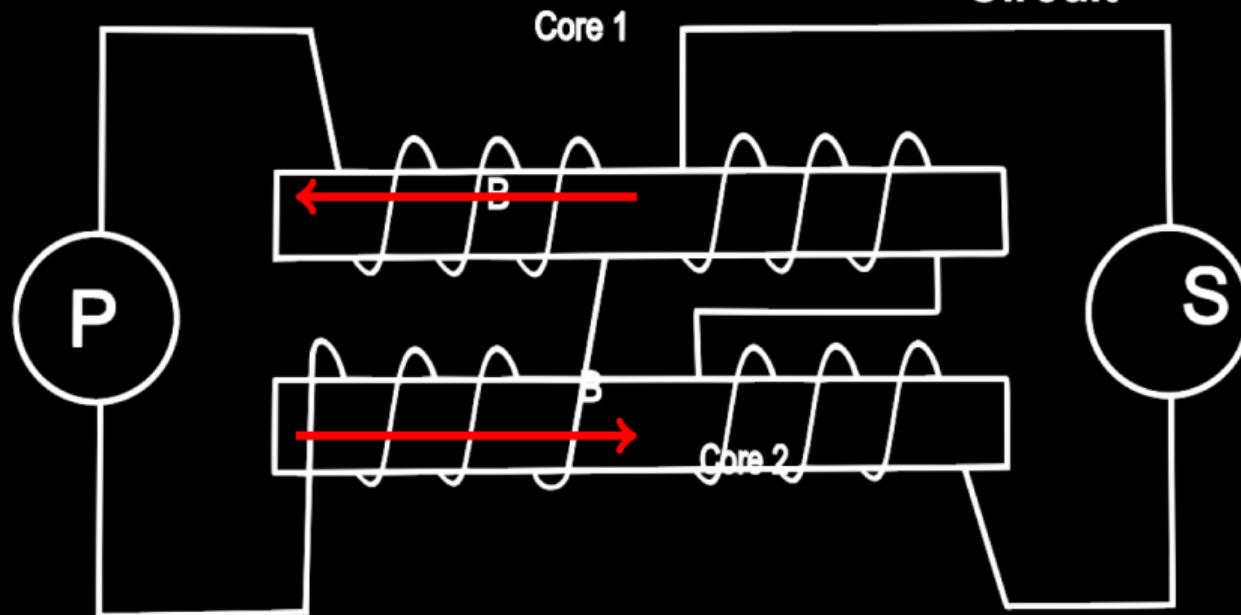
- ▶ Induce low-frequency (kHz) current in primary circuit.
- ▶ The magnetic fields in secondary coil will be balanced **in absence of external field**.
- ▶ External field causes imbalance between primary and secondary coils that can be used to measure  $B_x$ ,  $B_y$ ,  $B_z$  depending on coil orientation.

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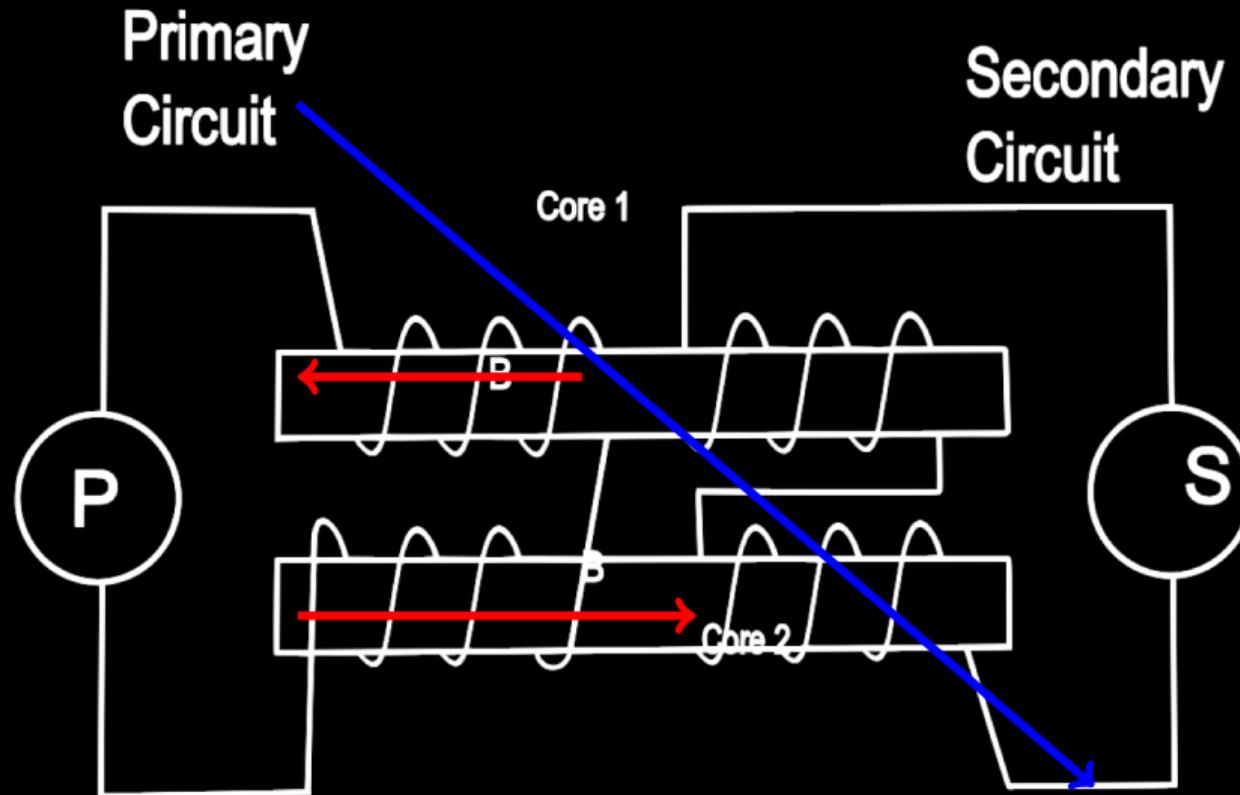
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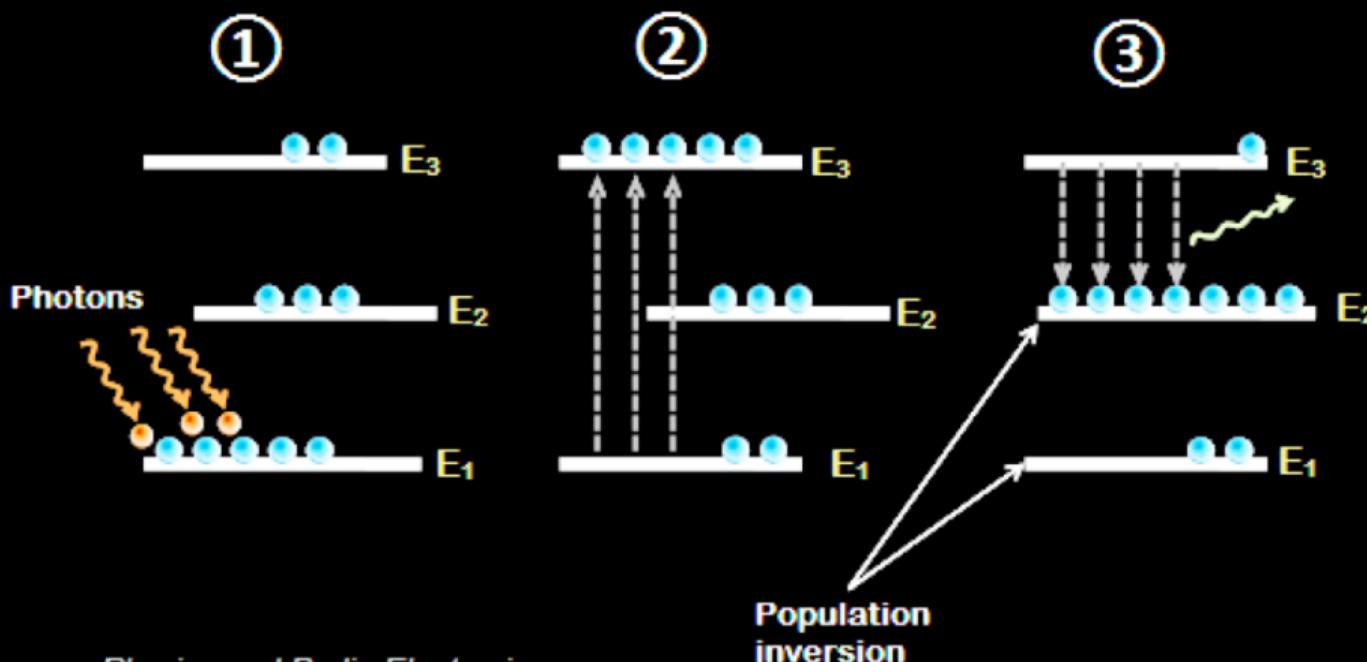
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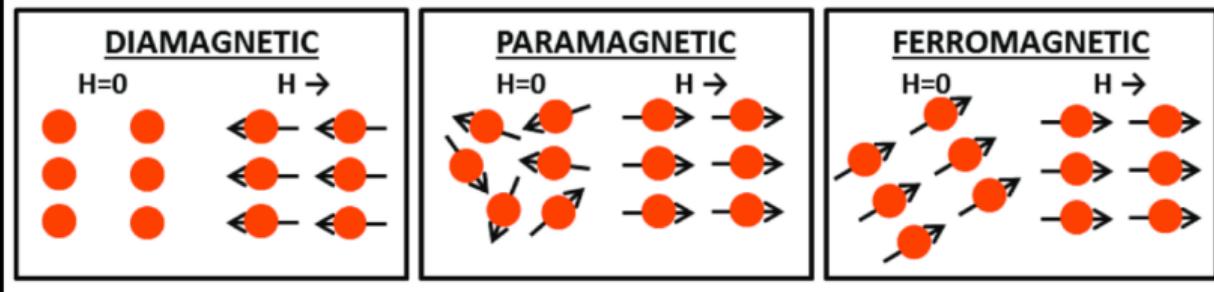
# Types of Magnetometers: Optically pumped

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## Optical pumping

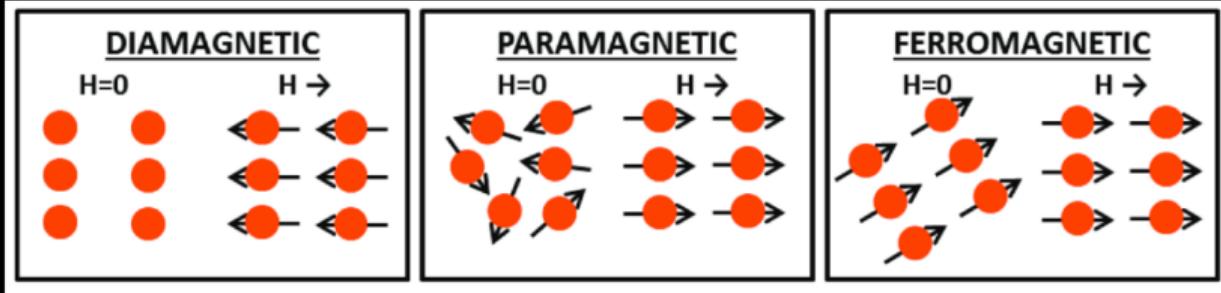


- ▶ Install two sensors at different heights (e.g., 0.5 m apart).
- ▶ Consider only the vertical gradient.
- ▶ Insensitive to the total field and temporal variability thereof.
- ▶ Sensitive to near-surface structures (why?).
- ▶ Sensitive to horizontal boundaries.
- ▶ Relevant for applied exercises.



[Lacovacci2016]

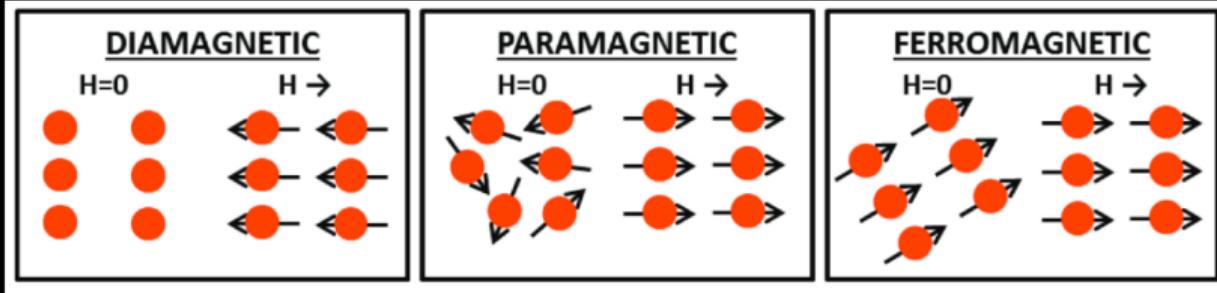
How do materials react to application of an external magnetic field?



[Lacovacci2016]

## Diamagnetism

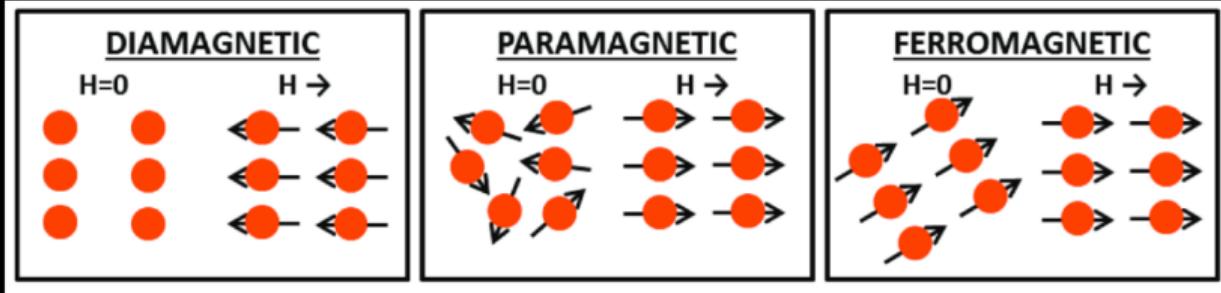
- **Weak** mini-dipoles induced, opposing external field ( $\chi < 0$ ).
- Disappears if external field is removed.
- Occurs essentially in all materials, but is not noted everywhere, due to other effects.
- Examples: Quarzite, Calcite, ...



[Lacovacci2016]

## Paramagnetism

- ▶ Material exhibits **pre-existing** dipoles which orient themselves in external field (unpaired electrons).
- ▶ **Reinforce** external field ( $\chi > 0$ ).
- ▶ Effect dissipates due to thermal fluctuations once external field is removed.
- ▶ Examples: gold, copper,...



[Lacovacci2016]

## Ferromagnetism

- ▶ Material exhibits **pre-existing** dipoles which are oriented in domains with strong coupling.
- ▶ Domains align and **strongly reinforce** external field ( $\chi \gg 0$ ).
- ▶ Effect can be maintained if external field is removed.
- ▶ Examples: iron, nickel, ...

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

- ▶  $C$  is the Curie Constant.
- ▶ Overall, magnetic susceptibility decreases with increasing temperature.

$$\chi \sim \frac{1}{T - T_c}$$

- ▶ At the Curie Temperature materials loose their permanent magnetic properties.

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