# **Magnetic Materials**

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## **Magnetic Materials (1)**

- Magnetic dipole with moment  $\vec{m}$  in uniform  $\vec{B}$  experiences torque  $\vec{\tau} = \vec{m} \times \vec{B}$  tending to align  $\vec{m}$  with  $\vec{B}$ :
- In non-uniform  $\vec{B}$ , net force  $\vec{F} = \nabla (\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B})$
- Analogous to  $\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$  and  $\vec{F} = \nabla (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E})$ for electric dipole (above for permanent dipoles)
- Also: orbiting electron: current  $I = \frac{ev}{2\pi R}$ , dipole moment  $\vec{m} = -\frac{1}{2}evR\hat{z}$
- In  $\vec{B}$  field, tilting of  $\vec{m}$  minimal (orbital contribution to paramagnetism very small), but orbit speed increases and we get  $\Delta \vec{m} = -\frac{e^2 R^2}{4m_e} \vec{B}$
- This is mechanism of **diamagnetism**: induced effect in opposite direction to  $\vec{B}$ .

## **Magnetic Materials (2)**

- Magnetic dipole moment due to electron **spin** shows slight tendency to align with  $\vec{B}$ ; this is mechanism of **paramagnetism** (effect in same direction as  $\vec{B}$ ).
- Pauli exclusion principle → opposite spins → cancellation for even numbers; paramagnetism usually in atoms or molecules with odd number of electrons. Effect stronger than diamagnetism; latter mainly for even nos.
- Ferromagnetism: strong paramagnetic alignment with  $\vec{B}$  due to coupling of spins (QM).
- Define **magnetization**  $\vec{M} = n\vec{m}$  (*n* atoms/unit vol., average atomic magnetic dipole moment  $\vec{m}$ ) = magnetic dipole moment per unit volume (whether dia-, para- or ferro-magnetic) [units: A/m]. Analogous to polarization  $\vec{P} = n\vec{p}$ .

## Potential of a Magnetized Object

- Vector potential of current loop is  $\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\vec{m} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$
- Volume element  $d\mathcal{V}'$  has  $\vec{m} = \vec{M}d\mathcal{V}'$  so
  - $\vec{A} = rac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{\mathcal{V}'} rac{\vec{M} \times \hat{r}}{r^2} d\mathcal{V}'$  for whole body.
- This can be written as

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{S'} \frac{\vec{M} \times \hat{n}}{r} da' + \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{\mathcal{V}'} \frac{\nabla' \times \vec{M}}{r} d\mathcal{V}'$$

• Shows  $\vec{A}$  due to magnetic material is equivalent to  $\vec{A}$  of equivalent surface current density  $\vec{K}_e = \vec{M} \times \hat{n}$  plus  $\vec{A}$  of equivalent volume current density  $\vec{J}_e = \nabla \times \vec{M}$  ("Amperian currents"). [ If material is uniform  $\vec{J}_e = 0$ .]

## Field of a Magnetized Object

• Since equivalence works for  $\vec{A}$ , also for  $\vec{B}$ , so use Biot-Savart-law for surface, vol. currents:

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{S'} \frac{\vec{K}_e \times \hat{r}}{r^2} da' + \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{\mathcal{V}'} \frac{\vec{J}_e \times \hat{r}}{r^2} d\mathcal{V}'$$

- This eqn. is valid outside and inside material; we can **always** replace material by **equivalent currents**  $\vec{K}_e = \vec{M} \times \hat{n}$  and (if non-uniform)  $\vec{J}_e = \nabla \times \vec{M}$  then calculate  $\vec{B}$  as if in vacuum (note  $\mu_0$ ).
- So even with materials,  $\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$  always.
- Note also that  $\nabla \cdot \vec{j}_e = 0$  (div of curl of any vector is zero), i.e. no accumulation of bound charges.



# Magnetic Field Intensity $\vec{H}$ ("H-field")

• Ampere's law with magnetic materials:

 $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 (\vec{J}_f + \vec{J}_e)$  (free currents + bound currents)

- Substitute  $\vec{J}_e = \nabla \times \vec{M}$  then RHS =  $\mu_0 (\vec{J}_f + \nabla \times \vec{M})$ or  $\nabla \times (\vec{B}/\mu_0 - \vec{M}) = \vec{J}_f$  (free current density only)
- Define "magnetic field intensity"  $\vec{H} = \vec{B}/\mu_0 \vec{M}$

then  $\nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_f$  **Ampere's law for free currents**.

- Analogous to  $\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f$  (Gauss's law for free charges) where electric displacement  $\vec{D} = \varepsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$ .
- Integrate over surface S and apply Stokes's theorem to obtain the integral form of Ampere's law for free currents:

$$\oint_{C} \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_{S} \vec{J}_{f} \cdot d\vec{a} = I_{f} \quad (\text{curve } C \text{ bounds surface } S)$$

#### Magnetic Susceptibility $\chi_m$ , Permeability $\mu$

- For non-ferromagnetic materials, magnetization  $\vec{M} \propto \vec{H}$ :  $\vec{M} = \chi_m \vec{H}$  (linear) where  $\chi_m$  = magnetic susceptibility
- $\chi_m$  is dimensionless ( $\vec{M}$  and  $\vec{H}$  both have units A/m), positive for paramagnetics, negative for diamagnetics, typical values  $\sim 10^{-5}$
- For linear materials also  $\vec{B} = \mu_0 (\vec{H} + \vec{M}) = \mu_0 (1 + \chi_m) \vec{H}$ written as  $\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$  where **permeability**  $\mu = \mu_0 (1 + \chi_m)$
- In vacuum  $\chi_m = 0$  and  $\mu = \mu_0$  permeability of free space so that  $\vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{H}$
- Also relative permeability  $\mu_r = 1 + \chi_m = \mu/\mu_0$
- Since  $\chi_m$  is very small for non-ferromagnetics, we can often assume to a reasonable approximation  $\mu_r \approx 1$  or  $\mu = \mu_0$ , whereas we cannot do this for  $\varepsilon_r$  and permittivity  $\varepsilon$ .

## **Boundary Conditions (1)**

- Interface between two media, with relative permeabilities  $\mu_{r1}$  and  $\mu_{r2}$
- Assume no free currents on interface
- Short 'Gaussian' cylinder across boundary:  $\oint_{s} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$  always Let length of cylinder  $\rightarrow 0$ , then zero flux through sides and  $\int_{S_1} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} + \int_{S_2} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0 \quad (\text{ends } S_1 \text{ and } S_2 \text{ in 1 and 2})$ i.e.  $\int_{S_1} B_{n1} da - \int_{S_2} B_{n2} da = 0$  ( $\vec{B}_2$  inwards, so negative) • Hence  $B_{n1} = B_{n2}$  i.e. normal component of  $\vec{B}$  is continuous across the boundary

# **Boundary Conditions (2)**

• Rectangular path across boundary:

$$\oint_C \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0 \quad \text{if no free currents}$$

• Sides perpendicular to boundary  $\rightarrow 0$ then  $\int_{C_1} \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_{C_2} \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$ (sides  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  in media 1 and 2)



- i.e.  $\int_{C_1} H_{t1} dl \int_{C_2} H_{t2} dl = 0$  ( $\vec{H}_2$  component opp. to  $d\vec{l}$ ) • Hence  $H_{t1} = H_{t2}$  i.e. tangential component of  $\vec{H}$  is continuous across the boundary
- $\Rightarrow$  'refraction' of magnetic fieldlines at boundary:  $\mu_{r1} \cot \theta_1 = \mu_{r2} \cot \theta_2$  i.e.  $\frac{\tan \theta_1}{\tan \theta_2} = \frac{\mu_{r1}}{\mu_{r2}}$

### **Magnetic Field Energy**

- For current density  $\vec{J}$  in a conductor, power delivered to vol. element  $d\mathcal{V}$  is  $-\nabla V \cdot d\vec{l} J_f da$  with  $-\nabla V = \vec{E} + \partial \vec{A} / \partial t$
- Total power from source is (1<sup>st</sup> term Joule heating)  $\frac{dU}{dt} = \int_{\mathcal{V}'} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}_f \, d\mathcal{V}' + \int_{\mathcal{V}'} \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \cdot \vec{J}_f \, d\mathcal{V}'$
- In terms of  $\vec{B}$  use Ampere's law:  $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}_f$
- Similar arguments to  $\vec{E}$  and take  $\int dt$ :

$$\Rightarrow U_m = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int_{\mathcal{V}'} B^2 d\mathcal{V}' \text{ ; energy density } u_m = \frac{dU_m}{d\mathcal{V}} = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0}$$

• In magnetic materials  $\frac{dU_m}{dV} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{B}\cdot\vec{H}$ ; and in l.i.h. materials  $\frac{dU_m}{dV} = \frac{B^2}{2\mu}$ 

## **Magnetic Pressure (1)**

- Consider surface current density  $\vec{K}$  in yz-plane:  $\vec{K} = K\hat{y}$  and K = dI/dz A/m
- By the right hand rule and symmetry,  $\vec{B} = +B\hat{z}$  for x < 0 and  $\vec{B} = -B\hat{z}$  for x > 0
- Ampere's law for loop  $\Delta x$  by  $\Delta z$ :  $\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = 2 B\Delta z = \mu_0 I_{enc} = \mu_0 K\Delta z$  $\Rightarrow \vec{B} = \pm (\mu_0 K/2) \hat{z}$  on the two sides
- Now place sheet in external field  $\vec{B}_{ext} = -\frac{\mu_0 K}{2}\hat{z}$ Fields cancel for x < 0, add for x > 0.
- If we rename  $B_{\text{ext}}$  as B/2, then if  $K = B/\mu_0$ , we will have field  $\vec{B}$  on one side, zero on the other
- Force  $\vec{F} = I\vec{l} \times \vec{B}$  is in -x direction by RH rule







## Magnetic Pressure (2)

- Here we have surface current density  $\vec{K}$ so  $I = K\Delta z$  and since  $\vec{l} = \Delta y \hat{y}$  here, we have  $\vec{F} = K\Delta z \Delta y \hat{y} \times (B/2)(-\hat{z})$
- But  $\Delta y \Delta z$  is an element of area of the current sheet, so we get  $\vec{F}/A = K(B/2)(-\hat{x})$ , i.e. since  $K = B/\mu_0$  we have a magnetic pressure  $\frac{F}{A} = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0}$
- This is the same as the energy density [N/m<sup>2</sup> = N.m/m<sup>3</sup> = J/m<sup>3</sup>]
- Pressure on current sheet on side with field  $\vec{B}$ . Important in space physics.

