

# Lecture 27, Mar 22, 2023

## Generalized Ampere's Law

- Ampere's law becomes  $\oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_r \mu_0 I_{enc}$ 
  - Once again the  $\vec{B}$  field is affected by the presence of the material  $\mu_r$ , but  $\vec{H}$  is not
- Example: field inside a solenoid
  - Consider a very long solenoid with  $n$  turns per meter filled with a magnetic material with relative permeability of  $\mu_r$ , with current  $I_0$  through the wire; what is  $\vec{H}, \vec{B}$  inside the solenoid?
  - $\vec{H}, \vec{B}$  will be in the same direction, based on RHR, let this be  $\hat{a}_z$  so  $\vec{B} = B_z \hat{a}_z$
  - Using Ampere's law, with a contour along the edge of the solenoid of length  $w$  that encloses the wire
  - When the solenoid is infinitely long, there is no magnetic field outside
  - Therefore  $\oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = wB_z$  since only the piece of the contour inside the material gives a nonzero dot product
  - The enclosed current is  $I_0 n w$ 
    - \* For  $n$  turns per meter, width of  $w$ ,  $nw$  is the number of turns; therefore  $nwI_0$  is the total current for all these loops
  - $wB_z = \mu_r \mu_0 n w I_0 \implies B = \mu_r \mu_0 n I_0 \hat{a}_z$
  - If we have  $N$  turns over  $L$  meters, then  $\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_r \mu_0 I_0 N}{L} \hat{a}_z$
  - $\vec{H} = n I_0 \hat{a}_z = \frac{N I_0}{L} \hat{a}_z$

## Ferromagnetic Materials

- On an atomic level, there are 2 major sources of magnetic dipoles:
  - Orbital motion of the electrons around the nucleus
    - \* This gives an orbital magnetic dipole moment  $m_o$
  - Electron spin
    - \* This gives a spin magnetic dipole moment  $m_s$
    - \* These two states of spin means that  $m_s$  is either parallel or antiparallel to the applied field
- Materials with non-zero internal moments can align ( $\mu_r > 1$ )
  - *Ferromagnetic* materials have their fields greatly enhanced (strong alignment) ( $\mu_r \gg 1$ )
  - *Paramagnetic* materials have their fields only slightly enhanced (weak alignment)  $\mu_r \approx 1, \mu_r > 1$
  - *Ferrimagnetic* materials are in-between and have  $\mu_r > 1$  but not too big; they're useful for higher frequency circuits (e.g. ferrites)
- Materials with zero internal moments actually reduces the net magnetic field ( $\mu_r < 1$ )
  - *Diamagnetic materials* will have a field in the opposite direction and get repelled by the applied field ( $\mu_r \approx 1, \mu_r < 1$ )
    - \* In superconducting materials there will be perfect diamagnetism (the field is perfectly canceled inside the material); this causes levitation (Meissner effect)

## Hysteresis

- When a ferromagnetic material is magnetized, eventually it saturates and  $B$  begins to level off even with increasing  $H$
- When the external field is turned off,  $B$  goes back down to  $B_r$ , the residual flux density – even though there's no more external field, the material stays magnetized
- At this point if we reverse the external current, we first reach the coercive  $H$  field or  $H_c$ , where the magnetization field disappears
  - At this point the permanent magnetization disappears
- If our applied field  $\vec{H}$  varies with time (e.g. a sinusoidal AC current), we will go through the cycle of magnetization-demagnetization over and over

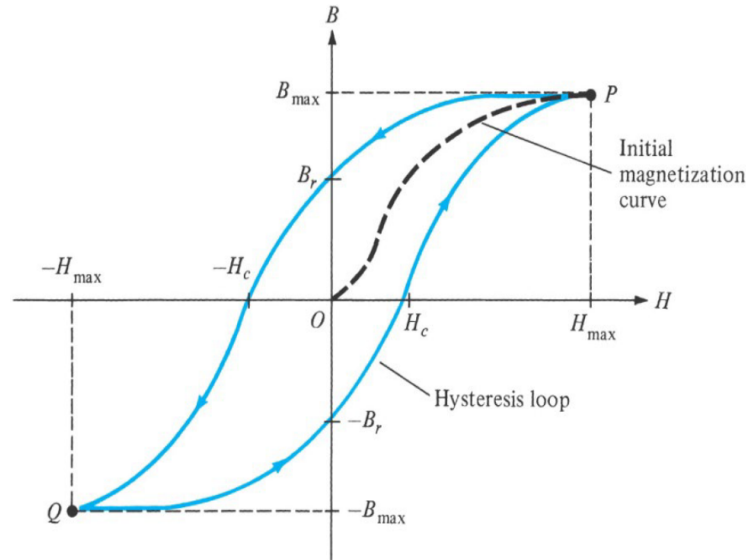


Figure 1: Hysteresis

- This leads to significant energy losses, which we can show to be equal to the area of the hysteresis curve
- *Soft* magnetic materials have smaller  $B_r$  values and narrower hysteresis curves, while *hard* magnetic materials have larger  $B_r$  values and wider hysteresis curves
  - Soft materials are easily magnetized and demagnetized
  - Hard materials are difficult to demagnetize and make for good permanent magnets
  - The wider hysteresis curves of hard materials significantly increase the energy loss due to the magnetization-demagnetization cycles
- Since the relationship between  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{H}$  is no longer linear, for a ferromagnetic material we need to first determine its *operating condition* in order to determine its value of  $\mu_r$