General magnetometry

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We discuss the basics to understand the characterization of the hysteresis properties of ferromagnetic materials. We will address: the magnetization and the magnetic field in bulk materials; the methods to generate and to accurately measure the magnetic field and the methods of magnetic moment measurement.

Lecture topics:

- 1. Introduction to magnetic measurements
 - a. Quantities: magnetic induction and flux, magnetization and magnetic moment, magnetic field
 - b. Magnetostatics and demagnetizing effects
 - c. The M versus H hysteresis loop of ferromagnetic materials
- 2. Measurement of the magnetic field
 - a. Metrological aspects
 - b. Generation of magnetic fields
 - c. Measurement: from high sensitivity to high spatial resolution
- 3. Measurement of M vs H of magnetic materials
 - a. Characterization of soft and hard magnetic materials
 - b. Measurement of the magnetic moment (VSM, AGFM, etc)
 - c. Magnetic torque measurements

Recommended reading:

- [1] F. Fiorillo, Measurement and characterization of magnetic materials. Elsevier, Amsterdam (2004).
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- [3] High Sensitivity Magnetometers (Grosz, Haji-Sheikh, and Mukhopadhyayeds. eds.) Springer (2017).
- [4] S. Tumanski, Handbook of Magnetic Measurement, CRC Press (2011)