

# Fields, moments, units

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#### Understand the deep roots of magnetism

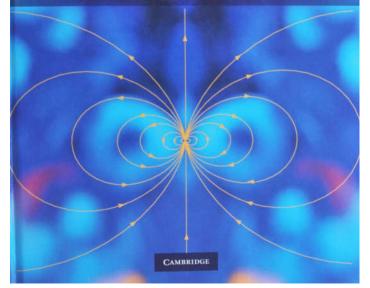




## Some references (See list of books on ESM web site)



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Magnetism in Condensed Matter

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# Magnetic Domains

The Analysis of Magnetic Microstructures

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# **Quantities and units in physics**



# What is a quantity?

# What is a unit ?

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# **Quantities and units in physics**



- $\Box$  Example: speed  $\mathbf{v} = \delta \boldsymbol{\ell} / \delta t$
- □ Dimension:  $dim(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{T}^{-1}$



#### Units

- □ Why?
  - Provide a measure
  - □ Universality: share with others
- Possible formalism:

$$X = X_{\alpha} \langle X \rangle_{\alpha}$$

$$Quantity$$

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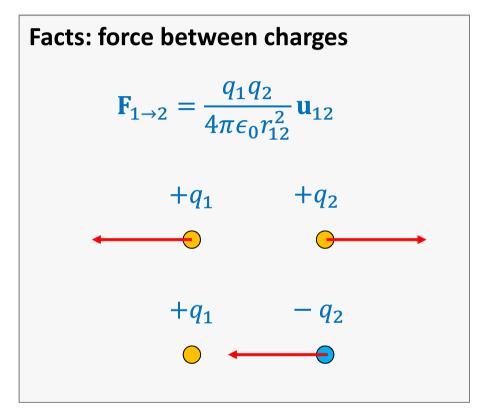
$$Measure$$

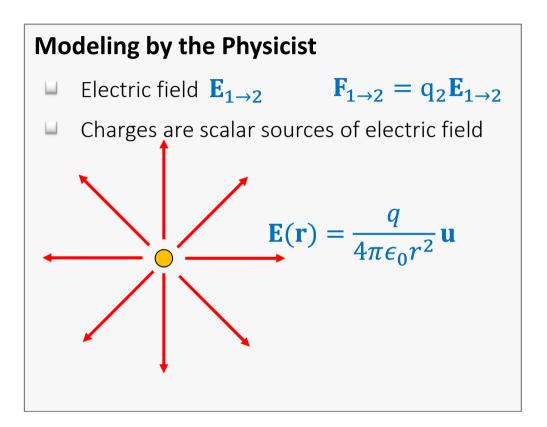
$$\langle L \rangle_{SI} = meter = 100 \langle L \rangle_{cgs}$$

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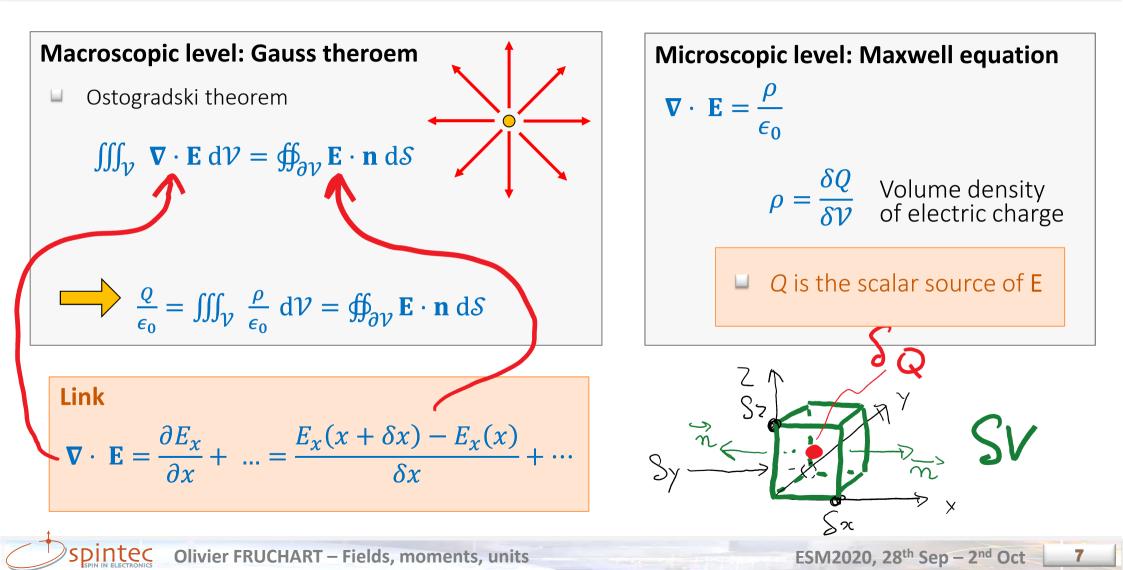
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## The electric charge and the electric field





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# **Origin of magnetic interactions**

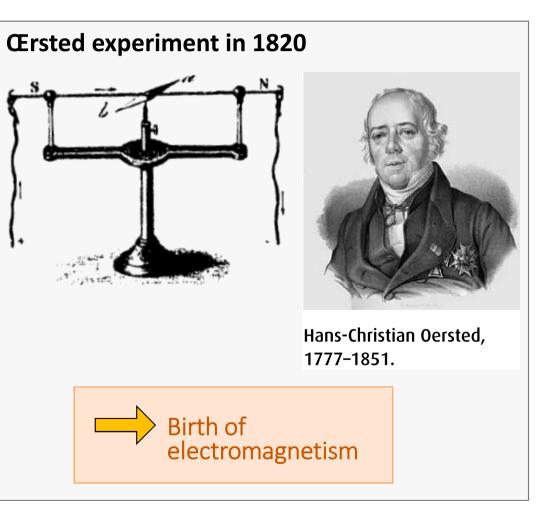


#### **Century-old facts**

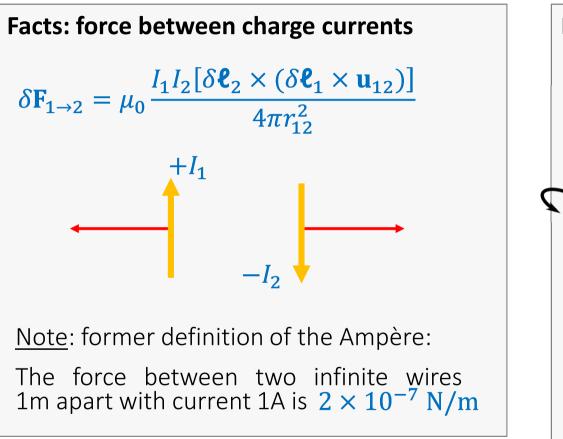
Magnetic materials (rocks)

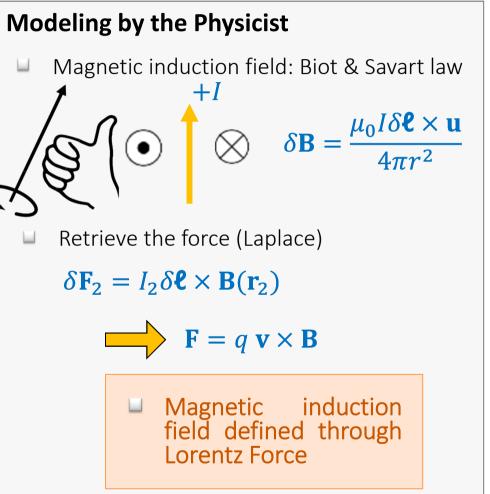




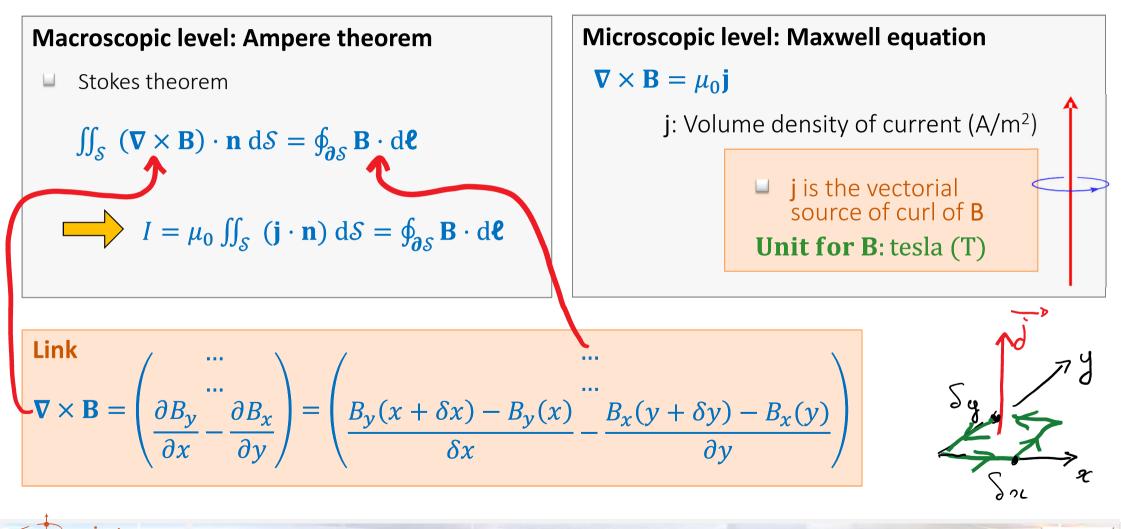




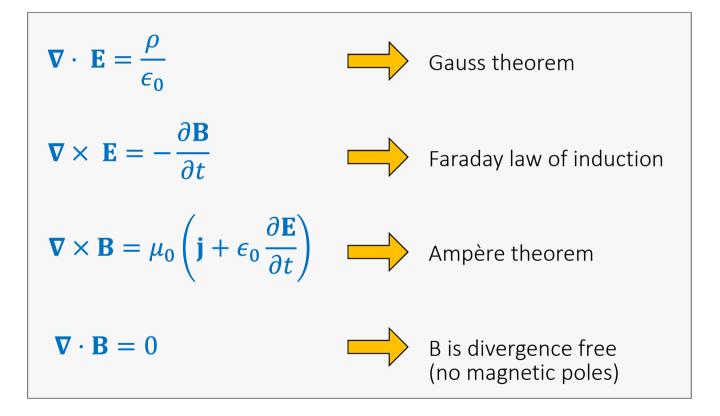




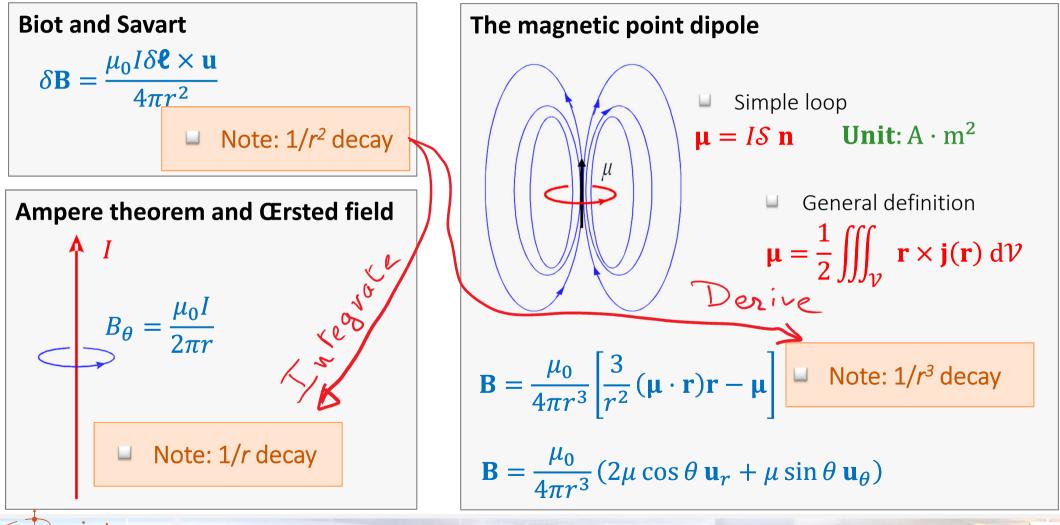
# The electric current and the magnetic induction field



#### Maxwell equations (in vacuum)



#### The magnetic point dipole



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#### Energy

 $\mathcal{E} = -\mathbf{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{B}$  Zeeman energy (J)

Demonstration

- Work to compensate Lenz law during rise of B
- Integrate torque from Laplace force while flipping dipole in B

#### Force

# $\mathbf{F} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot (\overline{\boldsymbol{\nabla} \mathbf{B}})$

- □ Valid only for fixed dipole
- No force in uniform magnetic induction field

#### Torque

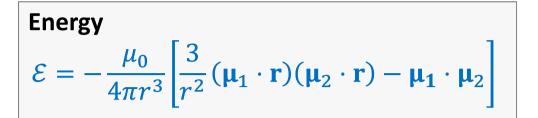
$$\boldsymbol{\Gamma} = \oint \mathbf{r} \times I(\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\ell} \times \mathbf{B}) = \boldsymbol{\mu} \times \mathbf{B}$$

- Inducing precession of dipole around the field
- It is energy-conservative, as expected from Laplace (Lorentz) force

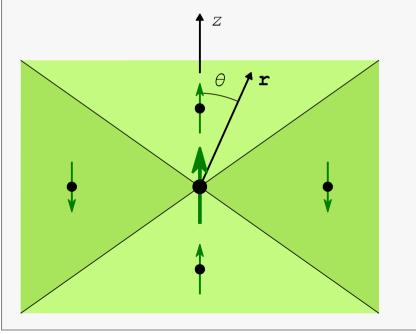
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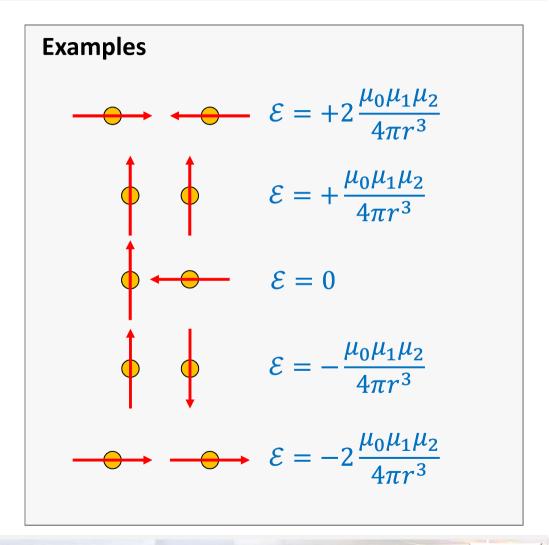
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# Two interacting magnetic point dipoles



□ The dipole-dipole interaction is anisotropic





# Magnetization



#### Definition

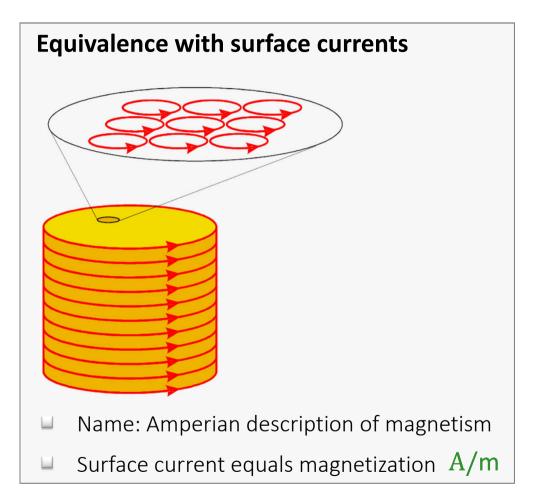
Volume density of magnetic point dipoles

 $\mathbf{M} = \frac{\delta \mathbf{\mu}}{\delta \mathcal{V}} \qquad \text{A/m}$ 

Total magnetic moment of a body

 $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{M}} = \int_{\mathcal{V}} \mathbf{M} \, \mathrm{d} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}} \quad \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{m}^2$ 

- Applies to: ferromagnets, paramagnets, diamagnets etc.
- Must be defined at a length scale much larger than atoms
- Is the basis for the micromagnetic theory



#### Free currents and bound currents

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#### **Back to Maxwell equations**

Disregard fast time dependence: magnetostatics

 $\mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \left( \mathbf{j} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)$ 

Consider separately real charge current, j<sub>c</sub> from fictitious currents of magnetic dipoles j<sub>m</sub>

 $\mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (\mathbf{j}_{\rm c} + \mathbf{j}_{\rm m})$ 

• One can show:  $\nabla \times \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{j}_{m}$   $A/m^{2}$  $\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{j}_{m,s}$  A/m

> Outside matter, B and µ<sub>0</sub>H coincide and have exactly the same meaning.

The magnetic field H					
	One has:	$\mathbf{\nabla} \times \left(\frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mu_0} - \mathbf{M}\right) = \mathbf{j}_c$			
	By definition:	$\mathbf{H} = \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mu_0} - \mathbf{M} \qquad \text{A/m}$			
		$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{j}_{c}$			

#### **B versus H : definition of the system**

- M: local (infinitesimal) part in  $\delta \mathcal{V}$  of the system defined when considering a magnetic material
- H: The remaining of B coming from outside  $\delta \mathcal{V}$  , liable to interact with the system

# **Derivation of the dipolar field**

#### The dipolar field $\mathbf{H}_{\rm d}$

 By definition: the contribution to H not related to free currents (possible to split as Maxwell equations are linear)

$$\nabla \times H_d = 0$$
  $H_d = -\nabla \phi_d$   
 $H = H_d + H_{app}$  External to  
magnetic body

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$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad \blacksquare \quad \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \phi$$

Maxwell equation  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{d}} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}$ 

$$H_{d}(\mathbf{r}) = -M_{s} \iiint_{\mathcal{V}'} \frac{[\nabla \cdot \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}')] (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{4\pi |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^{3}} d\mathcal{V}'$$

To lift the singularity that may arise at boundaries, a volume integration around the boundaries yields:

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{d}}(\mathbf{r}) = \iiint \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}') (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{4\pi |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} \mathrm{d}\mathcal{V}' + \oiint \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{r}') (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{4\pi |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} \mathrm{d}\mathcal{S}'$$

 $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = -M_{s} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \text{volume density of magnetic charges}$   $\sigma(\mathbf{r}) = M_{s} \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \text{surface density of magnetic charges}$ 

# Stray field and demagnetizing field

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Generic names

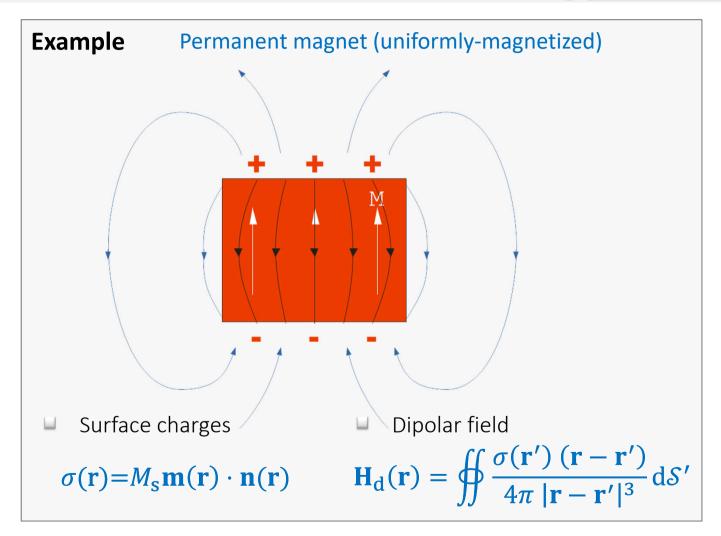
Magnetostatic field Dipolar field

Inside material

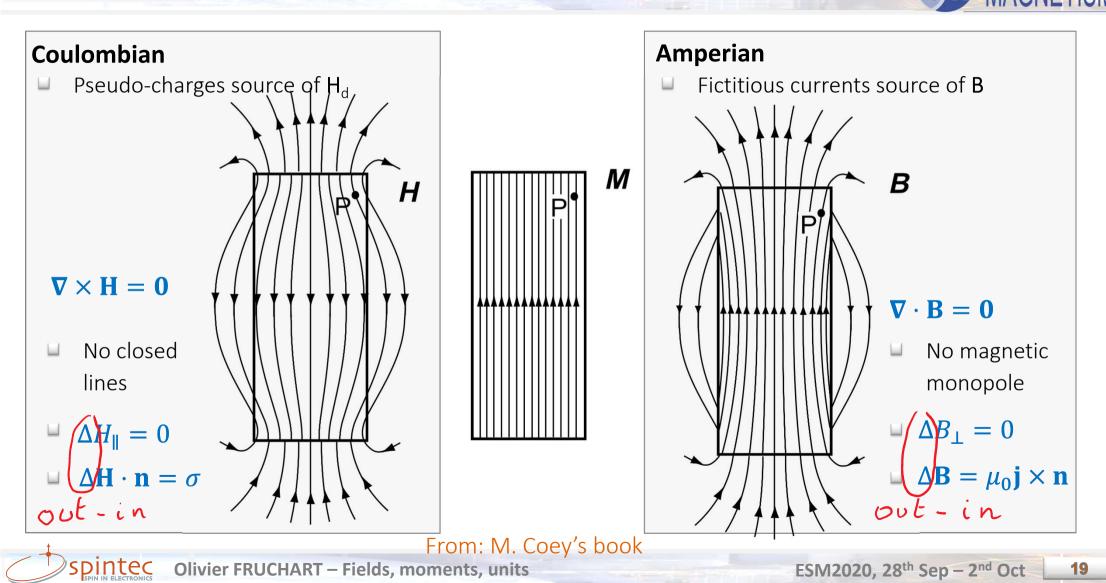
Demagnetizing field

Outside material

Stray field

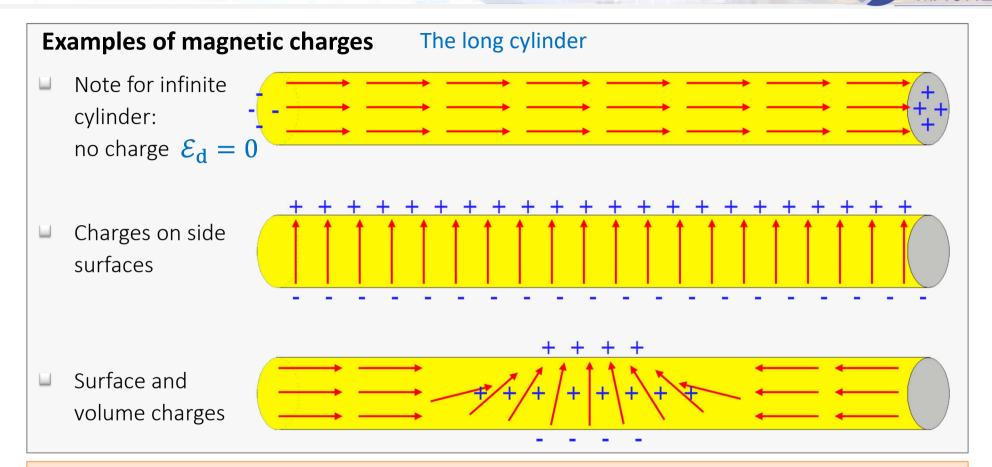


### **B versus H – Amperian versus Coulombian – Continuity conditions**



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# **Dipolar energy – Practical cases**



#### Take-away message

Dipolar energy favors alignment of magnetization with longest direction of sample

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# **Dipolar energy**



- □ Zeeman energy of microscopic volume  $\delta \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}} = -\mu_0 \mathbf{M} \delta \mathcal{V} \cdot \mathbf{H}_{\text{ext}}$
- Elementary volume of a macroscopic system creating its own dipolar field  $E_{\rm d} = \delta \mathcal{E}_{\rm d} / \delta \mathcal{V} = -\frac{1}{2} u_0 \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{H}_{\rm d}$
- Total dipolar energy of macroscopic body  $\mathcal{E}_{d} = -\frac{1}{2}\mu_{0}\iiint_{\mathcal{V}} \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{H}_{d} d\mathcal{V}$

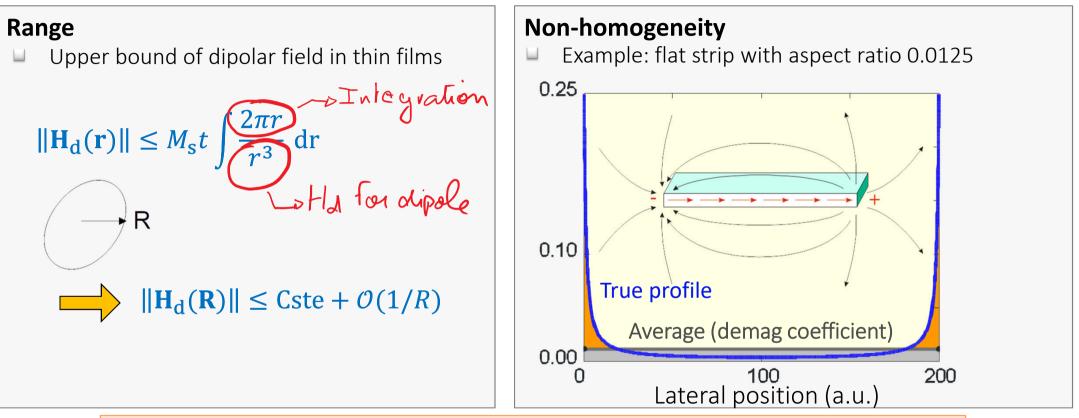
$$\mathcal{E}_{\rm d} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 \iiint_{\mathcal{V}} \mathbf{H}_{\rm d}^2 \, \mathrm{d}\mathcal{V}$$

Always positive. Zero means minimum

# Size considerations $H_{d}(\mathbf{r}) = \text{Volume} + \oint \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{r}') (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{4\pi |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^{3}} d\mathcal{S}'$ $Unchanged if all lengths are scaled: homothetic. NB: the following is a solid angle: <math display="block">d\Omega = \frac{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')d\mathcal{S}'}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^{3}}$

- H<sub>d</sub> does not depend on the size of the body
- Neither does the volume density of energy
- Said to be a long-range interaction

# Range of dipolar interactions in low dimensionality

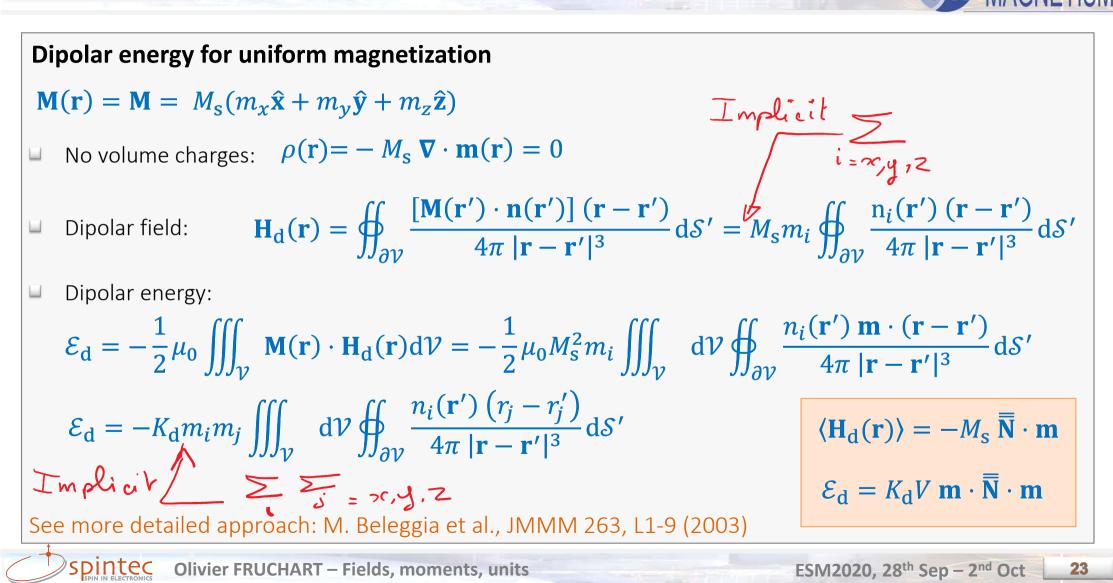


- Dipolar fields are short-ranged in low dimensions
- Dipolar fields are highly non-homogeneous in such large aspect ratio systems
- Consequences: non-uniform magnetization switching, edge modes etc.

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#### **Demagnetizing coefficients – Maths**



# **Demagnetizing coefficients – Take-away messages**

#### For any shape of body

$$\langle \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{d}}(\mathbf{r}) \rangle = -M_{\mathrm{s}} \,\overline{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \mathbf{m}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{d} = K_{d}V \mathbf{m} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \mathbf{m}$$

#### Dipolar anisotropy is always of second order

 $\overline{\mathbf{N}} \text{ demagnetizing tensor. Always positive,}$  $and can be diagonalized. <math>N_x + N_y + N_z = 1$  $\mathcal{E}_d = K_d V \left( N_x m_x^2 + N_y m_y^2 + N_z m_z^2 \right)$ 

Along main directions  $\langle H_{d,i}(\mathbf{r}) \rangle = -N_i M_s$ 



Hypothesis uniform **M** may be too strong Remember: dipolar field is NOT uniform

#### For ellipsoids etc.

Condition: boundary is a polynomial of the coordinates, with degree at most two

Slabs (thin films), cylinders, ellipsoids  $z^{2} = \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^{2} = 1$   $\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{z}{c}\right)^{2} = 1$   $\mathcal{E}_{d} = K_{d}V \mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{\overline{N}} \cdot \mathbf{m}$ 

Along main directions  $H_{d,i} = -N_i M_s$ 



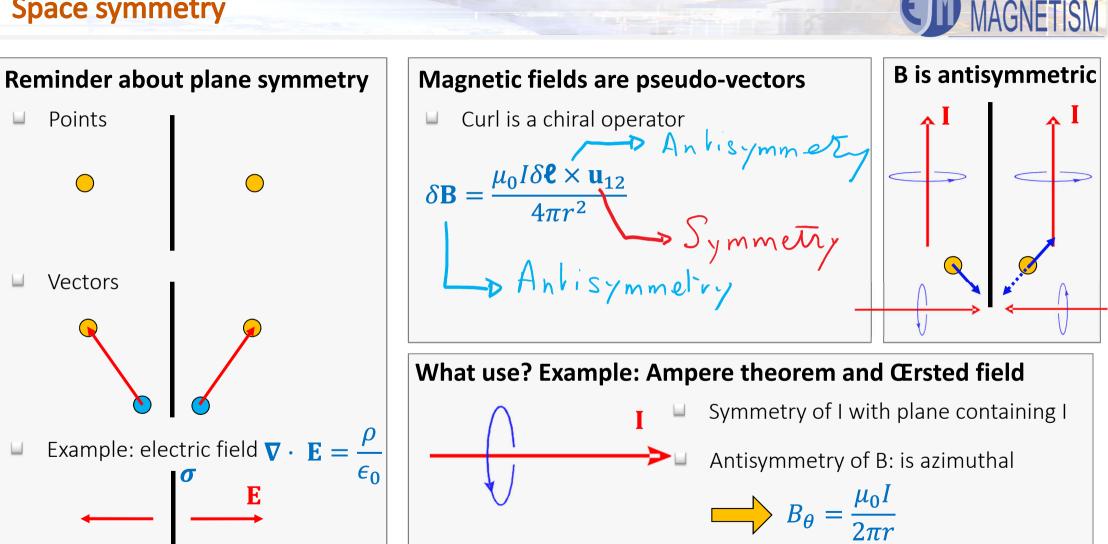
M and H may not be colinear along nonmain directions



#### **Space symmetry**

Points

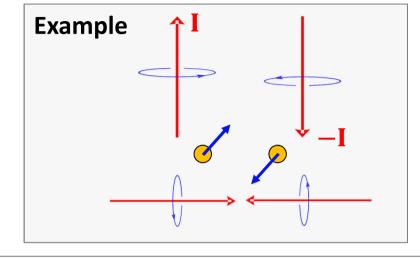
Vectors



## **Time inversion symmetry**

# Time inversion symmetry of Maxwell equations

What happens with operation  $t \rightarrow -t$ Un changed  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$ Un changed  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$ Invased  $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \left( \mathbf{j} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)$ =  $\mathbf{B} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}$ Inverse  $\mathbf{A} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$ Maxwell equations remains valid Solutions must comply with timereversal symmetry



What use? Magneto-crystalline anisotropy  $E(\theta) = K_{10} \cos \theta + K_{01} \sin \theta + K_{11} \cos \theta \sin \theta + K_{20} \cos^2 \theta + K_{02} \sin^2 \theta + K_{30} \cos^3 \theta + K_{03} \sin^3 \theta + K_{21} \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta + K_{12} \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta + \cdots$   $\Box \quad Odd \text{ terms are forbidden}$ 

Units

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Units				MAGNETIS
	SI system	n	cgs-Gauss	
Definitio	Meter Kilogra Secono Ampere	d s e A	Centimeter cm Gram g Second s Ab-Ampere ab-A =	<ul> <li>Problems with cgs-Gauss</li> <li>The quantity for charge current is missing</li> <li>No check for homogeneity</li> </ul>
	$\mathbf{B} = \mu_{o}(\mathbf{H})$		$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{H} + 4\pi \mathbf{M}$	
Conversions	$\mu_{o} = 4\pi \times$		$\mu_o = 4\pi$	Mix of units in spintronics
Field	H	1 A/m	• $4\pi \times 10^{-3}$ Oe (	
Moment	μ	$1 \text{ A.m}^2$	<ul> <li>◄ 10<sup>3</sup> emu</li> </ul>	Inconsistent definition of H
Magnetization	Μ	1 A/m	$\sim$ 10 <sup>-3</sup> emu/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Induction	В	1 T	- 10 <sup>4</sup> G	(Gauss) are effected: demag factors, susceptibility etc.
Susceptibility	$\chi = M/H$	1	<ul><li>■ 1/4π</li></ul>	

#### More in the practical on units: <u>http://magnetism.eu/esm/repository-authors.html#F</u>

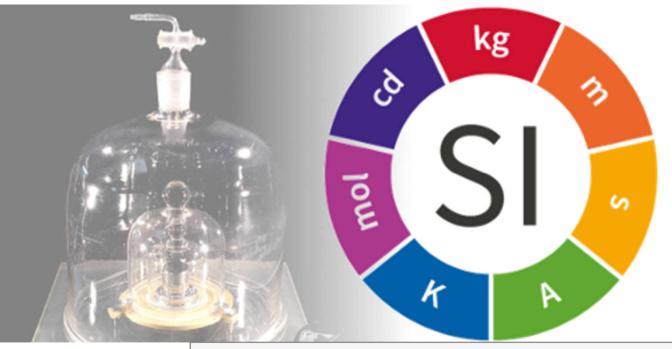
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# Quantum revolution in SI units in 2019





#### To be measured

□ Magnetic permeability of vacuum  $\mu_0 \neq 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$  S. I.

 $\mu_0 = 4\pi [1 + 2.0(2.3) \cdot 10^{-10}] \times 10^{-7}$  S. I.

#### **Define quantities**

- 🗆 Times
- 🗆 Length
- Mass
- Electric charge

#### **Fixed values**

- □ Speed of light -> Define meter
- Planck constant -> Defines kg
- □ Charge of the electron

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