# **PYU44P13 Magnetism and Superconductivity**

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#### Magnetism and Superconductivity

PYU44P03J.M. D. Coey24 (lectures + tutorials)Moday 11, Wednesday, 10Thursday 10Weeks 22 - 31

- $\succ Inntroductory lecture/discussions \qquad 4 \times 1 hr$
- MOOC Short lectures on Magnetism Look at one before lectures 2, 3, 4, 11
- > Magnetism lectures  $9 \times -1hr$
- ➢ Simple Metal Physics lectures
  2 x ∼1h
- > Superconductivity recorded lectures  $9 \times -1h$
- > Some recommended U-tube videos 3 x 10'

#### Magnetic Properties of Solids Books

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J.M. D. Coey 12 (lectures + tutorials)

• J M D Coey: *Magnetism and Magnetic Materials*, Cambridge 2010 A detailed advanced text..Sections 1.1-.4; 2.1-4; 3.1-2; 1,4.1-3; 5.1-2; 6.1-2; .7.1-.3; 11.1

• Stephen Blundell *Magnetism in Condensed Matter*, Oxford 2001 A readable treatment of the basics.

• J. Crangle; *The Magnetic Properties of Solids*, Arnold 1977: 1990 A short book which treats the material at an appropriate level.

• David Jiles *Introduction to Magnetism and Magnetic Materials*, Hall 1991; 1997; 2015 A more detailed introduction, written in a question and answer format.



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638 pages. Published March 2010 From Amazon.de for ~ €52

### Magnetism module overview

1. Introduction			ecture 1	5. Paramagnetism		Lecture 8	
1.1	Historical background.			5.1	Classical Theory		
1.2	Magnetization and hysteresis;			5.2	Quantum theory		
	Overview			5.3	Paramagnetism of metals		
2. Basic cor	icepts <sup>1</sup>	L	ectures 2,3				
2.1	Moments and Magnetization	<b>MOOC1.1</b>		6. Ferror	nagnetism <sup>3</sup>	Lecture 9,10	
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2.3	Energy and Force			6.2	Exchange Interactions.		
2.4	Units and Dimensions			6.3	Ferromagnetic domains		
				6.4	Magnetic measurements		
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				7.4	Spin waves		
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4.1	The hydrogenic atom and angu	ılar momentum.					
4.2	The many-electron atom.	e many-electron atom. See also some YouTube videos					
4.3	Addition of angular momenta						
4.4	Zeeman interaction 2 How Special Deletivity Melses Mersets			anota Wark			
4.4	Ions in solids				<sup>3</sup> M <sup>4</sup> H <sup>5</sup> Th <sup>3</sup> M <sup>4</sup>		
				° Magne	ets: How Do They Work?		

## Video Material.

Since the detailed Magnetism and Spin Electronics Website has been taken rendered inaccessible by IT services, it will take some time to reinstate it properly.

For this course, the video material you need to, or the appropriate links to it can be found on **Blackboard**.

— Four short MOOCs (15' each) constituting an introduction to magnetism and spintronics have been recorded professionally at the University of Mainz

MOOC 1.1 Introduction — Basic Ideas 1MOOC 1.2 Introduction — Basic ideas 2MOOC 2.1 Electron spinMOOC 2.2 The way into spintronics

#### U-tube videos:

Richard Feynman Magnets https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dp4dpeJVDxs How Special Relativity Makes Magnets Work https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-bd&q=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D1TKSfAkWWN0#fpstate=ive&vld=c d:2aca1753,vid:1TKSfAkWWN0

Magnets: How Do They Work?

https://www.google.com/search?client=firefoxd&q=Magnets%3A+How+Do+They+Work%3F+#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:5f988f88,vid:hFAOXdXZ5TM



# **1. Introduction**

# 1.1 A little history; Magnetism

#### Magnetism has changed the world three times



Seven ages of Magnetism

www.tcd.ie/Physics/Magnetism/Guide/magmoments/php

# 1.2 The Three Magnetic Revolutions

# 1 - The Compass

"Printing, gunpowder and the compass: These three have changed the whole face and state of things throughout the world; the first in literature, the second in warfare, the third in navigation; whence have followed innumerable changes, in so much that no empire, no sect, no star seems to have exerted greater power and influence in human affairs than these mechanical discoveries."

Francis Bacon Novum Organum 1620





Shen Kua (沈括) reported how to make magnetized iron needles in 1060, and he described the suspended needle compass in 1088. *Thermoremanence* and *induced magnetization* were discovered in China. The English monk Alexander Neckham, working at the University of Paris, gives the first European account of the compass in 1190.



#### Zheng He 郑和 1371-1432

NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY AND DESCRIPTION OF TAXABLE PARTY.

120m Treasure ship



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Christopher Columbus 1452 - 1506



20 m Santa Maria, La Pinta, La Niña1



Portuguese compass 18<sup>th</sup> century.

# The beginnings of modern Science

William Gilbert wrote *DeMagnete* in 1600, denouncing speculation and folklore. He insisted on experiments as the way to get to the truth



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Magnetic exploration of the Earth for much of the 18th century was motivated by the desire to solve the longitude problem

Edmond Halley led three research voyages from 1698 -1701 to map the Earth's magnetic field.







A large lodestone presented to TCD in 1724 for experiments in natural philosophy

The horseshoe magnet popularized by Daniel Bernouilli in 1743 was a clever solution to the problem of self-demagnetization

## **2 - The Electromagnetic Revolution**

*"From a long view of the history of mankind, there can be little doubt that the most significant event of the 19th century will be judged as Maxwell's discovery of the laws of electrodynamics."* 

Richard Feynman 1970

# The electromagnetic revolution; 1820 to 1905



Hans Christian Oersted 1777 - 1851



Oersted's famous 1820 experiment showed that a current-carrying conductor created a field everywhere *perpendicular* to the wire Within a week of the news reaching Paris in August 1820, Andre-Marie Ampère and Francois Arago showed that a current-carrying coil acts as a magnet, especially when wound into a solenoid. Ampère measured the force between conductors, and proposed that huge internal electric currents ('amperian currents') were responsible for the magnetism of iron.



Laplace Poisson Fresnel Fourier Biot Savart

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It was a field day for experimentalists. The most intuitive and talented of all was **Michael Faraday**, who made a simple motor, discovered electromagnetic induction in 1831 and found a connection between magnetism and light (magneto-optic Faraday effect).



Faraday's electromagnet



A torrent of discoveries ensued:

1820 Oersted discovers the magnetic effect of electric currents 1821 Ampere attributes the magnetism of matter to 'molecular' currents 1821 Faraday builds a primitive electric motor 1825 Sturgeon invents the first pracical electromagnet 1831 Faraday discovers electromagnetic induction 1833 Gauss and Weber build a telegraph more than 1 km long, with a galvanometer as the receiver 1845 Faraday discovers paramagnetism and diamagnetism 1847 Helmholtz states the conservation of energy in a general form 1858 The first transatlantic telegraph cable 1864-73 Maxwell formulates the theory of electromagnetism 1869 Gramme invents a practical dynamo 1879 Swan invents a practical incandescent bulb 1881 First public electric railway demonstrated in Berlin 1882 First hydroelectric power station 1885 Morse code 1887 Hertz generates and detects radio waves 1887 Michelson and Morely fail to detect the motion of the aether 1888 Tesla invents a practical AC motor 1890 Ewing describes hysteresis 1895 Curie describes the temperature variation of paramagnetic susceptibility 1896 Marconi patents the radio; transmits radio signals across the Atlantic in 1901 1898 Valdemar Poulson invents magnetic recording



# Maxwell's equations...

... in free space

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$$
  

$$\varepsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho$$
  

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0 (\mathbf{j} + \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t})$$
  

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

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$
  

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

...in matter



In *free space* two fields, E (N/C) and B (T) are needed, *in matter* there are four. The two magnetic fields B (T) and H (A/m) are related: The fields are related to the charge density  $\rho$  (C/m<sup>3</sup>), and the current density j (A/m<sup>2</sup>) at a point and two constants. M = m/V

$$c = 1/\sqrt{(\epsilon_0 \,\mu_0)}$$
  $c = 2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$  (velocity of light)

Also, the Lorenz force on a moving charge q, velocity  $\mathbf{v}$ 

$$\boldsymbol{F} = q(\boldsymbol{E} + \boldsymbol{v} \times \boldsymbol{B})$$

## **3. The Information Revolution**

#### Magnetism Understood 1905 - 1930

The 1930 Solvay conference celebrated our understanding of magnetism in terms of quantum mechanics (exchange) and relativity (spin)

The **m** - J paradigm:

*m* represents the magnetic moment, mainly localized on the *atoms* 

J represents the exchange coupling of electron *spins*.



Dirac Heisenberg

At this point it seems that the whole of chemistry and much of physics is understood in principle. The problem is that the equations are much to difficult to solve... P.A.M. Dirac

# Magnetism and semiconductor physics are the two pillars supporting information technology.



10 x 10<sup>21</sup> bytes of new information are generated every year, most is stored ... *Magnetically* 



Magnets store information

Semiconductors process information Every year we make more transistors and magnets in our fabs than we grow grains of wheat and rice in our fields. INTEL make 5  $10^9$  transistors per second. (20  $10^{16}$  p/a)

Magnetic recording is the partner of semiconductor technology in the information revolution. It provides the permanent, nonvolatile storage of information for computers and the internet.  $\sim 1 \text{ exobit (}10^{21}\text{bits)}$  of data is stored





A Server -Facebook have 30,000 of them

*All* the information accessed with web browsers is stored as magnetic records on hard discs in servers.

This is what the "cloud" *looks* like

# 1.4 A little history: Superconductivity

Superconductivity has not yet changed the world





For centuries, magnets had to be made in awkward shapes, to avoid demagnetization.

## The hysteresis loop (hard magnet)



#### The hysteresis loop (hard magnet)



# Coercivity



The story of magnetic materials in the 20th century was the story of mastery of coercivity.1900: $10^3 < H_c < 10^5 A m^{-1}$ 2000: $1 < H_c < 2 10^7 A m^{-1}$ 

# 2. Basic ideas

This section introduces the magnetization M and the two magnetic fields B and H. These are vectors which are defined at every position r in a solid.

It is assumed that there is <u>no time-dependence</u>, i.e. we are in the magnetostatic regime

Units and dimensions in magnetism are discussed.

View the **MOOC 1.1** *before* the lecture. We begin with *magnets*.

See Richard Feynman Magnets 7' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1IL-hXO27Q





#### Magnetic moment – a polar vector

Each magnet creates a *field* around it. This acts on *any* material in the vicinity but strongly with another magnet. The magnets attract or repel depending on their mutual orientation.

$\uparrow\uparrow$	Weak repulsion
$\uparrow \downarrow$	Weak attraction
$\leftarrow \leftarrow$	Strong attraction
$\leftarrow \rightarrow$	Strong repulsion

Tetragonal crystal axis is the axis of magnetization Nd<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>14</sub>B



#### Units





**Ampère** (1821) - A current loop or coil is equivalent to a magnet.

 $m = I \mathcal{A}$  area of the loop







**Right-hand corkscrew** 





Permanent magnets win over electro-magnets at small sizes
#### Magnetic field *H* due to a current *I*







Right-hand corkscrew

The relation between electric current and magnetic field was discovered by **Hans-Christian Øersted** (1820).

Earth' s field  $\approx 40 \text{ A m}^{-1}$ 

$$\oint H.dl = I$$
Ampère's law
$$H = I/2\pi r$$
If  $I = 1$  A,  $r = 1$  mm
$$H = 159$$
 A m<sup>-1</sup>
Derive from M3
(slide 21)
$$\nabla \times B = \mu_0 j$$
+
Stoke's Theorem
Integration path
(slide 21)
$$\nabla \times B = \mu_0 j$$
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#### Magnetic field due to a moment *m*



Note: The field is *anisotropic*: At 'A', a point r on the axis, it is twice as big as at 'B' a point r perpendicular to the axis, and oppositely directed.

#### Magnetic field due to a moment *m*; Scaling



## 2.2 Magnetization curves - Hysteresis loop



The hysteresis loop shows the irreversible, nonlinear response of a ferromagnet to a magnetic field. It reflects the arrangement of the magnetization in ferromagnetic *domains*. A broad loop like this is typical of a *hard* or *permanent* magnet.

# Soft magnets



Iron, nickel and permalloy are soft ferromagnets. They have cubic crystal structures with no unique easy axis of magnetization. Spontaneous magnetization of a ferromagnet disappears above its Curie point,  $T_C$ .



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# Paramagnets, diamagnets & antiferromagnets.

Only a few elements and alloys are **ferromagnetic**. (See the Magnetic Periodic Table). The atomic moments in a ferromagnet order spontaneously parallel to each other.

Most have no spontaneous magnetization, and they show only a **very weak response** to a magnetic field.  $M = \chi H$ 

A few elements and many oxides are **antiferromagnetic**. The atomic moments order spontaneously antiparallel to each other.



#### Susceptibility of the elements





# **2.3 The magnetic fields fields** *B* and *H***: моос1.2** 16 The *B*-field

 $\boldsymbol{B}$  is the primary magnetic field. It satisfies Maxwell's equation. (slide 21) M1

 $\nabla . \boldsymbol{B} = 0$ 

The vector operator  $\nabla$  means ( $\partial/\partial x$ ,  $\partial/\partial y$ ,  $\partial/\partial z$ ). ' $\nabla$ .' is the divergence (*div*) of a vector. The scalar product  $\nabla . B = \partial B_x / \partial x + \partial B_y / \partial y + \partial B_z / \partial z$ 

 $\nabla \mathbf{B} = 0$  can be written in integral form over *any closed surface* S as

 $\int_{S} \boldsymbol{B} \cdot dA = 0 \qquad \text{Gauss's law}$ 

In other words the flux  $\Phi$  (= *BA*) through any closed surface is zero. *B* is sometimes called magnetic flux density. The lines of *B* form complete loops. There are no magnetic 'poles'. Units of *B* are Tesla (T).

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Typical values of **B** in free space (for **H** in A m<sup>-1</sup> multiply by 800,000)



Earth  $50 \,\mu T$ 



Helmholtz coils 10 mT Human brain 1 fT





Permanent magnets 0.5 T



Electromagnet 1 T



Superconducting magnet 10 T

Magnetar 10<sup>12</sup> T

### 2.3 The magnetic fields fields **B** and **H**: The **H**-field

The other Maxwell equation for  $\boldsymbol{B}$  is M3

 $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (\mathbf{j} + \varepsilon_0 \partial \mathbf{E} / \partial \mathbf{t}).$   $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \nabla \mathbf{E} / \partial \mathbf{E} / \partial \mathbf{t}$ 

 $\nabla \times \boldsymbol{B} = \mathbf{e}_{x}(\partial B_{y}/\partial z \ -\partial B_{z}/\partial y) - \mathbf{e}_{y}(\partial B_{z}/\partial x \ -\partial B_{x}/\partial z) + \mathbf{e}_{z}(\partial B_{x}/\partial y \ -\partial B_{y}/\partial x)$ 

In a static situation

$$abla imes oldsymbol{H} = oldsymbol{\mu}_0 oldsymbol{j}$$

The equivalent integral formulation is Ampere's law

$$\oint \boldsymbol{B}.\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = \mu_0 \boldsymbol{I}$$

A different formulation is the **Biot-Savart Law**, which gives the field due to a current element  $I \delta l$ 

 $\delta \boldsymbol{B} = \mu_0 I \, \delta \boldsymbol{l} \ge \boldsymbol{r} / 4\pi r^3$ 

M1 and M3 follow

Field at the centre of a current loop  $B = \mu_0 I/2r$ .

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The current density  $j = j_c + j_M$ , where  $j_c$  is the **conduction** current density, and

$$\boldsymbol{j}_{\mathrm{M}} = \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{M}$$

is the current density associated with the magnetization.

The problem is that we can measure  $j_c$  but we have no way to measure  $j_M$ . Since

$$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{B} = \mu_0 (\boldsymbol{j}_c + \boldsymbol{j}_M)$$

it follows that

 $\nabla \times (\boldsymbol{B}/\mu_0 - \boldsymbol{M}) = \boldsymbol{j}_c$ .

We just define

or

$$H = (B/\mu_0 - M)$$

$$\boldsymbol{B} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0(\boldsymbol{H} + \boldsymbol{M})$$

**H** has the same units as **M** 

Now we can retain Ampere's law for the field H, which does not depend on the unmeasurable currents  $j_{M}$ .

In point form,

$$\nabla \times H = j_{c}$$
  
 $\oint H.dl = I_{c}$ 

or in integral form

The *H*-field is not solenoidal, because  $\nabla \cdot H = 0$  does not always hold. In fact  $\nabla \cdot H \neq 0$  wherever  $\nabla \cdot M \neq 0$ , which means that the *H*-field will have sources (or sinks), e.g. at the surface of a magnet (these are the famous North and South 'poles' of a magnet). In free space, M = 0 and the *H*-field is simply proportional to the *B*-field.

There is no significant difference between them.

Permeability  $\mu$  is the ratio *B/H*. Susceptibility  $\chi$  is *M/H*  $\mu = \mu 0(1 + \chi)$ 

 $\mu_0$  is the permeability of free space.

*In free space*  $B = \mu_0 H$   $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{TmA}^{-1}$  1 T  $\approx 800,000 \text{ A m}^{-1}$ Note that the *H*-field is created *not only* by conduction currents. Any piece of magnetized material creates an *H*-field both in the space around it and *within its own volume*.

Generally the field at a point is  $H = H_0 + H_d$ , where  $H_0$  is the external field, and  $H_d$  is the field created by the magnet itself, which is known as the *stray field* outside the magnet, and the *demagnetizing field* inside the magnet.

### **B**, **H** and **M** in and around a permanent magnet

The general relation between **B**, **H** and **M** is



We call the *H*-field due to a magnet - *stray field* outside the magnet - *demagnetizing field*  $(H_d)$  inside the magnet

#### Potentials for **B** and **H** Vector potential for **B**

It is convenient to derive a field from a potential, by taking a spatial derivative, for example

$$\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r}) = -\boldsymbol{\nabla}\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{\mathrm{e}}(\boldsymbol{r})$$

where  $\varphi_{e}(\mathbf{r})$  is the electric potential. Any constant  $\varphi_{0}$  can be added to  $\varphi_{e}(\mathbf{r})$ .

For *B*, we know from Maxwell's equation that MI

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla}. \boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{r}) = 0.$$

Using the vector identity

 $\nabla . \nabla \times \boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r}) = 0,$ 

we can derive B(r) from a vector potential A(r),

$$\boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r})$$

The gradient of any scalar f can be added to A (*a gauge transformation*), because

$$\nabla \times \nabla f = 0.$$

#### Scalar potential for **H**

Generally, H(r) cannot be derived from a potential. In a static situation it satisfies

$$\nabla \times H = j_{c}$$

When no conduction currents are present,

$$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{H} = 0,$$

we can use

$$\nabla \times \nabla f = 0.$$

to get

$$\boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r}) = - \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{\mathrm{m}}(\boldsymbol{r})$$

In these special conditions, it is possible to derive H(r) from a magnetic scalar potential  $\varphi_m(r)$ . We can imagine that H is produced by the distribution of magnetic ' $\pm$  charge', i.e. North and South poles.

# Boundary conditions for **B** and **H**

# At any interface, it follows from Gauss' s law $\int_{S} \boldsymbol{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 0$

that the *perpendicular component of* **B** *is continuous*.

It follows from Ampère's law

 $\oint \boldsymbol{H}.\mathrm{dl} = I = 0$ 





# Demagnetizing field in a material - $H_d$

The demagnetizing field is the field produced by the magnet in its own volume. It depends on the *shape* of the sample and the direction of magnetization. For simple uniformly-magnetized shapes (ellipsoids of revolution) the demagnetizing field is related to the magnetization by a proportionality factor  $\mathcal{N}$  known as the *demagnetizing factor*. The value of  $\mathcal{N}$  can never exceed 1, nor can it be less than 0.

$$H_{\rm d}$$
 = -  $\mathcal{N}M$ 

More generally, this is a tensor relation.  $\mathcal{N}$  is then a 3 x 3 matrix, with trace 1. That is

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{x}} + \mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{y}} + \mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{z}} = 1$$

demagnetizing field –

Note that the internal field H is always less than the applied field H' since

$$H = H' - \mathcal{N}M$$

## Demagnetizing factor ${\mathcal N}$ for special shapes



#### When is the demagnetizing factor ${\mathcal N}$ approximation exact ?



Two uniformly magnetized shapes with  $\mu_0 M = 1$  T and  $\mathcal{N} = \frac{1}{2}$ , an ellipsoid of revolution (left) and a cylinder (right). The approximation is exact only for the *ellipsoid of revolution*.  $H_d = -0.5$  T

# 2.4 Magnetic fields - Internal and applied fields

The internal and applied fields are *not* the same. If they were, any applied field would instantly saturate the magnetization.



#### The shape barrier



#### The shape barrier ovecome!



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#### 2.5 Energy and force on a magnetic moment

• In free space an external field B (or  $H_{i}$ ), created by conduction currents or magnets or both, interacts with a magnetic moment m and modifies its energy:

$$\mathcal{E} = -m \cdot B$$
 (i.e.  $-\frac{m}{B}/\cos\theta$ )

• Differentiating gives the torque  $\Gamma = -$ 

 $\Gamma = \boldsymbol{m} \times \boldsymbol{B}$  (i.e.  $|\boldsymbol{m}|/\boldsymbol{B}/\sin\theta$ )



Note the moment *precesses* around the field when *m* is not parallel to *B*. The magnetic moment is due to electric currents, and the Lorentz force *F* on a moving electron  $[F = -e(v \times B)]$  is perpendicular to its motion, and therefore the *total* energy does not change.

The magnetic moment is analogous to a spinning top, which precesses when acted on by a gravitational torque. The magnetic moment is proportional to an angular momentum l

$$m = \gamma l$$
 where is the gyromagnetic ratio

• The force on a magnetic moment  $f = -\nabla E = \nabla (\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{B})$  depends on the field gradient There is *no net force* in a uniform field.

# B(H) hysteresis loop

Engineers usually show the B(H) hysteresis loop, rather than the M(H) loop.

They are related by  $B = \mu_0(H + M)$ . The high-field slope, when *M* is saturated, is  $\mu_0$ 



## Some expressions involving **B**

 $F = q(E + \mathbf{v} \times B)$ Force on a charged particle q See How Special Relativity Makes Magnets Work\* F = B i lForce on current-carrying wire emf = -nAdB/dtFaraday's law of electromagnetic induction Energy of a magnetic moment  $\mathcal{E} = -m.B$ Force on a magnetic moment  $F = \nabla m.B$ Torque on a magnetic moment  $\Gamma = m \times B$ 

*Note:* Whenever *H* interacts with matter,  $\mu_0$  comes in.

\*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TKSfAkWWN0

#### A note on units

Magnetism is an experimental science, and it is important to be able to calculate numerical values of the physical quantities involved. There is a strong case to use SI consistently

> SI units relate to the practical units of electricity measured on the multi-meter and the oscilloscope

 $\succ$  It is possible to check the dimensions of any expression by inspection.

- > They are almost universally used in teaching
- > Units of **B**, **H**,  $\Phi$  or  $\frac{d\Phi}{dt}$  have been introduced.

#### BUT

Much literature still uses cgs units. You need to understand them too.

# SI / cgs conversions:

	$SI units$ $B = \mu_0 (H + M)$		cgs units					
			$\boldsymbol{B} = \boldsymbol{H} + 4\pi \boldsymbol{M}$					
т	A m <sup>2</sup>		emu					
М	A m <sup>-1</sup>	(10 <sup>-3</sup> emu cc <sup>-1</sup> )	emu cc <sup>-1</sup>	(1 k A m <sup>-1</sup> )				
$\sigma$	$A m^2 kg^{-1}$	$(1 \text{ emu } g^{-1})$	emu g <sup>-1</sup>	$(1 \text{ A m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-1})$				
H	A m <sup>-1</sup> (4 $\pi$ /100	$00 \approx 0.0125 \text{ Oe}$ )	Oersted (1000/47	$\tau \approx 80 \text{ A m}^{-1}$ )				
B	Tesla	(10000 G)	Gauss	(10 <sup>-4</sup> T)				
Φ	Weber (Tm <sup>2</sup> )	(10 <sup>8</sup> Mw)	Maxwell (G cm <sup>2</sup> )	(10 <sup>-8</sup> Wb)				
dΦ/dt	V	$(10^8 \mathrm{Mw} \mathrm{s}^{-1})$	Mw s <sup>-1</sup>	(10 nV)				
χ	-	$(4\pi \text{ cgs})$	_	(1/4π SI)				

#### Dimensions

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Quantity	Symbol	Unit	т	l	t	i	θ
Area	$\mathcal{A}$	m <sup>2</sup>	0	2	0	0	0
Volume	V	m <sup>3</sup>	0	3	0	0	0
Velocity	v	$m s^{-1}$	0	1	-1	0	0
Acceleration	a	m s <sup>-2</sup>	0	1	-2	0	0
Density	d	kg m <sup>-3</sup>	1	-3	0	0	0
Energy	ε	J	1	2	-2	0	0
Momentum	р	kg m s <sup>−1</sup>	1	1	-1	0	0
Angular momentum	L	kg m <sup>2</sup> s <sup><math>-1</math></sup>	1	2	-1	0	0
Moment of inertia	Ι	kg m <sup>2</sup>	1	2	0	0	0
Force	f	Ν	1	1	-2	0	0
Force density	F	$N m^{-3}$	1	-2	-2	0	0
Power	Р	W	1	2	-3	0	0
Pressure	Р	Ра	1	-1	-2	0	0
Stress	σ	$N m^{-2}$	1	-1	-2	0	0
Elastic modulus	Κ	$N m^{-2}$	1	-1	-2	0	0
Frequency	f	$s^{-1}$	0	0	-1	0	0
Diffusion coefficient	D	$m^2 s^{-1}$	0	2	-1	0	0
Viscosity (dynamic)	η	$N s m^{-2}$	1	-1	-1	0	0
Viscosity	ν	$m^2 s^{-1}$	0	2	-1	0	0
Planck's constant	$\hbar$	Js	1	2	-1	0	0

		Thermal					
Quantity	Symbol	Unit	т	l	t	i	θ
Enthalpy	H	J	1	2	-2	0	0
Entropy	S	$J K^{-1}$	1	2	-2	0	-1
Specific heat	С	${ m J}~{ m K}^{-1}~{ m kg}^{-1}$	0	2	-2	0	-1
Heat capacity	С	$\mathrm{J}~\mathrm{K}^{-1}$	1	2	-2	0	-1
Thermal conductivity	κ	${ m W} \; { m m}^{-1} \; { m K}^{-1}$	1	1	-3	0	-1
Sommerfeld coefficient	γ	$J \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$	1	2	-2	0	-1
Boltzmann's constant	k <sub>B</sub>	$J K^{-1}$	1	2	-2	0	-1

The dimensions of any physical quantity can be expresses as a product of the dimensions of some fundamental physical quantities. These are, in the SI system Mass – mLength – lTime – tCurrent – iTemperature –  $\theta$  e.g Area –  $l^2$ Density –  $m l^{-3}$  etc.

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#### Examples

(1) Kinetic energy of a body: 
$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$
  
 $[\varepsilon] = [1, 2, -2, 0, 0]$   
 $[w] = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0]$   
 $[v^2] = \frac{2[0, 1, -1, 0, 0]}{[1, -2, -2, 0, 0]}$   
(2) Lorentz force on a moving charge;  $f = qv \times B$   
 $[f] = [1, 1, -2, 0, 0]$   
 $[q] = [0, 0, 1, 1, 0]$   
 $[v] = [0, 1, -1, 0, 0]$   
 $[B] = \frac{[1, 0, -2, -1, 0]}{[1, 1, -2, 0, 0]}$   
(3) Domain wall energy  $\gamma_w = \sqrt{AK}$  ( $\gamma_w$  is an energy per unit area)  
 $[\gamma_w] = [\varepsilon A^{-1}]$   
 $= [1, 2, -2, 0, 0]$   
 $- [0, 2, 0, 0, 0]$   
 $= [1, 0, -2, 0, 0]$   
 $[\sqrt{K}] = \frac{1}{2} \frac{[1, -1, -2, 0, 0]}{[1, 0, -2, 0, 0]}$ 

(4) Magnetohydrodynamic force on a moving conductor  $F = \sigma v \times B \times B$ (*F* is a force per unit volume)  $[F] = [FV^{-1}]$   $[\sigma] = [-1, -3, 3, 2, 0]$ = [1, 1, -2, 0, 0] [v] = [0, 1, -1, 0, 0]

$$-\frac{[0, 3, 0, 0, 0]}{[1, -2, -2, 0, 0]} \qquad [B^2] = \frac{2[1, 0, -2, -1, 0]}{[1, -2, -2, 0, 0]}$$

- (5) Flux density in a solid  $B = \mu_0(H + M)$  (note that quantities added or subtracted in a bracket must have the same dimensions)
  - $[B] = [1, 0, -2, -1, 0] \qquad [\mu_0] = [1, 1, -2, -2, 0]$  $[M], [H] = \frac{[0, -1, 0, 1, 0]}{[1, 0, -2, -1, 0]}$
- (6) Maxwell's equation  $\nabla \times H = j + dD/dt$ .  $[\nabla \times H] = [Hr^{-1}] \quad [j] = [0, -2, 0, 1, 0] \quad [dD/dt] = [Dt^{-1}]$   $= [0, -1, 0, 1, 0] \quad = [0, -2, 1, 1, 0]$   $-[0, 1, 0, 0, 0] \quad -[0, 0, 1, 0, 0]$  $= [0, -2, 0, 1, 0] \quad = [0, -2, 0, 1, 0]$
- (7) Ohm's Law V = IR

$$= [1, 2, -3, -1, 0] \qquad [0, 0, 0, 1, 0] \\+ [1, 2, -3, -2]$$

+ [1, 2, -3, -2, 0]= [1, 2, -3, -1, 0]

(8) Faraday's Law  $\mathcal{E} = -\partial \Phi / \partial t$ = [1, 2, -3, -1, 0]

#### Calculation of the field of a dipole (current loop)

At point A – magnetic field above the center of a perfect square loop ( $B_A$ ):

Use **Biot-Savart Law**  $\delta \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 / \delta \mathbf{I} \times \mathbf{r} / 4\pi r^3$ 

Also note:

$$\sin \varepsilon = \frac{\delta l}{2r}$$
  $m = I(\frac{\delta}{2})^2$ 



$$B_{\rm A} = (4 \ \mu_0 \ l/4 \pi r^3) \ \delta l \, \mathbf{r} \sin \varepsilon$$

 $B_{\rm A} = (4 \ \mu_0 \ l/4\pi r^3) \ \delta l \ \mathbf{r} \ \delta l/2r$ 

 $B_{\rm A} = (2 \ \mu_0 \ l/4 \pi r^3) \ \delta l^2$ 

Add up the four contributions from each part of the loop and evaluate the cross product

Substitute the expression for sin *ɛ*as given in the greenbox

Tidy the expression

 $B_A = 2\frac{\mu_0}{\cdot}$ Hence :

Use the fact from the green box 
$$m = I(\delta)^2$$
### Calculation of the field of a dipole (current loop)

At point B – magnetic field outside in line the center of a perfect square loop  $(B_B)$ :



### Calculation of the field of a dipole (current loop)

At point B – magnetic field in the plane outside the center of a perfect square loop  $(B_A)$ :

Use **Biot-Savart Law**  $\delta \boldsymbol{B} = \mu_0 / \delta l \times r/4\pi r^3$ 

Also note:

$$\sin \varepsilon = \delta l/2r$$
  $m = I(\delta l)^2$ 

 $B_{\rm B} = (\mu_0 I \partial I / 4\pi r^2) \{ 1/(1 - \partial I/2r)^2 - 1/(1 + \partial I/2r)^2 - 2\sin\varepsilon \}$ 

 $B_B =$ 

 $B_{\rm B} = (\mu_0 I \partial I / 4\pi r^2) \{ (1 + \partial I / r) - (1 - \partial I / r) - \partial I / r \}$ 

Hence :

Add up the four contributions from each part of the loop and take  $r^2$  outside the curly brackets

Substitute the expression for  $\sin \varepsilon$ as given in the green box and Taylor expand the first two terms assuming

Use the fact from the green box 
$$m = I(\delta I)^2$$

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### Calculation of the field of a dipole (current loop)



What we found:  

$$B_A = 2 \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathfrak{m}}{r^3}$$
 $B_B = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathfrak{m}}{r^3}$ 

Now we can write down the B-field due to the loop at a generic point C in polar coordinates

 $B_{\rm C} = B_{\rm A} \cos \theta \mathbf{e}_{\rm r} + B_{\rm B} \sin \theta \mathbf{e}_{\theta}$ 

$$\boldsymbol{B}_{C}(\boldsymbol{r},\theta) = (\mu_{0}\mathcal{M}/4\pi r^{3})\{2\cos\theta \boldsymbol{e}_{r} + \sin\theta \boldsymbol{e}_{\theta}\}$$

### **Magnetic Dipole Field Equation!**

Now re-express the formula for B in terms of components of along m and r

$$\boldsymbol{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[ 3 \frac{(\boldsymbol{\mathfrak{m}}.\boldsymbol{r})\boldsymbol{r}}{r^5} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\mathfrak{m}}}{r^3} \right]$$

<u>Homework</u> Prove that result is true

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# **3. Magnetism of the electron**

The origin of magnetism in solids is the *quantized angular momentum of the negatively-charged electrons*.

There are *two* distinct sources:

— orbital motion

— spin



## Einstein-de Haas experiment

This demonstrates the reality of the relation between the magnetic moment of a body and its angular momentum.

$$m = \gamma l$$

An iron rod is suspended on a torsion fibre. The field in the solenoid is reversed, changing the direction of magnetization of the iron. It rotates, to conserve angular momentum as the angular momenta of the electrons are reversed.

In Fe the moment is essentially due to the spin of the electrons. An electron has a spin moment of one Bohr magneton  $(1\mu_B = 9.27 \ 10^{-24} \ \text{Am}^2)$ .

However, *m* per Fe atom is only 2.2  $\mu_B$ . There are *only* ~ *two* electrons with an unpaired spin, although the number of electrons per atom in iron is Z = 26

Iron is a metal, where the valence electrons are localized but have no net moment. The conduction electrons are delocalized, and spin polarized.





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## Magnetism of the electron

*— orbital motion*; Bohr's quantum theory.

*— spin*; An intrinsic property of the electron; Dirac's theory

Spin itself and spin-orbit coupling of these two types of magnetic moments are relativistic effects.

The description of magnetism in solids is fundamentally different depending on whether the electrons are *localized* on the ion cores, or *delocalized* in energy bands.

We focus on localized magnetism in this part of the course, where an *integral* number of electrons are localized on each atom

## 3.1 Spin and orbital moments of the electron

The magnetic properties of solids derive essentially from the magnetism of their electrons. (Nuclei also possess angular momentum, but their magnetic moments, but they are  $\approx 1000$  times smaller).

#### An electron possesses:



On an atomic scale, magnetism is always associated with *angular momentum*. Electronic charge is negative, hence the angular momentum and magnetic moment are in *opposite* directions.

## 3.1.1 Orbital moment

The circulating current *I*:  $I = -ev/2\pi r$ The moment *m*: m = IA;

 $m = (-ev/2\pi r) \pi r^2 = -evr/2$  (1)

In Bohr's quantum theory, orbital angular momentum l is quantized in units of  $\hbar$ .

Planck' s constant:  $h = 6.62 \ 10^{-34} \text{ J s.}$  $\hbar = h/2\pi = 1.055 \ 10^{-34} \text{ J s.}$ 



The orbital angular momentum is  $I = \mathbf{r} \times m_e \mathbf{v}$  J s.

It is actually the *z*-component of  $l_z$  that is quantized in units of  $\hbar$ , taking a value  $l_z = m_1 \hbar$  where  $m_1$  is a quantum number, an *integer* 0,  $\pm 1, \pm 2 \dots, \pm l$  with no units. Eliminating vr in the expression (1) for *m* gives

$$m = m_{\rm l}(e\hbar/2m_{\rm e}) = m_{\rm l}\mu_{\rm B}$$

The quantity  $(e\hbar/2m_e)$  is the *Bohr magneton* ( $\mu_B$ ), the basic unit of atomic magnetism:  $\mu_B = 9.274 \ 10^{-24} \ A \ m^2$ 

### 3.1.2 Spin moment

The electron has a mysterious built-in spin angular momentum. Spin is a consequence of relativistic quantum mechanics.

The spin quantum number is  $s = \frac{1}{2}$ . There are two magnetic states with  $m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ 

The spin angular momentum is *s*. The *z*-component  $s_z$  is quantized in units of  $\frac{1}{2}\hbar$ , taking only two values  $\pm \frac{1}{2}\hbar$  along the *z*-axis

Yet, the magnetic moment associated with electron spin is also  $1 \mu_B (\text{not } \frac{1}{2}\mu_B)$   $m = -g m_s (e\hbar/2m_e)$ , where g = 2.  $m_z = \pm 1 \mu_B$ 

The two states,  $\downarrow$  'spin moment down' and  $\uparrow$  'spin moment up '  $m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$  have moments  $m \mp 1\mu_B$  measured along the axis of quantization (z) usually defined by an external magnetic field.



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The *gyromagnetic ratio*  $\gamma$ , is defined as the ratio of magnetic moment to angular momentum  $m = \gamma l$ , For orbital moments  $m = -m_l \mu_B$ .  $l = m_l \hbar$ .

\* Hence for **orbital** angular momentum, the ratio of the z-components is

 $\gamma = -(e/2m_e)$ 

The *g*-factor is defined as the ratio of *m* (in units of  $\mu_B$ ) to *l* (in units of  $\hbar$ )

g = 1 (for orbital motion)

\* For spin angular momentum  $\gamma = -(e/m_e)$   $(m = -2m_l\mu_B, l = m_l\hbar)$ 

g = 2 for spin (after higher order corrections, 2.0023)

Spin angular momentum is *twice* as effective as orbital angular momentum in creating a magnetic moment.

Generally an atomic electron possesses both spin and orbital angular. They add produce a total angular momentum j,

$$j = l + s$$
;  $m = -g_j(e/2m_e)j$ 

**Spin-orbit Interaction** 





Solution is  $\boldsymbol{m}(t) = \boldsymbol{m}(\sin\theta\cos\omega_{\rm L}t, \sin\theta\sin\omega_{\rm L}t, \cos\theta)$  where  $\omega_{\rm L} = \gamma B_z$ 

Magnetic moment precesses at the Larmor precession frequency  $f_L = \gamma B/2\pi$ 28 GHz T<sup>1</sup> for spin

## 3.3 Magnetism of electrons in free atoms and solids.

Magnetism in *free atoms* is reduced by shell filling.

Electrons in filled shells have paired spins with  $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$  and no net moment. Only unpaired electrons in unfilled (usually outermost) shells have a moment.

Magnetism in *solids* tends to be destroyed by chemical interactions of the outer electrons:

• electron transfer to form filled shells in ionic compounds e.g. Na<sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup> both ions are  $2p^6$ 

- covalent bond formation in semiconductors
- band formation in metals



79 out of the 103 first elements  $\alpha_{magnetic}$  as free atoms Moments <<  $Z\mu_{B}$ 



Formation of *d* and *s*-bands in a metal. The broad *s*-bands have no moment. The *d*-bands may have one if they are sufficiently narrow. Iron has a configuration  $3d^{7.4}4s^{0.6}$ . There are 2.2 unpaired 3d electrons,  $m = 2.2 \mu_{\rm B.}$ 

Existence of magnetism in a solid depends critically on crystal structure and composition.

γ-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	α-Fe	YFe <sub>2</sub>	γ-Fe	YFe <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>
ferrimagnet	ferromagnet	ferromagnet	antiferromagnet	Pauli paramagnet
5.0	2.2	1.45	unstable	0

Table: Atomic moments of iron in different compounds in Bohr magnetons/Fe.

## 3.4 Localized and delocalized electrons

#### LOCALIZED MAGNETISM

Integral number of 3*d* or 4*f* electrons on the ion core; Integral number of unpaired spins; Discreet energy levels.



#### DELOCALIZED MAGNETISM

Nonintegral number of unpaired spins per atom.

Spin-polarized energy bands with strong correlations.



 $\psi \approx \exp(-i\mathbf{k}.\mathbf{r})$ Fermi-Dirac statistics

4f metalslocalized electrons4f compoundslocalized electrons3d compoundslocalized/delocalized electrons3d metalsdelocalized electrons.

Above the ferromagnetic Curie temperature, the moments do not disappear, they just become disordered in a paramagnetic state when  $T > T_c$ .

## 3.5 Theory of electronic magnetism

Maxwell's equations relate magnetic and electric fields to their sources. The other fundamental relation of electrodynamics is the expression for the force on a moving particle with charge q,

 $F = q(E + v \times B)$ . The two terms are respectively the Coulomb and Lorentz forces. The latter gives the torque equation  $\Gamma = m \times B$ . The corresponding Hamiltonian for the particle in a vector potential A representing the magnetic field B ( $B = \nabla \times A$ ) and a scalar potential  $\phi_{\varepsilon}$  representing the electric field E ( $E = -\nabla \phi_{e}$ ) is

$$\mathcal{H} = (1/2m_{\rm e})(\boldsymbol{p} - q\boldsymbol{A})^2 + q\phi_{\rm e}$$

### 3.5.1 Orbital moment

The Hamiltonian of an electron with electrostatic potential energy  $V(\mathbf{r}) = -e\phi_e$  is  $\mathcal{H} = (1/2m_e)(\mathbf{p} + e\mathbf{A})^2 + V(\mathbf{r})$ Now  $(\mathbf{p} + e\mathbf{A})^2 = \mathbf{p}^2 + e^2\mathbf{A}^2 + 2e\mathbf{A}\cdot\mathbf{p}$  since  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{p}$  commute when  $\nabla$ .  $\mathbf{A} = 0$ . So  $\mathcal{H} = [\mathbf{p}^2/2m_e + V(\mathbf{r})] + (e/m_e)\mathbf{A}\cdot\mathbf{p} + (e^2/2m_e)\mathbf{A}^2$   $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_1 + \mathcal{H}_2$ 

where  $\mathcal{H}_0$  is the unperturbed Hamiltonian,  $\mathcal{H}_1$  gives the paramagnetic response of the orbital moment and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  describes the small diamagnetic response. Consider a uniform field **B** along **z**. Then the vector potential in component form is A = (1/2) (-yB, xB, 0), so  $B = \nabla \times A = e_z(\partial A_y/\partial x - \partial A_x/\partial y) = e_zB$ . More generally  $A = \frac{1}{2}B \times r$ 

Now 
$$(e/m_e)A$$
.  $p = (e/2m_e)B \times r . p = (e/2m_e)B . r \times p = (e/2m_e)B . l$  since  $l = r \times p$ . The second term in the Hamiltonian is then the Zeeman interaction for the orbital moment

$$\mathcal{H}_1 = (\mu_{\rm B}/\hbar) \boldsymbol{B}. \boldsymbol{l}$$

The third term is  $(e^2/8m_e)(B \times r)^2 = (e^2/8m_e^2)B^2(x^2+y^2)$ . If the orbital is spherically symmetric,  $\langle x^2 \rangle = \langle y^2 \rangle = \langle r^2 \rangle / 3$ . The corresponding energy  $E = (e^2B^2/12m_e) \langle r^2 \rangle$ . Since  $M = -\partial E/\partial B$  and susceptibility  $\chi = \mu_0 NM/B$ , It follows that the orbital diamagnetic susceptibility is  $\chi = \mu_0 Ne^2 \langle r^2 \rangle / 6m_e$ .

#### 3.5.2 Spin moment

The time-dependent Schrödinger equation

$$-(\hbar^2/2m)\nabla^2\psi + \nabla\psi = i\hbar\partial\psi/\partial t$$

is not relativistically invariant because the operators  $\partial/\partial t$  and  $\partial/\partial x$  do not appear to the same power. We need to use a 4-vector X = (ct, x, y, z) with derivatives  $\partial/\partial X$ .

Dirac discovered the relativistic quantum mechanical theory of the electron, which involves the Pauli spin operators  $\sigma_i$ , with coupled equations for electrons and positrons. The nonrelativistic limit of the theory, including the interaction with a magnetic field *B* represented by a vector potential *A* can be written as

$$\mathcal{H} = [(1/2m_e)(\mathbf{p} + e\mathbf{A})^2 + V(\mathbf{r})] - p^4/8m_e^3c^2 + (e/m_e)\mathbf{B}\cdot\mathbf{s} + (1/2m_e^2c^2r)(dV/dr) - (1/4m_e^2c^2)(dV/dr)\partial/\partial r$$

•The second term is a higher-order correction to the kinetic energy

•The third term is the interaction of the electron spin with the magnetic field, so that the complete expression for the Zeeman interaction of the electron is

 $\mathcal{H}_{\rm Z} = (\mu_{\rm B}/\hbar) \boldsymbol{B} \cdot (\boldsymbol{l} + 2\boldsymbol{s})$ 

The factor 2 is not quite exact. The expression is  $2(1 + \alpha/2\pi - ....) \approx 2.0023$ , where  $\alpha = e^2/4\pi\epsilon_0 hc \approx 1/137$  is the fine-structure constant.

• The fourth term is the spin-orbit ineteraction., which for a central potential  $V(r) = -Ze^2/4\pi\epsilon_0 r$  with Ze as the nuclear charge becomes  $-Ze^2\mu_0 l.s/8\pi m_e^2 r^3$  since  $\mu_0\epsilon_0 = 1/c^2$ . In an atom  $<1/r^3> \approx (0.1 \text{ nm})^3$  so the magnitude of the spin-orbit coupling  $\lambda$  is 2.5 K for hydrogen (Z = 1), 60 K for 3d elements (Z  $\approx 25$ ), and 160 K for actinides (Z  $\approx 65$ ). In a noncentral potential, the spin-orbit interaction is (s x  $\nabla V$ ). *p* 

• The final term just shifts the levels when l = 0

#### 3.5.3 Magnetism and relativity

The classification of interactions according to their relativistic character is based on the kinetic energy

$$E = {}_{mec2}\sqrt{[1 + (v^2/c^2)]}$$

The order of magnitude of the velocity of electrons in solids is ©c. Expanding the equation in powers of c

$$E = m_e c^{2+} (1/2) \, \mathbb{C}^2 m_e c^2 - (1/8) \, \mathbb{C}^4 m_e c^2$$

Here the rest mass of the electron,  $mc^2 = 511$  keV; the second and third terms, which represent the order of magnitude of electrostatic and magnetostatic energies are respectively 13.6 eV and 0.18 meV. Magnetic dipolar interactions are therefore of order 2 K. (1 eV = 11605 K)

# 4. Magnetism of localized electrons on the atom

The quantum mechanics of an electron in a central potential leads to singleelectron states classified in terms of the quantum numbers n, l,  $m_l$ , s and  $m_s$ , which have different orbital and spin angular momenta. In a multi-electron atom, the spin and orbital angular momenta of the individual atoms are coupled to give a series of energy levels; which are split by a magnetic or an electric field. The lowest energy level is the one of interest for magnetism.



### 4.1 The single-electron hydrogenic atom; angular momentum.

The Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}_0$  for an electron in a central potential due to a nucleus of charge Ze at the origin and an electron at  $(r,\theta,\phi)$ Ze  $\mathcal{H} = -(\hbar^2/2m_e)\nabla^2 - Ze^2/4\pi\epsilon_0 r$ [KE is  $p^2/2m_e$ ; the momentum operator in quantum mechanics  $p = -i\hbar\nabla$ ] In polar coordinates:  $x = r \sin\theta \cos\phi$ ,  $y = r \sin\theta \sin\phi$ ,  $z = r \cos\theta$ blar coordinates:  $\mathbf{x} = r \sin\theta \cos\phi$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = r \sin\theta \sin\phi$ ,  $\mathbf{z} = r \cos\theta$   $\mathbf{l} = -i\hbar \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{x}} & \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{y}} & \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{z}} \\ \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{y} & \mathbf{z} \\ \partial/\partial \mathbf{x} & \partial/\partial \mathbf{y} & \partial/\partial \mathbf{z} \end{vmatrix}$  $\boldsymbol{l} = \boldsymbol{r} \times \boldsymbol{p} = -i\hbar[(y\partial/\partial z - z\partial/\partial y)\boldsymbol{e}_x - (x\partial/\partial z - z\partial/\partial x)\boldsymbol{e}_y + (x\partial/\partial y - y\partial/\partial x)\boldsymbol{e}_z]$  $= i\hbar [\sin\phi\partial/\partial\theta + \cot\theta\cos\phi\partial/\partial\phi)\boldsymbol{e}_{x} + (-\cos\phi\partial/\partial\theta + \cot\theta\sin\phi\partial/\partial\phi)\boldsymbol{e}_{y} - (\partial/\partial\phi)\boldsymbol{e}_{z}]$ 

 $l^{2} = l_x^2 + l_y^2 + l_z^2 = \hbar^2 \{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (1/\sin^2 \theta) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 \phi} \} - \text{the term in parentheses in } \nabla^2$ 

Schrödinger's equation for an electron in a central potential due to a nucleus of charge Ze at the origin and an electron at  $(r,\theta,\phi)$ 

$$\mathcal{H}\psi_i = E_i \psi_i$$

$$[-(\hbar^2/2m_e)\nabla^2 - Ze^2/4\pi e_0 r] \psi_i = E_i \psi_i$$



Solutions for E<sub>i</sub> are the eigenvalues (energy levels) of the atom.

The corresponding wavefunctions  $\psi_i$  are the eigenfunctions (orbitals) of the atom

The meaning of the wave function  $\psi$  is that the probability of finding the electron in a small volume dV at r is  $\psi^*(r)\psi(r)$  dV. The wave function is usually a complex quantity;  $\psi^*$  is the complex conjugate of  $\psi$ .  $\psi$  contains all observable knowledge about the electron.

The basic property of angular momentum is that  $[l_x, l_y] = i\hbar l_z$  etc. where  $[l_x, l_y] = l_x l_y - l_y l_x$ [X,Y] is the commutator. If it is zero, the operators commute and the quantities they represent can be measured simultaneously.

No two components of angular momentum commute, but for any *one* of them  $[l^2, l_i] = 0$ 

### Vector model

 $l^2$  the square of the orbital angular momentum operator of the electron in a central potential; It has the eigenvalue  $l(l+1)\hbar^2$ .  $l^2 | l, m_l \rangle = l(l+1) \hbar^2 | l, m_l \rangle$ 

The orbital angular momentum has magnitude  $\sqrt{[l(l+1)]\hbar}$ 

 $l_z$  the projection along z is the operator  $-i\hbar(\partial/\partial\phi)$  which has eigenvalues  $m_l\hbar$ , which can have any value from  $-l\hbar$  to  $+l\hbar$ . (21 + 1 different possible values).  $l_z \mid l, m_l \rangle = m_l\hbar \mid l, m_l \rangle$ 

We can model the total angular momentum as a vector which precesses around  $\mathbf{z}$ .  $l_x$  and  $l_y$  are indeterminate.





Eigenfunctions of the Schrödinger equation for an electron in a central potential

$$\psi_{n,l,ml}(\mathbf{r},\boldsymbol{\theta},\boldsymbol{\phi}) = \mathbf{R}_{n,l}(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{Y}_{l}^{ml}(\boldsymbol{\theta},\boldsymbol{\phi})$$



• The angular part  $Y_l^{ml}(\theta, \phi)$  are *spherical harmonics* that depend on two integers l,  $m_l$ , where  $|m_l| \le l$ . The pair l,  $m_l$  denote an *orbital* 

Notation: l = 0; s - orbital l = 1; p - orbital l = 2; d - orbital l = 3; f - orbital

The spherical harmonics are each a product of terms  $\Theta(\theta)$  and  $\Phi(\phi)$ ;  $Y_l^{ml}(\theta,\phi) = \Theta(\theta)\Phi(\phi)$ 

$$\Phi(\phi) = \exp(im_l \phi)$$
 where  $m_l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$  .....

The z-component of orbital angular momentum, represented by the operator  $l_z = -i\hbar(\partial/\partial\phi)$ , has eigenvalues  $\langle \Phi | l_z | \Phi \rangle = \int \exp(-im_l \phi) -i\hbar(\partial/\partial \phi) \exp(im_l \phi) = m_l \hbar$ .

 $\Theta(\theta) = P_l^{ml}(\cos\theta)$ , are the associated Legendre polynomials with  $l \ge |m_l|$ , so  $m_l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \pm l$ .

## **Spherical harmonics**

- $\mathbf{s} \quad \mathbf{Y}_0^0 = \sqrt{(1/4\pi)}$
- **p**  $Y_1^0 = \sqrt{(3/4\pi)} \cos \theta$   $Y_1^{\pm 1} = \pm \sqrt{(3/8\pi)} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$

 $d \quad Y_2^0 = \sqrt{(5/16\pi)(3\cos^2\theta - 1)} \quad Y_2^{\pm 1} = \pm \sqrt{(15/8\pi)\sin\theta\cos\theta} e^{\pm i\phi} \quad Y_2^{\pm 2} = \sqrt{(15/32\pi)\sin^2\theta} e^{\pm 2i\phi}$ 

 $f \quad Y_3^{\ 0} = \sqrt{(7/16\pi)(5\cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta)} \qquad Y_3^{\pm 1} = \pm \sqrt{(21/64\pi)(5\cos^2\theta - 1)} \sin\theta e^{\pm i\phi}$  $Y_3^{\pm 2} = \sqrt{(105/32\pi)} \sin^2\theta \cos\theta e^{\pm 2i\phi} \qquad Y_3^{\pm 3} = \pm \sqrt{(35/64\pi)} \sin^3\theta e^{\pm 3i\phi}$ 

The radial part R(r) depends on l, also on n the principal quantum number where l < n; hence l = 0, 1, ..., (n-1).</li>

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{V}_n^l (\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{r}/\mathbf{n}\mathbf{a}_0) \exp[-(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{r}/\mathbf{n}\mathbf{a}_0)]$$

 $V_1^0 = 1$ . Here  $a_0 = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2/m_e^2 = 52.9$  pm is the first *Bohr radius*, the basic length scale in atomic physics. The energy levels of the one-electron atom are

 $E = -Zme^4/8h^2\epsilon_0^2n^2 = -ZR/n^2$ 

The quantity  $R = m_e e^4/8h^2\epsilon_0 = 13.6 \text{ eV}$  is the Rydberg, the basic energy unit in atomic physics. For the central Coulomb potential  $\phi_{e_i}$  the potential energy V(*r*) depends *only* on *r*, not on  $\theta$  or  $\phi$ . E depends *only* on n. The three quantum numbers *n*, *l*,  $m_l$  denote an *orbital*, a spatial distribution of electronic charge. Orbitals are denoted *n*X, X = *s*, *p*, *d*, *f* for *l* = 0, 1, 2, 3. Each orbital can accommodate up to two electrons with spin  $m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ . The hydrogenic orbitals are listed in the table

	n	l	$m_l$	m <sub>s</sub>	No of orbitals
<b>1s</b>	1	0	0	±1/2	2
<b>2s</b>	2	0	0	±1/2	2
2p	2	1	0,±1	±1/2	6
<b>3</b> s	3	0	0	±1/2	2
3р	3	1	0,±1	±1/2	6
3d	3	2	0,±1,±2	±1/2	10
4s	4	0	0	±1/2	2
4p	4	1	0,±1	±1/2	6
4d	4	2	0,±1,±2	±1/2	10
<b>4</b> f	4	3	0,±1,±2,±3	±1/2	14

• The Pauli principle states that no two electrons can have the same four quantum numbers. Each orbital can be occupied by at most two electrons with opposite spin.



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For the components of the spin angular momentum, the *Pauli spin matrices* are

$$\mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \hbar/2 \quad \mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\mathbf{i} \end{bmatrix} \hbar/2 \quad \mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{z}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \hbar/2 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\mathbf{i} \end{bmatrix} \hbar/2 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\mathbf{i} \end{bmatrix} \hbar/2$$



$$\mathbf{s}^2 = \mathbf{s}_x^2 + \mathbf{s}_y^2 + \mathbf{s}_s^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{3\hbar^2}{4}$$

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$$\mathbf{s}^{2} = \mathbf{s}_{x}^{2} + \mathbf{s}_{y}^{2} + \mathbf{s}_{s}^{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} 3\hbar^{2}/4 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



For orbital angular momentum, the basis set are the 2l + 1 orbital wave functions For example, if l = 1, there are three orbital wave functions, with  $m_l = -1, 0, 1$ 

$$I_{x} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \quad I_{y} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{vmatrix} \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \quad I_{z} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$I^{2} = I_{x}^{2} + I_{y}^{2} + I_{z}^{2} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} 2\hbar^{2}$$

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## 4.2 The many-electron atom

The hydrogenic atom was composed of a nucleus of charge Ze at the origin and a single electron at  $r, \theta, \phi$ . When there are several electrons, they interact via inter-electronic Coulomb interactions. Terms like  $e^2/4\pi e_0 |r_i - r_j|$  have to be added to the Hamiltonian. A many-body problem!  $\frac{z}{2}$ 

 $\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i} (p_i^2/2m) + \sum_{I} (Ze^2/4\pi e_0 r_i) + (1/2) \sum_{i \neq j} (e^2/4\pi e_0 |r_i - r_j|)$ 

An approximate way to treat the interactions is to suppose that each electron sees a different spherical charge distribution represented by a different central potential  $V_i(r)$  for each electron

$$\mathcal{H}_i = p_i^2/2m + V_i(r)$$



The quantities  $V_{I}(r)$  must be determined self-consistently (the Hartree-Foch approximation)

The eigenstates of the many-electron atom or ion have the following properties:  $[\mathcal{H}, \mathbf{S}^2] = 0, [\mathcal{H}, \mathbf{S}_z] = 0$  where  $\mathbf{S} = \sum_{\mathbf{I}} s_{\mathbf{i}}$  a sum of the spin moments  $[\mathcal{H}, \mathbf{L}^2] = 0, [\mathcal{H}, \mathbf{L}_z] = 0$  where  $\mathbf{L} = \sum_{\mathbf{I}} l_{\mathbf{i}}$  a sum of the orbital moments

The sums have the greatest values consistent with the Pauli principle (no two electrons can have the same four quantum numbers *n*, *l*, *m<sub>b</sub>*, *m<sub>s</sub>*) The quantum numbers  $S = \sum_{i} m_{si}$   $L = \sum_{i} m_{li}$  (again consistent with Pauli principle)





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Each eigenstate of  $\mathcal{H}$  for the many-electron atom can be labelled by the quantum numbers corresponding to the eigenstates of  $\mathbf{L}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{L}_z$ ,  $\mathbf{S}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{S}_z$  i.e. L,  $M_l$ , S,  $M_s$ 



 $\mathbf{S}^2 | \Psi^{\alpha}_{\mathrm{LSMLMs}} \rangle = \mathbf{S}(\mathrm{S}+1) \hbar^2 | \Psi^{\alpha}_{\mathrm{LSMLMs}} \rangle$ 

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{L}_{z} \ket{\psi^{\alpha}_{LSM^{L}M^{s}}} = \mathbf{M}_{L} \hbar \ket{\psi^{\alpha}_{LSM^{L}M^{s}}} \\ \mathbf{S}_{z} \ket{\psi^{\alpha}_{LSM^{L}M^{s}}} = \mathbf{M}_{S} \hbar \ket{\psi^{\alpha}_{LSM^{L}M^{s}}} \end{array}$$

The eigenstates for different  $M_L$  or  $M_S$  values are degenerate in the absence of a magnetic field, but the states for different L, S are separated. (In a field there is Zeeman splitting) Hence each (L,S) state is (2L+1)(2S+1) times degenerate.



*Example*: <sup>3</sup>D 'triplet D' means S = 1, L = 2, total degeneracy  $3 \times 5 = 15$ 

The energy splitting of the terms is of order 1 eV. In spectroscopy the energy unit cm<sup>-1</sup> is often used; Useful energy conversions are 1 eV = 11605 K and  $1 \text{ cm}^{-1} = 1.44 \text{ K}$  (E = p<sup>2</sup>/2m<sub>a</sub> p = h/ $\lambda$ )

#### 4.3 Addition of angular momenta

Consider two angular momenta  $\mathbf{j}_1$  and  $\mathbf{j}_2$  with eigenstates  $|j_1, m_1\rangle$  and  $|j_2, m_2\rangle$ i.e.  $\mathbf{j}_1^2 |j_1, m_1\rangle = j_1(j_1+1) \hbar^2 |j_1, m_1\rangle$   $\mathbf{j}_{1z} |j_1, m_1\rangle = m_1 \hbar |j_1, m_1\rangle$   $[2j_1 + 1 \text{ of them}]$   $\mathbf{j}_2^2 |j_2, m_2\rangle = j_2(j_2+1) \hbar^2 |j_2, m_2\rangle$   $\mathbf{j}_{2z} |j_2, m_2\rangle = m_2 \hbar |j_2, m_2\rangle$ .  $[2j_2 + 1 \text{ of them}]$ The eigenstates of  $\mathbf{j} = (\mathbf{j}_1 + \mathbf{j}_2)$  are  $|j_1, m_1\rangle |j_2, m_2\rangle$  denoted as  $|j_1, j_2, m_1, m_2\rangle$ Now  $-j_1 \le m_1 \le j_1$  and  $-j_2 \le m_2 \le j_2$  so the space spanned by the states  $|j_1, j_2, m_1, m_2\rangle$  has dimension  $(2j_1 + 1) (2j_2 + 1)$  and the eigenstates of  $\mathbf{j}^2$  and  $\mathbf{j}_2$  are  $|j_1, j_2, j, m\rangle$  with  $|j_1 - j_2| \le j \le |j_1 + j_2|$ (*Triangle rule*)

When several electrons are present on the same atom, *at most two of them, with opposite spin, can occupy the same orbita*l (Pauli principle).

Their spin and orbital angular momenta each add to give resultants consistent with the Pauli principle

 $\mathbf{S} = \Sigma \mathbf{s}_{i},$   $\mathbf{L} = \Sigma \mathbf{l}_{i}.$  Apply triangle rule, subject to constraint of Pauli principle  $\mathbf{S}_{z} = \Sigma \mathbf{s}_{zi},$   $\mathbf{L}_{z} = \Sigma \mathbf{l}_{zi}.$  The z-components just add up.

*Example*: Consider a 6-electron atom (carbon). Configuration 1s<sup>2</sup>2s<sup>2</sup>2p<sup>2</sup>

The two s-shells are filled, and they have no net angular momentum. The *p*-electrons have l = 1,  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{I}_1 + \mathbf{I}_2$  Hence  $|I_1 - I_2| \le L \le |I_1 + I_2|$ ;  $0 \le L \le 2$ , L = 0, 1, 2Also  $s = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_2$  Hence  $|s_1 - s_2| \le S \le |s_1 + s_2|$ ;  $0 \le S \le 1$ , S = 0, 1

Not all combinations are possible ! There are 15 allowed states, belonging to three terms.



#### The case of Carbon; $1s^22s^22p^6$

$M_s \setminus M_l$	-2	-1	0	1	2
-1	-	1	1	1	-
0	1	2	3	2	1
1	-	1	1	1	-



3**P** 

 $^{1}\mathsf{D}$ 

 $^{1}S$ 

Another way of stating the Pauli principle is that the *total wavefunction must be antisymmetric when two electrons are interchanged*.  $\psi_{\text{total}}^2(1,2) = \psi_{\text{total}}^2(2,1)$  $\psi_{\text{total}}(1,2) = \pm \psi_{\text{total}}(2,1)$ 

The spin of the two *p*-electrons can be S = 0 (spin singlet) or S = 1 (spin triplet)

S = 0, M<sub>s</sub> = 0  $\psi_{spin} = [|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle]/\sqrt{2}$  antisymmetric  $\psi_{spin}(1,2) = -\psi_{spin}(2,1)$ 

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$$\begin{split} \mathbf{S} &= \mathbf{1}, \, \mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{s}} = \mathbf{1} \qquad \psi_{\mathrm{spin}} = |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \\ \mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{s}} &= \mathbf{0} \qquad \psi_{\mathrm{spin}} = [|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle]/\sqrt{2} \qquad \mathrm{symmetrie} \\ \mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{s}} &= -\mathbf{1} \qquad \psi_{\mathrm{spin}} = |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \end{split}$$

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$$\psi_{spin}(1,2) = + \psi_{spin}(2,1)$$

- SPIN Antisymmetric when S = 0Symmetric when S = 1
- ORBIT Antisymmetric when L = 1, 3, 5 ..... Symmetric when L = 0, 2, 4, 6 .....

The total wavefunction must be antisymmetric,

 $\psi_{\text{total}} = \psi_{\text{spin}} \psi_{\text{orbit}}$ 

### 4.3.1 Spin-orbit coupling

Spin-orbit coupling is a relativistic effect, represented by an extra term in the Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_{so}$ 

It can be regarded as the interaction between the spin moment of the electron and a magnetic field  $B_{orb}$  created by the relative orbital motion of the nucleus.

$$\mathcal{H}_{so} = -\boldsymbol{m}.\boldsymbol{B}_{orb} = -\mu_{B}.\boldsymbol{B}_{orb}$$

The field due to a current loop is  $B = \mu_0 I/2r$  where  $I = \text{Ze}v/2\pi r$  (p.49)

$$B_{orb} = \mu_0 Zev/4\pi r^2. \quad E_{so} = -\mu_0 \mu_B Zev/4\pi r^2.$$
  
Also  $l = m_e vr \approx \hbar$ .  $E_{so} = -\mu_0 \mu_B Ze\hbar/4\pi m_e r^3$ 

Since  $r \approx a_0/Z$  in the hydrogenic atom  $E_{so} = -\mu_0 \mu_B^2 Z^4/2\pi a_o^3$ The interaction varies approximately as Z<sup>4</sup> for the innermost electrons. It is most important for heavy elements.

The interaction is usually written in terms of the orbital moment as

 $\mathcal{H}_{so} = -\lambda l.s$  where the spin-orbit coupling constant  $\lambda$  has units of J/ $\hbar^2$ In the presence of the spin-orbit interaction, m<sub>1</sub> and m<sub>s</sub> are no longer good quantum numbers, though spherical symmetry is retained so *l* and *s* are still good. *l* and *s* couple to form the total angular momentum *j*.  $j = l \pm s = l \pm \frac{1}{2}$  *l*, *s*, *j*, *m<sub>i</sub>*  In multi-electron atoms the spin-orbit interaction is

 $\mathcal{H}_{so} = -\Lambda L.S$ 

We can therefore have a *multiplet* of states with different J values issuing from a given (L,S) term.

 $L\text{ - }S \leq \ J \ \leq L + S$ 

General notation for multiplets is



 $\Lambda$  is +ve for the first half of the 3*d* or 4*f* series and -ve for the second half. It becomes large in heavy elements.  $\Lambda$  is related to the one-electron spin-orbit coupling constant  $\lambda$  by  $\Lambda = \pm \lambda/2S$  for the first and second halves of the series.

The identity  $J^2 = L^2 + S^2 + 2 L.S$  is used to evaluate  $\mathcal{H}_{so}$ . The eigenvalues of  $J^2$  are  $J(J + 1)\hbar^2$  etc, hence L.S can be calculated



Addition of L and S in the vector model

Spin-orbit coupling constants

n the 3d and 4f series n Kelvin			5	4f <sup>1</sup>	Ce <sup>3+</sup>	920
n nen				<b>4f</b> <sup>2</sup>	Pr <sup>3+</sup>	540
	ion	Λ		4f <sup>3</sup>	Nd <sup>3+</sup>	430
<b>3d</b> <sup>1</sup>	Ti <sup>3+</sup>	229		<b>4f</b> <sup>5</sup>	Sm <sup>3+</sup>	350
<b>3d</b> <sup>2</sup>	V <sup>3+</sup>	153		<b>4f<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>Tb</b> <sup>3+</sup>	-410
<b>3d</b> <sup>3</sup>	Cr <sup>3+</sup>	131		<b>4f</b> <sup>9</sup>	<b>D</b> y <sup>3+</sup>	-550
<b>3d</b> <sup>4</sup>	Mn <sup>3+</sup>	125		<b>4f<sup>10</sup></b>	H0 <sup>3+</sup>	-780
3d <sup>6</sup>	Fe <sup>2+</sup>	-164		<b>4f</b> <sup>11</sup>	Er <sup>3+</sup>	-1170
3d <sup>7</sup>	Co <sup>2+</sup>	-272		<b>4f</b> <sup>12</sup>	Tm <sup>3+</sup>	-1900
3d <sup>8</sup>	Ni <sup>2+</sup>	-494		4f <sup>13</sup>	Yb <sup>3+</sup>	-4140

in

In

### 4.3.2 Atomic multiplets, Hunds rules, examples

For a given electronic configuration, we have a series of terms, split by energies of order 1 eV and term each is split by a lesser amount into a series of J multiplets by spin-orbit coupling. *Question:* So how do we find the lowest-energy state of the atom? This is normally the only state that is populated at room-temperature, and the only one of interest in magnetism

Answer: Use Hund's rules: These are an empirical prescription deduced from study of optical spectra which gives the lowest energy multiplet <sup>2S+1</sup>L<sub>J</sub>

- i) → First maximize S for the configuration
- ii)  $\longrightarrow$  Then maximize L, consistent with that value of S
- iii) Finally, couple L and S; J = L S if shell is < half-full; J = L + S if shell is > half-full.

In the example of the six-electron carbon atom;  $1s^22s^22p^2$ ,

- i) S = 1
- ii) L = 1
- iii) J = 0 since the shell is less than half-full

The ground state of our carbon atom is  ${}^{3}P_{0}$ , which is nonmagnetic ! (J = 0).



79 out of the 103 first elements range magnetic as free atoms Moments  $<< Z\mu_B$ 

# 4.3.3 Examples

Fe<sup>3+</sup>  $3d^5$ 



S = 5/2 L = 0 J = 5/2

<sup>6</sup>S<sub>5/2</sub>

# Note: Maximizing S is equivalent to maximizing $M_s = \Sigma m_{si}$ , since $M_s \leq S$ Same for L



### *Note*: Maximizing L is equivalent to maximizing $M_L = \Sigma m_l$ , since $M_L \le L$

Ni<sup>2+</sup>  $3d^8$ S = 1 L = 3 J = 4



















Variation of L and S for the 3*d* and 4*f* series of atoms



#### 4.4 Zeeman Splitting

The magnetic moment of an ion is represented by the expression  $m = -(L + 2S)\mu_B/\hbar$ 

The Zeeman Hamiltonian for the magnetic moment in a field **B** applied along  $\mathbf{e}_z$  is  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{Zeeman}} = -\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{B}$ 

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{Zeeman}} = (\mu_{\text{B}}/\hbar)(\boldsymbol{L}_{z} + 2\boldsymbol{S}_{z})\boldsymbol{B}$$

For a particular J-multiplet. the matrix elements of L + 2S are proportional to those of J (Wigner Eckart theorem)

 $\langle LSJM_J | L + 2S | LSJM_J \rangle = g_J \langle LSJM_J | J | LSJM_J \rangle$  g<sub>J</sub> is the Landé g-factor



#### 4.4.1 Landé g-factor

The vector model of the atom, including magnetic moments. First project m onto J. J then precesses around z.

The g-factor for the atom or ion is the ratio of the component of magnetic moment along J in units of  $\mu_B$  to the magnitude of the angular momentum in units of  $\hbar$ . From the W-E theorem,

$$g_J J = (L + 2S)$$
 Take scalar product with  $J$   
 $g_J J^2 = -\hbar m.J/\mu_B$   
 $g_J = -(m.J/\mu_B)/(J^2/\hbar) = -m.J(\hbar/\mu_B)/[(J(J + 1))]$ 

but  

$$m.J = -(\mu_{\rm B}/\hbar)\{(L+2S).(L+S)\} \qquad J^2 = J(J+1)\hbar^2; \qquad J_z = M_J\hbar + (\mu_{\rm B}/\hbar)\{(L^2+3L.S+2S^2)\} -(\mu_{\rm B}/\hbar)\{(L^2+2S^2+(3/2)(J^2-L^2-S^2)\} \text{ since } J^2 = (L+S)^2 = L^2+S^2+2LS + (\mu_{\rm B}/\hbar)\{((3/2)J^2-(1/2)L^2+(1/2)S^2)\} -(\mu_{\rm B}/\hbar)\{((3/2)J(J+1)-(1/2)L(L+1)+(1/2)S(S+1))\}$$

hence

 $g_J = 3/2 + {S(S+1) - L(L+1)}/{2J(J+1)}$  Check;  $g_S = 2$ ,  $g_L = 1$ 

$$m = -(L+2S)\mu_{\rm B}/\hbar$$



Also, from the vector diagram it follows that  $m_z/J_z = m.J/J^2 = -g_J(\mu_B/\hbar)$ . The magnetic Zeeman energy is  $E_Z = -m_z B$ ,  $J_z = M_J \hbar$ 

Hence

 $E_Z = g_J \mu_B M_J B$ 



The effect of applying a magnetic field on an ion with J = 2

Note the magnitudes of the energies involved: If g = 2.  $\mu_B = 9.27 \ 10^{-24} \text{ J} \text{ T}^{-1}$ . The splitting of any two adjacent energy levels is  $g_J \mu_B B$ . For B = 1 T, this is only  $\approx 2 \ 10^{-23}$  J, equivalent to 1.4 K. [ $k_P = 1.38 \ 10^{-23} \text{ J} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ]

The basis of *electron spin resonance* is to apply a magnetic field to split the energy levels, and then apply radiation of frequency v so that E = hv is sufficient to induce transitions between the Zeeman levels. Since  $h = 6.63 \ 10^{-34} \text{ J s}^{-1}$ ,  $v \approx 28 \text{ GHz}$  for resonance in 1 T. This is in the microwave range.

Note: It is possible to deduce the total moment from the susceptibility, which gives  $m_{\text{eff}} = g\sqrt{[J(J+1)]\mu_B}$  for free ions (see § 5.2.2). The maximum value of  $m_z = gJ\mu_B$  is deduced from the low-temperature saturation magnetization. Generally  $m_{\text{eff}} > m_z$ 



### 4.5 Ions in Solids

Summarizing, for *free* ions;

- Filled electronic shells are not magnetic (the spins are paired;  $m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ , the orbitals are full)
- Only partly-filled shells may possess a magnetic moment
- The magnetic moment is given by  $m = g_J \mu_B J$ , where J represents the total angular momentum in units of  $\hbar$ . For a given configuration the values of S, L & J in the ground state are given by Hund's rules and  $g_i$  is calculated

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When the ion is embedded in a *solid*, the crystal field interaction is important. This is the electrostatic Coulomb interaction of an ion with its surroundings.

The third point is modified:

- Orbital angular momentum for 3*d* ions is *quenched*. L = 0 and the spin-only moment is  $\mathbf{m} \approx g\mu_B \mathbf{S}$ , with g = 2.
- The 4*f* ions do behave like free ions, and J is the good quantum number, as above.
- Magnetocrystalline anisotropy appears, making certain crystallographic axes easy directions of magnetization.

The Hamiltonian is now

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_{so} + \mathcal{H}_{cf} + \mathcal{H}_Z$$

Typical magnitudes of energy terms (in K)

	$\mathcal{H}_{0}$	$\mathcal{H}_{ m so}$	$\mathcal{H}_{ m cf}$	$\mathcal{H}_{\mathrm{Z}}$ in 1 T
3 <i>d</i>	<b>1 - 5 10</b> <sup>4</sup>	$10^2 - 10^3$	104	1
<b>4</b> f	1 - 6 10 <sup>5</sup>	1 - 5 10 <sup>3</sup>	≈3 10 <sup>2</sup>	1

 $\mathcal{H}_{so}$  must be considered before  $\mathcal{H}_{cf}$  for 4*f* ions, and the converse for 3*d* ions.

- For 4*f* ions in solids J is the good quantum number, but for 3*d* ions S is the good quantum number
- The 4*f* electrons are generally localized, and 3*d* electrons are localized in oxides and other ionic compounds, but they are delocalized in metals.



Unpaired electrons

As metallic atoms or ions the transition metals occupy one third of the volume of the rare earths.

### Oxides

Oxides are usually insulating. Structures are based on dense-packed O<sup>2-</sup> arrays, with cations in interstitial sites.

 $r_{\rm O} = 140 \, {\rm pm}$ 



Octahedral and tetrahedral sites are common in transition metal oxides and other compounds.

Both have *cubic* symmetry if undistorted

$$R_{oct} = (\sqrt{2} - 1)r_0 = 58 \text{ pm}$$
  $R_{tet} = (\sqrt{3/2} - 1)r_0 = 32 \text{ pm}$ 

#### Cation radii in oxides:

4-fold tetrahedral	pm	6-fold octahedral	pm	6-fold octahedral	pm	12-fold substitutional	pm
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	53	Cr <sup>4+</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup>	55	Ti <sup>3+</sup> <mark>3d</mark> 1	67	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	134
Zn <sup>2+</sup>	60	Mn <sup>4+</sup> 3d <sup>3</sup>	53	V <sup>3+</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup>	64	Sr <sup>2+</sup>	144
Al <sup>3+</sup>	42			Cr <sup>3+</sup> 3d <sup>3</sup>	62	Ba <sup>2+</sup>	161
Fe <sup>3+</sup> 3d <sup>5</sup>	52	Mn <sup>2+</sup> 3d <sup>5</sup>	83	Mn <sup>3+</sup> 3d <sup>4</sup>	65	Pb <sup>2+</sup>	149
Si <sup>4</sup> -	34	Fe <sup>2+</sup> 3d <sup>6</sup>	78	Fe <sup>3+</sup> 3d <sup>5</sup>	64	Y <sup>3+</sup>	119
		Co <sup>2+</sup> 3d <sup>7</sup>	75	Co <sup>3+</sup> 3d <sup>6</sup>	61	La <sup>3+</sup>	136
		Ni <sup>2+</sup> 3d <sup>8</sup>	69	Ni <sup>3+</sup> 3d <sup>7</sup>	60	Gd <sup>3+</sup>	122

The radius of the O<sup>2-</sup> anion is 140 pm



Octahedral and tetrahedral sites.

To demonstrate quenching of orbital angular momentum, consider the 2*p* states  $\psi^0$ ,  $\psi^1$ ,  $\psi^{-1}$  corresponding to l = 1,  $m_l = 0$ ,  $\pm 1$ .

$$\begin{array}{lll} \psi^0 & = & R(r)\cos\theta \\ \psi^{\pm 1} & = & R(r)\sin\theta\exp\left\{\pm\iota\phi\right\} \end{array}$$



The functions are eigenstates in the central potential V (r) but they are not eigenstates of  $H_{cf}$ . Suppose the oxygens • can be represented by point charges q at their centres, then for the octahedron,  $\mathcal{H}_{cf} = V_{cf} = D(x^4 + y^4 + z^4 - 3y^2z^2 - 3z^2x^2 - 3x^2y^2)$ 

where  $D \approx eq/4\pi\epsilon_0 a^6$ . But  $\psi^{\pm 1}$  are *not* eigenfunctions of  $V_{cf}$ , e.g.  $\int \psi_i^* V_{cf} \psi_j dv \neq \delta_{ij}$ , where i, j = -1, 0, 1. We seek linear combinations that are eigenfunctions, namely





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The 2*p* eigenfunctions are degenerate in an undistorted cubic environment

$\Psi^0$	=	$R(r) \cos \theta$	$= zR(r) = p_z$
$(1/\sqrt{2})(\psi^1 + \psi^{-1})$	)=	R' (r) $\sin\theta\cos\phi$	= yR(r) $=$ p <sub>x</sub>
$(1/\sqrt{2})(\psi^1 - \psi^{-1})$	) =	R' (r)sin	= xR(r) $=$ p <sub>y</sub>

 $p_x \ p_y \ p_z$ 

Note that the z-component of angular momentum;  $l_z = i \hbar/\partial \phi$  is zero for these wavefunctions. Hence the orbital angular momentum is quenched.

The same is true of the 3d eigenfunctions, which are



#### The 3*d* eigenfunctions split into a set of three and a set of two in an undistorted cubic environment

Notation; a or b denote a nondegenerate single-electron orbital, e a twofold degenerate orbital and t a threefold degenerate orbital. Capital letters refer to multi-electron states. a, A are nondegenerate and symmetric with respect to the principal axis of symmetry (the sign of the wavefunction is unchanged), b. B are antisymmetric with respect to the principal axis (the sign of the wavefunction is symmetric symmetric). Subscripts g and u indicate whether the wavefunction is symmetric.

#### Orbitals in the crystal field



If the site is distorted, the degeneracy of the one-electron energy levels is raised. For example, a tetragonal extension of the octahedron along the z-axis will lower  $p_z$  and raise  $p_x$  and  $p_y$ . The effect on the *d*-states is shown below. The degeneracy of the d-levels in different symmetry is shown in the table.



The effect of a tetragonal distortion ot octahedral symmetry on the one-electron energy levels.

The splitting of the 1-electron levels in different symmetry



•A system with a single electron (or hole) in a degenerate level will tend to distort spontaneously. The effect is particularly strong d<sup>4</sup> and d<sup>9</sup> ions in octahedral symmetry (Mn<sup>3+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>) which can lower their energy by distorting the crystal environment. This is the Jahn-Teller effect. If the local strain is  $\varepsilon$ , the energy change  $\Delta E = -A\varepsilon + B\varepsilon^2$ , where the first term is the crystal-field stabilization energy and the second term is the increased elastic energy.

## 5. Paramagnetism

In small fields, the average atomic moment is *proportional* to applied magnetic field. The paramagnetic susceptibility  $\chi = M/H$  is positive. It follows a Curie-law  $\chi = C/T$ , which is calculated using either classical or quantum statistical mechanics.



## 5.1 Classical limit; Langevin theory

We study the response of a magnetic moment m to an applied magnetic field H. Each particle has a small moment m. which can adopt any orientation relative to the applied field  $B = \mu_0 H$ . The energy is  $-m \cdot B$ 

 $E(\theta) = -\boldsymbol{m}\,\mu_0 H \cos\theta$ 

The probability  $P(\theta)$  of the moment making an angle  $\theta$  with z is the product of a Boltzmann factor  $\exp\{-E(\theta)/k_BT\}$  and a geometric factor  $2\pi \sin\theta d\theta$ .

Hence 
$$P(\theta) d\theta = \kappa 2\pi \sin\theta \exp\{-E(\theta)/k_BT\} d\theta$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$  is determined by the normalization condition

 $\kappa = \int_0^{\pi} P(\theta) d\theta = N$ , the number of moments per unit volume.

$$\langle \boldsymbol{m}_{z} \rangle = \int_{0}^{\pi} \boldsymbol{m} \cos\theta P(\theta) d\theta / \int_{0}^{\pi} P(\theta) d\theta$$



To evaluate the integrals, let  $a = \cos \theta$ ;  $da = -\sin \theta d\theta$  and define  $x = -m\mu_0 H / k_B T$  which is the dimensionless ratio of magnetic to thermal energy.

$$\int_0^{\pi} P(\theta) d\theta = \int_0^{\pi} \kappa 2\pi \sin\theta \exp\left[-E(\theta)/k_B T\right] d\theta = -\kappa 2\pi \int_1^{-1} \exp[ax] da$$
$$= \kappa 2\pi \Big|_1^{-1} (1/x) \exp[ax] = \kappa 2\pi (1/x) \left\{ \exp[-x] - \exp[x] \right\}$$

$$\int_{0}^{\pi} m \cos\theta P(\theta) d\theta = -\kappa 2\pi m \int_{1}^{-1} a \exp[ax] da$$

$$= \kappa 2\pi m \left\{ \Big|_{1}^{-1} (a/x) \exp[ax] - \int_{1}^{-1} (1/x) \exp[ax] da \right\}$$

$$= \kappa 2\pi m \left\{ \Big|_{1}^{-1} (a/x) \exp[ax] + \Big|_{1}^{-1} (1/x)^{2} \exp[ax] \right\}$$

$$= \kappa 2\pi m (1/x) \left\{ -\{\exp[-x] + \exp[x]\} + (1/x)[\{\exp[-x] - \exp[x]\}\} \right\}$$

$$\left< m_{z} \right> = m \left\{ -\{\exp[-x] + \exp[x]\} / \{\exp[-x] - \exp[x]\} - (1/x) \right\}$$

$$\left< m_{z} \right> = m \left\{ \coth x - (1/x) \right\} = m \mathcal{L}(x);$$

 $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{coth} \mathbf{x} - 1/\mathbf{x}$  is the Langevin function
At low fields,  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \mathbf{x}/3$ .

The susceptibility of an ensemble of N moments is  $\chi = N < m > /H$ ,

 $\chi = \mu_0 N m^2 / 3 k_B T$ 

This is the *Curie law* it is also written as  $\chi = C/T$  where  $C = \mu_0 N m^2/3k_B$  is the Curie constant. Units of C are kelvin. At high fields, x >> 1 the magnetization saturates;  $L(x) \rightarrow 1$ ; the moments are aligned,  $\langle m \rangle = m$   $\langle m \rangle /m$ 



Langevin theory is applied to tiny ferromagnetic nanoparticles whose direction  $m\mu_0 H/k_B T$  of magnetization is randomized by thermal excitation (superparamagnetism).

## 5.1.1 Ferrofluids

These are colloidal suspensions of superparamagnetic particles,



Energy barrier

Criterion for superparamagnetism:  $KV < 25k_BT$  Particle size  $\leq 15$  nm.

*Applications:* Ferrofluids are used for hypothermia, and for rotation seals in high-vacuum systems.. Functionalized superparamagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles are used for magnetic separation of biological species,







# 5.2 Quantum theory.

5.2.1 S =  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

The extreme quantum limit is the case  $J = \frac{1}{2}$ .

This arises when  $S = \frac{1}{2}$ , L = 0There are only two energy levels  $E_i = -\mu_0 g \mu_B M_S H$ , where  $M_S = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ .  $M_s$  $\mu_0 g \mu_B H$  $\mu_0 H$ 

Two possible orientations of the moment of the ion relative to the applied field. Moments of the two states are  $m_i = g\mu_B M_S$ . The states are also known as 'spin moment up' ( $\uparrow$ ) and 'spin moment down' ( $\downarrow$ ).

A single, localized electron has  $s = \frac{1}{2}$  and g = 2. The spin angular momentum is  $s = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ . Eigenvalues of  $s_z$  are  $\pm \frac{\hbar}{2}$  so  $m_i = \pm \mu_B$  The electrons have only two eigenstates, 'spin up'  $(\uparrow, m_s = -\frac{1}{2})$  and 'spin down'  $(\downarrow, m_s = \frac{1}{2})$ , which correspond to two possible orientations of the spin moment relative to the applied field. The population of an energy level is given by Boltzmann statistics; it is proportional to  $\exp\{-E_i/k_BT\}$ . The thermodynamic average  $\langle m \rangle$  is evaluated from these Boltzmann populations.

$$\langle \boldsymbol{m}_{z} \rangle = \sum_{i} m_{i} \exp\{-E_{i}/k_{B}T\} / \sum_{i} \exp\{-E_{i}/k_{B}T\}$$
  
$$\langle \boldsymbol{m}_{z} \rangle = [(1/2)g\mu_{B}\exp(x) - (1/2)g\mu_{B}\exp(-x)] / [\exp(x) + \exp(-x)]$$
  
$$\langle \boldsymbol{m}_{z} \rangle = m \tanh(x) \quad \text{where } x = -\mu_{0}\mu_{B}H / k_{B}T; \quad \boldsymbol{m} = g\mu_{B}s = \mu_{B}$$
  
In small fields,  $\tanh(x) \approx x$ , hence the susceptibility  $\chi = N\langle \boldsymbol{m} \rangle / H$   
$$\chi = \mu_{0}N\mu_{B}^{2}/k_{B}T$$

This is again the famous *Curie law* for the susceptibility, which varies as  $T^{-1}$ .

In other terms  $\chi = C/T$ , where now  $C = \mu_0 N \mu_B^2 / k_B$  is a constant with dimensions of temperature; Assuming an electron density *N* of 6 10<sup>28</sup> m<sup>-3</sup> gives  $C \approx 0.5$  K. The Curie law susceptibility at room temperature is of order 10<sup>-3</sup>.

At low fields,  $tanh(x) \approx x$ 

The Curie law is  $\chi = C/T$ where  $C = \mu_0 N \mu_B^2 / k_B$ ,

Plotting  $1/\chi$  vs *T* gives 1/C

At high fields,  $tanh(x) \rightarrow 1$ .

The magnetization saturates Moments are then fully aligned

 $\langle \boldsymbol{m}_{z} \rangle = 1 \ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{B}$ 



Many 'two-level systems' in physics are treated by assigning them a 'pseudospin'  $s = \frac{1}{2}$ .

#### 5.2.2 General case

The general quantum case was treated by *Brillouin*; *m* is  $g_J \mu_B J$ , and *x* is defined as  $x = m \mu_0 H/k_B T$ . There are 2J + 1 energy levels  $E_i = -g_J \mu_B M_J \mu_0 H$ , with moment  $m_i = g_J \mu_B M_J$  where  $M_J = J$ , *J*-1, *J*-2, ... -*J*. The sums over the energy levels include 2J + 1 terms.

The population of an energy level is given by Boltzmann statistics; it is proportional to  $\exp\{-E_i/k_BT\}$ . The thermodynamic average  $\langle m \rangle$  is evaluated from the Boltzmann populations of the levels  $E_i$ .

$$\langle \boldsymbol{m}_{z} \rangle = \sum_{i} m_{i} \exp\{-E_{i}/k_{B}T\} / \sum_{i} \exp\{-E_{i}/k_{B}T\}$$

The normalization factor in the denominator is the partition function Z.

*a)* Susceptibility To calculate the susceptibility, we take  $x \ll 1$ , because the susceptibility is defined as the linear response in small fields. We expand exponentials  $\exp(x) \approx 1 + x + ...$ ,

$$\langle \boldsymbol{m}_{z} \rangle = \sum_{J} g_{J} \mu_{B} M_{J} (1 + g \mu_{B} M_{J} \mu_{0} H/k_{B} T) / \sum_{J} (1 + g \mu_{B} M_{J} \mu_{0} H/k_{B} T)$$

Recall  $\sum_{J} I = 2J + 1;$   $\sum_{J} M_J = 0;$   $\sum_{J} M_J^2 = J(J + 1)(2J + 1)/3$ 

3/2

-1/2 -3/2 -5/2

J = 5/2

Hence  $\langle m_z \rangle = g^2 \mu_B^2 B J (J+1) (2J+1) / 3 (2J+1) k_B T$ 

The susceptibility is N < m > /H, where N is the number of atoms/m<sup>3</sup>.

 $\chi = \mu_0 N g^2 \mu_B^2 J (J+1)/3k_B T$ 

This is the general form of the Curie law.

It can again be written  $\chi_r = C/T$  where the *Curie constant* 

 $C = \mu_0 N g^2 \mu_B^2 J (J+1)/3 k_B$ or C =  $\mu_0 N m_{eff}^2/3 k_B$  where  $m_{eff} = g \mu_B \sqrt{[J(J+1)]}$ .



A typical value of C for J = 1,  $N = 8.10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3}$  is 3.5 K.

Note that the previous results for S = 1/2 are obtained for J = 1/2. The classical limit  $J \rightarrow \infty$  ( $m = g\mu_B J$ ) gives

$$\chi = \mu_0 N m^2 / 3k_B T$$
QM  $\rightarrow$  CM

Correspondence principle for large quantum numbers

	lon 3	lon 3d		L	S	J	g	m <sub>eff</sub> = g	$g\sqrt{J(J+1)}$	$m_s = 2\sqrt{S(S+1)}$	m <sub>eff</sub> *
							0	(1	ı <sub>B</sub> )	$(m_B)$	$(m_B)$
	Ti <sup>2+</sup> , V <sup>4+</sup> (3d <sup>1</sup> )		<sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	2	1/2	3/2	4/5	1.	549	1.73	1.7
	Ti <sup>2+</sup> , V <sup>3+</sup>	(3d <sup>2</sup> )	<sup>3</sup> F <sub>2</sub>	3	1	2	2/3	1.	633	2.83	2.8
	$V^{2+}, Cr^{3+}$	(3d <sup>3</sup> )	<sup>4</sup> F <sub>3/2</sub>	3	3/2	3/2	2/5	0.	775	3.87	3.8
	$Cr^{2+}$ , $Mn^{3}$	+ (3d <sup>4</sup> )	°D <sub>0</sub>	2	2	0	-		-	4.90	4.9
	Mn <sup>2+</sup> , Fe <sup>°</sup>	'⁺(3d°)	°S <sub>5/2</sub>	0	5/2	5/2	2	5.	916	5.92	5.9
	$Fe^{2+}, Co^{3+}(3d^{\circ}) \xrightarrow{5}D_{4}$		<sup>°</sup> D <sub>4</sub>	2	2	4	3/2	6.708		4.90	5.4
	Co <sup>2+</sup> , Ni <sup>3+</sup>	(3d')	⁺F <sub>9/2</sub>	3	3/2	9/2	4/3	6.	633	3.87	4.8
	Ni <sup>2+</sup>	(3d°)	°F4	3	1	4	5/4	5.	590	2.83	3.2
	Cu <sup>2</sup>	(3d°)	<sup>2</sup> D <sub>5/2</sub>	2	1/2	5/2	6/5	3.	550	1.73	1.9
lon 4f		25+	<sup>.1</sup> L <sub>J</sub>	Г	S	J		g	m <sub>0</sub> =gJ	m <sub>eff</sub> =g√(J(J+1)	m <sub>eff</sub>
									(µ <sub>B</sub> )	(µ <sub>B</sub> )	(µ <sub>B</sub> )
Ce	e <sup>3+</sup> (4f <sup>1</sup> )	<sup>2</sup> F <sub>5/2</sub>		3	1/2	5/2		6/7	2.14	2.54	2.5
P <sup>3</sup>	+ (4f <sup>2</sup> )	<sup>3</sup> H <sub>4</sub>		5	1	4		4/5	3.20	3.58	3.5
No	<sup>3+</sup> (4f <sup>3</sup> )	<sup>4</sup>   <sub>9/2</sub>		6	3/2	9/2		8/11	3.27	3.62	3.4
Pm <sup>3+</sup> (4f <sup>4</sup> )		5  <sub>4</sub>		6	2	4		3/5	2.40	2.68	-
Sm <sup>3+</sup> (4f <sup>5</sup> )		<sup>6</sup> H <sub>5/2</sub>		5	5/2	5/2		2/7	0.71	0.85	1.7
Ει	1 <sup>3+</sup> (4f <sup>6</sup> )	<sup>7</sup> F <sub>0</sub>		3	3	0		-	0.00	0.00	3.4
Go	d <sup>3+</sup> (4f <sup>7</sup> )	<sup>8</sup> S <sub>7/2</sub>		0	7/2	7/2		2	7.00	7.94	8.9
Τb	o <sup>3+</sup> (4f <sup>8</sup> )	<sup>7</sup> F <sub>6</sub>		3	3	6		3/2	9.00	9.72	9.8
Dy	<sup>/3+</sup> (4f <sup>9</sup> )	<sup>6</sup> H <sub>15/2</sub>		5	5/2	15/2		4/3	10.00	10.65	10.6
Нс	o <sup>3+</sup> (4f <sup>10</sup> )	5  <sub>8</sub>		6	2	8		5/4	10.00	10.61	10.4
Er	<sup>3+</sup> (4f <sup>11</sup> )	4  <sub>15/2</sub>		6	3/2	15/2		6/5	9.00	9.58	9.5
Tm <sup>3+</sup> (4f <sup>12</sup> )		3	H <sub>6</sub>	5	1	6		7/6	7.00	7.56	7.6
Yb <sup>3+</sup> (4f <sup>13</sup> )		<sup>2</sup> F	7/2	3	1/2	7/2		8/7	4.00	4.53	4.5

#### b) Magnetization

To calculate the complete magnetization curve, set  $y = g\mu_B\mu_0 H/k_B T$ , then

$$\langle \mathbf{m}_{z} \rangle = g\mu_{B} \partial/\partial y [\ln \Sigma_{J}^{J} \exp\{M_{J}y\}]$$
 [d(ln z)/dy = (1/z) dz/dy]  
The sum over the energy levels must be evaluated; it can be written as  

$$\exp(Jy) \{1 + r + r^{2} + \dots + r^{2}\}$$
 where  $r = \exp\{-y\}$   
The sum of a geometric progression  $(1 + r + r^{2} + \dots + r^{n}) = (r^{n+1} - 1)/(r - 1)$   

$$\therefore \Sigma_{J}^{J} \exp\{M_{J}y\} = (\exp\{-(2J+1)y\} - 1)\exp\{Jy\}/(\exp\{-y\} - 1)$$
multiply top and bottom by  $\exp\{y/2\}$   

$$= [\sinh(2J+1)y/2]/[\sinh y/2]$$
  

$$= g\mu_{B}/2 \{(2J+1)\coth(2J+1)y/2 - \coth y/2\}$$
setting x = Jy, we obtain  

$$\langle \mathbf{m}_{z} \rangle = \mathbf{m} \mathcal{B}_{J}(x)$$
where the Brillouin function  

$$\mathcal{B}_{J}(x) = \{(2J+1)/2J\} \coth(2J+1)x/2J - (1/2J) \coth(x/2J)$$
.  
This reduces to  $\langle \mathbf{m}_{z} \rangle = \mu_{B} \tanh(x)$  the limit  $J = 1/2, g = 2$ .  

$$(D - 2 - 4 - 6 - 8 - x)$$



Reduced magnetization curves for three paramagnetic salts, with Brillouin-theory predictions

The quantum theory of localized magnetism gives a good account of magnetically-dilute 3d and 4f salts where the magnetic moments do not interact with each other. Except in large fields or very low temperatures, the M(H) response is linear. Fields > 100 T would be needed to approach saturation at room temperature.

The excellence of the theory is illustrated by the fact that data for quite different temperatures superpose on a single Brillouin curve plotted as a function of  $x \approx H/T$ 





## 6. Ferromagnetism

An ordered ferromagnetic state forms when the atomic moments in a solid align spontaneously below the Curie temperature. It was originally explained by a huge fictitious internal magnetic field, but Heisenberg showed that the Coulomb interaction between electrons of adjacent atoms creates magnetic 'exchange interaction' between them. The ferromagnetic hysteresis loop is governed by magnetic dipole interactions, which lead to a ground state in ferromagnetic domains. The characteristic features of ferromagnetic order are spontaneous magnetization  $M_s$  due to spontaneous alignment of the atomic magnetic moments, which disappears on heating above a critical temperature known as the *Curie point*. The magnetization tends to lie along certain *easy directions* determined by crystal structure or sample shape.

## 6.1 Mean field theory

Weiss (1907) supposed that in addition to any externally applied field H, there is an internal 'molecular' field in a ferromagnet proportional to its magnetization.

$$H^{i} = n_{W}M$$

 $H^{i}$  must be immense in a ferromagnet like iron to be able to induce a significant fraction of saturation at room temperature;  $n_{W} \approx 10$  - 1000. The origin of these huge fields remained a mystery until Heisenberg introduced the idea of the *exchange interaction* in 1928.

Spontaneous magnetization  $M_s = N(\mathbf{m})$  is given by the Brillouin function, (no *external* field defines **z**)

$$\langle \boldsymbol{m} \rangle = \boldsymbol{m} \mathcal{B}_{J}(\boldsymbol{x})$$
  
where now  $\boldsymbol{x} = \mu_0 \boldsymbol{m} H^{i} / k_B T$ .

The magnetization at zero temperature,  $M_0 = Nm$  where  $m = g\mu_B J$ . At nonzero temperature  $M_s = N \langle m \rangle$ 

In zero external field, we have

$$M_{\rm s}/M_0 = \mathcal{B}_{\rm J}({\rm x}) \tag{1}$$

(2)

Also, eliminating  $H^i$  from the expressions for  $H^i$  ( $H^i = n_W M_s$ ) and x ( $H^i = k_B T x / \mu_0 m$ ) and using  $M_0 = N m$ 

 $M_{\rm s}/M_0 = (Nk_{\rm B}T/\mu_0 M_0^2 n_{\rm W})x$ 

which can be rewritten in terms of the Curie constant  $C = \mu_0 Ng^2 \mu_B^2 J(J+1)/3k_B$  to get rid of N.

 $M_{\rm s}/M_{\rm 0} = [T(J+1)/3CJn_{\rm W}]{\rm x}$ 

The simultaneous solution of (1) and (2) is found *graphically*, or they can be solved numerically.



At the Curie temperature, the slope of (2) is equal to the slope at the origin of the Brillouin function

For small x.

$$\mathcal{B}_J(\mathbf{x})\approx [(J{+}1)/3J]\mathbf{x}+\dots$$

hence

$$T_c = n_w C$$

where the Curie constant  $C = \mu_0 Ng^2 \mu_B^2 J(J+1)/3k_B$ .

A typical value of  $T_c$  is a few hundred Kelvin. In practice,  $T_c$  is used to determine  $n_w$ .

In the case of Gd,  $T_{\rm C} = 292$  K, J = S = 7/2; g = 2; N = 3.0 x  $10^{28}$  m<sup>-3</sup>; hence C = 4.9 K,  $n_{\rm W} = 59$ . The value of  $M_0 = Ng\mu_{\rm B}J$  is 1.95 MA m<sup>-1</sup>. Hence  $\mu_0 H^{\rm i} = 144$  T. This is an enormous 'effective' field At the Curie temperature, the slope of (2) is equal to the slope at the origin of the Brillouin function

For small x.

$$\mathcal{B}_{J}(x) \approx [(J+1)/3J]x + \dots$$

hence

$$T_{c} = n_{w}C$$

where the Curie constant  $C = \mu_0 Ng^2 \mu_B^2 J(J+1)/3k_B$ . A typical value of  $T_c$  is a few hundred Kelvin. In practice,  $T_c$  is used to determine  $n_w$ .



#### $T > T_{\rm C}$

The paramagnetic susceptibility above  $T_c$  is obtained from the linear term  $\mathcal{B}_J(x) \approx [(J+1)/3J]x$  with  $x = \mu_0 m(n_w M + H)/k_B T$  and  $m = g\mu_B J$ . *H* is the applied field and  $H^i = n_w M$  is the internal field. The result is the *Curie-Weiss* law

$$\chi = C/(T - \theta_p)$$

where

$$\theta_{p} = T_{C} = n_{W}C = \mu_{0}n_{W}Ng^{2}\mu_{B}^{2}J(J+1)/3k_{B}$$
 check

In this theory, the paramagnetic Curie temperature  $\theta_p$  is equal to the Curie temperature  $T_c$ , which is where the susceptibility *diverges*.



The Curie-law suceptibility of a paramagnet compared with the Curie-Weiss susceptibility of a ferromagnet for  $T > T_C$ The slopes of both graphs are 1 /C. Hence the effective value of *m* can be deduced experimentally. See p.126, p151.

#### 6.2 Exchange Interactions

What is the origin of the effective magnetic fields of  $\sim 100$  T which are responsible for ferromagnetism? They are *not* due to the atomic magnetic dipole moments. The field at distance *r* due to a moment *m* is

 $\boldsymbol{B}_{dip} = (\mu_0 m/4\pi r^3)[2\cos\theta \boldsymbol{e}_r + \sin\theta \boldsymbol{e}_\theta].$ 

The order of magnitude of  $B_{dip} = \mu_0 H_{dip}$  is  $\mu_0 m/4\pi r^3$ ; taking  $m = 1 \mu_B$  and r = 0.1 nm gives  $B_{dip} = 4\pi \ 10^{-7} \times 9.27$ .  $10^{-24}/4\pi \ 10^{-30} \approx 1$  tesla. Summing all the contributions of the neighbours on a lattice does *not* change this order of magnitude; in fact the dipole sum for a cubic lattice is exactly zero!

The origin of the internal field **H** is the exchange interaction, which reflects the electrostatic Coulomb repulsion of electrons on neighbouring atoms and the Pauli principle, which forbids two electrons from entering the same quantum state. There is an energy difference between the  $\uparrow\downarrow$  and  $\uparrow\uparrow$  configurations for the two electrons. Inter-atomic exchange is one or two orders of magnitude weaker than the intra-atomic exchange which leads to Hund's first rule.

The Pauli principle requires the total wave function  $\Phi(1,2)$  of a pair of electrons 1,2 to be *antisymmetric* on exchanging two electrons

$$\Phi(1,2) = -\Phi(2,1)$$

The total wavefunction is the product of functions of space and spin coordinates  $\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$  and  $\chi(s_1, s_2)$ , each of which must be either symmetric or antisymmetric. This follows because the electrons are indistinguishable particles, and the number in a small volume dV can be written as  $\Psi^2(1,2) dV = \Psi^2(2,1) dV$ , hence  $\Psi(1,2) = \pm \Psi(2,1)$ .

The simple example of the hydrogen molecule  $H_2$  with two atoms a,b and two electrons 1,2 in hydrogenic 1s orbitals  $\psi_i$  gives the idea of the physics of exchange. There are two molecular orbits, one spatially symmetric  $\Psi_s$ , the other spatially antisymmetric  $\Psi_A$ .



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The symmetric and antisymmetric spin functions are the spin triplet and spin singlet states

According to Pauli, the symmetric space function must multiply the antisymmetric spin function, and vice versa. Hence the total wavefunctions are

$$\Phi_{\rm I} = \Psi_{\rm S}(1,2)\chi_{\rm A}(1,2); \quad \Phi_{\rm II} = \Psi_{\rm A}(1,2)\chi_{\rm S}(1,2)$$

The energy levels can be evaluated from the Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2)$ 

$$\boldsymbol{E}_{\mathsf{I},\mathsf{II}} = \int \Psi^*_{\mathsf{S},\mathsf{A}}(\boldsymbol{r}_1,\boldsymbol{r}_2) \,\mathcal{H}(\boldsymbol{r}_1,\boldsymbol{r}_2) \,\Psi_{\mathsf{S},\mathsf{A}}(\boldsymbol{r}_1,\boldsymbol{r}_2) \,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{r}_1 \,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{r}_2$$

With no interaction of the electrons on atoms a and b,  $H(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$  is just

$$\mathcal{H}_{0} = \mathcal{H}_{1} + \mathcal{H}_{2} = (-\hbar^{2}/2m)\{\nabla_{1}^{2} + \nabla_{2}^{2}\} + V_{1} + V_{2}.$$

 $E_{\rm I}$ 

The two energy levels  $E_{I_1} E_{I_1}$  are degenerate, with energy  $E_0$ . However, if the electrons interact via a term  $\mathcal{H}_{12} = e^2/4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{12}^2$ , we find that the perturbed energy levels are  $E_I = E_0 + 2J$ ,  $E_{II} = E_0 - 2J$ . The *exchange* integral is

$$\mathcal{J} = \int \psi_{a1}^{*} \psi_{b2}^{*}(\mathbf{r}) \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{r}_{12}) \psi_{a2} \psi_{b1} d\mathbf{r}_{1} d\mathbf{r}_{2}$$

and the separation  $(E_{II} - E_{I})$  is 4*J*. For the H<sub>2</sub> molecule, E<sub>I</sub> is lies lower than E<sub>II</sub>, the *bonding* orbital singlet state lies below the *antibonding* orbital triplet state *J* is negative. The tendency for electrons to pair off in bonds with opposite spin is everywhere evident in chemistry; these are the covalent interactions. We write the spin-dependent energy in the form

$$E = -2(\mathcal{J}'/\hbar^2) \mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2$$

The operator  $\mathbf{s}_1 \cdot \mathbf{s}_2$  is  $1/2[(\mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_2)^2 - \mathbf{s}_1^2 - \mathbf{s}_2^2]$ . According to whether  $S = s_1 + s_2$  is 0 or 1, the eigenvalues are  $-(3/4)\hbar^2$  or  $-(1/4)\hbar^2$ . The splitting between the  $\uparrow\downarrow$  singlet state (I) and the  $\uparrow\uparrow$  triplet state (II) is then  $\mathcal{J}'$ .

Energy splitting between the singlet and triplet states for hydrogen.



Heisenberg generalized this to many-electron atomic spins  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , writing his famous Hamiltonian, where  $\hbar$  is absorbed into **S**.

 $\mathcal{H}$ = -2 $\mathcal{J}$ **S**<sub>1</sub>.**S**<sub>2</sub>

 $\mathcal{J}$  > 0 indicates a ferromagnetic interaction (favouring  $\uparrow\uparrow$  alignment).

 $\mathcal{J}$ < 0 indicates an antiferromagnetic interaction (favouring  $\uparrow\downarrow$  alignment).

When there is a lattice, the Hamiltonian is generalized to a sum over all pairs i.j,  $-2\sum_{i>j} \mathcal{I}_{ij}\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$ . This is simplified to a sum with a single exchange constant  $\mathcal{J}$  if only nearest-neighbour interactions count.

The Heisenberg exchange constant  $\mathcal{J}$  can be related to the Weiss constant  $n_w$  in the molecular field theory. Suppose the moment  $g\mu_B S_i$  interacts with an effective field  $H^i = n_w M = n_w Ng\mu_B S_i$  and that in the Heisenberg model only the nearest neighours of  $S_i$  have an appreciable interaction with it. Then the site Hamiltonian is

$$\mathcal{H}_{i}$$
 = -2( $\Sigma_{j}$   $\mathcal{J}$   $\mathbf{S}_{j}$ ). $\mathbf{S}_{i}$   $\approx$  - $\mu_{0}$  $H^{i}$   $m_{i}$  = - $\mu_{0}$  $H^{i}$ g $\mu_{B}$  $\mathbf{S}_{i}$ 

The molecular field approximation amounts to neglecting the local correlations between  $S_i$  and  $S_j$ . If Z is the number of nearest neighbours in the sum, then  $\mathcal{J} = n_W Ng^2 \mu_B^2/2Z$ . Hence, from the expression for the Curie temperature  $T_C$  in terms of the Weiss constant  $n_W$ 

$$T_{\rm C} = 2Z JS(S+1)/3k_{\rm B}$$

Taking the example of Gd again, where  $T_c = 292$  K, S = 7/2, Z = 12, we find  $\mathcal{J}/k_B = 2.3$  K.

## 6.3 Ferromagnetic domains

Weiss also explained why most pieces of iron, a paperclopfor example, do not appear ferromagnetic. They actually contain many ferromagnetic *domains*, magnetized in different directions. The domains form in order to reduce the magnetostatic self-energy. This self-energy  $E_{ms}$  can be written in two equivalent forms

$$E_{\rm ms} = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 \int_{\rm all \ space} H^2 dV$$
 or  $E_{\rm ms} = -\frac{1}{2}\mu_0 \int_{\rm magnet} M H dV$ 

The value of **H** inside the magnet is the demagnetizing field  $H_d = -MM$  where N is the demagnetizing factor. Hence

$$E_{\rm ms} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 \mathcal{N} \mathcal{M}^2 V$$

Magnitude  $10^5 - 10^6$  Jm<sup>-3</sup>



Reduction of the demagnetizing energy of a ferromagnet by splitting up into domains. The values of  $E_{ms}$  are approximately 0.20, 0.10 and 0.05 in units of  $\mu_0 M^2 V$ 

The particular domain structure adopted by a piece of ferromagnetic material is the result of minimizing the total energy, which in the sum of four terms

$$E_{\rm tot} = E_{\rm ex} + E_{\rm a} + E_{\rm ms} + E_{\rm Z}$$

 $E_{ex}$  is the exchange energy.  $E_{a}$  is the anisotropy energy.  $E_{Z}$  is the Zeeman energy in an external field

## B, H and M again

• The distinction between the *B*-field and the *H*-field in *free space* is trivial. They are proportional, but with different units. Thus  $\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{H}$ .

• Inside a magnetic material, **B** and **H** are completely different, as shown below for a uniformly magnetized bar magnet. The relation  $\mathbf{B} = \mu_0(\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M})$  at a point P is illustrated by the little vector diagram. Note that inside the magnet, **B** and **H** are oppositely directed, and **H** is also opposite to **M**. Hence the term *demagnetizing* field.

• **H** is important in solids because the magnetization state is determined by H(r)



#### Some ways of visualizing domains:

Bitter pattern (spread ferrofluid on the surface) [depends on stray field]
 Atomic force microscope with a magnetic tip [depends on stray field]
 Magneto-optic Kerr effect [depends on *M* in the surface region]
 Lorentz (transmission electron) microscopy [depends on *B* in a thin foil]



Domain patterns in a cubic iron crystal. The structure depends on the applied magnetic field *H* 

Bitter method (left) and MFM (right) — Barkhausen heard them first !



Kerr images of domains



## 6.3.1 Anisotropy

The tendency for the ferromagnetic axis of a domain to lie along some fixed easy axes in a crystal is known as the phenomenon of *magnetic anisotropy*.

Strong uniaxial anisotropy is a prerequisite for hard magnetism.

Near-zero anisotropy is needed for soft magnets.

Generally, the tendency for magnetization to lie along some easy axis is represented by an energy expression of which the leading term is

 $E_{a} = K_{1} \sin^{2} \theta$ 

where  $\theta$  is the angle between **M** and the anisotropy axis.

The anisotropy constant  $K_1$  depends on temperature, and the anisotropy energy goes to zero at T<sub>c</sub>. Units are J m<sup>-3</sup>. Values typically range from 10<sup>2</sup> to 10<sup>6</sup> J m<sup>-3</sup>.

Most common source of anisotropy is magnetocrystalline anisotropy due to the crystal field, where the magnetization process is different along different crystallographic directions. This depends on spin-orbit coupling. The expression  $E_a = K_1 \sin^2 \theta$  is valid for *uniaxial* crystal structures (hexagonal, tetragonal, trigonal).

In cubic symmetry, a different expression is necessary to reflect the symmetry of the crystal.

Sample shape will also contribute to the anisotropy.  $K_1^{\text{shape}} = \frac{1}{4} \mu_0 M_s^2 (1 - 3\mathcal{N})$ 



axis

## The magnetization curve and hysteresis loop



Starting from the thermally-demagnetized state, the following magnetization processes are involved around the hysteresis curve

Μ Reversible wall motion 1 - 2  $H = -\mathcal{N}M$ 4 irreversible wall motion 3 Mr 4 coherent rotation 5 5 - 6 nucleation, irreversible wall motion. Working point Η In bulk material it is practically impossible to calculate the hysteresis and coercivity. An exception are small single-domain particles where the magnetization 6 reverses coherently Hc Н

The first two quadrants of the hysteresis loop

The energy loss on cycling the the M(H) loop is  $\int_{loop} \mu_0 H dM$ . For minimum losses in ac applications the coercivity must be as small as possible. The other extreme is needed for a permanent magnet, where the hysteresis loop should be broad to avoid self demagnetization in the demagnetizing field - $\mathcal{M}M$ . If the magnet is to remain fully magnetized no matter what its shape, it should have a square loop with  $H_c > M$ 

## 6.3.2 Domain walls

The region separating two oppositely-magnetized domains is a 180° domain wall, known as a *Bloch wall.* The structure is obtained by minimizing the energy

$$E_{\rm tot} = E_{\rm ex} + E_{\rm a} + E_{\rm ms}$$
.

We give an approximate treatment which illustrates the physics.

Granted we need to create a wall to reduce  $E_{ms}$ , we seek a compromise between a wide wall, which would minimize  $E_{ex}$  and a narrow one which would minimize  $E_a$ . Suppose we have a ferromagnet with the sites on a cubic lattice with side *a*, and suppose also that themagnetization turns by an angle  $\varphi$  from one site to the next across the wall, as shown in the figure.



A 180° Bloch wall between oppositely-magnetized domains in a sample with uniaxial anisotropy.



The wall width  $\delta_w$  is related to *a* (atomic spacing) and  $\phi$  (misalignment of adjacent spins),  $\delta_w = (\pi/\phi)a$ 

Exchange energy for a neighbouring pair of spins is

 $-2\mathcal{J}S_{i} \cdot S_{j} = -2\mathcal{J}S^{2}\cos\varphi \approx -2\mathcal{J}S^{2}(1 - \frac{1}{2}\varphi^{2} + ....)$ 

The energy cost due to misalignment is  $JS^2\phi^2$ . For a line of n =  $\pi/\phi$  spins across the wall, this is  $JS^2\pi\phi$ , and per unit area of wall  $E'_{ex} = JS^2\pi\phi/a^2$ 

If this were the *only* term,  $\varphi$  would be very small,  $\delta_w \to \infty$ . But the spins in the wall are pointing away from the easy axis. The anisotropy cost is about  $\frac{1}{2} K_1 a^3$  per spin or

 $E'_{a} = \frac{1}{2} K_{1} a \pi / \phi$  per unit area. The wall energy  $\gamma_{wall} = E'_{ex} + E'_{a}$  is minimum with respect to  $\phi$  when

$$\partial E_{w} / \partial \varphi = \int S^{2} \pi / a^{2} - \frac{1}{2} K_{1} a / \varphi^{2} = 0. \qquad \varphi^{2} = \frac{1}{2} K_{1} a^{3} / J S^{2}$$
$$\delta_{w} = \pi \sqrt{2 \int S^{2} / K_{1} a} \qquad \text{units m}$$
$$\gamma_{w} = \pi \sqrt{2 K_{1} J S^{2} / a} \qquad \text{units Jm}^{-2}$$

Taking the example of cobalt,  $K_1 = 500 \text{ kJ m}^{-3}$ ,  $J = S \approx 1$  and using  $T_C = 1390 \text{ K}$  and Z = 12 to deduce  $\mathcal{J}$  from the expression  $T_C = 2Z \mathcal{J} \mathcal{J} (\mathcal{J}+1)/3 k_B$  gives  $\mathcal{J}=1.2 \ 10^{-21} \text{ J}$ .  $a \approx 0.2 \text{ nm}$ ; hence  $\delta_w \approx 15 \text{ nm}$ , about 75 atomic spacings;  $\gamma_w = 8 \text{ mJ m}^{-2}$ . The wall is like a soap bubble — its area is minimized

#### Domain wall pinning

The domain wall acts like an elastic membrane with energy  $\gamma_w J m^{-2}$ . It will be strongly pinned at defects, especially planar defects, with different *J* or  $K_1$  to the bulk, especially when these defects have dimension comparable to the domain wall width  $\delta_w$ .

Weaker pinning occurs when there are many defects distributed throughout the wall width. Generally, there is always some distribution of defects in any

sample of magnetic material. Suppose the energy of the system depends just on the wall position x, and applied field H, where f(x) represents the effects of the pinning sites

$$E_{\rm tot} = f(x) - 2\mu_0 MHx$$



H<sub>c</sub> H<sub>c</sub> H

Image of the polished surface of a Nd–Fe–B sintered magnet in the Kerr microscope. The magnet is in the virgin state, and the oriented  $Nd_2Fe_{14}B$  crystallites are unmagnetized multidomains. The domain contrast is due to Kerr rotation observed between crossed polarizers. Domain walls are trapped between the grains

Х

We show how a hysteresis loop results from the energy landscape with several minima due to pinning. At local energy minimum  $df(x)/dx = 2\mu_0 MH$ . As the wall jumps from points with the same df(x)/dx on increasing field, the magnetization changes discontinuously in a *Barkhausen* jump. The hysteresis loop of a macroscopic sample consists of many such jumps.



a) Energy as a function of wall position in a magnetic field *H*. b) The equilibrium condition  $df(x)/dx = 2\mu_0 MH$ c) a hysteresis loop due to field cycling.

#### 6.3.3 Single-domain particles.

When ferromagnetic particles are no bigger than a few tens of nanometers, it does not pay to form a domain wall. The energy gain is of order  $\frac{1}{2}\mu_0 M^2 V \sim \mu_0 M^2 r^3$ , whereas the cost of forming the wall is  $\gamma_w \pi r^2$ . When the particle radius r is sufficiently small,  $\sim \pi \gamma_w / \mu_0 M^2$  the latter outweighs the former.

When the particle is very small, reversal takes place by *coherent rotation* of the magnetic moment *m*.

If an external field **H** is applied at an angle  $\varphi$  to the easy direction, and the magnetization is at an angle  $\theta$  to the easy direction, the energy is  $E_{tot} = E_{ms} + E_a + E_z$  the sum of magnetostatic (shape anisotropy), magnetocrystalline and Zeeman terms. The first two are given by a term K<sub>u</sub>\$in<sup>2</sup> $\theta$ , hence

 $E_{\text{tot}} = K_{\text{u}} V \sin^2 \theta - \mu_0 m H \cos(\varphi - \theta)$ 

The energy can be minimized, and the hysteresis loop calculated numerically for a general angle  $\varphi$ . This is the *Stoner-Wohlfarth* model.





A single domain particle where the magnetization rotates coherently.

Two special cases of great interest: are  $\varphi = 0$  and  $\varphi = \pi/2$ . In the first case  $\theta = 0$  or  $\pi$ , and a square loop is observed with a flip from  $\theta = 0$  to  $\theta = \pi$  at  $H_c = 2K_u/M$ , (M = m/V). These square loops are valuable for magnetic memory. In the second case, the magnetization rotates continuously with no hysteresis
## 6.4 Magnetic measurements

Methods of measuring magnetization, and hence susceptibility or hysteresis, of magnetic materials depend *either* on the force on a magnetic moment in a nonuniform field  $F = -\nabla m.B$ , or on Faraday's law  $\varepsilon = -d\Phi/dt$ , where  $\Phi$  is the flux threading a circuit and  $\varepsilon$  is the induced emf. We consider three examples:

#### Force method (Faraday balance)

Considering one component, the z-component, of the force equation; (*m* is constant)

 $F_{z} = -(m_{x}\partial B_{x}/\partial z + m_{y}\partial B_{y}/\partial z + m_{z}\partial B_{z}/\partial z)$ 

If the field is in the x-direction,  $F_z = -m_x \partial B_x / \partial z$ . The field gradient may be produced using shaped polepieces, or by special field gradient coils. The gradient is calibrated with a sample of known magnetization of susceptibility. Sensitivity may be improved by applying an alternating current to the gradient coils and using lock-in detection.

#### Extraction method.

Here the sample is first located in a pickup coil in the field, and then removed to a distant point. An emf  $\epsilon$  is induced in the coil, and

$$\int \varepsilon \, dt = \Phi$$

The flux  $\Phi$  produced by the moment **m** is proportional to its magnetization. A SQUID detector can be used to achieve great sensitivity in the measurement of  $\Phi$ . Sensitivity of 10<sup>-11</sup> A m<sup>2</sup> for **m** is achievable.

#### Vibrating-sample magnetometer (Foner magnetometer)

This is an ac variant of the extraction method. The sample vibrates with an amplitude of a few hundred microns at about 100 Hz, and an alternating voltage is induced in pickup coils. A reference signal is generated in another pickup coil or with a capacitor, and both signal and reference are fed into a lock-in amplifier. Typical sensitivity is 10<sup>-8</sup>A m<sup>2</sup>.



Methods of measuring magnetization or susceptibility. a) Faraday balance, b) extraction magnetometer and c) Vibrating-sample magnetometer

# Data on some ferromagnets

	ρ		$T_{\rm C}$	$\mu_0 M (290 \text{ K})$	$m_0$	$K_1$
Material	$(kg/m^3)$	Structure	(K)	(T)	$(\mu_{\rm B}/{\rm formula})$	$(kJ/m^3)$
Soft						
Fe	7874	cubic	1044	2.15	2.2	50
Ni	8902	cubic	628	0.62	0.6	-5
Fe <sub>65</sub> Co <sub>35</sub> *	8110	cubic	1240	2.34	2.5	40
Ni <sub>80</sub> Fe <sub>20</sub> ¶	8715	cubic	843	1.04	1.1	<1
Gd	7886	hexagonal	292	0.80	7.0	
CrO <sub>2</sub>	4870	tetragonal	396	0.50	2.0	20
Hard						
Co	8836	hexagonal	1390	1.81	1.7	530
SmCo <sub>5</sub>	8606	hexagonal	1020	1.08	7.8	17200
$Nd_2Fe_{14}B$	7760	tetragonal	588	1.61	37.3	4900

\* permendur ¶ permalloy

# 6.5 Hard and soft ferromagnets

Two categories of useful ferromagnets are distinguished by their hysteresis loops.

Soft ferromagnets have narrow loops with as little hysteresis as possible (Energy loss is proportional to the area of the loop). Good examples are bcc *iron* with 3% Si substitution, and *'permalloy'* — fcc  $Fe_{20}Ni_{80}$ 



*Hard ferromagnets* have broad square loops with  $H_c > \frac{1}{2} M_s$ . They *always* have a uniaxial crystal structure (hexagonal, tetragonal ...) with one *easy axis* of magnetization  $K_1 > 0$ Once magnetized they remain in their metastable, fully magnetized state creating a stray field around them with no expenditure of energy. Good examples are SmCo<sub>5</sub> and Nd<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>14</sub>B.



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# 7. Miscellaneous Topics

Other types of magnetic order arise from antiferomagnetic exchange interactions, or competing ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic interactions. The elementary excitations from the magnetic ground state are spin waves (magnons) which are described by a dispersion relation  $E = D_{sw}q^2$  in the ferromagnetic case. Spin electronics is the new frontier in magnetism, where we consider not only the electron charge (which is conserved), but also its spin magnetic moment (which is not conserved) in thin-film electronic devices.

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# 7.1 Antiferromagnetism

In many structures, the atoms can be assigned to two equal sublattices A and B. These materials may have two oppositely-directed magnetic sublattices  $M_A$  and  $M_B$ ;  $M_A = -M_B$  when the coupling between them is negative. Two Weiss coefficients  $n_W$  and  $n_W$ ' represent the inter- and intrasublattice interactions. Here  $n_W$  is negative.

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{A}^{i} = \boldsymbol{n}_{W}^{\prime} \boldsymbol{M}_{A} + \boldsymbol{n}_{W} \boldsymbol{M}_{B} + \boldsymbol{H}$$

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{B}^{i} = \boldsymbol{n}_{W}^{\prime} \boldsymbol{M}_{B} + \boldsymbol{n}_{W} \boldsymbol{M}_{A} + \boldsymbol{H}$$

$$\boldsymbol{M}_{A} \qquad \boldsymbol{M}_{B}$$

The net magnetization  $M = M_A + M_B$  is zero when H = 0. The magnetization of each sublattice is represented by a Brillouin function, and each falls to zero at a critical temperature, the Néel temperature  $T_N$ . The sublattice magnetization  $\langle M_{\alpha} \rangle = M_0 \mathcal{B}_J(x_{\alpha})$  where  $\alpha = A, B$  and  $x_{\alpha} = \mu_0 m H_{\alpha}^{-i} / k_B T$ .



#### Susceptibility Calculation

Above  $T_N$   $M_{\alpha} = \chi H_{\alpha}^{i}$  where  $\chi = C'/T$  with  $C' = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 N m_{eff}^2/3k_B$ .  $m_{eff} = g\mu_B V(S(S+1))$ Here  $\frac{1}{2}N$  is the number of atoms per m<sup>3</sup> of each sublattice. Hence

$$M_{A} = (C'/T)(n_{W}'M_{A} + n_{W}M_{B} + H)$$
$$M_{B} = (C'/T)(n_{W}M_{A} + n_{W}'M_{B} + H)$$



Magnetic interactions in a simple cubic lattice.

The condition for the appearance of spontaneous sublattice magnetization is that these equations have a nonzero solution in zero applied field *H*. The determinant of the coefficients is zero, hence  $[(C'/T)n_{W}' - 1]^2 - [(C'/T)n_{W}]^2 = 0$ , which yields

$$T_{\rm N} = C'(n_{\rm W}' - n_{\rm W})$$

To calculate the susceptibility above  $T_N$  we evaluate  $\chi = (M_A + M_B)/H$ . Adding the equations for  $M_A$  and  $M_B$ , we find the Curie-Weiss law

$$\chi = C/(T - \theta_{\rm p})$$

where C = 2C' and  $\theta_p = C'(n_W' + n_W)$ .

In the two-sublattice model, we can therefore evaluate both  $n_w$  and  $n_w$ ' from  $T_N$  and  $\theta_p$ . Since  $n_w < 0$ ,  $\theta_p < T_N$ , and it is usually negative. Normally  $1/\chi_r$  is plotted versus T to determine  $m_{eff}$  from C, and  $\theta_p$ .





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The antiferromagnetic axis along which the sublattice magnetizations lie is determined by magnetocrystalline anisotropy, and the response below  $T_N$  depends on the direction of H relative to this easy axis.



Calculation of the susceptibility of an antiferromagnet below  $T_N$ . In a) the dashed lines show the configuration after a spin flop.

If a small field is applied parallel to the axis, we can calculate  $\chi_{\parallel}$  by expanding the Brillouin functions about  $x_0$ , their arguments in zero applied field. For simplicity we take  $n'_W = 0$ , and the result for  $\chi_{\parallel} = [M_A(H) + M_B(H)]/H$  is  $\chi_{\parallel} = 2C'[3J(J+1]\mathcal{B}'_J(x_0)]/[T - n_WC'[3J(J+1]\mathcal{B}'_J(x_0)]$  where  $\mathcal{B}'_J(x) = \partial \mathcal{B}'_J(x)/\partial x$ 

This rises from 0 at T = 0 to  $C/(T - \theta_p)$  at  $T_N$ .  $x_0$  is  $\mu_0 m n_W M/k_B T$ , where *M* is the sublattice magnetization in zero field.

The perpendicular susceptibility can be calculated assuming the sublattices are canted by a small angle  $\delta$ . In equilibrium the torque on each one is zero, hence  $M_{\alpha}H = M_{\alpha}n_{W}M_{\beta}\sin 2\delta$ . Since  $M = 2M_{\alpha}\sin\delta$ ,

$$\chi_{\perp}$$
 = -1/ $n_{
m W}$ 

$$\chi_{\perp}$$
 = -1/n<sub>w</sub>

The perpendicular susceptibility is therefore constant and independent of temperature up to  $T_{\rm N}$ .

For a powder, the average is  $\frac{1}{3}\chi_{\parallel} + \frac{2}{3}\chi_{\perp}$ , or  $(2/3)(-1/n_W)$  at low temperature.

Parallel and perpendicular susceptibility of an antiferromagnet.

Since  $\chi_{\perp} > \chi_{\parallel}$  for all  $T < T_N$ , we might think that an antiferromagnet will always adopt the transverse, flopped configuration. It doesn't because of the magnetocrystalline anisotropy, represented by an effective anisotropy field  $H_K$ , which acts on each sublattice along the antiferromagnetic axis. When *H* is applied parallel to  $M_{\alpha}$  the *spin flop* occurs when the energies of the parallel and perpendicular configurations are equal;

$$-2M_{\rm a}H_{\rm K} - \frac{1}{2} \chi_{\parallel}H_{\rm sf}^{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \chi_{\perp}H_{\rm sf}^{2}$$
$$H_{\rm sf} = [4M_{\rm a}H_{\rm K}/(\chi_{\perp} - \chi_{\parallel}]^{1/2}$$

When  $T \ll T_N$ , this reduces to  $H_{sf} = 2\sqrt{(H_k H^i)}$ . Orders of magnitude for the anisotropy field and the molecular field are 1 T and 100 T, respectively, hence  $H_{sf}$  is of order 10 T.



Antiferromagnet

Ferrimagnet

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{A}^{i} = \boldsymbol{n}_{AA}\boldsymbol{M}_{A} + \boldsymbol{n}_{AB}\boldsymbol{M}_{B} + \boldsymbol{H}$$
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Two Weiss coefficients to account for inter- and intra-sublattice interactions.

$$n_{AA} = n_{BB} = n_W'$$
.  $n_{AB} = n_W$ 

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 $n_{\mathsf{A}\mathsf{A}} \neq n_{\mathsf{B}\mathsf{B}}$ 



# 7.2 Other forms of magnetic order

Many other forms of magnetic order can arise in solids. When ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic interactions compete, and cannot all be satisfied simultaneously, the system is said to be *frustrated*. A noncolinear spin structure may then arise, such as a helimagnetic structure where there are ferromagnetic planes, but the ferromagnetic axis turns by an angle  $\theta$  from one plane to the next.

 $J_1 > 0$ ;  $-J_2 > \frac{1}{4} J_1$ 

Frustration may also arise with purely antiferromagnetic interactions, when there are odd-membered rings. Some examples are shown below.



A planar helimagnet



In disordered and amorphous solids, frustrated antiferromagnetic interactions, or competing ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic interactions may give rise to spin freezing in random directions. Such materials are known as *spin glasses*.

# A spin glass

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# 7.3 Antiferromagnets and Ferrimagnets

## Hematite; $\alpha Fe_2O_3$

Most common iron oxide mineral on Earth. hcp oxygen array with  $Fe^{3+} 3d^5$  in 2/3 of the octahedral Hexagonal; a = 504 pm, c = 1375 pm sites.

#### Nickel oxide NiO

Cubic NaCl structure with antiferromagnetic nearest- and next-nearest neighbour 'superexchange interactions. Forms for divalent 3d cations



Antiferromagnetic with slightly canted sublattices above 260 K due to weak additional antisymmetric exchange  $D.S_i \times S_i$ 

$$T_{\rm N} = 525$$
 K.  
m =  $2\mu_{\rm B}/atom$ 



		a <sub>0</sub> (pm)	S	T <sub>N</sub> (K)	θ <sub>p</sub> (K)	<i>J</i> <sub>1</sub> (K)	<i>J</i> <sub>2</sub> (K)
MnO	<b>3d</b> <sup>5</sup>	445	5/2	117	-610	-7.2	-3.5
FeO	<b>3d</b> <sup>6</sup>	431	2	198	-570	-7.8	-8.2
СоО	<b>3d</b> <sup>7</sup>	426	3/2	291	-330	-6.9	-22
NiO	<b>3d</b> <sup>8</sup>	418	1	525	-1310	-50	-85

# **Ferrimagnets**

## Magnetite $Fe_3O_4$

Most common magnetic mineral; magnetized by lightning; main constituent of lodestone. Oxygen array with  $Fe^{3+} 3d^5$  in tetrahedral sites and  $Fe^{3+}$ & Fe<sup>2+</sup> on octahedral sites. Cubic  $a_0 = 839$  pm.



 $[Fe^{3+}]{Fe^{2+}Fe^{3+}}O_{4}$ 

 $T_{\rm c} = 843 \ {\rm K}$ 

 $J_{\rm s} = 0.60 \, {\rm T}$ 

 $m_0 = 4\mu_{\rm B}/{\rm fu}$ 

Nd-Fe-B 1985

## Barium ferrite BaFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub>

All low-cost permanent magnets are made of Ba (or Sr) ferrite discovered in 1952. 1 MT is produced annually. Big hexagonal unit cell with a = 589 pm, c = 2319 pm and five sites occupied by Fe<sup>3+</sup>. The ferrimagnetic structure is  $12k\uparrow 2a\uparrow 2b\uparrow 4f_1\downarrow 4f_2\downarrow$ 

 $T_{c} = 740 \text{ K}$  $J_{\rm s} = 0.48 \, {\rm T}$ spin waves  $m_0 = 20 \mu_{\rm B} / {\rm fu}$  $K_1 = 330 \text{ kJ/m}^3$  $(BH)_{\rm max} = 45 \text{kJ/m}^3$ 





Tetrahedral A [Fe<sup>3+</sup>]  $\downarrow$  & octahedral B {Fe<sup>2+</sup>Fe<sup>3+</sup>}  $\uparrow$ sublattices coupled antiparallel by negative A-B exchange. The iron sites are represented by blue and yellow oxygen polyhedra. A conductor with the single  $\downarrow$  Fe<sup>2+</sup>*d* electron hopping among B sites.

odestone

Ferrite 1955

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Illustration of a spin wave.

In one dimension, the relation between the frequency and wave-vector of a wave-like excitation of the spin system can be calculated classically h = E

$$\omega_{q} = 4JS(1 - \cos qa)$$

In the limit of small wave vectors, the dispersion relation becomes

 $E_{\rm q} \approx D_{\rm sw}q^2$ where  $E_{\rm q} = \hbar\omega_{\rm q}$ ,  $D_{\rm sw} = 2JSa^2$ ; *a* is the interatomic spacing. The expression for any of the three basic cubic lattices is the same, where *a* is the lattice parameter.

The spin-wave dispersion relation for a chain of atoms.



# 7.4 Spin Electronics

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First-generation spin electronics has been built on spin-valves – sandwich structures using GMR or TMR with a pinned layer and a free layer.

They can serve as bistable memory elements:



One layer in the sandwich has its magnetization direction pinned by exchange coupling with an antiferromagnet – exchange bias.

They can also serve as sensitive magnetic field sensors:

GMR – Giant magnetoresistance TMR – Tunneling magnetoresistance



planar magnetic tunnel junction



# MgO-barrier magnetic tunnel junctions

Discovered in 2003 Implemented in 2005



Magnitude of the effect > 200%:

Shamrock sputtering tool; For producing complex thin film (~ nm) stacks. TCD 2002 -2018. Superseded by *Trifolium Dubium* in CRANN in 2019.



Chamber A: Metal Sputtering (6 guns + 1 ion gun) Chamber B: Oxide Sputtering (8 guns + 1ion gun) Chamber C: Wafer flip Chamber D: UHV E-beam (4 pockets) + Sputtering (1 gun)

# The End

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# SrFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub> - Hexagonal ferrite; also BaFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub>

hexagonal; a = 589 pm, c = 2319 pm

A brown ferrimagnetic oxide, with an hcp lattice composed of oxygen and strontium (or barium), with iron in five different interstital sites, three octahedral 12k,2a,4f<sub>2</sub> one tetrahedral 4f<sub>1</sub> one trigonal 2b. All magnetic ions are Fe<sup>3+</sup>.

Structure is  $12k^2a^2b^4f_1\downarrow 4f_2\downarrow$ 

Low-cost permanent magnet, the first to break the 'shape barrier'.

95 % by mass of all permanent magnets are hexagonal ferrite. Found on every fridge door and in innumerable catches, dc motors, microwave magnetrons, ...

150 g manufactured per year for everyone on earth, mostly sintered magnets but some plastic bonded magnets.

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J_r = 0.41 \text{ T}, M_r = 0.33 \text{ MAm}^{-1}
K_1 = 330 \text{ kJ m}^{-3} (hexagonal)
B_a = 1.7 \text{ T}
T_c = 467 \text{ °C}.
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A ferrimagnet may be regarded as an antiferromagnet with two unequal sublattices.

An example is yttrium-iron garnet (YIG)  $Y_3Fe_5O_{12}$ . The ferric iron in YIG occupies two different crystallographic sites, one (*16a*) octahedrally coordinated by oxygen, the other (*24d*) tetrahedrally coordinated. Neighbouring sites share a common oxygen ligand, and there is a strong antiferromagnetic *a-d* interaction. The ferrimagnetic configuration is

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\\ a \quad d \end{array}$$

leading to a moment of 5  $\mu_B$ /formula at T= 0, due to a single uncompensated 3 Ferrimagnets have two unequal and oppositely-directed magnetic sublattices The net magnetization  $M = M_A + M_B$  is nonzero. Three Weiss coefficients  $n_{AA}$  and  $n_{BB}$  and  $n_{AB}$  represent the inter- and intrasublattice interactions. The essential interaction  $n_{AB}$  is negative

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# Data on some antiferromagnets and ferrimagnets

Material	Density (kg m <sup>-3</sup> )	Structure	T <sub>N</sub> (K)	μ <sub>0</sub> Μ (T)	m A/B (µ <sub>B</sub> /formula)	K <sub>1</sub> (kJm <sup>-3</sup> )
Antiferromagnets						
Cr	7190	cubic	310	_	0.7	
NiO	6793	cubic	525	_	2	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5260	hexagonal	960	0.003	5	9
Ferrimagnets						
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	5195	cubic	860	0.60	9/5	
$Y_3Fe_5O_{12}$	5166	cubic	560	0.18	15/10	
BaFe <sub>12</sub> O <sub>19</sub>	5290	hexagonal	740	0.48	40/20	330

## 7.5 Magnetic neutron scattering

*Elastic (Bragg) scattering* The neutron possesses a small magnetic moment. In addition to nuclear scattering by the nuclear potential, it is also scattered by the unpaired electron spins in a solid. Extra Bragg peaks of magnetic origin may appear, from which the magnetic structure can be inferred. If the inetron, with incident wavevctor K is scattered into a state K', the Bragg condition is that the scattering vector  $\kappa = K - K'$  should be a reciprocal lattice vector  $G_{hkl}$ .

For example, magnetic Bragg scattering can be used to detect antiferromagnetic order





For iron, the magnetic Bragg reflections coincide with the nuclear reflection. The unit cell is bodycentred, so there are no extra peak. The structure factor is zero when h + k + l is odd. For chromium, the magnetic unit cell is simple cubic (not body centred). There are extra peaks with h + k + l odd which are entirely magnetic, and the antiferromagnetically-ordered Cr moment can be deduced from their intensity

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#### *Inelastic scattering:*

Inelastic neutron scattering, where the incident neutron loses (gains) energy by exciting an elementary excitation of energy  $E = \hbar \omega_a$  and wavevector  $\boldsymbol{q}$ , can be used to map spin wave dispersion relations.

For Fe,  $E = D_{sw}q^2$ , where  $D_{sw} = 8 \text{ Jm}^{-2}$ .

The energy in a mode of frequency  $\omega_q$  containing  $n_q$  magnons is  $(n_q + 1/2)\hbar\omega_q$ 



Illustration of elastic | scattering,  $|\mathbf{K}| = |\mathbf{K}'|$  (left) and inelastic scattering.  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}' + \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{g}_{hkl}$ . (right)

#### Data on some antiferromagnets.

Material	<i>Т</i> <sub>N</sub> (К)	Ө(К)
Mn	96	-200
CoO	291	-330
NiO	525	-1300
MnF <sub>2</sub>	85	-113
$\alpha Fe_2O_3$	950	-2000

#### Data on some ferrimagnets.

Material	T <sub>C</sub> (K)	m <sub>o</sub> (μ <sub>в</sub> /formula)	μ <sub>0</sub> M at 290 K (T)
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	840	4.0	0.63
γFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1020	3.3	0.54
Y <sub>3</sub> Fe <sub>5</sub> O <sub>12</sub>	560	5.0	0.18
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More information on some magnetic materials

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Red insulator with localized d electrons. 3d<sup>5</sup>  ${}^{6}A_{1}$  state.

Antiferromagnetic, but sublattices are slightly canted above the Morin transition by D-M interaction

 $T_N = 960 \text{ K.}$  $J_1 = 6.0 \text{ K}, J_2 = 1.6 \text{ K}$  $J_3 = -29.7 \text{ K}, J_4 = -23.2 \text{ K.}$ 

 $J_{s} = 2.8 \ 10^{=3} \text{ T} \qquad m_{0} = 0.002 \ \mu_{B} \ / \ \text{fu}$  $K_{1} = 23 \ \text{kJ} \ \text{m}^{-3} \qquad B_{a} = 2\mu_{0}K_{1} \ / \ \text{J}_{s} = 20 \ \text{T}$ 





Ar room temperature there is a weak ferromagnetic moment caused by canting of the sublattice magnetizations by the Dzialoshinski- Moria (D-M) interaction  $\mathcal{H}_{DM} = \mathcal{D}.\mathbf{S}_{i} \times \mathbf{S}_{i}$ .



Below 260 K there is a spin reorientation to the c-axis.  $\mathcal{D}$  is then zero by symmetry, and the weak interaction disappears.





Figure 4.6: The temperature dependence of single-ion and magnetic-dipole fields to illustrate the prediction of the Morin temperature.



Figure 2.8: Neutron-diffraction intensities of the (111) and (100) lines as a funct of temperature. The background intensity is also shown.

The spin direction is set by competing cf and dipole dipole interactions, which vary as  $(S_z^2)$  and  $(S_z)^2$  respectively.  $B_{dip} = \mu_0/4\pi [3(\boldsymbol{m}.\boldsymbol{r})\boldsymbol{r}/\boldsymbol{r}^5 - \boldsymbol{m}/r^3]$ 

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 $[A]\{B_2\}O_4$
The B sites are populated by a mixture of Fe<sup>3+</sup>(3d<sup>5</sup>) and Fe<sup>2+</sup>(3d<sup>6</sup>) ions. At RT the  $t_{2g}\downarrow$  electrons hop in a narrow polaron band. Resistivity is  $\approx 50 \ \mu\Omega$  m.

At the Verwey transition  $T_V = 119$  K, the interatomic Coulomb interactions lead to charge ordering – 'Wigner crystallization' Resistivity increases by 100 x. Symmetry is reduced to monoclinic; details of charge order are still controversial

 $J_{AB} = -28 \text{ K} J_{AA} = -18 \text{ K} J_{BB} = +3 \text{ K}$ 

Magnetite is the prototype for a family of spinel ferrites, which includes Ni-Zn ferrite for rf applications and  $\gamma Fe_2O_3$ [Fe]{Fe<sub>5/3</sub>v<sub>1/3</sub>}O<sub>4</sub> that was used for particulate magnetic recording.



Room-temperature magnetic properties of oxide spinel ferrites											
	а	<i>a</i> <sub>0</sub> (pm)	$T_C(\mathbf{K})$	$M_s$ (MA/m)	$K_1  (\mathrm{kJ/m^3})$	$\lambda_s (10^{-6})$	$\varrho \left( \Omega  \mathrm{m} \right)$				
MgFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Ι	836	713	0.18	-3	-6	10 <sup>5</sup>				
Li <sub>0.5</sub> Fe <sub>2.5</sub> O <sub>4</sub>		829	943	0.33	-8	-8	1				
MnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Ι	852	575	0.50	-3	-5	10 <sup>5</sup>				
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Ι	840	860	0.48	-13	40	$10^{-1}$				
CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Ι	839	790	0.45	290	-110	10 <sup>5</sup>				
NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Ι	834	865	0.33	-7	-25	10 <sup>2</sup>				
ZnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Ν	844	$T_N = 9$				1				
$\gamma Fe_2O_3$		834	985 <sup>b</sup>	0.43	-5	-5	$\sim 1$				

# SrFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub> - Hexagonal ferrite; also BaFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub>

hexagonal; a = 589 pm, c = 2319 pm

A brown ferrimagnetic oxide, with an hcp lattice composed of oxygen and strontium (or barium), with iron in five different interstital sites, three octahedral 12k,2a,4f<sub>2</sub> one tetrahedral 4f<sub>1</sub> one trigonal 2b. All magnetic ions are Fe<sup>3+</sup>.

Structure is  $12k^2a^2b^4f_1\downarrow 4f_2\downarrow$ 

Low-cost permanent magnet, the first to break the 'shape barrier'.

95 % by mass of all permanent magnets are hexagonal ferrite. Found on every fridge door and in innumerable catches, dc motors, microwave magnetrons, ...

150 g manufactured per year for everyone on earth, mostly sintered magnets but some plastic bonded magnets.

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J_r = 0.41 \text{ T}, M_r = 0.33 \text{ MAm}^{-1}
K_1 = 330 \text{ kJ m}^{-3} (hexagonal)
B_a = 1.7 \text{ T}
T_c = 467 \text{ °C}.
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# Ferrite magnets

	$J_r$	(BH) <sub>max</sub>			
	(T)	(kJ/m³)			
Intrinsic (crystal)	0.48	[46]			
Oriented sintered	0.41	34			
Isotropic sintered	0.23	9			
Oriented bonded	0.30	16			
Isotropic bonded	0.13	5			

Ferrite magnets are made from powder platelets, with a particle size of about 2  $\mu$ m.

The powder may be sintered or bonded in plastic or rubber, with or without prior orientation of the hexagonal crystallites.



Sintered magnets



Bonded magnets

# 7.4 Spin Electronics

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planar magnetic tunnel junction



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# 8. Magnetic applications

Magnets play a pivotal role in our civilization. Soft magnets are essential for electrical energy generation and conversion. Hard magnets generate magnetic fields with no continuous expenditure of energy. The new field of spin electronics has underpinned magnetic recording and data storage, which have been the key to the information revolution and the advent of big data.



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### 8.1 Magnetic recording; Driving the technology

Magnets are classified as hard or soft according to their hysteresis. Soft magnets are used to generate electricity, and convert electrical energy into mechanical energy in motors and actuators. Hard magnets can generate magnetic fields with no continuous expenditure of energy, and are used to exert forces in static applications and in permanent magnet machines. Semi-hard material is used as the erasable recording medium on tapes and hard disc discs. Data is written using micron-scale electromagnets and read using tiny spin-valve sensors which respond to the stray field a few nanometers above the surface of the disc. All information downloaded from the internet is stored magnetically.



A server with thousands of hard disc drives



160 Gbit 2.5" perpendicular drive for laptops

## 8.1 Magnetic recording

Digital and analog recording is a huge industry, consuming large quantities of ferrite and other semi-hard magnetic materials for recording media, and using sophisticated miniature magnetic circuits in the read and write heads.

The magnetic record is now generally perpendicular to the plane of the medium. The data are recorded on tracks whose width is determined by the width of the write head.

Miniaturization



Perpendicular tracks on a hard-disc imaged by high-resolution magnetic force microscopy. The width of the tracks is determined by the width of the write head. The density is 1200 bits/µm or 1 Tbit/square inch.



A personal stereo, ca 1935. (Courtesy Orphée Cugat.)

# Magnetic media



Magnetic recording medium consisting of sub-10-nm metallic grains with oxide-rich grain boundaries. The bit is recorded on a patch of grains along the track. The cross section shows the layer structure of the recording layer.

# Scaling

Why does magnetism lend itself to miniaturization ?

 $\mathbf{H} = (m/4\pi r^3)[2\cos\theta \mathbf{e}_r + \sin\theta \mathbf{e}_{\theta}] H_A =$  $2Ma^{3}/4\pi r^{3};$ If a = 0.1m, r = 2a, M = 1 MAm<sup>-1</sup>  $H_{A}$  =  $M/16\pi = 20 \text{ kAm}^{-1} (\sim 25 \text{ mT})$ Magnet-generated fields are limited by M. Scale-independent m а •A  $H = I/2\pi r = 8 jr$   $H \sim r$ Current-generated fields are limited by j. Scaling is poor



### 8.2 Hard magnets





Energy product increased exponentially during the 20<sup>th</sup> century but it has now almost reached the physical limit  $(BH)_{max} < \frac{1}{4} \mu_0 M_s^2$  for a perfect square hysteresis loop.

*Hard ferromagnets* have broad square loops with  $H_c > \frac{1}{2}M_s$ . They always have a uniaxial crystal structure (hexagonal, tetragonal ...) with one *easy axis* of magnetization.

Once magnetized they remain in their metastable, fully magnetized state creating a stray field around them with no expenditure of energy.

SrFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub>

Main examples are Nd<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>14</sub>B and SrFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub>



 $J_r = 1.6 \text{ T}; M_s = 1.3 \text{ MA m}^{-1}$  Ferromagnetic  $K_1 = 4.9 \text{ MJ m}^{-3}$  (tetragonal)  $T_c = 588 \text{ K}$   $(BH)_{max} \approx 400 \text{ kJ/m}^3$ 15 g per year for everyone on Earth

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#### Examples of permanent magnet applications.

Field	Magnetic effect	Application					
Uniform	Zeeman splitting	magnetic resonance imaging					
	Torque	magnetic powder alignment					
	Hall effect,	sensors					
	Magnetoresistance						
	Force on conductor	motors, actuators, loudspeakers					
	Induced emf	generators, microphones					
Nonuniform	Forces on charged	beam control, radiation sources					
	particles	(microwave, uv, X-ray)					
	Force on paramagnet	mineral separation					
	Force on iron	holding magnets					
	Force on magnet	bearings, couplings, maglev					
Time-varying	Variable field	magnetometery					
<i>v</i> C	Force on iron	switchable clamps					
	Eddy currents	brakes, metal separation					

#### Motors and Generators



DC motor designs: (a) brush motor with magnets on the stator and (b) brushless motor with magnets on the rotor.



**Electric vehicles** 

Robots

Direct drive wind turbines

There is no limit in principle to the magnitude of the field that can be produced in a Halbach cylinder, but in practice the coercivity and anisotropy field of the magnets limit the ultimate performance. Because of the logarithmic dependence in (8.5) and the high cost of rare earth magnets, it becomes uneconomic to use permanent magnets to generate magnetic fields that exceed twice the the remanence.

• *Variable fields* Two Halbach cylinders with the same radius ratio  $\rho = r_1/r_2$  can be nested inside each other. Rotating them both through an angle  $\pm \alpha$  about their common axis generates a variable field  $2B_r$  lnp cos $\alpha$ . Permanent magnet variable flux sources are compact and particularly convenient to use since they have none of the high power and cooling requirements of a comparable electromagnet.

A commercial MULTIMAG system made by Magnetic Solutions Ltd uses a nested Halbach magnet made of 12 kg Nd-Fe-B magnet to generate  $\pm$  1.8 T in a 25 mm bore. These devices are ideal for compact instrumentation such as benchtop vibrating-sample magnetometer or a magnetoresistance measurment. Permanent magnet variable flux sources are expected to gradually displace resistive electromagnets to generate fields of up to about 2 T, but they cannot compete with superconducting solenoids in the higher field range. The conventional laboratory electromagnet is a *dinosaur*.



Permanent magnet variable flux source based on a rotatable double Halbach cylinder.



A MULTIMAG permanent-magnet variable flux source and controller. The magnet is composed of two concentric Halbach cylinders with the same radius ratio, which can be rotated abut their common axis.

### 8.3 Soft magnets

A soft magnetic material should have minimal hysteresis and high permeability. In some range of field, the B(H') characteristic is linear

 $\boldsymbol{B} = \boldsymbol{\mu}\boldsymbol{H}'$  or  $\boldsymbol{B} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0\boldsymbol{\mu}_r\boldsymbol{H}'$ 

where the relative permeability  $\mu_r$  is a pure number. The value depends on sample shape, due to the demagnetizing field.

Values of  $\mu_{max}$  can exceed 10<sup>6</sup> in toroids og the softest materials. Hence *B* is greatly enhanced compared to the free space value  $\mu_0 H$ . The permeability and loop shape can be modified by annealing, especially in a weak magnetic field.

The relation between relative permeability and susceptibility follows from  $B = \mu_0(H' + M)$ ; dividing by H', it follows that

$$\mu_{\rm r} = 1 + \chi_{\rm r}$$

Soft materials are used for *static* and *ac* applications. Static and low-frequency applications are such as flux guidance and concentration in magnetic circuits.

Major ac applications include cores for transformers and inductors.

#### 8.2.1 Magnetic circuits

*Transformers, motors* and *generators* include soft iron cores to generate and guide flux. Eddy-current loses are reduced by using thin laminations of material with a high resistivity. Transformer efficiencies are > 99%.

Eddy-current losses at high frequencies (> 100 kHz) are eliminated by using insulating ferrimagnetic oxides, the *ferrites*, to guide and concentrate the flux.

*Electromagnets* consist of field coils to generate the field, an iron yoke to guide the flux and pole pieces to concentrate the flux in the airgap. Flux guidance and concentration in electromagnets requires material with the highest polarization and very little remanence. Usually pure soft iron or  $Fe_{65}Co_{35}$  is used. For best results, tapered pole pieces with an angle of 55° are used.

Electromagnetic *relays* and *solenoid valves* are miniature electromagnets where an iron core is magnetized and exerts a force on another iron member. The force per unit area if the gap flux is  $B_g$  is  $B_g^2/2\mu_0$ 



An electromagnet

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# 8.4.4 *New directions in spin electronics*.

An aim for some years has been to develop nonvolatile magnetic randomaccess memory.

First generation MRAM used magnetic field switching; It was not scalable!

Second generation MRAM used 'spin transfer torque', The spin angular momentum of a spin-polarized electron current absorbed in the free layer switches the TMR memory element. Very high current densities needed

New approach uses spin-orbit torque resulting from spin Hall effect

Next challenge: reduce enormously the Power consumption. Electric field Switching using ferroelectrics.



# End of Part 1

Magnetic circuits made of long cylindrical segments may be used to generate uniform fields. An open cylinder or a design with flat cuboid magnets and a soft iron return path is used to for nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR). Permanent magnet flux sources supply fields of order 0.3 T with homogeneity of 1 part in 10<sup>5</sup> in a whole-body scanners.



Designs for magnetic cylinders which produce a uniform transverse field.

Figure (c) shows a design where the direction of magnetization of any segment at angular position  $\vartheta$  in the cylinder is at  $2\vartheta$  from the vertical axis. According to the equations for the line dipole, all segments now contribute to create a uniform field across the airgap in a vertical direction. Unlike the structure of Fig (a), the radii  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  can take any values without creating a stray field outside the cylinder. This ingeneous device is known as a *Halbach cylinder*, The field in the airgap is

$$B_0 = B_r \ln(r_2/r_1)$$

# 5.3 Paramagnetism of Metals - band electrons

The calculation for metals proceeds on a quite different basis. The electrons are indistinguishable particles which obey Fermi-Dirac statistics. They are not localized, so Boltzmann statistics cannot be applied. The electrons have  $s = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $m = 1\mu_B$ . They partly-fill an energy band up to the Fermi level  $E_F$ .

A rough calculation gives the susceptibility as follows:



 $\chi = (N^{\uparrow} - N^{\downarrow})\mu_{\rm B}/H$ 

 $\approx 2[D(E_F)\mu_0\mu_BH]\mu_B/H$  where D (E<sub>F</sub>) is the density of states at the Fermi level for one spin direction.

## $\chi_{\rm Pauli} \approx 2\mu_0 D({\rm E_F})\mu_{\rm B}^2$

This is known as the *Pauli* susceptibility. Unlike the Curie susceptibility, it is very small, and temperature independent.

The density of states  $D(E_F)$  in a band is approximately N/2W, where W is the bandwidth (which is typically a few eV). Comparing the expression for the Pauli susceptibility with that for the Curie susceptibility  $\chi_{curie} = \mu_0 N \mu_B^2 / k_B T$ , we see that the Pauli susceptibility is a factor  $k_B T/W$  smaller than the Curie susceptibility. The factor is of order 100 at room temperature.  $\chi_{Pauli}$  is of order 10<sup>-5</sup>.

# 6.2.1 Exchange in Metals

The Heisenberg theory describes the exchange coupling of electrons in *localized* orbitals on adjacent atoms. It does not apply in metals, where there are partly-filled bands.

Generally, the energy of any electronic system is lowered as the wavefunctions spread out. This follows from the uncertainty principle  $\Delta p \Delta x \approx \hbar$ .

When many more-or-less delocalized electrons are present in different orbitals, the calculation of interatomic exchange is a delicate matter. Energies involved are only  $\approx 0.01$  eV, compared with bandwidths W of order 1 - 10eV. There are competing exchange mechanisms with different signs of coupling.

The principal exchange mechanism in ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic metals involves direct overlap of the partly-localized atomic orbitals of adjacent atoms. Other exchange mechanisms involve the interaction of localized and delocalized moments in the metal.

Electrons in 3d metals are described by extended wave functions and spin-polarized density of states

The bandwidth is 2 - 3 eV. In a ~ half-filled band the exchange is antiferromagnetic, whereas in a nearly-filled or nearly empty band it is ferromagnetic.

The sign depends first on band occupancy, then on the interatomic spacing, with ferromagnetic exchange favoured at larger spacing.



1 <b>H</b> 1.00			Magnetic Periodic Table													<sup>2</sup> He <sub>4.00</sub>	
<sup>3</sup> <b>Li</b> 6.94 1 + 2 <i>s</i> <sup>0</sup>	<sup>4</sup> Be 9.01 2 + 2s <sup>0</sup>	Atomic Number $466$ <b>Dy</b> Typical ionic change $3 + 4$ Atomic symbol Antiferromagnetic $T_N(K)$ $79$ 85 Ferromagnetic $T_C(K)$									5 <b>B</b> 10.81	6 <b>C</b> 12.01	7 <b>N</b> 14.01	8 <b>O</b> 16.00 35	9 <b>F</b> 19.00	<sup>10</sup> Ne <sub>20.18</sub>	
<sup>11</sup> Na 22.99 1 + 3 <i>s</i> <sup>0</sup>	<sup>12</sup> Mg 24.21 2 + 3 <i>s</i> <sup>0</sup>											<sup>13</sup> AI 26.98 3 + 2 <i>p</i> <sup>6</sup>	<sup>14</sup> Si <sub>28.09</sub>	15 <b>P</b> 30.97	16 <b>S</b> 32.07	<sup>17</sup> CI 35.45	<sup>18</sup> Ar <sup>39.95</sup>
<sup>19</sup> K 38.21 1 + 4s <sup>0</sup>	<sup>20</sup> Ca 40.08 2 + 4 <i>s</i> <sup>0</sup>	<sup>21</sup> <b>Sc</b> 44.96 3 + 3 <i>d</i> <sup>0</sup>	22 <b>Ti</b> 47.88 4 + 3 <i>a</i> º	23 <b>V</b> 50.94 3 + 3 <i>d</i> <sup>2</sup>	<sup>24</sup> Cr 52.00 3 + 3d <sup>8</sup> 312	25 <b>Mn</b> 55.85 2 + 3d <sup>6</sup> 96	26 <b>Fe</b> 55.85 3 + 3 <i>d</i> <sup>6</sup> 1043	27 <b>Co</b> 58.93 2 + 3 <i>d</i> 7 1390	28 <b>Ni</b> 58.69 2 + 3 <i>d</i> <sup>8</sup> 629	<sup>29</sup> Cu <sup>63.55</sup> 2 + 3d <sup>9</sup>	<sup>30</sup> Zn 65.39 2 + 3d <sup>10</sup>	<sup>31</sup> Ga <sup>69.72</sup> 3 + 3d <sup>10</sup>	<sup>32</sup> Ge 72.61	<sup>33</sup> As <sub>74.92</sub>	<sup>34</sup> Se <sub>78.96</sub>	<sup>35</sup> Br <sub>79.90</sub>	<sup>36</sup> Kr <sup>83.80</sup>
<sup>37</sup> <b>Rb</b> 85.47 1 + 5 <i>s</i> <sup>0</sup>	<sup>38</sup> Sr <sup>87.62</sup> 2 + 5 <i>s</i> <sup>0</sup>	39 <b>⋎</b> 88.91 2 + 4 <i>0</i> ⁰	<sup>40</sup> <b>Zr</b> 91.22 4 + 4 <i>a</i> <sup>0</sup>	<sup>41</sup> Nb <sup>92.91</sup> 5 + 4 <i>d</i> <sup>0</sup>	<sup>42</sup> Mo 95.94 5 + 4d <sup>1</sup>	<b>43Tc</b> 97.9	<sup>44</sup> Ru 101.1 3 + 4 <i>d</i> ⁵	<sup>45</sup> Rh 102.4 3 + 4 <i>d</i> <sup>6</sup>	<sup>46</sup> Pd 106.4 2 + 4d <sup>8</sup>	47 <b>Ag</b> 107.9 1 + 4d <sup>10</sup>	<sup>48</sup> Cd 112.4 2 + 4d <sup>10</sup>	<sup>49</sup> In 114.8 3 + 4d <sup>10</sup>	<sup>50</sup> Sn 118.7 4 + 4 <i>d</i> <sup>10</sup>	51 <b>Sb</b> 121.8	52 <b>Te</b> 127.6	53 <b> </b> 126.9	<sup>54</sup> Xe <sup>83.80</sup>
<sup>55</sup> Cs 132.9 1 + 6s <sup>0</sup>	<sup>56</sup> Ba 137.3 2 + 6 <i>s</i> <sup>0</sup>	<sup>57</sup> La <sup>138.9</sup> 3 + 4 <sup>/0</sup>	72 <b>Hf</b> 178.5 4 + 5 <i>0</i> <sup>0</sup>	<sup>73</sup> Ta <sup>180.9</sup> 5 + 5d <sup>0</sup>	74 <b>W</b> 183.8 6 + 5 <i>d</i> <sup>0</sup>	<sup>75</sup> Re 186.2 4 + 5d <sup>8</sup>	76 <b>OS</b> 190.2 3 + 5 <i>d</i> ⁵	77 <b> r</b> 192.2 4 + 5 <i>d</i> <sup>5</sup>	<sup>78</sup> <b>Pt</b> 195.1 2 + 5 <i>a</i> <sup>8</sup>	<sup>79</sup> Au 197.0 1 + 5d <sup>10</sup>	<sup>80</sup> Hg 200.6 2 + 5d <sup>10</sup>	81 <b>TI</b> 204.4 3 + 5 <i>d</i> <sup>10</sup>	82 <b>Pb</b> 207.2 4 + 5 <i>d</i> <sup>10</sup>	<sup>83</sup> Bi <sup>209.0</sup>	84 <b>Po</b> 209	85 <b>At</b> 210	86Rn 2222
87 <b>Fr</b> 223	<sup>88</sup> Ra 226.0 2 + 7s <sup>0</sup>	<sup>89</sup> AC 227.0 3 + 5f <sup>0</sup>															
				<sup>58</sup> Ce 140.1 4 + 4 <i>f</i> <sup>0</sup> 13	<sup>59</sup> <b>Pr</b> 140.9 3 + 4 <i>f</i> ²	<sup>60</sup> Nd 144.2 3 + 4 <sup>/3</sup> 19	61 <b>Pm</b> 145	<sup>62</sup> Sm 150.4 3 + 4/⁵ 105	6 <sup>3</sup> Eu 152.0 2 + 4f <sup>7</sup> 90	<sup>64</sup> <b>Gd</b> 157.3 3 + 4f <sup>7</sup> 292	<sup>05</sup> <b>Tb</b> 158.9 3 + 4 <sup>8</sup> 229 221	<sup>66</sup> <b>Dy</b> 162.5 3 + 4 <sup>6</sup> 179 85	<sup>07</sup> <b>HO</b> 164.9 3 + 4 <i>f</i> <sup>10</sup> 132 20	<sup>08</sup> Er 167.3 3 + 4f <sup>11</sup> 85 20	<sup>69</sup> <b>Tm</b> 168.9 3 + 4f <sup>12</sup> 56	<sup>70</sup> <b>Yb</b> 173.0 3 + 4f <sup>13</sup>	175.0 3 + 4f <sup>14</sup>
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	Metal Radioactive					BOLD	) Paramag	gnet c atom			Antiferr	romagnet/Ferromagnet with $T_N/T_C < 290$ K					

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# 6.2.2. Stoner Criterion

Ferromagnetic exchange in metals need not lead to spontaneous ferromagnetic order.

The Pauli susceptibility must exceed a certain threshold. Ferromagnetic metals have an exceptionally large density of states at the Fermi level  $\mathcal{N}(E_F)$ .

Stoner applied Weiss's molecular field idea to the free electron model.

 $H_{\rm i} = {\rm n}_{\rm S} M$ 

Here  $n_s$  is the Stoner molecular field constant; Bare Pauli susceptibility  $\chi_p = M/(H + n_s M)$ enhanced:

 $\chi = M/H = \chi_p/(1 - n_S \chi_p)$ 

Hence the susceptibility diverges when

 $n_S \chi_p = 1$ 

The value of  $n_s$  is about 10,000 in 3*d* metals. The Pauli susceptibility is proportional to the density of states  $\mathcal{N}(E_F)$ .

Only metals with a large  $\mathcal{N}(E_F)$  can order ferromagnetically. A big peak at the Fermi level is needed. Hence the late 3d elements Fe, Co, Ni are ferromagnetic, but the early 3d or 4d elements Ti, V, Cr are not. Elements in the middle of the series Cr, V are antiferromagnetic because the 3d band is approximately half-full.

If the Stoner criterion is satisfied, the  $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$  bands split spontaneously.




## Density of states

Q 4.



Measure the field perpendicular to the surface of one magnet with a Hall probe.

- (only 2 out of 6 create a perpendicular field)
- For Nd-F e-B it will be 400 mT. (theB-field)
- If we imagine seperating then by a small distance d, the work done is Fd.
- The change of energy is associated with the 400 mT field that has now been created in the airgap. The associated energy is  $\frac{1}{2}$  VB<sup>2</sup>/ $\mu_0$  (V is the volume of the airgap)  $E = 0.5x(10x10^{-3})^2 d(0.4)^2/4\pi 10^{-7} = Fd$   $F \approx 100N$ .
- An area of only ~ 3x3 cm<sup>2</sup> would be enough to support your own weight