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★★ Intro. Magnetics

Ampere's Law: $\oint H \cdot dl = \int J \cdot dA + \frac{d}{dt} \int \epsilon E \cdot dA$

Faraday's Law $\oint E \cdot dl = -\frac{d}{dt} \int B \cdot dA$

Flux Continuity $\oint B \cdot dA = 0 \quad (\nabla \cdot B = 0)$

H magnetic field intensity units A/m
B magnetic flux density T (1T = 10^4 gauss)

B = mu H, mu = permeability (material property) (H/m)
mu_0 = permeability of free space (4pi x 10^-7 H/m)

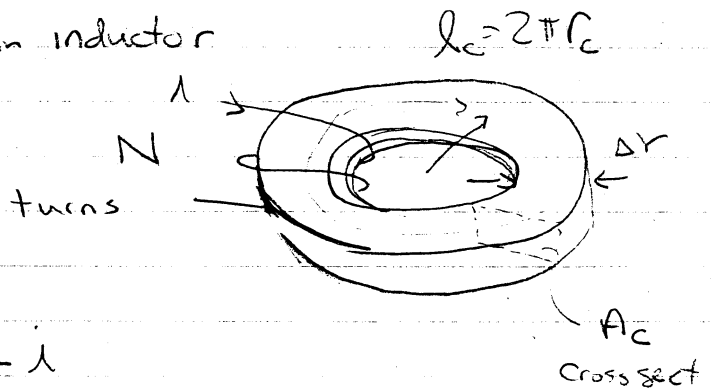
(note: in general B = f(H) -> nonlinear relation)

★ Let's consider the design of an inductor

Assume r_c >> delta r, mu_c >> mu_0

To find inductance

- 1. find H
2. find phi
3. find lambda -> lambda = L i



1. Ampere's Law $\oint H \cdot dl = \int J \cdot dA$

H * l_c = N i

2. B = mu H, phi = B A_c -> phi = mu_c A_c H

phi_B = (mu_c A_c N^2 / l_c) i

3 lambda flux linkage lambda = N phi_B = (N^2 mu_c A_c / l_c) i

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$$\lambda = L i \Rightarrow L = \frac{N^2 \mu A_c}{l_c} \leftarrow \text{depends on geometry, mat'l properties, \# turns}$$

By Faraday's Law $\frac{d\lambda}{dt} = V = \frac{d}{dt}(L i) = L \frac{di}{dt}$

Notes

1. $L \propto N^2$ (not $N!!$)

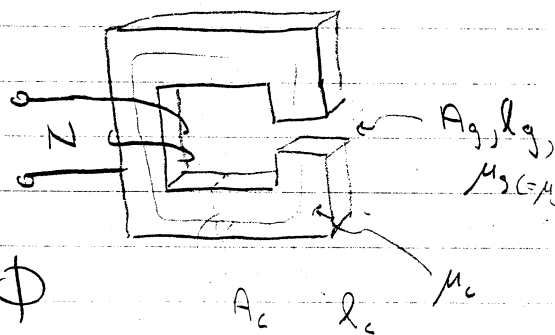
Some manufacturers will characterize cores with an A_L value, where $A_L = \# \text{ nH for 1 turn (or } \# \text{ mH @ 1000 turns)}$

$$\therefore L = A_L \cdot N^2 \text{ (nH)}$$

2. $L \propto \mu_c$ (material property)

because μ can vary with H , Temp, time, etc., so can L !
For very accurate & stable values of L we need to do additional work \rightarrow one method: Add an air gap! (see below)

Consider a core with a gap in it



$$H_c l_c + H_g l_g = N i$$

by flux continuity $B_c A_c = B_g A_g = \Phi$

$$H_c = \frac{B_c}{\mu_c}, \quad H_g = \frac{B_g}{\mu_0}$$

$$\frac{\Phi}{\mu_c A_c} l_c + \frac{\Phi l_g}{\mu_0 A_g} = N i$$

$$\text{or } \Phi \left[\frac{l_c}{\mu_c A_c} + \frac{l_g}{\mu_0 A_g} \right] = N i$$

start here for R

(*)

$$\therefore \lambda = N \Phi = \frac{N^2 i}{\left[\frac{l_c}{\mu_c A_c} + \frac{l_g}{\mu_0 A_g} \right]}$$

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$$\therefore L = \frac{\lambda}{i} = \frac{N^2}{\left[\frac{l_c}{\mu_c A_c} + \frac{l_g}{\mu_0 A_g} \right]}$$

for $\mu_g = \mu_0, A_c = A_g \Rightarrow$

\Rightarrow IF $\frac{l_g}{\mu_0} \gg \frac{l_c}{\mu_c}$ then inductance doesn't depend much on μ_c !!!

\rightarrow in this case, most energy stored in gap $W_m = \int \int \int_{Vol} B \cdot H \, dv$

★ Let's step back and look at flux computation: Reluctance Models

$$\Phi = \frac{(N i)}{\left(\frac{l_c}{\mu_c A_c} + \frac{l_g}{\mu_0 A_g} \right)}$$

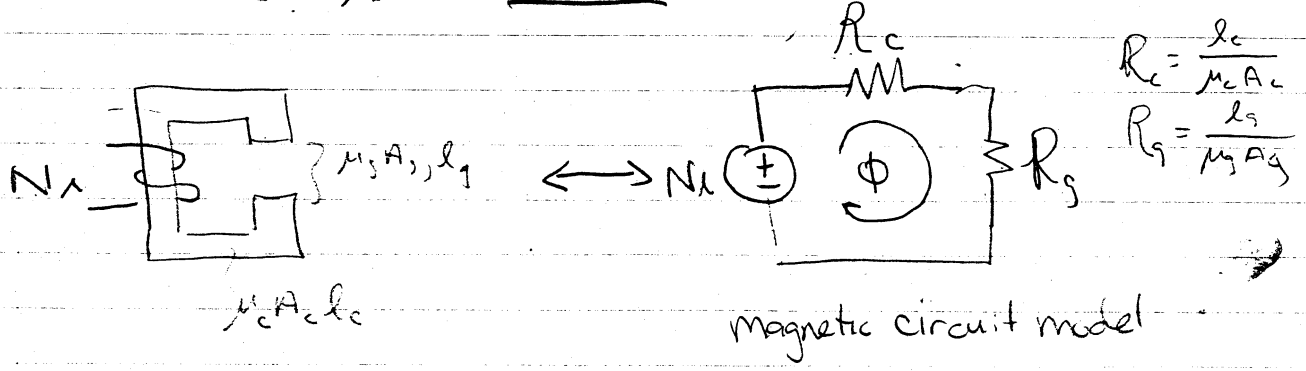
Similar in form to $\lambda = \frac{V}{R_1 + R_2}$

resistance to flux !!!

Define $N i$ = magnetomotive force MMF

Φ = flux in magnetic circuit

$R = \frac{l_x}{\mu_x A_x}$ = Reluctance of magnetic circuit element



\Rightarrow also works for multiple windings (MMF's) and parallel branches

\Rightarrow Rapid computation of magnetic flux in more complicated structures

Note Resistance $R = \frac{l}{\sigma A}$ Reluctance $= \frac{l}{\mu A}$

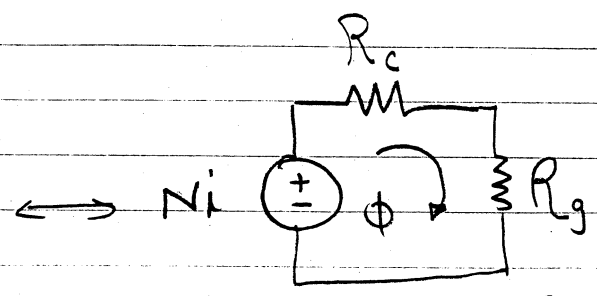
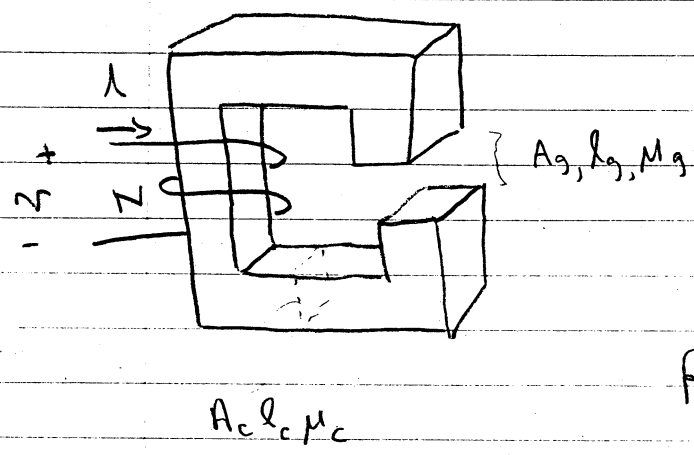
\therefore permeability is like "magnetic conductivity" (Reluctance is resistance to flux)

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* Summary: Reluctance Model

Analogue of Electric Circuit Model for magnetic

Electric		Magnetic	
Voltage (EMF)	\longleftrightarrow	Magnetomotive Force (MMF)	\oplus
Current	\longleftrightarrow	Flux	$i \rightarrow$
Resistance $\frac{l}{\sigma A}$	\longleftrightarrow	Reluctance $\frac{l}{\mu A}$	\ominus



$$R_c = \frac{l_c}{\mu_c A_c} \quad R_g = \frac{l_g}{\mu_g A_g}$$

$$\Phi = \frac{Ni}{R_c + R_g} = \frac{Ni}{\frac{l_c}{\mu_c A_c} + \frac{l_g}{\mu_g A_g}}$$

To find terminal voltage: Voltage of each turn is $V_{turn} = \frac{d\Phi}{dt}$, Voltage of whole coil is N times this. Hence the definition of Flux linkage:

$$\lambda = N\Phi \quad (\text{Flux linkage})$$

$$V = \frac{d\lambda}{dt} = \underbrace{\left[\frac{N^2}{\frac{l_c}{\mu_c A_c} + \frac{l_g}{\mu_g A_g}} \right]}_L \frac{d\lambda}{dt} \quad (\lambda = Li)$$

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Notes : ① $L \propto N^2$

$(L = N^2 A_L)$

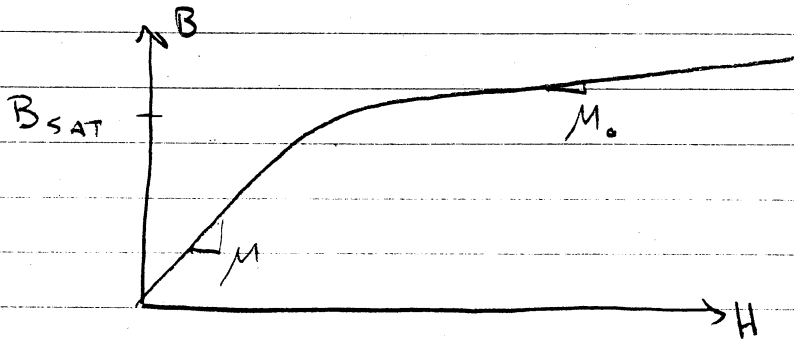
where A_L is usually def. as $nH @ 1 \text{ turn}$.

②

for accuracy, we need $\mu_c \gg \mu_0, l_c \gg \sqrt{A_c}, l_g \ll \sqrt{A_c}$

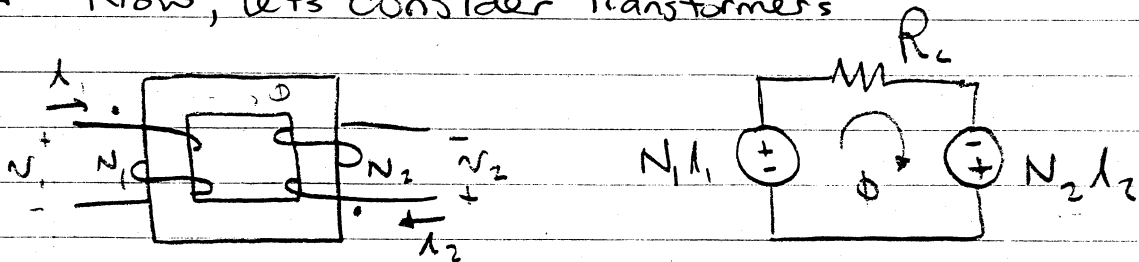
③

These relations rely on material property $B = \mu H$.
In general $B = f(H)$



above some flux density B_{sat} , material saturates $\frac{\partial B}{\partial H} \rightarrow \mu_0$
• we need to operate @ $B < B_{sat}$ (Iron: $\mu \approx 10^4 \mu_0, B_{sat} \approx 2T$)

* Now, lets consider transformers



"Dot convention: All currents into dots flow flux the same direction"

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_1 &= \frac{d\lambda_1}{dt} = N_1 \frac{d\phi}{dt} \\ V_2 &= \frac{d\lambda_2}{dt} = N_2 \frac{d\phi}{dt} \end{aligned} \right\} \boxed{V_2 = \frac{N_2}{N_1} V_1}$$

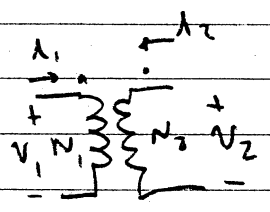
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Currents' $\Phi = \frac{N_1 I_1 + N_2 I_2}{R_c}$

IF $\mu_c \rightarrow \infty : R_c \rightarrow 0$ so for finite Φ we need

$$N_1 I_1 = -N_2 I_2$$

\Rightarrow These are the ideal transformer relations!



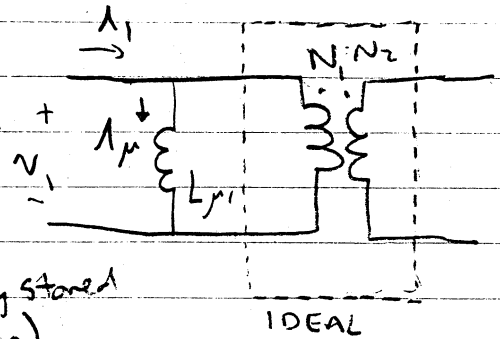
Consider nonidealities : Magnetizing

Since $\mu_c < \infty$, $R_c > 0 \therefore N_1 I_1 + N_2 I_2 = \Phi R_c \neq 0$
 (there is an error in the current relation)

For $I_2 = 0$ (open ckt on secondary)

$$\Phi = \frac{N_1 I_1}{R_c} \rightarrow V_1 = \frac{N_1^2}{R_c} \frac{dI_1}{dt} = L_{\mu} \frac{dI_1}{dt}$$

Similar results for other winding



- magnetizing inductance L_{μ} reflects the fact that there is energy stored in the core (in the process of induction).

- Could place magnetizing inductance on either side of xformer; with appropriate scaling for turns ratio. (N^2)
- Magnetization of the core is the reason that transformers don't work at dc

$$V_1 = N_1 \frac{d\Phi}{dt} \therefore \Phi = \frac{1}{N_1} \int V_1 dt$$

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$$\therefore B_c = \frac{\Phi}{A_c} = \frac{1}{N_1 A_c} \int V_1 dt$$

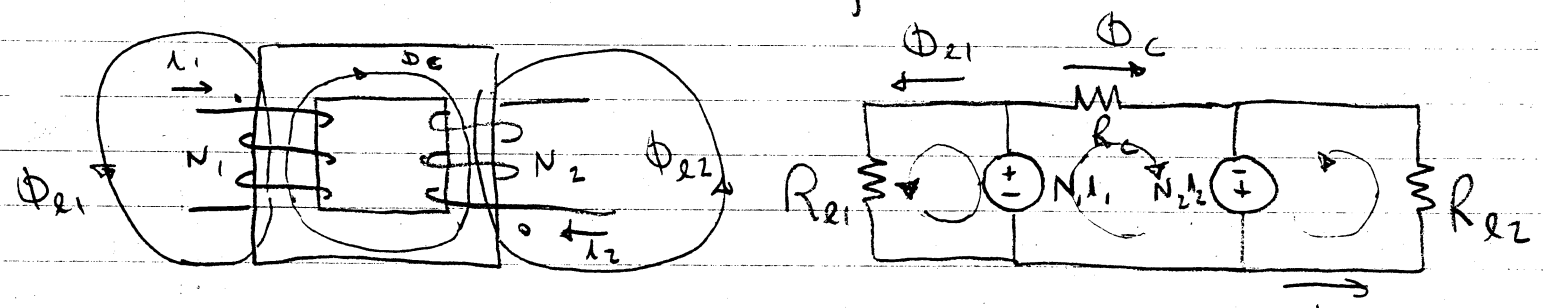
Since we need $B_c < B_{sat}$ to avoid core saturation

$$\therefore \int V_1 dt \leq N_1 B_{SAT} A_c$$

Volt-sec limit on the transformer!

Leakage Inductance

In reality, all flux does not follow core path and some flux from each winding does not link the other:



$$\Phi_{e1} = \frac{N_1 \lambda_1}{R_{e1}} \quad \Phi_c = \frac{N_1 \lambda_1 + N_2 \lambda_2}{R_c} \quad \Phi_{e2} = \frac{N_2 \lambda_2}{R_{e2}}$$

$$\lambda_1 = N_1 (\Phi_c + \Phi_{e1}) = \frac{N_1^2}{R_c} \lambda_1 + \frac{N_1^2}{R_{e1}} \lambda_1 + \frac{N_1 N_2}{R_c} \lambda_2$$

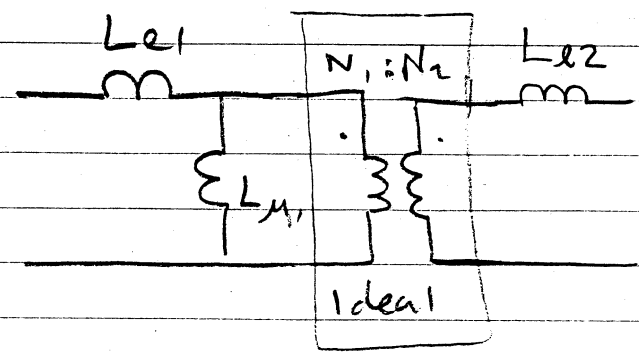
$$\lambda_2 = N_2 (\Phi_c + \Phi_{e2}) = \frac{N_2^2}{R_c} \lambda_2 + \frac{N_2^2}{R_{e2}} \lambda_2 + \frac{N_1 N_2}{R_c} \lambda_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{N_1^2}{R_c} + \frac{N_1^2}{R_{e1}} & \frac{N_1 N_2}{R_c} \\ \frac{N_1 N_2}{R_c} & \frac{N_2^2}{R_c} + \frac{N_2^2}{R_{e2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & L_m \\ L_m & L_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & L_M \\ L_M & L_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{inductance matrix description}$$

It is easy to show that this is equivalent to the circuit model:



where $L_{e1} = \frac{N_1^2}{R_{e1}}$ $L_{\mu1} = \frac{N_1^2}{R_c}$ $L_{e2} = \frac{N_2^2}{R_{e2}}$

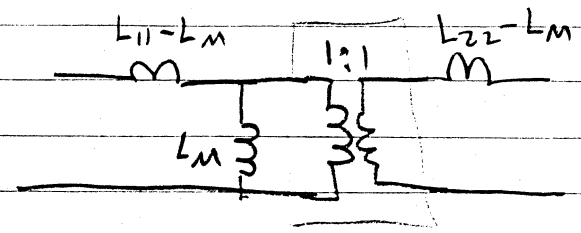
and $L_{11} = L_{e1} + L_{\mu1}$, $L_M = \left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right)L_{\mu1}$, $L_{22} = L_{e2} + \left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right)^2 L_{\mu1}$

- So a real transformer has both magnetizing inductance and leakage inductances. These are important for practical applications

- OTHER model parameters are possible:
To characterize a two-winding transformer, we need three inductances L_{11}, L_M, L_{22} . The circuit model actually has 4 parameters: $L_{e1}, L_{\mu1}, L_{e2}, N_2/N_1$. If we are willing to use NONPHYSICAL values (e.g. for N_2/N_1), we can come up with an infinite array of circuit models with the SAME terminal characteristics

e.g. make $\left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right) = 1$

Just in MODEL, not physical value.

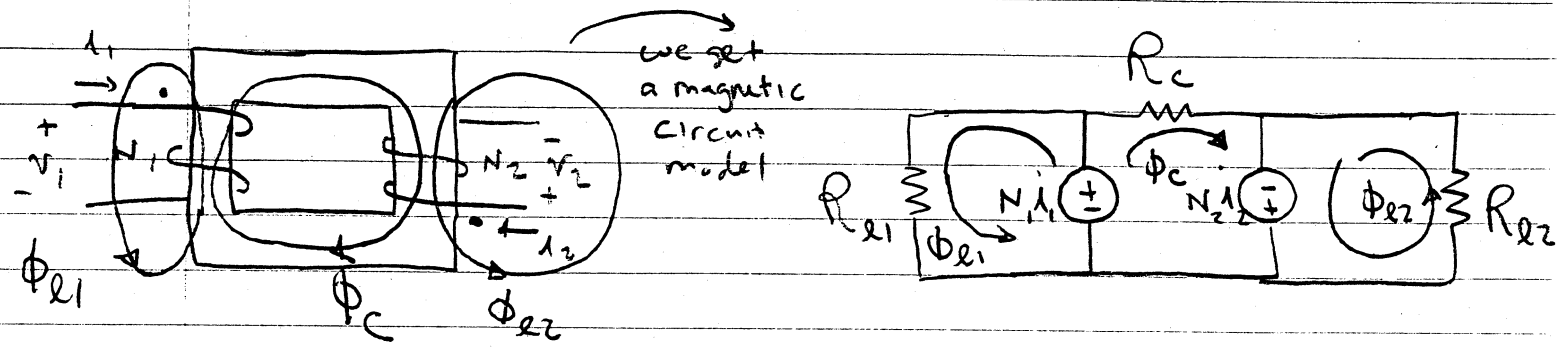


Also works to describe behavior!

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★ SUMMARY OF TRANSFORMERS

GIVEN A TWO-WINDING MAGNETIC STRUCTURE



Notes: ① The directions of the MMF sources are determined by the orientation of the windings ^{+fluxes}

② The electrical behavior at the winding terminals is determined by flux linkage. Appropriate polarities from Lenz's Law (λ is $N \Phi$ from + side of MMF source)

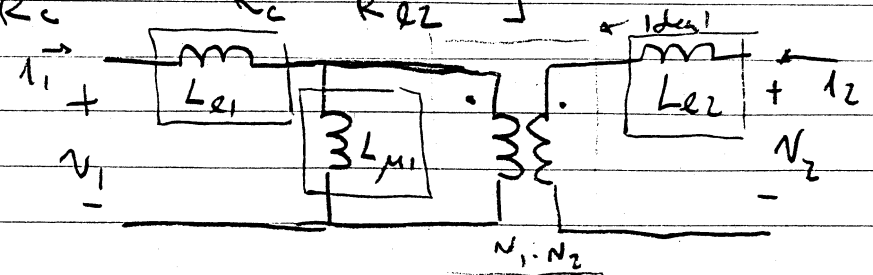
$$\int V_1 dt = \lambda_1 = N_1 (\Phi_{e1} + \Phi_c)$$

$$\int V_2 dt = \lambda_2 = N_2 (\Phi_{e2} + \Phi_c)$$

working out the math relating flux linkage to flux to current

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{N_1^2}{R_c} + \frac{N_1^2}{R_{e1}} & \frac{N_1 N_2}{R_c} \\ \frac{N_1 N_2}{R_c} & \frac{N_2^2}{R_c} + \frac{N_2^2}{R_{e2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & L_m \\ L_m & L_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

A CIRCUIT MODEL



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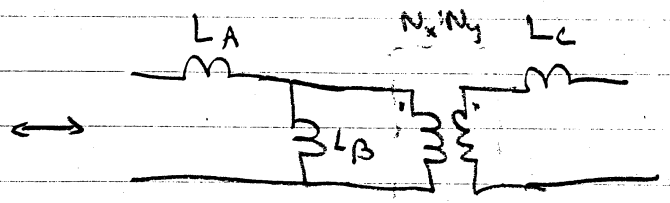
where $L_M = \frac{N_1^2}{R_c}$ $L_{e1} = \frac{N_1^2}{R_{e1}}$ $L_{e2} = \frac{N_2^2}{R_{e2}}$

Note: our inductance matrix description of the system has 3 parameters: L_{11}, L_{22}, L_M .

Our circuit model has 4 parameters: $L_{e1}, L_M, L_{e2}, \left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right)$

Using the physical turns ratio, we then get unique relations for L_{e1}, L_M, L_{e2} . However, that is not necessary! There are an infinite # of circuit models that match the terminal behavior of the device (specified by the inductance matrix).

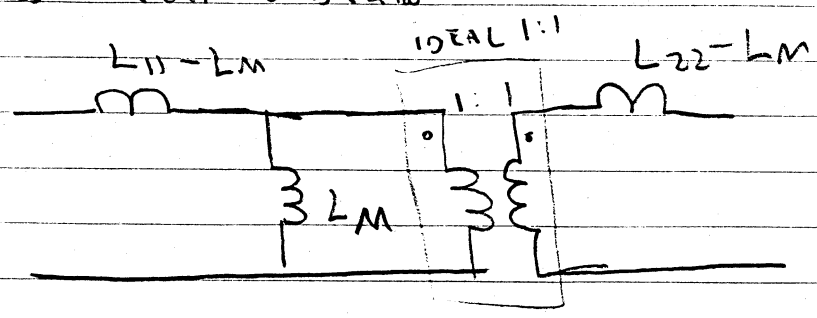
$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & L_M \\ L_M & L_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



3 indep params

4 indep params. Choose any one + match other 3!

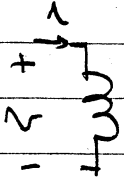
e.g. if we arbitrarily select a MODEL with $(N_2/N_1) = 1$ (regardless of "real" turns ratio)



This also gives us the exact same terminal behavior! (though it does not reflect the physical system, it is a good terminal model.)

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Note: for a real magnetic system, there are physical limits on the parameter values.



in a 1-part system $V = L \frac{di}{dt}$, we must have $L > 0$ (cons. of energy)

Similarly in a 2-part magnetic circuit (inverting the matrix)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{L}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{L_{11}L_{22} - L_m^2} \begin{bmatrix} L_{22} & -L_m \\ -L_m & L_{11} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

for a real system, we must have $|L_m| < \sqrt{L_{11} L_{22}}$.

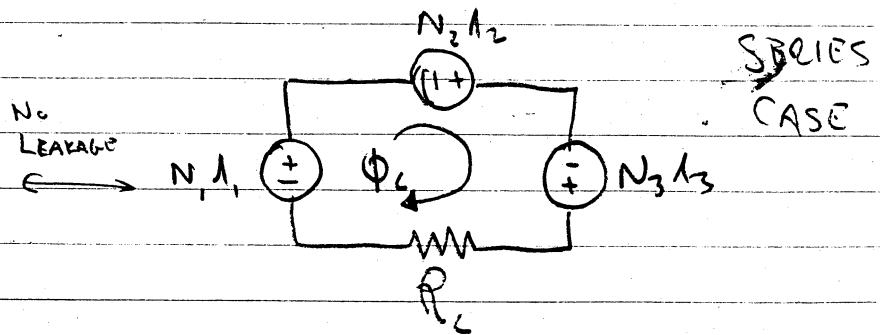
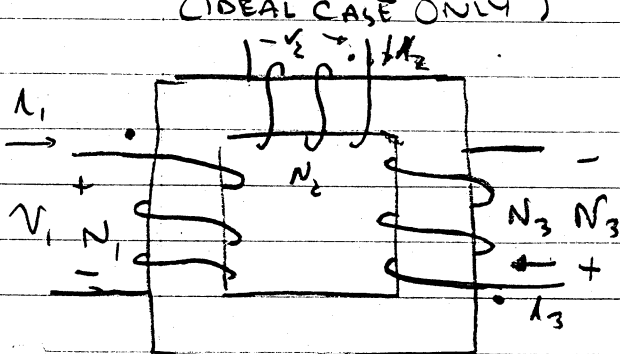
otherwise if $v_2 = 0$ (short) + we apply v_1 , $\frac{d\lambda_1}{dt} < 0$ and we would get energy out of the system forever!

In practice, $L_m = \sqrt{L_{11} L_{22}}$ is perfect coupling (no leakage)

Coupling coeff. $k \triangleq \frac{L_m}{\sqrt{L_{11} L_{22}}} \quad -1 < k < 1$

★ CONSIDER TRANSFORMERS WITH MORE THAN 2 WINDINGS:

(IDEAL CASE ONLY)



IF $R_c \rightarrow 0$, no leakage ($\mu \rightarrow \infty$)

$$N_1 i_1 + N_2 i_2 + N_3 i_3 = \Phi R_c = 0$$

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Also

$$V_1 = \frac{d\lambda_1}{dt} = N_1 \frac{d\phi}{dt}$$

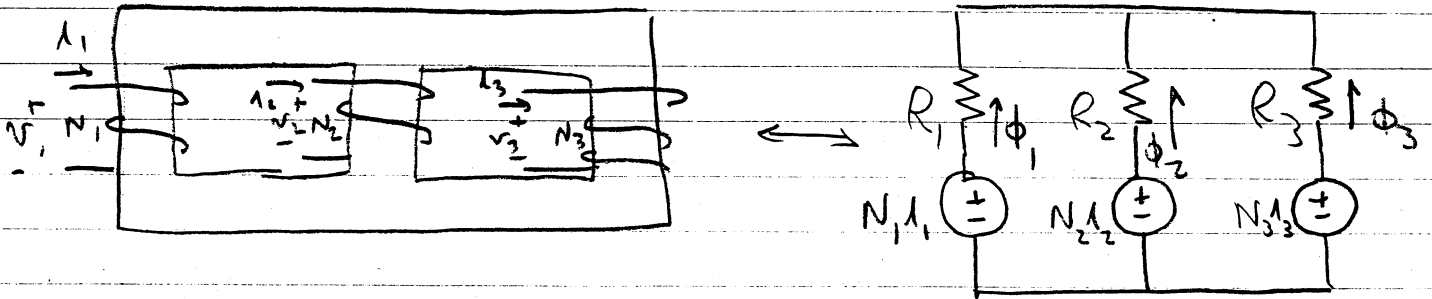
$$V_2 = \frac{d\lambda_2}{dt} = N_2 \frac{d\phi}{dt}$$

$$V_3 = \frac{d\lambda_3}{dt} = N_3 \frac{d\phi}{dt}$$

$$\frac{V_1}{N_1} = \frac{V_2}{N_2} = \frac{V_3}{N_3}$$

Note: as there is only one magnetic path, the dot convention is clear!

WE CAN ALSO HAVE A PARALLEL STRUCTURE



If $\mu_c \rightarrow \infty$ $R_1, R_2, R_3 \rightarrow 0$

\therefore from model, for $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3 < \infty$

$$N_1 i_1 = N_2 i_2 = N_3 i_3$$

Also $\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 = 0$

$$\frac{\lambda_1}{N_1} + \frac{\lambda_2}{N_2} + \frac{\lambda_3}{N_3} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{V_1}{N_1} + \frac{V_2}{N_2} + \frac{V_3}{N_3} = 0$$

① WE GET DIFFERENT RELATIONS IN SERIES + PARALLEL CASES

② PARALLEL CASE: "DOT" CONVENTION IS NO LONGER A SUFFICIENT DESCRIPTION

③ IF we included nonidealities, we would get a 3×3 inductance matrix description.

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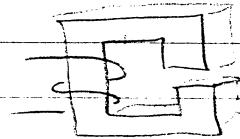
★ Inductor Design Tips

So far, we have ^{mostly} considered analysis. Design is more challenging, and is partly an art.

Some tips for designing inductors: (we will focus on identifying the limits that a design must meet. There are many paths to designs that meet the limits)

1. Given a core geometry and gap, we get inductance proportional to the number of turns squared:

$$L = \frac{N^2}{(R_c + R_g)}$$



This is sometimes expressed in A_L $L = N^2 A_L$ (nH)

2. WE MUST NOT exceed the allowed flux density of the material

$$B_{\max} = \frac{\Phi}{A_c} = \frac{L I_{\max}}{N A_c} \leq B_{\text{SAT}}$$

If we choose to store all energy in the gap

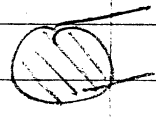
$$W_m = \frac{1}{2} L I^2 = \frac{1}{2} \iiint B \cdot H dv = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B_{\max}^2}{\mu_0} \cdot A_g l_g$$

→ for selecting A_c, l_g : $l_g \ll \sqrt{A_c} \ll l_c$

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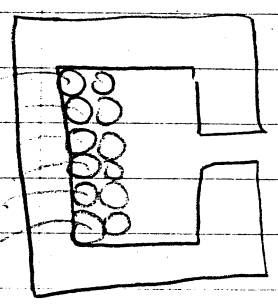
3 Wire must be thick enough to carry current w/o overheating.

Typically, a current density limit is imposed



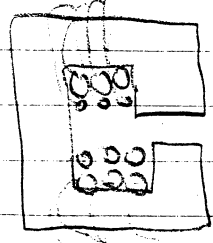
$$J_{max} \leq 500 \text{ A/cm}^2 \text{ or } 3000 \text{ A/in}^2$$

4 WIRE MUST FIT IN THE WINDOW AREA

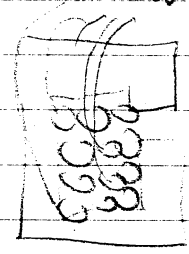


The packing factor K_w tells us the fraction of actual window area that can be filled with copper (typ $K_w \sim 0.5$, but depends on wire size, winding method.)

Different winding methods yield different winding lengths



2 leg windings may be better than one



5 losses + Temp rise must be acceptable (core + copper loss) \Rightarrow this is often the main limiting factor!

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★ Loss mechanisms in magnetics:

We care about loss both for efficiency and because the size of a magnetic component is often determined by loss.

Generally, we can break down losses into 2 components: Those associated with the winding and those associated with the core. Each has special effects associated with them.

1. Winding Loss

@ low frequency (dc) winding loss is just due to the dc resistance in the winding + is easy to calculate.

$$R_{\text{wire}} = \frac{\rho_{\text{cu}} l_{\text{wire}}}{A_{\text{wire}}}$$

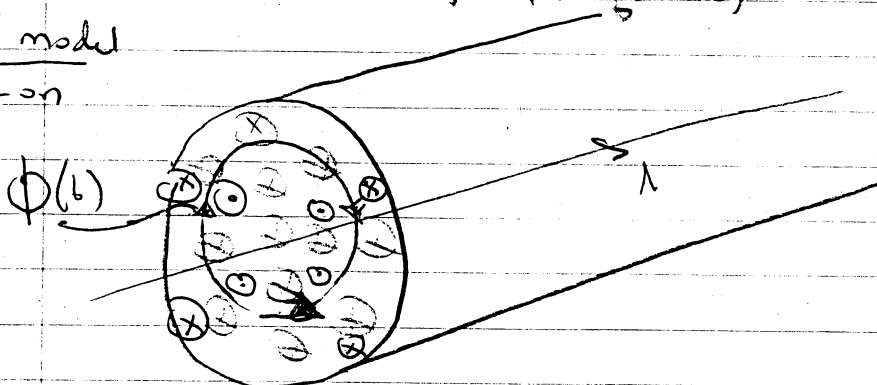
$$P_{\text{diss}} = I_{\text{rms}}^2 R_{\text{wire}} = I_{\text{dc}}^2 R$$

↑
for dc current.

At higher frequencies, there are additional effects we must worry about: skin effect and proximity effect.

Skin effect is the "self shielding" effect of conductors: Due to eddy currents generated by changes in magnetic field of an ac current, the fields + currents may not penetrate inside a conductor @ high frequency.

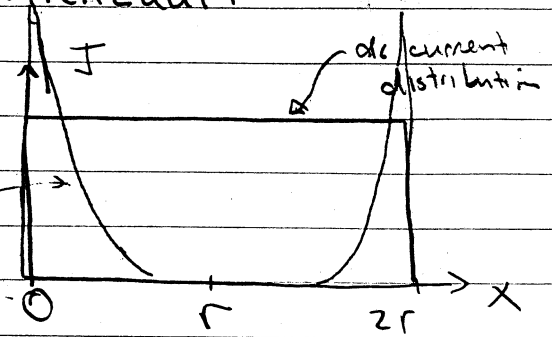
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@ low frequency $\left| \frac{d\Phi}{dt} \right|$ small

@ high freq $\left| \frac{d\Phi}{dt} \right|$, eddy currents large



The "self shielding" due to eddy currents may be expressed as a Magnetic diffusion problem: magnetic fields diffuse into the conductor.

$$J \sim J_0 e^{-x/\delta} \quad \text{where } \delta = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_{cu}}{\pi M_{cu} f}} = \frac{k}{\sqrt{f}}$$

@ 60 Hz $\delta_{cu} \sim 0.75 \text{ cm}$

So, if we need to carry high frequency current, wire of radius $> \delta$ is not useful, since the current will be carried only on the surface of the wire

$$R_{AC} \approx R_{DC} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{f}{f_x}} \right) \quad \begin{matrix} f_x \text{ is freq @} \\ \text{which } 2r = \delta \end{matrix}$$

$$\approx R_{DC} \left(1 + \frac{W}{\delta} \right) \quad \begin{matrix} W \text{ is effective wire} \\ \text{thickness } \approx 2r \end{matrix}$$

Approximate only!

neglects proximity, etc.

So if we want to carry large, high-frequency current, we should parallel isolated wires of thickness $\leq \delta$. Sometimes use Litz wire, where strands are transposed so each spends same time in inner + outer positions. (show sample)

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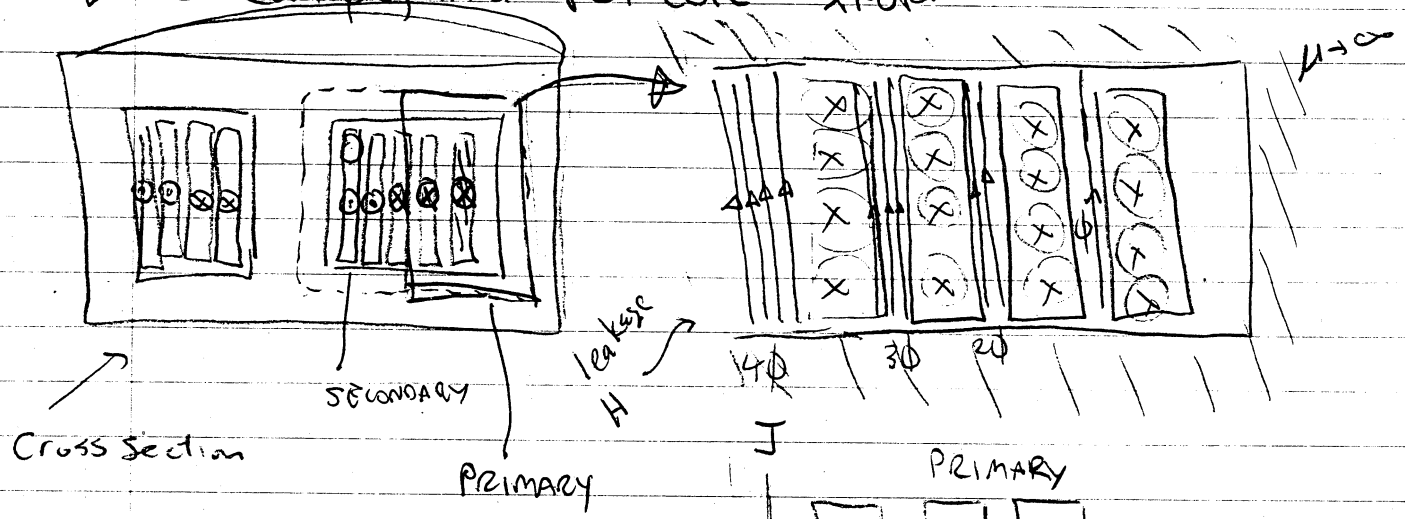
Proximity Effect

Skin Effect Arises because of eddy currents due to changing A fields due to the conductors own current.

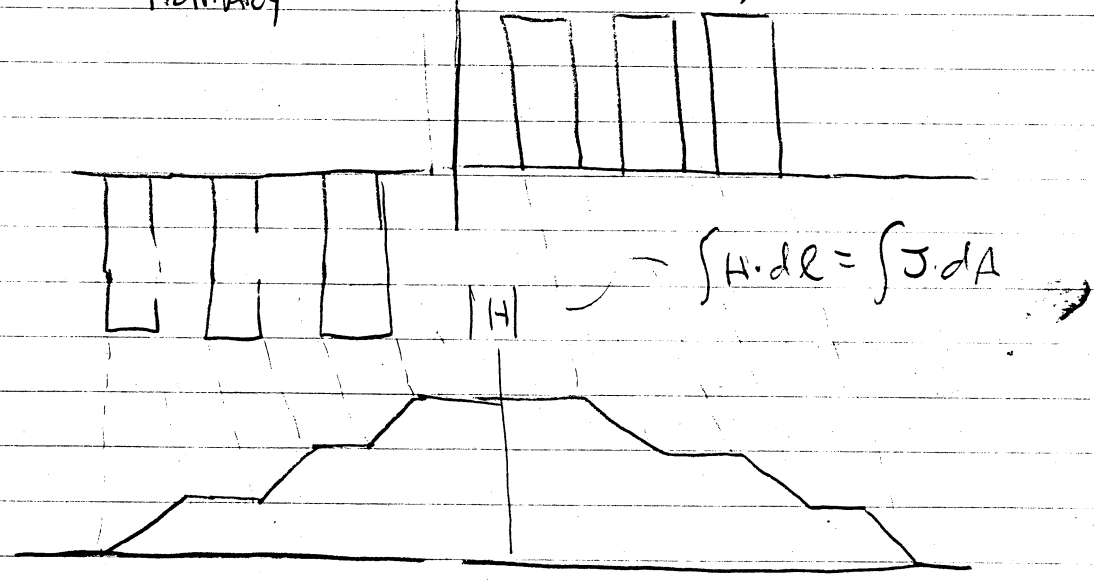
However, even stronger eddy currents can be generated due to the fields from currents in neighboring conductors, especially in multi layer windings.

PROXIMITY EFFECT IS MOST IMPORTANT IN XFORMERS (WHERE BIG AC CURRENTS EXIST) BUT ALSO APPLY TO AC COMPONENTS IN INDUCTORS

For example, in a "pot core" XFORMER



Just present as layers of windings without exact description of system (keep simple + short)



So AMONG LAYERS OF WINDINGS, $|H| \uparrow$, $\therefore \frac{dB}{dt} \uparrow$

\therefore Eddy currents + losses \uparrow

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So: If we have many layers of conductor, ac losses may be even larger than suggested by skin effect, since the ac fields from other conductors may induce losses in a conductor.

⇒ This is esp. important in transformer design (where ac currents predominate)

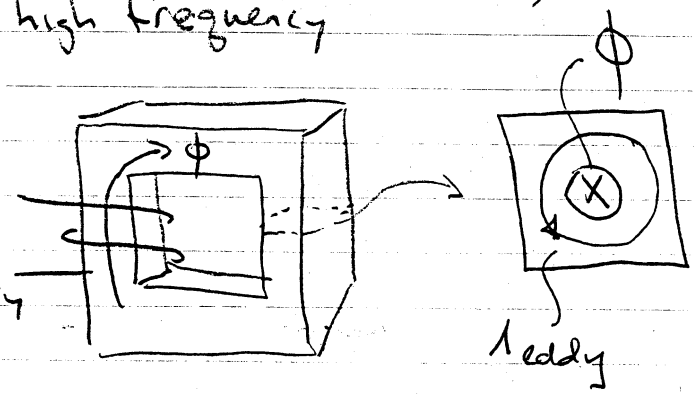
⇒ we may avoid high #'s of layers, interleave layers to keep peak field magnitudes down,

⇒ Usually, min loss is for wire $< \delta$, and smaller as # of layers \uparrow .

★ Core losses: Up to now, we have considered core material to be "ideal" high μ material. However, there are mechanisms that cause loss in the core, and may cause problems @ high frequency

Eddy currents

Many core materials have significant conductivity



$\frac{dB}{dt}$ through core generates voltage which drive eddy currents around core. These eddy currents oppose changing core flux!

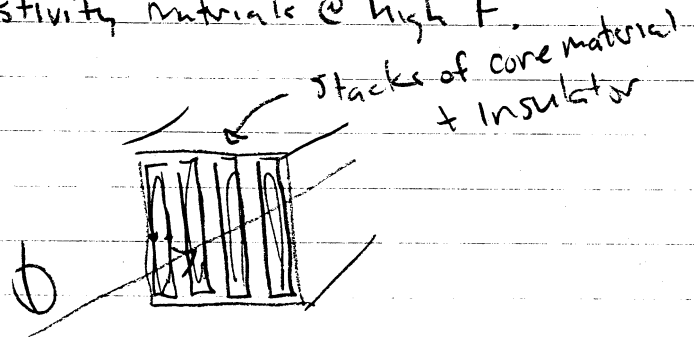
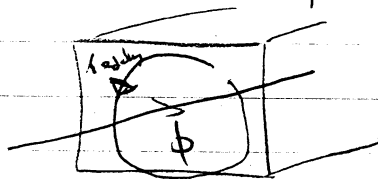
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2 effects:

- ① we get losses! $I_{eddy} \propto \frac{dB}{dt} \propto f \Rightarrow I_{eddy}^2 R_{core} \text{ loss}$
- ② once $f_{core} \sim$ core thickness, the eddy currents will cause the flux to be rejected from the core!
 \Rightarrow It will not act to guide flux + not be useful!

\Rightarrow This is why iron is good for low frequency $\sim 60\text{Hz}$ but not useful @ high frequency $\sim 100\text{kHz}$.
 We must use high resistivity materials @ high f .

\Rightarrow Lamination helps

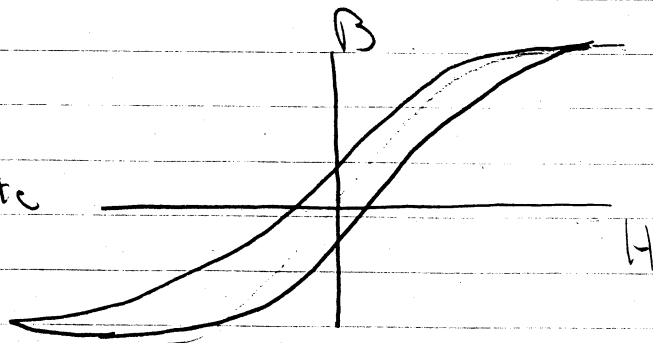


Effective Core resistivity \uparrow with laminations if lamination thickness \ll f in appropriate dimension.

Hysteresis loss:

We actually dissipate energy moving the magnetic domains around. This appears

as a hysteresis in the B-H loop.



Ideally we lose energy each time we go around loop
 $P_{Hys} \propto f$, (but this is not true in reality)

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To model core loss, we often use the empirical Steinmetz Model (named for Charles Proteus Steinmetz):

loss per unit volume (of core)	$P_v = C_m f^\alpha \hat{B}_{Ac}^\beta$
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where parameters C_m, α, β are determined from manufacturer's data

e.g. for 3F3 Ferrite

$$C_m \approx 9.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ W/cm}^3$$

$$\alpha = 1.231 \text{ (f in Hz)}$$

$$\beta = 2.793 \text{ (B in gauss)}$$

These are usually only accurate for sinusoidal ac waves, but do account for both hysteresis + eddy current effects.

⇒ total loss $P_{TOT} = P_{cu} + P_{core}$.