

of Magnetic Measurements for Particle Accelerators

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When to measure magnets?



design phase: test material samples for permeability, coercivity etc... test prototypes or models (scaled down versions) to validate computer simulations and specific design choices (e.g. chamfers, shims, many other details ...)

> accept ance tests: monitor production quality, trap errors, tooling wear ... as early as possible to steer manufacturing. Build up statistics to reduce tests and minimize total cost. Get all data required for fiducialization (installation) and beam optics. NB: internal acceptance criteria might be elastic, but legal acceptance is binary (and may be even obligatory !)

prototypes/pre-series: test field quality to verify the respect of mechanical tolerances (inverse problem), give feedback to designer and manufacturing firms. Carry out a fully detailed magnetic characterization (often the time to do so will not be available during series tests)



throughout lifetime: characterize magnets after repairs, or to allow use in different ways than originally intended

different trade-offs between accuracy and resources at different times



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Advantages

- predict behaviour without having the physical object (!!!)
- fast and inexpensive for relatively simple cases; allow parameter space searches, optimization
- virtually unlimited resolution and precision



Limit at ions

- partial physical model: including all couplings (thermal, mechanical) and phenomena (magnetostriction, magnetoresistivity ...) that may be relevant is extremely expensive
- numerical errors: e.g. singularities in re-entrant corners, boundary location of open regions; these may spoil results. Special techniques (special corner elements, BEM) require skill and time
- **high cost** of detailed 3D models $\propto \Delta x^{2}$, Δt^{-1} (2D simulations not always sufficient ...)



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Impact of model uncertainties

Analytical 1D model (assume no leakage, constant sross-section), typical accuracy 10⁻¹~10⁻²

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 N_t I}{g\left(\frac{1}{\mu_r}\frac{\ell}{g} + 1\right)}$$

impact of geometrical uncertainty (mechanical tolerances, assembly errors)





impact of material property uncertainties





$10 \ \mu m/100 \ mm \ gap \ error \rightarrow 10^{-4}$ field error at high field 5% μ_r error \rightarrow 5.10⁻³ field error at low field (typical values)

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FE/MM comparison (1/2): CER PS Booster Dipole

steel plates to be reinforced to equalize the rings at high field (+110% @ 2 GeV w.r.t. design value !)

2D FE with nominal *B(H*) (tweaking the curve does not work !)



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FE/MM comparison (2/2): MedAustron Bending Dipole

- modelling issues more complex for dynamic phenomena (eddy currents)
- medical hadrontherapy machine requirements: fast energy changes, high accuracy and stability
- settling time: measured 200 ± 20 ms, computed 150 ms



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Measurement methods



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Induction sensors



- Sensitive to the **flux** rather than the field
- Intrinsically linear transducer
 (some nonlinearity indirectly due to acquisition electronics e.g. finite input impedance → small currents circulate in the coil)
- Voltage integration generally required, with attendant advantages (noise abatement proportional to frequency) and drawbacks (drift, results depend on integration time)
- Direct post-processing of the voltage also possible (relies on accurate speed control and measurement)



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Lorentz force-based sensors



- Sensitive to a single field component (with higher order correction terms)
- Mechanical/solid state phenomena \rightarrow stronger non linearity \rightarrow more difficult calibration



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Magnetic resonance sensors



- Resonant absorption/re-emission of RF waves in a sample within a uniform field (field gradient spreads the resonance, impact depends on sample size and shape)
- Transducer sensitive to the field vector norm (some impact of temperature, orientation of transducer, chemical nature of sample: < 10⁻⁶ for NMR, much stronger for EPR)
- Gyromagnetic ratio depends on fundamental constants \rightarrow metrological golden standard



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Magnetic measurement dataflow

		C		DATA	REDUCTION
Physical principle	Method	Raw data	Intermediate result	Field representation	Final results
	fixed coil $V_c = A_c \dot{B}$	$V_c(t)$	$\Delta \Phi(t)$	long. field integral vs. time, transv. pos. $\frac{1}{w_c \ell_c} \iint \Delta B(x, t, s) ds dx$	
Induction	$rotating coilV_c = \omega A_c B$	$V_c(\vartheta)$	$\int_{0}^{2\pi} \Phi(\psi) \kappa(\vartheta - \psi) d\psi$	avg. field expansion coefficients $C_n = B_n + i A_n$	 field polarity integrated (lagel field strength)
$V_c = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t}$	translating coil $V_c = \dot{s}A_c \frac{\partial B}{\partial s}$	$V_c(s)$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(u)\kappa(s-u)du$	long. avg. field profile vs. transv. pos. $\frac{1}{w_c} \int B(s, x) dx$	 Integrated/local field strength (main harmonic) field direction (phase of main harmonic),
	moving wire $V_c = \dot{x}A_c \frac{\partial B}{\partial x}$	$V_c(x)$	$\Delta \Phi(x)$	long. avg. field integral $\frac{1}{\Delta x \ell_w} \iint \Delta B(x, s) ds dx$	 integrated/local field errors (higher harmonics) magnetic axis
Lorentz force $\frac{\partial F}{\partial s} = B(s)I(t)$	vibrating wire	$\delta_x(ar s,t) \ \delta_y(ar s,t)$	eigenmode amplitudes $\delta_{xn} sin(2\pi n \frac{s}{\ell_w})$ $\delta_{yn} sin(2\pi n \frac{s}{\ell_w})$	$\frac{1}{\delta_{yn}} \int B_{xn}(s) \sin(2\pi n \frac{s}{\ell_w}) ds$ $\frac{1}{\delta_{xn}} \int B_{yn}(s) \sin(2\pi n \frac{s}{\ell_w}) ds$	 (transversal position) magnetic axis (pitch and yaw angles) magnetic center (longitudinal)
Hall effect $V_H = k_H I_H B$	1D/2D/3D probes	$V_H(t)$		B(t)	vs. time, current, excitation history, environmental conditions etc.
MagneticResonance $f = \gamma \ \boldsymbol{B} \ $	NMR/EPR probes	$V_{RF}(t)$	$V_{LF}(t)$	$\ \boldsymbol{B}\ = \frac{f(t_{res})}{\gamma}$	

s: longitudinal coordinate; x,y: transversal coordinates. B: magnetic field component normal to the coil, the movement of the wire and to the Hall sensor

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Instrument	B [T]	B.W. [Hz]	$\frac{\sigma_B}{B}$	Sensor size	Remarks
Rotating-coil fluxmeter	>10-4	~DC	10-4	Ø8-350 mm 30 – 1300 m	 full 2 D field information (absolute and relative, integral or local): strength, multipoles, axis and direction coil bucking → higher multipoles at ppm resolution, decreased sensitivity to mechanical imperfections time resolution up to ~0.1 s
Fixed-coil fluxmeter	>10-4	>10-2	10-4	< 7 m	 natural (and only) option for very fast pulsed magnets allows easy dynamics studies (eddy current and history- dependent effects) integration constant requires separate measurement
Translating-coil fluxmeter	>10-4	DC	10 ⁻⁴	~100 mm	 adaptable to curved or very long magnets longitudinal field profile requires deconvolution
Stretched wire (moving)	>10 ⁻³	DC	10-4	∅ 0.1 mm < 20 m	 calibration reference for integral field strength, direction and axis (precision of the XY stages) equivalent to 1-turn variable-geometry coil best geometrical flexibility (long magnets, narrow gaps)
Stretched wire (vibrating)	>10 ⁻³	DC	10 ⁻⁴	∅ 0.1 mm <20 m	 extremely sensitive for axis (at resonance) only option for harmonics in small gaps longitudinal resolution possible via FFT (λ>0.1 m)
Hall probe	>10-4	<104	~10 ⁻³	<1 mm ²	 widespread, vast range of commercial options high accuracy requires laborious calibration
NMR probe	>0.043	<20	10 ⁻⁶	1 cm ³	 metrological golden standard works only in highly uniform fields limited bandwidth; provides field vector norm
Fluxgate	>10 ⁻⁸ <10 ⁻³	<10 ²	10 ⁻³	1 cm ³	 geomagnetic and environmental field applications fringe fields, residual field, safety

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Typical transversal vs. longitudinal size



Typical accuracy vs. field range



Accuracy vs. test time

The standard uncertainty of an instrument is a certified function of the operating conditions (field range/frequency, gradient, temperature etc. ...) can be further improved based on the time and effort taken

- <u>Repeat</u> to get rid of random errors: $\sigma(\langle x \rangle) = \frac{\sigma(x)}{\sqrt{n}}$ (diminishing returns for large *n*)
- Oversample (time/angle) to reduce aliasing (e.g. MHz sample rate for kHz bandwidth \rightarrow much improved drift correction)
- Flip and repeat to estimate and subtract systematic errors either the magnet or the instrument, as is more practical
- Reverse polarity to recover ambient or intrinsic offsets (e.g. remanent field)
- <u>Redundant takes</u> will give you confidence !









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Instrument selection criteria



"hard" criteria



"soft" criteria

1) Compatibility with field level/gradients (could not work at all!)

- **Transverse size** (it must fit, and should reach as wide as possible) 2)
 - local ripple close to the pole may degrade the accuracy of harmonics
 - extrapolation further from the axis can be applied, at a cost

- Bandwidth 3)
 - sensitivity may drop above cutoff
 - additional errors e.g. from inductive cable loops

Longitudinal size 4)

- the integral can be computed by scanning longitudinally (time-consuming)
- de-convolution of longitudinal scans done with a longer probe \rightarrow low-pass filter, noise

5) Accuracy

- uncertainty can be reduced by repetition, changing orientation, cross-checks ...

6) Result format: harmonics vs. map (1D/2D/3D)

- can be translated into one another, with caveats
- 7) Practical considerations: cost, measurement time, output signal format, cabling length, commensurate size of sensors and magnet, availability of trained personnel ...

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Example: cross calibration of a curved fluxmeter



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CERN ELENA bending dipole



- Difficult case: 60° bending, low-energy pbar ring → low field (50 to 420 mT) • accelerating & decelerating cycles, 2 min-long long e-cooler plateaux
- 0.5 mm laminations with high dilution 2:1 electrical steel M270-50 A HP/304 L to reduce hysteresis; 13° cut angle for focusing
- Measured with Litz-wire fluxmeter (see O. Dunkel, IMMW19), with 2% coil area uncertainty originally intended as a backup for higher quality PCB unit



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Multi-reference cross-calibration



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Is measuring along a curve truly necessary ?



- Simplest example: hard-edge dipole field distribution, uniform along s
- Let $\{b_n\}$ be the transversal harmonic expansion of the integral along straight lines
- Let $\{\beta_n\}$ be the transversal harmonic expansion of the integral along arcs of radius R (approximated by parabolas with negligible loss of accuracy)
- $\{b_n\}$ and $\{\beta_n\}$ are connected by a feed-down-like linear relation:

$$\begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \\ b_5 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{\alpha}{12} & \frac{\alpha^2}{80} & \frac{\alpha^3}{448} & \frac{\alpha^4}{2304} & \frac{\alpha^5}{11264} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{\alpha}{6} & \frac{3\alpha^2}{80} & \frac{\alpha^3}{112} & \frac{5\alpha^4}{2304} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{\alpha}{6} & \frac{3\alpha^2}{40} & \frac{5\alpha^3}{224} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{\alpha}{3} & \frac{\alpha^2}{8} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{5\alpha}{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{5\alpha}{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_5 \\ \beta_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

field integrals along straight and curved paths contain the same amount of information



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Measurement and control of dynamic & cycling effects

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Measurement of eddy current effects



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Eddy current-canceling overshoot



- Eddy currents can be partially, totally or over-canceled by a triangular current overshoot at the end of ramp-up
- Example: stable flat-top reached at the time cost of $\sim 1.5\tau$ (to be compared with exponential decay time $\sim 3\tau$)
- Caveats:

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- power converter needs high dV/dt;
 - the maximum working point may increase considerably, at the risk of saturation
 - hysteresis \rightarrow final field level changes (new limit cycle, still OK if stable)



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Fast-cycled quads



- Example: fast capacitive discharge powering of Linac4 inter-tank EMQs
- current spikes lead to minor hysteresis loops \rightarrow field reproducibility degradation
- oscillations at the end of the ramp-down may provide a beneficial "free" degaussing, *if* symmetrical
- the overshoot at the end of the ramp-up may give a more stable flat-top, but makes it less reproducible



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Other dynamic effects

- Magnetic after-effect (magnetic viscosity): class of relaxation phenomena linked to the magnetoelastic interaction between ferromagnetic domain walls and crystal lattice leading to a lag between Hand M
- Logarithmic time-dependence is a function of relaxation times distribution and is valid at intermediate time scales

 $\Delta M \propto k_{\rm B}T \log t$

- All ferromagnetic metals are affected
- does not depend on the geometry (unlike eddy currents)
- weakly correlated with field level and initial ramp rate
- strongly dependent upon temperature
- In soft steels: small effect, large time constant \rightarrow can usually be ignored
- **Disaccommodation:** after-effect on the initial permeability
- Magnetic ageing: irreversible phenomena affecting the metallurgical nature of the steel (precipitation, diffusion, crystal phase transition) on long time scales



Fig. 3-Time Decrease of Initial Permeability (Disaccommodation) for Carbonyl Iron Containing Interstitials. Demagnetization at t = 0. Curve 1: 249 °K. Curve 2: 236.4 °K. (After Snoek)

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Non-linear features in iron-dominated magnets (1/2) large fluctuations due to history-dependent residual field reproducibility degrades at low field Magnetic length variation with magnet cycling MedAustron main bending 1.678₁ static Lmag measurements cycle seg #2 (repeat 5 cycles ion) 1.676 $\ell_m(I) = \frac{1}{B_0(I)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B(I, s) ds$ -cycle seg #3 (repeat 5 cycles ion) 1.674 cycle seg #3 (repeat 5 cycles ion) -cycle seg #2 (cycling proton-ion-ion) 1.672 1.67 1.66 1.66 1.66 1.66 cycle seq #3 (cycling proton-ion-ion) $\ell_{\rm m}$ diverges due to cycle seq #3 (cycling proton-ion-proton) B, at center << integral ---cycle seg #2 (cycling proton-ion-proton) cycle seg #3 (cycling proton-proton-ion) cycle seq #2 (cycling proton-proton-ion) $\ell_{\rm m}$ drops due to saturation in the ends 1.5 e-3 max variation linear range 1.664 up branch only!) 1.662 eddy current proton (1072 A) 1.66 decay (τ =0.2 s) v (112 A) time 1.658^L 1000 500 1500 2000 2500 3000 Current [A] central coil replaced saturation tends to erase previous magnetic history by NMR (DC cross-check) \rightarrow better reproducibility at high field

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Non-linear features in iron-dominated magnets (2/2)



- Transfer line bending in the ISOLDE heavy isotope test facility
- Minor loops span the whole width of the major hysteresis cycle
- Open loop control: « random » cycling → 0.7% errors
- Missing linear range ?!







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magnetic length

Hysteresis + eddy currents



- Aim: extrapolate dynamic measurements to DC to predict behavior at arbitrary dB/dt
- Eddy currents \propto dB/dt \rightarrow both field lag and dissipation (hysteresis loop area) \propto dB/dt
- Measurement result not so ideal ... loops cross each other, more drift on slower cycles
- hysteresis/drift effects need to be corrected by absolute measurements on the plateaux

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Non-linear features in superconducting magnets (1/2)

Superconducting filament magnetization (persistent eddy currents)

- large hysteresis with relative errors of the order of 10⁻³ at low field (injection)
- hysteresis depends on temperature, current and current history (negligible at high field)
- main field and multipoles affected in different ways





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Non-linear features in superconducting magnets (2/2)



Coupling currents

- finite inter-filament and inter-strand resistance (R_c) gives rise to loops linked with changing flux
- multipole errors $\propto \dot{B}$, R_{c}^{-1}
- hysteresis depends upon field level, temperature and powering history



Decay and snap-back

- superconductor magnetization and coupling currents interact in a complex way → longterm logarithmic time dependence effects (field decay)
- hysteresis branch switching at the end of decay → sudden current redistribution and additional multipole errors (snap-back)



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Saturation modelling

- Qualitative example: anhysteretic transfer function
- Simple analytical interpolation, too coarse for open-loop field control but adequate for inner-loop power converter control

$$\frac{\int Bd\ell}{I} = k\left(1 - \left(\frac{I}{I_o}\right)^n\right) \qquad \qquad L = \frac{\Phi}{I} = N_t w_p \frac{\int Bd\ell}{I} = L_0\left(1 - \left(\frac{I}{I_o}\right)^n\right)$$





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Inductance modeling



$$V = RI + \frac{d\Phi}{dt} = RI + L_d \frac{dI}{dt} \qquad \qquad L_d = L + I \frac{dL}{dI} = L_0 \left(1 - (1+n)\left(\frac{I}{I^*}\right)^n\right)$$

- A large drop of the differential inductance at saturation is to be expected even for mildly saturated magnets. E.g. SPS main dipoles: field saturation 3.4% differential inductance saturation of 40%.
- Measurement of the inductance curves can be easily done in parallel with standard magnetic tests.
- If this is not possible, the drop of differential inductance may be estimated from the model of field saturation



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Rapid Cycling Synchrotron bending prototype

- Dipole prototype optimized for a possible future RCS with 100 ms cycle time
- 0.3 mm Si-steel laminations •
 - ideal testbed to decouple hysteresis from dynamics

integral fixed coil

central Hall probe to compute magnetic length and estimate integrator drift

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Bipolar repeatability on RCS



- cycles simulating all possible transitions between ±1.4 and ±2.0 GeV beams in the new PSB extraction switch
- field errors up to 2.10-3 just after a transition
- field errors down to 4.10⁻⁵ after two repeated cycles ٠

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Bipolar reproducibility



- Example: bipolar operation of ELENA bending dipole
- An additional intermediate degaussing cycles improves repeatability by a factor 2 (but constrains and delays operation !)

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Magnetic stabilization

- Reproducibility of magnetic field improves by resetting the magnetic state with current pre-cycles
- The operating mode of the magnet should be respected:



- Random cycling \rightarrow minor cycles \rightarrow unpredictable errors within the envelope of the limit cycle
- Enforce monotonic cycling for critical magnets (at the cost of more time spent ramping)
- Stay as high as possible above zero to improve reproducibility



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Conclusions



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Summary

- we must **measure** because mathematical prediction at the level of precision we need is in many cases more expensive or impossible
- measuring under reproducibility conditions allows estimation and correction of systematic errors → convince your management to take more data points
- there is no universal method ! combine complementary tools to optimize resources
- commercial choices increasing but still limited in-house or (better)
 collaborative R&D often necessary



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