

## Units (and quantities) in Magnetism

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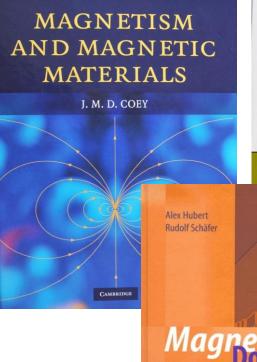




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## **Quantities and units in physics**



# What is a quantity?

# What is a unit ?



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## **Quantities and units in physics**



#### Quantity

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

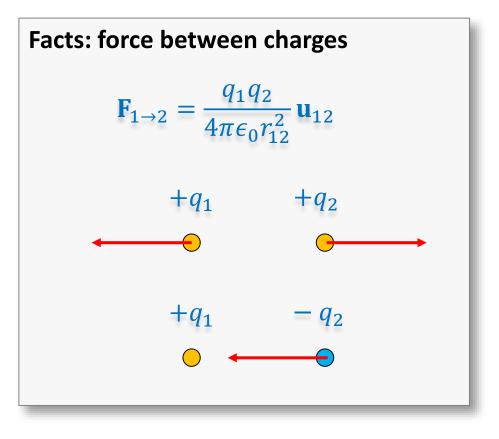


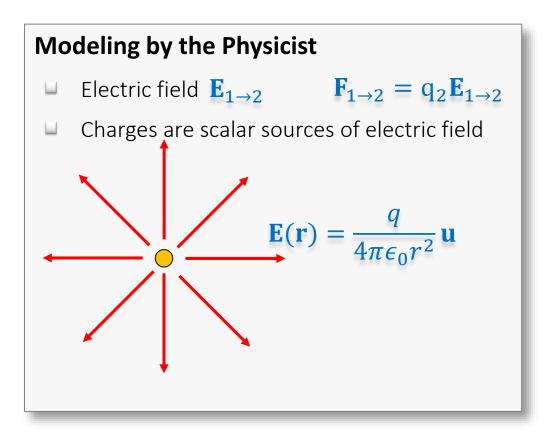
#### Units

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

 $X = X_{\alpha} \langle X \rangle_{\alpha}$  Quantity Quantity Measure  $\langle L \rangle_{SI} = meter = 100 \langle L \rangle_{cgs}$   $L = 50 \langle L \rangle_{SI} = 5000 \langle L \rangle_{cgs}$ 

## The electric charge and the electric field

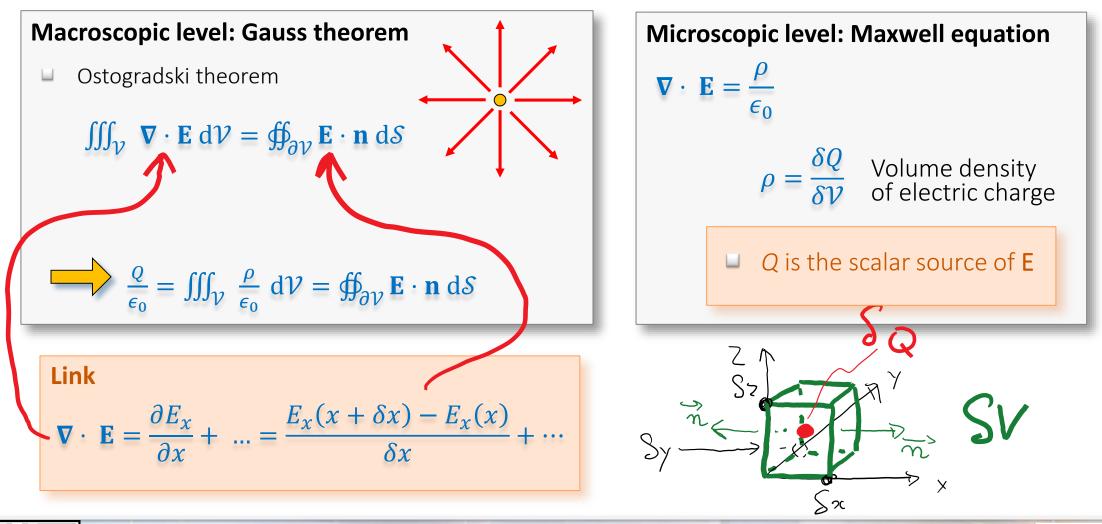






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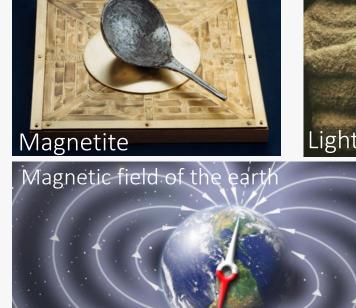
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## **Origin of magnetism**

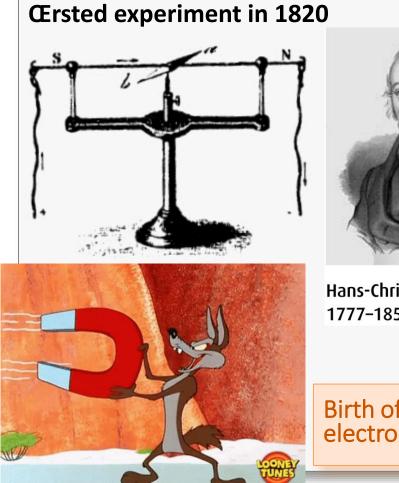


#### **Century-old facts**

Magnetic materials (rocks)







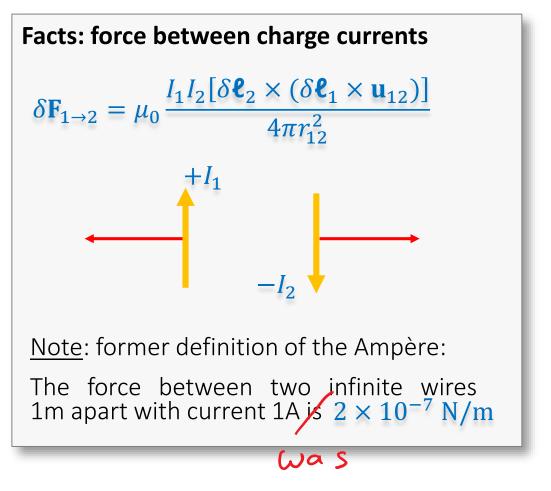


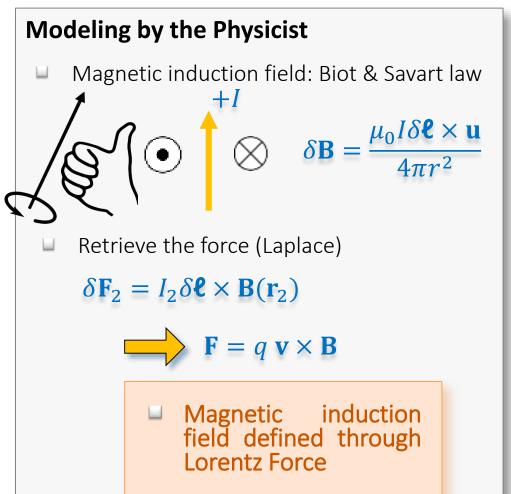
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Birth of electromagnetism

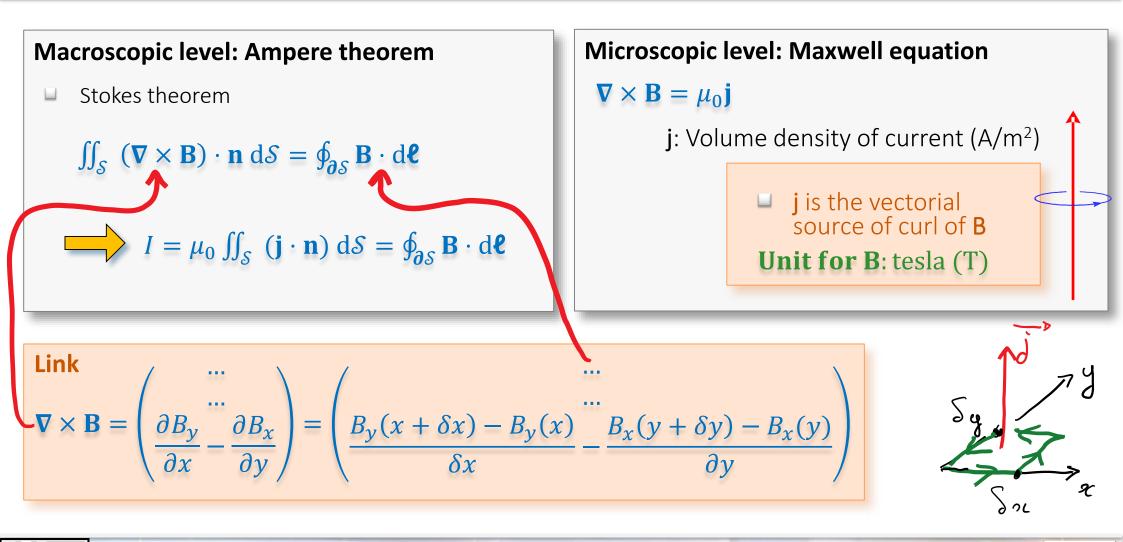
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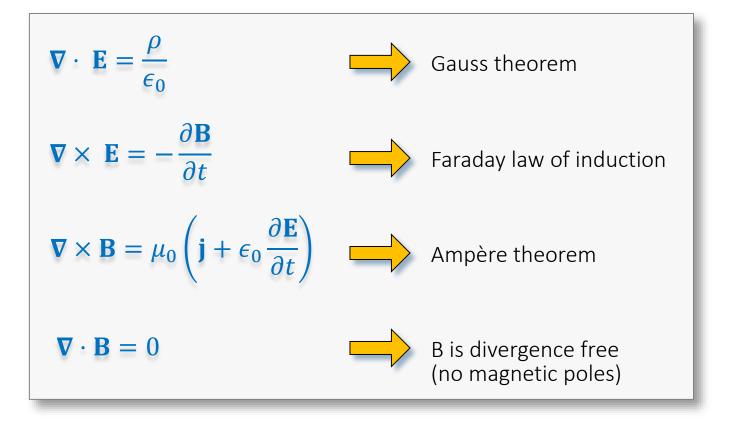


## The electric current and the magnetic induction field



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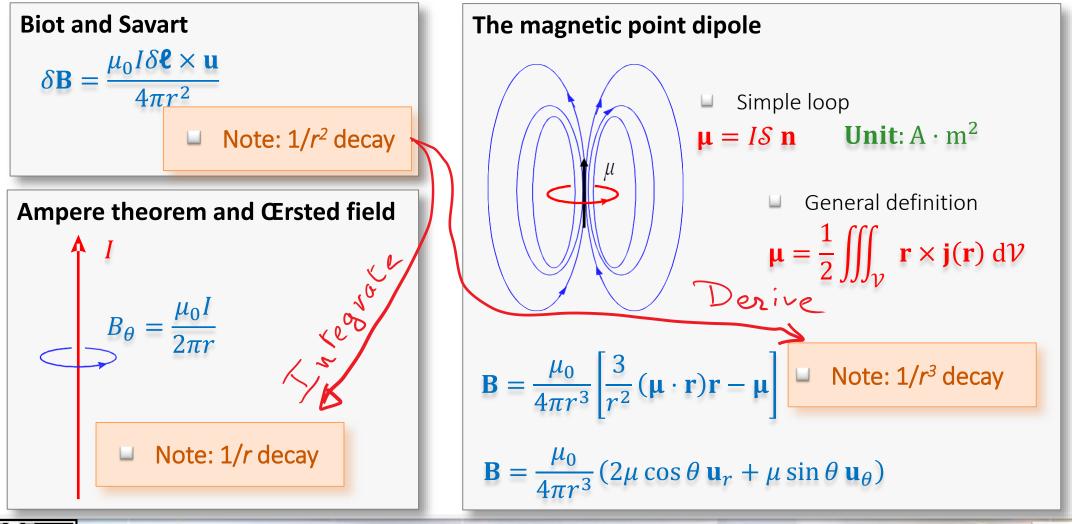
## Maxwell equations (in vacuum)



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## The magnetic point dipole (a magnetic moment)



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## Magnetization



#### Definition

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Volume density of magnetic point dipoles

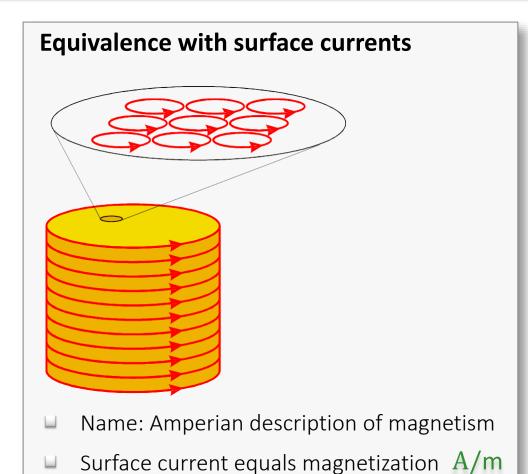
 $\mathbf{M} = \frac{\delta \mathbf{\mu}}{\delta \mathcal{V}} \qquad \text{A/m}$ 

Total magnetic moment of a body

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

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

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## **Free currents and bound currents**

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

Disregard fast time dependence: magnetostatics

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

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

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

J One can show:  $\nabla \times \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{j}_{m}$  A/m<sup>2</sup> M × n =  $\mathbf{j}_{m,s}$  A/m

Uside matter, **B** and  $\mu_0$  H coincide and have exactly the same meaning.

 The magnetic field H

 Image: One has:
  $\nabla \times \left(\frac{B}{\mu_0} - M\right) = \mathbf{j}_c$  

 Image: By definition:
  $\mathbf{H} = \frac{B}{\mu_0} - \mathbf{M}$  

 Image: A/m

 Image: V X H = J\_c

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

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

## **Derivation of the dipolar field**

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

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

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

Analogy with electrostatics

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

Derive the dipolar field Maxwell equation  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}_{d} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}$  $\longrightarrow \mathbf{H}_{d}(\mathbf{r}) = -M_{s} \iiint_{\mathcal{V}'} \frac{[\nabla \cdot \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}')](\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{4\pi |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^{3}} d\mathcal{V}'$ 

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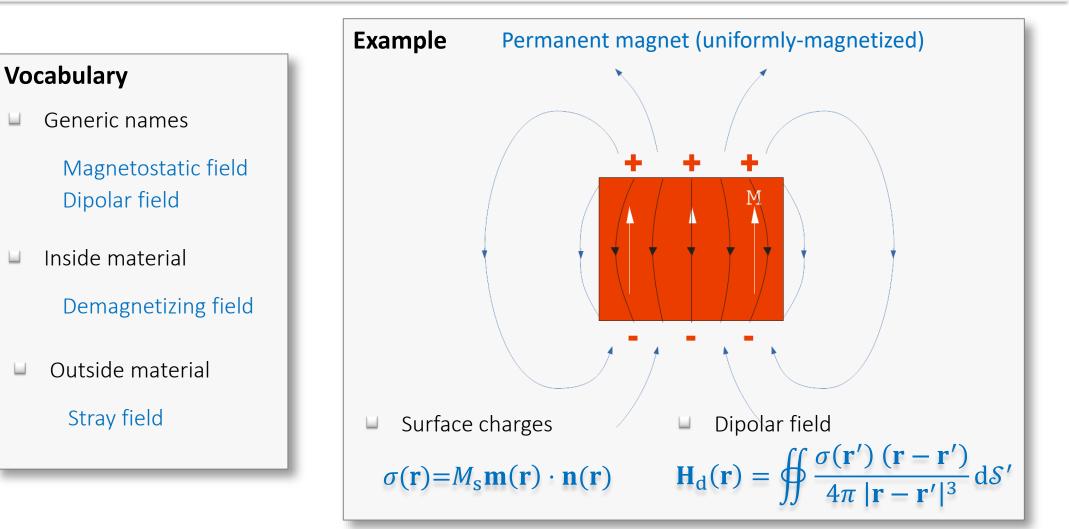
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To lift the singularity that may arise at boundaries, a volume integration around the boundaries yields:

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

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

## Stray field and demagnetizing field



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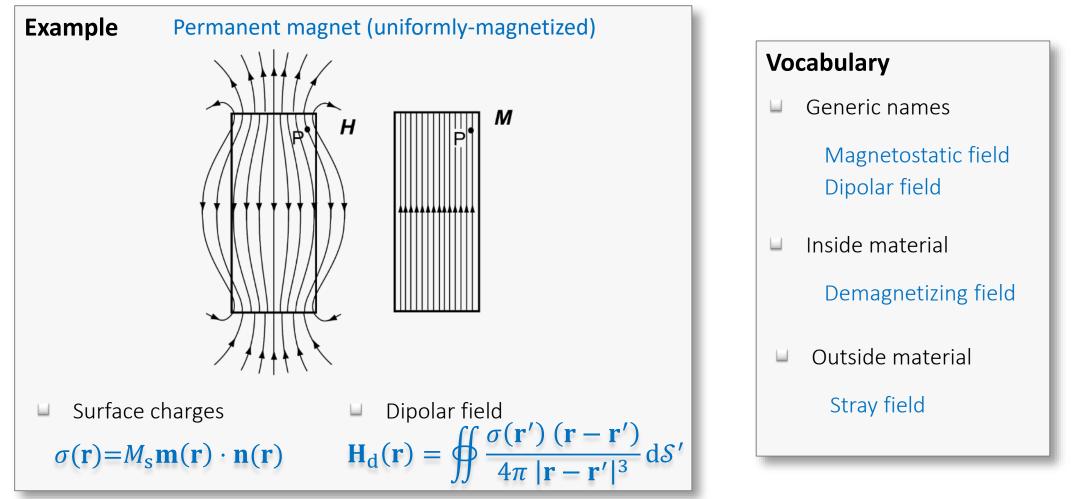


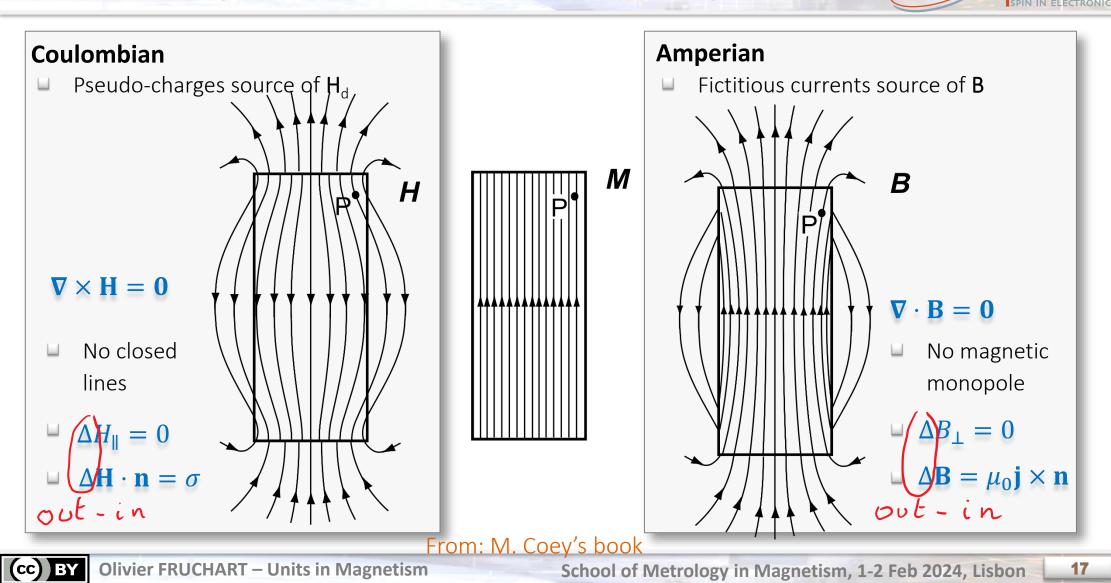
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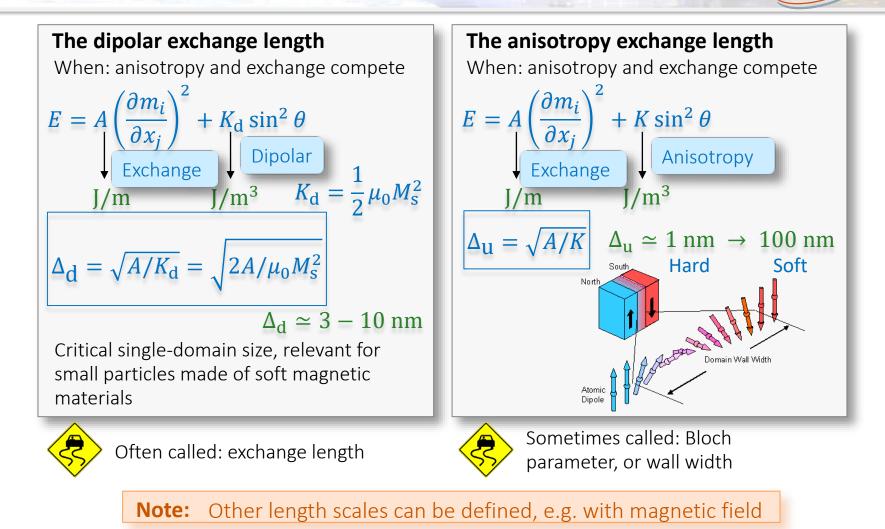
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### **B versus H – Amperian versus Coulombian – Continuity conditions**



## **Dimensional analysis (example: lengths)**





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## Units in SI versus cgs



|             | S.I.                                                                                          |    | cgs-Gauss                                                     |             |                   |                                                                                                                                              |  |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Definitions | Meter                                                                                         | m  | Centimeter                                                    | cm          | Problems with cgs |                                                                                                                                              |  |
|             | Kilogram                                                                                      | kg | Gram                                                          | g           |                   | The quantity for charge current is missing                                                                                                   |  |
|             | Second                                                                                        | S  | Second                                                        | S           |                   | No check for homogeneity;                                                                                                                    |  |
|             | Ampere                                                                                        | А  | Ab-Ampere                                                     | ab-A = 10 A |                   | paradox for spintronics                                                                                                                      |  |
|             | $\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M})$<br>$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ S. I.}$ |    | $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{H} + 4\pi \mathbf{M}$ $"\mu_0" = 4\pi.$ |             |                   | <ul> <li>Inconsistent definition of H</li> <li>Dimensionless quantities are affected:<br/>demag coefficients, susceptibility etc.</li> </ul> |  |

#### **Conversion of measures for the same quantity**

| Field          | Н            | 1 A/m                           | ← → | $4\pi \times 10^{-3}$ Oe     | Œrsted               |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Moment         | μ            | $1 \mathrm{A}\cdot\mathrm{m}^2$ | ← → | 10 <sup>3</sup> emu          |                      |
| Magnetization  | Μ            | 1 A/m                           | ← → | $10^{-3} \text{ emu/cm}^{3}$ | Electromagnetic Unit |
| Induction      | B            | 1 T                             | ← → | 10 <sup>4</sup> G            | Gauss                |
| Susceptibility | $\chi = M/H$ | 1                               | ← → | $1/4\pi$                     |                      |

Tutorial on unitsQuestions:<a href="http://magnetism.eu/esm/2018/abs/fruchart-practical-abs1.pdf">http://magnetism.eu/esm/2018/abs/fruchart-practical-abs1.pdf</a>Answers:<a href="http://magnetism.eu/esm/2018/abs/fruchart-practical-answers1.pdf">http://magnetism.eu/esm/2018/abs/fruchart-practical-abs1.pdf</a>



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Example: length 
$$X = X_{\alpha}(X)_{\alpha}$$
  
Quantity  
Quantity  
Measure

The SI standard is 100 times LARGER than the cgs one

 $L = 50 \langle L \rangle_{\rm SI} = 5000 \langle L \rangle_{\rm cgs}$ 

50 m is equivalent to 5000 cm

The SI measure is 100 times **SMALLER** than the cgs one

The ratio is opposite if one considers the standard for a quantity (a quantity) or the measure (a number) of a given quantity





## How to convert units from one system to another?

#### **Process for converting units**

1. Convert all basic units (MKSA)

 $\langle L \rangle_{SI} = meter = 10^2 \langle L \rangle_{cgs}$ 

 $\langle M \rangle_{SI} = kilogram = 10^3 \langle M \rangle_{cgs}$ 

 $\langle T \rangle_{SI} = second = \langle T \rangle_{cgs}$ 

 $\langle I \rangle_{SI} = Ampère = 10^{-1} \langle I \rangle_{cgs}$ 

- 2. Decompose any given quantity in basics units. In practice, identify a formula linking if to quantities already decomposed
- 3. Apply the formalism defining units and measures

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

Example Mechanics, force F  $\mathbf{F} = m \mathbf{a}$  $\dim(\mathbf{F}) = \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{T}^{-2}$  $F = F_{SI} \langle F \rangle_{SI}$  $= F_{SI} \langle L \rangle_{SI} \langle M \rangle_{SI} \langle T \rangle_{SI}^{-2}$  $= F_{\rm SI} \ 10^2 \langle L \rangle_{\rm cgs} \ 10^3 \langle M \rangle_{\rm cgs} \ (1)^{-2} \langle T \rangle_{\rm cgs}^{-2}$  $= F_{\rm SI} 10^5 \langle F \rangle_{\rm cgs}$ 1 N is equivalent to  $10^5$  erg

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**Proposed logarithmic formalism** for dimensionality  $\dim(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{L}^{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{M}^{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{T}^{\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{I}^{\delta}$  $\langle X \rangle_{\rm SI} / \langle X \rangle_{\rm cgs}$ Log  $10^{2}$  $[L] = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$ 2 M (meter)  $[M] = [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0] \qquad 10^3$ 3 K (kg)  $[T] = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]$ 1 0 S (second)  $10^{-1}$  $[I] = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]$ -1A (Ampère)  $[\mathbf{X}] = \alpha[\mathbf{L}] + \beta[\mathbf{M}] + \gamma[\mathbf{T}] + \delta[\mathbf{I}]$  $[\mathbf{X}] = [\alpha \ \beta \ \delta \ \gamma]$ 

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Example
                 Mechanics, force F
 \mathbf{F} = m \mathbf{a}
 [\mathbf{F}] = [m] + [\mathbf{a}] = [0\ 1\ 0\ 0] + [1\ 0\ -2\ 0]
 [\mathbf{F}] = [1\ 1\ -2\ 0]
           2 3 0
           23 0
                                 \rightarrow 5
        1 \text{ N} is equivalent to 10^5 \text{ erg}
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## **Dimensionality of units in magnetism**

#### Dimensionality

- A magnetic moment has the dimension of a pinpoint magnetic dipole  $\mu = IS$ . thus,  $[\mu] = [2 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]$ .
- Magnetization is a volume density of magnetic moments:  $\mathbf{M} = \mu/V$ , so:  $[\mathbf{M}] = [-1001]$ . **M** and **H** have the same dimension as we can see from:  $\mathbf{B} = \mu_0(\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M})$ . Thus:  $[\mathbf{H}] = [-1\ 0\ 0\ 1]$ .
- Magnetic induction B is what matters in Lorentz force  $\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$ , so that:  $[\mathbf{B}] = [0 \ 1 \ -2 \ -1]$ .
- Magnetic flux is  $\phi = BS$  so that:  $[\phi] = [21 2 1]$ .
- Finally, as in electricity,  $\mu_0$  makes the link between the source (current) and fields on one side, and energy and mechanics on the other side, as for the Lorentz force above:  $\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M})$ , or in vacuum: curl  $\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{j}$ , from which one derives:  $[\mu_0] = [1 \ 1 \ -2 \ -2].$

#### Units (easy situations)

- Induction **B**. 1 T is equivalent to  $10^4$  G, G standing for *Gauss*.
- Magnetization M. 1 A/m is equivalent to  $10^{-3}$  uem/cm<sup>3</sup>, emu standing for *ElectroMagnetic Unit*.
- Flux  $\phi$ . 1 Wb (Weber) is equivalent to 10<sup>8</sup> Mx, Mx standing for *Maxwell*.
- Moment  $\mu$ . 1 A  $\cdot$  m<sup>2</sup> is equivalent to 10<sup>3</sup> emu.

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Tricky case 1: magnetic permeability

 $\mu_0 = \mu_{0_{\rm SI}} \langle \mu_0 \rangle_{\rm SI}$ 

 $[\mu_0] = [1 \ 1 \ -2 \ -2]$ 

- $\rightarrow \langle \mu_0 \rangle_{\rm SI} = 10^2 \cdot 10^3 \cdot (10^{-2})^{-1} \langle \mu_0 \rangle_{\rm cgs}$
- $\rightarrow \langle \mu_0 \rangle_{\rm SI} = 10^7 \langle \mu_0 \rangle_{\rm cgs}$

$$\mu_0 = \mu_{0_{\text{SI}}} \langle \mu_0 \rangle_{\text{SI}} \rightarrow "\mu_{0_{\text{cgs}}}" = 4\pi$$

S.I. cgs-Gauss  $\mathbf{B} = \mu_0(\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M})$   $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{H} + 4\pi \mathbf{M}$ 

 $\rightarrow$  Unit for permeability dropped; H 4pi larger in cgs

Tricky case 2: magnetic field H  $\mu_0 H = \mu_{0_{\rm SI}} \langle \mu_0 \rangle_{\rm SI} H_{\rm SI} \langle H \rangle_{\rm SI}$ SI:  $\mu_0 H = 4\pi 10^{-7} \ 10^7 \langle \mu_0 \rangle_{\text{cgs}} \ 10^{-3} H_{\text{SI}} \langle H \rangle_{\text{cgs}}$ Remember:  $[H] = [1 \ 0 \ -2 \ 0]$  $H = H_{\rm cgs} \langle H \rangle_{\rm cgs}$ cgs:  $\langle \mu_0 \rangle_{\rm cgs} = 1$  $\rightarrow 4\pi \ 10^{-3} \ H_{\rm SI} = H_{\rm cgs}$ 1 A/m is equivalent to  $4\pi \ 10^{-3}$  Oe

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## The most tricky situation: dimensionless quantities

Demagnetizing coefficients link H with M  $\langle \mathbf{H}_{d}(\mathbf{r}) \rangle = -M_{s} \,\overline{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \mathbf{m}$ **Unit:** dimensionless  $\mathcal{E}_{d} = K_{d}V \mathbf{m} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \mathbf{m}$  $N_x + N_y + N_z = 1$ Definition H = -N M $\rightarrow \left(N_{\chi} + N_{y} + N_{z}\right)_{cgs} = 4\pi$ Definition  $H = -4\pi N M$  $\rightarrow \left(N_x + N_y + N_z\right)_{\rm cgs} = 1$ 

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#### Magnetic susceptibility links M with H

 $\Box$  Definition  $\chi = \delta M / \delta H$ 

$$\rightarrow \chi_{\rm cgs} = \chi_{\rm SI}/4\pi$$

$$\Box$$
 Definition  $\chi = 4\pi \ \delta M / \delta H$ 

$$\rightarrow \chi_{\rm cgs} = \chi_{\rm SI}$$

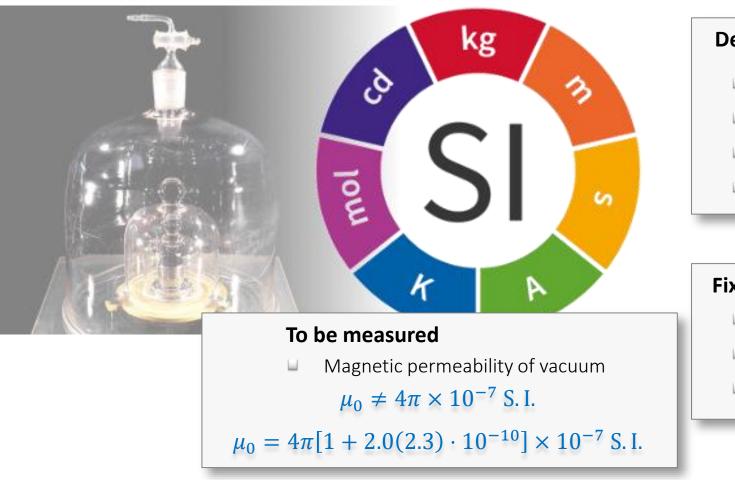


Both definitions are used...

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## Quantum revolution in SI units in 2019





#### **Define quantities**

- □ Times
- 🗉 Length
- Mass
- Electric charge

#### **Fixed values**

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

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