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# AC Measurement of Magnetic Susceptibility

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# Outline

- **Ferromagnetism**
- **Measurement of the magnetic properties of the materials**
- **Lab experimental setup and experiments**
- **Some results**



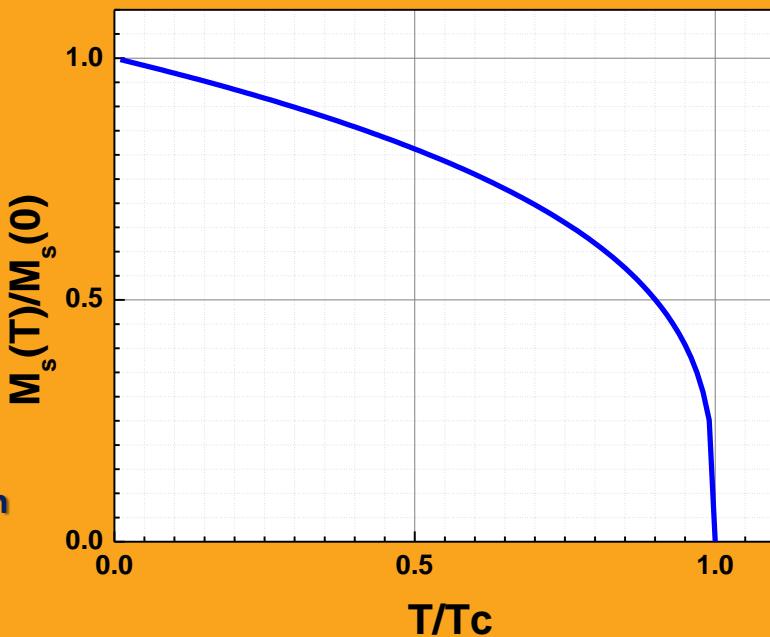
# Ferromagnetism. Definition.

Some materials below a **certain temperature (T<sub>c</sub>)** give rise to the magnetic field in absence of an applied field.

This magnetization is called **spontaneous**, the phenomenon – ferromagnetism and materials exhibiting this feature – ferromagnetics.

The main parameter of the ferromagnetic phase transition is **spontaneous magnetization**

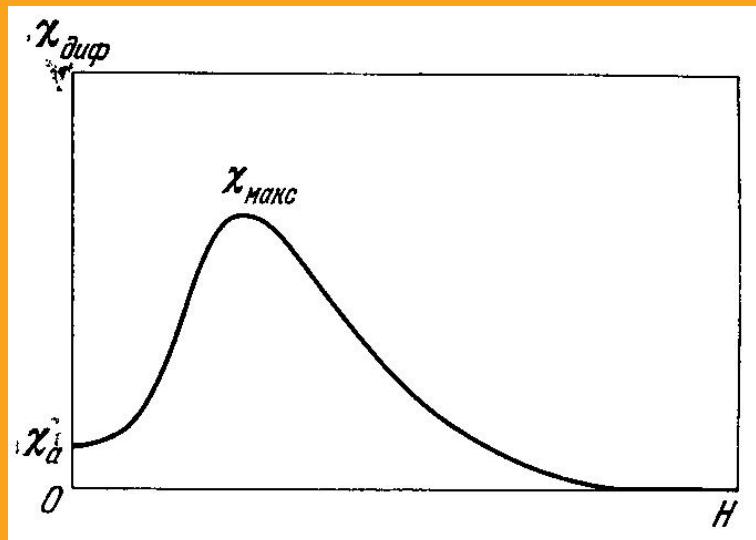
Typical behavior of spontaneous magnetization as function of temperature



# Ferromagnetic materials.



Aleksandr Stoletov  
(1839 –1896)



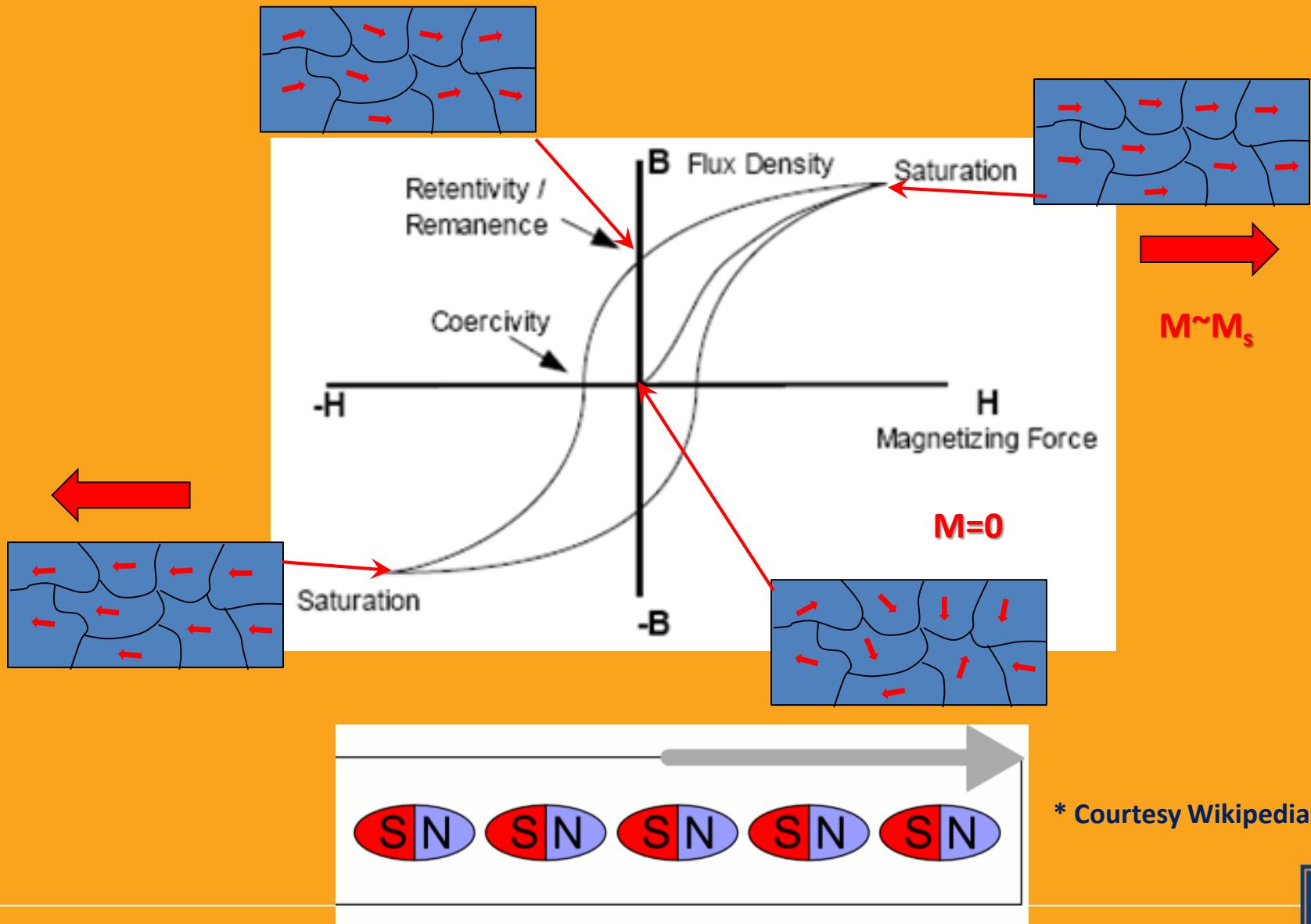
"Stoletov" curve

$$\chi = \frac{dM}{dH}$$

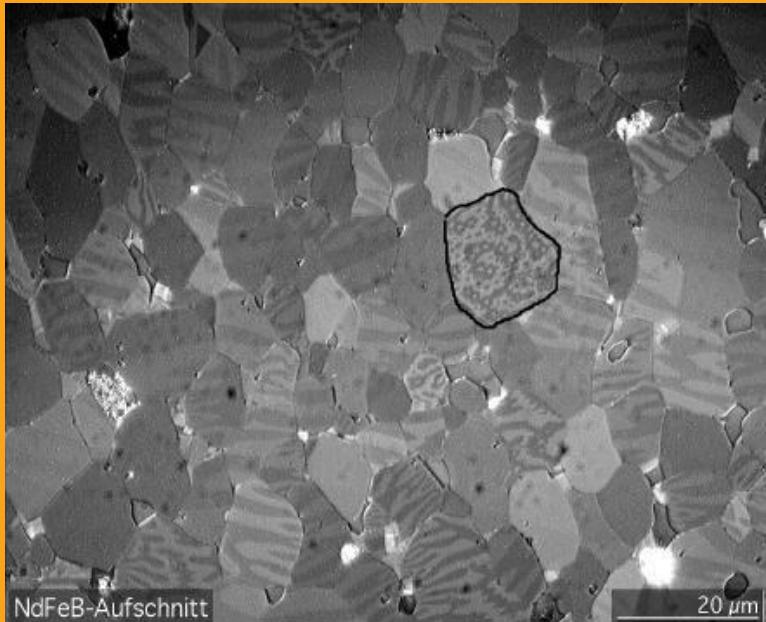
Material	Curie temp. (K)
Co	1388
Fe	1043
$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3^*$	948
$\text{FeO}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3^*$	858
$\text{NiO}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3^*$	858
$\text{MgO}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3^*$	713
MnBi	630
Ni	627
MnSb	587
$\text{MnO}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3^*$	573
$\text{Y}_3\text{Fe}_5\text{O}_{12}^*$	560
$\text{CrO}_2$	386
MnAs	318
Gd	292

Stoletov performed pioneer works in area of ferromagnetic materials but better known by his research in photoelectric effect.

# Domains. Hysteresis loop.



# Domains



NdFeB-Aufschnitt

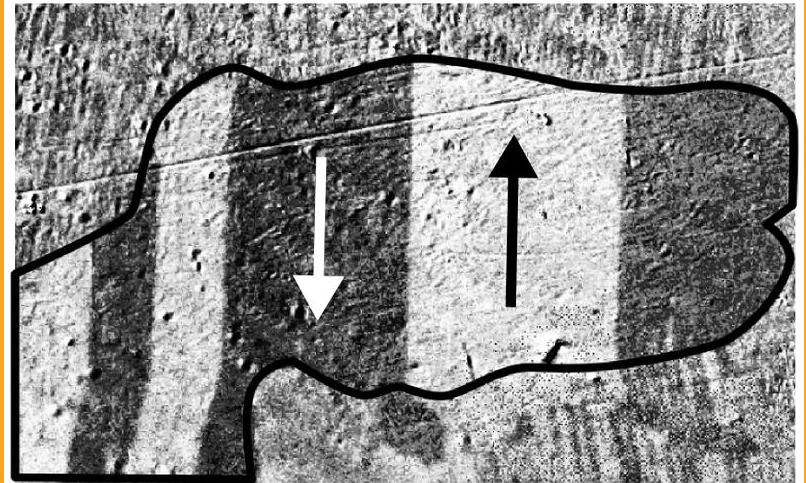
Several grains of NdFeB with magnetic domains made visible via contrast with a Kerr microscope.

Courtesy of Wikipedia



Kerr microscope  
Courtesy of University of  
Uppsala (Sweden)

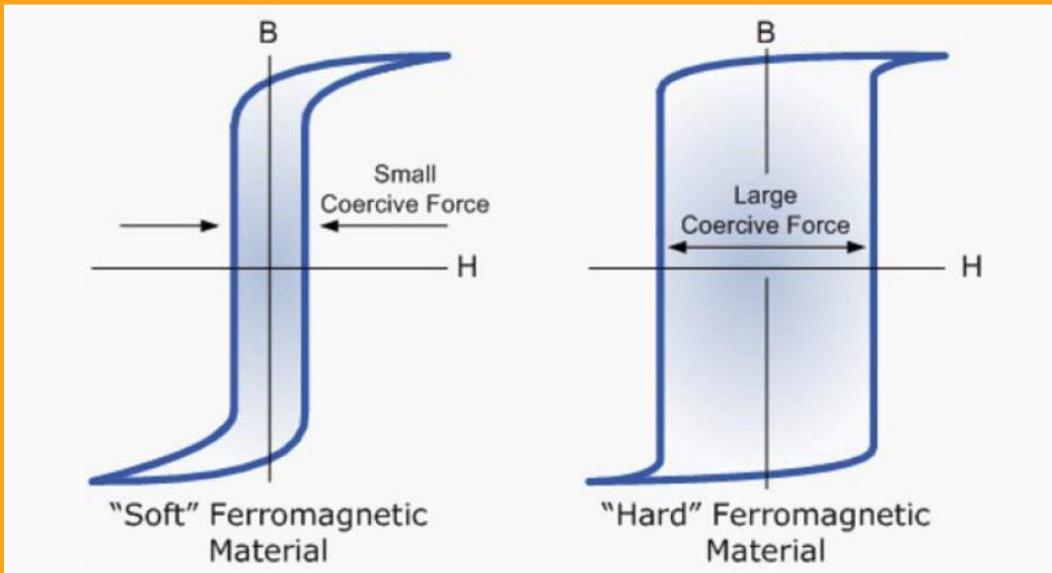
# Domains



**Moving domain walls in a grain of silicon steel caused by an increasing external magnetic field**

Courtesy of Wikipedia

# Hysteresis Loops. Remagnetization loses



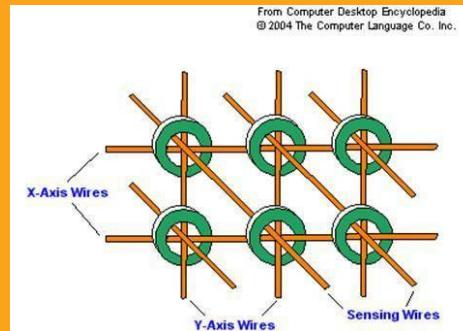
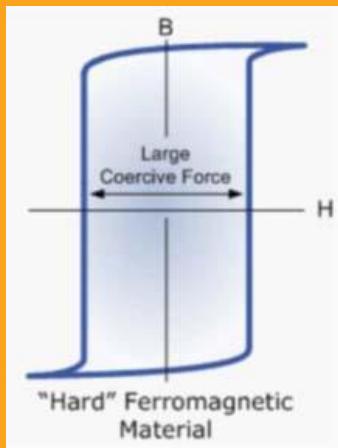
Energy of the magnetic field

$$W = V \int H dB$$

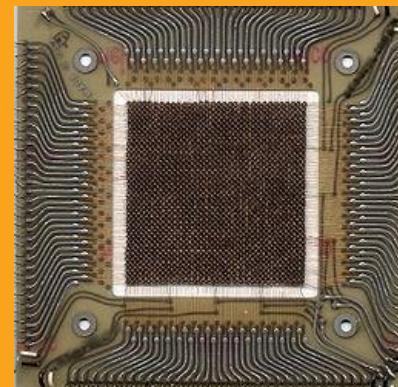
By cycling around the loop

$$W_{loop} = V \oint H dB = V * Loop\_area$$

# “Hard” materials. Application.



RAM memory



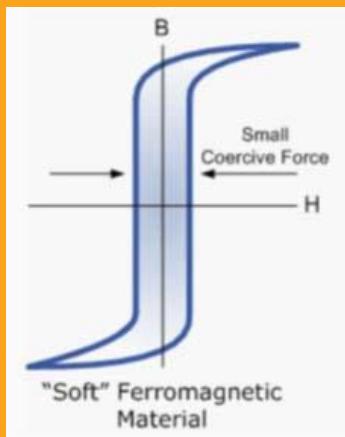
Permanent magnets



Hard drives, floppy, magnetic tape



# “Soft” materials. Application.



Chokes, inductors



Power transformers



# Magnetic Field, Susceptibility etc.

$$B = \mu_0 (H + M)$$

B – magnetic induction

M – magnetization, in general M(H)

$$M = \chi H$$

$\chi$  – magnetic susceptibility,  
in general  $\chi(H)$

$$B = \mu_0 (1 + \chi) H = \mu_0 \mu_r H = \mu H$$

$$\mu_r = 1 + \chi$$

$$\mu = \mu_0 \mu_r = \frac{dB}{dH}; \quad \mu_r = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{dB}{dH}$$

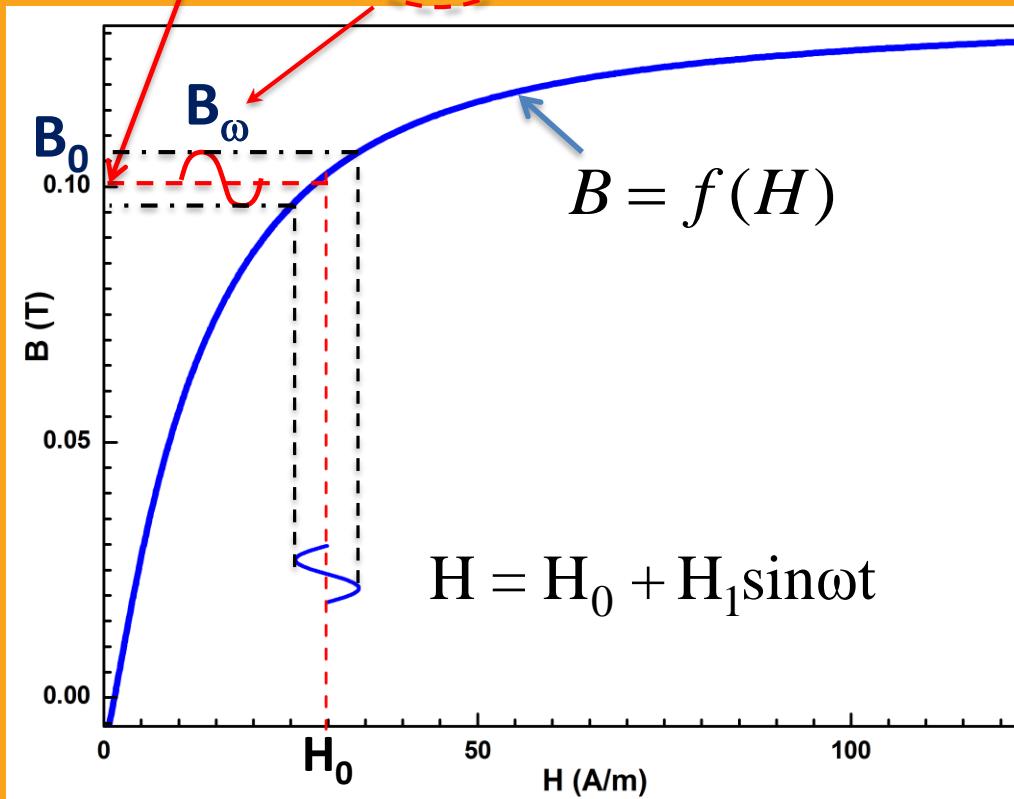


# Modulation Spectroscopy

$$B = f(H) \quad H = H_0 + H_1 \sin \omega t$$

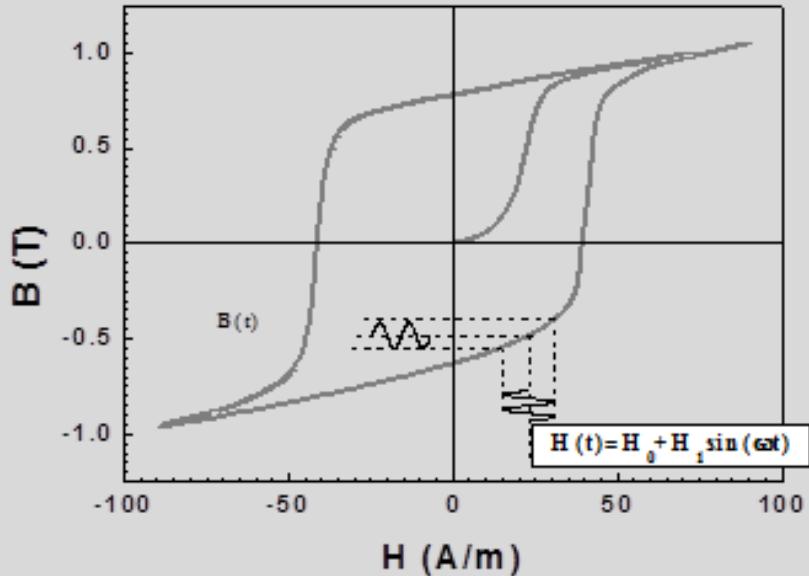
$$B = f(H_0) + \frac{df}{dH} (H_1 \sin \omega t) + \dots$$

$$H_1 = \text{const}$$



$$B_\omega \sim \frac{dB}{dH}$$

# Measuring the magnetic permeability

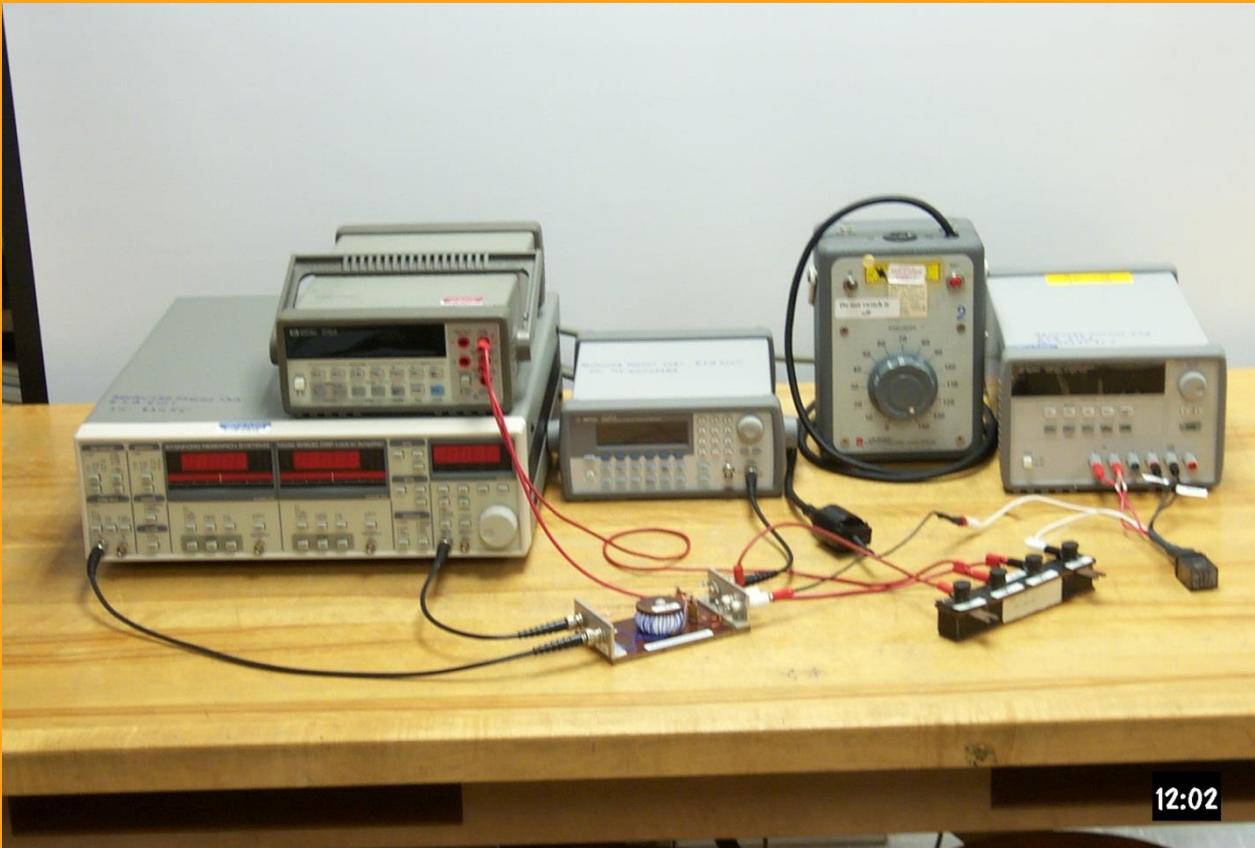


By applying a small modulation of the H field we can measure the derivative of the B-H hysteresis loop or dependence of the magnetic permeability on H field

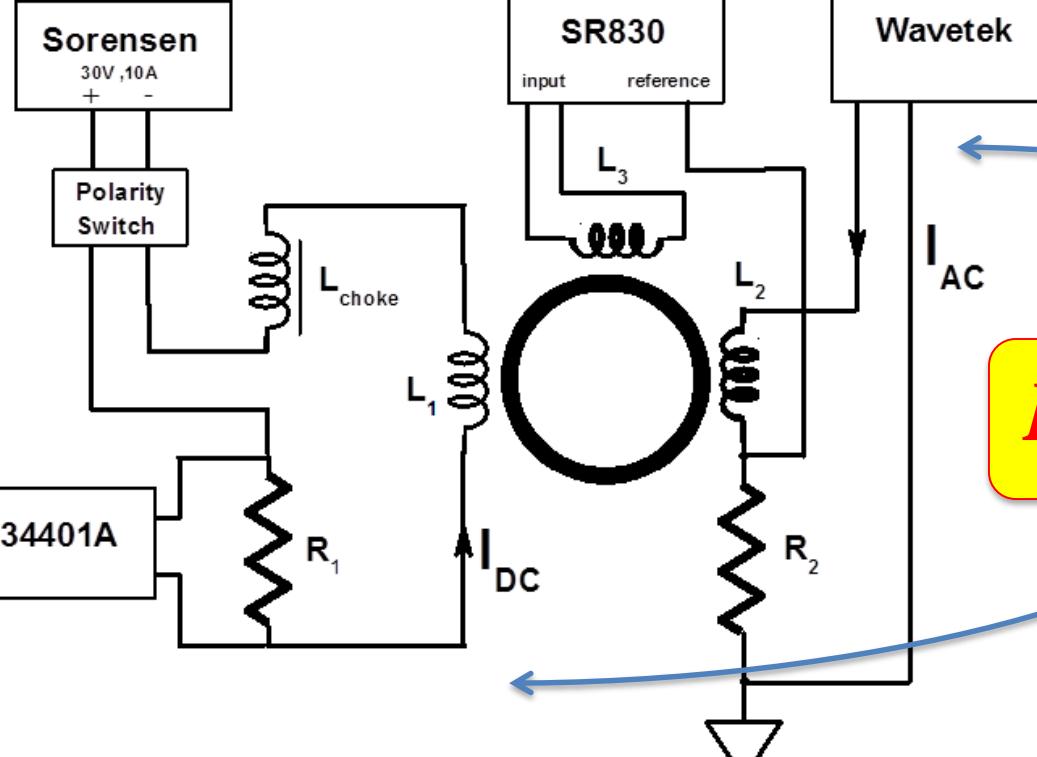
$$\mu(H_0, \omega) = \mu_0(1 + \chi(H_0, \omega)) = \left. \frac{dB}{dH} \right|_{H_0, \omega}$$



# Setup #1. Investigation of the hysteresis loops.



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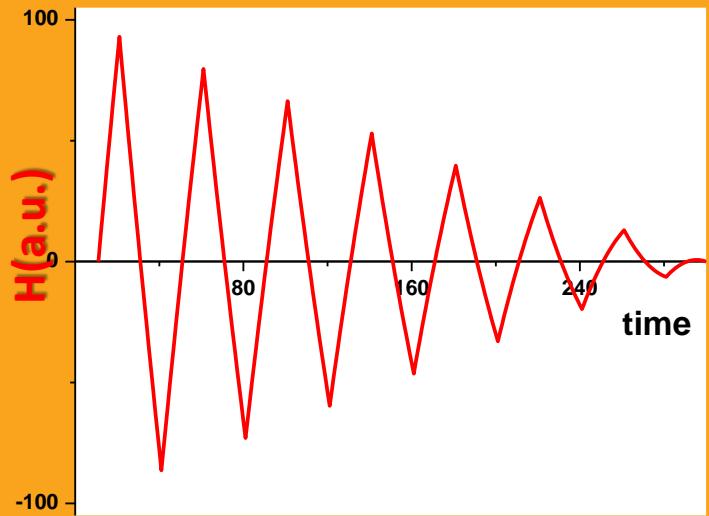


$$H = \frac{N_p I_p}{2\pi r}$$

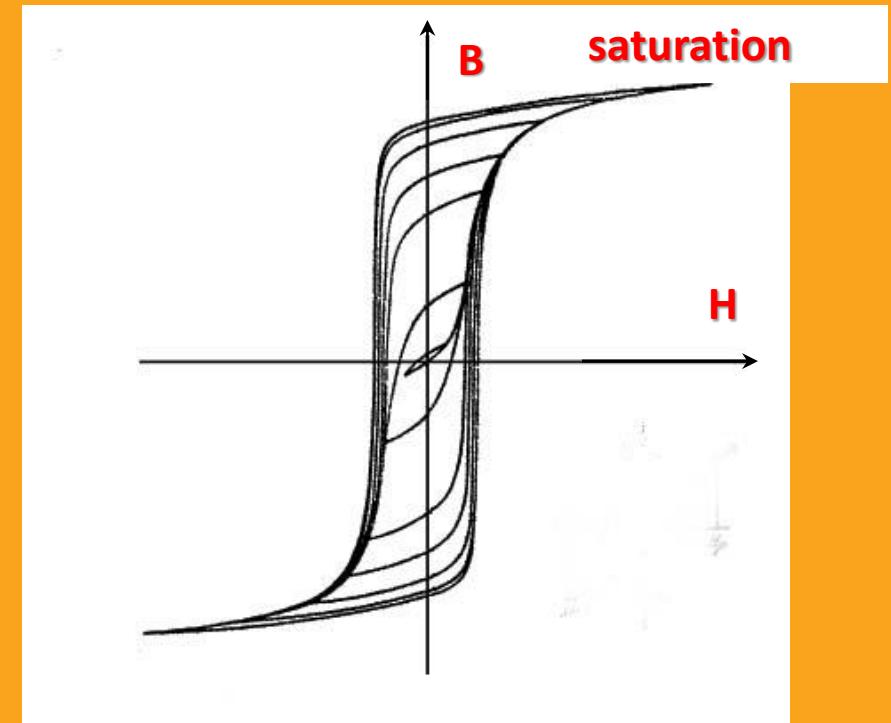
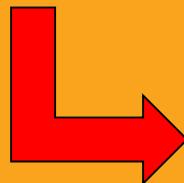
$$H = (H_0) + (H_1 \cos \omega t)$$



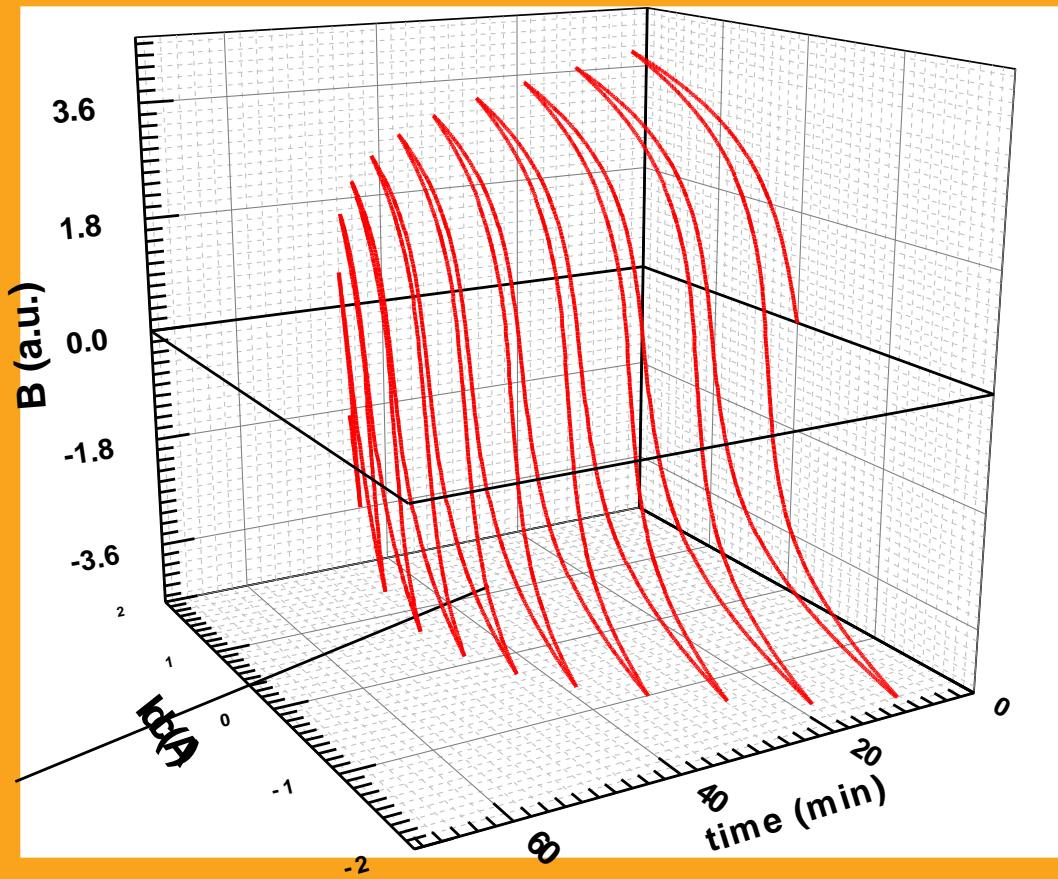
# Major/minor loops. Demagnetization



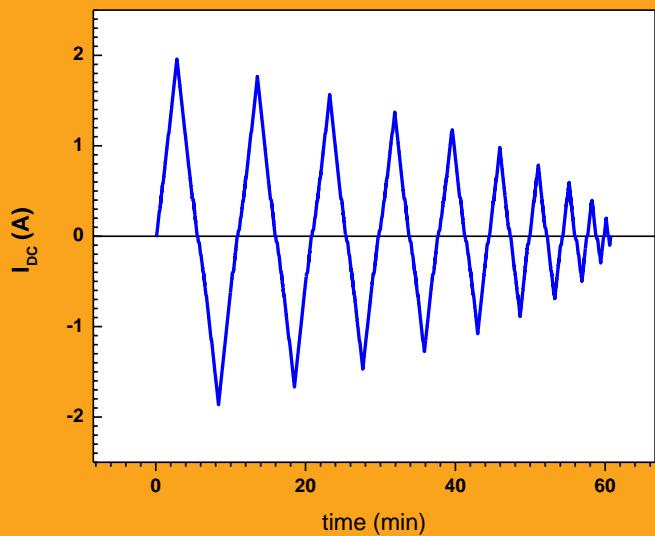
Waveform of  $H$ -field



# Demagnetization



Demagnetization of 4C65 toroid  
from Ferroxcube



# Hysteresis Loops

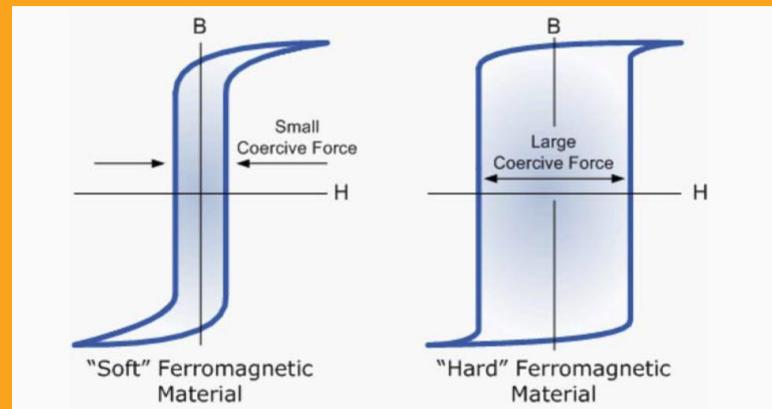
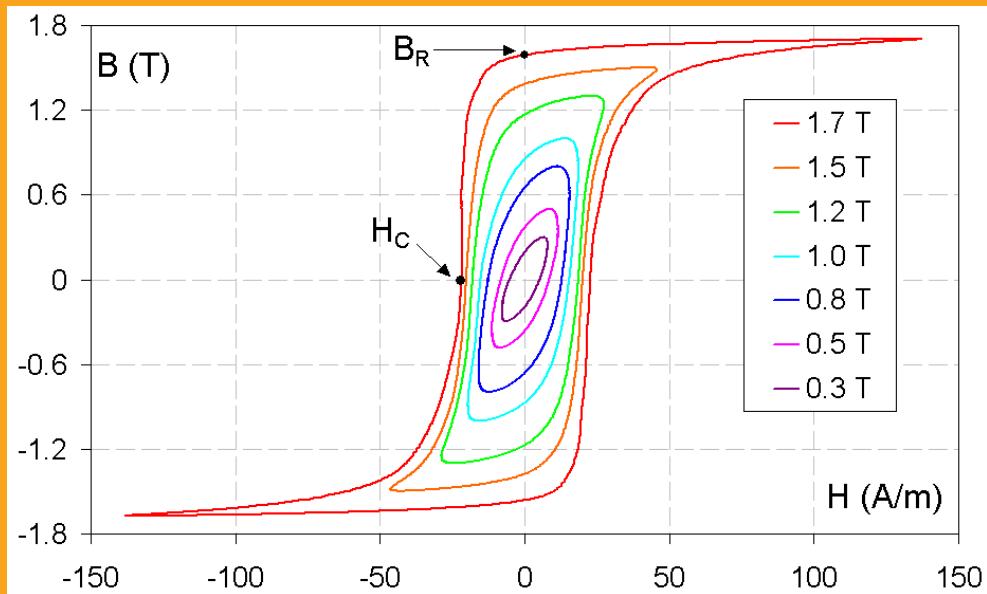
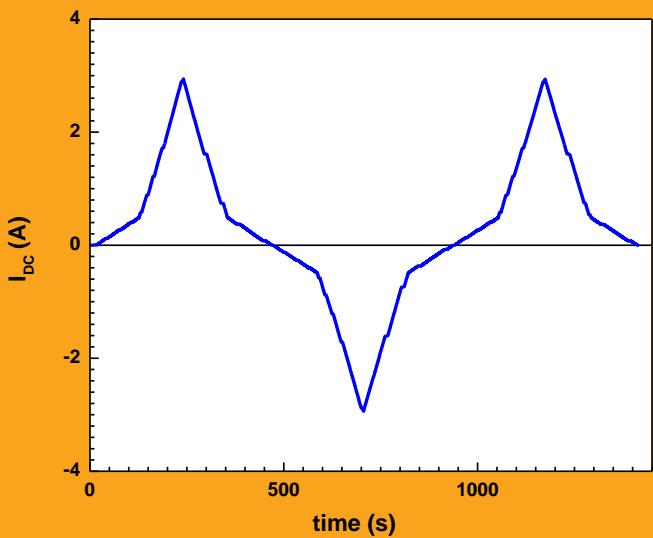
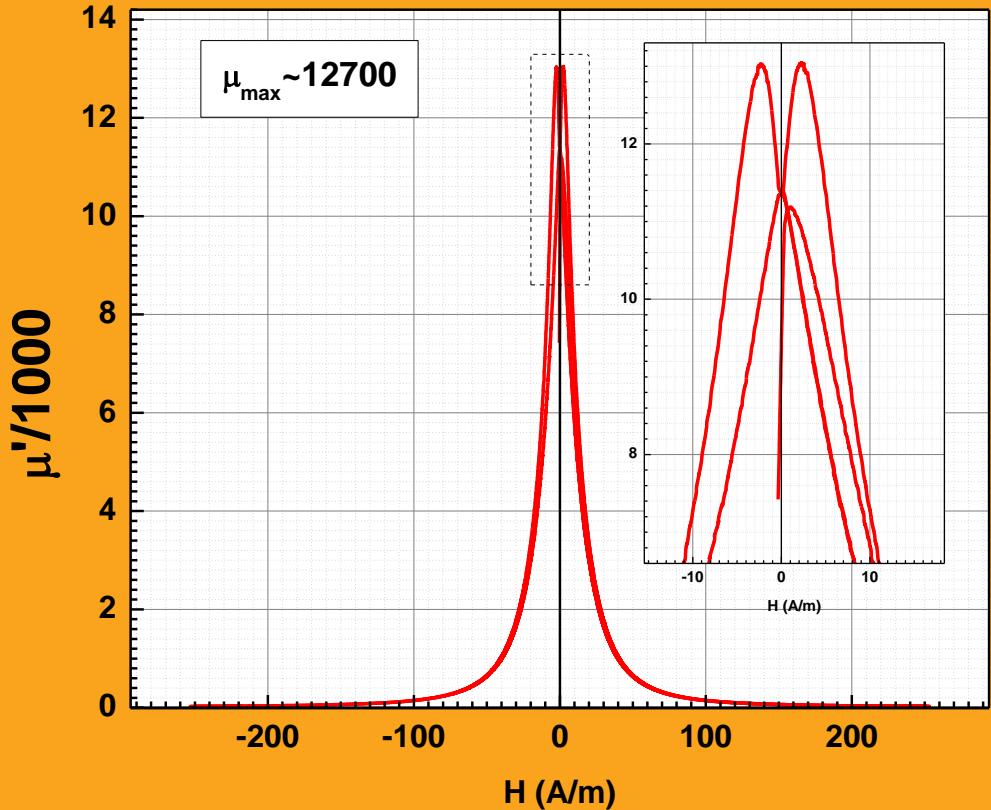


Fig. A family of AC hysteresis loops for grain-oriented electrical steel ( $B_R$  denotes remanence and  $H_C$  is the coercivity). Courtesy Zureks (Wikipedia)

# Measuring the magnetic permeability

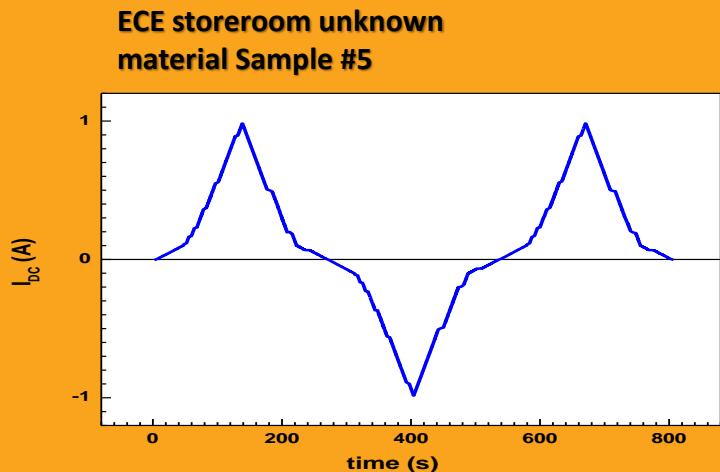


DC current profile and magnetic permeability of Magnetics  
**ZW44715TC**



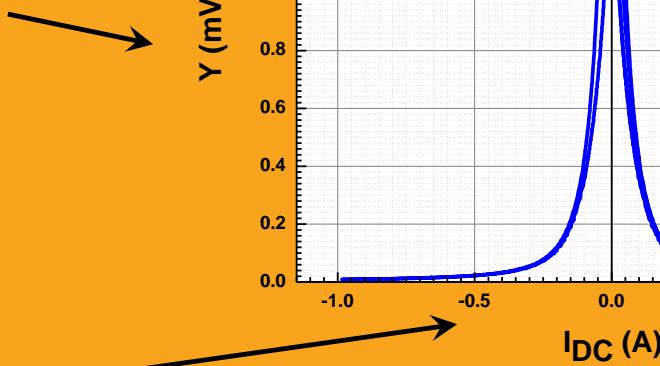
# From permeability to B-H hysteresis loop

**Step#1. Performing one fast IDC scan the based on the result preparing the “smart” IDC profile**



**Step#2. Performing precise scan the. Plotting raw data based**

Voltage units measured by SR830



Current in primary coil in A

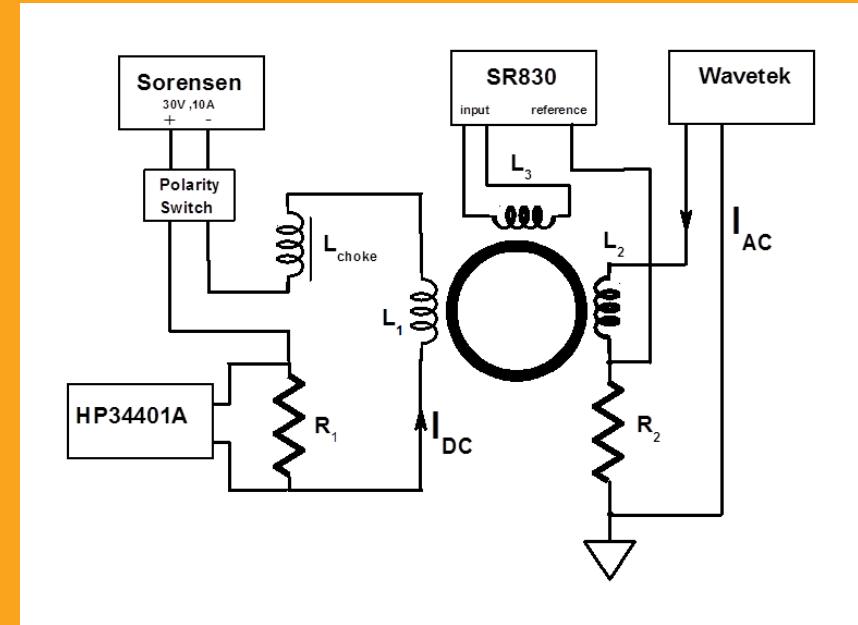
# From permeability to B-H hysteresis loop

Step#3. What we are measuring?

Calibration.

Lock-in measures emf on the pickup coil

$$V_{lock-in} = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt}; \Phi = \vec{B} \bullet \vec{S}$$



Here  $I_p$  is ac current in primary coil L3;  $I_p = \frac{V_0 \sin(\omega t)}{R_2}$



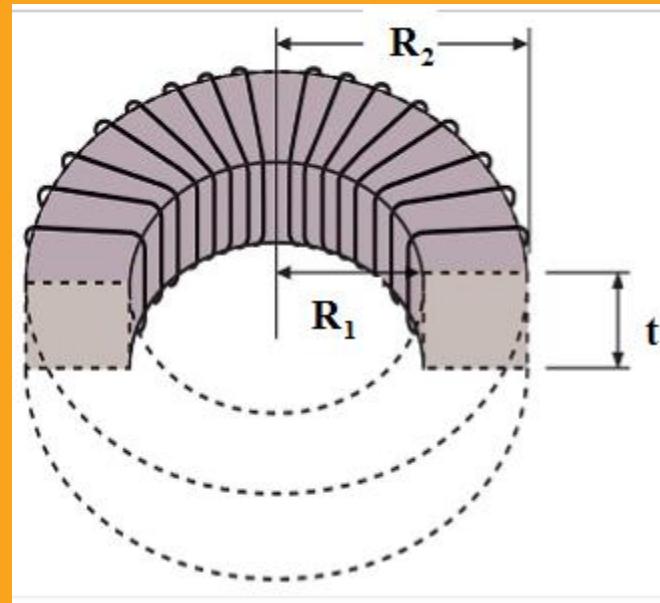
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Step#3. What we are measuring?

Calibration.

Primary coil of  $N_p$  turns supplied by current  $I_p$  creates magnetic field  $H$  and flux  $d\Phi$

For toroid:  $H = \frac{N_p I_p}{2\pi r}$



$$R_2 < r < R_1$$

$$d\Phi = \mu \int \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{\mu I N t}{2\pi} \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \frac{dr}{r} = \frac{\mu I N t}{2\pi} \ln \frac{R_2}{R_1}$$

$$da = dr * t$$

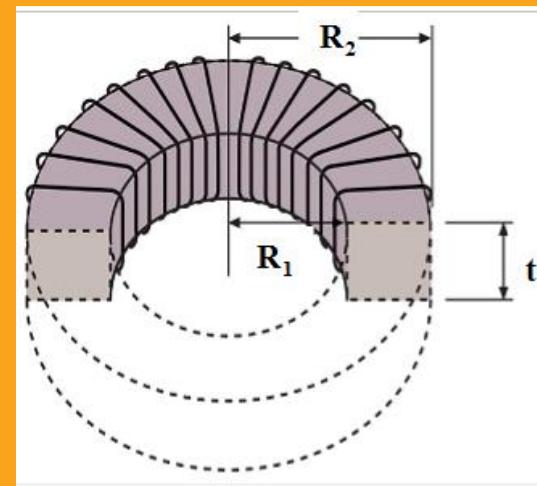
# From permeability to B-H hysteresis loop

Step#3. What we are measuring?

Calibration.

Total flux detected by pickup coil:

$$\Phi = N_{pickup} d\Phi = \frac{\mu N_{pickup} N_p I_p t}{2\pi} \ln \frac{R_2}{R_1}$$



N<sub>p</sub> and I<sub>p</sub> number of turns of AC primary coil and AC rms current

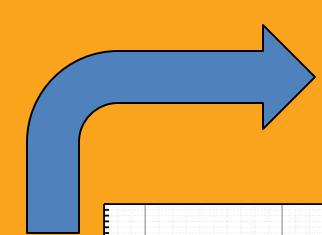
Inductance of the toroid:

$$L = \frac{\Phi}{I}; \quad L = \mu_r L_0 = (\mu' - i\mu'') L_0$$

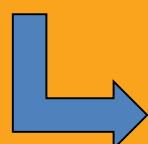
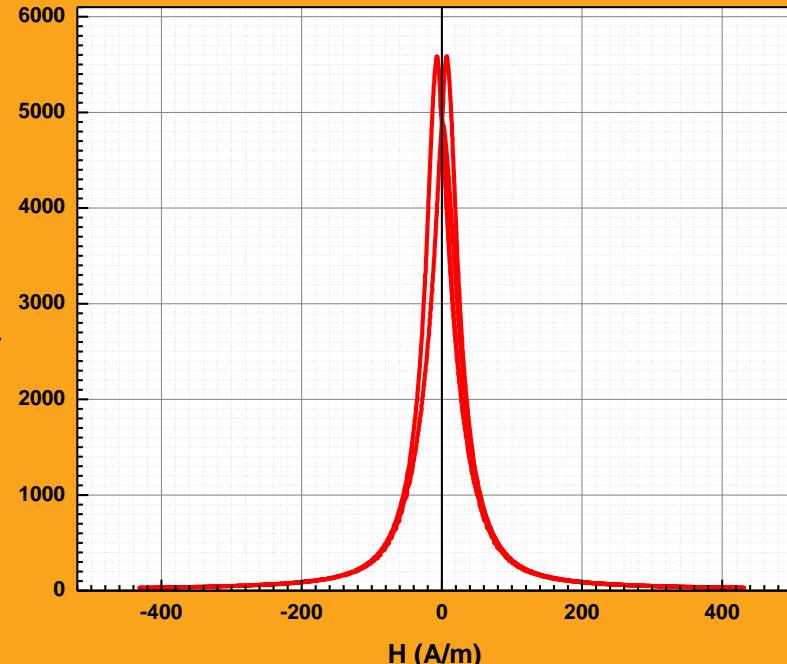
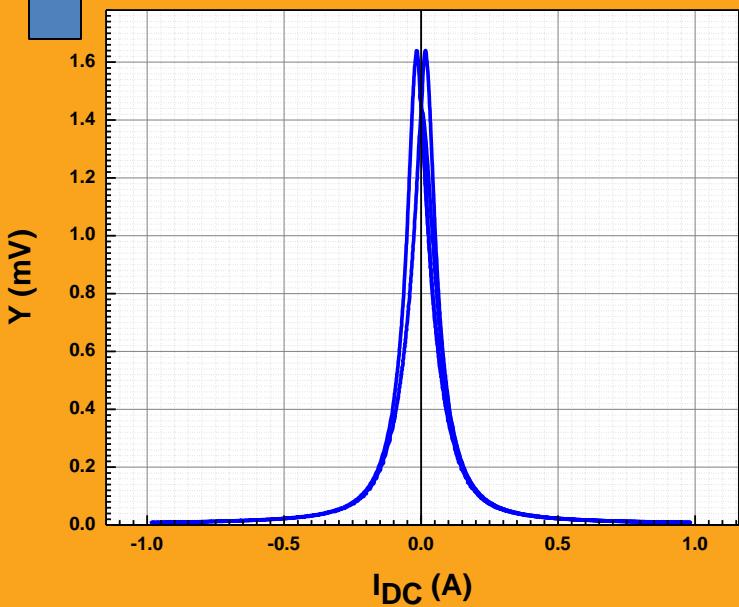
$$L_0 = \frac{\mu_0 N_{pickup} N_p t}{2\pi} \ln \frac{R_2}{R_1}$$



# From permeability to B-H hysteresis loop



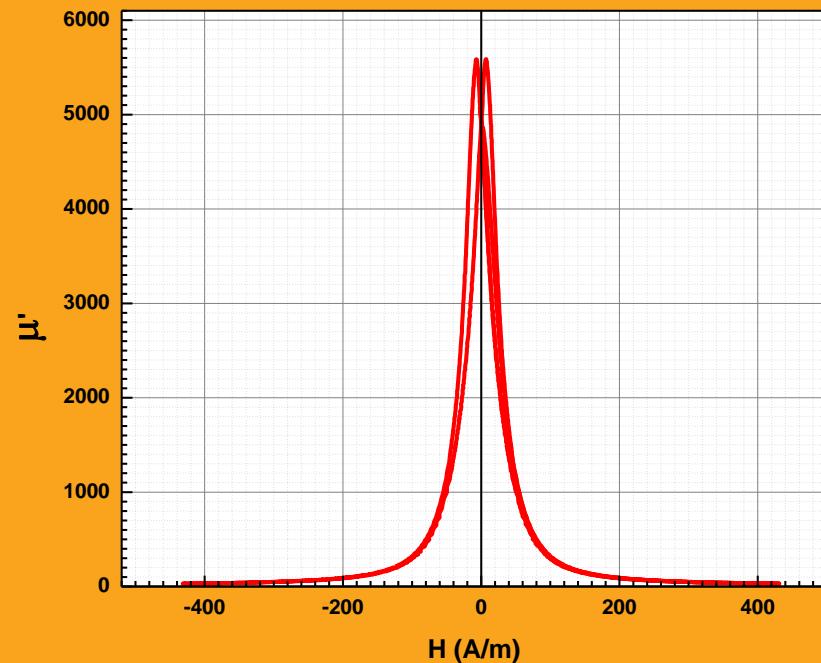
$$V_{lock-in} = \mu_r L_0 \frac{dI_p}{dt}$$



$$H_0 = \frac{N_p I_{DC}}{2\pi r}$$



# From permeability to B-H hysteresis loop

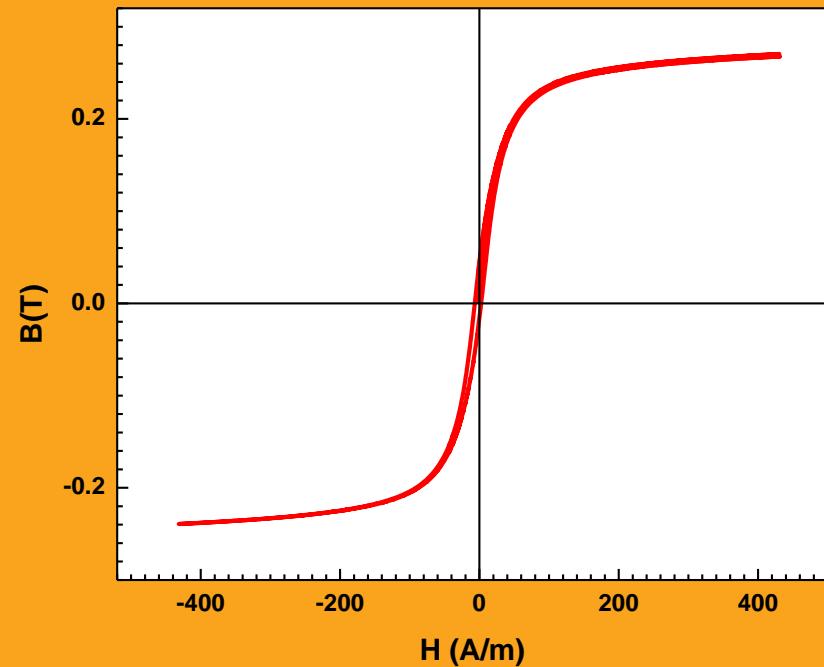


After integrating →

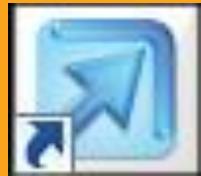
$$B(H) = \mu_0 \int \mu_r(H) dH$$

Step#4. From  $\mu_r(H)$  to B-H

$$\mu(H_0) = \mu_0 \mu_r(H_0) = \frac{dB}{dH} \Big|_{H_0}$$



# Software issue

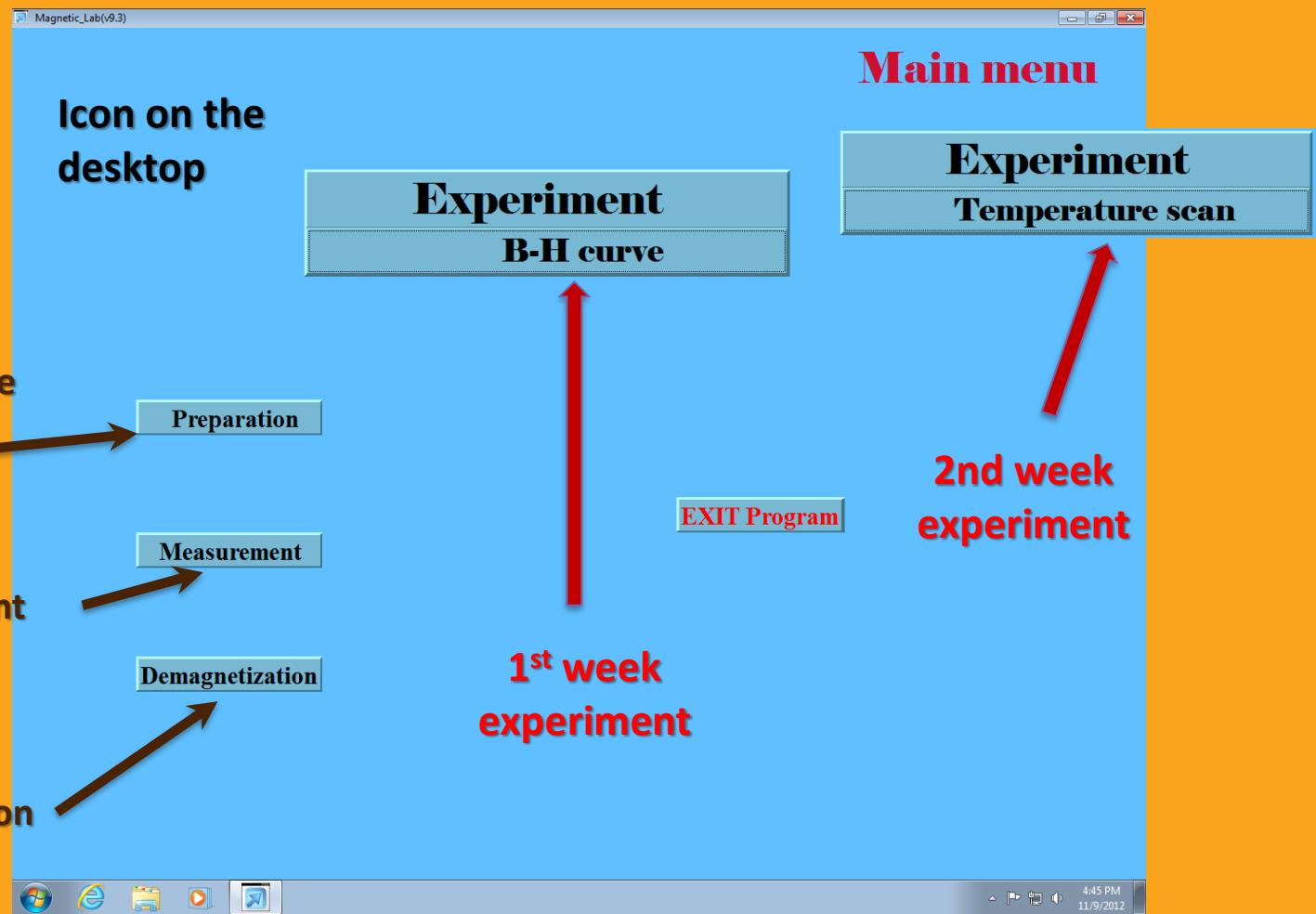


Magnetic  
Lab v9.2

Preparation of the  
profile of the  
experiment

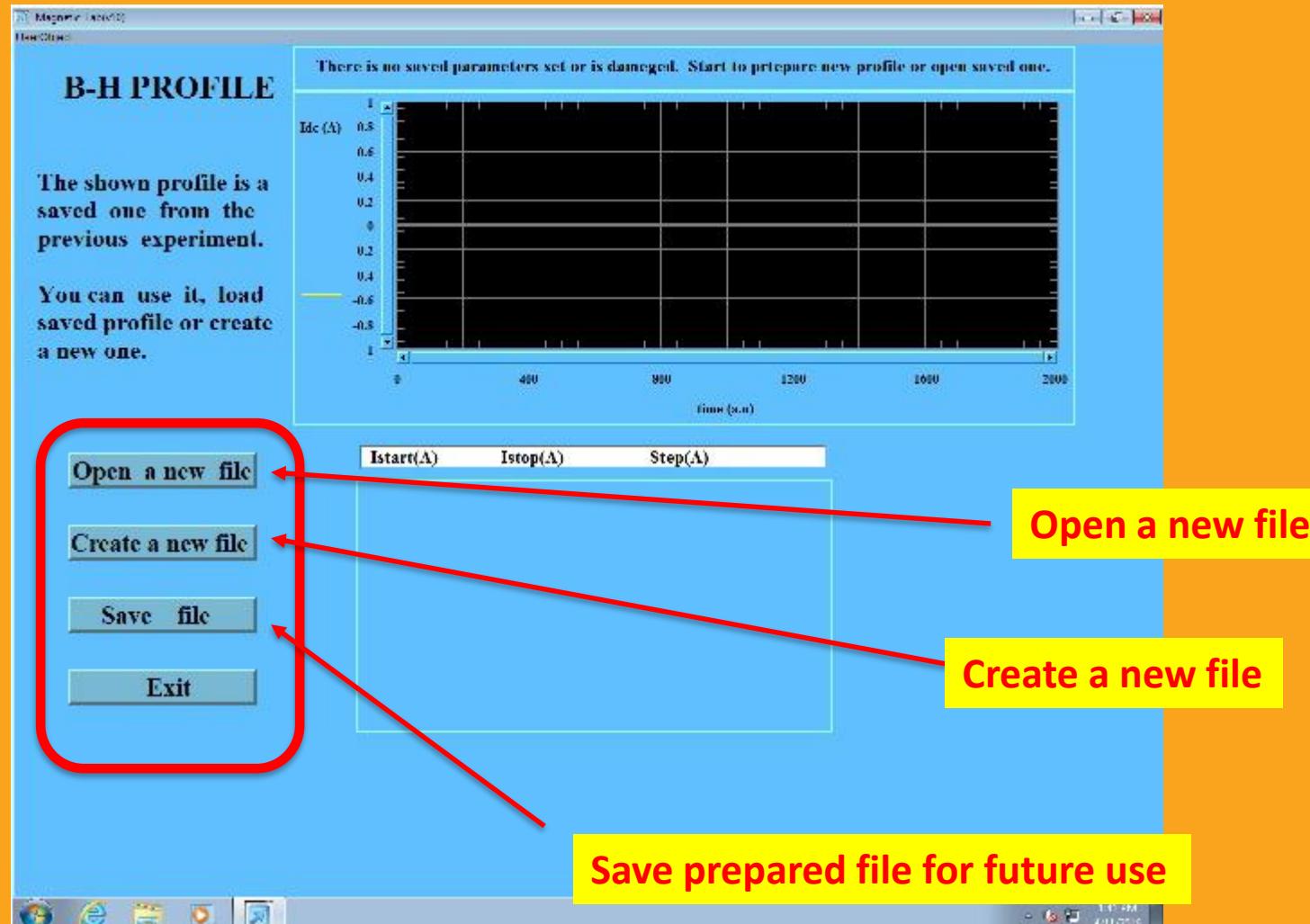
B-H measurement

Demagnetization



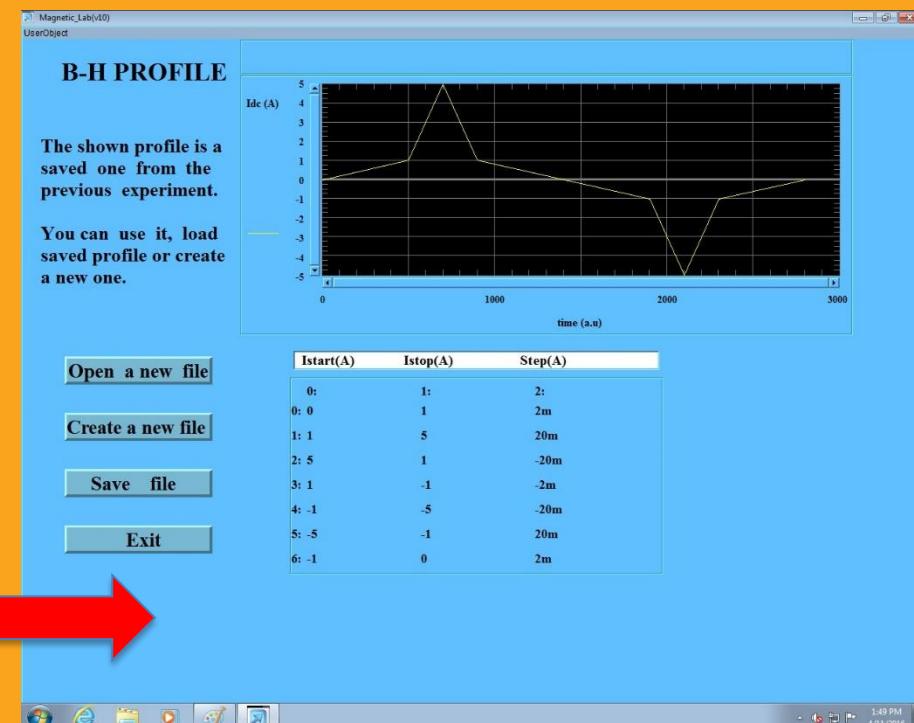
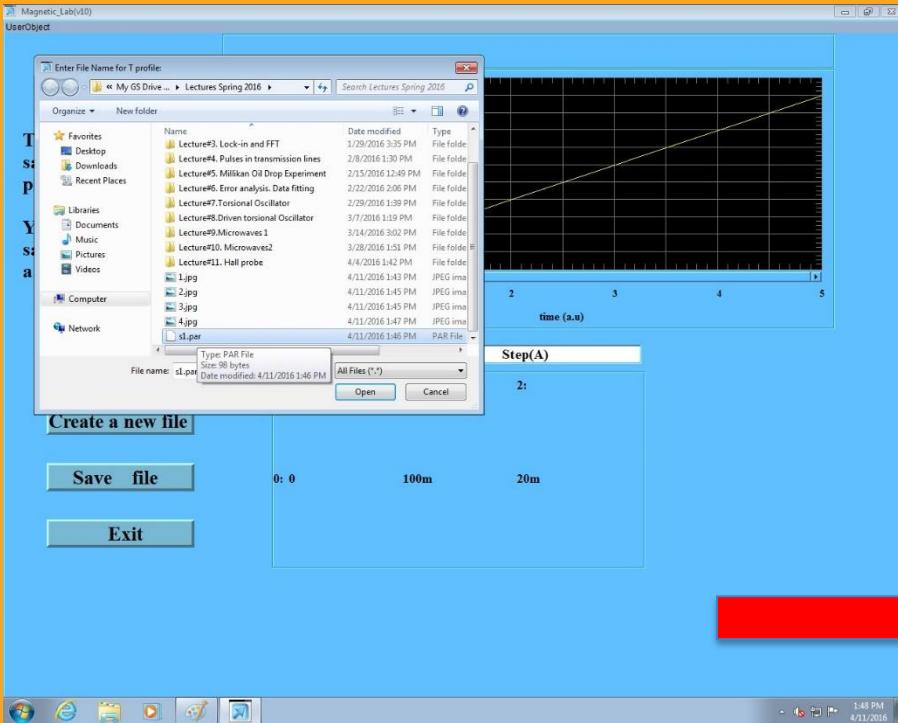
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Measuring profile preparation. Using profile template

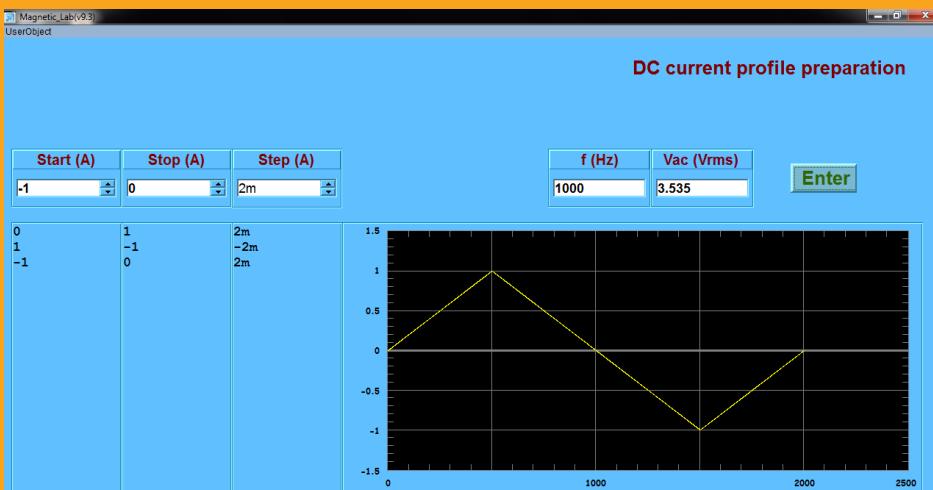


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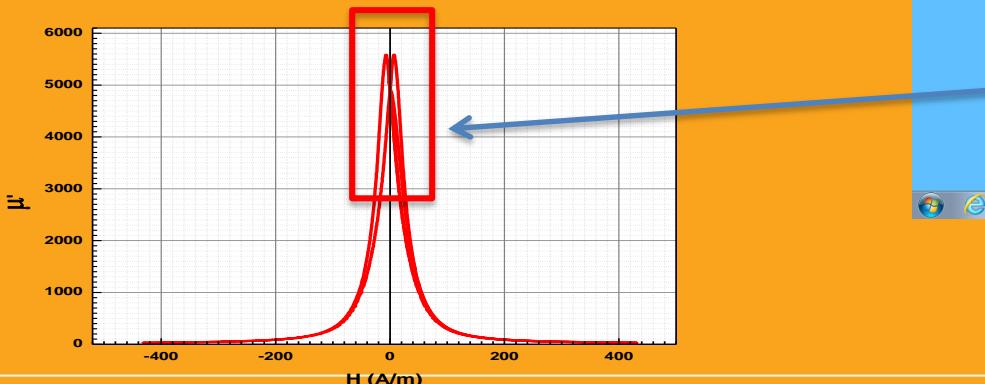


# Software issue



Example of simple protocol

Ready



Measuring profile preparation

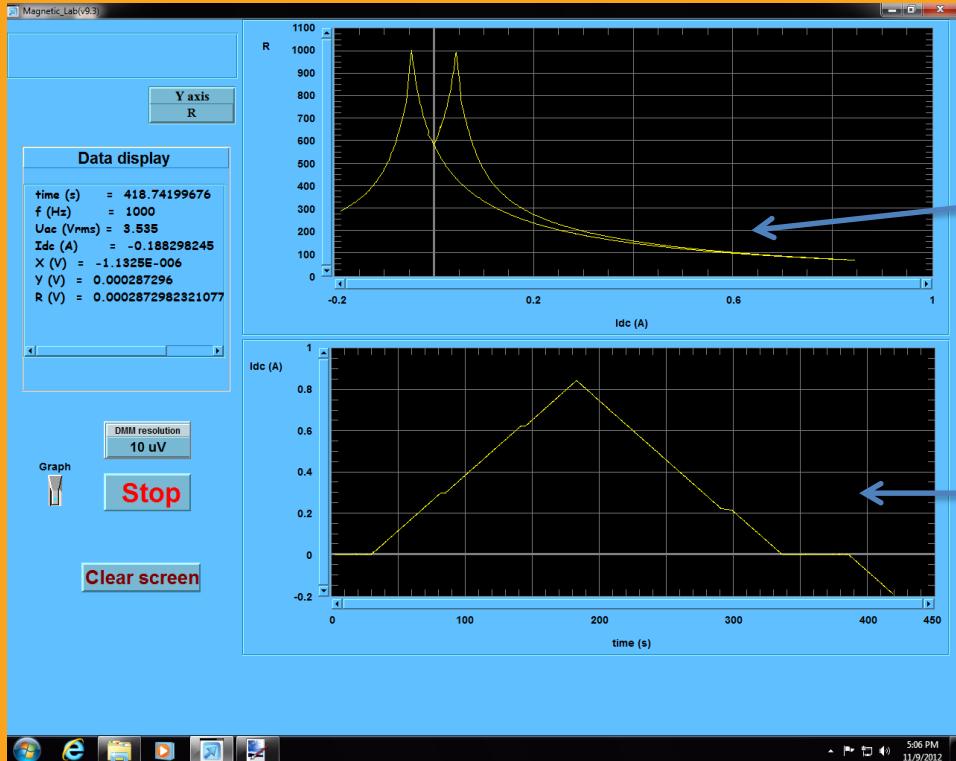


Advanced profile

Ready



# Software issue



Measurement Window

Lock-in amplifier response

The profile of the applied DC current

Structure of the data file (B-H experiment)

	times(X)	fHz(Y)	UacVrms(Y)	IdcA(Y)	XV(Y)	YV(Y)	RV(Y)
Long	time (s) =	f (Hz) =	Uac (Vrms)	Idc (A) =	X (V) =	Y (V) =	R (V) =
1	2.125	1000	3.535	0.00444	-1.31876E-	7.73077E-	7.73189E-
2	12.828	1000	3.535	0.00416	-1.16975E-	7.72332E-	7.72421E-
3	13.203	1000	3.535	0.00751	-1.1325E-6	7.67563E-	7.6647E-
4	13.578	1000	3.535	0.00988	-1.03564E-	7.65999E-	7.66069E-
5	13.938	1000	3.535	0.01205	-1.15485E-	7.62646E-	7.62733E-
6	14.313	1000	3.535	0.01395	-9.16425E-	7.59815E-	7.5987E-5
7	14.766	1000	3.535	0.01621	1.22026E	7.5676E-6	7.5696E-6



# Data analysis using Origin

To calculate the permeability better to use the template :

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It does not contain the equations – you have to write them

	times(X)	fHz(Y)	UacVrms(Y)	IdcA(Y)	XV(Y)	YV(Y)	RV(Y)	A(L)	B(Y)	Lo(Y)	mu1(Y)	mu2(Y)	H(Y)
ng N	time (s)	f (Hz)	Uac (Vrms)	Idc (A)	X (V)	Y (V)	R (V)						a/m
Jnits								Parameters					
1	2.125	1000	3.535	0.00444	-1.31876E-6	7.73077E-5	7.73189E-5	Npickup	20	3.35179E-7	51.92141	0.88571	0.00789
2	12.828	1000	3.535	0.00416	-1.16975E-6	7.72332E-5	7.72421E-5	Nac primary	20	3.35179E-7	51.87137	0.78563	0.00739
3	13.203	1000	3.535	0.00751	-1.1325E-6	7.67563E-5	7.67647E-5	h(m)	0.00825	3.35179E-7	51.55108	0.76061	0.01335
4	13.578	1000	3.535	0.00988	-1.03564E-6	7.65999E-5	7.66069E-5	r2	22.35	3.35179E-7	51.44604	0.69556	0.01756
5	13.938	1000	3.535	0.01205	-1.15485E-6	7.62646E-5	7.62733E-5	r1	13.45	3.35179E-7	51.22084	0.77562	0.02143
6	14.313	1000	3.535	0.01395	-9.16425E-7	7.59815E-5	7.5987E-5	Ndc primary	100	3.35179E-7	51.03071	0.61549	0.0248
7	14.766	1000	3.535	0.01621	-1.22935E-6	7.5676E-5	7.5686E-5				50.82553	0.82566	0.02883
8	15.141	1000	3.535	0.01739	-1.26661E-6	7.51545E-5	7.51652E-5				50.47528	0.85068	0.03092
9	15.484	1000	3.535	0.01974	-8.12117E-6	7.50502E-5	7.50546E-5				50.40523	0.54543	0.0351
10	15.875	1000	3.535	0.02174	-1.1772E-6	7.47894E-5	7.47987E-5				50.23007	0.79063	0.03865
11	16.328	1000	3.535	0.02263	-1.09524E-6	7.46031E-5	7.46111E-5				50.10494	0.73559	0.04025
12	16.703	1000	3.535	0.02589	-9.76033E-6	7.43424E-5	7.43488E-5				49.92985	0.65552	0.04605
13	17.063	1000	3.535	0.02698	-1.15485E-6	7.37687E-5	7.37777E-5				49.54454	0.77562	0.04798

Raw data

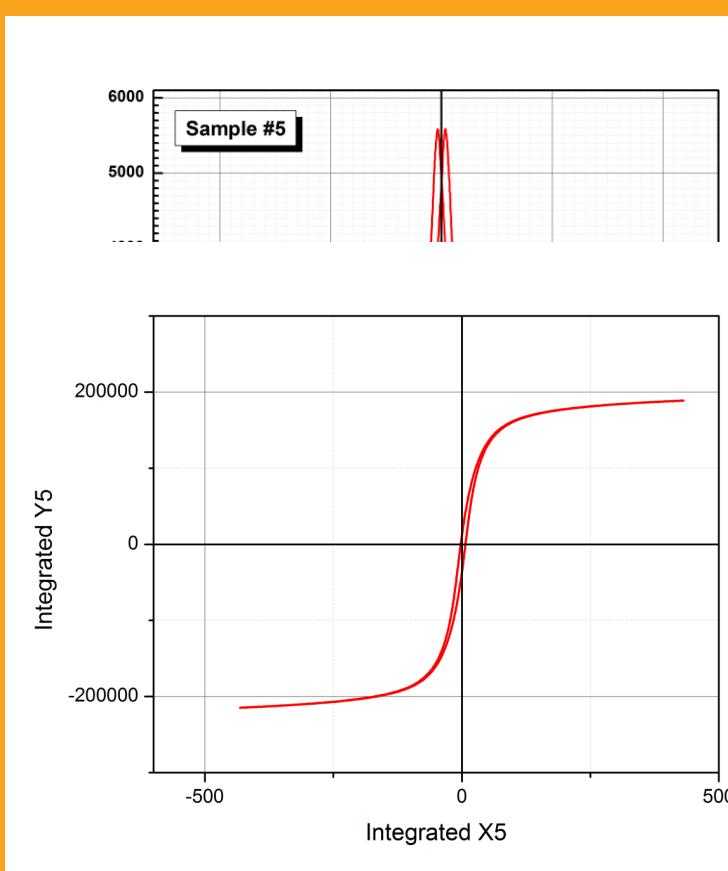
Parameters

Calculated results



# Data analysis using Origin. Integrating.

$$B(H) = \mu_0 \int \mu_r(H) dH$$



The screenshot shows the Origin software interface with a menu bar at the top. The "Analysis" menu is open, and the "Mathematics" option is highlighted with a red box. A sub-menu "Integrate" is also open under "Mathematics", with the option "1 <Last used>" highlighted with a red box. To the right of the menu, there is a preview window showing a grid. In the bottom right corner of the slide, there is a small blue square icon containing a white letter 'I'.

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Analysis Gadgets Tools Format Window Help

Statistics Mathematics Data Manipulation Fitting Signal Processing Peaks and Baseline

1 Integrate: <Last used> ...  
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3 Subtract Straight Line...  
4 Differentiate: <Last used> ...  
Differentiate: <default> ...  
Sigmoidal Fit: <Last used>  
FFT: <Last used> ...  
FFT: <default> ...  
Peak Analyzer: <Last used> ...  
Peak Analyzer: <default> ...

Differentiate  
Integrate  
2D Volume Integrate...  
Matrix Surface Area...  
Polygon Area...  
Average Multiple Curves...  
Custom Filter...

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Results Log Output   
Recalculate Manual

Input

Use End Points Straight Line as Baseline

Area Type Mathematical Area

Output

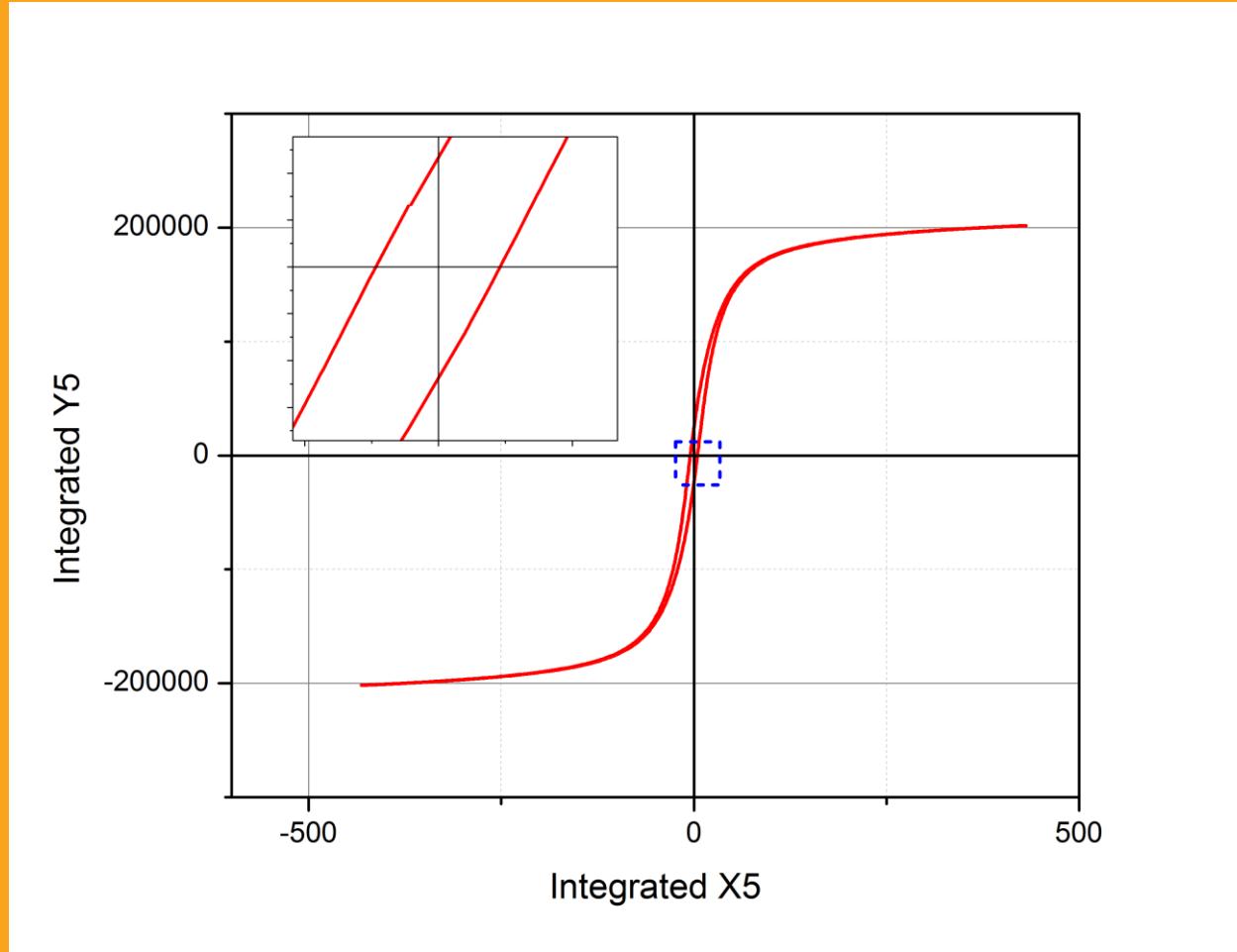
Plot Integral Curve None  
None  
New Graph  
Source Graph

OK Cancel



# Data analysis using Origin. Integrating.

$$B(H) = \mu_0 \int \mu_r(H) dH + \text{offset}$$



# References

- **Information about magnetic materials can be found in :**  
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