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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a method for modeling two dimensional dipoles, quadrupoles and other higher multipoles built using oriented permanent magnet materials such as samarium cobalt (one of the rare earth cobalt REC materials). The technique presented here uses complex current doublet to model the magnetized material. This technique can be used in conjunction with an infinitely permeable circular iron shield which lies outside the REC material. Examples of two types of dipoles and quadrupoles are presented in this report.

BACKGROUND

Theory for the residual field generated by the circulating currents in the filaments of the superconductor of superconducting dipoles and quadrupoles was published in the early 1970's. [1,2] This theory treats the circulating currents in the superconductor as a current doublet in the complex plane. This current doublet behaves just like a doublet in hydrodynamic theory [3] (a source and a sink together at a single point in the complex plane). The current doublet can be modeled with iron using the method of images.

More recently the SCMAG04 computer program, which uses doublet theory has been applied to dipoles and quadrupole for the SSC. [4,5] The magnetic field generated by circulating currents in the SSC dipoles is rich in higher multipoles. Several methods for bucking out these higher multipoles which use passive methods have been studied. [6,7,8] The magnetization observed in the superconductor can be directly related to the strength of the current doublet. [7,9,10] Thus one finds that the theory for current doublets can be applied to oriented magnetized materials. [7]

Since superconductor magnetization can be related directly to current doublet theory, it follows that permanent magnetization of oriented rare-earth cobalt materials can be modeled using the same theory and the same SCMAG04 computer code provided the magnetic field from currents and other pieces of oriented magnetized materials do not demagnetize the oriented magnetized material in the magnet being studied. [11]

Oriented rare earth-cobalt materials have the interesting property of being transparent to the magnetic field (unlike iron which will concentrate the field into itself). This transparency holds as long as the oriented material is not demagnetized. For example, material like SmCo5 can be magnetized so that the permanent magnetization \( M = 0.9 - 1.1 \) T at room temperature. In order to demagnetize the material, a demagnetizing field of 650 - 750 kA/m must be applied (the demagnetizing induction is 0.82 to 0.95 T) at room temperature. [12] The demagnetizing field is applied in a direction opposite from that of the magnetization. The method of manufacture involves grinding the rare earth cobalt (or related material) into domain sized grains (about 5 µm in diameter). The material is then oriented by vibrating the powder while it is in a strong magnetic field to orient them along the field lines. The material is then bonded together by sintering or some other process to immobilize the oriented grains. The finished blocks can be machined to final dimensions by grinding. [13,14]

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The field given in the complex plane at a location \( z \) by a current \( I \) at a location \( z_c \) can be stated using the following expression:

\[
H_*(z) = \frac{I}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(z - z_c)^2}
\]

where \( H_*(z) \) is the complex conjugate of the field \( H \) \((H^* = H_x - iH_y)\) at the location \( z \). \( I \) is the current at location \( z_c \) in the complex plane. A current doublet is a current pair \(+1\) and \(-1\) separated by a distance \( d \) the strength of the doublet \( \Gamma = Id \). The field generated at a location \( z \) by a current doublet with strength \( \Gamma \) at a location \( z_c \) can be stated as follows:

\[
H_*(z) = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \frac{e^{i\alpha}}{(z - z_c)^2}
\]

where \( H_*(z) \), \( z \), \( z_c \) and \( \Gamma \) have been previously defined \( \alpha \) is the angle of the current doublet (see Figure 1). A magnetized superconductor which has a filament diameter of \( d_f \) will have a doublet strength factor: [2]

\[
\Gamma = \frac{d_f^3}{6 \mu_c}
\]

when the conductor has been fully penetrated by a field change and the superconductor current density is a uniform value of \( \mu_c \). The doublet angle \( \alpha \) is the angle of the field plus \( \pi/2 \).

The doublet strength factor \( \Gamma \) can be directly related to magnetization using the following relationship

\[
\Gamma = \frac{M}{4}
\]

where \( M \) is the magnetization measured and \( D \) is the diameter of the sample. The orientation angle \( \Phi \) for the rare earth cobalt material can be related to the doublet angle \( \alpha \) by the relationship \( \Phi = \alpha - \pi/2 \) (see Figure 2 and compare it with Figure 1.) Thus one finds that Equation 2 takes the following form for an oriented magnetized material with an orientation of \( \Phi \), a diameter \( D \) and a magnetization strength of \( M \)

\[
H_*(z) = \frac{D^2 M}{8 \pi} \frac{e^{i(\Phi + \pi/2)}}{(z - z_c)^2}
\]

Equation 2 or 3 can be expanded in a Taylor series which takes the following form

\[
H_*(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^{n-1}
\]
is the doublet radius. The doublet strength factor and doublet angle for the image can be found using the following form:

$$\Gamma_r = \left(\frac{R}{r_c}\right)^2 \Gamma$$

(7a)

$$a_r = \gamma + 2 \Theta_c - a$$

(7b)

See Figure 1 for an illustration. The corresponding terms for the piece of oriented material are:

$$M_r = \left(\frac{R}{r_c}\right)^2 M$$

(8a)

$$\Phi_r = \gamma + 2 \Theta_c - \Phi$$

(8b)

Using the values for \(\Gamma_r\) and \(a_r\) given in Eq. 7a and 7b one can come up with the \(b_N\) coefficient for Equation 4a using the current doublet

$$b_N = -\frac{\Gamma_r e^{i(\gamma - a)}}{2\pi} \frac{(Z_c^*)^{N-1}}{r_c^{2N}}$$

(9)

where \(Z_c^*\) is the complex conjugate of \(Z_c\) and \(R\) is the iron radius. The corresponding equation for the piece of oriented rare earth cobalt

$$b_N = -\frac{P_0}{2\pi} \frac{e^{i(\gamma - a)}}{N} \frac{(Z_c^*)^{N-1}}{r_c^{2N}}$$

(10)

Fig. 1. A current doublet and image current doublet in the complex plane.

where

$$C_N = a_N + b_N$$

(4a)

where \(a_N\) is the multipole coefficient generated by the doublet itself and \(b_N\) is the multipole generated by the doublet in an iron shell. In equation \(N=2\) is quadrupole, \(N=3\) is sextupole, and so on.

The \(a_N\) term, when applied to the current doublet (Equation 2) takes the following form

$$a_N = -\frac{e^{i\alpha}}{2\pi} \frac{1}{N} z_c^{-(N+1)}$$

(5)

where \(z_c\) is the location of the doublet. When \(a_N\) term is derived for a small piece of oriented rare earth cobalt the term is

$$a_N = -\frac{D M e^{i(\phi + \pi/2)}}{2\pi} \frac{1}{N} z_c^{-(N+1)}$$

(6)

The \(b_N\) term is similar to the \(a_N\) term which has been derived for the image doublet in the iron shield. We will look only at dipoles or quadrupoles with a circular iron shield with a radius of \(R\). The center of the circular iron corresponds to \(Z = 0\). This iron is infinitely permeable (\(\mu = \infty\)) so that the method of images can be correctly applied. One must determine the location of the image, \(z_c\), the strength of the image \(\Gamma_r\), and the image doublet angle \(a_r\). First let's look at the location of the image. The image angle \(\Theta_c\) is the same as the doublet angle \(\Theta_c\) (see Figure 1 and Figure 2). The radius of the image \(r_c = R^2/r_c\) where \(r_c\)

Oriented Magnetized Material

![Oriented Magnetized Material](image-url)
the ERMAG04 program actually uses Equations 5 and 9 to expand the field. The doublet strength factor $\Gamma$ and the doublet angle $\alpha$ are calculated from a given value of $M$ and $\Phi$ which are properties of the oriented rare-earth cobalt material.

**SOME MULTIPOLe MAGNET DESIGNS**

The theory presented in this report can be used on a variety of rare earth cobalt permanent magnets with and without iron. As an illustration of the theory, two kinds of two dimensional dipole and higher multipole magnets are discussed here. They are: the segmented type of dipole on higher multipole magnets described by Halbach [13,15] and a type described as a regular type where pre-shaped piece of material are oriented in the type of magnet which one is trying to create.

**a) The segmented magnets**

The segmented type of multipole magnet developed by Halbach [13,15] has the property that the orientation angle $\Phi$ of the magnetization in the block has the following relationship to the location angle of the block $\Theta_i$:

$$\Phi = \frac{M\theta}{2} + (T - 1) \Theta_C$$

Where $T$ is the fundamental multipole of the magnet you want to build ($T = 1$ is dipole; $T = 2$ is quadrupole and so on). $\Theta_C$ is the angular location of the block and $\Phi$ is the orientation angle of the magnetization in the material. If $m$ is even ($m = 0,2,3,4,6,\ldots$) the magnet is a skew magnet of $2T$ poles. If $m$ is odd ($m = 1,3,5,\ldots$), the magnet is a normal magnet of $2T$ poles.

If the orientation angle varies continuously with $\Theta$ as Equation 11 indicates, a perfect $2T$ pole magnet will result with no higher multipole terms. The images in the iron do not contribute to the field (all the by terms are zero). The field is the same whether the iron is present or not (the only role of the iron is shielding).

When one builds a segmented $2T$ pole magnet one uses a finite number of geometrically identical blocks. The number of these blocks will determine how good the magnet is the next highest multipole produced $N = mT + T$ where $m = 0,1,2,3$ and so on. So an eight block magnet $N = 8$ dipole $T = 1$ will have an $N = 1$ term. The next term will be $N = 9$. The next is $N = 17$ and so on. The iron shield contributes no fundamental term, but it does contribute $N = mT$ - $T$. We find that the eight block $N = 8$ iron shielded dipole $T = 1$ has $N = 7,9,15,17$ and so on. The fundamental is the same in both cases.

The segmented multipole magnet utilizes the magnetic material fully. Iron does not change the fundamental field but it can change higher multipoles. A good field can be obtained and it is possible to achieve fields in the magnet which are higher than the magnetization induction in the rare earth cobalt material. Figure 3 shows a segmented rare earth cobalt twelve piece quadrupole which generates a good quality field. The major disadvantages of the segmented multipole magnets are: that several types of blocks have to be made (this is worse for a dipole than for a quadrupole) and the field quality is dependent on the accuracy of magnetization of the segments, the accuracy of the shape of the segments, and the accuracy of the placement of the segments.

**b) The regular magnets**

The regular magnet configuration is one where a ring of the powdered material is put into dipole or quadrupole field before the material is bonded. (The center of the ring corresponds to the axis of the quadrupole field when a quadrupole is made this way. Dipole magnets have no specific axis). The magnetized material has an orientation angle $\Phi$ which takes the following form as a function of the location angle $\Theta_C$:

$$\Phi = \frac{M\theta}{2} + (T - 1) \Theta_C$$

where $T$ is the fundamental multipole. $\Theta_C$ is the angular location of the point in the ring; and $\Phi$ is the orientation angle of the material along a line at position angle $\Theta_C$. If $m$ is even, the magnet is a skew magnet. If $m$ is odd the magnet is a normal magnet.

The advantage of this type of magnet is the simplicity of manufacture. A dipole built this way is much easier to build than a segmented dipole magnet because the ring is a single piece (see Figure 4 for an example of the regular dipole magnet). The regular dipole ring of oriented rare earth cobalt does not generate any magnetic field inside the ring unless there is an iron shield around the ring. The sign of the field generated is opposite that of the orientation direction of the lines in the REC ring (the image doublets in the iron have the same $\Phi$ notation with respect to $\Theta_C$ plus $\pi$ as the doublet in the segmented type of magnet. (See Equation 8b)). A regular dipole with produce a perfect dipole field as long as the ring axis corresponds to the axis of the circular shield. The orientation of the magnetic particles must not be disturbed during the bonding process.

The disadvantage of the regular type magnet is that the oriented rare earth cobalt magnetic material is not fully utilized. The penalty may be acceptable in a dipole magnet because the construction is greatly simplified, but it is not generally acceptable in a quadrupole or sextupole magnet. Table 1 shows the fundamental multipole at 1 cm radius for both the regular type and a twelve segment type of dipole ($T = 1$), quadrupole ($T = 2$) and sextupole ($T = 3$). These magnets have oriented magnetized rare earth cobalt material with $\phi = 1.1R$. This material is located between $R$ = 2 cm and $R$ = 4 cm as shown in Figures 3 and 4. If the iron shield is at $R$ = 4 cm. Table 1 shows that the regular type multipole magnet will only produce field when the iron is present.

**Table 1.**

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<th>Multipole Number</th>
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<td>$T = 3$</td>
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Inner Material Radius = 2 cm
Inner Iron Radius = 4 cm
The examples given here are trivial ones which can be calculated analytically [13]. The computer code can be used for magnets with complex shapes (particularly without iron). The permanent magnet material can be used in combination with current carrying blocks, small pieces of ferromagnetic material, and magnetized pieces of superconductor [7]. For a variety of cases one can simulate magnets with oriented rare earth cobalt materials without having to use finite element programs.

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