



# Flux transport in superconducting materials

Guide to macroscopic physics

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#### LOW FREQUENCY ELECTRODYNAMICS (MQS)



$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} \qquad (\text{Ampere's law})$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \qquad (\text{Faraday's law})$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \qquad (\text{solenoidality of } \mathbf{B})$$
$$\mathbf{B} \approx \mu_0 \mathbf{H} \qquad (\text{. material laws .})$$

#### RANGE OF APPLICATION OF THE BULK-MQS-MODELLING

Property	Typical range	YBaCuO
Temperature	$T < 0.8 T_{\rm c}$	77 K
Applied magnetic field	$Hc_1 \ll H \ll Hc_2$	$\simeq 1 \text{ T}$
Sample dimensions	$L > 100 \mu \mathrm{m}$	$\lambda \simeq 100 nm$
Frequency	$\nu < 1\mathrm{KHz}$	$\leftarrow$

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#### **ENERGY STORAGE AND ENERGY LOSSES**

• Energy stored

$$I_{\rm M} = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} B^2 dV$$

$$=\frac{\mu_0}{8\pi}\int_V\int_{V'}\frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r})\cdot\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}')}{\|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'\|}dVdV$$

$$=rac{1}{2}\sum_{ij}I_iM_{ij}I_j$$

• Energy .losses.

$$W_{\text{LOSS}} = \int \int 2\mathcal{P} \, dV \, dt$$



#### **ESSENTIAL SUPERCONDUCTIVITY (LONDON EQUATIONS)**



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#### FROM CLASSICAL TO QUANTUM

• .Unified London equations.

$$\mathbf{J} = -\mathbf{A}/\Lambda_{\rm L} + \nabla \chi/\Lambda_{\rm L}$$

vector potential

gauge function

• .Ginzburg-Landau free energy.

$$\mathcal{F}_{\rm s} = \mathcal{F}_{\rm N0}(T) + \frac{\alpha |\Psi|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} |\Psi|^4 + \xi^2 |\alpha| \left(\nabla \sqrt{|\Psi|}\right)^2}{2} + \frac{\mu_0 \lambda_{\rm L}^2}{2} J^2 + \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0}$$

superconducting condensation

kinetics of carriers

$$\Psi = |\Psi|e^{i\theta}$$
;  $\theta = \frac{q}{\hbar}\chi$  (.complex order parameter.)  
 $\alpha/\beta = -|\Psi_{\infty}|^2$ 

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## **FLUX VORTICES**

• Magnetic flux is quantized

$$\Lambda_{\rm L} \oint_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{J} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} + \iint_{\mathcal{S}} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \frac{\hbar}{2e} \oint_{\mathcal{C}} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \theta \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = n\pi \frac{\hbar}{e} \equiv n \Phi_{\rm o}$$

• In type-II materials, this gives way to the Flux Line Lattice...



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## **TYPE-II SUPERCONDUCTORS (EQUILIBRIUM)**



## **TYPE-II** SUPERCONDUCTORS (DISSIPATION/METASTABILITY)

• Transport currents imply vortex drift  $\mathbf{f}_i = \mathbf{J}_{\mathrm{T}} \times \Phi_0 \hat{\mathbf{k}}$ 

$$\frac{d\mathcal{F}_{\rm SN}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathcal{F}_{\rm N}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathcal{F}_{\rm EM}}{dt} = - \frac{W}{\rm irrev.\ losses} - \frac{{\rm div}\ \mathcal{J}_E}{{\rm div}\ \mathcal{J}_E}$$
$$W = \sigma_{\rm F} \,\mathbf{e}^2 + \frac{\gamma |(-\mathrm{i}\partial_t - \Phi)\Psi|^2}{\rm div} \, ..$$



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#### • Sustainable by flux *pinning* forces $\mathbf{f}_i + \mathbf{f}_P = 0$

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#### MACROSCOPIC VIEW OF THE FLUX TRANSPORT PROBLEM

 $\langle B \rangle$  implies very different length scales

 $L \approx 1 \mathrm{mm}$  ,  $a \approx 100 \mathrm{nm}$ 







$$\begin{split} & \text{Min} \quad \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \xi_{i,n+1} M_{ij}^{x} \xi_{j,n+1} - \sum_{i,j} \xi_{i,n} M_{ij}^{x} \xi_{j,n+1} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \psi_{i,n+1} M_{ij}^{y} \psi_{j,n+1} - \sum_{i,j} \psi_{i,n} M_{ij}^{y} \psi_{j,n+1} \\ & + \mu_{0} \sum_{i} \xi_{i,n+1} (h_{x0,n+1} - h_{x0,n}) \\ & + \mu_{0} \sum_{i} \frac{\psi_{i,n+1} (h_{y0,n+1} - h_{y0,n})}{\sum_{i} \frac{\psi_{i,n+1} (h_{y0,n+1} - h_{y0,n})}{\sum_{i} \frac{\psi_{i,n+1} (h_{y0,n+1} - h_{y0,n})}} \end{split}$$
for  $(1 - h_{x,i}^{2})\xi_{i}^{2} + (1 - h_{y,i}^{2})\psi_{i}^{2} - 2h_{x,i}h_{y,i}\xi_{i}\psi_{i} \le j_{c\perp}^{2}$ 
and  $h_{x,i}^{2} \xi_{i}^{2} + h_{y,i}^{2} \psi_{i}^{2} + 2h_{x,i}h_{y,i}\xi_{i}\psi_{i} \le j_{c\parallel}^{2}$ 

$$M_{ij}^{x} = M_{ij}^{y} \equiv 1 + 2 \left[ \min \{i, j\} \right]$$
$$M_{ii}^{x} = M_{ii}^{y} \equiv 2 \left( \frac{1}{4} + i - 1 \right)$$

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#### STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

• Maxwell equations

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_{0} \mathbf{J}$$

$$\mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial \mathbf{t}}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$$

• Material law

 $\mathbf{E}=\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{J},\mathbf{B})$ 



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#### SIMPLEST SOLUTION: BEAN'S MODEL (CSM)

• Infinite slab  $|x| \leq w$  in parallel field  $(0, 0, \mu_0 H_a)$ ...



#### • Provides physical interpretation

• May be used to .characterise. the sample  $\Delta M_v = J_c w$ 

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#### **PROVIDING BACKGROUND FOR THE CSM**

• A singular  $\{E, J\}$  law



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#### SIDE BENEFITS OF GENERALISING THE CSM PICTURE

• Flux penetration in long cylinder of square section with a hole ...  $\mathbf{H}_a \parallel \hat{k}$ 



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#### SIDE BENEFITS OF GENERALISING THE CSM PICTURE

• Flux penetration in long cylinder of rectangular cross section  $\mathbf{H}_a \perp \hat{k}$ 



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# SHORTCOMINGS OF BEAN'S MODEL

- New physical phenomena (rotation experiments .., crossed fields ∅)
- Finite resistivity (time relaxation)
- Finite size effects, non-uniform fields



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# GENERALISING BEAN'S MODEL (I)

• The evolutionary statement

$$\mathcal{C}[\mathbf{J}_{n+1}] = \int_{V} d^{3}\mathbf{r} \int_{V} d^{3}\mathbf{r}' \left[ \frac{\mathbf{J}_{n+1}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{J}_{n+1}(\mathbf{r}')}{\|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'\|} - 2 \frac{\mathbf{J}_{n}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{J}_{n+1}(\mathbf{r}')}{\|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'\|} \right]$$

self-interaction

+ 
$$\frac{8\pi}{\mu_0}\int_V d^3 \mathbf{r} \left(\mathbf{A}_{e,n+1} - \mathbf{A}_{e,n}\right) \cdot \mathbf{J}_{n+1} +$$

$$\frac{4\pi\Delta t}{\mu_0}\int_V d^3\mathbf{r}\,\mathcal{P}(J_{\parallel,n+1},J_{\perp,n+1})$$

interaction with EM sources

interaction with thermal modes

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#### GENERALISING BEAN'S MODEL (II)

• Re-interpretation of Ohm's law ...



Diffusion equation in normal conductors



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# GENERALISING BEAN'S MODEL (III)



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# GENERALISING BEAN'S MODEL (IV)



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#### THE EXPERIMENTAL DISSIPATION FUNCTION (YBCO)

• A smart experiment. ( $W_z \gg W_y \Rightarrow \theta$  is well defined !)



• Experimental data by courtesy of A. M. Campbell



#### SUPERCONDUCTING MATERIAL LAW: APPLICATION

• Circuital interpretation (FEM)

$$\mathcal{C} \equiv \mathcal{C}_{JJ} + \mathcal{C}_{J0} + \mathcal{C}_{JS} + \Delta t \, \mathcal{W}_{JE} = \left[\frac{1}{2} \left\langle \mathbf{J} \right| \mathbf{m} \left| \mathbf{J} \right\rangle - \left\langle \mathbf{J}^{\vee} \right| \mathbf{m} \left| \mathbf{J} \right\rangle + \left\langle \Delta \boldsymbol{\psi}_{S} \right| \mathbf{J} \right\rangle + \Delta t \, \mathcal{W}_{JE}\right]$$

 $C_{JJ}$ : self energy of the evolutionary circulating currents  $C_{J0}$ : interaction energy of the evolutionary currents with a "frozen" distribution  $C_{JS}$ : interaction energy of the evolutionary currents with the magnetic source  $\Delta t W_{TE}$ : energy related to the entropy production due to dissipative mechanisms





# Problem 1: demagnetisation

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#### **DEMAG IN MEISSNER STATE (I)**

• Ideal susceptibility  $(\chi_{ideal}) \mathscr{O}$ 



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## **DEMAG IN MEISSNER STATE (II)**

• Demagnetising factor (ellipsoids in parallel field,  $\zeta \equiv c/a$ )





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# DEMAG IN MEISSNER STATE (III)

• Cylindrical symmetry





$$\min \ \mathrm{U} = \frac{1}{2} \left< \mathrm{K} \right| \mathrm{m} \left| \mathrm{K} \right> + \left< \psi_{\mathrm{Appl}} \right| \mathrm{K} \right> \Rightarrow \left| \mathrm{K} \right> = \mathrm{m}^{-1} \left| \psi_{\mathrm{Appl}} \right> \varnothing$$

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#### CRITICAL STATE OF FINITE SAMPLES (I)

• Ellipsoidal symmetry 🖉



$$\zeta = 10, 2, 5, 0, 5, 0, 1$$
 ;  $H_p = J_c a$  ;  $M^* = \frac{3\pi J_c a}{32}$  ..

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#### CRITICAL STATE OF FINITE SAMPLES (II)

• Cylindrical symmetry 🖉



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#### **CRITICAL STATE IN EXTREME GEOMETRIES**

• Cylindrical symmetry



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# THE INTERNAL MAGNETIC FIELD: $J_c(B)$ VS $\overline{J_c(\mu_0 H_a)}$



The thinner the sample the better  $\Delta M_{\rm V}(B) \approx \Delta M_{\rm V}(\mu_0 H_a)$ 

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#### FLAT SAMPLES: FORWARD CSM PROBLEM (I)



$$\mathbf{K}(x,y) = \int_{-d/2}^{d/2} \mathbf{J}(x,y,z) dz \equiv -\hat{z} \times \boldsymbol{\nabla}\sigma$$

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# FLAT SAMPLES: FORWARD CSM PROBLEM (II)

Current density streamlines







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# FLAT SAMPLES: FORWARD CSM PROBLEM (III)

• On-surface flux pattern:  $B_z(x, y)$  ...



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#### FLAT SAMPLES: INVERSE CSM PROBLEM

• Reconstruction of the current density profile (magneto-optics)



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#### SIMPLIFIED TRANSPORT PROBLEM

• Statement: J along *y*-axis of a plate

 $\begin{aligned} |x| < \infty \\ |y| < \infty \\ |z| < d \end{aligned}$ 



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#### **CRITICAL STATE FORMULATION (QUASI-STATIC)**

• Bean model (instantaneous response)

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{minimise} \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \left\langle \mathbf{J} | \, \mathbf{m} \, | \, \mathbf{J} \right\rangle - \left\langle \mathbf{J}^{\vee} | \, \mathbf{m} \, | \, \mathbf{J} \right\rangle + \left\langle \Delta \psi_{\mathbf{S}} | \, \mathbf{J} \right\rangle + \Delta t \, \mathcal{W}_{\mathrm{JE}} \right] \\ \downarrow \\ \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{minimise} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left\langle \mathbf{J} | \, \mathbf{m} \, | \, \mathbf{J} \right\rangle - \left\langle \mathbf{J}^{\vee} | \, \mathbf{m} \, | \, \mathbf{J} \right\rangle \right] \\ \text{for } |j_i| \leq 1 \\ \\ \text{and } \sum_{i=1}^n j_i = \frac{K}{2J_c d} \, n \end{array} \right.$$

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#### **CRITICAL STATE FORMULATION (QUASI-STATIC)**

• Current and flux density penetration profiles (AC cycle)



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#### **RELAXATION IN FLUX-FLOW REGIME (I)**

Piece-wise linear approximation 𝔄

$$\mathcal{P}(J) = \begin{cases} \rho_{\rm f}(J+J_c)^2/2 &, J < -J_c \\ 0 &, -J_c \le J \le J_c \\ \rho_{\rm f}(J-J_c)^2/2 &, J_c < J \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{cases} \text{ minimise } \left[\frac{1}{2}\left\langle \mathbf{J}\right|\mathbf{m}\left|\mathbf{J}\right\rangle - \left\langle \mathbf{J}^{\vee}\right|\mathbf{m}\left|\mathbf{J}\right\rangle + \left\langle \mathbf{J}\right|\mathbf{P}\left|\mathbf{J}\right\rangle \mp 2\left\langle \mathbf{1}\right|\mathbf{P}\left|\mathbf{J}\right\rangle \right] \\ \text{ for } \sum_{i=1}^{n} j_{i} = \frac{K}{2J_{c}d}n \end{cases}$$

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## **RELAXATION IN FLUX-FLOW REGIME (II)**



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#### **RELAXATION IN FLUX-CREEP REGIME**

• Power-law approximation ...



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#### **RELAXATION? IN THE CRITICAL STATE (FLUX SHAKING)...**



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## SIDEWINDING DRIFT OF VORTICES

• Flux lines are not only pictures (B. D. Josephson)



# Problem 3: MagLev

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#### Levitation in Meissner state (I)

#### Historical note

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71 (1946).

The second point of interest is that, before detailed classifications of rheological systems be postulated, there is still a need for determining rheological constants in different apparatus on the same systems, to ensure that a true constant of the system is obtained. Thus in this example use of the ball viscometer would lead to the conclusion that the 800 p. viscosity of the solution at 20° C. was a constant of the liquid, whereas checking with the tube viscometer shows that 800 p. is, in fact, dependent on the apparatus as well as the liquid.

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A Floating Magnet

By assuming that diamagnetic bodies are pushed out of a magnetic field, it may be shown that a diamagnetic particle attracted to a magnet by gravitational forces will take up a position in space in the equatorial plane of the straight magnet at a certain distance from the latter. The 'statellite' can vibrate elastically about the point of equilibrium, describing a certain curve. The period of vibration in the radial and meridional directions is close to the pariod of the Kepler rotation of a magnetically indifferent satellite about a body of the same mass. Stoveral identical particles arrange thermedves around the magnet. Such a combination

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disk 40 mm. in diameter in a Dewar vessel over liquid helium.

The experimental test of these views was possible through the kindness of Prof. P. L. Kapitza, in the Institute of Physical Problems, Moscow.

The lower the coercive force of the magnet, the smaller the magnet itself must be. Carbon steel magnets, for example, can 'float' when they have the dimensions of 0.5 mm.  $\times$  9 mm. By scattering microscopically small magnets over the surface of a body, it is possible to reveal superconductive inclusions directly, since the magnetic particles will roll to the spots where there is no superconductivity. V. AREADEY

Maxwell Laboratory, Physical Department, University, Moscow.

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#### LEVITATION IN MEISSNER STATE (II)

• Analytical approximation (*method of images*)



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# LEVITATION IN MEISSNER STATE (III)

• The issue of *diamagnetic* mechanical stability



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## LEVITATION IN CRITICAL STATE (I)

Self-stabilised structures



Lateral restoring (guidance) force: 🖉

$$\frac{\mathbf{F}_{\alpha j}}{\mu_0 M_0 J_c W^2} = \frac{\jmath_j}{2\pi} \frac{(x_j - x_\alpha, 0, z_j - z_\alpha)}{(x_j - x_\alpha)^2 + (z_j - z_\alpha)^2}$$



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## LEVITATION IN CRITICAL STATE (II)

• Analytical approximation (the .frozen image. method) for dipoles



 $\mathbf{B}_{\text{images}} = \mathbf{B}_{\text{frozen}} + \mathbf{B}_{\text{active}}$ 

By using  $F = (m \boldsymbol{\nabla}) B_{\text{images}}$  :

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# LEVITATION IN CRITICAL STATE (III)

• Numerical solution. Hysteresis



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