



HANDY FORMULAS FOR DIPOLE COILS  
WITH CIRCULAR IRON SHIELDS

L. C. Teng

October 6, 1972

To obtain easy-to-evaluate analytical solutions we shall approximate the "cos  $\theta$ -coil" by an annular current (Fig. 1) with the cos  $\theta$ -distribution, i.e., the current density (current per unit area) within the annular region between  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  is

$$I = I_0 \cos \theta \quad (1)$$

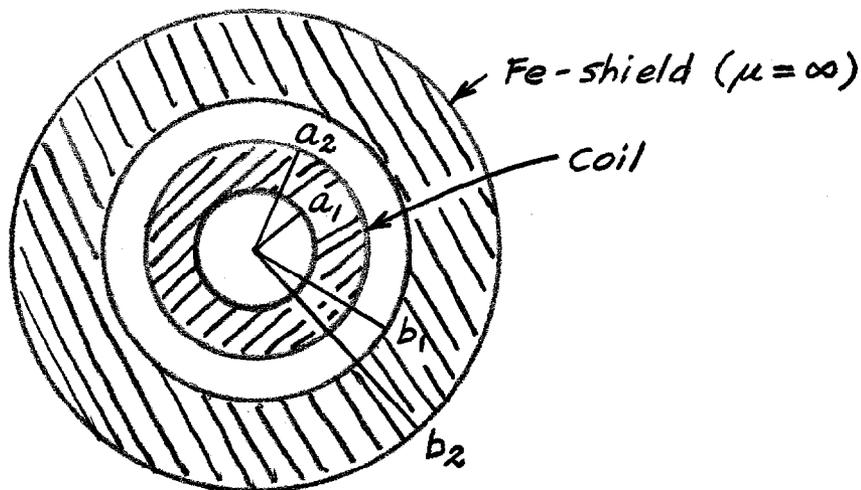


Figure 1

The concentric circular Fe-shield is assumed to have infinite permeability. The field in such a magnet was given by



J. P. Blewett ("Iron Shielding for Air Core Magnets," pp. 1042-1051, Proc. of the 1968 Summer Study on Superconducting Devices and Accelerators, Brookhaven Nat. Lab.).

For  $r < a_1$

$$\begin{cases} B_r = 2\pi I_0 \left[ (a_2 - a_1) + \frac{1}{3b_1^2} (a_2^3 - a_1^3) \right] \sin \theta \\ B_\theta = 2\pi I_0 \left[ (a_2 - a_1) + \frac{1}{3b_1^2} (a_2^3 - a_1^3) \right] \cos \theta \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

For  $a_1 < r < a_2$

$$\begin{cases} B_r = 2\pi I_0 \left[ a_2 + \frac{1}{3b_1^2} (a_2^3 - a_1^3) - \frac{a_1^3}{3r^2} - \frac{2}{3} r \right] \sin \theta \\ B_\theta = 2\pi I_0 \left[ a_2 + \frac{1}{3b_1^2} (a_2^3 - a_1^3) + \frac{a_1^3}{3r^2} - \frac{4}{3} r \right] \cos \theta \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

$$A_z = -2\pi I_0 \left[ a_2 + \frac{1}{3b_1^2} (a_2^3 - a_1^3) - \frac{a_1^3}{3r^2} - \frac{2}{3} r \right] r \cos \theta \quad (3)$$

For  $a_2 < r$

$$\begin{cases} B_r = \frac{2\pi}{3} I_0 (a_2^3 - a_1^3) \left( \frac{1}{b_1^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \sin \theta \\ B_\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3} I_0 (a_2^3 - a_1^3) \left( \frac{1}{b_1^2} - \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where all quantities are in emu (length in cm, current in abAmp = 10A, field in Gauss, energy in erg, and force in dyne). This approximation should give parameters accurate

to 5% and useful for first-order comparisons of gross design features.

#### A. Coil and Shield Parameters

The maximum field  $\hat{B}$  on the Fe-shield is at  $r = b_1$ ,  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , and is given by Eq. (4) to be

$$\hat{B} = 4\pi I_0 \frac{a_2^3 - a_1^3}{3b_1^2} . \quad (5)$$

In order that the Fe-shield does not saturate thereby spoiling the uniformity of the field inside  $a_1$ , we must have  $\hat{B} \leq 20$  kG. The uniform field  $B_0$  inside the bore ( $r < a_1$ ) is given by Eq. (1) to be

$$\begin{aligned} B_0 &= 2\pi I_0 \left[ (a_2 - a_1) + \frac{1}{3b_1^2} (a_2^3 - a_1^3) \right] \\ &= 2\pi I_0 (a_2 - a_1) + \frac{\hat{B}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

This gives

$$\boxed{2\pi I_0 (a_2 - a_1) = B_0 - \frac{\hat{B}}{2}} \quad (6)$$

which shows that the contribution of the Fe-shield to the bore-field is  $\frac{\hat{B}}{2}$  ( $\leq 10$  kG) and gives the thickness  $a_2 - a_1$  of the annular coil for a given assumed current density  $I_0$ .

The inner radius  $b_1$  of the Fe-shield is, then, given directly by Eq. (5) and (6) to be

$$b_1^2 = \frac{4\pi}{3\hat{B}} I_0 (a_2^3 - a_1^3) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{2B_0 - \hat{B}}{\hat{B}} (a_1^2 + a_1 a_2 + a_2^2) \quad (7)$$

The maximum flux  $\hat{\Phi}$  to be returned by the Fe-shield is given by Eq. (4) to be

$$\hat{\Phi} = \int_0^{\pi/2} b_1 B_r(r=b_1) d\theta = b_1 \hat{B}.$$

If we demand that the maximum flux density in the Fe-shield shall not exceed, say,  $0.8 \hat{B}$  we get for the thickness  $b_2 - b_1$  of the shield

$$0.8 \hat{B} (b_2 - b_1) = \hat{B} b_1$$

or

$$b_2 = 2.25 b_1 \quad (8)$$

The total current  $I_t$  in the coil is

$$I_t = 2I_0 \int_{a_1}^{a_2} r dr \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos\theta d\theta = I_0 (a_2^2 - a_1^2) \quad (9)$$

### B. Stored Energy

The stored energy  $U$  is given by

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \int_{a_1}^{a_2} r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta I_z A_z$$

with  $I_z = -I = -I_0 \cos\theta$  and  $A_z$  given by Eq. (3). This gives

$$U = \pi^2 I_0^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{3} (a_2^3 - a_1^3) \left[ a_2 + \frac{1}{3b_1^2} (a_2^3 - a_1^3) \right] - \frac{1}{3} a_1^3 (a_2 - a_1) - \frac{1}{6} (a_2^4 - a_1^4) \right\} \quad (10)$$

### C. Stress in Coil

The stress (force per unit volume) in the coil is given by

$$S_r = I B_\theta \qquad S_\theta = -I B_r.$$

It is interesting to integrate over  $r$  and leave the  $\theta$  dependence explicit. This gives

$$\begin{cases} f_r = \int d\theta \int_{a_1}^{a_2} r dr IB_\theta = \int g_r (1 + \cos 2\theta) d\theta \\ f_\theta = \int d\theta \int_{a_1}^{a_2} r dr (-IB_r) = \int g_\theta \sin 2\theta d\theta \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

with

$$\begin{cases} g_r = \pi I_0^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (a_2^2 - a_1^2) \left[ a_2 + \frac{1}{3b_1^2} (a_2^3 - a_1^3) \right] + \frac{1}{3} a_1^3 \ln \frac{a_2}{a_1} - \frac{4}{9} (a_2^3 - a_1^3) \right\} \\ g_\theta = -\pi I_0^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (a_2^2 - a_1^2) \left[ a_2 + \frac{1}{3b_1^2} (a_2^3 - a_1^3) \right] - \frac{1}{3} a_1^3 \ln \frac{a_2}{a_1} - \frac{2}{9} (a_2^3 - a_1^3) \right\}. \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

#### D. Force on Displaced Coil

When the coil is exactly centered it is in unstable equilibrium. When the coil is displaced from the center the magnetic force tends to increase the displacement.

When the coil is displaced in the x-direction by  $\xi$  (first-order infinitesimal) currents are generated at  $r = a_1$  and  $r = a_2$  with  $\theta$ -linear densities

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{di}{a_1 d\theta} = -I_0 \xi \cos^2 \theta = -\frac{I_0 \xi}{2} - \frac{I_0 \xi}{2} \cos 2\theta \\ \frac{di}{a_2 d\theta} = I_0 \xi \cos^2 \theta = \frac{I_0 \xi}{2} + \frac{I_0 \xi}{2} \cos 2\theta \end{array} \right.$$

each consisting of a monopole and a quadrupole current shell. The field is, then, a superposition of the original dipole field and the field produced by these current shells, which is also given in analytical form by J. P. Blewett (Ibid). The total force on the coil is the sum of the force by the dipole field on the shell-currents and that by the shell-current field on the dipole current. (The force by the field on its own generating current vanishes because of symmetry.) The calculation is lengthy, but the result is simple. The x and y forces are

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} F_x/\xi = \frac{1}{16} \hat{B} (4B_0 + \hat{B}) \\ F_y/\xi = 0 \end{array}} \quad (13)$$

Similarly, when the coil is displaced in the y-direction by  $\eta$  the current shells are

$$\begin{cases} \frac{di}{a_1 d\theta} = -I_0 \eta \sin\theta \cos\theta = -\frac{I_0 \eta}{2} \sin 2\theta \\ \frac{di}{a_2 d\theta} = I_0 \eta \sin\theta \cos\theta = \frac{I_0 \eta}{2} \sin 2\theta. \end{cases}$$

The forces on the coil are

$$\begin{cases} F_x/\xi = 0 \\ F_y/\xi = \frac{3}{16} \hat{B}^2 \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

### E. Examples

Given below are the parameters for three magnets with bore diameters 2-1/2 inch ( $a_1 = 3.175$  cm), 2-inch ( $a_1 = 2.54$  cm), and 1-1/2 inch ( $a_1 = 1.905$  cm), each having a coil with current density of either 20 kA/cm<sup>2</sup> ( $I_0 = 2000$  abAmp/cm<sup>2</sup>) or 30 kA/cm<sup>2</sup> ( $I_0 = 3000$  abAmp/cm<sup>2</sup>). The central dipole field is taken to be 45 kG ( $=B_0$ ) and the maximum field on the Fe-shield is taken to be 20 kG ( $=\hat{B}$ ).

