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Conventional Magnets for Accelerators

Lecture 1

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Course Philosophy

An overview of magnet technology in particle accelerators, for **room temperature, static (dc) electromagnets**, and basic concepts on the use of **permanent magnets (PMs)**.

Not covered: superconducting magnet technology.

Contents – lectures 1 and 2

- **DC Magnets: design and construction**
- **Introduction**
 - Nomenclature
 - Dipole, quadrupole and sextupole magnets
 - 'Higher order' magnets
- **Magnetostatics in free space (no ferromagnetic materials or currents)**
 - Maxwell's 2 magnetostatic equations
 - Solutions in two dimensions with scalar potential (no currents)
 - Cylindrical harmonic in two dimensions (trigonometric formulation)
 - Field lines and potential for dipole, quadrupole, sextupole
 - Significance of vector potential in 2D

Contents – lectures 1 and 2

- **Introducing ferromagnetic poles**
 - Ideal pole shapes for dipole, quad and sextupole
 - Field harmonics-symmetry constraints and significance
 - 'Forbidden' harmonics resulting from assembly asymmetries
- **The introduction of currents**
 - Ampere-turns in dipole, quad and sextupole
 - Coil economic optimisation-capital/running costs
- **Summary of the use of permanent magnets (PMs)**
 - Remnant fields and coercivity
 - Behaviour and application of PMs

Contents – lectures 1 and 2

- **The magnetic circuit**
 - Steel requirements: permeability and coercivity
 - Backleg and coil geometry: 'C', 'H' and 'window frame' designs
 - Classical solution to end and side geometries – the Rogowsky rolloff
- **Magnet design using FEA software**
 - FEA techniques and codes – Opera 2D, Opera 3D
 - Judgement of magnet suitability in design
 - Magnet ends – computation and design
- **Some examples of magnet engineering**

DC Magnets

INTRODUCTION

- SI Units

Variable	Unit
Force, F	Newton (N)
Charge, q	Coulomb (C)
Flux density, B (commonly referred to as 'field')	Tesla (T) or Gauss (G) 1 T = 10,000 G
Magnetic field, H (magnetomotive force produced by electric currents)	Amp/metre (A/m)
Current, I	Ampere (A)
Energy, E	Joule (J)

- Permeability of free space

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{T.m/A}$$

- Charge of 1 electron $e = -1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{C}$

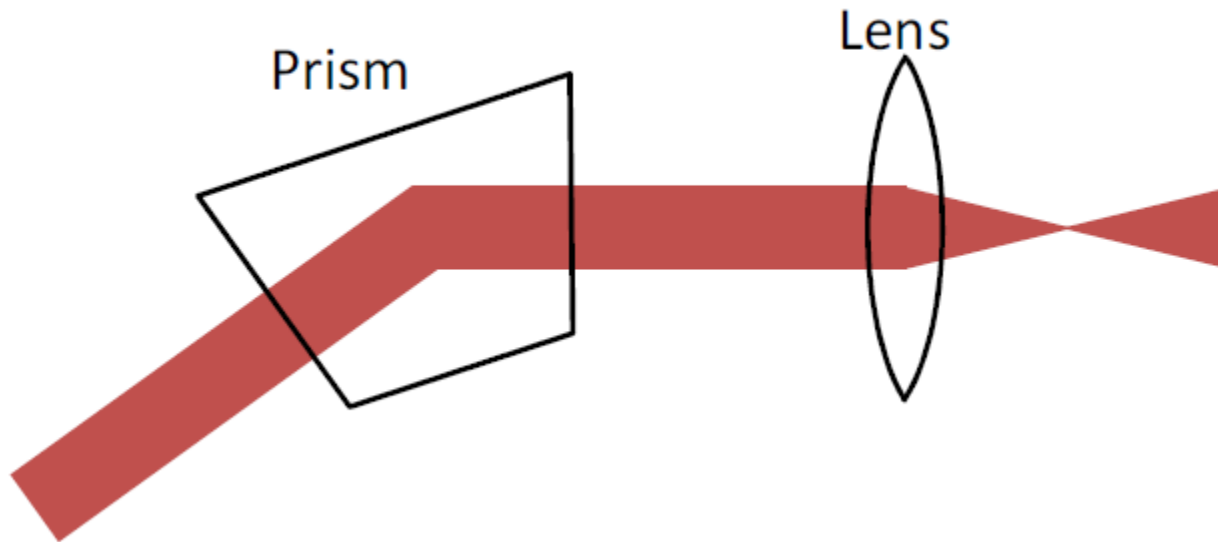
➤ $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

Magnetic Fields Flux Density

Value	Item
0.1 - 1.0 pT	human brain magnetic field
24 μ T	strength of magnetic tape near tape head
31-58 μ T	strength of Earth's magnetic field at 0° latitude (on the equator)
0.5 mT	the suggested exposure limit for cardiac pacemakers by American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)
5 mT	the strength of a typical refrigerator magnet
0.15 T	the magnetic field strength of a sunspot
1 T to 2.4 T	coil gap of a typical loudspeaker magnet
1.25 T	strength of a modern neodymium-iron-boron ($\text{Nd}_2\text{Fe}_{14}\text{B}$) rare earth magnet.
1.5 T to 3 T	strength of medical magnetic resonance imaging systems in practice, experimentally up to 8 T
9.4 T	modern high resolution research magnetic resonance imaging system
11.7 T	field strength of a 500 MHz NMR spectrometer
16 T	strength used to levitate a frog
36.2 T	strongest continuous magnetic field produced by non-superconductive resistive magnet
45 T	strongest continuous magnetic field yet produced in a laboratory (Florida State University's National High Magnetic Field Laboratory in Tallahassee, USA)
100.75 T	strongest (pulsed) magnetic field yet obtained non-destructively in a laboratory (National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, USA)
730 T	strongest pulsed magnetic field yet obtained in a laboratory, destroying the used equipment, but not the laboratory itself (Institute for Solid State Physics, Tokyo)
2.8 kT	strongest (pulsed) magnetic field ever obtained (with explosives) in a laboratory (VNIIEF in Sarov, Russia, 1998)
1 to 100 MT	strength of a neutron star
0.1 to 100 GT	strength of a magnetar

Why magnets?

Analogy with optics

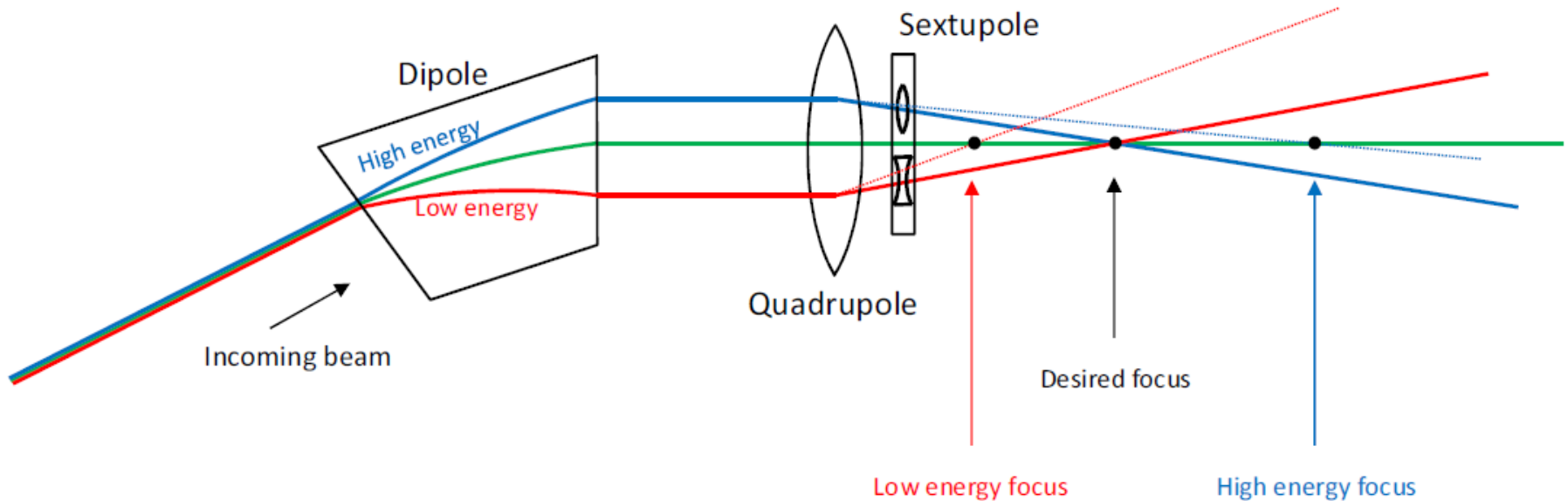




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Magnets are like lenses...

... sort of

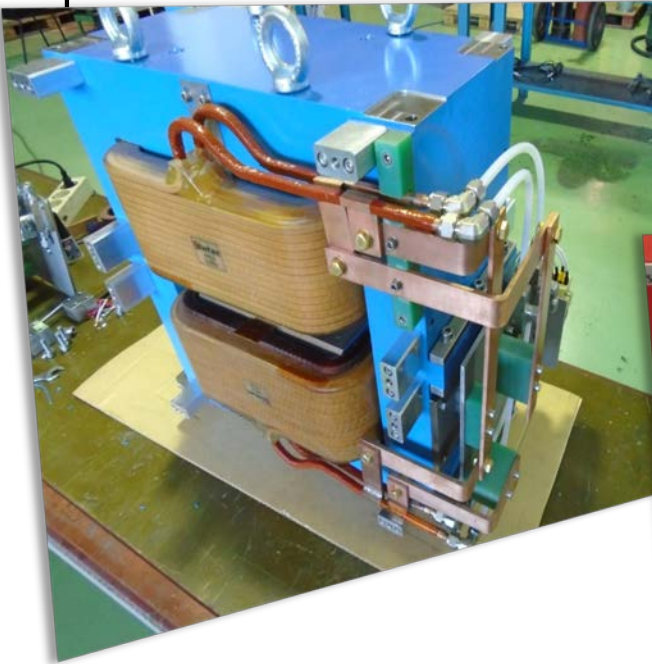




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Magnet types

Dipoles to bend the beam



Quadrupoles to focus it



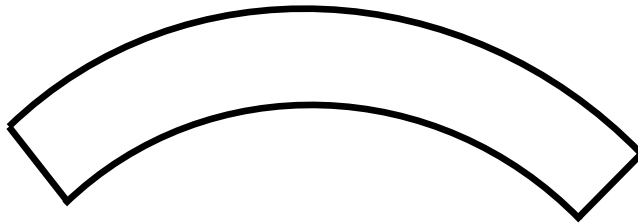
Sextupoles to correct
chromaticity



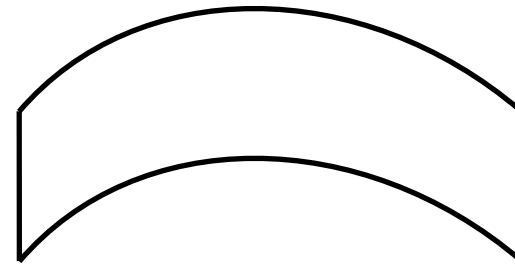
Magnets - dipoles

To bend the beam uniformly, dipoles need to produce a field that is constant across the aperture.

But at the ends they can be either:



Sector dipole



**Parallel-ended
dipole**

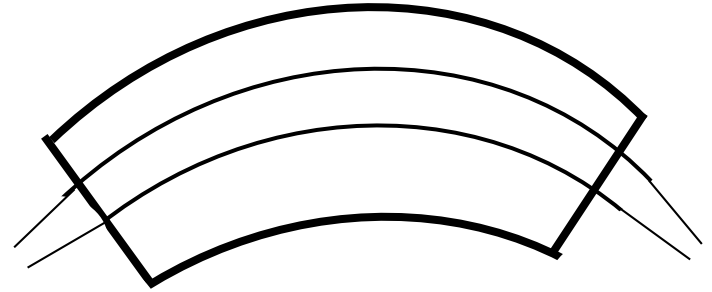
They have different focusing effect on the beam;
(their curved nature is to save material and has no effect
on beam focusing).



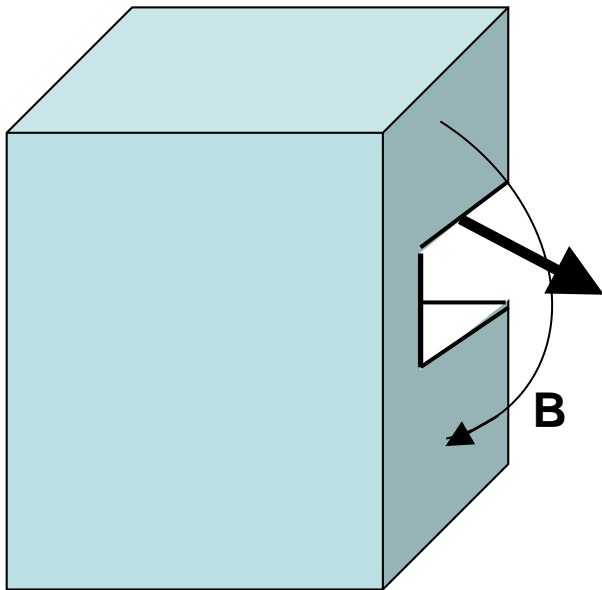
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Dipole end focusing

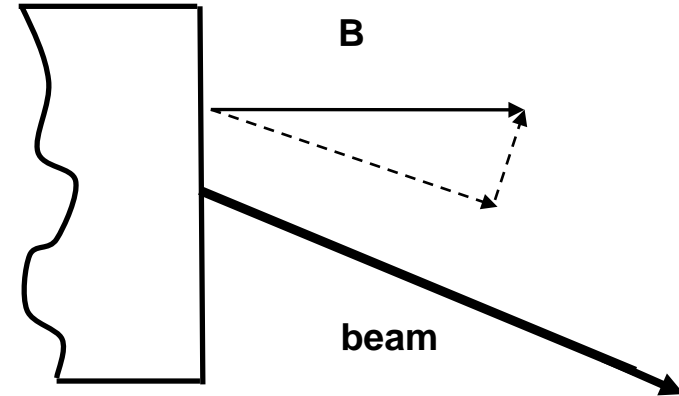
Sector dipoles focus horizontally →



The end field in a parallel ended dipole focuses vertically



Off the vertical centre line, the field component normal to the beam direction produces a vertical focusing force.





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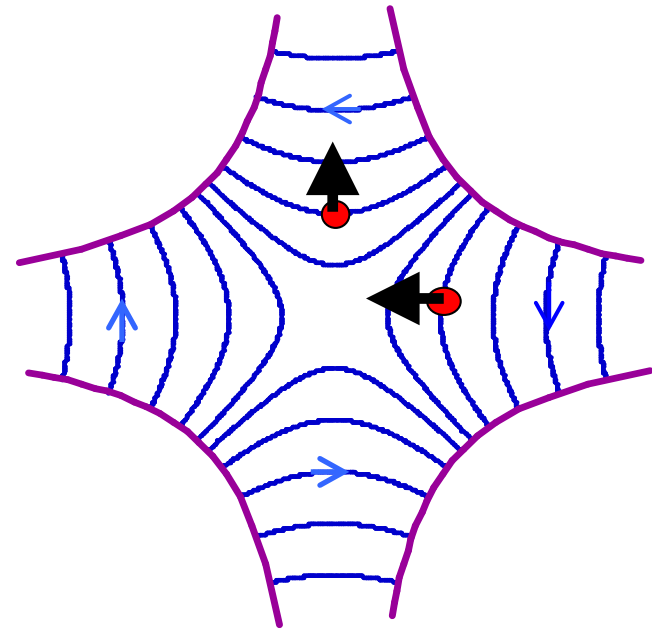
Magnets - quadrupoles

Quadrupoles produce a linear field variation across the beam.

Field is **zero** at the 'magnetic centre' so that 'on-axis' beam is not bent.

Note: beam that is horizontally focused is vertically defocused.

These are 'upright' quadrupoles.





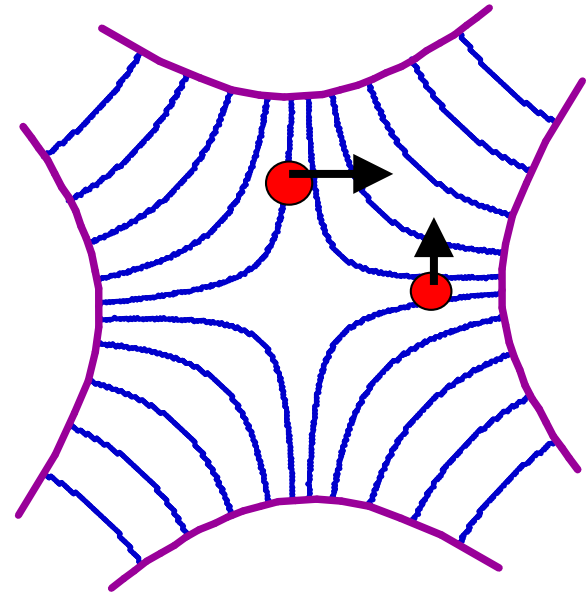
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Skew Quadrupoles

Beam that has **horizontal** displacement (but **not** vertical) is deflected **vertically**.

Horizontally centred beam with **vertical** displacement is deflected **horizontally**.

So skew quadrupoles **couple** horizontal and vertical transverse oscillations.

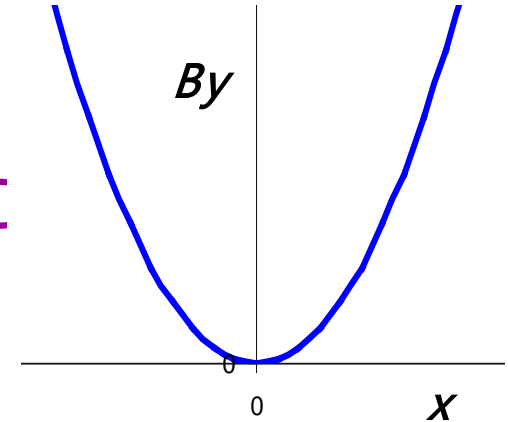
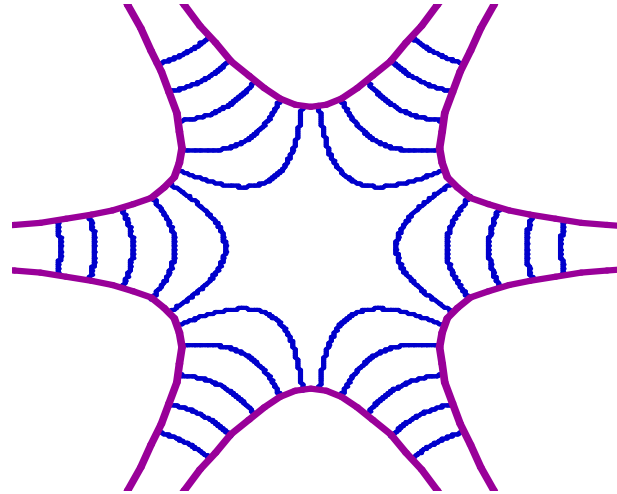




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Sextupoles

In a **sextupole**, the field varies as the **square** of the displacement.



- Off-momentum particles are incorrectly focused in quadrupoles (e.g., high momentum particles with greater rigidity are under-focused), so transverse oscillation frequencies are modified – **chromaticity**.
- But off momentum particles circulate with a horizontal displacement (high momentum particles at larger x)
- So positive sextupole field corrects this effect – can reduce chromaticity to 0.



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Higher order magnets

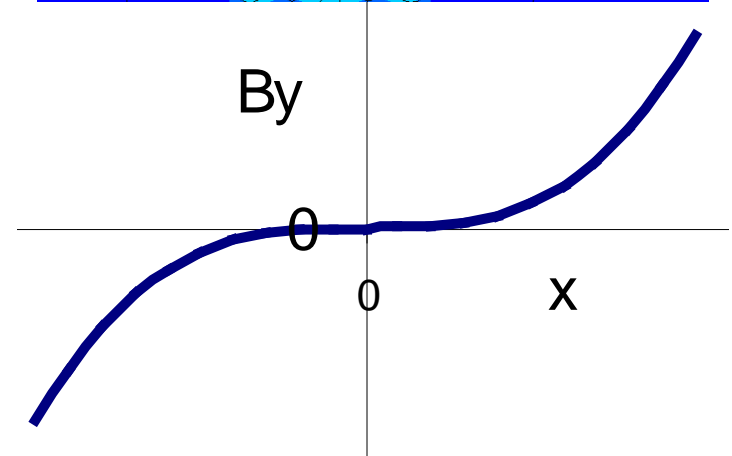
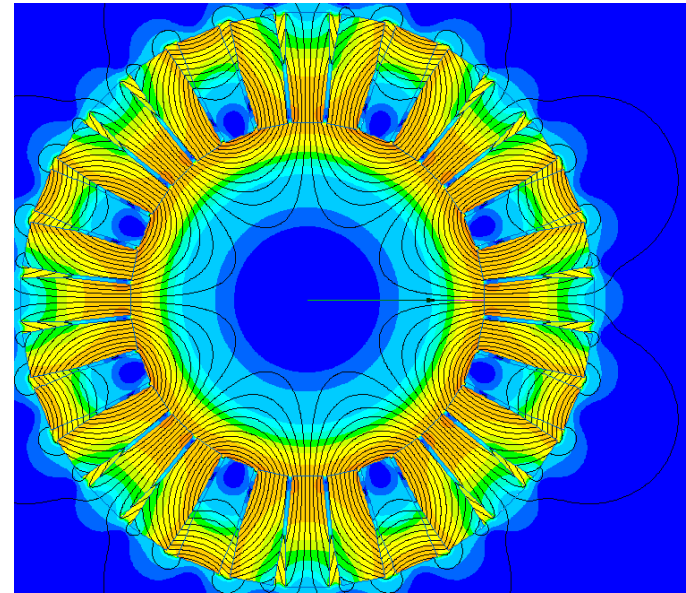
e.g. – Octupoles:

Effect?

$$B_y \propto x^3$$

Octupole field induces **Landau damping**:

- Introduces tune-spread as a function of oscillation amplitude
- De-coheres the oscillations
- Reduces coupling



Describing the field

MAGNETOSTATICS IN FREE SPACE

No currents, no steel - Maxwell's static equations in free space

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

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{j}$$

In the absence of currents:

$$\mathbf{j} = 0$$

Then we can put:

$$\mathbf{B} = -\nabla\phi$$

So that:

$$\nabla^2\phi = 0 \quad (\text{Laplace's equation})$$

Taking the two dimensional case (i.e. constant in the z direction) and solving for polar coordinates (r, θ) :

$$\phi = (E + F\theta)(G + H\ln r) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_n r^n \cos n\theta + K_n r^n \sin n\theta + L_n r^{-n} \cos n\theta + M_n r^{-n} \sin n\theta$$



In practical situations

The scalar potential simplifies to:

$$\Phi = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_n r^n \cos n\theta + K_n r^n \sin n\theta$$

with n integral and J_n , K_n a function of geometry.

Giving components of flux density:

$$B_r = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n J_n r^{n-1} \cos n\theta + n K_n r^{n-1} \sin n\theta$$

$$B_\theta = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -n J_n r^{n-1} \sin n\theta + n K_n r^{n-1} \cos n\theta$$

Physical significance

This is an infinite series of cylindrical harmonics; they define the allowed distributions of \mathbf{B} in 2 dimensions in the absence of currents within the domain of (r, θ) .

Distributions not given by above are not physically realisable.

Coefficients J_n K_n are determined by geometry (remote iron boundaries and current sources).



In Cartesian Coordinates

To obtain these equations in Cartesian coordinates, expand the equations for ϕ and differentiate to obtain flux densities

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\cos 3\theta = \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\sin 3\theta = 3 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta - \sin^3 \theta$$

$$\cos 4\theta = \cos^4 \theta + \sin^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\sin 4\theta = 4 \sin \theta \cos^3 \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta \cos \theta$$

etc (messy!);

$$x = r \cos \theta$$
$$B_x = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$
$$B_y = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

$n = 1$: Dipole field

Cylindrical:

$$B_r = J_1 \cos \theta + K_1 \sin \theta$$

$$B_\theta = -J_1 \sin \theta + K_1 \cos \theta$$

$$\phi = J_1 r \cos \theta + K_1 r \sin \theta$$

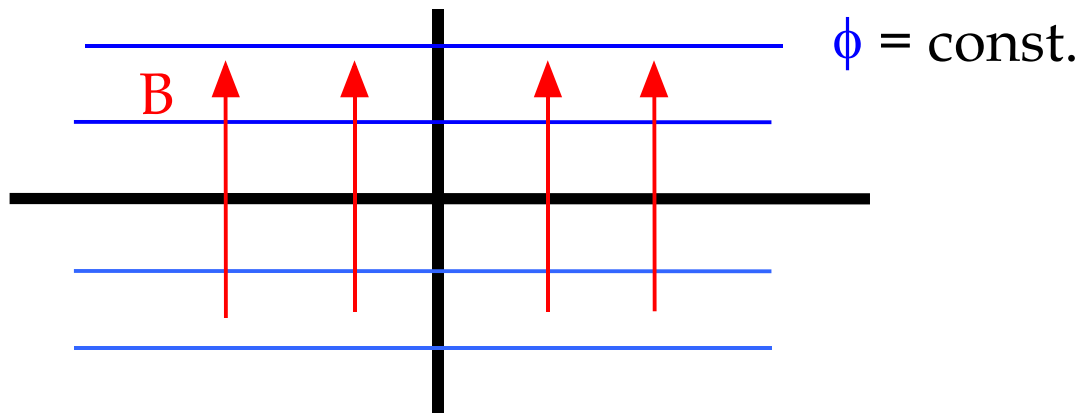
Cartesian:

$$B_x = J_1$$

$$B_y = K_1$$

$$\phi = J_1 x + K_1 y$$

So, $J_1 = 0$ gives vertical dipole field:



$K_1 = 0$ gives
horizontal
dipole field.



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$n = 2$: Quadrupole field

Cylindrical:

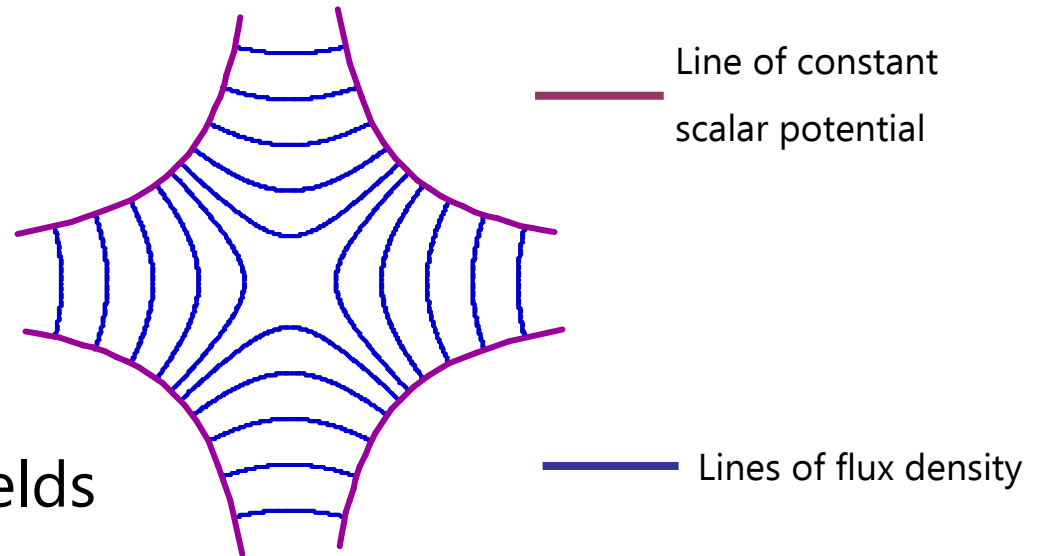
$$\begin{aligned}B_r &= 2J_2 r \cos 2\theta + 2K_2 r \sin 2\theta \\B_\theta &= -2J_2 r \sin 2\theta + 2K_2 r \cos 2\theta \\ \phi &= J_2 r^2 \cos 2\theta + K_2 r^2 \sin 2\theta\end{aligned}$$

Cartesian:

$$\begin{aligned}B_x &= 2(J_2 x + K_2 y) \\B_y &= 2(K_2 x - J_2 y) \\ \phi &= J_2(x^2 - y^2) + 2K_2 xy\end{aligned}$$

$J_2 = 0$ gives 'normal' or
'right' quadrupole field.

$K_2 = 0$ gives 'skew' quad fields
(above rotated by $\pi/4$).





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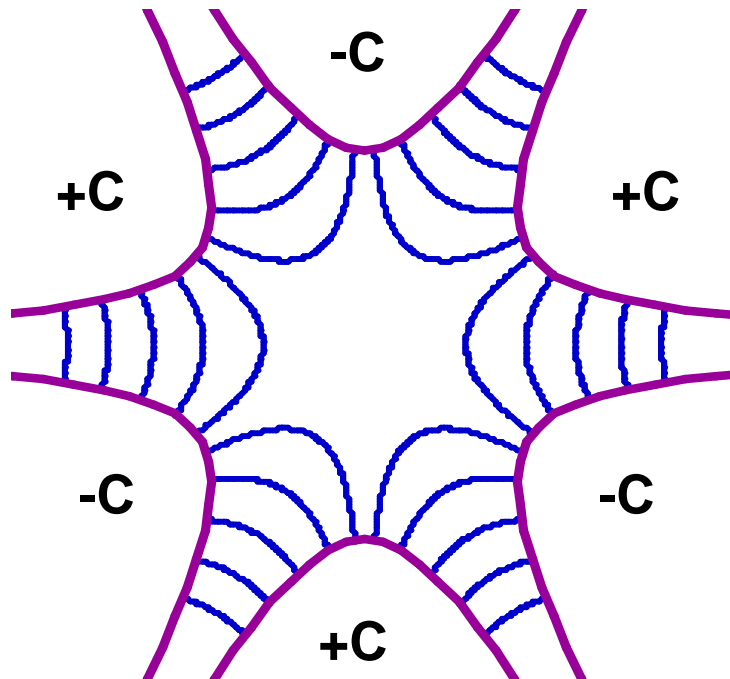
Cylindrical:

$$B_r = 3J_3 r^2 \cos 3\theta + 3K_3 r^2 \sin 3\theta$$
$$B_\theta = -3J_3 r^2 \sin 3\theta + 3K_3 r^2 \cos 3\theta$$
$$\phi = J_3 r^3 \cos 3\theta + K_3 r^3 \sin 3\theta$$

$n = 3$: Sextupole field

Cartesian:

$$B_x = 3(J_3(x^2 - y^2) + 2K_3xy)$$
$$B_y = 3(K_2(x^2 - y^2) - 2J_3xy)$$
$$\phi = J_3(x^3 - 3y^2x) + K_3(3yx^2 - y^3)$$



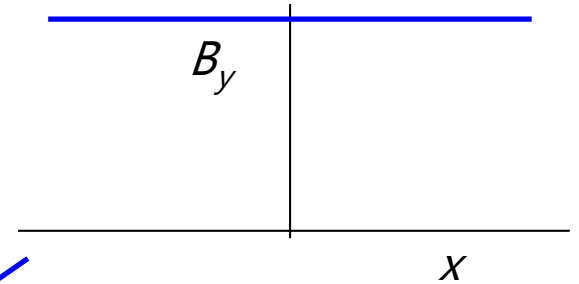
$J_3 = 0$ giving 'normal' or 'right' sextupole field.

— Line of constant scalar potential

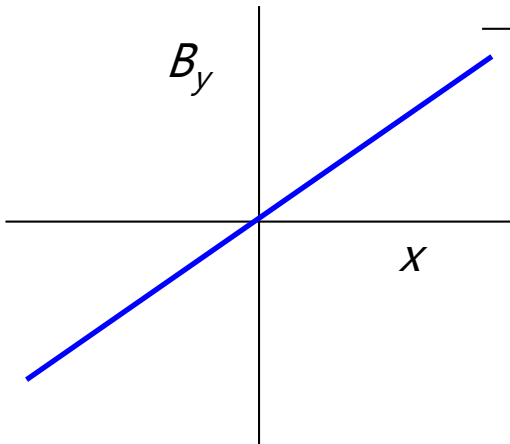
— Lines of flux density

Summary: variation of B_y on x axis

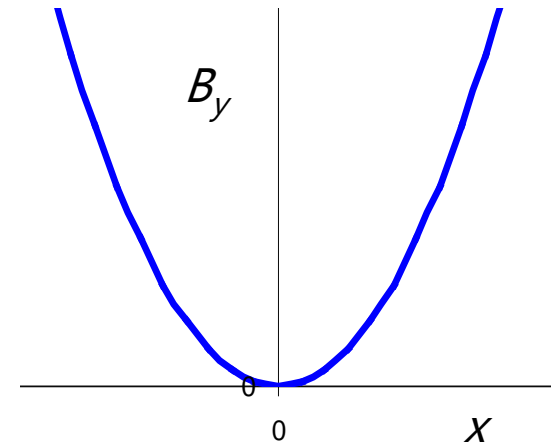
Dipole - constant field



Quad - linear variation



Sextupole - quadratic variation



Alternative notation (most lattice codes)

$$B(x) = B\rho \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{k_n x^n}{n!}$$

Magnet strengths are specified by the value of k_n (normalised to the beam rigidity)

order n of k is different to the 'standard' notation:

dipole is	$n = 0$
quad is	$n = 1$ etc.

k has units:

k_0 (dipole)	m^{-1}
k_1 (quadrupole)	m^{-2}

Significance of vector potential in 2D

We have:

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \quad (\mathbf{A} \text{ is vector potential})$$

and

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

Expanding:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B} &= \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$ are unit vectors in x, y, z .

In 2 dimensions $B_z = 0$ and $\partial / \partial z = 0$

So $A_x = A_y = 0$

and $\mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} \mathbf{i} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \mathbf{j}$

\mathbf{A} is in the z direction, normal to the 2D problem.

Note: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 A_z}{\partial x \partial y} = 0$

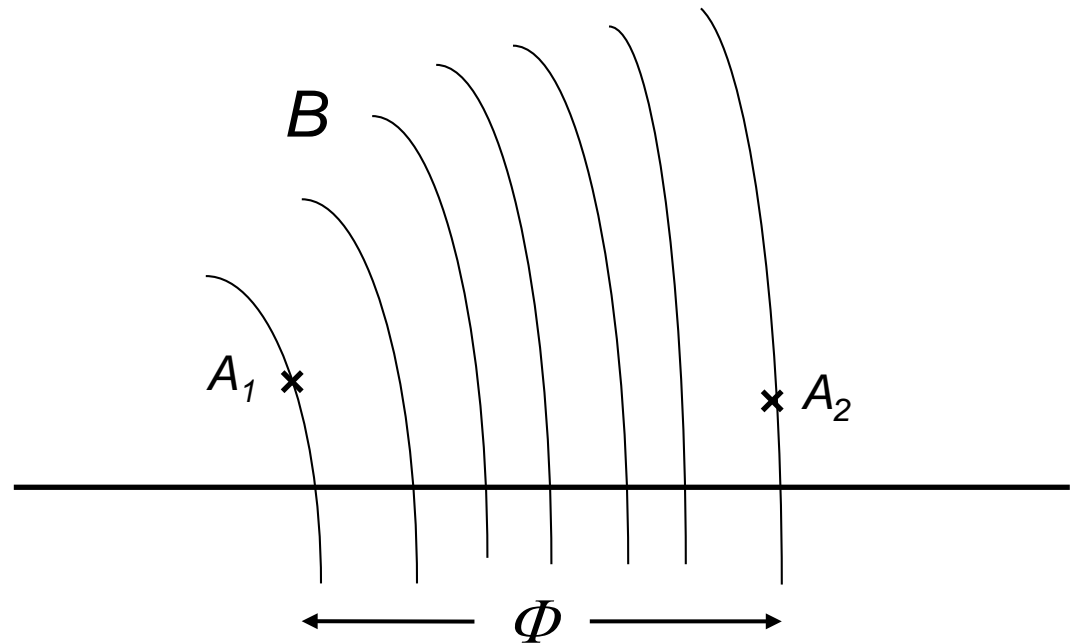


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Total flux between two points $\propto \Delta A$

In a two-dimensional problem the magnetic flux between two points is proportional to the difference between the vector potentials at those points.

$$\phi \propto (A_2 - A_1)$$



Proof on next slide.



Proof

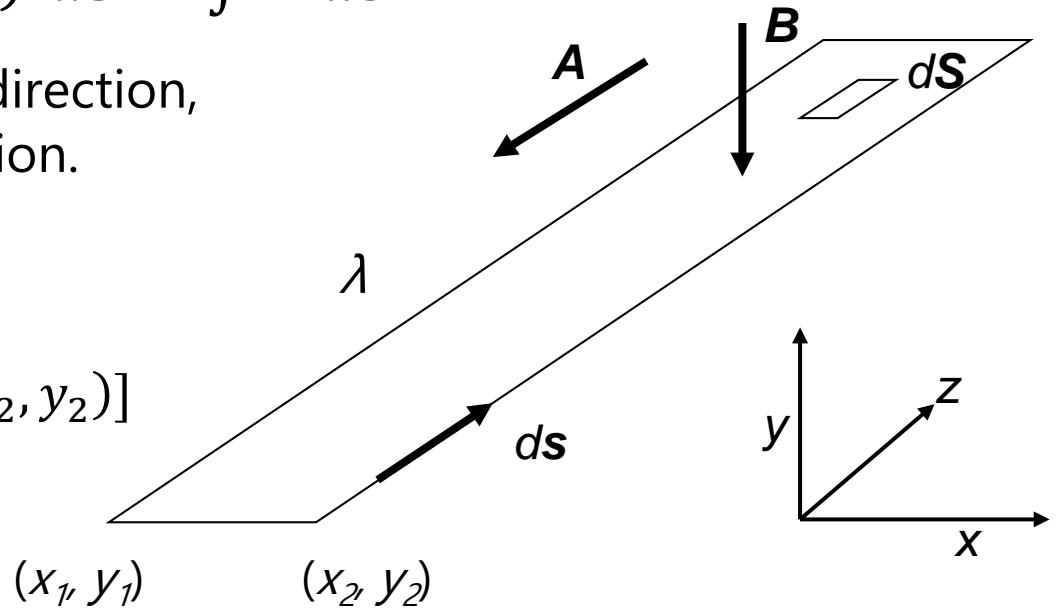
Consider a rectangular closed path, length λ in z direction at (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) ; apply Stokes' theorem:

$$\phi = \iint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iint (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

But \mathbf{A} is exclusively in the z direction, and is constant in this direction.

So:

$$\int \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \lambda[A(x_1, y_1) - A(x_2, y_2)]$$



$$\phi = \lambda[A(x_1, y_1) - A(x_2, y_2)]$$

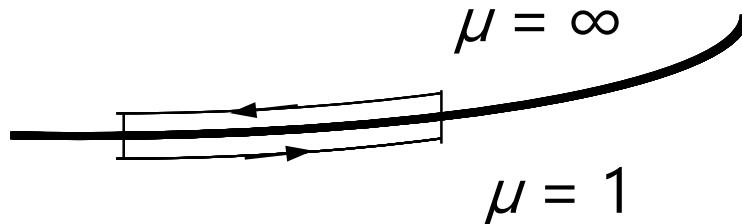
Going from fields to magnets

STEEL POLES AND YOKES

What is the perfect pole shape?

What is the ideal pole shape?

- Flux is normal to a ferromagnetic surface with infinite μ .



$$\text{curl } H = 0$$

$$\text{therefore } \int H \cdot ds = 0$$

$$\text{in steel } H = 0$$

$$\text{therefore parallel } H_{\text{air}} = 0$$

$$\text{therefore } B \text{ is normal to surface.}$$

- Flux is normal to lines of scalar potential: $\mathbf{B} = -\nabla\phi$
- So the lines of scalar potential are the perfect pole shapes!

(but these are infinitely long!)



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Equations for the ideal pole

Equations for Ideal (infinite) poles;

($J_n = 0$) for **normal** (ie not skew) fields:

Dipole:

$$y = \pm \frac{g}{2}$$

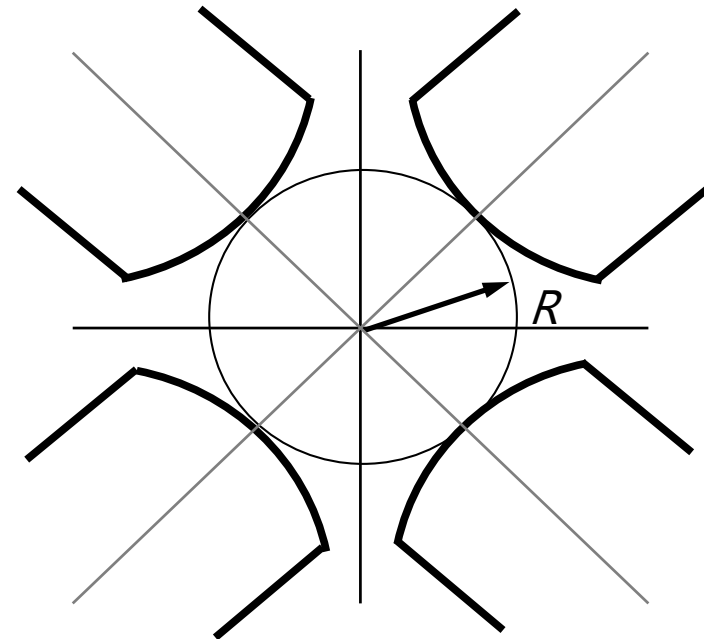
(g is interpole gap)

Quadrupole:

$$xy = \pm \frac{R^2}{2}$$

Sextupole:

$$3x^2y - y^3 = \pm R^3$$





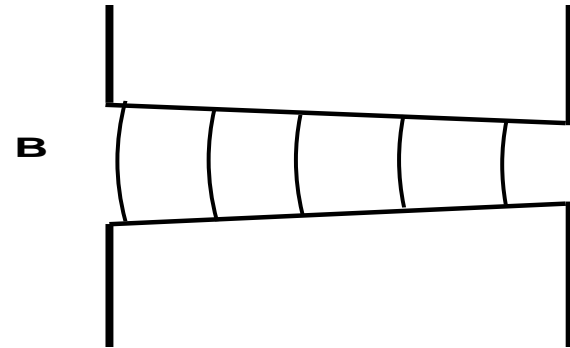
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Combined function (CF) magnets

'Combined Function Magnets' - often dipole and quadrupole field combined (but see next-but-one slide):

A quadrupole magnet with physical centre shifted from magnetic centre.

Characterised by 'field index' n , positive or negative depending on direction of gradient - do not confuse with harmonic n !



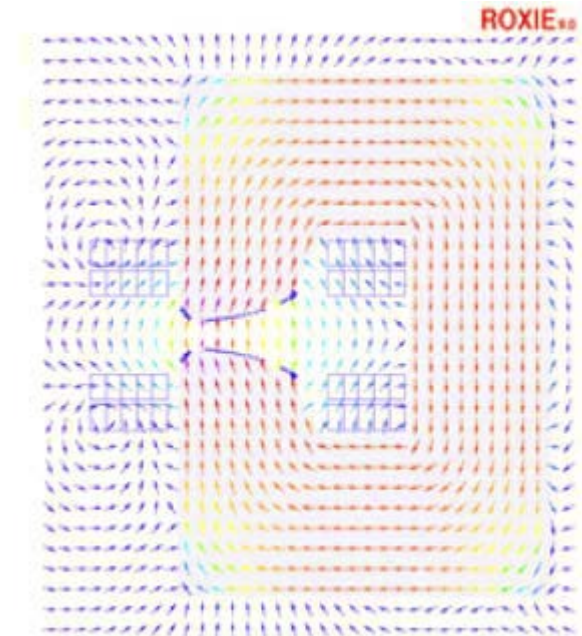
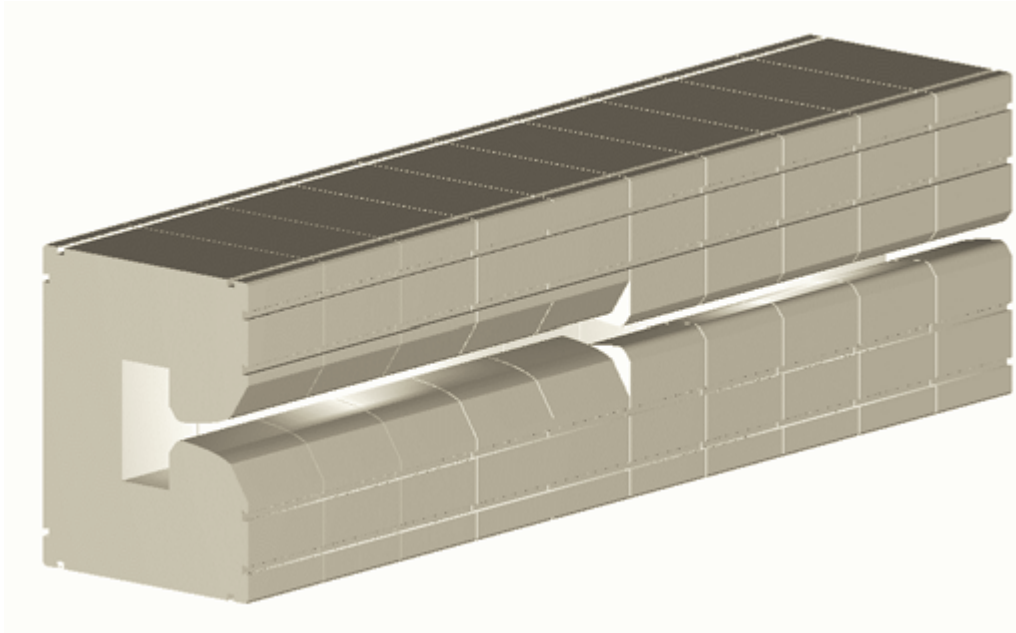
$$n = - \left(\frac{\rho}{B_0} \right) \frac{\partial B}{\partial x}$$

ρ is radius of curvature of the beam

B_0 is central dipole field

Combined Function Magnets

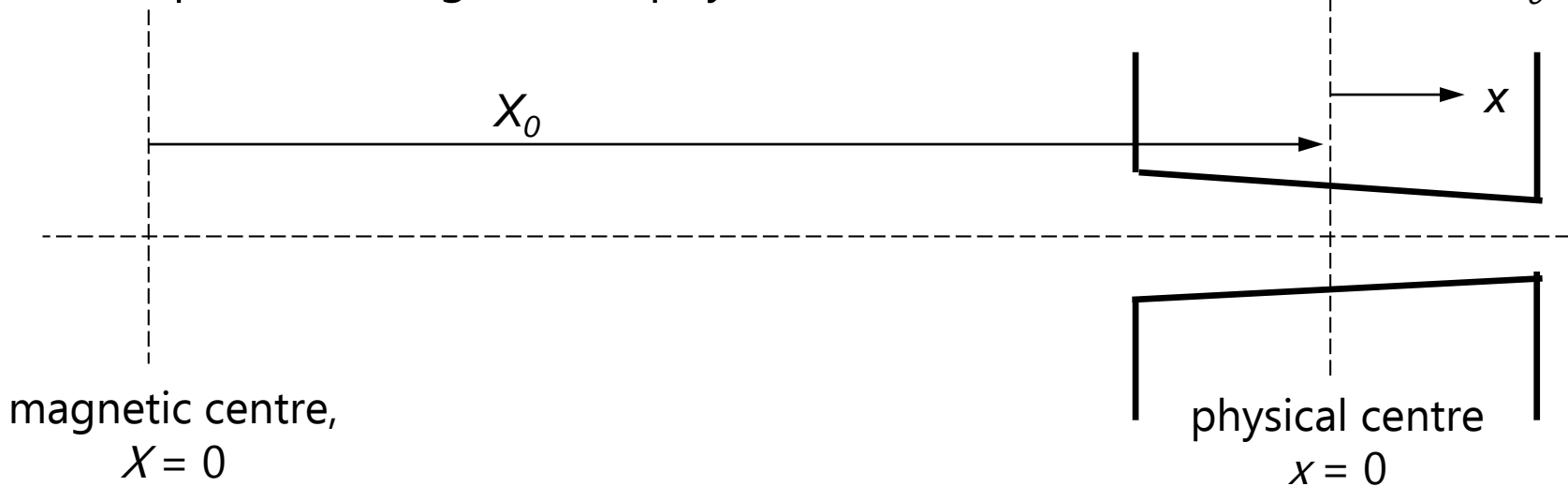
CERN Proton Synchrotron



Combined function geometry

Combined function (dipole & quadrupole) magnet:

- beam is at physical centre
- flux density at beam = B_0
- gradient at beam = $\frac{\delta B}{\delta x}$
- magnetic centre is at B and X = 0
- separation magnetic to physical centre = X_0





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Pole of a CF dipole & quad magnet

Ref geometry as on previous slide:

Flux density at beam centre:

$$B_0 \text{ [T]}$$

Gradient across beam:

$$g \text{ [T/m]}$$

Displacement of beam from quadrupole centre:

$$X_0$$

'Local' displacement from beam centre:

$$X;$$

So:

$$B_0 = g X_0$$

$$X_0 = \frac{B_0}{g}$$

And

$$X = x + X_0$$

Quadrupole equation:

$$Xy = \frac{R^2}{2}$$

So pole equation ref beam centre:

$$y = \frac{R^2}{2} \frac{1}{x+X_0}$$

Adjust R to satisfy beam dimensions.

Other combined function magnets

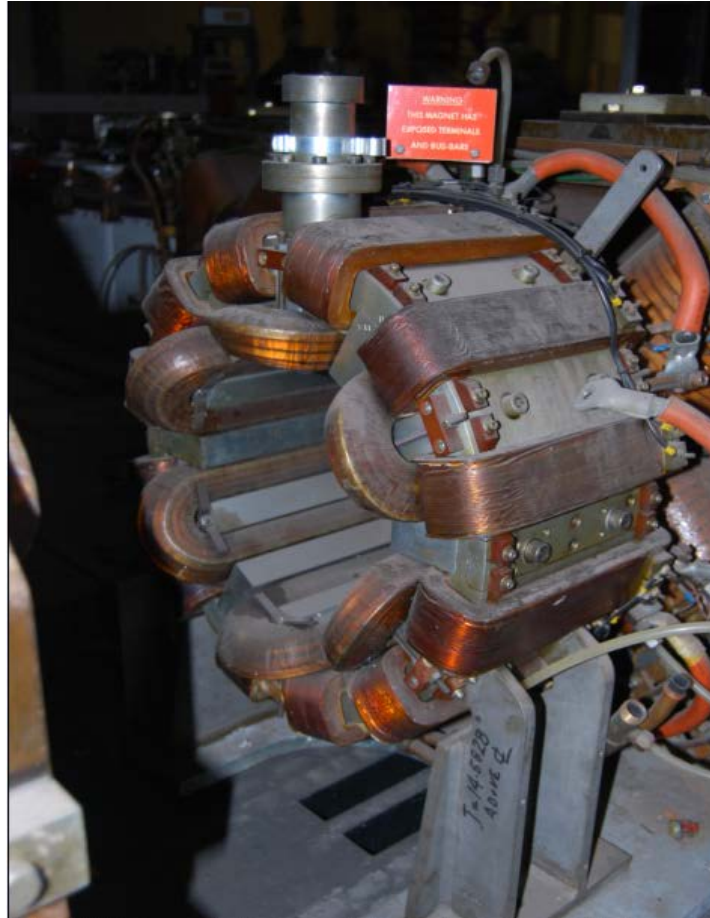
Other combinations:

- dipole, quadrupole and sextupole
- dipole & sextupole (for chromaticity control)
- dipole, skew quad, sextupole, octupole (at DL)

Generated by

- pole shapes given by sum of correct scalar potentials
 - amplitudes built into pole geometry – not variable
- multiple coils mounted on the yoke
 - amplitudes independently varied by coil currents

The SRS multipole magnet



Could develop:

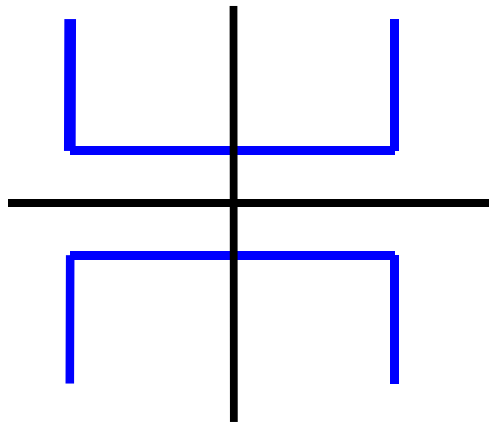
- vertical dipole
- horizontal dipole
- upright quad
- skew quad
- sextupole
- octupole
- others

The Practical Pole

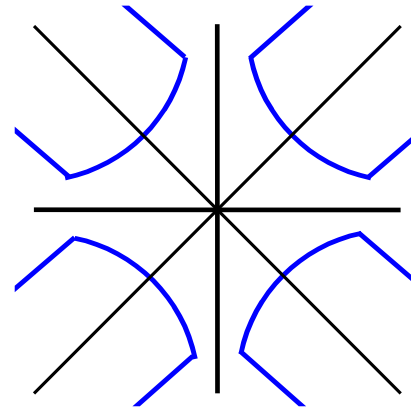
Practically, poles are finite, **introducing errors**; these appear as higher harmonics which degrade the field distribution.

However, the iron geometries have certain symmetries that **restrict** the nature of these errors.

Dipole:



Quadrupole:





Possible symmetries

Lines of symmetry:

	Dipole	Quad
Pole orientation determines whether pole is normal or skew.	$y = 0$	$x = 0$ $y = 0$
Additional symmetry	$x = 0$	$y = \pm x$

imposed by pole edges.

The additional constraints imposed by the symmetrical pole edges limits the values of n that have non-zero coefficients

Dipole symmetries

Type

Pole orientation

Pole edges

Symmetry

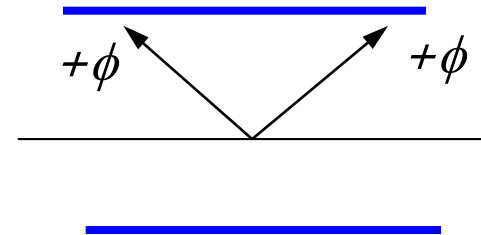
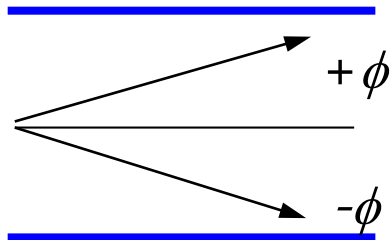
$$\phi(\theta) = -\phi(-\theta)$$

$$\phi(\theta) = \phi(\pi - \theta)$$

Constraint

all $J_n = 0$

K_n non-zero
only for
 $n = 1, 3, 5, \text{etc.}$



So, for a fully symmetric dipole, only 6, 10, 14 etc. pole errors can be present.

Quadrupole symmetries

Type	Symmetry	Constraint
Pole orientation	$\phi(\theta) = -\phi(-\theta)$	All $J_n = 0$
	$\phi(\theta) = -\phi(\pi - \theta)$	$K_n = 0$ for all odd n
Pole edges	$\phi(\theta) = \phi(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta)$	K_n non-zero for $n = 2, 6, 10, \text{ etc.}$

So, for a fully symmetric quadrupole, only 12, 20, 28 etc. pole errors can be present.

Sextupole symmetries

Type	Symmetry	Constraint
Pole orientation	$\phi(\theta) = -\phi(-\theta)$ $\phi(\theta) = -\phi\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} - \theta\right)$ $\phi(\theta) = -\phi\left(\frac{4\pi}{3} - \theta\right)$	All $J_n = 0$ $K_n = 0$ where n is not a multiple of 3
Pole edges	$\phi(\theta) = \phi\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta\right)$	K_n non-zero only for $n = 3, 9, 15, \text{etc.}$

So, for a fully symmetric sextupole, only 18, 30, 42 etc. pole errors can be present.

Summary - 'Allowed' Harmonics

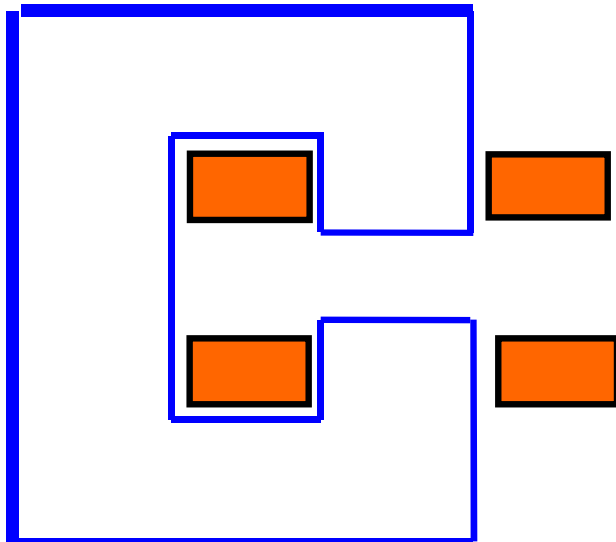
Summary of 'allowed harmonics' in **fully symmetric** magnets:

Fundamental geometry	'Allowed' harmonics
Dipole, $n = 1$	$n = 3, 5, 7, \dots$ (6 pole, 10 pole, etc.)
Quadrupole, $n = 2$	$n = 6, 10, 14, \dots$ (12 pole, 20 pole, etc.)
Sextupole, $n = 3$	$n = 9, 15, 21, \dots$ (18 pole, 30 pole, etc.)
Octupole, $n = 4$	$n = 12, 20, 28, \dots$ (24 pole, 40 pole, etc.)

Asymmetries generating harmonics (i)

Two sources of asymmetry generate 'forbidden' harmonics:

i) magnetic asymmetries - significant at low permeability:



e.g. C core dipole not completely symmetrical about pole centre, but negligible effect with high permeability.

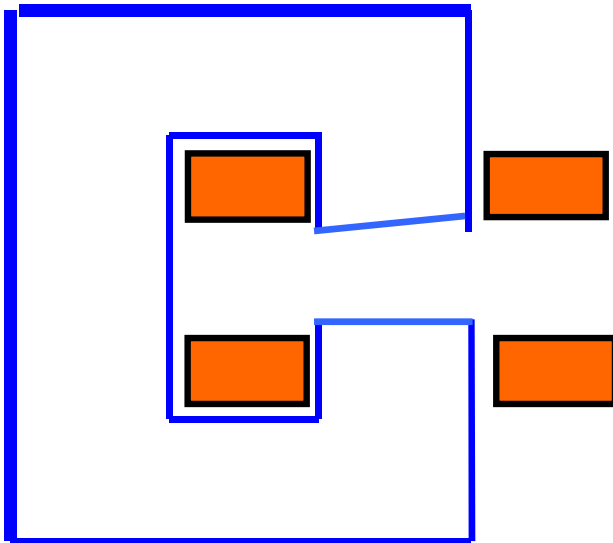
Generates $n = 2, 4, 6$, etc.



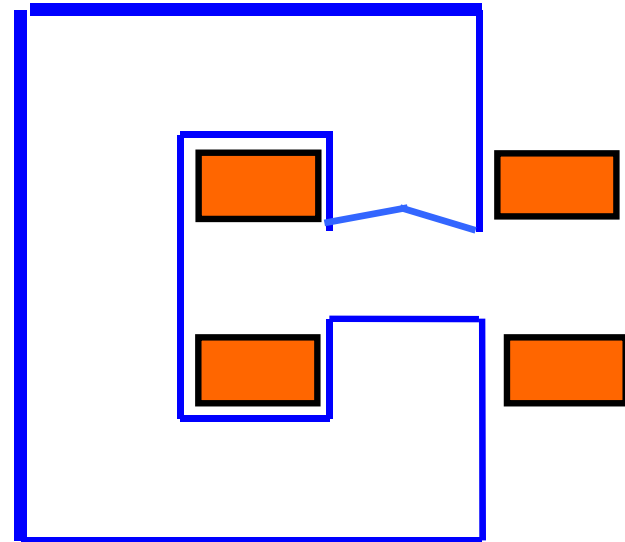
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Asymmetries generating harmonics (ii)

ii) asymmetries due to small manufacturing errors in dipoles:



$n = 2, 4, 6$ etc.



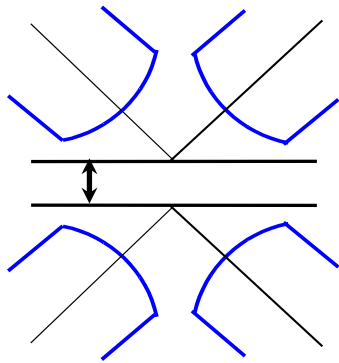
$n = 3, 6, 9,$ etc.



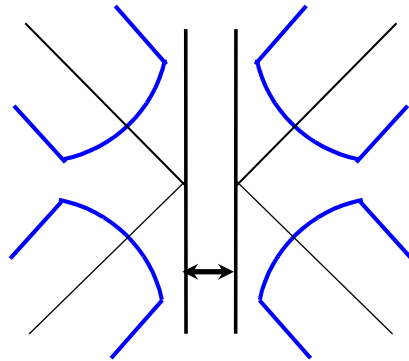
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Asymmetries generating harmonics (iii)

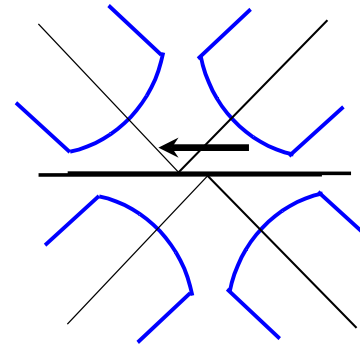
ii) asymmetries due to small manufacturing errors in quadrupoles:



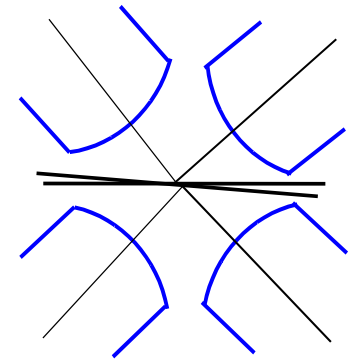
$n = 4$ -ve



$n = 4$ +ve



$n = 3$



$n = 2$ (skew)

$n = 3$

These errors are bigger than the finite μ type; can seriously affect machine behaviour and must be controlled.

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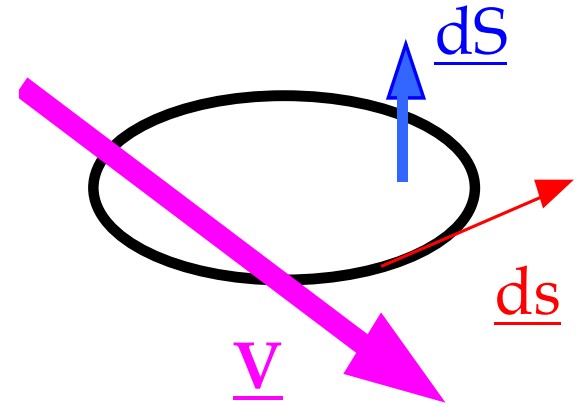
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Introduction of currents

Now for $\mathbf{j} \neq 0$ $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{j}$

To expand, use Stoke's Theorem
for any vector \mathbf{V} and a closed curve
 \mathcal{S} .

$$\int \mathbf{V} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \iint \nabla \times \mathbf{V} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$



Apply this to: $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{j}$

then in a magnetic circuit: (Ampere's equation)

$$\int \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = NI$$

NI (Ampere-turns) is total current cutting \mathcal{S}



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Excitation current in a dipole

B is approximately constant round the loop made up of λ and g , (but see below);

But in iron,

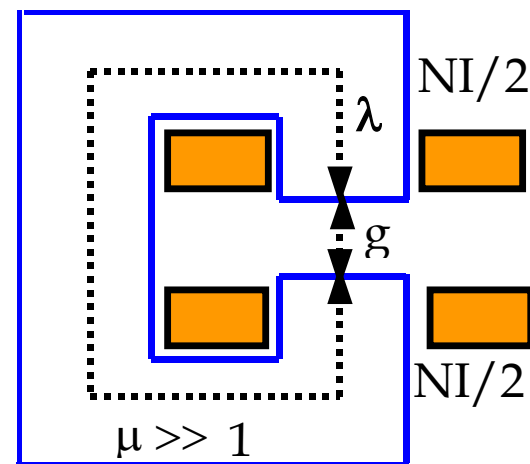
$$\mu \gg 1$$

and

$$H_{iron} = \frac{H_{air}}{\mu}$$

So

$$B_{air} = \frac{\mu_0 NI}{g + \frac{\lambda}{\mu}}$$



g , and λ/μ are the 'reluctance' of the gap and iron.

Approximation ignoring iron reluctance ($\frac{\lambda}{\mu} \ll g$):

$$NI = - \frac{Bg}{\mu_0}$$



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Excitation current in quad & sextupole

For quadrupoles and sextupoles, the required excitation can be calculated by considering fields and gap at large x .

For example: **Quadrupole:**

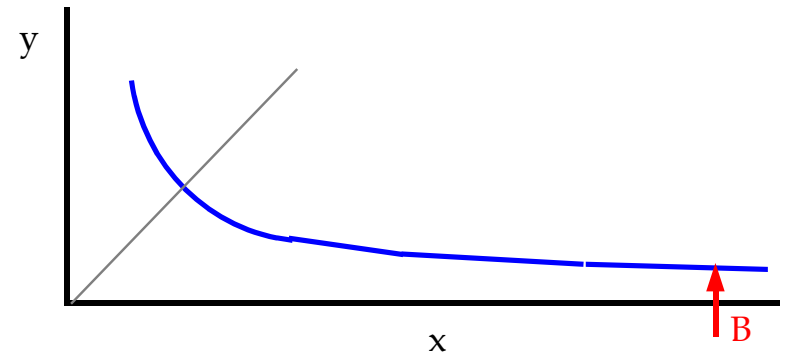
$$\text{Pole equation: } xy = \frac{R^2}{2}$$

On x axes $B_y = gx$
where g is gradient in T/m

At large x (to give vertical lines of B):

$$NI = gx \frac{R^2}{2x\mu_0}$$

i.e. $NI = \frac{gR^2}{2\mu_0}$ (per pole)



The same method for a **Sextupole** (coefficient g_s) gives:

$$NI = \frac{g_s R^3}{3\mu_0} \text{ (per pole)}$$



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General solution for magnets order n

In air (remote currents!)

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{H}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = -\nabla \phi$$

Integrating over a limited path

(not circular) in air:

$$NI = \frac{\phi_1 - \phi_2}{\mu_0}$$

ϕ_1, ϕ_2 are the scalar potentials at two points in air.

Define $\phi = 0$ at magnet centre;

then potential at the pole is:

$$\mu_0 NI$$

Apply the general equations for magnetic field harmonic order n for non-skew magnets (all $J_n = 0$) giving:

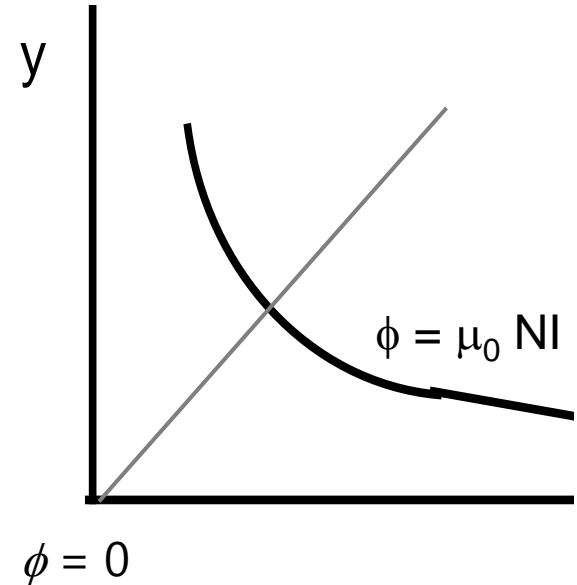
$$NI = \frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{B_r}{R^{n-1}} R^n$$

Where:

NI is excitation per pole

R is the inscribed radius (or half gap in a dipole)

$\frac{B_r}{R^{n-1}}$ is magnet strength in T/m⁽ⁿ⁻¹⁾





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