

Electeng 311

Electronics Systems Design

Magnetics

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Learning outcomes

- Revise magnetic concepts and laws.
- Understand core saturation and the effect of air gaps.
- Understand and derive ideal transformer models.
- Understand the constraints in practical transformer model.



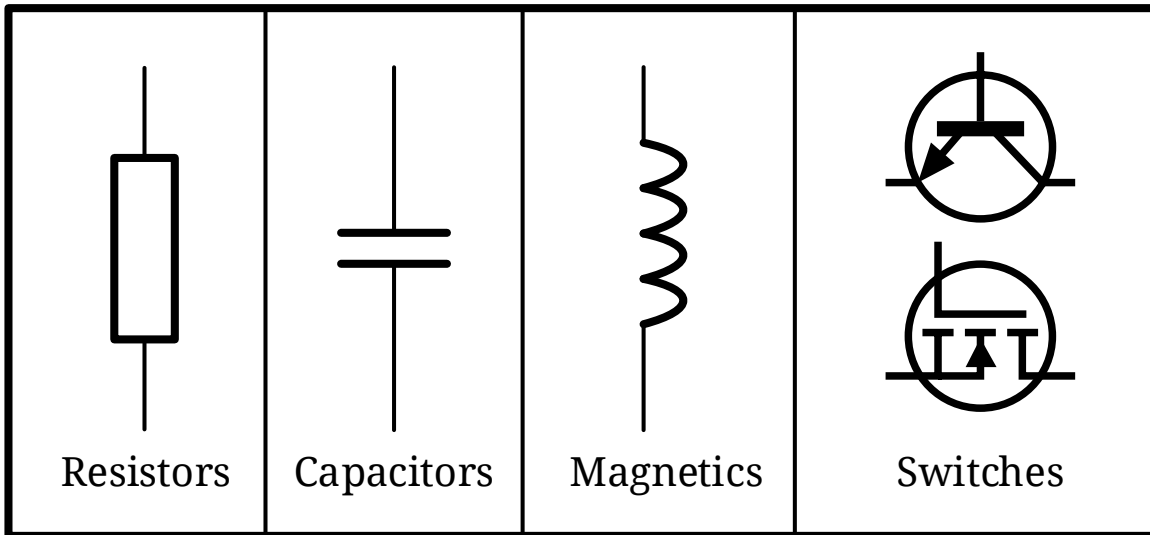
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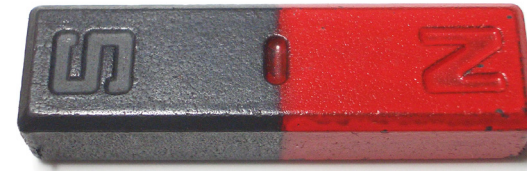
Magnetic circuits

Magnetics – introduction

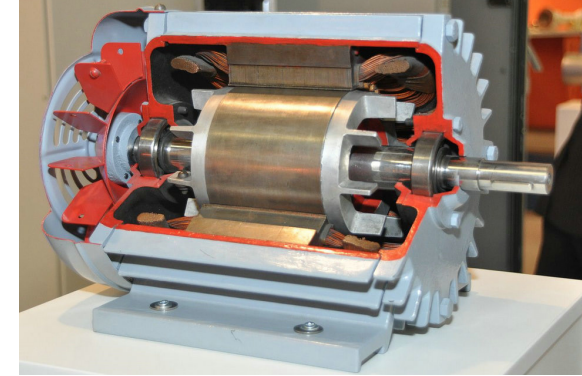
- Everything in electrical engineering are a combination of the basic elements.
- Magnetics encompass a wide range of devices that create or manipulate magnetic fields.



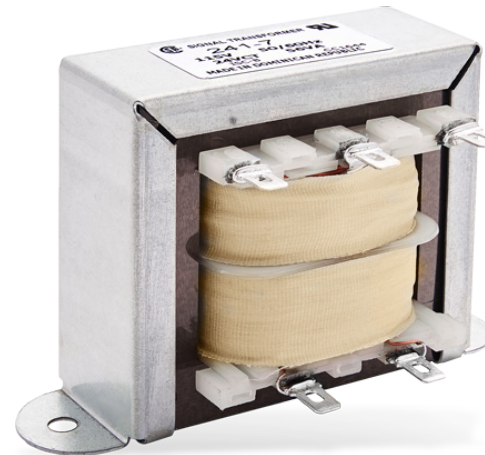
- Passive and active elements in electrical circuits



- A bar magnet [1]



- An electric motor [2]



- Transformers [3] and [4]

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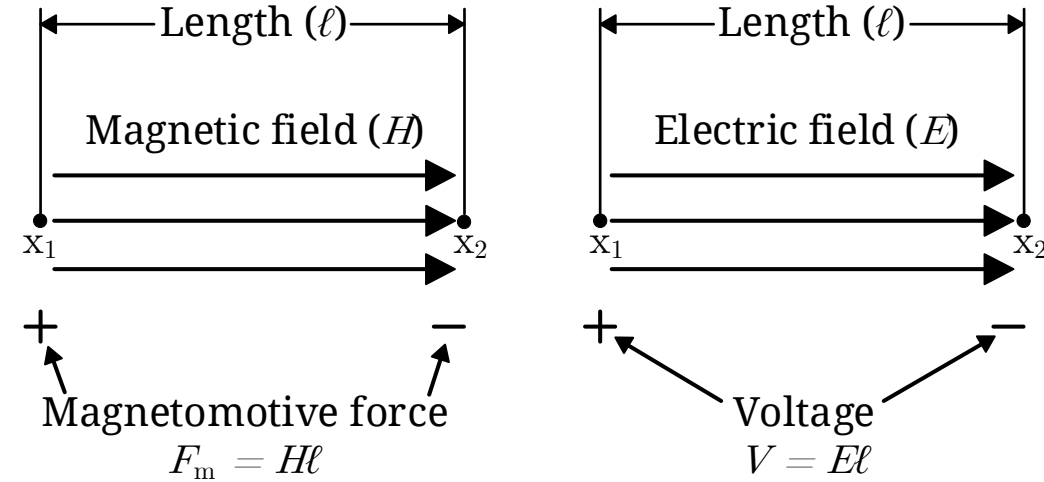
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Magnetics – magnetomotive force

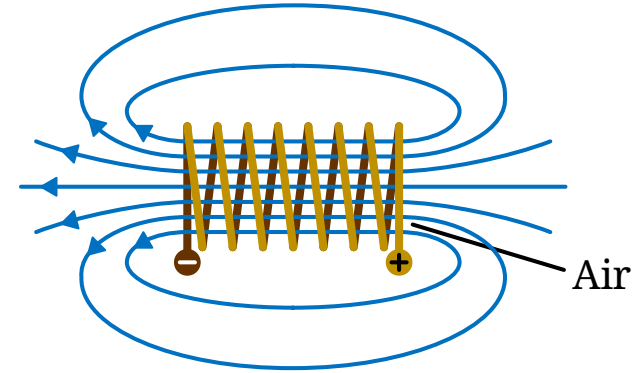
- Magnetic fields are analogous to electric fields.
- An electric field is formed when there is a difference in electric potential between two points. The electric potential difference is called electromotive force or voltage (V).
- **Magnetomotive force** (F_m) can be considered as ‘magnetic potential difference’ between two points.
- A **magnetic field strength** (H) is generated when F_m is present between two points separated by a distance (ℓ) as given by:
 - $F_m = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} H \cdot d\ell$
 - If H is assumed to be uniform, the equation is reduced to:
 - $F_m = H\ell$
 - Similarly, the voltage in an uniform electric field (E) is given by:
 - $V = E\ell$



- Magnetomotive force and voltage

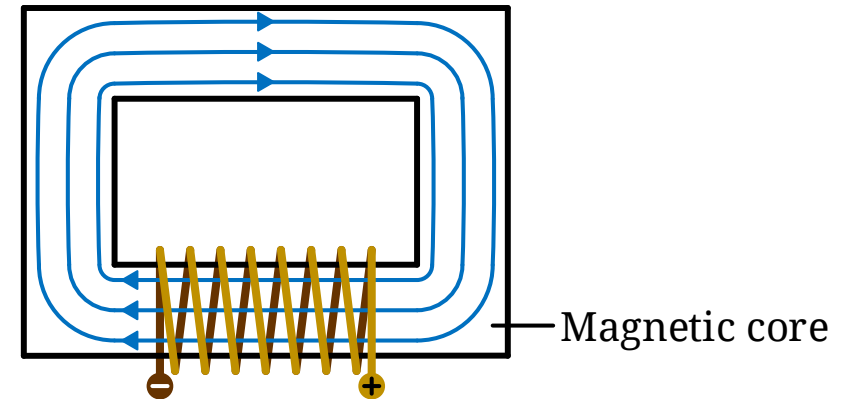
Magnetics – magnetic field

- Note that B and H are referring to two different things.
- Given the same coil wound in air and a magnetic material:
- **Magnetic field strength** (H) is dependent only on the magnetomotive force applied to the winding.
- **Magnetic flux density** (B) is dependent on the H as well as the permeability of the material the magnetic flux is passing through.
- Note that magnetic flux density (B) is also often simply called the magnetic field.
- The two are related by the equation: $B = \mu H$.
- **Permeability** (μ) indicates how easily magnetic flux can pass through the material.
- Magnetic materials increase μ so more B is generated per H within the coil.



$$H = \frac{F_m}{\ell}$$

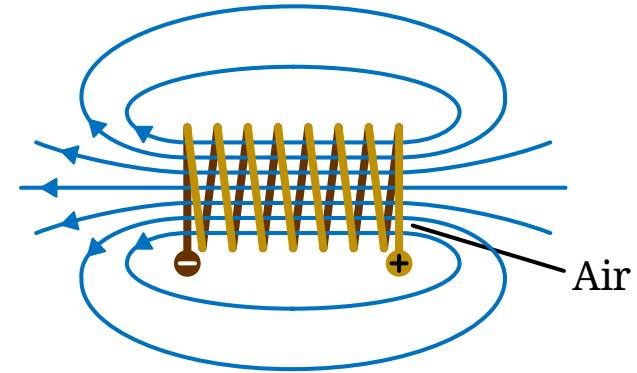
$$B = \mu H$$



- Magnetic flux in air or in a magnetic core

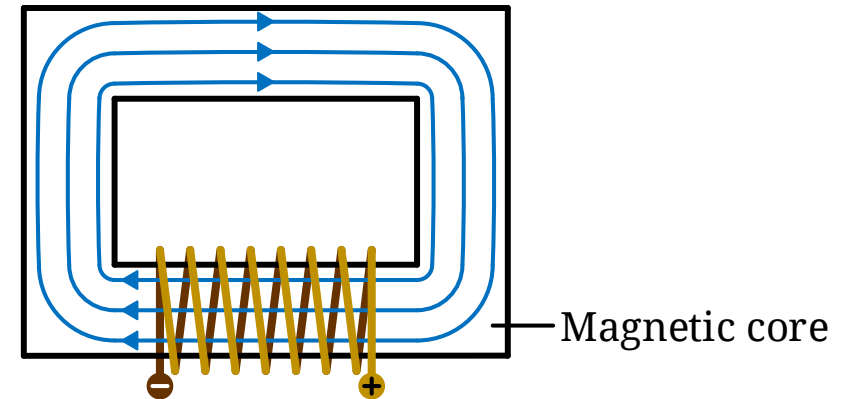
Magnetics – permeability

- The permeability can be broken up into two parts:
- **Permeability of vacuum** (μ_0) is the ‘reference’ permeability for magnetic field.
- $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} = 1.2566370614 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Hm}^{-1}$
- If magnetic flux only travelled in vacuum, $B = \mu_0 H$.
- **Relative permeability** (μ_r) is a ‘multiplier’ that improves overall permeability for the magnetic field.
- For example, air has μ_r of 1 while typical ferrite core has μ_r of 1000 to 3000.
- So the relationship between B and H becomes:
- $B = \mu_0 \mu_r H$



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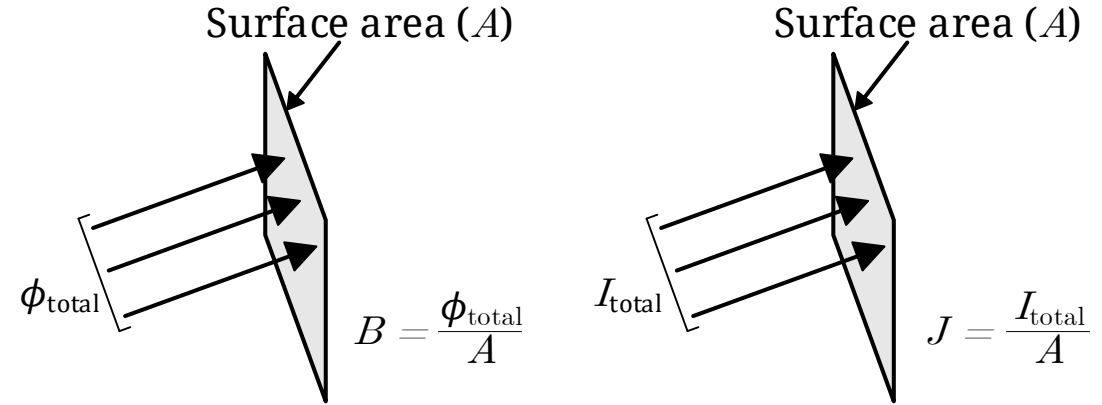
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Magnetics – magnetic flux

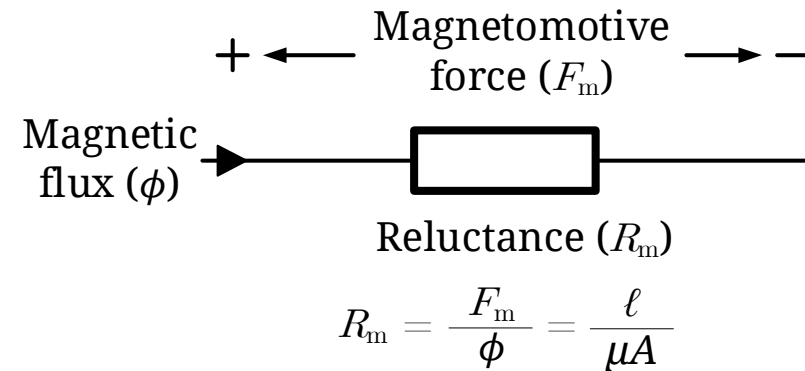
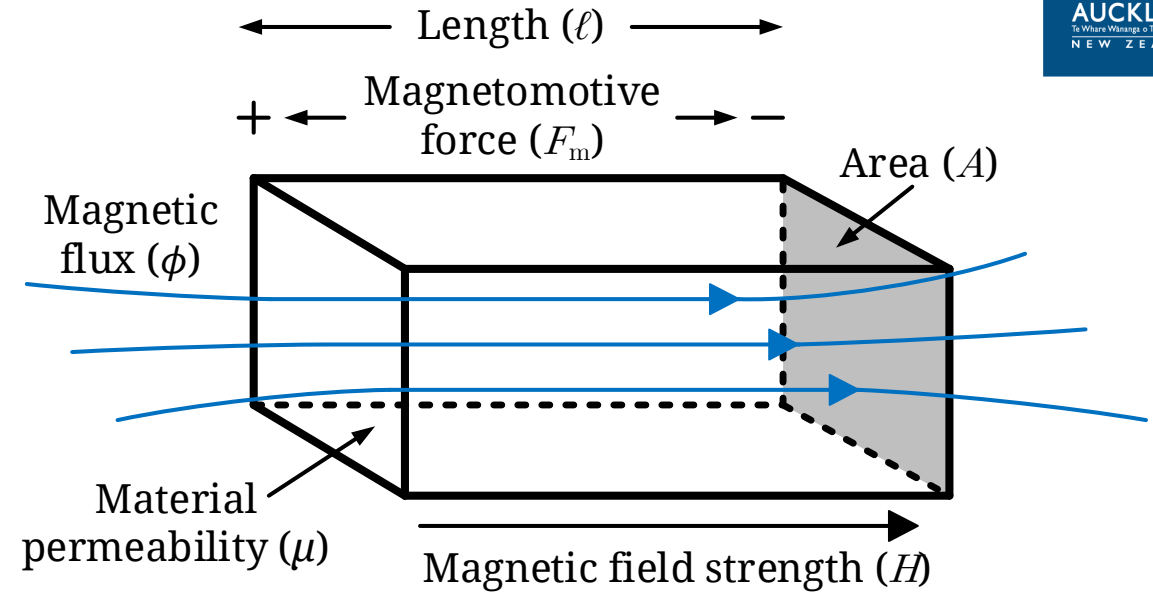
- If F_m is analogous to V , **magnetic flux** (ϕ) is analogous to electric current (I).
- If magnetic flux passes through a surface with an area of A , the **magnetic flux density** (B) can be found given:
 - $\phi = \int_S B \cdot dA$
 - If B is assumed to be uniform, the equation can be simplified to:
 - $\phi = BA$
 - Similarly, uniform current passing through a surface with an area of A results in current density (J).
 - $I = JA$



- Magnetic flux and electric current

Magnetics – reluctance

- Given that $H = \frac{B}{\mu}$ and $B = \frac{\phi}{A}$,
- $F_m = \frac{B}{\mu} \ell = \frac{\ell}{\mu A} \phi$
- **Reluctance** (R_m) is given by: $R_m = \frac{\ell}{\mu A}$.
- $\therefore F_m = \phi R_m$
- Similar to Ohm's law: $V = IR$.
- $R = \frac{\ell}{\sigma A}$,
- σ is the electrical conductivity.

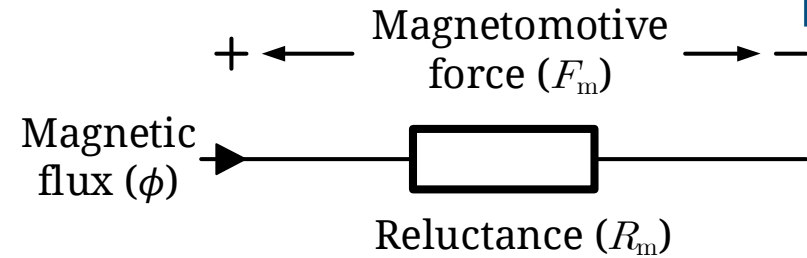


Magnetics – magnetic circuits and electric circuits

- Many of the terms between magnetic circuits and electrical circuits are quite similar with each other.

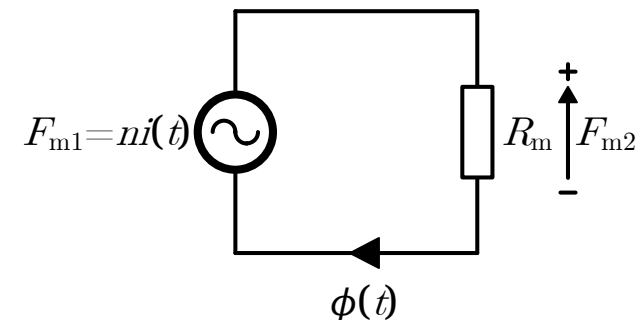
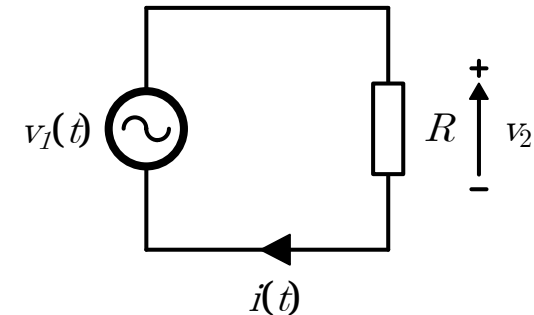
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Magnetic flux (ϕ)	Current (I)
Magnetic flux density (B)	Current density (J)
Reluctance (R_m)	Resistance (R)
Permeability (μ)	Conductivity (σ)

- Analogous terms between magnetic and electric circuits



$$R_m = \frac{F_m}{\phi} = \frac{\ell}{\mu A}$$

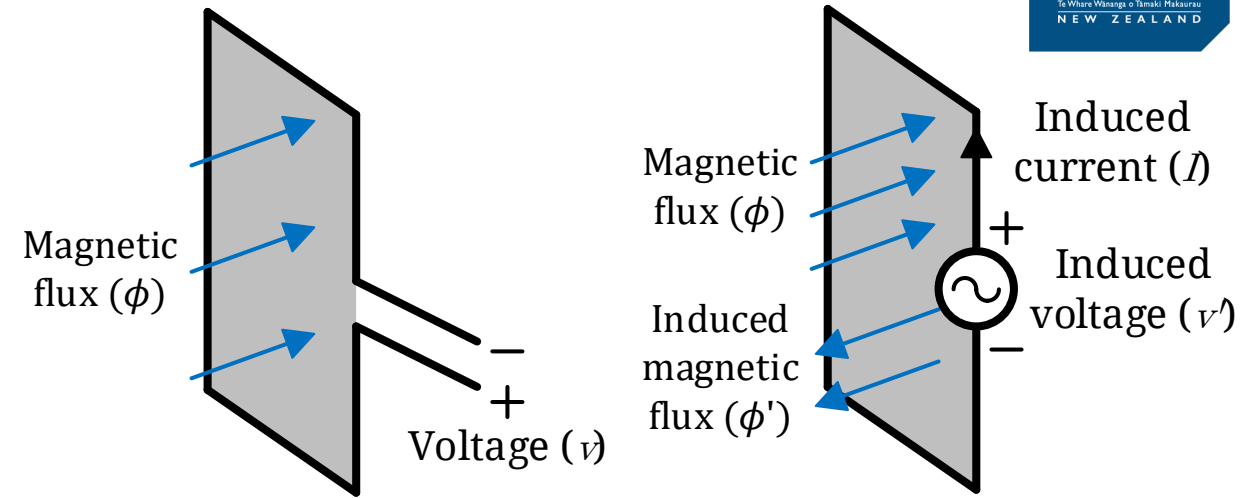
- Reluctance in magnetic circuits



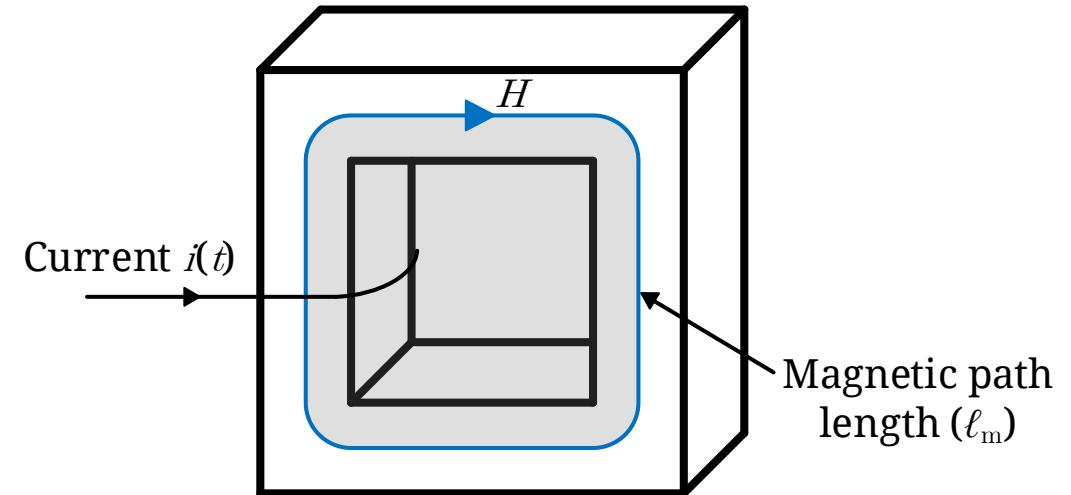
- Comparison of electric and magnetic circuits

Magnetics – laws

- **Faraday's Law:** $v(t) = \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt}$
- If B is assumed to be uniform, $v(t) = A \frac{dB(t)}{dt}$.
- Voltage induced in a winding is dependent on the change of magnetic field passing through the cross-sectional area of the loop.
- **Lenz's Law:** $v'(t) = -A \frac{dB(t)}{dt}$
- The induced voltage has a polarity that counteracts the magnetic field into the loop.
- **Ampere's Law:** $\int_S H \cdot d\ell = \text{total current enclosed in the path.}$
- Given uniform magnetic field, $F_m(t) = H(t)\ell_m = i(t)$.
- Net magnetomotive force around a closed loop is equal to the total current passing through the path.



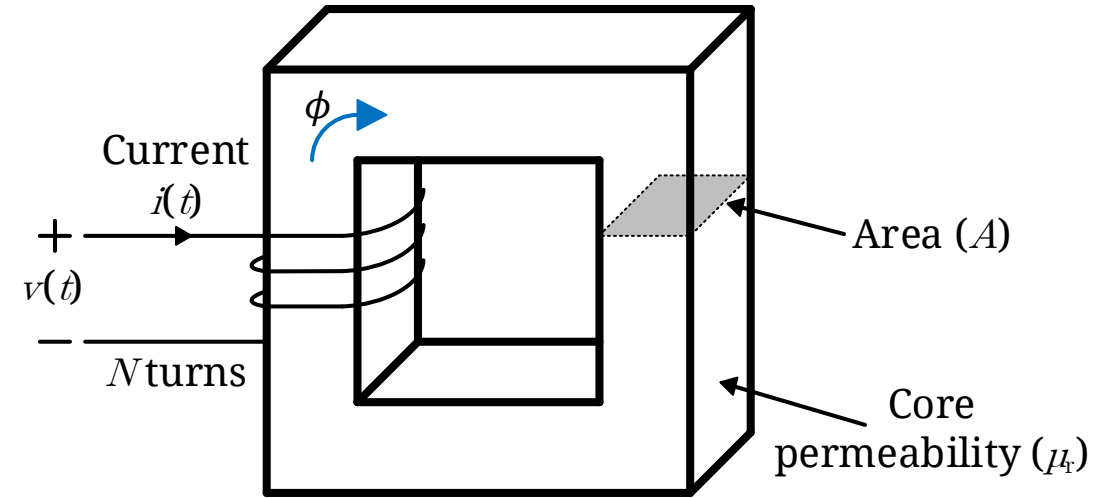
- Magnetic flux into open and closed loops



- A current inducing magnetic field within a magnetic material 12

Magnetics – inductance

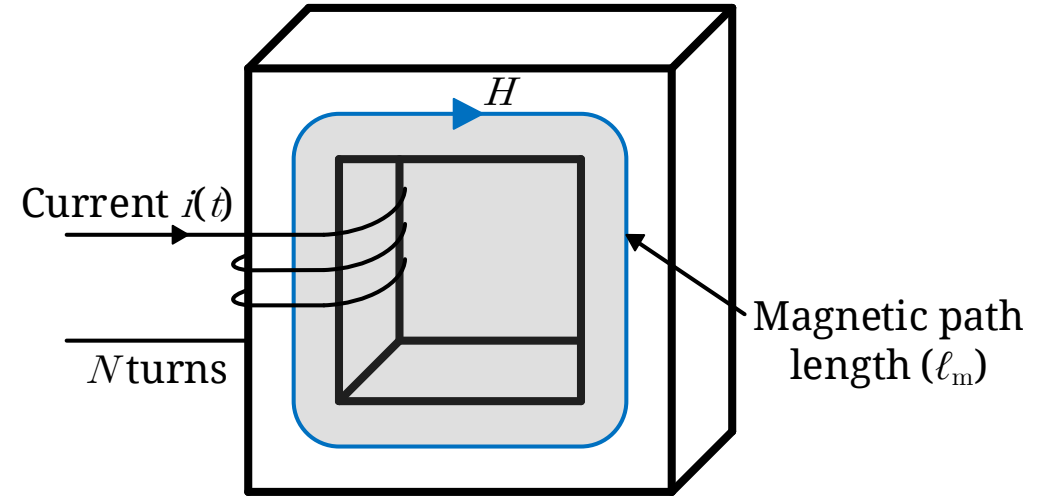
- From Faraday's Law, the voltage in each turn of wire is:
- $v_{\text{turn}}(t) = \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt}$
- The same flux passes through each turn of wire so total voltage across the winding is given by:
- $v(t) = N v_{\text{turn}}(t) = N \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt}$
- The average magnetic field within the winding is:
- $v(t) = NA \frac{dB(t)}{dt}$
- Given that $B = \mu_0 \mu_r H$,
- $v(t) = \mu_0 \mu_r NA \frac{dH(t)}{dt}$



- Multiple turns of wire forming an inductor around the magnetic core

Magnetics – inductance

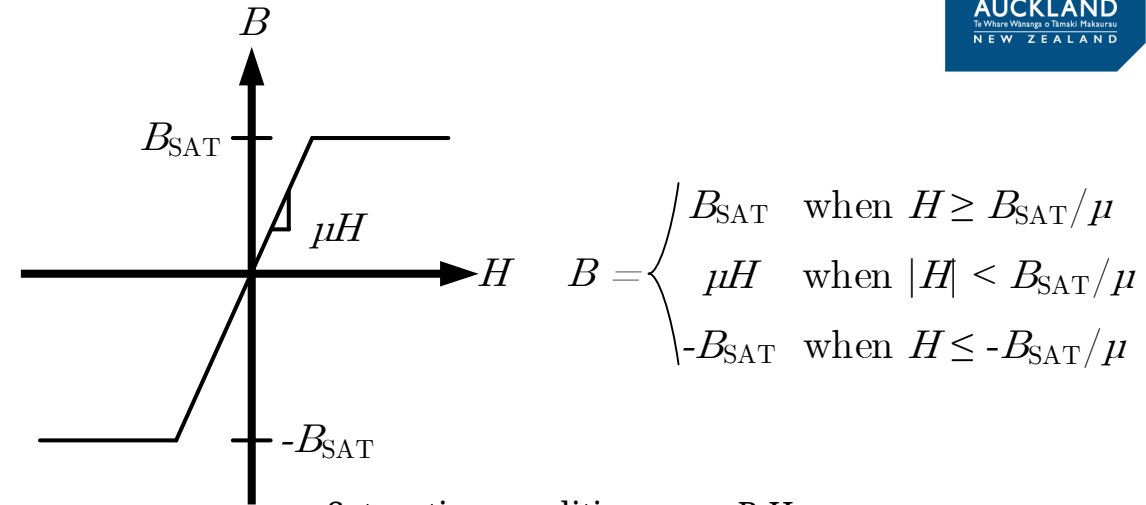
- Ampere's Law: $H(t)\ell_m = i(t)$
- The number of turns multiply the current in the enclosed area.
- $\therefore H(t)\ell_m = Ni(t)$
- $H(t) = \frac{Ni(t)}{\ell_m}$
- Since $v(t) = \mu_0\mu_r NA \frac{dH(t)}{dt}$,
- $v(t) = \frac{\mu_0\mu_r N^2 A}{\ell_m} \frac{di(t)}{dt}$
- **Inductance** (L) is defined as $L = \frac{\mu_0\mu_r N^2 A}{\ell_m}$ so:
- $v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$
- Inductance resists the change in the current inside of a coil.



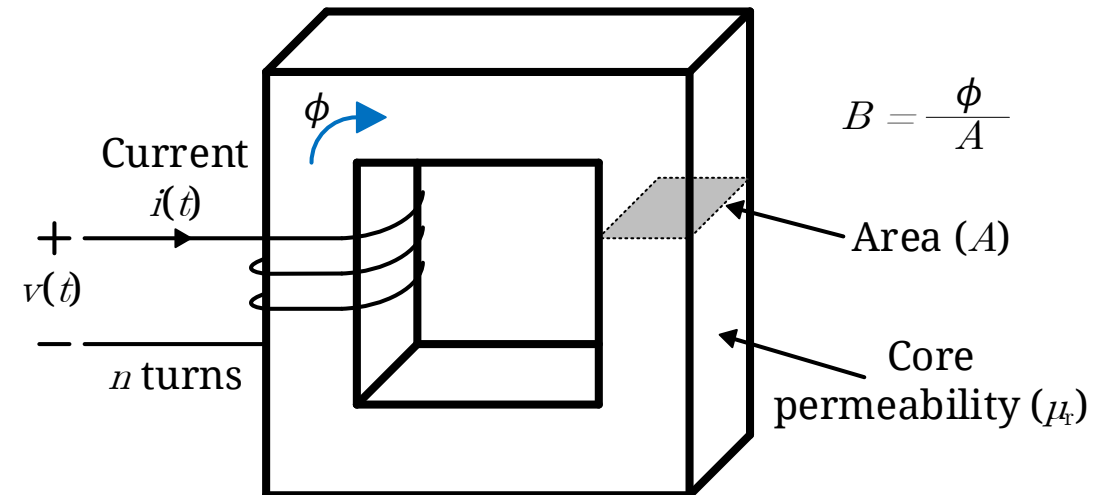
- Ampere's Law for multiple turn windings.

Magnetics – core saturation

- Magnetic materials cannot pass infinite amount of magnetic field.
- The B-H curve describes the amount of B within the core for a given amount of H .
- At saturation, $B = B_{SAT} \therefore \frac{dB(t)}{dt} = 0$
- This sets the Faraday's Law to be:
- $v(t) = nA \frac{dB(t)}{dt} = 0$
- $\therefore v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt} = 0$
- As no amount of voltage is induced between the terminals, the inductor behaves like a short circuit under core saturation.
- This shows that the behaviour of the inductor only holds when the core is not saturated.



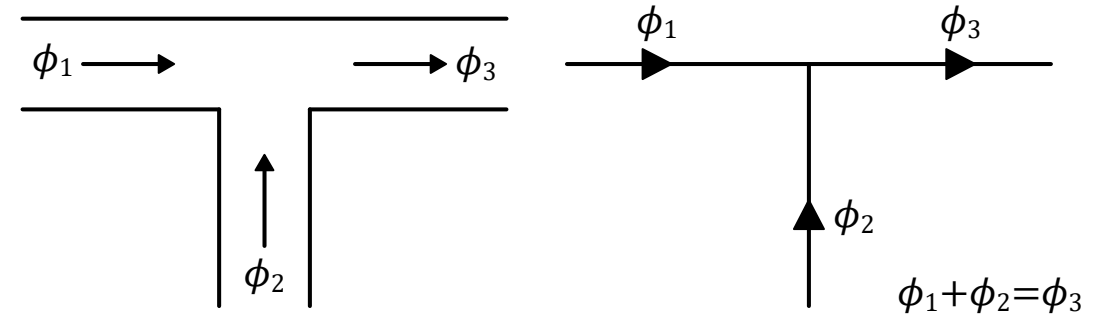
- Saturation conditions on a B-H curve



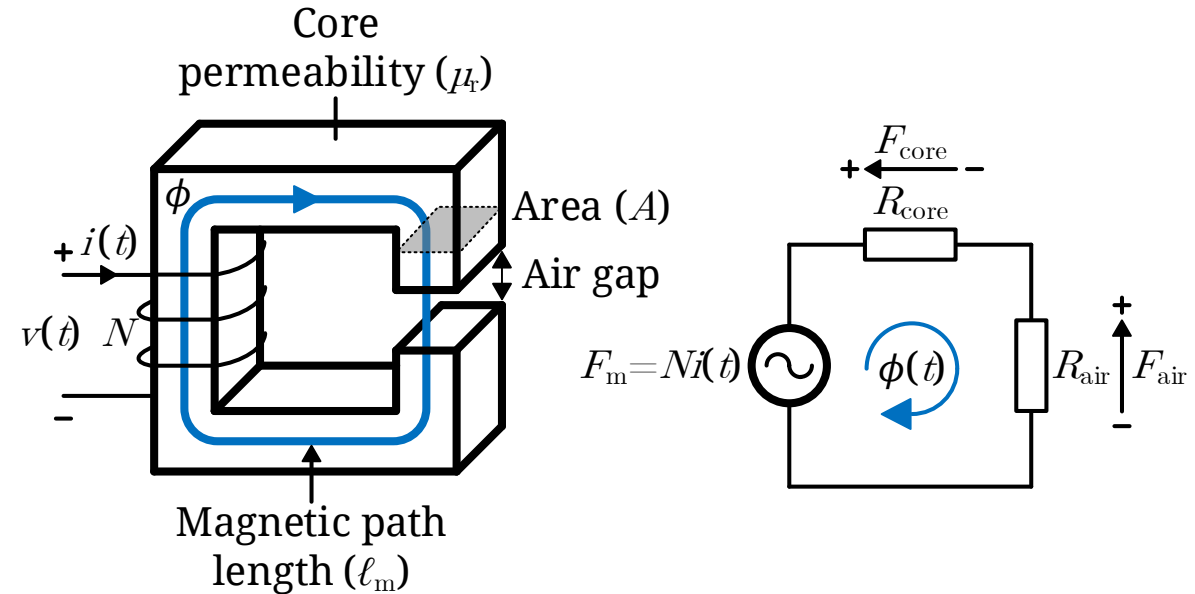
- An example inductor wound around a magnetic core

Magnetics – magnetic circuits

- All magnetic flux going into the node equal to the magnetic flux going out of the node (like KCL):
- $\phi_1 + \phi_2 = \phi_3$
- Similarly, sum of the magnetomotive force in a loop is equal to zero (like KVL):
- $F_m = F_{\text{core}} + F_{\text{air}}$
- Given that the core has an air gap, the reluctances are:
- $R_{\text{core}} = \frac{\ell_{\text{core}}}{\mu_0 \mu_r A}$ and $R_{\text{air}} = \frac{\ell_{\text{air}}}{\mu_0 A}$
- $R_e = R_{\text{core}} + R_{\text{air}} = \frac{\ell_{\text{core}}}{\mu_0 \mu_r A} + \frac{\ell_{\text{air}}}{\mu_0 A} = \frac{\ell_{\text{core}}}{\mu_0 \mu_r A} + \frac{\ell_{\text{air}} \mu_r}{\mu_0 \mu_r A}$
- $= \frac{\ell_{\text{core}} + \ell_{\text{air}} \mu_r}{\mu_0 \mu_r A} = \frac{\ell_{\text{core}} + \ell_{\text{air}}}{\mu_r \mu_0 A}$
- Here, R_e is the effective reluctance of the circuit.



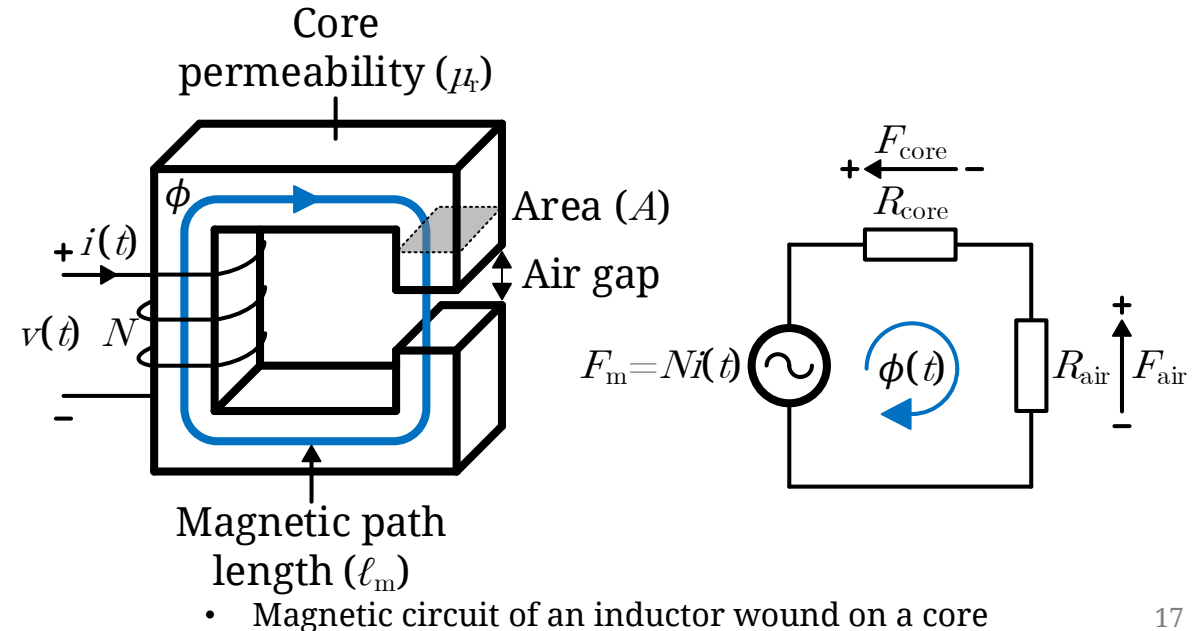
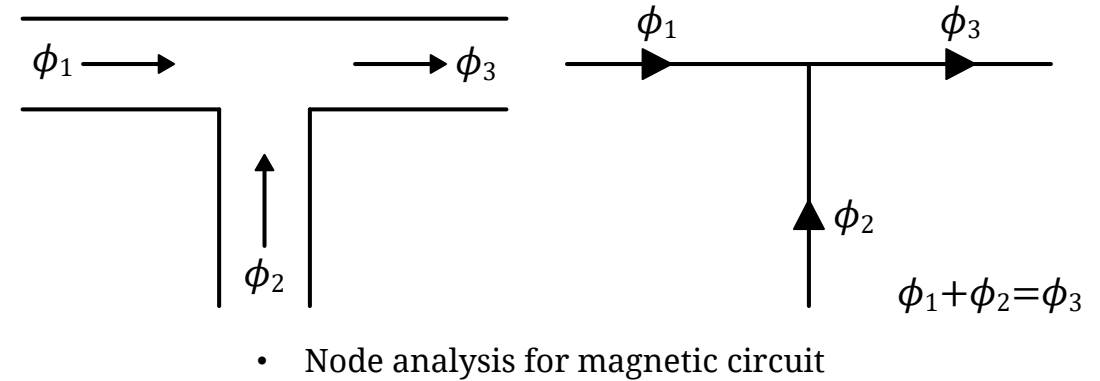
- Node analysis for magnetic circuit



- Magnetic circuit of an inductor wound on a core

Magnetics – magnetic circuits

- From Ampere's Law:
- $F_m = NI = \phi(R_{\text{core}} + R_{\text{air}}) = \phi R_e$
- $\therefore \phi = \frac{NI}{R_e}$
- A higher reluctance decreases the magnetic flux flowing in the magnetic circuit.
- Since $R_e = \frac{\ell}{\mu_0 \mu_e A}$ and $L = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_e N^2 A}{\ell_m}$,
- If μ_e is reduced due to higher R_e , the inductance of the winding decreases.



Magnetics – gapped core

- What is the inductance of a winding around a gapped core?

- $R_{\text{core}} = \frac{\ell_{\text{core}}}{\mu_0 \mu_r A}$

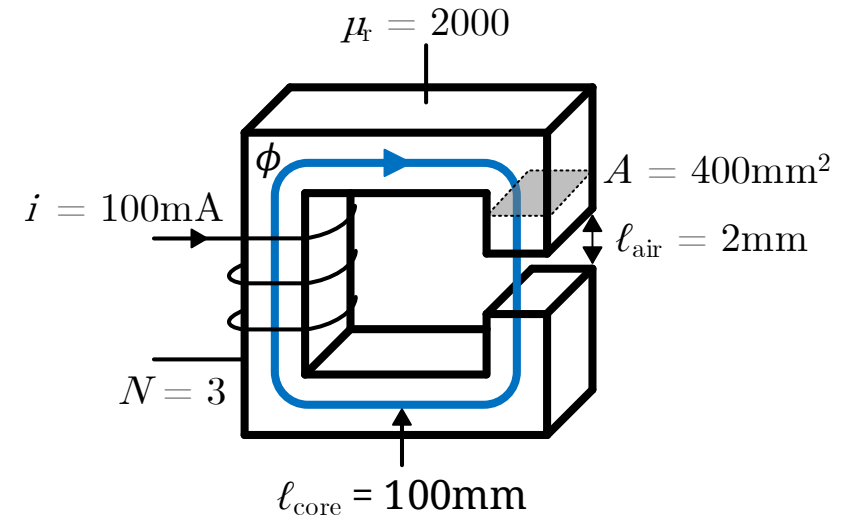
- $R_{\text{air}} = \frac{\ell_{\text{air}}}{\mu_0 A}$

- $R_e = \frac{\frac{\ell_{\text{core}}}{\mu_r} + \ell_{\text{air}}}{\mu_0 A}$

- $L = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_e N^2 A}{\ell_m} = \frac{N^2}{R_e}$

- What is the effective permeability (μ_e) of the gapped core?

- $\mu_e = \frac{\ell_{\text{core}} + \ell_{\text{air}}}{\mu_0 R_e A}$



- Example inductor wound on a gapped core

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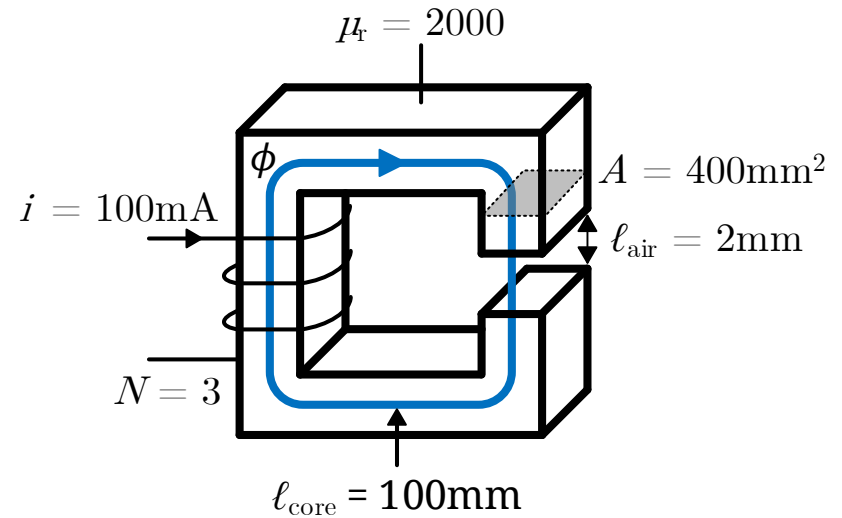
- $R_{\text{core}} = \frac{\ell_{\text{core}}}{\mu_0 \mu_r A} = \frac{0.1}{4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 2000 \times 0.0004} = 99472 \text{ H}^{-1}$

- $R_{\text{air}} = \frac{\ell_{\text{air}}}{\mu_0 A} = \frac{0.002}{4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 0.0004} = 3978874 \text{ H}^{-1}$

- $L = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_e N^2 A}{\ell_m} = \frac{N^2}{R_e} = \frac{3^2}{99472 + 3978874} = 0.00000221 = 2.21 \text{ } \mu\text{H}$

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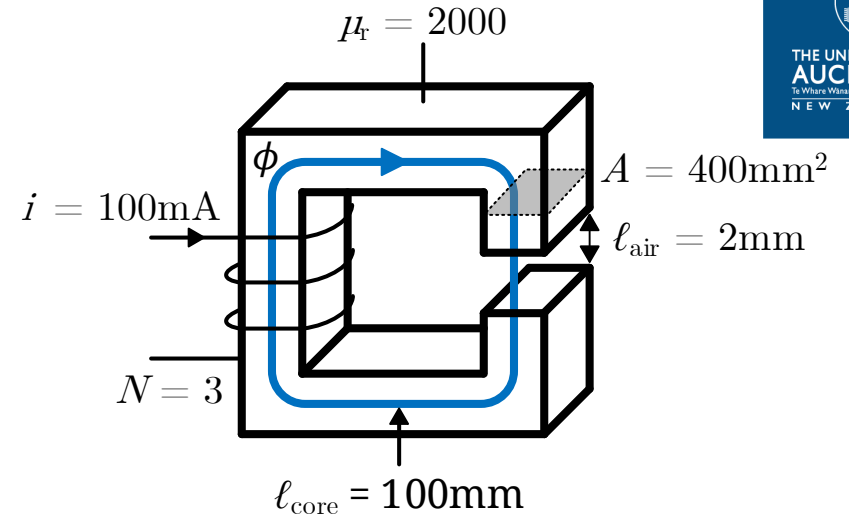
- $\mu_e = \frac{\ell}{\mu_0 R_e A} = \frac{0.102}{4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 4078346 \times 0.0004} = 49.8$



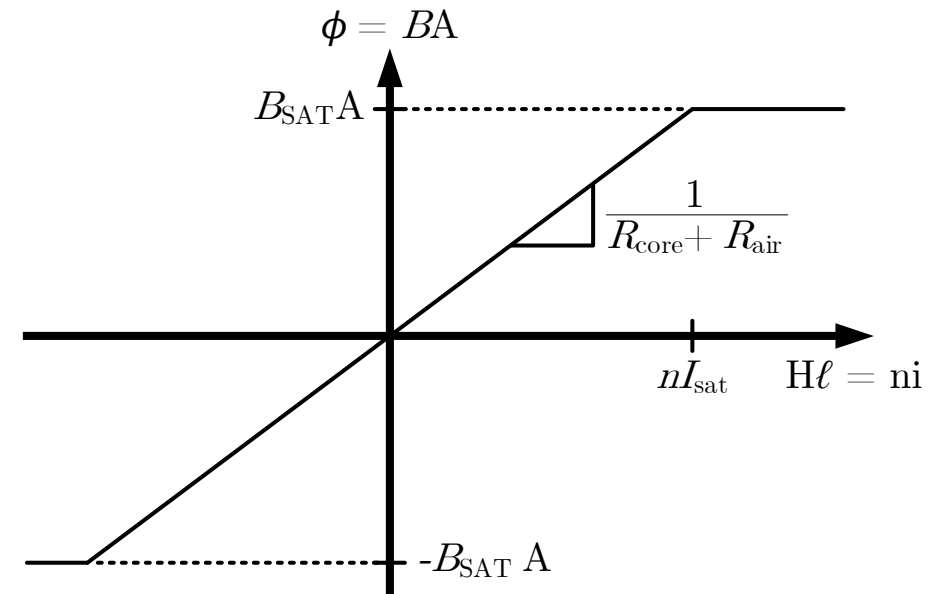
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Magnetics – gapped core

- What is the saturation current (I_{SAT}) if $B_{\text{SAT}} = 400 \text{ mT}$?
- $H\ell_m = NI$
- $B = \mu_0\mu_r H$
- $I = \frac{H\ell_m}{N} = \frac{B\ell_m}{N\mu_0\mu_r}$
- Effective reluctance: $R_e = \frac{\ell}{\mu_e A}$,
- $I = \frac{H\ell_m}{N} = \frac{B\ell_m}{N\mu_0\mu_e} = \frac{BA}{N} R_e$



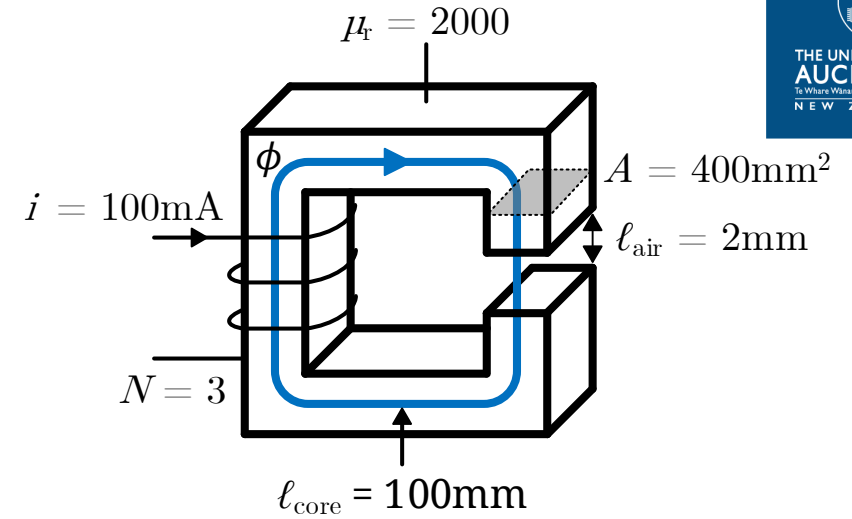
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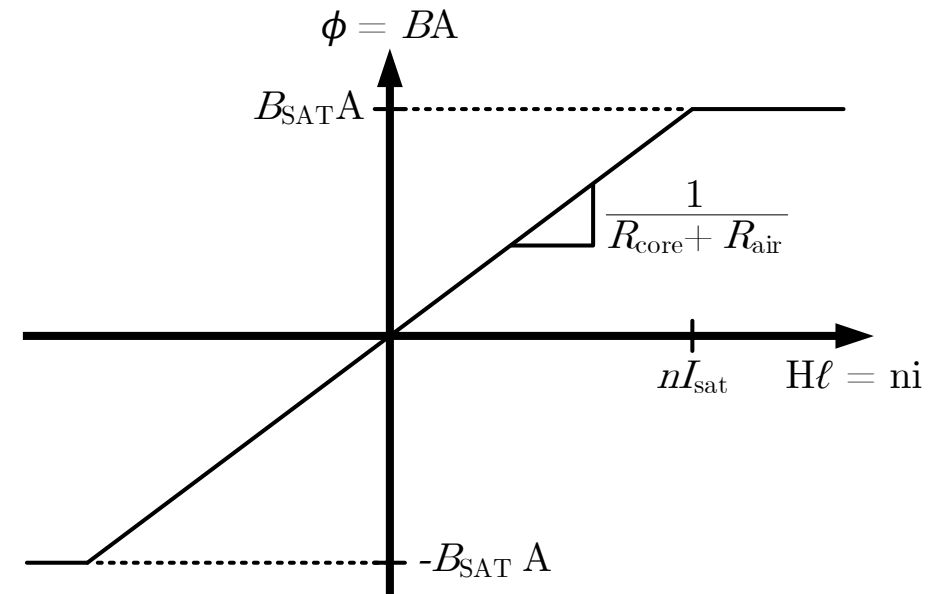
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- $I_{\text{sat}} = \frac{B_{\text{SAT}} A}{N} R_e = \frac{0.4 \times 0.0004}{3} 4078346 = 218 \text{ A}$



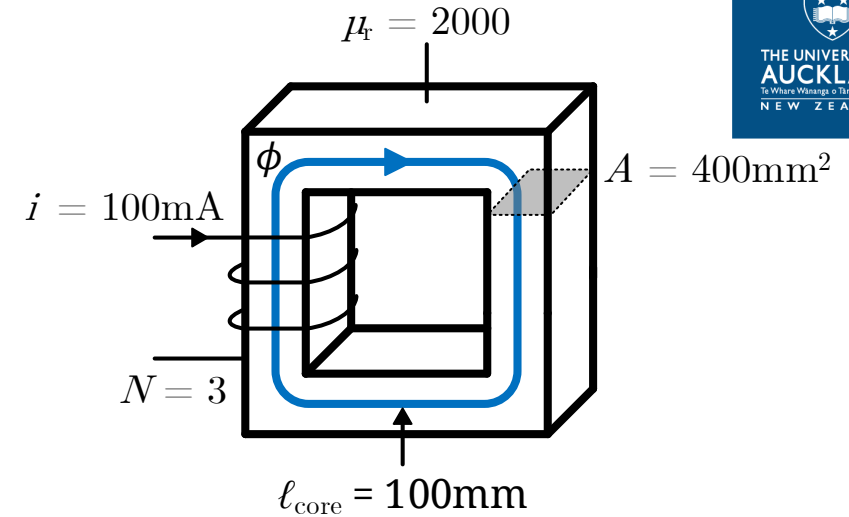
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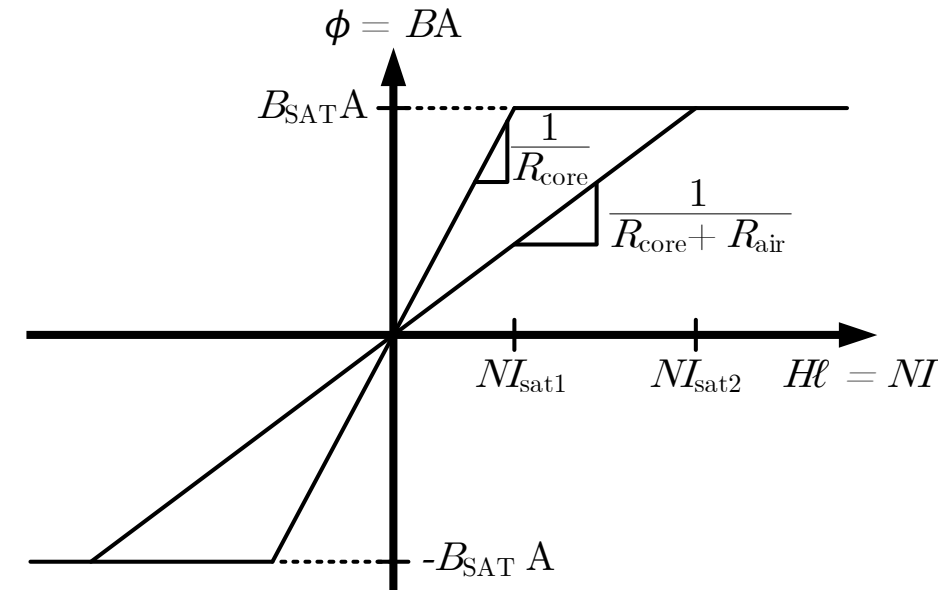
- B-H curve for inductor wound on a gapped core

Magnetics –core without air gap

- What is the inductance if the core had no air gap?
- $R_{\text{core}} = \frac{\ell_{\text{core}}}{\mu_0 \mu_r A} = \frac{0.102}{4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 2000 \times 0.0004} = 101461 \text{ H}^{-1} = 1 \times 10^5 \text{ H}^{-1}$
- $L = \frac{3^2}{101461} = 88.70 \text{ } \mu\text{H}$
- Using the same conditions as before, if $B_{\text{SAT}} = 400 \text{ mT}$,
- $i_{\text{sat}} = \frac{B_{\text{SAT}} A}{N} R_{\text{core}} = \frac{0.4 \times 0.0004}{3} \times 101461 = 5.41 \text{ A}$
- Remember that 2mm air gap created reluctance of about $4 \times 10^6 \text{ H}^{-1}$.
- A small air gap can form a large reluctance in the magnetic flux path.
- The high inductance is an indicator of the winding inducing a large magnetic flux per input current.
- However, the core reaches B_{SAT} quickly if too much magnetic flux is generated.
- The air gap in the cores increase the effective reluctance to push the saturation point further away.



- Example inductor wound on a core without an air gap



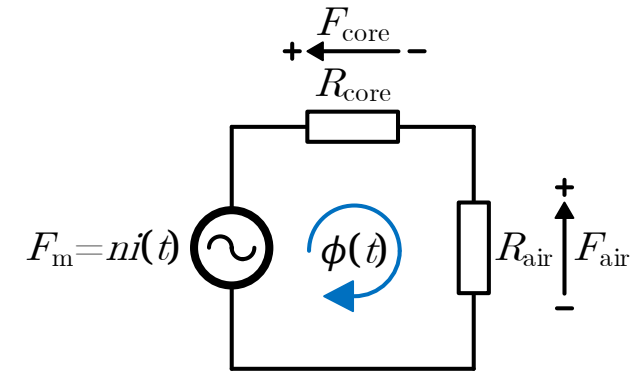
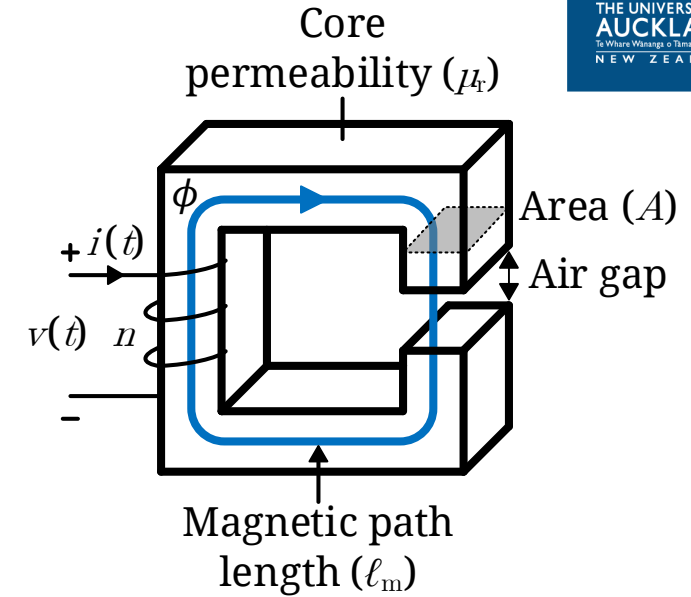
- B-H curves for inductor wound on a different cores 22

Magnetics – summary

- Magnetic circuits are analogous to electric circuits

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Magnetomotive force (F_m)	Electromotive force or voltage (V)
Magnetic field strength (H)	Electric field strength (E)
Magnetic flux (ϕ)	Current (I)
Magnetic flux density (B)	Current density (J)
Reluctance (R_m)	Resistance (R)
Permeability (μ)	Conductivity (σ)

- Faraday's Law:** $v(t) = \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt}$
- Lenz's Law:** $v'(t) = -A \frac{dB(t)}{dt}$
- Ampere's Law:** $\int_S H \cdot d\ell$
- Magnetic circuits can be formed using F_m , ϕ and R_m .
- Magnetic materials saturate and air gaps improve current carrying capacity by moving the saturation point.



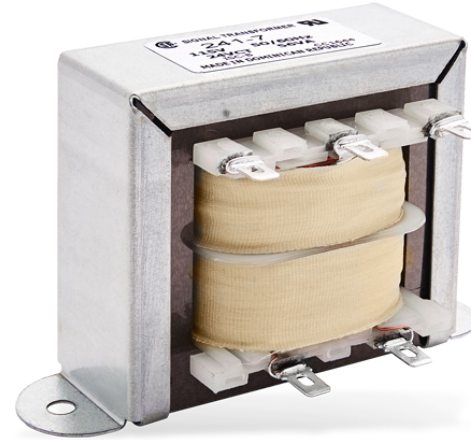
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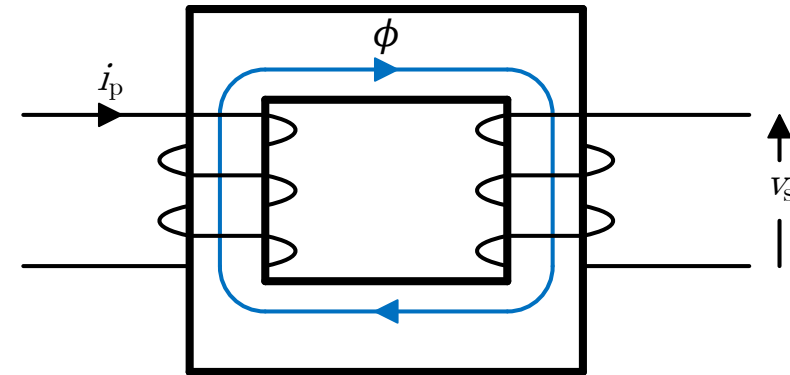
Ideal transformer

Magnetics – transformer

- Transformers are used in a wide range of applications to step the voltages up and down as well as for isolation purposes.
- A transformer transfers energy using magnetic flux without any conductive connection.
- According to Ampere's Law, electric current (i_p) generates a magnetic field strength of H .
- Ampere's Law:** $H(t) = \frac{Ni(t)}{\ell_m}$
- Within the core, magnetic field given by: $B = \mu_0\mu_r H$
- According to Faraday's Law, an electromotive force is induced in the secondary coil.
- Faraday's Law:** $v(t) = NA \frac{dB(t)}{dt} = N \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt}$
- Since only changes in magnetic flux induce voltage in the secondary, DC input does not induce any output.



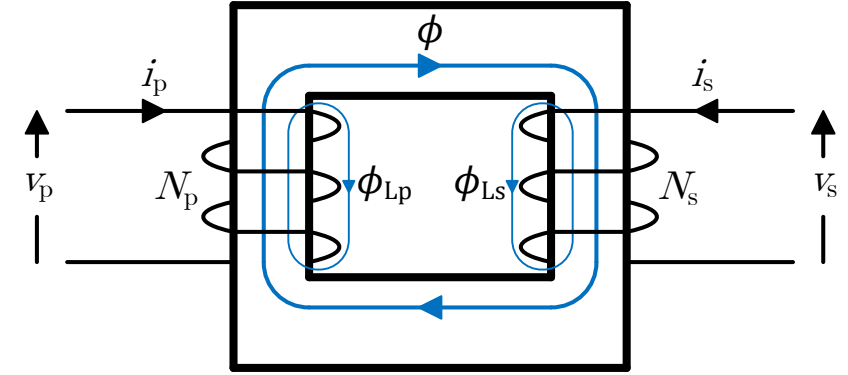
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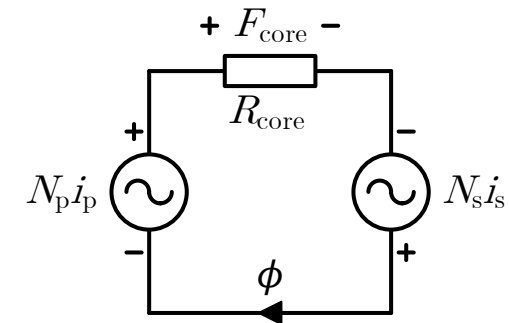
- Current into the primary coil inducing voltage in the secondary coil

Magnetics – ideal transformer

- An ideal transformer has:
 - No losses in the core and the winding
 - Infinite relative permeability in the core ($\mu_r = \infty$)
 - No leakage magnetic flux (ϕ_{Lp} and $\phi_{Ls} = 0$)
- Ideally, all magnetic flux generated by one coil passes through the other coil in a transformer.
- Leakage magnetic flux are magnetic flux generated by the energised coil that does not pass through the other coil.
- N_p and N_s refer to the number of turns in the primary coil and the secondary coil respectively.
- The magnetic circuit for a transformer gives:
 - $R_{\text{core}} = \frac{\ell_{\text{core}}}{\mu_0 \mu_r A}$
 - $F_{\text{core}} = N_p i_p + N_s i_s$
 - $\phi R_{\text{core}} = N_p i_p + N_s i_s$



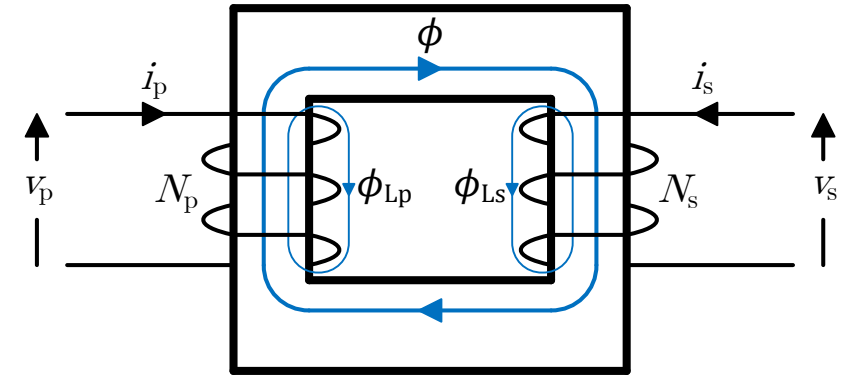
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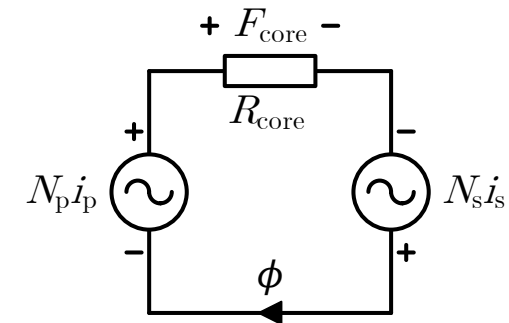
- Magnetic circuit for an ideal transformer

Magnetics – ideal transformer

- According to the magnetic circuit:
- $F_{\text{core}} = \phi R_{\text{core}}$
- In an ideal transformer, the reluctance of the core should be zero ($R_{\text{core}} = 0$) since $\mu_r = \infty$.
- $\therefore F_{\text{core}} = 0$
- Then the magnetic circuit becomes:
- $0 = N_p i_p + N_s i_s$
- Since Faraday's Law states that:
- $v_p = N_p \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt}$
- $v_s = N_s \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt}$
- Equate the two equations above by $\frac{d\phi(t)}{dt}$ to give:
- $\frac{d\phi(t)}{dt} = \frac{v_p}{N_p} = \frac{v_s}{N_s}$



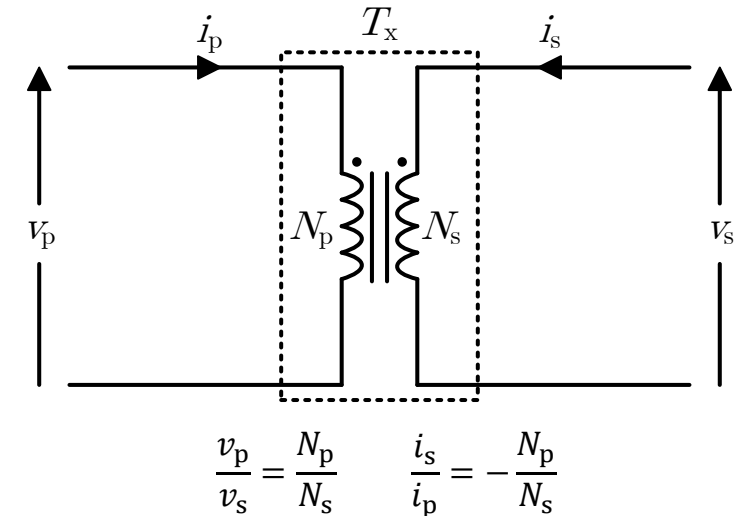
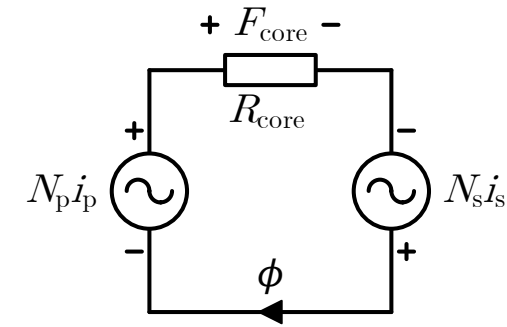
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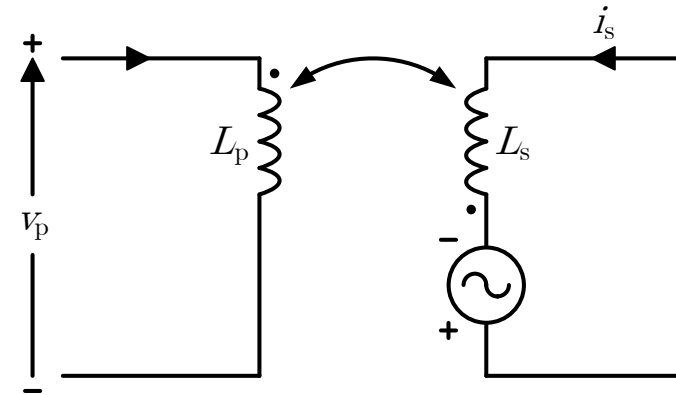
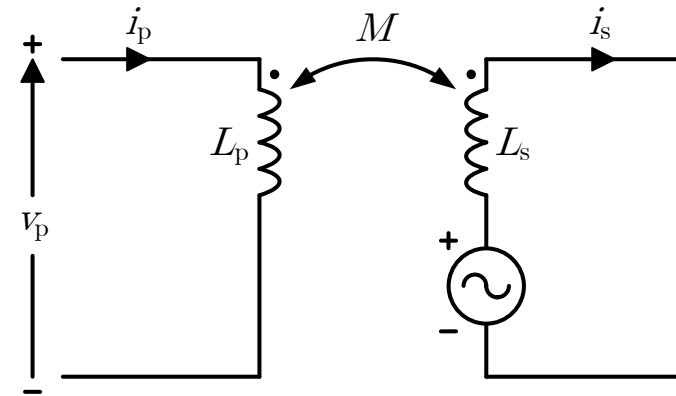
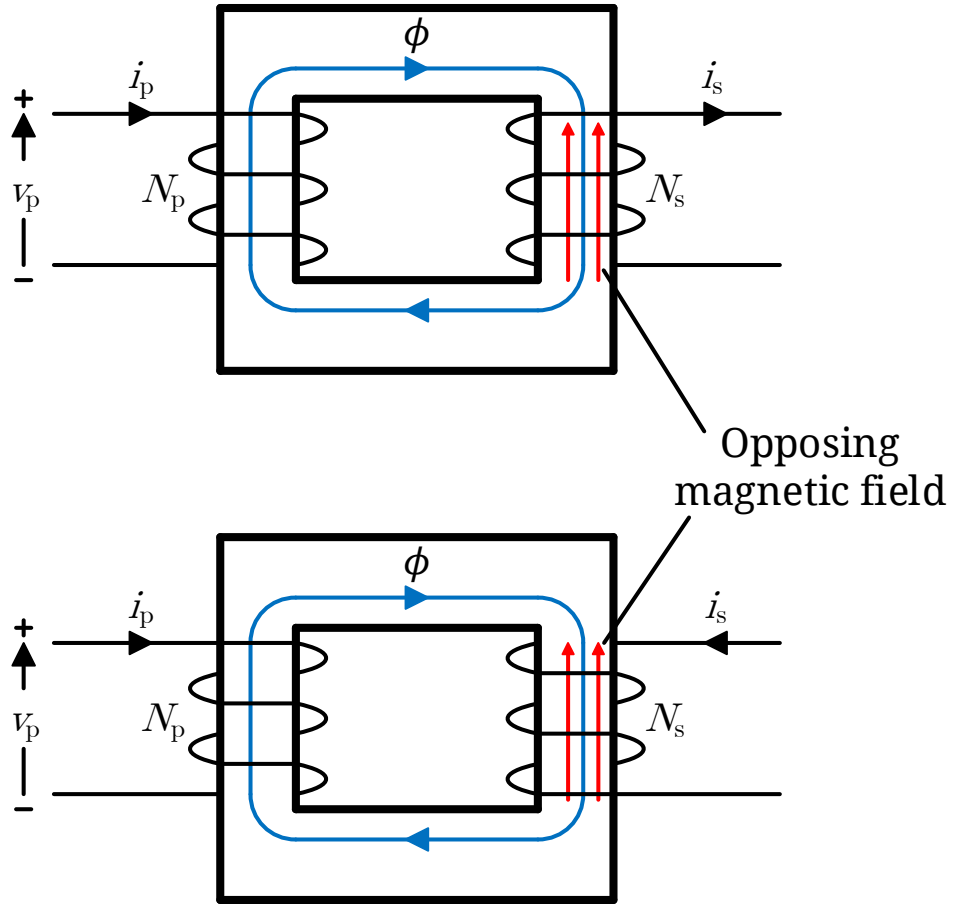
Magnetics – ideal transformer

- The previous equation can be modified to give:
- $\frac{v_p}{v_s} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$
- Turns ratio of the transformer** is defined as $\frac{N_p}{N_s}$.
- By modifying the turns ratio of the transformer, the secondary voltage can be stepped up or down.
- If the turns ratio is changed to modify the voltage, the current has to change accordingly.
- Given that an ideal transformer does not store any energy:
 - $v_p i_p + v_s i_s = 0$
 - $v_p i_p = -v_s i_s$
 - Divide the equation using the previous equation $\frac{v_p}{v_s} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$:
 - $\frac{i_p}{N_p} = -\frac{i_s}{N_s}$
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Magnetics – dot notation

- Voltage going into the dot = voltage going out of the dot

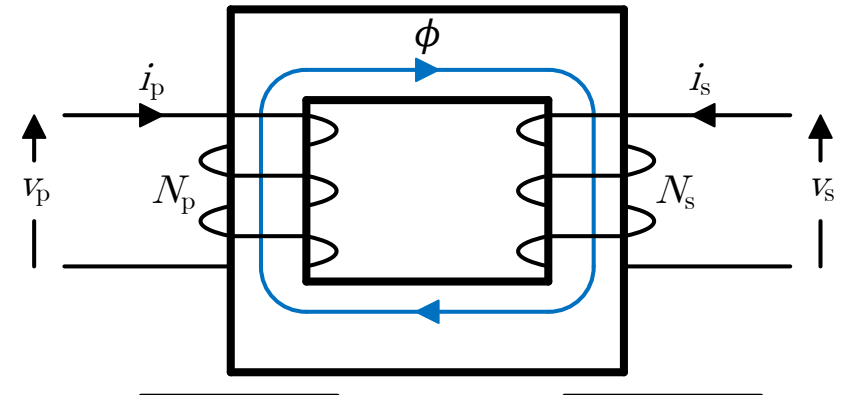


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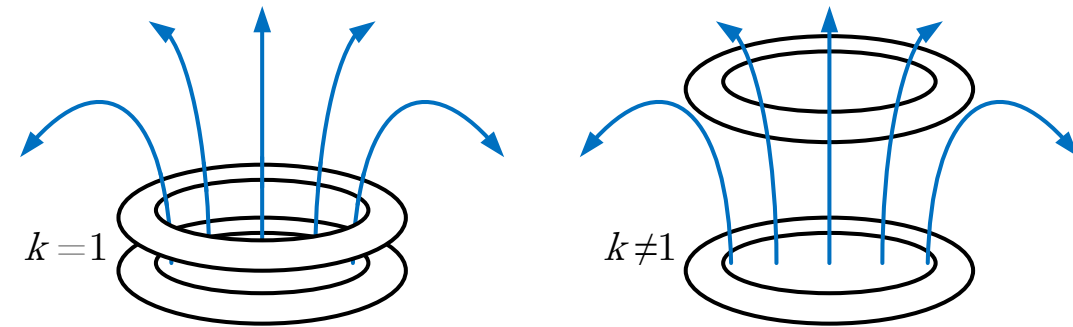
Practical transformer

Magnetics – coupling factor

- k is the **coupling factor** between the primary and secondary coils.
- k is defined to be $0 \leq k \leq 1$ and indicates the proportion of magnetic flux generated by the primary that passes through the secondary.
- In this case of an ideal transformer, all of the magnetic flux generated from the energised coil passes through the other coil ($k = 1$).



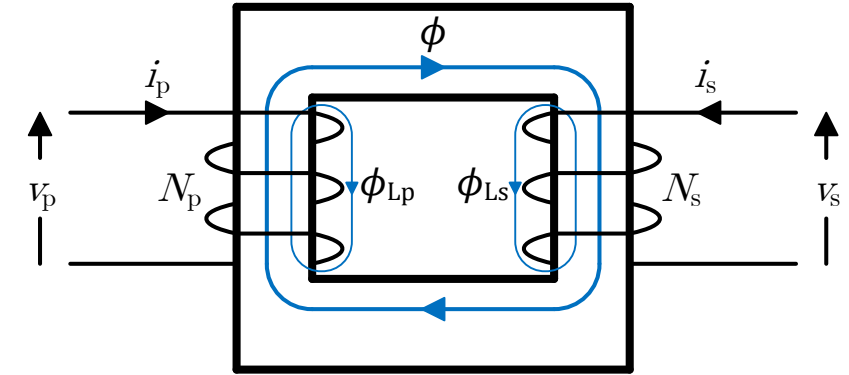
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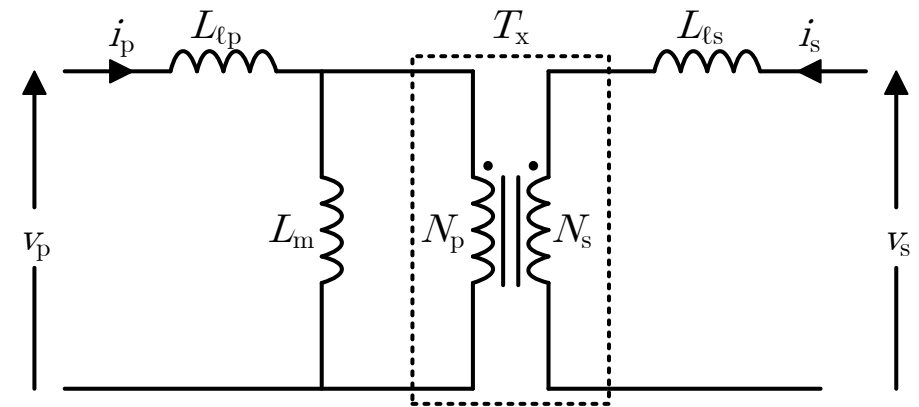
• Examples of high and low coupling factor

Magnetics – practical transformer

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 - Losses in the coils and the core
 - Finite relative permeability (μ_r) in the core
 - Leakage magnetic flux (ϕ_{L_p} and ϕ_{L_s}) $\neq 0$
 - Coupling factor (k) $\neq 1$.
- Infinite relative permeability does not exist in real life so some of the magnetic flux generated by the energised coil 'leaks out'.
- This leads the magnetic flux to be divided into two parts:
- **Magnetising magnetic flux (mutual flux)** (ϕ_m) passes through the core and is subject to saturation and core losses.
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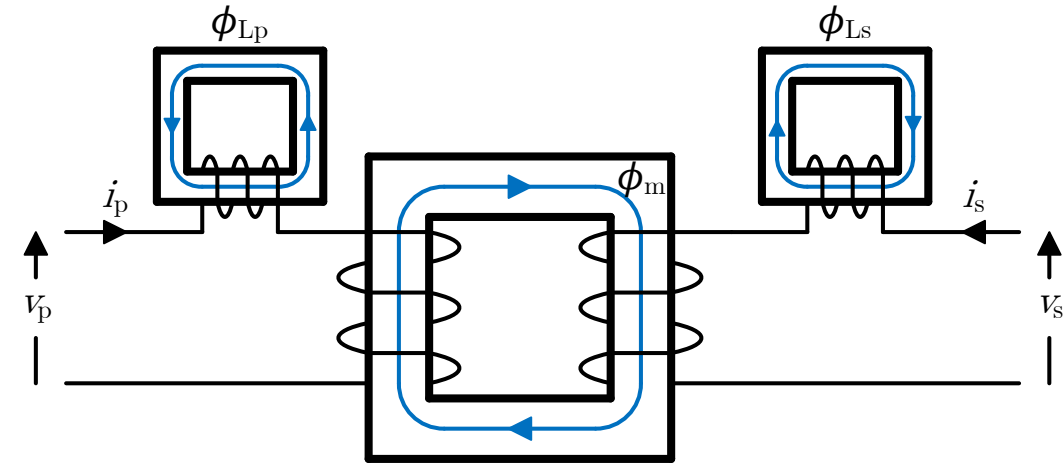
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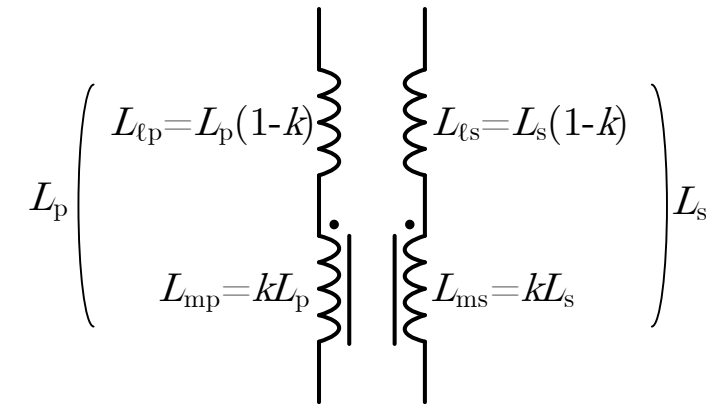
• Ideal transformer in circuit form with practical components

Magnetics – practical transformer

- If the magnetising inductance and leakage inductance could be separated out physically, they would be separate inductors wound in a magnetic core and air cores.
- **Magnetising inductance** (L_m) is due to magnetising magnetic flux (ϕ_m).
- **Leakage inductances** ($L_{\ell p}$ and $L_{\ell s}$) is due to the leakage magnetic flux (ϕ_{Lp} and ϕ_{Ls}).
- The leakage inductance adds to the total inductance, but does not help with transferring energy.
- In a practical transformer where $(k) \neq 1$,
- $L_{mp} = kL_p$ and $L_{ms} = kL_s$
- $L_{\ell p} = (1 - k)L_p$ and $L_{\ell s} = (1 - k)L_s$
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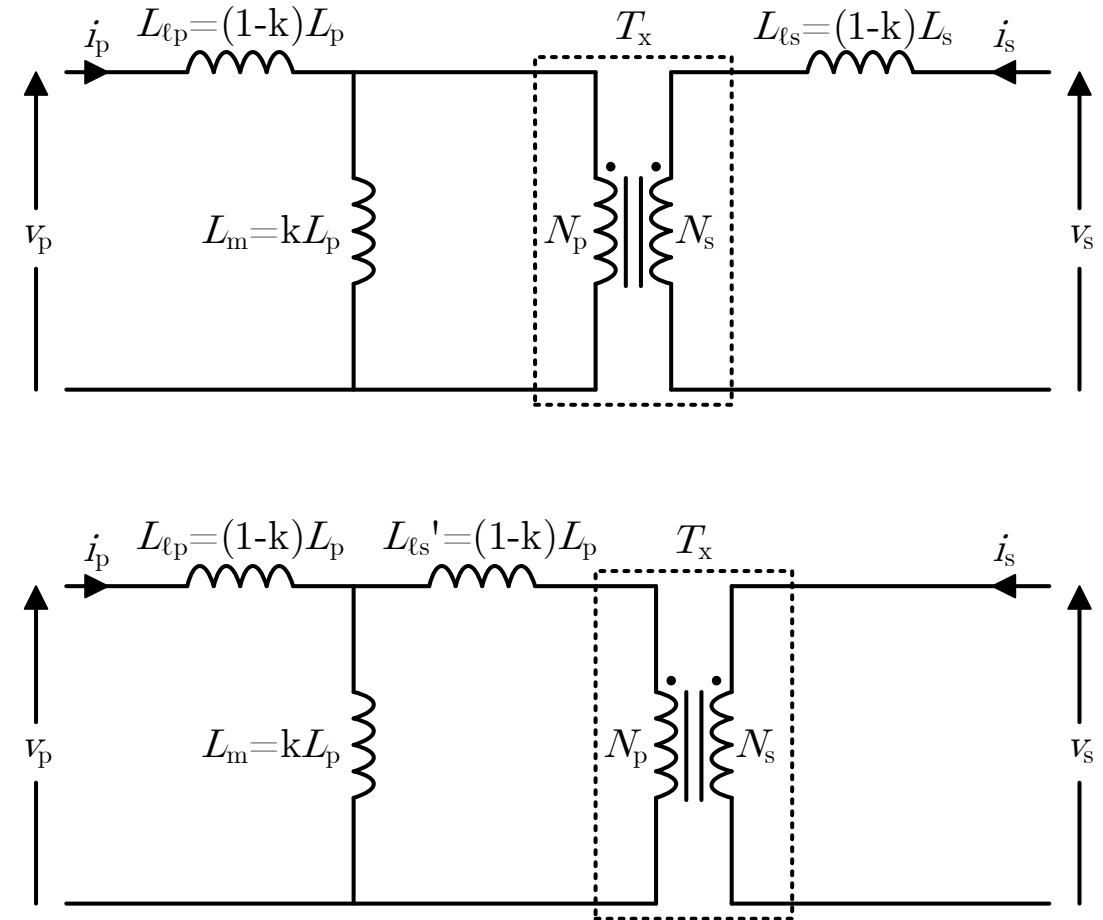
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- Division of leakage and magnetising inductances in terms of coupling factor

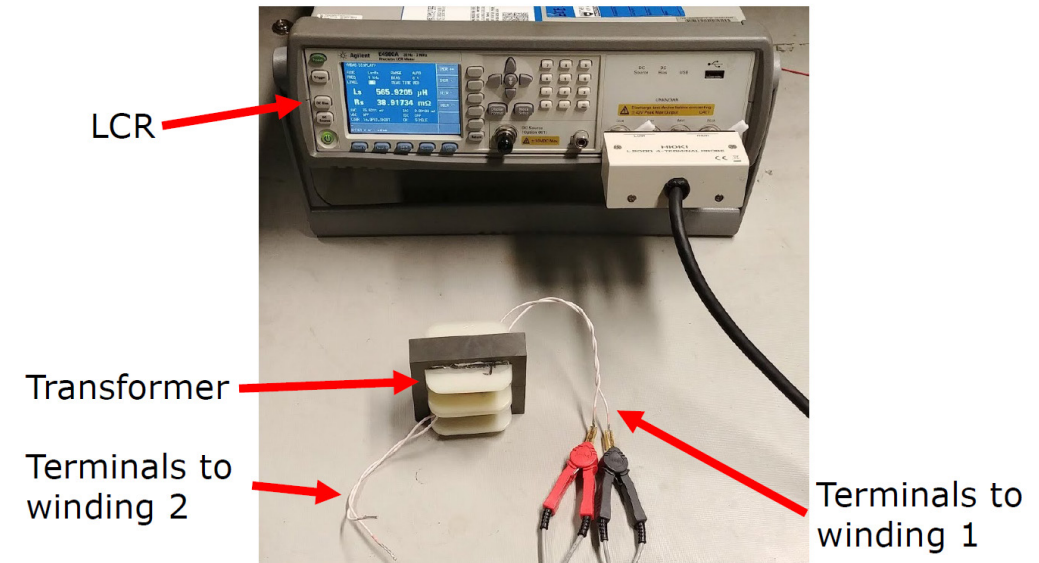
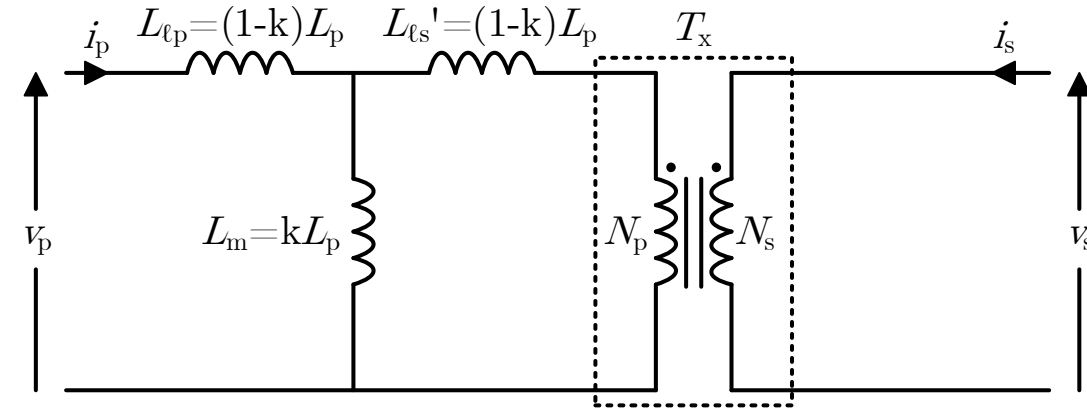
Magnetics – T-model

- To simplify the measurement of the transformer in real life, the leakage inductance in the secondary can be reflected on to the primary.
- The impedance transformation from secondary to primary is:
- $L'_{\ell s} = \left(\frac{N_p}{N_s}\right)^2 L_{\ell s} = \left(\frac{N_p}{N_s}\right)^2 (1 - k)L_s$
- Given that $\sqrt{\frac{L_p}{L_s}} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$, $L_s = L_p \left(\frac{N_s}{N_p}\right)^2$
- $L'_{\ell s} = \left(\frac{N_p}{N_s}\right)^2 (1 - k)L_s = \left(\frac{N_p}{N_s}\right)^2 (1 - k)L_p \left(\frac{N_s}{N_p}\right)^2$
- $\therefore L'_{\ell s} = (1 - k)L_p$
- This is called the ‘T-model’ of a transformer.



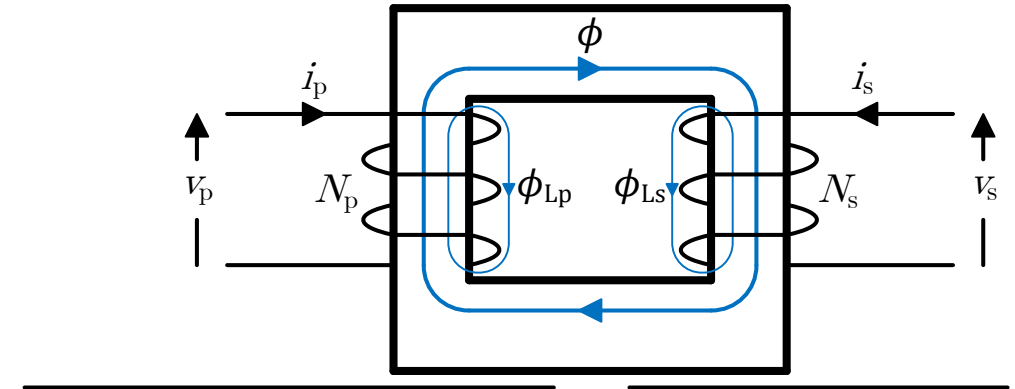
Magnetics – measurement

- Using an LCR metre, the inductance of the transformer can be measured.
- Open-circuit the secondary and measure the inductance as: $L_{\ell p} + L_m = (1 - k)L_p + kL_p = L_p$
- Short-circuit the secondary and measure the inductance as: L_{sc}
- Coupling factor is given by: $\sqrt{\frac{L_p - L_{sc}}{L_p}} = k$
- Using the turns ratio, the self-inductance of the secondary winding can be determined:
- $L_s = \left(\frac{N_p}{N_s}\right)^2 L_p$
- If turns ratio is unknown, measuring the inductance in the secondary with the primary open-circuited will also measure the secondary self-inductance.

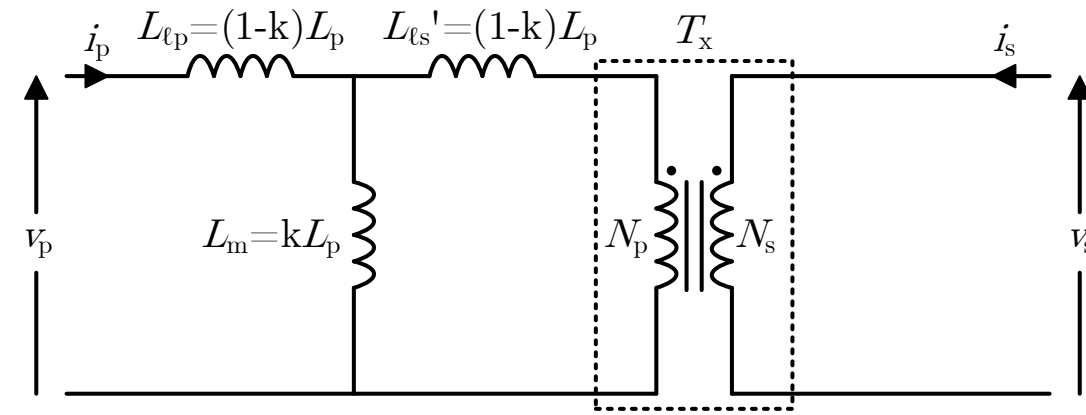


Transformers – summary

- In real life, a practical transformer has
 - Losses in the coils and the core
 - Finite relative permeability (μ_r) in the core
 - Leakage magnetic flux (ϕ_{Lp} and ϕ_{Ls}) $\neq 0$
 - Coupling factor (k) $\neq 1$.
- Turns ratio of the transformer is defined as $\frac{N_p}{N_s}$.
- Self-inductance is split into **magnetising inductance** and **leakage inductance**.
- Coupling factor is a ratio measuring how much magnetic flux generated from one coil is passing through another coil.
- Dot notation:
VOLTAGE INTO THE DOT -> VOLTAGE OUT OF THE DOT
- Use the LCR meter in the lab to find the transformer parameters.



• An example ideal transformer



• T-model of a transformer

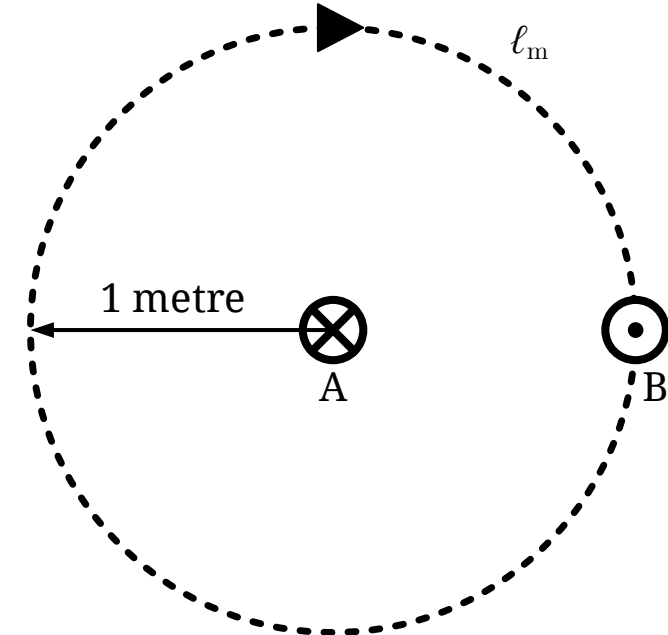


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Appendix

Derivation of μ_0

- Two conductors are spaced 1 metre apart from each other. The conductors have 1 A of current flowing in opposing directions.
- Then the magnetic field strength due to conductor A at a distance of 1 metre is:
- $H = \frac{I}{\ell_m} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{ Am}^{-1}$
- Here, ℓ_m is the closed circular path around the conductor.
- Force exerted on a conductor one metre away per ampere is defined as $2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ Nm}^{-1}$.
- Assuming the conductors have the same length, the magnetic field can be found as:
- $B = \frac{F}{I} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-7}}{1} \text{ T}$
- Then $\mu_0 = \frac{B}{H} = 2 \times 10^{-7} \times 2\pi = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Hm}^{-1}$



- Two parallel conductors with currents flowing in opposing directions.

Relationship between mutual inductance and magnetising inductance

- **Inductance** (L) is defined as $L = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_r n^2 A}{\ell_m}$ so:
- $\frac{L_p}{L_s} = \frac{\frac{\mu_0 \mu_r N_p^2 A}{\ell_m}}{\frac{\mu_0 \mu_r N_s^2 A}{\ell_m}} = \left(\frac{N_p}{N_s}\right)^2$
- $\therefore \sqrt{\frac{L_p}{L_s}} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$
- Mutual inductance is defined as: $M = k\sqrt{L_p L_s}$
- $M \frac{1}{L_p} = k\sqrt{L_p L_s} \frac{1}{L_p}$
- $M \frac{1}{L_p} = k \sqrt{\frac{L_s}{L_p}} = k \frac{N_s}{N_p}$
- $M = k L_p \frac{N_s}{N_p}$
- Since $L_{mp} = k L_p$
- $M = \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp}$
- $\therefore L_{mp} = \frac{N_p}{N_s} M$
- L_{ms} is L_{mp} reflected on to the secondary so multiplied by $\left(\frac{N_s}{N_p}\right)^2$
- $L_{ms} = \left(\frac{N_s}{N_p}\right)^2 \frac{N_p}{N_s} M = \frac{N_s}{N_p} M$



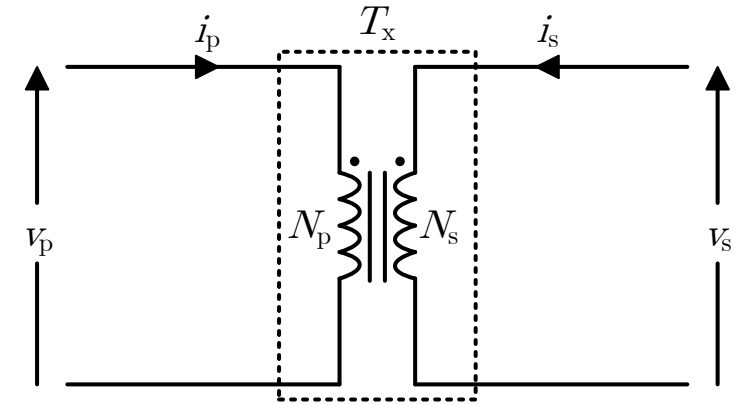
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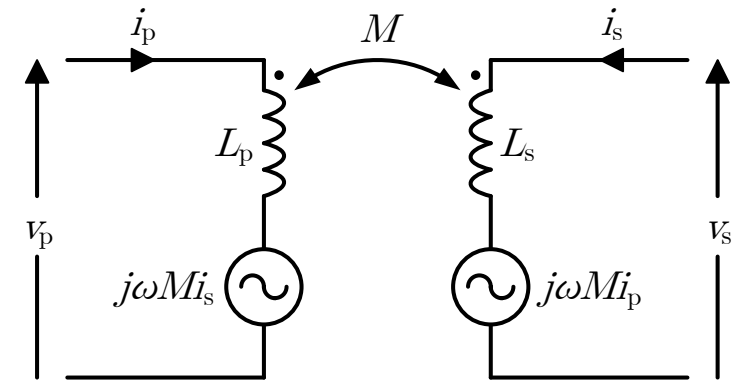
Ideal transformer

Magnetics – ideal transformer

- The ideal transformer in the circuit can be further broken down into two electrically separated circuits.
- Previously Faraday's Law was derived to find:
$$v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$
- In frequency domain, this is re-written as: $v = j\omega Li$
- ω is the **angular frequency** given by $\omega = 2\pi f$.
- Here, f is the frequency of the input waveform.
- ωL gives the reactance of the inductor (X_L).
- The two electrically separated coils are magnetically connected by the **mutual inductance** (M).
- Mutual inductance can be used to find the voltage induced from one circuit to another as:
$$v = j\omega Mi.$$



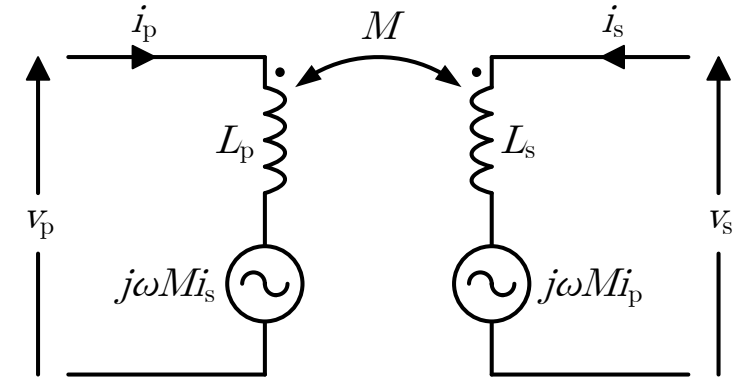
- Ideal transformer in circuit form



- Ideal transformer in circuit broken down into inductance and induced voltages

Magnetics – ideal transformer

- Using the derivations of Faraday's Law from before, an ideal transformer can be described using the following equations:
- $v_p = j\omega L_p i_p + j\omega M i_s$
- $v_s = j\omega M i_p + j\omega L_s i_s$
- L_p is the self-inductance of the primary coil.
- L_s is the self-inductance of the secondary coil.
- This can be re-written in the matrix form as:
- $$\begin{bmatrix} v_p \\ v_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} j\omega L_p & j\omega M \\ j\omega M & j\omega L_s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_p \\ i_s \end{bmatrix} = j\omega \begin{bmatrix} L_p & M \\ M & L_s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_p \\ i_s \end{bmatrix}$$



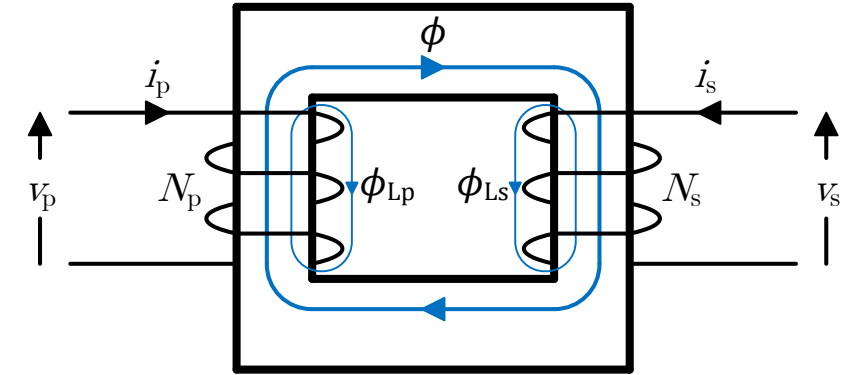
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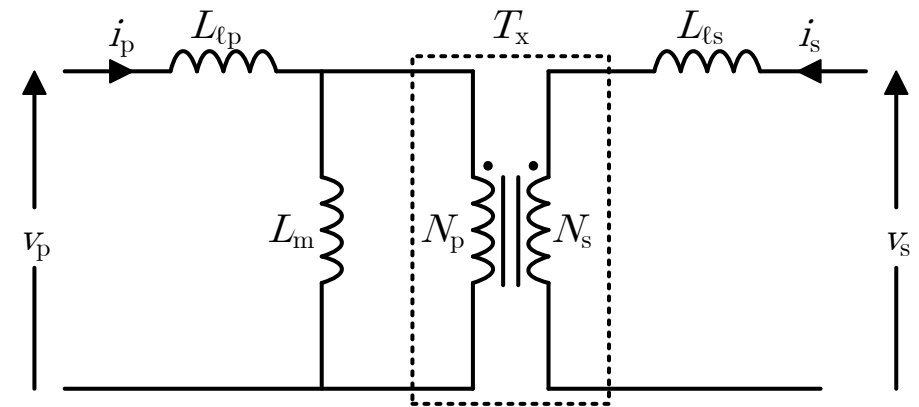
Practical transformer

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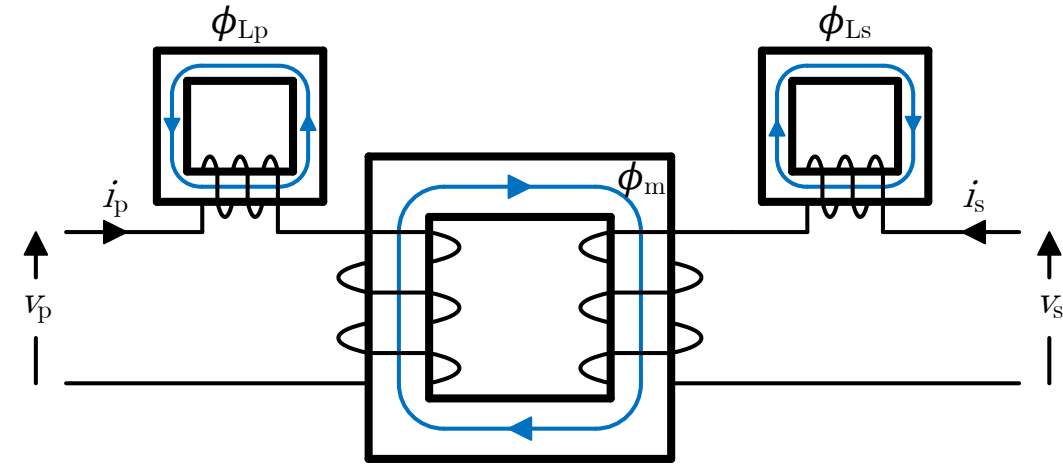
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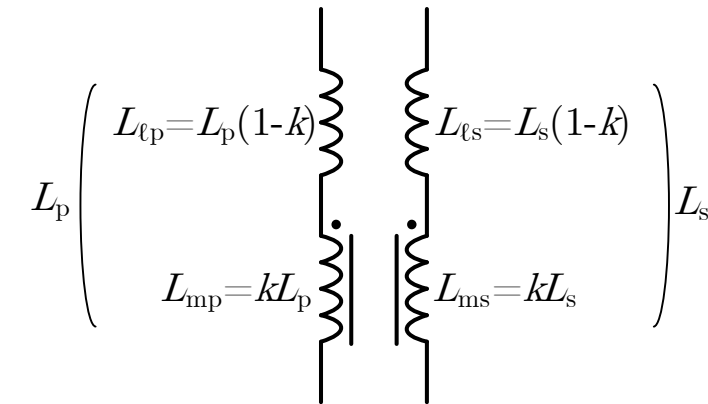
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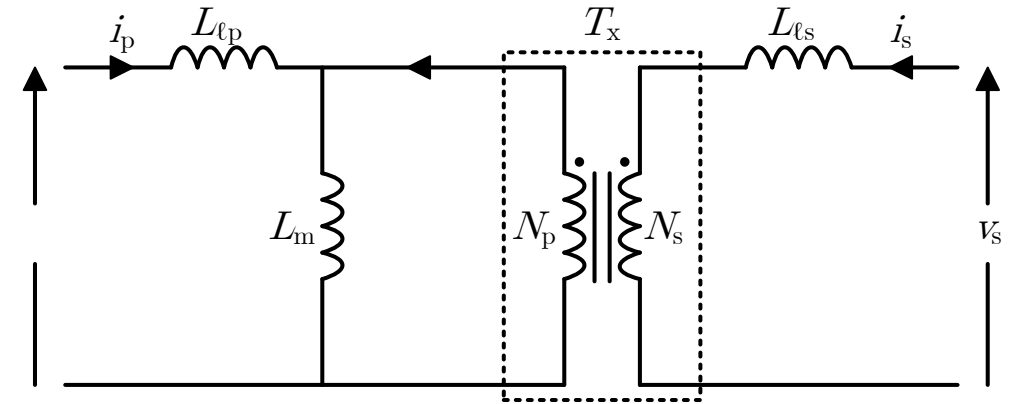
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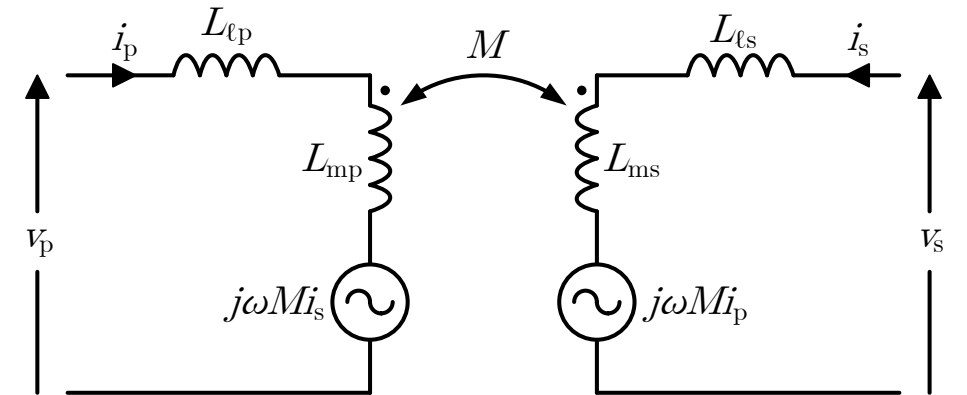
- Division of leakage and magnetizing inductances in terms of coupling factor

Magnetics – practical transformer

- The previous matrix with ideal transformer:
- $$\begin{bmatrix} v_p \\ v_s \end{bmatrix} = j\omega \begin{bmatrix} L_p & M \\ M & L_s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_p \\ i_s \end{bmatrix}$$
- Substituting: $L_p = j\omega L_{\ell p} + j\omega L_{mp}$ and $L_s = j\omega L_{\ell s} + j\omega L_{ms}$,
- $$\begin{bmatrix} v_p \\ v_s \end{bmatrix} = j\omega \begin{bmatrix} L_{\ell p} + L_{mp} & M \\ M & L_{\ell s} + L_{ms} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_p \\ i_s \end{bmatrix}$$
- Mutual inductance and magnetising inductance from the perspective of the primary are related as:
- $$M = \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp}$$
- Note that from the perspective of the secondary:
- $$M = \frac{N_p}{N_s} \left(\frac{N_s}{N_p} \right)^2 L_{mp} = \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{ms}$$
- So the matrix can be updated:
- $$\begin{bmatrix} v_p \\ v_s \end{bmatrix} = j\omega \begin{bmatrix} L_{\ell p} + L_{mp} & \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp} \\ \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp} & L_{\ell s} + L_{ms} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_p \\ i_s \end{bmatrix}$$



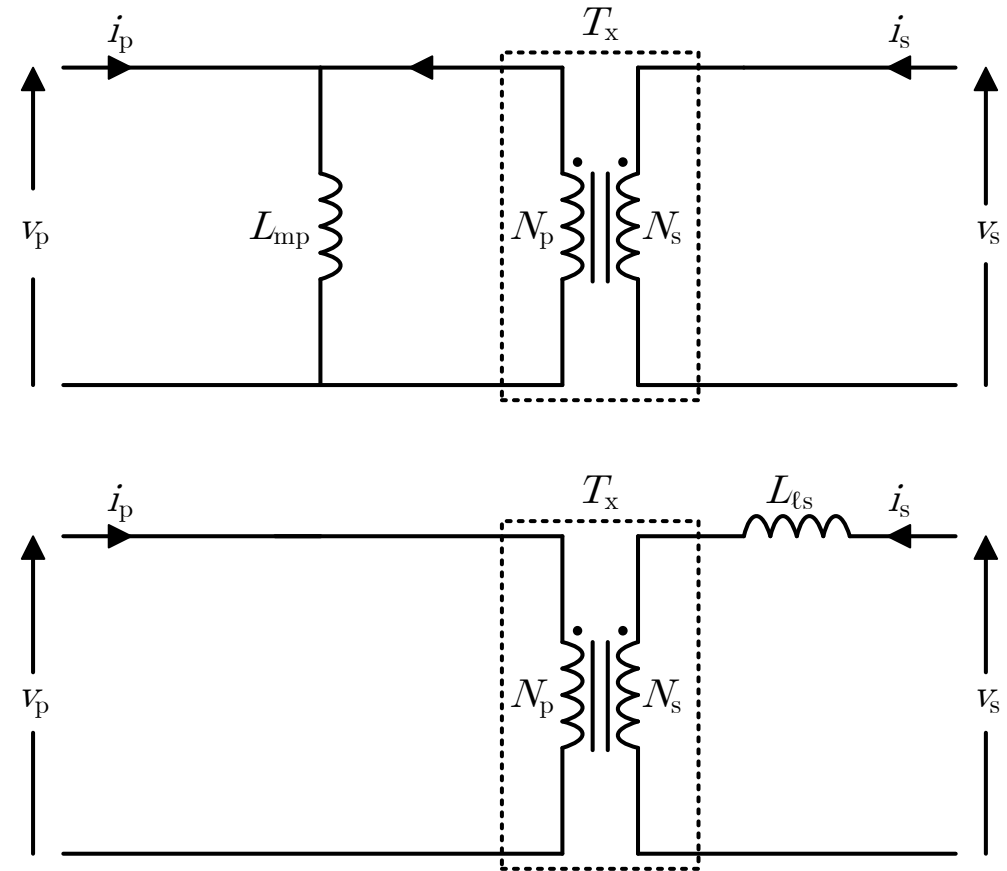
- Ideal transformer in circuit form with practical components



- Leakage and magnetizing inductances broken up

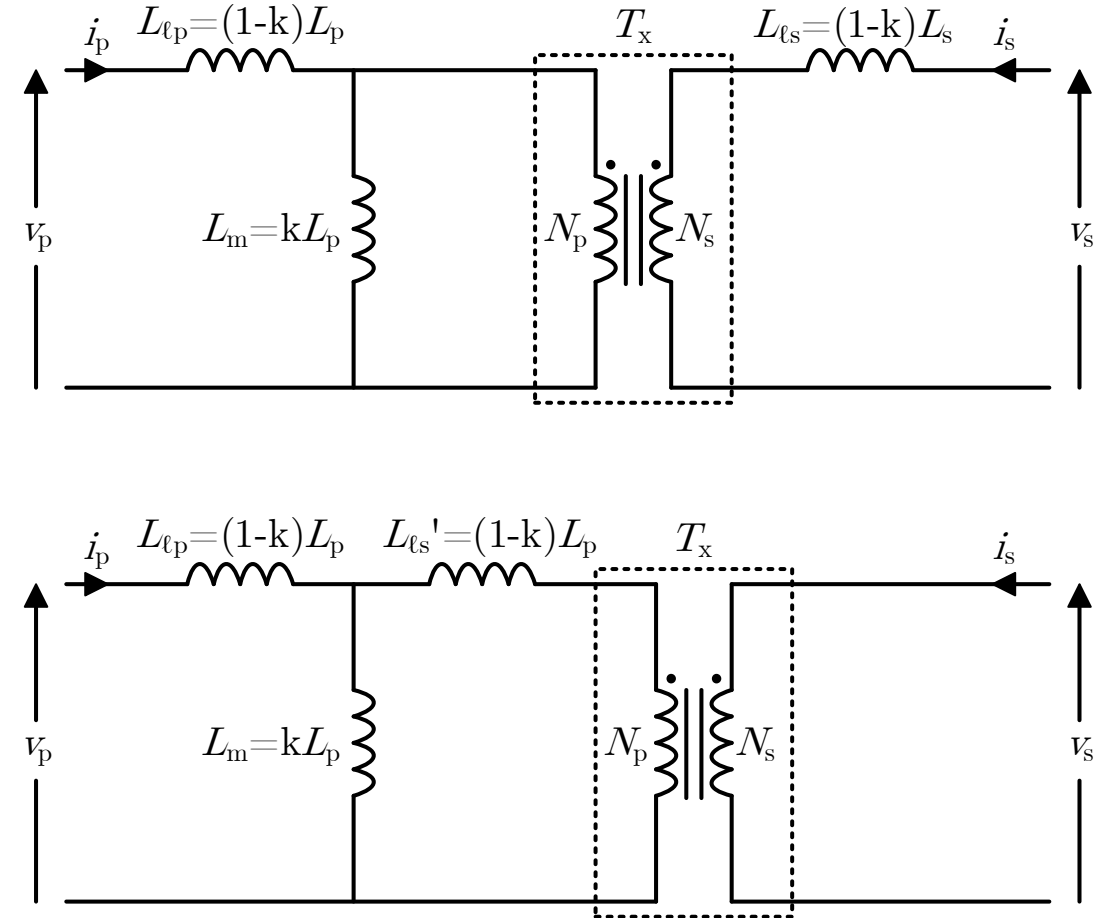
Magnetics – impedance transformation

- The impedance for L_{mp} for the primary is:
- $Z = j\omega L_{mp}$
- The ratio for voltages and currents in a transformer:
- $v_s = v_p \frac{N_s}{N_p}$ and $i_s = i_p \frac{N_p}{N_s}$
- The reflected impedance for L_{mp} for the secondary is:
- $\frac{v_s}{i_s} = Z' = v_p \frac{N_s}{N_p} \times \frac{1}{i_p \frac{N_p}{N_s}} = \left(\frac{N_s}{N_p}\right)^2 L_{mp}$
- For the case of $L_{\ell s}$ in the secondary,
- $\frac{v_s}{i_s} = Z = j\omega L_{\ell s}$
- $v_p = v_s \frac{N_p}{N_s}$ and $i_p = i_s \frac{N_s}{N_p}$
- $\frac{v_p}{i_p} = Z = v_s \frac{N_p}{N_s} \times \frac{1}{i_s \frac{N_s}{N_p}} = \left(\frac{N_p}{N_s}\right)^2 L_{\ell s}$



Magnetics – T-model

- To simplify the measurement of the transformer in real life, the leakage inductance in the secondary can be reflected on to the primary.
- The impedance transformation from secondary to primary is:
- $L'_{\ell s} = \left(\frac{N_p}{N_s}\right)^2 L_{\ell s} = \left(\frac{N_p}{N_s}\right)^2 (1 - k)L_s$
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Measuring the transformer

Magnetics – measuring the transformer

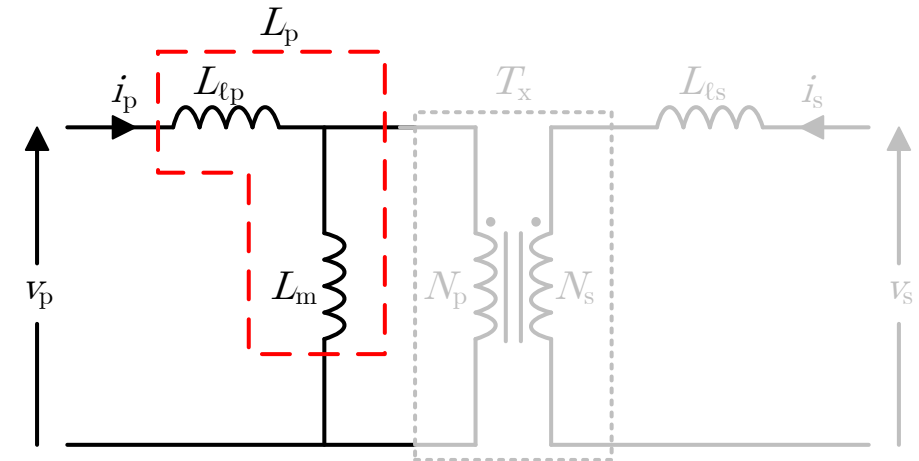
- This section looks at deriving the transformer equations without reflecting the secondary leakage into the primary.
- Open-circuiting and short-circuiting the transformer can be used to measure each component.
- If secondary is open-circuited ($i_s = 0$):

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_p \\ v_s \end{bmatrix} = j\omega \begin{bmatrix} L_{\ell p} + L_{mp} & \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp} \\ \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp} & L_{\ell s} + L_{ms} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_p \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_p = j\omega L_{\ell p} i_p + j\omega L_{mp} i_p + j\omega \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp} \times 0$$

$$\therefore v_p = j\omega L_{\ell p} i_p + j\omega L_{mp} i_p$$

$$L_p = L_{\ell p} + L_{mp}$$



Magnetics – measuring the transformer

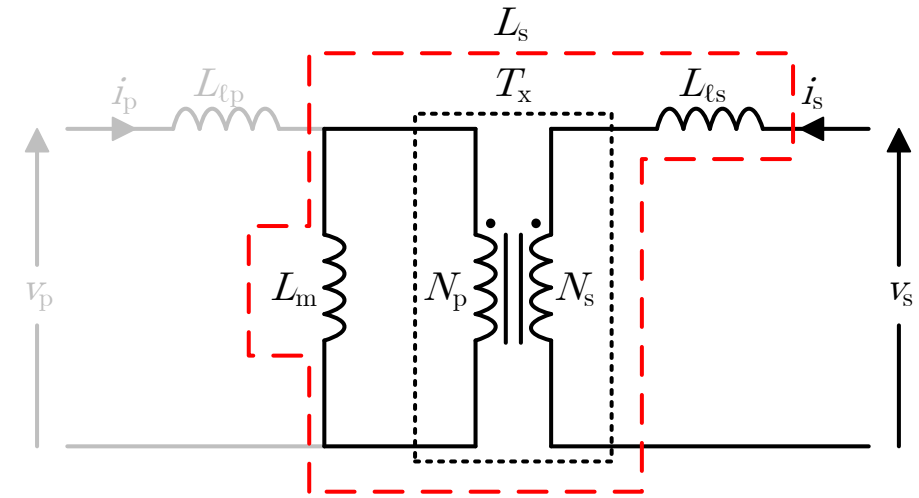
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- $$v_s = j\omega \frac{N_p}{N_s} L_{mp} \times 0 + j\omega L_{\ell s} i_s + j\omega \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{ms} i_s$$

- $$\therefore v_s = j\omega L_{\ell s} i_s + j\omega \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{ms} i_s$$

- $$L_s = L_{\ell s} + \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{ms}$$



Magnetics – measuring the transformer

- If secondary is short-circuited ($v_s = 0$):

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_p \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = j\omega \begin{bmatrix} L_{\ell p} + L_{mp} & \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp} \\ \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp} & L_{\ell s} + L_{ms} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_p \\ i_s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_p = j\omega L_{sc} i_p = j\omega L_{\ell p} i_p + j\omega L_{mp} i_p + j\omega \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp} i_s$$

$$0 = j\omega \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp} i_p + j\omega L_{\ell s} i_s + j\omega L_{ms} i_s$$

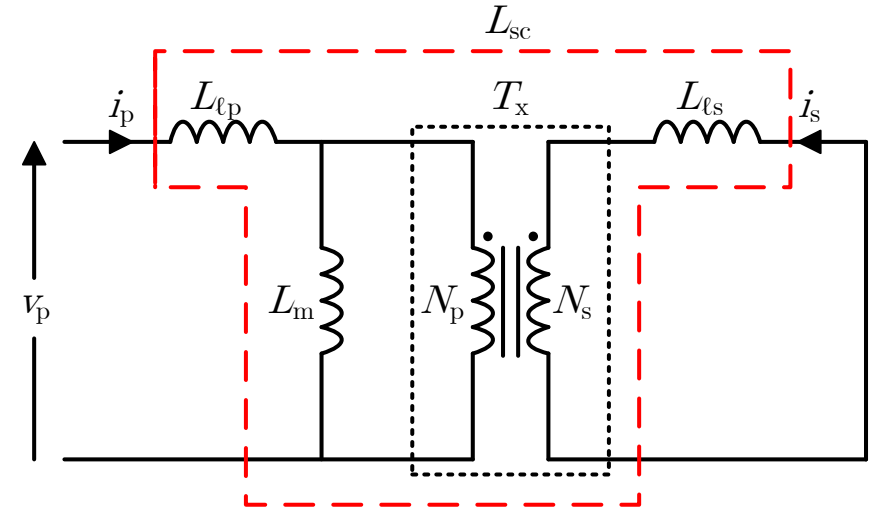
- Rearranging the equation for i_s :

$$-j\omega \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp} i_p = j\omega L_{\ell s} i_s + j\omega L_{ms} i_s$$

$$\therefore i_s = -\frac{j\omega \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp}}{j\omega L_{\ell s} + j\omega L_{ms}} i_p$$

- Substituting i_s into equation for v_p :

$$v_p = j\omega (L_{\ell p} + L_{mp}) i_p - \frac{\left(j\omega \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp}\right)^2}{j\omega L_{\ell s} + j\omega L_{ms}} i_p$$



Magnetics – measuring the transformer

- Given that $L_p = L_{\ell p} + L_{mp}$, $L_s = L_{\ell s} + L_{ms}$ and $M = \frac{N_s}{N_p} L_{mp}$:
- $$v_p = j\omega(L_{\ell p} + L_{mp})i_p - \frac{\left(j\omega\frac{N_s}{N_p}L_{mp}\right)^2}{j\omega L_{\ell s}i_s + j\omega L_{ms}}i_p$$
- $$v_p = j\omega L_p i_p - \frac{j\omega M^2}{j\omega L_s} i_p$$
- Since $v_p = j\omega L_{sc} i_p$,
- $$j\omega L_{sc} i_p = j\omega L_p i_p - \frac{j\omega M^2}{j\omega L_s} i_p$$
- $$L_{sc} = L_p - \frac{M^2}{L_s}$$
- Rearranging:
- $$M^2 = (L_{sc} - L_p)L_s$$
- $$\therefore M = \sqrt{(L_{sc} - L_p)L_s}$$
- Since $M = k\sqrt{L_p L_s}$:
- $$k = \frac{M}{\sqrt{L_p L_s}}$$

Magnetics – measuring the transformer

- An LCR metre is often used to measure inductances.
- The following can be measured:

- $L_p = L_{\ell p} + L_{mp}$

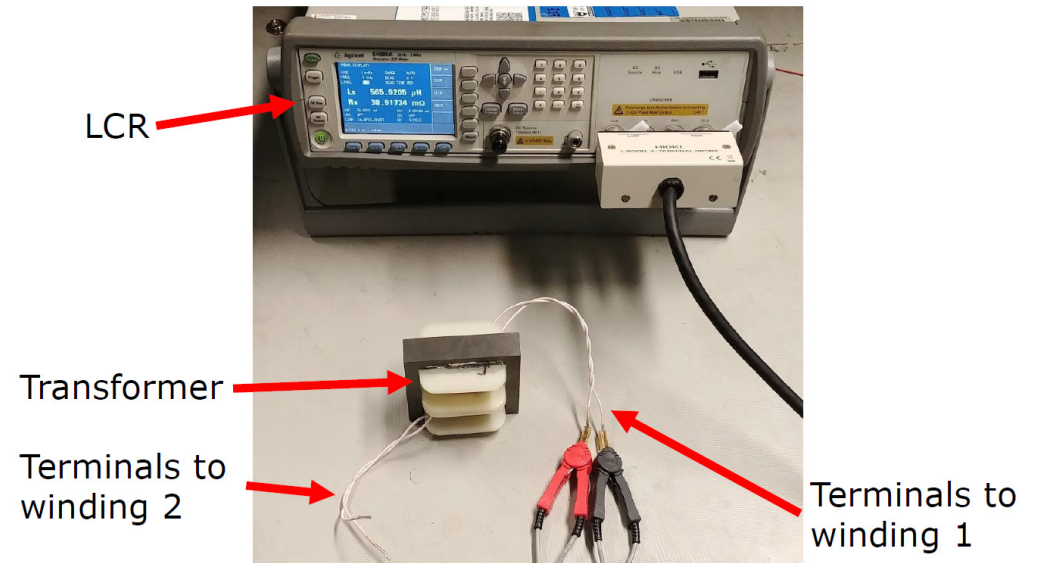
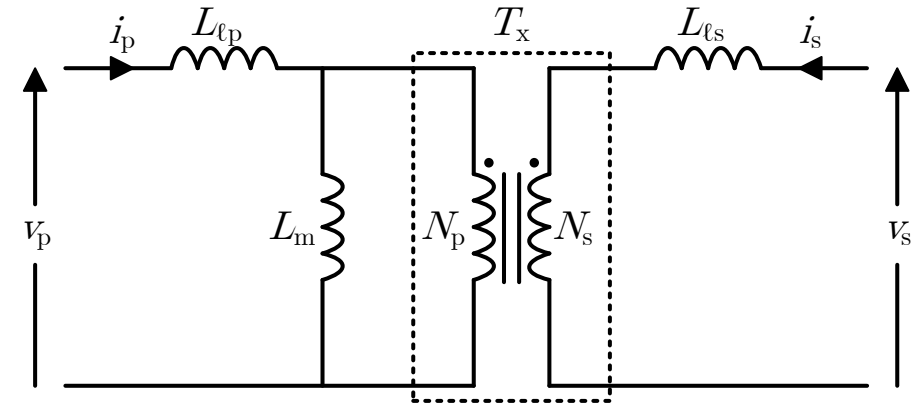
- $L_s = L_{\ell s} + L_{ms}$

- $L_{sc} = L_p - \frac{M^2}{L_s}$

- Given L_p , L_s and L_{sc} :

- $M = \sqrt{(L_{sc} - L_p)L_s}$

- $k = \frac{M}{\sqrt{L_p L_s}}$



Magnetics – measurement

- Using an LCR metre, the inductance of the transformer can be measured.
- If the secondary is open-circuited, primary terminals measure the self-inductance of the primary winding:
- $L_{oc} = (1 - k)L_p + kL_p = L_p$
- Using the turns ratio, the self-inductance of the secondary winding can be determined:
- $L_s = \left(\frac{N_p}{N_s}\right)^2 L_p$
- If the secondary is short-circuited, secondary terminals measures:
- $$L_{sc} = (1 - k)L_p + \frac{(1-k)L_p k L_p}{(1-k)L_p + k L_p} = (1 - k)L_p + \frac{(1-k)L_p k L_p}{L_p}$$
- $$= (1 - k)L_p + (1 - k)k L_p = L_p - k L_p + k L_p - k^2 L_p$$
- $$= L_p - k^2 L_p$$
- Then the coupling factor of the transformer can be found by:
- $$\sqrt{\frac{L_{oc} - L_{sc}}{L_{oc}}} = \sqrt{\frac{L_p - L_p + k^2 L_p}{L_p}} = k$$
- From here, $M = k\sqrt{L_p L_s}$

