Low-Frequency Magnetic Field Shielding Physics and Discovery for Fabric Enclosures Using Numerical Modeling

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Outline

- The infinite planar shield as a canonical geometry for the design of magnetic shields
 - Superiority of various materials such as Copper, Steel and Permalloy for different thicknesses
- Comparison of simulated results with the several design approximations for infinite planar shields
- Cylindrical and Spherical magnetic conducting shield
- A simulation tool for LF magnetic field discovery and design
 - Canonical loop problems from the literature
 - MIL-STD 188-125-2 enclosure with loop antenna

Introduction

The infinite planar shield has been studied as a canonical geometry for the design of EM shields. The shield consists of an infinite planar sheet with thickness Δ , large value of the conductivity σ , and/or of the relative magnetic permeability μ_{r} . [1]

Following figures show geometry of the problem for excitation source current loop placed parallel or perpendicular to the shielding plane.



Benchmark problem 1 Circular current loop parallel to an infinite plane Benchmark problem 2 Circular current loop perpendicular to an infinite plane

Parallel Loop Excitation - Geometry and Model



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Perpendicular Loop Excitation - Geometry and Model



The loop center is at the XYZ origin and the loop is in XY plane.

Magnetic field is monitored at symmetric location behind the shielding plane at:

$$Z = 2h = 61 \text{ cm}$$



In simulation model the infinite plate was replaced by a sufficiently large plate with length and width: a = 7h = 3.05 m.

Modeling is performed in **EMCoS EMC Studio** [4] using Low Frequency Magnetic Field solver [5, 6].

LF Modeling and Measurements: Loop over Al Plate [6]





Modeling is performed in EMCoS EMC Studio.

Number of coil turns: 10 Coil Radius: 51.3 mm Height of the coil: 53 mm Wire radius: 3.53 mm

Very good agreement between modeling and measurement for input impedance.



LF Modeling vs. Measurements: Printed Loops over Al [6]





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Calculation of Shielding Effectiveness

Step 1: Calculation of \vec{H}_i (Incident Magnetic Field) without shield.

Step 2: Calculation of \vec{H}_t (Transmitted Magnetic Field) with shield.

Step 3: *Shielding Effectiveness* is a ratio of the magnitude of the incident magnetic (electric) field without shield, with the magnitude of the transmitted magnetic (electric) field through the shield [2].

In terms of magnetic field, the *shielding effectiveness* could be defined as:

$$SE_{dB} = 20\log_{10} \left| \frac{\vec{H}_i}{\vec{H}_t} \right|$$

In terms of electric field, the *shielding effectiveness* could be defined as:

$$SE_{dB} = 20\log_{10} \left| \frac{\vec{E}_i}{\vec{E}_t} \right|$$







Step 2

Parallel Loop – Simulation Results Validation



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Simulation - Thickness Variation Test



Copper and Low Carbon Steel



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SE vs. Thickness @ 10Hz, 60Hz, 100Hz, 1KHz, 100KHz



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SE vs. Thickness



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Permeability Variation - Low Carbon Steel - 10 KHz



With fixed steel conductivity, permeability was tested in the range of values from $\mu = 200$ up to $\mu = 80000$ to find out required value to achieve 20 dB Shielding Effectiveness Spec.

20 dB SE @ 10 KHz requires:

Thickness	Permeability µ
10 um	~120,000
15 um	~70,000
20 um	~40,000



Skin Depth vs. Frequency



Parallel Loop - Bannister Approximation

Two quasi-near approximations are introduced:

- 1. When the measurement distance is much smaller than the operating wavelength ($L \ll \lambda_0$), the propagation constant in air can be neglected
- 2. When the measurement distance is much greater than the skin depth in the shield $(L \gg \delta)$ and the shield is thicker than twice the skin depth, the integration variable λ can be neglected

Bannister Approximation in the low-frequency case [1]:





Bannister Approximation - >100Hz



A and R terms according to the eq. (1)

If the shield is thinner compare to the skin depth, multiple reflections occurs between boundaries, because of the small absorption loss [**].

For Copper restriction $\Delta/\delta > 0.5$ is not fulfilled. For Permallov restriction $L/(\delta \mu_r) > 10$ is not fulfilled.

Frequency [Hz]

 10^{3}

 10^{4}

 10^{5}

 10^{2}

PERMALLOY

 $\mu = 50000 \sigma = 1.7 \times 10^{6} [S/m]$

Bannister Approximation is good as long as the quasi-near approximation restrictions are fulfilled, for frequencies >100Hz.

S. Celozzi, R. Araneo, G. Lovat, "Electromagnetic Shielding", John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2008, Fig. B.12, page 306 H. W. Ott, "Electromagnetic Compatibility Engineering", John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2009, Chapter 6, page 251

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TL theory Approximation [7] – Steel, Permalloy

With the additional assumptions: K > 10 and $\mu_r \ncong 1$

 10^{2}

Frequency [Hz]

80

60

40

20

0

10⁰

10



80

60

40

20

0

10⁰

10¹

 10^{2}

Frequency [Hz]

10³

10⁴



10⁵

10⁴

 10^{3}

10⁵

TL theory Approximation [7] – Copper, Steel



Measurement vs. Simulation

Graph represents the measured low-frequency magnetic field shielding effectiveness of various type of metallic sheets [3]. The measurements were made in the near field with the source and receptor 0.1in apart.



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Absorption Loss Term

Skin depth of copper, [m]:

$$\delta_c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu_0 \mu_c \sigma_{Cu}}}$$

 $\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7}$ – Permeability of free space $\mu_c = 1$ – Relative permeability of copper $\sigma_{Cu} = 5.82 \cdot 10^7$ – Conductivity of copper **COPPER** $\mu_r = 1 \quad \sigma_{Cu} = 54 \text{ x } 10^6 \text{ [S/m]}$

1010 LOW CARBON STEEL
$$\mu_r = 200 \quad \sigma_{rel.Cu} = 0.17$$

10⁴ Frequency [Hz]

Skin depth of arbitrary material, [m]:



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Magnetic Field Reflection Loss

Frequency [Hz]

The reflection loss, R term, for magnetic field (according to eq. 3 – copper and steel): **COPPER** $\mu_r = 1 \quad \sigma_{Cu} = 54 \text{ x } 10^6 \text{ [S/m]}$ $R = 20 \log_{10} \left[\frac{1}{8.485 \delta \mu_r} \frac{R^2 + z^2}{z} \right] \qquad \qquad \delta_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu_0 \mu_r \sigma_{rel,Cu} \sigma_{Cu}}}$ **1010 LOW CARBON STEEL** $\mu_r = 200 \quad \sigma_{rel,Cu} = 0.17$ $R_{m} = 20 \log_{10} \left[\frac{\sqrt{\pi \mu_{0} \sigma_{Cu}}}{8.485} \right] + 20 \log_{10} \left[\frac{\sqrt{f \mu_{r} \sigma_{rel,Cu}}}{\mu_{r}} \frac{R^{2} + z^{2}}{z} \right] = 4.7 + 20 \log_{10} \left| \sqrt{f} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{rel,Cu}}{\mu_{r}} \frac{R^{2} + z^{2}}{z}} \right| \qquad \text{PERMALLOY} \\ \mu_{r} = 50000 \quad \sigma_{rel,Cu} = 0.03$ PERMALLOY $SE = A_m + R_m = 132\Delta\sqrt{f\mu_r\sigma_{rel,Cu}} + 4.7 + 20\log_{10}\left|\sqrt{f_r}\right| \frac{\sigma_{rel,Cu}R^2 + z^2}{\mu_r}$ 180 180 Copper - eq.3 160 160 A - Copper Steel - eq.3 -- R - Copper Permalloy - eq.3 140 140 A - Steel Copper - Simulation R - Steel A and R terms, [dB] 120 120 Steel - Simulation A - Permaloy Permalloy - Simulation R - Permaloy ල 100 චු 100 ы 80 80 60 60 40 40 20 20 10^{3} 10^{0} 10^{2} 10^{4} 10^{5} 10^{0} 10¹ 10^{2} 10^{4} 10^{5} 10^{1} 10^{3}

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Frequency [Hz]

Magnetic Field Reflection Loss

The reflection loss, R term, for magnetic field (according to eq. 2 – steel, permalloy): **COPPER** $\mu_r = 1 \quad \sigma_{Cu} = 54 \text{ x } 10^6 \text{ [S/m]}$ $R = 20 \log_{10} \left| 0.354 \frac{\delta \mu_r}{z} + 0.118 \frac{z}{\delta \mu_r} + 0.408 \right| \qquad \delta_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu_0 \mu_r \sigma_{rel,Cu} \sigma_{Cu}}}$ **1010 LOW CARBON STEEL** $\mu_r = 200 \quad \sigma_{rel.Cu} = 0.17$ PERMALLOY $R_{m} = 20 \log_{10} \left| 0.0242 \frac{1}{z\sqrt{f}} \sqrt{\frac{\mu_{r}}{\sigma_{rel,Cu}}} + 1.72z\sqrt{f} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{rel,Cu}}{\mu_{r}}} + 0.408 \right|$ $\mu_r = 50000 \quad \sigma_{rel.Cu} = 0.03$ $SE = A_m + R_m = 132\Delta\sqrt{f\mu_r\sigma_{rel,Cu}} + 20\log_{10}\left|0.0242\frac{1}{z\sqrt{f}}\sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\sigma_{rel,Cu}}} + 1.72z\sqrt{f}\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{rel,Cu}}{\mu_r}} + 0.408\right|$ 180 180 Copper - eq.2 A - Copper 160 160 Steel - eq.2 R - Copper Permallov - eq.2 A - Steel 140 140 Copper - Simulation R - Steel A and R terms, [dB] 00 08 00 00 09 120 Steel - Simulation A - Permalov ---- Permalloy - Simulation -- R - Permaloy 100 gg (gg) 80 gg 60 40 40 20 20 0 10^{2} 10^{3} 10⁴ 10^{5} 10^{0} 10¹ 10⁰ 10^{3} 10^{4} 10^{5} 10¹ 10^{2} Frequency [Hz] Frequency [Hz]

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Introduction

Consider an infinitely long cylindrical shell with inner radius α , outer radius *b* and wall thickness Δ (i.e., $\Delta = b - \alpha$). The shell is placed in uniform ac magnetic field of amplitude H₀.

The infinitely long cylindrical magnetic conducting shield has been studied as a canonical geometry for the design of EM shields. The shield consists of an infinitely long cylindrical shell with radius $\rho_0 = 30$ cm and thickness $\Delta = 0.15$ mm, with large value of the conductivity σ , and/or of the relative magnetic permeability μ_r [*].

Following figures show geometry of the problem for cylindrical shell placed in an uniform external "transverse" or "parallel" magnetic field.



Benchmark problem 1 Cylindrical shell placed in an uniform external **parallel** magnetic field Benchmark problem 2 Cylindrical shell placed in an uniform external **transverse** magnetic field

[*] S. Celozzi, R. Araneo, G. Lovat, "Electromagnetic Shielding", John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2008, ISBN 978-0-470-05536-6, pages 293-300.

Geometry and Materials

Benchmark problem 1

Cylindrical shell placed in uniform external **parallel** magnetic field



Cylindrical shell placed in uniform external transverse magnetic field



COPPER CASTING ALLOY CC Alloy $\mu = 1.09 \quad \sigma = 1.18 \text{ x } 10^7 \text{ [S/m]}$

Thickness $-\Delta = 2mm$

Radius - $\rho_0 = 30$ cm Thickness - $\Delta = 2$ mm

Model of Parallel Magnetic Field

Parameters of cylinder: Length: L = 20 ρ_0 =600cm Radius: ρ_0 = 30cm

Parameters of coil:

Length: L = 20 ρ_0 =600cm Radius: R = 7 ρ_0 = 210cm Number of turns: 20



Field probes across the cylinder for monitoring H field.

Observation point in the center at (0,0,0)



at 10KHz (Linear Scale)

Parallel Magnetic Field



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Parallel Magnetic Field

Benchmark problem 2

Cylindrical shell placed in an uniform external transverse magnetic field



Spherical shell placed in an uniform external transverse magnetic field

Validation of Spherical and Cylindrical Shells Equivalently

350

300

250

Cylindrical Spherical

Data acquired from [*].

According to the graph we can conclude that even as shield geometry changes, the shielding mechanisms remain always the same. So we can place Spherical shell instead of the Cylindrical in an uniform external **transverse** magnetic field.



[*] S. Celozzi, R. Araneo, G. Lovat, "Electromagnetic Shielding", John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2008, ISBN 978-0-470-05536-6, pages 294, 298.

Transverse Magnetic Field



MIL STD 188-125-2 Test Setup

O - Test Area Center



- Antenna diameter is 30 cm (12 inches)
- Antenna position is 1.5 m from the exterior wall, and 1.0 m inside the interior wall
- Antenna locations are shown as #1, 2, ...

MIL STD 188-125-2: Model View



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Shielding Effectiveness at Various Distances to Wall



Parallel Loop

F = 10 KHz

Perpendicular Loop

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{COPPER} \\ \mu = 1 \quad \sigma = 58 \text{ x } 10^6 \text{ [S/m]} \\ \Delta = 20 \text{ um} \end{array}$

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Simulation – Shielding Effectiveness @ 10 KHz



CENTER FIELD PROBE F = 10 KHz **COPPER** $\mu = 1 \sigma = 58 \times 10^6 \text{ [S/m]} \Delta = 20 \text{ um}$

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Simulation – Magnetic Field @ 10 KHz



Simulation – Magnetic Field @ 10 KHz – Parallel Loop



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Simulation – Magnetic Field @ 10 KHz – Parallel Loop



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