### Magnetic Materials: Macro, Micro and Nano

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#### **Magnetic** Hysteresis

A delayed response to a stimulus
In this case, the stimulus is an applied magnetic field and the response is the magnetization or flux density



















## **Magnetic** Hysteresis





#### **Magnetic** Anisotropy

- Properties that vary with the direction of measurement
  - Crystalline
  - Shape
  - Stress

#### **Magnetocrystalline** Anisotropy

Anisotropy in hexagonal crystals 213



Fig. 7.5 Magnetization curves for a single crystal of cobalt (by Kaya [7.3]).

## **Ferromagnetic** Elements



			Gd	Тb	Dy	Но	Er	Tm	

### Four types of Materials

- Soft Magnetic
- Hard Magnetic (Permanent Magnets)
- Recording
- High Flux

#### **Soft Materials**

- Low H<sub>ci</sub>
- High Saturation
- Permeability
- Anisotropy, maybe
- Applications
  - Transformers
  - Inductors
- Materials
  - Fe, Si-Fe, Ni-Fe, Fe-B



### **Permanent** Magnets

- High H<sub>ci</sub>
- High Anisotropy
- High B<sub>r</sub>
- Applications
  - Motors, sensors,
  - Actuators
- Materials
  - Alnico, Ferrite
  - SmCo, NdFeB



### **Recording** Media

- Moderate H<sub>ci</sub>
- Moderate B<sub>r</sub>
- Applications Tapes, Films
- Materials
  - Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CrO<sub>2</sub>, Fe



### High Flux

- High M<sub>s</sub>
- Applications
  - Return path
  - Pole piece
- Materials
  - Fe, low carbon steel
  - Fe-Co
  - Ho



### The Walkman circa 1930



## **Scalable Magnetic Field**



# **MEMS** Device



#### Conclusions

- In the past, we were asked to find new materials to fill a specific need or asked to explain the behavior of existing materials.
- In the future, we will be asked to find new materials to fill a specific need or asked to explain the behavior of existing materials.
- While the materials of interest change, the fundamental paradigm of Materials Science does not.