

# London Equation & Penetration Depth.

In order to explain Meissner effect in Superconductor. H. London proposed Superconductivity. The Maxwell equation of electromagnetic wave fail to explain the ideal diamagnetism and zero electrical resistance. So in 1935 London Brothers modified the four Maxwell equation and derived new equation, that explain the magnetic and electrical properties of Superconductor. Now the four Maxwell equation are.

(i)  $\text{Div } H = 0$  ————— ①

(ii)  $\text{Curl } E = - \frac{dB}{dt}$  ————— ②

(iii)  $\text{Curl } H = J$  ————— ③

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30						
M	T	W	T	F	S			M	T	W	T	F	S				



We know that when a current flows through the superconductor, electrons are accelerated with constant vel. They move with this vel. year to year. Thus force experienced by the electron  $F = ma = m \frac{dv}{dt}$  --  
 If each electron having charge is  $(-e)$  then force experienced by electron  $F = -eE$  Bohemian

Now equating eq. of force we get

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = -eE \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{\frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{eE}{m}} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Suppose a substance contains  $n$  electrons and each having a charge  $(-e)$ . They are accelerated with constant vel. Then the current density is given as  $J = -nev$ . Diff. this both side

$$\frac{dJ}{dt} = -ne \frac{dv}{dt} \quad \text{--- (5) putting value of (4) in (5) we get}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dJ}{dt} = \frac{ne^2 E}{m}} \quad \text{--- (6) This is known as 1st London equation. According to London theory there are two types of electrons in superconductors: (i) Normal electrons (ii) Super electrons.}$$

Normal electrons do not respond to electric field only super electrons are assumed to respond to electric field. Taking Maxwell eq. (2). That is

$$\text{Curl } E = -\frac{dB}{dt} = -\mu_0 \frac{dH}{dt} \rightarrow \text{--- (7) } (B = \mu_0 H) \rightarrow$$

Taking curl of eq. (6) on both sides we get

$$\text{Curl } \frac{dJ}{dt} = \frac{ne^2}{m} \text{Curl } E \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

March Putting value of eq. (7) in eq. (8) we get

$$\text{Curl } \frac{dJ}{dt} = -\frac{ne^2 \mu_0}{m} \frac{dH}{dt}$$



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Thus  $\text{curl} \frac{dJ}{dt} = - \frac{\mu_0 n e^2}{m} \frac{dH}{dt}$

Integrating we get  $\int \text{curl} \frac{dJ}{dt} = - \frac{\mu_0 n e^2}{m} \int \frac{dH}{dt}$

$\Rightarrow \text{curl} J = - \frac{\mu_0 n e^2}{m} (H - H_0)$

where  $H_0$  is constant of integration and represent field inside the super conductor at  $t=0$ . But field inside of super conductor is zero ( $H_0=0$ ) According to meissner effect

Putting  $H_0=0$  we get.

$\text{curl} J = - \frac{\mu_0 n e^2}{m} H$

Thus it known as London's second eq.

Penetration Depth: - Taking maxwell eq. that is  $\text{curl} H = J$  [From eq. 3]

Taking curl of eq. (10) on both side we get

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

$\text{grad div} H - \text{grad grad} H = \text{curl} J$  [By def.  $\text{curl} \text{curl} H = \text{grad div} H - \text{grad grad} H$ ]

But  $\text{div} H = 0$

$-\text{grad grad} H = \text{curl} J$

$\Rightarrow -\nabla \cdot \nabla H = \text{curl} H \Rightarrow -\nabla^2 H = \text{curl} J$

Putting value of  $\text{curl} J$  in eq. (9) we get

$-\nabla^2 H = - \frac{\mu_0 n e^2}{m} H$  or  $\nabla^2 H = \frac{\mu_0 n e^2}{m} H \rightarrow (11)$

Let  $\lambda^2 = \frac{m}{\mu_0 n e^2}$  Then the eq. (11) become

$\nabla^2 H = \frac{H}{\lambda^2}$

where  $\lambda$  is called Penetration depth