drop across the leads, ensuring that the final measurement reflects only the unknown resistance.

## Significance in a Physics Lab:

#### 1. High Precision in Low Resistance Measurement:

• Accurate measurement of low resistances is critical in physics experiments involving conductors, superconductors, and other low-resistance materials.

#### 2. Materials Testing:

• It is often used to test the purity and quality of conductive materials (e.g., copper, aluminum) in industrial applications, and also to characterize materials in research labs.

#### 3. Eliminating Systematic Errors:

• The Kelvin Bridge provides a method to minimize systematic errors caused by lead resistance, ensuring that the measured value corresponds to the true resistance of the sample.

#### 4. Use in Calibration:

• It can also be used to calibrate low resistance standards or reference resistors, which are critical for maintaining accuracy in electrical measurements.



# HYSTERYSIS DEMO

A hysteresis demonstration in a physics lab typically involves illustrating the phenomenon of **magnetic hysteresis** using ferromagnetic materials, such as iron. Hysteresis refers to the

lag between an applied magnetic field and the resulting magnetization of the material, and it can be observed in various types of physical systems (mechanical, thermal, etc.), but it is most commonly demonstrated with magnetism.

# **Function of Hysteresis Demonstration:**

## 1. Illustrating Hysteresis Loop:

• The primary goal of the hysteresis demonstration is to display the characteristic **hysteresis loop** on a graph of magnetic flux density (B) versus magnetic field strength (H). This loop represents how the material responds when exposed to a cyclic magnetic field (increasing, decreasing, and reversing directions).

## 2. Magnetization and Demagnetization Process:

• During the demonstration, the material is exposed to an external magnetic field, and its magnetization process is shown as the field is increased. When the field is reversed or decreased, the material does not immediately demagnetize. This delay or "lag" is central to the concept of hysteresis.

#### 3. Energy Dissipation:

• The area within the hysteresis loop represents **energy loss** (typically as heat) per cycle of magnetization and demagnetization. This energy dissipation is a result of the internal friction and alignment of magnetic domains in the material.

## 4. Retentivity and Coercivity:

- The demonstration highlights two important properties of magnetic materials:
  - **Retentivity** (**Remanence**): The residual magnetism that remains after the external magnetic field is removed.
  - **Coercivity:** The amount of reverse magnetic field required to bring the material back to zero magnetization (i.e., to demagnetize it).

## **Procedure in a Typical Hysteresis Demonstration:**

1. Set-Up:

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• A ferromagnetic material (like an iron core) is placed in a coil or solenoid, and a varying magnetic field is applied using an external source of alternating current (AC).

#### 2. Measuring Equipment:

• Instruments such as a **flux meter** or **oscilloscope** are used to observe and record the magnetic flux density as the external magnetic field is cycled.

## 3. Plotting the Hysteresis Loop:

• As the magnetic field is applied and varied, the B-H curve is plotted, showing how the material magnetizes and demagnetizes over time, leading to the characteristic loop shape.

## Significance of Hysteresis Demonstration in Physics Lab:

- 1. Understanding Ferromagnetic Materials:
  - The demonstration is key in understanding the behavior of **ferromagnetic materials**, which are widely used in electromagnets, transformers, and motors. It shows how such materials respond to external magnetic fields.
- 2. Energy Loss in Magnetic Circuits:

• The concept of energy loss due to hysteresis is crucial in the design of efficient electrical devices such as transformers and electric motors, where minimizing hysteresis losses leads to better performance and reduced heat generation.

### 3. Material Characterization:

• The hysteresis loop provides information on key properties of magnetic materials, such as their retentivity, coercivity, and saturation magnetization. These properties are important for selecting materials in various applications, like permanent magnets and magnetic storage devices.

## 4. Explaining Non-Reversible Processes:

• Hysteresis is an example of a non-reversible process in physics. By demonstrating it, students can understand broader concepts like irreversibility, energy dissipation, and thermodynamic cycles in systems beyond magnetism (e.g., mechanical hysteresis in materials under stress).

## 5. Magnetization Curves in Practical Applications:

• The magnetization and demagnetization curves obtained from the hysteresis loop are used in real-world applications to design magnetic circuits for transformers, inductors, and magnetic storage devices, where precise control of the magnetic properties is needed.





The **Cathode Ray Oscilloscope** (**CRO**) is an essential electronic instrument used in physics and engineering labs to observe and analyze electrical signals. It provides a visual representation of voltage waveforms over time, allowing users to measure, monitor, and understand the behavior of electrical signals in real-time.

# **Function of a CRO:**

#### 1. Visualizing Electrical Signals:

• The primary function of a CRO is to convert electrical signals (usually voltages) into a visual representation on a screen. It displays how these signals vary over time, enabling real-time observation of waveforms.