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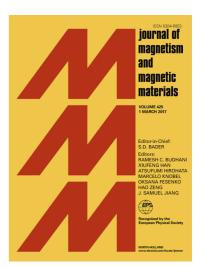
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#### **Abstract**

This paper implements an open-loop controller for generating earth's magnetic field in vessel's co-ordinate frame. It also incorporates the rotational movements along the three axes, without physically moving the object. This has potential application in prediction of signature for ferromagnetic marine vessels in changing earth's magnetic field experienced by the vessel due to change in location. It also considers the effect of roll, pitch and heading changes. Uniform magnetic field simulator is designed to generate the required magnetic field in the vessel's coordinate frame. Simulation results are verified using experimental laboratory setup.

Keywords: IGRF, Earth's magnetic field, Open-loop controller, Trajectory tracking, Signature, Degaussing

#### 1. Introduction

Ships and submarines, have been targeted by underwater and airborne mines and torpedoes. The magnetic presence of these marine vessels cannot be seen or felt unlike of acoustic signatures. The various reasons for magnetic presence of vessels are, firstly, induced magnetisim due to presence of earth's magnetic field, secondly, eddy currents due to rotation of electrically conducting vessel in earth's magnetic field [1], thirdly, due to corrosion protection systems [2] and lastly, due to machineries of onboard vessel [3] [4]. The magnetic presence of the vessel is designated as signature of the vessel. In recent decades utilizing earth's magnetic field for mitigating ship's and naval vessel signature has been increasing rapidly. The high permeability of ferromagnetic material, used for construction of marine vessels, as compared to that of air, leads to disturbances in ambient earth's magnetic field [5]. Ferromagnetic materials permit much higher flux values (B) for relatively low magnetic field strengths (H), and reach a saturation point after which very little additional flux (B) can be forced through the material. Thus, the ferromagnetic cylinder provides a channel for magnetic flux, creating chunks of flux convergence and divergence as shown in Figure 1 near the ferromagnetic cylinder [6].

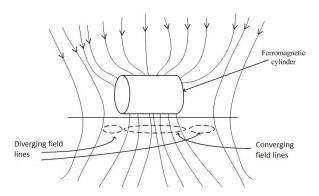


Figure 1: Ferromagnetic cylinder in ambient magnetic field.

The main contribution of this paper is to analyze several aspects of electromagnetic signatures related to variation of earth's magnetic field and to propose an open-loop controller to generate the three components of earth's magnetic field. This open-loop controller will be used to develop a degaussing strategy for ferromagnetic body. Degaussing refers to an active system which minimizes the magnetic signature of the ferromagnetic vessel. Ideally, one would install degaussing coils and pump appropriate currents through each of the coils such as to produce a magnetic field which would exactly cancel the distortion in the earth's field created due to the presence of ferromagnetic object. Also the sea vehicle's roll, pitch and heading change during their

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