

# Lecture 19: Magnetostatics

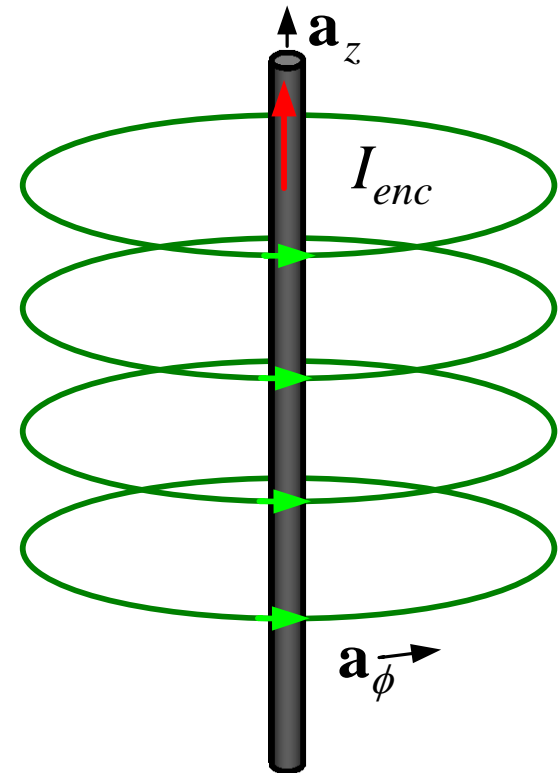
Ampere's law, applications, Chapter 7, pages 293-300

# Ampere's Circuital Law

Ampere's law in magnetostatics plays the same role Gauss law plays in electrostatics

it states that the line integral of the magnetic field strength  $\mathbf{H}$  around a closed path is equal to the current enclosed  $I_{enc}$  by that path

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = I_{enc} \quad \text{integral form}$$



# Differential Form

using Stoke's Theorem, we can write

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = I_{enc} = \iint_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$$

magnetostatic field is, in general, not conservative!

# Ampere's Law for Field Solution

similar to Gauss' law, Ampere's law is used in solving problems with high degree of symmetry

The integral  $\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  is carried over an Amperian path over which  $\mathbf{H}$  is either normal or tangential to the integration contour

when  $\mathbf{H}$  is tangential to the contour, it must have a constant value so that it can be taken outside the integral

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \oint H dl = H \oint dl = Hl = I_{enc}$$

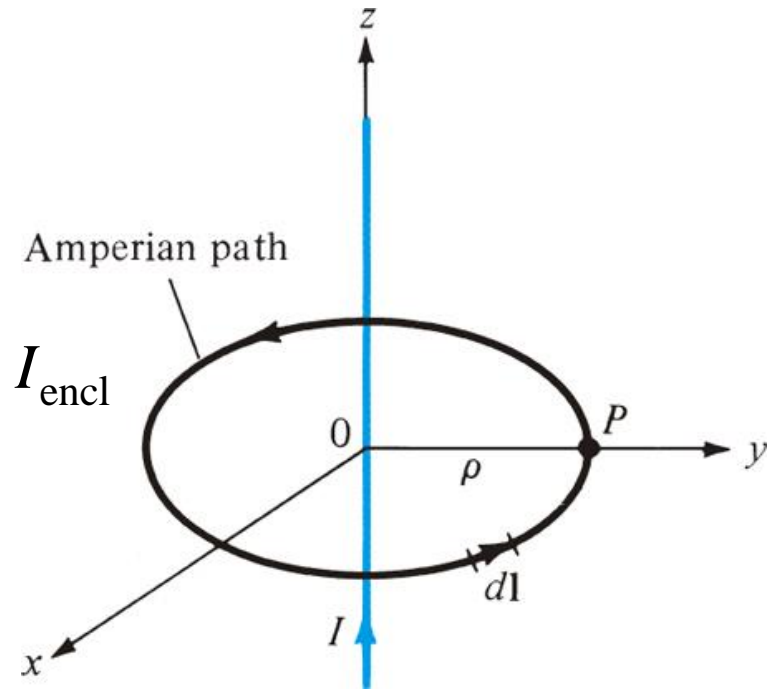
$$\Rightarrow H = I_{enc} / l$$

# Infinite Line Current

from symmetry,  $\mathbf{H}$  is in the  $\varphi$  direction and depends only on  $\rho$

$$\oint_C \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{L} = I_{\text{encl}} \Rightarrow \int_0^{2\pi} H_\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi \cdot \underbrace{\mathbf{a}_\phi (\rho d\phi)}_{d\mathbf{L}} = I_{\text{encl}}$$

$$\Rightarrow H_\phi 2\pi\rho = I \Rightarrow H_\phi = \frac{I}{2\pi\rho}, \text{ A/m}$$



same result obtained earlier using Biot-Savart's law

# A Thick Conductor

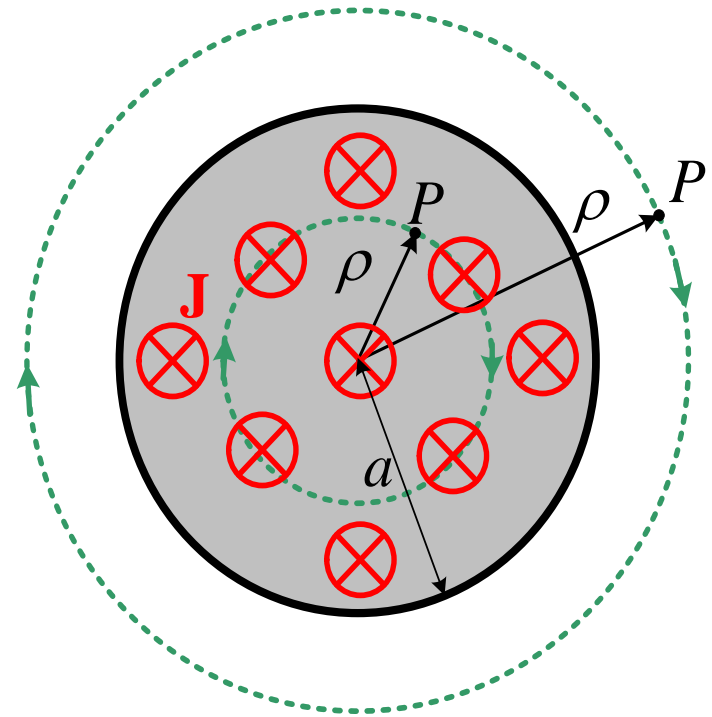
a current  $I$  is uniformly flowing into the page. Find magnetic field inside and outside the conductor.

from symmetry,  $\mathbf{H}$  is in the  $\phi$  direction and depends only on  $\rho$

inside conductor  $\rho \leq a$

$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{I}{\pi a^2} \mathbf{a}_z, \quad \text{A/m}^2$$

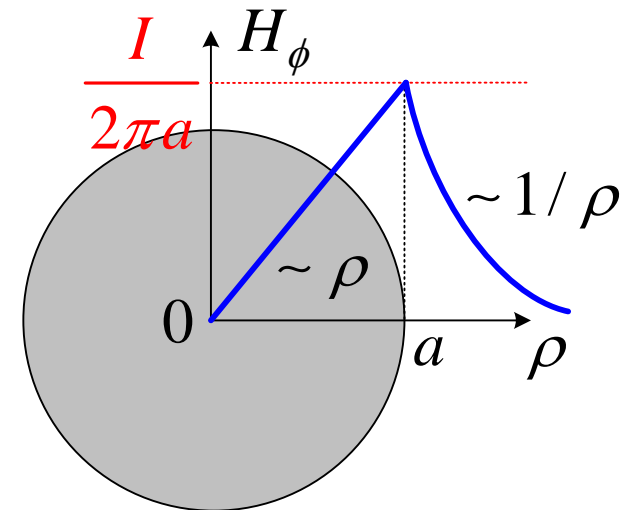
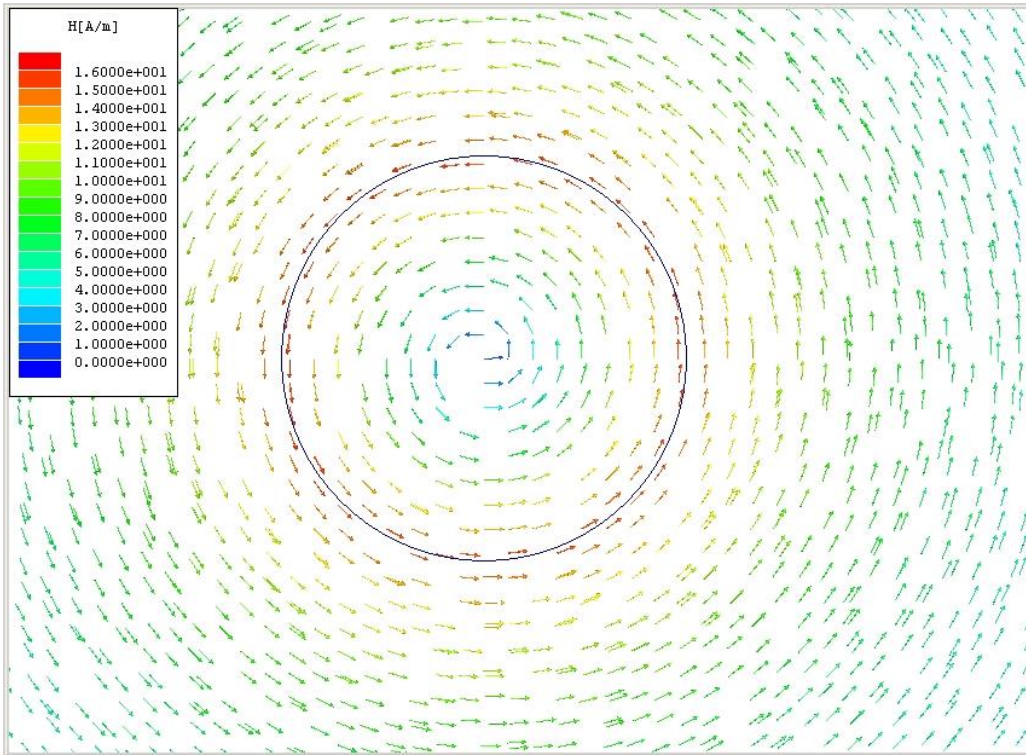
$$H_\phi \cdot 2\pi\rho = J \cdot \pi\rho^2 = I \cdot \frac{\rho^2}{a^2} \Rightarrow H_\phi(\rho) = \frac{I\rho}{2\pi a^2}, \quad \text{A/m}$$



# A Thick Conductor (Cont'd)

outside the conductor

$$H_\phi \cdot 2\pi\rho = I \Rightarrow H_\phi(\rho) = \frac{I}{2\pi\rho}, \text{ A/m}$$



# A Coaxial Cable

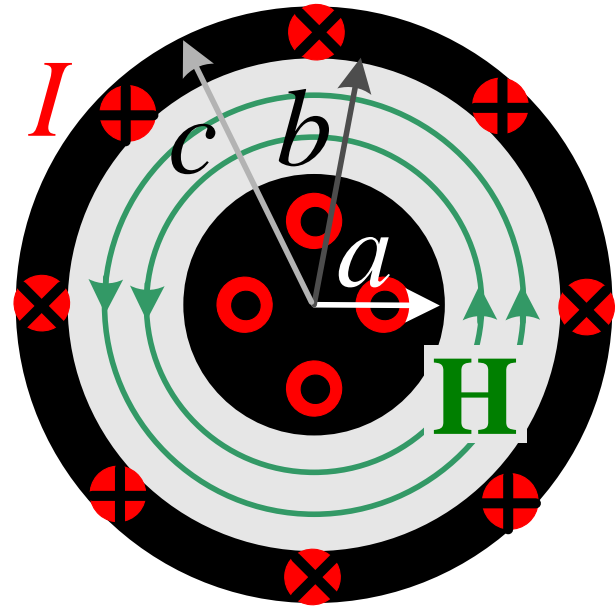
current  $I$  is flowing out of the page in the inner conductor and into the page in the external conductor

from symmetry,  $\mathbf{H}$  is in the  $\varphi$  direction and depends only on  $\rho$

inside inner conductor,  $\rho \leq a$ ,  
similar to the thick conductor case, we have

$$H_{\phi} = \frac{I\rho}{2\pi a^2}, \text{ A/m}$$

field strengthens with the radius of the Amperian path!





# Coaxial Cable (Cont'd)

between wire and shield,  $a \leq \rho \leq b$ , enclosed current is  $I$

$$\Rightarrow H_\phi = \frac{I}{2\pi\rho}, \text{ A/m}$$

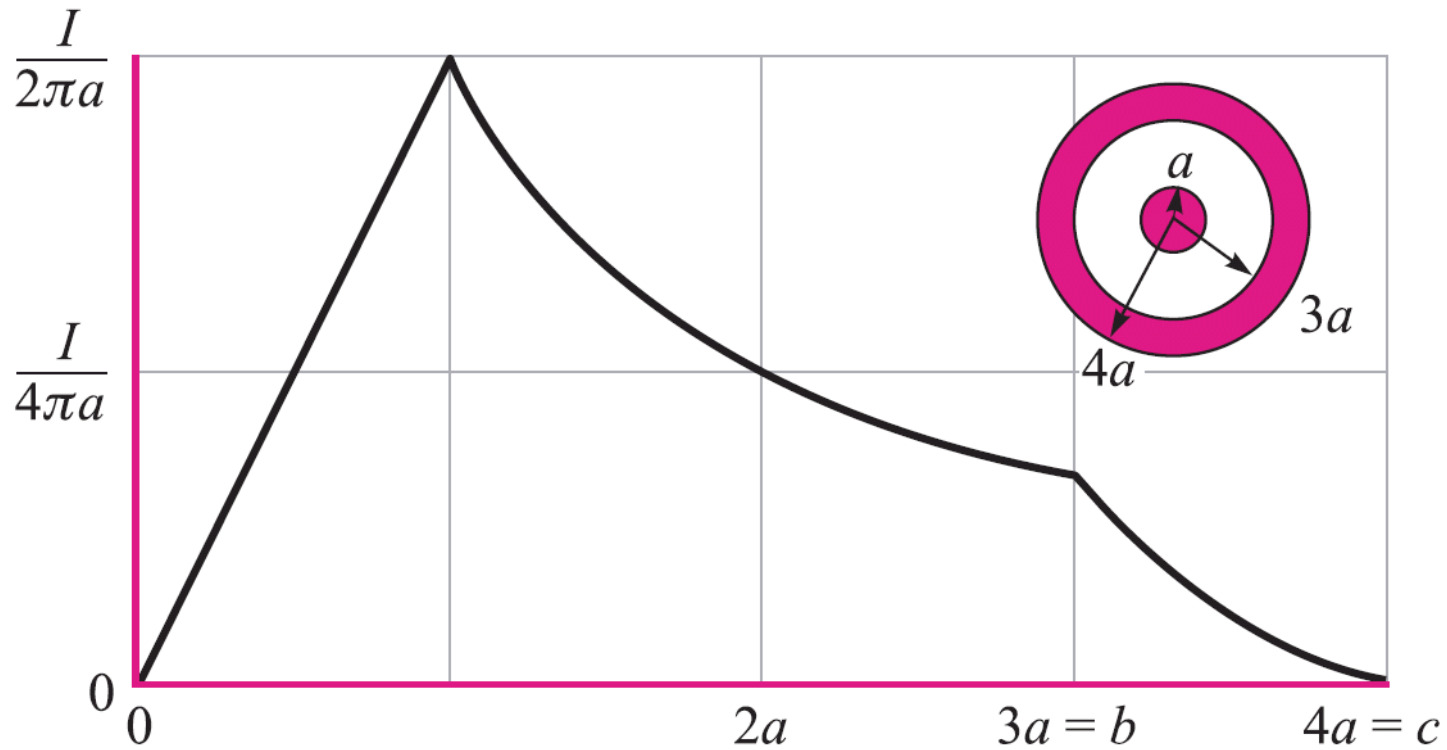
inside shield,  $b \leq \rho \leq c$

$$2\pi\rho H_\phi = I - J \cdot \pi(\rho^2 - b^2) = I - \frac{I}{\pi(c^2 - b^2)} \cdot \pi(\rho^2 - b^2)$$

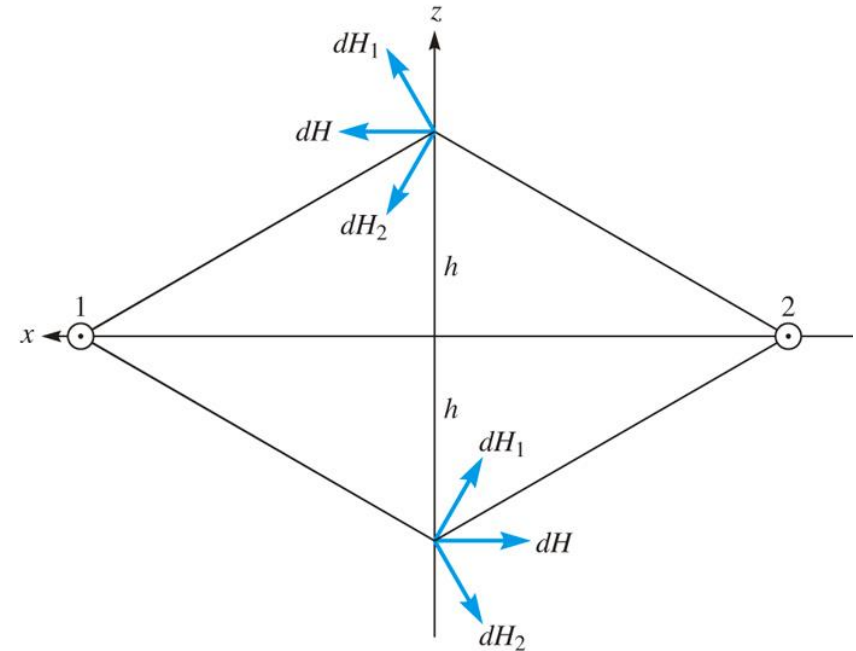
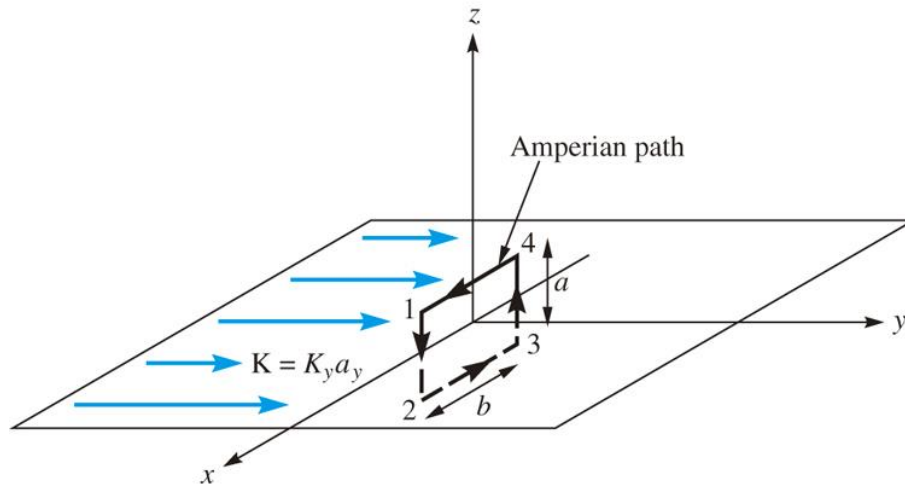
$$\Rightarrow H_\phi = \frac{I}{2\pi\rho} \cdot \frac{(c^2 - \rho^2)}{(c^2 - b^2)}$$

outside coaxial,  $c \leq \rho$ ,  $\mathbf{H}=\mathbf{0}$

# Coaxial Cable (Cont'd)



# Infinite Sheet of Current



because of symmetry, magnetic field will be in the  $x$  direction and should depend only on  $z$ !

the Amperian path is selected as shown

# Infinite Sheet (Cont'd)

$$\oint_C \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{L} = I_{\text{encl}}$$

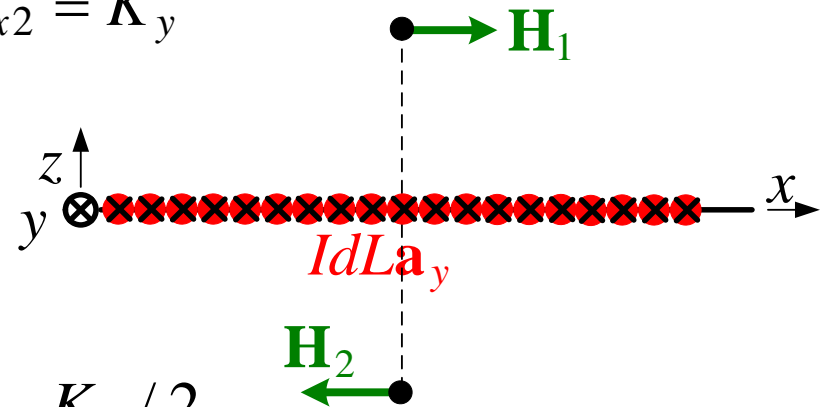
$$\Rightarrow \int_1^{1'} H_{x1} dx + \underbrace{\int_{1'}^{2'} (-H_z) dz}_0 + g \int_{2'}^2 (-H_{x2}) dx + \underbrace{\int_2^1 H_z dz}_0 = K_y \cdot L$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{x1}L - H_{x2}L = K_yL \Rightarrow H_{x1} - H_{x2} = K_y$$

from Biot-Savart's law, field is anti-symmetrical *wrt* the current sheet

$$H_{x2} = -H_{x1} \Rightarrow H_{x1} = K_y / 2, H_{x2} = -K_y / 2$$

magnetic field does not depend on the distance from the plane!



## Infinite Sheet (Cont'd)

for an infinite sheet with a  $y$ -directed current  $K_y \mathbf{a}_y$ , we have

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{cases} 0.5K_y \mathbf{a}_x, & z > 0 \\ -0.5K_y \mathbf{a}_x, & z < 0 \end{cases}$$

in general,

$$\mathbf{H} = 0.5(\mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{a}_n)$$

where  $\mathbf{a}_n$  is the unit normal to the sheet directed from the sheet to the observation point

# A Toroid

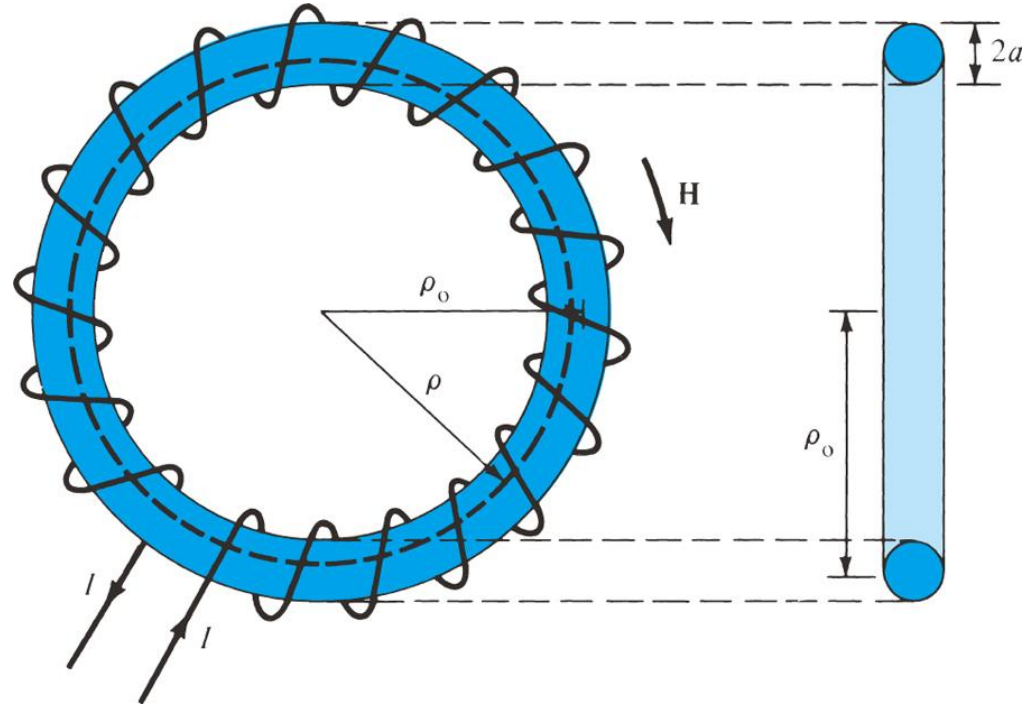
the toroid has a radius  $\rho_o$ , core radius  $a$ , number of turns  $N$ , and carries a current  $I$

because of symmetry,  $\mathbf{H}$  is in the  $\varphi$  direction and is a function of  $\rho$

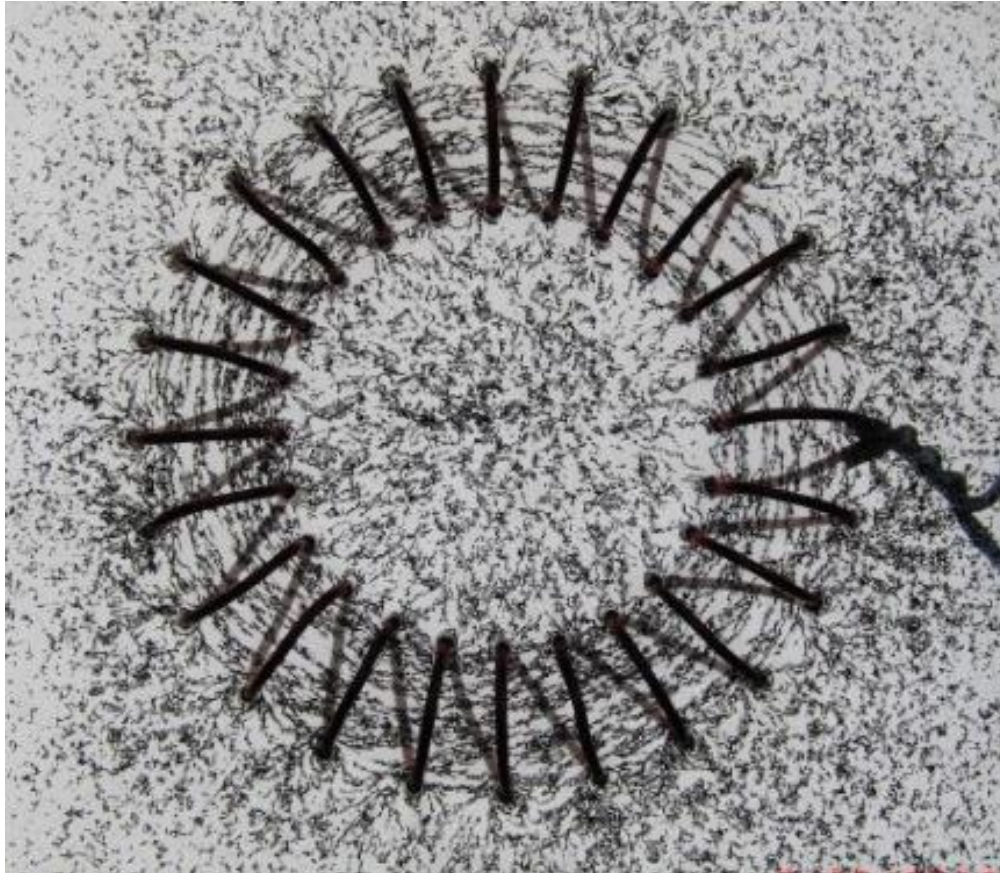
$$\oint_C \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{L} = I_{\text{encl}}$$

$$\Rightarrow H_\phi 2\pi\rho = N \cdot I \quad \Rightarrow H_\phi = \frac{N \cdot I}{2\pi\rho}, \quad \rho_1 \leq \rho \leq \rho_2$$

what is the field outside the toroid?



# Toroid (Cont'd)



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