

A Macroscopic Model of Nonlinear Constitutive Relations in Superconductors

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A macroscopic model is proposed for nonlinear electromagnetic phenomena in superconductors. Nonlinear constitutive relations are derived by modifying the linear London's equations. The superelectron number density as a function of applied macroscopic current density, $n_s(J)$, is derived from a distribution of electron velocities at a certain temperature T . At temperature $T \rightarrow 0$ K, the function $n_s(J)$ has a smooth variation near the macroscopic critical current density J_c . Agreement has been found between this $n_s(J, T)$ model and the temperature dependence of n_s in the two-fluid model. The nonlinear conductivities $\sigma_s(J)$ and $\sigma_n(J)$ are obtained from the London's equation with the modified $n_s(J)$ function. Nonlinear resistance $R(I)$, kinetic inductance $L_k(I)$ and surface impedance $Z_s(I)$ in thin wire, slab, and strip geometries are calculated.

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