

# Fields and Waves I

## Lecture 18

### Magnetic Force and Energy

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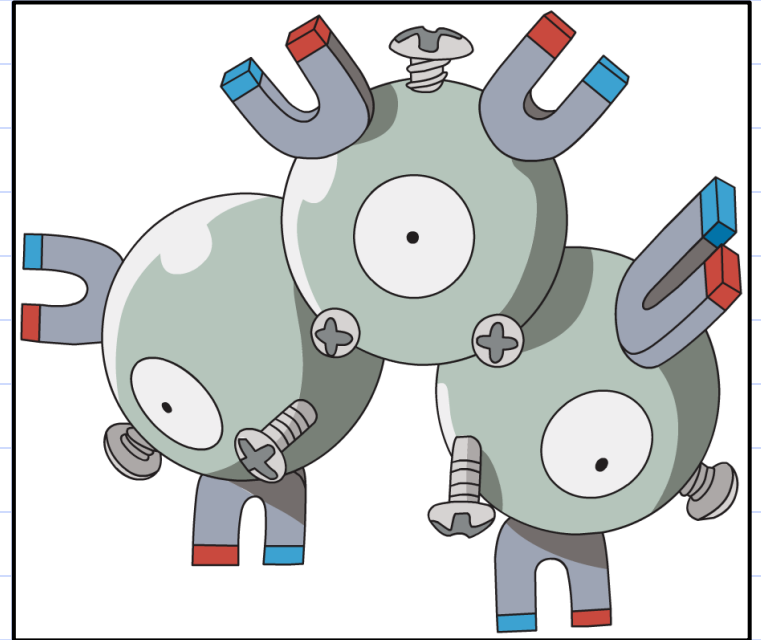
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# Overview

- Review
- Magnetic Energy
- Magnetic Force
- DC Motors
- Motors vs. Generators
- Wrap-Up



# Review

## Boundary Conditions

Arguing from analogy with Electric Fields

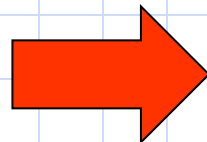
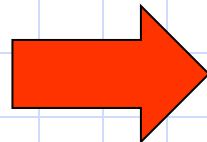
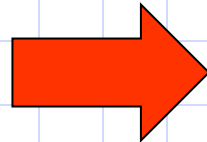
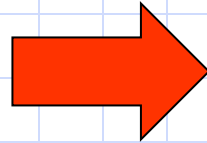
$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q_{encl}$$

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I_{inc}$$



$$\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$$

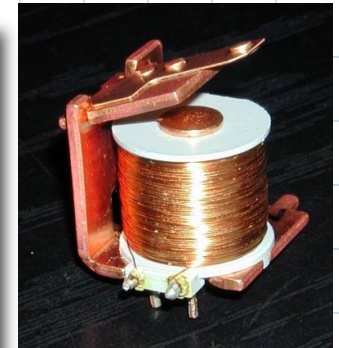
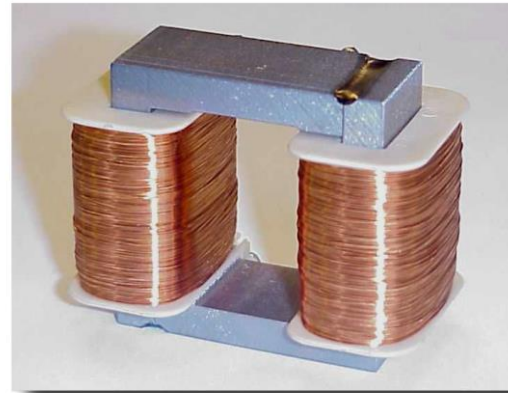
$$D_{n1} - D_{n2} = \rho_s$$

$$B_{n1} - B_{n2} = 0$$

$$E_{t1} - E_{t2} = 0$$

$$H_{t1} - H_{t2} = J_s$$

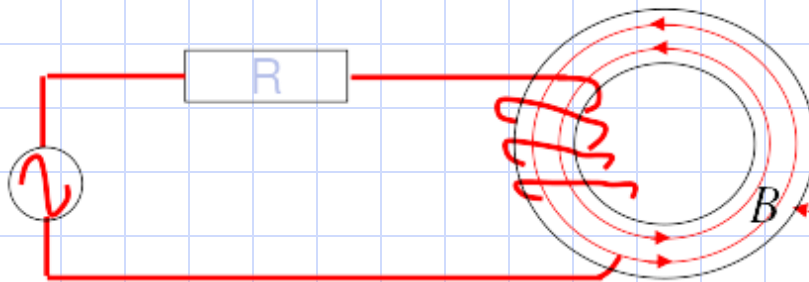
# Magnetic Circuits



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MAGNETIC CIRCUITS used to analyze relays, switches, speakers...

*In a simple experiment:*



Flux stays in TOROID

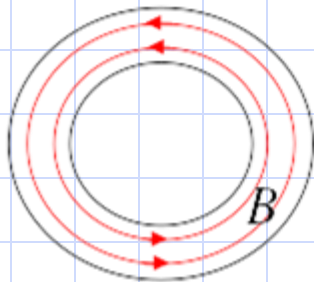
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# Magnetic Circuits

Flux is a constant =  $\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$

- Flux stays in toroid - so area is a constant

⇒ B and H are constant along the path



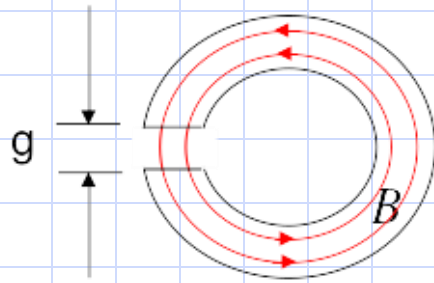
$$\therefore \oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot r \cdot H_{\varphi} = N \cdot I$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{H} = \frac{N \cdot I}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot r} \hat{a}_{\varphi}$$

$$\Rightarrow L \approx \frac{\mu_0 \cdot \mu_r \cdot N \cdot \text{Area}}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot r_{\text{average}}}$$

# Magnetic Circuits

Introduce an air gap to toroid:



$$\oint H \cdot d\vec{l} = (2 \cdot \pi \cdot r - g) \cdot H_{iron} + g \cdot H_{gap}$$

Apply boundary conditions across gap:

$$B_{1n} = B_{2n} \Rightarrow \mu_{iron} \cdot H_{n,iron} = \mu_0 \cdot H_{n,gap}$$

Can get very large  $H$  in gap  $\Rightarrow H_{n,gap} \approx 5000 \cdot H_{n,iron}$

$$\oint H \cdot d\vec{l} = NI \approx (2 \cdot \pi \cdot r + 5000g) \cdot H_{iron}$$

Gap has very strong effect on  $H$  and on energy consumption

# Magnetic Circuits

$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = (2 \cdot \pi \cdot r - g) \cdot H_{iron} + g \cdot H_{gap}$$

$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = N \cdot I = \frac{(2\pi \cdot r - g)}{AREA \cdot \mu} \cdot AREA \cdot B_{iron} + \frac{g}{AREA \cdot \mu_0} \cdot AREA \cdot B_{gap}$$

Magnetomotive force

Reluctance of iron

Reluctance of gap

$\psi$

$\psi$

$$= (\mathcal{R}_{iron} + \mathcal{R}_{gap}) \cdot \psi$$

- enables us to draw analogy to electric circuits



# Magnetic Circuits

## Electric Circuits

V or e.m.f

I

$$R = \frac{l}{\sigma \cdot A}$$

## Magnetic Circuits

NI or m.m.f

$$\Psi = \int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

$$\mathfrak{R} = \frac{l}{\mu \cdot A}$$

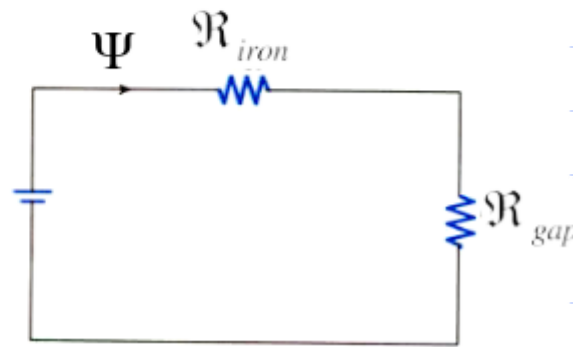
Magneto  
motive force

Flux

High  $\mu$  - low  
reluctance  
path

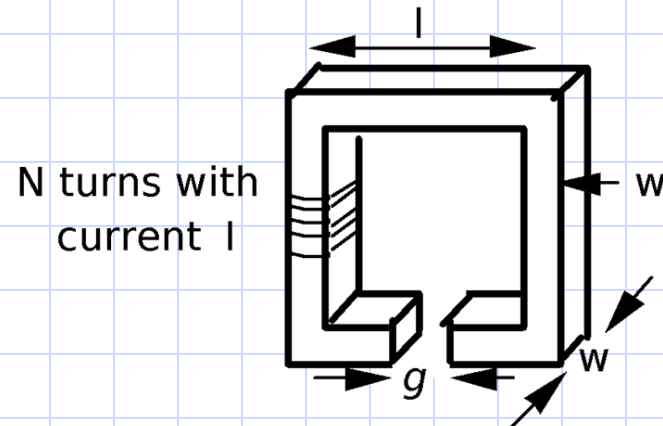
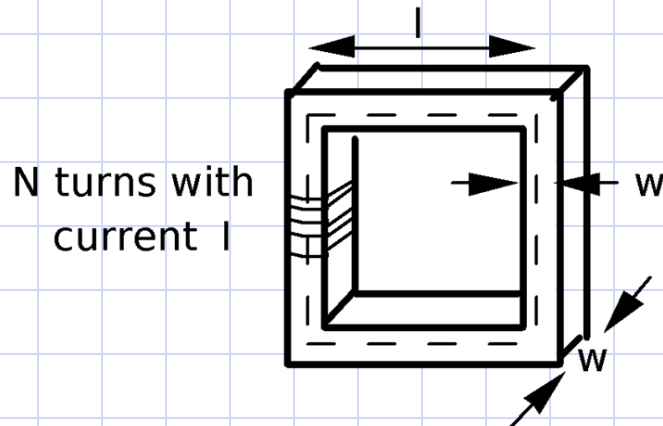
*Magnetic circuits model:*

$$V = NI$$



# Magnetic Circuits

- Evaluate  $\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  around the dashed line in the figure on the left below. Then, determine  $|\mathbf{H}|$  and  $|\mathbf{B}|$  in the iron core. Make reasonable approximations.
- What is the inductance,  $L$ ?
- For the figure on the left, what are the reluctance and magnetomotive force? Draw a magnetic circuit equivalent and show how to solve for the inductance using the circuit.
- Analyze the situation on the right using magnetic circuits. Determine the flux through the iron core. What is the inductance? What is  $\mathbf{H}$  in the core and in the gap?
- Calculate numerical values for  $L$ ,  $|\mathbf{H}|_{\text{gap}}$  and  $|\mathbf{H}|_{\text{core}}$  when  $N = 1000$ ,  $I = 1 \text{ A}$ ,  $w = 5 \text{ cm}$ ,  $g = 1 \text{ cm}$ ,  $l = 20 \text{ cm}$ , and  $\mu_r = 5000$



# Magnetic Circuits

$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I_{\text{net}} = NI$$

$|\vec{H}|$  is  $\approx$  constant along path since flux stays in iron  
+ area is  $\approx$  constant

$$\therefore |\vec{H}| = \frac{NI}{4l} \quad |\vec{B}| = \mu |\vec{H}| = \frac{\mu NI}{4l}$$

$$\text{b. } L = \frac{\Lambda}{I} = \frac{N\psi}{I} = \frac{N|\vec{B}|w^2}{I} = \frac{\mu N^2 w^2}{4l} = L$$

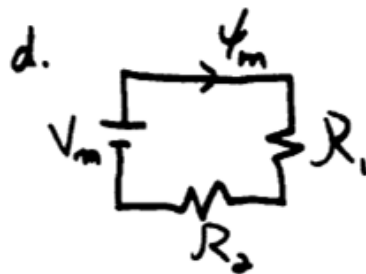
$$\text{c. reluctance } \mathcal{R} = \frac{4l}{\mu w^2} \quad \text{mmf} = V_m = NI$$



$$\psi_m = \frac{V_m}{\mathcal{R}} = \frac{NI \mu w^2}{4l}$$

$$L = \frac{N\psi_m}{I} = \frac{\mu N^2 w^2}{4l}$$

# Magnetic Circuits



$$V_m = NI ; \quad R_1 = \frac{4l - g}{\mu w^2} \quad R_2 = \frac{g}{\mu_0 w^2}$$

iron reluctance

$$\psi_m = \frac{V_m}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{NI}{\frac{4l - g}{\mu w^2} + \frac{g}{\mu_0 w^2}} = \boxed{\frac{\mu w^2 NI}{4l - g + \mu_r g}}$$

$$\boxed{L = \frac{N \psi_m}{I} = \frac{\mu w^2 N^2}{4l + (\mu_r - 1)g}}$$

$$\approx \frac{\mu w^2 NI}{4l + \mu_r g}$$

$$\psi_m = B w^2 = \mu H_{\text{core}} w^2 = \mu_0 H_{\text{gap}} w^2$$

$$H_{\text{core}} = \frac{\psi_m}{\mu w^2} = \frac{NI}{4l + (\mu_r - 1)g}$$

$$H_{\text{gap}} = \frac{\mu}{\mu_0} H_{\text{core}} = \frac{\mu_r NI}{4l + (\mu_r - 1)g}$$

e.  $\boxed{L = .309 \text{ H}, \quad H_{\text{core}} = 19.7 \text{ A/m} \quad H_{\text{gap}} = 9.84 \times 10^4 \text{ A/m}}$

# Magnetic Circuits

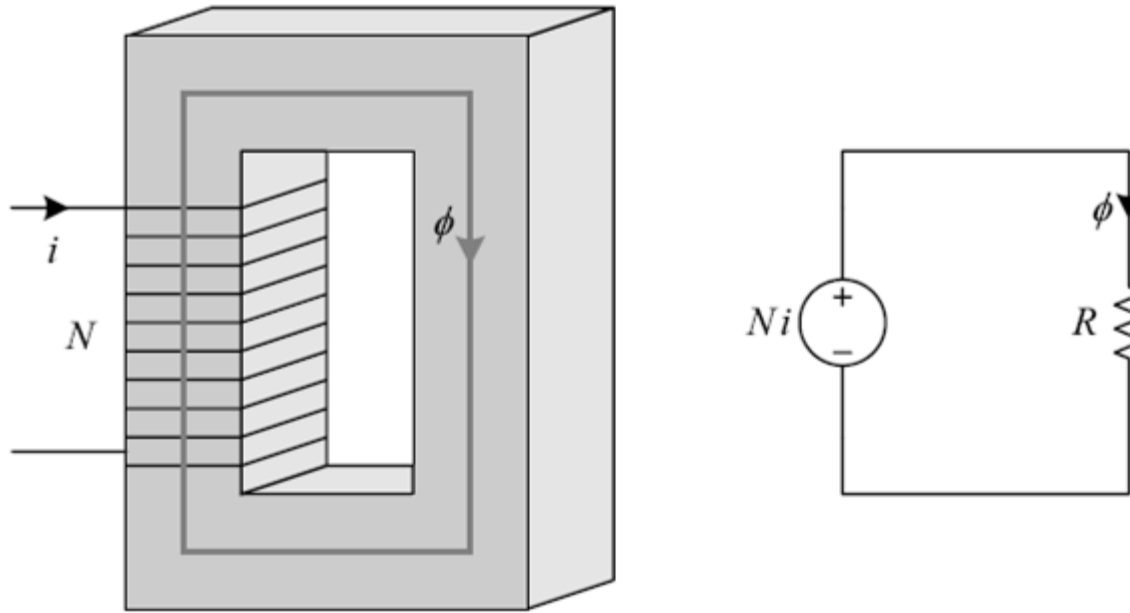


Figure 3-1. Single excited magnetic structure and its magnetic circuit model.

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# Magnetic Circuits

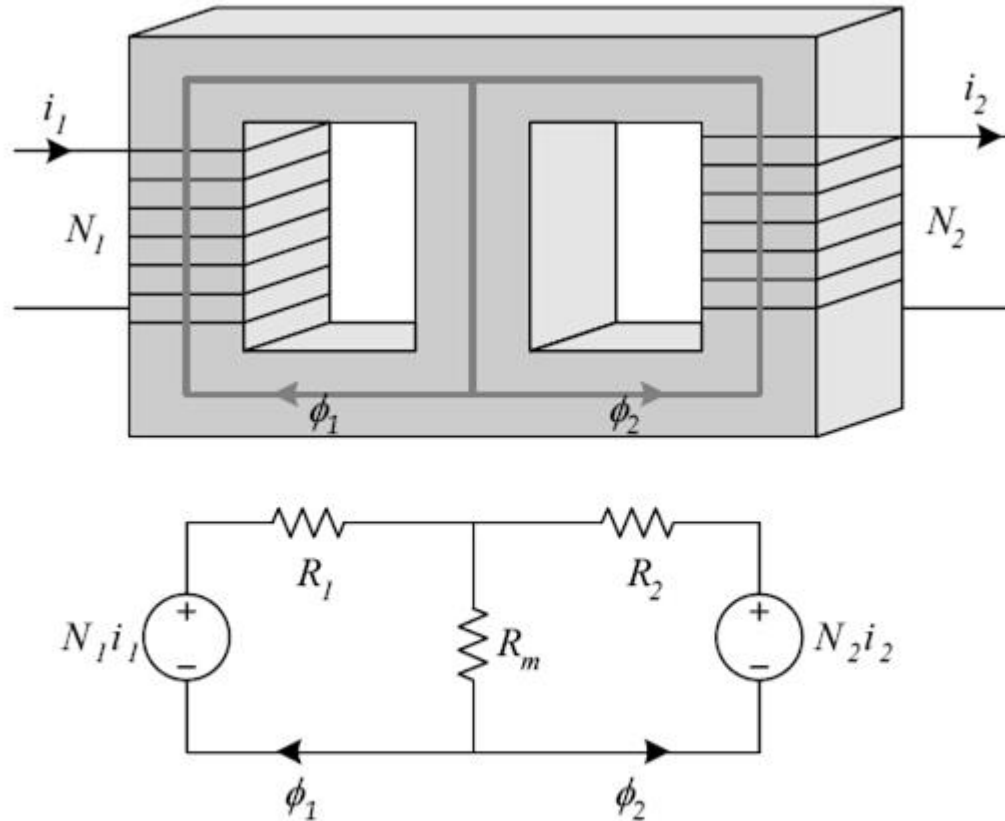
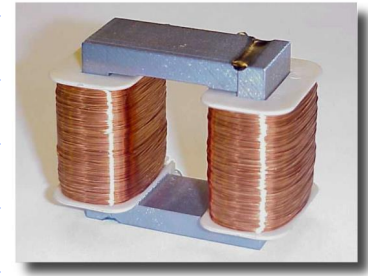


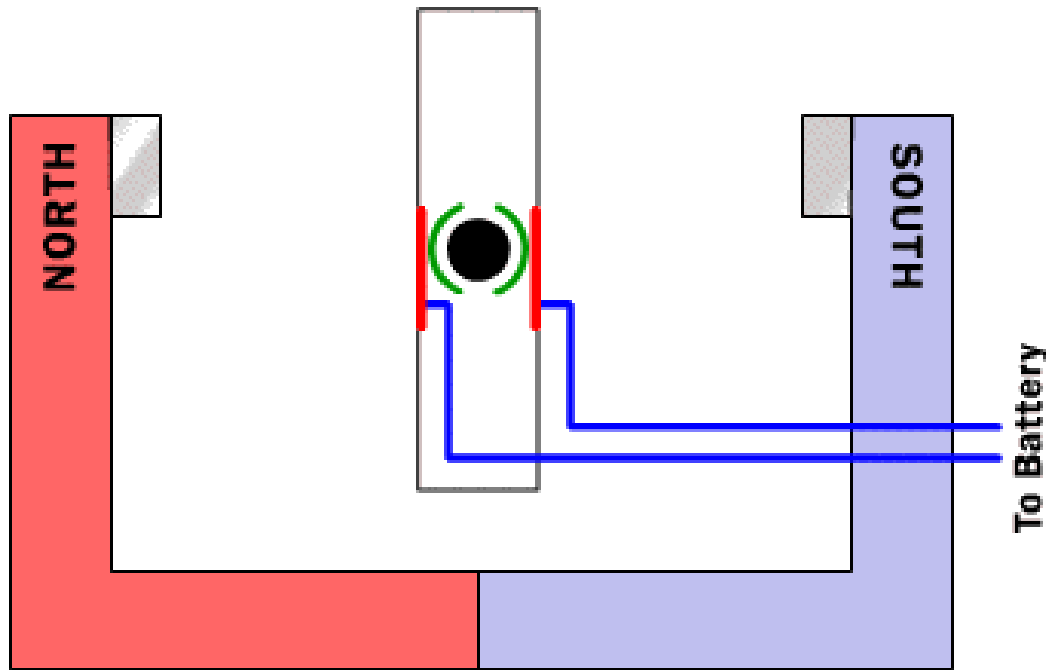
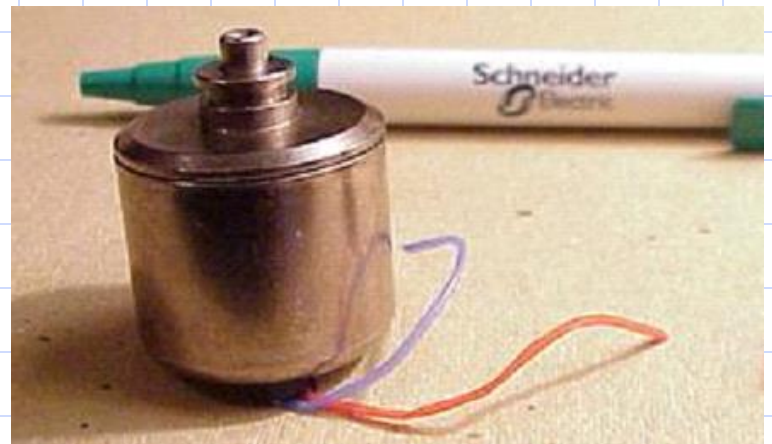
Figure 3-2. Doubly excited magnetic structure and its magnetic circuit model.

# Magnetic Circuits

Do Lecture 18 Exercise 1 with in groups of up to 4.

# Applications

DC Motor



"Variable reluctance circuit"

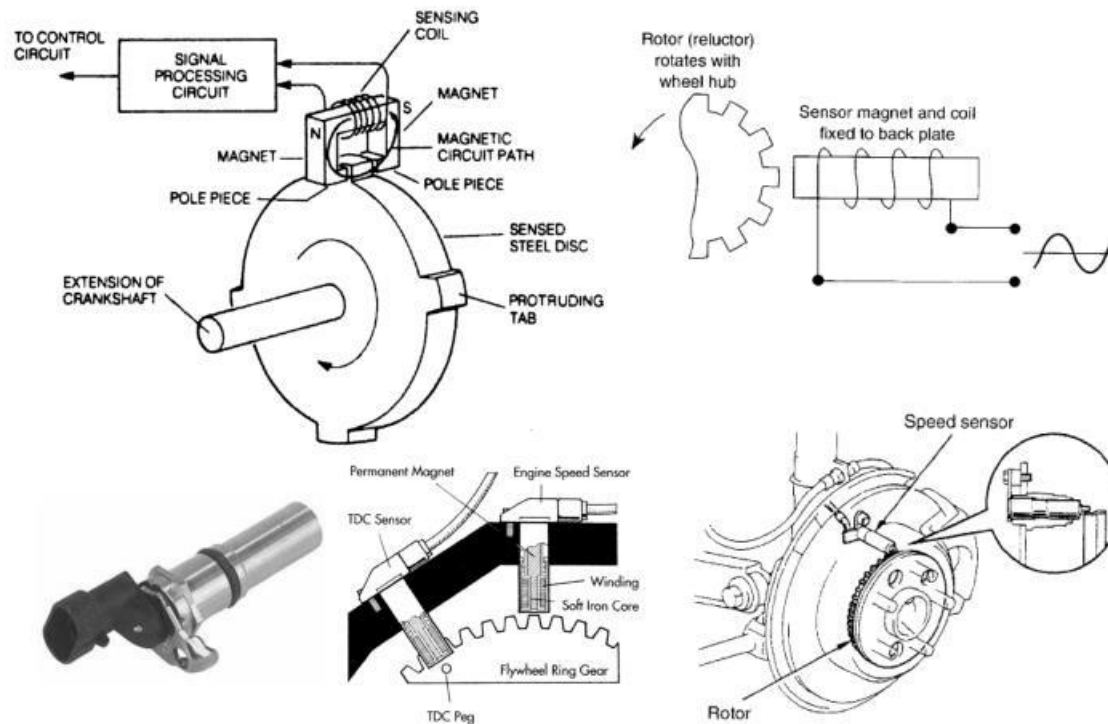
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# Applications

## Variable Reluctance Sensor

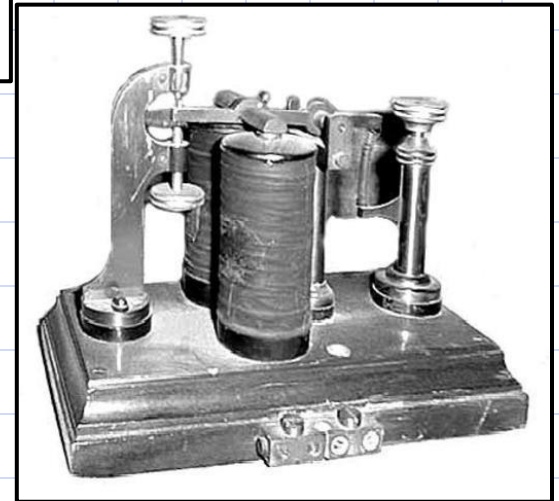
### Sensors : Variable reluctance sensor



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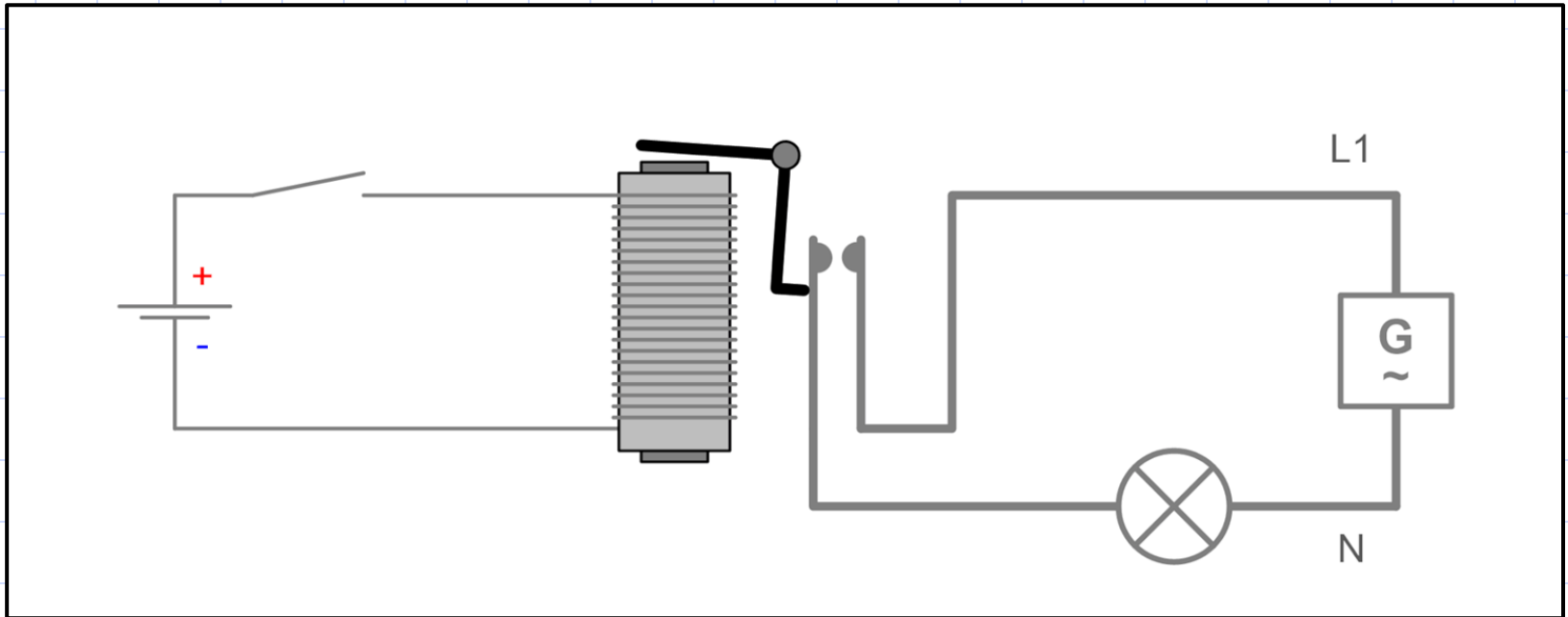
# Applications

## Relays



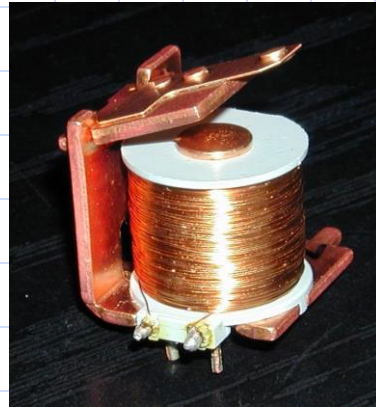
# Applications

## Relays

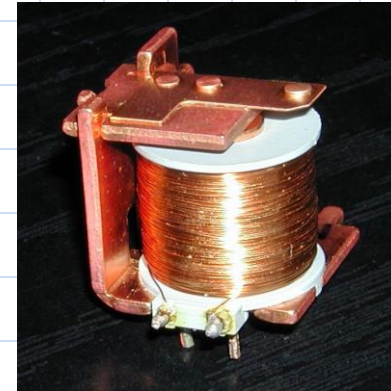


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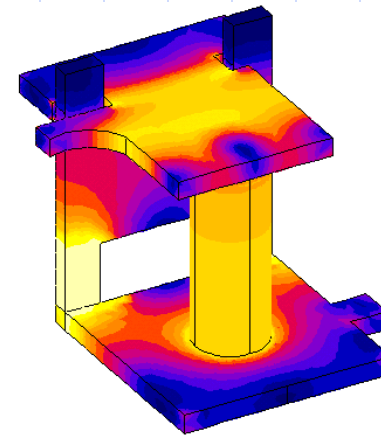
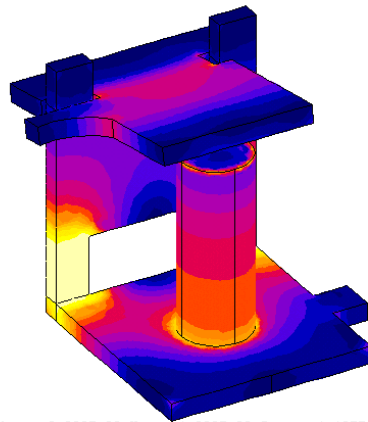
# Flux distribution in a relay



High reluctance, low flux density



Low reluctance, High flux density



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# Electric Energy

- The energy stored in capacitors is stored in the E-field

Define stored energy:  $W_e = \frac{1}{2} \cdot CV^2$

Substitute values of C and V for parallel plate capacitor

$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} \cdot CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \epsilon \frac{A}{d} \right) \cdot \left( |\vec{E}| \cdot d \right)^2 = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \epsilon |\vec{E}|^2}_{\text{Energy Density}} \cdot \underbrace{Ad}_{\text{Volume}}$$

# Magnetic Energy

Power in inductor:

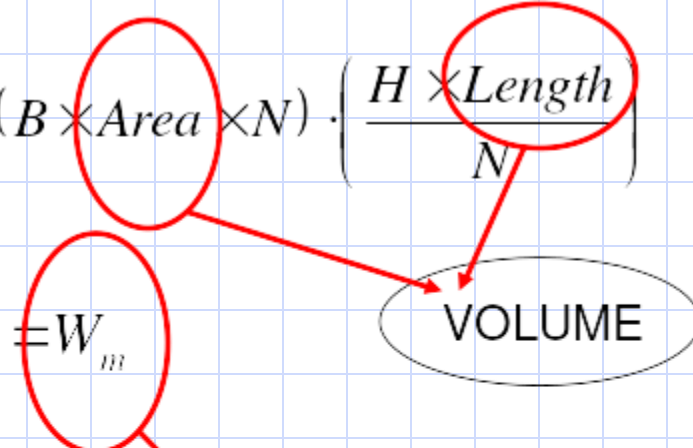
$$P = I \cdot V = I \cdot L \cdot \frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \cdot L \cdot I^2}_{\text{energy in Inductor}} \right)$$

*Can we obtain energy in terms of B and H fields ?*

Flux linkage:  $L \cdot I = \Lambda = B \times \text{Area} \times N$

Also, 
$$I = \frac{\oint H \cdot d\vec{l}}{N} = \frac{H \cdot \text{length}}{N}$$

# Magnetic Energy

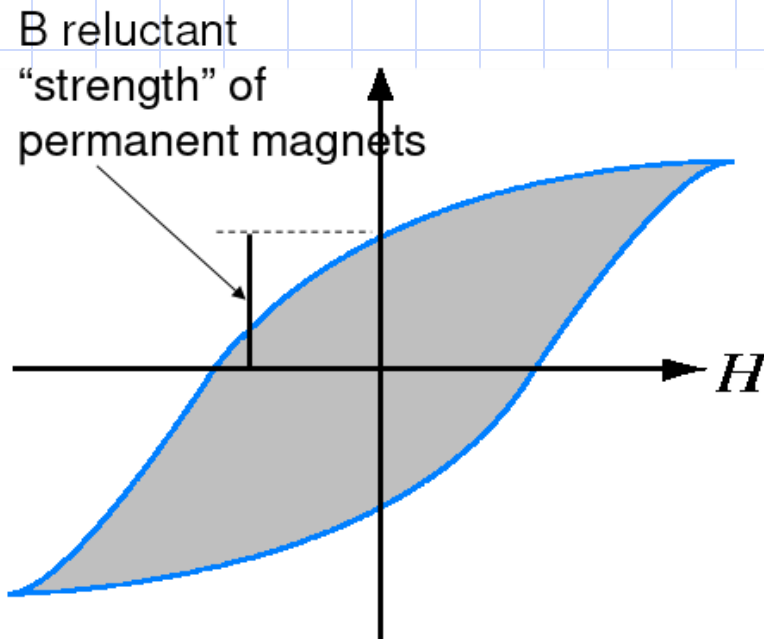
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Energy} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot L \cdot I^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (L \cdot I) \cdot I = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (B \times \text{Area} \times N) \cdot \left( \frac{H \times \text{Length}}{N} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \int \vec{B} \cdot \vec{H} \cdot dv = W_m \end{aligned}$$


Energy stored in Magnetic field

Energy Density: (per unit volume)

$$w_m = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \vec{B} \cdot \vec{H} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{B^2}{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mu \cdot H^2$$

# Magnetic Energy



(a) Hard material

“permanent magnet like”

Figure 5

- H-field has units of amperes per meter, B-field has units of teslas

$$T = \frac{V \cdot s}{m^2} = \frac{N}{A \cdot m} = \frac{J}{A \cdot m^2} = \frac{H \cdot A}{m^2} = \frac{Wb}{m^2} = \frac{kg}{C \cdot s} = \frac{N \cdot s}{C \cdot m} = \frac{kg}{A \cdot s^2}$$

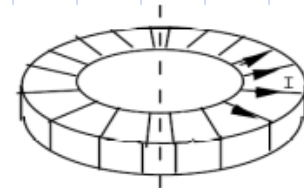
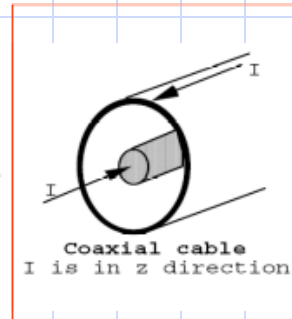
- Product of H-field and B-field has units of energy density ( $J/m^3$ )
- Area inside the hysteresis curve also has units of  $J/m^3$  and represents hysteresis losses



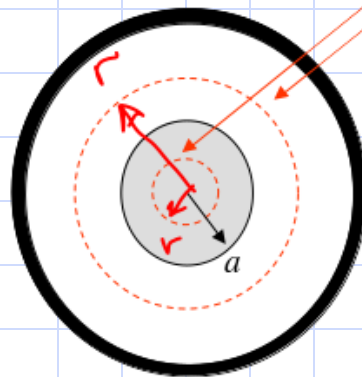
# Magnetic Energy

## Coaxial Cable

One of the three  
standard  
configurations



Detailed Solution for Coax:



Ampere's Law Contours

Ampere's Law

Left Hand Side:

Right Hand Side:

$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I_{enc}$$

$$\vec{H}_\phi 2\pi r$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} I \frac{r^2}{a^2} & 0 \leq r \leq a \\ I & a \leq r \leq b \end{array} \right.$$

# Magnetic Energy

Coaxial Cable

$$\vec{H} = \hat{\phi} \frac{Ir}{2\pi a^2}$$

$$0 \leq r \leq a$$


$$\vec{H} = \hat{\phi} \frac{I}{2\pi r}$$

$$a \leq r \leq b$$

$$\vec{H} = 0$$

$$r \geq b$$

Assume the outer  
conductor is very thin



# Magnetic Energy

Coaxial Cable

The energy in the magnetic field can be divided into two terms:

$$W_m = \frac{1}{2} \int (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{H}) dv$$

$$W_m = \frac{1}{2} l (2\pi) \left( \int_0^a \mu \left( \frac{I r}{2\pi a^2} \right)^2 r dr + \int_a^b \mu \left( \frac{I}{2\pi r} \right)^2 r dr \right)$$

# Magnetic Energy

Coaxial Cable

$$W_m = \frac{\mu I^2}{4\pi} l \left( \int_0^a \left( \frac{r}{a^2} \right)^2 r dr + \int_a^b \left( \frac{1}{r} \right)^2 r dr \right)$$

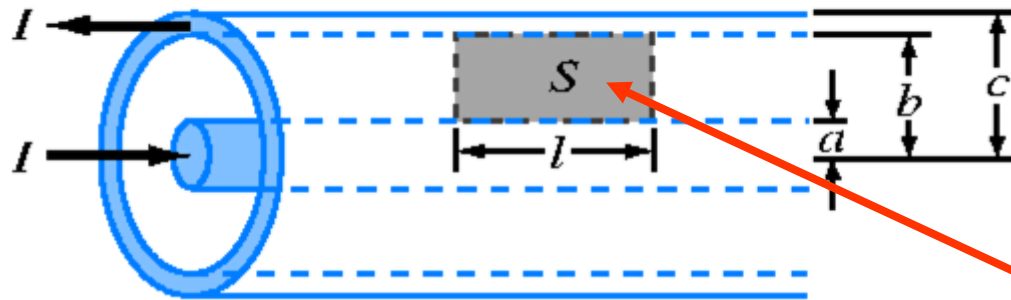
$$W_m = \frac{\mu I^2}{4\pi} l \left( \frac{1}{4} + \ln \frac{b}{a} \right) = \frac{1}{2} L I^2$$

$$L = \frac{\mu_o}{8\pi} l + \frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} l \ln \frac{b}{a} = L_i + L_e$$

$$\frac{L}{l} = \frac{\mu_o}{8\pi} + \frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

# Magnetic Energy

Coaxial Cable



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To compute the inductance per unit length, we need to determine the magnetic flux through the area  $S$  between the conductors

(which  $dS$  surface element would we use to do this integral?)

# Magnetic Energy

## Coaxial Cable

The flux through the surface S:

$$\psi_m = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} = l \int_a^b \frac{\mu_o I}{2 \pi r} dr = l \frac{\mu_o I}{2 \pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

Note that the flux is linked only once since there is only one turn.  
Thus, the inductance is given by:

$$L = \frac{\psi_m}{I} = l \frac{\mu_o}{2 \pi} \ln \frac{b}{a} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{L}{l} = \frac{\mu_o}{2 \pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

# Magnetic Energy

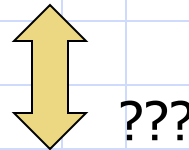
Coaxial Cable

Using the flux:

$$\frac{L}{l} = \frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

External  
inductance

Using the energy:



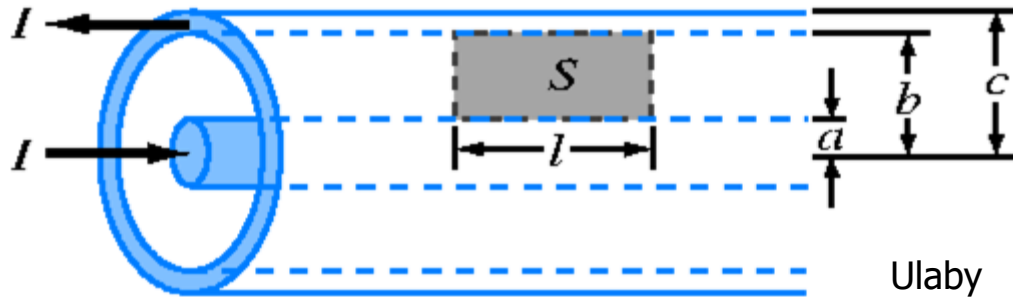
$$\frac{L}{l} = \frac{\mu_o}{8\pi} + \frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

Total  
inductance

Additional  
term

# Magnetic Energy

Coaxial Cable



Note that this analysis does not incorporate the flux inside the center conductor so it does not give us the total inductance. However, figuring out the flux linking this current is difficult. Thus we leave this to our method based on energy.

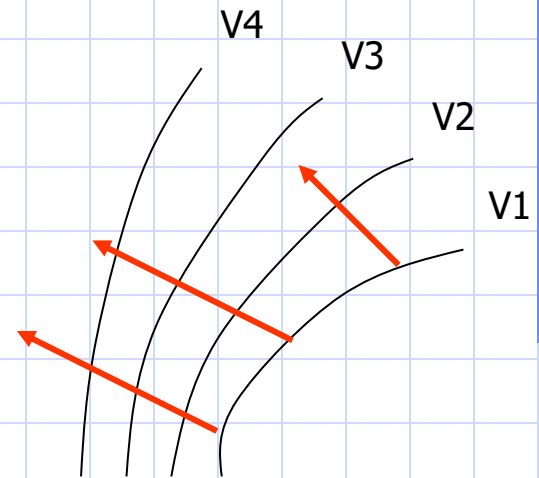
**External Inductance:** What we have determined is called the external inductance, since it is inductance due to the magnetic field external to the current-carrying wires.

**Internal Inductance:** What we have neglected is the contribution to the inductance from the field inside the wires.



# Magnetic Force

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V$$



- Gradient points in the direction of largest change
- Therefore, E-field lines are perpendicular (normal) to constant  $V$  surfaces
- **We know that electric fields are capable of doing work. Magnetic fields can as well!**

# Magnetic Force

Energy Approach

First approach -  $\underline{E}$  does work and changes energy

$$W_m = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \vec{F} = -\nabla W_m$$

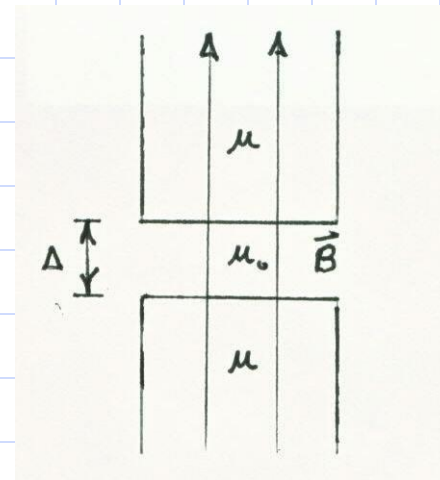
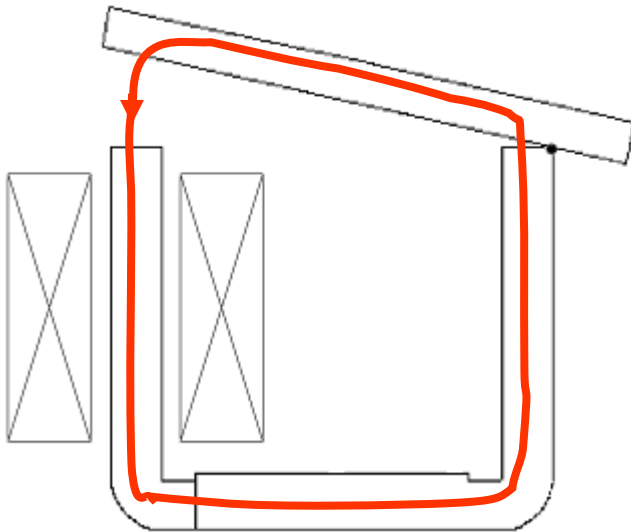
with the energy stored being :

$$W_m = \frac{1}{2} \int (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{H}) dv = \frac{1}{2} \int LI^2$$

# Magnetic Force

## Relay Example

Consider a simple electromagnetic relay consisting of a solenoid and a moveable arm.



In the region of the gap, the normal component of the magnetic field will be continuous.

$$B_{gap} = B_{core} = B$$

# Magnetic Force

## Magnetic Pressure

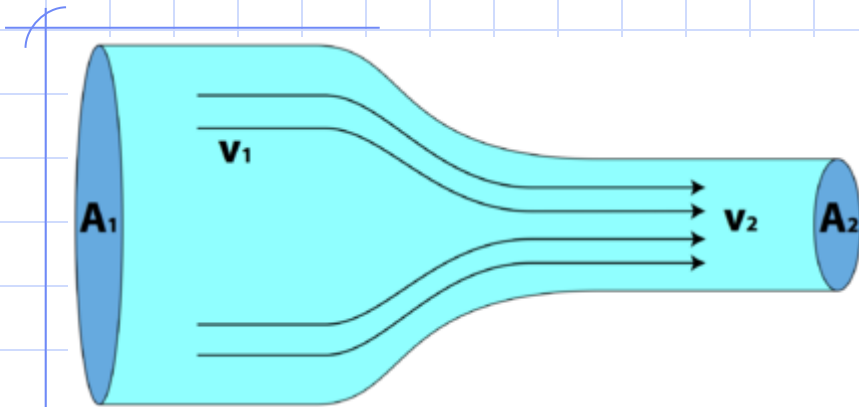
The magnetic field intensity  $H$  is very different in the gap and the core, since  $B$  is the same.

$$H_{gap} = \frac{B}{\mu_0} \quad H_{core} = \frac{B}{\mu}$$

The magnetic energy density is also very different.

$$W_m = \frac{1}{2} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{H} \quad w_{m\,gap} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_0} \quad w_{m\,core} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu}$$

# Fluid Pressure



$$\frac{\text{Kinetic energy}}{\text{Volume}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}mv^2}{V} = \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2$$

$$P = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}} = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{F \cdot d}{A \cdot d} = \frac{W}{V} = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}}$$

# Magnetic Force

## Magnetic Pressure

The difference in the magnetic field energy density on the two sides produces a pressure difference.

$$\frac{\text{Joules}}{\text{m}^3} = \frac{\text{Joules} / \text{m}}{\text{m}^2} = \frac{\text{Newtons}}{\text{m}^2}$$

Energy Density

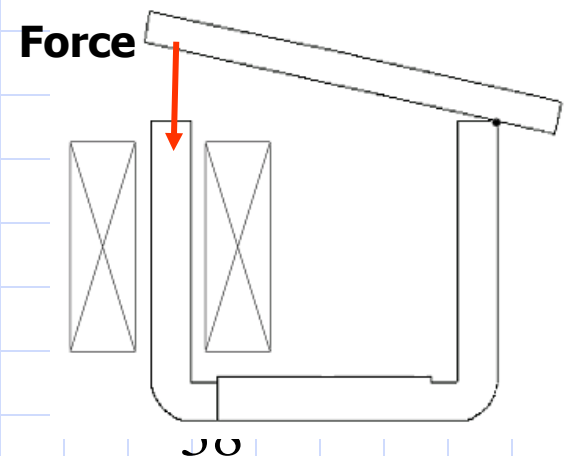
Pressure

High Pressure

Low Pressure

Net Force

Fields and Waves I



# Magnetic Force

## Magnetic Pressure

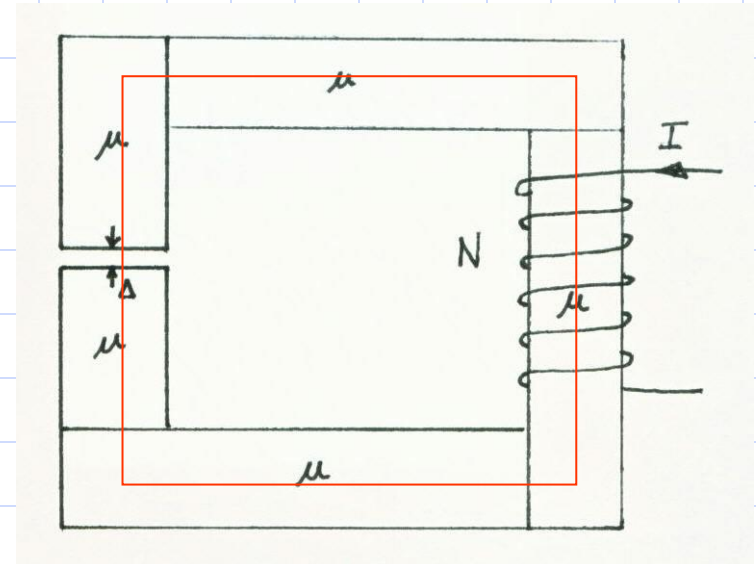
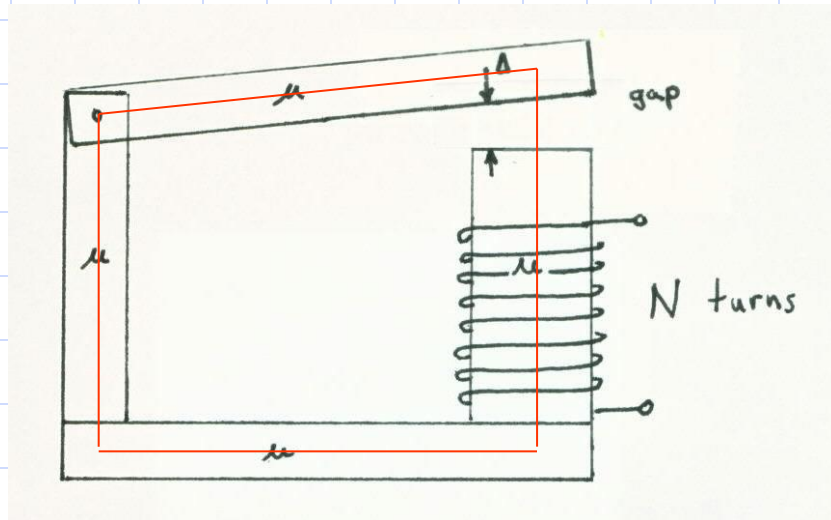
Since the pressure is so much higher on the gap side than in the core we only need to evaluate the pressure on the gap side to figure out the force.  $S$  is the area of the gap and core.

$$F = S w_{gap} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_0} S$$

To figure out the force, we first need to find the magnetic field, which we can do using the magnetic circuits technique.

# Magnetic Force

## Magnetic Pressure



To analyze this configuration, we will use the idealized version at the right. Assume that each leg has a length  $l_o$  and the area of each leg is  $S$ . The gap length is  $\Delta$ . The reluctances are

( $R$  is reluctance, not resistance)

$$R_{gap} = \frac{\Delta}{\mu_o S} \qquad R_{core} = \frac{4l_o}{\mu S}$$



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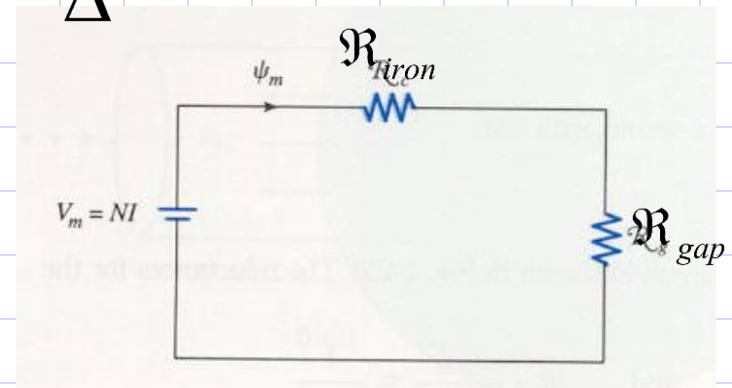
Magnetic Pressure

$$\psi_m = \frac{NI}{R_{gap} + R_{core}} \approx \frac{NI}{R_{gap}} = \frac{\mu_0 N I S}{\Delta}$$

$$B = \frac{\psi_m}{S} \approx \frac{\mu_0 N I}{\Delta}$$

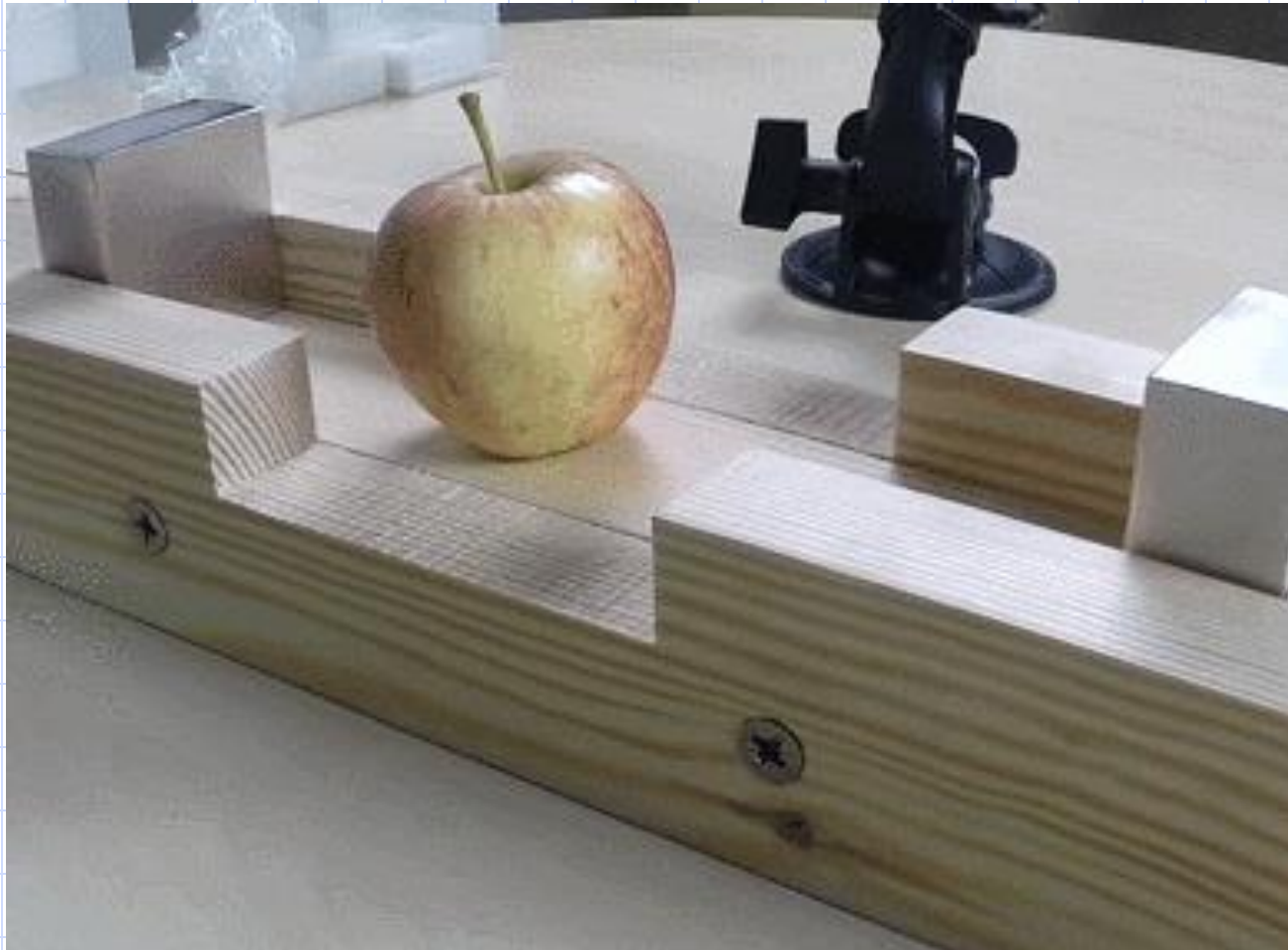
$$F = S w_{mag} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_0} S$$

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\left( \frac{\mu_0 N I}{\Delta} \right)^2}{\mu_0} S = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu_0 N^2 I^2}{\Delta^2} S$$



# Magnetic Force

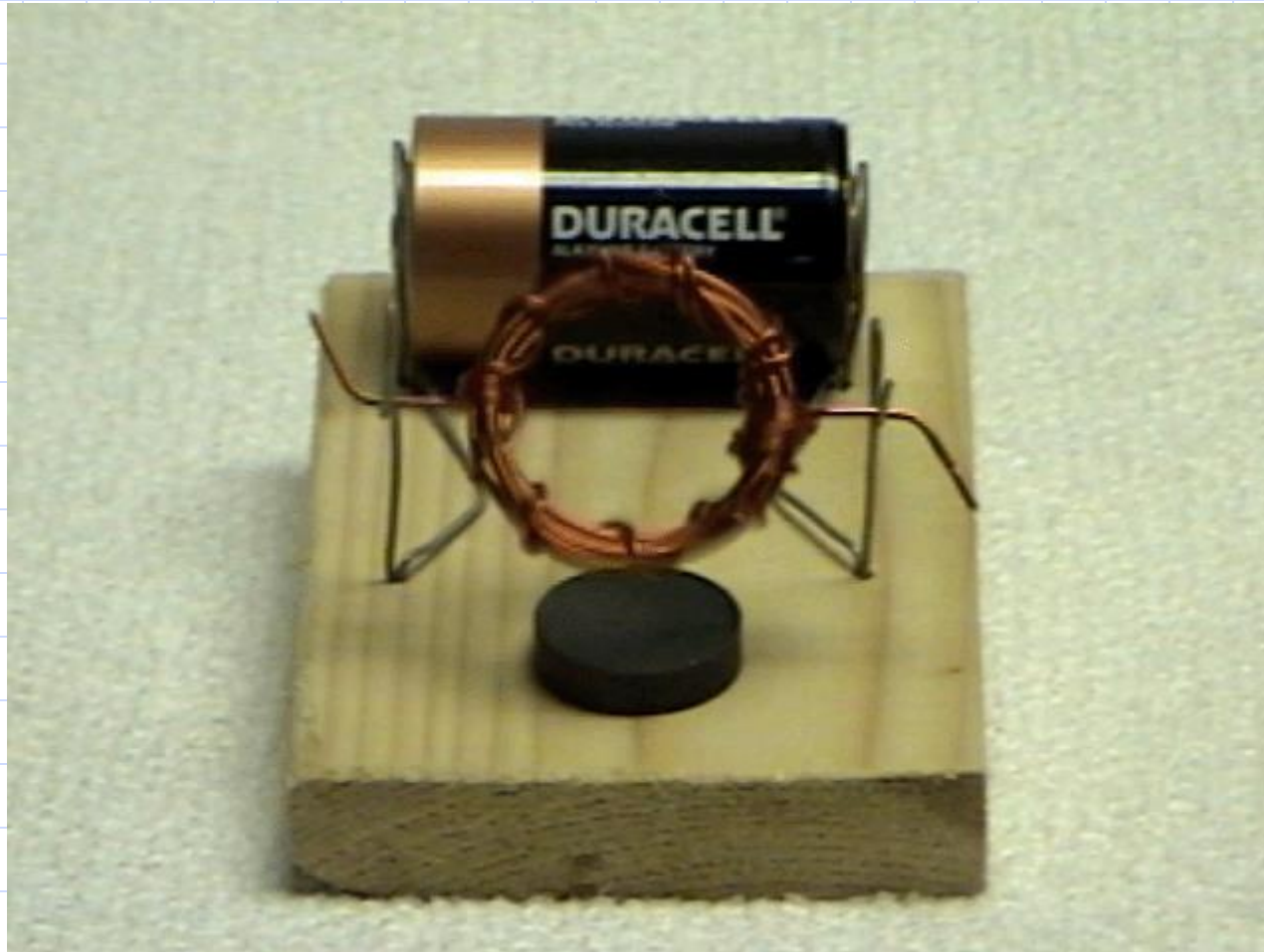
Magnetic pressure creates force between permanent magnets



Giphy

# Magnetic Force

How to account for forces on currents?



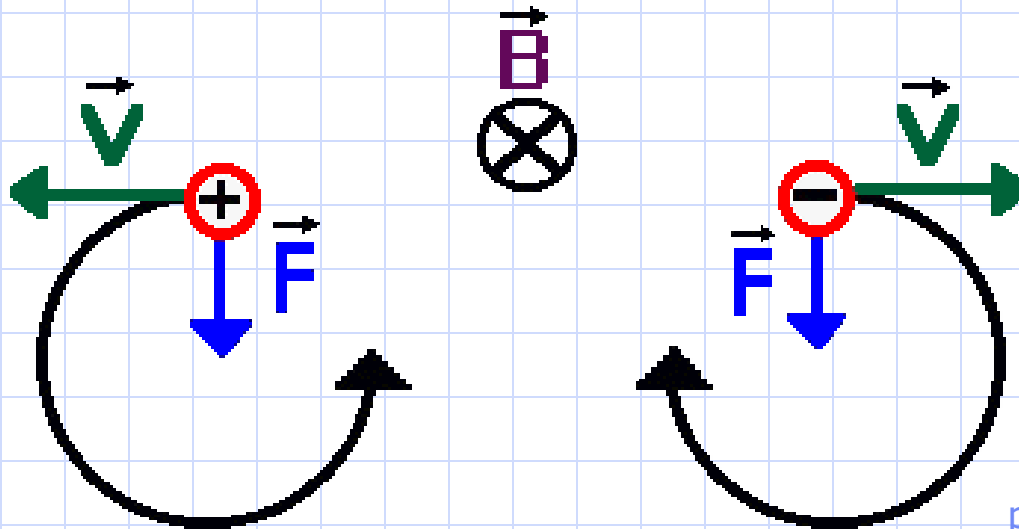
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# Magnetic Force

## Force on Currents

Force on a point charge:  $\vec{F} = q \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{B})$

- For a constant B-field like the one below,  $\vec{F}$  causes a change in  $\vec{v}$  which in turn causes a change in  $\vec{F}$ , creating a circular path.



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# Magnetic Force

The Large Hadron Collider



One of the LHC's superconducting dipole magnets  
([bnl.gov](http://bnl.gov))



# Magnetic Force

## Force on Currents

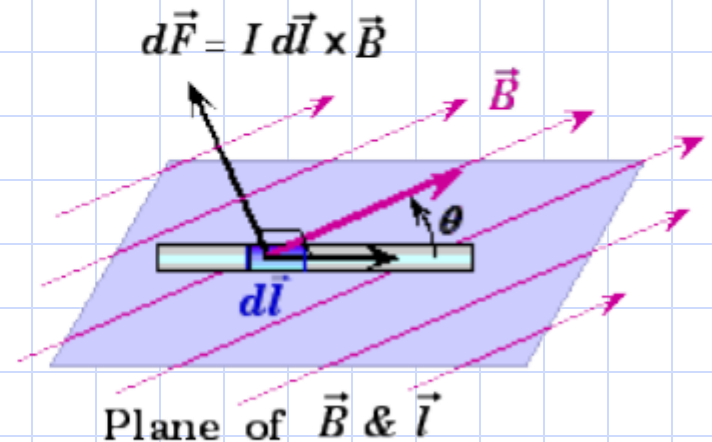
First approach - similar to that for individual particles

For one particle:  $F = qE = q \cdot (v \times B)$

For many particles:  $\frac{F}{\text{volume}} = \rho \cdot (v \times B) = j \times B$

For a wire in a magnetic field.

$$F = \int j \times B dv = \int Idl \times B$$

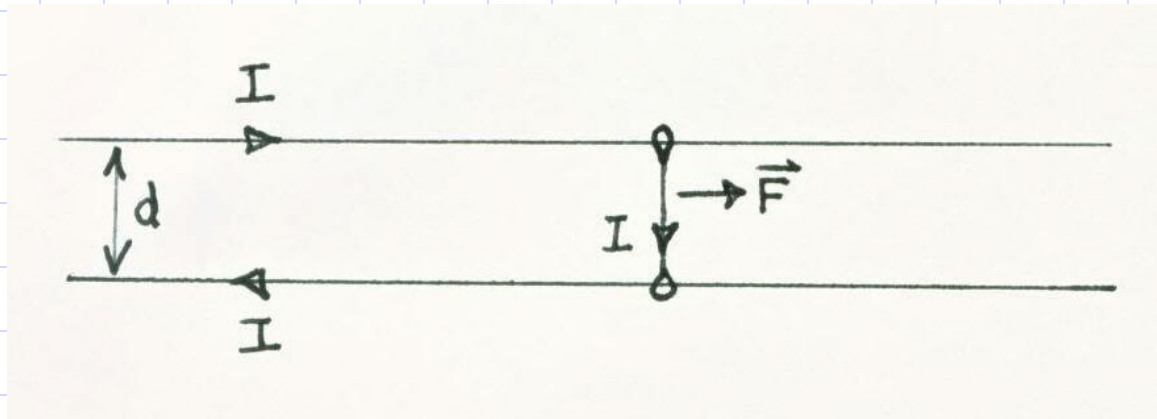


<http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~vawter/PhysicsNet/Topics/MagneticField/MFOnWire.html>

# Magnetic Force

## Rail Gun

If a sliding contact is placed across a two wire transmission line carrying a large current, a very large force can result on the contact. Assume that all the wires (including the slider) have a radius =  $a$  and that the transmission line wires are separated by a distance  $d$ .



# Magnetic Force

## Rail Gun

The external inductance of a two wire line of length  $l$  is given by (one of many forms):

$$L \approx l \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \cosh^{-1} \frac{d}{2a} \approx l \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \ln \frac{d}{a}$$

where we have used the fact that typically  $d \gg a$ . The force on the sliding conductor will be:

$$F = \nabla W_m = \frac{I^2}{2} \nabla L = \frac{I^2}{2} \frac{dL}{dl} \approx \frac{I^2}{2} \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \ln \frac{d}{a}$$

If  $d/a = 5$  and  $I = 10^5$  A,  $F = 100$  Newtons



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Rail Gun

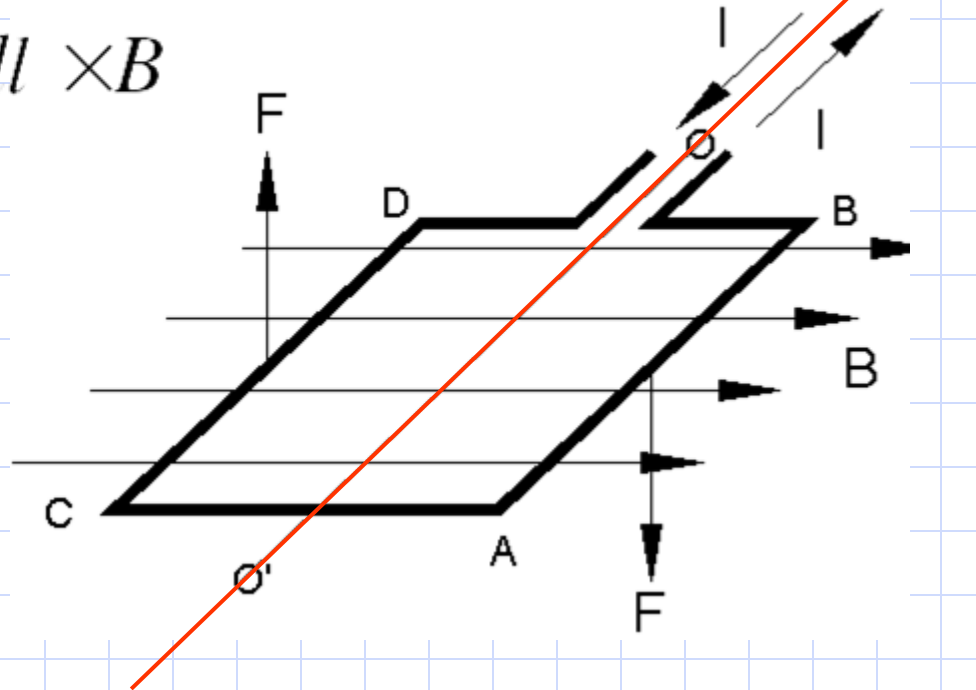


# Magnetic Force

## Current Loop

The force on a current loop in a magnetic field can result in rotational torque if the loop has a fixed **axis** as shown.

$$F = \int j \times B dv = \int I dl \times B$$



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Current Loop

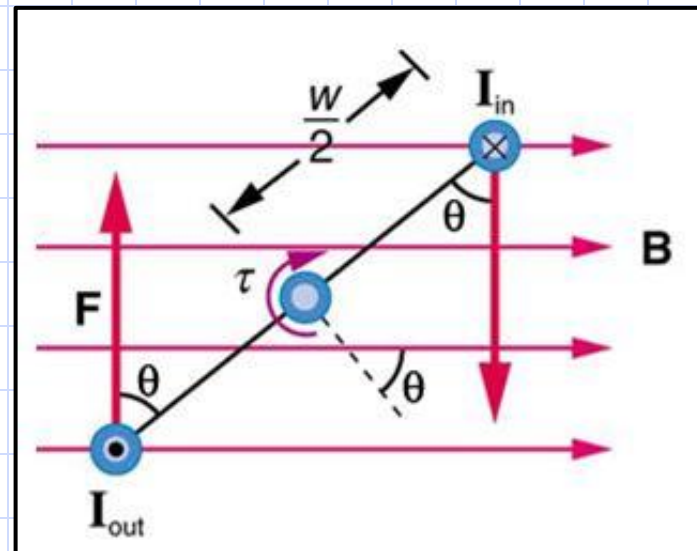
$$F = \int j \times B dv = \int I dl \times B$$

$$\tau = IAB \sin \theta$$

$B$  = field strength

$\theta$  = angle between the loop surface normal and direction of  $B$  field

$A$  = area of loop



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# Magnetic Force

## Current Loop

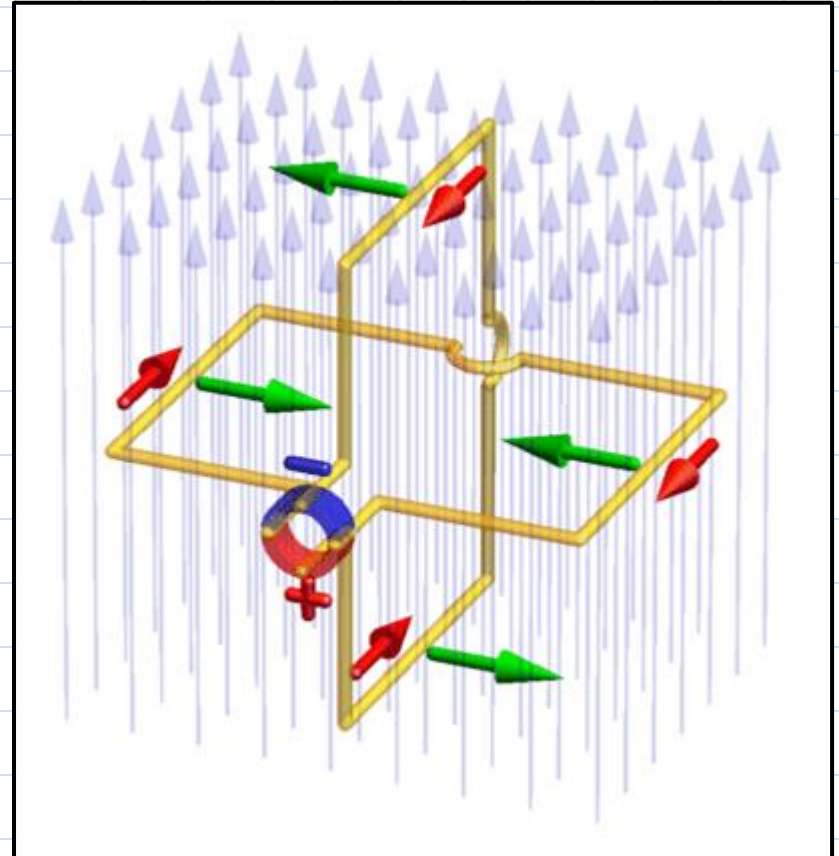
The presence of the rotational torque suggests that this loop could be used to make a DC motor. What happens when the is placed at an angle relative to the field, then allowed to rotate freely?

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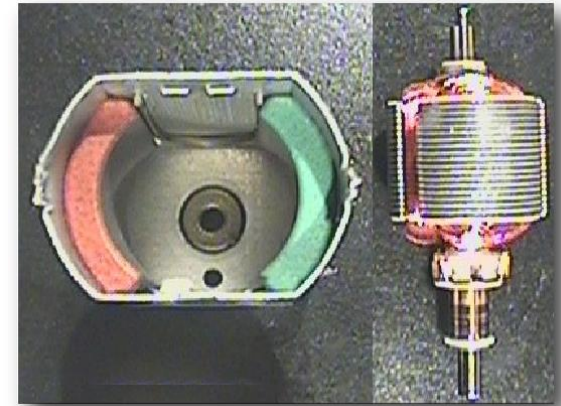
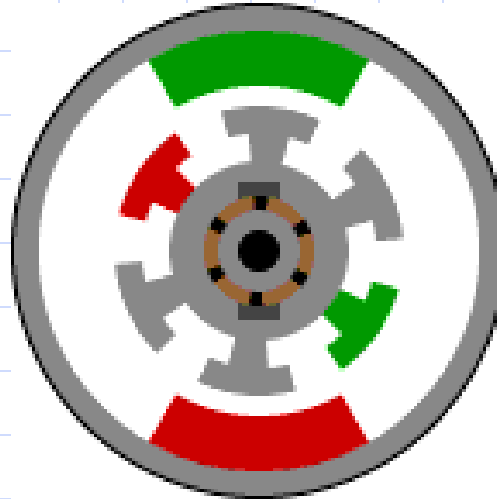
# DC Motors

## The Commutator

- A commutator allows a current loop to switch current direction at different stages of its rotation.
- As a result, the loop can achieve an average positive net torque through its rotation, and can rotate continuously while current is applied.



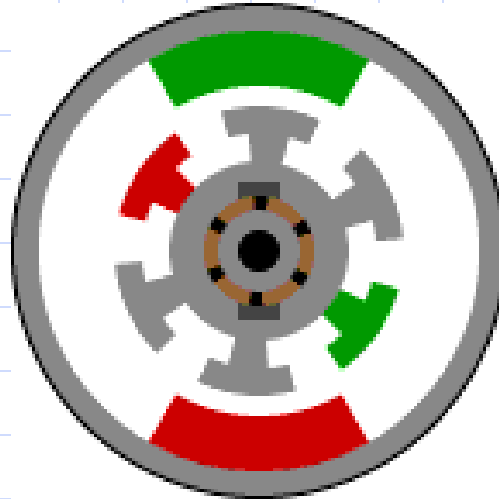
# DC Motors



- The stator is the stationary outside part of a motor. The rotor is the inner part which rotates.
- In the motor animations, red represents a magnet or winding with a north polarization, while green represents a magnet or winding with a south polarization. Opposite, red and green, polarities attract.

[http://www.freescale.com/files/microcontrollers/doc/train\\_ref\\_material/MOTORDCTUT.html](http://www.freescale.com/files/microcontrollers/doc/train_ref_material/MOTORDCTUT.html)

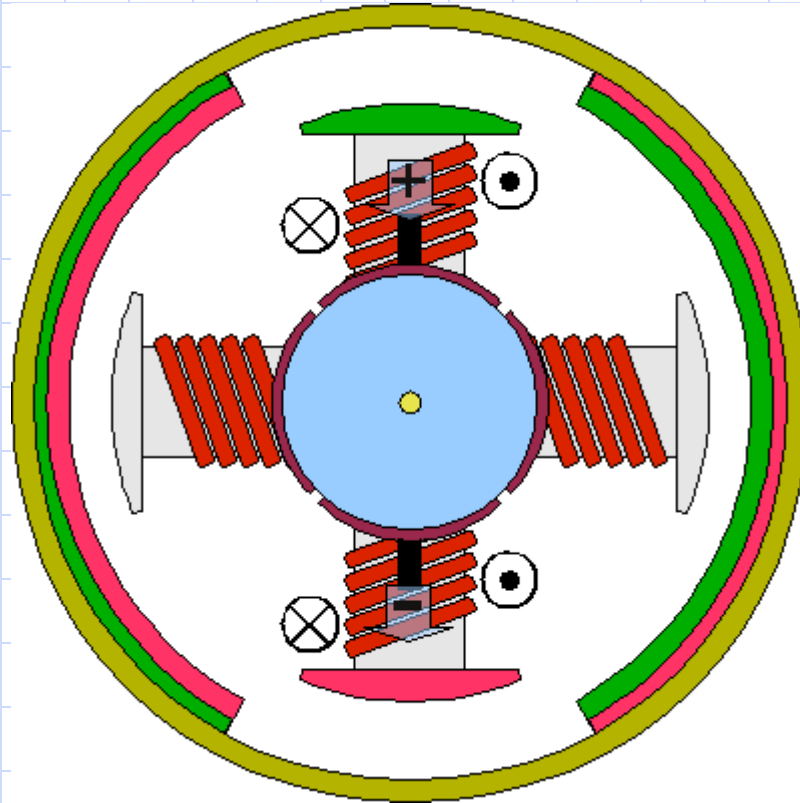
# DC Motors



- Just as the rotor reaches alignment, the brushes move across the commutator contacts and energize the next winding.
- Above, the commutator contacts are brown and the brushes are dark grey.

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# DC Motors



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Another animated example



# Motors vs Generators

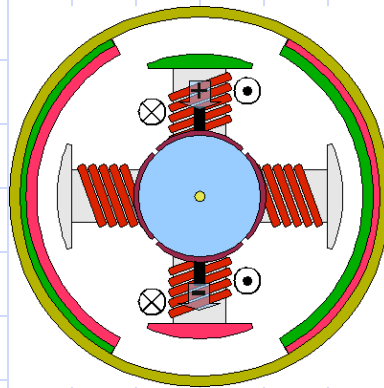
What's the difference between a motor and a generator?

# Motors vs Generators

Mechanical Work



Electrical Work

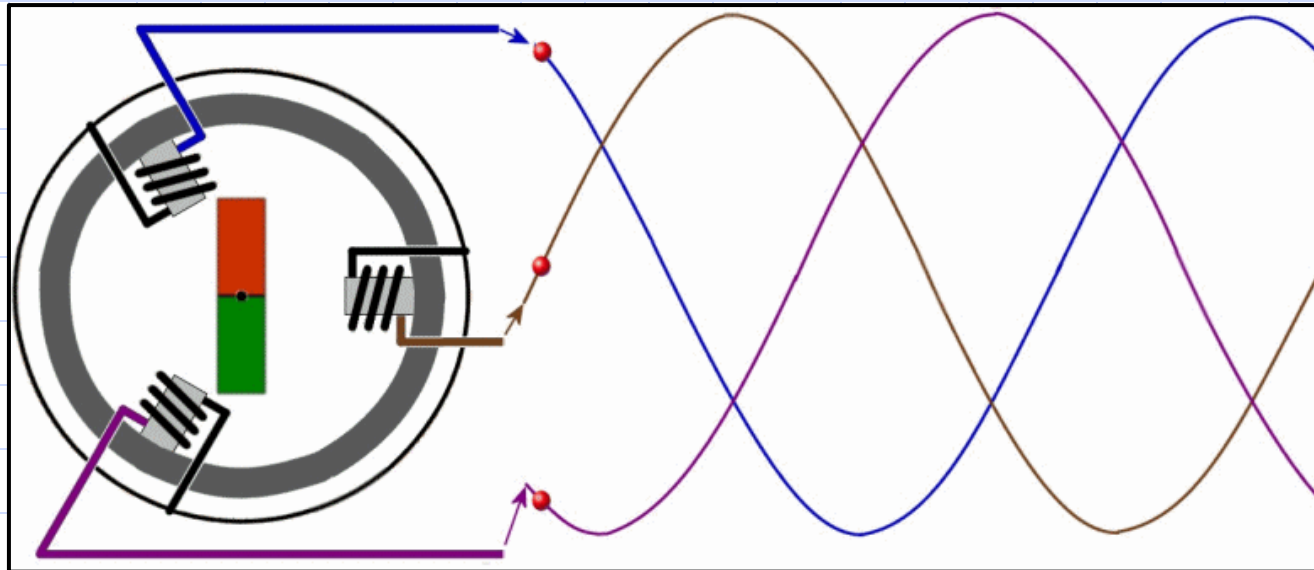


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- In general, motors and generators can perform a two-way conversion of electrical and mechanical work (a motor can act as a generator and vice versa)
- You can think of motors and generators as a single class of electromechanical device with variations for specific applications

# Motors vs Generators

AC Generator



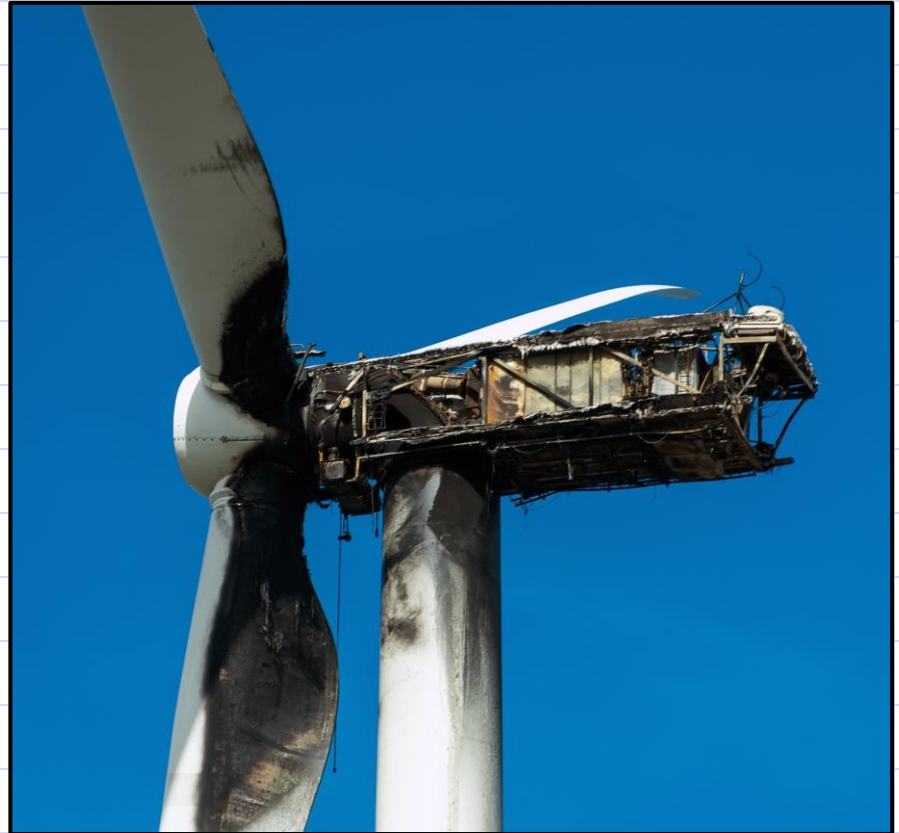
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- In an AC motor or generator, the coils are excited with an AC voltage
- This is the common method for power system applications

# Motors vs Generators

## Generator Motoring

- A generator can fail to provide the power demanded of it by a power system
- In this situation it begins to act like a motor, consuming power from the system until supply meets demand or a generator failure occurs



# Motors vs Generators

## Motors in Generator Mode

- Motors that are mechanically pushed beyond the speed at which they are being driven can enter generator mode, feeding power back into the system
- Electric cars can use this principle to recharge while going downhill



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