

## Rail gun

### Concepts and assumptions

- ① Lorentz force  $F_m = ILB$  (on the rod)

- ② Lenz's law

- ③ Faraday's law

- ④ Motional EMF for a rod in

1 field  $\mathcal{E} = vBL$

$v \rightarrow$  velocity

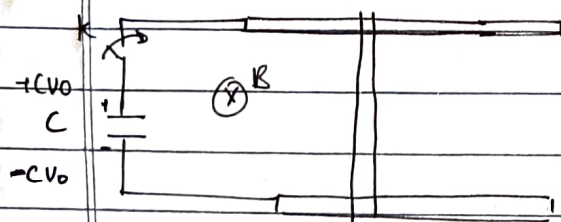
$B \rightarrow$  Magnetic field

$\mathcal{E} \rightarrow$  PD across rod.

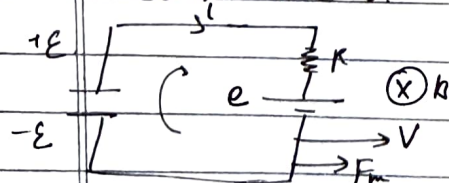
- ⑤ Kirchhoff's law

⑥  $\lambda = \left( \frac{BL^2}{mR} + \frac{1}{RC} \right)$

### initial setup



### intermediate time $t$ .



### Current as a function of time.

$i = -\frac{dq}{dt}$  — ①

$F_m = m \frac{dv}{dt} = iLB$  — ②

By Kirchhoff's law

$\mathcal{E} - iR - vBL = 0$  — ③

differentiating equation ③ wrt  $t$

$\frac{1}{C} \frac{dq}{dt} - R \frac{di}{dt} - BL \frac{dv}{dt} = 0$

from eq ① and eq ②

$-\frac{i}{C} - R \frac{di}{dt} - \frac{iL^2B^2}{m} = 0$

$R \frac{di}{dt} = -i \left( \frac{BL^2}{mR} + \frac{1}{RC} \right)$

$\frac{di}{dt} = -i \lambda$

$\int_{i_0}^i \frac{di}{i} = -\lambda \int_0^t dt$

$\ln \left( \frac{i}{i_0} \right) = -\lambda t$

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$i = i_0 e^{-\lambda t}$  — ④

$i_0 = \frac{V_0 \mathcal{E}}{R}$  — ⑤

Force as a function of time

$F_m = iLB$

$F_m =$  from eq ④

$F_m = \frac{V_0 \mathcal{E}}{R} e^{-\lambda t} LB$   
 $= \frac{V_0 LB \mathcal{E}}{R} e^{-\lambda t}$  — ⑥

Velocity as a function of time  
 from eq ②

$m \frac{dv}{dt} = iLB$

put  $i$  from eq ④ in eq ②

$m \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{V_0 \mathcal{E}}{R} e^{-\lambda t} LB$

$$\int_0^v dv = \frac{i_0 L B}{m} \int_0^t e^{-\alpha t} dt$$

$$v = \frac{i_0 L B}{m(-\alpha)} (e^{-\alpha t} - 1)$$

$$v = \frac{i_0 L B}{m\alpha} (1 - e^{-\alpha t}) \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

putting the value of  $\alpha$  in eq (4)  
eq (6) and eq (7)

$$i = \frac{V_0}{R} e^{-\left(\frac{B^2 L^2}{mR} + \frac{1}{RC}\right)t}$$

$$F_m = \frac{V_0 L B}{R} e^{-\left(\frac{B^2 L^2}{mR} + \frac{1}{RC}\right)t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v &= \frac{V_0 L B}{R} \frac{m R L}{m (B^2 L^2 + m)} (1 - e^{-\left(\frac{B^2 L^2}{mR} + \frac{1}{RC}\right)t}) \\ &= \frac{V_0 L B C}{(C B^2 L^2 + m)} \end{aligned}$$

$$v = \frac{V_0 L B C}{(C B^2 L^2 + m)} e^{-\left(\frac{B^2 L^2}{mR} + \frac{1}{RC}\right)t}$$