



Phys 102 – Lecture 13

Motional EMF & Lenz' law

Physics 102 recently

Basic principles of magnetism

- Lecture 10 – magnetic fields & forces
- Lecture 11 – magnetic dipoles & current loops
- Lecture 12 – currents & magnetic fields

Connection between electricity & magnetism

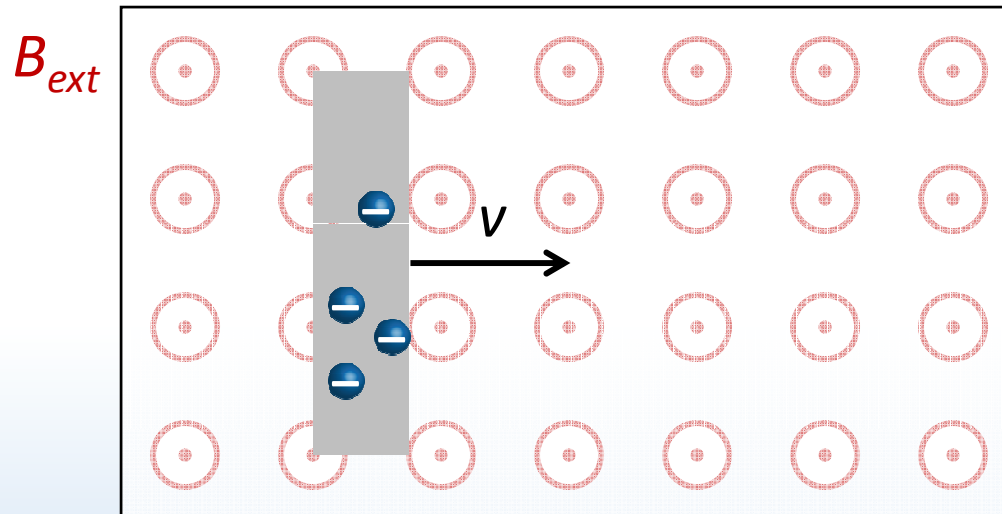
- Lecture 13 – motional EMF & Lenz' law
- Lecture 14 – Faraday's law of induction
- Lecture 15 – electromagnetic waves

Today we will...

- Learn how electric fields are created from...
 - Motion in magnetic fields (“motional EMF”)
 - Changing magnetic fields
- Learn Lenz’ law: principle unifying electricity and magnetism
- Apply these concepts:
 - Magnetoreception
 - Electrical generators & hybrid cars

CheckPoint 1: Moving bar

A conducting bar moves in a uniform external B field at speed v



Magnetic force pushes – electrons to top, leaves + charge at bottom of bar

Separated + and – charge induces E field & ΔV $\varepsilon = E_{ind}L = vB_{ext}L$

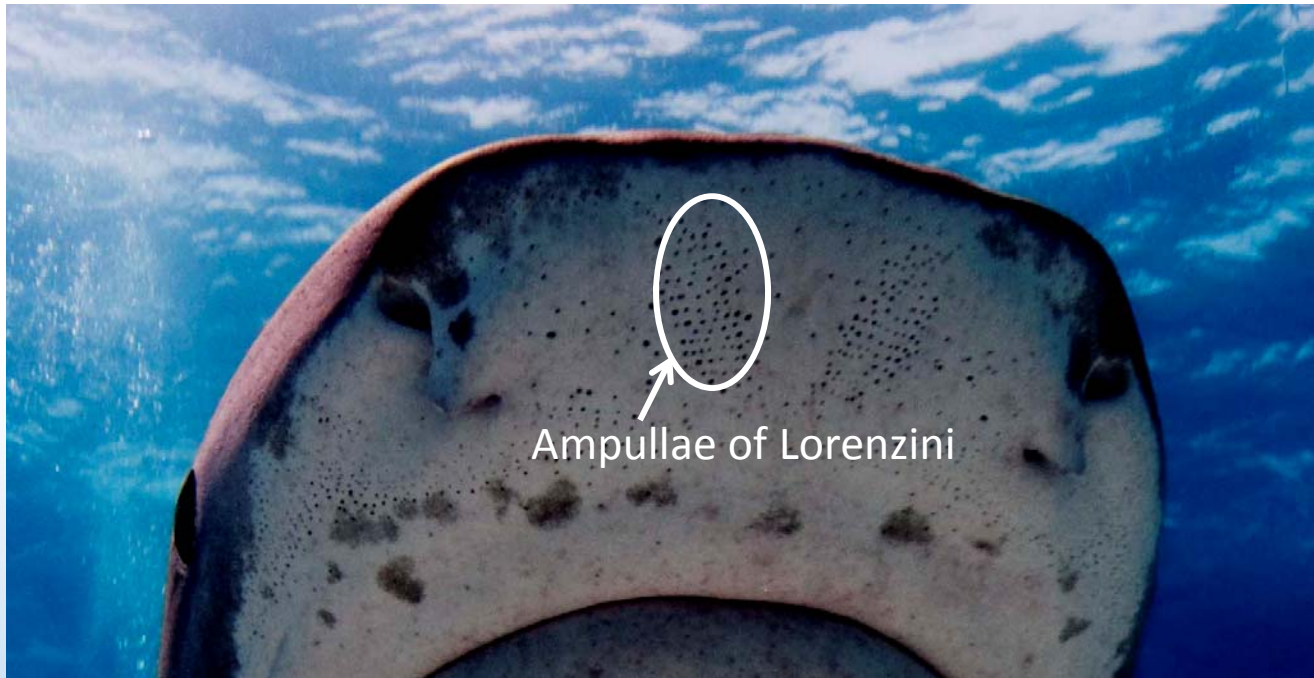
At equilibrium, forces must sum to zero

$$F_B = qvB_{ext} = F_E = qE_{ind}$$

Moving bar acts like a battery!
Motional EMF

Magnetoreception in sharks

Sharks can sense changes in magnetic fields

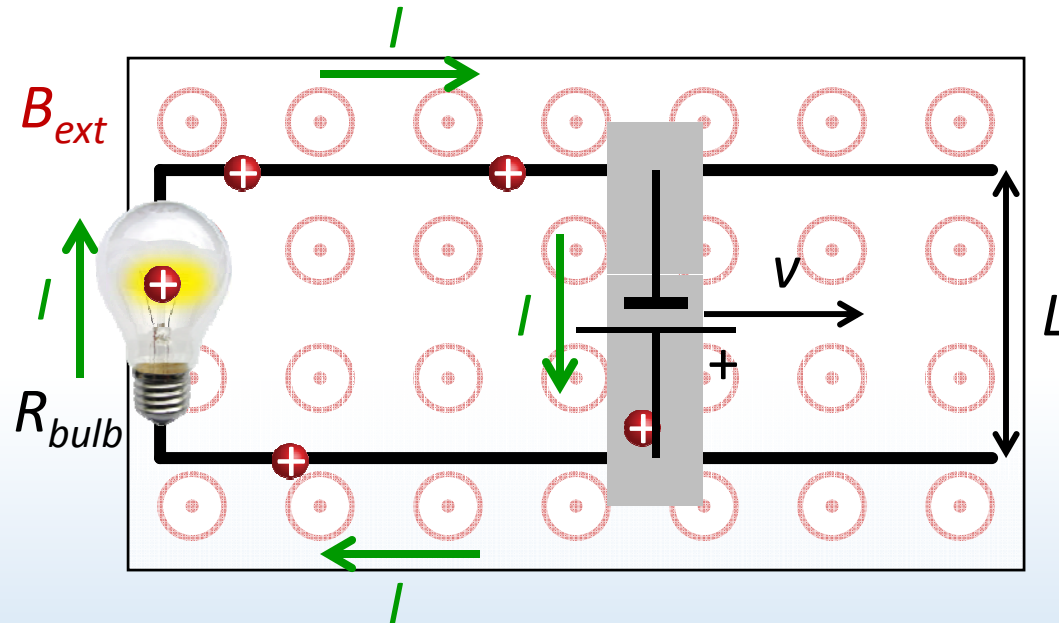


Sharks do not have magnetic organelles like magnetotactic bacteria, but they do have “ampullae of Lorenzini”, which sense E field

Model of magnetoreception in sharks: motional EMF from moving in B field generates E field detected by ampullae

Motional EMF

Bar slides with speed v on a conducting track in a uniform B field



Can moving bar drive current around the circuit?

+ charges in moving bar experience force down
Electrical current induced clockwise!

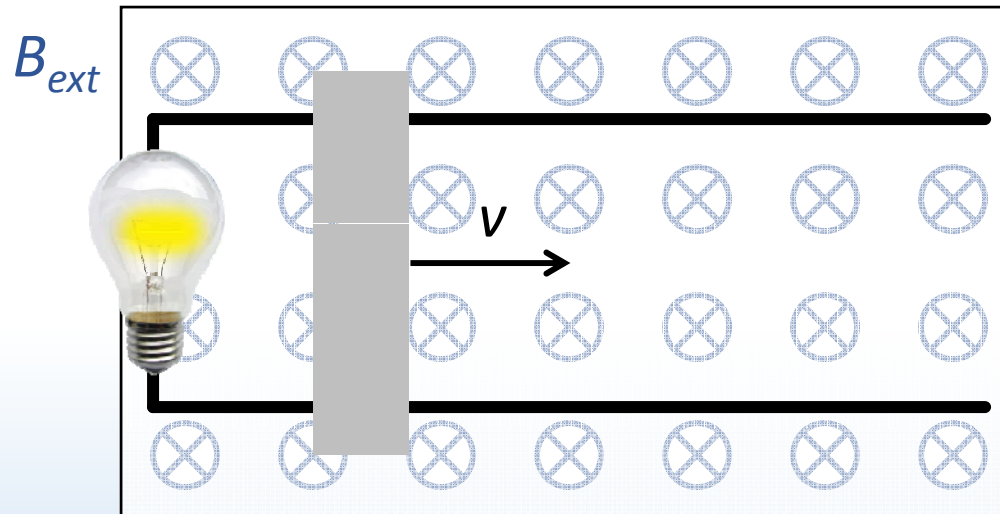
$$\varepsilon = vB_{ext}L \quad I = \frac{vB_{ext}L}{R_{bulb}}$$

(Recall that e^- actually move, opposite current)



ACT: CheckPoint 2.1

The conducting bar moves to the right in the opposite B field



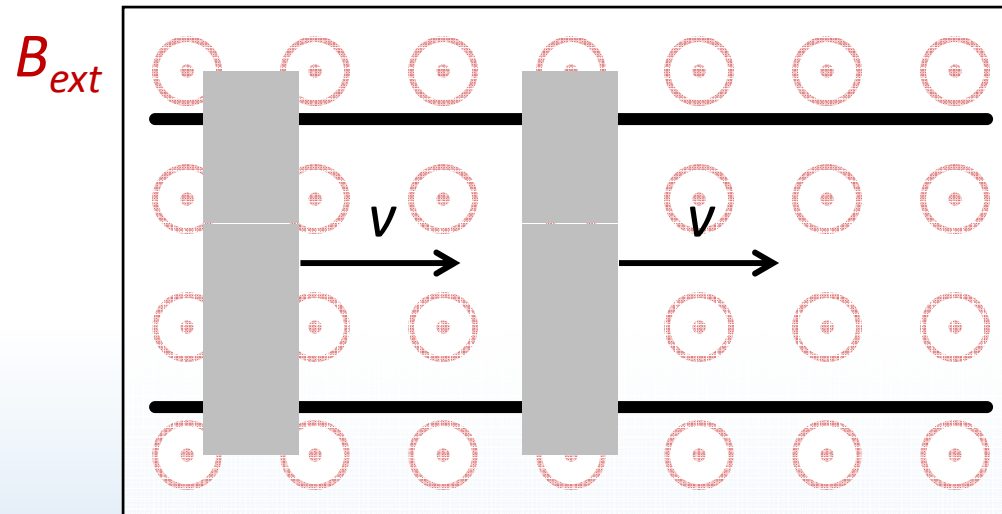
Which way does the current flow?

- A. Clockwise
- B. Counterclockwise
- C. The current is zero



ACT: Two metal bars

Circuit now has two metal bars moving right at the same speed v

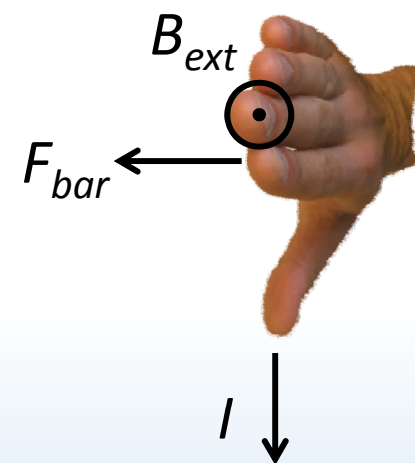
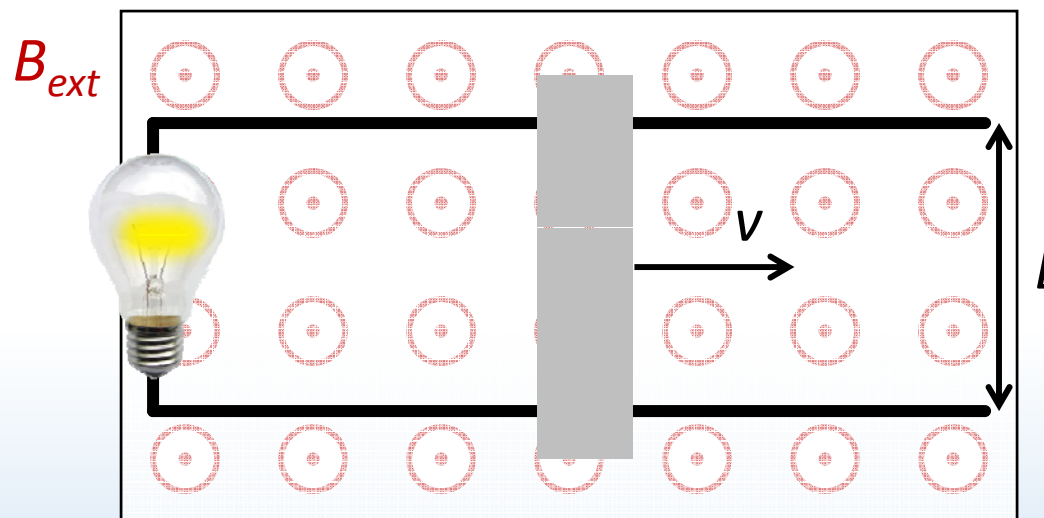


Which way does the current flow?

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- C. The current is zero

Motional EMF and force

Where does the energy come from to generate electricity?



Moving bar carries current, so B field exerts a force F_{bar}

$$F_{bar} = ILB_{ext} \sin \theta$$

F_{bar} opposes v , so bar decelerates

To maintain constant v , you must provide external force F_{ext} opposing F_{bar}

F_{ext} does the work to generate electrical energy

Note: F_{bar} is NOT F_B which drives current around loop

Electrical generators

Motional EMF is the basis for modern electrical generation

Instead of sliding bar, use spinning loop in B field

The image is a composite of several diagrams illustrating electromagnetic induction and its applications. On the left, a bar magnet with North (N) and South (S) poles is shown above a rectangular wire loop. A voltmeter (V) is connected to the loop. Below this, a cylindrical magnet is shown with a graph of Voltage versus Time, showing a sinusoidal wave. In the center, there are navigation icons: play, stop, step, and rew, with the text 'THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES' and 'from PHYSCLIPS'. On the right, a large diagram titled 'Inside a Hydropower Plant' shows a cross-section of a dam, a powerhouse, a transformer, and power lines. A detailed view of the generator shows the stator, rotor, turbine generator shaft, and turbine. Below this, a diagram of a hybrid vehicle shows an internal combustion engine, a battery, a generator, a power split device, and an electric motor.

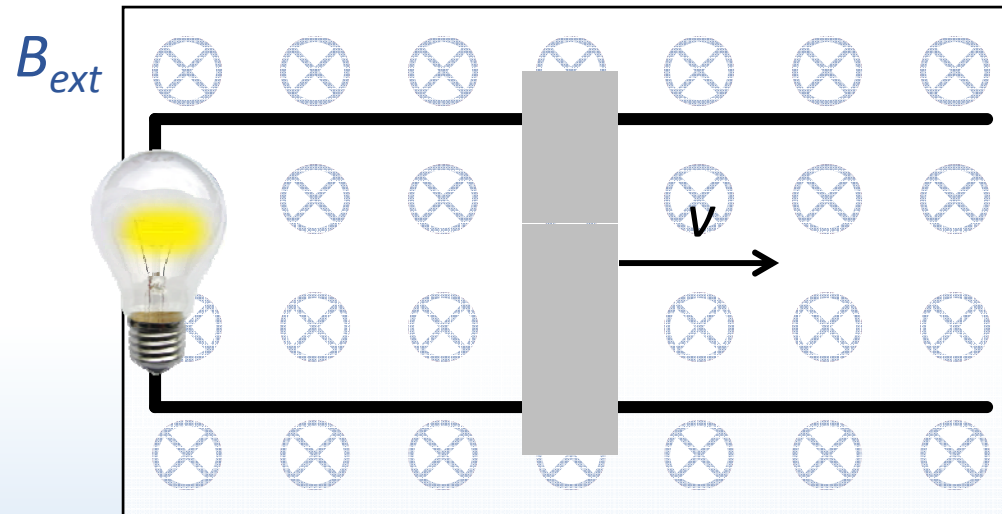
External torque (from turbine, gas engine,

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ACT: CheckPoint 2.2

The B field is now reversed and points into the page.

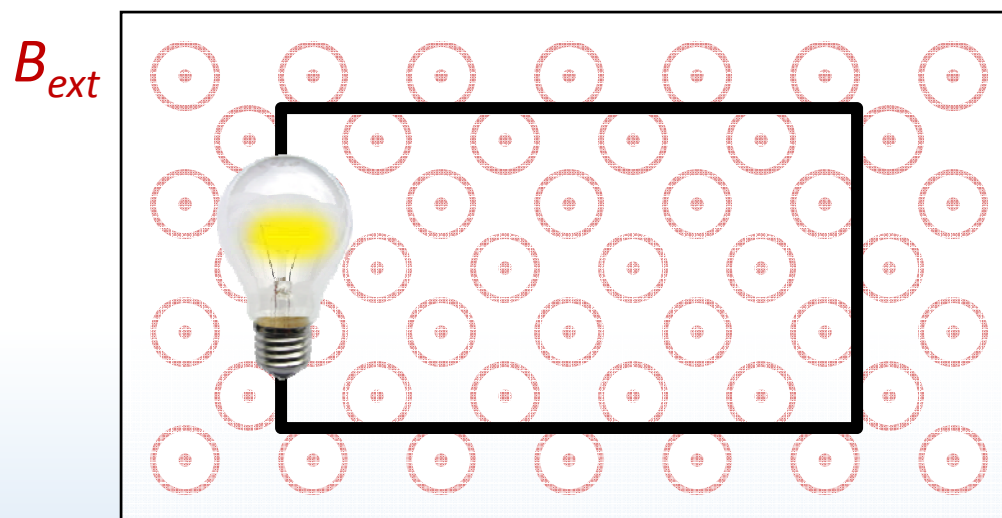


To keep the bar moving at the same speed, the hand must supply:

- A. A force to the right
- B. A force to the left
- C. No force, the bar slides by inertia

Changing B field

Now loop is fixed, but B field changes



If B_{ext} increases, current I flows clockwise

If B_{ext} decreases, current I flows counterclockwise

If B_{ext} is constant, no current flows

What is changing here and in previous cases? Magnetic flux Φ !

Magnetic flux

Flux “counts” number of B field lines passing through a loop

$$\Phi \equiv BA \cos \varphi$$

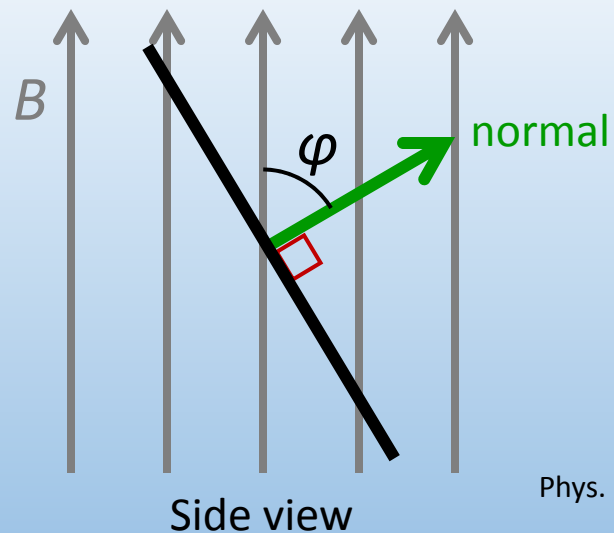
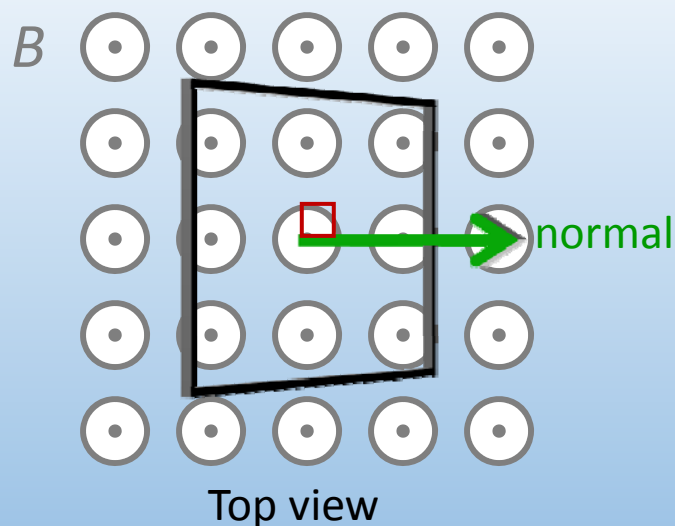
B field in loop

Area inside loop filled with B field

Angle between normal vector and B field

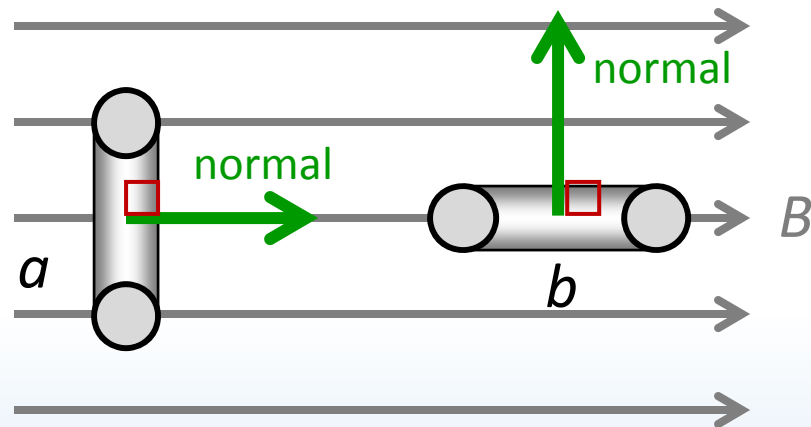
Unit: Wb (“Weber”)
 $1 \text{ Wb} = 1 \text{ T} \cdot \text{m}^2$

Angle φ affects how many B field lines pass through loop



Checkpoint 3.1

Compare the flux through loops a and b



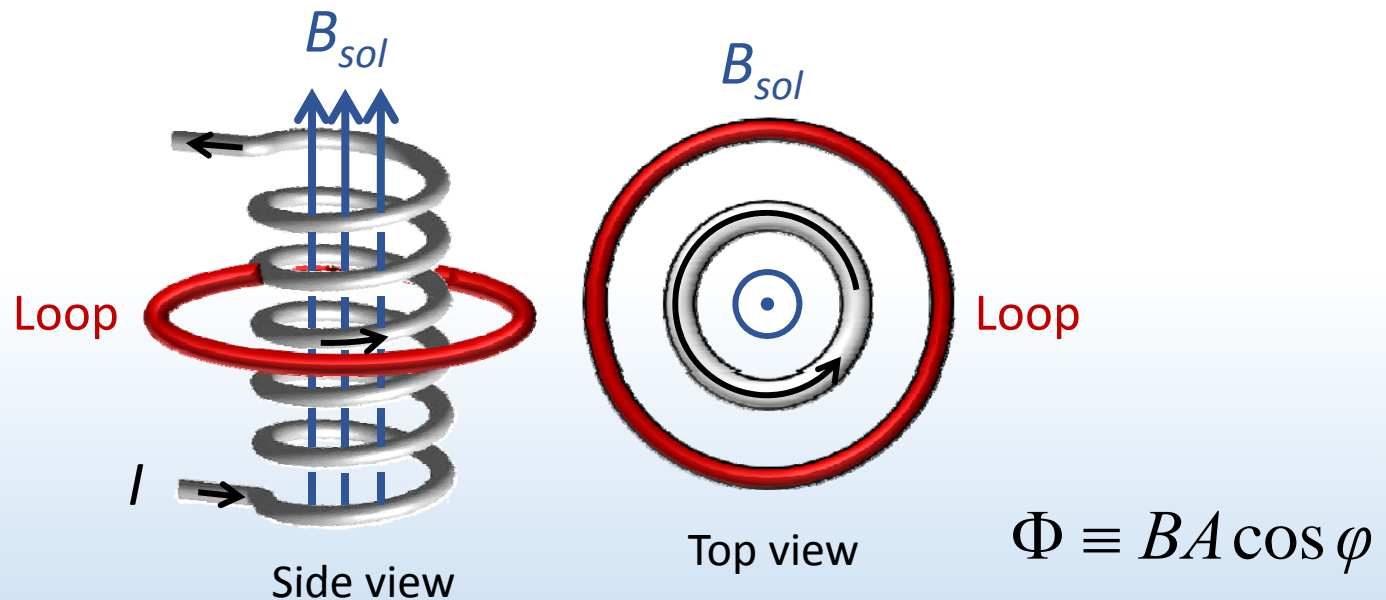
A. $\Phi_a > \Phi_b$

B. $\Phi_a < \Phi_b$

C. $\Phi_a = \Phi_b$

Magnetic flux practice

A solenoid generating a B field is placed inside a conducting loop. What happens to the flux Φ through the loop when...



The area of the solenoid increases?

The current in the solenoid increases?

The area of the loop increases?

Lenz's law

Induced EMF ε opposes change in flux Φ

If Φ increases:

ε generates new B field
opposite external B field

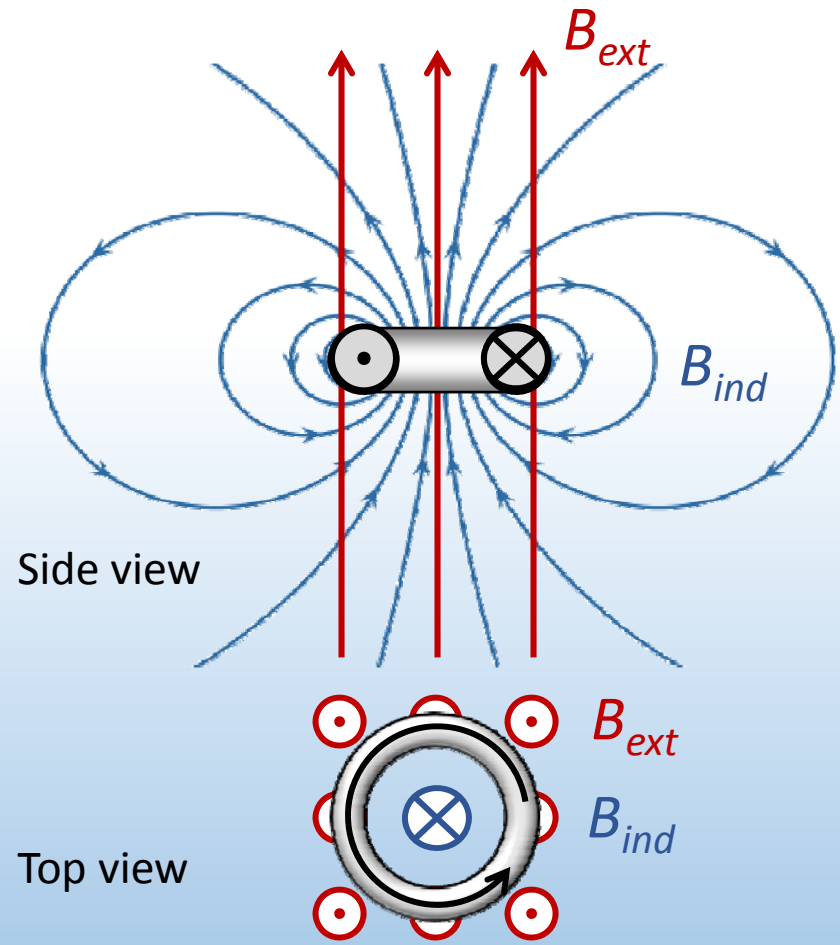
If Φ decreases:

ε generates new B field
along external B field

If Φ is constant:

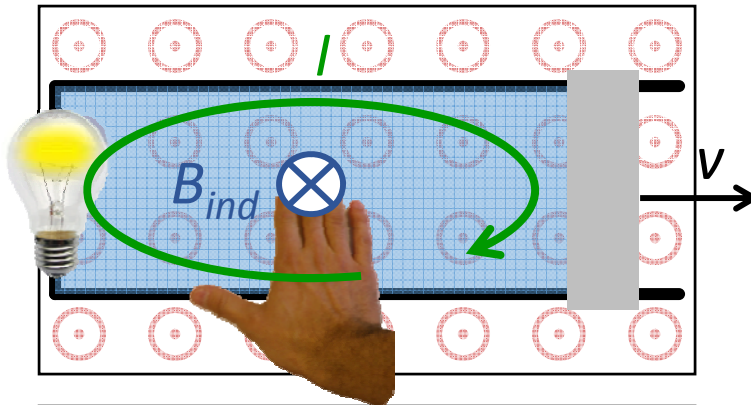
ε is zero

One principle explains all
the previous examples!



Lenz's law: changing loop area

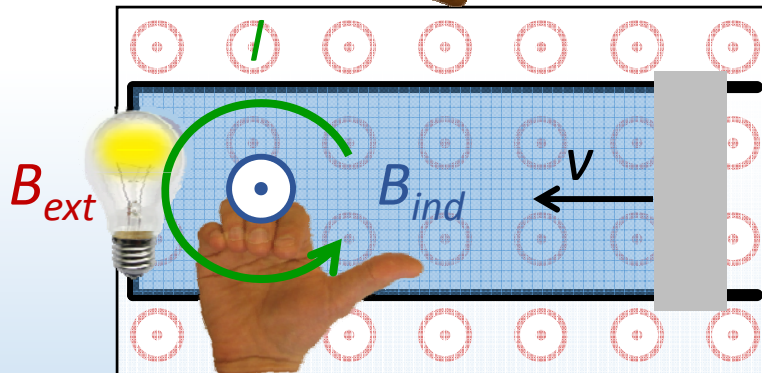
EX 1



ε opposes change in flux Φ

A & Φ increases
 ε generates B_{ind} opposite B_{ext}

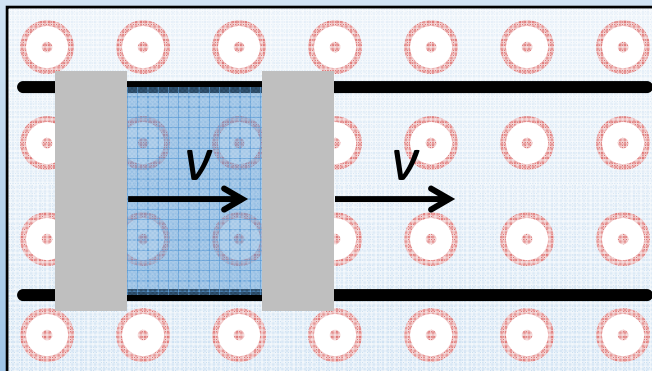
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A & Φ decreases
 ε generates B_{ind} along B_{ext}

Same answers as before!

EX 3

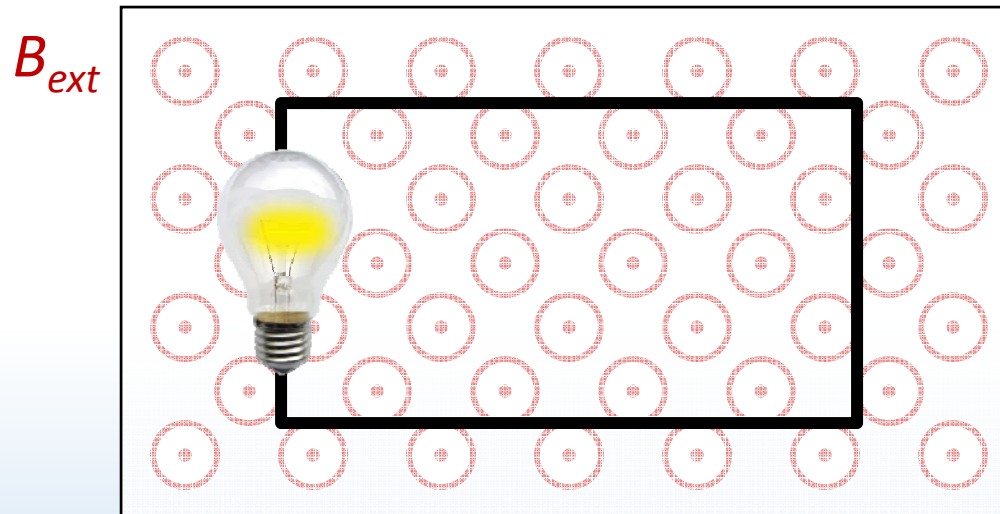


A & Φ remains constant
 ε is zero



ACT: Lenz' law: changing B field

A loop is placed in a uniform, increasing B field



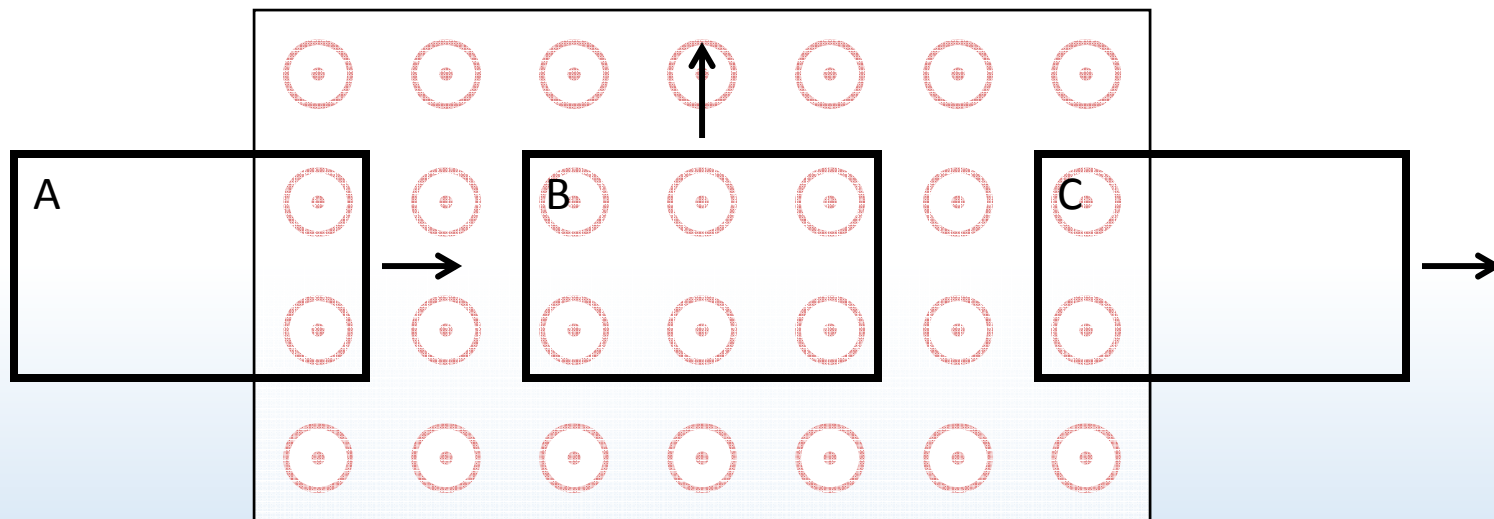
In which direction does the induced B field from the loop point?

- A. Into the page
- B. Out of the page
- C. There is no induced B field



ACT: moving loops

Three loops are moving in a region containing a uniform B field. The field is zero everywhere outside.



In which loop does current flow counterclockwise at the instant shown?

A. Loop A

B. Loop B

C. Loop C

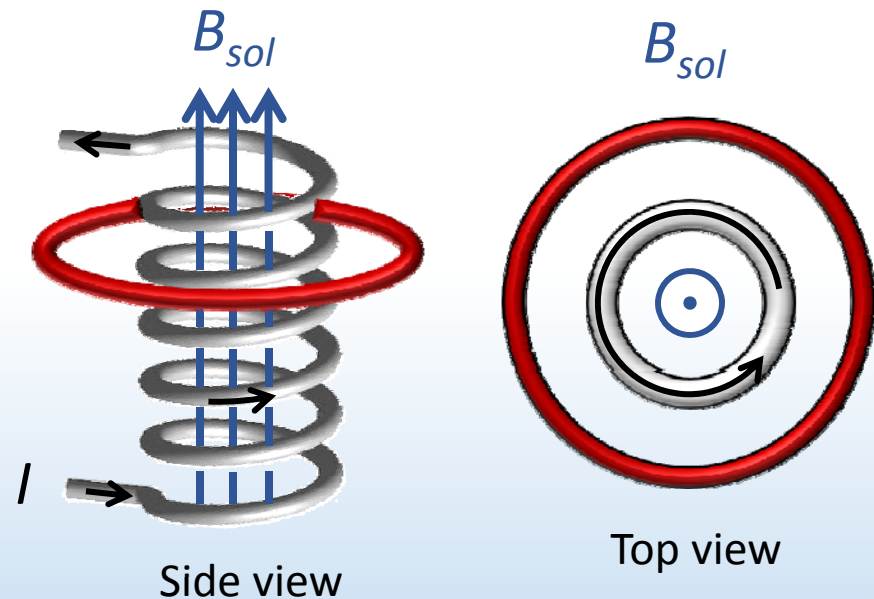
ϵ opposes change in flux Φ



ACT: Solenoid & loop

A solenoid is driven by an increasing current. A loop of wire is placed around it. In which direction does current in the loop flow?

- A. Clockwise
- B. Counterclockwise
- C. The current is zero



Induction cannon

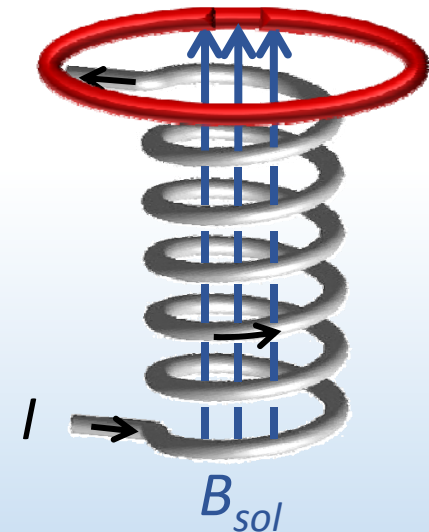
A solenoid is driven by an increasing current. A loop of wire is placed around it.

Current loop and solenoid behave like magnetic dipoles

Opposite currents = opposite polarities

Recall Lect. 11

Like poles repel, so loop shoots up!



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Summary of today's lecture

- Electric fields are created from
 - Motion in magnetic fields (“motional EMF”)
 - Changing magnetic fields
- Lenz' Law: EMF ε opposes change in flux Φ

ε does NOT oppose Φ
 ε opposes change in Φ

Lenz' law gives direction of EMF

Faraday's law gives us magnitude of EMF (next lecture!)