

# Electromagnetism - Lecture 6

## Induction

- Faraday's Law of Induction
- Electromotive Force
- Differential Form of Faraday's Law
- Examples of Induction
- Time-Varying Fields

## Faraday's Experiments

These involved moving a bar magnet or equivalently a current carrying coil (both have magnetic dipole fields)

Movement is towards (or away from) a conducting loop

A current is **induced** in the loop by the motion

*The motion changes the magnetic flux through the loop*

Direction of current in loop depends on direction of motion  $\mathbf{v}$  and magnetic dipole moment  $\mathbf{m}$

Current flow is caused by an *induced potential difference* around the loop. This is known as an *emf*.

# Faraday's Law of Induction

Faraday's Law of Induction states that:

$$\mathcal{E} = \oint_L \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_A \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

The integral of the electric field round a closed loop is related to the time-variation of the magnetic flux through the loop

$\mathcal{E}$  is known as the **induced electromotive force (emf)**

*this is confusing because  $\mathcal{E}$  is a potential difference!*

$\mathcal{E}$  can cause a current to flow in a conducting loop:  $\mathcal{E} = IR$

This is first introduction to **electrodynamics** of time-varying fields

In **electrostatics** there are no time-variations

Notes:

Diagrams:

## Methods of producing an emf

$\mathcal{E}$  is produced by a time-varying magnetic flux  $\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_A \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$

This can occur in many different ways:

- Moving a loop into or out of a magnetic field

$\int d\mathbf{S}$  Mechanical change to area  $A$  of a loop in a magnetic field

$\mathbf{B}$  Uniform motion of a loop inside a non-uniform magnetic field

*Note that in a uniform magnetic field  $\mathcal{E} = 0!$*

- Rotation of loop about its axis in a uniform magnetic field

*AC generators and electric motors*

$d/dt$  Time variation of the magnetic field through a static loop

## Lenz's Law

“Whenever a change in magnetic flux produces an *induced current* the direction of current flow is such as to produce effects *opposing the change in flux*”

- Force opposes movement of conducting loop into magnetic field
- Motion of conducting loop in magnetic field *decelerates*
- Torque acts against rotation of conducting loop in magnetic field

*Related to the minus sign in Faraday's Law*

## Differential Form of Faraday's Law

Differential form of Faraday's Law from Stokes's theorem:

$$\oint_L \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_A (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_A \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

*At any point in space the curl of the induced electric field is proportional to the time derivative of the magnetic field*

Using  $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$  and removing the curls, this can be written in terms of the magnetic vector potential:

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$$

*At any point in space the induced electric field is proportional to the time derivative of the magnetic vector potential*

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## Induction Examples - Rolling Wire

A conducting wire of length  $l$  rolls along conducting rails with velocity  $v$ . The rails are connected at one end to form a circuit.

The **area** of the circuit varies with time:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = -vl$$

A uniform magnetic field is applied perpendicular to the loop. This generates an emf:

$$\mathcal{E} = \oint_L \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_A \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = vBl$$

which causes a current  $I = \mathcal{E}/R$  to flow round the circuit

The magnetic force on the current *opposes* the change and decelerates the wire:

$$F = IBl = \frac{vB^2l^2}{R} = -m \frac{dv}{dt} \quad v = v_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \tau = \frac{mR}{B^2l^2}$$

## Flux Cutting Law

A moving charge experiences a force  $\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$

Transform to the (primed) rest frame of the charge:

*Force is attributed to an electric field  $\mathbf{F}' = q\mathbf{E}'$*

These forces must be equivalent:  $\mathbf{E}' = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$

The emf in the moving frame is:

$$\mathcal{E} = \int \mathbf{E}' \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

Dimensionally this looks like a time-varying magnetic flux

*Emf is proportional to the rate at which a moving object cuts through magnetic flux lines*

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## Rotating Faraday Disk

An insulating disk rotates with frequency  $\omega$  around its axis. There is a uniform magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$  along the axis.

There is an induced emf along a radial line that sweeps round cutting through the magnetic flux lines:

$$\mathcal{E} = \int_0^a \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{r} \quad \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{r} \times \omega$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{a^2 \omega B}{2}$$

Direction of emf is radially *inwards* or *outwards* depending on the sense of rotation and the direction of  $\mathbf{B}$ .

## Induction Examples - AC Generator

A coil of area  $A$  rotates about its diameter in a uniform magnetic field with angular velocity  $\omega$

The **angle** between  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $A$  varies with time:

$$\Phi_B = AB \cos \omega t$$

$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} = -AB\omega \sin \omega t$$

This produces an alternating current (AC) with frequency  $\omega$

*Note that the peak current is obtained when the loop is parallel to  $\mathbf{B}$  and the magnetic flux through the loop  $\Phi_B = 0$*

## Induction Examples - Betatron

A betatron consists of two iron poles shaped to give a **non-uniform** magnetic field as a function of radius  $r$  from the centre of the poles.

An electron of momentum  $p$  moves in a circular orbit of radius  $R$  due to the magnetic force:

$$F = evB = \frac{mv^2}{R} \quad R = \frac{p}{eB}$$

The orbits have the **cyclotron frequency**:

$$\omega = \frac{v}{R} = \frac{eB}{m}$$

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If the magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$  is increased linearly with time an emf is induced by the **time-variation** of the **average** field  $\langle B(r < R) \rangle$  inside the orbital radius  $R$ :

$$\mathcal{E} = \pi R^2 \frac{d \langle B \rangle}{dt} = E_\phi 2\pi R$$

The electrons are accelerated by a *tangential emf*:

$$mR \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{eR}{2} \frac{d \langle B \rangle}{dt} \quad \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{e}{2m} \frac{d \langle B \rangle}{dt}$$

Differentiating the cyclotron frequency:

$$\omega = \frac{eB(R)}{m} \quad \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{e}{m} \frac{dB(R)}{dt}$$

The electrons remain at the same radius  $R$  if:

$$\frac{dB(R)}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d \langle B \rangle}{dt} \quad B(R) = \frac{1}{2} \langle B(r < R) \rangle$$

The average field inside any radius is twice the field at that radius