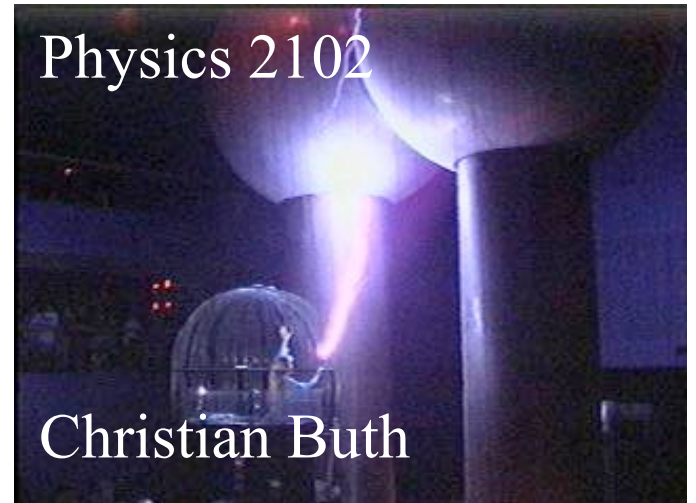


Aurora Borealis



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## Lecture 21 Magnetic fields 4

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"I'll be back...."



Star Quake on a

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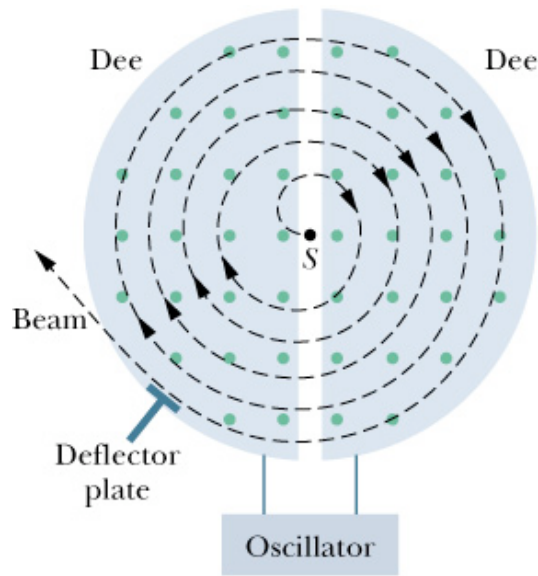
# Review

- **Hall effect** reveals that charge carriers in metals are negative (electrons)
- Charged particle with velocity perpendicular to magnetic field on **circular path**

$$r = \frac{mv_{\perp}}{|q|B} \quad T = \frac{2\pi m}{|q|B}$$

- Generally linear and circular motion superimposed: a **helix** with radius  $r$  and **pitch**  $p = Tv_{\parallel}$
- Charged particles trapped in **magnetic bottle**; natural phenomenon: **aurora borealis**
- **Particle accelerators** create beams of charged particles

# Cyclotron



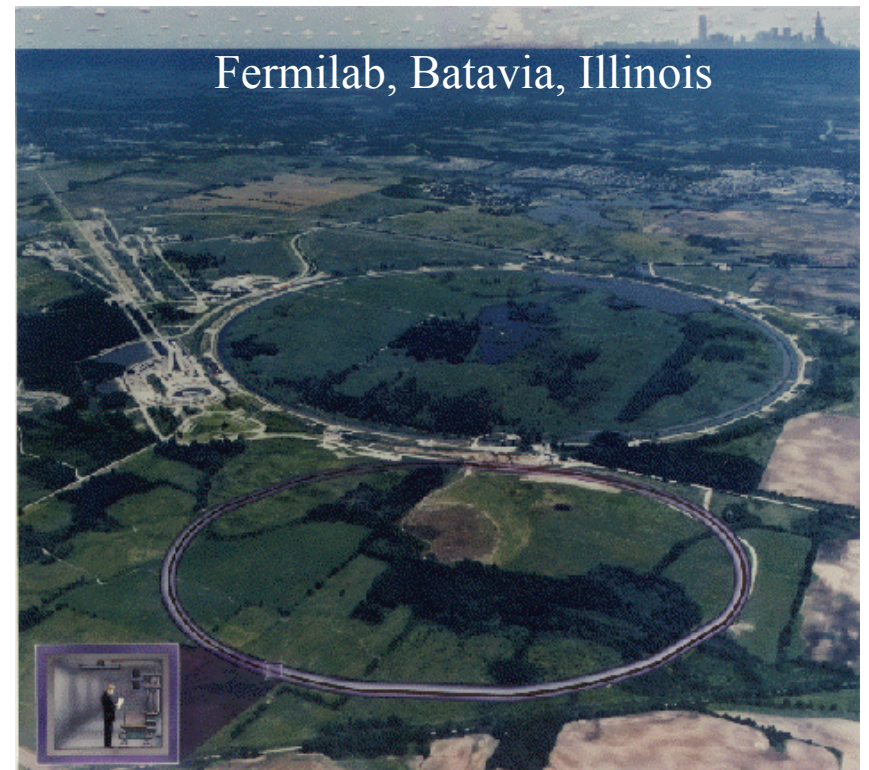
$$r = \frac{mv}{eB}$$

$$f = \frac{eB}{2\pi m}$$

- Two hollow **D-shaped** objects (dees)
- Magnetic field forces particle on **spiral motion** (radius increases with particle speed)
- **Oscillating electric potential** changes charge of dees after each passing of particle in other dee
- **Resonance** condition  $f = f_{\text{osc}}$
- **Relativistic effects** limit the particle speed that can be reached (frequency no longer independent of particle speed)

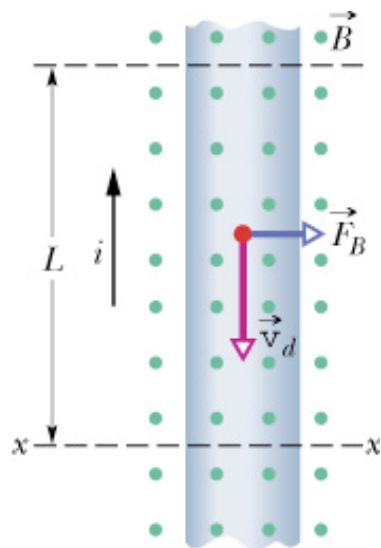
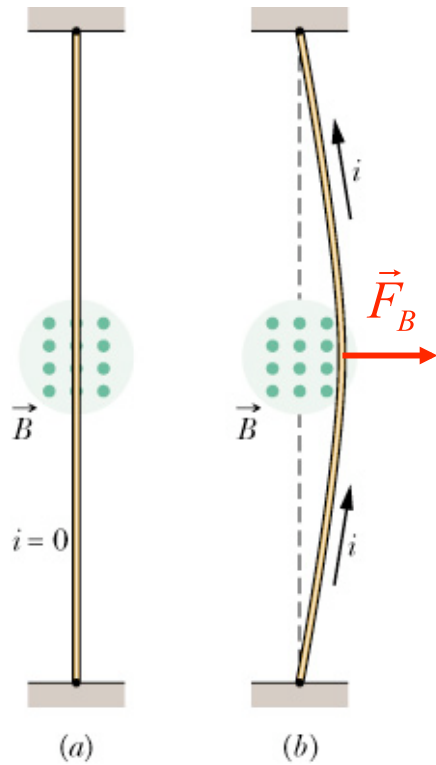
# Synchrotron

- **Circular** (not spiral!) motion in a subterranean tunnel
- Magnetic field and frequency **vary** with particle speed
- **Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory** (Fermilab) has circumference of 6.3 km
- Fermilab can produce protons up to **1 TeV**

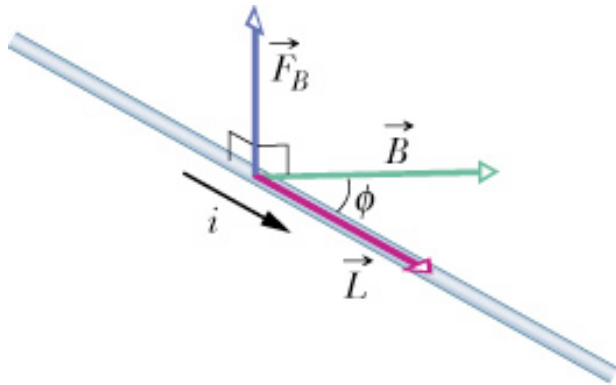




# Magnetic Force on a Current-Carrying Wire

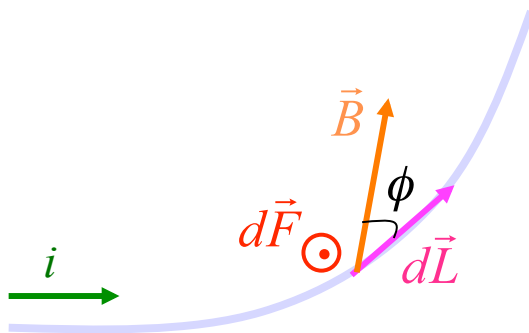


- Wire in uniform **magnetic field**
- **Experimentally**, we find that force is **perpendicular** on wire
- Force due to vector sum of **magnetic forces** on the moving electrons
- **Total charge** that flows through wire in time  $t$  is  $q = i t = i L / v_d$
- **Magnetic force on wire** is  $F_B = q v_d B \sin 90^\circ = i L B$



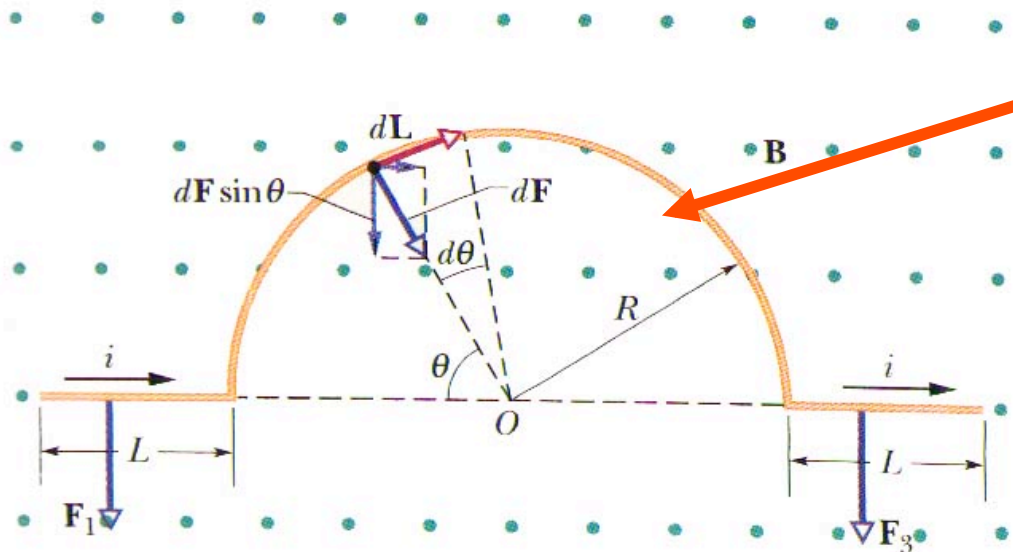
# General Force on Wire

- Magnetic field angle  $\phi$  with **straight wire**
- Magnetic force:  $\boxed{\vec{F}_B = i\vec{L} \times \vec{B}}$
- Here  $\vec{L}$  is vector with length  $L$  and **direction of current**



- For wire with **arbitrary shape** decompose in elements  $dL$
- Force on **element**:  $\boxed{d\vec{F}_B = id\vec{L} \times \vec{B}}$
- **Net force**:  $\boxed{\vec{F}_B = i \int d\vec{L} \times \vec{B}}$

## Example



Wire with current  $i$ .

Magnetic field out of page.

What is net force on wire?

$$F_1 = F_3 = iLB$$

$$dF = iBdL = iBRd\theta$$

By symmetry,  $F_2$  will only have a vertical component,

$$F_2 = \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta) dF = iBR \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta) d\theta = 2iBR$$

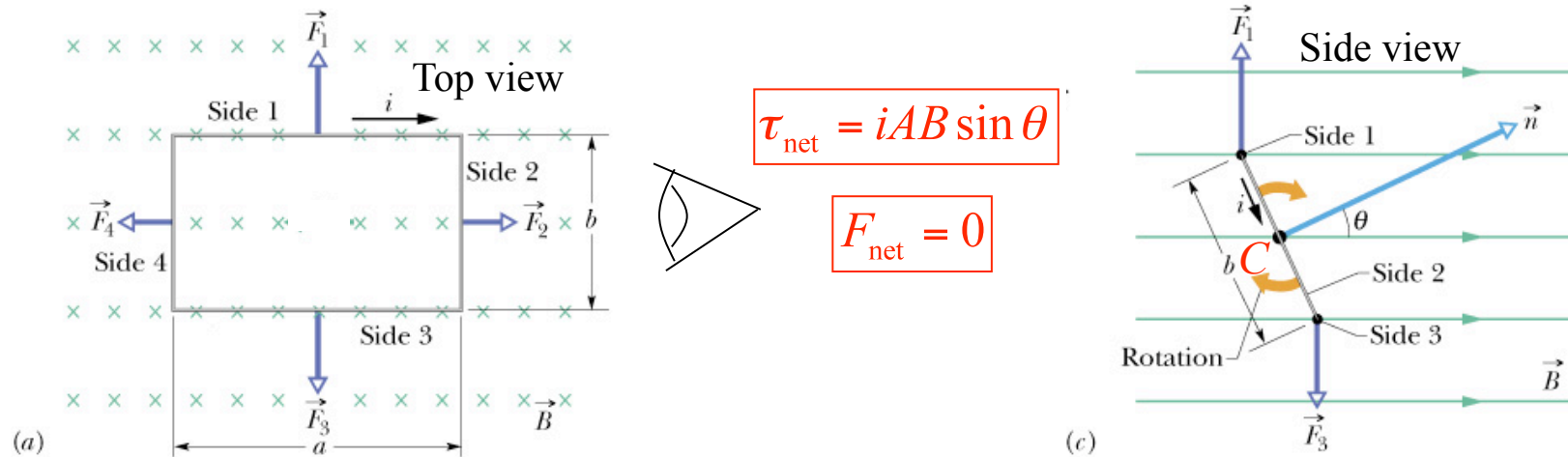
$$F_{\text{total}} = F_1 + F_2 + F_3 = iLB + 2iRB + iLB = 2iB(L + R)$$

Notice that the force is the same as that for a straight wire,



and this would be true no matter what the shape of the central segment!

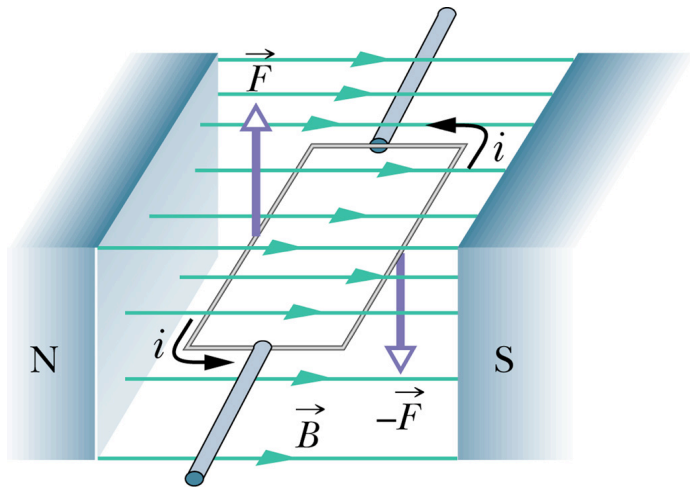
# Magnetic Torque on Current Loop



- Same line of action (through center), equal magnitude, opposite direction, **zero effect**:  $F_2 = F_4 = iaB \sin(90^\circ - \theta) = iaB \cos \theta$
- Different line of action, equal magnitude, opposite direction, **rotates loop clockwise**:  $F_1 = F_3 = iaB \sin 90^\circ = iaB$
- Moment arm:  $(b/2) \sin \theta$
- **Torque**:  $\tau = \tau_1 + \tau_3 = (iabB/2) \sin \theta + (iabB/2) \sin \theta = iabB \sin \theta$



# Electric Motors



- For a coil with  $N$  turns, torque  $\tau = N I A B \sin\theta$ , where  $A$  is the area of coil
- Reverse current in coil with **commuter** after every half turn reverses the forces
- Coil turns: an **electric motor**

# Magnetic Dipole Moment

We just showed:  $\tau = NiAB\sin\theta$

$N$ : number of turns in coil

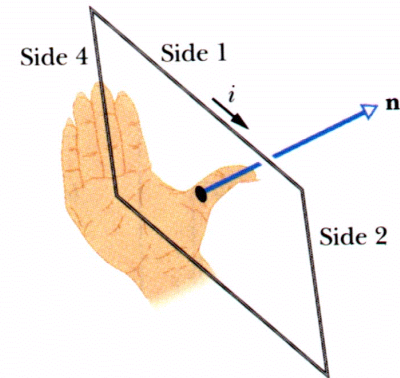
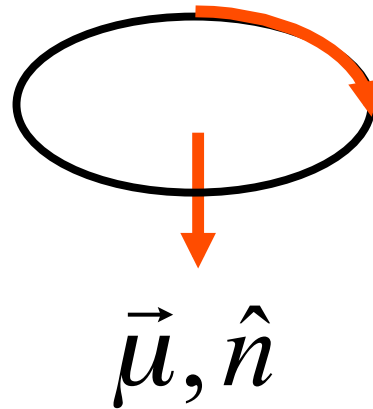
$A$ : area of coil

Magnetic dipole moment  $\mu$

**Right hand rule:**  
curl fingers in direction  
of current;  
**thumb** points along  $\mu$

$$\vec{\mu} = (NiA)\hat{n}$$

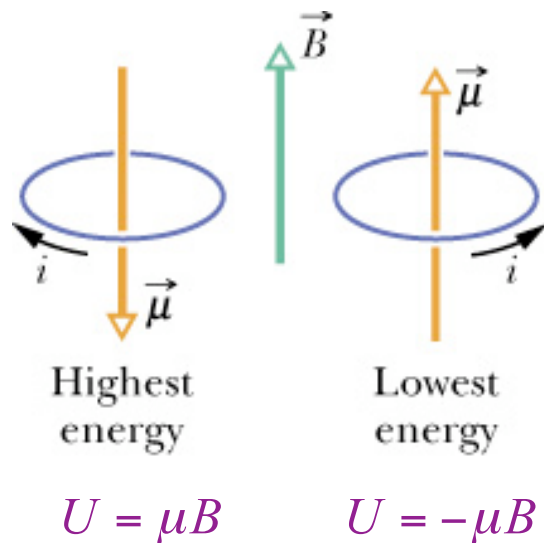
$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$$



(b)

As in the case of electric dipoles, magnetic dipoles tend to align with the magnetic field

# Magnetic Potential Energy

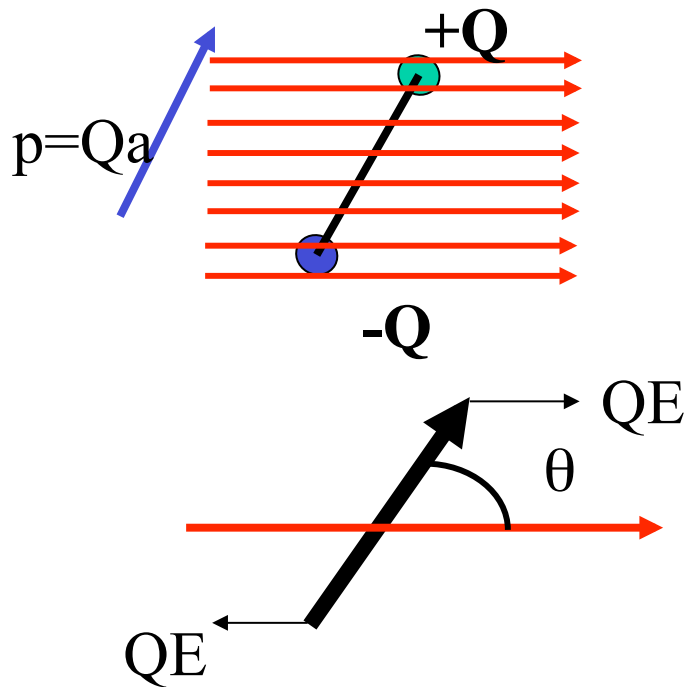


- Torque:  $\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$
- In analogy to electric dipole in homogenous electric field we define **magnetic potential energy**

$$U = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$

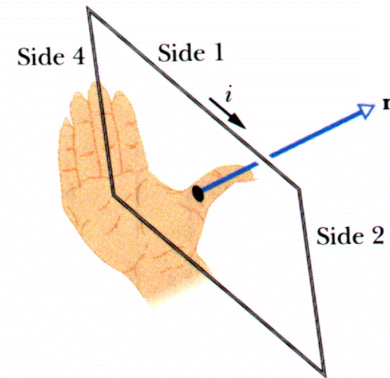
- For both positions in figure **torque zero** (minimum and maximum)
- **External agent** does work on dipole:  $W_a = U_f - U_i$

# Electric versus Magnetic Dipoles

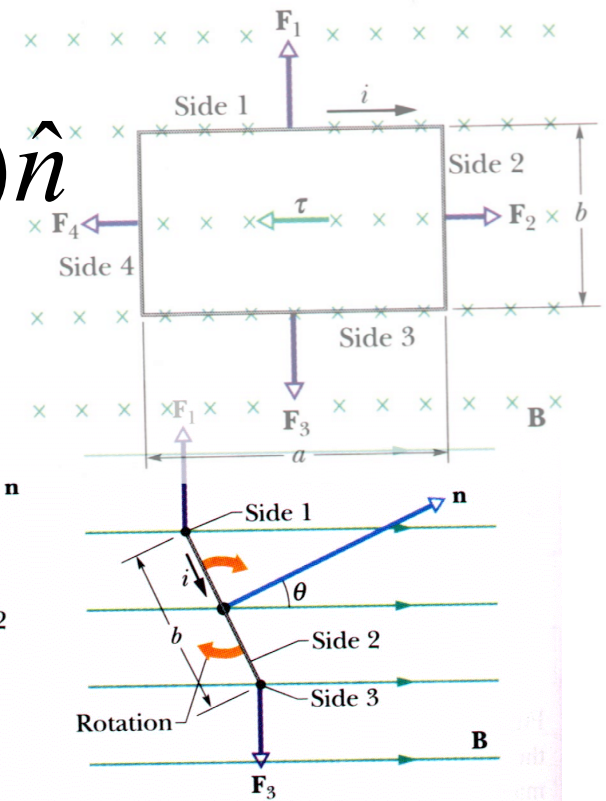


$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{\mu} = (NiA)\hat{n}$$



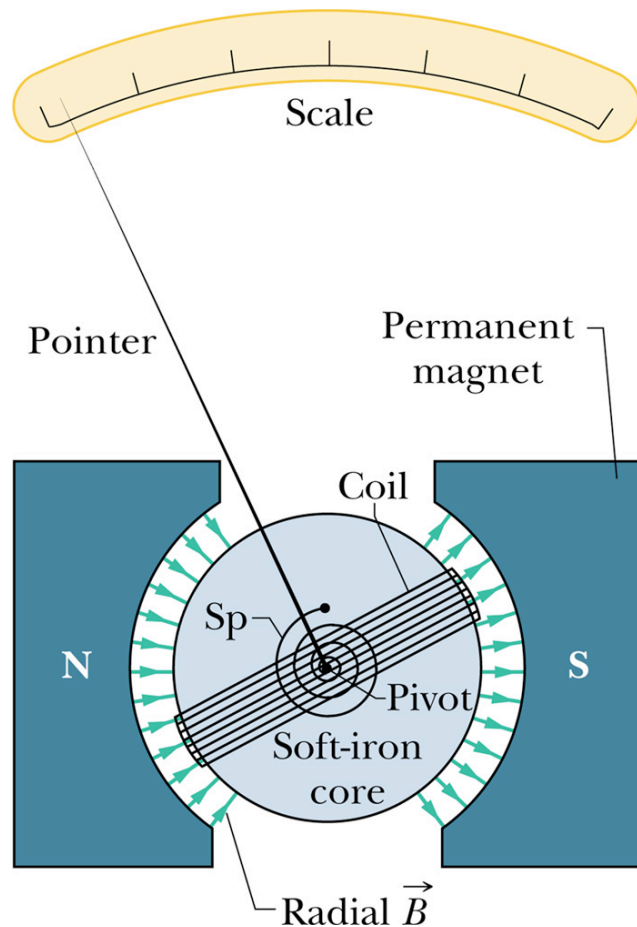
(b)



(c)

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$$

# Galvanometer



- **Analog** ammeters and voltmeters contain **galvanometer**
- Current through coil generates **torque**
- **Radial** magnetic field
- Always field **perpendicular** to normal vector of coil
- Spring provides **countertorque**:

$$\tau = -k\phi = NiAB$$



# Summary

- **Cyclotrons** and **synchrotrons** to accelerate particles
- Wires carrying currents produce forces on each other
- Parallel currents **attract**, antiparallel currents **repel**
- For a straight wire:  $\vec{F}_B = i\vec{L} \times \vec{B}$ , generally:  $\vec{F}_B = i \int d\vec{L} \times \vec{B}$
- **Current loop** is **magnetic dipole**; in uniform magnetic field

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B} \quad \vec{\mu} = (NiA)\hat{n} \quad U = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$

- **Right-hand rule** gives direction of moment
- **Magnetic potential energy** of magnetic dipole in uniform magnetic field