

Magnetism and the Right Hand Rule

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Magnetic Domains



**Domains Before
Magnetization**

In order for a material with domains to become magnetic, the domains have to be aligned by an external magnetic field.

If enough of a materials domains become aligned, the material forms a magnetic dipole and becomes a permanent magnet



**Domains After
Magnetization**

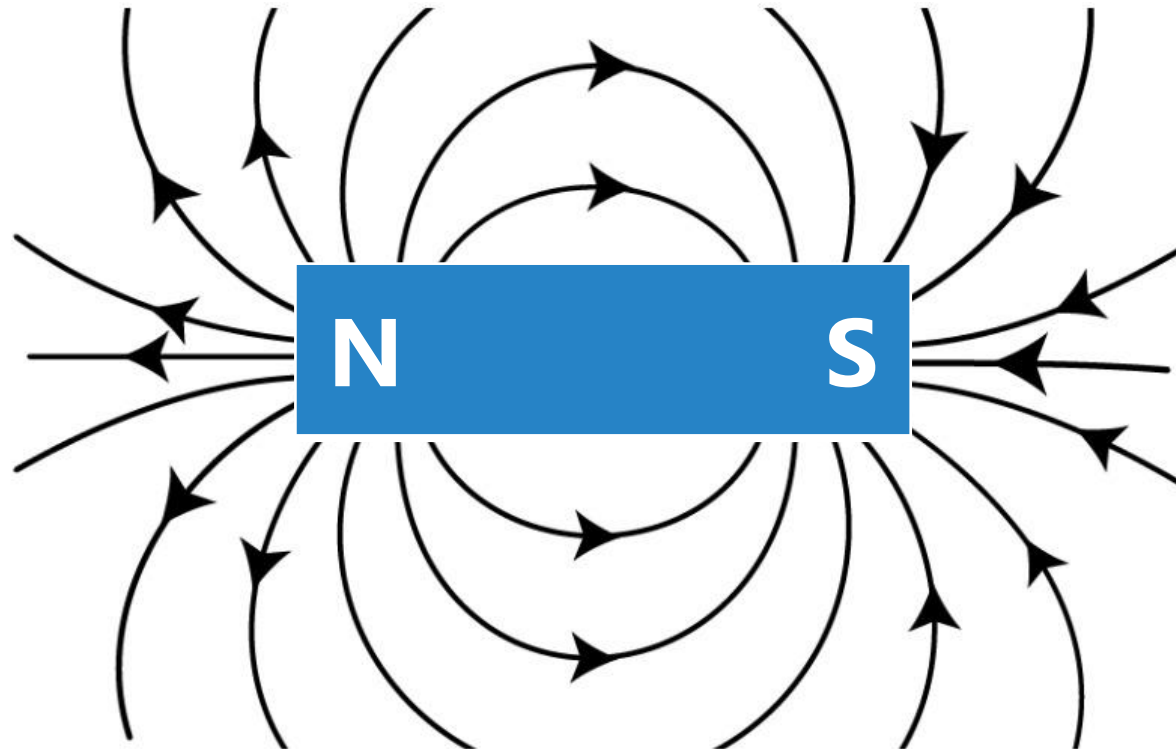
Cutting Magnets in Half

Poles cannot be isolated – a magnet cannot be broken to get a separate north and south pole. Instead, it creates two magnets, each with a north and south pole



Review: Magnetic Fields

Magnetic field lines point from North to South



A compass would align with these field lines

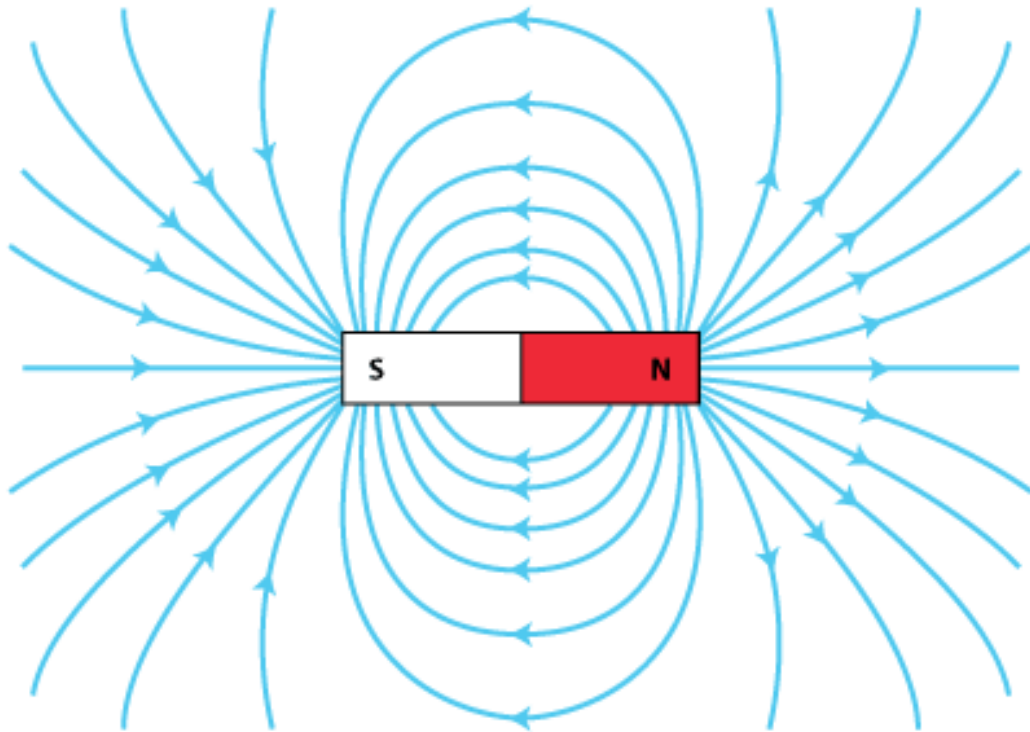
Review: Magnetic Fields

A horseshoe magnet is just a bent bar magnet. The rules for magnetic fields still apply.



B-Field

$B \rightarrow$ Magnetic Field Strength



Units

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Introducing... Current

The rate at which charges move through a conductor

Symbol: **I**

Unit: **Ampere [A]**

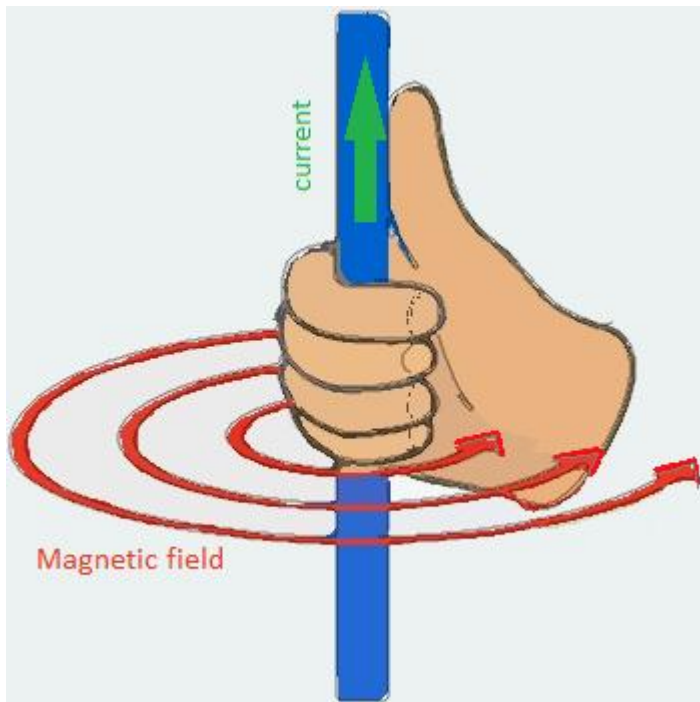


$$I = \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta t}$$

Current is defined as the direction of positive flow



Right Hand Rule #1



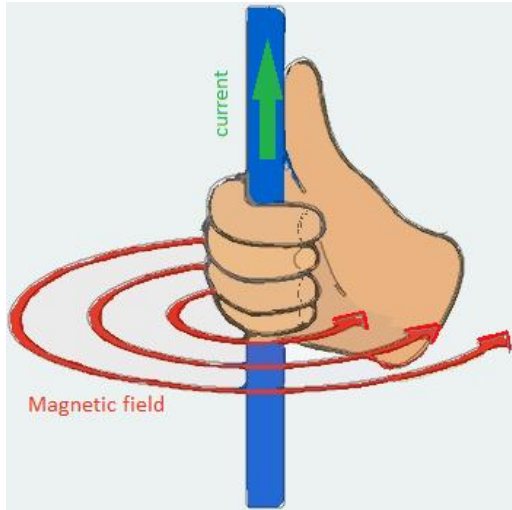
When current flows through a wire, a magnet is produced wrapping around that current-carrying wire

The direction of the magnetic field produced can be predicted by the "**Right Hand Rule**"

Thumb points in direction of the **current**

Fingers point in direction of the **field lines**

Drawing in 3D



It can be hard to translate a 3rd dimension into a 2-dimensional diagram so there are some conventions to help us out



How do you represent a direction that's perpendicular to the paper?

Into the paper

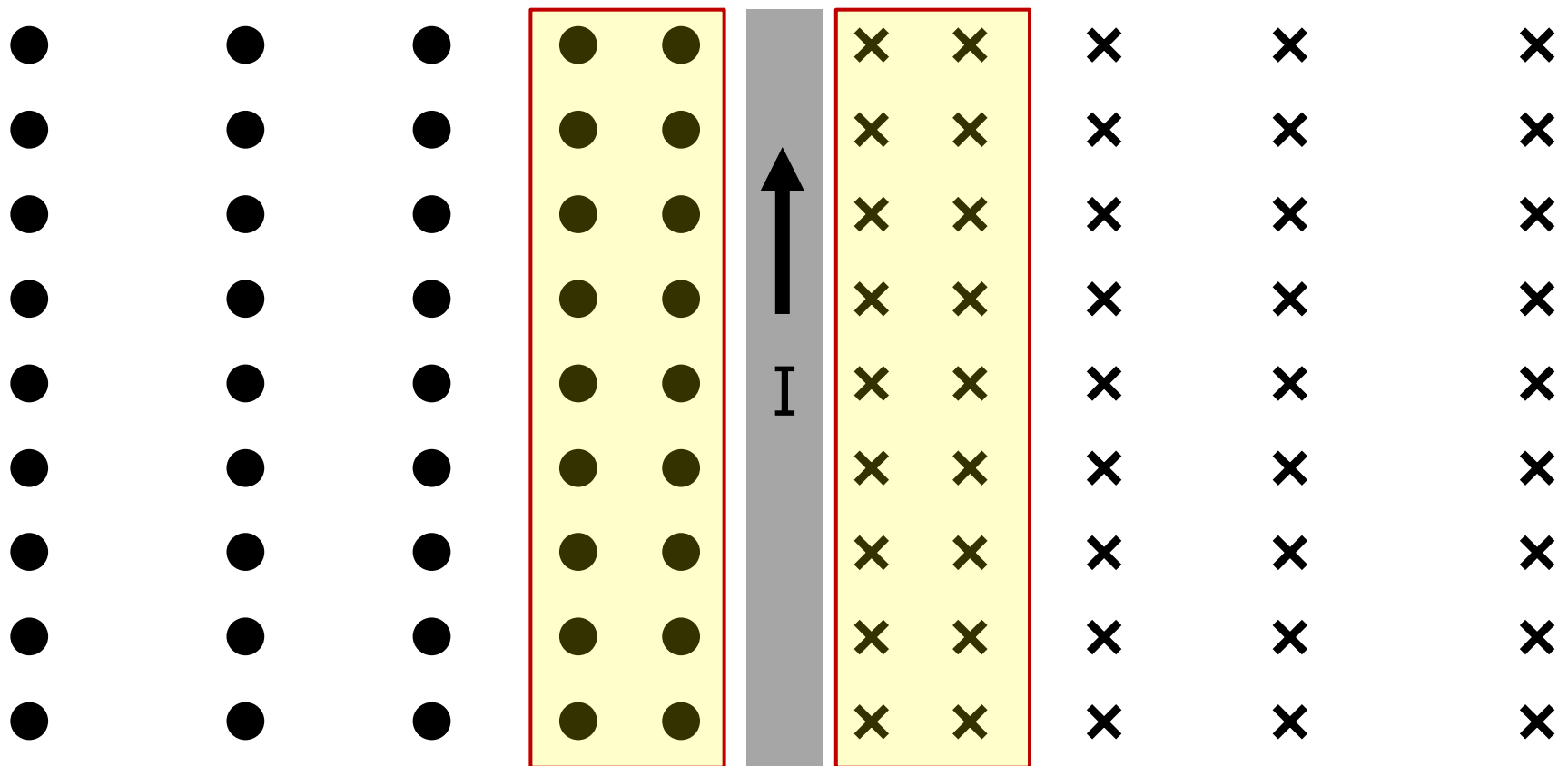


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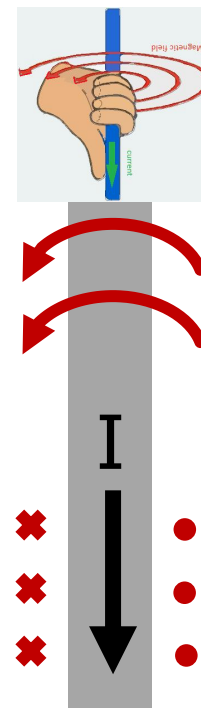
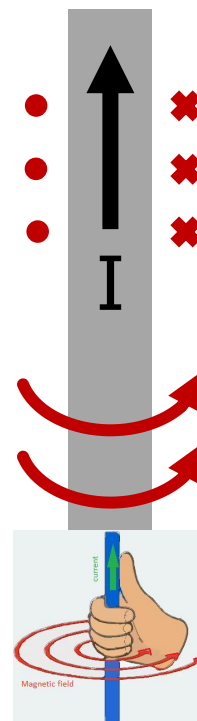
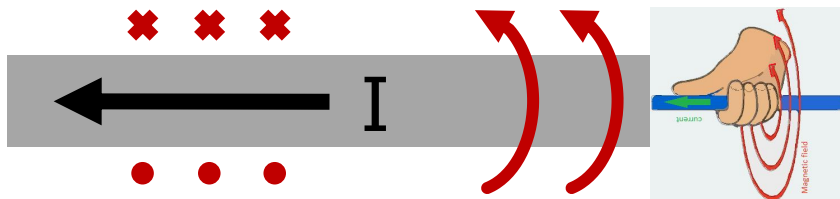
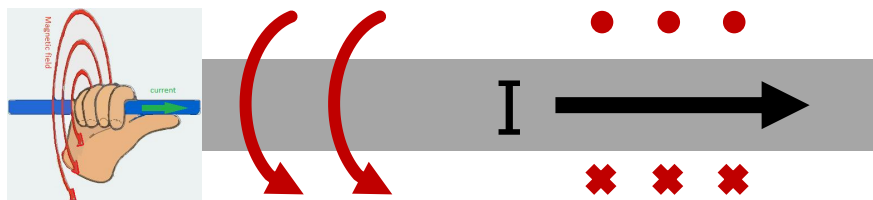
Drawing in 3D

Where is Magnetic Flux Density the highest?



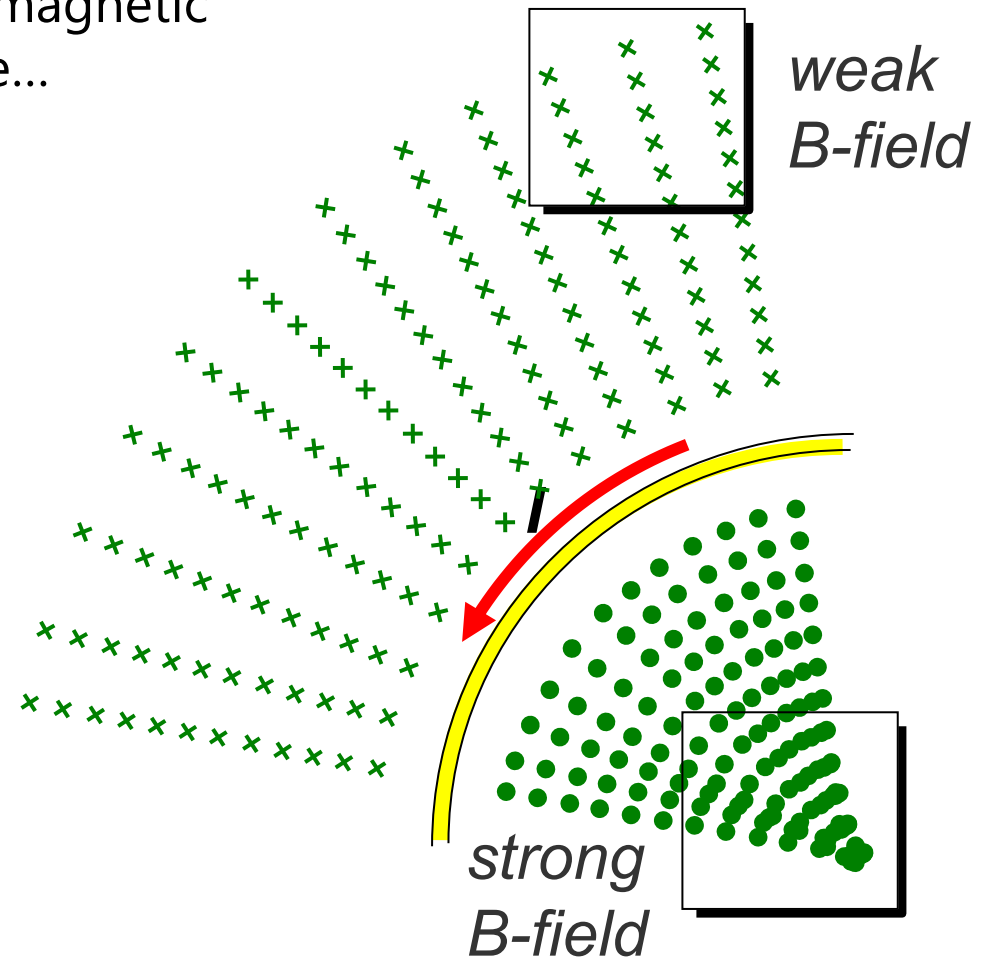
Right Hand Rule #1

Draw in the magnetic field lines around these current carrying wires

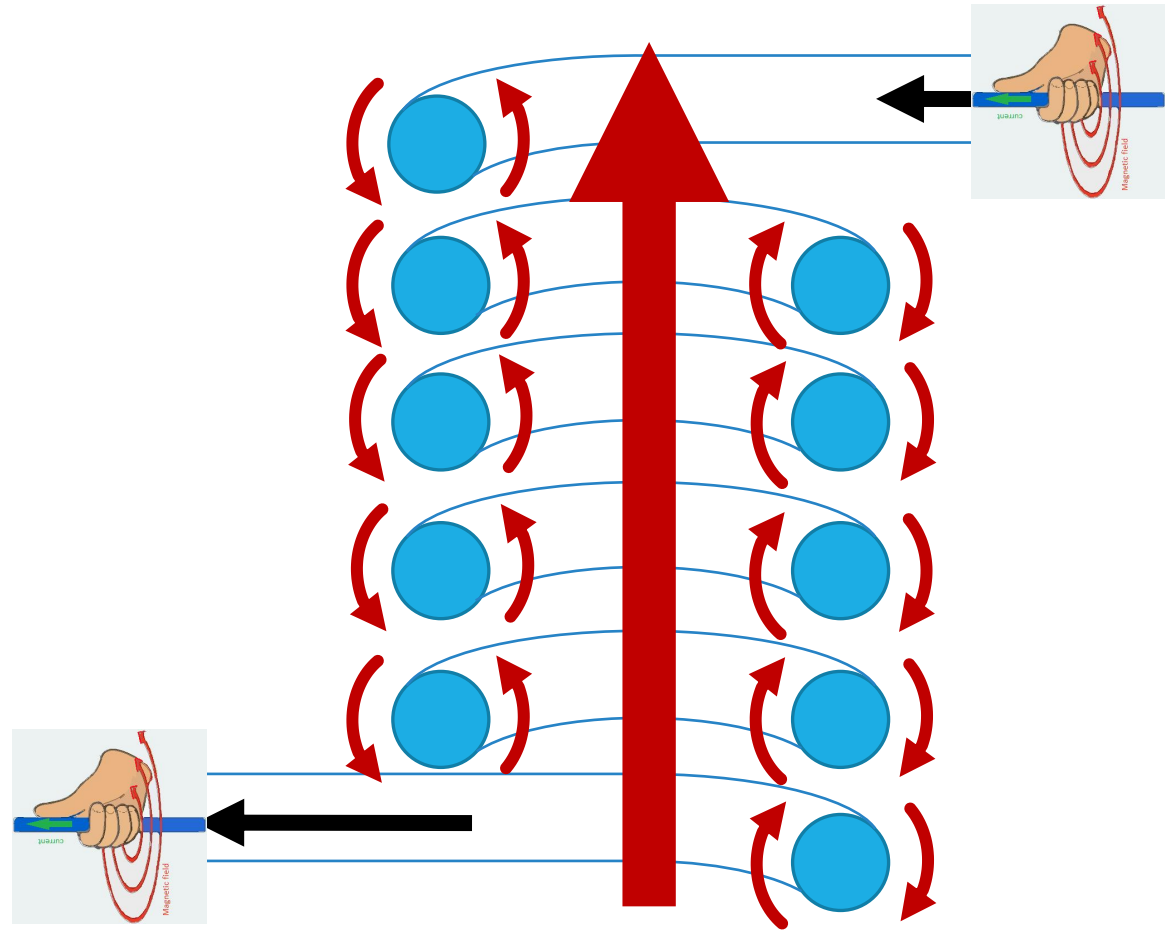
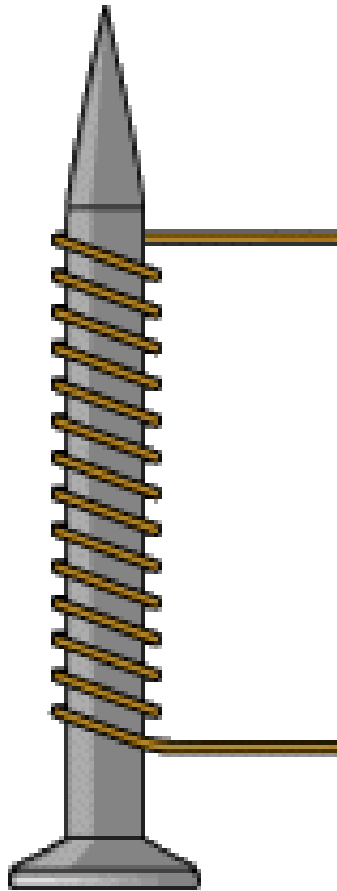


Looped Wire

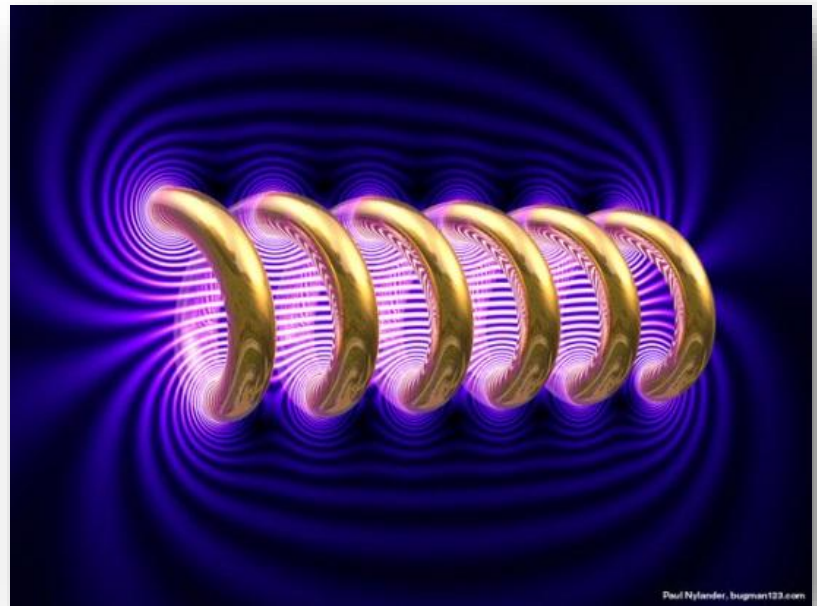
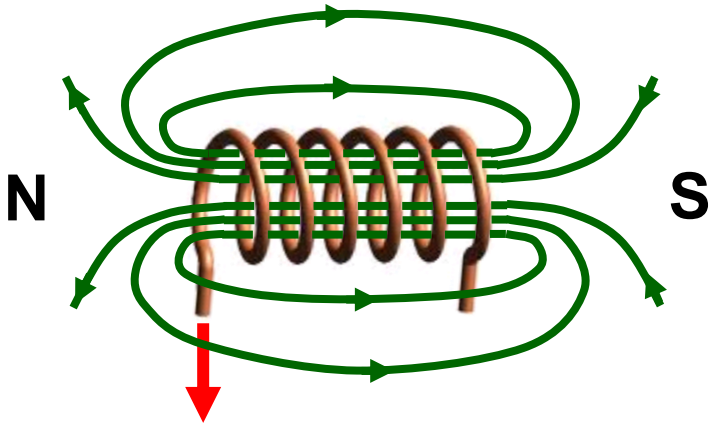
A wire in a loop has a stronger magnetic field inside the loop than outside...



Creating an electromagnet



Magnetic Field

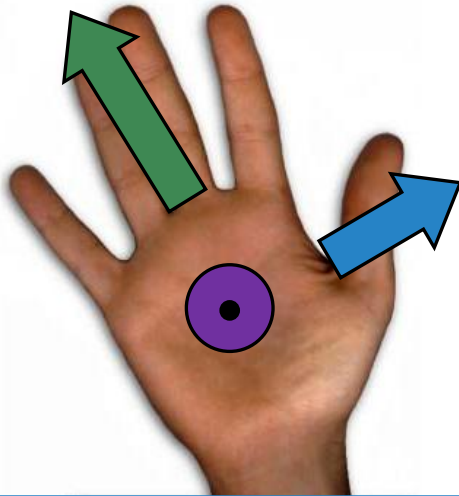


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Electromagnet Applications



Right Hand Rule #2



Thumb points in direction of the **current**

Fingers point in direction of the **field lines**

Palm points in direction of the **force**

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Into the paper

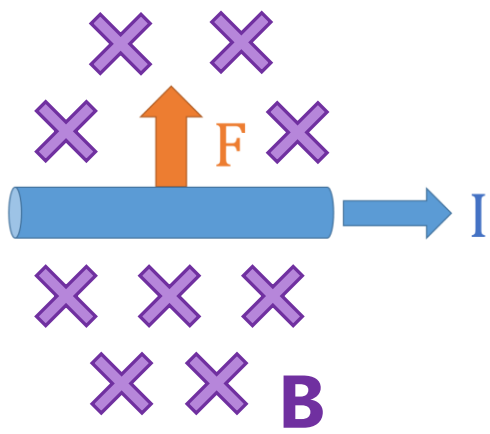


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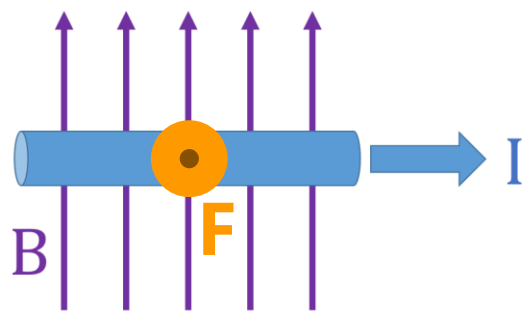


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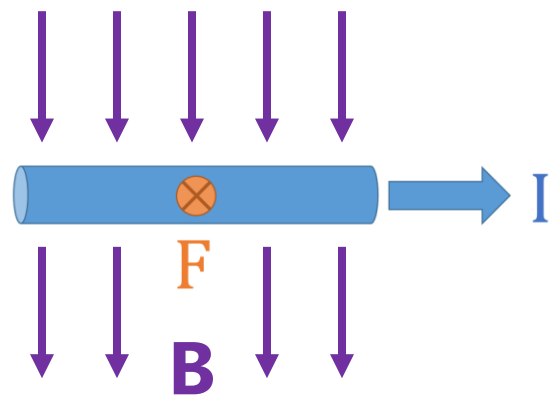
Draw in the magnetic field (B)



Draw in the force (F)

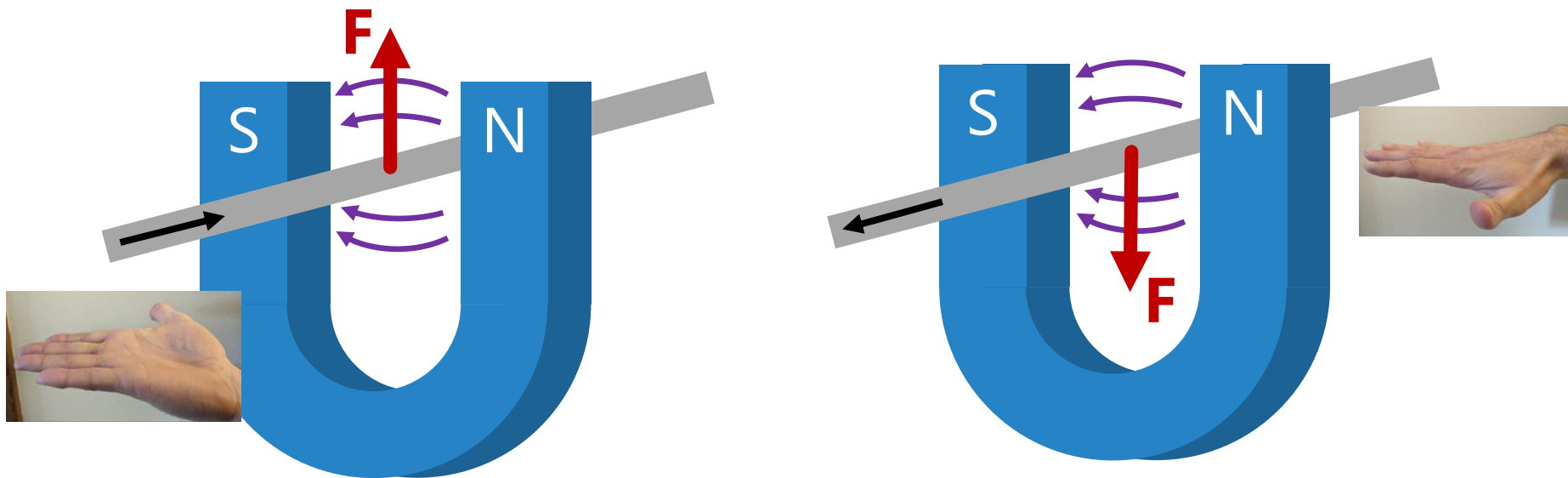


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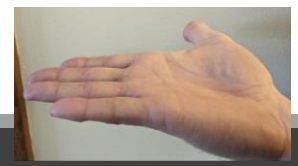
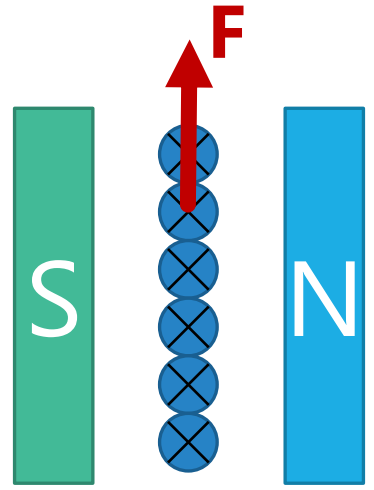
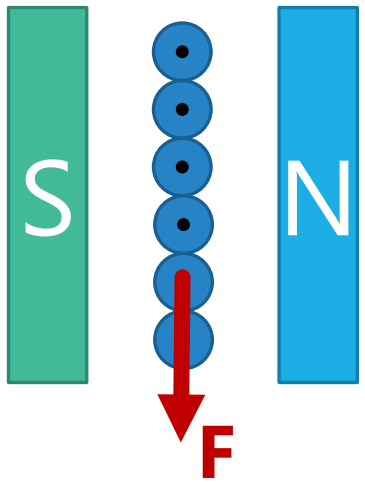
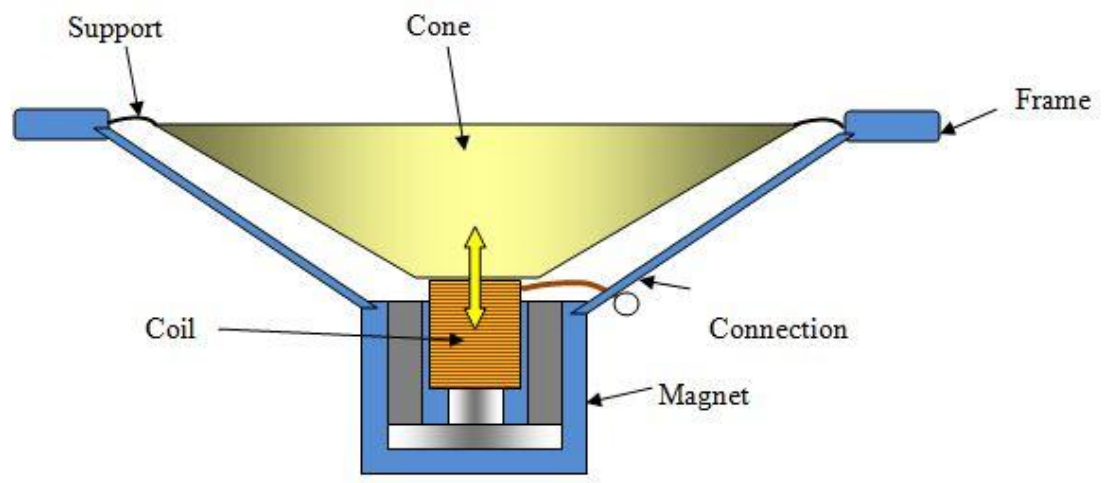


Right Hand Rule #2

A current-carrying wire is placed in a magnetic field and the magnetic field exerts a force on the wire

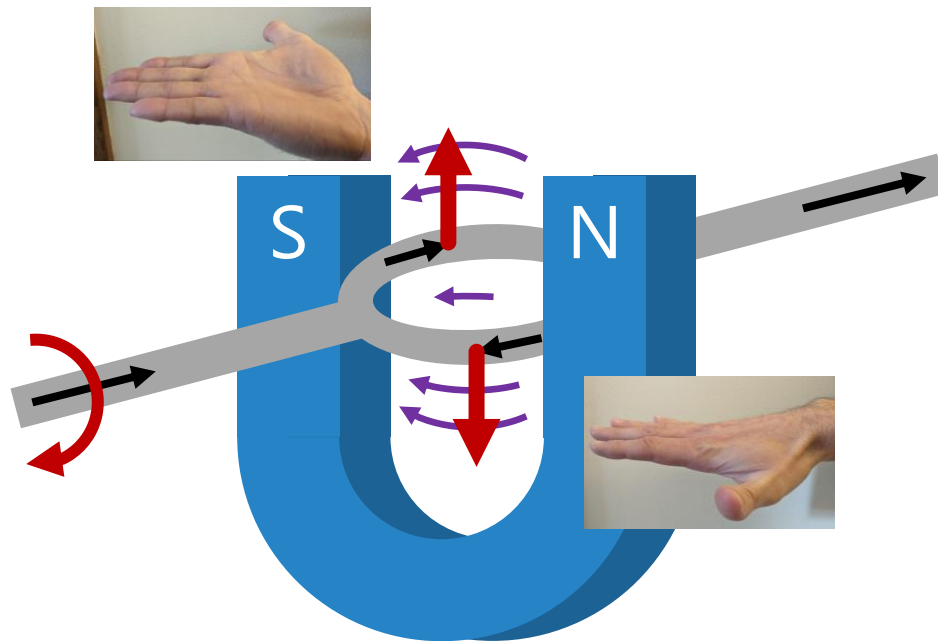


Speakers



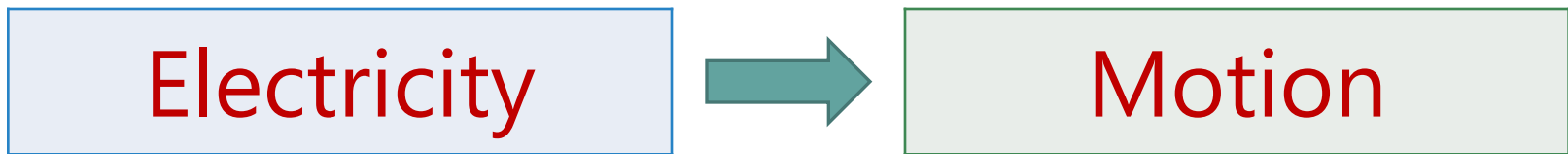
Designing a Motor

When electric current is passed through a magnetic field, you get motion

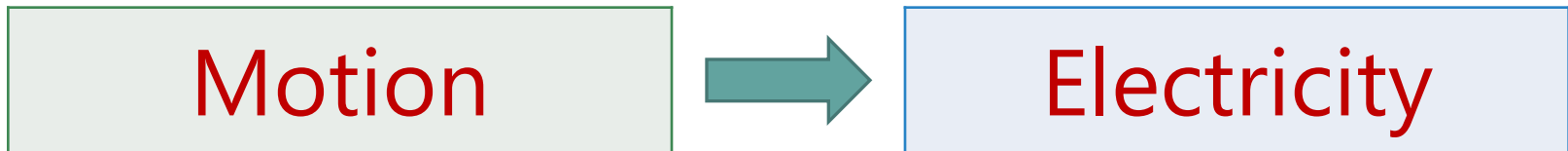


Motors vs Generators

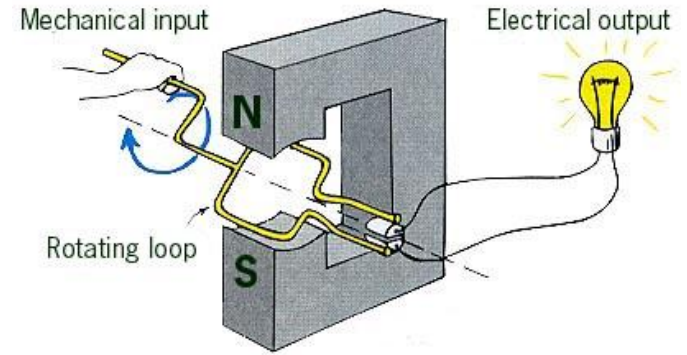
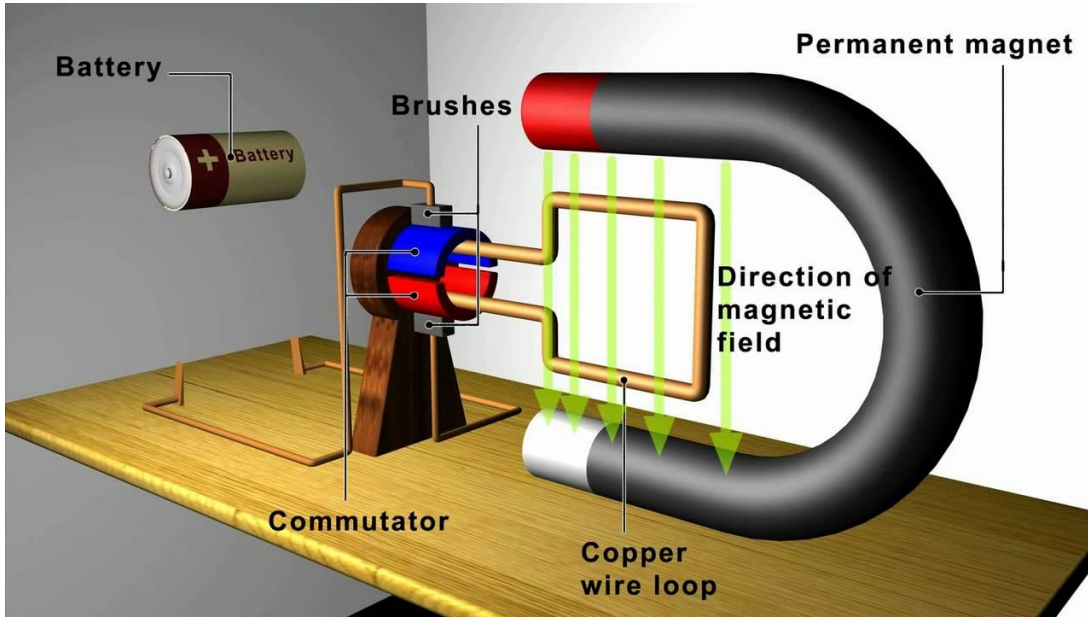
Electric Motors convert



Electric Generators convert

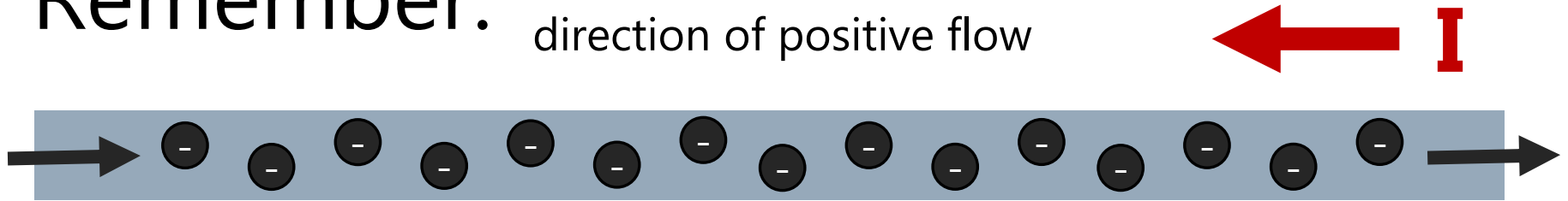


Examples



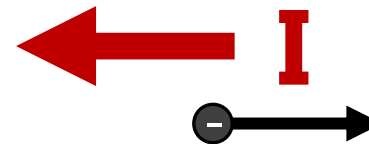
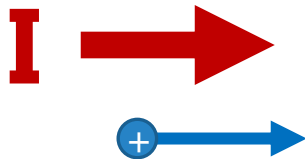
Particles Moving Across Fields

Remember: Current is defined as the direction of positive flow

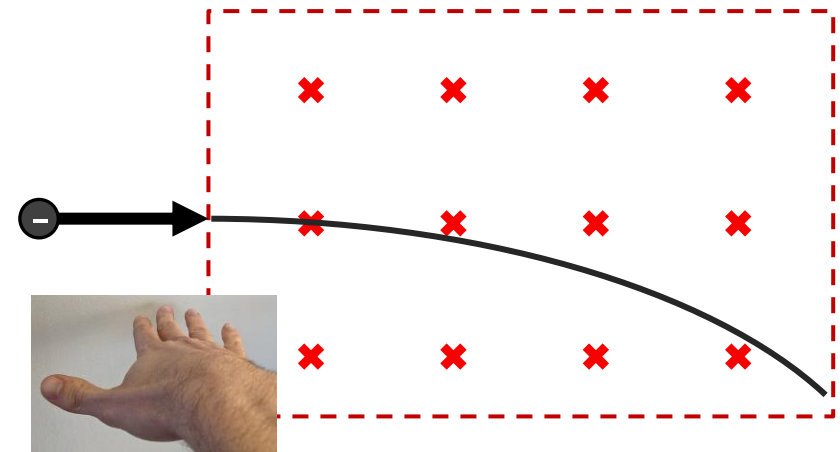
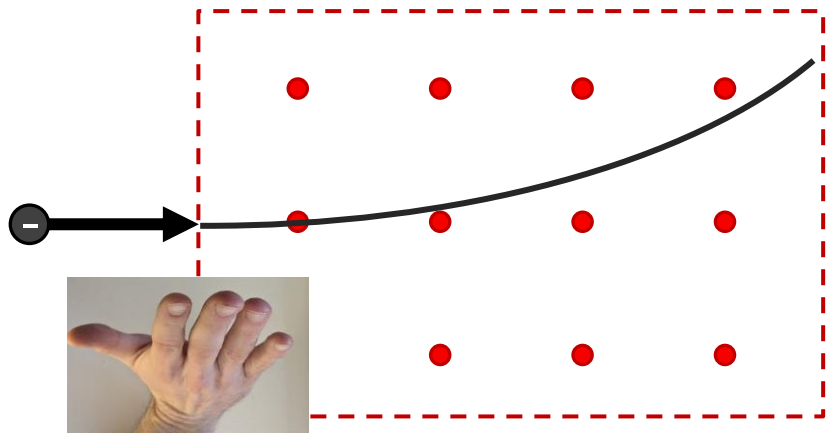
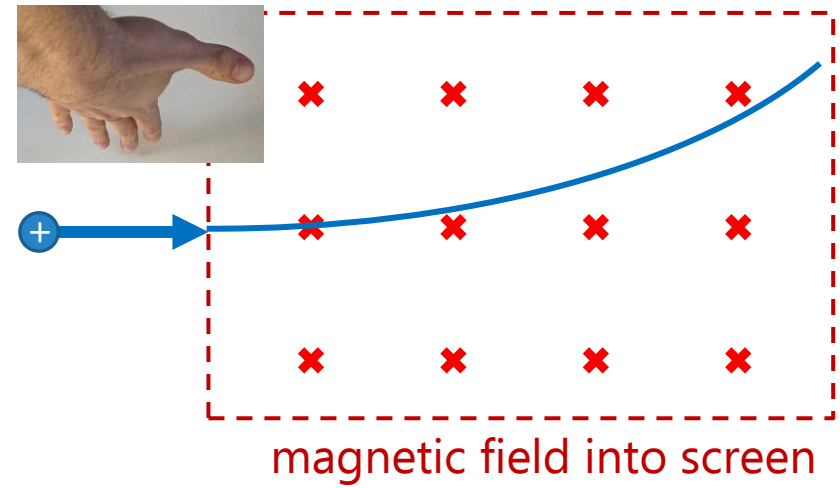
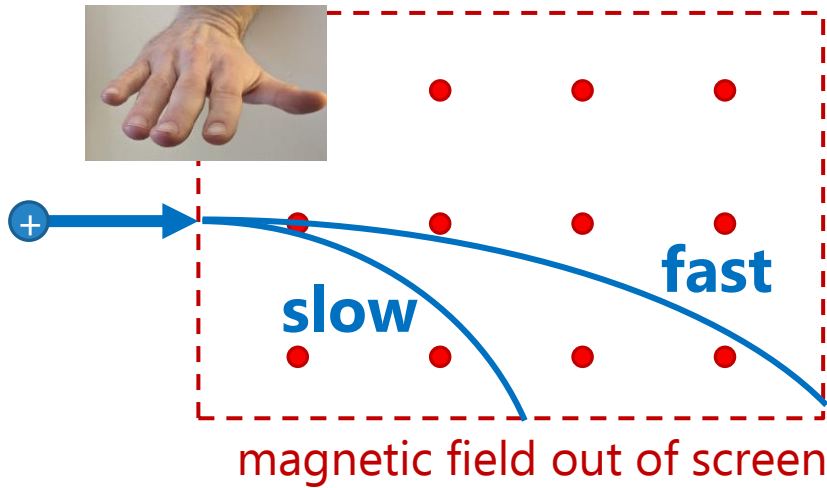


What if it's just one particle moving?

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Fingers point in direction of the **field lines**
Palm points in direction of the **force**



Particles Moving Across Fields



Lesson Takeaways

- I can describe how permanent magnets are created by aligned magnetic domains
- I can indicate a vector that is pointing into or out of the page
- I can use the right-hand rule to draw the magnetic field around a current carrying wire
- I can use the right-hand rule to predict the forces on a current carrying wire in a magnetic field
- I can predict the trajectory of a charged particle moving through a magnetic field at different speeds