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## **Basic facts of Magnetism**

- <u>Oersted</u> discovered that a compass needle responded to the a current in a loop of wire
- <u>Ampere</u> deduced the law describing how a magnetic field is produced by the current in a wire
- magnetic field lines are always closed loops no isolated magnetic poles; magnets always have a north and south pole

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- <u>permanent magnets</u>: the currents are *atomic* currents – due to electrons spinning in atoms these currents are always there
- <u>electromagnets</u>: currents in wires produce magnetic fields

#### Faraday's Law of Electromagnetic Induction

- Faraday thought that if currents could produce magnetic fields, (Oersted, Ampere) magnetic fields might produce currents
- He was correct, with one important qualification: the magnetic field must be *changing* in some way to produce a current
- the phenomenon that a changing magnetic field can produce a current is called electromagnetic induction



Michael Faraday (1791-1867)





















## Electromagnetic (EM) waves

- Mechanical wave: a disturbance that propagates in a medium (eg, water, strings, air)
- An <u>electromagnetic wave</u> is a combination of <u>electric</u> and <u>magnetic</u> fields that oscillate together in space (*no medium*) and time in a synchronous manner, and propagate at the speed of light 3 ×10<sup>8</sup> m/s or 186,000 miles/s.
- EM waves include radio, microwaves, x-rays, light waves, thermal waves gamma rays

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### **Electromagnetic waves**

- the EM wave propagates because the electric field recreates the magnetic field and the magnetic field recreates the electric field
- an oscillating voltage applied to the antenna makes the charges in the antenna vibrate up and down sending out a synchronized pattern of electric and magnetic fields
- an *electromagnetic* wave must have both an electric and magnetic field component

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