L 29 Electricity and Magnetism [6]

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Laws of Magnetism

- If you pass current through a loop of wire. you get a magnet → Oersted's discovery
- Basic laws of magnetism
- →electric currents produce magnetic fields (Ampere)
- →magnetic field lines are always closed loops
- permanent magnets: the currents are atomic currents – due to electrons spinning in atomsthese currents are always there
- electromagnets: the currents flow through wires and require a power source, e.g. a battery







Faraday's Law of Electromagnetic induction

- Faraday thought that if currents could produce magnetic fields, magnetic fields should be able to produce currents
- He was correct with one important requirement → the magnetic field must be <u>changing</u> in some way to induce a current
- the phenomenon that a changing magnetic field can induce a current is called electromagnetic induction

Michael Faraday (1791-1867)

- discovered electromagnetic induction
- led to the discovery of the generation of electricity
- · son of a blacksmith
- had very little formal education trained to be a bookbinder
- considered one of the greatest scientists of all time
- declined to accept knighthood.
- gave Christmas lectures for kids

The laws of electricity and magnetism

- law of electricity.— electric charges produce electric "fields"
- laws of magnetism.—
 currents produce magnetic fields
 - magnetic field lines are closed loops
- Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction.— a changing magnetic field can produce a current (*induced currents*)







electric generators





When a coil is rotated in a magnetic field, an induced current appears in it. This is how electricity is generated. Some external source of energy is needed to rotate the turbine which turns the coil.



The voltage on the secondary depends on the number of turns on the primary and secondary.

Step-up→ the secondary has more turns than the primary Step-down→ the secondary has less turns than the primary

Eddy currents

- When time varying magnetic fields are around, currents can appear in nearby conductors --these are eddy currents
- an induction stove uses eddy currents to cook
 food



Only the metal pot gets hot, not the glass pot or the stove.

