

# Class 17: Outline

Hour 1:

Dipoles & Magnetic Fields

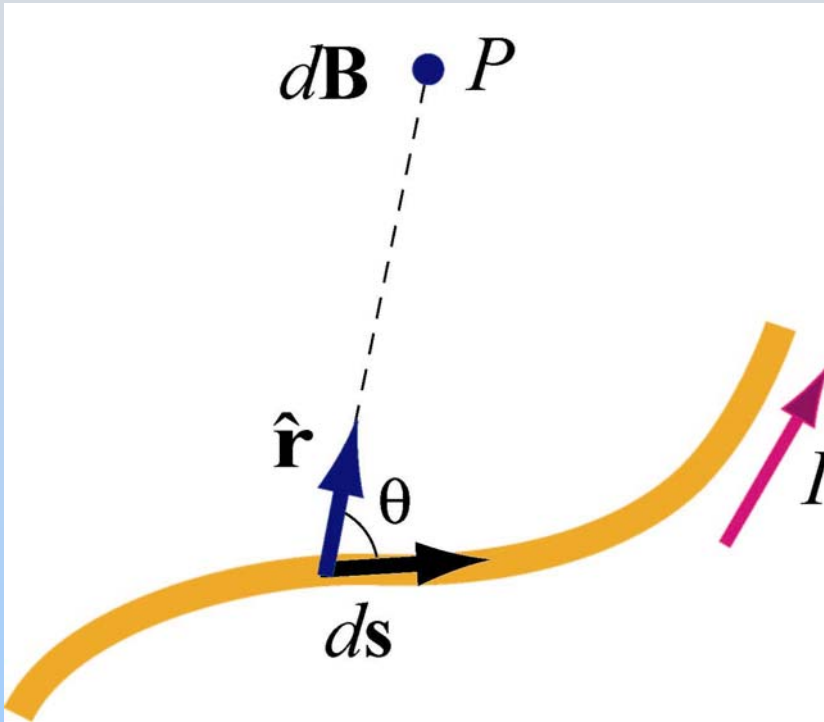
Hour 2:

Expt. 7: Dipoles in B Fields

# **Last Time: Biot-Savart**

# The Biot-Savart Law

Current element of length  $ds$  carrying current  $I$  produces a magnetic field:



$$d\vec{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I d\vec{\mathbf{s}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2}$$

Moving charges are currents too...

$$\vec{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{q \vec{\mathbf{v}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2}$$

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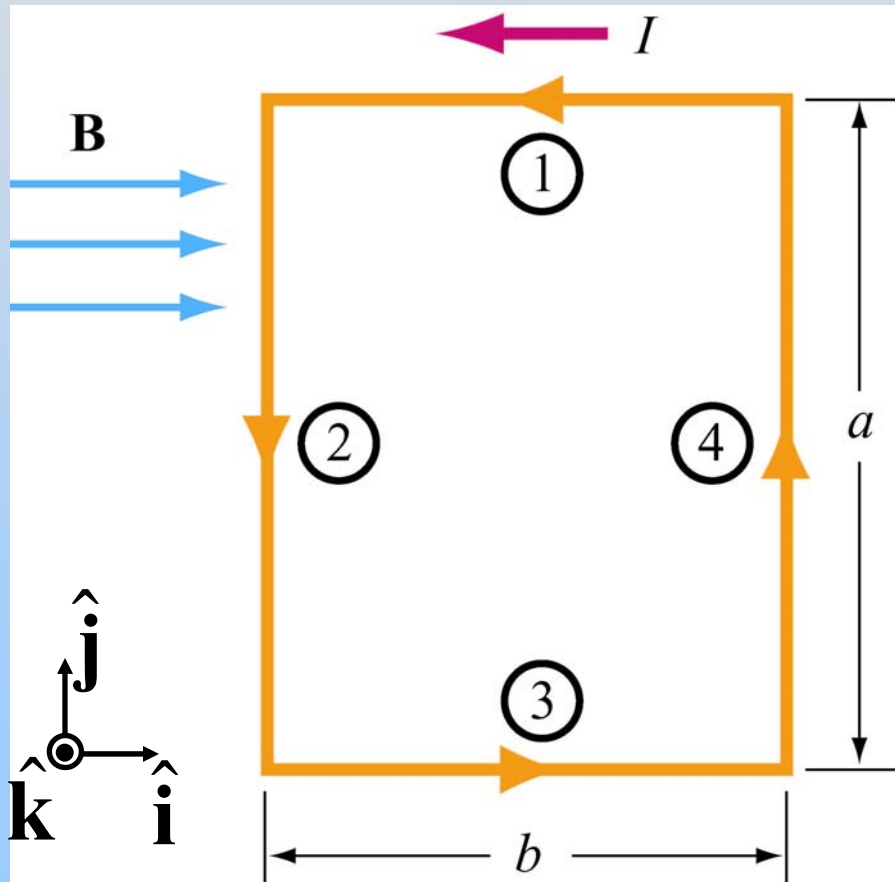
# **PRS Question: Force between wires**

# **Magnetic Dipoles: Torque & Force**

**First: Review From Friday**

# Rectangular Current Loop

Place rectangular current loop in uniform B field



$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}_1 = \vec{\mathbf{F}}_3 = 0 \quad \left( I\vec{\mathbf{L}} \parallel \vec{\mathbf{B}} \right)$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}_2 = I(-a\hat{\mathbf{j}}) \times (B\hat{\mathbf{i}}) = IaB\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}_4 = I(a\hat{\mathbf{j}}) \times (B\hat{\mathbf{i}}) = -IaB\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}_{net} = \vec{\mathbf{F}}_1 + \vec{\mathbf{F}}_2 + \vec{\mathbf{F}}_3 + \vec{\mathbf{F}}_4 = 0$$

No net force on the loop!!

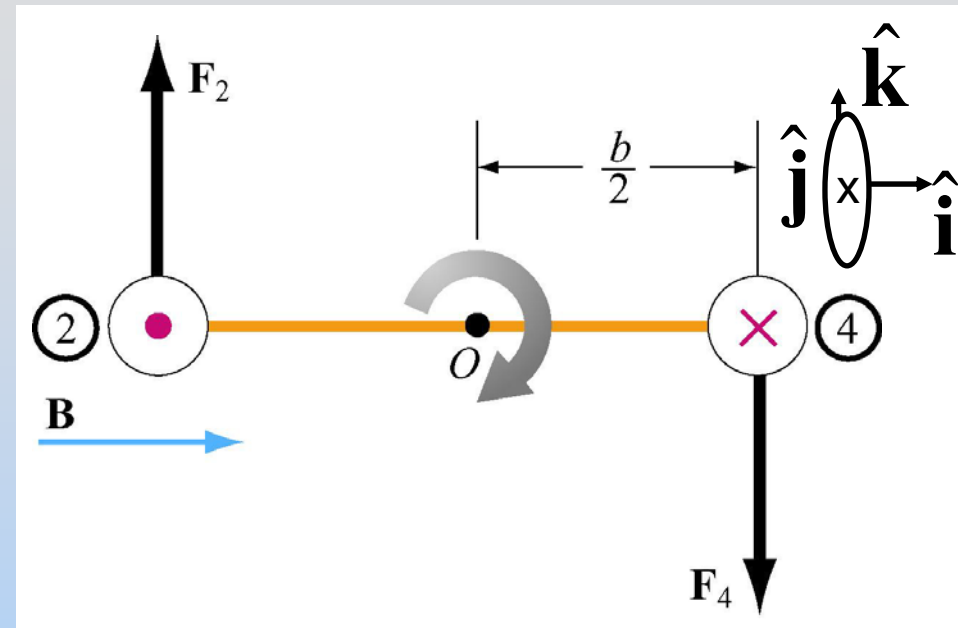
# Torque on Rectangular Loop

Recall:  $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$

$$\vec{\tau} = \left(-\frac{b}{2}\hat{\mathbf{i}}\right) \times \vec{F}_2 + \left(\frac{b}{2}\hat{\mathbf{i}}\right) \times \vec{F}_4$$

$$= \left(-\frac{b}{2}\hat{\mathbf{i}}\right) \times (IaB\hat{\mathbf{k}}) + \left(\frac{b}{2}\hat{\mathbf{i}}\right) \times (-IaB\hat{\mathbf{k}})$$

$$= \frac{IabB}{2}\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \frac{IabB}{2}\hat{\mathbf{j}} = IabB\hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

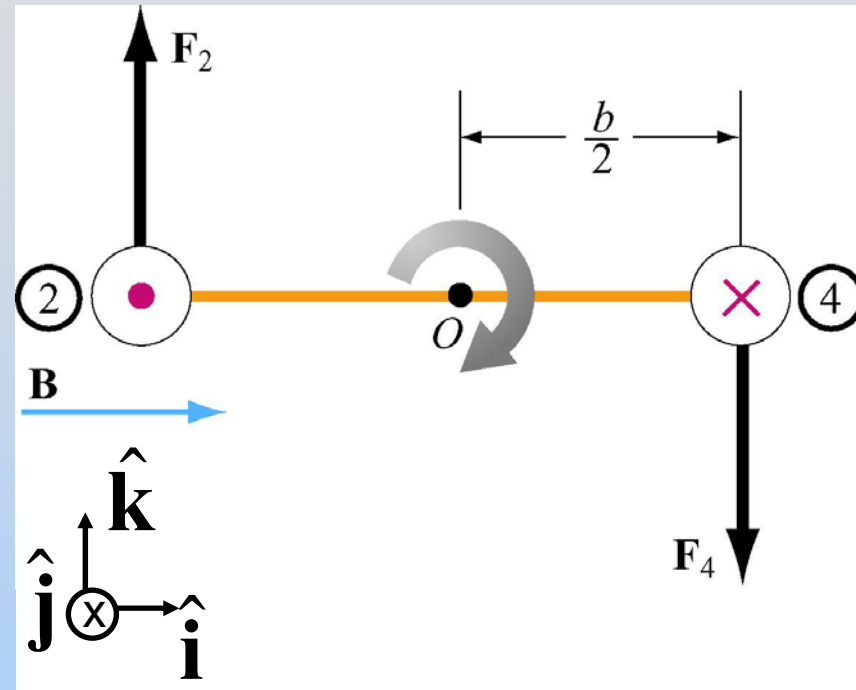


**Torque Direction:**

Thumb in torque direction,  
fingers rotate with object



# Torque on Rectangular Loop



$$\vec{\tau} = IAB\hat{j}$$

$\vec{A} = A\hat{n} = ab\hat{n}$ : area vector

$$\hat{n} = +\hat{k}, \quad \vec{B} = B\hat{i}$$

$$\vec{\tau} = I\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$$

Familiar? No net force but there is a torque

# Magnetic Dipole Moment

Define Magnetic Dipole Moment:

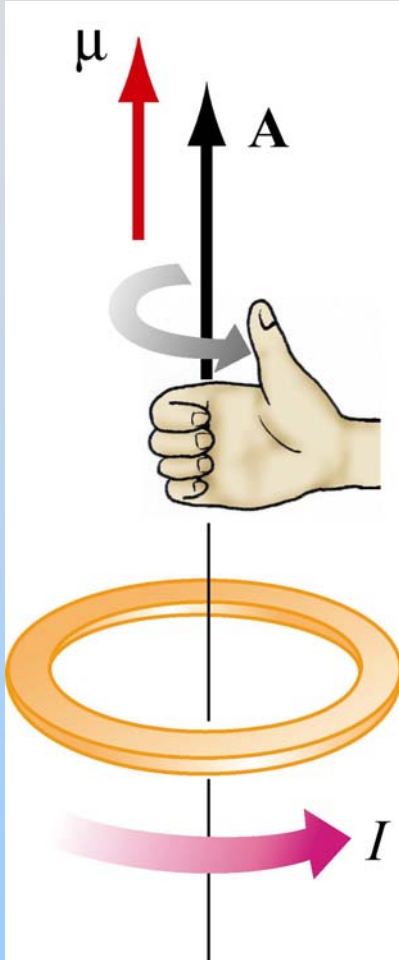
$$\vec{\mu} \equiv IA\hat{n} \equiv I\vec{A}$$

Then:

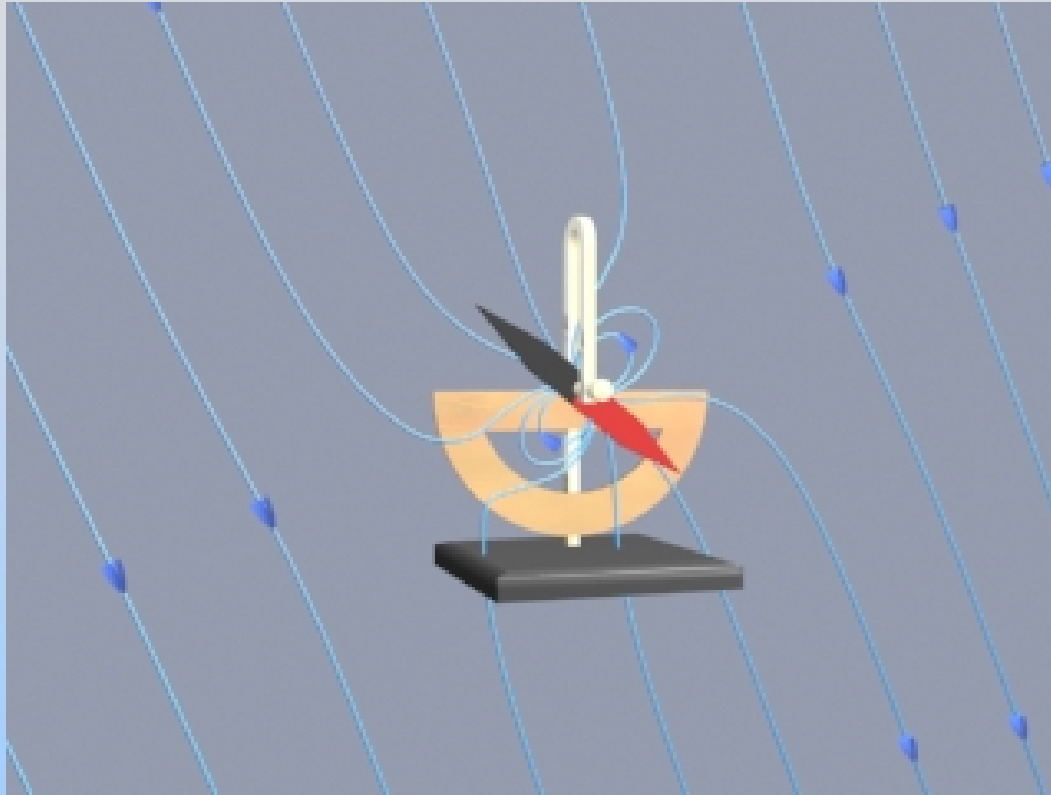
$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$$

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

$\tau$  tends to align  $\mu$  with  $B$



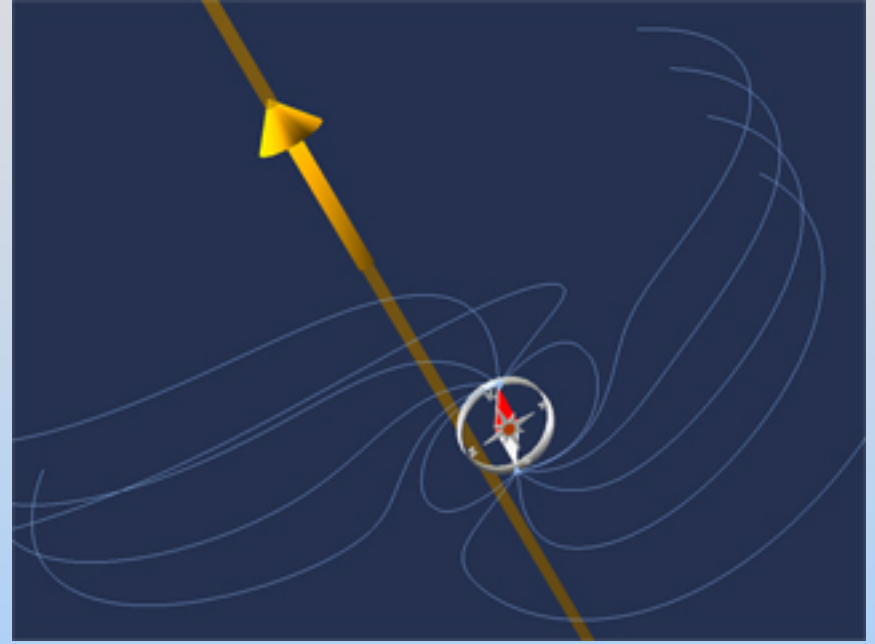
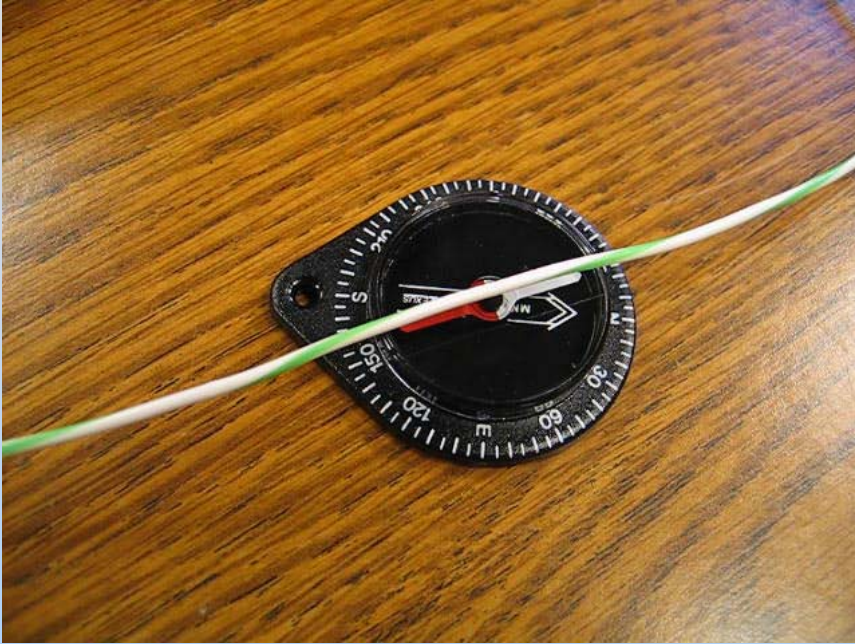
# Animation: Another Way To Look At Torque



External field connects to field of compass needle and “pulls” the dipole into alignment

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# Interactive Java Applet: Another Way To Look At Torque



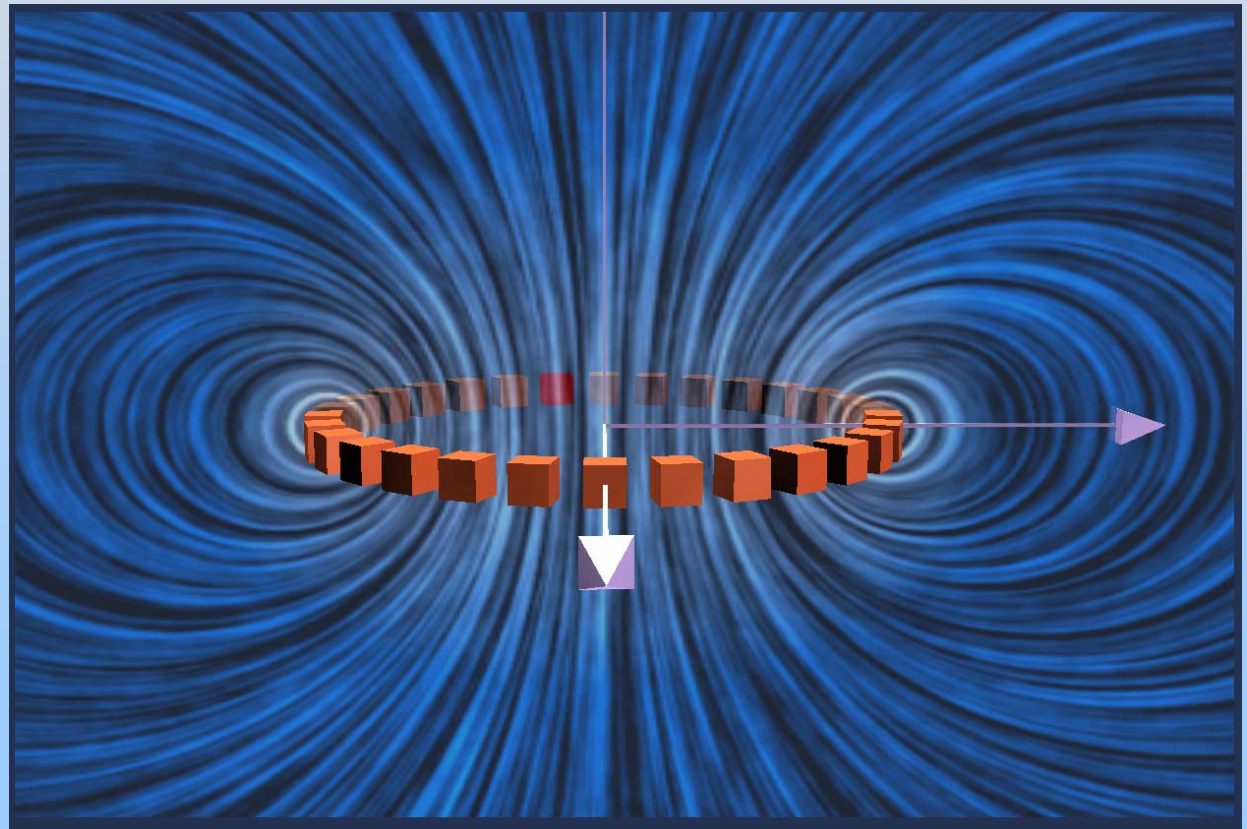
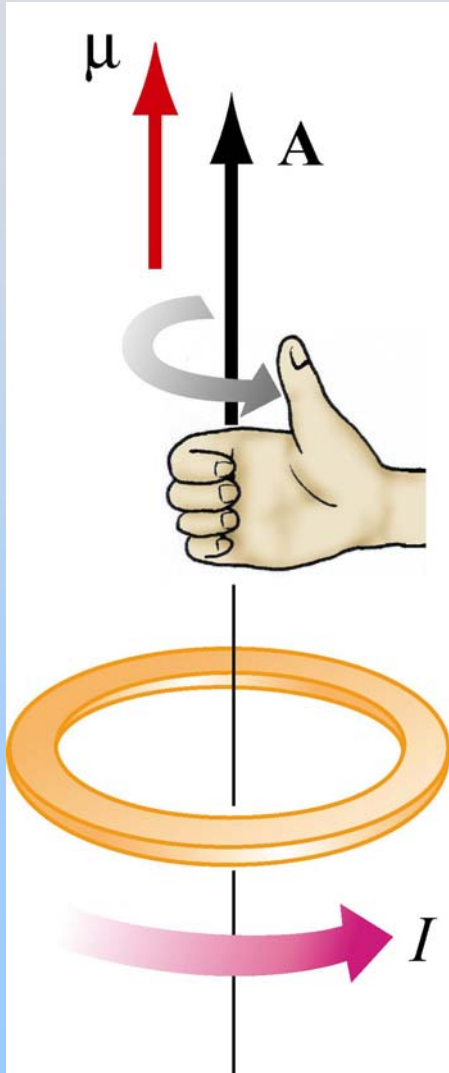
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Field of wire connects to field of compass needle and “pulls” the dipole into alignment

# **Demonstration: Galvanometer**

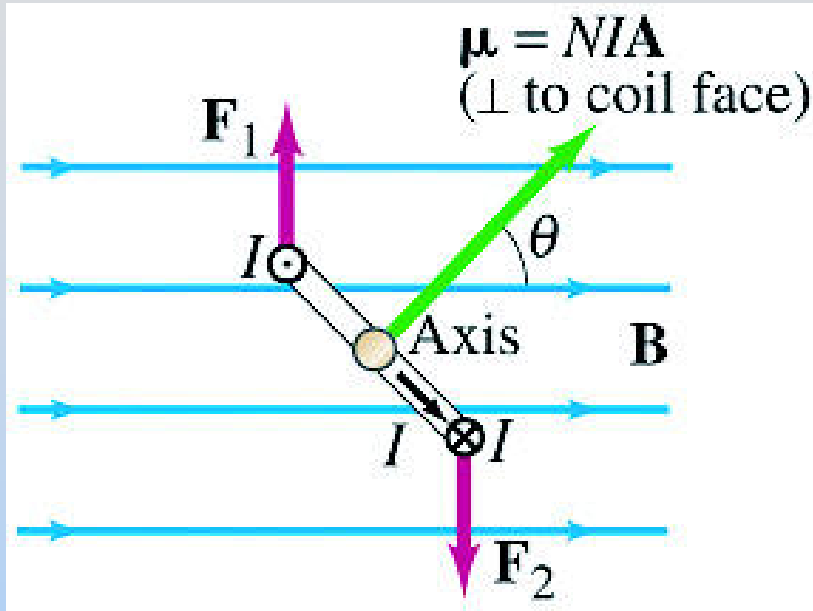
# Magnetic Dipole Moment

$$\vec{\mu} \equiv IA\hat{n} \equiv I\vec{A}$$

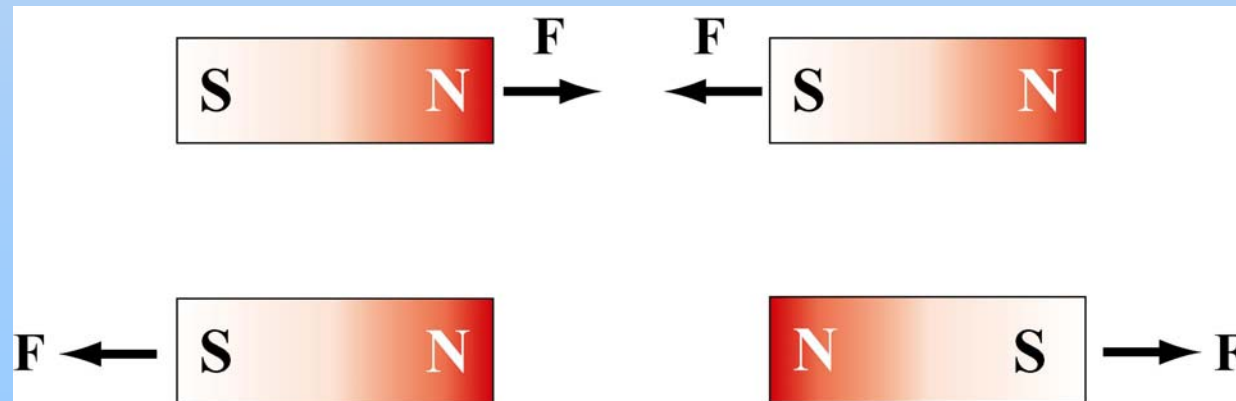


**PRS Question:**  
**Torque on Dipole in Uniform Field**

# Dipoles don't move???



This dipole rotates but doesn't feel a net force



But dipoles CAN feel force due to  $\mathbf{B}$ .  
What's up?



# **PRS Question: Force on Magnetic Dipole**

**Something New**  
**Dipoles in Non-Uniform Fields:**  
**Force**

# Force on Magnetic Dipole

To determine force, we need to know energy:

$$U_{Dipole} = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$

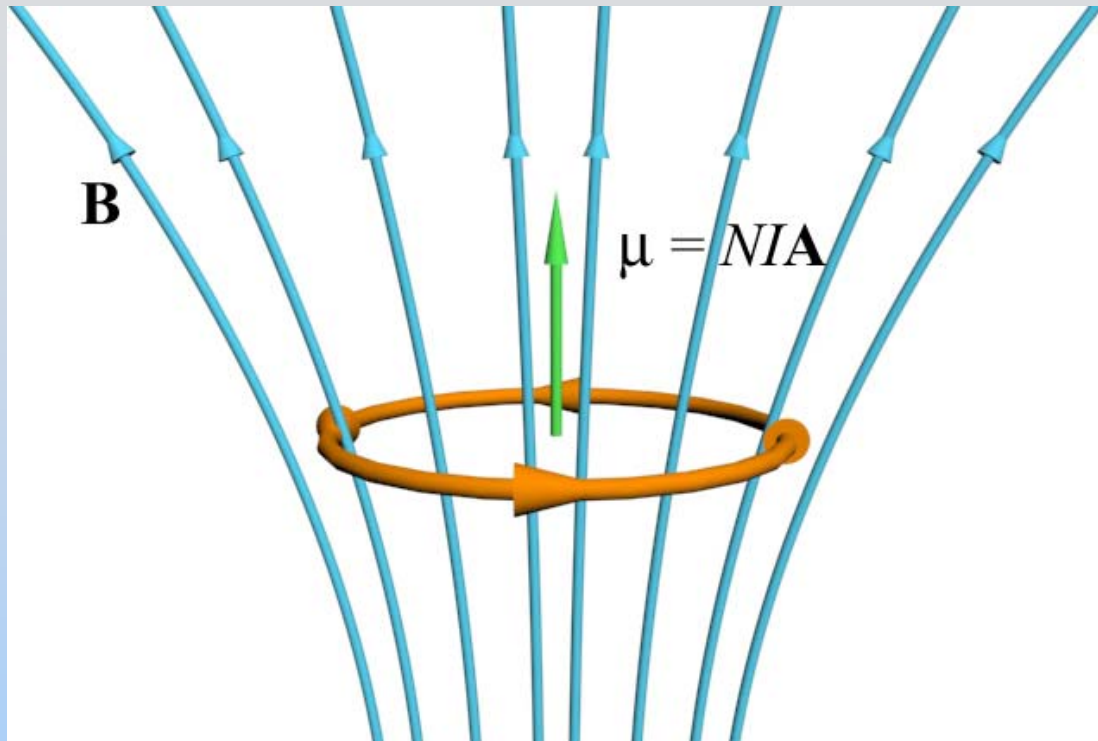
Force tells how the energy changes with position:

$$\vec{F}_{Dipole} = -\vec{\nabla} U_{Dipole} = \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B})$$

$$\text{(after math)} = (\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B}$$

Dipoles only feel force in *non-uniform* field

# Force on Magnetic Dipole

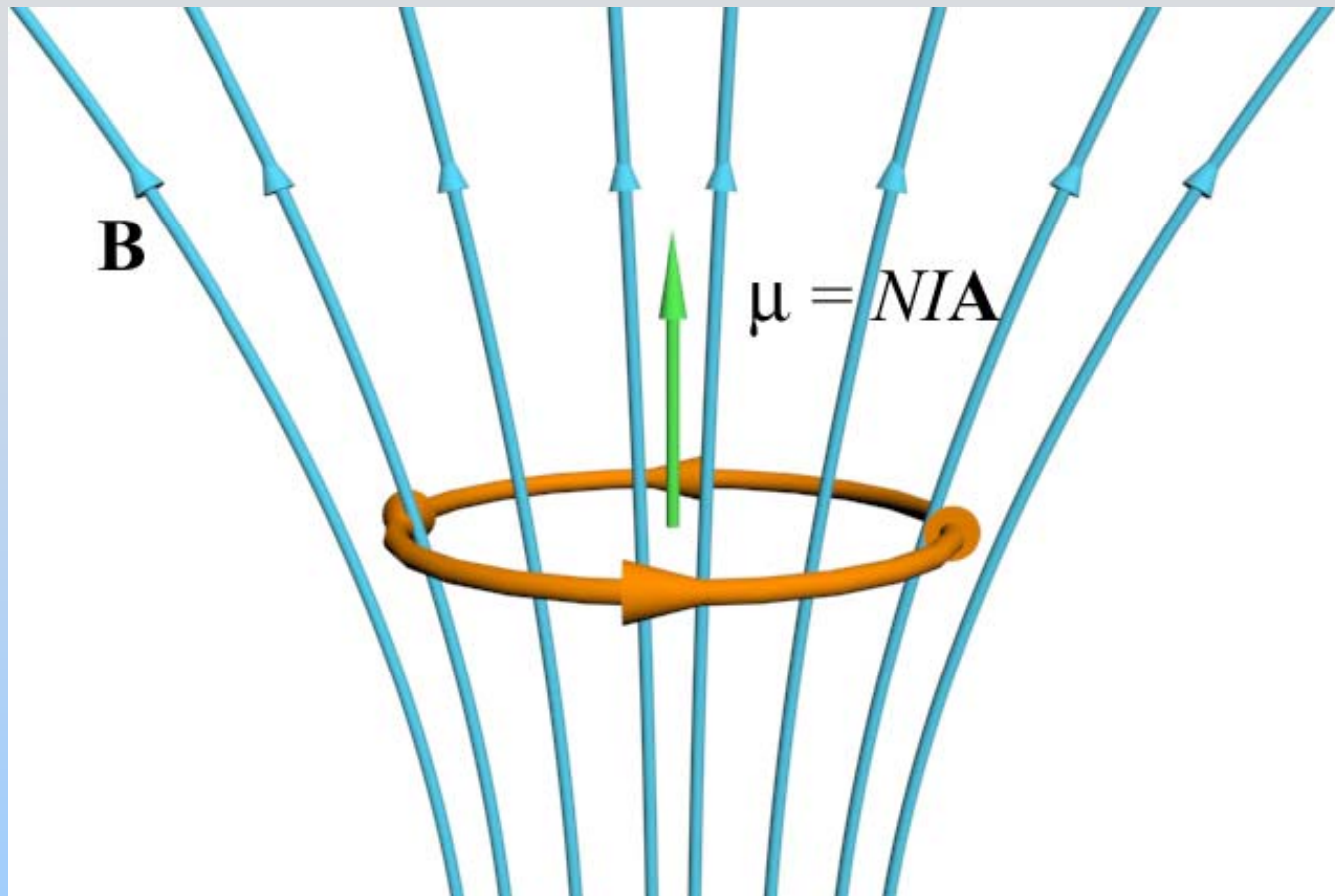


$$\frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial z} \text{ negative}$$

Force down!

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}_{Dipole} = \left( \vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right) \vec{\mathbf{B}} = \mu \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial z}$$

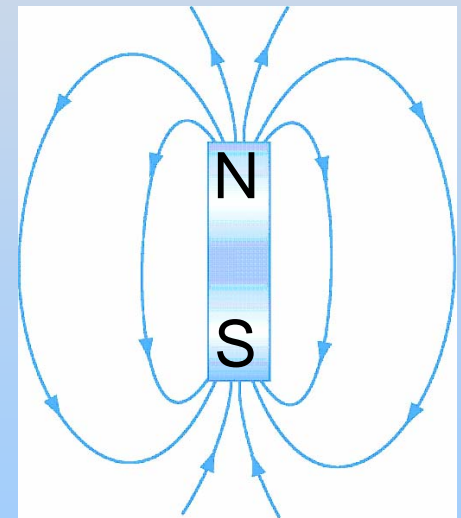
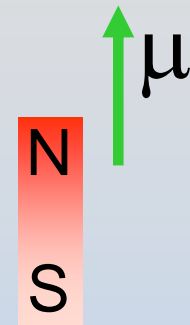
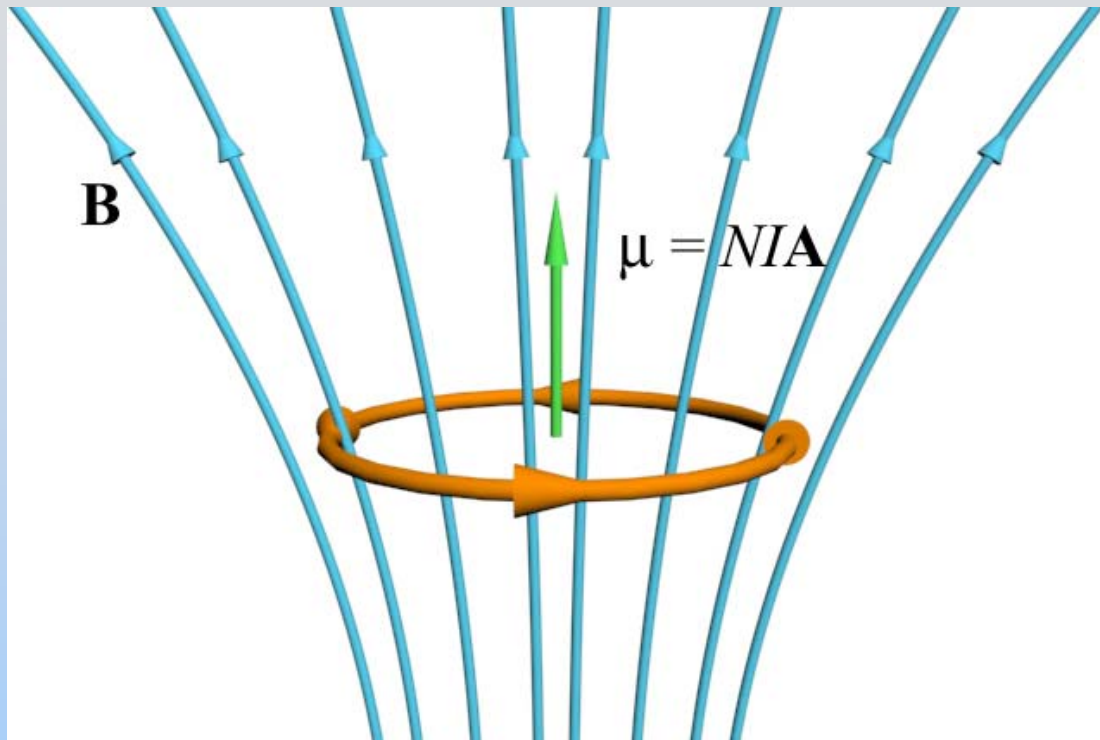
# Force on Magnetic Dipole



Alternate Thought

What makes the field pictured?

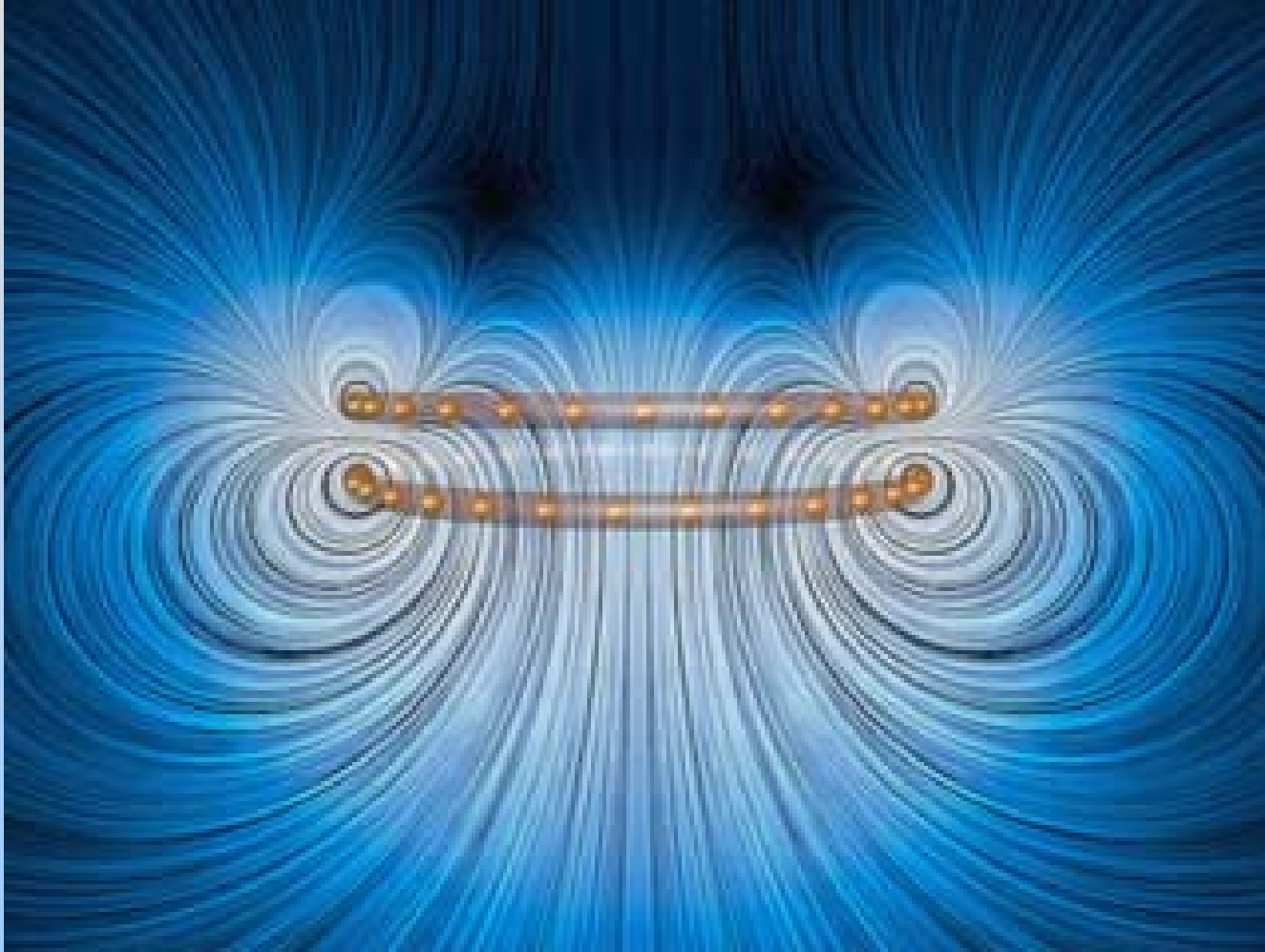
# Force on Magnetic Dipole



Bar magnet below dipole, with N pole on top  
It is aligned with the dipole pictured, they attract!

# **Experiment 7: Magnetic Forces on Dipoles**

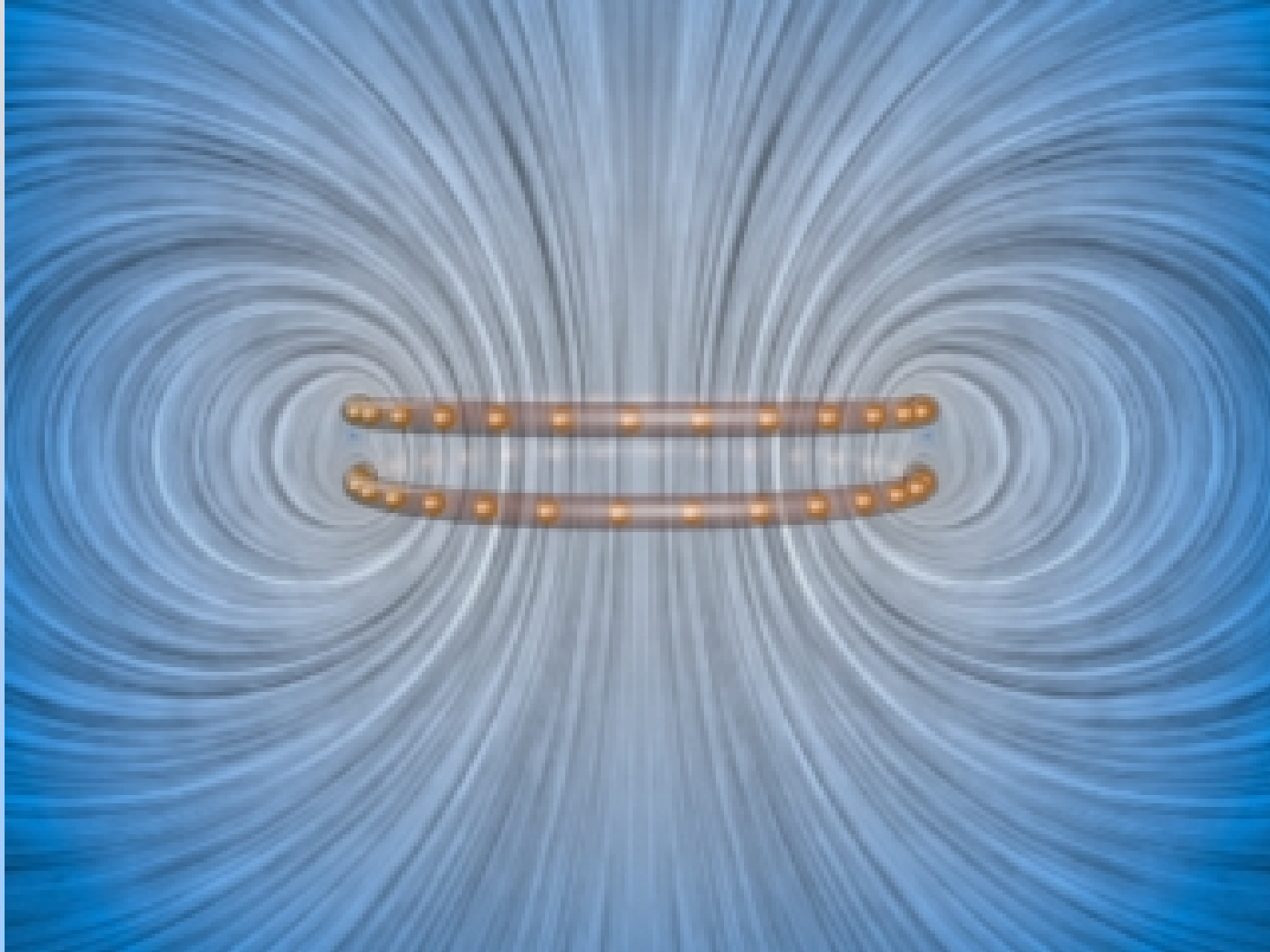
# Force on Dipole from Dipole: Anti-Parallel Alignment



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# Force on Dipole from Dipole: Parallel Alignment



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# **PRS Questions: Force on Magnetic Dipole**