

# Chapter 13

## Inductance and Inductors

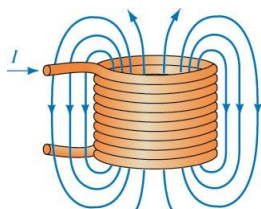


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### Inductors

- Common form of an inductor is a coil of wire
  - Used in radio tuning circuits
- In fluorescent lights
  - Part of ballast circuit
- On power systems
  - Part of the protection circuitry used to control short-circuit currents during faults



(a) A basic inductor



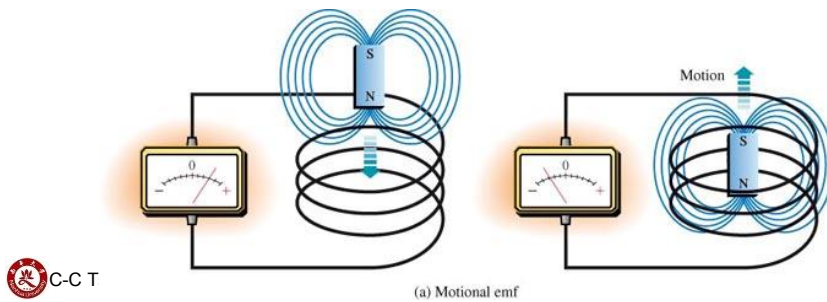
(b) Ideal inductor symbol



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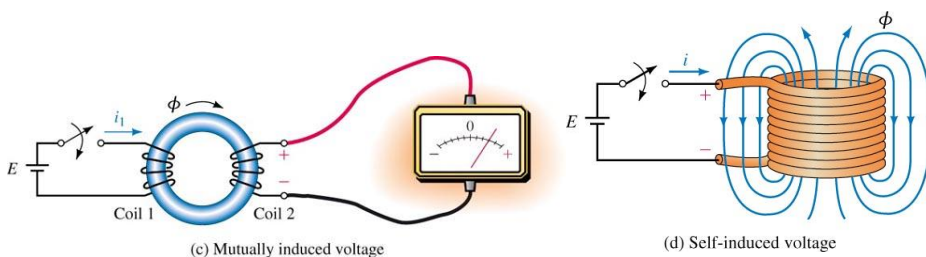
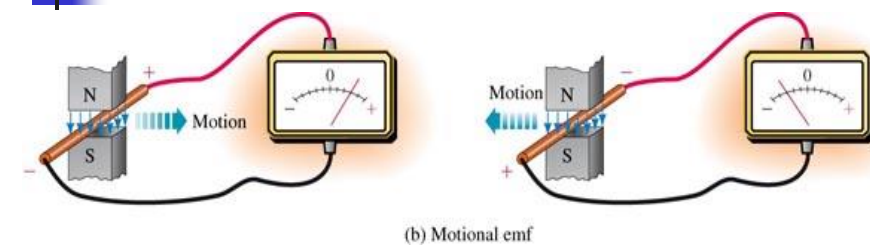
- Voltage is induced
  - When a magnet moves through a coil of wire
  - When a conductor moves through a magnetic field
- Change in current in one coil can induce a voltage in a second coil
- Change in current in a coil can induce a voltage in that coil



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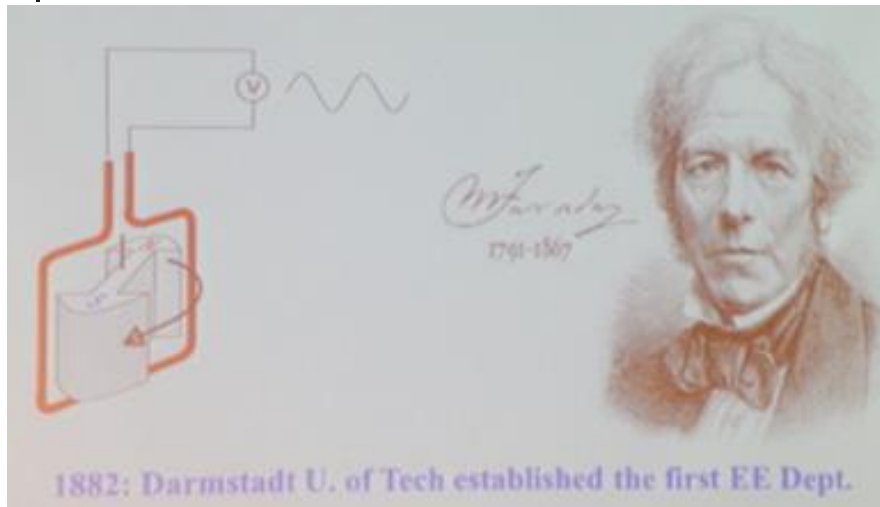
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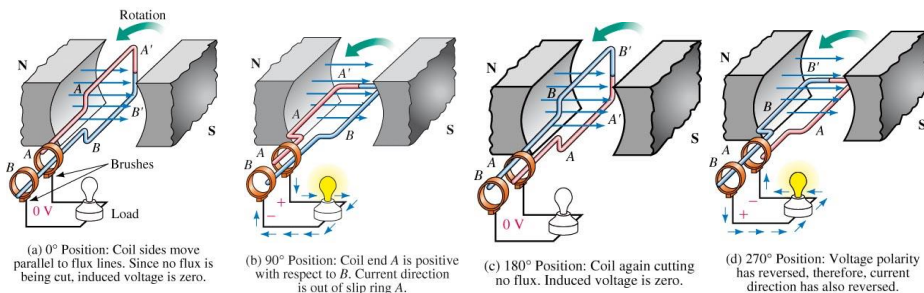
# Electromagnetic Induction

## ■ Faraday's Law

- Voltage is induced in a circuit whenever the flux linking the circuit is changing
- Magnitude of voltage is proportional to rate of change of the flux linkages with respect to time

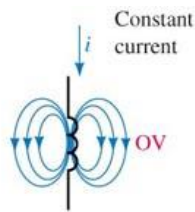
## ■ Lenz's Law

- Polarity of the induced voltage opposes the cause producing it

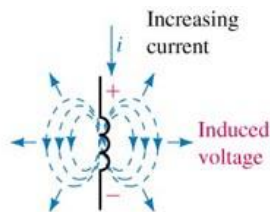


## Induced Voltage and Induction

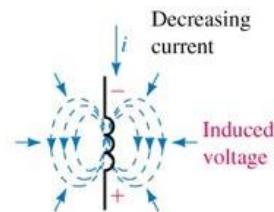
- If a **constant current** is applied
  - No voltage is induced
- If **current is increased**
  - Inductor will develop a voltage with a polarity to oppose increase
- If **current is decreased**
  - Voltage is formed with a polarity that opposes decrease



(a) Steady current: Induced voltage is zero.



(b) Increasing current: The induced voltage opposes the current build-up.



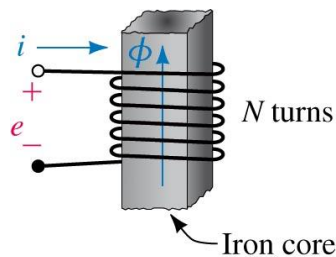
(c) Decreasing current: The induced voltage opposes the current decay.



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## Iron-Core Inductors

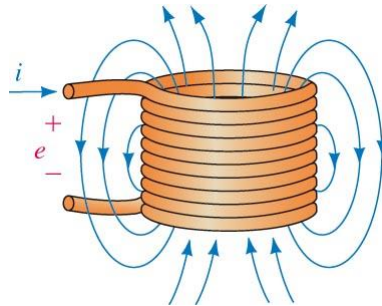
- Have flux almost entirely confined to their cores
- Flux lines pass through the windings
- Flux linkage as product
  - Flux times number of turns
- By Faraday's law
  - **Induced voltage** is equal to rate of change of  $M\Phi$



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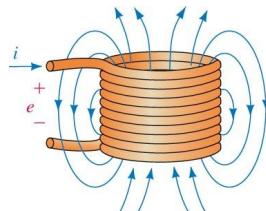
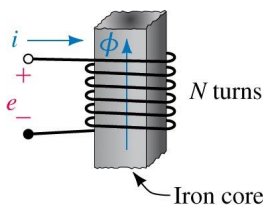
## Air-Core Inductors

- All flux lines do not pass through all of the windings
- Flux is directly proportional to current
- **Induced voltage** directly proportional to **rate of change of current**



## Self-Inductance

- Voltage induced in a coil is proportional to rate of change of the current
- Proportionality constant is  $L$ 
  - Self-inductance of the coil-units are Henrys (H)
- Inductance of a coil is one Henry
  - If the voltage created by its changing current is one volt
  - When its current changes at rate of one amp per second



$$v_L = L \frac{di}{dt}$$

$$v_L = L \frac{\Delta i}{\Delta t}$$

## Inductance Formulas

- **Inductance of a coil** is given by

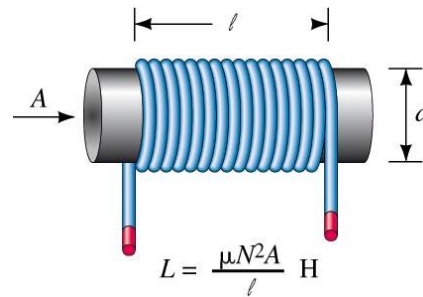
$$L = \frac{\mu N^2 A}{\ell}$$

$\ell$  or  $l$  is the length of coil in meters

$A$  is cross-sectional area in square meters

$N$  is number of turns

$\mu$  is permeability of core



## Inductance Formulas

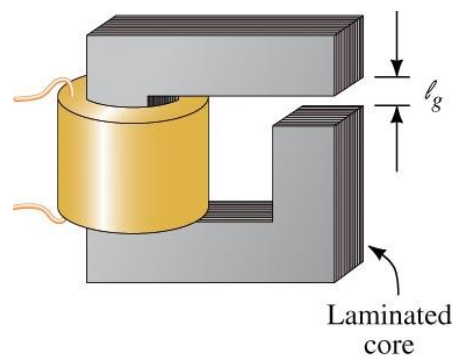
- If **air gap is used**, formula for inductance is

$$L = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 A_g}{\ell_g}$$

$\mu_0$  is permeability of air

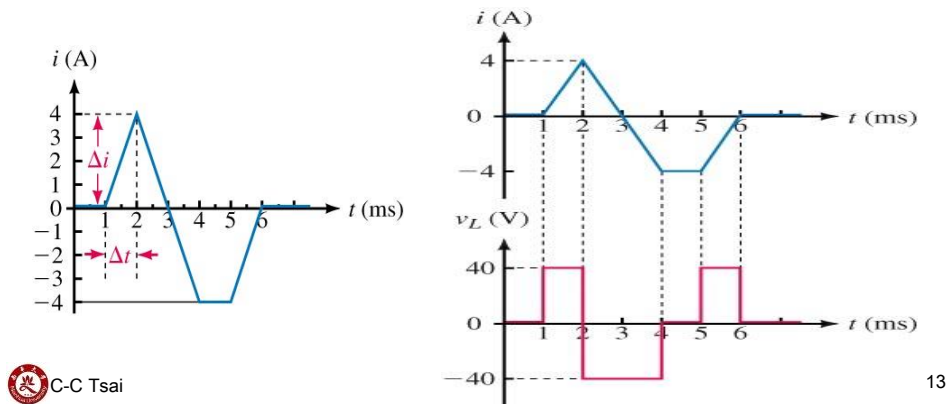
$A_g$  is area of air gap

$\ell_g$  is length of gap



## Computing Induced Voltage

- When using equation  $v_L = L \frac{\Delta i}{\Delta t}$ 
  - If current is increasing, voltage is positive
  - If current is decreasing, voltage is negative
  - $\Delta i / \Delta t$  is slope for currents described with straight lines

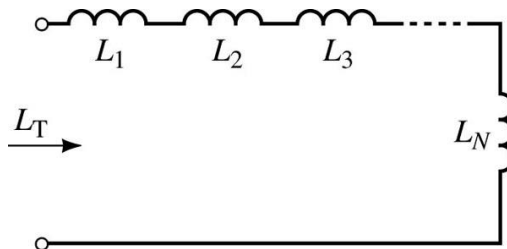


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## Inductances in Series

- For inductors in series
  - Total inductance is sum of individual inductors (similar to resistors in series)



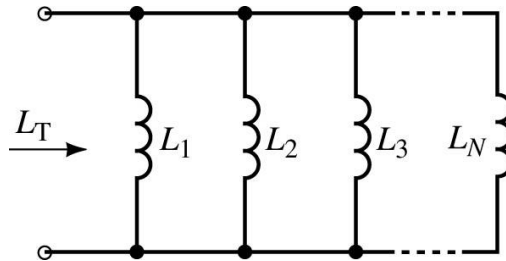
$$L_T = L_1 + L_2 + L_3$$

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## Inductances in Parallel

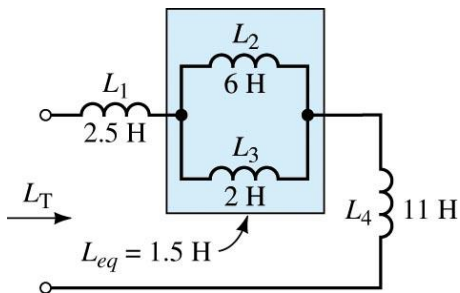
- Inductors in parallel add as resistors do in parallel



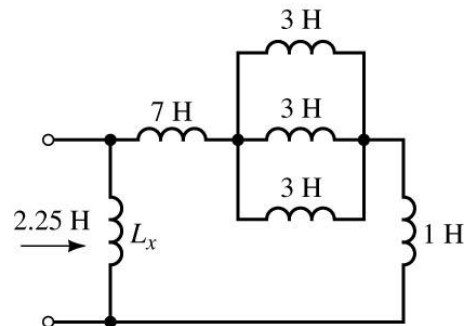
$$\frac{1}{L_T} = \frac{1}{L_1} + \frac{1}{L_2} + \frac{1}{L_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{L_N}$$

## Examples:

**Determine  $L_T$**



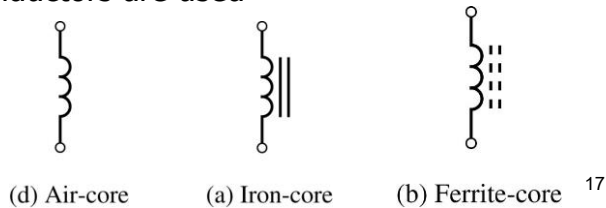
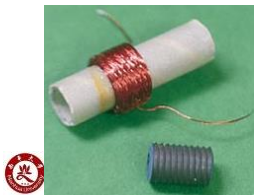
**Determine  $L_x$**





## Core Types

- Type of core depends on intended use and frequency range
- For audio or power supply applications
  - Inductors with iron cores are generally used
- Iron-core inductors
  - Large inductance values but have large power losses at high frequencies
- For high-frequency applications
  - Ferrite-core inductors are used



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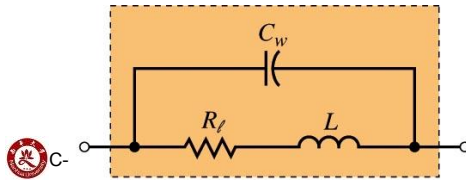
## Variable Inductors

- Used in tuning circuits
- Inductance may be varied by changing the coil spacing
- Inductance may be changed by moving a core in or out



# Stray Capacitance & Inductance

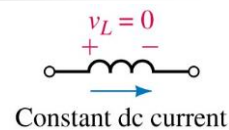
- Turns of inductors are separated by insulation
  - May cause stray or parasitic capacitance
- At low frequencies, it can be ignored
  - At high frequencies, it must be taken into account
- **Some coils are wound in multiple sections to reduce stray capacitance**
- Current-carrying components have some stray inductance
  - Due to magnetic effects of current
- Leads of resistors, capacitors, etc. have inductance
  - These leads are often cut short to reduce stray inductance



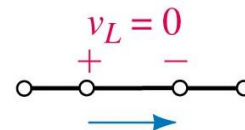
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## Inductance and **Steady State DC**

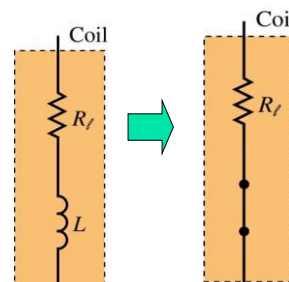
- **Voltage across an inductance with constant dc current is **zero****



- Since it has current but no voltage, it looks like a short circuit at steady state



- For non-ideal inductors
  - Resistance of windings must be considered

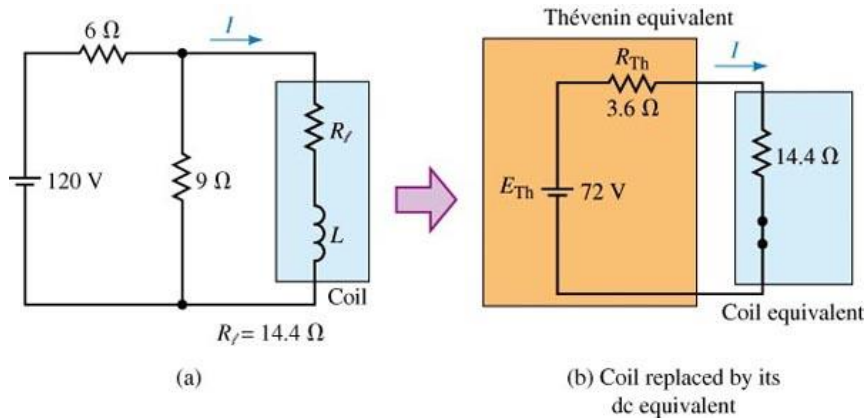


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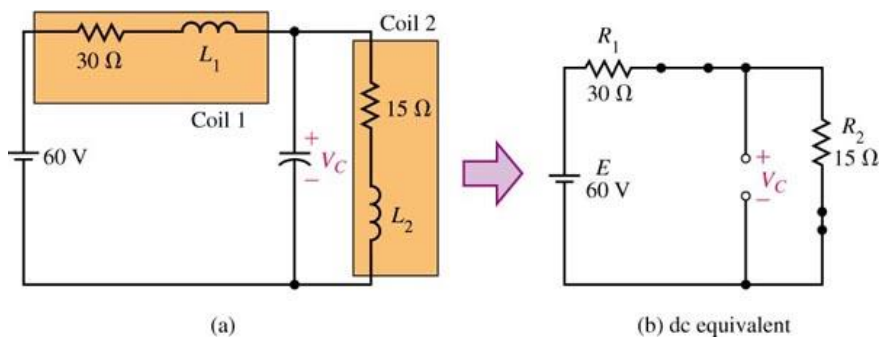
## Example: Inductance and Steady State DC

**Determine  $I$**



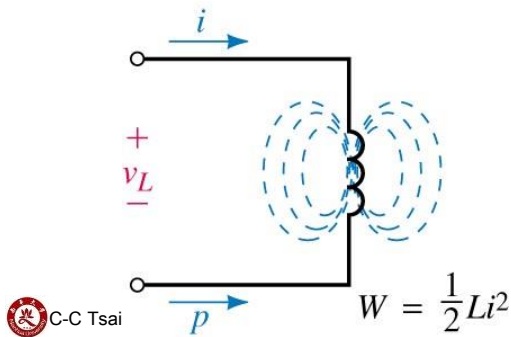
## Example: Inductance and Steady State DC

**Determine  $V_C$**



## Energy Stored by an Inductance

- When energy flows into an inductor
  - Energy is stored in its magnetic field
- When the field collapses
  - Energy returns to the circuit
- No power is dissipated, so there is no power loss

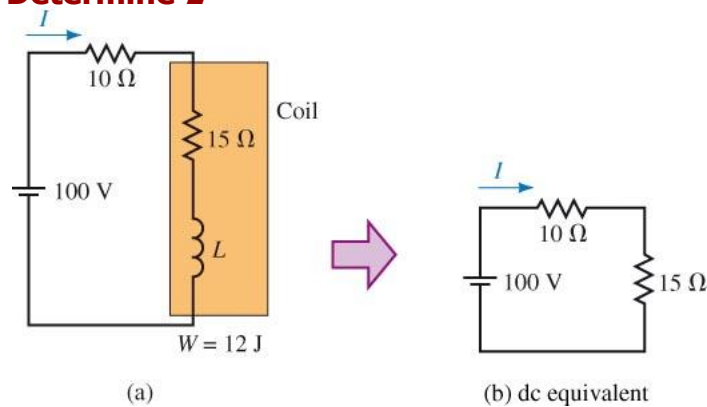


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## Example: Energy Stored by an Inductance

**Determine  $L$**



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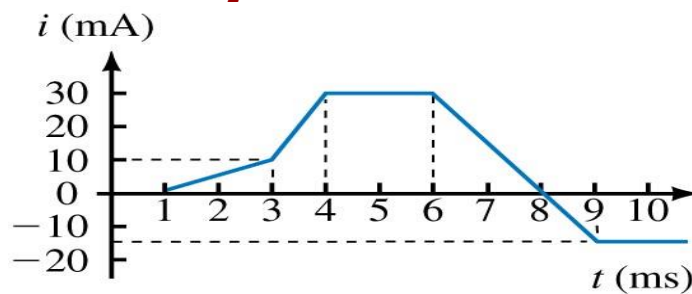
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## Troubleshooting Hints

- Use ohmmeter
- **Open coil** will have infinite resistance
- **Coil can develop shorts** between its windings causing excessive current
  - Checking with an ohmmeter may indicate lower resistance

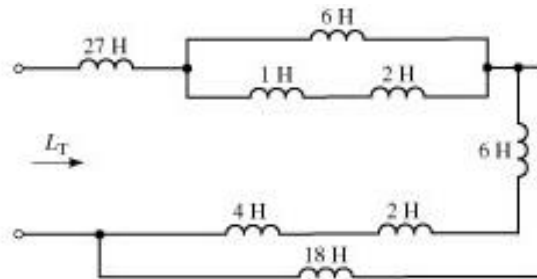
## Problem

**Determine  $V_L$  if  $L=0.75\text{H}$**



## Problem

Determine  $L_T$



## Problem

Determine  $E$  if the circuit is steady state.

