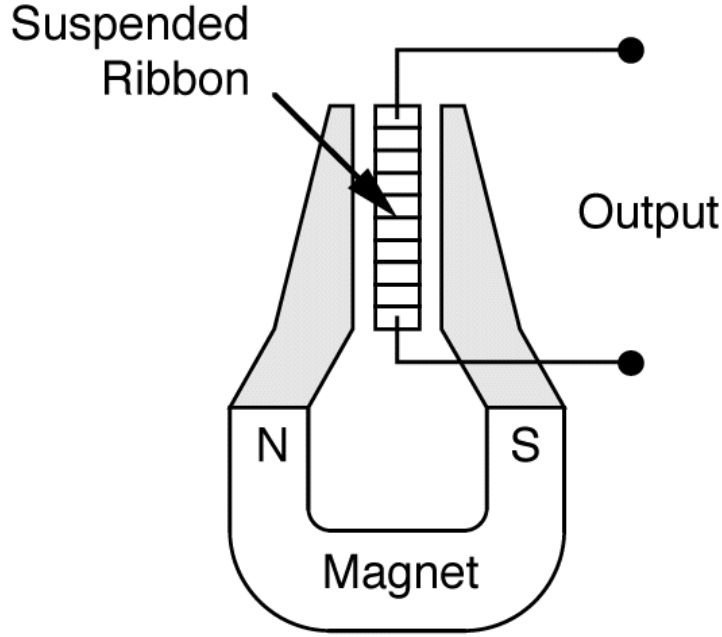


Another type of {early} differential pressure microphone is the so-called **ribbon** microphone, as shown in the figure below:



The very thin {corrugated} metal ribbon diaphragm is open to the ambient pressure on both sides of it. The thin metal ribbon diaphragm is corrugated to suppress excitation of low-frequency mechanical vibrational modes of the ribbon. Since the metal ribbon diaphragm is conducting and immersed in a strong, transverse magnetic field \vec{B}_o (*Tesla*), a differential over-pressure

$\Delta\tilde{p}_{ribbon}(\vec{r}, t)$ exerts a net force on the ribbon diaphragm of this microphone of magnitude

$\left| \vec{F}(\vec{r}, t) \right| = \Delta\tilde{p}_{ribbon}(\vec{r}, t) A_{ribbon} \hat{n} \cdot \hat{k} = \Delta\tilde{p}_{ribbon}(\vec{r}, t) A_{ribbon} \cos \Theta$, causing the ribbon of mass m_{ribbon}

to accelerate (again by Newton's 2nd law – if no other forces act on the microphone diaphragm)

$\vec{a}_{ribbon}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{F}(\vec{r}, t) / m_{ribbon}$ and thus move back-and-forth in response to the differential over-pressure.

Since the thin corrugated metal ribbon diaphragm is immersed in the static transverse magnetic field \vec{B}_o , a magnetic/Lorentz force acts on the free electrons in the metal

ribbon $\vec{F}_m = -e\vec{v}_e \times \vec{B}_o = -e\vec{E}$, where $\vec{v}_e(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{v}_{ribbon}(\vec{r}, t)$ is the velocity vector of the free

electrons associated with the macroscopically vibrating metal ribbon. Since $\vec{v}_{ribbon}(\vec{r}, t) \perp \vec{B}_o$ then:

$$\vec{v}_{ribbon}(\vec{r}, t) \times \vec{B}_o = \left| \vec{v}_{ribbon}(\vec{r}, t) \right| \cdot \left| \vec{B}_o \right| \underbrace{\sin \theta}_{=1} = \left| \vec{v}_{ribbon}(\vec{r}, t) \right| \cdot \left| \vec{B}_o \right|$$

A time-varying *EMF* (i.e. a voltage) $\tilde{\varepsilon}(t) = \left| \vec{v}_{ribbon}(\vec{r}, t) \right| \cdot \left| \vec{B}_o \right| \cdot \ell_{ribbon}$ {where ℓ_{ribbon} (*m*) is the length of the metal ribbon immersed in the *B*-field} is induced across the top/bottom of the corrugated metal ribbon diaphragm due to the differential over-pressure $\Delta\tilde{p}_{ribbon}(\vec{r}, t)$ acting on it.