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Classical Forces in Aharanov-Bohm Effects SCOT MCGREGOR, ADAM CAPREZ, HERMAN BATELAAN, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, RYAN HOTOVY, Texas A&M — Our recent experimental and theoretical work will be reported on Aharanov-Bohm type effects [1]. This includes the experimental demonstration that the Matteucci-Pozzi phase shift is a result of a classical force [2], in contradiction to earlier claims that it is a Type-II Aharonov-Bohm effect [3]. This result is part of a larger discussion that is centered around a classical paradox. Aharonov and Rohrlich point out that this paradox is "... crucial for clarifying the entirely quantum interactions of 'fluxons' and charges [4]." Surprisingly, the Lorentz force acting on an infinite solenoid in the presence of an approaching charge is neglected [4]. Inclusion of the Lorentz force, along with the electromagnetic field momentum, leads to conservation of momentum. This motivates further investigation of the dual of the Aharanov-Bohm effect in which a neutral magnetic moment passes a charged wire. The question of sorting out which phase shifts are accompanied by classical force and which ones are not is still a topic of much debate and we report on our efforts to settle the argument.

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