

# Unit 4 2018. Momentum & Energy

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## **Enduring Understandings**

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- There are different types of energies and these energies may change over time.
- Ideas can be represented in numerous ways such as graphs, mathematical formulas, drawings, bar charts, etc.
- “Energy cannot be created or destroyed. It only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems.”
- Mechanical energy can be classified as kinetic and potential.
- We use energy from a diversity of sources in various forms.
- An isolated/closed system is a collection of objects isolated from outside forces and to/from which no net energy flows.
- Total energy in a closed system is conserved.

## **Essential Questions**

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- How does losing and gaining weight relate to energy transformations?
- Why and how is energy conserved?
- If energy is conserved, why do people talk about an energy crisis?
- How can one explain and predict interactions between objects and within systems of objects?
- Why are humans dependent on transformations of energy?
- Why does society spend a lot of resources on controlling thermal energy?

## **Student Learning Objectives (PE, SEP, DCI, CCC) & Aligned Standards**

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- Students will use equations to solve problems .
- Students will discuss energy losses due to frictional forces.

## **Performance Expectations**

**Identify and quantify the various types of energies within a system of objects in a well-defined state, such as elastic potential energy, gravitational potential energy, kinetic energy, and thermal energy and**

represent how these energies may change over time. ([PS3.A](#) and [PS3.B](#))

Calculate changes in kinetic energy and gravitational potential energy of a system using representations of that system. ([PS3.A](#))

Develop and use models to illustrate that energy at the macroscopic scale can be accounted for as a combination of energy associated with the motions of particles (objects) and energy associated with the relative position of particles (objects). *[Clarification Statement: Examples of phenomena at the macroscopic scale could include the conversion of kinetic energy to thermal energy, the energy stored due to position of an object above the earth, and the energy stored between two electrically charged plates. Examples of models could include diagrams, drawings, descriptions, and computer simulations.]* ([HS-PS3-2](#))

Create a computational model to calculate the change in the energy of one component in a system when the change in energy of the other component(s) and energy flows in and out of the system are known. *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on explaining the meaning of mathematical expressions used in the model.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to basic algebraic expressions or computations; to systems of two or three components; and to thermal energy, kinetic energy, and/or the energies in gravitational, magnetic, or electric fields.]* ([HS-PS3-1](#))

Design, build, and refine a device that works within given constraints to convert one form of energy into another form of energy.\* *[Emphasis is on both qualitative and quantitative evaluations of devices. Examples of devices could include Rube Goldberg devices, wind turbines, solar cells, solar ovens, and generators. Examples of constraints could include use of renewable energy forms and efficiency. Assessment for quantitative evaluations is limited to total output for a given input. Assessment is limited to devices constructed with materials provided to students.]* ([HS-PS3-3](#))

Analyze a major global challenge to specify qualitative and quantitative criteria and constraints for solutions that account for societal needs and wants. ([HS-ETS1-1](#))

Design a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering. ([HS-ETS1-2](#))

Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem based on prioritized criteria and tradeoffs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, as well as possible social, cultural, and environmental impacts. ([HS-ETS1-3](#))

Use a computer simulation to model the impact of proposed solutions to a complex real-world problem with numerous criteria and constraints on interactions within and between systems relevant to the

problem. ([HS-ETS1-4](#))

Evaluate competing design solutions for developing, managing and utilizing energy and mineral resources based on cost-benefit ratios. ([HS-ESS3-2](#))

Evaluate or refine a technological solution that reduces impacts of human activities on climate change and other natural systems. ([HS-ESS3-4](#))

## Science and Engineering Practices

### Developing and Using Models

- Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. ([HS-PS3-2](#))

### Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking

- Create a computational model or simulation of a phenomenon, designed device, process, or system. ([HS-PS3-1](#))
- Use mathematical models and/or computer simulations to predict the effects of a design solution on systems and/or the interactions between systems. ([HS-ETS1-4](#))

### Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

- Design, evaluate, and/or refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. ([HS-PS3-3](#))

## Disciplinary Core Ideas

### PS3.A: Definitions of Energy

- Energy is a quantitative property of a system that depends on the motion and interactions of matter and radiation within that system. That there is a single quantity called energy is due to the fact that a system's total energy is conserved, even as, within the system, energy is continually transferred from one object to another and between its various possible forms. ([HS-PS3-2](#))
- At the macroscopic scale, energy manifests itself in multiple ways, such as in motion, sound, light, and thermal energy. ([HS-PS3-2](#))
- These relationships are better understood at the microscopic scale, at which all of the different manifestations of energy can be modeled as a combination of energy associated with the motion of particles and energy associated with the configuration (relative position of the particles). In some cases the relative position energy can be thought of as stored in fields (which mediate interactions between

particles). This last concept includes radiation, a phenomenon in which energy stored in fields moves across space. (HS-PS3-2)

### **PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer**

- Conservation of energy means that the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system. (HS-PS3-1)
- Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems. (HS-PS3-1)
- Mathematical expressions, which quantify how the stored energy in a system depends on its configuration (e.g. relative positions of charged particles, compression of a spring) and how kinetic energy depends on mass and speed, allow the concept of conservation of energy to be used to predict and describe system behavior. (HS-PS3-1)
- The availability of energy limits what can occur in any system. (HS-PS3-1)

### **PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes**

- Although energy cannot be destroyed, it can be converted to less useful forms—for example, to thermal energy in the surrounding environment. (HS-PS3-3)

### **ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting an Engineering Problem**

- Criteria and constraints also include satisfying any requirements set by society, such as taking issues of risk mitigation into account, and they should be quantified to the extent possible and stated in such a way that one can tell if a given design meets them. (secondary to HS-PS3-3)

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- Humanity faces major global challenges today, such as the need for supplies of clean water and food or for energy sources that minimize pollution, which can be addressed through engineering. These global challenges also may have manifestations in local communities. (HS-ETS1-1)

### **ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions**

- When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. (HS-ETS1-3)
- Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs. (HS-ETS1-4)

### **ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution**

- Criteria may need to be broken down into simpler ones that can be approached systematically, and

decisions about the priority of certain criteria over others (trade-offs) may be needed. (HS-ETS1-2)

### ESS3.A: Natural Resources

- Resource availability has guided the development of human society. (HS-ESS3-1)
- All forms of energy production and other resource extraction have associated economic, social, environmental, and geopolitical costs and risks as well as benefits. New technologies and social regulations can change the balance of these factors. (HS-ESS3-2)

### ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems

- Scientists and engineers can make major contributions by developing technologies that produce less pollution and waste and that preclude ecosystem degradation. (HS-ESS3-4)

## **Crosscutting Concepts**

### Cause and Effect

- Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-ESS3-1)

### Systems and System Models

- Models can be used to predict the behavior of a system, but these predictions have limited precision and reliability due to the assumptions and approximations inherent in models. (HS-PS3-1)
- Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows— within and between systems at different scales. (HS-ETS1-4)

### Energy and Matter

- Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-PS3-3)
- Energy cannot be created or destroyed—only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-PS3-2)

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## *Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science*

### Influence of Science, Engineering and Technology on Society and the Natural World

- Modern civilization depends on major technological systems. Engineers continuously modify these technological systems by applying scientific knowledge and engineering design practices to increase benefits while decreasing costs and risks. (HS-PS3-3)
- New technologies can have deep impacts on society and the environment, including some that were not

anticipated. Analysis of costs and benefits is a critical aspect of decisions about technology. (HS-ETS1-1) (HS-ETS1-3)

## *Connections to Nature of Science*

### Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems

- Science assumes the universe is a vast single system in which basic laws are consistent. (HS-PS3-1)

### Science is a Human Endeavor

- Science is a result of human endeavors, imagination, and creativity. (HS-ESS3-3)

### Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World

- Science and technology may raise ethical issues for which science, by itself, does not provide answers and solutions. (HS-ESS3-2)
- Science knowledge indicates what can happen in natural systems—not what should happen. The latter involves ethics, values, and human decisions about the use of knowledge. (HS-ESS3-2)
- Many decisions are not made using science alone, but rely on social and cultural contexts to resolve issues. (HS-ESS3-2)

SCI.9-12.1.3	Patterns of performance of designed systems can be analyzed and interpreted to reengineer and improve the system.
SCI.9-12.1.4	Mathematical representations are needed to identify some patterns.
SCI.9-12.1.5	Empirical evidence is needed to identify patterns.
SCI.9-12.2.2	Cause and effect relationships can be suggested and predicted for complex natural and human designed systems by examining what is known about smaller scale mechanisms within the system.
SCI.9-12.2.3	Systems can be designed to cause a desired effect.
SCI.9-12.2.4	Changes in systems may have various causes that may not have equal effects.
SCI.9-12.5.2	Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system.
SCI.9-12.5.3	Energy cannot be created or destroyed—only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems.
SCI.9-12.5.4	Energy drives the cycling of matter within and between systems.
SCI.9-12.7.2	Change and rates of change can be quantified and modeled over very short or very long periods of time. Some system changes are irreversible.
SCI.9-12.CCC.1.1	students observe patterns in systems at different scales and cite patterns as empirical evidence for causality in supporting their explanations of phenomena. They recognize classifications or explanations used at one scale may not be useful or need revision using a different scale; thus requiring improved investigations and experiments. They use mathematical representations to identify certain patterns and analyze patterns of performance in order to reengineer and improve a designed system.

SCI.9-12.CCC.2.1	students understand that empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and to make claims about specific causes and effects. They suggest cause and effect relationships to explain and predict behaviors in complex natural and designed systems. They also propose causal relationships by examining what is known about smaller scale mechanisms within the system. They recognize changes in systems may have various causes that may not have equal effects.
SCI.9-12.CCC.5.1	students learn that the total amount of energy and matter in closed systems is conserved. They can describe changes of energy and matter in a system in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. They also learn that energy cannot be created or destroyed. It only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. Energy drives the cycling of matter within and between systems. In nuclear processes, atoms are not conserved, but the total number of protons plus neutrons is conserved.
SCI.9-12.CCC.7.1	students understand much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable. They quantify and model changes in systems over very short or very long periods of time. They see some changes are irreversible, and negative feedback can stabilize a system, while positive feedback can destabilize it. They recognize systems can be designed for greater or lesser stability.
SCI.HS-PS2-2	Use mathematical representations to support the claim that the total momentum of a system of objects is conserved when there is no net force on the system.
SCI.HS-PS2-3	Apply scientific and engineering ideas to design, evaluate, and refine a device that minimizes the force on a macroscopic object during a collision.
SCI.HS-PS3-1	Create a computational model to calculate the change in the energy of one component in a system when the change in energy of the other component(s) and energy flows in and out of the system are known.
SCI.HS-PS3-2	Develop and use models to illustrate that energy at the macroscopic scale can be accounted for as a combination of energy associated with the motions of particles (objects) and energy associated with the relative position of particles (objects).
SCI.HS-PS3-3	Design, build, and refine a device that works within given constraints to convert one form of energy into another form of energy.  Tracking fluxes of energy and matter into, out of, and within systems helps one understand the systems' possibilities and limitations.  Events have causes, sometimes simple, sometimes multifaceted. A major activity of science is investigating and explaining causal relationships and the mechanisms by which they are mediated. Such mechanisms can then be tested across given contexts and used to predict and explain events in new contexts.  For natural and built systems alike, conditions of stability and determinants of rates of change or evolution of a system are critical elements of study.

## Resources

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[Energy Skate Park: Basics](#): Using this Phet resource, learn about conservation of energy with a skater gal! Explore different tracks and view the kinetic energy, potential energy and friction as she moves. Build your own tracks, ramps, and jumps for the skater.

[Work and Energy Workbook Labs](#) (12 total): These physics classroom labs describe the question and purpose of each lab and provide a short description of what should be included in the student lab report.

[Build a Solar House](#): Construct and measure the energy efficiency and solar heat gain of a cardboard model house. Use a light bulb heater to imitate a real furnace and a temperature sensor to monitor and regulate the internal temperature of the house. Use a bright bulb in a gooseneck lamp to model sunlight at different times of the year, and test the effectiveness of windows for passive solar heating.

Hot Mess "How We Make Energy" video about the different ways humans transform energy (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1b3-BnKwA4>).

Actively Learn "Renewable Energy Might Be Able to Green a Desert" (<https://reader.activelylearn.com/authoring/preview/981380/notes>)

Actively Learn "Ocean Energy Could Be the Wave of the Future" (<https://reader.activelylearn.com/authoring/preview/976215/notes>)

Our World in Data (<https://ourworldindata.org/>)