

# Unit 6 2018. Electricity and Magnetism

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## Enduring Understandings

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- An electric current can produce a magnetic field and a changing magnetic field can produce an electric current.

## Essential Questions

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- How can one explain and predict the interactions between objects and within a system of objects?
- What are the relationships between electric currents and magnetic fields?
- How can a force be exerted on an object when nothing is touching it?

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

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- Students will examine basic series and parallel circuits.

## Performance Expectations

**Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that an electric current can produce a magnetic field and that a changing magnetic field can produce an electric current.** *[Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to designing and conducting investigations with provided materials and tools.]* ([HS-PS2-5](#))

**Develop and use a model of two objects interacting through electric or magnetic fields to illustrate the forces between objects and the changes in energy of the objects due to the interaction.** *[Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include drawings, diagrams, and texts, such as drawings of what happens when two charges of opposite polarity are near each other.]* *[Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to systems containing two objects.]* ([HS-PS3-5](#))

## Science and Engineering Practices

### Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

- Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-PS2-5)

### 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),(HS-PS3-5)

## Disciplinary Core Ideas

### PS2.B: Types of Interactions

- Forces at a distance are explained by fields (gravitational, electric, and magnetic) permeating space that can transfer energy through space. Magnets or electric currents cause magnetic fields; electric charges or changing magnetic fields cause electric fields. (HS-PS2-5)

### PS3.C: Relationship between Energy and Forces

- When two objects interacting through a field change relative position, the energy stored in the field is changed. (HS-PS3-5)

## Crosscutting Concepts

### Cause and Effect

- Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-PS2-5)
- 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. (HS-PS3-5)

SCI.9-12.1.2	Classifications or explanations used at one scale may fail or need revision when information from smaller or larger scales is introduced; thus requiring improved investigations and experiments.
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.9-12.3.2 Some systems can only be studied indirectly as they are too small, too large, too fast, or too slow to observe directly.
- SCI.9-12.3.3 Patterns observable at one scale may not be observable or exist at other scales.
- SCI.9-12.3.4 Using the concept of orders of magnitude allows one to understand how a model at one scale relates to a model at another scale.
- SCI.9-12.3.5 Algebraic thinking is used to examine scientific data and predict the effect of a change in one variable on another (e.g., linear growth vs. exponential growth).
- SCI.9-12.4.2 When investigating or describing a system, the boundaries and initial conditions of the system need to be defined and their inputs and outputs analyzed and described using models.
- SCI.9-12.4.4 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.
- SCI.9-12.5.4 Energy drives the cycling of matter within and between systems.
- SCI.9-12.6.2 The functions and properties of natural and designed objects and systems can be inferred from their overall structure, the way their components are shaped and used, and the molecular substructures of its various materials.
- 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.9-12.7.3 Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system.
- SCI.9-12.7.4 Systems can be designed for greater or lesser stability.
- 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.3.1 students understand the significance of a phenomenon is dependent on the scale, proportion, and quantity at which it occurs. They recognize patterns observable at one scale may not be observable or exist at other scales, and some systems can only be studied indirectly as they are too small, too large, too fast, or too slow to observe directly. Students use orders of magnitude to understand how a model at one scale relates to a model at another scale. They use algebraic thinking to examine scientific data and predict the effect of a change in one variable on another (e.g., linear growth vs. exponential growth).
- 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.6.1	students investigate systems by examining the properties of different materials, the structures of different components, and their interconnections to reveal the system's function and/or solve a problem. They infer the functions and properties of natural and designed objects and systems from their overall structure, the way their components are shaped and used, and the molecular substructures of their various materials.
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-PS3-5	Develop and use a model of two objects interacting through electric or magnetic fields to illustrate the forces between objects and the changes in energy of the objects due to the interaction.
SCI.HS-PS2-4	Use mathematical representations of Newton's Law of Gravitation and Coulomb's Law to describe and predict the gravitational and electrostatic forces between objects.
SCI.HS-PS2-1	Analyze data to support the claim that Newton's second law of motion describes the mathematical relationship among the net force on a macroscopic object, its mass, and its acceleration.
SCI.HS-PS2-5	Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that an electric current can produce a magnetic field and that a changing magnetic field can produce an electric current.
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-PS3-1	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.

## Resources

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[Magnet and Compass](#) (uses Java) Phet simulation

- Predict the direction of the magnet field for different locations around a bar magnet
- Relate magnetic field strength to distance quantitatively and qualitatively
- Describe how the earth's magnet field relates to a bar magnet

[Magnets and Electromagnets](#) (uses Java) Phet simulation

- Predict the direction of the magnet field for different locations around a bar magnet and electromagnet
- Compare and contrast bar magnets and electromagnets
- Identify the characteristics of electromagnets that are variable and what effects each variable has on the magnetic field's strength and direction
- Relate magnetic field strength to distance quantitatively and qualitatively

[Magnets and Electromagnets: Explore the interactions between a compass and bar magnet. Discover how you can use a battery and wire to make a magnet! Can you make it a stronger magnet? Can you make the magnetic](#)

[field reverse?](#)

[Charges and Fields](#): Move point charges around on the playing field and then view the electric field, voltages, equipotential lines, and more.

[Faraday's Law](#): Investigate Faraday's law and how a changing magnetic flux can produce a flow of electricity!

Internet Resources:

- <http://www.wcsscience.com/magnet/madness.html>
- <http://www.exploratorium.edu/snacks/iconmagnetism.html>