#### Magnets and Electromagnets

# Objective/EQ

- <u>Objective:</u> Students will be able to describe the basic properties of magnets and electromagnets and they can produce an electric current.
- <u>EQ:</u> Can I describe the basic properties of magnets and the effects of earth's magnetic field?

## Properties of Magnets

- <u>Magnet</u>: any material that affects iron or material containing iron.
- 3 Properties of magnets
- 1. All magnets have 2 poles N/S
- 2. Exert forces on each other
- 3. Surrounded by a magnetic field

### Magnetic Forces

- <u>Magnetic Poles:</u> points on a magnet that have opposite magnetic properties. (*north and south*) Poles are always in pairs
- <u>Magnetic forces</u>: force of attraction or repulsion generated by moving or spinning electric charges.
- N to N or S to S together repel each other
- N to S attract each other



- If you hold the north poles of two magnets close together, the magnetic force will push the magnets apart. The same is true if you hold the south poles close together.
- If you hold the north pole of one magnet close to the south pole of another magnet, the magnetic force will pull the magnets together.

### Causes of Magnetism

- Whether a material is magnetic or not depends on the material's atoms.
- In material such as iron, nickel, and colbalt, groups of atoms are in tiny areas called domains.
- The arrangement of domains in an object determines whether the object is magnetic.
- When domains move the magnet is demagnetized or looses its magnetic properties.

## How to lose Magnetic Properties

- 1. Dropping or Hitting it HARD
- 2. Putting it in a strong magnetic field opposite its own
- 3. Increasing the temperature.

#### Kinds of magnets

- Some magnets, called <u>ferromagnets</u>, are made of iron, nickel, cobalt, or mixtures of those metals.
- Another kind of magnet is the <u>electromagnet</u>. This is a magnet made by an electric current.
- <u>Temporary</u> magnets are made from materials that are easy to magnetize. But they tend to lose their magnetization easily.
- <u>Permanent</u> magnets are difficult to magnetize, but tend to keep their magnetic properties longer.

## Earth's Magnetic Field

- The Earth behaves as if it has a <u>bar</u> magnet running through its center.
- The point of a <u>compass</u> needle is attracted to the south pole of a magnet. Opposite poles of magnets attract each other.
- A compass needle points north because the <u>magnetic pole</u> of Earth that is closest to the geographic North Pole is a magnetic south pole.

### Earth's Magnetic Field

- Scientists think that the Earth's magnetic field is made by the movement of electric charges in the Earth's <u>core</u>.
- Earth's magnetic field plays a part in making <u>auroras</u>. An aurora is formed when <u>charged</u> particles from the sun hit oxygen and nitrogen atoms in the air.

#### Bell work

• A battery manufacturing plant is having problems with a robotic arm in the assembly line. The engineers need to design a new arm. Look at the steps below. What belongs in step #4?

1	Clearly identify the problem or need.
2	Search for and evaluate possible solutions.
3	Select the best possible solution.
4	?
5	Test and evaluate the prototype.
6	Communicate the results.
7	Redesign and retest as necessary.

- a. Develop a pilot plant.
- b. Create a one-half scale model of the best solution.
- c. Develop a prototype.
- d. Perform experiments on the different solutions.

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- <u>EQ</u>: Can I identify the <u>relationship</u> between an electric current and a magnetic field.

### Electromagnetism

- Physicist Hans Oersted discovered that electric current produces a magnetic field.
- Also discovered that direction of field depends on direction of current.
- <u>Electromagnetism</u>—the interaction between electricity and magnetism.

## Using Electromagnetism

- A <u>solenoid</u> is a coil of wire that produces a magnetic field when carrying an electric current.
- The strength of the magnetic field increases as more loops per meter are used and increasing the electric current.



#### Electromagnets

- An electromagnet is made up of a solenoid <u>wrapped</u> around an iron core.
- Electromagnets are very useful because they can be turned <u>on</u> and <u>off</u> as needed. The solenoid has a field only when there is <u>electric</u> current in it.



#### Electric Motors/Galvanometer

- <u>Electric Motor:</u> a device that converts electrical energy into mechanical energy.
- <u>Galvanometer:</u> measures current, it has an electromagnet and needle on a pivot b/t the poles of permanent magnet.

## EXIT TICKET

- 1. The interaction between electricity and magnetism is called?
- 2. What increases the strength of a magnetic field in a solenoid?

#### Bell Work

• What is the scientific name for a Burchell's zebra?



- a. Equus caballus
- b. Equus burchellii
  - c. Equus grevyi
  - d. Caballus zebra

## Obective/EQ

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- <u>EQ:</u> Can I explain how a magnetic field can make an <u>electric</u> current.

### **Electromagnetic Induction**

- The process by which an electric current is made is by changing a magnetic field is called electromagnetic <u>induction</u>.
- An <u>electric generator</u>:uses electromagnetic induction to change mechanical energy into electrical energy.



An electric current is induced when you move a magnet through a coil of wire because the magnetic field is changing relative to the coil of wire.



A greater electric current is induced if you move the magnet faster through the coil because the magnetic field is changing faster.



G A greater electric current is induced if you add more loops of wire. This magnet is moving at the same speed as the magnet in **b**.



The induced electric current reverses direction if the magnet is pulled out rather than pushed in.

### Alternating Current

- The electric current produced by the generator changes direction each time the coil makes a <u>half</u> turn. Because the electric current changes direction, it is an <u>alternating</u> current.
- The energy that generators convert into electrical energy comes from different sources such as <u>fossil</u> <u>fuels</u> and <u>nuclear</u> energy.

#### Transformers

- A <u>transformer</u> increases or decreases the voltage of alternating current.
- The number of <u>loops</u> in the primary and secondary coils of a transformer determines whether it increases or decreases the voltage.
- The electric current that brings electrical energy to your home is usually transformed <u>three</u> times.