

“Teaching is an art, not a science.”

True?



False?

The main goals for the workshop are: Teachers will

- Use PhET simulations for class activities
- Use the guidelines for inquiry approach provided by the PhET team in the activities
- Share their activities on the PhET educators' database
- Share their experiences during the workshop
- Try Clickers

PhET Workshop Series

2006-2007

At EHS

Who are we?

Handouts for Series

Guidelines

Moving Man worksheet showing alignment

Activity design

How We Learn

CCK worksheet with 2 types of lessons (assigned as homework)

Writing learning goals

Carl W.'s article "Minimize your Mistakes"

Masses and Springs worksheet with 2 types of lessons

Notecard for reflecting

Take home about research

Bloom's revised

King before and after

Dubson article

Chem ed article

Scientific Abilities (just the ability to design page)

Chapter 6 summary from Mayer

1. How many years have you taught?

A. 0-3 B. 4-8 C. 8-15 D. 16 or more

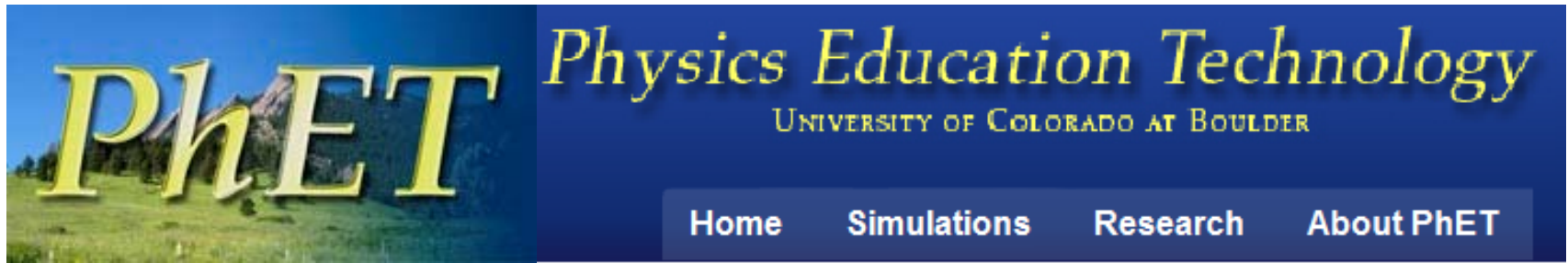
2. How many years have you taught your subject?

A. 0-3 B. 4-8 C. 8-15 D. 16 or more

Getting \$500

- Attend and collaborate at meetings
- Design lessons for your classes using the simulations & the research ideas
- Use the lessons
- Reflect on the experience
- Publish your lessons in the Educators' database for PhET.

<http://phet.colorado.edu>



Funding

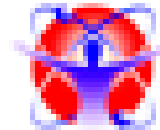
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Tonight's Goals

- Explore some PhET simulations
- Think about how you could use them in class
- Explore the guidelines for inquiry approach provided by the PhET team
- Chose a simulation to use this next month
- Pick a partner for this month

3. My experience with the PhET simulations is

A. I just heard about them from the flyer

B. I have been to the web site and played with some of the simulations

C. I have used one in my course

D. I have used several in my course

Simulations- Research

Motion

Work, Energy & Power

Sound & Waves

Heat & Thermo

Electricity, Magnets & Circuits

Light & Radiation

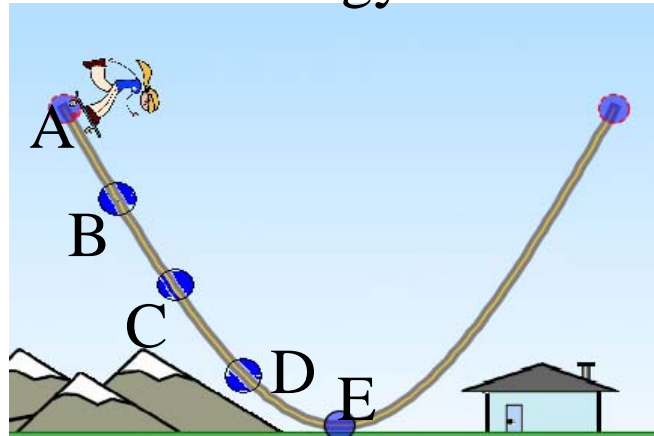
Quantum Phenomena

Chemistry

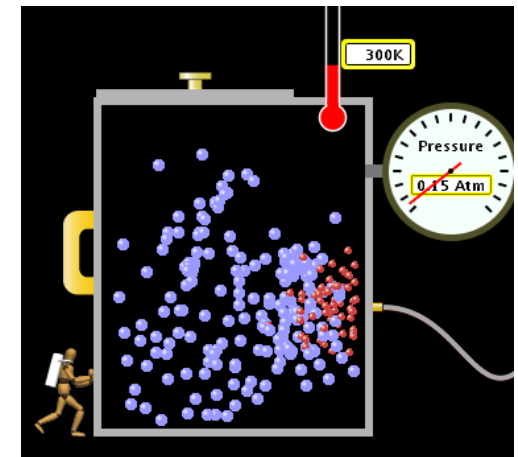
Math Tools

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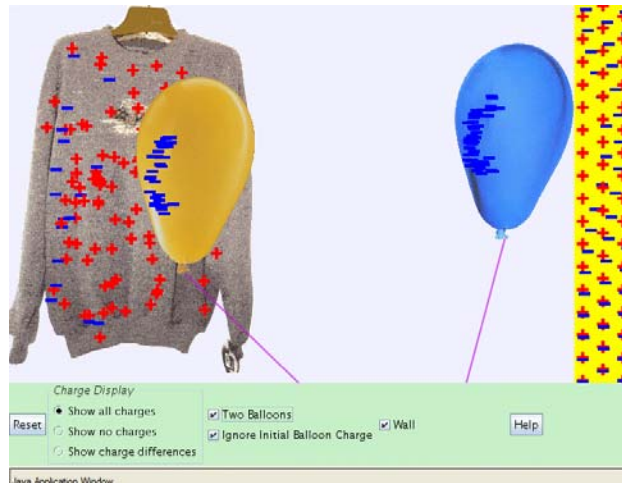
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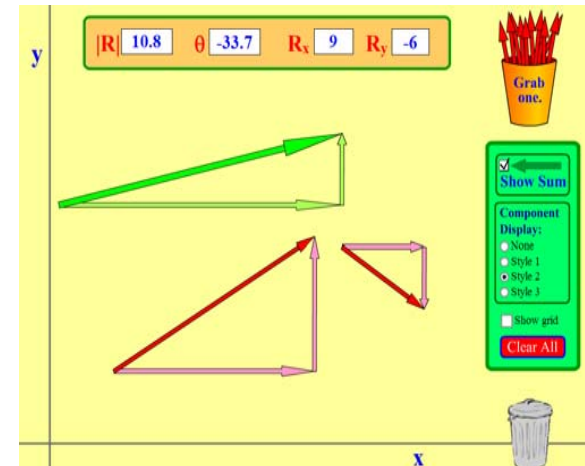
Heat & Thermo



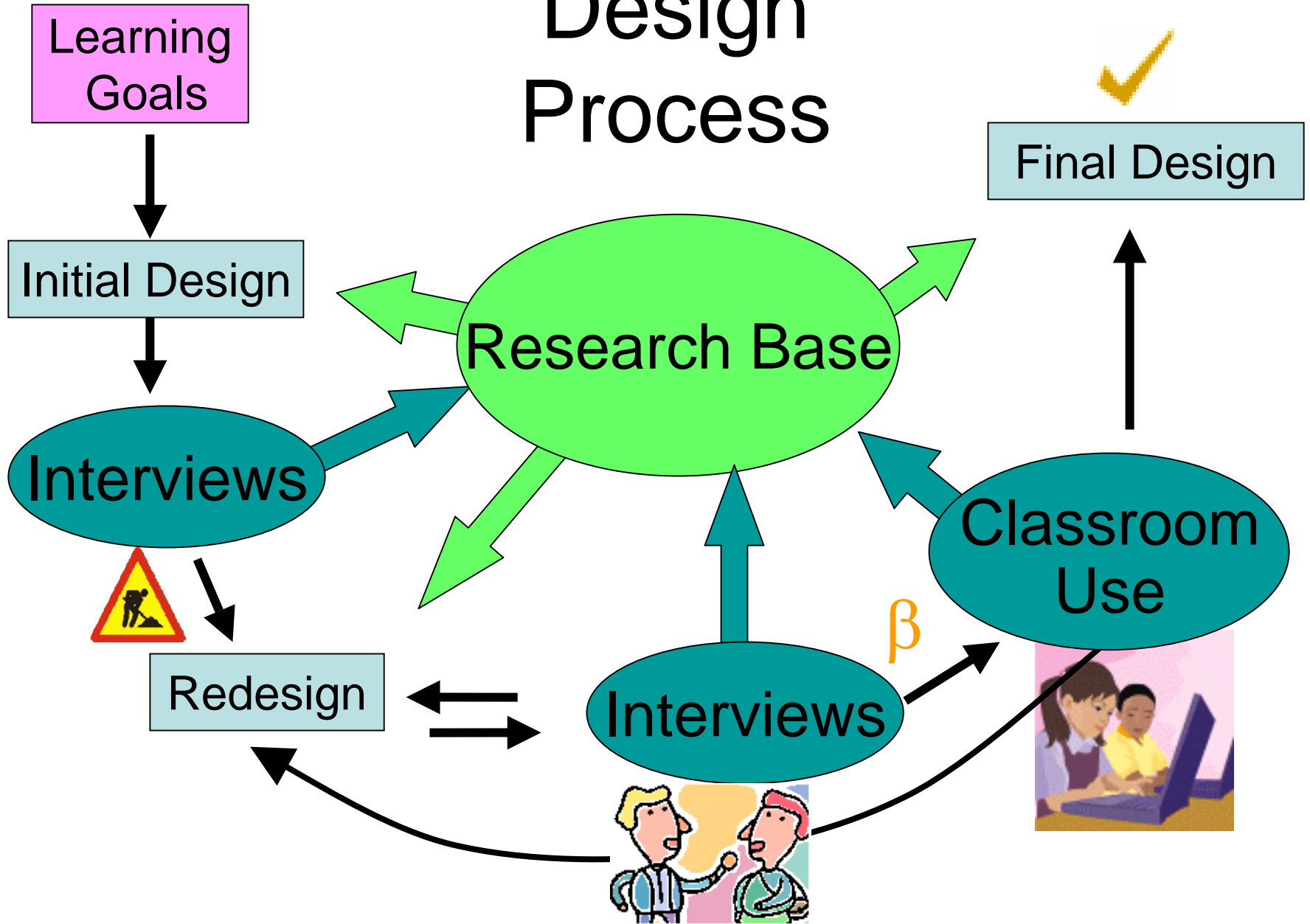
Electricity



Math



Design Process



Investigate the PhET website

On your note card:

1. Record how long it takes you to open a simulation
2. Record how many Quantum sims there are without talking to anyone else

4. How much control do you have over your curriculum?

A. I follow a school curriculum with few modifications

B. I am part of a team of teachers who agree on the curriculum

C. I write my curriculum using some district guidelines

D. I write my curriculum

Dinner break

Be ready to work again at
5:25

5. How would you describe your understanding of Inquiry Based Teaching (IBT)?

A. I have been to an in-service where IBT was covered for about an hour.

B. I have been to several in-services about IBT.

C. I have read several books or articles about the IBT.

D. I have been to several in-services and read several books/articles about the IBT

6. How would you describe your experience with inquiry based teaching?

A. I have not used inquiry based lessons.

B. I try to have an inquiry based lesson once a year.

C. I use inquiry based lessons a couple of times a semester.

D. I use inquiry based lessons frequently.

Inquiry Guidelines

Research Based

- ✓ Specific learning goals
- ✓ Students reason and make sense
- ✓ Connect to students' knowledge
- ✓ Connects to students' real world experiences
- ✓ Collaborative activities
- ✓ Minimal directions
- ✓ Students self-check understanding

Comparing Activity Design

Make the man start at -5 meter mark, move with constant speed to the 2 meter mark and then accelerates to the 8 meter mark.

A. Sketch the position, velocity and acceleration graphs that you see.

B. How do the three graphs relate?

Sketch what you think the graphs will look like for this story that Jill told:

“Bobby was talking to me on his cell phone standing by his car. The phone signal was poor, so he walked toward his house trying to get a better signal and then stood still so we could talk.”

A. Explain why each part of your graph makes sense.

B. Test your ideas using the simulation

Writing an activity

- Find a partner that agrees to try the same sim this month.
- Decide which guidelines you want to meet
- Discuss if you are going to write individual activities or collaborate on one.
- Decide how you will communicate to reflect on how well the lesson meets the guidelines.
- Meet in large group at 6:20

7. If I want to have my students use computers

- A. I have to expect them to do the work at home
- B. I need to plan three weeks ahead to sign up for a computer lab
- C. I can usually get the computer lab within a short time
- D. I have computers in my classroom

8. If I need to have something loaded on the students' computers like Flash or Java

- A. I need to fill out a request form three weeks in advance
- B. I ask the tech to do it and she does it within a week
- C. I have to make time to load it myself
- D. I give up because it is too much trouble at my school to have anything loaded.

What's next?

- Sept 17 4:00-6:30
- Be prepared to share your experience using a simulation and the guidelines
- Bring lesson plan and student directions in separate digital documents

Welcome

1. Get name tag and clicker
2. Fill out and turn in: W-9 & Scope of Work forms
3. Explore the Teaching Ideas pages, make a login, and enter your activity
4. Record the number of Quantum sims
5. Play with sims

The main goals for the workshop are: teachers will use

1. PhET simulations for class activities
2. The guidelines for inquiry approach provided by the PhET team in the activities
3. Concept questions to check for learning after the activity
4. Share their activities on the PhET educators' database
5. Share their experiences during the workshop
6. Try clickers

9. The best way to describe my use of the activity I worked on is:
- A. I won't be able to use it this year
 - B. I haven't used it yet, but I will in the near future
 - C. I used it with one class
 - D. I used it with more than one class

10. I thought that the simulation was _____ USEFUL for helping my students meet their learning goals

A. very

B. somewhat

C. barely

D. not at all

E. I didn't use a simulation

11. I thought that the simulation was _____ ENJOYABLE for helping my students meet their learning goals

A. very

B. somewhat

C. barely

D. not at all

E. I didn't use a simulation

12. Next year,

- A. I will use the activity with little revision
- B. I won't use this activity again, but I'll use the sim in a different activity
- C. I won't use this activity again, and I won't use the sim again
- D. I will use the activity with significant revision

13. This activity fit into my unit plan

- A. As part of the introduction to a new topic
- B. After a lab or homework lesson to reinforce a concept
- C. To introduce and develop a concept fully
- D. To review before an evaluation
- E. As part of the test

14. The students participated in the activity

A. With equipment as part of a lab

B. Instead of using equipment

C. In a group discussion where the simulation was only demonstrated

D. I didn't use a sim

Reflection on use of sim

Talk about your activity

- Which guidelines did you apply?
- How you used the sim
- How using the simulation affected student learning

**Work on Circuit Construction Kit
guideline handout in pairs**

Dinner break

Be back to room at 5:20

Learning goal writing

The learning goals need to:

- Be specific
- Use action verbs that can be measured
- Challenge the students to learn something from the sim

Writing an activity

- Find a partner that agrees to work on same guidelines or sim
- Discuss if you are going to write individual activities or collaborate on one.
- Use design sheet
- Meet in large group at 6:25

Homework

- Post activity to the PhET Teaching Ideas
- Write a new activity
- Oct 15 4:00-6:30 Be prepared to share your experience using a simulation and the guidelines

Warm-up

- The Physics teacher article

CCK homework discussion

- Share answers
- Reviewing note card:
How does this activity rate?

PhET Workshop 3

- Reflect on writing activities
- Explore some PhET simulations:
 - Forces 1D and Masses & Springs
- Chose a simulation to use this next month
- Work on designing an activity

Reflection on use of sim

Talk about your activity

- Which guidelines did you apply?
- How you used the sim
- How using the simulation affected student learning

Features of simulations

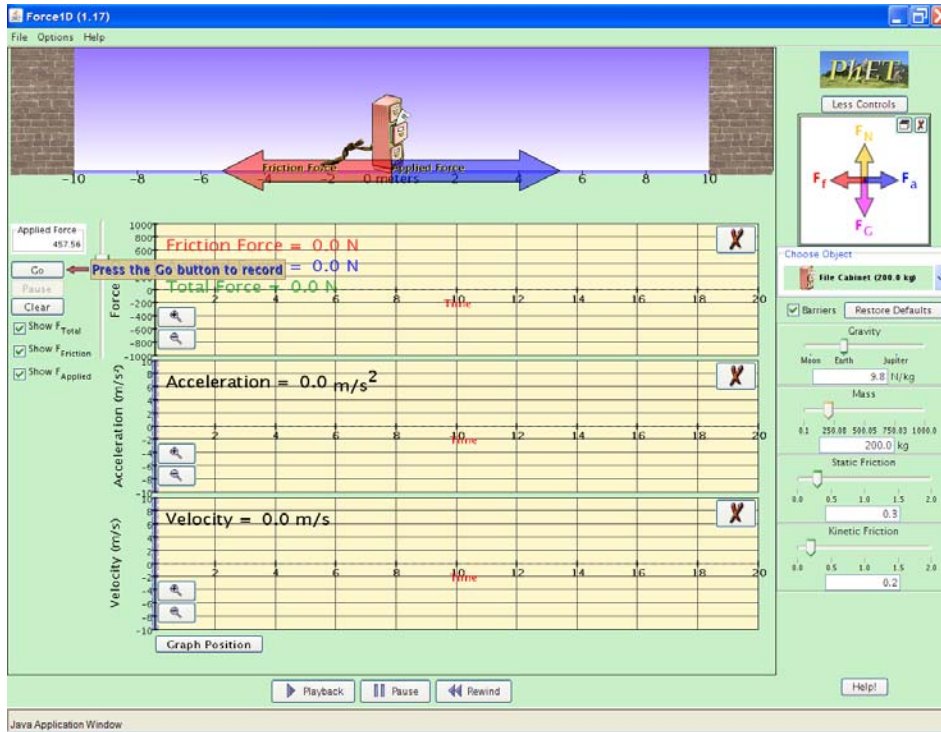
Forces 1D

- Sliders, dragging and typing for values
- Playback features
- Variety of graphs: minimize, zoom, select what to view
- Advanced features

Masses and Springs

- Less complex
- Slider controls with no units
- Game-like: determine the unknowns; find PE reference line

How does the simulation design effect your lesson?



The screenshot shows the PhET Masses simulation interface. It features a vertical ruler on the left and three springs labeled 1, 2, and 3. Spring 1 is the tallest, spring 2 is medium, and spring 3 is the shortest. A 'Hang me!!' sign is above three weights: 100 gram, 100 gram, and 50 gram. On the right, there are controls for 'friction' (set to 'none'), 'stiffness spring 3' (set to 'soft'), and 'Show Energy of' (set to 'No show'). There are also options for 'real time' (set to '1/2 time') and 'g = 0' (set to 'Earth'). A 'Show Help' button is at the bottom right.

Writing another activity

- Pick a partner who wants to use the same sim
- Chose the guidelines that you are going to focus on
- Work until 6:20

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- Attend and collaborate at meetings
- Design lessons for your classes using the simulations & the research ideas
- Use the lessons
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PhET Workshop 4

Share activities

Digital Science Library presentation

Reflect on lessons using the guidelines

Explore some PhET simulations

Chose a simulation and guidelines to work on tonight

Warm-up

Discuss in small groups
the Masses and Springs
homework

Share use of sim

Talk about your activity

- Which guidelines did you apply?
- How you used the sim
- How using the simulation affected student learning

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Reflect on Activity

- Exchange lessons
- Make suggestions in writing in regards to align the lesson
- Discuss ideas

Homework

Continue to work on lessons

Enter your lessons in the
database!!



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According to the 2006 Speak Up Survey: Where do students learn about new technologies?

- a) From their teachers
- b) From their parents
- c) From their peers
- d) On their own



<http://www.tomorrow.org/speakup/>

The 2006 Project Tomorrow Speak Up Survey polled students on their interest in science. At what grade level did student interest begin to drop off?

- a) 3rd grade
- b) 6th grade
- c) 9th grade
- d) 12th grade



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A branch of mechanics that deals with forces and their relation primarily to motion but also sometimes to the equilibrium of bodies. Units are not listed in a prescribed order.

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Lesson Plans:

[How to find out coefficients of friction through an inclined plane](#)

This inquiry-based lesson plan shows beginning students how to collect experimental data and calculate corresponding coefficients of friction. ([Open Website](#))

Activities:

[PhET: Masses & Springs](#)

This fun and realistic simulation helps students gain an understanding of force and motion, springs, and friction. Students manipulate spring constant, mass, and damping. ([Open Website](#))

[Inertia Games](#)

This collection of applets explores the physics of force and momentum through simulations of a spaceship moving through space. By rotating the spaceship and firing the engines, the user can navigate the ship around simple obstacles. ([Open Website](#))

⊕ [Newton's Second Law & Net Force \(6\)](#)

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Detail Page «

Detail Page

How to find out coefficients of friction through an inclined plane

written by Youning Wang

This website provides teachers with activities allowing students to understand how to determine a coefficient of friction via an inclined plane. The page also includes a brief background and information on how the activity should be used to promote teamwork.

<http://www.scienceteacherprogram.org/physics/wanq03.html>

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Classical Mechanics - Applications of Newton's Laws	- High School - Middle School - Lower Undergraduate	- Activity - Laboratory
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- Physics First - Conceptual Physics - Algebra-based Physics - AP Physics	- Lesson Plan - Laboratory	- New teachers - Teachers

Intended User:	Teacher
Cost:	Does not have an associated cost.
Restriction:	Copyright 2003: Copyright, Youning Wang
Format:	text/html
Record Creator:	Metadata instance created Jul 29, 2004 by Stephanie Tchatchoua
Last Record Update:	Feb 01, 2005 by Bruce Mason

Summer Research Program for Science Teachers

How to find out coefficients of friction through an inclined plane *A Practical Method To Measure Coefficients For Frictional Force*

Youning Wang
Murry Bergtraum HS, Manhattan
August 2003

Subject: Physics.
Time Allocation: Thirty-five minutes.

Performance Objectives

Applying the skills of teamwork, students work cooperatively to find out coefficients of friction for surfaces of metal on wood and metal on metal. After completing this class activity, students should be able to

1. understand that a coefficient of friction could be determined via an inclined plane;
2. collect experimental data and calculate the corresponding results of coefficient;
3. compare the values of coefficient generated from different pairs of surfaces.

Components for Cooperative Learning

1. Team size: four students.
2. Assignment to team: If there are thirty-two students in the class, teacher will assign a number to each student starting from 1 to 8. Next, all the "one"s will make up a team, all the "two"s will make up another team, all the "three"s will make up the third team, and so forth. Teacher will also ensure that the students are equally distributed among the teams depending on their talents.
3. Roles in each team:
Messenger ---- reading the class instructions to direct this activity;
Handler ---- to pick up and return all class activity materials for his/ her team;
Operator ---- following the given procedure to carry out the experimental trials;
Recorder ---- to record the observation results and to calculate the related data.
4. Positive interdependence: This class activity should be done cooperatively. Thus, every team member must be assigned a role to make a positive contribution for the completion of the class activity. Each team should fill in the data sheet for the results of this activity; its team members should agree with the team observations and should be able to explain the results.
5. Individual accountability: While doing this activity, each team member is expected to write down the common observations for the experiment. Furthermore, every student must be able to explain the purpose of the class activity. Teacher may call individuals to come to the board and to present their results.
6. Expected behaviors and monitoring: Teacher will expect to see all team members

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Resource Highlight



A Boat That Floats

Type: QuickTime Video

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Resource Highlight





[Firth of Forth Cantilever Bridge](#)

Type: QuickTime Video

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This video segment from *Building Big*: "Bridges" demonstrates the basic design of a cantilever bridge by looking at Scotland's Firth of Forth Railway Bridge.

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 <p>Global Warming: The Hydrogen Car Is the hydrogen car the answer to global warming? This video segment adapted from NOVA/Frontline looks at the pros and cons of this developing technology.</p>	3-12	  QuickTime Video <input type="button" value="View"/>
 <p>Hover Dam and Hydroelectric Power</p>		

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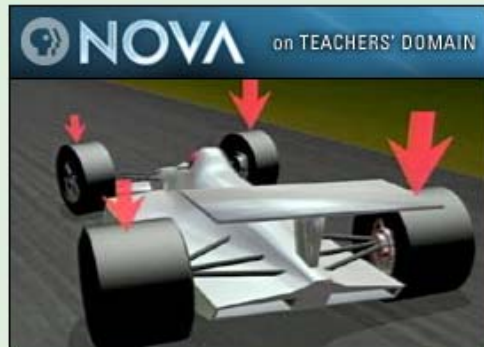
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Racecar teams look to reduce the time it takes their cars to complete a circuit. They focus most of their efforts on improving what's called cornering speed, because it's in the corners, where cars must reduce speed, that precious time is lost. Using a mix of practice lap and actual race footage, this video segment, adapted from *NOVA*, highlights the forces at work on a racecar as it travels around a track.

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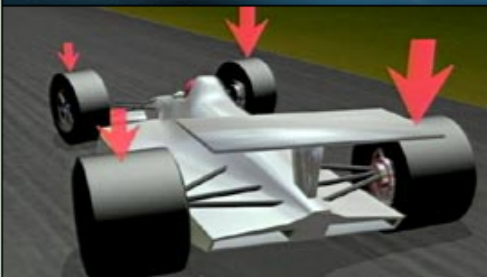
Speed is the rate at which something moves. Fast-moving objects have high speeds, slow-moving ones have low speeds, and objects with no movement have zero speed. Velocity, on the other hand, is speed in a particular direction. Velocity is what's called a vector quantity, which is any quantity -- velocity, force, acceleration, torque -- that has both magnitude and direction. Racecar teams are most interested in improving average speed around a track. Because all cars can move quickly along the straight sections of a track, racecar designers modify a car so that it performs best especially when cornering.

Designers take into account the forces that act upon the car as it moves around the track. Downforce keeps a car stuck to the road by increasing friction and stability, while drag is the air resistance that slows a car. Maximizing downforce and minimizing drag are the primary

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US.NSES.5-8.sci.A

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US.NSES.5-8.sci.A.1

ABILITIES NECESSARY TO DO SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY

US.NSES.5-8.sci.A.2

UNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY * Different kinds of questions suggest different kinds of scientific investigations. Some investigations involve observing and describing objects, organisms, or events; some involve collecting specimens; some involve experiments; some involve seeking more information; some involve discovery of new objects and phenomena; and some involve making models.

US.NSES.5-8.sci.B

CONTENT STANDARD B: Physical Science

US.NSES.5-8.sci.B.2

MOTIONS AND FORCES

US.NSES.5-8.sci.B.2.a

* The motion of an object can be described by its position, direction of motion, and speed. That motion can be measured and represented on a graph. [See Content Standard D (grades 5-8)]

US.NSES.5-8.sci.B.2.b

* An object that is not being subjected to a force will continue to move at a constant speed and in a straight line.

US.NSES.5-8.sci.D

CONTENT STANDARD D: Earth and Space Science

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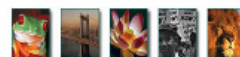
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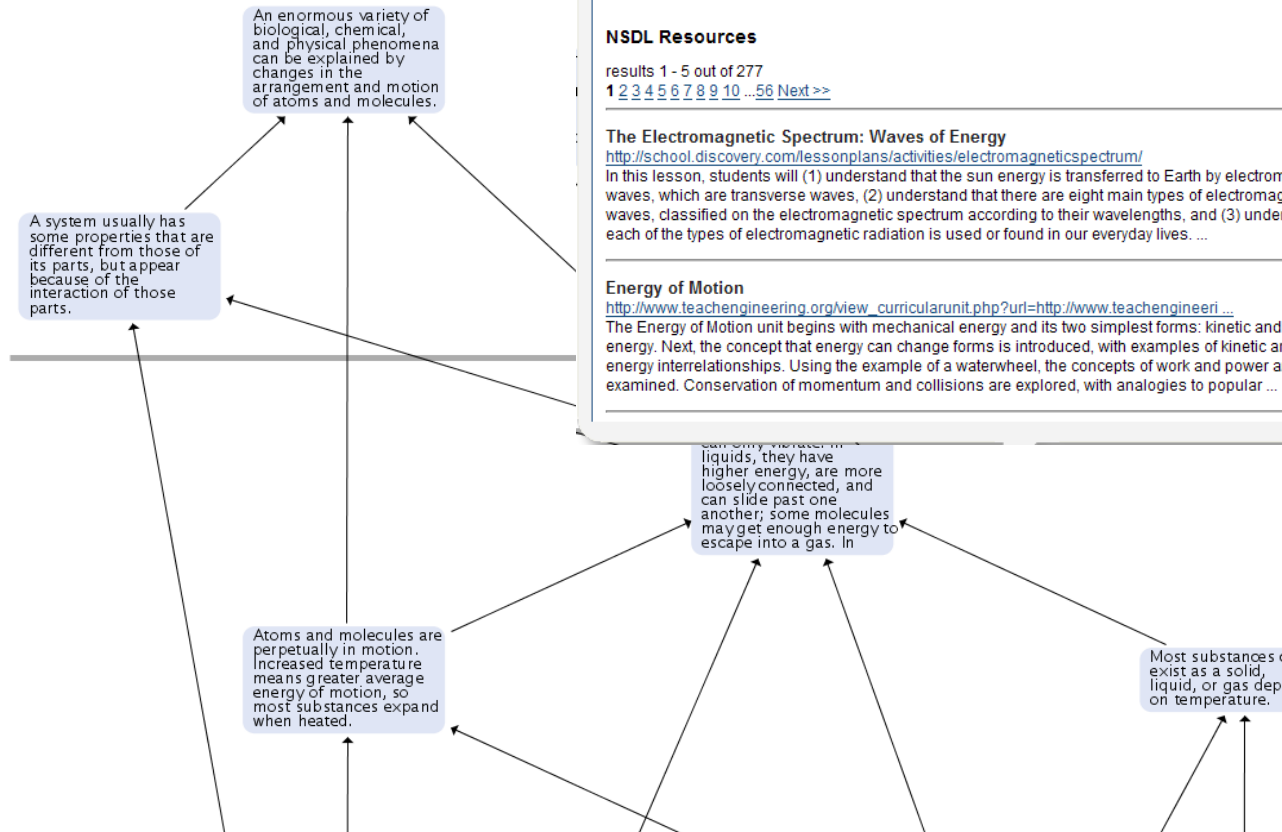
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emergent properties

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Benchmark Details

In solids, the atoms or molecules are closely locked in position and can only vibrate. In liquids, they have higher energy, are more loosely connected, and can slide past one another; some molecules may get enough energy to escape into a gas. In gases, the atoms or molecules have still more energy and are free of one another except during occasional collisions.

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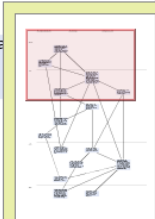
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The Electromagnetic Spectrum: Waves of Energy

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/activities/electromagneticspectrum/>
 In this lesson, students will (1) understand that the sun energy is transferred to Earth by electromagnetic waves, which are transverse waves, (2) understand that there are eight main types of electromagnetic waves, classified on the electromagnetic spectrum according to their wavelengths, and (3) understand how each of the types of electromagnetic radiation is used or found in our everyday lives. ...

Energy of Motion

http://www.teachengineering.org/view_curricularunit.php?url=http://www.teachengineeri...
 The Energy of Motion unit begins with mechanical energy and its two simplest forms: kinetic and potential energy. Next, the concept that energy can change forms is introduced, with examples of kinetic and potential energy interrelationships. Using the example of a waterwheel, the concepts of work and power are examined. Conservation of momentum and collisions are explored, with analogies to popular ...



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Chat

Show All

Cynthia Butler: This is going to be exciting!
 Laura Dunbar: Tracy, the whiteboard should change size when you choose a different layout
 Cynthia Butler: Ooo! Boulder. That's a great spot!
 Shannon Murphy: I couldn't resize it to a large enough size without getting rid of the chat
 James Boyer: view:layouts:whiteboard
 Donna Christy: Hey Danny!
 Cynthia Butler: Cool!
 Alison Moran: no danny tonight donna
 Donna Christy: Did it look better than Donna's? Mike's first

Send to Moderators

Audio - Multiple Talkers

Microphone Speaker

Talk

Whiteboard - Main Room

Which is not related to a hotspot? Stamp your answer

Follow Moderator

Which is not related to a hotspot? Stamp your answer



Iceland



Yellowstone



Hawaii



Mt. St. Helens



Tuesday, November 13th:



Studying Genomes: From the Lab to the Classroom

Dr. Rob DeSalle,
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February Workshop 07-08

Before/After lessons

1. Which is which?
2. How did Karen change her lesson to improve alignment with guidelines?

Workshops Recap

Explore PhET simulations

Discuss science ed research

Discuss and share PhET uses

Reflect on lessons using guidelines

POST LESSONS

Variety of Uses

- Labs
- Lecture
- Homework
- Extension opportunities
- Application test questions

Simulation Extends Lab Concepts

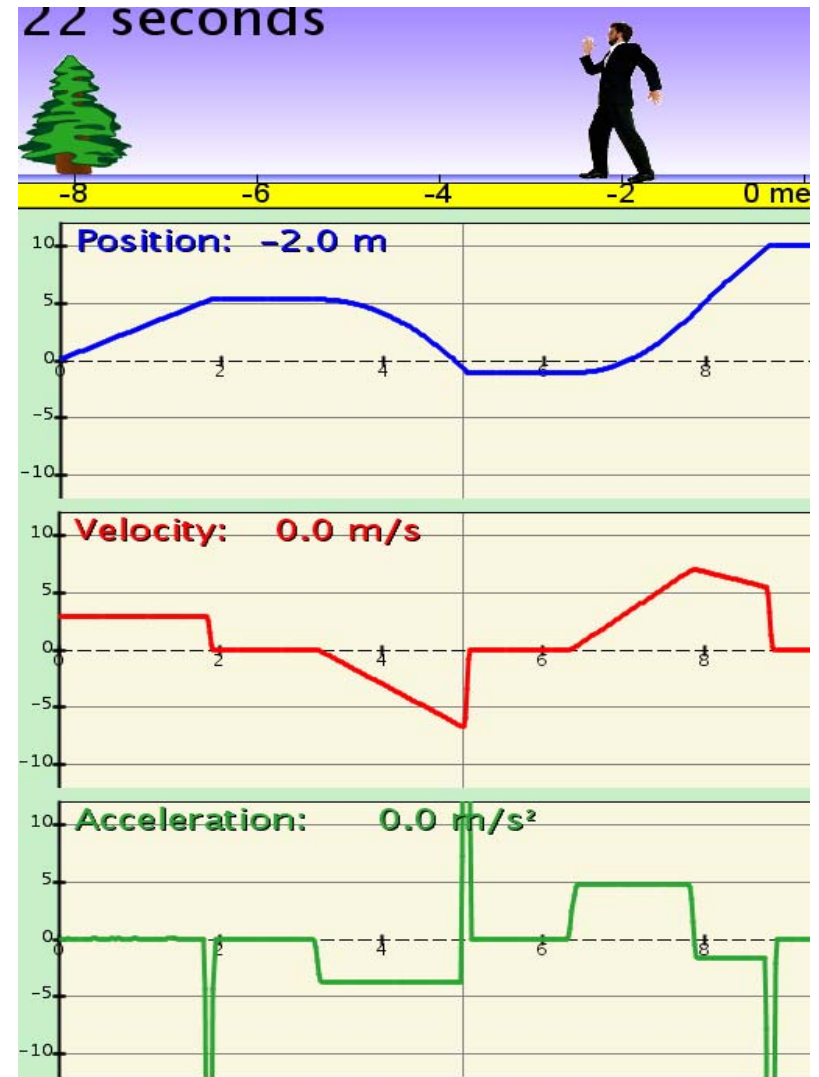
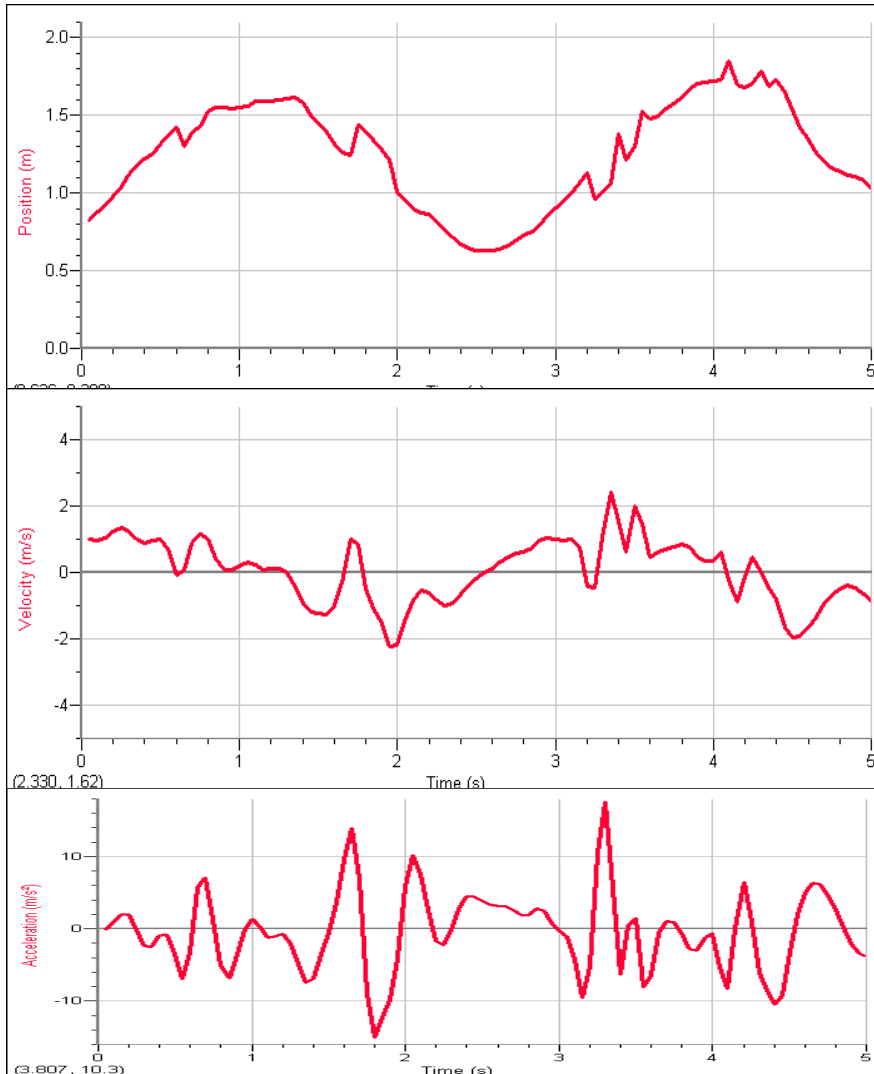
- **Qualitative lab:** Use the motion probe to graph position and velocity of some motion, also make motions to fit given graphs
- **Quantitative lab:** Use Moving man to accurately interpret and draw position, velocity and acceleration graphs for common situations and explain reasoning.

Simulation Extends Lab

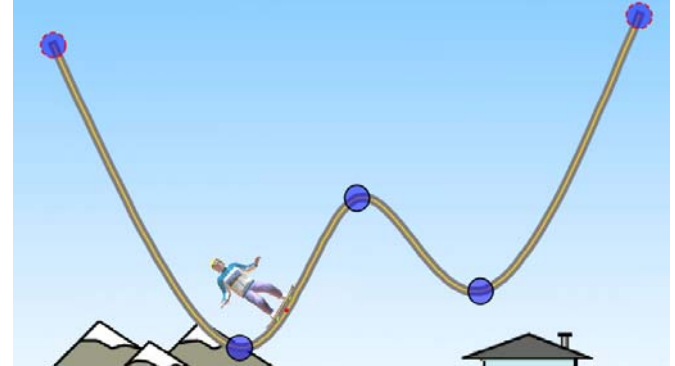
Concepts

Vernier Labpro

Moving Man



Enables Inquiry Labs

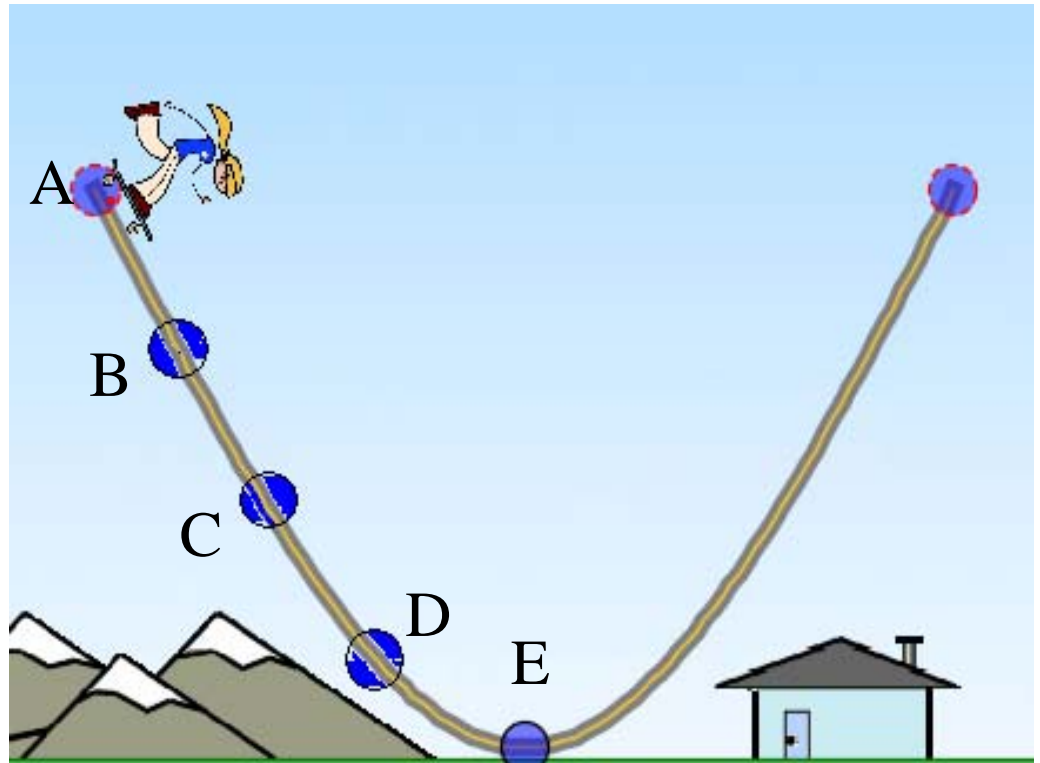
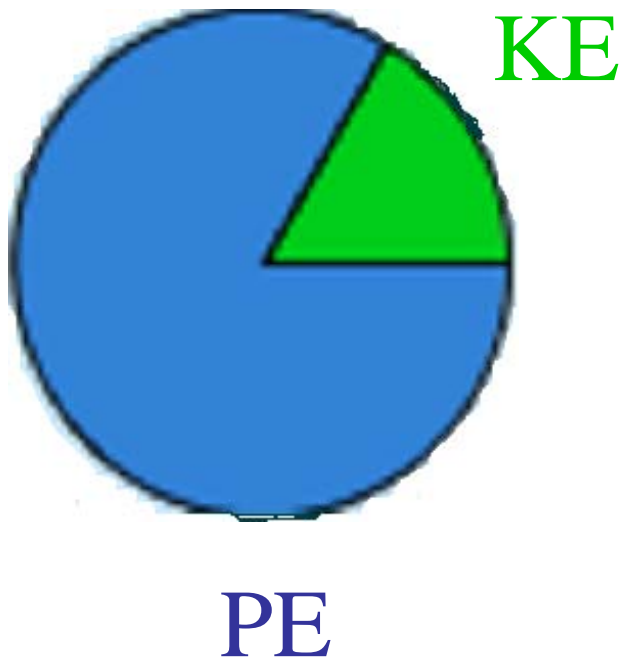


Energy Skate Park

- Multiple variables, but easily isolated
- Easy to repeat experiments
- Variables beyond classroom
- Multiple representations
- Relates to students experiences

Concept tests

The pie graph shows the energy of the Skater, where could she be on the track?



Demonstration in Slow Motion

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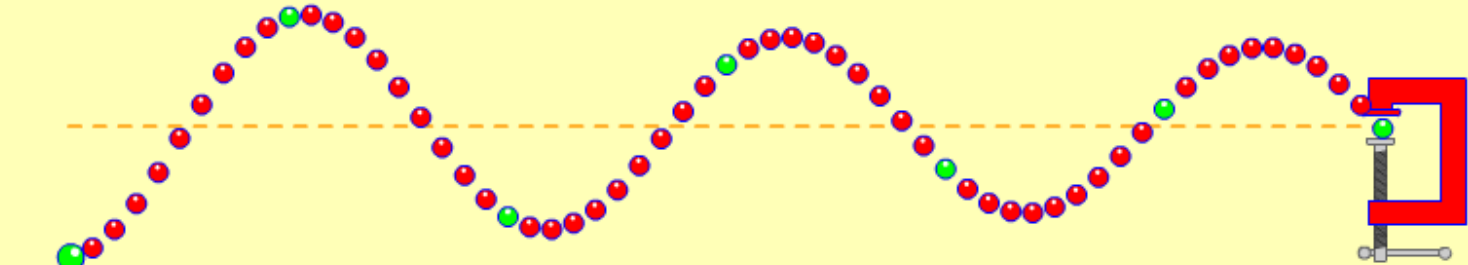
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Rulers
 Timer

Show Help



Manual
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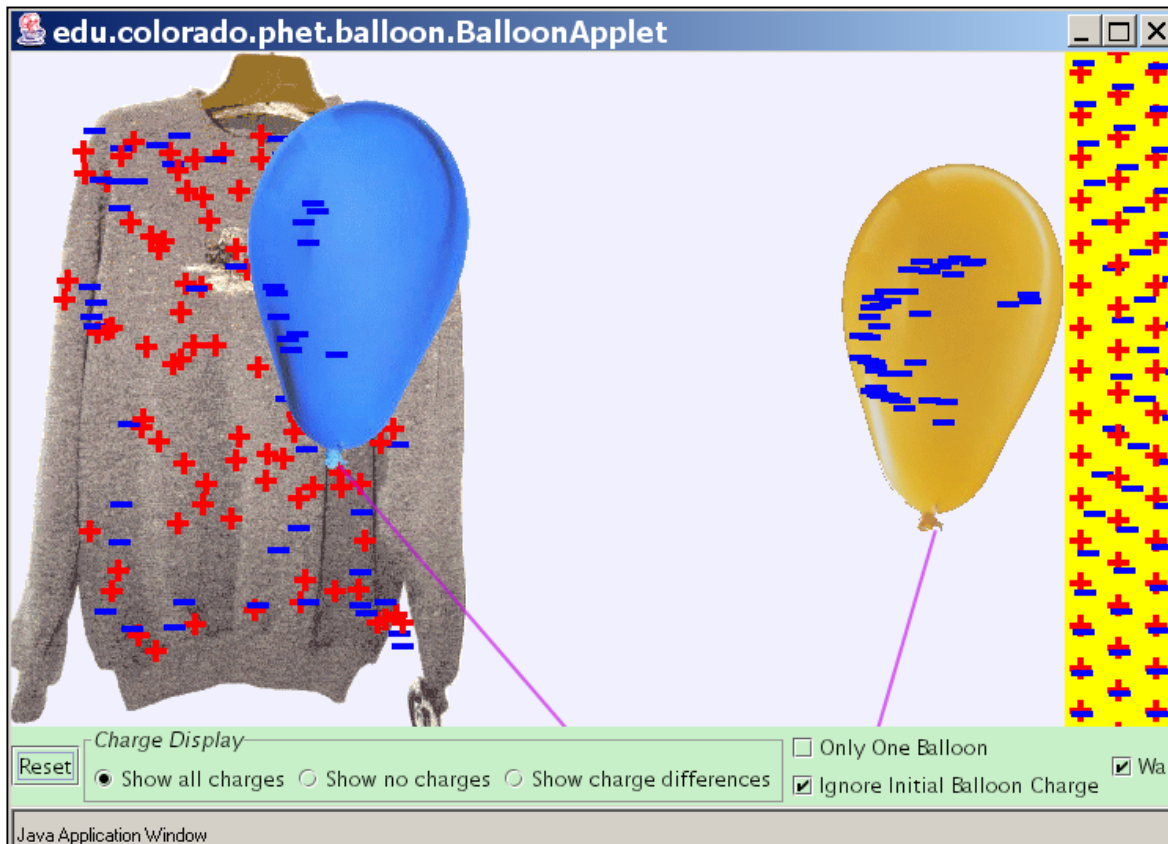
Fixed End
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 No End

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Demo Scientific Model

Electrostatics – Traditional balloon demos

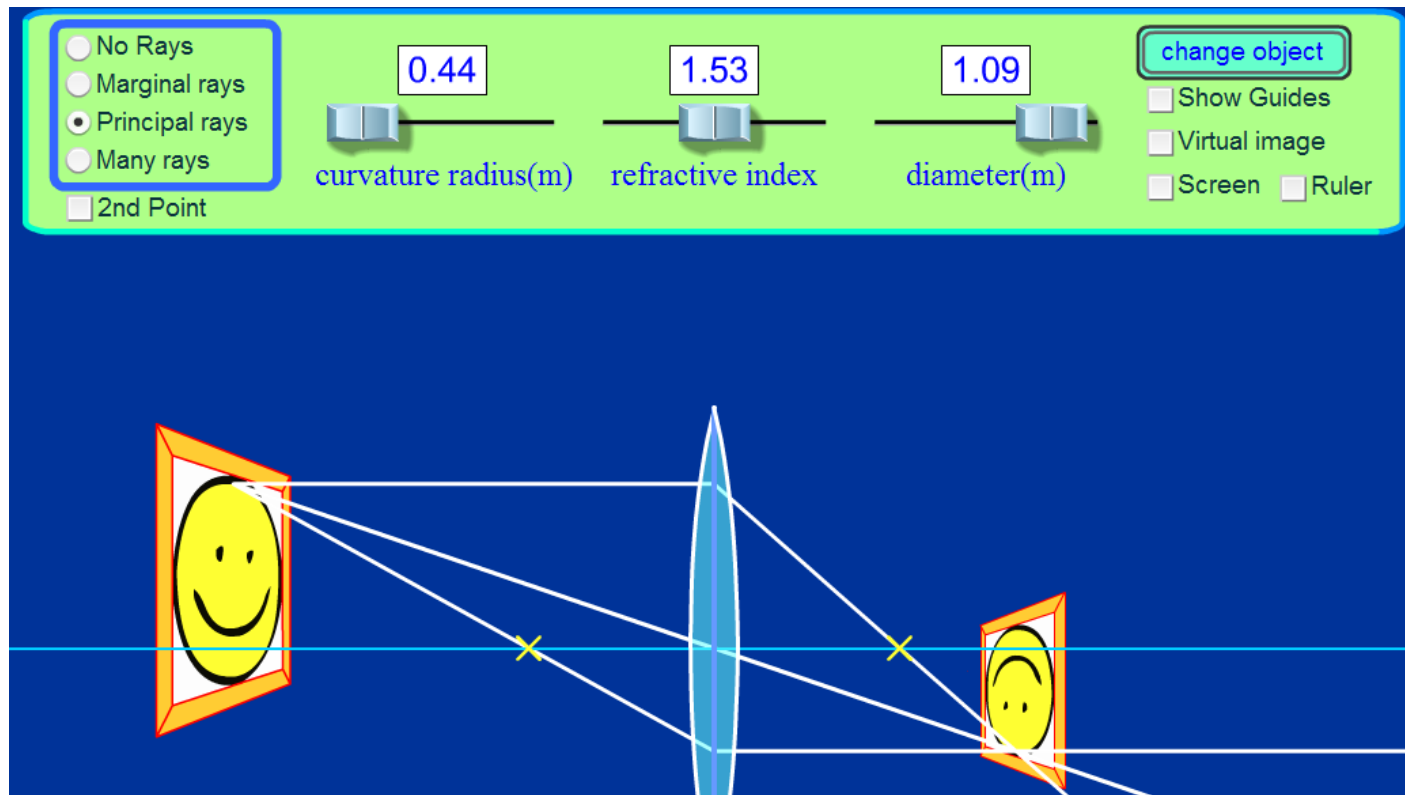
- Charge transfer, Coulomb attraction, Polarization



Simple,
but effective

Replace Expensive Equipment

Challenge: Use the simulation to see how the design of a lens effects how it works.



Writing and Reflection Handouts

Guidelines

Activity design

How We Learn

Writing learning goals

Reflecting note card

Bloom's Revised

How could this
information be used?

Share use of sim

Talk about your activity

- Which guidelines did you apply?
- How you used the sim
- How using the simulation affected student learning

Reflect on Activity

- Exchange lessons
- Make suggestions in writing in regards to align the lesson
- Discuss ideas

Homework

Continue to work on lessons

Enter your lessons in the
database!!

March Workshop

- Read Dubson Article
- How do his ideas fit with our goals to have inquiry based lessons?

Organize handouts

- Research
- Tools for Writing
- Examples of writing

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Database Reflection

- Entering lessons
- Editing lessons
- Browsing
- Downloading

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Dinner

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Warmup

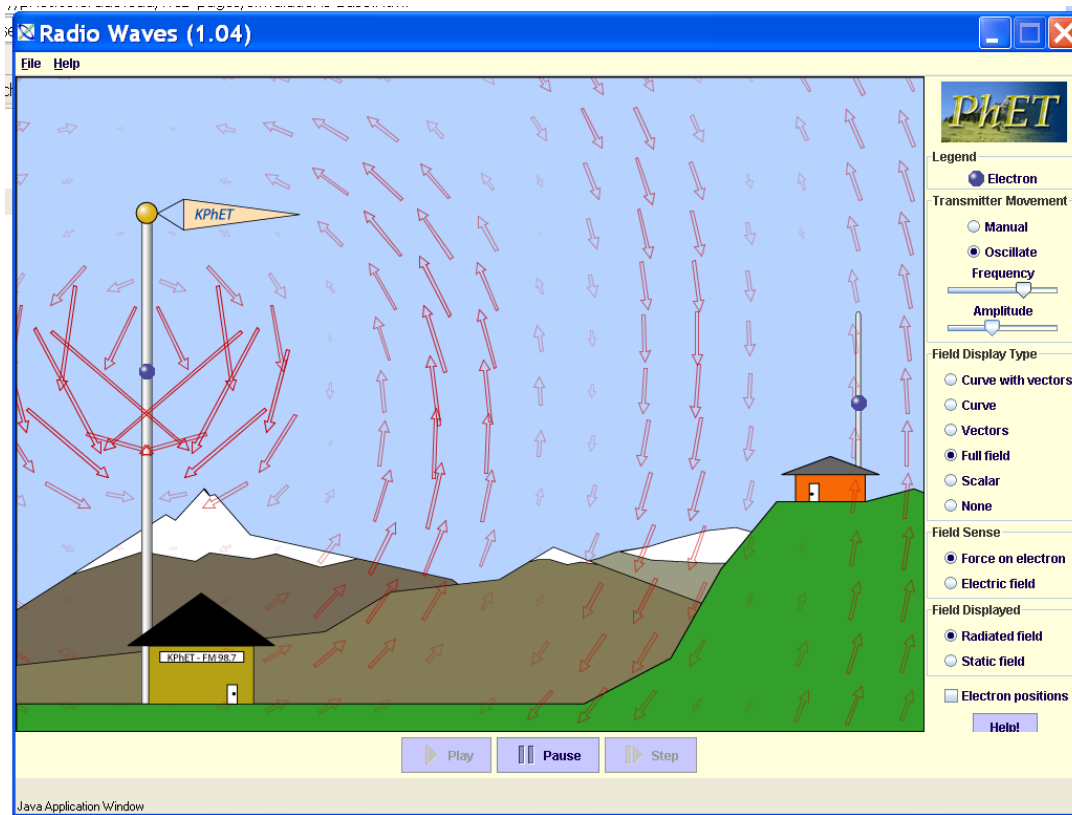
1. Discuss Chem Ed article
2. Enter “comments” into Teaching idea Database

April Workshop topics

- Scientific Thinking and skills
- Add Database comments
- Share activities for reflection

Koch's presentation

- Linda surveyed students about their understanding of thermodynamics and the gas laws
- Gas laws can interfere with understanding Laws of Thermodynamics
- Girls seem to want to make sense more and boys look for an equation



Example- of what revealed by interview studies.

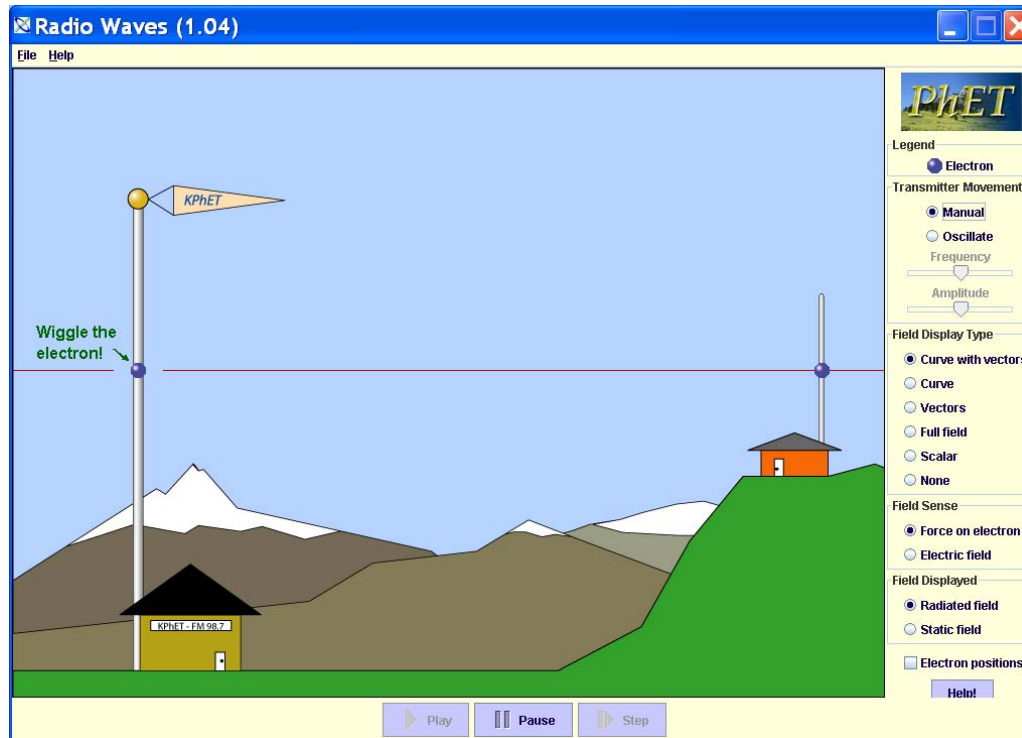
Radio waves.
Initial startup.

Experts- - really like.

Students--Watch without interacting. Don't like.
Misinterpret.

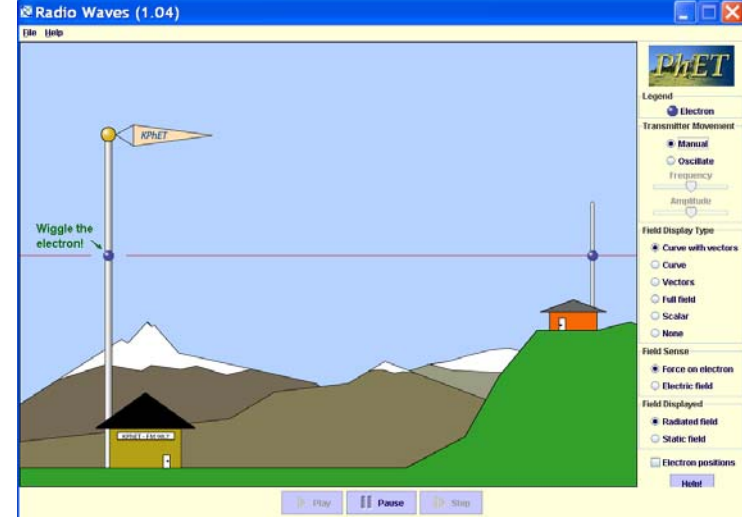
Start with curve view, manually move electron.
Very different result.

Later move to full field view, manipulate, like, and understand.



Correctly interpret.

Why starting this way works so much better?



Matches research on learning.

- **Cognitive demand.** *Novices don't know what to focus on. treat everything equally important. Much more than short-term working memory can handle, overwhelming*
- **Construction of understanding.**

Other important features:

Visual model-electrons in transmitting and receiving antennas,
display of waves

Interactivity

Scientific Abilities-Etkina

- <http://paer.rutgers.edu/scientificabilities/>
- the ability to represent information in multiple ways
- the ability to use scientific equipment to conduct experimental investigations and to gather pertinent data to investigate phenomena, to test hypotheses, or to solve practical problems
- the ability to collect and represent data in order to find patterns, and to ask questions
- the ability to devise multiple explanations for the patterns and to modify them in light of new data
- the ability to evaluate the design and the results of an experiment or a solution to a problem

Homework

- Use sims and post (fix any that are not complete from March)
- Add comments to some activities
- Prepare a 5-8 minute presentation on one of your activities or anything about using the sims that you would like to share.
Bring a handout or slide show
- Complete evaluation