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ABOUT US



# NATIONAL MAGNET LAB

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- ONE OF 7 HIGH MAGNETIC FIELD LABS IN THE WORLD
- ONLY ONE IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE
- LARGEST AND HIGHEST POWERED IN THE WORLD





# NATIONAL MAGNET LAB

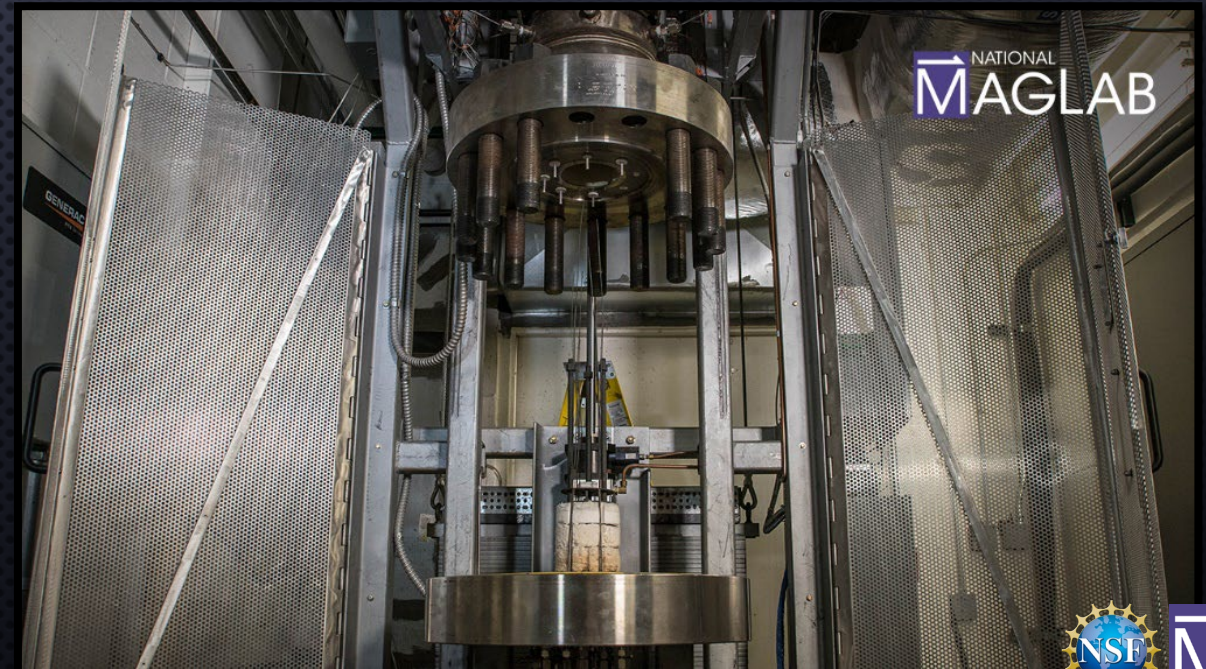
- USER LABORATORY
  - OVER 2,096 USER VISITS (2019)
  - NSF & STATE OF FLORIDA FUNDED
    - \$58 MILLION BUDGET
  - RESEARCH FREE TO SCIENTIST:
    - MUST SHARE RESEARCH





# NATIONAL MAGNET LAB

- RESEARCH IN MANY FIELDS (NOT JUST MAGNETS)
- MATERIALS – ENERGY – LIFE
  - INCLUDES MATERIALS SCIENCE, PHYSICS, ENGINEERING, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, BIOMEDICAL, GEOCHEMISTRY, ETC...





# CENTER FOR INTEGRATING RESEARCH & LEARNING

- MENTORING & RESEARCH
- FIELD TRIPS & TOURS
- SUMMER CAMPS



- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES
- RET PROGRAMS (MORE ON THAT LATER...)





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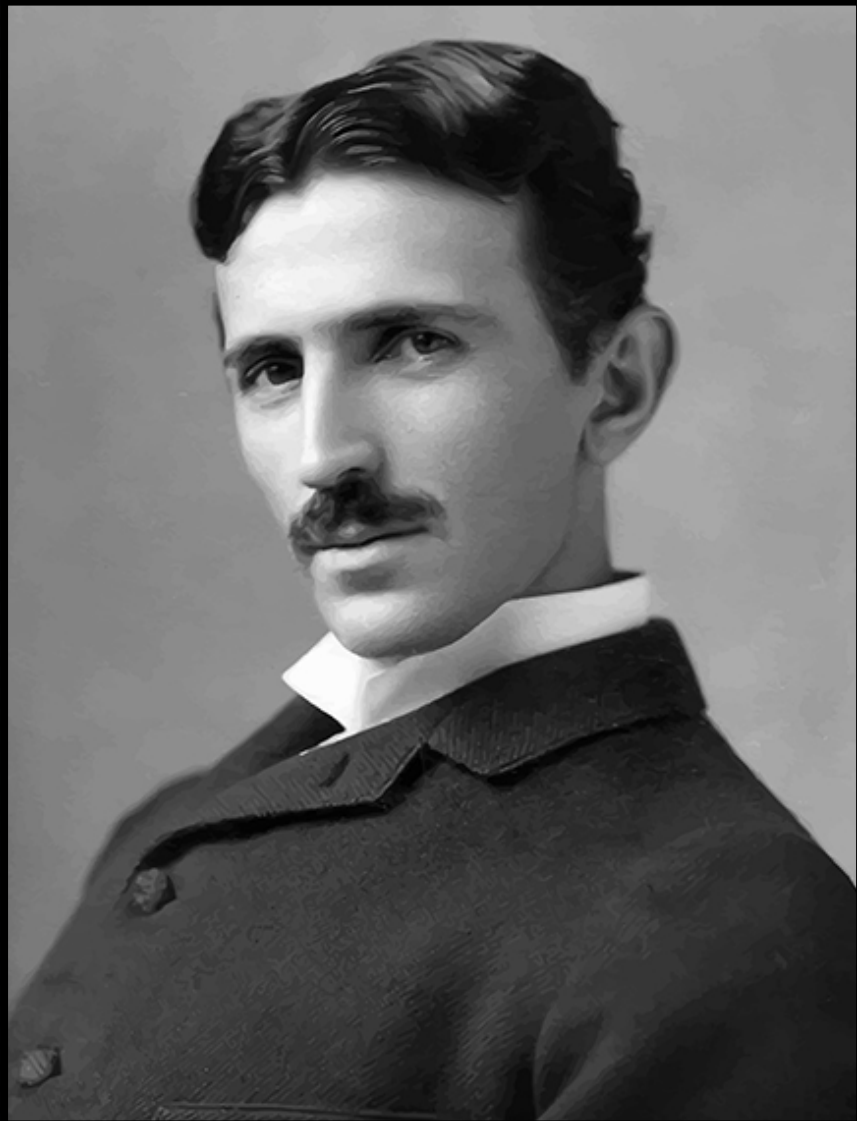


# ABOUT MAGNETS



# TESLA

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- Tesla
  - Measurement of magnetic fields
- Named for Serbian Scientist Nikola Tesla



# MAGNETIC FIELDS AROUND US (IN TESLA)

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Refrigerator magnet: .03 T

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Earth's magnetic field: .000045 T

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Person's magnetic field:  $3 \times 10^{-13}$  T

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Junkyard magnet: 1 T

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Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) magnet: 1.5 – 2 T



# MAGNETIC FIELDS AT THE MAGLAB (IN TESLA)

## WORLD RECORDS IN BLUE

McKnight Brain Institute MRI	3 T (60 mm)
Ion Cyclotron Resonance magnet (ICR)	<b>21 T</b>
900 Mhz Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)	21 T (100 mm)
Typical resistive magnet (ResMag)	24-31 T
Split cell ResMag	<b>25 T</b>
Water Cooled ResMag	<b>41 T</b>
Hybrid magnet (33 MW)	<b>45.2 T</b>
Series Connected Hybrid (14 MW)	35 T
NHMFL Pulse Magnet (Los Alamos)	<b>100.7 T</b>



# THE HISTORY OF MAGNETS



# FIRST MAGNET DISCOVERIES

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- IN GREECE, 2000 BC
  - MAGNES THE SHEPHERD
- IN CHINA, 400 BC
  - FENG SHUI
  - THE SOUTH POINTER
- IN ROME, 50 AD
  - PLINY THE ELDER
  - NATURALIST AND RESEARCHER
  - “MAGIC” WITH HEALING PROPERTIES



# 1269: PETRUS PEREGRINUS DE MARICOURT

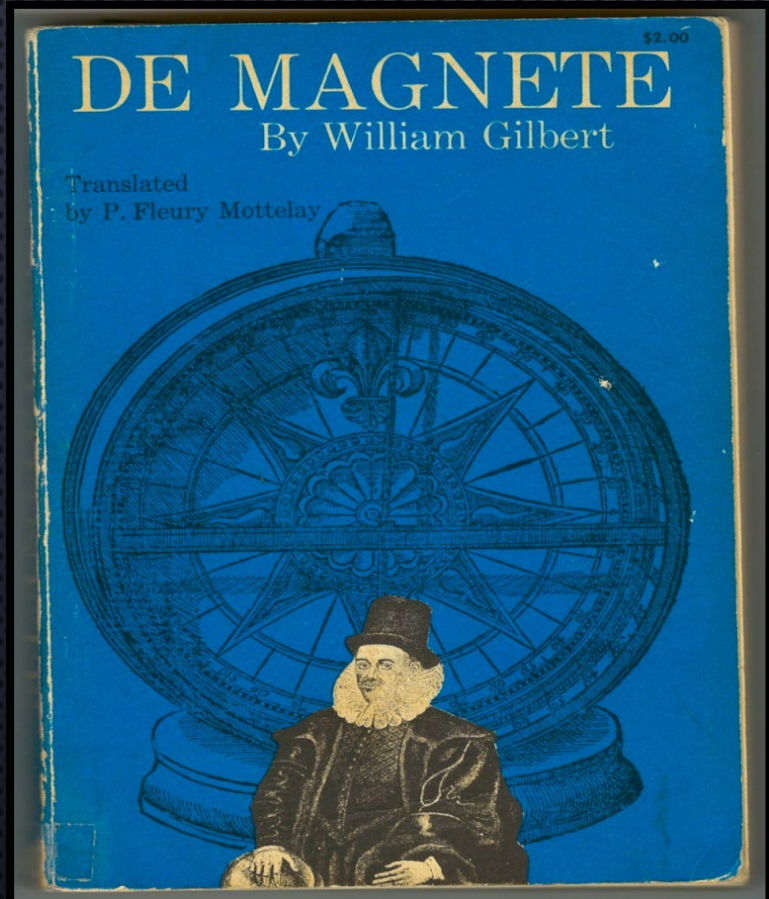
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- Epistola de magnetete
  - Part 1 discusses the physical (not occult) properties of magnets
    - Magnetic fields can act at a distance
    - Magnets can only act on other magnetic materials
    - Opposite poles attract and like poles repel
    - When suspended, north poles point North and south poles point South.
  - Part 2 discusses the use of magnets in devices
    - Wet and dry compass



# 1600: WILLIAM GILBERT

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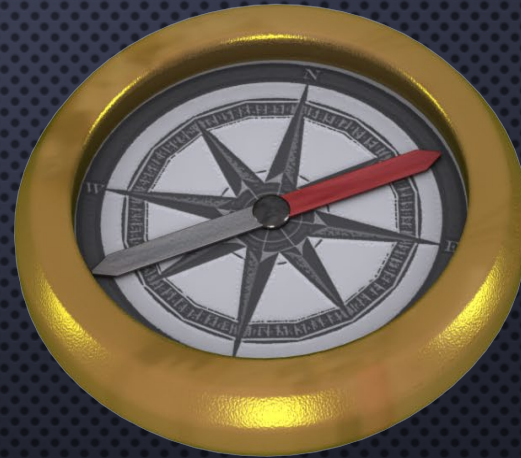
- PUBLISHED DE MAGNETE
  - EARTH IS A MAGNET
- FIRST CRITICAL RESEARCH ON MAGNETS
  - USED LODESTONE
  - DISPELLED SUPERSTITIONS AND MYTHS



# 1820: HANS CHRISTIAN ØRSTED

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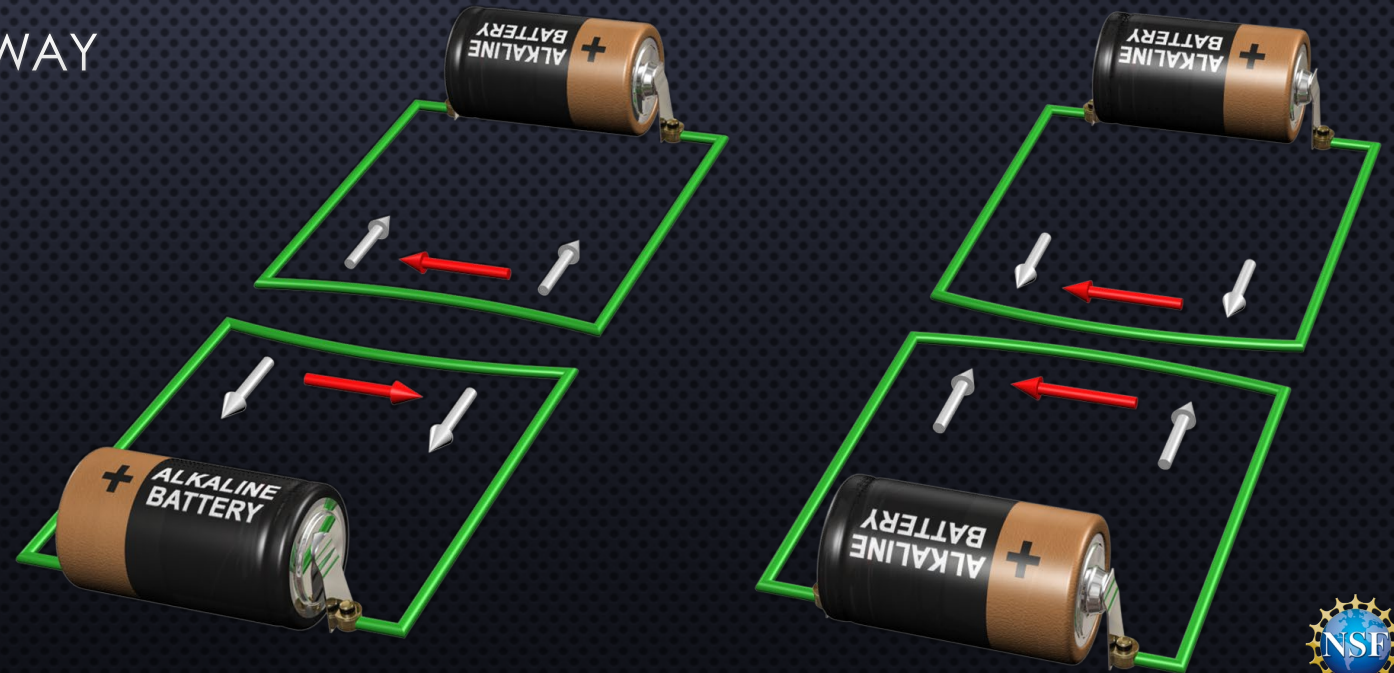
- AN ELECTRICAL CURRENT CAN CREATE A MAGNETIC FIELD
- ØRSTED SET UP LECTURE DEMONSTRATION
  - USED BATTERY TO SUPPLY CURRENT
  - SHOWED COMPASS NEEDLE DEFLECTING NEAR THE WIRE





# 1820: ANDRÉ-MARIE AMPÈRE

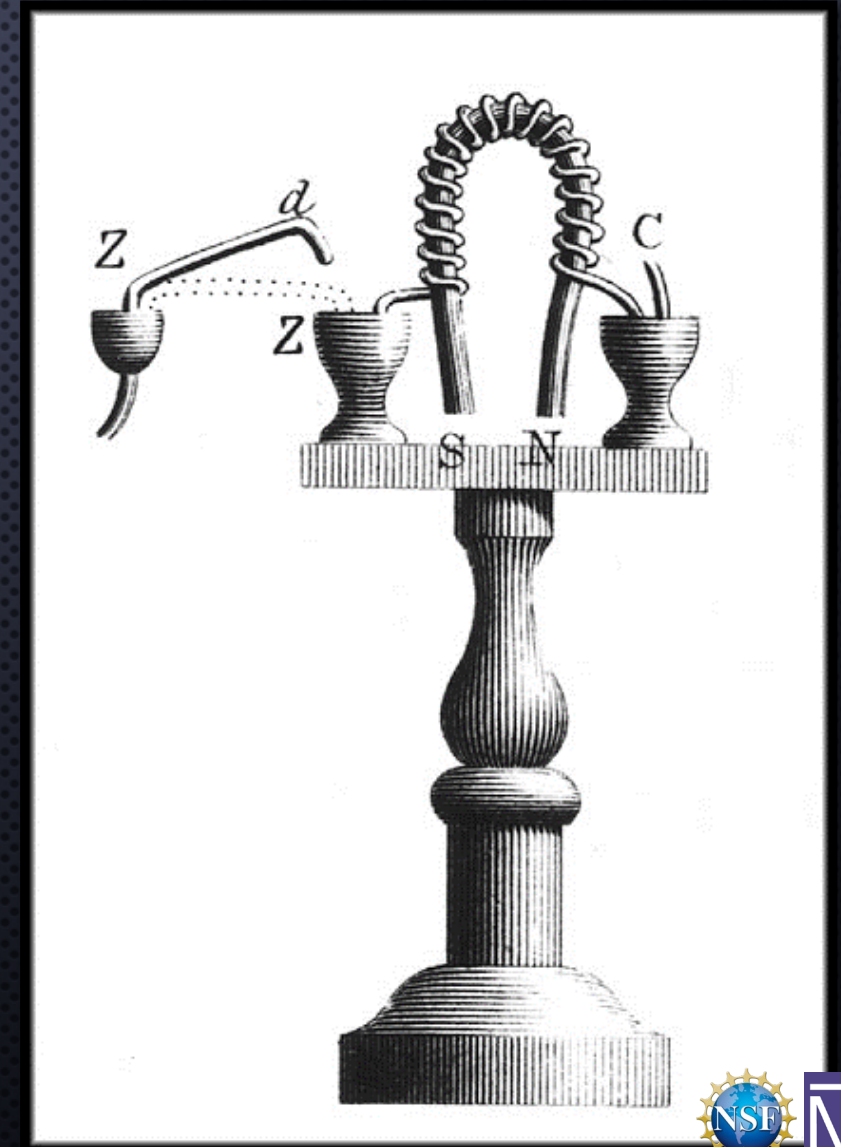
- MOVING ELECTRICAL CHARGES PRODUCE MAGNETIC FIELDS
- SIMPLE EXPERIMENT
  - TWO STRAIGHT WIRES WITH CURRENT PASSED THROUGH
  - WIRES BOWED TOWARD OR AWAY
- LED TO ELECTROMAGNETS





# 1824: WILLIAM STURGEON

- FIRST ELECTROMAGNET
  - CURVED IRON ROD
  - BARE COPPER WIRE
  - ELECTRICITY
  - 18 TOTAL TURNS OF WIRE
- LIFTED 9 POUNDS
  - MAGNET WEIGHED 7 OUNCES





# 1827: JOSEPH HENRY

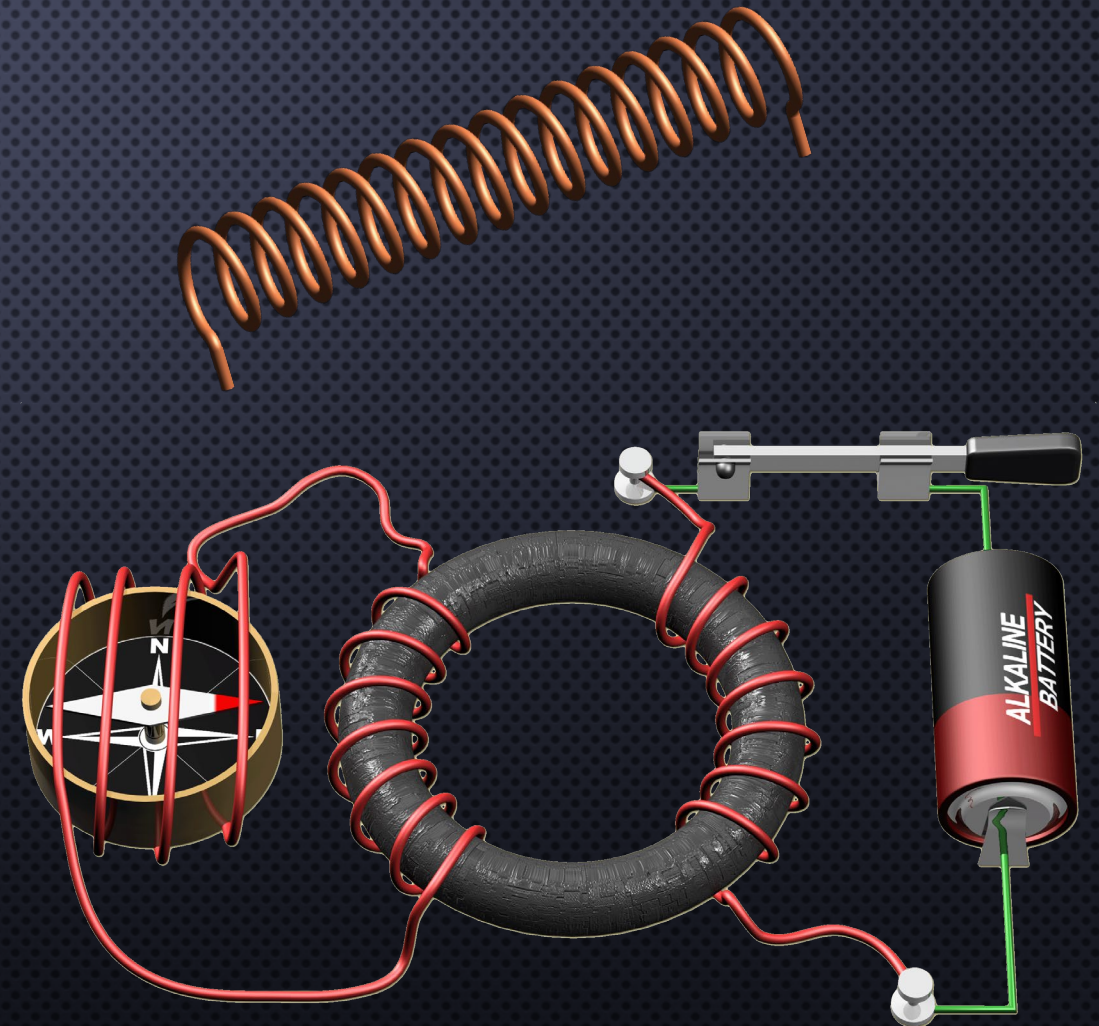
- IMPROVED THE ELECTROMAGNET
  - LARGER IRON ROD
  - COPPER WIRE
    - INSULATED WITH SILK
  - ELECTRICITY
- AN ELECTROMAGNET USING TWO ELECTRODES ATTACHED TO A BATTERY, BEST TO WIND COILS OF WIRE IN PARALLEL
- BUT AN ELECTROMAGNET USING WITH MULTIPLE BATTERIES, SHOULD USE ONLY ONE SINGLE COIL





# 1831: MICHAEL FARADAY

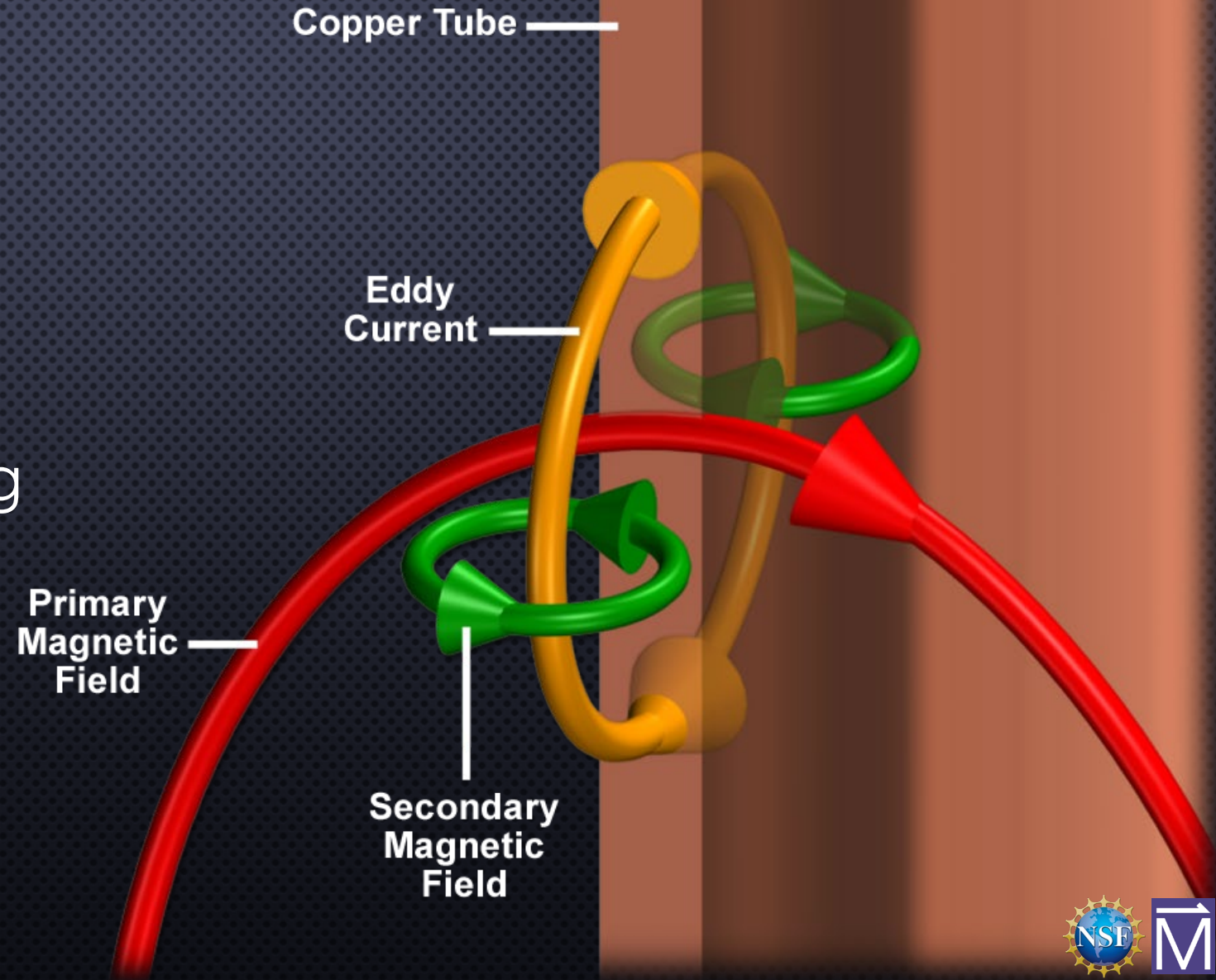
- WRAPPED WIRES AROUND OPPOSITE SIDES OF AN IRON RING
  - CHANGE IN MAGNETIC FIELD PRODUCES AN ELECTRIC CURRENT
  - INDUCTION
- MAGNETIC FLUX: THE CHANGE NEEDED TO INDUCE CURRENT
  - MOVE A MAGNET IN AND OUT OF A COIL OF WIRES
- ORIGINALLY REJECTED: NOT FORMULATED MATHEMATICALLY
  - JAMES CLERK MAXWELL (1862): MAXWELL-FARADAY EQUATION





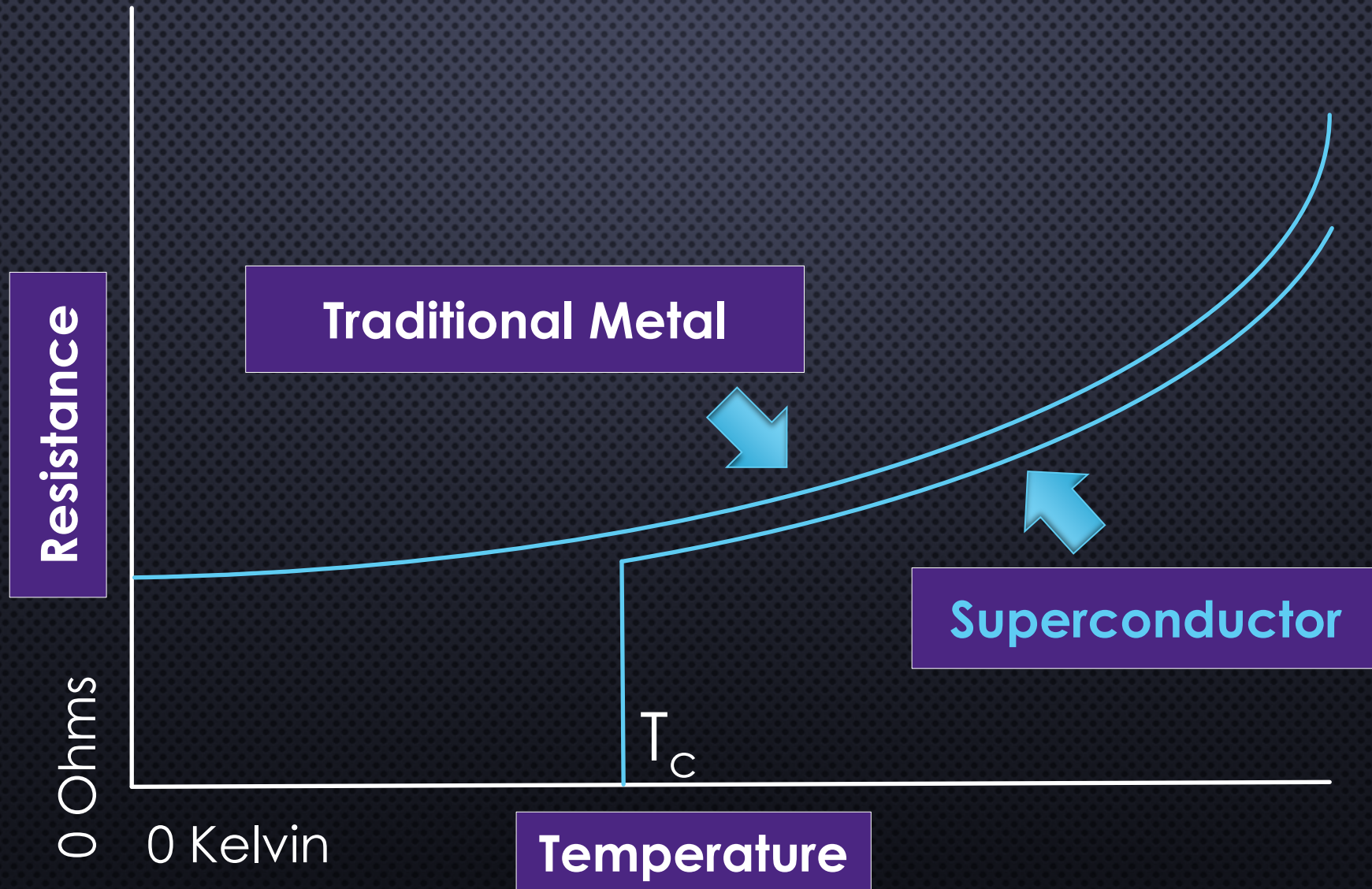
# 1834: EMIL LENZ

- Lenz's Law: An induced current in a wire (by flux) will flow to create a field that opposes the flux
- Eddy currents created
- Used in magnetic braking systems
  - Rollercoasters
  - Electric car braking feedback





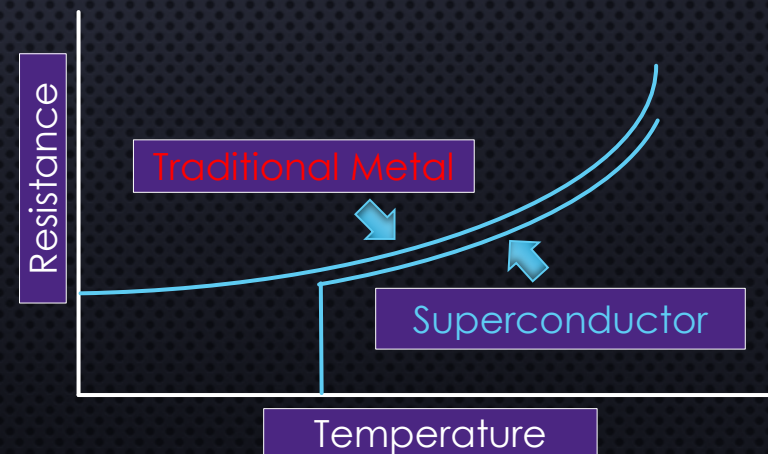
# 1900: SUPERCONDUCTIVITY





# 1957: BCS THEORY

- BCS: BARDEEN, COOPER, SCHREIFFER
- AT LOW TEMPERATURES, SOME METALS LOSE RESISTANCE
  - ATOMS NEARLY STATIONARY
- SUPERCONDUCTIVITY RESULTS FROM THE FORMATION OF COOPER PAIRS
  - TWO ELECTRONS PARTNERED
  - ONE FOLLOWS THE OTHER
- RESULTS IN FRICTIONLESS FLOW OF ELECTRONS



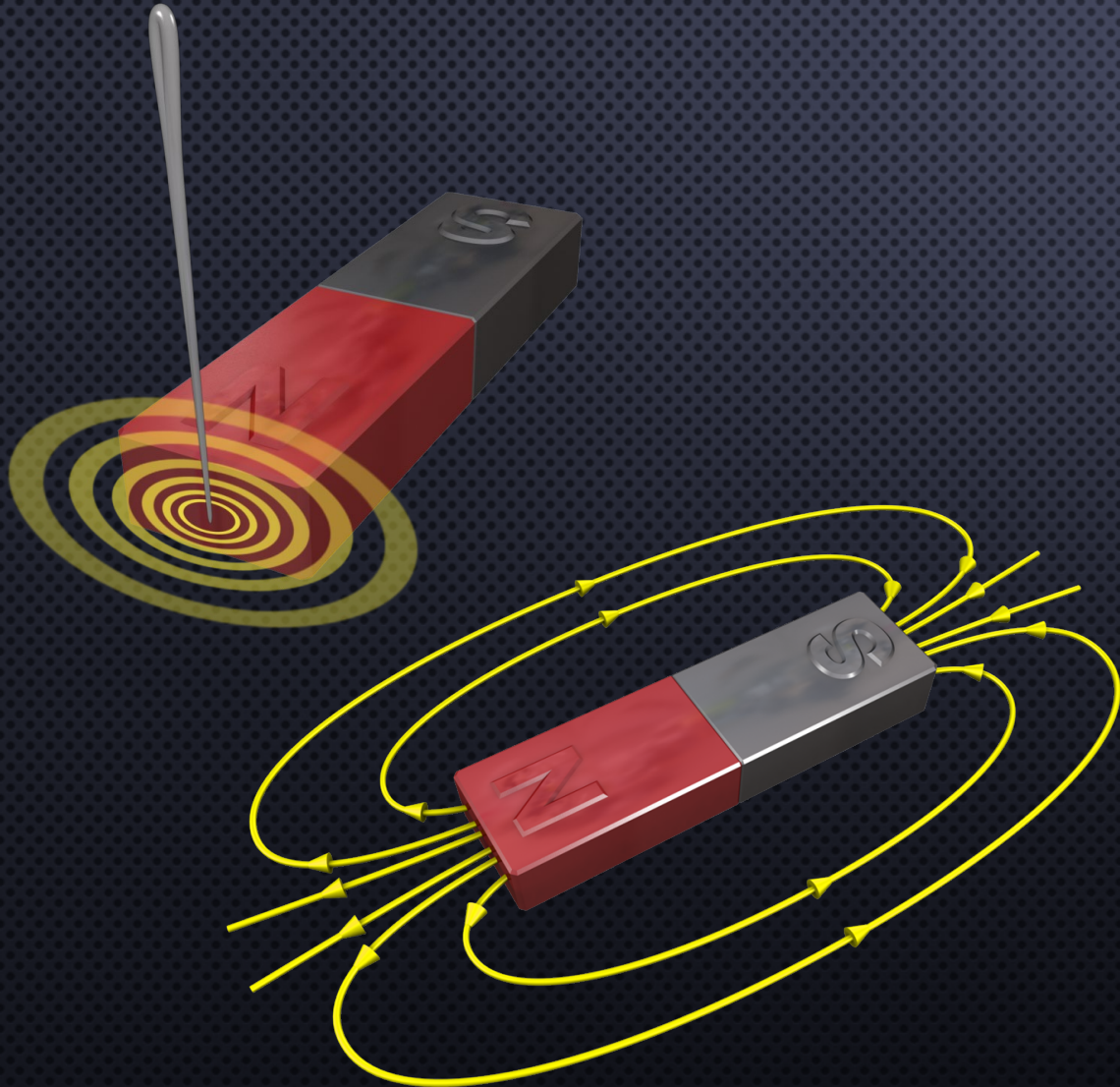


# THE SCIENCE OF MAGNETISM



# MAGNETS & MAGNETIC FIELDS

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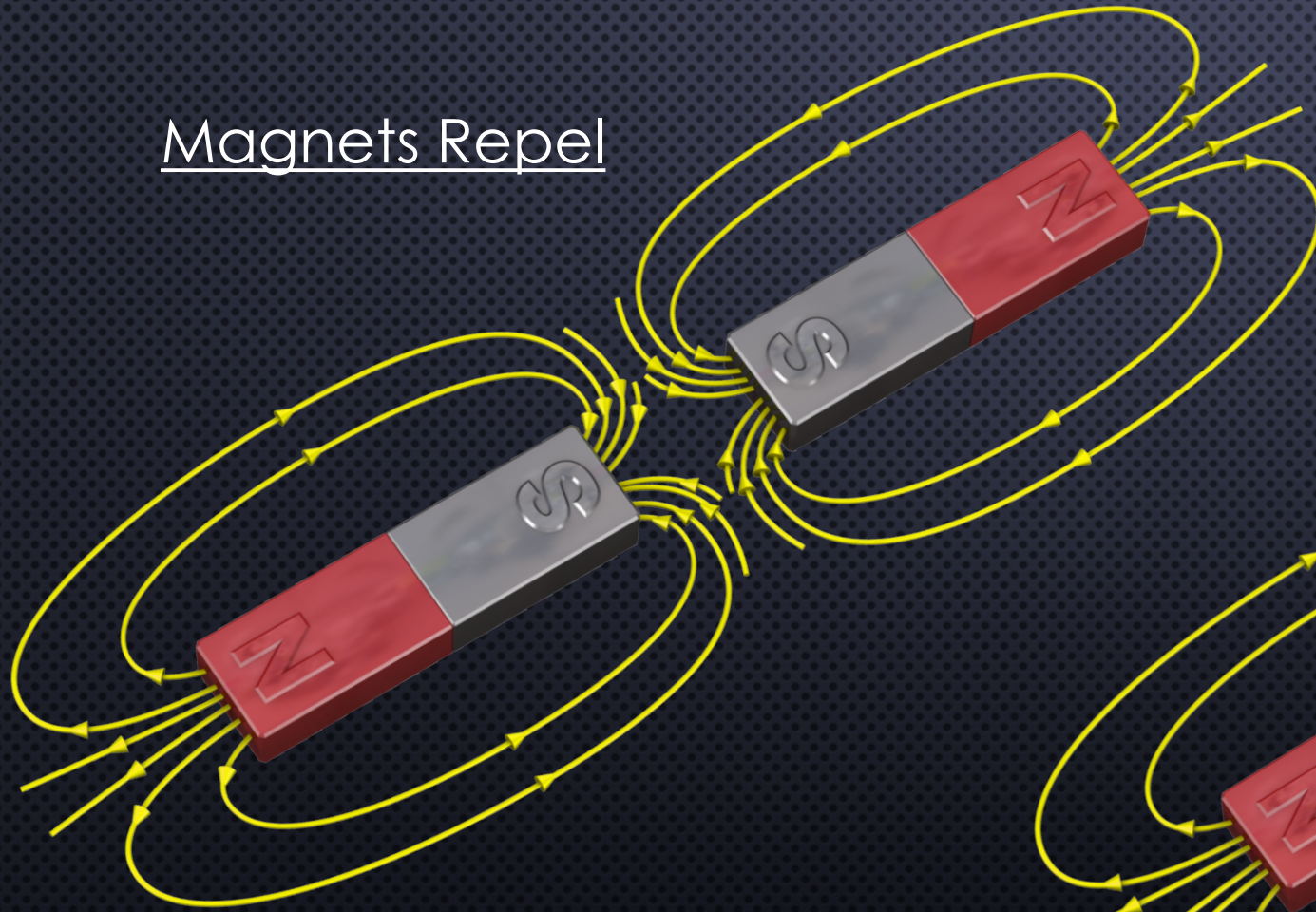
- All magnets have poles
  - North & South
  - Opposites attract; Like repels
- But not really: Magnetic monopole
  - Ongoing research
- All magnets have magnetic fields
- Magnetic field is a vector field
  - Has direction and magnitude



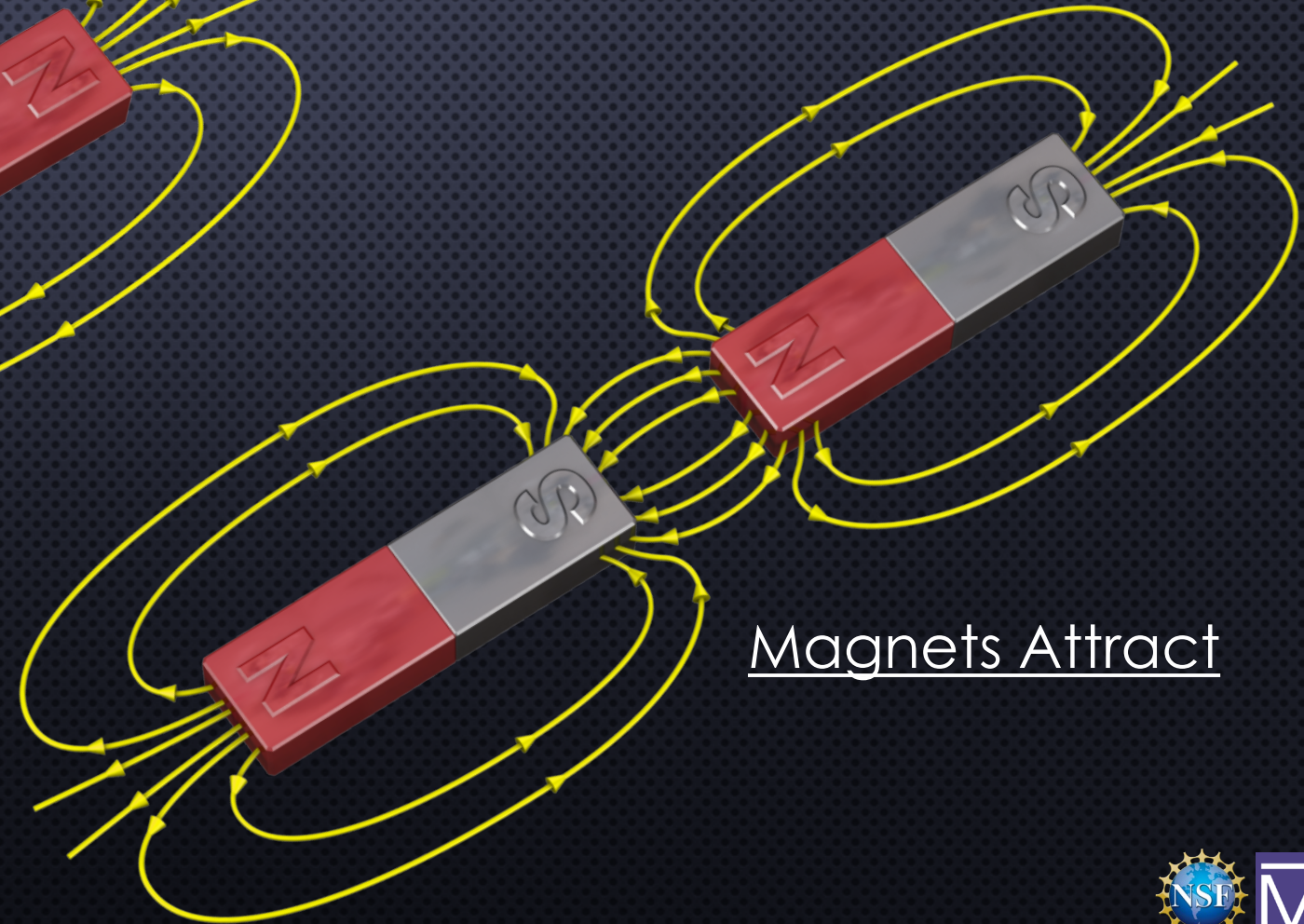
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Magnets Repel



Magnets Attract





# MAGNETS & MAGNETIC FIELDS

- MAGNETIC FIELDS INVISIBLE TO HUMANS
- MANY ANIMALS CAN SENSE MAGNETISM
  - SEA TURTLES
  - MIGRATORY BIRDS
  - SHARKS





# MAGNETS & MAGNETIC FIELDS

- RARE ANIMALS CAN SEE MAGNETISM
  - ROBINS
    - ONLY IN BRIGHT SETTINGS
    - RIGHT EYE AND THE LEFT HALF OF BRAIN
  - FAMILY CANIDAE
    - WOLVES, FOXES, COYOTES, DOGS





# MAGNETS & MAGNETIC FIELDS

- 3 METALS ARE NATURALLY MAGNETIC AT ROOM TEMPERATURE
  - IRON, NICKEL, COBALT
- TWO MORE ARE MAGNETIC AT LOWER TEMPERATURES
  - GADOLINIUM (65 F AND BELOW), DYSPROSIUM (-301 F AND BELOW)
- ONE MORE MAGNETIC AT ABNORMAL CONDITIONS
  - RUTHENIUM (IN UNNATURAL FORM)
- MANY ARE MAGNETIC AS ALLOYS
  - RARE-EARTH ELEMENTS

## PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS

**TABLE KEY**

**1**  
**H**  
Hydrogen  
1.00794

Atomic Number  
Symbol  
Name  
Atomic Mass  
Chemical Group

**CHEMICAL GROUP**

Reactive Nonmetals  
Alkali Metals  
Transition Metals  
Post-Transition Metals

Metalloids  
Noble Gases  
Lanthanoids  
Actinoids

**STATE OF MATTER**

**H** Gas **L** Liquid **S** Solid **U** Unknown

IA	IIA	PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS										IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA	VIIIA	
1 <b>H</b> Hydrogen 1.00794																		2 <b>He</b> Helium 4.0026
3 <b>Li</b> Lithium 6.941	4 <b>Be</b> Beryllium 9.012182																	10 <b>Ne</b> Neon 20.1797
11 <b>Na</b> Sodium 22.989767	12 <b>Mg</b> Magnesium 24.305																	18 <b>Ar</b> Argon 39.948
19 <b>K</b> Potassium 39.0983	20 <b>Ca</b> Calcium 40.078	21 <b>Sc</b> Scandium 44.95591	22 <b>Ti</b> Titanium 47.87	23 <b>V</b> Vanadium 50.9415	24 <b>Cr</b> Chromium 51.9961	25 <b>Mn</b> Manganese 54.93805	26 <b>Fe</b> Iron 55.845	27 <b>Co</b> Cobalt 58.9332	28 <b>Ni</b> Nickel 58.6934	29 <b>Cu</b> Copper 63.546	30 <b>Zn</b> Zinc 65.39	31 <b>Ga</b> Gallium 69.723	32 <b>Ge</b> Germanium 72.61	33 <b>As</b> Arsenic 74.9216	34 <b>Se</b> Selenium 78.96	35 <b>Br</b> Bromine 79.904	36 <b>Kr</b> Krypton 83.8	
37 <b>Rb</b> Rubidium 85.4678	38 <b>Sr</b> Strontium 87.52	39 <b>Y</b> Yttrium 88.9059	40 <b>Zr</b> Zirconium 91.224	41 <b>Nb</b> Niobium 92.90638	42 <b>Mo</b> Molybdenum 95.94	43 <b>Tc</b> Technetium (98)	44 <b>Ru</b> Ruthenium 101.07	45 <b>Rh</b> Rhodium 102.9055	46 <b>Pd</b> Palladium 106.42	47 <b>Ag</b> Silver 107.8682	48 <b>Cd</b> Cadmium 112.411	49 <b>In</b> Indium 114.818	50 <b>Sn</b> Tin 118.71	51 <b>Sb</b> Antimony 121.76	52 <b>Te</b> Tellurium 127.6	53 <b>I</b> Iodine 126.90447	54 <b>Xe</b> Xenon 131.29	
55 <b>Cs</b> Caesium 132.90545	56 <b>Ba</b> Barium 137.327	*	72 <b>Hf</b> Hafnium 178.49	73 <b>Ta</b> Tantalum 180.9479	74 <b>W</b> Tungsten 183.84	75 <b>Re</b> Rhenium 186.207	76 <b>Os</b> Osmium 190.23	77 <b>Ir</b> Iridium 192.22	78 <b>Pt</b> Platinum 195.08	79 <b>Au</b> Gold 196.96655	80 <b>Hg</b> Mercury 200.59	81 <b>Tl</b> Thallium 204.3833	82 <b>Pb</b> Lead 207.2	83 <b>Bi</b> Bismuth 208.98038	84 <b>Po</b> Polonium (209)	85 <b>At</b> Astatine (210)	86 <b>Rn</b> Radon (222)	
87 <b>Fr</b> Francium (223)	88 <b>Ra</b> Radium (226)	**	104 <b>Rf</b> Rutherfordium (261)	105 <b>Db</b> Dubnium (268)	106 <b>Sg</b> Seaborgium (269)	107 <b>Bh</b> Bohrium (270)	108 <b>Hs</b> Hassium (277)	109 <b>Mt</b> Meitnerium (278)	110 <b>Ds</b> Darmstadtium (281)	111 <b>Rg</b> Roentgenium (282)	112 <b>Cn</b> Copernicium (285)	113 <b>Nh</b> Nihonium (286)	114 <b>Fl</b> Flerovium (289)	115 <b>Mc</b> Moscovium (290)	116 <b>Lv</b> Livermorium (293)	117 <b>Ts</b> Tennessine (294)	118 <b>Og</b> Oganesson (294)	
			57 <b>La</b> Lanthanum 138.91	58 <b>Ce</b> Cerium 140.12	59 <b>Pr</b> Praseodymium 140.91	60 <b>Nd</b> Neodymium 144.24	61 <b>Pm</b> Promethium (145)	62 <b>Sm</b> Samarium 150.36	63 <b>Eu</b> Europium 151.96	64 <b>Gd</b> Gadolinium 157.25	65 <b>Tb</b> Terbium 158.93	66 <b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 162.5	67 <b>Ho</b> Holmium 164.93	68 <b>Er</b> Erbium 167.26	69 <b>Tm</b> Thulium 168.93	70 <b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 173.05	71 <b>Lu</b> Lutetium 174.97	
			89 <b>Ac</b> Actinium (227)	90 <b>Th</b> Thorium 232.04	91 <b>Pa</b> Protactinium 231.04	92 <b>U</b> Uranium 238.03	93 <b>Np</b> Neptunium (237)	94 <b>Pu</b> Plutonium (244)	95 <b>Am</b> Americium (243)	96 <b>Cm</b> Curium (247)	97 <b>Bk</b> Berkelium (247)	98 <b>Cf</b> Californium (251)	99 <b>Es</b> Einsteinium (252)	100 <b>Fm</b> Fermium (257)	101 <b>Md</b> Mendelevium (288)	102 <b>No</b> Nobelium (259)	103 <b>Lr</b> Lawrencium (260)	

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DO YOU LIKE MOVIES?





# MAGNETS & MAGNETIC FIELDS

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~~**M**ONSTERS, INC.~~

**M**AGNETS, INC.

INC. = IRON, NICKEL, COBALT



# MAGNETS & MAGNETIC FIELDS

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- MAGNETITE
  - IRON RICH MINERAL
  - LODESTONE IS MAGNETIZED PIECE OF MAGNETITE
  - LED TO FIRST COMPASS





# MAGNETS & MAGNETIC FIELDS

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## PERMANENT MAGNETS

- ALMOST ALWAYS KEEP THEIR FIELD
- FIELDS CAN BE LOST
  - CURIE POINT (HEAT)
  - ELECTRIC CURRENT (DEGAUSS)
  - HITTING IT (BLUNT FORCE)

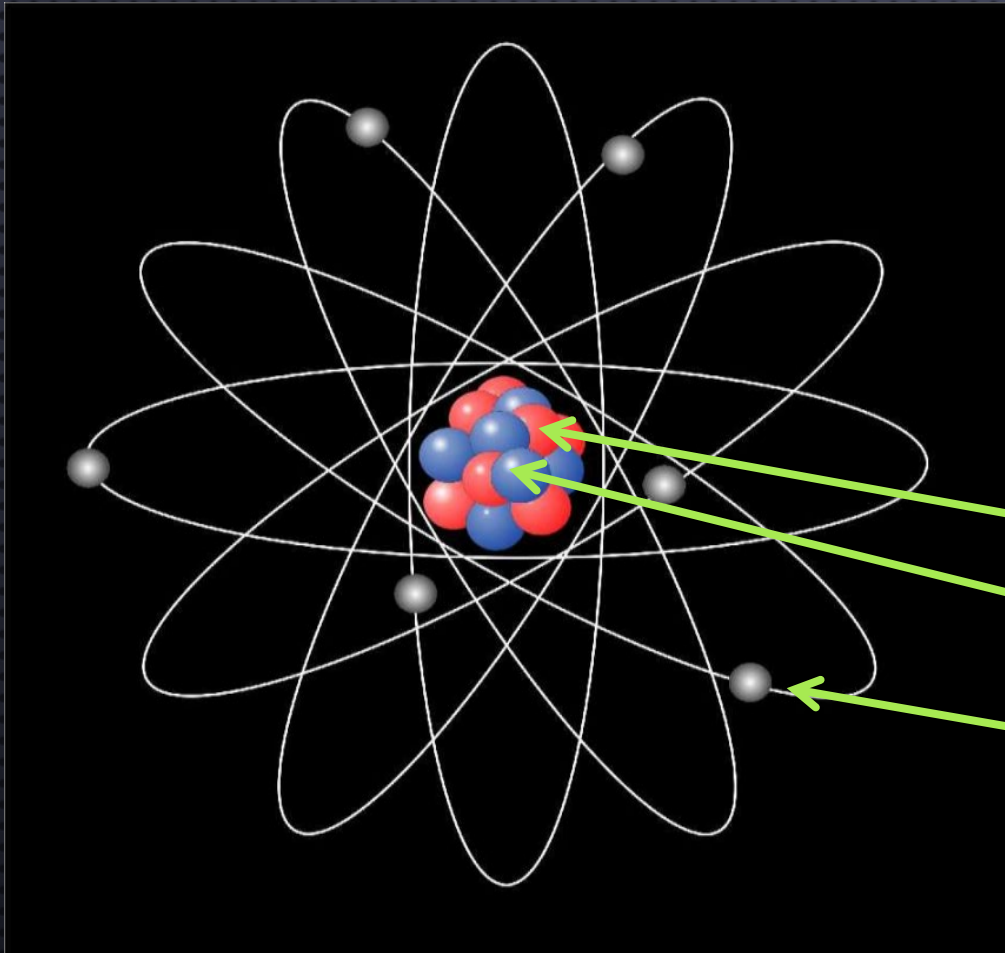
## TEMPORARY MAGNETS

- WILL KEEP MAGNETIC FIELD UNTIL TAMPERED WITH
- EXAMPLES: PAPERCLIPS, SCISSORS, STAPLES, THUMB TACKS, PINS, SCREWDRIVERS, REFRIGERATOR DOOR, CAR DOORS, ETC...
- ANYTHING THAT IS MAGNETIC, BUT WILL NOT KEEP ITS FIELD



# MAGNETS & MAGNETIC FIELDS

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- Name atom comes from *Atomos*, Greek for Indestructible
  - But not really
- The atom is divisible
  - Proton
  - Neutron
  - Electron



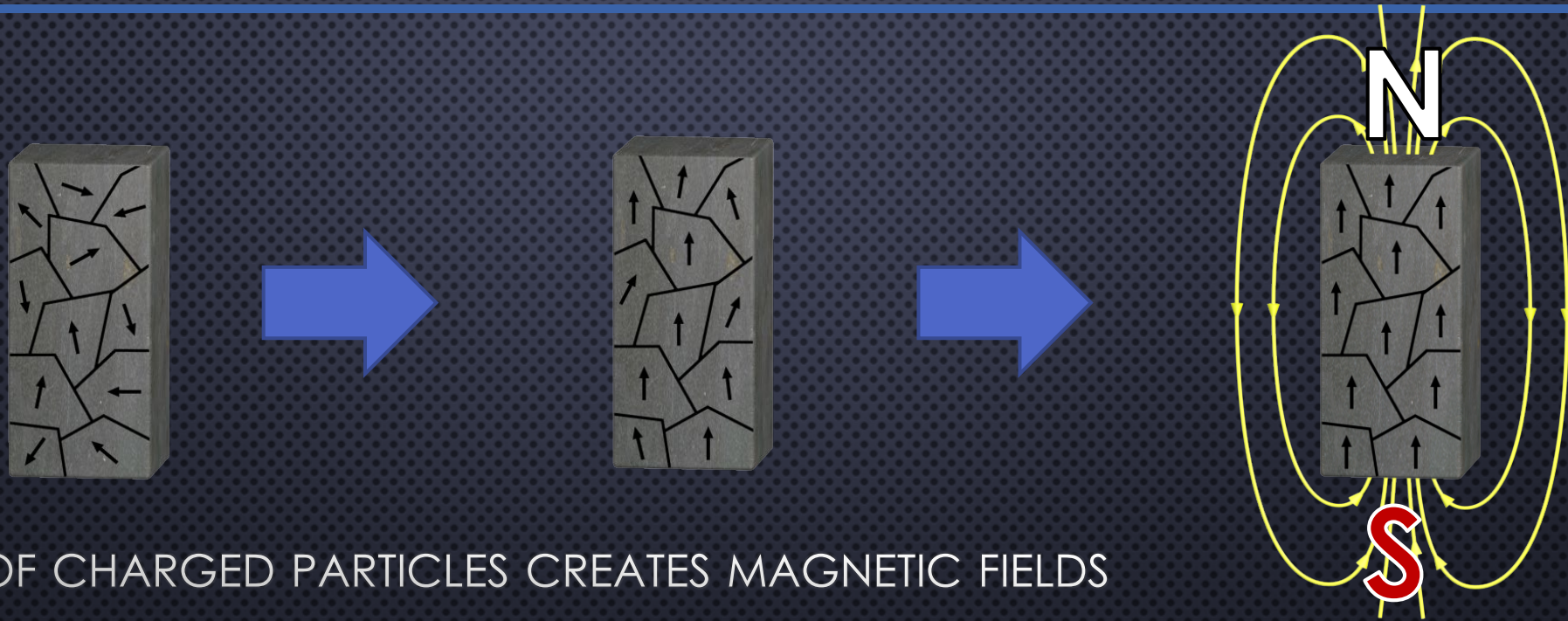
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# MAGNETS & MAGNETIC FIELDS



- MOTION OF CHARGED PARTICLES CREATES MAGNETIC FIELDS
- IN MOST ATOMS, DISORGANIZED SPINS CANCEL OUT
  - MAGNETIC DOMAINS: WHEN ELECTRONS LINE UP
- MAGNETIC FIELD IS PRODUCED WHEN ALL ELECTRONS SPIN THE SAME DIRECTION:
  - MORE ELECTRONS LINED UP: MORE MAGNETISM



THE SCIENCE  
OF  
ELECTROMAGNETISM



# ELECTROMAGNETISM

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- ELECTRONS MAKE MAGNETISM WORK
  - SPIN OF ELECTRONS
  
- ELECTRONS MAKE ELECTRICITY WORK
  - MOVEMENT OF ELECTRONS



# ELECTROMAGNETISM

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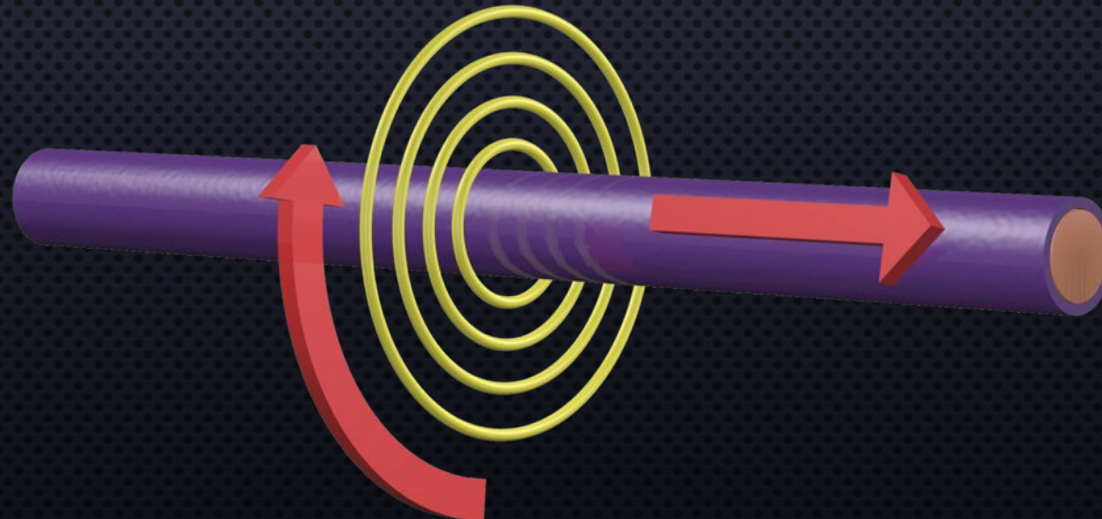
- THE TWO ARE SO CLOSELY RELATED
- WHERE THERE IS ELECTRICITY, THERE IS A MAGNETIC FIELD
  - WHEN ELECTRONS FLOW, THEY LINE UP (ØRSTED)
- WHERE THERE IS A MAGNETIC FIELD, ELECTRICITY CAN BE CREATED (FARADAY)
  - MAGNETIC FLUX CAN CREATE MOVEMENT OF ELECTRONS



# ELECTROMAGNETISM

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- ELECTRICITY IS THE FLOW OF ELECTRONS
  - ELECTRONS FLOW IN SAME DIRECTION
- THIS ALIGNMENT OF ELECTRONS CREATES A MAGNETIC FIELD AROUND THE CONDUCTOR
  - SIMILAR TO ELECTRONS LINING UP IN A PERMANENT MAGNET
  - SO *EVERY* WIRE CARRYING ELECTRICITY HAS A WEAK MAGNETIC FIELD AROUND IT

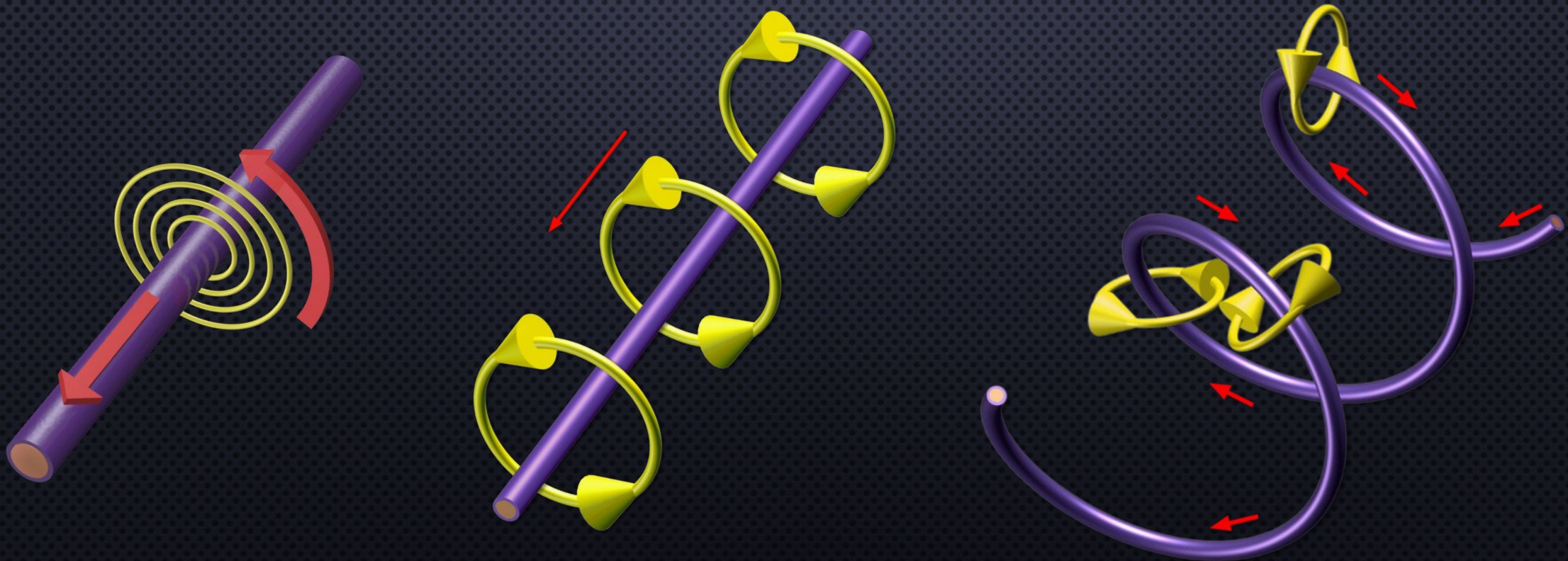




# ELECTROMAGNETISM

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- THE FIELD EXISTS AT ALL POINTS ALONG THE WIRE
- COILING THE WIRE CONCENTRATES THE MAGNETIC FIELD INSIDE THE COIL

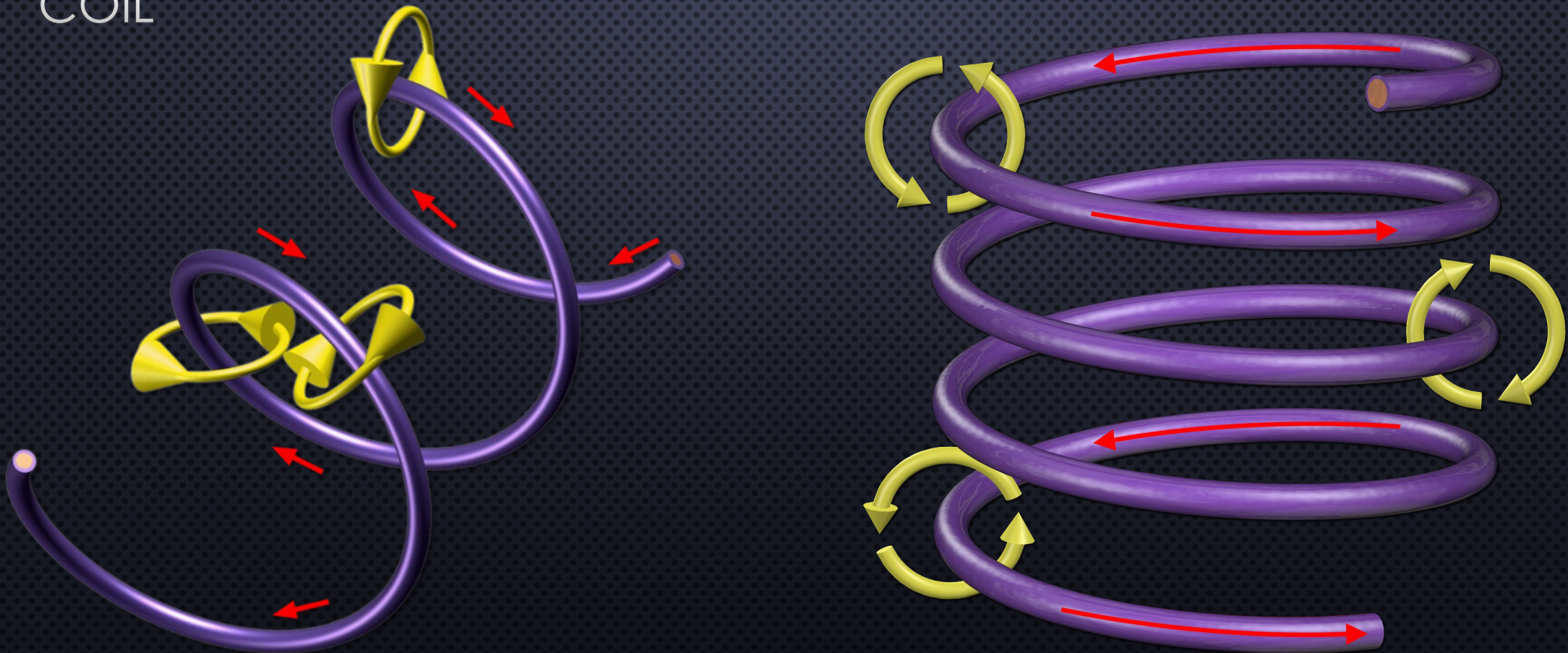




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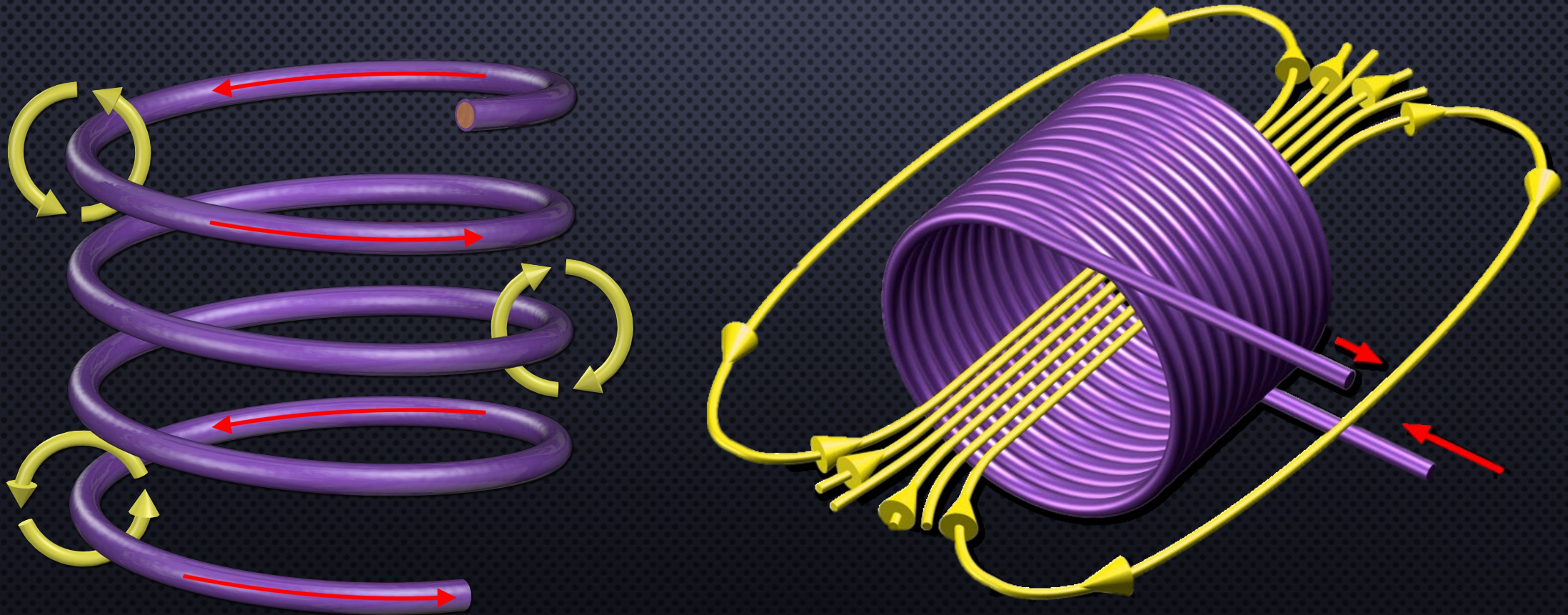




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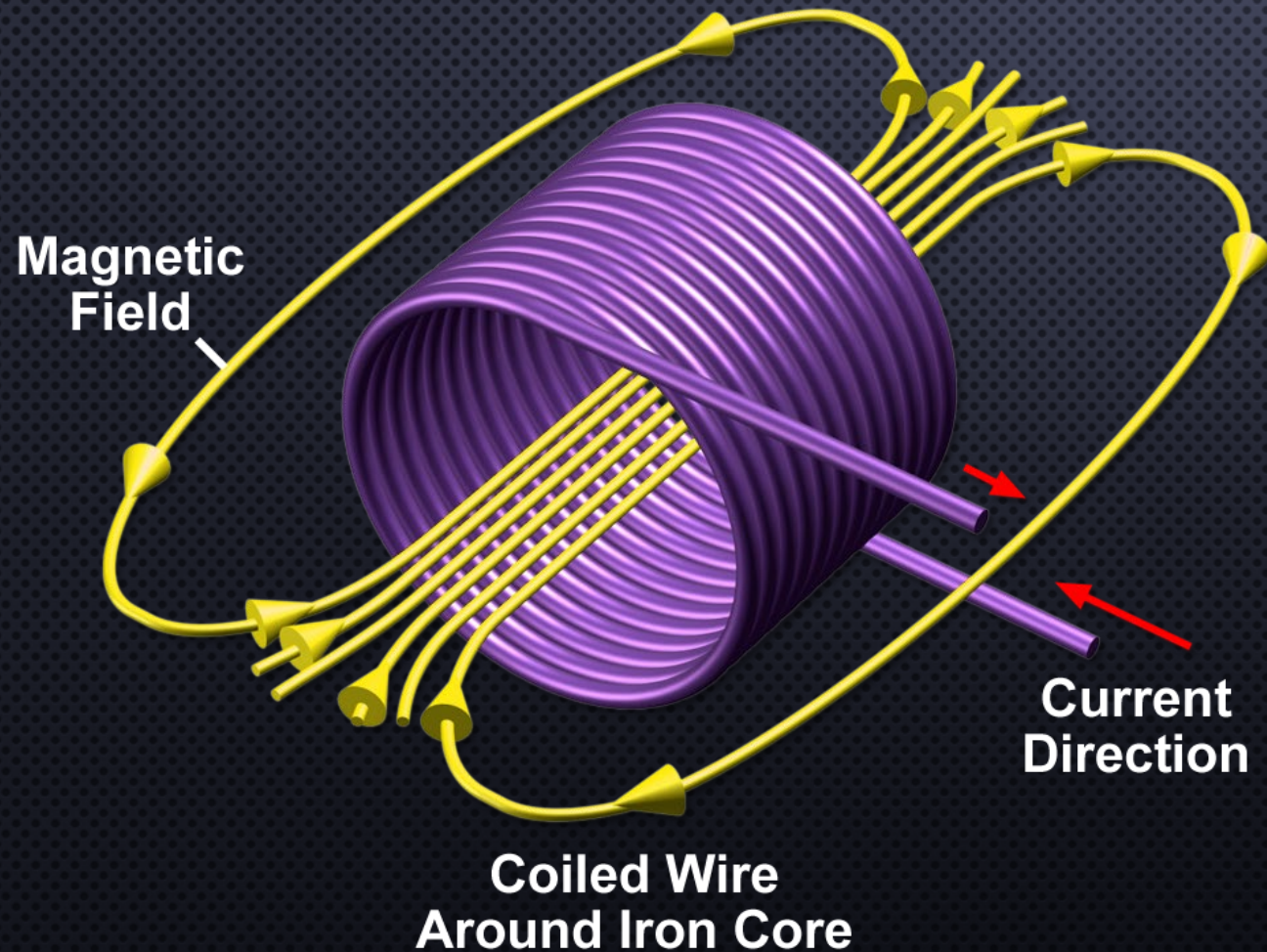
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# ELECTROMAGNETISM

- THE MAGNETIC FIELD IS STRONGEST INSIDE THE COIL





ELECTROMAGNETISM  
ACTIVITIES  
FOR YOUR  
CLASSROOM



# MAGNETISM IN MONEY

- MONEY IS MAGNETIC
  - COINS ARE COPPER-NICKEL ALLOY (NOT MAGNETIC)
  - PENNIES ARE COPPER-PLATED ZINC (ALSO NOT MAGNETIC)
  - DOLLARS ARE PRINTED WITH IRON-RICH INK (MAGNETIC!)
- FOREIGN COINS
  - CANADIAN, BRITISH, BRAZILIAN, MEXICAN (SOME)...

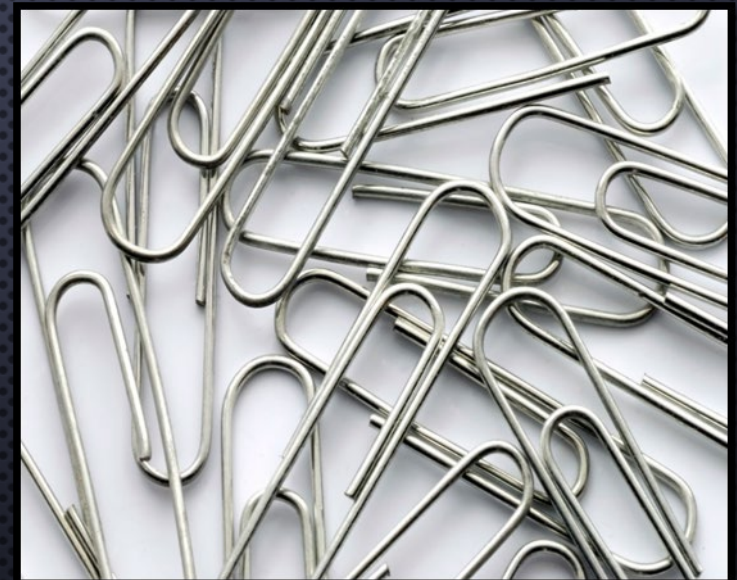




# PERMANENT & TEMPORARY MAGNETS

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- NO RUBBING NECESSARY
  - MAGNETISM HAPPENS ALMOST INSTANTLY
- THEY ARE MAGNETS
  - NORTH AND SOUTH
  - ATTRACT AND REPEL
- PAPER CLIPS REMAIN MAGNETIC
  - UNTIL SOMETHING TAMPERS WITH THEIR FIELD
  - FIELD COULD LAST YEARS





# UNIVERSAL MAGNETISM

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- HOLD A STRONG MAGNET OVER BEACH SAND
- IRON WILL ATTRACT TO THE MAGNET
  - EXCESS SAND WILL CLING TO THE MAGNET
  - PURIFY BY SPREADING IT ON A SHEET OF PAPER AND PASSING THE MAGNET OVER IT



- METEORS ARE HIGH IN IRON CONTENT
- BURN UP IN ATMOSPHERE
- WAVES WASH THEM ASHORE



# MUSICAL MAGNETS

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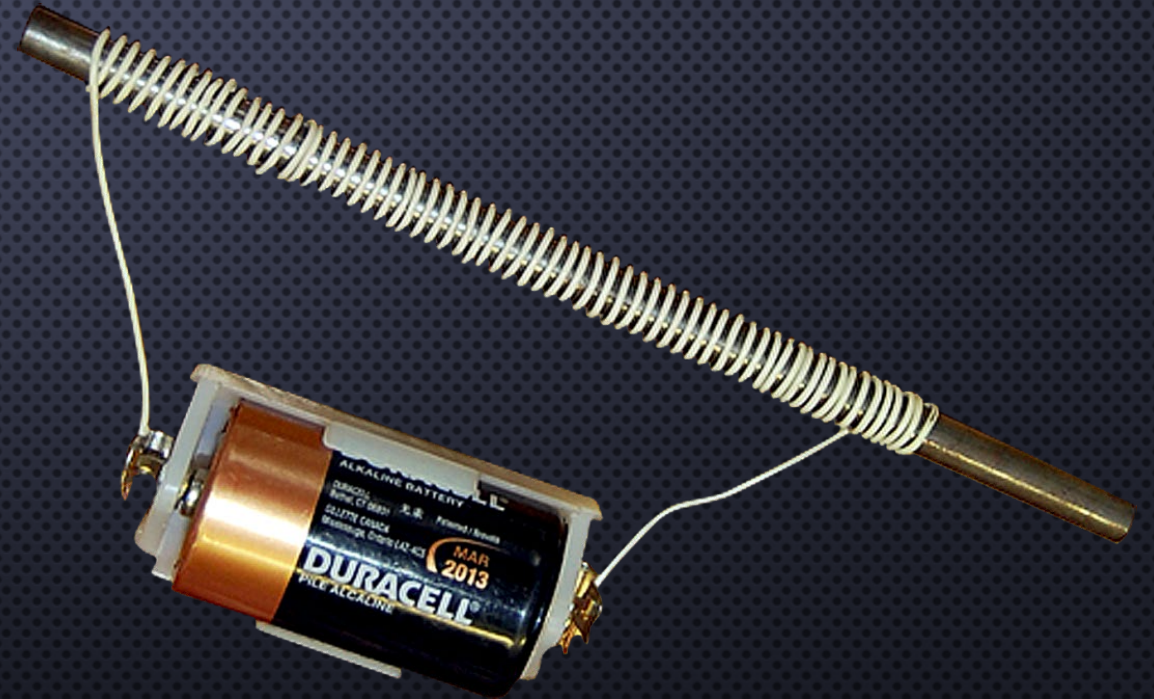
- MAGNETS ARE MAGNETIZED SHORT LENGTH
- MADE OF STRONG BARIUM FERRITE
- THEY ATTRACT BUT BOUNCE UPON IMPACT AND SEPARATE
- PROCESS REPEATS WITH A LITTLE ENERGY LOST EACH TIME
- PITCH CHANGES
  - FREQUENCY INCREASES
  - AMPLITUDE DECREASES



# ELECTROMAGNETISM

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- MATERIALS
  - COPPER WIRE
  - IRON ROD
  - BATTERY
- EXTENSIONS:
  - 2 BATTERIES
    - IN LINE?
  - ALUMINUM OR WOODEN ROD
    - WILL THEY WORK?

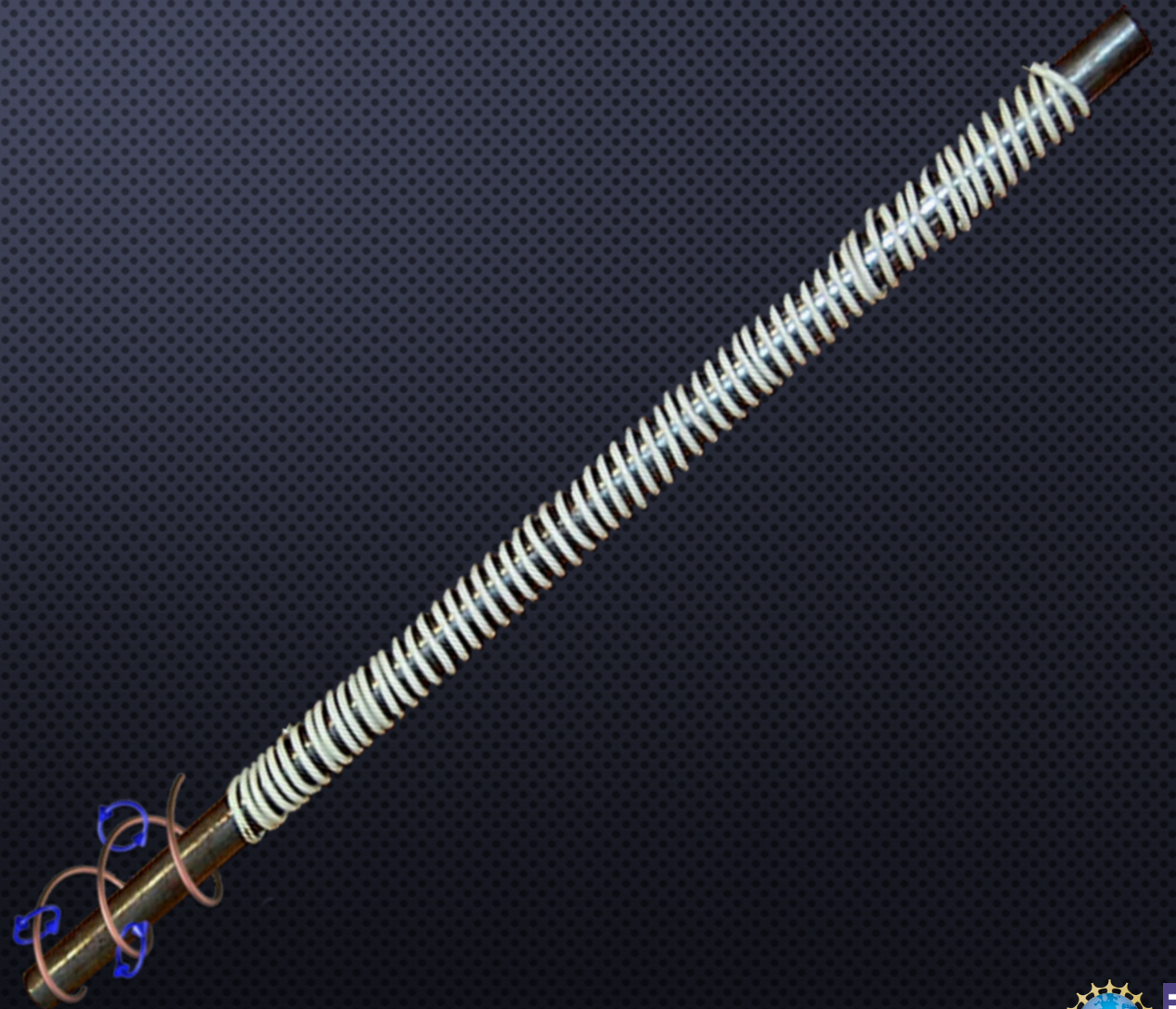




# ELECTROMAGNETISM EXTENSIONS

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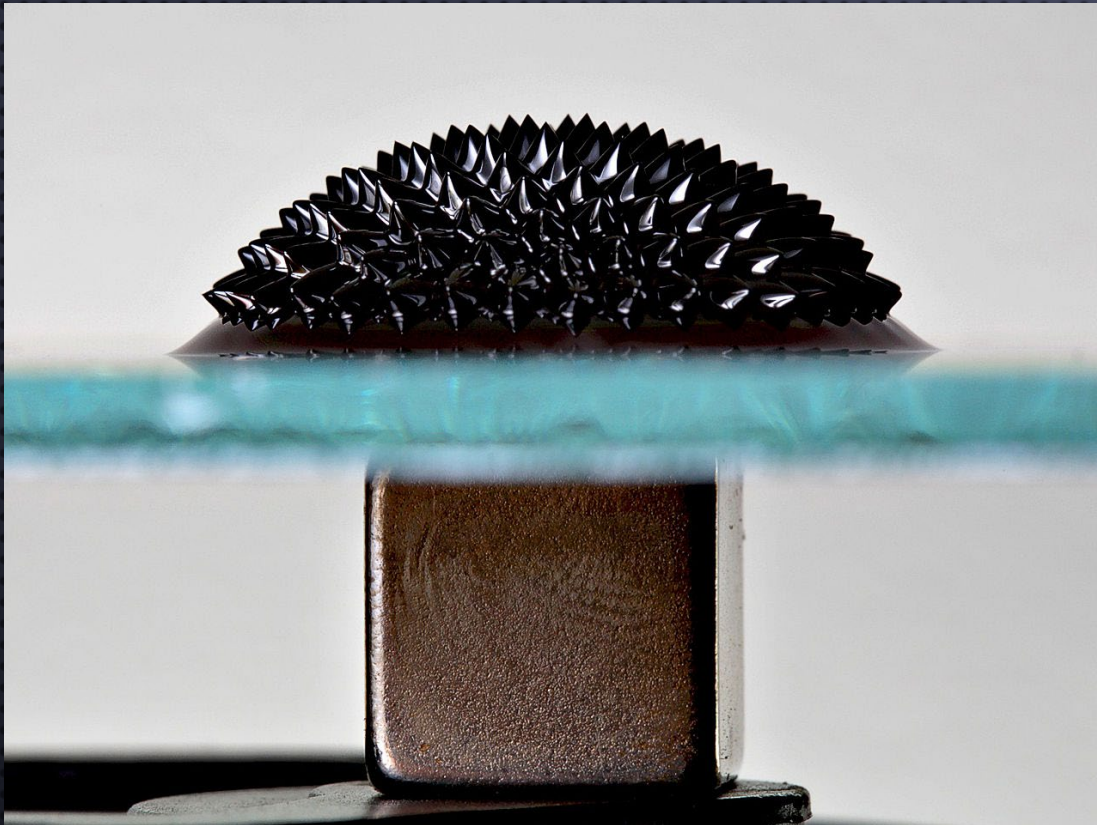
- RIGHT HAND RULE
  - DIRECTION OF FIELD
- POLES (WINDING DIRECTION)
- VARIABLES:
  - NEATNESS
  - NUMBER OF WINDS
  - WIRE GAUGE
  - BATTERY STRENGTH
  - TEMPERATURE
  - PRECISION





# THE MAGNETIC HEDGEHOG

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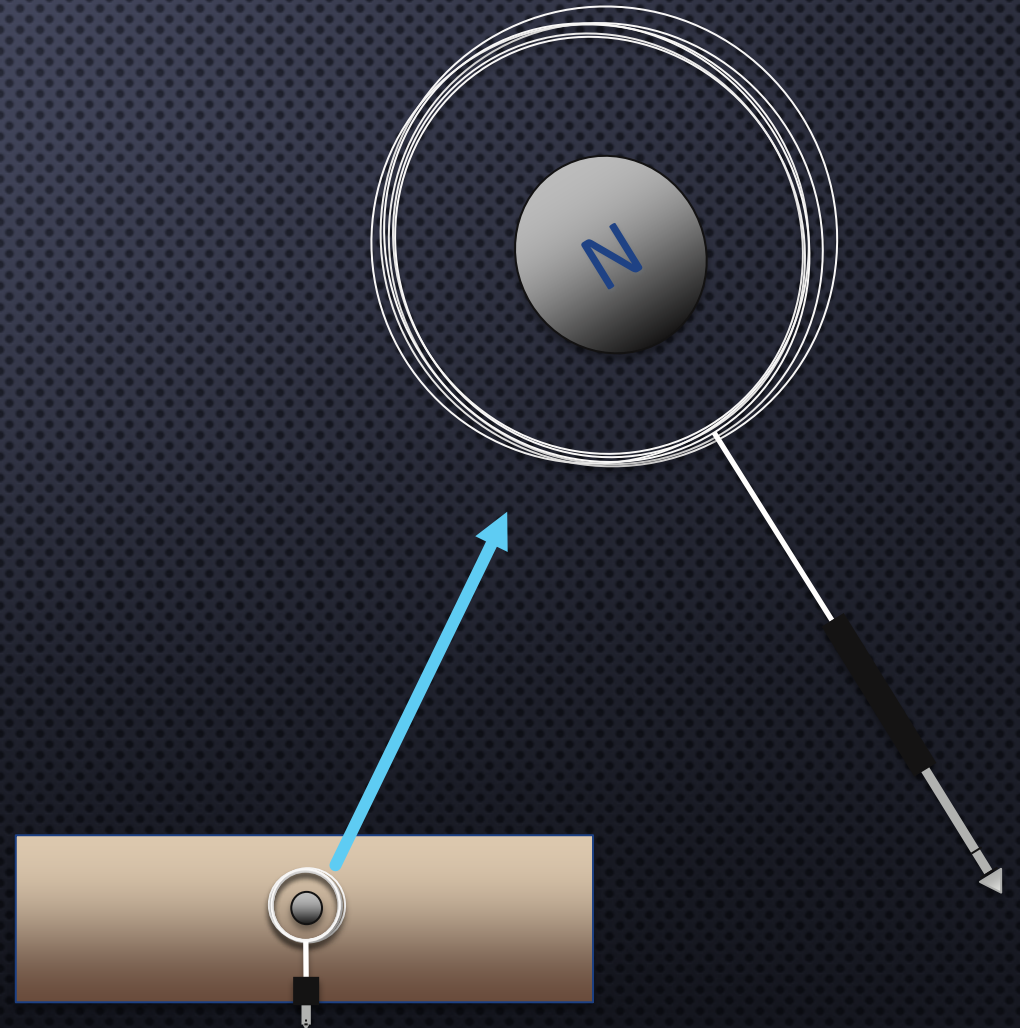
- FERROFLUIDS AKA LIQUID MAGNETS
  - SUSPENSION OF IRON NANOPARTICLES
- FLUID ADHERES TO MAGNETIC FIELD LINES
- INCREDIBLY ATTRACTIVE
  - **BE CAUTIOUS**



# MAKE A SPEAKER

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- SPEAKERS WORK WITH A PERMANENT MAGNET IN AN ELECTROMAGNET COIL
  - MUSIC SENT AS ELECTRICAL CURRENT CREATES FLUX IN THE COIL, CAUSING THE MAGNET TO VIBRATE
- VIBRATION CREATES THE SOUND WE HEAR





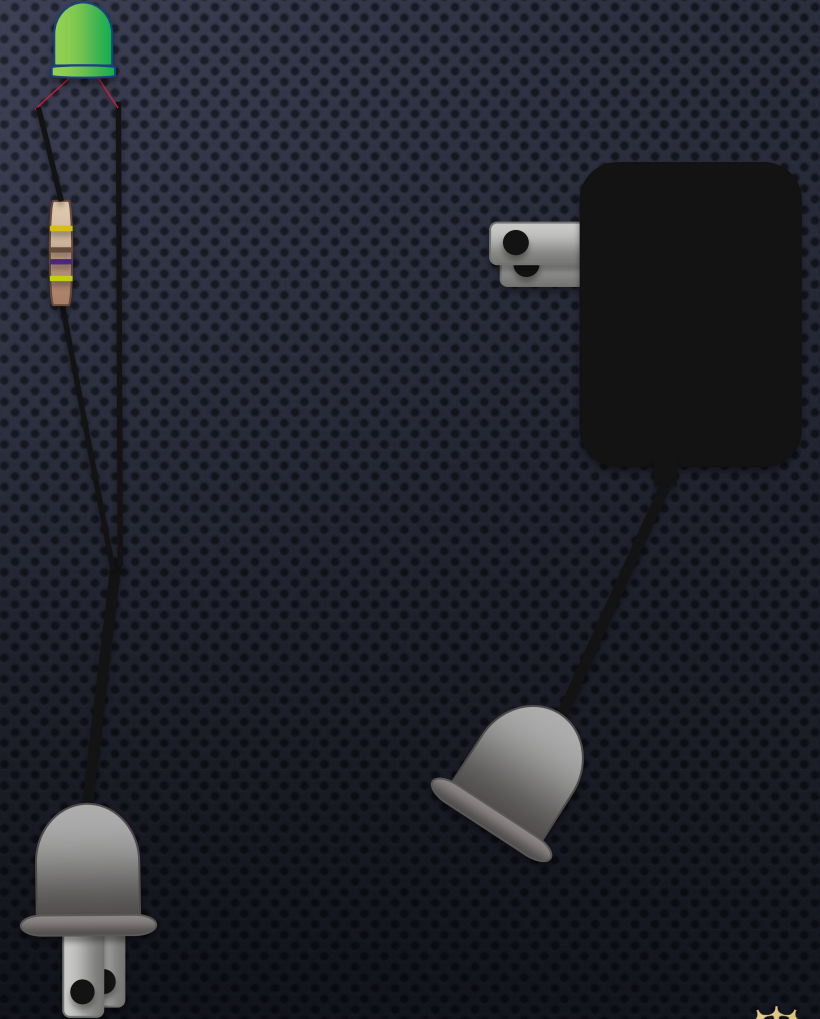
# AC/DC CURRENT DETECTOR

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DEVICE SHOWS AC CURRENT

## MATERIALS

- BI-COLOR LED
- 1/2 WATT, 400-500 OHM RESISTOR
- LAMP CORD
- 2-PRONG PLUG
- 2-PRONG SOCKET
- ELECTRICAL TAPE
- 9-VOLT AC ADAPTOR/TRANSFORMER





# INDUCTION BY GRAVITY PART 1

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- MOVEMENT OF MAGNETIC FIELD BY A CONDUCTOR CREATES MOTION OF ELECTRONS
  - CURRENT IS INDUCED
  - BASIS OF ELECTRIC GENERATORS
- GRAVITY PULLS MAGNET PAST CONDUCTING COIL
- INDUCED CURRENT IN COPPER TUBE CREATED EDDY CURRENTS
  - CURRENTS REPEL MAGNET





# INDUCTION BY GRAVITY PART 2

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- MOVEMENT OF MAGNETIC FIELD BY A CONDUCTOR CREATES MOTION OF ELECTRONS
  - CURRENT IS INDUCED
  - BASIS OF ELECTRIC GENERATORS
- GRAVITY PULLS MAGNET PAST CONDUCTING COIL
- INDUCED CURRENT LIGHTS LED





# PLOTTING ELECTRIC FIELD LINES

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### Plotting Electric Field Lines

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Detailed instructions for teachers on conducting a hands-on lesson on plotting electric fields lines.

#### Concepts covered

- Electric fields
- Forces

#### Time


This activity requires about 1-1.5 hours to complete.

#### Background

There are four fundamental interactions that occur in nature; in physics they are referred to as fundamental forces. The four forces are gravitational, electromagnetic, strong nuclear and weak nuclear. For this lesson we will focus on the electromagnetic force, specifically the force produced by an electric field (E).

The concept of the electric field is a bit esoteric compared to, let's say, a gravitational field because we can interact much more easily with a gravitational field than we can with an electric field. If we take a ball (basketball, golf ball, baseball, etc.) and drop it, we see that it falls toward the Earth. This happens because the ball is in a gravitational field and the gravitational field produced by the Earth interacts with the mass of the ball. We assume, for the most part, that the gravitational field experienced by the ball is uniform, therefore, the ball falls straight from your hand to the ground. The force exerted by the field on the ball is  $F = mg$  (force = mass of the ball x gravity) **Figure 1**.

Uniform gravitational field, g



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- ELECTRIC MOTORS
- ION MOTORS
- MAKING MICROPHONES

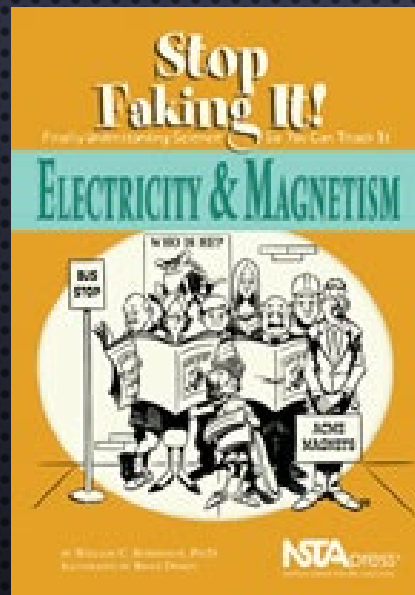


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# STOP FAKING IT

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# DRIVING FORCE

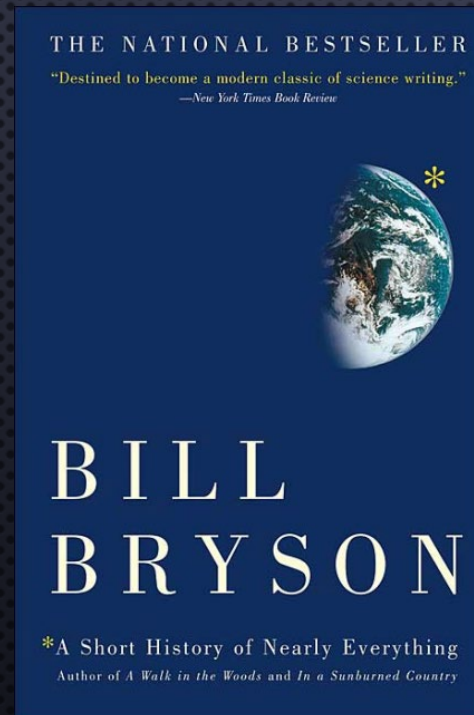
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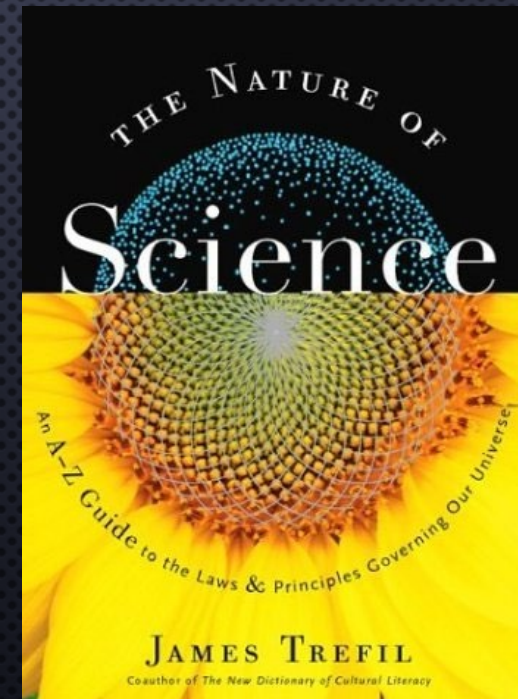
# A SHORT HISTORY OF NEARLY EVERYTHING

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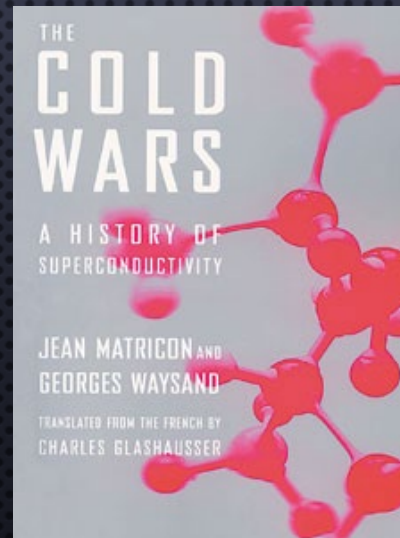
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# THE COLD WARS

JEAN MATRICON &  
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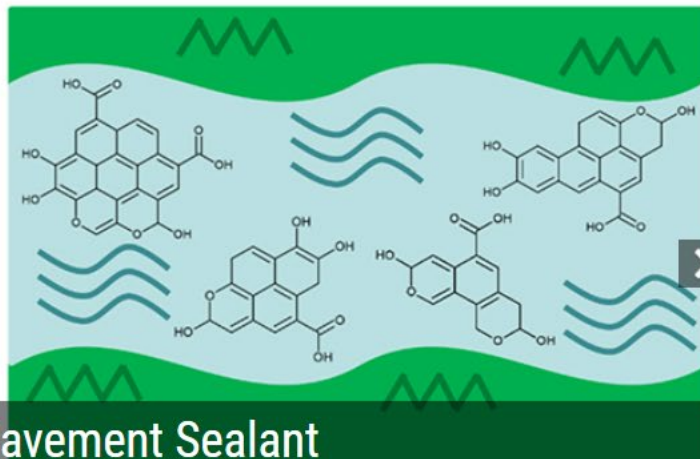
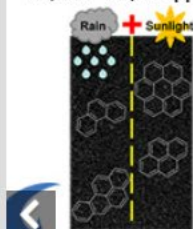
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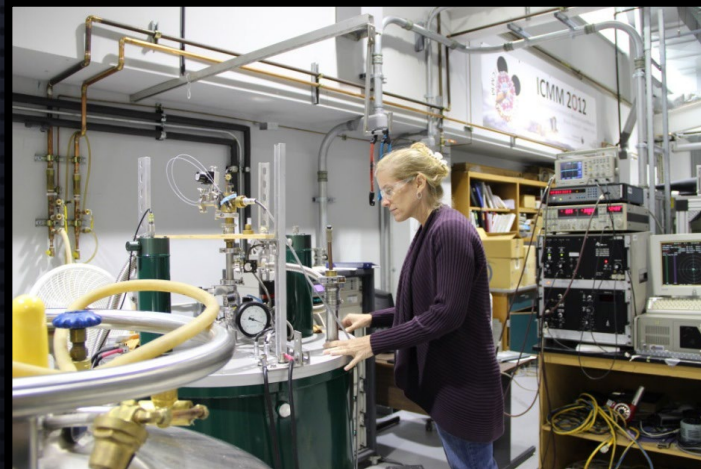
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- SUMMER PROGRAM
  - 1 WEEK IN PERSON
    - IN THE MAGLAB
  - 4 WEEKS VIRTUAL
    - WHEREVER HOME IS
- \$3600 STIPEND



## WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO?

- COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION
- COMPLETE PROGRAM SURVEYS
- SUBMIT LESSON PLAN
- SEND IN SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (LETTER OF REC, ETC.)



# MAGLAB RET 2023

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- WEEK IN TALLAHASSEE WE SUPPLY
  - HOUSING
  - TRAVEL STIPEND
- PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS
- PRE-SERVICE TEACHER POSITIONS AVAILABLE
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  - NATURE OF SCIENCE
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- TOPICS FOR LESSON PLAN RESEARCH
  - MATERIALS ENGINEERING
  - SUPERCONDUCTIVITY
  - ELECTRON SCANNING MICROSCOPY
  - CONDENSED MATTER



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- RET APPLICATIONS:
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# Thank You



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