

Electric Fields PhET Lab

1. Google "PhET"
 - a. Click on the "physics" tab on the left
 - b. Click on the "Electricity, Magnets, and Circuits"
 - c. Click on the "Charges and Fields" simulations
 - d. Click on "Run Now!"
2. Perform the following tasks.
Click on "Show E-Field"
 - a. Place 1 "+ nC" on the board
 Draw what you see
 Clear the board
 - b. Place 1 "- nC" on the board
 Draw what you see
 Clear the board
 - c. **Read what you are GOING to do and make a hypothesis on what you are going to see.**
 Place 1 "- nC" in the center of the arrows (so 2 arrows are point at it)
 Place 1 "+nC" directly to the right of the "-nC" and in between the arrows. (so the 2 arrows are pointing away)
 Draw what you see
 Clear the board
 - d. **Read what you are GOING to do and make a hypothesis on what you are going to see.**
 Place 1 "+ nC" on the board
 Place an "E-Field Sensor" very close to the "+ nC"
 Move the "E-Field Sensor" 3 cm from the "+ nC"
 Explain what you are seeing
 Clear the board
 - e. Repeat "d" but with a "-nC"
 - f. **Read what you are GOING to do and make a hypothesis on what you are going to see.**
 Place a "+nC" (on the left) and a "-nC" about 5 cm to the right (horizontally)
 Place an "E-Field Sensor" to the left of the "+nC"
 Record the direction of the arrow
 Move the "E-Field Sensor" in between the 2 charges
 Record the direction of the arrow
 Place an "E-Field Sensor" to the right of the "-nC"
 Record the direction of the arrow
 - g. **Read what you are GOING to do and make a hypothesis on what you are going to see.**
 Place 2 "+nC" in between the arrows
 Draw what you see
 Clear all
 - h. Repeat "g" but with "-nC" instead
 - i. **Read what you are GOING to do and make a hypothesis on what you are going to see.**
 Make a horizontal line of 6 "+nC"
 Make a horizontal line of 6 "-nC" below the line of "+nC"
 Draw what you see

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3. Find and run the “Electric Field of Dreams” simulation
 - a. Click the pause button
 - b. Add 2 charges
 - c. Record what happens