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# Probing students' difficulties in electromagnetic induction using an approach based on Conceptual Blending theory.

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While common student difficulties in electromagnetic induction have been identified in the literature, the exact points of pitfalls in the sequence of the associated cognitive operations remain unexplored. In the process of administering a questionnaire based on simple electromagnetic induction situations to students, we experienced the need for a fine-grained probe into students'mental models that goes beyond a simple test for the presence of conceptual knowledge. This approach uses the theoretical framework of Conceptual Blending and emphasizes the integration of different concepts, laws, conventions, and visualizations involved. Our approach indeed reveals significant new insight into students'thought processes.

# **Education level**

Age over 18 (excluding teacher education)

## **Physics topic**

Other

# **Research focus**

Student conceptions / Preconceptions / Misconceptions

## **Research method**

Innovative research strategies (Try-out) (Qualitative research)

## Organizing preference criteria

Education level

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