

# HISTORY OF ATOMIC STRUCTURE

The search for the **atom** began as a philosophical question. The natural philosophers of ancient Greece began the search for the atom by asking such questions as: What is stuff composed of?

What is the structure of material objects?

Is there a basic unit from which all objects are made?

As early as 400 B.C., some Greek philosophers proposed that matter is made of indivisible building blocks known as *atomos*.

**Democritus**



**Atomos** in Greek means **indivisible**.

To the early Greeks, matter could not be continuously broken down and divided indefinitely. This indivisible building block of which all matter was composed became known as the atom.

From the 1600s to the present century, the search for the atom became an experimental pursuit. Several scientists are notable; among them are **Robert Boyle**, **John Dalton**, **J.J. Thomson**, **Ernest Rutherford**, and **Neils Bohr**.



## Our Changing View of the Atom

"Atomos" are the building blocks of matter.



**Early Greek Philosophers**  
400 B.C.

Negative electrons are embedded in a sea of positive charge.



**J.J. Thomson**  
1898 - 1903

Positive charge is located within a central nucleus.



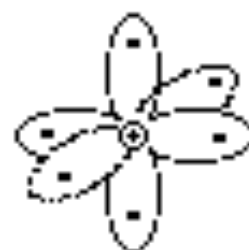
**Ernest Rutherford**  
1911

Electrons are in circular orbits with quantized energy levels.



**Neils Bohr**  
1913

Electrons occupy regions of space whose shape is described by complex mathematical equations.



**Quantum Mechanics**  
Modern Model

**The conclusions regarding atomic structure are:**

**All material objects are composed of atoms.**

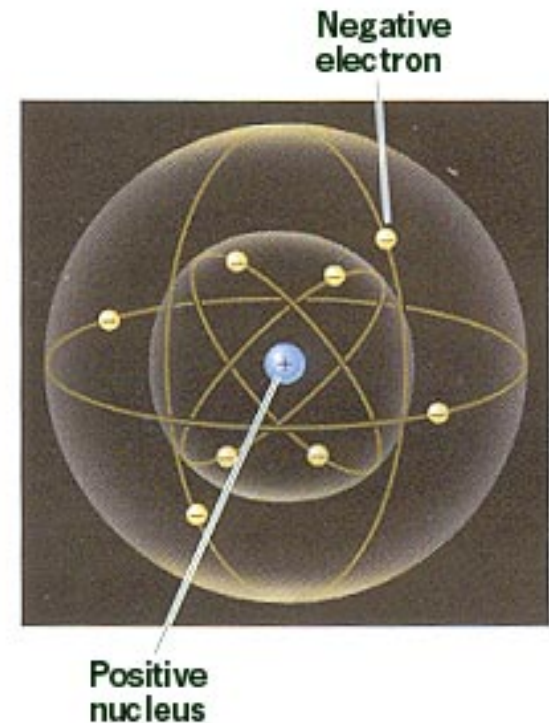
**There are different kinds of atoms known as elements; these elements can combine to form compounds.**

**Different compounds have distinctly different properties. Material objects are composed of atoms and molecules of these elements and compounds, thus providing different materials with different electrical properties.**

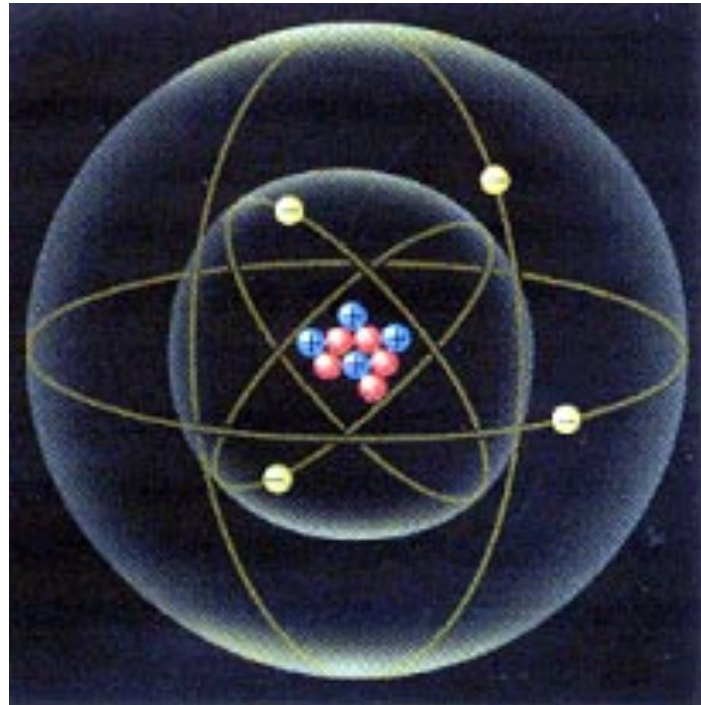
An **atom** consists of a **nucleus** and a vast region of space outside the nucleus.

**Electrons** are present in the region of space **outside the nucleus**. They are **negatively charged** and weakly bound to the atom.

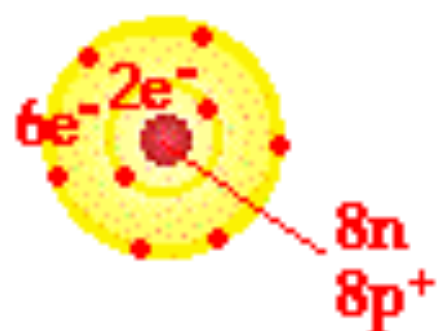
Electrons are often removed from and added to an atom by normal everyday occurrences.



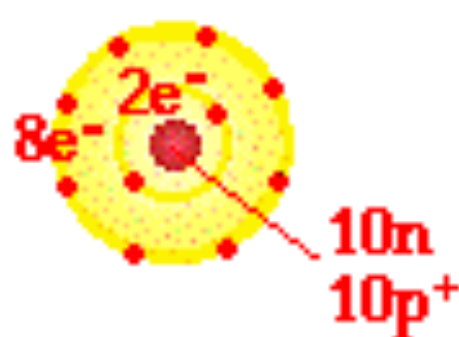
**The nucleus of the atom contains positively charged protons and neutral neutrons.**  
**These protons and neutrons are not removable by usual everyday methods. It would require some form of high-energy nuclear occurrence to disturb the nucleus and subsequently dislodge its positively-charged protons.**



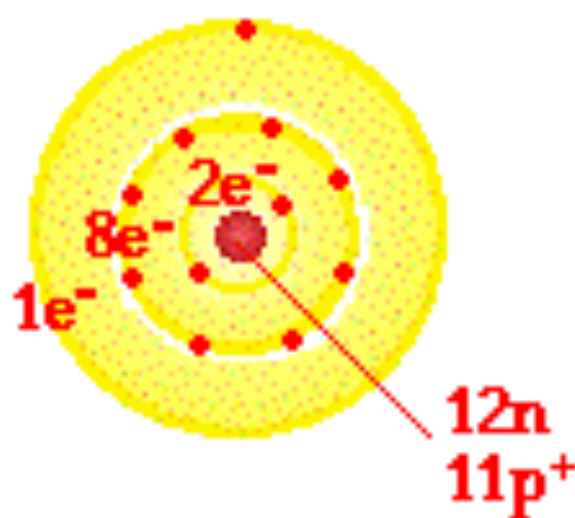
Oxygen Atom



Neon Atom



Sodium Atom



Atoms are composed of protons and neutrons located in the nucleus and electrons which are positioned in the surrounding regions of space known as electron shells.

# ELECTRIC CHARGE

**Electric charge**, like mass, is one of the basic properties of certain of the elementary particles of which all matter is composed.

There are two kinds of electrical charges, *positive* (+) and *negative* (-).

Benjamin Franklin named the charges (+) and (-).

An electrically **neutral object** is an object that has a **balance** of protons and electrons.

In contrast, a **charged object** has an **imbalance** of protons and electrons.



## **Positively- Charged**

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**Possesses  
more protons  
than electrons**

## **Negatively- Charged**

**Possesses  
more  
electrons than  
protons**

## **Uncharged**

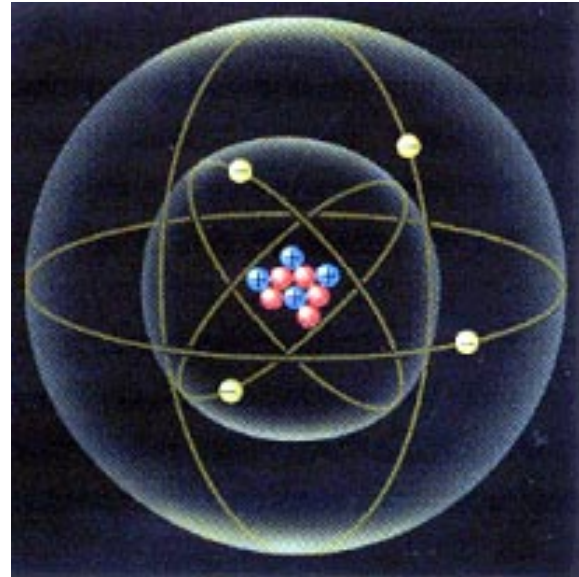
**Equal  
numbers of  
protons and  
electrons**

The unit of charge is the *coulomb* (C).

$$1 \text{ C} = 6.25 \times 10^{18} \text{ electrons or protons}$$

The charge carried by the *electron* is represented by the symbol  $-q$ , and the charge carried by the *proton* is  $+q$ . A third particle, which carries no electrical charge, is the *neutron*.

$$q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$



**10.1** An object has - 1 C of charge. Calculate the number of electrons it contains.

$$q = 1 \text{ C}$$

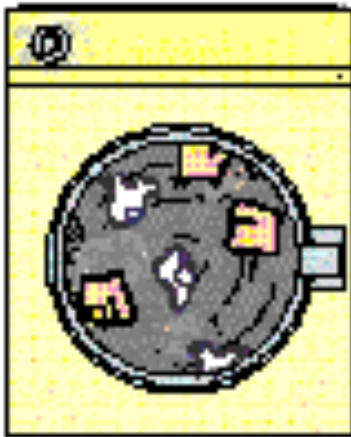
$$1 \text{ electron} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$\left( \frac{1 \text{ electron}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ C}}{1} \right) = 6.25 \times 10^{18} \text{ electrons}$$

# ELECTROSTATICS:

The study of the behavior of stationary charges

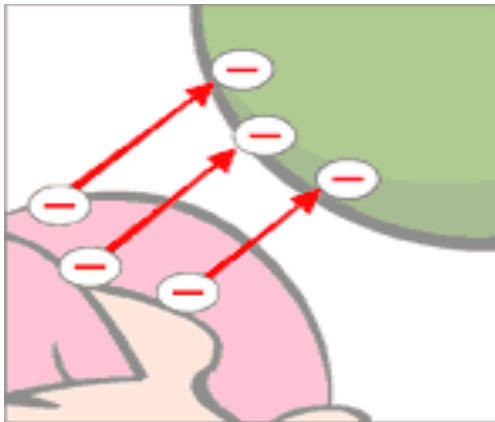
## Static Cling



The movement of electrons from material to material is the cause of static cling.

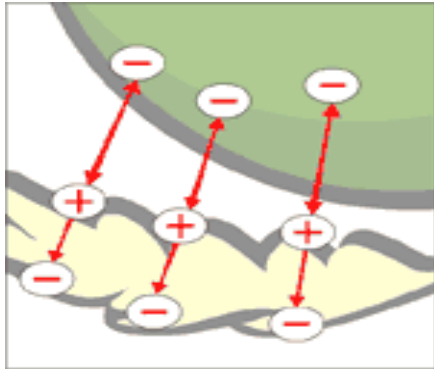


Rub a balloon on  
a wool sweater or  
on your hair.



When you rub the balloon,  
negative electrical  
charges, or electrons,  
pass from your hair to the  
balloon.

Now move the balloon close to some bits of paper.



As you can see, the balloon's electrons repel the paper's electrons and attract their positive charges.

# ELECTRIC CHARGE

Rubbing certain electrically neutral objects together (e.g., a glass rod and a silk cloth) tends to cause the electric charges to separate.

In the case of the glass and silk, the glass rod loses negative charge and becomes **positively charged** while the silk cloth gains negative charge and therefore becomes **negatively charged**.

After separation, the negative charges and positive charges are found to **attract** one another.

## **Add this to your notes:**

**Natural fibers tend to lose electrons (become POSITIVE)  
Examples: Wool sweaters, hair, animal fur, silk**

**Synthetic materials tend to gain electrons (become  
NEGATIVE)  
Examples: Polyester, plastic wrap, silicon, vinyl**

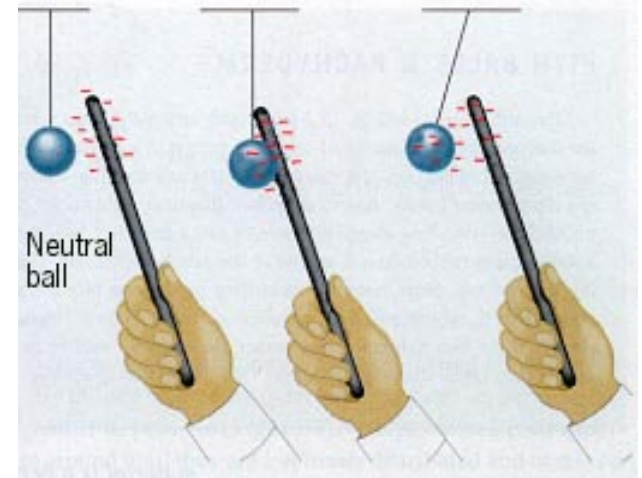
**Some materials tend to stay neutral.  
Examples: Cotton, paper, wood**



Demonstration:

Determining charge and charging objects.

If the glass rod is suspended from a string and a second positively charged glass rod is brought near, a force of electrical repulsion results. Negatively charged objects also exert a **repulsive** force on one another.



These results can be summarized as follows:  
***unlike charges attract  
and like charges repel***

# CHARGE INTERACTIONS

Any charged object can exert an electric force upon other objects - both charged and uncharged objects. Electric forces are forces-at-a-distance.

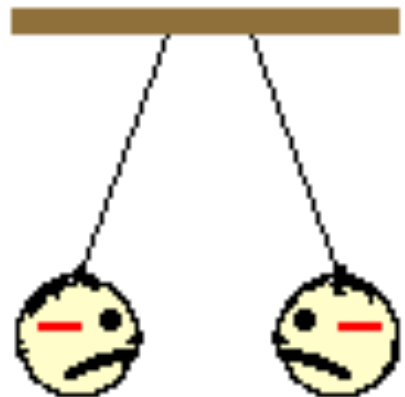
*Like charges repel and unlike charges attract*

In the world of static electricity ...

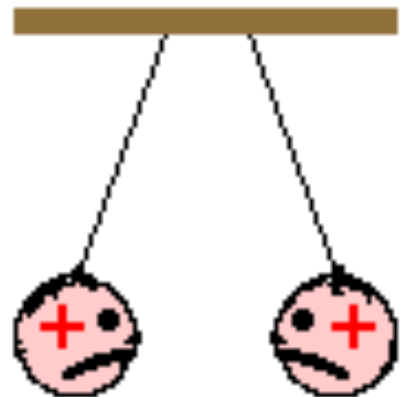


oppositely-charged objects attract

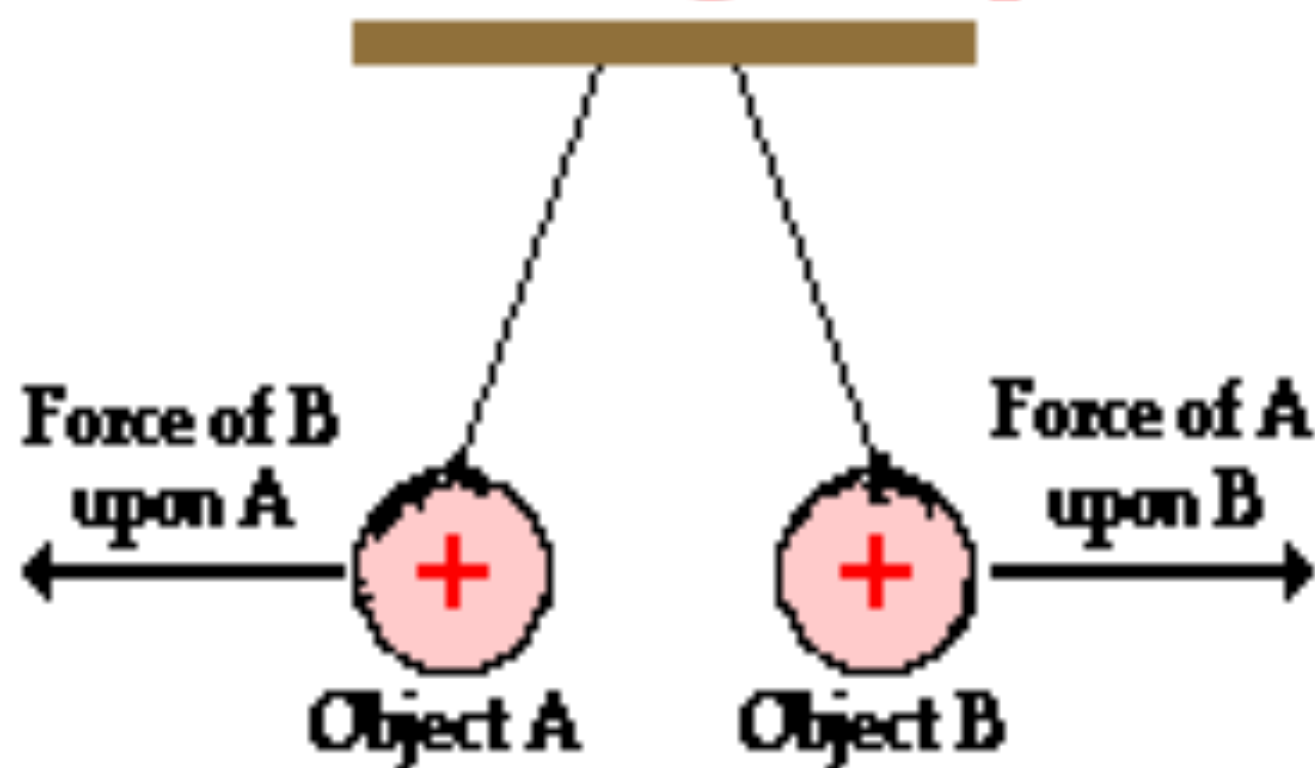
AND



objects with like charges repel

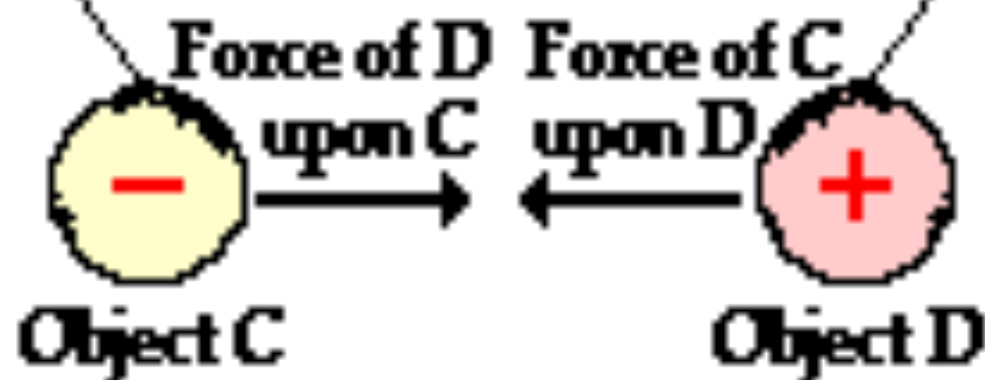


## Like Charges Repel



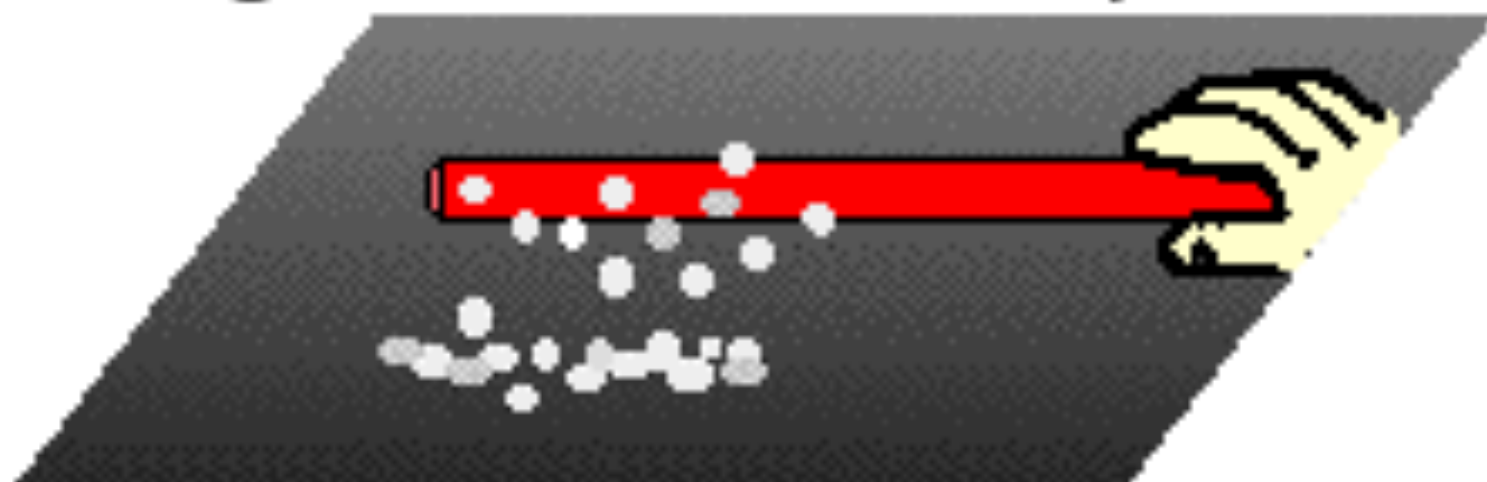
Repulsive forces act between like-charged objects, pushing them away from each other.

## Opposite Charges Attract



**Attractive forces act between opposite charged, pulling them towards each other.**

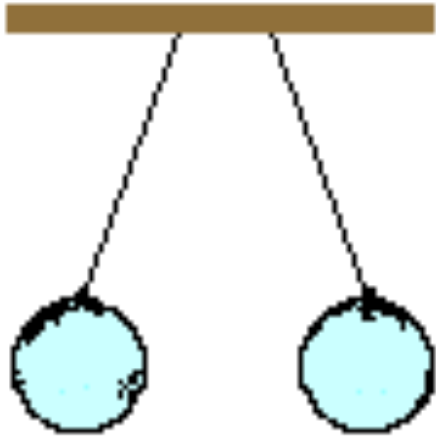
## Charged and Neutral Objects Attract



**A plastic golf tube charged by rubbing with animal fur will attract neutral paper bits.**

## Case I.

### Repulsive Interactions



Repulsive interactions provide convincing evidence that both objects must be charged.

## Case II.

### Attractive Interactions



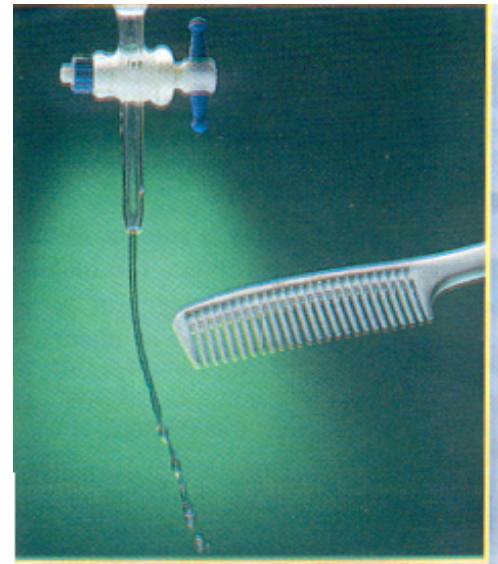
Attractive interactions can lead one to conclude that at least one of the objects is charged.

Any charged object - whether positively-charged or negatively-charged - will have an **attractive interaction** with a neutral object.

**Positively**-charged objects and **neutral** objects **attract** each other; and **negatively**-charged objects and **neutral** objects **attract** each other.

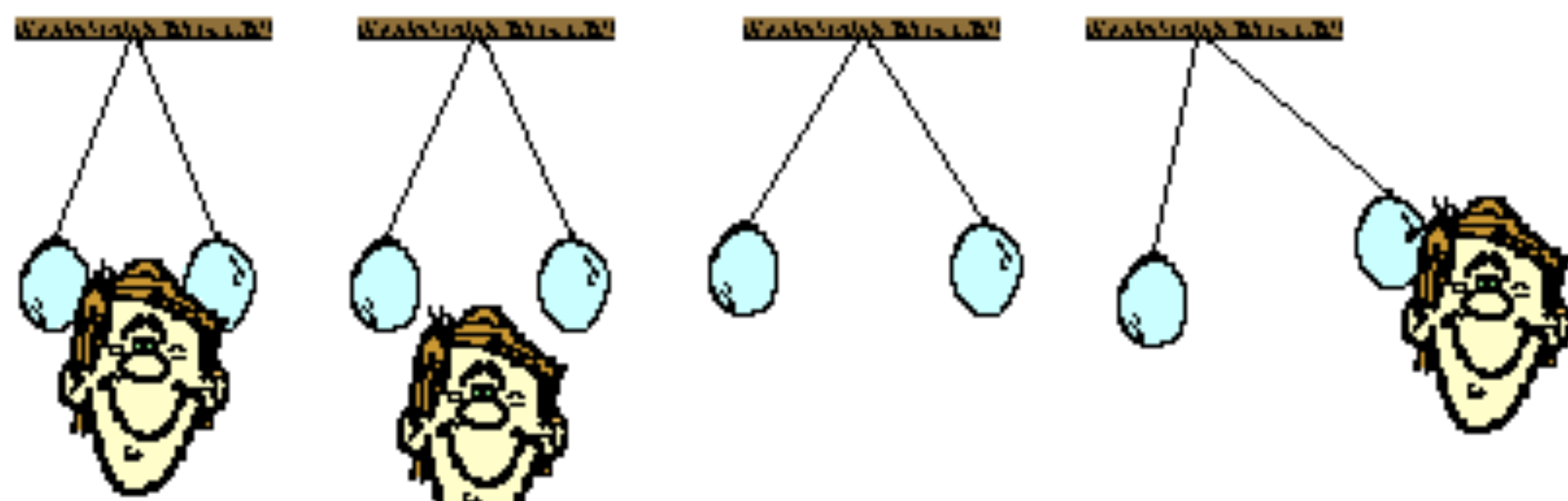


Charged comb attracts neutral bits of paper.



Charged comb attracts neutral water molecules.





**Two balloons rubbed on human hair will become negatively-charged and have an attractive interaction with the hair. If the hair is removed, the balloons repel.**

PreAP Physics

Thursday, February 16

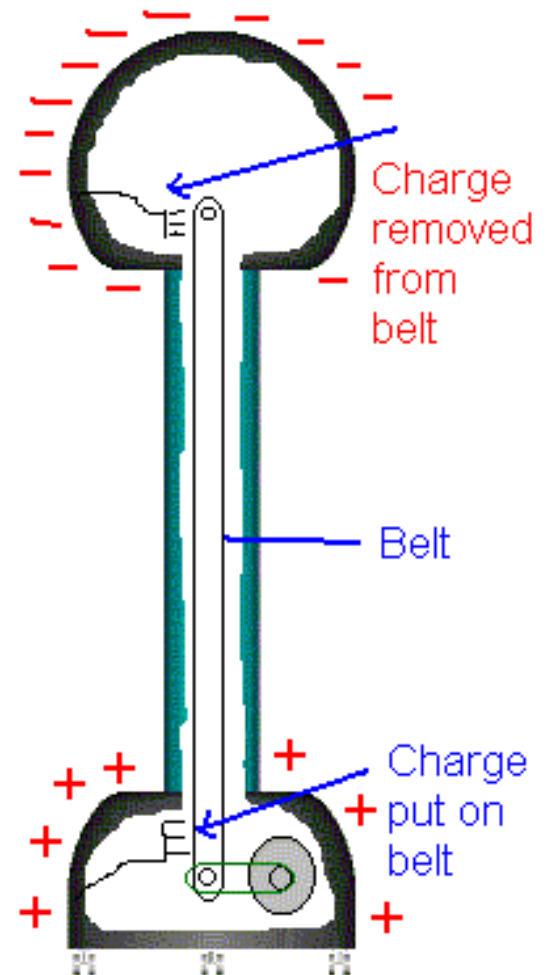
LAST CALL for green tickets!

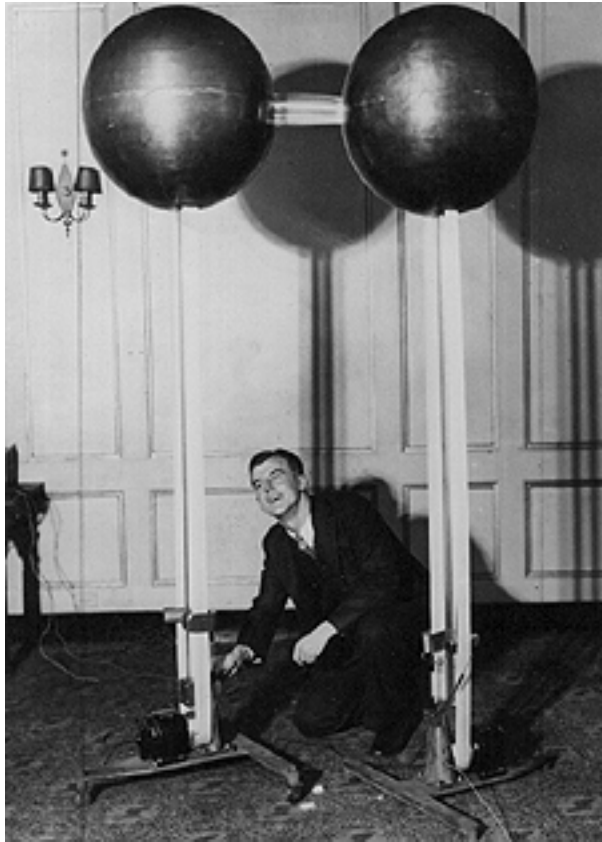
Pick up the lab sheet  
from the side table.

Copy this diagram  
onto the back.

Title it  
“The Van de Graaf Generator”

Great detail is NOT  
necessary.





Robert Van de Graaf  
United States - Physicist  
December 20, 1901 – January 16, 1967

# COULOMB'S LAW



*Coulomb's Law* states that two point charges exert a force ( $F$ ) on one another that is directly proportional to the product of the magnitudes of the charges ( $q$ ) and inversely proportional to the square of the distance ( $r$ ) between their centers. The equation is:

$$F = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2}$$

$F$  = electrostatic force (N)

$q$  = charge (C)

$k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$

$r$  = separation between charges (m)

**10.6** A plastic ball has a charge of +10 nC. How many electrons does it have?

$$q = 10 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$$

$$1 \text{ electron} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$\left( \frac{1 \text{ electron}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}} \right) \left( \frac{10 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}}{1} \right) = 6.25 \times 10^{10} \text{ electrons}$$

**10.7** What is the magnitude and direction of the force on a charge of +4 nC that is 5 cm from a charge of +50 nC?

$$q_1 = + 4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$$

$$q_2 = + 50 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$$

$$r = .05 \text{ m}$$

$$F = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 (4 \times 10^{-9})(50 \times 10^{-9})}{(0.05)^2}$$

$$= 7.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N, repulsive (away from each other)}$$

**10.8** Two charges, one of  $+5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}$  and the other of  $-2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}$  attract each other with a force of  $100 \text{ N}$ . How far apart are they?

$$q_1 = +5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}$$

$$q_2 = -2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}$$

$$F = 100 \text{ N}$$

$$F = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2}$$

$$Fr^2 = kq_1q_2 \quad r^2 = \frac{kq_1q_2}{F}$$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{kq_1q_2}{F}} = \sqrt{\frac{9 \times 10^9 (5 \times 10^{-7})(2 \times 10^{-7})}{(100)}} = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

**10.9** Consider two charged objects. One carries a charge of  $18 \mu\text{C}$ . When the two are separated by a distance of  $0.9 \text{ m}$ , there is a force of  $2.7 \text{ N}$  between them. What is the charge on the second object?

$$q_1 = 18 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

$$r = 0.9 \text{ m}$$

$$F = 2.7 \text{ N}$$

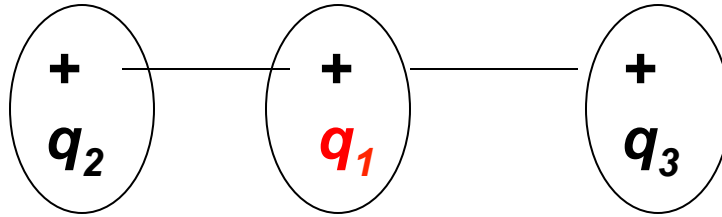
$$F = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2}$$

$$Fr^2 = kq_1q_2$$

$$q_2 = \frac{Fr^2}{kq_1} = \frac{2.7(0.9)^2}{9 \times 10^9 (18 \times 10^{-6})} = 1.35 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}$$



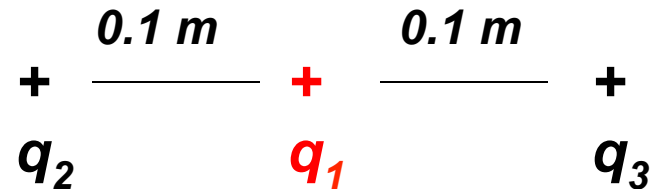
**10.10** A charge  $q_1$  of  $+1 \mu\text{C}$  is placed halfway between a charge  $q_2$  of  $+5 \mu\text{C}$  and a charge  $q_3$  of  $+3 \mu\text{C}$  that are 20 cm apart. Find the resultant force on the  $+1 \mu\text{C}$  charge. Draw a sketch:



**a.** What are the interactions of the  $+ 1 \mu\text{C}$  charge?

$q_1$  interacts with  $q_2$   
 $q_1$  interacts with  $q_3$

**b. Write down the data paying attention to the distances between the charges and the units!**



$$q_1 = +1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

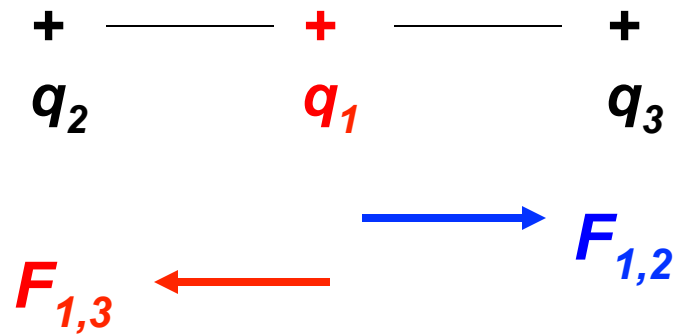
$$q_2 = +5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

$$q_3 = +3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

$$r_{1,2} = 0.1 \text{ m}$$

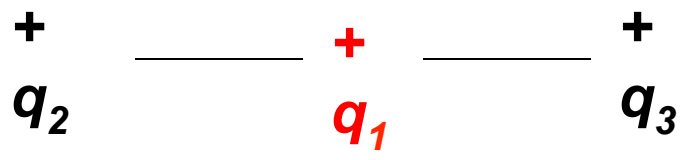
$$r_{1,3} = 0.1 \text{ m}$$

c. Draw the FBD of the interactions mentioned above. Clearly label the forces.



d. Calculate the forces.

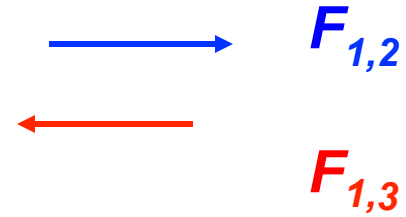
- $q_1 = +1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$
- $q_2 = +5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$
- $q_3 = +3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$
- $r_{1,2} = 0.1 \text{ m}$
- $r_{1,3} = 0.1 \text{ m}$



$$F_{1,2} = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 (1 \times 10^{-6})(5 \times 10^{-6})}{(0.1)^2} = 4.5 \text{ N}$$

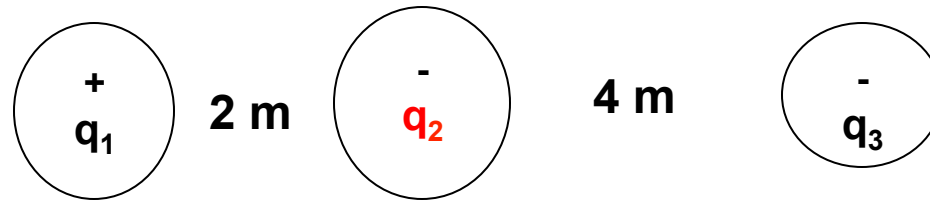
$$F_{1,3} = \frac{kq_1q_3}{r^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 (1 \times 10^{-6})(3 \times 10^{-6})}{(0.1)^2} = 2.7 \text{ N}$$

e. Find the net force: magnitude and direction.



$$\begin{aligned} F_R &= F_{1,2} - F_{1,3} \\ &= 4.5 - 2.7 \\ &= \mathbf{1.8 \text{ N, right}} \end{aligned}$$

**10.11** A  $+4\ \mu\text{C}$  charge lies 2 m to the left of a  $-5\ \mu\text{C}$  charge. A  $-6\ \mu\text{C}$  charge lies 4 m to its right. What is the resultant force on the center charge? Draw a sketch:

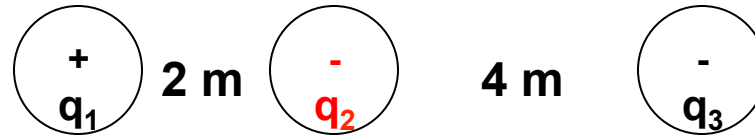


**a.** What are the interactions of the  $-5\ \mu\text{C}$  charge?

$q_2$  interacts with  $q_1$

$q_2$  interacts with  $q_3$

**b. Write down the data paying attention to the distances between the charges and the units!**



$$q_1 = + 4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

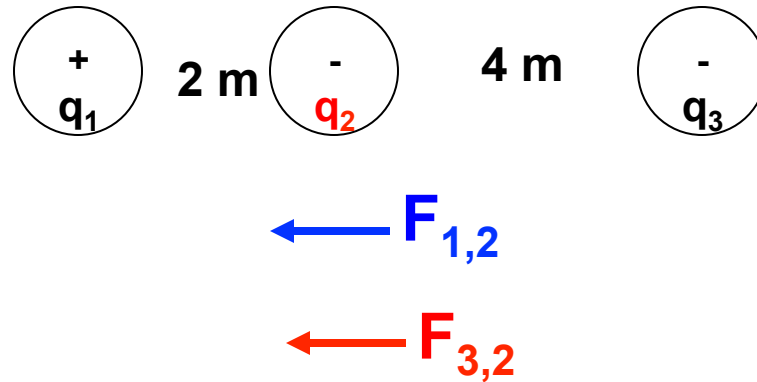
$$q_2 = - 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

$$q_3 = - 6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

$$r_{1,2} = 2 \text{ m}$$

$$r_{2,3} = 4 \text{ m}$$

c. Draw the FBD of the interactions mentioned above. Clearly label the forces.





**d. Calculate the forces.**

$$q_1 = + 4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

$$q_2 = - 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

$$q_3 = - 6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

$$r_{1,2} = 2 \text{ m}$$

$$r_{2,3} = 4 \text{ m}$$

  $F_{1,2}$

  $F_{2,3}$

$$F = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2}$$

$$F_{1,2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 (4 \times 10^{-6})(5 \times 10^{-6})}{(2)^2} = \mathbf{0.045 \text{ N}}$$

$$F_{2,3} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 (5 \times 10^{-6})(6 \times 10^{-6})}{(4)^2} = \mathbf{0.0168 \text{ N}}$$

e. Find the net force: magnitude and direction.

←  $F_{1,2}$

←  $F_{2,3}$

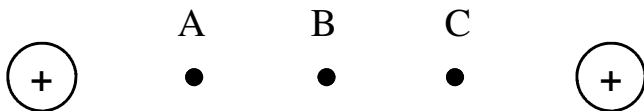
$$\begin{aligned} F_R &= F_{1,2} + F_{2,3} \\ &= 0.045 + 0.0168 = \mathbf{6.18 \times 10^{-2} \text{ N, left}} \end{aligned}$$

Homework set 31: Due Friday at end of class

Quiz tomorrow: Everything through Coulomb's Law

UT HW 5-1 will be available Friday. Due Wednesday.

Warmup:



- A. \_\_\_\_ If a positive charge is put at A?
- B. \_\_\_\_ If a negative charge is put at C?
- C. \_\_\_\_ If a negative charge is put at B?
- D. \_\_\_\_ If a positive charge is put at C?

8. Use the diagram at the left to answer which way a charge move in the following situations: L, R, or S (stays).

- E. \_\_\_\_ If a  $3.4\mu\text{C}$  charge is put at B?
- F. \_\_\_\_ If a  $8\text{nC}$  charge is put at A?
- G. \_\_\_\_ If a  $-4.2\text{C}$  charge is put at C?
- H. \_\_\_\_ If a  $-3.9\mu\text{C}$  charge is put at B?

Three charges lie along the x-axis. One positive charge,  $Q_1 = 15$  microcoulombs, is at  $x=2.0$  m, and another positive charge,  $q_2=6.0$  microcoulombs, is at the origin. At what point on the x-axis must a negative charge,  $q_3$ , be placed so that the resultant force on it is zero?

A metal sphere has a charge of  $-4C$ . It is touched to another metal sphere that is neutral to begin with.

- A. Are the spheres conductors or insulators?
- B. Will they allow electrons to flow?
- C. Will the electrons attract or repel each other?
- D. Will the electrons want to stay together or spread apart as far as possible?
- E. What will be the charge of the right sphere afterwards?

