# Electromagnetic Theory

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# **History**

600 BC
1600 AD
1735 AD
1750 AD
1770 AD
1890 AD

Greeks first discover attractive properties of amber when rubbed. Electric bodies repel as well as attract. du Fay: Two distinct types of electricity Franklin: Positive and Negative Charge Coulomb: "Inverse Square Law" J.J. Thompson: Quantization of electric charge - "Electron"

# Electrostatics

#### Summary of things we know:

- 1. Something called "electric charge" exists on matter. We detect it's presence by attraction or repulsion to other "charge".
- 2. Two kinds of charge:
  - 1. Positive which we attribute to a deficit of electrons.
  - 2. Negative which we attribute to an excess of electrons.
  - 3. In matter, the positive charges are stuck in place in the nuclei. Matter is negatively charged when extra electrons are added, and positively charged when electrons are removed.
- 3. "Electrons" are carriers of *negative* electric charge
- 4. Like charges repel; unlike charges attract
- 5. Charge is conserved in a closed system. The number of electrons always remains the same
- 6. <u>Conductors</u> permit electrons to flow; <u>Insulators</u> inhibit the flow of electrons.
- 7. Force of attraction or repulsion ~ 1 /  $r^2$



### What makes a good conductor?



Nickel	Atom	(Z=28)
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#### Neutrons

SHELL	Sub shell	Max # of electrons
K	S	2
L	S	2
	р	6
М	S	2
	р	6
	d	10



### **Copper atom**

29 Protons

29 Electrons

29 Neutrons

Let's introduce some definitions before we continue:

to quantify "electric charge" we label the amount of charge on a body as: q

q = quantity of electric charge

We can have -q (negative charge) or +q (positive charge) We further define a basic unit of charge (just as we defined the basic unit of mass as a kilogram) as: the "Coulomb"

One Coulomb =  $1.0 C = 6.242 \times 10^{18}$  electrons

This means that a SINGLE electron carries a very small charge. Can you figure out how much charge (in "Coulombs") are on a single electron?

-\_\_\_\_\_ C on 1 e<sup>-</sup>

This number is a constant and a very important value. It also represents the charge on the PROTON (but + )

Charge is Quantized

Q = MULTIPLE OF AN ELEMENTARY CHARGE E,

 $E = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ COULOMBS}$ 

<u>Charge</u>		Mass Diamete	<b>Diameter</b>
electron	- e	1	0
proton	<b>+e</b>	1836	<b>~10</b> ⁻¹⁵m
neutron	0	1839	<b>~10</b> ⁻¹⁵m
positron	<b>+e</b>	1	0

(Protons and neutrons are made up of quarks, whose charge is quantized in multiples of e/3. Quarks can't be isolated.)

# **Electric Charge**

# The Transfer of Charge



# Some materials attract electrons more than others.

# **Electric Charge**

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Glass Rod

# As the glass rod is rubbed against silk, electrons are pulled off the glass onto the silk.

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Usually matter is charge neutral, because the number of electrons and protons are equal. But here the silk has an excess of electrons and the rod a deficit.



### The Transfer of Charge



Glass and silk are insulators: charges stuck on them stay put.



Typical current in a lightning bolt is 40,000 Amperes (that's about 40,000 Coulombs per second) with a voltage of up to 100,000,000 volts.