

# PHYSICS 1E3

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Course web page (all sections):

*[www.physics.mcmaster.ca/PHYS1E03](http://www.physics.mcmaster.ca/PHYS1E03)*

**Avenue to Learn:** *[avenue.mcmaster.ca](http://avenue.mcmaster.ca)*

*lecture notes, announcements, lab schedules,...*

-Labs: *no labs this week (labs begin Jan. 19)*

(apply for exemption if you are repeating the course)

-Tutorials: *no tutorials this week (tutorials begin Fri. Jan. 16)*

-LONCAPA: Assignment 1 will be posted, due Thursday, Jan. 15

# Homework

*Before each lecture, download and print the lecture slides from the course web page or Avenue. Add notes directly onto the slides during the lecture. Read the text, either just before or just after the lecture, and add to your notes as you read.*

*For most lectures, I will list a few suggested practice problems from the text. For this first lecture, simply read sections 23.1 and 23.2 carefully. Read 23.3 and 23.4 to prepare for the next lecture.*

## *New Student?*

*If you weren't in Physics 1D3 last term:*

*-Read the 1E3 course outline.*

*-Read the preliminary chapters of the Lab Manual carefully. You must hand in the completed pre-lab quiz on entering the lab, and you must be on time.*

*-Read the "CAPA Help" page on Avenue, to understand how to enter answers and units.*

# Grades

*20%: Midterm tests (Feb. 5 and March 11, 7:00 p.m.)*

*15%: Labs*

*6%: Tutorials*

*3%: CAPA*

*Up to 5%: i>clicker*

*Up to 56%: Exam (3 hours)*

*(Exam plus clicker combined will be 56%)*

# PHYSICS 1E3

I. Electrostatics (4 weeks)

II. DC Circuits (2 weeks, plus labs)

III. Magnetism (3 weeks)

IV. Waves (3 weeks)

-includes electromagnetic waves

# Introduction (Text 23.1–23.2)

## How do things interact?

### 1) Gravity

- a force between masses
- holds planets, stars, galaxies together

### 2) Electromagnetism

- a force between charges
- responsible for all *familiar* forces (except gravity)

### 3) “Weak Nuclear Force”

### 4) “Strong Nuclear Force”

- holds nuclei together

**ELECTROMAGNETISM**: the interaction between charges

"*Electric*": for stationary or moving charges

"*Magnetic*": for moving charges only

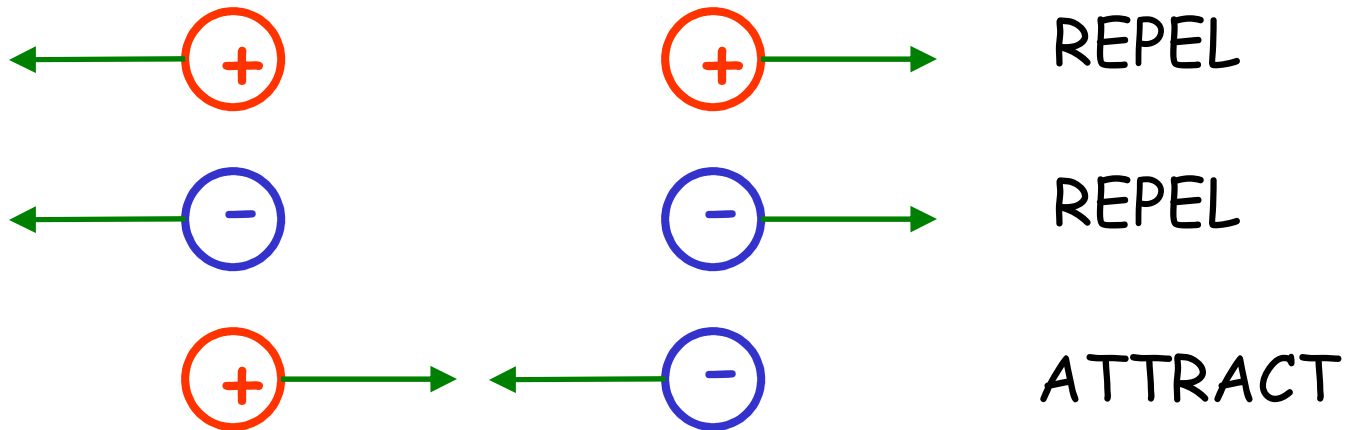
**However:** To a *moving* observer, a "purely electric" field will appear to be a *mixture* of electric and magnetic fields.

∴ ⇒ Special Relativity (1905)



# Electric Charge

- A scalar
- Comes in "positive" and "negative" types



Units: coulomb,  $C$

and also "electronic charge unit",  $e \approx +1.602 \times 10^{-19} C$

# Electric Charge (continued)

- Charge is "quantized": appears in nature only\* in units of "e".

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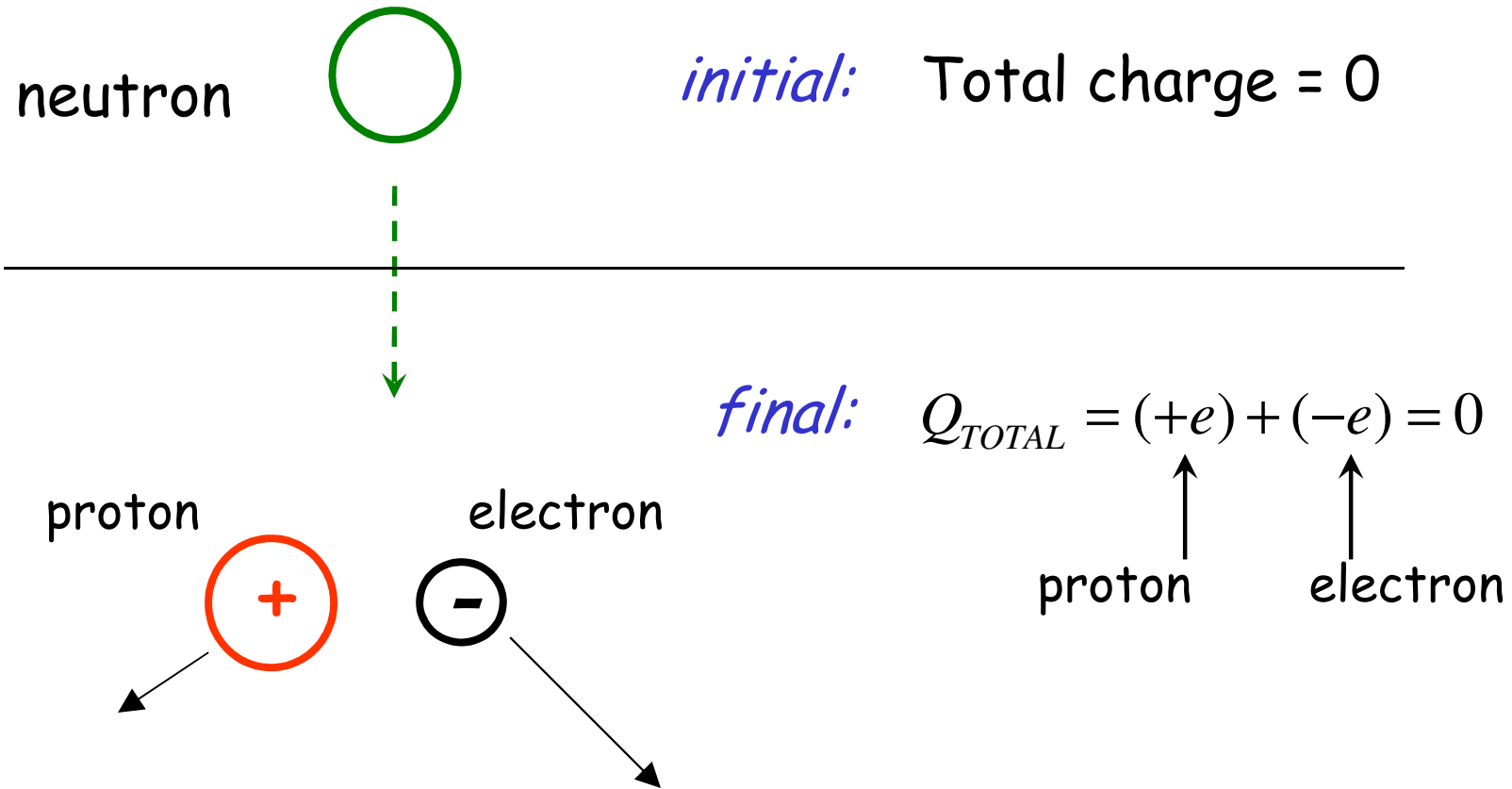
<u>Particle</u>	<u>Charge</u>
electron	-e
proton	+e
alpha particle	+2e

- Charge is a conserved quantity:

$$Q_{\text{TOTAL}} \equiv |\text{positive charge}| - |\text{negative charge}|$$

and  $Q_{\text{TOTAL}}$  never changes.

## Example: a neutron explodes



# Movement of charge

Insulators: charges do NOT move (much)

Conductors: (some) charges move freely

*Add negative charge to a ball...*



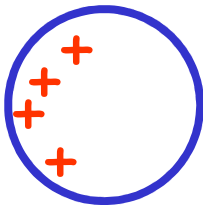
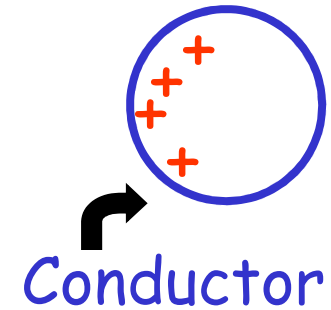
Insulator: charges remain in place

Conductor: charges move

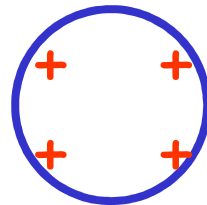


## Quiz

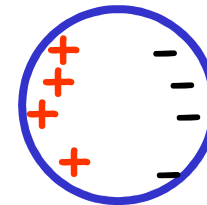
Suppose, in a particular **conducting** material, *ONLY the negative charges can move*. What is the final picture of the **net** charge if excess **POSITIVE** charge is sprayed onto one side?



A)



B)



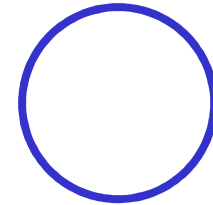
C)

## Questions:

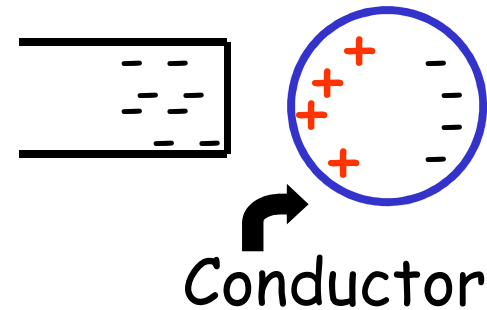
- 1) Some conductors have mobile positive charges, some have mobile negative charges, some have both. How would this affect their behaviour?
- 2) What happens when a conductor is connected to the earth ("grounded")? Can a grounded conducting object have a net charge?

## Quiz

The conductor is neutral (no net charge).  
When a charged rod is brought close to it  
(without touching) the **net force** on the  
conductor will be:

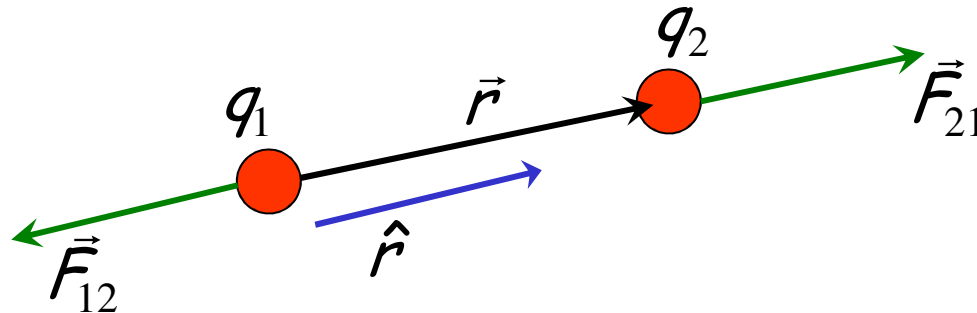


- A) attractive
- B) repulsive
- C) zero
- D) it depends whether the rod is positive or negative



# Coulomb's Law

Point charges  $q_1, q_2$  exert forces on each other:



$$\vec{F}_{21} = k_e \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$\hat{r}$  is a unit vector parallel to  $\mathbf{r}$

$$k_e = 8.988 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{C}^2 \quad (\text{Coulomb's Law constant})$$



## Notes:

- for point charges *only*

- $\vec{F} \parallel \vec{r}$

- $|\vec{F}| \propto q_1$

- $|\vec{F}| \propto q_2$

- $|\vec{F}| \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$

- Also define  $\epsilon_0 \approx 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{C^2}{N \cdot m^2}$  ("permittivity of vacuum")

$$\Rightarrow k_e \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$