

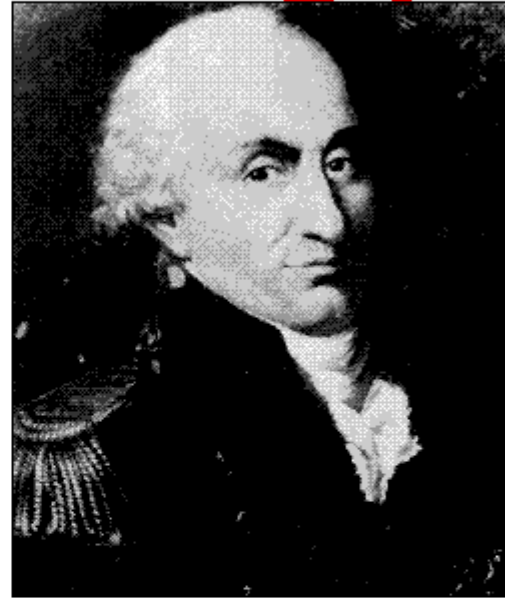
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OUR HERO!

Last time:

$$\vec{F} = k \frac{q_1 q_2 \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

Coulomb's Law



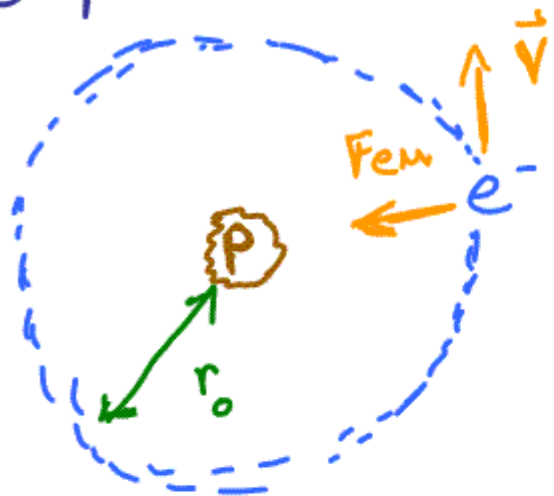
Charles Coulomb (1736-1806)  
French military engineer

$k$  often written  
as  $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$

Also credited with

$|\vec{F}_{\text{friction}}| \propto (\text{normal force})$

# The power of Coulomb's Law



$$F_{em} = \frac{mv^2}{r_0}$$

$$\frac{ke^2}{r_0^2}$$

Solve for  $v$   
gives us KE of  
ground state  $e^-$   
in H atom

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = 13.6 \text{ eV}$$

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move  
to  
 $\infty$

How much  
work done?

measured  
value = 13.6 eV

$$W = \int_{r_0}^{\infty} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 26.9 \text{ eV}$$

initial E for  $e^-$   
↓

$$H_{ionization} = W_{to \text{ remove}} - KE = 13.3 \text{ eV}$$

electric charge is conserved.

charge moves freely  
→ Conductor *Metal*

charge does NOT move freely  
→ insulator *rubber*



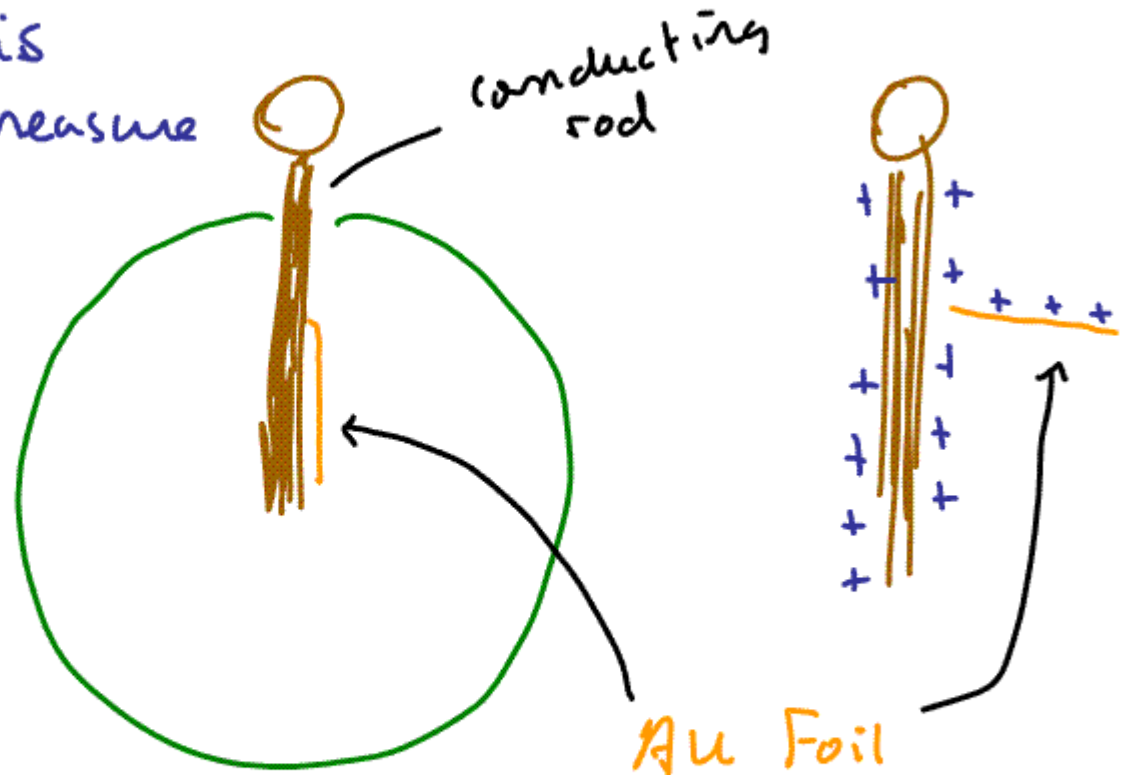
induced

Charge Separation

electric dipole

# Electroscope

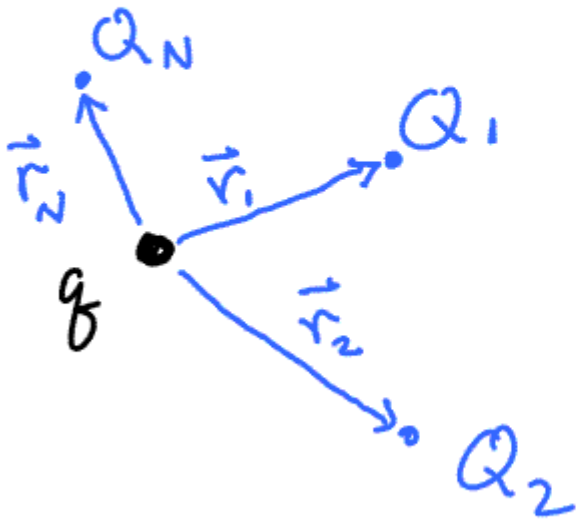
can use this  
device to measure  
Amount of  
charge



Charge Distributes over rod and foil. Repulsion between like charge on rod and foil causes the thin foil to rise.

Series of discrete charges

$\vec{F}$  is a vector



$$\vec{F}_{\text{on } q} = \vec{F}_{Q_1} + \vec{F}_{Q_2} + \dots + \vec{F}_{Q_N}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{on } q} = \frac{kQ_1q}{r_1^2} \hat{r}_1 + \frac{kQ_2q}{r_2^2} \hat{r}_2 + \dots$$
$$\dots + \frac{kQ_Nq}{r_N^2} \hat{r}_N$$

# Continuous Charge Distribution

$dQ$

$dQ = \rho(\vec{r}) dv$

Volume Charge Density

$$d\vec{F}_{on\ q} = \frac{kq\ dQ}{r^2} \hat{r}$$
$$\vec{F}_{on\ q} = \int_{\text{charge volume}} \frac{kq\ dQ}{r^2} \hat{r}$$
$$\int \frac{kq\ \rho(\vec{r})\ dv}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$\rho \sim \text{Coul}/\text{m}^3$  Volume charge density - 3d  
 $\sigma \sim \text{Coul}/\text{m}^2$  Area charge density - 2d  
 $\lambda \sim \text{Coul}/\text{m}$  Linear charge density - 1d  
Pt charge

## Electric Field

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}}{q} = \text{Force/charge on test charge at that point}$$