

How do objects become charged?

Imagine you walk on a carpet shuffling feet. Reach for a metal door knob

What happens?

Assume carpet has 500 protons /  $500 e^-$

You have 50 protons /  $50 e^-$

Shuffling your feet causes 20  $e^-$

to attach to you You are now

Net - 20 charges Carpet is

now Net + 20 charges,

Door knob is Net 0 charges

So some negative charge jumps

from you to door knob.

Charge by friction / rubbing

$$M_{\text{person}} = 100 \text{ kg}$$

75% water

$$75 \text{ kg}$$

Mole of water

has 18 g

K mole 18 kg

$$\frac{75 \text{ kg}}{18 \text{ kg}} = \sim 4 \text{ k moles}$$

$$1 \text{ k mole} = 10^3 \text{ moles} = 10^3 \left( 6.02 \times 10^{23} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{mole}} \right)$$

$10^{27}$  molecules 18  $e^-$  per molecule

$$10^{27} e^-$$

For electricity to cross Air ~~it~~  
must exceed Breakdown Voltage of  
Air  $\sim$  1 Million Volts per meter  
or  $\sim$  20 Thousand per inch.

After walking with your feet on carpet

You have  $70 e^-$   $50$  protons

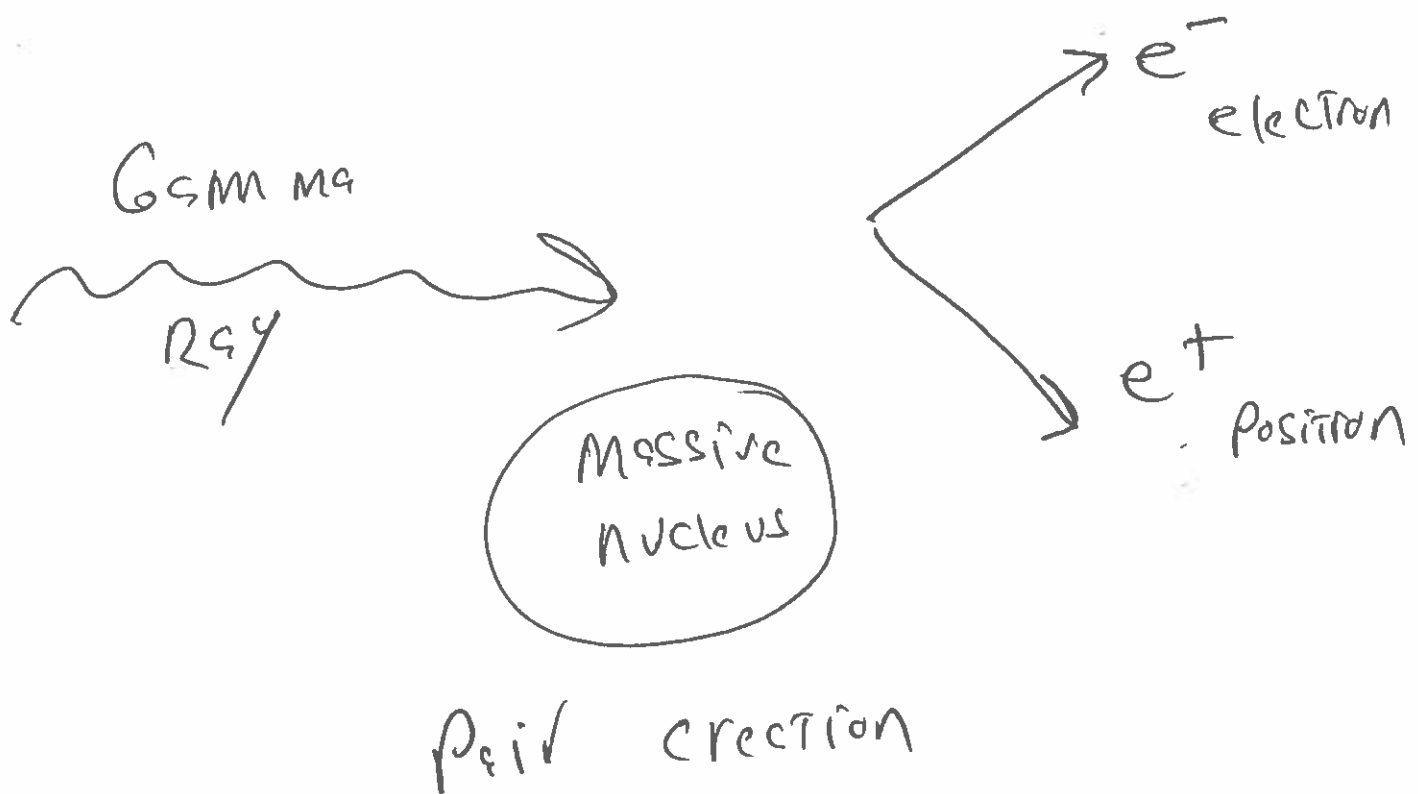
Carpet  $480 e^-$   $500$  protons

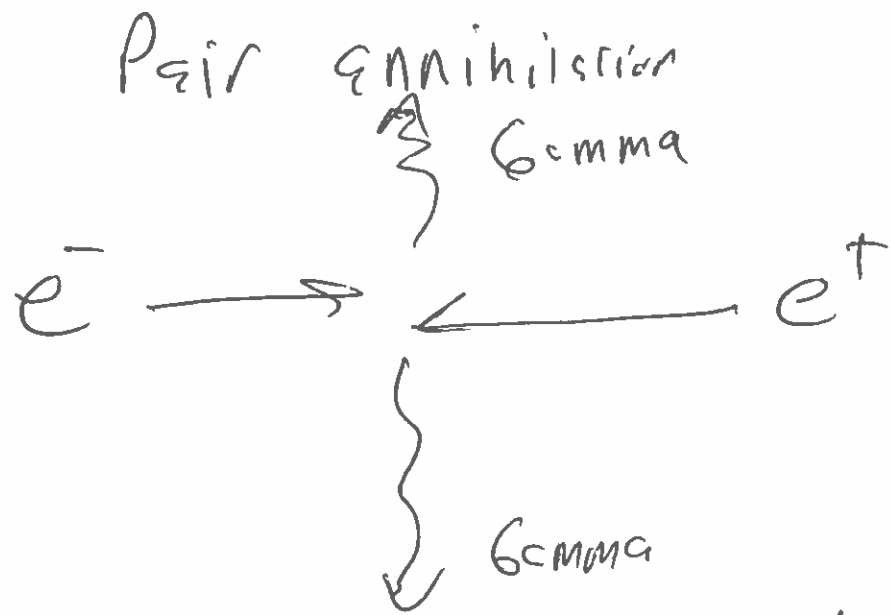
TOTAL  $550 e^-$   $550$  protons

No net change in total charge

LAW of conservation of electrical charge

The net charge does NOT change!



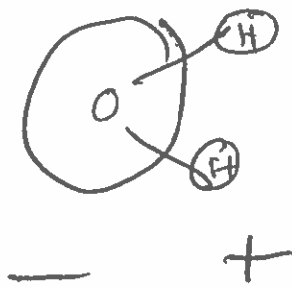
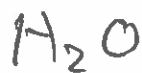


Conserves Both Charge and Momentum

Ground is a term referring to a large supply of free charges. Earth itself

Best electrical ground made driving a metal pole  $\sim$  4 feet into ground

Water is a good conductor because



conduct charge well.

A conductor is a material that allows charges to move easily.

Metals are best conductors.

Gold is great conductor

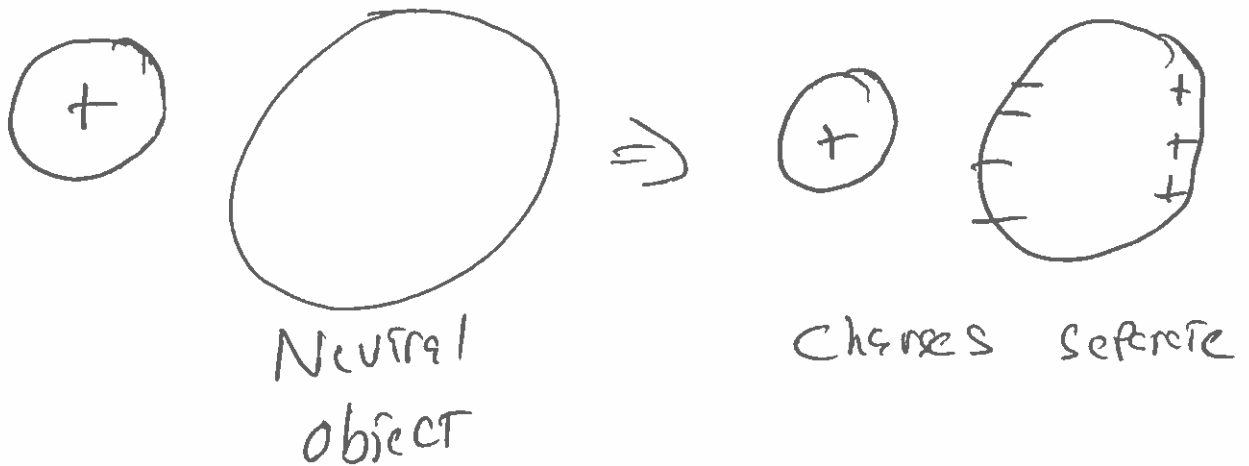
Gold  $5d^{10} 6s^1 e^-$

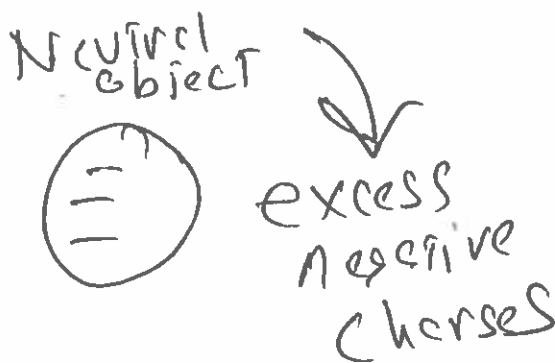
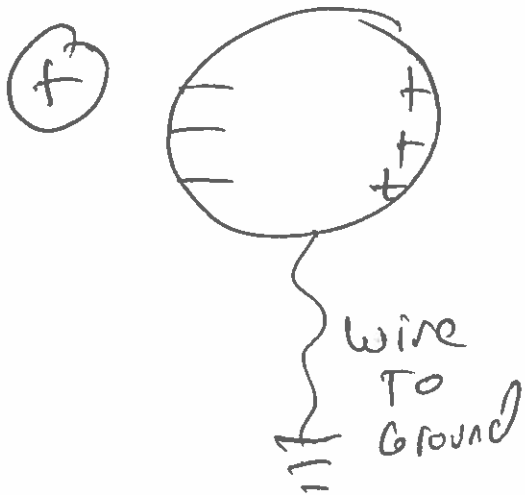
$5d^{10}$  and below  $6s e^-$  easily removed

An insulator does NOT allow charges move easily.

Charging by Induction

Charged object





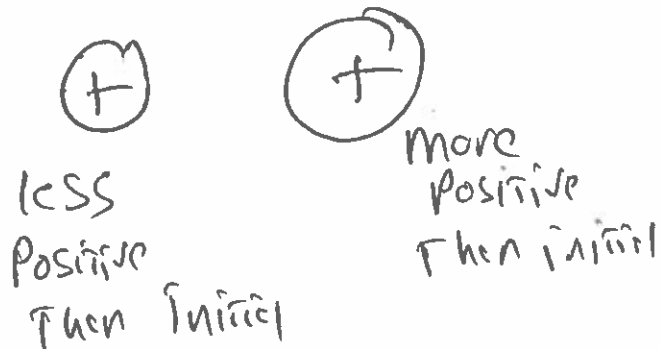
Charged by Induction

## Charge by CONTACT

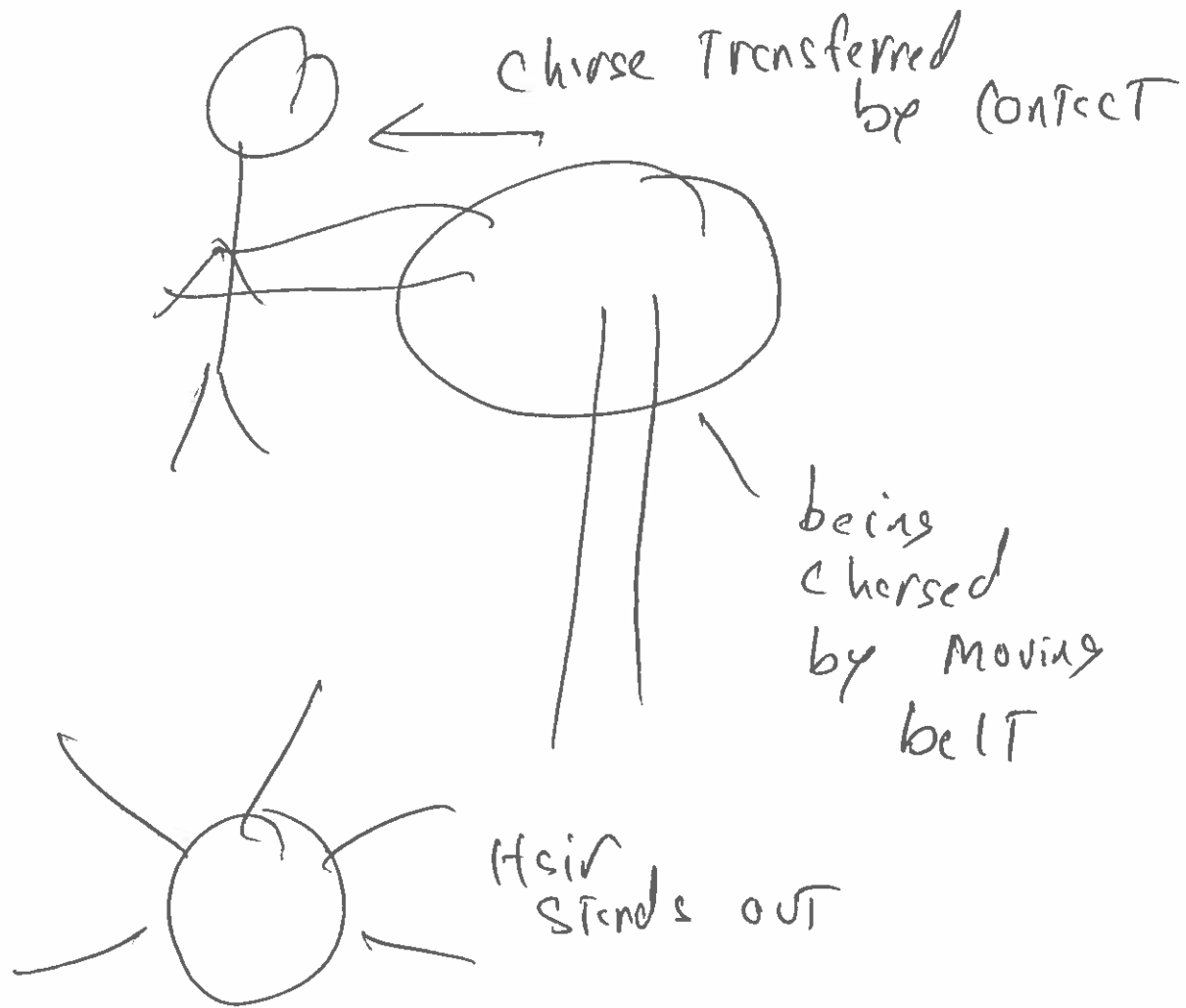
Positively Charged



Neutral



# Van de Graaf



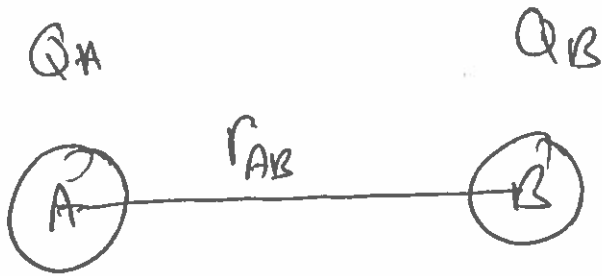
Like charges repel so excess  
charge looks to get as far apart  
as possible

# Coulomb's Law

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$$\vec{F}_{ab} = k \frac{Q_A Q_B}{r_{AB}^2} \hat{r}$$

$k$  is a constant =  $8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{Nm^2}{C^2}$



$$\vec{F}_G = G \frac{M_A M_B}{r_{AB}^2} (-\hat{r})$$

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{Nm^2}{kg^2}$$



$$\vec{F}_{pe} = \frac{k Q_p Q_e}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{Nm^2}{C^2}) (1.6 \times 10^{-19} C) (-1.6 \times 10^{-19} C)}{(5.11 \times 10^{-11} m)^2}$$

$$= 8.8 \times 10^{-12} N$$

$$F_G = \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{Nm^2}{kg^2}) (1.67 \times 10^{-27} kg) (9.1 \times 10^{-31} kg)}{(5.11 \times 10^{-11} m)^2}$$

$$= 3.9 \times 10^{-47} N$$

$$\frac{F_e}{F_g} = \frac{8.8 \times 10^{-12} N}{3.9 \times 10^{-47} N} = 2.3 \times 10^{35}$$

$$F_E \sim 10^{40} F_G$$

## Coloumb's Law

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$$\vec{F} = k \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{r_{12}^2} (\hat{r})$$

$$\vec{F} = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{12}^2} (\hat{r})$$

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{C^2}{Nm^2}$$

Permittivity of  
free space

$\epsilon_0$  is a measure of how easily electric fields travel in a medium.