

# ELECTRICITY

- Electric forces include:
  - the forces between atoms and molecules holding them together
  - the forces involved in metabolic processes in our bodies
  - elastic forces
  - normal forces
  - other contact forces

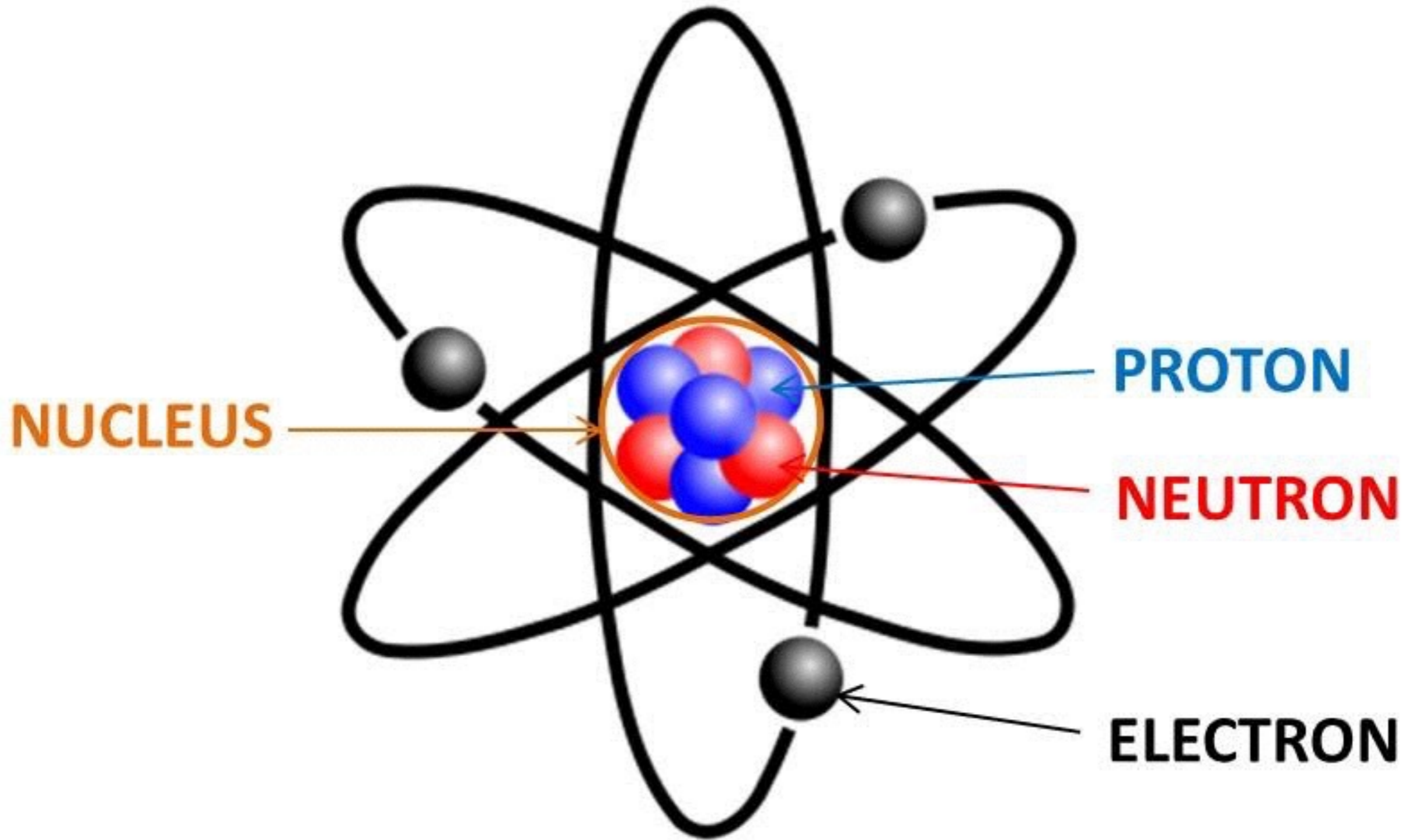


# STATIC ELECTRICITY

- The word *electricity* comes from the Greek word *elektron*, meaning "amber"
- The ancients discovered that if you rub an amber rod with a piece of cloth, the amber attracts small pieces of leaves or dust
- Today, we called this "amber effect" **static electricity**



# THE STRUCTURE OF AN ATOM

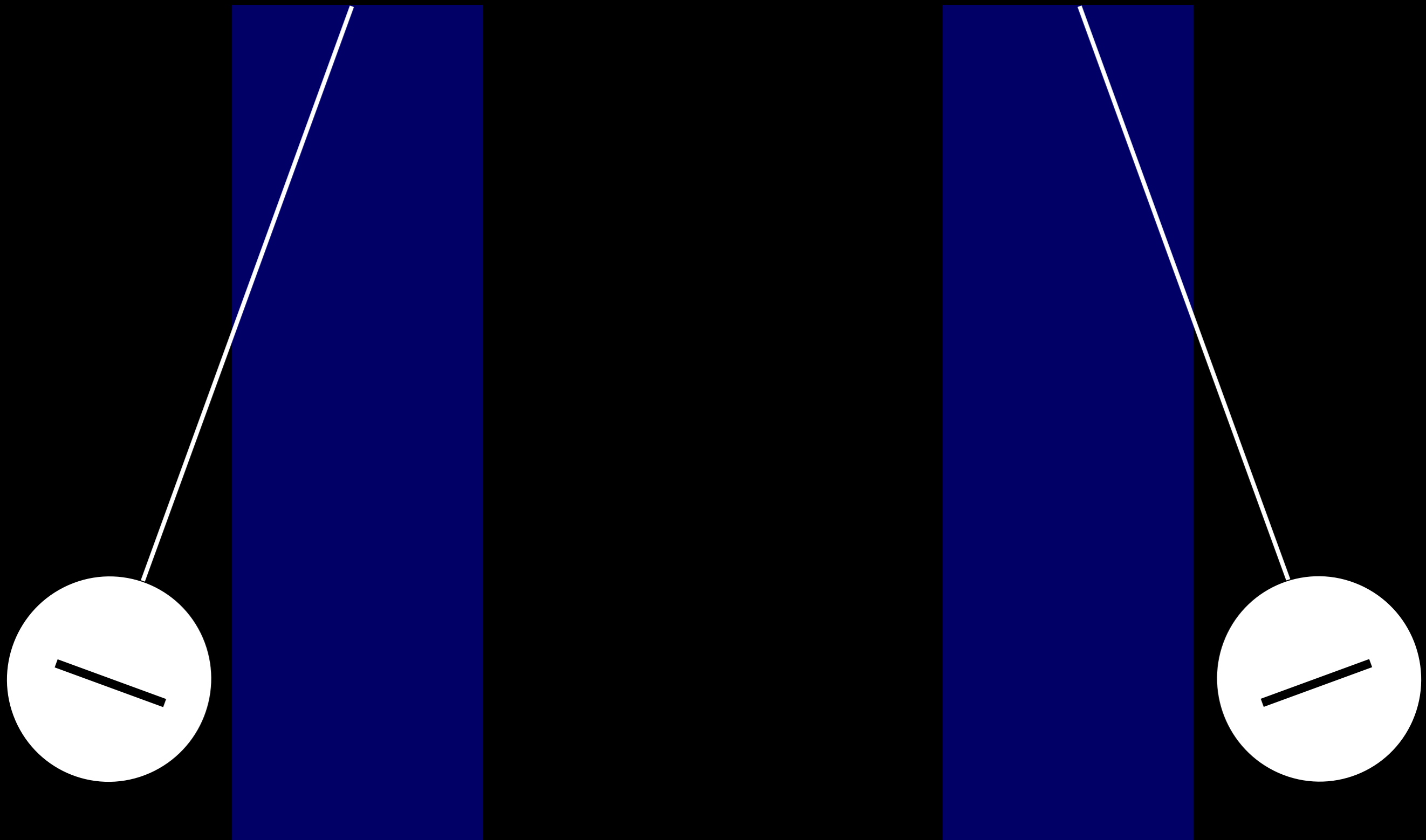


# CHARGE

- Protons and electrons have an attribute called **charge**
  - Protons have *positive* charge
  - Electrons have *negative* charge
  - Neutrons have *no* charge
- Charge is measured in **Coulombs (C)**

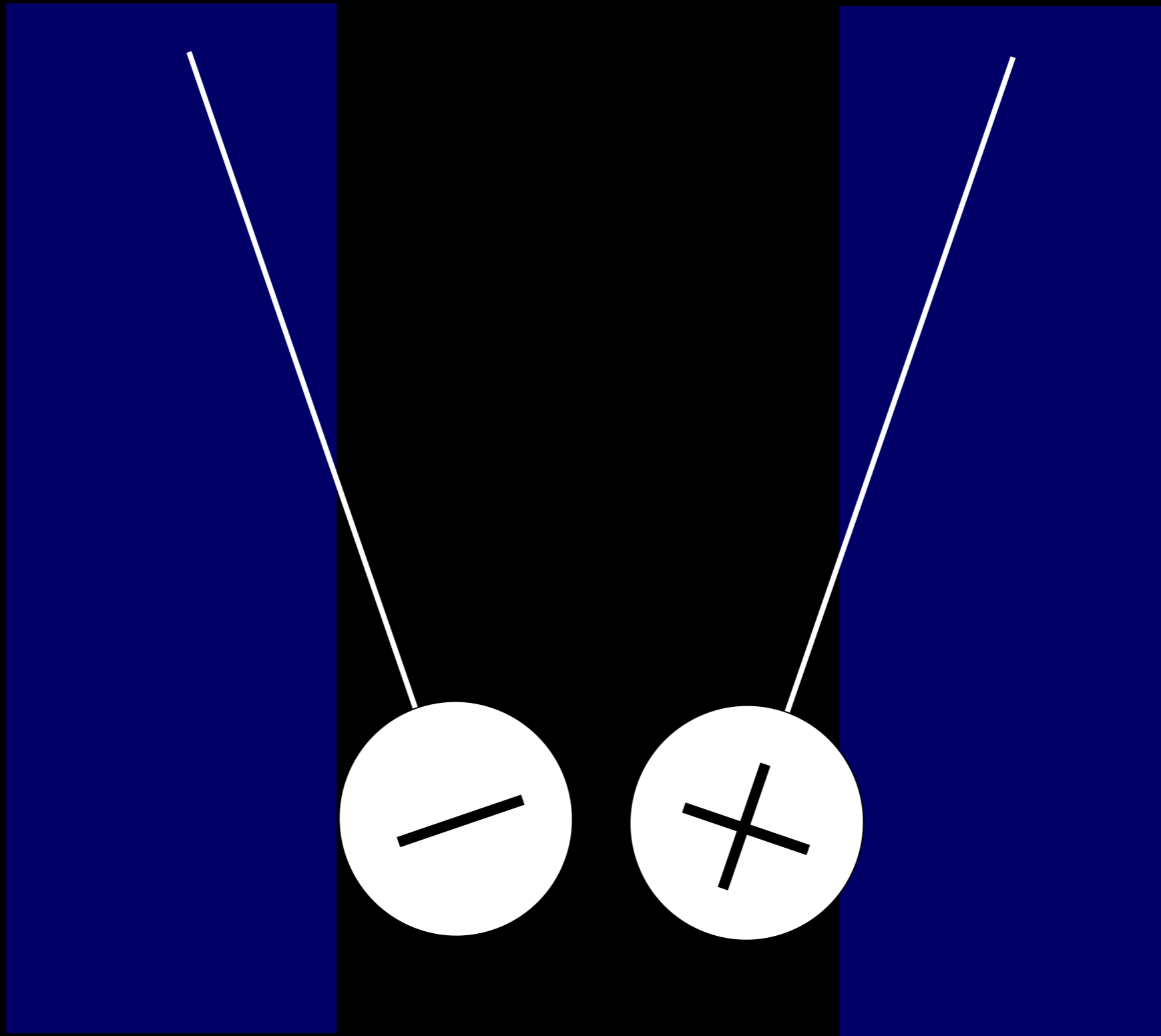
CHARGE

LIKE CHARGES REPEL



CHARGE

OPPOSITE CHARGES ATTRACT

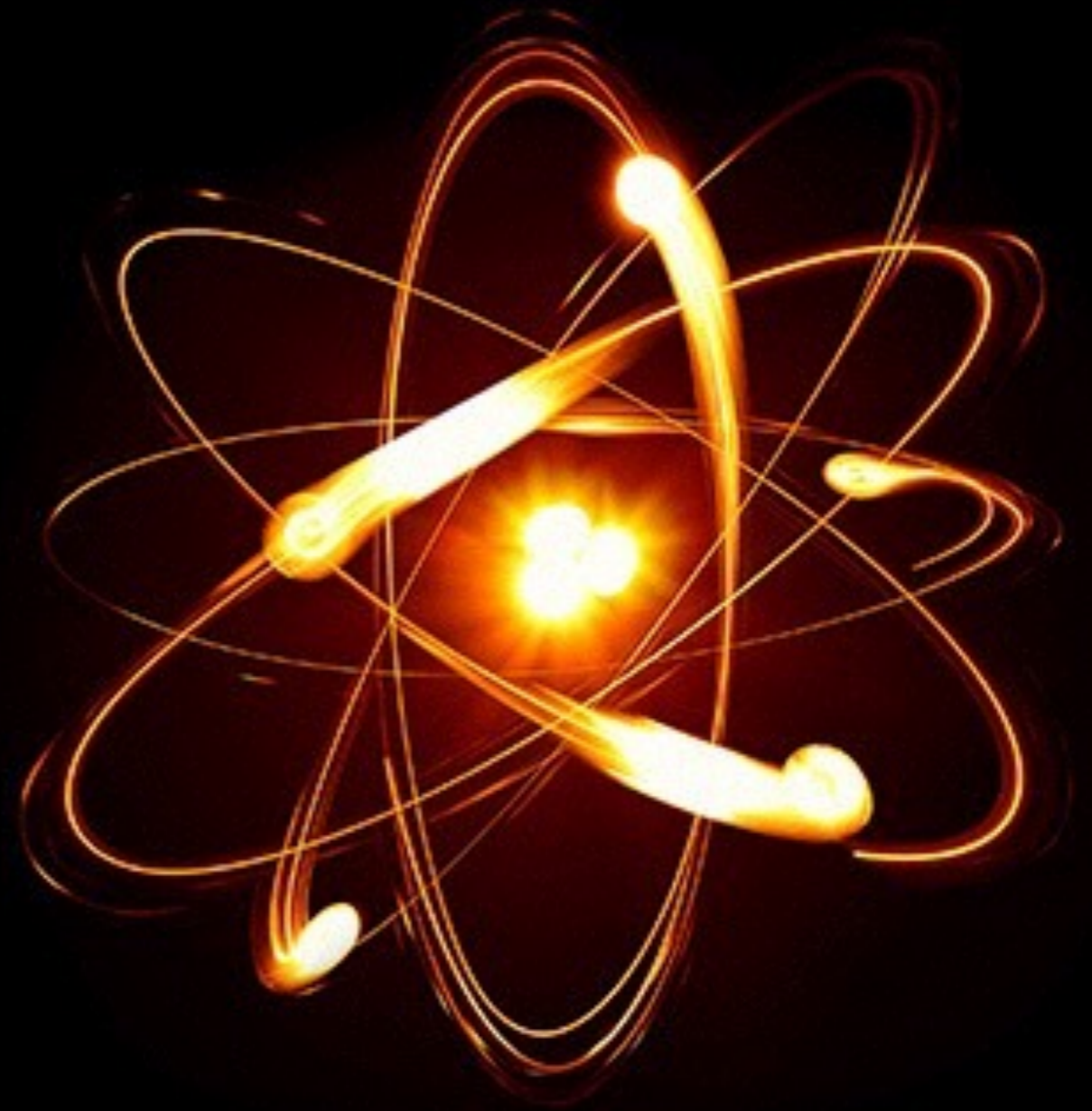


# QUANTIZATION OF CHARGE

- $e^- = -1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$  (charge on an electron)
- $p^+ = +1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$  (charge on a proton)
- **Quantization of Charge** means that how much charge you can have is restricted to discrete quantities
  - A charged object will *always* have a charge that is an integer multiple of the charge on an electron (or proton)

# QUANTIZATION OF CHARGE

- $Q = ne$
- $Q =$  total charge
- $n =$  (number protons) - (number of electrons)
- $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  C
- $e$  is called the **elementary charge**
  - Indivisible — you will never find a smaller charge in nature





PARTICLE	RELATIVE MASS	RELATIVE CHARGE	CHARGE (C)	MASS (KG)
PROTONS	1	+1	$+1.6 \times 10^{-19}$	$1.67 \times 10^{-27}$
NEUTRONS	1	0	0	$1.67 \times 10^{-27}$
ELECTRONS	0.0005	-1	$-1.6 \times 10^{-19}$	$9.11 \times 10^{-31}$

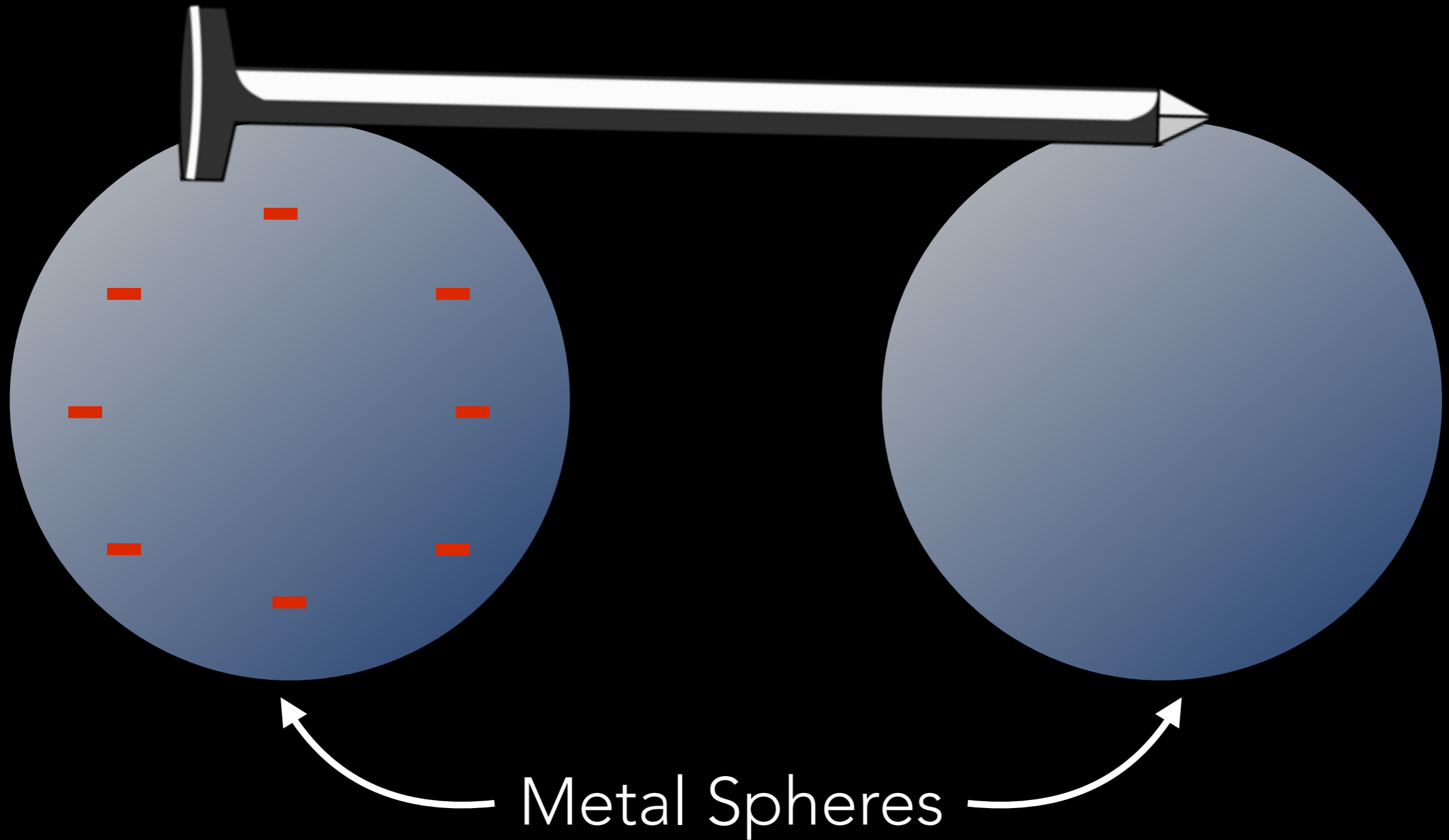
# CHARGE AND EVERYDAY OBJECTS

	AMOUNT OF CHARGE
Charges in static electricity from rubbing materials together	~ microcoulombs
Charges traveling through a lightning bolt	15 - 350 C
Charge that travels through a typical alkaline AA battery from being fully charged to discharged	about 5000 C

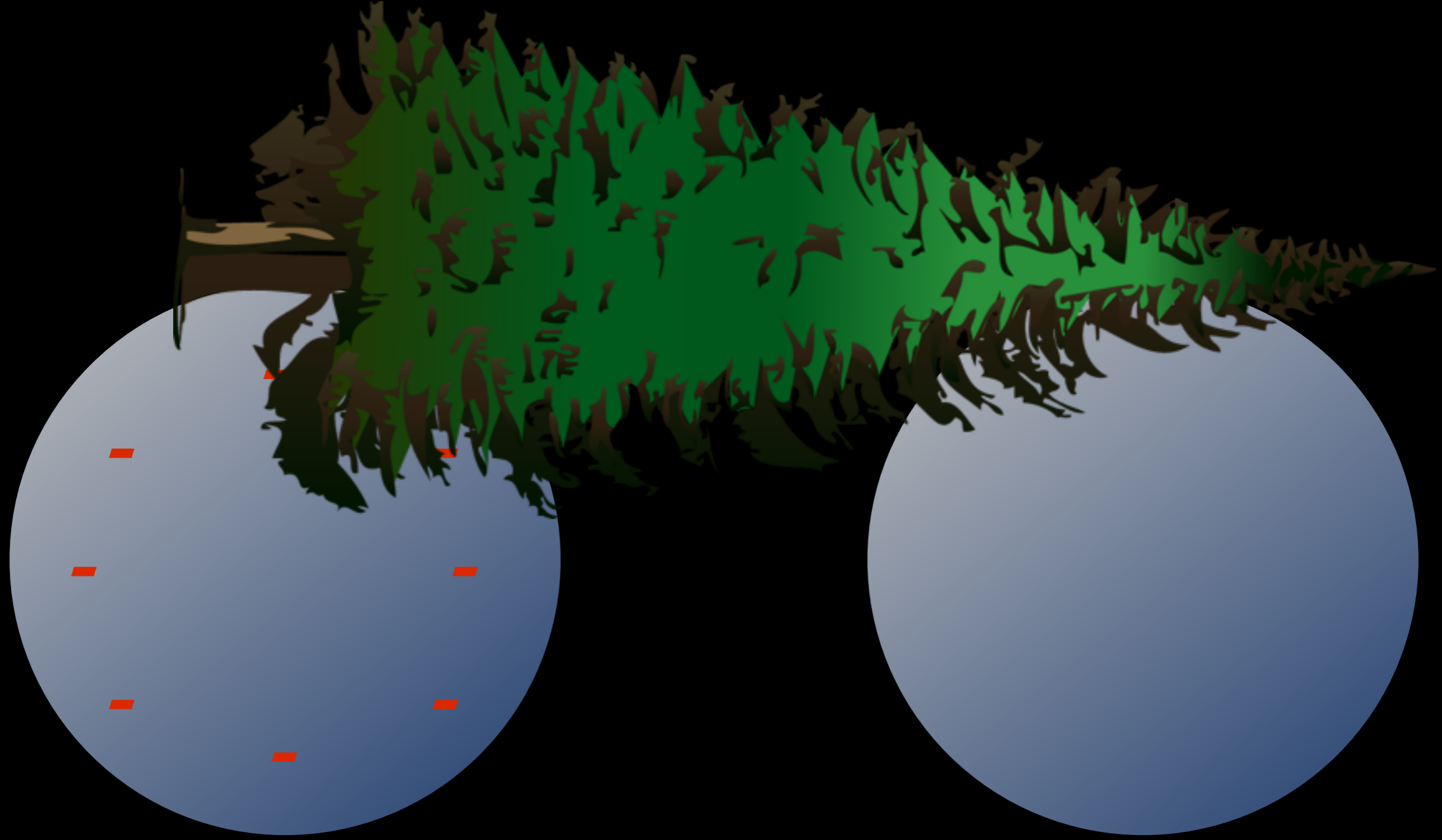
# THE LAW OF CONSERVATION OF ELECTRIC CHARGE

- **Electric charge cannot be created or destroyed. The net amount of electric charged produced in any process is *always* zero.**
- If one object or region of space acquires a positive charge, then an equal amount of negative charge will be found in neighboring areas or objects.

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Metal Spheres

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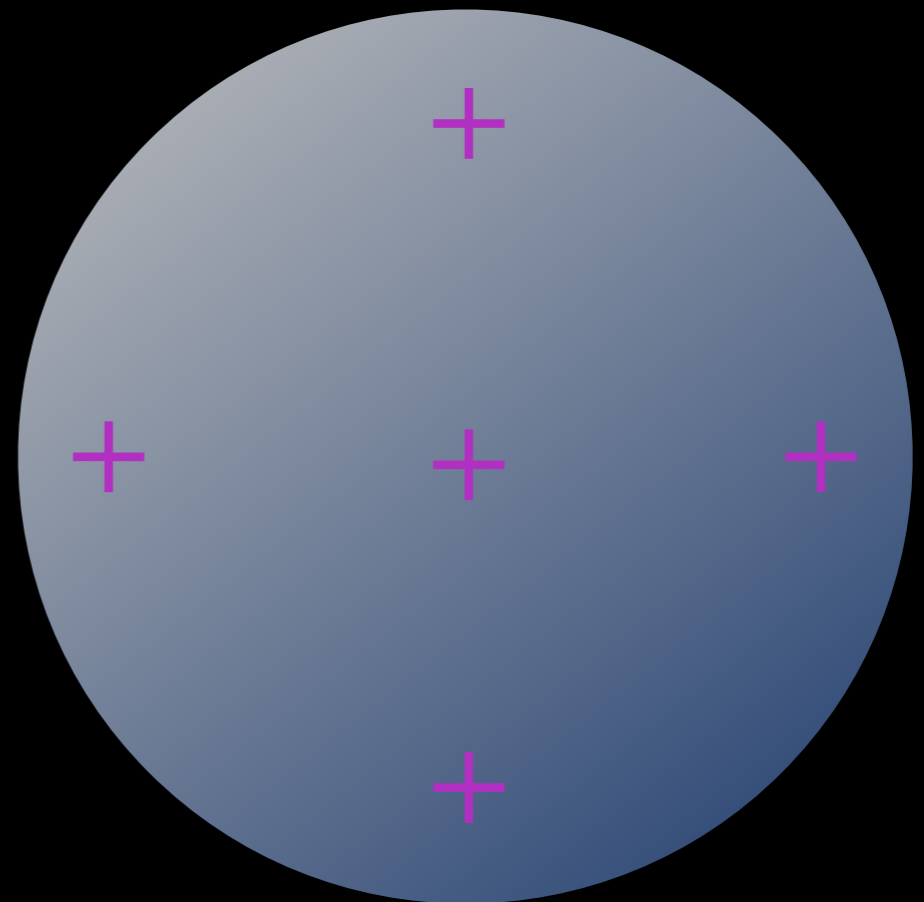
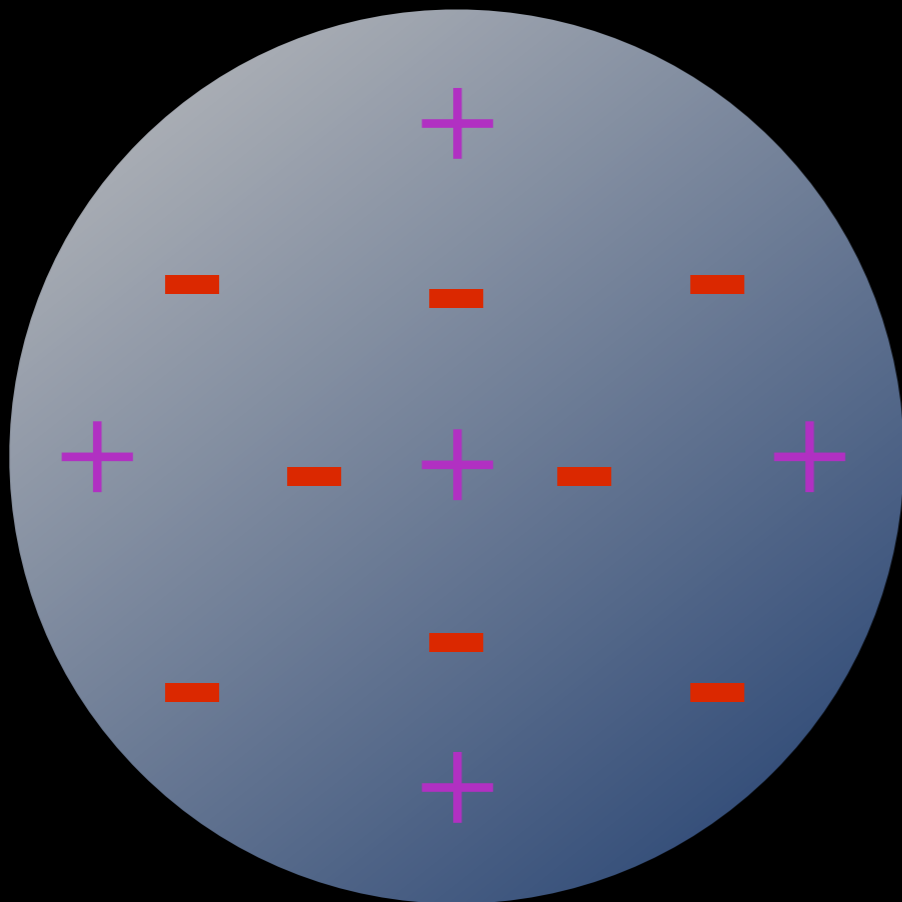
- Materials like the iron nail are said to be **conductors** of electricity (typically metals)
- Materials like wood or rubber are *nonconductors* or **insulators**
- Nearly all natural materials fall into one or the other of these two distinct categories
  - A few (like silicon, germanium, and carbon) fall into an intermediate (but distinct) category known as **semiconductors**

# HOW TO MOVE CHARGES

- There are three basic ways to move charges between and/or within objects
  1. Conduction
  2. Induction
  3. Friction

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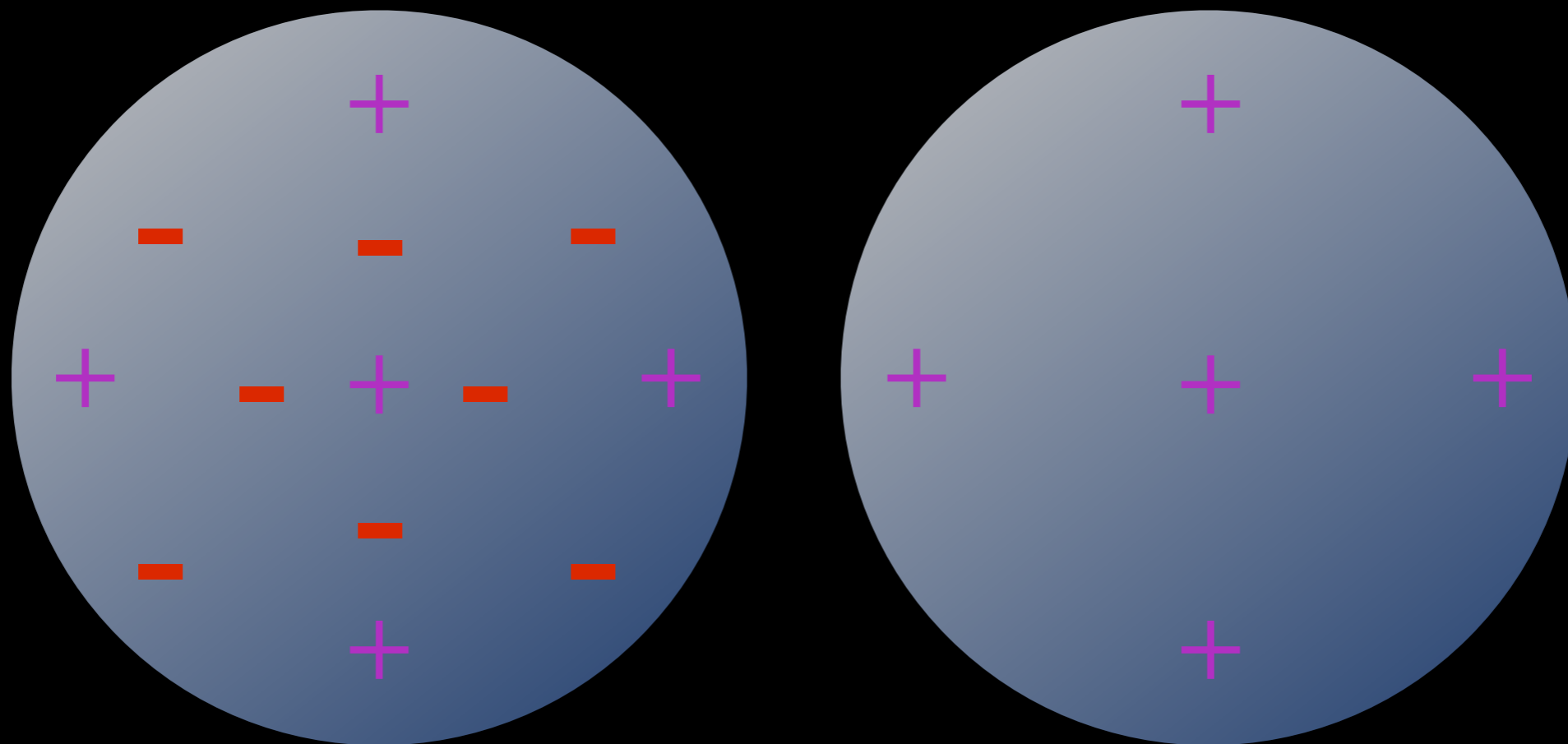
- **Conduction** is where charges move between objects when they touch





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- **Induction** is separation of charge within an object because of the close approach of another charged object but *without touching*



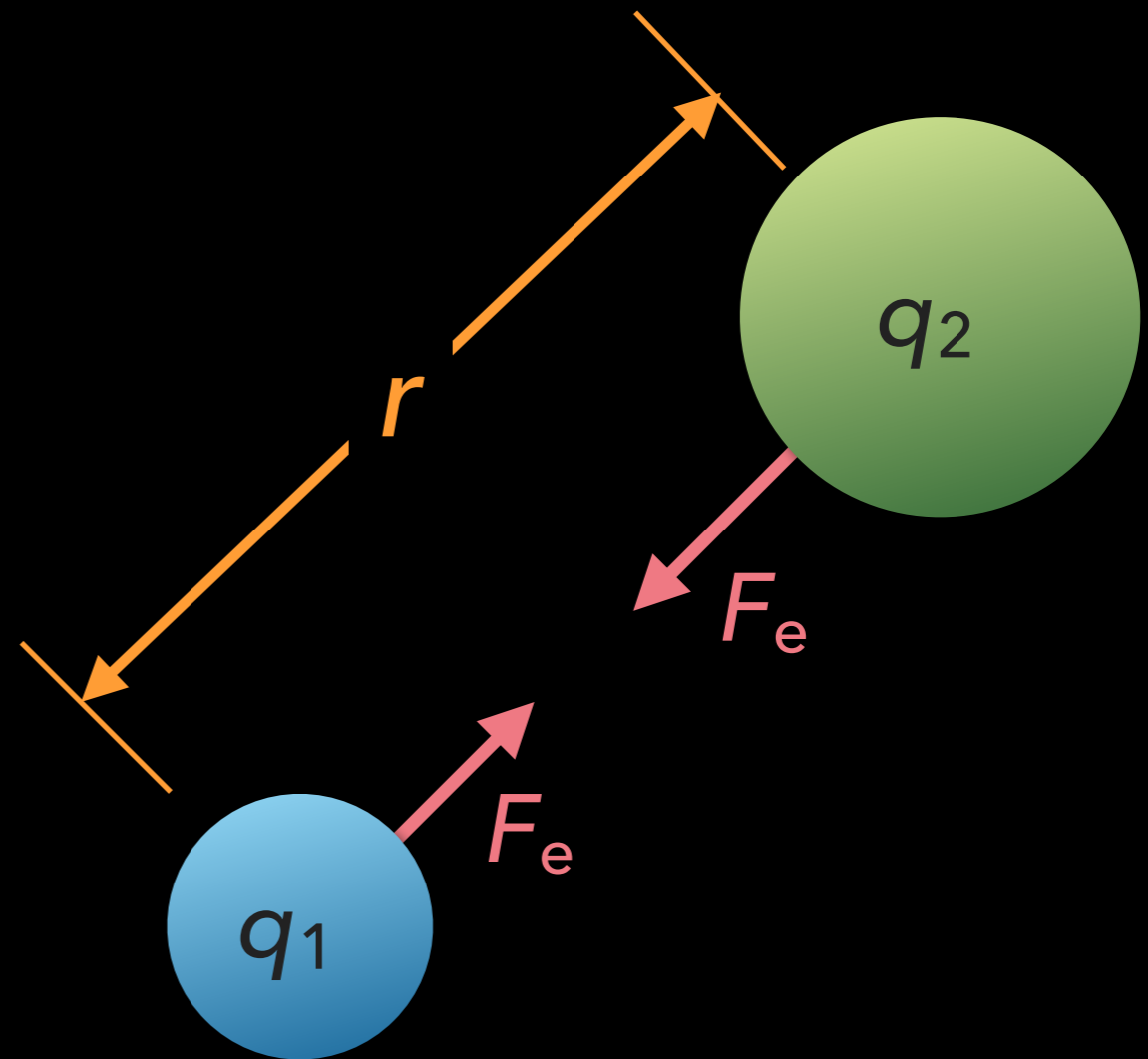
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- Charging by **friction** is where electrons are physically stripped from one material and transferred to another



# FORMALIZING ELECTRIC FORCE

- The electric force between two objects depends on 3 quantities
  - How big is the first charge:  $q_1$
  - How big is the second charge:  $q_2$
  - How far apart are they:  $r$



# COULOMB'S LAW

- $F_e = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2}$  Inverse square law!

- $k = 9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}^2$

- If  $F_e$  is positive, the force is *repulsive*
- If  $F_e$  is negative, the force is *attractive*

# EXAMPLE 1

- Determine the electric force on an electron in a hydrogen atom from the proton if they are separated by an average distance of  $r = 0.53 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$
- *Ans.  $F_e = -8.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$*

