

# Chapter 19 - part deux

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- ❖ Can we “normalize” this energy to energy per unit charge like we did with Force and Electric Field?

$PE_a$  Electric Potential Energy (J)

$$V_a = \frac{PE_a}{q}$$

Electric Potential  
(J/C) or (V)

$$V_{ba} = V_b - V_a = \frac{PE_b - PE_a}{q}$$

Electric Potential  
Difference

$$\Delta PE = qV_{ba}$$



# Example

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- ❖ Suppose an electron is accelerated from rest through potential difference ( $V_b - V_a = V_{ba} = +5000\text{V}$ )
- ❖ What is the change in the electrical potential energy of the electron?
- ❖ What is the KE of the electron?
- ❖ What is the speed of the electron ( $m = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ ) as a result of this acceleration?



# Example

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- ❖ Can we use the understanding of “potential difference” to learn how an electron moves between charged plates?

$$\Delta PE = qV_{ba}$$

$$\Delta PE = q(V_b - V_a)$$

$$\Delta PE = (-1.6 \times 10^{-19})(5000 \text{ V} - 0 \text{ V})$$

$$\Delta PE = (-8.0 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J})$$

- ❖ So, the electron loses potential energy in the process.



# Example

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- ❖ ...but how does the electron move? Let's remember the Conservation of Energy.

$$\Delta KE + \Delta PE = 0$$

$$\Delta KE = -\Delta PE$$

$$KE_b - KE_a = -\Delta PE$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m(v_b)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m(v_a)^2 = -\Delta PE \quad \text{assume } v_a = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m(v_b)^2 = -\Delta PE$$



# Example

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- ❖ ...but how does the electron move? Let's remember the Conservation of Energy.

$$\frac{1}{2}m(v_b)^2 = -\Delta PE \quad \text{but} \quad \Delta PE = qV_{ba}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}m(v_b)^2 = -qV_{ba}$$

$$(v_b)^2 = \frac{-2qV_{ba}}{m}$$

$$v_b = \sqrt{\frac{-2qV_{ba}}{m}}$$



# Example

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❖ ...but how does the electron move?

$$v_b = \sqrt{\frac{-2qV_{ba}}{m}}$$

$$v_b = \sqrt{\frac{2(-(-1.6 \times 10^{-19}))(5000V)}{9.11 \times 10^{-31}}}$$

$$\boxed{v_b = 4.2 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s}}$$



# Example

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- ❖ How about a proton moving between plates with a potential (Difference) of -5000 V?

$$\Delta PE = qV_{ba}$$

$$\Delta PE = (+1.6 \times 10^{-19})(-5000 \text{ V})$$

$$\Delta PE = (-8.0 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J})!$$

- ❖ The energy difference is the same. What about the velocity?



# Example

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❖ ...but how does the proton move?

$$v_b = \sqrt{\frac{-2qV_{ba}}{m}}$$

$$v_b = \sqrt{\frac{2(-(+1.6 \times 10^{-19})(-5000\text{V}))}{1.67 \times 10^{-27}}}$$

$$v_b = 9.8 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$$



# Potential vs. E-Field

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$$W = -qV_{ba}$$

$$W = qEd$$

$$qEd = -qV_{ba}$$

$$E = \frac{-V_{ba}}{d}$$

Note, charge drops out.  
Why?



# Do One

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- ❖ Consider the previous Example again. If the plates are separated by 15.0 cm, what is the magnitude of the E-Field?
  - A.  $+3.3 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}$
  - B.  $+3.3 \times 10^2 \text{ V/m}$
  - C.  $0 \text{ V/m}$
  - D.  $-3.3 \times 10^2 \text{ V/m}$
  - E.  $-3.3 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}$



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D.  $-3.3 \times 10^2 \text{ V/m}$

E.  $-3.3 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}$

$$E = \frac{-V_{ba}}{d}$$

$$E = \frac{-(-5000 \text{ V})}{0.15 \text{ m}}$$

$$E = 3.3 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}$$



# Example

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- ❖ The question asks for “magnitude” so even if the answer is negative we just ignore the sign and include the numerical answer only.



# See One

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- ❖ The strength of the electric field for a spark through air is a constant  $3 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m}$ , what is the magnitude of the Voltage of a 1.5 mm static-electrical spark that jumps from you finger to your sibling's ear?

$$V_{ba} = Ed$$

$$V_{ba} = (3.0 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m})(1.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})$$

$$V_{ba} = 4500 \text{ V}$$



# Do One

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- ✿ An average lightning bolt has a potential difference of  $5 \times 10^8$  Volts, what is the length of the lightning?

$$V_{ba} = Ed$$

$$d = \frac{V_{ba}}{E}$$

$$d = \frac{(5.0 \times 10^8 \text{ V})}{(3.0 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m})} \approx 166 \text{ m!}$$



# electron-Volt = Energy

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- ❖ Remember...

$$\Delta PE = qV_{ba}$$

- ❖ So, to move one electron through one volt of potential difference requires...

$$\Delta PE = (-1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(1 \text{ V})$$

- ❖ ...but

$$(\text{C})(\text{V}) = \text{J}$$

- ❖ ...so,

$$\Delta PE = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \equiv 1 \text{ eV}$$



# Potential for a Point Charge

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- ❖ Remember, ...

$$E = \frac{V}{d}$$

- ❖ Note: we're only interested in the magnitude right now.
- ❖ Can you derive the potential formula for a point charge?



# Potential for a Point Charge

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❖ So...

$$E = \frac{V}{d}$$

$$V = dE$$

❖ but...

$$E = \frac{kq}{r^2}$$

❖ So...

$$V = \left( \frac{kq}{r^2} \right) r$$



# Potential for a Point Charge

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❖ So...

$$V = \left( \frac{kq}{r} \right)$$

❖ NOTE: this is a **scaler** not a vector (so, no TRIG!)  
Also, ...

$$V_{total} = \sum V_i$$

$$V_{total} = V_1 + V_2 + \dots + V_n$$



# ... Point Charges

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- ✧ Determine the potential at a location 10.0 cm from  $q_1 = 10 \mu\text{C}$  which is also 32.5 cm from  $q_2 = -5.0 \mu\text{C}$ .

$$V_{total} = \left( \frac{kq_1}{r_1} \right) + \left( \frac{kq_2}{r_2} \right)$$

$$V_{total} = \left( \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(10 \times 10^{-6})}{1 \times 10^{-1}} \right) + \left( \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(-5 \times 10^{-6})}{3.25 \times 10^{-1}} \right)$$

$$V_{total} = 900,000 \text{ V} + (-138,461 \text{ V})$$

$$\boxed{V_{total} = 761,538 \text{ V}}$$



# Group Work

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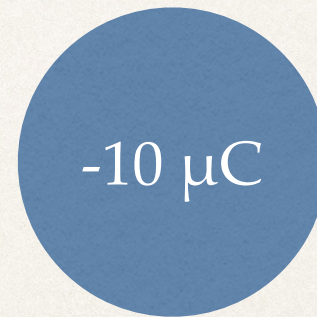
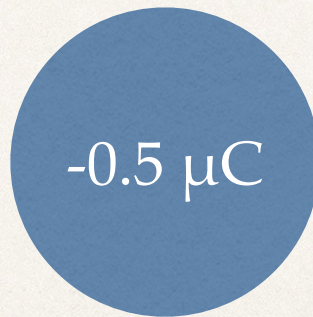
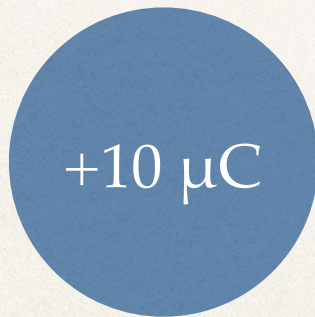
- ❖ Please post the solutions to the following three problems on PILOT in the drop box for today.



# Forces, Fields, and Potentials

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- ❖ A  $+10\ \mu\text{C}$  and a  $-10\ \mu\text{C}$  charge are spaced 20 cm apart. a  $-0.5\ \mu\text{C}$  charged is placed exactly in the middle between the charges. Determine the Force on the  $-0.5\ \mu\text{C}$  charge.

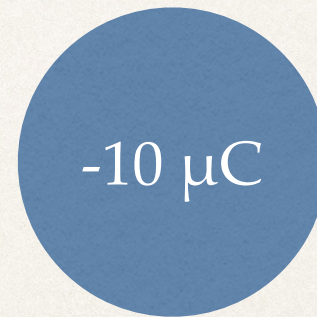
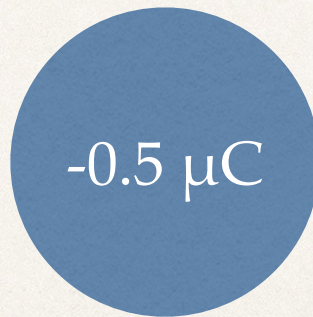
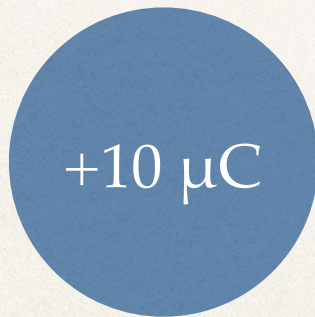




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