

Announcements

My lectures on D2L under L01

Past lectures are indicated by their date. They include slides which were discussed on that date.

There is always one lecture dated in the future with slides which are subject to change. The first slide for this lecture indicates that it is under construction.

Last time

- Comparison of the gravitational and electromagnetic forces between two electrons
- Strong and weak *nuclear* forces
- Structure of matter
- Fundamental particles

This time

- More on structure of matter and fundamental particles
- Mass and charge
- Transfer of charge
- Conductors and insulators
- Coulomb's law

Structure of matter

Matter is composed of molecules and atoms.

Molecules are composed of atoms bound together by chemical bonds.

Atoms are composed of fundamental particles.

Characteristics Of fundamental particles

All fundamental particles can be classified according to two observable parameters: **mass and charge**.

This simplified model of the Universe (**reductionism**) which breaks matter into its simpler parts (**matter → molecules → atoms → fundamental particles**) is incredibly effective at explaining a wide range of physical phenomena.

Reductionism: To understand nature of complex things by reducing them to interactions of their parts. We then study each component and learn everything about it and finally put the parts back together to produce the original object.

All models are wrong, but some are useful. - G. Box

A model is a representation of reality and not reality itself.

What is mass?

High school definition:

The amount of matter in an object.

Better definition :

Mass is inertia to motion. Objects show higher inertia to motion at higher speeds (**relativistic effects**).

Rest mass (mass at rest) is always smaller than **relativistic mass** (mass at a non-zero speed).

What is an electric charge?

- An intrinsic property of particles: electrons (—) and protons (+)
- A quantity that determines the strength of the electric force between two objects.
- Can't be created or destroyed (conservation of charge)
- Can transfer from one object to another
- Like charges repel, opposite charges attract

Quantization of electric charge

Electric charge is *quantized*.

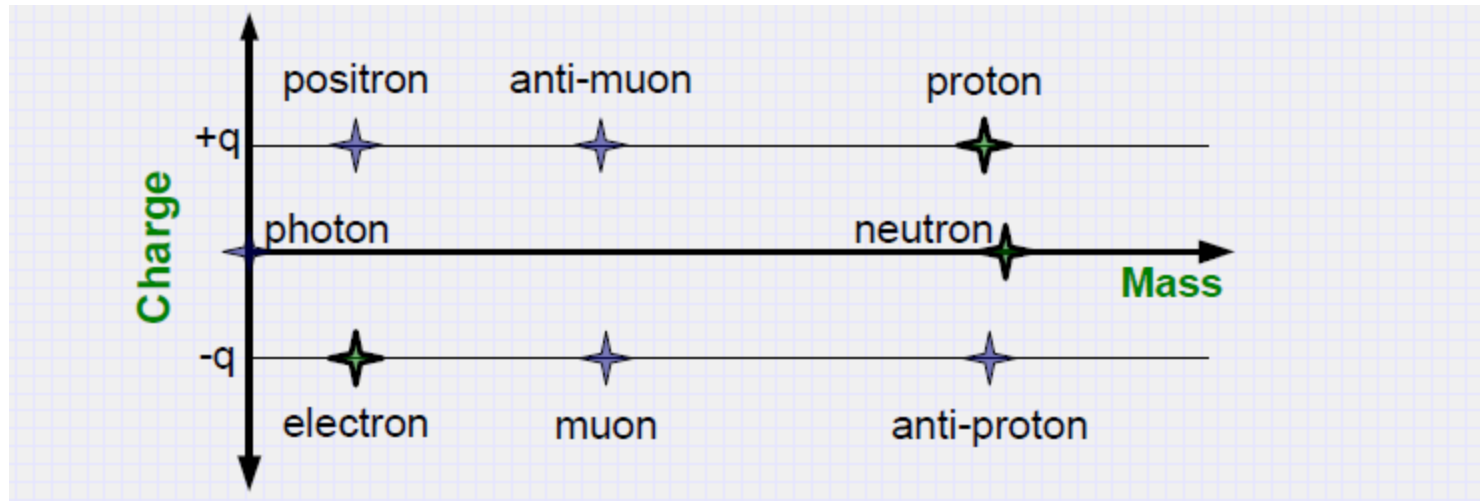
Charge always comes in some integral multiple of some fundamental charge e , which is the charge of electron.

Electric charge comes in discrete packets.

Light comes in discrete packets too, photons.

$$E = h\nu$$

Some examples of fundamental particles



All masses can be positive or zero.

Charge can be positive or negative.

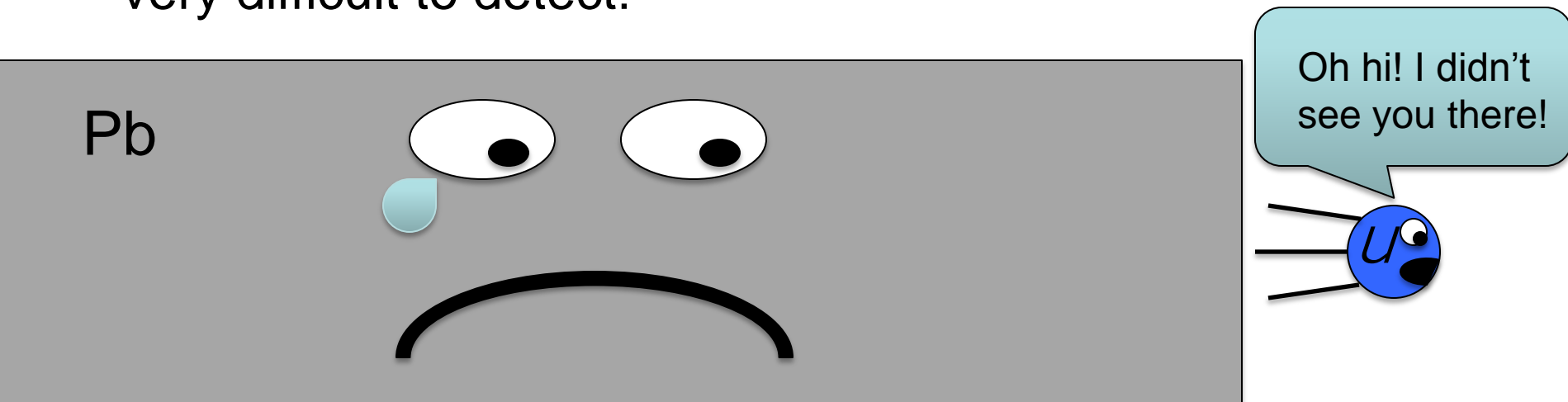
In this course will worry about three kinds of particles: electrons, protons and neutrons.

Neutrinos

Very light subatomic particles that are electrically neutral and only interact with other particles via the weak nuclear force. Emitted in radioactive decay and nuclear fusion.

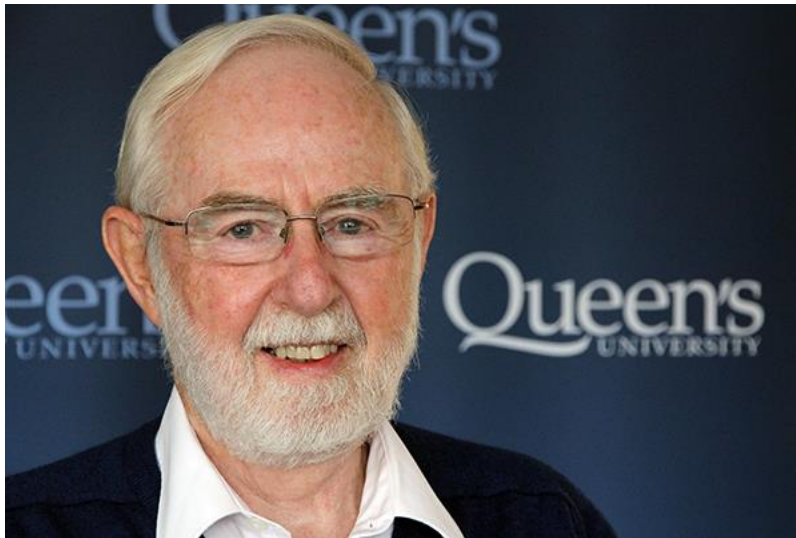
Trillions of neutrinos originating from the sun are passing through you at any given moment, day or night.

A neutrino can pass through a slab of lead that is one lightyear thick without hitting anything; this makes them very difficult to detect!



Nobel Prize in Physics 2015

For the experimental verification that neutrinos have mass



Arthur McDonald
SNO Lab



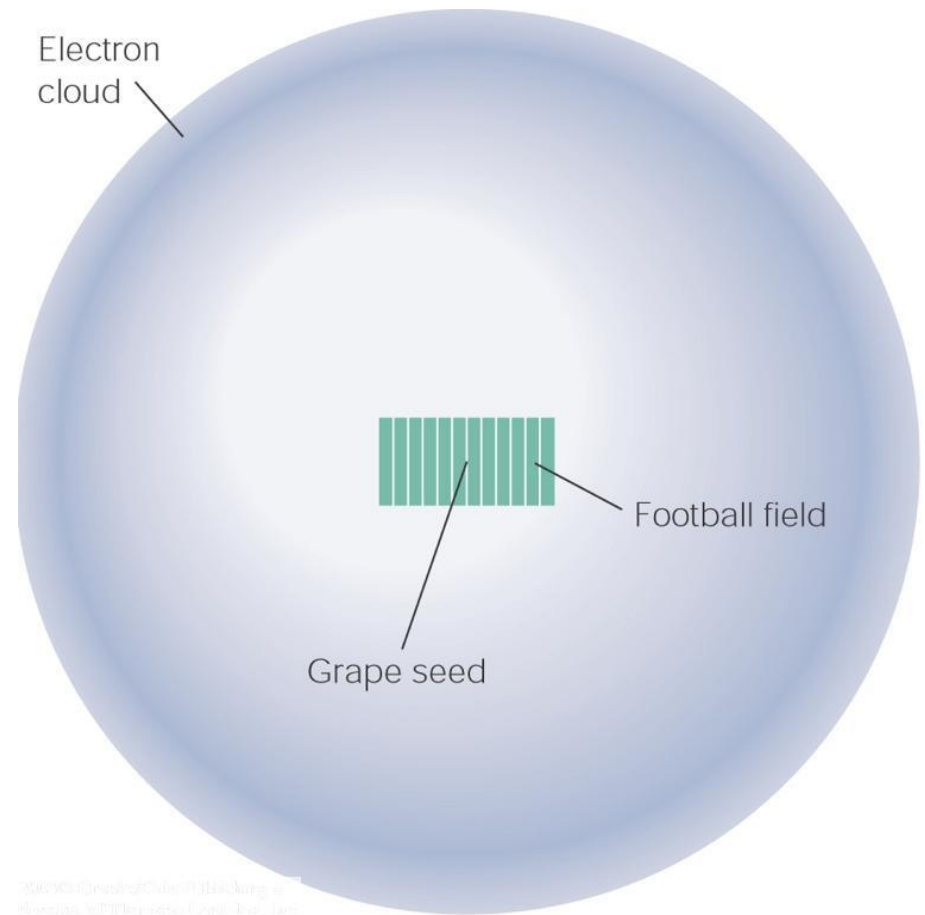
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Atomic Structure

An atom consists of an *atomic nucleus* (protons and neutrons) and a cloud of electrons surrounding it.

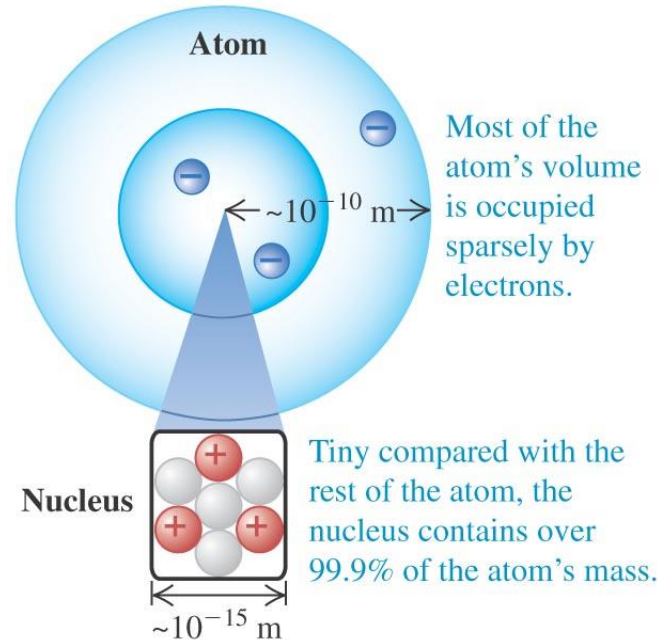
Almost all of the mass is contained in the nucleus, while almost all of the space is occupied by the electron cloud.




The diameter of a nucleus is much smaller than the diameter of the atom, by a factor of about 23,000 (uranium) to about 145,000 (hydrogen).



Atomic Structure

- Atoms are made up of the negative *electrons*, the positive *protons*, and the uncharged *neutrons*.
- Protons and neutrons make up the tiny dense nucleus which is surrounded by electrons.
- The electric attraction between protons and electrons holds the atom together.
- Electrons and protons have charges of opposite sign but *exactly* equal magnitude.



	Proton: Positive charge Mass = 1.673×10^{-27} kg
	Neutron: No charge Mass = 1.675×10^{-27} kg
	Electron: Negative charge Mass = 9.109×10^{-31} kg

The charges of the electron and proton are equal in magnitude.

Different Kinds of Atoms

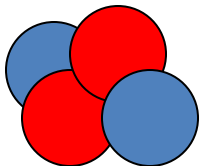
The kind of atom depends on the number of protons in the nucleus.

Most abundant (74% of the known universe):

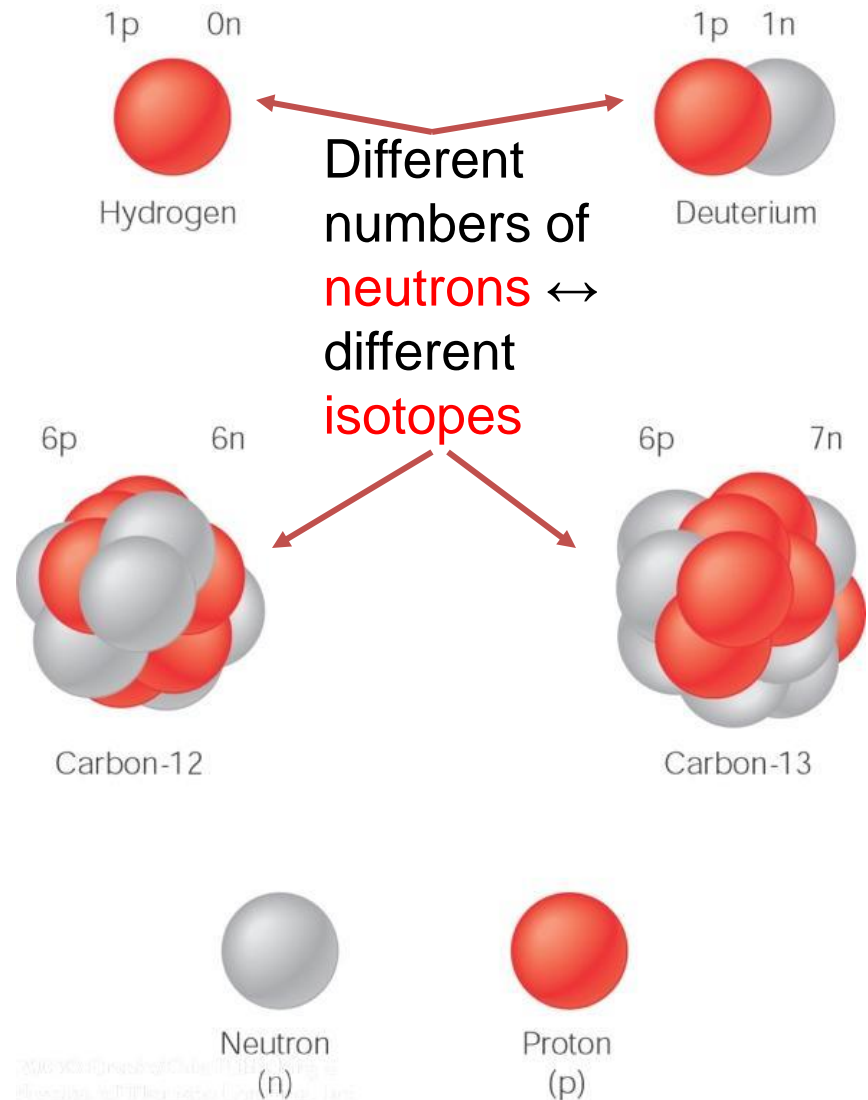
Hydrogen (H), with one proton (+ 1 electron).

Second most abundant (24%)

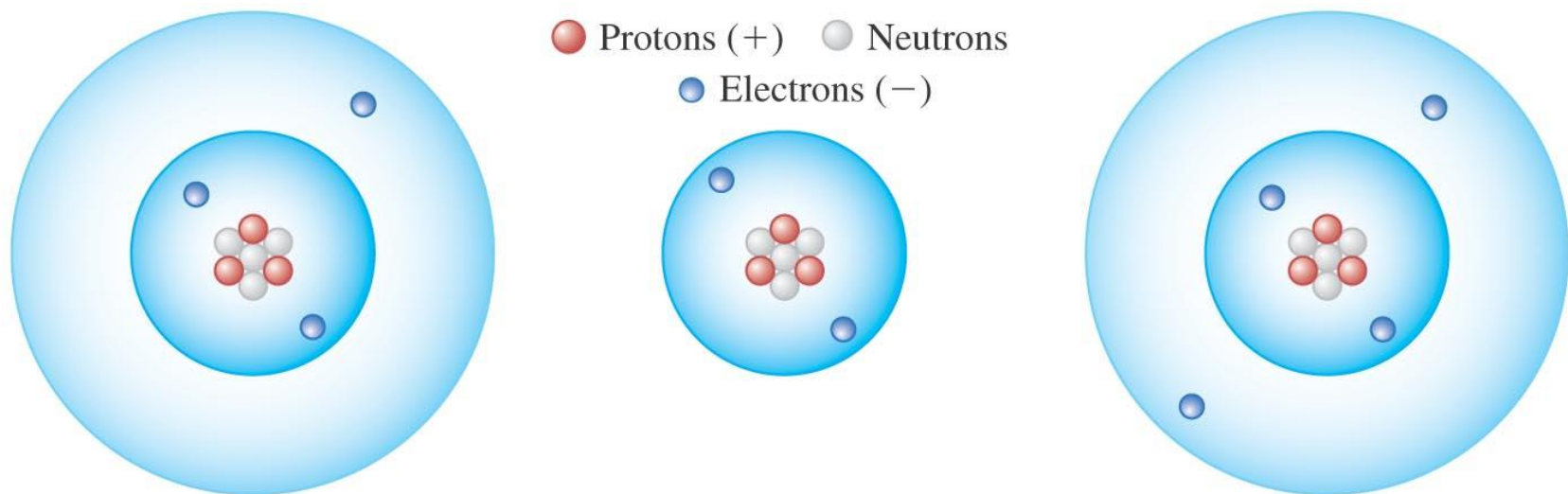
Helium (He), with 2 protons (and 2 neutrons + 2 electrons).



The nucleus of Helium 4 is called α particle.



Consider lithium as a cation, an anion, and a neutral



(a) Neutral lithium atom (Li):

3 protons (3+)

4 neutrons

3 electrons (3-)

Electrons equal protons:
Zero net charge

(b) Positive lithium ion (Li^+):

3 protons (3+)

4 neutrons

2 electrons (2-)

Fewer electrons than protons:
Positive net charge

(c) Negative lithium ion (Li^-):

3 protons (3+)

4 neutrons

4 electrons (4-)

More electrons than protons:
Negative net charge

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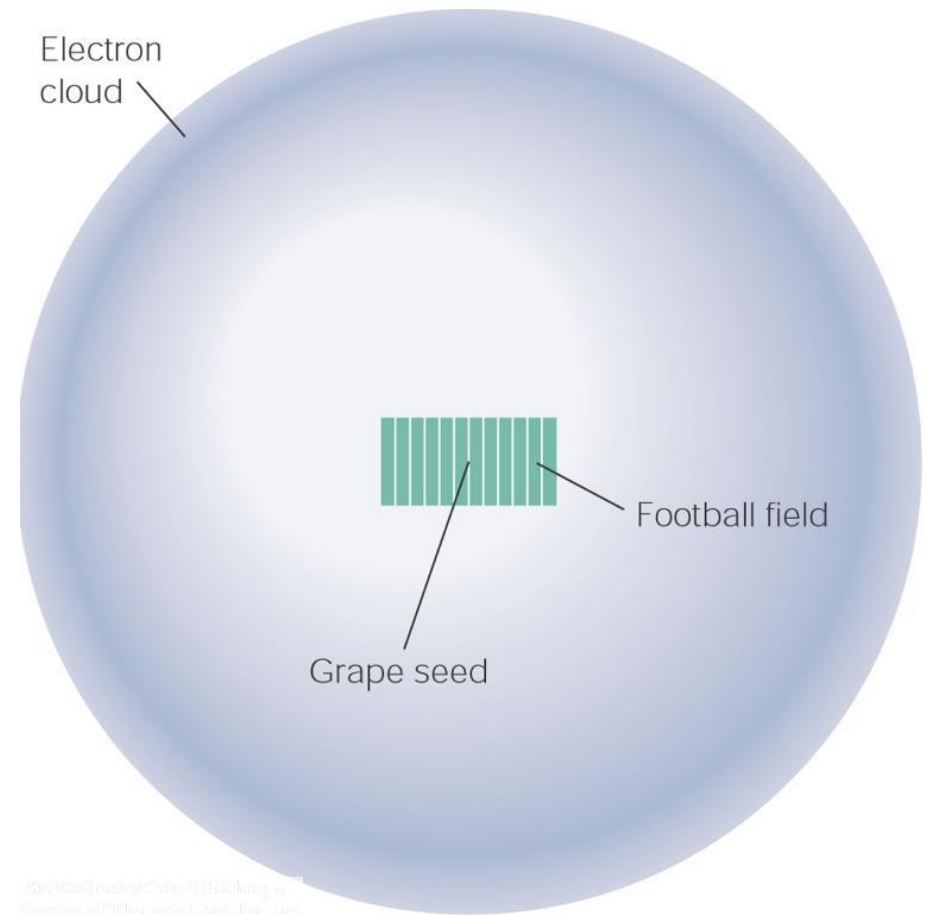
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Nuclear Density

What happens when the electronic cloud is squeezed out of the atoms?

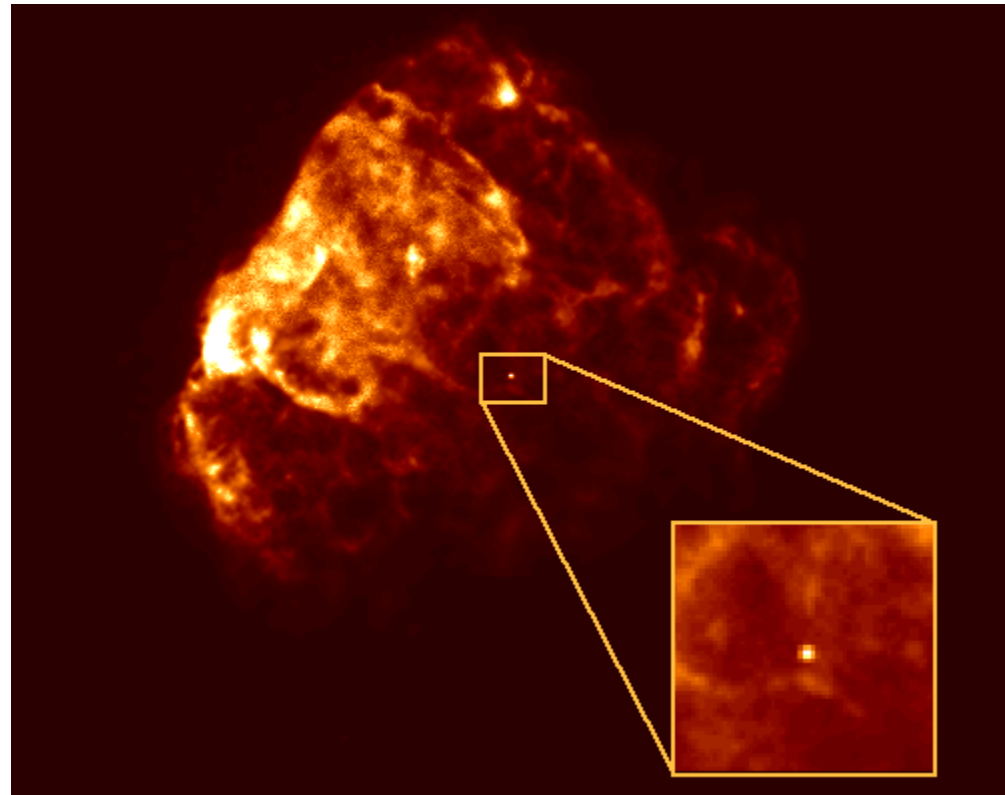
We form a neutron star.



Nuclear Density

If you could fill a 4L milk jug with material as dense as an atomic nucleus, it would have the mass of Mount Everest

- Neutron Stars are the end point of a massive star's life.
- When a massive star runs out of nuclear fuel in its core, the core begins to collapse under gravity. When the core collapses the entire star collapses. The surface of the star falls down until it hits the now incredibly dense core. It then bounces off the core and blows apart in a **supernova**.
- All that remains is the collapsed core, a Neutron Star or sometimes a **Black Hole**, in case a very massive star.



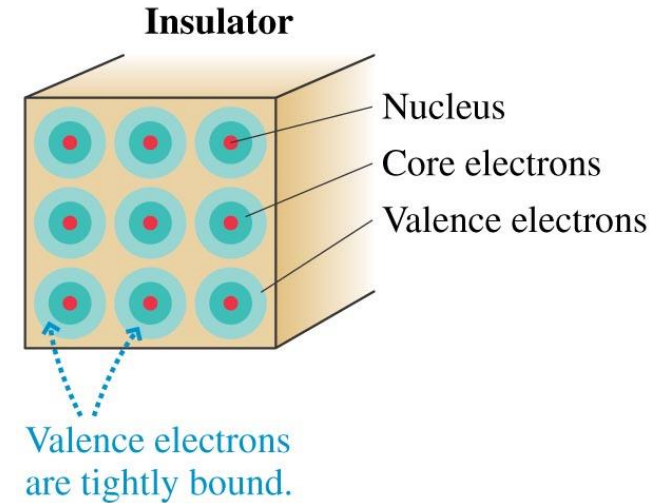
A supernova flash in a galaxy

Neutron star

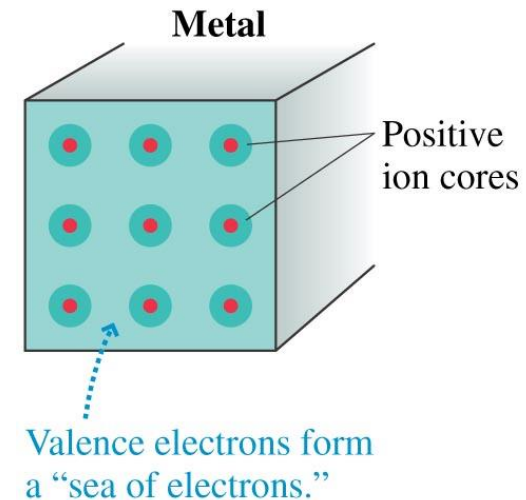
A typical neutron star is the size of a small city, only 10 Kilometers in diameter but it may have the mass of as many as three suns. It is quite dense.

Broad categorization of materials according to their electrical properties

Insulators do not conduct electricity, because the electrons are **not** free to move. Wood, Styrofoam, glass



Conductors do conduct electricity, because the electrons **are** free to move. Metals



Transfer of charge

- Typically, electrons are the charge carriers that are transferred. Why? Why not protons?
- Different materials have different affinities for electrons.
- When put into contact, one material gives up its electrons and the second material will draw those electrons onto itself.
- Rubbing increases the amount of surface area which is brought into contact, thereby increasing the amount of charge transfer.
- Rubber has a much greater attraction for electrons than animal fur. As a result, the atoms of rubber pull electrons from the atoms of animal fur, leaving both objects with an imbalance of charge.

Both neutral: no force

Rods that haven't
been rubbed

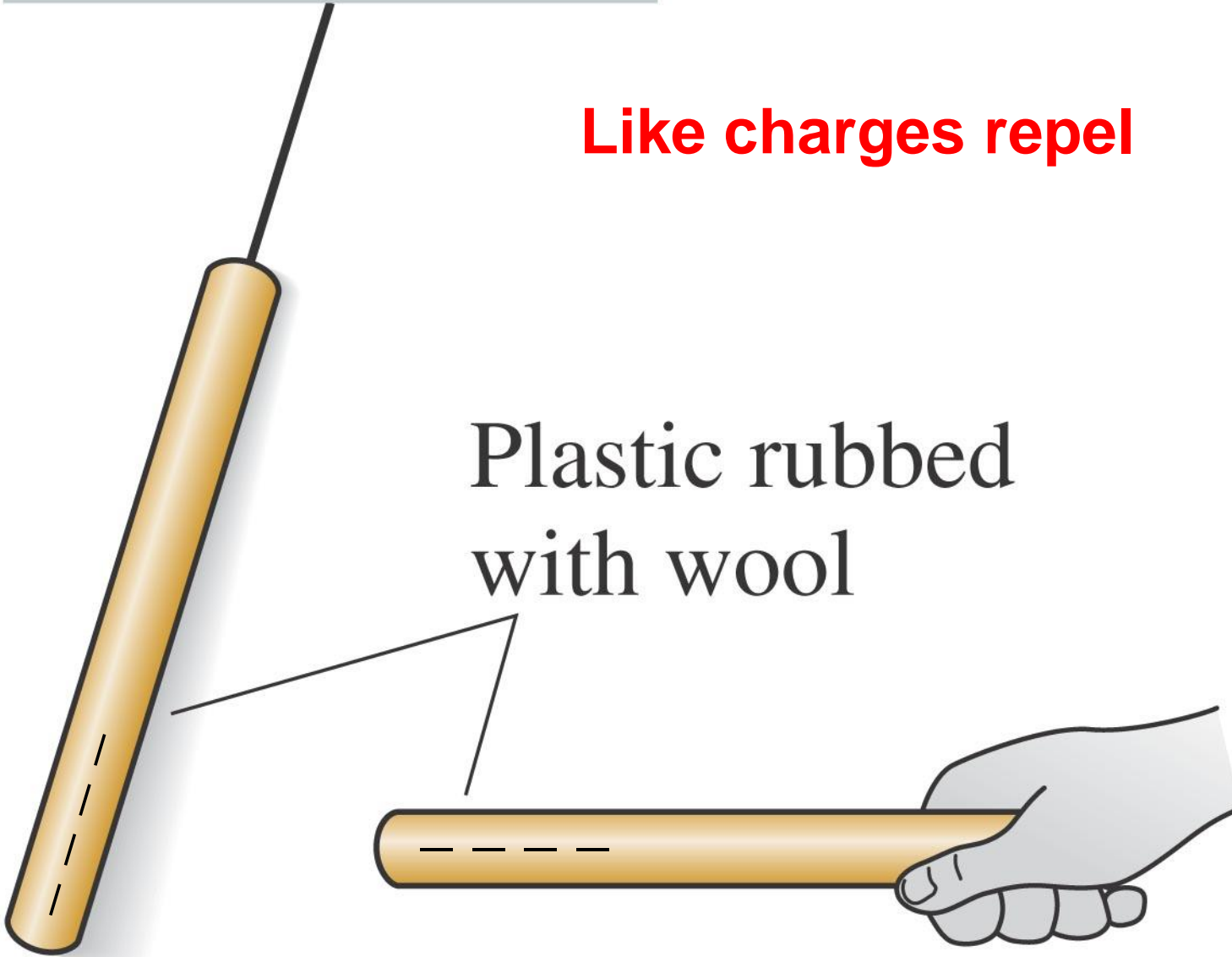
Plastic

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After rubbing a plastic rod with the fur, the rod becomes negatively charged.

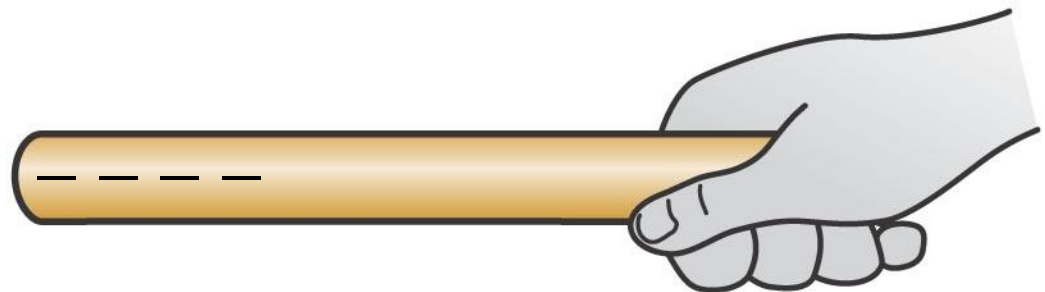
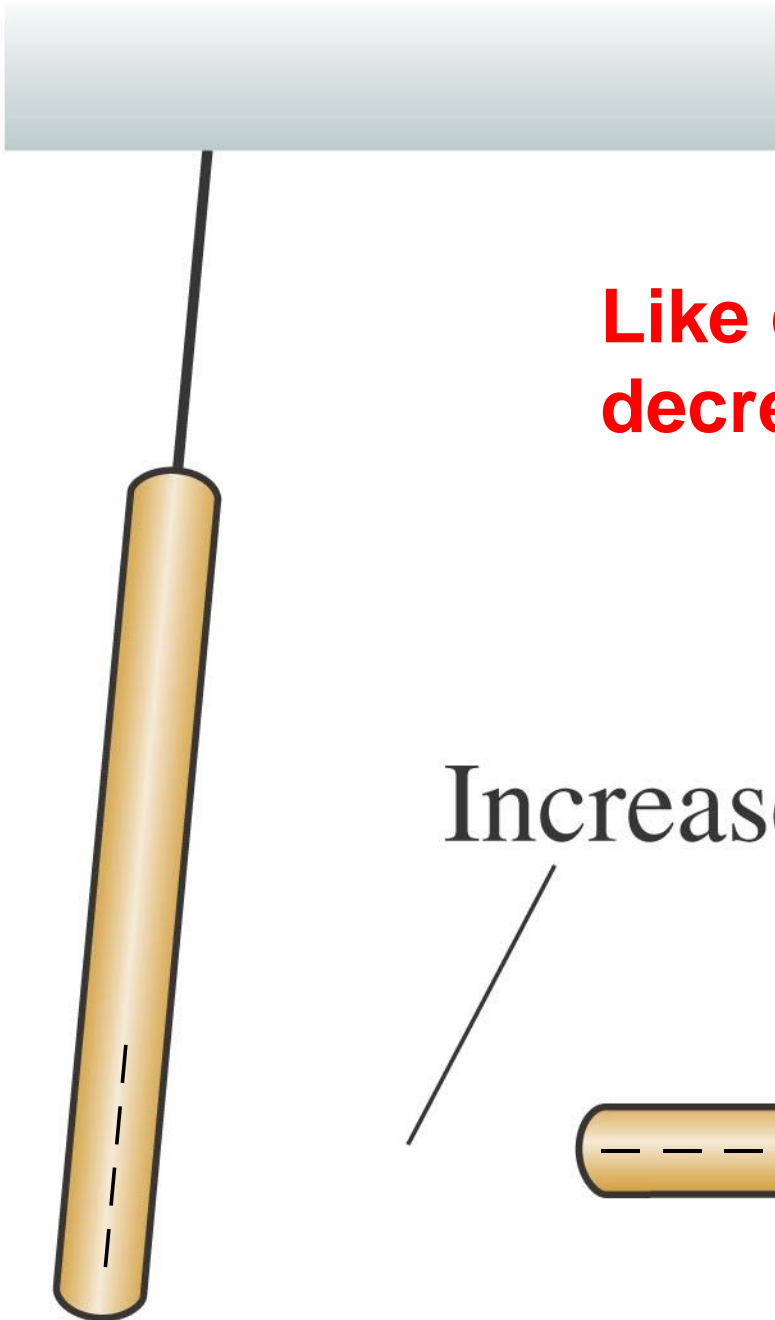
Like charges repel

Plastic rubbed
with wool



**Like charges, further away,
decreased force**

Increased distance



After rubbing a glass rod with the silk, the rod becomes positively charged.

Opposite charges attract

Plastic
rubbed
with
wool



Glass rubbed
with silk

