Physics Education Laboratory
Lecture 12
PCK for Electricity

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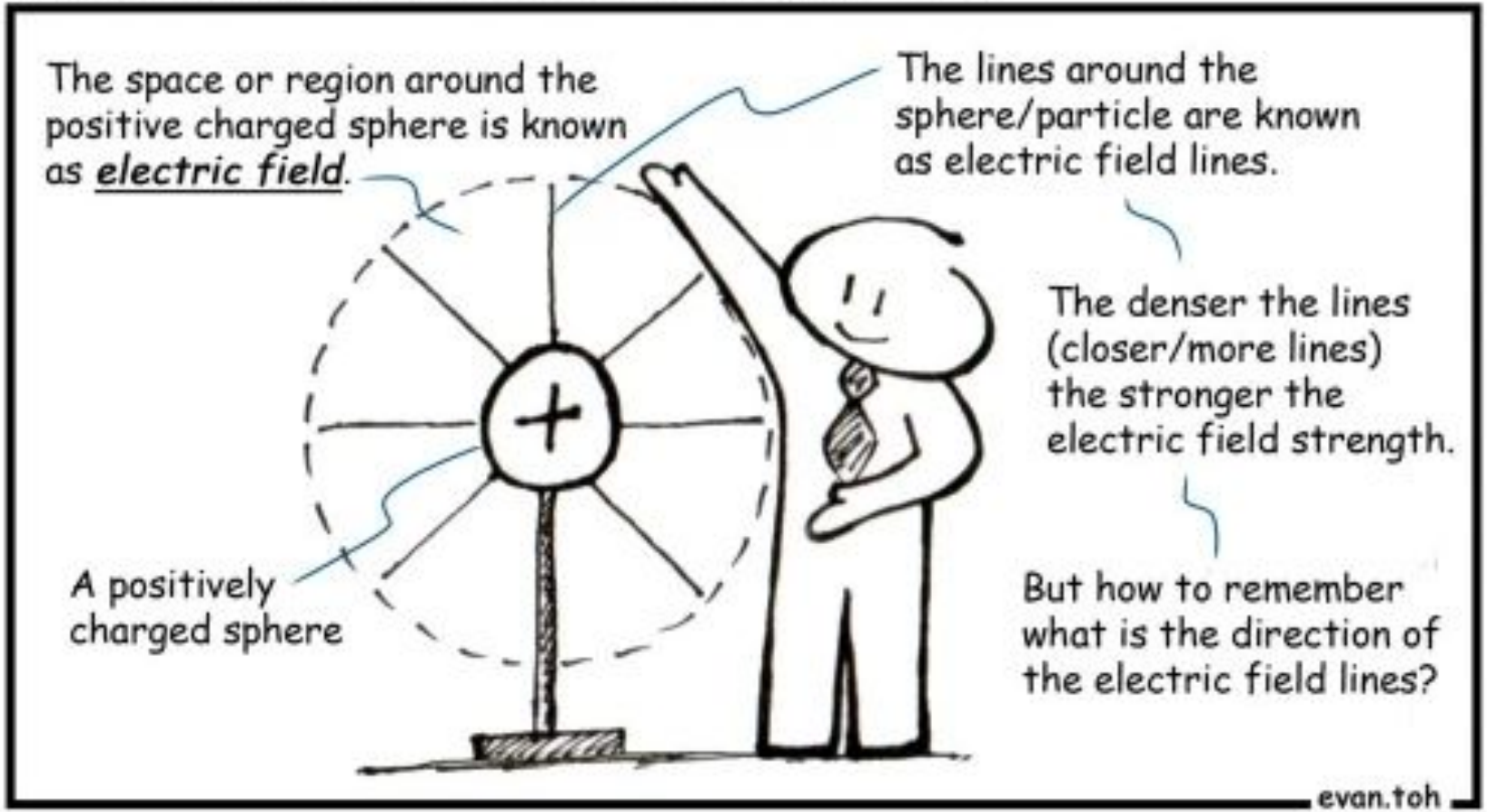
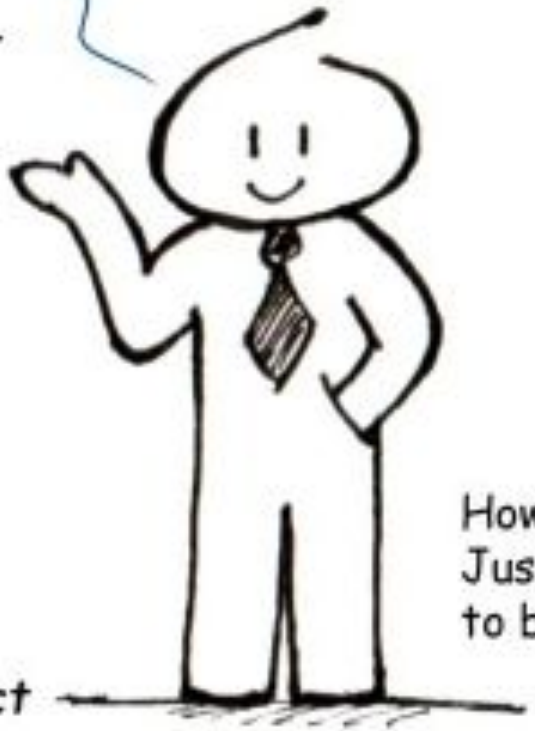
Electric Field, Electric Field Lines and Direction



To know the direction of the electric field lines ...

Just image you always have a tiny ***positive charge*** in your pocket ...

... and recall the Laws of Electrostatic
- ***Like charges repel***
- ***Unlike charges attract***



How to remember it is positive? Just remember that you want to be a 'positive' person!

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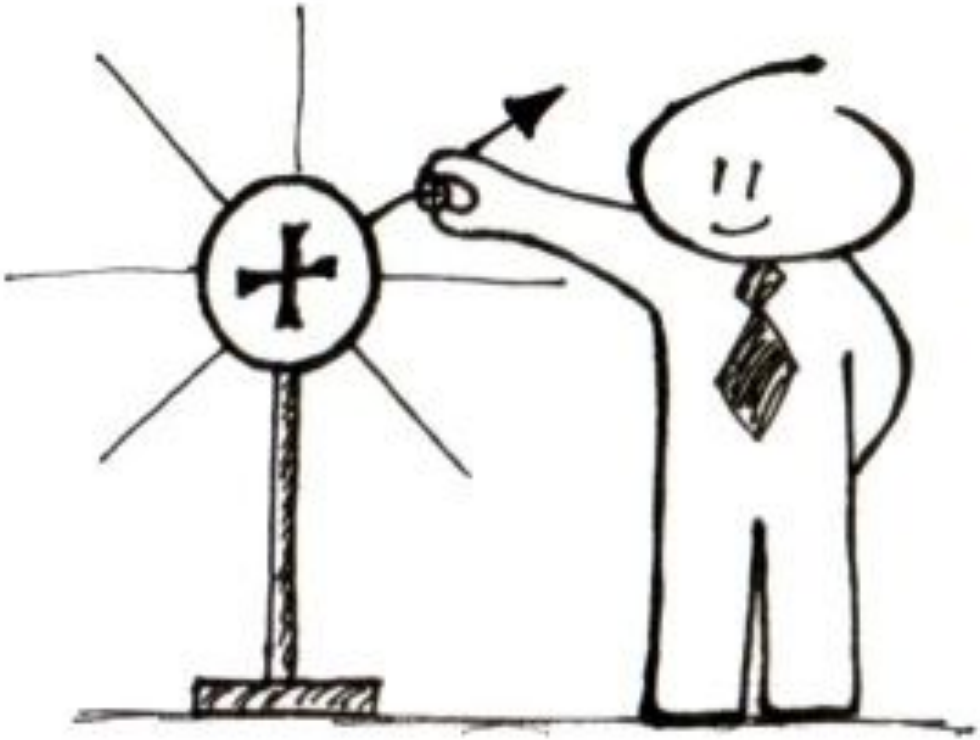

Using the positive test charge, place it in the electric field of the positive sphere in this case.

As like charges repel, the positive charge will be repelled by the positive sphere. Hence it will move outwards.

The direction of the force experiences by the positive charge indicates the direction of the field lines.

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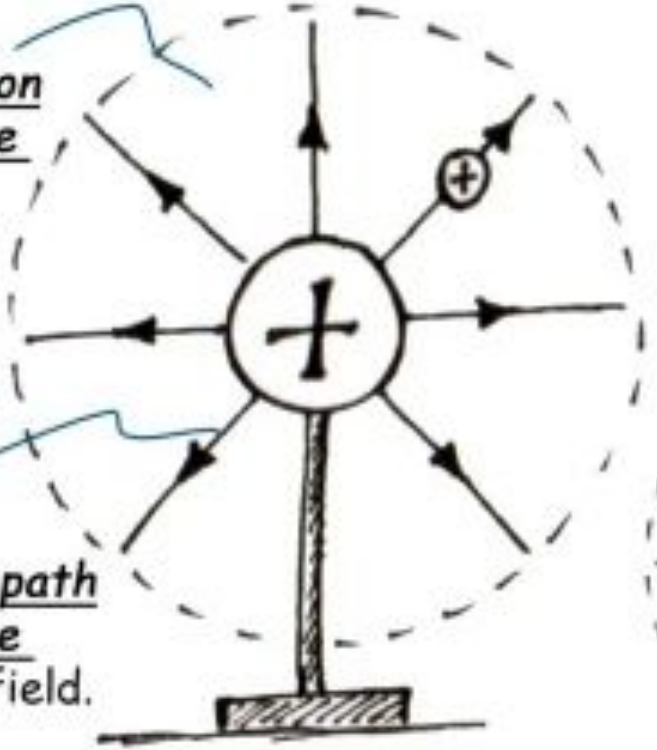
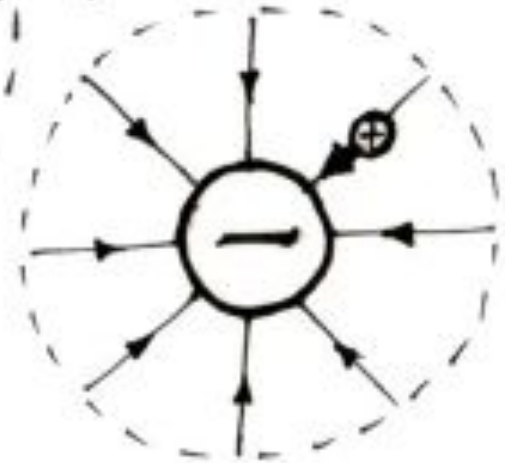
Definition of the terms...

Electric field is the ***region*** in which an ***electic charge*** ***experiences a force*** (attraction or repulsion).



Concepts apply for electric field around a negatively charged sphere.



Electric field line is the ***path*** in which ***a positive charge*** would take in an electric field.

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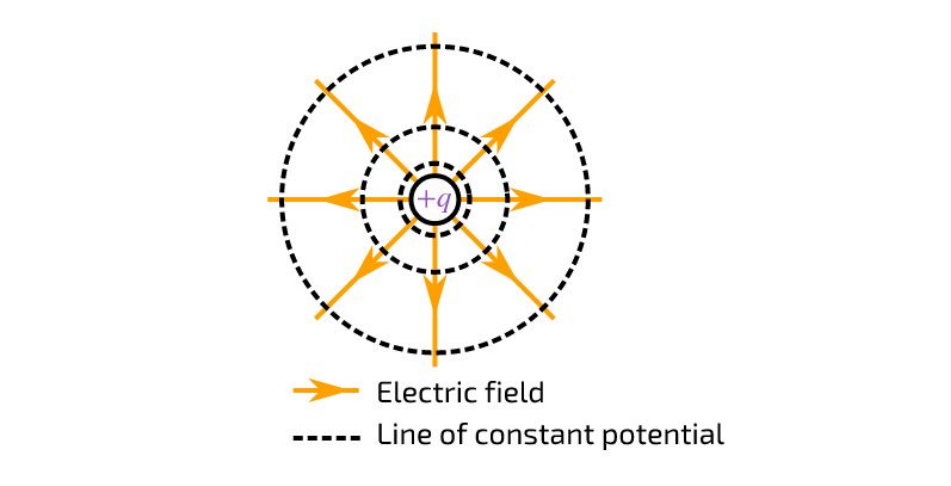
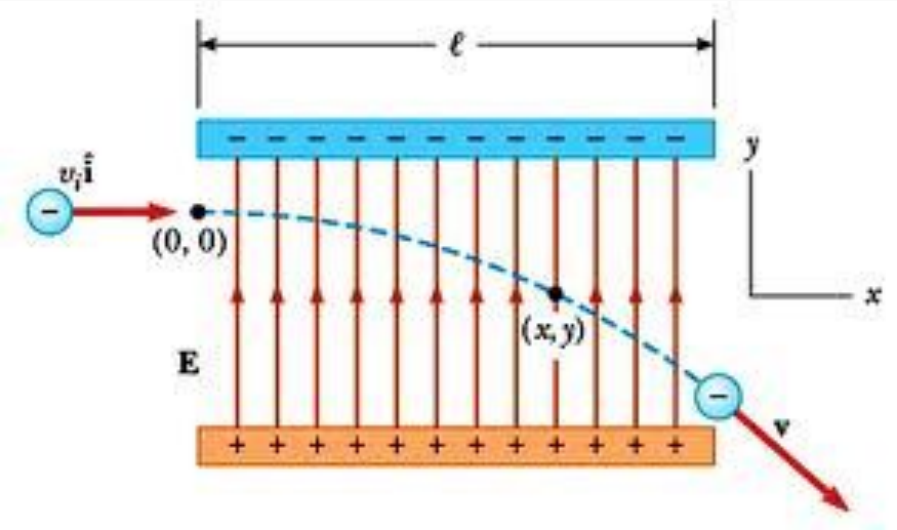
Key concepts in Electrostatics

- The electric charge (with opposite signs)
- The Coulomb law
- The Electric field
- The Electric potential



Key concepts in Electrostatics

- Motion of particles in Electric field



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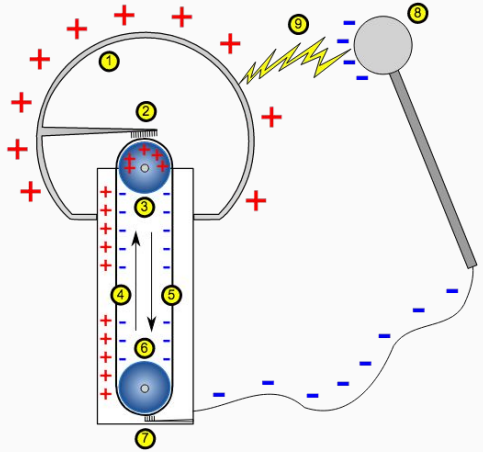

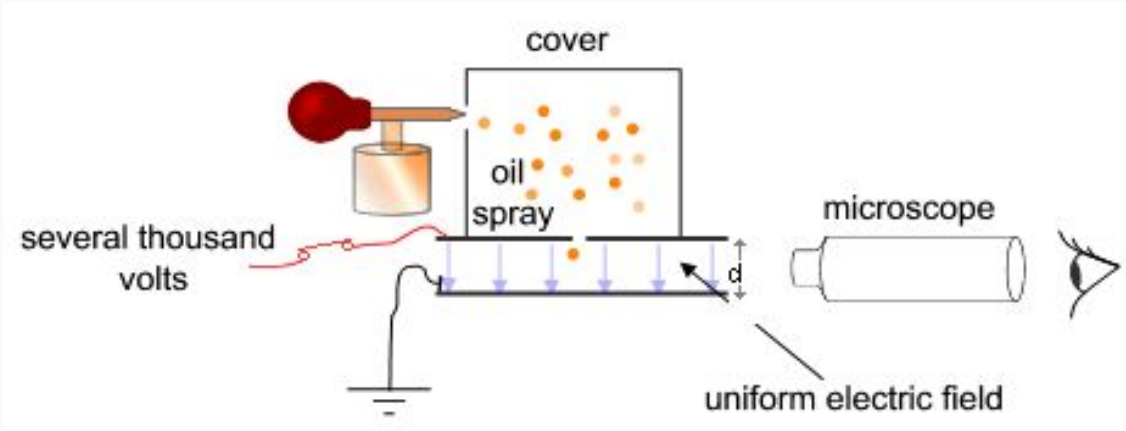

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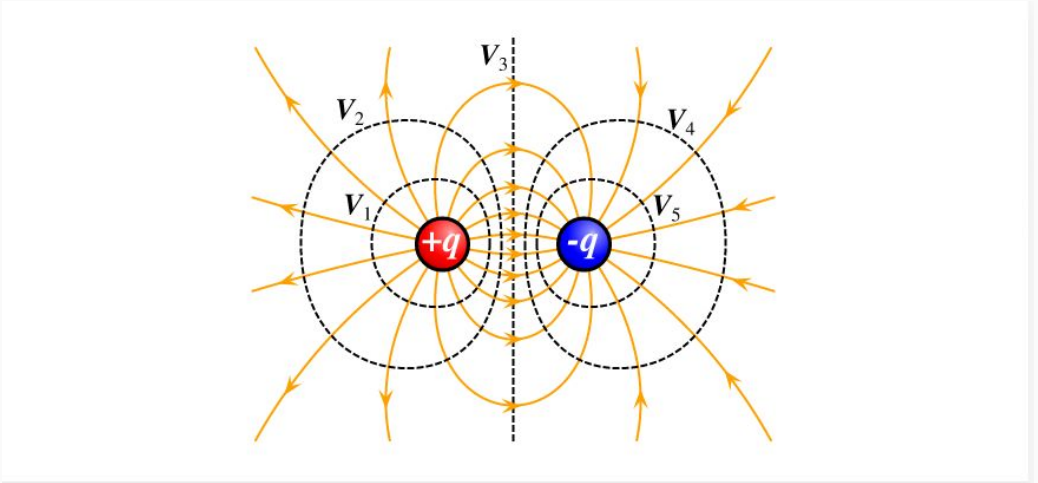
- The Electric field as a vector
- The Potential as a scalar field
- How to “see” them?



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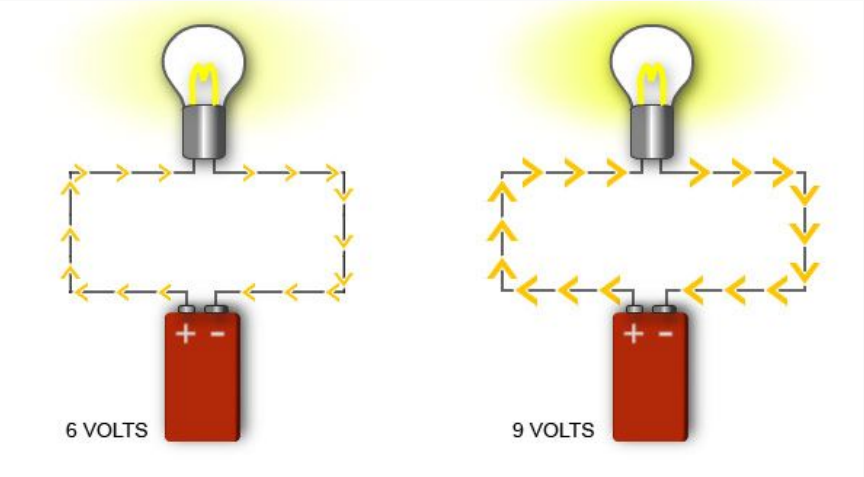
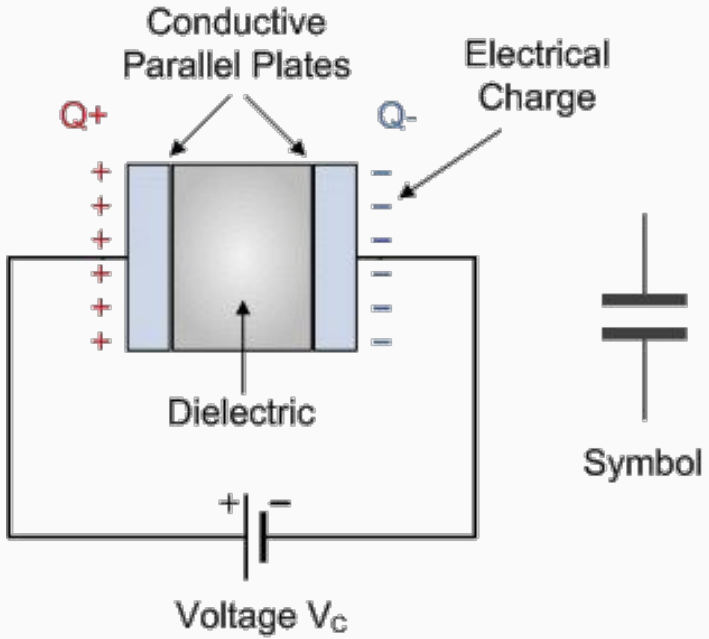
- Concept of “Voltage”
- Voltage and currents
- Voltage and capacitors





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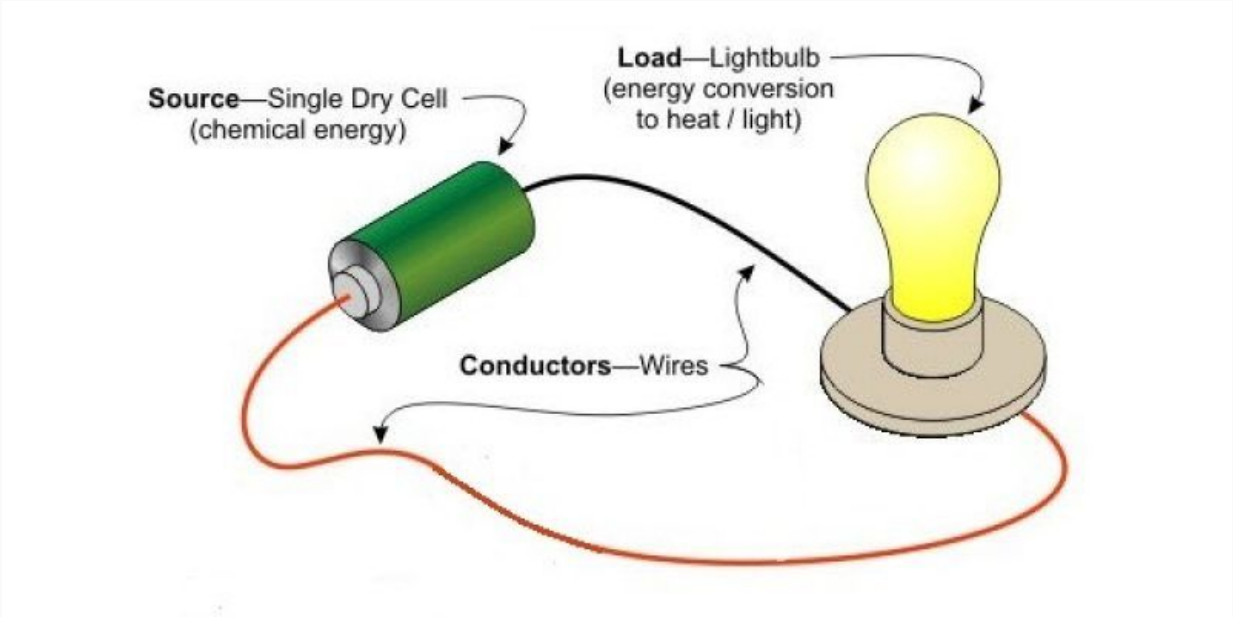
- Voltage and capacitors

Key concepts in Electrostatics

- The electric current
- Electric resistance
- Circuits in CC
- Ohm’s law
- Batteries



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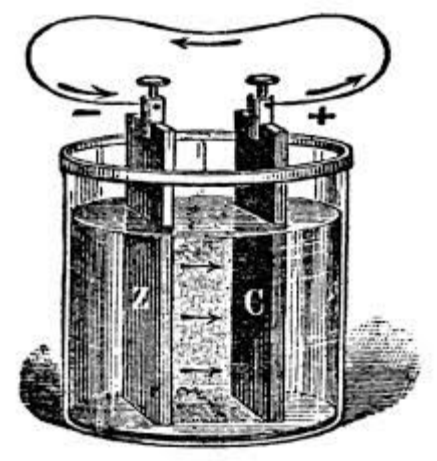

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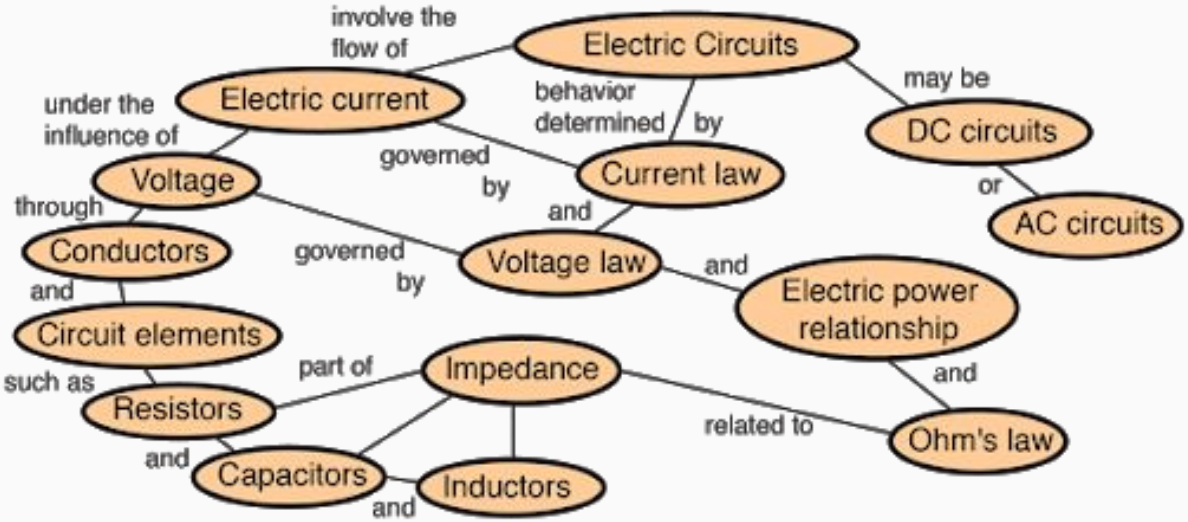
- Electric circuits



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- The Ohm's law

Ohm's law formulas www.ohmlaw.com		To Calculate			
		Voltage (V)	Current (I)	Resistance (R)	Power (P)
Given parameters	Current & Resistance	$V = IR$	---	---	$P = I^2R$
	Current & Power	$V = \frac{P}{I}$	---	$R = \frac{P}{I^2}$	---
	Voltage & Current	---	---	$R = \frac{V}{I}$	$P = VI$
	Voltage & Resistance	---	$I = \frac{V}{R}$	---	$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$
	Voltage & Power	---	$I = \frac{P}{V}$	$R = \frac{V^2}{P}$	---
	Power & Resistance	$V = \sqrt{P.R}$	$I = \sqrt{P/R}$	---	---

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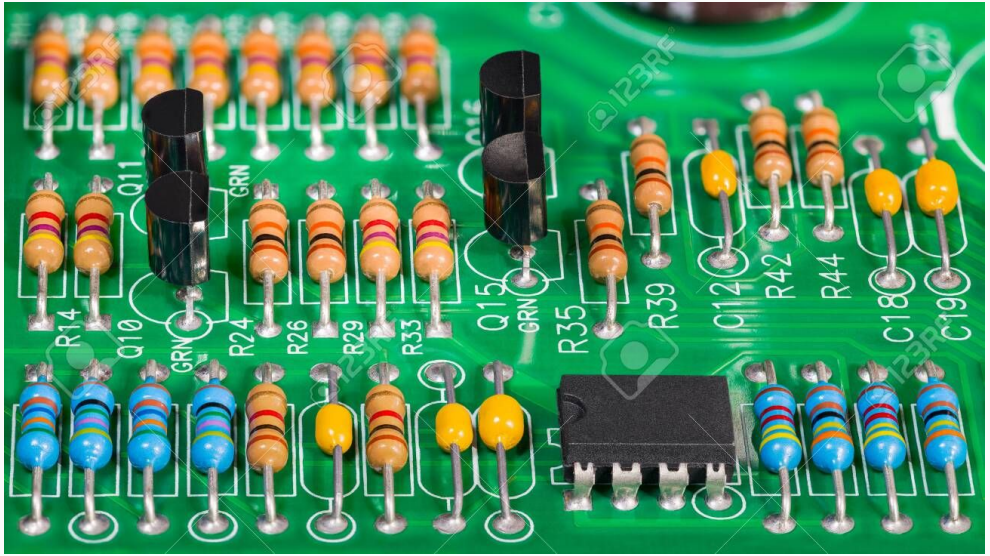
- The resistors



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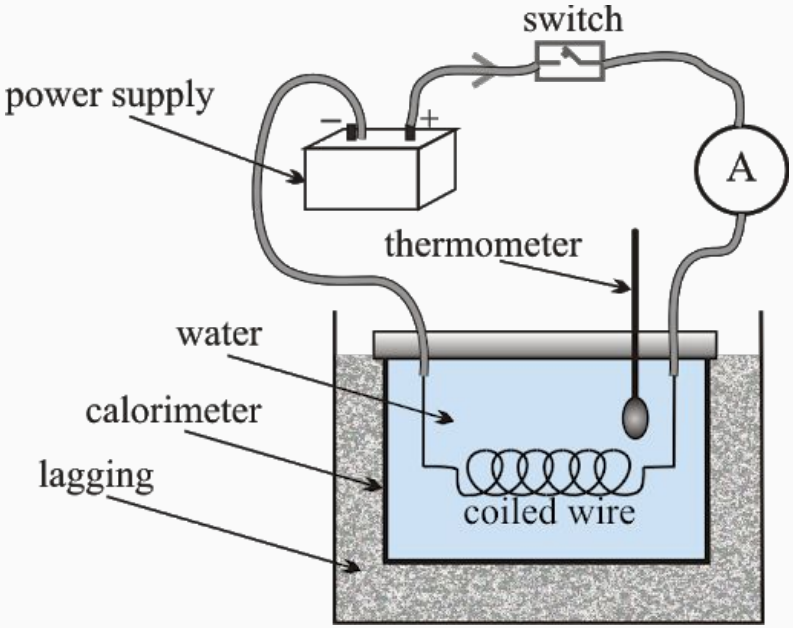
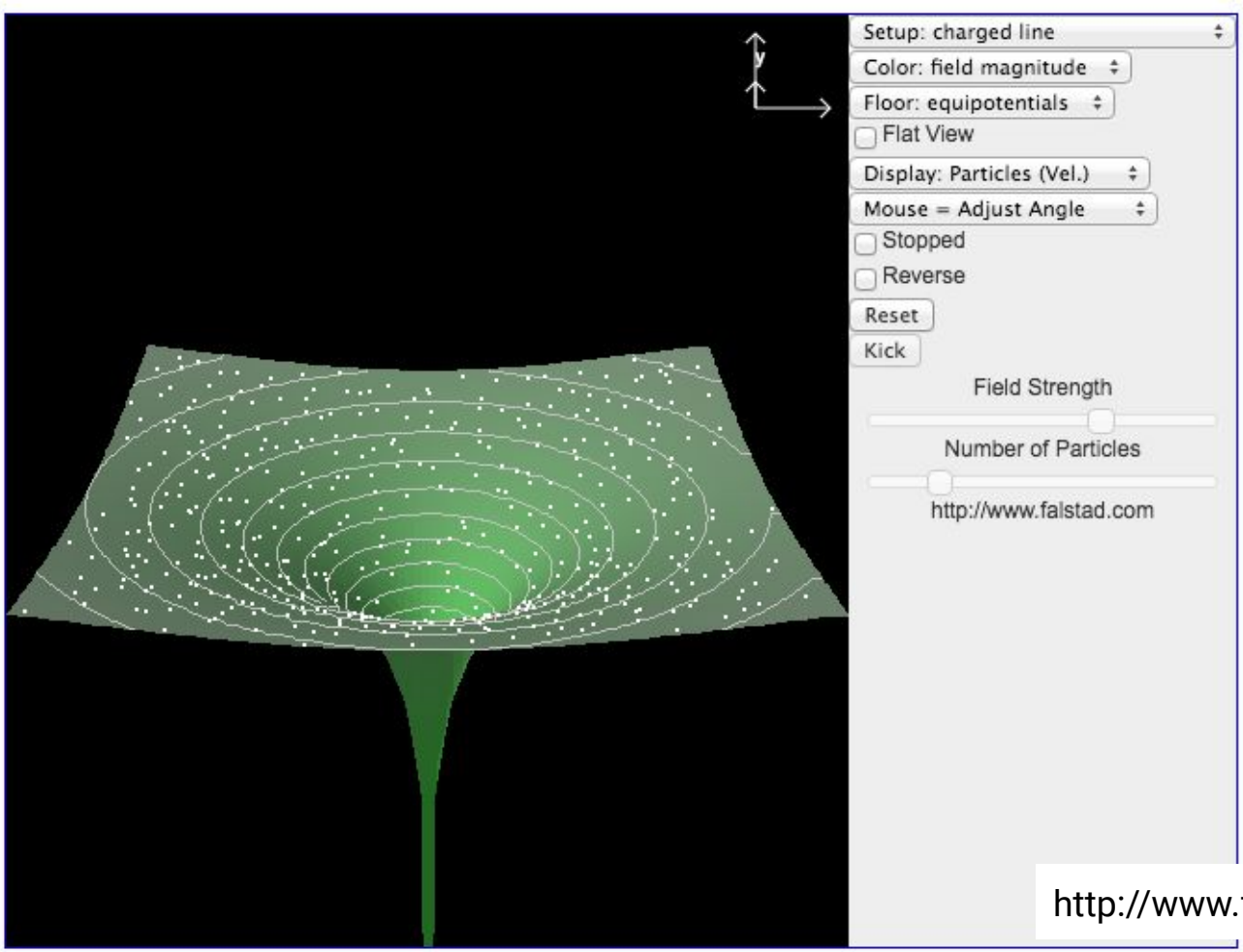
- The power in Electric fields





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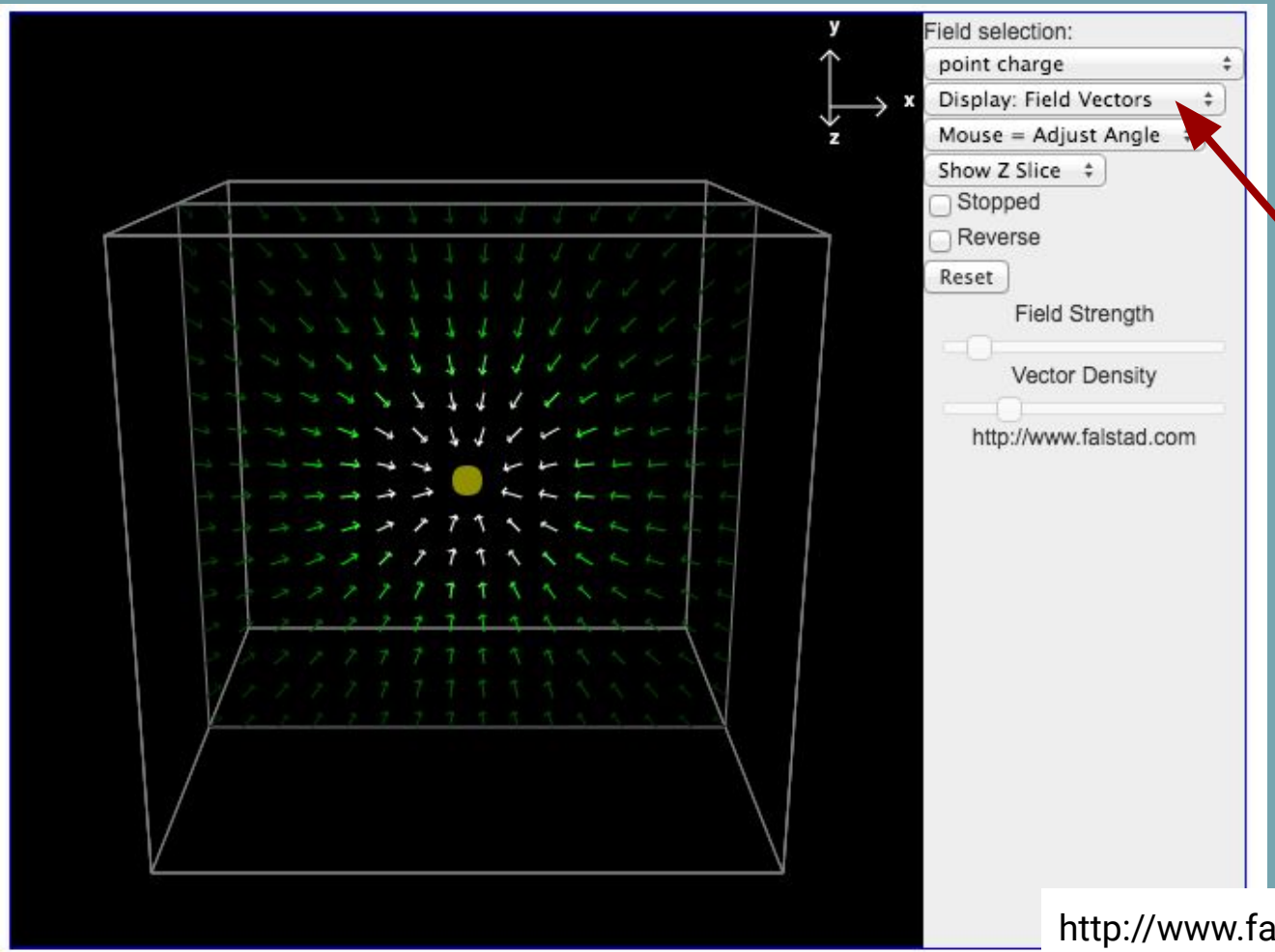

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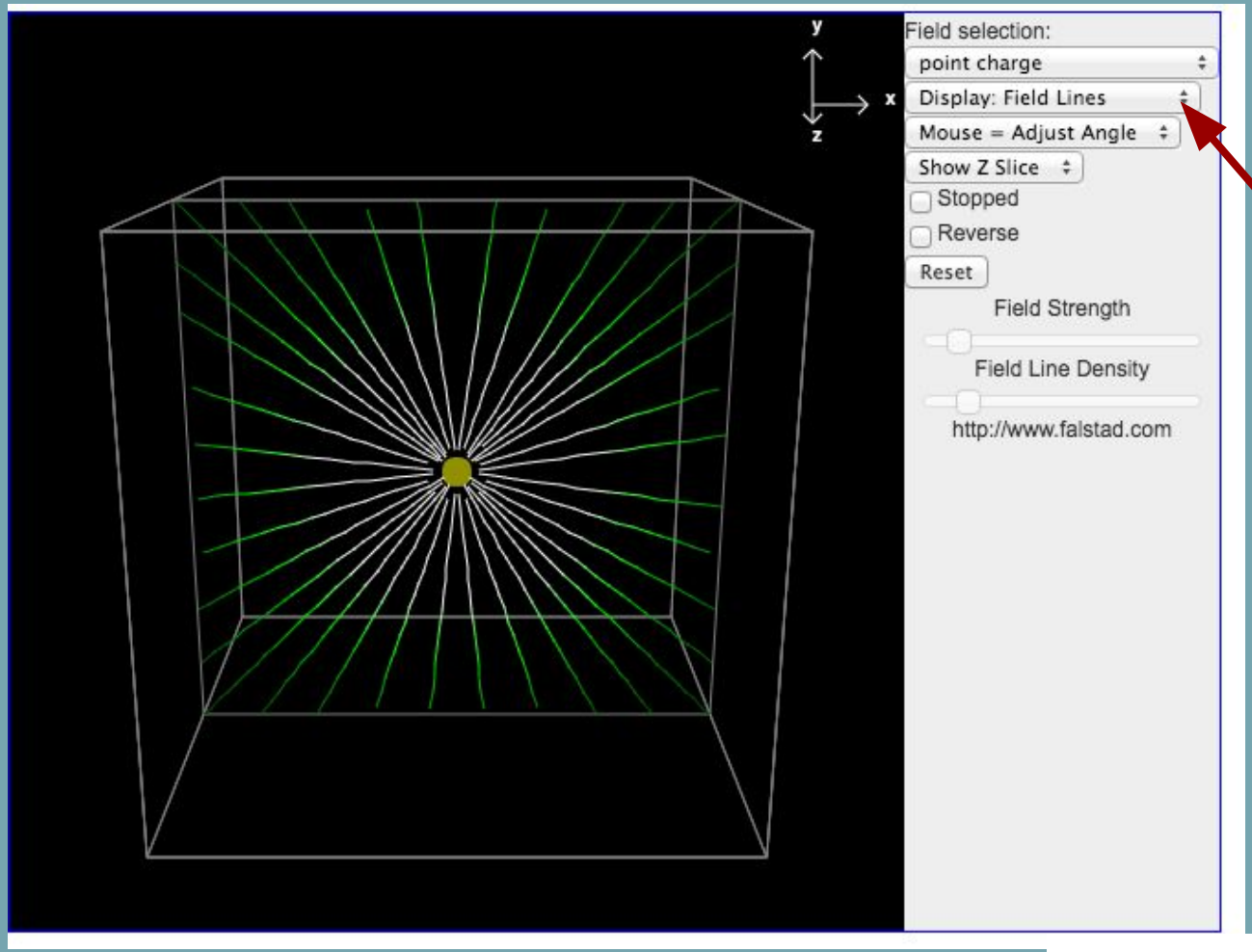

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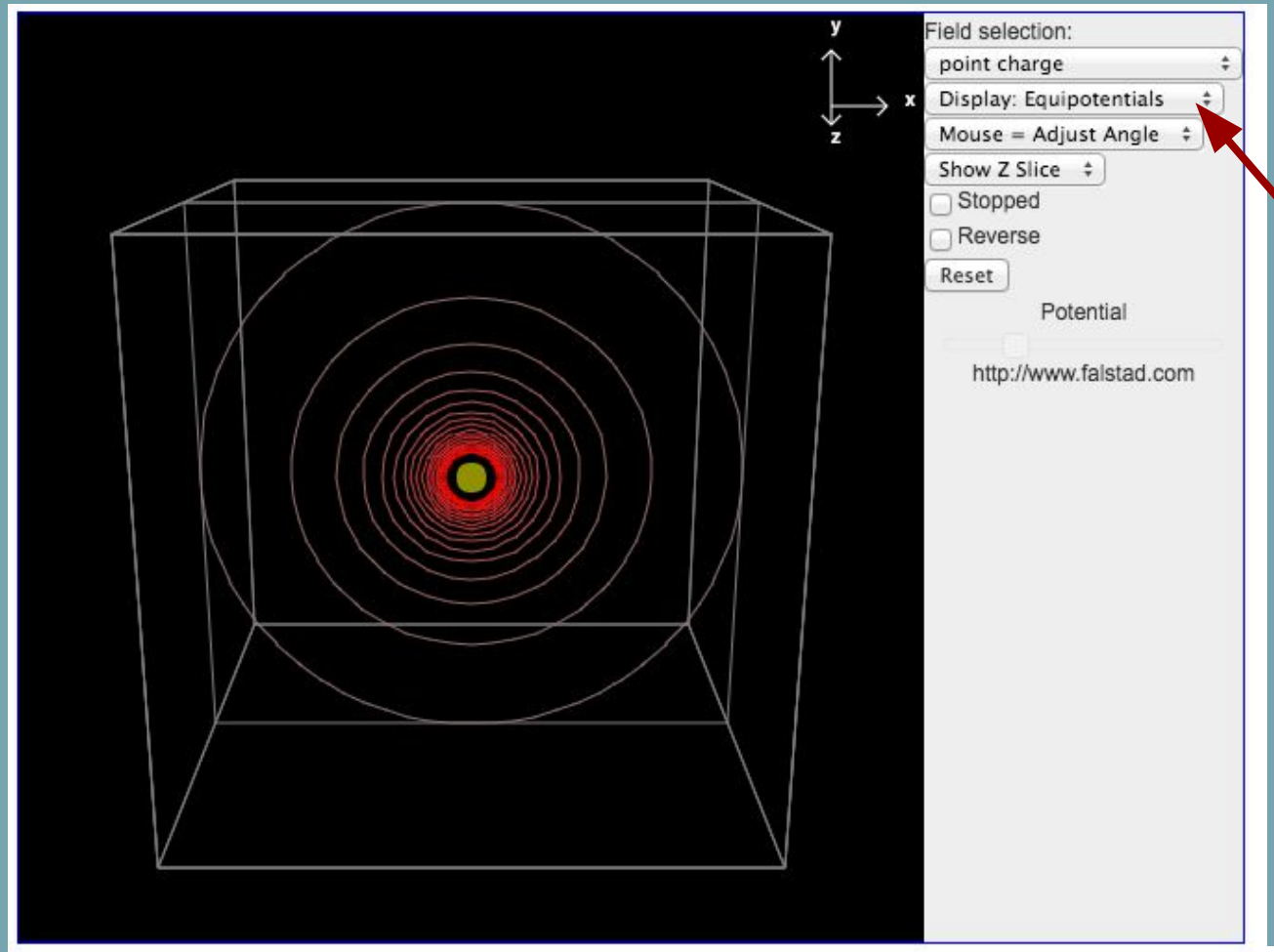

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Misconceptions in Electrostatics

- Current flows in one direction and charges move in the other one
- Electric field is a scalar field
- Potential field is a vector field -- which relation to electric field ?
- The elementary charge
- Neutrality of matter and electricity …

Let’s add …

Inquiry Based Science Education (IBSE approach)

Inquiry is a multifaceted activity that involves: making observations; posing questions; examining books and other sources of information to see what is already known; planning investigations; reviewing what is already known in light of experimental evidence; using tools to gather, analyze, and interpret data; proposing answers, explanations, and predictions; and communicating the results. Inquiry requires identification of assumptions, use of critical and logical thinking, and consideration of alternative explanations.

(National Research Council, 1996)

What is Inquiry-Based Learning?

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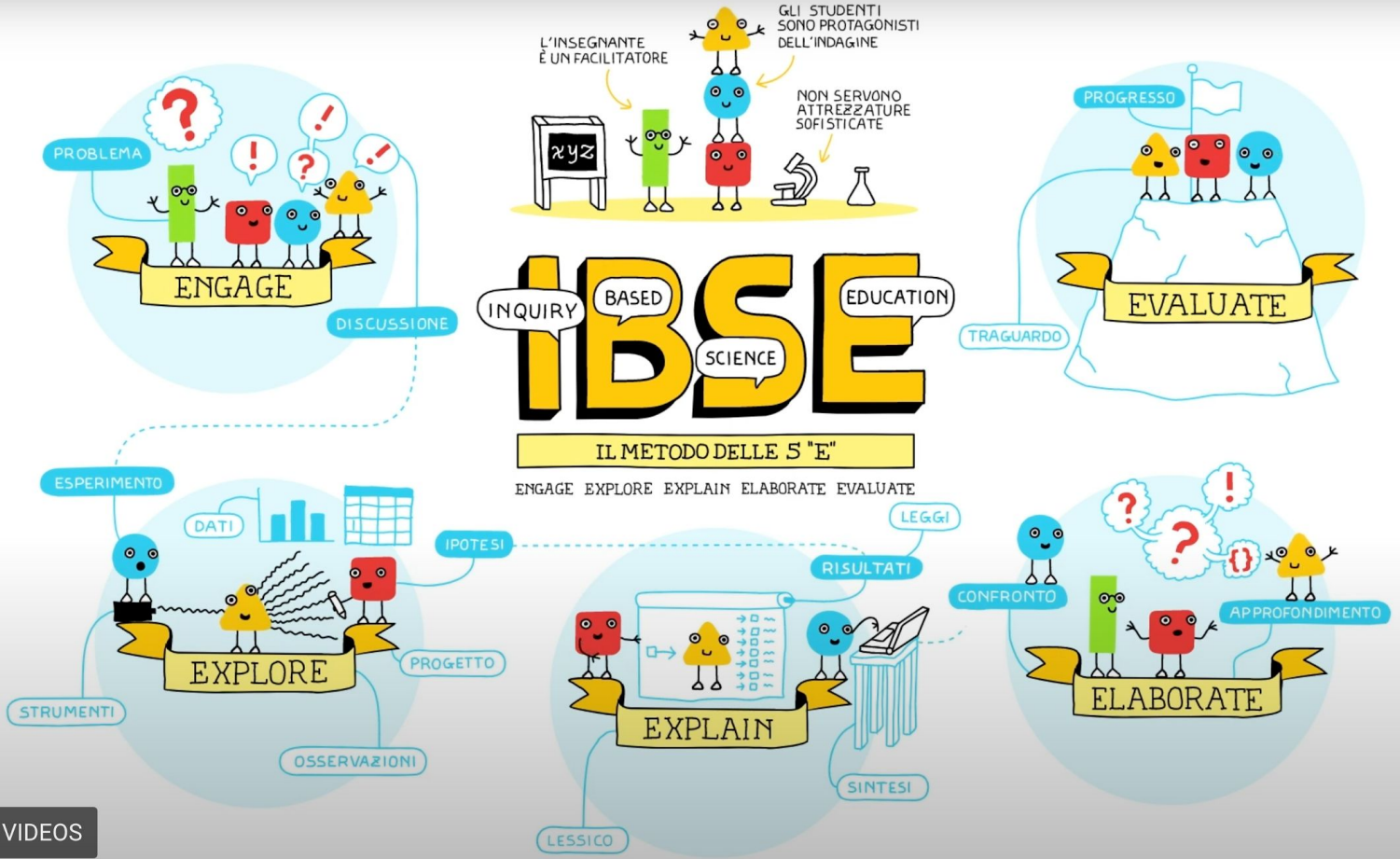
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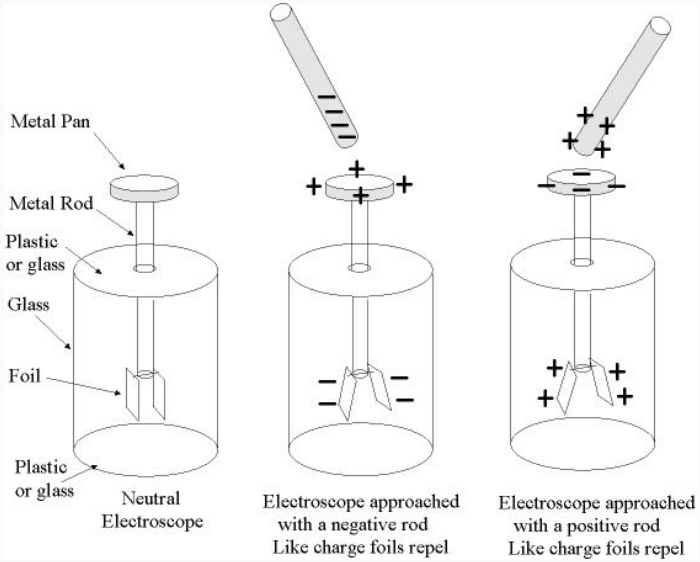

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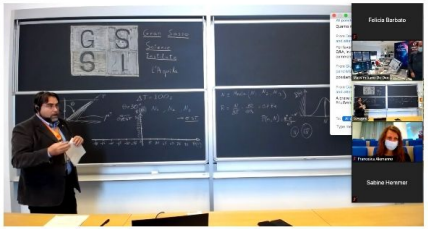

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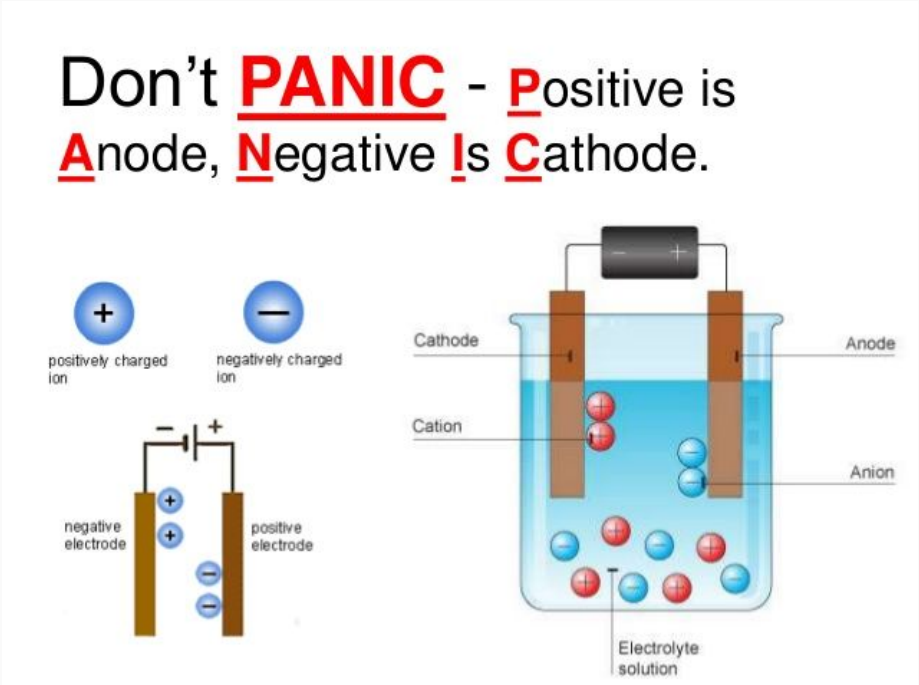

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