



# Electrophorus

A start toward capacitors.

# Hollywood Example

- Christmas Vacation

# Coulomb's Law

- Floating Styrofoam cup.
- What is the charge of the VDG?
- $F = \frac{kq_1q_2}{d^2}$
- $k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}^2$
- q=Charge (C)
- d=distance between charges (m)

$$m = 0.004 \text{ kg}$$

$$g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2/\text{C}^2$$

$$d = 0.20 \text{ m}$$

$$q =$$

$$F_e = F_g$$

$$\frac{k q^2}{d^2} = mg$$

$$k q^2 = mg d^2$$

$$q^2 = \frac{mg d^2}{k}$$

$$q = \sqrt{\frac{mg d^2}{k}}$$

# Current Versus Static

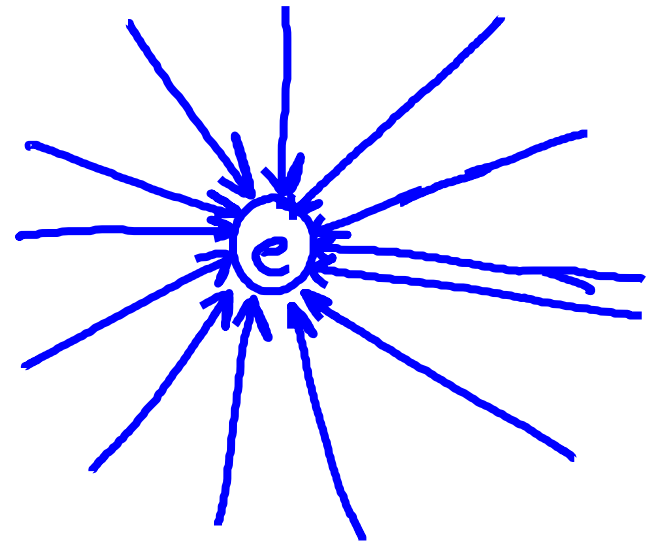
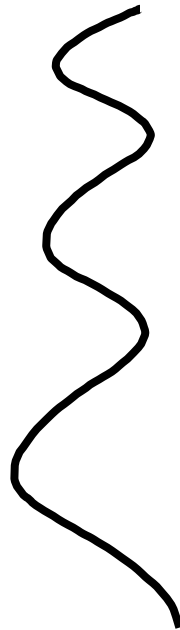
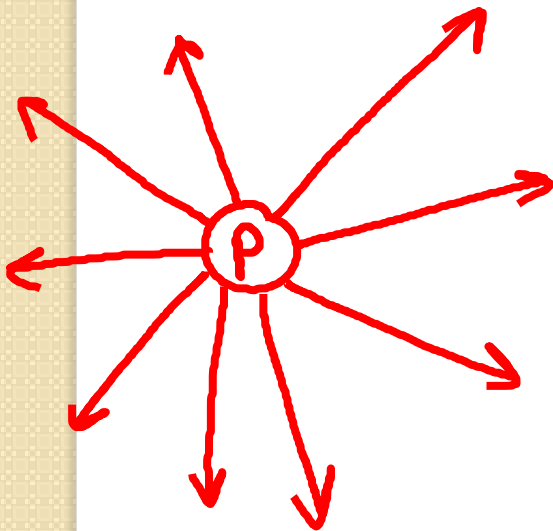
- $4.04 \times 10^{12}$  electron build up on the outside surface of VDG.
- $1 \text{ C} = 6.2 \times 10^{18}$  electrons
- $1 \text{ Ampere} = 1 \text{ C} / 1 \text{ s}$
- $20 \text{ Amps} = 1.24 \times 10^{20}$  electrons/second
- Again it's not so much the charge that can kill you but the duration. One time zap is a lot safer than a continuous flow of electrons

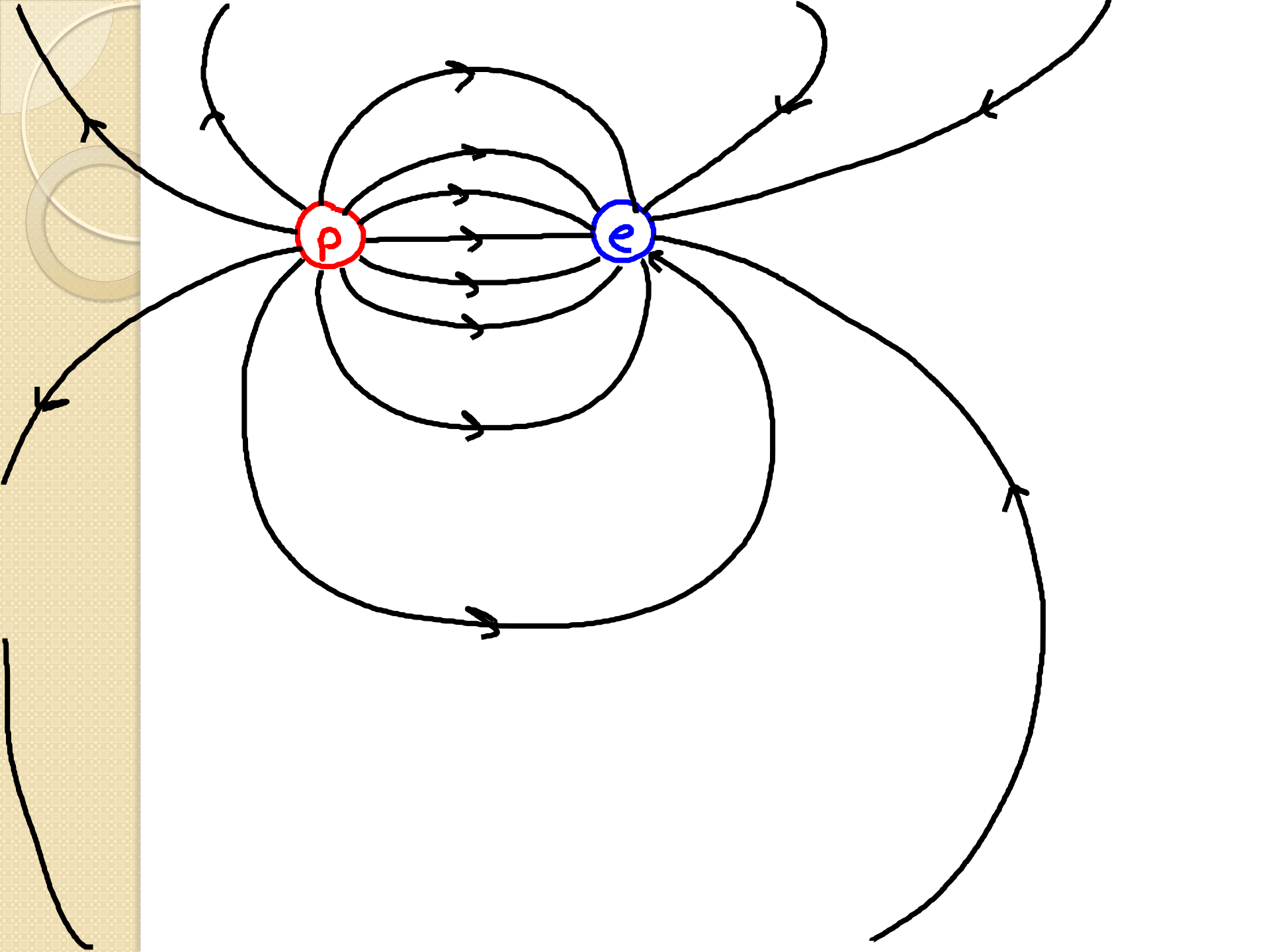
# Demo: Charges try to get as far away from like charges as possible

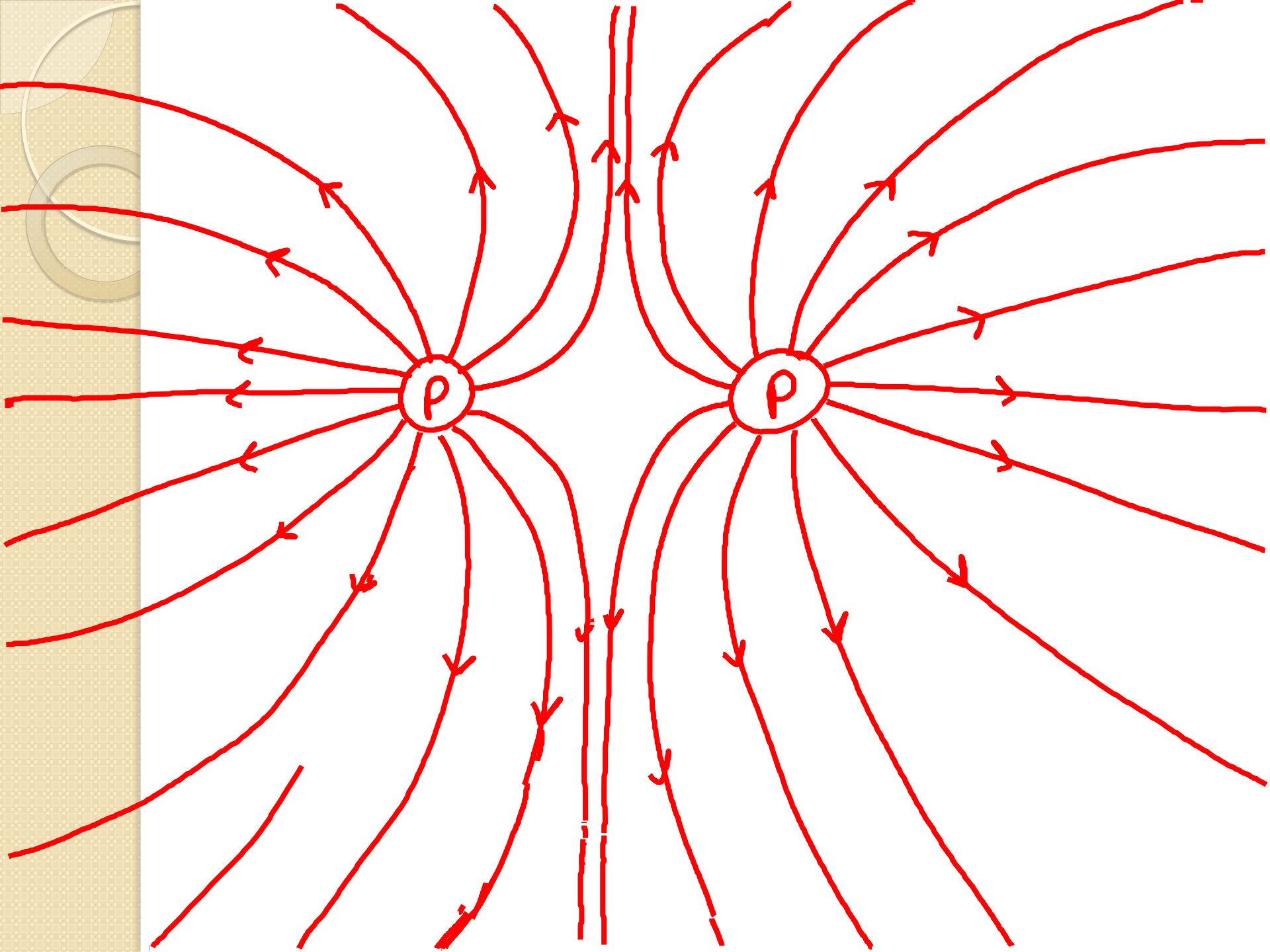
- What looks like a wind flag for airports demonstrates how charges behave on conductors.

# Electric Fields

- Like magnetic field lines but now it is because of charge.







# Electric Field Extra Credit

- I was convinced to offer a chance for students to get extra credit and learn about electric fields at the same time.
- <http://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/electric-hockey>
- Worth 5 Points
- Level three goal = 5 Points
- Level two goal = 3 points
- Level one goal = 1 points

# A problem using Coulomb's law

- A proton and electron are separated by 25 picometers (about actual size for an atom). What is the force between the two particles?

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# Electrostatics Study Sheet

- Problems 1-3, and back side of sheet.

# Electrophorus

- Invented in 1762 by Johan Wilcke.
- Improved and popularize by Alessandro Volta in 1775.
- A way to store charge and continuously use it to shock and build up charge.