# Big Bang / The origin of electronics









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### **Big Bang Theory**



Everything in the universe has quantum numbers:

- Mass (energy)
- Charge
- Spin
- Baryon number







Baryon = 3 quarks

- Neutron (ddu). Charge:  $-\frac{1}{3} + -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 0$
- Proton (uud). Charge:  $-\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 1$

Lepton

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Atom: *n* protons + *n* electrons + *m* neutrons Charge = 0

Example: Na (sodium): *n* = 11, *m* = 11 or 12







Molecule: n atom-x + m atoms-y, etc. Charge = 0

Example: Caffeine = 8xC + 10xH + 4xN + 2xO





Matter: Combined molecules Charge = 0

Example: Human

### The origin of current





Current is the passage of charge

- Electrons

- Protons (quarks)

1 unit of charge is  $q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  C

1 ampere is by definition 1 coulomb per second (1 A = 1C/s)

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### The magnitude of current

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Ontario Highway 401 (busiest road in the world): 430,000 cars/day

In 1 second in a vacuum cleaner pass as many electrons as cars on that highway in **64 billion years**! (Mote: the universe is only 13.7 billion years old)

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### The sign of current

Current has opposite sign compared to movement of electrons:



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### Separation of charge. Metals

Objects (atoms, molecules, humans, resistors, capacitors) have **zero net charge** 

To have current, positive and negative charge has to be **separated** 

1: In **metals** some of the electrons are disconnected from the nuclei and can move freely



### Separation of charge. Semiconductors

Objects (atoms, molecules, humans, resistors, capacitors) have **zero net charge** 

To have current, positive and negative charge has to be **separated** 1: In **semiconductors** some of the atoms have an electron too many or too few for bonding with other atoms



Extra electron can be shaken lose from atom to make semiconductor behave like metal

Electrons of materials fill up from lowest energy to highest energy **Not all energies are possible** (quantum mechanics. Pauli exclusion principle)



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### Separation of charge. Band structure

#### Doping in semiconductors can make charge flow freely



Now that we know what is current. How to make it happen?



#### Gravity:

Two objects with mass attract each other. Cart + Earth. Potential energy: E = m g h Electrostatic interaction:

Two objects with different sign charge attract each other. Electron + Ion Potential energy: E = q V

### Volt (electrical potential) is like mountains



It costs energy to separate the charge. Like separating mass (rolling a ball up a hill)

The volt is per definition the energy per unit charge:

1 volt = 1 joule per coulomb



### Volt

Force 2 x 1 kg separated by distance Earth-Moon  $F = G m_1 m_2 / R^2$  ( $G = 6.674 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2/\text{kg}^2$ )  $R = 3.844 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$  $F = 4.5 \times 10^{-28} \text{ N}$ 

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### Volt



Imagine the two weights stripped of all electrons (Iron: 26 electrons/atom. Atomic weight: 55.845 u, u =  $1.66 \times 10^{-27}$  kg)  $q_1 = q_2 = 4.49 \times 10^7$  C

$$F = k q_1 q_2 / R^2$$
 (k = 8.988x10<sup>9</sup> N m<sup>2</sup>/C<sup>2</sup>)  
+ F = 1.2x10<sup>8</sup> N

Force is 35 orders of magnitude larger!

We can measure the potential energy with a voltmeter



### Volt times current is power

If volt is 'energy per charge' and current is 'charge passing per time', the product of the two is power

volt = joule / coulomb, ampere = coulomb / second

volt x ampere = (J/C)x(C/s) = joule / second = watt



### Multimeter

#### Everything can be measured with a multimeter



Note there is no 'power' meter on a multimeter

### kwH

If power is the product of volt and ampere, the integral of power is energy

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energy = power x time joule = (joule/second) x second

$$P(t) = V(t) \times I(t)$$
$$E = \int P(t) dt = \int V(t) I(t) dt$$



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Electronics	
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Integrated Circuits	Telecommunications
Micro Assembler	Internet
Machine Language	
Macro Assembler	
High Level Programming Languages	
Object-oriented Programming	
Distributed Programming	
Information Processing	