

ELECTRIC CHARGE

Charge of a material body or particle is the property (acquired or natural) due to which it produces and experiences electrical and magnetic effects. Some of naturally occurring charged particles are electrons, protons, α -particles etc.

Charge is a derived physical quantity & is measured in Coulomb in S.I. unit. In practice we use mC(10^{-3} C), μ C (10^{-6} C), nC(10^{-9} C) etc.

C.G.S. unit of charge = electrostatic unit = esu. 1 coulomb = 3×10^9 esu of charge

Dimensional formula of charge = $[M^0L^0T^1I^1]$

COULOMB'S LAW

$$\text{i.e. } F \propto q_1q_2 \text{ and } F \propto \frac{1}{r^2} \Rightarrow F \propto \frac{q_1q_2}{r^2} \Rightarrow F = \frac{Kq_1q_2}{r^2}$$

Relative permittivity : $\epsilon/\epsilon_0 = \epsilon_r$

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \frac{q_1q_2}{|r^{\rightarrow}|^3} r^{\rightarrow} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \frac{q_1q_2}{|r^{\rightarrow}|^2} \hat{r}$$