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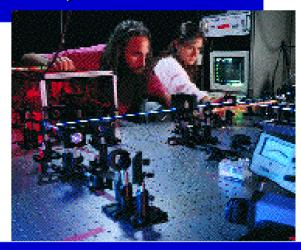


Particle Astrophysics & Cosmology



Teaching, Research, Outreach

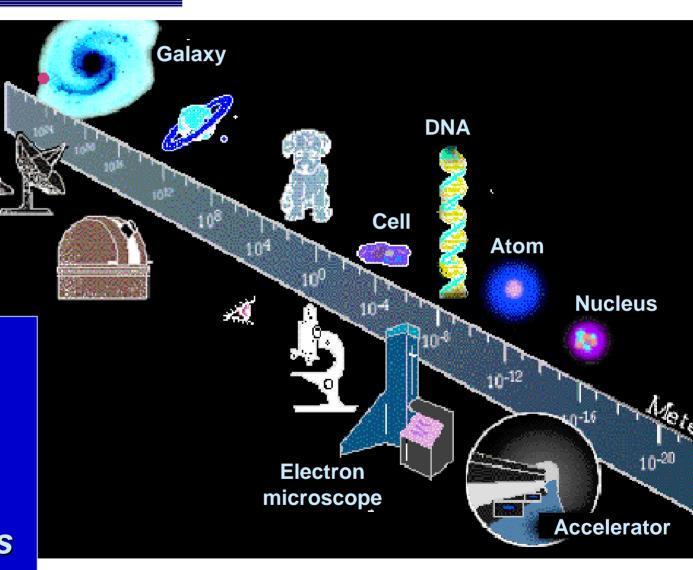




Elementary Particle Physics

Condensed Matter Physics& Wave Propagation





SCIPP's Research extends from the smallest particles to the largest structures in the Universe



Graduate and Undergraduate Students conduct research in the SCIPP Laboratories



http://scipp.ucsc.edu





Program

- Introduction & Jacob's Ladder
- Corona & Lights without Cords
- Zorro's Revenge
- Mystery Knight in Armor
 - Fighting Lightning
 - Bolt to the face
- Facts on Tesla Coil
- Mystery Knight in Armor
 - Sparks from the feet







SAFETY FIRST!

- Distance at least 20 ft.
- Computers, Gameboys, CD players, telephones to the back of the room – unplugged, switched off!
- Hearing aids off, pacemakers out of room
 - Normally you can't see, hear or smell electricity, but the Tesla Coil makes
 - Bright sparks
 - Loud crackling noise
 - The air smell bad (Ozone



1 Million Volts! DANGER

BRACE YOURSELF!







Lightning

Jacob's Ladder

Corona

Tesla Sparks

are all related.

Principle: Air becomes ionized, and

therefore conducts electricity.

Lot's of it, so the current heats up the air,

excites the atoms/molecules which emit light.

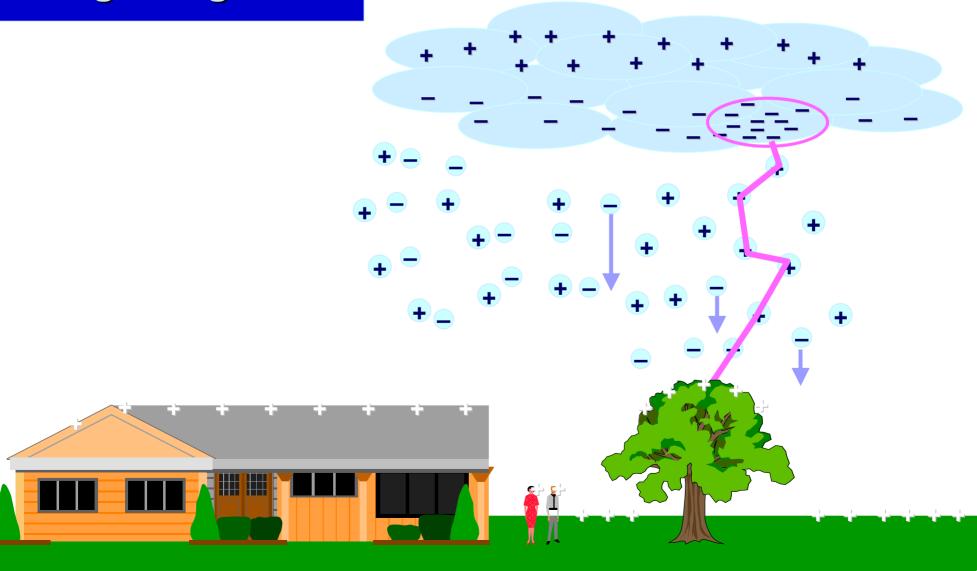


Two important concepts:

- Lightning
- The Faraday Cage



How lightning works

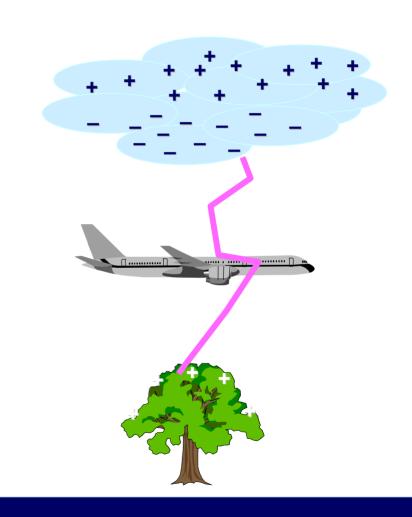




The Faraday Cage

Why aren't air planes in grave danger being so close to the clouds and all?

Answer: They form a Faraday Cage i.e., they are surrounded by metal; if you are surrounded by metal you are safe the electricity flows around the outside



Safest place during a lightning storm is in a plane or car because it is a Faraday Cage



Mystery Knight

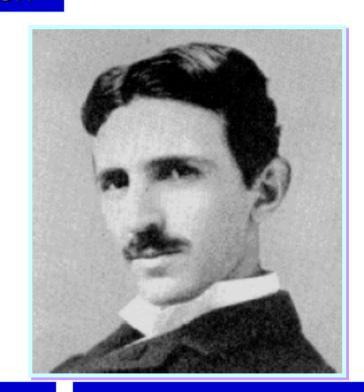
Lowell Physics Student in Armor Fighting Lightning





Thomas "DC" Edison

VS.

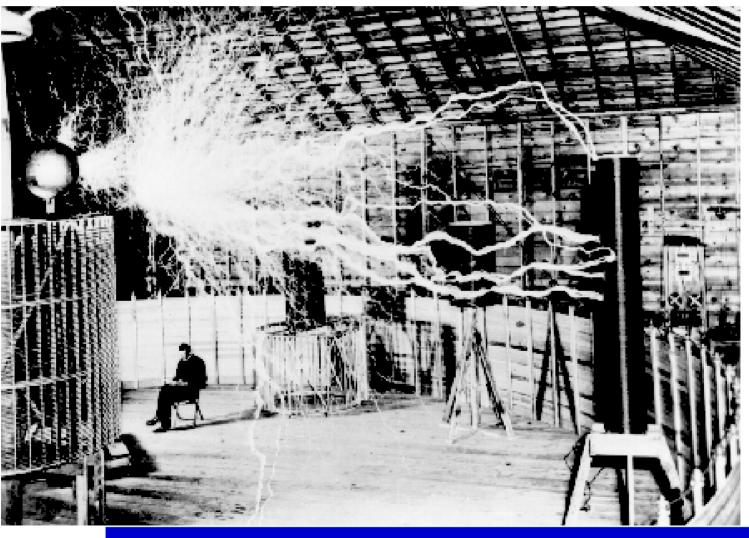


- Tesla Revival
- 271 web sites are dedicated to Nicola Tesla
- Join the "Tesla Coil Web Ring" http://nav.webring.yahoo.com/hub?ring=teslaring&list

Nicola "AC" Tesla



Nicola Tesla as a Daredevil?



Double Exposure makes it safe!



Principle of the Tesla Coil

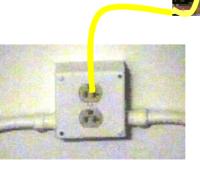
Ask your teachers about details!



1 million Resonance circuit

14,000 Transformer

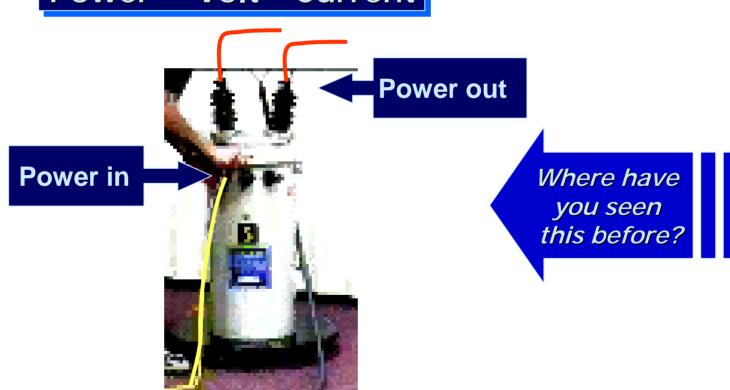
120 **Outlet**





Transformer

Power out = Power in Power = Volt • Current



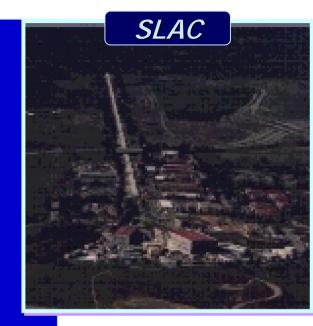


Transformation of Energy

- Similar to the Tesla Coil, accelerators convert Energy into new forms
 - Visit the Stanford Linear
 Accelerator Center (SLAC):
 Electricity

 New particles
 - SCIPP works on BaBar:
 why we are made out of matter
 In Space in black holes:
 - Matter ➡ Light, x-rays, "jets"
 - SCIPP works on GLAST Mission:

discover the most powerful accelerators in the universe

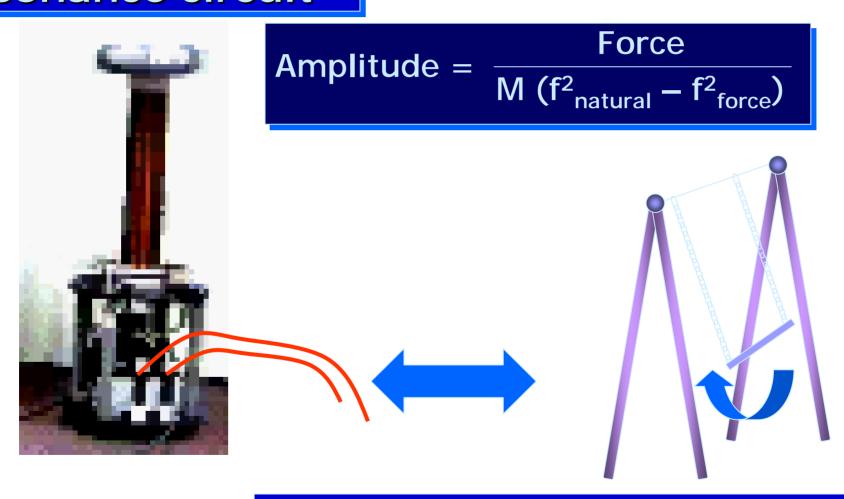








Resonance circuit



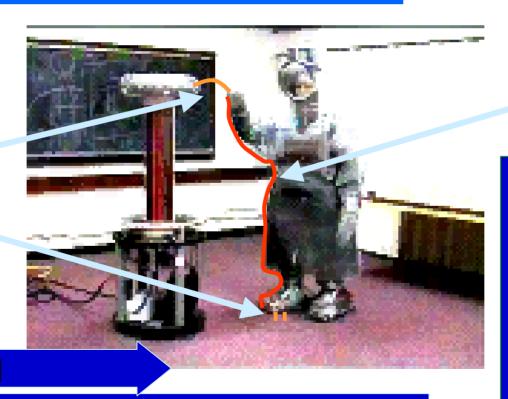
A kick at the right frequency build up and gets you sky-high!



The armored suit is safe!

It's a Faraday Cage – no electric field allowed inside

Visible sparks



Invisible current

Electrical current flows on the OUTSIDE of a metal!

Ground

In a thunderstorm stay in the car!



Mystery Knight

Sparks from the feet



Say "Good bye" to
Daniel Greenhouse,
the brain behind the sparks
He is an undergraduate
at UCSC



