

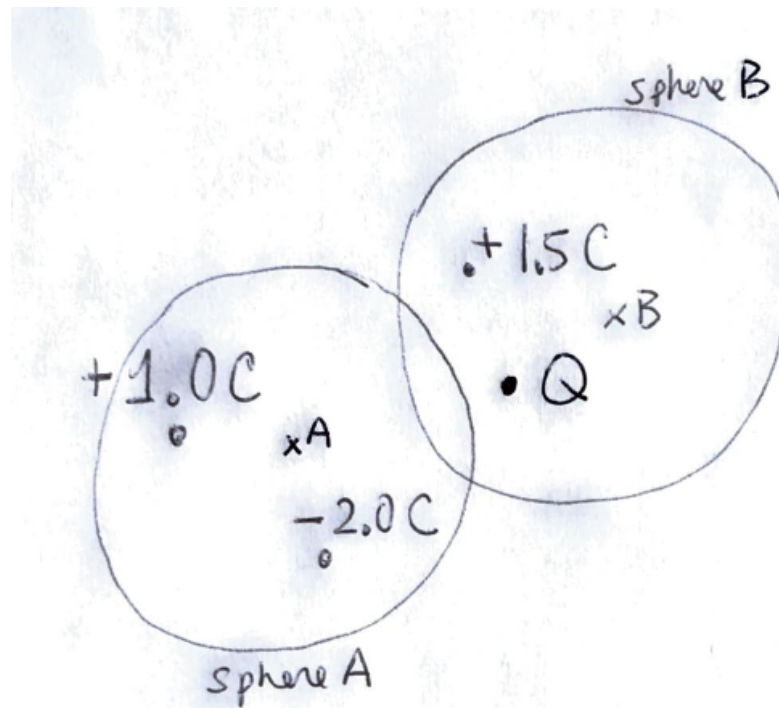
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## PRELECTURE QUESTION: LECTURE 5

A set of charges is arranged in the plane of the page as shown. The two spheres A and B are centered in the plane of the page.

- (a) What is the electric flux through sphere A?
- (b) If the electric flux through sphere B is  $(5.0/(8.854 \times 10^{-12}))\text{Nm}^2/\text{C}$ , what is the charge  $Q$ ? (remember  $\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{C}^2/(\text{Nm}^2)$ )

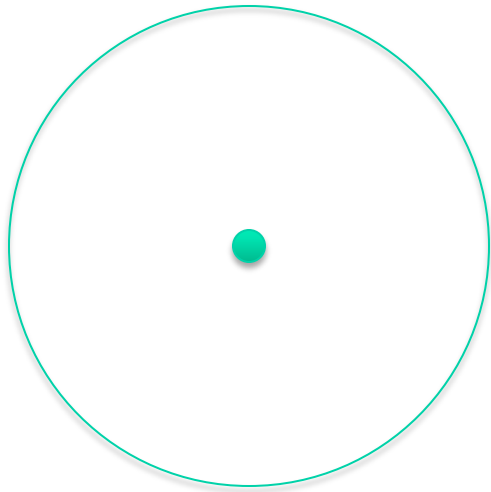


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- Very simple way to find the electric field of a symmetrical charge distribution: spherical shell, cylindrical shell, plane

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = q_{enc} / \epsilon_0$$

BUT if we know the flux through a sphere of radius  $r$  centered on a point charge, we CAN find the field at all points on the sphere!



Get the necessary additional information about  $\vec{E}(\vec{r})$  from SYMMETRY

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = E(r)\hat{r}$$

Evaluate the flux integral  
on sphere of radius  $r$

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E(r)\pi r^2$$

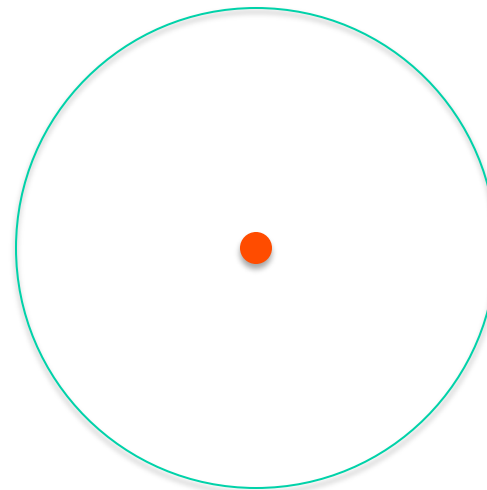
Gauss Law:

$$E(r) 4\pi r^2 = q/\epsilon_0$$

$$E(r) = q/(4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2) = kq/r^2$$

direction is radial

= Coulomb's law!

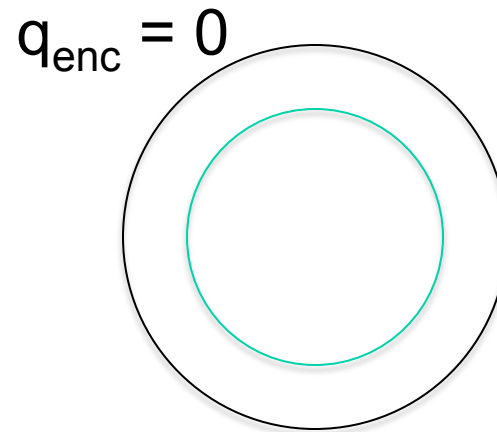
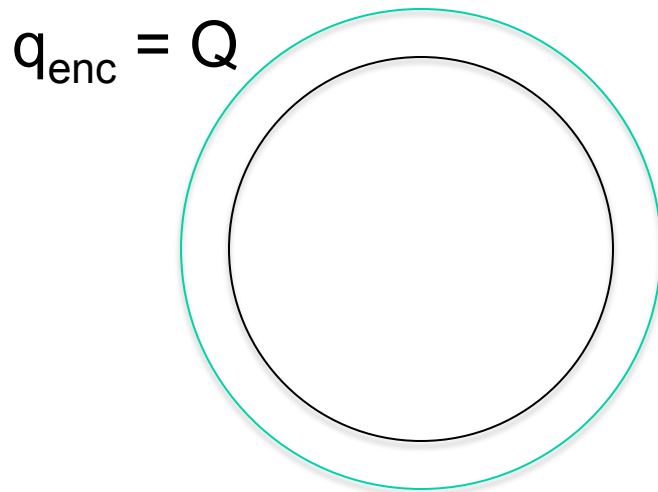


same argument works for any spherically symmetric charge distribution  $\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = E(r)\hat{r}$

Use Gauss' law to prove the shell theorems

-field outside a uniformly charged spherical shell is the same as if the charge were concentrated at a point at the center

-field inside a uniformly charged spherical shell is zero



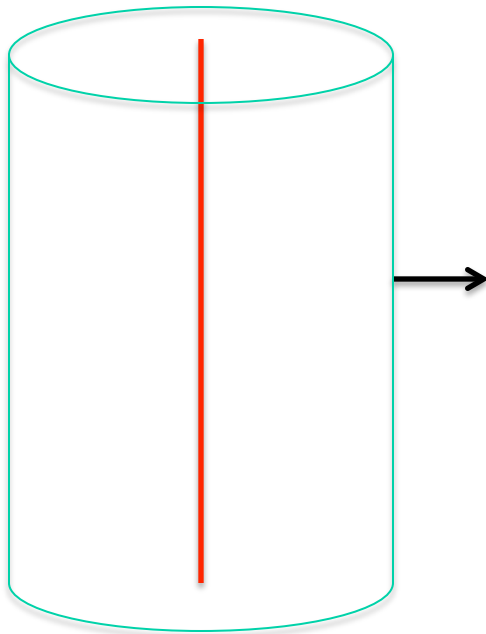
# Symmetry of a uniformly charged infinite wire

180 degree flip around any point on the wire

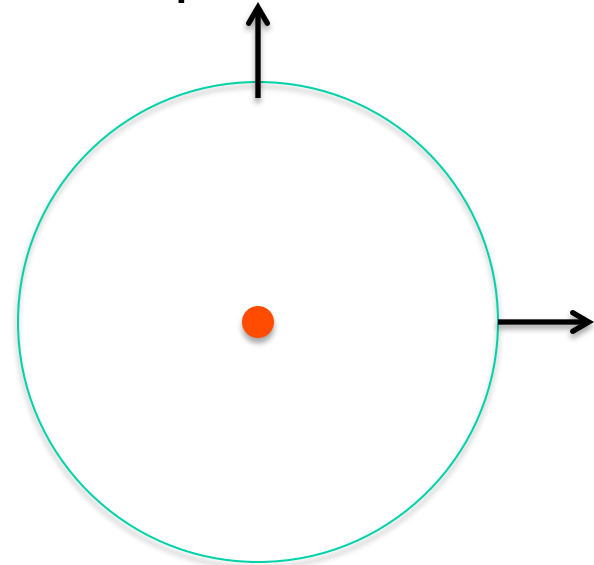
rotation by any angle around the wire axis

translation by any distance along the wire

Side view



top view



Field of uniformly charged wire with linear charge density  $\lambda$   
points directly away from the wire  
magnitude depends only on distance  $r$  from wire

Let's choose our surface  $S$  to be  
a cylinder of radius  $r$  and height  $h$   
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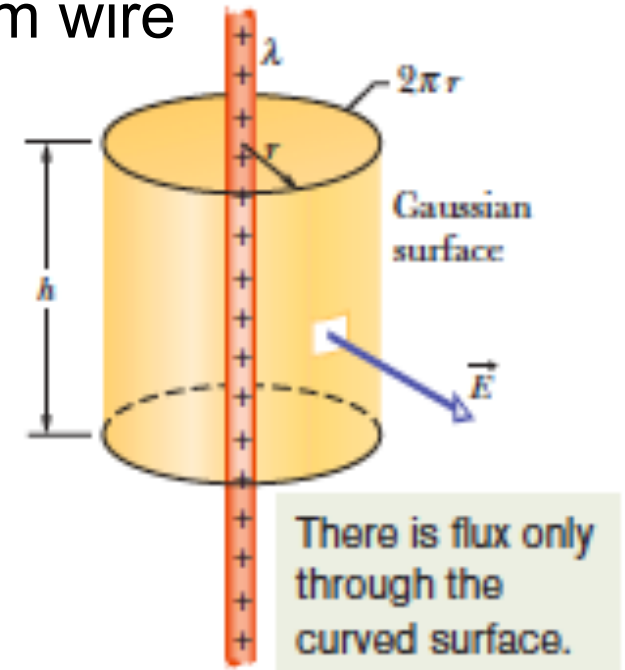
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$$E(r) = \lambda / (2\pi\epsilon_0 r)$$

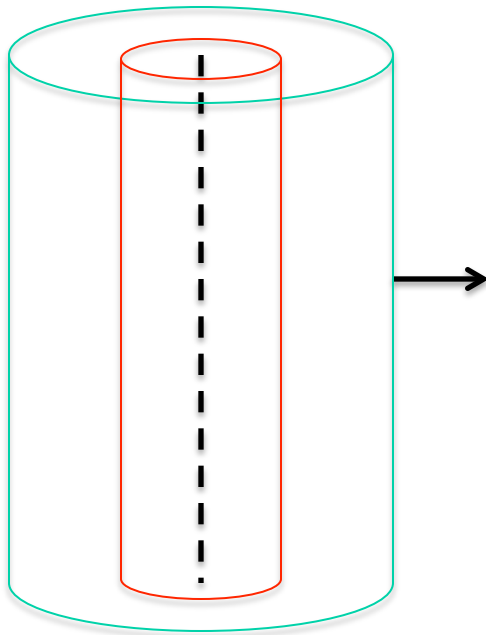




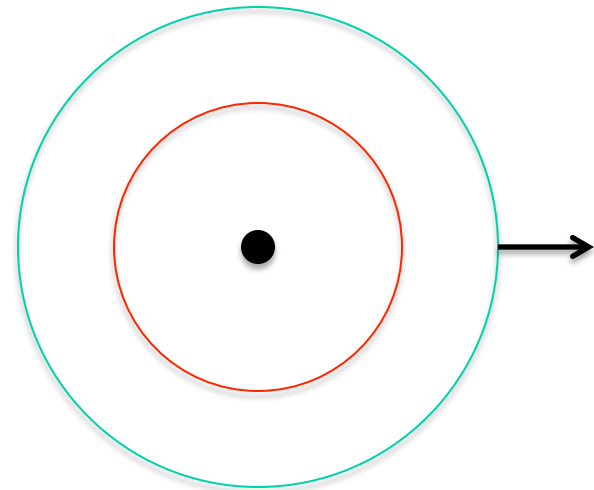
# Symmetry of a uniformly charged infinite cylindrical shell

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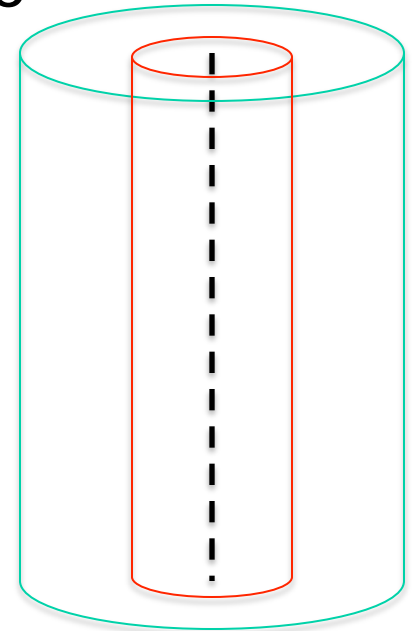
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Simple way of finding the field – works for spherical symmetry and other very symmetrical charge distributions

- Wires and symmetric infinite cylinders (HRW 10 23-4)

- $$E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \quad (\text{line of charge}).$$

pointing directly away from or towards the axis

- Infinite flat uniform sheets of charge (HRW 10 23-5)

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \quad (\text{sheet of charge}).$$

Pointing directly away from or towards the plane

**DOES NOT DEPEND ON THE DISTANCE FROM THE PLANE!!**

DEMO – the electric field inside a Faraday cage is zero no matter what is going on outside the cage!



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Hollow conductor

Electric field inside the cavity is ZERO

Conductors: (metal, tap water, the human body)

Some fraction of the electrons are free to move anywhere in the material

**ADDED CHARGE IS FREE TO MOVE ANYWHERE IN THE MATERIAL**

Rules for conductors in electrostatics:

- Charge density is zero everywhere in the interior of a conductor – all added charge is on the surface(s)
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$$\text{Field outside} = \frac{kQ}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$\sigma = Q/(4 \pi R^2)$$

$$\text{Magnitude of field at } r = R \text{ is } k (4 \pi R^2 \sigma)/R^2 = \sigma / \epsilon_0$$

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True even if spherical cavity is not concentric



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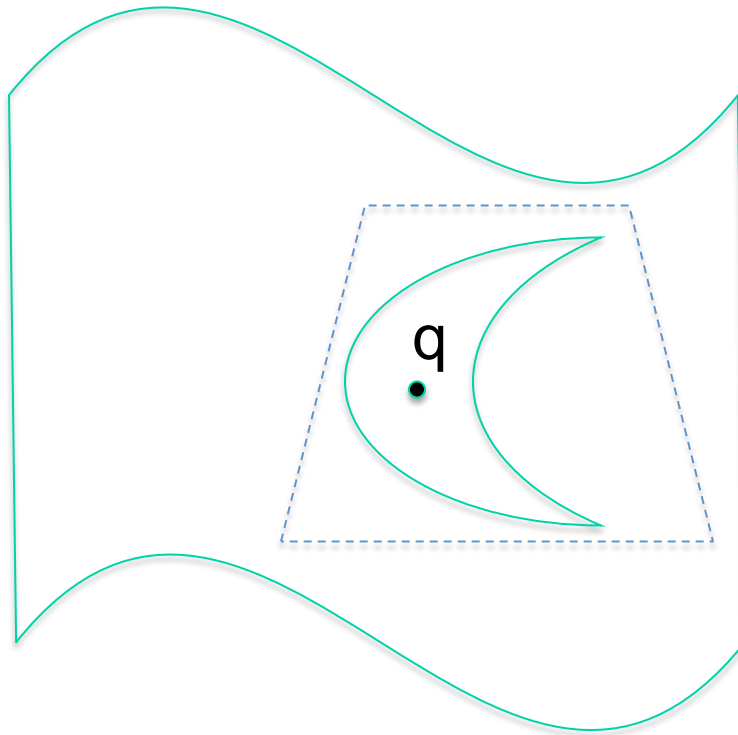
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All points on dashed surface are in the interior of the conductor  
 $E=0$  so electric flux through dashed surface is zero  
By Gauss' law, net charge inside dashed surface is zero  
So there must be a total of  $-q$  on the surface of the crescent moon shaped cavity



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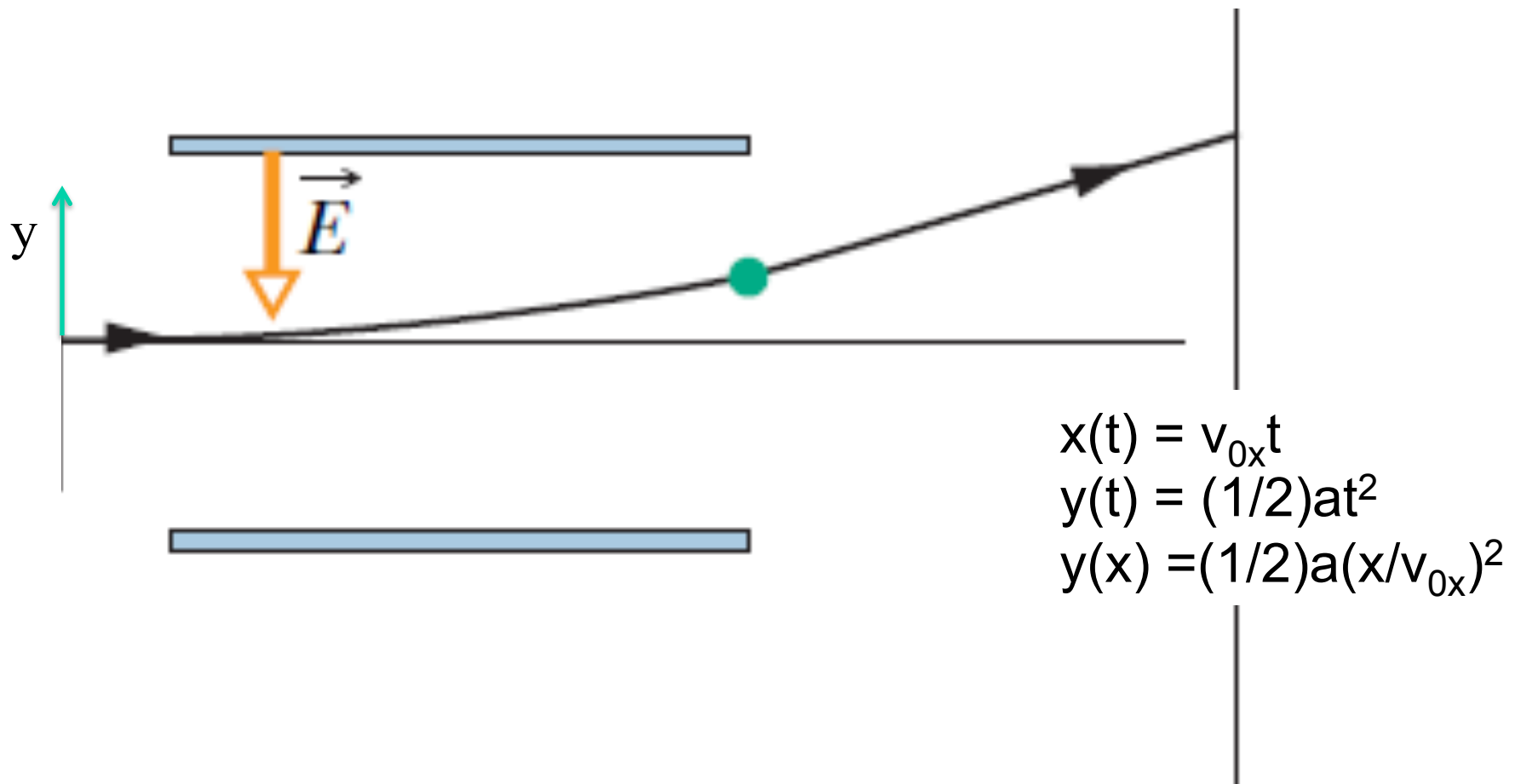
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## *A Point Charge in an Electric Field : Motion in a uniform electric field*

Given a uniform electric field  $\mathbf{E}$ , how will charge  $q$  move?  
Charge will feel force  $\mathbf{F}=q\mathbf{E}$  (same force for all positions)  
 $\mathbf{F}=m\mathbf{a}$ , so  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{F}/m = q\mathbf{E}/m$  (constant acceleration)






Motion of charged particle in electric field  $\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$   
 $\vec{a} = \vec{F} / m$

•43 **SSM** An electron is released from rest in a uniform electric field of magnitude  $2.00 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C}$ . Calculate the acceleration of the electron. (Ignore gravitation.)

•46 An electron is accelerated eastward at  $1.80 \times 10^9 \text{ m/s}^2$  by an electric field. Determine the field (a) magnitude and (b) direction.

•40  An electron with a speed of  $5.00 \times 10^8$  cm/s enters an electric field of magnitude  $1.00 \times 10^3$  N/C, traveling along a field line in the direction that retards its motion. (a) How far will the electron travel in the field before stopping momentarily, and (b) how much time will have elapsed? (c) If the region containing the electric field is 8.00 mm long (too short for the electron to stop within it), what fraction of the electron's initial kinetic energy will be lost in that region?

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$$v^2 - v_0^2 = 2a(x - x_0)$$

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•47 **SSM** Beams of high-speed protons can be produced in “guns” using electric fields to accelerate the protons. (a) What acceleration would a proton experience if the gun’s electric field were  $2.00 \times 10^4 \text{ N/C}$ ? (b) What speed would the proton attain if the field accelerated the proton through a distance of 1.00 cm?

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