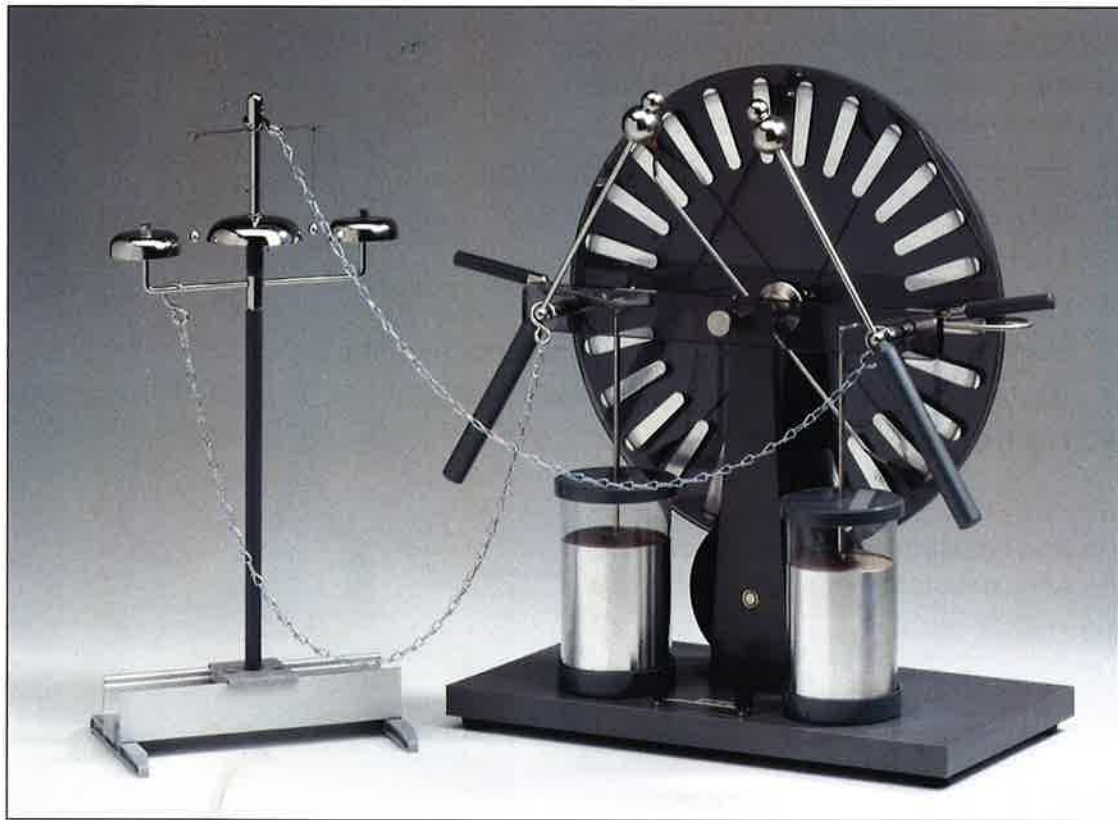


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## Experiment description/Manual

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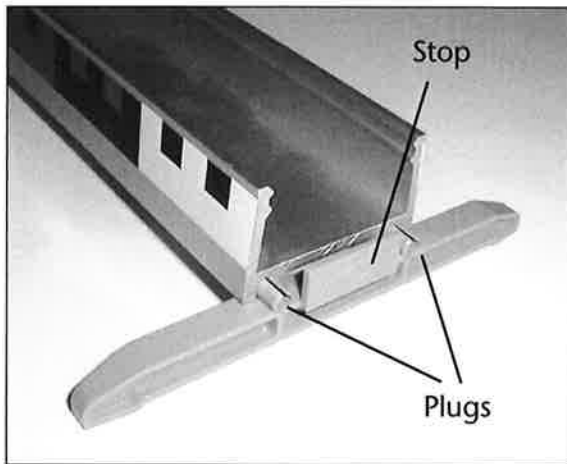
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## General instructions/Notes on setting up the experiments

With this equipment kit experiments on the constant electrical field can be performed in a graphic manner. The success of electrostatic experiments depends to a large degree on the prevailing humidity. In particular the deposit of damp precipitation during severe temperature fluctuations must be avoided. You might have to use an absorbent cloth to dry off the individual parts of the equipment kit beforehand.

A Wimshurst (electrostatic) machine or a Van de Graaff generator can be used as a high-voltage source. In some experiments it is necessary to limit the electrical charge using correspondingly low rotation speeds or disconnecting the Leyden jars as otherwise sparks or flashovers could severely impair the experiment results.

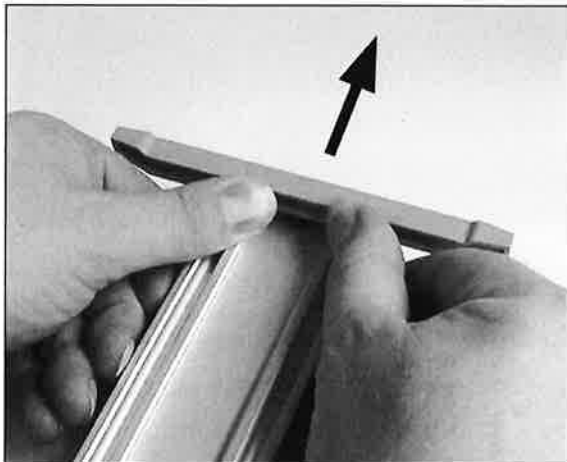


### Assembling the stand base:

The feet for rail are plugged laterally into the rail profile. Please take care that the feet are inserted as far as the stop and that they are straight.

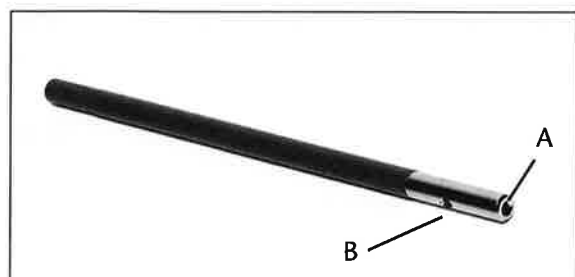
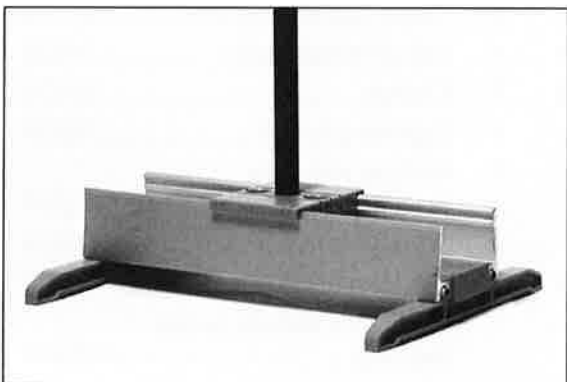
Mounting of the feet can be eased by the application of a little silicone grease inside the grooves.

Keep the feet straight when pushing them off. The best way to remove the feet is to turn the rail upside down and use your thumbs to press the feet out of the rail.



The clamp slider is clipped on the rail profile in central position. Use the central bore of the clamp slider to fix the insulating rod.

**Insulating rod:** The rod has two 4-mm bore holes. The axial bore hole (A) is used to retain various components, the lateral socket (B) is used to connect a charge source.



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## Overview of the components

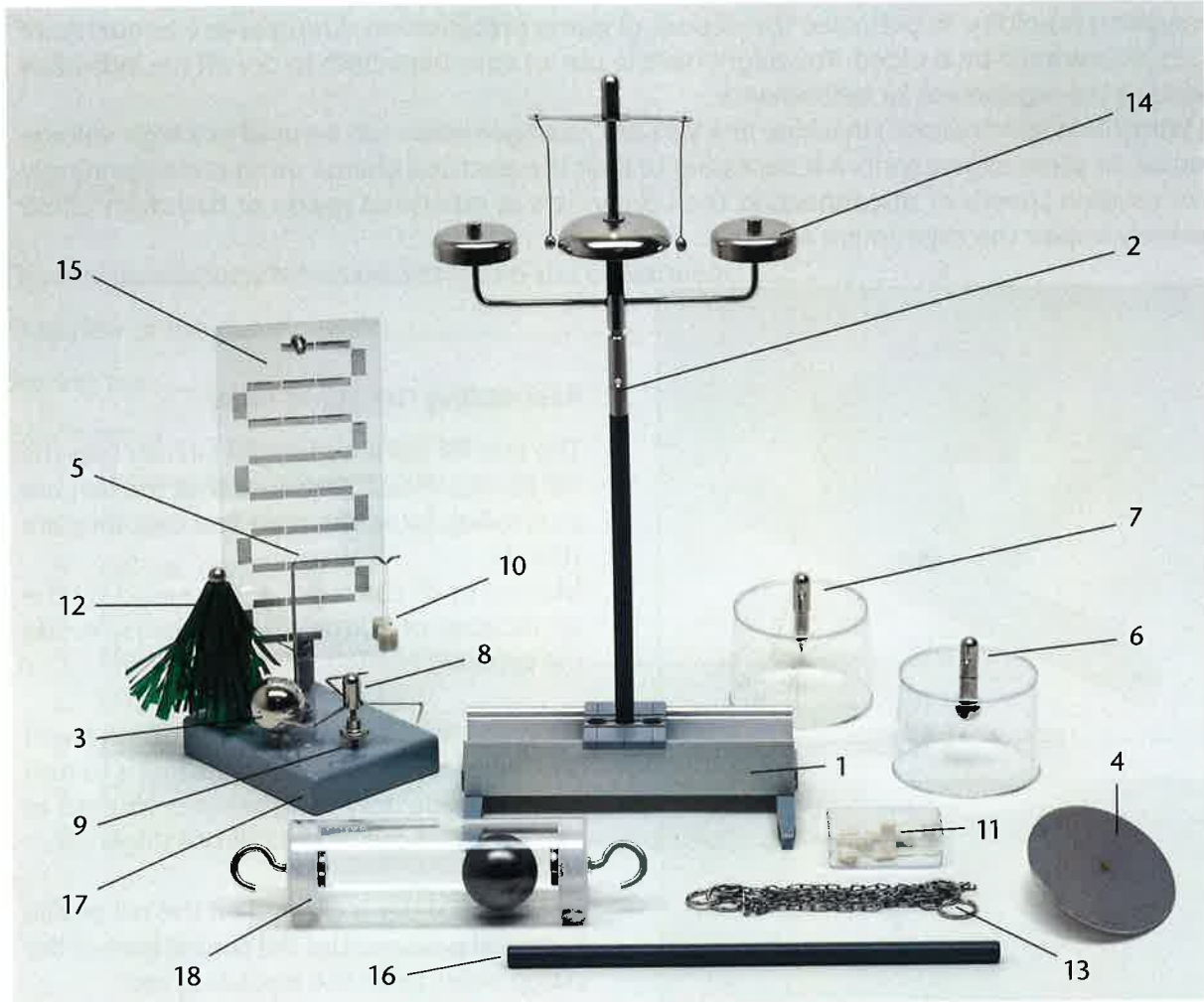
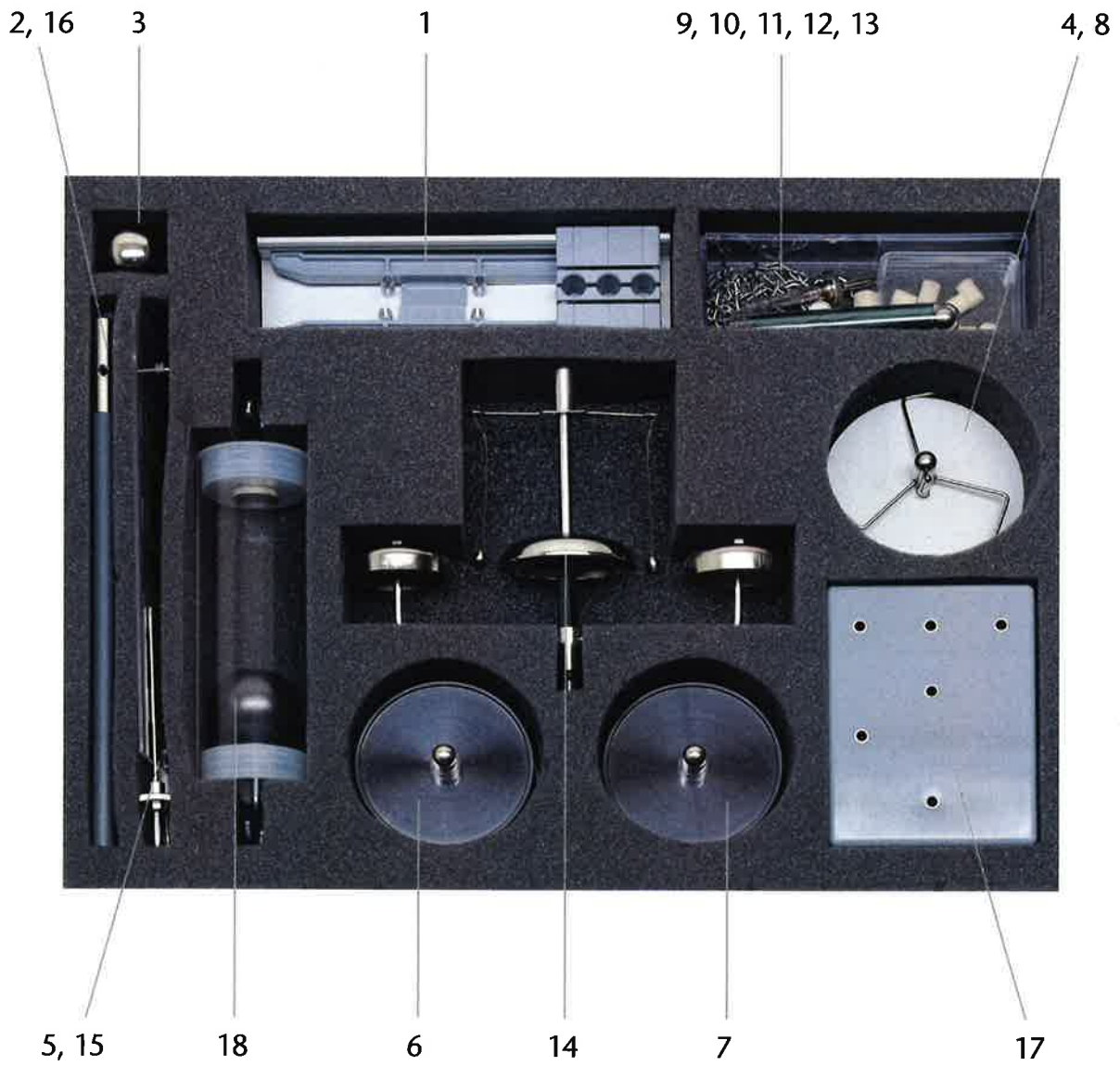


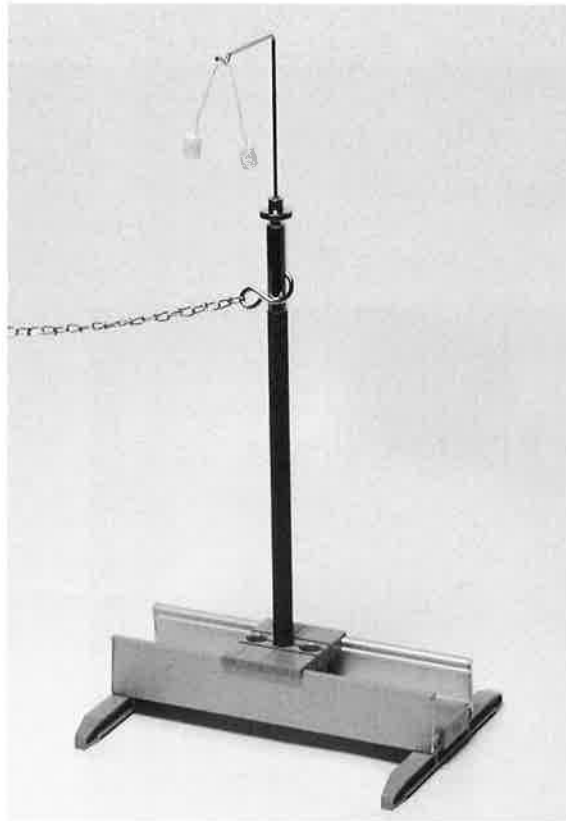
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1		Stand base, <i>consisting of:</i>		9	1	Needle bearing with plug.....	50336
	1	Rail profile .....	40813	10	1	Pith cylinder pendulum .....	23134
	1	Pair of feet for rails.....	40861	11		Pieces of pith (10 each) .....	50371
	1	Clamp slider .....	40820	12	1	Tissue paper umbrella .....	50333
2	1	Insulating rod .....	40598	13	1	Pair of metal chains .....	50326
3	1	Sphere (ball) with plug .....	50120	14	1	Carillon .....	50325
4	1	Base plate with plug .....	50323	15	1	Lightning board .....	50320
5	1	Hook stand with plug .....	23114	16	1	Friction rod with bore hole.....	40599
6	1	Case with sphere electrode.....	50321	17	1	Storage stand .....	50324
7	1	Case with point electrode.....	50322	18	1	Electrostatic ball-run.....	50178
8	1	Electric whirl .....	50335	-	1	Tube with silicone grease (no. fig) .....	408619

## Storing plan



# Electrostatics

## 1 Force action between two charged bodies



### Material:

Stand base	1
Insulating rod	2
Sphere (ball) with plug	3
Hook stand with plug	5
Pith cylinder pendulum	10
Chain	13
Friction rod with bore hole	16

### Additionally required:

Wimshurst (electrostatic) machine

### Experiment set-up:

The stand base is assembled from the rail profile, the feet and the clamp slider. The insulating rod is plugged into the clamp slider. The hook stand is mounted into the axial bore hole (A) of the insulating rod. The pith cylinder pendulum is hung onto the stirrup of the hook stand. The lateral socket (B) of the insulating rod is connected to one pole of the charge source via a chain or a connecting lead.

### Carrying out the experiment:

A charge is generated which is transferred to the cylinder pendulum. Because the pith pieces are evenly charged, they mutually repulse each other.

Instead of having a direct connection to the charge source, the charge can also be transferred to the hook stand with the aid of a charge spoon (friction rod with sphere).

The cylinder pendulum constitutes a simple electroscope.

## 2 Brush electroscope



### Material:

Stand base	1
Insulating rod	2
Sphere (ball) with plug	3
Tissue paper umbrella	12
Chain	13
Friction rod with bore hole	16

### Additionally required:

Wimshurst (electrostatic) machine

### Experiment set-up:

The stand base is assembled from the rail profile, the feet and the clamp slider. The insulating rod is plugged into the clamp slider. The rod of the tissue paper umbrella is plugged into the axial bore hole (A) of the insulating rod.

The lateral socket (B) of the insulating rod is connected to one pole of the charge source via a chain or a connecting lead.

### Carrying out the experiment:

Slowly increase the charge you are supplying. The paper strips of the umbrella are charged up evenly. They mutually repulse each other, thus sticking out evenly on all sides.

Due to the fact that this phenomena is charge dependent, the paper umbrella can also be regarded as a simple electroscope.

Instead of having a direct connection to the charge source, the charge can also be transferred to the hook stand with the aid of a charge spoon (friction rod with sphere).

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## 3 Peak discharge



### Material:

Stand base	1
Insulating rod	2
Electric whirl	8
Needle bearing with plug	9
Chain	13

### Additionally required:

Wimshurst (electrostatic) machine

### Experiment set-up:

The stand base is assembled from the rail profile, the feet and the clamp slider. The insulating rod is plugged into the clamp slider. The needle bearing is plugged into the axial bore hole (A) of the insulating rod. The electric whirl is carefully positioned onto the needle.

The lateral socket (B) of the insulating rod is connected to one pole of the charge source via a chain or a connecting lead.

### Carrying out the experiment:

The electric charge generated is transferred to the electric whirl. As the charge flows out of the tips very rapidly, there is a recoil action. The rotating speed accelerates as the supplied charge increases, the tips of the whirl acting like discharge nozzles for gases or liquids.



## 4 Electric dance



### Material:

Stand base	1
Insulating rod	2
Base plate with plug	4
Case with sphere electrode	6
Pieces of pith	11
Chains	13

### Additionally required:

Wimshurst (electrostatic) machine

### Experiment set-up:

The stand base is assembled from the rail profile, the feet and the clamp slider. The insulating rod is plugged into the clamp slider. The base plate is attached into the axial bore hole (A) of the insulating rod.

A couple of pith pieces are poured into the plastic housing containing the sphere electrode. The container is turned on its side with the open side downwards on the base plate.

The lateral socket (B) of the insulating rod and the socket on the sphere electrode are connected to the charge source with chains or connecting leads.

### Carrying out the experiment:

The charge is slowly increased until the pith pieces in the container begin "dancing". Then the charge supply is interrupted and the process observed for a while.

The pith pieces lying on the base plate are evenly charged and repulsed from the base plate. In the proximity of the reverse pole, the charge is released again and they acquire the opposite charge. Then they fall back to the base plate and the process starts anew. Even after the charge flow is interrupted, there is still sufficient stored charge left over for the induced electric dance to be observed.

# Electrostatics

## 5 Electrostatic filter (smoke consumer)



### Material:

Stand base	1
Insulating rod	2
Base plate with plug	4
Case with point electrode	7
Chains	13

### Additionally required:

Wimshurst (electrostatic) machine

### Experiment set-up:

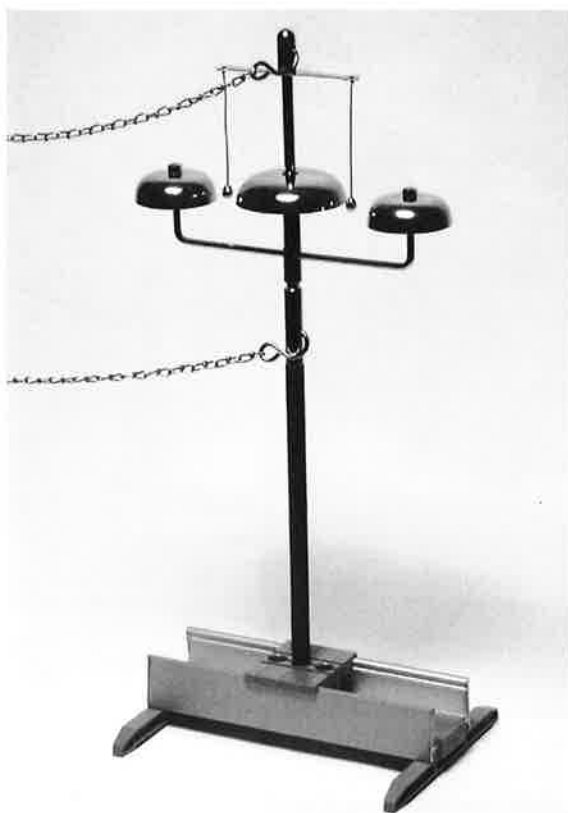
The stand base is assembled from the rail profile, the feet and the clamp slider. The insulating rod is plugged into the clamp slider. The base plate is plugged into the axial bore hole (A) of the insulating rod.

The plastic casing with the point electrode is filled with smoke (by blowing out a candle, smoke candle). The container is turned on its side with the open side downwards on the base plate. The lateral socket (B) of the insulating rod and the socket at the point electrode are connected to the charge source using the chains or connecting leads.

### Carrying out the experiment:

The charge is slowly increased until the precipitation of the smoke can be clearly observed. The procedure should then be repeated once again. The point electrode sprays charge carriers of one polarity into the area. This results in the smoke particles also becoming charged with this polarity, so that they repel one another and are precipitated on to the oppositely charged base plate.

## 6 Electric chimes



### Material:

Stand base	1
Insulating rod	2
Chains	13
Carillon	14

### Additionally required:

Wimshurst (electrostatic) machine

### Experiment set-up:

The stand base is assembled from the rail profile, the feet and the clamp slider. The insulating rod is plugged into the clamp slider. The carillon is attached into the axial bore hole (A) of the insulating rod.

The lateral socket (B) of the insulating rod and the socket of the carillon are connected to the charge source using chains or connecting leads.

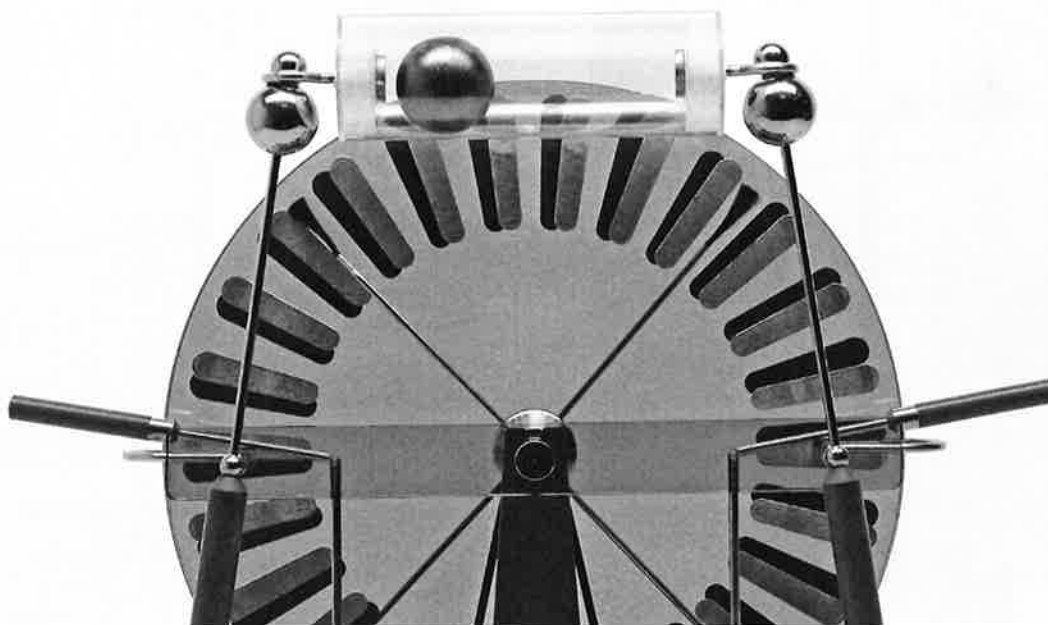
### Carrying out the experiment:

The charge flow is slowly increased until the metal clappers between the chimes begin to swing and bang against them. Excessive charges lead to flashovers between the mounts.

The clappers charge up electrostatically and are attracted to the outer chimes with the opposite charge or repulsed by the middle chime. When contact is made with the outer chimes there is a discharge and the clapper swings back in the other direction. The process begins anew with the opposite charging.

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## 7 Electrostatic ball-run connected to an influence machine



### Material:

Electrostatic ball-run

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### Additionally required:

Wimshurst (electrostatic) machine

### Experiment set-up:

The influence machine is discharged by short-circuiting its two electrode rods. The spheres on the two electrode rods are then positioned at a distance of about 20 cm from one another such that the electrostatic ball-run can be suspended by its hooks between the spheres as illustrated. The ball-run should be aligned as horizontally as possible by making fine adjustments to the electrode rods.

### Carrying out the experiment:

Charge is supplied to the two electrode plates of the ball-run by turning the drive crank of the influence machine. As a consequence of this, the ball, with its electrically conductive surface, also takes on a charge, either as a result of electrostatic influence or through direct contact with an electrode.

As soon as the charge taken up and stored by the ball is large enough, the ball is repelled by the electrode with the same polarity and attracted by the electrode with the opposite polarity. It then rolls towards the attracting electrode. As soon as it touches this electrode, it gives up its stored charge and becomes charged in accordance with the polarity of this electrode. This then causes it to be repelled from this electrode and roll towards the other electrode. A situation thus arises in which the ball moves constantly back and forth, so long as charge continues to be supplied to the electrode plates by the influence machine.

## 8 Electrostatic ball-run connected to a stand mount



### Material:

Electrostatic ball-run 18

### Additionally required:

Insulating rod, 2 x  
*E. g. from Cornelsen Experimenta,  
Order No. 51256*

Barrel base, 2 x  
*E. g. from Cornelsen Experimenta,  
Order No. 40040*

Experiment lead, 50 cm,  
black, 2 x  
*E. g. from Cornelsen Experimenta,  
Order No. 51617*

High-impedance high-voltage source  
(Van de Graaff generator)

### Experiment set-up:

The insulating rods are attached to the barrel bases; they are then placed at a distance of about 20 cm from one another such that the electrostatic ball-run can be suspended by its hooks above the experiment leads, which are plugged in from the side, as illustrated. The ball-run should be aligned as horizontally as possible by making fine adjustments to the insulating rods in the barrel bases.

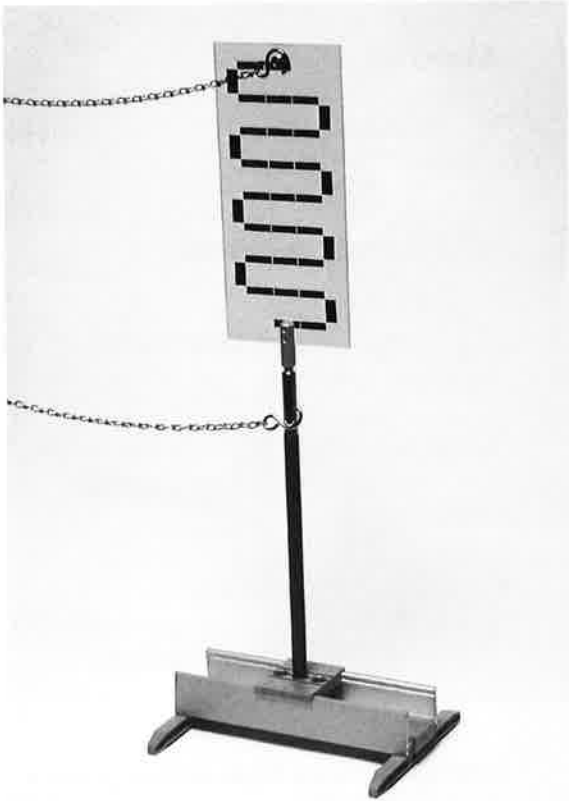
### Carrying out the experiment:

The experiment leads are connected to the terminals of a high-impedance high-voltage source. Once the high-voltage source has been switched on, charge is supplied to the two electrode plates of the ball-run. As a consequence of this, the ball, with its electrically conductive surface, also takes on a charge, either as a result of electrostatic influence or through direct contact with an electrode.

As soon as the charge taken up and stored by the ball is large enough, the ball is repelled by the electrode with the same polarity and attracted by the electrode with the opposite polarity. It then rolls towards the attracting electrode. As soon as it touches this electrode, it gives up its stored charge and becomes charged in accordance with the polarity of this electrode. This then causes it to be repelled from this electrode and roll towards the other electrode. A situation thus arises in which the ball moves constantly back and forth, so long as charge continues to be supplied to the electrode plates by the high-voltage source.

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## 9 Lightning board



### Material:

Stand base	1
Insulating rod	2
Chains	13
Lightning board	15

### Additionally required:

Wimshurst (electrostatic) machine

### Experiment set-up:

The stand base is assembled from the rail profile, the feet and the clamp slider. The insulating rod is plugged into the clamp slider. The lightning board is plugged into the axial bore hole (A) of the insulating rod.

The lateral socket (B) of the insulating rod and the socket at the top of the lightning board are connected to the charge source using chains or connecting leads.

### Carrying out the experiment:

The charges generated by the charge source are applied to the end contacts of the lightning board. When the voltage is high enough, a flash discharge occurs across the gaps in the conductor runs.