



Eccentric Genius

Andre-Marie Ampere (1775–1836), the French physicist and mathematician is renowned for deriving the formula describing the interaction between two electrical currents.

As an adult, Ampere was known to be absent-minded. It is said that one day while concentrating on a mathematical problem, he came across a halted cab on the street. Sensing the back of the cab to be a convenient blackboard and, whipping out a piece of chalk, he covered it with calculations. However, after a bit the cab started and move away while Ampere watched helplessly as his solution sped away.

