

Alessandro Giuseppe Antonio Anastasio Volta

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Alessandro Giuseppe Antonio Anastasio Volta was an Italian physicist, chemist, and a pioneer of electricity and power, who is credited as the inventor of the electrical battery and the discoverer of methane. He invented the Voltaic pile in 1799. With this invention Volta proved that electricity could be generated chemically.

The unit of measurement of voltage, the Volt, is named after him.