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# From last Time: Polarization

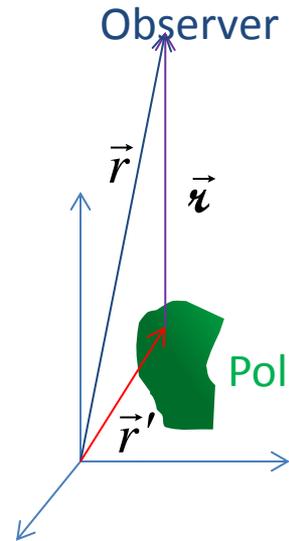
$$\vec{P} \equiv \frac{d\vec{p}}{d\tau}$$

$$V_{dips}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\text{volume}} \left( \frac{\hat{z}}{r^2} \right) \cdot \vec{P}(\vec{r}') d\tau' = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \int_{\text{surface}} \frac{\sigma_b}{r} da' + \int_{\text{volume}} \frac{\rho_b}{r} d\tau' \right]$$

where

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{a} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_b = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P}$$

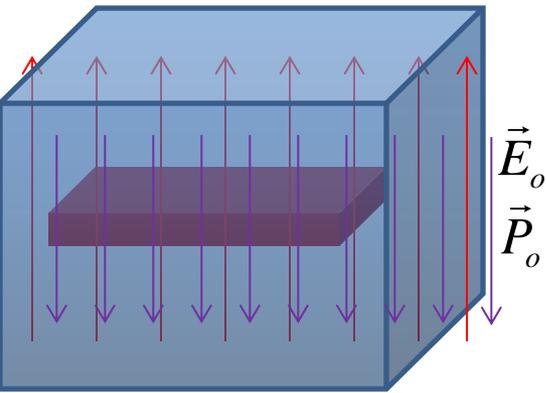
$$Q_b = \int_{\text{volume}} \rho_b d\tau' + \oint_{\text{surface}} \sigma_b da$$



# Polarization & Electric Displacement

$$\vec{P} \equiv \frac{d\vec{p}}{d\tau} \quad \sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{a} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_b = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} \quad \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} \equiv \vec{D} \quad Q_{free} = \int \rho_{free} d\tau = \int \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

**Exercise:** Consider a huge slab of dielectric material initially with uniform field,  $\vec{E}_o$  and corresponding uniform polarization and electric displacement  $\vec{D}_o = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}_o + \vec{P}_o$ .



You cut out a wafer-shaped cavity perpendicular to  $\vec{P}_o$ .

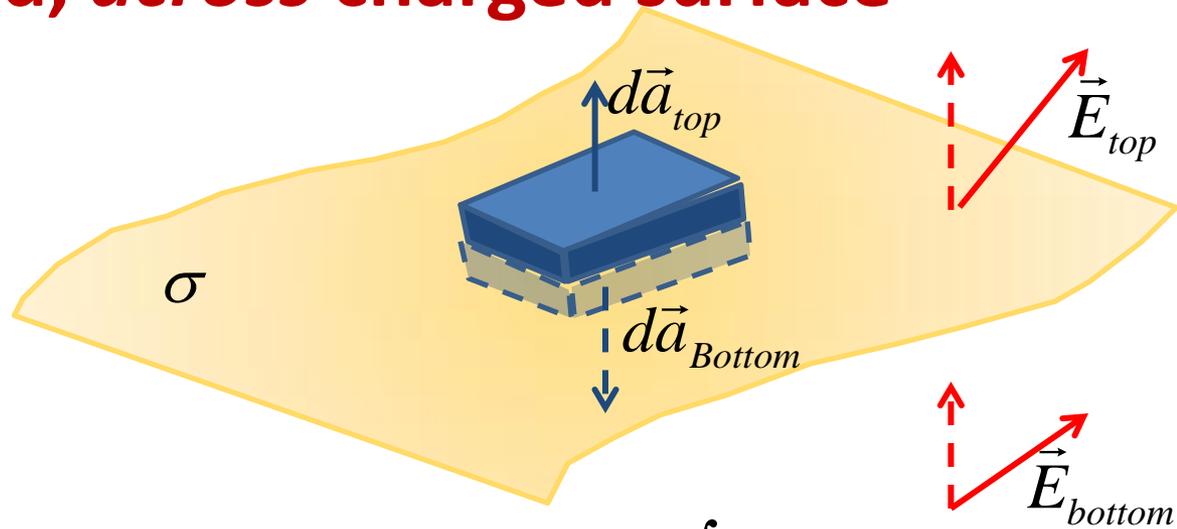
What is the field in its center in terms of  $\vec{E}_o$  and  $\vec{P}_o$ ?

Hint: Think of *inserting* the appropriate wafer-sized capacitor.

What is the electric displacement in its center in terms of  $\vec{D}_o$  and  $\vec{P}_o$ ?

# Boundary Conditions

## Electric field, *across* charged surface



$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_{encl}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{Q_{encl}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\int \vec{E}_{top} \cdot d\vec{a}_{top} + \int \vec{E}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{a}_{bottom} + \int \vec{E}_{sides} \cdot d\vec{a}_{sides} = \frac{Q_{encl}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\int \sigma da_{surface}}{\epsilon_0}$$

**Send side height / area to 0**

$$\int \vec{E}_{top} \cdot d\vec{a}_{top} + \int \vec{E}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{a}_{bottom} = \frac{\int \sigma da_{surface}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E_{\perp top} A + E_{\perp bottom} A(-1) = \frac{\sigma A}{\epsilon_0}$$

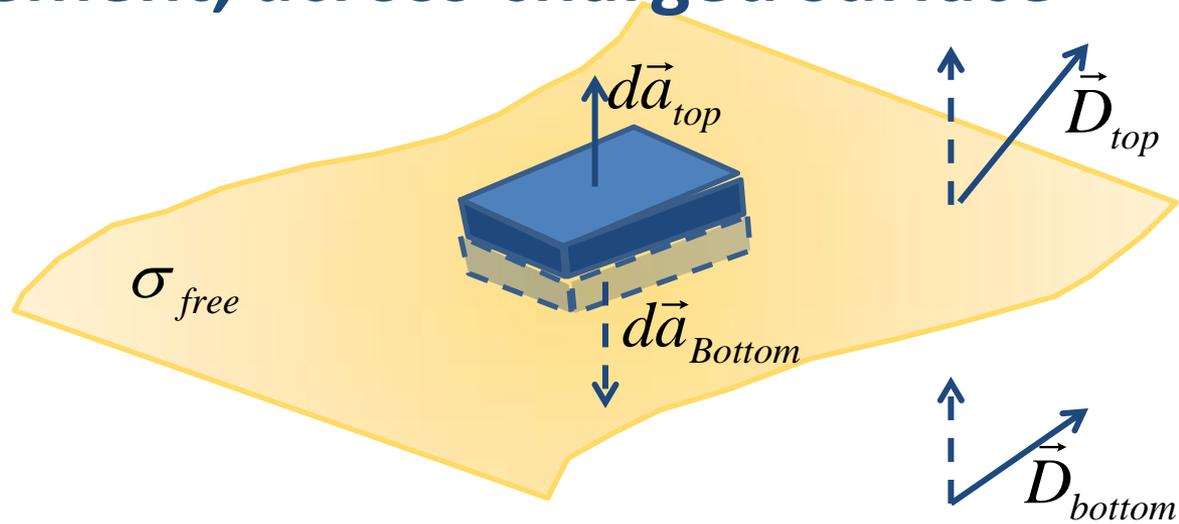
$$E_{\perp top} - E_{\perp bottom} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

# Boundary Conditions

## Electric Displacement, *across* charged surface

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_{free.encl}$$

$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{free.encl}$$



$$\int \vec{D}_{top} \cdot d\vec{a}_{top} + \int \vec{D}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{a}_{bottom} + \int \vec{D}_{sides} \cdot d\vec{a}_{sides} = Q_{free.encl} = \int \sigma_{free} da_{surface}$$

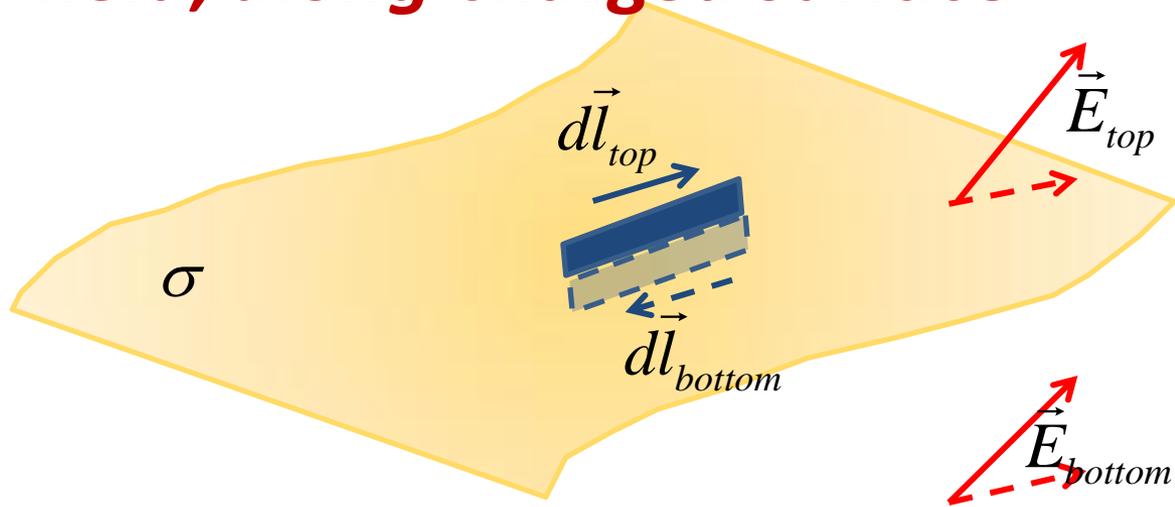
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$$\int \vec{D}_{top} \cdot d\vec{a}_{top} + \int \vec{D}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{a}_{bottom} = \int \sigma_{free} da_{surface}$$

$$D_{\perp top} A + D_{\perp bottom} A(-1) = \sigma_{free} A$$

$$D_{\perp top} - D_{\perp bottom} = \sigma_{free}$$

# Boundary Conditions (static) Electric field, *along* charged surface



$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

$$\int \vec{E}_{top} \cdot d\vec{l}_{top} + \int \vec{E}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{l}_{bottom} + \int \vec{E}_{sides} \cdot d\vec{l}_{sides} = 0$$

**Send side height to 0**

$$\int \vec{E}_{top} \cdot d\vec{l}_{top} + \int \vec{E}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{l}_{bottom} = 0$$

$$E_{\parallel top} L + E_{\parallel bottom} L(-1) = 0$$

$$E_{\parallel top} - E_{\parallel bottom} = 0$$

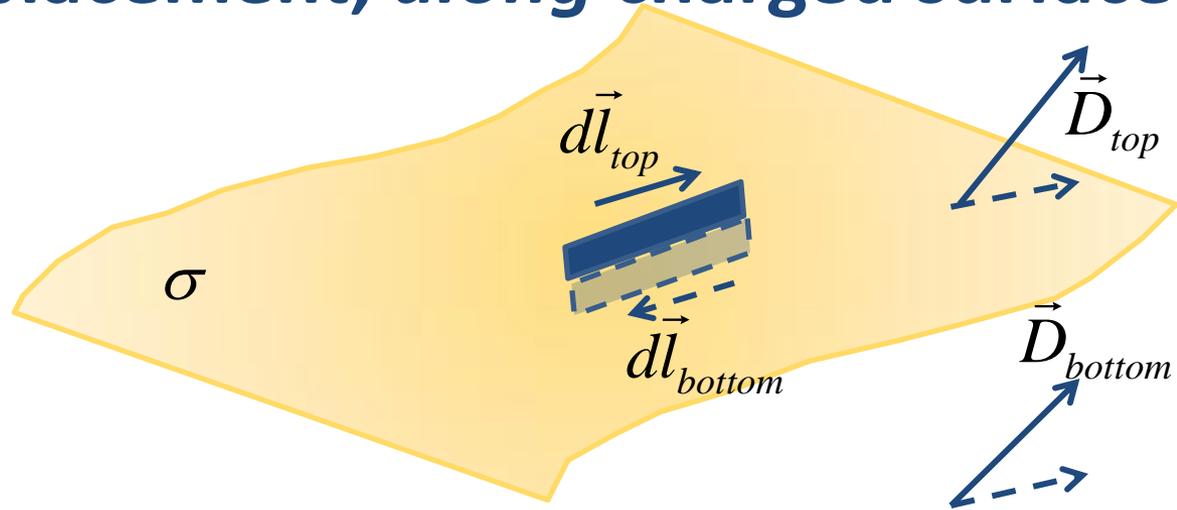
# Boundary Conditions

(static) Electric displacement, *along* charged surface

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{D} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{P}$$

$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{l} = \oint \vec{P} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\int \vec{D}_{top} \cdot d\vec{l}_{top} + \int \vec{D}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{l}_{bottom} + \int \vec{D}_{sides} \cdot d\vec{l}_{sides} = \int \vec{P}_{top} \cdot d\vec{l}_{top} + \int \vec{P}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{l}_{bottom} + \int \vec{P}_{sides} \cdot d\vec{l}_{sides}$$



Send side height to 0

$$\int \vec{D}_{top} \cdot d\vec{l}_{top} + \int \vec{D}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{l}_{bottom} = \int \vec{P}_{top} \cdot d\vec{l}_{top} + \int \vec{P}_{bottom} \cdot d\vec{l}_{bottom}$$

$$D_{\parallel top} L + D_{\parallel bottom} L(-1) = P_{\parallel top} L + P_{\parallel bottom} L(-1)$$

$$D_{\parallel top} - D_{\parallel bottom} = P_{\parallel top} - P_{\parallel bottom}$$

# Boundary Conditions Electric and Displacement fields

**Along**

$$E_{\parallel top} - E_{\parallel bottom} = 0$$

$$D_{\parallel top} - D_{\parallel bottom} = P_{\parallel top} - P_{\parallel bottom}$$

(could have guessed as much from  $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$ .)

**Across**

$$E_{\perp top} - E_{\perp bottom} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

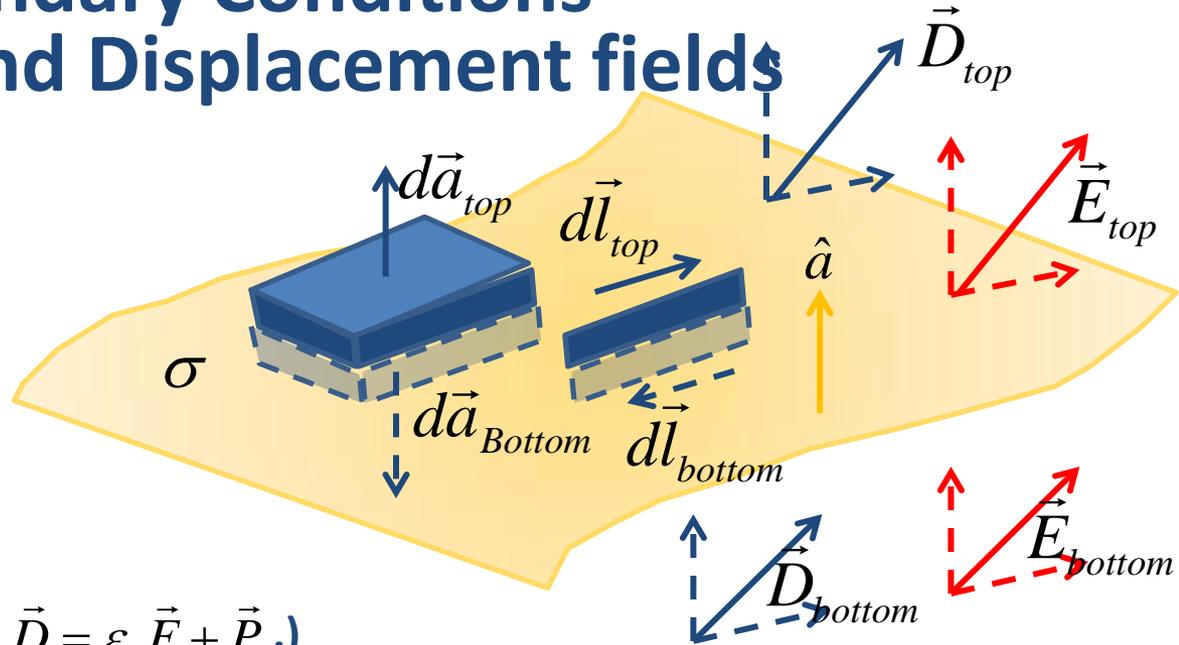
or

$$D_{\perp top} - D_{\perp bottom} = \sigma_{free}$$

$$\vec{E}_{top} \cdot \hat{a} - \vec{E}_{bottom} \cdot \hat{a} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\vec{D}_{top} \cdot \hat{a} - \vec{D}_{bottom} \cdot \hat{a} = \sigma_{free}$$

(could have guessed as much from  $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$  and  $\sigma - \sigma_{free} = \sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{a}$ .)



# Boundary Conditions Electric and Displacement fields

**Along**

$$E_{\parallel top} - E_{\parallel bottom} = 0$$

$$D_{\parallel top} - D_{\parallel bottom} = P_{\parallel top} - P_{\parallel bottom}$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$$

$$\sigma - \sigma_{free} = \sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{a}$$

**Across**

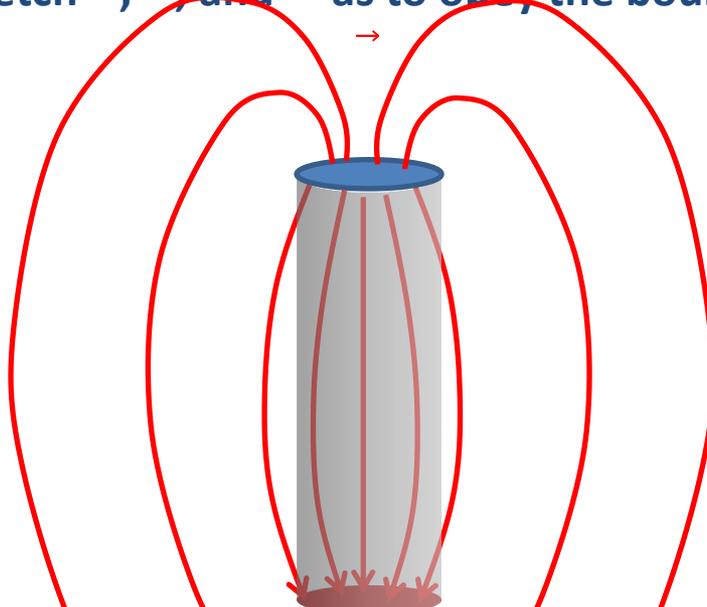
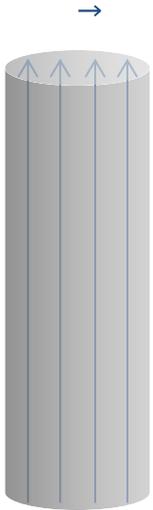
$$E_{\perp top} - E_{\perp bottom} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$D_{\perp top} - D_{\perp bottom} = \sigma_{free}$$

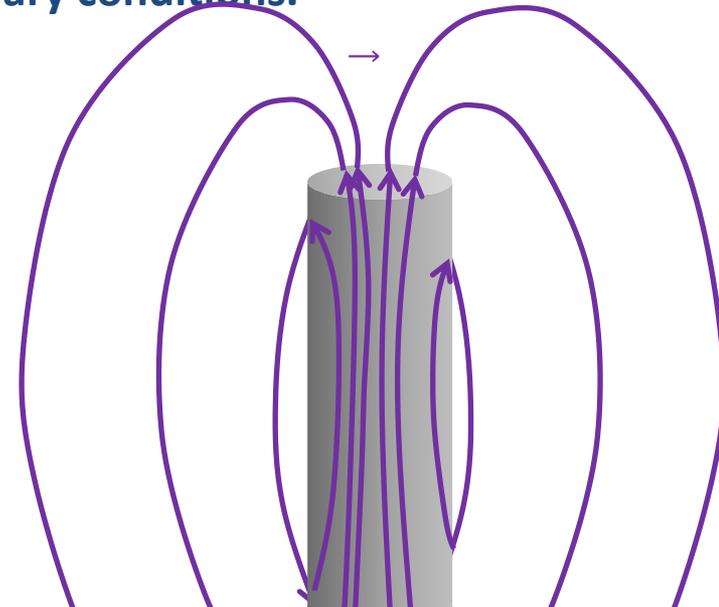
## Exercise

Bar Electret (like an electric bar magnet): uniform  $P$  along axis

Sketch  $\vec{E}$ ,  $\vec{D}$ , and  $\vec{P}$  as to obey the boundary conditions.

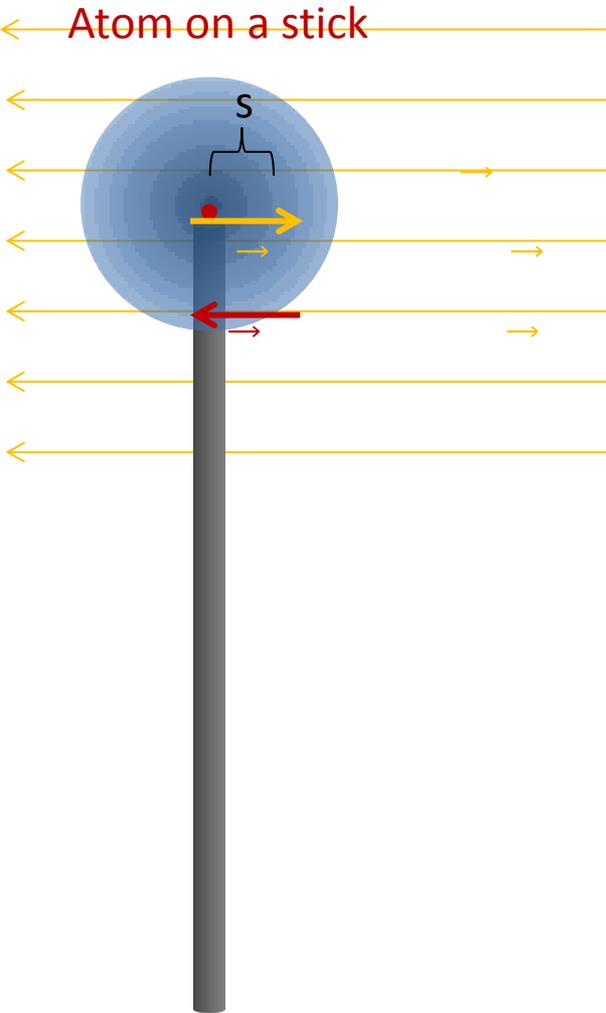


Only surface charge is the bound surface charge on two faces



There is no free surface charge, so no discontinuity in  $D$ .  $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$

# Recall: Atom's Response to Electric Field



For *small* stretch, first term in Taylor Series (Hook's Law)

$$F_{\text{int}} \approx - \left. \frac{\partial F_{\text{int}}}{\partial s} \right|_{s=0} s + \dots$$

$$F_{\text{int}} \approx - \left. \frac{\partial F_{\text{int}}}{\partial (qs)} \right|_{s=0} (qs) + \dots$$

$$F_{\text{int}} \approx - \left. \frac{\partial F_{\text{int}}}{\partial p} \right|_{s=0} p + \dots$$

Electric Dipole moment

$$-F_{\text{ext}} = F_{\text{int}} \approx - \left. \frac{\partial F_{\text{int}}}{\partial p} \right|_{s=0} p + \dots$$

$$-qE_{\text{ext}} = F_{\text{int}} \approx - \left. \frac{\partial F_{\text{int}}}{\partial p} \right|_{s=0} p + \dots$$

So, for small enough stretch, weak enough field

$$p \propto -qE_{\text{ext}} \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{p} \approx \alpha \vec{E}_{\text{ext}} \quad \alpha \text{ polarizability}$$

# Linear Dielectrics

Point along field  
Linearly proportional

Chunk of induced dipoles  
for individual induced dipole

For chunk of induced dipoles  
Polarization = Dipole density

$$\vec{p} \approx \alpha \vec{E}$$

Everyone's field but its own

$$\vec{P} \equiv \frac{d\vec{p}}{d\tau}$$

so

$$\vec{P} = \frac{d(\alpha \vec{E})}{d\tau} = \left( \frac{d\alpha}{d\tau} \right) \vec{E}$$

Define "electric susceptibility" to be the proportionality constant (and provide convenient factor of  $\epsilon_0$ .)

$$\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E}$$

$$\chi_e \equiv \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{d\alpha}{d\tau}$$

Always linear dielectric

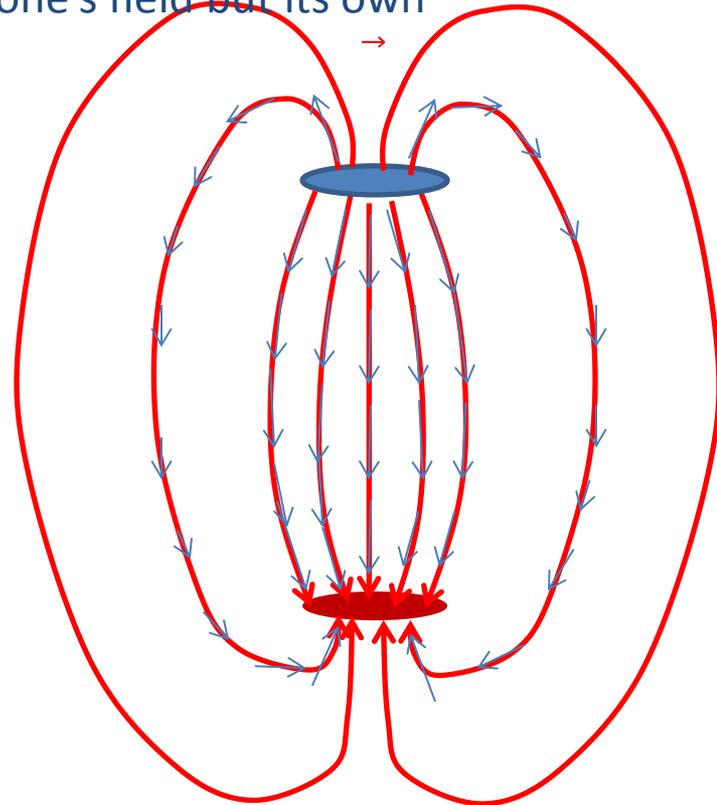
$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + (\epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E}) = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e) \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \vec{E}$$

Or, in terms of polarization

$$\vec{D} = \left( \frac{1}{\chi_e} + 1 \right) \vec{P} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\chi_e}{\chi_e + 1} \vec{D} = \vec{P}$$



Permittivity (of not-so-free space)

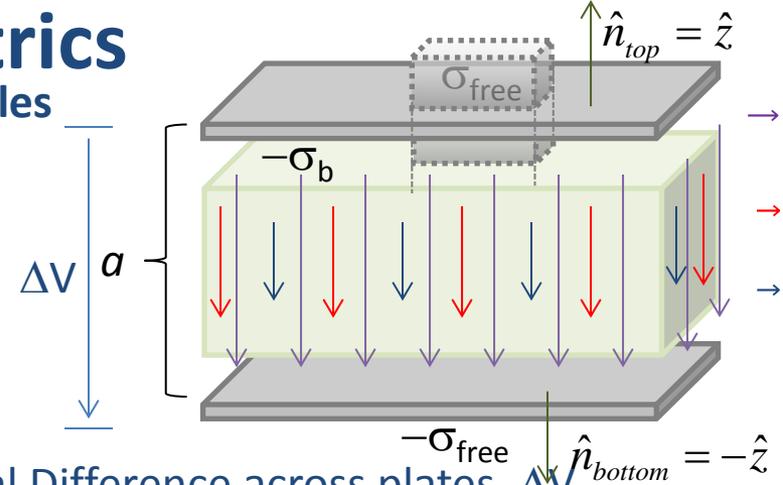
$$\epsilon \equiv \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e)$$

Dielectric Constant

$$\epsilon_r \equiv \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} = (1 + \chi_e)$$

# Linear Dielectrics

Chunk of induced dipoles



**Example:** consider a simplified version of problem 4.18 . Say we have only one dielectric material, of constant  $\epsilon_r$  between two capacitor plates distance  $a$  apart.

a. Electric Displacement,  $D$ .

Gaussian box  $\oint D \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{free.encl}$

Expect only perpendicular to surface and only inside capacitor

$$D_{outside} A_{top} + D_{inside} A_{bottom} = Q_{free.encl}$$

$$0 + D_{inside} A_{bottom} = Q_{free.encl}$$

$$D_{inside} = \frac{Q_{free.encl}}{A_{bottom}} = \sigma_{free} \quad \vec{D} = \begin{cases} -\sigma_{free} \hat{z} & \text{inside} \\ 0 & \text{outside} \end{cases}$$

d. Potential Difference across plates,  $\Delta V$ .

$$\Delta V = - \int_{bottom}^{top} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int_{bottom}^{top} \left( -\frac{\sigma_{free}}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_o} \hat{z} \right) \cdot d\vec{z} = \frac{\sigma_{free}}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_o} a$$

e. Bound charge,  $\sigma_b$  and  $\rho_b$ .

$$\rho_b = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} = 0$$

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = \begin{cases} \vec{P}|_{top} \cdot \hat{n}_{top} = \left( -\left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}\right) \sigma_{free} \hat{z} \right) \cdot \hat{z} = -\left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}\right) \sigma_{free} \\ \vec{P}|_{bottom} \cdot \hat{n}_{bottom} = \left( -\left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}\right) \sigma_{free} \hat{z} \right) \cdot (-\hat{z}) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}\right) \sigma_{free} \end{cases}$$

f. E from charge distribution

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \frac{Q_{encl}}{\epsilon_o} \quad E_{inside} A_{bottom} = \frac{Q_{f.encl} + Q_{b.encl}}{\epsilon_o}$$

$$E_{inside} = \frac{\sigma_f + (-\sigma_b)}{\epsilon_o} = \frac{\sigma_f - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}\right) \sigma_f}{\epsilon_o} = \frac{\sigma_f}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_o}$$

b. Electric Field,  $E$ .

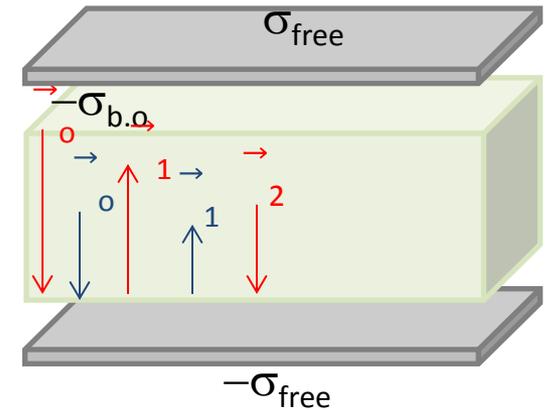
$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon} = \frac{-\sigma_{free}}{\epsilon} \hat{z} = -\frac{\sigma_{free}}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_o} \hat{z}$$

c. Polarization,  $P$ .

$$\vec{P} = \vec{D} - \epsilon_o \vec{E} = \left( -\sigma_{free} \hat{z} \right) - \left( -\frac{\sigma_{free}}{\epsilon_r} \hat{z} \right) = -\left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}\right) \sigma_{free} \hat{z}$$

# Linear Dielectrics

**Example: Alternate / iterative perspective on field in dielectric.** Consider again a simple capacitor with dielectric. We'll find the electric field in terms of what it would have been without the dielectric. We'll do this iteratively and build a series solutions.



0. Say we start with no dielectric. Initially there's the field simply due to the free charge;  $E_o$ .

We insert the dielectric and that field induces a polarization,

$$\vec{P}_o = \epsilon_o \chi_e \vec{E}_o$$

and the associated surface charges contribute a field of their own,

$$\vec{E}_1 = \frac{\sigma_{b.o.}}{\epsilon_o} \hat{z} \quad \text{where} \quad \sigma_{b.o.} = \vec{P}_o \cdot \hat{n} \quad \text{so} \quad \vec{E}_1 = -\vec{P}_o / \epsilon_o = -\chi_e \vec{E}_o$$

in the opposite direction.

1. This field induces a little counter polarization,

$$\vec{P}_1 = \epsilon_o \chi_e \vec{E}_1 = -\epsilon_o \chi_e^2 \vec{E}_o$$

Which means a surface charge and resulting field contribution of its own

$$\vec{E}_2 = -\vec{P}_1 / \epsilon_o = (-\chi_e)^2 \vec{E}_o$$

2. See a pattern?

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_o + (-\chi_e)\vec{E}_o + (-\chi_e)^2 \vec{E}_o + \dots$$

$$\vec{E} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-\chi_e)^n \vec{E}_o$$

As long as  $\chi_e < 1$ , this converges to

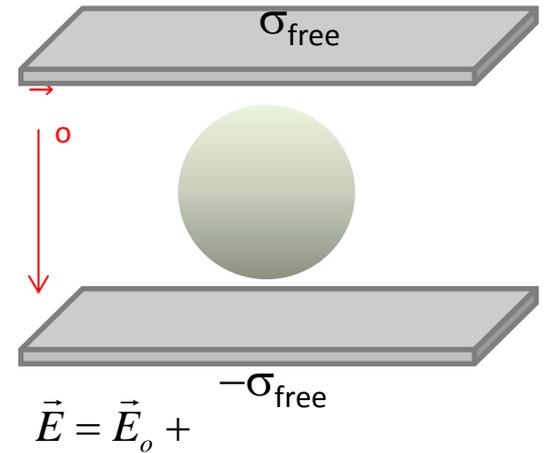
$$\vec{E}_{inside} = \left( \frac{1}{1 + \chi_e} \right) \vec{E}_o = \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} \vec{E}_o$$

Same result as we got previously

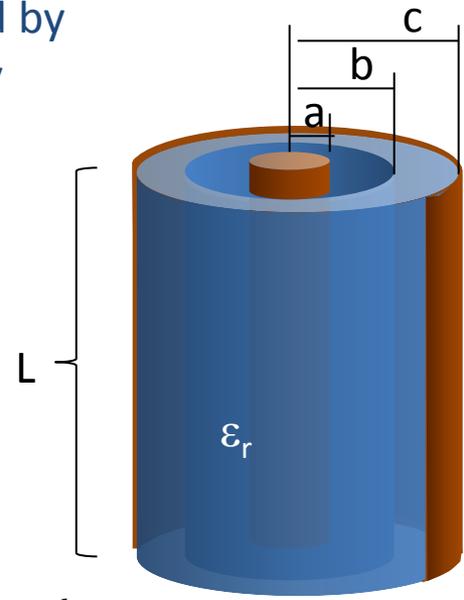
# Linear Dielectrics

**Exercise:** Try it for your self. A sphere made of linear dielectric material is placed in an otherwise uniform electric field  $\vec{E}_0$ . Find the electric field inside the sphere in terms of the material's dielectric constant,  $\epsilon_r$ .

You can take it as a given that a sphere of uniform polarization contributes field  $\vec{E} = -\vec{P}/3\epsilon_0$



**Example:** A coaxial cable consists of a copper wire of radius  $a$  surrounded by a concentric copper tube of inner radius  $c$ . The space between is partially filled (from  $b$  to  $c$ ) with material of dielectric constant  $\epsilon_r$  as shown below. Find the capacitance per length of the cable.



For the sake of reasoning this out, say there's charge  $Q$  uniformly distributed along the surface of the central wire.

$$C \equiv \left| \frac{Q}{\Delta V} \right|$$

$$\Delta V = - \int_a^c \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\vec{E} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\epsilon_o} \vec{D} & a < s < b \\ \frac{1}{\epsilon_o \epsilon_r} \vec{D} & b < s < c \end{cases}$$

Gaussian cylinder of some radius  $a < s < c$ .  $\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{f.encl}$

$$D 2\pi s L = Q$$

$$D = \frac{Q}{2\pi s L}$$

$$\vec{E} = \begin{cases} \frac{Q}{\epsilon_o 2\pi s L} \hat{s} & a < s < b \\ \frac{Q}{\epsilon_o \epsilon_r 2\pi s L} \hat{s} & b < s < c \end{cases}$$

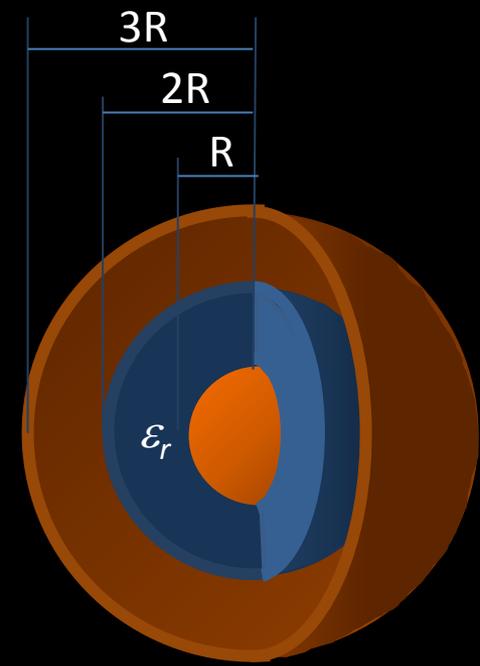
$$\Delta V = - \int_a^c \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} - \int_b^c \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\Delta V = - \int_a^b \frac{Q}{\epsilon_o 2\pi s L} ds - \int_b^c \frac{Q}{\epsilon_o \epsilon_r 2\pi s L} ds$$

$$\Delta V = - \frac{Q}{\epsilon_o 2\pi L} \left( \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} \ln\left(\frac{c}{b}\right) \right)$$

$$\frac{C}{L} \equiv \frac{\epsilon_o 2\pi}{\left( \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} \ln\left(\frac{c}{b}\right) \right)}$$

**Exercise:** There are two metal spherical shells with radii  $R$  and  $3R$ . There is material with a dielectric constant  $\epsilon_r = 3/2$  between radii  $R$  and  $2R$ . What is the capacitance?



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