

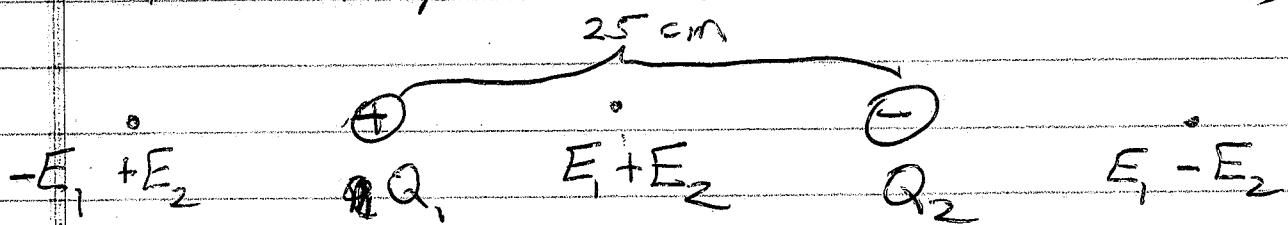
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Phys 1402

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HWI Due Sunday Night  
 Quiz Monday

E-Field of point charge review (HWI-13)



Each generates  $E = \frac{kQ}{r^2}$

- away from  $\oplus$
- toward  $\ominus$

Goal:  $E_{\text{tot}} = 0$        $E_1 + E_2$  are magnitudes

- In between  $E_1 + E_2$  can't be zero

Suppose  $Q_1$  is "stronger" than  $Q_2$ .

$$\text{Ex: } Q_1 = +5 \text{ nC} \quad Q_2 = -3 \text{ nC}$$

Need  $E_1 = E_2$       magnitude!

$$\frac{kQ_1}{r_1^2} = \frac{kQ_2}{r_2^2}$$

$$\frac{5}{r_1^2} = \frac{3}{r_2^2}$$

$r_2$  is smaller  
 point is on right.  
 Set  $r_1 = r_2 + 0.25$

$$\frac{5}{(r_2 + 0.25)^2} = \frac{3}{r_2^2} \rightarrow \frac{2.236}{r_2 + 0.25} = \frac{1.732}{r_2}$$

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Same Idea - 4 different names for  $V$

- Electric Potential (not P.E.)
- Potential Difference
- Electromotive Force (EMF)
- Voltage

In electrostatics

- Potential is PE per Charge

$$\Delta V = \frac{\Delta PE}{q}$$

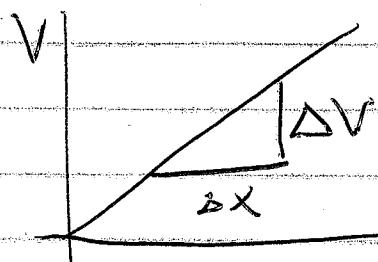
$$\Delta PE = q \Delta V$$

Typically, any small  $q$  experiences same  $\Delta V$ .  
 $\Delta V$  describes the electrical environment.

- E-Field is slope of  $V$ .

$$E = -\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x}$$

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E points "downhill"



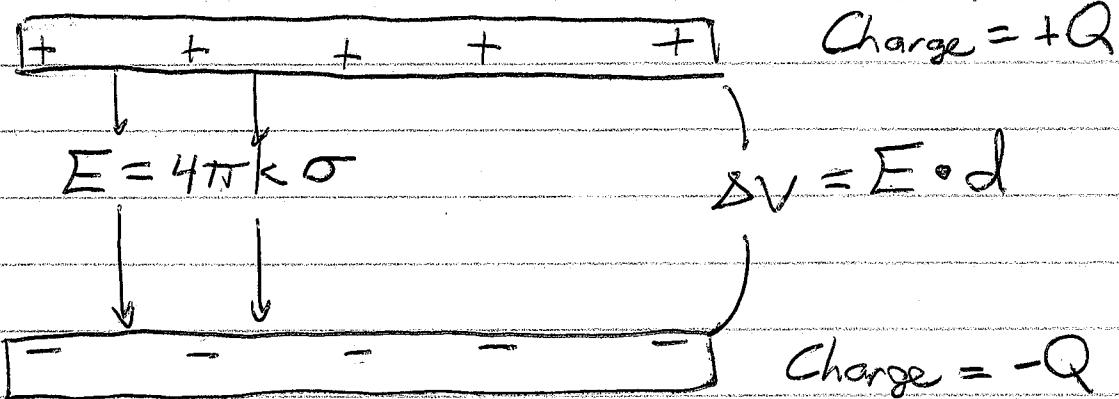
$E$  can be measured in  $V/m$  or  $N/C$ .  
They are equivalent

Ex: 500 V between plates spaced 0.015 m apart.

$$|E| = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x} = \frac{500 \text{ V}}{0.015 \text{ m}} = 33300 \text{ V/m}$$

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How do we set up a Uniform E-Field?  
Parallel Plate Capacitor



Charge per Area  $\sigma = Q/A$

Note:  $E$  is proportional to  $Q$

$\Delta V$  is proportional to  $Q$ , also.

## Capacitors: Storage of Charge and Energy.

- Two nearby storage places (Metal Plates)
  - Charge is always balanced ( $+Q$ ,  $-Q$ )
  - From Far away total  $Q = 0$   
(Van de Graaf has  $+Q$  w/o  $-Q$ )
  - Charge prop to voltage

$$Q = C V$$

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## Potential Energy of a Capacitor stack

Energy of a ~~set~~ of bricks

1 unit ↑



$$\text{Energy} = 3mg$$

$$\text{Energy} = 2mg$$

$$\text{Energy} = mg$$

$$\text{Energy} = 0$$

$$\text{Total Energy} = 6mg$$

$$\text{Total Mass} = 4m$$

$$\text{Top height} = 3 \text{ units}$$

$$\text{Total mass}$$

$$\text{Top height}$$

$$\text{What if we try } PE = MgH = 4m g (3) = 12mg$$

This is twice as big as the real energy.

In reality, each brick was at a different height.

Back to capacitors.

$$\text{If we already have } \Delta V : \Delta PE = 2 \Delta V$$

$$\text{If we build } \Delta V \text{ from } Q : \text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2} QV$$

$$\text{Also: } Q = CV, \text{ so } \text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

How are batteries different?

- Generate Q and V chemically

- Each charge  $q$  has same  $V$  when generated.

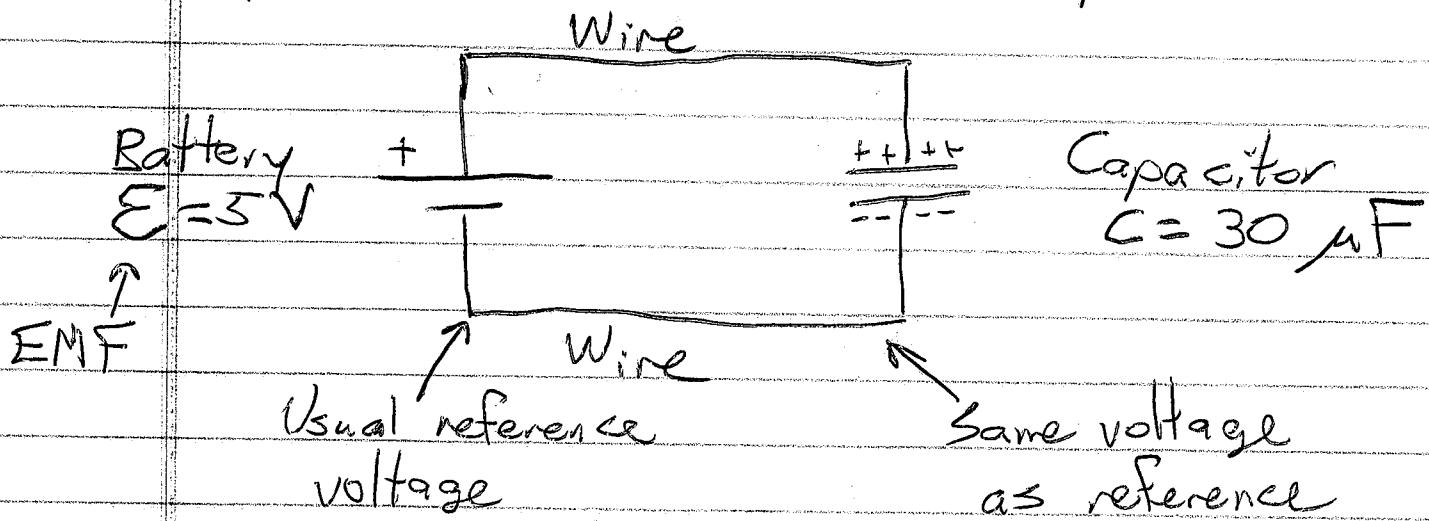
$$\text{Energy} = QV$$

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In electrostatics, metals are special.

- $E=0$  on the inside
- $\Delta V=0$  between any 2 points on the same piece of metal.
- $V=\text{const}$  on the metal piece.

Capacitor connected to a battery :



The whole top wire is "at 5.0 V" with respect to the reference.

There is  $5V$  "across the capacitor".  
 $Q = CV = (30 \mu F)(5.0V) = 150 \mu C$

Since both ends are connected, we say the batt & cap are in parallel.  
 Parallel  $\rightarrow$  Same Voltage