

$$U = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E} \quad \vec{p} = q \cdot \vec{d} \quad \vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$W = F \cdot d \quad d = r\theta \quad \tau = Fr$$

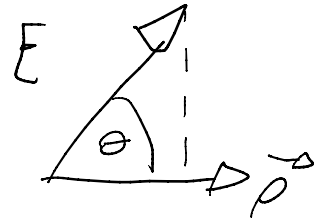
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$$U = -\vec{d} \cdot q\vec{E}$$

$$U = -r\theta qE$$

$$U = -\tau\theta$$



Sign is from distortion
receiving energy

What is the τ
on \vec{p} ?

If it could
rotate, where
would it point?

$$\tau = \vec{p} \times \vec{E} \quad \vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z^2} \hat{z} \quad \vec{p} = q\vec{d}$$

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$$\tau = \frac{qQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z^2} (\vec{d} \times \hat{z}) = \frac{qQ/d}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z^2} (\hat{d} \times \hat{z}) = \boxed{\frac{qQ/d}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z^2} \hat{\theta}}$$

$Q = 0$ because grounded plate

$$\boxed{\tau = 0 \quad \hat{\theta}}$$

