

Calculating potentials : Multipole Expansion

Multipole Expansion

$$dV(P) = \frac{\rho d\tau}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \rightarrow V(P) = \int_V \frac{\rho d\tau}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

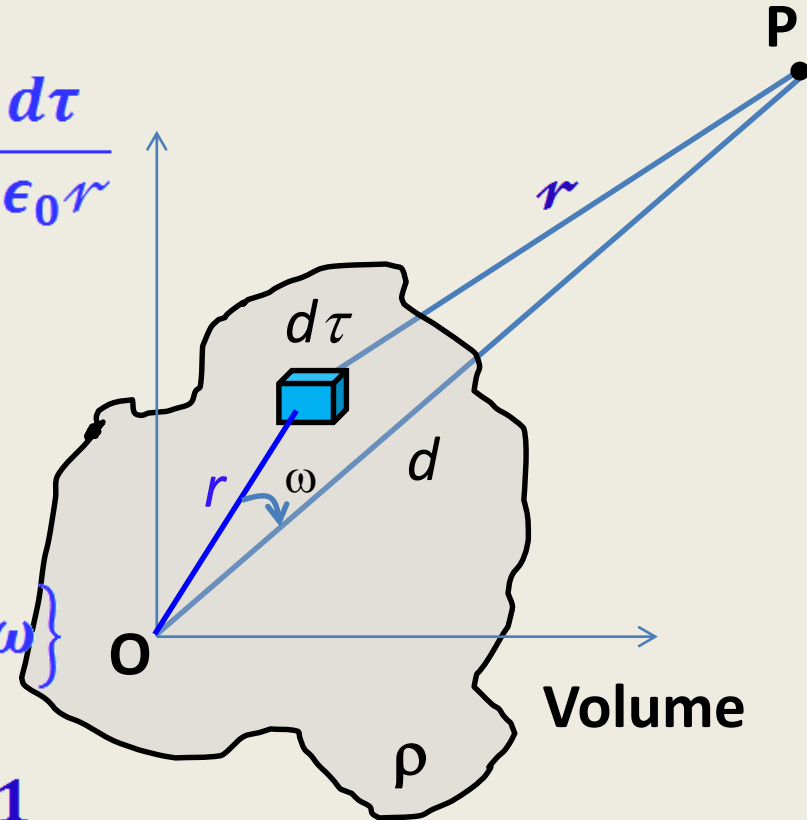
$$r^2 = r^2 + d^2 - 2rd \cos \omega$$

$$= d^2 \left\{ 1 - \frac{2r}{d} \cos \omega + \frac{r^2}{d^2} \right\}$$

$$= d^2(1 + \delta) \text{ where } \delta = \frac{r}{d} \left\{ \frac{r}{d} - 2 \cos \omega \right\}$$

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{d} (1 + \delta)^{-1/2} \quad d \gg r \Rightarrow \delta \ll 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{d} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \delta + \frac{3}{8} \delta^2 + \dots \right) &= \frac{1}{d} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{r}{d} \left\{ \frac{r}{d} - 2 \cos \omega \right\} \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{3}{8} \frac{r^2}{d^2} \left\{ \frac{r}{d} - 2 \cos \omega \right\}^2 + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{d} + \frac{r}{d^2} \cos \omega + \frac{r^2}{d^3} \left\{ \frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \omega - \frac{1}{2} \right\} + \dots \dots \dots \overset{2}{\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}}$$

$$V(P) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} \int_V \rho \, d\tau}_1 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2} \int_V (r \cos \omega) \rho \, d\tau + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^3} \int_V \left(r^2 \left[\frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \omega - \frac{1}{2} \right] \right) \rho \, d\tau + \dots}_{3}$$

(1) Monopole term

$$V(P) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} \int_V \rho \, d\tau = \frac{Q_{\text{tot}}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d}$$

- Potential due to charge at the origin
- exact potential
- Higher multipole terms vanish

(2) dipole term : If $Q_{\text{tot}} = 0$, then the dominant term

$$V(P) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2} \int_V (r \cos \omega) \rho \, d\tau = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2} \int_V (\vec{r} \cdot \hat{n}) \rho \, d\tau$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2} \hat{n} \cdot \int_V (\vec{r}) \rho \, d\tau$$

\hat{n} unit vector
pointing towards
point P: constant

$$V_{\text{dipole}}(P) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2} \hat{n} \cdot \vec{p}$$

\vec{p} is the dipole moment – **vector quantity**

$$\vec{p} = \int_V (\vec{r}) \rho \, d\tau$$

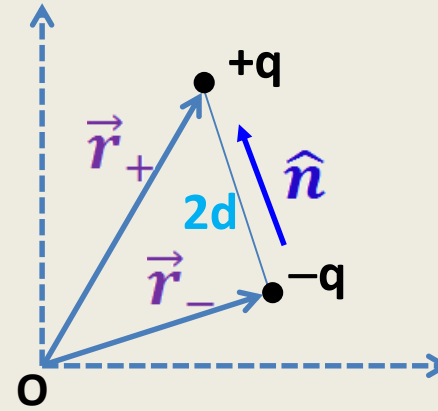
$$= \int_S (\vec{r}) \sigma \, dS = \int_L (\vec{r}) \lambda \, dl = \sum_i q_i \vec{r}_i$$

**Dipole moment is
determined by the
size, shape and
charge density**

dipole moment

$Q_{\text{tot}} = 0$: dominant term : dipole

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{p} &= \sum_i q_i \vec{r}_i = +q\vec{r}_+ + (-q)\vec{r}_- \\ &= q(\vec{r}_+ - \vec{r}_-) \\ &= q \, 2d \, \hat{n}\end{aligned}$$



dipole moment

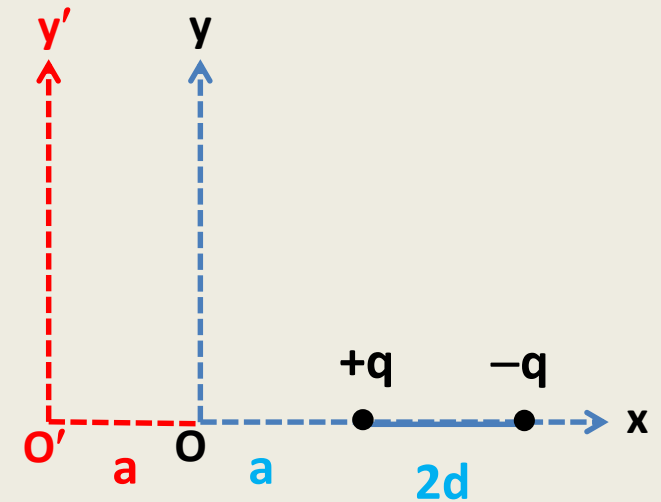
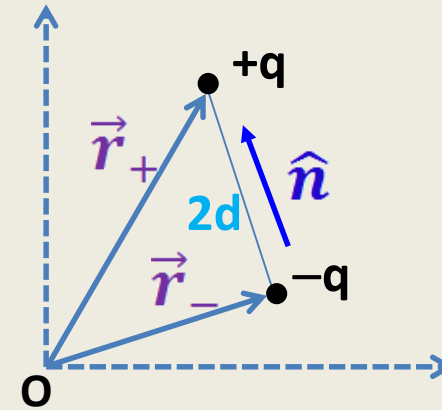
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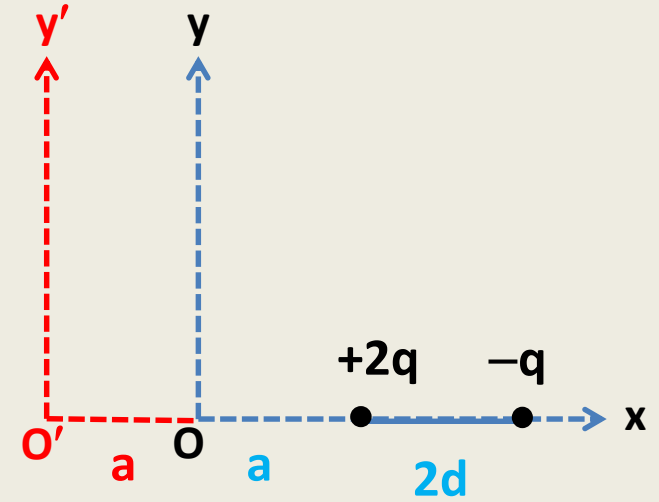


Here dipole moment is independent of origin

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{p} &= \sum_i q_i \vec{r}_i = +2qa \hat{i} + (-q)(a + 2d) \hat{i} \\ &= qa \hat{i} + 2qd(-\hat{i})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{p} &= +2q(2a) \hat{i} + (-q)(2a + 2d) \hat{i} \\ &= 2qa \hat{i} + 2qd(-\hat{i})\end{aligned}$$

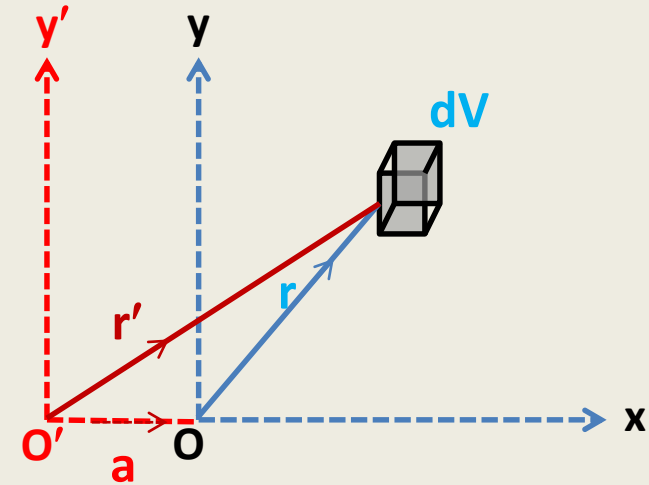
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$$\begin{aligned}\vec{p}' &= \int \vec{r}' \rho dV = \int (a\hat{i} + \vec{r}) \rho dV \\ &= a\hat{i} \int \rho dV + \int \vec{r} \rho dV\end{aligned}$$

If $Q_{\text{tot}} = 0$, then

$$\vec{p}' = \vec{p}$$



Quadrupole moment

$$V(P) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} \int_V \rho \, d\tau + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2} \int_V (r \cos \omega) \rho \, d\tau +$$
$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^3} \int_V \left(r^2 \left[\frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \omega - \frac{1}{2} \right] \right) \rho \, d\tau + \dots}_3$$

Quadrupole moment

Eg: spherical shell with charge density $\sigma = \sigma_0 \cos \theta$

$$V_{\text{out}}(r, \theta) = \frac{\sigma_0 R^3 \cos \theta}{3 \epsilon_0 r^2}$$

Monopole moment :

$$Q = \int \sigma dS = \int (\sigma_0 \cos \theta) (R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi) = 0$$

Hence monopole potential is zero

Dipole moment :

$$\vec{p} = \int \vec{r} \sigma dS = \int (R \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + R \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + R \cos \theta \hat{k}) (\sigma_0 \cos \theta) (R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi)$$

x and y components will vanish due to integration of $\cos \phi$ ($\sin \phi$) OR

if the charge distribution does not have a ϕ dependence, then dipole moment can have only z component!

$$\vec{p} = \hat{k} \int (R \cos \theta) (\sigma_0 \cos \theta) (R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi) = \hat{k} \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \sigma_0$$

$$V_{\text{dipole}} = (\hat{k} \cdot \hat{n}) \frac{\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \sigma_0}{4 \pi \epsilon_0 d^2}, \text{ where } \hat{n} \text{ is the unit vector along } d$$

$$V_{\text{dipole}} = \frac{R^3 \sigma_0}{3 \epsilon_0 d^2}, \text{ along z-axis}$$

$$V_{\text{dipole}} = \frac{R^3 \sigma_0 \cos \theta}{3 \epsilon_0 d^2}, \text{ anywhere else where } \theta \text{ is the polar angle}$$

$$\text{Quadrupole potential} = \frac{1}{4 \pi \epsilon_0 d^3} \int_V \left(r^2 \left[\frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \omega - \frac{1}{2} \right] \right) \sigma dS$$

where r is the distance from origin to the area element dS ($= R$ here)

Difficult to evaluate since ω is NOT a coordinate variable. Hence we will evaluate Quadrupole potential along z-axis where $\omega = \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Quadrupole moment} &= \int_V \left(R^2 \left[\frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \theta - \frac{1}{2} \right] \right) (\sigma_0 \cos \theta) (R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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DIELECTRICS

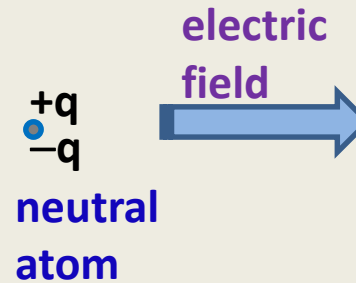
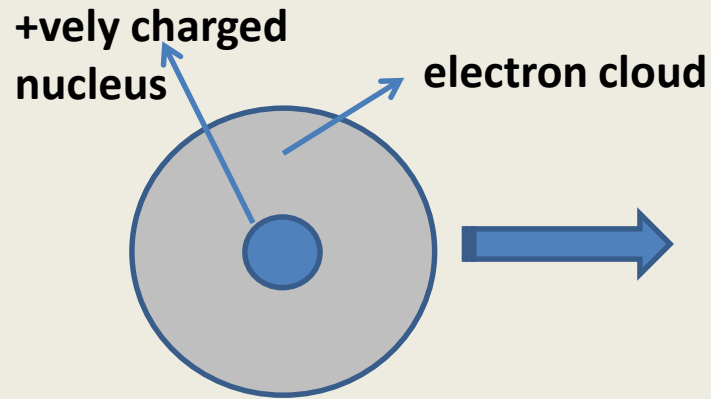
Dielectrics

Insulators – **NO FREE electrons**

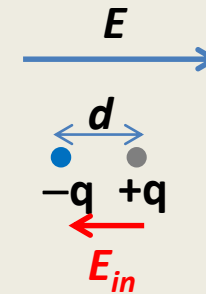
What happens if a dielectric is placed in an e.f.?

Becomes polarised:

$$p = \alpha E \text{ (approx.)}$$



electron cloud retains the shape
nucleus is displaced by d
 E_{in} – e.f. produced by the electron cloud



In equilibrium,
 $E = E_{in}$

$$E_{in} = \frac{\rho d}{3\epsilon_0} = \frac{qd}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a^3}$$

in equilibrium

$$E = E_{in} = \frac{qd}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a^3}$$

Each atom becomes a tiny dipole, moment $p = qd = 4\pi\epsilon_0 a^3 E$

α : atomic polarizability

$$4\pi\epsilon_0 a^3 = \alpha = 3\epsilon_0 \mathcal{V} \quad \text{where } \mathcal{V} \text{ is the volume of the atom.}$$

if a dielectric is placed in an e.f., neutral atoms get polarized and becomes tiny dipoles

All dipoles align along the direction of the applied e.f.

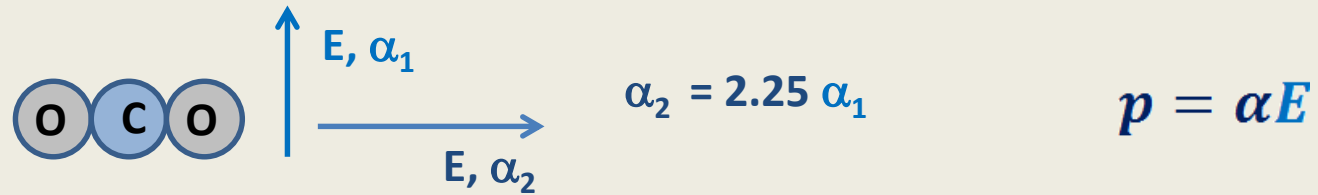
Dielectric gets **POLARIZED**. Polarization can be defined as

Polarization,

$$\vec{P} = \frac{\vec{p}}{\tau}$$

Polarisation = dipole moment per unit volume of the dielectric

Molecules: behavior in electric field is not very simple

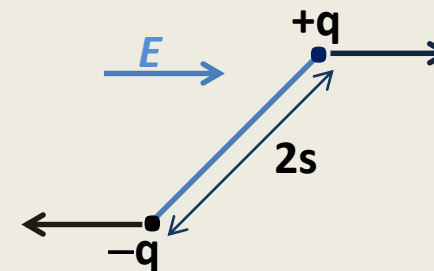
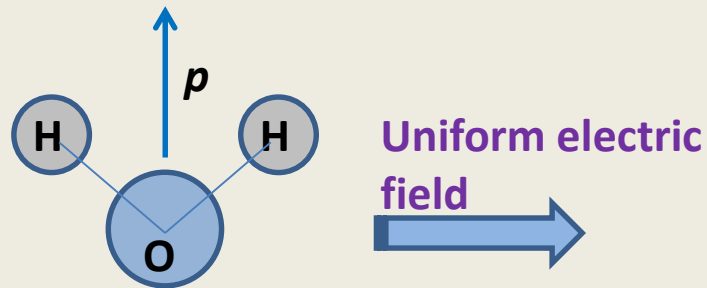


$$p_x = \alpha_{xx}E_x + \alpha_{xy}E_y + \alpha_{xz}E_z$$

$$p_y = \alpha_{yx}E_x + \alpha_{yy}E_y + \alpha_{yz}E_z$$

$$p_z = \alpha_{zx}E_x + \alpha_{zy}E_y + \alpha_{zz}E_z$$

Polar Molecules : built-in dipole moment even in the absence of e.f.



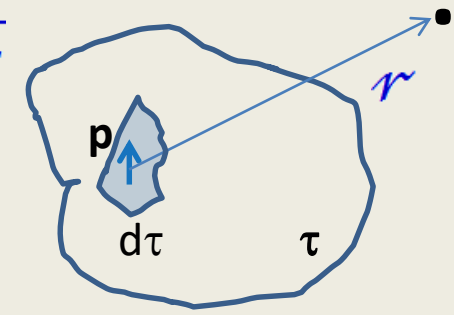
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Torque } \vec{N} &= \{ \vec{s} \times q\vec{E} + (-\vec{s}) \times -q\vec{E} \} \\
 &= q2\vec{s} \times \vec{E} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}
 \end{aligned}$$

This torque produces a rotation of the molecule

Field of a polarized object

Polarization,

$$\vec{P} = \frac{\vec{p}}{\tau}$$



Potential due to one dipole in the dielectric

$$dV = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r} \cdot \vec{p}}{r^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r} \cdot \vec{P}}{r^2} d\tau \quad \text{in volume } d\tau$$

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\tau} \frac{\hat{r} \cdot \vec{P}}{r^2} d\tau = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\tau} \vec{P} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) d\tau$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = -\frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$\text{Here, } \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\tau} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{r} \vec{P} \right) d\tau - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\tau} \frac{1}{r} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P}) d\tau$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_S \frac{1}{r} \vec{P} \cdot d\vec{S} - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\tau} \frac{1}{r} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P}) d\tau$$

$$d\vec{S} = dS \hat{n}$$

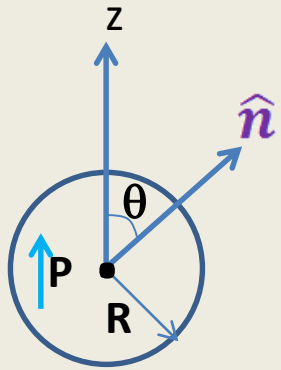
$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}$$

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

$$= \int_S \frac{\sigma_b dS}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} + \int_{\tau} \frac{\rho_b}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} d\tau$$

Potential due to **bound surface charge density**
and **bound volume charge density**

E due to uniformly polarized sphere, $\vec{P} = P_0 \hat{k}$



$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = P_0 \cos \theta$$

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

Equivalent to a spherical shell with surface charge density $\sigma = P_0 \cos \theta$

$$V(r, \theta) = \frac{P_0}{3\epsilon_0} r \cos \theta = \frac{P_0}{3\epsilon_0} z \quad r \leq R$$

$$V(r, \theta) = \frac{P_0 R^3}{3\epsilon_0 r^2} \cos \theta \quad r \geq R$$

$$V_{\text{out}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2} \quad \text{where} \quad \vec{p} = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \vec{P}$$

Potential due to a dipole at the origin

$$E_{\text{in}} = -\frac{P_0}{3\epsilon_0} \hat{k} = -\frac{\vec{P}}{3\epsilon_0} \quad r \leq R$$

Physical interpretation of bound charges

Uniform polarization \vec{P}

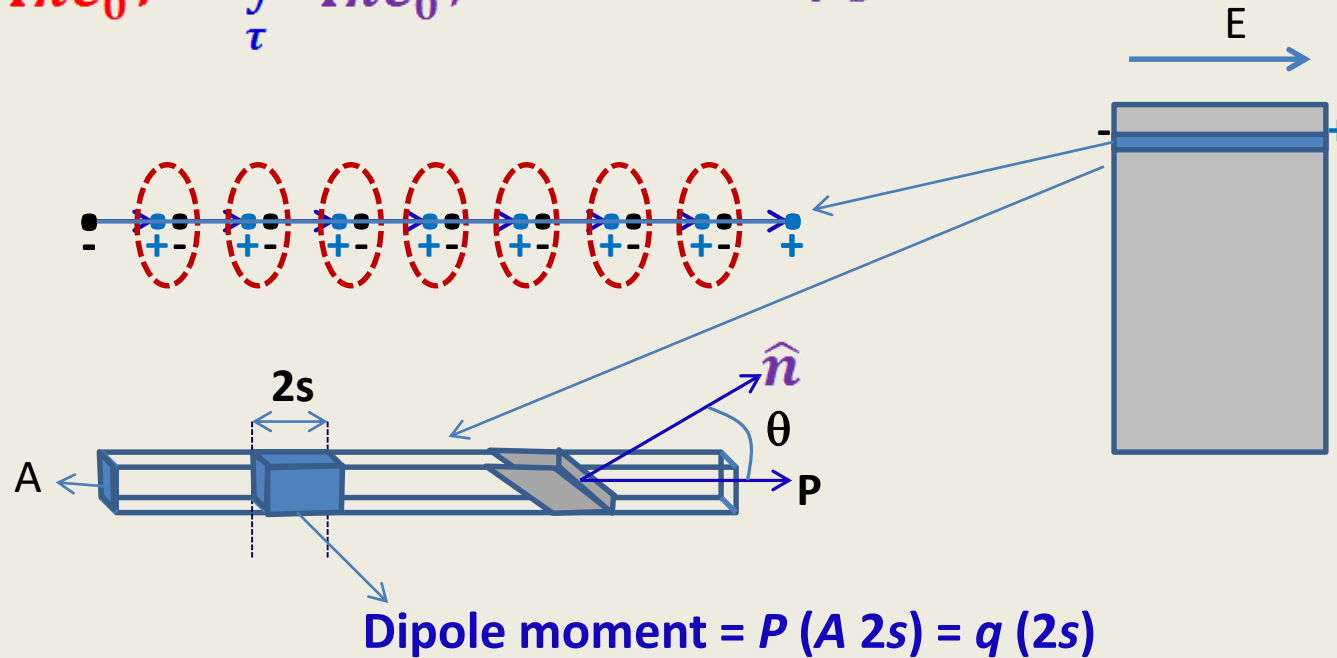
Potential due to a polarized object

$$V = \int_S \frac{\sigma_b dS}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} + \int_\tau \frac{\rho_b}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} d\tau$$

$$d\vec{S} = dS \hat{n}$$

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}$$

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



Bound charge at the end of the tube, $q = P A$

Surface charge density, $\sigma_b = q/A = P$

Surface charge density, $\sigma_b = P \cos\theta = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}$

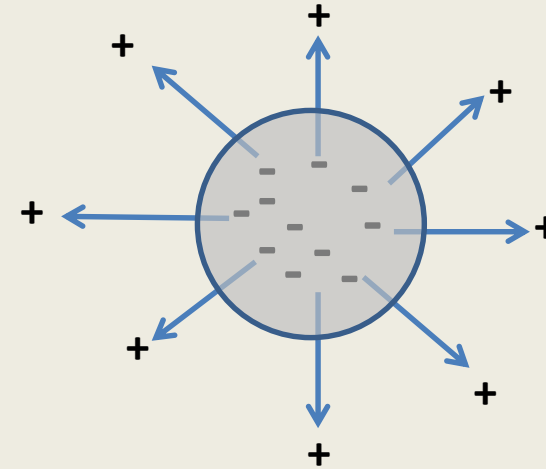
Physical interpretation of bound charges

NON - Uniform polarization \mathbf{P}

accumulation of bound charges within the volume

Net bound charge in a given volume = amount that has been pushed out through the surface

$$\int_{\tau} \rho_b d\tau = - \int_{\mathbf{S}} \vec{P} \cdot d\vec{S} = - \int_{\tau} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P}) d\tau$$



Since it is true for any volume

$$\rho_b = -(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P})$$

Uniform Polarization : ONLY surface bound charges (σ_b)

Non-uniform Polarization : surface & volume bound charges (σ_b & ρ_b)