

CH 24

GOAL: lecture on problems  
to illustrate each section.

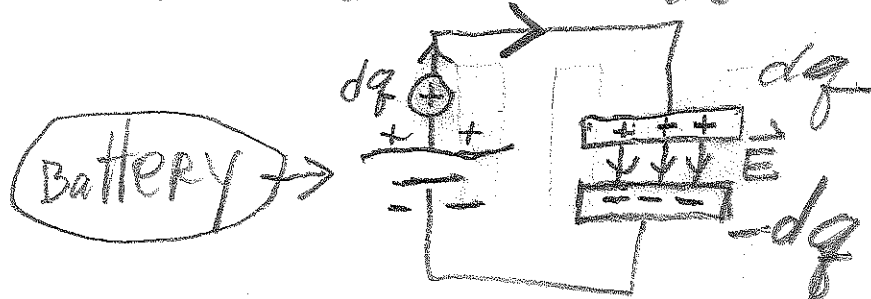
sections covered so far:

sec. 24.1, 24.2,

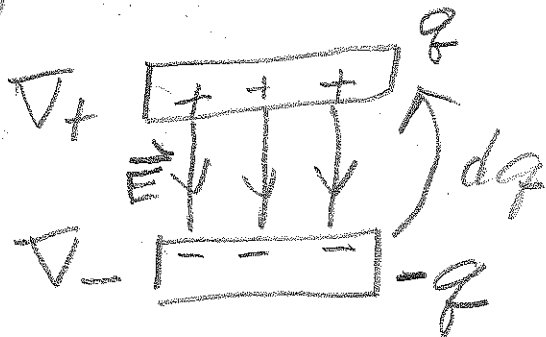
need 24.3, 24.4.

24.3 Energy calculations

IT TAKES WORK TO CHARGE UP  
A CAPACITOR, WORK THAT'S  
STORED AS ENERGY IN THE  
SPACE BETWEEN THE  
PLATES.  $I = dq/dt$



simulate charging process by removing  $dq$  from negative plate until  $q = Q$ .



$$dU_E = dq \cdot (V_+ - V_-)$$

$$dU_E \equiv dq \cdot V, \quad V \equiv V_+ - V_-$$

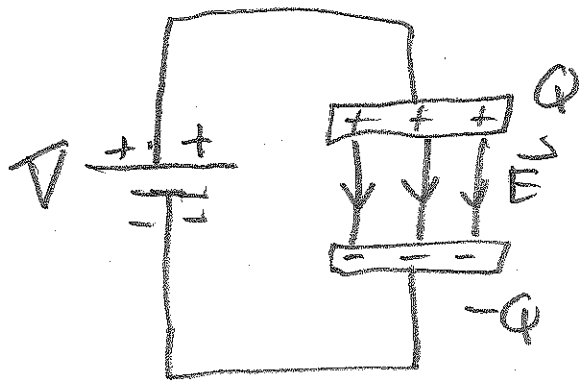
$$\int_0^Q dU_E = \int_0^Q dq \cdot V = \int_0^Q dq \cdot \left(\frac{q}{C}\right),$$

since  $V = \frac{q}{C}$ .

$$U_E = \int_0^Q \frac{q}{C} dq = \frac{Q^2}{2C} \Rightarrow U_E = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

ASSUME plates initially uncharged.

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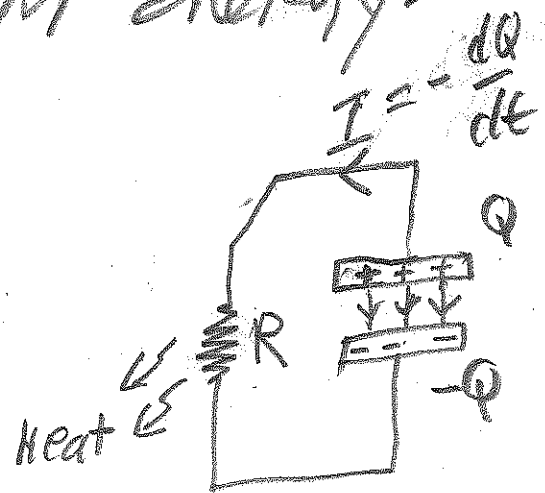
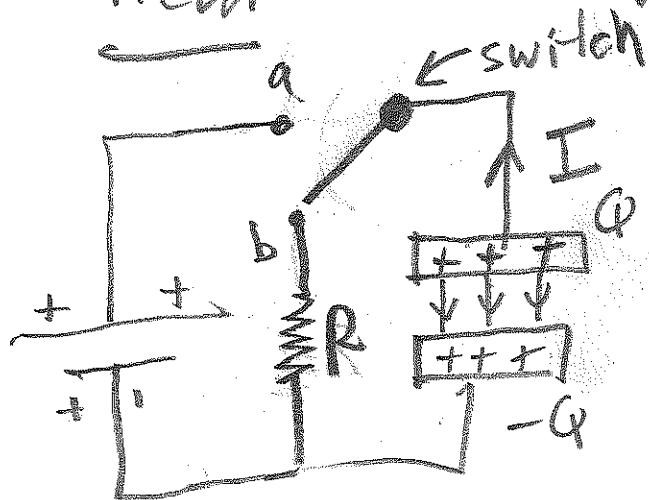
NOTE:

$$\frac{Q^2}{2C} = \frac{(CV)^2}{2C} = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

THUS,  $U_E = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$

OR  
 $U_E = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$  (see test 2)

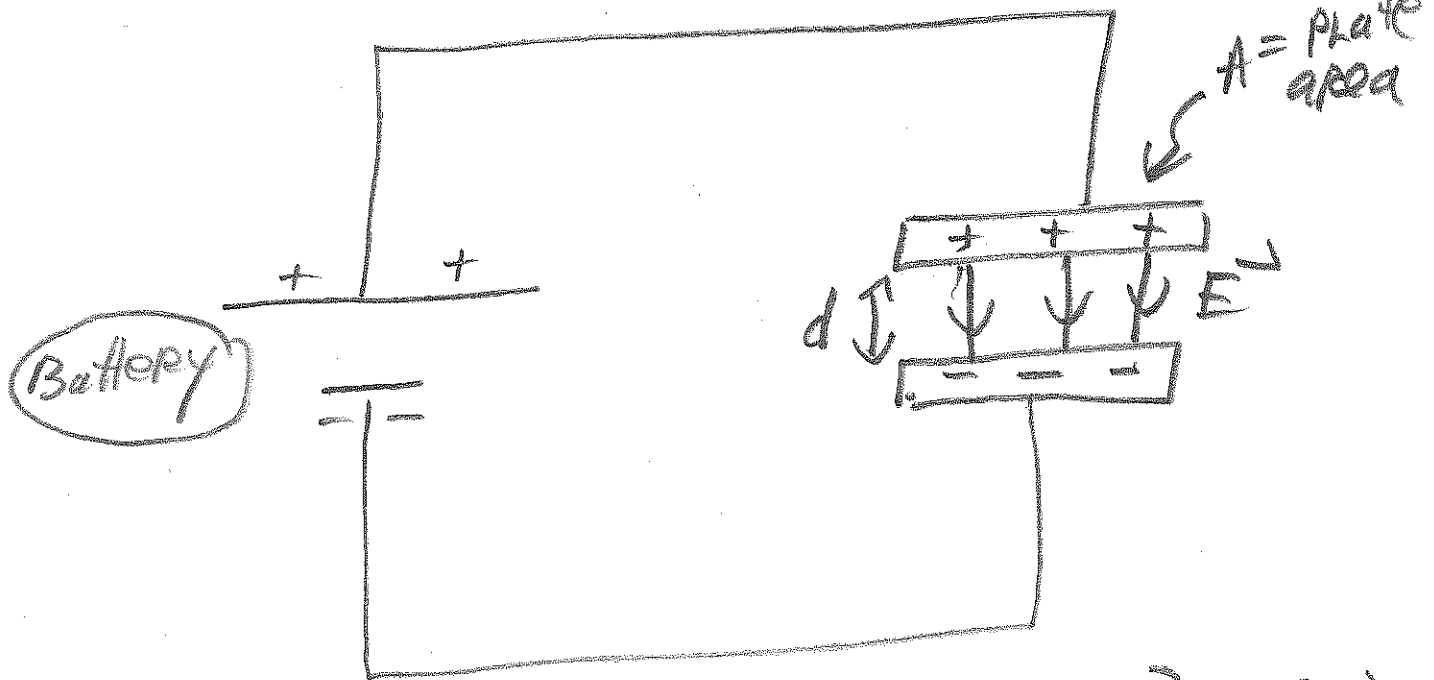
NOTE:  $U_E$  can be turned into Heat OR light energy:



switch from a to b  
to create heat (or light)  
THROUGH RESISTOR R.

# ELECTRIC FIELD ENERGY:

NOT SHOWN



$$U_E \equiv \text{Energy density} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} CV^2}{A \cdot d} \quad \left( \frac{\text{J}}{\text{m}^3} \right)$$

NOTE: LOWER CASE.

$A \cdot d$  = volume between plates.

Energy density is for SPACE between plates. UPPER CASE

$$\text{Now, } \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{A \epsilon_0}{d} \right) V^2 = U_E$$

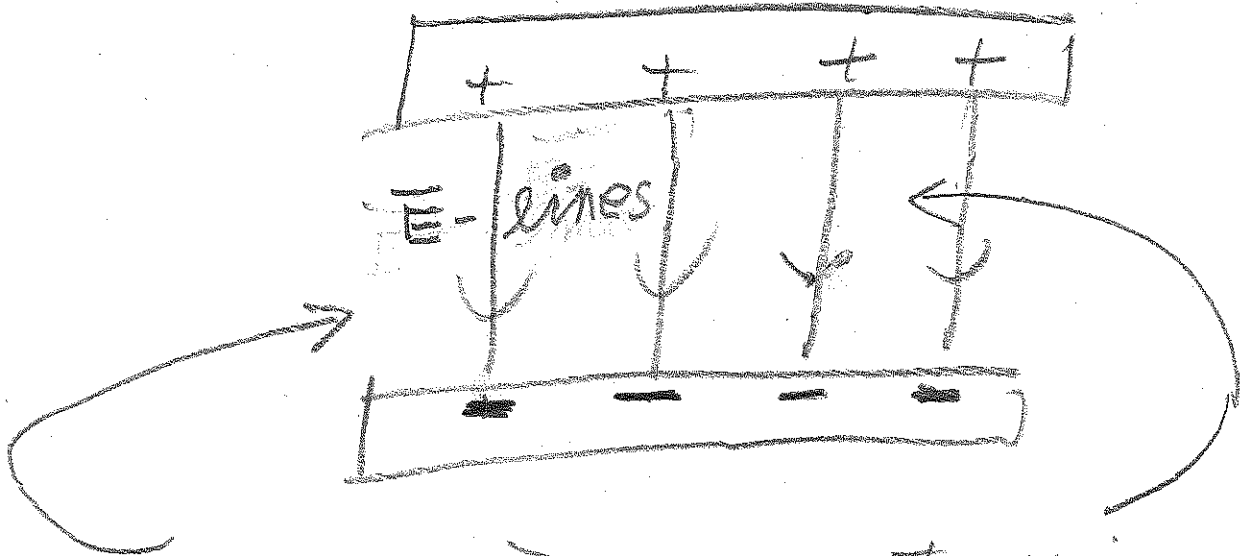
$$\text{and } V = E \cdot d$$

$$\Rightarrow U_E = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{A \epsilon_0}{d} \right) \cdot E^2 \cdot d^2 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 \cdot A \cdot d$$

THUS:

$$u_E = \frac{U_E}{A \cdot d} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 \cdot A \cdot d}{A \cdot d}$$

$$u_E = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$$

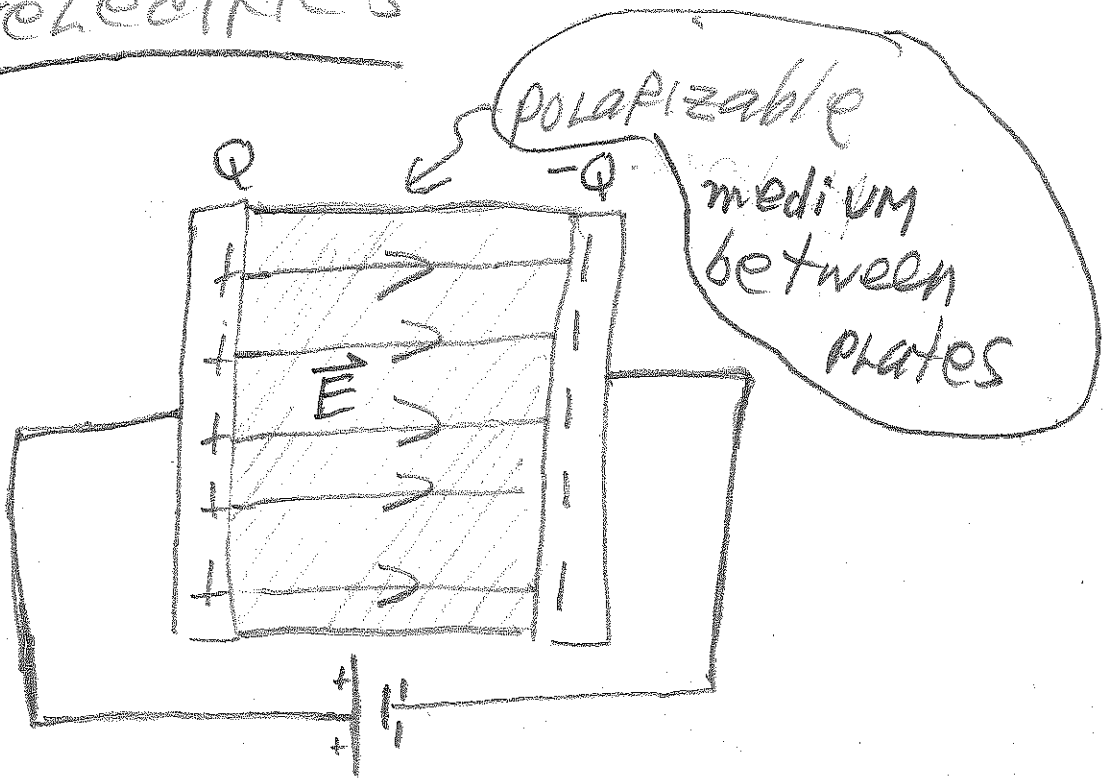


$$u_E = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$$

= ENERGY DENSITY  
IN SPACE OF  
ELECTRIC FIELD

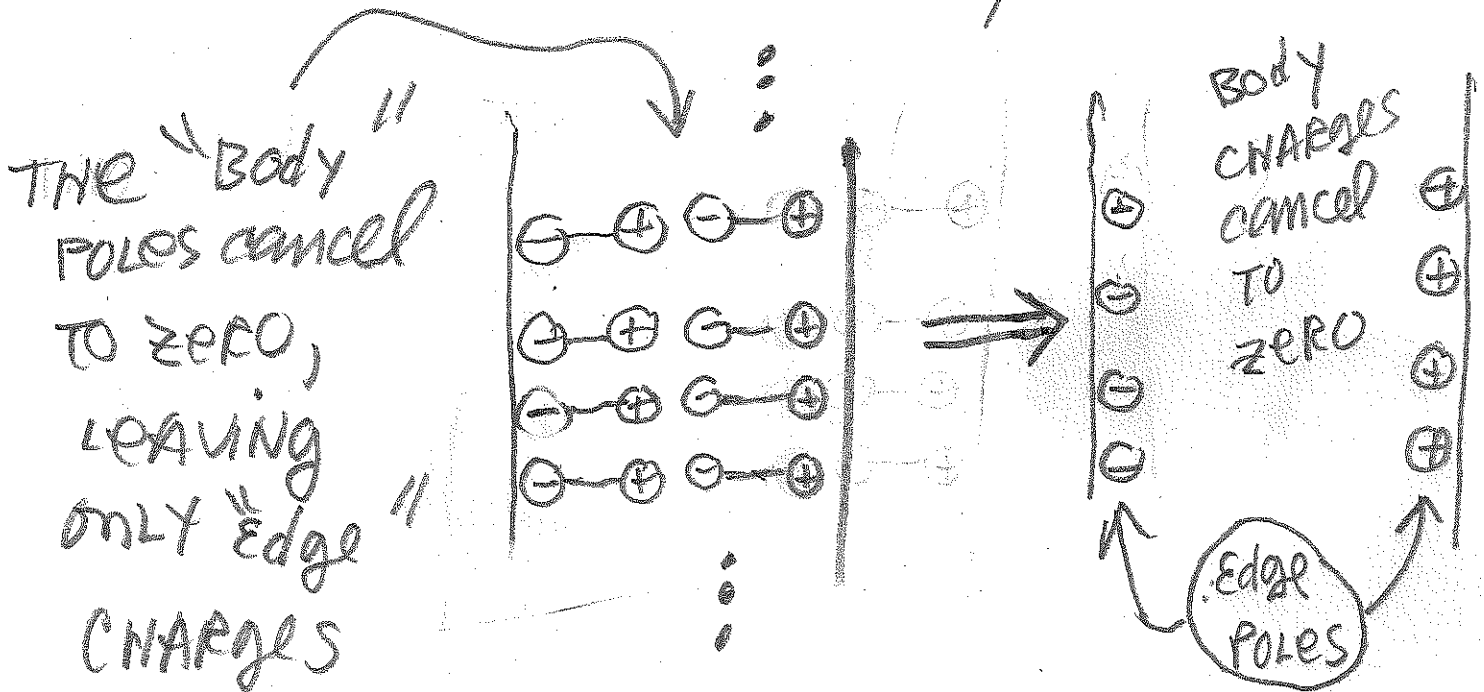
THERE IS  
ENERGY IN  
THIS VACCUUM  
(EMPTY SPACE).

24.4 Dielectrics



see figure 24.15

SUB-MICROSCOPIC  
view of medium:



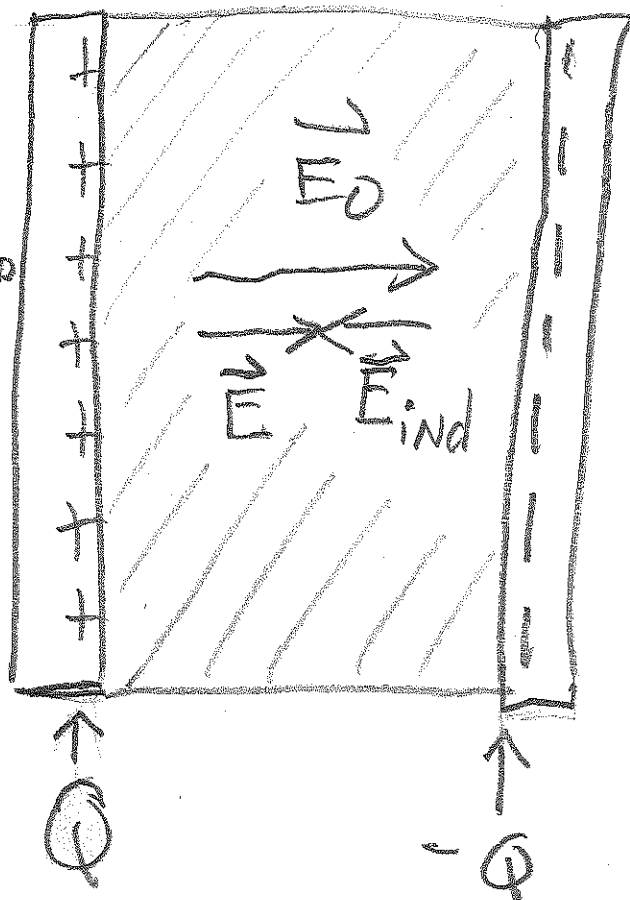
FIND NET ELECTRIC  
FIELD DUE TO  
 EXTERNAL FIELD  
 $\vec{E}_0$  (from plate  
 CHARGES  $\pm Q$ ) and the  
induced "edge" CHARGES:

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 + \vec{E}_{IND}$$

$$|\vec{E}| < |\vec{E}_0|$$

$$E < E_0$$

$$E = \frac{E_0}{K}$$

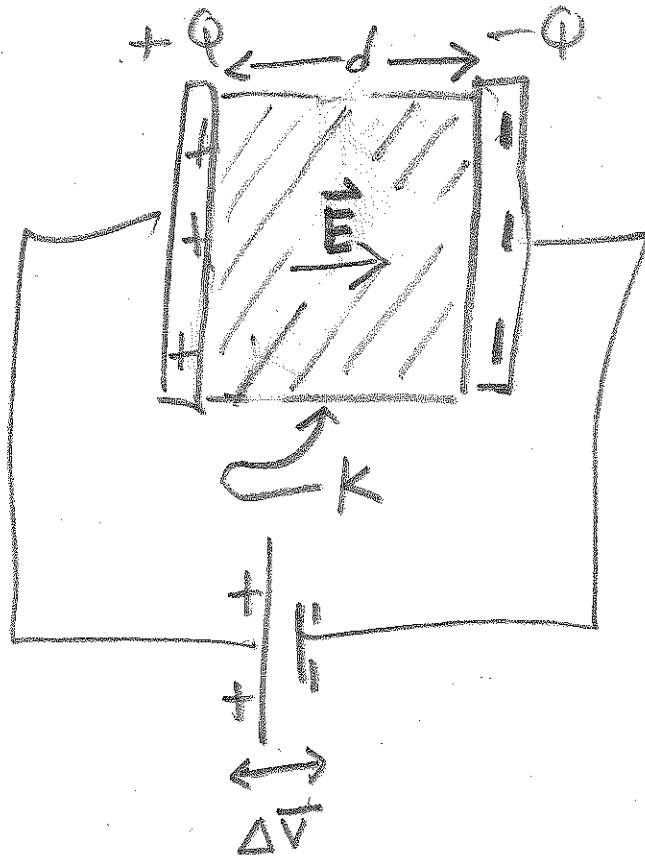


$K =$  dielectric  
 constant:  
 see table

$$\frac{24.1}{K_{AIR}} \approx 1$$

$$K_{MYLAR} = 3.1$$

NOTE: with dielectric  $C$  increases?



$$C \equiv \frac{Q}{\Delta V} = \frac{Q}{E \cdot d} = \frac{Q}{\frac{Q}{k \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot d} \cdot d} = k \cdot \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 \cdot d}$$

$$C = k \cdot C_0$$

$C_0$  = CAPACITANCE  
WITHOUT DIELECTRIC  
(VACUUM IN SPACE)











