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2.1 The Conductor in Electrostatic Field

2.2 Capacitance and Capacitor

2.3 Dielectrics in Electric Field

2.4 The Energy Storage in Electric Field



## 2.2 Capacitance and Capacitor

### Capacitance for isolated conductor

The capacitance for isolated conductor

The potential of the sphere  $R, Q$

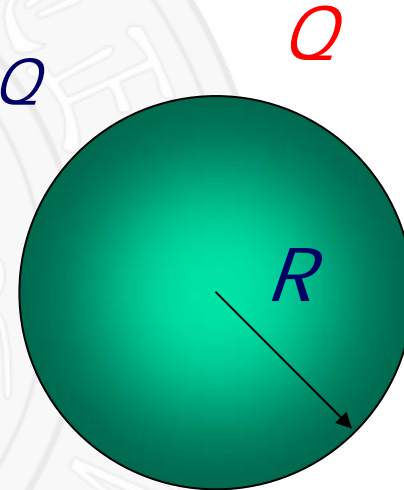
$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R}$$

Definition

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = 4\pi\epsilon_0 R$$

Units:  $1\text{C}/1\text{V}=1\text{F}$  (very BIG unit)

$$1\text{F} = 10^6\mu\text{F} = 10^{12}\text{pF}$$



Show overcharging

From Walter Lewin's Lecture

Supercapacitor



## 2.2 Capacitance and Capacitor

### Capacitance for Capacitor

Capacitor: Combination of Conductors

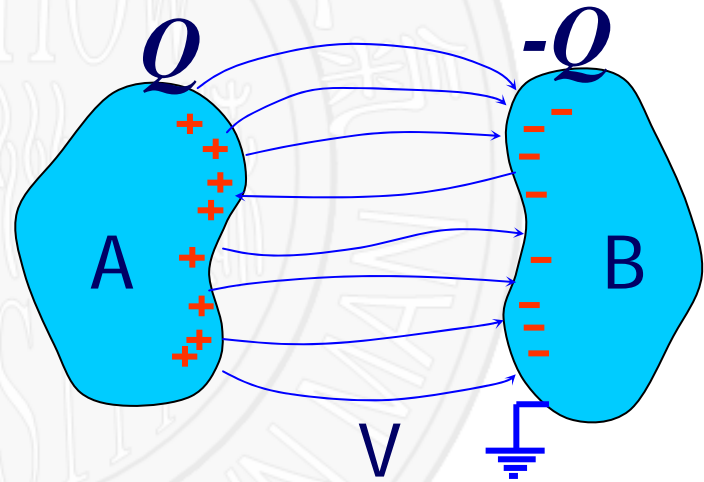
Deposit charge  $+Q$  on one and  $-Q$  on the other

The ratio  $Q/V$  is cont.

The Definition of capacitance

$$C = \frac{Q}{V}$$

Potential difference A&B



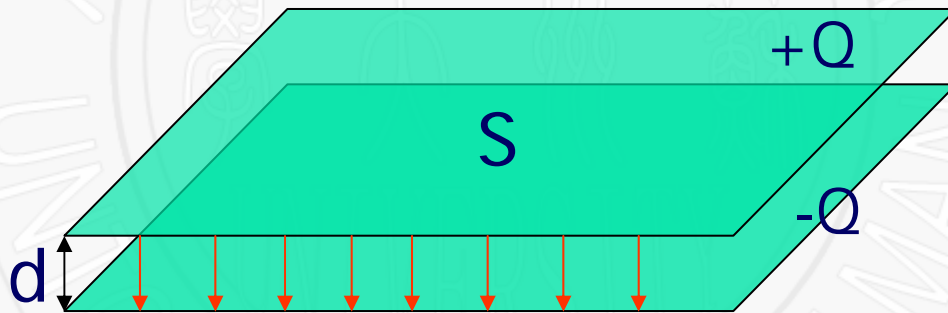
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### Capacitance for Capacitor

#### Calculation of Capacitance

##### Parallel-plate capacitor

parallel plates, each of area  $S$ , at a distance  $d$



$d^2 \ll S$  ~ infinite parallel planes

- Deposit  $+Q$  on top plate and  $-Q$  on bottom plate



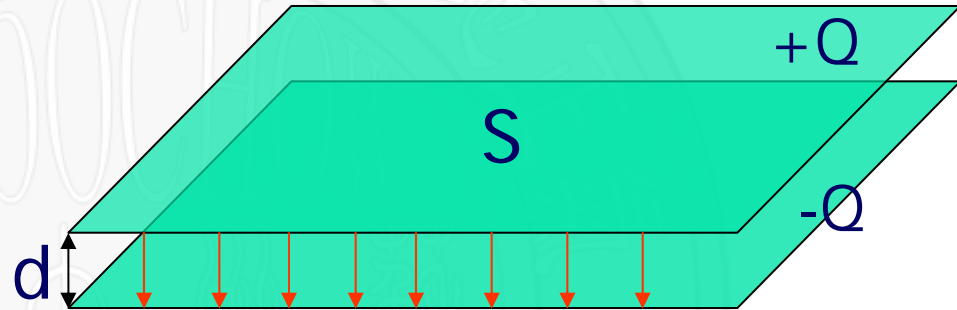
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### ◇ Capacitance for Capacitor

#### ✱ Calculation of Capacitance

- Find Potential  $V$

$$V = Ed = \frac{Q}{S\epsilon_0} d$$



- Find Capacitance:

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\epsilon_0 S}{d}$$

- $C$  depends on  $S$  and  $d$



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## Capacitance for Capacitor

### Calculation of Capacitance

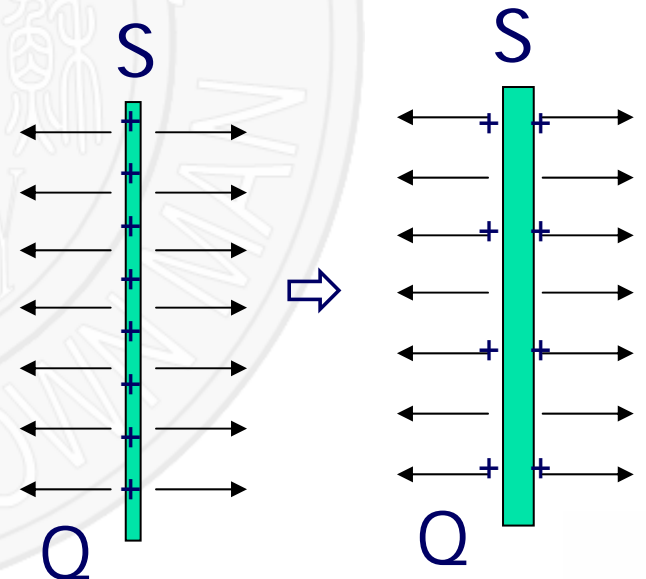
- Electric field on surface of conductor:  $\sigma/\epsilon_0$  or  $\sigma/2\epsilon_0$  ???
- Infinite plane of charges:  $\sigma/2\epsilon_0$
- Conductor surface:  $\sigma/\epsilon_0$

$\sigma$  is different

$$\sigma = \frac{Q}{S} \Rightarrow E = \frac{Q}{2\epsilon_0 S}$$

Consider a conductor

$$\sigma' = \frac{Q}{2S} \quad E = \frac{Q}{2\epsilon_0 S}$$



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### ◆ Capacitance for Capacitor

#### ✦ Calculation of Capacitance

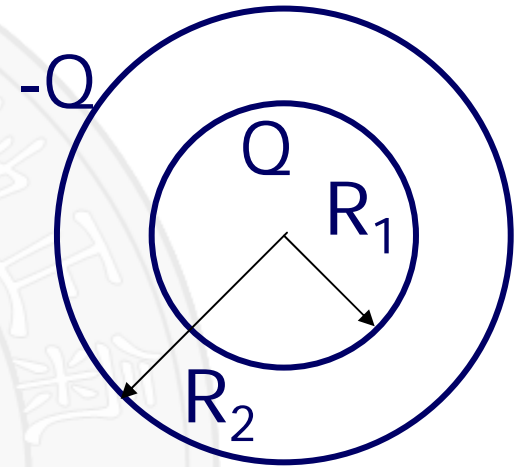
#### ✦ Spherical capacitor

Concentric spherical shells,  $R_1$  &  $R_2$

- Deposit  $+Q$  on inner shell and  $-Q$  on outer shell

- Find Potential 
$$V = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} E dr = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

- Find Capacitance 
$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_2 - R_1}$$



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### ◇ Capacitance for Capacitor

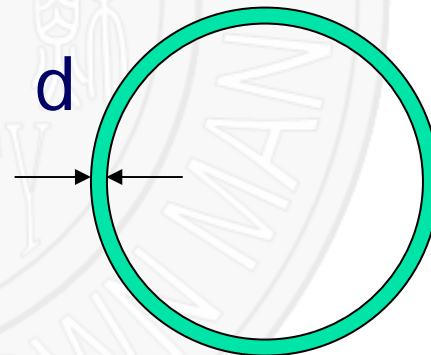
#### ✱ Calculation of Capacitance

##### ✧ Spherical capacitor

- C depends only on the geometry of the arrangement

If  $R_2 - R_1 = d \ll R_1 \rightarrow 0$

$$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_2 - R_1}$$
$$= \frac{\epsilon_0 4\pi R_1^2}{d} = \frac{\epsilon_0 S}{d}$$



Same as parallel-plate capacitor!





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### ◆ Capacitance for Capacitor

#### ✦ Calculation of Capacitance

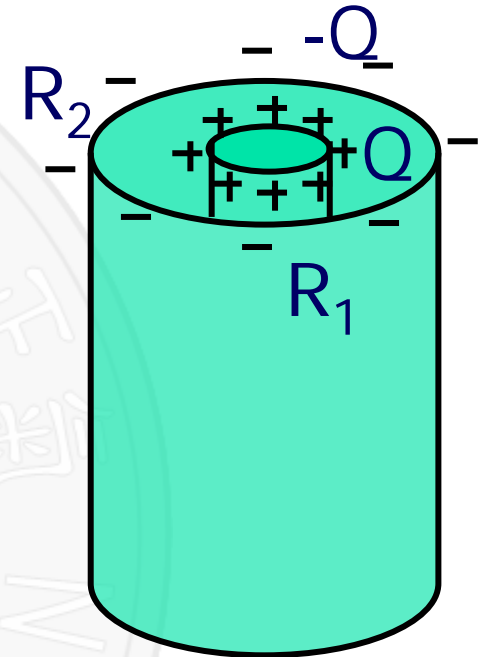
#### ✦ Cylindrical Capacitor

Coaxial cylindrical shells,  $R_1$  &  $R_2$ ,

■ Deposit  $+Q$  on inner shell and  $-Q$  on outer shell

Find Potential 
$$V = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} E dr = \frac{Q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 L} \ln \frac{R_2}{R_1}$$

Find Capacitance 
$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 L}{\ln \frac{R_2}{R_1}}$$



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### Capacitance for Capacitor

#### Calculation of Capacitance

#### Cylindrical Capacitor

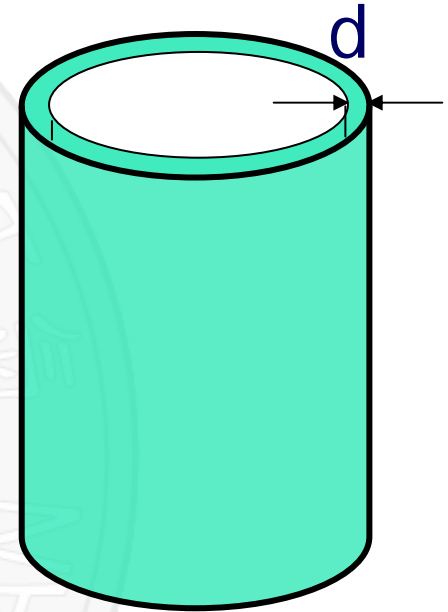
$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 L}{\ln \frac{R_2}{R_1}}$$

- C depends only on the geometry of the arrangement

If  $R_2 - R_1 = d \ll R_1 \rightarrow 0$

$$C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 L}{\ln \frac{R_2}{R_1}} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 L}{\ln(1 + \frac{d}{R_1})} \approx \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 L}{d/R_1} = \frac{\epsilon_0 S}{d}$$

Same as parallel-plate capacitor!



Supercapacitor



# 2.2 Capacitance and Capacitor

## ◆ The Combination of Capacitors

### ★ Capacitors in series

In EE often treat the Combinations of Capacitors.

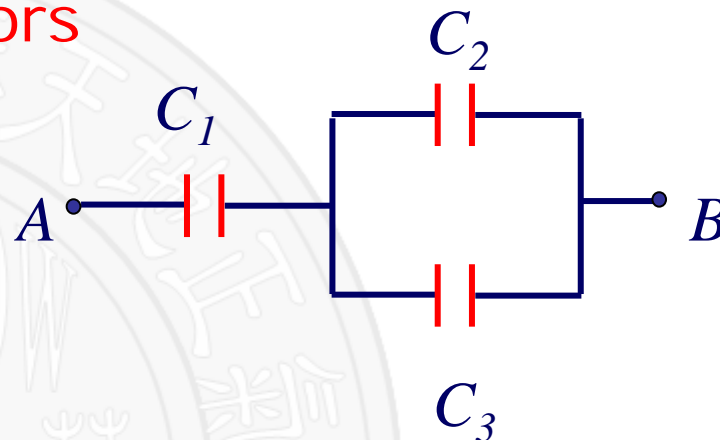
Same charge  $q$

$$V_1 = q/C_1, V_2 = q/C_2, \dots, V_n = q/C_n$$

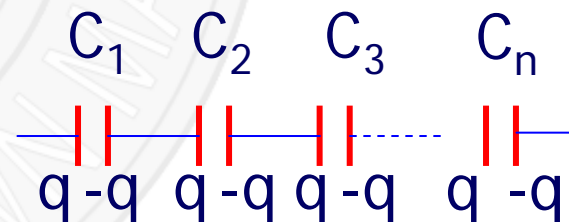
$$V = (V_1 + V_2 + \dots + V_n)$$

$$V = (q/C_1 + q/C_2 + \dots + q/C_n)$$

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{C_n}$$



(A simple network)



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## ◇ The Combination of Capacitors

### ★ Capacitors in parallel

Same potential difference  $V$

$$q_1 = C_1 V$$

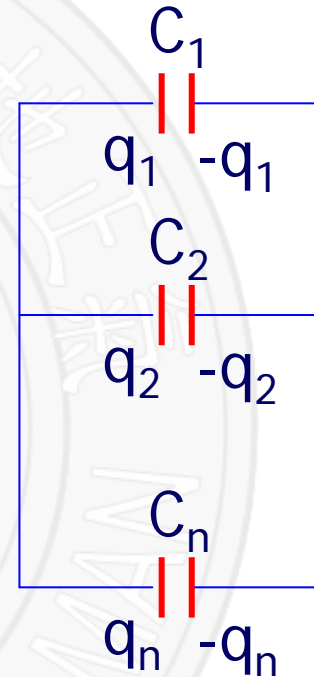
$$q_2 = C_2 V$$

⋮

$$q_n = C_n V$$

$$q = q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_n = (C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n) V$$

$$C = q/V = (C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n)$$



## 2.2 Capacitance and Capacitor

### ◇ The Combination of Capacitors

**Example 1.13** Two capacitors 200pF, 300pF, capable of withstanding 500V, 900V without breakdown, in series.

(1) Find the equivalent C;

(2) Total voltage is 1000V, which one will breakdown first?

(3) What is the highest total voltage without breakdown?

**Solution:** According to the equation of equivalent C

$$(1): \frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} \Rightarrow C = \frac{200 \times 300}{200 + 300} = 120(pF)$$



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### ◇ The Combination of Capacitors

$$(2): V = V_1 + V_2 = 1000V \quad C_1 V_1 = C_2 V_2$$

$$\Rightarrow V_1 = 600V \quad V_2 = 400V$$

So, 200pF, 500V will breakdown first, and then...

$$(3): Q_{1m} = C_1 V_w = 200 \times 500 = 0.1 \mu C$$

$$Q_{2m} = C_2 V_w = 300 \times 900 = 0.27 \mu C$$

$$V' = V_1 + V_2 = \frac{Q_{1m}}{C_1} + \frac{Q_{2m}}{C_2} = 500 + 333 = 833V$$



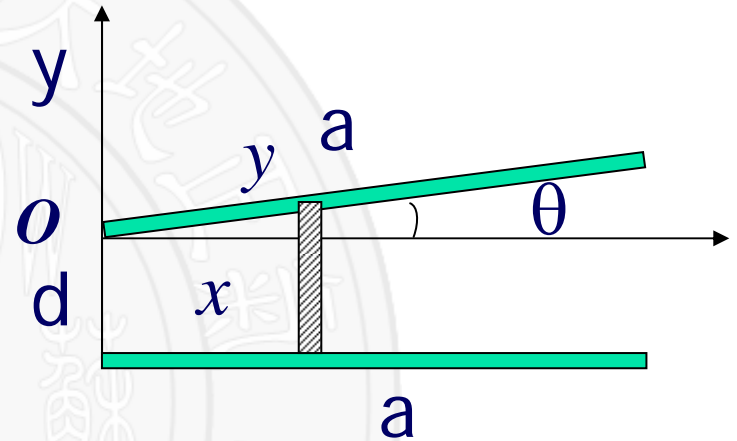
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▲ Capacitance of not Parallel-plate capacitor

$$dC = \frac{\epsilon_0 dS}{d} = \frac{\epsilon_0 a dx}{d + x \tan \theta}$$

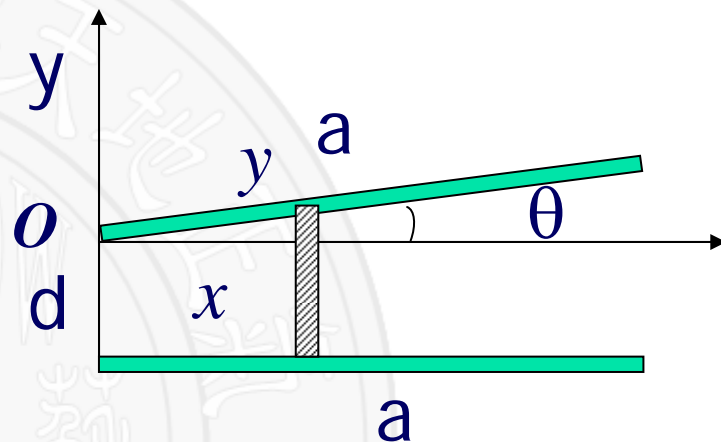
$$C = \int_0^a \frac{\epsilon_0 a dx}{d + x \tan \theta} = \frac{\epsilon_0 a}{\tan \theta} \ln(d + x \tan \theta) \Big|_0^a$$

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 a}{\tan \theta} \ln\left(\frac{d + a \tan \theta}{d}\right) = \frac{\epsilon_0 a}{\tan \theta} \ln\left(1 + \frac{a \tan \theta}{d}\right)$$



## 2.2 Capacitance and Capacitor

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 a}{\tan \theta} \ln\left(\frac{d + a \tan \theta}{d}\right)$$
$$= \frac{\epsilon_0 a}{\tan \theta} \ln\left(1 + \frac{a \tan \theta}{d}\right)$$



As  $\theta$  is very small,  $\tan \theta \approx \theta$ , and

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 \dots$$

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 a}{\tan \theta} \frac{a \tan \theta}{d} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{a \theta}{d}\right) = \frac{\epsilon_0 a^2}{d} \left(1 - \frac{a \theta}{2d}\right)$$

