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conductors

& capacitors

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Note Title

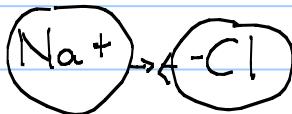
Conductors  $\Rightarrow$  think metals.

what makes a metal?

Metallic bonds!

recall

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ionic bond

a same orbital (AO)

heavy atoms

so



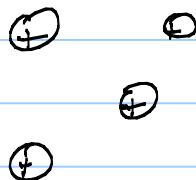
$$M_{\text{mol}} \gg M_e^- \\ \approx 2000 M_e^-$$

so  
act



cavallent

Molecular orbital (MO)



Pg 385 chem

ion-dipole

dipole-dipole

all  $e^- \rightarrow \leftarrow \oplus$

London Dispersion

Hydrogen

$\approx$  fixed nuclei  
 $\approx$  free  $e^-$

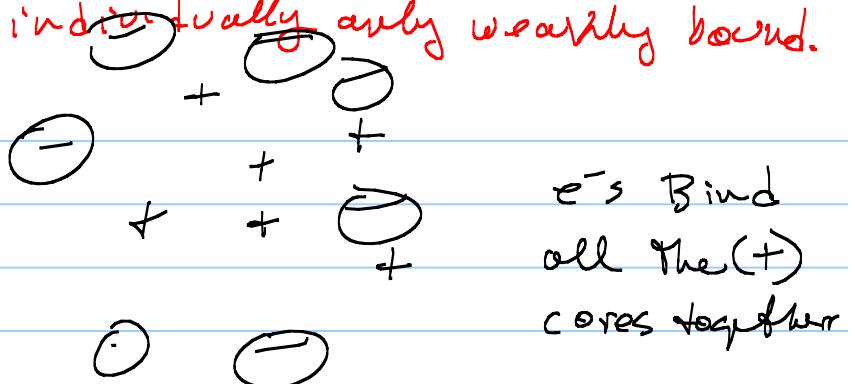
So  $e^-$ 's not  
confined to any

If you solve it  $\Delta \Psi^{(x,t)} = \hat{H} \Psi^{(x,t)}$  in a atom, they are

$e^-$ 's overlap w/ essentially potential  
essentially shared throughout

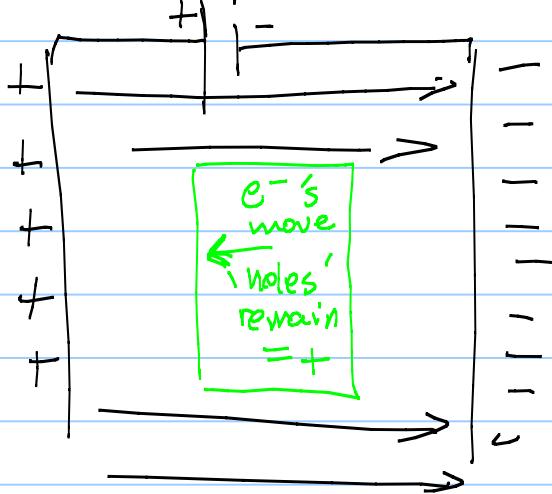
Atoms in metal, so as a whole, hold metal together but individually only weakly bound.

metal  $\approx$

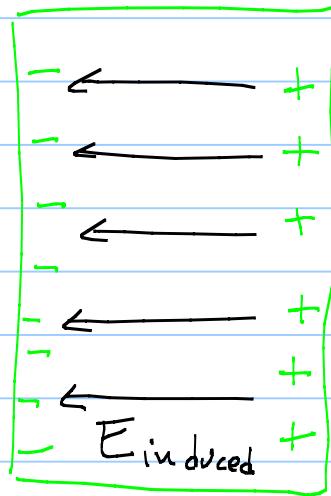


Result: metals = Fixed (+) cores (atoms)  
Free (-) ( $e^-$ 's)

So, now play w/ conductors:



so  $e^-$ 's move



$E_0 \hat{x}$

$e^-$ 's move until when?

In metal,  $e^-$ 's have essentially free ride to 'move' respond to any applied electric field

$$qE_i \leftarrow qE_0 \rightarrow \sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{Net}} = m\vec{a}$$

So  $e^-$ 's will accelerate w/ net Force until  $\vec{F}_{\text{Net}} = 0$

Diagram showing an electron ( $e^-$ ) moving to the right with velocity  $v$  in a uniform magnetic field  $\vec{B}_0$  pointing out of the page. The electron experiences a magnetic force  $q\vec{E}_i = qv\vec{B}_0$  directed upwards. The net force is given by  $\sum \vec{F}_{ext} = m\vec{a}$ . The equation  $-q\vec{E}_i + q\vec{E}_0 = 0$  leads to  $\vec{a} = 0$ , indicating the electron's stop accelerating.

Now  $|E_i| \propto$  how many  $e^-$ 's  
How many move?

Well # of  $e^-$ 's  $> 10^{23}$  so lots of

recall  $\left| \frac{\vec{F}_{coulomb}}{\vec{F}_{gravity}} \right| > 10^{34}$  so pretty strong

$\therefore$  as many  $e^-$ 's move As "required" to set up an  $E_{induced} \leftarrow$  to counter  $E_0 \rightarrow$

When that point is reached, ( $e^-$ 's) stop

That's the big point,  $e^-$ 's are free so will always move just right until  $E_{induced}$  cancels  $E_0$  (Applied)

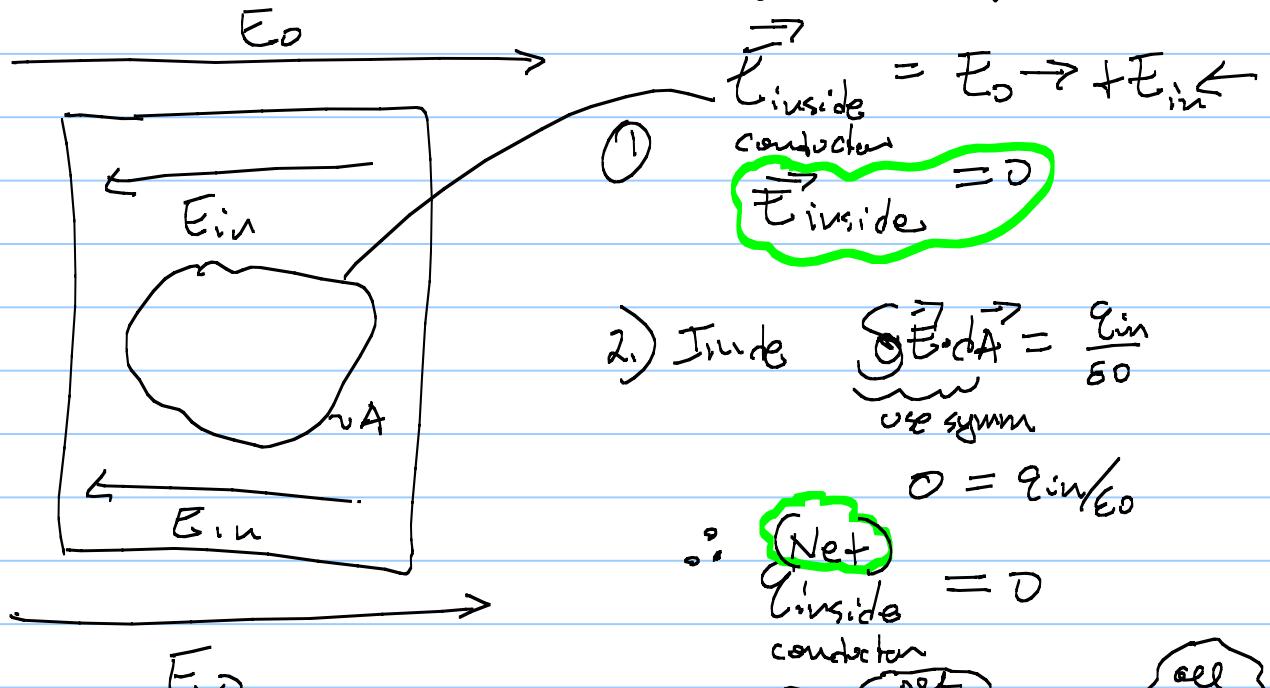
And it all happens  $\approx$  the speed of the  $\vec{B}$  field which is = C

So, almost instantly,  $e^-$ 's adjust to make  
 $E_{\text{ind}}$  cancel  $E_{\text{ext}}$

\* It's not enough  $e^-$ 's or  $E_{\text{ext}}$  too big, the metal would start to ionize

→ "Electrostatic Equilibrium" is set up quickly

So let's look @ The consequences of EE



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}_{\text{inside}} &= E_0 \rightarrow + E_{\text{in}} \leftarrow \\ \text{conductor} \\ \vec{E}_{\text{inside}} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$2) \text{ Inside } \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{use symm}$$

$$\therefore \text{Net } \vec{E}_{\text{inside}} = 0 \quad \sigma = Q_{\text{in}}/\epsilon_0$$

$$\text{or } \sigma = \frac{\text{charge}}{\text{net area}} = 0 \quad \text{all } +ve \text{ cancel -ve}$$

all  
+ve  
cancel  
-ve

3) Where are the  $e^-$ 's? Well they repel each other

while they are pushed by the  $\vec{E}$  fields.

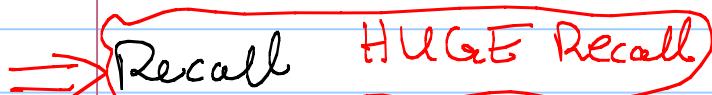
So they will move up  $\vec{E}_{\text{induced}}$  and be as far away from each other as can be.

So combined  $\omega$ ,  $S_{\text{inside}} = 0$ , and  $\uparrow \rightarrow$  

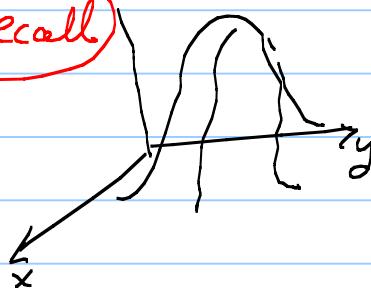
all charge on conductor resides on the surface of the conductor!

①  $\Rightarrow \text{BIGGIE!}$

A conductor is an equipotential! of electric potential  $V$

 Recall Huge Recall

mountain,  $h(x, y) =$



If we argued  $\vec{\nabla}h = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}\hat{i} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y}\hat{j} = \vec{\text{grad}} h =$

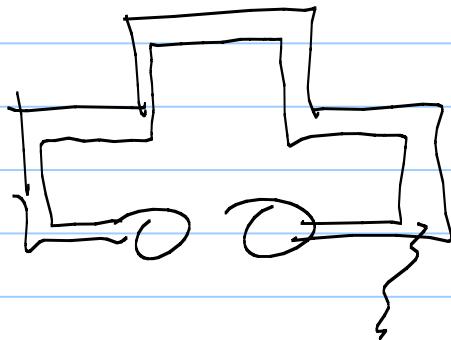
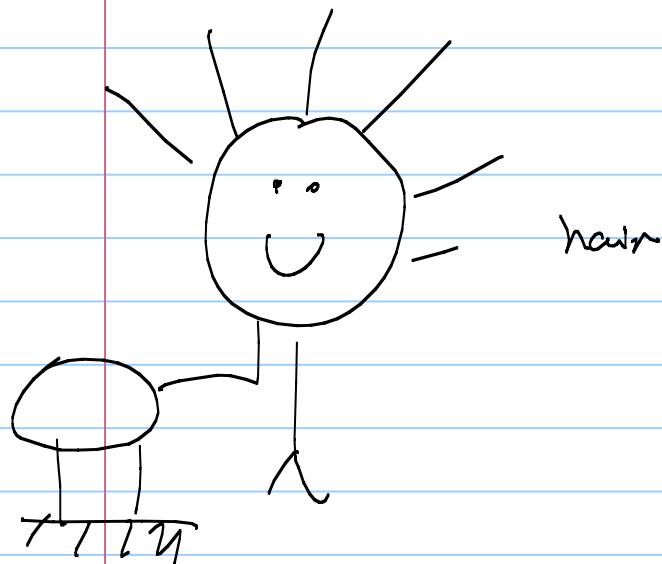
max space rate of change vector  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{1}) \text{ mag} \\ \vec{2}) \text{ dir} \end{array} \right.$

When we investigated the div of  $\vec{\text{grad}} h$ ,  $\vec{\nabla}h$ , we argue that is was everywhere  $\perp$  'contours' of constant  $h$ .

\* we looked @  $\vec{\nabla}h \cdot d\vec{l} = |\vec{\nabla}h|/d\theta/\cos\theta = dh$

, for,  $dh = 0$  but  $d\vec{l} \neq 0$ ,  $|d\vec{l}| = 1$ , then  $\vec{\nabla}h$  must be  $\perp$  to  $d\vec{l}$  along  $dh = 0$

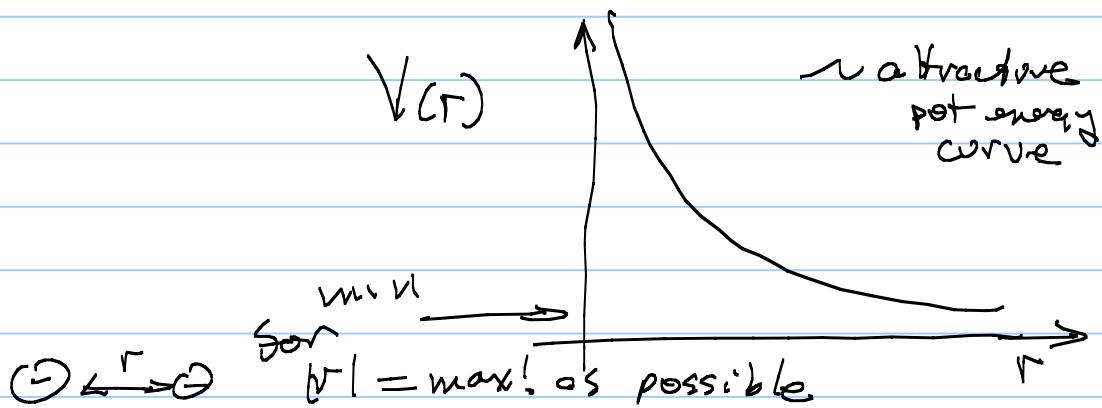
Charges repel so move as far away as can be from each other!



Car  
made of  
metal.

Van de Graaff  
generator af  
electric potential  
via accumulation  
of charges

Put 2 free e<sup>-</sup>s  
on it and they  
will see positions to  
be further apart  
↳ to minimize  
potential energy



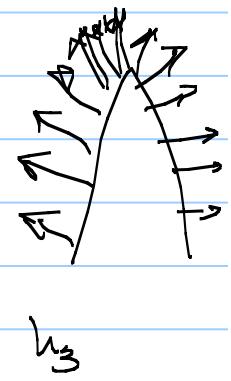
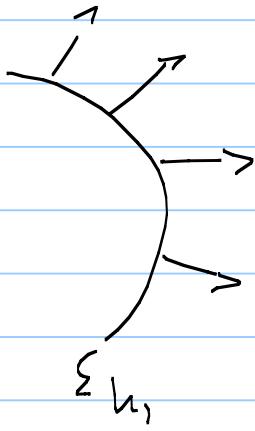
so  $\vec{\nabla} h = \perp$  to 'contours' of constant  $h$

$|\vec{\nabla} h| \propto \frac{\# \text{ lines}}{\text{Area}}$  in stream line interpretation

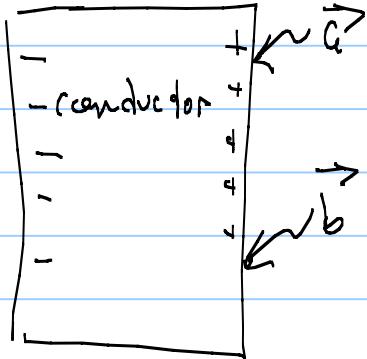
$|\vec{\nabla} h| \propto$  mag of space rate of change  $\sim$  so can look & see how quickly space derivs are changing

so

constant  $h$ ' contours



OK... back from recall--



Since "Electrostatic Eqvi"  $e^-$ 's @ REST!  
 $\therefore - \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$   
\* KEY along SURFACE

$= \text{must} = 0$ ! IS not  
then would  $\Rightarrow \vec{E}_{\text{surface}} \neq 0$  and  $e^-$ 's would move.

$$\text{So } \oint_{\vec{a} - \text{on surfs}}^{\vec{b} - \text{on surfs}} \vec{E}_{(\text{surface})} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \oint_{\vec{a}}^{\vec{b}} \vec{E}_{||} dl = 0$$

Stays  
on  
 $\equiv$   
Surface  
whatever  
it is

↓

1.  $E_{||} \text{ to surfs} = 0$

2.

$$\nabla(\vec{b}) - \nabla(\vec{a}) = \oint_{\vec{a}}^{\vec{b}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

So

$$\nabla(\vec{b}) = \nabla(\vec{a})$$

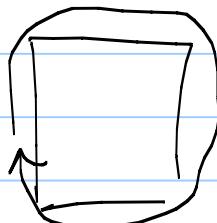
$\vec{a} \notin \vec{b}$  on  
surface.

∴ Everywhere on the surface of a conductor is @ same

$\nabla$ , Electrical Potential, Voltage

There is no  $\Delta$  Potential for charges to move on a surface of a conductor

so  $q+$



can move around  
freely

5.

$\vec{E}$  @ surface is

→ 1)  $\parallel$  to surface = 0

→ 2) could have something

$\perp$  to surface

$$-\int_{\text{a}}^{\text{b}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

$$\int_{\text{a}}^{\text{b}} (\vec{\nabla}V) \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

$\vec{\nabla}V \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$  } Same as 1st problem!

This  $\Rightarrow$   $\vec{\nabla}V$  is everywhere  $\perp$  to

$\vec{E} = -$   
contours of  
constant  $V$

\*  $e$ 's don't  
move  $\perp$  to  
surface  
cause  
they  
are  
still  
confined  
by  
the  
metal

what are the contours of constant  $V$ , ie where

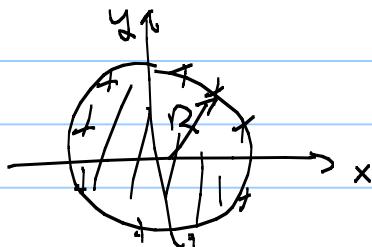
$V(\vec{b}) - V(\vec{a}) = 0$  -- The surface of what ever your conductor is!

Wow, that's alot!

yes!

For example:

say you have a conductor



$V = \text{constant}$  on the surface

so what are the 'contours' of equipotential?

$$x^2 + y^2 - R^2 = 0$$

For this  $R$ ,  $V(R) = \text{const} = V_0$

so

$$V = V(x, y) \quad \underline{\underline{\text{in general}}}$$

$$\equiv V(x, y) = y^2 + y^2 - R^2 = \text{const}$$

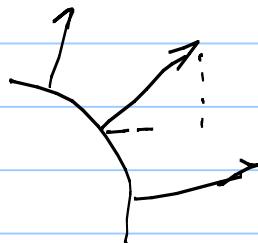
Therefore

$$V(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - R^2$$

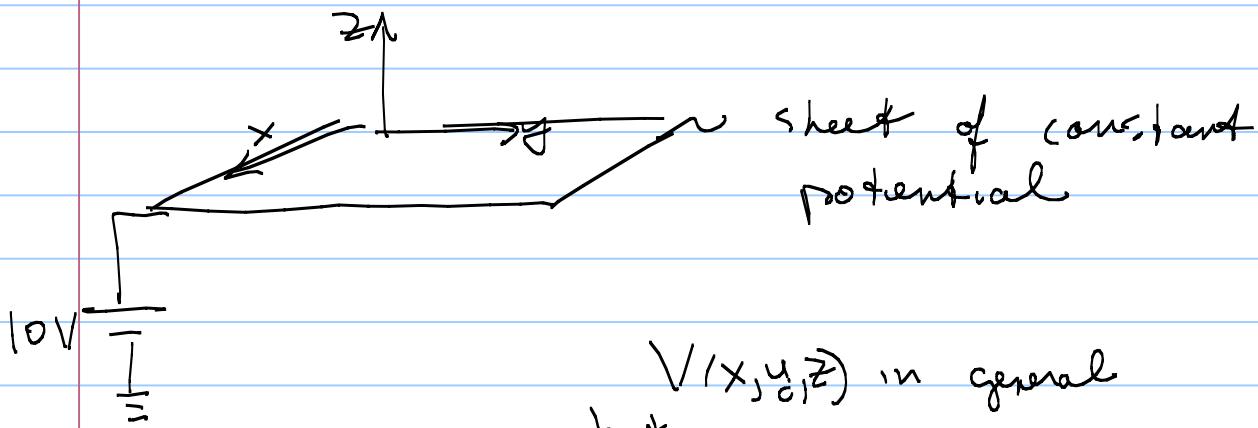
= equipotentials!

$$\vec{E} = \frac{2x\vec{i} + 2y\vec{j}}{[(2,2) \cdot (2,2)]^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (2x\vec{i} + 2y\vec{j}) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} x\vec{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} y\vec{j} \\ &= \hat{r} \end{aligned}$$



So can say



sheet of constant potential

$V(x, y, z)$  in general  
but

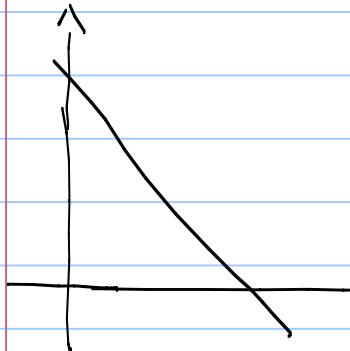
$V(x, y, z) = -z = \text{constant}$   
= surface or  
contour of constant potential.

∴

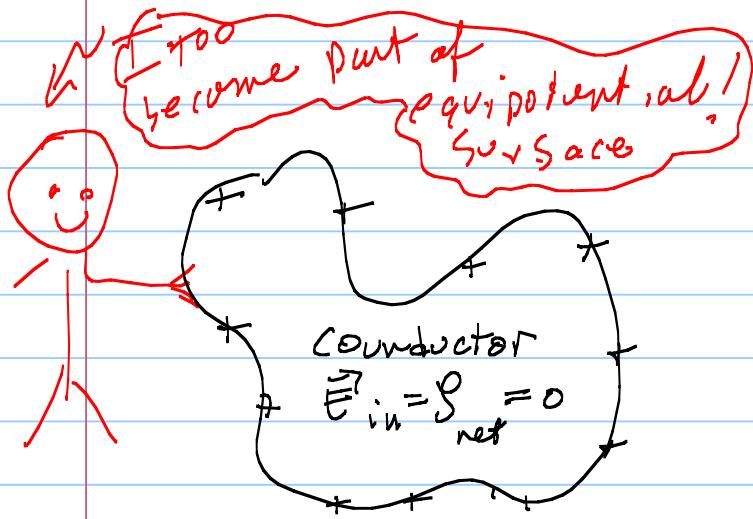
$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \hat{i} - \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \hat{j} - \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$
$$\vec{E} = -\hat{k}$$

$$|E| = 1$$

$$\text{div } \vec{v} = \frac{1}{k}$$



all together!



① Electrostatic equi  $\Rightarrow$  quickly

$$1) \vec{E}_{in} = \vec{S}_{net} = 0$$

2) charge is entirely on surface

$$3) \vec{E}_{surface} \begin{cases} \parallel \text{ to } \vec{d}\ell_{on \text{ surfs}} = 0 \\ \perp \text{ to } \vec{d}\ell_{on \text{ surfs}} \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

4) Everywhere on

entire surface =  
equipotential @ same electrical  
surface { potential,  $V$

$$(ie \underbrace{V(\vec{a}) - V(\vec{b})}_{\text{on surface}}) = 0$$

\* Although this could be just as well argued from energy considerations

The system "seeks" configuration to minimize its potential energy.



which is minimized w)  
all charge distributed uniformly on the surface /  
to be as far away as possible

$$5) \vec{E}_{surface} = \perp \text{ to surface}$$

$$= -\nabla V$$

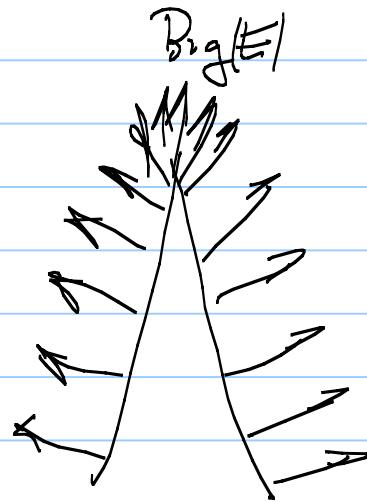
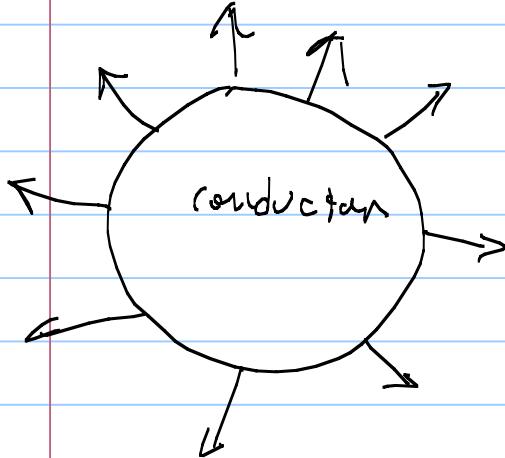
$$\text{so } \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \hat{x} + -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \hat{y} + -\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \hat{z}$$

$|E| = \text{max space rate of change}$

$dV = \perp \text{ to Equ. potential}$   
which means

$\perp \text{ to surface}$   
of conductor!

There fore



$$|E| = \text{constant for all } \theta \neq 0 @ r$$

$$\text{dir} = \hat{r}$$

Clearly

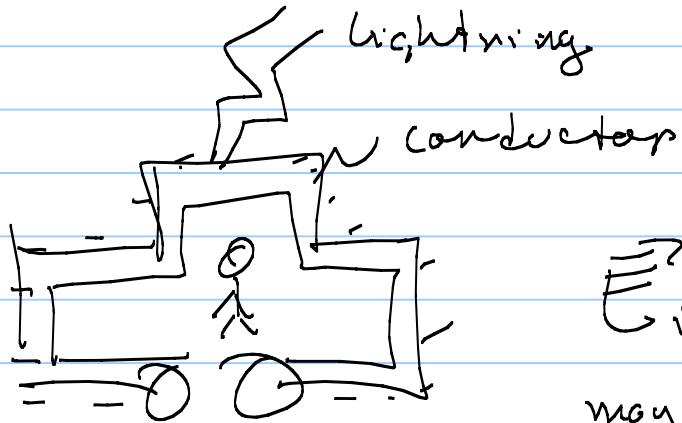
$|E|_{\text{mag}} = \text{space rate of change}$  so max where  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \text{max}$

i.e.  $|E|_{\text{mag}} \propto \# \text{ lines}/\text{Space}$

$\text{dir} = \perp$  to surface!

This is why "sharp" conductors "attract" lightning: The  $|E|$  is max at the max space rate of changes (points) where air gets ionized first

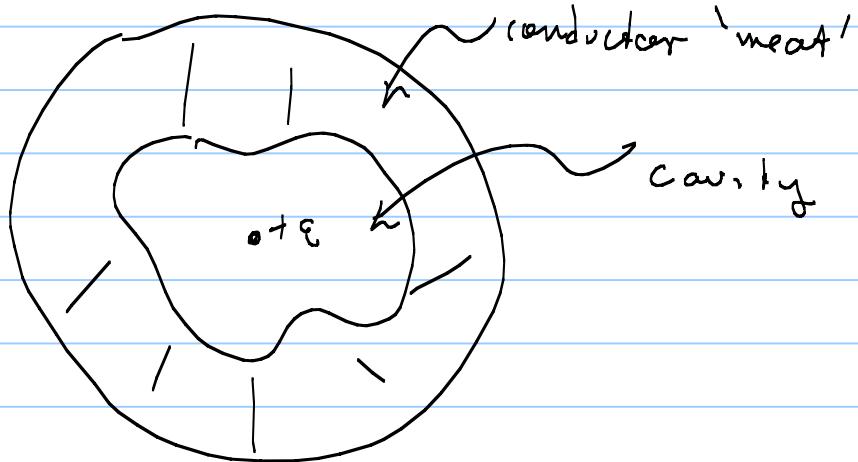
and back to



$$E_{\text{inside}} = 0!$$

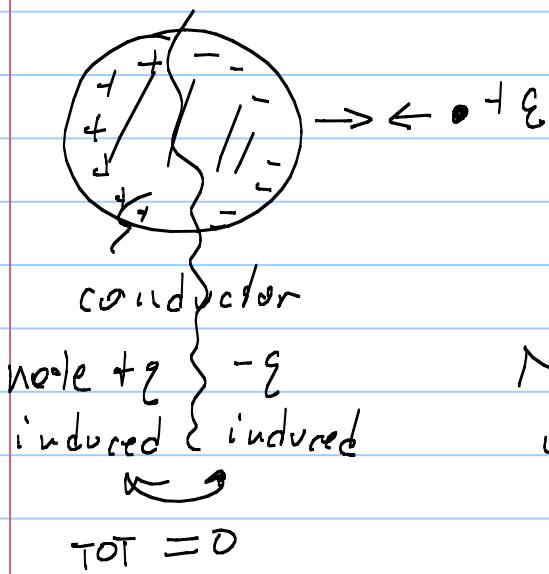
may get cooled from  
heat of lightning but  
won't be  
electrocuted

## Implications!



$$\text{Clearly } E_{\text{cavity}} \neq 0 \\ \text{but } E_{\text{conductor}} = 0$$

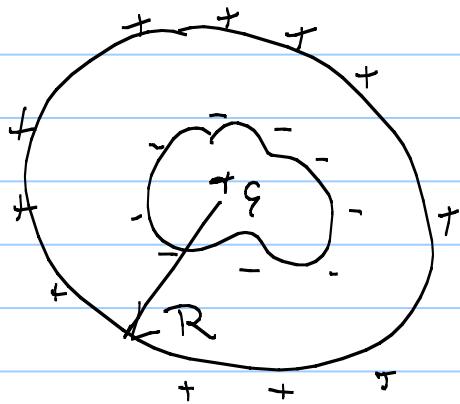
lets see how



There abstract!  
But note induced charge  
is built to neutralize  
 $E_{\text{tot}}$  in the conductor

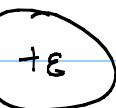
Note here,  $S_{\text{induced}}$  while  
unform specially is not  
near the scene

so now



so use Gauss

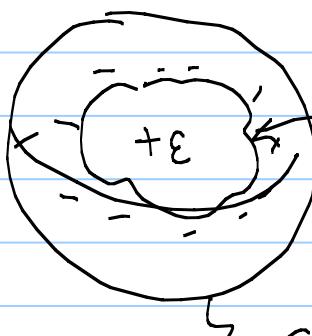
1) Cavity



$$\oint \vec{E}_{\text{cavity}} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{\epsilon_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{cav}} \neq 0$$

2) conductor



\* total of  
 $|+q| = +q$  bcs  $1 ds$   
up interior  
surface

Gaussian sphere

so

$$\oint \vec{E}_{\text{conductor}} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{\epsilon_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{+q + \epsilon}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$|\vec{E}_{\text{cond}}| = 0$$

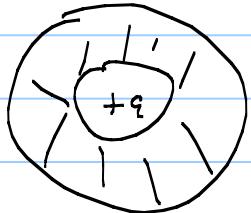
3) Outside  $r > R$

$$\oint \vec{E}_{\text{outside}} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{\epsilon_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{+q - q + \epsilon}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{+\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{outside}} = K \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \hat{r}$$

As  $\epsilon$   $\neq$  conductor  
not over there for  $r > R$

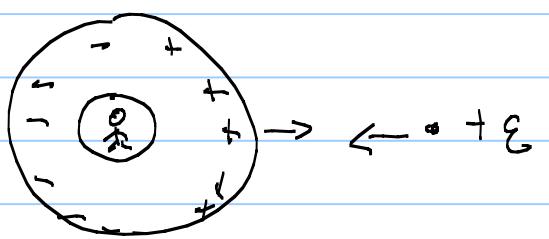
So



$\vec{E}$  looks like tot charge @ o  
The conductor "communicates"

inside signals  
to outside

but ↪



But  $\vec{E}$  do I See? Zero!

So <sup>(conductor)</sup> protects you from  $\vec{E}$  externals!

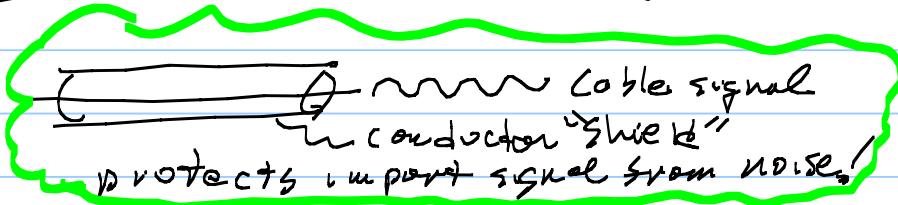
So, say you have important equipment



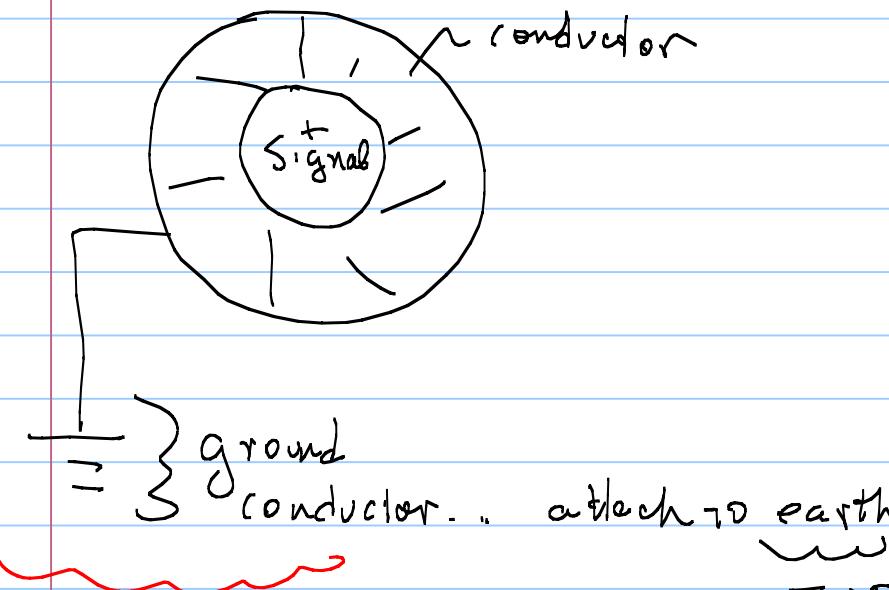
put it in a conductor  
it protects it

from stray "bad" fields

For Then



Try thus - - -



Essentially  
attaching the  
"ground" means  
you are connecting  
the equ-potential  
of the earth (whatever  
it is)

to the object conductor. Then -

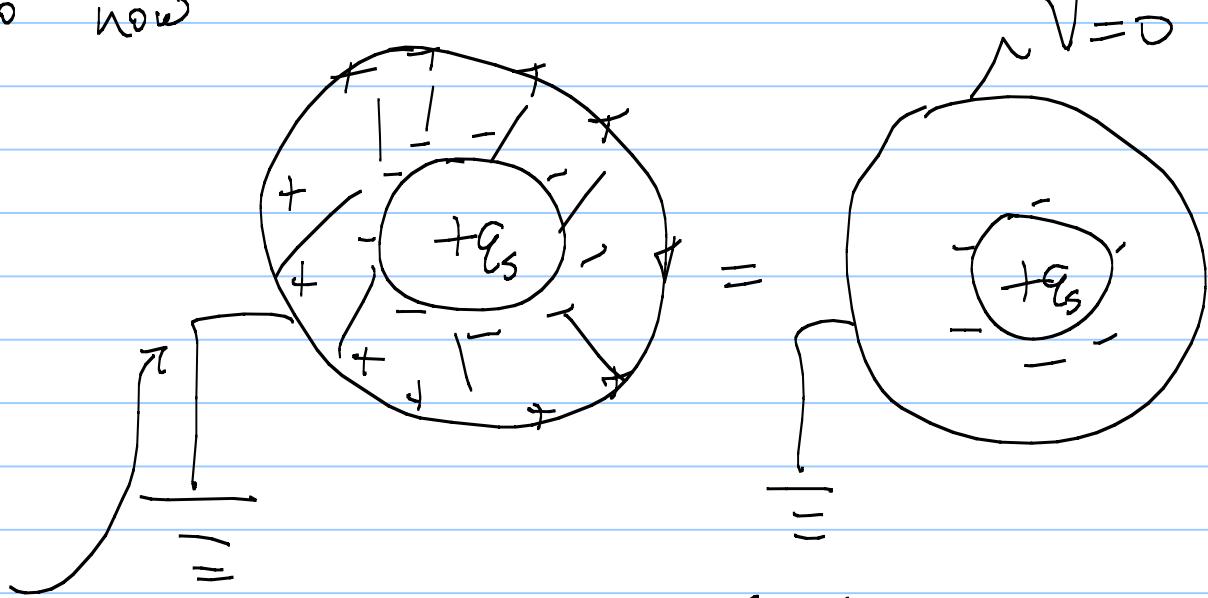
so Earth looks

like HUGE CONDUCTOR

=  $\infty$  sink of  $e^-$ 's  
or  
 $\infty$  source of  $e^-$ 's  
so  
 $e^+ \rightarrow$  or  
 $e^- \leftarrow$

such that  
conductor  
became's  
same pot as  
Earth....  
call it  $\boxed{OV}$

So now



So That

- 1) in Cavity  
 $\vec{E}_{\text{cav}} \neq 0$ , ie = signal

- 2) in meat of conductor

Gauss

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_s - q_b}{\epsilon_0}$$
$$E_{\text{inside}} = 0$$

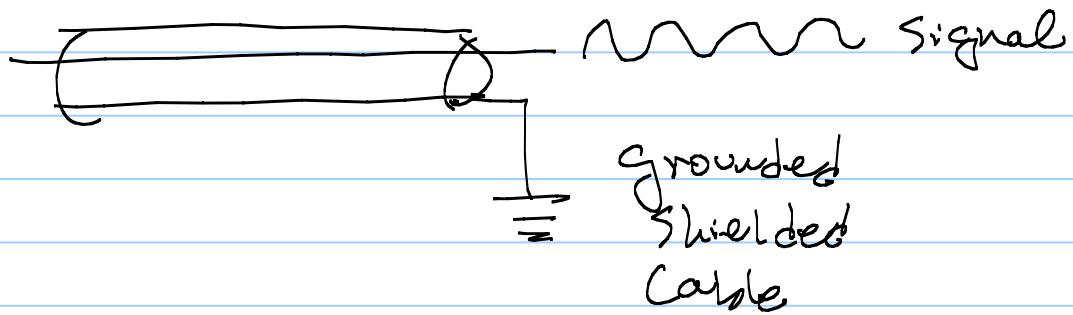
- 3) outside  $r > R$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = +\frac{q_s - q_b}{\epsilon_0} \cdot 0$$

$E_{\text{out}} = 0$   
now

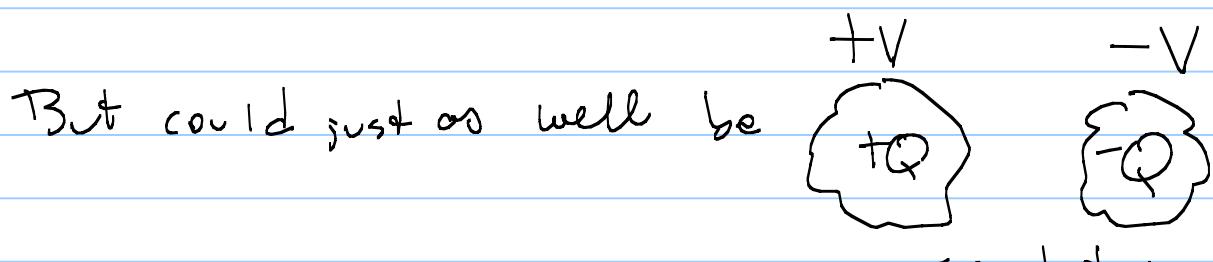
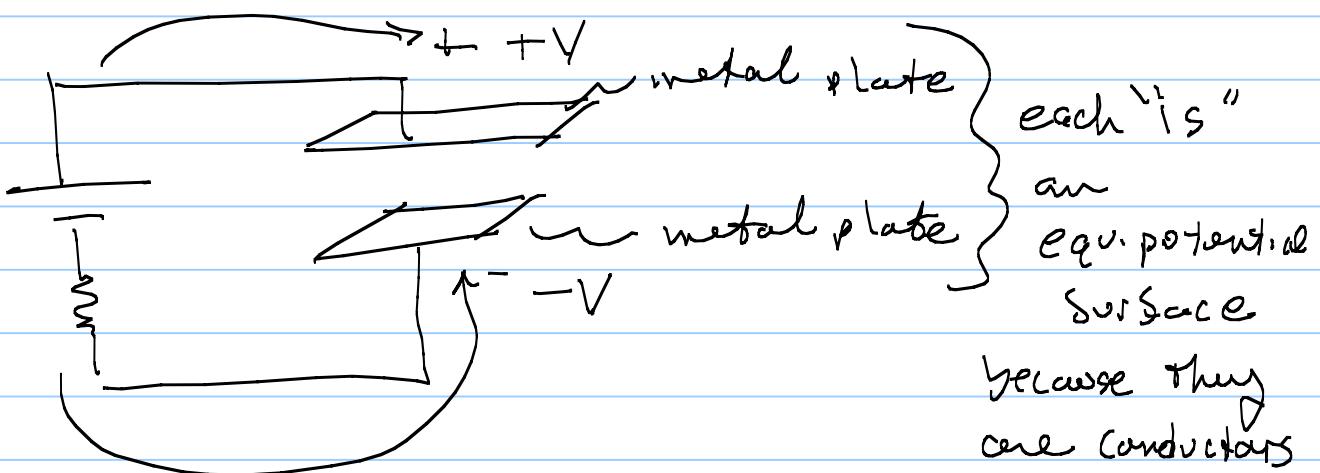
WOW!  
A grounded  
Conductor  
"Shields" your  
inside signal  
now from  
getting outside!

## ↳ Coax Cable



- 1.) protects noise from getting into signal wire
- 2.) shields from signal getting out of cable!

Finally ... w) Conductors can make useful things called a capacitor!



What is  
the potential difference  
between the 2 conductors?

$$V = V_+ - V_- = - \int_{-d}^{+d} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

*\* cool*

$\rightarrow$  same def as before

But in this sense using ( $V_-$ ) as ref  $\Rightarrow$

Now we argue that

$$\vec{E} \propto Q$$

$$\& V \propto Q$$

so define  $\frac{|E|}{V} \propto \frac{Q}{V}$  = call it his proportionality constant

$C$  = capacitance

$$\text{units} = \frac{\text{Coulomb}}{\text{Volt}} = F =$$

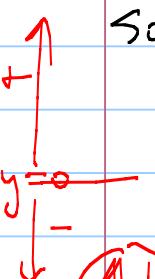
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Definitions,  $Q \equiv Q$  of + conductor

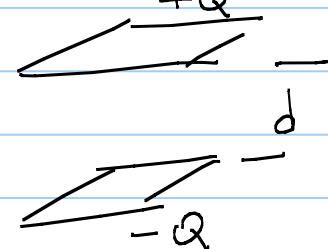
$$V = S^+ - S^-$$

Helix

II-plate capacitor



so



$$10F \frac{Q}{A}$$

col/d  
have done

F

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{\epsilon_0 n}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$|E|/d = \frac{\sigma A}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{A} \downarrow$$

= constant

$$\therefore V = - \int_0^d \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{A} dx$$

$$V = + \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} d$$

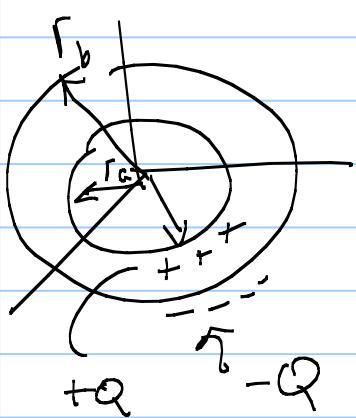
$$\therefore C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{Q}{Q/\epsilon_0 A d} = \frac{A \epsilon_0}{d}$$

$$\text{ex: } A = 1 \times 1 \text{ cm } \& d = 1 \text{ mm}$$

$$C = 9 \times 10^{-13} F$$

So clearly ...

2 concentric metal spheres, radii  $a \leq b$  = Capacitor



$$V = - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\vec{E} \text{ by Gauss} = \frac{+kQ}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$V = - \int_{r_b}^{r_a} kQ \frac{dr}{r^2} = + \frac{kQ}{r} \Big|_{r_b}^{r_a}$$

$$= +kQ \left( \frac{1}{r_a} - \frac{1}{r_b} \right) = \frac{kQ(r_b - r_a)}{r_a r_b}$$

so

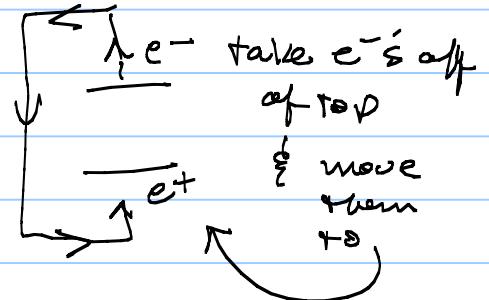
$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{Q}{kQ \frac{(r_b - r_a)}{r_a r_b}} = \frac{r_a r_b}{r_a + r_b}$$

$$= \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_a r_b}{(r_b - r_a)}$$

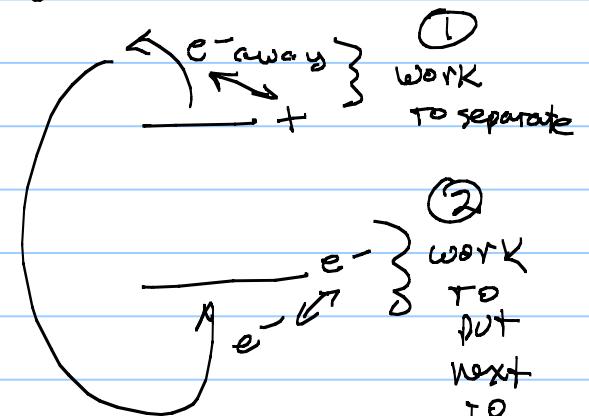
to make a capacitor,



you effectively



Since each  $e^-$  you deliver  
to the bottom  
means



Well, what is  
total amount  
work to overcome  
these 2?

is @ some pt 'q' is  
taken from top, so it is +q

$$\text{so that } C = \frac{Q}{V}, V = \frac{q}{C}$$

$$\text{here } V = \frac{q}{C}$$

Then  $d\omega = V dq$  } recall  $V = \frac{q}{C}$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{q}{C}\right) dq$$

∴ The total work nec to go from  $q=0$  to  $q=Q$  is

$$\omega = \int_0^Q \frac{q}{C} dq = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C}$$

↳ Since  $C = \frac{Q}{V}$ ;  $Q = CV$

$$\boxed{\omega_{tot} = \frac{1}{2} CV^2}$$

here  $C = \text{Capac of Cap}$

↳  $V = \text{Voltage you would like to obtain!}$

Of course this work is usually provided by the battery!

