

Dielectrics

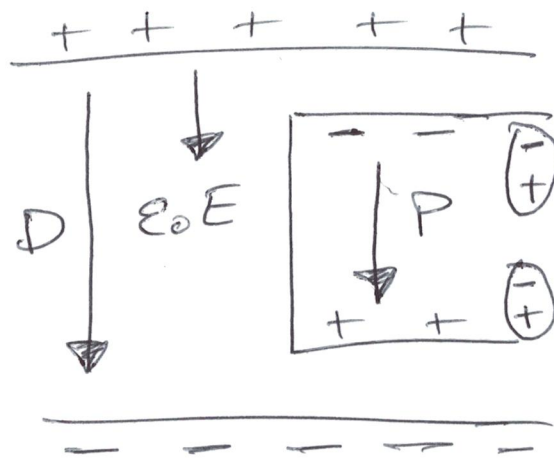
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$$P = \epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot E$$

$$P_B = -\nabla \cdot P$$

$$P_F = \nabla \cdot D$$



Free charge

bound charge

$$D = \epsilon_0 E + P$$

$$P = P_B + P_F$$

$$\epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot E = -\nabla \cdot P + \nabla \cdot D$$

$$\epsilon_0 E = -P + D$$

$$D = \epsilon_0 E + P$$

* Note: Direction of $\vec{P}$

Linear Dielectrics

$$P = \chi \epsilon_0 E$$

$$D = \epsilon_0 E + P = (1 + \chi) \epsilon_0 E \equiv \epsilon E$$

↗ No subscript

$$\text{Thus: } (1 + \chi) = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} = \epsilon_r \equiv K$$

relative perm. $\equiv$ dielectric constant

$$\text{Note } \chi \geq 0 \Rightarrow K \geq 1$$

$$D = \epsilon E = K(\epsilon_0 E)$$

$$\text{Since } K \geq 1 \Rightarrow D \geq \epsilon_0 E$$

dielectric reduces field

Capacitors

$$E \rightarrow \frac{E}{K} \Rightarrow V \rightarrow \frac{V}{K}$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} \rightarrow \frac{Q}{V/K} = K \frac{Q}{V} = K C_0$$

dielectrics improve capacitors !!!