

# Maxwell's Equations in Macroscopic Media

$\vec{E}(r, t) \rightarrow$  microscopic electric field

$\vec{B}(r, t) \rightarrow$  " magnetic field

$\rho(r, t) \rightarrow$  microscopic charge density

$\vec{j}(r, t) \rightarrow$  " current density

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

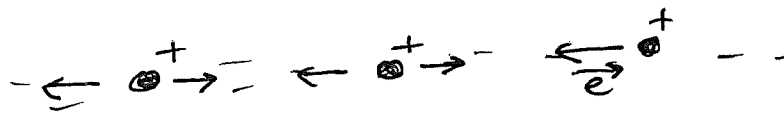
$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla \phi - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}$$

There are strong spatial oscillations in  $\vec{E}$  in any metal or insulator



We are only interested in spatial averages

$$\text{e.g. } \vec{E}(r, t) = \langle \vec{E}(r, t) \rangle_{R_0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi R_0^2)^{3/2}} \int d^3 r' \vec{E}(r', t) e^{-|r' - r|^2 / 2R_0^2}$$

Then we can show

$$\text{e.g. } \langle \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} \rangle_{R_0} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} \propto \int d^3 r' \vec{e}(r') \underbrace{\nabla_r}_{=-\nabla_{r'}} e^{-|r-r'|^2/2R_0^2} \text{ and integrate by part}$$

$$= \langle \nabla \cdot e \rangle$$

In this manner

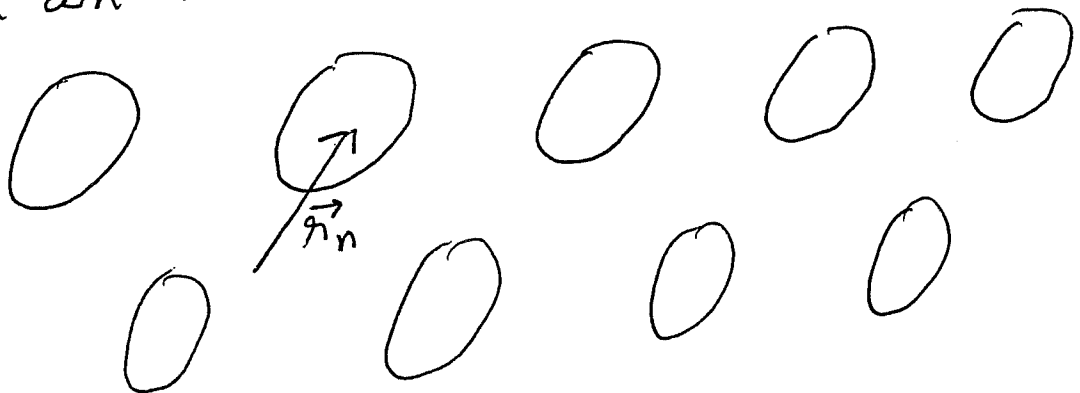
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \langle \eta \rangle / \epsilon_0, \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}, \quad \nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \langle \vec{j} \rangle + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}.$$

We assume  $\eta$  and  $\vec{j}$  are divided into "free charges" and "bound charges".

We will characterize the bound charges in a simple "molecular" model.

~~and ignore free~~  
In an insulator, there are no free charges.



Each molecule at position  $\vec{r}_n$  is characterised by a

charge  $q_n = \int d^3r' \rho(\vec{r}', t)$

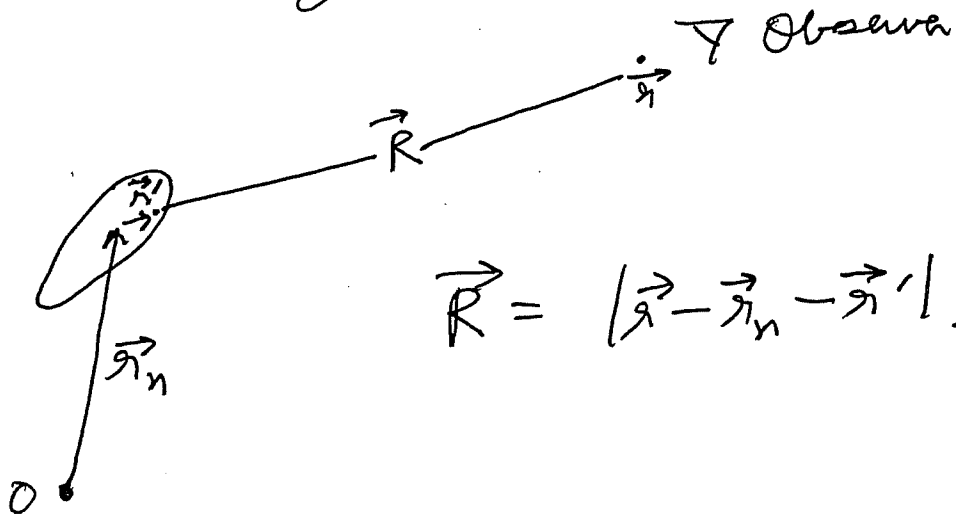
electric dipole moment

$$\vec{p}_n = \int d^3r' \vec{r}' \rho(\vec{r}', t)$$

and a magnetic dipole moment

$$\vec{m}_n = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r' \vec{r}' \times \vec{j}(\vec{r}', t)$$

Note, actually  $q_n(t)$ ,  $\vec{p}_n(t)$ ,  $\vec{m}_n(t)$  are functions of time determined by the instantaneous values of  $\rho(\vec{r}', t)$  and  $\vec{j}(\vec{r}', t)$ .



In the Lorentz gauge, electrostatic potential due to molecule at  $\vec{r}$  is

$$\phi(\vec{r}, t) = \int d^3r' \frac{q(\vec{r}', t - R/c)}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} \quad \text{retarded time}$$

We neglect retardation effects within a single molecule, and so  $t - R/c \approx t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n|}{c}$ .

Then, using the earlier analysis we have

$$\phi(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n|} \times \frac{q_n(t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n|}{c})}{4\pi\epsilon_0} + \frac{\vec{p}_n(t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n|}{c}) \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n)}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n|^3}$$

and

$$\vec{a}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \vec{j}(\vec{r}', t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c})$$

$$+ \frac{\mu_0 (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n) \cdot \int d^3r' \vec{r}' \vec{j}(\vec{r}', t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c})}{4\pi |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n|^3} \quad \text{Type something}$$

All expressions  $\dots$   $\frac{1}{c}$

and we will leave this implicit.

Using  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \partial_i j_i = 0.$

$$\partial_j (\gamma_k j_j) = \partial_{jk} j_j + \gamma_k \partial_j j_j$$

$$= j_k - \gamma_k \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \int d^3 x' \vec{j} = \int d^3 x' \vec{x}' \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \underline{\underline{\frac{\partial \vec{p}_n}{\partial t}}}$$

Similarly as before

$$\int d^3 x' x'_j \rho_e(x') = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{jen} m_n + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{quadrupole moment})$$

*ignore.*

In this manner we obtain

$$\vec{a}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n|} \frac{\partial \vec{p}_n(t - \frac{|\vec{r}_n - \vec{r}|}{c})}{\partial t}$$

$$- \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n) \times \vec{m}_n(t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n|}{c})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n|^3}$$

Now we

- (i) sum over all molecules at positions  $\vec{r}_n$
- (ii) introduce  $\rho_{\text{mol}} \rightarrow$  molecular charge density

$$\rho_{\text{mol}}(\vec{r}) = \sum_n q_n \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n)$$

$$\vec{P}_{\text{mol}}(\vec{r}) = \sum_n \vec{p}_n \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n)$$

molecular electric dipole density

$$\vec{M}_{\text{mol}}(\vec{r}) = \sum_n \vec{m}_n \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n)$$

molecular magnetic dipole density

(iii) Use  ~~$\frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n|^3}$~~   $\frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n}{|\vec{r}_n - \vec{r}|^3} = \nabla_n \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n|}$

(iv) Write  $\int \sum_n p_n f(r_n)$

$$= \int d^3 r' \vec{P}_{\text{mol}}(r') f(r')$$

(v) Integrate by parts

Then we obtain

$$\phi(\vec{r}, t) = \int d^3 r' \frac{\left[ \rho_{\text{mol}}(r') + \rho_{\text{ext}}(r') - \vec{\nabla}' \cdot \vec{P}_{\text{mol}}(r') \right]_{\text{ret}}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

and

$$\vec{a}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3 r' \frac{\left[ \frac{\partial \vec{P}_{\text{mol}}(r')}{\partial t} + \vec{J}_{\text{ext}}(r') + \vec{\nabla}' \times \vec{M}_{\text{mol}} \right]_{\text{ret}}}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

Finally we average over ~~the~~ regions of size  $R_0$ .

$$\langle \vec{P}_{\text{mol}} \rangle_{R_0} = \vec{P}, \text{ the polarization}$$

$$\langle \vec{M}_{\text{mol}} \rangle_{R_0} = \vec{M}, \text{ the magnetization}$$

$$\langle \rho_{\text{mol}}(r') \rangle_{R_0} + \rho_{\text{ext}}(r') = \rho_{\text{free}}$$

Then undoing the derivation of the expressions for  $\phi$  and  $\vec{a}$  we obtain

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\rho_{\text{free}} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \left( \vec{J}_{\text{ext}} + \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{M} \right)$$

and the source free Maxwell's equations remain the same.

We define

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$$
$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B} - \vec{M}$$

"displacement field"

$\vec{H} \rightarrow$

"magnetic field"

$\vec{B} \rightarrow$

"magnetic induction"

Then

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_{\text{free}}$$

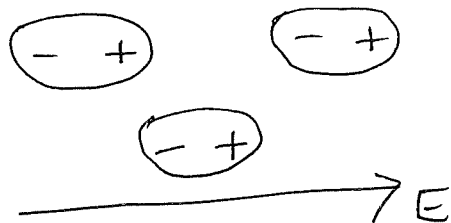
$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_{\text{ext}} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$



In most insulators  $\vec{P}$  is produced by an applied electric field



As the response is weak, we write

$$\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi \vec{E}$$

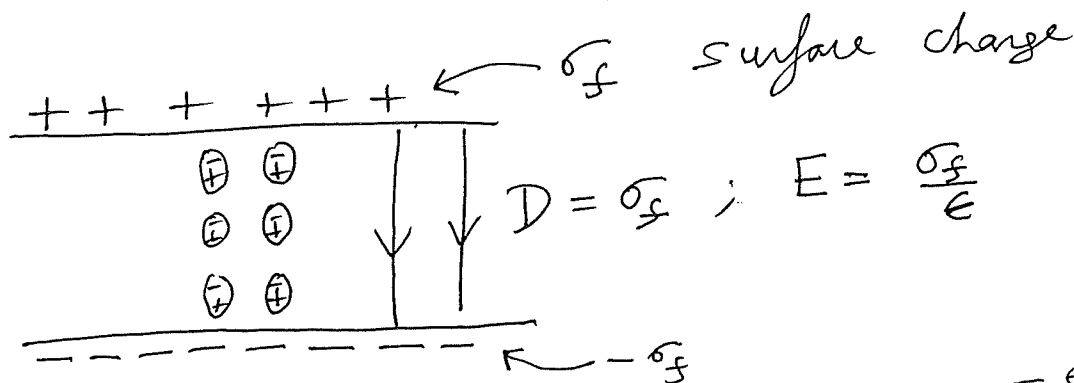
$\chi \rightarrow$  electric susceptibility  $> 0$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

with  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0(1 + \chi)$

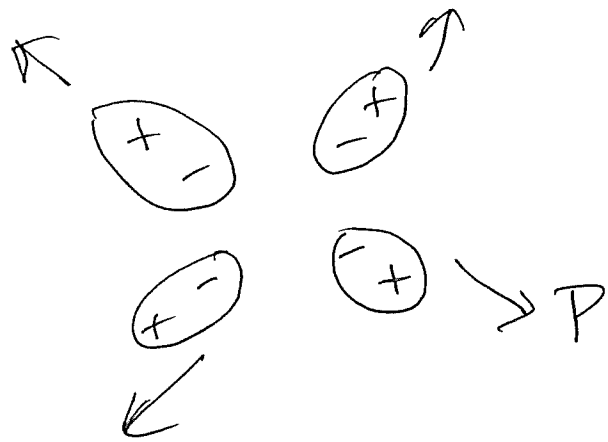
$\epsilon \rightarrow$  permittivity

$K = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} = 1 + \chi$  is the dielectric constant.  
 $K > 1$ .



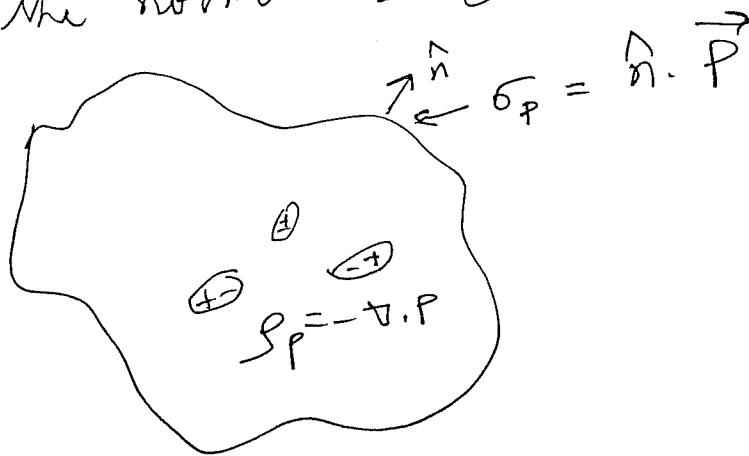
Net charge on the top surface  $= \epsilon_0 E = \frac{\sigma_f \epsilon_0}{\epsilon}$

$\Rightarrow$  Polarization charge  $= \frac{\sigma_f \epsilon_0}{\epsilon} - \sigma_f = -\sigma_f \frac{\chi}{1 + \chi} = -\sigma_f \frac{(1 - K)}{K}$



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

~~$\sigma_P = \vec{P} \cdot \vec{n}$  surface polarization density~~  
 Similarly, on a surface, surface polarization  
 charge density  $\sigma_P = \vec{P} \cdot \vec{n}$  where  $\vec{n}$  is  
 the normal away from the sample.



In any ~~an~~ insulating sample

$$\int dV \rho_P + \int dS \sigma_P = 0$$

Follows from Gauss's law  
 and definitions above.

For magnetic fields we have

$$\vec{M} = \chi_m \vec{H} \quad \text{where } \chi_m \rightarrow \text{magnetic susceptibility.}$$

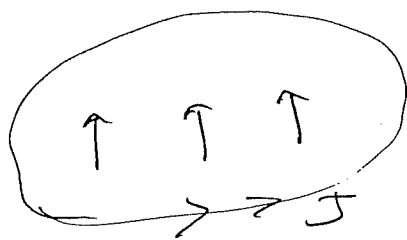
$$\text{so } \vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$$

$\mu = \mu_0 (1 + \chi_m)$  is the permeability.

$$\text{and } \vec{M} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{\chi_m}{1 + \chi_m} \vec{B}$$

Paramagnetism  $\chi_m > 0$

Usually due to spins



Diamagnetism  ~~$\chi_m < 0$~~   $-1 < \chi_m < 0$

$\chi_m \rightarrow -1$ , perfect diamagnet with  $\vec{B} = 0$

and  $\vec{M} = -\vec{H} \Rightarrow$  a ~~superconductor!~~ superconductor!  
Usually due to orbital currents



$$\vec{J}_{\text{bound}} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{M}$$

Surface current

$$\vec{K}_{\text{bound}} = \vec{M} \times \vec{n}$$

# Maxwell's Equations

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_{\text{free}}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_{\text{free}} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$$