

# Class 05: Outline

Hour 1:

Gauss' Law

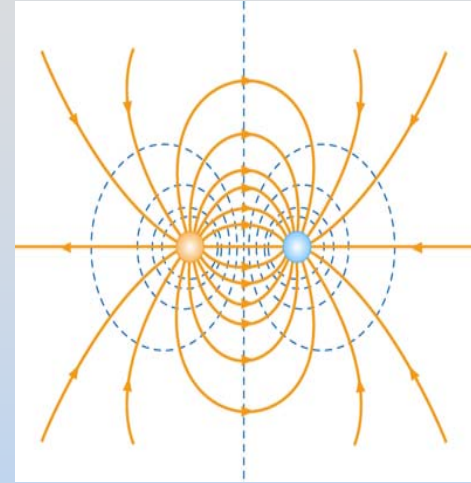
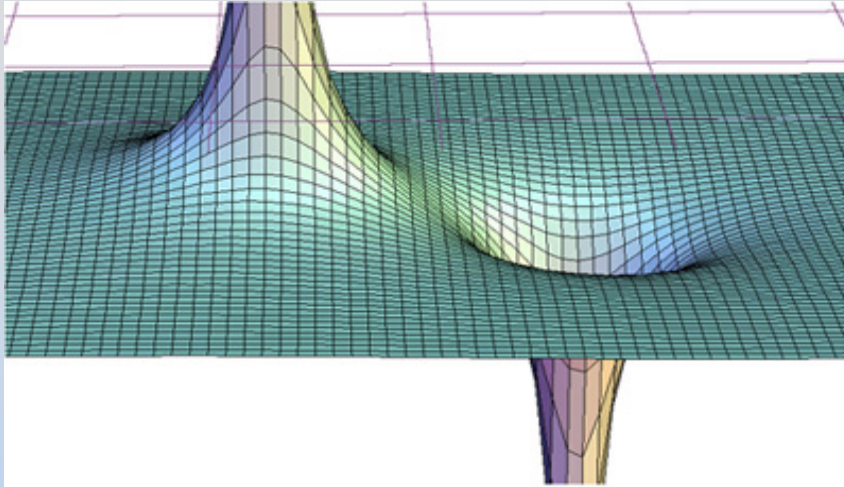
Hour 2:

Gauss' Law

# **Six PRS Questions On Pace and Preparation**

# Last Time: Potential and E Field

# E Field and Potential: Creating



A point charge  $q$  creates a field and potential around it:

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = k_e \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}; \quad V = k_e \frac{q}{r}$$

Use superposition for systems of charges

They are related:

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = -\nabla V; \quad \Delta V \equiv V_B - V_A = -\int_A^B \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}}$$

# E Field and Potential: Effects

If you put a charged particle,  $q$ , in a field:

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}} = q\vec{\mathbf{E}}$$

To move a charged particle,  $q$ , in a field:

$$W = \Delta U = q\Delta V$$

# Two PRS Questions: Potential & E Field

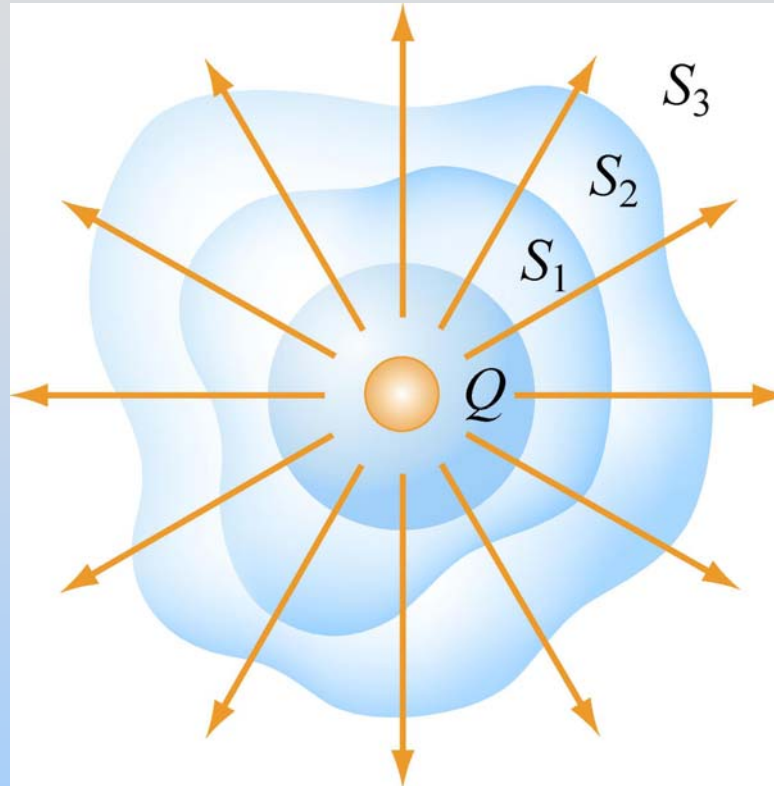
# Gauss's Law

The first Maxwell Equation

A very useful computational technique

This is important!

# Gauss's Law – The Idea



The total “flux” of field lines penetrating any of these surfaces is the same and depends only on the amount of charge inside



# Gauss's Law – The Equation

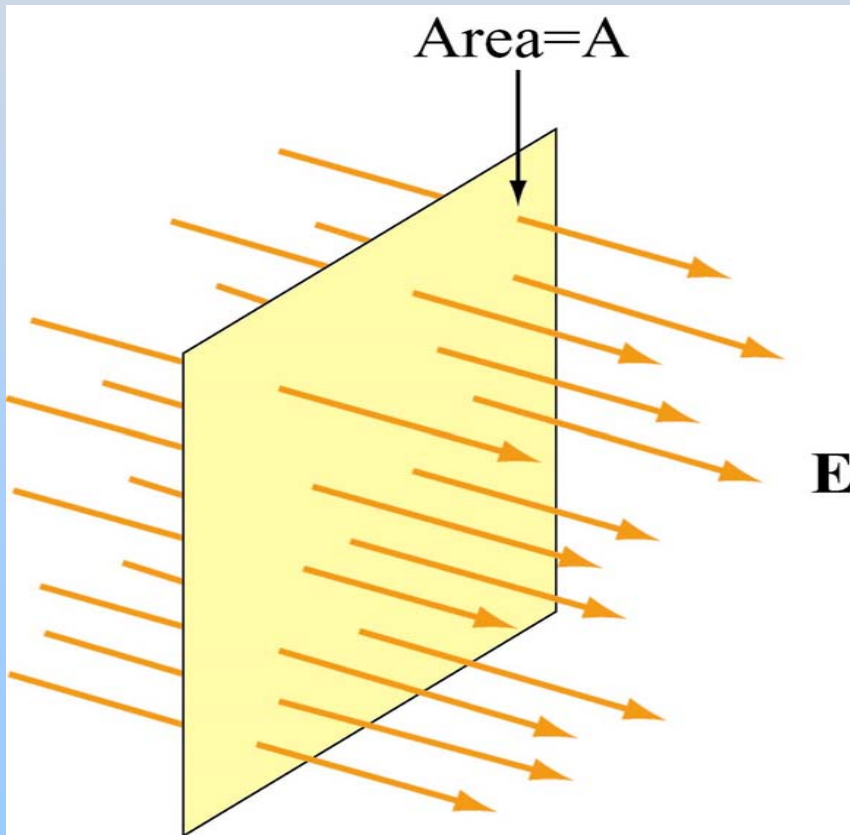
$$\Phi_E = \oiint_{\text{closed surface } S} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$$

Electric flux  $\Phi_E$  (the surface integral of  $E$  over closed surface  $S$ ) is proportional to charge inside the volume enclosed by  $S$

# Now the Details

# Electric Flux $\Phi_E$

Case I:  $E$  is constant vector field perpendicular to planar surface  $S$  of area  $A$



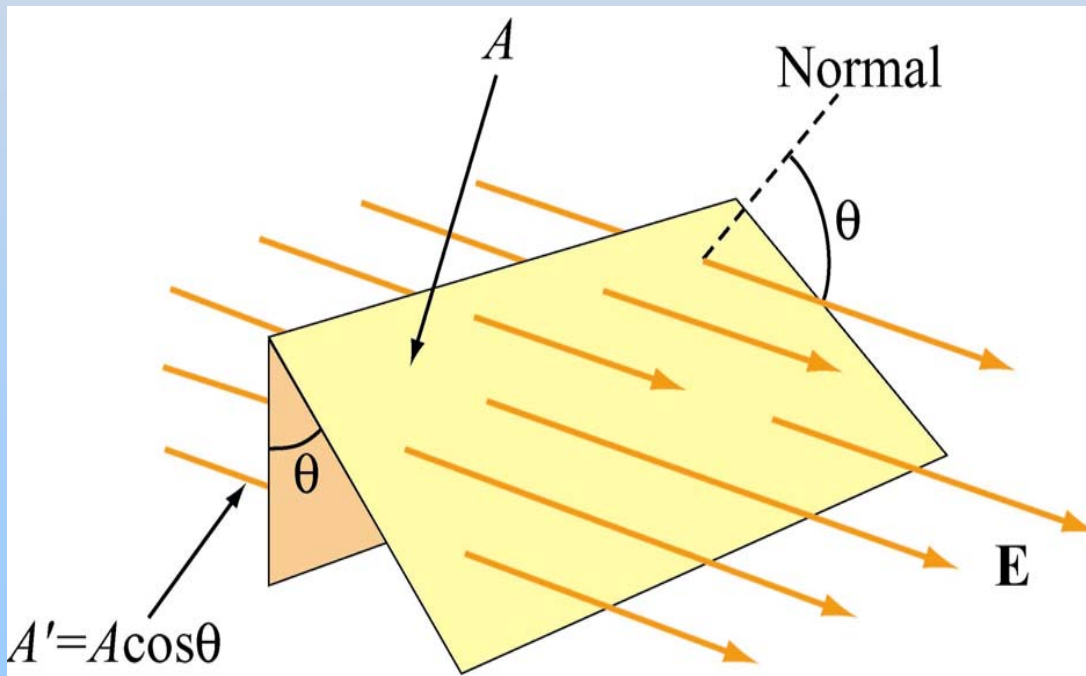
$$\Phi_E = \iint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

$$\Phi_E = +EA$$

Our Goal: Always reduce problem to this

# Electric Flux $\Phi_E$

Case II:  $\mathbf{E}$  is constant vector field directed at angle  $\theta$  to planar surface  $S$  of area  $A$



$$\Phi_E = \iint \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{A}}$$

$$\Phi_E = EA \cos \theta$$

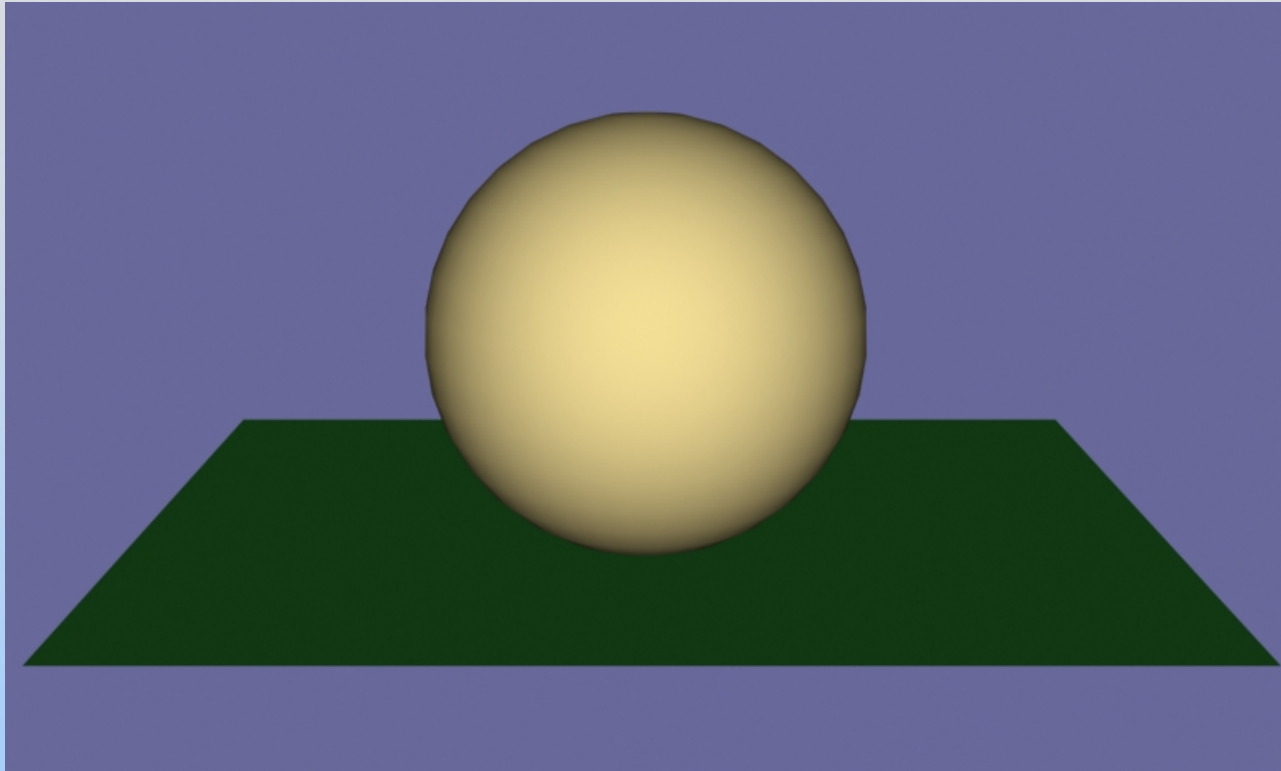
# **PRS Question: Flux Thru Sheet**

# Gauss's Law

$$\Phi_E = \oiint_{\text{closed surface } S} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$$

**Note:** Integral must be over closed surface

# Open and Closed Surfaces

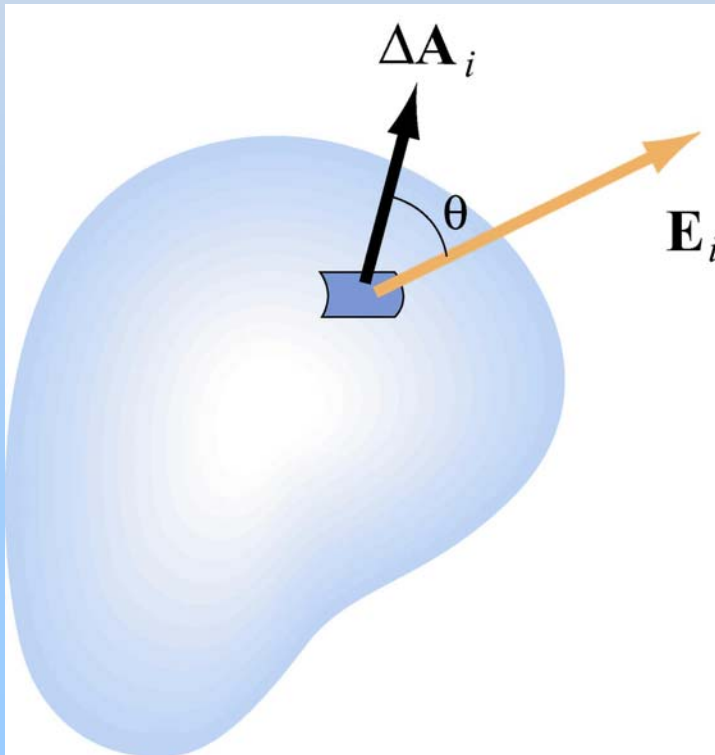


A rectangle is an open surface — it does NOT contain a volume

A sphere is a closed surface — it DOES contain a volume

# Area Element $d\mathbf{A}$ : Closed Surface

For closed surface,  $d\mathbf{A}$  is normal to surface  
and points outward  
( from inside to outside)



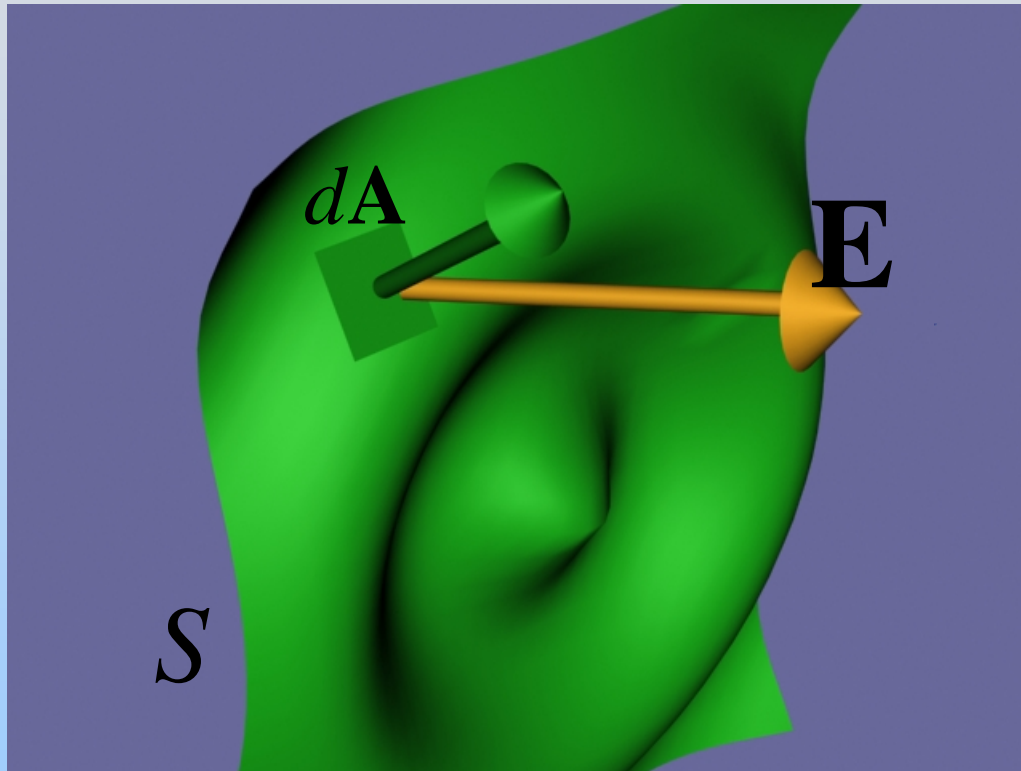
$\Phi_E > 0$  if  $\mathbf{E}$  points out

$\Phi_E < 0$  if  $\mathbf{E}$  points in



# Electric Flux $\Phi_E$

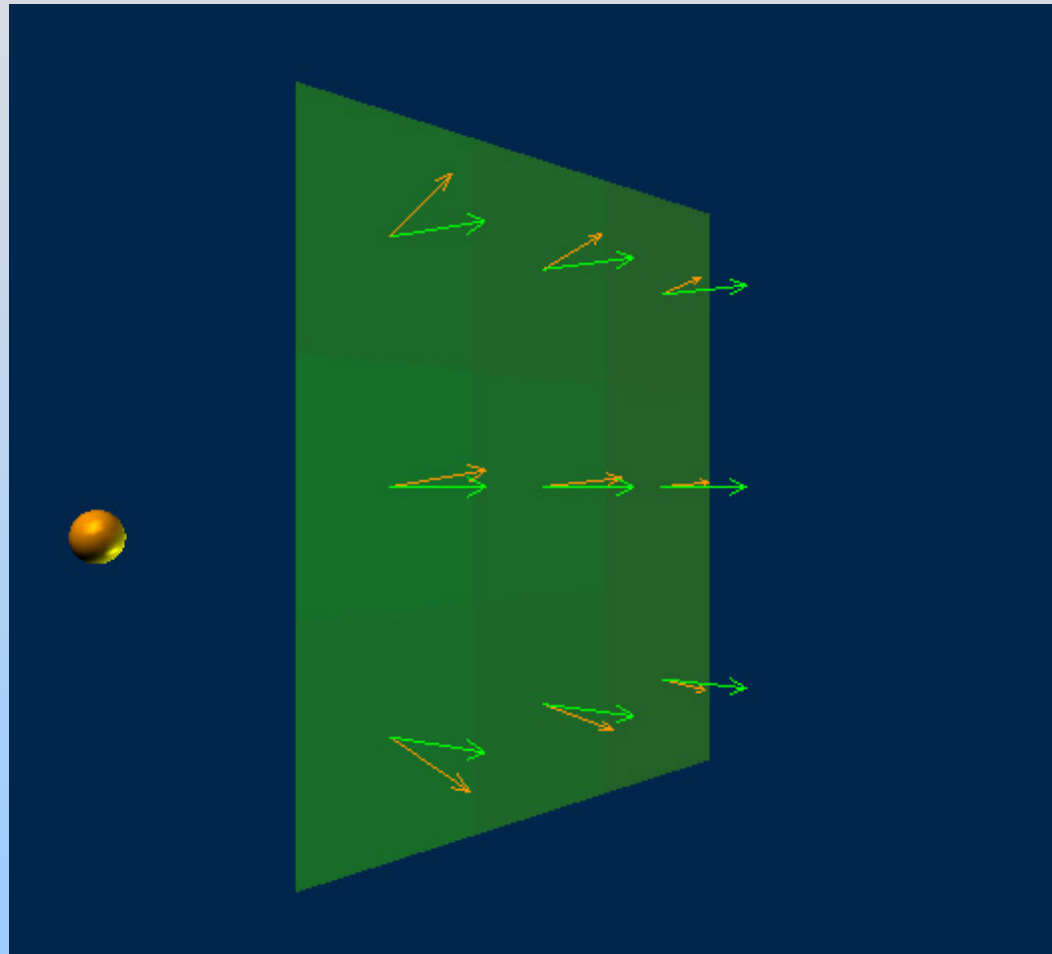
Case III:  $E$  not constant, surface curved



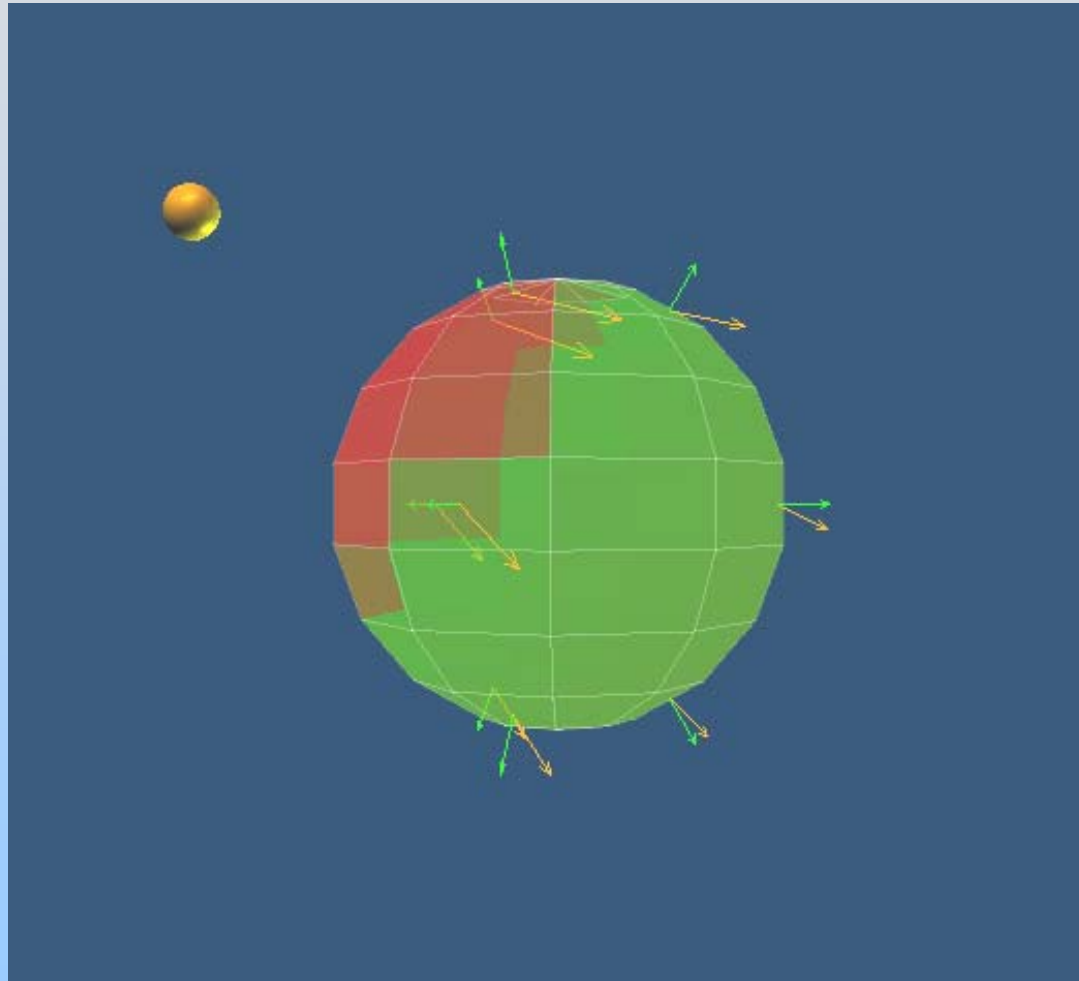
$$d\Phi_E = \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

$$\Phi_E = \iint d\Phi_E$$

# Example: Point Charge Open Surface



# Example: Point Charge Closed Surface



# **PRS Question: Flux Thru Sphere**

# Electric Flux: Sphere

Point charge  $Q$  at center of sphere, radius  $r$

E field at surface:

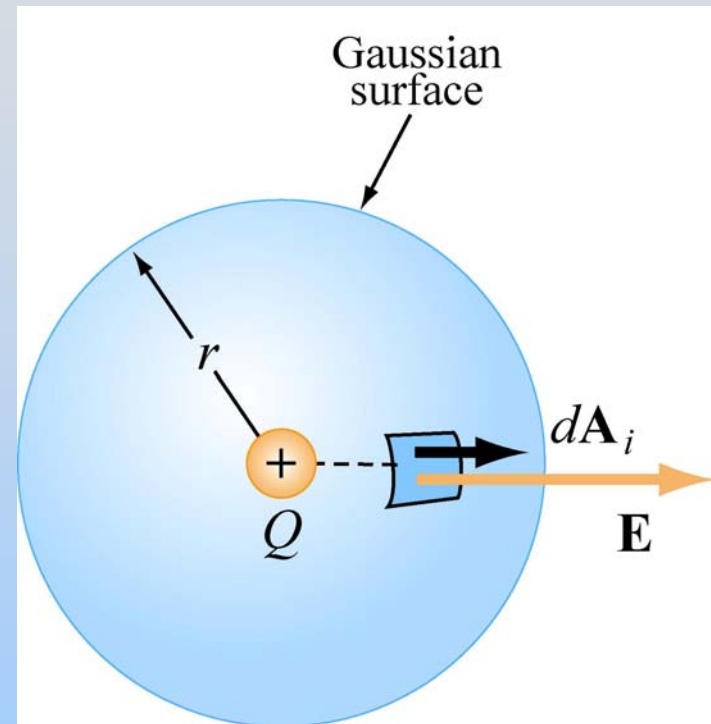
$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

Electric flux through sphere:

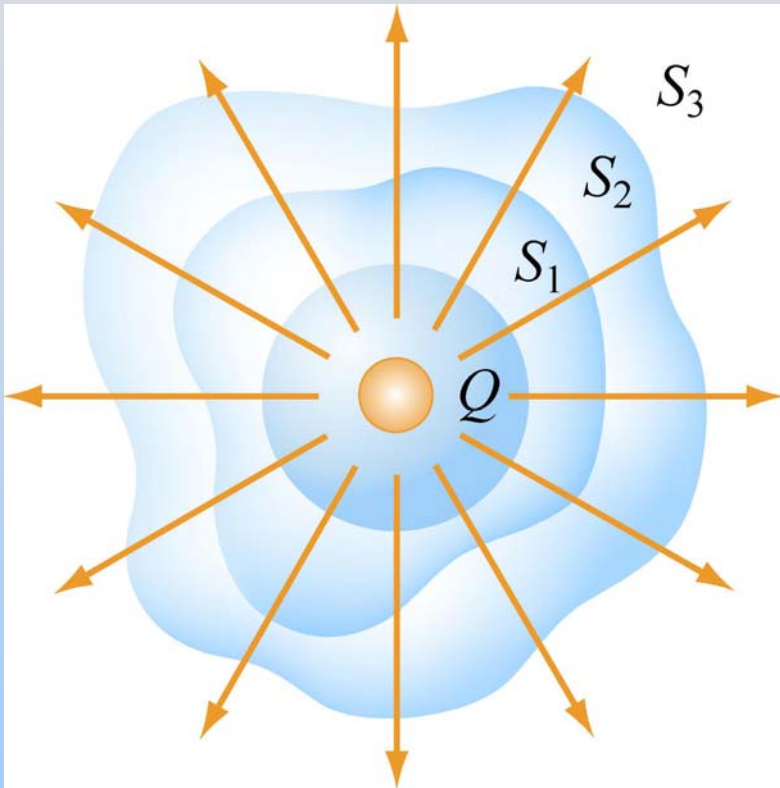
$$\Phi_E = \oiint_S \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = \oiint_S \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot dA \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \oiint_S dA = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} 4\pi r^2 = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\boxed{d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = dA \hat{\mathbf{r}}}$$



# Arbitrary Gaussian Surfaces



$$\Phi_E = \oiint_{\text{closed surface } S} \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

For all surfaces such as  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  or  $S_3$

# Applying Gauss's Law

1. Identify regions in which to calculate E field.
2. Choose Gaussian surfaces S: Symmetry
3. Calculate  $\Phi_E = \oiint_S \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{A}}$
4. Calculate  $q_{in}$ , charge enclosed by surface S
5. Apply Gauss's Law to calculate E:

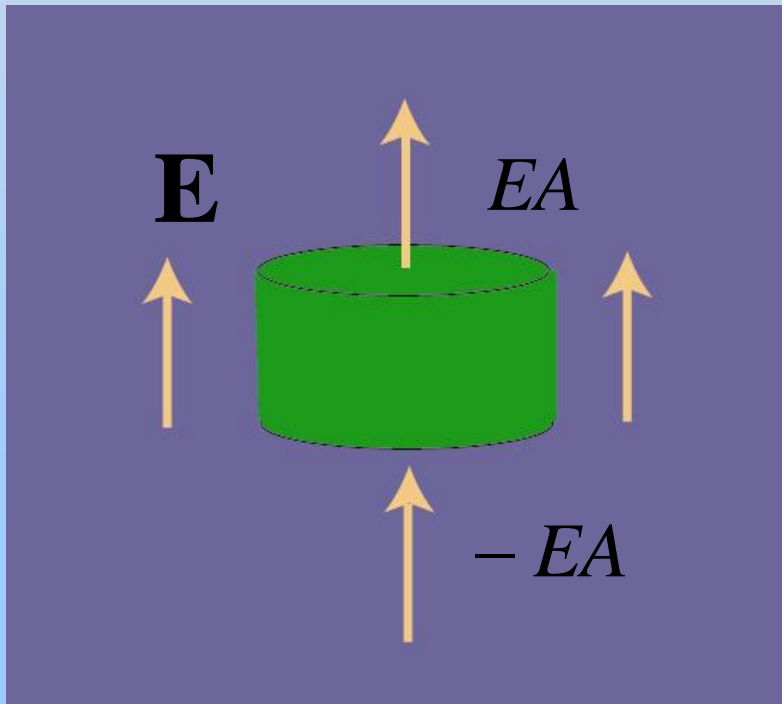
$$\Phi_E = \oiint_{\text{closed surface } S} \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$$

# Choosing Gaussian Surface

Choose surfaces where  $\mathbf{E}$  is perpendicular & constant.  
Then flux is  $EA$  or  $-EA$ .

OR

Choose surfaces where  $\mathbf{E}$  is parallel.  
Then flux is zero



## Example: Uniform Field

Flux is  $EA$  on top  
Flux is  $-EA$  on bottom  
Flux is zero on sides



# Symmetry & Gaussian Surfaces

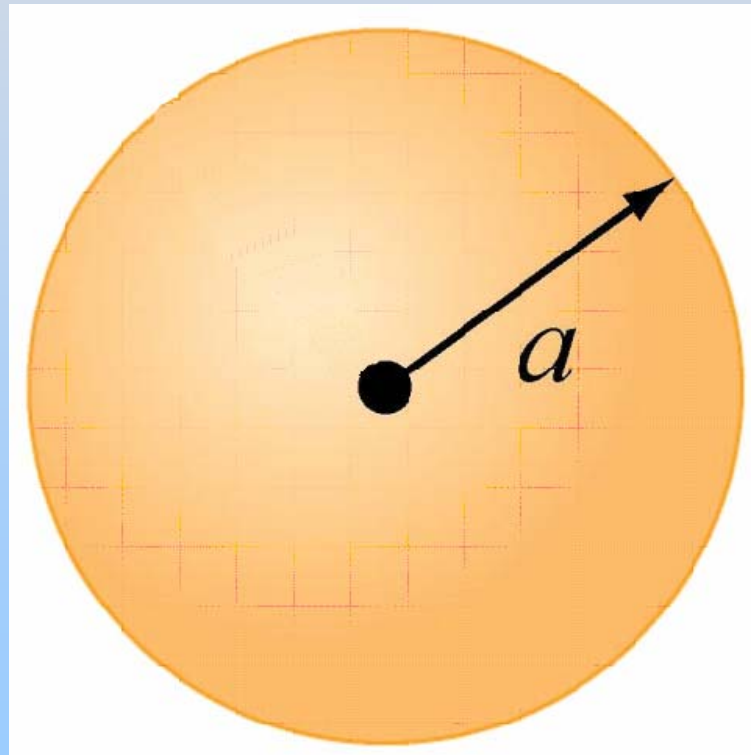
Use Gauss's Law to calculate E field from highly symmetric sources

| <b>Symmetry</b> | <b>Gaussian Surface</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Spherical       | Concentric Sphere       |
| Cylindrical     | Coaxial Cylinder        |
| Planar          | Gaussian "Pillbox"      |

**PRS Question:  
Should we use Gauss' Law?**

# Gauss: Spherical Symmetry

+ $Q$  uniformly distributed throughout non-conducting solid sphere of radius  $a$ . Find  $\mathbf{E}$  everywhere

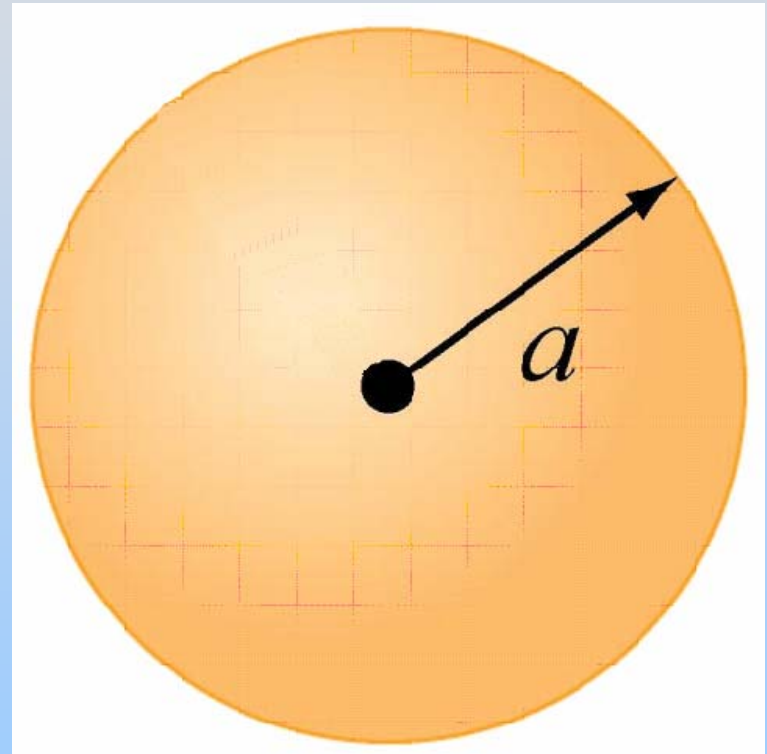


# Gauss: Spherical Symmetry

Symmetry is Spherical

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = E \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

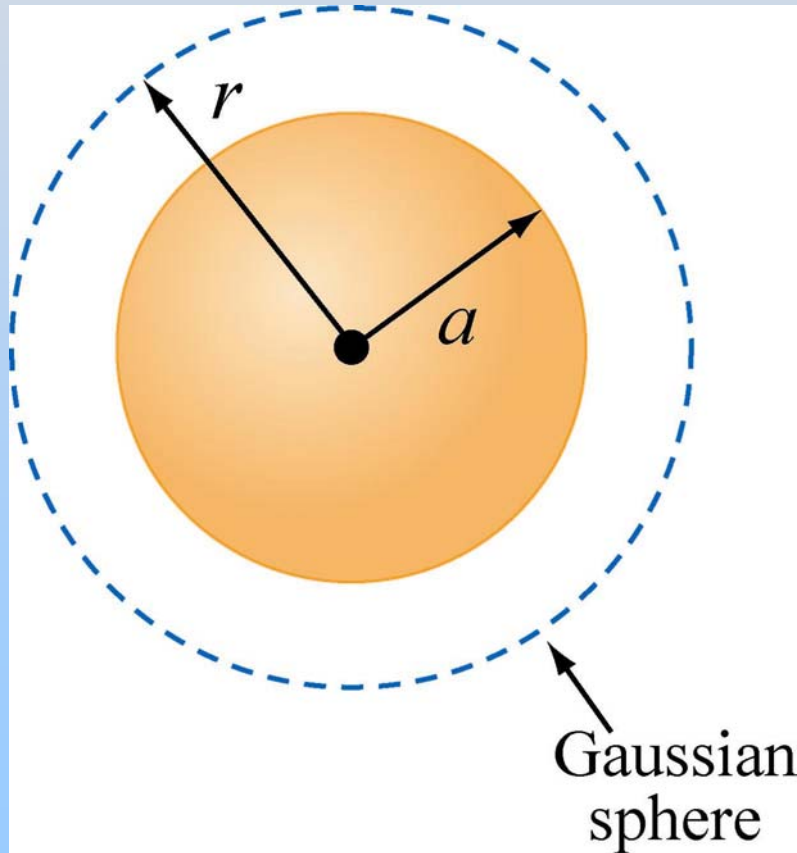
Use Gaussian Spheres



# Gauss: Spherical Symmetry

Region 1:  $r > a$

Draw Gaussian Sphere in Region 1 ( $r > a$ )



Note:  $r$  is arbitrary **but** is the radius for which you will calculate the E field!

# Gauss: Spherical Symmetry

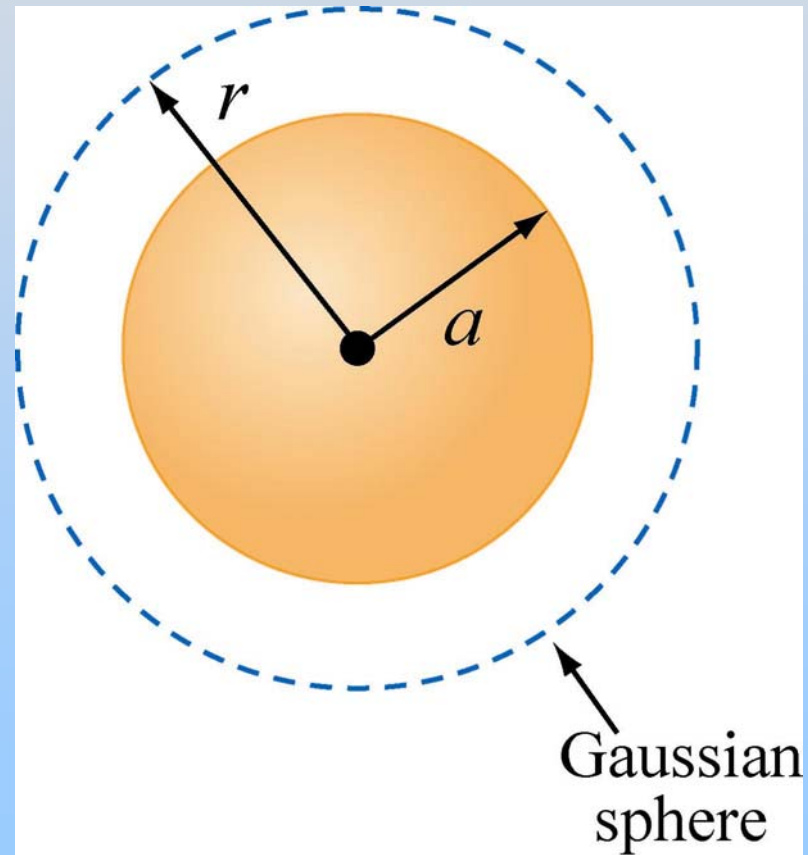
Region 1:  $r > a$

Total charge enclosed  $q_{in} = +Q$

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_E &= \oiint_S \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = E \oiint_S dA = EA \\ &= E(4\pi r^2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\Phi_E = 4\pi r^2 E = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \Rightarrow \vec{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$



# Gauss: Spherical Symmetry

Region 2:  $r < a$

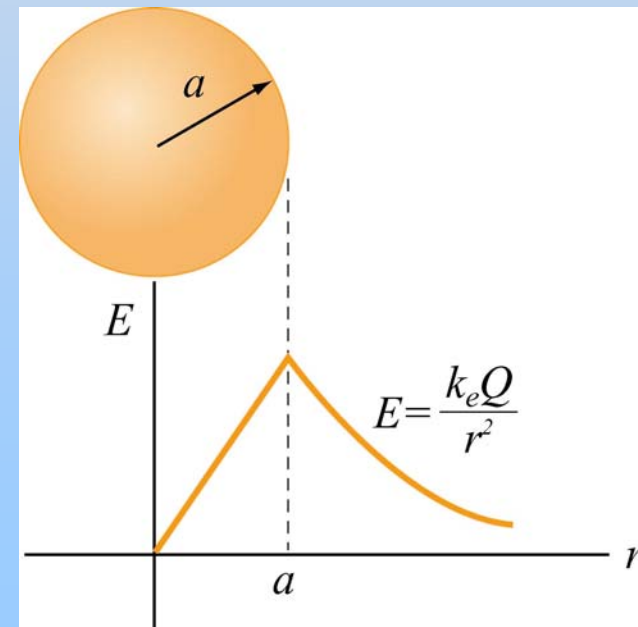
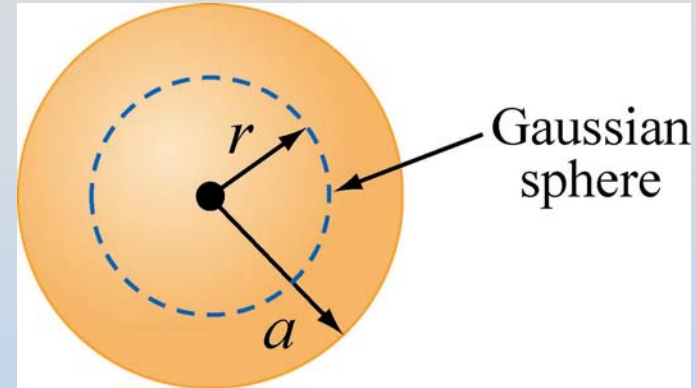
Total charge enclosed:

$$q_{in} = \left( \frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3}{\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3} \right) Q = \left( \frac{r^3}{a^3} \right) Q \quad \text{OR} \quad q_{in} = \rho V$$

Gauss's law:

$$\Phi_E = E(4\pi r^2) = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0} = \left( \frac{r^3}{a^3} \right) \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{r}{a^3} \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{r}{a^3} \hat{r}$$



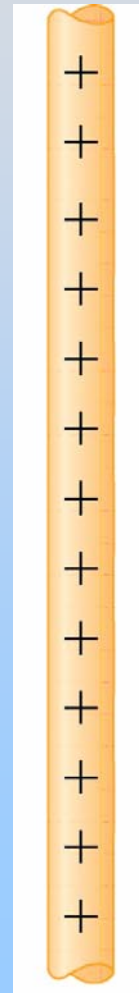
# **PRS Question: Field Inside Spherical Shell**



# Gauss: Cylindrical Symmetry

Infinitely long rod with uniform charge density  $\lambda$

Find  $\mathbf{E}$  outside the rod.



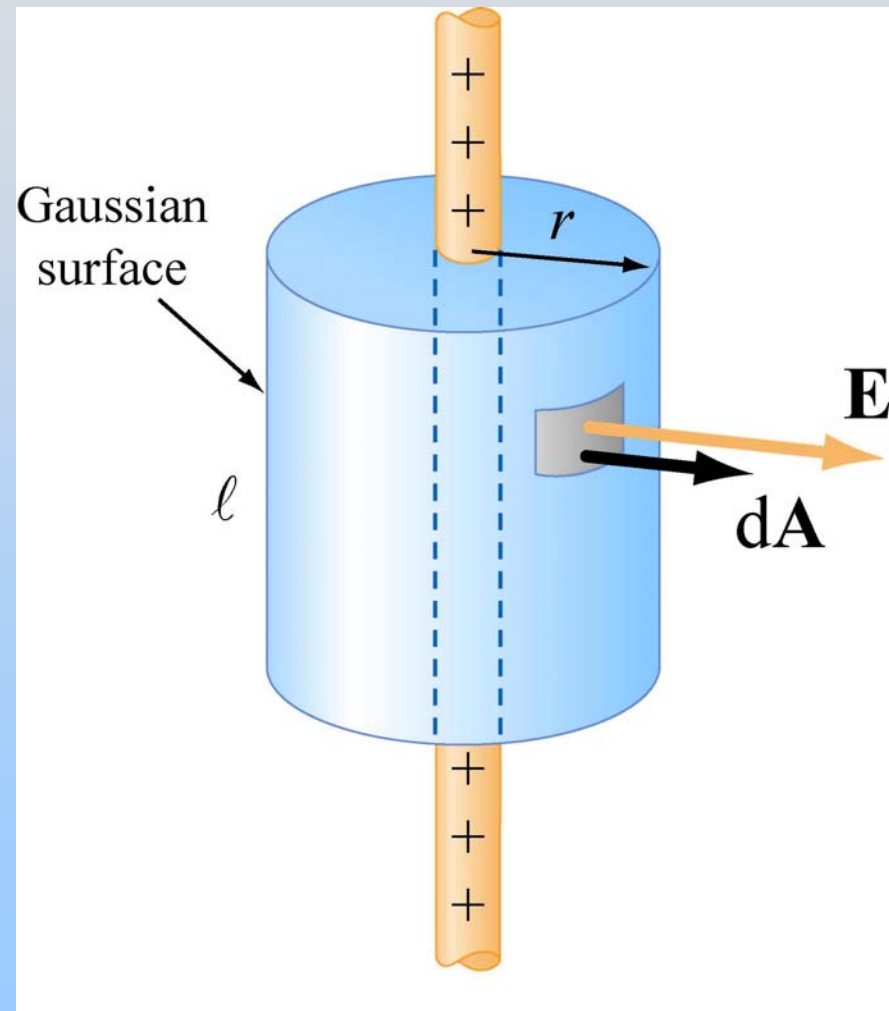
# Gauss: Cylindrical Symmetry

Symmetry is Cylindrical

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = E \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

Use Gaussian Cylinder

Note:  $r$  is arbitrary **but** is the radius for which you will calculate the E field!  
 $\ell$  is arbitrary and should divide out

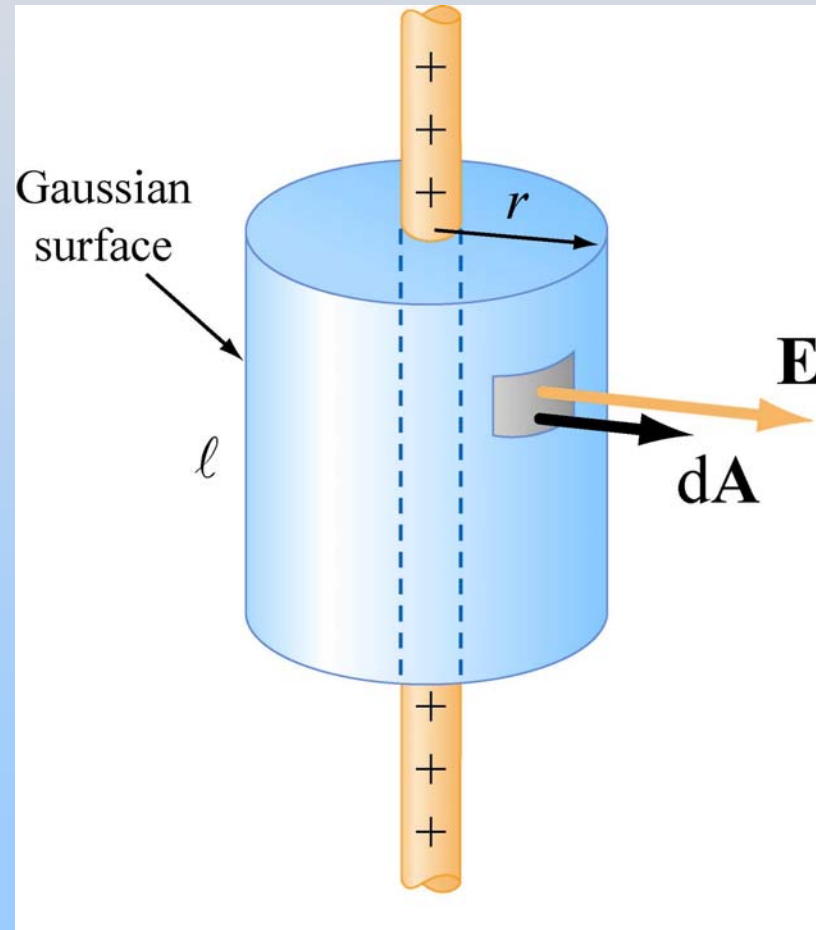


# Gauss: Cylindrical Symmetry

Total charge enclosed:  $q_{in} = \lambda \ell$

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_E &= \oiint_S \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = E \oiint_S dA = EA \\ &= E(2\pi r \ell) = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\lambda \ell}{\epsilon_0}\end{aligned}$$

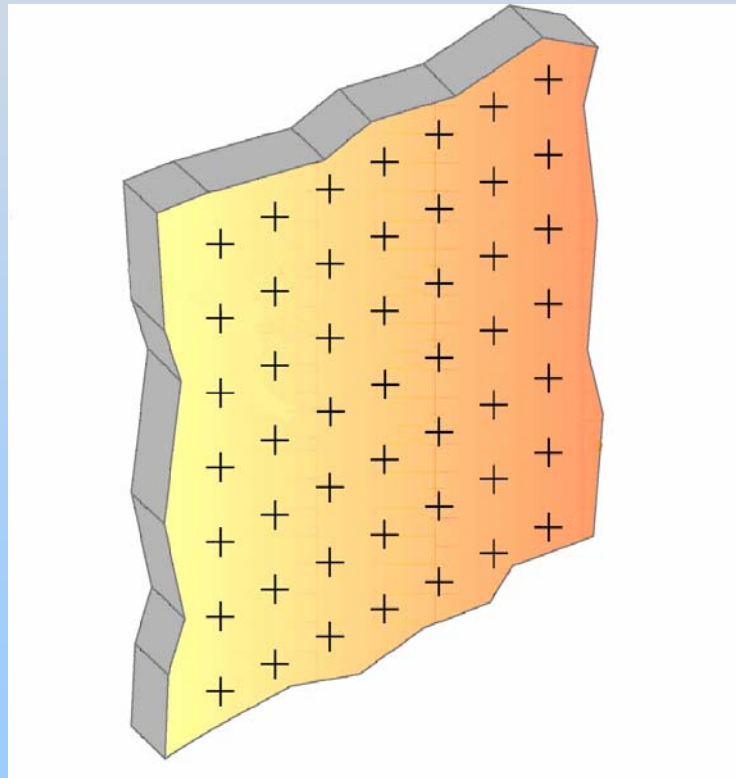
$$E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \Rightarrow \vec{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$



# Gauss: Planar Symmetry

Infinite slab with uniform charge density  $\sigma$

Find  $\mathbf{E}$  outside the plane



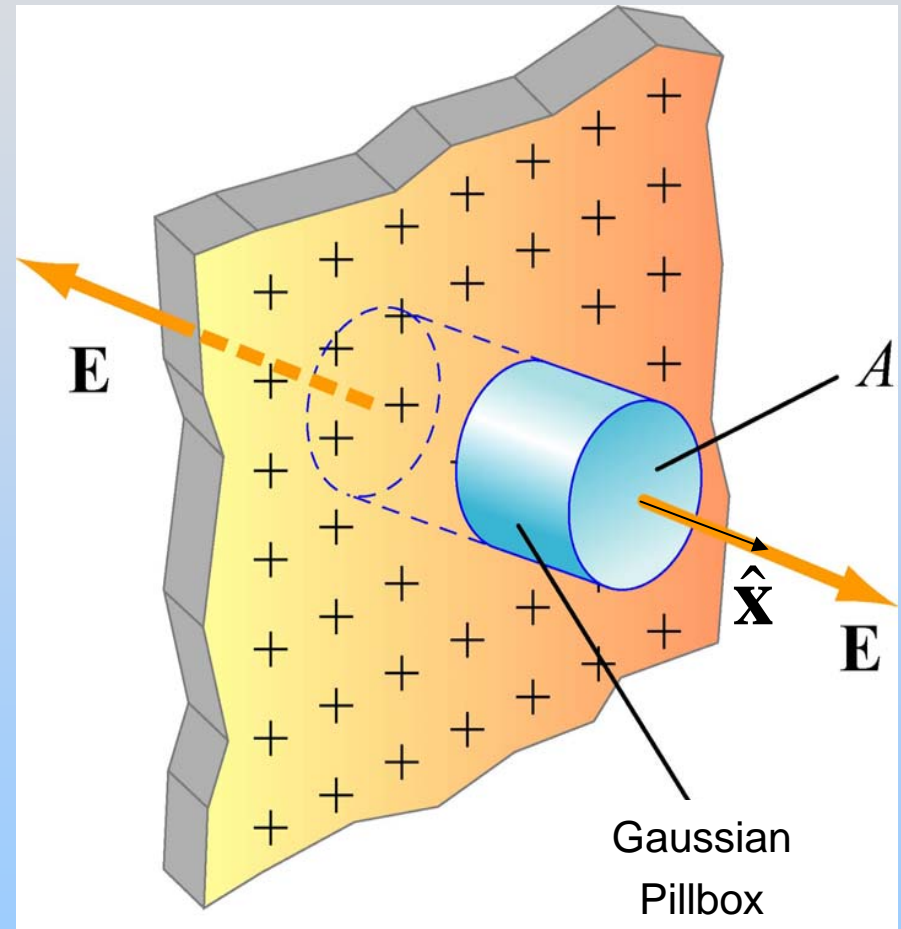
# Gauss: Planar Symmetry

Symmetry is Planar

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = \pm E \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

Use Gaussian Pillbox

Note:  $A$  is arbitrary (its size and shape) and should divide out



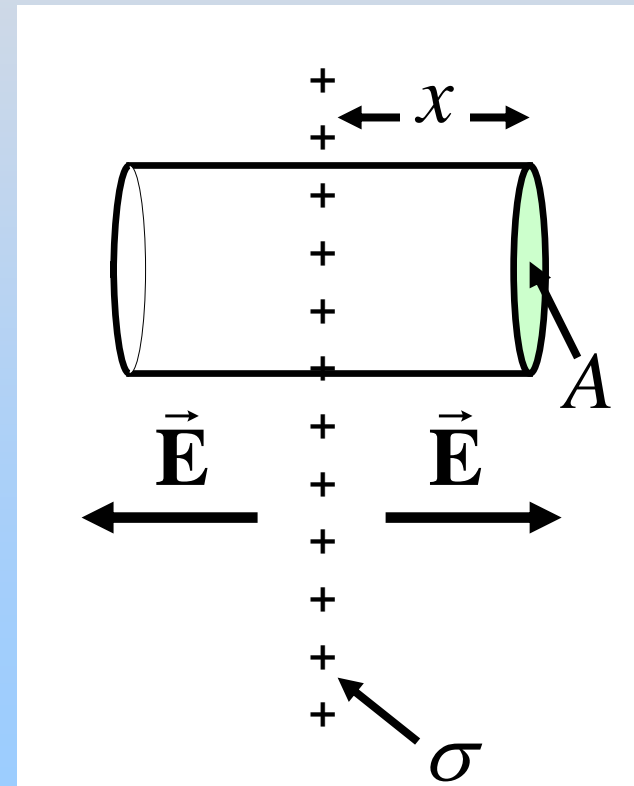
# Gauss: Planar Symmetry

Total charge enclosed:  $q_{in} = \sigma A$

NOTE: No flux through side of cylinder, only endcaps

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_E &= \oiint_S \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = E \oiint_S dA = EA_{\text{Endcaps}} \\ &= E(2A) = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma A}{\epsilon_0}\end{aligned}$$

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow \vec{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{x}} & \text{to right} \\ -\hat{\mathbf{x}} & \text{to left} \end{cases}$$



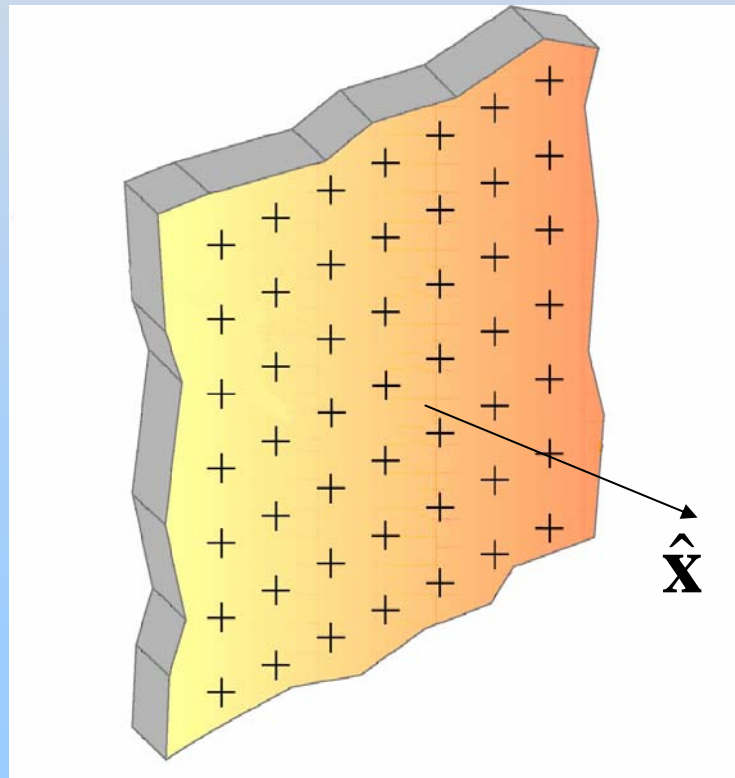
# PRS Question: Slab of Charge

# Group Problem: Charge Slab

Infinite slab with uniform charge density  $\rho$

Thickness is  $2d$  (from  $x=-d$  to  $x=d$ ).

Find  $\mathbf{E}$  everywhere.





# **PRS Question: Slab of Charge**

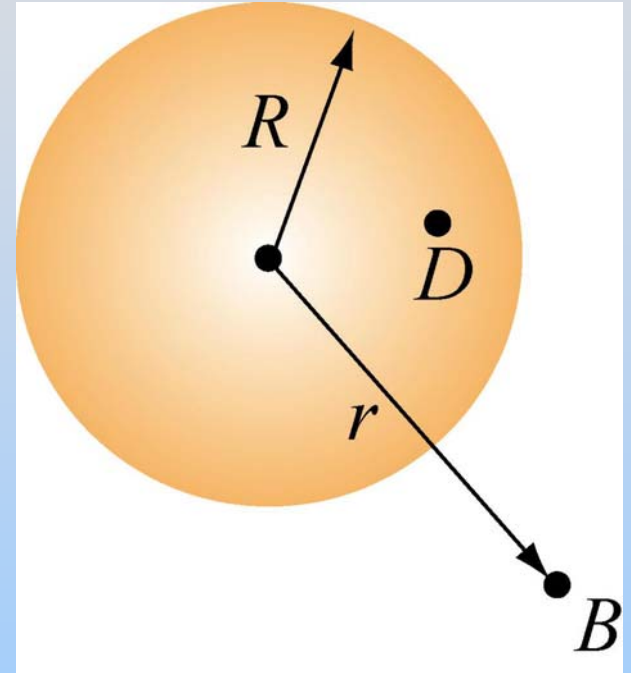
# Potential from E

# Potential for Uniformly Charged Non-Conducting Solid Sphere

From Gauss's Law

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = \begin{cases} \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}, & r > R \\ \frac{Qr}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3} \hat{\mathbf{r}}, & r < R \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Use } V_B - V_A = - \int_A^B \vec{\mathbf{E}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}}$$



Point Charge!

**Region 1:  $r > a$**

$$V_B - \underbrace{V(\infty)}_{=0} = - \int_{\infty}^r \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} dr = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r}$$

# Potential for Uniformly Charged Non-Conducting Solid Sphere

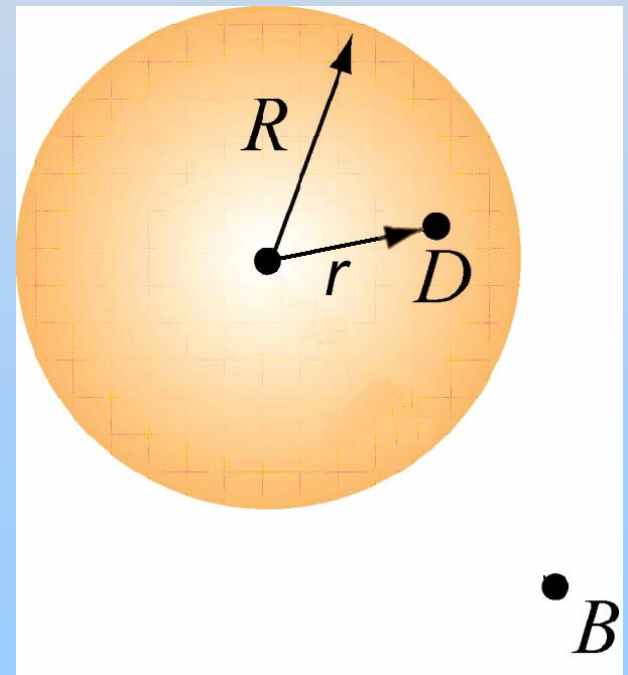
Region 2:  $r < a$

$$V_D - \underbrace{V(\infty)}_{=0} = -\int_{\infty}^R dr E(r > R) - \int_R^r dr E(r < R)$$

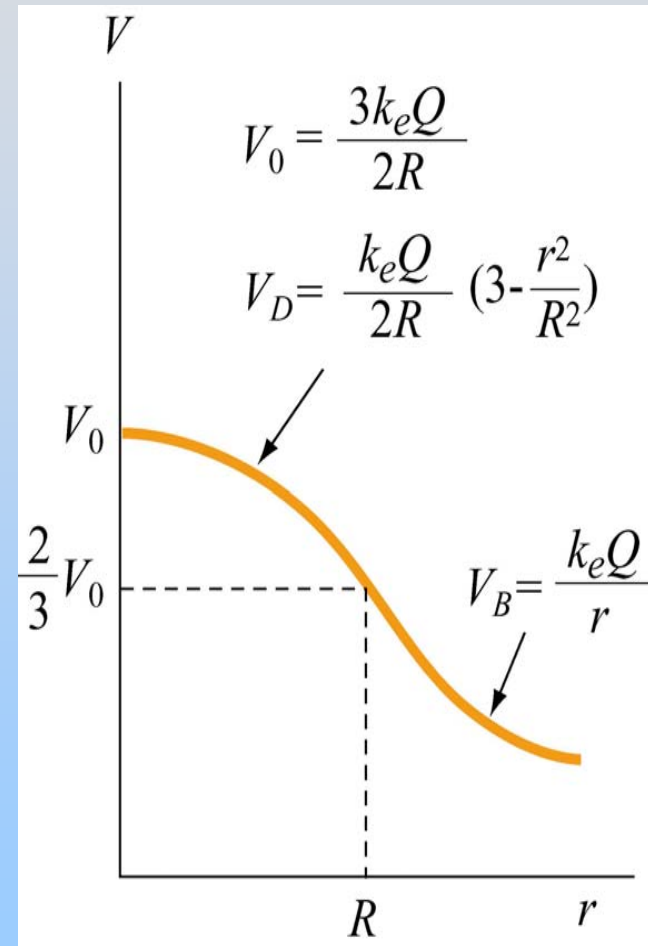
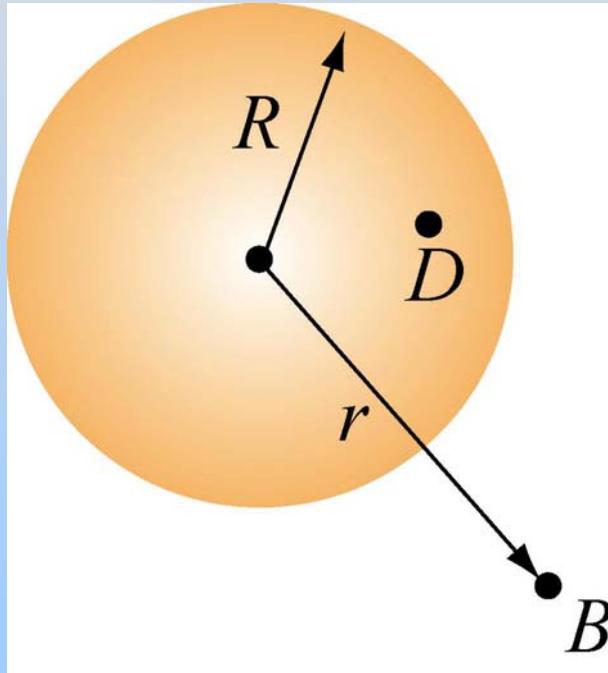
$$= -\int_{\infty}^R dr \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} - \int_R^r dr \frac{Qr}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R} - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R^3} \frac{1}{2} (r^2 - R^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{8\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R} \left( 3 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right)$$



# Potential for Uniformly Charged Non-Conducting Solid Sphere

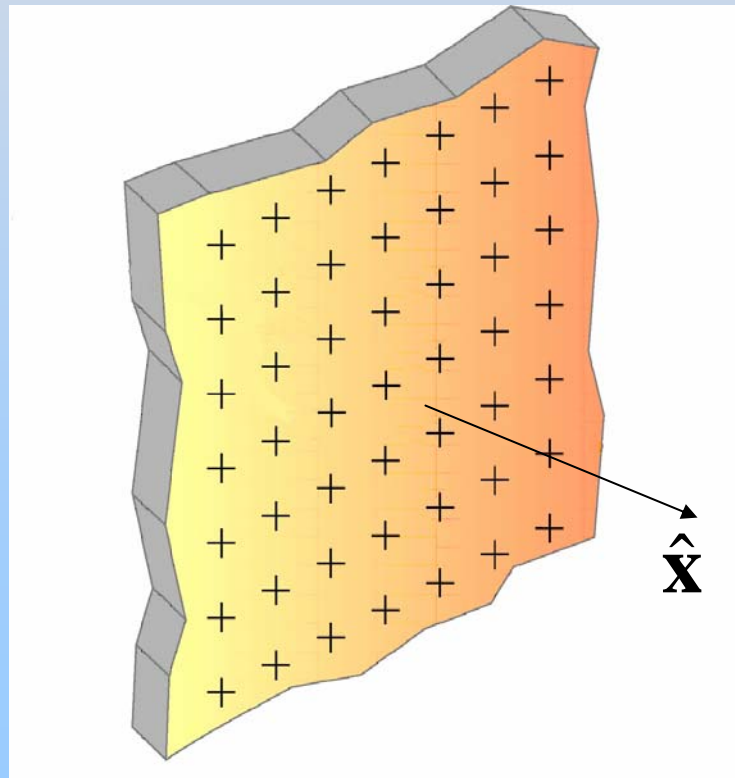


# Group Problem: Charge Slab

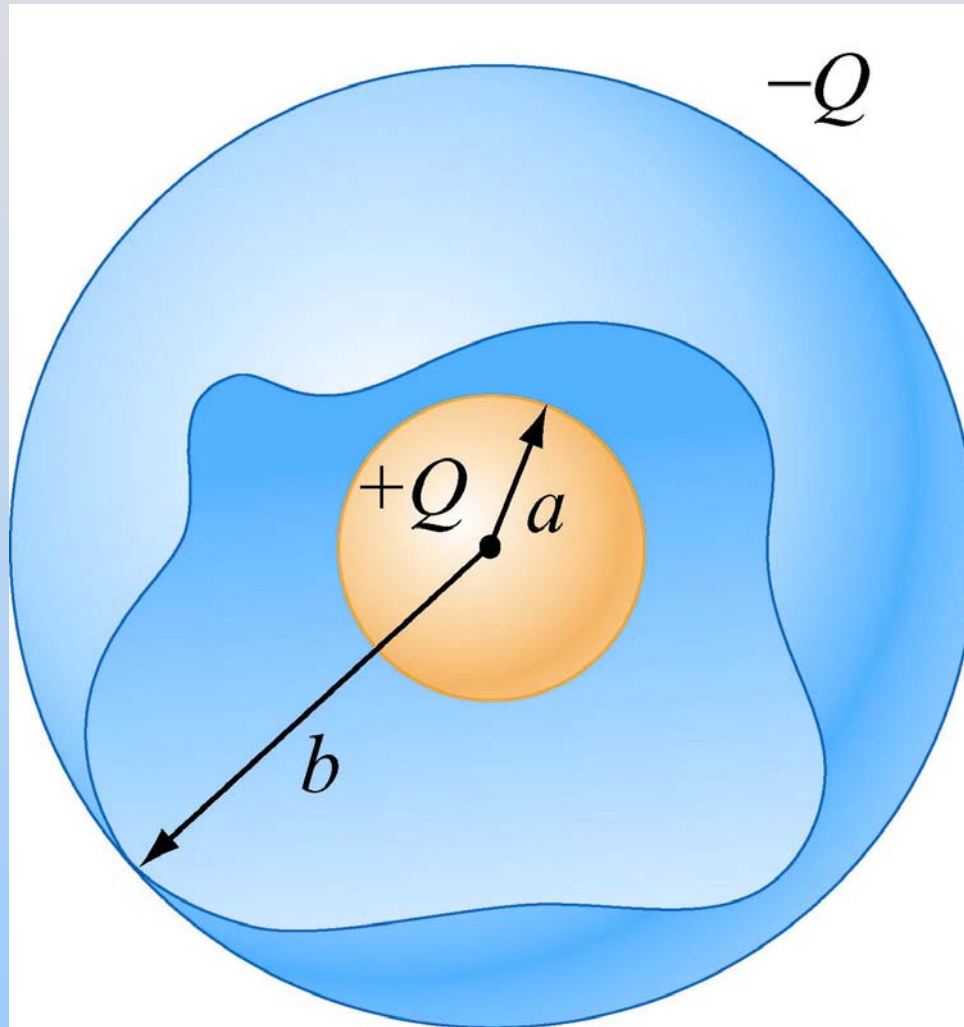
Infinite slab with uniform charge density  $\rho$

Thickness is  $2d$  (from  $x=-d$  to  $x=d$ ).

If  $V=0$  at  $x=0$  (definition) then what is  $V(x)$  for  $x>0$ ?



# Group Problem: Spherical Shells



These two spherical shells have equal but opposite charge.

Find  $E$  everywhere

Find  $V$  everywhere  
(assume  $V(\infty) = 0$ )