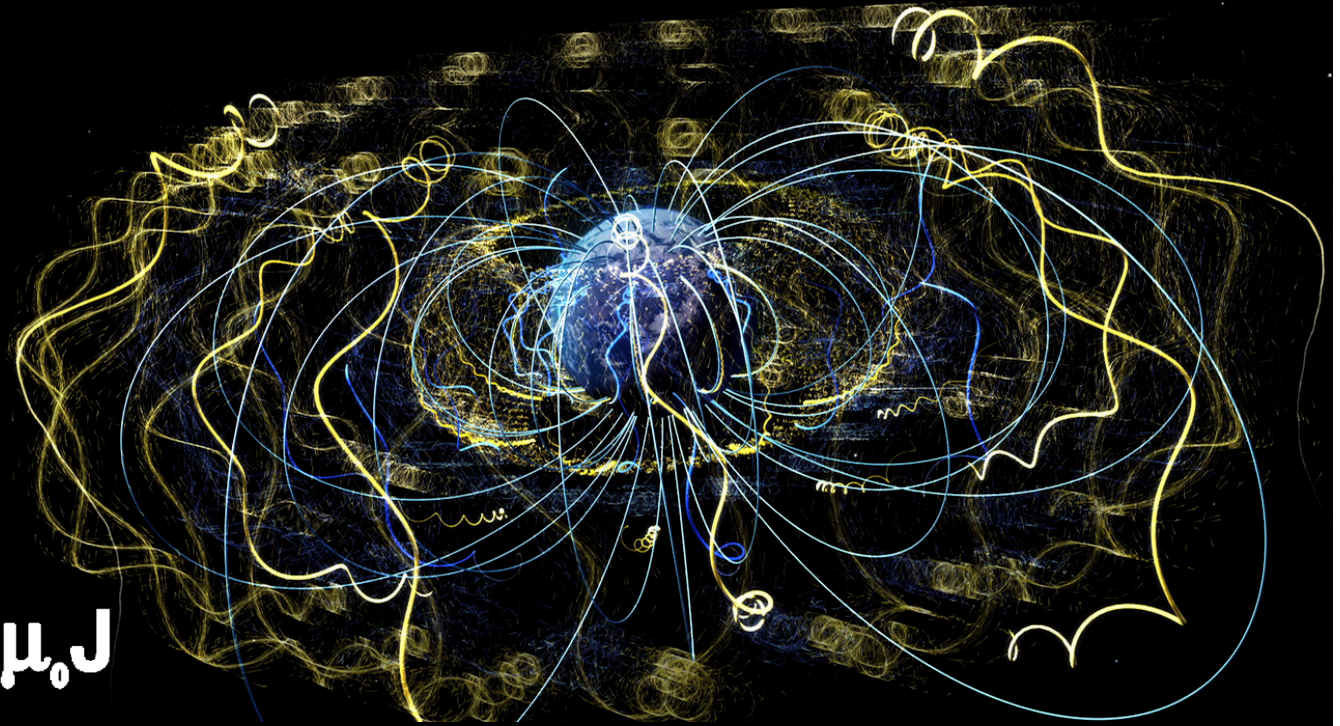


$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

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

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

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$



# Electricity and Magnetism I: 3811

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

What about  $\nabla \times \vec{E}$ ?

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \nabla \times \int_V \rho(\vec{r}') \frac{\hat{\Delta r}}{\Delta r^2} d\tau'$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \nabla \times \left( \rho(\vec{r}') \frac{\hat{\Delta r}}{\Delta r^2} \right) d\tau'$$

$$\nabla \times \left( \rho(\vec{r}') \frac{\hat{\Delta r}}{\Delta r^2} \right)$$

$$= \rho(\vec{r}') \nabla \times \left( \frac{\hat{\Delta r}}{\Delta r^2} \right) - \frac{\hat{\Delta r}}{\Delta r^2} \times \nabla \rho(\vec{r}')$$

$$= \rho(\vec{r}') \nabla \times \left( \frac{\hat{\Delta r}}{\Delta r^2} \right)$$

$$\nabla \times \left( \frac{\hat{\Delta r}}{\Delta r^2} \right) = \nabla \times \left( \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$$

Irrrotational!

(as long as static)

$$\Rightarrow \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

$\int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$  independent of path

$$\vec{E} = \pm \nabla f$$

# Electric Potential

Define  $V(\vec{r})$  so that

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V$$

- Negative sign convention  
so potential higher by  
+ charge, lower by - charge

- Electric field points  
"downhill" on map of  
electric potential

-  $V(\vec{r})$  only defined up to a  
constant  $\Rightarrow$  zero of potential arbitrary

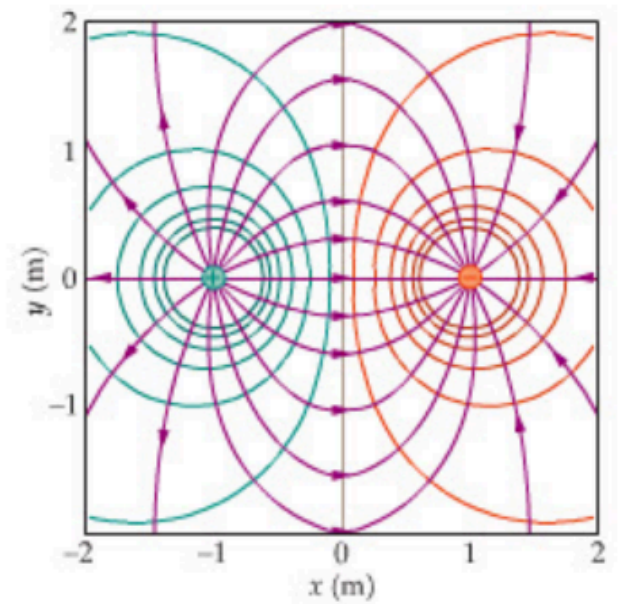
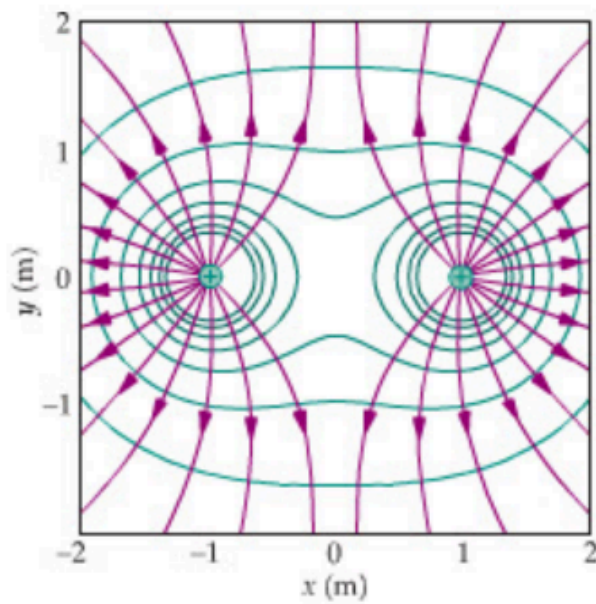
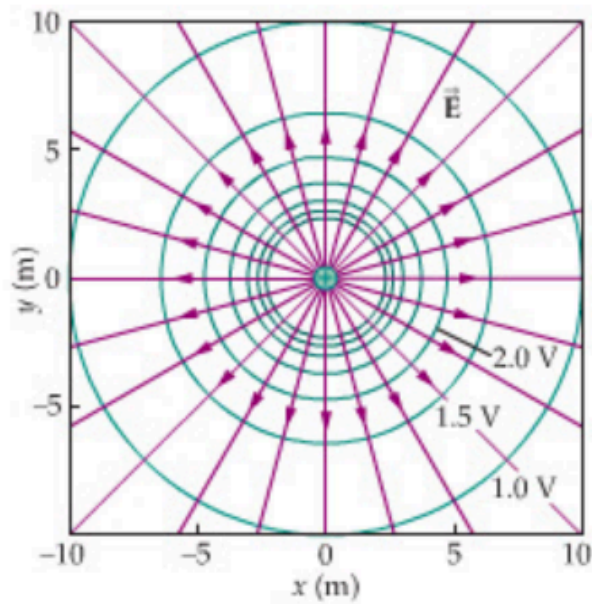
$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla V(\vec{r}) &= -\nabla (V(\vec{r}) + \text{const.}) \\ &= \vec{E}(\vec{r}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V$$

$$\Rightarrow -\int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = V(b) - V(a)$$

Independent of path  $a \rightarrow b$

# Electric Field & Electric Potential



Example:  $\vec{E} \rightarrow V$

- shell w/ charge  $Q$ , radius  $R$

- Gauss's Law

$$\vec{E} = 0 \quad r < R$$

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

$$V(r) = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

pick  $V = 0$  @  $r = \infty$

$$V(r) = - \int_{\infty}^r \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

choose radial path

$$V(r) = - \int_{\infty}^r E_r dr'$$

$$= - \int_{\infty}^r \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r'^2} dr' \quad r > R$$

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r'} \Big|_{\infty}^r \quad r > R$$

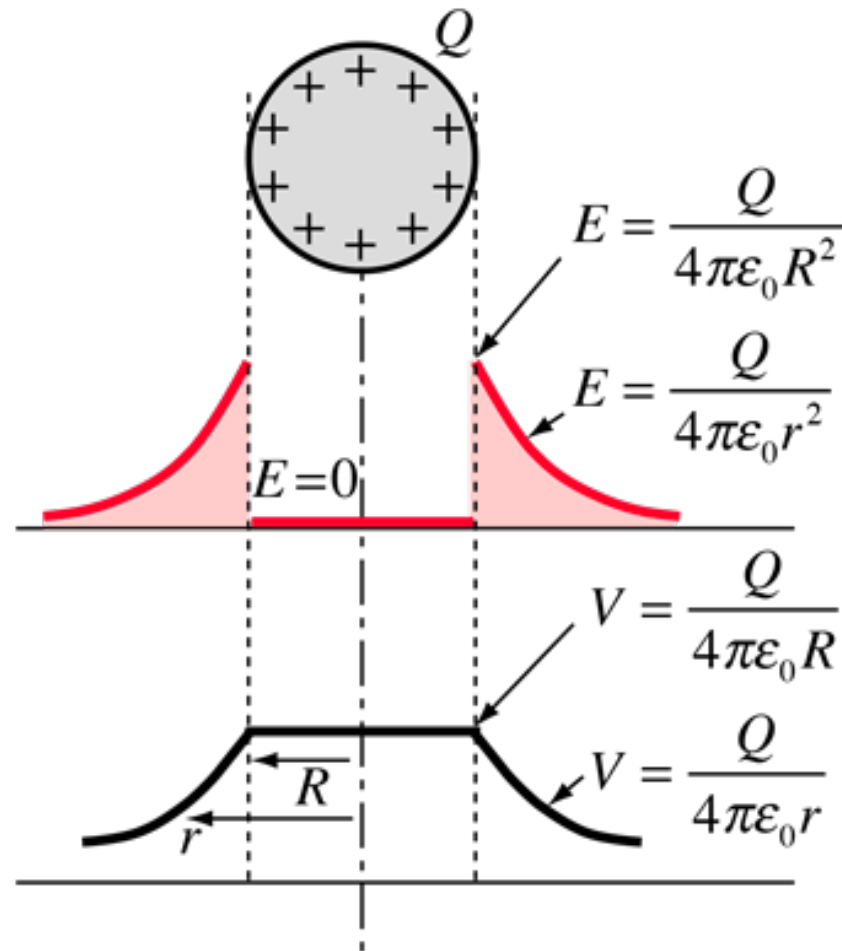
$$= \boxed{\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \quad r > R}$$

$$= V(R) - \int_R^r E_r dr' \quad r < R$$

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} - \int_R^r 0 dr' \quad r < R$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} \quad r < R}$$

# Potential of Charged Spherical Shell



## Poisson's Equation

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= \rho / \epsilon_0 \\ &= \nabla \cdot (-\nabla V) \\ &= -\nabla^2 V\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla^2 V = -\rho / \epsilon_0}$$

charge density  $\leftrightarrow$  curvature  
of electric potential

## Laplace's Equation

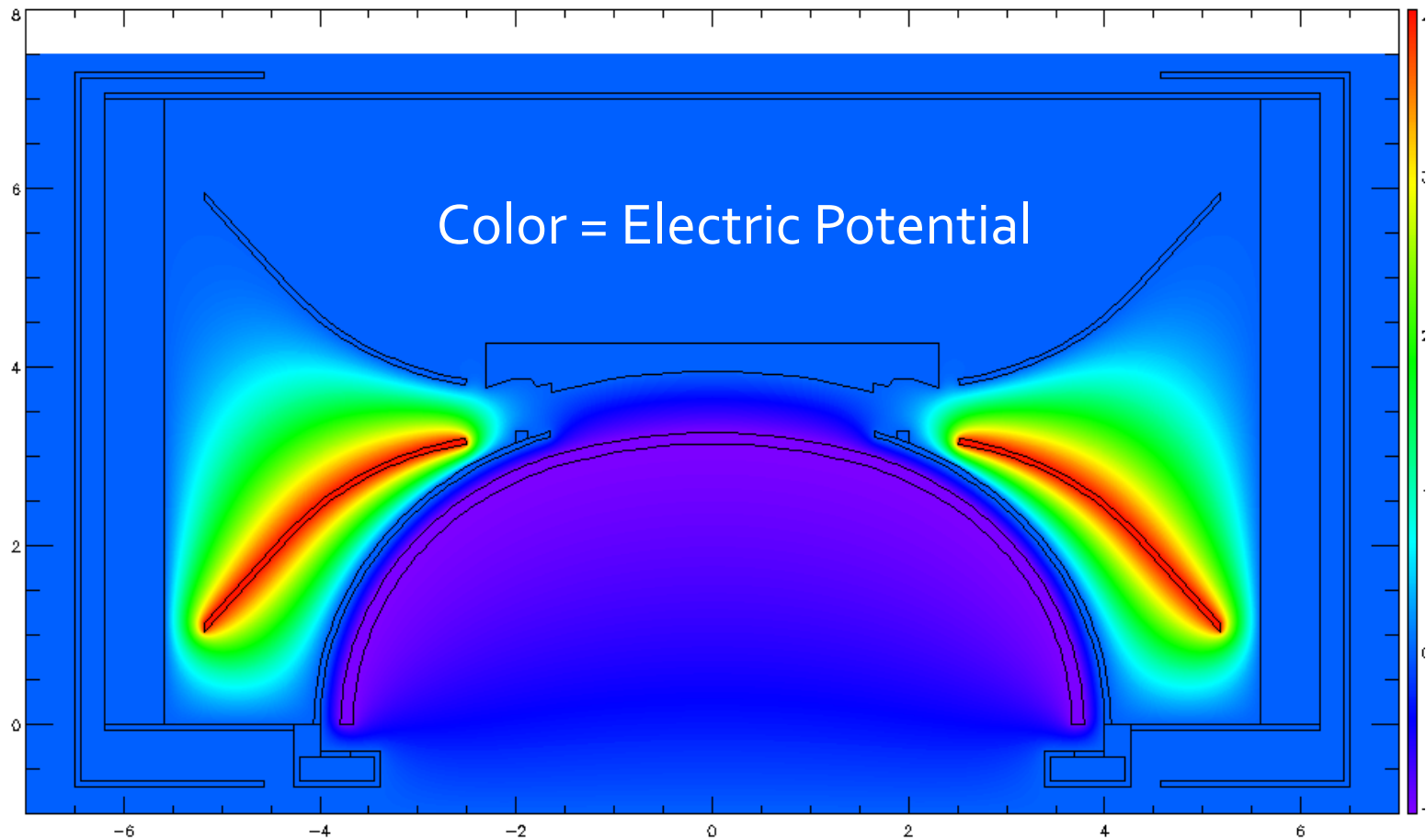
$$\text{If } \rho(\vec{r}) = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla^2 V = 0$$

No charge density  $\Rightarrow$  zero  
curvature

$V$  on boundary of  
charge-free region

$\Rightarrow V$  everywhere in region

# Laplace's Equation: Application





## Electric Potential of Arbitrary Charge Distribution

$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{\Delta r} d\tau'$$

Check:

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \nabla \int_V \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{\Delta r} d\tau'$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \nabla \left( \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{\Delta r} \right) d\tau'$$

$$\nabla \left( \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{\Delta r} \right) = \frac{1}{\Delta r} \nabla \rho(\vec{r}') + \rho(\vec{r}') \nabla \left( \frac{1}{\Delta r} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ 0 \end{array} \rho(\vec{r}') \cdot \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ -\frac{\hat{\Delta r}}{\Delta r^2} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\vec{r}') \frac{\hat{\Delta r}}{\Delta r^2} d\tau' //$$

## Point Charge

$$\rho(\vec{r}') = q_i \delta^3(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_i)$$

$$V_i(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \frac{q_i \delta^3(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_i)}{\Delta r} d\tau'$$

$$= \frac{q_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \Delta r_i} \quad \text{w/ } \Delta r_i = |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i|$$

$$V(\vec{r}) = \sum_i V_i = \sum_i \frac{q_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \Delta r_i}$$