

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

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

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

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



# Electricity and Magnetism II: 3812

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# Einstein's Postulates

**The laws of physics are the same in all inertial frames of reference.**

**The speed of light is the same in all inertial frames of reference.**



# Proper Time

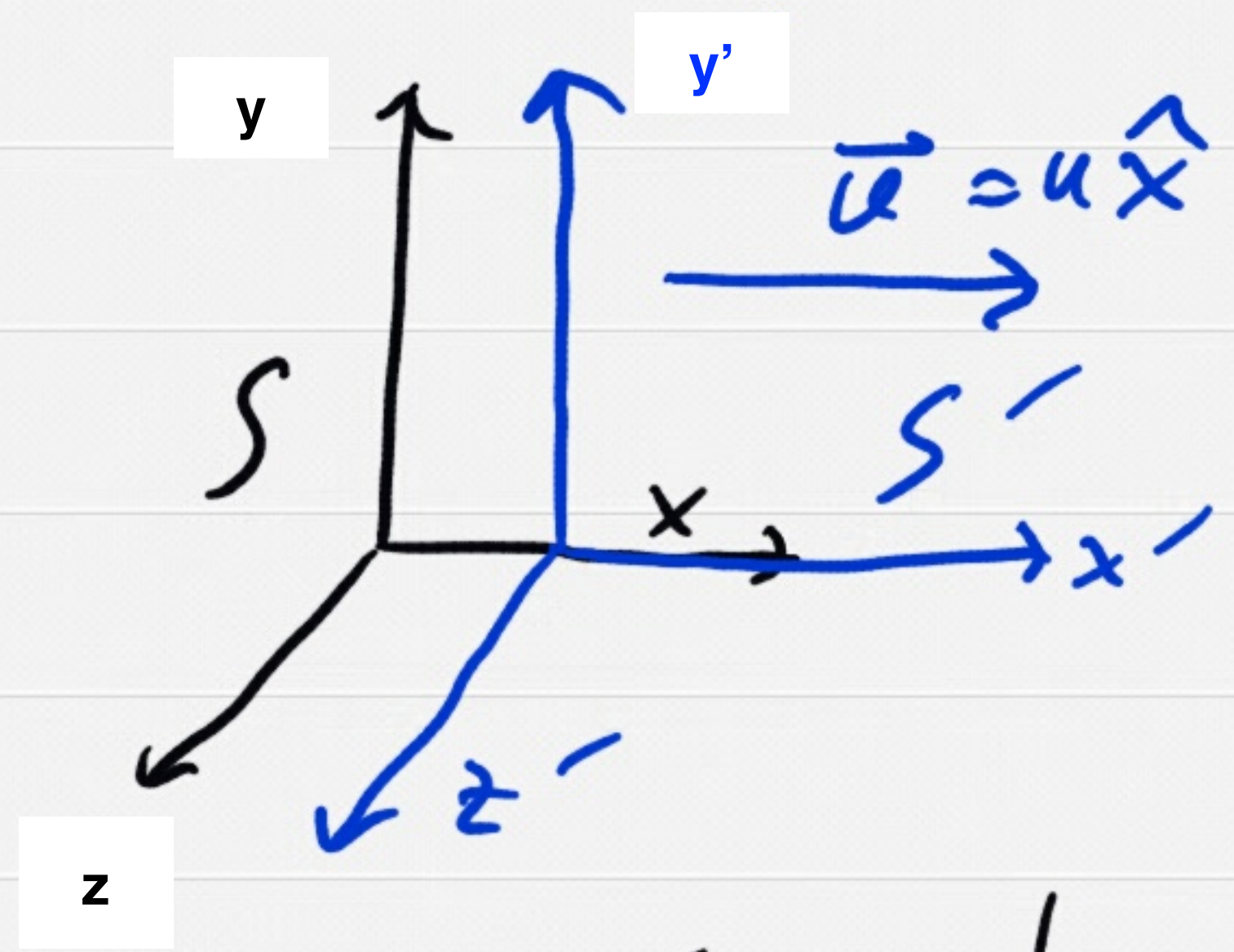
- “Proper Time” =  $\Delta\tau = \Delta t_0$ 
  - The time interval measured in a frame where the two events occur at the same spatial coordinate – i.e. the frame moving with your clock
- The time interval  $\Delta t$  measured in **any** other frame moving with respect to this frame will be longer
  - $\Delta t = \gamma\Delta t_0$

# Proper Length

- “Proper Length” =  $L_0$ 
  - The length of an object measured in a frame where it is at rest
- The length  $L$  measured in **any** other frame moving with a velocity with respect to this frame that has a component along the length will be shorter
  - $L = L_0/\gamma$

# Lorentz Transformation

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= \gamma(x - ut) \\y' &= y \\z' &= z \\t' &= \gamma\left(t - \frac{ux}{c^2}\right)\end{aligned}$$



Inverse:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \gamma(x' + ut') \\y &= y' \\z &= z' \\t &= \gamma\left(t' + \frac{ux'}{c^2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}}$$

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$$x' = \text{const.} \Rightarrow \Delta t = \gamma \Delta t'$$

$$\begin{aligned}t = \text{const.} &\Rightarrow \Delta x' = \gamma \Delta x \\ &\Rightarrow \Delta x = \Delta x' / \gamma\end{aligned}$$

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Velocity

$$\begin{aligned}v_{x'} &= \frac{dx'}{dt'} = \frac{\gamma(dx - ut)}{\gamma(dt - udx/c^2)} \\ &= \frac{dx/dt - u}{1 - u/c^2 \cdot dx/dt} \\ &= \frac{(v_x - u)}{(1 - uv_x/c^2)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } v_{y'} = \frac{dy'}{dt'} = \frac{v_y}{\gamma(1 - uv_x/c^2)} \text{ etc.}$$

# Transformations

If  $S'$  is moving with speed  $u$  in the positive  $x$  direction relative to  $S$ , then the coordinates of the same event in the two frames are related by:

**Galilean transformation**  
(classical)

$$x' = x - ut$$

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

$$t' = t$$

**Lorentz transformation**  
(relativistic)

$$x' = \gamma(x - ut)$$

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

$$t' = \gamma\left(t - \frac{u}{c^2}x\right)$$

**Note:** This assumes  $(0,0,0,0)$  is the same event in both frames.

# Interval Transformations

If  $S'$  is moving with speed  $u$  in the positive  $x$  direction relative to  $S$ , then the coordinates of the same event in the two frames are related by:

**Galilean transformation**  
(classical)

$$\Delta x' = \Delta x - u\Delta t$$

$$\Delta y' = \Delta y$$

$$\Delta z' = \Delta z$$

$$\Delta t' = \Delta t$$

**Lorentz transformation**  
(relativistic)

$$\Delta x' = \gamma(\Delta x - u\Delta t)$$

$$\Delta y' = \Delta y$$

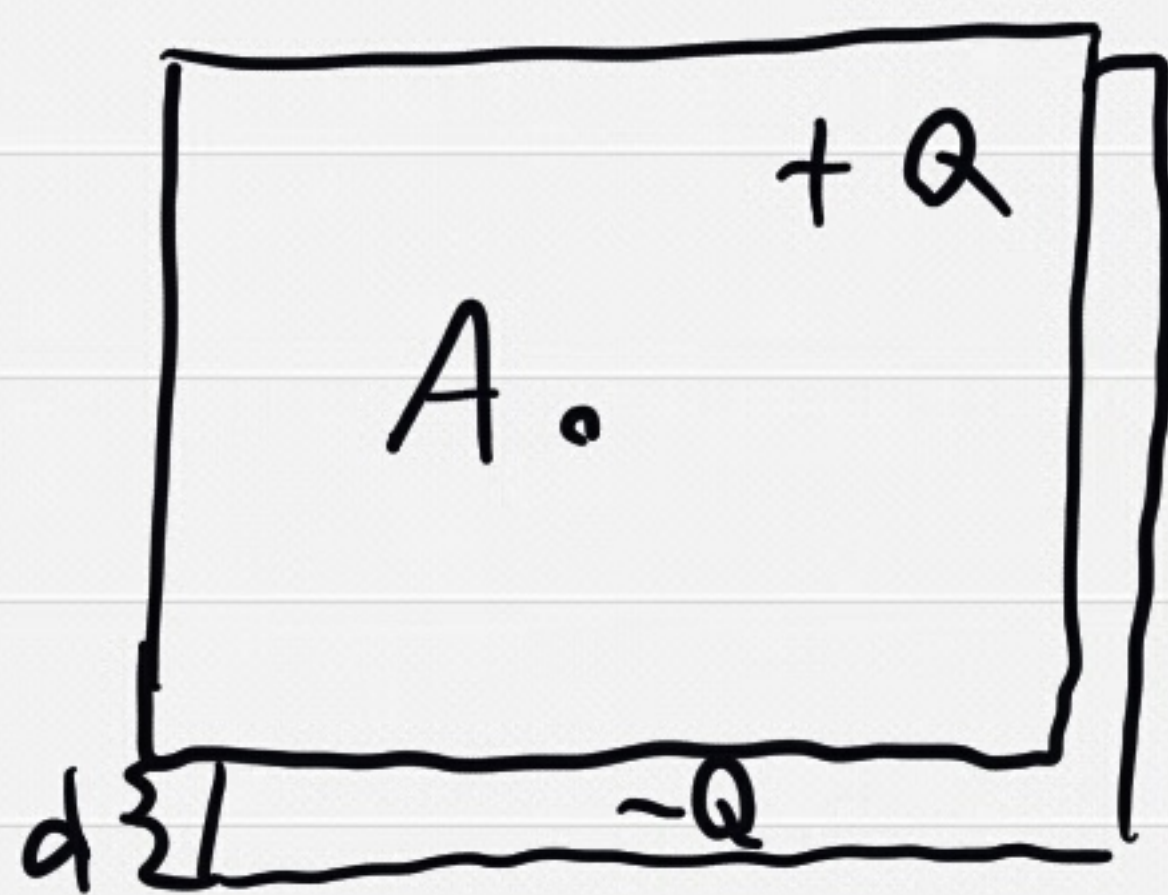
$$\Delta z' = \Delta z$$

$$\Delta t' = \gamma\left(\Delta t - \frac{u}{c^2}\Delta x\right)$$

## 12.3 | Relativistic Electrodynamics

- E & M is already correct
- By making one assumption, we can derive transformation for  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$

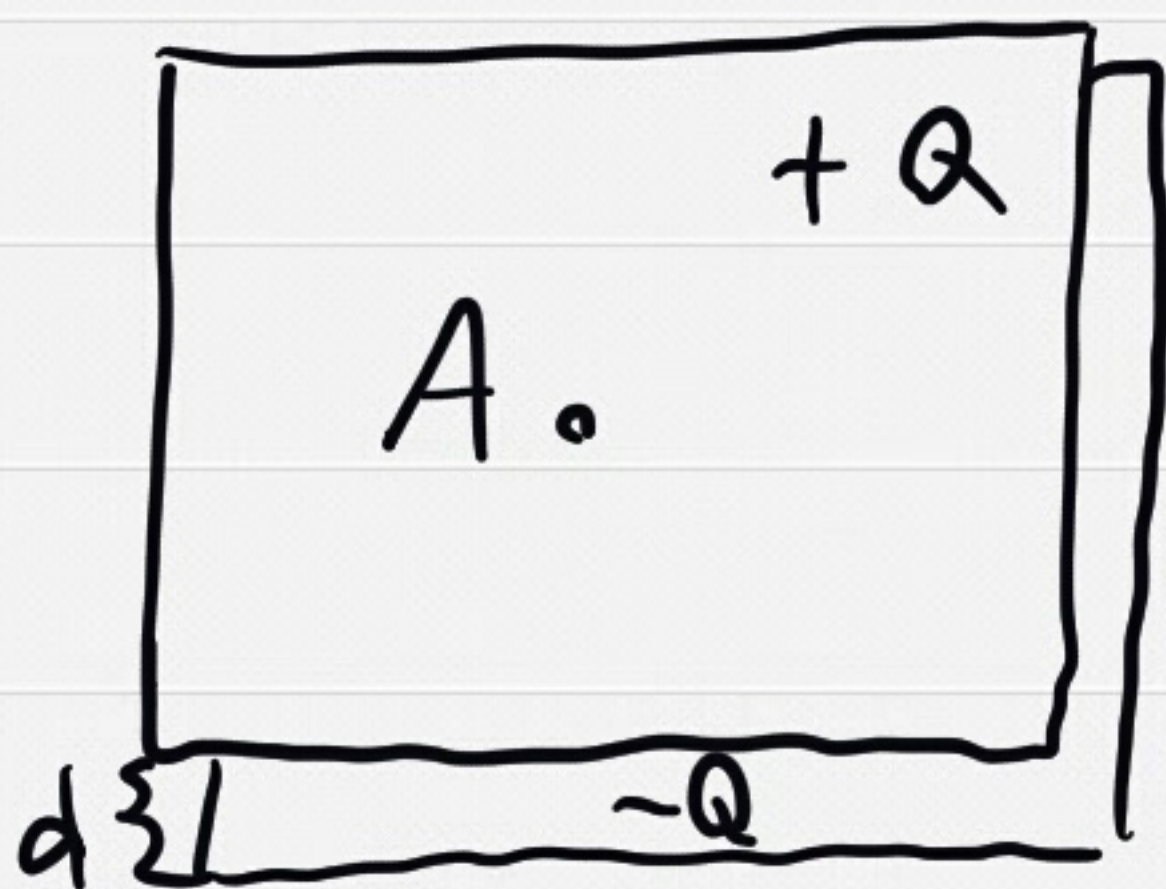
Charge is invariant



Frame  $S$

$$\sigma_0 = Q/A_0$$

$$E_0 = \sigma_0/\epsilon_0 \text{ between plates}$$



$\vec{u}$

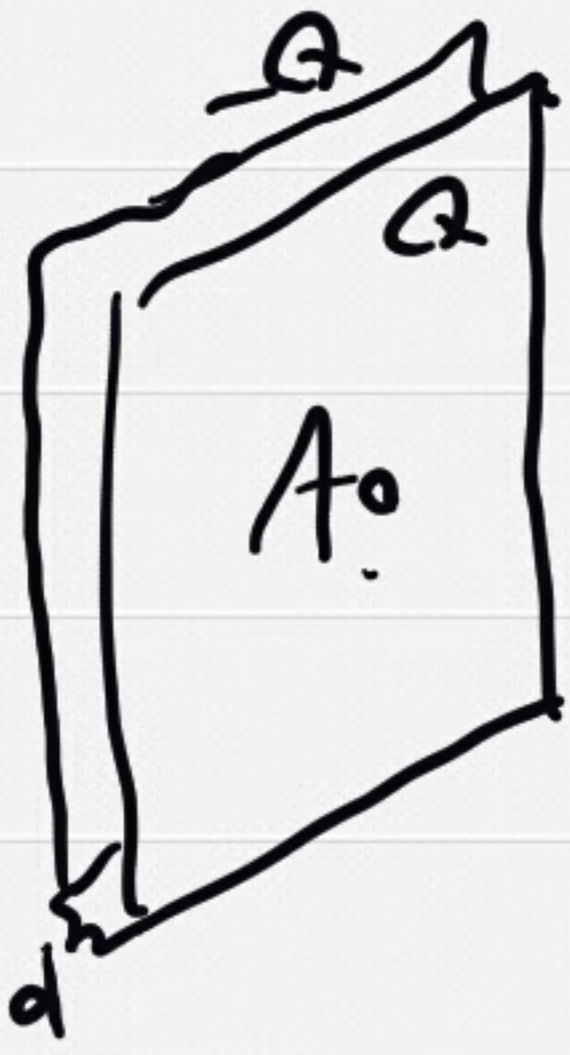
Frame  $S'$

$$A' = A_0/\gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma' = Q/A' = \gamma\sigma_0$$

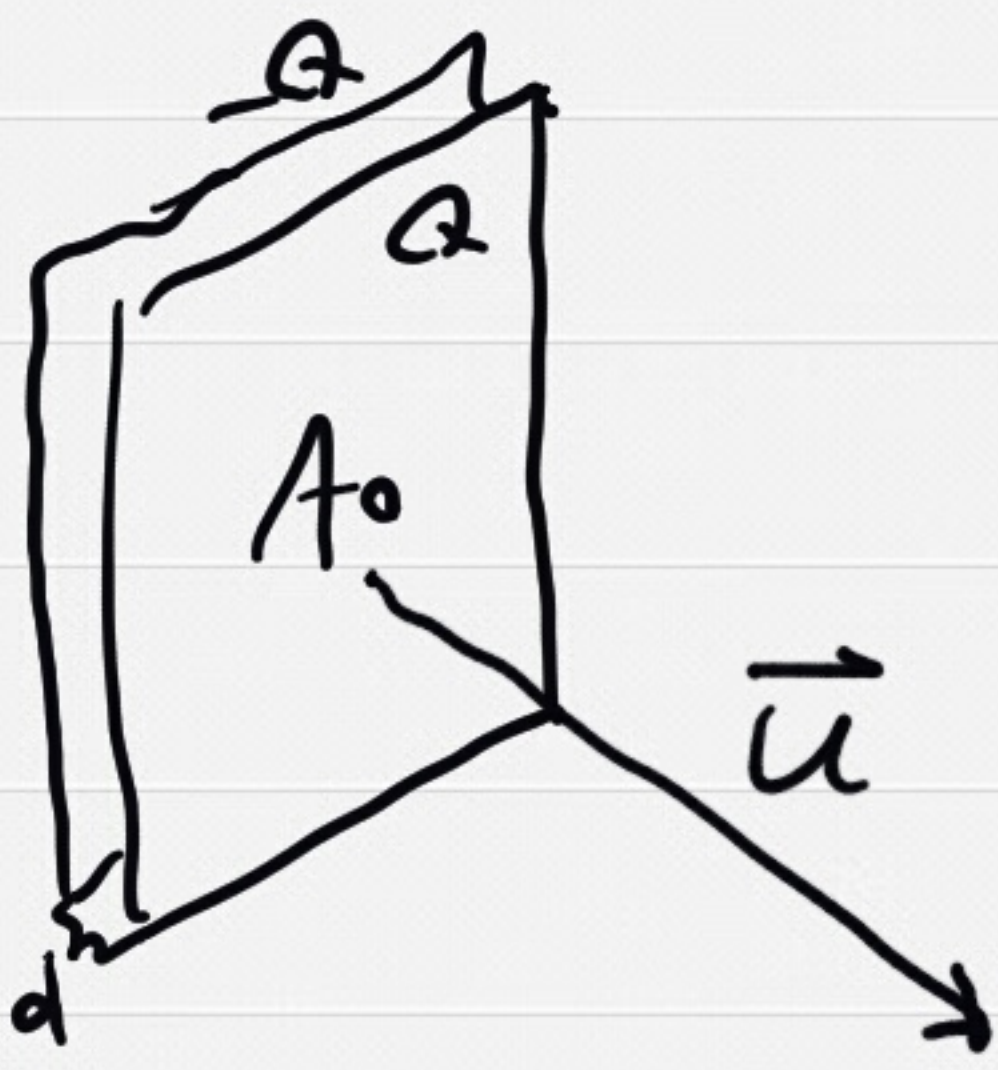
$$E' = \gamma E_0$$





Frame S

$$A = A_0, \sigma_0 = Q/A_0$$
$$E_0 = \sigma_0/\epsilon_0$$



Frame S'

$$A' = A_0, \sigma' = Q/A_0 = \sigma_0$$
$$E' = E_0$$

## Conclusion

$$E_x' = E_x \quad (\text{w/ } \vec{u} = u \hat{x})$$

$$E_y' = \gamma E_y$$

$$E_z' = \gamma E_z$$

# Moving Point Charge

$$\vec{E}_0 = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = \frac{q\vec{r}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + z\hat{z}}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \right]$$

- Transform to  $S'$   
where particle moves w/  
 $\vec{v} = v\hat{x}$  (i.e.  $\vec{u} = -\vec{v} = -v\hat{x}$ )

$$E_{x'} = E_x$$

$$E_{y'} = \gamma E_y$$

$$E_{z'} = \gamma E_z$$

$$\text{So } \vec{E}' = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{x\hat{x} + \gamma y\hat{y} + \gamma z\hat{z}}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \right]$$

- write in terms of  $x', y', z'$

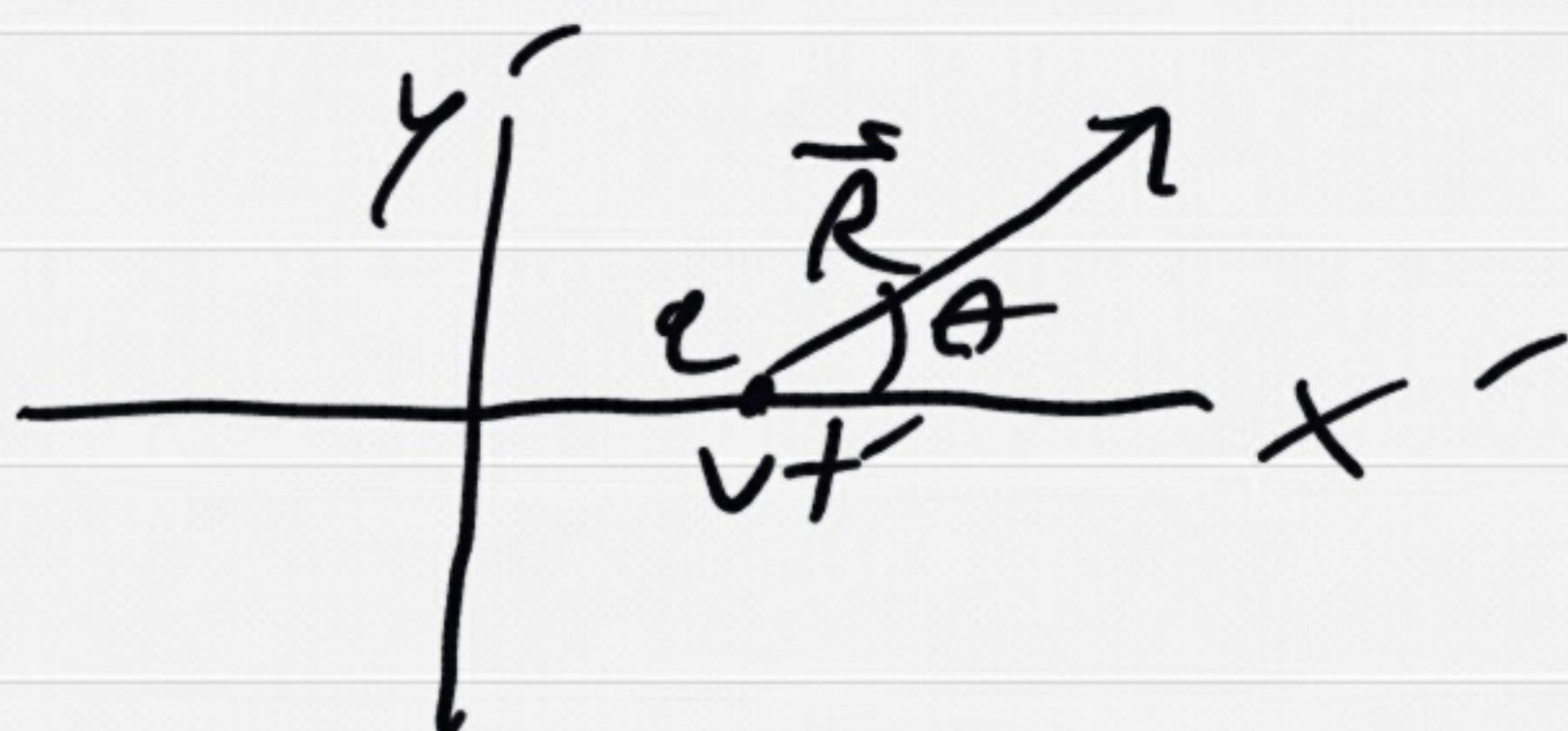
$$x = \gamma(x' - vt) = \gamma R_x$$

$$y = y' = R_y$$

$$z = z' = R_z$$

w/  $\vec{R}$  vector from

$$q \text{ to } \vec{r}' = (x', y', z')$$



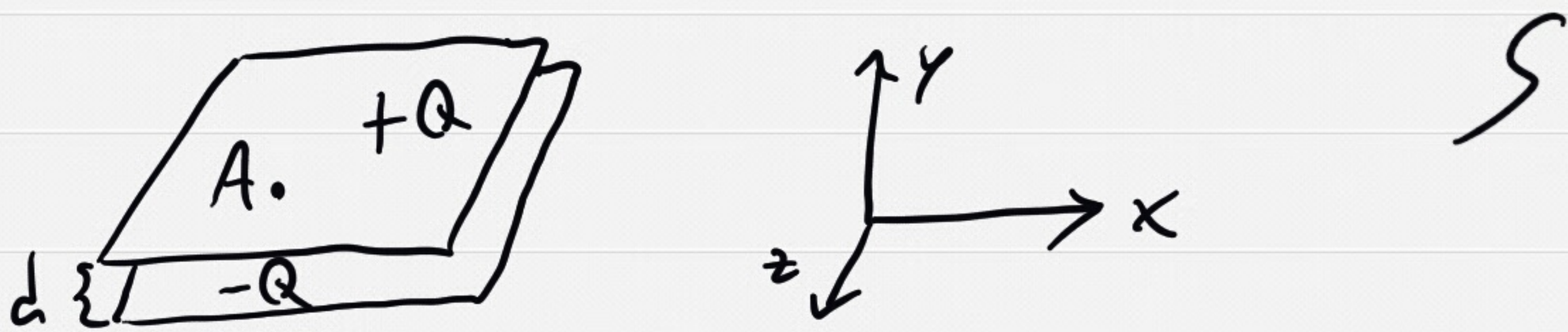
$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \vec{E}' &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{\gamma R_x \hat{x} + \gamma R_y \hat{y} + \gamma R_z \hat{z}}{(\gamma R_x)^2 + R_y^2 + R_z^2)^{3/2}} \right] \\
&= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\gamma \vec{R}}{(\gamma^2 R^2 \cos^2\theta + R^2 \sin^2\theta)^{3/2}} \\
&= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{R}}{R^3} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{1-u^2/c^2}}{(\cos^2\theta / (1-u^2/c^2) + \sin^2\theta)^{3/2}} \right] \\
&= \frac{q \hat{R}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \left[ \frac{1 - u^2/c^2}{(\cos^2\theta + (1-u^2/c^2) \sin^2\theta)^{3/2}} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E}' = \frac{q \hat{R}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \left[ \frac{1 - v^2/c^2}{(1 - v^2/c^2 \sin^2\theta)^{3/2}} \right]}$$

Note  $v^2 = u^2$

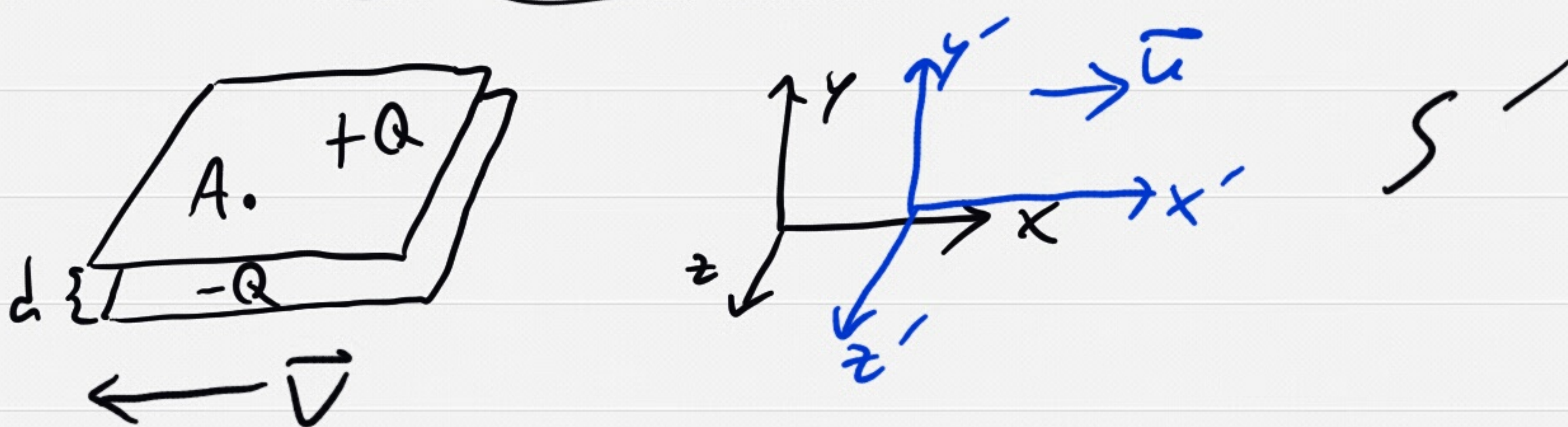
- Same as from Lienard - Wiechert potentials
- The magic that makes  $\vec{E}'$  point along  $\hat{R}$ 
  - Lorentz boost of  $x$  and of  $E_y, E_z$  balance exactly

# Back to Capacitor



$$\vec{E}_0 = -\frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} \hat{y} = -\frac{\sigma_0}{\epsilon_0} \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{B}_0 = 0$$



In  $S'$  capacitor moves w/  
 $\vec{v} = -\vec{u}$

$$\vec{E}' = \gamma \vec{E}_0 = -\frac{\gamma \sigma_0}{\epsilon_0} \hat{y} = -\frac{\sigma'}{\epsilon_0} \hat{y}$$

$\sigma'$  moving at  $\vec{v}$  produces

$$\vec{K}' = \sigma' \vec{v} = -\sigma' v \hat{x} = -\sigma' u \hat{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{B}' = \mu_0 K' \hat{z} = \mu_0 \sigma' u \hat{z}$$

$$\text{or } B_z' = -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 u E_{y'} \\ = -\gamma \mu_0 \epsilon_0 u E_{y0}$$

Note:  $\vec{B}' = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \vec{v} \times \vec{E}' = \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{v} \times \vec{E}'$  as expected