

**PHY 712 Electrodynamics**  
**12-12:50 AM MWF Olin 103**

**Plan for Lecture 10:**

**Complete reading of Chapter 4**

**A. Microscopic  $\leftrightarrow$  macroscopic polarizability**

**B. Clausius-Mossotti equation**

**C. Electrostatic energy in dielectric media**

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**Colloquium this week --**

Colloquium: "2D Materials in the Spot 'Light': The Emergence of Advanced Optical and Electronic Functionalities"

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 George P. Williams, Jr. Lecture Hall, (Olin 101)  
 Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 3:00 PM

There will be a reception in Olin Lounge at approximately 4 PM following the colloquium. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

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**Course schedule for Spring 2020**  
 (Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

	Lecture date	JDJ Reading	Topic	HW	Due date
1	Mon: 01/13/2020	Chap. 1 & Appen.	Introduction, units and Poisson equation	#1	01/17/2020
2	Wed: 01/15/2020	Chap. 1	Electrostatic energy calculations	#2	01/22/2020
3	Fri: 01/17/2020	Chap. 1	Electrostatic potentials and fields	#3	01/24/2020
	Mon: 01/20/2020	No class	Martin Luther King Holiday		
4	Wed: 01/22/2020	Chap. 1 - 3	Poisson's equation in 2 and 3 dimensions	#4	01/27/2020
5	Fri: 01/24/2020	Chap. 1 - 3	Brief introduction to numerical methods	#5	01/31/2020
6	Mon: 01/27/2020	Chap. 2 & 3	Image charge constructions	#6	02/03/2020
7	Wed: 01/29/2020	Chap. 2 & 3	Cylindrical and spherical geometries	#7	02/05/2020
8	Fri: 01/31/2020	Chap. 3 & 4	Spherical geometry and multipole moments	#8	02/07/2020
9	Mon: 02/03/2020	Chap. 4	Dipoles and Dielectrics	#9	02/10/2020
10	Wed: 02/05/2020	Chap. 4	Polarization and Dielectrics		
11	Fri: 02/07/2020	Chap. 5	Magnetostatics		
12	Mon: 02/10/2020	Chap. 5	Magnetic dipoles and hyperfine interaction		
13	Wed: 02/12/2020	Chap. 5	Magnetic dipoles and dipolar fields		

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Focus on dipolar fields:

Dipole moment  $\mathbf{p}$ :

$$\mathbf{p} \equiv \int d^3r' \mathbf{r}' \rho(\mathbf{r}')$$

For  $r$  outside the extent of  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ :

Electrostatic potential from single dipole:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{r^3} \right)$$

Electrostatic field from single dipole:

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}) - r^2\mathbf{p}}{r^5} - \frac{4\pi}{3} \mathbf{p} \delta^3(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

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Coarse grain representation of macroscopic distribution of dipoles -- continued:

Many materials are polarizable and produce a polarization field in the presence of an electric field with a proportionality constant  $\chi_c$ :

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_0 \chi_c \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_c) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \epsilon \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$$

$\epsilon$  represents the dielectric function of the material

Boundary value problems in dielectric materials

For  $\rho_{\text{mono}}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  At a surface between two dielectrics, in terms of surface normal  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ :

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = \text{continuous} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$$

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Boundary value problems in the presence of dielectrics – example:

For  $\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} = 2$

For  $\rho_{\text{mono}}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$ :  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$  and  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  At a surface between two dielectrics, in terms of surface normal  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ :

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = \text{continuous} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$D_{1n} = D_{2n} \quad \epsilon_1 E_{1n} = \epsilon_2 E_{2n}$$

For isotropic dielectrics:

$$E_{1t} = E_{2t} \quad \frac{D_{1t}}{\epsilon_1} = \frac{D_{2t}}{\epsilon_2}$$

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Boundary value problems in the presence of dielectrics  
 – example:

$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r})=0$  and  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})=0$  At  $r=a$ :  $\varepsilon \frac{\partial \Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r} = \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r}$   
 For  $r \leq a$   $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = -\varepsilon \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{r})$   $\frac{\partial \Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \theta}$   
 For  $r > a$   $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) = -\varepsilon_0 \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{r})$

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Boundary value problems in the presence of dielectrics  
 – example -- continued:

$\Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l r^l P_l(\cos \theta)$  At  $r=a$ :  $\varepsilon \frac{\partial \Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r} = \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial r}$   
 $\Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( B_l r^l + \frac{C_l}{r^{l+1}} \right) P_l(\cos \theta)$   $\frac{\partial \Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \theta}$   
 For  $r \rightarrow \infty$   $\Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r}) = -E_0 r \cos \theta$

Solution -- only  $l=1$  contributes

$B_1 = -E_0$   
 $A_1 = -\left( \frac{3}{2 + \varepsilon / \varepsilon_0} \right) E_0$   $C_1 = \left( \frac{\varepsilon / \varepsilon_0 - 1}{2 + \varepsilon / \varepsilon_0} \right) a^3 E_0$

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Boundary value problems in the presence of dielectrics  
 – example -- continued:

$\Phi_{<}(\mathbf{r}) = -\left( \frac{3}{2 + \varepsilon / \varepsilon_0} \right) E_0 r \cos \theta$   
 $\Phi_{>}(\mathbf{r}) = -\left( r - \left( \frac{\varepsilon / \varepsilon_0 - 1}{2 + \varepsilon / \varepsilon_0} \right) \frac{a^3}{r^2} \right) E_0 \cos \theta$

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Microscopic origin of dipole moments

- Polarizable atoms/molecules
- Anisotropic charged molecules

Polarizable isotropic atoms/molecules

At equilibrium:

$$qE - m\omega_0^2 \delta x = 0$$

$$\delta x = \frac{qE}{m\omega_0^2}$$

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Polarizable isotropic atoms/molecules – continued:

At equilibrium:

$$qE - m\omega_0^2 \delta x = 0$$

$$\delta x = \frac{qE}{m\omega_0^2}$$

Induced dipole moment:

$$p = q\delta x = \frac{q^2}{m\omega_0^2} E \equiv \epsilon_0 \gamma_{mol} E \Rightarrow \gamma_{mol} = \frac{q^2}{m\omega_0^2 \epsilon_0}$$

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Alignment of molecules with permanent dipoles  $\mathbf{p}_0$ :

For a freely rotating dipole its average moment in an electric field, estimated assuming a Boltzmann distribution:

$$\langle \mathbf{p}_{mol} \rangle = \frac{\int d\Omega p_0 \cos \theta e^{p_0 E \cos \theta / kT}}{\int d\Omega e^{p_0 E \cos \theta / kT}} \approx \frac{1}{3} \frac{p_0^2}{kT} \mathbf{E} \text{ for } \frac{p_0 E}{kT} \ll 1$$

$$\langle \mathbf{p}_{mol} \rangle \approx \frac{1}{3} \frac{p_0^2}{kT} \mathbf{E} \equiv \epsilon_0 \gamma_{mol} \mathbf{E} \Rightarrow \gamma_{mol} \approx \frac{1}{3} \frac{p_0^2}{kT \epsilon_0}$$

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Superposition of dipoles

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Field due to collection of induced dipoles

$$\mathbf{E}_{tot}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i \mathbf{E}_i^0(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{E}_{ext}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{site(i)}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j \neq i} \mathbf{E}_j^0(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{E}_{ext}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$= \mathbf{E}_{tot}(\mathbf{r}) - \mathbf{E}_i^0(\mathbf{r})$$

Electrostatic field from single dipole:

$$\mathbf{E}_i^0(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}) - r^2\mathbf{p}_i}{r^5} - \frac{4\pi}{3}\mathbf{p}_i\delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i) \right)$$

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Field due to collection of induced dipoles -- continued

$$\mathbf{E}_{tot}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i \mathbf{E}_i^0(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{E}_{ext}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{site(i)}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j \neq i} \mathbf{E}_j^0(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{E}_{ext}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$= \mathbf{E}_{tot}(\mathbf{r}) - \mathbf{E}_i^0(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})_{tot} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_i \left( \frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}) - r^2\mathbf{p}_i}{r^5} - \frac{4\pi}{3}\mathbf{p}_i\delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i) \right) + \mathbf{E}_{ext}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})_{site(i)} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{p}_j \cdot \mathbf{r}) - r^2\mathbf{p}_j}{r^5} \right) + \mathbf{E}_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})_{tot} - (\mathbf{E}_i^0(\mathbf{r}))_{site(i)}$$

$$\langle \mathbf{E}_{site(i)} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{E}_{tot} \rangle + \frac{1}{V} \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \langle \mathbf{p} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{E}_{tot} \rangle + \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \langle \mathbf{P} \rangle$$

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Field due to collection of induced dipoles -- continued

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})_{site(i)} &= \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})_{tot} - \langle \mathbf{E}_i^0(\mathbf{r}) \rangle_{site(i)} \\ &= \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})_{tot} - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}) - r^2\mathbf{p}_i}{r^5} - \frac{4\pi}{3} \mathbf{p}_i \delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i) \right) \\ \langle \mathbf{E}_{site(i)} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{E}_{tot} \rangle - \left\langle \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{3\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}) - r^2\mathbf{p}_i}{r^5} - \frac{4\pi}{3} \mathbf{p}_i \delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i) \right) \right\rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{E}_{site(i)} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{E}_{tot} \rangle + \frac{1}{V} \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \langle \mathbf{p} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{E}_{tot} \rangle + \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \langle \mathbf{P} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

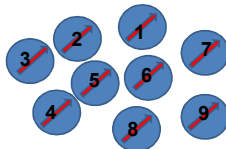
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Field due to collection of induced dipoles -- continued



$$\begin{aligned}\langle \mathbf{E}_{site(i)} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{E}_{tot} \rangle + \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \langle \mathbf{P} \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{p} \rangle &= \epsilon_0 \gamma_{mol} \langle \mathbf{E}_{site} \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{P} \rangle &= \frac{1}{V} \langle \mathbf{p} \rangle = \frac{\epsilon_0 \gamma_{mol}}{V} \left( \langle \mathbf{E}_{tot} \rangle + \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \langle \mathbf{P} \rangle \right) \\ \langle \mathbf{P} \rangle &= \frac{\epsilon_0 \gamma_{mol}}{V} \frac{\langle \mathbf{E}_{tot} \rangle}{1 - \frac{\gamma_{mol}}{3V}} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \langle \mathbf{E}_{tot} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Clausius-Mossotti equation

$$\chi_e = \frac{\frac{\gamma_{mol}}{V}}{1 - \frac{\gamma_{mol}}{3V}} = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} - 1 \quad \gamma_{mol} = 3V \left( \frac{\epsilon / \epsilon_0 - 1}{\epsilon / \epsilon_0 + 2} \right)$$

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Example of the Clausius-Mossotti equation --

Pentane (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>12</sub>) at various densities

Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Mol/m <sup>3</sup>	$\epsilon/\epsilon_0$	$3V^*(\epsilon/\epsilon_0 - 1)/(\epsilon/\epsilon_0 + 2)$
0.613	5.12536E+27	1.82	1.25646E-28
0.701	5.86114E+27	1.96	1.24084E-28
0.796	6.65544E+27	2.12	1.22536E-28
0.865	7.23236E+27	2.24	1.2131E-28
0.907	7.58353E+27	2.33	1.2151E-28

$$\gamma_{mol} = 1.2 \times 10^{-28} \text{ m}^3 = 0.12 \text{ nm}^3$$

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Re-examination of electrostatic energy in dielectric media

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r \rho_{mono}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi(\mathbf{r})$$

In terms of displacement field:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_{mono}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi(\mathbf{r})) - \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{r})$$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$$

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Comment on the "Modern Theory of Polarization"

Some references:

- R. D.King-Smith and D. Vanderbilt, Phys. Rev. B 47, 1651 (1993)
- R. Resta, Rev. Mod. Physics 66, 699 (1994)
- R. Resta, J. Phys. Condens. Matter 23, 123201 (2010)
- N. A. Spaldin, J. Solid State Chem. 195, 2 (2012)

Basic equations:

$$\epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho_{tot} = \rho_{bound} + \rho_{mono}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} = \rho_{bound}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_{mono}$$

$$\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{P}$$

Note: In general  $\mathbf{P}$  is highly dependent on the boundary values; often it is more convenient/meaningful to calculate  $\Delta \mathbf{P}$ .

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Comment on the "Modern Theory of Polarization"

-- continued

$$\nabla \cdot \Delta \mathbf{P} = \Delta \rho_{bound} = \Delta \rho_{bound}^{nuclear} + \Delta \rho_{bound}^{electronic}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{P}^{electronic} = -\frac{e}{V_{crystal}} \sum_n \langle W_{n0} | \mathbf{r} | W_{n0} \rangle$$

Note: The concept of the polarization of a periodic solid is not unique:

N.A. Spaldin / Journal of Solid State Chemistry 195 (2012) 2-10 3

Fig. 1. One-dimensional chain of alternating anions and cations, spaced a distance  $a/2$  apart, where  $a$  is the lattice constant. The dashed lines indicate two representative unit cells which are used in the text for calculation of the polarization.

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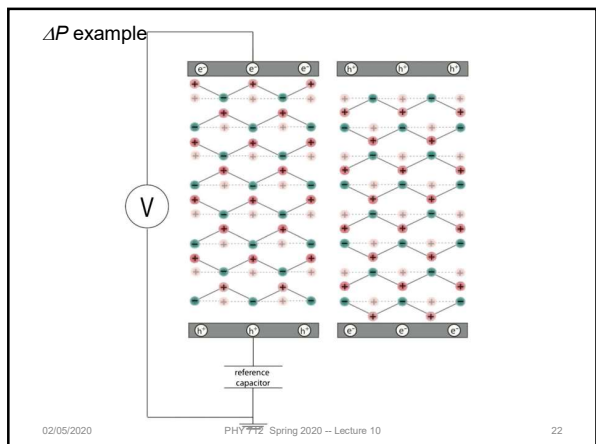
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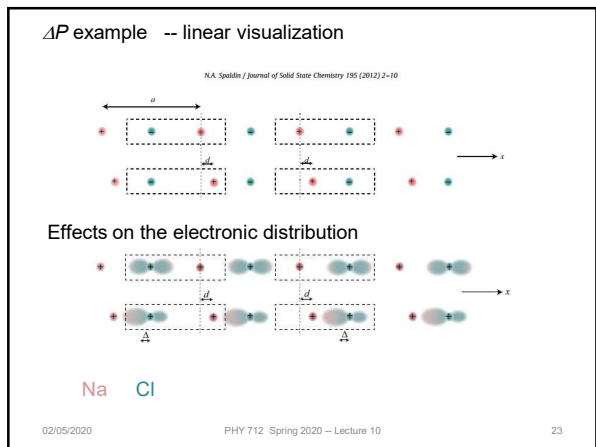
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