# <u>Theme Music:</u> The Black-Eyed Peas *Electric City* <u>Cartoon:</u> Pat Brady *Rose is Rose*



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### Outline

#### Go over Quiz 5

#### ■ The field and potential in a capacitor



Pl

4

5

6

3/2/16

### Result

The fields of the two plates cancel each other on the outside.

The fields of the two plates add on the inside, producing double the field of a single plate.



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#### Some basic electrical ideas

- Conductor a material that permits some of its charges to move freely within it.
- *Insulator* a material that permits some of its charges to move a little, but not freely.



## Charging a capacitor

- What is the potential difference between the plates?
- What is the field around the plates?
- How much charge is on each plate?



# **Capacitor Equations** $\Delta V = E \Delta x = E d$ $E = 4\pi k_C \sigma = 4\pi k_C \frac{Q}{A} \implies Q = \left(\frac{A}{4\pi k_C}\right) E$ $Q = \left(\frac{A}{4\pi k_{\rm e} d}\right) \Delta V$ $4\pi k_c$ is often written as "1/ $\varepsilon_0$ " What does this "Q" stand for? 7 Physics 132