Gauss' Law and Conductors

• We know that E=0 inside a conductor (otherwise the charges would move). Electrostatics!

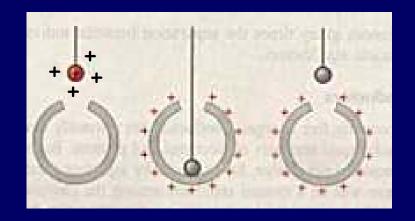
• But since $\oint \vec{E} \bullet d\vec{A} = 0 \rightarrow Q_{\text{inside}} = 0$.

Charges on a conductor only reside on the surface(s)!

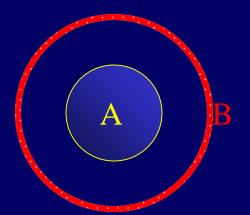


Gaussian Surface just inside S.





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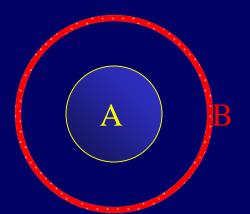
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- A) True
- B) False



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