

Welcome to EECS 16A!

Designing Information Devices and Systems I



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Module 2
Lecture 7
Capacitors (Note 16)



Voltage Divider – a Poem

Voltage divider?

Electrons like their space.

They force others away.

Ah. Such potential!

Overcomes resistance.

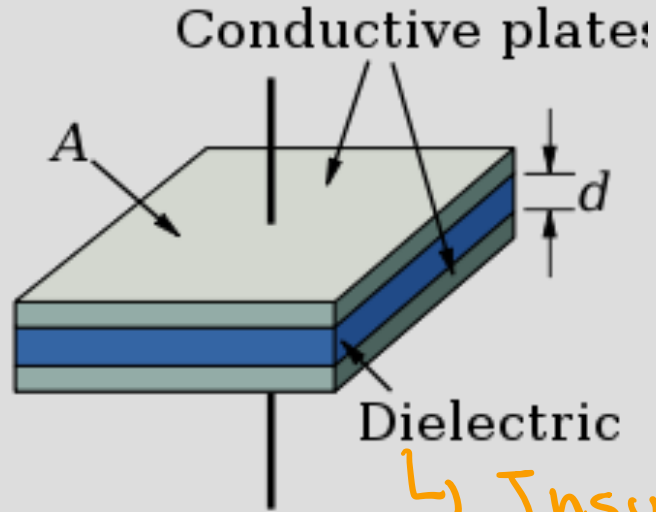
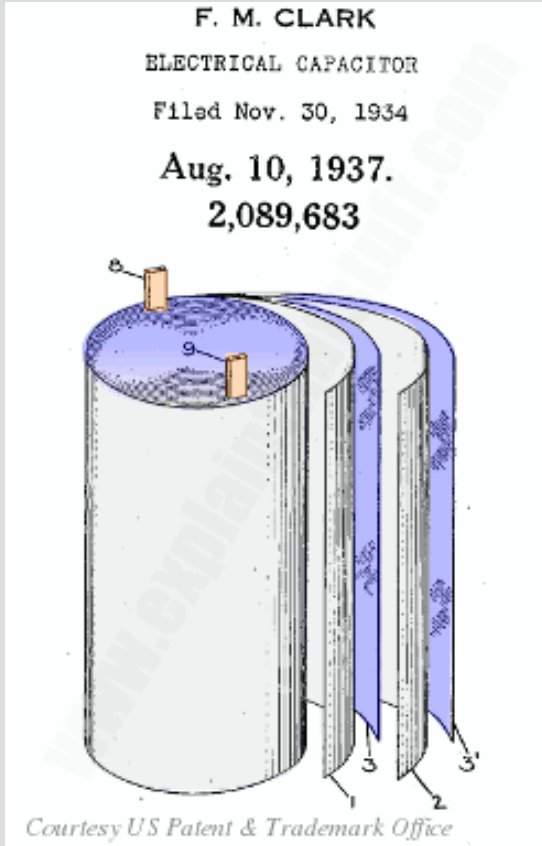
But potential fades.

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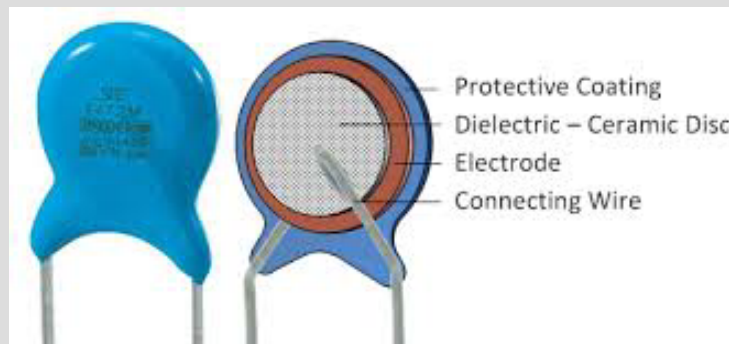
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Now, Capacitors!

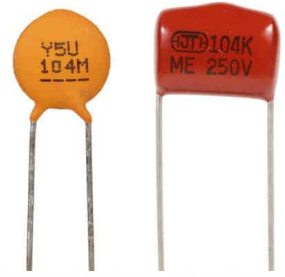
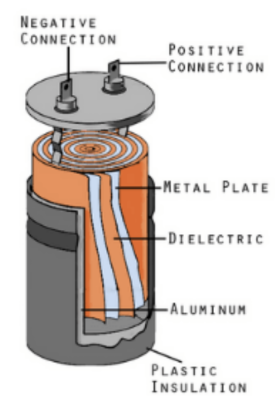
- Charge storage device (like a 'bucket' for charge)



↳ Insulator

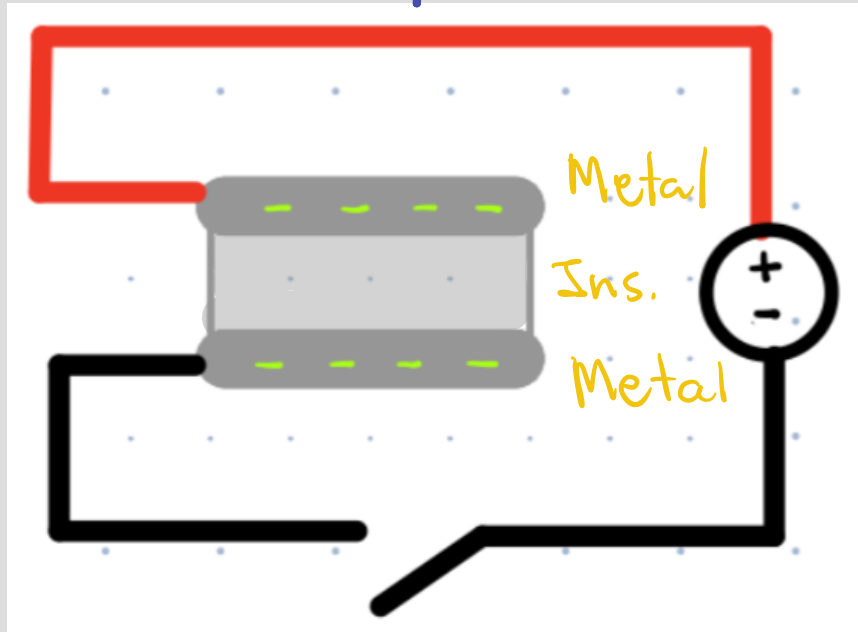


↳ Higher Energy is needed to move charge.



The Physics of a Capacitor

* Energy is needed to move charge.



e^-

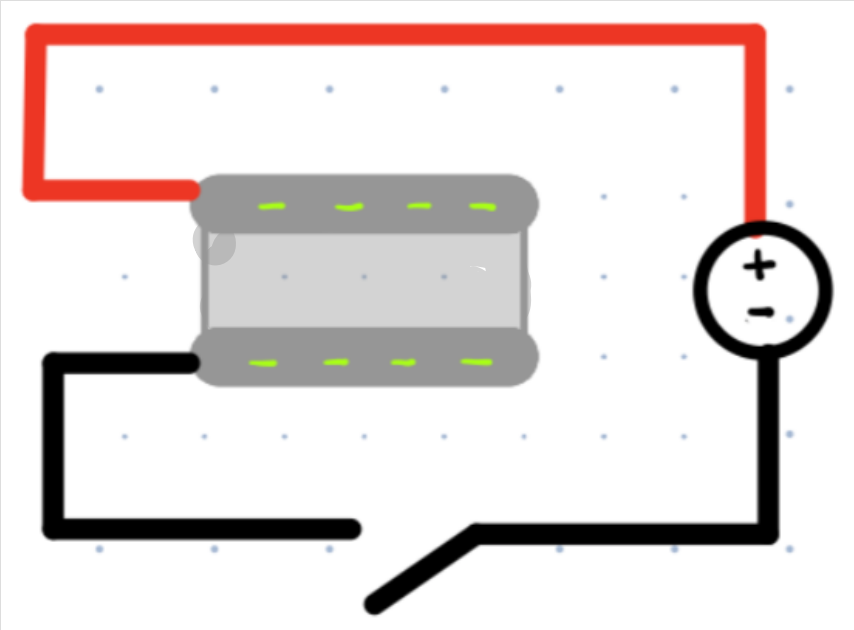
→ No current across the capacitor plates

→ Voltage Source provides Energy needed for flow of charges (e^-)

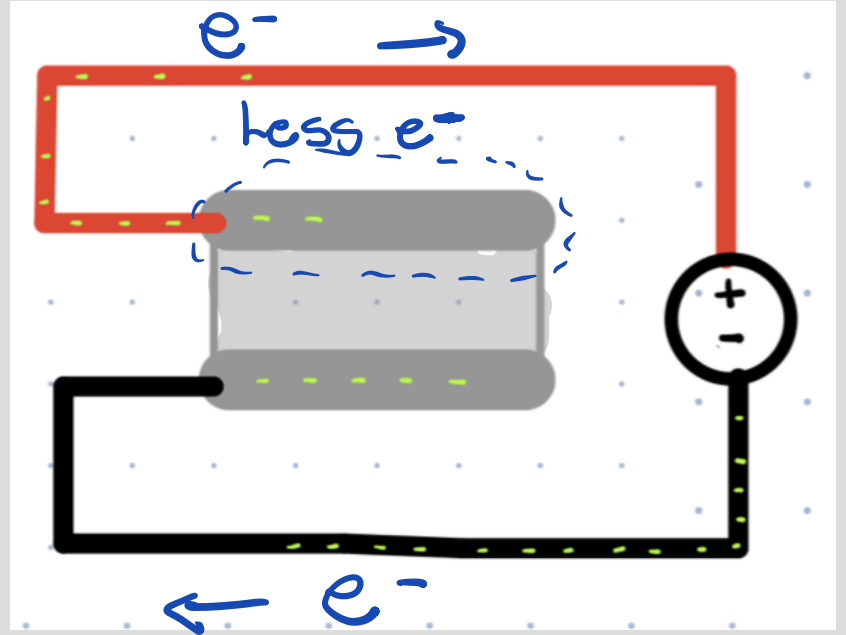
The Physics of a Capacitor

→ Once the switch is ON e^- flow!

t_0

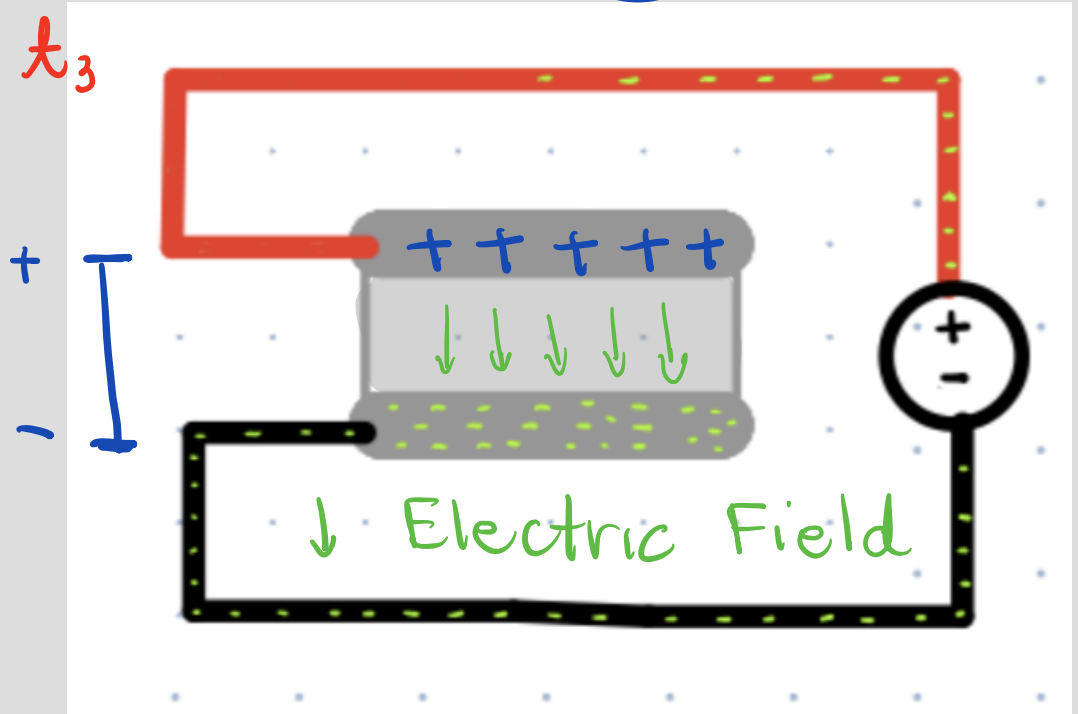
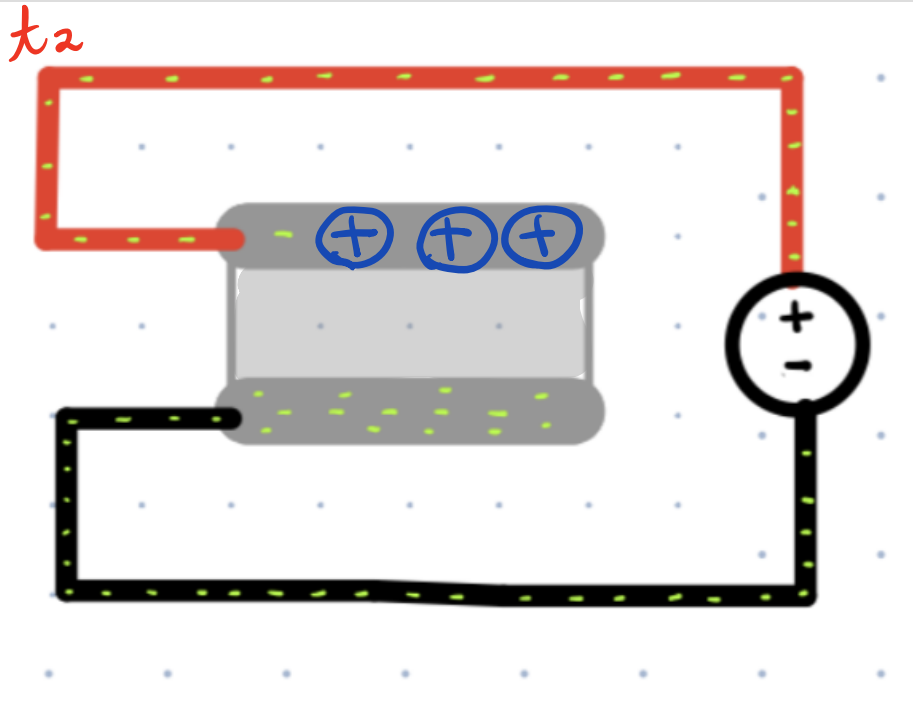


t_1



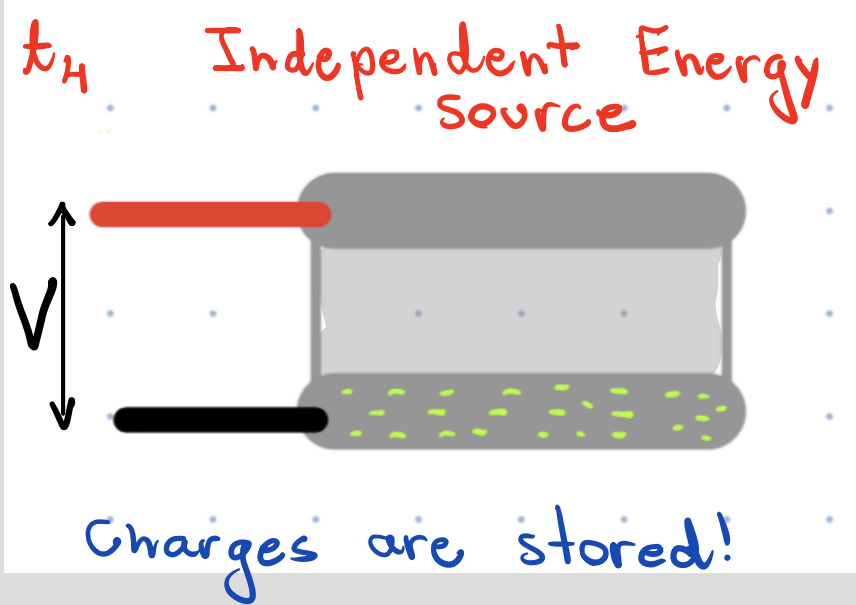
The Physics of a Capacitor

lack of electrons means holes! h^+



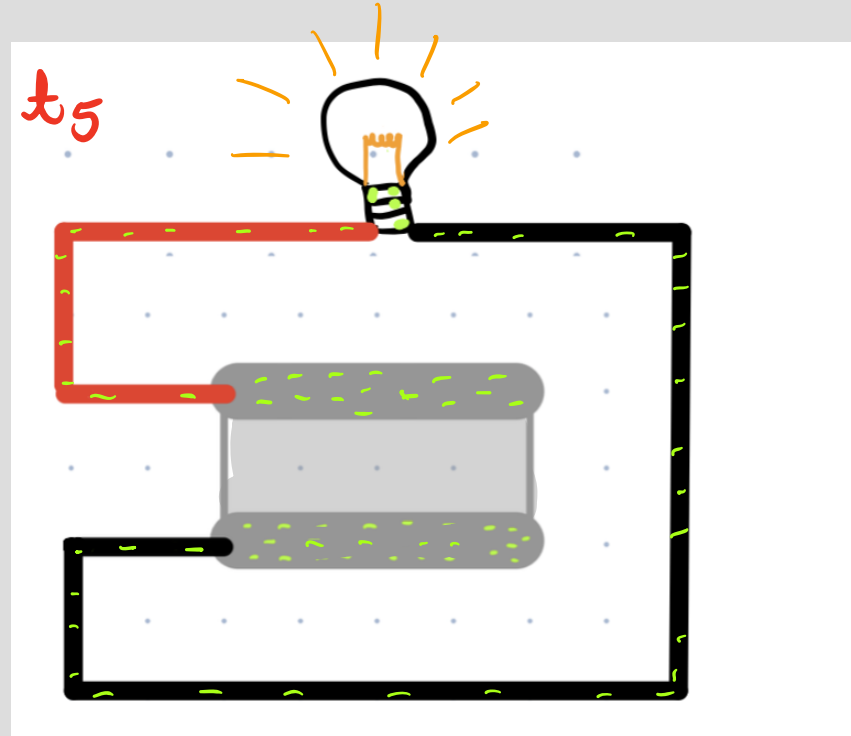
Potential difference
between the two
plates! } V

The Physics of a Capacitor



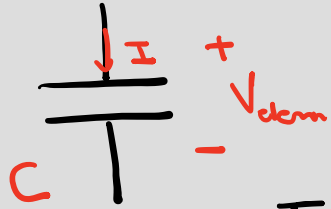
Every Capacitor can be charged up to a fixed Voltage.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4EUwTwZ110>



Circuit Model: IV relationship

Capacitor Symbol



$$Q_{\text{elem}} = C \cdot V_{\text{elem}}$$

$[C]$ $[F]$ $[V]$
(Farad)

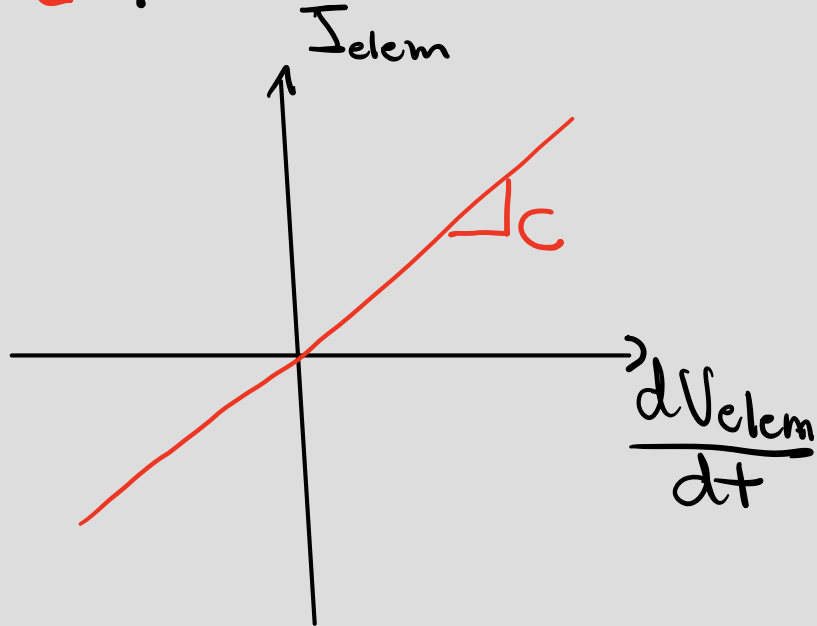
We know: $I_{\text{elem}} = \frac{dQ_{\text{elem}}}{dt}$

$$I_{\text{elem}} = \frac{d}{dt} C \cdot V_{\text{elem}}$$

$C = \text{constant over time}$

$$I_{\text{elem}} = C \cdot \frac{dV_{\text{elem}}}{dt}$$

→ Can use the same 7-step analysis.



Capacitance

$$C = \epsilon \frac{A}{d}$$

$$[F] = \left[\frac{F}{m} \right] \left[\frac{m^2}{m} \right]$$

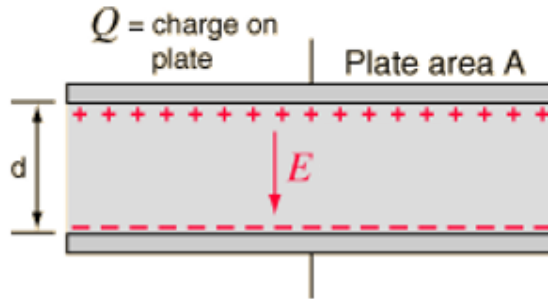
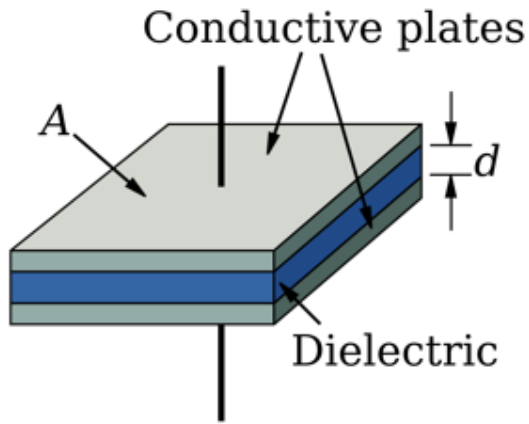
Depends on:

- Materials : ϵ permittivity

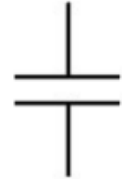
$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$$

- Geometry of Conductors



Symbol:



Capacitance:

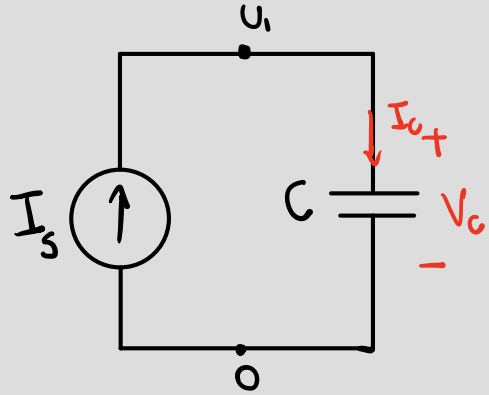
C

Units: Farads [F]

IV equation:

$$I = C \cdot \frac{dV}{dt}$$

Simple Circuit 1



KCL: $I_s = I_c$

Element Def.:

$$I_c = C \cdot \frac{dV_c}{dt}$$

Voltage Def:

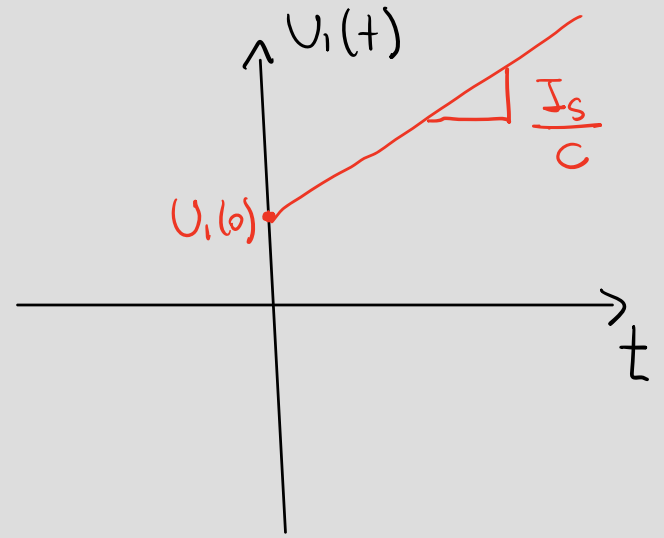
$$U_1 - 0 = V_c$$

$$I_s = C \frac{dU_1}{dt} \times dt$$

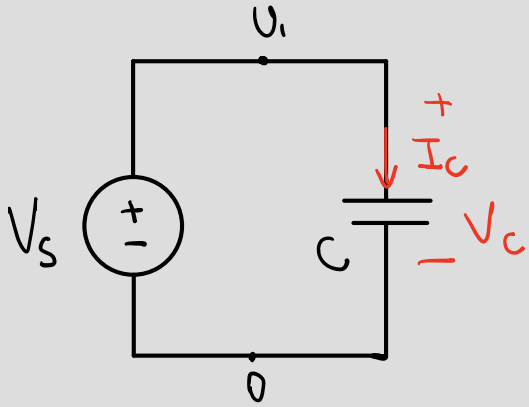
$$I_s \cdot dt = C dU_1$$
$$\int_0^t I_s dt = \int_{U_1(0)}^{U_1(t)} C \cdot dU_1$$

$$I_s t = C \cdot (U_1(t) - U_1(0))$$

$$U_1(t) = \frac{I_s}{C} \cdot t + U_1(0)$$



Simple Circuit 2



$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_1 - 0 &= V_s \\ V_1 - 0 &= V_c \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Voltage Def.}$$

$$V_s = V_c$$

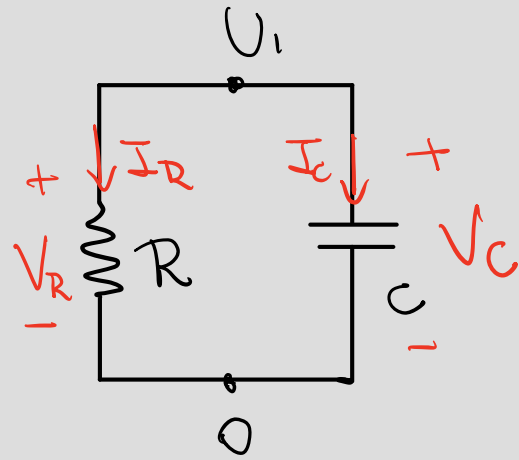
$$I_c = C \frac{dV_c}{dt} \quad (\text{capacitor Def.})$$

$$I_c = C \frac{dV_c}{dt} = C \cdot \frac{dV_s}{dt} = 0$$

Current in a capacitor is zero when
a constant voltage source is across it.

Hint: We like zeros... they make our lives easier!

Simple Circuit 3



$$U_1 = ?$$

Steady State:
means the Voltages
Settled.

If current is zero \Rightarrow  OPEN-CIRCUIT

looking for U_1 value when
 $V_C = \text{const.}$ (steady-state)

$$I_C = C \frac{dV_C}{dt} = 0$$

$$\text{KCL: } I_C + I_R = 0$$

$$I_R = 0$$

$$\text{Ohm's law: } V_R = I_R R = 0$$

$$\text{Voltage Def: } U_1 - 0 = V_R$$

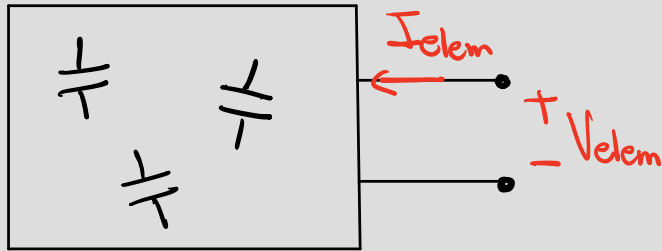
$$U_1 = 0$$

Equivalent Circuits with Capacitors

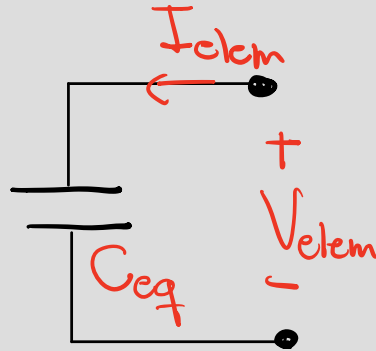
* Capacitor-only circuits

~~Step 1: find V_{th} and I_{no}~~ no source

Step 2:
$$C_{eq} = \frac{I_{elem}}{\frac{dV_{elem}}{dt}}$$



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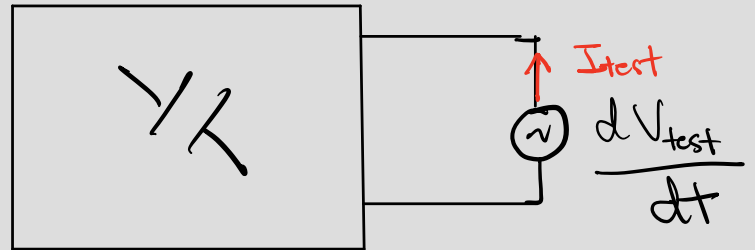
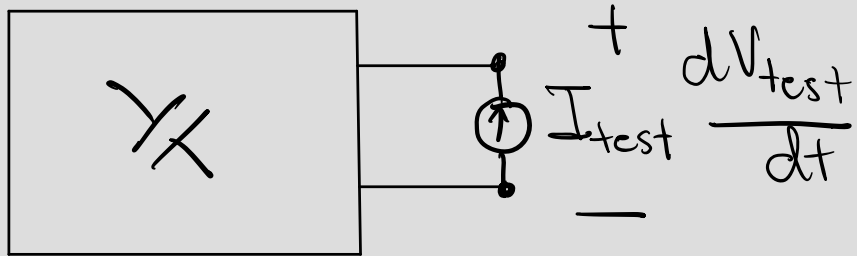


only if
(match $\frac{dV_{elem}}{dt}$)

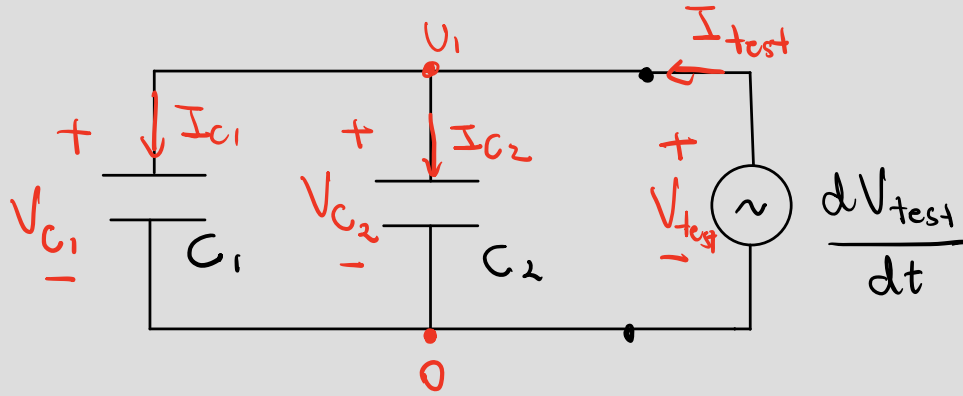
Two Methods:

- a) Apply I_{test} and measure $\frac{dV_{\text{test}}}{dt}$
- b) Apply $\frac{dV_{\text{test}}}{dt}$ and measure I_{test}
- $$= C_{\text{eq}} = \frac{I_{\text{test}}}{\frac{dV_{\text{test}}}{dt}}$$

(a)



Example 1



$$V_{C_1} = U_1, V_{C_2} = U_1 \text{ and } U_1 = V_{test}$$

$$\frac{dU_1}{dt} = \frac{dV_{test}}{dt}$$

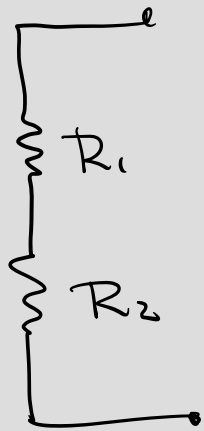
Elem def: $I_{c_1} = C_1 \frac{dV_1}{dt} = C_1 \frac{dU_1}{dt} = C_1 \frac{dV_{test}}{dt}$

Elem def: $I_{c_2} = C_2 \frac{dV_2}{dt} = C_2 \frac{dU_1}{dt} = C_2 \frac{dV_{test}}{dt}$

KCL: $I_{test} = I_{c_1} + I_{c_2} = C_1 \frac{dV_{test}}{dt} + C_2 \frac{dV_{test}}{dt}$

$$I_{\text{test}} = (C_1 + C_2) \frac{dV_{\text{test}}}{dt}$$

$$C_{\text{eq}} = \frac{I_{\text{test}}}{\frac{dV_{\text{test}}}{dt}} = C_1 + C_2$$

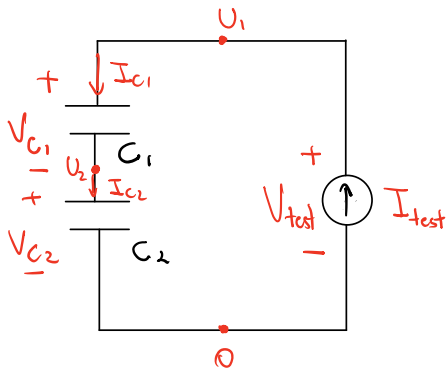


$$\equiv R_{\text{eq}} = R_1 + R_2$$

Series

Example 2 :

"Capacitors in series"



KCL : $I_{C1} = I_{C2} = I_{test}$

Elements :

$$I_{C2} = C_2 \frac{dV_{C2}}{dt}$$

$$I_{C1} = C_1 \frac{dV_{C1}}{dt}$$

Voltage Def :

$$V_{C2} = U_2 - 0$$

$$V_{C1} = U_1 - U_2$$

$$V_{test} = U_1 - 0$$

For V_{C2} :

$$I_{C2} = C_2 \frac{dV_{C2}}{dt}$$

$$I_{test} = C_2 \frac{dU_2}{dt} \equiv \frac{dU_2}{dt} = \frac{I_{test}}{C_2}$$

For V_{C1}

$$I_{C1} = C_1 \frac{dV_{C1}}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dV_{C1}}{dt} = \frac{I_{C1}}{C_1} = \frac{dU_1 - dU_2}{dt} = \frac{I_{test}}{C_1}$$

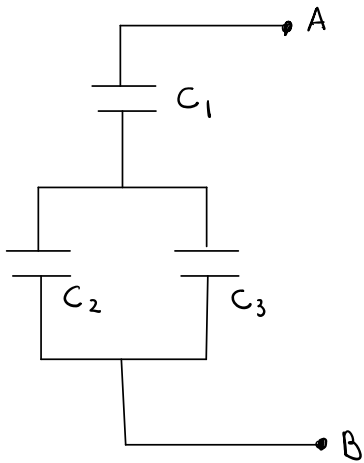
$$\frac{dU_1}{dt} = \frac{dU_2}{dt} + \frac{I_{test}}{C_1} = \frac{I_{test}}{C_2} + \frac{I_{test}}{C_1}$$

$$\frac{dU_1}{dt} = \frac{dV_{test}}{dt} = I_{test} \left(\frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_1} \right)$$

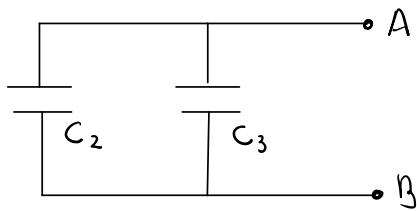
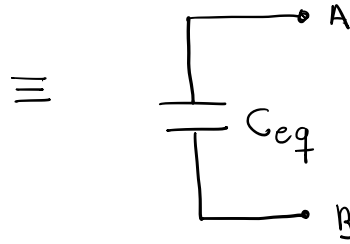
$$C_{eq} = \frac{I_{test}}{\frac{dV_{test}}{dt}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}} = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} = C_1 \parallel C_2$$

$$C_{eq} = C_1 \parallel C_2 \quad (\parallel - \text{parallel mathematical operator})$$

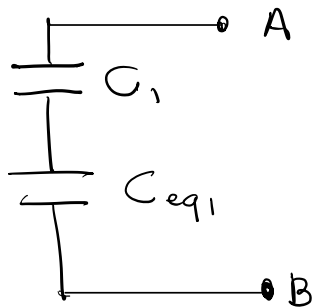
Example 3



$$C_{eq} = C_1 \parallel (C_2 + C_3)$$

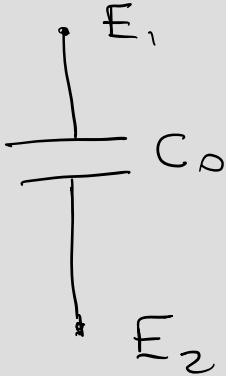
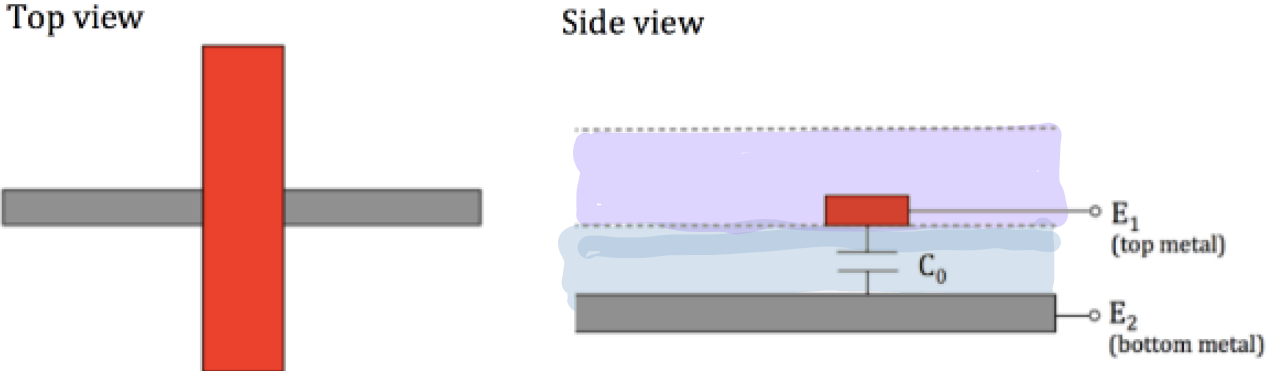


$$\Rightarrow C_{eq1} = C_2 + C_3$$



$$C_{eq} = C_1 \parallel C_{eq1}$$

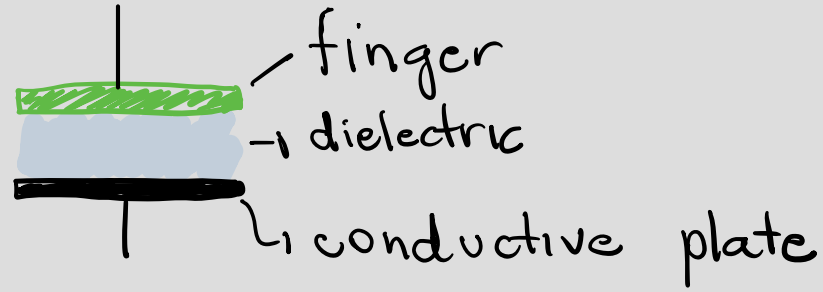
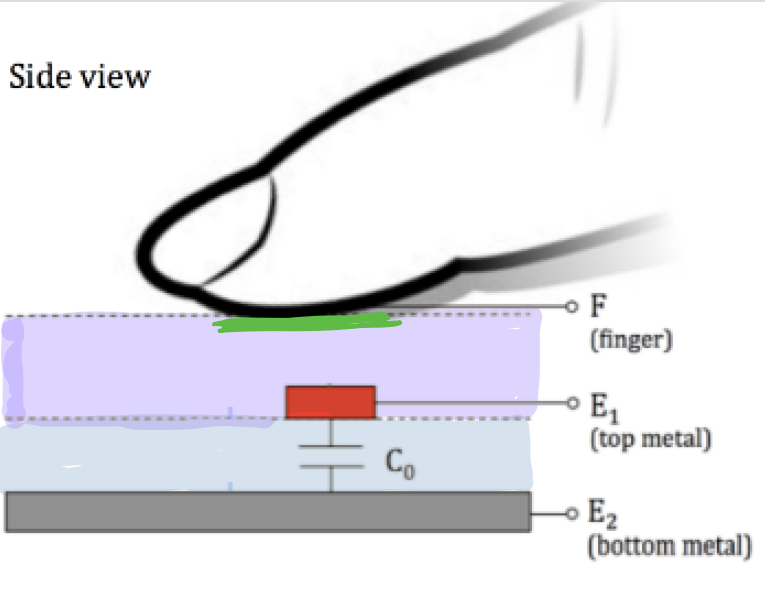
Capacitive Touchscreen – Model without touch



$$C_0 = \epsilon \cdot \frac{A}{d}$$

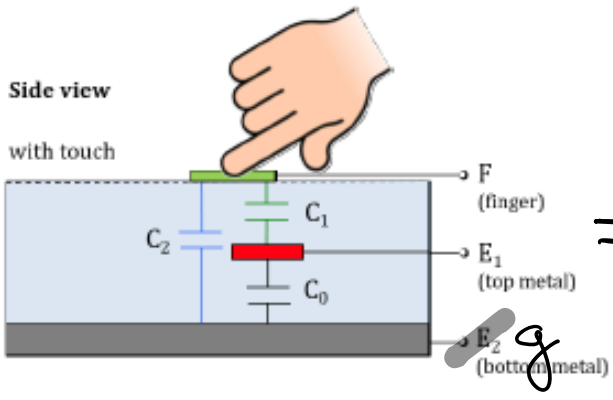
Capacitive Touchscreen – Model with touch

When there is a touch, it makes a capacitor!

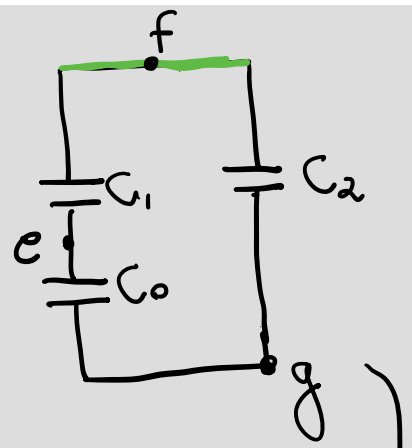


Problem: How can Voltage/Current when the finger is one of the terminals?

Solution: Models / Good architecture



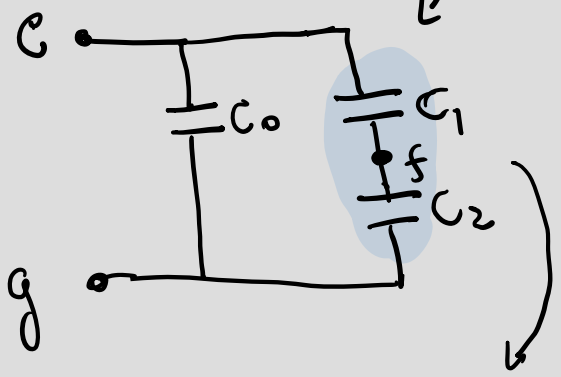
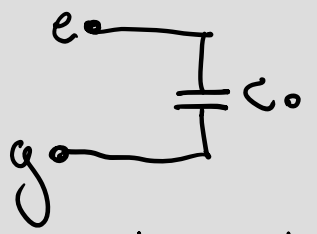
⇒ circuit model



We only have access to nodes e and g, not f

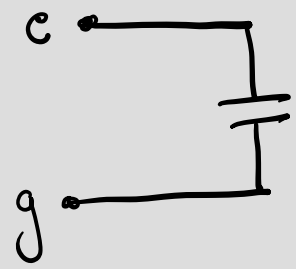
Redraw to focus on terminals (nodes) e and g

When no touch:



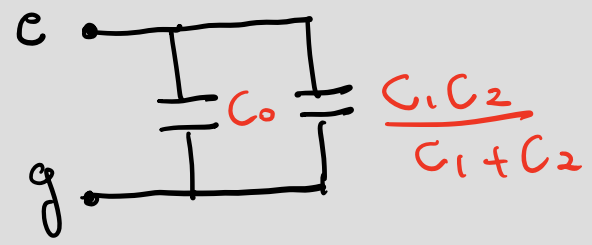
Equivalent capacitance for C_1 in series with C_2

with touch:



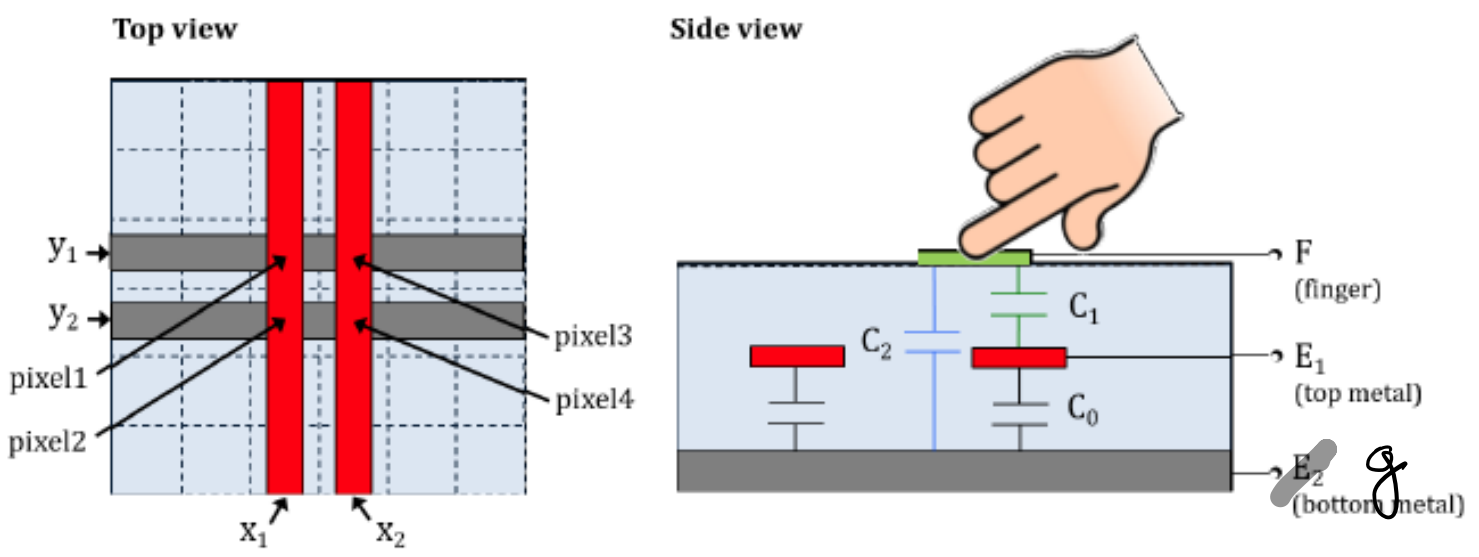
$$C_0 + \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$$

Extra Capacitance due to touch!



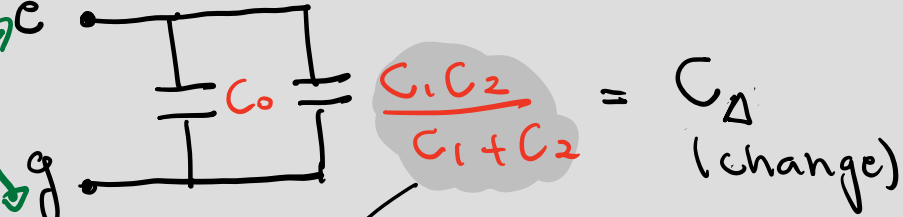
⇒ Equiv. Capacitance for C_0 in parallel to $\frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$

2D View – How do we measure Capacitance?



Problem: We don't have a capacitance-meter!

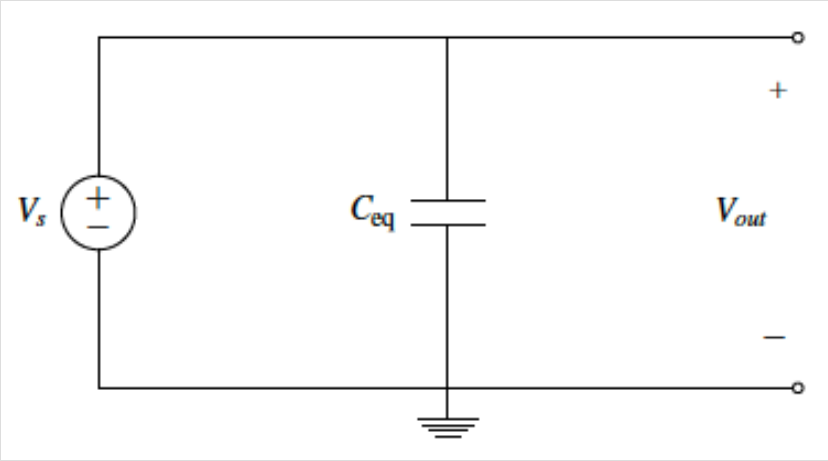
We want to measure capacitance here



This capacitor goes away with no touch

We will try ideas to get to a final model.

Measuring Capacitance Models – Attempt #1

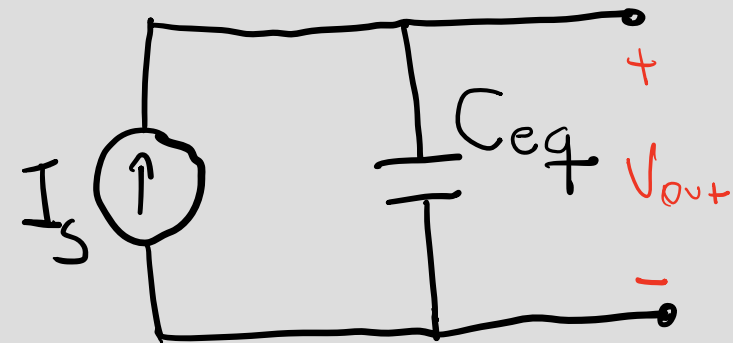


If there is touch: $V_c = V_s$

If there is no touch: $V_c = V_s$

V_{out} does not change!

Bad idea! ✖



Very hard to make current sources! ✖

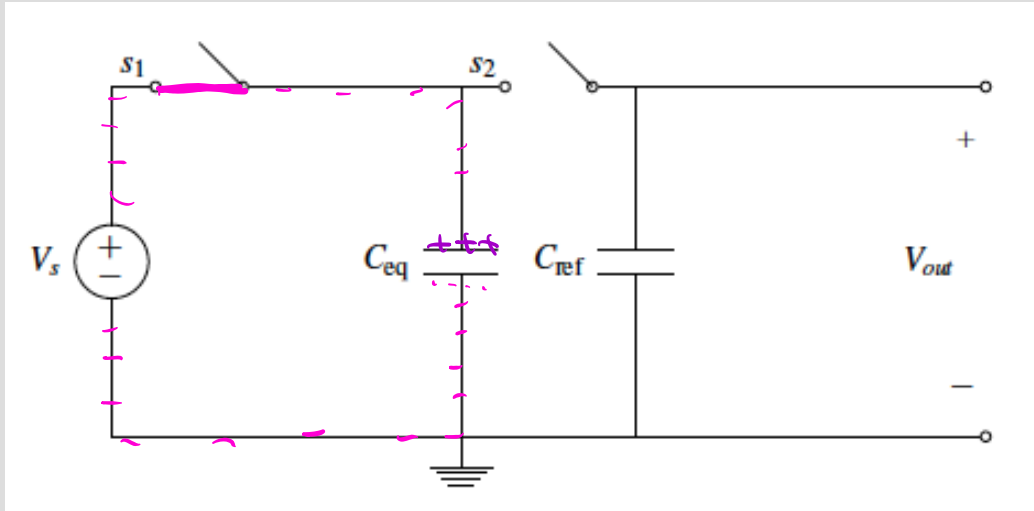
Assume starts out discharged:

$$V_{out}(t=0) = 0$$

$$I_s = C_{eq} \frac{dV_{out}(t)}{dt} \rightarrow V_{out}(t) = \int_0^t \frac{I_s}{C_{eq}} dt$$

$$V_{out} = \frac{I_s t}{C_{eq}} \Rightarrow C_{eq} = \frac{I_s}{\frac{dV_c(t)}{dt}}$$

Measuring Capacitance Models – Attempt #2 – add switches and a reference capacitor



Phase 1: Close S_1 ; Open S_2

C_{eq} is charging

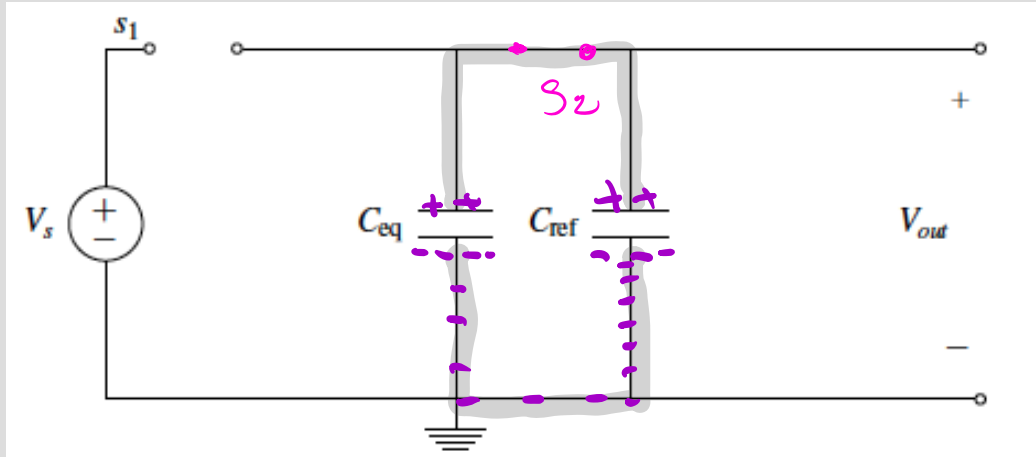
$q = C_{eq} \cdot V_s$ accumulates on capacitor plates.

1st – Close both switches
We want to charge C_{ref}
and measure V_{out} as
 C_{ref} discharges.

If both closed – nothing
happens! Attempt #1

Measuring Capacitance Models – Attempt #2 – add switches and a reference capacitor

Phase 2: close S_2 , open S_1



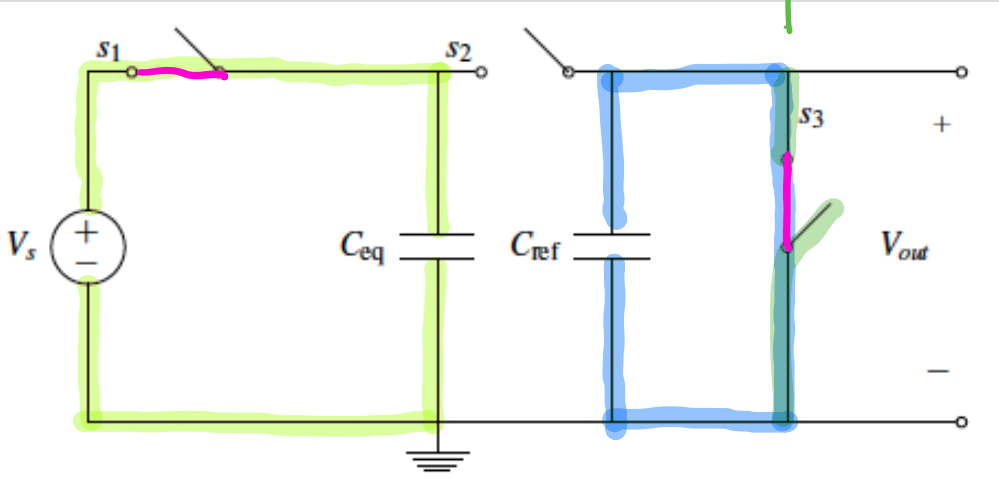
- There is a path for charge to move.
- C_{eq} can provide the energy needed for current.

Charge will split between C_{eq} and C_{ref}

"charge sharing"

So close! But we don't know initial C_{ref} .

Measuring Capacitance Models – Attempt #3 – known initial condition



Use S_3 to discharge C_{ref} so we know $C_{ref} = 0$

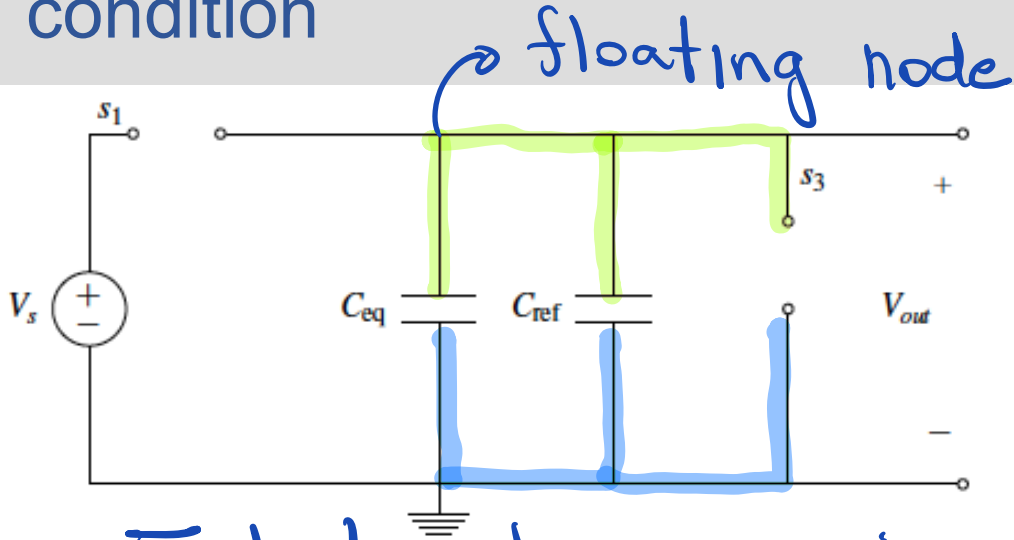
Phase 1: S_3 closed, S_1 closed, S_2 open

C_{ref} discharges $V_{out} \rightarrow 0$
 $q = C_{ref} \cdot V_{out} = 0$ ✓

C_{eq} charges
 $q = C_{eq} \cdot V_s$

Phase 2: S_1 open,
 S_2 closed, S_3 open
 C_{eq} - charged

Measuring Capacitance Models – Attempt #3 – known initial condition



Voltage across C_{eq} : V_{out}
Voltage across C_{ref} : V_{out}
Charge in C_{eq} : $q_1 = C_{eq} V_{out}$
charge in C_{ref} : $q_2 = C_{ref} V_{out}$

Total charge is conserved!

$$q(\text{phase 1}) = q(\text{phase 2})$$

$$C_{eq} \cdot V_s = C_{eq} V_{out} + C_{ref} \cdot V_{out}$$

$$V_{out} = \frac{C_{eq} V_s}{C_{eq} + C_{ref}}$$

\Rightarrow V_{out} changes when C_{eq} changes!!!