



Danger
Electric shock
risk



EECS 16A

Spring 2023 - Profs. Muller & Waller
Lecture 8A - Capacitors

Admin

Midterm scores have been released
Overall – great work!

Mean: 72.55

Median: 76.1

Standard Deviation: 17.92

Toolbox

KVL: Voltage drops around a loop sum to 0

KCL: All currents coming out of a node sum to 0

$$V = IR$$

$$P = IV$$

$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$$

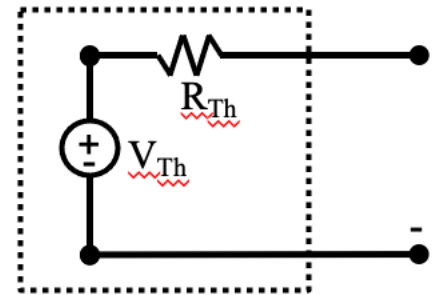
$$R_1 \parallel R_2 = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$V_{\text{source}}(\text{off}) \rightarrow \text{short}$

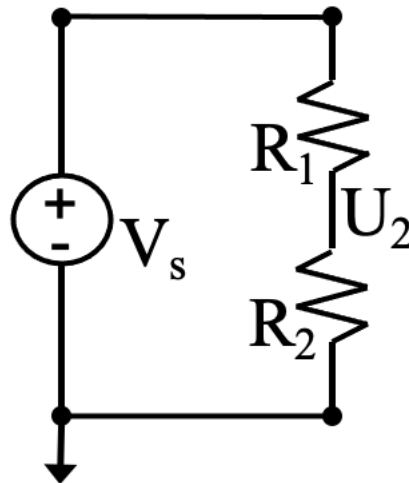
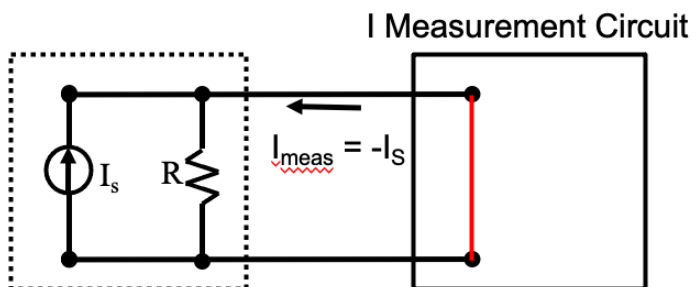
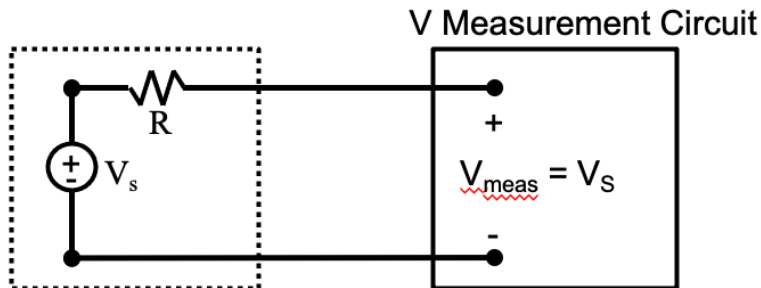
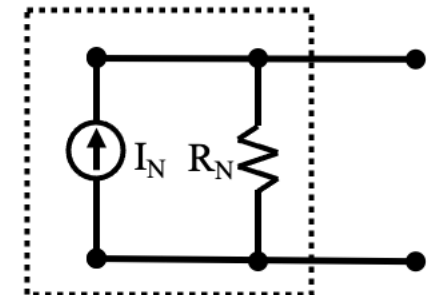
$I_{\text{source}}(\text{off}) \rightarrow \text{open}$

$$R_{\text{Th}} = V_{\text{Th}} / I_{\text{N}}$$

Thevenin Equivalent Circuit



Norton Equivalent Circuit



$$I = \frac{V_s}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$U_2 = \frac{V_s R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

What is a Capacitor?

Stores Electric Charge



Capacitor



Battery

Storage

Less

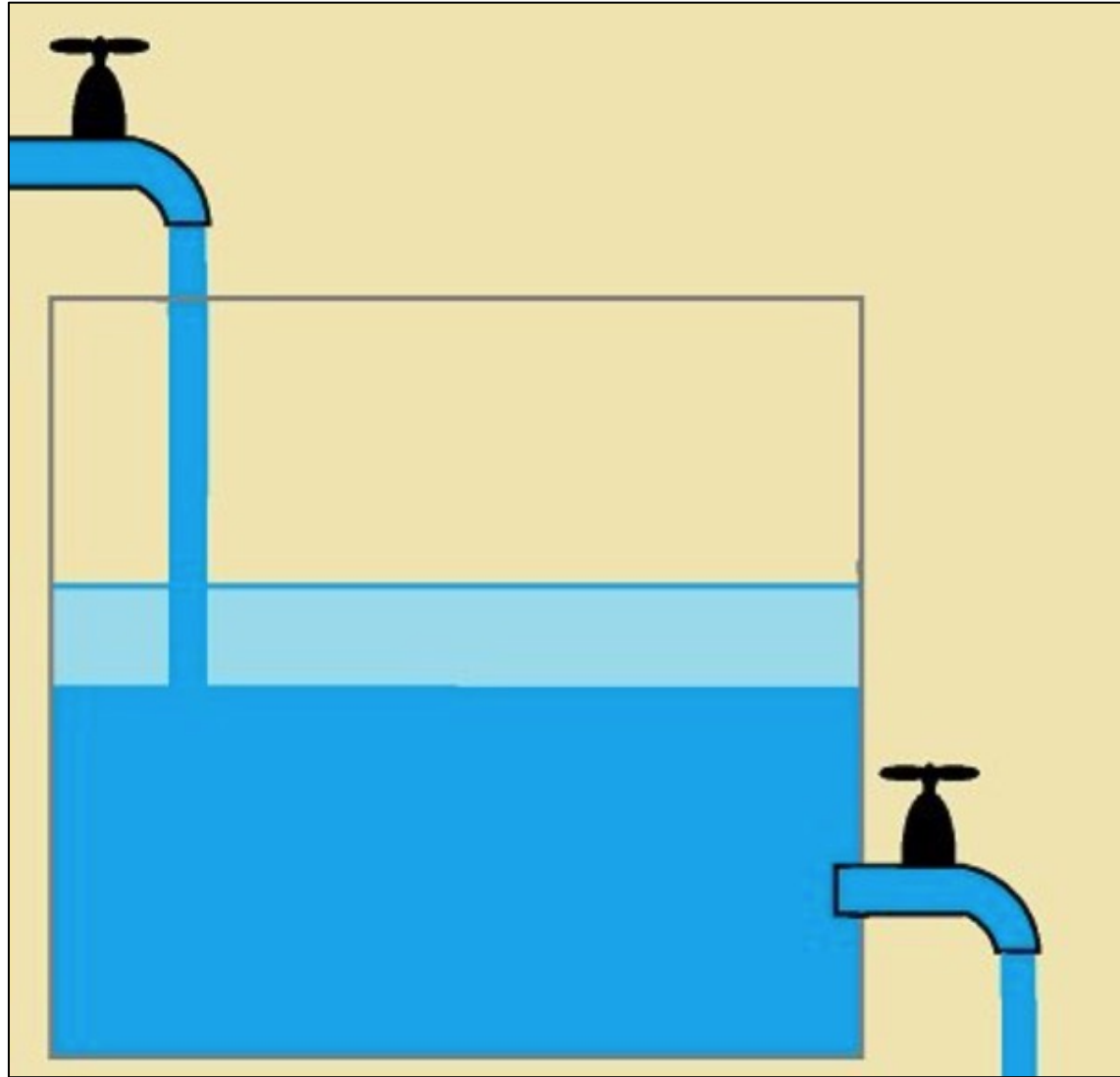
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Charge/discharge

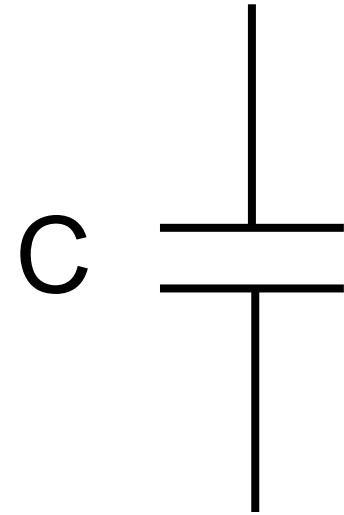
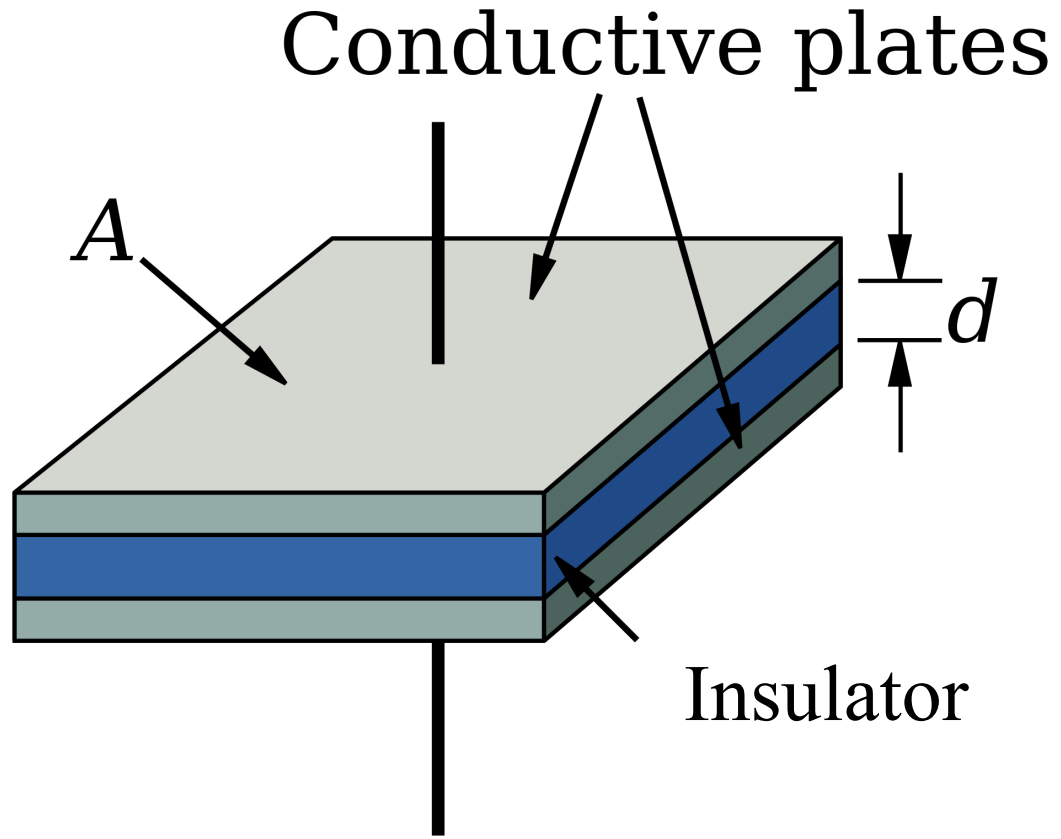
Fast

Slow

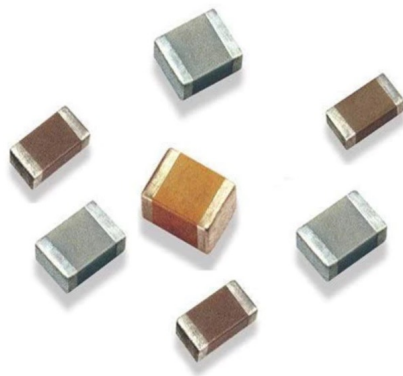
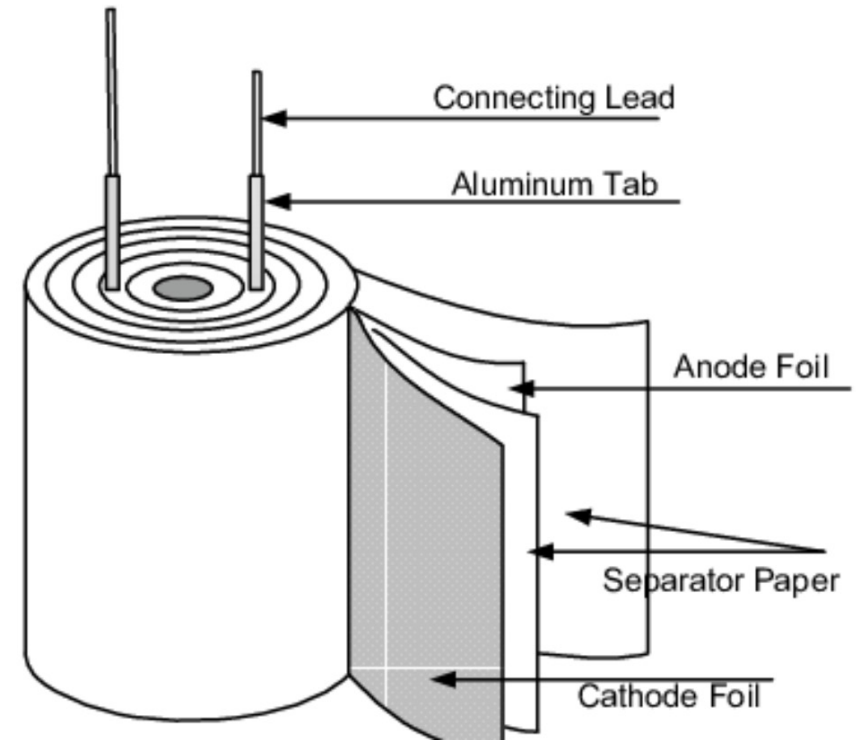
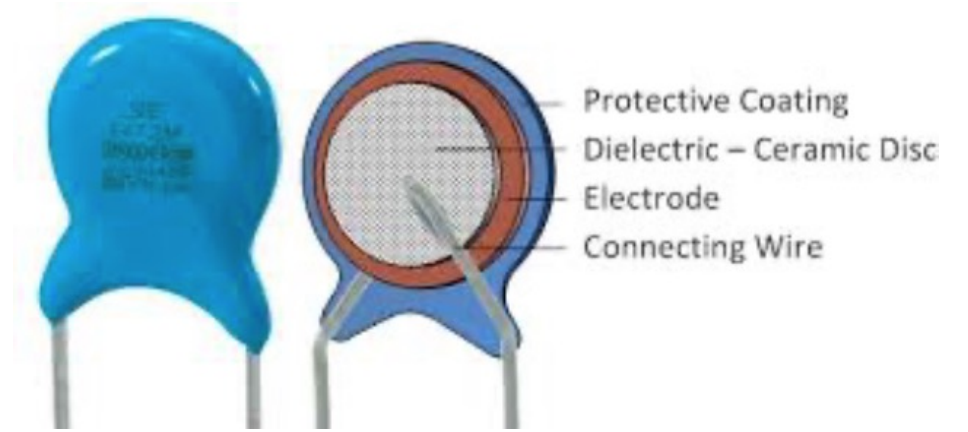
Water Analogy!



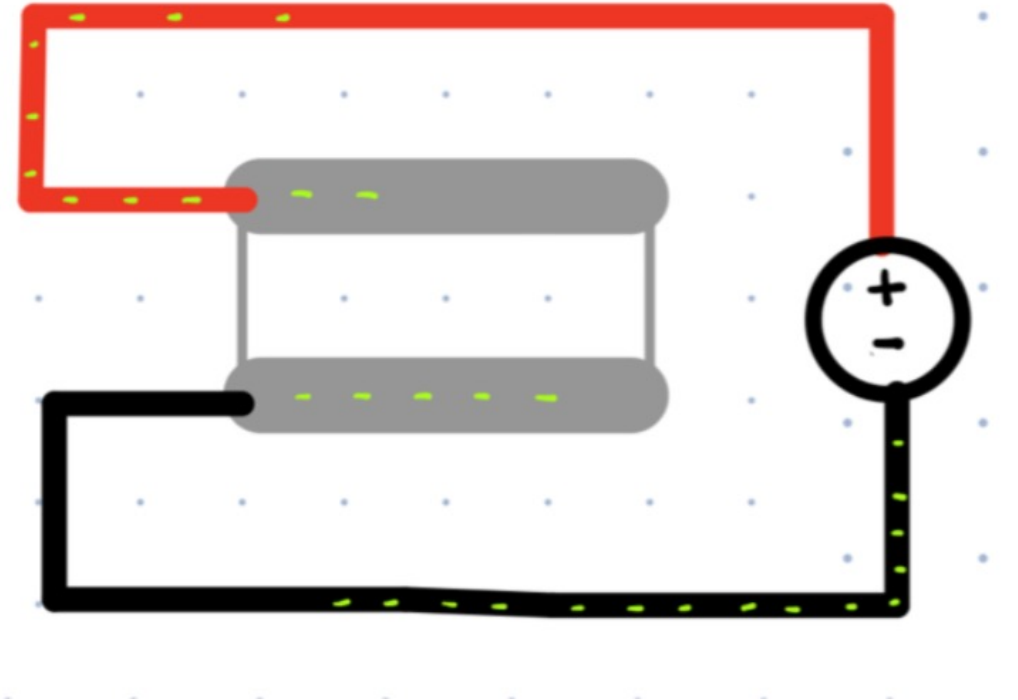
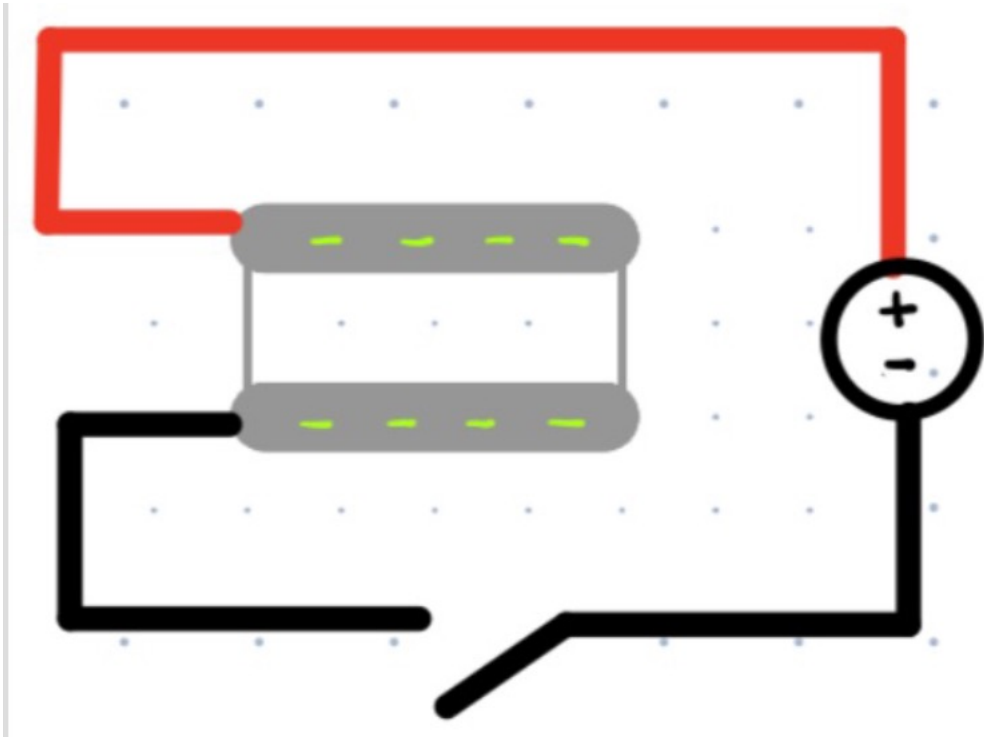
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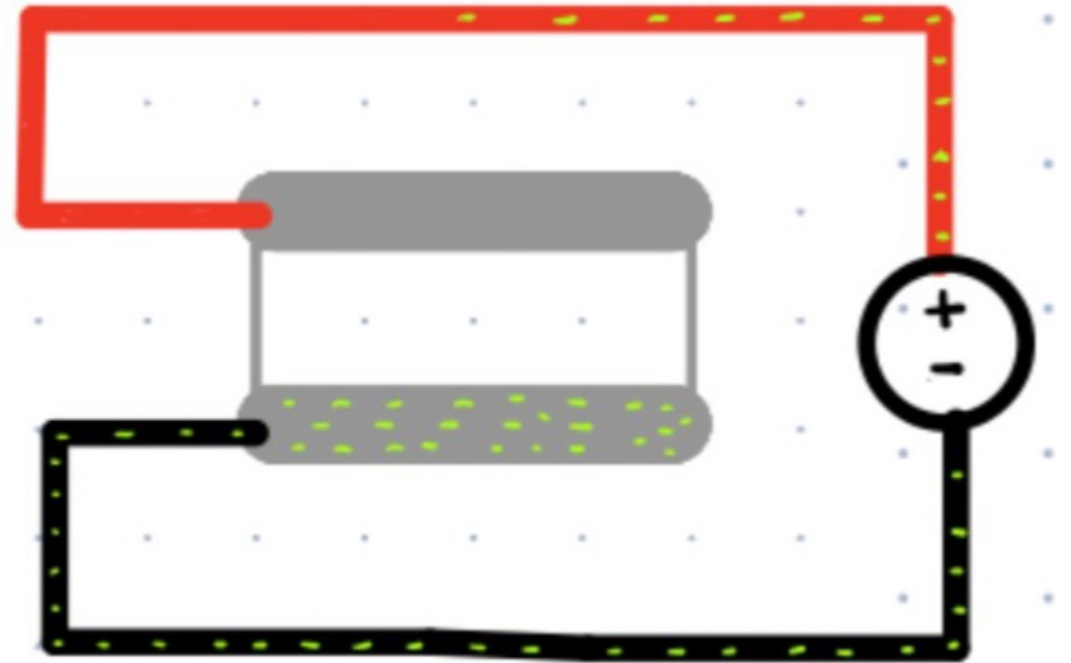
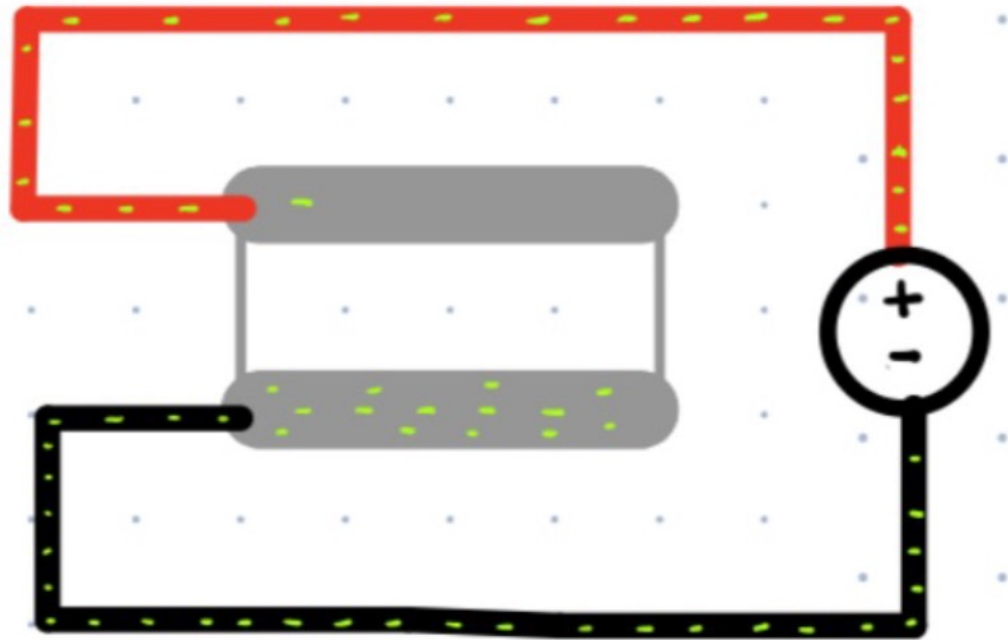
Real Capacitors



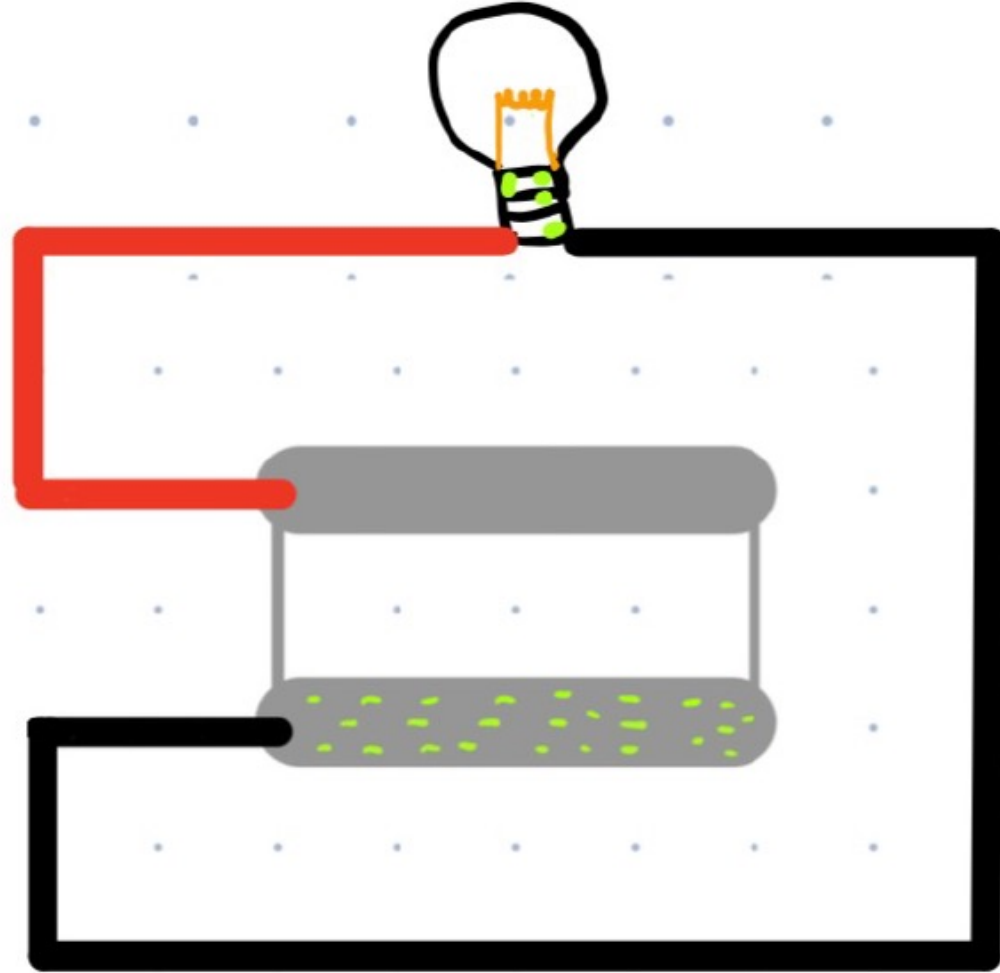
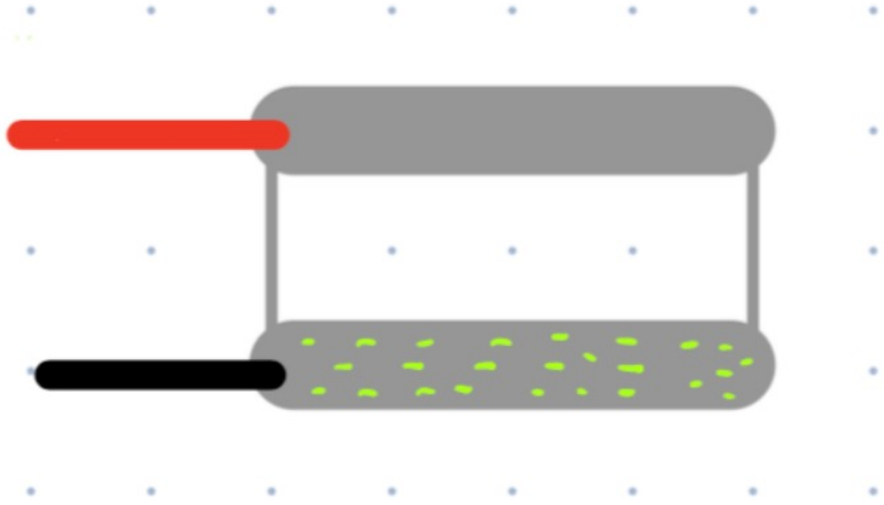
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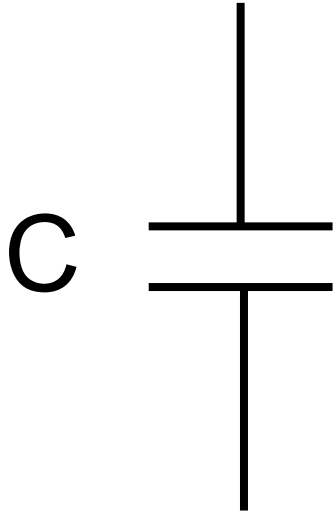
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Circuit Model



Capacitance C in [Farads] or [F]

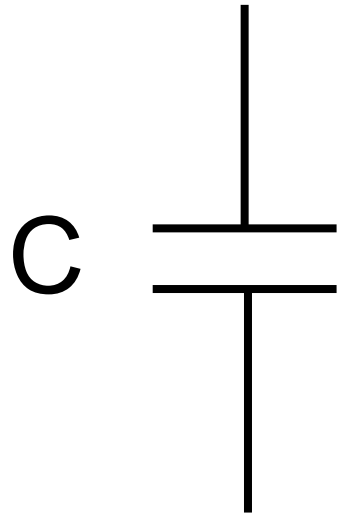
$$Q_{\text{elem}} = C V_{\text{elem}}$$

Recall: $I_{\text{elem}} = dQ_{\text{elem}}/dt$

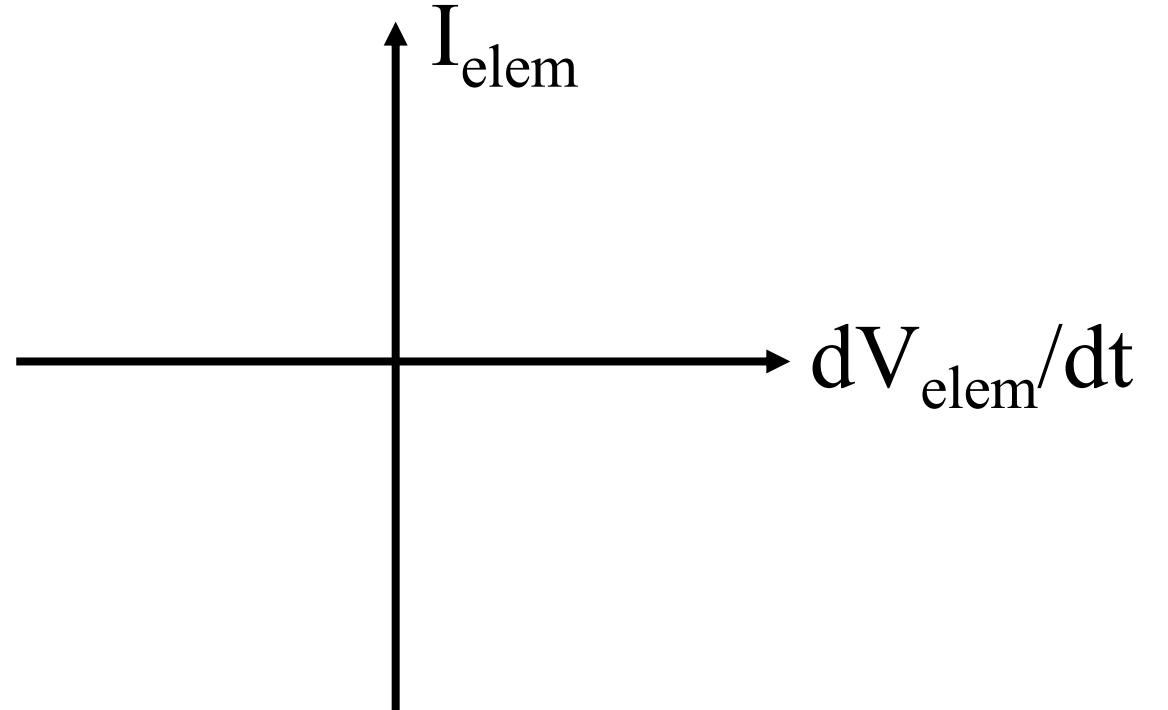
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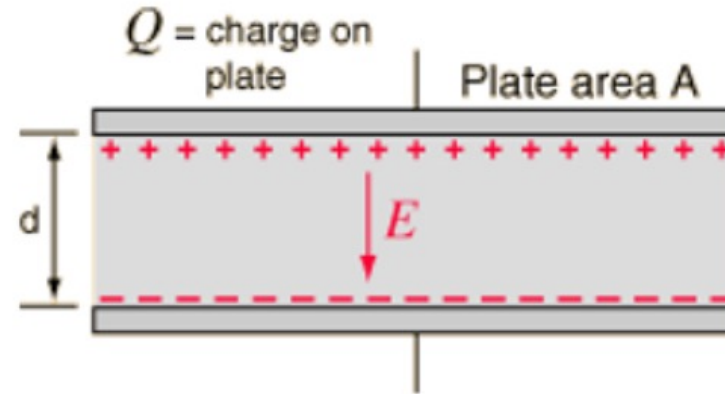
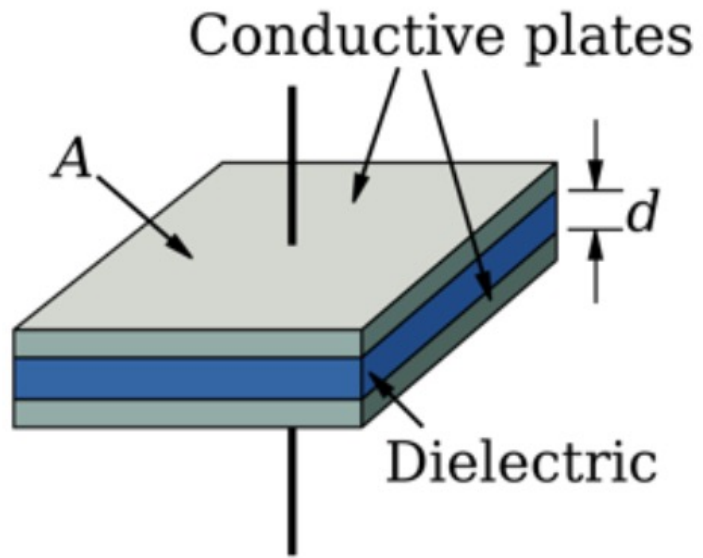
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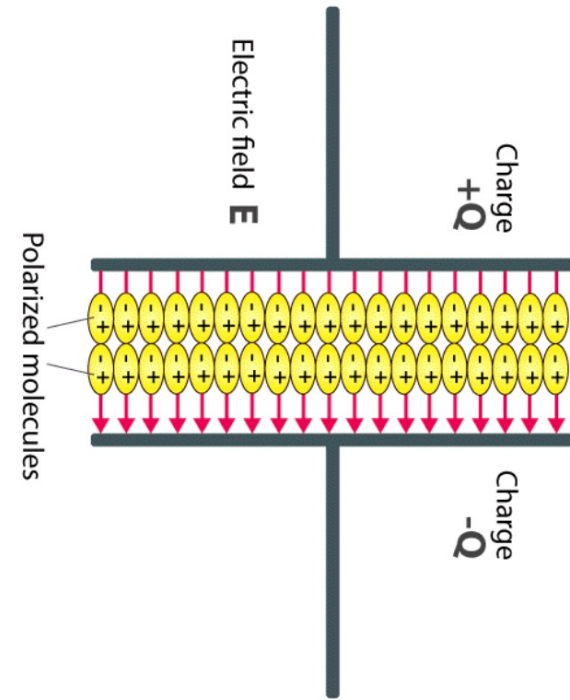
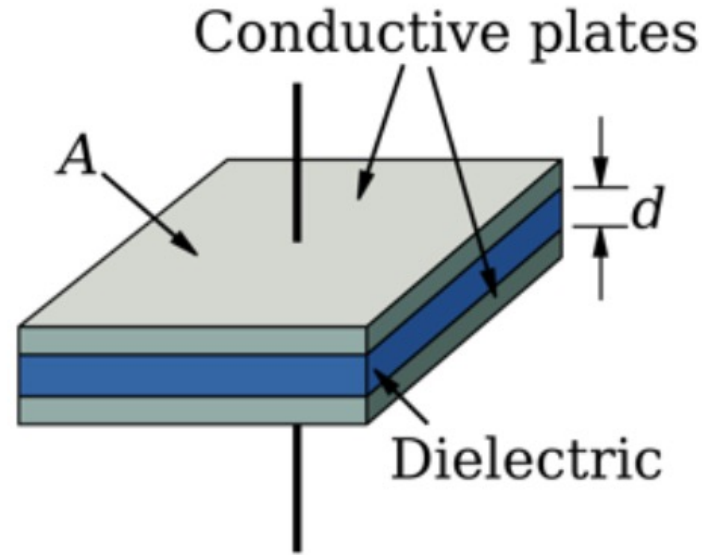
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$$C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}$$

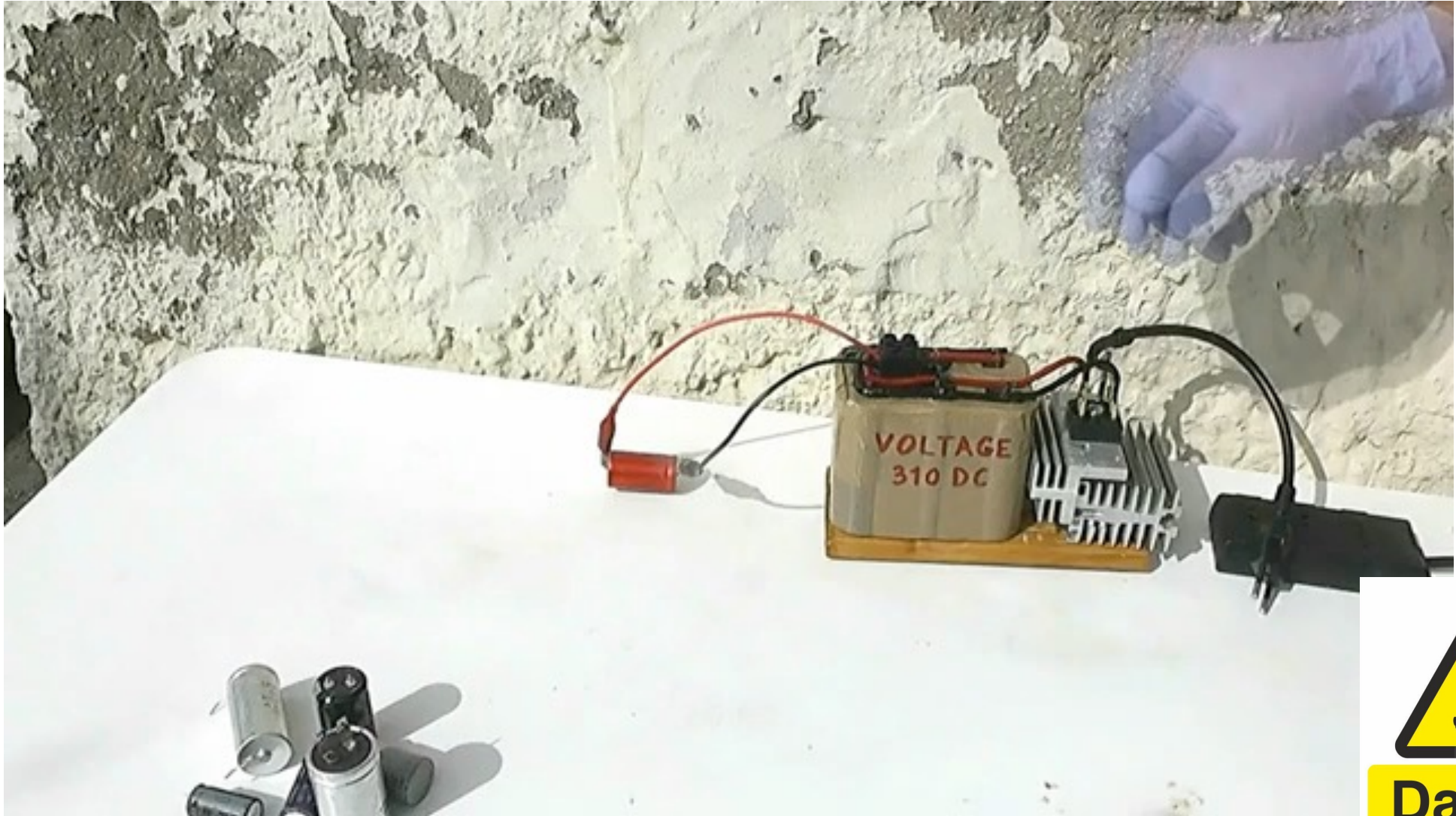


A **dielectric** is an insulator that can be polarized. Polarization can increase the energy storage capacity!

Permittivity (ϵ) in [F/m] is a measure of the electric **polarizability of a dielectric**

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \quad \epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$$

Electrolytic Capacitors and Explosions!



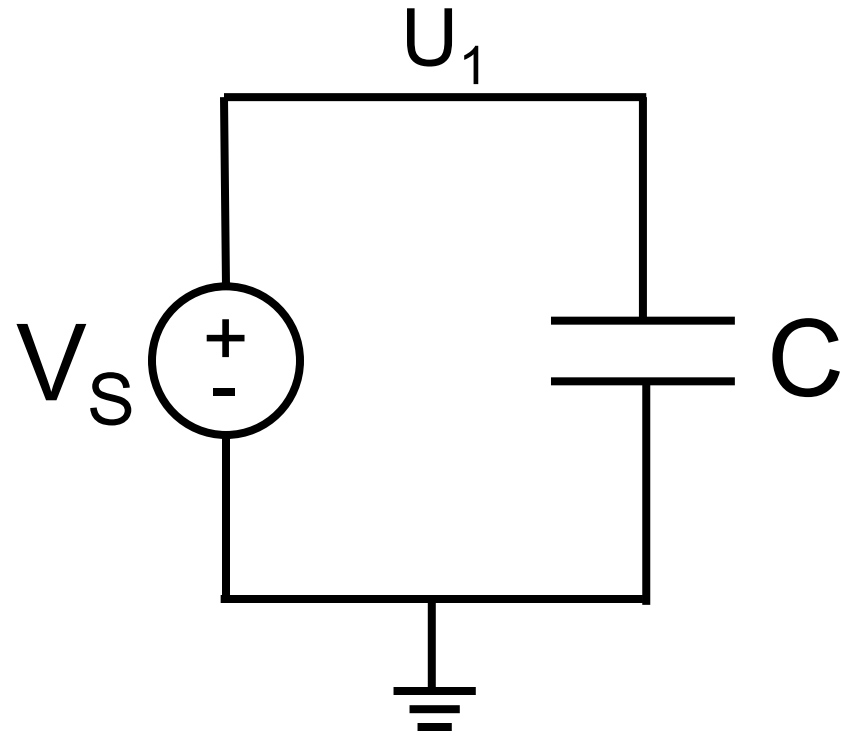
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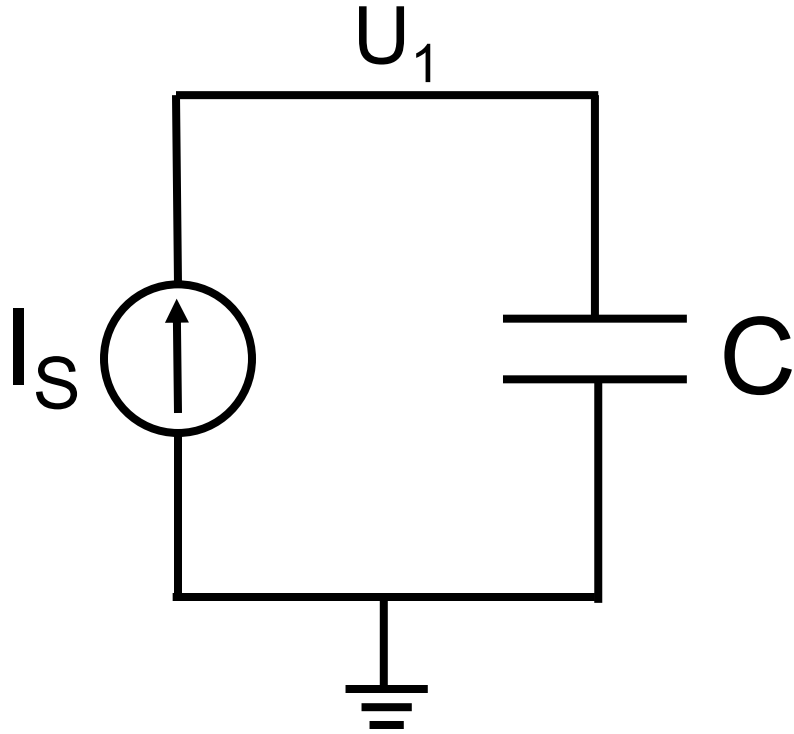
Circuit Example 1

Find the current in the capacitor I_C .



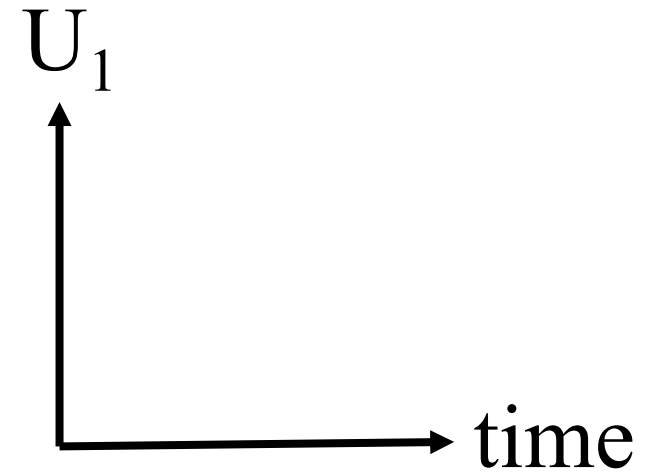
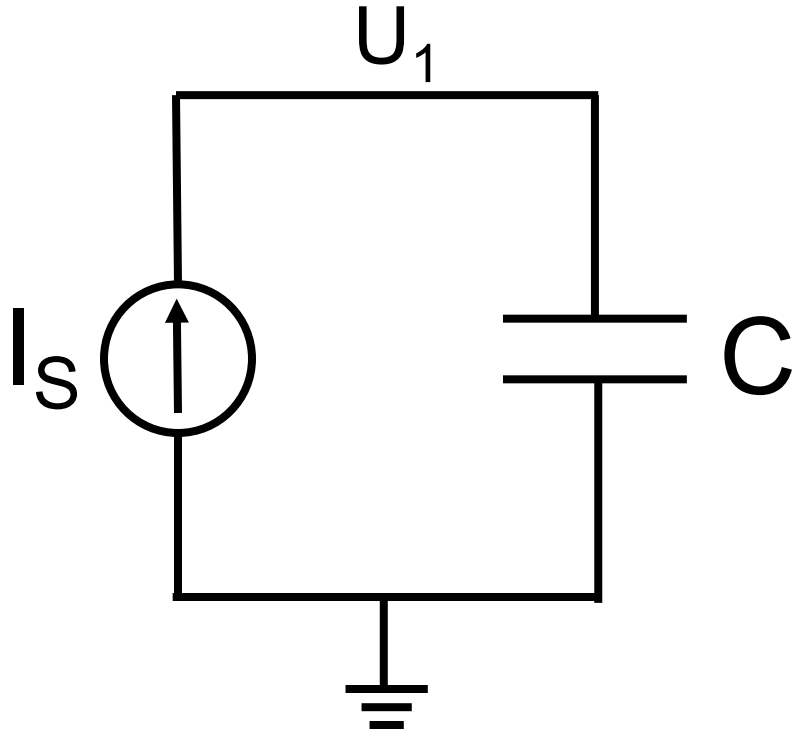
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Circuit Example 3

What is the steady-state potential U_1 ?

