



Danger
Electric shock
risk



EECS 16A

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Lecture 8B –
Capacitors & Capacitive Touchscreens

Toolbox

KVL: Voltage drops around a loop sum to 0

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

$$V = IR$$

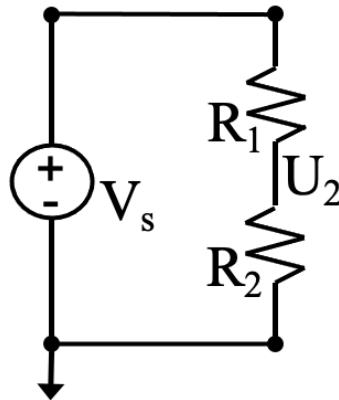
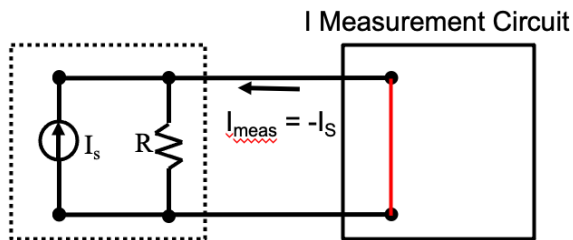
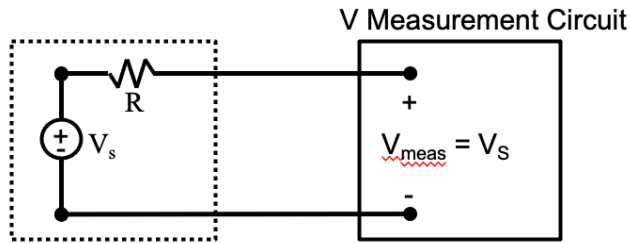
$$P = IV$$

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

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

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

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

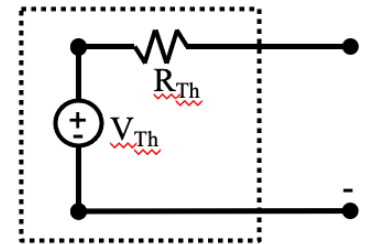


$$I = \frac{V_s}{R_1 + R_2}$$

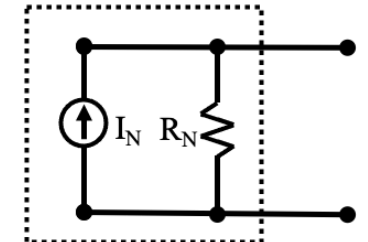
$$U_2 = \frac{V_s R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

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

Thevenin Equivalent Circuit

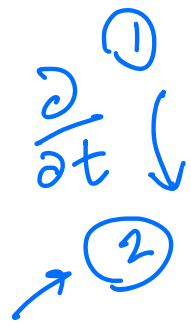
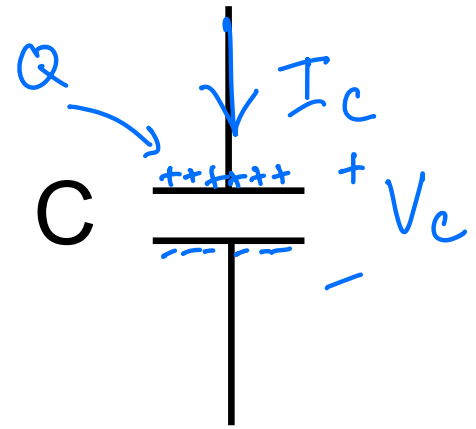


Norton Equivalent Circuit



Last Time

Capacitance C in [Farads] or [F]

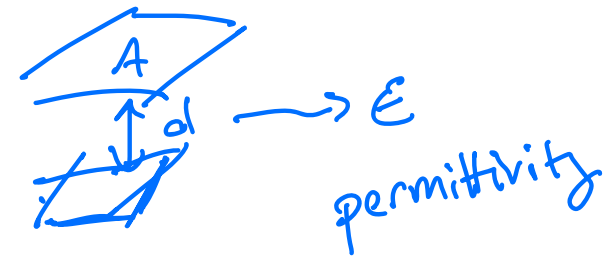


$$Q = CV$$

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

I-V relation

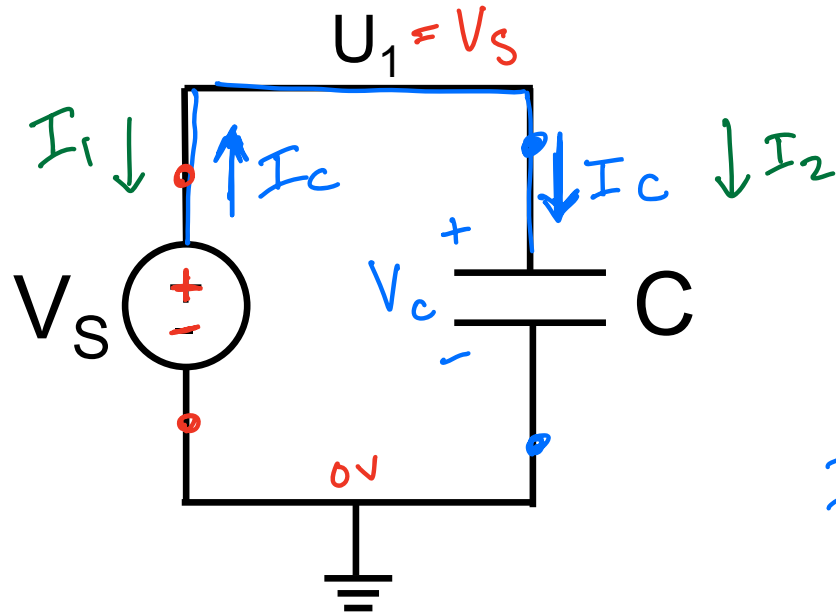
$$C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}$$



Circuit Example 1

Find the current in the capacitor I_C .

→ V_C hasn't changed in a long time. (steady state)



KCL: $I_1 + I_2 = 0$
 $I_1 = -I_2$

Unknowns: I_C

I-V relation for C:

* $I_C = C \frac{dV_C}{dt} = 0$ $V_C = U_1 - 0 = V_s$



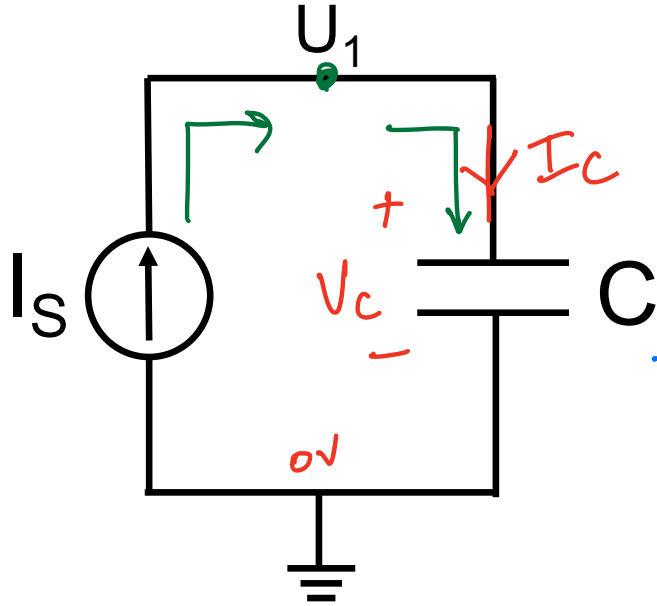
* $I_C = 0$

Circuit Example 2

At time $t = 0$, $U_1 = \cancel{U_1(0)}$ Volts

Plot U_1 vs. time

← cap is discharged



$$U_1(0) = 0$$

$$\text{KVL: } V_c = U_1 - 0 = U_1 \Rightarrow V_c(t=0) = 0$$

$$\text{KCL: } I_s = I_c$$

$$\text{unknown: } V_c = U_1$$

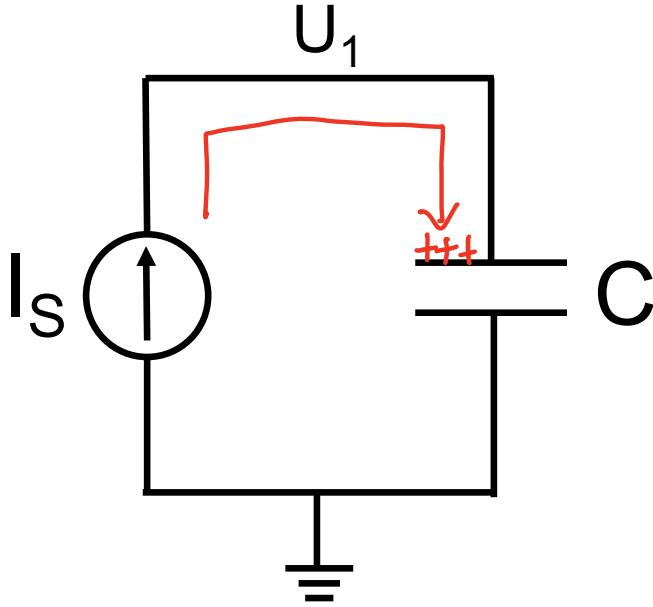
I-V

$$I_c = C \frac{dV_c}{dt} \Rightarrow I_s = C \frac{dU_1}{dt}$$

$$\frac{I_s}{C} dt = \frac{dU_1}{C} \quad \int dU_1 = \int_0^t \frac{I_s}{C} dt$$

Circuit Example 2

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Plot U_1 vs. time



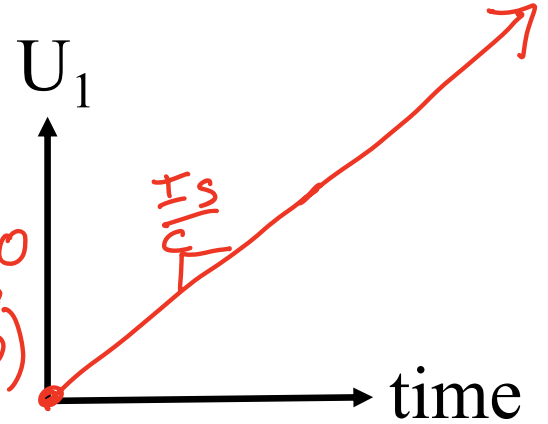
$$\int_{u_1(0)}^{u_1(t)} dU_1 = \int_0^t \frac{I_s}{C} dt$$

$$U_1 \Big|_{u_1(0)}^{u_1(t)} = \frac{I_s}{C} t \Big|_0^t$$

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

$$U_1(0) = 0$$

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



Circuit Example 3

* What is the steady-state potential U_1 ?

waited forever

$$\text{KVL: } V_c = U_1$$

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

$$\underline{I_R} = -\underline{I_c}$$

Unknowns: U_1, I_c

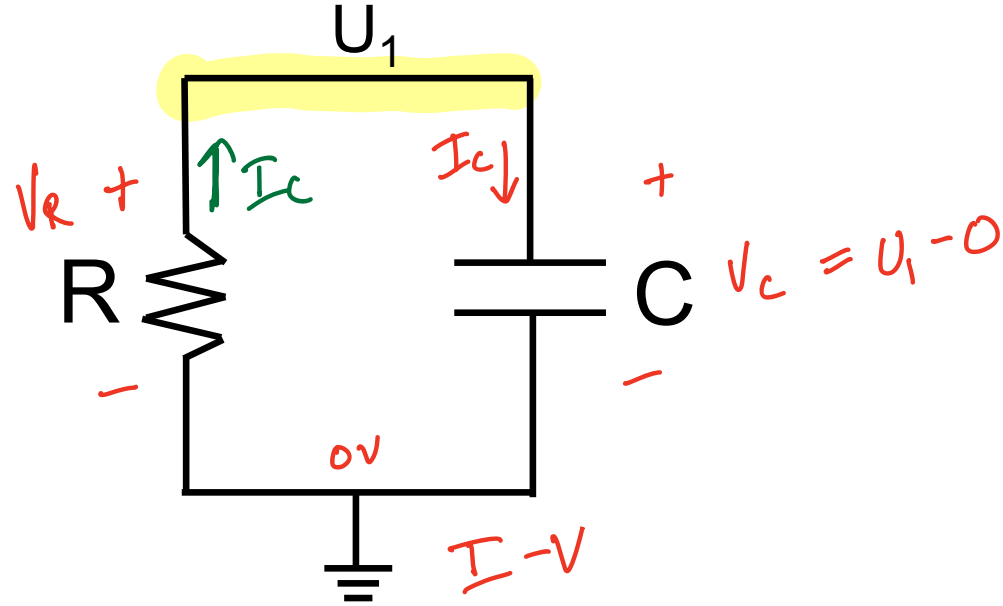
I - V relations:

$$V_R = I_R R$$

$$V_R = U_1 - 0$$

$$V_R = -I_c R$$

$$\textcircled{1} * U_1 = -I_c R$$



I-V relation:

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \underline{I_c} = C \frac{dV_c}{dt} = \cancel{C \frac{dU_1}{dt}}$$

know U_1 doesn't change

$$I_c = 0$$

$$\therefore V_R = 0 \Rightarrow U_1 = 0$$

If you have a V_c that doesn't change
there's no current

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

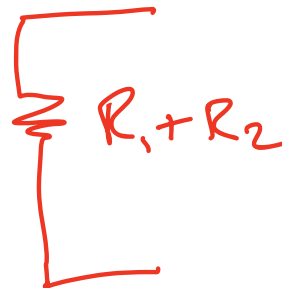
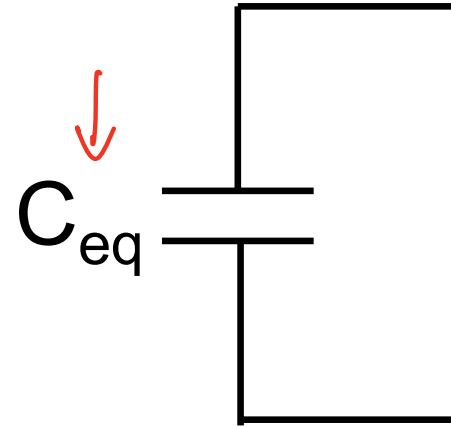
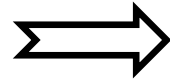
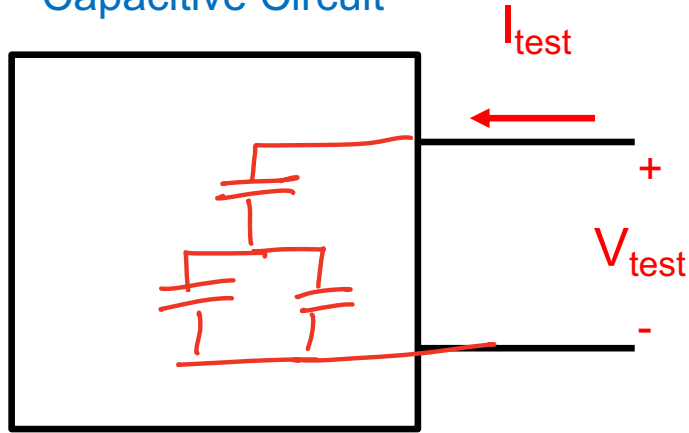
$$\underline{Q = CV}$$

Equivalent Circuits with Capacitors

*Capacitor – only circuits

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

Capacitive Circuit



Resistor

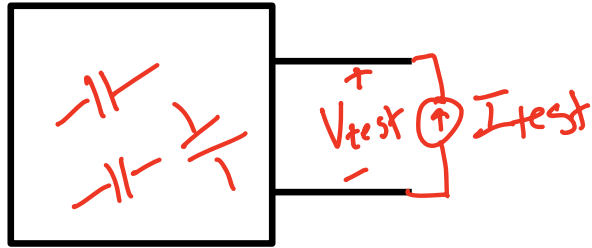
$$V = IR$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

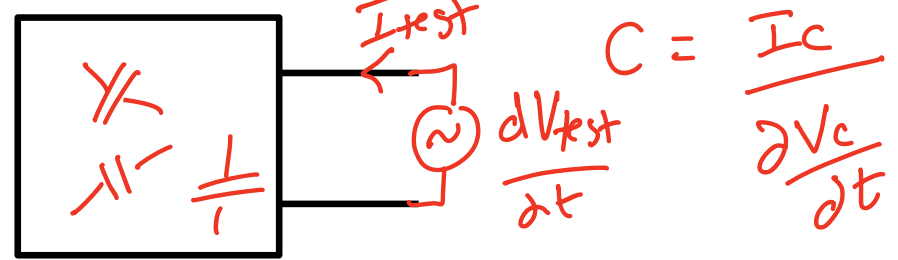
Two Methods

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

Circuit



Circuit



① Method 1:

Apply I_{test}

Measure $\frac{dV_{test}}{dt}$

Method 2:

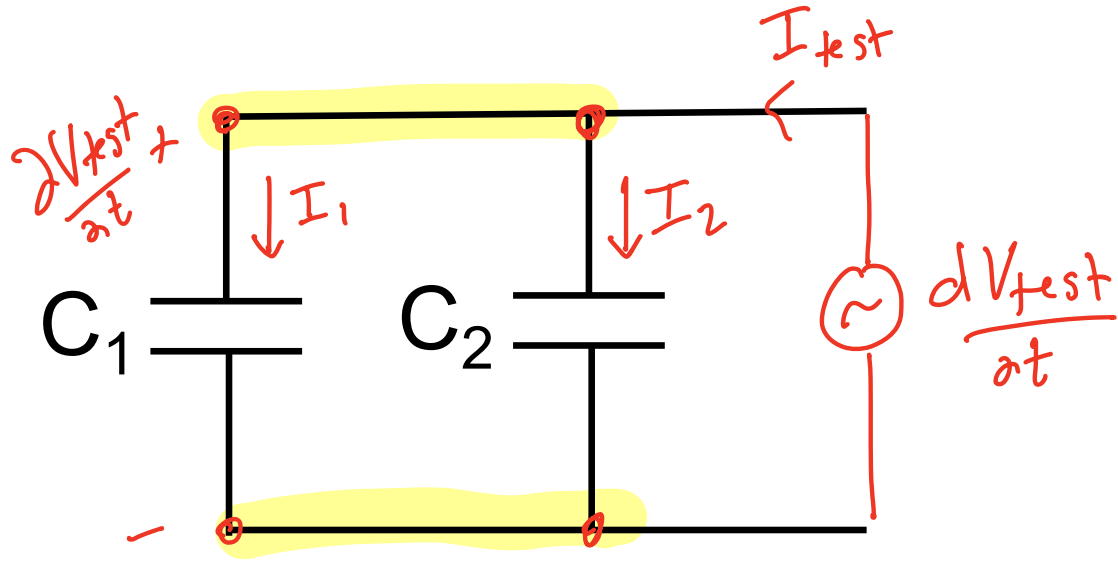
Apply $\frac{dV_{test}}{dt}$

Measure I_{test}

$$f_{incl}: \frac{I_{test}}{\frac{dV_{test}}{dt}} = C_{eq}$$

Equivalence Example 1

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



$$KCL: I_{test} = I_1 + I_2$$

I-V:

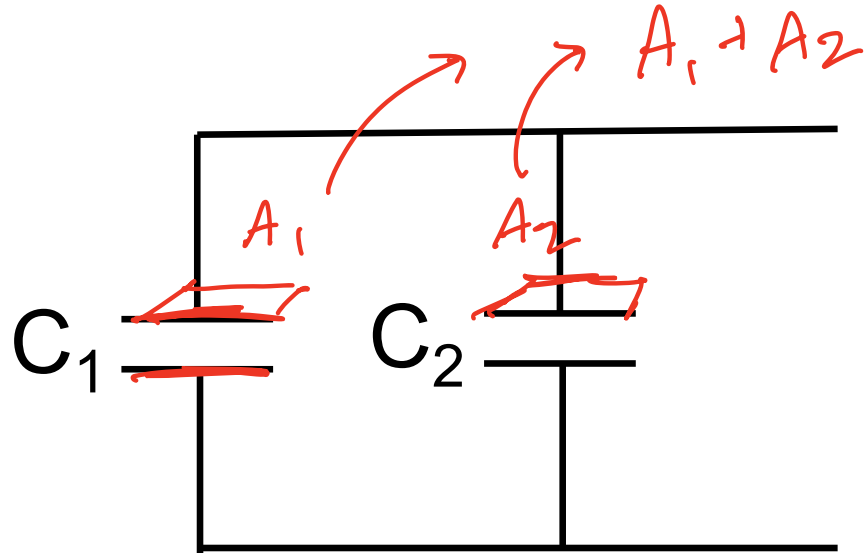
$$I_1 = C_1 \frac{dV_{test}}{dt}$$

$$I_2 = C_2 \frac{dV_{test}}{dt}$$

- ② Method 2:
Apply $\frac{dV_{test}}{dt}$
Measure I_{test}

Equivalence Example 1

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



$$I_{\text{test}} = I_1 + I_2$$

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

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

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

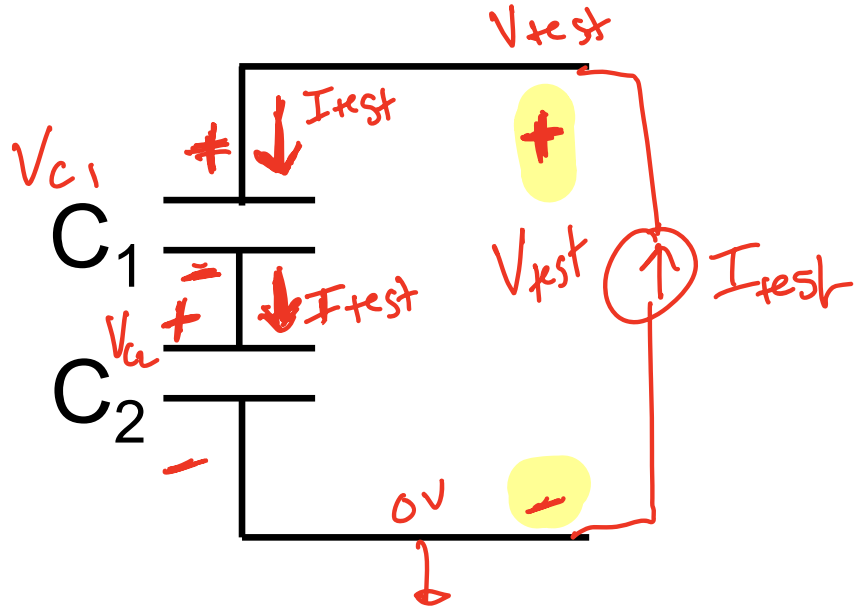
Method 2:

Apply dV_{test}/dt

Measure I_{test}

Equivalence Example 2

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



KVL: $V_{test} = V_{C1} + V_{C2}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (V_{test} - V_{C1} - V_{C2}) = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial V_{test}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial V_{C1}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V_{C2}}{\partial t}$$

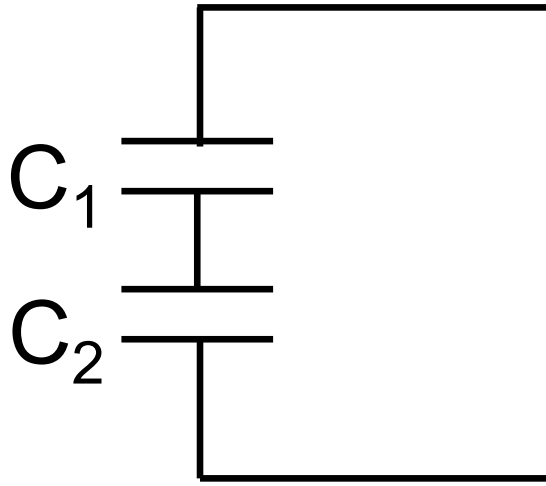
I-V

$$I_{test} = C_1 \frac{\partial V_{C1}}{\partial t} = C_2 \frac{\partial V_{C2}}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial V_{C1}}{\partial t} = \frac{I_{test}}{C_1} \quad \frac{\partial V_{C2}}{\partial t} = \frac{I_{test}}{C_2}$$

- ① Method 1:
Apply I_{test}
Measure dV_{test}/dt

Equivalence Example 2



Method 1:

Apply I_{test}

Measure dV_{test}/dt

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

$$\frac{\partial V_{\text{test}}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial V_{C1}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V_{C2}}{\partial t}$$

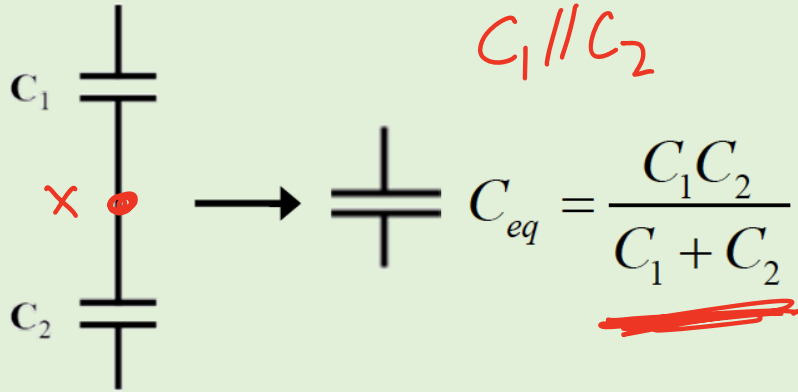
$$\frac{\partial V_{\text{test}}}{\partial t} = \frac{I_{\text{test}}}{C_1} + \frac{I_{\text{test}}}{C_2}$$

$$* C_{\text{eq}} = \frac{I_{\text{test}}}{\frac{\partial V_{\text{test}}}{\partial t}} = \left[\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} \right]^{-1}$$

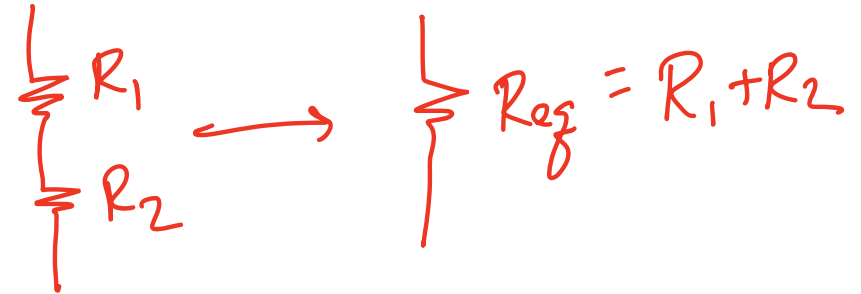
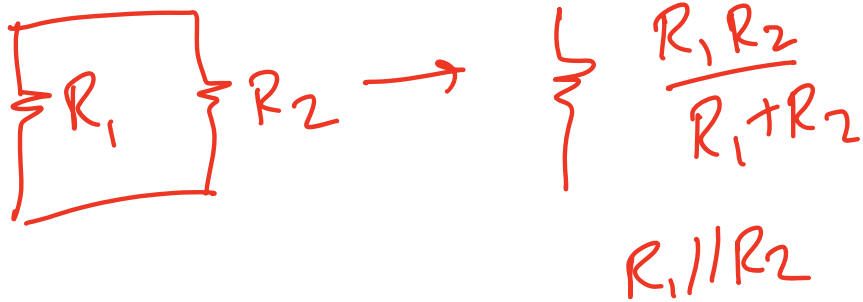
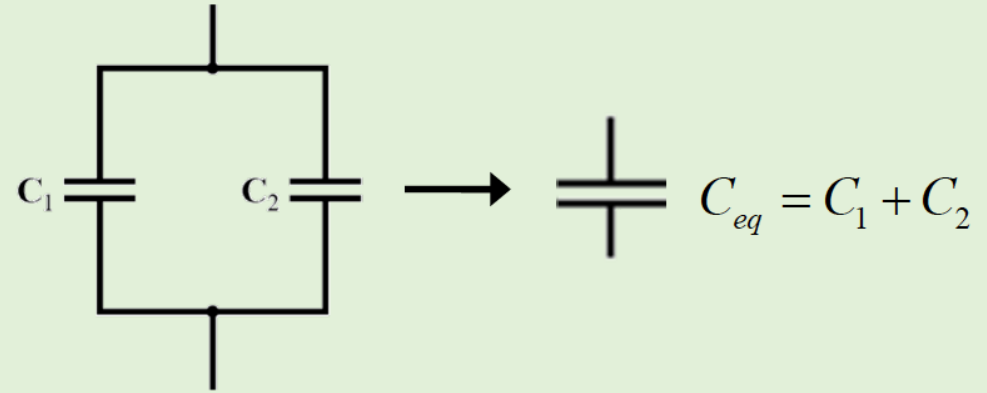
$$\frac{\partial V_{\text{test}}}{\partial t} = I_{\text{test}} \left(\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} \right)$$

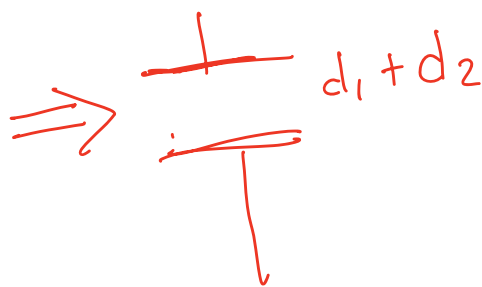
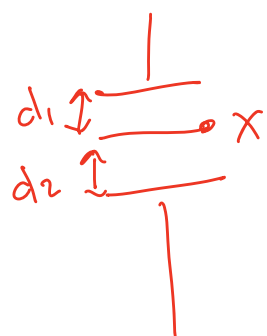
Equivalent Capacitors Summary

Capacitors in Series



Capacitors in Parallel

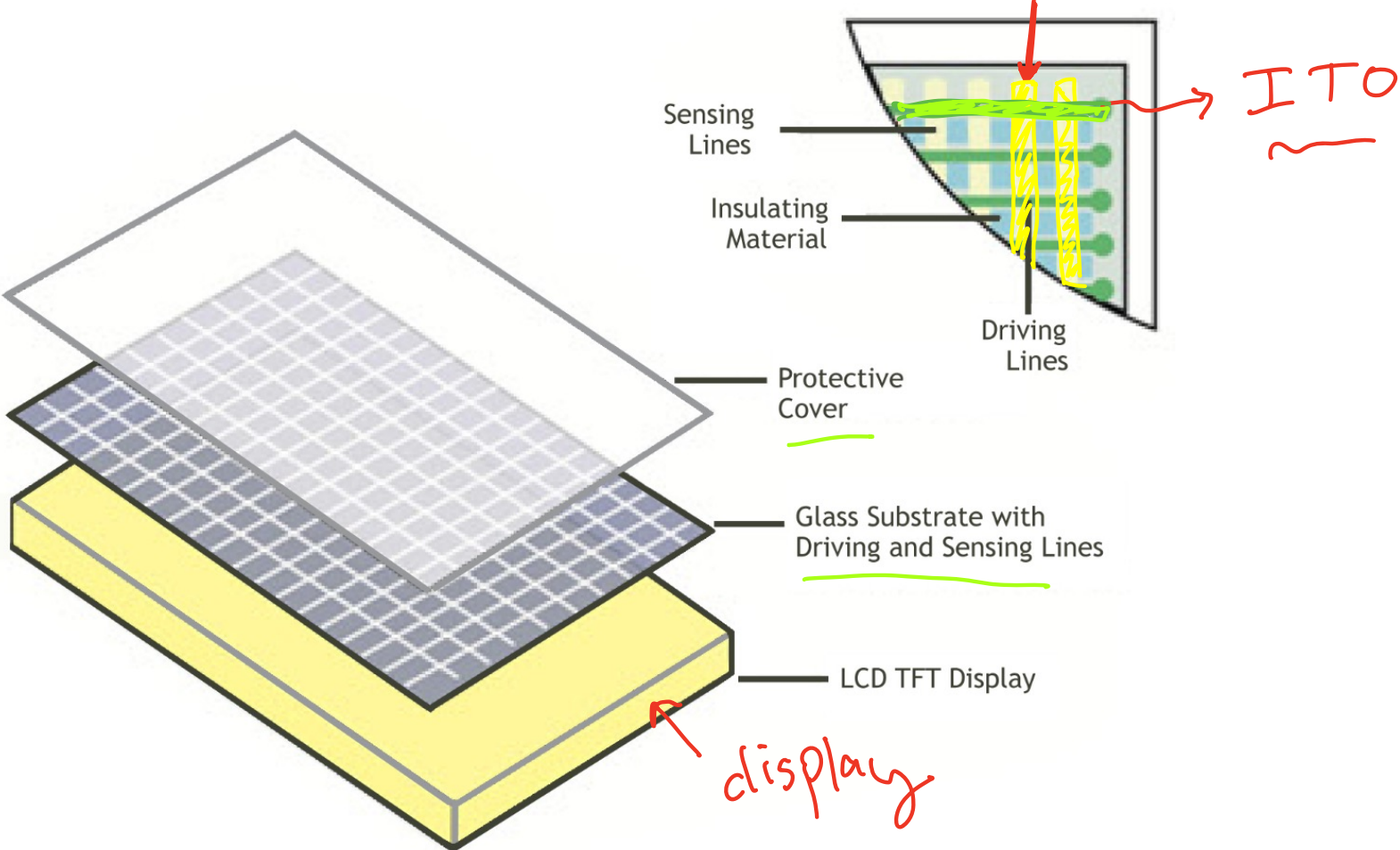




$$C = \epsilon A \overline{d}$$

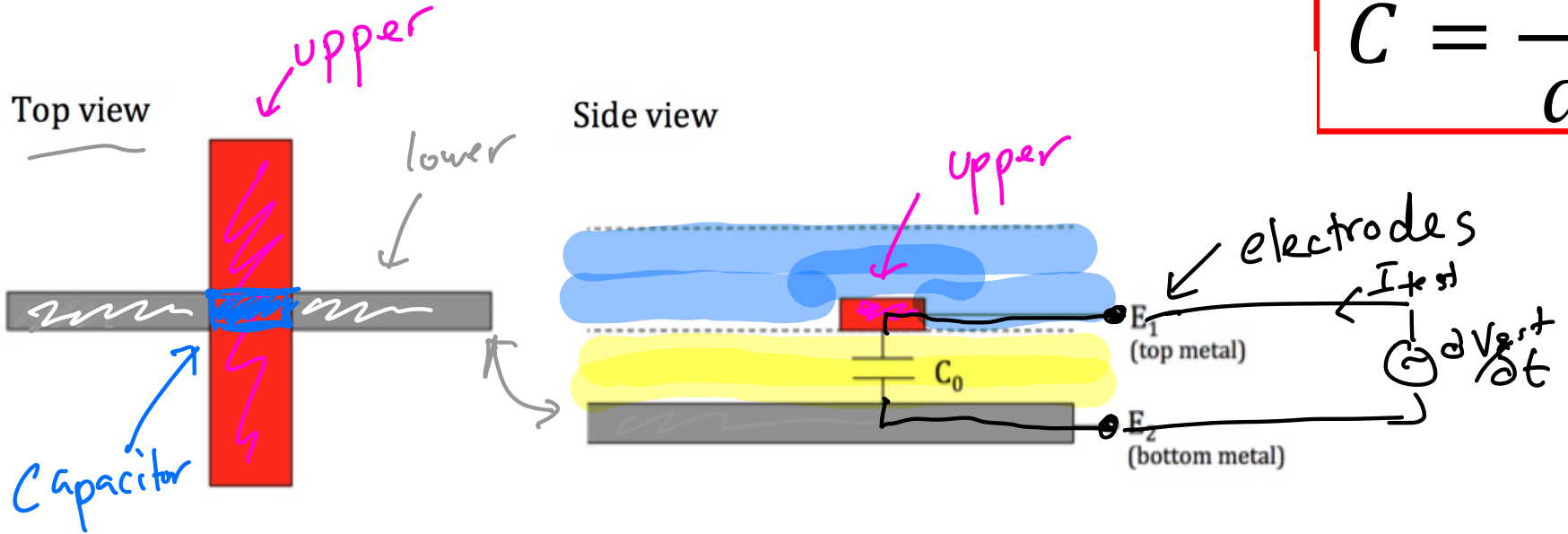
An arrow points from the overline \overline{d} in the equation to the equivalent capacitor diagram.

Capacitive Touchscreens



Capacitive Touchscreen – Model without Touch

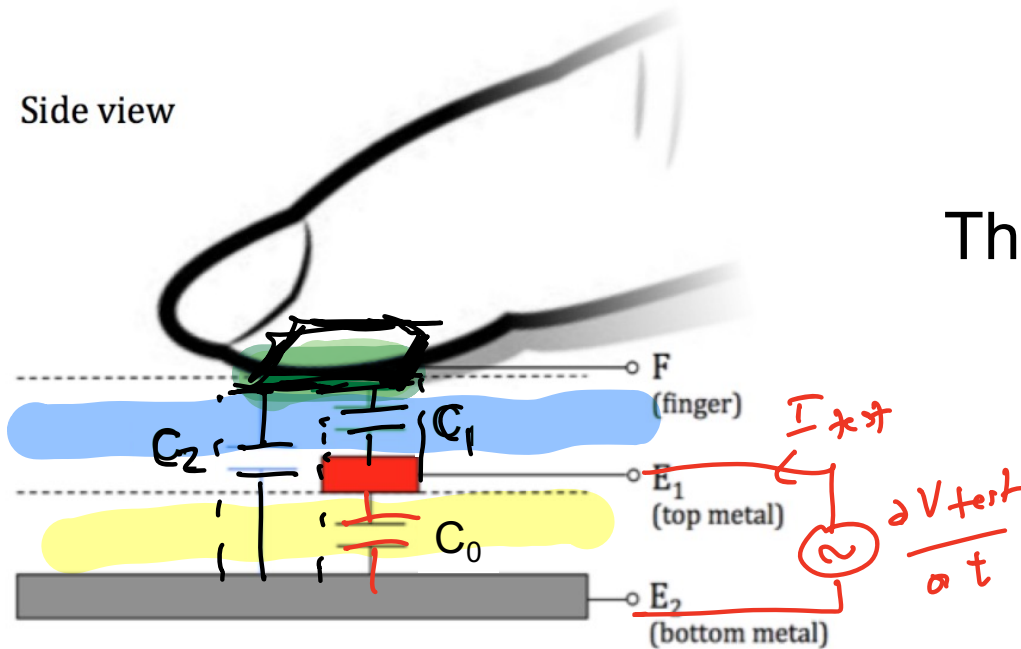
$$C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}$$



Capacitive Touchscreen – Model with Touch

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

Side view

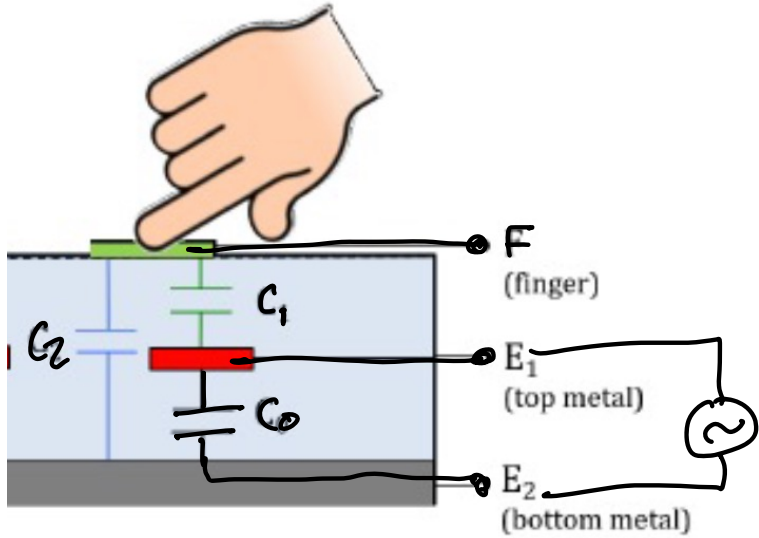


The finger forms a capacitor!

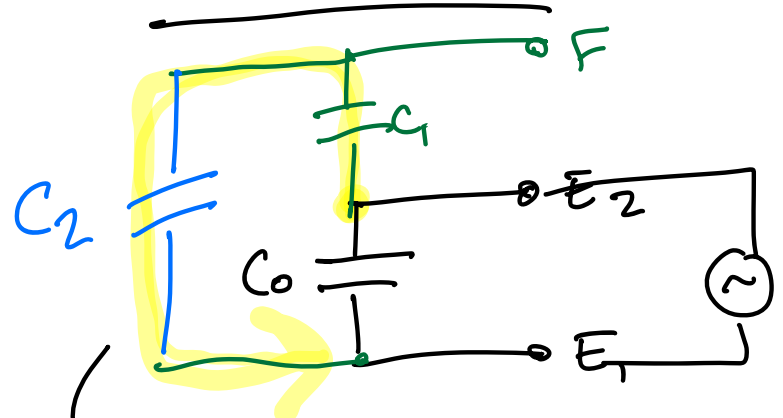
← the measurement will change with a finger!

* Problem: One of the terminals is a finger?!?

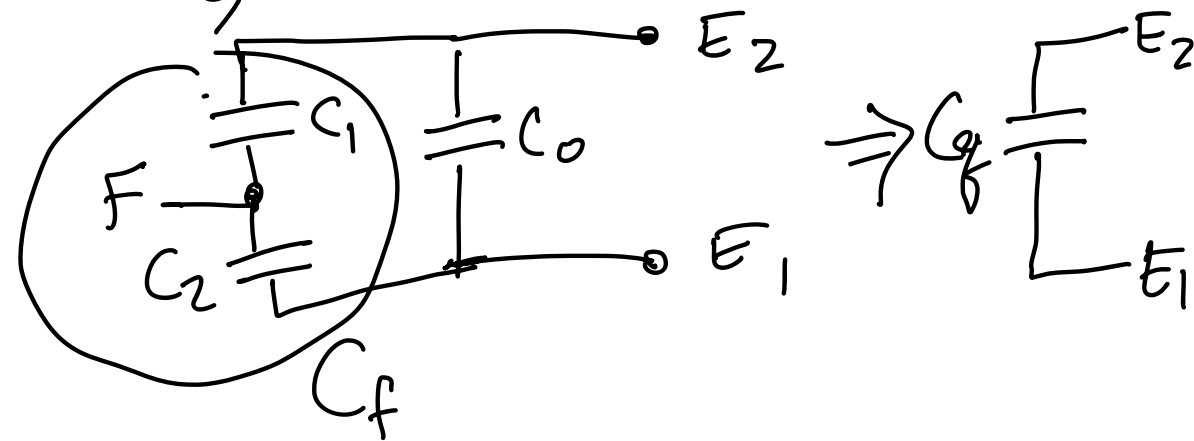
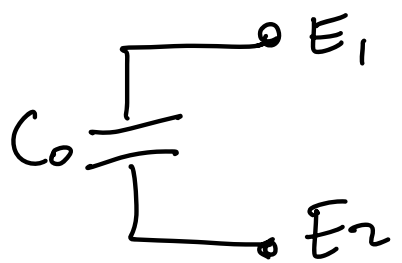
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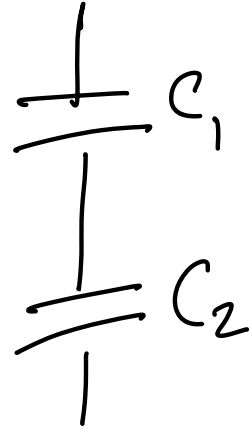
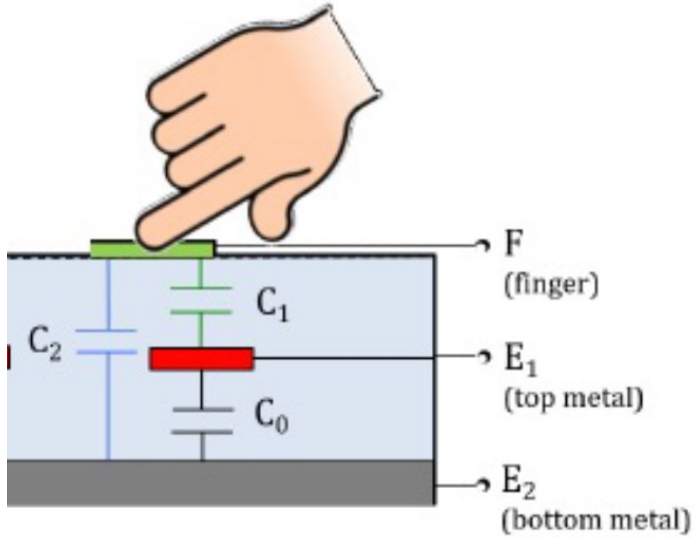
with touch



No touch



Capacitive Touchscreen – Model with Touch



$$\frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} = C_f$$

w/finger
extra cap

