

#flo #inclass

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## 1 | so, capacitors.

is there a charge on the terminals of the battery?

yes! but not much. very small surface areas, very far away from each other

### 1.0.1 | why resistors?

used to control things, and components behave like resistors

### 1.0.2 | what doesn't behave like resistors?

batteries, diodes, motors? ect. and capacitors, but those don't exist yet

title: capacitors

something designed to store a significant amount of charge

how do you do this? spread it over a big surface area

represented as two equal length lines

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surface area comes from it being wrapped

net charge is zero! but it stores charge because the charges are separated kinda like a very small battery

**capacitors are not like a bucket.** they are like a water balloon, in the sense that the more voltage you put across it, the more charge flows until it pops, of course

C: capacitance

$$C = \frac{Q}{V}$$

coulomb per volt is a *Farad* after Faraday Q is on positive side

$$C = \kappa \epsilon_0 \frac{A}{d}$$

A = area of each plate d = separation between plates  $\epsilon_0$  = some constant,  $8.85 \times 10^{-12}$   $\kappa$  = dielectric constant of the material between the plates for air, it's 1. else, for insulators it's between 2 - 4

if you have a material which can get polarized, like the paper we had early on, then it will draw additional opposite charges! and now the charge is a lil bigger than when u just had air

**that extra charge is the  $\kappa$ !** typically 1-4.

title: dialectic  
insulator that polarizes

turns out, most capacitors are not symmetrical! can't connect an arbitrary side

LED: longer goes to positive