



Lecture 5: More About Circuit Devices

- Resistors
- Power limitations of physical resistors
- Capacitors and the energy they store
- Batteries and their energy rating
- Transistors and their impact

Resistors are devices that obey Ohm's Law

- Resistors always dissipate power; they heat up
- Resistors do not store or deliver (DC) energy
- Using Ohm's Law...

$$P = I V = \frac{V^2}{R} = I^2 R$$

In History...

Henry **Cavendish** conducted similar experiments over 40 years earlier than Georg **Ohm** using Leyden jars for voltage sources and the shock felt by his body as an *ad hoc* ammeter!



H. Cavendish
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Resistors

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

$$P = I V = \frac{V^2}{R} = I^2 R$$

Q: What power is dissipated by a $100 \, \Omega$ resistor when a 6 V drop is measured across it?

- A. 360 mW
- B. 160 W
- C. 360 kW
- D. 160 MW
- E. 360 GW

Q: A $100 \, \Omega$ resistor is rated at 0.25 W. What is its maximum rated current?

- A. 50 mA
- B. 400 mA
- C. 50 A
- D. 400 A
- E. 50 kA

Capacitors: store electrical energy

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

C , the capacitance, is the charge-to-voltage ratio of a capacitor

$$E_{\text{capacitor}} = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

In History...

The first device for storing electrical energy became known as Leyden Jar after the city in which it was built (1745). It had a capacitance of about 1 nF.

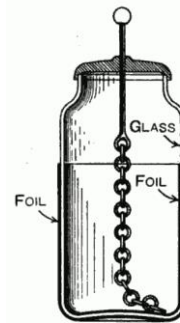


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In History...

Yes, **Benjamin Franklin** collected electrostatic charge from a storm using a kite in 1752, but also formulated the *principle of conservation of electric charge* and coined the terms “positive” and “negative” with respect to the charge carriers (current).



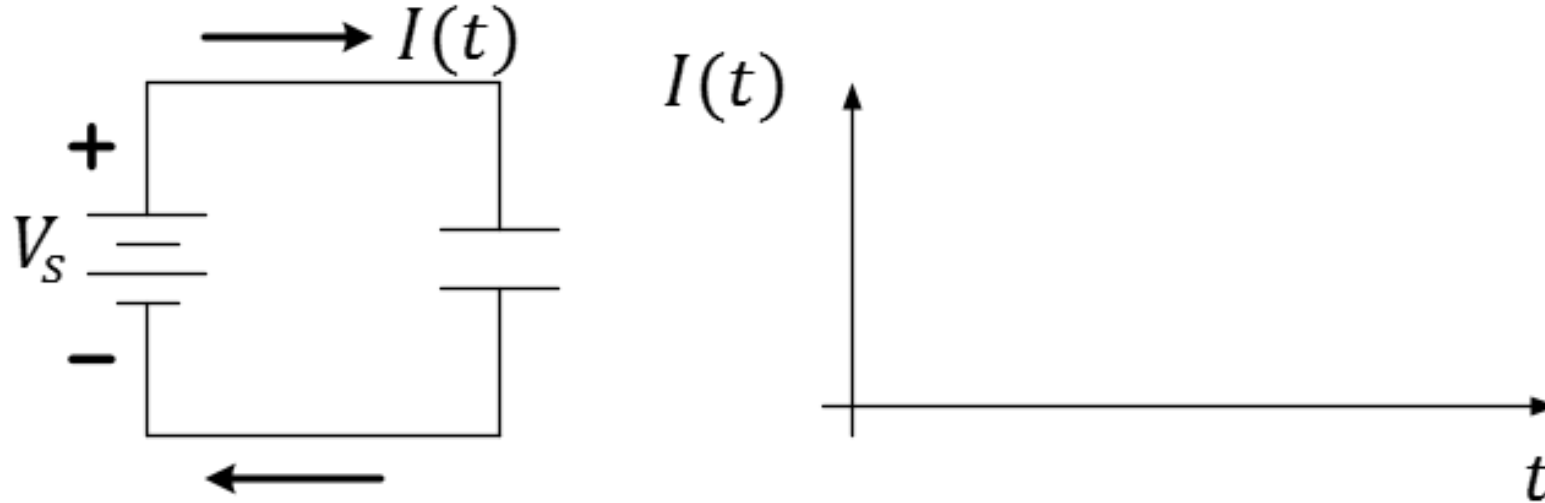


Capacitors

Q: At what voltage would a 1 nF capacitor have the energy to lift 100 kg (a camel, perhaps?) by 2 cm ?

- A. 200 mV
- B. 250 mV
- C. 200 V
- D. 250 V
- E. 200 kV

Efficiency of Charging a Capacitor



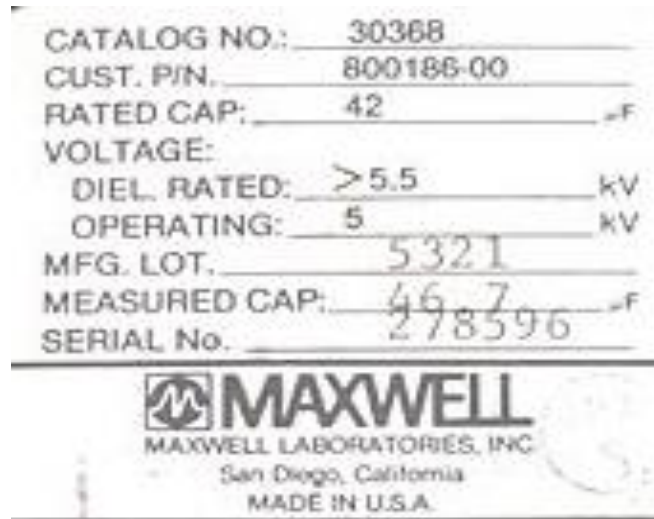
- $\Delta E_{\text{battery}} = \Delta E_{\text{capacitor}} + \Delta E_{\text{waste}}$
- $\Delta E_{\text{waste}} \geq \frac{1}{2} CV^2$
- $\Delta E_{\text{battery}} \approx \frac{1}{2} CV^2 + \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = CV^2$

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Special Capacitor: Defibrillator

Q: How much energy, E_{cap} , is in the 42 μF defibrillator capacitor charged to 5 kV? $E_{cap} =$

- A. 5.25 mJ
- B. 5.25 J
- C. 525 J
- D. 525 MJ
- E. 525 GJ



Q: Half of the capacitor's charge, Q , is then drained off. How much energy does it hold now?

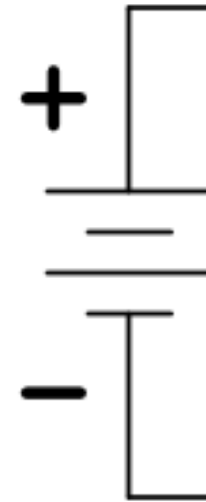
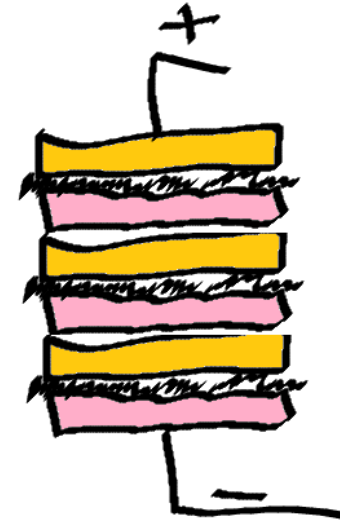
- A. $\frac{E_{cap}}{8}$
- B. $\frac{E_{cap}}{4}$
- C. $\frac{E_{cap}}{2}$
- D. E_{cap}
- E. $2E_{cap}$

Batteries store and generate electrical energy with a chemical reaction

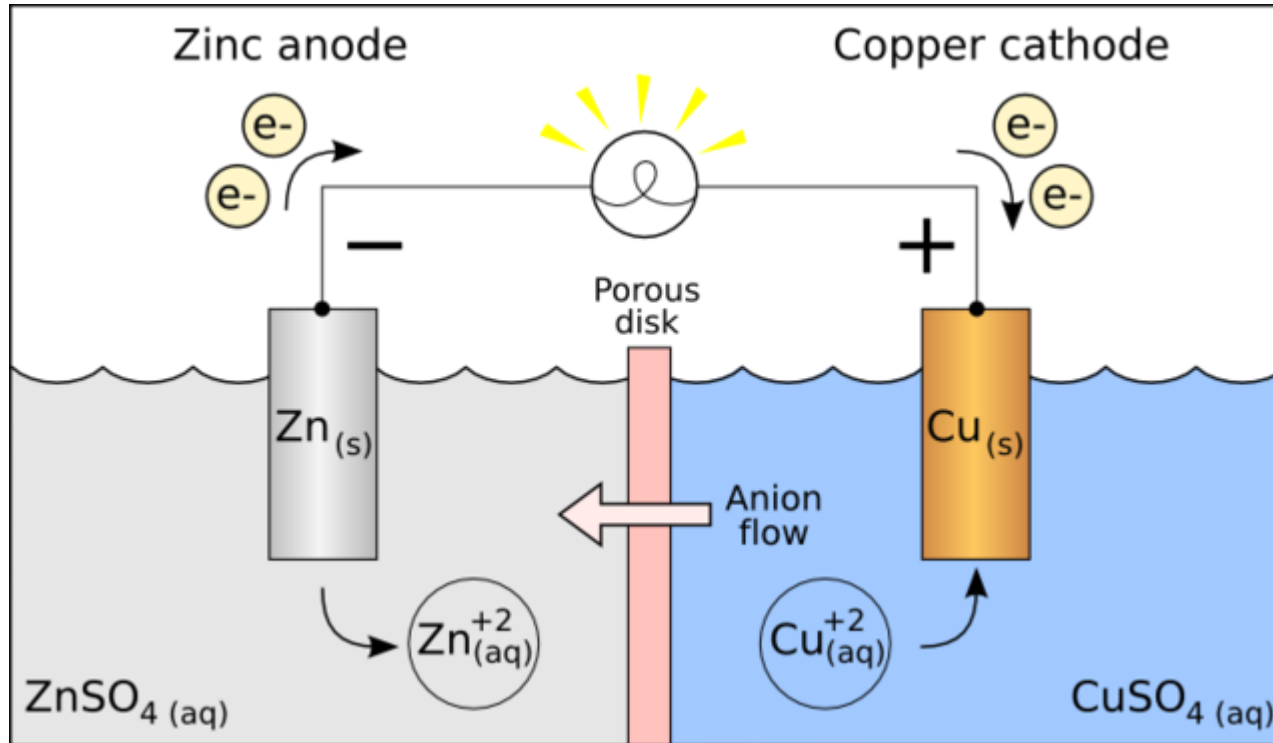
In History...

Alessandro Volta published the invention of the battery around 1790. The unit of electric “pressure”, the **volt**, is named in his honor.

Unlimited electric energy... If only it could be of some use!



Explore More! on Batteries



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Batteries

Q: How much charge moves through a 9-V battery to provide 3 J of energy?

- A. 0.33 C
- B. 3 C
- C. 27 C
- D. 330 MJ
- E. 27 kC

Q: If a battery is labeled at 9 V and 500 mAh, how much energy does it store in joules?

- A. 18 mJ
- B. 56 mJ
- C. 4.5 J
- D. 18 J
- E. 16 kJ

$$1\text{mAh} = 0.001\text{A} \times 3600\text{s} = 3.6\text{As} = 3.6 \text{ Coulomb}$$

Q: For how long can such battery power an LED if that draws 50 mA of current?

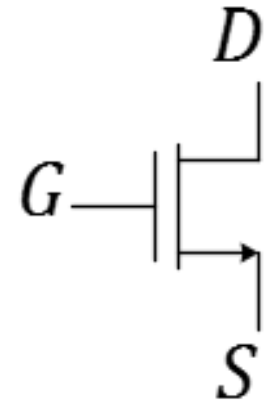
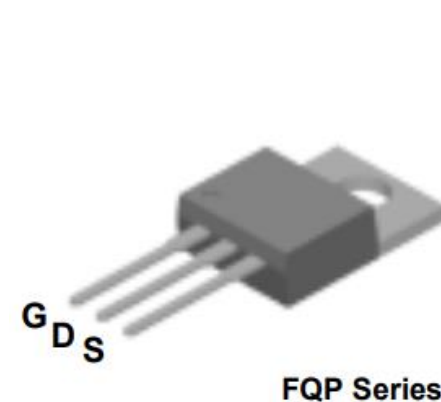
- A. 0.1 hr
- B. 1 hr
- C. 5 hr
- D. 10 hr
- E. 50 hr

The Transistor

- The transistor changed the world!
- Prior to the transistor, we had the vacuum tube:
 - Large
 - Hot
 - Low efficiency
 - High failure rate
 - Could not be integrated into an IC

Example: MOSFET:

Physical Circuit schematic





L5 Learning Objectives

- a. Compute current/voltage rating for a resistor based on its power rating
- b. For a capacitor, compute stored energy, voltage, charge, and capacitance given any of the two quantities.
- c. Compute energy stored in a battery and discharge time.
- d. Identify features of the transistor that changed everything!