

What is the voltage between two points if 1.2 J (joules) of energy are required to move 0.4 mC (coulombs) between the two points?

$$V = \frac{W}{Q} = \frac{1.2 \text{ J}}{0.4 \text{ mC}} = 3000 \text{ V} = 3 \text{ kV}$$

Find the charge Q that requires 96 J of energy to be moved through a potential difference of 16 V.

$$Q = \frac{W}{V} = \frac{96 J}{16 V} = 6 C$$

Find the current in amperes if 12 mC of charge pass through a wire in 2.8 seconds.

$$I = \frac{Q}{t} = \frac{12 \text{ mC}}{2.8 \text{ sec}} = 0.004285 \text{ A} = 4.29 \text{ mA}$$

If a current of 40 mA exists for 0.8 minutes, how many coulombs of charge have passed through the wire?

$$Q = I \times t = 40 \text{ mA} \times 0.8 \text{ min } \times \frac{60 \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ min}} = 1.92 \text{ C}$$

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Breakout Exercise #5

Which would you prefer?

a) A penny for every electron that passes through a wire in 0.01 μSec at a current of 2 mA, OR

Q = I × t = 2 mA × 0.01
$$\mu$$
Sec = 20 pC
1C = 6.242 × 10¹⁸ electrons
 \therefore 20 pC = 20 × 10⁻¹² × 6.242 × 10¹⁸ = 124.84 × 10⁶ electrons
 \therefore 1 penny / electron = 124.84 × 10⁶ × \$0.01 = \$1,248,400

b) A dollar for every electron that passes through a wire in 1.5 nSec if the current is 100 μ A.

Q = I × t =
$$100\mu$$
A × 1.5 nSec = 150 fC (femto = 10^{-15})
1C = 6.242×10^{18} electrons
∴ 150 fC = $150 \times 10^{-15} \times 6.242 \times 10^{18} = 936.3 \times 10^{3}$ electrons
∴ 1 dollar / electron = $936.3 \times 10^{3} \times $1 = $936,300$