

1. You need a capacitance of 50  $\mu\text{F}$ , but don't have a 50  $\mu\text{F}$  capacitor. You do have a 30  $\mu\text{F}$  capacitor. What additional capacitor do you need to produce a total capacitance of 50  $\mu\text{F}$ ? Should you join them in series or parallel.

In parallel,  $C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2$ .

For series,  $C_{eq} = \frac{(C_1)(C_2)}{C_1 + C_2}$

For  $C_{eq} = 50$ :

$$50 = 30 + C_2$$

$$C_2 = 20 \mu\text{F} \quad \checkmark$$

$$50 = \frac{(30) C_2}{30 + C_2}$$

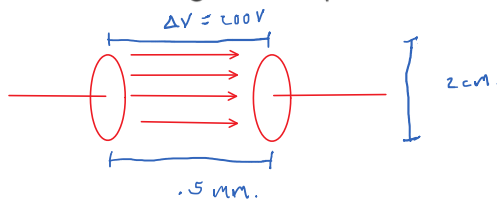
$$1500 + 50C_2 = 30C_2$$

$$20C_2 = -1500$$

$$C_2 = -75 \mu\text{F}$$

2. A 2.0 cm diameter parallel plate capacitor with a spacing of 0.50 mm is charged to 200 V.

- What is the total energy stored in the electric field?
- What is the total charge in the capacitor?



A.)

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \quad (\text{Physical capacitor})$$

$$C = \frac{(8.85 \times 10^{-12}) \left( \frac{1}{4} \pi (2 \times 10^{-2})^2 \right)}{(5 \times 10^{-3})}$$

$$C = 5.5578 \times 10^{-10} \text{ F}$$

$$C = 5557.8 \text{ nF}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} C V^2$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} (5.5578 \times 10^{-10}) (200)^2$$

$$U = 1.11156 \times 10^{-7} \text{ J}$$

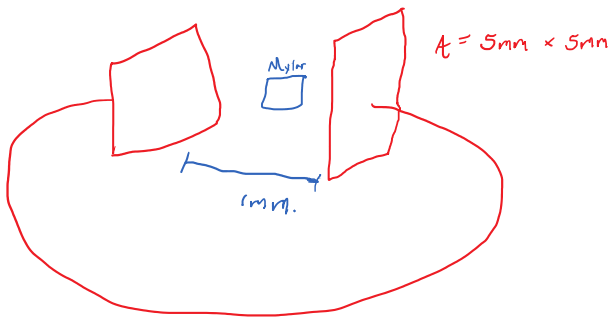
B.)

$$Q = C V$$

$$Q = (5.5576 \times 10^{-12})(200)$$

$$Q = 1.11 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$$

3. Two 5.0 mm by 5.0 mm electrodes are held 0.10 mm apart and are attached to a 9.0 V battery. Without disconnecting the battery, a 0.10 mm thick mylar sheet is inserted between the electrodes. What are the capacitors potential difference, electric field and charge
- Before the mylar is inserted
  - After the mylar is inserted



A.)  $C_0 = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$

$$C_0 = \frac{(8.85 \times 10^{-12})(5 \times 10^{-3})^2}{(0.1 \times 10^{-3})}$$

$$C_0 = 2.2125 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$$

$$Q_0 = C_0 V$$

$$Q_0 = (2.2125 \times 10^{-12})(9)$$

$$Q_0 = 1.99 \times 10^{-11} \text{ C}$$

$$E_0 = \frac{Q_0}{\epsilon_0 A} \quad \epsilon = \frac{Q_0}{k}$$

$$E_0 = \frac{Q_0}{\epsilon_0 A}$$

$$E_0 = \frac{(1.99 \times 10^{-11})}{(8.85 \times 10^{-12})(5 \times 10^{-3})^2}$$

$$E_0 = 90,000 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}$$

B.)  $C_k = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \quad k = 3.1$

$$C_k = (3.1)(2.2125 \times 10^{-12})$$

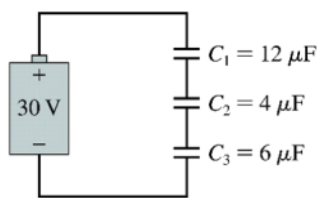
$$C_k = 6.85875 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$$

$$E_k = \frac{V_k}{d}$$

$$90,000 = \frac{V_k}{(1 \times 10^{-3})}$$

$$V_k = 9V$$

4. What are the charge on and the potential difference across each capacitor?



$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{3}{12} + \frac{2}{12}$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{6}{12}\right)}$$

$$C_{eq} = 2 \mu F$$

A.)

$$Q = CV$$

$$Q = 2(30)$$

$$Q = 60 \mu C \text{ for all capacitors in series}$$

B.)

$$60 = 12V_1$$

$$V_1 = 5V$$

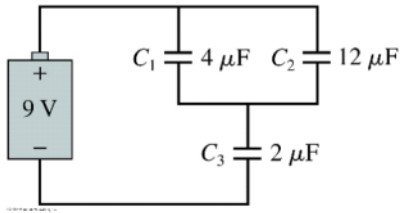
$$60 = 4V_2$$

$$V_2 = 15V$$

$$60 = 6V_3$$

$$V_3 = 10V$$

5. What are the charge and potential differences across each capacitor in the figure.



$$C_{eq11} = 16 \mu F$$

$$Q_{total} = C_{eq} V$$

$$Q_{total} = \left(\frac{16}{9}\right) (9)$$

$$Q_{total} = 16 \mu C$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{16(2)}{18}$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{16}{9} \mu F$$

$$V_{eq11} = \frac{Q_{total}}{C_{eq11}}$$

$$V_{eq11} = \frac{16}{16}$$

$$V_{eq11} = 1V$$

For  $C_1$ :

$$V = 1V$$

$$Q = 4(1)$$

$$Q = 4 \mu C$$

For  $C_2$ :

$$V = 1V$$

$$Q = 12(1)$$

$$Q = 12 \mu C$$

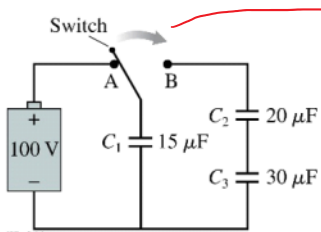
For  $C_3$ :

$$Q = 16 \mu C$$

$$V = \frac{16}{2}$$

$$V = 8V$$

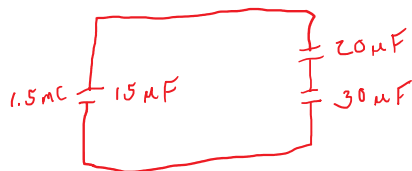
6. Initially, the switch in the figure is in position A and capacitors C2 and C3 are uncharged. Then the switch is flipped position B. Afterward, what are the charge on and the potential difference across each capacitor.



$$Q = CV$$

$$Q = 15(100)$$

$$Q = 1.5 mC$$



$$C_{eq} = \frac{30(20)}{50}$$

$$C_{eq} = 12 \mu F$$

$$\Delta V_{15}' = \Delta V_{12}'$$

$$\frac{Q_{15}'}{C_{15}} = \frac{Q_{12}'}{C_{12}}$$

$$Q_{12}' = Q_{15}' \left( \frac{C_{12}}{C_{15}} \right)$$

$$Q_{12}' = (.83) \left( \frac{12}{15} \right)$$

$$\left( 1 + \frac{C_{12}}{C_{15}} \right) Q_{15}' = Q_{15}$$

$$\left( 1 + \frac{12}{15} \right) Q_{15}' = Q_{15}$$

$$Q_{15}' = \frac{5}{9} (1.5 mC)$$

$$Q_{15}' = .83 mC$$

$$Q_{12'} = (.83) \left( \frac{12}{15} \right)$$

$$Q_{12'} = .66 \text{ mC}$$

For  $C_2$  and  $C_3$ :

$$Q = .66 \text{ mC}$$

$$Q_{15'} = \frac{1}{9} (1.0 \text{ mC})$$

$$Q_{15'} = .83 \text{ mC}$$

For  $C_1$ :

$$Q = .83 \text{ mC}$$

For  $C_1$ :

$$V = \frac{.83 \text{ mC}}{15 \mu\text{F}}$$

$$V = 55.5 \text{ V}$$

For  $C_2$ :

$$V = \frac{.66 \text{ mC}}{20 \mu\text{F}}$$

$$V = 33.3 \text{ V}$$

For  $C_3$ :

$$V = \frac{.66 \text{ mC}}{30 \mu\text{F}}$$

$$V = 22.2 \text{ V}$$