

Welcome to EECS 16A!

Designing Information Devices and Systems I



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Module 2
Lecture 7
Capacitors (Note 16)



Voltage Divider – a Poem

Voltage divider?

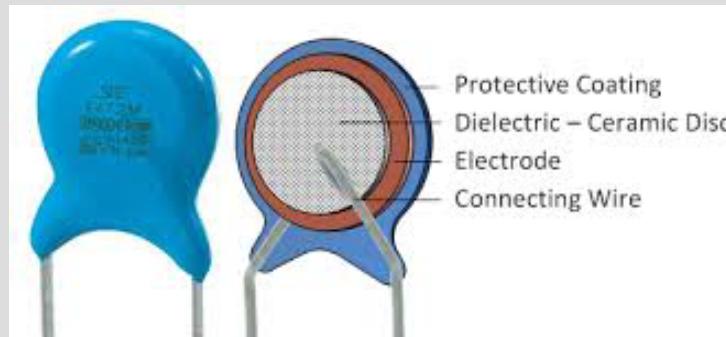
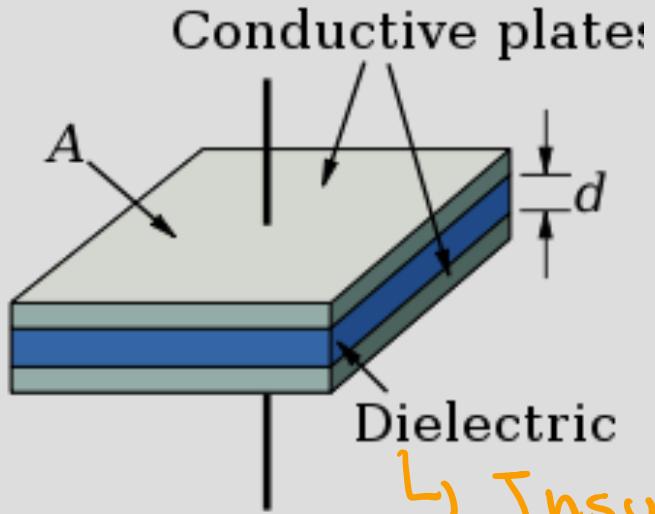
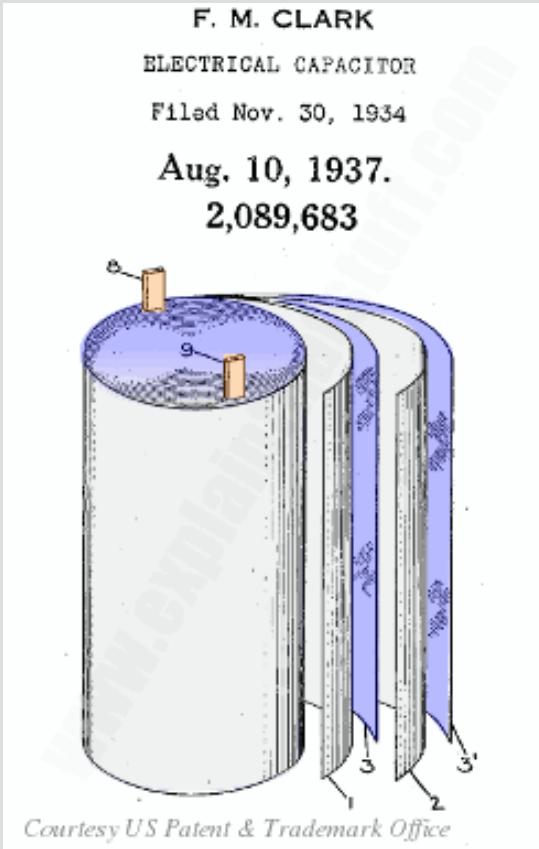
Electrons like their space.
They force others away.
Ah. Such potential!
Overcomes resistance.
But potential fades.

Prof. Satish Rao

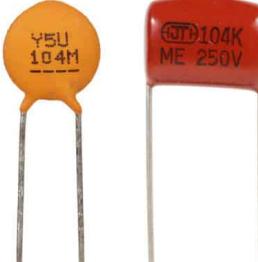
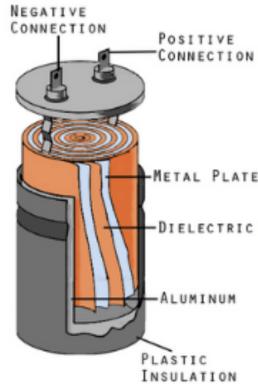
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Now, Capacitors!

- Charge storage device (like a 'bucket' for charge)

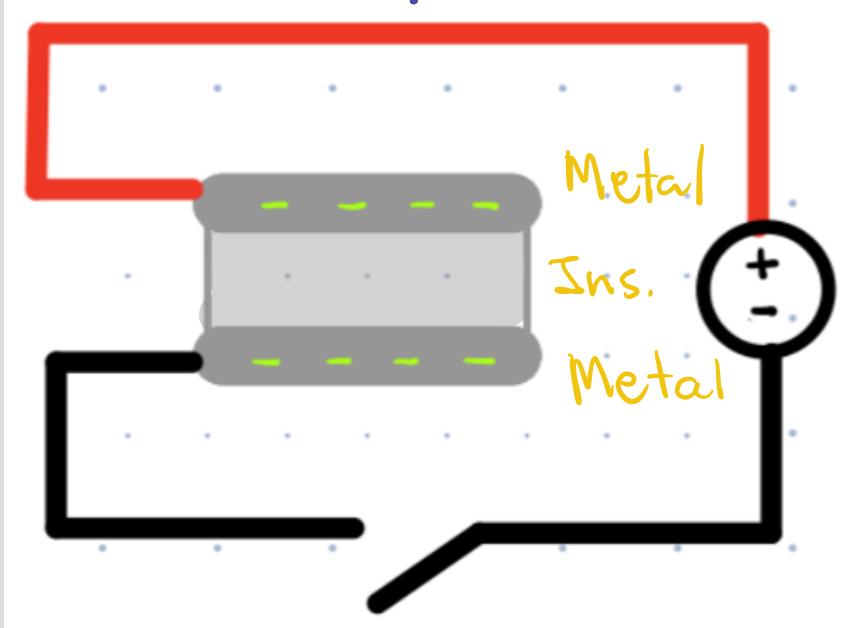


↳ Insulator
↳ Higher Energy
is needed
to move
charge.



The Physics of a Capacitor

* Energy is needed to move charge.



e^-

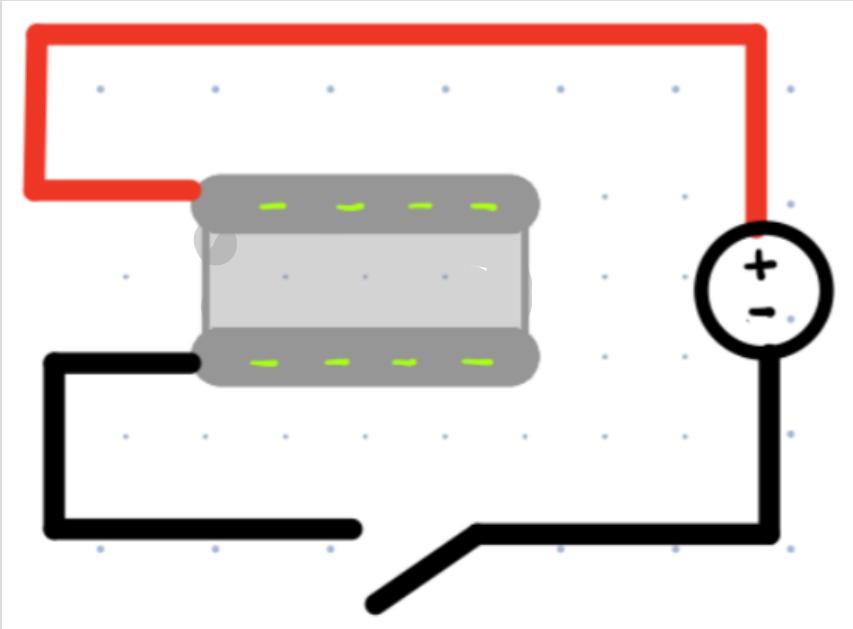
→ No current across the capacitor plates

→ Voltage Source provides Energy needed for flow of charges(e^-)

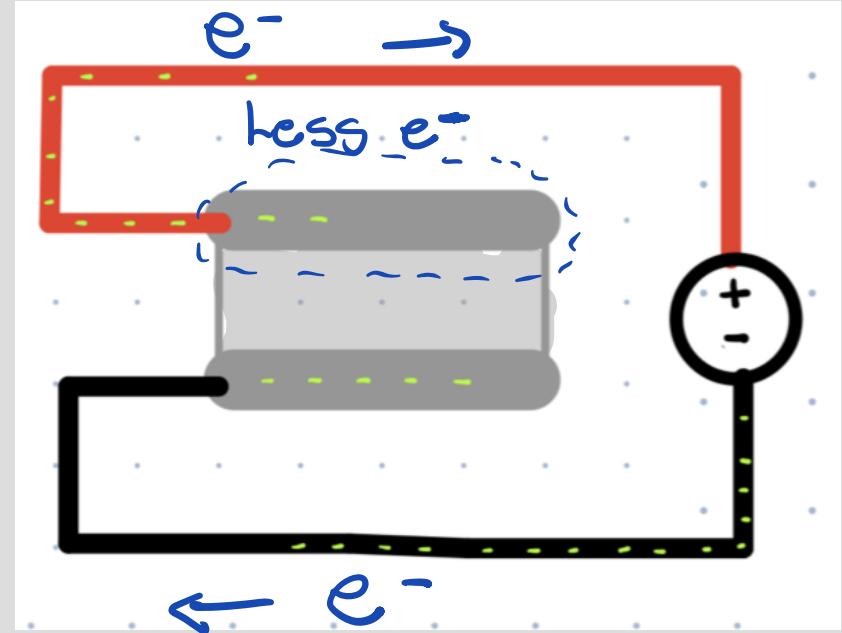
The Physics of a Capacitor

→ Once the switch is ON e^- flow!

t_0



t_1

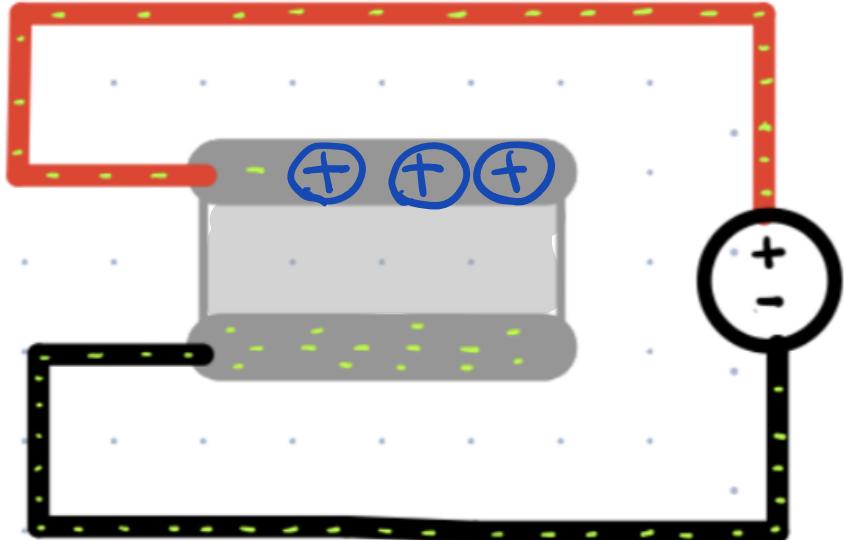


The Physics of a Capacitor

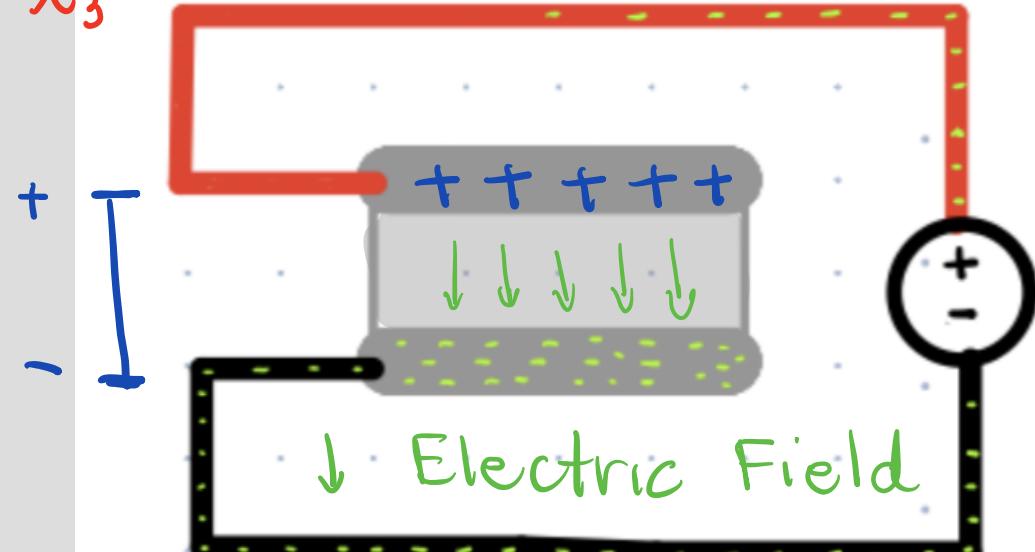
lack of electrons means holes!



t_2



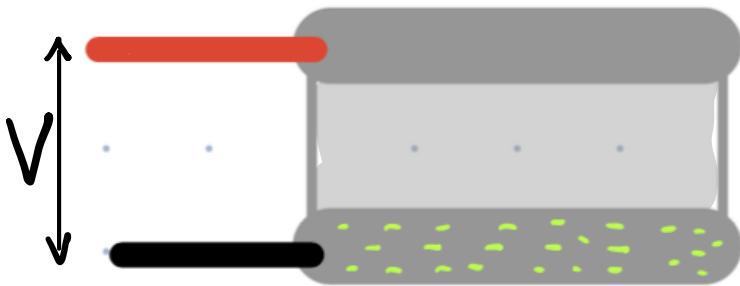
t_3



Potential difference
between the two
plates! } V

The Physics of a Capacitor

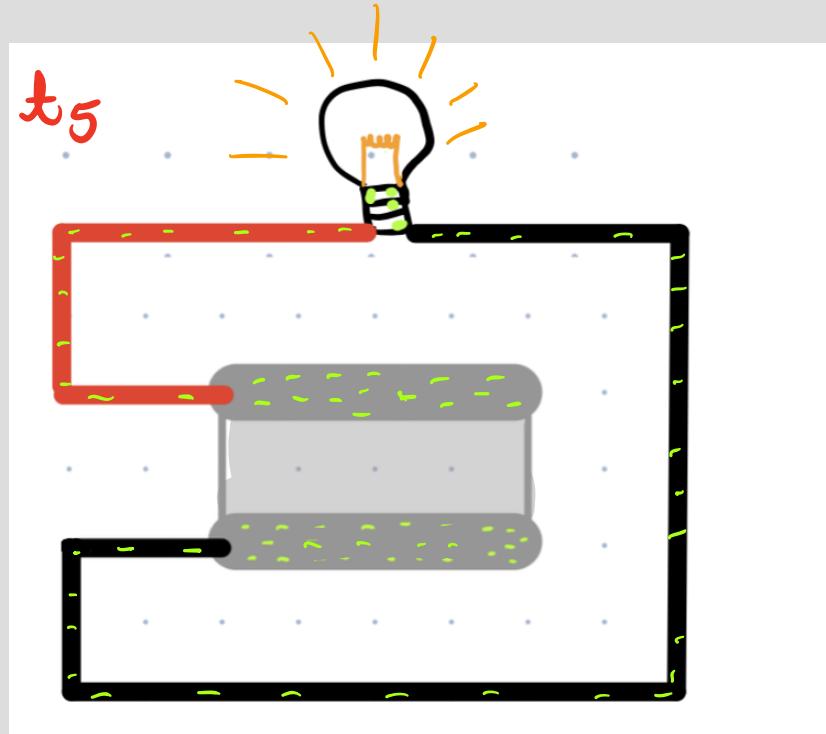
t_4 Independent Energy Source



Charges are stored!

Every Capacitor can
be charged up to a
fixed Voltage.

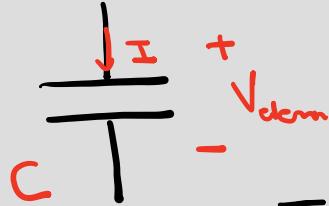
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4EUwTwZ110>



The capacitor will charge a "load" until the charges on the plate are equalized. (^{No change}_{in V})

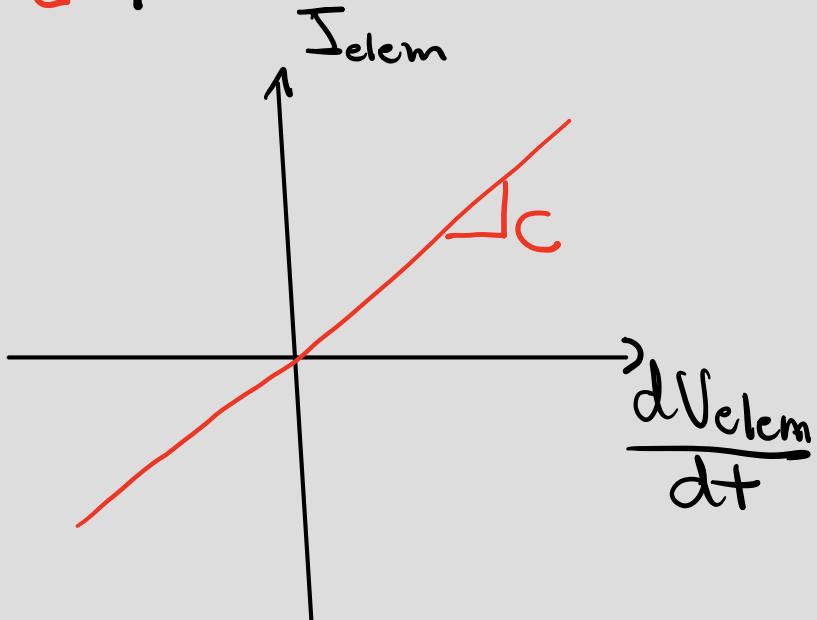
Circuit Model: IV relationship

Capacitor Symbol



$$Q_{\text{elem}} = C \cdot V_{\text{elem}}$$

[C] [F] [V]
(Farad)



We know : $I_{\text{elem}} = \frac{d Q_{\text{elem}}}{dt}$

$$I_{\text{elem}} = \frac{d}{dt} C \cdot V_{\text{elem}}$$

$C = \text{constant over time}$

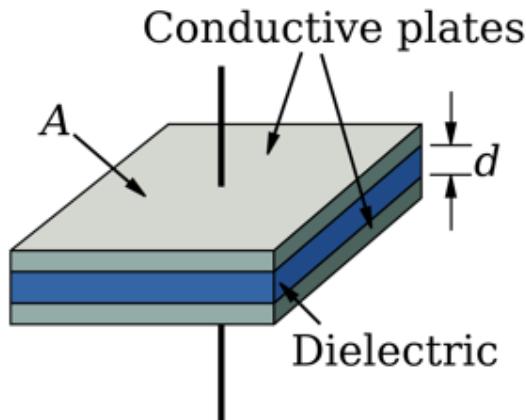
$$I_{\text{elem}} = C \cdot \frac{d V_{\text{elem}}}{dt}$$

Can use the same
7-step analysis.

Capacitance

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

$$[F] = [F] \left[\frac{m^2}{m} \right]$$



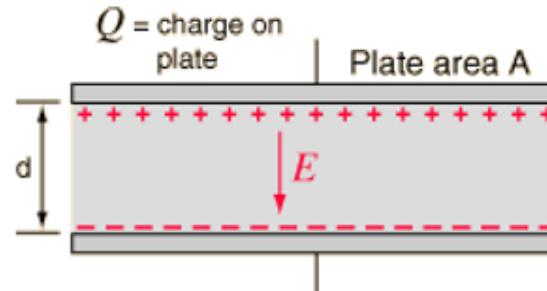
Depends on:

- Materials : ϵ permittivity

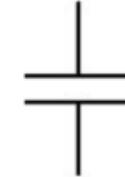
$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$$

- Geometry of Conductors



Symbol:



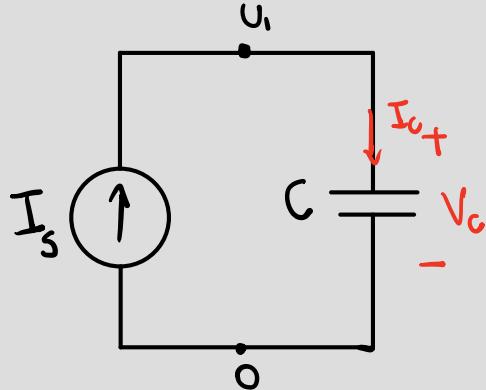
Capacitance:

C

Units: Farads [F]

IV equation: $I = C \cdot \frac{dV}{dt}$

Simple Circuit 1



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

Element Def.:

$$\underline{I_c = C \cdot \frac{dU_c}{dt}}$$

Voltage Def.:

$$U_1 - 0 = U_c$$

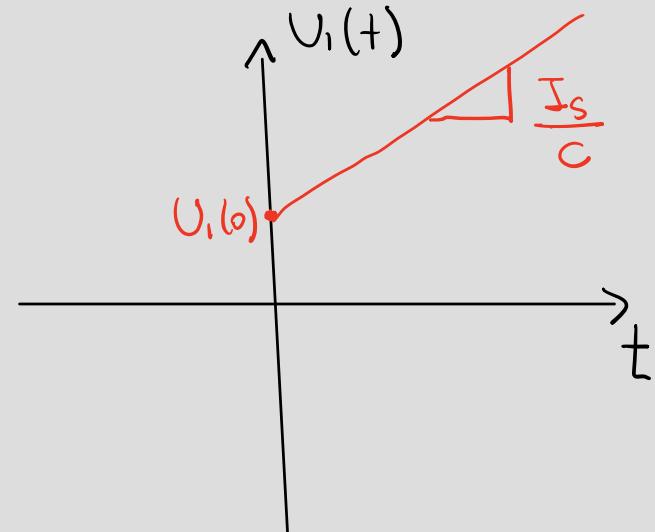
$$\boxed{I_s = C \frac{dU_1}{dt} \times dt}$$

$$I_s \cdot dt = C dU_1$$

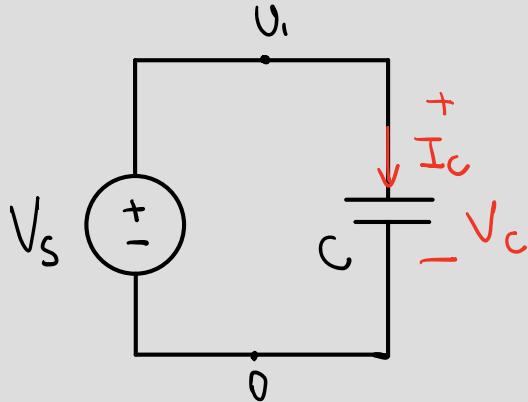
$$\int_0^+ I_s dt = \int_{U_1(0)}^{U_1(+)} C \cdot dU_1$$

$$I_s + = C \cdot (U_1(+) - U_1(0))$$

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



Simple Circuit 2



$$\begin{aligned} V_i - 0 &= V_s \\ V_i - 0 &= V_c \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Voltage Def.} \\ \text{Voltage Def.} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$V_s = V_c$$

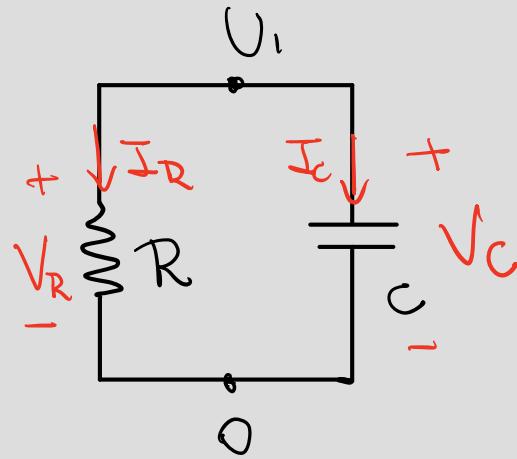
$$I_c = C \frac{dV_c}{dt} \quad (\text{capacitor Def.})$$

$$I_c = C \frac{dV_c}{dt} = C \cdot \frac{dV_s}{dt} = 0$$

Current in a capacitor is zero when
a constant Voltage source is across it.

Hint: We like zeros... they make our lives easier!

Simple Circuit 3



$$U_1 = ?$$

Steady State:
means the Voltages
Settled.

If current is zero \Rightarrow ——————
OPEN-CIRCUIT

looking for U_1 value when
 $V_C = \text{const.}$ (steady-state)

$$I_C = C \frac{dV_C}{dt} = 0$$

$$\text{KCL} : \vec{V}_C + I_R = 0$$

$$I_R = 0$$

Ohm's law:
 $V_R = \vec{I}_R R = 0$

Voltage Def: $U_1 - 0 = \vec{V}_R$

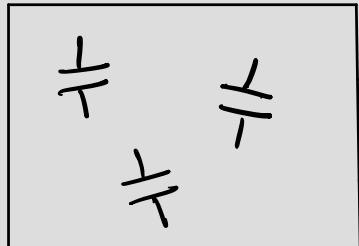
$$U_1 = 0$$

Equivalent Circuits with Capacitors

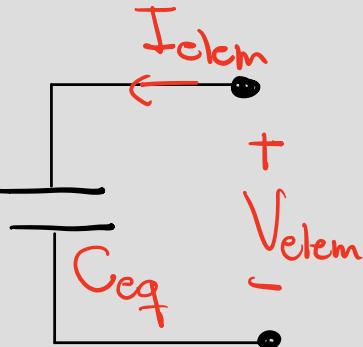
* Capacitor - only circuits

~~Step 1 : find V_{th} and I_{no} no source~~

Step 2 : $C_{eq} = \frac{I_{elem}}{\frac{dV_{elem}}{dt}}$



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only if
(match $\frac{dV_{elem}}{dt}$)

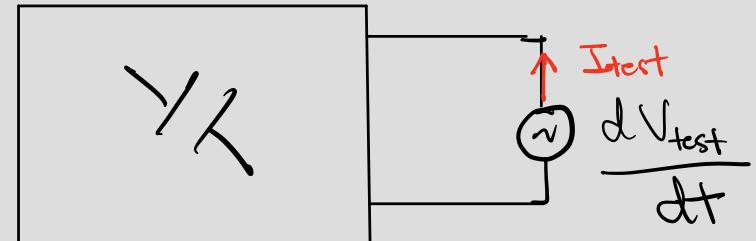
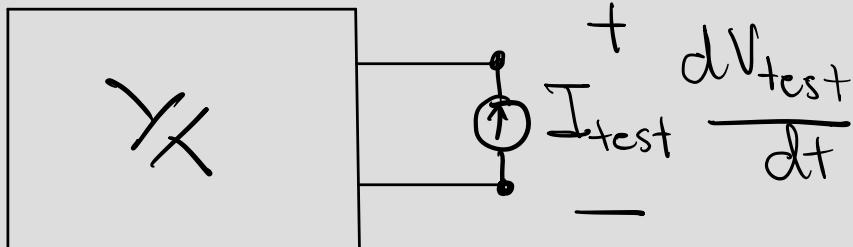
Two Methods:

a) Apply I_{test} and measure $\frac{dV_{\text{test}}}{dt}$

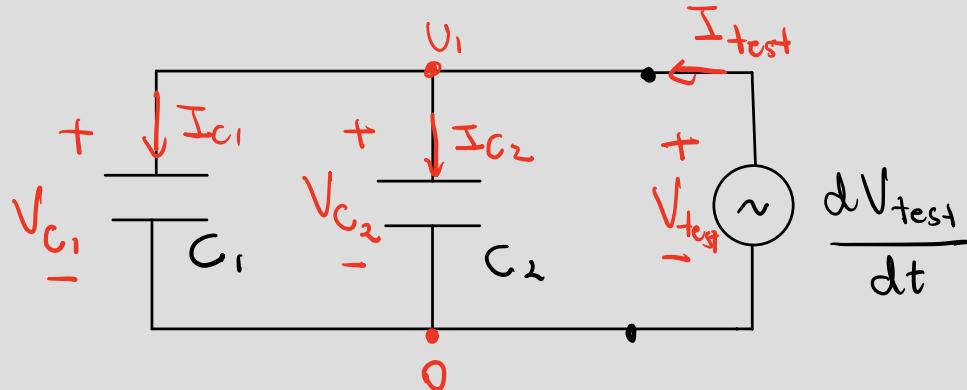
b) Apply $\frac{dV_{\text{test}}}{dt}$ and measure I_{test}

$$= C_{\text{eq}} = \frac{\overrightarrow{I_{\text{test}}}}{\frac{\overrightarrow{dV_{\text{test}}}}{\overrightarrow{dt}}}$$

(a)



Example 1



$$V_{C_1} = U_1, \quad V_{C_2} = U_1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$U_1 = V_{\text{test}}$$

$$\frac{dU_1}{dt} = \frac{dV_{\text{test}}}{dt}$$

Elem def: $I_{C_1} = C_1 \frac{dV_1}{dt} = C_1 \frac{dU_1}{dt} = C_1 \frac{dV_{\text{test}}}{dt}$

Elem def: $I_{C_2} = C_2 \frac{dV_2}{dt} = C_2 \frac{dU_1}{dt} = C_1 \frac{dV_{\text{test}}}{dt}$

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

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

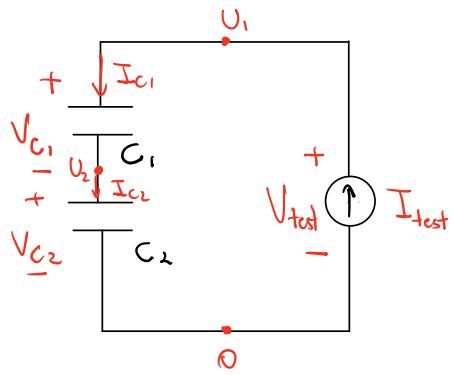
$$C_{\text{eq}} = \frac{I_{\text{test}}}{\frac{dV_{\text{test}}}{dt}} = C_1 + C_2$$



$$\equiv R_{\text{eq}} = R_1 + R_2$$

Series

Example 2 : "Capacitors in series"



KCL : $I_{c_1} = I_{c_2} = I_{\text{test}}$

Elements :

$$I_{c_2} = C_2 \frac{dV_{c_2}}{dt}$$

$$I_{c_1} = C_1 \frac{dV_{c_1}}{dt}$$

Voltage Def.

$$V_{c_2} = V_2 - 0$$

$$V_{c_1} = V_1 - V_2$$

$$V_{\text{test}} = V_1 - 0$$

For V_{c_2} :

$$I_{c_2} = C_2 \frac{dV_{c_2}}{dt}$$

$$I_{\text{test}} = C_2 \frac{dV_{c_2}}{dt} \equiv \frac{dV_2}{dt} = \frac{I_{\text{test}}}{C_2}$$

For V_{c_1} :

$$I_{c_1} = C_1 \frac{dV_{c_1}}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dV_1}{dt} = \frac{I_c}{C_1} = \frac{dV_1 - dV_2}{dt} = \frac{I_{\text{test}}}{C_1}$$

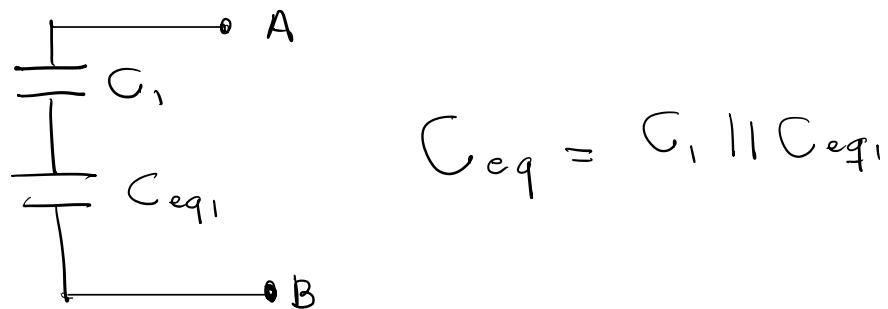
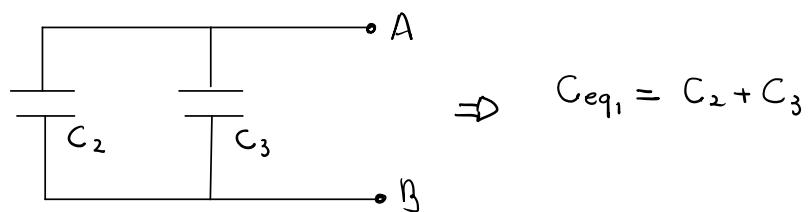
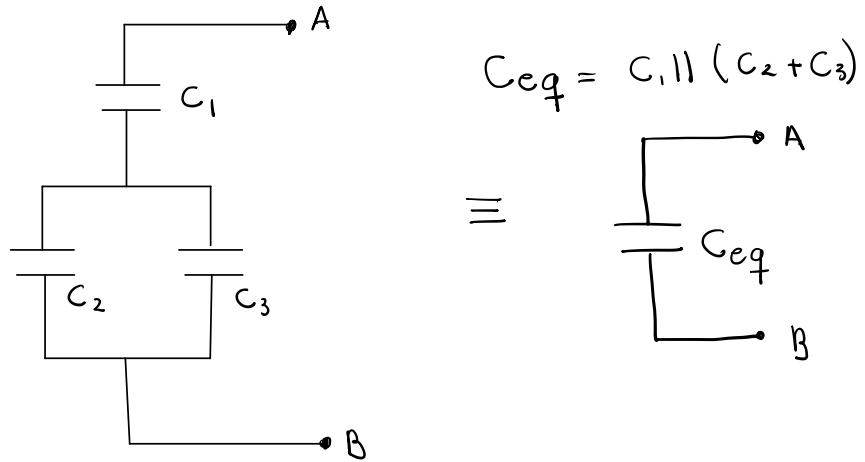
$$\frac{dV_1}{dt} = \frac{dV_2}{dt} + \frac{I_{\text{test}}}{C_1} = \frac{I_{\text{test}}}{C_2} + \frac{I_{\text{test}}}{C_1}$$

$$\frac{dV_1}{dt} = \frac{dV_{\text{test}}}{dt} = I_{\text{test}} \left(\frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_1} \right)$$

$$C_{\text{eq}} = \frac{\frac{I_{\text{test}}}{dV_{\text{test}}}}{\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}} = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} = C_1 \parallel C_2$$

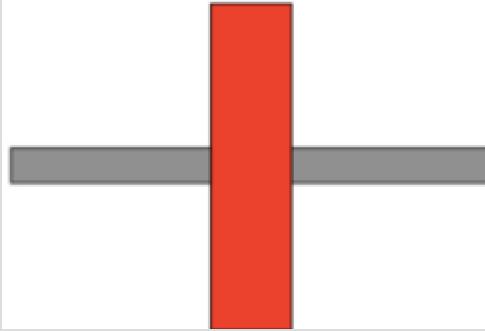
$$C_{\text{eq}} = C_1 \parallel C_2 \quad (\parallel - \text{parallel mathematical operator})$$

Example 3

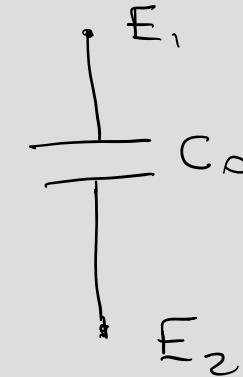
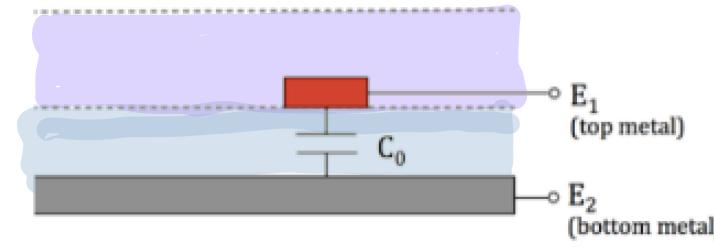


Capacitive Touchscreen – Model without touch

Top view



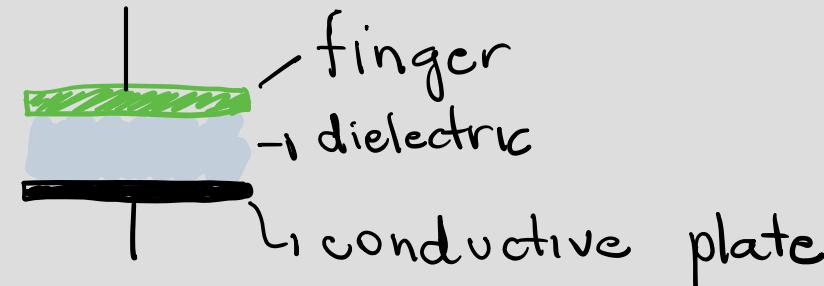
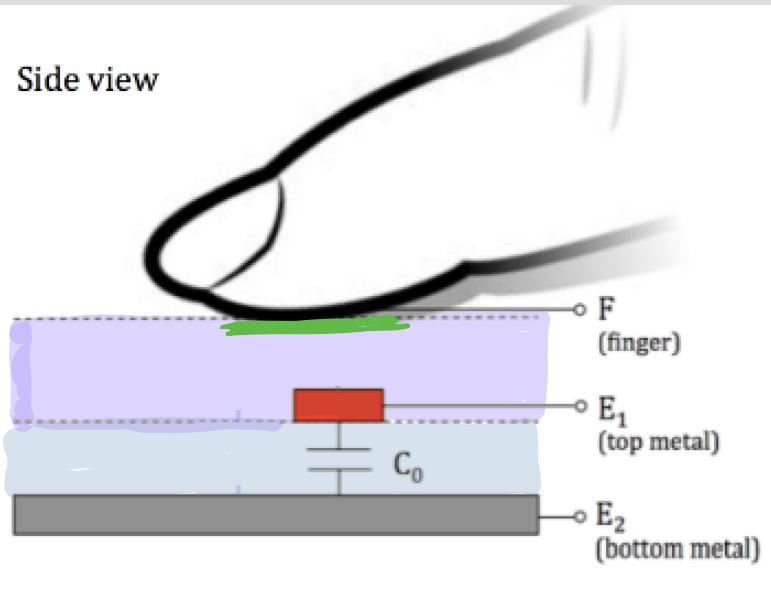
Side view



$$C_0 = \epsilon \cdot \frac{A}{d}$$

Capacitive Touchscreen – Model with touch

When there is a touch, it makes a capacitor!

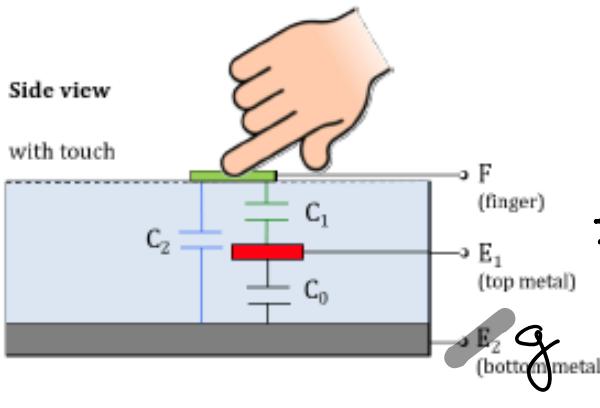


Problem: How can Voltage/Current when the finger is one of the terminals?

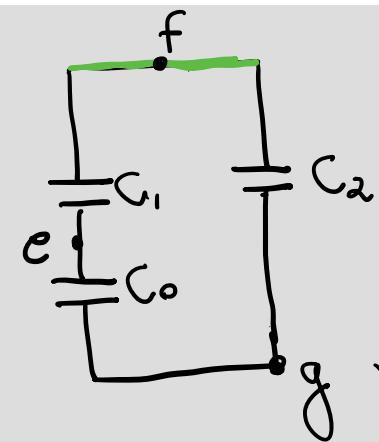
Solution: Models / Good architecture

Side view

with touch

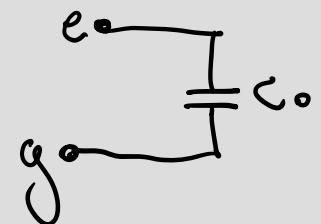


circuit
model

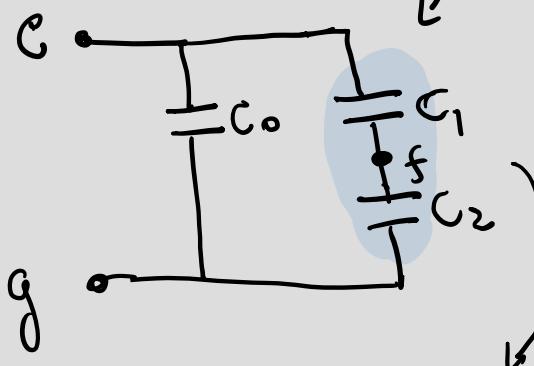


We only have access to nodes e and g, not f

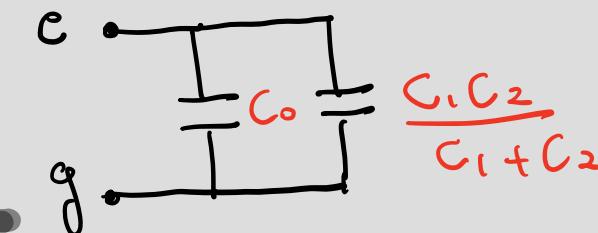
when no touch:



with touch:



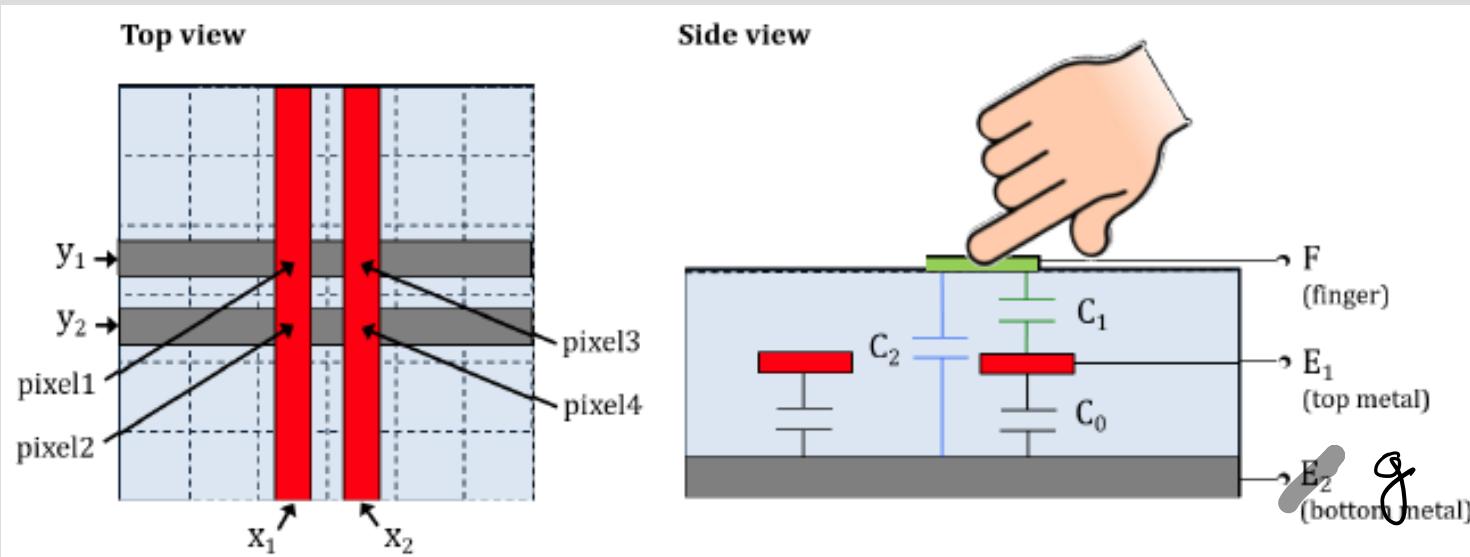
Redraw to focus on terminals (nodes) e and g



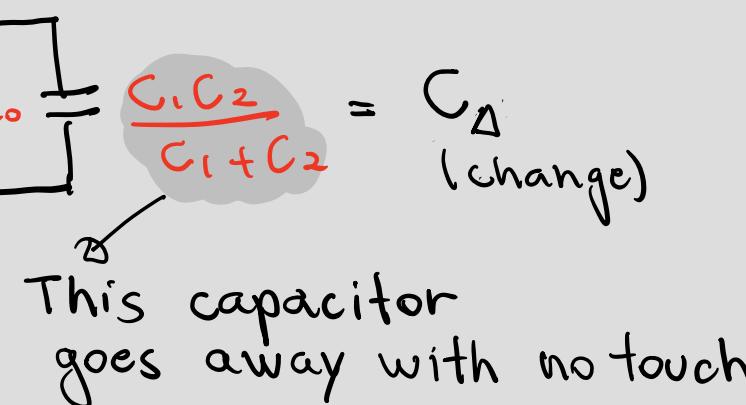
Equivalent capacitance for C₁ in series with C₂

⇒ Equiv. Capacitance for C₀ in parallel to $\frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$

2D View – How do we measure Capacitance?



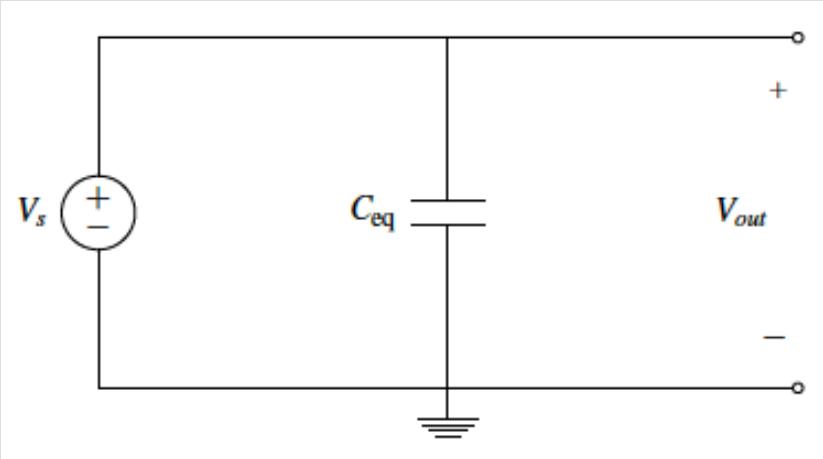
We want
to measure
Capacitance
here



Problem : We
don't have
a capaci-meter!

We will try
ideas to get
to a final
model.

Measuring Capacitance Models – Attempt #1



If there is touch: $V_c = V_s$

If there is no touch: $V_c = V_s$

V_{out} does not change!

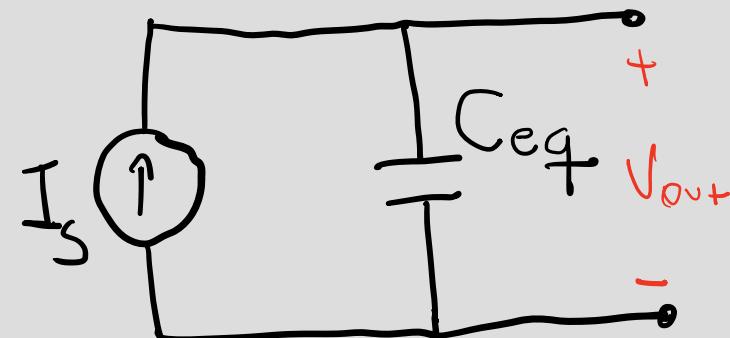
Bad idea!

Assume starts out discharged:

$$V_{out}(t=0) = 0$$

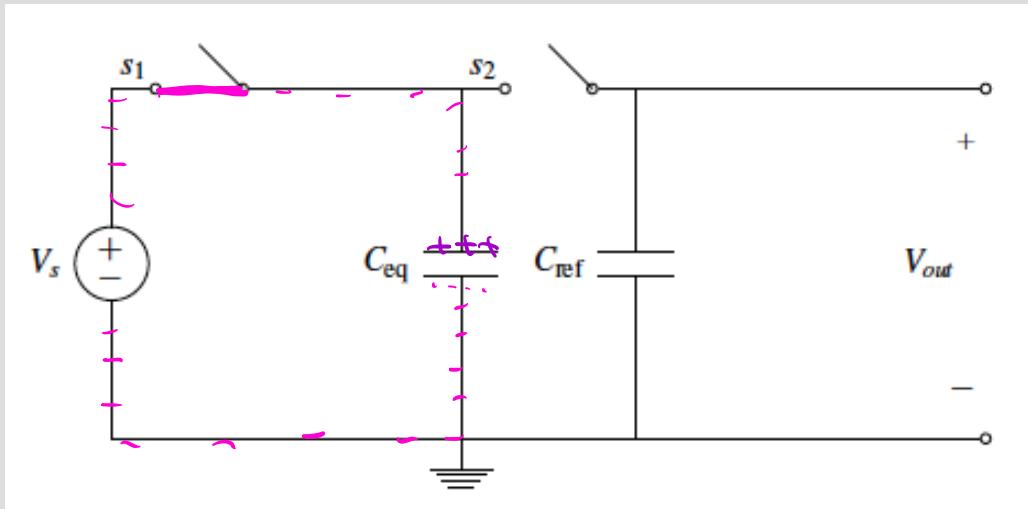
$$I_s = C_{eq} \frac{dV_{out}(t)}{dt} \rightarrow V_{out}(t) = \int_0^t \frac{I_s \cdot dt}{C_{eq}}$$

$$V_{out} = \frac{I_s t}{C_{eq}} \Rightarrow C_{eq} = \frac{I_s}{\frac{dV_c(t)}{dt}}$$



Very hard to make
current sources!

Measuring Capacitance Models – Attempt #2 – add switches and a reference capacitor



- 1st - Close both switches
We want to charge C_{ref} and measure V_{out} as C_{ref} discharges.
Is both closed - nothing happens!. Attempt #1

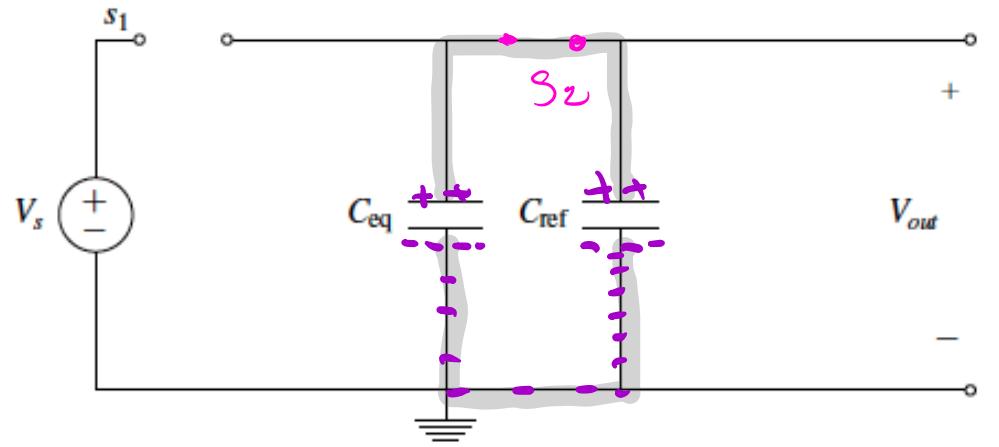
Phase 1: Close S_1 ; Open S_2

C_{eq} is charging

$q = C_{eq} \cdot V_s$ accumulates on capacitor plates.

Measuring Capacitance Models – Attempt #2 – add switches and a reference capacitor

Phase 2: close S_2 , open S_1



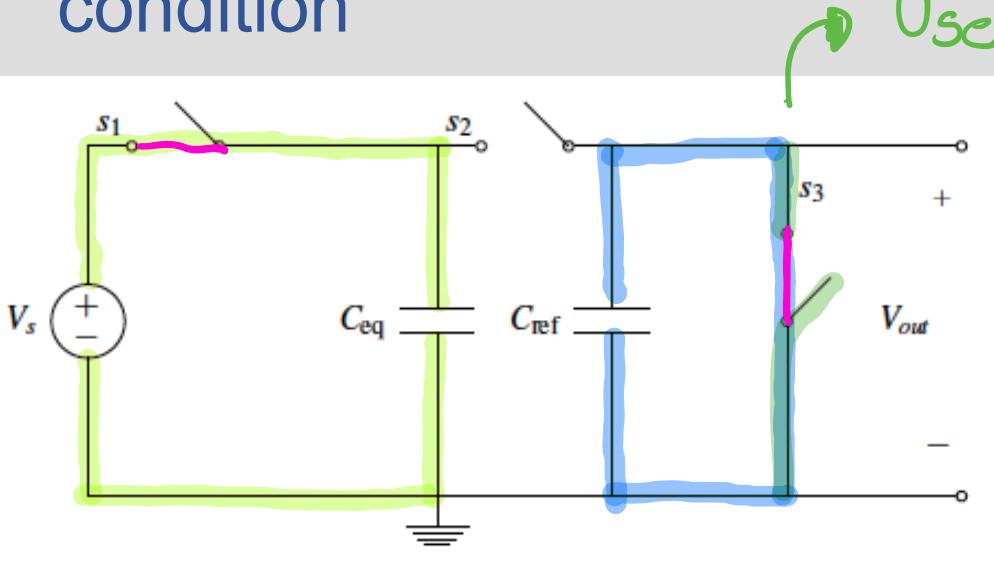
Charge will split
between C_{eq} and C_{ref}

"charge sharing"

So close! But we don't know initial C_{ref} .

- There is a path for charge to move.
- C_{eq} can provide the energy needed for current.

Measuring Capacitance Models – Attempt #3 – known initial condition



Use S_3 to discharge C_{ref} so we know $C_{ref} = 0$

Phase 1: S_3 closed, S_1 closed, S_2 open

C_{eq} discharges $V_{out} \rightarrow 0$

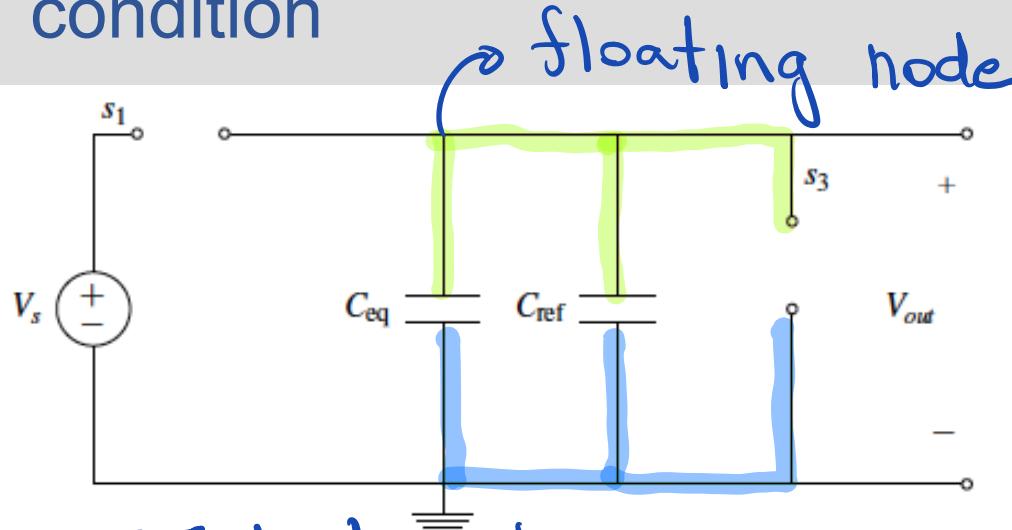
$$q = C_{eq} \cdot V_{out} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

C_{eq} charges

$$q = C_{eq} \cdot V_s$$

Phase 2: S_1 open, S_2 closed, S_3 open
 C_{eq} - charged

Measuring Capacitance Models – Attempt #3 – known initial condition



Total charge is conserved!

$$q(\text{phase 1}) = q(\text{phase 2})$$

$$C_{eq} \cdot V_s = C_{eq} V_{out} + C_{ref} \cdot V_{out}$$

$$V_{out} = \frac{C_{eq} V_s}{C_{eq} + C_{ref}}$$

Voltage across C_{eq} : V_{out}
 Voltage across C_{ref} : V_{out}
 Charge in C_{eq} : $q_1 = C_{eq} \cdot V_{out}$
 charge in C_{ref} : $q_2 = C_{ref} \cdot V_{out}$

V_{out} changes when C_{eq} changes!!!