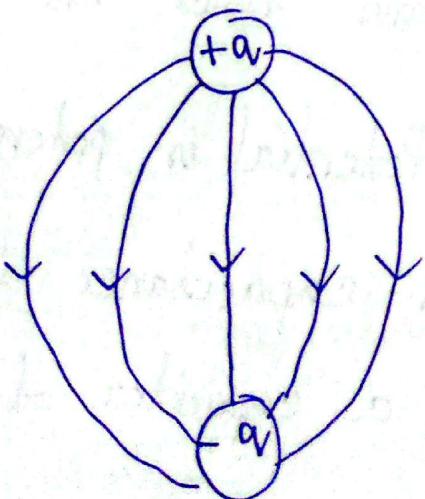


## Capacitance

- \* Any two conductors separated by ~~two~~-insulators an insulator form a capacitor.
- \* Initially, the conductors have zero charge and electrons are transferred from one conductor to the other; this is called charging the capacitor.
- \* Net charge of the capacitor is zero.
- \*  $+q$  charge is stored in one conductor and  $-q$  charge is stored in the other conductor.
- \* We say,  $q$  charge is stored in the capacitor.
- \* Symbol  $\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array}$  or  $\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \leftarrow \end{array}$ .



Once the charges are established on the conductors, the battery is disconnected. This gives a fixed potential difference  $V$  between the conductors.

\* The charge  $q$  and potential difference  $V$  are proportional to each other.

$$q \propto V$$

$$\Rightarrow q = CV$$

↳ This proportionality constant is called the capacitance of the capacitor.

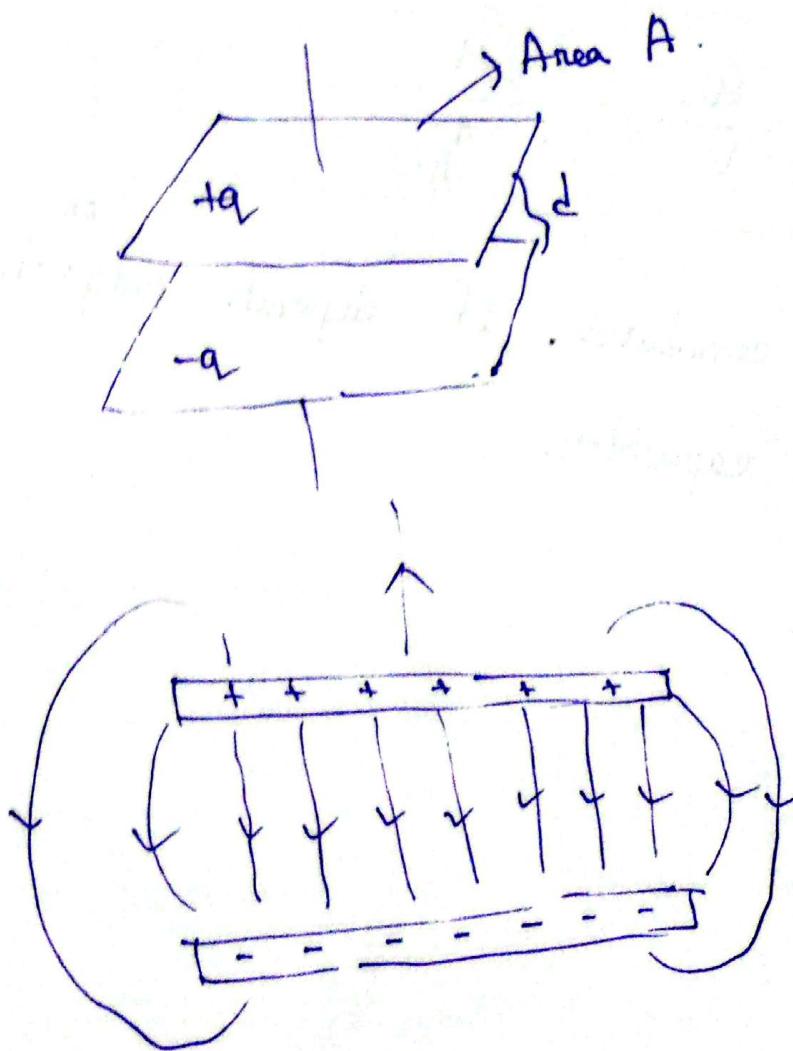
$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{q}{V}$$

\* Unit  $CV^{-1}$  or  $F$  (Farad).

\* The greater the value of  $C$ , the greater the magnitude  $q$  of charge on either conductor for a given potential difference  $V$  and hence the greater the amount of stored energy. (Potential is potential energy per unit charge). Thus capacitance is a measure of the ability of a capacitor to store energy.

## Parallel Plate Capacitor:

- \* The simplest form of capacitor consists of two parallel conducting plates, each with area  $A$ , separated by a distance  $d$  that is small in comparison with their dimensions.



- \* So the electric field is essentially uniform between the plates.

\* This arrangement is called parallel plate capacitor.

$$+ \partial E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} + \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{q}{A\epsilon_0}$$

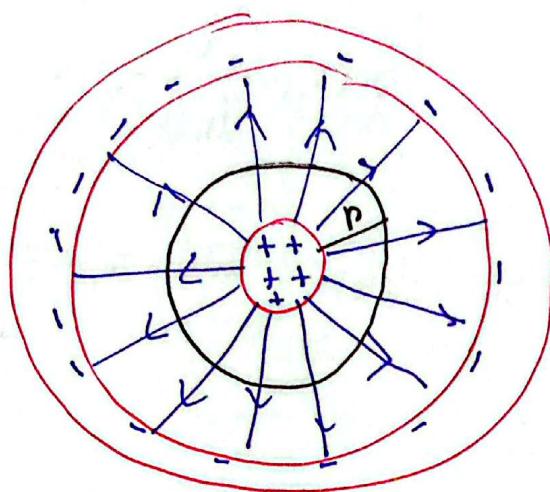
$$V = \int_0^d \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dl} = Ed = \frac{ad}{A\epsilon_0}$$

$$\therefore C = \frac{q}{V} = \frac{q}{ad/A\epsilon_0} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

→  $C$  is constant. It depends only on the geometry of the capacitor.

## A Cylindrical Capacitor:

- \* Two concentric cylindrical conductor shell form cylindrical capacitor.



Let's say, the inner conductor has radius  $a$  and  
the outer shell has radius  $b$ .

$$\text{Capacitance } C = \frac{q}{V} \text{ . where, } V = - \int_{-}^{+} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} .$$

$E$  can be determined from, gaun's law,

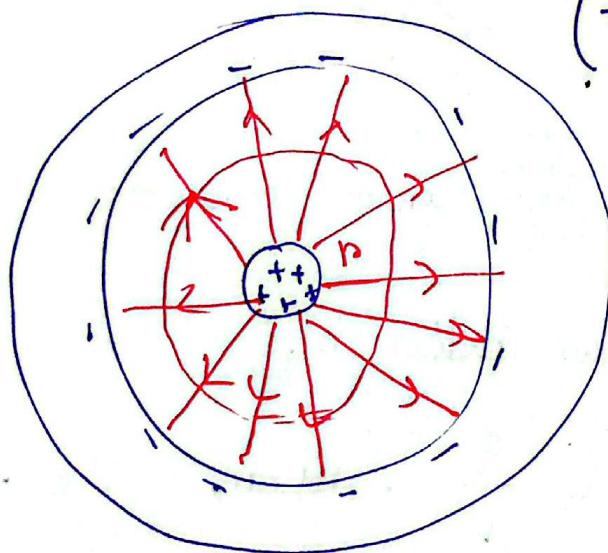
$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = E 2\pi r L = \frac{q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\therefore E = \frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 L r}$$

$L$  is the length of the cylinder. Let's imagine the gaussian cylindrical surface of radius  $r$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore V &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \\
 &= -\frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 L} \int_b^a \frac{dr}{r} \\
 &= \frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 L} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \\
 \therefore C &= \frac{q}{V} = 2\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{L}{\ln(b/a)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

A spherical Capacitor: (~~Two spheres~~ One solid sphere and a spherical shell).



(Inner sphere has radius  $a$  and outer sphere has radius  $b$ )

To calculate the electric field let's imagine a spherical gaussian surface of radius  $r$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} &= E 4\pi r^2 = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \\
 \Rightarrow E &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$V = \int_{\text{out}}^{\text{in}} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dl} = - \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{b}^{a} \frac{dr}{r^2}.$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right)$$

$$\boxed{C = \frac{q}{V}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{b-a}{ab}.$$

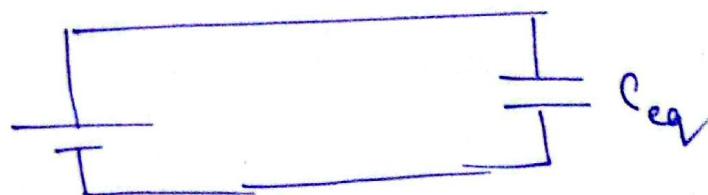
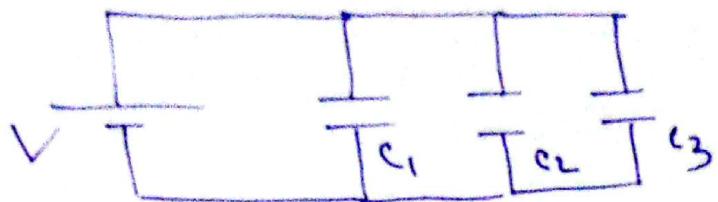
$$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{ab}{b-a}.$$

Isolate sphere:

$$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{a}{1-a/b}$$

$= 4\pi\epsilon_0 a$  (Capacitance of  
a single sphere of radius  
 $r$ ) .

## Capacitors in parallel:



$$q_1 = C_1 V, \quad q_2 = C_2 V, \quad q_3 = C_3 V. \quad \text{and} \quad q = C_{eq} V.$$

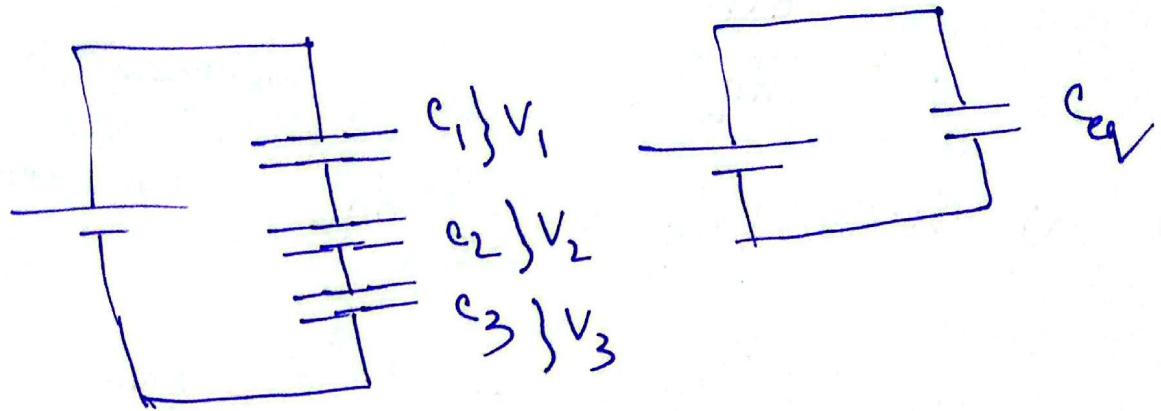
$$\text{Now, } q = q_1 + q_2 + q_3$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{eq} V = C_1 V + C_2 V + C_3 V$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{eq} = \sum_{i=1}^N C_i$$

## Capacitors in series



$$V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$$

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

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

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{C_i}$$

## Energy stored in Capacitor:

$$V = \frac{dW}{dq}$$

Suppose you are  
charging a capacitor  
from zero charge to  
 $Q$  charge

$$\Rightarrow dW = Vdq = \frac{q}{C} dq$$

$$\therefore W = \int_0^W dW = \frac{1}{C} \int_0^Q q dq$$

$$= \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

$$\therefore U = \frac{Q^2}{2C} = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} QV.$$

Energy density:

$$\frac{U}{V} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} CV^2}{Ad}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{Ad} E_d^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2.$$

## Capacitors with a dielectric:

- \* Dielectric is a special insulator that can be polarised by an applied electric field.
- \* There are two kinds of dielectrics.
  - i) Polar: Comists of small dipoles arranged in random directions.

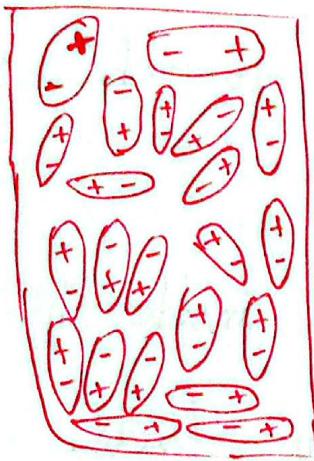
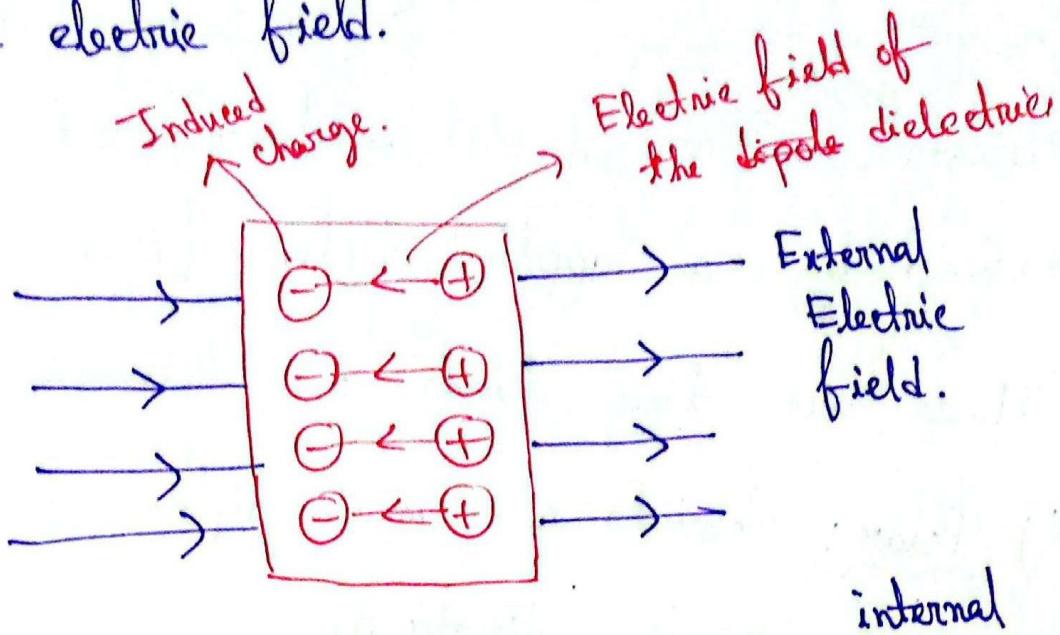


Fig: Polar dielectrics.

- ii) Non-polar: Does not have dipoles.

- \* When placed in an electric field the dipoles of the polar dielectric rearrange according to the electric field. and the non-polar dielectrics rearrange their positive and negative ions according to

the electric field.



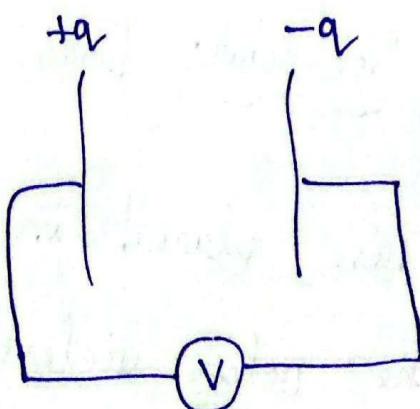
\* As a result, there is an ~~external~~ electric field inside the dielectric opposite to the external electric field.

\* So the net electric field inside the dielectric is less than the external electric field.

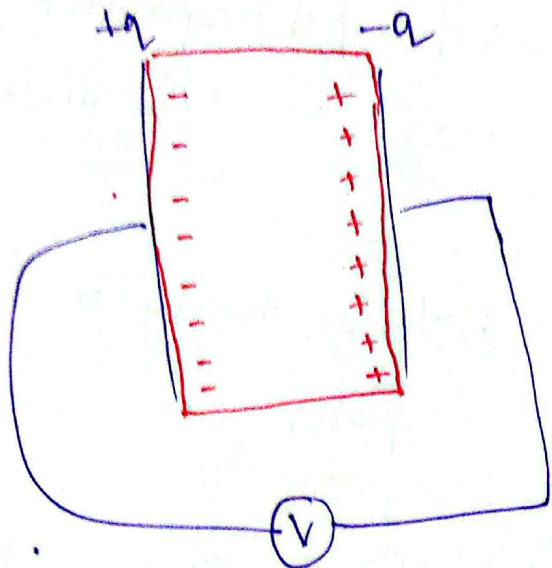
\* Let's say we have a capacitor of capacitance

$$C_0 = \frac{q}{V_0}$$

\* We are measuring the voltage using a voltmeter.



\* What will happen if we put a dielectric in the space between the two parallel plates of the capacitor?



\* We will see the voltage reading of the voltmeter ~~is decreasing~~ has decreased. Let's say the new voltage is  $V$ .

$$\text{Now, } V < V_0. \quad \text{So,} \quad C = \frac{q}{V} \quad \text{and} \quad C_0 = \frac{q}{V_0}$$

$$\text{as } V < V_0. \quad C > C_0.$$

$$\frac{C}{C_0} = \frac{V_0}{V} = \kappa \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{dielectric constant} \\ \text{of the material.} \end{array} \right]$$

\* The relationship bet<sup>n</sup> to electric field and voltage without and with dielectric is respectively,

$$E_0 = V_0 d \quad \text{and} \quad E = V d \quad [d = \text{separation of the plates}]$$

$$\therefore \frac{E_0}{E} = \frac{V_0}{V} = K.$$

We know,  $E_0 = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$   $\sigma \rightarrow$  Charge density on the plates.

Similarly,  $E = \frac{\sigma - \sigma_i}{\epsilon_0}$

$\sigma_i$  = Induced charge density of the dielectric medium.

$$\therefore \frac{\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}}{\frac{\sigma - \sigma_i}{\epsilon_0}} = K$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_i = \sigma \left(1 - \frac{1}{K}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{q_i}{A} = \frac{\sigma}{A} \left(1 - \frac{1}{K}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow q_i = q \left(1 - \frac{1}{K}\right).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Again } E &= \frac{\sigma - \sigma_i}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma - \sigma(1 - \frac{1}{k})}{\epsilon_0} \\
 &= \frac{\sigma - \sigma + \frac{\sigma}{k}}{\epsilon_0} \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma}{k\epsilon_0} \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon}
 \end{aligned}$$

\*  $\epsilon = k\epsilon_0$  is called permittivity of the dielectric.

$$\text{Now, } C = kC_0 = k\epsilon_0 \frac{A}{d} = \epsilon \frac{A}{d}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 U &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{kE^2}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{kC_0 V^2}{Ad} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{k^2 C_0 V^2}{Ad} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{C_0 V^2}{k Ad} \\
 &\Rightarrow U = \frac{U_0}{k} \\
 &\Rightarrow U_0 = UK
 \end{aligned}$$

$$U_0 = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \frac{A}{d} (Ed)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon Ad E^2$$

$$\therefore U = \frac{U_0}{Ad} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2. [\text{Energy density in dielectric}]$$

## Gauss's Law in dielectrics:

Applying Gauss's law

$$EA = \frac{q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

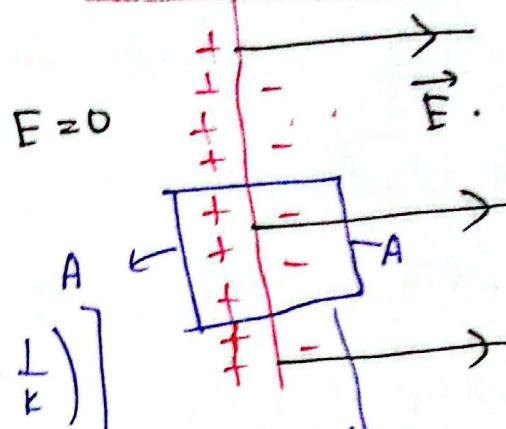
$$\Rightarrow EA = \frac{q(\sigma - \sigma_i)A}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow EA = \frac{\sigma A}{k\epsilon_0} \left[ \sigma - \sigma_i \left( 1 - \frac{1}{k} \right) \right]$$

$$\sigma - \sigma_i = \frac{\sigma}{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow EA = \frac{\sigma A}{\epsilon}$$

Conductor  
dielectric



Gaussian Surface

Now we can write Gauss's law in dielectric as,

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{enc-free}}}{\epsilon}$$

Charge on the capacitor plate enclosed by the surface.

1)

$$a) C_0 = \frac{E \cdot A}{d} = 1.77 \times 10^{-10} F$$

$$b) q = C_0 V_0 = 0.531 \mu C$$

$$c) C = \frac{q}{V} = 5.31 \times 10^{-10} F$$

$$d) k = \frac{C}{C_0} = \frac{V}{V_0} = 3$$

$$e) \epsilon = k C_0 = 2.66 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$f) q_{V_2} = q \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) = 3.59 \times 10^{-7} C.$$

$$g) V_0 = E_0 d =$$

$$\Rightarrow E_0 = \frac{V_0}{d} = 3 \times 10^5$$

$$h) E = \frac{V}{d} = 1 \times 10^5 V/m$$

$$i) U_0 = \frac{1}{2} C_0 V_0^2 = 7.97 \times 10^{-9} J$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} C V^2 = 2.66 \times 10^{-9} J.$$

$$U_0 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 = 0.398 J/m^3$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2 = 0.133 J/m^3.$$

2)

a)  $C_0 = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} = 8.21 \times 10^{-12} F$

b)  $q = C_0 V_0 = 7.02 \times 10^{-10} C.$

c) In the gap, From gaussian surface I.

$$\epsilon_0 \int dA = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_0 = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0 A} = 6900 V/m.$$

d) From gaussian surface II.

$$E \int dA \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dA} = \frac{q}{\epsilon}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_1 = \frac{q}{\epsilon A} = \frac{q}{k\epsilon_0 A} \quad [\epsilon = k\epsilon_0]$$

$$= 2.64 \times 10^3 N/C$$

e)  $V = \int_{-}^{+} Eds = E_0(d-b) + E_1 b$   
 $= (6900 N/C)(0.0124 - 0.00780 m)$   
 $+ (2640)(0.00780) = 52.3 V.$

f)  $C = \frac{q}{V} = 1.34 \times 10^{-11} F.$

3]

$$q_{V_0} = C_p V_0 = 22.365 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C.}$$

$$V_1 = V_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_{V_1}}{C_1} = \frac{a_{V_2}}{C_2} \Rightarrow q_{V_2} = q_{V_0} - q_{V_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_{V_1}}{C_1} = \frac{a_{V_0} - a_{V_1}}{C_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_{V_1} = 6.35 \mu\text{C}$$

$$\therefore q_{V_2} = 16 \mu\text{C.}$$

A)

$$a) \frac{1}{C_{3H}} = \frac{1}{C_3} + \frac{1}{C_5}$$

$$C_{3H} = \frac{C_3 C_5}{C_3 + C_5} = 2 \mu F$$

$$C_{P_1} = C_4 + C_{3H} + C_2 = 6 \mu F$$

$$C_{P_2} = C_1 + C_6 = 6 \mu F$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{C_{P_1} C_{P_2}}{C_{P_1} + C_{P_2}} = 3 \mu F.$$

$$b) q = CV = 20 \times 3 \times 10^{-6} = 0.06 \mu C.$$

c)  $V_1 = 10 V$  on  $C_{P_1} = C_{P_2}$ . So voltage split into half.

$$d) q_1 = C_1 V_1 = 30 \mu C.$$

$$e) V_2 = 10 V.$$

$$f) q_2 = C_2 V_2 = 20 \mu C.$$

$$g) V_3 = 5 V \text{ so, } q_3 = C_3 V_3 = 20 \mu C.$$