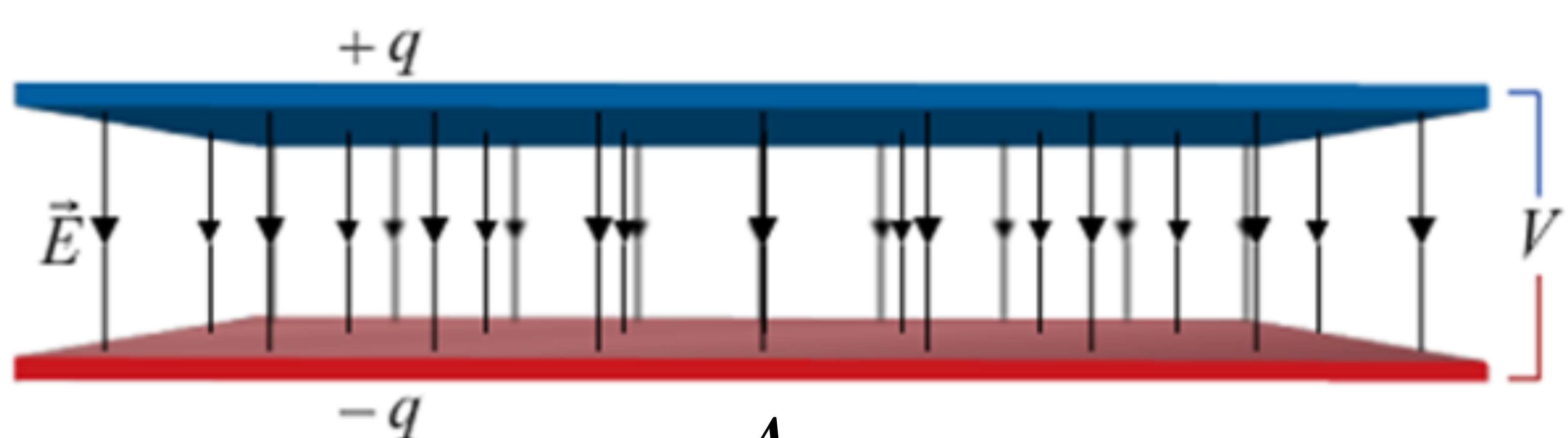
More capacitors

Lecture 10

Review: Capacitance

- ***Capacitance***: *Capacity (or efficiency)* of conductor to hold charge at a potential difference.

$$Q = CV$$

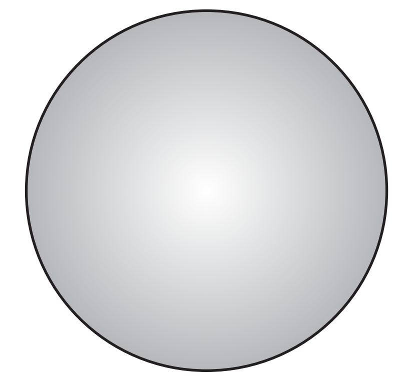


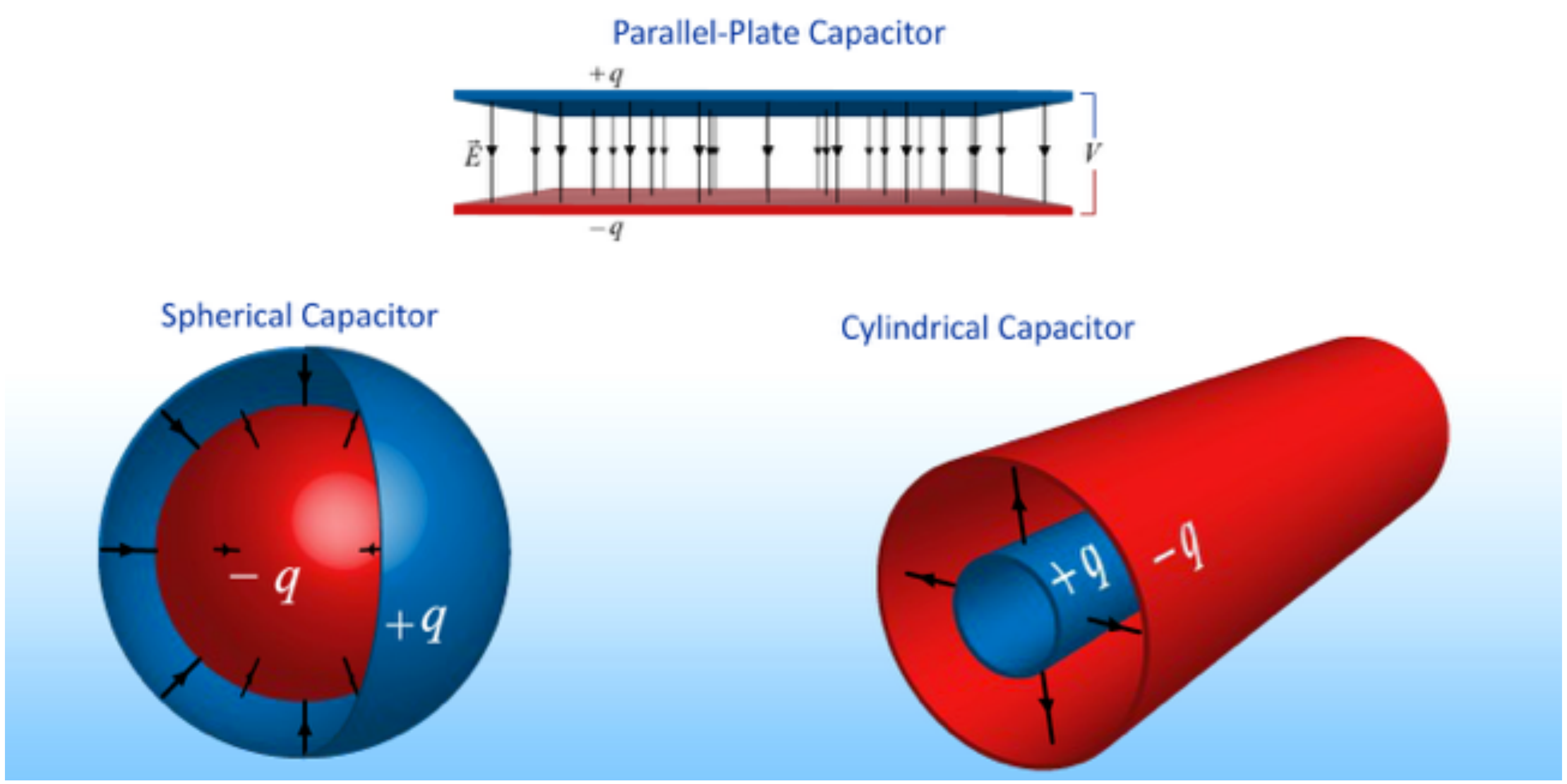
$$C = \frac{A\epsilon_0}{d}$$

- Units: Farad = C/V.

Capacitors

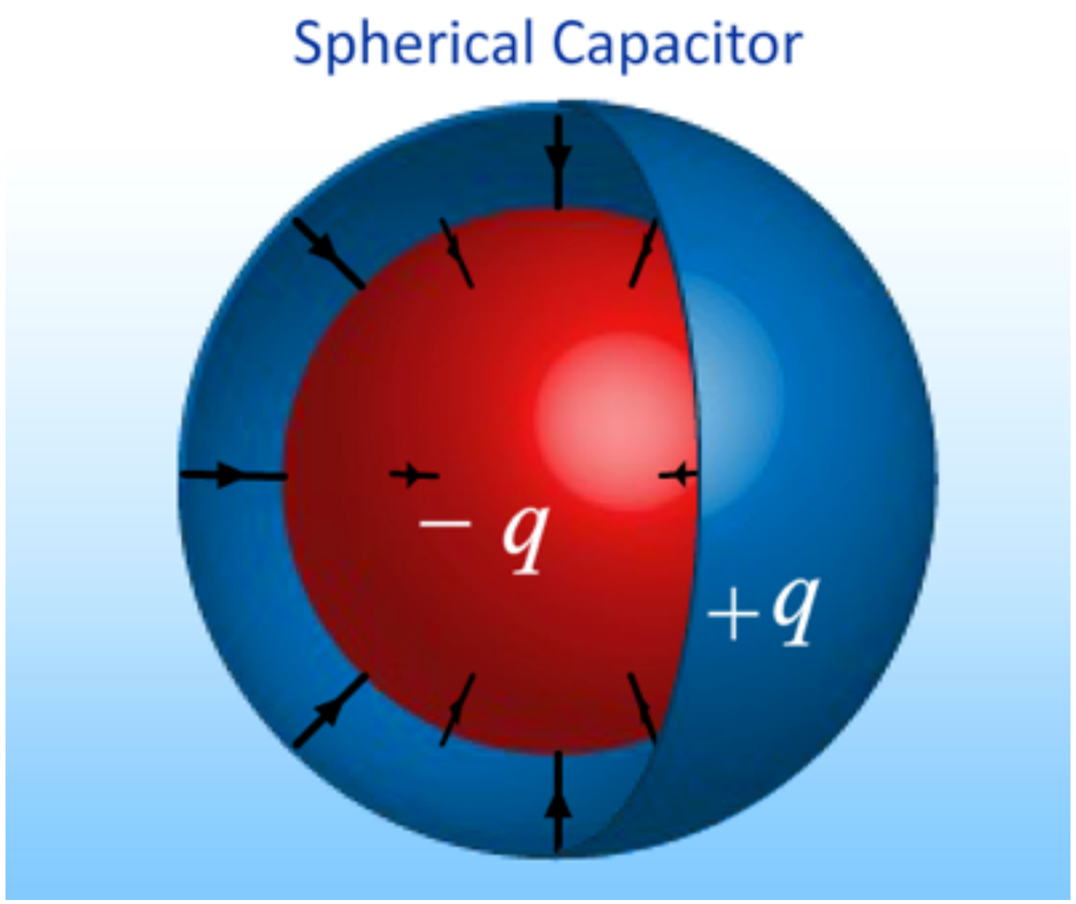
- Not just planes…
  spheres, cylinders, plates,
  isolated conductor…





Capacitance depends only on geometry (not charge).

Concentric Spheres



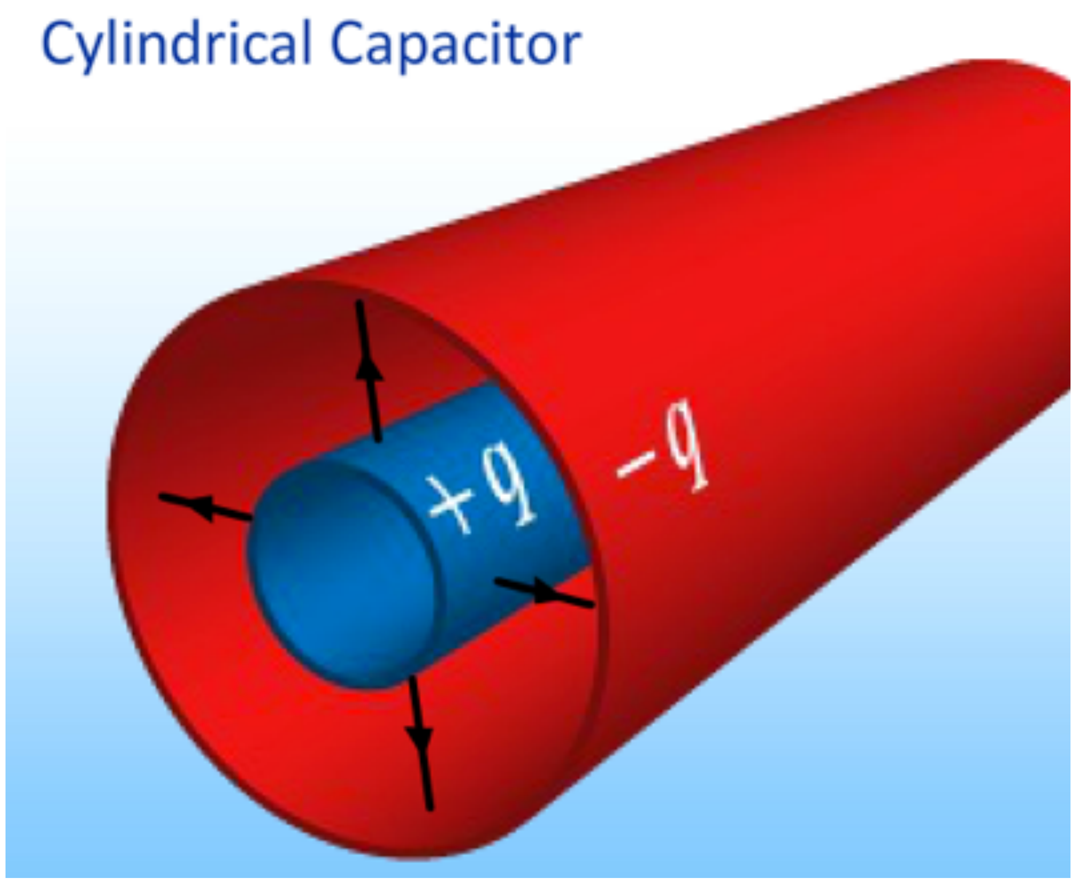
$$Q = CV$$

on overhead…

$$C = \frac{4\pi R_1 R_2 \epsilon_0}{R_1 - R_2}$$

limit?

Concentric Cylinders



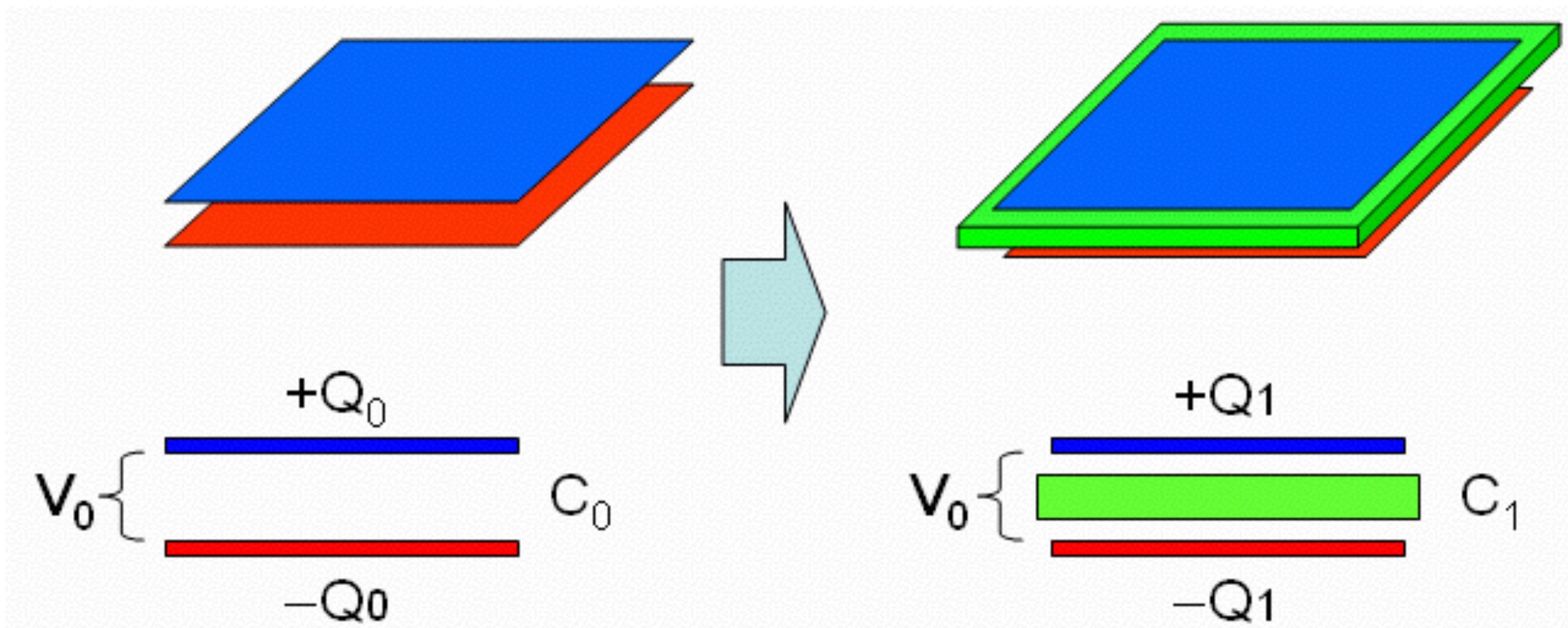
$$Q = CV$$

on overhead…

$$C = \frac{2\pi L \epsilon_0}{\log R_1 / R_2}$$

limit?

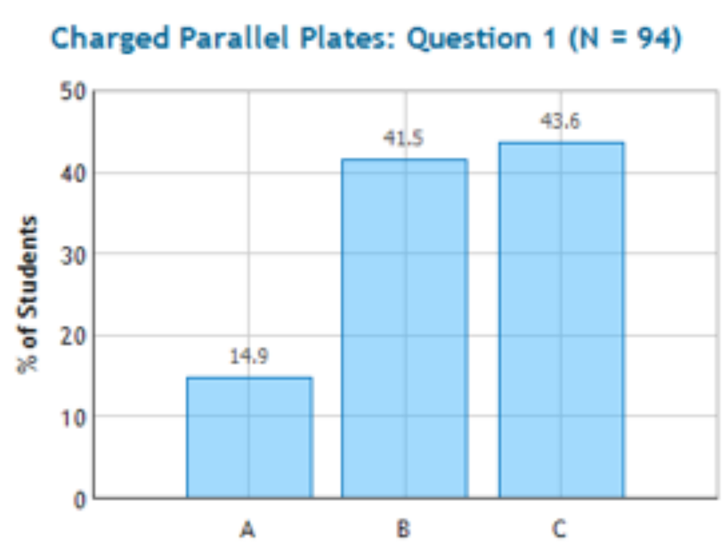
FlipIt Physics



1) Compare Q_1 and Q_0.

- $Q_1 < Q_0$
- $Q_1 = Q_0$
- $Q_1 > Q_0$

Submit Graph



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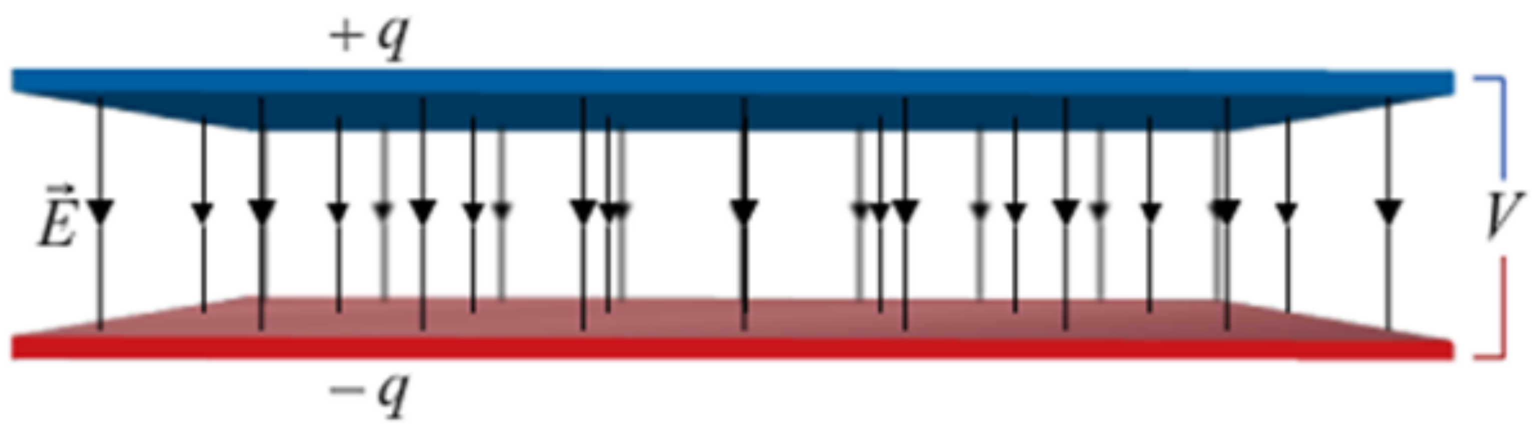
- How do we think about Electric Potential Energy?
  - **Work** required to build **charge distribution**
  - … but where is the energy stored?
  - in the **Electric Field**

Energy is stored in the **E field**

- Use a capacitor to compute the energy…



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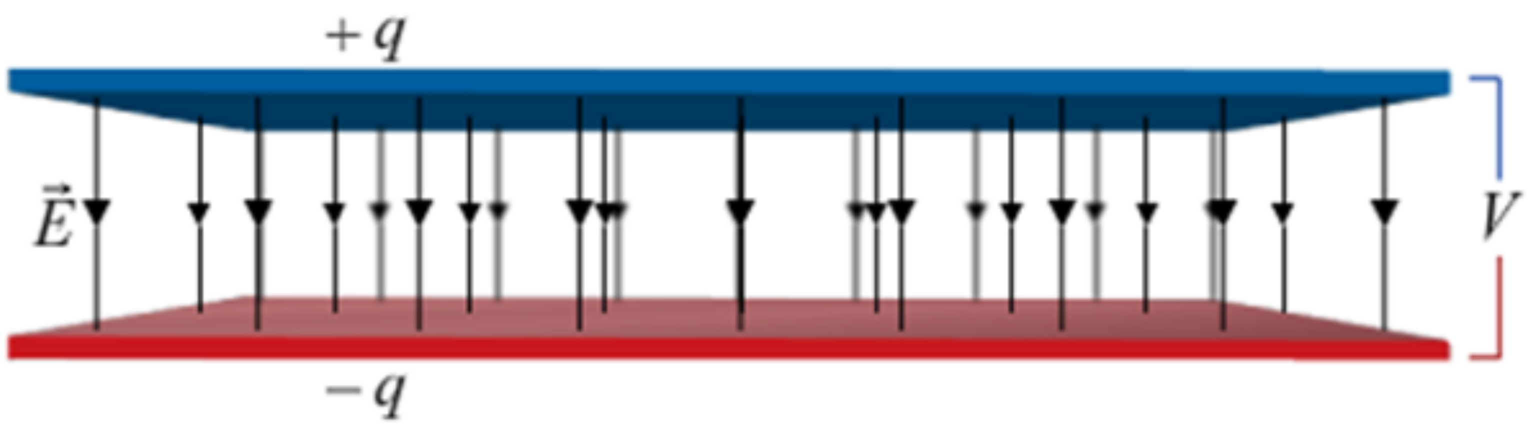

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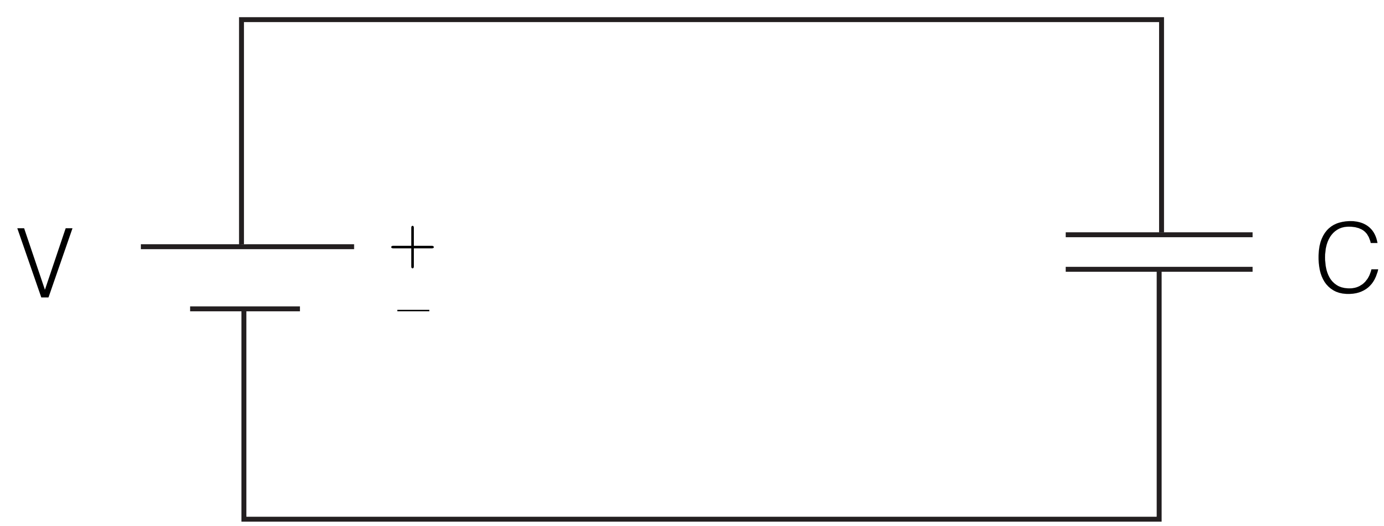
$$u = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 E^2$$

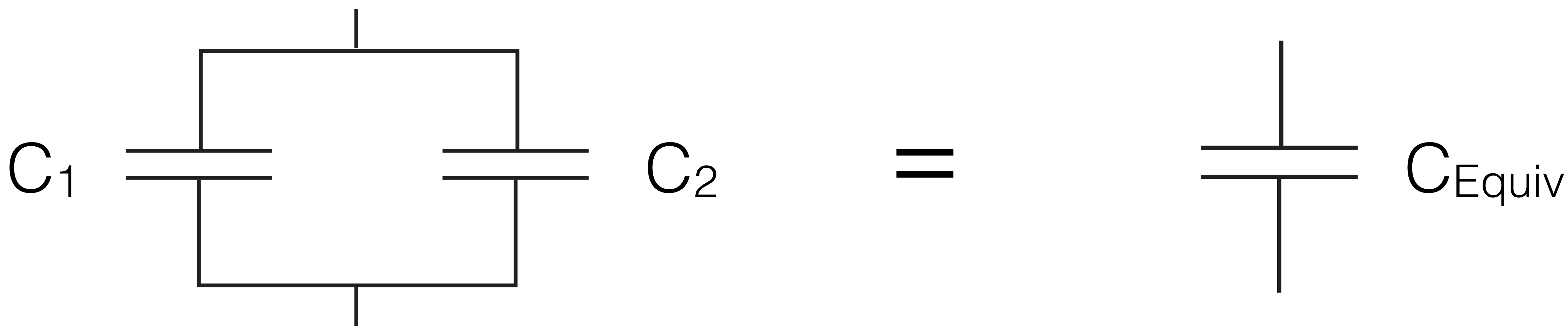
Capacitors in circuits

- Circuit Diagram:
  - Voltage Supply/Battery
  - Capacitor
  - … More symbols later …

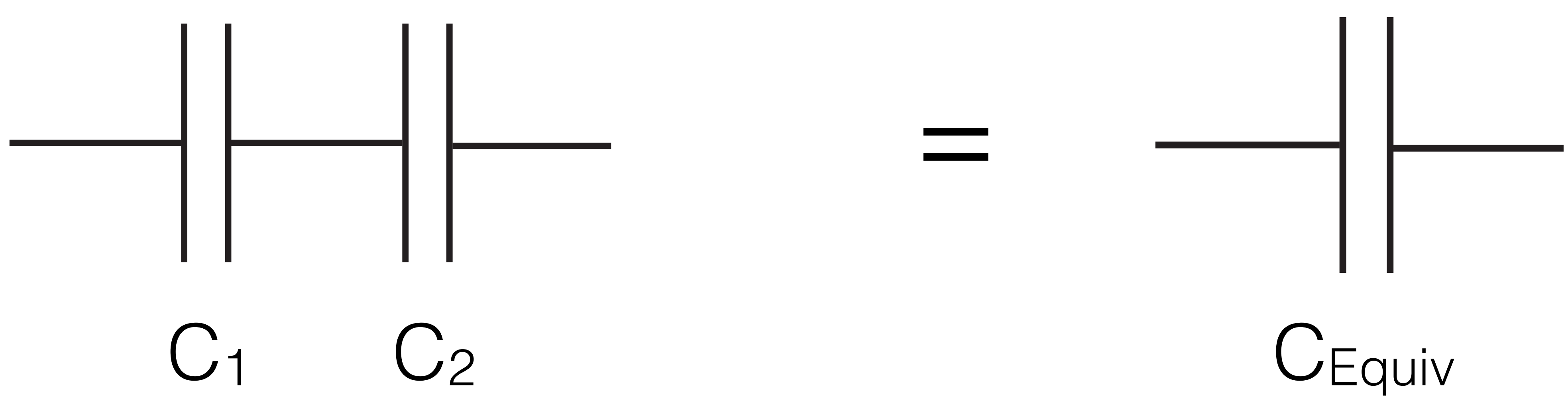


Parallel vs Series

- **Parallel** configuration of capacitors:



- **Series** configuration of capacitors:



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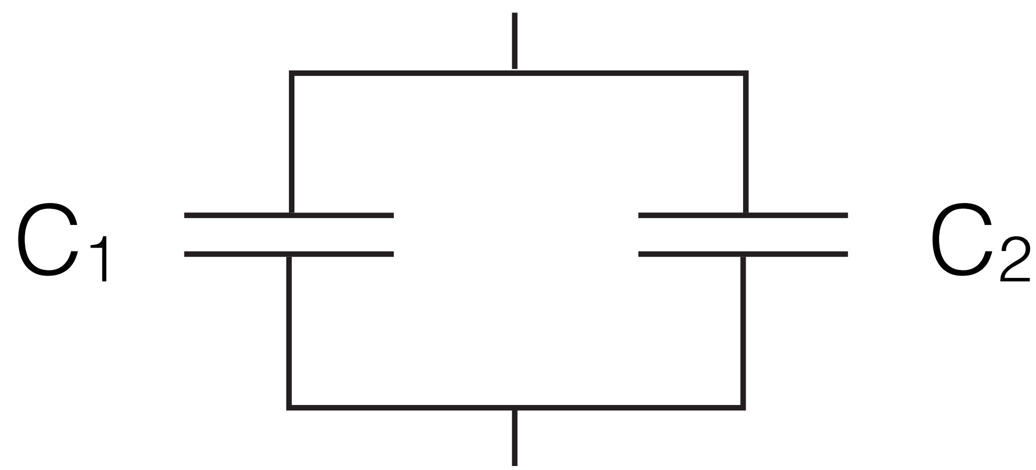

(overhead)

(~ Springs in parallel.)

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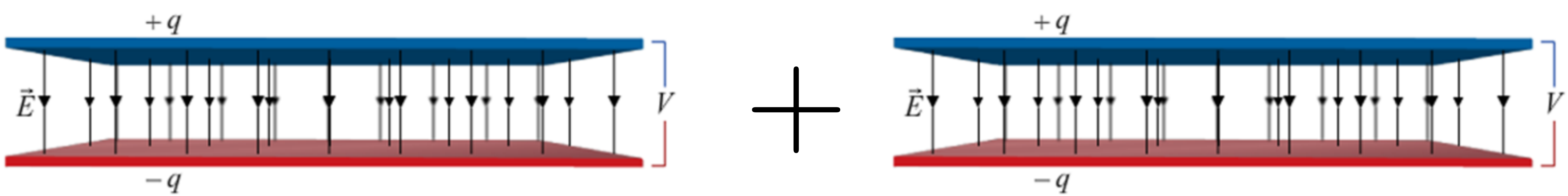
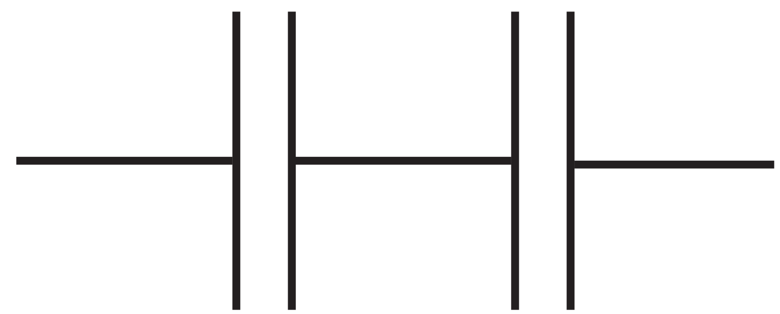


- **Areas** just **add** therefore so does capacitance!

Equivalent Capacitance for **Series Capacitors**



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(~ Springs in series.)

$$C_{\text{Equiv}}^{-1} = C_1^{-1} + C_2^{-1} = \sum_i C_i^{-1}$$

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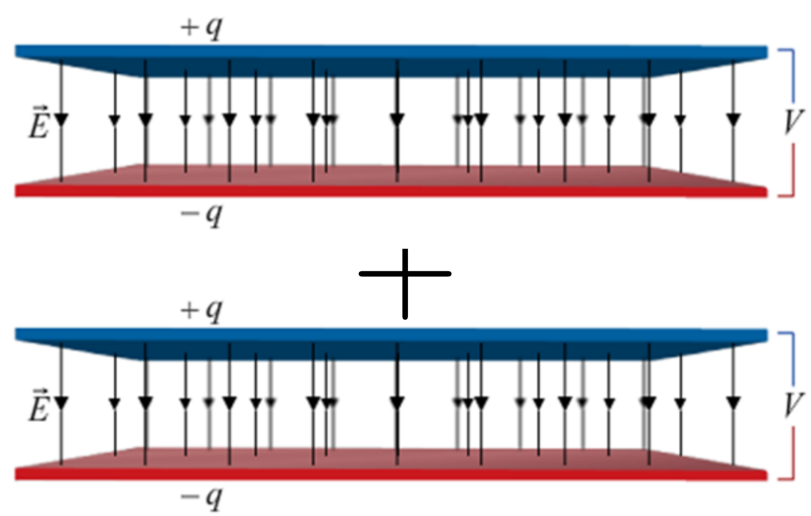

Conductor sandwich!

- **Distances** just **add** therefore so does inverse capacitance!