

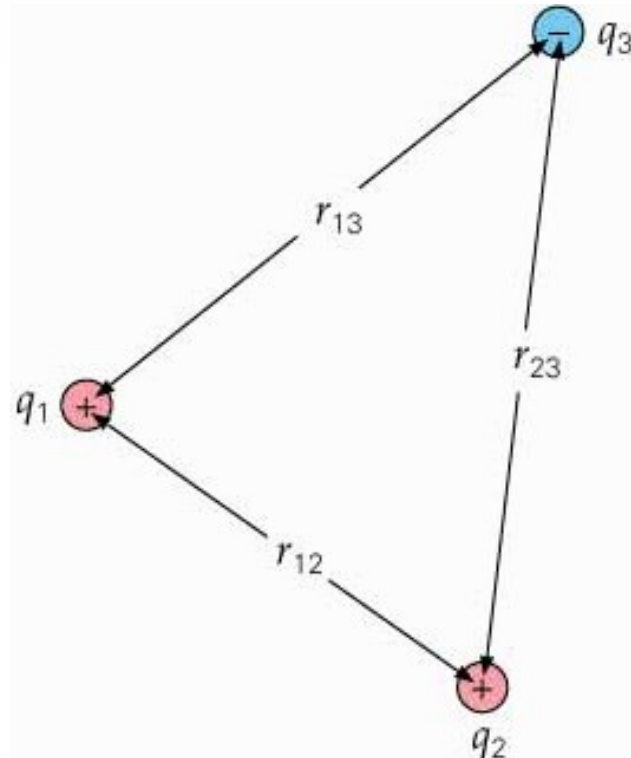
# Review

- **Energy** associated with building up net charges



- Three charges

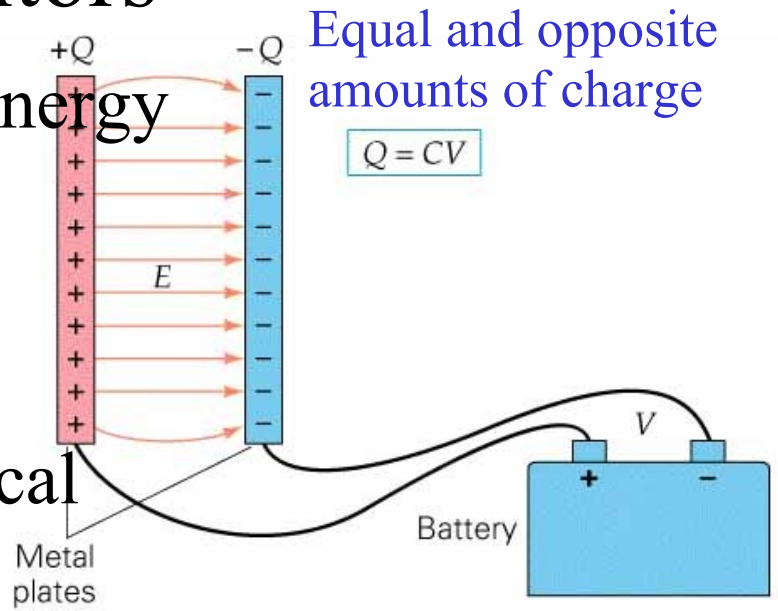
$$U_{ij} = k \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$$



$$U_{\text{total}} = U_{12} + U_{23} + U_{13}$$

# Capacitors

- Any charge separation stores energy
- Parallel Plates
  - Most typical capacitor
  - Uniform E field
- Common component in electrical circuits



(a) Parallel-plate capacitor

## Capacitance: the “charge per volt” on a capacitor

$$C \equiv \frac{Q}{V}$$

Capacitance governs ...

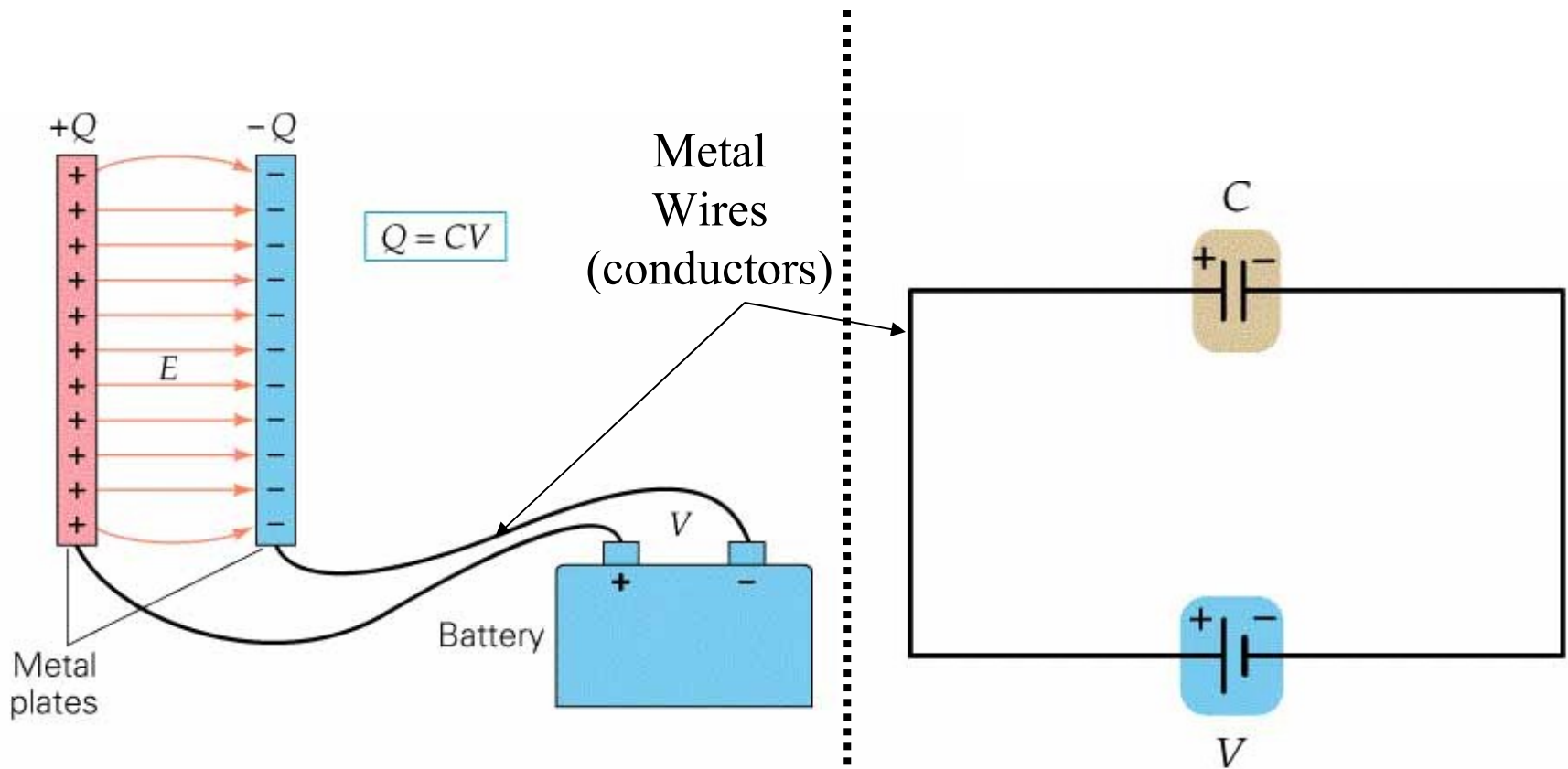
how much charge is required to produce 1 volt on the capacitor ( $Q=CV$ ),

what the potential difference will be if  $\pm Q$  of charge is on the plates. ( $V=Q/C$ )

Units: 1 Farad = Coulomb/Volt

Notation:  $\Delta V = V$  the potential difference between the plates

# Capacitors



(a) Parallel-plate capacitor

(b) Schematic circuit diagram

Note the difference between capacitors and batteries

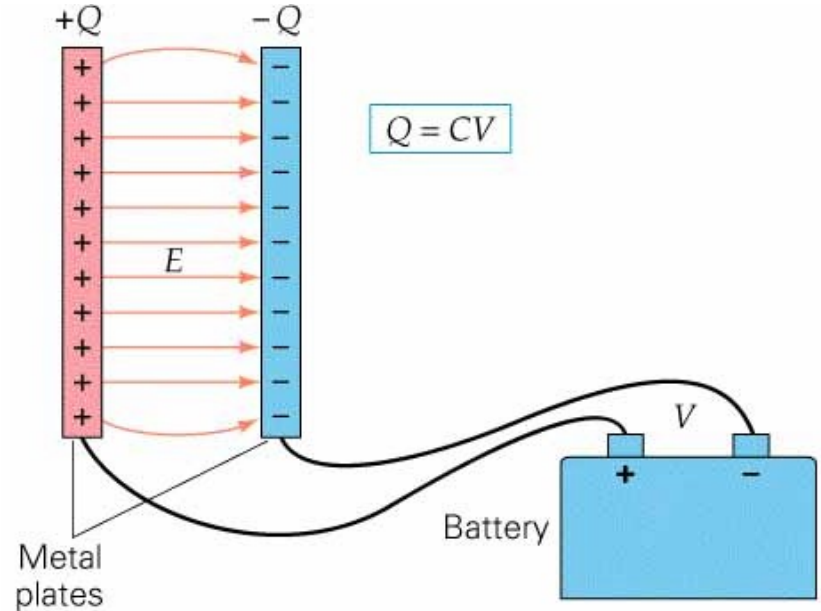
# Compute Capacitance of P.Plate Capacitor

- Physical Dimensions determine the capacitance
- Independent of charge and voltage!**

$$E \equiv \frac{4\pi kQ}{A}$$

$$(-) V = Ed \equiv \frac{4\pi kQd}{A}$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{QA}{4\pi kQd} = \left( \frac{1}{4\pi k} \right) \frac{A}{d} = \epsilon_o \frac{A}{d}$$



(a) Parallel-plate capacitor

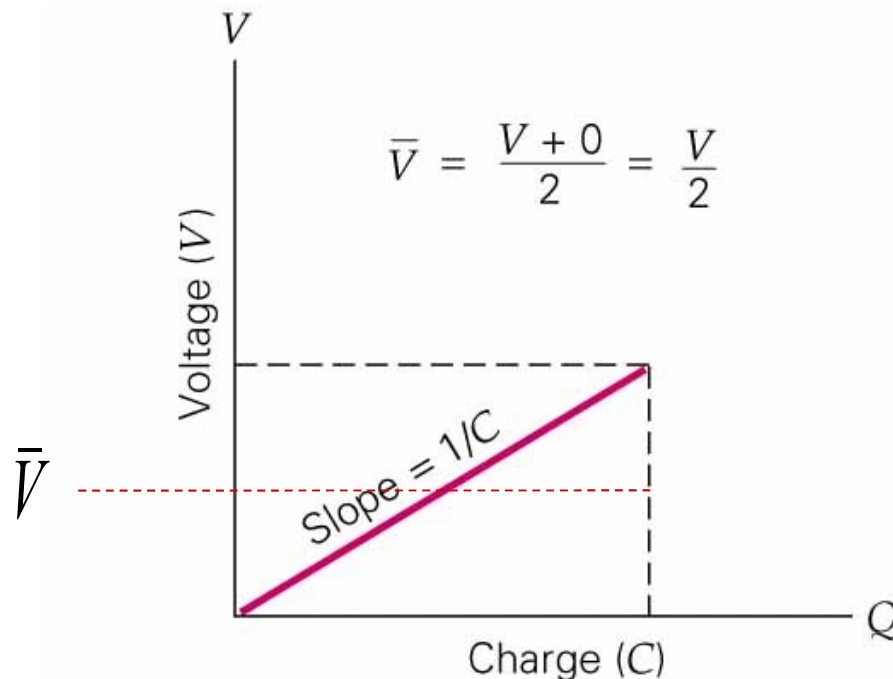
$$C = \epsilon_o \frac{A}{d}$$

For Parallel Plates only

$$\epsilon_o = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{C^2}{N \cdot m^2}$$

# Charging a Capacitor

- As charge is added, the potential difference between the plates increases  $C \equiv \frac{Q}{V} \Rightarrow V = Q/C$   $C$  is constant (fixed value)
- Stored energy also increases
  - think of point charges  $W = U_e = q\Delta V$
  - more difficult to move each additional charge



$$W = U_c = q \bar{V} = \frac{1}{2} QV$$

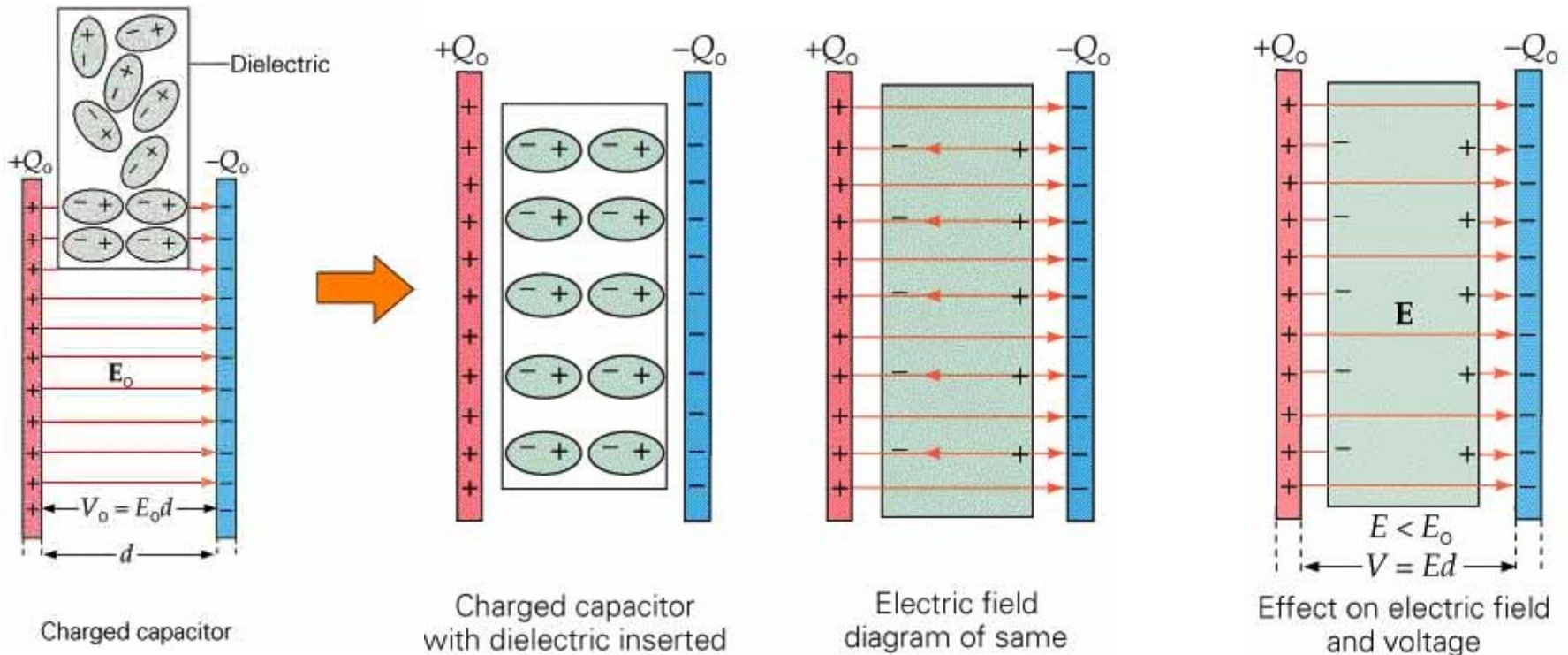
$$C \equiv \frac{Q}{V} \Rightarrow Q = CV$$

$$U_c = \frac{1}{2} QV = \frac{Q^2}{2C} = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

**Energy of a charged capacitor**

# Dielectrics

- Capacitor charged and **battery disconnected**
  - $Q$  is constant - nowhere to go!
  - Work done to align dipoles
  - Field of dipoles partially cancels field from plates
  - $E$  field and Voltage both decrease ( $V = E/d$ )



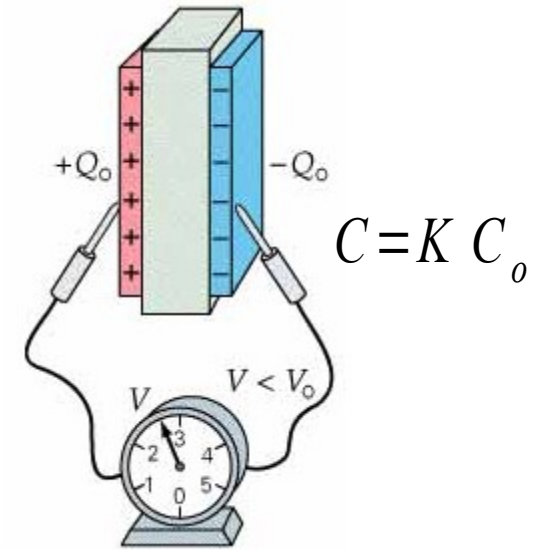
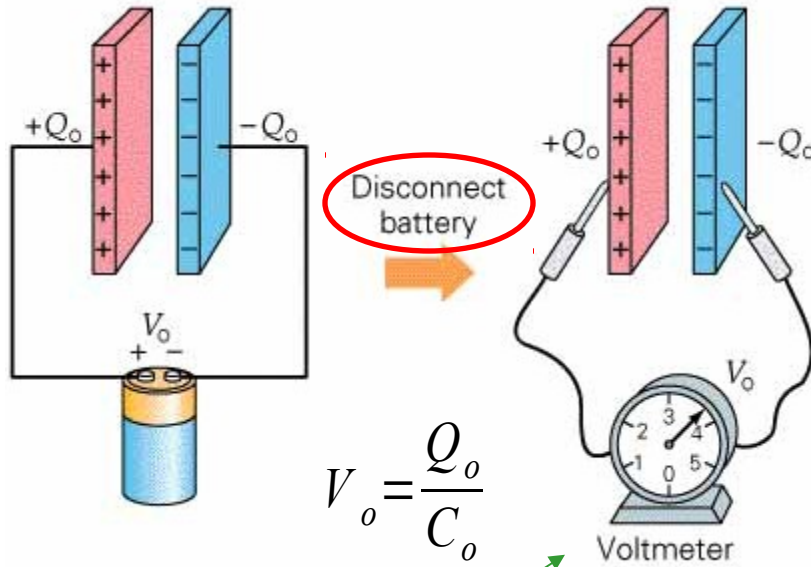
# Dielectrics

- Battery disconnected**  $C = \frac{Q}{V}$

Charge  $Q_0$  is constant

What happens to each quantity?

Voltage drops from  $V_0$  to  $V$



$$V = \frac{Q_0}{C} = \frac{Q_0}{K C_0} = \frac{1}{K} V_0 \quad \text{Voltage decrease}$$

$K$  Dielectric Constant  $\geq 1$

(change in the physical configuration)

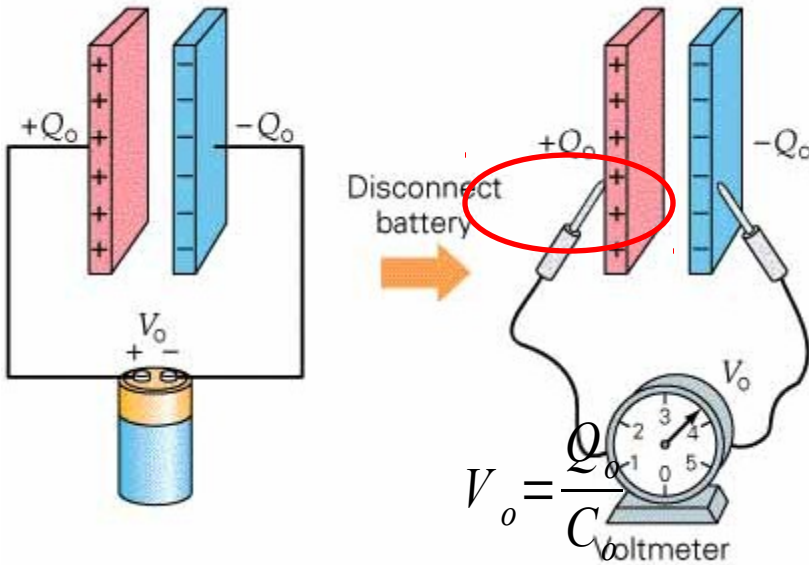
**VOLTMETER: Measures voltage only – does not hold or supply charge or change the voltage**



# Dielectrics

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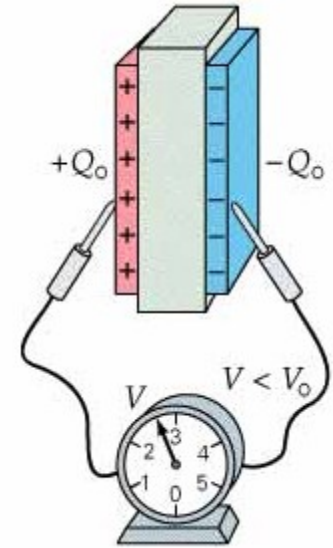


$$U_o = \frac{1}{2} Q_o V_o = \frac{Q_o^2}{2C_o} = \frac{1}{2} C_o V_o^2$$

Voltage drops from  $V_o$  to  $V$

$$V = \frac{1}{K} V_o$$

$$C = K C_o$$



Energy decreases (work done to align dipoles)

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

$$U = \frac{1}{2} Q_o \frac{V_o}{K} = \frac{Q_o^2}{2KC_o} = \frac{1}{2} KC_o \left( \frac{V_o}{K} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{K} U_o$$



# Dielectrics

- **Battery connected**

$$C = K C_o$$

- More charge flow out of the battery to *maintain*  $V_o$

- voltage is fixed by the battery!

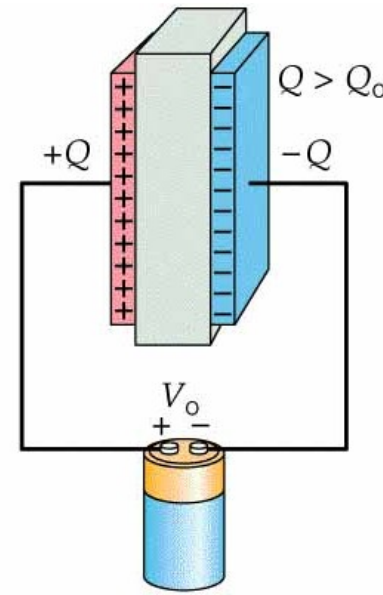
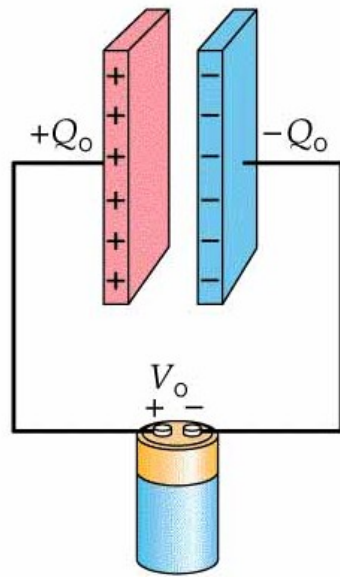
$$Q = K Q_o$$

- More energy is stored by the capacitor\_

- energy stored in the aligned dipoles

$$U_o = \frac{1}{2} Q_o V_o = \frac{Q_o^2}{2C_o} = \frac{1}{2} C_o V_o^2$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} Q V_o = \frac{Q^2}{2C} = \frac{1}{2} C V_o^2 = K U_o$$



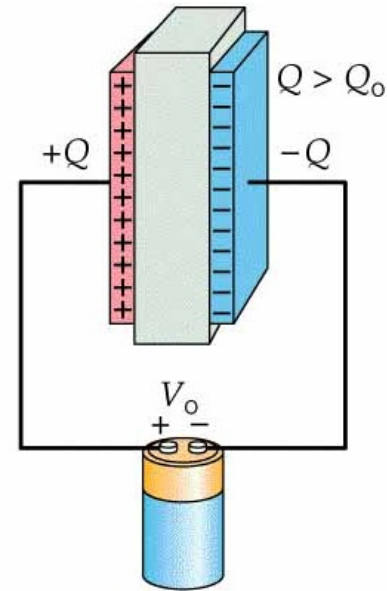
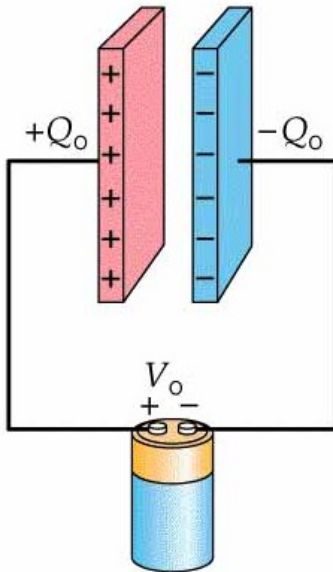
# Dielectrics

- Parallel Plates

$$C_o = \epsilon_o \frac{A}{d}$$

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

Dielectric permittivity  $\epsilon = K\epsilon_o$



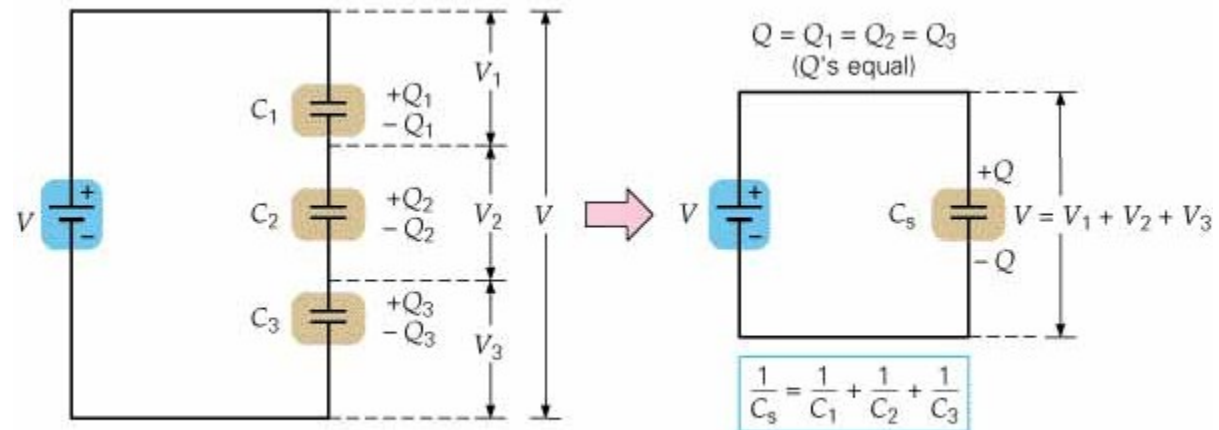
# Energy of a Charged Capacitor

- Three main quantities:  $Q$ ,  $C$ ,  $V$ 
  - Along with  $C = \epsilon \frac{A}{d}$
- Identify what is fixed and what changes
  - Note we can write the energy with any *two* of the three quantities.

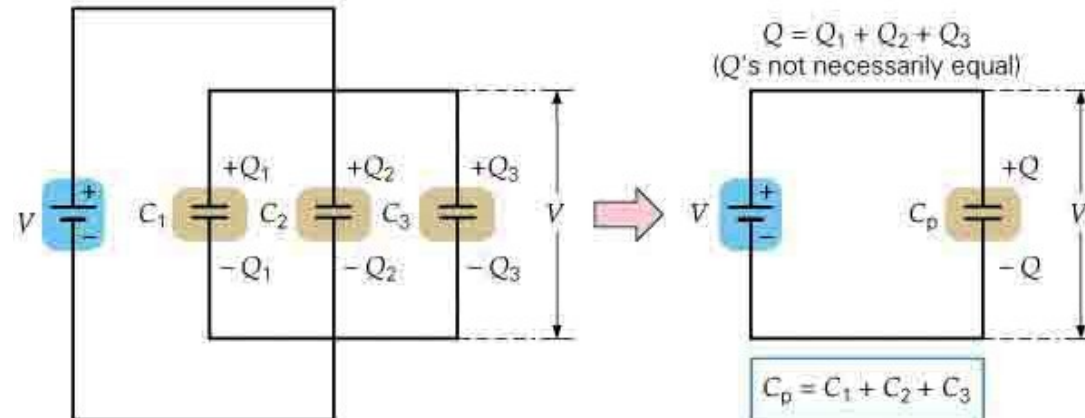
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# Combining Capacitors

- Two fundamental arrangements
- Goal to combine them into one *equivalent capacitance*



(a) Capacitors in series

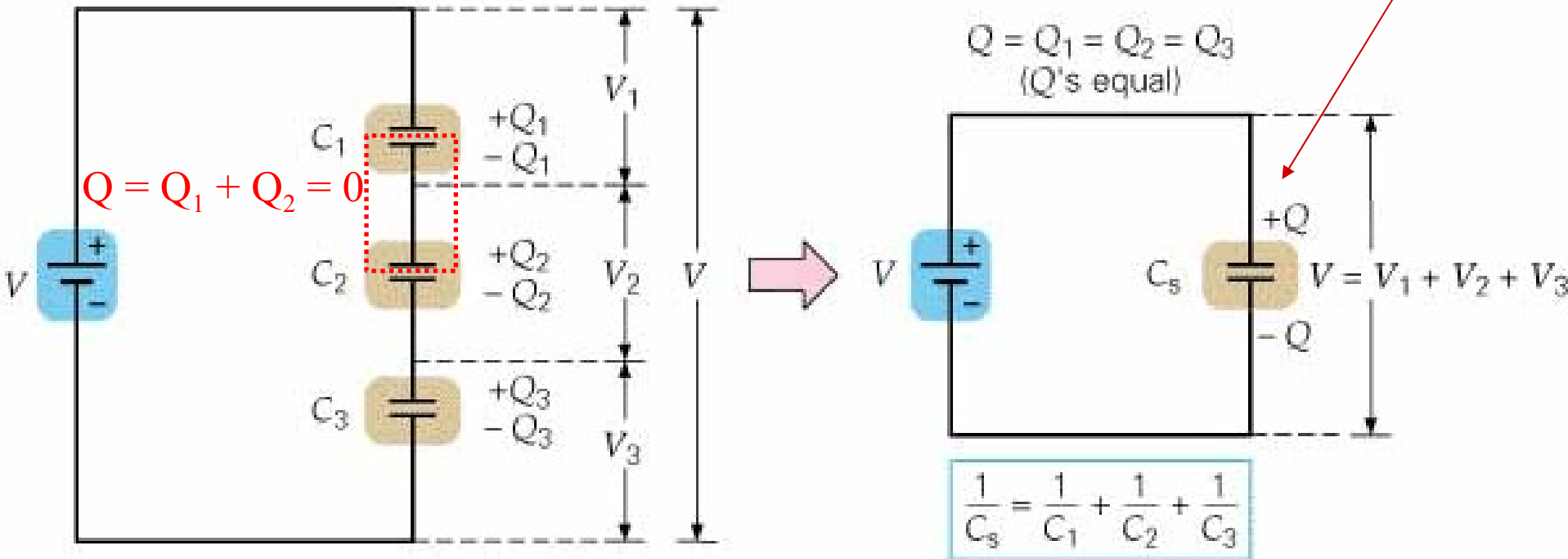


(b) Capacitors in parallel

# Capacitors in Series

Equivalent capacitor

- Charge in each plate is the same



(a) Capacitors in series

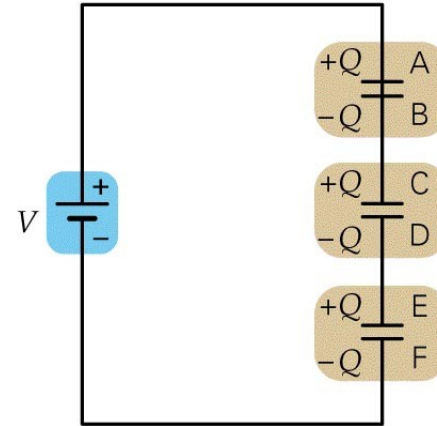
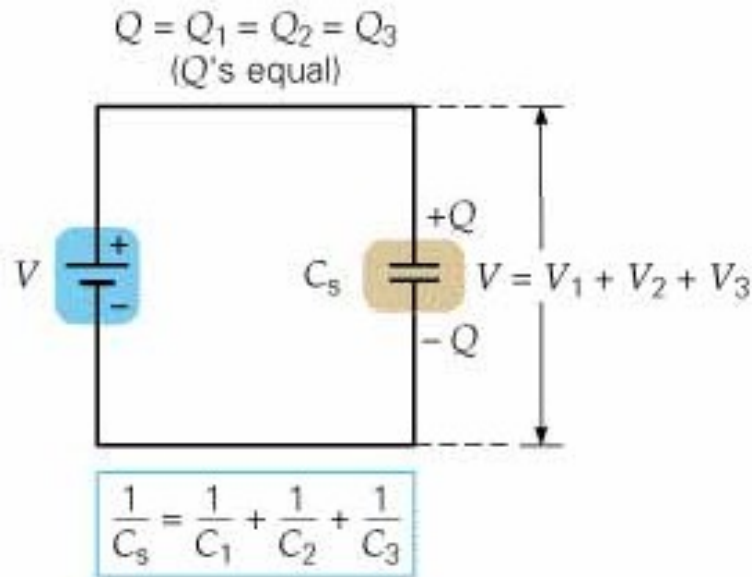
$$C_1 = \frac{Q}{V_1} \quad C_2 = \frac{Q}{V_2} \quad C_3 = \frac{Q}{V_3}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{Q}{C_1} \quad V_2 = \frac{Q}{C_2} \quad V_3 = \frac{Q}{C_3}$$

$$V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 \quad V = \frac{Q}{C_s}$$

# Capacitors in Series

- Usually get  $C_s$  to get  $Q$ , then then figure out the  $V$ 's



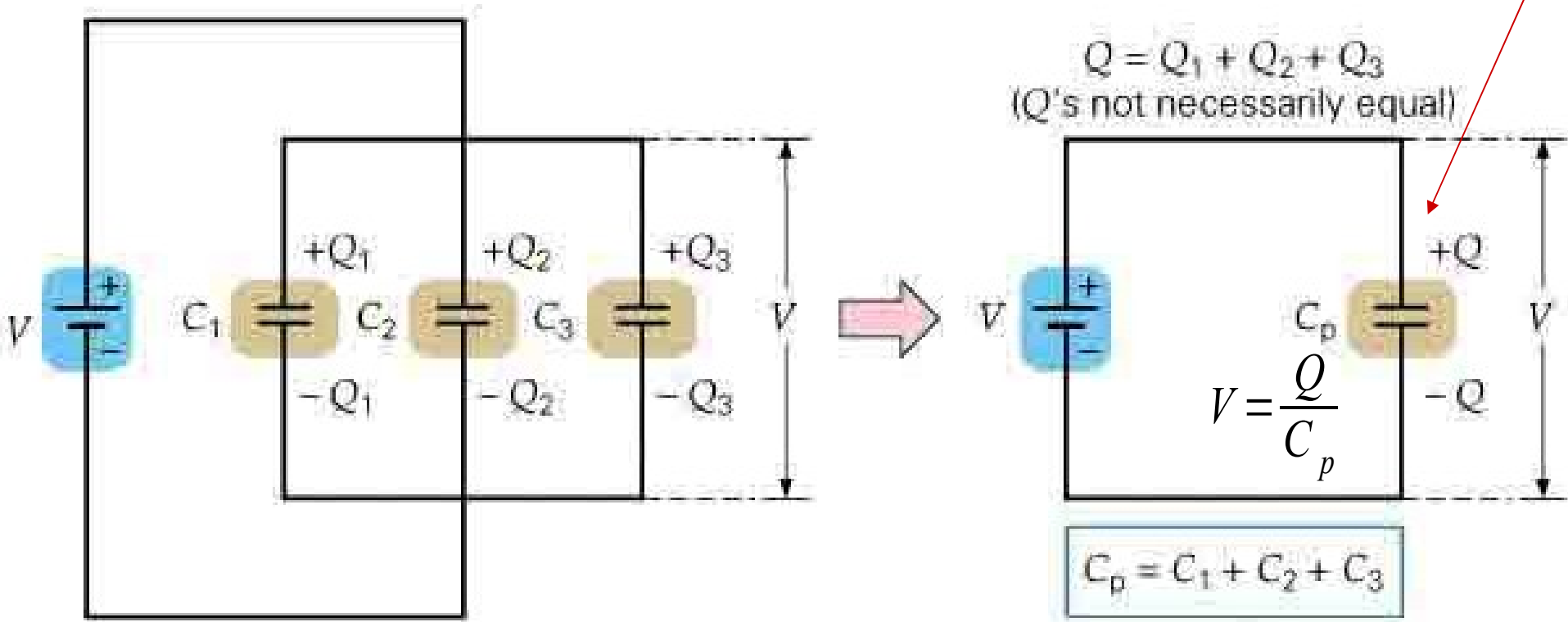
- Now expand the circuit back out

$$V_1 = \frac{Q}{C_1} \quad V_2 = \frac{Q}{C_2} \quad V_3 = \frac{Q}{C_3}$$

# Capacitors in Parallel

- Voltage on each plate is the same  $V = V_1 = V_2 = V_3$

Equivalent capacitor



(b) Capacitors in parallel

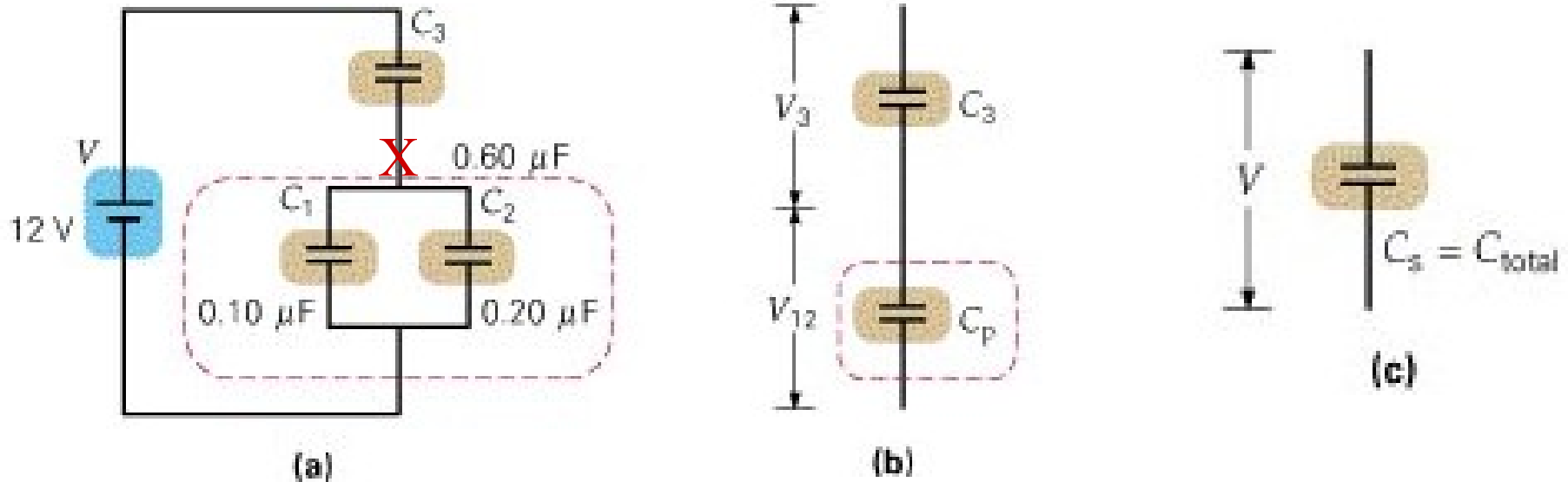
$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3$$

$$Q_1 = C_1 V \quad Q_2 = C_2 V \quad Q_3 = C_3 V$$



# Combinations of Series and Parallel

- Get to one equivalent capacitor



First combine  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  that are in parallel

Second combine  $C_{12}$  ( $C_p$  in diagram) and  $C_3$  in series

CANNOT DO THE FOLLOWING:

$C_3$  and  $C_1$  in series, then  $C_2$

$C_3$  and  $C_2$  in series, then  $C_1$

If you did, where would the point marked “X” appear?