

Capacitor Structure Capstone Questions

1. A capacitor can store $200\ \mu\text{C}$ when there is a $4.0\ \text{V}$ potential difference across the poles.
 - a. Calculate the capacitance of this arrangement.
 - b. Describe one potential arrangement (area and gap) that does not include a dielectric.
 - c. A dielectric made of calcium ($\kappa = 3.0$) is inserted into the capacitor. Calculate the amount of charge stored when there is a $6.0\ \text{V}$ potential difference across the poles.

2. A $200\ \mu\text{F}$ capacitor is charged to $10.0\ \text{V}$. It is disconnected from the power supply and discharged through a $300\ \Omega$ resistor.
 - a. Calculate the time constant for the circuit.
 - b. Determine the time it would take for the capacitor to discharge to $5.0\ \text{V}$.
 - c. Sketch the graph of potential difference across the capacitor versus time. Include the times to reach $5.0\ \text{V}$ and $2.5\ \text{V}$ on your graph.
 - d. Describe how the graph would be different if a $150\ \Omega$ resistor replaced the $300\ \Omega$ resistor.