

**Electronvolt:** the amount of energy gained (or work done) moving an electron through a potential difference of one volt

3. Determine the conversion factor between joules and electronvolts.

$$1 \text{ e.V.} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

4. An external force does 4.0 eV of work moving an electron between two points in an electric field. How much energy in joules does the electron gain?

$$4.0 \text{ eV} \times \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}{1 \text{ eV}} = 6.4 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

5. A proton falls through a potential difference of 30. Volts, How much kinetic energy does the proton gain? Express your answer in both joules and electronvolts.

30 eV

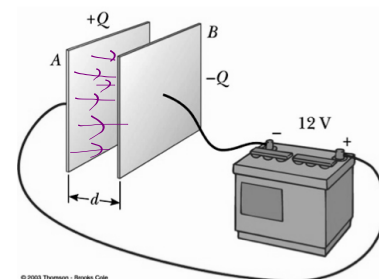
### Two Parallel Plates

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Two identical metal plates, each with area  $A$ , are set a distance  $d$  apart. They are each charged by connecting them to a source of potential difference  $V$  like a battery, as shown in the diagram.

Charge on the plates =  $Q$

Area of the plates =  $A$



1. a) Where is equipment like this used? capacitor
- b) What is the purpose of this equipment? to store charge and energy

2. A positive test charge is placed at each of three locations between two charged metal parallel plates: A, B, and C.

a) At which location is the electric force on the test charge greatest?

same

b) At what location is the electric field strongest?

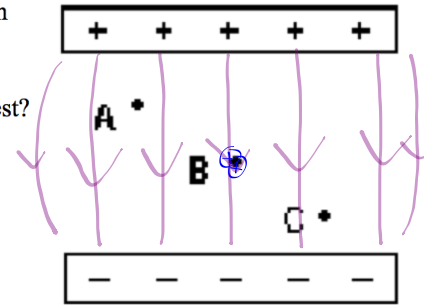
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c) If the charge of the test charge is doubled, what effect will this have on the:

i) electric field?

none

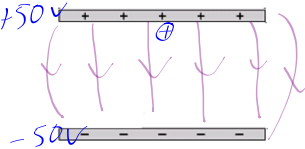
ii) electric force?



$$\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$$

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3. Draw the electric field between two charged metal parallel plates.  $+50V$



Uniform field:

Edge effects:

4. The electric potential difference between these plates is 100 volts.

a) Which plate is at a higher electric potential? Why?

b) What is the electric potential of each plate?

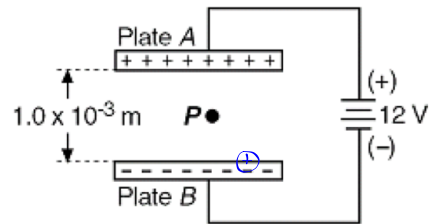
**Parallel Plate Formulas:** Electric Field:  $\vec{E} = \frac{V}{d}$  Potential difference:

Variable:	V	E	d
Quantity:	pot. difference	Electric field	distance
Units:	$[V] = [J/C]$	$[N/C] = [V/m]$	$[m]$
Type:	scalar	vector	

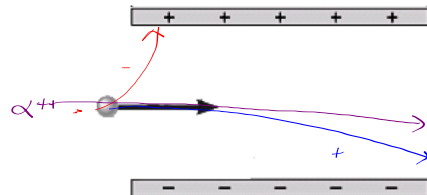
5. Two parallel plates are connected to a 12-volt battery as shown.

a) What is the magnitude and direction of the electric field between the two plates?

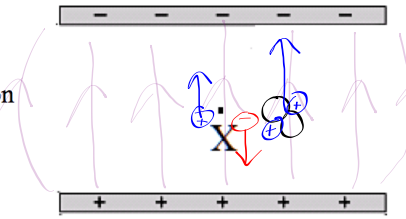
$$\vec{E} = \frac{12V}{.001m} = 12,000 V/m$$



6. Sketch the trajectory of a proton, a neutron, an electron, and an alpha particle if they are all shot with the same initial velocity into the plates.



7. a) At point X, draw and label a vector to represent the electric field from the plates.  
 b) At point X, draw and label a vector to represent the electric force on  
 i) a proton                      ii) an electron  
 c) Compare the electric force on the proton and electron.



- d) Compare the resulting accelerations of the proton and electron.  
 e) An alpha particle is placed at point X. What is an alpha particle?  
 f) Compare the alpha particle to a proton. Compare the:  
 i) charge                      ii) mass                      iii) force on each                      iv) acceleration of each

Handwritten notes for question 7:

- $F = qE$
- $m_p \sim 1000 m_e$                        $a_e \sim 1000 a_p$
- $2p + 2n^0 \quad \alpha^{++}$
- i) charge:  $2x$
- ii) mass:  $\sim 4x$
- iii) force on each:  $2F = 2qE$
- iv) acceleration of each:  $\frac{1}{2} a = \frac{2F}{4m}$

8. A proton is released from rest at the positive plate.

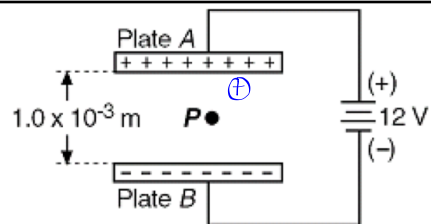
- a) How fast will it be traveling when it strikes the negative plate?

Handwritten calculations for part 8a:

$$F = qE = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \cdot 12000 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}} = 1.9 \times 10^{-15} \text{ N} \quad E = V/d$$

$$a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{1.9 \times 10^{-15} \text{ N}}{1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}} = 1.14 \times 10^{12} \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad \Rightarrow \sqrt{2 \cdot 1.14 \times 10^{12} \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot 0.001 \text{ m}} = 4.8 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$



- b) How fast will it be traveling when it strikes the negative plate?

Handwritten calculation for part 8b:

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2(qV)}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \cdot 12 \text{ V}}{1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}}}$$

NOTE: Energy:  $qV = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$