

JAR OF ELECTRICITY

A Leyden Jar is an old-fashioned capacitor. Now a capacitor, or condenser as they are sometimes called, consists of metal surfaces that are separated from one another. They are storehouses of electric energy when one surface is charged $+$ and the other surface $-$. Two hundred years ago capacitors were made by putting one piece of metal foil on the inside of a bottle and one piece on the outside. The bottle was called a Leyden Jar because the first were made at the University of Leyden in Holland—the Cal Tech of its day. The energy stored in a charged Leyden Jar is actually stored



- a) on the metal foil inside the jar
- b) on the metal foil outside the jar
- c) in the glass between the inner and outer foil
- d) inside the jar itself