

Answer on question #56739, Physics / Electromagnetism

Question 64 equal drops of same size are charged at potential of 220 volt and collapsed to form a bigger drop, calculate the potential of bigger drop?

Solution Here we have to remember the fact that capacity of the spherical drop is proportional to its radius. So, before collapse we had capacitance proportional to $64r$ where r is radius of small drops. Radius of bigger drop is $4r$. So, capacitance decreased is 4 times, while charge remains the same. This means, the potential will increase in 4 times and will be 880 V.