

DIELECTRICS

- The dielectrics are non-conductors of electricity (electrical insulators) ∵ they don't possess free charges.
- The electrical conductivity of the dielectrics is either very small or zero.
- They don't conduct any current at ordinary temp.
- The -ve & +ve charges in each part of the crystal can be considered to be centered at the same pt. & no conductivity is possible, the localized charges remain practically undisturbed.
- When an E.F. of sufficient magnitude is applied to the crystal, the centers of the charges are displaced slightly in one dirⁿ i.e. the dirⁿ of the field & that of the -ve charges in opp dirⁿ. This produces local electric dipole throughout the crystal.

DIELECTRIC PARAMETERS

Dielectric Constt: Dielectric constt (ϵ_r) of a material is defined as the ratio of the permittivity of the medium (ϵ) to the permittivity of free space (ϵ_0);

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\epsilon_r = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}} \rightarrow \text{Dielectric Constt (Dimensionless qty).}$$

$$\epsilon_r = 1 \text{ (air)}$$

The measure of D.C. gives the properties of a dielectric material.

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(iii) Electric Dipole Moment: - An electric dipole is made up of two equal +ve & -ve charges, separated by a small distance. If q is the magnitude of charge & dl is the sepⁿ; then the electric dipole moment :-

$$P = q \cdot dl \rightarrow \text{Vector qty. (cm)}$$

It each of the particles in a solid possesses a dipole moment then total dipole moment will be the sum of moments of all dipoles.

$$P_{\text{total}} = \sum_{i=1}^n q_i dl_i$$

Where $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n$ are pt. charges & $dl_1, \dots, dl_n$ are distances of sepⁿ.

(ii) Polarization Vector: - The dielectric becomes polarized in the presence of E.F.

→ The effect of E.F. is to separate +ve & -ve charges of the entire vol. of the dielectric, +ve charges are displaced in one dirⁿ & -ve charges are displaced in opp. dirⁿ. The displacement of +ve & -ve charges create electric dipoles, this effect is called polarizⁿ of dielectric.

→ The polarⁿ P in a solid is defined as the dipole moment per unit Vol i.e.

$$P = \frac{p}{V} \quad (\text{C-m}^2)$$

(iv) Polarizability: - when a dielectric material is placed in an E.F the displacement of electric charges gives rise to the creation of dipole in the material. The polarⁿ P of an elementary particle is directly prop. to the electric field strength E i.e.

$$P \propto E$$

$$P = \alpha E$$

$$\alpha \rightarrow \text{prop. constt } (\text{Fm}^2)$$

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→ If the solid material contains N no. of particles per unit vol, then polar :- $P = N \alpha E$.

$\alpha = \alpha_e + \alpha_i + \alpha_d$
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 Electronic ionic dipolar polarizabilities.

TYPES OF DIELECTRICS :

Dielectrics are of two types :-

(i) Non-polar (ii) Polar.

(i) Non-polar Dielectrics :- In a molecule there is a distribution of protons & electrons. The protons can be considered as the equivalent +ve electric charge at some specific pt. in the molecule called the Centre of gravity of protons.

Similarly, there is a pt. at which -ve charge is equivalent to the distributed electrons called the Centre of e^- .

* A molecule in which the centres of +ve & -ve charges coincide, is called non-polar molecule and don't possess any electric dipole moment.

Ex:- $CO_2, CCl_4, H_2, N_2, O_2$ etc.

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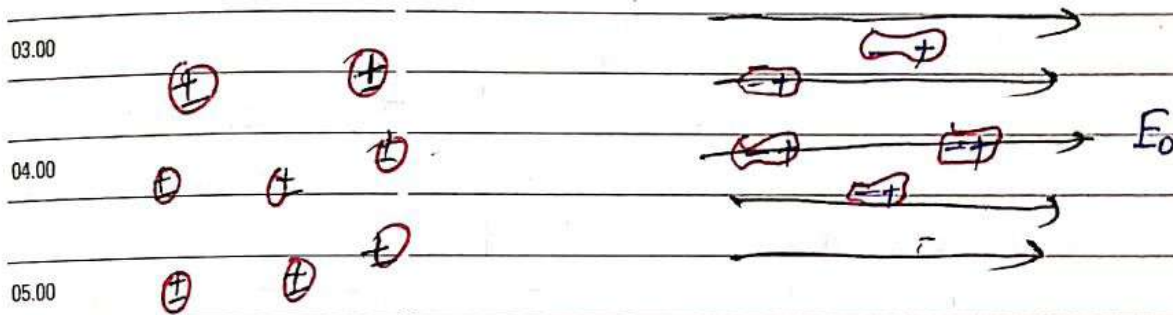
(ii) Polar Dielectric :- A molecule in which centres of +ve & -ve charges don't coincide but separated by a small distance, is called polar molecule.

Polar molecules work as electric dipoles and have dipole moment.

HCl, H₂O, CHCl₃ are polar molecules.

POLARIZATION IN DIELECTRICS

When a dielectric (polar or non-polar) is placed in an E.F., the charge centres of non-polar molecules displaced and the molecules become induced dipoles.

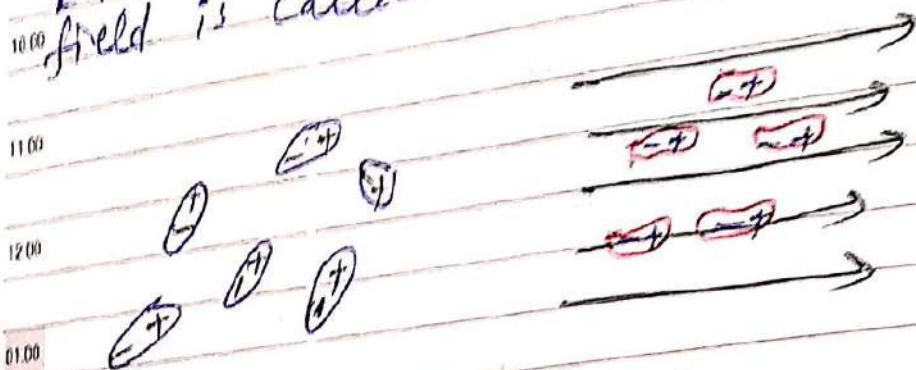


→ For polar molecules, which already have randomly oriented permanent dipoles, the effect of E.F. is to orient the dipoles along the dirⁿ of E.F. & ↑ their dipole moment. The stronger the field, the greater is the aligning effect.

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Important Notes

→ The phenomenon of orientation of the induced dipoles or the permanent dipoles in an external E.F. to set the axis of the dipoles along the field is called electric polarisation.



Behaviour of Dielectric in E.F.

→ If a thin slab of dielectric (polar or non-polar) is placed in an E.F., the slab as a whole becomes polarized.

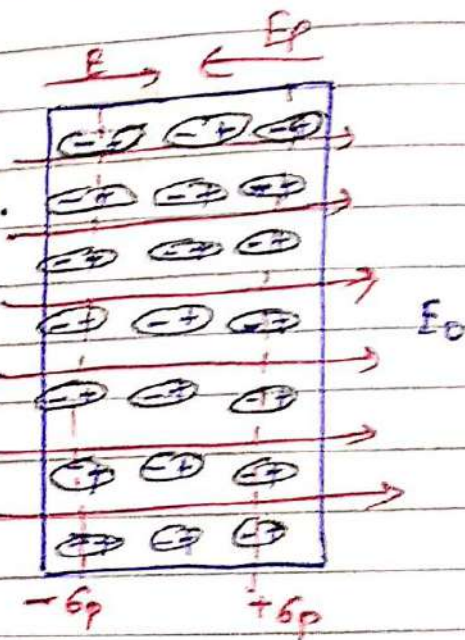
→ Due to polarisation, molecules are oriented so that the -ve charges are on the left & +ve charges on the right.

→ Thus leaving the net +ve charge at the right surface & net -ve charge at the left surface.

→ Inside the medium there is no excess charge in any given Vol. element

→ The medium as a whole remains electrically neutral & +ve charge on the right is equal in magnitude to the -ve charge on the left.

→ Charges so obtained on the surfaces are known as polar charges.



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→ These charges are not free but each is bound to a molecule lying in or near surface, $\therefore$ they are named as bound charges or fictitious charges.

→ These charges create their own E.F. E_p which is directed to the left and oppose the external applied field E_0 .

$\Rightarrow$ When we add $E_0 + E_p = E < E_0$

→ Polarⁿ of dielectric reduces the E.F. in its interior.

TYPES OF POLARIZATION

→ Dielectric polarⁿ is a consequence of the fact that when an E.F. acts on a molecule its +ve charges (nuclei) are displaced along the field while the -ve charges (e^-) in a dirⁿ opp. to the field.

→ Displacement of electric charges results in the formation of electric dipole moment in atoms, ions or molecules of the material.

Three imp types of polarⁿs :-

(i) Electronic polarⁿ

(ii) Ionic polarⁿ

(iii) Orientational polarⁿ

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(i) Electronic Polarization :- When the e^- in its various shells are displaced relative to the nucleus by the E.F., an induced electric dipole moment is produced. This is called 'electronic polar'.

(ii) Ionic Polarization :- If a molecule contains ions, then the applied field tends to displace the +ve & -ve ions in opp. dirⁿ, causing a change in length of the ionic bond - polar due to relative displacement of ions, it is called ionic or atomic polar.

(iii) Orientation Polarization :- If the molecule has permanent dipoles, these are oriented randomly in the absence of an external field & result in a complete cancellation of the polar. But when an external field is applied these dipoles tend to orient & align with the field, giving 'an effective polar', called ~~the~~ dipolar or orientational polar.

Total polarizability $\alpha = \alpha_e + \alpha_i + \alpha_o$

Total polarizability α is defined as the dipole moment p , that an atom or molecule acquires in a local E.F. E_{loc} .

$$\alpha = \frac{p}{E_{loc}}$$

Local field E_{loc} is the field that is actually effective in polarizing the atoms in a solid & is also called molecular field in the dielectric

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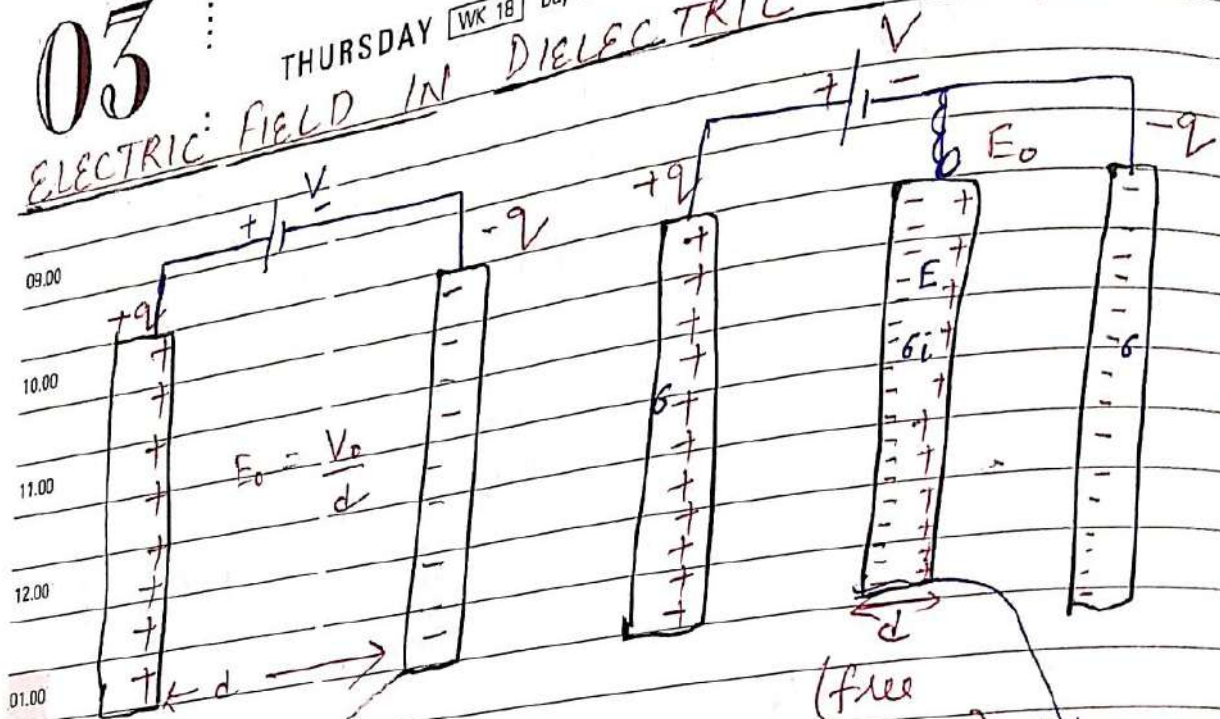
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ELECTRIC FIELD IN DIELECTRIC



(i) If two capacitors are charged to the same potential, the charge on the one containing the dielectric is greater than that of the other.

(ii) If the capacitors are given the same charge, the potential difference b/w the plates with dielectric is smaller than that without the dielectric.

$\Rightarrow C \uparrow$ when filled with dielectric material.

$\rightarrow$ When a voltage V is applied across the plates of capacitor, let the charges on one plate be q and on other $-q$.

$$C = \frac{q}{V}$$

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→ Consider a || plate capacitor with vacuum in b/w :

$$C_0 = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} = \frac{q}{V_0} ; \quad \begin{array}{l} A : \text{Area of the plate} \\ d : \text{distance b/w them} \end{array}$$

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ϵ_0 : permittivity of vacuum

V_0 : Pot. diff. b/w plates without dielectric.

→ If a dielectric material is inserted into the region within the plates, $C_d = \frac{\epsilon A}{d} = \frac{q}{V_d}$ ②

$\epsilon \rightarrow$ Permittivity of dielectric material, $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$

$V_d \rightarrow$ Pot. diff. b/w the plates.

$C_d \rightarrow$ Capacitance with dielectric.

from ① & ②

$$\frac{C_d}{C_0} = \frac{V_0}{V_d} = K = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} = \epsilon_r \rightarrow \text{Dielectric const.}$$

→ K is defined as ratio of capacitance of capacitor with dielectric to the capacitance of the same capacitor without dielectric.

→ Also the ratio of permittivity of the medium to the permittivity of the vacuum.

→ With vacuum (or air) b/w its plates, E.F. intensity E_0 in the region b/w the plates of a || plate capacitor,

$$E_0 = \frac{V_0}{d} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

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Reduction in pot. diff, when a dielectric is inserted b/w the plates $\Rightarrow$ Redⁿ in E.F. $\Rightarrow$ Redⁿ in charge per unit area.

* Redⁿ could be caused only by charge of opp. sign appearing on the two surfaces of the dielectric.

Dielectric surface adjacent to the +ve plate must have an induced -ve charge & that adjacent to the -ve plate an induced +ve charge of equal magnitude.

If σ_i is the magnitude of induced charge per unit area on the surfaces of the dielectric, E.F. with dielectric, $E = \frac{V_d}{d} = \frac{\sigma - \sigma_i}{\epsilon_0}$

$$K = \frac{C_d}{C_0} = \frac{q/V_d}{q/V_0} = \frac{V_0}{V_d}$$

$$K = \frac{\epsilon_0}{E} = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma - \sigma_i}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \sigma - \sigma_i = \frac{\sigma}{K}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{\sigma}{K\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon}$$

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