

Dielectric Materials

Characteristics

1. High electrical resistivity
2. Insulators and capacitors are uses
3. Piezoelectricity
4. Electrostriction
5. Ferroelectricity

$$R \propto \frac{l}{a}$$

$$R = \frac{\rho l}{a}$$

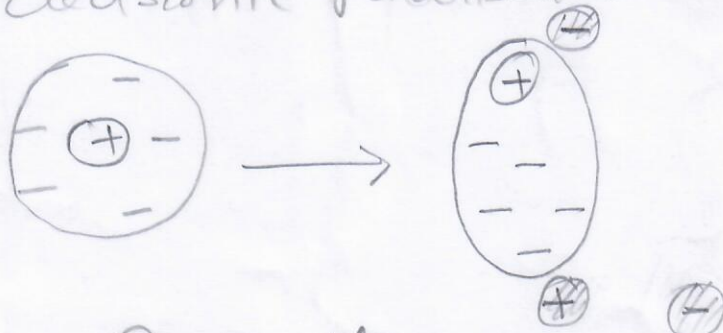
$$\rho = \frac{Ra}{l}$$

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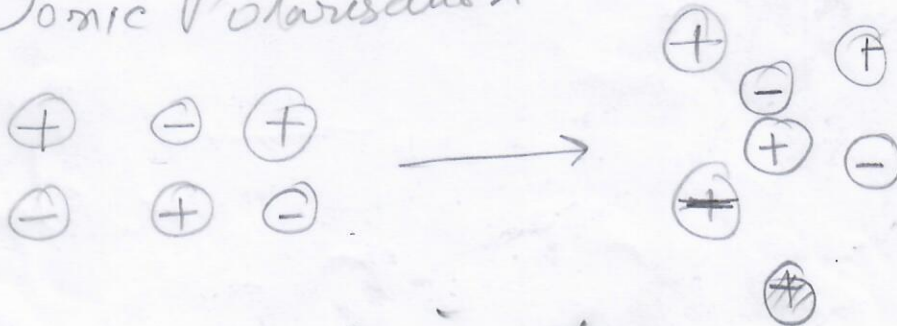
Na = 11 atomic no. \ominus
 Cl = 17 atomic no

Dipoles and Polarisation

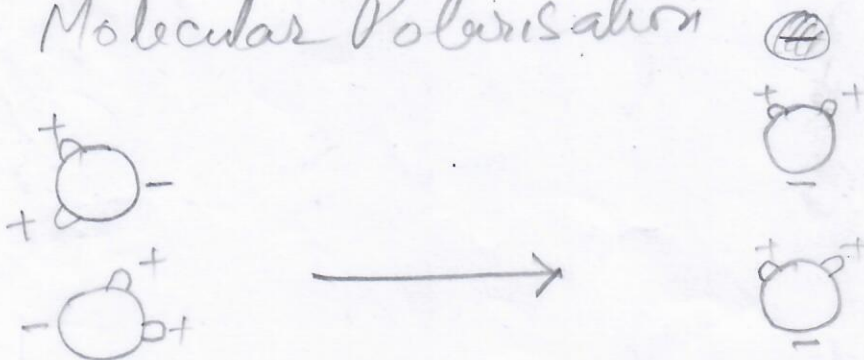
(a) \rightarrow Electronic Polarisation



(b) Ionic Polarisation

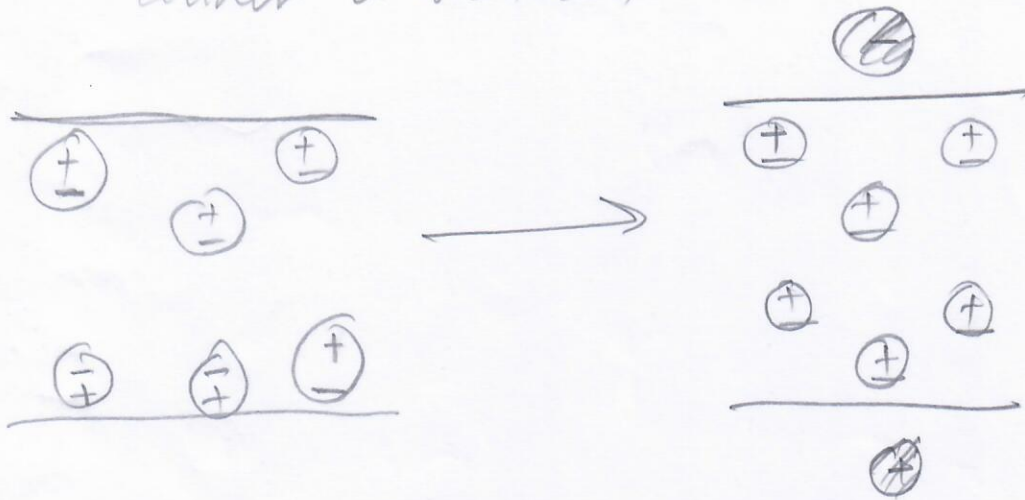


(c) Molecular Polarisation



(d) Space Charges

(charges between interfaces of different phases within a material)



Electronic Polarisation

Dipoles

$$P \Rightarrow \text{polarisation } (C/m^2)$$

$$= \frac{Q \times d}{m^3} \quad e/m^3 \times d = C/m^2$$

$$= Z_1 q d \quad \text{charge/electron}$$

where Z_1 is the no. of charge centers / m^3

when an electric field is applied to an atom, the electronic arrangement is distorted, with electrons induced

EXAMPLE

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Suppose that the average displacement of the electrons relative to the nucleus in a copper atom is $1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ \AA}$ when an electric field is imposed on a copper plate. Calculate the polarisation.

$$N (\text{atomic no. of copper}) = 29$$

$$\text{No. of electrons in copper} = 29$$

$$a_0)_{\text{copper}} = 3.6151 \text{ \AA}$$

$Z =$ no. of ~~atoms~~ electrons in one cubic meter

$$= \frac{(4 \text{ atoms/cell}) (29 \text{ electrons/atom})}{(3.6151 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m})^3}$$

$$= 2.46 \times 10^{30} \text{ electrons/m}^3$$

$$P (\text{C/m}^2) = Zqd$$

$$= \left(2.46 \times 10^{30} \frac{\text{electrons}}{\text{m}^3} \right) \times \left(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \frac{\text{C}}{\text{electron}} \right) \times 10^{-18} \text{ m}$$

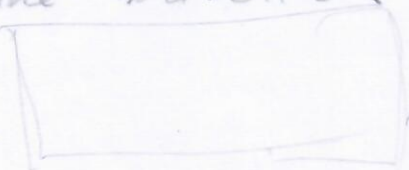
$$= 3.94 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C/m}^2$$

Ionic Polarisation

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when an ionically bonded material is placed in an electric field, the bonds between the ions are elastically deformed. Consequently charge is redistributed within the material. Depending on the direction the cations and anions move either closer together or further apart. These temporarily induced dipoles provide polarisation and may also change the overall dimensions of the material.

EXAMPLE



The ionic polarisation observed in NaCl crystal is $4.3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C/m}^2$. Calculate the displacement between Na^+ and Cl^- ions.

In this example there is one electric charge on each Na^+ ion. In the NaCl unit cell, (lattice parameter = 5.15 \AA). There are 4, sodium, Na^+ ions.

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$$Z = \left(4 \text{ Na}^+ \text{ ions/cell} \right) \left(1 \text{ charge/Na ion} \right) \frac{P-5}{L_{00}^3}$$

$$= 2.4 \times 10^{28} \text{ charges/m}^3$$

$$\frac{4}{(5.5 \times 10^{-10})^3} = 2.4 \times 10^{28}$$

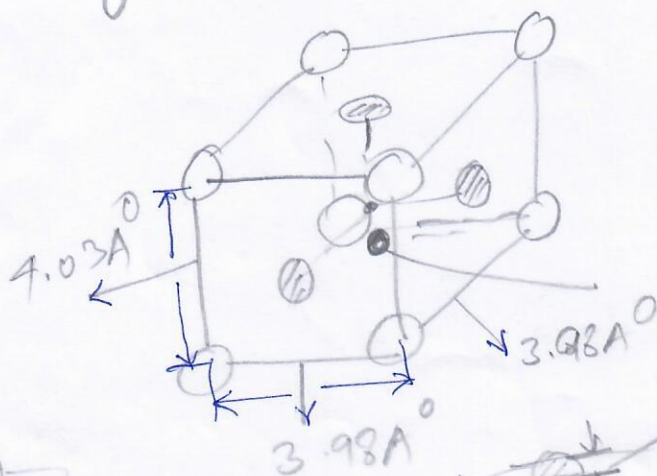
$$d = \frac{P}{Zq} = \frac{4.3 \times 10^{-8}}{(2.4 \times 10^{28})(1.6 \times 10^{-19})}$$

$$= 11.2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ m} = 11.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ \AA}$$

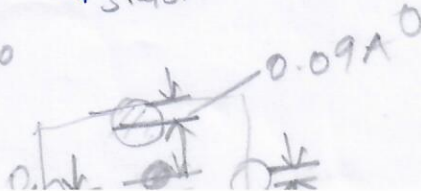
Molecular Polarisation

Some materials contain natural dipoles. When a field is applied, the dipoles rotate to line up with the imposed field. Water molecules show molecular polarisation.

Barium titanate, BaTiO_3 , a crystalline ceramic has an asymmetrical structure at room temp.



- \circ Ba^{2+}
- $\textcircled{\text{O}}$ O^{2-}
- \bullet Ti^{4+}



The titanium ion is displaced slightly P6
from the centre of the unit cell and the
oxygen ions are displaced slightly in the
opposite directions from their face centered
positions, causing the crystal to be tetragonal
and permanently polarised.

EXAMPLE

Compare the tendencies
Space Charges

A charge may develop at interfaces between
phases within a material, normally as a
result of the presence of impurities. The
charge moves on the surface when the
material is placed in an electric field.

Molecular Polarisation Example

Compare the tendencies of the following organic
molecules to act as dipoles and produce
molecular polarisation.

Solution

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The structure of each molecule is shown.

The chlorine atoms are strong centers of -ve charge and hydrogen atoms are weak centers of +ve charge

$\begin{matrix} \text{CH}_3 \\ \text{CH}_3 \end{matrix}$ $\text{H}-\overset{\text{H}}{\underset{\text{H}}{\text{C}}}-\text{H}$ — Since the molecule is symmetric & no molecular polarization is possible.

CH_3Cl $\begin{matrix} \text{H} \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{Cl} \\ \text{H} \end{matrix}$ A large dipole effect is created, since the +ve hydrogen atoms are displaced from the chlorine atom.

EXAMPLE

Calculate the maximum polarisation per cubic centimeter and the maximum charge that can be stored per square centimeter for barium titanate.

The strength of the dipoles is given by the product of the charge and the distance between the charges. In BaTiO_3 , the separations are the distances that the Ti^{4+} and O^{2-} ions are displaced from the normal lattice points (Fig already shown). The charge on each ion is the product of q and the number of excess or missing electrons. Thus the dipole moments are

$$\text{Ti}^{4+} : (1.6 \times 10^{-19}) (4 \text{ electrons/ion}) (0.06 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m})$$

$$= 3.84 \times 10^{-30} \text{ C}\cdot\text{m/ion}$$

$$\text{O}^{2-}_{\text{top}} = (1.6 \times 10^{-19}) (2 \text{ electrons/ion}) (0.09 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m})$$

$$= 2.88 \times 10^{-30} \text{ C}\cdot\text{m/ion}$$

$$\text{O}^{2-}_{\text{side}} = (1.6 \times 10^{-19}) (2 \text{ electrons/ion}) (0.06 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m})$$

Each oxygen ion is shared with another unit

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Dipole moment} &= \left(1 \text{ Ti}^{4+} / \text{cell} \right) \left(3.84 \times 10^{-30} \right) \frac{\text{p.9}}{\text{}} \\
 &+ \left(1 \text{ O}^{2-} \text{ at top} / \text{cell} \right) \left(2.88 \times 10^{-30} \right) \\
 &+ \left(2 \text{ O}^{2-} \text{ at sides} / \text{cell} \right) \left(1.92 \times 10^{-30} \right) \\
 &= 1.056 \times 10^{-29} \text{ C}\cdot\text{m} / \text{cell}
 \end{aligned}$$

The polarisation is

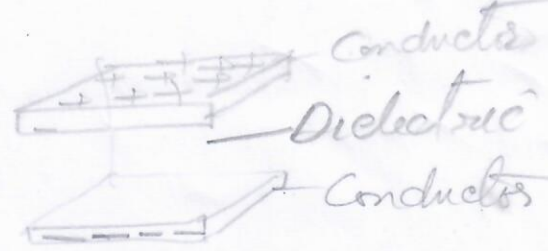
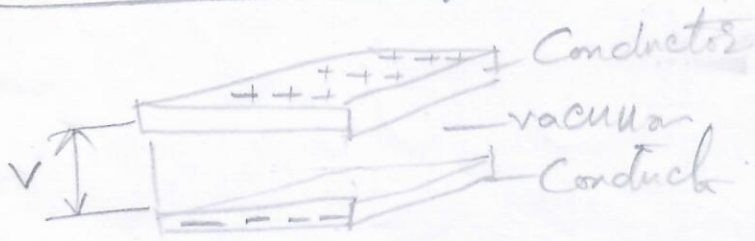
$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= \frac{1.056 \times 10^{-29} \text{ C}\cdot\text{m} / \text{cell}}{\left(3.98 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} \right)^2 \left(4.03 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} \right)} \\
 &= 0.165 \text{ C}\cdot\text{m}^{-2} = 1.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

The total charge on a BaTi_2O_3

crystal $1 \text{ cm} \times 1 \text{ cm}$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= PA = \left(1.65 \times 10^{-5} \right) (1)^2 \\
 &= 1.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}
 \end{aligned}$$

Dielectric Properties



Capacitors are constructed by separating two or more conductor plates by ~~an~~ dielectric material, whose properties determine the effectiveness of the device.

$$Q \propto V \Rightarrow Q = CV$$

$$C = \frac{\text{Coulomb}}{\text{volt}} \text{ or farad.}$$

$$C \propto \frac{A}{d} \Rightarrow C = \epsilon_0 \frac{A}{d} \text{ for vacuum}$$

$$C \propto \frac{A}{d} \Rightarrow C = \epsilon \frac{A}{d} \text{ for dielectric medium}$$

ϵ_0 \rightarrow permittivity of vacuum

ϵ \rightarrow permittivity of dielectric

$K = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow$ Dielectric constant — always > 1

$$P = (K - 1) \epsilon_0 \mathcal{E}$$

where $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow$ strength of electric field
1. 1 (V/m)

Suppose sodium chloride has a polarisation P=11
of $4.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ C/m}^2$ in an electric field
of 1000 V/m . Calculate the dielectric
constant for sodium chloride.

sol. $P = (K - 1) \epsilon_0 \epsilon_0$

$$K - 1 = \frac{P}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_0} = \frac{4.3 \times 10^{-3}}{(8.85 \times 10^{-12}) 1000}$$

$$\boxed{K = 5.9}$$

Properties of selected dielectric material
(Xerox).

Dielectric Strength.

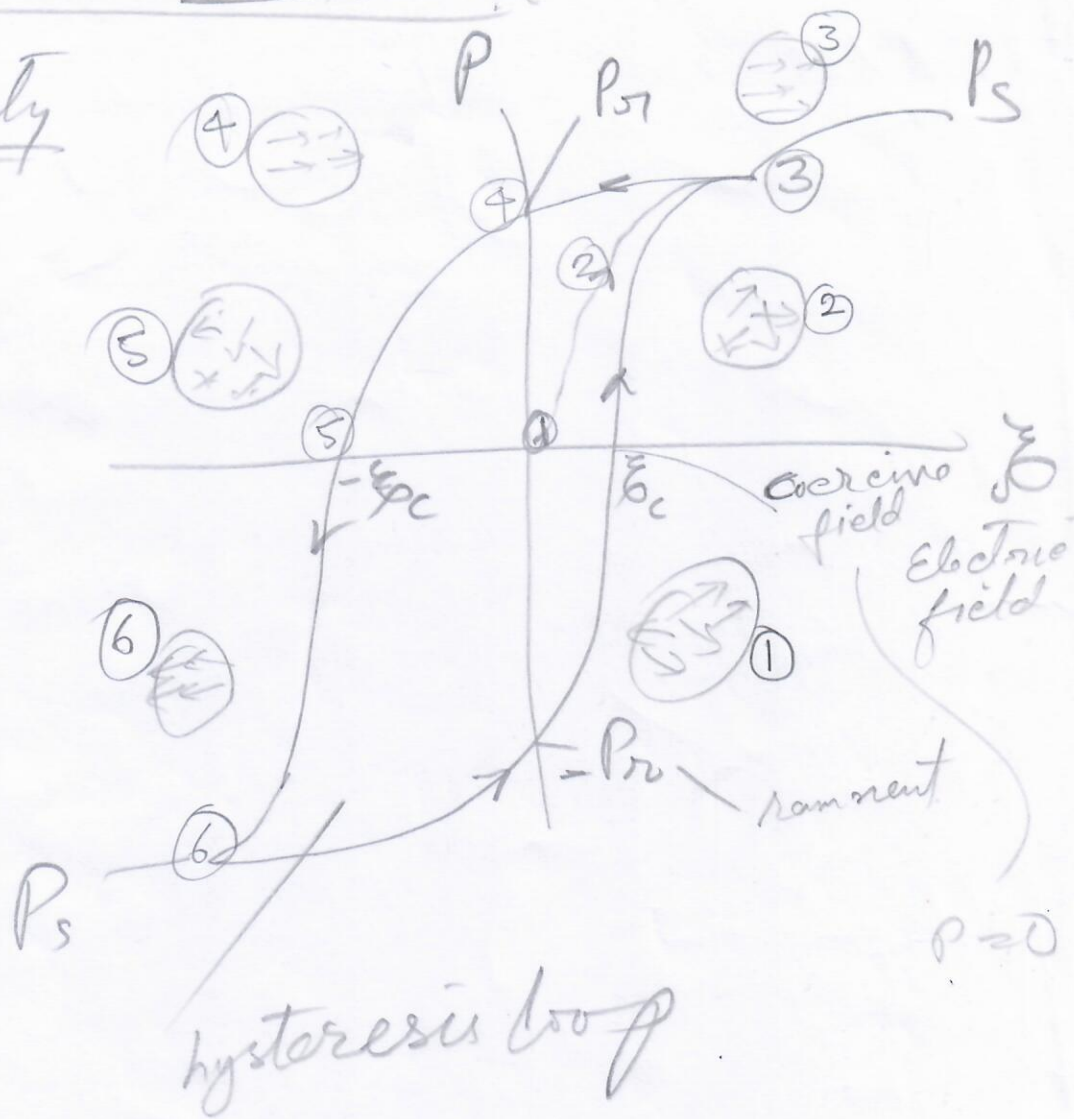
$$\epsilon_0 \text{ max} = \left(\frac{V}{d} \right) \text{ max. before break down}$$

Electrical conductivity

They have $10^8 \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ electrical resistivity.

Effect of Material Structure

Ferroelectricity



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