

Electrical Engg. Material

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Introduction

The materials which are used for storing of electrical energy are classified as dielectric materials. Dielectric materials are essentially insulating materials. The material to be used as dielectric must have properties some of which may not be answered by a material ordinary used as an insulating material.

Dielectric Constant or Permittivity

Two insulated conducting plates forming a capacitor having air gap in between them. The value of a capacitance be C_0 . We can put a piece of another dielectric, say glass, is introduced in the space between the two plates. Then we observed that the value of the capacitance increase. The charging capacity it is obvious that the charge storing capacity of the condenser increase when an air is replaced by another dielectric.

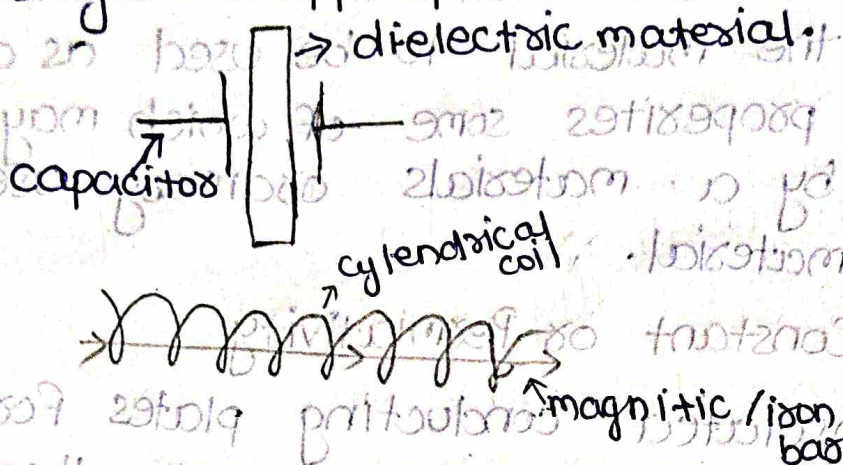
The ratio of the capacitance using a material as the dielectric to the capacitance when air is substituted for the material is called the permittivity or dielectric constant of that material.

Permittivities of dielectric other than air are more than 1.

Permittivity of a dielectric is analogous to permeability of a magnetic material. Consider the case of an air-cored solenoid. When a voltage is applied across the solenoid it will set up a certain amount of flux due to the current flowing through the solenoid. If a piece of magnetic material is introduced or placed inside the solenoid coil, the amount of flux set up increase.

Note \Rightarrow A cylindrical coil of wire acting as a magnet when carrying electric current that is called solenoid.

like that in the case of a capacitor the value of the capacitance increases as the permeability of the path for electric flux increase by introducing an appropriate dielectric.



when a magnetic material or iron bar is placed inside the solenoid an additional amount of flux is setup ~~del~~ because of the orientation of the magnetic dipoles in the magnetic material.

Magnetisation:-

A magnetic material is said to be magnetized when its magnetic dipoles get oriented in particular direction in the influence of an externally applied magnetic field. This process is called magnetisation.

Magnetic Material

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Magnetized

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Magnetic dipole in particular direction

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External applied Magnetic Field.

Permeability of magnetic material is different for different magnetic materials. like that permittivity is also different for different dielectric.

Important points of polarization:-

- The degree of polarization in case of electronic polarization largely depend upon the density of the material.
- Gaseous dielectric have very little electronic polarization due to their extremely low density.
- In many dielectric the molecules of dielectric possess an electric dipole moment even in the absence of an external electric field.
- So that the mole have positive and negative charges displaced with respect to each other and form a dipole.
- the stronger the field, the greater will be the number of dipoles pointing in the direction of the field.

→ whether the molecules of an dielectric are non-polar or polar, the net effect of an external field on the dielectric is the same.

→ the result of polarization said that the presence of electric field the dipole line up: in the direction of the applied field.

- Negative charges appear on the surface of the dielectric facing positive plate.
- Positive charges appear on the surface of the dielectric facing negative plate.

So the electric field which will induced within the dielectric due to polarization will be in opposite direction to the applied field.

The field is opposite to main field due to voltage applied across the two plates. So the resultant field weakens.

As the field is weakened, the potential difference appearing across the plates will be reduced.

When the plates are connected across a battery more charge will be stored in the capacitor.

Dielectric loss :-

In case of electronic polarization, the electrons charge very less/little displacement and remain within the limits as of their atom or ions.

Electronic polarization \ setup for small time.

Electron displacement is the type of polarization is elastic in nature.

when polarization field is with drawn removed the electrons return to their original position

All the energy absorbed in setting up the electric field which was responsible for ionic polarization e.g. the energy required for charging a capacitor is completely released on its discharge, while the electric field collapse.

- In case of polar dielectric the orientation of dipole in the electric field is not a pure elastic displacement process.

→ In individual overcoming of certain internal friction force on which certain amount of energy is expended.

So, same amount of energy is irreversibly and wasted as heat in the dielectric.

This wastage of energy is known as dielectric loss.

Application of Dielectric:-

→ The function of a dielectric is to store energy.

→ There are various type of capacitor available in market they are generally:-

Classified → according to the kind of dielectric used in them.

(i) capacitor that use vacuum, air or other gasses as dielectric.

(ii) capacitor in which the dielectric is a mineral oil.

(iii) capacitor which is combination of solid and liquid dielectric. losses, → paper, glass, mica, mineral oil silicon.

The dielectric losses in vacuum air and other gaseous dielectrics are very small such capacitors are used in radio frequency ckt and in low frequency measuring ckt.

capacitors, using oil as a dielectric are used where a large value of capacitor is required.

Mica a solid dielectric is used in making standard capacitors for laboratories because its dielectric constant does not change with temp. variation and with time.

Electro lighting capacitors:- (450V, 1000 μ F)

→ Electro lighting capacitors are fixed value capacitors they are polarised devices with high capacitance. normally used for bi-pass coupling and motor starting application.

→ Tantalum oxide in comparison to Aluminium oxide is more suitable in electro lighting capacitors but it is costlier. Boric acid is also used in electro lighting capacitors.

→ These capacitors are used of the high capacitance type and have high value of dielectric constant.

→ The capacitors which all electro light have capacitance of $3 \times 10^5 \mu$ F the value of dielectric constant for Aluminium oxide is 7 and Tantalum oxide is 11.

Electrical conductivity of dielectric and their break down:-

Gaseous Di-electric:-

→ Air is most commonly used gaseous dielectric the primary constituents of air are nitrogen and oxygen.

→ The natural ionization gives rise to equal numbers of free electrons and positive charge appearing at the same time.

→ Natural ionizing factors are unable to ionize all the air molecules because ionization of new molecule is counter balanced by recombination of previously formed ion whenever the continuous random thermal motion of the gas particles brings ion close enough to a free electron.

→ Free electron will move towards the positive plate whereas the positive ions will be attracted towards the negative plate.

→ If the applied electric field is very mild the random motion of the free charge will be predominant over their directed motion due to the applied field.

So, in weak electric field, the leakage current will be negligible.

→ If the voltage applied is increased further the free charge will acquire sufficient energy to knock out electrons from other neutral atoms by collision.

→ Each newly free electron gets accelerated to a very high speed due to the applied electric field and this in turn knocks out an electron from other gas atoms and ionizes them. The process is known as ionization.

→ due to ionization by collision the number of free charge increase in geometric progressive and strength of leakage current increase.

Liquid dielectric:

All liquid dielectric
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easily get contaminated
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hygroscopic liquids

All these contaminants give rise to
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impurity conductivity.
conductivity.

→ The basic molecules of a liquid dielectric get dissociated under the influence of an electric field

∴ Dissociation of molecule cause conductivity.
→ Neutral molecule are less capable of dissociation than polar molecule. that is why dielectric having low values of permittivity have low conductivity. And dielectric having high value of permittivity show considerable conductivity.

- Contaminants in liquid dielectrics can increase the conductivity under the action of an applied electric field.

when the dielectric is placed in an electric field the contaminants become electrically charged and may act as current carriers.

→ A breakdown in a contaminated liquid dielectric may occur due to the formation of conductive bridge between the electrode by the contaminants drawn into the inter-electrode space by the applied electric field.

→ There may be breakdown of the dielectric through the bridge thus formed at the place where breakdown occurs. Some amount of heat will be produced which will result in convection flow of the liquid dielectric. This will break any bridge and dielectric strength will restore.

But after some time another conducting will be formed causing breakdown again.

→ In contaminated liquid can not form conducting bridge. Breakdown of uncontaminated liquid dielectric is caused due to the ionization of the gases of present in the liquid.

→ Applied electric field ionizes the gas present in dielectric and places in a dielectric where the gas exists to electric field intensity increases.

Solid dielectric :-

→ electrical conductivity of solid dielectric also depends upon the presence of various contaminants or impurity.

→ In most dielectric these impurities dissociate to form ions and free electrons than the dielectric containing them.

→ In low temperature the volume of electrical conductivity of solid dielectric wholly due to the impurities.

→ In increased temperature the magnitude of leakage current depend upon the contribution of free ions of the basic dielectric to electric conduction.

⇒ Break down in solid dielectrics either electrothermal or electrical depending upon prevailing conditions.

⇒ Electrothermal breakdown is caused by destructions of the dielectric due to heating produced by dielectric losses.

⇒ Solid dielectrics are poor conductors of heat. Dielectric loss in these dielectrics increases very sharply with increase in temperature.

⇒ If heat generated not conducted away rapidly through the dielectric then there will be thermal breakdown of dielectric occur.

Voltage applied

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Dielectric do not

Radiate

↓
heat generated due to

dielectric loss

⇒ If applied voltage is kept for long period the material will be melted so short circuit of electrode occurs.

Insulating Material

→ Any material that is able to insulate to prevent the flow of electricity through it when a potential difference applied across it is called insulator.

→ The electric wiring that ^{which} are use for general purpose comprises conductor made of copper and aluminium and insulating covering of some sort of plastic rubber or some sort of varnished cotton or cambric tape, electric iron comprises high resistance conducting wire. For heat generation

→ mica or asbestos insulation to prevent flow of current in the outer body of the carbon.

→ The electric fan comprises a single phase motor having winding on the stator made of copper conductor in that case varnished cotton or cambric covering as insulation.

→ In overhead conductors the streets. For a distribution of electricity comprise aluminium or steel cored aluminium as conductor and air between the conductors as working as insulator.

→ there are important factors which must be considered while selecting a insulating material.

these factors are

- i - ease of fabrication
- ii - availability
- iii - cost.

various properties of insulating material is secondly the most powerful tool while tackling the problem of selection of a right material.

The different properties are

- i- Electrical properties
- ii- Visual "
- iii- Mechanical "
- iv- Thermal properties
- v- Chemical "
- vi- ageing properties.

→ Every application imposes its own demand as regard the priority given to the different properties.

→ The Top most priority properties are electrical and mechanical properties.

→ The primary function of insulating material is to insulate the electricity but to accomplish in any practical application it has to discharge other function like mechanical function and the function of heat transfer.

→ Properties like thermal ability, chemical resistance, moisture resistance and ageing also important depending on the specific Engineering application.

→ The charge of the insulating material. It must have high dielectric strength the material is highly resistive for preventing the flow of leakage current from the conductor to earth.

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- The material is non porous and free form impurity.
- The electrical properties of material should not be affected by temperature.

→ This is a property by which material resists flow of electric current.

→ when subject to electrical pressure there will be a very little flow of current is presence.

→ An insulator to which a voltage 'V' is applied will have a small current (I) flowing through it.

→ The insulation resistance (R) is said to be

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

Insulation Resistance are two type

- i = Volume R.
- ii = Surface R.

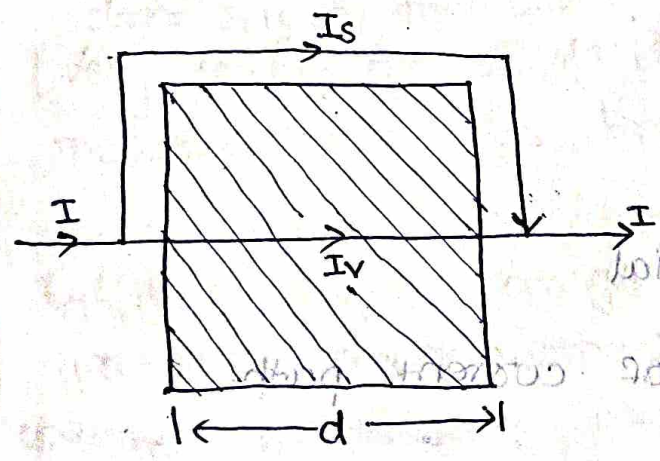


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(Volume R.)

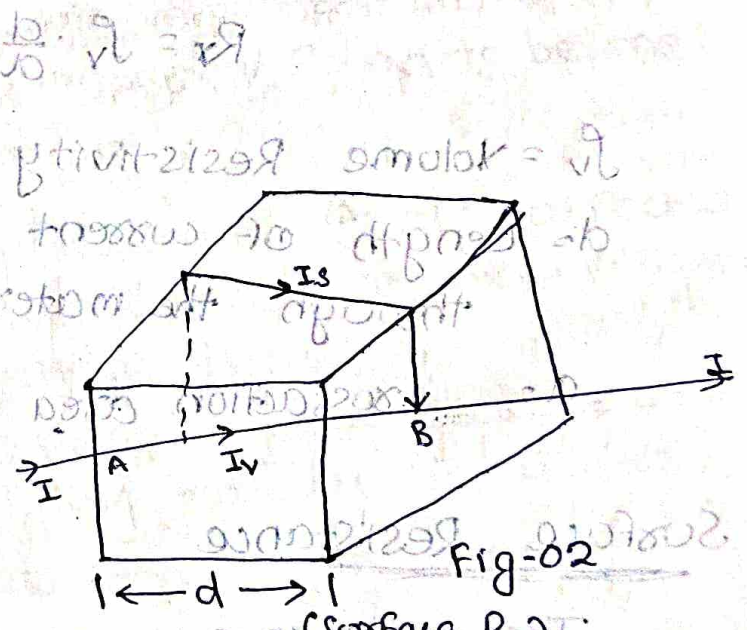


Fig-02

(Surface R.)

IF a potential difference is applied across the faces 'a' and 'b'. A current will flow. this current is likely to take a path which is straight through the material and around the

material over the surface.

→ The current that flows right through the material is denoted by I_v .

→ The current that flows over the surface is denoted by I_s .

→ The possibility of current I_s flowing over the surface of material is due to the presence of moisture or other atmospheric or surrounding impurities.

Volume Resistance

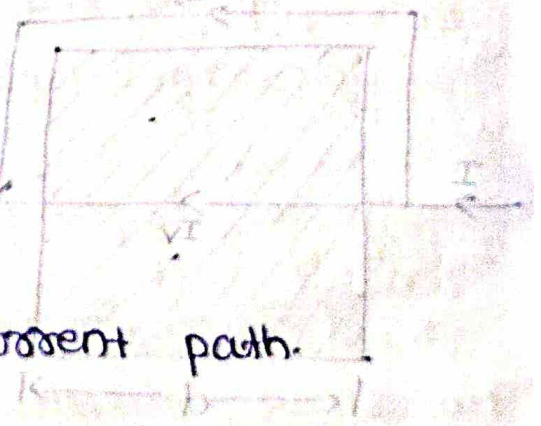
It is offered to current I_v which flows through the material. It is called volume resistance. For a cube of unit dimensions of this is called volume resistivity. This resistivity is the resistance offered to the flow of current through the body of the material and that is expressed as resistivity of a conducting material. So the volume resistance of an insulating material expressed as

$$R_v = \rho_v \cdot \frac{d}{a}$$

ρ_v = Volume Resistivity

d = Length of current through the material

a = cross section area of current path.

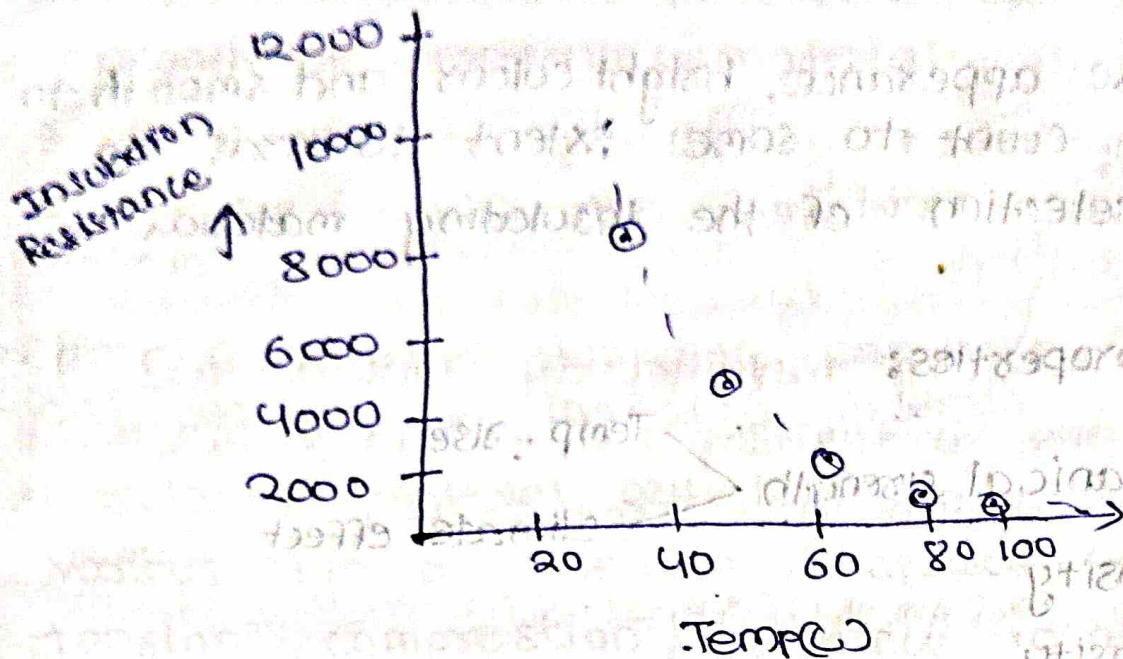


Surface Resistance

The resistance offered to current I_s which flows over the surface of the insulating material is called surface resistance.

surface resistivity depend upon the humidity.

Affects of various Factors :-



Variation of Insulation resistance with temp for oil. Impregnated paper Insulation.

1- Insulation resistance is very much affected by temp. variation.

2- In application where the insulation is exposed to atmosphere this factor become very important as it is very important as it is ~~found~~ found to be one major reason for breakdown.

3- The value of Insulation resistance is also affected by the applied voltage and to a small extent by the direction in which the voltage is applied.

4- The resistance of insulating material decrease with age so ageing of insulating material is a factor which contributes towards the life of apparatus in which it is used.

Ex -> life span of underground cable is 40 to 60 years.

visula properties of insulating materials are

- appearance
- colour
- crystallinity

→ Factors like appearance, bright colour, and smooth to mat surface count to some extent towards the customer selection of the insulating material.

Mechanical properties:

- a. mechanical strength {
 - Temp. rise
 - climate effect
- b. viscosity
- c. porosity
- d. solubility
- e. Machinability and Mouldability.

Mechanical strength :-

Most of the solid insulators have to withstand various loads during manufacture as well as, during operation when it use in equipment.

Ex strings of suspended porcelain insulators have to bear a good amount of load, rotors winding of motors and generators have to bear centrifugal force of revolving rotors, plugs and socket for domestic application have to withstand repeated operation.

The mechanical strength of insulating material depends upon Temp. rise and climate effect.

a. Temp. rise - Temp. rises as a result of heat generation in the conductor and the dielectric loss in the insulator.

→ High Temp. can also affect the mechanical strength of insulating material.

→ So when we are selecting insulating material we must consider the temp. rise properties of the material.

b. Climatic affect - Humidity can also affect mechanical strength of insulating material.

→ Insulating material are likely to be subjected to various type of mechanical stresses which are tension, compression, resistance to absorption, tear, shear and impact.

viscosity.

viscosity in liquid dielectric affect manufacturing process.

ex) In paper insulated cable the temp. at which the oil will penetrate through paper will depend on its viscosity.

The method to be use to purify the insulating oil use in transformer and other application will depend on the viscosity of the oil.

Porosity :-

High porosity insulating material are the moisture holding capacity and it also affect the electrical properties.

But in some application porosity is advantage and desirable use. For when paper will to impregnate oil.

Solubility

In certain applications insulation can be applied only after it is dissolved in some solvent.

In such cases the insulating material should be soluble in certain appropriate solvents.

Some insulation should not dissolve and be washed out in fluids it comes in contact with during operation.

If the insulating material is soluble in water than moisture in the atmosphere will always be able to remove the applied insulation and caused break down.

Machinability and mouldability:-

These properties are important from the point of view of economy mass production.

Thermal properties:-

If the under ground cable are under operation than these cables are recommended for operation with certain limitation of voltage and current.

Suppose voltage is increase if it involved insulating material is able to with stand the higher voltage stress, the change will cause increase of dielectric losses. that will increase heat generation. So the temp. of insulation will increase. so that insulator starts losing its insulating properties ultimately break down will occur.

If the I_c will increase in the cable, increase I^2R losses will increase, it results once again, increase heat generation and also failure occur.

i. The voltage rating and up to what safe limit the voltage can be raised. and for how much period without break down. it will stay.

- ii- loading and over loading current limitations.
- iii- Ambient temp and maximum temp an insulation can withstand

Temp. affect such diverse and important properties and as electrical properties mechanical pro., hardness, viscosity, solubility

Dielectric Losses :-

when a perfect insulation is subjected to alternating voltage it is like applying alternating voltage to a perfect capacitor.

In such a case there is no consumption of power. only vacuum and purified gasses takes place in that capacitor.

There is a definite amount of dissipation of energy when an insulator is subjected to alternating voltage. that dissipation of energy is called dielectric loss.

Factor affecting dielectric loss.

- i- The loss increases as increasing with the frequency of applied voltage.
 - ii- presence of humidity increases the loss.
 - iii- Temperature rise normally increase the loss.
 - iv- voltage increase causes increased dielectric loss.
- * dielectric loss is an engineering problem involving heat generation and heat dissipation.

* every application of insulation requires proper understanding of the balance between the

two factors

Melting point, Flash point, Volatility.

Melting point assumes importance in some cases like non-drawing compound impregnated paper insulated cables.

Flash point will impose restriction in many factories process to avoid possible hazards of apparatus catching fire.

Volatility assumes importance from the fact that when a trapped gas is evolved from a volatile insulating material subjected to voltage stress the break down is very rapid. So a volatile material cannot be a good insulator.

* Thermal Conductivity :-

- Heat generated due to I^2R losses and dielectric losses will be dissipated through the insulator itself.
- How effectively this flow of heat takes place, depends on the thermal conductivity of the insulator.
- An insulator with better thermal conductivity will not allow temp rise because of effective heat transfer through it to the atmosphere.
- This property assumes great importance in high voltage apparatus where thickness of the insulator is more.

* Thermal Expansion :-

- A insulator with high coefficient of expansion poses problem.
- When there are two insulating material involved to form an insulation system, different coefficient of expansion of the two material will increase.

This will be various causes of the insulation ~~causes~~
of breakdown.

→ Thermal ^{expansion} is an significant & important where heavy current are involved.

* Heat Resistance :-

→ This is the property where desire that a dielectric should withstand temp. variation within desirable limits, without damaging its other important properties.

→ Heat resistance also defined as how much heat a insulating material can sustain without any break down.

Chemical properties

Chemical Resistance

→ Presence of gases, water, acids, alkalis and salts affect different insulators differently.

→ Chemically a material is a better insulator if it resists chemical action

→ plastics have replaced paper insulation. In many application because of the former being chemically inert and grossopic.

→ chemical resistance requirement of insulations used in underground cable which are likely to operate under severe chemical condition due to water, salt, acids or alkali will be more demanding.

→ In high voltage installations "ozone" resistance assumes great importance because of richness of the ozone

Hygroscopicity :-

- Many insulators comes in contacts with atmosphere either during manufacture or operation or both.
- The contact of insulation with atmosphere is often complet that the less chemically aggressive atmosphere can prove a. the smooth running of apparatus.
- Moisture due to high humidity (atmosphere) can affect a insulator in two ways.
 - i- it acts on the surface of insulation.
 - ii- It may be absorbed by the insulation.
- There are insulating material like para ffin, polythene, poly tetra-fluoroethylen which are non-hygroscopic.

Effect of contact with other Materials :-

- Insulation remains in variable in contact with different types of material like air, gases, moisture, conducting material etc.
- the conducting materials have little effect due to contact with the insulation.
- Some time rubber contact with copper when chemical action take place. to avoid the chemical action a coating on of the applied to copper be foxe painting on the rubber insulation.
- In capacitor using shynthetic ~~capacitng~~ ^{insulating} oil, the oil react with the inner wall of the tank causing iron particles to mix with the oil. This can adversely affect the insulating properties of the oil.

Ageing :- Ageing is the long time effect of

- i - heat
- ii - chemical action
- iii - voltage application

These factors decide the natural life of an insulator

Class	Maximum working Temperature	Materials or combination of Materials
General	90°C	cotton, silk, paper, press board, wood pvc with or without plasticizers/vulcanized natural rubber etc.
A	105°C	Cotton, silk and paper when impregnated or immersed in a liquid dielectric such as oil.
E	120°C	Materials possessing a degree of thermal stability allowing them to be operated at temp. 15°C higher than class A materials.
B	130°C	Mica, glass fibers, abestoes, etc. with suitable bonding substance.
F	155°C	Mica, glass fibre, abestoes, etc; with suitable bonding substance as well as other materials not necessarily inorganic, which by experience or accepted at 155°C.
H	180°C	Material such as silicon elastomers and combinations of materials such as mica glass fibres, abestoes etc. with suitable bonding substance such as appropriate silicon resins.
C	above 180°C	Mica, porcelain, glass and quartz with or without an inorganic binder.

Insulating material - Classification, properties and applications.

An ideal insulating material should possess:

- (i) dielectric strength as good as that of mica
- (ii) volume and surface resistivity equal to that of sulphur.
- (iii) Mechanical strength as good as that of steel.
- (iv) crushing resistance as good as that of granite
- v. Ease of machining as good as that of wood.
- vi- fire proofing qualities as good as that of silica
- vii- chemical inertness equal to that of platinum.
- viii- surface finish like that of ebonite
- ix- water proofing quality as good as that of paraffin wax.

Classification of Insulating material on the basis of physical and chemical structure.

Insulating material on the basis of their physical and chemical structure may be classified in various categories as follows:

- i - Fibrous materials;
- ii - Impregnated fibrous materials.
- iii - Non resinous materials.
- iv - Insulating materials liquids
- v - Ceramics.
- vi - mica and mica products.
- vii - Asbestos and asbestos products
- viii - Glass
- ix - Natural and synthetic rubbers.
- x - Insulating resins and their products

xi- laminates, Adhesives, Enamels and varnishes.

Fibrous Materials

→ Fibrous material are either derived from animal origin or from cellulose which is the major solid constituent of vegetable plants.

→ The majority of material are from cellulose in certain materials the cellulose fibres are clearly visible as in cloth, tape yarn, thread etc.

→ In certain other materials like paper, wood, cardboard

The fibre is of the order of 25mm length and 0.015 mm thickness.

The different fibrous materials are wood, paper and cardboard, insulating textile, cotton, silk, jute.

Impregnated Fibrous Material

It is by proper impregnation that limitation like hygroscopicity and thermal and chemical degradation of unimpregnated fibrous material are over come.

* **CEL** paper dielectric

Among all fibrous material used as insulators this class contributes the maximum.

The technique of impregnation is complicated. Oil used for this purpose selected carefully depending on requirement.

Paper insulation are usually provided on the conductor with out impregnation after the conductor with all impregnate after the unimpregnated

Paper is placed in position in any apparatus the semi finish apparatus is put through the impregnation process.

→ Steps involve in impregnation process:-

- i. Extracting most of the air and moisture before allowing any contact with impregnating oil these require indirect heating of the apparatus in vacume for complet removal of moisture.
- ii- The oil which is already dehydrated separately is allowed to impregnate through the paper.
- iii- colling process is carried out before exposing the insulation to the atmosphere. So that oil doesnot flow out of the paper which may make it once again vulnerable to absorb moisture.
- iv. if the insulation is to used for high voltage, a proper colling of the apparatus after impregnated is very essential.

Main features ~~are~~ of I. Paper insulation

- 1- Good mechanical pro.
- 2 - Good chemical stability
- 3- Ability to withstand high temp.
- 4- Dielectric constant varying betⁿ 2-25 and 6-35
- 5- comparatively less dielectric loss.
- 6 - Non- inflammable.

Applications of impregnated paper:

- Major application of impregnated paper are in
- * cables: In all type of cables that is under ground power cable, mining cable and submarine cable in the operating voltage range of 220V to 400kV.
 - * Transformers: paper dielectric is frequently used in high voltage power transformers.
 - * Capacitors:

B. Varnished or impregnated textiles:-

Cotton or silk textiles can be varnished by two types of varnish:- i. oil varnishes and (ii) oleobituminous varnishes. commonly used thickness of varnished textile vary between 0.08 mm to 0.25 mm. This material is belongs to class A insulating material.

Important features of varnished textiles are:

- i - Good mechanical strength
- ii - Good dielectric strength
- iii - Low hygroscopicity.
- iv - Low resistance to organic solvents.
- v - Limiting working temp. of 105°C
- vi - oleobituminous varnished textiles are not resistant to oil.

Application of varnished or impregnated textiles:-

This insulation is widely used for winding in electric machine of low and medium ratings. It is also used in cables as wrappers and liners.

Nonresinous Materials

Solid or semisolid insulation which are directly available in nature and that are organic based fall under this class. These materials are mineral wax, asphalt, bitumens, and chlorinated naphthalene.

→ main defect in such material is that in the insulation system where these materials are apply there are always gas pockets in the system. These defect restricts the use of this class of materials to low voltage systems only.

Nonresinous materials are classified into follows

A- Bitumens

B- waxes

i- paraffin and micro-crystalline waxes -

ii- Natural waxes.

A. Bitumens :-

These are solid or semisolid materials obtain by refining crude petroleum.

Special features of bitumens are:

- i- highly soluble in ~~mineral~~ mineral and synthetic oils.
- ii- Easily oxidized.
- iii- Resistant to mixture penetration.
- iv- Poor insulation property.
- v- Acid and alkali resistance.
- vi- Specific gravity is about one.

Applications of bitumens :-

* Bitumens is normally used in electric engineering because of its outstanding property of being water resistant. Bitumens is very cheap.

→ Bitumens find wide application in underground cable for the protection of lead and steel armour against corrosion.

B. Waxes

a. paraffin and Microcrystalline Waxes:- These waxes are obtained by the process of distillation of mineral petroleum oil. These waxes are hydrocarbon in composition.

- * special feature of these waxes are:
- Easily soluble in mineral and synthetic insulating oil
 - Mechanically weak.
 - Poor electrical properties which become poorer when heated.
 - paraffin waxes get oxidized when they are heated beyond melting point.
- Application of paraffin and microcrystalline waxes:

Micro crystalline waxes having high melting point are used as a constituent material to make non-dRAINING impregnated compound which is used for MIND (Mass Impregnated Non DRAINING) paper cables. These cables are used in INDIA for transmission in urban area

Natural waxes

- These waxes are available in Nature. Natural waxes are often used after processing in the form of chlorinated paraffin wax.
- The dielectric property of Natural waxes are satisfactory. Its Dielectric constant range betⁿ 2 and 3.
- The melting point of natural waxes may be upto 130°C depending upon its type.

Ceramic

- Ceramics are material made by high temp. firing treatment of natural clay and inorganic matters.
- Structurally ceramic are crystal bonded together.
- A simple manufacturing process for ceramic involved mixing finely ground clay and metal oxide with water just ~~to provide~~ sufficient to make a past which is shaped according to requirement.
- This mold is finally dried and fired at a temp. ranging betⁿ 1200°C to 1700°C .

Main Features of ceramics :-

- ceramics are hard and strong.
- Not affected by chemical action except by strong acid and alkalis.
- Stronger in compression than in tension.
- Stability at high temp. ~~likely~~
- Excellent dielectric properties;

Applications of ceramics :-

The capacity to withstand high temp., immunity to moisture, good electrical properties, excellent compressive strength, mouldability are the properties which make ceramic.

a- porcelain insulators

b- line insulators

c- other ceramic material like oxide free ceramic

d- titanite, Alumina etc.

Piezo Electric Ceramic Transducers elements:-

It based on lead zirconate and lead titanate composition. They have good efficiency for electrical to mechanical energy conversion. These are 3 type

i) low power ceramic material

ii) High "

iii) The third grade is stabilised grade

Soldering Materials

→ Alloy of two or more metals of low melting point used for base metal is known as soldering.

→ Alloy used for joining the metals is called solder.

→ Most commonly solder is composed of 50% of lead and 50% of tin.

→ Melting point is 185°C .

→ Tensile strength is 385 kg/cm^2 .

→ Electrical conductivity is about 10% of copper.

→ Solders are of two types → soft solders → composed of lead and tin

→ Hard solder → melting point above than lead-tin solder

→ Common hard solder are silver hard solder, Aluminium, copper, zinc.

* Most imp. application of soft solders is in electronic devices.

* Hard solder is power apparatus for making permanent connections.

Thermo coupled Material

- when two wire of different metals are joined together an emf exist across the junction which is depend on types of metal or alloys.
- when one tries to measure e.m.f. more junction are to made. which also give rise to emf.
- Resultant emf proportional to temp. Difference of junction is called thermo coupled.
- E.m.f produced by T.C. is very small, it is measure by sensitive moving coil.
- T.C. are made of different material material used will depend upon temp.

Application

To measure temp. proper material to be chosen

materials

Temp. Range

emf at 500cmv.

Copper

-200 to 400

27.6

Iron

0 - 900

26.7

Nickel

0 - 1100

10.0

Platinum

500 - 1400

4.5

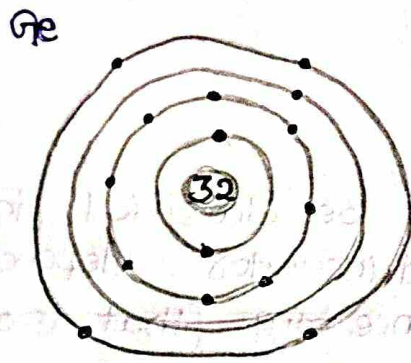
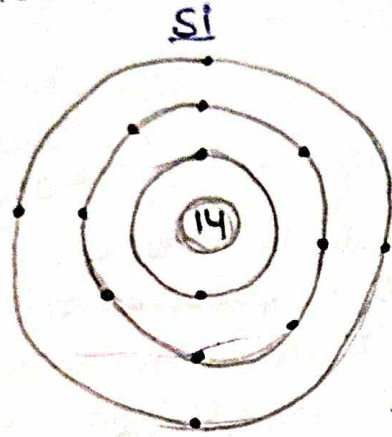
Bimetals

- Made of two metallic strip, with diff coefficient of thermal expansion.
- Bimetals is heated directly / indirectly.
- Alloys of iron and nickel with low coefficient of thermal expansion are used as one element of bimetallic strip.
- Bimetallic

Semi-Conductor :-

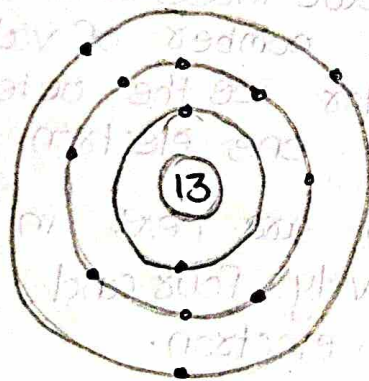
A semiconductor is indicated, a good conductor and not good insulator typical semiconductor material Germanium and silicon each of which have four valence electron.

Atomic structure Si and Ge :-

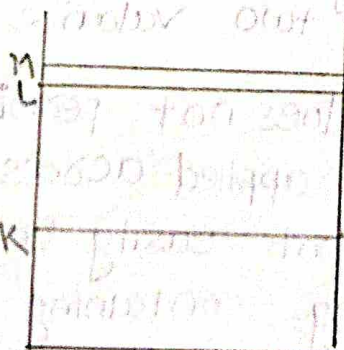


a. The Bohr model of an

Aluminium atom



b. Simplified energy level



Representation of the shell.

electron revolving around the nucleus of an atom has potential energy, centrifugal energy rotational, and magnetic energy, all of which together determine the total energy or the energy level of an electron. This value is measured in electron volts eV.

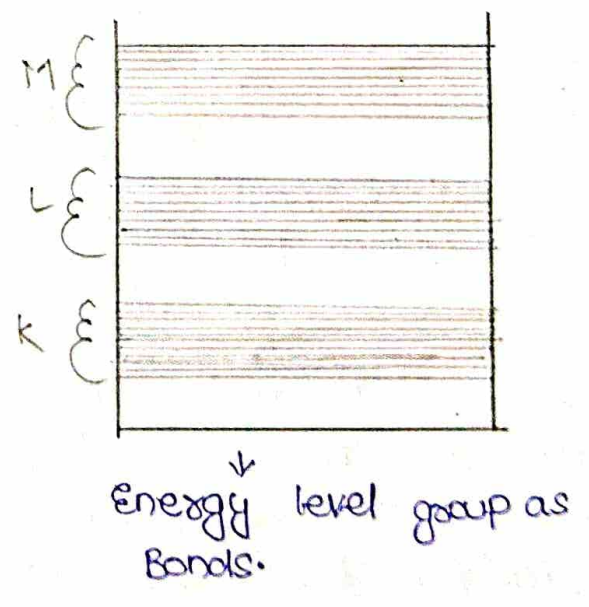
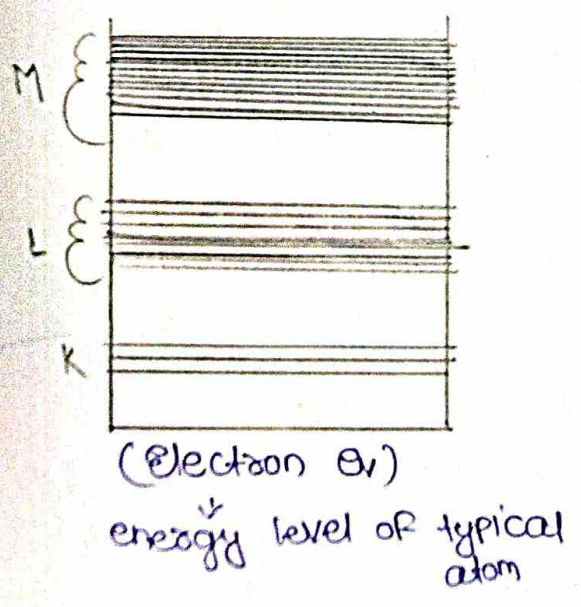
The electron volts defined as that amount of energy gained or lost when an electron moves with or against a potential difference of one volt.

The large of the orbit in which an electron revolves together is its an energy. Electrons with least energy are on the K level that is orbit closest to the nucleus. Each succeeding level contain electron higher energies if we consider an individual atom then all the atom in a given level shall possess the same energy Fig - A and Fig - B.

each level or shell is divided into subshell, each subshell having a difference energy level.

According to Fig a) The actual energy level of an aluminium atom : each electron now occupies an energy level different from any other.

b) They are also called forbidden zones, since no electron can have an energy represented by these areas.



Excitations of Atoms:-

When each electron in an atom is in its normal orbit the atom is said to be an unexcited state.

To move an electron further away from the nucleus additional energy. The additional energy can be obtained from any of the following source.

Light

Heat

Electrostatic

Magnetic

Kinetic.

If a required amount of heat energy is absorbed by electron it will jump to a higher energy level. The atom is said to be in an excited state.

When required amount of light or heat energy is absorbed by valance electron. it will leave the valance band and may move up to the ionization level.

