# Electrostatics. Electrical current.

Potential and field intensity, electrical forces, capacity, energy of charged capacitor. Current conductivity in liquids and gasses, electrolysis, Faraday's law of electrolysis.

#### Electrostatics

Electrical charge

- Electrical forces, electric field
- Electric current

Property related to the matter particles – electrons, protons etc.

Charge could not be created or perished, but only distributed

# Electrical charge

- Free e.g. electrons
- Bound e.g. dipoles

Elementary charge  $e = 1.602 \cdot 10^{-19} C$ 

Charge density – surface, volume Faraday cage – shielding of electric field

# Creation of electric charges

- Friction
- Temperature change pyroelectricity
- Pressure piezoelectricity
- Light photovoltaic effect
- Electromagnetic induction
- Electrostatic induction
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# Frictional charges on textiles

# Dissociation of polar chemical bonds like $-COO^{-}$ , $-NH_{3}^{+}$

One substance is positively and second negatively charged Amount of charge is related to chemical nature of bonds



#### Frictional electricity sequence

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Wool Polyamide (Nylon) Viscose Cotton Natural silk Acetate Polyvinylalcohol Polyester (Dacron) Polyacrylonitrile (Orlon) Polyvinylchloride Polyethylene Polytetrafluor (Teflon)

Fiber at higher position in sequence is charged positively at mutual contact

## Electrical charges

- Positive
- Negative





#### Electrical force

Coulomb's law

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{r^2}, \quad \varepsilon_0 = 8.854 \cdot 10^{-12} Fm^{-1}$$

Attractive or repulsive force



#### Electric field

Electric field intensity



## Field lines

Oriented lines, force is tangential to it

Field lines input conductor surface in perpendicular direction – arching in the vicinity of sharp edges



# Dipole field lines

Dipole

- compare two charges of the same polarity!





# Field superposition

For electric forces, field intensity and potential

Resulting force from the set of charges is vector sum of contributions from individual charges.

$$F_1 = F_{12} + F_{13} + F_{14} + \ldots + F_{1n}$$

#### Field intensity for charged ring



Field intensity by integration  $Q = \tau(2\pi R), \tau...$ linear density of charge  $E = \int dE \cos \theta = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{z\tau}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} \int_0^{2\pi R} ds =$   $= \frac{z\tau(2\pi R)}{4\pi\varepsilon_0(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$ 

$$E = \frac{Qz}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 (z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$$

#### Field intensity of charged disc





$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\varepsilon_0} \left( 1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \right)$$

far from the disc

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\varepsilon_0}$$

#### Gauss's law of electrostatics

Electric flux

$$\Phi_E = \oint_{\mathscr{S}} \boldsymbol{E} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S}$$

Gauss's law – total electric flux on closed surface is given by the net charge enclosed within that surface divided by  $\varepsilon_0$ 

$$\varepsilon_0 \oint \boldsymbol{E} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} = Q$$

#### Coulomb's and Gauss's laws



$$\varepsilon_0 E \oint \mathrm{d}S = Q$$

$$\varepsilon_0 E(4\pi r^2) = Q$$

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2}$$

## Charged and isolated conductor

All free charge is on the surface of conductor Gauss's law

Electric field near conducting surface is perpendicular to it

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0}$$

#### Field intensity for charged wire

#### Gauss's law





# Charged plane



Gauss's law



# Charged plate capacitor

#### Two plates charged by opposite polarity charges



## Electric potential, voltage

Potential = work needed to place a charge at the given point in an electric field

$$\varphi = \frac{A}{Q'} \quad [V]$$

Voltage  $U = \varphi_2 - \varphi_1$ 

Equipotential surfaces – concentric spherical shells for point charge, perpendicular to field lines

#### Work of electrical forces

Conservative forces = work independent from specific path, dependent on initial and final position



# Potential of point charge



Potential

- Positive charge

$$\varphi(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r}$$

- negative charge

$$\varphi(r) = -\frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}\frac{Q}{r}$$

# Positive point charge - potential



# Equipotential surface



#### Work and equipotential surfaces

Equipotential surface = same potential value



General relation between field intensity and potential

Field intensity

$$E = -grad\varphi = - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}$$

Field potential

$$\varphi_2 - \varphi_1 = -\int E \cdot dr$$

#### Electric dipole field intensity



#### Potential of continuous charge

#### Integration of charge elements contributions

$$\mathrm{d}\varphi = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{\mathrm{d}Q}{r}$$

$$\varphi = \int \mathrm{d}\varphi = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}Q}{r}$$

#### Potential of charged conductor

#### E=0 V inside conductor (Faraday cage)



All points of conductor are at the same potential



#### Conductor in external field

Zero field inside, perpendicular field lines at

the surface



#### Conductor capacity

Voltage and charge on conductor are proportional

$$Q = CU$$

Conductor (body) capacity [C]=F (Farad)

$$C = \frac{Q}{U}$$

# Capacity of plate capacitor

# Related to its dimensions and material between plates



#### Various capacitors

Capacity Single charged conductive sphere

$$C = 4\pi\varepsilon_0 R$$

Spherical capacitor

$$C = 4\pi\varepsilon_0 \frac{ab}{b-a} \qquad b > a$$

Cylindrical capacitor

$$C = \frac{2\pi\varepsilon_0 L}{\ln(b/a)} \qquad b > a, L \gg b.$$

#### **Combination of capacitors**

• Parallel



Electric field energy of charged capacitor

Charging of capacitor needs work to overcome electric forces – energy stored in charged capacitor

$$E_{\rm el} = \frac{Q^2}{2C} = \frac{1}{2}CU^2$$

Volume density of energy

$$w_{\rm el} = \frac{E_{\rm el}}{V} = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0 E^2.$$

## Electric dipole

Opposite polarity charges – e.g. charges within molecular bonds

Dipole in an external field





#### Conductors and dielectrics

- Conductors free charges, high mobility, high current conductivity
- Dielectrics bound charges, low mobility, current conductivity by displacement movement of bound charges

Dielectrics could be polarized by the dipole moment redistribution and allignment

#### Polar and nonpolar dielectrics

- Polar dielectrics molecules are dipoles, they orient in an external field (e.g. water)
- Nonpolar dielectrics molecules are neutral, dipole moments are created by external field (e.g. some crystals)

#### Polarisation of dielectrics

# Electric field created inside matter, polarity opposite to external field



#### Electric displacement

Dipole moment density

 $P = \varepsilon_0 (\varepsilon_r - 1)E$ Relative permittivity  $\varepsilon_r \ge 1$ 

Electric displacement = surface density of charge  $D = \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 E = \varepsilon_0 E + P$ 

# Charged capacitor with dielectric



Capacity of capacitor with dielectrics

Body capacity = charge to increase potential by 1V

$$C = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta U} \quad [F]$$

Plate capacitor capacity  $C = \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 \frac{S}{d}$ Energy of plate capacitor

$$\frac{1}{2}CU^2 = \frac{1}{2}QU = \frac{1}{2}\frac{Q^2}{C}$$

Permittivity as a function of frequency

Static and dynamic permittivity Orientational dynamics of dipole moment system



#### Electric current

Mobility of free charges in conductor Electric current

$$I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} \to \frac{dQ}{dt} \quad [A]$$

Electric current is the same at any conductor cross-section, function of conductor size and material, voltage

#### Ohm's law

# Linear approximation of voltage-current relation U = RI

Electric resistance 
$$R = \rho \frac{l}{S}$$
 [ $\Omega$ ]

Resistivity  $\rho \quad [\Omega m]$ 



# Resistivities

Dielectrics		Metals		Textile fibers	
[10° <b>32</b> m]		[10 2211]			
Celluloid	2	Fe	8.81	Cotton	10 <sup>6</sup>
Rubber	10 <sup>6</sup>	Cu	1.555	Viscose silk	107
Paper	10 <sup>2</sup>	Al	2.45	Acetate silk	1011
Polystyren	107			Wool	10 <sup>8</sup>
PVC	10 <sup>5</sup>			Nylon	10 <sup>9</sup> - 10 <sup>12</sup>

Electric resistance as a function of temperature

Linear function for metals

$$R_t = R_0 (1 + \alpha \Delta t)$$

Temperature coefficient of resistance  $\alpha \quad [10^{-3} K^{-1}]$ 

#### Exponential decay for semiconductors

## Power in electric current circuits

• Circuit power

$$P = UI$$

• Lost power = Joule heat dissipation at resistances

$$P = I^2 R = \frac{U^2}{R}$$

### DC circuits of electric current

- Junctions
- Branches
- Loops



- Resistors
- Capacitors
- EMF sources (battery)

#### Kirchhoff's rules

- First rule (junctions) the sum of all currents entering the junction must equal the currents leaving the junction
- Second rule (loops) the sum of the changes in potential around any closed loop of a circuit must be zero
- + sign rule for currents and potential changes

# Simple electric circuit – EMF + resistor



#### **Combination of resistors**

• Parallel





Series  $R_{s} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} R_{j}$ 



#### Open and short circuit

- Open circuit resistor  $R \rightarrow \infty \Omega$
- Short circuit resistor  $R \rightarrow 0 \Omega$

Maximum current of real EMF  $I_z = U_e/r$ 



Terminal voltage

$$U = \mathscr{E} - Ir.$$

Maximum power

R=r

Measurement of electrical voltage and current

- Voltage voltmeter, basic range + series resistors
- Current ammeter, basic range + shunt resistors connected in parallel

#### Current conductivity in metals

Free and mobile charge carriers available Charge carriers drift at relatively low velocity within metal

Low electric resistivity

Current density

$$I = \int \boldsymbol{J} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S}$$

Relationship between current density and drift velocity

Current by the charges mobility



# Current conductivity in liquids

Molecules are dissociated into ions – electrolyte Electrolysis – dissociation of electrolyte into ions by electrical current

Positive ions attracted to the negative electrode (cathode), negative ions attracted to the positive electrode (anode)

Dynamic equilibrium between EMF and external voltage

#### Faraday's law of electrolysis

1. Mass of substance originated at the electrode is proportional to the electric charge transported within electrolyte.

$$m = kQ$$

2. Electrochemical equivalent is proportional to the molar mass and valence of ions.

$$k = \frac{1}{F} \frac{M_{m}}{v} \qquad F = N_{A}e = 9.648 \cdot 10^{4} \, Cmol^{-1}$$

## Current conductivity in gasses

- Lack of charge carriers in gasses ionization: •Heating
- •Radiation (UV, X-Ray, light, ...)
- •Radioactivity
- •Bombardment by electrons and ions
- •Electric, magnetic field

# Discharge in gas

Avalanche-like current increase during discharge in gas.

Ionization work = energy needed for the free charge carriers creation (minimum for valency electrons)

Secondary ionization by collisions of electrons and ions – ignition voltage, discharge continuous above ignition voltage Types of discharge

- •Glowing discharge (low pressure)
- •Corona discharge (normal pressure)
- •Spark discharge (low current density, high voltage)
- •Arch discharge (high current density, low voltage)

#### Current conductivity in vacuum

- Photoemission charge carriers generated from the metal surface by radiation impact (e.g. photoelectric effect for UV radiation)
- Thermoemission kinetic collisions of electrones at the surface of hot electrode (cathode)

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