

# Exam Winter Semester 2022

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**Exercise E1 Resistivity and temperature dependent Resistance  
(written test, approx. 7 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)**

The conductivity of a dielectric material is described by the Arrhenius law:  $\rho = \rho_0 \exp(-E/kT)$  where  $\rho_0$  is a constant,  $E$  is the activation energy,  $k$  is the Boltzmann constant, and  $T$  is the absolute temperature. The resistivity of the dielectric material is  $\rho_{PP}(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ . The temperature coefficients in the range  $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and  $55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  are given as  $\alpha = -0.048 \text{ } 1/\text{K}$  and  $\beta = +0.00057 \text{ } 1/\text{K}^2$ .

**Solution**  
The resistivity of the dielectric material is  $\rho_{PP}(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{PP}(55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) &= \rho_{PP}(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T + \beta \cdot T^2 + \dots) \\ &= 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot (1 - 0.048 \text{ } 1/\text{K} \cdot (35 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) + 0.00057 \text{ } 1/\text{K}^2 \cdot (35 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})^2) \end{aligned}$$

Calculate the resistance for the dielectric material for  $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} R(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) &= \rho \cdot \frac{d}{A} \\ &= 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$I = \frac{0.8 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot V}{1 \cdot 10^{-2}} \quad \text{align*}$$

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**Exercise E1 Resistance of a Wire by Resistivity  
(written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

A heating element made of nichrome wire with a temperature coefficient of \$1.80 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}\$ is used. An electric power dissipation (= heat flow) of \$P=40 \text{ W}\$ is necessary. Calculate the current \$I\$ and the operating voltage \$U\$ for heating elements. The Nichrome wire has a resistivity of \$1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m}\$.

The heating element is \$3 \text{ m}\$ long and has a diameter of \$3.57 \text{ mm}\$.  
Solution:  $R = 1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot \frac{L}{A}$

Solution

$$P = U \cdot I = R \cdot I^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad I = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{40 \text{ W}}{0.33 \text{ } \Omega}} \quad \text{align*}$$

$$R = \rho \cdot \frac{L}{A} \quad | \quad A = r^2 \cdot \pi = \frac{1}{4} d^2 \cdot \pi \quad \parallel \quad R = \rho \cdot \frac{4 \cdot L}{d^2 \cdot \pi} \quad \parallel \quad R = 1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot \frac{4 \cdot 3 \text{ m}}{(3.57 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m})^2 \cdot \pi} \quad \text{align*}$$

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**Exercise E1 Resistivity and temperature dependent Resistance  
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The conductivity of a dielectric material is described by the Arrhenius law:  $\sigma = \sigma_0 \cdot \exp(-\frac{E_a}{kT})$ . For \$E\_a = 0.8 \text{ eV}\$, \$\sigma\_0 = 10^{17} \text{ S/m}\$, and \$k = 8.6 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}\$, calculate the conductivity \$\sigma\$ at \$T = 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}\$ and \$T = 55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}\$.

Solution

The resistivity of the dielectric material is \$\rho\_{PP}(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m}\$.

$$\rho_{PP}(55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = \rho_{PP}(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) \cdot \exp(\frac{E_a}{k} \cdot (\frac{1}{20} - \frac{1}{55})) \quad \text{align*}$$

$$\rho_{PP}(55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot \exp(0.8 \text{ eV} \cdot (\frac{1}{20} - \frac{1}{55}) \cdot \frac{1}{8.6 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}}) \quad \text{align*}$$

$$\rho_{PP}(55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot \exp(0.8 \cdot (\frac{1}{20} - \frac{1}{55}) \cdot \frac{1}{8.6 \cdot 10^{-5}}) \quad \text{align*}$$

$$\rho_{PP}(55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot \exp(0.8 \cdot (\frac{1}{20} - \frac{1}{55}) \cdot 11627.9) \quad \text{align*}$$

$$\rho_{PP}(55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot \exp(0.8 \cdot 0.0116279 \cdot 10^4) \quad \text{align*}$$

$$\rho_{PP}(55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot \exp(9302.32) \quad \text{align*}$$

Calculate the resistance for the dielectric material for  $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

Solution

$$R(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = \rho \cdot \frac{d}{A} = 10^{17} \frac{\Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot 0.8 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}}{1 \text{ m}^2}$$

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**Result**

A minimum power dissipation (= heat flow) of  $P=40 \text{ W}$  is necessary.  
 Calculate the minimum resistance  $R$  of the heating element.  
 The Nichrome wire has a resistivity of  $1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ .  
 The heating element is  $3 \text{ m}$  long and has a diameter of  $3.57 \text{ mm}$ .  
 1. Calculate the resistance  $R$  of the heating element.

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Solution
\begin{align*} P &= U \cdot I = R \cdot I^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad I = \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{40 \text{ W}}{0.33 \text{ } \Omega}} \end{align*}

\begin{align*} R &= \rho \cdot \frac{l}{A} \quad | \quad \text{with } A = r^2 \cdot \pi = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} d^2 \cdot \pi \quad || \quad R = \rho \cdot \frac{l}{\frac{1}{4} d^2 \cdot \pi} \quad || \quad R = \\ &= 1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot \frac{4 \cdot 3 \text{ m}}{(3.57 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m})^2 \cdot \pi} \quad || \quad \end{align*}
  
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