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

The resistivity of a dielectric material is described by the Arrhenius law, which can be written as $\rho = \rho_0 \exp\left(\frac{E_a}{k_B T}\right)$ for $\rho_0 = 10^{17} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ and $E_a = 0.8 \text{ eV}$. The resistivity of the material is $\rho = 10^{17} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ at $T = 20^\circ \text{C}$. Calculate the resistance of the material for $T = 55^\circ \text{C}$ and $T = 100^\circ \text{C}$ for a dielectric material with a surface area $A = 1 \text{ cm}^2$ and a thickness $d = 1 \text{ mm}$.

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

For the given material the temperature coefficients in the range 20°C and 55°C

are given as $\alpha = -0.048 \text{ 1/K}$ and $\beta = +0.00057 \text{ 1/K}^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} R(55^\circ \text{C}) &= R(20^\circ \text{C}) \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T + \beta \cdot T^2 + \dots) \\ &= 80 \text{ G}\Omega \cdot (1 - 0.048 \text{ 1/K} \cdot (35^\circ \text{C}) + 0.00057 \text{ 1/K}^2 \cdot \Delta T^2) \end{aligned}$$

Calculate the resistance for the dielectric material for 20°C .

Solution

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

$$\rho_m \cdot \frac{\{0.8 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot \rho_m\}}{1 - \rho_m^2} \quad \text{\texttt{\textbackslash end\{align*\}}}$$

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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 $1.80 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ is used. An electric power dissipation (= heat flow) of $P=40 \text{ W}$ is necessary.

Determine 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 m long and has a diameter of 3.57 mm .

Calculate the resistance R of the heating element.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} P &= U \cdot I = R \cdot I^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad I = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{40 \text{ W}}{0.33 \text{ } \Omega}} \end{aligned}$$

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

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Exercise E1 Resistivity and temperature dependent Resistance

(written test, approx. 7 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

The resistivity ρ of a dielectric material is a function of temperature T described by the Arrhenius law: $\rho = \rho_0 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{E_a}{k_B T}\right)$. For a dielectric material with $\rho_0 = 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ and $E_a = 0.8 \text{ eV}$, the resistivity ρ is $10^5 \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ at $T = 300 \text{ K}$. Calculate the resistivity ρ at $T = 350 \text{ K}$.

The resistivity of the dielectric material is $\rho(T) = 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{E_a}{k_B T}\right)$.

For the given material the temperature coefficients in the range $20 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$ and $55 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$ are given as $\alpha = -0.048 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ and $\beta = +0.00057 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-2}$.

$$\begin{aligned} R(55 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}) &= R(20 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}) \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T + \beta \cdot \Delta T^2 + \dots) \\ &= 80 \text{ } \Omega \cdot (1 - 0.048 \cdot (35 - 20) + 0.00057 \cdot (35 - 20)^2) \end{aligned}$$

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

Solution

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

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

2. The engineering material is used to heat the wire with a temperature of $180 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.
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 $1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ } \Omega \text{ m}$.
 The heating element is 3 m long and has a diameter of 3.57 mm .
 1. Calculate the resistance R of the heating element.

Solution

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

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

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