

Experiment 4

To Determine the Dielectric constant of a solid glass by using RLC circuit.

Apparatus:

Audio oscillator, Parallel plate capacitor, Inductor, resistance box, milliammeter glass slab.

Theory:-

We will discuss different topics about this experiment.

Circuit:

RLC circuit is used for this experiment where "R" is the resistance, "L" is the inductor and C is the capacitor.

Circuit Description:

The Parallel plate capacitor is connected in series with inductor, resistance box and milliammeter. An audio oscillator is also connected in series with capacitor which is used as AC generator. The behaviour of all these devices is different for voltage and current for each other.

Circuit components

The circuit components are as follows

(i) Inductor

(ii) Resistance

(iii) Capacitor

(iv) Ammeter

Inductor:

It is a basic component commonly used in electronic circuit. It is a coil connected on coil of some suitable material. The inductor is of two types

→ Self Inductance

→ Mutual Inductance

Self Inductance:

The ability of an inductor to induce emf itself when the coil current is changed is called self inductance.

Mutual Inductance:

The phenomenon in which changing current in one coil induces emf in another coil is called mutual inductance.

Explanation:

When two coils are placed to close to each other - that expanding and collapsing magnetic at one coil. like

With the other an induced emf is produced in other coil. These two coils are said to be mutually induced (M)

FARADAY'S law:

Faraday's law for induced voltage states that

Induced voltage or emf is directly proportional to the rate of change of magnetic flux.

$$\text{emf} = \frac{Nd\phi}{dt}$$

Capacitor:

Capacitor is the device which has the ability to store electric charge.

- (i) It blocks the passage of DC and passes AC.
- (ii) It opposes any change of voltage in the circuit in which it is connected.
- (iii) It has ability to store charge.

Capacitance:

The ability of capacitor to

Storing energy is called capacitance. In a parallel plate capacitor consisting of two plates each of Area 'A' separated by distance 'd' have the capacitance.

$$C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}$$

Where

" ϵ " is the permittivity of dielectric

Unit

Unit of capacitance is Farad

Factors affecting capacitance:

Following are the three factors that affect the capacitance

- i) Plate area
- ii) Plate spacing
- iii) Dielectric material

Plate Area:

Greater plate area gives greater capacitance and vice versa. It happens because large plate will collect more charge for the applied voltage than a smaller voltage.

Plate Spacing:

All the factors being

equal plate spacing effect capacitance
Similarly less spacing gives and large
capacitance and vice versa. It is so
because less spacing results in a
greater field force which cause
more charge to store on a plate.

Dielectric Material:

Greater permittivity of dielectric
material gives large capacitance and vice
versa.

A dielectric is some non conducting
material which stops the charge
flow when electric field is not
applied to plates

Dielectric Constant:

The ratio of capacitance
of parallel plate capacitor with an
insulating substance or medium b/w
them"

It is denoted by ϵ_r

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{C_{med}}{C_{vac}}$$