



Works on electric field cell with external electrodes

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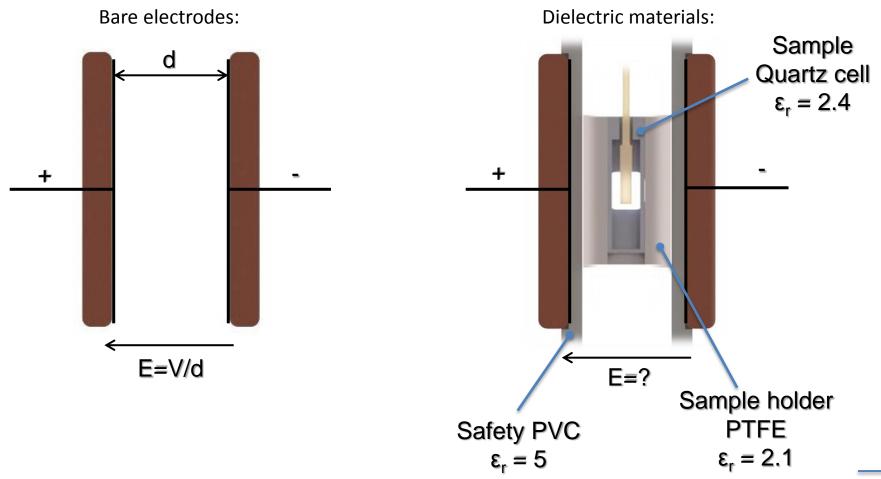
- Actual electric field cell
- Electric field measurements carried out
- A new design
- Visit at HZB

Bibliography

- Range of electric field : From 0.04 to 4 kV/cm
- Range of frequency From 0 to 60 kHz
- Range of temperature From 20 to 60 °C

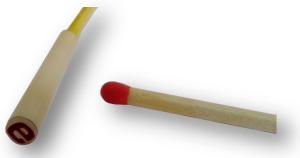
Actual electric field cell

Review



Kapters : An Electro-Optic probe to measure High Electric Fields

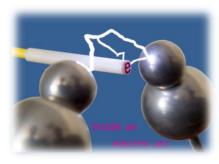
- In-situ measurements inside fluids
- E-field measurement without perturbation induced by the sensor
- Small size (Ø4mm) ; Slightly larger than a matchstick
- Pockels effect (birefringence proportional to the electric field)
- From 10Hz to 18GHz bandwidth



The probe (left) compared with a matchstick (right)



The measuring instrument



Performed measurements in different fluids to test the electric field

- From 0.1 kV to 2 kV at 10 kHz
- 2.5 cm electrode spacing
- Hellma cell (type 110-5-40) 5 mm sample thickness
- Sample holder made from PTFE

Fluid	Permittivity ε _r
Air	1.0
Toluene	2.3
Ethanol	24.3
DMSO (Dimethyl sulfoxide)	46.7
Distilled water	78.6
Tap water	80.0



Electric field cell in the 25mm space configuration

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- From 0.1 kV to 2 kV at 10 kHz
- 2.5 cm electrode spacing
- Hellma cell (type 110-5-40) 5 mm sample thickness
- Sample holder made from PTFE

Fluid	Permittivity ε _r	Electric field (kV/cm)
Air	1.0	3.07E-1
Toluene	2.3	2.45E-1
Ethanol	24.3	2.36E-2
DMSO (Dimethyl sulfoxide)	46.7	5.32E-3
Distilled water	78.6	2.72E-3
Tap water	80.0	5.20E-4

Electric field in different fluids with an applied voltage of 2kV at 10kHz at 20°C

Remark 1:Without dielectrics the electric field would be equal to 0.8kV/cm

Influence of the permittivity of the sample holder on the measurement

- From 0.1 kV to 2 kV at 10 kHz
- 3.8 cm electrode spacing
- Hellma cell (type 110-5-40) 5 mm sample thickness
- Measurements with PVC ($\epsilon_r = 5$) and PTFE ($\epsilon_r = 2,1$) sample holder and toluene sample

Material	Permittivity ε _r	Electric field (kV/cm)
PTFE (Teflon)	2.1	0.155
PVC	5.0	0.165



Sample holder in PVC on the EFC and the sample holder in PTFE (behind)

A new design

A closed cell and thermalized

• Cooling system on the electrodes to thermalize the sample



• Closed cell for the safety and less dielectrics



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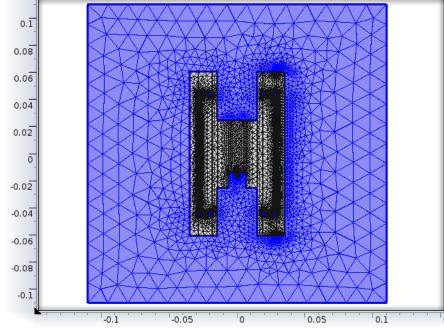
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Simulations with COMSOL Multiphysics

Comparison between measurements with Kapteos's probe and simulation with toluene

Mesh for simulations



- Actual electric field cell for samples with low permittivity
- New design + simulations

Conclusions

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Thank you for your attention !