

**Study of the Relaxation Phenomenon of Poly(vinyl chloride-co-vinylacetate-co-2-hydroxyprop acrylate)/Poly(methyl methacrylate) Blends Using TSDC-TS Technique: Dipole-dipole Interaction Approach**

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**Abstract**

The thermally stimulated discharge current (TSDC) technique was used to study the dipolar relaxation mechanism present in Poly (vinyl chloride-co-vinylacetate-co-2-hydroxypropyl acrylate) PVVH, Poly(methyl methacrylate) PMMA and their blends. TSDC global spectra of PVVH/PMMA polyblends exhibited two relaxation processes, indicating that the two polymers were not completely compatible with each other. Thermal sampling technique was used to investigate the breadth of the glass transition temperature covering the  $\alpha$ -relaxation in each polymer. Each global spectrum was resolved into its elementary processes and was characterized by using a single relaxation time and an activation energy. These characteristics can be explained in terms of cooperative motions (dipole-dipole interactions) corresponding to long-range conformational changes, characteristic of  $\alpha$ -relaxation. The TSDC theory was modified using dipole-dipole interaction effects. The  $\alpha$ -relaxation was analyzed in terms of the Arrhenius relaxation times by using an iterative technique. Linearity was found to exist between the activation energy and the logarithm of the pre-exponential factor of the  $\alpha$ -relaxation, confirming the validity of the compensation laws.

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We present results of dielectric investigation of poly(3-hydroxybutyrate) (PHB) semi-crystalline polymer. The data obtained are treated in the view of electric modulus formalisms in order to correlate the effects of the conductivity on the net dielectric relaxation phenomena. The results reveal that the conductive relaxation processes contribution in the low frequency region is much larger than in the high frequency region. At high temperatures (above the glass transition temperature), the electrical properties are strongly influenced by the space charge. Finally the plot of the complex electric modulus for a given temperature in Argand's plane shows that the conductive processes are reflected by an arc at low frequency which agrees with the model of Coelho.

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Dielectric relaxation spectroscopy has been investigated for pure poly (acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene) (ABS), pure styrene-acrylonitrile (SAN) and a ABS/SAN polymer blend in the frequency range from 100 Hz to 100 kHz at different temperatures. We observed that all samples were characterized by a high dielectric constant ( $\epsilon'$ ) at low frequency and high temperature. In addition, the dielectric loss ( $\tan \delta$ ) showed a frequency dependent relaxational peak for all samples. Moreover, the temperature dependence of the AC conductivity was investigated for all samples, and the values of the activation energy were estimated .

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**Abstract**

The temperature and the electric-field dependences of the dielectric relaxation have been investigated in amorphous poly(ethyl methacrylate) (PEMA) thin films by using the thermally stimulated discharge current (TSDC) and the thermal sampling (TS) techniques and AC dielectric measurements. All measurements were performed on cast thin films with thicknesses of 50 - 60  $\mu\text{m}$  over a temperature range covering the glass transition region ( $\alpha$ -relaxation). The nature of relaxation mechanisms in amorphous PEMA is discussed on the basis of the TSDC and dielectric results. Comparative studies of the dielectric properties obtained by using the TSDC indicated a strong resemblance between the two techniques. PEMA films are characterized by two TSDC relaxation peaks, revealing the presence of two major relaxation processes and termed as the  $\alpha$ -peak, around 341 K, and the  $\rho$ -peak ranging from 385 K to the 403 K, associated with dipolar relaxation and space charge relaxation processes, respectively. The thermal sampling technique (TS) was used to resolve the complex TSDC behavior of the films to obtain the elementary peaks characterized by the Debye relaxation time. The dependence of the peak temperature  $T(m)$  on the polarizing temperature  $T(p)$  indicated a continuous distribution of relaxation times. The activation parameters characterizing the TS peaks, such as the activation energy ( $E$ ), the pre-exponential factor ( $\tau(0)$ ) and the dipole-dipole interaction strength parameter ( $d(i)$ ), have been estimated by using a modified approach of the TSDC theory with the dipole-dipole interaction effect and two relaxation models, the Arrhenius (DDIAR) and the Vogel-Tamman-Fulcher (DDIVTF) relaxation models. Good results were obtained in comparison with other methods such as the initial rise method. A linear relationship between the activation enthalpy ( $\Delta H$ ) and activation entropy ( $\Delta S$ ) of the  $\alpha$ -relaxations was obtained, confirming the validity of the compensation law .

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## Computation of TSDC peak parameters in amorphous polymers using Vogel-Tammann-Fulcher relaxation model

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