

## Transient Current Investigations in Liquid Crystalline Polyurethane

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**Abstract :** Electrical conduction behavior of liquid crystalline polyurethane (LCPU) has been investigated under transient conditions in the operating temperature range 50-220°C at various electric fields of 4.35-43.45 kV/cm. The transient currents show the hyperbolic decay character and the decay exponent  $\Delta t$  (one tenth decay time) dependent on field as well as on temperature. The increase in  $I_0/I_s$  values (where  $I_0$  represents the current observed immediately after applying the voltage and  $I_s$  represents the steady state current) and the variation of mobility at high operating temperatures shows the appearance of mesophase. The origin of transient currents has been attributed to the dipolar nature of carbonyl (C=O) groups in the main chain of LCPU and the trapping charge carriers.

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