

The "relative permittivity" is typically denoted as ϵ_r (or κ) and it is defined as \hookrightarrow "dielectric constant"

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}$$

where ϵ is the absolute permittivity of the material and ϵ_0 is the vacuum permittivity.

ϵ is a measure of the electrical polarizability of a dielectric.

$$\kappa = \epsilon_r = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}$$

So $\epsilon_r = \kappa$ is a dimensionless quantity, also called dielectric constant.

The relative permittivity ϵ_r is directly related to the electric susceptibility χ_e by:

$$\chi_e = \kappa - 1 = \epsilon_r - 1 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{for the vacuum} \\ \epsilon_r = 1; \chi_e = 0 \end{array} \right)$$

also written as

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 = (1 + \chi_e) \epsilon_0$$

For a capacitor: $\Delta V = \frac{\Delta V_0}{\kappa} = \frac{\Delta V_0}{\epsilon_r} \Rightarrow C = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \frac{A}{d}$
across a capacitor