

Question #53449, Physics / Electric Circuits |

125 drops of water having potential of each 100 V . find the potential of bigger drop.

Answer:

The potential of one drop is defined:

$e = kq/r$, where k -the constant, q –the charge and r – radius of a drop.

The bigger drop has a volume of $(4/3)\pi R^3$ which equals the sum volume of all drops $125 \times (4/3)\pi r^3$.

Since $(4/3)\pi R^3 = 125 \times (4/3)\pi r^3$, $R = (125)^{1/3} \times r = 5r$.

Thus, the potential of bigger drop is:

$E = kQ/R$, where Q – the total charge being of $125q$, and R - the radius.

After substitution of all parameters the potential of bigger drop is defined:

$$E = 125kq/(5r) = 25 kq/r = 25e = 2500 \text{ V}$$