

Conclusions.

- The compression of *hydrophobic weak polyelectrolyte* a gel initiates the phase transition showing up in a step-wise change of the gel density.
- The change of the gel density happens at a certain constant pressure, P_{tr} , which value is defined by c_s , pK and χ .
- P_{tr} increases with a decrease of pK and with an increase of c_s .
- The collapse of the gel is accompanied by its discharge, allowing all the neutralising ions to escape from the gel.

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