

Clausius-Mossotti Relation; - Let us consider a parallel plate capacitor and a dielectric is

placed b/w plates of capacitor. Now dielectric is polarised and net effect of polarisation reduces the electric field. The resultant electric field is

~~Given~~: Consider a molecule C at the centre of dielectric then the field experience -

$$E_{in} = E_1 + E_2 + E_3 + E_4 \quad \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

where  $E_1$  = Field between the plates, when no dielectric,

$$= \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \quad \sigma = \text{charge density, } \epsilon_0 = \text{Permittivity of free space.}$$

$E_2$  = Field at C due to polarisation of dielectric.

$$= - \frac{\sigma_p}{\epsilon_0}$$

$E_3$  = Field at C due to polarised charge on the surface of cavity, which is to be calculated

$E_4$  = Field at C due to Permanent dipoles, which is zero in case of nonpolar isotropic dielectric

Hence if dielectric is non-polar isotropic then -

$$E_{in} = E_1 + E_2 + E_3 \quad \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} - \frac{\sigma_p}{\epsilon_0} \right) + E_3$$

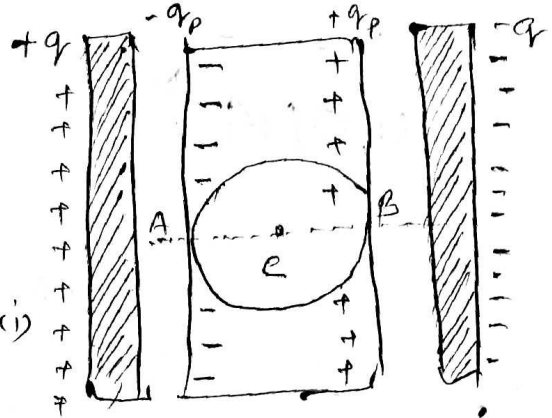
$$E_{in} = E + E_3 \quad \dots \dots \dots (iii)$$

where  $E$  = resultant Electric field,

The value of  $E_3$  can be given by -

$$E_3 = \frac{P}{3\epsilon_0}$$

$$\therefore E_{in} = E + \frac{P}{3\epsilon_0} \quad \dots \dots \dots (iv)$$



Hence Equation (iii) becomes

$$E_{in} = E + \frac{P}{3\epsilon_0} \dots \dots \dots (iv)$$

But we already know that

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \cdot \vec{E} + \vec{P} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

$$E = \frac{P}{(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)}$$

Put the value of E in the equation (iv)

$$E_{in} = \frac{P}{(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)} + \frac{P}{3\epsilon_0}$$

$$E_{in} = P \left[ \frac{\epsilon + 2\epsilon_0}{3\epsilon_0(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)} \right]$$

If n is the number of molecules per unit volume and  $\alpha$  is molecular Polarizability then Polarisation P is given by.

$$P = n \alpha E_{in}$$

$$P = n \alpha P \left[ \frac{\epsilon + 2\epsilon_0}{3\epsilon_0(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)} \right]$$

$$\frac{n \alpha}{3\epsilon_0} = \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{\epsilon + 2\epsilon_0} = \frac{\epsilon/\epsilon_0 - 1}{\epsilon/\epsilon_0 + 2}$$

$$\frac{n \alpha}{3\epsilon_0} = \frac{(\epsilon_r - 1)}{(\epsilon_r + 2)}$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} = \frac{n \alpha}{3\epsilon_0}$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} = \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} [n_e \alpha_e + n_i \alpha_i + n_o \alpha_o]$$



Relation called Clausius Mossotti relation