ABORATORY FRIGERATOR

Chemical

Bonding

Chemical Bonding O' Level Knowledge and Skills

Ionic bonding

(a) Describe the formation of ions by electron loss/gain in order to obtain the electronic configuration of a noble gas.
(b) Describe the formation of ionic bonds between metals and non-metals, *e.g.* NaCl, MgCl₂.
(c) State that ionic materials contain a giant lattice in which the ions are held by electrostatic attraction, e.g. NaCl (candidates will not be required to draw diagrams of ionic lattices).
(d) Deduce the formulae of other ionic compounds from diagrams of their lattice structures, limited to binary compounds.
(e) Relate the physical properties (including electrical property) of ionic compounds to their lattice structure.

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Chemical Bonding O' Level Knowledge and Skills

Covalent bonding

(a) Describe the formation of a covalent bond by the sharing of a pair of electrons in order to gain the electronic configuration of a noble gas.
(b) Describe, using 'dot-and-cross' diagrams, the formation of covalent bonds between non-metallic elements, *e.g.* H₂, O₂, H₂O, CH₄, CO₂.
(c) Deduce the arrangement of electrons in other covalent molecules.
(d) Relate the physical properties (including electrical property) of covalent substances to their structure and bonding.

Metallic bonding

(a) Describe metals as a lattice of positive ions in a 'sea of electrons.'
 (b) Relate the electrical conductivity of metals to the mobility of the electrons in the structure.

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Chemical Bonding O' Level Knowledge and Skills

Structure and properties of materials

(a) describe the differences between elements, compounds and mixtures.

(b) Compare the structure of simple molecular substances, *e.g.* methane, iodine, with those of giant molecular substances, *e.g.* poly(ethene), sand (silicon dioxide), diamond, graphite in order to deduce their properties.

(c) Compare the bonding and structures of diamond and graphite in order to deduce their properties such as electrical conductivity, lubricating or cutting action (candidates will not be required to draw the structures).

(d) Deduce the physical and chemical properties of substances from their structures and bonding and vice versa.

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Essential Understanding

 During the formation of a chemical bond, atoms combine together by gaining, losing or sharing electrons in such a way that they acquire the electronic configuration of the nearest noble gas.

• Helium, neon and argon are noble gases which are all inert (unreactive) chemical elements.



- What do their electronic configurations all have in common?
- What aspect of their electronic configurations could cause them to be so unreactive?

• Helium, neon and argon are noble gases which are all inert (unreactive) chemical elements.



- They all have *complete* (full) *valence shells*.
- Complete valence shells cause the atoms of helium, neon and argon to be stable, low energy and hence unreactive.

 Unlike helium, neon and argon, sodium is a very reactive chemical element.



Sodium metal reacting with water at room temperature: $2Na_{(s)} + 2H_2O_{(l)} \rightarrow 2NaOH_{(aq)} + H_{2(g)}$

• Unlike helium, neon and argon, sodium is a very reactive chemical element.



- In what way(s) is sodium's electronic configuration different to that of helium, neon and argon?
 - Why is sodium a reactive chemical element?
 - What do atoms of sodium achieve by reacting?

• Unlike helium, neon and argon, sodium is a very reactive chemical element.



- A sodium atom has an *incomplete* valence shell.
- Due to its incomplete valence shell, a sodium atom is relatively *unstable*, *high energy* and hence *reactive*.
- A sodium atom will react in order to obtain a *noble gas electronic configuration*.

 Unlike helium, neon and argon, chlorine is a very reactive chemical element.



Iron wool reacting with chlorine gas at room temperature: $2Fe_{(s)} + 3Cl_{2(g)} \rightarrow 2FeCl_{3(s)}$

 Unlike helium, neon and argon, chlorine is a very reactive chemical element.



- In what way(s) is chlorine's electronic configuration different to that of helium, neon and argon?
 - Why is chlorine a reactive chemical element?
 - What do atoms of chlorine achieve by reacting?

 Unlike helium, neon and argon, chlorine is a very reactive chemical element.



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- A chlorine atom will react in order to obtain a *noble gas electronic configuration*.



 We will see how sodium and chlorine react to form a compound in which particles of each chemical element have stable electronic configurations shortly.

Objective of chemical bonding:

• At the end of a chemical reaction, all of the atoms or ions that are present *will have noble gas electronic configurations*, *i.e.* the outermost electron shell of every atom or ion must be filled with its maximum number of electrons.

- Inner electron shell = 2.
- Second Electron Shell = 8.
 - Third Electron Shell = 8.

 By obtaining a noble gas electronic configuration, the atom of the chemical element becomes a stable, low energy particle.

There are three different types of chemical bonding:

Ionic bonding (metal and non-metal).

• Covalent bonding (two or more non-metals).

Metallic bonding.

Note: It is very important to remember that chemical bonding only involves rearranging an atom's *valence shell electrons*. The numbers of protons and neutrons in the nucleus of the atom are not affected by chemical bonding.



Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Metals and Non-metals

 Ionic bonding occurs in compounds that are formed when a *metal* reacts with a *non-metal*.

		1	2	Group										13	14	15	16	17	18
	1	н				Key	/ :							He					
	2	Li	Be		Blue = Metal Yelow = Non-metal										С	z	0	F	Ne
eriod	3	Na	Mg												Si	Ρ	5	СІ	Ar
	4	к	Ca	Sc	Ti	v	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
	5	Rb	Sr	У	Zr	Nb	Mo	Тс	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
	6	Cs	Βα	La	Hf	Τα	w	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	ТІ	РЬ	Bi	Ро	At	Rn
	7	Fr	Ra	Ac															

• The reaction between sodium and chlorine to form sodium chloride. Sodium is a very reactive metal and chlorine is a very reactive non-metal, yet the product of their reaction – sodium chloride – is safe enough to eat.



Sodium metal reacting chlorine gas at room temperature: $2Na_{(s)} + Cl_{2(g)} 2NaCl_{(s)}$



 Notice that the reaction between sodium and chlorine is highly exothermic, i.e. energy is lost to the surroundings as the sodium atoms and chlorine atoms react to obtain noble gas electronic configurations and become more stable.

Sodium metal reacting chlorine gas at room temperature: $2Na_{(s)} + Cl_{2(g)} 2NaCl_{(s)}$



 Can an atom of sodium and an atom of chlorine both obtain noble gas electronic configurations by sharing electrons?

• = Electron of sodium.



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Negative Chloride Ion (Anion)

- Number of Protons = 17
- Number of Electrons = 18

• Overall Charge = (+17) + (-18) = -1



• The dot-and-cross diagram for sodium chloride that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of chlorine. × =

 \times = Electron of sodium.





lons of opposite charge are attracted towards each other in a three dimensional arrangement. A strong *electrostatic force* of attraction holds the ions together in a close packed regular arrangement known as a crystal lattice. Each sodium ion is surrounded by six chloride ions and vice-versa. Note: *Never* describe any ionic compound as a "molecule!"



"Perhaps one of you gentlemen would mind telling me just what it is outside the window that you find so attractive..?"





• Consider the reaction between sodium (metal) and chlorine (non-metal).

 Only one electron needs to be transferred from the sodium to the chlorine in order for both atoms to obtain noble gas electronic configurations.



 However, seven electrons would need to be transferred from the chlorine to the sodium in order for both atoms to obtain a noble gas electronic configuration.

 It is easier to transfer one electron from sodium to chlorine compared to transferring seven electrons from chlorine to sodium.




• = Electron of sodium.





• = Electron of sodium.







Electron of sodium.







Electron of sodium.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Sodium Oxide – Na₂O



• = Electron of sodium.

Positive Sodium Ion (Cation)

- Number of Protons = 11
- Number of Electrons = 10

• Overall Charge = (+11) + (-10) = +1



Negative Oxide Ion (Anion)
Number of Protons = 8
Number of Electrons = 10
Overall Charge = (+8) + (-10) = -2

x = Electron of oxygen.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Sodium Oxide – Na₂O



• The dot-and-cross diagram for sodium oxide that should be used as an answer in an examination.

Electron of oxygen.
 × = Electron of sodium.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – A Note About Names



Note: The name of the non-metallic element in a ionic compound ends –*ide*, e.g. chlor*ide* & ox*ide*.















Electron of magnesium. × = Electron of chlorine.





Electron of magnesium. × = Electron of chlorine.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Magnesium Chloride – MgCl₂

Positive Magnesium Ion (Cation)

- Number of Protons = 12
- Number of Electrons = 10

• Overall Charge = (+12) + (-10) = +2



• Overall Charge = (+17) + (-18) = -1

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Magnesium Chloride – MgCl₂

Mg²⁺ $2\begin{bmatrix} \bullet \bullet \\ \bullet & \mathsf{CI} \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix}^{-}$

• The dot-and-cross diagram for magnesium chloride that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of chlorine. \times = Electron of magnesium.





• = Electron of magnesium. \times = Electron of oxygen.





• = Electron of magnesium. \times = Electron of oxygen.





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Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Magnesium Oxide – MgO

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• = Electron of magnesium.



Negative Oxide Ion (Anion)

- Number of Protons = 8
- Number of Electrons = 10
- Overall Charge = (+8) + (-10) = -2

x = Electron of oxygen.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Magnesium Oxide – MgO



• The dot-and-cross diagram for magnesium oxide that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of oxygen. \times = Electron of magnesium.

































• = Electron of aluminium.

 \times = Electron of chlorine.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Aluminium Chloride – AlCl₃

$AI^{3+} \quad 3\begin{bmatrix} \bullet \bullet \\ \bullet \bullet \\ \bullet \bullet \end{bmatrix}^{-}$

• The dot-and-cross diagram for aluminium chloride that should be used as an answer in an examination.

Electron of chlorine.
 × = Electron of aluminium.













• = Electron of aluminium.





• = Electron of aluminium.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Aluminium Oxide – Al_2O_3



• = Electron of aluminium.

x = Electron of oxygen.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Aluminium Oxide – Al_2O_3

$2 \text{ Al}^{3+} 3 \begin{bmatrix} \bullet \bullet \\ \bullet \bullet \\ \bullet \bullet \\ \bullet \bullet \\ \bullet \bullet \end{bmatrix}^{2-}$

• The dot-and-cross diagram for aluminium oxide that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of oxygen. x = Electron of aluminium.

Chemical Bonding

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3. How does the *radius* of an *atom* differ from the *radius* of an *anion* and the *radius* of a *cation* ?



Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Atomic and Ionic Radii



1.39

2.20

Atomic and Ionic Radii 1×10^{-10} m

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Atomic and Ionic Radii



 For *metals*, the positively charged cation has a *smaller* radius than the original atom. This is because the cation has *one electron shell less* than the original atom, *e.g.* a sodium atom has three electron shells while a sodium ion has two electron shells.
Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Atomic and Ionic Radii





• For *non-metals*, the negatively charged anion has a *larger* radius than the original atom. This is because the anion has *gained* electrons in order to obtain the electronic configuration of a noble gas. The electrostatic force of *repulsion* between the negatively charged electrons causes the anion to be larger than the original atom.



Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Atomic and Ionic Radii



coordination number 4

ranion

coordination number 6

coordination number 8

 Anions and cations can pack together in different arrangements, with different coordination numbers, depending upon the ionic radii of the anions and cations. The coordination number is a measure of how many anions surround a single neighbouring cation, and vice-versa.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Atomic and Ionic Radii



 Sodium chloride has a coordination number of 6.
 6 chloride ions surround a single sodium ion and 6
 sodium ions surround a single chloride ion.

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4. Can I derive the formula of a compound based upon where the chemical elements are positioned in the Periodic Table?



Group	1	2	13	14	15	16	17
Number of Valence Electrons							
Number of Electrons Lost or Gained to Obtain Noble Gas Electronic Configuration							
Valency of Element							

Group	1	2	13	14	15	16	17
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Valency of Element							

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 - e.g. potassium (Group 1) and oxygen (Group 16)

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• The formula of a compound can be easily derived by swapping the valencies of the two elements.

e.g. calcium (Group 2) and nitrogen (Group 15)

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Number of Valence Electrons	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Number of Electrons Lost or Gained to Obtain Noble Gas Electronic Configuration	1	2	3	4	3	2	1
Valency of Element	1	2	3	4	3	2	1

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...becomes...

 Ca_3N_2

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding

5. Self-assessment
Draw dot-and-cross diagrams to show the bonding in:
a) Sodium nitride.
b) Magnesium nitride.

c) Aluminium nitride.





Electron of sodium.

 \times = Electron of nitrogen.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Sodium Nitride – Na₃N



 The dot-and-cross diagram for sodium nitride that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of nitrogen. \times = Electron of sodium.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Magnesium Nitride – Mg₃N₂



• = Electron of magnesium. \times = Electron of nitrogen.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Magnesium Nitride – Mg₃N₂



• The dot-and-cross diagram for magnesium nitride that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of nitrogen. \times = Electron of magnesium.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Aluminium Nitride – A/N



• = Electron of aluminium. \times = Electron of nitrogen.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Aluminium Nitride – AlN



• The dot-and-cross diagram for aluminium nitride that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of nitrogen. \times = Electron of aluminium.

Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Summary



- Ionic bonding occurs between a *metallic element* and a *non-metallic element*.
- The metal *transfers* its valence electron(s) into the valence shell of the non-metal.
 - Both the metal and the non-metal obtain *noble gas electronic configurations*.

• Due to the loss of negatively charged electrons, the metal atom transforms into a *positive ion* (cation).

• Due to the gain of negatively charged electrons, the non-metal atom transforms into a *negative ion* (anion).

• Oppositely charged ions attract towards each other and arrange themselves in a 3D *crystal lattice*.





• Due to the very strong *electrostatic* force of attraction that hold the anions and *cations* together in a crystal lattice structure, ionic compounds are all solids at room temperature. All ionic compounds have very high melting points and boiling points.

 The melting point of an ionic compound varies with the strength of the electrostatic force of attraction between the anion (negative ion) and the cation (positive ion).

• The stronger the electrostatic force of attraction between the anion and the cation, the greater the thermal energy required to weaken the strong electrostatic force of attraction, and the higher the melting point of the ionic compound.

- Two variables affect the strength of the electrostatic force of attraction between an anion and a cation...
- a) The size of the ion, referred to as the *ionic radius*.
 b) The *amount of charge* carried by the ion.
- These two variables combine together give rise to a new variable called *charge density* – the amount of charge that an ion carries per unit volume.

• The greater the charge density on the anion and the cation, the greater the electrostatic force of attraction between the oppositely charge ions. More thermal energy is required to weaken the strong force of attraction between the oppositely charged ions, hence the ionic compound has a higher melting point.

Use the information presented in the table below to predict which compound – NaCl, Na₂O or MgO will have...
 a) The highest melting point?
 b) The lowest melting point?

Na+	Mg ²⁺	O ^{2–}	C <i>l</i> −
ionic radius 1.02 × 10 ⁻¹⁰ m	ionic radius 0.72 × 10 ⁻¹⁰ m	ionic radius 1.40 × 10 ⁻¹⁰ m	ionic radius 1.81 × 10 ⁻¹⁰ m

 The magnesium ion, Mg²⁺, has a greater charge and smaller ionic radius than the sodium ion, Na⁺. The magnesium ion therefore has a greater charge density than the sodium ion.

 The oxide ion, O²⁻, has a greater charge and smaller ionic radius than the chloride ion, C¹⁻. The oxide ion therefore has a greater charge density than the chloride ion.

 The strongest electrostatic force of attraction will be between Mg²⁺ and O²⁻, and so MgO will have the highest melting point (m.p. of MgO = +2852°C).

 The *weakest* electrostatic force of attraction will be between Na⁺ and Cl⁻, and so NaCl will have the *lowest* melting point (m.p. of NaCl = +801°C).

 Another approach which is maybe less scientific, but easier to understand, is to consider the *difference in charge* between the anion and the cation.

 As a general rule, the greater the difference in charge between the anion and cation, the stronger the electrostatic force of attraction between the oppositely charged ions and hence the higher the ionic compound's melting point and boiling point. Note: This approach does not take ionic radius or charge density into account.

For example, consider MgO and NaCl. The difference in charge between Mg²⁺ and O²⁻ is 4. The difference in charge between Na⁺ and Cl⁻ is 2. It can therefore be predicted that MgO will have a higher melting point than NaCl.





Ionic
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Ionic
 compounds are
 soluble in polar
 solvents such as
 water.

 Ionic
 compounds are
 insoluble in nonpolar solvents
 such as oil and hexane.



 Water molecules are described as being *polar*. This means that there is a small distribution of charge over the water molecule $(\delta + H \text{ and } \delta - O).$ As a result, water molecules are attracted towards positive and negative ions.



 There is an electrostatic force of attraction between the $\delta + H$ of water and negative anions, and an electrostatic force of attraction between the δ - O of water and positive cations. Hence ionic compounds dissolve in water.



Sodium ion dissolved in water

Chloride ion dissolved in water




 Ionic compounds are *electrolytes*. They do not conduct electricity in the solid form, but do conduct electricity when *molten* or when *dissolved in* water.



• Kinetic particle theory states that in a solid ionic compound, the positive and negative ions vibrate about a fixed position. They are unable to move towards the electrode of opposite charge.



 When the ionic compound is *molten* or when it is dissolved in water, the positive and negative ions become *mobile* and are free to move towards the electrode of opposite charge, thus conducting electricity.





Chemical Bonding Ionic Bonding – Properties – Summary



- Ionic compounds have high melting points and boiling points due to the strong electrostatic force of attraction that holds the positive and negative ions together.
- Ionic compounds are *hard but brittle*. When ions with a similar charge are forced together they repel, and the ionic crystal shatters.
 - Ionic compounds are *soluble in polar solvents* such as water, but are *insoluble in non-polar solvents* such as oil and hexane.
- Ionic compounds are *electrolytes*. They do *not* conduct electricity when in the *solid state*, but *do* conduct electricity when either *molten* or *dissolved in water*.



Online Search

 Identify an ionic compound that is present in *toothpaste*.
How is its function related to its structure and bonding?

 What ionic compound is bone composed of? How are its properties related to its structure and bonding?

 What ionic compound are the shells of *molluscs* composed of? How are its properties related to its structure and bonding?



Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Non-metals Only!

• Covalent bonding occurs when an atom of a *non-metallic* element bonds to another atom of a *non-metallic* element.

		1	2	Group										13	14	15	16	17	18
	1	н				Key	y :							He					
	2	Li	Be		Blue = Metal Yelow = Non-metal										С	z	0	F	Ne
Period	3	Na	Mg												Si	Ρ	5	СІ	Ar
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	5	Rb	Sr	У	Zr	Nb	Mo	Тс	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
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	7	Fr	Ra	Ac															

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding



• Can two atoms of chlorine *both* obtain noble gas electronic configurations through *electron transfer*?

• = Electron of chlorine (left-hand-side).

x = Electron of chlorine (right-hand-side).

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Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding



• = Electron of chlorine (left-hand-side).

 \times = Electron of chlorine (right-hand-side).

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Fluorine



 In covalent bonding, atoms of the non-metallic elements must join together and share electrons in order for every atom to obtain a noble gas electronic configuration. Note: a covalent bond is a shared pair of electrons.

• = Electron of fluorine (right-hand-side). \times = Electron of fluorine (left-hand-side).



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• = Electron of fluorine (right-hand-side). \times = Electron of fluorine

× = Electron of fluorine (left-hand-side).

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Fluorine

Molecule of fluorine, formula: F_2

×ו•• ×F•F•

• The dot-and-cross diagram for molecular fluorine that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of fluorine (right-hand-side).

x = Electron of fluorine (left-hand-side).



 In covalent bonding, atoms of the non-metallic elements must join together and share electrons in order for every atom to obtain a noble gas electronic configuration. Note: a covalent bond is a shared pair of electrons.

• = Electron of hydrogen (right-hand-side). × = Electron of hydrogen (left-hand-side).

Molecule of hydrogen, formula: H₂



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• = Electron of hydrogen (right-hand-side). × = Electron of hydrogen (left-hand-side).

Molecule of hydrogen, formula: H₂

HěH

• The dot-and-cross diagram for molecular hydrogen that should be used as an answer in an examination.

Electron of hydrogen (right-hand-side).

x = Electron of hydrogen (left-hand-side).



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Molecule of hydrogen chloride, formula: HCl

H × CI:

• The dot-and-cross diagram for hydrogen chloride that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of chlorine. \times = Electron of hydrogen.

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Water



Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Water

Molecule of water, formula: H_2O



• = Electron of oxygen. \times = Electron of hydrogen.

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Water

Molecule of water, formula: H_2O



• The dot-and-cross diagram for water that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of oxygen. \times = Electron of hydrogen.

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Ammonia



Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Ammonia

Molecule of ammonia, formula: NH₃



• = Electron of nitrogen. \times = Electron of hydrogen.

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Ammonia

Molecule of ammonia, formula: NH₃



• The dot-and-cross diagram for ammonia that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of nitrogen. \times = Electron of hydrogen.



Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Methane

Molecule of methane, formula: CH₄



• = Electron of carbon. \times = Electron of hydrogen.



• The dot-and-cross diagram for methane that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of carbon. \times = Electron of hydrogen.

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding HO: HN:H HC:H ×

• Note: For *covalent compounds*, atom(s) of the chemical element present in the *smallest* number are usually drawn at the *centre* of the molecule. Atoms of the chemical element(s) present in *larger* numbers are then bonded around the *outside*.





• = Electron of oxygen (right-hand-side).

x = Electron of oxygen (left-hand-side).



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Molecule of oxygen, formula: O_2



• Note: Double covalent bond.

• = Electron of oxygen (right-hand-side).

x = Electron of oxygen (left-hand-side).

Molecule of oxygen, formula: O₂

$^+_{++} O \overset{\times}{\bullet} O \overset{\bullet}{\bullet}$

• The dot-and-cross diagram for molecular oxygen that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of oxygen (right-hand-side).

× = Electron of oxygen (left-hand-side).





• = Electron of nitrogen (right-hand-side).

x = Electron of nitrogen (left-hand-side).


• = Electron of nitrogen (right-hand-side).



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Molecule of nitrogen, formula: N₂



• Note: Triple covalent bond.

• = Electron of nitrogen (right-hand-side).

Molecule of nitrogen, formula: N₂



• The dot-and-cross diagram for molecular nitrogen that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of nitrogen (right-hand-side).



• = Electron of carbon. \times = Electron of oxygen.



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Molecule of carbon dioxide, formula: CO₂



• Note: Two double covalent bonds.

• = Electron of carbon. \times = Electron of oxygen.

Molecule of carbon dioxide, formula: CO₂

• The dot-and-cross diagram for carbon dioxide that should be used as an answer in an examination.

• = Electron of oxygen. \times = Electron of carbon.

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding

 8. Self-assessment
 Draw dot-and-cross diagrams to show the bonding in:

a) Ethane $-C_2H_6$. b) Ethene $-C_2H_4$. c) Ethyne $-C_2H_2$. d) Hydrogen cyanide - HCN.





Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Ethane – C_2H_6

$\begin{array}{cccc} H & H \\ & & & & \\ H & C & C & H \\ & & & & \\ H & H & H \end{array}$

• The dot-and-cross diagram for ethane that should be used as an answer in an examination.

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Ethene – C_2H_4



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• The dot-and-cross diagram for ethene that should be used as an answer in an examination.

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Ethyne – C_2H_2



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H*C &C*H

• The dot-and-cross diagram for ethyne that should be used as an answer in an examination.

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Hydrogen Cyanide – HCN



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• The dot-and-cross diagram for hydrogen cyanide that should be used as an answer in an examination.

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Summary



- Covalent bonding occurs between atoms of *non-metallic elements*.
 - Atoms of the non-metallic elements *share* their valence electrons.
 - Atoms of all of the non-metallic elements obtain *noble gas electronic configurations*.
 - A pair of electrons that is shared equally between two atoms is referred to as a covalent bond.
- A covalent bond exists because the positive nuclei of two atoms are attracted towards the pair of negatively charged electrons that are equally shared between them.
- Chemicals that are composed of a relatively simple covalent structure are called *molecules*.

Chemical Bonding

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9. In addition to dot-and-cross diagrams, what other ways of *drawing molecules* are there?



- A structural formula is a graphical representation of the arrangement of atoms in a molecule.
- Lines are used to represent covalent bonds, *i.e.* shared pairs of electrons (dots and crosses).
- The shape of the molecule is represented by the angles between the lines / bonds.



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• Each carbon atom is making *five* covalent bonds. Carbon has a valency of *four* and should make *four* covalent bonds.



• Each carbon atom is making *three* covalent bonds. Carbon has a valency of *four* and should make *four* covalent bonds.

• The *correct* structural formulae are given below:



• The *correct* structural formula for ethane, C₂H₆. All of the carbon atoms are *tetravalent*, *i.e.* making four covalent bonds.



• The *correct* structural formula for ethene, C₂H₄. All of the carbon atoms are *tetravalent*, *i.e.* making four covalent bonds.

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Methane

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 \rightarrow *Triangular lines* represent a bond emerging from the paper towards the observer.



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 \rightarrow Dotted lines represent a bond receding into the paper away from the observer.



Methane

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The Dot-and-cross Diagram for Ammonia The Lewis Dot Diagram for Ammonia

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The Dot-and-cross Diagram for Water The Lewis Dot Diagram for Water

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The Dot-and-cross Diagram for Carbon Dioxide

:O=C=O:

The Lewis Dot Diagram for Carbon Dioxide

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a) Structural formula of methylamine.



b) Lewis dot diagram of methylamine.

Chemical Bonding



Chemical Bonding Diatomic Elements: Have No Bright Or Clever Friends Chemical Bonding Diatomic Elements: Have No Bright Or Clever Friends Iodine – I₂

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Chemical Bonding Diatomic Elements: I Have No Bright Or Clever Friends Hydrogen – H₂

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Chemical Bonding Diatomic Elements: I Have No Bright Or Clever Friends Nitrogen – N₂



Chemical Bonding Diatomic Elements: I Have No Bright Or Clever Friends Bromine – Br₂

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Chemical Bonding Diatomic Elements: I Have No Bright Or Clever Friends Oxygen – O₂



Chemical Bonding Diatomic Elements: I Have No Bright Or Clever Friends Chlorine – Cl₂

Chemical Bonding Diatomic Elements: I Have No Bright Or Clever Friends Fluorine – F₂



Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Simple Molecular – Properties



• Chemicals with a simple molecular structure, for example iodine, have relatively *low* melting points and boiling points.



 The low melting points and boiling points are *not* because the covalent bonds within the molecules are weak but because the *forces of attraction between the molecules* (*intermolecular forces / van der Waals forces**) are weak.

***Note:** There are different types of intermolecular forces of attraction.

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Simple Molecular – Properties

• Chemicals with a simple molecular structure have relatively *low melting points and boiling points* because the intermolecular force of attraction (or van der Waals force of attraction) between the molecules is weak and therefore only requires a small amount of thermal energy to weaken (for melting) or overcome (for boiling).

• Chemicals with a simple molecular structure (except those that are crystalline, *e.g.* iodine) tend to be *soft*.

Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Simple Molecular – Properties

 Chemicals with a simple molecular structure are generally *insoluble in polar solvents such as water*. They are, however, generally *soluble in non-polar solvents such as oil or hexane*.

• Chemicals with a simple molecular structure are electrical insulators, i.e. they do not conduct electricity in any form (solid, liquid or solution) because they do not contain any mobile electrons or mobile ions (no mobile charge carrying particles).



 Valence shell electron pair repulsion theory (VSEPRT) states that pairs of electrons (both bonding pairs of electrons and non-bonding or lone pairs of electrons) in the valence shell of an atom repel each other and arrange themselves to be as far away from each other as possible in three-dimensional space. This theory can be used to both explain and predict the shapes of molecules.



- Non-bonding or lone pairs of electrons *influence* the shape of a molecule, but are *ignored* when *describing* the shape of the molecule.
- Only the arrangement of the *bonding pairs* of electrons are referred to when *describing* the *shape* of a molecule.



 For example, consider a single molecule of *water*. There are *four pairs of electrons* in the valence shell of the central oxygen atom, *two bonding pairs of electrons* and *two non-bonding* or *lone pairs of electrons*.



 The four pairs of negatively charged electrons repel each other, taking-up a three dimensional *tetrahedral* arrangement. A *tetrahedron* can be visualised as a triangular pyramid.





 When considering the actual shape of the water molecule, only the oxygen atom and two hydrogen atoms, and the bonding pairs of electrons in-between them, are taken into consideration. The shape of the water molecule is described as angular.



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A regular tetrahedron A tetrahedral molecule

• Tetrahedral: A simple covalent molecule in which the central atom has *four bonding pairs* of electrons *only* in its valence shell. Example – methane, CH₄.



trigonal pyramidal

H×N×H H

• In ammonia, NH₃, there are *four pairs* of electrons in the valence shell of the central nitrogen atom, *three bonding pairs* and *one non-bonding / lone pair*. *Electrostatic forces of repulsion* between the four negatively charged pairs of electrons results in a *tetrahedral* arrangement, *with the three bonding pair of electrons taking-up a trigonal pyramidal arrangement*.



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H×O: ×

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square planar



trigonal planar

 An example of molecule with square planar geometry is xenon(IV) fluoride, XeF₄.

• Examples of molecules and ions with *trigonal planar* geometry include BF_3 , CO_3^{2-} and NO_3^{-} .

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13. Covalent bonds exist within molecules (intramolecular). What forces of attraction exist ~ between molecules (intermolecular)?

Why is *methane*, CH₄, a *gas* at room temperature and pressure, while *water*, H₂O, is a *liquid*?



• Which intermolecular force of attraction is most significant for each one of the following chemicals?



• Click here to view answers on slides 289, 290 and 291.

 Intermolecular forces are the forces that are responsible for the interactions between molecules. Intermolecular forces may be forces of attraction or repulsion between a molecule and a neighbouring particle, such as another molecule, an atom or an ion.

 Intermolecular forces are weak relative to intramolecular forces, i.e. the forces that hold a single molecule together. For example, a covalent bond – the shared pair of electrons between two atoms – is much stronger than the intermolecular force of attraction between two neighbouring molecules.

 When molecules pack together in the liquid or solid state, there must be forces of attraction holding the molecules close to each other. J. D. van der Waals postulated the existence of forces of attraction that are neither ionic nor covalent. Such forces arise in a number of ways and are collectively called van der Waals forces. One phenomenon due to van der Waals forces of attraction is a gecko's ability to walk up a vertical glass surface.





 The gecko's feet are covered with many microscopic hairs or setae which, when combined together, have a very large surface area. When weak van der Waals forces are exerted over a large surface area, their strength becomes very significant - strong enough to support the gecko's body weight as it climbs walls and ceilings.



 There are different types of van der Waals forces of attraction. Attraction between *polar molecules* is one type of van der Waals force. Attractive forces also exist between *non-polar molecules*. Even atoms of the noble gases are attracted towards each other to a small extent, which explains why the noble gases can be liquified.



 Consider two non-polar molecules that are very close together. They are non-polar because the electrons within each molecule are *evenly distributed* throughout the molecule (the distribution of electrons is said to be *symmetrical*). However, at any given moment, because the electrons are *moving randomly* within each molecule, the electron distribution within one molecule may suddenly become *unsymmetrical*.



Random movement of electrons, leading to their unsymmetrical distribution in a molecule, leads to one area of the molecule having a *surplus of negatively charged electrons* while another area of the molecule has a *deficit of negatively charged electrons*. For an instant, the area of the molecule with a surplus of electrons gains a *slight negative charge* (δ–) and the region with a deficit of electrons gains a *slight positive charge* (δ+).



• When one area of the molecule has a δ - charge and another area of the molecule has a δ + charge, the molecule is described as having a *instantaneous dipole*. The diagram given above shows how the instantaneous dipole of one molecule can *influence the electron cloud of a neighbouring molecule*, the δ + area *attracting* electrons of a neighbouring molecule towards it, and the δ - area *repelling* electrons of a neighbouring molecule away from it.



• Once a molecule has an instantaneous dipole (*i.e.* temporary regions of δ + and δ -), it can *induce dipoles* in neighbouring molecules. This means than many molecules can have dipoles, and the directions of the dipoles will be such that they attract one another. Since electrons move about at high speed, the attraction only has a momentary existence. New dipoles will form, and they will induce diploes in the neighbouring molecules that result in attraction.



• The dipoles are only *temporary*, but the intermolecular forces of attraction are always present *somewhere* in the chemical.

• The ease with which an electron cloud is distorted, and therefore the ease with which a dipole is induced in a molecule, is called *polarisability*. Polarisability *increases with the number of electrons* in a molecule, and so the strength of the intermolecular force of attraction *increases with increasing relative molecular mass*.



 Imagine a *small number* of people standing on a boat in the water. If the people are evenly distributed across the boat, then the boat will sit level in the water, but if the people all move to one side of the boat, then the boat will start to *tilt slightly* in the water.



- Now imagine that the boat is a molecule, and that the people are electrons.
 - A molecule with a *small number* of electrons (small electron cloud) experiences a small amount of polarizability, leading to *relatively weak London dispersion forces* between molecules.



 Now imagine a *large number* of people standing on a boat in the water. If the people are evenly distributed across the boat, then the boat will sit level in the water, but if the people all move to one side of the boat, then the boat will *tilt significantly* in the water.



 Now imagine that the boat is a molecule, and that the people are electrons.

A molecule with a *large number* of electrons (large electron cloud) experiences a large amount of polarizability, leading to *stronger London dispersion* forces between molecules.



• London dispersion forces: An instantaneous dipole in one molecule, caused by the random movement of electrons within the molecule, induces dipoles in the surrounding molecules, which results in an intermolecular force of attraction.

Chemical Bonding

Intermolecular Forces – London Dispersion Forces

Halogen	melting point /°C	boiling point /°C	covalent radius / pm	total number of electrons	relative molecular mass
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• For Group 17, as the *number of electrons* (*size of the electron cloud*) within a single molecule of the element *increases*, so the *polarisability* of the molecule increases. This increases the strength of the *London dispersion forces*, hence increasing melting and boiling points.

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 As the covalent radii of the atoms increases, so the surface area of the molecules also increases. The larger the surface area available for London dispersion forces to operate over, the stronger they become, resulting in higher melting and boiling points.

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As the *relative molecular mass* of the diatomic molecules *increases*, so the melting points and boiling points also *increase*. More energy is required to overcome the *inertia** of the molecules with the greater relative molecular mass.
 *Note: *Inertia* is the natural tendency of an object to stay at rest, or remain in motion.



Butane and 2-methylpropane have the same molecular formulae, but different structural formulae (they are *isomers*).
Compared to butane, 2-methylpropane has a more *compact structure*, with a *smaller surface area*.



 As a consequence, the area of contact between two molecules of 2-methylpropane is *smaller* than the area of contact between two molecules of butane, resulting in a *weaker London dispersion forces* between the molecules of 2-methylpropane.



 This explains why the boiling point of 2-methylpropane is *lower* (-11.7°C) than the boiling point of butane (-1.00°C), because the *weaker London dispersion forces* in
 2-methylpropane require *less thermal energy* to overcome.


- Imagine 500 g of spaghetti and 500 g of macaroni.
- The spaghetti is analogous to the straight-chain molecules of butane, while the macaroni is analogous to more compact branched-chain molecules of 2-methylpropane.



• The long and straight strands of spaghetti can pack closely together, and therefore have a relatively *large surface area in contact* with each other (analogous to stronger London dispersion forces).

• For the same mass of macaroni, the pieces of pasta are more compact and have a relatively *small surface area in contact* with each other (analogous to weaker London dispersion forces).



 Temporary fluctuations in the electron distributions within atoms and non-polar molecules can result in the formation of short lived instantaneous dipole moments, which produce forces of attraction known as *London dispersion forces* (named after the German Physicist, Fritz London) between otherwise non-polar substances.



 Consider a pair of adjacent He atoms, for example. On average, the two electrons in each He atom are uniformly distributed around the nucleus. Because the electrons are in constant motion, however, their distribution in one atom is likely to be asymmetrical at any given instant, resulting in an instantaneous dipole moment.



 The *instantaneous dipole moment* on one atom can interact with the electrons in an adjacent atom, pulling them toward the positive end of the instantaneous dipole or repelling them from the negative end.



 The net effect is that the first atom causes the temporary formation of a dipole, called an *induced dipole*, in the second.
Interactions between these temporary dipoles cause atoms to be attracted to one another. These attractive interactions are weak and fall off rapidly with increasing distance.



 London dispersion forces are known as instantaneous dipole – induced dipole interactions.

 London dispersion forces can occur between different combinations of atoms and non-polar molecules.



 London dispersion forces: An instantaneous dipole in one molecule, caused by the random movement of electrons within the molecule, induces *dipoles* in the surrounding molecules, which result in an intermolecular force of attraction.

• Definition of *Electronegativity*

→ Electronegativity is a measure of the relative tendency of an atom to attract a *bonding pair of electrons*.

- → Electronegativity values of the chemical elements are given on a scale of 0 to 4, with 4 being the most electronegative.
- \rightarrow Electronegativity values are *relative* and do not have any units.

Chemical Bonding Intermolecular Forces – Electronegativity • Electronegativity Values of the Chemical Elements (Pauling Scale)



 Why are no electronegativity values assigned to the Noble Gases (Group 18)?

Chemical Bonding Intermolecular Forces – Electronegativity • Electronegativity Values of the

Chemical Elements (Pauling Scale)



• Noble Gases are unreactive. They do not form covalent bonds, *i.e.* they do not share pairs of electrons with other atoms.

→ When two atoms of different elements are held together by a covalent bond, if the difference in electronegativity values of the two elements is greater than ~0.5, then the covalent bond will be *polar*.

→ The atom of the element with the *greater* electronegativity value, because it is pulling the negatively charged bonding pair of electrons *towards* it, will gain a *slight negative charge*, written as δ – (delta negative).

 \rightarrow The atom of the element with the *smaller* electronegativity value, because it has the negatively charged bonding pair of electrons pulled *away* from it, will gain a *slight positive charge*, written as δ + (delta positive).

Hydrogen = 2.1 Hydrogen = 2.1



Chlorine = 3.0

Hydrogen = 2.1





Ionic and covalent bonding can be considered to exist at opposites ends of a *spectrum*. In between covalent bonds and ionic bonds are *dipoles* or *polar covalent bonds* (bonds with δ+ and δ- charges). The *greater* the difference in *electronegativity* values between the two bonded atoms, the *greater* the *polarity* of the bond between them.



 Permanent dipole-permanent dipole interactions are electrostatic forces of attraction between molecules that have *permanent dipoles* (permanent polar covalent bonds).
Molecules align themselves with regions of opposite charge attracting each other (regions with the same charge will repel).



An example of a permanent dipole-permanent dipole interaction can be seen in hydrogen chloride. The δ+ hydrogen atom of one molecule will attract the δ- chlorine atom of a neighbouring molecule, resulting in a net force of attraction between the two neighbouring molecules.



• Although the electronegativity value of *carbon* is 2.5, and the electronegativity value of *oxygen* is 3.5, the carbon-to-oxygen covalent bond is not a permanent dipole / is not polar. This is because the molecule *linear* and *symmetrical*.

• We can imagine that as the oxygen atom on the left-handside pulls the bonding pairs of electrons *away from carbon*, the oxygen atom on the right-hand-side pull the pairs of electrons *back towards the carbon* again. With no uneven distribution of electrons, there are *no permanent dipoles in CO*₂.



 No permanent *molecular dipole* moment in CO₂ (bond dipoles cancel).



 No permanent *molecular dipole* moment in CCl₄ (bond diploes cancel).







• Permanent *molecular dipole* moment in HC*l*.

• Permanent *molecular* dipole moment in H_2O .

• Permanent *molecular dipole* moment in NH₃.

Chemical Bonding Intermolecular Forces – van der Waals Forces

 All types of van der Waals forces of attraction (instantaneous dipoles and permanent dipoles) between small molecules are weak. Between molecules with *longer chains of atoms*, giving a larger surface area over which many points of contact exist, *van der Waals forces are stronger*. For example, ethane (C₂H₆) is a *gas* at room temperature and pressure, while hexane (C₆H₁₄) is a *liquid* and octadecane (C₁₈H₃₈) is a *solid*.

• Another factor to consider when studying the strength of the van der Waals force of attraction is the *shape* of the molecule. *Elongated* molecules are more easily polarised, and hence have *stronger* van der Waals forces of attraction than molecules that are *compact* and *symmetrical*.

• A hydrogen bond is the attraction between the lone pair electrons of an electronegative atom and a *hydrogen* atom that is bonded to either *nitrogen*, *oxygen* or *fluorine*.

The hydrogen bond is often described as a strong electrostatic dipole-dipole interaction. However, it also has some features in common with covalent bonding;
(i) it is directional (ii) it is stronger than a van der Waals interaction (iii) molecules interact with a limited number of neighbouring molecules, which can be interpreted as a type of valency.



 Some evidence for the existence of the hydrogen bond can be seen when comparing the boiling points of *hydrogen fluoride* (HF), *water* (H₂O) and *ammonia* (NH₃) with the boiling points of the other hydrides in the same Groups of the Periodic Table.



 The boiling points of HF, H₂O and NH₃ are *much higher* than those of the other hydrides in the same groups.

 The molecules of HF, H₂O and NH₃ must be held together by intermolecular forces which are stronger than those between molecules of the other hydrides.

- Since fluorine, oxygen and nitrogen are the most electronegative elements in their Groups, the intermolecular forces of attraction are thought to be hydrogen bonds.
- Hydrogen bonds are estimated to be ¹/₁₀ to ¹/₂₀ the strength of a covalent bond.

• Hydrogen Bonding Between Water Molecules



→ The bond between oxygen (electronegativity value = 3.5) and hydrogen (electronegativity value = 2.1) in water is *polar*.

• Hydrogen Bonding Between Water Molecules



 \rightarrow The oxygen atom attracts the bonding pair of electrons towards itself, away from the hydrogen atom.

• Hydrogen Bonding Between Water Molecules



 \rightarrow The oxygen atom gains a slight negative charge written δ - (delta negative) while the hydrogen atom gains a slight positive charge, written δ + (delta positive).

• Hydrogen Bonding Between Water Molecules



→ A weak electrostatic force of attraction between the lone pair electrons of the δ– oxygen atom of one water molecule and the δ+ hydrogen atom of another water molecule creates an intermolecular force of attraction between the two water molecules.

• Hydrogen Bonding Between Water Molecules



→ This special intermolecular force of attraction is called a hydrogen bond. It is stronger that the London dispersion force and permanent dipole-permanent dipole intermolecular force of attraction, and requires more energy to overcome, causing water to be a liquid at room temperature and pressure.





 Ionic compounds dissolve in polar solvents such as water.

• The δ + hydrogen atoms of the water molecules are attracted towards the negative anions in the ionic lattice.

• The δ - oxygen atoms of the water molecules are attracted towards the positive cations in the ionic lattice.

• Hydrogen Bonding Between DNA Base Pairs





 Hydrogen bonds occur between δ– N–H δ+ and δ+ C=O δ– regions within proteins. Hydrogen Bonding contributes to the secondary structures (α-helix and β-pleated sheets) found in proteins.

• At elevated temperatures, hydrogen bonds within proteins are weakened and / or broken. This causes the protein to lose its unique three-dimensional shape, a process that biochemists refer to as *denaturation*.

• Due to a change in the shape of their active site, enzymes lose their catalytic activity when they are denatured.


 All snowflakes have the same basic hexagonal shape, although they vary in their fine structure.

 The hexagonal shape is due to the arrangement in which the water molecules crystallise, with the δ+ hydrogen atoms being attracted towards the lone pairs of electrons in the valence shell of the δ– oxygen atoms.



 Hence, the shape of the water molecule (based upon valence shell electron pair repulsion theory) influences the overall shape of the snowflake.



• An analogy of a polar covalent solid, *e.g.* glucose, dissolving in a polar solvent, *e.g.* water. Molecules of the polar covalent solid are represented by bar magnets, and the polar water molecules are represented by paper clips.





In the solid state, polar molecules interact to form an ordered, crystalline arrangement through *hydrogen bonding*. The polar molecules pack in such a way that the *slightly positive* (δ+) region of one molecule is *adjacent* to the *slightly negative* (δ–) region of another molecule, just as magnets will arrange themselves with the *north pole* of one magnet *adjacent* to the *south pole* of another magnet.



 When dissolving, hydrogen bonds between polar molecules of the solid are broken, and new hydrogen bonds form between polar molecules of the solid and polar water molecules.



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 In each molecule, a *highly electronegative element* is bonded to *hydrogen*. H₂SO₄, NH₃, CH₃OH and H₂O interact through an intermolecular force of attraction known as *hydrogen bonds*.

Relative Strengths of Intermolecular Forces of Attraction



• Hydrogen Bonds: Exist between molecules that contain δ + H–F δ – or δ + H–O δ – or δ + H–N δ – bonds.

 Permanent Dipole – Permanent Dipole Interactions: Exist between molecules in which the atoms directly bonded together differ in their electronegativity values by 0.5 or more, e.g. δ+ H–Cl δ–.

 Instantaneous Dipole-Induced Dipole (London Dispersion Forces): Exist between molecules in which the atoms directly bonded together differ in their electronegativity values by 0.4 or less, e.g. Cl₂, O₂ and most hydrocarbons (e.g. CH₄ and C₂H₆).





 Molecules with instantaneous dipoles – induced dipoles (London dispersion forces). Molecules with permanent dipoles.



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• What is the structure of *aspirin*? What are the chemical and physical properties of aspirin? How are these properties related to its structure and bonding?

What is the structure of *glucose*?
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 What is the structure of caffeine?
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Diamond – C

Graphite – C



• Diamond and graphite are both *allotropes* of carbon, *i.e.* forms of the *same chemical element* in which the atoms are bonded together in *different arrangements*.

Buckminsterfullerene (Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1996). Graphene (Nobel Prize in Physics, 2010).



• Buckminsterfullerene (formula: C_{60}) and Graphene (a single layer of carbon atoms) are other interesting allotropes of carbon.

• Buckytube or carbon nanotube.



 Giant covalent / molecular structures are composed of many millions of non-metallic atoms all covalently bonded together in a single arrangement, *e.g.* diamond.

 Chemicals with a giant molecular structure have very high melting points and boiling points (sometimes even greater than those of ionic compounds and metals). This is because the entire structure is composed of atoms of a non-metallic element all joined together by strong covalent bonds which require a large amount of thermal energy to weaken / break. Because the structure is not composed of small covalent molecules, there are no weak inter-molecular forces of attraction present.

• Giant molecular structures tend to be *extremely hard* (the hardest naturally occurring substance is diamond) because the entire structure is held together by *strong covalent bonds which require a large amount of energy to break*.

Note: Graphite is relatively soft because it is composed of layers of carbon atoms, with weak intermolecular forces of attraction between them, that can slide over each other.

 Giant molecular structures are *insoluble* in both polar solvents and non-polar solvents. This is because any intermolecular forces of attraction that are formed between atoms of the giant molecular structure and molecules of the solvent are not strong enough to break / overcome the strong covalent bonds within the giant molecular structure.

 Giant molecular structures tend to be *electrical insulators*, *i.e.* they do not conduct electricity in any form because they do not contain any mobile charge carrying particles (electrons or ions). Note: Graphite does conduct electricity because it contains *delocalised* (mobile) *electrons* between the layers of carbon atoms.

Special Properties of Graphite



- Graphite is composed of many carbon atoms covalently bonded together in *hexagonal layers*.
- The shape around each carbon atom is *trigonal planar*.
- In graphite, many hexagonal layers of carbon atoms are stacked one-on-top-of-another.

Special Properties of Graphite



• Each carbon atom has four valence electrons.

 Three valence electrons are used to make covalent bonds to neighbouring carbon atoms within the same layer.

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• The forth valence electron of each carbon atom is not involved in forming covalent bonds. Hence, each carbon atom in graphite has a *single unbonded valence electron* which is *delocalised* between the layers of carbon atoms.

 Because graphite contains *mobile* or delocalised electrons, it is able to conduct *electricity* when solid. This is an unusual property for a substance that is classified as a non-metal!



 When the circuit is closed, the *mobile* or delocalised electrons within the graphite are all repelled away from the negative electrode (cathode) and attracted towards the positive electrode (anode).

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Chemical Bonding Covalent Bonding – Properties – Summary



• Substances with a *simple molecular structure* tend to have low melting points and boiling points. They tend to be soft. They do not dissolve in polar solvents but are soluble in non-polar solvents. They are electrical insulators and do not conduct electricity in any form (solid, liquid or solution).

 Substances with a *giant molecular structure* tend to have very high melting points and boiling points. They tend to be very hard. They do not dissolve in either polar solvents or nonpolar solvents. They are electrical insulators and do not conduct electricity in any form. Note: Graphite is an exception to some of these rules.



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• What are the industrial applications of *diamono*? How are these applications related to its structure and bonding?

• What are the industrial applications of *graphite*? How are these applications related to its structure and bonding?

 What are the industrial applications of silicon carbide? How are these applications related to its structure and bonding?







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 The actual metallic bond is the *electrostatic force of* attraction that exists between the positively charged metal cations and the negatively charged electrons that are delocalised around them.


 Metals tend to have high melting points and boiling points because the electrostatic force of attraction between the metal cations and delocalised electrons is strong and therefore requires a large amount of thermal energy to weaken / overcome.

 Metals are *hard and strong*. They are also *malleable* (shape can be changed without breaking) and *ductile* (can be drawn out into a wire). Metals are also *sonorous* (ring when struck).

 Metals do not dissolve in polar solvents such as water. Metals are also insoluble in non-polar solvents such as oil and hexane. Note: Some metals, e.g. sodium, react with water.

• Metals are very good conductors of electricity in both the solid and molten states due to the "sea" of delocalised electrons.



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 It what ways are the chemical and physical properties of *caesium* different from those of typical metals?

 Which materials are a) cooking utensils b) electrical wires
commonly made of? Why are these materials used? What are the advantages and disadvantages of using these particular materials?

• What is an *alloy* and what particular uses do they have? Why is an alloy used for a certain application instead of a pure metallic element?

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17. Could I please have an *overview* of the different types of chemical bonding?





Atoms of the chemical elements react to obtain the stable electronic configurations of noble gases.

Ionic Bonding

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Ionic Compounds:

 Ionic compounds are formed when a metallic element reacts with a non-metallic element. Atoms of the metallic element transfer their valence electron(s) into the valence shell of the non-metallic element forming positively charged metallic ions (cations) and negatively charged non-metallic ions (anions) with the electronic configurations of noble gases. A strong electrostatic force of attraction between the oppositely charged ions holds them together in a crystal lattice arrangement. Because the electrostatic force of attraction between the oppositely charged ions is strong, a large amount of thermal energy is required to weaken / break it, hence ionic compounds have relatively high melting and boiling points. Ionic compounds are electrolytes – they are electrical insulators in the solid state (because strong electrostatic forces of attraction hold the ions in fixed positions) but can conduct electricity when molten or in aqueous solution (because mobile ions are free to move to the electrode of opposite charge).

Simple Covalent Molecules:

• A small number of atoms of non-metallic elements held together by shared pairs of electrons (covalent bonds). Atoms of nonmetallic elements share pairs of electrons in order to obtain the electronic configuration of a noble gas. Covalent bonds within the molecules are strong, but intermolecular forces of attraction (*e.g.* London dispersion forces, permanent dipole-permanent-dipole interactions and hydrogen bonds) between the molecules are weak. Consequently, they have relatively low melting and boiling points because only a small amount of thermal energy is required to weaken / break the weak intermolecular force of attraction. They are electrical insulators in all states because they do not contain any mobile charge carrying particles, *i.e.* they do not contain any delocalised electrons or mobile ions. The exceptions are acids, which are simple covalent molecules that ionise when dissolved in water to produce a hydrogen ion and an anion.

Giant Covalent Structures:

• A very large number of atoms of non-metallic elements held together by shared pairs of electrons (covalent bonds) throughout the entire structure. Atoms of non-metallic elements share pairs of electrons in order to obtain the electronic configuration of a noble gas. Covalent bonds throughout the entire structure are strong, and require a large amount of thermal energy to weaken / break,

hence giant covalent structures have very high melting and boiling points. Note: there are no weak intermolecular forces of attraction in giant covalent structures, only strong covalent bonds throughout. Giant covalent structures are electrical insulators in all states because they are not composed of ions, and there are no delocalised electrons. One exception is graphite – each carbon atom in graphite has four valence electrons, of which three are used to form covalent bonds, the fourth electron being delocalised and thus able to conduct electricity.

Metals:

 In metals, the atoms of metallic elements are closely packed in a regular crystal lattice. When packed closely together, each metal atom loses its valence electron(s) in order to obtain the electronic configuration of a noble gas. As a consequence, metals are composed of positively charged metal ions (cations) arranged in a regular crystal lattice, surrounded by a delocalised sea of electrons. The electrostatic force of attraction between the metal cations and delocalised electrons constitutes the metallic bond. Because the electrostatic force of attraction between the metal cations and delocalised electrons is strong, a large amount of thermal energy is required to weaken / break the metallic bond, and metals have high melting and boiling points. Metals are good conductors of electricity in both the solid and liquid (molten) states because the delocalised electrons are free to move and carry charge throughout the metallic structure.

	Chemical A	Chemical B	Chemical C	Chemical D	Chemical E
Melting and Boiling Points	Low or Very Low	Low or Very Low	High or Very High	High or Very High	High or Very High
Solubility in Water	Insoluble	Soluble	Soluble	Insoluble	Insoluble
Electrical Conductivity of Solid	Electrical Insulator	Electrical Insulator	Electrical Insulator	Conducts Electricity	Electrical Insulator
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 Based upon the properties described in the table above, predict the type of structure and bonding present in chemicals A, B, C, D and E.

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A = Simple covalent molecule.

B = Simple covalent molecule which is probably an *acid*.

C = lonic compound. **D** = Metal (could also be *graphite*).

E = Giant covalent structure / macromolecule (but *not graphite*).

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18. Could I please have a review of how ionic bonding and covalent bonding are *similar* and how they are *different*?



How are Ionic Bonding and Covalent Bonding Similar to Each Other?

• Both ionic and covalent bonding result in the formation of particles that have the *electronic configurations of noble gases*, *i.e.* complete valence electron shells.

Both ionic and covalent bonding result in the formation of forces of attraction that bind the resulting particles together.
→ In the case of ionic bonding, positively charged metal ions (cations) are attracted towards negatively charged non-metal ions (anions) by a strong electrostatic force of attraction – opposite charges attract.
→ In the case of covalent bonding, the nuclei of the atoms are attracted towards the pair(s) of electrons that are shared between them.

How are Ionic Bonding and Covalent Bonding Different from Each Other?

 Ionic bonding occurs between the atom(s) of a *metallic* element and the atom(s) of a *non-metallic element*.

...but...

 Covalent bonding occurs between the atoms of *two or more non-metallic elements*. Covalent bonding may occur between atoms of the same non-metallic element, or between the atoms of different non-metallic elements.

How are Ionic Bonding and Covalent Bonding Different from Each Other?

 Ionic bonding requires electrons to be *transferred* from atoms of the metallic element to atoms of the non-metallic element.

...but...

 Covalent bonding does not involve the transfer of electrons between atoms. Instead, a pair (or pairs) of electrons are *shared* between atoms. A shared pair of electrons is a covalent bond.

How are Ionic Bonding and Covalent Bonding Different from Each Other?

 Ionic bonding results in the formation of *positively* charged metal ions (cations) and negatively charged non-metal ions (anions).

...but...

• Covalent bonding results in the formation *molecules* that are *neutral*, *i.e.* do not carry any overall charge.

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19. Could I please have some *questions* to practice my understanding?



• Study the information given about the three different elements given below:

Particle	Number of Protons	Number of Neutrons	Number of Electrons
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R	12	14	12
S	8	8	10

a) Identify element Q and write its nuclide notation.

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Answer: Number of protons = 9 \therefore atomic number = 9

 \therefore the element is fluorine. Nuclide notation = ${}^{20}_{9}F$.

• Study the information given about the three different elements given below:

Particle	Number of Protons	Number of Neutrons	Number of Electrons
Q	9	11	9
R	12	14	12
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b) Identify element R and write its nuclide notation.

• Study the information given about the three different elements given below:

Particle	Number of Protons	Number of Neutrons	Number of Electrons
Q	9	11	9
R	12	14	12
S	8	8	10

b) Identify element R and write its nuclide notation.

Answer: Number of protons = 12 \therefore atomic number = 12 \therefore the element is magnesium. Nuclide notation = ${}^{26}_{12}Mg$.

• Study the information given about the three different elements given below:

Particle	Number of Protons	Number of Neutrons	Number of Electrons
Q	9	11	9
R	12	14	12
S	8	8	10

c) Identify element S and write its nuclide notation.

• Study the information given about the three different elements given below:

Particle	Number of Protons	Number of Neutrons	Number of Electrons
Q	9	11	9
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S	8	8	10

c) Identify element S and write its nuclide notation.

Answer: Number of protons = 8 \therefore atomic number = 8

 \therefore the element is oxygen. Nuclide notation = ${}^{16}{}_{8}O^{2-}$.

• Study the information given about the four different elements given below:

Particle	Electronic Configuration
U	2, 8, 1
W	2, 8, 2
Y	2, 5
Z	2, 8, 7

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Answer: U_3Y – the bonding is ionic.

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Answer: YZ_3 – the bonding is covalent.
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Answer: W_3Y_2 – the bonding is ionic.

a) Draw the dot-and-cross diagram to show the arrangement of the valence electrons, and hence the bonding, between the elements shown below:
B: electronic configuration = 2, 8, 1

P: electronic configuration = 2, 8, 1

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Chemical Bonding

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20. Could I please have a *summary of the different terms* that have been used?



Atom:

 An atom is the smallest part of a chemical element that demonstrates all of the typical chemical properties of that element.

Anion:

 An anion is a negatively charged ion,
e.g. chloride ions (C¹⁻) and oxide ions (O²⁻) are both anions.

Atomic Number:

 The atomic number of a chemical element equals the number of protons present in the nucleus of a single atom of the element.

Cation:

 A cation is a positively charged ion e.g. sodium ions (Na⁺) and magnesium ions (Mg²⁺) are both cations.

Compound:

 A compound is a pure substance that is formed when two or more different chemical elements react and chemically bond together. The ratio of elements in a compound is fixed, and is given by the compound's formula, e.g. CO₂. A compound has different properties compared to the elements from which it was formed. The elements in a compound cannot be separated by a physical process, e.g. chromatography or distillation.

Glossary of Terms Covalent Bond:

 A covalent bond is the type of chemical bond that is formed when a pair of electrons is shared between the atoms of two non-metallic elements.

Diatomic Molecule:

 A diatomic molecule is a group of two nonmetallic atoms that are joined together by a covalent bond(s). Diatomic molecules can be either elements, *e.g.* chlorine (Cl₂) or compounds, *e.g.* carbon monoxide (CO).

Electron:

An electron is a subatomic particle with a charge of -1 and a mass of ¹/₁₈₄₀ a.m.u. (atomic mass unit) that orbits the nucleus of an atom.

Element:

• An element is a pure substance that cannot be converted into anything more simple by a chemical process / reaction.

lon:

 An ion is a positively or negatively charged particle. It is formed when an atom or group of atoms loses or gains electrons.

Ionic Compound:

 An ionic compound is formed when a metal reacts with a non-metal. The metal transfers electrons to the non-metal so that both obtain a noble gas electronic configuration. The metal forms a positively charged ion (cation) and the non-metal forms a negatively charged ion (anion). The oppositely charged ions are held together in an ordered lattice / crystal structure by strong electrostatic forces of attraction.

Ionic Bond:

 An ionic bond is the electrostatic force of attraction between positively charged ions (cations) and negatively charged ions (anions).

Isotope:

 Isotopes are atoms of the same chemical element that contain the same number of protons (*i.e.* the same atomic number) but a different number of neutrons (*i.e.* a different mass number). Isotopes have the same chemical properties, but slightly different physical properties.

Mass Number:

 The mass number of a chemical element equals the total number of protons and neutrons present in the nucleus of a single atom of the element.

Metallic Bond:

 The metallic bond is the electrostatic force of attraction between positively charged metal ions (cations) and the negatively charged delocalised electrons that surround them.

Mixture:

 A mixture is formed when two or more chemical elements / compounds are added together but do not react and do not chemically combine together. The components of a mixture can be easily separated by a physical process such as distillation, filtration or chromatography.

Molecule:

 A group of two or more non-metallic atoms that are joined together by a covalent bond(s). Molecules can be elements, *e.g.* chlorine (Cl₂) or compounds, *e.g.* water (H₂O).

Neutron:

 A neutron is a subatomic particle with a charge of 0 and a relative mass of 1 a.m.u. (atomic mass unit) that is located in the nucleus of an atom.

Polyatomic Molecule:

 A polyatomic molecule is a group of three or more non-metallic atoms that are joined together by covalent bonds. Polyatomic molecules can be either elements, *e.g.* phosphorus (P₄) or compounds, *e.g.* methane (CH₄).

Proton:

A proton is a subatomic particle with a charge of +1 and a relative mass of 1 a.m.u. (atomic mass unit) that is located in the nucleus of an atom.

Glossary of Terms Valence Electrons:

 Valence electrons are electrons in the outer electron shell of an atom that used by the atom for forming chemical bonds.

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