CIE Chemistry A-Level

Topic 3 - Chemical Bonding

Flashcards

What is ionic bonding?

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The strong electrostatic attraction between oppositely charged ions.

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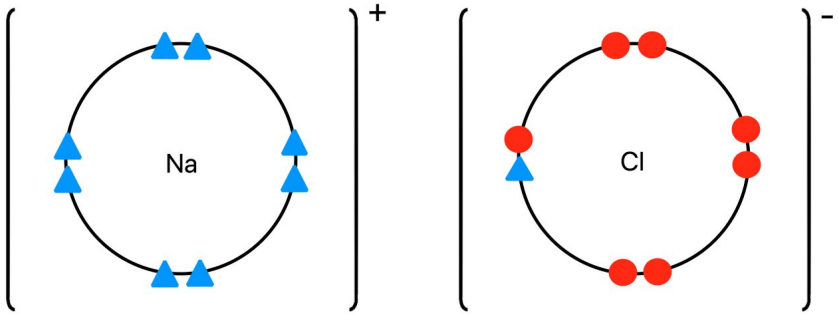
- The sodium atom loses one electron to form an Na^+ ion.
- The chlorine atom gains the electron from sodium, becoming a Cl^- ion.
- Both ions have a full outer shell of electrons.



Draw a dot-and-cross diagram for magnesium oxide

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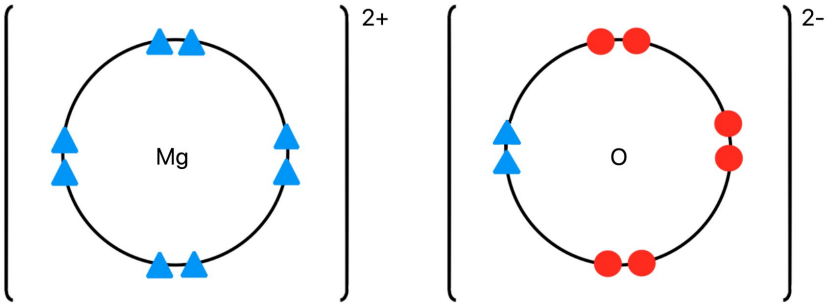
- The magnesium atom loses two electrons to form a magnesium ion, Mg^{2+}.
- The oxygen atom gains these electrons to become an O^{2-} ion.
- Both ions have a full outer shell of electrons.



Draw a dot-and-cross diagram for calcium fluoride

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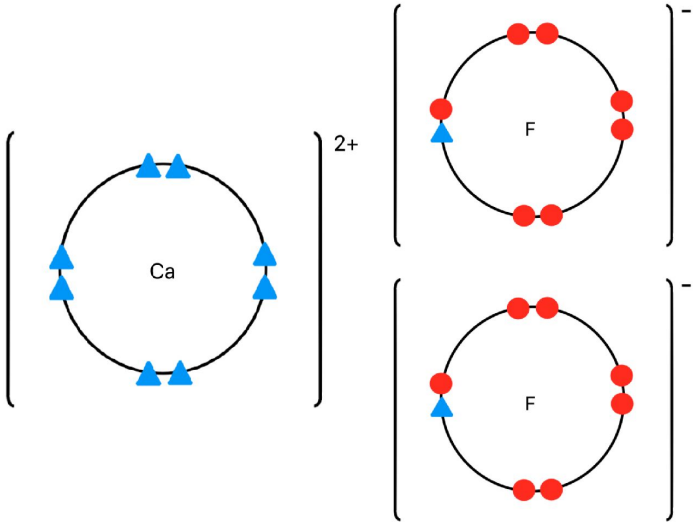
- The calcium atom loses two electrons to form a Ca^{2+} ion.
- Two fluorine atoms each gain an electron, forming two F^- ions.
- All the ions have a full outer shell of electrons.



What is a covalent bond?

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- A bond formed by a shared pair of electrons between nuclei.
- Electrostatic attraction between the positive nuclei of the bonded atoms and the negative electrons between these nuclei holds the atoms together.

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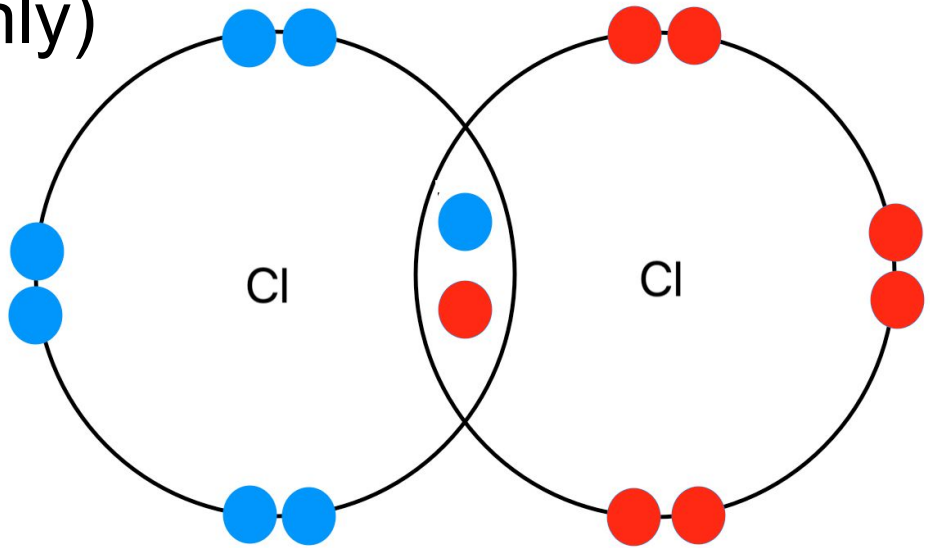
(Outer shell electrons only)



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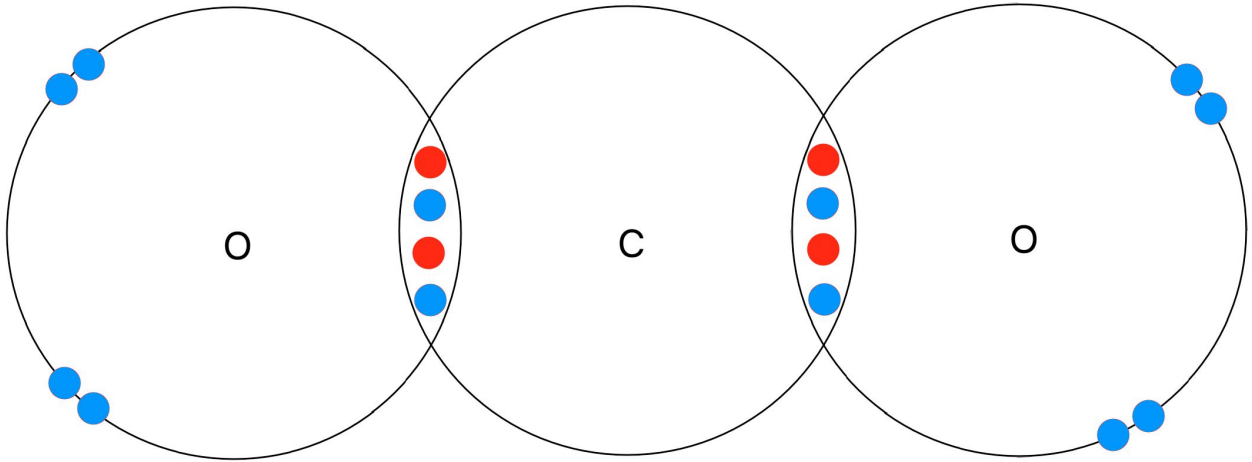

What is a dative covalent bond?

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A covalent bond whereby both electrons in the shared pair are donated by one of the bonding atoms only.

Draw a dot-and-cross diagram of NH_4^+

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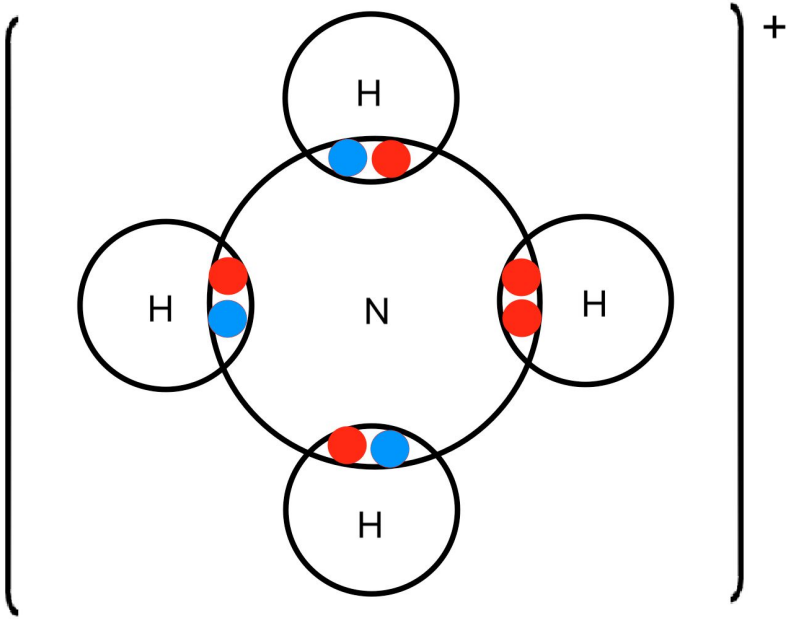
Each hydrogen atom is covalently bonded to the nitrogen. There is one dative covalent bond.



Describe the bonding in Al_2Cl_6

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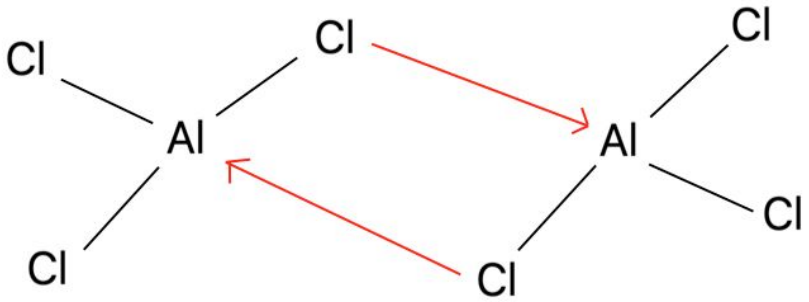
- Al_2Cl_6 is made from two $AlCl_3$ molecules.
- The Al from one molecule forms a dative covalent bond with a Cl from the other molecule.
- The same happens with the Al on other molecule.
- Between the Al atom and the 3 Cl atoms in each $AlCl_3$ molecule, there are covalent bonds.



What is a σ bond?

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- The **strongest** type of covalent bond.
- Formed from the **head-on** overlap of orbitals.

What is a π bond?

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- Weaker than a σ bond.
- Formed from the **sideways** overlap of orbitals.
- A carbon-carbon π bond is formed from the sideways overlap of **p-orbitals** above and below the plane of the carbon atoms.

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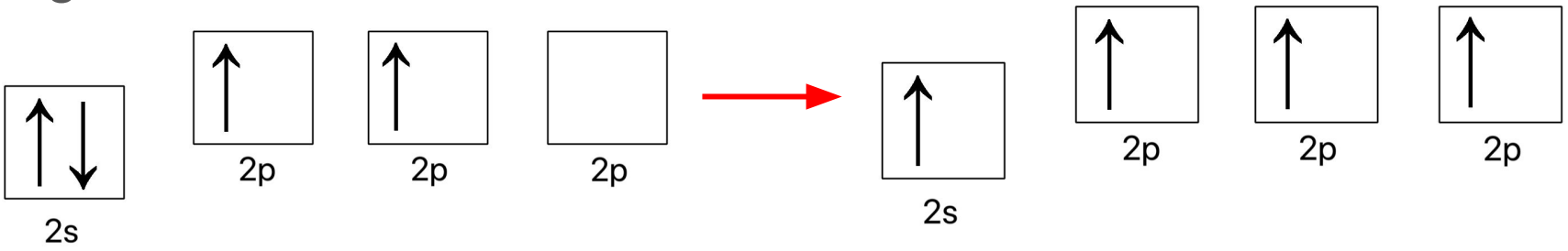
E.g. For carbon in methane:



- A 2s orbital electron has been promoted to a 2p orbital.
- Electrons then rearrange themselves via hybridisation into four identical orbitals called the sp^3 orbitals.
- These four orbitals can then take part in bonding with hydrogen to form methane, CH_4.

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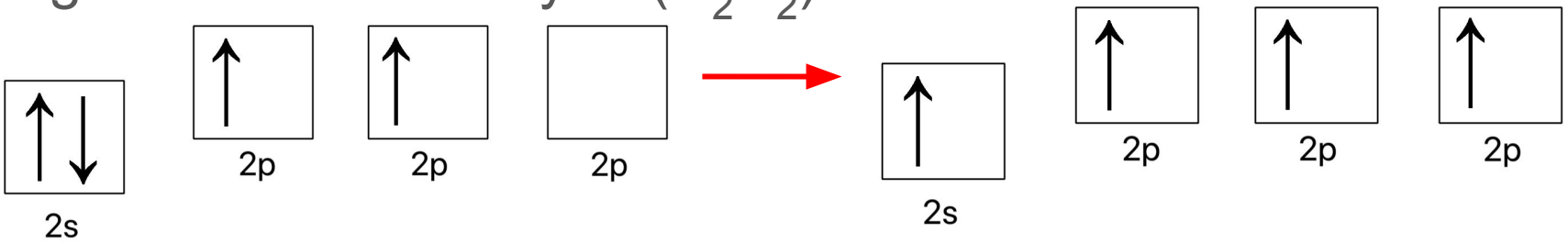
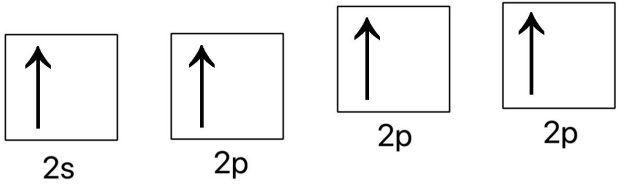
E.g. for carbon in ethyne (C_2H_2)



- A 2s orbital electron has been promoted to a 2p orbital.
- Hybridisation occurs for 2 out of the four orbitals (with a 2s and a 2p orbital).
- These two orbitals, sp hybrids, are now identical.



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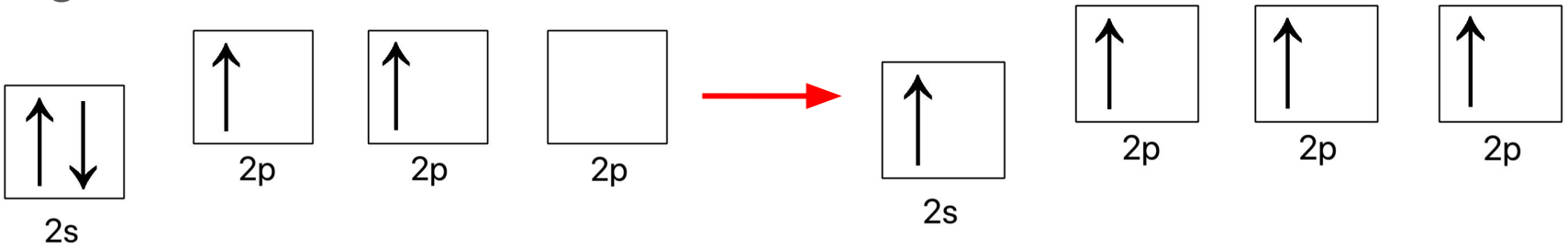
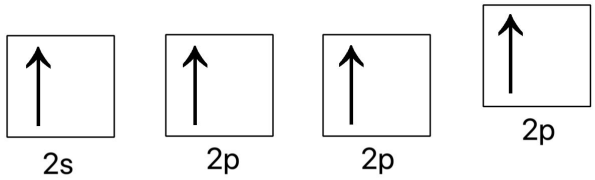
E.g. For carbon in ethene:



- A 2s orbital electron has been promoted to a 2p orbital.
- Hybridisation occurs for three out of the four orbitals (2s and 2 x 2p).
- These three orbitals, sp^2 hybrids, are now identical.



What is electron repulsion theory?

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- Electron pairs repel each other meaning they position themselves as far apart as possible.
- All bonding electron pairs repel each other equally.
- Lone pairs offer more repulsion than bonded pairs.

What is the shape and bond angle of a molecule with 2 bonding pairs?

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Linear, 180°

E.g. Carbon dioxide, CO_2

What is the shape and bond angle of a molecule with 3 bonding pairs?

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Trigonal planar, 120°

E.g. Boron trifluoride, BF_3

What is the shape and bond angle of a molecule with 4 bonding pairs?

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Tetrahedral, 109.5°

E.g. Methane, CH_4

What is the shape and bond angle of a molecule 5 bonding pairs?

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Trigonal bipyramidal, 90° and 120°

E.g. Phosphorus pentafluoride, PF_5

What is the shape and bond angle of a molecule with 6 bonding pairs?

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Octahedral, 90°

E.g. Sulfur hexafluoride, SF_6

What is the shape and bond angle of a molecule with 2 bonding pairs and 2 lone pairs?

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Non-linear/ bent, 104.5°

E.g. Water, H_2O

What is the shape and bond angle of a molecule with 3 bonding pairs and 1 lone pair?

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Pyramidal, 107°

E.g. Ammonia, NH_3

Predict the shape and bond angle of the ammonium ion

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Ions have the same shapes as molecules

4 bonding pairs

Tetrahedral shape, bond angle of 109.5°

What is electronegativity?

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The ability of an atom to attract the bonding pair of electrons in a covalent bond.

What is hydrogen bonding?

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- The strongest type of intermolecular force.
- A type of permanent dipole-dipole interaction.
- Occurs when a hydrogen atom is bonded to a very electronegative atom (nitrogen, oxygen or fluorine), which is close to another electronegative atom that has a lone pair of electrons.

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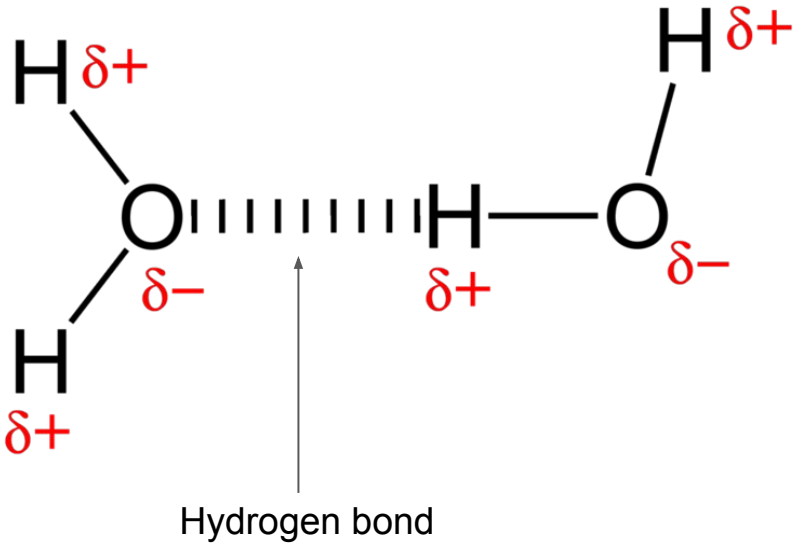

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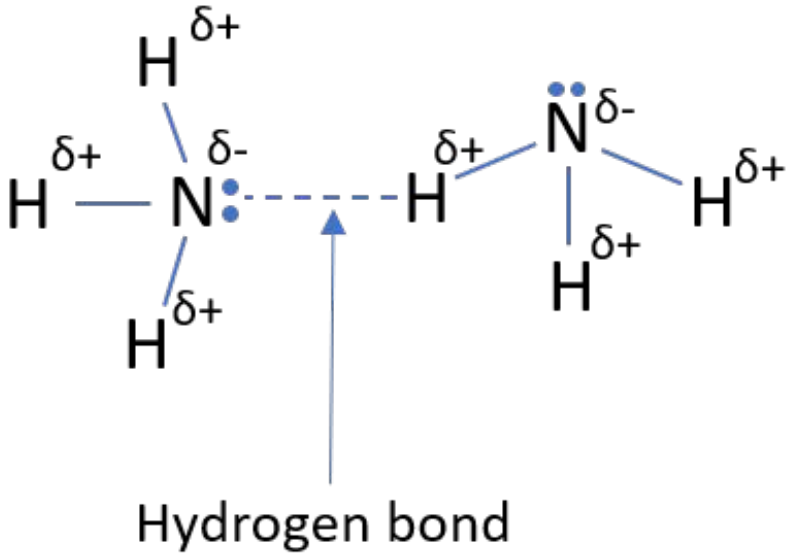

What is bond energy?

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The measure of the strength of a chemical bond

What is bond length?

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The average distance between the nuclei of two bonded atoms

What is bond polarity?

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When two different atoms are joined by a covalent bond, the electronegativities of these atoms will be different meaning the electrons will be drawn towards the atom with the greatest electronegativity. This atom will have a slightly negative charge while the other will be slightly positive. This charge difference is a dipole. If a bond is polar, it has a dipole.

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Oxygen is very electronegative. As a result, a permanent dipole forms across the covalent bond and the atom that oxygen is bonded to becomes partially positive. When the oxide is added to water, lone pairs on oxygen in the water are attracted to the partially positive atom in the oxide causing hydrolysis.

How does the reactivity of a covalent bond depend on bond length?

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- As bond length **increases**, bond strength **decreases.**
- This is because there is less electrostatic attraction between the two nuclei and the shared pair of electrons between them.
- Reactivity **increases**.

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The **stronger** the bond, the more difficult it is to break (requires more energy) and hence the **less** reactive the covalent bond.

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Generally: the **greater** the bond polarity, the **more** reactive the molecule.

What is a permanent dipole and when does it occur?

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A permanent dipole is a permanent difference in the partial charges of covalently bonded atoms.

This occurs when there is a significant difference in electronegativities of the bonding atoms because the more electronegative atom has greater ability to attract the bonding pair of electrons meaning it has a slight negative charge. The other atom has a slight positive charge.

How do induced dipole-dipole interaction occur?

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The random motion of electrons means that at any one point in time, there may be an uneven charge distribution. This causes an instantaneous dipole to be established between two atoms which can then induce dipoles in neighbouring atoms / molecules.

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Although bromine only has London forces between molecules, Br_2 molecules contain lots of electrons meaning these temporary dipoles are quite strong.

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- The random movement of electrons within the atoms means that temporary dipoles within the atoms.
- Temporary dipoles may induce dipoles in neighbouring atoms.
- If the temperature is low enough, there will not be enough energy to overcome these weak London forces between the atoms meaning the gas will condense.

Why does the boiling point of group 18 element increase down the group?

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The number of electrons and the atomic radius increases meaning that there are stronger temporary dipole and stronger London forces between the atoms. These stronger forces require more energy to overcome meaning a higher temperature is required to boil the liquid to turn it into a gas.

What is metallic bonding?

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The electrostatic attraction between positive ions and delocalised electrons.

A giant metallic lattice is formed with the cations (positive ions) fixed in place.

Draw a diagram to represent metallic bonding

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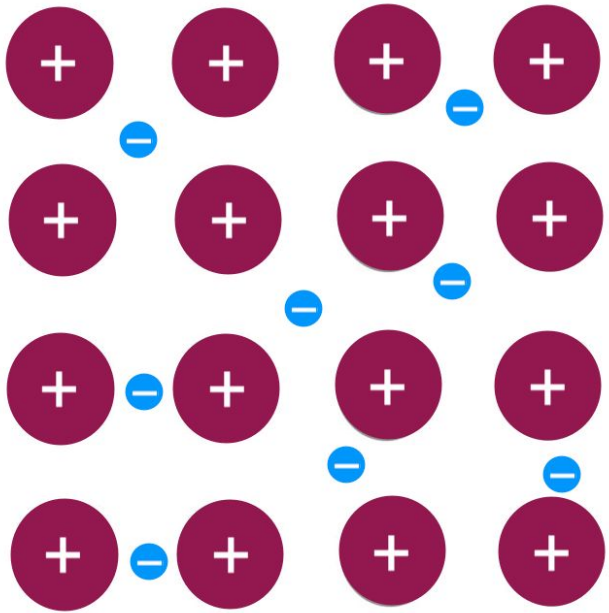
Positive charges = ions

Negative charges = electrons



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Metallic bonding means there are delocalised electrons that are free to move throughout the entire structure, allowing metals to conduct electricity.

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The strong electrostatic attraction between positive ions and delocalised electrons requires a lot of energy to overcome to melt the substance.

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The regular structure and delocalised electrons allow the layers of cations to slide over each other.

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- High melting/boiling points - the network of many strong covalent bonds requires a lot of energy to overcome.
- Cannot conduct electricity - no mobile charged particles.
- Insoluble - the covalent lattice is too strong to be broken.

List some properties of simple covalent structures

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- Low melting/boiling point - weak intermolecular forces (London forces) between molecules.
- Cannot conduct electricity - no mobile charges.

List some properties of ionic compounds

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- High melting / boiling points - strong electrostatic attraction between oppositely charged ions required a lot of energy to break.
- Electrical conductor - when aqueous or molten, the ions are free to move and they can conduct electricity. When solid, the ions are fixed so no conductivity.
- Soluble in polar solvents - charged parts of the solvent are attracted to the oppositely charged ions.

List the properties of molecules with hydrogen bonds between them

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- Higher than expected melting/ boiling points - hydrogen bonds are much stronger than London forces meaning more energy is needed to overcome them.
- Soluble in water - strong permanent dipoles allow the formation of hydrogen bonds with water.
- Non-conductors - no mobile charges so are unable to conduct electricity.

Is bond breaking endothermic or exothermic?

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Endothermic (energy is taken in).

Is bond making exothermic or endothermic?

Is bond making exothermic or endothermic?

Exothermic (energy is released).