

# Crystal Bonding

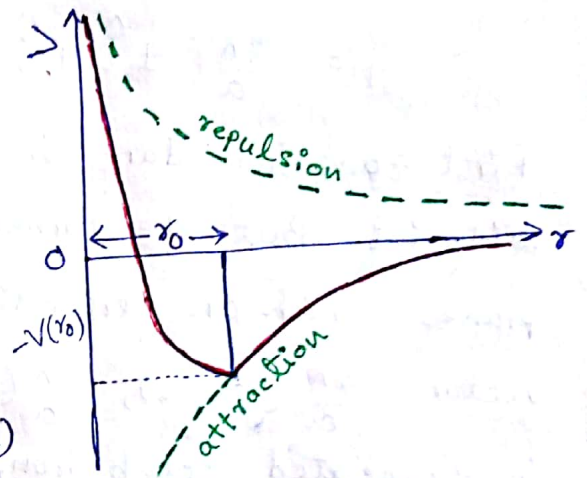
The ability to hold the atoms/ions together is called bonding. Atoms vibrate in lattice & nucleus due to heavy mass is almost at rest. So electrostatic interaction happens between electron cloud & distribution of electron leads to 5 types of bonding due to (a) "attractive force" of negatively charged electron cloud of one atom with positive nuclear charge of other atom (b) "repulsive force" of overlapping negatively charged electron clouds & positively charged nucleus of two atoms.

"spring effect" → attraction → repulsion.

$$F = - \frac{dV}{dr}$$

attractive force = negative potential.

repulsive force = positive potential.



cohesive/binding energy  $V(r_0)$  (negative)  
dissociation energy  $-V(r_0)$  (positive)

Cohesive energy of a solid is the energy that will be given out in forming a crystal by bringing neutral atoms from  $\infty$  to equilibrium separation  $r_0$ .

Suppose  $V_{\text{attractive}} \propto r^{-m}$  &  $V_{\text{repulsive}} \propto r^{-n}$

$$\therefore \text{Cohesive energy } V = V_{\text{attractive}} + V_{\text{repulsive}} = -A r^{-m} + B r^{-n}$$

$$\& \text{ force } F = - \frac{dV}{dr} = m A r^{-(m+1)} - n B r^{-(n+1)}$$

$$\text{at } r=r_0, F=0 = m A r_0^{-(m+1)} - n B r_0^{-(n+1)}$$

$$\text{or } r_0^{m-n} = \frac{A}{B} \frac{m}{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then equilibrium potential energy } V(r_0) &= -A r_0^{-m} + B r_0^{-n} \\ &= -A r_0^{-m} \left( 1 - \frac{B}{A} r_0^{m-n} \right) = -A r_0^{-m} \left( 1 - \frac{m}{n} \right) \end{aligned}$$



For  $V$  to be minimum, it must be concave upwards curvature,  
 $\left. \frac{d^2V}{dr^2} \right|_{r=r_0} > 0$  or  $\left[ -m(m+1)A r^{-(m+2)} + n(n+1)B r^{-(n+2)} \right]_{r=r_0} > 0$

$$\text{or } -m(m+1) + n(n+1) \frac{B}{A} r_0^{m-n} > 0$$

$$\text{or } -m(m+1) + n(n+1) \frac{m}{n} \frac{B}{A} > 0$$

$$\text{or } n-m > 0 \quad \text{or } n > m. \quad \text{Thus to form a chemical}$$

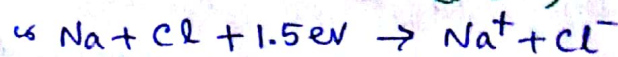
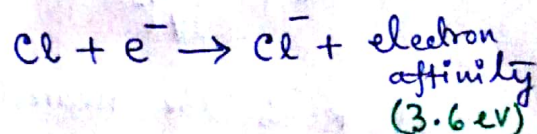
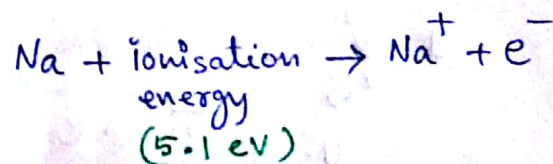
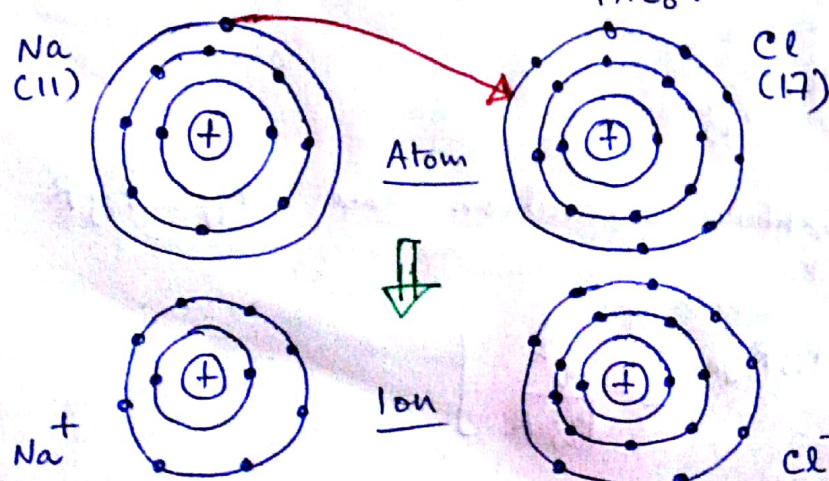
bond, we always need repulsive force be of shorter range than attractive force.

Types of bonding 5 types of bonding exist

- (a) Ionic bond (transfer of valence electron): NaCl, LiF.
- (b) Covalent bond (sharing of valence electrons): Diamond, SiC.
- (c) Metallic bond (free nature of valence electron): Cu, Ag, Fe
- (d) Hydrogen bond ( $V \propto r^{-2}$ ): Ice
- (e) van der Waal's bonding (dipole-dipole interaction)

### Ionic / Electrovalent Bonding

Transfer of electrons from an electropositive element to electronegative element, to create  $+$ - ion. Electronegative element of large electron affinity accommodate extra added electron to complete outermost valence orbit to stabilize. Oppositely charged ions attract  $V_{\text{attraction}} = -\frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$



$$Z_1 = Z_2 = 1.$$



So potential energy  $V = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_0} = -\frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2}{4\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 2.4 \times 10^{-10}}$   
 $(r_0 = 2.4 \text{ \AA})$   
 $= -\frac{9.6 \times 10^{-19}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} \text{ eV} = -6 \text{ eV}.$

So net energy released  $= 5.1 - 3.6 - 6 = -4.5 \text{ eV}.$

### Cohesive energy

Binding energy calculated by Born & Madelung in 1910 extended by Mayer.

assumptions : (a) Ionic crystals are formed by positive & negative ions with spherical charge distribution. (b) Force of attraction depends on inter-ionic distance & isotropic (orientation independent), (c) Electrostatic interaction (Madelung energy  $V_a = -\frac{\alpha q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$ ,  $\alpha$  = Madelung constant) contributes to cohesive energy

According to Born-Madelung theory interaction energy  $U_i$  on ion  $i$  due to all  $j$  other ions,  $U_i = \sum_{j \neq i} U_{ij}$

$U_i$  consists of two parts:

1. Short range central field repulsive potential  $\beta r_{ij}^{-n}$  between  $+$  &  $-$  ions which was modified by  $\lambda e^{-r_{ij}/\rho}$ ,  $\lambda$  = strength,  $\rho$  = range of interaction (screened Coulomb)
2. Attractive or repulsive long ranged coulomb force with energy  $\pm \frac{q^2}{r_{ij}}$

$$\therefore U_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \left[ \lambda e^{-r_{ij}/\rho} \pm \frac{q^2}{r_{ij}} \right]$$

If  $R$  is the nearest neighbour separation then  $r_{ij} = p_{ij} R$  where  $p_{ij}$  is a dimensionless quantity.

$$\text{Then } U_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \left[ \lambda e^{-p_{ij} R/\rho} \pm \frac{q^2}{p_{ij} R} \right]$$

$$= Z\lambda e^{-R/\rho} \pm \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{q^2}{p_{ij} R} = Z\lambda e^{-R/\rho} - \frac{\alpha q^2}{R}$$

where  $Z$  is number of nearest neighbour of  $i^{\text{th}}$  ion &  $\alpha = \pm \sum \frac{1}{p_{ij}}$  is called Madelung constant

If the crystal contain  $2N$  ions or  $N$  molecules, then

$$U_{\text{total}} = N U_i = N \left[ Z\lambda e^{-R/\rho} - \frac{\alpha q^2}{R} \right]$$

at equilibrium distance  $R = R_0$ ,  $\frac{dU_{\text{total}}}{dR} = 0$

$$\therefore -\frac{Z\lambda}{\rho} e^{-R_0/\rho} + \frac{\alpha q^2}{R_0^2} = 0$$

$$\text{or } e^{-R_0/\rho} = \frac{\rho \alpha q^2}{Z\lambda R_0^2}$$

$$\therefore U_{\text{total}} = N \left[ Z\lambda \frac{\rho \alpha q^2}{Z\lambda R_0^2} - \frac{\alpha q^2}{R_0} \right] = -\frac{N\alpha q^2}{R_0} \left( 1 - \frac{\rho}{R_0} \right)$$

Madelung energy

contribution from short range repulsion

$$U_i = -\frac{\alpha q^2}{R_0} \left( 1 - \frac{\rho}{R_0} \right)$$

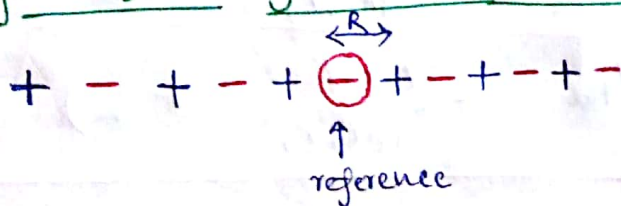
or in SI units,

$$U_i = -\frac{\alpha q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_0} \left( 1 - \frac{\rho}{R_0} \right)$$

as  $\frac{\rho}{R_0} \rightarrow 0$  repulsive interaction is very short range.

In  $\alpha = \sum \pm \frac{1}{p_{ij}}$ ,  $+$  is used for +ve ion &  $-$  for -ve ion if  $i^{\text{th}}$  ion is -ve. & we consider repulsive interaction effective for nearest neighbours only.

Madelung constant for a 1D lattice



$$\alpha = \sum_{j \neq i} \pm \frac{1}{p_{ij}}, \quad \frac{\alpha}{R} = \sum_{j \neq i} \pm \frac{1}{p_{ij} R} = \pm \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\alpha}{R} = 2 \left[ \frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{2R} + \frac{1}{3R} - \frac{1}{4R} + \dots \right]$$



$$\alpha = 2 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots \right]$$

↑ due to both side of reference ion

$$\text{but } \ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots$$

$$\text{if } x=1, \ln 2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 2 \ln 2 = 1.38$$

### Madelung constant for NaCl crystal

Nearest neighbour to -ive (reference) ion = 6 +ive ions with

$P_{ij} = P = 1$ . 12 -ive ions at  $P = \sqrt{2}$ . 8 +ive ions at  $P = \sqrt{3}$ .

6 -ive ions at  $P = \sqrt{4}$  & so on

$$\alpha = \frac{6}{1} - \frac{12}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{6}{\sqrt{4}} + \dots = 1.748$$

Bigger  $\alpha$ , more cohesive energy, greater stability of structure

### Cohesive energy for repulsive core potential $\propto r^{-n}$

$$V_i = V_{\text{attractive}} + V_{\text{repulsive}} = -\frac{\alpha q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} + \frac{B}{r^n}$$

$$\text{at } r=r_0, V \text{ is minimum, } \left. \frac{dV}{dr} \right|_{r=r_0} = 0 = \frac{\alpha q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_0^2} - \frac{nB}{r_0^{n+1}}$$

$$\propto B = \frac{\alpha q^2 r_0^{n-1}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 n}$$

$$\therefore V_i = -\frac{\alpha q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_0} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$\propto \text{for } 2N \text{ molecules, } V_{\text{tot}} = -\frac{N\alpha q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_0} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$\text{for NaCl, } \alpha = 2 \ln 2, \quad V_{\text{tot}} = -\frac{2Nq^2 \ln 2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_0} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

## Bulk modulus of ionic crystals

Volume strain =  $\frac{dV}{V}$ , change in pressure  $dp$ , Bulk modulus

$$B = - \left. \frac{dp}{dV/V} \right|_{R=R_0} \quad \text{Using 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ law of thermodynamics, } dG = dU + pdV$$

$$\therefore \frac{dU}{dV} = -p \quad (dG=0) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d^2U}{dV^2} = - \frac{dp}{dV}$$

$$\therefore B = V \left. \frac{d^2U}{dV^2} \right|_{R=R_0}$$

Volume occupied by  $\frac{1}{2}$  molecule  $\rightarrow R_0^3$

volume occupied by 1 molecule  $\rightarrow 2R_0^3$

volume occupied by  $N$  molecule  $\rightarrow 2NR_0^3$   
( $2N$  ions)

volume of unit cell  $\rightarrow (2R_0)^3 = 8R_0^3$  because  $a = 2R_0$

$$V = 2NR^3, \quad \frac{dV}{dR} = 6NR^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \frac{dU}{dR} \right|_{R=R_0} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{d^2U}{dV^2} &= \frac{d}{dV} \left( \frac{dU}{dV} \right) = \frac{d}{dV} \left( \frac{dU}{dR} \cdot \frac{dR}{dV} \right) = \frac{d}{dV} \left( \frac{dU}{dR} \right) \cdot \frac{dR}{dV} + \frac{dU}{dR} \cdot \frac{d^2R}{dV^2} \\ &= \frac{d}{dR} \left( \frac{dU}{dR} \right) \frac{dR}{dV} \cdot \frac{dR}{dV} + \frac{dU}{dR} \cdot \frac{d^2R}{dV^2} = \frac{d^2U}{dR^2} \cdot \left( \frac{dR}{dV} \right)^2 + \frac{dU}{dR} \cdot \frac{d^2R}{dV^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \left. \frac{d^2U}{dV^2} \right|_{R=R_0} = \left. \frac{d^2U}{dR^2} \cdot \left( \frac{dR}{dV} \right)^2 \right|_{R=R_0} = \frac{1}{(6NR_0^2)^2} \left. \frac{d^2U}{dR^2} \right|_{R=R_0}$$

$$\therefore B = V \left. \frac{d^2U}{dV^2} \right|_{R=R_0} = 2NR_0^3 \cdot \frac{1}{36N^2R_0^4} \left. \frac{d^2U}{dR^2} \right|_{R=R_0} = \frac{1}{18NR_0} \left. \frac{d^2U}{dR^2} \right|_{R=R_0}$$

We learned that  $U_{\text{total}} = N \left[ ZA e^{-R/\rho} - \frac{\alpha q^2}{R} \right]$

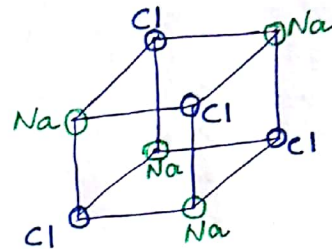
$$\therefore \frac{dU_{\text{total}}}{dR} = - \frac{NZA}{\rho} e^{-R/\rho} + \frac{N\alpha q^2}{R^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2U_{\text{total}}}{dR^2} = \frac{NZA}{\rho^2} e^{-R/\rho} - \frac{2N\alpha q^2}{R^3}, \quad \text{also } e^{-R_0/\rho} = \frac{\rho \alpha q^2}{ZAR_0^2}$$

$$\therefore B = \frac{1}{18NR_0} \left[ \frac{NZA}{\rho^2} e^{-R_0/\rho} - \frac{2N\alpha q^2}{R_0^3} \right] = \frac{1}{18NR_0} \left[ \frac{NZA}{\rho^2} \cdot \frac{\rho \alpha q^2}{ZAR_0^2} - \frac{2N\alpha q^2}{R_0^3} \right]$$

$$B = \frac{\alpha q^2}{18R_0^4} \left( \frac{R_0}{\rho} - 2 \right)$$

From  $B$  &  $R_0$ , range of repulsive interaction can be calculated.



(equilibrium separation)