



What type of bonding?

A Level



Part A Covalent and ionic chlorides



Which of the following sets contain two covalent chlorides and two ionic chlorides?

1	NaCl	BaCl ₂	CCl ₄	ICl
2	BeCl ₂	SiCl ₄	PbCl ₄	SCl ₂
3	CaCl ₂	SiCl ₄	PCl ₃	SCl ₂

- ☐ 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- ☐ 1 and 2 only are correct
- ☐ 2 and 3 only are correct
- ☐ 1 only is correct
- ☐ 3 only is correct

Part B Calcium chloride



Which of **ionic**, **metallic**, **purely covalent** or **polar covalent** best describes the type of bonding present in CaCl₂?

Part C Phosphorus trichloride



Which of **ionic**, **metallic**, **purely covalent** or **polar covalent** best describes the type of bonding present in PCl₃?

Part D Chlorine



Which of **ionic**, **metallic**, **purely covalent** or **polar covalent** best describes the type of bonding present in Cl_2 ?

Part E Sodium



Which of **ionic**, **metallic**, **purely covalent** or **polar covalent** best describes the type of bonding present in Na?

Part F Silicon dioxide



Which of **ionic**, **metallic**, **purely covalent** or **polar covalent** best describes the type of bonding present in SiO_2 ?

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s-block metal salts

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Part A RbF vs. CsCl



The lattice energies of rubidium fluoride, RbF, and caesium chloride, CsCl, are -760 kJ mol^{-1} and -650 kJ mol^{-1} , respectively.

What is the lattice energy of caesium fluoride, CsF, likely to be?

- ☐ -800 kJ mol^{-1}
- ☐ -720 kJ mol^{-1}
- ☐ -620 kJ mol^{-1}
- ☐ -900 kJ mol^{-1}

Part B MgS vs. KCl



Magnesium sulfide and potassium chloride are isoelectronic (have the same number of electrons).

Which of the following are reasons why the value of the lattice energy of magnesium sulfide is four to five times that of potassium chloride?

- 1 the higher the enthalpy change of hydration of the doubly charged cations
- 2 the higher electrostatic attraction between the doubly charged ions
- 3 the shorter internuclear distance between the doubly charged ions

- ☐ 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- ☐ 1 and 2 only are correct
- ☐ 2 and 3 only are correct
- ☐ 1 only is correct

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Lattice energy

Part A Lattice energy definition

Which equation defines the lattice energy of the ionic compound XY?

- ☐ $X^+(g) + Y^-(g) \longrightarrow XY(s)$
- ☐ $X^+(s) + Y^-(s) \longrightarrow XY(s)$
- ☐ $X(g) + Y(g) \longrightarrow XY(s)$
- ☐ $X(s) + Y(s) \longrightarrow XY(s)$

Part B Lattice energies

The radius and charge of each of six ions are shown in the table.

ion	J^+	L^+	M^{2+}	X^-	Y^-	Z^{2-}
radius/nm	0.14	0.18	0.15	0.14	0.18	0.15

The ionic solids JX, LY and MZ are of the same lattice type.

What is the correct order of their lattice energies placing the one with the highest **magnitude** (most exothermic lattice formation enthalpy) first?

- ☐ $LY > MZ > JX$
- ☐ $MZ > LY > JX$
- ☐ $JX > MZ > LY$
- ☐ $JX > LY > MZ$
- ☐ $MZ > JX > LY$



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XCl_n

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Element X forms a chloride XCl_n which melts at 3°C . When 0.500 g of the chloride reacts with an excess of acidified silver nitrate, 1.19 g of AgCl are formed.

Another 0.500 g sample of chloride is heated strongly and chlorine gas is given off.

When the residue is treated with an excess of acidified silver nitrate, only 0.714 g of AgCl is precipitated.

Part A Type of bonding



Predict the type of bonding in the chloride XCl_n

Part B Formula



Calculate the value of n .

Part C Identify X



Attempt to identify X

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Oxides

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Part A Ionic and covalent oxides



Which of the following oxides is likely to be the most ionic in character?

- ☐ Na_2O
- ☐ MgO
- ☐ Al_2O_3
- ☐ SiO_2
- ☐ P_4O_6

When barium metal burns in oxygen, the ionic compound barium peroxide, BaO_2 is formed.
Which dot-and-cross diagram could represent the structure of the anion in BaO_2 ?

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- electron from first oxygen atom
- × electron from second oxygen atom
- electron from barium atom

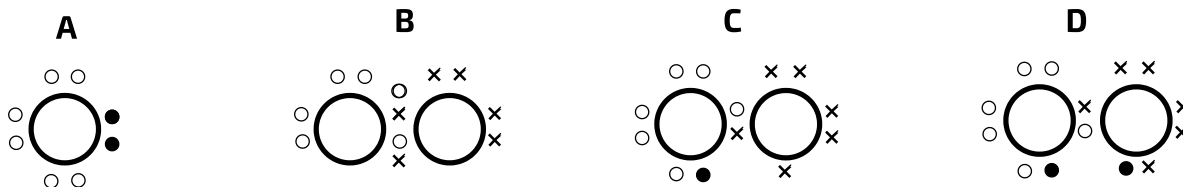


Figure 1: Dot-and-cross diagrams, with only one correctly representing barium peroxide.

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C
- ☐ D

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Lattice enthalpy estimation

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Within the ionic model, lattice enthalpies in kJ mol^{-1} may be estimated using the equation:

$$\Delta_{\text{L}}H^{\ominus} = \frac{C \cdot z^{+} \cdot z^{-} \cdot \nu}{(r^{+} + r^{-})} - 2.5\nu$$

Where:

- C is a constant approximately equal to 105 000 units;
- z^{+} and z^{-} are the *signed* charges on the cation and anion respectively in units of e ;
- ν is the number of ions in the formula (e.g. 3 for MgI_2);
- r^{+} and r^{-} are the radii of the ions in pm;
- The -2.5ν term corrects for the difference between internal energy and enthalpy.

The table below shows the radii for certain ions.

Ion	Li^{+}	Na^{+}	Ca^{2+}	Cr^{3+}	Hg^{+}	O^{2-}	F^{-}	Cl^{-}	Br^{-}
Radius / pm	74	102	100	62	158	140	133	180	195

Estimate the values of $\Delta_{\text{L}}H^{\ominus}$ for the following compounds, using the equation given. Give your answers to 3 significant figures.

Part A LiBr



$\Delta_{\text{L}}H^{\ominus}$ for LiBr

Part B Na_2O



$\Delta_{\text{L}}H^{\ominus}$ for Na_2O

Part C CaF_2  $\Delta_{\text{L}}H^\ominus$ for CaF_2

Part D Cr_2O_3  $\Delta_{\text{L}}H^\ominus$ for Cr_2O_3

Part E Hg_2Cl_2  $\Delta_{\text{L}}H^\ominus$ for Hg_2Cl_2

Part F Poor approximation

Experimentally found lattice enthalpies are:

Lattice	LiBr	Na_2O	CaF_2	Cr_2O_3	Hg_2Cl_2
$\Delta_{\text{L}}H^\ominus / \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	−800	−2530	−2635	−15115	−1950

For which compound is the ionic model a poor approximation?

Based on question F4.4 from the Physical Chemistry book

Ionic halides, oxides, sulfides

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Part A Lattice enthalpies



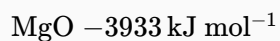
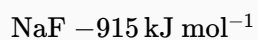
Li^+	0.060
Na^+	0.095
Mg^{2+}	0.065
Ca^{2+}	0.099
Ba^{2+}	0.135
F^-	0.136
Cl^-	0.181
O^{2-}	0.140
S^{2-}	0.184

The values of the ionic radii, in nm, of several ions are given above.

Which of the following compounds, all of which have the same crystal structure, has the greatest lattice enthalpy?

- ☐ MgO
- ☐ NaCl
- ☐ BaS
- ☐ LiF
- ☐ CaO

The values of two lattice energies are given below:



Which of the following correct statements help to explain the difference between these two values?

- 1 In each of these compounds, the ions are isoelectronic (have the same number of electrons).
- 2 The attraction between doubly-charged ions is about four times that between singly-charged ions.
- 3 The interionic distance in NaF is 0.102 nm and that in MgO is 0.074 nm.

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- ☐ 1 and 2 only are correct
- ☐ 2 and 3 only are correct
- ☐ 1 only is correct
- ☐ 3 only is correct

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Rank the following sets of compounds in order of increasing magnitude of lattice enthalpy, as predicted using the ionic model:

Part A



KI, LiCl, NaBr

- ☐ $\text{KI} < \text{NaBr} < \text{LiCl}$
- ☐ $\text{KI} < \text{LiCl} < \text{NaBr}$
- ☐ $\text{NaBr} < \text{KI} < \text{LiCl}$
- ☐ $\text{NaBr} < \text{LiCl} < \text{KI}$
- ☐ $\text{LiCl} < \text{NaBr} < \text{KI}$
- ☐ $\text{LiCl} < \text{KI} < \text{NaBr}$

Part B



MgO, NaF, GaN

- ☐ $\text{MgO} < \text{NaF} < \text{GaN}$
- ☐ $\text{GaN} < \text{NaF} < \text{MgO}$
- ☐ $\text{MgO} < \text{GaN} < \text{NaF}$
- ☐ $\text{NaF} < \text{GaN} < \text{MgO}$
- ☐ $\text{NaF} < \text{MgO} < \text{GaN}$
- ☐ $\text{GaN} < \text{MgO} < \text{NaF}$

CuCl , CuCl_2 , CuBr_2

- ☐ $\text{CuCl} < \text{CuBr}_2 < \text{CuCl}_2$
 - ☐ $\text{CuCl}_2 < \text{CuCl} < \text{CuBr}_2$
 - ☐ $\text{CuBr}_2 < \text{CuCl} < \text{CuCl}_2$
 - ☐ $\text{CuBr}_2 < \text{CuCl}_2 < \text{CuCl}$
 - ☐ $\text{CuCl} < \text{CuCl}_2 < \text{CuBr}_2$
 - ☐ $\text{CuCl}_2 < \text{CuBr}_2 < \text{CuCl}$
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Changing elements in lattices

A Level



Part A Calcium chloride vs. potassium bromide



What factors contribute to the lattice energy of calcium chloride being numerically greater than that of potassium bromide?

- 1 The radius of the chloride ion is smaller than that of the bromide ion.
- 2 The charge on the calcium ion is greater than that on the potassium ion.
- 3 Chlorine is more highly electronegative than bromine.

- ☐ 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- ☐ 1 and 2 only are correct
- ☐ 2 and 3 only are correct
- ☐ 1 only is correct
- ☐ 3 only is correct

Which of the following statements are correct for the sequence of compounds below considered from left to right?



- 1 The electronegativity difference between the elements in each compound increases.
- 2 The formula-units of these compounds are isoelectronic (have the same number of electrons).
- 3 The bonding becomes increasingly covalent.

- ☐ 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- ☐ 1 and 2 only are correct
- ☐ 2 and 3 only are correct
- ☐ 1 only is correct
- ☐ 3 only is correct

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