

Periodic Trends

A Level



Part A Melting points of third row elements

Which graph best shows the variation of melting point of the third row elements?

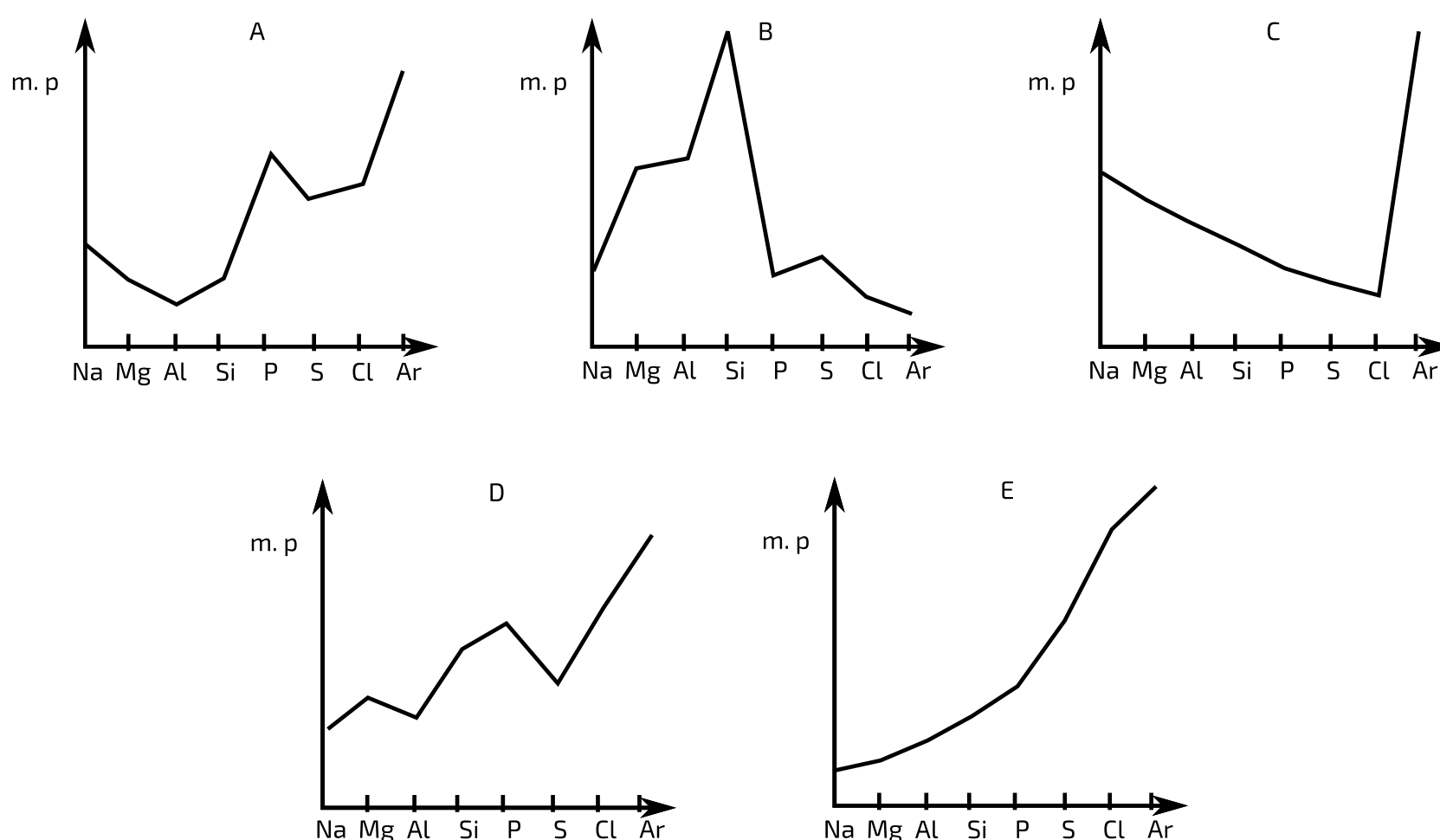


Figure 1: Melting points across 3rd period

- ☐ A
☐ B
☐ C
☐ D

Part B Trends in halogens

Which graph correctly describes a trend found in the halogen group?

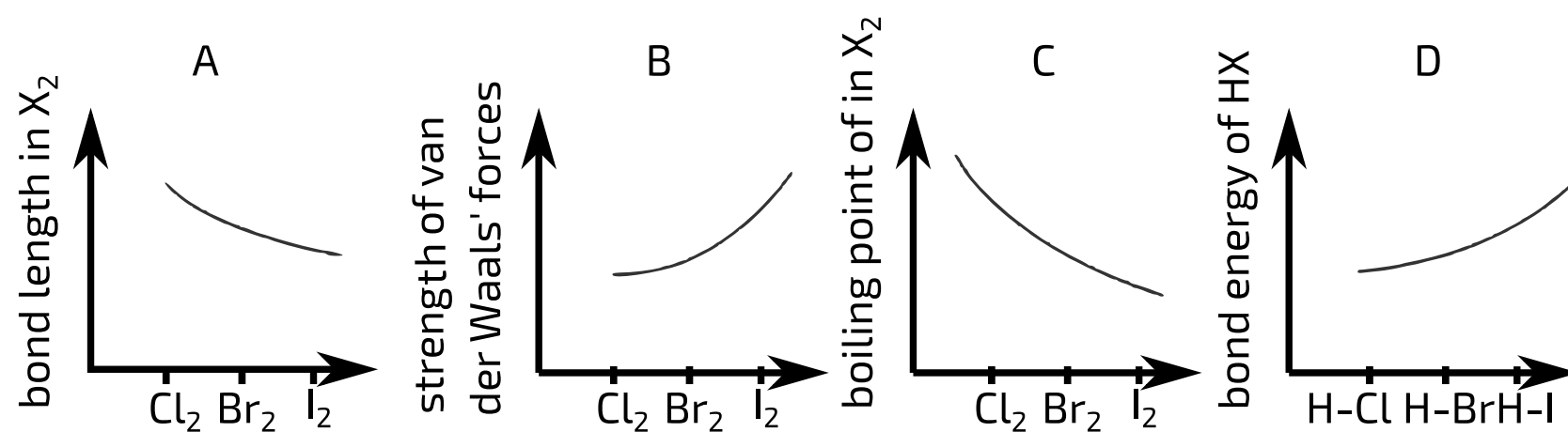


Figure 2: Trends in the halogen group

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C
- ☐ D

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Sizes of Atoms and Ions

Part A Sizes of ions

Which of the following sets of diagrams best indicates the relative radii of the atom and most common ion of sodium and chlorine?

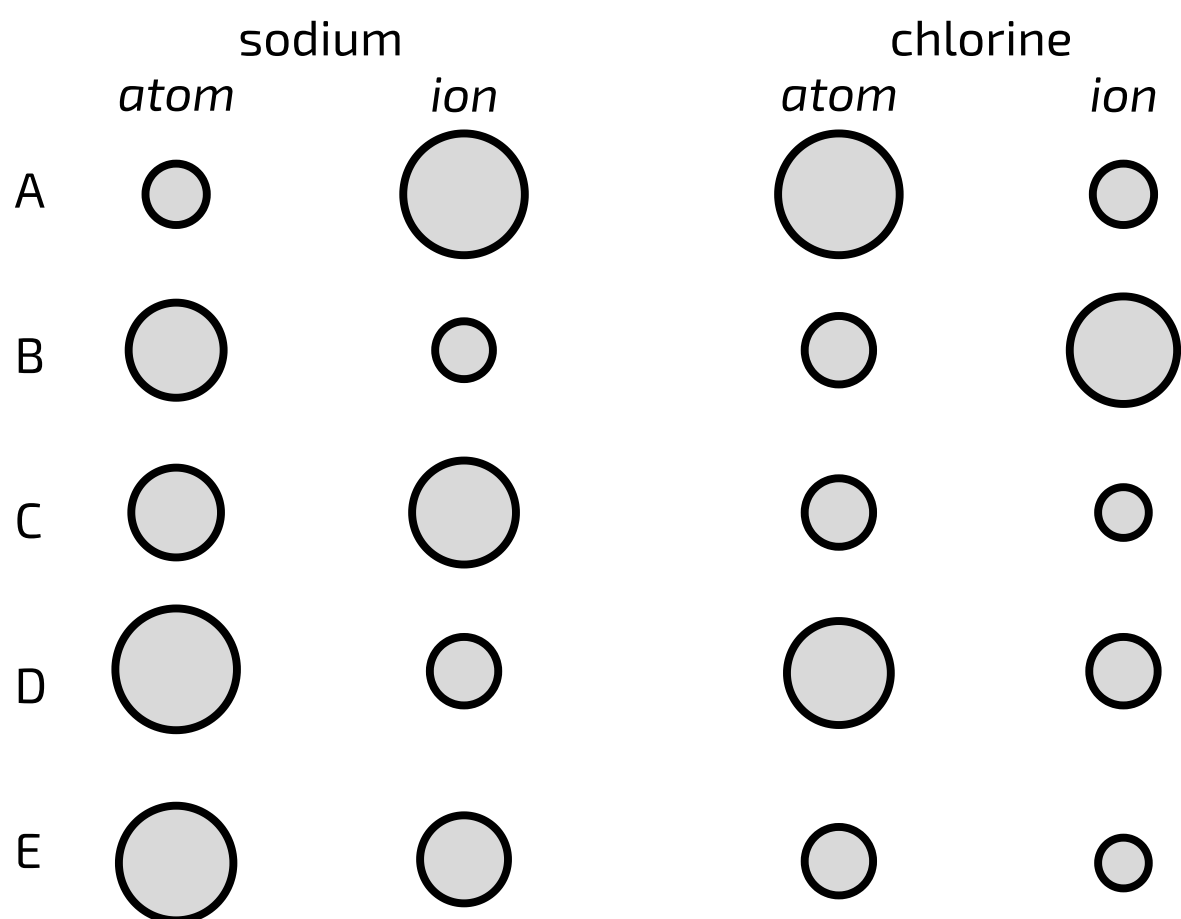


Figure 1: Sizes of Na and Cl atoms and ions

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C
- ☐ D
- ☐ E

Part B Largest radius

Which species represented by the following formulae has the largest radius?

☐ Cl^-

☐ P^{3-}

☐ K^+

☐ Ar

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Heating Calcium Hydroxide

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Part A Heating calcium hydroxide

Write the equation for the action of heat on calcium hydroxide, including state symbols, balancing the equation with the lowest possible stoichiometric coefficients.

Part B Decomposition of calcium hydroxide

Which of the following explains why magnesium hydroxide decomposes at a lower temperature than calcium hydroxide?

1. MgO has a larger magnitude lattice energy than CaO.
2. Mg has higher first and second ionisation energies than Ca.
3. Mg(OH)₂ has a larger magnitude lattice energy than Ca(OH)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

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Silver Ions

An aqueous solution containing Br^- ions is treated with $\text{AgNO}_3 (\text{aq})$, giving a precipitate **P** which is then tested for its solubility in concentrated $\text{NH}_3 (\text{aq})$.

What is the colour of **P** and its solubility in $\text{NH}_3 (\text{aq})$?

	colour of P	solubility in $\text{NH}_3 (\text{aq})$
A	white	insoluble
B	white	slightly soluble
C	cream	slightly soluble
D	yellow	insoluble

- ☐ **A**
☐ **B**
☐ **C**
☐ **D**

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Group 2

A Level



Part A Precipitates

Which pair of 0.1 mol dm^{-3} aqueous solutions is most likely to give a precipitate when added together?

- ☐ MgSO_4 and SrCl_2
- ☐ NH_3 and CaCl_2
- ☐ NaNO_3 and BaCl_2
- ☐ KBr and MgSO_4

Part B Properties of Group 2 elements

Which of the following is a property of the elements in Group 2, magnesium to barium?

- ☐ They all liberate chlorine from concentrated hydrochloric acid
- ☐ They all form covalent chlorides MCl_2
- ☐ They all react explosively with cold water liberating hydrogen
- ☐ They all form oxides MO
- ☐ They all have outer electronic structures ns^2sp^2

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Groups and Electronegativity

A Level



Part A Electronegativity

In the periodic table, the electronegativity of the elements in:

1. Period 3 increases from sodium to chlorine.
2. Group 2 increases from barium to beryllium.
3. Group 7 increases from iodine to fluorine.

- ☐ 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 Groups

Which of the following statements describing the characteristics of elements within any one group of the Periodic Table are correct?

1. The elements are either all metals or non-metals.
2. The melting points of the elements increase with increasing proton (atomic) number.
3. The first ionisation energies of the elements generally decrease with increasing proton (atomic) number.

- ☐ 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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Group 2 Sulfates

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Part A Sulfuric acid and barium hydroxide

Dilute sulfuric acid was added to aqueous barium hydroxide until the acid was in excess. Which graph shows the variation in the total number of ions in solution?

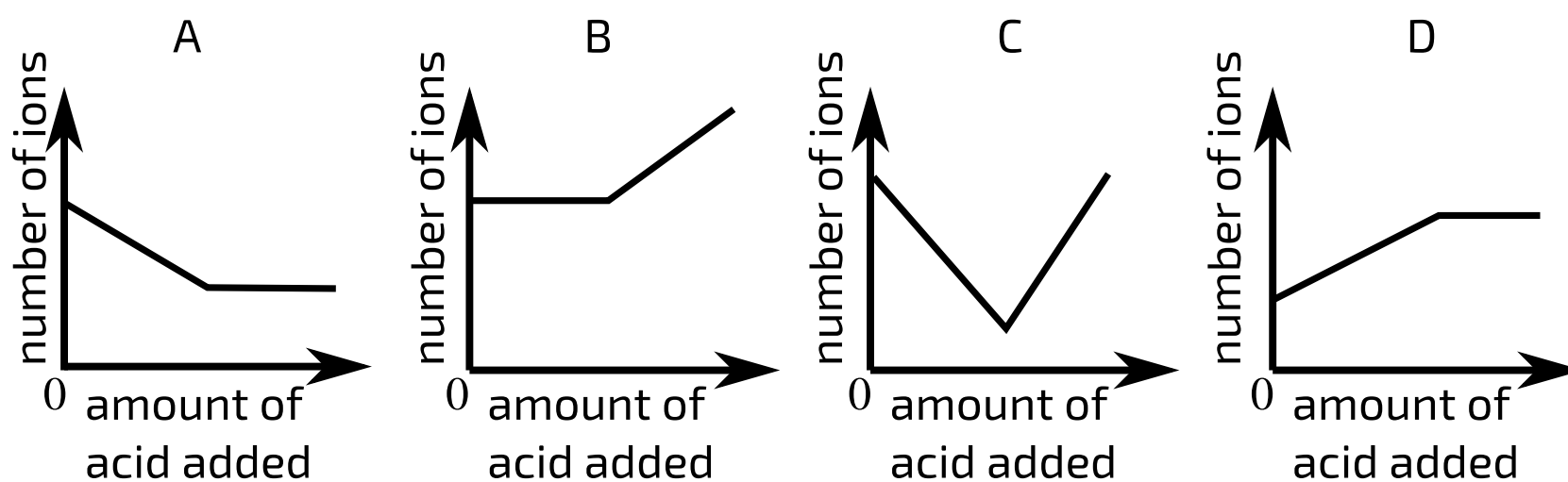


Figure 1: number of ions vs. amount of acid added

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C
- ☐ D

Part B Group 2 sulfates

What changes occur in the **magnitudes** of:

- (i) the lattice energy,
- (ii) the enthalpy of hydration,
- (iii) the solubility of the sulfates,

as Group 2 is descended?

	lattice energy	enthalpy change of hydration	solubility of sulfate
A	decrease	decrease	decrease
B	decrease	increase	decrease
C	increase	decrease	increase
D	decrease	increase	increase

- ☐ **A**
- ☐ **B**
- ☐ **C**
- ☐ **D**

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Atomic and Ionic Radii and Ionisation Energy 1



Essential Pre-Uni Chemistry D3.1

There are trends evident in atomic and ionic radii. Ionisation energies also show trends. Complete the sentences below with the words 'increase' or 'decrease', to indicate what happens to the radii and ionisation energy of the atoms or ions [(a)–(f)], or to the ionisation energies [(g)–(i)].

Part A Along a period, L-R

Going along a period from left to right, the atomic radii...

- ☐ increase
- ☐ decrease
-

Part B Down a group

Going down a group, the atomic radii...

- ☐ increase
- ☐ decrease
-

Part C Electrons removed

As successive electrons are removed from the same atom/ion, the radii...

- ☐ increase
- ☐ decrease
-

Part D Same charge, down a group

The radii of ions of the same charge, on descending a group...

- ☐ decrease
- ☐ increase
-

Part E Adding electrons

As successive electrons are added to one atom to make increasingly negative ions, the radii...

- ☐ increase
- ☐ decrease
-

Part F Along period, L-R

Along a period from left to right, the radii of isoelectronic species generally...

- ☐ decrease
- ☐ increase
-

Part G Along period, L-R

Along a period from left to right, the first ionisation energies generally...

- ☐ decrease
- ☐ increase
-

Part H Down a group

Going down a group, the first ionisation energies...

- ☐ decrease
- ☐ increase
-

Part I Ionisation energies

Successive ionisation energies for the same element...

- ☐ increase
- ☐ decrease
-

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Atomic and Ionic Radii and Ionisation Energy 2



Essential Pre-Uni Chemistry D3.2

Part A [Na Mg Al]

Which would have the smallest radius in the set [Na Mg Al]?

- ☐ Mg
- ☐ Na
- ☐ Al
-

Part B [Na⁺ Mg²⁺ Al³⁺]

Which would have the smallest radius in the set [Na⁺ Mg²⁺ Al³⁺]?

- ☐ Al³⁺
- ☐ Mg²⁺
- ☐ Na⁺
-

Part C [B Al Ga In Tl]

Which would have the smallest radius in the set [B Al Ga In Tl]?

- ☐ Tl
 - ☐ B
 - ☐ Ga
 - ☐ Al
 - ☐ In
-

Part D [Si^{4-} P^{3-} S^{2-} Cl^-]

Which would have the largest radius in the set [Si^{4-} P^{3-} S^{2-} Cl^-]?

- ☐ Si^{4-}
 - ☐ P^{3-}
 - ☐ Cl^-
 - ☐ S^{2-}
-

Part E [Ti^{4+} Zr^{4+} Hf^{4+} Rf^{4+}]

Which would have the smallest radius in the set [Ti^{4+} Zr^{4+} Hf^{4+} Rf^{4+}]?

- ☐ Rf^{4+}
 - ☐ Zr^{4+}
 - ☐ Ti^{4+}
 - ☐ Hf^{4+}
-

Part F $[\text{Fe Fe}^{2+} \text{Fe}^{3+} \text{Fe}^{2-}]$

Which would have the largest radius in the set $[\text{Fe Fe}^{2+} \text{Fe}^{3+} \text{Fe}^{2-}]$?

- ☐ Fe
 - ☐ Fe^{3+}
 - ☐ Fe^{2+}
 - ☐ Fe^{2-}
-

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Atomic and Ionic Radii and Ionisation Energy 3



Essential Pre-Uni Chemistry D3.3

An element has its first to fifth ionisation energies in kJ mol^{-1} listed as: 578, 1817, 2745, 11578, 14831.

Give the group number in the periodic table that corresponds to this element.

- ☐ 17
- ☐ 15
- ☐ 14
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 13
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 16
- ☐ 18