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What Type of Bonding?

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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 PCl_3 ?

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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Lattice Enthalpy Definition

A Level



Part A Lattice enthalpy definition

Fill in the missing words:

Lattice enthalpy of formation $\Delta_{LE}H$ is the energy change when one of an ionic solid is formed from its .

Lattice formation enthalpies are always . The magnitude of the lattice enthalpy is affected by both the ionic and the on the ions.

Items:

Part B Lattice energy

For which compound is the lattice energy likely to have the greatest numerical value (i.e. the greatest magnitude, disregarding sign)?

- ☐ sodium chloride
- ☐ lithium iodide
- ☐ rubidium chloride
- ☐ lithium fluoride

Lattice Enthalpy Estimation

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?



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Lattice Energy

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Part A Lattice energy definition

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

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

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?

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

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Covalent Bonding

Part A Number of bonding electrons

Which of the following molecules contains six bonding electrons?

- ☐ SiCl_4
 - ☐ CO_2
 - ☐ H_2S
 - ☐ NCl_3
 - ☐ C_2H_4
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Part B P–H and Cl–H bonds

The P–H bond energy is the mean (average) of the H–H and P–P values. Which of the statements are relevant to explaining why the H–Cl bond energy is **not** the mean of the H–H and Cl–Cl values?

Some bond energy values are given in the table below:

bond	bond energy/kJ mol ⁻¹	bond	bond energy/kJ mol ⁻¹
H–H	436	H–H	436
P–P	208	Cl–Cl	244
P–H	322	H–Cl	431

- 1 The Cl–H bond is more polar than the P–H bond.
2 Cl has a smaller covalent radius than P.
3 P has five valence electrons whereas Cl has seven.

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

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Dipoles

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Part A Dipoles 1

Which of the following molecules has **no** permanent dipole?

- ☐ C_2Cl_4
 - ☐ $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$
 - ☐ CHCl_3
 - ☐ CCl_2F_2
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Part B Dipoles 2

In which pair of molecules is the permanent dipole in molecule I greater than that in molecule II?

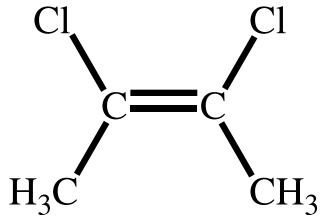
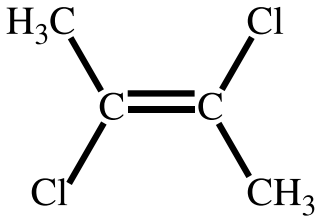
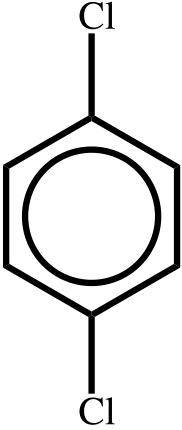
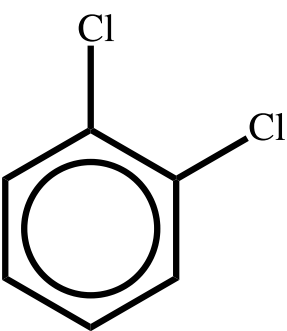
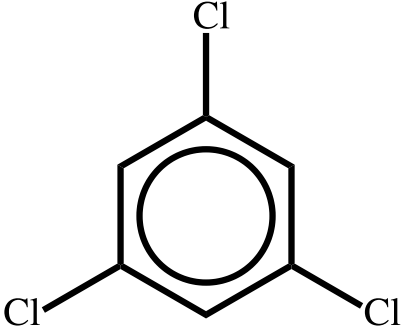
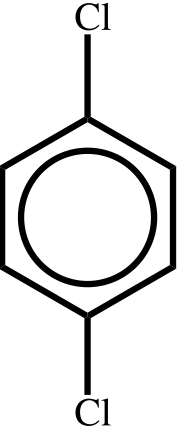
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A		
B	<chem>CH3CH2Cl</chem>	<chem>CH3CHCl2</chem>
C		
D		

Figure 1: Dipoles.

The hexagonal structures are *benzene rings*. Benzene has formula C_6H_6 and can be viewed as having alternating single and double bonds, although in actual fact all C–C bonds are the same length and are somewhere between single and double bonds, hence a circle is drawn to represent this.

The hydrogen atoms are not usually drawn on. Substituted benzenes have different groups attached in place of hydrogen which are indicated.

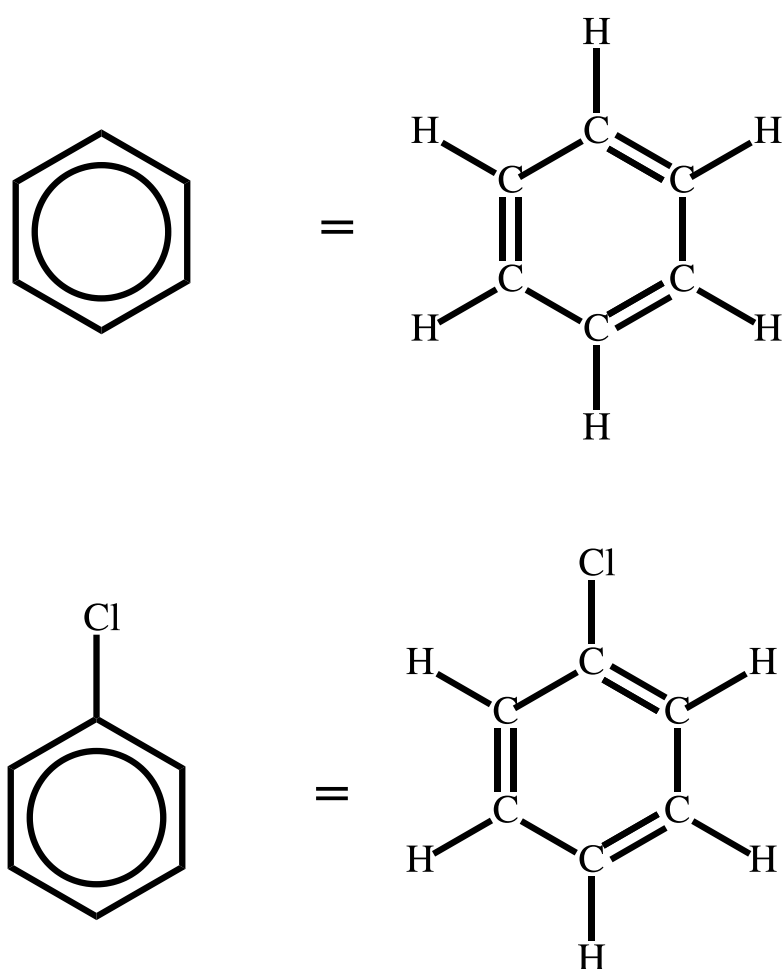


Figure 2: Representations of **benzene**, C_6H_6 and **chlorobenzene**, C_6H_5Cl .

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C
- ☐ D

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Van der Waals and Paraffin wax

A Level



Part A Van der Waals forces

Which of the following compounds in their solid states consist of atoms or molecules held together only by van der Waals forces (due to some form of dipole-dipole interaction)?

- ☐ CO_2
- ☐ SiO_2
- ☐ H_2O
- ☐ Cu
- ☐ MgO

Part B Melting point of paraffin wax

The melting point of paraffin wax (a mixture of saturated hydrocarbons which have high relative molar mass) is determined by

- ☐ covalent bonds within hydrocarbon molecules
- ☐ covalent bonds between hydrogen carbon molecules
- ☐ ionic bonds between molecules
- ☐ hydrogen bonds between molecules
- ☐ van der Waals (London dispersion) forces between the molecules

Hydrogen Bonding and Methane

A Level



Part A Effects of intermolecular hydrogen bonding

Which of the following statements describes a phenomenon which can be explained by intermolecular hydrogen-bonding?

- ☐ CH_3OCH_3 ($M_r = 46$) has a higher boiling point than $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ($M_r = 44$).
- ☐ The boiling points of the alkanes increase with increasing relative molecular mass.
- ☐ Hydrogen chloride forms an acidic solution when dissolved in water.
- ☐ The melting points of the Group 1 hydroxides decrease with increasing relative formula mass (M_r)
- ☐ Ice has a lower density than water at 0°C .

Part B Condensed methane

The Voyager 2 probe has shown that the surface of Triton, a moon of the planet Neptune, contains condensed methane which flows rapidly.

Which statement explains the flow within the condensed methane?

- ☐ The intermolecular forces between methane molecules are weak.
- ☐ Methane molecules contain strong C–H bonds.
- ☐ Condensed methane has a metallic structure.
- ☐ Methane molecules have a tetrahedral structure.

Diamond and Graphite

A Level



Which structural feature is common to both diamond and graphite?

- ☐ covalent bonds between carbon atoms
- ☐ a carbon-carbon bond length equal to that in ethane
- ☐ each carbon atom bonded to four others
- ☐ van der Waals forces
- ☐ delocalised electrons

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