a elevote YEAR 11 CHEMISTRY **MODULE 1 LESSON SIX**

Types of Bonding

 1.4.5 Explore the similarities and differences between the nature of intermolecular and intramolecular bonds and the strength of the forces associated with each, in order to explain the:

- physical properties of elements
- physical properties of compounds

INTRAMOLECULAR BONDS

As the name suggests, intramolecular bonds exist within molecules and include:

Recall from Lesson 2, that covalent and ionic bonds exist on a spectrum based on the difference of **electronegativities** between atoms participating in the bond.

Metallic bonds will be explored within this lesson.

See the types of intramolecular bonds listed below, in order of strength:

covalent bonds > ionic bonds > metallic bonds

INTERMOLECULAR FORCES

As the name suggests, intermolecular forces exist between molecules and include:

intermolecular forces intramolecular bonds

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Dipole-Dipole Forces

For example, HBr:

As Bromine is much more electronegative than the Hydrogen atom, there is an asymmetric distribution of charge and as such, a net dipole. The dipole moment of the molecule is shown by the arrow.

This dipole moment allows polar covalent molecules such as HBr to experience electrostatic attractions with other molecules.

See the diagram below:

The strength of dipole-dipole forces is proportionate to the magnitude of the dipole moment of the bonds in the molecules.

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Recall that the dipole moment refers to the extent of charge separation (or asymmetry of charge) and this is greater in molecules with a greater difference in electronegativity.

For example, HCl is more polar than HBr as there is a greater difference in electronegativity between Hydrogen and Chlorine than there is between Hydrogen and Bromine. This is because Chlorine is more electronegative than Bromine.

Hydrogen Bonding

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This is due to the fact that F, O, N atoms are small and highly electronegative, and when paired with an atom with a very low electronegativity such as Hydrogen, a very large dipole moment forms.

Consequently, the intermolecular interactions formed by molecules with such bonds, Hydrogen bonds, are so strong that they are in a category of their own. Most Hydrogen bonds are about ten times the strength of a dipole-dipole force.

It is most correct to draw Hydrogen bonds between the partially positive hydrogen atom and a lone pair in the N, O or F atom.

Dispersion Forces

They arise because of temporary dipoles formed by the continuous random movement of electrons around an atom.

There are *many electrons* in an atom and all of them move in many directions. As such, many temporary dipoles are forming and breaking every instant.

The sum of all such dipole moments at any one instant may form one overall dipole moment. This overall dipole is typically very small in magnitude, meaning that the strength of this intermolecular force is quite weak. In fact, dispersion forces are the weakest intermolecular force.

See the types of intermolecular forces listed below, in order of strength:

hydrogen bonds > dipole-dipole forces > dispersion forces

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Ultimately this is because dispersion forces are produced by the random movement of electrons, and all types of molecules have electrons.

This is because heavier molecules have more atoms, which in turn means that they have more electrons which can form temporary dipoles and the likelihood of having a greater net dipole increases.

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Note that it is not just diatomic molecules that are non-polar. You may see certain molecules which contain polar bonds, but no net dipole. This is often due to the fact that the molecules are symmetrical, and their dipoles all cancel each other out.

See for example, carbon dioxide which is a linear molecule with polar C=O bonds.

In addition, methane with polar C-H bonds, has no overall dipole either:

This is not to say all tetrahedral molecules are non-polar however, as chloromethane does have a net dipole:

COMPARING INTRAMOLECULAR BONDS AND INTERMOLECULAR FORCES

Note that intramolecular *bonds* exist between atoms within a molecule whilst intermolecular *forces* are merely electrostatic attractions between molecules.

As such, intramolecular bonds are, much stronger than intermolecular forces.

covalent bonds > ionic bonds > metallic bonds > hydrogen bonds > dipole-dipole forces > dispersion forces

Note that whilst Hydrogen bonds are approximately 10 times stronger than dipole-dipole forces, they are about one tenth as strong as **covalent** or *ionic* bonds.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERMOLECULAR FORCES AND MELTING/BOILING POINT

Recall the particle model of matter:

In changing phase from solid \rightarrow liquid \rightarrow gas, it is the **intermolecular forces** that must be weakened. Thus, molecules which experience stronger intermolecular forces require more energy to change phase.

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We can use this to understand the following melting and boiling points:

 1.4.4 Investigate the different chemical structures of atoms and elements, including but not limited to: metallic structure, covalent molecular, ionic networks, covalent networks (including diamond and silicon dioxide)

There are four main categories of chemical substances:

- Metals
- Ionic networks
- Covalent molecular substances
- Covalent networks

Studying the structure of each of these substances helps to understand the diverse properties that exist between them.

METALLIC STRUCTURE

Metals are three-dimensional repeating lattices of positively charged ions (cations) which are surrounded by a sea of delocalised electrons.

The **formula unit** of a metallic lattice can be represented by the diagram below:

Metallic bonding is a very strong force of electrostatic attraction between positive cations and the sea of delocalised electrons.

This explains the relatively high melting and boiling points of metals. For example, the boiling point of Sodium is 882°C.

Metals are good conductors of electricity due to the sea of delocalised electrons which are mobile and can move and carry charge.

Metals are also good conductors of heat. Heating a metal, the energises both delocalised electrons and cations of the lattice so that they vibrate more rapidly. This increases the likelihood of collisions between them, allowing for the transfer and conduction of energy.

Metals are malleable. When a force causes a layer of ions can slide over another, the delocalised electrons maintain the attraction between the layers.

Metals are lustrous as the sea of delocalised electrons is able to absorb and re-emit photons of light.

Metals often have high densities as particles are packed closely together in its threedimensional repeating lattice.

There are limitations to this model however and these include the inability to explain:

- The range in melting and boiling points
- The differences in electrical conductivity
- The magnetic nature of some metals

IONIC NETWORKS

Ionic substances also exist in three-dimensional repeating lattices of cations and anions. Its formula unit may similarly be represented below:

Ionic networks have high melting and boiling points as ionic bonding is quite strong. Sodium chloride has a boiling point of 1413°C.

Ionic networks are poor conductors of electricity in the solid state as there are no mobile charge carriers.

However, they are good conductors of electricity in the molten and aqueous states as ions are mobile charge carriers. Similarly, they are poor conductors of heat in the solid state but good conductors in the molten and aqueous states where there are mobile charge carriers.

Ionic substances are often hard due to the high strength of ionic bonds.

However, they are often brittle due to their structure and not malleable like metals which have a sea of delocalised electrons.

COVALENT MOLECULAR STRUCTURE

On the other hand, covalent molecular substances are NOT lattices but rather consist of discrete molecules between which intermolecular forces exist.

intermolecular forces intramolecular bonds

To melt or boil covalent molecular substances, it is these intermolecular forces which must be overcome. This contrasts with ionic and metallic networks where ionic and metallic bonds needed to break, to facilitate a change in phase.

As intermolecular *forces* are on a whole, much weaker than intramolecular *bonds*, the melting and boiling points are quite low in comparison. For example, the boiling point of ammonia is -33°C, carbon dioxide is -56.6°C and water is 100°C.

Covalent molecular substances are poor conductors of both heat and electricity as there are no mobile charge carriers. They are often soft in the solid state because intermolecular forces are quite weak. In the solid state, they are also quite brittle.

COVALENT NETWORKS

While most covalent substances exist as individual molecules as do covalent molecular substances, some exist in continuous three-dimensional structures called covalent networks. Examples include diamond and silicon dioxide.

Diamond is a repeating lattice of carbon atoms arranged tetrahedrally as shown below:

Silicon dioxide ($SiO₂$) is also arranged roughly tetrahedrally as shown below:

Silicon dioxide is the main component of glass.

Covalent networks have very high melting and boiling points as covalent bonds are very strong (strongest intramolecular bond). Boiling points of silicon dioxide and diamond are 2230°C and 4830°C respectively

For the same reasons, covalent networks are very hard. Diamond is the hardest known substance in the world. They are, however, brittle

Covalent networks generally do not conduct electricity as there are no mobile charge carriers.

However, covalent networks may have moderate to high thermal conductivity, the reasons for which differ based on the covalent network in concern.

Diamond will be explored in more detail below.

1.4.3 Investigate elements that possess the physical property of allotropy

It might come at quite a shock that diamond, which is shiny and extremely hard, is made of the same element as graphite, which is dull, soft, and slippery. In fact, diamond and graphite are made entirely of carbon atoms only. The difference in their properties arises from their unique structures.

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That is, the same element is arranged structurally differently, and this gives rise to a different set of physical properties. This is allotropy.

Examples of elements which display allotropy include:

- Carbon
- Phosphorous
- **Sulfur**
- Tin
- Oxygen

Below we will explore the properties of the allotropes of Carbon.

DIAMOND

As aforementioned, diamond consists of a repeating lattice of tetrahedrally arranged carbon atoms which are joined by covalent bonding.

The high strength of the covalent bonding gives rise to very high melting and boiling points as well as making the substance extremely hard. Diamond has a boiling point of 4830°C and is the hardest substance on Earth.

The lack of delocalised electrons means that diamond does not conduct electricity.

GRAPHITE

Graphite is a covalent network consisting of layers of planar 'carbon sheets' of hexagonal rings of carbon atoms. Dispersion forces serve to weakly attract the layers or 'sheets'. In this structure, carbon atoms are bonded to three other carbon atoms.

Given that carbon can form up to four bonds, there is a delocalised electron which makes graphite a good conductor of electricity and viable for use in applications where metals are undesirable (e.g. car battery electrodes). Graphite electrodes have higher chemical stability and thermal resistivity compared to standard metal electrodes.

The strong covalent bonds within the layers of carbon sheets guarantees a high resistance to heat and gives it a high melting and boiling point.

Despite this, the weak dispersion forces allow for the layers to easily slide or 'slip' over each other which makes graphite suitable for use as a lubricant. Graphite is often used as an industrial lubricant to reduce the friction in moving parts such as locks or other machinery. This slipperiness also explains graphite's use in lead pencils.

BUCKMINSTERFULLERENE ('BUCKY BALLS')

Fullerenes are a subset of carbon allotropes known as **nanomaterials** which are 1-100nm wide.

Fullerenes have a roughly spherical shape with carbon atoms arranged in a series of hexagonal and pentagonal rings. The structure roughly resembles a soccer ball.

The most stable fullerene is known as buckminsterfullerene and has a molecular formula of C_{60} . There is a high degree of symmetry within the structure of a 'bucky ball' explaining its non-polar covalent nature. As such it only experiences weak dispersion forces and has a relatively low melting and boiling point. Buckminsterfullerenes sublime at 800K.

Fullerenes make covalent bonds to three other carbon atoms, leaving a delocalised electron which is free to move and conduct electricity.

These unique properties have allowed for their use in flexible solar panels as whilst they are electrically conductive, their relatively weak intermolecular forces have allowed for their flexibility. This provides a significant advantage over traditional solar panels which are made of rigid silicon crystals and could not be placed atop caravan roofs or the cabin of a boat which may be curved.

CARBON NANOTUBES

Nanotubes also fall under the category of nanoparticles and are a relatively recent innovation.

Carbon atoms form three bonds, leaving a delocalised electron free to move and conduct electricity. They are also thermally conductive and very uniquely strong. The reasons for their thermal conductivity are beyond the scope of this course.

It has been said that nanotubes are stronger than steel whilst also being moderately flexible and this is attributed to the strong carbon-carbon covalent bonds as well as its structure as a 2D matrix rolled into cylinders which allows it to deform slightly.

The same cannot be said for diamond which is an extensive 3D lattice which would not deform but rather break (and is therefore brittle).

OTHER ELEMENTS DISPLAYING ALLOTROPY

Oxygen also displays allotropy. Apart from the standard θ_2 we all breathe, θ_3 is known as ozone and is present in our upper atmosphere tasked with filtering harmful UV rays. O_4 , also known as tetraoxygen is red in colour.

Sulfur also shows allotropy. Several allotropes exist: S_2 , S_3 , S_5 , S_7 , S_8 . Of these, the most important forms are:

- Rhombic
- **Monoclinic**
- Plastic

Both rhombic and monoclinic sulfur forms S_8 molecules which are essentially puckered rings:

Plastic sulfur consists of long chains of sulfur atoms singly bonded to one another and has a rubbery texture:

 $3.5 - S^{3} - S^{4} - S^{5} - S^{6} - S^{6} - S^{6} - S^{6}$

Phosphorous has several allotropes. White phosphorous is a covalent molecule of 4 phosphorous atoms. Black phosphorous is the most stable form and consists of buckled layers of phosphorous atoms where each P atom is bonded to three others. Weak dispersion forces exist between the sheets. Red phosphorous consists of a chain of P_4 units.

White

Black

Red

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

- 1. Which of the following atoms when bonded to the hydrogen atom do NOT allow for hydrogen bonding to occur?
	- a. Fluorine
	- b. Chlorine
	- c. Oxygen
	- d. Nitrogen

2. Identify the set that correctly arranges the electrical conductivity of the structures from lowest to highest.

- a. Metallic, ionic, covalent network
- b. Metallic, ionic, covalent molecular
- c. Covalent network, ionic, metallic
- d. Ionic, covalent molecular, metallic

3. Which of the following statement regarding allotropes is incorrect?

- a. Diamond and graphite are allotropes of carbon
- b. Allotropes display different physical properties
- c. Sulfur has more than two different allotropes
- d. Allotropes are made of the same element regardless of state

4. Which of the following explains why graphite can conduct electricity?

- a. Graphite has a metallic structure and therefore has a sea of delocalised electrons that can carry charge
- b. Graphite's structure has each carbon bonded to three others, leaving the fourth electron free to act as a mobile charge
- c. Graphite conducts electricity only when in molten and aqueous states due to electrons now being free to act as mobile charges
- d. Graphite is a metalloid and therefore is able to display the metallic property of electrical conductivity

5. Ionic networks change phase through the weakening of:

- a. Intramolecular bonds
- b. Intermolecular forces
- c. Ionic bonds
- d. Covalent bonds

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PRACTICE QUESTIONS

8. Explain the differences in melting and boiling point of the substances below, in terms of their intramolecular bond and intermolecular forces.

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HOMEWORK

1. The following questions refer to the allotropes of carbon: diamond, graphite, and buckminsterfullerene.

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HW ANSWERS

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Explains that the half-life of a radioisotope refers to the time taken for exactly half of an initial radioactive nuclei to decay

HW ANSWERS

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HW ANSWERS

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