



Pei Hwa Secondary School
4N Science (Chemistry) Revision 1
Chp 4 & 5: Chemical Bonding & Structure and Properties of Materials

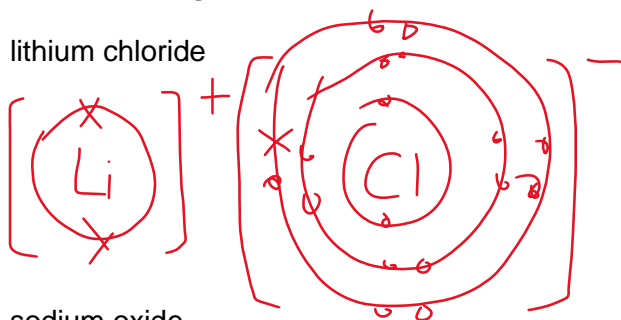
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Ionic Bonding:

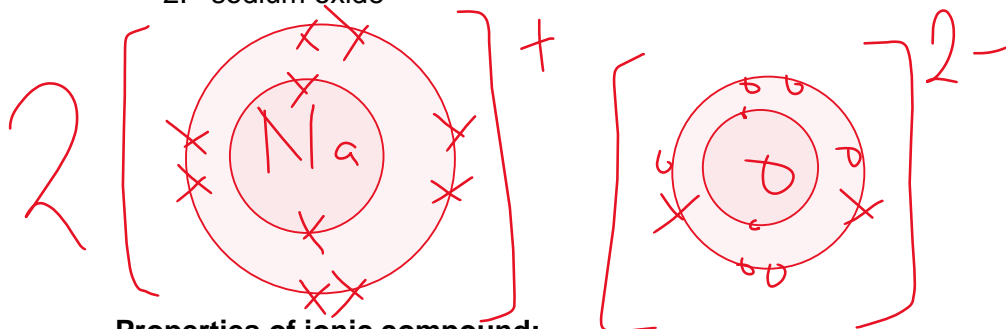
- Transfer of electron(s) from metal atom(s) to non-metal atom(s).
- Structure: giant ionic lattice structure

“Dot and cross” diagram of ionic compounds

1. lithium chloride



2. sodium oxide



Properties of ionic compound:

Properties	Explanation
1. High melting and boiling point	Large amount of <u>energy</u> is needed to overcome <u>Strong electrostatic forces of attraction between oppositely charged ions</u> Held in a <u>giant lattice structure</u>
2. Poor conductor of electricity in solid state Good conductor of electricity in aqueous or liquid (molten) state	<u>Ions</u> are held in fixed positions and are <u>not mobile</u> . Giant lattice structure has broken down and <u>ions are mobile to act as charge carriers</u>

3. **Hard but brittle**

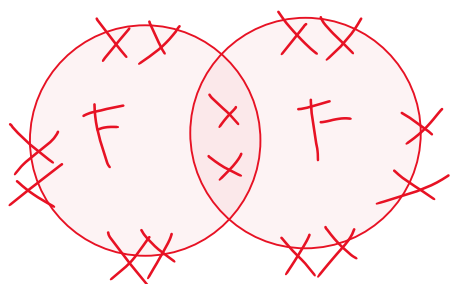
4. Usually **soluble in water**. Usually **insoluble in organic solvent**

Covalent Bonding:

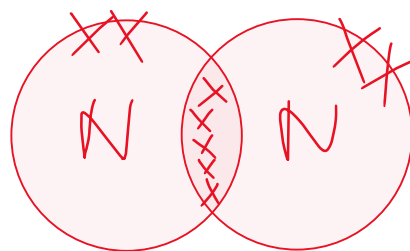
- sharing of electrons between non-metal atoms.
- Structure: **simple covalent molecule**

Drawing of covalent molecules using “dot and cross”:

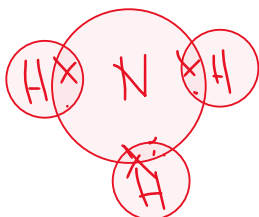
1. A molecule of fluorine, F_2



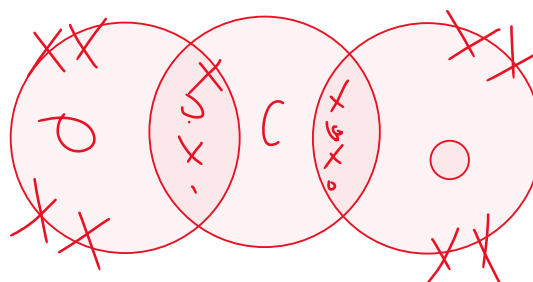
2. A molecule of nitrogen, N_2



3. A molecule of ammonia, NH_3



4. A molecule of carbon dioxide, CO_2



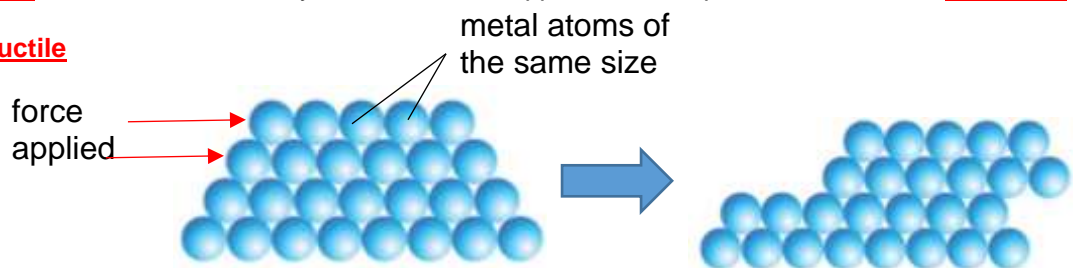
Properties of covalent molecules

Properties	Explanation
low melting and boiling point	A <u>small amount of energy</u> is needed to overcome <u>Weak intermolecular forces of attraction</u> between molecules held in <u>simple molecular structure</u>
Poor conductor of electricity in all states	<u>No mobile ions or electrons to act as charge carriers</u>
Usually insoluble in water	
Usually soluble in organic solvent	

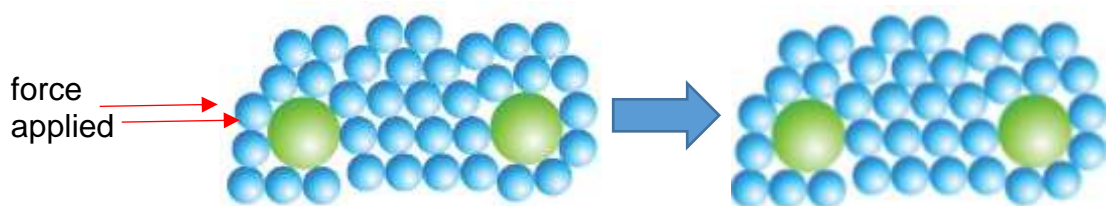
Metals and Alloys:

- High melting point and boiling point. Alloys, being a mixture, melt over a range of temperatures.
- Good conductor of heat
- Good conductor of electricity due to sea of delocalised electrons that are mobile throughout the giant metallic lattice structure.
- Alloys are harder and stronger than the pure metals.

In a pure metal, atoms are of the same size and packed regularly in neat rows. Layers of atoms slide over one another easily when a force is applied. Hence, pure metals are too malleable / ductile



In an alloy, atoms are of different sizes, hence the regular arrangement of atoms is disrupted. Layers of atoms cannot slide easily over each other when a force is applied, and so an alloy is harder and stronger.



Practice Questions

1 Which two elements combine to form an ionic compound?

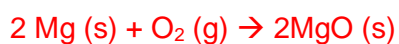
- A** calcium and fluorine
- B** hydrogen and carbon
- C** hydrogen and chlorine
- D** sulfur and oxygen

2 (a) When atoms combine with other atoms, they either gain, lose or share a number of electrons. Showing only valence electrons, draw 'dot and cross' diagrams to show the electronic structure of

(ii) oxygen gas; [2]

(ii) magnesium chloride. [2]

(b) Magnesium ribbon burned in oxygen to form a white solid, magnesium oxide. Write a balanced chemical equation, including state symbols for the reaction. [2]



- (c) The physical properties of different compounds are shown in the table below.

name of substance	boiling point (°C)
magnesium oxide	3600
oxygen gas	−183

Explain, in terms of bonding, the difference in boiling points between magnesium oxide and oxygen gas.

MgO has a higher melting point than oxygen gas.

Larger amount of energy is needed to overcome strong electrostatic forces of attraction between oppositely charged ions in giant lattice structure of MgO. [1]

Less energy is needed to overcome weak intermolecular forces of attraction between simple molecules in O₂ gas. [1]

[2]