

MSE2711  
**Materials Science**

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**Lecture 2.** Atomic Structure and  
Interatomic Bonding



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## Objectives of Lecture 2

- The goal is to describe the underlying physical concepts related to the structure of matter.
- To examine the relationships between structure of atoms-bonds-properties of engineering materials.
- To learn about different levels of structure i.e. atomic structure, nanostructure, microstructure, and macrostructure.

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# Outline

- ❑ The Structure of Materials: Technological Relevance
- ❑ The Structure of the Atom
- ❑ Electrons in Atoms
- ❑ The Periodic Table
- ❑ Atomic Bonding
- ❑ Binding Energy and Interatomic Spacing

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## The Structure of Materials: Technological Relevance

### Level of Structure

### Example of Technologies

Atomic Structure

Diamond – edge of cutting tools



Atomic Arrangements:  
Long-Range Order  
(LRO)

Lead-zirconium-titanate  
 $[Pb(Zr_x Ti_{1-x})]$  (PZT) –  
gas igniters



Atomic Arrangements:  
Short-Range Order  
(SRO)

Amorphous silica - fiber  
optical communications  
industry



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# The Structure of Materials: Technological Relevance

## Level of Structure

## Example of Technologies

### Nanostructure

( $\sim 10^{-9}$  to  $10^{-7}$  m,  
0.1 to 100 nm)

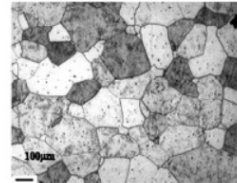
Nano-sized particles of  
iron oxide – ferrofluids



### Microstructure

( $\sim > 10^{-7}$  to  $10^{-4}$  m,  
0.1 to 100  $\mu$ m)

Mechanical strength of  
metals and alloys



### Macrostructure

( $\sim > 10^{-4}$  m,  
 $\sim > 100\,000$  nm)

Paints for automobiles  
for corrosion resistance

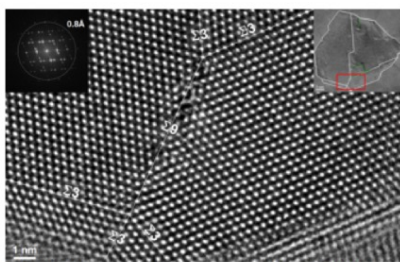


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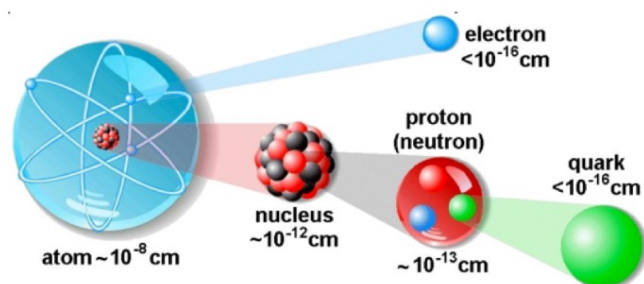


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# The Structure of the Atom



HRTEM image-Nanocrystalline Palladium



- ❑ The **atomic number** of an element is equal to the number of electrons or protons in each atom.
- ❑ The **atomic mass/weight** of an element is equal to the average number of protons and neutrons in the atom.
- ❑ The **Avogadro number** of an element is the number of atoms or molecules in a mole.
- ❑ The **atomic mass unit** of an element is the mass of an atom expressed as 1/12 the mass of a carbon atom.

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## Example 2.1

### Calculate the Number of Atoms in Silver

Calculate the number of atoms in 100 g of silver.

**The atomic mass, or weight, of silver:** 107.868 g/mol.

**Avogadro number:**  $6.023 \times 10^{23}$  atoms/mol

#### Example 2.1 SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned}\text{The number of silver atoms} &= (100 \text{ g}/107.868 \text{ g/mol}) \times \\ &\quad 6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms/mol} \\ &= 5.58 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms}\end{aligned}$$

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## Example 2.2

### Nano-Sized Iron-Platinum Particles For Information Storage

#### Nano-particles as iron-platinum (Fe-Pt)

- magnetic materials
- ultrahigh density data storage.
- Arrays of such particles potentially can lead to storage of trillions of bits of data per square inch—a capacity
- 10 to 100 times higher than computer hard disks.

**Q: If the scientists considered iron (Fe) particles that are 3 nm in diameter, what will be the number of atoms in one such particle?**

**Density of Fe:** 7.8 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

**Atomic mass of Fe:** 56 g/mol.

**Avogadro number:**  $6.023 \times 10^{23}$  atoms/mol

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### Example 2.2 SOLUTION

The radius of a Fe particle is 1.5 nm.

**Volume of each iron (Fe) magnetic nano-particle**

$$= (4/3)\pi(1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm})^3$$

$$= 1.4137 \times 10^{-20} \text{ cm}^3$$

**Mass of each iron nano-particle**

$$= 7.8 \text{ g/cm}^3 \times 1.4137 \times 10^{-20} \text{ cm}^3$$

$$= 1.102 \times 10^{-19} \text{ g.}$$

**1 mole Fe = 56 g Fe =  $6.023 \times 10^{23}$  atoms,**

**The number of atoms in one Fe nano-particle = 1186.**

## Electrons in Atoms

### Quantum mechanics

#### Atomic spectra

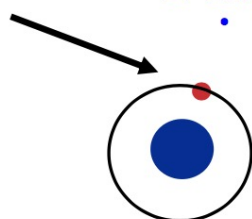
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  - 1st spectrocope
  - 1st line spectrum
- ☐ Lockyer, 1868
  - He in solar system
- ☐ Balmer, 1885
  - H line spectrum

#### Quantum theory

- ☐ Plank, 1900
  - Black body radiation
- ☐ Einstein, 1905
  - Photoelectric effect
- ☐ Heisenberg, 1925
  - Heisenberg Uncertainty Principles
- ☐ Schrodinger, 1926
  - Wave theory

#### Atomic structure

- ☐ Dalton, 1803
  - atomic nature
- ☐ Faraday, 1834
  - Electricity & Mag.
- ☐ Thompson, 1807
  - electrons e/m
- ☐ Millikan, 1911
  - oil drop
- ☐ Rutherford, 1911
  - gold foil/nucleus



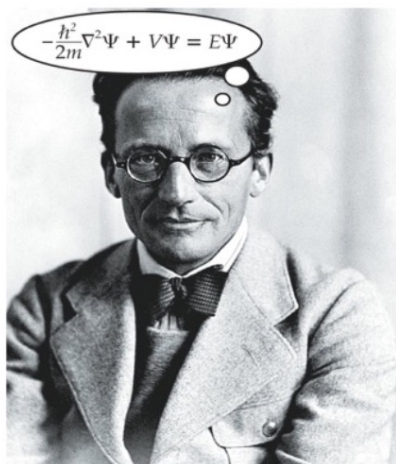
**Bohr, 1913**

• Applied to atom structure



## Electrons in Atoms

The electrons form a cloud around the nucleus, of radius of 0.05 – 2 nm.



Schrödinger

Bohr model looks like a mini planetary system. But quantum mechanics tells us that this analogy is not correct:

### Quantum mechanics

- ❑ Each electron can be explained using a standing wave equation (wavefunction) (Heisenberg and Schrödinger)
- ❑ Quantized frequency corresponds to quantized Energy (Debroglie, Plank, etc.)

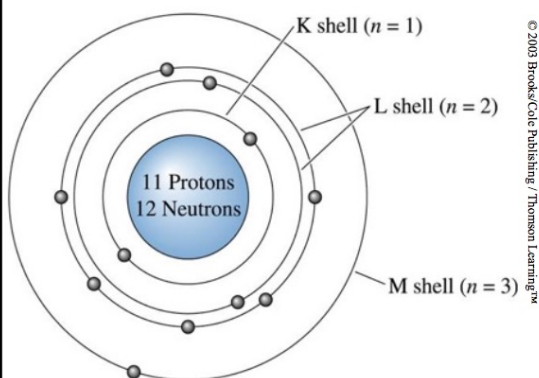
Integer values are critical to this description: **Quantum numbers.**

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## Electrons in Atoms



- ❑ **Quantum numbers** are the numbers that assign electrons in an atom to discrete energy levels
- ❑ Solving the wave equation gives a set of wave functions, or **orbitals**, and their corresponding energies.

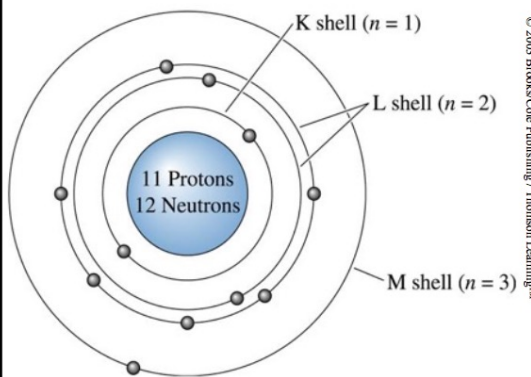
- ❑ Each orbital describes a distribution of electron density.
- ❑ An orbital is described by a set of **quantum numbers.**

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# Electrons in Atoms



## Principal Quantum Number, $n$

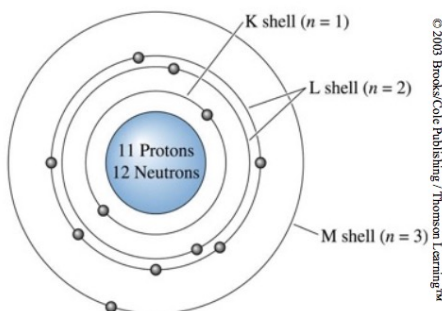
- The principal quantum number,  $n$ , describes the **energy level** on which the orbital resides.
- Largest E difference is between E levels
- The values of  $n$  are integers  $> 0$ .
- 1, 2, 3,... $n$ .

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# Electrons in Atoms



## Azimuthal Quantum Number, $l$

- Defines **shape** of the orbital.
- Allowed values of  $l$  are integers ranging from 0 to  $n - 1$ .

**Azimuthal Quantum Number,  $l = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$**

Value of $l$	0	1	2	3
Type of orbital	<i>s</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>f</i>

So each of these letters corresponds to a shape of orbital.

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# Electrons in Atoms

## Magnetic Quantum Number, $m_l$

- ❑ Describes the **three-dimensional orientation** of the orbital.
- ❑ Values are integers ranging from  $-l$  to  $l$ :  
$$-l \leq m_l \leq l.$$
- ❑ Therefore, on any given energy level, there can be up to:
- ❑ 1  $s$  ( $l=0$ ) orbital ( $m_l=0$ ),
- ❑ 3  $p$  ( $l=1$ ) orbitals, ( $m_l=-1,0,1$ )
- ❑ 5  $d$  ( $l=2$ ) orbitals, ( $m_l=-2,-1,0,1,2$ )
- ❑ 7  $f$  ( $l=3$ ) orbitals, ( $m_l=-3,-2,-1,0,1,2,3$ )

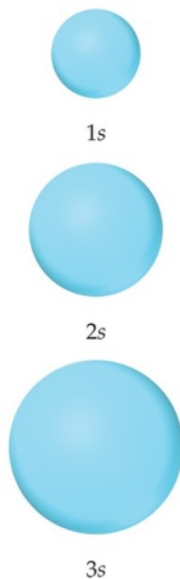
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# Electrons in Atoms

## s Orbitals



- ❑ Value of  $l = 0$ .
- ❑ Spherical in shape.
- ❑ Radius of sphere increases with increasing value of  $n$ .

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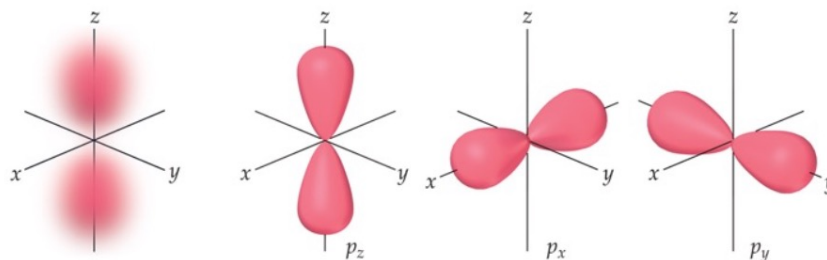
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## Electrons in Atoms

### *p* Orbitals

- Value of  $l = 1$ .
- Have two lobes with a **nodal plane** between them.



Note: always 3 *p* orbitals for a given *n*

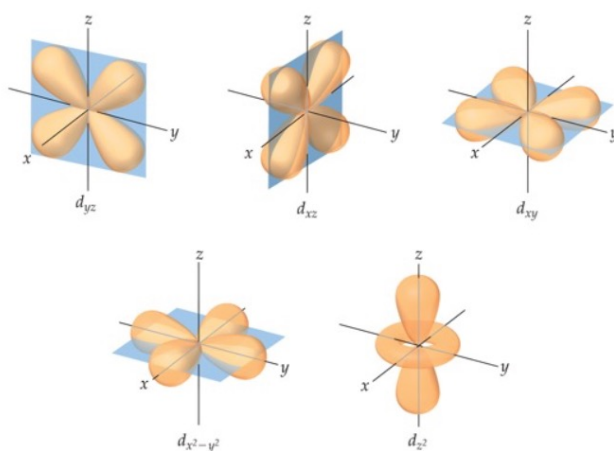
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## Electrons in Atoms

### *d* Orbitals



- Value of  $l$  is 2.
- 2 nodal planes
- Four of the five orbitals have 4 lobes; the other resembles a *p* orbital with a doughnut around the center.

Note: always 5 *d* orbitals for a given *n*.

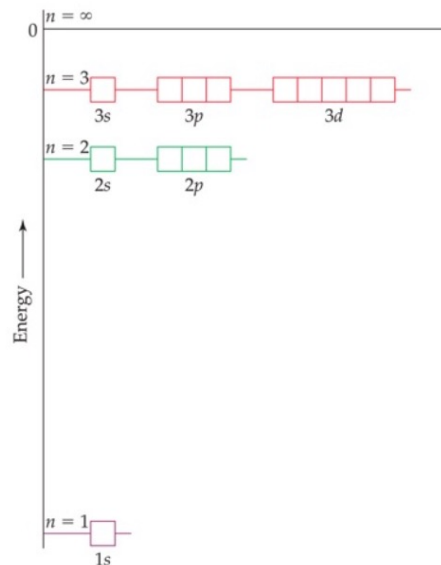
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# Energies of Orbitals

- For a one-electron hydrogen atom, orbitals on the same energy level have the same energy.
- That is, they are **degenerate**.

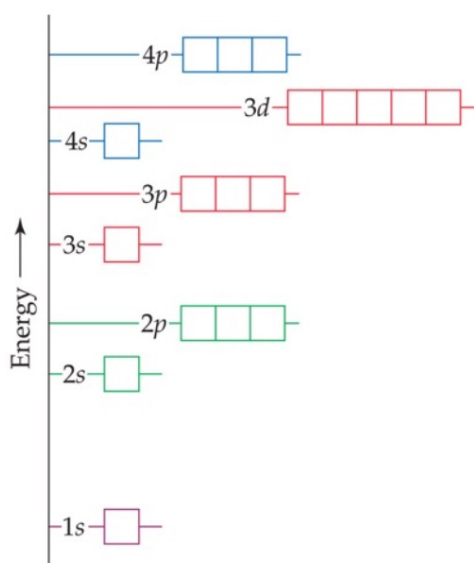


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# Energies of Orbitals



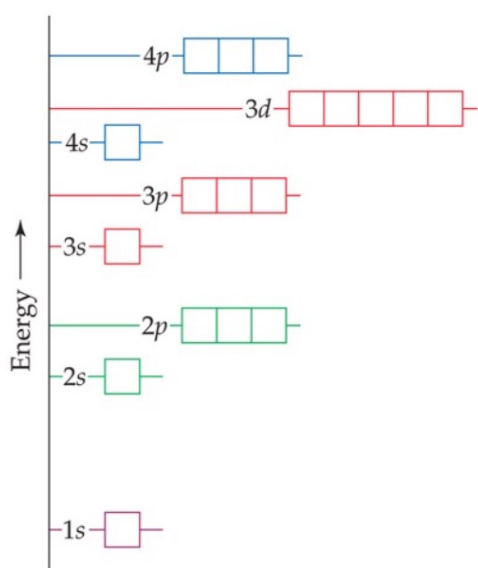
- As the number of electrons increases, though, so does the repulsion between them.
- Therefore, orbitals on the same energy level are no longer degenerate in many-electron atoms.

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# Energies of Orbitals



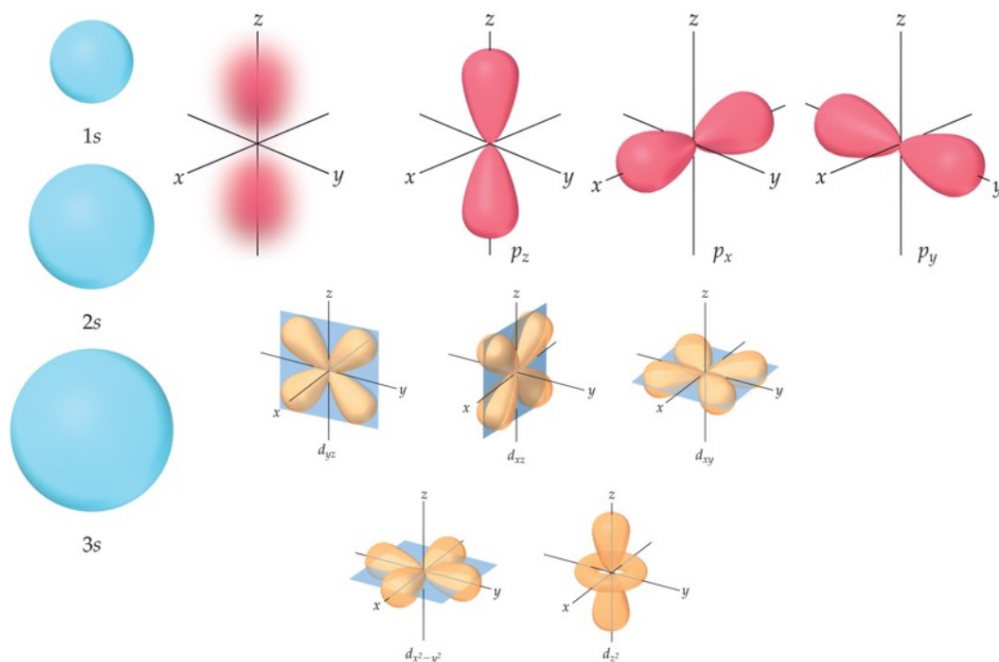
- ☐ For a given energy level (n):
- ☐ Energy:  $s < p < d < f$
- ☐ s lowest energy, where electrons go first
- ☐ Next p
- ☐ Then d

Why?

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**The closer to the nucleus, the lower the energy**

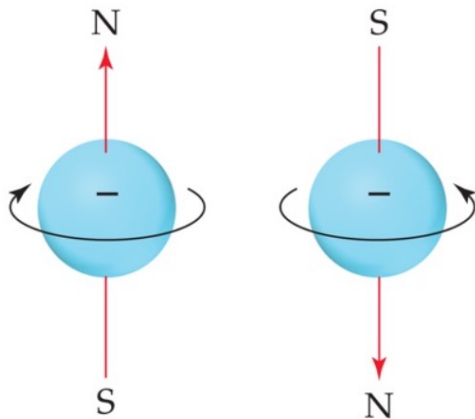
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# Electrons in Atoms

## Spin Quantum Number, $m_s$



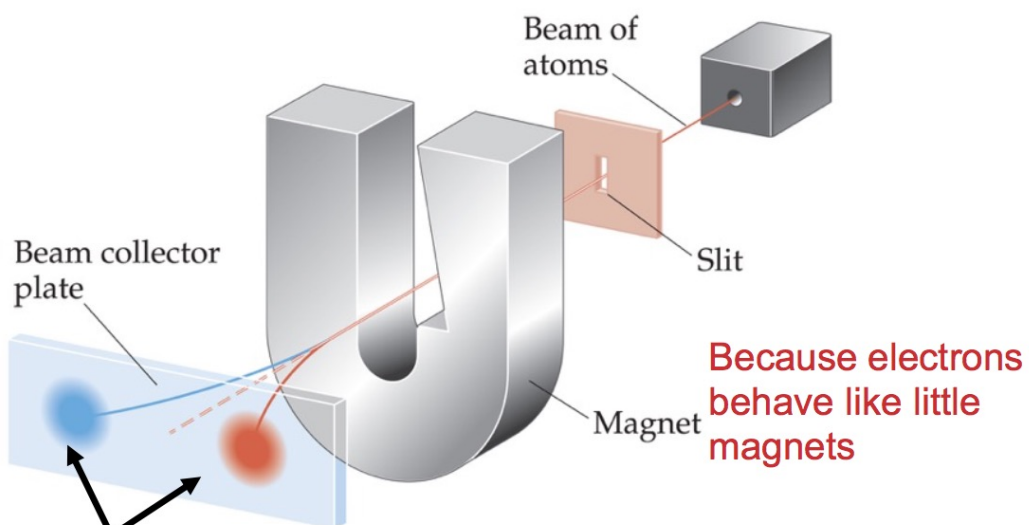
- This leads to a fourth quantum number, the spin quantum number  $m_s$ .
- The spin quantum number has only 2 values **+1/2 and -1/2**
- **Describes magnetic field vector of electron**

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## Why do we call it “spin”



**Note: apparently only two values for the magnetic field**

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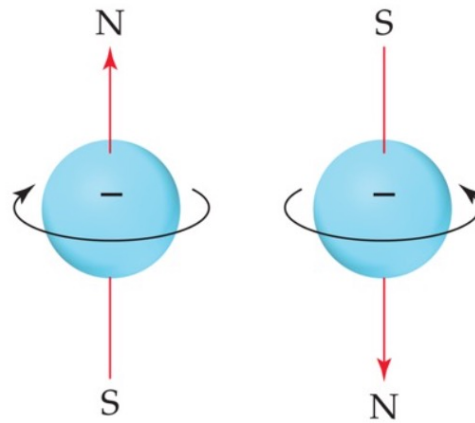


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## Why do we call it “spin”

- And charges that spin produce magnetic fields



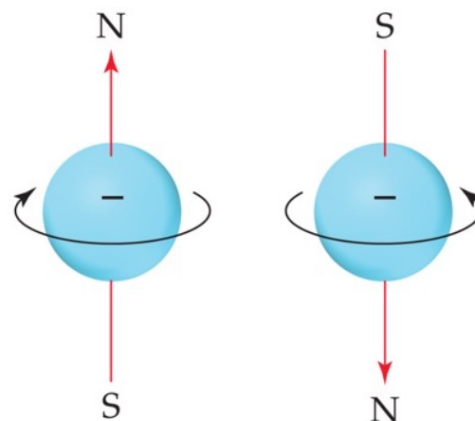
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## Pauli Exclusion Principle

- No two electrons can have exactly the same energy in the same atom.
- For example, no two electrons in the same atom can have identical sets of quantum numbers.



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Properties of Quantum Numbers				
Symbol	Name	Values	Role	
$n$	principal	1,2,3,.....	determines the energy (size)	
$\ell$	angular momentum	0,1,2,...n-1	contributes to angular dependence (shape) and to a lesser extent energy	
$m_\ell$	magnetic	0,±1,±2,...± $\ell$	determines the orientation in space	
$m_s$	spin	±1/2	describes the electron spin (magnetic moment)	
$\ell$	s	p	d	f

TABLE SHOWING PROPERTIES OF QUANTUM NUMBERS

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## Orbital Diagrams

- Each box represents one orbital.
- Half-arrows represent the electrons.
- The direction of the arrow represents the spin of the electron.

Li



1s

2s

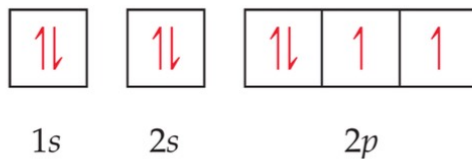


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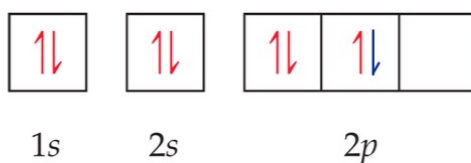
# Hund's Rule

(of maximum multiplicity)

"For degenerate orbitals, the lowest energy is attained when the number of electrons with the same spin is maximized."



NOT:



**Aufbau principle:**  
fill lowest energy  
orbital first

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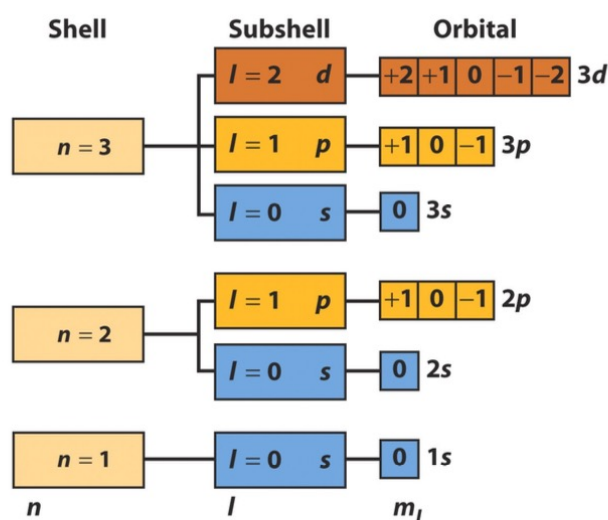
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## Electron configurations

**shell** = all orbitals with the same value of  $n$

**subshell** = all orbitals with the same value of  $n$  and  $l$

an **orbital** is fully defined by three quantum numbers,  $n$ ,  $l$ , and  $m_l$



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## Valence Electrons

- ☐ The electrons that occupy the highest energy level of an atom.
- ☐ Valence electrons play a key role in the chemical properties of an element.

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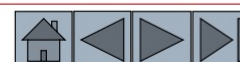
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## The Modern Periodic Table

- ☐ The Periodic Table is a listing of all the known elements.
- ☐ The elements are organized by:
  - Atomic number
  - Chemical Properties

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## Groups and Periods

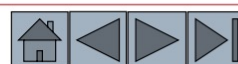
□ **Group**( or Family): a vertical column.  
Elements in groups have similar chemical properties.

■ There are 7 periods

□ **Period**: a horizontal row.

■ There are 18 numbered columns

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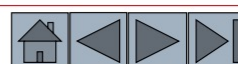
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## The Periodic Table

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Alkali metals	Alkaline-earth metals	Transition metals										B	C	N	O	Halogens	Noble gases
												Al	Si	P			
												Ge	As				
												In	Sb				
												Tl	Pb	Bi	Po		

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## Ionization energy (IE)

		Group						18/VIII	
		1	2	13/III	14/IV	15/V	16/VI	17/VII	
Period					<div>H 1310</div>				<div>He 2370</div>
	2	<div>Li 519</div>	<div>Be 900</div>	<div>B 799</div>	<div>C 1090</div>	<div>N 1400</div>	<div>O 1310</div>	<div>F 1680</div>	<div>Ne 2080</div>
	3	<div>Na 494</div>	<div>Mg 736</div>	<div>Al 577</div>	<div>Si 786</div>	<div>P 1011</div>	<div>S 1000</div>	<div>Cl 1255</div>	<div>Ar 1520</div>
	4	<div>K 418</div>	<div>Ca 590</div>	<div>Ga 577</div>	<div>Ge 784</div>	<div>As 947</div>	<div>Se 941</div>	<div>Br 1140</div>	<div>Kr 1350</div>
	5	<div>Rb 402</div>	<div>Sr 548</div>	<div>In 556</div>	<div>Sn 707</div>	<div>Sb 834</div>	<div>Te 870</div>	<div>I 1008</div>	<div>Xe 1170</div>
	6	<div>Cs 376</div>	<div>Ba 502</div>	<div>Tl 590</div>	<div>Pb 716</div>	<div>Bi 703</div>	<div>Po 812</div>	<div>At 1037</div>	<div>Rn 1036</div>

Ionization energy (kJ·mol<sup>-1</sup>)

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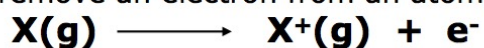
1501–2000

1001–1500

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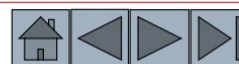
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The **ionization energy (IE)** of an atom is the minimum energy required to remove an electron from an atom.



Periodic trends ionization energies of the representative elements:

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## Electron affinity (EA)

		Group						18/VIII	
		1	2	13/III	14/IV	15/V	16/VI	17/VII	
Period	2	Li +60	Be ≤0	B +27	C +122	N -7	O +141 -844	F +328	Ne ≤0
	3	Na +53	Mg ≤0	Al +43	Si +134	P +72	S +200 -532	Cl +349	Ar ≤0
	4	K +48	Ca +2	Ga +29	Ge +116	As +78	Se +195	Br +325	Kr ≤0
	5	Rb +47	Sr +5	In +29	Sn +116	Sb +103	Te +190	I +295	Xe ≤0
	6	Cs +46	Ba +14	Tl +19	Pb +35	Bi +91	Po +174	At +270	Rn ≤0

Electron affinity  
(kJ·mol<sup>-1</sup>)

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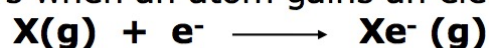
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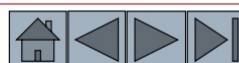
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The **electron affinity (EA)** of an atom is the energy change which occurs when an atom gains an electron.



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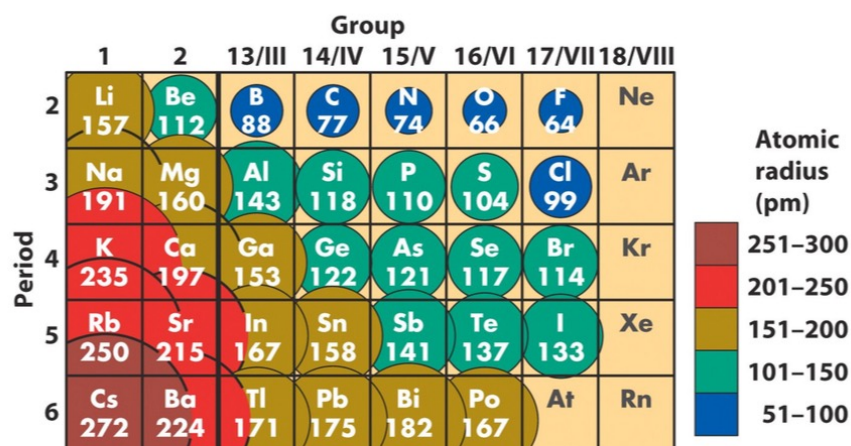


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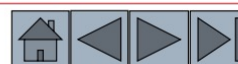
# Periodic properties of atomic radius

## General Rule:

The size of an atom decreases in a row the nuclear charge increases and the size of an atom increases in a column as the nuclear charge increases

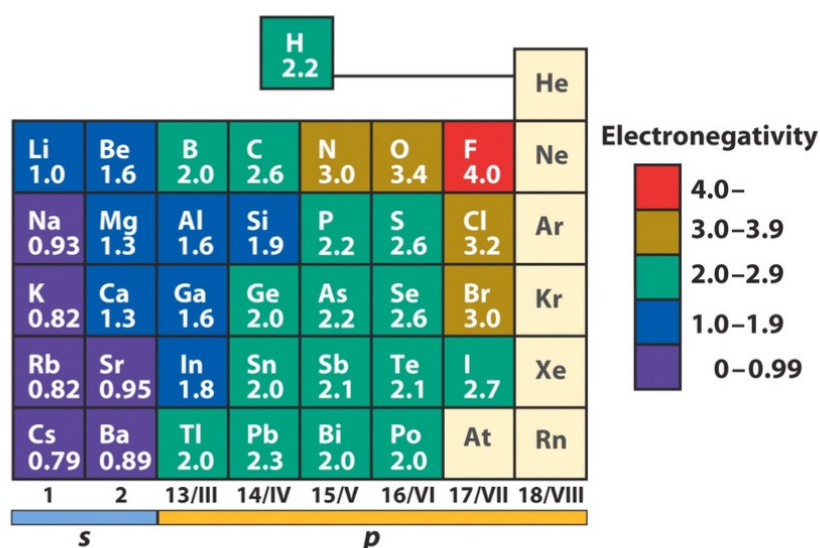


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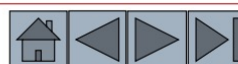
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## Electronegativity (EN)



A measure of the ability of an atom to attract electrons to itself in competition with other atoms

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# Atomic Bonding

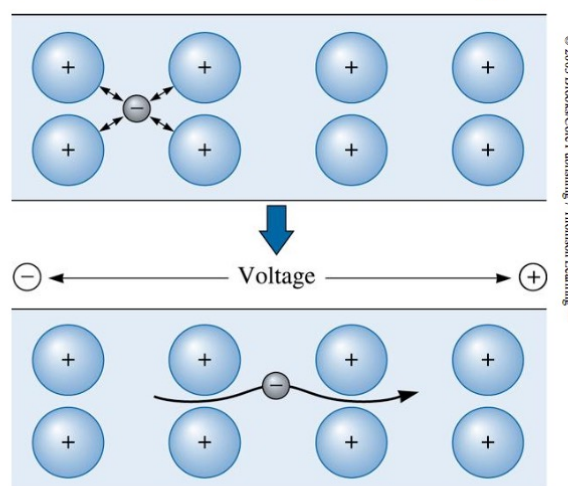
- Metallic bond,
- Covalent bond,
- Ionic bond,
- Intermolecular Forces
  - van der Waals Interaction
  - Dipole Dipole Interactions

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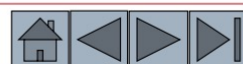
## Metallic Bonding



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When voltage is applied to a metal, the electrons in the electron sea can easily move and carry a current

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# Metallic Bonding

## Characteristics

Non-directional

High Electrical and thermal conductivity

Low specific heat

High melting and boiling point

Strength of bond proportional with numbers of free electron per atom

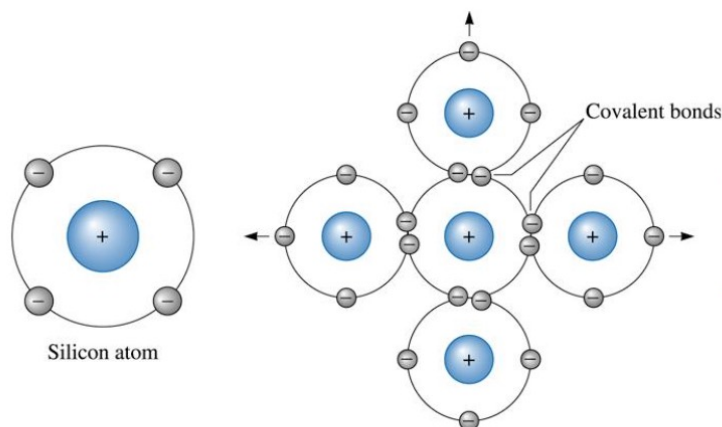
High Stiffness vs. bond energy

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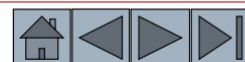
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# Covalent Bonding



Covalent bonding requires that electrons be shared between atoms in such a way that each atom has its outer  $sp$  orbital filled. In silicon, with a valence of four, four covalent bonds must be formed

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## Covalent Bonding

- Sharing valence electrons
- Covalent bonds are **directional**. In silicon, a tetrahedral structure is formed, with angles of  $109.5^\circ$  required between each covalent bond

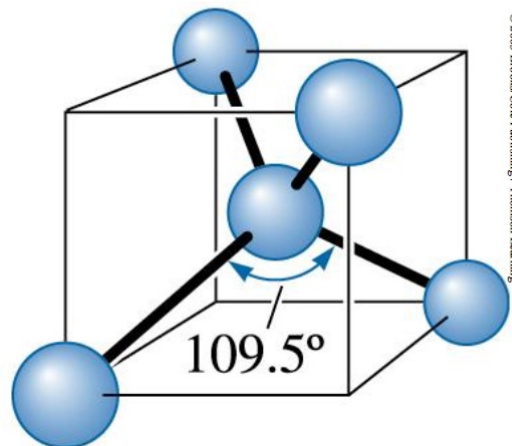


Figure 2.15 illustration of structure of Silicon ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )

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### Example 2.6 How Do Oxygen and Silicon Atoms Join to Form Silica?

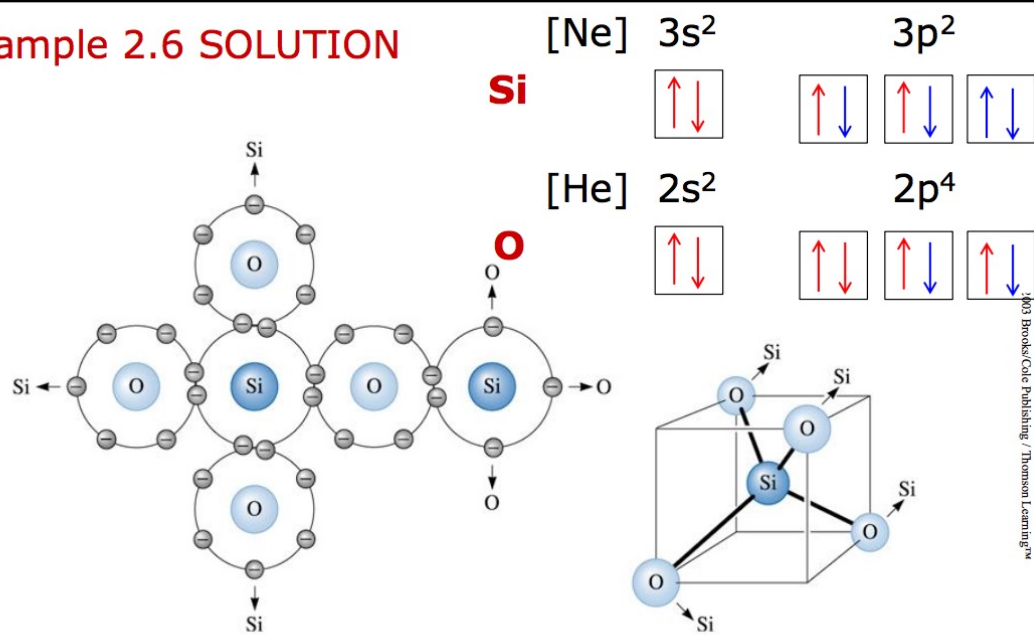
Assuming that silica ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) has 100% covalent bonding, describe how oxygen and silicon atoms in silica ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) are joined.

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## Example 2.6 SOLUTION



**Figure 2.16 The tetrahedral structure of silica ( $SiO_2$ ), which contains covalent bonds between silicon and oxygen atoms (for Example 2-6)**

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## Covalent Bonding

### Characteristics

Directional

Completely full valance band

Insulator

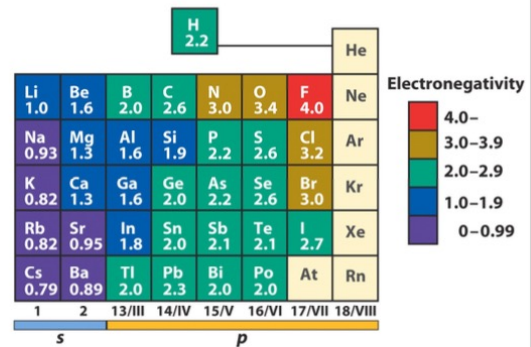
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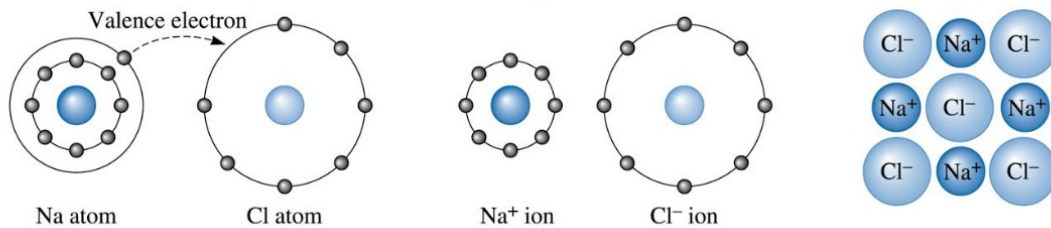
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# Ionic Bonding

- An ionic bond is created between two unlike atoms with **different electronegativities**.
- Give and Take valence electrons



When sodium donates its valence electron to chlorine, each becomes an ion; attraction occurs, and the ionic bond is formed



**Figure 2.18 Sodium chloride formation**

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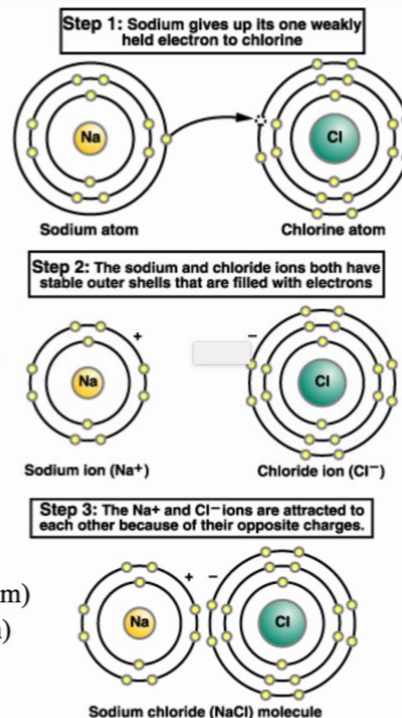
## Ionic Bonding

- Ion:** an atom or molecule that *gains* or *loses* electrons (acquires an electrical charge). Atoms form **cations** (+charge), when they lose electrons, or **anions** (-charge), when they gain electrons.
- Ionic bonds** are *strong bonds* formed when *oppositely charged ions are attracted to each other*.
- Ionic bonds are **non-directional** (ions may be attracted to one another in any direction)

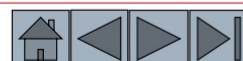
Example:

Atomic Radius: Na ( $r = 0.192\text{nm}$ ) Cl ( $r = 0.099\text{nm}$ )

Ionic Radius : Na ( $r = 0.095\text{nm}$ ) Cl ( $r = 0.181\text{nm}$ )



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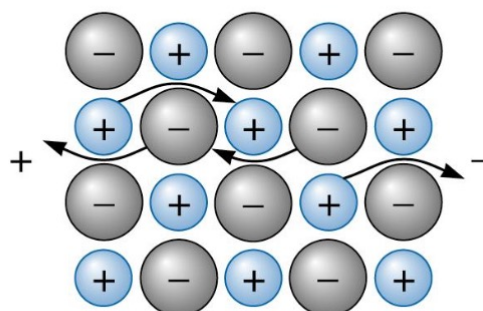
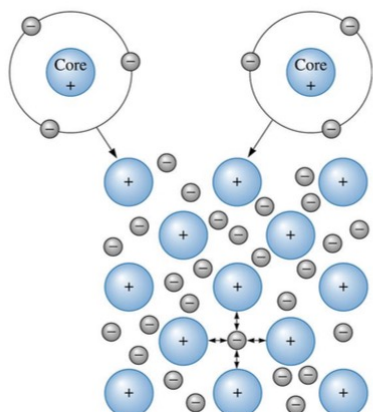


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## Electrical conductivity for Ionic Bonded materials

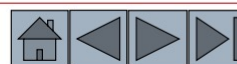
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When voltage is applied to an ionic material, entire ions must move to cause a current to flow. Ion movement is slow and the electrical conductivity is poor

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## Intermolecular Forces

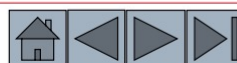
### □ van der Waals Interaction

- Keesom interactions
- Debye Force
- London Dispersion force

### □ Dipole Dipole Interactions

- Ion-dipole forces
- Ion-induced dipole forces
- Hydrogen bonds

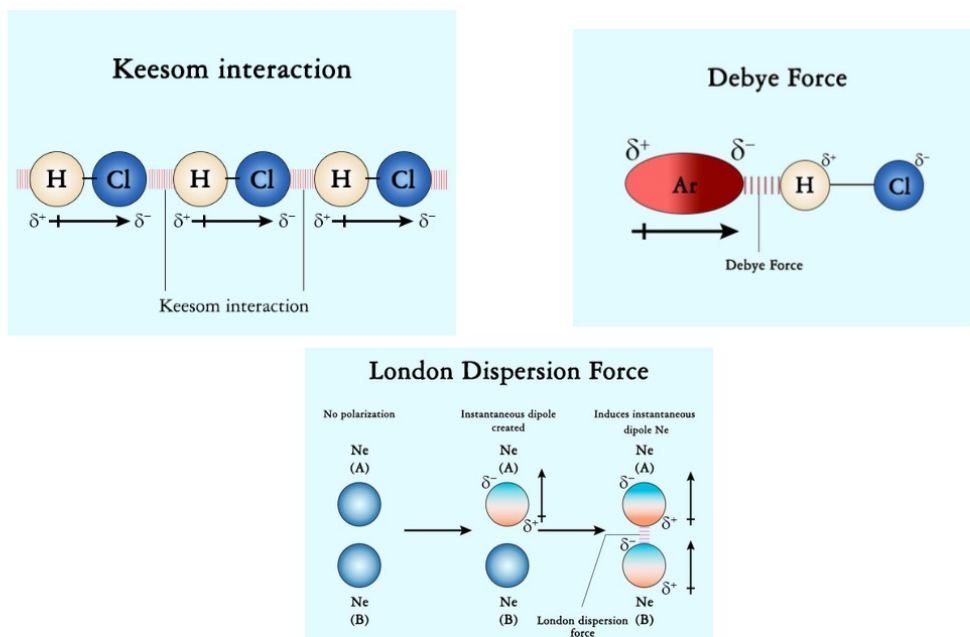
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# Van der Waals Interaction

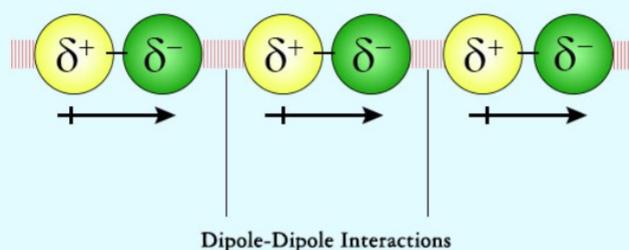


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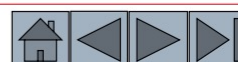
## Dipole-Dipole Interactions



These interactions are formed due to uneven distribution of electrons in a molecule. This gives rise to a partial positive ( $\delta^+$ ) and a partial negative ( $\delta^-$ ) charge in a molecule that, as a whole, is neutral. Polar molecules tend to orient themselves in such a way that the  $\delta^+$  part of the molecule is close to the  $\delta^-$  part of the molecule, such that there is minimum repulsion and maximum attraction between the molecules.

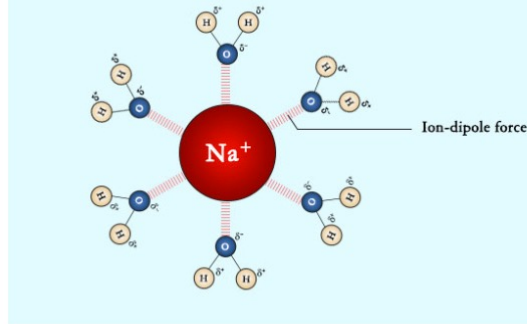
- ☐ Ion-dipole forces
- ☐ Ion-induced dipole forces
- ☐ Hydrogen bonds

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### Ion-dipole Force



The force of attraction between a polar molecule and an ion that may lie in its vicinity is called an ion-dipole force.

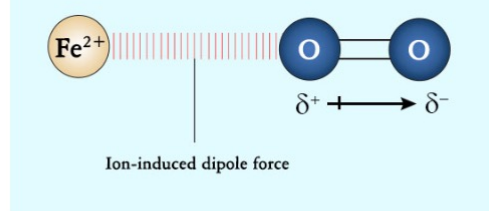
□ NaCl

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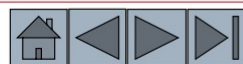
### Ion-induced Dipole



The force of attraction between a non-polar molecule and an ion that may lie in its vicinity is called ion-induced dipole force.

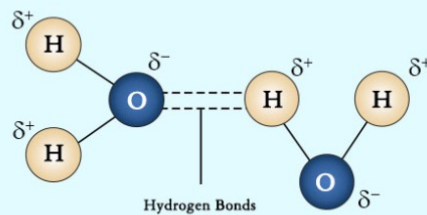
□ Hemoglobin in the blood cells

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## Hydrogen Bonding in Water



The force of attraction between the lone pair of electrons in an electronegative atom (atoms in a covalent bond that tend to pull the shared pair of electrons towards themselves) and a hydrogen atom that is covalently attached to either nitrogen, fluorine, or oxygen is called a hydrogen bond.

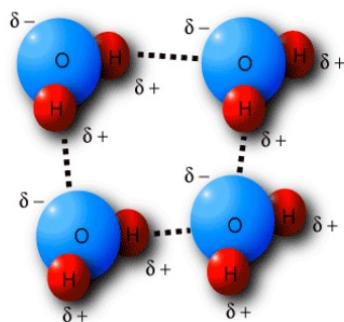
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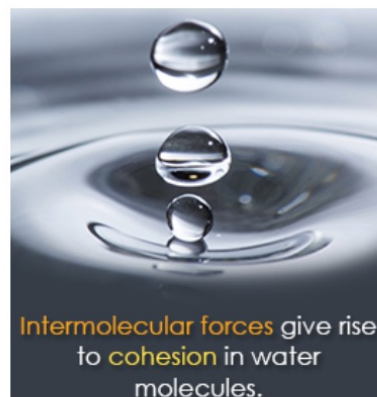
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## Keesom Interactions

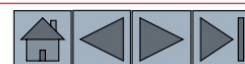
**The Keesom interactions are formed as a result of polarization of molecules or groups of atoms.**



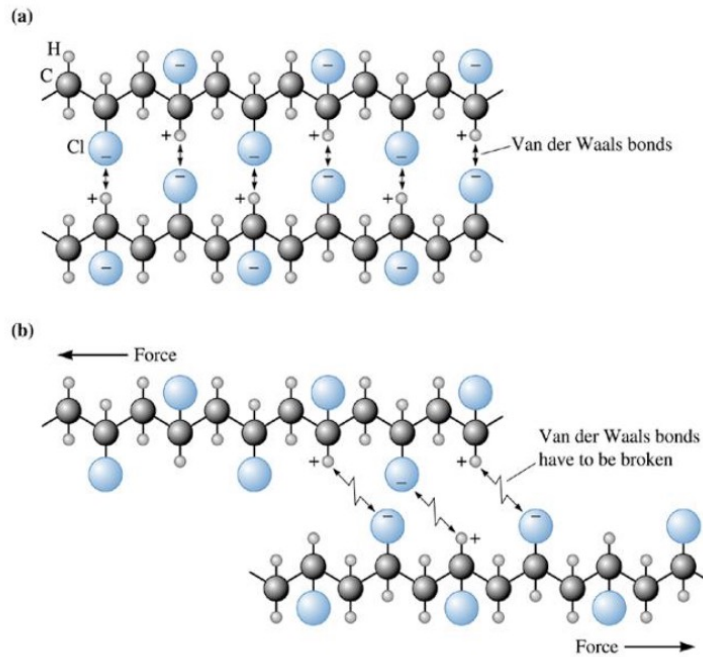
**In water, electrons in the oxygen tend to concentrate away from the hydrogen. The resulting charge difference permits the molecule to be weakly bonded to other water molecules**



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**Figure 2.22 (a) In polyvinyl chloride (PVC), the chlorine atoms attached to the polymer chain have a negative charge and the hydrogen atoms are positively charged. The chains are weakly bonded by van der Waals bonds. This additional bonding makes PVC stiffer, (b) When a force is applied to the polymer, the van der Waals bonds are broken and the chains slide past one another**

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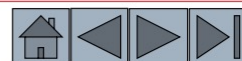


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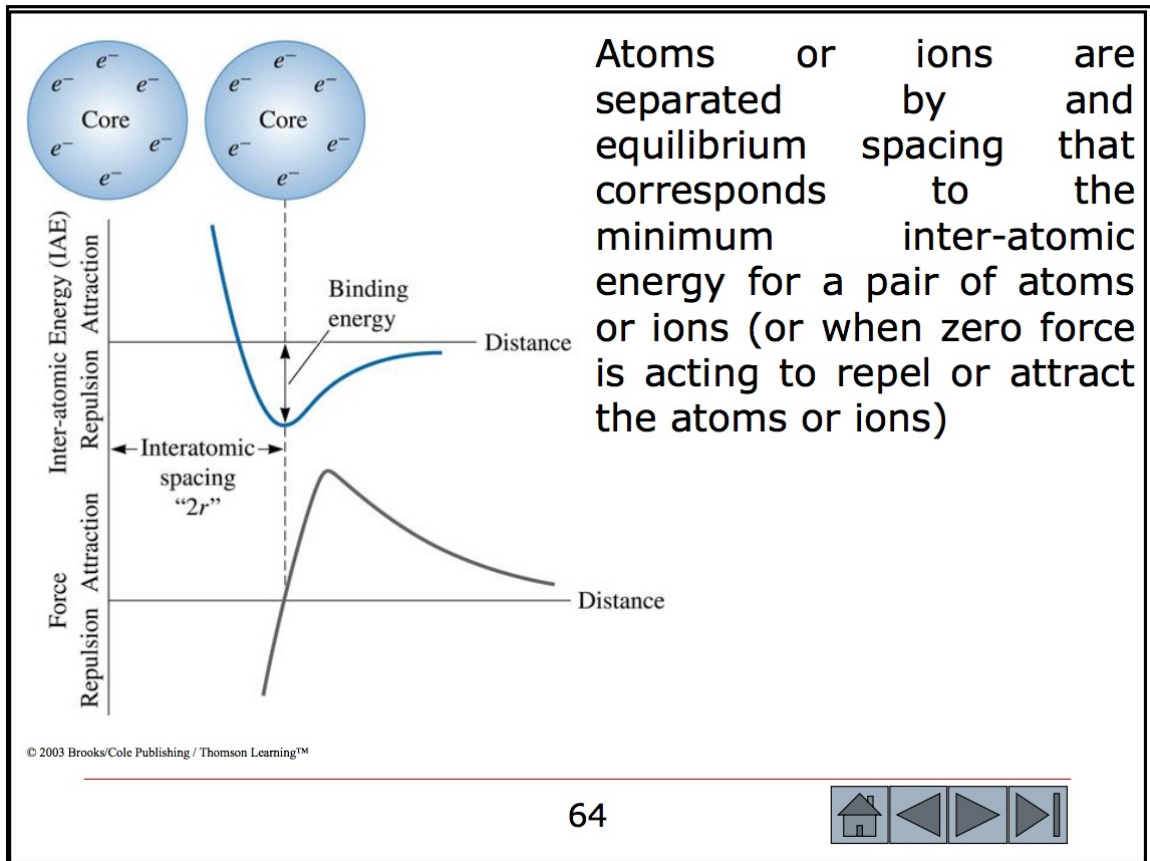
## Binding Energy and Interatomic Spacing

- **Interatomic spacing** is the equilibrium spacing between the centers of two atoms.
- **Binding energy** is the energy required to separate two atoms from their equilibrium spacing to an infinite distance apart.

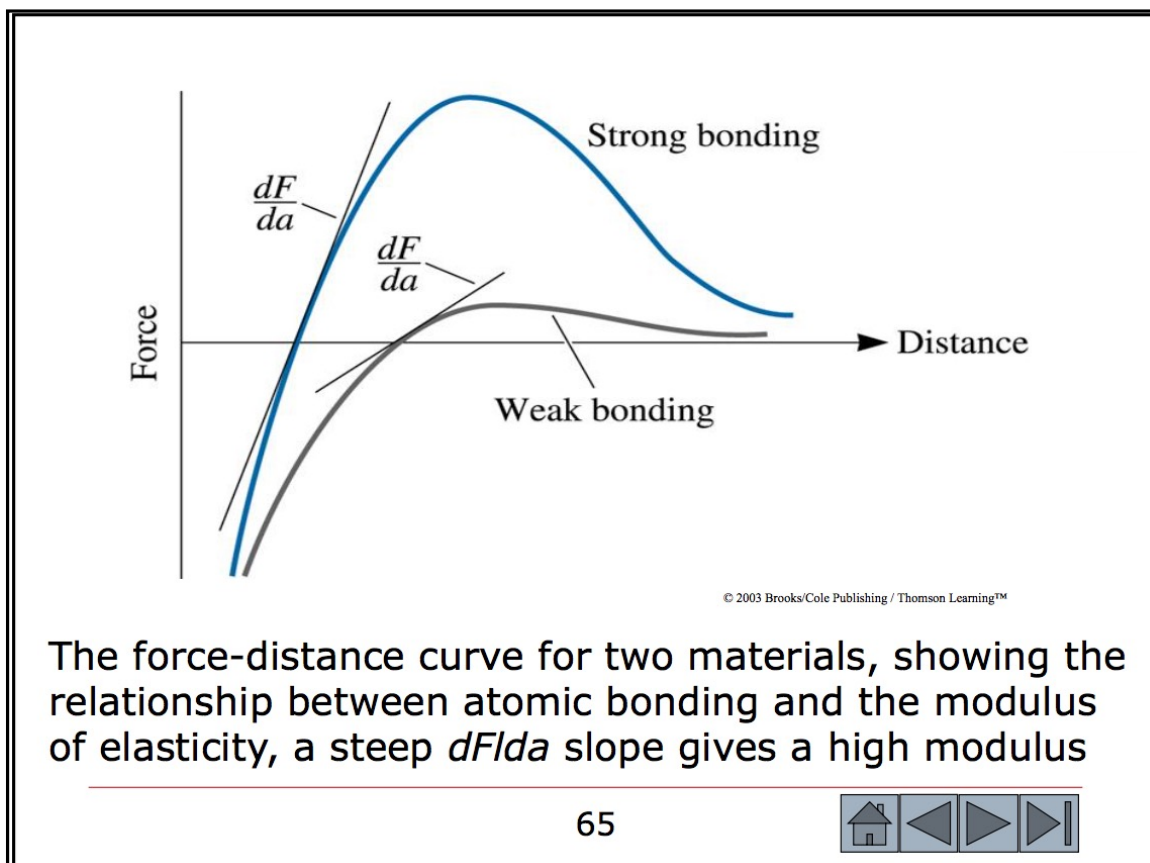
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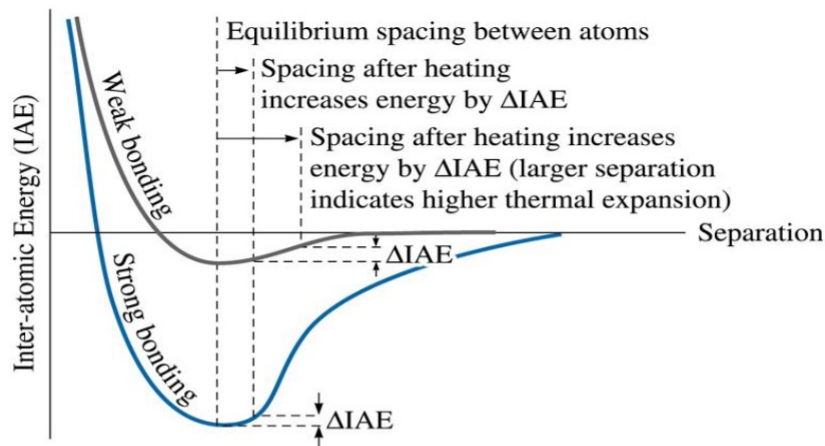


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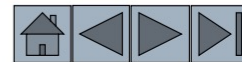




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- The inter-atomic energy (IAE)-separation curve for two atoms.
- \*Materials that display a steep curve with a deep trough have low linear coefficients of thermal expansion

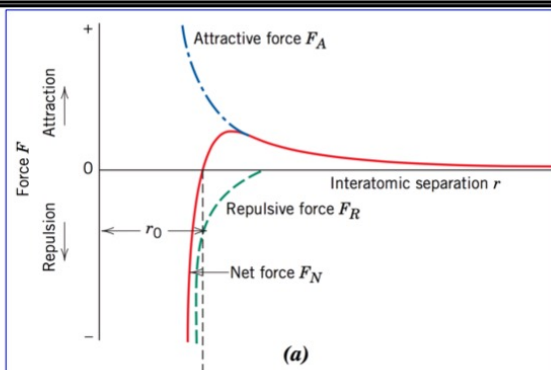
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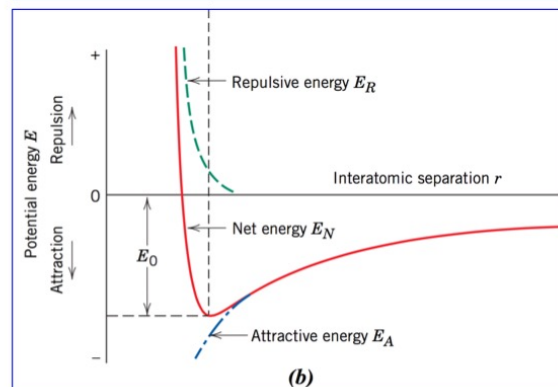
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$$F_N = F_A + F_R$$

(a) The dependence of repulsive, attractive, and **net forces** on interatomic separation for two isolated atoms.



(b) The dependence of repulsive, attractive, and **net potential energies** on interatomic separation for two isolated atoms.



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**TABLE 2-3 ■ Binding energies for the four bonding mechanisms**

Bond	Binding Energy (kcal/mol)
Ionic	150–370
Covalent	125–300
Metallic	25–200
Van der Waals	<10

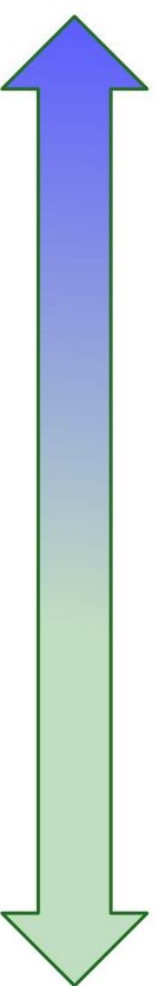
- **Modulus of elasticity** is the slope of the stress-strain curve in the elastic region (E).
- **Yield strength** is the level of stress above which a material begins to show permanent deformation.
- **Coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE)** is the amount by which a material changes its dimensions when the temperature changes.



Ionic Bonds

Polar Covalent Bonds

Covalent Bonds



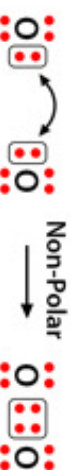
## 1. Ionic Bond

al atom loses electron(s) to nonmetal atom



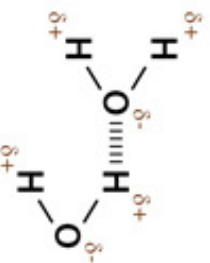
## 2. Covalent Bond

Two nonmetal atoms share electrons



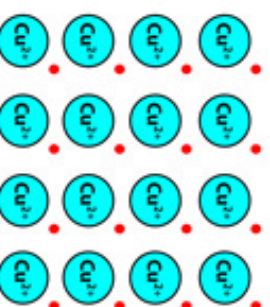
## 3. Hydrogen Bond

Hydrogen attracts an electronegative atom electrostatically

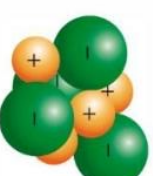


## 4. Metallic Bond

Positive metal ions attract conducting electrons



- Electrons transferred
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