

## Chapter 2. Atomic Structure and Interatomic Bonding

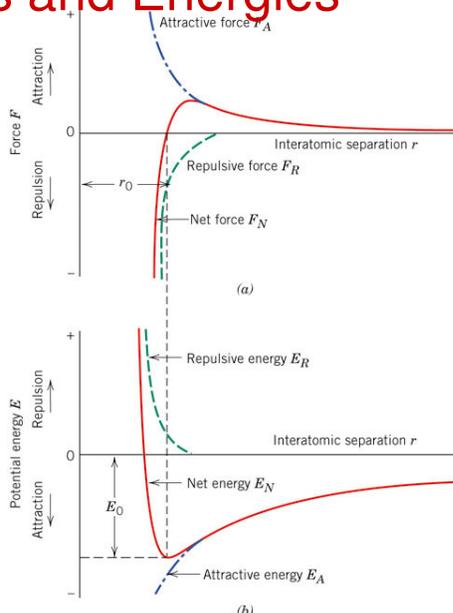
### Interatomic Bonding

- Bonding forces and energies
- Primary interatomic bonds
- Secondary bonding
- Molecules



## Bonding Forces and Energies

- Considering the interaction between two isolated atoms as they are brought into close proximity from an infinite separation.
- At larger distances, the interactions are negligible.
- As the atoms approach, each exerts forces on the other.
  - Attractive
  - Repulsive
- Ultimately, the outer electron shells of the two atoms begin to overlap, and a strong repulsive force comes into play.



## Bonding Models

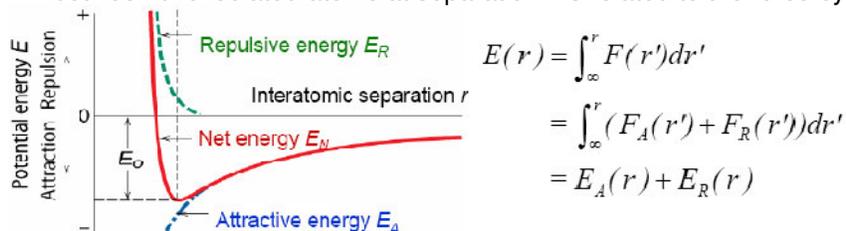
- Bonding holds atoms together to form solids materials
- In solids, atoms are held at preferred distances from each other (equilibrium distances)
- Distances larger or smaller than equilibrium distances are not preferred. Equilibrium spacing  $r_0$  is approximately 0.3nm
- Consequently, as atomic bonds are stretched, atoms tend to attract each other, and as the bonds are compressed, atoms repel each other.
- Simple bonding models assume that the total bonding results from the sum of two forces: an attractive force ( $F_A$ ) and a repulsive ( $F_R$ ).

$$\text{the net force } F_N = F_A + F_R$$

- The repulsive force dominates at small distances, and the attractive force dominates at larger distances. At equilibrium they are just equal.

## Bonding Forces and Energies

- It is convenient to work with energy than forces.
- Bonding energy (also called interaction energy or potential energy) between two isolated atoms at separation  $r$  is related to the force by



- The total energy has a minimum at the point of equilibrium separation. Bonding energy  $E_0$  corresponds to the energy at  $r_0$ —the energy that would be required to separate these two atoms to an infinite separation.
- Interpretation: holding one atom at the origin, a second atom would repel that atom at separation  $r < r_0$  and attract it when  $r_0 < r$ .

## Bonding energy between two atoms

- The interaction energy at equilibrium is called the bonding energy between the two atoms.
- To break the bond, this energy must be supplied from outside.
- Breaking the bond means that the two atoms become infinitely separated.
- In real materials, containing many atoms, bonding is studied by expressing the bonding energy of the entire materials in terms of the separation distances between all atoms, see later discussion.

## Bonding

### Primary bonding:

**Ionic** (transfer of valence electrons)

**Covalent** (sharing of valence electrons, directional)

**Metallic** (delocalization of valence electrons)

### Secondary or van der Waals Bonding:

(Common, but weaker than primary bonding)

**Dipole-dipole**

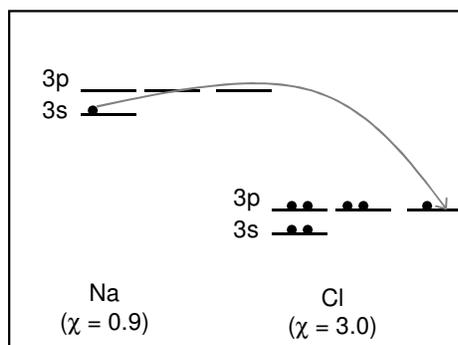
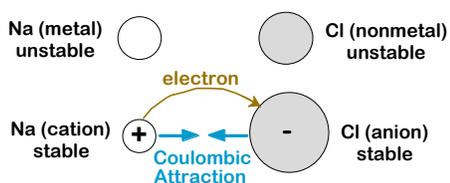
**H-bonds**

**Polar molecule-induced dipole**

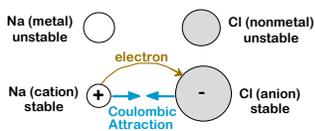
**Fluctuating dipole (weakest)**

## Ionic Bonding

- Occurs between + and - ions.
- Requires **electron transfer**.
- Large difference in electronegativity required.
- Example: NaCl
- Nondirectional



## Ionic Bonding



$$E_A = \frac{z_1 z_2 e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

Since  $z_1 = +1$  for  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $z_2 = -1$  for  $\text{Cl}^-$

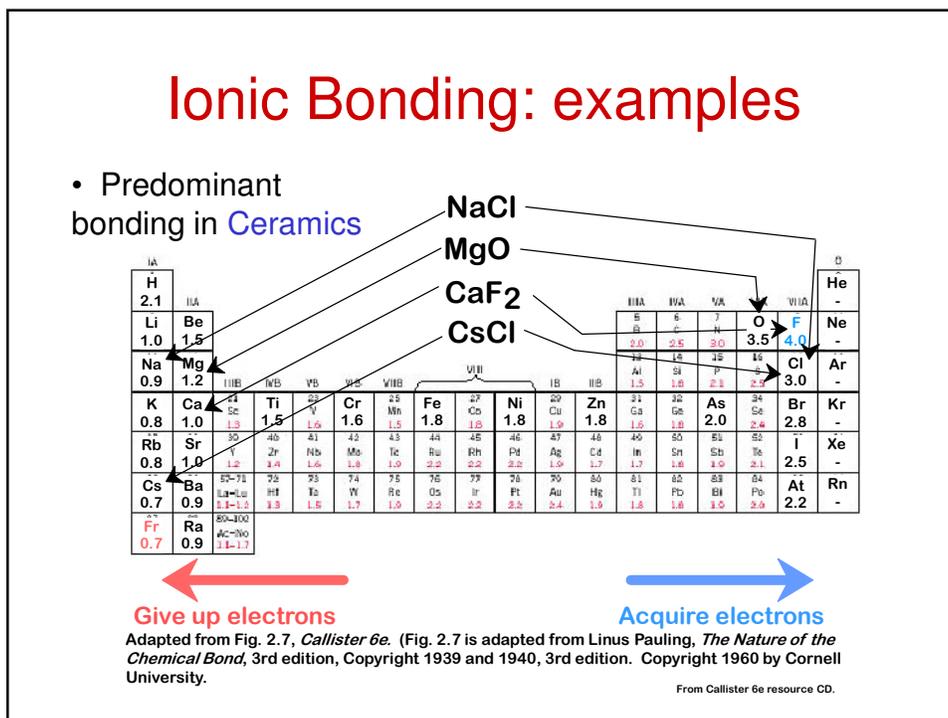
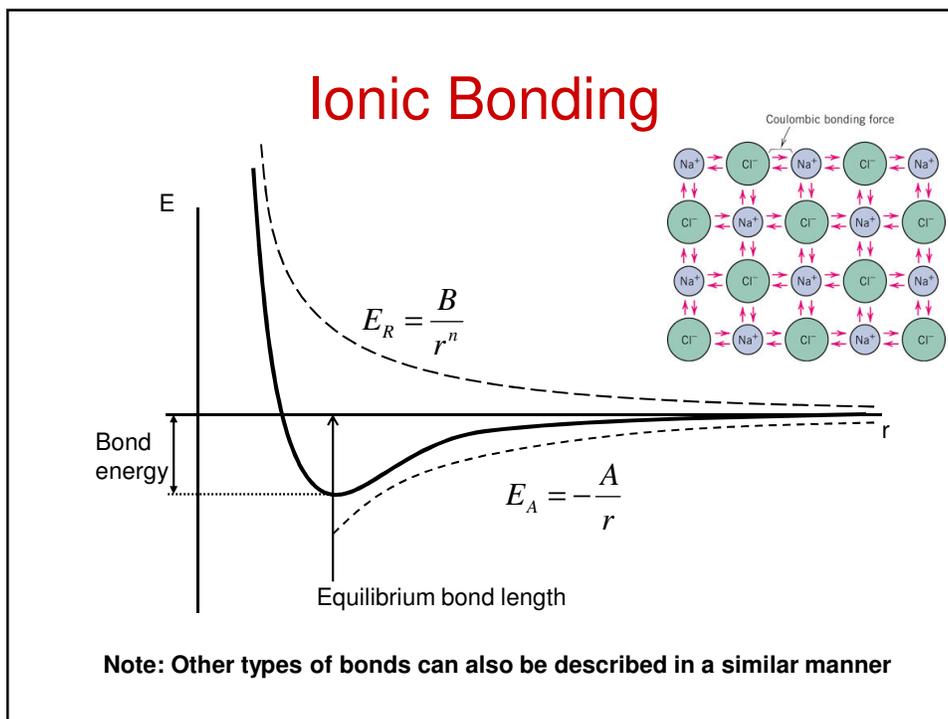
$$E_A = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} = -\frac{A}{r}$$

Negative energy means attraction only.  
Will the atoms collapse on themselves?

**No**, there is also repulsive energy (e.g. steric repulsion, e-e repulsion)

$$E_R = \frac{B}{r^n}$$

$B$  and  $n$  depend on atoms involved.  
In many cases  $n \sim 8$ .



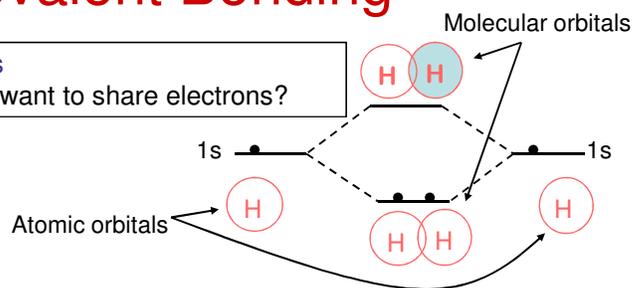
## Bonding Energies and Melting Temperatures for Various Substances

Bonding Type	Substance	Bonding Energy		Melting Temperature (°C)
		<i>kJ/mol</i>	<i>eV/Atom, Ion, Molecule</i>	
Ionic	NaCl	640	3.3	801
	MgO	1000	5.2	2800
Covalent	Si	450	4.7	1410
	C (diamond)	713	7.4	>3550
Metallic	Hg	68	0.7	-39
	Al	324	3.4	660
	Fe	406	4.2	1538
van der Waals	W	849	8.8	3410
	Ar	7.7	0.08	-189
	Cl <sub>2</sub>	31	0.32	-101
Hydrogen	NH <sub>3</sub>	35	0.36	-78
	H <sub>2</sub> O	51	0.52	0

## Covalent Bonding

- “Sharing” of electrons
- Why do some atoms want to share electrons?

- Example 1: H<sub>2</sub>

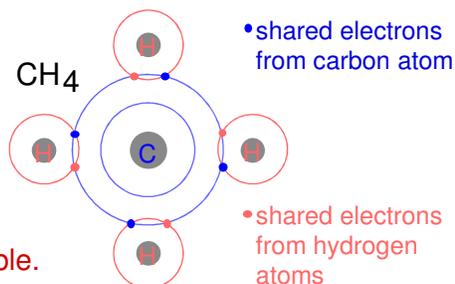


- Example 2: CH<sub>4</sub>

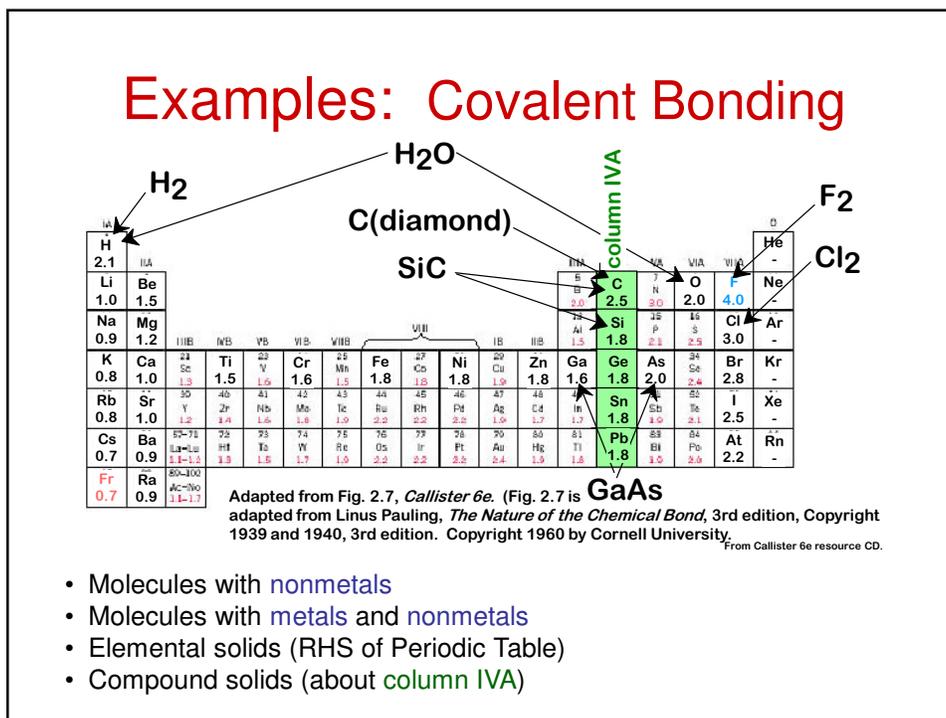
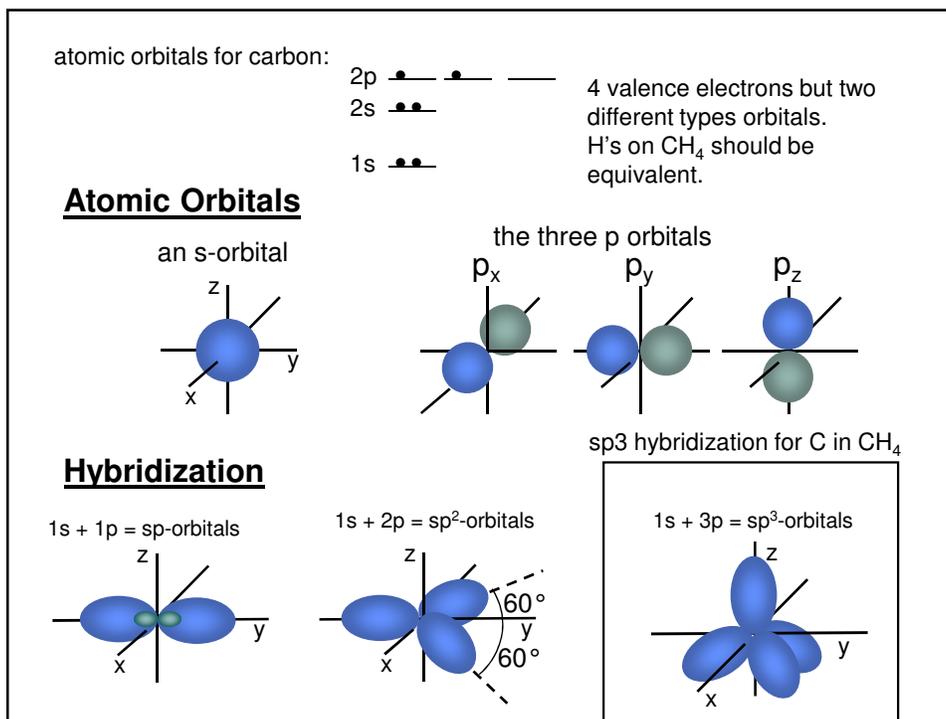
C: has 4 valence e,  
needs 4 more

H: has 1 valence e,  
needs 1 more

Electronegativities  
are same or comparable.



Adapted from Fig. 2.10, Callister 6e.



## % ionic character

- The covalent bond is directional.
- The number of covalent bonds that is possible for a particular atom is determined by the number of valence electrons.
- Most bonds between two different types of atoms are somewhere in between ionic and covalent. Very few compounds exhibit pure ionic or covalent bonding.
- % ionic character =  $\{1 - \exp[-0.25(\chi_A - \chi_B)^2]\} \times 100$

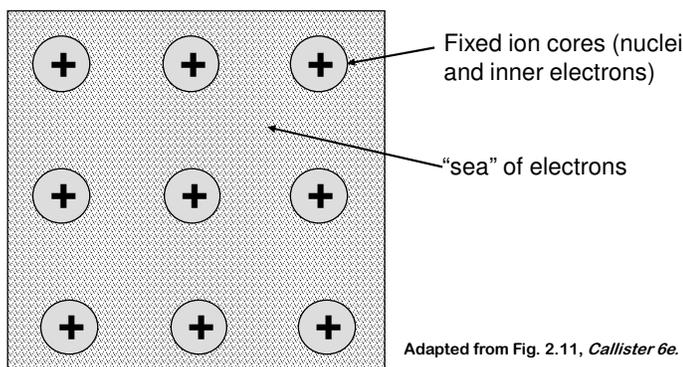
$\chi_j$  = electronegativity of atom  $j$

## Example problem

- Order the following semiconductors from most covalent to most ionic.
  - 1) ZnS, GaP, CuCl
  - 2) ZnS, ZnSe, ZnO

## Metallic Bonding

- Arises from a sea of **donated valence electrons**



- Primary bond for **metals** and their **alloys**.
- Large atomic radius and small IP will more likely lead to metallic bonding.

## Metallic Bonding

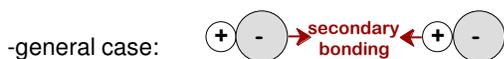
- **Valence** electrons are completely delocalized to form an electron cloud, in which positive ionic cores are embedded.
- The remaining nonvalence electrons and atomic nuclei form "ion cores", which possess a net positive charge equal in magnitude to the total valence electron charge per atom.
- The metallic bond is nondirectional.
- Metallic bonding is found in the periodic table for Group IA and IIA elements.
- Electron delocalization is the origin of good electrical and thermal conductivities in metals. (Ionically and covalently bonded materials are typically electrical and thermal insulators, due to the absence of large numbers of free electrons) .

## Secondary Bonds: Intermolecular Forces

- **Secondary, Van der Waals, or physical bonds** are weak in comparison to the primary bonds.
- Secondary bonding exists between virtually all atoms or molecules, but its presence may be obscured if any of the three primary bonding types is present.
- Secondary bonding forces arise from atomic or molecular **dipoles**. An electric dipole exists whenever there is some separation of positive and negative portions of an atom or molecule.
- Dipole interactions occur between induced dipoles, between induced dipoles and polar molecules (which have permanent dipoles), and between polar molecules.
- Hydrogen bonding, a special type of secondary bonding, is found to exist between some molecules that have hydrogen as one of the constituents.

## Secondary Bonds: Intermolecular Forces

- **Dipole-dipole interaction:** secondary bond between molecules with permanent dipole moments



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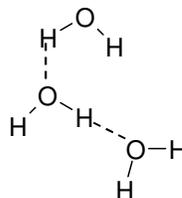


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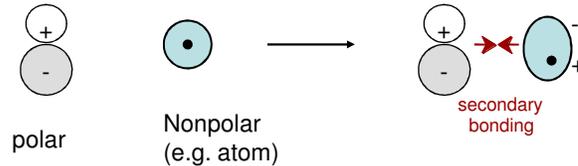
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- **Hydrogen bonding**



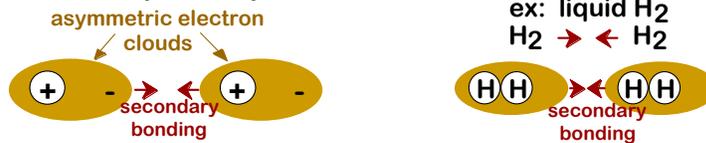
- **Polar molecule-induced dipole interaction:**

Polar molecules (with asymmetric arrangement of positively and negatively charged regions) can induce dipoles in adjacent nonpolar molecules



- **Fluctuating dipoles**

Constant vibrational motion can cause distortions of electrical symmetry



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## SUMMARY: BONDING

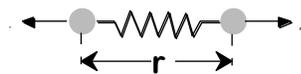
Type	Bond Energy	Comments
Ionic	Large!	Nondirectional ( <b>ceramics</b> )
Covalent	Variable large-Diamond small-Bismuth	Directional ( <b>semiconductors, ceramics</b> <b>polymer chains</b> )
Metallic	Variable large-Tungsten small-Mercury	Nondirectional ( <b>metals</b> )
Secondary	smallest	Directional inter-chain ( <b>polymer</b> ) inter-molecular

## Bonding and materials properties

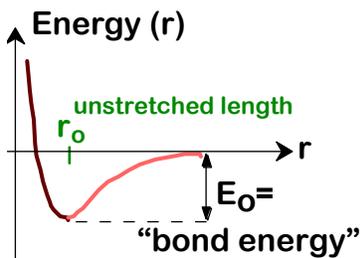
- Materials with large bonding energies usually have high melting temperatures.
- There is a correlation between the magnitude of the bonding energy and the state of materials
  - Solids have large bonding energies
  - Liquids tend to have relatively lower energies
- The expansion/contraction during heating/cooling of materials is related to the shape of its  $E(r)$  curve.
- A deep and narrow ‘trough,’ which typically occurs for materials having large bonding energies, usually imply a low coefficient of thermal expansion.

## PROPERTIES FROM BONDING: $T_M$

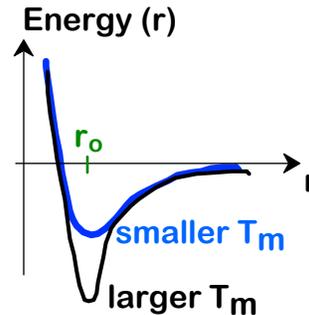
- **Bond length,  $r$**



- **Bond energy,  $E_0$**



- **Melting Temperature,  $T_M$**

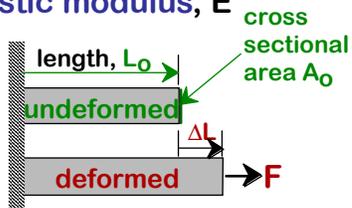


$T_M$  is larger if  $E_0$  is larger.

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## PROPERTIES FROM BONDING: E

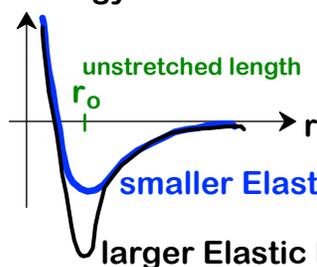
- Elastic modulus, E



Elastic modulus

$$\frac{F}{A_0} = E \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$$

- $E \sim$  curvature at  $r_0$   
Energy



E is larger if curvature at  $r_0$  is larger.

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## SUMMARY: BONDING and Materials' properties

### Ceramics

(Ionic & covalent bonding):

### Large bond energy

large  $T_m$   
large E  
small  $\alpha$

### Metals

(Metallic bonding):

### Variable bond energy

moderate  $T_m$   
moderate E  
moderate  $\alpha$

### Polymers

(Covalent & Secondary):



### Directional Properties

Secondary bonding dominates

small T  
small E  
large  $\alpha$

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