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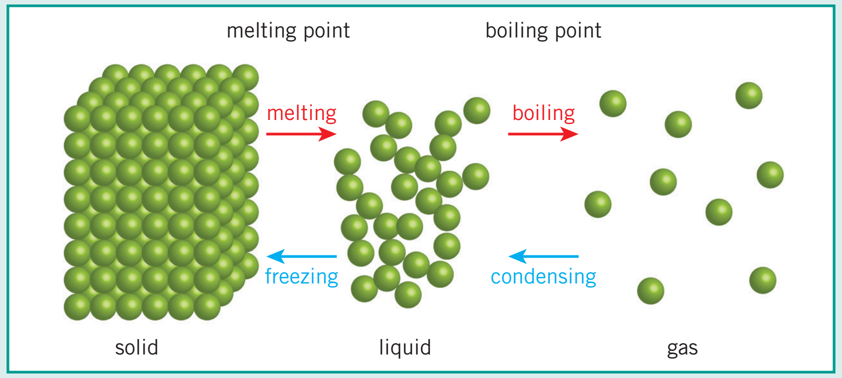
Particle model

The three states of matter can be represented in the particle model.



(HT only) This model assumes that:

- there are no forces between the particles
- that all particles in a substance are spherical
- that the spheres are solid.

The amount of energy needed to change the state of a substance depends on the forces between the particles. The stronger the forces between the particles, the higher the melting or boiling point of the substance.

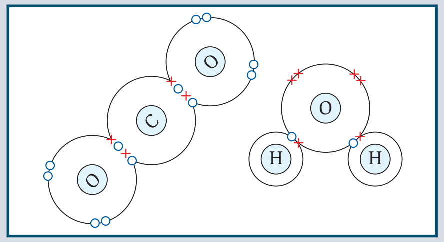
Covalent bonding

Atoms can share or transfer electrons to form strong chemical bonds.

A **covalent bond** is when electrons are *shared* between **non-metal** atoms.

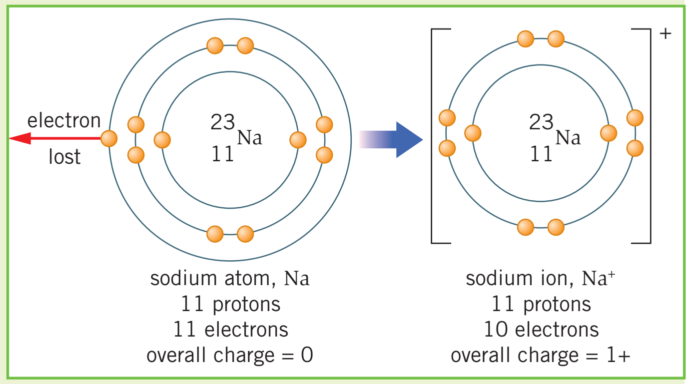
The number of electrons shared depends on how many extra electrons an atom needs to make a full outer shell.

If you include electrons that are shared between atoms, each atom has a full outer shell.
Single bond = each atom shares one pair of electrons.
Double bond = each atom shares two pairs of electrons.



Ions

Atoms can gain or lose electrons to give them a full outer shell. The number of protons is then different from the number of electrons. The resulting particle has a charge and is called an **ion**.



Conductivity

Solid ionic substances do not conduct electricity because the ions are fixed in position and not free to carry charge.

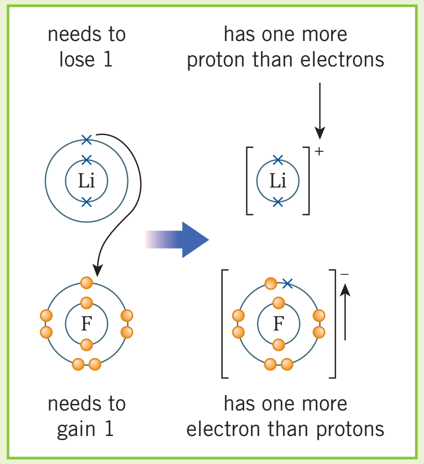
When melted or dissolved in water, ionic substances do conduct electricity because the ions are free to move and carry charge.

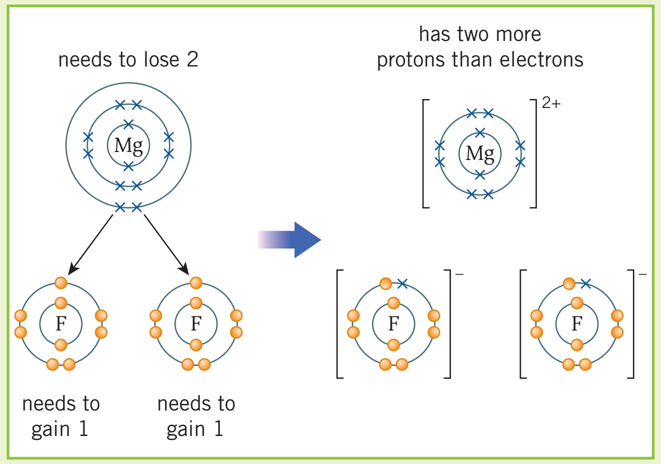
Melting points

Ionic substances have high melting points because the electrostatic force of attraction between oppositely charged ions is strong and so requires lots of energy to break.

Ionic bonding

When metal atoms react with non-metal atoms they **transfer** electrons to the non-metal atom.

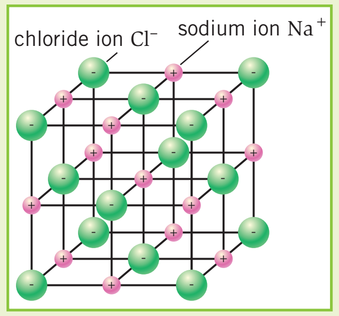




Metal atoms lose electrons to become positive ions. Non-metal atoms gain electrons to become negative ions.

Giant ionic lattice

When metal atoms transfer electrons to non-metal atoms you end up with positive and negative ions. These are attracted to each other by the strong **electrostatic force of attraction**. This is called ionic bonding.

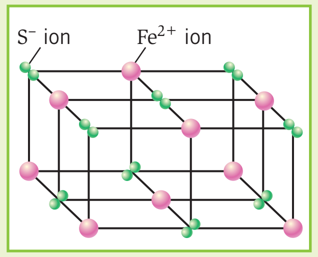


The electrostatic force of attraction works in all directions, so many billions of ions can be bonded together in a 3D structure.

Formulae

The formula of an ionic substance can be worked out

1. from its bonding diagram: for every one magnesium ion there are two fluoride ions – so the formula for magnesium fluoride is MgF_2
2. from a lattice diagram: there are nine Fe^{2+} ions and 18 S^- ions – simplifying this ratio gives a formula of FeS_2



Covalent structures

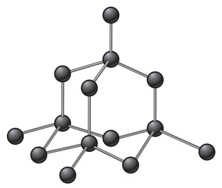
There are three main types of covalent structure:

Structure and bonding

Giant covalent

Many billions of atoms, each one with a strong covalent bond to a number of others.

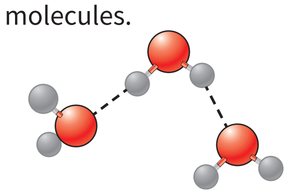
An example of a giant covalent structure is diamond.



Small molecules

Each molecule contains only a few atoms with strong covalent bonds between these atoms. Different molecules are held together by weak **intermolecular forces**.

For example, water is made of small molecules.



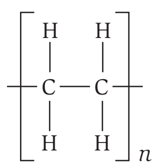
Large molecules

Many repeating units joined by covalent bonds to form a chain.

The small section is bonded to many identical sections to the left and right. The 'n' represents a large number.

Separate chains are held together by intermolecular forces that are stronger than in small molecules.

Polymers are examples of long molecules.



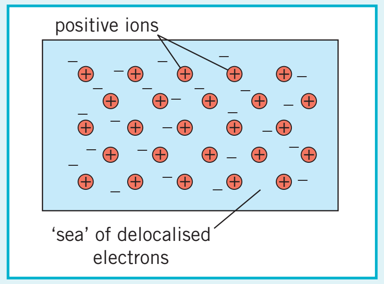
Metals: structure and properties

The atoms that make up metals form layers. The electrons in the outer shells of the atoms are **delocalised** – this means they are free to move through the whole structure.

The positive metal ions are then attracted to these delocalised electrons by the electrostatic force of attraction.

Some important properties of metals are:

- pure metals are **malleable** because the layers can slide over each other
- they are good **conductors** of electricity and of thermal energy because delocalised electrons are free to move through the whole structure
- they have high melting and boiling points because the electrostatic force of attraction between metal ions and delocalised electrons is strong so lots of energy is needed to break it.



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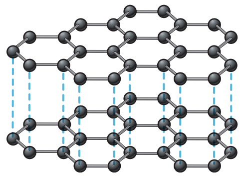
Properties			
Properties	High melting and boiling points because the strong covalent bonds between the atoms must be broken to melt or boil the substances. This requires a lot of energy. Solid at room temperature.	Low melting and boiling points because only the intermolecular forces need to be overcome to melt or boil the substances, not the bonds between the atoms. This does not require a lot of energy as the intermolecular forces are weak. Normally gaseous or liquid at room temperature.	Melting and boiling points are low compared to giant covalent substances but higher than for small molecules. Large molecules have stronger intermolecular forces than small molecules, which require more energy to overcome. Normally solid at room temperature.

Most covalent structures do not conduct electricity because they do not have **delocalised electrons** or ions that are free to move to carry charge.

Graphite

Graphite is a giant covalent structure, but is different to other giant covalent substances.

Structure



Made only of carbon – each carbon atom bonds to three others, and forms hexagonal rings in layers. Each carbon atom has one spare electron, which is delocalised and therefore free to move around the structure.

Hardness

The layers can slide over each other because they are not covalently bonded. Graphite is therefore softer than diamond, even though both are made only of carbon, as each atom in diamond has four strong covalent bonds.

Conductivity

The delocalised electrons are free to move through graphite, so can carry charges and allow an electrical current to flow. Graphite is therefore a conductor of electricity.

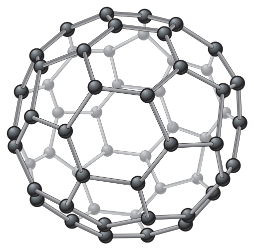
Graphene

Graphene consists of only a single layer of graphite. Its strong covalent bonds make it a strong material that can also conduct electricity. It could be used in composites and high-tech electronics.

Fullerenes

- hollow cages of carbon atoms bonded together in one molecule
- can be arranged as a sphere or a tube (called a **nanotube**)
- molecules held together by weak intermolecular forces, so can slide over each other
- conduct electricity

Spheres

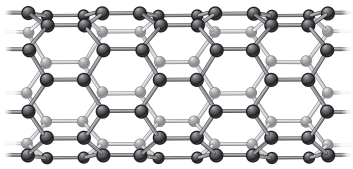


Buckminsterfullerene was the first fullerene to be discovered, and has 60 carbon atoms.

Other fullerenes exist with different numbers of carbon atoms arranged in rings that form hollow shapes.

Fullerenes like this can be used as lubricants and in drug delivery.

Nanotubes

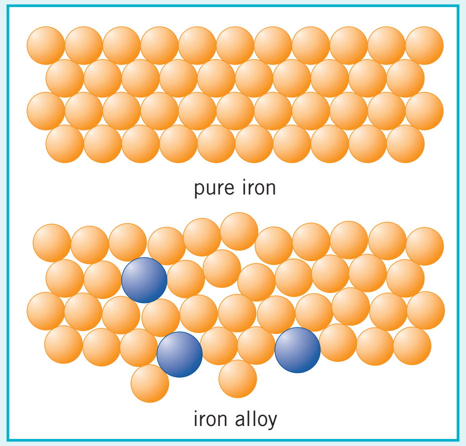


The carbon atoms in nanotubes are arranged in cylindrical tubes.
Their high **tensile strength** (they are difficult to break when pulled) makes them useful in electronics.

Alloys

Pure metals are often too soft to use as they are. Adding atoms of a different element can make the resulting mixture harder because the new atoms will be a different size to the pure metal's atoms. This will disturb the regular arrangement of the layers, preventing them from sliding over each other.

The harder mixture is called an **alloy**.



Measuring particles

We use different units and scales to measure the size of particles.

Particle	Particulate matter	Size	Standard form	Full form
grain of sand	N/A	0.1 mm	1×10^{-4} m	0.0001 m
coarse particles (e.g., dust)	PM_{10}	10 μm	1×10^{-5} m	0.00001 m
fine particles	$PM_{2.5}$	100 nm	1×10^{-7} m	0.0000001 m
nanoparticles	< $PM_{2.5}$	1 to 100 nm	1×10^{-9} to 1×10^{-7} m	0.000000001 m to 0.0000001 m

PM stands for **particulate matter** and is another way of measuring very small particles.

Uses of nanoparticles

Nanoparticles often have very different properties to bulk materials of the same substance, caused by their high surface area-to-volume-ratio.

Nanoparticles have many uses and are an important area of research. They are used in healthcare, electronics, cosmetics, and as catalysts.

However, nanoparticles have the potential to be hazardous to health and to ecosystems, so it is important that they are researched further.

Key terms **Make sure you can write a definition for these key terms.**

conductivity conductor delocalised electron electrostatic force of attraction ion lattice layer malleable nanoparticle particulate matter surface area to volume ratio transfer

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Retrieval questions

Learn the answers to the questions below then cover the answers column with a piece of paper and write as many as you can. Check and repeat.

	C3 questions	Answers
1	How are covalent bonds formed?	by atoms sharing electrons
2	Which type of atoms form covalent bonds between them?	non-metals
3	Describe the structure and bonding of a giant covalent substance.	billions of atoms bonded together by strong covalent bonds
4	Describe the structure and bonding of small molecules.	small numbers of atoms group together into molecules with strong covalent bonds between the atoms and weak intermolecular forces between the molecules
5	Describe the structure and bonding of polymers.	many identical molecules joined together by strong covalent bonds in a long chain, with weak intermolecular forces between the chains
6	Why do giant covalent substances have high melting points?	it takes a lot of energy to break the strong covalent bonds between the atoms
7	Why do small molecules have low melting points?	only a small amount of energy is needed to break the weak intermolecular forces
8	Why do large molecules have higher melting and boiling points than small molecules?	the intermolecular forces are stronger in large molecules
9	Why do most covalent substances not conduct electricity?	do not have delocalised electrons or ions
10	Describe the structure and bonding in graphite.	each carbon atom is bonded to three others in hexagonal rings arranged in layers – it has delocalised electrons and weak forces between the layers
11	Why can graphite conduct electricity?	the delocalised electrons can move through the graphite
12	Explain why graphite is soft.	layers are not bonded so can slide over each other
13	What is graphene?	one layer of graphite
14	Give two properties of graphene.	strong, conducts electricity
15	What is a fullerene?	hollow cage of carbon atoms arranged as a sphere or a tube
16	What is a nanotube?	hollow cylinder of carbon atoms
17	Give two properties of nanotubes.	high tensile strength, conduct electricity
18	Give three uses of fullerenes.	lubricants, drug delivery (spheres), high-tech electronics
19	What is an ion?	atom that has lost or gained electrons
20	Which kinds of elements form ionic bonds?	metals and non-metals
21	What charges do ions from Groups 1 and 2 form?	Group 1 forms 1+, Group 2 forms 2+
22	What charges do ions from Groups 6 and 7 form?	Group 6 forms 2–, Group 7 forms 1–
23	Name the force that holds oppositely charged ions together.	electrostatic force of attraction
24	Describe the structure of a giant ionic lattice.	regular structure of alternating positive and negative ions, held together by the electrostatic force of attraction
25	Why do ionic substances have high melting points?	electrostatic force of attraction between positive and negative ions is strong and requires lots of energy to break
26	Why don't ionic substances conduct electricity when solid?	ions are fixed in position so cannot move, and there are no delocalised electrons
27	When can ionic substances conduct electricity?	when melted or dissolved
28	Why do ionic substances conduct electricity when melted or dissolved?	ions are free to move and carry charge
29	Describe the structure of a pure metal.	layers of positive metal ions surrounded by delocalised electrons
30	Describe the bonding in a pure metal.	strong electrostatic forces of attraction between metal ions and delocalised electrons
31	What are four properties of pure metals?	malleable, high melting/boiling points, good conductors of electricity, good conductors of thermal energy
32	Explain why pure metals are malleable.	layers can slide over each other easily
33	Explain why metals have high melting and boiling points.	electrostatic force of attraction between positive metal ions and delocalised electrons is strong and requires a lot of energy to break
34	Why are metals good conductors of electricity and of thermal energy?	delocalised electrons are free to move through the metal
35	What is an alloy?	mixture of a metal with atoms of another element
36	Explain why alloys are harder than pure metals.	different sized atoms disturb the layers, preventing them from sliding over each other
37	How big are nanoparticles?	1–100 nm
38	How are nanomaterials different from bulk materials?	nanomaterials have a much higher surface area-to-volume ratio
39	What is the relationship between side length and surface area-to-volume ratio?	as side length decreases by a factor of ten, the surface-area-to-volume ratio increases by a factor of ten
40	What are nanoparticles used for?	used in healthcare, electronics, cosmetics, and catalysts

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