

# INTERMOLECULAR FORCES

## CHEMICAL BONDS

Recall that there are three fundamental types of bonding.

- 1) Ionic bonding
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ bonding
- 3) Metallic bonding

Because ionic and covalent bonding uses electrostatic attractions between areas of full charge, the resulting force of attraction is \_\_\_\_\_.

## INTERMOLECULAR FORCES

Intermolecular forces are a secondary method of holding a structure together. As the name implies, these are forces that exist \_\_\_\_\_ molecules. Bonds exist \_\_\_\_\_ molecules.

Some elements, such as the \_\_\_\_\_ Gases, exist with intermolecular forces and no bonding at all. Intermolecular forces exist in three different levels of strength. The three intermolecular forces (from strongest to weakest) are hydrogen bonding, dipole-dipole forces and \_\_\_\_\_ dispersion forces.

## INTERMOLECULAR FORCES and POLAR MOLECULES

Polar molecules will have a partially positive side and a partially negative side, or a \_\_\_\_\_. The partial positive on one molecule will be attracted to the partial negative on a second molecule. This attraction is an intermolecular force.

Because the molecules are polar, the force is either a dipole-dipole attraction or a \_\_\_\_\_ bond. Because these attractions are between areas of partial charge, they will produce \_\_\_\_\_ forces of attraction. It will always break at the weak links - the dipole-dipole forces or Hydrogen bonds. The \_\_\_\_\_ bonds will remain intact.

## HYDROGEN BONDING

When hydrogen is directly bonded to nitrogen, \_\_\_\_\_ or fluorine, then the system will be capable of Hydrogen bonding. In these systems, the difference between the \_\_\_\_\_ values of the bonded atoms will produce fairly large partial charges. As a result, the resulting intermolecular forces will be strong. They will still not be as strong as a true \_\_\_\_\_, however.

## DIPOLE-DIPOLE FORCE

- Attractions between oppositely charged regions of \_\_\_\_\_ molecules are called dipole-dipole forces. Dipole-dipole forces \_\_\_\_\_ those molecules covered by Hydrogen bonding.
- Hydrogen bonding intermolecular force is about 10 times stronger than dipole-dipole force because it involves large differences in electronegativity, thus creating a \_\_\_\_\_ electric dipole.
- Dipole-dipole forces depend on the number of electrons. Bigger molecules result in more electrons, and more electrons mean \_\_\_\_\_ forces.

## LONDON DISPERSION FORCE

London dispersion forces are weak forces that result from temporary shifts in the density of \_\_\_\_\_ in electron clouds. The electron density around each nucleus is, for a moment, \_\_\_\_\_ in one region of each cloud. As a result each molecule forms a \_\_\_\_\_ dipole. Due to the temporary nature of the dipoles, dispersion forces are the \_\_\_\_\_ intermolecular force. Dispersion forces exist between noble gases and compounds that are \_\_\_\_\_. Dispersion forces \_\_\_\_\_ as the mass of the molecule increases.



To determine what type of intermolecular force a compound has, ask yourself the following questions.

1) Does the compound contain hydrogen attached to N, O, or F?

- If yes, the force is hydrogen bonding.

Determine the number of bonds from the VSEPR and draw the dash-dot diagram.

2) Does the central element of the compound contain any lone pairs of electrons or are different elements attached to the central atom?

- If yes, the force is dipole-dipole.
- If no, the force is London dispersion.

1. Determine the type of intermolecular force in each of the following compounds

a)  $\text{BCl}_3$  \_\_\_\_\_

b)  $\text{Xe}$  \_\_\_\_\_

c)  $\text{NH}_3$  \_\_\_\_\_

d)  $\text{CH}_4$  \_\_\_\_\_

e)  $\text{SO}_2$  \_\_\_\_\_

f)  $\text{H}_2$  \_\_\_\_\_

g)  $\text{SO}_3$  \_\_\_\_\_

h)  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  \_\_\_\_\_

i)  $\text{HF}$  \_\_\_\_\_

j)  $\text{HBr}$  \_\_\_\_\_