

## <sup>41</sup> INTERMOLECULAR FORCES IN LIQUIDS

- "Intermolecular forces" is a generic term. It refers to any number of forces that exist between molecules!

- In liquids, there are three main types of intermolecular force

① **DIPOLE-DIPOLE INTERACTIONS**  
- only for polar molecules

② **LONDON DISPERSION FORCES**  
- exist in all liquids

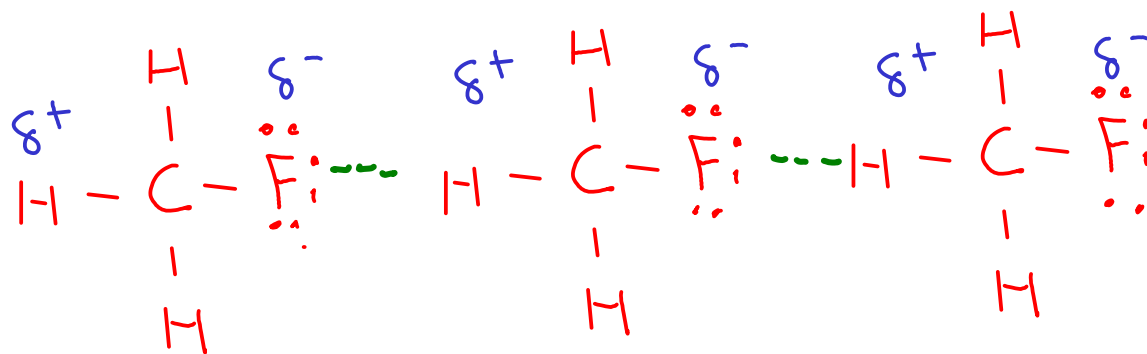
③ **HYDROGEN BONDS**  
- exist only when hydrogen is directly bonded to a highly electronegative atom.



van der Waals forces...

## 42 DIPOLE-DIPOLE INTERACTIONS

- attractions between the positive pole of one polar molecule and the negative pole of another
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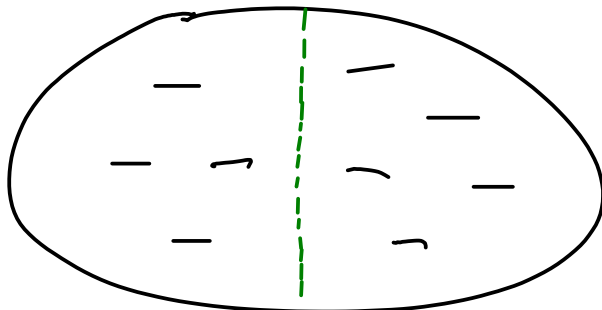
Attractions between the oppositely-charged poles of polar molecules

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- Dipole-dipole interactions occur only between POLAR molecules
- Dipole-dipole interactions are weak relative to the other two kinds of intermolecular forces in liquids
- The more polar a molecule is (the larger the dipole moment), the stronger its dipole-dipole interactions.

## <sup>43</sup> LONDON DISPERSION FORCES

- often called "London forces" for short.
  - occurs because electron density is - at any given point in time - likely to be uneven across a molecule due to the simple fact that electrons are MOVING!
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Let's say that at one point in time, the electrons around a molecule are here. At this moment, there is a TEMPORARY (INSTANTANEOUS) DIPOLE.

This dipole can interact (and even induce) dipoles on other, nearby molecules.

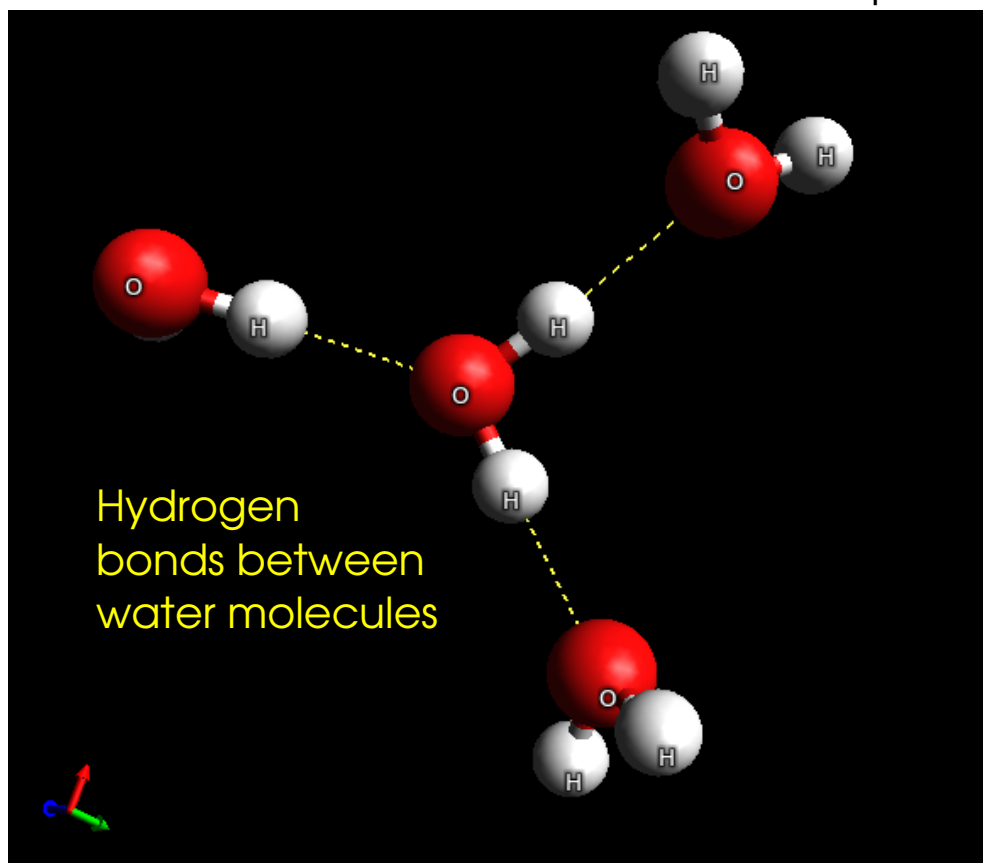
What happens when the electrons move around some more? The dipole may flip, and the surrounding INDUCED DIPOLES flip along with it. This results in a net ATTRACTIVE FORCE between molecules.

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- London forces occur in all molecules, polar or nonpolar.
- London forces increase in strength as molecules get larger. The larger a molecule is, the more easily instantaneous dipoles form and the more easily dipoles can be induced.
- London forces are often the most important interaction between molecules in the liquid state, unless the molecules are capable of HYDROGEN BONDING.

## HYDROGEN BONDING

- can happen when there is a HYDROGEN ATOM bonded DIRECTLY to either O, N, or F and that O, N, or F atom has at least one lone pair.



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When hydrogen bonds to a very electronegative atom, electron density is pulled away from hydrogen.

Since hydrogen has no core electrons, this effectively exposes the hydrogen nucleus.

The exposed hydrogen nucleus is strongly attracted to any nearby electron density, such as the lone pairs on an adjacent molecule.

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- Hydrogen bonds are the strongest type of intermolecular force in the liquid state. They are ALMOST as strong as a covalent bond.

- Hydrogen bonds form in several important molecules: water, ethanol, nucleic acids (they hold the DNA helix together)

## FORCES AND OBSERVABLE PROPERTIES

- These intermolecular forces affect observable liquid properties!

### ① MELTING AND BOILING POINTS

- Stronger forces mean higher melting and boiling points.

### ② SURFACE TENSION

- Stronger forces mean greater surface tension.

### ③ VISCOSITY

- Stronger forces mean a more viscous (thick) substance.

... but viscosity is also affected by molecular structure!

### ④ VAPOR PRESSURE

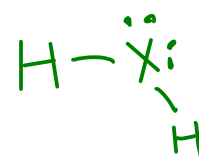
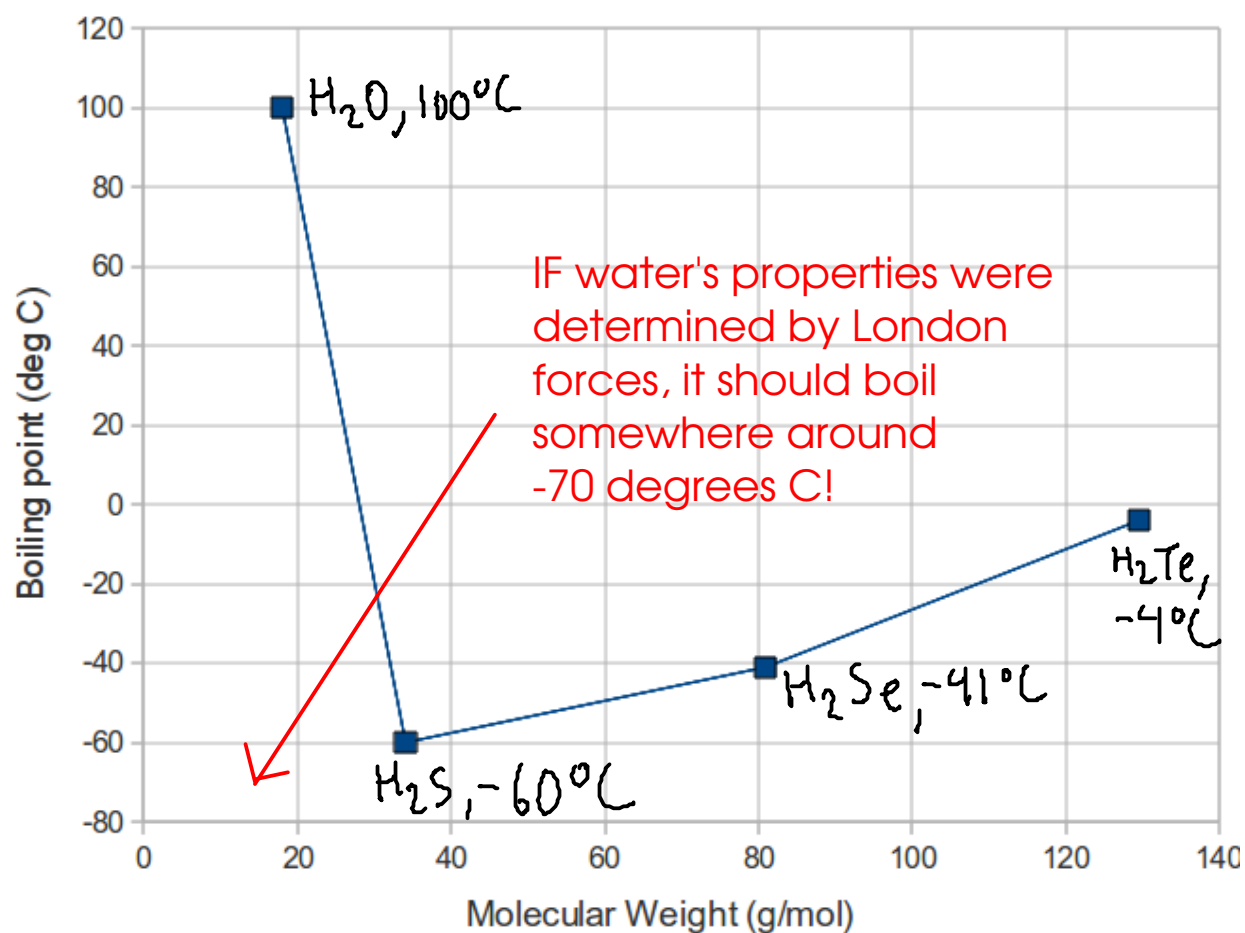
... is the PARTIAL PRESSURE of vapor over a liquid's surface. The liquid boils when its vapor pressure equals atmospheric pressure.

- Stronger forces mean a LOWER vapor pressure.

## COMPARING MOLECULES

- In general, heavier molecules have stronger intermolecular forces than lighter molecules. (London forces depend on size!)
- For molecules OF SIMILAR SIZE, a polar molecule will have stronger intermolecular forces than a nonpolar one.
- Molecules that hydrogen bond will have much stronger intermolecular forces than you would otherwise expect.

Boiling point vs. molecular weight



These molecules are similar in structure.

The boiling points of the sulfide, selenide, and telluride increase with molecular weight, as we expect.

Water is capable of HYDROGEN BONDS, so its boiling point is much greater than the others in the series, even though it has a much smaller molecular weight!

## <sup>47</sup> SOLIDS

- RIGID, DENSE, and INCOMPRESSIBLE

- Properties of interest:

### ① MELTING POINT

- Temperature at which the bulk phase change from solid to liquid occurs

### ② HARDNESS and BRITTLENESS

- hardness: resistance of a solid to deformation (shape change) caused by the application of a force

- brittleness: tendency of a material to fracture or break rather than to deform.

### ③ CONDUCTIVITY

- ability of a material to conduct an electric current

... these properties will be influenced by the KINDS OF FORCES holding the solid together!

## CLASSIFICATION OF SOLIDS: By attractive forces

- Solids may be classified either by the type of forces holding the solid together or by structure. We'll discuss forces first.
- Some solids are held together by the same sorts of forces found in liquids. But there are more options for solids!
- There are four kinds of solids when classified by forces.

### ① MOLECULAR SOLIDS

- held together by the same kinds of forces that hold liquids together:

- Ⓐ van der Waals forces: London dispersion forces and dipole-dipole interactions
- Ⓑ hydrogen bonds

... generally, these forces are the weakest.

Examples: candle wax, water ice

Generally, molecular solids:

- have LOW MELTING POINTS
- are SOFT
- are NONCONDUCTORS



## ② METALLIC SOLIDS

- held together by METALLIC BONDS, which involve electron sharing throughout the body of the metal..

... strength of these metallic bonds is variable.

Examples: iron, gold, copper, zinc, other metals

Generally, metallic solids:

- have a wide range of MELTING POINTS, though almost all melt above room temperature.
- range from SOFT to HARD. Many are MALLEABLE, meaning they deform before breaking.
- are good CONDUCTORS of both heat and electricity

## ③ IONIC SOLIDS

- held together by IONIC BONDS:

... generally, these forces are much stronger than the ones in molecular solids.

Examples: sodium chloride, any ionic compound

Generally, ionic solids:

- have HIGH MELTING POINTS, well over room temperature
- are HARD
- are NONCONDUCTORS of electricity in the solid phase, but CONDUCT when melted or dissolved into a liquid solution.

NaCl: 801°C  
1474°F

## ④ COVALENT NETWORK SOLIDS

- held together by COVALENT BONDS.
- are, in essence, giant molecules where the entire solid (not simply individual molecules WITHIN the solid) are held together by covalent bonds.

... these are the strongest kind of forces holding solids together.

Example: diamond

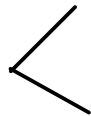
Generally, covalent network solids:

- have EXTREMELY HIGH MELTING POINTS. Many thermally decompose before melting.
- are EXTREMELY HARD. The hardest materials known are covalent network solids.
- are NONCONDUCTORS

Relative strengths of the forces holding solids together:

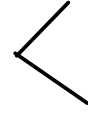
INTERMOLECULAR  
FORCES

molecular solids



IONIC  
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ionic solids



COVALENT  
BONDS

covalent network solids



... the stronger the forces, the:

- HARDER a material
- HIGHER the melting point of the material

Metallic bonds vary considerably, so they have been left out of the comparison!