

# Ionic Crystals

## Quantum Mechanics primer

### Quantum numbers

$n$  - principal, energy

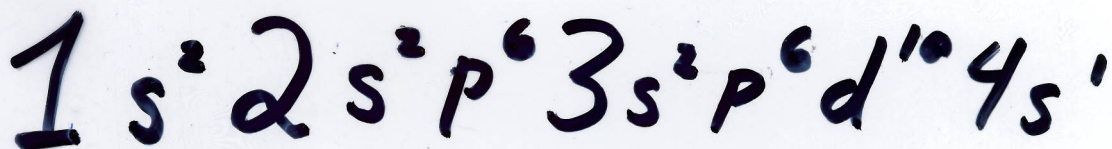
$l$  - orbital,  $0 \rightarrow n-1$

$m_l$  - magnetic,  $z$  projection of  $l$   $\frac{-l, -l+1, \dots, 0, \dots, +l}{2l+1}$

$S$  - spin  $= \frac{1}{2} \hbar$

$m_s$  -  $z$  projection of  $S$   $-\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}$

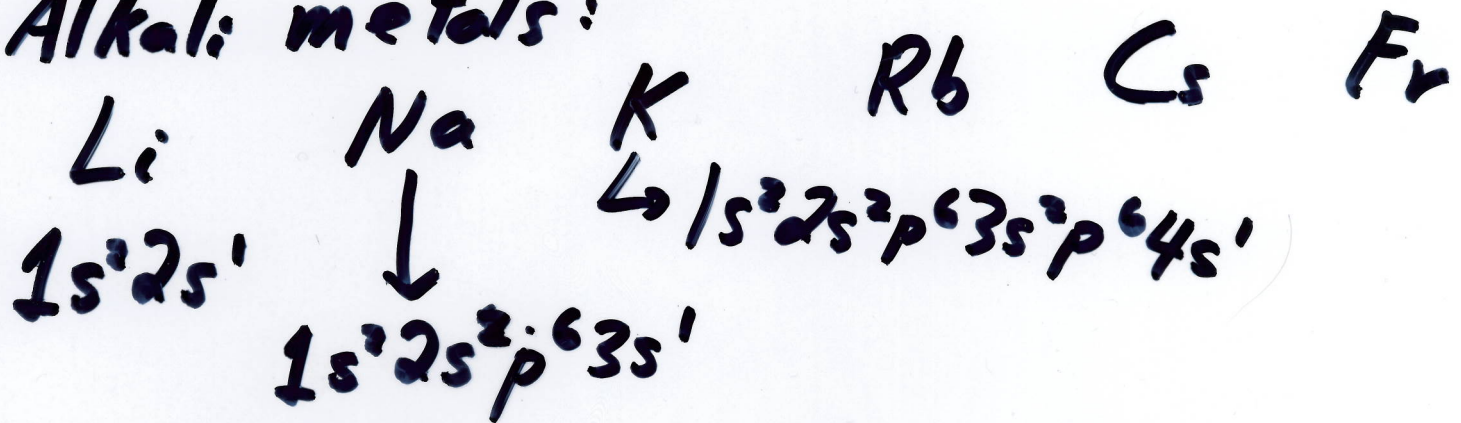
$l=0$	1	2	3
s	p	d	f



Ionic Binding due to Coulomb interaction between ions.

Usually, the ions have closed shells.  $\rightarrow$  spheres.

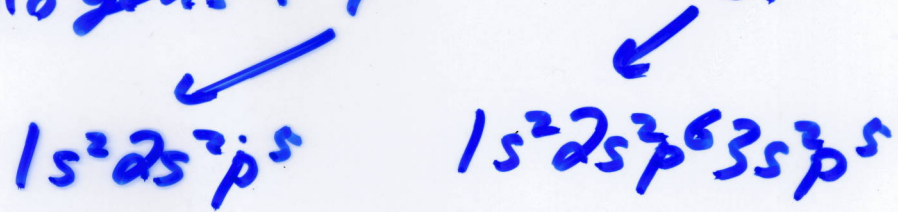
Alkali metals:



$Li^+, Na^+, K^+ \dots \rightarrow$  spheres

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Halogens: F Cl Br I At



$F^-, Cl^-, Br^- \dots \rightarrow$  spheres

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Energy Accounting

Costs energy to ionize  $Na \rightarrow Na^+$

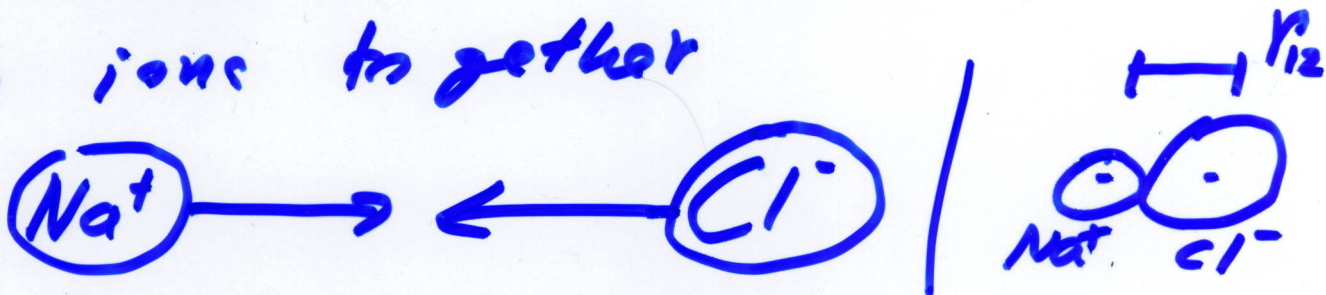
Get some energy back:  $Cl \rightarrow Cl^-$



$\text{Cl}^-$  has a lower energy than  $\text{Cl}$  neutral atom

$$E(\text{Cl}^-) - E(\text{Cl}) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{electron affinity.}$$

Get even more energy by bringing the ions together



Coulomb interaction gives binding energy

$$U_{12} = \frac{k q_1 q_2}{r_{12}} < 0$$

because one  $q$  is positive and one is negative

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \text{ (MKS)} \quad k = 1 \text{ (c.g.s.)}$$

Ionic binding is much stronger than van der Waals.

Coul.  $\frac{1}{R}$

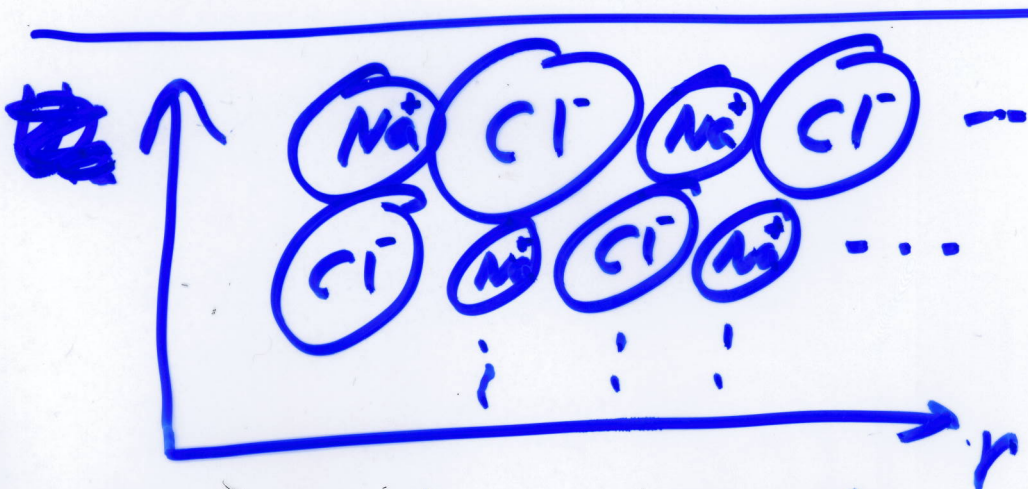
vdW  $\frac{1}{R^6}$



# Repulsion at small distances

$$U_{12} = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r} + \underline{\lambda e^{-\frac{r}{\rho}}}$$

Isolated pair is not a good approximation to binding energy since  $\frac{1}{r}$  has a long range - need next-to-nearest neighbors + (next-to)<sup>n</sup> nearest neighbors.



Madelung constant for singly ionized atoms  $q_1 = +q, q_2 = -q$   
 $R$  is nearest neighbor distance.

$$r_{ij} \equiv P_{ij} R$$

$\leftarrow$  number

$$U_{ij} = \begin{cases} -\frac{kq^2}{R} + \lambda e^{-\frac{R}{\rho}}, & \text{nearest neighbors} \\ \pm \frac{kq^2}{P_{ij} R} & \text{all other neighbors} \end{cases}$$


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$$U_i = \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq i}}' U_{ij}$$

$$U_{\text{tot crystal}} = \sum_i U_i = N U_i$$

$$= N \left( \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \# \text{ nearest} \\ \text{neighbors (6 for NaCl)}}}{z} \lambda e^{-\frac{R}{\rho}} - \frac{kq^2 \alpha}{R} \right)$$

Madelung constant  $\alpha = \sum_j' \frac{\pm 1}{P_{ij}}$

$P_{ij} = 1$  for nearest neighbors



Remember for van der Waals

Lennard-Jones sums

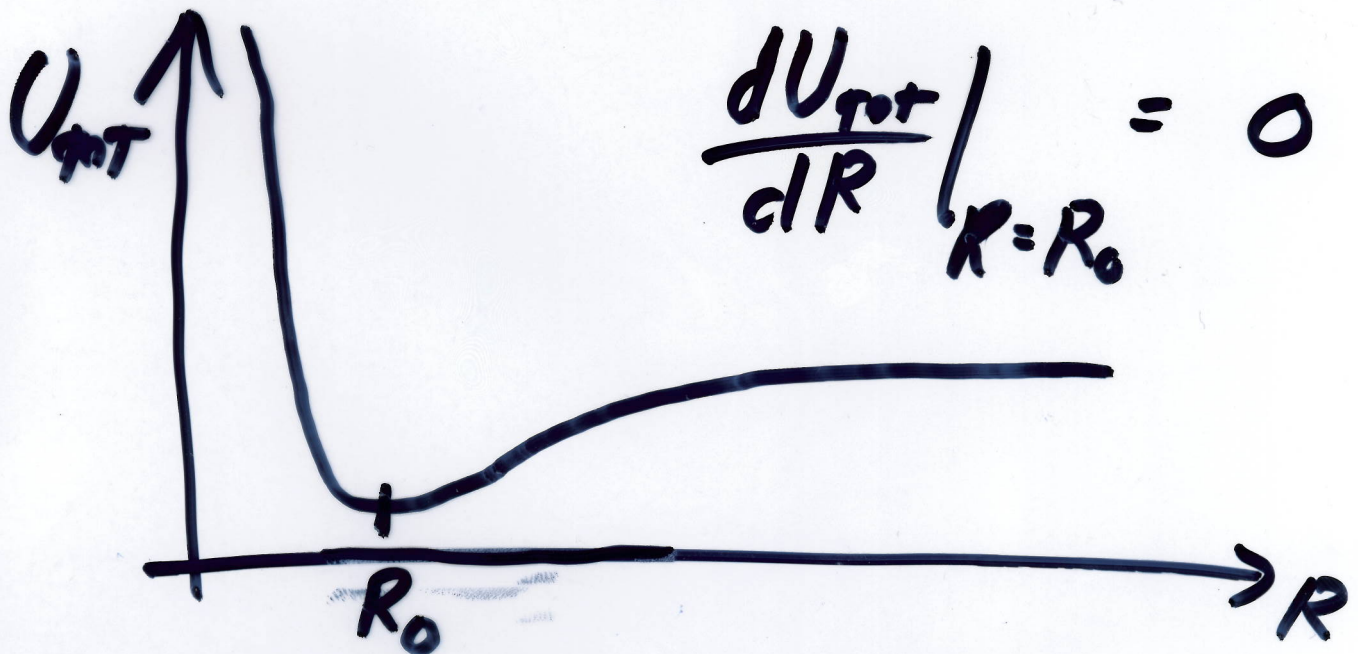
$$\boxed{\text{fcc}} \sum_j' r_{ij}^{-6} = 14.45\dots \quad \sum_j' r_{ij}^{-12} = 12.13\dots$$

Madelung

$$\text{NaCl} \quad \alpha = \frac{6}{1} - \frac{12}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{8}{2}$$

$$\alpha = 1.7475$$

$$U_{\text{tot}} = N \left( z \lambda e^{-\frac{R}{\rho}} - \frac{\alpha k q^2}{R} \right)$$



Must be careful in computing  $d$ !

e.g. one-dimensional crystal

...  $\oplus \ominus \oplus \ominus \oplus \ominus \dots$



$Z = 2$

$$d = \sum_j \frac{\pm 1}{R_{ij}} = 2 \left[ \frac{+1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \dots \right]$$

alternating harmonic series  
conditionally (not absolutely)  
convergent.

$$|1/1| + |-1/2| + |1/3| + |-1/4| + \dots$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \dots \text{ does not converge} \rightarrow \infty$$

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Grouped like this

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6}\right) + \dots$$

$$\rightarrow \ln(2)$$



Taylor expansion  $\ln(1+x)$   
 $= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots$

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$$x=1 \rightarrow \ln(2) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots$$

But different grouping

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{8}\right) \\ & \quad + \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{12}\right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\ln(2)}{2}$$

Madelung energy

$$\left[ - \frac{N \alpha q^2}{R_0} \right]$$

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