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The central atom in each of these molecules is C, N and O respectively, of these both N and O are members of the family of three atoms that can form hydrogen bond (also including F), when directly bonded to hydrogen. Due to this the strongest intermolecular forces between NH<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O are hydrogen bonds. C is not electronegative enough to form hydrogen bonds, due to it having a larger atomic radius than both N and O. Also CH<sub>4</sub> molecules cannot have permanent dipole-dipole attractions because each of the species bonded to the carbon is identical and CH<sub>4</sub> has a tetrahedral shape. Therefore the strongest intermolecular forces between CH<sub>4</sub> molecules are Van der Waals forces. Hydrogen bond are stronger than Van der Waals forces therefore both NH<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O will have higher boiling points than CH<sub>4</sub>. O has a smaller atomic radius than N, as O has a more positive nucleus, but the valence electrons in both N and O are in the same principle energy level (2p). As a result of this O is more electronegative so has a greater ability to draw electrons in a covalent bond, becoming more electronegative than N, leaving the surrounding hydrogen atoms more available to form hydrogen bonds, so H<sub>2</sub>O has the highest boiling point. Share copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format for any purpose, even commercially. Adapt remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially. The licensor cannot revoke these freedoms as long as you follow the license terms. Attribution You must give appropriate credit, provide a link to the license, and indicate if changes were made. You may do so in any reasonable manner, but not in any way that suggests the licensor endorses you or your use. Share Alike If you remix, transform, or build upon the material, you must distribute your contributions under the same license as the original. No additional restrictions You may not apply legal terms or technological measures that legally restrict others from doing anything the license permits. You do not have to comply with the license for elements of the material in the public domain or where your use is permitted by an applicable exception or limitation. No warranties are given. The license may not give you all of the permissions necessary for your intended use. For example, other rights such as publicity, privacy, or moral rights may limit how you use the material. Intermolecular forces, also known as intermolecular interactions, are the electrostatic forces of attraction between molecules in a compound. The intermolecular forces tend to attract the molecules together, bring them closer, and make the compound stable. Intermolecular forces are important because they affect the compounds physical properties and characteristics like melting point, boiling point, vapor pressure, viscosity, solubility, and enthalpy. When a substance goes from one state of matter to another, it goes through a phase change. Intermolecular forces play a crucial role in this phase transformation. Intermolecular Forces The polarity of the molecules helps to identify intermolecular forces. A molecule is said to be polar if there is a significant electronegativity difference between the bonding atoms. As a result, one atom will pull the shared electron pairs towards itself, making it partially negative and the other atom partially positive. The distribution of charges in molecules results in a dipole, which leads to strong intermolecular forces. On the other hand, atoms that do not have any electronegativity difference equally share the electron pairs. The molecules are said to be nonpolar. They interact differently from the polar molecules. By knowing whether a molecule is polar or nonpolar, one can find the type of intermolecular force. A compound may have more than one type of intermolecular force, but only one of them will be dominant. All intermolecular forces are known as van der Waals forces, which can be classified as follows. They occur between any two molecules that have permanent dipoles. The partially positive end of one molecule is attracted to the partially negative end of another molecule. As a result, the molecules come closer and make the compound stable. Example: Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>), iodine monochloride (ICl), acetone (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O, hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S), difluoromethane (CH<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>), chloroform (CHCl<sub>3</sub>), hydrogen cyanide (HCN), and phosphine (PH<sub>3</sub>) It is a particular type of dipole-dipole force. It occurs when a polar molecule consisting of partially positive hydrogen (H) atom is attracted to a partially negative atom of another molecule. This kind of force is seen in molecules where the hydrogen is bonded to an electronegative atom like oxygen (O), nitrogen (N), fluorine (F), chlorine (Cl), bromine (Br), and iodine (I). The hydrogen bond is the strongest intermolecular force. Examples: Water (H<sub>2</sub>O), hydrogen chloride (HCl), ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), methanol (CH<sub>3</sub>OH), ethanol (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH), and hydrogen bromide (HBr) They occur in nonpolar molecules held together by weak electrostatic forces arising from the motion of electrons. When electrons move around a neutral molecule, they cluster at one end resulting in a dispersion of charges. As a result, a temporary dipole is created that results in weak and feeble interactions with other molecules. This type of force is observed in condensed phases like solid and liquid. London dispersion force is the weakest intermolecular force. Examples: Chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>), oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), carbon tetrachloride (CCl<sub>4</sub>), hexane (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>), silane (SiH<sub>4</sub>), hydrogen cyanide (HCN), phosphine (PH<sub>3</sub>), carbon disulfide (CS<sub>2</sub>), and ethane (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) Intermolecular Forces Types Examples Substances with high intermolecular forces have high melting and boiling points. The reason is that more energy is required to break the bond and free the molecules. Liquids with high intermolecular forces have higher surface tensions and viscosities than liquids with low ones. The stronger the intermolecular forces between solute and solvent molecules, the greater the solubility of the solute in the solvent. Elastomers have weak intermolecular forces. Volatile substances have low intermolecular force. Ranking The strength of intermolecular force from strongest to weakest follows this order: Hydrogen bonding > Dipole-dipole forces > London dispersion forces The following table compares the different intermolecular forces and shows their effects on the melting and boiling points of substances. Intermolecular force Melting point Boiling point Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) London dispersion -182 C -164 C Acetone (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O Dipole-dipole -95 C 56 C Water (H<sub>2</sub>O) Hydrogen bonding 0 C 100 C While intermolecular forces take place between the molecules, intramolecular forces are forces within a molecule. Chemical bonds are intramolecular forces between two atoms or two ions. Oppositely charged ions attract each other and complete the (ionic) bond. On the other hand, atoms share electrons with other atoms to complete the (covalent) bond. The intermolecular forces are entirely different from chemical bonds. Unlike bonds, they are weak forces. The table below compares and contrasts inter and intramolecular forces. Intermolecular forces Intramolecular forces How are they formed Between molecules in a compound Within the atoms or ions of a molecule Strength Weak (1-12 kJ/mole) Strong (50-200 kJ/mole) Effect on substance Physical properties like melting point, boiling point, and solubility Chemical properties Nature Attractive or repulsive Chemical bonds (Intramolecular hydrogen bond is also possible) Types Dipole-dipole forces, hydrogen bonding, and London dispersion forces Ionic bonds, covalent bonds, and metallic bonds Examples Water (H<sub>2</sub>O), hydrogen chloride (HCl), and chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>) Sodium chloride (NaCl), potassium iodide (KI), and magnesium oxide (MgO) Intermolecular Forces vs Intramolecular Forces Q.1. Which intermolecular force is present in all molecules and atoms? Ans. The dispersion force is present in all atoms and molecules, whether they are polar or not. Q.2. What are intermolecular forces in water (H<sub>2</sub>O)? Ans. Hydrogen bonding is the dominant intermolecular force in water (H<sub>2</sub>O). Q.3. Which liquid has stronger intermolecular forces, water or isopropyl alcohol? Ans. Water has a stronger intermolecular force than isopropyl alcohol since it takes longer to evaporate. InChI=1S/H3N/h1H3nChIKeyInChIKey=QGZKDFVQNNCGYKUHFFFAOYSA-NSMILESNCannonical SMILESNOther Names for this Substance Ammonia Ammonia gas Spirit of Hartshorn Nitro-SilR 717 (ammonia) Deleted or Replaced CAS Registry Numbers 8007-57-6, 208990-07-2, 214478-05-4, 538443-32-0, 1026405-88-8 The types of intermolecular forces present in ammonia, or NH<sub>3</sub>, are hydrogen bonds. The hydrogen bonds are many magnitudes stronger than other intermolecular forces in NH<sub>3</sub>; therefore, when examining intermolecular bonding in this molecule, other forces can be safely ignored. Hydrogen bonds are a strong type of dipole-dipole interaction that only happens between molecules that have a hydrogen atom covalently bonded to an oxygen, nitrogen or fluorine atom. Water, or H<sub>2</sub>O, has even stronger hydrogen bonds than NH<sub>3</sub>. Chemicals with hydrogen bonding exhibit far higher boiling points than chemicals of similar molecular weight whose main intermolecular force is not from hydrogen bonds. MORE FROM REFERENCE.COM Covalent molecular substances have no covalent bonds between their molecules. Instead, they are held together by intermolecular forces, which are much weaker than covalent or ionic bonds. These forces determine key physical properties such as: Melting and boiling point Volatility Solubility There are four types of intermolecular force: London (dispersion) forces Dipole-dipole attractions Dipole-induced dipole attractions Hydrogen bonding Intermolecular forces act between molecules. Covalent bonds within a molecule are intramolecular forces. Van der Waals forces is a collective term used to include: London (dispersion) forces Dipole-dipole attractions Dipole-induced dipole attractions Electrons in atoms and molecules are constantly moving. At any moment, this motion can lead to an uneven distribution of electrons. This is a temporary dipole. Temporary dipoles are constantly appearing and disappearing. This temporary dipole can induce a dipole in a neighbouring atom or molecule. This is a temporary induced dipole. This causes a weak attractive force between the atoms or molecules. This attraction is known as a London (dispersion) force. A temporary dipole in one atom induces a dipole in a nearby atom, resulting in a weak attraction. London (dispersion) forces are present between all atoms and molecules, but are usually very weak. They are the only intermolecular forces in nonpolar substances. London (dispersion) forces tend to have strengths from 1 - 50 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>. The strength of the London (dispersion) forces depends on: The number of electrons in the atom or molecule. The surface area available for contact. The more electrons a molecule has, the greater the chance of an uneven distribution. This increases the likelihood and strength of temporary dipoles. As a result, London (dispersion) forces become stronger. Melting and boiling points increase. This trend is observed in the noble gases. As atomic number increases, so do boiling points and enthalpies of vaporisation. A larger surface area means more contact between molecules. This increases the likelihood of temporary dipoles interacting. London (dispersion) forces are stronger in molecules with extended or unbranched shapes. Comparing the boiling points of isomers with the same number of electrons but different surface areas. This explains differences in boiling points between isomers with the same number of electrons but different shapes. Some molecules have a permanent dipole due to a difference in electronegativity and an asymmetric shape. These molecules experience dipole-dipole attractions. This is in addition to London (dispersion) forces. Dipole-dipole attraction is between the end of one polar molecule and the end of a neighbouring molecule. Dipole-dipole attraction occurs between the end of one molecule and the end of another. The delta negative end of one polar molecule will be attracted towards the delta positive end of a neighbouring polar molecule. Dipole-dipole attractions increase the strength of intermolecular forces. As a result, compounds with permanent dipoles usually have higher boiling points than similar-sized nonpolar molecules. Comparing butane and propanone. Butane and propanone have the same number of electrons. They experience similar London (dispersion) forces. Only propanone has a permanent dipole. This means propanone experiences dipole-dipole attractions in addition to dispersion forces. Therefore, more energy is needed to separate propanone molecules than butane molecules. This means that propanone has a higher boiling point than butane. Comparing a nonpolar molecule (butane) and a polar molecule (propanone) with equal electron counts. Dipole-induced dipole attraction. This type of attraction occurs when a polar molecule is placed near a nonpolar molecule. For example, hydrogen chloride (HCl) and chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>). The permanent dipole of the polar molecule distorts the electron cloud of the nonpolar molecule. This creates a temporary dipole in the nonpolar molecule, leading to a weak attractive force. This force is called a dipole-induced dipole attraction. The permanent dipole of the polar HCl molecule induces a dipole in the nonpolar Cl<sub>2</sub> molecule, creating an attraction between them. It acts in addition to London (dispersion) forces between nonpolar molecules. Dipole-dipole forces between polar molecules. Hydrogen bonding. Hydrogen bonding is the strongest type of intermolecular force. It is a special case of permanent dipole-dipole attraction. For hydrogen bonding to occur, both of the following are needed: A hydrogen atom covalently bonded to O, N, or F. A lone pair of electrons on an O, N, or F atom in a neighbouring molecule. When hydrogen is bonded to one of these highly electronegative atoms, the bond becomes strongly polarised. The hydrogen atoms becomes very and is attracted to the lone pair on another molecule. The electronegative atoms O or N pull electron density toward themselves, creating a strongly polarised bond with hydrogen. Hydrogen bonds are often represented by dotted or dashed lines. The number of hydrogen bonds a molecule can form depends on: The number of hydrogen atoms attached to O/N/F. The number of lone pairs available on O/N/F atoms. Diagram to show hydrogen bonding in ammonia. Each ammonia molecule can form one hydrogen bond due to one NH bond and one lone pair on nitrogen. Diagram to show hydrogen bonding in water. Each water molecule can form two hydrogen bonds: two lone pairs on oxygen and two H atoms bonded to oxygen. Van der Waals forces include: London (dispersion) forces Dipole-dipole attractions Dipole-induced dipole attractions These are all intermolecular forces because they act between molecules, not within them. Intramolecular forces (e.g. covalent bonds) hold atoms together within a molecule. Always use the term London (dispersion) forces to describe intermolecular forces between nonpolar molecules, not just induced dipole or instantaneous dipole. Did this page help you? Ammonia has a higher boiling point than phosphine because ammonia molecules are held together by stronger hydrogen bonds, compared to the weaker van der Waals forces between phosphine molecules. This results in a higher amount of energy needed to overcome the intermolecular forces and cause the substance to boil. NH<sub>3</sub> intermolecular forces has hydrogen bonding and dipole-dipole interaction. What kind of intermolecular forces are present in NH<sub>3</sub>? (a) NH<sub>3</sub> exhibits hydrogen bonding (H attached to nitrogen, attracted to N in adjacent molecule) between molecules which creates a larger IMF than CH<sub>4</sub> which does not exhibit H-bonding, only weak London dispersion forces). Does NH<sub>3</sub> have stronger intermolecular forces? The ammonia molecule is polar because of its pyramidal shape. Hydrogen bonds are caused by highly electronegative atoms. They only occur between hydrogen and oxygen, fluorine or nitrogen, and are the strongest intermolecular force. What is the greatest intermolecular force? Hydrogen bonding. The strongest intermolecular force is hydrogen bonding, which is a particular subset of dipole-dipole interactions that occur when a hydrogen is in close proximity (bound to) a highly electronegative element (namely oxygen, nitrogen, or fluorine). What type of intermolecular force is methanol? Dipole-dipole interactions. Methanol is not an ionic molecule and will not exhibit intermolecular ionic bonding. Methanol is polar, and will exhibit dipole-dipole interactions. It also contains the -OH alcohol group which will allow for hydrogen bonding. What is the strongest intermolecular force in CH<sub>3</sub>Br? Cl is more electronegative than Br so CH<sub>3</sub>Cl is more polar than CH<sub>3</sub>Br so permanent dipoles are stronger. CH<sub>3</sub>Br molecule is larger than CH<sub>3</sub>Cl so has more es so more polarisable, and temporary dipole attractions between molecules will be stronger. What is the strongest type of intermolecular force present in CH<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>? The CH<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> is a polar molecule because of the electrons towards the fluorine dipoles. The dipole force is a strong force. It is between one end of the polar molecule and the negative end of another polar molecule. The dipole force is also stronger than the London force. What is the type of intermolecular force present in NH<sub>3</sub>? In NH<sub>3</sub>, intramolecular forces would be covalent bonds in the simple covalent molecule. Intermolecular forces would be hydrogen bonds and temporary dipole-induced dipole interactions. What are examples of intermolecular forces? In contrast, intramolecular forces act within molecules. Intermolecular forces are weaker than intramolecular forces. Examples of intermolecular forces include the London dispersion force, dipole-dipole interaction, ion-dipole interaction, and van der Waals forces. What is the intermolecular force of ammonia? The type of intermolecular force that predominates in ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) is the hydrogen bond. The high electronegativity of the nitrogen (N) atom induces a dipole in the attached hydrogen atom. This results in a strong dipolar force between the positive end of the hydrogen dipole and the negative end of another N atom from a neighboring ammonia

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