

Light, Liquids & Interfaces

Micro-390

Lecture 5

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Material: Lecture 1 - 5

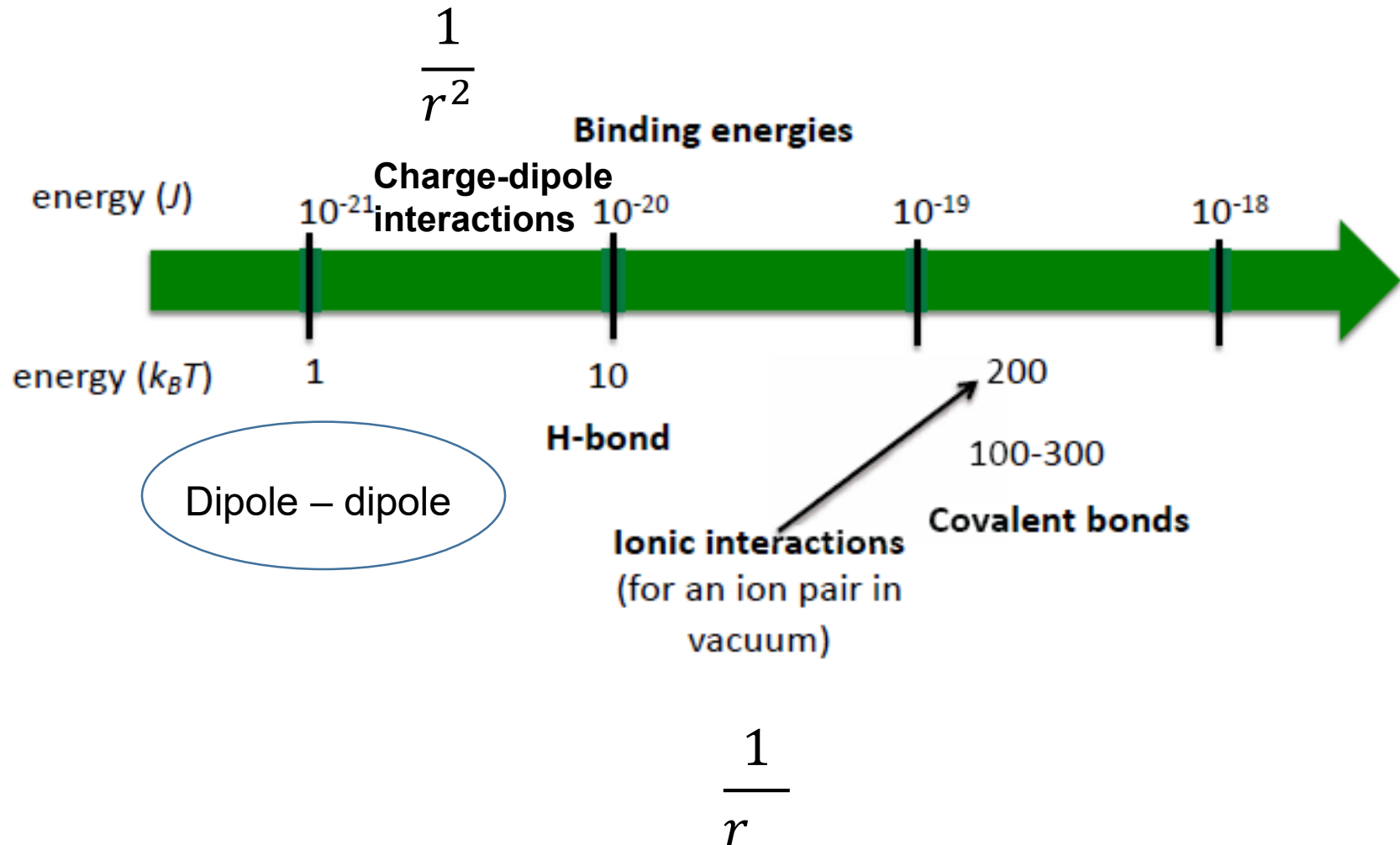
Key concepts Lecture 4

- Ions interact in liquids through screened potentials that arise from + and – charges interacting via Boltzmann weighted interactions
- Debye-Hueckel theory describes this interaction in the limit of a weak potential compared to thermal energy
- Impacts surface structure, protein folding, self-assembly

Dipole-charge interactions

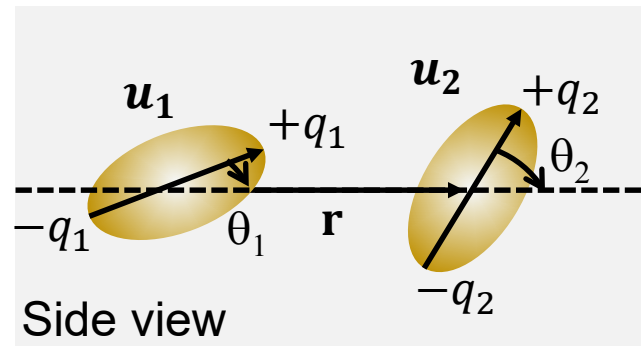
- Dipolar self-energy
- Force relevant for charge-dipole interactions
- Properties of charge-dipole interactions
- Hydration shell definition

Interactions in liquids



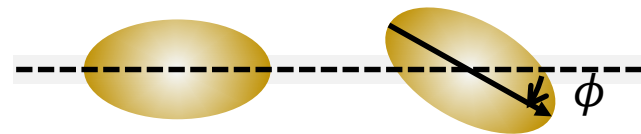
Dipole-Dipole interactions

Are important to understand liquid-liquid and dipolar solute-solvent interactions



ϕ : out of plane tilt

Top view



Properties:

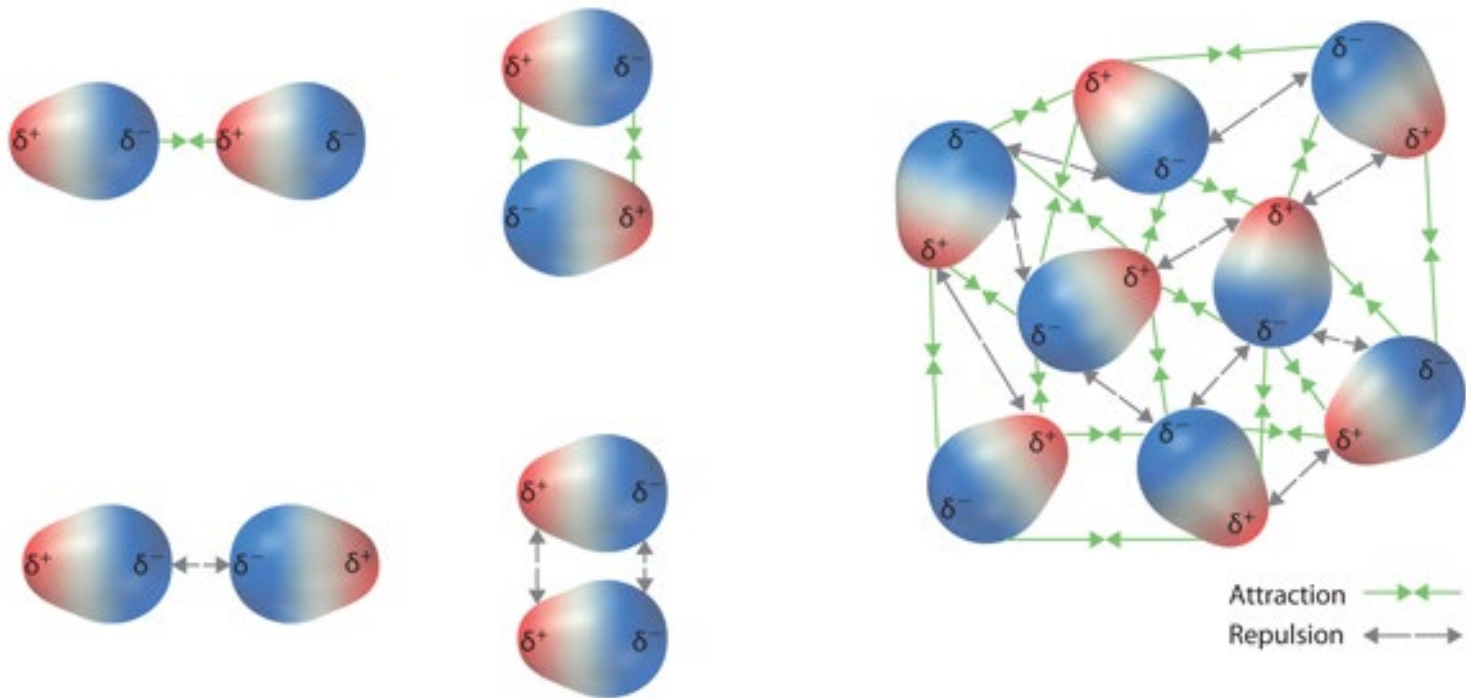
- Depend on orientation of dipoles
- Intermediate range ($w \sim 1/r^3$)
- Strength: $\sim kT$

$$w(r, \theta_1, \theta_2, \phi) = -\frac{u_1 u_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon r^3} [2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos \phi]$$

Dipole-Dipole interactions

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This can be attractive or repulsive depending on the orientation



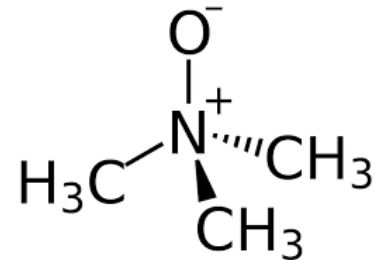
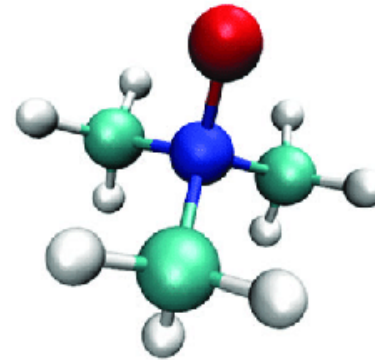
Dipole-Dipole interactions

Some examples of small dipolar molecules with a biological function:

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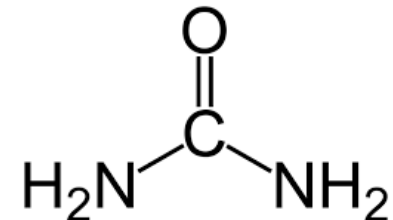
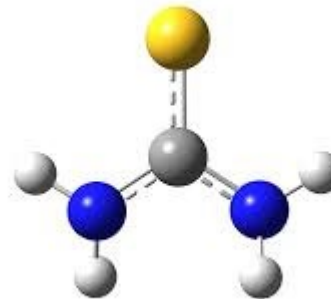
- Osmolyte – preserves osmotic pressure in marine animals
- Stabilizes proteins
- Humans: associated with cardiovascular disease and kidney malfunction

TMAO



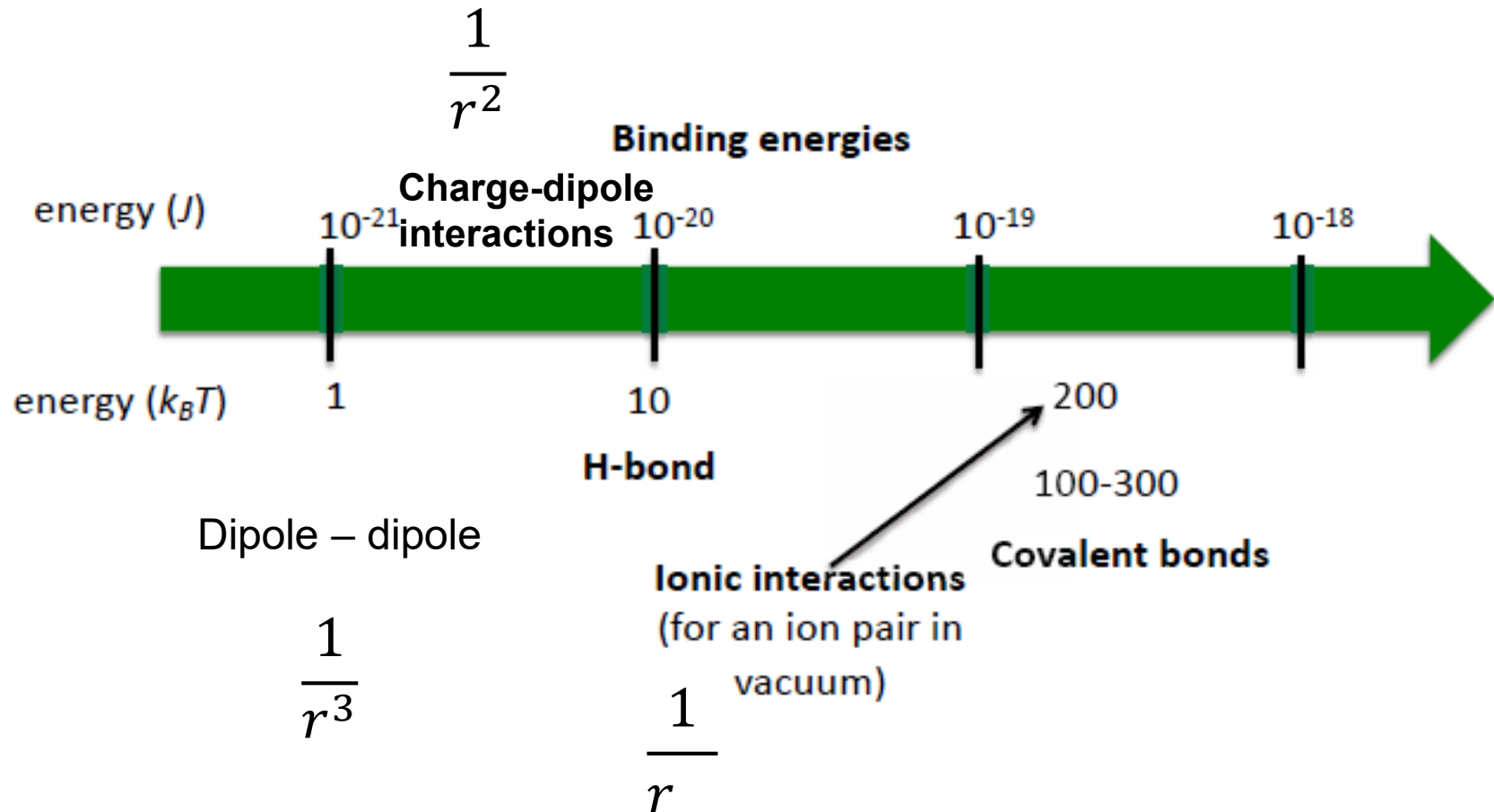
Urea – 4.6 D

- Fertilizer
- Nitrogen metabolism
- Destabilizes proteins



Examine the orientation dependence of the pair potential of 2 dipoles

Specific interactions in liquids



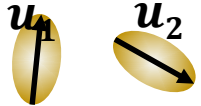
But the interactions depend on orientation – this means we will have to consider how rotation changes the pair potential and what it will be on average.

Angle Averaged Potentials

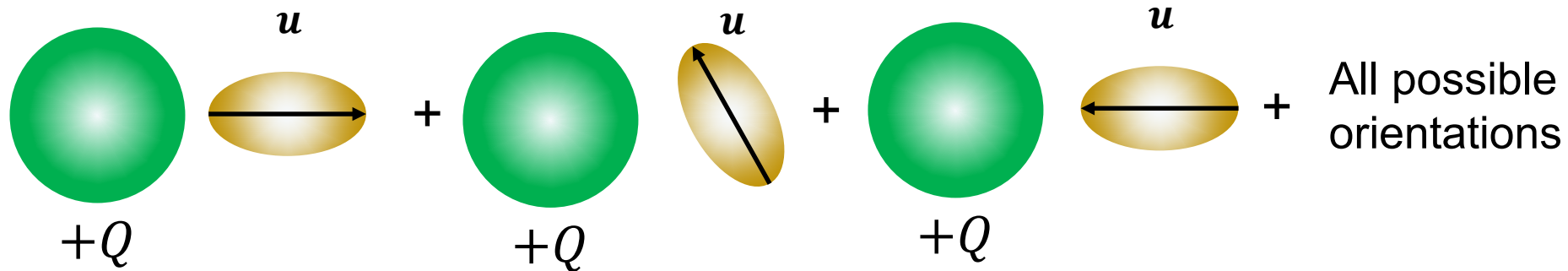
$$w(r) = -\frac{Qu \cos \theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon r^2}$$



$$w(r, \theta_1, \theta_2, \phi) = -\frac{u_1 u_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon r^3} [2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos \phi]$$



When the dipoles are free to move in solution they will experience different orientations and thus different interaction potentials. Although \cos and $\sin \theta$ are 0 when averaged over all angles, $w(r)$ is not because the Boltzmann distribution determines how often a certain orientation occurs:



More favorable: larger
weighing factor

Less favorable: smaller
weighing factor

Angle-Averaged Potentials

To describe the angle averaged pair potential we need to use the potential distribution theorem that connects the angle averaged potential energy $w(r)$ to the potential at an instantaneous orientation dependent position $w(r, \Omega)$

$$e^{-w(r)/kT} = \int e^{-w(r,\Omega)/kT} d\Omega / \int d\Omega = \left\langle e^{-w(r,\Omega)/kT} \right\rangle_{\Omega}$$

$$\Omega = [\theta, \phi]$$

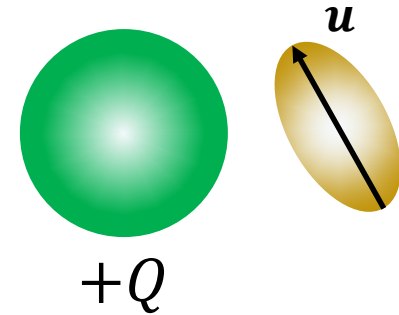
$$d\Omega = \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

Limit $w(r) < kT$ i.e. outside hydration shell

Apply this expression – how does it
modify the interaction?

Angle-Averaged Potentials

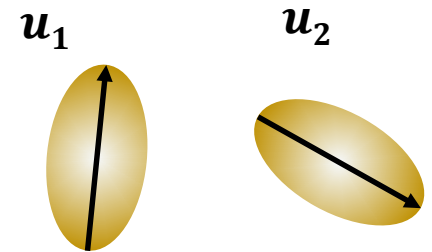
$$w(r) \approx -\frac{Q^2 u^2}{6(4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon)^2 kTr^4} \quad \text{for} \quad kT > \frac{Qu}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon r^2}$$



Properties:

- Temperature dependent
- Short range ($w \sim 1/r^4$)
- Strength $w < kT$;

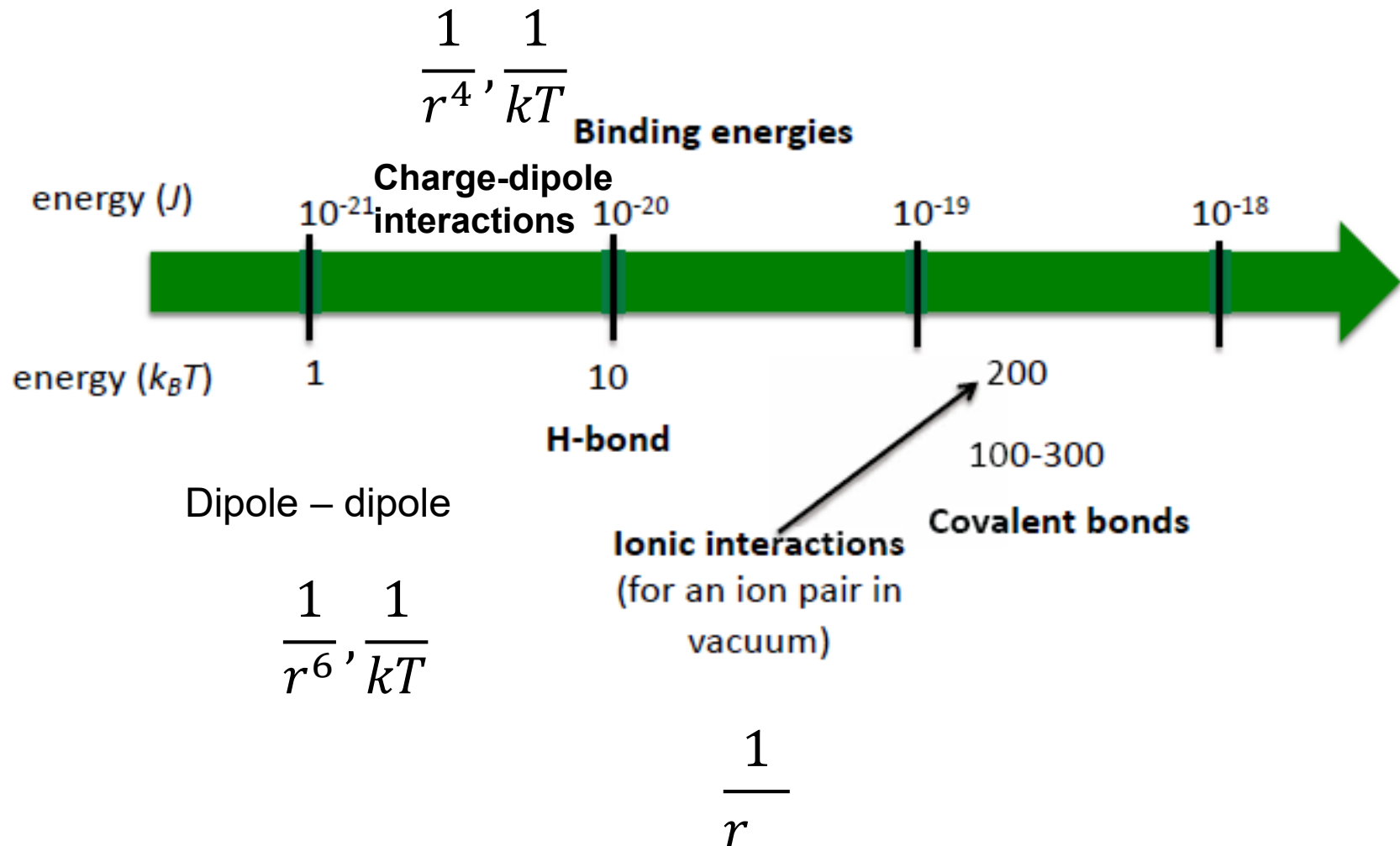
$$w(r) = -\frac{u_1^2 u_2^2}{3(4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon)^2 kTr^6} \quad \text{for} \quad kT > \frac{u_1 u_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon r^3}$$



Properties:

- Temperature dependent
- Short range ($w \sim 1/r^6$)
- Strength $w < kT$;
- =Keesom interaction (1 of 3 VDW interactions)

Interactions in liquids – effect of averaging



Topic 2: Interactions in liquids

Non-polar molecules

Interactions involving non-polar molecules

Polarizability (molecular & macroscopic)

Van der Waals interactions

Material to study:

JN Israelachvili: Intermolecular and surface forces:

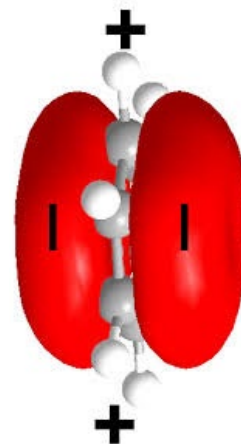
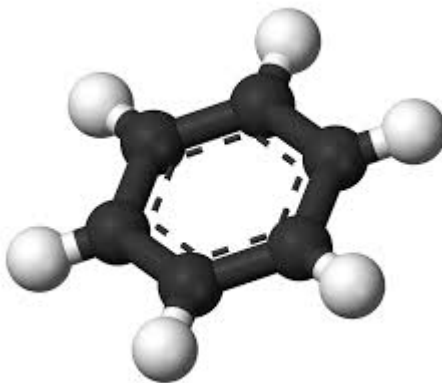
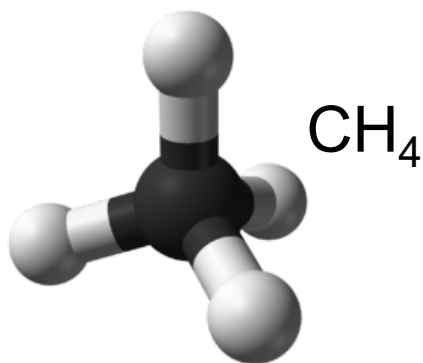
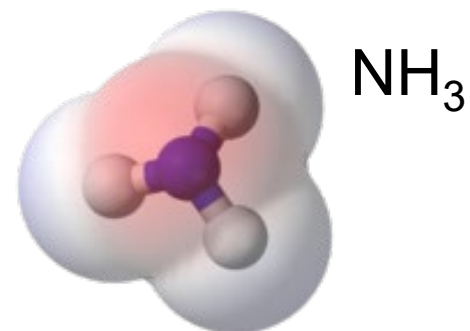
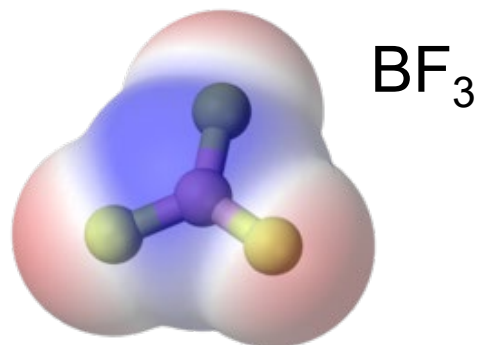
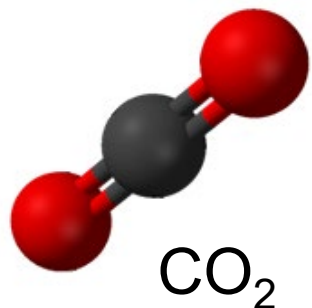
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Chapter 6: paragraph: 6.1

Chapter 7: paragraph: 7.1-7.3

Non-polar molecules

Non-polar molecules are single atom substances (He, Ne, Ar,...), or have bonds with equal charge distributions (O_2 , N_2) or there is a symmetric arrangement of polar bonds.

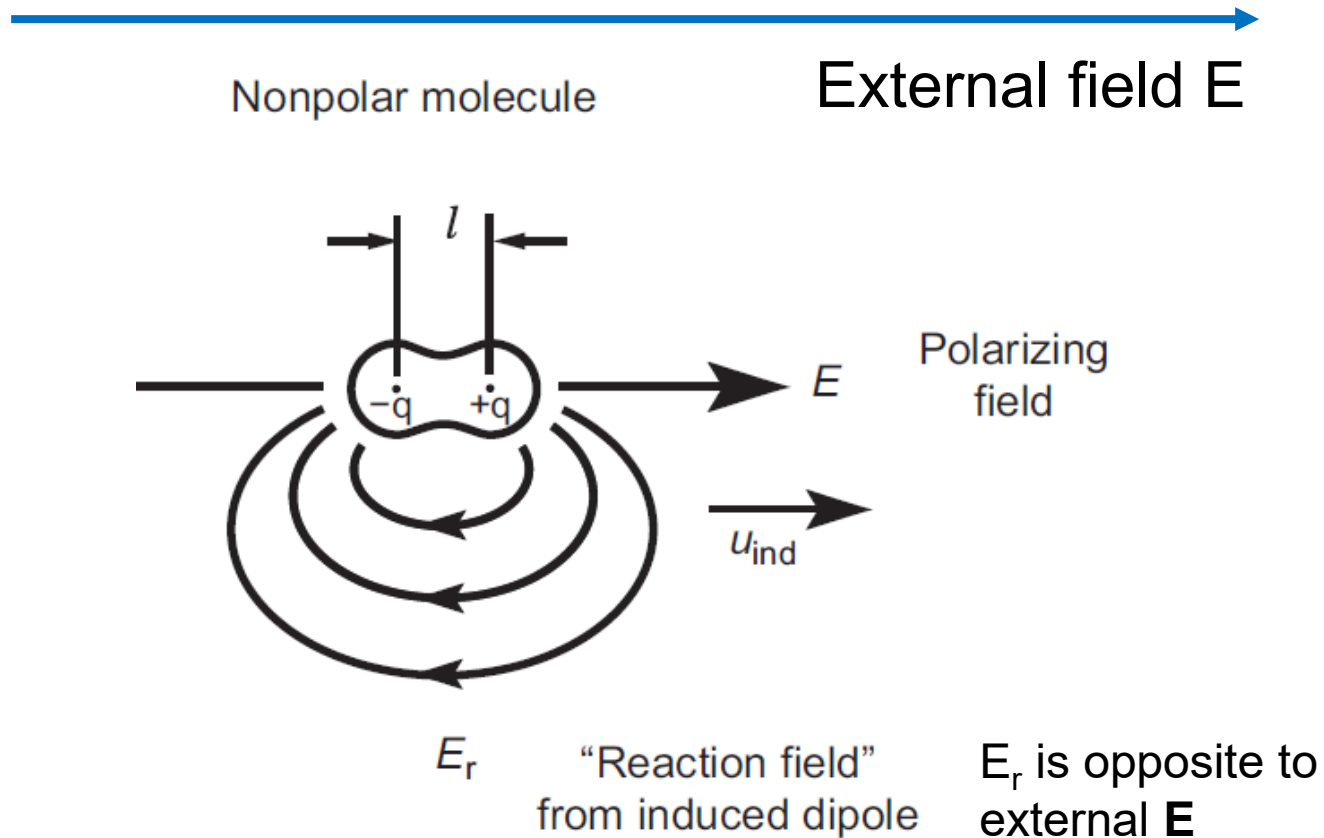


(which one is not non-polar?)

What is the effect of an electrostatic field (external, or e.g. from an ion or a dipole) on a non-polar molecule?

E-field can induce a dipole

An electrostatic field can interact with the charge distribution in a non-polar molecule and create charge separation



This is a source of **polarization**: The ability of a molecule or material to counteract the effect of an external electrostatic field

Molecular electronic polarizability

Molecular polarizability is the quantity that connects the external field and the induced dipole:

$$u_{ind,i} = \alpha_{ij} E_j$$



molecular polarizability

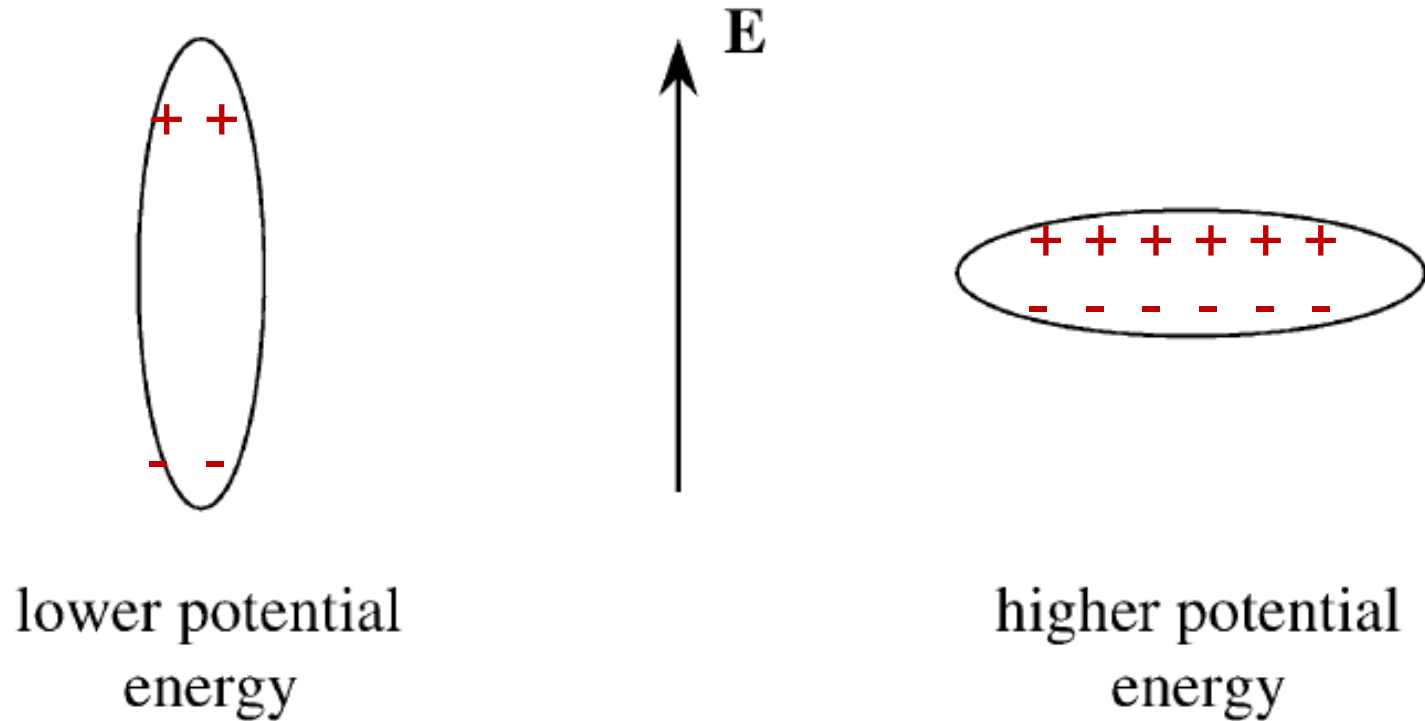
Electronic polarizability:
redistribution of charge
within a molecule
(determined by symmetry
of orbitals)

Bond polarizabilities within
a molecule are additive

Are there other contributions to the polarizability of a molecule that arise from an electrostatic field interacting with dipolar or non-polar non-spherical molecules?

Non spherical non-polar molecules

The potential energy of a non spherical non-polar molecule depends on its orientation:

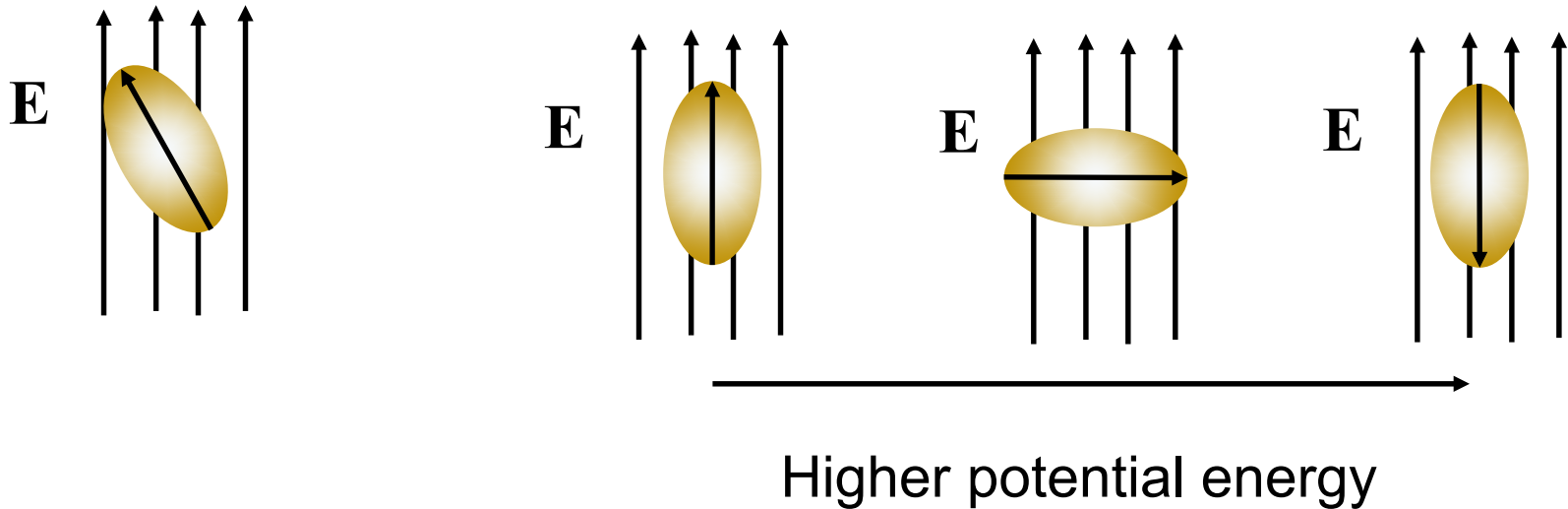


For these molecules α has multiple values determined by the polarizability tensor α_{ij}

E-field can orient permanent dipoles

The field on the outer radius of a Na^+ is: $1.4 \times 10^{11} \text{ V/m}$

E field orients dipoles:



This type of polarization occurs in molecules that have a permanent internal charge separation

Molecular polarizability

Molecular polarizability is the quantity that connects the external field and the (induced) dipole:

$$u_{ind,i} = \alpha_{ij} E_j$$

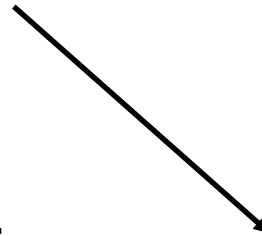


molecular polarizability

$$\alpha_{ij} = \alpha_{0,ij} + \frac{u_{ij}^2}{3kT}$$



Electronic polarizability:
redistribution of charge
within a molecule
(determined by symmetry
of orbitals – all molecules)

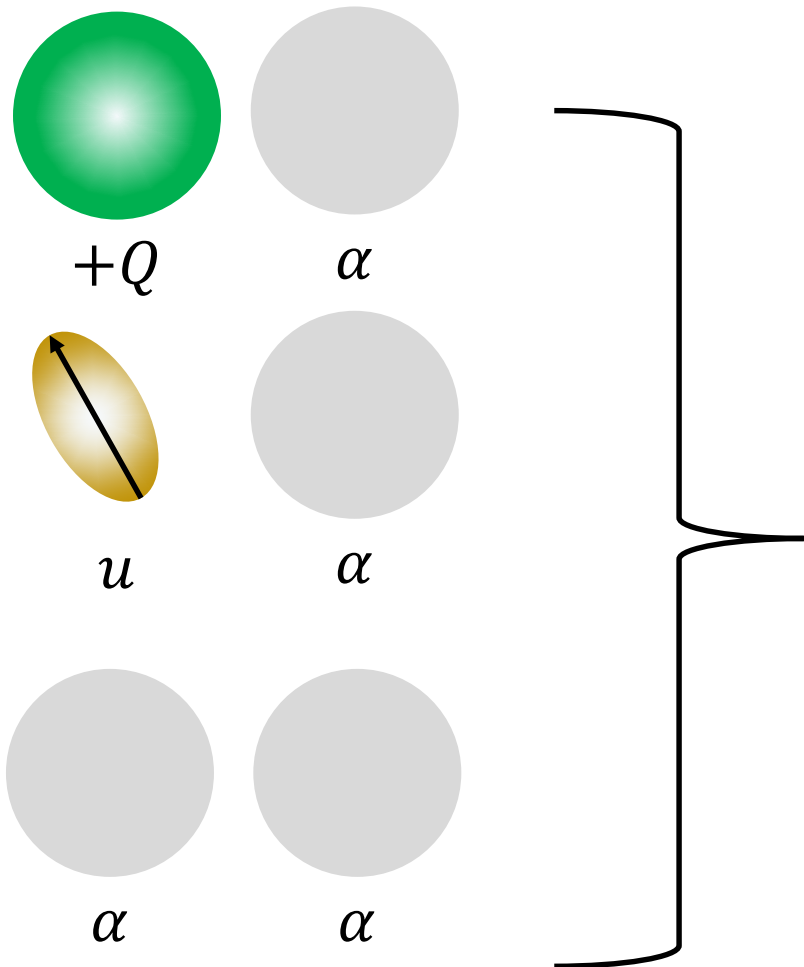


Orientational
polarizability:
Ability to orient along
direction of external field
(for dipolar molecules)

Bond polarizabilities are additive

Interactions of non-polar molecules

Each moiety that emits an electrostatic field can induce a polarization.

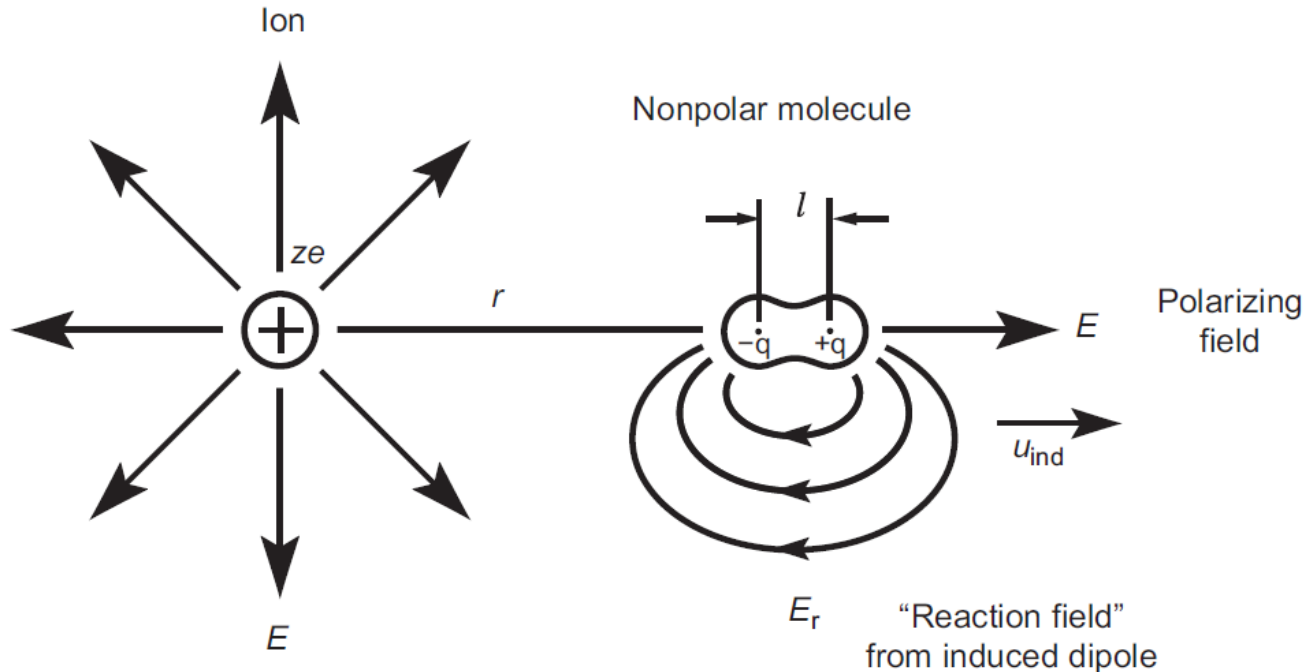


All determined by induction of charge separation in the non-polar molecule by the (temporary) E field of the charge distribution

Let's consider them in detail...

Charge – non-polar interactions

An electrostatic field from **a charge** can interact with the charges in a non-polar molecule and create charge separation



For induced dipole moment:

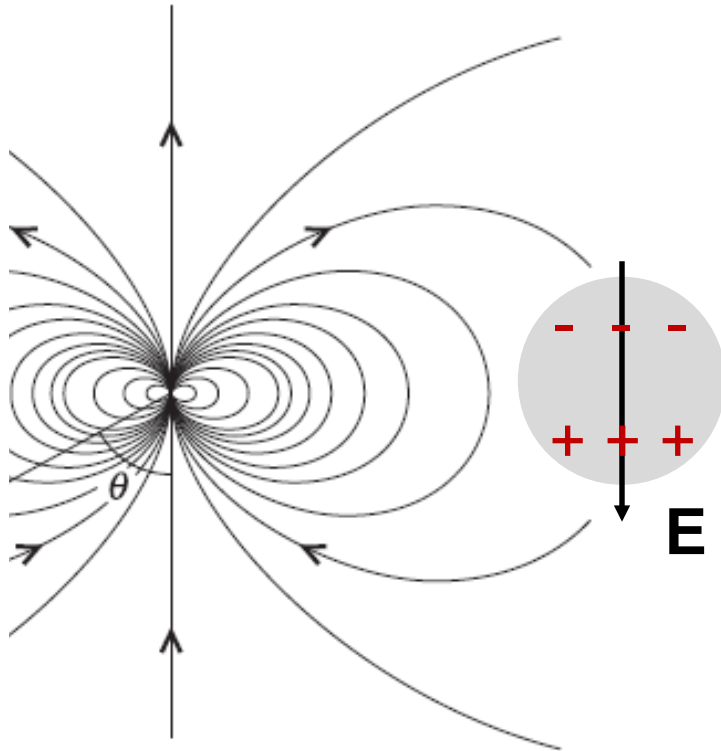
$$w(r) = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha E(r)_Q^2$$

Reminder for permanent dipole moment:

$$w(r) = -u E(r)_Q = \alpha E(r)_Q^2$$

Dipole – non-polar interactions

An electrostatic field from **a dipole** can interact with the charges in a non-polar molecule and create charge separation



$$w(r) = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha E(r)_D^2$$

$$w(r) = -\frac{u^2 \alpha_0}{(4\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon)^2 r^6}$$

This interaction has 2 different names:
Induction interaction
Debye interaction

Non-polar – Non-polar interactions

Non-polar molecules have **fluctuating charge distributions**, due to the probabilistic nature of the wave functions. These fluctuating charge distributions induce fluctuating charge distributions in other non-polar molecules. These are dispersive (frequency dependent) interactions

Properties:

Quantum mechanical in nature

Not additive

Every molecule contributes

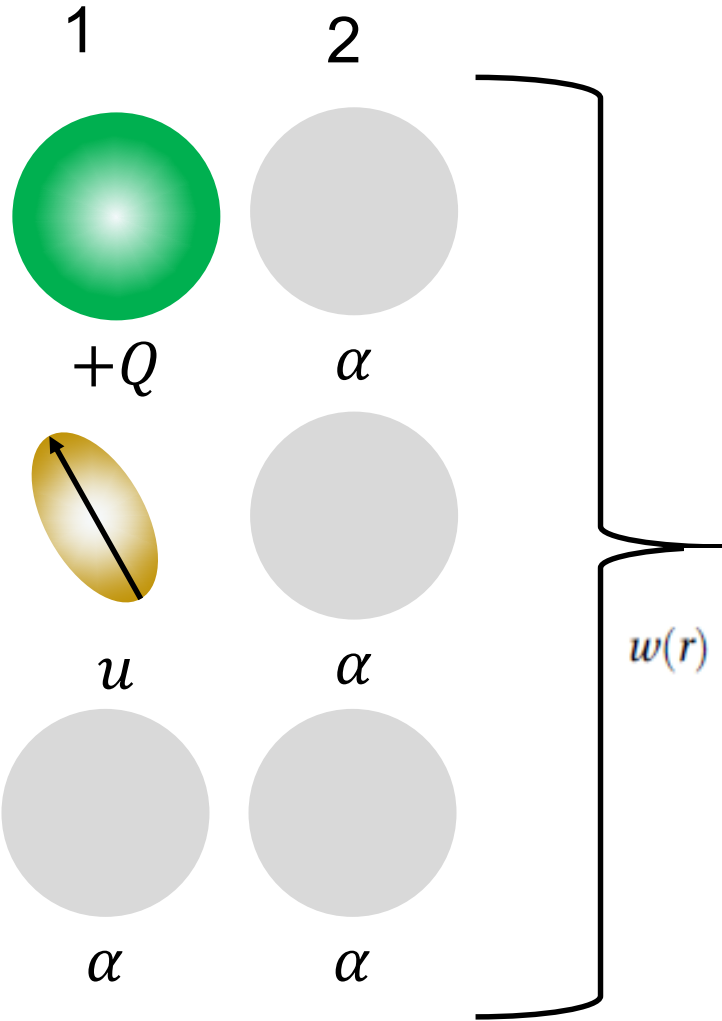
Size & structure determines the strength of the interaction

Magnitude: < kT

$$w(r) \sim - \frac{\alpha_0 \nu}{r^6}$$

Name of interaction:
Dispersive interactions

Interactions of non-polar molecules



Combined expression that takes into account all interactions:

$$w(r) = - \left[\frac{Q_1^2}{2r^4} + \frac{3kT}{r^6} \left(\frac{u_1^2}{3kT} + \alpha_{01} \right) \right] \left(\frac{u_2^2}{3kT} + \alpha_{02} \right) / (4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon)^2,$$

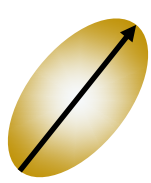
Note that 1 and 2 each refer to a single molecule or group within a molecule

We often encounter the term
'van der Waals interactions'

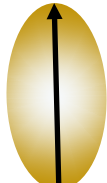
What is this ?

Combining term: Van der Waals interactions

Van der Waals interactions = a grouping of 3 types of attractive interactions that have a **$1/r^6$ dependence**



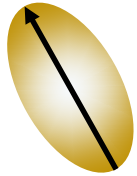
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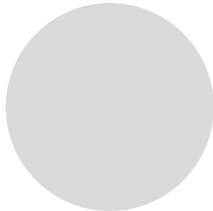
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$$w(r) = -\frac{u_1^2 u_2^2}{3(4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon)^2 kTr^6}$$

Keesom interaction



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α

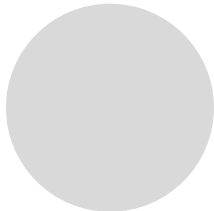
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Induction interaction

Debye interaction



α



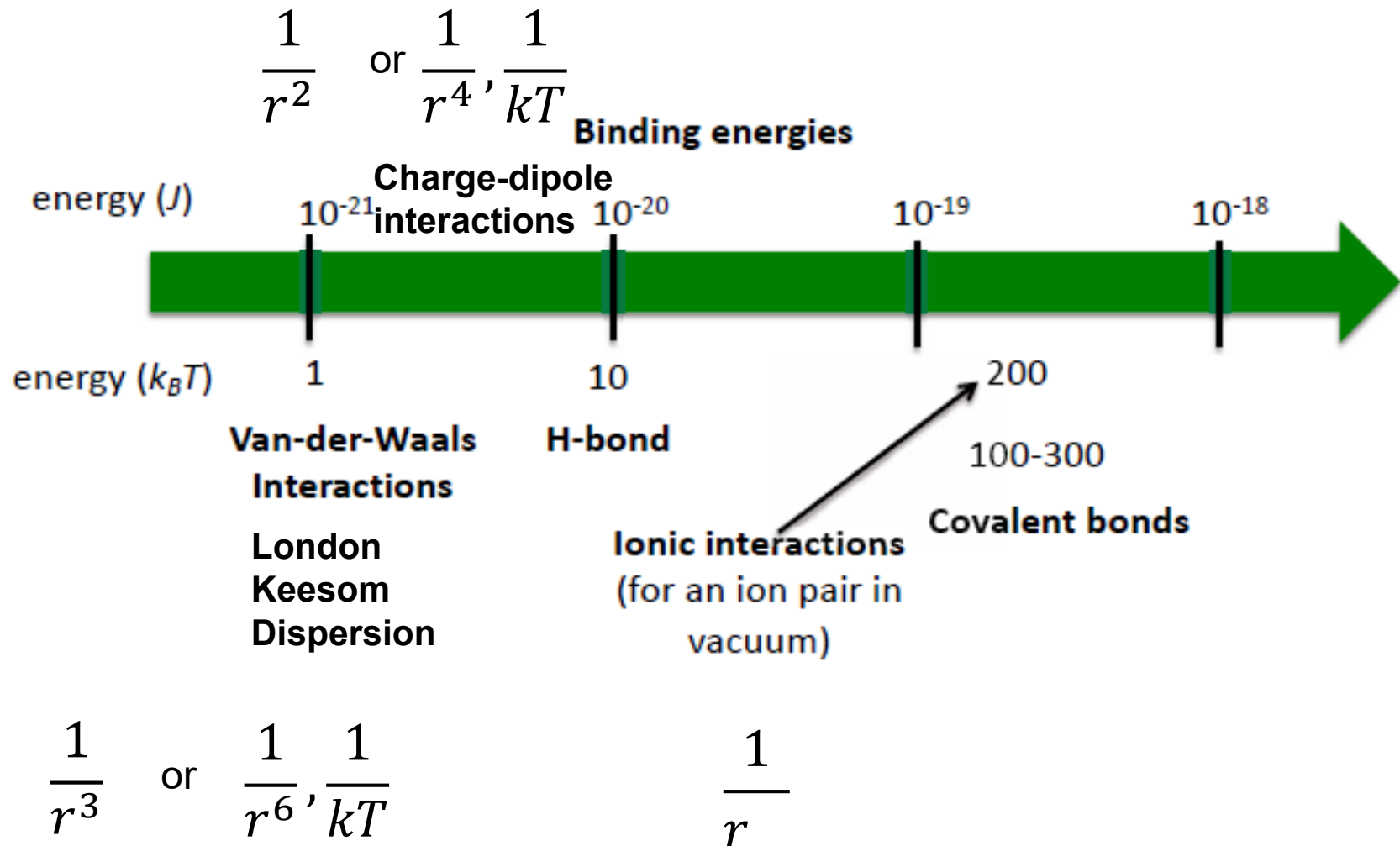
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$$w(r) \sim -\frac{\alpha_0 \nu}{r^6}$$

Dispersive interaction

London interaction

Interactions in liquids

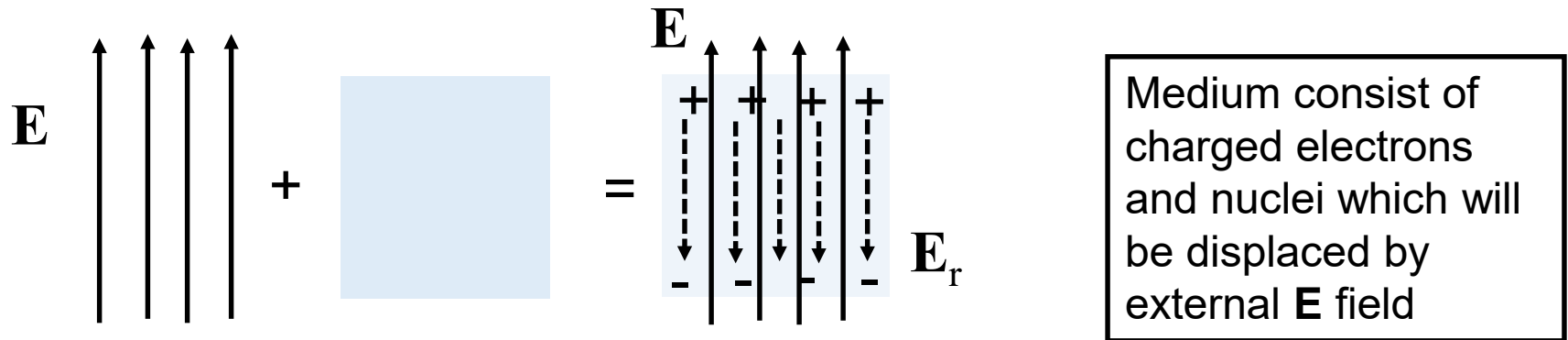


Lets now examine again the effects
of fields in a macroscopic medium:
this is the combined effect of all
interactions

Fields in a medium

Macroscopic polarizability is the ability of a medium to respond to and reduce the magnitude of an external electromagnetic field (\mathbf{E}).

Interaction of electric field (\mathbf{E}) with medium:



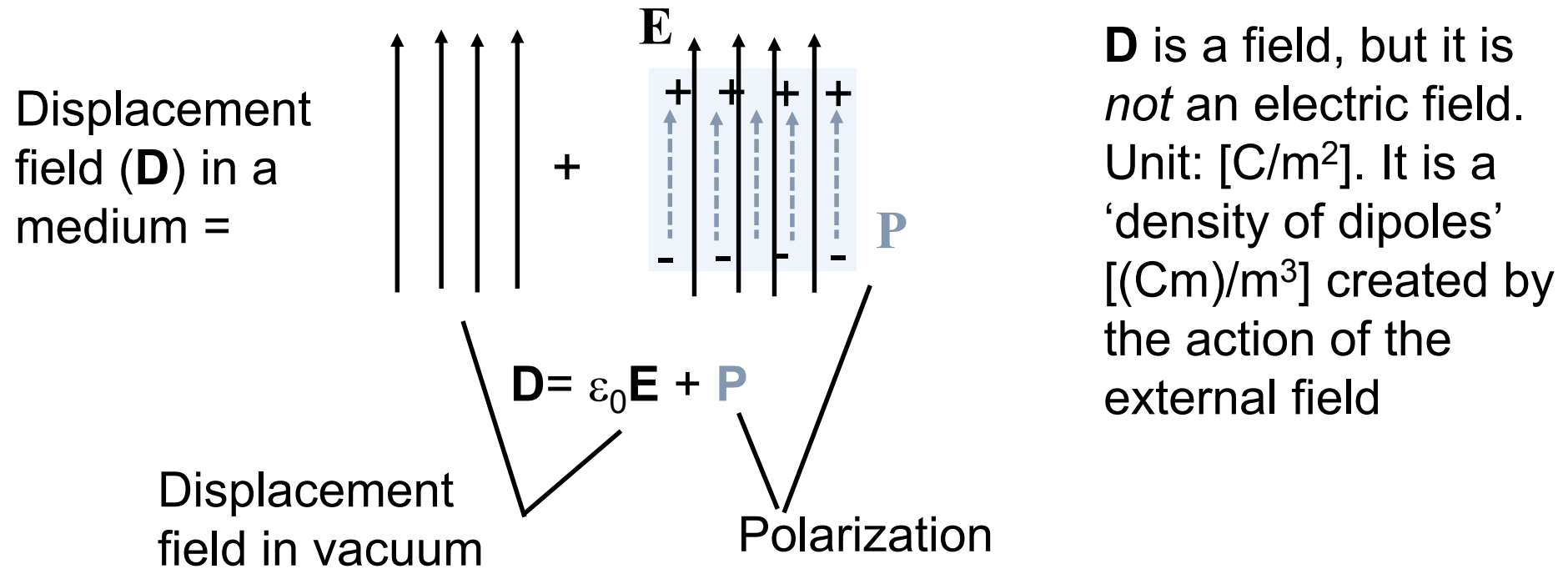
\mathbf{E} field distorts atoms & molecules: separates / displaces charges & induce dipoles & orients them; it also changes the free charge distribution (if present)

These charge displacements create a response field (\mathbf{E}_r)

These two field interfere & reduce: $\mathbf{E}_{\text{eff}} = \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{E}_r$

Macroscopic Polarizability (\mathbf{P})

Polarizability (\mathbf{P}) is the field that is present in the medium



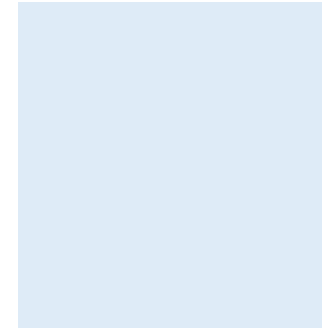
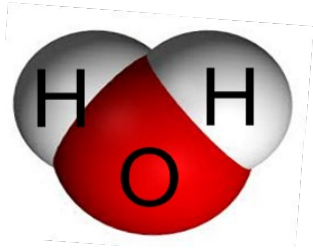
$\mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi^{(1)} \mathbf{E}$ is macroscopic material contribution to \mathbf{D} in medium:

$\epsilon = 1 + \chi^{(1)}$, ϵ is the dielectric permittivity, frequency dependent

$n^2 = 1 + \chi^{(1)}$, n is the refractive index

Linear susceptibility

Molecular vs Macroscopic polarization



Molecular polarization:
 \mathbf{u} or \mathbf{p}^* [Cm] (permanent dipole)

Molecular induced dipole:
 \mathbf{u}_{ind} or \mathbf{p}_{ind}

* \mathbf{u} : used by Israelachvili;
 \mathbf{p} : used for optics/spectroscopy

Macroscopic polarization \mathbf{P}

$$\mathbf{P} = \sum_{\text{all molecules}} \mathbf{p}_i = N \langle \mathbf{p} \rangle$$

Number of molecules per unit volume
contributing to the polarization

Material response:

$$\chi^{(1)} = \frac{N}{\epsilon_0} \langle \alpha \rangle_{\text{orientations}}$$

Molecular polarization can be induced by:

- 1 - Separating charge within (or outside) a molecule (with or without a charge or dipole). This is electronically induced polarization.
- 2 – Rotating dipoles. This is dipolar induced polarization.

Key concepts Lecture 5

- Dipole-dipole interaction and its properties
- Angle-averaged potentials:

When dipoles are free to move in solution, they will experience different orientations and thus different interaction potentials.

Boltzmann weighting factor can give more weight to a specific orientation.

Angle-average pair potentials are T-dependent
- Interactions of non-polar molecules
- Dipole moments can be induced in non-polar molecules
- Van der Waals forces group 3 forces with $1/r^6$ dependence
- Molecular polarizability vs. macroscopic polarizability