

4.2.2 Born–Haber and solution cycles

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Objective

Construct energy routes with the stated lattice convention and correct ion counts. Questions and marking guidance are original.

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

Lattice formation makes one mole of ionic solid from gaseous ions and is negative; lattice dissociation is the reverse and positive. Atomisation forms gaseous atoms from the element in its standard state. First electron affinity adds one electron to each gaseous atom; second affinity adds to an already negative ion and can be positive.

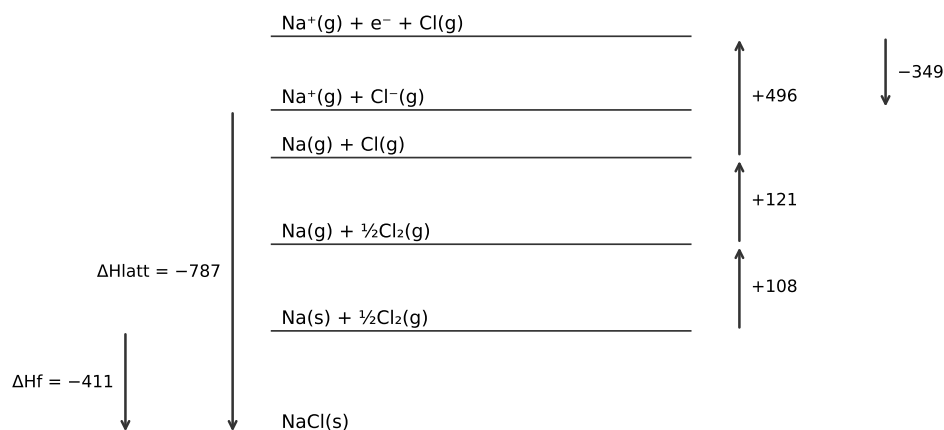
■ Worked cycle

For NaCl, illustrative values in kJ mol^{-1} are formation -411 , Na atomisation $+108$, Cl atomisation $+121$, Na ionisation $+496$ and Cl electron affinity -349 .

$$\Delta H_{latt} = -411 - [108 + 121 + 496 - 349] = -787 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Use the same start and finish on both routes. For MgCl_2 count two Cl atomisations, two Cl electron affinities and two Mg ionisation energies. For dissolution, $\Delta H_{sol} = -\Delta H_{latt,formation} + \sum \Delta H_{hyd}$. Smaller, more highly charged ions usually have more negative lattice-formation and hydration enthalpies; competing changes prevent a one-factor solubility rule.

NaCl Born-Haber cycle: illustrative values / kJ mol^{-1}



Both routes start at the elements and finish at $\text{NaCl}(\text{s})$.
Diagram is schematic; vertical spacing is not an energy scale.

2 Practice

2.1 Define lattice formation enthalpy, including the required states and amount. [3]

2.2 For a salt, lattice formation = -850 and total hydration = -820 kJ mol^{-1} . Calculate solution enthalpy. [2]

2.3 Explain why the second electron affinity of oxygen is endothermic although the first is exothermic. [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 For $\text{MgCl}_2(\text{s})$, use $\Delta H_f = -642$; Mg atomisation $+148$; each Cl atomisation $+121$; $\text{IE}_1 +738$; $\text{IE}_2 +1451$; each Cl electron affinity -349 , all in kJ mol^{-1} . Calculate lattice formation enthalpy. [4]

3.2 A Born–Haber lattice value is substantially more negative than a purely ionic-model estimate. Explain a possible bonding interpretation. Why can a negative solution enthalpy alone not establish solubility? [3]

3.3 Two illustrative sulfate salts A and B have lattice dissociation enthalpies $+2500$ and $+2450 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, and total hydration enthalpies -2510 and $-2420 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$. Both have solution entropy $+40.0 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$. Calculate each solution enthalpy and total entropy at 298 K . Use the data to explain which dissolution is favoured and why hydration alone is not the calculation. [6]

3.4 Construct a complete Born–Haber cycle for $\text{CaF}_2(\text{s})$, using these supplied illustrative enthalpies in kJ mol^{-1} : formation -1220 ; Ca atomisation $+178$; atomisation of one mole of F atoms $+79$; Ca IE_1 $+590$ and IE_2 $+1145$; first electron affinity of F -328 . Label every intermediate species/state, electron count and arrow; include the appropriate factors. Use your cycle to calculate lattice formation enthalpy. [7]

3.5 Define hydration enthalpy for chloride ions and solution enthalpy for MgCl_2 using equations, amounts and states. Construct a cycle for MgCl_2 dissolution from supplied illustrative values: lattice formation -2523 , hydration of Mg^{2+} -1920 and hydration of each Cl^- -381 kJ mol^{-1} . Calculate the solution enthalpy. [7]