

Lattice Energy

- Energy change required to separate 1 mol of ionic solid into widely spaced gaseous ions.
- Negative of energy released if ions fall back together.
- ...for NaCl $\Delta H^{\circ}_{\text{Lattice}} = + 786 \text{ kJ/mol}$
- Determined via the Born-Haber cycle (pg. 334-335)...an application of Hess's Law.



Differences in Lattice Energy



*More difficult to pull
Mg and S ions apart.*

*Easier to pull K and Cl
ions apart.*

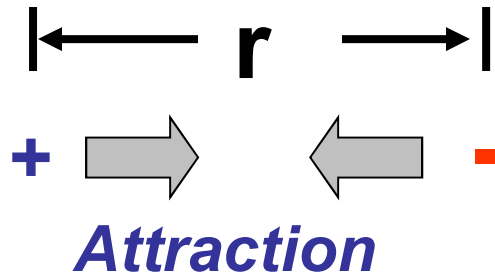
Why the difference?

...need to look at the details of the attractive force holding the ions together.



Electrostatic Energy

From Physics...



Lattice Energy

$$\propto \frac{\text{Positive Charge} \times \text{Negative Charge}}{r}$$

To increase the Lattice Energy:

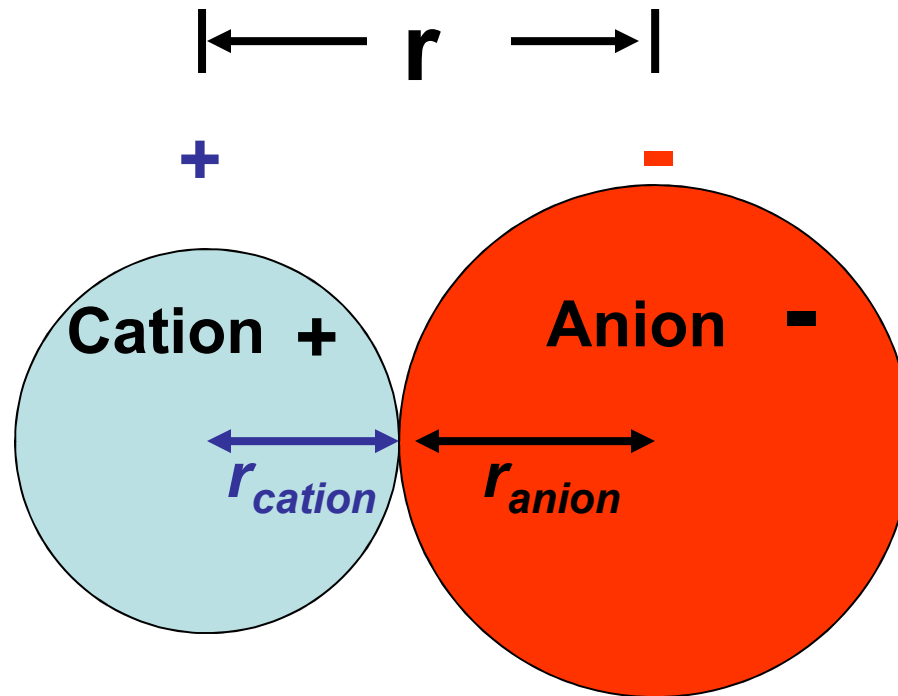
1. Increase either the **Pos.** or **Neg.** charge
2. Decrease the distance between charges (r)

To Decrease the Lattice Energy:

1. Decrease either the **Pos.** or **Neg.** charge
2. Increase the distance between charges (r)



Electrostatic Energy



$$\text{Lattice Energy} \propto \frac{\text{Positive Charge} \times \text{Negative Charge}}{(r_{cation} + r_{anion})}$$

Lattice energy depends on the charge sizes and the ion radii 📢

Factors Affecting Lattice Energy

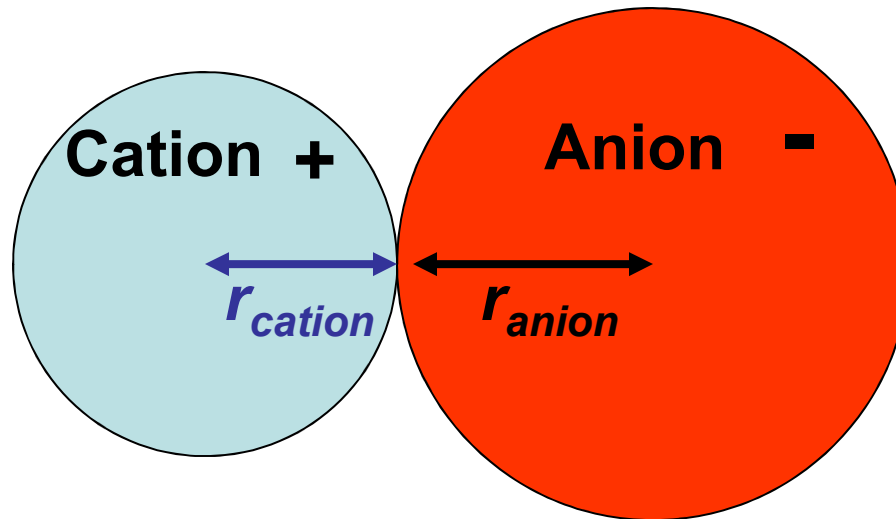
Two singly charged ions:

$$\text{Lattice Energy} \propto \frac{(1+) \times (1-)}{(r_{\text{cation}} + r_{\text{anion}})}$$

Two doubly charged ions: FOUR TIMES THE LATTICE E. !!

$$\text{Lattice Energy} \propto \frac{(2+) \times (2-)}{(r_{\text{cation}} + r_{\text{anion}})} = 4 \times \frac{(1+) \times (1-)}{(r_{\text{cation}} + r_{\text{anion}})}$$

Factors Affecting Lattice Energy



For Large Lattice Energy:

1. Multiple **Pos.** and/or **Neg.** charges
2. Small ionic radii (small ions)

For Small Lattice Energy:

1. Low number **Pos.** or **Neg.** charges
2. Large ionic radii (r)



Lattice Energy Comparisons

Arrange the following ionic solids in order of decreasing lattice energy:

<http://www.chemicool.com/elements/>

<http://www.webelements.com>



Cation Radius 0.152 nm

0.086 nm

0.116 nm

0.090 nm

Anion Radius 0.206 nm

0.126 nm

0.206 nm

0.119 nm

+2/-2 charges
important
MgO

Small ionic
radii
LiF

Larger ionic
radii
NaI

Largest ionic
radii
KI

Lattice Energy: 3791 kJ/mol

1036 kJ/mol

704 kJ/mol

649 kJ/mol

$T_{\text{melt}} = 2852\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

$T_{\text{melt}} = 845\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

$T_{\text{melt}} = 661\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

$T_{\text{melt}} = 680\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

