Intermolecular Attractive Forces

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- 1. Sketch the orientations of molecules and/or ions involved in the following intermolecular attractive forces. Include at least one specific example where each attractive force is important. For each one, tell what causes the force and describe its strength relative to the others.
- a. Ion-dipole forces



b. Dipole-dipole forces



The figure above shows the dipole-dipole intermolecular attractive force in liquid CH₃F. CH₃F is a polar molecule, so both dispersion forces and dipole-

dipole forces are present. Since all of the atoms in CH₃F are in the first or second period dipole-dipole forces are the strongest IMAF.

c. London dispersion forces

London dispersion forces are difficult to represent pictorially, but a description can be used. LD forces are only present in nonpolar atoms or molecules. For a nonpolar atom or molecule, for most of the time, the electrons are symmetrically distributed. However, there are instances when the electrons in a nonpolar molecule are not symmetrically distributed, and the result is to produce an instantaneous dipole (a dipole that is present for a very brief period of time). The instantaneous dipole can induce a dipole on another atom or molecule very close it. The result is a small electrostatic attraction. However, an instant later the instantaneous dipole will be gone as the electrons in the atom or molecule find a more symmetric arrangement. So London dispersion forces are the result of instantaneous dipoles that briefly form in nonpolar atoms or molecules. For substances containing atoms in the first or second period LD forces are weak. However, if a molecule contains atoms from the third or higher periods the LD forces can be very strong. Stronger than dipole-dipole forces (if present). Since LD forces are due to arrangements of electrons all molecules, whether polar or nonpolar exhibit LD forces.

d. Hydrogen-bonding forces



The figure above shows the hydrogen bonding intermolecular attractive force between HF molecules in liquid HF. HF is a polar molecule so both dispersion forces and dipole-dipole forces are present. However because a hydrogen atom is covalently bonded to a fluorine atom, and the same hydrogen atom interacts with a fluorine atom on another HF molecule, hydrogen bonding is possible. So all three NMAF are present in HF. 2. Complete the following table.

System	Primary IMAF	Sketch of Interaction between particles	Comments
CH ₂ Cl ₂ (<i>l</i>)	LDF and dipole- dipole†	Pur de les	CH ₂ Cl ₂ is polar. The hydrogen atoms have partial positive charge and the chlorine has a partial negative. However, no hydrogen bonding since the hydrogen atom is covalently bonded to a carbon atom. So dipole-diople and LD forces are present. The LD forces will be the primary IMAF, because chlorine is in the 3 rd period. When a molecule has an element in the 3 rd or higher period LD forces are the most important.
NH ₃ (<i>l</i>)	LDF, dipole-dipole and hydrogen- bonding†	hydrogen-bonding hydrogen-bonding hydrogen-bonding	NH_3 is polar. The hydrogen atoms have partial positive charge and the nitrogen has a partial negative. Since the hydrogen atom is covalently bonded to a nitrogen, hydrogen- bonding can occur between molecules.

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$SO_2(l)$	LDF and dipole- dipole†	dipole-dipole	SO ₂ is polar. The sulfur atom has a partial positive charge and the oxygen atoms have a partial negative. The primary IMAF is dipole-dipole, or it could be LDF.
KBr(s)	Ionic bonding		KBr is an ionic compound so the primary IMAF is ionic bonding. Ionic bonding is always stronger than LDF, dipole-dipole or hydrogen-bonding IMAFs.
I ₂ (s)	LDF		I_2 is nonpolar. The only IMAF is dispersion forces. The image shows the arrangement of I_2 molecules in $I_2(s)$.
NaCl(aq)	Ion-dipole	δ+ ion-dipole δ+ δ+ δ+	This figure shows the ion-dipole interaction between the chloride ion and the water molecules. There are two more water molecules that could have been drawn. These are located in front and behind the chloride ion. Notice the orientation of the water molecules. The δ + end of the dipole is oriented towards the

		b b b b c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c	negatively charged chloride ion. This figure shows the ion-dipole interaction between the potassium ion and the water molecules. There are two more water molecules which could have been drawn. These are located in front and behind the potassium ion. Notice the orientation of the water molecules. The δ - end of the dipole is oriented towards the positively charged potassium ion.
CH ₃ CH ₂ OH(<i>l</i>)	LDF, dipole-dipole and hydrogen- bonding†	λ- hydrogen-bond δ+	CH ₃ CH ₂ OH is polar. The presence of the O-H group means that hydrogen-bonding can occur between molecules of CH_3CH_2OH .