

Physical & Thermal Properties

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Lecture Objectives

A. Physical Properties

1. Atomic Arrangements
2. Density
3. Dimensional Stability
4. Absorption of Oral Fluids
5. Solubility & Disintegration
6. Bonding
7. Adhesion & Cohesion
8. Surface Energy
9. Hydrophilicity and Hydrophobicity

C. Thermal Properties

1. Thermal Conductivity
2. Thermal Diffusivity
3. Coefficient of Thermal Expansion & Contraction



A. Physical Properties

1. Physical Properties

1. Atomic Arrangement

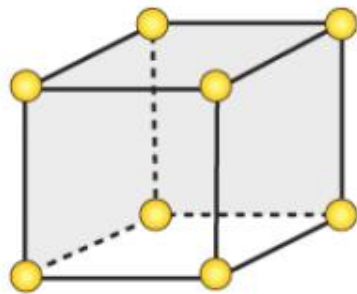
- Material can be **crystalline** or **non-crystalline (amorphous)** structure.

A. Crystalline

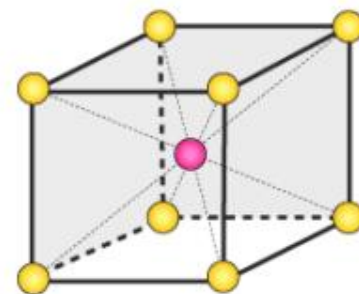
- Regularly spaced configuration (repetitive space lattice) known as a **crystal**.
- Type of **space lattice** is defined by the length of each of the **3-unit cell edges** (called the axes) & the **angles between the edges**.

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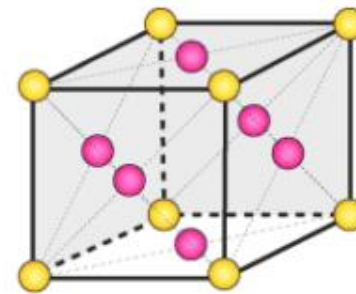
- Metallic-based dental materials & ceramics (alumina & zirconia)**



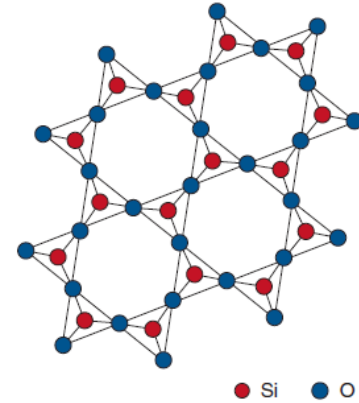
Simple cubic



Body-centred
Cubic Unit Cell
(BCC)



Face-centred
Cubic Unit Cell
(FCC)



All Ceramic
Dental Crowns



Metal Crown



Stainless- Steel- Crown

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1. Atomic Arrangement

B. Non-Crystalline (Amorphous)

- Structures where irregularly **spaced configurations** in the solid state.
- Its atoms are arranged in **non-repeating units**.
- ✱ • Examples: **Waxes, glass, polymeric-based materials (eg. acrylic resin)** used in dentistry

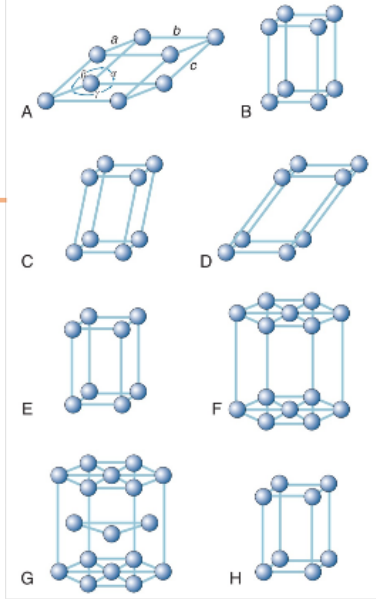
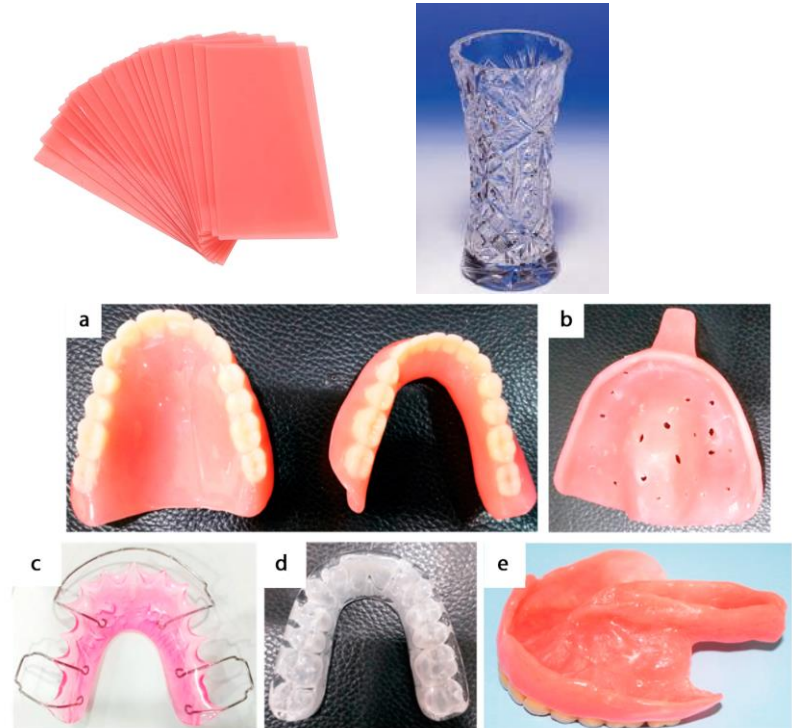
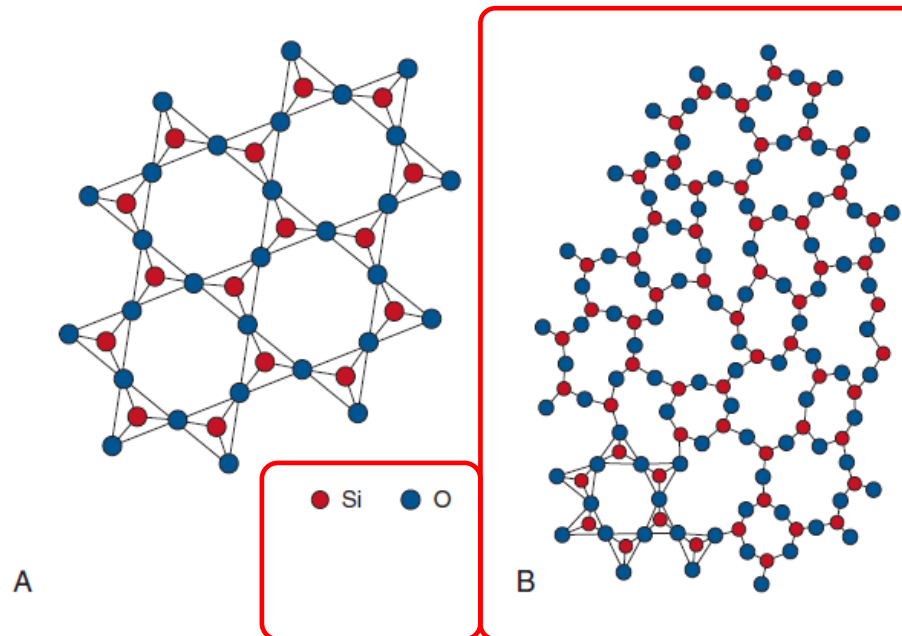


FIGURE 2-9 Two-dimensional illustration of crystalline (left) and noncrystalline (right) forms of SiO_2 .

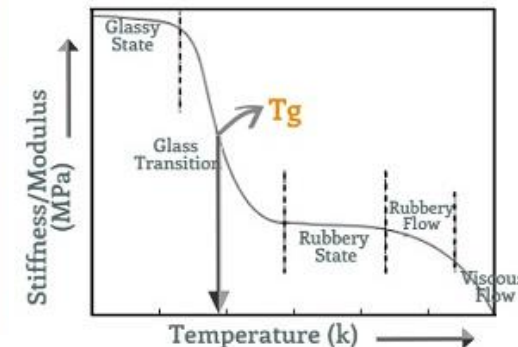


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1. Atomic Arrangement

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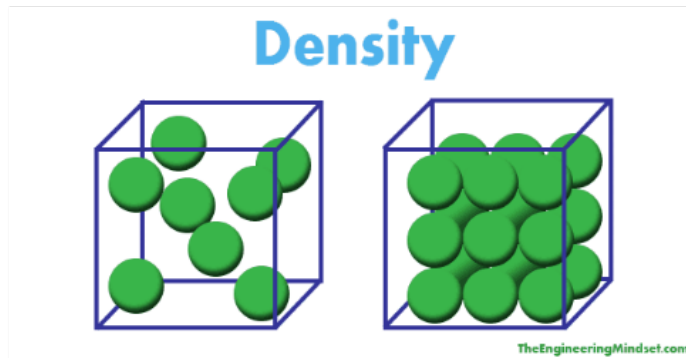
Properties	Crystalline solid	Amorphous solid
1. Structure	The constituent particles, atoms, ions or molecules are arranged in regular and definite three dimensional pattern. e.g. sodium chloride, diamond, sugar etc.	The constituent particles are arranged in irregular three dimensional pattern.
2. Compressibility	Rigid and incompressible.	Usually rigid and can not be compressed to any appreciable extent.
3. Melting point	They have sharp and definite melting point.	Melting point is not definite. Melt over a range of temperature.
4. Heat of fusion	Definite	Not definite
5. Physical properties	These are anisotropic i.e. their physical properties are not identical in all directions	These are isotropic i.e. their physical properties are identical in all directions



1. Physical Properties

2. Density

- Density is the measurement of how tightly a material is packed together
- **Lightness** is nearly always an advantage in restorative materials, but sometimes tin or lead is used inside a full lower denture to make it heavy to control its mobility.
- **Density:**
 - Gold = 14 gm/cm
 - Acrylic = 1.2 gm/cm
 - Chromium/cobalt = 8.3 gm/cm
 - Water = 1 gm/cm



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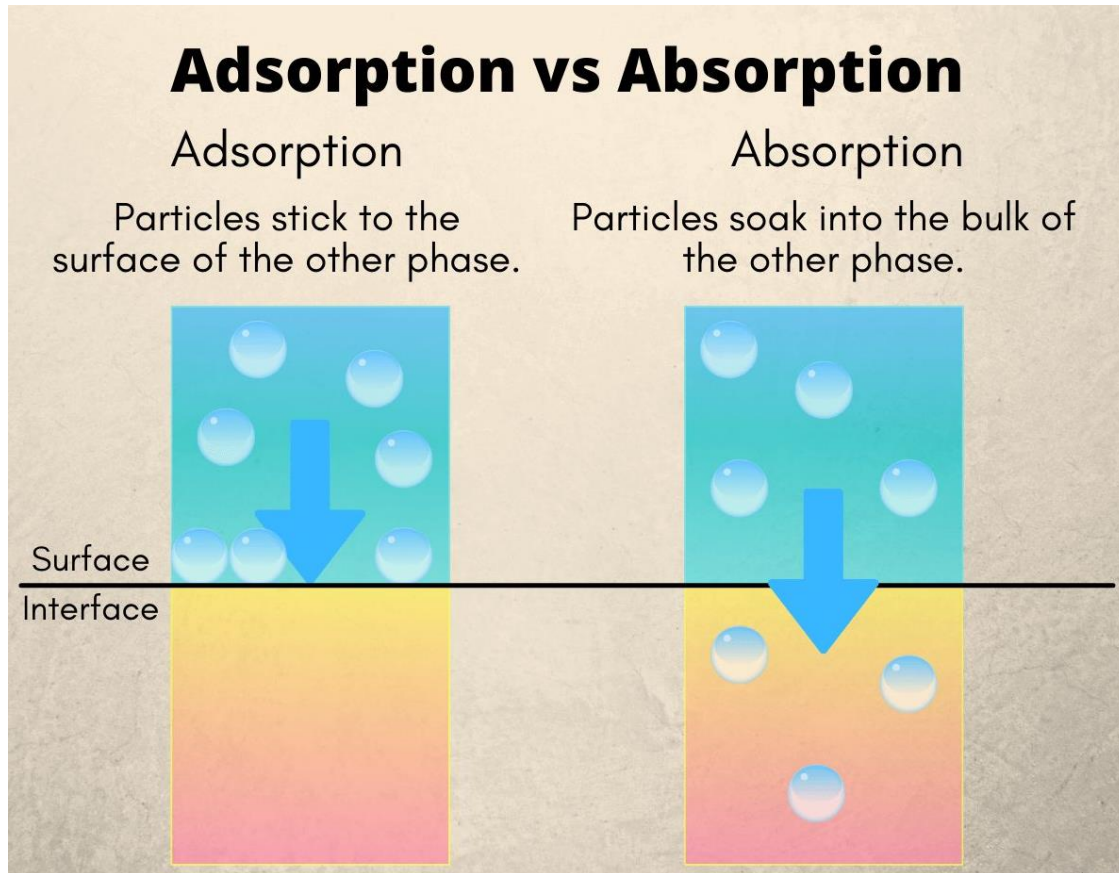
3. Dimensional Stability

- Many materials change shape when they set or harden.
- Dental materials should have no dimensional changes when set.
- Example:
 - **Silicone impression** is more stable than **Alginate impression**



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4. Absorption of oral fluids



- Some materials will absorb water or other fluids.
- Long absorption of water can result in serious dimensional changes
- **Acrylic** absorbs water for a day & stops after that.

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5. Solubility & Disintegration

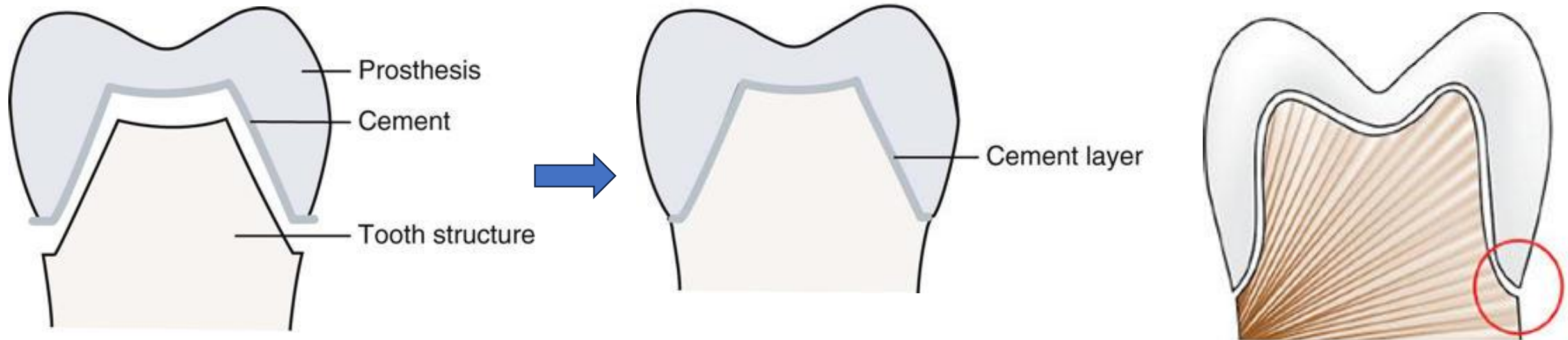
- Restorative materials (cement, composite, amalgam) should not dissolve in the mouth, & if they dissolve, they should not release toxic substances.
- Solubility
 - Silicate cement = 0.7-1.6%
 - Composite = 0.01%



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5. Solubility & Disintegration

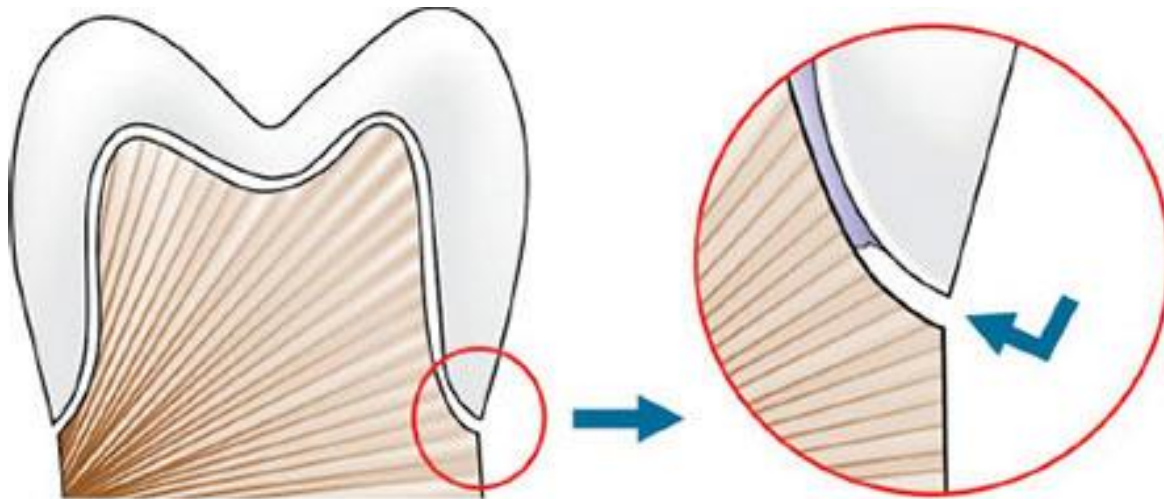
- They are important property as they can determine the **long-term survivability of restorations**.
- Most **cements** exhibit varying degrees of solubility.
- Cements in the oral environment are continually exposed to a variety of acids produced by microorganisms or consumed in foods and drinks.



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5. Solubility & Disintegration

- Solubility & disintegration of the cement at the margins can eventually lead to problems like inflammation, caries, sensitivity, etc.
- Solubility & disintegration can be reduced by
 - proper manipulation
 - minimizing the exposure of the cement to the oral environment, &
 - protecting of the cement during setting and the **initial 24-hour period**.



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6. Bonding

- Atom is relatively stable if it has **eight electrons** in its outer valence shell (except for helium, which has only two electrons).
- Other atoms must lose, acquire, or share electrons with yet other atoms to achieve a stable configuration—that is, eight electrons in the outer shell.
- These processes produce various bonding.
 - Primary Bonding
 - Secondary Bonding

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6. Bonding

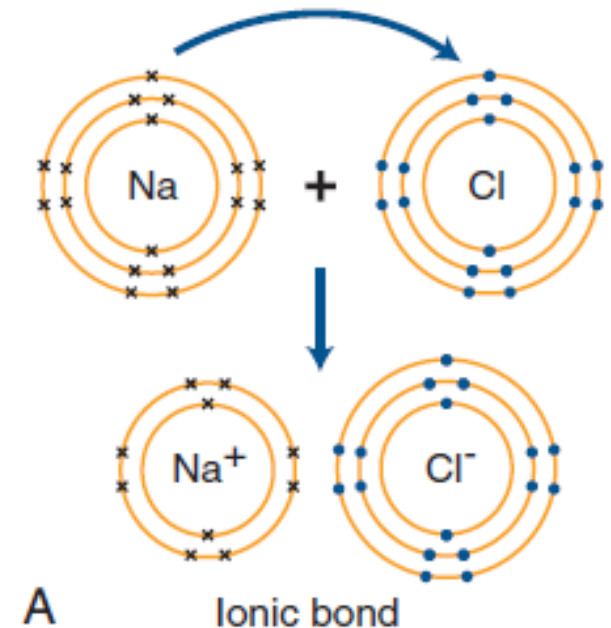
A. Primary Bonds

- The formation of **primary bonds** depends on the atomic structures & their tendency to assume a stable configuration.
- The strength of these bonds determines the physical properties of a material.
- **Primary atomic bonds**, also called **chemical bonds**, may be of 3 different types:
 - a. Ionic,
 - b. Covalent, &
 - c. Metallic.

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6. Bonding: A. Primary Bonds: a. Ionic Bonds

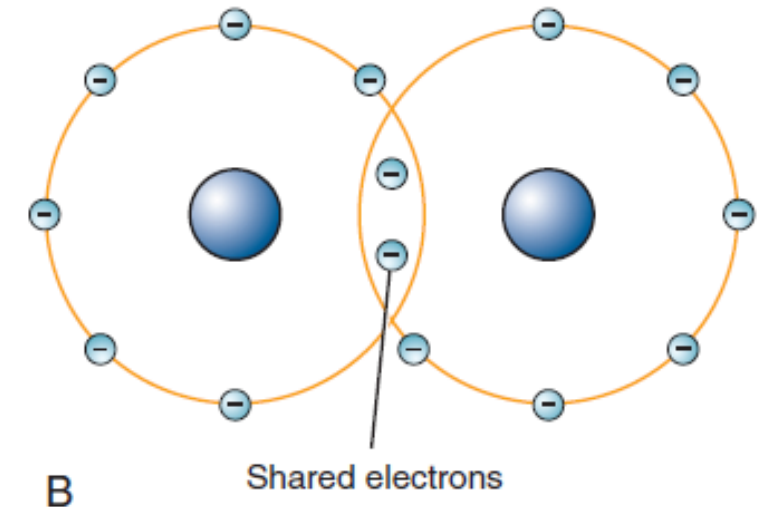
- Transfer of electrons to become stable.
- Example of ionic bonding is the bond between the Na^+ & Cl^- of sodium chloride.
 - Sodium atom contains 1 valence electron in its outer shell & chlorine atom has 7 electrons in its outer shell, the transfer of the sodium valence electron to the chlorine atom results in the stable compound $\text{Na}^+ \text{Cl}^-$.
- ✗ • In dentistry, ionic bonding exists in some dental materials, such as in gypsum structures & phosphate-based cements.



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6. Bonding: A. Primary Bonds: b. Covalent Bonds

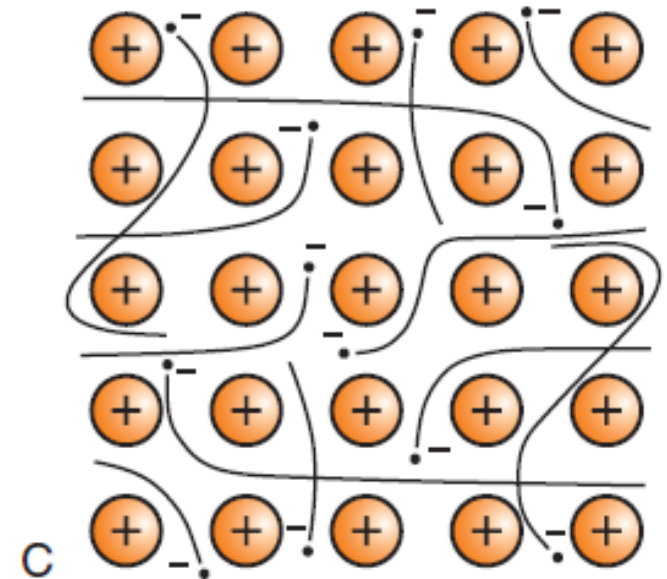
- Two valence electrons are shared by adjacent atoms.
- By sharing electrons, the 2 atoms are held together by covalent bonds to form a molecule that is sufficiently stable, & electrically neutral in a definite arrangement.
- Hydrogen molecule, H_2 , exemplifies covalent bonding.
 - The **single valence electron** in each **hydrogen atom** is shared with that of the other combining atom, & the valence shells become stable.
- ✂ • Covalent bonding occurs in many **organic compounds**, such as in **dental resins**, where they link to form the backbone structure of hydrocarbon chains.



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6. Bonding: A. Primary Bonds: c. Metallic Bonds

- Outer valence electrons are removed easily from metallic atoms & form positive ions.
- Free valence electrons can move about in the metal space lattice to form what is sometimes described as an electron “cloud” or “gas.”
- **Electrostatic attraction** between the **electron cloud** & the **positive ions** in the lattice provides the force that bonds the metal atoms together as a solid.
- **Free electrons** give the metal its **high thermal & electrical conductivity**. These electrons absorb light energy so that all metals are opaque to light.
- The metallic bonds are also responsible for the ability of metals to deform plastically.



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6. Bonding: B. Secondary Bonds Weaker than primary bonds

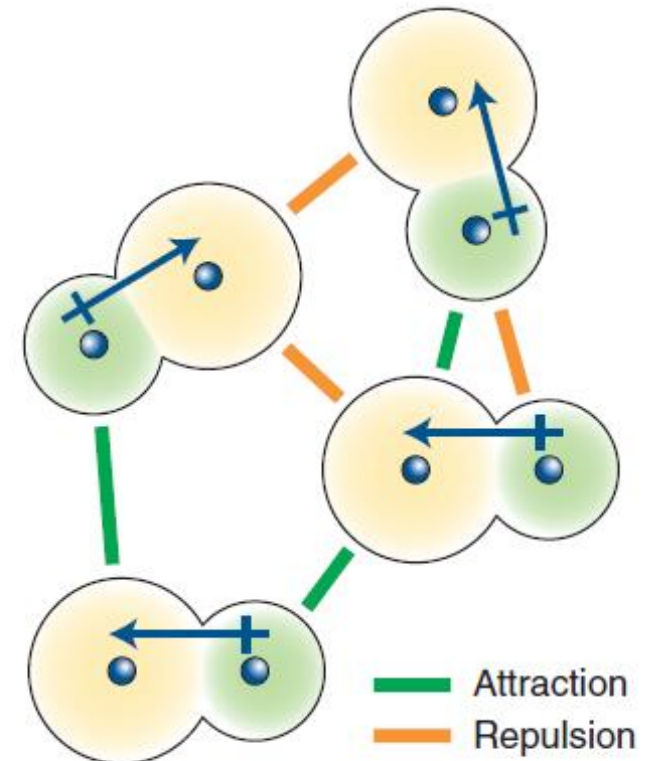
- In contrast with primary bonds, **secondary bonds do not share electrons**.
- Instead, charge variations among atomic groups of the **molecule induce dipole forces** that attract adjacent molecules or parts of a large molecule.
- **Secondary atomic bonds**, also called **physical bonds**, may be of 2 different types:
 - a. van der Waals Forces
 - b. Hydrogen bonding

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6. Bonding: B. Secondary Bonds: a. van der Waals Force

- These **van der Waals** forces of attraction arise from **dipole attractions**.
- **In the case of polar molecules**, dipoles are induced by an unequal sharing of electrons.

Attraction & repulsion between molecules are induced by a **permanent dipole moment** resulting from asymmetrical electron distribution within the molecule.

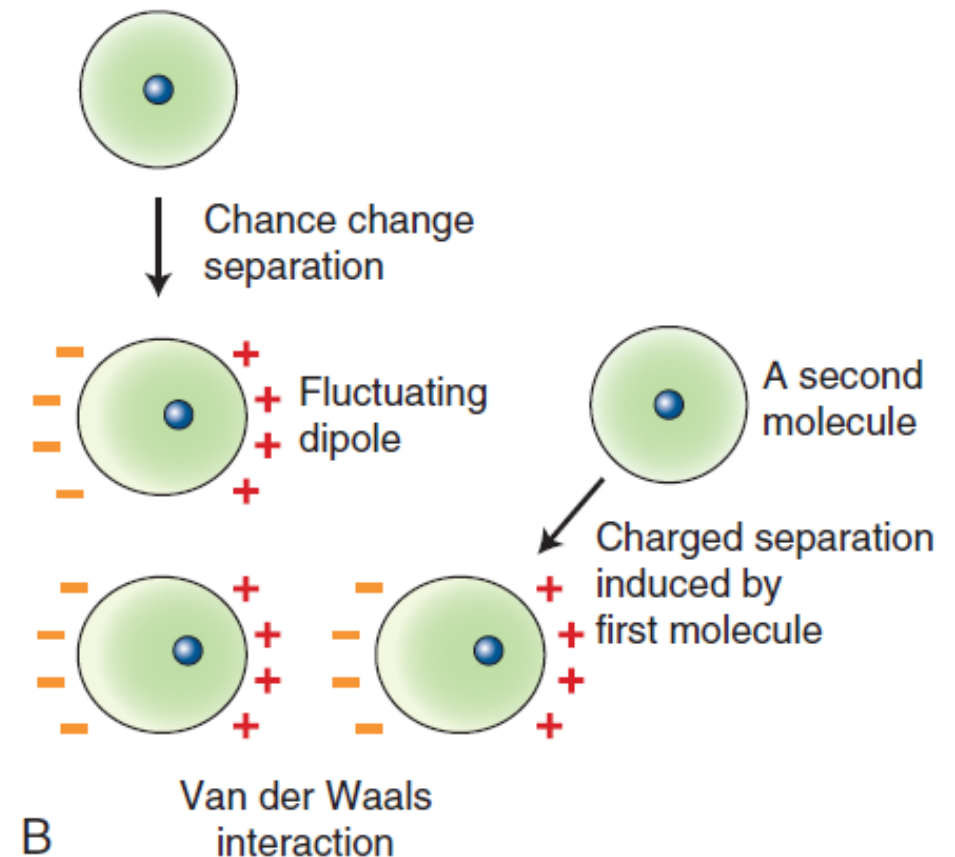


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6. Bonding: B. Secondary Bonds: a. van der Waals Force

- In the case of **nonpolar molecules**, random movement of electrons within the molecule creates **fluctuating dipoles**.
- **Dipoles** generated within these molecules will attract other similar dipoles.

A temporary dipole (fluctuating dipole) occurs when the symmetrical distribution of electrons in a molecule becomes asymmetrical temporarily; it then attracts the dipole to adjacent molecules, resulting in the **eventual interaction**.



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6. Bonding: B. Secondary Bonds: b. Hydrogen bonding

- **Hydrogen bond** is a special case of **dipole attraction** of polar compounds.
- Example: **water molecule**.
- Attached to the **oxygen atom** are **2 hydrogen atoms**.
- As a consequence, the protons of the hydrogen atoms pointing away from the oxygen atom are not shielded efficiently by the electrons. **They become positively charged**.
- **Positive hydrogen** nucleus is **attracted to the unshared electrons** of neighboring water molecules.
- This type of bond is called a **hydrogen bridge**.

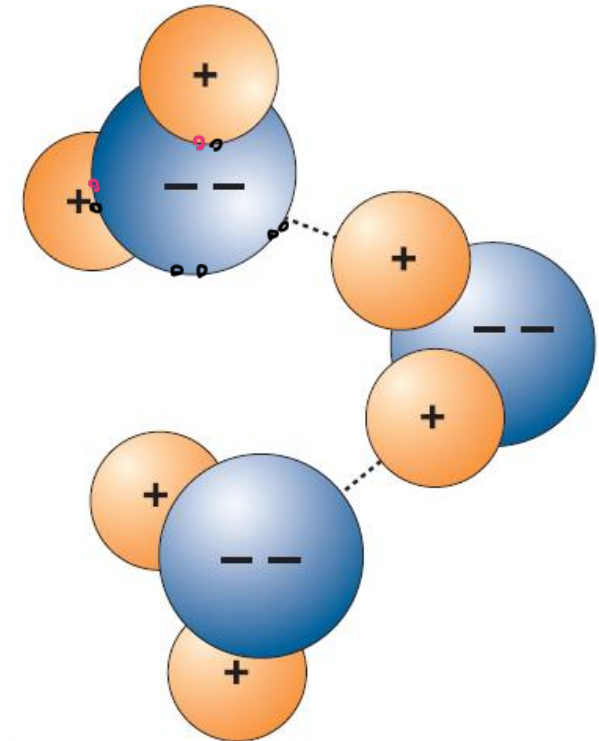


FIGURE 2-5 Hydrogen bond formation between water molecules. The polar water molecule bonds to adjacent water molecules via an H (orange) O (blue) interaction between molecules.

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6. Bonding

- **Bonding energies**, which generally range between **600 & 1500 kJ/mol** (3 & 8 eV/atom), are relatively large, as reflected in high melting temperatures.

Table 2.3 Bonding Energies and Melting Temperatures for Various Substances

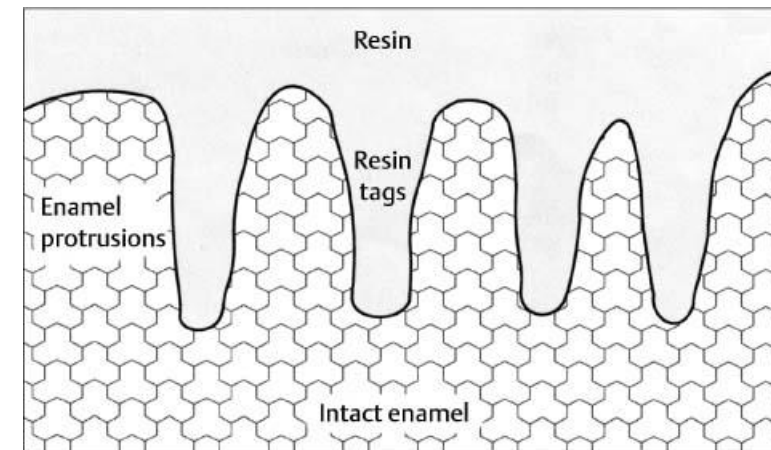
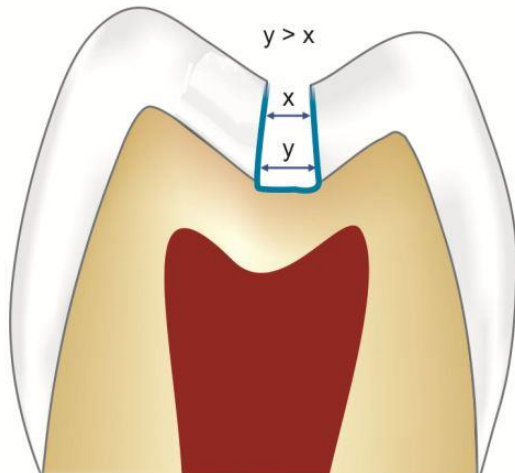
Bonding Type	Substance	Bonding Energy		Melting Temperature (°C)
		kJ/mol	eV/Atom, Ion, Molecule	
Ionic	NaCl	640	3.3	801
	MgO	1000	5.2	2800
Covalent	Si	450	4.7	1410
	C (diamond)	713	7.4	>3550
Metallic	Hg	68	0.7	−39
	Al	324	3.4	660
	Fe	406	4.2	1538
	W	849	8.8	3410
van der Waals	Ar	7.7	0.08	−189
	Cl ₂	31	0.32	−101
Hydrogen	NH ₃	35	0.36	−78
	H ₂ O	51	0.52	0

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6. Bonding

- Bonding in Amalgam vs Composite resin Restorations.

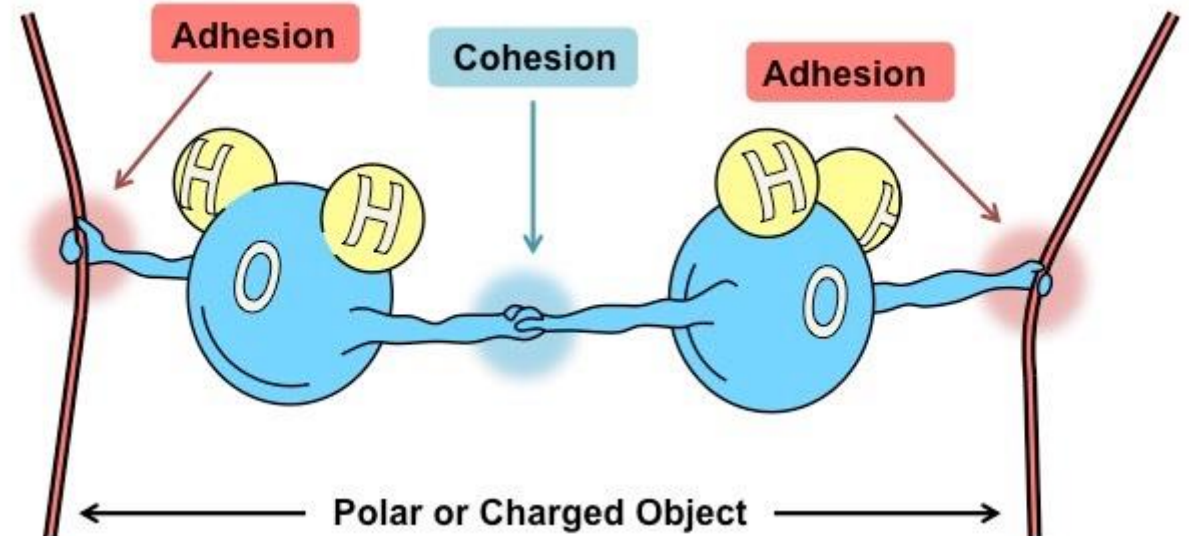
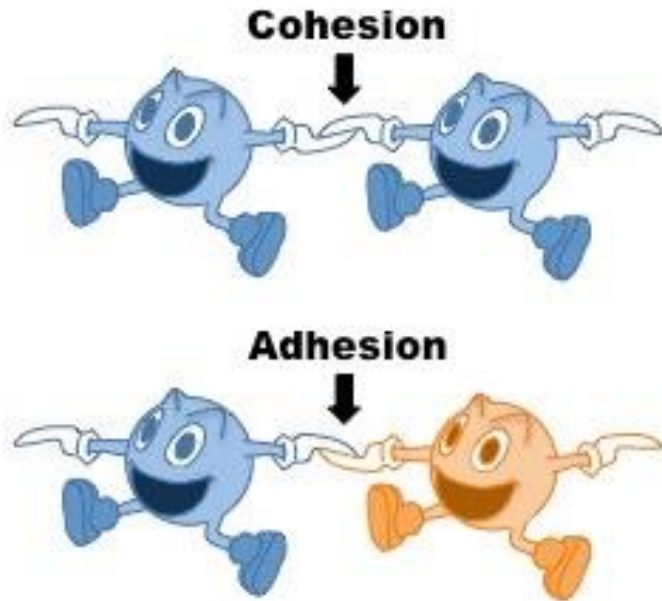
Amalgam	Composite resin
Mechanical (Macromechanical)	Micromechanical bonding



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7. Adhesion & Cohesion

- When the molecules of one substrate adhere or are attracted to molecules of the other substrate, the force of attraction is called **adhesion** when unlike molecules are attracted & **cohesion** when the molecules involved are of the same kind.



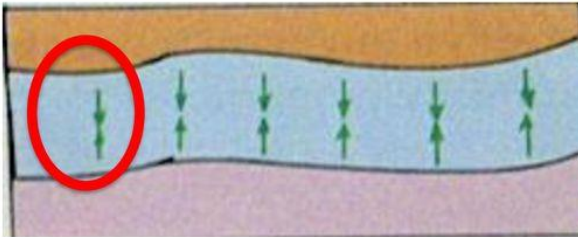
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7. Adhesion & Cohesion

- A **denture** stays attached to the soft tissue when saliva is present.

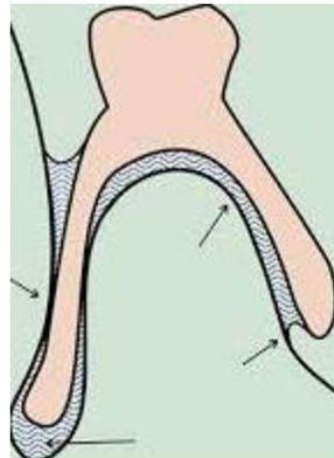
Cohesion:

- It is the physical attraction of like molecules to each other ...molecules of the same substance together .



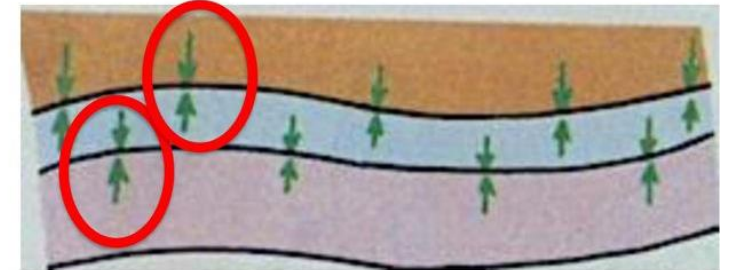
In complete denture :

- Saliva needs to be cohesive



Adhesion:

- Is the physical force involved in the attraction between two unlike molecules.



In case of denture

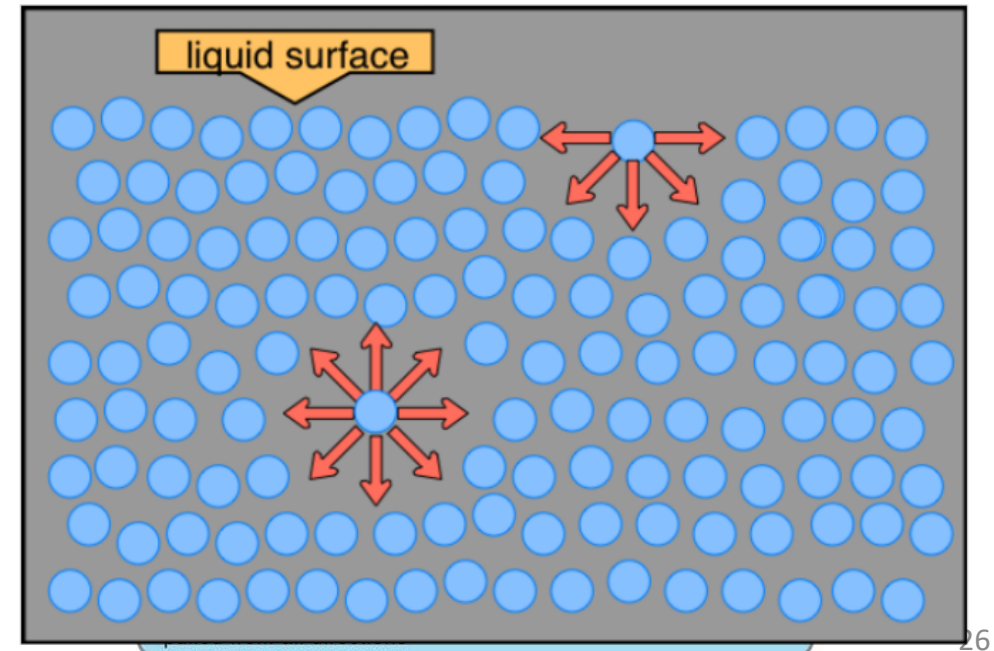
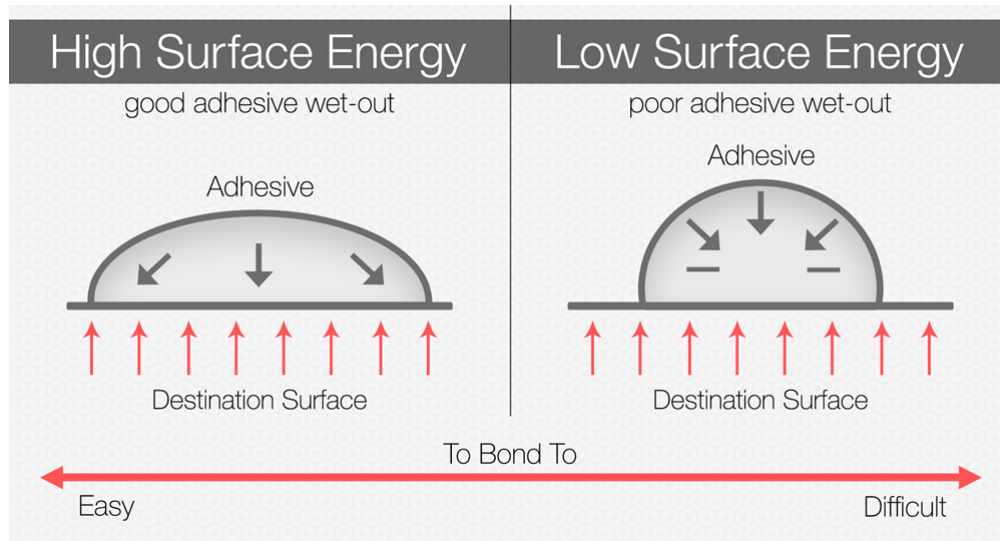
- It is the attraction between the denture and saliva and between saliva and oral mucosa.



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8. Surface Energy and surface tension

- Energy at the **surface** of a solid is greater than in its **interior**.
- The greater the **surface energy**, the greater the **adhesion**.
- The increase in energy per unit area of surface is referred to as **surface energy** or **surface tension**.
- **Surface tension** is the energy required to increase the surface area of a liquid due to intermolecular forces.



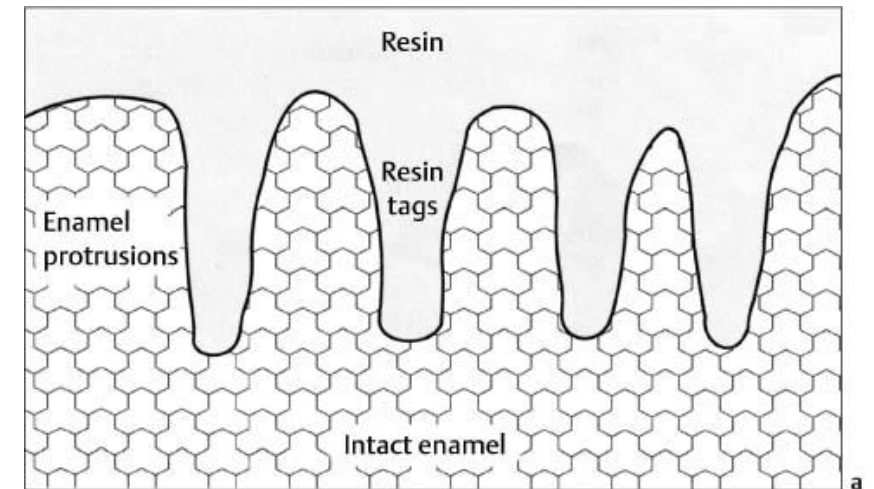
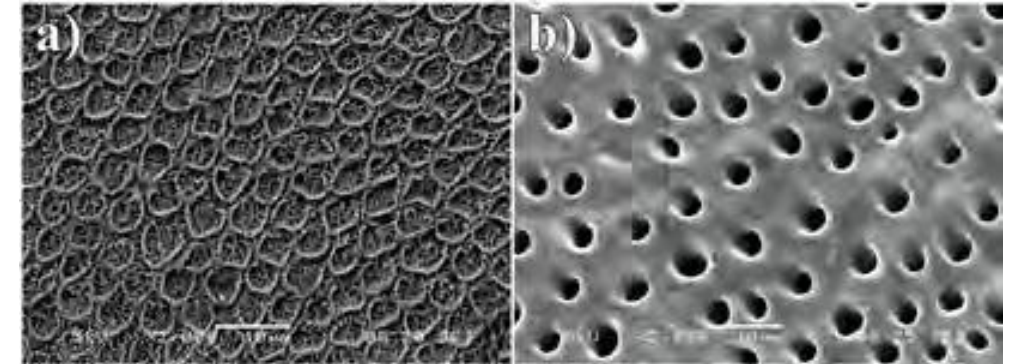
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8. Surface Energy

- **Etched enamel** has a high surface energy, allowing the resin to wet the tooth surface better & penetrate into the microporosities.
- When polymerized, it forms **resin 'tags'** which forms a mechanical bond to the enamel.

Enamel

Dentin

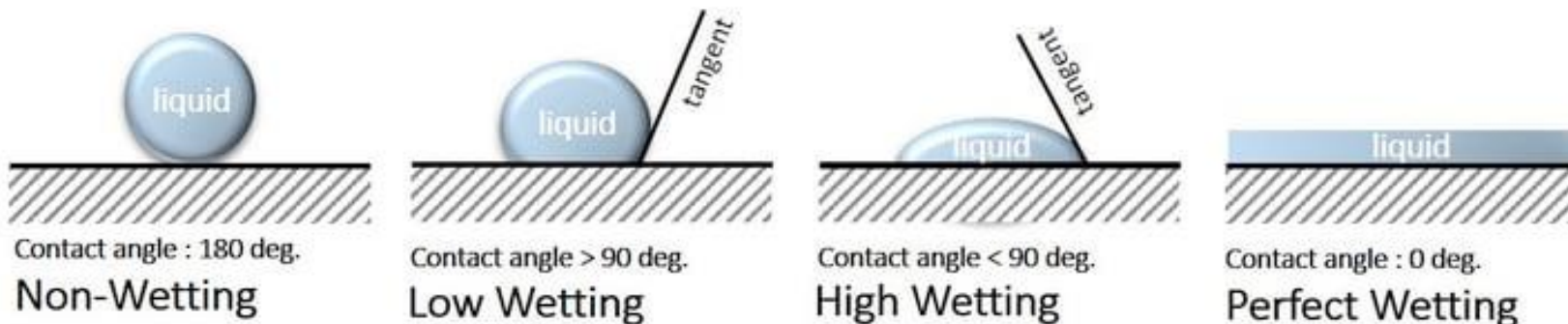
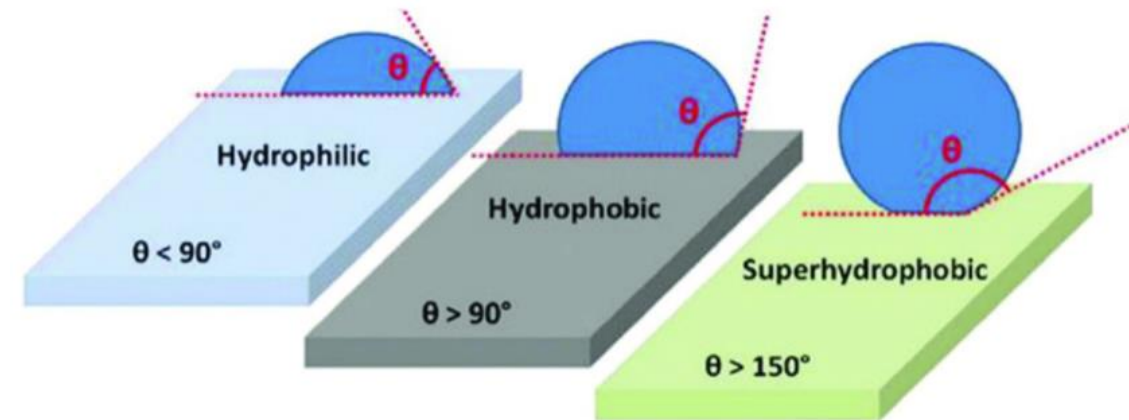
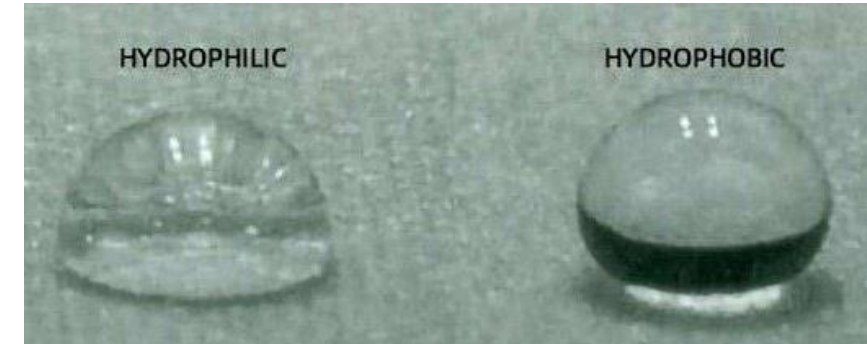


	Tooth substance	Surface energy (N/m)
Untreated	Enamel	0.028–0.032
	Dentin	0.042–0.045
Etched	Enamel	0.072
	Dentin	0.027–0.030

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9. Hydrophilicity and Hydrophobicity

- **Hydrophilic** property to attract water (water lover)
- **Hydrophobic** property to resist water (water hater)
- **Contact angle:** Angle between a liquid surface & a solid surface where they meet.
- **Wetting:** the ability of a liquid to maintain contact with a solid surface, resulting from intermolecular interactions when the two are brought together





C. Thermal Properties

Thermal Properties

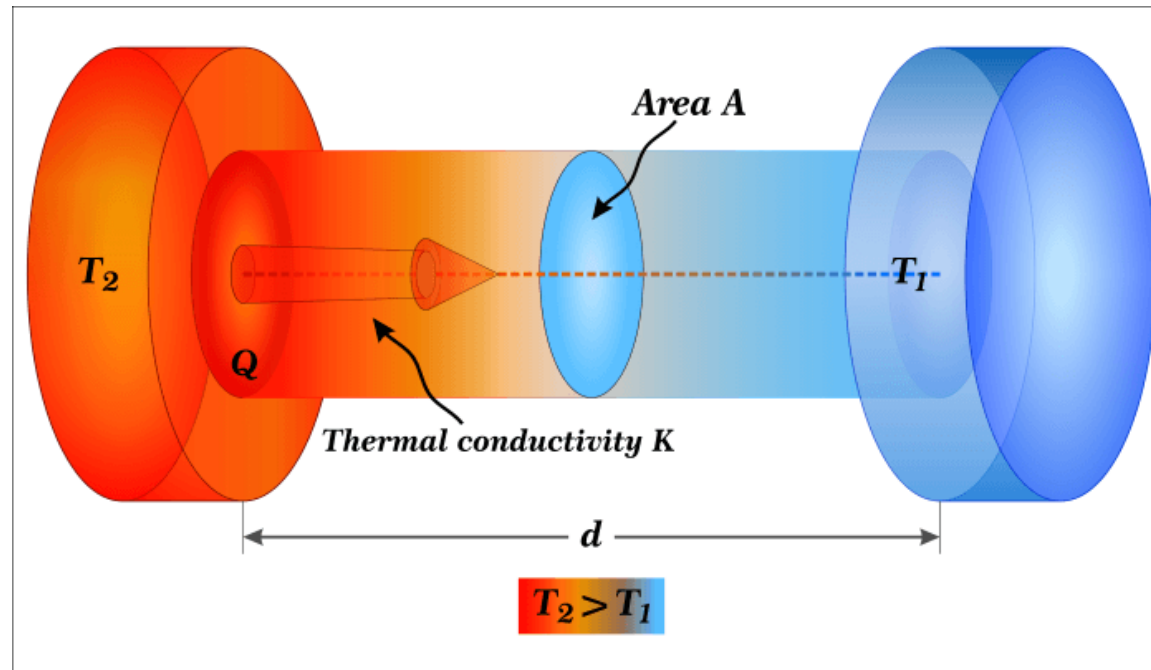
Three important thermal properties of dental materials are:

1. Thermal Conductivity
2. Thermal Diffusivity
3. Coefficient of Thermal Expansion & Contraction

Thermal Properties

1. Thermal Conductivity

- Thermal conductivity refers to the ability of a given material to conduct/transfer heat.
- It is generally denoted by the symbol ' λ ' & ' K '.
- The reciprocal of this quantity is known as **thermal resistivity**.



Thermal Properties

1. Thermal Conductivity

- Low thermal conductivity of enamel & dentin aids in reducing thermal shock & pulpal pain when hot or cold foods are taken into the mouth.

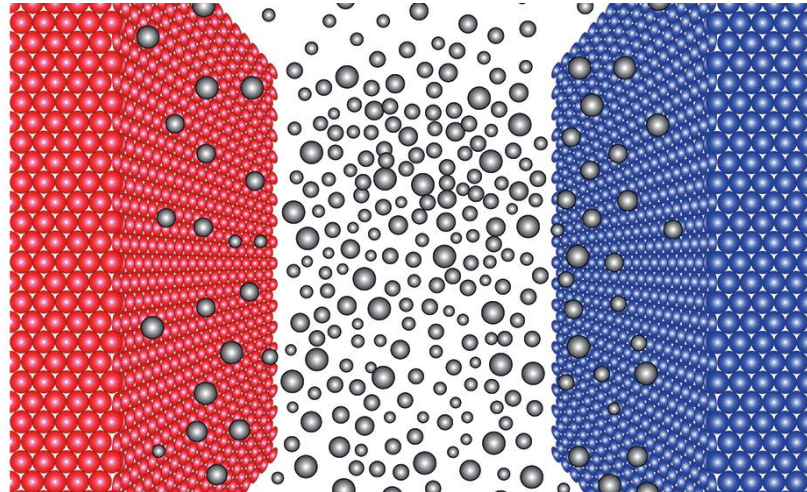


Material	Thermal Diffusivity (in $10^{-4} \text{ cm}^2 / \text{sec}$)
Pure Gold	11,800
Amalgam	960
Composite	19 to 73
Water	14
Glass Ionomer	22
Dentin	18 to 26
Enamel	47
Zinc Phosphate	30

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2. Thermal Diffusivity

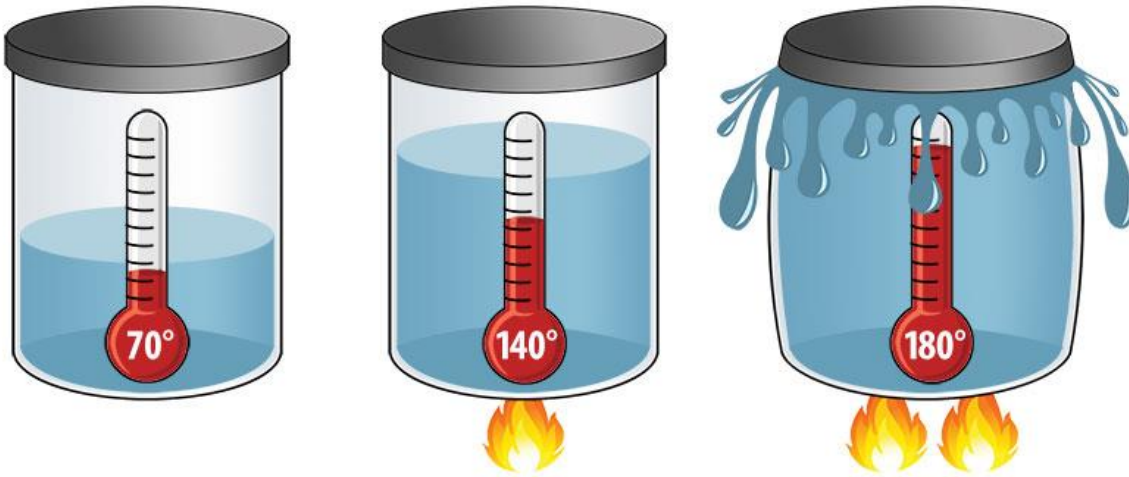
- It is a measure of the rate at which a body with no uniform temperature reaches a state of thermal equilibrium.
- Thermal conductivity of **Zinc oxide-eugenol cement** is slightly less than that of dentin, its thermal diffusivity is also less.



Thermal Properties

3. Coefficient of Thermal Expansion & Contraction

- It measures the **fractional change in size per degree change in temperature**.
- As the **temperature rises**, a **solid material** will expand & **on cooling it will contract**, this is measured by the linear coefficient of thermal expansion & contraction which is the change in length per unit length of a material for a 1°C change in temperature.



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3. Coefficient of Thermal Expansion & Contraction

- Hard tooth structure has the smallest coefficient, metals are intermediate, and polymers have the largest.
- Tooth = $11 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm/cm}$.
- Gold = $14 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm/cm}$
- Impression compound = $250 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm/cm}$



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3. Coefficient of Thermal Expansion & Contraction

- **Filling material** should have the same coefficient as the **tooth**, otherwise it will press too hard against the cavity wall on expansion & may cause **pressure** on the pulp or pull away from the wall when chilled by cold water.
 - These can cause leakage and further carries.



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