

# Lecture: P1\_Wk1\_L1

## IntraMolecular Interactions

Distinguish between  
IntraMolecular (within a molecule)  
and  
InterMolecular (between molecules)

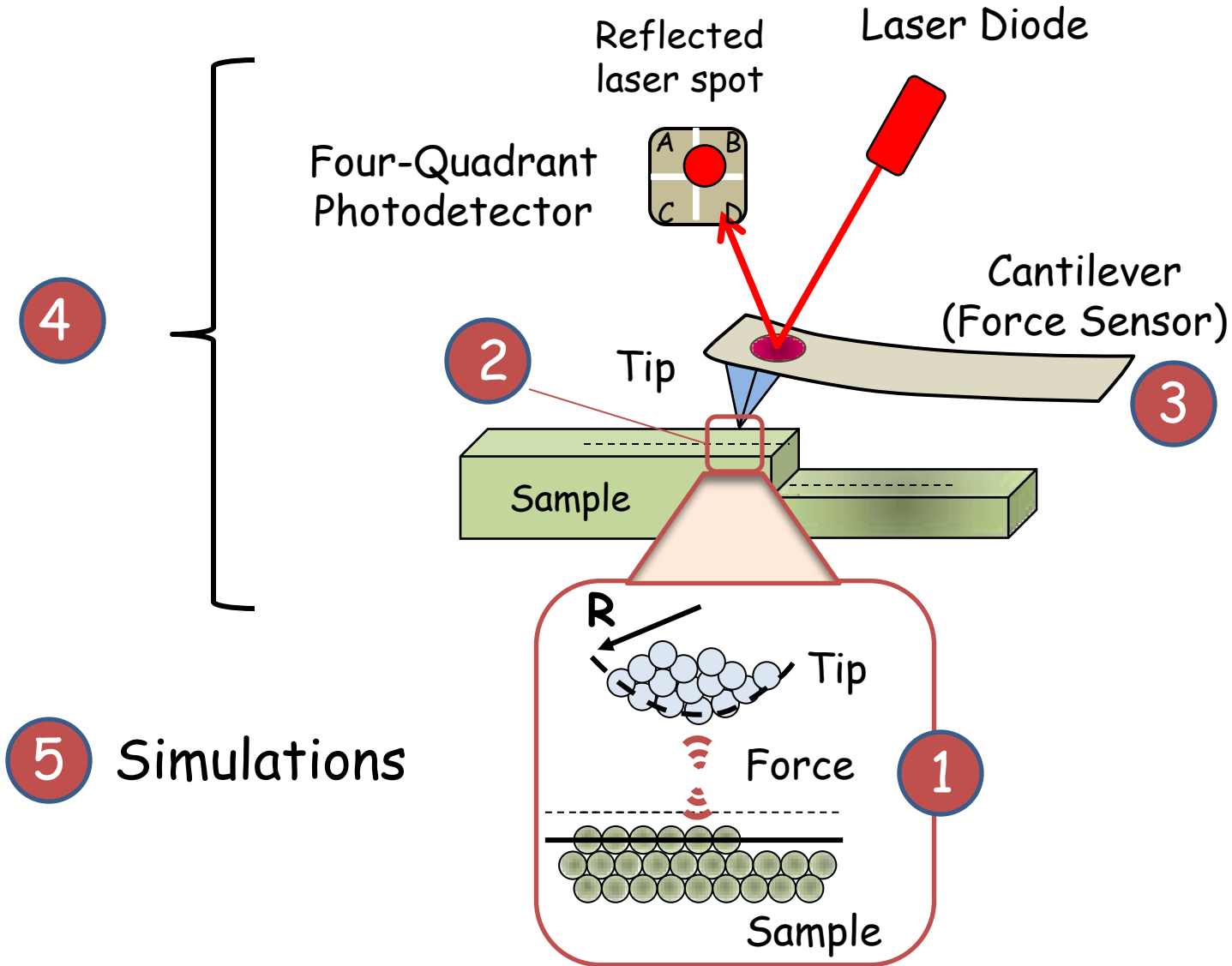
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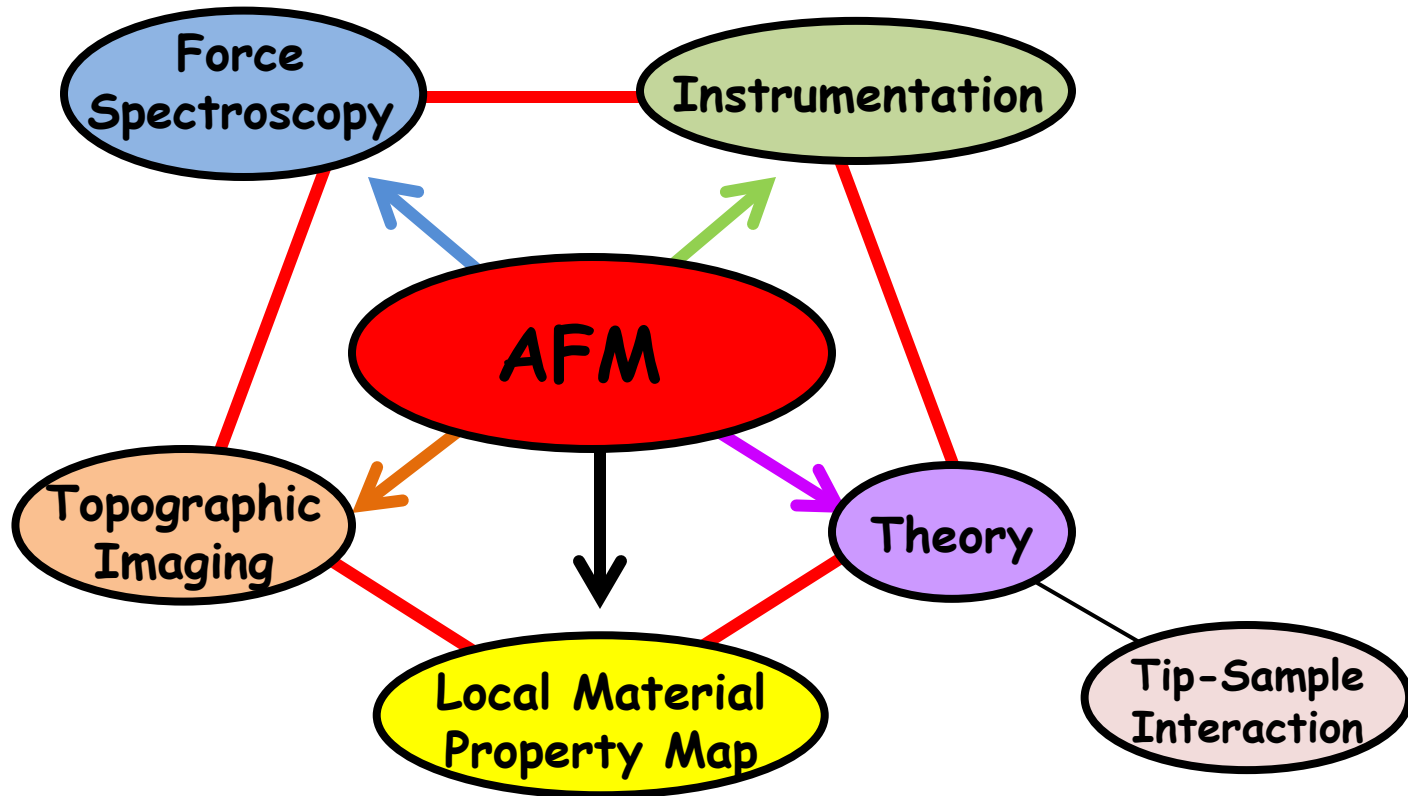
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# This course is about the Atomic Force Microscope



# Week 1

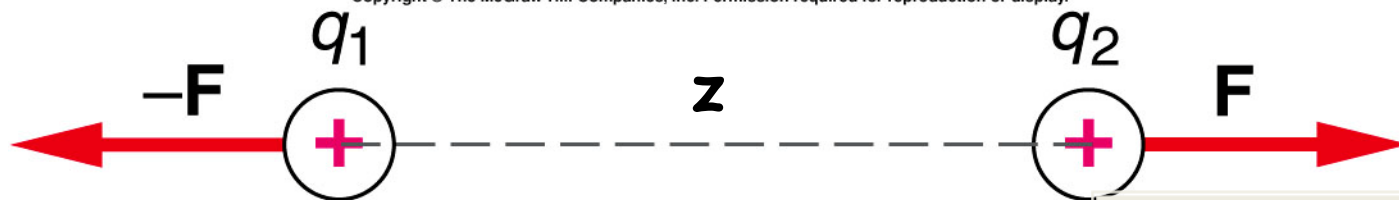


# The Origin of Intramolecular Interactions is Electrostatic:

## Coulomb's Law - Classical Picture

Point charges ONLY!

The charges are stuck down!



In vacuum

$$|\vec{F}| = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{z^2} = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{z^2}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 / \text{Nm}^2$$

$$k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2 / \text{C}^2$$

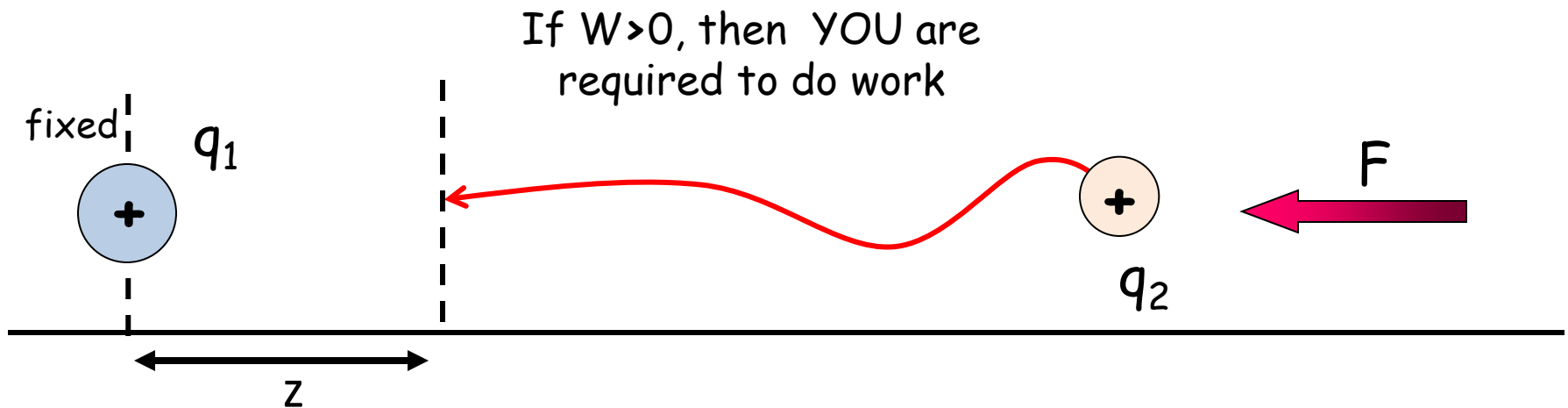
Force is a vector

With dielectric in between,

$$\epsilon_0 \rightarrow \kappa \epsilon_0$$

$\kappa$  (dielectric constant) > 1

# Energy Is Required to Assemble Charges



$$W \equiv \int_{\infty}^z \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

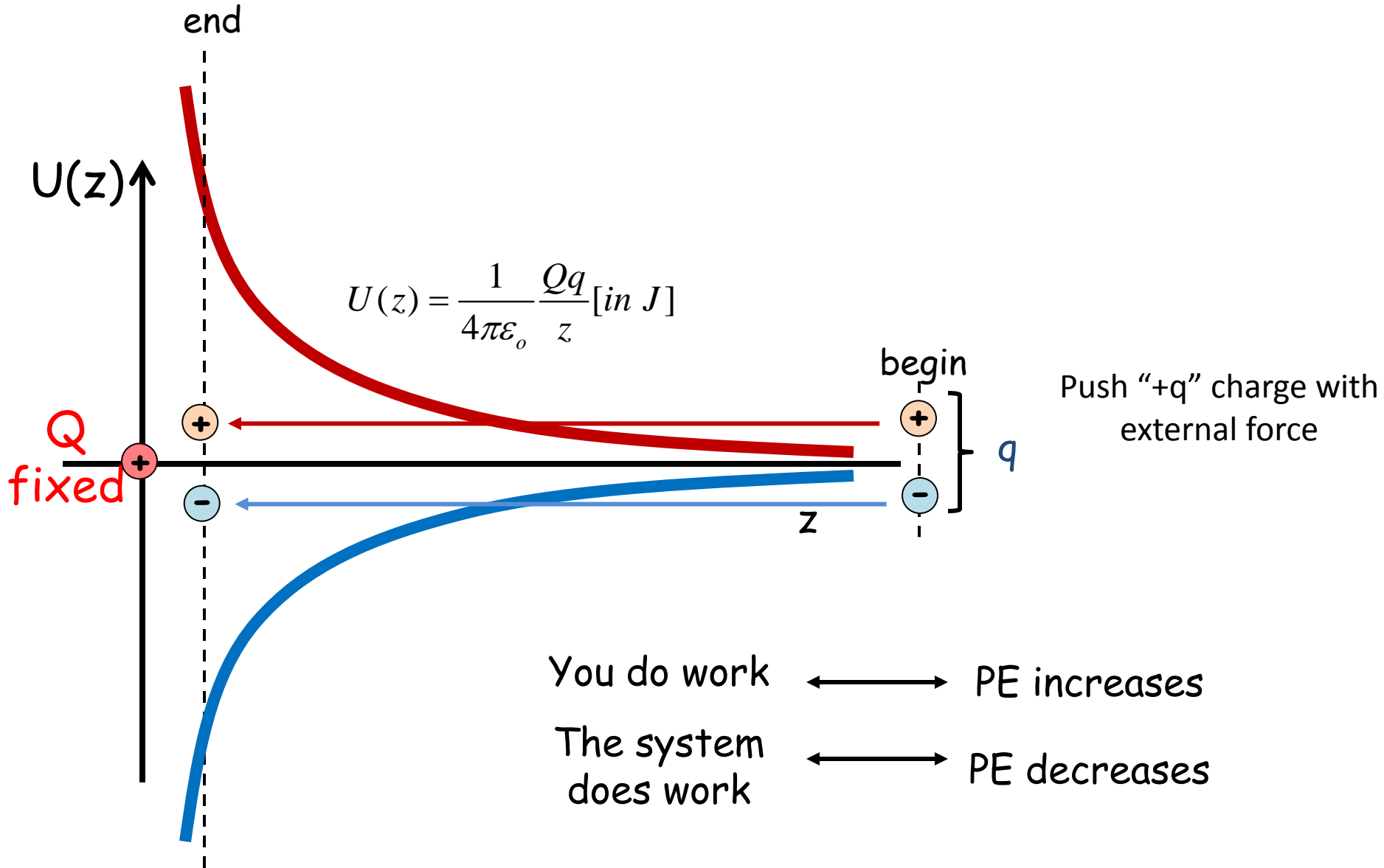
*Electrostatic Potential Energy =  $U(z) \equiv -W$*

*For two point charges a distance  $z$  apart :*

$$U(z) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{z} \text{ [in J]}$$

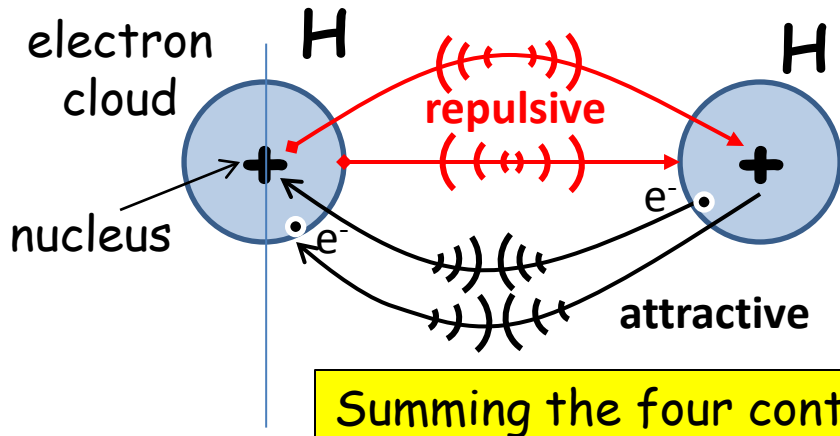
*useful because  $F(z) = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial z}$  (recover Coulomb's Law)*

# Electrostatic Potential Energy is a signed quantity

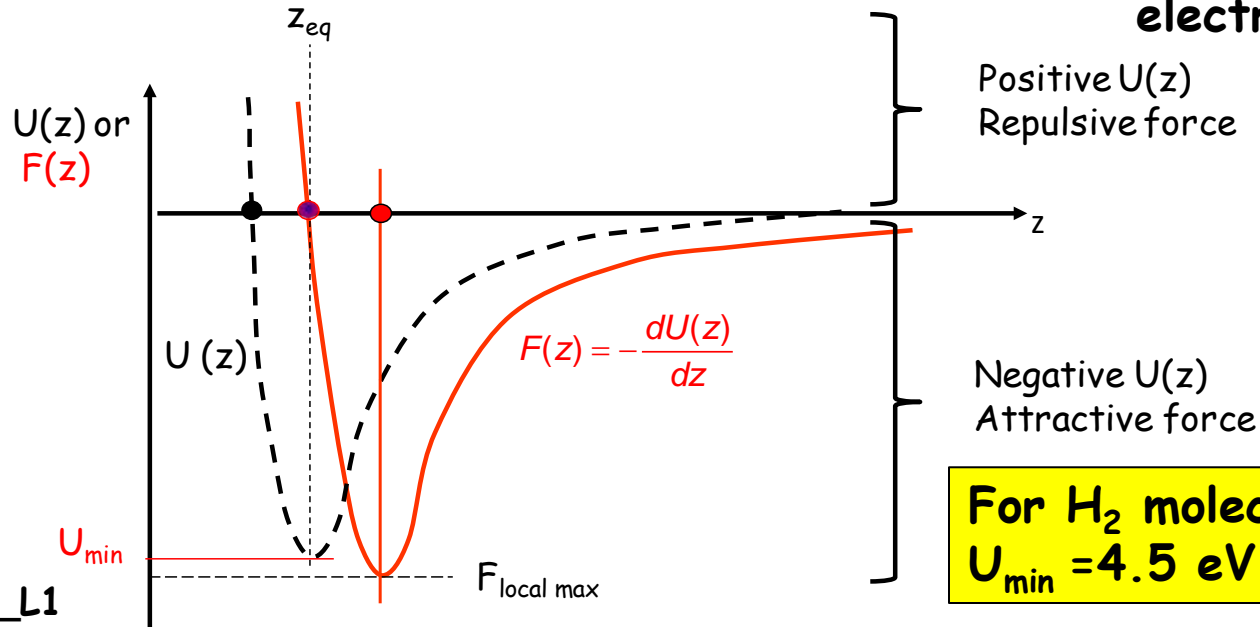


# IntraMolecular (within a molecule) Electrostatic Potential

electrostatic forces lead to the formation of stable molecules

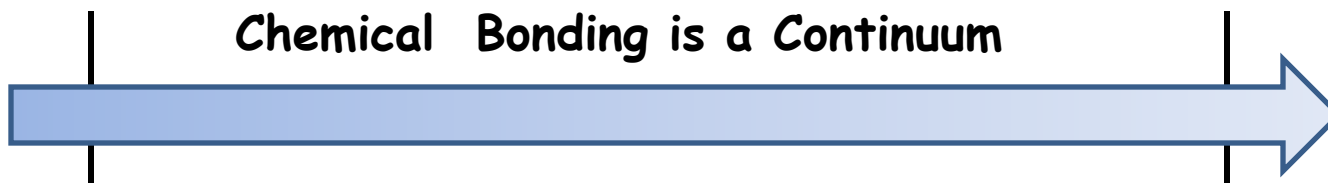


The chemical "bond" that forms between two H atoms is due to an overall net electrical attraction.



For H<sub>2</sub> molecule near 300K:  
 $U_{\min} = 4.5 \text{ eV}$  and  $z_{\text{eq}} = 75 \text{ pm}$

# IntraMolecular Forces Lead to Chemical Bonding (where are the electrons?)



**Totally Covalent:**  
equal electron sharing  
between **identical** atoms

**(di)Polar Covalent:**  
unequal electron sharing  
between **dissimilar** atoms

**Ionic:**  
complete electron  
transfer between  
dissimilar atoms

No permanent  
electric dipole  
(non-polar  
molecule)



$\delta^+$   
 $\delta^-$

Permanent  
electric dipole  
moment, **p**  
(dipolar molecule)

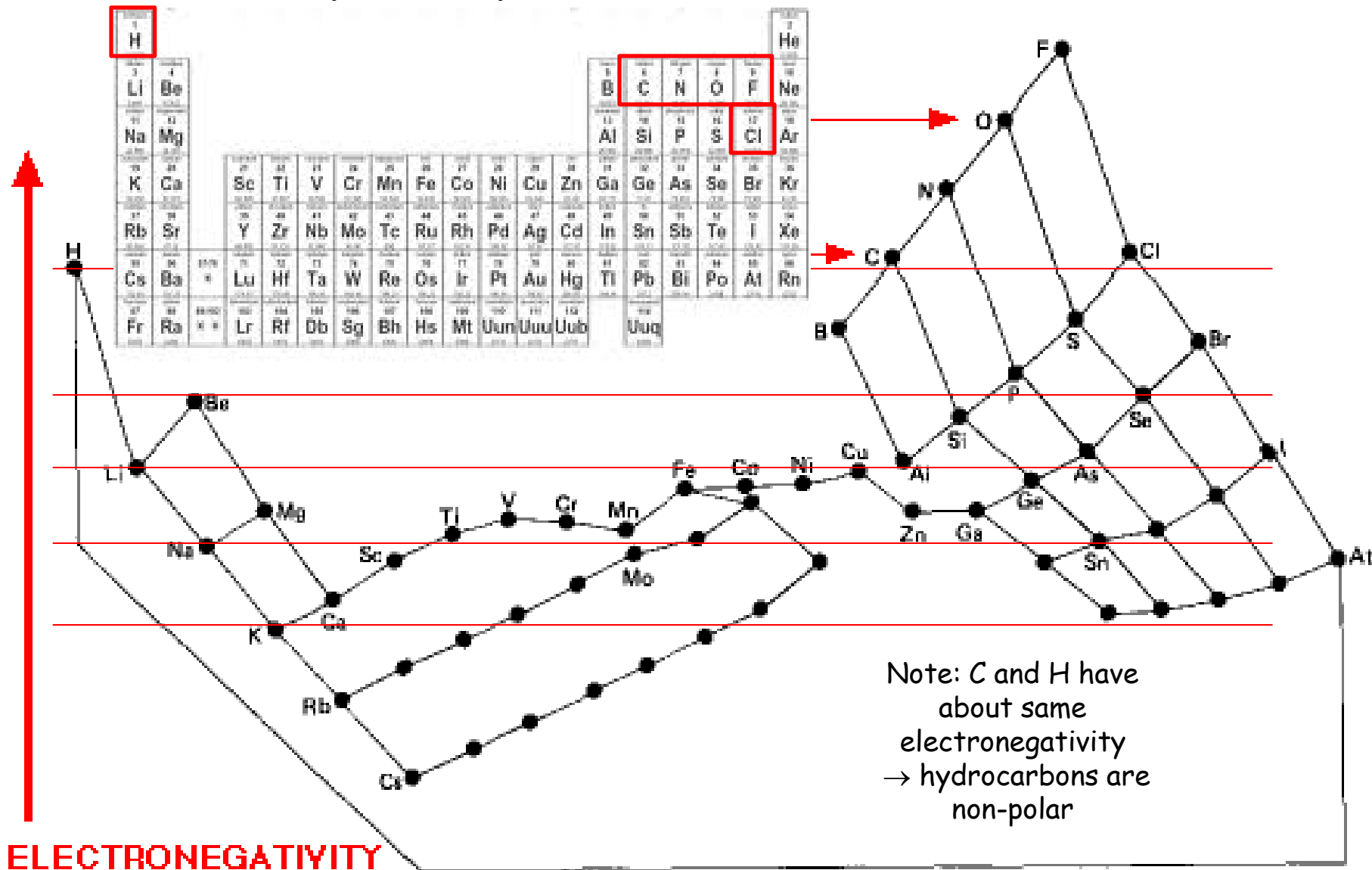


Net  
charge  
transfer  
(ion)

Note: “  $\delta^+$  ” means “slightly positive”

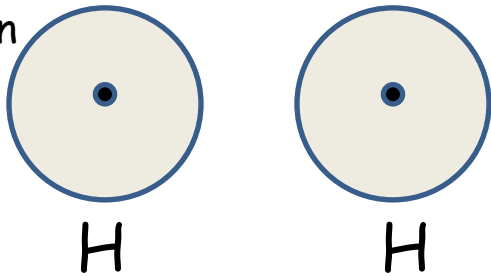


# Electronegativity - measures the ability of an atom in a molecule to attract electrons

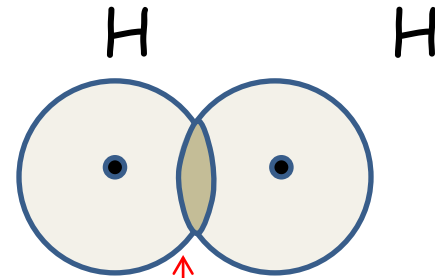


# Simple examples of non-(di)polar covalent and (di)polar covalent molecules

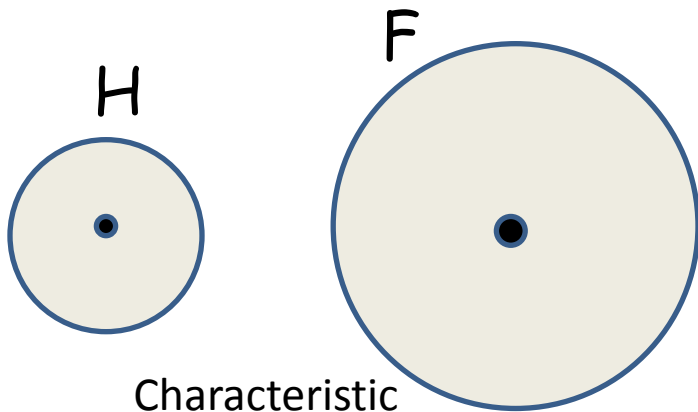
schematic  
electron  
cloud



Symmetrical  
"pile-up"  
of electrons

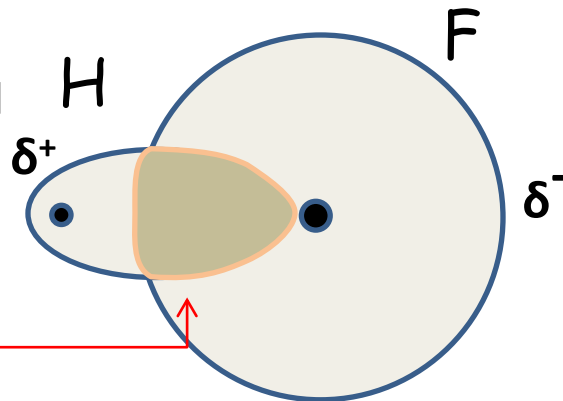


= non-polar molecule



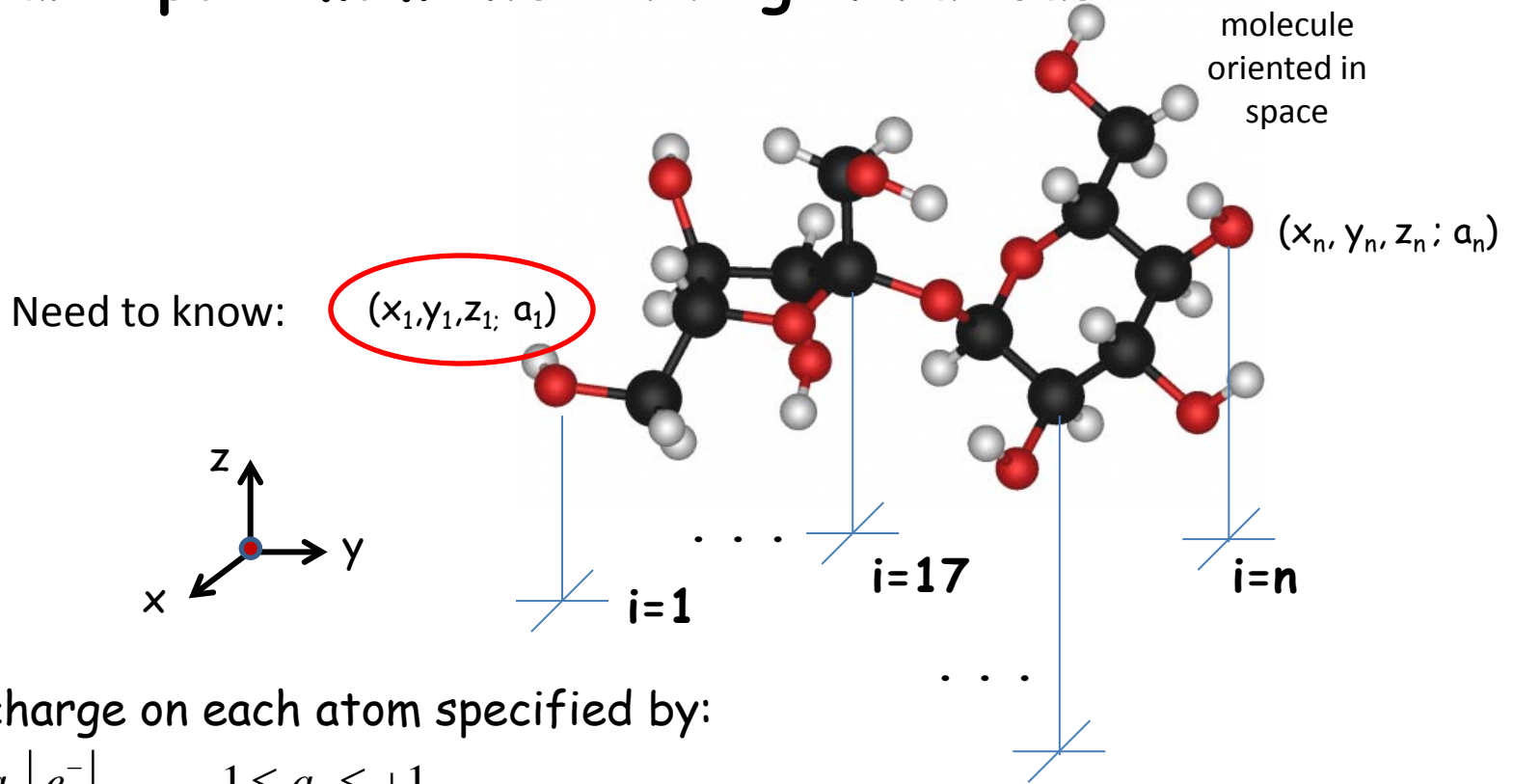
Characteristic  
"open shell"  
interaction

Asymmetrical  
"pile-up"  
of electrons



= (di)polar molecule

# Molecular dipole moments - the general case



partial charge on each atom specified by:

$$\delta q_i = a_i |e^-| \quad -1 \leq a_i \leq +1$$

$$p_x = \sum_i x_i \delta q_i \quad p_y = \sum_i y_i \delta q_i \quad p_z = \sum_i z_i \delta q_i \quad |\vec{p}| = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2}$$

Values for  $(x_i, y_i, z_i; a_i)$  are obtained from quantum chemistry calculation. If  $\sum a_i = 0$  (electrically neutral molecule), then calculation of  $(p_x, p_y, p_z)$  is independent of co-ordinate origin.

# InterMolecular Interactions

Because electrically neutral molecules can have a dipole moment, interactions between molecules (**InterMolecular Forces**) are non-zero. These InterMolecular Forces cause molecules to condense and form a liquid or a solid.

The **strength of intermolecular forces** determines such things as the boiling point, surface tension, and viscosity of liquids.

# Classifying Intermolecular Interactions

Ultimately, all intermolecular forces act between charged species:

- If molecule has net electrical charge - **long range Coulomb interaction**
- If molecule has polarized electrical charge - **dipole-dipole interaction.**
- Electric field from one molecule may induce small changes in electron distribution of nearby molecule - **induction.**
- Instantaneous dipole associated with rapid electron movement in one molecule becomes correlated with rapid electron movement in another molecule - **dispersion.**