

Lattice Energy and the Born-Haber Cycle

For ionic compounds, the sum of various enthalpies is equal to the enthalpy of formation by Hess' Law:

$$\Delta H_{\text{sub}} + \Delta H_{\text{IE}} + \Delta H_{\text{BE}} + \Delta H_{\text{electron affinity}} + \Delta H_{\text{lattice energy}} = \Delta H_{\text{f}}$$

The above enthalpies apply to the metal, non-metal or both. Enthalpies are in kJ/mol. The role of each enthalpy is summarized below.

Enthalpy of Sublimation (ΔH_{sub})

- Endothermic
- $X(s) \rightarrow X(g)$
- If ΔH_{sub} unavailable, then it can be calculated from $\Delta H_{\text{sub}} = \Delta H_{\text{fus}} + \Delta H_{\text{vap}}$
- Applies to a species that is a solid in its standard state.
- Species which are liquids need ΔH_{vap} .

Ionization Energy (ΔH_{IE})

- Endothermic
- $M(g) \rightarrow M^{+n}(g) + ne^{-}$
- Total ionization energy = sum of first, second, third, etc. (depends on charge)
- Applies to metal.

Bond Energy (ΔH_{BE})

- Endothermic
- $\frac{1}{2}X_2(g) \rightarrow X(g)$
- Is actually half of the bond energy listed in tables.
- Applies to diatomic elements.

Electron Affinity $\Delta H_{\text{electron affinity}}$

- Exothermic or endothermic
- $X(g) + ne^{-} \rightarrow X^{n-}(g)$
- Total electron affinities = sum of first, second, third, etc (depends on charge)
- Applies to non-metal

Lattice Energy $\Delta H_{\text{lattice energy}}$

- Very exothermic
- $M^{+m}(g) + X^{-n}(g) \rightarrow MX(s)$ [formula depends on charges]
- Closely tied with Coulomb's Law

Enthalpy of Formation ΔH_{f}

- Exothermic (almost always)
- (elements in their standard states) \rightarrow (ionic solid)

Example Born-Haber Cycle with NaBr(s)

