

Free Response Practice #5 (6 points)

5. Explain the following observations using Coulomb's Law. In each part, your answer must include specific information about both substances.
- It requires less energy to remove the first electron from magnesium than the second electron (i.e. $IE_1 < IE_2$). (2 points)
 - The ~~first ionization energy~~ ^{electronegativity} of sulfur is less than the ~~first ionization energy~~ ^{electronegativity} of ~~phosphorus~~ ^{chlorine}. (2 points)
 - The Ca^{2+} and the Cl^- ions are isoelectronic, but Cl^- has a larger radius. (2 points)

(a) Mg's $IE_1 < IE_2$ b/c the increased e^-/e^- repulsion before the first e^- is removed causes the electrons to be farther from the nucleus. Coulomb's law states that the energy of attraction between valence e^- and the nucleus is inversely proportional to the distance between them, so the first e^- removed, being farther from the nucleus, will require less energy to remove.

(b)

(c) Both Ca^{2+} and Cl^- have the same # of e^- , but Cl^- has fewer protons than Ca^{2+} . Coulomb's law states that the energy of attraction between valence e^- and the nucleus is directly proportional to the magnitude of the charges, so fewer p^+ means Cl^- 's valence e^- are less attracted to the nucleus, so they'll be farther away than Ca^{2+} 's valence e^- .

(b) Sulfur has lower electronegativity (EN) than Cl b/c S has one less p^+ than Cl in its nucleus. Coulomb's law states that the energy of attraction between valence e^- and the nucleus is directly proportional to the magnitude of the charges, so e^- in a bond w/ S would experience less attraction to its nucleus than e^- in a bond w/ Cl.