

Chemguide – questions

VAN DER WAALS FORCES

- Part of the attractions between hydrogen chloride molecules, HCl, are due to van der Waals dipole-dipole interactions. Using hydrogen chloride as your example, explain how these arise.
 - In chlorine gas, Cl₂, there are no permanent dipole-dipole interactions. Explain why these are absent in chlorine.
 - Instead, the attractions between chlorine molecules consist entirely of van der Waals dispersion forces (also known as London forces). Explain *briefly* the origin of these attractions.
- The stronger the intermolecular attractions, the greater the boiling point of a molecular substance. Explain the trend in boiling points of the halogens:

	F ₂	Cl ₂	Br ₂	I ₂
boiling point (K)	85	238	332	457

- Without referring to a data book, sort the following molecules into order of *increasing* boiling point, and explain your reasoning.

