

③ Fajan's Rule

III size of anion : The <sup>Depth of cation</sup> larger the size of the anion, more easily it will be polarised by the cation, i.e., as the size of anion increases for a given cation, the covalent character increases.

For ex - In case of halides of Ca, the covalent character increases from  $F^-$  to  $I^-$  anion.

	$CaF_2$	$CaCl_2$	$CaBr_2$	$CaI_2$	$AlF_3$	covalent character increases and mp decreases ↓
Cation	$Ca^{2+}$	$Ca^{2+}$	$Ca^{2+}$	$Ca^{2+}$	$Al^{3+}$	
Anion	$F^-$	$Cl^-$	$Br^-$	$I^-$	$Br^-$	
$r^-$	$1.36 \text{ \AA}$	$1.81 \text{ \AA}$	$1.95 \text{ \AA}$	$2.16 \text{ \AA}$	$I^-$	
mp	$1932^\circ C$	$772$	$730$	$575^\circ C$	$I_2$	

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IV configuration of cations :- The cation with 18 electrons in outermost shell bring greater polarisation of the anion than those with inert gas config. even if both the cations have about same size and same charge. For ex  $CuCl$  is more covalent than  $NaCl$ .

	$Cu^+$	$Na^+$
e.c	2, 8, 18	2, 8
size	$0.96 \text{ \AA}$	$0.95 \text{ \AA}$
mp	$442^\circ C$	$800^\circ C$

\* All those electrovalent compds, having high value of Polarisation (more covalent character) are found to be less soluble in water but more soluble in org. solvents. The following examples support this view -

- (i) Sulphides are less soluble in water than oxides of the same metal.
- (ii) Lithium salts are soluble in org. solvents.
- (iii) Be - salts less soluble in water than other alkaline earth metal compounds.
- (iv) The solubility of ~~Al~~ Aluminium halides decreases from