



Topic #2: The Chemical Alphabet Fall 2020 Dr. Susan Findlay See Exercises 8.1 to 8.7 and 9.1









## **Molecules and Covalent Bonds**

- Stable compounds and elements tend to contain atoms with a noble gas (or pseudo noble gas) electron configuration.
  Depending on the element, this may be most easily achieved by gaining electrons, losing electrons or sharing electrons. You may have heard this tendency referred to as the octet rule:
- There are three main types of bonding:
  - Ionic

Covalent

Metallic

## **Molecules and Covalent Bonds**

 To find the optimum bond length, we can plot energy versus internuclear distance:

The lowest energy point on the graph is at the **average bond length**. Bonds are not rigid. At any temperature above 0 K, they vibrate around the equilibrium bond length.

## **Molecules and Covalent Bonds**

- In a covalent bond, valence electrons are shared between two or more atoms. These bonding electrons are literally "co-valent".
- Covalent bonds form if heat is released when atoms bond: H• + •H → H→ H→ ΔH = -435 kJ/mol

  The negative enthalpy of reaction means that the product (H<sub>2</sub>) is more stable than the reactants (2 × H) at constant pressure.
- By convention, chemists typically write the reverse reaction equation and list the **bond dissociation enthalpy** (i.e. how much heat is required to break the bond and move the atoms far enough away from each other that they don't interact):

 $H - H - H \rightarrow H + H \Delta_{BD}H = +435 \text{ kJ/mol}$ 

Estimate the enthalpy change that accompanies the reaction below.

$$2 \text{ CH}_{4(g)} + \text{O}_{2(g)} \rightarrow 2 \text{ CH}_{3}\text{OH}_{(g)}$$

	$\Delta_{BD}$ H (kJ/mol)
H-H	436
H-C	414
H-O	464
C-C	347
C-0	360
0-0	142
0=0	498

- Bond Polarity
  - Not all bonds are 100% ionic or 100% covalent.
  - Think of a bond as the rope in a tug-of-war:
    - Both atoms want to keep the electrons in the bond so that they can have a complete octet.
    - Sometimes, the two competitors have equal strengths (atoms with equal electronegativity) so the electrons are shared equally in a **nonpolar bond**.
    - Sometimes, one competitor is stronger (one atom has higher electronegativity) so the electrons are pulled toward it and are shared unequally in a **polar bond**.
  - Thus, polarity of a bond depends on the relative ability of each atom to attract electrons to itself (i.e. its electronegativity, χ):



## Table of Electronegativities

												Н 2.1				
1A	2A											3A	4A	5A	6A	7A
Li 1.0	Be 1.5											В 2.0	C 2.5	N 3.0	0 3.5	F 4.0
Na 0.9	Mg 1.2	3B	4B	5B	6B	7B		8B		1B	2B	Al 1.5	Si 1.8	Р 2.1	S 2.5	Cl 3.0
К 0.8	Ca 1.0	Sc 1.3	Ti 1.5	V 1.6	Cr 1.6	Mn 1.5	Fe 1.8	Co 1.8	Ni 1.8	Cu 1.9	Zn 1.6	Ga 1.6	Ge 1.8	As 2.0	Se 2.4	Br 2.8
Rb 0.8	Sr 1.0	Y 1.2	Zr 1.4	Nb 1.6	Mo 1.8	Тс 1.9	Ru 2.2	Rh 2.2	Pd 2.2	Ag 1.9	Cd 1.7	In 1.7	Sn 1.8	Sb 1.9	Te 2.1	I 2.5
Cs 0.7	Ba 0.9	La 1.1	Hf 1.3	Та 1.5	W 1.7	Re 1.9	0s 2.2	Ir 2.2	Pt 2.2	Au 2.4	Hg 1.9	Tl 1.8	Pb 1.8	Bi 1.9	Po 2.0	At 2.2



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- Bond Polarity
  - Recall that electronegativity is conceptually a combination of electron affinity and ionization energy. As such, it:
    - Ieft to right across a period
      - \_\_\_\_\_ top to bottom down a group

See p. 318 in Silberberg text for a table of electronegativity values.

 It is not sufficient to simply know if a bond is ionic, polar covalent or covalent. We use **dipole vectors** to show the direction in which the electrons are pulled in **polar bonds**. The IUPAC convention for drawing dipole vectors is an arrow pointing toward the positive end of the molecule:

• We can also use the symbols  $\delta$ + and  $\delta$ - to indicate partial charges:

- Bond Order
  - Bond order indicates how many electrons are involved in holding a pair/group of atoms together.
  - A single bond has a bond order of \_\_\_\_, a double bond has a bond order of \_\_\_\_, and a triple bond has a bond order of \_\_\_\_.
  - Fractional bond orders are also possible. If a molecule can be drawn using two different (but equally valid) structures, it exists as an average of those two structures.

e.g. Benzene can be drawn as either structure below:



Each carbon-carbon bond has a bond order of 1.5 since 9 pairs of electrons are holding 6 atoms together. Thus, each is halfway between a single and a double bond. 9

- Bond Length
  - Bond length is primarily determined by atomic radii. A bond between two larger atoms must be longer than one between two smaller atoms:

 Also, the more strongly two atoms are held together, the shorter the bond. As such, a bond with a \_\_\_\_\_\_ bond order will have a \_\_\_\_\_\_ bond length and vice versa:

#### **Steps for Drawing Lewis Diagrams**

- 1. Determine the **connectivity**. *(i.e. identify the central atom(s) and the terminal atoms)*
- 2. Determine the total number of valence electrons.
- 3. Use one pair of electrons to make a single bond between each pair of bonded atoms.
- Use any remaining electrons as lone pairs around each terminal atom (except H) so that each terminal atom has a complete octet, if possible.
- 5. Place any excess electrons around the central atom.
- 6. Check the central atom to see if it has a complete **octet**.
- If the central atom has too few electrons, increase the **bond order** of one or more bonds by sharing non-bonded electrons. *(i.e. make double or triple bonds as necessary)*
- 8. Calculate **formal charge** for all atoms, and indicate any which are not zero.

Notes:

- Once you have finished drawing a Lewis diagram, always review it to check that that it has the correct number of atoms/electrons and that the <u>octet rule</u> is obeyed (only 2 electrons for hydrogen).
- If more than one valid Lewis diagram can be drawn for a molecule, the true electron distribution is a hybrid of the possible distributions. This is called **resonance**.
- If it is impossible to avoid having one atom with too few or too many electrons, it is usually the central atom. Elements in the 2nd period can <u>never</u> have more than eight electrons <u>under any</u> <u>circumstance</u>.
- Molecules with odd numbers of electrons form free radicals and cannot fully obey the rules as they must have one unpaired electron.
- Lewis diagrams do not show a molecule's shape.

#### **Guidelines for Determining Connectivity**

- 1. If you have many atoms of one element and one atom of another, the lone atom is usually the central one.
- 2. Hydrogen and fluorine rarely form more than one bond *(except under unusual circumstances like*  $B_2H_6$ *)*.
- 3. Carbon is rarely a terminal atom.
- 4. Oxygen is usually a terminal atom (or between the central atom and a hydrogen atom).
- 5. When writing a Lewis diagram for an oxoacid (e.g.  $H_2SO_4$ ,  $HNO_3$ ), draw a valid Lewis structure for the fully deprotonated form (e.g.  $SO_4^{2-}$ ,  $NO_3^{-}$ ) then attach protons ( $H^+$ ) to the negatively charged oxygen atoms.

• Draw a valid Lewis diagram for each of the following molecules:  $NH_3$   $C_2H_6$ 

 $CH_3Cl$ 

 $C_2H_4$ 

 $CH_2O$ 

 $C_2H_2$ 

# Formal Charges (Lewis Diagrams)

Draw a Lewis diagram for *ClO*<sup>-</sup>.

Which atom has the charge?

The formal charge (Q<sub>f</sub>) of an atom is the charge that atom would bear if its molecule was blown apart such that each atom kept one electron from each of its bonds (and its lone pair electrons). It can be calculated using the following formula:

$$Q_f(X) = e_{\text{valence}} - \left[e_{\text{nonbonding}} + \frac{1}{2}e_{\text{bonding}}\right]$$

# Formal Charges (Lewis Diagrams)

- As a general rule, we want to keep the formal charge on each atom as close to 0 as possible (without giving any atom more than a complete octet).
- Draw the best Lewis diagram for BF<sub>3</sub>.

## Resonance Structures (Lewis Diagrams)

• Draw the best Lewis diagram for nitrate  $(NO_3^-)$ .

Note that there are actually \_\_\_\_\_ equally correct answers.

- When you can draw different valid Lewis diagrams by moving electrons <u>but not atoms</u>, they are called **resonance structures**.
- What is the average bond order for a N O bond in nitrate?

### Resonance Structures (Lewis Diagrams)

 How many resonance diagrams can you draw for ozone? (0<sub>3</sub> with a central oxygen atom and two terminal oxygen atoms)

• What is the average bond order for an O - O bond in ozone?

 Much of a molecule's chemistry is influenced by its shape. Lewis diagrams are drawn in two dimensions but molecules exist in three dimensions. As such, a Lewis diagram does not necessarily show the real shape of a molecule.

#### VSEPR

• VSEPR theory allows us to predict a molecule's overall shape:

#### <u>Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion</u>

 The best shape for a molecule has the atoms arranged to minimize electron repulsion. In other words, all of the electrons surrounding an atom (either as part of a bond or as a "lone pair") have pushed each other as far apart as possible.

 To determine the best shape around an atom, first count the number of atoms bonded to it <u>and</u> the number of lone pairs on it. These are the **electron groups**. The number of electron groups is often referred to as the **steric number**.

e.g.  $NH_3$   $BH_3$   $CH_2O$ 

 Based on the number of electron groups, we can define five general shape families, or electron group geometries, for the central atom. Each electron group geometry derives from the need to keep the electrons (both bonding and nonbonding) around the central atom as far apart as possible.

See Figure 9.2 in Silberberg (or Table 6.2 in Olmsted or Table 10.1 in Petrucci) for a summary of all five electron group geometries and the corresponding shapes.











	Steric Number	eric Electron Group Approximate nber Geometry Bond Angle(s)			
	2	linear	180°		
	3	trigonal planar	120°		
5	4	tetrahedral	109.47°	5	
	5	trigonal bipyramidal	90°, 120°, 180°		
	6	octahedral	90°,180°	••••	

 Lone pairs help to determine the electron group geometry but 'disappear' in the final shape of the molecule. As such, each electron group geometry can give rise to several different **molecular geometries**:

Steric Number	Electron Group Geometry	# Bonded Atoms	# Lone Pairs	Molecular Geometry
3	trigonal planar	3	0	trigonal planar
		2	1	bent
4	tetrahedral	4	0	tetrahedral
		3	1	trigonal pyramidal
		2	2	bent

 It is also worth noting that a lone pair of electrons acts as if it is 'bigger' than a group of bonding electrons when determining bond angle:

- $CH_4$ ,  $NH_3$  and  $H_2O$  all have \_\_\_\_\_ electron groups but a different number of lone pairs about the central atom:
  - $CH_4$  is tetrahedral with H C H bond angles of \_
  - $NH_3$  is trigonal pyramidal with H N H bond angles of \_
  - $H_2O$  is bent with H O H bond angle of \_\_\_\_\_

- For the trigonal bipyramidal electron group geometry, there are two different types of 'site' for electron groups:
  - Each axial site is \_\_\_\_\_ away from all three equatorial sites.
  - Each equatorial site is \_\_\_\_\_ away from the other two equatorial sites and \_\_\_\_\_ away from the two axial sites.



sites:

Lone pairs are always found in the 'larger' \_\_\_\_\_

Steric Number	Electron Group Geometry	# Bonded Atoms	# Lone Pairs	Molecular Geometry
5	trigonal bipyramidal	5	0	trigonal bipyramidal
		4	1	seesaw
		3	2	T-shaped

 For the octahedral electron group geometry, all sites are initially equivalent and the first lone pair can be put anywhere. If a second lone pair is to be added, however, it must be put *opposite* the first one. Both sites with lone pairs are called \_\_\_\_\_ sites

Steric Number	Electron Group Geometry	# Bonded Atoms	# Lone Pairs	Molecular Geometry
	octahedral	6	0	octahedral
6		5	1	square pyramidal
		4	2	square planar

What is the molecular geometry of each of the following molecules?
CO<sub>2</sub> SiF<sub>4</sub>

 $XeF_2$ 

 $SCl_4$ 

- VSEPR theory can also be used to predict the shapes of larger molecules by treating each 'central' atom separately.
- A Lewis diagram for ethanol is shown below (next to a 3-dimensional picture of what it actually looks like).
  - What is the geometry at each central atom?
  - What are the approximate bond angles?





The connectivities for phosphoric acid (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) and acetic acid (CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H) are shown below. Draw Lewis diagrams for each acid, and identify the geometry at each 'central' atom.



# Polarity of Molecules

- Many of a compound's properties are determined by how polar (or nonpolar) it is.
  - To determine whether a molecule is polar or nonpolar, we need to look at two things:
    - If a molecule has **no dipoles** <u>or</u> all of the **dipoles cancel** out due to symmetry, it is \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - If a molecule has dipoles that don't cancel out, it has a permanent dipole moment (µ) and is \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - Dipoles have direction! They must be added as *vectors*:

## Polarity of Molecules

 Determine whether or not each of the following molecules is polar. If it's polar, show the direction of its dipole moment.
CO<sub>2</sub>
BHF<sub>2</sub>

 $AlBr_3$ 

 $SO_3$ 

 $H_2O$ 

 $CH_3CH_2OH$  (ethanol)