

Chem 103, Section F0F  
 Unit VI - Compounds Part II:  
 Covalent Compounds  
 Lecture 16

- Bond energies and chemical change
- Electronegativity and bond polarity
- Depicting Molecules and Ions with Lewis Structures

Lecture 16 - Covalent Bonding

Reading in Silberberg

- Chapter 9, Section 4
  - *Bond Energy and Chemical Change*
- Chapter 9, Section 5
  - *Electronegativity and Bond Polarity*
- Chapter 10, Section 1
  - *Depicting Molecules and Ions with Lewis Structures*

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Lecture 16 - Introduction

In this lecture we will look in more detail at covalent bonding

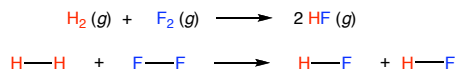
- Bond energies and how they can be used to predict the enthalpy change for a reaction.
- We will see that the distinction between ionic and covalent bonds is not an all-or-nothing situation, but rather a continuum.
- The concept of electronegativity and how it can be used to predict the ionic or covalent character of a bond.
- Lewis structures, or Lewis formulas, and how they can be used to predict the covalent bonding within a molecule.

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Lecture 16 - Bond Energies &  
 Chemical Change

The only component of the internal energy that changes significantly during a chemical reaction is the energy of attraction between the atomic nuclei and the electrons that they share in covalent bonds.

- This energy is called bond energy



In this reaction, an H-H bond and an F-F bond are broken, and two H-F bonds are formed

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- In the lab,  $\Delta H^\circ_{\text{rxn}}$  is the heat that you felt, which was either absorbed or released during a reaction.
  - $\Delta H^\circ_{\text{rxn}} < 0$  (exothermic)
    - Heat was *released* and the beaker got warmer
  - $\Delta H^\circ_{\text{rxn}} > 0$  (endothermic)
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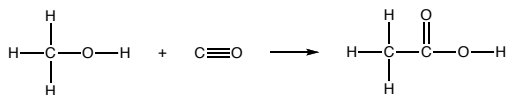
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## Lecture 081117 - Question 1

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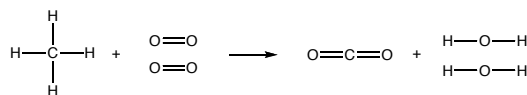
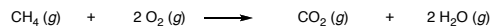
- A) exothermic?  
B) endothermic?

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- This means that the bonds in the fuel or food that are broken are weaker than the bonds in the  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  that form.



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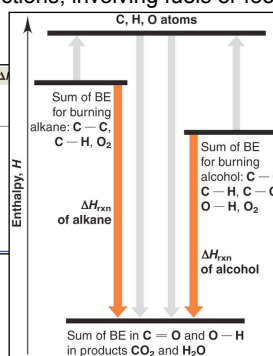
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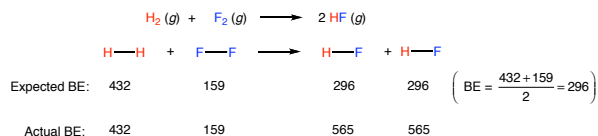
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An atom's electronegativity is a measure of how strongly that atom is attracted to the electrons that it shares with another atom in a covalent bond.

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Linus Pauling observed that the bond energy for a covalent bond between two dissimilar atoms was not equal to the average of the bond energy for the covalent bond of each atom with itself, as might be expected:



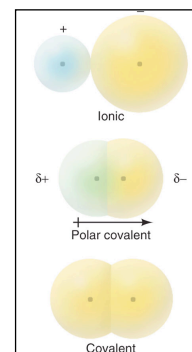
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Pauling proposed that the electrons that were being shared, were not shared equally.

- And that this lead to covalent bond that was partially ionic.
- Such bonds are called **polar covalent bonds**.

The ionic contribution increases the bond energy for the bond.



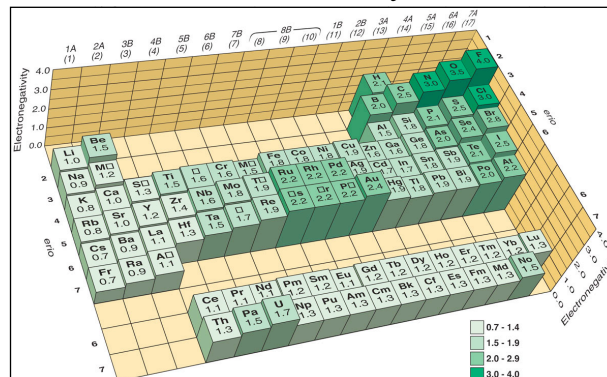
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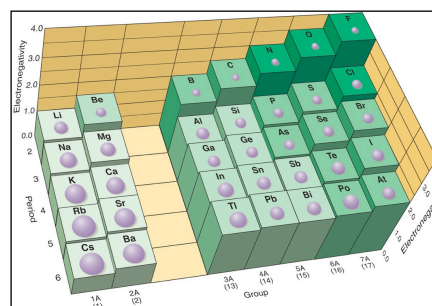
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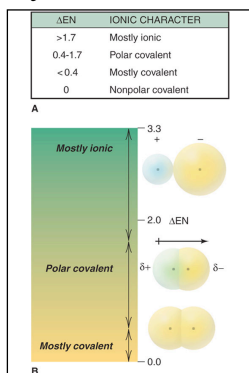


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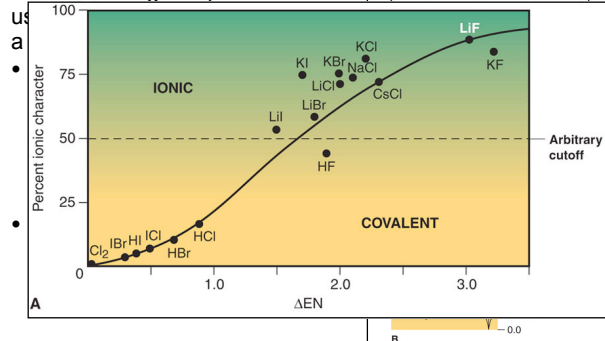
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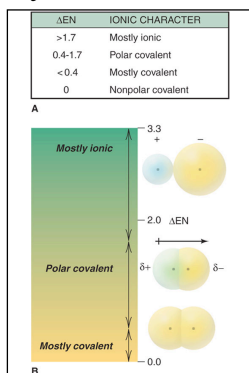


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## Lecture 16 - Questions

Which of the following lists correctly arranges the bonds in *increasing* polarity:

- Si-Si < S-Cl < Si-Cl < P-Cl
- Si-Si < S-Cl < P-Cl < Si-Cl
- P-Cl < Si-Cl < Si-Si < S-Cl
- Si-Cl < P-Cl < S-Cl < Si-Si

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## Lecture 16 - Electronegativity & Bond Polarity

The electronegativity index is also used to determine which atom is assigned the bonding electrons when determining oxidation numbers

- The more electronegative atom in a bond is assigned *all* the *shared* electrons; the less electronegative atom is assigned *none*.
- Each atom in a bond is assigned *all* of its *unshared* electrons.
- The oxidation number is given by

$$\text{O.N.} = \text{no. of valence } e^- - (\text{no. of shared } e^- + \text{no. of unshared } e^-)$$

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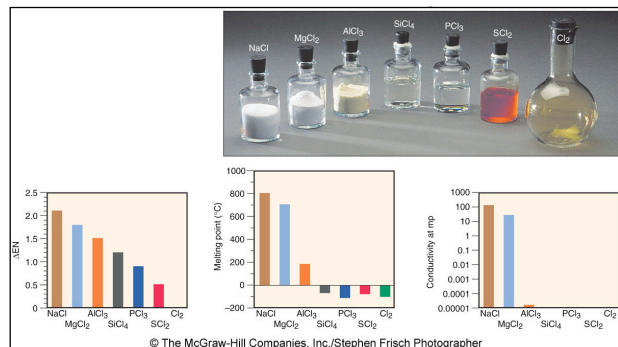
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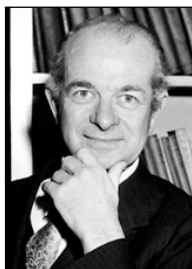
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- Eight years later, Pauling received the 1962 Nobel Peace Prize, for his work in establishing nuclear test band treaties.
- Pauling also made significant contributions in the area of protein chemistry

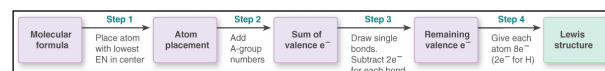


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Lewis structures provide a simplified, systematic way of predicting molecular structures.

- Later these will be used as the first step to predicting the 3-dimensional structures for molecules.
- Arriving at a Lewis structure starts with a 4-step process, starting with the molecular formula.



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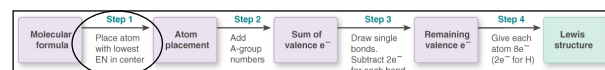
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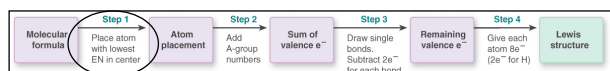
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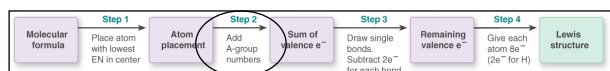
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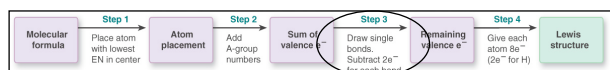
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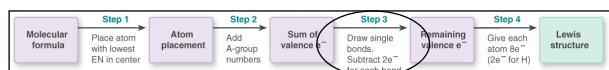
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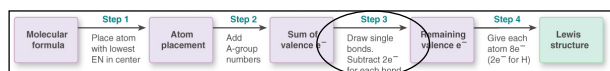
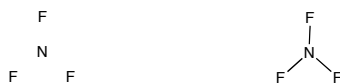
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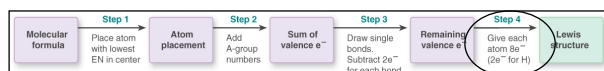
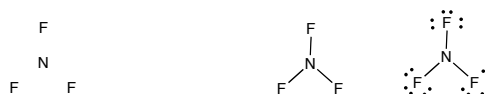
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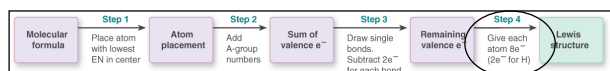
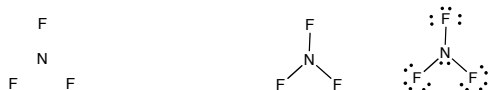
## Lecture 16 - Lewis Structures

Using the "octet rule" to write Lewis Structures.

- Structures with single bonds, e.g.  $\text{NF}_3$

**Step 4:** Distribute the remaining electrons in pairs so that each atom ends up with eight electrons (or 2 for H).

- Start with the surrounding atoms.



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Some basic guidelines for drawing bonds:

- Hydrogen atoms form only one bond.
- Carbon atoms form four bonds.
- Nitrogen atoms form three bonds.
- Oxygen atoms form two bonds
- Halogens (F, Cl, Br, I) form one bond when they are the surrounding atoms.
  - fluorine is always a surrounding atom



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## Lecture 16 - Question

Draw a Lewis structure of  $\text{PH}_4^+$ . (The number of valence electrons should be reduced by 1 e<sup>-</sup> to give  $\text{PH}_4^+$  its positive charge.)

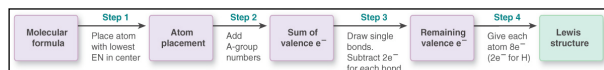
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For molecules with multiple bonds, there is an additional step

- After the first 4 steps, the central atoms will be left with a deficit of electrons (less than 8)

**Step 5:** If after step 4, the central atom still does not have an octet, make a multiple bond by changing a lone pair from one of the surrounding atoms into a bonding pair to the central atom.



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Draw a Lewis structure of the nitrate ion ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ):

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Molecules with multiple bonds often have more than one possible structure.

- These are called resonance structures

If the resonance structures are equally probable, the true structure is usually considered as an average of the resonance structures

- This produces bonds with fractional bond orders.

Example:

- $\text{NO}_3^-$  has three resonance structures.
- The average structure has 3 bonds, each with a bond order of  $1 \frac{1}{3}$ .

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Some molecules have resonance structures that are not equally probable.

- Calculating a formal charge for each atom in a Lewis structure can be used to distinguish which of the resonance structures is more probable.

Formal charges are calculated in a way similar to calculating oxidation numbers.

- However, instead of giving the bonding pairs of electrons to the more electronegative atom, they are instead, divided equally between the two atoms that share the electrons.

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Calculating the formal charge:

Formal charge of atom =

$$\text{no. of valence } e^- - (\text{no. of unshared valence } e^- + 1/2 \text{ no. of shared valence } e^-)$$

Example:

- $\text{NO}_3^-$ .

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The more probable resonance structure adhere to the following criteria:

- Smaller formal charges are preferred to larger ones.
- The same nonzero formal charge on neighboring atoms is not preferred.
- The more negative formal charge should reside on the more electronegative atom.

Example:

- Thiocyanate ( $\text{NCO}^-$ ).

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There are some exceptions to the octet rule

- Electron deficient molecules that contain beryllium or boron.
  - These atoms are not electronegative enough to form multiple bonds to solve this problem.
  - Even though beryllium is a metal, it can form covalent molecules.

Examples:

- $\text{BeCl}_2$  and  $\text{BF}_3$ 
  - Formal charges show that structures with multiple bonds are not as probable.

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There are some exceptions to the octet rule

- Larger atoms (period 3 and higher), such as S and P, can form more than 4 bonds.
  - This is called an **expanded valence shell**
  - The empty outer *d* orbitals are used in addition to the *s* and *p* orbitals to hold valence electrons.

Examples

- SF<sub>6</sub>, PCl<sub>5</sub>.

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An expanded valence shell can also be used to form multiple bonds

- Example: H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

The expanded valence shell model and formal charges may not always predict the most probable Lewis structure for these molecules.

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## Unit VI - Up Next

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Lecture 17 - Molecular Shape and Polarity

- Using the Valence-Shell Electron-Pair Repulsion (VSEPR) Theory to predict molecular shapes
- Molecular shape and polarity

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The End

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