

Chapter 7

Covalent Bonds and Molecular Structure



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Bonding Patterns

- Place the following formulas into two groups.
 - ♦ NaCl
 - ♦ P₄O₁₀
 - ♦ SF₆
 - ♦ MgCl₂
 - ♦ CoF₃
 - ♦ NH₃
 - ♦ OF₂
- How would you label or classify your groups?

Differences in Covalent Bonds

- Covalent bond:** a bond that results from the sharing of electrons between atoms.
 - ♦ Atoms don't always share electrons equally
- Electronegativity:** the ability of an atom in a molecule to attract e⁻ to itself. What other atomic property does this remind you of?



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Trends in Electronegativity

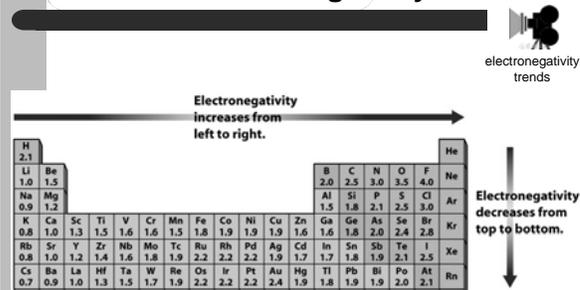
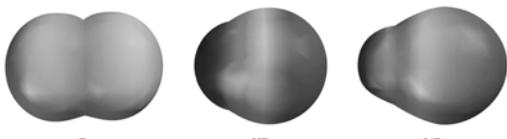


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Polar or Nonpolar?

- Nonpolar covalent bonds have no e-neg difference (F₂, CH₄); polar covalent bonds (HF) have small differences; ionic bonds have large differences (LiF). **The greater the difference in electronegativities, the more ionic a bond is.**



- Red = high electron density; Blue = low electron density; Green = in between

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Bonding

- Identify the type of bond (ionic, polar covalent, nonpolar covalent) holding atoms together in the following compounds.

- NaCl
- H₂
- PCl₃
- H₂O
- CaBr₂
- CH₄
- NaNO₃
- Problems 7.1, 7.2, 7.3

Electronegativities

H	2.1	N	3.0
Na	0.9	O	3.5
Ca	1.0	Cl	3.0
P	2.1	Br	2.8
C	2.5	F	4.0

Electron-Dot Structures

- 1) How many total valence electrons?
- 2) Does every atom have an octet?

- H only gets one bond; halogens usually only form single bonds.

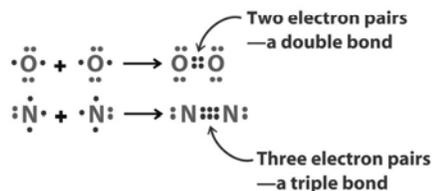
- Draw structures for the following:

- ♦ CH₄, NH₃, H₂O, CCl₂F₂, SOCl₂, NH₄⁺, SO₄²⁻

- Worked Ex. 7.1, 7.2; Problems 7.4, 7.5

Multiple Bonds

- What do you do if there are too many electrons in the Lewis Dot Structure?
- Draw Lewis Structures for O₂ and N₂.

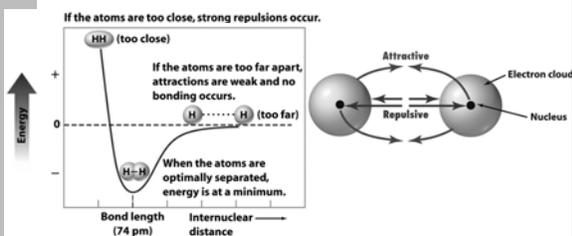


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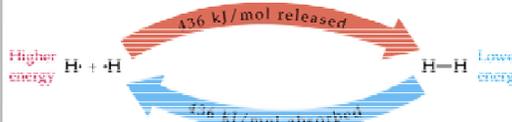
Covalent Bond

- There is an optimum distance between atoms in a covalent bond. This is the bond length: calculated by adding the radii of two atoms.



Strengths of Covalent Bonds

- Closer nuclei result in a stronger bond. Shorter bond = stronger bond.
- Energy is required (absorbed) to break a bond. Energy is given off (released) when a bond is formed.



Comparison of Bonds

- What type of bond (single, double, or triple) do you predict to be the strongest? The weakest? Why?

- What type of bond do you predict to be the shortest? The longest? Why?

- Bond energy (bond strength):

- ♦ Single bond < double bond < triple bond

- Bond length (distance between atom nuclei)

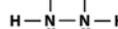
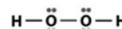
- ♦ Single bond > double bond > triple bond

- Bond strength and bond length are inversely related



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Comparison of Bonds



Bond length: 121 pm

148 pm

110 pm

145 pm

Bond strength: 498 kJ/mol

213 kJ/mol

945 kJ/mol

275 kJ/mol

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Group Work

- Draw Lewis Structures for the following substances:
- CO_2
- CO
- HCN
- SO_3^{2-}
- Worked Ex. 7.3, 7.4; Problems 7.6, 7.7

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Exceptions to the Octet Rule

- Odd-Electron Molecules
 - ♦ Draw a Lewis structure for NO and NO_2
 - ♦ Why does NO_2 combine with itself to form N_2O_4 ?
- Incomplete Octets
 - ♦ Draw structures for BeCl_2 , BH_3 , BF_3 , AlCl_3



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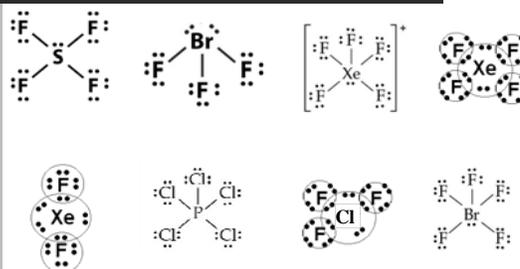
Exceptions to the Octet Rule

- What do you do if there are too many electrons?
- Draw Lewis Structures for the following:

SF_4	BrF_3	XeF_5^+	XeF_4
XeF_2	PCl_5	ClF_3	BrF_5
- When do we find expanded octets? (Hint: what shells (rows) are the central atoms in?)
- Worked Ex. 7.6 – 7.8; Problems 7.9 – 7.11

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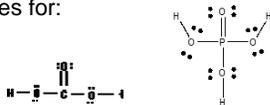
Exceptions to the Octet Rule



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Electron-Dot Structures: Oxyacids and Carbon Chains

- Draw structures for:
 - ♦ H_2SO_4
 - ♦ H_3PO_4
 - ♦ H_2CO_3
- Carbon always gets 4 electron pairs!
 - ♦ C_2H_6
 - ♦ $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$
 - ♦ CH_2CHCN



The Concept of Resonance

- Sometimes a single Lewis structure doesn't accurately represent bonds. Sometimes multiple structures are needed to adequately show how electrons are shared.
 - ♦ Examples: O_3 , SO_3 , NO_3^- , CO_3^{2-}
- Example: nectarines. They are a combination of a peach and plum but you have to use both fruits to describe it accurately. Same with resonance structures. No one structure is accurate – we have to draw multiple structures.

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VSEPR Theory

- Use **A, B, E** notation: A = central atom; B = # outer atoms; E = # lone e⁻ pairs
 - ♦ CH₄ = AB₄, NH₃ = AB₃E, H₂O = AB₂E₂
- Can predict the angles between electron domains (charge clouds):
- 2 domains - linear (180°)
- 3 domains - trigonal planar (120°)
- 4 domains - tetrahedral (109.5°)
- 5 domains - trigonal bipyramidal (90° & 120°)
- 6 domains - octahedral (90°)
- Worked Ex. 7.11; Problems 7.17, 7.19



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Molecular Geometries

- A = central atom; B = # outer atoms; E = # lone e⁻ pairs

Electronic Geometry	Molecular Geom.	Molecular Geom.
AB ₂ Linear		
AB ₃ Trigonal Planar	AB ₂ E Bent	
AB ₄ Tetrahedral	AB ₃ E Trigonal Pyramidal	AB ₂ E ₂ Bent
AB ₅ Trig. Bipyramidal	AB ₄ E See-Saw	AB ₃ E ₂ T-Shaped
AB ₆ Octahedral	AB ₅ E Square Pyramid	AB ₄ E ₂ Square Planar

What are the molecular geometries of the following molecules?

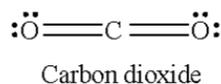
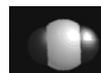
- CO₂
- SO₂
- BF₃
- CH₄
- NH₄⁺
- CCl₄
- NH₃
- H₂O
- SF₂
- COCl₂
- PCl₅
- OF₂
- ClO₄⁻
- SF₆
- CS₂
- BiF₅
- AlCl₄⁻
- ClO₂⁻
- AsH₃



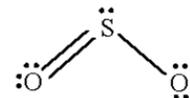
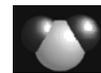
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Molecular Shapes

- Why don't CO₂ and SO₂ have the same geometry?



Carbon dioxide



Sulfur dioxide



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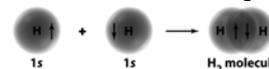
Valence Bond Theory

- Lewis structures and VSEPR give information about the shapes of molecules and the distributions of electrons. They don't explain **why** a bond forms.
- Valence-bond theory considers both bond formation and molecular shape
- Looks at how electrons are shared in a covalent bond
- VB theory considers the atomic orbitals occupied by the valence electrons

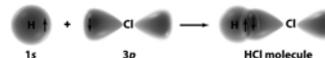
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Creating Bonds

- Half-filled orbitals overlap so that 2 electrons can share space and form a covalent bond.
- ♦ We can combine two s orbitals (H₂)



- ♦ We can combine an s and a p orbital (HCl)



- ♦ We can combine two p orbitals (F₂)



Examples to Use

- Before we discuss this process, draw Lewis Structures and determine molecular geometries for the following:
 - CH_4
 - BF_3
 - BeCl_2
 - PCl_5
 - SF_6
 - CH_2CH_2
 - C_2H_2

Valence Bond Theory: Hybridization

- Combine these concepts:
 - Electron configurations
 - ♦ Valence electrons (short-hand notation)
 - Orbitals
 - ♦ s: spherical
 - ♦ p: dumb-bell shaped
 - ♦ Reminder: An orbital only holds two electrons
 - Lewis Dot Structures
 - VSEPR

Bond Formation

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Liger: lion + tiger

Zeedonk: zebra + donkey

- Hybrids In chemistry, covalent bonds are created by making orbitals equivalent in energy. This is done by combining or mixing atomic orbitals to create new, or hybrid, orbitals.
- This is the basis of **Valence Bond Theory**: using atoms' valence electrons to explain how bonds form.

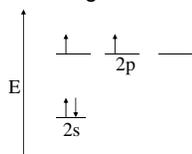
Hybridization in Methane

- Methane: CH_4
- Lewis Dot Structure?
- Carbon is central atom
- Electron configuration of carbon?
 - ♦ $[\text{He}] 2s^2 2p^2$
- VSEPR shape?
 - ♦ Tetrahedral - indicates that all bonds are equal

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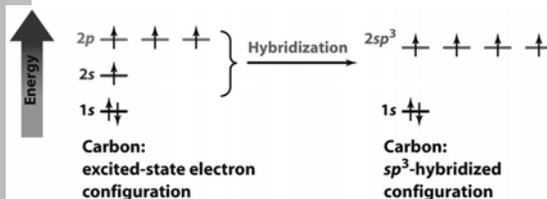
Hybridization in Methane

- Need 4 equivalent orbitals to form the 4 single (σ) bonds (based on VSEPR and experiments)
- Ground state configuration:



sp^3 formation

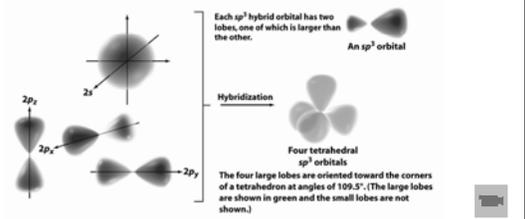
Carbon Hybridization



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sp³ Hybridization

- Combine one s orbital and three p orbitals → four hybridized orbitals (sp³)



Hybridization in Boron Trifluoride

- Boron trifluoride: BF₃
- Lewis Dot Structure?
- Boron is central atom
- Electron configuration of boron?
 - ◆ [He] 2s² 2p¹
- VSEPR shape?
 - ◆ Trigonal planar

sp² hybridization Rasmol BF₃

Hybridization in Beryllium Chloride

- Beryllium chloride: BeCl₂
- Lewis Dot Structure?
- Beryllium is central atom
- Electron configuration of beryllium?
 - ◆ [He] 2s²
- VSEPR shape?
 - ◆ Linear

sp hybridization Rasmol BeCl₂

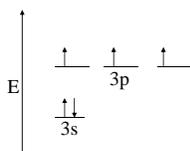
Hybridization in Phosphorus Pentachloride

- Phosphorus pentachloride: PCl₅
- Lewis Dot Structure?
- Phosphorus is central atom
- Electron configuration of phosphorus?
 - ◆ [Ne] 3s² 3p³
- VSEPR shape?
 - ◆ Trigonal bipyramidal

Rasmol PCl₅

Hybridization in Phosphorus Pentachloride

- How many single bonds in PCl₅?
- Where does the 5th orbital come from?
 - ◆ Expanded octet
 - ◆ sp³d



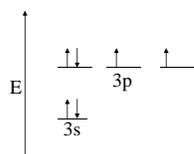
Hybridization in Sulfur Hexafluoride

- Sulfur Hexafluoride: SF₆
- Lewis Dot Structure?
- Sulfur is central atom
- Electron configuration of sulfur?
 - ◆ [Ne] 3s² 3p⁴
- VSEPR shape?
 - ◆ Octahedral
- Problems 7.20 – 7.22

Rasmol SF₆

Hybridization in Sulfur Hexafluoride

- Need 6 equivalent orbitals to form the 6 single bonds.
- Where does the 6th orbital come from?
 - ◆ Expanded octet
 - ◆ sp^3d^2

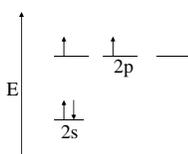


Hybridization in Multiple Bonds: Ethylene

- Ethylene: CH_2CH_2
- Lewis Dot Structure?
- Carbon is central atom
- Electron configuration of carbon?
 - ◆ $[He] 2s^2 2p^2$
- VSEPR shape?
 - ◆ Trigonal planar

Hybridization in Ethylene

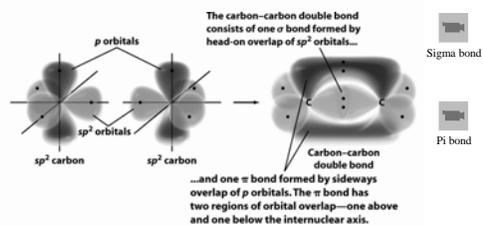
- How many **single** bonds in CH_2CH_2 ?
- Need 3 equivalent orbitals to form the 3 single bonds around one carbon atom.



sp^2 hybridization

Hybridization in Ethylene

- sp^2 hybridization accounts for single (σ) bonds, but what about the unhybridized $2p$ orbital?
- That orbital contributes to the double (π) bond.



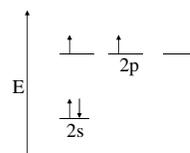
Hybridization in Acetylene

- Acetylene: $HCCH$
- Lewis Dot Structure?
- Carbon is central atom
- Electron configuration of carbon?
 - ◆ $[He] 2s^2 2p^2$
- VSEPR shape?
 - ◆ Linear

Rasmol HCN

Hybridization in Acetylene

- How many **single** bonds in $HCCH$?
- Need 2 equivalent orbitals to form the 2 single bonds around 1 carbon atom.

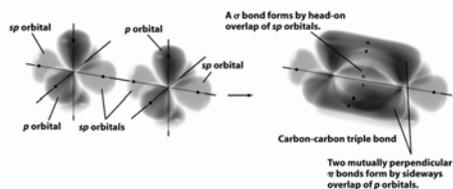


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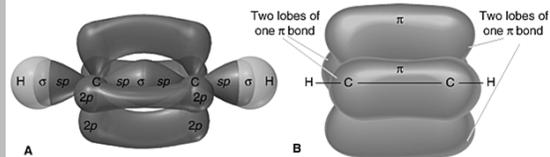
sp hybridization

Hybridization in Acetylene

- sp hybridization accounts for single (σ) bonds, but what about the unhybridized $2p$ orbitals?
- Those 2 unhybridized $2p$ orbitals help make the two π bonds.



Hybrid Orbitals in a Triple Bond



- What does the hybridization for N_2 look like?
- Worked Ex. 7.12; Problems 7.23 – 7.25

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Group work

- Determine the hybridization of the central atoms in your group quiz molecules:
- $POCl_3$
- BF_3
- NO_2^-
- PCl_5
- CO_3^{2-}

Summary

- According to Valence Bond Theory, covalent bonds form when:
 - ◆ there are two electrons in each orbital; one electron from each atom
 - ◆ these two orbitals "overlap"
- The number of hybridized orbitals equals the number of atomic orbitals that are combined.
 - ◆ $sp \rightarrow 2$ orbitals combined ($BeCl_2$ and HCN)
 - ◆ $sp^2 \rightarrow 3$ orbitals combined (BF_3 and CH_2O)
 - ◆ $sp^3 \rightarrow 4$ orbitals combined (CH_4)
 - ◆ $sp^3d \rightarrow 5$ orbitals combined (PCl_5)
 - ◆ $sp^3d^2 \rightarrow 6$ orbitals combined (SF_6)

Summary

- The number of hybridized orbitals equals the number of electron domains (including lone e⁻ pairs) around a central atom (starting with s)
 - ◆ $sp, sp^2, sp^3, sp^3d, sp^3d^2$
- A single bond has 1 σ bond (the same goes for a lone pair of electrons)
- A double bond has 1 σ bond and 1 π bond
- A triple bond has 1 σ bond and 2 π bonds
- Unhybridized p orbitals participate in π bonding (to make double and triple bonds)