

Bonding, Molecular Structure & Hybridization

STUDY LIST From Paul Groves

Valence Electrons & Lewis Symbols

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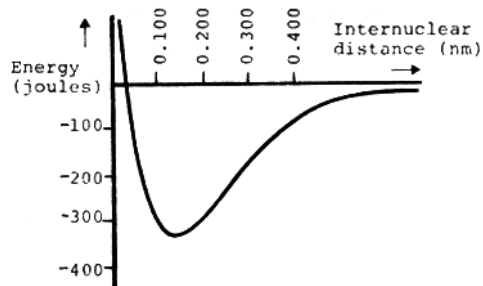
- State the number of valence electrons for any atom.
- Draw Lewis Dot Symbols for any atom or ion.
- Explain that families II, III, and IV have both a ground state and promoted state form of the Lewis symbol.
- Draw the Lewis symbol for a simple ion such as Na^+ or Cl^- .

Bonding

- State the type of bond (ionic, covalent, metallic) formed between any two atoms.

metal-metal	metallic bond
metal-nonmetal	ionic bond
nonmetal-nonmetal	covalent bond

- Explain (using attractions and repulsions) why the formation of a bond lowers the potential energy of a molecule.
- Use the following diagram to determine the bond length and bond energy of a bond.



- State that a covalent bond usually forms between two atoms with half-filled orbitals.

Lewis Dot Symbols

- Draw Lewis dot symbols to show a covalent bond between atoms in a molecule. $\text{H}:\ddot{\text{S}}:\text{H}$
- Identify “lone pair” electrons vs. “shared pair” electrons in a Lewis structure.
- Draw molecules with double and triple bonds.
- Note that only C, N, O, and sometimes S form multiple bonds.

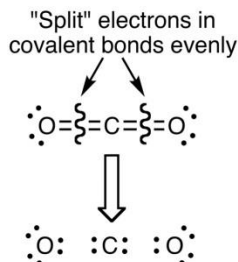
- Use Mr. Groves’ method of “take away a pair, take away a pair, make these guys share” to draw molecules with multiple bonds while maintaining the octet of electrons for each atom.
- State that many atoms gain, lose, or share electrons until they are surrounded by eight electrons. This is called the “octet rule”.
- Memorize the Lewis symbols for the seven diatomic molecules. N_2 has a triple bond. O_2 has a double bond.
- Draw examples of molecules that do not follow the octet rule because the atoms have **less** than an octet. (e.g., CaH_2 , H_2 , Families I, II, III)
- Draw Lewis symbols for polyatomic ions.
- Draw Lewis symbols for molecules and ions that exhibit resonance.
- Memorize some of the more common molecules and ions that exhibit resonance [e.g., NO_3^- , CO_3^{2-} , SO_2 , NO_2 , O_3 , C_6H_6 , $\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-$].
- Draw Lewis symbols for molecules and ions that violate the octet rule by using their “p” orbitals for extended valence shells. [e.g., SF_6 , XeF_2 , XeF_4 , IBr_3 , PCl_5]
- Explain why P can form PF_3 and PF_5 , but N (same family) can form NF_3 , but not NF_5 .

Bond Energies

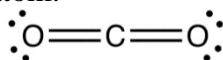
- Define bond energy.
- Write a chemical equation to show bond energy of any bond. For example, the F-F bond in F_2 is $\text{F}_2(\text{g}) + \text{energy} \rightarrow 2\text{F}(\text{g})$
- Determine the bonds broken and bonds formed during a chemical reaction by drawing the Lewis structures of the reactants and products.
- Use a chart of bond energies to calculate the Enthalpy of a reaction (ΔH).
- Explain that this method does not give exactly the same answer as Hess’s Law because bond energies are **average** bond energies that differ slightly from molecule to molecule.

Formal Charge & Oxidation Number

- Define formal charge as the charge on an atom if all shared electrons are shared equally.



- Determine the formal charge of any atom in a Lewis Structure and use these formal charges to determine the best arrangements of atoms.
- State that the best structures have minimal formal charges and the more electronegative atoms have the negative formal charges.
- Contrast formal charge with oxidation states in which shared electrons are assigned to the more electronegative atom.



Formal Charge	0	0	0
Oxidation State	2-	4+	2-

Shapes of Molecules

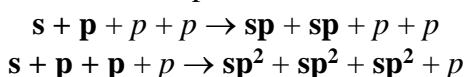
- Define Steric Number (SN) as the # of bonded atoms plus the # of lone pairs on an atom.
- State the Steric Number (SN) of the central atom in any Lewis structure.
- Use VSEPR to state the shape and bond angle associated with each Steric Number.

2	linear	180°
3	trigonal planar	120°
4	tetrahedral	109.5°
5	trigonal bipyramidal	90° & 120°
6	octahedral	90°

- State the shape of a molecule (arrangement of the atoms). [AKA "Molecular Geometry"]
- State the type of orbital hybridization used with each steric number.

1	2	3	4	5	6
s	sp	sp ²	sp ³	sp ³ d	sp ³ d ²

- Explain that non-hybridized orbitals remain as p-orbitals. For example:



Electronegativity

- Use the difference in electronegativity values (ΔEN) of any two atoms to classify the bond.

ionic	$\Delta EN > 1.7$
polar covalent	$0.5 \leq \Delta EN \leq 1.7$
nonpolar covalent	$\Delta EN < 0.5$

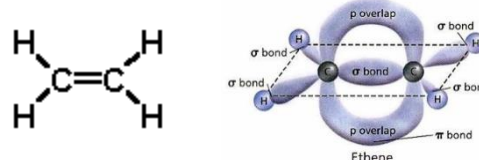
- State the positive and negative end of any polar bond.
- Judge from the molecular shape whether the molecule is polar if the bonds are polar.
- State the electronegativity values for C, N, O, F, P, S, and Cl from their positions on the table.

Multiple Bonds, Bond Order, & Resonance

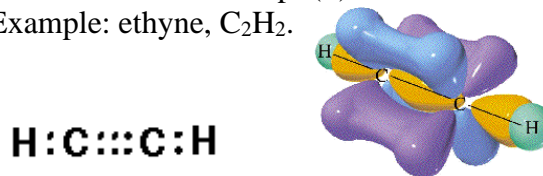
- Define bond order as the number of pairs of electrons holding two atoms together in a covalent bond.

single bond	B.O. = 1	longer	weaker
double bond	B.O. = 2		
triple bond	B.O. = 3	shorter	stronger

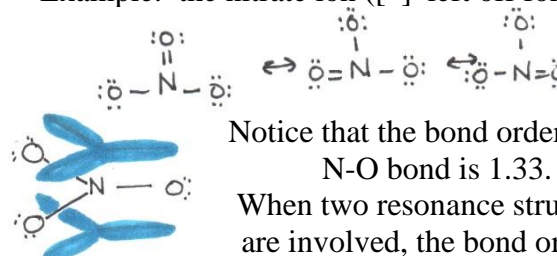
- Describe a double bond as an atom using sp² hybridization (SN=3) and utilizing the p-orbital to form a pi (π) bond. Example: ethane, C₂H₄.



- Describe a triple bond as an atom using sp hybridization (SN=2) and utilizing the two p-orbitals to form two pi (π) bonds. Example: ethyne, C₂H₂.



- Explain that when resonance occurs, each atom involved uses sp² hybrid orbitals and each of the p-orbitals blends into a pi bond. Example: the nitrate ion ([]⁻ left off for clarity)



Notice that the bond order of the N-O bond is 1.33.

When two resonance structures are involved, the bond order is 1.5.