Chapter 8: Concepts of Chemical Bonding

Learning Outcomes:
- Write Lewis symbols for atoms and ions.
- Define lattice energy and be able to arrange compounds in order of increasing lattice energy based on the charges and sizes of the ions involved.
- Use atomic electron configurations and the octet rule to draw Lewis structures for molecules.
- Use electronegativity differences to identify nonpolar covalent, polar covalent, and ionic bonds.
- Calculate charge separation in diatomic molecules based on the experimentally measured dipole moment and bond length.
- Calculate formal charges from Lewis structures and use those formal charges to identify the dominant Lewis structure for a molecule or ion.
- Recognize molecules where resonance structures are needed to describe the bonding and draw the dominant resonance structures.
- Recognize exceptions to the octet rule and draw accurate Lewis structures even when the octet rule is not obeyed.
- Predict the relationship between bond type (single, double, and triple), bond strength (or enthalpy), and bond length.
- Use bond enthalpies to estimate enthalpy changes for reactions involving gas-phase reactants and products.

Chemical Bonds

Three basic types of bonds:
- Ionic
  - Electrostatic attraction between ions
- Covalent
  - Sharing of electrons
- Metallic
  - Metal atoms bonded by free electrons
Lewis symbol for an element consists of the element’s chemical symbol plus a dot for each valence electron.

When forming compounds, atoms tend to gain, lose, or share electrons until they are surrounded by eight valence electrons (the octet rule).

Energetics of Ionic Bonding

\[ \text{Na}^- + 	ext{Cl}^+ \rightarrow \text{Na}^+ + [\text{Cl}^-]^- \]

As we saw in the last chapter, it takes 495 kJ/mol to remove electrons from sodium.

We get 349 kJ/mol back by giving electrons to chlorine.
Energetics of Ionic Bonding

But these numbers don’t explain why the reaction of sodium metal and chlorine gas to form sodium chloride is so exothermic.

\[
\text{Na}(s) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Cl}_2(g) \rightarrow \text{NaCl}(s) \quad \Delta H^\circ_f = -410.9 \text{ kJ/mol}
\]

What is as yet unaccounted for is the electrostatic attraction between the newly formed sodium cation and chloride anion.
**Born–Haber Cycle**

By accounting for enthalpy of formation, sublimation, bond dissociation, ionization energy, electron affinity, we can determine lattice energy.

\[ \text{NaCl(s)} \rightarrow \text{Na}^+(g) + \text{Cl}^-(g) \quad \Delta H_{\text{lattice}} = \]

- Application of Hess’s Law

It takes energy to convert the elements to atoms (endothermic).
It takes energy to create a cation (endothermic).
Energy is released by making the anion (exothermic).
The formation of the solid from gaseous ions releases a large amount of energy (exothermic), the reverse process requires a large amount of energy (endothermic).

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**Lattice Energy**

*The energy required to completely separate a mole of a solid ionic compound into gaseous ions.*

NaCl(s) → Na⁺(g) + Cl⁻(g) \[ \Delta H_{\text{lattice}} = +788 \text{ kJ/mol} \]

- That amount of energy is RELEASED to MAKE the ionic compound (in the Born–Haber cycle).
- The energy associated with electrostatic interactions is governed by the equation:

\[
E_{\text{el}} = \frac{\kappa Q_1 Q_2}{d}
\]

where \( \kappa = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ J-m/C}^2 \)

Lattice energy increases with the charge on the ions and decreasing size of ions.
Main group metals tend to stop losing electrons once they attain a noble gas configuration because energy would be expended that cannot be overcome by lattice energies.

Nonmetals gain electrons to form the electron configuration of the nearest noble gas.

\[
\text{Na} \ 1s^22s^22p^63s^1 = [\text{Ne}]3s^1 \\
\text{Na}^+ \ 1s^22s^22p^6 = [\text{Ne}]
\]

\[
\text{Cl} \ 1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^5 = [\text{Ne}]3s^23p^5 \\
\text{Cl}^- \ 1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^6 = [\text{Ne}]3s^23p^6 = [\text{Ar}]
\]

Transition metals don’t follow the octet rule. Lose \( ns \) valence electrons with highest \( n \) first, then lose \( (n-1)d \) electrons to attain the given charge.
Covalent Bonding

- Bond between nonmetals
- In these bonds atoms share electrons.

\[ \text{H} \cdot + \cdot \text{H} \rightarrow \text{H} \cdot \text{H} \]

- There are several electrostatic interactions in these bonds:
  - Attractions between electrons and nuclei
  - Repulsions between electrons
  - Repulsions between nuclei

Lewis Structures

\[ \text{Cl} \cdot + \cdot \text{Cl} \rightarrow \text{Cl} \cdot \text{Cl} \]

Lewis structures are representations of molecules showing all electrons, bonding and nonbonding.

\[ \text{N} \cdot + 3 \cdot \text{F} \rightarrow \text{F} : \text{N} : \text{F} \rightarrow \text{F} \cdot \text{N} \cdot \text{F} : \]

\[ \text{O} \cdot + \cdot \text{C} + \cdot \text{O} \rightarrow \text{O} : \text{C} : \text{O} \quad \text{(or } \text{O} = \text{C} = \text{O} \text{)} \]

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Lewis Structures

- The group number is the number of valence electrons.
- To get an octet, like the nearest noble gas, in the simplest covalent molecules for nonmetals, the number of bonds needed will be the same as the electrons needed to complete the octet.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{H} & \text{F}^+ \\
\text{H} & \text{O}^- \\
\text{H} & \text{N} \text{H} \\
\text{H} & \text{C} \text{H} \\
\end{align*}
\]

- **Lone pairs**: electrons located on *only one* atom in a Lewis structure
- **Bonding pairs**: shared electrons in a Lewis structure and can be represented by two dots or one line.

Multiple Bonds

- **Single bonds** share only one pair of electrons.
- **Double bonds** share two pairs of electrons.
- Three bonds are shared between two atoms in **triple bonds**.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{O}: & + \text{C} & + \text{O}: & \rightarrow \text{O}:\text{C}:\text{O} & \quad (\text{or} \quad \text{O}:=\text{C}=\text{O}) \\
\text{N}: & + \text{N} & \rightarrow \text{N}:\text{N}: & \quad (\text{or} \quad \text{N}:=\text{N}:)
\end{align*}
\]
**Polarity of Bonds**

- Electrons in a covalent bond are not always shared equally between two atoms.
- **Bond polarity** is a measure of how equally or unequally the electrons in a covalent bond are shared.
- In a **nonpolar covalent bond**, the electrons are shared equally.
- In a **polar covalent bond**, one of the atoms attracts electrons to itself with a greater force.

**Electronegativity:**

- The ability of atoms in a molecule to attract electrons to itself.
- On the periodic table, electronegativity increases as you go...
  - ...from left to right across a row.
  - ...from the bottom to the top of a column.
Polar or Nonpolar Covalent Bonds

• Although atoms often form compounds by sharing electrons, the electrons are not always shared equally.
• Fluorine has a greater attraction on the electrons it shares with hydrogen than hydrogen does, therefore, the fluorine end of the molecule has more electron density than the hydrogen end in the HF molecule.

Is a bond covalent, polar covalent, or ionic?

• Simplest approach: metal + nonmetal is ionic; nonmetal + nonmetal is covalent.
• Exceptions: It doesn’t take into account oxidation number of a metal (higher oxidation numbers can give covalent bonding).
• Electronegativity difference can be used; the table still doesn’t take into account oxidation number.
• Properties of compounds are often helpful in assigning bonding character: Lower melting points mean covalent bonding, for example.
• There is a continuum between the extremes of ionic and covalent bonding.
Dipole

- When two atoms share electrons unequally, a bond dipole results.
- The dipole moment, $\mu$, produced by two equal but opposite charges separated by a distance, $r$, is calculated: $\mu = Qr$
- It is measured in debyes (D).

Polar Covalent Bonds

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<td>0.4</td>
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The greater the difference in electronegativity, the more polar is the bond.
Writing Lewis Structures

1. Find the sum of valence electrons of all atoms in the polyatomic ion or molecule.
   - If it is an anion, add one electron for each negative charge.
   - If it is a cation, subtract one electron for each positive charge.

\[ \text{PCl}_3 \]

\[ 5 + 3(7) = 26 \]

2. The central atom is the least electronegative element that isn’t hydrogen. Connect the outer atoms to it by single bonds (lines).

\[ \text{Cl} \quad \text{P} \quad \text{Cl} \]

\[ \text{Cl} \]

Keep track of the electrons:

\[ 26 - 6 = 20 \]
3. Complete the octets of the outer atoms.

Keep track of the electrons:

$$26 - 6 = 20 - 18 = 2$$

4. Fill the octet of the central atom.

Keep track of the electrons:

$$26 - 6 = 20 - 18 = 2 - 2 = 0$$
5. If you run out of electrons before the central atom has an octet...

...form multiple bonds until it does.

H–C–N:

H–C–N: → H–C≡N:

Writing Lewis Structures

Assign formal charges.

– For each atom, count the electrons in lone pairs and half the electrons it shares with other atoms.
– Subtract that from the number of valence electrons for that atom: The difference is its formal charge.

**Formal charge** = (valence e⁻) – ½ (bonding e⁻) – (all nonbonding e⁻)

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<td>Formal charge:</td>
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<td>-1 0 +1</td>
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![Lewis structures](image)

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- Then assign formal charges.
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Resonance

This is the Lewis structure we would draw for ozone, $O_3$.

But this is at odds with the true, observed structure of ozone, $O_3$, in which...
- ...both $O-O$ bonds are the same length.
- ...both outer oxygen atoms have a charge of $-1/2$.

Resonance

- Resonance structures are Lewis structures that differ only with respect to placement of the electrons.
- One Lewis structure cannot accurately depict a molecule such as ozone. We use multiple structures, resonance structures, to describe the molecule.

- Two identical bonds with a bond order $= 1.5$ for $O_3$
- Electrons not localized, but rather are delocalized.
Example

Be able to determine how many, if any, resonance structures are exhibited by a molecule or polyatomic ion.

a) nitrate ion

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Nitrate Ion} & \\
\text{Resonance Structures} & \\
\end{align*}
\]

b) sulfur trioxide

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Sulfur Trioxide} & \\
\text{Resonance Structures} & \\
\end{align*}
\]

Resonance

- The organic compound benzene, \( \text{C}_6\text{H}_6 \), has two resonance structures.
- It is commonly depicted as a hexagon with a circle inside to signify the delocalized electrons in the ring.
- *Localized* electrons are specifically on one atom or shared between two atoms; *delocalized* electrons are shared by multiple atoms.
Average formal charge and average bond order

\[
\text{average formal charge} = \frac{\text{sum of formal charges on an oxygen atom as it appears in all resonance structures}}{\text{number of resonance structures}}
\]

\[
\text{average bond order} = \frac{\text{total number of bonds between an atom pair as it appears in all resonance structures}}{\text{number of resonance structures}}
\]

Average formal charge on O = -1/2

Average bond order = 3/2

Exceptions to the Octet Rule

There are three types of ions or molecules that do not follow the octet rule:

- Ions or molecules with an odd number of electrons.
  \[
  \text{N} = \text{O} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{N} = \text{O}
  \]

- Ions or molecules with less than an octet.

- Ions or molecules with more than an octet.
Fewer than an Octet of Electrons

Giving boron a filled octet places a *negative* charge on the boron and a *positive* charge on fluorine. This would not be an accurate picture of the distribution of electrons in BF$_3$.

Therefore, structures that put a double bond between boron and fluorine are less important than the one that leaves boron with only 6 valence electrons.

Fewer than an Octet of Electrons

Tends to react with lone pair from another species having an unshared pair of electrons.
More Than Octet of Electrons

When an element is in periods 3 through 6, it can make more than four bonds and be hypervalent and use an expanded valence shell.

Covalent Bond Strength

\[ \text{Cl} \text{(g)} + \text{Cl} \text{(g)} \rightarrow 2 \text{Cl} \text{(g)} \]

- Most simply, the strength of a bond is measured by determining how much energy is required to break the bond.
- This is the bond enthalpy.
- The bond enthalpy for a Cl—Cl bond, \( D(\text{Cl—Cl}) \), is measured to be 242 kJ/mol.

\[ \text{H} - \text{C} - \text{H} \text{(g)} \rightarrow \cdot \text{C} \text{(g)} + 4 \text{H} \text{(g)} \quad \Delta H = 1660 \text{ kJ} \]
Average Bond Enthalpies

- This table lists the average bond enthalpies for many different types of bonds.
- Average bond enthalpies are positive, because bond breaking is an endothermic process.

\[ \Delta H = \Sigma (\text{bond enthalpies of bonds broken}) - \Sigma (\text{bond enthalpies of bonds formed}) \]

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<th>Bond Type</th>
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Bond Enthalpy and Bond Length

- A stronger bond is a shorter bond and takes more energy to break.
We can also measure an average bond length for different bond types.

As the number of bonds between two atoms increases, the bond length decreases.

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