How atoms connect to form ... everything.

"When carbon, oxygen and hydrogen atoms bond in a certain way to form sugar, the resulting compound has a sweet taste.

The sweetness resides neither in the C, nor in the O, nor in the H; it resides in the pattern that emerges from their interaction."

- F. Capra 2002





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 - In mixtures of metals and non-metals electrons break off from metals and are captured by non-metals.
 - This creates positively and negatively charged particles.
 - These ions clump together in simple, large complexes.
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- Covalent Bonding:
 - Nonmetals pull on each others electrons.
 - If neither non-metal pulls hard enough to remove the electron from the other, the two end up sharing a pair of electrons.
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Gilbert N. Lewis

- Discovered the Covalent Bond
 - The basis for all organic chemistry.
- Coined the term Photon



- Although Planck and Einstein advanced the concept of quanta, Einstein did not use the word photon in his early writings and as far as my reading goes, he never did. The word "photon" originated from Gilbert N. Lewis years after Einstein's photoelectric paper and appeared in a letter to the editor of Nature magazine.
- "I therefore take the liberty of proposing for this hypothetical new atom, which is not light but plays an essential part in every process of radiation, the name photon." -Gilbert N. Lewis, 1926 (Nature Vol. 118, Part 2, December 18, 1926, page 874-875)
- Formalized the electron pair theory of Acids & Bases which is why we call them "Lewis Acids"
- Developed the process for purifying Heavy Water (²H₂O)
 - Which was essential to the Manhattan project.
- Professor at UC Berkeley for 34 years
 - Lewis Hall, the Chemistry building at UC Berkeley, is named after G.N. Lewis
- Nominated for a nobel prize 35 times

(Mahatma Gandhi was only nominated 5 times)

- He never received one.
- Lewis was found dead at his lab bench at UC Berkeley in 1946, his death may have been due to poisoning from chemicals in his experiment. The coroner listed it as a heart attack.
- Developed Valence Shell Notation
 - more commonly known as <u>Lewis Dot Structures</u>



(1875-1946)





It starts with Lewis Symbols

- Lewis notation is how we described the connectivity of all covalent compounds (molecules).
- It's how we show the difference between compounds that have the same composition (molecular formula).
- Lewis notation starts with understanding the Lewis symbols for each atom or ion.
- Symbols that communicate the valence structure of the electronic configuration of those particles.







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The Octet Rule

- A full valence shell is a plateau in energy.
 - There's a considerable gain in energy by reaching a full shell.
 - There's little gain in trying to add more electrons.
- The valence shell for all main group atoms (for this class we will say all atoms) have between 1-8 electrons
- The octet rule:
 - Most elements want 8 electrons in their valence shell.
- Lewis structures accurately predict chemical bonding by simply trying to fill the octet of each element by sharing or transferring electrons.
 - It's a very simple model that gives very good predictions.
 - There are exceptions to the octet rule:
 - Some elements prefer less than a full octet: H, He, Al, and B are the most common.
 - A few elements have an expanded octet.
 - This can only happen in the 3rd period and below.
 - We'll talk about this more later in this chapter.
 - If a molecule has an odd number of electrons, someone ends up with 7.
 - ▶ 7 is the "second best" to 8, never 5 or 1 or 9 or anything else







Lewis Symbols - Cations



- For cations, start with the lewis dot symbol of the neutral element and remove the appropriate electrons.
- Then put the corresponding charge on the symbol.



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- For anions, start with the lewis dot symbol of the neutral element and add the appropriate electrons.
- Put brackets around the symbol to be clear those extra electrons belong to it.
- Then put the corresponding charge on the symbol <u>outside the bracket</u>.



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Ionic Bonding

- Lewis symbols can be used to show the structure of ions and ionic compounds.
- Ions & ionic compounds can be predicted by the octet rule.
- Elements with low ionization energy become cations.
- Elements with high electron affinity become anions.
 - Use square brackets when showing the charge of any atom or molecule that has extra electrons.
- Lewis symbols identify the chemical formula of ionic compounds.



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 - When that's not the case, there is still a way to satisfy atoms with strong electron affinity.
 - By sharing electrons.
- Covalent Bonding occurs between neutral atoms with strong EA.
- When these atoms get within 8 angstroms (0.8 nanometers) they begin to pull on each others valence electrons.
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- That's the bottom of the well.
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- Covalent Bonds are a result of atoms pulling on each others electrons.
- The atoms lock into a fixed distance from each other, entangling their orbitals.
- The shared electrons complete each atoms octet, making a stable combined arrangement of electrons.
- Some molecules placed in a electric field don't spin.
 - These molecules share electrons symmetrically, there is no positive of negative end to align with the field.
- Other molecules spin and align with the field.
 - These molecules must have a positive and negative end.
 - They don't share electrons symmetrically.



Polar Covalent Bonds



- Pure covalent bonds are symmetric.
- 0-0
- Not all covalent bonds are pure.
- Sometimes one atom pulls stronger on the shared electrons than the other.
- Polar covalent bonds are covalent bonds with asymmetric sharing of the bonding pair.



Bond Dipoles

- A separation of charge causes a dipole moment.
- The dipole moment, μ, produced by two equal but opposite charges separated by a distance, r, is calculated:

μ = *Qr*

- Dipoles are measured in debyes (D).
- Q is measured in coulombs (C), r in meters (m).
- Dipoles are indicated graphically by an arrow pointing from the positive charge to the negative charge, with a cross on the positive end of the arrow.
- Polar covalent bonds have partial separation of charge, therefore have a dipole.
- The size of the dipole is indicated by the length of the arrow.
 - Longer arrows induce a larger dipole.
- To put numbers to polarity and dipoles we need a measure of the partial charge separation that occurs in polar covalent bonds.



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The Pauling Electronegativity Scale

- Electronegativity is a property of atoms within a molecule that is related to the electron affinity of that element.
- Electronegativity is the relative strength of an element pulling on electrons within the molecule.
- Unlike Electron Affinity and Ionization Energy...
 - Electronegativity is not measured in units of energy.
 - Electronegativity is not a threshold to forming ions.
- The electronegativity scale was established by CalTech professor Linus Pauling in 1932.
- Pauling was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1954 "for his research into the nature of the chemical bond" ... and was also awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1962 for his work towards ending nuclear bomb testing.
- Linus Pauling is the only person to have every won two unshared Noble prizes.
- Electronegativity numbers are in Pauling units. Units are not shown.
- The electronegativity scale was established by looking at ratios of polar covalent bond strengths.
- You need to memorize four electronegativity values:
 - The values are based by the arbitrary assignment of 4.0 to Fluorine and 1.0 to Lithium.
 - As you go across the second period each element differs by 0.5.
 - Cesium has he lowest electronegativity of 0.7.
 - Hydrogen has a value of 2.1



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Electronegativity Trends



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Lewis Structures

- A compound is formed by creating bonds between atoms.
- A compound is the result of atoms entangling their valence electrons, forming bonds.
- A Lewis structure is a description of a compound that shows where all the electrons of the atoms end up when the valence shells of the atoms entangle (form bonds).
- Good Lewis structures allow each atom to see an octet of electrons.
- A good Lewis structure is an accurate predictor of where bonds form in a compound.
- It helps us understand where bonds occur.
- Electrons group in pairs. Pairs are either shown as two dots or a single line.





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 C_2H_4

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 - Connect the atoms by single bonds (only).
- (3) Pass out the rest of the electrons:
 - Fill the octets of the outer atoms (most electronegative).
 - Fill the octet of the central atoms (least electronegative).
- (4) Push electrons:
 - If you run out of electrons before everyone has an octet...
 - ...form multiple bonds until they do.
- (5) Assign charge:
 - Show any overall charge.
 - Look at formal charge.
 - 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.

CH₃OH

 $CH_3CO_2^-$

 CO_2

HCN

 NH_4^+

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What Formal Charge is not.

- Formal Charge is not checking the octet.
 - When we build a Lewis structure, we try and make sure every atom is in a comfortable neighborhood.
 - Checking the octet is about finding out if atom sees the correct number of electrons around it.
 - This is not formal charge.
 - Chlorine has an octet, this has nothing to do with it's formal charge.
- Formal Charge is not oxidation number.
 - When we do redox chemistry, we ask ourselves what charge would an atom end up with if we broke every bond to create separate ions.
 - Chlorine normally has a -1 charge.
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 - (# electrons in lone pairs + ½ in each of it's bonds valence electrons for it's neutral atom)
 - Note: Any gains for one atom must be paid by another, so the sum of all formal charges must equal the total charge on the molecule or ion.
 - The higher the price, the less likely atoms will enter into that structure - formal charge let's us evaluate possible Lewis structures.

HCl H:Cl:

| Valence | 2e (duet) | 8e (octet) |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|
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Most important

Less important

BF_3

- Consider BF₂:
 - 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 BF₃
- Therefore, structures that put a double bond between boron and fluorine are much less important than the one that leaves boron with only 6 valence electrons.
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- The only way PCl5 can exist is if phosphorus has 10 electrons around it.
 - Atoms are allowed to expand the octet in the 3rd row or below.
 - Presumably d orbitals in these atoms participate in bonding.



- Even though we can draw a Lewis structure for the phosphate ion that has only 8 electrons around the central phosphorus, the better structure puts a double bond between the phosphorus and one of the oxygens.
- This eliminates the charge on the phosphorus and the charge on one of the oxygens.
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