

## Bonding / Molecular Shapes VSEPR

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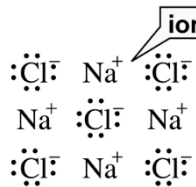
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## Ionic & Covalent Bonds

- ▶ When a nonmetal and a metal form a compound: Valence electrons of the metal are lost and the nonmetal gains these electrons to achieve a Noble gas electron configuration and forming an Ionic Bond.
- ▶ When two nonmetals form a compound: They share electrons to achieve a Noble gas electron configuration and forming a Covalent Bond.

## Ionic Compounds

- Ionic compounds are formed when electron(s) are transferred.
- Electrons go from less electronegative element to the more electronegative forming ionic bonds.



sodium chloride

## Bond Energy

- ⚡ It is the energy required to break a bond, i.e. overcome the force of attraction.
- ⚡ The quantitative value provides information about the strength and nature of the bond.

## Bond Energies

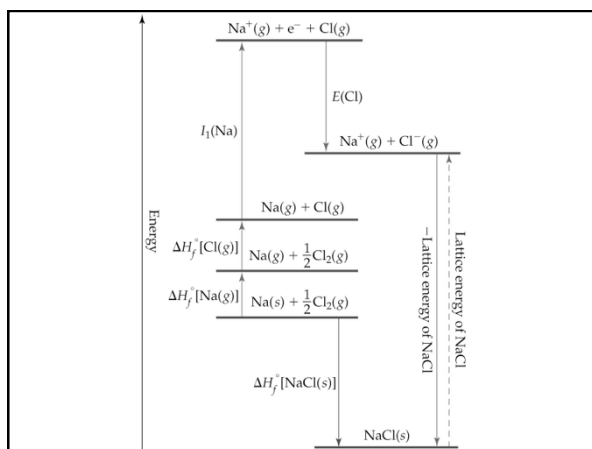
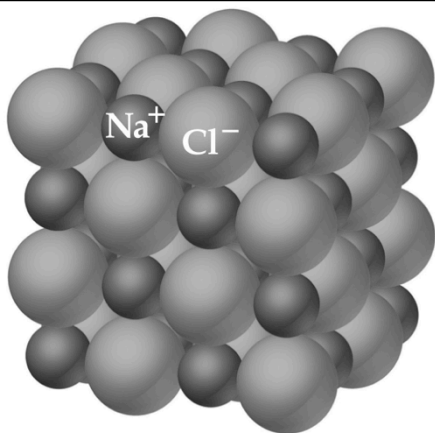
- ▶ Bond breaking requires energy (endothermic).
- ▶ Bond formation releases energy (exothermic).
- ▶  $\Delta H_{rxn} = \Sigma H(\text{bonds broken}) - \Sigma H(\text{bonds formed})$

## Lattice Energy

Hess's Law for ionic crystalline solids

- ▶ The change in energy when gaseous ions pack together to form an ionic solid.  

$$M^+(g) + X^-(g) \rightarrow MX(s)$$
- ▶ Lattice energy is a negative value (exothermic).
- ▶ How can the Lattice energy be calculated?



## Electronegativity

▶ The ability of an atom in a molecule to attract shared electrons to itself.

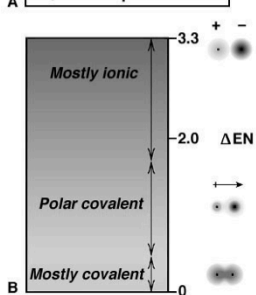
$$\Delta = (H - X)_{actual} - (H - X)_{expected}$$

## Electronegativity



### Boundary Ranges for Classifying Ionic Character of Chemical Bonds

$\Delta EN$	IONIC CHARACTER
>1.7	Mostly ionic
0.4-1.7	Polar covalent
<0.4	Mostly covalent
0	Nonpolar covalent



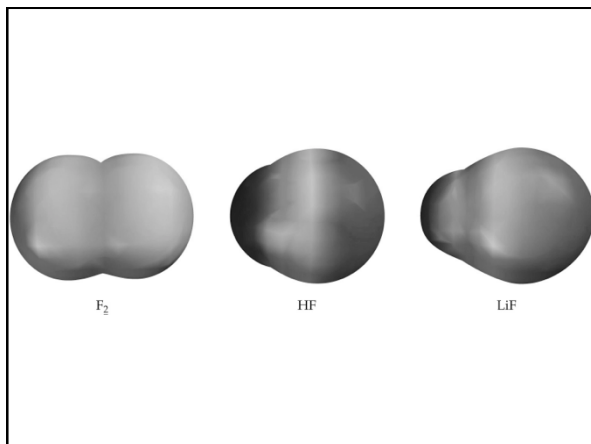
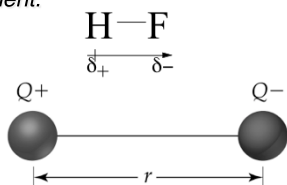
## QUESTION

Atoms having greatly differing electronegativities are expected to form:

- 1) no bonds.
- 2) polar covalent bonds.
- 3) nonpolar covalent bonds.
- 4) ionic bonds.
- 5) covalent bonds.

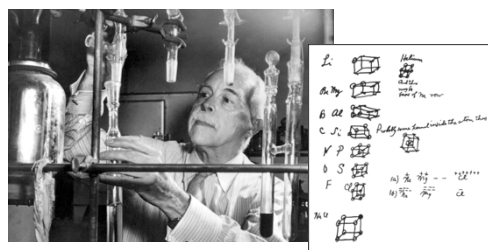
## Covalent Bond Polarity

- ▶ A molecule, such as HF, that has a center of positive charge and a center of negative charge is said to be polar, or to have a dipole moment.



## Lewis Structure

- ▶ Shows how valence electrons are arranged among atoms in a molecule.
- ▶ Reflects central idea that stability of a compound relates to noble gas electron configuration.
- ▶ Shows bonds in molecules and relates to 3-dimensional shapes in structures



*G.N. Lewis*

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**Footnote:**

G.N. Lewis, despite his insight and contributions to chemistry, was never awarded the Nobel prize.



Notes from Lewis's notebook and his "Lewis" structure.

### Octet Rule: General Comments

- 2nd row elements C, N, O, F observe the octet rule.
- 2nd row elements B and Be often have fewer than 8 electrons around themselves - they are very reactive.
- 3rd row and heavier elements CAN exceed the octet rule using empty valence d orbitals.
- When writing Lewis structures, satisfy octets first, then place electrons around elements having available d orbitals.

## QUESTION

Which of the following atoms cannot exceed the octet rule in a molecule?

- A) N
- B) S
- C) P
- D) I
- E) All of the atoms (1–4) can exceed the octet rule.

### Lewis Electron-Dot Symbols for Elements in Periods 2 & 3

		1A(1)	2A(2)						
		$ns^1$	$ns^2$	3A(13)	4A(14)	5A(15)	6A(16)	7A(17)	8A(18)
				$ns^2np^1$	$ns^2np^2$	$ns^2np^3$	$ns^2np^4$	$ns^2np^5$	$ns^2np^6$
Period	2	• Li	• Be •	• B •	• C •	• N •	: O •	: F :	: Ne :
	3	• Na	• Mg •	• Al •	• Si •	• P •	: S •	: Cl :	: Ar :

### Depicting ion formation with orbital diagrams and electron dot symbols

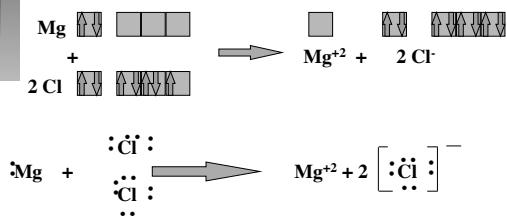
**Problem:** Use orbital diagrams and Lewis structures to show the formation of magnesium chloride from its ions starting with the respective atoms.

**Step 1:** Draw the orbital diagrams for Mg and Cl atoms.

*To reach completely filled, stable electronic configurations each Mg atom loses 2 electrons, and each Cl atom gains 1 electron. Therefore there are two  $Cl^-$  ions for every one  $Mg^{2+}$  ion.*

**Step 2:** Draw the orbital diagrams for the  $Mg^{2+}$  cation and 2  $Cl^-$  anions.

### Depicting Ion Formation with Orbital Diagrams and Electron Dot Symbols



Remember chlorine is diatomic.

### Covalent Compounds

- Share valence electrons.
- 1 pair = 1 bond; maximum # of atom-atom bonds = 3.
- Octet rule ("duet" for hydrogen)
- *Lewis structure examples:*

Lewis structures



Notice the charges:

In one case they balance, can you name the compound?  
In the other they do not.

It has a "Formal" charge. Can you name the polyatomic ion?

### QUESTION

In the Lewis structure for  $\text{SF}_6$ , the central sulfur atom shares \_\_\_\_\_ electrons.

- 4
- 8
- 10
- 12
- none of these, because  $\text{SF}_6$  is an ionic compound

### Important Bond Numbers

(Neutral Atoms!)

one bond      H —      F —      Cl —      Br —      I —

two bonds



three bonds



four bonds



## QUESTION

In the Lewis structure for elemental nitrogen there is (are):

- A) a single bond between the nitrogens.
- B) a double bond between the nitrogens.
- C) a triple bond between the nitrogens.
- D) three unpaired electrons.
- E) none of these.

## Lewis Structures of Simple Covalently Bonded Molecules

Draw Lewis Structures for the following:

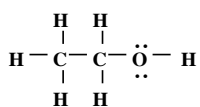
CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH Ethyl alcohol (Ethanol)

CH<sub>4</sub> Methane

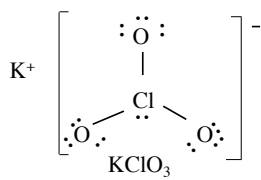
CF<sub>4</sub> Carbon Tetrafluoride

KClO<sub>3</sub> Potassium Chlorate

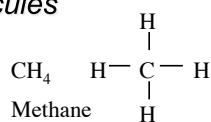
## Lewis Structures of Simple Molecules



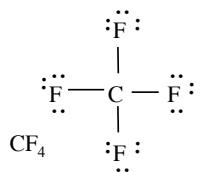
Ethyl Alcohol (Ethanol)



Potassium Chlorate



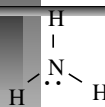
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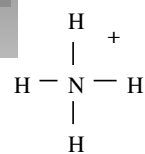
CF<sub>4</sub>

Carbon Tetrafluoride

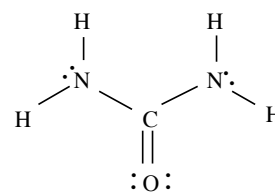
## Lewis Structures of Simple Molecules



Ammonia



Ammonium Ion



Urea

## QUESTION

The formaldehyde compound, also known as methanal, has been linked to indoor air pollution and related health effects. It can be used in some cases as a disinfectant and is found in some resins and glues. The correctly drawn Lewis structure of  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}$  would have how many unshared electrons?

- A. Zero unshared  $e^-$
- B. One unshared  $e^-$
- C. Two unshared  $e^-$
- D. Four unshared  $e^-$

## QUESTION

Dinitrogen monoxide has several uses ranging from a dentistry anesthetic to automobile racing enhancement. Starting with two possible basic structures given here, diagram two different Lewis structures. If your first structure contains four unbonded electrons around oxygen and your second structure contains six unbonded electrons around oxygen, how many bonds would be between the N atoms in the first and second compounds?



- A. 2, 3
- B. 1, 3
- C. 2, 2
- D. 1, 2

## Formal Charge

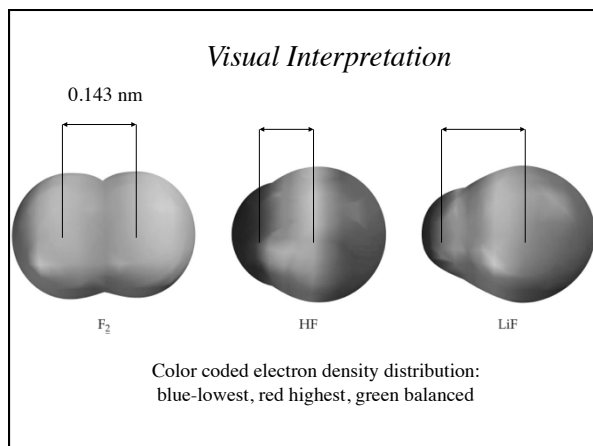
- *Equals the number of valence electrons of the free atom minus [the number of unshared valence electrons in the molecule + 1/2 the number of shared valence electrons in the molecule].*

## QUESTION

The  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  molecule has sometimes found use as an aerosol propellant. One structure that satisfies the Lewis electron dot rules is  $\text{N}=\text{N}=\text{O}$ . In this case, what would be the formal charge of the middle N atom?

- A. Zero
- B. +1
- C. -1
- D. I am not sure how to determine the formal charge on an atom in a compound.





### Determining Bond Polarity from Electronegativity Values

**Draw arrows to represent the dipole moment of each using ENs:**

- a) the EN of O = 3.5 and of H = 2.1: **O - H**  
 the EN of O = 3.5 and of Cl = 3.0: **O - Cl**  
 the EN of C = 2.5 and of P = 2.1: **C - P**  
 the EN of P = 2.1 and of N = 3.0: **P - N**  
 the EN of N = 3.0 and of S = 2.1: **N - S**  
 the EN of C = 2.5 and of Br = 2.8: **C - Br**  
 the EN of As = 2.0 and of O = 3.5: **As - O**

b) Rank the bonds in increasing order of polarity.

### Determining Bond Polarity from Electronegativity Values

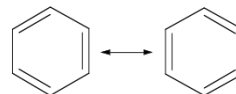
**Solutions:**

- a) the EN of O = 3.5 and of H = 2.1: **O - H**  
 the EN of O = 3.5 and of Cl = 3.0: **O - Cl**  
 the EN of C = 2.5 and of P = 2.1: **C - P**  
 the EN of P = 2.1 and of N = 3.0: **P - N**  
 the EN of N = 3.0 and of S = 2.1: **N - S**  
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 the EN of As = 2.0 and of O = 3.5: **As - O**

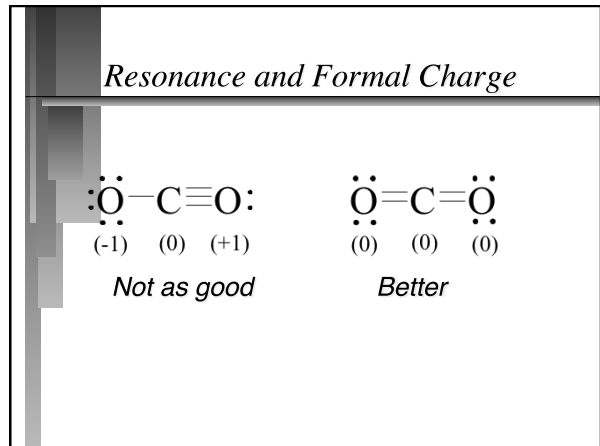
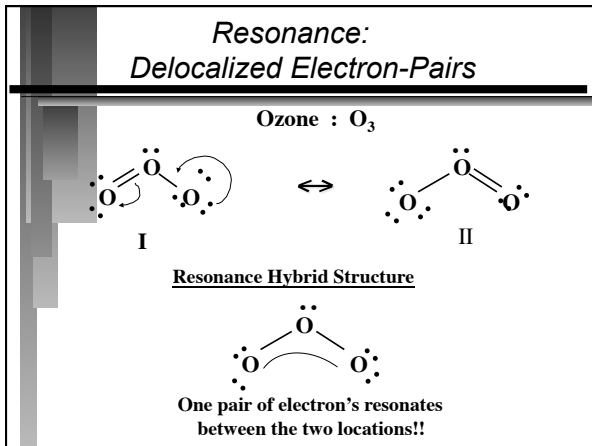
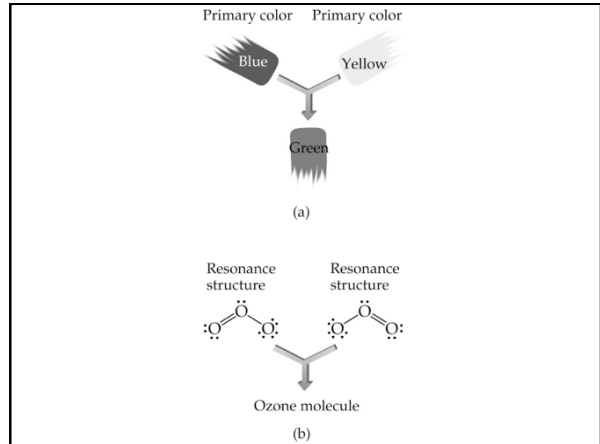
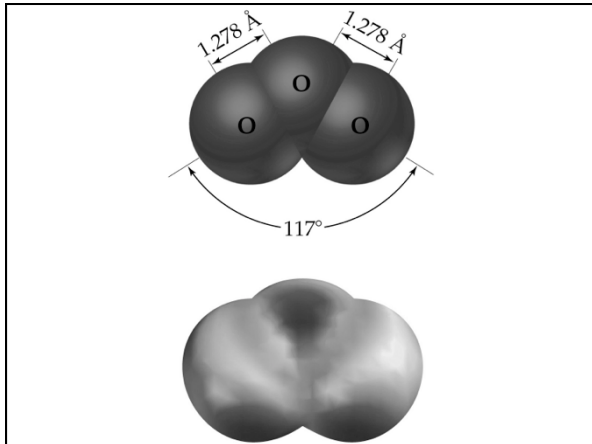
- b) **C - Br < C - P < O - Cl < P - N < N - S < O - H < As - O**  
 0.3 < 0.4 < 0.5 < 0.9 < 0.9 < 1.4 < 1.5

### *Resonance*

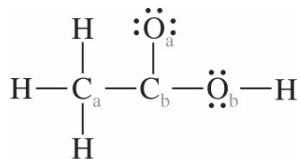
Occurs when more than one valid Lewis structure can be written for a particular molecule.



These are resonance structures.  
The actual structure is an average of the resonance structures.

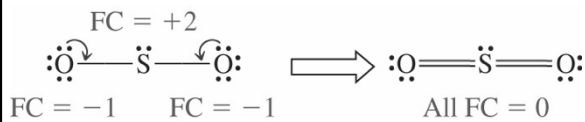
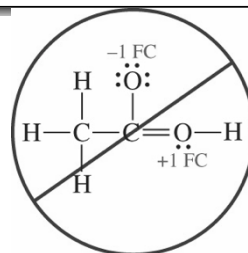


Acetic acid

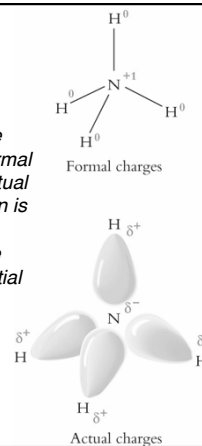


Complete the Lewis Structure.

Acetic acid



The nitrogen atom in the ammonium ion has a formal charge of +1, but the actual positive charge of the ion is distributed around the hydrogen atoms and the nitrogen atom has a partial negative charge.



## Localized Electron Model

- ▶ 1. Description of valence electron arrangement (Lewis structure).
- ▶ 2. Prediction of geometry (VSEPR model).
- ▶ 3. Description of atomic orbital types used to share electrons or for lone pairs.

Coupled with molecular orbital theory, highly reliable conceptual images of molecular shape can be obtained.

## QUESTION

Biologically the NO molecule plays several important roles in human physiology. Of particular importance and interest is its role in maintaining blood flow and pressure. A properly diagrammed Lewis structure of NO would have how many  $e^-$  not involved in bonding?

- A. Zero
- B. Three
- C. Five
- D. Seven

## Formal Charge

- ▶ Equals the number of valence electrons of the free atom minus [the number of unshared valence electrons in the molecule + 1/2 the number of shared valence electrons in the molecule].
- ▶ Adding/subtracting atoms and electrons.

Formal charge = number of valence electrons – (number of lone pair electrons + 1/2 number of bonding electrons)

$$\text{Formal charge} = 5 - (3 + 1/2 \cdot 4) = 0$$

## VSEPR Model Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion



VSEPR

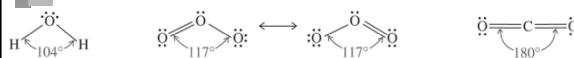
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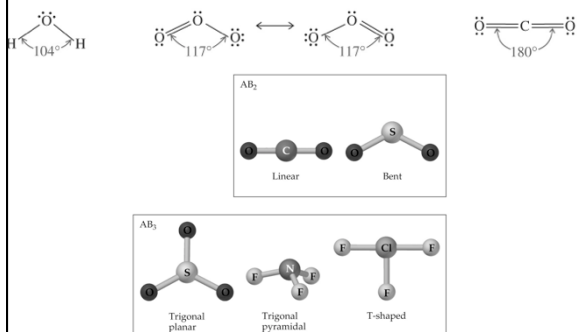
## VSEPR Model

The molecular structure of a given atom is determined principally by minimizing electron pair (bonded & free) repulsions through maximizing separations.

Some examples of minimizing interactions.



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## Predicting a VSEPR Structure

- ▶ 1. Draw Lewis structure.
- ▶ 2. Put pairs as far apart as possible.
- ▶ 3. Determine positions of atoms from the way electron pairs are shared.
- ▶ 4. Select the geometrical name of the molecular structure from positions of the atoms, or..... skip 2 & 3 and match to the names:

<http://chemconnections.org/VSEPR-jmol/>

	Orbital Geometry	Molecular Geometry	Bond Angle		# of lone pairs
<i>Important in Organic Compounds</i>	Linear	Linear	180°		0
	Trigonal Planar	Trigonal Planar	120°		0
	Trigonal Planar	Bent	<120°		1
	Tetrahedral	Tetrahedral	109.5°		0
	Tetrahedral	Trigonal Pyramidal	°		1
	Tetrahedral	Bent	<109.5°		2
	Trigonal Bipyramidal	Trigonal Bipyramidal	120°, 90°		0
	Trigonal Bipyramidal	Seesaw	<120°, <90°		1
	Trigonal Bipyramidal	T-shape	<90°		2
	Trigonal Bipyramidal	Linear	180°		3
Octahedral	Octahedral	90°		0	
Octahedral	Square Pyramidal	°		1	
Octahedral	Square Planar	90°		2	

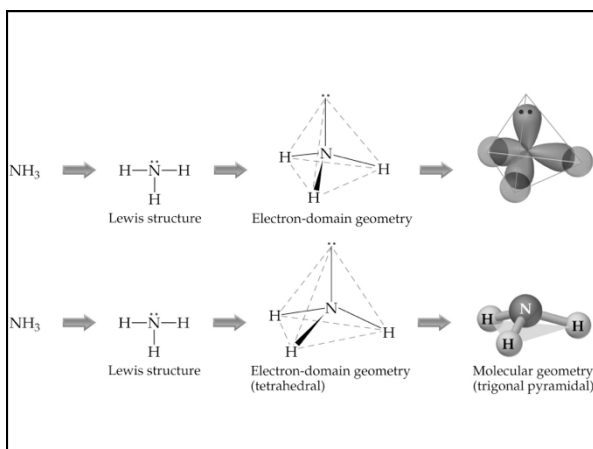
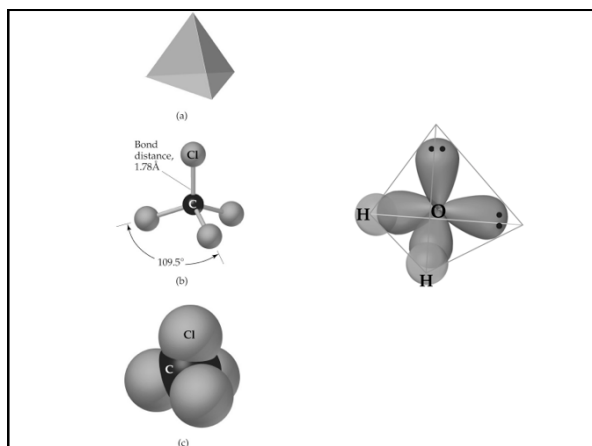
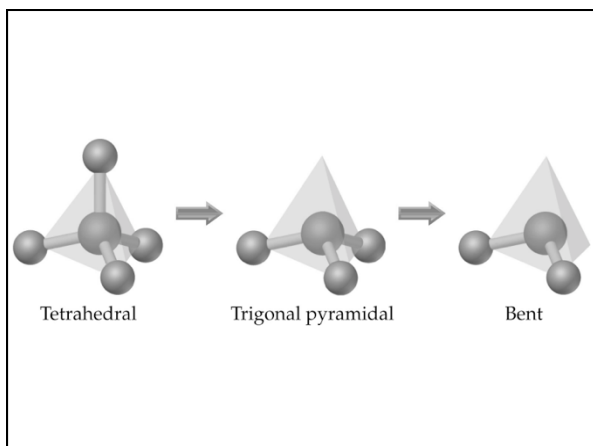
## QUESTION

The compound  $\text{BF}_3$  can react with silicon to help etch computer chips. After diagramming the complete Lewis structure for this compound, determine its shape and provide one of the following names for the shape you drew.

- A. Trigonal planar
- B. Trigonal bipyramidal
- C. T-shaped
- D. Linear

Electron-Domain Geometries as a Function of the Number of Electron Domains			
Number of Electron Domains	Arrangement of Electron Domains	Electron-Domain Geometry	Predicted Bond Angles
2		Linear	180°
3		Trigonal planar	120°
4		Tetrahedral	109.5°
5		Trigonal bipyramidal	120° 90°
6		Octahedral	90°

Electron-Domain Geometries and Molecular Shapes for Molecules with Two, Three, and Four Electron Domains Around the Central Atom					
Number of Electron Domains	Electron-Domain Geometry	Bonding Domains	Nonbonding Domains	Molecular Geometry	Example
2	Linear	2	0	Linear	$\text{H}-\text{C}=\text{H}$
3	Trigonal planar	3	0	Trigonal planar	$\text{BF}_3$
		2	1	Bent	$[\text{O}_3]^-$
4	Tetrahedral	4	0	Tetrahedral	$\text{CH}_4$
		3	1	Trigonal pyramidal	$\text{NH}_3$
		2	2	Bent	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$

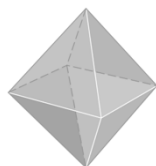


**QUESTION**

The bond angle in H<sub>2</sub>Se is about:

A) 120°.  
 B) 60°.  
 C) 180°.  
 D) 109°.  
 E) 90°.

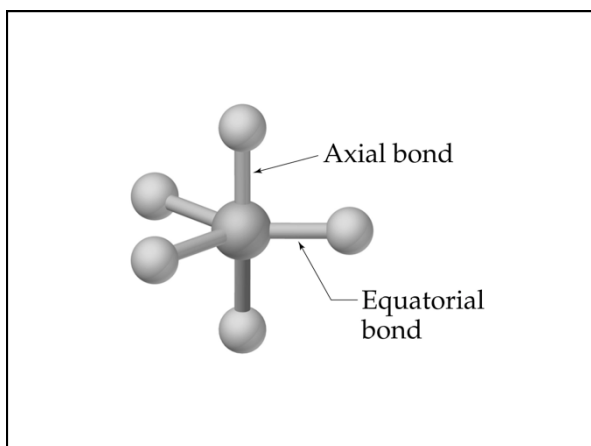
Section: Electron Domains and Molecular Shapes for Molecules with Five and Six Electron Domains Around the Central Atom					
Total Electron Domains	Electron Domain Geometry	Bonding Domains	Nonbonding Domains	Molecular Geometry	Example
5		5	0		$\text{PCl}_5$
		4	1		$\text{SF}_4$
		3	2		$\text{ClF}_3$
6		6	0		$\text{SF}_6$
		5	1		$\text{BrF}_5$
		4	2		$\text{XeF}_4$



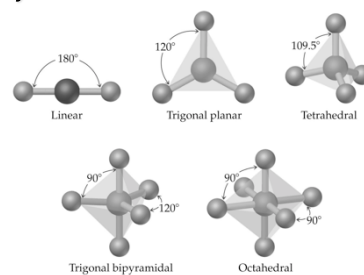
## QUESTION

According to VSEPR theory, which of the following species has a square planar molecular structure?

- A)  $\text{TeBr}_4$
- B)  $\text{BrF}_3$
- C)  $\text{IF}_5$
- D)  $\text{XeF}_4$
- E)  $\text{SCl}_2$



Summary:



<http://chemconnections.org/VSEPR-jmol/>

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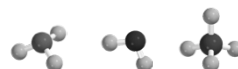


## Representing Molecules Formulas, Structures & Models

Representing Substances

## Lewis Structures / VSEPR Molecular Models

- ▶ Using all of the tools.
- ▶ Computer Generated Models



## Covalent Compounds

- Equal sharing of electrons: nonpolar covalent bond, same electronegativity (e.g., H<sub>2</sub>)
- Unequal sharing of electrons between atoms of different electronegativities: polar covalent bond (e.g., HF)

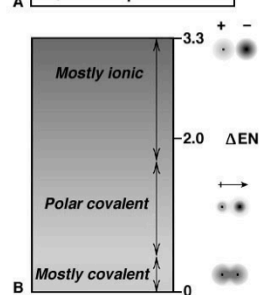
TABLE 1.3 The Electronegativities of Selected Elements\*

IA	IIA	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
H 2.1							
Li 1.0	Be 1.5		B 2.0	C 2.5	N 3.0	O 3.5	F 4.0
Na 0.9	Mg 1.2		Al 1.5	Si 1.8	P 2.1	S 2.5	Cl 3.0
K 0.8	Ca 1.0					Br 2.8	I 2.5

\*Electronegativity values are relative, not absolute. As a result, there are several scales of electronegativities. The electronegativities listed here are from the scale devised by Linus Pauling.

## Boundary Ranges for Classifying Ionic Character of Chemical Bonds

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>1.7	Mostly ionic
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## Bond Dipole & Dipole Moment

- Dipole moments are experimentally measured.

- Polar bonds have dipole moments.

$$\text{dipole moment (D)} = \mu = e \times d$$

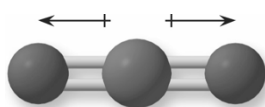
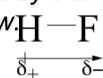
( $e$ ) : magnitude of the charge on the atom

( $d$ ) : distance between the two charges

Bond	Dipole moment (D)	Bond	Dipole moment (D)
H—C	0.4	C—C	0
H—N	1.3	C—N	0.2
H—O	1.5	C—O	0.7
H—F	1.7	C—F	1.6
H—Cl	1.1	C—Cl	1.5
H—Br	0.8	C—Br	1.4
H—I	0.4	C—I	1.2

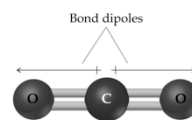
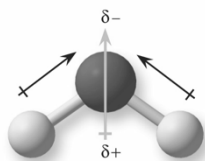
## Bond Polarity

A molecule, such as HF, that has a center of positive charge and a center of negative charge is polar, and has a dipole moment. The partial charge is represented by  $\delta$  and the polarity with a vector arrow.



### Molecular Polarity & Dipole Moment

When identical polar bonds point in opposite directions, the effects of their polarities cancel, giving no net dipole moment. When they do not point in opposite directions, there is a net effect and a net molecular dipole moment, designated  $\delta$ .



Overall dipole moment = 0

Resultant Molecular Dipole = 0



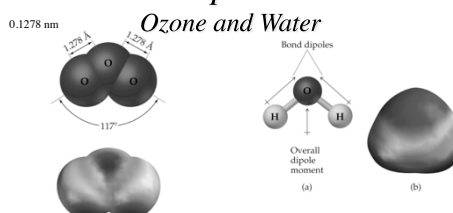
(b)

### QUESTION

The bonds between carbon and oxygen in CO<sub>2</sub> and the bonds between carbon and oxygen in acetic acid have exactly the same difference in electronegativity. Yet CO<sub>2</sub> is a non-polar gas, whereas acetic acid is polar. Which statement provides a factual reason for this difference?

- A. CO<sub>2</sub> has no dipole moment because the symmetry of the C–O bonds places them 180° apart; thus, the polarity predicted in the bonds is cancelled by molecular shape. Since acetic acid is polar, the shape must not allow for canceling the bond polarity.
- B. Polarity in a bond does not always predict polarity in a molecule because the dipole moment could be increased causing the molecule to be less polar.
- C. The partial negative charge of each oxygen, compared to carbon, is decreased in CO<sub>2</sub> because it gets shared among two atoms.
- D. The C–O bond in acetic acid remains polar because the other parts of the molecule form a tetrahedron.

### Molecular Size, Shape & Properties



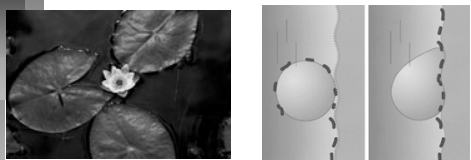
- Resultant Molecular Dipoles > 0
- Solubility: Polar molecules that dissolve or are dissolved in like molecules



- [The Lotus flower](#)
- [Water & dirt repellancy](#)

### The “Lotus Effect” Biomimicry

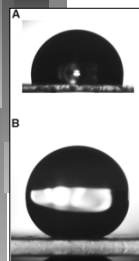
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- ▶ Lotus petals have micrometer-scale roughness, resulting in water contact angles up to 170°
- ▶ See the Left image in the illustration on the right.

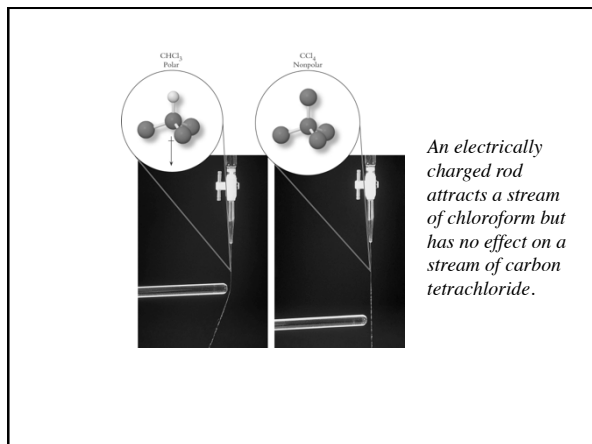
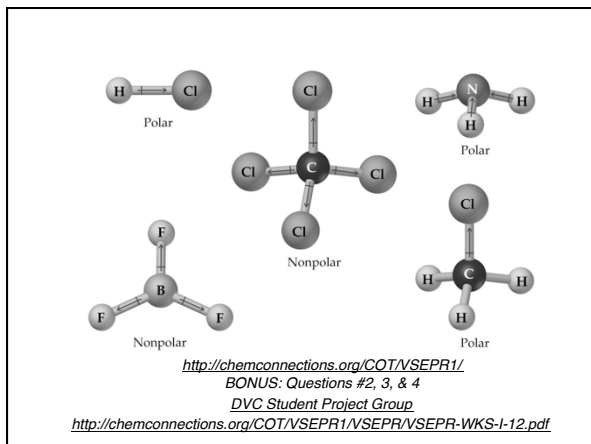
### The “Lotus Effect” Biomimicry

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/299/5611/1377/DC1>



- ▶ Isotactic polypropylene (i-PP) melted between two glass slides and subsequent crystallization provided a smooth surface. Atomic force microscopy tests indicated that the surface had root mean square (rms) roughness of 10 nm.
- ▶ A) The water drop on the resulting surface had a contact angle of  $104^\circ \pm 2$
- ▶ B) the water drop on a superhydrophobic i-PP coating surface has a contact angle of  $160^\circ$ .

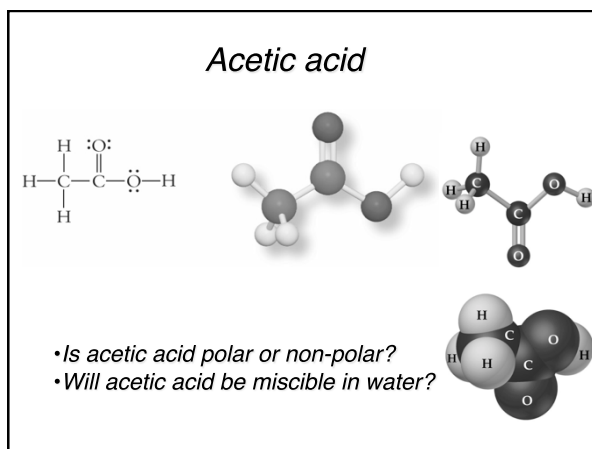
Science, 299, (2003), pp. 1377-1380, H. Yldrm Erbil, A. Levent Demirel, Yonca Avc, Olcay Mert



## QUESTION

Which of the following molecules has a dipole moment?

A)  $\text{BCl}_3$   
 B)  $\text{SiCl}_4$   
 C)  $\text{PCl}_3$   
 D)  $\text{Cl}_2$   
 E) none of these



## QUESTION

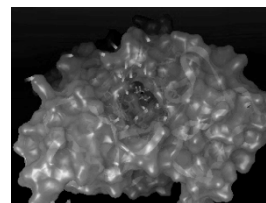
How many of the following molecules possess dipole moments?

$\text{BH}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{PCl}_5$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{HF}$ ,  $\text{H}_2$

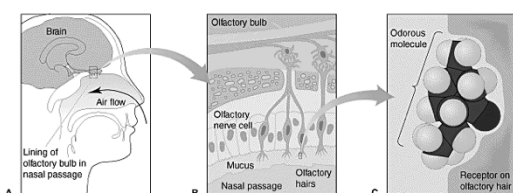
- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3
- D) 4
- E) 5

## Proteins & Small Molecules

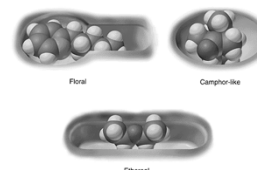
The interaction of a large protein bio-polymer, acetylcholinesterase, with a relatively small molecule of acetylcholine. A general process similar to the way that scientists think we smell.



## Molecular Shape & Smell Theory



## Historical view of a few smell receptors.



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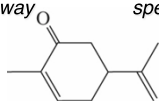
The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet has today decided to award The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2004 jointly to

**Richard Axel** and **Linda B. Buck**

for their discoveries of

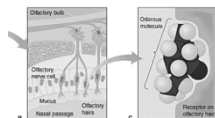
**"odorant receptors and the organization of the olfactory system"**

*S*-(+)-*d*-carvone  
caraway



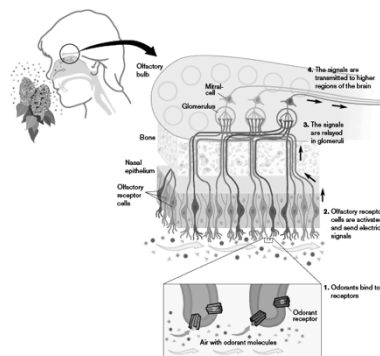
Carvone  
(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O)

*R*-(-)-*l*-carvone  
spearmint



They discovered a large gene family, comprised of some 1,000 different genes (three per cent of our genes) that give rise to an equivalent number of olfactory receptor types. These receptors are located on the olfactory receptor cells, which occupy a small area in the upper part of the nasal epithelium and detect the inhaled odorant molecules.

#### Odorant Receptors and the Organization of the Olfactory System



Organic Chemistry  
Table of organic compounds and their smells

CLASS	NAME	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	SMELL	
Alkanes	methane																					
	ethane																					
Alkenes	ethene																					
	propene																					
Alkynes	ethyne																					
	propyne																					
Alcohols	methanol																					
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Aldehydes	ethanal																					
	propanal																					
Ketones	propanone																					
	butanone																					
Carboxylic acids	ethanoic acid																					
	propanoic acid																					
Esters	ethyl ethanoate																					
	ethyl propanoate																					
Amines	ethanamine																					
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