

Ch 8: Covalent Bonding

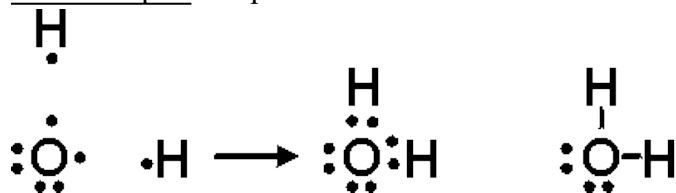
SC3e: Compare and contrast types of chemical bonds (i.e. ionic, covalent)

8.1 Molecular Compounds

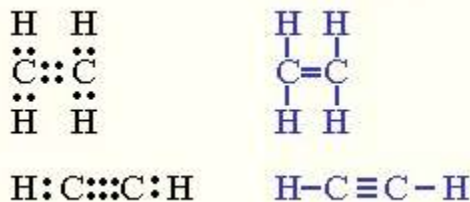
- Covalent Bond are atoms held together by sharing electrons.
- Molecule is a neutral group of atoms joined together by covalent bonds.
- Diatomic molecule is a molecule consisting of two atoms
- Molecular compound is a compound composed of molecules.
- **Molecular compounds tend to have relatively lower melting and boiling points than ionic compounds**
- Most are gases or liquids at room temperature, and most molecular compounds are composed of two or more nonmetals.
- Molecular formula is the chemical formula of a molecular compound
- **A molecular formula shows how many atoms of each element a molecule contains**

8.2 The nature of Covalent Bonding

- **In covalent bonds, electrons sharing usually occur so that atoms attain the electron configuration of noble gases.**
- In covalent bonds elements usually acquire a total of eight electrons (an octet) by sharing electrons.
- Single covalent bond is when atoms are held together by sharing a pair of electrons
- **An electron dot structure such as H:H represents the shared pair of electrons of the covalent bond by two dots.**
- Structural formula represents covalent bonds by dashes and shows the arrangement of covalently bonded atoms.
- Unshared pair is a pair of valence electrons that is not shared between the atoms



- The oxygen atom has two unshared pair of electrons and two single covalent bonds.
- **Atoms form double or triple covalent bonds if they can attain a noble gas structure by sharing two pairs or three pairs of electrons.**
- Double covalent bond is a bond that involves two shared pairs of electrons
- Triple covalent bond is a bond that involves three shared pairs of electrons



Steps for Drawing Lewis Structures

1. Decide on a central atom. Generally the LEAST electronegative atom is central atom. Hydrogen can NEVER be central atom because it can only form one bond.
2. Add up the number of valence electrons for ALL elements in compound
3. Form a single bond between the central atom and each of the other atoms
4. Add lone pair to elements to complete the octet (remember Hydrogen only want 2 electrons)

5. Check each element to make sure they have access to 8 electrons ($H=2$). Ask are they happy?
6. Add up the number of electrons in drawing [count dots + $2(\# \text{ of lines})$] and see if this number match the number of valence electrons in step 2
 - If you have too many form double or triple bonds as needed
 - If you have too few than you made a mistake in your drawing.

Diatomic Molecules

- There are 7 elements that do not exist in nature as a single atom; they always appear as pairs
- When atoms turn into ions, this NO LONGER HAPPENS! They can form bonds as single atoms.
 - Hydrogen H_2
 - Nitrogen N_2
 - Oxygen O_2
 - Fluorine F_2
 - Chlorine Cl_2
 - Bromine Br_2
 - Iodine I_2
- **Remember: BrINCIOHOF**
- **Or remember the 7 elements in the shape of a 7 on the periodic table**

8.4 Polar Bonds and Molecules

- Nonpolar covalent bond (polar bond) is when the bonding electrons are shared equally.
- ALL diatomic halogen molecules are nonpolar
- Polar covalent bond (polar bond) is when the bonding electrons are NOT shared equally
- **The more electronegative atom attracts electrons more strongly and gains a slightly negative charge. The less electronegative atom has a slightly positive charge.**
- **When polar molecules are placed between oppositely charged plates they tend to become oriented with respect to the positive and negative plates.**
- To determine if a bond is polar or nonpolar look at the difference in electronegativity values
 1. Nonpolar covalent is electronegativity difference range of 0.0 to 0.3
 2. Slightly (moderately) polar covalent is electronegativity difference range of 0.4 to 1.0
 3. Very polar covalent is electronegativity difference range of 1.0 to 1.6
 4. Ionic bonds is electronegativity difference range above 1.7 to 4.0

Lanthanides	⁵⁸ Ce	⁵⁹ Pr	⁶⁰ Nd	⁶¹ Pm	⁶² Sm	⁶³ Eu	⁶⁴ Gd	⁶⁵ Tb	⁶⁶ Dy	⁶⁷ Ho	⁶⁸ Er	⁶⁹ Tm	⁷⁰ Yb	⁷¹ Lu
Actinides	⁹⁰ Th	⁹¹ Pa	⁹² U	⁹³ Np	⁹⁴ Pu	⁹⁵ Am	⁹⁶ Cm	⁹⁷ Bk	⁹⁸ Cf	⁹⁹ Es	¹⁰⁰ Fm	¹⁰¹ Md	¹⁰² No	¹⁰³ Lr

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- Water molecules in cage around hydrocarbon chain

- ## Compare and contrast Ionic and Covalent bonds

Characteristic	Ionic Bonds	Covalent Bonds
Reason for forming	Because atoms want to have full outer energy levels	
How they form	Transferring electrons	Sharing electrons
Strength of bond	Very strong bond	Weak bond
Melting/Boiling Points	Very HIGH	LOW
Phase at room temperature	Most are solids	Most are liquids or gases