Lecture 4; CH 101: Inorganic Chemistry

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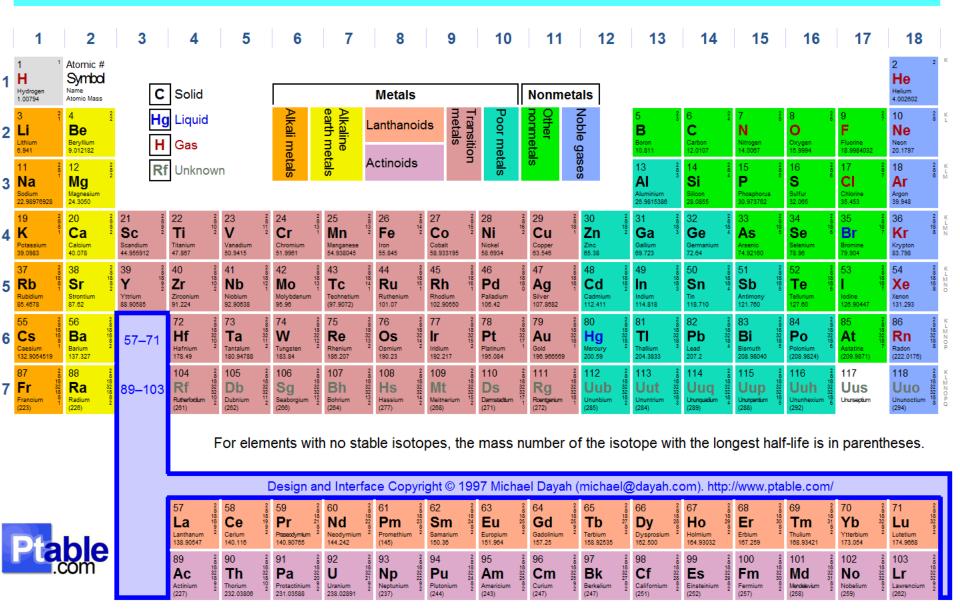
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Periodic Table of Elements



- Lewis Structures

Covalent bond: formed when two neighboring atoms share an electron pair

Single bond - A shaired electron pair A:B A-B

Double bond - Two shaired electron pairs A::B A=B

Triple bond - Three shaired electron pairs A:::B A≡E

Lone pair - An unshaired valence electron pair A:

Diagram that shows the patterns of bonds and lone pairs in a molecule

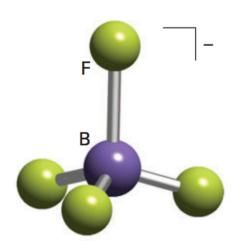
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- Lewis Structures

Diagram that shows the patterns of bonds and lone pairs in a molecule

Does not portray the shape of species

Does not show the geometry of the molecule



Octet Rule

Atoms share electron pairs until they have acquired an octet of valence electrons

Provides a convenient method to construct Lewis structures

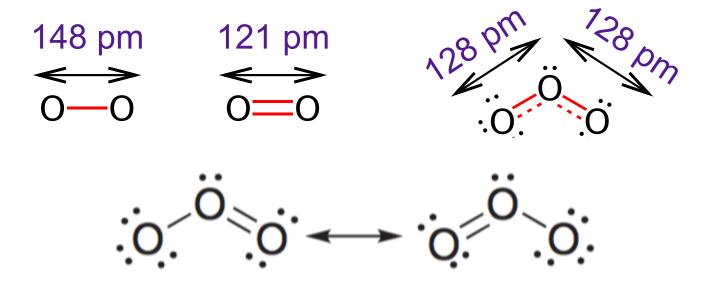
Decide: Number of electrons to be included

Arrange: Chemical symbols

Distribute: Electron pairs until each atom has an octet

- Lewis Structures

A single Lewis structure often provides an inadequate description of the molecule



Actual structure is the average of all possible Lewis structures corresponding to a given arrangement

Actual wavefunction,

$$\psi = \psi(O - O = O) + \psi(O = O - O)$$

Two structures have identical energies, hence equal contribution

Blended structure of two or more Lewis structures is called the resonance hybrid

Structures differ only in allocation of electrons

No resonance in structures where atoms lie in different positions (SOO & OSO)

- Resonance averages the bond characteristics
- Energy of resonance hybrid is lower than that of any single contributing structure
- Lewis structures with similar energies provide greatest resonance stabilization
- All the structures of the same energy contribute equally to the overall structure.
- The greater the energy difference between two Lewis structures, the smaller the contribution of the higher energy structure.

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Equal Contribution

Unequal

Unequal

Regions of enhanced electron density take up positions as far apart as possible – Minimize repulsion

Number of electron regions	Arrangement
2	Linear
3	Trigonal planar
4	Tetrahedral
5	Trigonal bipyramidal
6	Octahedral

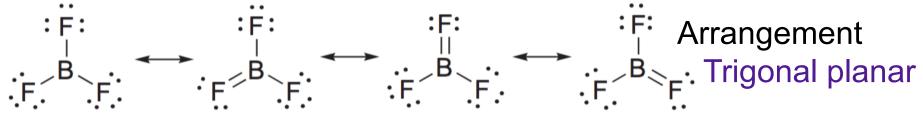
Regions of enhanced electron density governs the shape of the molecule

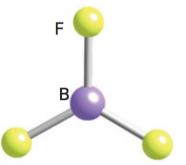
Arrangement of atoms determines the name of the

shape

Shape	Example
Linear	HCN, CO ₂
Angular	H_2O , O_3
Trigonal planar	BF ₃ , SO ₃
Trigonal pyramidal	NH ₃
Tetrahedral	CH ₄
Square planar	XeF ₄
Square pyramidal	Sb(Ph) ₅
Trigonal bipyramidal	PCI ₅
Octahedral	SF ₆

- Write down the Lewis structure of the molecule
- Identify the central atom
- Count the number of lone pairs and atoms carried by the central atom
- To achieve lowest energies lone pair regions take positions as far apart as possible
- Identify the basic shape of the molecule
- Name the shape of the molecule based on number/location of atoms

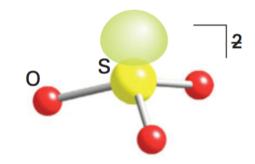




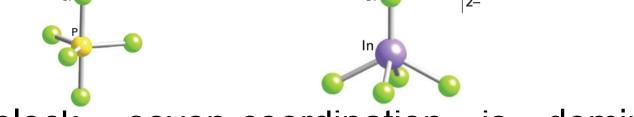
Name of the shape Trigonal planar

Arrangement: Tetrahedral

Name of the shape: Trigonal pyramidal



A square-pyramidal arrangement is only slightly higher in energy than a trigonal-bipyramidal arrangement

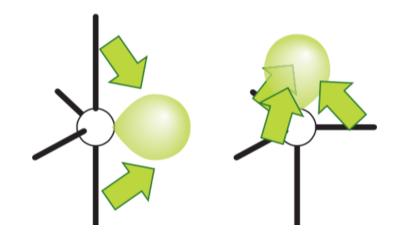


p block, seven-coordination is dominated pentagonal-bipyramidal structures (IF₇)

Lone pairs are stereochemically less influential when they belong to heavy p-block elements.

SeF₆² and TeCl₆² ions, for instance, are octahedral (Lone pairs on Se and Te are stereochemically inert and are usually in the non-directional s orbitals.)

lone pair/lone pair > lone pair/bonding region > bonding region/bonding region



CH₄ 109.5

NH₃ 107

H₂O 104.5