

Lesson #5: Bond Energy & Resonance

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E. BOND ENERGY; RELATIVE BOND STRENGTH & REACTIVITY

Potential Energy.

⇒ To break a bond the E_p (stored in the bond) must be **INCREASED**
 ∴ bonds breaking **REQUIRES** energy input
 ⇒ E_p converted into E_k as bond forms
 ∴ bond formation results in energy output

(break) if energy input > energy output, then reaction is **ENDOTHERMIC**
 (form) if energy input < energy output, then reaction is **EXOTHERMIC**

Bond Energy = the energy (kJ/mol) required to separate two bonded atoms

Example One mole of $H_2(g)$ requires 436 kJ of energy input to separate the two H atoms.
 Conversely, when two H atoms form a bond, $436 \frac{kJ}{mol} \times 2 mol = 872 kJ$ energy released

Low energy (stable) (balance between attractive & repulsive forces)

The bond energies have been determined for every kind of covalent bonds. We can look them up!
Significance: Allows chemists to predict ΔH for a given chemical reaction, which is done as follows:

$\Delta H =$ Sum of the bond energies of broken bonds – Sum of the bond energies of bonds formed

Bond Characteristics

| | Single Bonds | Double Bonds | Triple Bonds |
|------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Length | longest | | shortest |
| Strength | weakest | | strongest |
| Reactivity | most reactive | | least reactive |

(easiest to break + reform)

Examples

| | | | |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <chem>C-C</chem> | <chem>C=C</chem> | <chem>C#C</chem> |
| Bond Length: | 154 pm | 134 pm | 120 pm |
| Bond Energy: | 348 kJ/mol | 614 kJ/mol | 839 kJ/mol |

F. RESONANCE

In many cases, the Lewis structure of a molecule predicts more than one possible placement for double bonds.
When more than one possible arrangement exists, we must draw all the resonance structures. In fact, the experimental data indicates that the actual molecule is a "blending" of all the possible resonance structures. **Resonance structures** = Lewis structures with the same arrangement of atoms, but different arrangements of electrons.

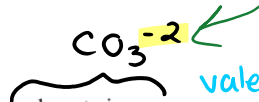
Always use square brackets (even when there is no charge) and arrows between all of your resonance structures.

the double is in a different place

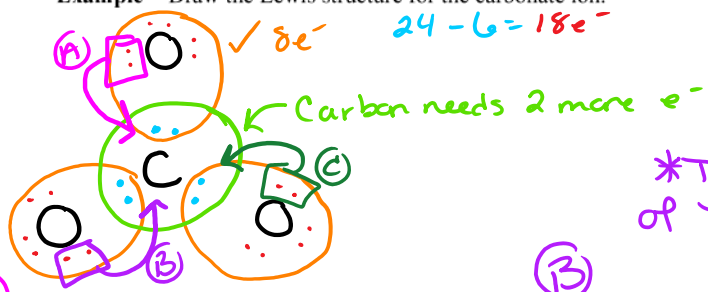
like for ions

$[A] \longleftrightarrow [B] \longleftrightarrow [C]$

Example Draw the Lewis structure for the carbonate ion.

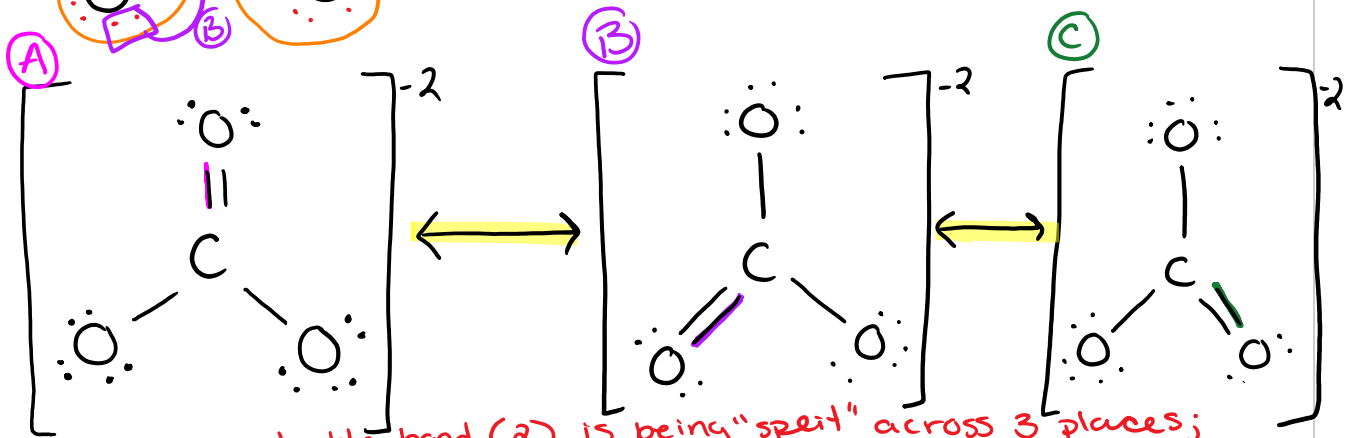


valence e^- : $4 + 3 \cdot (6) + 2 = 24e^-$



* The double bond could be formed by ANY of the oxygens. (1 at a time...not all)

* The result is a BLEND of the resonance structures.



* The double bond (2) is being "split" across 3 places; this means each bond is really more like $1\frac{1}{3}$ instead of "single" or "double".

Example Which should have the shorter sulfur-oxygen bonds, SO_3 or SO_3^{2-} ?

4. Which atom is bigger: Pb or Si? Why?
5. Is it easier to break the double bond in O₂ or S₂? Why?
6. Explain how an ion is formed.
7. Which ionic solid should have the higher melting temperature: AlN (s) or NaF (s)? Why?
8. What number of covalent bonds is each of the following atoms expected to form?
a) I ___ b) N ___ c) Se ___ d) B ___ e) P ___ f) C ___ g) O ___
9. What is the maximum number of covalent bonds each of the following atoms can form?
a) N ___ b) O ___ Because each can donate a _____ to _____.
This is known as a _____ - _____ bond.
10. Draw the Lewis structures for the circular molecule benzene, C₆H₆. Explain the significance of having more than one electron dot structure. What is the name for this phenomenon? Would you expect the molecule to have different carbon-carbon bond lengths? Explain.
11. Define the "octet rule" and account for any exceptions to it.
