I didn't make all of this PowerPoint. I modified a PowerPoint that I found here: www.chalkbored.com/lessons/chemistry-12/**electronegativity**.ppt

Electronegativity



Electronegativity

- Electronegativity describes how electrons are shared in a compound
- Consider the compound HCI



- The electron clouds represent where the two electrons in the HCI bond spend their time (sizes of atoms are not being shown)
- The shared electrons spend more time around CI than H. In other words CI is more electronegative than H.

Electronegativity table

- The relative attraction for electrons is summarized in figure 7.11 (pg. 255)
- These numbers are derived from several factors including EA, IE, ENC, atomic radius
- You do not need to understand where the numbers come from
- You need to know that a high number means the element has a greater pull on electrons
- You will also need to calculate the difference between values to estimate the % ionic or % covalent character of a bond
- PE 12 (pg. 256). Reference: 7.10.

Answers



Calculating EN differences

- The first step in defining the polarity of a bond is to calculate electronegativity difference (Δ EN)
- $\Delta EN = EN$ large EN small
- E.g. for NaCl, Δ EN = 2.9 1.0 = 1.9
- Next, estimate from fig 7.12 the % ionic character: about 65% (60 70%)
- Q-Give the % ionic character for MgO, CH, HCl MgO = 3.5 - 1.3 = 2.2 ... 80% ionic (75-85)
 - CH = 2.5 2.1 = 0.4 ... 7% ionic (5 10)
 - HCI = 2.9 2.1 = 0.8 ... 20 % ionic (15-25)

Note if % ionic is 20%, then % covalent is 80%

Defining polarity

- For our purposes we will define polarity in the following fashion: 0-10 % is non-polar, 10-50% is polar (covalent), 50%+ is ionic
- This is a crude estimate. In reality, the only non-polar bond between 2 atoms occurs in diatomic molecules (O₂: Δ EN = 3.5 3.5 = 0)
 Q what is the polarity of the bonds in MgO, CH, HCI?
 - MgO = 80% ionic = ionic CH = 7% ionic = non-polar HCI = 20 % ionic = polar covalent

Polarity in molecules

- A bond that you calculate to be polar may not be polar if the molecule is symmetrical
- Imagine a tug-of-war between atoms of the same strength around a central atom
- The pull in one direction is the bond polarity or "bond dipole". The overall/molecular polarity is also known as "dipole moment"
- If the pull is the same from all directions then the electrons are not attracted to one atom over another and the molecule is non-polar
- Read 7.11 (bottom of 256 259) including the examples. Complete the worksheet.

Polarity in molecules: Examles

	NH ₃	NH ₄ +	BrCl
Lewis Structure			
ΔEN of bonds			
Bond polarity			
Symmetrical			
molecule?			
Polarity			For more lessons, visit