Chapter 2: Molecular Representations

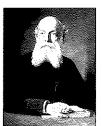
[Sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.4-2.12]

"burning methane leads to the formation of carbon dioxide and water"

$$CH_4 + O_2 \longrightarrow H_2O + CO_2$$

Drawing Organic Molecules

older methods



Friedrich Kekule 1829-1896

sausage (really old) ~ 1850 's

Lewis dot structures

~1916

• a "functional group" is defined as the reactive portion of a molecule

Condensed:

Lewis dot:

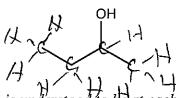
CH3CH2CHOHCH3 CH3CH2CH2CH2OH

CH₄

condensed

structure

newer method: bond-line structures (skeletal structures)



• a carbon is understood to be at each end of a zig-zag line

• generally, the longest carbon chain is drawn first

• the proper number of hydrogens are understood to be connected to the carbons

• heteroatoms (non-carbon atoms) are always drawn with attached hydrogens (e.g., OH, NH, SH, PH)

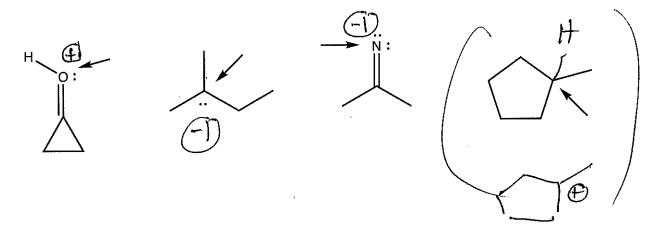
• lone pairs may or may not be drawn explicitly

Redraw the following molecules as Lewis dot structure with all atoms and lone pairs

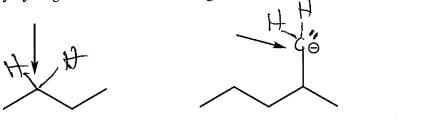
Drawing Structures With Formal Charges and Non-Standard Lone Pairs

formal charges are ALWAYS drawn explicitly
the formal charge dictates the number of bonds and/or lone pairs present on an atom

What are the formal charges on the following atoms?



How many hydrogens are on the following atoms?



add necessary lone pairs

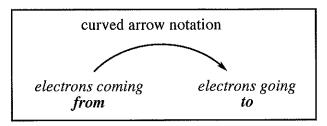
Resonance Forms

Draw the Lewis dot structure for HNO_2 $H - N = 0^2$ $H - N = 0^2$ $H - N = 0^2$ O = 0

hybrid structure

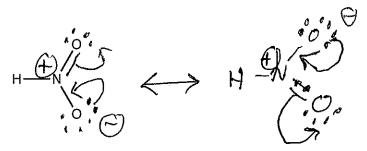
- sometimes more than one Lewis dot structure can be drawn for the same compound
- the only difference between the structures is the arrangement of electrons (i.e. atoms cannot be moved)
- the two stuctures are said to be resonance forms
- the actual structure, the **hybrid structure**, is a superposition (mixture) of all of the contributing resonance forms
- the bond order between any two specific atoms = [sum of total bonds between those two specific atoms across ALL of the contributing resonance forms] | [total number of contributing resonance forms]
- the charge on any specific atom = [sum of charges on that specific atom for ALL of the contributing resonance forms] divided by [total number of contributing resonance forms]

shortcut to interconverting between resonance forms



NOTE: always follow the electrons and not the atoms

"atoms don't form bonds, electrons do"



carbonate ion: CO_3^{2-} HUBRID

2. MAXIMIZE BONDS

2. MAXIMIZE CHARDE Problems: 7-11

4. CHARDE APPRIARE