

# CH 2113 - PRINCIPLES OF INORGANIC CHEMISTRY

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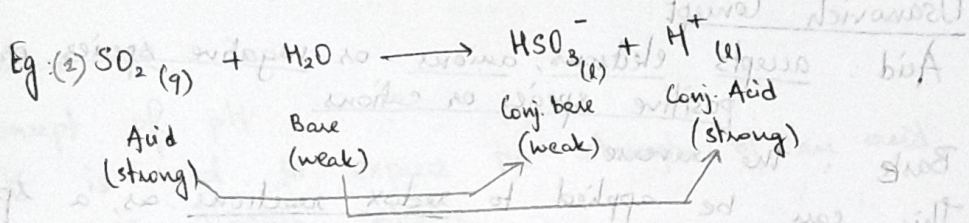
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## Acids and Bases

### Lecture 01

There are several concepts defining acids and bases - we choose the one which applies best to a particular case or situation - aqueous, non-aqueous, organic etc.

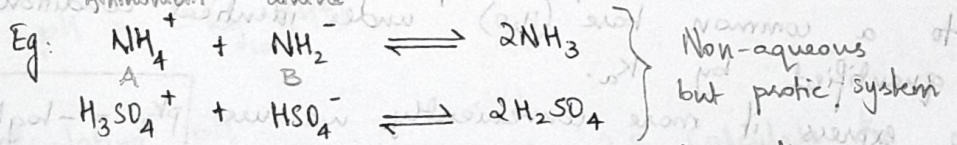
1. Arrhenius concept: Acids - increase the conc. of  $H^+$   
Bases - increases conc. of  $OH^-$  in water



2. Bronsted - Lowry Concept.

Acid: Proton donor      Base: Proton acceptor

This concept can fit any protic system



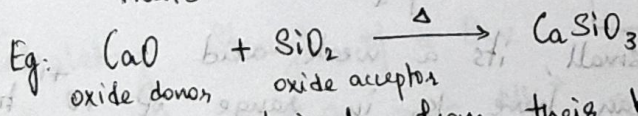
This concept doesn't explain Eq. (1) well

3. Lux - Flood Concept Base

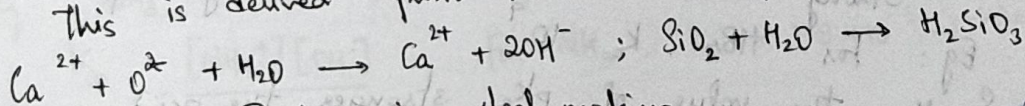
This is in terms of oxide ions.

Acid: Oxide ion acceptor      Base: Oxide ion/donor

This applies to high T reactions that occur in inorganic melts  $\rightarrow$  no involvement on  $H^+$ .



This is derived from their basic properties -



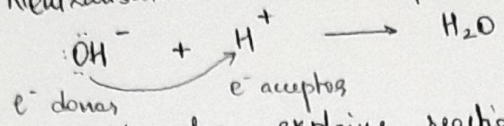
Eg 2) Bessemer Reaction in steel making

#### 4. Lewis Acid-Base Theory

Acid: Electron pair / anion acceptor

Base: Electron pair donor

Eg: Neutralisation reaction of HCl and NaOH



This concept also explains reactions where no ions are formed and no  $\text{H}^+$  is transferred

- Examples -
- $\text{R}_3\text{N} + \text{BF}_3 \longrightarrow \text{R}_3\text{N}:\text{BF}_3$  Adduct formation
  - $4.\text{CO} + \text{Ni} \longrightarrow \text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4$  Coordination compound
  - $2\text{NH}_3 + \text{Ag}^+ \longrightarrow [\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2]^+$  - " -
  - $\text{HCl} + \text{NaOH} \longrightarrow \text{NaCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$   $\text{e}^-$  pair transfer.

#### 5. Usanovich Concept

Acid: accepts electrons, anions or negative species or donates positive species or cations.

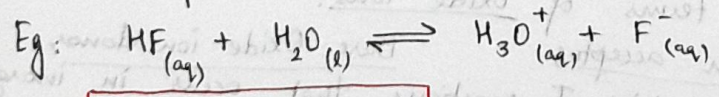
Base: the reverse

This can be applied to redox reactions as a special case of acid-base reactions.

Acidity constant - an Equilibrium constant  
The relative capacity of molecules to donate a proton to a common base ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) under identical conditions is quantified by  $K_a$ .

To express it more conveniently, we use  $\text{p}K_a = -\log_{10} K_a$   
 $\text{p}K_a$  ranges from -10 to 50.

How fast the equilibrium is reached decides the speed of proton transfer but not strength.



$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{F}^-]}{[\text{HF}]}$$

$K_a = 3.5 \times 10^{-4}$  for HF  
 $\text{p}K_a = 3.46$

If  $K_a$  is very small, its a weak acid  
Strong acids can have  $K_a$  in range of  $10^{+1}$  to  $10^{+9}$

Eg: For  $\text{HBr}$ ,  $K_a = 10^9$

\* Smaller the value of  $\text{p}K_a$ , stronger the acid.

### Power of an acid

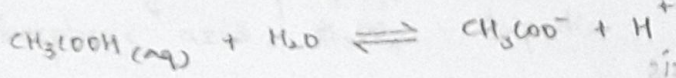
$$pH = -\log_{10} [H^+]$$

$$\rightarrow [H^+] = 10^{-pH}$$

For any aqueous acid-base reaction, if  $K_a$  or  $pK_a$  and  $pH$  are supplied, we can calculate one from the other.

Eg:  $pH$  of  $0.145 M$  acetic acid is  $2.8$ . Calculate  $K_a$ .

$$pH = 2.8 \Rightarrow [H_3O^+] = 10^{-2.8} = 1.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$



$$[CH_3COO^-] = [H_3O^+] = 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$$

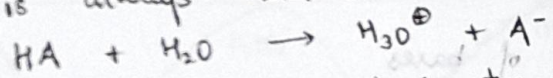
$$\rightarrow [CH_3COOH] = 0.145 - [CH_3COO^-] = 0.143$$

$$K_a = \frac{2.56 \times 10^{-6}}{0.143} = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \Rightarrow pK_a = 4.75$$

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### Lecture 02

Concept of  $pH$ :  $pH$  is used to express the strength of an acid, which is always relative.



The strength is proportional to the amount of  $H^+$  it releases.  $[H_3O^+]$  quantifies the strength in  $mol/L$ .

$$pH = -\log_{10} [H^+]$$

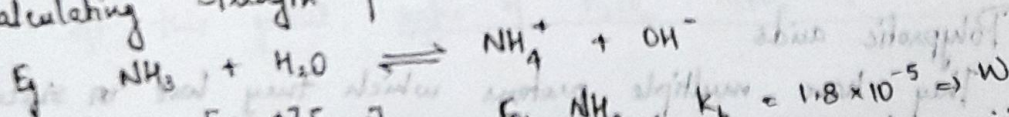
Calculating  $pH$ :  $pH$  of  $0.145 M$   $CH_3COOH$  is  $2.8$ . Calculate  $K_a$ .

$$pH = 2.8 = -\log [H^+] \Rightarrow [H^+] = 10^{-2.8} = 1.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

$$[H_3O^+] = [CH_3COO^-] \Rightarrow [CH_3COOH] = 0.145 - 0.0016 = 0.143$$

$$\therefore K_a = \frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-3})^2}{0.143} = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \Rightarrow pK_a = 4.75$$

### Calculating Strength of a Base



$$K_b = \frac{[NH_4^+][OH^-]}{[NH_3]} \quad \text{For } NH_3, K_b = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \Rightarrow \text{Weak base} \therefore K_b \ll 1$$

pH of HF at diff conc:-

1 mM	-	3.27	pk <sub>a</sub> 3.1	-6.0	-9.0	-9.5
10 mM	-	2.65	HF	HCl	HBr	HI
100 mM	-	2.12	stronger the acid →			

pH of water is neutral i.e. 7  
< 7: Acidic      > 7: Basic

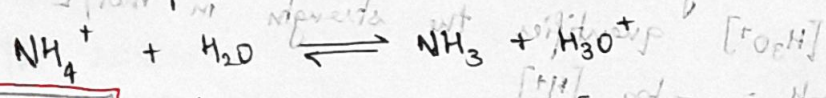
### Autoproteolysis

Water is amphoteric - acts as both acid and base  
Only very few H<sub>2</sub>O undergo autoproteolysis -  
H<sub>2</sub>O + H<sub>2</sub>O ⇌ H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> + H<sup>+</sup>

$$K_w = \frac{[H_3O^+] \cdot [H^+]}{[H_2O]} \quad \text{where } [H_2O] = 1$$

Since pH = 7 ⇒ [H<sup>+</sup>] = 10<sup>-7</sup> mol/L (at 25°C)  
∴  $K_w = 10^{-14}$  mol<sup>2</sup>/L<sup>2</sup>

Expressing acidity of bases  
We can express it in terms of its conjugate acid.



$K_a K_b = K_w$

$$K_b \text{ for } NH_3 = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$K_a \text{ of } NH_4^+ = \frac{10^{-14}}{1.8 \times 10^{-5}} = 5.6 \times 10^{-10}$$

$pK_a + pK_b = pK_w$

∴ If  $K_a$  is large (⇒ strong acid) then  $K_b$  of its conjugate base is small.

### pH Scale

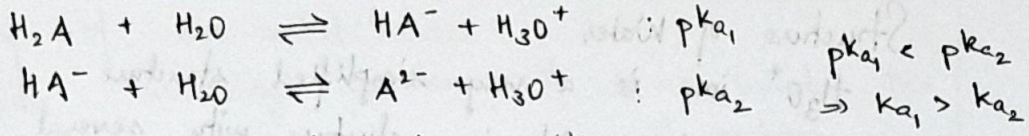
It runs from 1 to 14. It's a relative value.

Water is neutral and its pH is set at 7

### Polyprotic acids

They have multiple protons which they lose in succession, in water or in presence of a base.

Each successive loss of proton is less favored as the negative charge increases and makes it very difficult to take another H<sup>+</sup>



$pK_a$  of  $H_2A$  :  $pK_a = pK_{a1} + pK_{a2} \Rightarrow K_a = K_{a1} \times K_{a2}$

Example for this :  $H_2S$

Distribution diagram of polyprotic acids

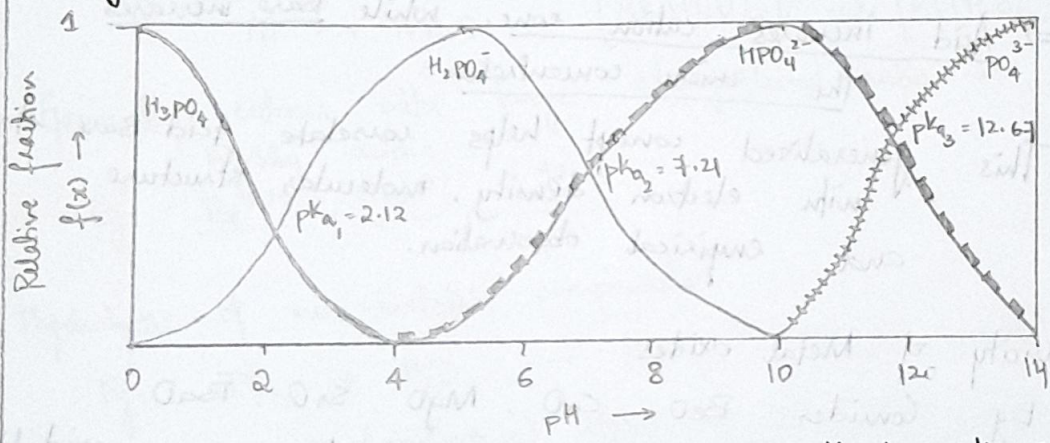
Eg: Phosphoric acid:  $H_3PO_4$  - triprotic

Representation of conc of different species that are formed during successive proton transfer equilibria can be done through fraction of molecule present in the solution

$$f(H_3PO_4) = \frac{[H_3PO_4]}{[H_3PO_4] + [H_2PO_4^-] + [HPO_4^{2-}] + [PO_4^{3-}]}$$

Similarly  $f(HPO_4^{2-})$  and etc. can be written.

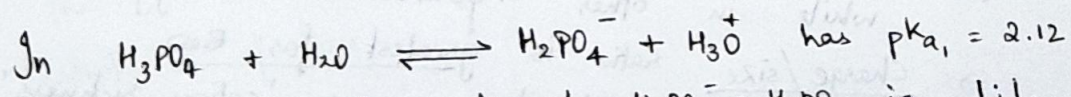
Diagram -



Conc. of  $H_3PO_4$  is maximum at  $pH = 0 \Rightarrow$  highly acidic condition  
 It drops to zero at 4.2  $\Rightarrow$  relatively weak acid

At  $pH = 4.2$ ,  $H_2PO_4^-$  is the predominant species.

At basic cond<sup>n</sup> (8.8 - 9.2)  $HPO_4^{2-}$  is predominant species.



At this point, ratio of  $H_2PO_4^- : H_3PO_4$  is 1:1.

## Structure of Water

$H_3O^+$  ion is a very simplified structure  
 Protonated water exists in clusters with several other water molecules as seen by spectroscopy measurements.

$(H_9O_4)^+$  and  $(H_2O)_{21}H^+$  are more commonly known.

Here proton is solvated by 21 molecules and it has a pentagonal dodecahedral structure.

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## Lecture 03

Generalised concept of Acid & Base -

Acid - Donates proton or cation

Accepts an  $e^-$  pair or anionic solvents or oxide ion

Base - Donates anionic species, a pair of  $e^-$  or oxide ion

Accepts a proton or cation

$\Rightarrow$  Acid increases cation conc. while Base increases the anion concentration

This generalised concept helps correlate Acid-Base strength with electron density, molecular structure and empirical observation.

## Basicity of Metal oxides

E.g: Consider  $BeO$ ,  $CaO$ ,  $MgO$ ,  $SiO$ ,  $BaO$

They belong to same group and have same oxidation numbers - +2.

Here,  $BeO$  is amphoteric and all others are basic. Why?

$\rightarrow$  In  $BeO$ , the charge is packed in a small volume, while in other compounds it's a bigger volume.

$\Rightarrow$  Charge/size ratio is greatest for  $BeO$

It imparts the 'positiveness' or 'cation richness' of the cation and hence it's also slightly acidic  $\Rightarrow$  its amphoteric.

This is related to Fajan's Polarizability.

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# Acidity of non-metal oxides

With increasing covalency of M-O bond, the acidity increases  $\Rightarrow$  increases conc. of protons.  
 $\Rightarrow$  Acidities and basicities are directly related to electronegativity

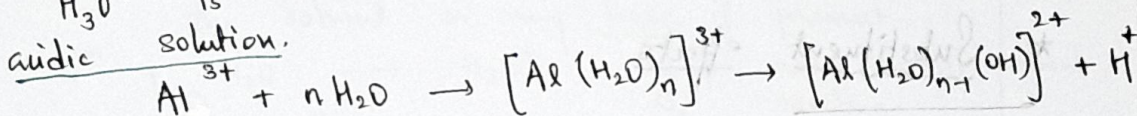
Non-metal oxides are acidic anhydrides.

Hydration vs. Hydrolysis.

\* Large charge/size for cations increases hydration energy  
Eg:  $Na^+ + n \cdot H_2O \rightarrow [Na(H_2O)_n]^+$  Hydration.

\* If ratio is very high, like  $Al^{3+}$  - they hydrate first & this hydration energy.

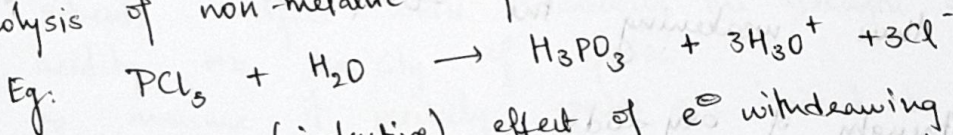
The -OH bond becomes very polarised and ruptures. While -OH remains bonded to cationic metal, the  $H_3O^+$  is released into the solution, creating an acidic solution.



Generally cations with large charge/size ratio are

highly acidic.  
Eg: Be<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Sn<sup>4+</sup>

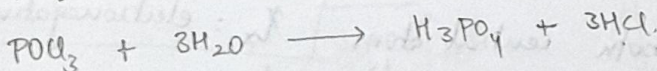
## Hydrolysis of non-metallic compounds



Here, the -I (inductive) effect of  $e^-$  withdrawing Cl species makes the P centre highly charged.

\* As, P is a small atom, the charge/size ratio is large and makes it prone to hydrolyses at the P-Cl bond.

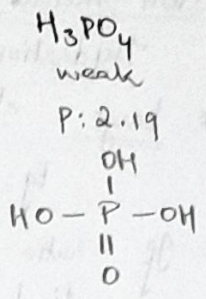
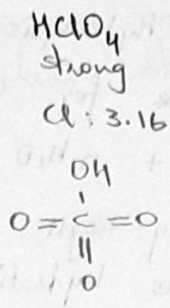
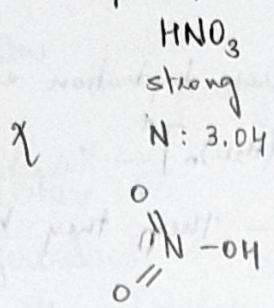
Hydrolysis of  $PCl_5$  -





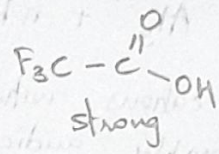
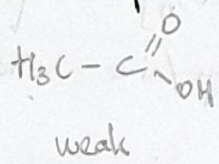
### Acidity of oxy-acids

Strength of oxy-acids depends on the -I effect on the central atom and how it impacts the 'hydroxyl' bond.  
Comparing -



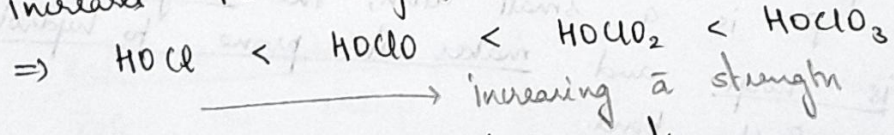
Since electronegativity ( $\chi$ ) of P is lesser than Cl & N, its a weaker acid than  $\text{HNO}_3$  &  $\text{HClO}_4$

### \* Substituent effects



Since, F is very electronegative when compared to H, its -I effect will make carbon very  $e^-$  deficient thus weakening the O-H bond & making acid stronger

\* Strength of oxy acids  
No. of O atoms bound to central chlorine atom increases the acidity ( $\Rightarrow$  Resonance).



Empirical formula for calculating  $pK_a$  -

$$pK_a = 10.5 - 5_n - \chi_x$$

for acids expressed as  $X(\text{OH})_m \text{O}_n$

This includes both central atom and effects of surrounding atoms.  $\chi_x$ : electronegativity of central atom.

# Basicity of Substituted amines

$\text{NH}_3$  is a weak base in water.

\* If  $-\text{H}$  is substituted with EWG like  $-\text{OH}$  or  $-\text{NH}_2$ , it becomes less basic.

$\text{pK}_b$  for  $\text{NH}_3$  :- 4.74 ,  $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}$  :- 7.97 ,  $\text{NH}_2\text{NH}_2$  :- 5.77

\* If its substituted with electron donating groups like  $-\text{CH}_3$  or  $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ , they are more basic -

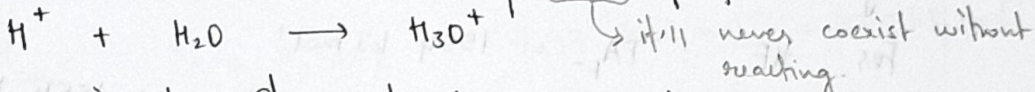
$\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3$  :  $\text{pK}_b = 3.36$  ,  $\text{NH}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$  :  $\text{pK}_b = 3.25$

→ This happens because the s-character between N-R increases and this reduces the s-character of the lone pair. WHY?

The atom is highest charge/size ratio i.e. large charge, small size would be the strongest acid.

$\text{H}^+$  has the highest charge/size ratio.

But it never exists alone - it combines with the solvent or any base, if present.

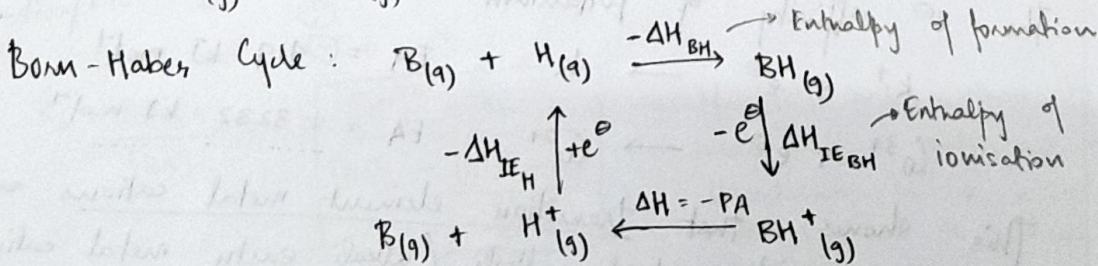
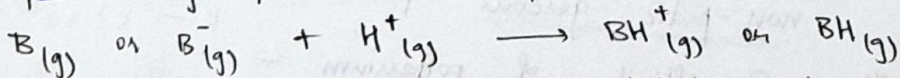


So,  $e^-$  is the strongest base even in comparison to  $\text{H}^-$  and  $\text{F}^-$ . There are cases where electrons can exist alone and hence they're called the strongest base.

The solvents interfere while measuring the strength of acidity or basicity of species.

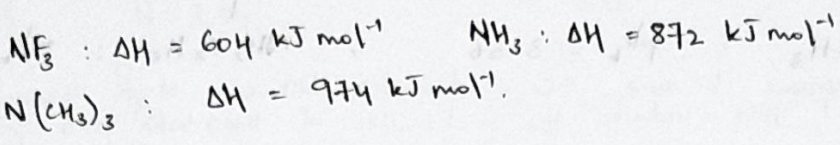
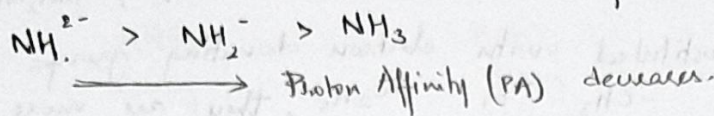
So, to measure it precisely, species are ionized to gases and this in Gas Phase Spectroscopy that allow us to measure the strength accurately.

Most fundamental measure of basicity (absolute value) is its proton affinity in the gas phase -

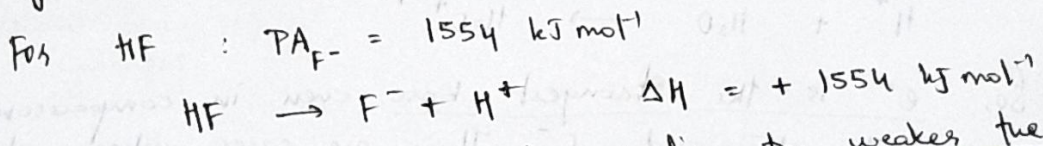
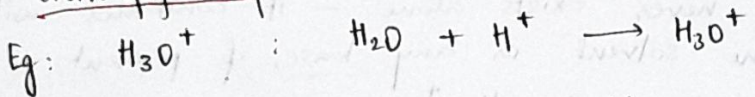


(11) When  $\text{NH}_3$  is substituted with bulky alkane (-R) group, the s-character of lp orbital of nitrogen decreases despite being attached to +I groups.  
 → The s-character of lp orbital of nitrogen decreases and basicity decreases.  
 → When  $\text{NH}_3$  is substituted with bulky alkane (-R) group, the s-character of lp orbital of nitrogen decreases and basicity decreases.  
 → If s-character of bulky group, to maximum overlap of bond decreases.  
 → If s-character is greater, bulky group, to maximum overlap of bond increases and s-character of bond decreases.  
 → Bond between an alkyl group is more i.e.  $\text{sp} > \text{sp}^2 > \text{sp}^3$ . For  $\text{sp} > \text{sp}^2 > \text{sp}^3$ , the bond should have more s-orbital. So, s-char of bond increases and s-character of bond decreases.

The enthalpies are measured using an ion cyclotron resonance spectroscopy (ICRS) which allows us to measure the proton affinity. It's been experimentally measured that  $N_3^-$  (nitride) has the highest proton affinity.

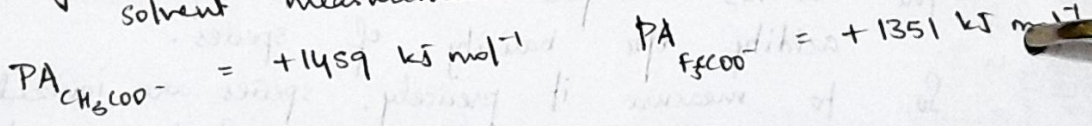


Proton affinity of a cation is defined as its ability to hold a proton i.e. its measured as the enthalpy of its conjugate base.

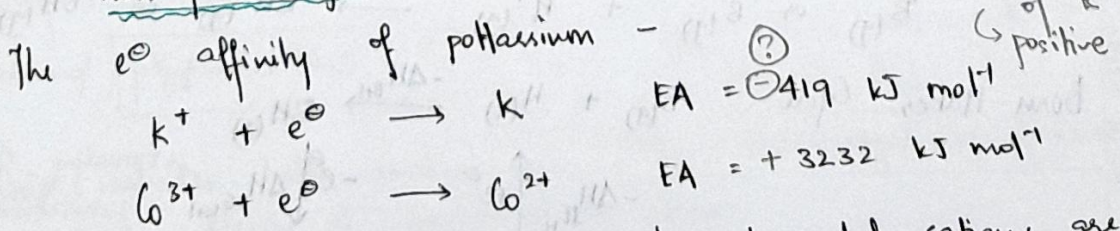


$\Rightarrow$  The more endothermic the reaction, the weaker the acid -  
 $HF < HCl < HBr < HI$

These gas phase measurements agree with the solvent measurements.



If  $e^-$  affinity is going to be considered as the analogue of  $H^+$  affinity, then  $e^-$  affinity should provide an inherent gas phase measure of acidity for any non-polar gaseous species.



This shows that transition element metal cations are more acidic than alkali / alkali earth metal cations.

# Interaction of Lewis acids and bases

By Drago et. al - Ways of expressing enthalpies of reactions in terms of contributing parameters of acids and bases -

$$-\Delta H = E_{AE_B} + C_{AC_B}$$

$\Delta H$  : Enthalpy of Lewis A-B adduct formation

$E_{AE_B}$  : Electrostatic Contributions

$C_{AC_B}$  : Covalent contributions.

An acid with greater electrostatic affinity ( $E_A$ ) will combine with a base which has a large  $E_B$  and similarly acid with large  $C_A$  combines with a base with large  $C_B$ .

Eg: Reaction of pyridine and iodine.

For pyridine -  $E_B = 1.78$   
 $C_B = 3.54$

For iodine -  $E = 0.5$   
 $C = 2.0.$

$$-\Delta H_{calc} = E_{AE_B} + C_{AC_B} = 7.97 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1} = 33.3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$-\Delta H_{exp} = 7.9 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1} = 32.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

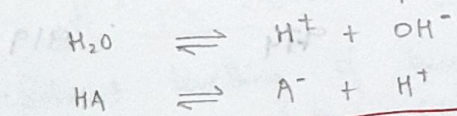
Hence, knowing the  $E_i, C_i$  values, we can find out the possibility of adduct formation.

## Discussion

For a dilute acid which has really less  $K_a$  (weak acid), the acidity of water comes into play

$$K_w = [H^+][OH^-] \quad K_a = \frac{[A^-][H^+]}{[HA]}$$

$[HA]_0 = [HA] + [A^-]$  - Material balance  
of conc this comes from -  $[H^+] = [A^-] + [OH^-]$  - charge balance  
 $[A^-] = [H^+] - [OH^-] = [H^+] - \frac{K_w}{[H^+]}$



$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]} = \frac{[H^+]^2 - K_w}{[HA]_0 - \frac{[H^+]^2 - K_w}{[H^+]}}$$

If  $[H^+]^2 \gg K_w$ , then its a weak acid in sufficient conc  
Uncertainty in  $K_a < 1\%$   
we don't need to include  $[H^+]$  from water.

$[H^+]$  conc. determined for a weak acid in low conc should be at least 100 times greater than  $K_w$ .

$\Rightarrow 100 \times 1 \times 10^{-14} = 10^{-12} = K_a$  if  $[HA] = 1$

$\Rightarrow [H^+] = \sqrt{10^{-12}} = \underline{1 \times 10^{-6}}$  ; Minimum concentration 28/9

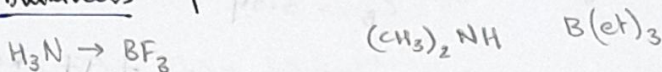
### Lecture 04

Bulky functional groups on central atom can affect the acidity/basicity of the molecule.

Because: 1) The alkyl groups attached randomly ~~can~~ rotate randomly occupying a huge volume of space and being sterically unstable.

These volumes overlap ~~unacceptably~~ unacceptably and strain the adduct: F-strain.

The bulkiness of substituents decreases acidity & basicity



2)  $R_3N$  bonds well with  $BF_3$  only when N-centre adopts a tetrahedral geometry i.e.  $sp^3$  hybridised

Every R group opens up the bond angle (due to steric hindrance) to values  $> 109^\circ$ . This increases the Bulky groups

s-character of N-R bonds

$\Rightarrow$  But this weakens the s-character of the lone pair orbital.

which means it has more p-character, which is orthogonal

(?) to  $BF_3$ 's orbital, making the overlap poorer.

This is called the B-strain.

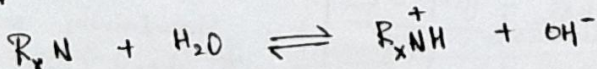
Considers:  $NH_3$        $(CH_3)_2NH$        $(CH_3)_3N$        $(CH_3)_2NH$

$pK_b$       4.75      3.26      4.13 Anomaly      3.36

Proton affinity      872      954      974      919

$\hookrightarrow$  No anomaly in gas phase

$(CH_3)_3N$  is a weaker base than  $(CH_3)_2NH$ . by H-bonding



$R_xNH^+$  is highly charged & such charged molecules are very efficient in getting solvated in  $H_2O$ .

The efficiency of the stabilisation is - due to  
 $R_3NH^+ < R_2NH_2^+ < RNH_3^+$  : Solvation energy  
 - This trend is exactly opposite to the trend of inductive effect in each molecule.

The secondary amine is the strongest base because its solvation energy (overcomes the inductive effect.) x 3  
 is high as is its inductive effect.

- When 'H' in ammonia is replaced by -CH<sub>3</sub>, the hydration energy is lowered by 30 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>

### Solvent levelling

Any species that can exhibit autoprotolysis can be seen as a solvent.

Eg: H<sub>2</sub>O, NH<sub>3</sub>, HI, HBr

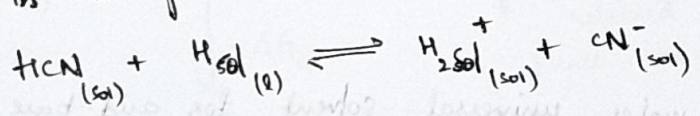
• Consider HI and HBr. Both acids are strong in water because they undergo complete dissociation.

H<sub>2</sub>O dissociates both. Hence, it's called a levelling solvent i.e. it brings both their strengths to H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> : levelling

• Choose a solvent that can make HI and HBr behave as weak acids - Eg: CH<sub>3</sub>COOH.

In this solvent, we can see that HI dissociates more than HBr.

• H<sub>2</sub>sol is a general solvent.



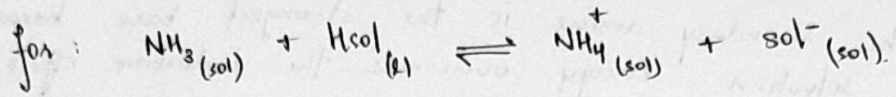
Here,  $K_a = \frac{[H_{2sol}^+][CN^-]}{[HCN]}$

If  $pK_a < 0 \Rightarrow$  its an acid in H<sub>2</sub>sol.

• Solvent levelling of bases  
 Any base that can get entirely protonated by water produces the same no. of OH<sup>-</sup> ions.

Consider KNH<sub>2</sub>(s) and Li<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(s). They both produce equal no. of OH<sup>-</sup> in water  
 i.e. they get levelled by water.

Consider Hsol to be a general solvent  
 A base dissolved in Hsol is classified as strong  
 if  $pK_b < 0$  where  $K_b = \frac{[NH_4^+][sol^-]}{[NH_3]}$



Here,  $pK_a + pK_b = pK_{sol}$

ie if  $pK_a > pK_{sol}$  in Hsol then we can call it a base

In general, <sup>ie  $pK_b < 0$</sup>  we can say that an acid is levelled  
in that solvent if its  $pK_a < 0$ .

For any general solvent, its respective  $pK_{sol}$  can be used as follows -

- All acids with  $pK_a < 0$  will be levelled
- All bases with  $pK_b > 0$  will be levelled

All acids and bases within  $pK_a$  window of  $pK_a = 0$  to  $pK_{sol}$   
 will not be levelled. → Eg,  $H_2SO_4$  (strong a) to  $PH_3$  (weaker)

DMSO has a wide window  $\Rightarrow$  it can be used to discriminate a wide variety of acids and bases.

Water has a narrow window. Why is water still preferred?

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### Lecture 05

Why is water universal solvent for acid-base reactions?

Ans: Solvation effects, rationalized from an 'Electrostatic Model' where -

1. Solvent - continuous dielectric medium
2. Solvation of gas phase species is always exothermic
3. Magnitude of  $\Delta H_{sol}$  depends on -
  - radius 'r' of the ion.
  - permittivity  $\epsilon_r$  of solvent
  - potential to form H-bonds.

Entropy of gas phase is negligible  $\Rightarrow \Delta G = \Delta H_{sol}$  in gas phase but its not negligible in solvent.

The electrostatic model gives us the  $\Delta G$  involved in taking a gas phase ion of radius  $r$  and placing it in a solvent of permittivity  $\epsilon_r$ .

In solvent,

$$\Delta G_{sol} = \frac{-N_A e^2 \epsilon}{8\pi \epsilon_0} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}\right) \quad \text{where } \epsilon = \frac{z^2}{r}$$

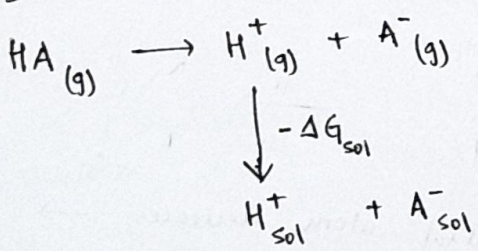
$\epsilon_0$  : Permittivity in vacuum       $\epsilon_r$  : Relative permittivity of solvent

$\Rightarrow \Delta G_{sol} \propto \epsilon$  (electrostatic component)

Small  $\epsilon_r$  highly charged ions get very well solvated.

$\Delta G$  also depends of  $\epsilon_r$   
Large value of  $\epsilon_r$  gives large -ve value of  $\Delta G$   
Hence, water with  $\epsilon_r = 80$  is a great solvent compared to organic solvents ( $\epsilon_r \sim 2$ ).

### Born's method / equation



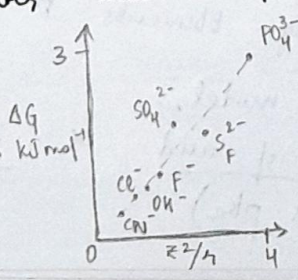
\*  $\Delta G$  indicates the free energy released when a gas phase ion is solvated.

The degree to which the conjugate acid of HA (ie.  $H_3O^+$ ) is stabilised decides value of  $-\Delta G_{sol}$

(Charged species are well stabilized by polar-protic solvents like water because they can form H-bonds

Eg:  $NH_4^+$  in water.

"One with high charge/mass ratio tend to be stable"



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CONFUSED.  
What?

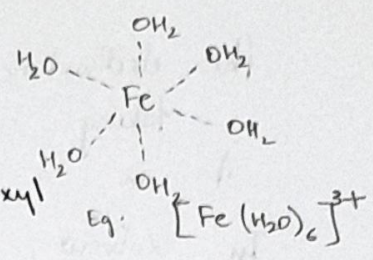


# Classifying acids

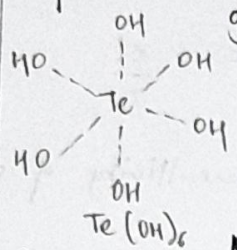
A donatable proton is called an 'Acidic proton'.

Three class of acid protons

1. Aqua acid - acidic proton on a water molecule when its coordinated to a inorganic cation



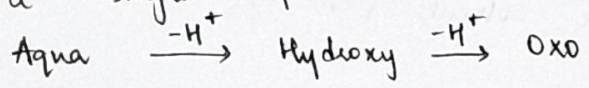
2. Hydroxo acid - acidic proton is on an hydroxyl group without any neighboring 'oxo' group on the central atom.



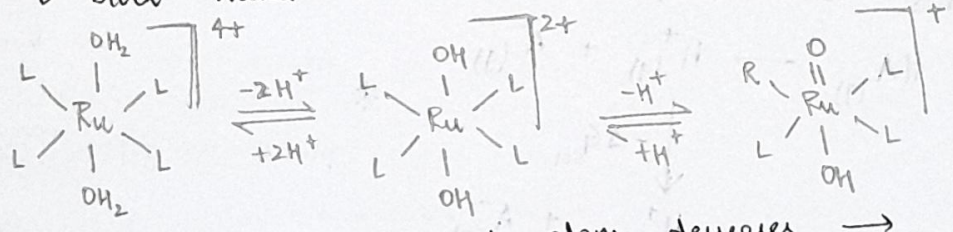
They're less acidic than aqua acids.

3. Oxoacid - Acidic group is on a hydroxyl group with an oxo group attached to same central atom.  
Due to high  $\chi$  of oxo group, it increases acidity.  
Eg. HNO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>.

These three classes of acid can be generated from a single species -



Eg: D-Block metal in intermediate oxidation state: Ruthenium



Oxidation state of central atom decreases  $\rightarrow$

\* Aqua acids - central atom in low oxd<sup>n</sup> state  
Eg: s & d-block metals & metals to left of p-block

Oxo-acids - central atom in high oxd<sup>n</sup> state  
Eg: Elements to right of p-block - N, S, P, Se

In electrostatic model,  
strength of acid  
(in pKa)

$$\propto \frac{Z^2}{r^+}$$

$r^+$ , radius of cation  
 $Z$ : the charge

But if deviations occur, it points to covalency

Refer: Graph in L5 S6

- Cr<sup>3+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup> (?) [Also, Na<sup>+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>] are closer to predicted acidities and fall closer to the linear line  
⇒ They follow Born's electrostatic model
- Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Ti<sup>3+</sup> deviate a lot, this means they're more acidic -  
this is because it's bonds have greater covalent character.



M-O-H ⇒ The positive charge of central atom is spread over the ligand oxygens, so they try to lose the hydrogen ⇒ more acidic.

Eg: Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Sn<sup>4+</sup>

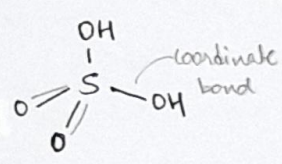
Hence, more the covalency, more the acidity

Comparing Al(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub><sup>3+</sup> & Hg(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>7</sub><sup>2+</sup> -

Al(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub><sup>3+</sup> obeys ionic model because of high charge/mass ratio.

But Hg(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>7</sub><sup>2+</sup> shows a great deviation because of covalency of Hg-O bonds.

Oxo acid: Sulfuric acid

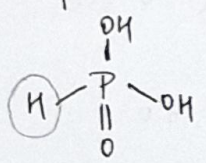


Here oxo-groups are very electronegative, making the S very δ<sup>+</sup>  
⇒ Acidity is very high.

Tetrahedral

If we substitute the -OH by -NH<sub>2</sub>, the acidity decreases & if substituted by -F, it becomes more acidic

Exception: H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>3</sub> - Phosphonic acid



: Only 2 acidic protons  
The -H attached to P is not very acidic as P is not very electronegative

Features -

- \* Acids with the most 'oxo' groups are stronger  
i.e. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> > H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> , HNO<sub>3</sub> > HNO<sub>2</sub>
- \* Resonance stabilization of conjugate base (more oxo group ⇒ more resonance str ⇒ stronger a)
- H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> - 3 resonance str. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> - 2 resonance str.

\* Pauling's empirical rule for oxoacids -

For  $O_p E(OH)_q$ ,  $pK_a = 8 - 5p$

Successive  $pK_a$  of polyprotic oxoacids increases 5-fold  
i.e.  $pK_{a1} = x$        $pK_{a2} = 5x$

Predictions of rule 1.

$Ti(OH)_4$	$n=8$
$H_2CO_3$	$n=3$
$HNO_3$	$n=2$

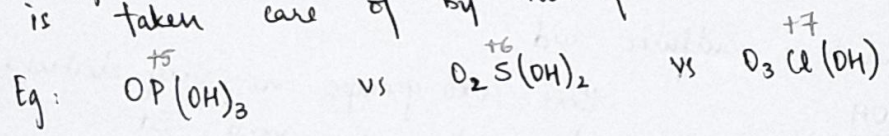
Rules are only approximate.

Refer: Table in L5 S11

Observations -

\* Variation Acid strength down the 'group' (same p value) doesn't vary much because structure of acids changes to accommodate &  $pK_a$  remains somewhat same.

\* Across the 'period',  $pK_a$  varies significantly  
The effect of change in oxd<sup>n</sup> state of central atom (from L → R) is taken care of by no. of oxo atoms attached.



Some anomalies explained -

- Eg:  $H_2CO_3 \equiv OC(OH)_2$   $pK_a$  (exp)  $\approx 6.4$   
But Pauling's rule predicts  $pK_a \approx 3$

This is due to poor dissociation dissolution.

Only 1% of  $CO_2$  dissolves and stays as  $H_2CO_3$ . If this is considered, the value would have been  $\approx 3.6$ .

-  $H_2SO_3 \equiv OS(OH)_2$   $pK_a$  (exp) = 1.8       $pK_a$  predicted  $\approx 3.0$

When  $H_2SO_3$  is in water, other species such as  $HSO_3^-$ ,  $SO_3^{2-}$ ,  $SO_5^{2-}$  which all make the solution more acidic.

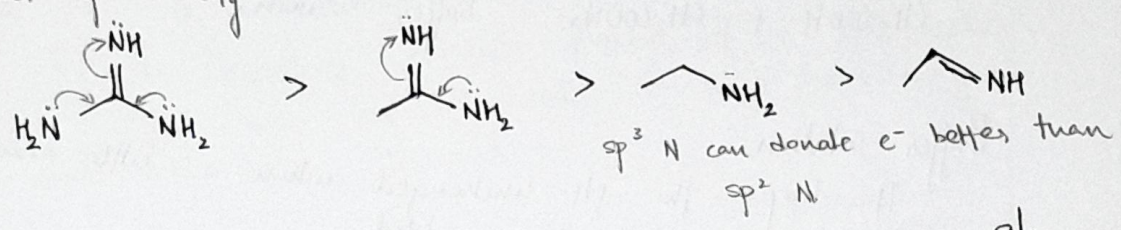
- Other anomalies:  $CO$ ,  $OsO_4$

# Tutorial

Quiz 2 solutions

3)  $\text{H}_3\text{N}^+\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^-$  is NOT a conjugate base of  $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{COOH}$  as the  $\text{H}^+$  is not lost, rather it's picked up by the same molecule in its zwitterion form.

5) Order of basicity

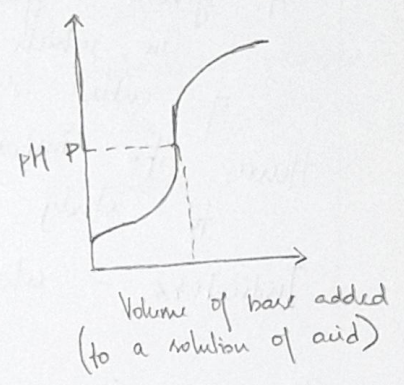


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## Lecture 06

### Titration Curve

- To find the strength of an acid, we slowly add and stir a known base of known strength and measure the pH.
- The pH rises slowly and increases rapidly at equivalence point, and then becomes a gradual rise again.

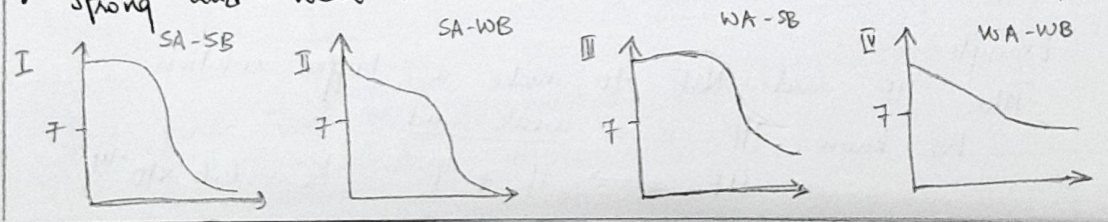


At equivalence point,  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = [\text{OH}^-]$   
 For a pair of strong acid & strong base, equivalence point = 7.  
 After this, color of indicator changes.

Titrating different pairs of acids and bases i.e. weak vs strong.  
 The profile of curve will remain the same, but the E.P changes. For -

- Weak acid - strong base : EP > 7
- Strong acid - weak base : EP < 7

X-axis: vol. of acid added



Compare figure I and III - ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  &  $\text{HCl}$  with  $\text{NaOH}$ )  
 Curves are similar till they reach E.P (till  $\text{NaOH}$  is present in considerable amount). After crossing EP, conc. of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}/\text{HCl}$  increases, changing the curves to be different.

With weak acid - strong base curve, we have -  
 $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$  : Buffer solution



### Buffer solution

It keeps the pH unchanged when a little amount of acid or base is added.

Combination of weak acid and its salt with a strong base

A given buffer solution has a certain pH range & capacity in which it can resist change, after which pH of entire solution changes.

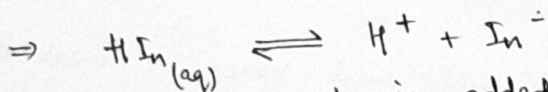
Hence, its important in biological systems & its important to study reactions at a fixed pH.

Indicators - colored buffer - then how can it tell the pH accurately?

### Indicators

They're buffers which can resist pH change in window ~ pH

Consider : Protonated :  $\text{HIn}$       Deprotonated :  $\text{In}^-$



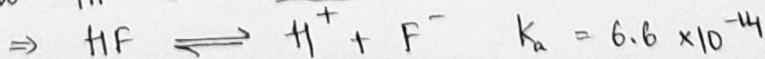
If a strong acid is added in small amount, the  $\text{In}^-$  reacts and generates  $\text{HIn}$  & this keeps the overall pH of solution the same.

Different indicators operate in different pH windows.

### Example -

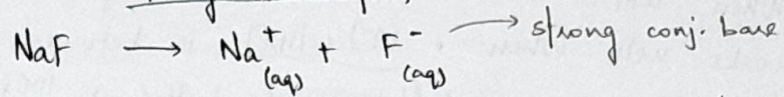
Take  $\text{HF}$  and  $\text{NaF}$  to make a buffer solution.

We know  $\text{HF}$  is a weak acid



Now we add NaF to this till we get the desired pH and volume of buffer (important if it needs to resist a lot of acid)

NaF is a strong electrolyte,

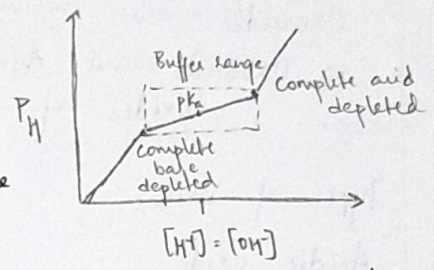


Since  $\text{Na}^+$  is a cation from a strong base (NaOH), it won't react, so it won't change pH.

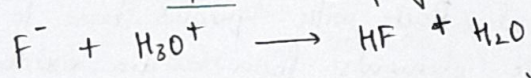
But  $\text{F}^-$  is a strong base and it abstracts protons.

By Le Chatelier's principle, presence of  $\text{F}^-$  will make HF even less dissociative  $\Rightarrow$  we'll have a good amt. of both HF and  $\text{F}^-$

Buffering action can be ~~change~~ seen in titration curve where pH changes at a slower rate in the window than outside



This works because  $\text{F}^-$  is very good at abstracting protons -  $K_a = 1.5 \times 10^{-3}$



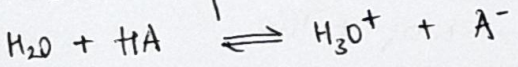
$\Rightarrow$  It'll resist pH change when acid is added and will work until all  $\text{F}^-$  is gone.

### Henderson - Hasselbalch Equation.

It helps determine  $\text{pK}_a$  of an acid or base -

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \log_{10} \frac{[\text{conj. base}]}{[\text{weak acid}]}$$

It is derived from dissociation constant

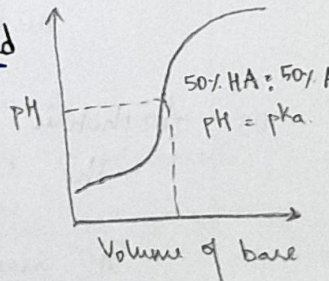


$$K_a = \frac{[\text{A}^-][\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{[\text{HA}]} \Rightarrow [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{HA}]}{[\text{A}^-]}$$

Taking log on both sides

When  $[\text{A}^-] = [\text{HA}]$ , the acid is 50% dissociated and  $\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a$

This point can be experimentally determined in a titration curve



- This eq<sup>n</sup> doesn't work well at high dilutions as water autoprotolysis kicks in & it doesn't agree with expt values. (24)
- ⇒ When conc. reaches  $10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ , it fails
- It works well when
- $[A^-] : [HA]$  is between 0.1 to 1
  - Molarity of buffer is 100x greater than  $K_a$ .
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Lecture 07 - Just from slides.

Anhydrous oxides

Oxoacids are derived from deprotonation of aqua acids.

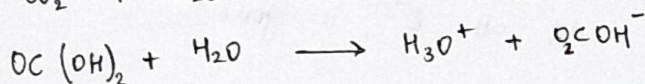
⇒ Oxoacids and Aquaacids are derived from hydration of oxides of central atom.

Types of oxides

01. Acidic oxide

Upon dissolution in water, it binds to  $H_2O$  & releases proton into solvent. Reacts with aqueous base to form acid. (?)

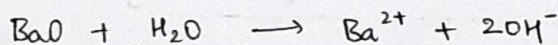
Eg: Non-metallic elements form acidic oxides.



02. Basic oxide

When it dissolves in water, it abstracts a proton

Eg: Metallic oxides



Basic oxide reacts with acid & neutralizes it



Mostly, basic oxides are ionic in nature, form solid ionic halides.  
acidic oxides are covalent & form volatile covalent halides

03. Amphoteric oxide

The central atom lie between acidic & basic oxide forming central atoms.

It reacts with both acids and bases.

Eg: Amphoterism is observed in small size elements of Group 2 and 13

⇒  $Al_2O_3$ ,  $BeO$ ,  $Ga_2O_3$  Also -  $Zr$ ,  $Zn$ ,  $Ge$ ,  $Sn$ ,  $Pb$ ,  $As$ ,  $Sb$

Amphoterism arises due to increase in covalent nature of the central atom - oxygen bond

This is because metal ion is small • strongly polarising - Eg.  $Be$   
(OR) • gets strongly polarised by O - Eg.  $Sb$

In transition metals, amphoterism is dependent on oxidation state

- From Titanium to Iron -  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Amphoteric at O.S. } +4 \\ \text{Acidic at O.S. } > +4 \\ \text{Basic at O.S. } < +4 \end{array} \right\}$

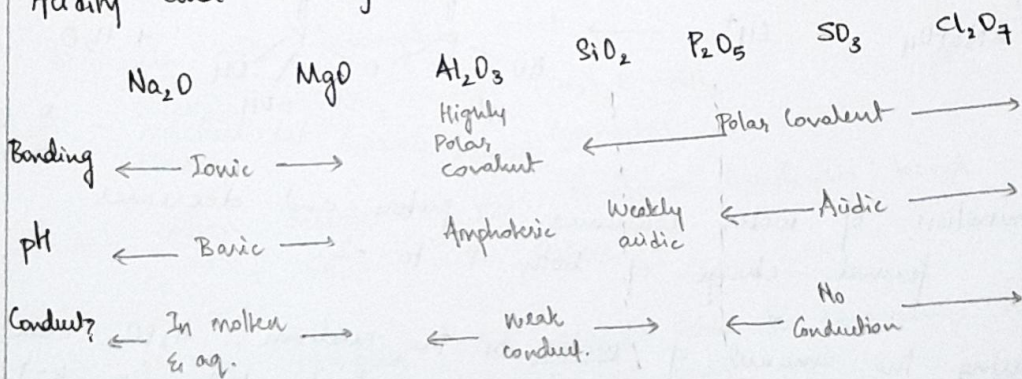
- Elements to the right of the block form amphoteric oxides at lower O.S.

Eg. Cu and Zn - +2.

- Cobalt & Nickel form amphoteric oxides at +3 O.S.

Higher oxidation state ⇒ polarize the oxygen bond ⇒ acidic  
make it covalent

Acidity and basicity based on central atom.



Polyoxo anions.

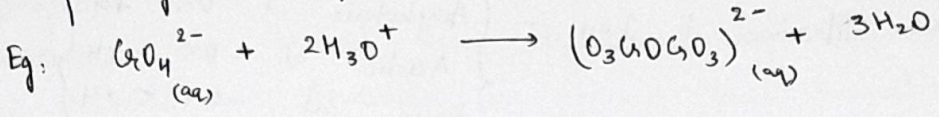
Acids containing -OH groups condense (eliminate  $H_2O$ ) to form polyoxo anions.

- $(O_3CrOCrO_3)^{2-}_{(aq)}$  form polymers when pH is decreased
- Aqua ions -  $Fe(H_2O)_6^{3+}$  form polymers when pH is increased
- Groups 1 & 2 don't form anything beyond discrete  $M^+$  &  $M^{2+}$  aqua species.



- Amphoteric oxides,  $Al_2O_3$ ,  $Fe_3O_4$ , form routine hexa-aqua complex in acidic solution.  
 When  $pH > 4$ , they precipitate as gelatinous hydroxides, which are colloidal in size (1nm - 1µm).  
 $Al$  - 3D polymeric structure  
 $Fe$  - linear polymeric structure

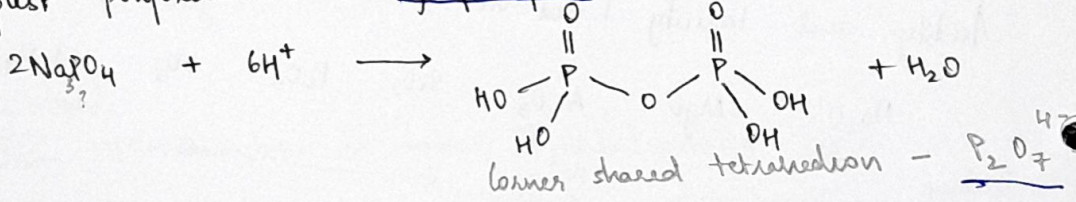
→ Polyoxoanions can be formed from oxoanions by protonating them at low pH & they eliminate water, forming a polymeric structure.



- D-Block elements in high oxidation states form polyoxoanions in a basic medium.  
 Eg:  $Mo(VI)$ ,  $W(VI)$ ,  $Nb(V)$ ,  $Ta(V)$ ,  $Cr(VI)$ .

- Non-metals form polyoxoanions & they have cage or chain-like structures.  
 Eg:  $MgSiO_3$ ,  $Zn_3(PO_4)_3$

→ Simplest polyoxoanion: Pyrophosphate

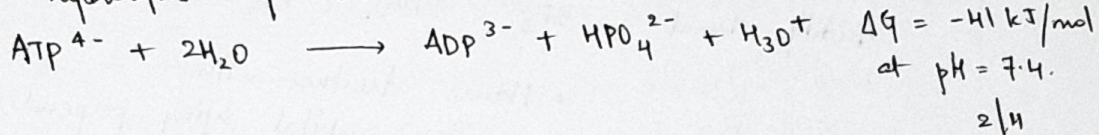


- Elimination of water consumes a proton and decreases formal charge of both P to -2.
- Lowering the amount of water in the medium,  $H_3PO_4$  can be made to condense into metaphosphate ( $P_4O_{12}^{4-}$ )
- When  $P_2O_5$  is treated with acidic or basic water, many polymeric polyoxoanionic species form (with 2-50 P atoms) and they can be separated by chromatography.

Polyphosphates made of P-O-P bonds are very crucial in biological systems i.e. ADP - ATP.

At physiological pH, 7.4, these bonds are prone to hydrolysis and when hydrolysed, it provides Gibbs Energy for driving a reaction.

Same way, P-O-P bond can be formed to store energy. Energy flow in biological system is controlled by hydrolysis of ATP to ADP -



Lecture 08

Lewis Acids and Bases

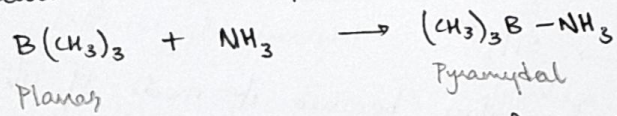
Encompasses a wide range. Bronsted acids & bases are special cases. H<sup>+</sup> is always a Lewis acid.

Adduct: Formed by sharing of electrons supplied by base. A + :B → A-B

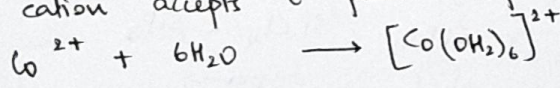
In context of reaction rates, they're referred to as nucleophile and electrophile.

Possibilities of LA-LB adduct -

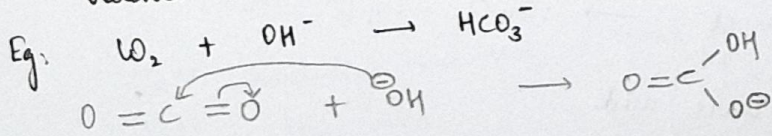
1. Molecule with incomplete octet



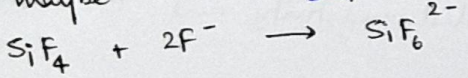
2. Metal cation accepts e<sup>-</sup> pairs to form coordinate bond



3. Molecule with complete octet maybe able to re-arrange its valence electron to accept e<sup>-</sup> pair.



4. Molecule maybe able to expand its valence shell to accept e<sup>-</sup>

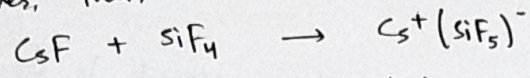


Common in heavier p-block elements - SiX<sub>4</sub>, AsX<sub>3</sub>, PX<sub>5</sub>

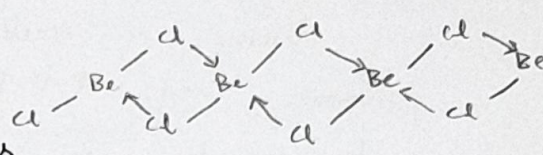
### Periodic trends.

- Alkali & Alkali earth metals exist as hydrates in water, showing their Lewis acidity.

However, their halide can act as Lewis bases

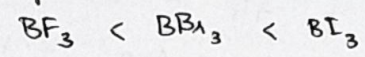


- $BeCl_2$  forms a polymeric chain

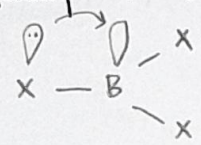


- Group 13 elements form Lewis acids

Acidity trend :



Doesn't follow the e<sup>-</sup> withdrawing power.

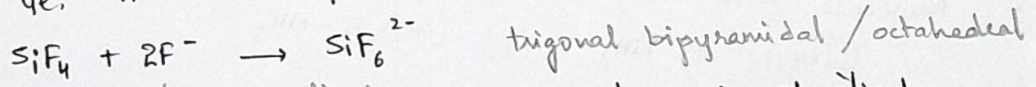


Planar structure with vacant p-orbital lying perpendicular to plane

strong 2p-2p interaction back bonding When X = F, the back-bonding is strong  
But for X = I, the overlap of p orbitals is less => back-bonding is weak.

- $BX_3$  accepts e<sup>-</sup> pair from LB & adduct formation make the  $BX_3$  pyramidal.
- $BF_3$  is an industrial catalyst for generating carbocation.  
Used by dissolving gas in diethyl ether.

- Group 14 element - expandable valence shell
- Si, Ge, Sn can expand its valence shell - becomes hypervalent.



(in aq. medium)  
=> HF is dangerous for glass because its made of silicates.

- Acidity trend :  $SiI_4 < SiBr_4 < SiCl_4 < SiF_4$   
Correlates with e<sup>-</sup> withdrawing power

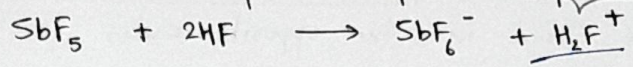
- $SnCl_2$  is an amphoteric compound.  
 $SnCl_2 + Cl^- \rightarrow :SnCl_3^- \rightarrow$  Acts as base.  
LA                      LB

$SnCl_4$  is a Lewis acid.

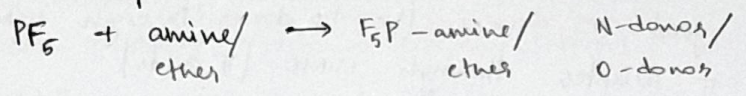
Trend :  $SnF_4 > SnCl_4 > SnBr_4 > SnI_4$   
Also correlates to electronegativity and e<sup>-</sup> withdrawing power.

### Group 15

• Heavier elements of G15 forms super acids -

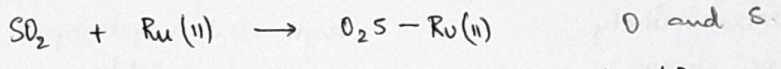
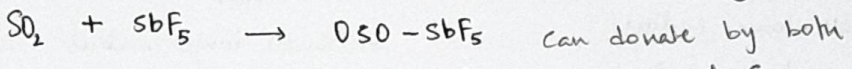


• P halides form strong adducts with organic reactants



### Group 16

• SO<sub>2</sub> is amphoteric :  $[(H_3N)^+(SO_2)]$  (LA) ,  $[(BH_3) \cdot (SO_2)]$  (LB)



• Sulfur trioxide is a strong LA & weak LB.

This feature is exploited in industrial preparation of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.  
Dissolving SO<sub>3</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O is very exothermic => very dangerous.

When mixed with H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub> acts as Lewis base and forms H<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (oleum). When watered down with water, it forms 2H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> & this process isn't very exothermic.

### Hard and Soft acid-base

Empirical concept : In both acids and bases, two classes (hard and soft) ~~based~~ are observed with opposite orders of strength as measured by their equilibrium constant,  $K_f$  : formation of complex.

Hard acids bond in order :  $I^- < Br^- < Cl^- < F^-$

Soft acids bond in the opposite order.

Eg: Hg<sup>2+</sup> : soft - rate increases from F<sup>-</sup> to I<sup>-</sup>

Pb<sup>2+</sup> : less soft :: less steep increase borderline soft base (?)

Zn<sup>2+</sup> : borderline hard acid - curve decreases slowly from F<sup>-</sup> to I<sup>-</sup>

Al<sup>3+</sup> : hard acid.

Hard acid cations form ionic bonds, while soft cations form more covalent bonding.

# To detect covalent vs ionic bonding, check for colligative properties

In general,

Hard acids bind in order:  $R_3P \ll R_3N, R_2S \ll R_2O$

Soft acids bind in the opposite order

Soft base: CO and CN<sup>-</sup>

They're good  $\sigma$  donors (i.e. lp donor through HOMO) and  $\pi$  acceptors through LUMO [ $\pi$  acids]

$\Rightarrow$  There's high covalency in their bond  $\Rightarrow$  soft species.

HARD ACID

- Small ionic radius
- Low electronegativity
- High +ve charge
- High energy LUMO

HARD BASE

- Small ionic radius
- High electronegativity
- Weak polarizability
- High energy HOMO

SOFT ACID

- Larger ionic radius
- Intermediate electronegativity
- Low +ve charge
- Low energy LUMO

SOFT BASE

- ~~Sm~~ Larger ionic radius
- Intermediate electronegativity
- High polarizability
- Low energy HOMO.

\* Something about hard acids react better with hard bases, or soft acids react with soft bases (Hg-poisonous  $\because$  S and P in proteins)

## Lecture 01

## Molecular Structure and Bonding

Interpretation of structures & reactions based on qualitative (Lewis & VSEPR - <sup>pure</sup> pictorial representation) and semi-quantitative (CFT, VB and MO Theory) models.   
considers energy of system

True molecular structure is arrived at by an interplay between qualitative & semi-quantitative models.

Inorganic chemistry - correlates electronic structure with chemical properties.

Covalent bonding - sharing a pair of electrons - introduced by GN Lewis

## Lewis Dot Structure

Lewis Theory: Covalent bond is formed by sharing a pair of electrons by  $A-B$ ,  $A=B$ ,  $A\equiv B$

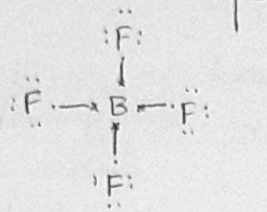
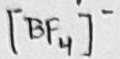
Unpaired lone pair electrons influence the shape & chemical properties.

Octet rule: "Each atom shares electrons with neighboring atoms to achieve a total of 8 valence electrons"

This is used to construct Lewis structures.

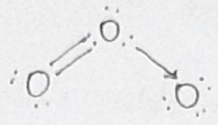
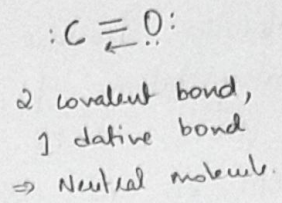
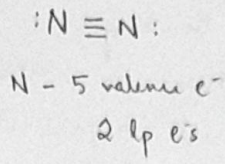
- Steps:
1. Decide no. of electrons in molecule by adding the valence  $e^-$  of each atom, adding 1 for a negative charge & subtracting 1 for a positive charge
  2. Write chemical symbol of atoms in arrangement, showing them to be bonded together.
  3. Arrange by informed guess: Heavier or less electronegative atom is the central atom
  4. Distribute electron pairs so that there's one pair of  $e^-$  between each pair of bonded atoms (represented by a single line) and other  $e^-$  pairs form lone pairs or multiple bonds.
  5. Net charge of polyatomic ion is assumed to be possessed by the ion as a whole, and not individual atoms.

Examples -



F - 7 valence  $e^-$  - 1 bonding  
6 lp  $e^-$

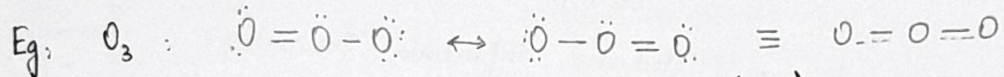
B - 3 valence  $e^-$



Dative bond  $\Rightarrow$  neutral

Drawback : Lewis structures are just pictorial representations / diagrams  
it doesn't correspond to the actual structure.  
To improve this, we need other concepts -

$\Rightarrow$  Resonance



Both the O-O bonds are equal in length.

Resonance averages the bond characteristics & the energy of  
the hybrid structure is lower than the canonical forms.

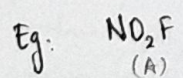
$\Rightarrow$  Formal charge

Its the charge of an atom if the electron pairs were shared equally.

This helps to identify the Lewis structure that contributes the most to resonance i.e. lowest energy.

Assuming perfectly covalent bonding,

$$\text{FC} = \text{Valence electrons} - \left( \text{Lone pair } e^- + \frac{1}{2} \text{ shared } e^- \right)$$



	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
	$\cdot\cdot \text{O} - \text{N} - \text{O} \cdot\cdot$	$\cdot\cdot \text{O} - \text{N} = \text{O}$	$\cdot\cdot \text{O} = \text{N} - \text{O} \cdot\cdot$	$\cdot\cdot \text{O} - \text{N} - \text{O} \cdot\cdot$
	$\cdot\cdot \text{F} \cdot\cdot$	$\cdot\cdot \text{F} \cdot\cdot$	$\cdot\cdot \text{F} \cdot\cdot$	$\cdot\cdot \text{F} \cdot\cdot$
N	+2	+1	+1	+1
O	2(-2)	-1, 0	0, -1	2(-1)
F	0	0	0	+1

Lowest energy structure is the one with -

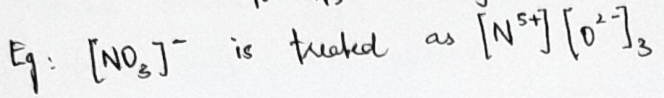
1. Lowest formal charge on the atoms
2. More electronegative element has a -ve formal charge and less electronegative element has a +ve formal charge.

Structure A is ruled out ( $\because$  reason (1)) and D is out  $\because$  reason (2).

$\therefore$  Structures C and D contribute more.

$\Rightarrow$  Oxidation number.

Its a parameter derived by exaggerating the ionic character of a bond. Here, more electronegative element of a bond acquires two negative charge and given  $oxd^n$  no. -2. less electronegative element acquires positive charge equivalent to its valency.



Lecture 02

VSEPR Model

Its an extension of Lewis' ideas and its very successful in predicting the shapes of polyatomic molecules.

Basic shapes

Primary assumption: Enhanced region of  $e^-$  density (lone pairs and bonding pairs) take up positions so that they experience minimized repulsion.

- |                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| 4 : Tetrahedron            | $CH_4, SO_4^{2-}, H_2O, NH_3$                    |
| 5 : Trigonal bipyramidal   | $PF_5, PF_5, SOF_4$                              |
| 6 : Octahedral             | $SF_6, PU_6^-, XeF_4$                            |
| 7 : Pentagonal bipyramidal | $IF_7$   |
| 3 : Trigonal planar        | $BF_3, SO_2, CO_3^{2-}, O_3$ (angular), $NO_2^-$ |
| 2 : Linear                 | $HCN, CO_2, BeCl_2$                              |

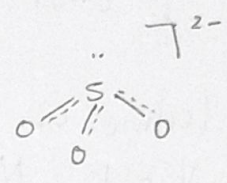
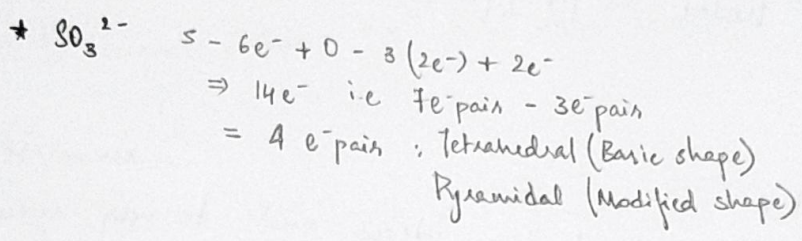
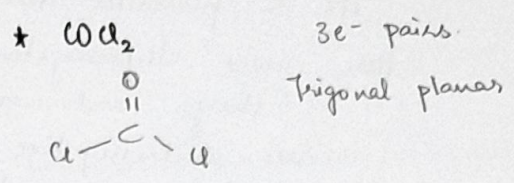
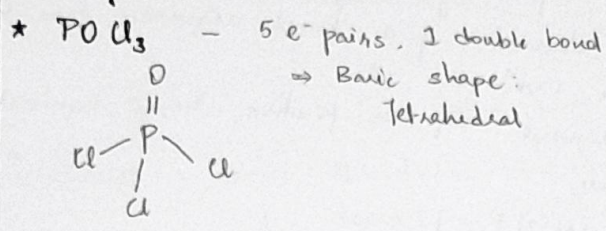
Modified shapes - Angular, pyramidal, square planar etc



### Constructing VSEPR model -

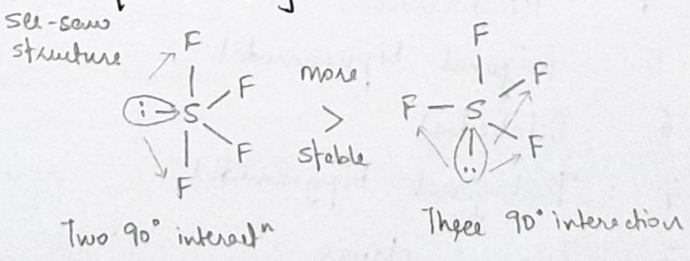
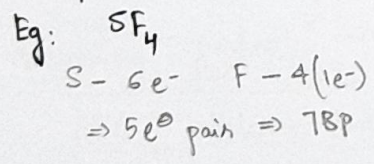
1. Count valence e<sup>-</sup> on central atom & peripheral atoms that participate in bonding
2. Identify e<sup>-</sup> pairs and the basic shape
3. Assign sigma bond, multiple bond and lone pairs
4. Multiple bonds are treated as another region of e<sup>-</sup> density along the given  $\sigma$  bond

Example:

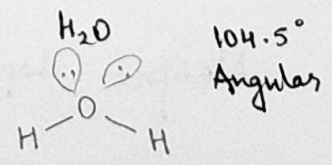
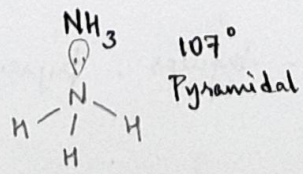
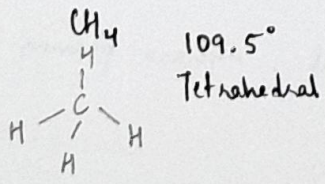


### Modifications -

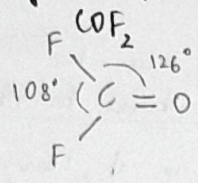
- Repulsion order : lp-lp > lp-bp > bp-bp
- Greater repelling power of lp is explained by supposing that they're closer to the nucleus than bp and hence it repels other lp more strongly
- So lp require larger site eg. equatorial site in TBP.  
 If all sites are equal, they're trans to each other



### Tetrahedral

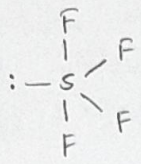


Trigonal planar

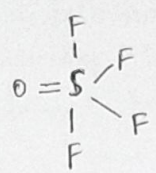


Predicted angle :  $120^\circ$   
 $C=O$  distance is shorter  $\Rightarrow$  it requires more volume (higher angle).

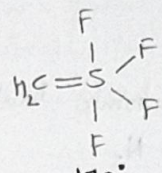
Trigonal bipyramidal



Axial F-S-F  $179^\circ$   
 Eq. F-S-F  $103^\circ$



Axial F-S-F  $178.5^\circ$   
 Eq. F-S-F  $110^\circ$



Axial F-S-F  $170^\circ$   
 Eq. F-S-F  $97^\circ$

- Double bonds occupy more space
- Bent's rule : Electropositive substituents occupy less space than electronegative elements
- Complexes of As(III), Sb(III) and Bi(III) [ $d^{10}s^2p^3$ ] with polydentate ligands have been found to have stereochemically active lone pairs.

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Lecture 03

Valence Bond Theory

First quantum mechanical theory of bonding to be developed

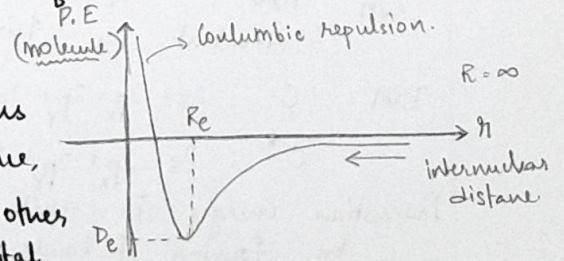
$\Rightarrow$  The Hydrogen Molecule

Atom A, electron 1

- Wave fn for two widely separated H atoms :  $\Psi = \chi_A(1) \chi_B(2)$
- When atoms are close together, we if electron 1 is on atom A or B.
- When two outcomes are equally likely, Q.M says that true state of the system is a superposition of wave function for each probability  $\Psi$  can be written as -

$$\Psi = \chi_A(1) \chi_B(2) + \chi_A(2) \cdot \chi_B(1) \quad \text{Un-normalised.}$$

$E = 0$  : Free atom  
 PE suddenly falls when two H-atoms are brought within bonding distance, & each electron is free to migrate into other atom's orbital



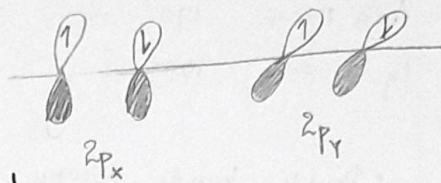
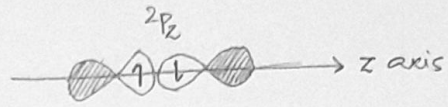
i.e bond starts forming

- De : Energy minima is found at Re : molecular radius  
deeper the minimum, stronger the bond
- Pauli's principle : only e<sup>-</sup>s with paired spins can be described by  $\Psi$  & can contribute to  $\sigma$  bond in VB Theory  
 $\sigma$  bond has cylindrical symmetry - electrons in it have 0 orbital angular momentum around the internuclear axis.

### ⇒ Homonuclear Diatomic Molecule

Eg: Nitrogen - N<sub>2</sub>

- Considers V.Es : 2s<sup>2</sup>, 2p<sub>x</sub><sup>1</sup> 2p<sub>y</sub><sup>1</sup> 2p<sub>z</sub><sup>1</sup>
- Considers z-axis as internuclear axis.
- $\sigma$ -bond is formed by spin-pairing between 2 e<sup>-</sup>s in opposing p<sub>z</sub> orbital



- Electrons in 2p<sub>x</sub> and 2p<sub>y</sub> approach side-by-side (laterally) to give  $\pi$  bond
- \* They can't form  $\sigma$  bond : they're not cylindrically symmetric about internuclear axis.

### Polyatomic molecules

- Here also,  $\sigma$  bond is formed by spin pairing of e<sup>-</sup>s in neighboring atomic orbitals with cylindrical symmetry about internuclear axis.

### - Discrepancies

H<sub>2</sub>O : O : 2s<sup>2</sup> 2p<sub>x</sub><sup>2</sup> 2p<sub>y</sub><sup>1</sup> 2p<sub>z</sub><sup>1</sup>  
 2p<sub>y</sub><sup>1</sup> and 2p<sub>z</sub><sup>1</sup> orbitals form O-H bond ⇒ Bond angle should be 90°  
 But, actual angle: 104.5°

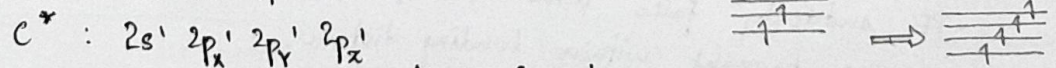
NH<sub>3</sub> : 107° not 90°

Why?

### ⇒ Electron Promotion

In H<sub>2</sub>O & NH<sub>3</sub>, 2s<sup>2</sup> doesn't participate in bonding. So they're divalent & trivalent respectively.

BUT C : 2s<sup>2</sup> 2p<sub>x</sub><sup>1</sup> 2p<sub>y</sub><sup>1</sup> 2p<sub>z</sub><sup>0</sup> is in tetravalent state due to promotion



Promotion energy is quite small & C gains energy by forming 4 bonds & relaxing e<sup>-</sup>e<sup>-</sup> repulsion in 2s orbital

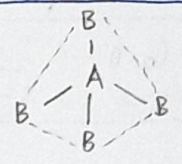
# Hybridisation

Considers a molecule of type  $AB_4$

- Expected: 3  $\sigma$ -bond of one type ( $\chi_B + \chi_A 2p$ ) & one  $\sigma$ -bond of another type ( $\chi_B + \chi_A 2s$ ).

But all bond characteristics point to 4 equivalent bonds.

- This is because -  
Electron density distribution in promoted atom is equivalent to electron density in which each electron occupies a hybrid orbital formed by interference of  $A_{2s}$  &  $A_{2p}$  orbitals
- Leads to 4 new shapes due to constructive & destructive interference.



$$h_1 = s + px + py + pz \quad h_2 = s - px - py + pz$$

$$h_3 = s - px + py - pz \quad h_4 = s + px - py - pz$$

- Each of the 4 equivalent hybrid orbitals consists of a large lobe pointing towards corners of tetrahedron & a smaller lobe at the origin of tetrahedron.

Angle between orbitals:  $\cos^{-1}(\frac{1}{3}) = 109.47^\circ \rightarrow sp^3$  hybridisation.

- Important aspects of hybridisation -  
\*Pronounced directional character\*  $\Rightarrow$  enhanced amplitude in inter-nuclear region
- This gives higher bond strength to  $sp^3$  hybrids (more overlap) than s & p orbitals alone.

## Composition - Geometry table

Coordination No.	Shape/Arrangement	Composition
2	Linear, Angular <small>← extra lp<sub>2</sub></small>	sp, pd, sd
3	Trigonal planar, Pyramidal <small>←</small>	sp <sup>2</sup> , p <sup>2</sup> d
4	Tetrahedral	sp <sup>3</sup> , sd <sup>3</sup>
	Square planar	p <sup>2</sup> d <sup>2</sup> , sp <sup>2</sup> d <small>→ more common</small>
5	Trigonal bipyramidal, Sq. py	sp <sup>3</sup> d, sp <sup>3</sup> d <sup>2</sup>
6	Octahedral	sp <sup>3</sup> d <sup>2</sup>
	Trigonal prismatic <small>←</small>	sp <sup>3</sup> d <sup>2</sup> , pd <sup>6</sup>



## Composition of Hybrid Orbitals

- Most hybridization result in equivalent hybrid orbital  
i.e. all are identical shape in terms of % s & % p character and spatial orientation

eg: tetrahedral and octahedral

- Non-equivalent: TBP -  $dsp^3$ 
  - 3 strong equatorial bond (sp<sup>2</sup> trigonal)
  - 2 axial weaker bonds (dp linear)

Relationship b/w hybridization and bond angle is simple for s-p hybrids -

$$\cos \theta = \frac{s}{s-1} = \frac{p-1}{p}$$

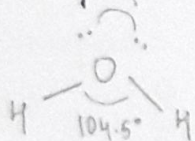
$\theta$ : Angle b/w orbitals  
% s & % p characters are expressed in decimal fraction.

Eg: For CH<sub>4</sub>,  $\cos \theta = \frac{0.25}{0.25-1} = -\frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \theta = 109.47^\circ$

### ⇒ Non-equivalent hybrids

- They exhibit fractional s & p character, i.e. bonding orbitals are midway b/w pure p & sp<sup>3</sup>.
- For such molecules in sp<sup>3</sup> hybridisation, the 4 orbitals can be divided into bonding & non-bonding subset.

Example H<sub>2</sub>O



We can't compute the angle b/w lp.  
WKT, angle b/w bonding subsets,  $\theta = 104.5^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = -0.25 = \frac{0.20}{0.20-1} = \frac{0.2}{-0.8}$$

$$\Rightarrow s = 0.2, \quad p = 0.8 \text{ — bonding.}$$

For non-bonding subset

Ratio of total p-character to total s-character, summed over all 4 orbitals is, 3:1

$$\Rightarrow \text{Total p: } 3 = 0.8 + 0.8 + x + x \Rightarrow x = 0.7$$

$$\text{Total s: } 1 = 0.2 + 0.2 + y + y \Rightarrow y = 0.3$$

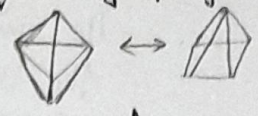
Non-bonding subset.

⇒  $\theta'$ : angle between lp. can be computed by -

$$\cos \theta' = \frac{s}{s-1} = \frac{0.3}{-0.7} \Rightarrow \theta' = 115.37^\circ$$

For NH<sub>3</sub>: Bonding subset  $\cos(107^\circ) = -0.29 = \frac{s}{s-1} \Rightarrow s = 0.22$  Non-bonding subset  $s = 0.34$   
 $p = 0.78$   $p = 0.66$

For AB<sub>5</sub> (unlike CN 2,4,3,6), there's no unique, highly symmetrical set of equivalent orbitals.



Possibilities of TBP and sp are interlinked.

Calculation of s & p character is more difficult if d orbitals participate in hybridisation.

### → Hypervalence

Many molecules defy octet rule - they have more than 8 electrons. This is hypervalence/hypercoordination.

\* Period 2 obeys octet rule.

Example: PCl<sub>5</sub>, SF<sub>6</sub>

Traditional explanation: Octet expansion is explained by availability of low-lying 3d orbitals

Just the absence of 2d shell is not the only reason for absence of hypervalence of in Period 2 - it might also be due to geometrical difficulty of packing 4+ atoms around a small central atom.

Why don't we observe PF<sub>5</sub> and PI<sub>5</sub>?

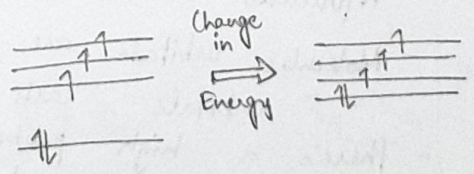
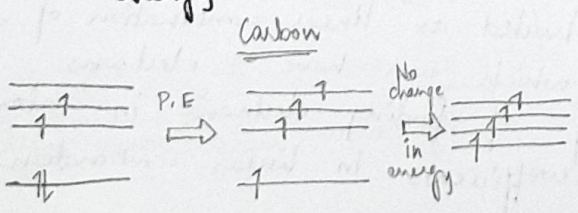
\* PF<sub>5</sub> - Due to electronegativity of F, d (3) the electrons are withdrawn towards halogen, away from orbitals of P. So even if octet is satisfied in PCl<sub>5</sub>, P is e<sup>-</sup> deprived. So PCl<sub>5</sub> is the 'perfect octet' for P

PI<sub>5</sub> - I is too bulky.

### → Bent's Rule : Energy of Hybridisation

• ↳ When a set of hybrid orbitals are constructed from a set of atomic orbitals, energy of resultant hybrid is the weighted average of energies of atomic orbitals.

• The Promotion Energy in carbon is independent of hybridisation. In Phosphorus, there's no promotion, rather hybridisation costs energy as 3s orbital is raised & 3p lowered in energy.

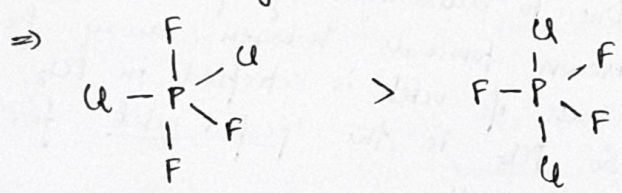


- This energy of hybridisation is of order of bond energy
  - Its important in determining the structure
  - Also responsible for tendency of some lp to occupy spherical and non-stereochemically inactive s-orbital rather than stereochemically active hybrid sp orbital.
- Energy factors determine the most stable arrangement of atoms
- If costs 600 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> to hybridize a central P-atom. Other congeners (As, Sb, Bi) will have higher energies

Higher P.E & better overlap : Hybrid has <sup>more</sup> s-character  
 \* Lower P.E & weaker overlap : Hybrid has more p-character

Considers :  $sp^3d^2$  - Considered a combination of  $P_z d_z^2$  &  $sp_x p_y$   
 Weaker ← Two linear hybrid orbitals → axial  
 Stronger ← More directionality ← 3 trigonal equatorial bonds

Eg: When  $\chi$  of substituents on P-atom differs, its experimentally observed that, more  $\chi$  element occupies the axial positions (∵ they have more p-character : they're not hybridised) and less electronegative one occupies equatorial bond



∴ Bent's Rule: More electronegative elements prefer hybrid orbitals having less s-character & vice versa

Eg: Bond angle of  $\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2$  — Refer Shriver Atkins  
 Can be explained through VSEPR & Bent's rules.

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Lecture 05

Molecular Orbital Theory

- Molecular orbitals are constructed as linear combination of atomic orbitals, each of which can have 2 electrons
- There's a high probability of finding electrons in atomic orbitals that have large coefficients in linear combination.

# (41) F Approximations of the Theory -

## Orbital Approximation:

- Wavefunction of a molecule can be written as product of one-electron wave functions -

$$\Psi = \psi(1) \cdot \psi(2) \dots \psi(N)$$

They are molecular orbitals of theory

- $|\psi(i)|^2$  gives the probability distribution for that electron in the molecule
- Electrons are found where amplitude is large & they're never found at nodes.

## Linear Combination of Atomic Orbitals (LCAO)

- When electron is close to the nucleus of one atom, its wavefunction resembles its atomic orbital
- LCAO Approximation: Reasonable first approximation of M.O. can be constructed by superimposing Atomic orbitals of each atom i.e. its a sum with various weighted coefficients

## Fundamentals

- In elementary form of theory, valence shell of A.O ( $\chi$ ) are used to construct MO -

$$\Psi = C_A \chi_A + C_B \chi_B \quad \text{: For } H_2$$

- $C_A, C_B$ : Coefficients which show the extent to which atomic orbitals contribute

$C_A^2, C_B^2$ : Probability that  $e^-$  is in  $\chi_A, \chi_B$  respectively

- Probability distribution -

$$\Psi^2 = C_A^2 \chi_A^2 + \underbrace{2C_A C_B \chi_A \chi_B}_{\text{Contribution to Prob density due to interference of } \chi_A, \chi_B} + C_B^2 \chi_B^2$$

- For  $H_2$  -
  - electrons are equally likely to be found near each nucleus
  - linear combination with least energy will have equal contribution from each 1s orbital.

$$\Rightarrow \underline{C_A^2 = C_B^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{C_A = \pm C_B}$$

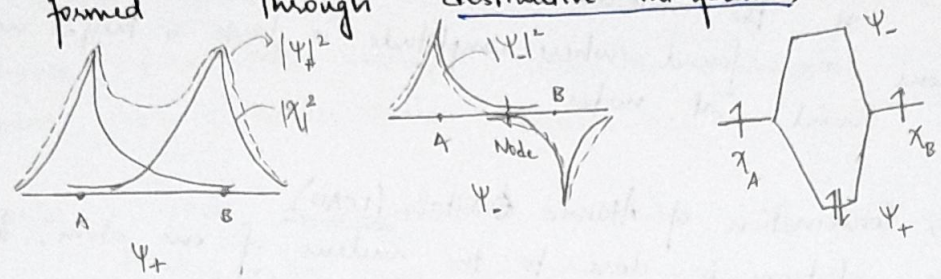
After normalisation, we'd get -  $\Psi_+ = \chi_A + \chi_B$   $\Psi_- = \chi_A - \chi_B$  \*



The relative sign of coefficients of LCAOs play an important role in determining energies of orbitals. Also,  $n$  atomic orbitals combine to give  $n$  molecular orbitals.

**Bonding**

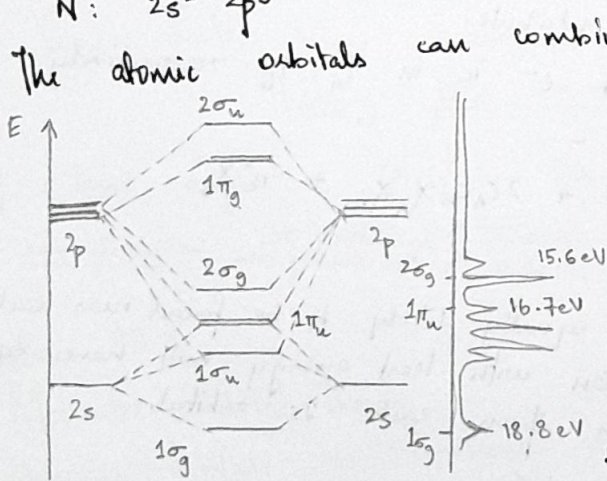
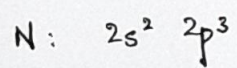
Bonding MO arises from constructive interference of wave functions of neighboring atoms & conversely ABMOs are formed through destructive interference, as indicated by a node.



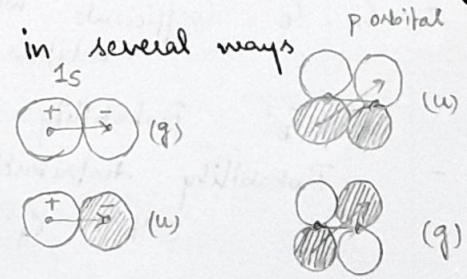
\* Experimental energy gap between two MOs is measured by absorption spectrum in  $H_2$   
 11.4 eV ( $\approx 109$  nm) - transition of  $e^-$  from BMO to ABMO

\* Dissociation energy of  $H_2$  is 4.5 eV ( $434$  kJ mol $^{-1}$ )  
 This is an indication of location of BMO relative to separated atoms.  
 \* BMO is stabilising while ABMO is destabilizing.

**Homonuclear diatomic molecule:  $N_2$**



Photoelectron spectroscopy by UV-Visible photoelectron spectroscopy



g: gerade - even  
 u: ungerade - odd

This is based on symmetry of the signs of the lobes when compared to the opposite one (across the midpoint of internuclear axis)

43 9 - To find the energy levels of MOs, we excite the electron to its excited state by shining UV-Visible radiation.

\* X-Ray for inner shells or other molecules.  $\text{Max } E \sim 21 \text{ eV}$

- From the energy diagram, we can see that there are 3 levels that can be probed - first ionisation occurs from  $2\sigma_g$  at 15.6 eV and so on.

- The second level ( $1\pi_u$ ) has multiple vibrational levels.

Other homonuclear diatomic molecules

\* As we go across the period, the energy of BMO goes on decreasing.

\* There's an anomaly in energy level of MO in  $O_2$  and  $F_2$  - unlike other molecules.

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This is because energy of 2p and 2s varies significantly in Oxygen & Fluorine

\* 8 MOs are formed from A.O. In that -

- 4  $\sigma$ -orbitals span a range of energy: one strongly bonding, another strongly anti-bonding

- 4  $\pi$ -orbitals form 2 doubly-degenerate pairs of BMO & ABMO.

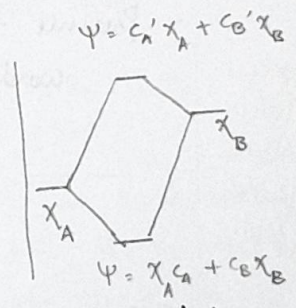
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### Lecture 06 [live lecture - 19 Nov]

#### Heteronuclear Diatomic Molecules (~30 mins)

\* It differs from homonuclear molecule due to unequal contribution from each atomic orbitals

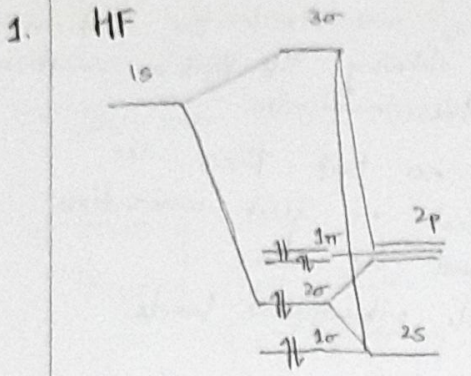
$$\Psi = c_A \chi_A + c_B \chi_B + \dots$$



# There's no center of inversion  $\Rightarrow$  g, u notations are not used

\* There is also energy mismatch of corresponding atomic orbitals  
More electronegative  $\rightarrow$  Lower energy  $\rightarrow$  More contribution to BMO

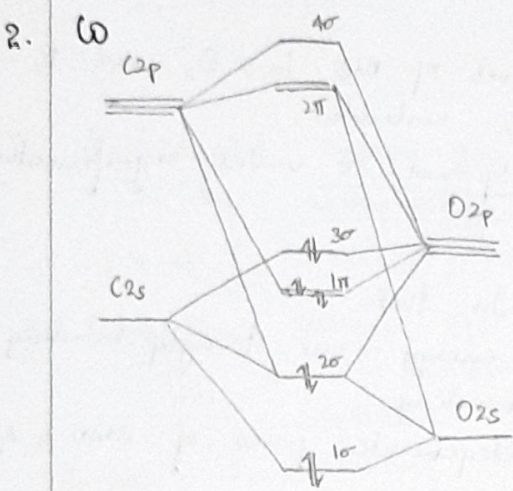
\* Due to this energy separation of A.O.s, it implies less pronounced overlaps. But not always, since bond strength also depends on orbital size and closeness of approach.  
Eg.  $CO (1070 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}) > N_2 (946 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1})$



- 3  $\sigma$  orbitals are constructed from  $1s$ ,  $2s$ ,  $2p_z$
- $2p_x$  and  $2p_y$  have  $\pi$  symmetry and are non-bonding orbitals ( $2\pi$ )
- Total 8 VEs: 2e<sup>-</sup> occupy  $2\sigma$ : BMO  
6e<sup>-</sup> occupy  $1\sigma, 1\pi$ : NBMO
- All electrons occupy orbitals that are mostly on F-atom.

H (1) F (7)  
HF is a strong Bronsted a ?!

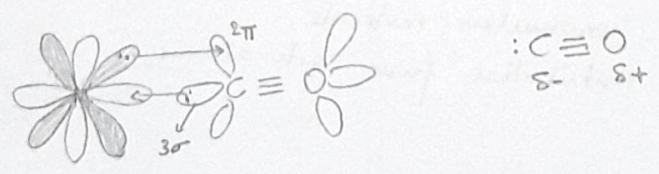
⇒ HF is polar with  $\delta^-$  charge on F



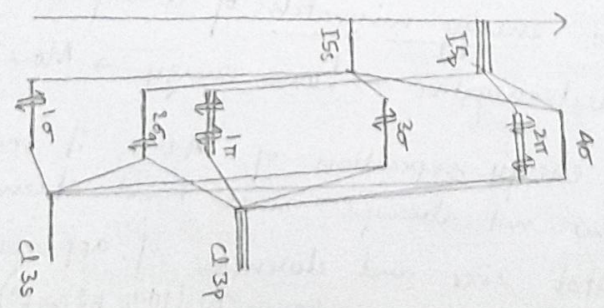
- The orbital size of C is less than that of O - they can approach closely and form a good overlap.
- $1\sigma/2\sigma$ : localised on Oxygen/Carbon atom ⇒ non-bonding
- $2\sigma$  - bonding MO. - many 4s are contributing to it
- $1\pi$  → bonding → mainly O2p
- $3\sigma$  → max contribution from C2p  
lp on carbon is the  $3\sigma$  orbital of CO
- $3\sigma$ : HOMO of CO. So, it binds to metals through C atom, not O.

- $2\pi$  → mainly from C2p → LUMO
- Presence of both HOMO and LUMO on C-atom facilitate its coordination to metal ions through  $\sigma$ -donation &  $\pi$ -back-donation

Swines  
Atkins  
VV-PE  
graph



3. ICl



Do it yourself ?!

**Polyatomic Molecules**

The MOs are similar to that of diatomic molecules, just that orbitals are built from a more extensive basis set

We can write the MO of a given symmetry as a sum of overlapping AOs -

$$\Psi = \sum c_i \chi_i$$

Then - fundamental assumptions.

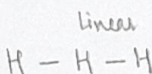
1. Greater the no. of nodes in a MO, greater the anti-bonding character and higher the symmetry & energy.
2. MOs constructed from lower energy AOs are lower in energy
3. Interactions b/w non-nearest neighbors atoms are weakly bonding or anti non-bonding based on the signs of their lobes

**Hypothetical H<sub>3</sub>**

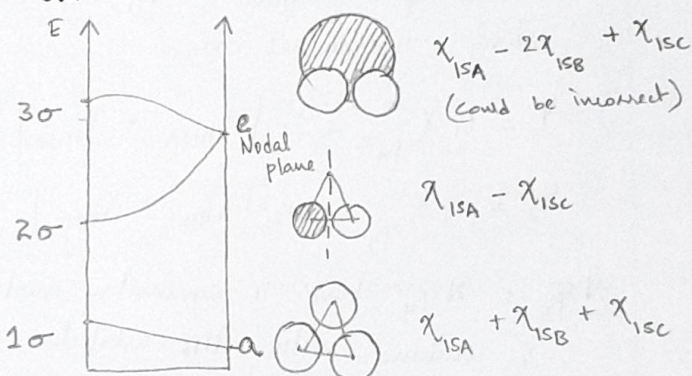
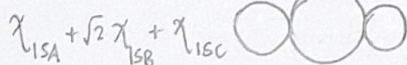
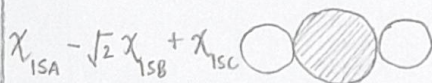
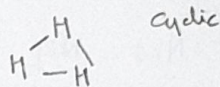
H<sub>A</sub> =  $\chi_{1SA}$

H<sub>B</sub> =  $\chi_{1SB}$

H<sub>C</sub> =  $\chi_{1SC}$



We can build 3 MOs -



- 1σ: Bonding b/w H<sub>A</sub> & H<sub>B</sub> & H<sub>B</sub> & H<sub>C</sub>
- 2σ: Bonding b/w H<sub>A</sub> & H<sub>C</sub> (negligible)
- 3σ: Anti-bonding b/w H<sub>A</sub>-H<sub>B</sub> & H<sub>B</sub>-H<sub>C</sub> (∴ signs of lobes)

- 1σ: Bonding b/w H<sub>A</sub>-H<sub>B</sub>, H<sub>B</sub>-H<sub>C</sub>, H<sub>A</sub>-H<sub>C</sub>
- (1σ)<sub>cyclic</sub> > (1σ)<sub>linear</sub> stronger

Degenerate → 2σ and 3σ have same energy

- 2σ: Antibonding b/w H<sub>A</sub>-H<sub>C</sub> ⇒ ↑ E
- 3σ: Antibonding b/w H<sub>A</sub>-H<sub>B</sub>, H<sub>B</sub>-H<sub>C</sub> but bonding b/w H<sub>A</sub>-H<sub>C</sub> ⇒ ↓ E

Becomes anti-bonding instead of non-bonding

Walsh / Correlation diagram: shows the variation in energy as the bond angle changes.

In the cyclic molecule, the lower energy orbital is "a-symmetry" and the other two orbitals are called "e-symmetry".

It's not always appropriate to use  $\sigma$  and  $\pi$  in polyatomic systems, but they're convenient  $\Rightarrow$  remnant of VBT.

Note that -

- a, b : non-degenerate orbital (point group symmetries)
- e : doubly degenerate orbitals
- t : triply degenerate orbitals

Subscripts and superscripts are added (a<sub>1</sub>, b<sub>2</sub>, e<sub>g</sub>, t<sub>2</sub>) to distinguish different orbitals according to more detailed analysis of their symmetries.

# A, B, E, T - capital letters used to describe electronic terms Useful in absorption spectroscopy

Ammonia : NH<sub>3</sub>

$$\Psi_1 = c_1 \chi_{N2s} + c_2 \chi_{N2p_z} + c_3 [\chi_{H1sA} + \chi_{H1sB} + \chi_{H1sC}]$$

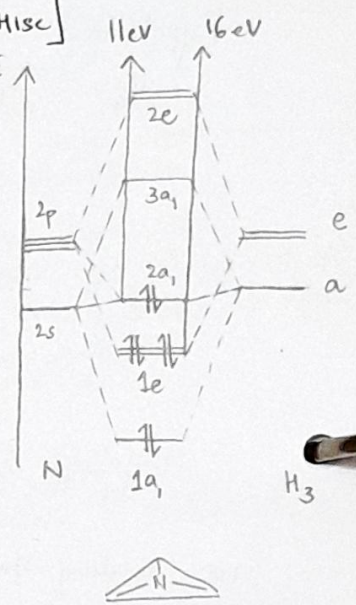
- N2s, N2p<sub>z</sub> and 3 H1s combine to give (a orbital)<sup>E</sup>  
3  $\sigma$  orbitals - 1a<sub>1</sub>, 2a<sub>1</sub>, 3a<sub>1</sub>  
along intermolecular axis

$$\Psi_2 = c_1 \chi_{N2p_x} + c_2 [\chi_{H1sA} + \chi_{H1sB}] - 2 MO_s$$

$$\Psi_3 = c_1 \chi_{N2p_y} + c_2 [\chi_{H1sB} + \chi_{H1sC}] - 2 MO_s$$

N2p<sub>x</sub> & N2p<sub>y</sub> have  $\pi$ -symmetry wrt z-axis & combine with H1s orbitals of matching symmetry. (e set)

3 Hydrogen atoms in the plane give rise to 3 ligand group orbitals\* - a & e sets.



Actual location of orbitals can be found by detailed computation or photoelectron spectrum -

- 11 eV - 2a<sub>1</sub> orbital - sharper signal
- 16 eV - 1e orbital - broader signal

# 1a<sub>1</sub> orbital is out of range for 21 eV photoelectron spectrum  
Maybe X-ray

\* Also called "Symmetry adapted linear combination"

- (47) \*
- HOMO -  $2a_1$  - non-bonding orbital  $\therefore$  its mostly confined to N-atom & doesn't contribute to bonding.
  - $\Rightarrow$  consistent with fact that lp play role in determining shape.
  - \* IR Vibration structure is due to distortions to the shape of the molecule upon removal of electron from lp
  - \* Broad nature of 16 eV signal is  $\therefore$  there are many vibration levels in  $1e$

Hypervalence:  $SF_6$

VBT explains by invoking d-orbitals

In octahedral geometry, 6  $F^-$  ions give rise to 6 ligand group orbitals - t, e, a

$S_{3s} + a \rightarrow 1a_1$  (bonding) +  $2a_1$  (antibonding)

$S_{3p} + t \rightarrow 1t_1$  (bonding) +  $2t_1$  (antibonding)

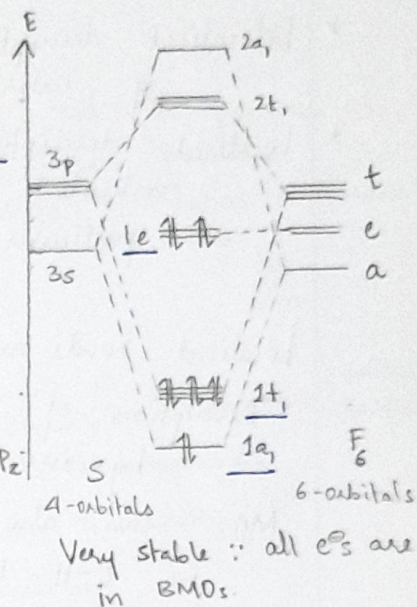
$e \rightarrow$  non-bonding  $\therefore$  no matching set of orbitals on S

$\rightarrow$  We don't need to split them in  $P_x, P_y, P_z$

because they all fall along the axis and combine nicely with the bonding

triply degenerate orbitals

This can be used to explain other octet-expanded molecules like  $PCl_5$



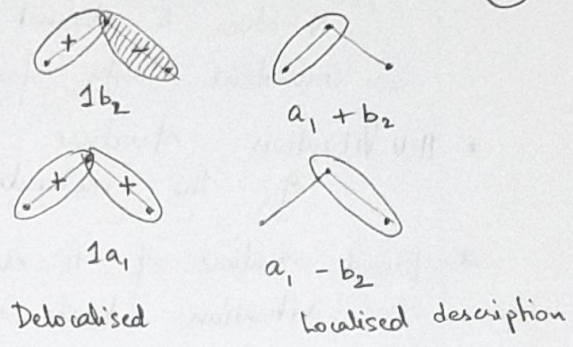
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### Localisation

- $\rightarrow$  In VBT, both O-H bonds are treated as localized i.e. equivalent structures where O & H share a pair of  $e^-$
- $\rightarrow$  MOs are delocalised i.e. electrons occupy them and bind them all together. No concept of A-B bond existing independently of other bonds in the molecule.
- $\rightarrow$  But, linear combinations of MOs can be formed in the same overall electron distribution, but individual orbitals can be different. MO description is mathematically equivalent to a localized description of overall electron distribution.

Considers MO description of H<sub>2</sub>O

- Occupied MOs in delocalised description are - 1a<sub>1</sub> & 1b<sub>2</sub>
- Linear combination of these orbitals creates localised descriptions between O and H atoms
- In each case, we form a fully delocalised orbital between a pair of atoms.



- \* Delocalised description is suggested for describing global properties of entire molecule (Magnetism, electronic spectra, Walsh diagram)
- \* Localised description used for properties of a fragment of entire molecule, to focus on distribution of e<sup>-</sup> in and around a particular bond (Bond length, strength, VSEPR description).

### Localised bonds and hybridisation

Description of localised MO bonds can be further expressed by invoking concepts of hybridization.

MOs can also be constructed from hybrid orbitals i.e. O-H bond can be overlap of H1s and hybrid orbital composed of O2s and O2p.

Lecture - live (26<sup>th</sup> Nov)

### Main Group Chemistry

Challenge is to treat adequately the chemistry of all these various elements.

Periodic table is used to systemize elemental relationships

Across a period: Increasing At. No. : ↑ ionization E, e<sup>-</sup> affinity & electronegativity  
↓ size

Change in effective nuclear charge is also reasonably smooth but varies in diff. periods

Another anomaly - pronounced differences in similar elements  
Maybe ∴ lighter elements use only 1s, 2s & 2p

## Group 13 - B, Al, Ga, In, Tl

- B: only nonmetal
- Al: Most abundant element  $\Rightarrow$  Diversity of chemical properties
- Increasing metallic character: B  $\rightarrow$  Tl 1.81 1.68, 1.78
- Electronegativity: alternation is observed i.e. Ga  $>$  Al, Tl  
 $\therefore$  Ga has 4p & 3d electrons which shield it
- Properties of Boron are different from rest of group. Shows diagonal relationship with Si -
  - forms acidic oxide
  - B & Si form polymeric oxide structures & glasses  $\Rightarrow$  easily formed borosilicate glasses
  - Both form flammable, gaseous hydrides
- Most Gr 13 elements adopt +3 ox<sup>n</sup> state, but Tl prefers +1  
 $\therefore$  Inert pair effect - down the group, there's increased suppression b/w s and p orbitals, where s orbital is more stabilised

### Topics of Interest -

- ▶ Cages & Clusters: Boron hydrides, Zintl compounds, Phosphoranes (oxides/sulfide)
- ▶ Rings, macrocycles & polymers: B-N, P-N & S-N compounds
- ▶ Chains & frameworks: Si compounds, silicates & zeolites
- ▶ Low-valent compounds & organometallic chemistry.

### Boron hydrides

Alfred Stock (1912) - father of Boron hydrides

Prepared as series of boron hydrides, including  $B_2H_6$  using first sophisticated vacuum manifold.

They're one of the oldest known cage structures

They weren't separable till then due their flammability and air & moisture sensitivity.

$B_2H_6$  - gas  
BP =  $-92.5^\circ C$

$B_4H_{10}$  -  $B_6H_{10}$  : liquids BF:  $16^\circ C - 108^\circ C$   $B_{10}H_{14}$  - solid  
mp =  $99.7^\circ C$

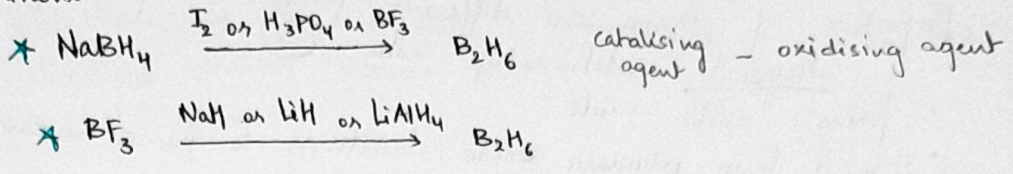
② Apparatus: Schlenk tubes



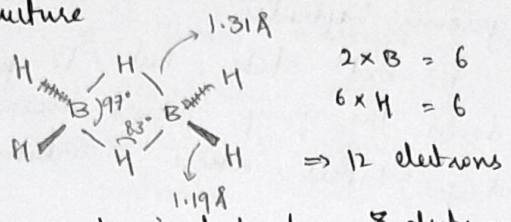
Diborane

1950s, USA & USSR explored borane chemistry to develop them as rocket fuel  
 But they're difficult to handle & catch on fire with green flame <sup>too conspicuous</sup>  
 Now their application is found in other fields - boron-neutron capture therapy.

Synthesis -



Structure



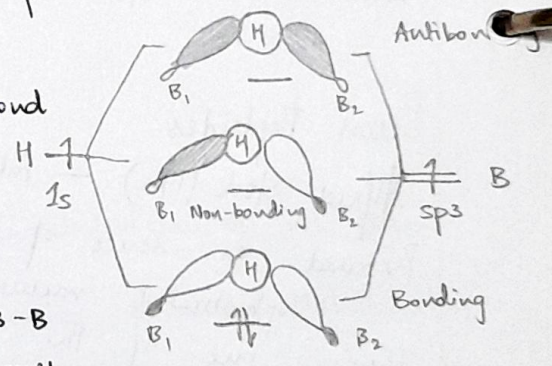
The molecule is electron deficient  
 $\neq \text{BH}_3$  can be stabilised in gaseous form

4 B-H terminal bonds - 8 electrons  
 4 bridging bonds require 8 electrons, but only 4 are left.

Earlier hypothesis:  $[\text{B}_2\text{H}_4]^{2-}$  is isoelectronic to  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  & 2  $\text{H}^+$  ions are located above and below plane of B-B

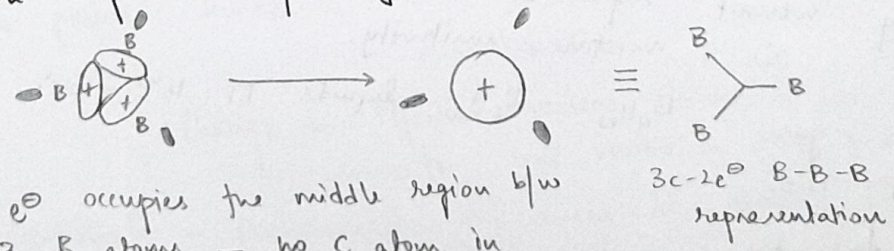
The 3-centre-2-electron model was developed in 1970s with MO theory -

- Each B-H-B bridge involves delocalised  $3c-2e^{\ominus}$  bonds
- $\text{H} 1s$  and  $\text{B} sp^3$  (2) combine to form 3 MOs
- Each B-H-B accepts  $2e^-$  in its bonding MO & form  $3c-2e^{\ominus}$  bond to rationalise the dimer.



#  $(\text{MeLi})_4$  -  $4c-2e^{\ominus}$  bond

- $2c-2e^{\ominus}$  B-B and  $3c-2e^{\ominus}$  B-B-B are important for higher boranes.



# The  $e^{\ominus}$  occupies the middle region b/w 3 B atoms - no C atom in the representation

Accurate:  $e^{\ominus}$  are located here

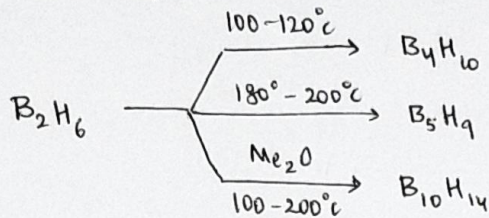
#  $\text{BF}_3$  has backbonding - no need to dimerise

51) ⇒ Polyhedral Boranes

P<sub>1</sub>

Higher boranes can be prepared from B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> by controlled pyrolysis or chemical reaction in presence of hard and soft bases.

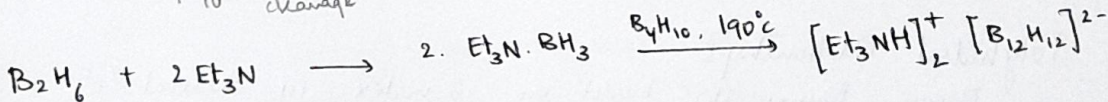
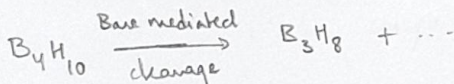
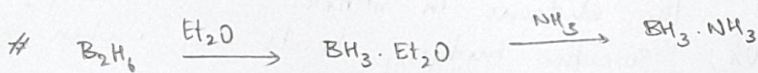
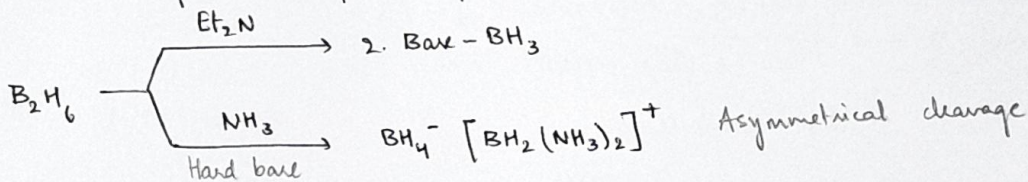
≠ If there's a small contamination, B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> can catch fire. Even if B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> is stored for long time, it dimerises to form B<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>.



The biggest, single unit borane: B<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub><sup>2-</sup> (no bridging H). Above, B<sub>12</sub>, the boranes start forming unijute-clusters i.e. joined or fused borane clusters.

Wade's Rule - Ken Wade (1971)

Diborane in presence of soft bases (Me<sub>2</sub>N, Et<sub>2</sub>O) gets cleaved symmetrically to produce 2 BH<sub>3</sub>-Base



Structures of borane clusters are based on deltahedra (polyhedra in which all faces are triangular). Clusters are classified -

[B <sub>n</sub> H <sub>n</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup> or B <sub>n</sub> H <sub>n+2</sub>	closo-complex	n+1	B <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> <sup>6-</sup>
B <sub>n</sub> H <sub>n+4</sub>	(1) Nido-basket	n+2	B <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> , B <sub>5</sub> H <sub>9</sub> , B <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub>
B <sub>n</sub> H <sub>n+6</sub>	(2) Arachno-web <small>spiders</small>	n+3	B <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> , B <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>
B <sub>n</sub> H <sub>n+8</sub>	(3) Hypso-net <small>very rare</small>	n+4	B <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> <sup>-</sup> hypothetical

No. of skeletal e<sup>-</sup> pairs

1 missing vertex

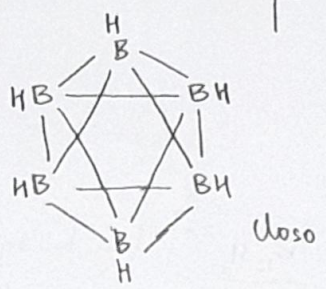
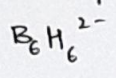
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Each BH unit furnishes 2 skeletal bonding e<sup>-</sup>  
 \* additional H. furnishes 1 skeletal bonding e<sup>-</sup>  
 ionic charge must be included in e<sup>-</sup> count

This allows us to calculate no. of skeletal electron pairs from molecular formula ⇒ we can predict the structure

Example —

1)



$6B \times 3 = 18$

$6H \times 1 = 6$

$24 + 2 e^-$

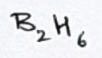
$\Rightarrow 26 e^-$

$- 12 e^- (BH)$

$7 e^- \text{ pairs} \Rightarrow \text{closo structure}$

$B_{12}H_{12}^{2-}$  is another closed cluster - icosahedron

2)



$2B \times 3 = 6$

$6H \times 1 = 6$

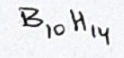
$12 e^-$

$- (2 \times 2) e^-$

$\Rightarrow 4 e^- \text{ pairs} = n+2$

∴ Nido structure

3)



$10B \times 3 = 30$

$14H \times 1 = 14$

$44 e^-$

$- 20 e^-$

$\Rightarrow 12 e^- \text{ pairs} = n+2$

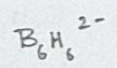
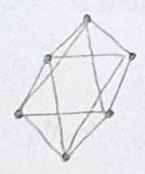
Nido structure

Note: According to MO, the <sup>extra</sup> electrons in  $B_nH_{n+x}$  boranes occupy the ABMOs, so the bridging bonds are broken ⇒ structure is more and more open.

**Polyhedral Relationships.**

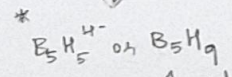
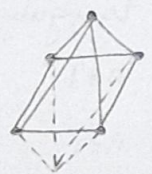
Boron frameworks based on 6-vertex, 14 skeletal e<sup>-</sup> octahedral clusters.

Similarly, 12 closo - 11 Nido - 10 Arachno



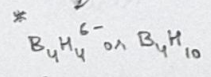
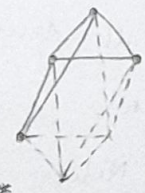
closo

$n=6 \quad SE=7$



Nido

$n=5 \quad SE=7$



Arachno

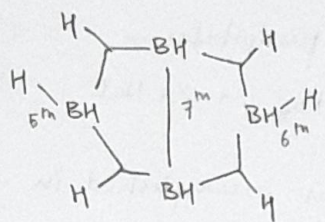
$n=4 \quad SE=7$

SE: no. of skeleton e<sup>-</sup> pairs

\* Hypohedral molecules - H<sup>+</sup> added to make it equivalent

Recall : Using Wade's rules to reconstruct structures.

Eg: \* B<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub> - n+3 skeletal e<sup>-</sup> pairs.



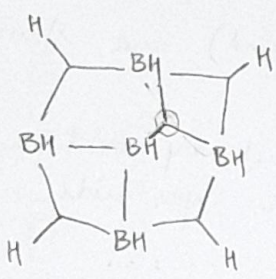
Butterfly shaped

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4B \times 3 = 12 \\
 10H \times 1 = 10 \\
 \hline
 22 \\
 - 8 \\
 \hline
 14 e^- \text{ pairs}
 \end{array}$$

4 e<sup>-</sup> pairs : B-H-B  
 5<sup>m</sup>, 6<sup>m</sup> e<sup>-</sup> pairs : -H  
 7 e<sup>-</sup> pairs : B-B

4 B-H → 4 e<sup>-</sup> pairs } gives  
 6 H → 3 e<sup>-</sup> pairs }  
 = 7 e<sup>-</sup> pairs.

\* B<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>



Nido structure (n+2) = 7 e<sup>-</sup> pairs

BH - 5 e<sup>-</sup> pairs } gives  
 4 H - 2 e<sup>-</sup> pairs }  
 = 7 e<sup>-</sup> pairs

B-H-B - 4 e<sup>-</sup> pairs  
 2 B-B - 2 e<sup>-</sup> pairs  
 B-B-B - 1 e<sup>-</sup> pairs.

4 borons in basal plane

The apical boron should be connected to all borons in basal plane. To make this happen, a 3c 2e B-B-B bond is formed

### Zintl Compounds

They are alloy-like compounds made of electropositive cationic element and an anionic element of moderate electropositivity

- Resembles ionic solids but different wst -
- Metallic property, especially metallic luster
- Brittle, not malleable or ductile
- Semiconductivity or moderate metallic conductors

Obey 8-N rule :-  
Valence e<sup>-</sup> concentration

VEC(x) < 8 - Poly-anionic  
 VEC(x) = 8 - simple ionic  
 VEC(x) > 8 - Poly-cationic  
 10% of the time

M<sub>m</sub>X<sub>x</sub> # of electrons

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{VEC}(x) &= m \cdot e(M) \\
 &+ x \cdot e(X) / x
 \end{aligned}$$

Some Zintl clusters obey Wade's rule. Due to ionic nature, they are driven by cationic or anionic nature of main group elements in zintl phase

\* Discovery - Joannis in 1891 - studying rxn of Na in ammonia with a variety of metals

Red<sup>n</sup> react<sup>n</sup> ← He observed blue sol<sup>n</sup> of Na, which colored NH<sub>3</sub> sol<sup>n</sup> to green (presence of dissolved e<sup>-</sup> in NH<sub>3</sub>) with excess lead giving new solids  
More attention was given to solid precipitates -



\* Isolation of solid derivative has been accomplished in last 40 years

Intact cage-like anions can be extracted by offering a complexing ligand to cations. Na<sup>+</sup> in Na<sub>2</sub>Sn<sub>5</sub> are captured by cryptand (chelating, complexing ligand) and structure of Sn<sub>5</sub><sup>2-</sup> was discovered

Polycationic zintl structures can be formed by oxidising reactions through reagents like bromsted & super acids

### Wade's Rules

They can be applied to ligand-free cluster compounds. These clusters are small chunks of metal clusters - to get the structure, they need to be stripped off by giving extra electrons.

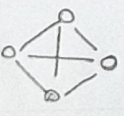
Postulate: One lone electron pair pointing outwards on each of the n-atoms, then,  $g - 2n$  electrons remain for polyhedron skeleton (g: total no. of valence electrons).

Type	n	g	$g - 2n$	Example
Closed	5, 6	22, 26	12, 14 = <u><math>2n + 2</math></u>	Sn <sub>5</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , Bi <sub>5</sub> <sup>3+</sup>
Nido	9	40	22 = <u><math>2n + 4</math></u>	Sn <sub>9</sub> <sup>4-</sup> , Bi <sub>9</sub> <sup>5+</sup>
Arachno	8	38	22 = <u><math>2n + 6</math></u>	Bi <sub>8</sub> <sup>2+</sup>

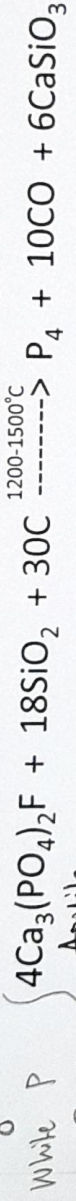
Calculation also works if some of atoms bear ligands, instead of lone pairs.

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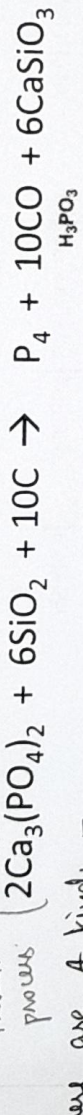
Cages and clusters of Phosphorus



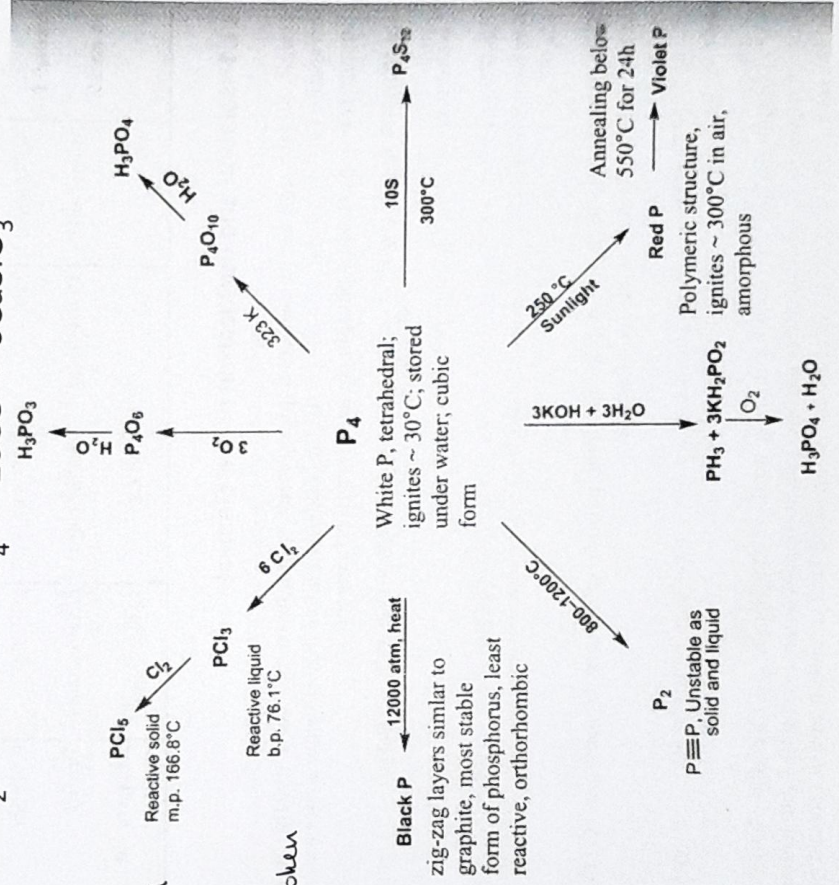
# White phosphorus and its reactions



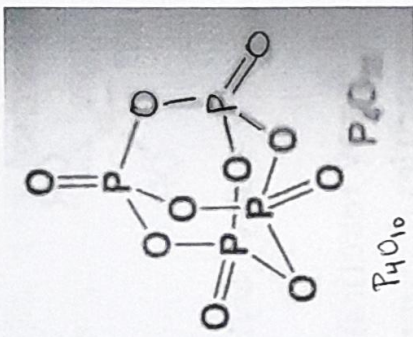
Reduction process  
Apelite



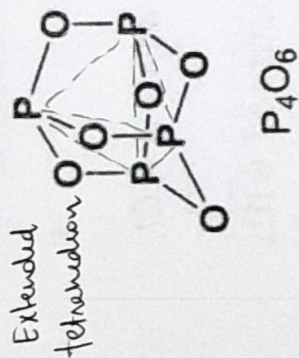
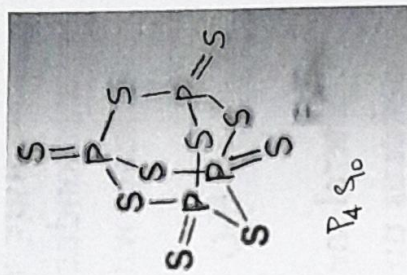
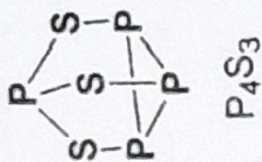
- White: Solitary clusters
- Red: Tetrahedral clusters connected by single bonds
- Violet: Tetrahedral shape is broken cross-chain links
- Black: Puckered-layer structure (2D)



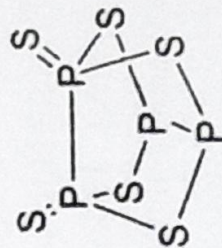
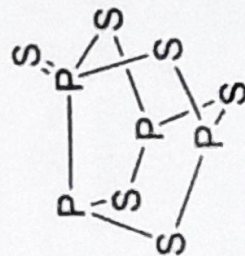
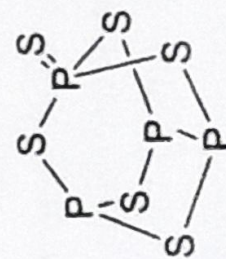
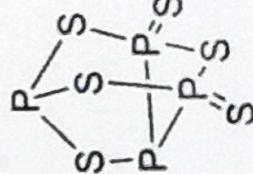
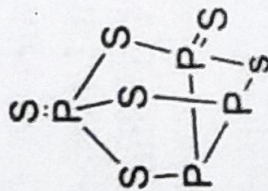
# Phosphorus oxides and sulfides



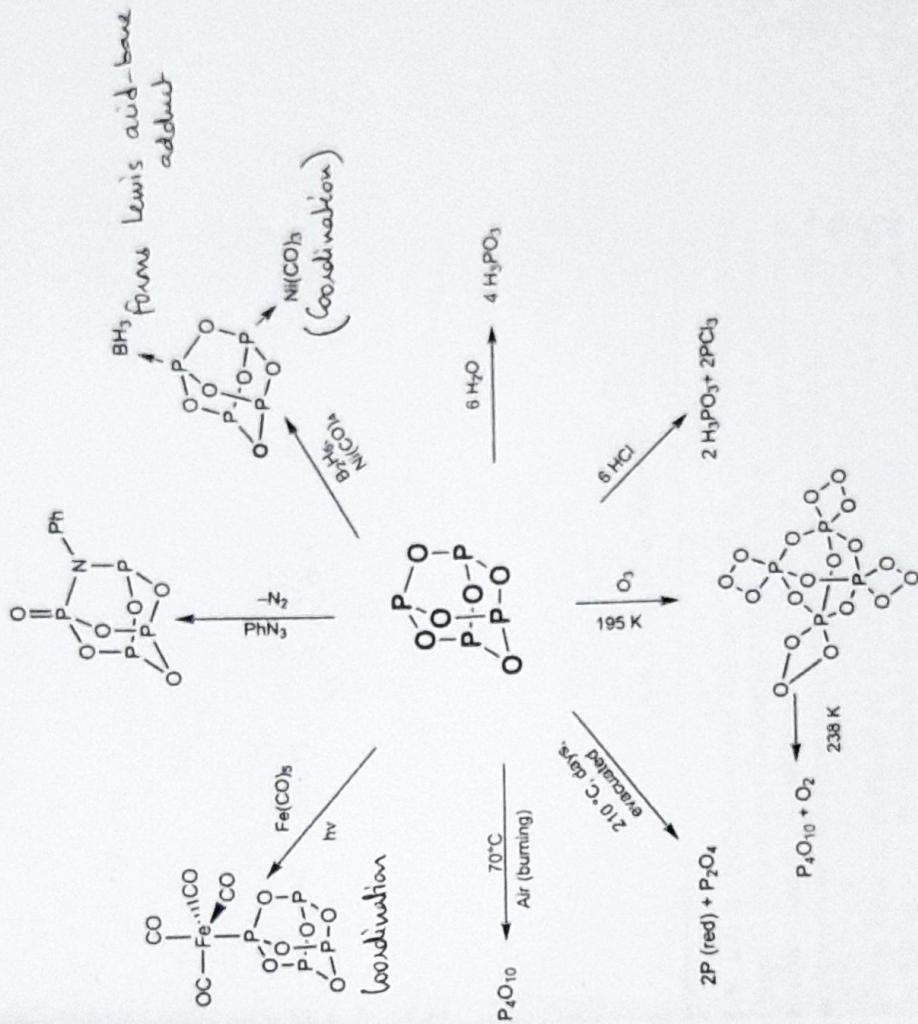
Phosphorus pentoxide



Phosphorus trioxide



# Reactions of $P_4O_6$

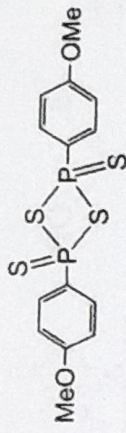




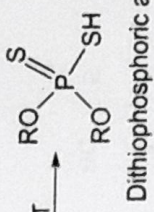
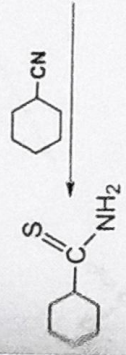
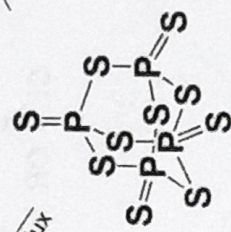
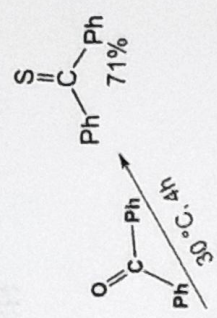
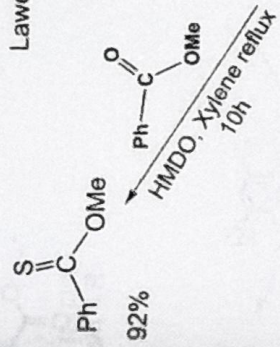
# Reactions of $P_4S_{10}$

Very good sulfuring agent

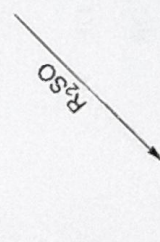
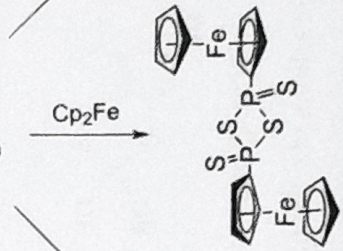
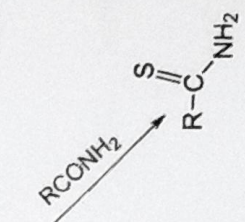
Lawesson's reagent - better sulfuring agent easier to handle less smelly & toxic, more stable



Lawesson's reagent



Dithiophosphoric acid



# Lecture - live (3rd Dec)

## Rings, macrocycles and polymers

### Organic Ring systems

Very important - Benzene, cycloalkanes (homologous series - 3 to 30)

Heterocycles - replacing one or more C with p-block element in a homocyclic compound (very vast).

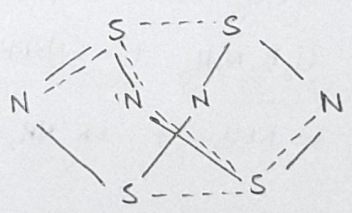
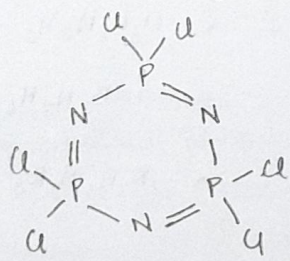
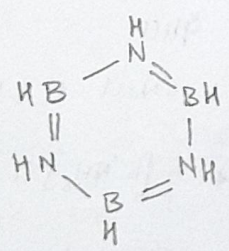
Eg: Pyridines, furans etc.

### Inorganic heterocycles

- Extension of substitution process to replace all C atoms with other p-block elements
- Elemental sulphur ( $S_8$ ): Cyclo- $S_8$ : quintessential inorganic rings  
Homocyclic sulfur rings (Cyclo- $S_n$ ) from  $n=6$  to 24
- Cyclo silanes  $(R_2Si)_n$  for  $n=3-35$  - Saturated inorganic ring system
- Salvarsan - arsenic based drug - mixture of 3 and 5 membered rings:  $(RAs)_n$  where  $n=3,5$   $R=3-NH_2, 4-OH C_6H_3$   
Used in chemotherapy, treating syphilis.

### Historical background

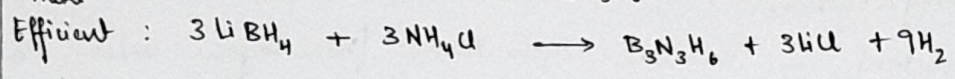
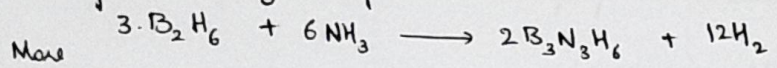
- \* First structure - cyclotriphosphazene  $(NPu_2)_3$  - 1834 - 6 membered ring  
tetrasulfur tetranitride  $(S_4N_4)$  - 1835 - folded cage structure
- \* Structural determinations were the major motivation to figure out the nature of bonding in inorganic heterocyclic ring.
- \* Bozazine -  $B_3N_3H_6$  - 1926 - Inorganic benzene  
Debate over its aromaticity continues till today.



- \*  $\exists$  an extensive homologous series for cyclophosphazenes  $(NPX_2)_n$   
 $n = 3-40$

# ⇒ Borazine

Reported by Alfred Stock and Pohland -



Borazine is isostructural with benzene & their colligative properties are same but they differ -

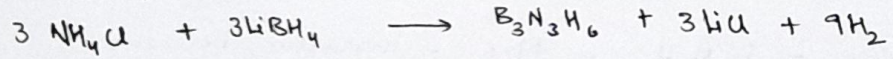
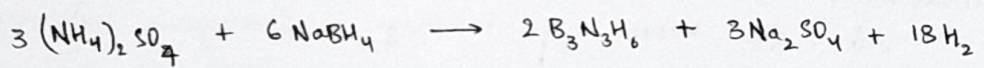
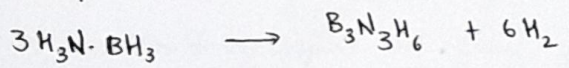
- π electrons are completely delocalised in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>. In borazine, the sp of nitrogen forms a dative bond with boron - partial delocalisation of N lone pairs. Boron-Nitrogen bond length (1.436 Å) is between B-N (1.51 Å) & B=N (1.31 Å)
- ⇒ Electron density is not distributed evenly, due to  $\chi$  difference. ∴ MOs of system are lumpy in appearance. This uneven distribution makes it prone to addition reactions.

## B-N Rings

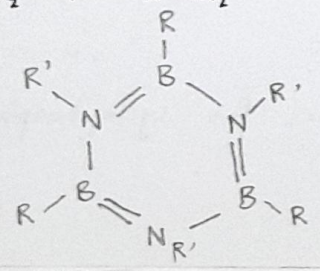
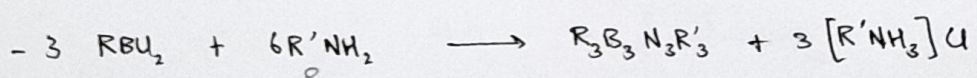
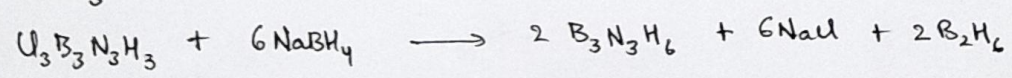
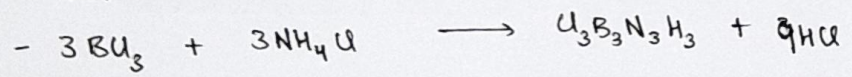
\*  $RB \equiv NR'$  : Iminoboranes - similar / isoelectronic to alkynes &  $R-C \equiv N$ . Just like  $R-C \equiv N$  form triazine rings, ( $\because \equiv$  can't hold the \*  $e^-$  density),  $RB \equiv NR'$  also cyclooligomerize to form rings.

\*  $(RB = NR')$ <sub>n</sub> form 4 (≈ cyclobutadiene), 6 (≈ benzene: more prevalent) and 8 (≈ cyclo-octatetraene) membered rings

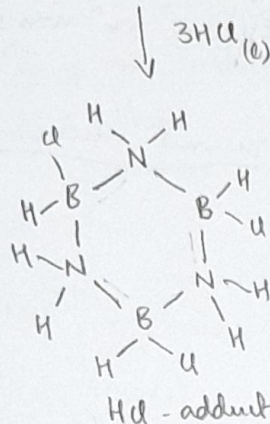
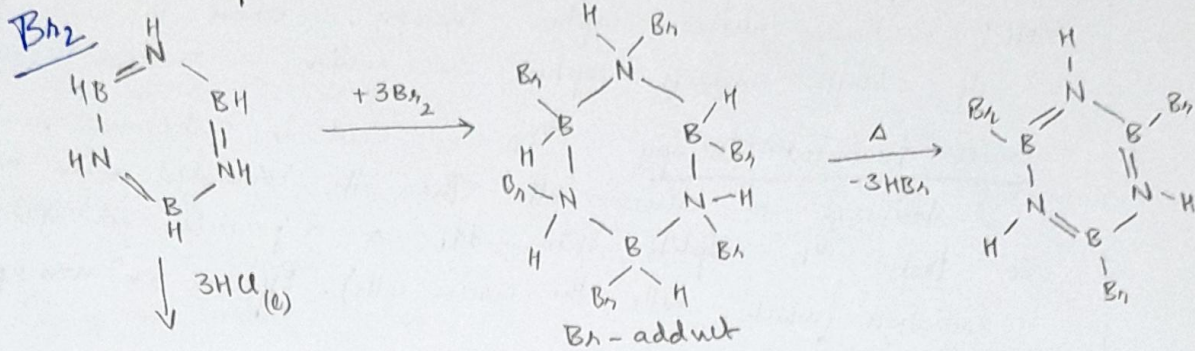
\* Borazine first prepared by thermolysis of diborane-ammonia adduct



## \* Substituted borazines -

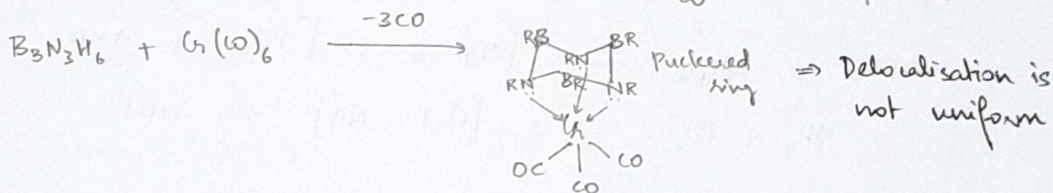
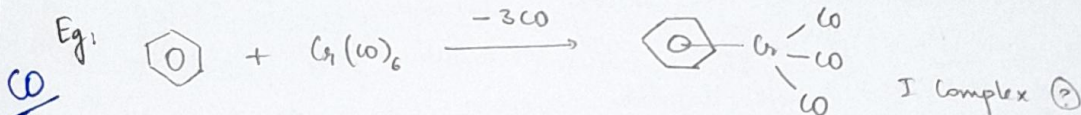


# Reactions of Borazine



# Benzene doesn't react with HCl  
In presence of Lewis acid it reacts with B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> to undergo Nucleophilic substitution.

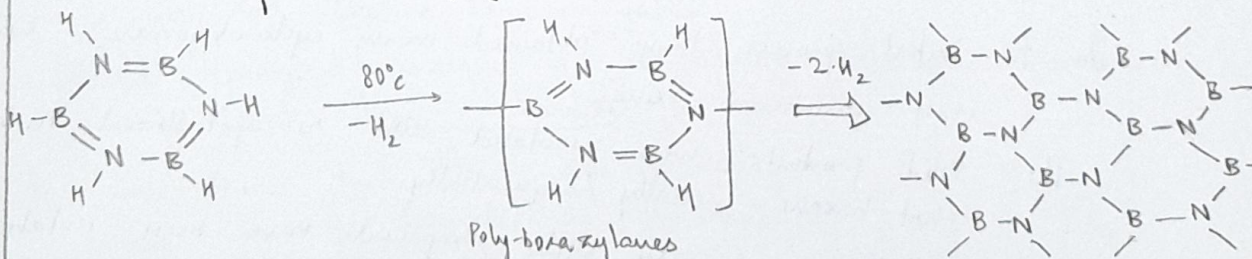
Some reactions are similar -



## ⇒ B-N Polymers

Borazine can be used to make B-N polymers and ceramics

- Low T thermally induced dehydropolymerisation of N<sub>3</sub>B<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> gives a cycl-linear polymers (-H<sub>2</sub>)



- Pyrolysis at 1200°C yielded white boron nitride in 85-93% yield
- Borazine can also be used to grow B-N thin films on to surface to the thickness we want.
- NR<sub>2</sub> is a better leaving group than H<sub>2</sub>.

Nuclear application of Boron & boranes -

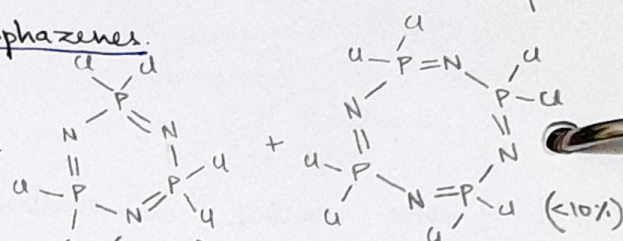
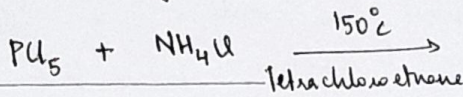
BNCT: Boron neutron capture therapy - boron is used for its large neutron capture cross-section in nuclear reactors  
 water soluble  $\leftarrow$  BSH & BPA

\* Cancer treatment therapy -  $^{10}\text{B}$  is used in carboboranes and delivered to cancer cells. Then its bombarded with neutrons so that  $^{10}\text{B}$  splits into  $^7\text{Li}$ ,  $\alpha$ -particle and gamma radiation (which kills the cancer cells). Effective on non-operable brain tumors.

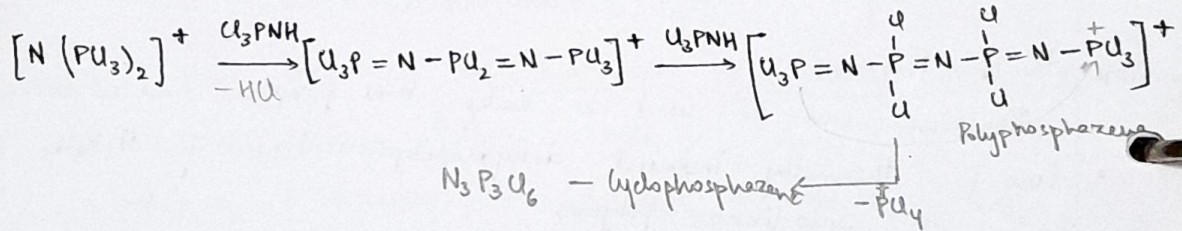
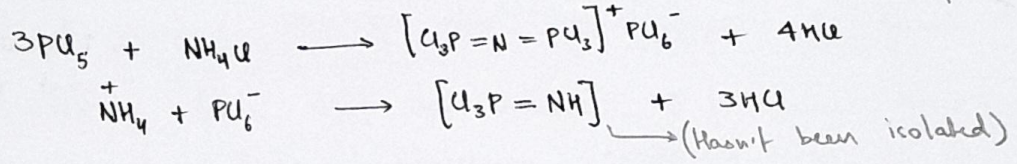
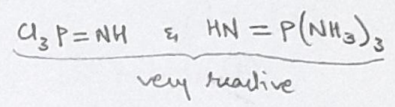
\* In nuclear reactors, boron rods absorb thermal neutrons

Cyclic P-N compounds: Cyclophosphazenes

High-boiling non-polar solvent



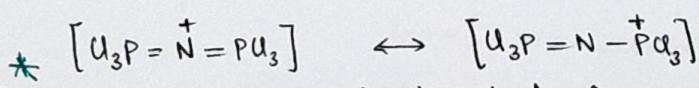
\* They were checking rxn of  $\text{PCl}_5$  with ammonia - resulted in mixture of moisture sensitive compounds  $\sim$  ( $\sim 50\%$ )



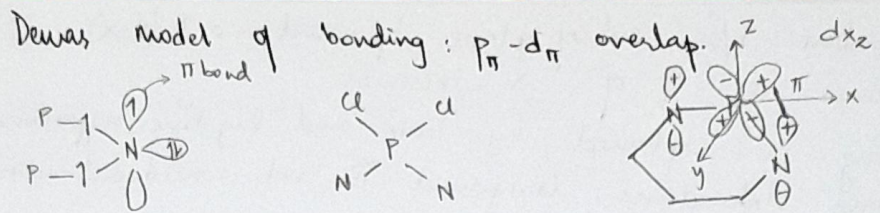
In the initial process, they obtained many cyclo-oligomers - upto  $\sim 24$  membered ring.

The solid products were isolated and re-crystallized in hot-hexane serially / sequentially.

Through this many ~~etc~~ cyclic compounds have been isolated. The trimer is the major product i.e. max yield.



The resonance form is important for cyclisation. If + charge was just on N, it would lead to branching. When its on P, the other end of polyphosphazene attacks, removes  $^+\text{PCl}_4$  and forms cyclic compound.



According to VBT, the 5<sup>th</sup> electron in P will be put in a d-orbital to form the  $P_{\pi}-d_{\pi}$  overlap

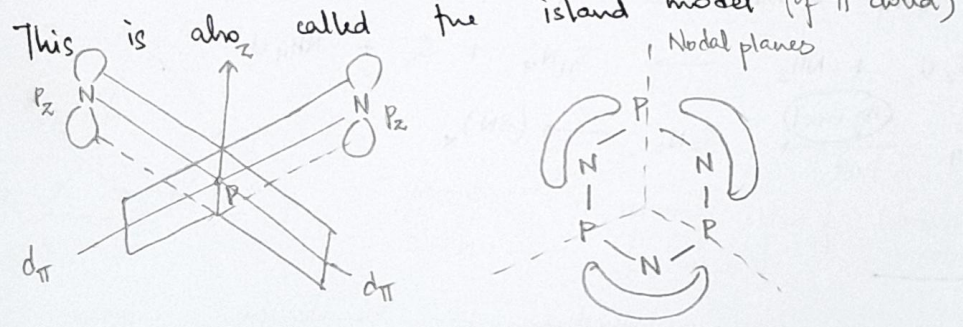
\* Craig & Paddock model

The electron in N p-orbital forms a  $\pi$  bond with an electron present in  $dxz$  or  $dyz$  orbital

(?) The  $dxz$   $e^{-}$  would react with one neighboring N, while the  $dyz$  would interact with other. This predicts a delocalised  $\pi$  bond, that doesn't match with the actual structure

\* Dewar's model

Here, the  $dxz$  and  $dyz$  will combine to form a pair of hybridised d orbitals, which are represented as orthogonal  $\pi$  orbitals. They lead to the formation of a nodal plane which breaks the complete delocalisation in the molecule

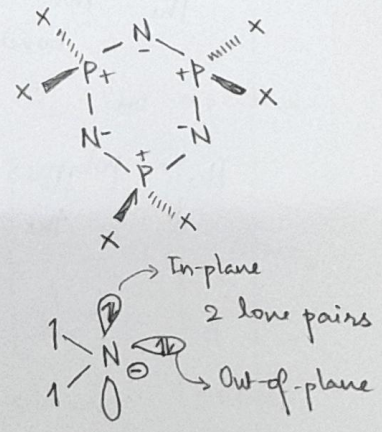


\* Zwitterionic and Negative hyperconjugation

Detailed topological analysis of  $e^{-}$  density distribution reveals a significant ionic character in P-N bond

It was found that there are no double bonds i.e. no delocalisation. The molecule can take planar structure or puckered ring structure

$N^{-}$  has two lone pairs, one of which participates in negative hyperconjugation  
 $\Rightarrow$  In plane ( $P_z$ ) and out-of-plane ( $P_x$ ) lone pairs interact with  $\sigma^*$  (P-N) and  $\sigma^*$  (P-X) orbitals respectively.



The interaction b/w out of plane lp and  $\sigma^*(P-X)$  increases as  $\chi$  of X increases.

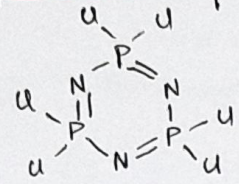
So bonding is explained by ionic and negative hyperconjugation reactions interactions. Compound is not considered ionic anymore.

TP

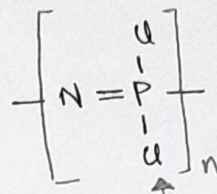
Reactivity of Cyclotriphosphazenes

There are many reactions that can be carried out.

Polymerisation of polyphosphazenes -



210-250°C

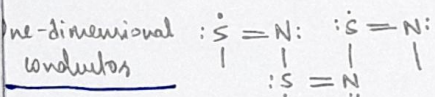
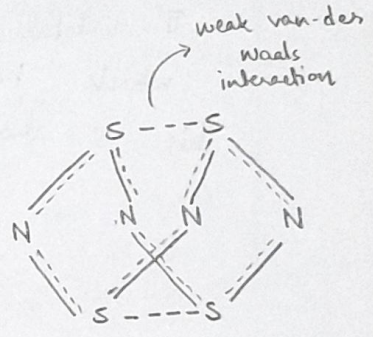
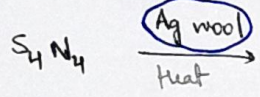


Cl can be substituted with other substituents -  
-OR, -NR<sub>2</sub>, -R

Very reactive

Sulfur Nitrogen rings

S<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub> - interlocked cage structure



Lewis structure can't be written for this structure  
Except for bonded e<sup>-</sup>, all other e<sup>-</sup>s are completely delocalised through the molecule.

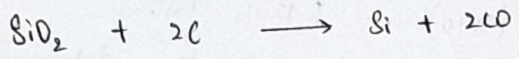
The two S molecules form a weak van der Waals bond. due to their proximity & presence of odd electron on S because - it has 6 valence e<sup>-</sup>s but only 3 bonds.

The polymer (SN)<sub>x</sub> is considered a conductor because of the delocalisation of the odd electron.

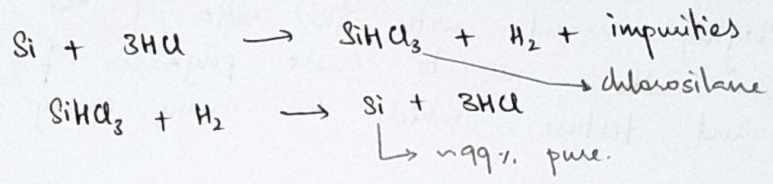
# Silicon compounds and silicates

## Elemental Si

- Prod<sup>n</sup> & purification from SiO<sub>2</sub>, sand, ~~qz~~ quartz in an electric arc furnace and we use coke as reducing agent. We get 98% purity.
- Further purified by converting Si into volatile silane compounds, which are isolated by fractional distillation, after which its reduced to Si by red<sup>n</sup> at 1000°C by H<sub>2</sub>.



Siemens Process

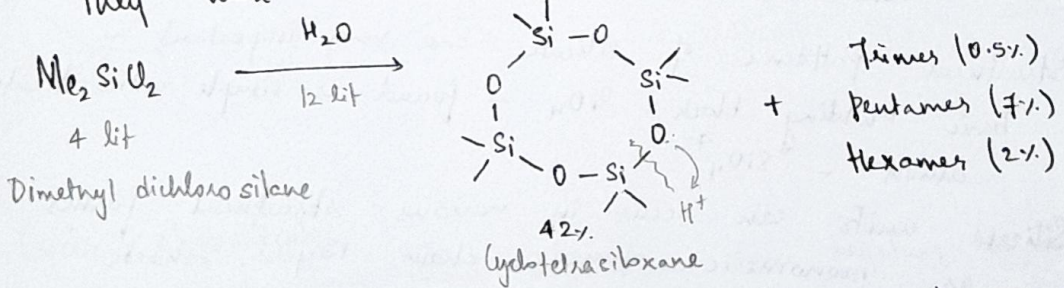


- To produce semiconductor grade silicon - Crystal growth / Czochralski technique - heating Si to 1500°C in a silica crucible under inert atmosphere using a rotating seed crystal.

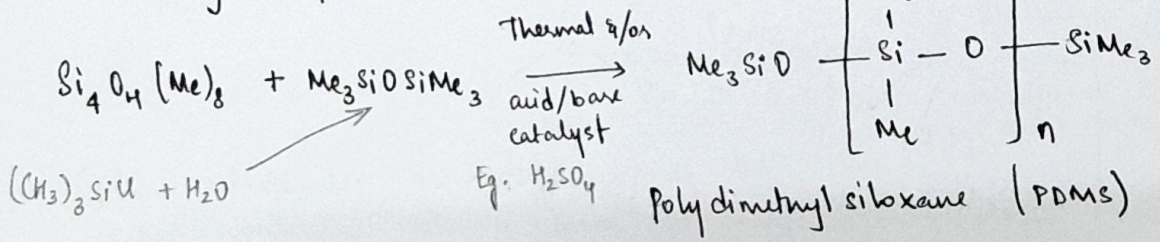
Other techniques - Bridgeman technique (Also used to make Asta and InP semiconductors)

## Silicone polymers

They were invented + worked on by F. Stanley Kipping.



The products are all viscous oils, so they can be separated by distillation



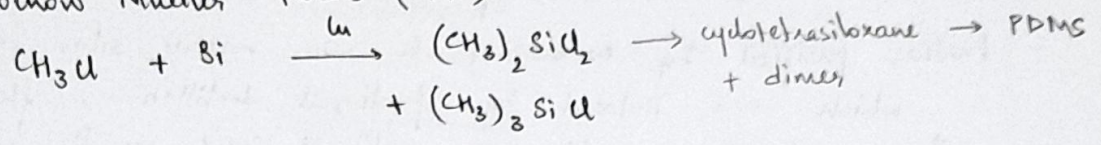


PDMS are silicane polymers ( $\because$  they're considered analogues of ketones -  $R_2C=O \because R_2Si=O$ )

In  $R_2Si=O$ , the  $e^-$  density can't be contained so it ends up forming oligomers and polymers.

### Industrial success of silicone

Rochow Mueller Process (1943)



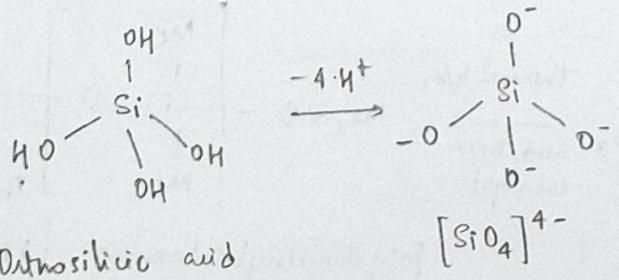
World silicone demand (2010) - \$12.4 billion.

Playing around with the ratio of the tetramers and dimers allows us to create polymers of different hardness and texture, which has many, many applications.

### Silicates and Metal silicates

- \*  $\hookrightarrow$  90% of earth's crust. Silicates are ionic compounds that contain silicon oxanion along with metal cation.
- \* Silicates are major constituents of pottery (from clay materials) and glass (transparent, supercooled & infinitely viscous liquid of metal silicates).
- \* Clay is a mixture of various hydrated silicates of aluminium - bentonite, kaolinite, hawcysite etc.
- \* Structural patterns of silicates are very important -  
Basic building block:  $SiO_4$  - found as simple orthosilicate anion -  $SiO_4^{4-}$

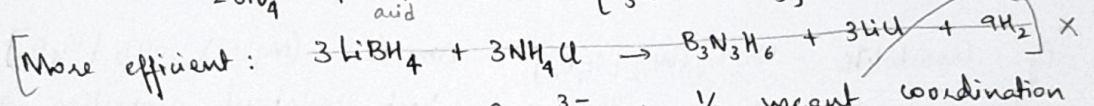
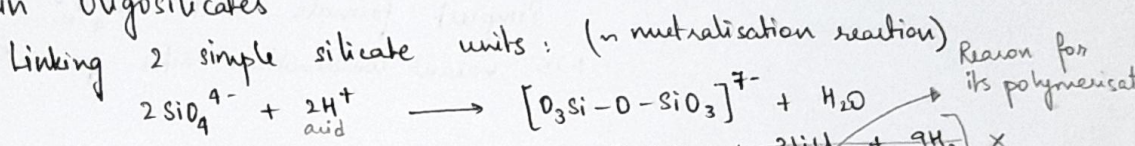
Silicate units can occur in various structural forms such as monomeric, dimeric, chain, layers, sheets and cage structures.



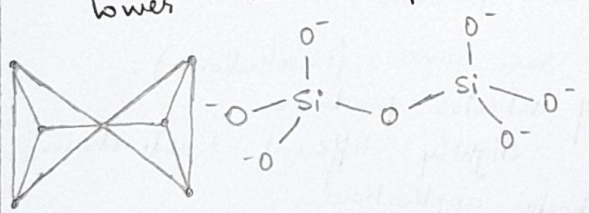
67 ⇒ Orthosilicate anion  $[\text{SiO}_4]^{4-}$

- Rare, not found in many minerals. Strong base ⇒ cannot persist in aqueous solution
- Occur in nature as insoluble salts of acidic cations
- Eg: Phenacite ( $\text{Be}_2\text{SiO}_4$ ), Willemite ( $\text{Zn}_2\text{SiO}_4$ ), Zircon ( $\text{ZrSiO}_4$ )  
Garnets -  $(\text{M}^{2+})_3(\text{M}^{3+})_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$  (Ca, Mg, Fe; Al, Cr, Fe)  
Olivine -  $\text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4$  or  $\text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4$   
Isomorphous substitution is very common. So the formula is written as  $(\text{Fe, Mg})\text{SiO}_4$ .  
They can substitute each other in any proportion.
- ~~St~~ These minerals are found in magma and buried deep under desert soil (∴ less rain ⇒ less solid). Also found in newly formed soil.

⇒ Chain oligosilicates



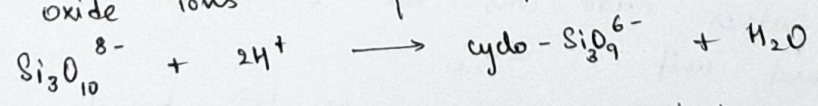
Basic structural unit:  $\text{SiO}_{3.5}^{3-}$  : 1/2 vacant coordination site per unit. This is less basic than  $\text{SiO}_4^{4-}$  ∴ it has lower -ve charge density.



The Si-O-Si angle is determined by the bulkiness of the cation.

⇒ Cyclic oligosilicates

Ends of long chain oligosilicates come together to eliminate oxide ions and form cyclic silicates.



Bentonite  $\text{BaTi}(\text{Si}_3\text{O}_9)$   
Similarly,  $\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}^{12-}$  is also formed  
Eg. Beryl:  $\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})$

⇒ Cyclic metasilicates are oligomers of  $\text{SiO}_3^{2-}$ . One vacant coordination site & lower -ve charge density (-2) per Si unit.

→ Chain Polysilicate - Pyroxene & Amphibole



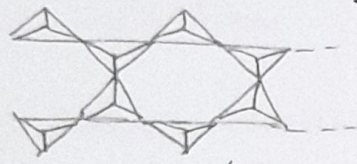
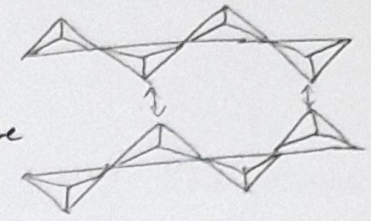
$SiO_3^{2-}$  in pyroxene



$SiO_3^{2-}$  in  $LiSiO_3$

Enstatite ( $MgSiO_3$ ), Diopside ( $MgCaSi_2O_6$ ), Spodumene ( $LiAlSi_2O_6$ ), Pektolite ( $CaAlSi_2O_6$ )

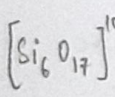
- There are different types of single chain silicate polymers
- Similar charge density, basicity & formula as the cyclic analog.
- Further reduction in anion basicity & reduced charge density is achieved by formation of double-chain polysilicate by side-to-side linking of chain polymers



$Si_4O_{11}^{6-}$

⇒ Double chain polysilicates: Amphiboles  
 Fractional structural unit:  $SiO_{2.75}^{1.5-}$   
 Simplest formula unit:  $Si_4O_{11}^{6-}$   
 1.25 vacant coordination sites per Si.

HW



- Eg: Crocidolite -  $Na_2Fe_3(OH)_2[Si_4O_{11}]_2$  Amosite -  $(Mg,Fe)_7(OH)_2[Si_4O_{11}]_2$

\* Known for their fire and heat resistant properties and for their fibrous nature.  
 Used for weaving of insulating & non-flammable garments & for use in +3000 products.

\* Inhaling → asbestosis & rare cancers (mesothelioma).  
 US-EPA banned use of asbestos products  
 Xenotile -  $Ca_8(OH)_2(Si_6O_{17})$  - slightly different double-chain used for asbestos applications.

⇒ Layered Polymeric Silicates

If side to side linking of chains is continued indefinitely, further oxide ions are eliminated.

Structural unit:  $SiO_{2.5}^-$

1.5 vacant coordination site per Si, lower basicity

Formula:  ~~$Si_4O_{10}^{4-}$~~   $Si_4O_{10}^{4-}$  - most useful silicate.

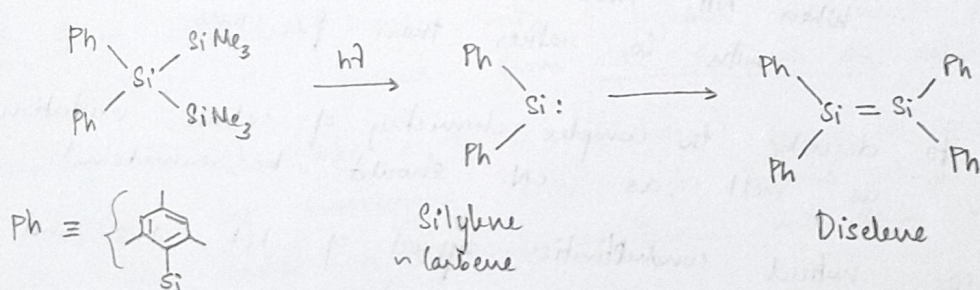
Eg: Clay minerals - kaolinite / china clay  $Al_2(OH)_2[Si_4O_{10}]$ ,  
 Pyrophyllite  $Al_2(OH)_2(Si_4O_{10})$ , Serpentine  $Mg_6(OH)_8(Si_4O_{10})$ .

Further removal of oxygen will lead to uncharged oxide, silica - SiO<sub>2</sub> - acidic nature

⇒ Silica - 3D unit

- It has 3 crystalline forms -
  - Quartz < 870°C
  - Tridymite 870° - 1470°C
  - Cristobalite 1470° - 1710°C, at which T, silica melts.
- High viscosity of molten silica makes crystallization slow. Instead of crystallizing, it forms glass, which softens near 1500°C. Flash cooling of silica → glass
- Conversion of one crystalline form to another is difficult and slow even at high T ∴ it involves breaking Si-O. All forms contain SiO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra, sharing oxygen atoms.
- Quartz: common form of silica. Contains helical chains of SiO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra (chiral). Each full turn of helix contains 3 Si and 30 atoms; 6 helices combine to form overall hexagonal shape.
- α-Quartz has a similar but less regular structure than β-Quartz

Si-Si Double Bond - Robert West, 1989  
First stable silicon-silicon double bond



This double bond is non-classical ∴ 2 singlet silylene overlap - lp in s is given to p orbital - which gives rise to a non-planar structure.

This can be compared to formation of ethylene by two triplet carbenes through pair bonding, giving rise to classical double bond & planar structure.

## Transition Metal Chemistry

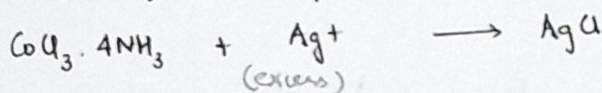
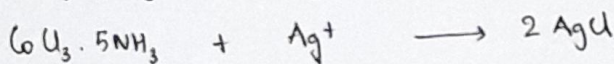
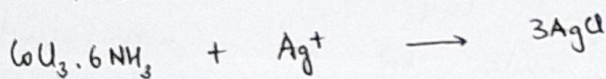
- Coordination compounds were first identified ~~with~~ in 19<sup>th</sup> cent and they showed very different characteristics from regular salts. It was a challenge in those days  $\rightarrow$  they were called complexes.

- Modern study began by Alfred Werner and Sophus Mads Jørgensen - both had different approaches. Werner's was widely accepted - first inorganic chemist to win the Nobel.

- His first experiments were based on 4 complexes of Cobalt (III) chloride with ammonia (at diff. concentrations)
 

$\text{CoCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{NH}_3$ (yellow)	$\text{CoCl}_3 \cdot 5\text{NH}_3$ (purple)	- same formula, distinct properties.
$\text{CoCl}_3 \cdot 4\text{NH}_3$ (green)	$\text{CoCl}_3 \cdot 4\text{NH}_3$ (violet)	

- He also noted the difference in reactivities of chloride ions with  $\text{AgNO}_3$



- Postulate: Co exhibits constant coordination numbers (CN) in the series when  $\text{NH}_3$  molecules are reduced, chlorine bonds covalently with Co rather than free ions.

So to describe the complex chemistry of cobalt, oxidation state as well as CN. should be considered.

- Also noticed conductivities typical of 1:1, 1:2 and 1:3 electrolytes for these complexes.
- Werner also identified that bonds to ligands were fixed in space  $\Rightarrow$  they can be treated by application of structural application  $\Rightarrow$  he predicted the correct geometric structures of many coordinate compounds.

71 • Eg: For octahedral  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2]^{+}$  two isomers were observed - violet and green, which could be cis-trans isomers. Similarly for  $\text{Pd}(\text{II})$  and  $\text{Pt}(\text{II})$ ,  $\text{MA}_2\text{B}_2$  structures with 2 isomers (cis, trans) were identified.

**Bonding**

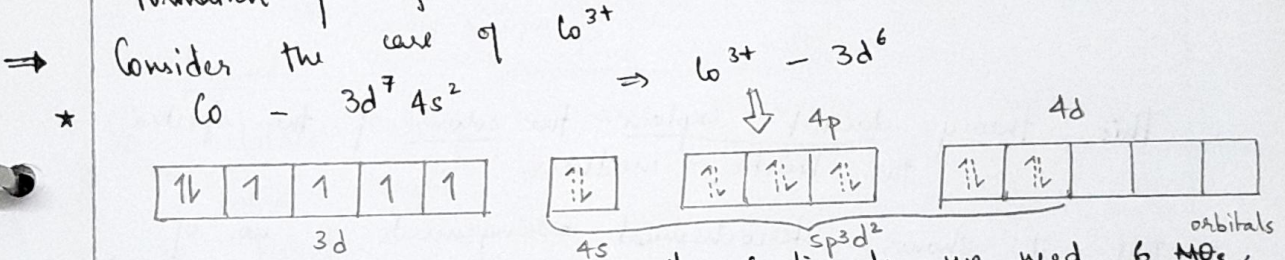
Many theories have been proposed -

1. Valence Bond Theory - 1930s - Linus Pauling
  2. Crystal field theory - 1950s & 1960s - Hans Bethe & Van Vleck  
later modified to ligand field theory (MO based approach to crystal field concepts)
  3. Molecular Orbital Theory - very widely applicable
- VBT and CFT are applied as working models for practicing inorganic chemistry and continue to contribute to current discussions.

But in reality, all steps are happening simultaneously.

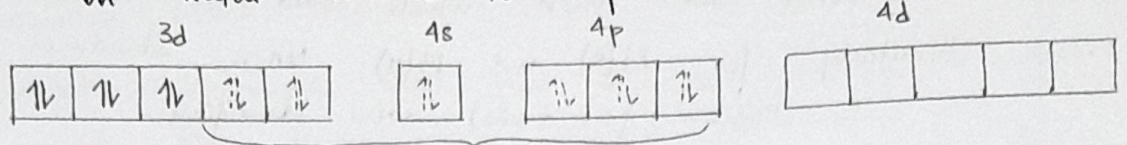
**Valence Bond Theory**

Formation of complex is considered as a series of hypothetical steps.

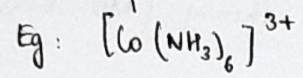


- \* To form octahedral complex with 6 ligands, we need 6  $\text{AOs}$ , which are formed from 4s, 4p and 4d orbitals
  - \* Incoming ligand (with a lp or -ve charge) forms a coordinate bond by overlapping with empty hybrid orbitals on the metal ⇒  $\sigma$ -bond is formed with each ligand.
  - \* Due to use of 4 orbitals - outer sphere complex. Energy of these orbitals are quite high, so complex will be reactive
  - \* Large no. of unpaired electrons in its  $3d^6$  configuration ⇒ high spin complex i.e. its paramagnetic.
- Eg:  $[\text{CoCl}_6]^{3-}$

⇒ Alternatively, when there's a strong ligand, electrons on metal ion are rearranged as below -

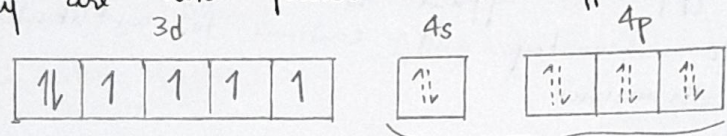


- This is because the unpaired e<sup>-</sup> on the metal ion are forced to pair up ⇒ low spin complex i.e. diamagnetic
- Since low energy 3d orbitals are used → inner sphere complex, which is more stable



⇒ Four coordinate complexes

They are also possible in two different arrangements -



One paired configuration  
Two unpaired ⇒ paramagnetic

- This theory doesn't explain the colours of the spectra or the kinetic inertness.
- But it shows stereochemical arrangements & no. of unpaired electrons ⇒ magnetic moment can be calculated. It cannot explain variation of magnetic moment with T. i.e. the changes in spin configuration that causes it.

### Crystal Field Theory.

Assumptions -

1. Attraction b/w metal ion and ligand is purely electrostatic.  
 Metal ion - positively charged equal to the  $oxd^n$  state  
 Ligands - neutral or negatively charged - treated as point charges  
 -ve end of dipole is directed towards metal ion.  
 Electrons of central atom experience repulsive forces from e<sup>-</sup>s of ligand.

73 2. There is no interaction b/w metal orbitals and ligand orbitals

3. All d orbitals of metal have same energy in free atom. When the complex is formed, the ligands destroy the degeneracy of these orbitals (the geometry of the crystal field determines the energies of d-orbitals)

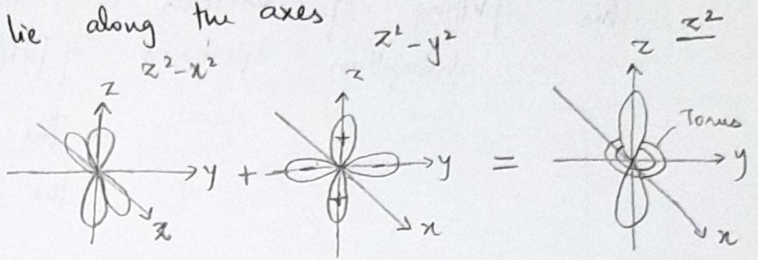
Octahedral Crystal Field.

In the free atom, the d-orbitals -

- $d_{xy}, d_{yz}, d_{zx}$  - lie in between the axes
- $d_{x^2-y^2}$  and  $d_{z^2}$  lie along the axes

$d_{z^2} = d_{z^2-x^2-y^2}$

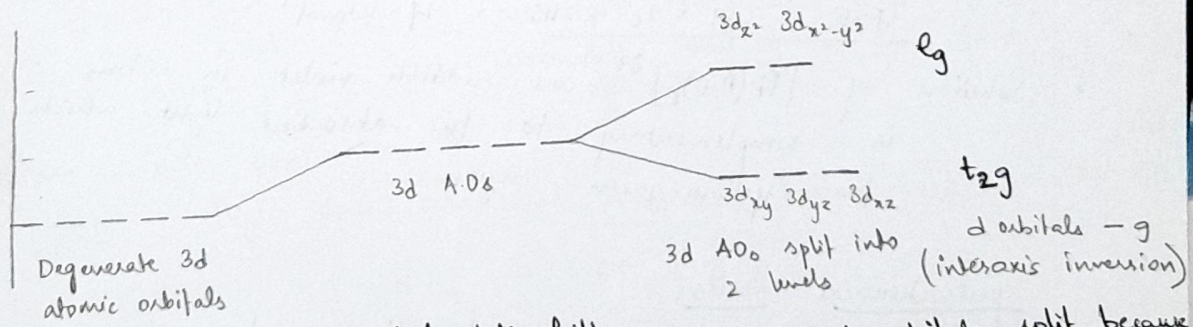
$e^-$  density on the x-y plane is very weak



- diffused spherical  $e^-$  density cloud  
Most of it is present along the z-axis.

If all the orbitals were superimposed on the same coordinate axes, in an octahedral field (cubic), then the ligands approach along the axes.

So orbitals along the axes experience more repulsion and increase in energy. At same time, orbitals in between the axes will reduce in energy.

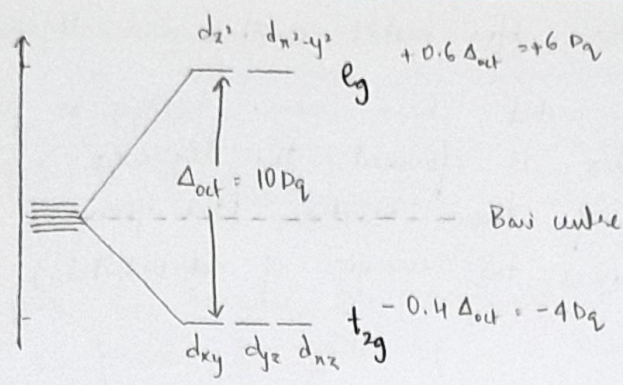


$M^{n+}$  and 6 ligands are infinitely far apart

If electrostatic field created by point charge ligands is spherical, energies of 3d orbitals are raised uniformly

The 3d orbitals split because ligands create an octahedral field, raising & lowering the energies of certain orbitals along & in between axes.

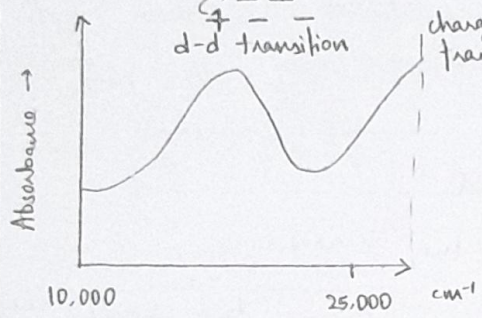




Bary centre  
Weighted average energy level of the two sets of perturbed orbitals

-ve sign of  $t_{2g}$  orbitals is because they're stabilised i.e. energy is lowered

This splitting of orbitals can be observed in the UV-visible absorption spectrum of  $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$  -



\* The peak in absorbance is for the excitation of  $t_{2g}$  electron to an  $e_g$  electron.  
\* The second peak (out of graph) is due to ligand  $\rightarrow$  metal charge transfer.

\* d-d transition peak  $\approx 20,300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$   
 $\Delta_{oct} = 243 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  ( $\because 1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} = 83.7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )

Similar to the energy of many normal single bonds  $\Rightarrow$  during this transition, some of the bonds are activated.

Crystal Field Stabilisation Energy -

$CFSE = 0.4 \times 1e^{\ominus} \times 243 = 97 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

\* Solution of  $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$  are reddish violet in colour  $\because$  this is complementary to the absorbed light which is in the yellow-green region.

Refer - JD Lee

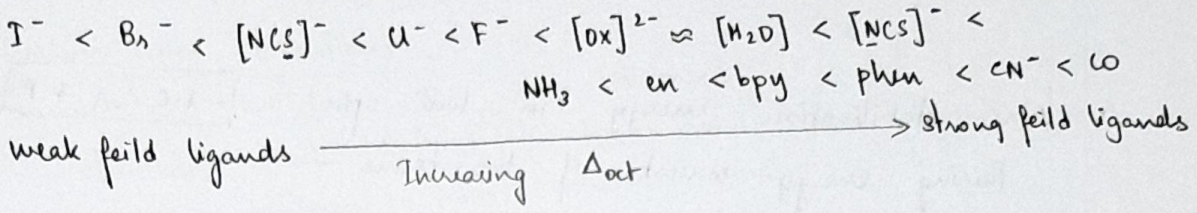
Spectrochemical series

Measuring the UV-visible absorption spectra of many complexes helps us determine the CFSE - which is the first peak in the graph

Comparing the CFSE of similarly oxidised Cr coordinate complex -

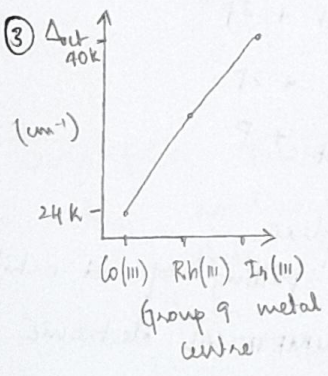
$[CrF_6]^{3-}$	15000
$[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$	17400
$[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$	21600
$[Cr(CN)_6]^{3-}$	26600

CFSE increases with the strength of stronger ligands  
 $\therefore$  it creates high field.



- Magnitude of  $\Delta_{oct}$  depends on -
1. Nature of ligand
  2. Charge on metal ion
  3. Location of metal ion in the group.
- (2) No. of e's involved in CFSE also matters. Higher  $oxd^n$  state tend to stabilise the complex more ( $\therefore$  more e's in  $t_{2g}$ ?)

(2) Patterns of increasing  $\sigma$ -donation : Halide  $< O < N < C$ -donors  
 Because, the  $\sigma$  donation by C-donors is very strong, they end up forming a M-C covalent bond, which now comes under the study of organometallics  $\Rightarrow$  less coordinative bond/character



The splitting energy / CFSE increases down the group.  $\therefore$  increased separation of s & d orbitals

- \* Metal ions are LA and ligands are LB and their hard-soft nature should be compatible.
- \*  $M^{2+}$  and  $M^{3+}$  have intermediate acidity & N-donors have intermediate basicity  $\Rightarrow$  they form most efficient bonds.

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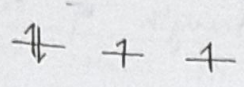
CFSE : High spin octahedral complexes (weak field)

$$CFSE = (-0.4 n_{t_{2g}} + 0.6 n_{e_g}) \Delta_{oct}$$

In weak field complexes, the electrons are filled according to Hund's rule. first filling 1 electron in  $t_{2g}$ , then in  $e_g$  orbitals, and then filling the 2nd electron in the same sequence  $\Rightarrow d^3, d^8$  - most stable ;  $d^5, d^{10}$  - least stable.

# High spin and low spin complexes

Barycentre

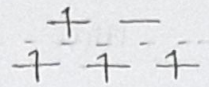


$-1.6 \Delta_{oct}$

Low

$\Delta_{oct} > P$

$d^4$  system



$-0.6 \Delta_{oct}$

High

$\Delta_{oct} < P$

Barycentre

Total stabilisation energy in low spin :  $-1.6 \Delta_{oct} + P$

Pairing energy consists of two terms -

- i) Loss in exchange energy upon pairing
- ii) Coulombic repulsion between spin paired electrons.

Spectroscopically, P can be determined by estimating the observed absorption maxima (vs. expected maxima)

Eg:  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$  - low spin : good  $\sigma$ -donor, good  $\pi$ -acceptor (less than CO)

The configuration is different for low spin complexes as follows -

$d^4$	$t_{2g}^4 e_g^0$	$-1.6 \Delta_{oct} + P$
$d^5$	$t_{2g}^5 e_g^0$	$-2.0 \Delta_{oct} + 2P$
$d^6$	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^0$	$-2.4 \Delta_{oct} + 2P$
$d^7$	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^1$	$-1.8 \Delta_{oct} + P$

Tetragonal distortions in octahedral complexes  
 Repulsion by ligands causes the splitting of d-orbitals.

ASYMMETRICAL electronic arrangement

Spherically symmetrical

$d_n$	$t_{2g}$	$e_g$	Nature of ligand					
$d_0$	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr></table>				<table border="1"><tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr></table>			Strong / weak
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$d_n$	$t_{2g}$	$e_g$	Nature					
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⇒ Some ligands are repelled more than others.

⇒ Strong distortions.

SYMMETRICAL electronic arrangement ( $e_g$ )  
 ⇒ All ligands repelled equally - no distortion

Unsymmetrical filling of  $t_{2g}$  orbitals ( $d_1, d_2, d_3(s), d_4(w), d_7(w)$ ) causes smaller distortions than those of  $e_g$  because  $t_{2g}$  orbitals are in between Cartesian axes while ligands approach along the axes.

Distortions caused by asymmetrical arrangements are called Tetragonal distortions or more commonly -

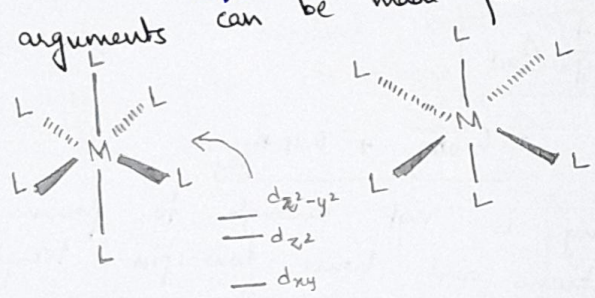
Jahn-Teller Distortions

\*  $d^9$  and  $d^4(w)$  are often distorted Eg:  $CuF_2$  (infinite 2d structure) and  $[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ . Here, axial metal ligand bonds are different from equatorial ones.

\* In  $d^4(w)$  i.e. high spin, if electron is in -  
 \* -  $d_{z^2}$ : more  $e^-$  density between metal & axial ligands  $\Rightarrow$  axial bond elongation.

-  $d_{x^2-y^2}$ : Maximum repulsions in equatorial ligands  $\Rightarrow$  axial bond compression.

Similar arguments can be made for  $d^9$  configuration



In  $[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ ,  $d_{z^2}$  was found to be occupied  $\Rightarrow$  axial elongation.

Jahn-Teller theorem:  $d_{yz}, d_{xz}$

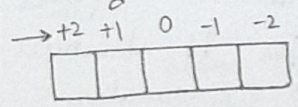
Any non-linear molecular system in a degenerate electronic state will be unstable and will undergo distortion to form a system of lower symmetry & lower energy, losing its degeneracy in the process.

Electronic Term Discussions ~ 32:30

Explanation of Jahn-Teller - why some configurations get distorted ( $d_4$ ) and why some ( $d^3$ ) don't. This is because of the ground electronic term they occupy.

$d^3 \rightarrow A$  (singly degenerate)  $\Rightarrow$  No distortions  
 $d^2 \rightarrow T$  (triply degenerate)  $\Rightarrow$  Yes distortion?

Angular momentum



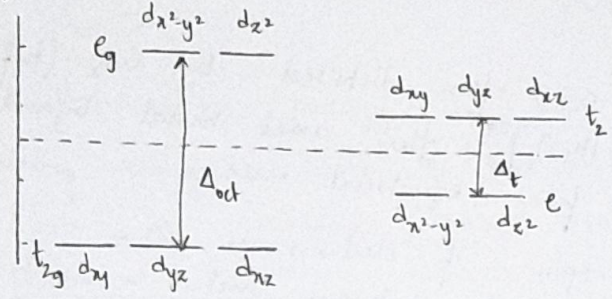
S P D F  $\rightarrow$  Electronic Terms  
 0 +1 +2 +3

F splits into 1 singly and 2 doubly degenerate -  
 $A, T_g, T_{2g}$

# Tetrahedral Crystal Field

Here, the ligands don't approach along the axes, rather in between the axes.

So, none of the d orbitals will face the ligand electrons directly. But  $t_{2g}$  orbitals are more proximal to ligand electrons, so they increase in energy.



Since there's no centre of inversion in tetrahedral structure - no 'g' or 'u' representation.

$\Delta_t < \Delta_o$  due to two main reasons -

1. Only 4 ligands (not 6), so the field is  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the size
  2. Direction of orbital doesn't coincide with that of ligands
- This reduces CF size by  $\sim \frac{2}{3}$

$$\Delta_t = \frac{4}{9} \Delta_{oct}$$

$$(CFSE_{tetrahedral}) = -0.6n_{eg} + 0.4n_{t_{2g}}$$

Tetrahedral splitting is not enough to favour the pairing of electrons and hence low-spin tetrahedral complexes are not common.

Rare example:  $Cr[N(SiMe_3)_2]_3[NO]$   
 $d^4$  species with low spin complex → strong  $\pi$  acid ligand

When are tetrahedral complexes favored?

In  $d^0, d^5, d^{10}$  - they have 0 CFSE, so both octahedral and tetrahedral complexes are equally likely.

≠ Very weak field ligands favor tetrahedral  
 For all other electronic arrangements, octahedral complexes are more stable and more common.

Despite that  $td$  complexes are formed and favoured when -

1. Ligands are bulky & cause crowding in Oct. complexes
2. Attainment of regular shape is important. For  $Td$  structures,  $d^0, d^2, d^5, d^7$  and  $d^{10}$  are regular.

$TiCl_4 - e_g^0 t_{2g}^0$   
 $FeCl_4^{2-} - e_g^2 t_{2g}^0$   
 $CoCl_4 - e_g^4 t_{2g}^0$   
 $ZnCl_4 - e_g^4 t_{2g}^0$

- When loss of CFSE is small -  $d^1$  and  $d^6$  where  
 $CFSE_{out} = -0.4 \Delta_{oct}$        $CFSE_{in} = -0.266 \Delta_{oct} \Rightarrow$  loss  $\sim 0.13 \Delta_{oct}$ .
- When ligands are weak field, so loss in CFSE is less important.
- When there's no CFSE -  $d^0, d^5, d^{10}$
- When central metal atom is in low oxd<sup>n</sup> state, which reduces magnitude of CFSE. Eg  $Ni^0(CO)_4$ .

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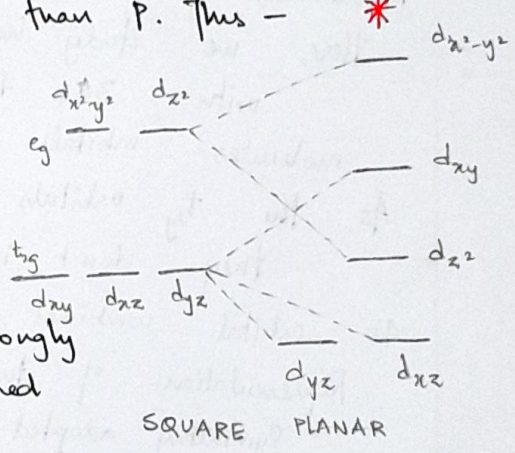
#### Square Planar Complexes

They're expected to be derived from octahedral complex by removal of two axial ligands. Intermediate stage (Z-out) is a Jahn-Teller distortion. Square planar is considered an extreme case of tetragonal distortion

A single  $e^-$  in  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  is repelled by 4 ligands, while one in  $d_{z^2}$  is repelled only by 2 ligands.  
 If the ligand field is strong enough, the difference b/w these two orbitals is more than P. Thus - \*

Especially

- Both  $e^-$ s pair up and occupy lower energy  $d_{z^2}$  orbital
- 4 ligands can approach freely along X & Y  $\therefore$   $d_{x^2-y^2}$  is empty
- Ligands approaching along Z are strongly repelled  $\Rightarrow$  No axial bond formed  $\therefore$  Square planar is formed
- Again  $d_{xy}$  orbital with more X and Y contribution more destabilized.



SQUARE PLANAR

#### Crystal Field splitting comparison

As you lower the symmetry of the molecule, the geometry of the structure changes which affects the degeneracy of its d orbitals. Splittings are given wrt  $\Delta_0$  related to a common barycentre

Extension to allow covalency

(80)

CFT is purely based on electrostatic attraction.

Although improbable, this successfully explains structure of complexes, their spectra and magnetic properties by simple calculations.

↳ Using Orgel diagram which uses electronic terms.

But there are evidences of covalent bonding -

- $Ni(10)_4$  - zero oxidation state  $\Rightarrow$  no electrostatic attraction. Thus, bonding must be covalent.
- Order of ligands in spectrochemical series can't be explained by electrostatic interactions alone
- Evidence of covalency by NMR (coupling b/w nucleus) and EPR (hyperfine splitting due to nuclear spin of M), showing  $e^-$  density on ligands  $\rightarrow$  suggests sharing of electrons
- Racah parameters: introduced to explain the interpretation of spectra, allowing some covalency.  
 $B \rightarrow h + k$  : covalent char. of metal & ligand

## Molecular Orbital Theory.

Here, we study how the orbitals of ligands interact with  $3d$ ,  $4s$  and  $4p$  orbitals to form molecular orbitals.

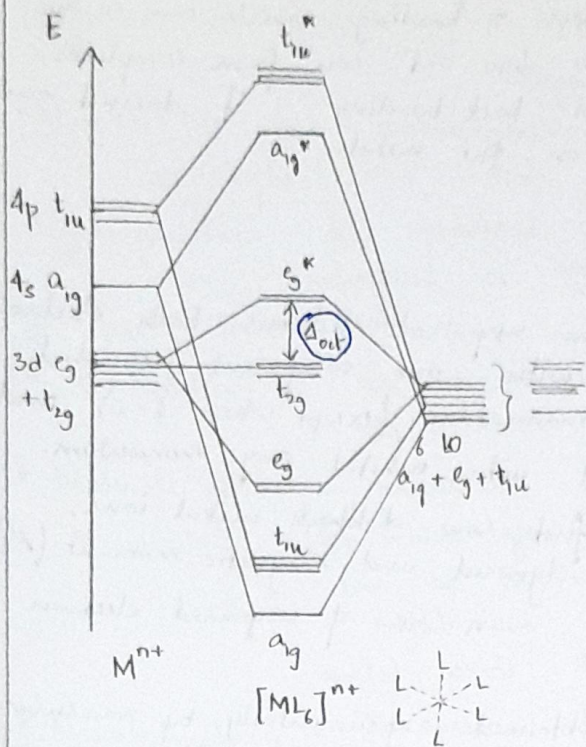
As the  $t_{2g}$  orbitals ( $d_{xy}$ ,  $d_{yz}$ ,  $d_{xz}$ ) exist between the axes, they don't interact with L.O.

$4s$  orbital combines with L.O to form  $a_{1g}$  and  $a_{1g}^*$  MOs.

Representation of these ligand group orbitals come from symmetry adapted linear combination (SALC) i.e. ligand orbitals take different shapes when you operate the octahedral crystal field in the molecule.

Similarly,  $e_g$  and  $4p$  interact with L.O to form corresponding bonding and anti-bonding MOs

Total : 12 molecular orbitals.

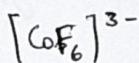
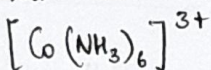


Approximate MO diagram for  $[ML_6]^{n+}$  using ligand group orbital approach  
 Bonding only involves M-L  $\sigma$ -interaction in this diagram

$t_{2g}$ : Non-bonding  $e^-$ s.

12  $e^-$ s from ligands take up  $a_{1g}$ ,  $t_{1u}$  &  $e_g$  orbitals. So, metal electrons occupy  $t_{2g}$  and  $e_g^*$   
 $\Rightarrow$  CFT representation in CFT

$\Rightarrow$  Octahedral  $Co^{3+}$  complexes



$Co^{3+} \rightarrow d^6 \Rightarrow 6$  electrons

$P$  for  $Co^{3+}$ :  $19000\text{ cm}^{-1}$

$\Delta_o$  of  $Co(NH_3)_6$ :  $23,000\text{ cm}^{-1}$

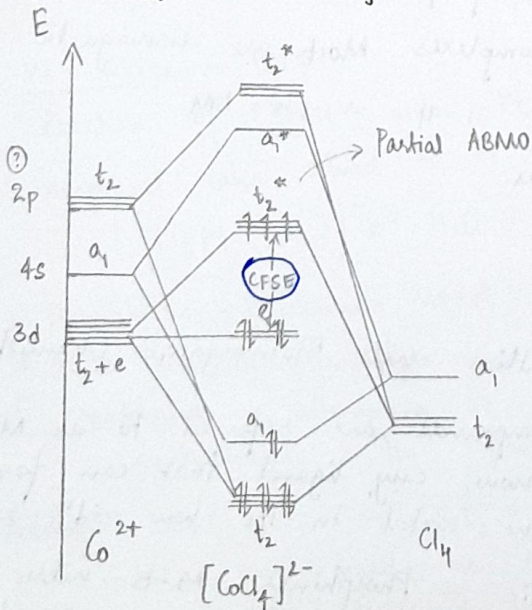
$\Delta_o$  of  $CoF_6$ :  $13000\text{ cm}^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow$  low spin:  $t_{2g}^6 e_g^0$

$\Rightarrow$  High spin:  $t_{2g}^4 e_g^2$

$2p\ t_{1u}?$

Tetrahedral  $Co^{2+}$  complex



$e$  in  $Co^{2+}$  doesn't have a matching orbital set in M-L  $\sigma$ -bond  
 So its non-bonding orbital

MOT and CFT have strong resemblances but they differ fundamentally in how they describe M-L bond, with MO being more realistic and provide better quantitative prediction of properties.

MOT explains magnetic properties and spectra of complexes equally.

Both depend on spectra to measure  $\Delta$  values



- MO has advantage to cover  $\pi$ -bonding, which can easily explain how metals in low  $oxd^n$  can form complexes.  
 CFT can't explain such back-bonding  $\therefore$  it doesn't assume any -ve charge on the metal.

### Magnetic Properties.

- Paramagnetism comes from unpaired electrons. Each electron has magnetic moment with one component associated with spin angular momentum (except when  $l=0$ ) and second component associated with orbital ang. momentum.  
 - For simple complexes of first row d-block metal ions, second component is ignored and magnetic moment ( $\mu$ ) -  

$$\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)}$$
 $n$ : no. of unpaired electron

- Effective magnetic moment - obtained experimentally by measuring molar magnetic susceptibility  $\chi_m$  & is expressed in Bohr magnetons:  $\mu_B = \frac{eh}{4\pi m_e} = 9.27 \times 10^{-24} \text{ JT}^{-1}$

$$\mu_{eff} = \sqrt{\frac{3k\chi_m T}{L/\mu_0 \mu_B^2}}$$

$L$ : Avogadro no.  $k$ : Boltzmann const.  
 $\mu_0$ : vacuum permeability.

$$\mu_{eff} = 2.828 \sqrt{\chi_m T} \quad (\text{Gaussian units})$$

-  $d^8$  complexes  $Ni(CN)_4^{2-}$  and  $NiCl_4^{2-}$  can be distinguished by their magnetic properties.  
 Similarly for  $d^7 Co^{3+}$  complexes. Most are diamagnetic.  
 $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ : paramagnetic:  $n=4 \Rightarrow \mu_{calc} = 4 \text{ BM}$   
 Observed  $\mu = 5.3 \text{ BM}$ .

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#### Introduction to Organometallics and Bioinorganic Chemistry

- Traditionally, organometallic compounds are referred to as M-C bonded system. But now, any ligand that can form a  $\sigma$  bond & stabilize the metal in its low  $oxd^n$  state is considered organometallic - Phosphines, M-B, nitric oxide complexes.

Difference in terminology : Metal-organic ( $Ti(OMe)_4$ )  
 Organometallic ( $R_nTi$ ) - direct M-C  $\sigma$  bond  
 M-CN is not organometallic  $\therefore$  -CN need M to be at a higher  $oxd^n$  state

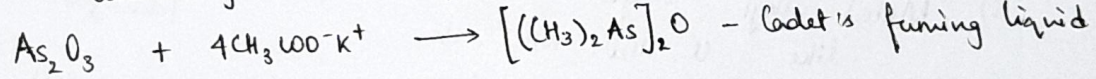
Organometallics has provided conceptual insights, useful catalysts for industrial & organic synthesis

It has links with -

- \* Biochemistry - use of enzymes in organometallic catalysis  
 Eg: Acetyl CoA synthase (MOCVD)
- \* Materials science - precursors for Metal Organic Chemical Vapor Deposition (for which you need volatile compounds; metal alkyls can be sublimated & when M-C bond breaks, metal ions deposit as thin film), metal and metal oxide surfaces
- \* Nanotechnology - to prepare electronic, magnetic & optical devices
- \* Green chemistry - minimizing energy & chemical waste, atom economy (simple byproducts) etc.

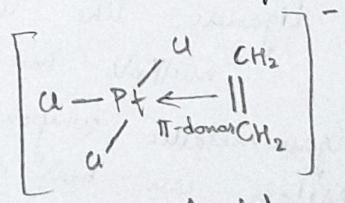
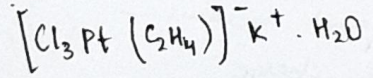
### Historic Background

1. Carodyl oxide - Cadet, 1760, Paris military pharmacy.  
 Discovered during Cadet's work on Co-based invisible ink containing As impurities.



2. W.C. Zeise - 1827

Reaction of EtOH with  $PtCl_2 + PtCl_4$  in presence of KCl  
 Compound later solved to be -



Dewar-Chas-Dunkerton model

DCD Model

\*  $Et_2Zn$  - highly pyrophoric - hard to handle

3. E. Frankland - attempting to prove the presence of organic radical synthesized the first compound with metal-alkyl  $\sigma$  bond

Attempt:  $2EtI + Zn \rightarrow ZnI_2 + 2Et\cdot$  Actual:  $2EtI + 2Zn \rightarrow Zn(Et)_2 + ZnI_2$   
 $Zn(Et)_2$  was used as alkylating reagent, later replaced by Grignard reagent (1900)

4. Ferrocene (1951)

Miller - from Fe and dicyclopentadiene  
 Pauson & Kealey - from CpMgBr + FeCl<sub>3</sub> - proposed a σ-bonded str.  
 Wilkinson & Fisher - proposed the sandwich structure η<sup>5</sup>-Cp rings involved in π-bonding

5. Ziegler's Polymerisation (1953)

Ethylene → Polyethylene using catalyst: TiCl<sub>4</sub> + AlEt<sub>3</sub> <sup>Promotes</sup> → Ti-Et  
 Active catalyst  
 Natta's group: stereoregular polymerisation of propylene and buta-diene was developed using modified catalysts.

6. Wacker's process

Conversion of ethylene → acetaldehyde.  
 Both have profound impact on growing petrochemical industry

Parallely, novel, unprecedented complexes like Vaska's complex, dinitrogen compounds, carbene complexes etc were developed & potentially investigated for various other catalytic processes  
 ↓ 2nd gen ligands      ↓ Grubb's catalyst

18-electron rule

3 types of bonded systems -

- i) Metal alkyl single bond - -R are σ-bonding ligands (donors)  
 like Cl, H<sub>2</sub>O, NH<sub>3</sub> etc.
- ii) Large variety of ligands (in organometallics) are soft and can π bond (donors) Eg: Ethylene, benzene, cyclopentadiene
- iii) Ligands like CO, NO, phosphines, carbenes etc. can bond with multiple interactions involving σ-donors & π-acceptor bonds.

Organometallic compounds are different because -

- \* Metals can bear a greater -ve charge
- \* M-L bonds are more covalent & can π bond
- \* d-e<sup>-</sup> are higher in energy & can perturb (via back donation) the electronic structure of ligands. ⇒ These ligands can be easily polarised and activated towards reactions
- \* Most rudimentary basis of controlling structure & reactivity of OMC is 18-e<sup>-</sup> rule and back bonding.

18 e<sup>0</sup> rule

Sidwick - 1927 - based on VB formalism of localised M-L bonds  
Its an extension of octet rule - tells us whether d-block organometallic complex is stable.

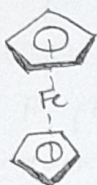
Statement: "Thermodynamically stable transition metal complexes are formed when sum of metal d-e<sup>0</sup> and electrons conventionally regarded as being supplied by the ligand equal 18."

Very evident from its MO diagram

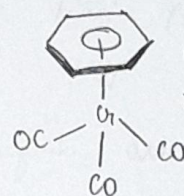
Conventions -

1. Intermolecular partitioning of electrons has to ensure that total charge of the complex remains unchanged

Eg:



Fionic approach  
2 Cp<sup>-</sup> - 2(6)e<sup>0</sup>  
Fe<sup>2+</sup> - 6e<sup>0</sup>  
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Neutral atom approach  
2 Cp - 10 e<sup>0</sup>  
Fe - 8 e<sup>0</sup>  
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18 e<sup>0</sup>s



Cr(0) - 6e<sup>0</sup>  
η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub> - 6e<sup>0</sup>  
3 CO - 3(2)e<sup>0</sup>  
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18e<sup>0</sup>

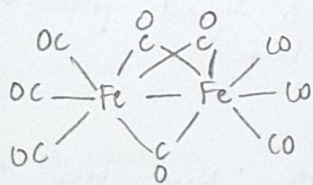
2. Metal-metal bond contributes 1 electron to the total e<sup>0</sup> count of a metal atom

Eg: Mn<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>10</sub> - [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>]<sub>2</sub>  
2 Mn - 7e<sup>0</sup>  
5 CO - 5(2)e<sup>0</sup>  
Mn-Mn - 1e<sup>0</sup>  
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18e<sup>0</sup>

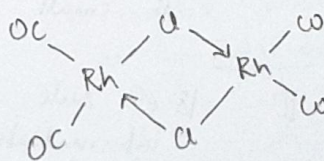
This rule can also be used to back-calculate no. of metal-metal bonds.

3. Electron pairs of the bridging ligand donates 1 electron to each of the bridging atoms. # Square planar complexes are exceptions to 18 e<sup>0</sup> rule.

Eg: \* Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>9</sub>



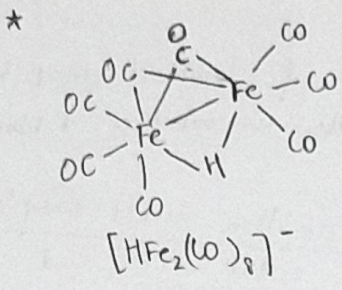
Fe → 8e<sup>0</sup>  
Fe-Fe → 1e<sup>0</sup>  
3 CO → 6e<sup>0</sup>  
3 μ-CO → 3e<sup>0</sup>  
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18e<sup>0</sup>



Rh(0) → 9e<sup>0</sup>  
2 CO → 4e<sup>0</sup>  
4 Cl → 3e<sup>0</sup>  
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16 electrons

Exception.

# Bridging Cl gives 3e<sup>0</sup> - 1 to one Rh and 2e<sup>0</sup> to other Rh



$Fe(0) \rightarrow 8 e^-$   
 $3 CO \rightarrow 6 e^-$   
 $Fe-Fe \rightarrow 1 e^-$   
 $2 \mu-CO \rightarrow 2 e^-$   
 $\mu-H \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} e^-$   
 $-1 \text{ charge} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} e^- \Rightarrow 18 e^- \text{ Rule}$

Advantage -

Considerable predictive value to arrive at the composition of many transition metal complexes.

This rule breaks down for early & late d-block metals. 16  $e^-$  complexes are favored for Rh(I), Ir(I), Pd(0) and Pt(0) compounds. Its because they majorly form square planar structures  $\Rightarrow$  less no. of ligands

Consider MO diagram of octahedral complex - Pg. 81

18 electrons in  $Co(CO)_6$  occupy orbitals similar to that of  $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ . So, the guiding principles of

- 18  $e^-$  rule are -
- \* ABO shouldn't be occupied
  - \* NBO may be occupied
  - \* BO should be occupied

② In a  $\pi$  bonding situation, NBO  $t_{2g}$  split into BMO & ABMOs  
 In  $\sigma$ -bonding situation,  $t_{2g}$  remains as NBO.

Based on these consideration, complexes are differentiated into -

→ Class I: 18  $e^-$  rule not obeyed Eg.  $[TiF_6]^{2-}$ ,  $[VCl_6]^{2-}$ ,  $Zn(en)_3^{2+}$   
 12-22  $e^-$  They are formed when  $\Delta_o$  (12) (19)? (22)  
 is small &  $\sigma$ -donor ligands are weak field ligands.

→ Class II: 18  $e^-$  rule is not exceeded & ligand fields are intermediate and  $\Delta_o$  is large.  
 Eg.  $[ZrF_6]^{2-}$

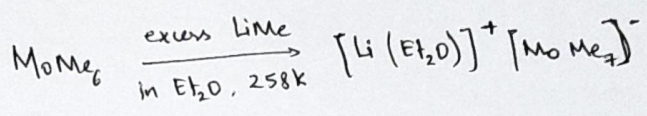
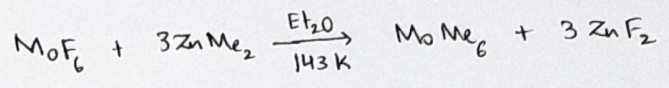
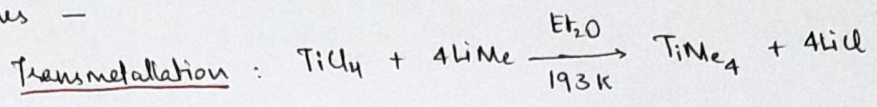
→ Class III: 18  $e^-$  rule is always obeyed They have large  $\Delta_o$  and ligand fields are very strong.  
 Eg. CO, NO, phosphines

# Nature of ligands & modes of bonding, $\sigma$ -bonded

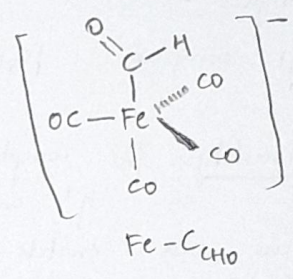
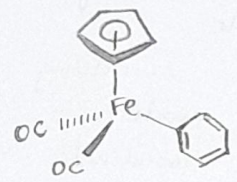
→ Simplest ligands & bonding -  $\sigma$ -bonded alkyl, aryl and related ligands.

M-C bond can be described as  $2e-2e^-$  interaction.

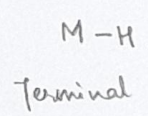
Examples -



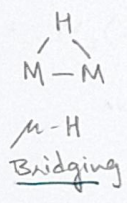
Other examples - Fe-C<sub>ph</sub>



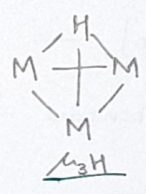
## Hydride ligands



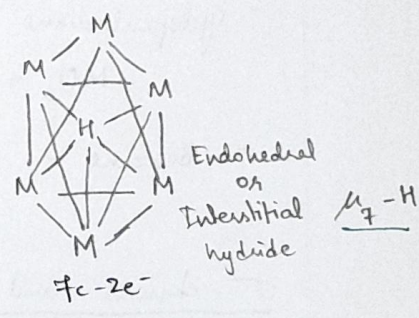
$2e-2e^-$



$3e-2e^-$

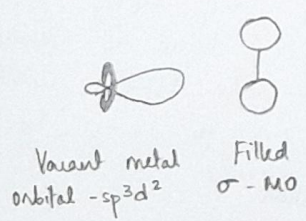


$4e-2e^-$

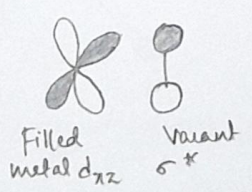


$7e-2e^-$

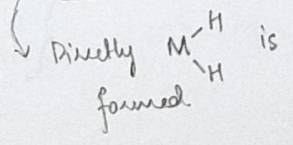
## Dihydrogen as ligand : $\sigma$ complex



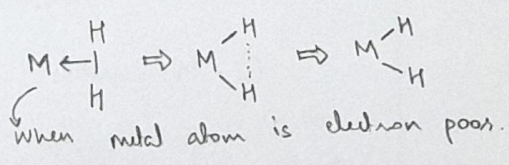
$H_2-M$  donation



$M-H_2$  back donation



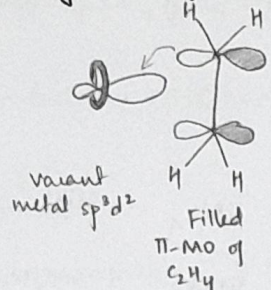
Metal and  $H_2$  can form a  $\sigma$  complex where  $H_2$  acts as an edge-on ligand



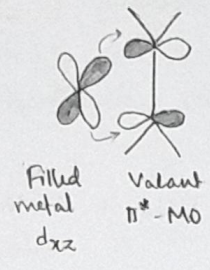
π donors

M-C bond is formed by π-electron donation of ligands

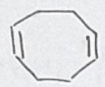
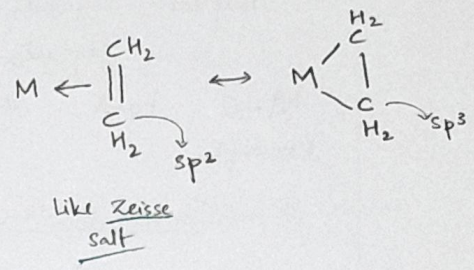
Eg: ethylene, cycloocta-diene



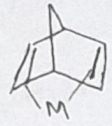
Alkene - M donation



M-alkene back donation.



or



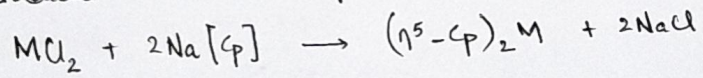
Other examples -

1.  $\pi$ -allyl complex:  $[C_3H_5]^-$  : -ve charge is delocalised over the molecule.

Fluxionality: The complex keeps switching between  $\eta^1$  and  $\eta^3$  mode

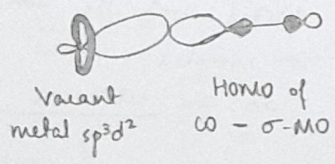
- Buta-diene can switch between coordinate complex & 5-member ring.

- Cyclopentadiene - has  $\eta^1$ ,  $\eta^3$  and  $\eta^5$  modes

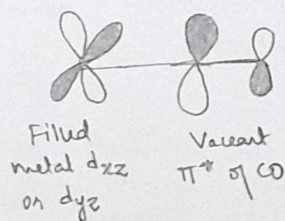


- Benzene - Eg: bisbenzene chromium.

$\sigma$ -donors and  $\pi$ -acceptors - CO



CO - M donation

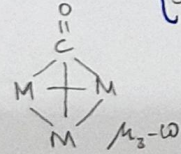
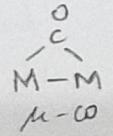
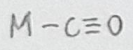


M-CO back donation.

If back-bonding is very strong, a double bond is formed b/w M-C, weakening the C-O bond.



Weak  $\sigma$ -donor  
Strong  $\pi$ -acceptor

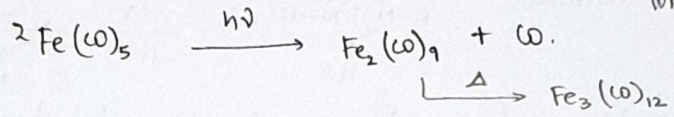
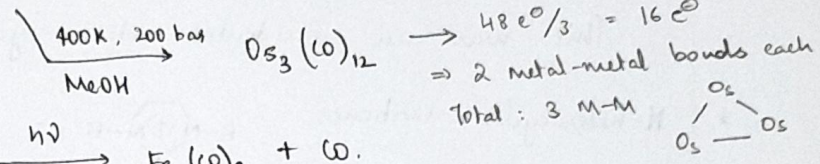
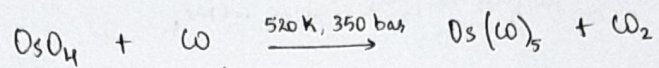
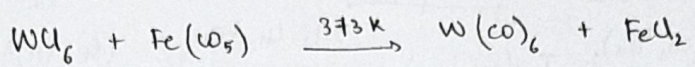
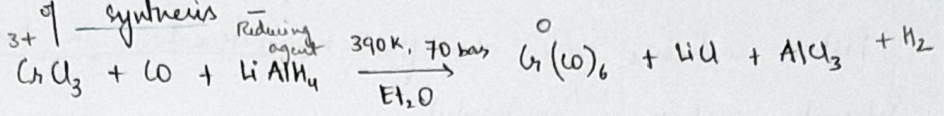


semi-bridging ligand  
M-M  $\pi$ -e<sup>-</sup> cloud of C=O donates to M

$M=C=O$  : Depending on M-C bond strength, the C-O bond is weakened or strengthened,  $\nu_{C-O}$  which can be mapped using IR spectroscopy  $\therefore$  C-O bond stretches based on the strength of back-bonding.

Region :  $1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$  to  $1800\text{ cm}^{-1}$

Methods of synthesis

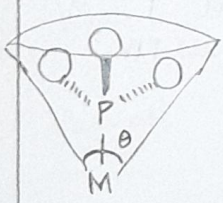
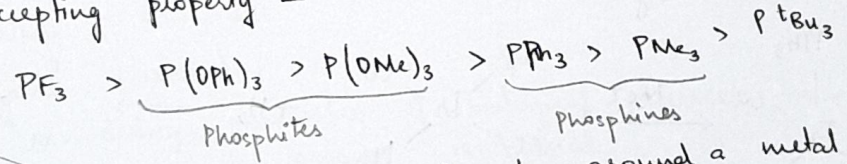


→ Phosphine ligands

Extent of  $\sigma$ -donation &  $\pi$ -acceptance can be varied based on the substituents.

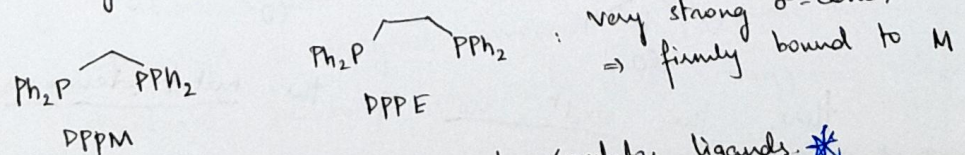
- Eg -  $PR_3$  : poor  $\pi$  acceptor
- $PF_3$  : poor  $\sigma$ -donor & strong  $\pi$ -acceptor (due to  $\chi$  of F)

$\pi$ -accepting property -



No. of phosphine ligands around a metal atom is decided by  $\theta$  - cone angle parameter.  
 $107^\circ - P(OMe)_3$        $212^\circ - P(M_3C_6H_5)_3$

$PPh_3$  and  $P^tBu$  are more sterically demanding, while others are less so. Steric requirements are assessed using Tolman cone angle.

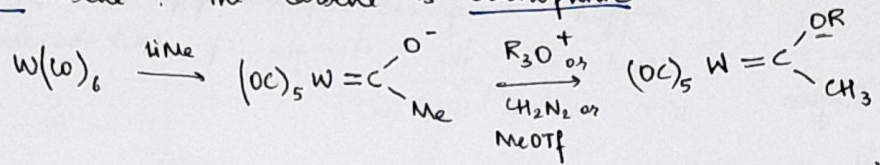


$\neq$  Phosphines and carbenes are good spectator ligands. \*



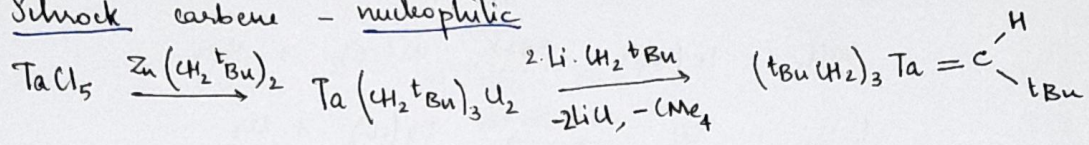
→ Carbenes

\* Fischer carbene : the carbene is electrophilic

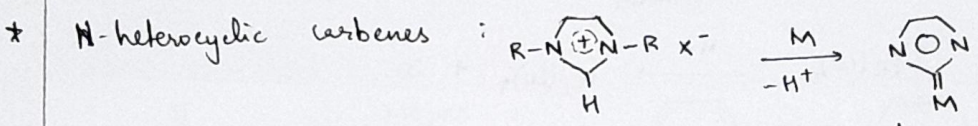


Fischer carbenes are identified by heteroatom in the indicated position

\* Schrock carbene - nucleophilic



This was an accidental discovery.



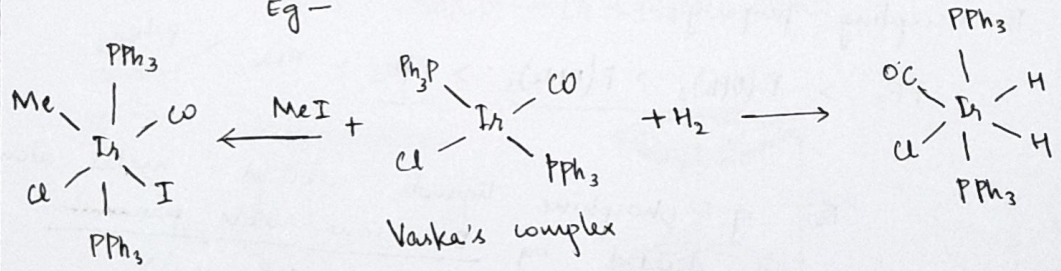
≠ They're backbone for 2nd gen Grubbs catalyst.

Reactivity : Oxidative addition and Reductive elimination.

→ Oxidative addition

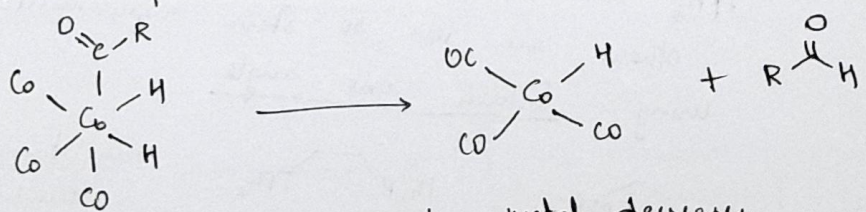
Oxd<sup>n</sup> no. of M increases by 2 and C-N of metal also increases by 2

Eg-



→ Reductive elimination

Eg: Conversion of acyl group to aldehyde



Here, the oxd<sup>n</sup> no. of the metal decreases.

Q1 →

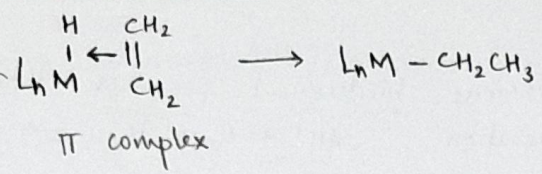
### Insertion (migration)

#### \* Alkene insertion

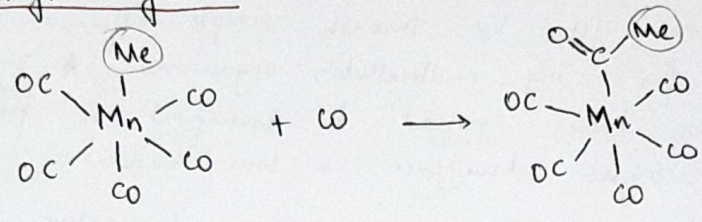
Oxid<sup>n</sup> no. of M doesn't change

# During insertion, metal hydride is inserted with alkene at some partial pressure

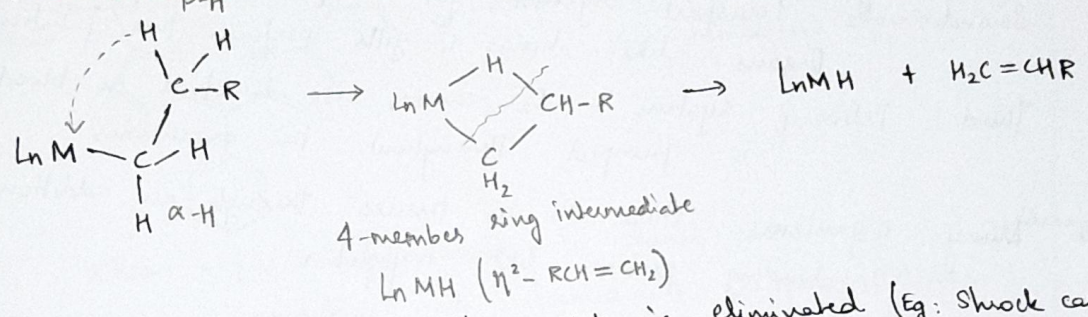
16e<sup>o</sup> complex



#### \* Alkyl migration - Also elimination (-43:20). How??



### β-Elimination



In some rare cases, the α-H is eliminated (Eg: Shock carbene)

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Live lecture - 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec

### Bioinorganic chemistry

When considering chemistry of biological processes, boundary b/w inorganic and organic is blurred.

- \* Elements - C, H, N, O (4 most abundant)  
Na, K, Ca, Mg, P, S and Cl
- \* E, H, N, O - fundamental elements that make up building blocks of biomolecules
- P, S - ATP, DNA, cysteine residue in proteins
- \* Role of less abundant but essential elements -  
Na, K, Cl - nerve action & osmotic control
- Mg<sup>2+</sup> - chlorophyll & enzymes involved in phosphate hydrolysis
- Ca - structural functions (bone, teeth, shell), triggering action in muscles
- \* Trace metals - V, Cr, Mn, Mo, Zn, Cu, Ni, Fe | Non-metals - B, Si, Se, F, I

Trace metals play a very crucial role in biological functions (92)  
≠ Biomimetic chemistry.

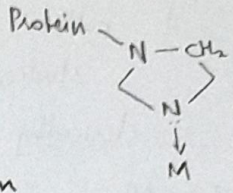
## Oxygen metabolism

- \*  $O_2$  is used in various biochemical processes. Most are consumed in the reaction:  $4H^+ + O_2 + 4e^- \rightarrow 2H_2O$   
- terminal step of oxidative phosphorylation.
- \* Small organisms get  $O_2$  through simple diffusion. This isn't fast enough for big multicellular organisms. A 3-component system has been evolved to transport  $O_2$  from regions of high abundance  $\rightarrow$  low abundance.
- \* First:  $O_2$  carries protein bound on Cu or Fe active sites  
Eg: Hemoglobin, hemocyanin, hemerythrin
- Second:  $O_2$  transport system for sequestration of  $O_2$  by the protein  
Organs like lungs & gills perform this function
- Third: Delivery system -  $O_2$  carries is dissolved in blood that is pumped throughout the organisms
- \* Many organisms store  $O_2$  in tissues through an additional  $O_2$ -binding protein like myoglobin

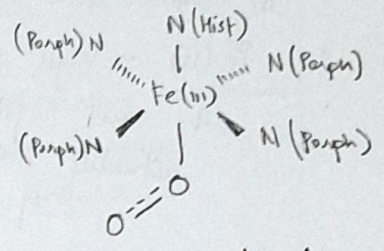
## Hemoglobin & Myoglobin

- Hb picks up  $O_2$  from lungs/gills to tissues where it is stored by Mb. It serves as  $O_2$  reserve which can be accessed during increased metabolism or  $O_2$  deprivation
- Mb also regulates  $O_2$  flow within cells and buffering of  $O_2$  partial pressure within cell in response to increased or decreased  $O_2$  supply.
- As a ligand,  $O_2$  resembles CO, NO &  $N_2$   
It doesn't have enough dipole moment to contribute to  $\sigma$ -bond  
So, it binds under high partial pressure  
≠ CO enhances back-bonding better than  $O_2$ .
- $O_2$ : soft ligand with weaker  $\pi$ -bonding capability  
Fe(II) wouldn't bind to  $O_2$  soft ligands. But synergistic softening action of tetrapyrrole ring of porphyrin facilitates  $O_2$  binding.
- Truly soft CO binds to heme group even more tightly  $\Rightarrow$  CO poisoning.

Mb - M.wt. 17,000 with 153 amino acid residues, folded about a single heme group.



Hb - M.W. 68,000, 4 hemes bound to 4 protein chains - 2 $\alpha$  and 2 $\beta$ .  
 $\alpha$  - 141 amino a  $\beta$  - 146 amino a  
 ~ similar to Mb



Active site

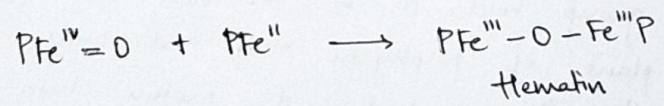
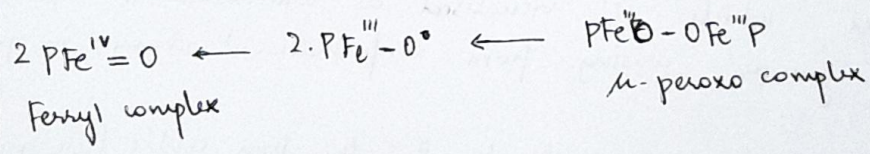
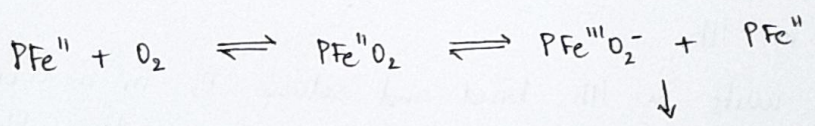
The actual active site contains amino a residues, carboxyl groups etc It can be modelled through

Tetra Phenyl Porphyrin - TPP.

When they wanted to study its reaction with Fe & O<sub>2</sub> - The 2° amine got deprotonated and formed covalent bonds with Fe<sup>2+</sup> while other two nitrogens formed coordinate bonds.

Oxygen metabolism

When PFe<sup>II</sup> was made to react with O<sub>2</sub>, it underwent irreversible oxidation & formed a  $\mu$ -peroxo dimer known as hematin

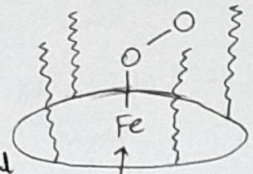


Living systems frustrate the above reactions (otherwise all the heme would precipitate) through steric hinderance from the Globin part

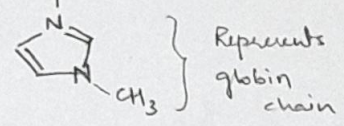
First proof obtained for this by anchoring heme on a polymer matrix which reversibly bind O<sub>2</sub>.

A better model with more steric hindrance was studied - Picket-fence heme - which had sterically hindered heme.

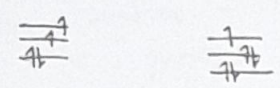
In Mb -



\* Fe(II) - high spin  $d_6$  - 92 pm, square pyramidal  
 It can't fit in the porphyrin ring, its actually 42 pm above the plane of N-atoms of the ring.



\*  $O_2$  binding makes it Fe(III) and low spin. So its radius is lowered to 75 pm, which fits in the ring.  
 Electrons in  $e_g$  repel the ligand  $e^-$ s so there's a spherical expansion of radius in Fe(II) high spin.  
 Spin pairing of the Fe(III) radius in absence of  $e_g$  electrons.  
 lone  $e^-$  on Fe(III) is  $2^-$  coupled in antiferromagnetic coupling

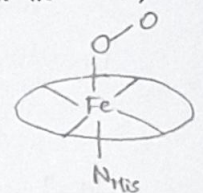


Fe(II)

Fe(III)

spin-silent - no EPR signal because ligand:  $O_2^-$

Though the net effect of this process is minimal in Mb, its important in Hb.



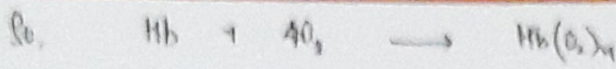
$O_2$  binding in Hb

Four heme units in Hb bind and release  $O_2$  in a cooperative process which is visualised as communication b/w heme groups arising from conformational changes in protein chains

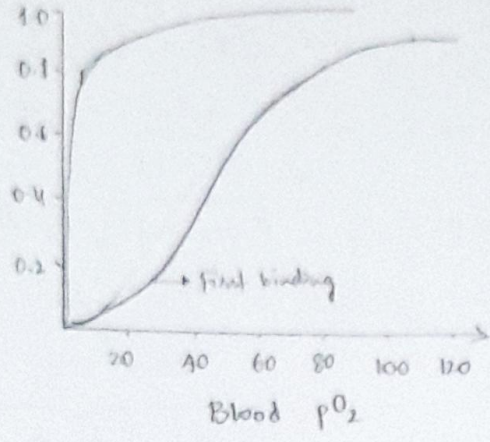
When 1st heme group binds to  $O_2$ , the iron centre (low spin  $Fe^{3+}$ ) moves into plane of porphyrin ring and pulls His residue with it. This perturbs its protein chain and those of other 3 groups also. This triggers the successive 'vacant' heme groups to bind with  $O_2$  more freely.

In fact, affinity of 4th group  $\approx 300$  times that of 1st one

When  $O_2$  is released from Hb, the loss of first  $O_2$  molecule triggers the release of the other 3 molecules.



When Hb release  $O_2$ , it picks up  $H^+$ , which helps in creating more  $HCO_3^-$ , helping in  $CO_2$  str transport.



This cooperative mechanism was proposed by Perutz