Electronegativity and Bond Polarity

Chapter 4.3

Two Types of Covalent Bonds

- A **non-polar covalent bond** is a covalent bond in which the electrons are shared equally between atoms
- A **polar covalent bond** is a covalent bond in which the electrons are not shared equally because one atom attracts them more strongly than the other atom



Dipoles

- A **dipole** is a separation of positive and negative charges in a region of space
- A *polar bond* will have a slightly positive end and a slightly negative end
- A dipole is represented using an arrow:
 - The head of the arrow points toward the more negative end of the bond
 - The tail of the arrow is at the more positive end of the bond



Electronegativity

• Electronegativity (EN) is the ability of an atom in a molecule to attract shared electrons to itself



Figure 4 Electronegativity values as determined by Pauling. Electronegativity generally increases across a period and decreases down a group.

Difference in Electronegativity

 Calculating the difference in electronegativity (ΔEN) between two atoms gives us information about the bond that they will form

 Table 1
 Relationship between

 Electronegativity Difference and
 Bond Type

$\Delta {\rm EN}$	Bond type	Character
<0.5	non-polar covalent	covalent
0.5–1.7	polar covalent	covalent and ionic
>1.7	ionic	ionic



Figure 5 The difference in electronegativity between the atoms involved in bonding determines the character of the chemical bond. A small difference (\leq 1.7) indicates a covalent or polar covalent bond, and a large difference (>1.7) indicates an ionic bond.

Practice

- Put the following bonds in order of increasing polarity
- 1. O—H
- 2. C—F
- 3. Al—Cl
- 4. C—H
- 5. C=C

HOMEWORK

Required Reading:

p. 217-221

(remember to supplement your notes!)

Questions:

p. 220 #1-2 p. 221 #1-10

