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Linus Pauling - Biography

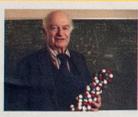
- Only person to have two unshared Nobel Prizes
- Born: February 28, 1901 Portland, Oregon, U.S.
- B.Sc. in chemical engineering in 1922
- Full-time teacher of quantitative analysis in the State College (1919-1920)
- Teaching Fellow in Chemistry and graduate student in Caltech (California Institute of Technology) 1922-1925
- Ph.D. (*summa cum laude*) in chemistry, with minors in physics and mathematics 1925
- Research Associate at Caltech, 1925
- National Research Fellow in Chemistry, 1925-1926
- Fellow of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 1926-1927
- Assistant Professor of Chemistry, 1927-1929
- Associate Professor, 1929-1931
- Professor at Caltech, 1931-1963
- Professor at UC San Diego, 1967-1969
- Professor at Stanford, 1969-1975
- Died August 19, 1994 (aged 93) Big Sur, California, U.S.

Awards

- ACS Award in Pure Chemistry (1931)
- Irving Langmuir Award (1931)
- Davy Medal (1947)
- Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1954)
- Nobel Peace Prize (1962)
- Roebing Medal (1967)
- Lenin Peace Prize (1968 - 69)
- National Medal of Science (1974)
- NAS Award in Chemical Sciences (1979)
- Priestley Medal (1984)
- Vannevar Bush Award (1989)



Pauling with two Nobel prizes



Linus Pauling

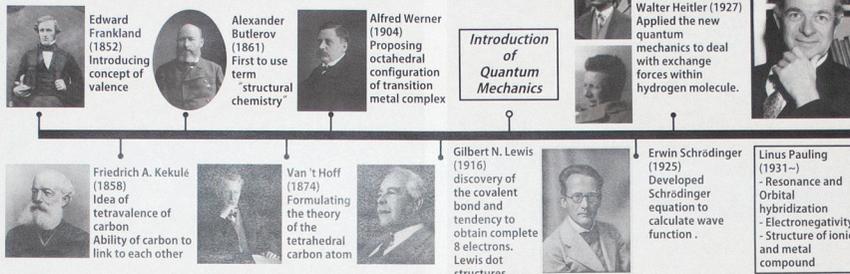
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Discovering Chemical Structure

With Linus Pauling
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Early history of structural chemistry



Nature of chemical bond

Orbital hybridization

Hybridize to form four sp³ hybrid orbitals

Shown together, large lobes orbitals

Orbital hybridization

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$$\psi_{sp^3} = \frac{1}{2}(s + p_x + p_y + p_z)$$

$$\psi_{sp^3} = \frac{1}{2}(s + p_x - p_y - p_z)$$

$$\psi_{sp^3} = \frac{1}{2}(s - p_x + p_y - p_z)$$

$$\psi_{sp^3} = \frac{1}{2}(s - p_x - p_y + p_z)$$

Wave functions and directions of hybridized orbitals?

- Carbon atom has four equivalent bonds even though it has one 2s orbital and three 2p orbitals.
- Orbital hybridization, concept of mixing atomic orbitals into new hybrid orbitals, was introduced to explain tetrahedral carbon atom².

Electronegativity

Electronegativity map

- Further detailed information about the chemical bond resulted from a consideration of the energy of single bonds in relation to the relative electronegativity of the bonded atoms
- The postulate of the additivity of the energies of normal covalent bonds is then formulated, and it is found that deviations from additivity, Δ , are positive for all bonds (with one doubtful exception), and increase as the ionic character of the bond increases.

Resonance

Two structures of amide group

- Amide group, an important structural feature of proteins, can be described as resonating between two structures, one with the double bond between the carbon atom and the oxygen atom and the other with single bond⁵.
- The estimate of 40% double-bond character for the C-N bond is supported by the experimental value of the bond length, 1.32 Å, interpreted with the aid of the empirical relation between double-bond character and interatomic distance⁶.
- Several molecule, especially aromatic compound cannot be fixed to single valence bond structure.
- 1931, E. Huckel and Slater has explained structure of benzene using the concept of resonance.

Example of covalent bonding

Orbital hybridization of ethylene

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p orbital and pi bonding of ethylene

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Structure of ionic compound

Pauling's rules

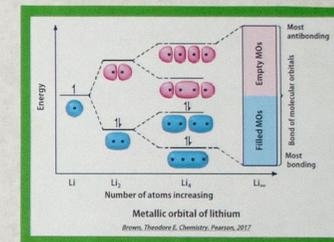
1. First rule: the radius ratio rule
2. Second rule: the electrostatic valence rule
3. Third rule: sharing of polyhedron corners, edges and faces
4. Fourth rule: crystals containing different cations
5. Fifth rule: the rule of parsimony



Coordination Number	Coordination Polyhedron	Radius Ratio
2	Linear	0.155
4	Tetrahedron	0.225
6	Octahedron	0.414
7	Capped octahedron	0.502
8	square antiprism	0.645
8	Cube	0.732
9	trigonal bipyramidal prism	0.792
12	tricuboctahedron	1.00

- Pauling discovered that a simple theory of complex crystals with largely ionic structures.
- Theory of complex crystals could be developed based on assumption that each cation or metal atom divides its charge or valence equally among the anions that are coordinated about it⁸.

Structure of metallic compound



- Unlike other compounds, Larger number of bonding electrons are used in the transition metals. For instance, iron can be illustrated as having six valence electrons, which occupy hybrid sp²d³ orbitals.
- Pauling reported the idea of the structure of metals and intermetallic compounds by using the concept of valence bonds that resonate among alternative positions⁹.
- Metallic orbital has been found of value through the discussion of the properties of metal atoms and intermetallic compounds.
- The resonating-bond theory of metal (metallic orbital) is strongly supported by the consideration of interatomic distances in metals and intermetallic compounds⁹.

Structure of organic compound

- The interatomic distances and bond angles in the polypeptide chains of proteins are precisely known to within about 0.02 Å and 2° respectively.
- Extensive numerical calculation was necessarily required to make hydrogen-bonded structure of polypeptide due to requirements including planar amide group and reducing steric repulsion.
- Pauling has proposed two stereochemically equivalent hydrogen-bonded helical structures for a polypeptide chain with 3.7 and 5.1 residues per turn¹⁰.
- This has shown the value of the use of structural arguments that go beyond those of the classical structure theory of organic chemistry¹¹.

