

may involve either tetrahedral or planar coordination to O-5, the former usually being preferred by approximately 1.1 kcal/mol. When a hydrogen bond was present between HO-4 and O-5, hydroxyl group HO-2 adopted an "anti-exo-anomeric"³⁹ orientation, thereby generating a chain of hydrogen bonds extending between HO-2 and O-3, HO-3 and O-4, and HO-4 and O-5. This hydrogen bond pattern led to the lowest energy structures. Alternatively, when HO-5 formed a hydrogen bond with O-4, a network of hydrogen bonds was generated between HO-5 and O-4, HO-4 and O-3, and HO-3 and O-2. This latter situation was less stable (by approximately 1 kcal/mol) than the former pattern and required that HO-2 adopt the "exo-anomeric" orientation.

In the high-energy structure **4n**, O-4 acted as a proton acceptor in hydrogen bonds with both HO-5 and HO-3, generating a three-center hydrogen bond.

Conclusions

The differences between the conformational preferences of **4** and **1-3** arise primarily from two factors. Firstly, replacement of O-6 by a methylene group subtly alters the ring geometry, and, secondly, the absence of the exo-anomeric effect changes the geometrical preferences of HO-2. In **4** the preference for HO-2 to adopt an "anti-exo-anomeric" orientation is attributable to the lack of an exo-anomeric effect as well as to the presence of an

interaction between HO-2 and O-3.

In each of the sweet compounds, **1**, **3**, and **4**, low-energy conformations were found to exist in which HO-2 was hydrogen bonded to O-3. This anti-exo-anomeric orientation of HO-2 was less favored energetically in the case of the less sweet sugar **2**. While hydroxyl group HO-2 traditionally is believed to act as a proton donor in a hydrogen bond with the sweet receptor, previous work by us¹³ has suggested that HO-2 may function as a proton acceptor (see also ref 40). As such, it must be capable of adopting orientations in which the hydroxyl proton is directed away from the proton-donor functionality of the receptor. On the basis of the geometry of the tripartite receptor,⁴¹ HO-2 might act most effectively as a proton acceptor when it adopts an anti-exo-anomeric orientation. Thus, the ability of HO-2 to adopt an anti-exo-anomeric orientation may be related to the strength of the binding between the sweet molecule and the sweet receptor, and hence, may be pertinent to the sweetness of the molecule.

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Atomic Polarizability and Electronegativity

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Abstract: A close relationship between atomic polarizability and electronegativity is demonstrated. It is shown how atomic polarizability can be used in conjunction with the number of s and p valence electrons to derive electronegativities interpreted as either valence electron densities or the electrostatic force exerted on valence electrons. This leads to a new set of electronegativities for every element in the periodic table that can be easily calculated and understood. Such values are in substantially better agreement with traditional Pauling values than those derived as the average of ionization energy and electron affinity. It is further demonstrated that traditional or chemical electronegativities are more closely related to the density functional definition of hardness than to the corresponding definition of electronegativity. This approach offers promise to ongoing theoretical efforts to delineate the role of electronegativity in chemical bonding.

The concept of electronegativity as first proposed by Pauling has become an indispensable tool for all chemists and is also used in physics, biology, and geology.¹ Despite the many variations and extensions of this basic idea, Pauling's original definition as "the power of an atom in a molecule to attract electrons to itself"^{1f} continues to find widespread acceptance. Even the actual numerical values are still widely used and cited.¹

This appeal reflects the continuing efforts of chemists to view matter from a discrete, atomic perspective.² To be able to understand properties and reactivities of not only isolated molecules but liquids and solids as well in terms of a single number characteristic of each element is unquestionably useful and attractive. The use of electronegativities to understand bond energy differences is widely appreciated.^{1,3} However, there are many other important uses as well. For example, a striking dependence of the superconducting transition temperature on electronegativity is found for both solid elements⁴ and the new high-temperature superconductors.⁵ Further, the theoretical underpinning recently

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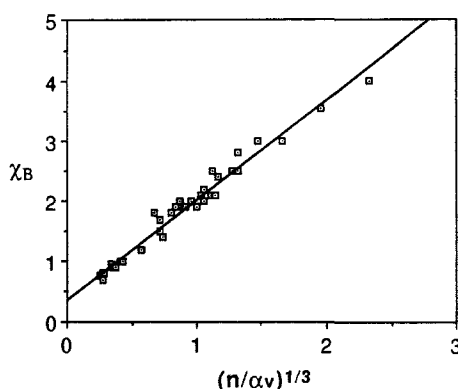


Figure 1. Plot of traditional electronegativities as recommended by Batsanov^{1a} (χ_B) versus $(n/\alpha_v)^{1/3}$ (electrons \AA^{-1} ; see text) for s- and p-block elements.²⁴ The solid line through the data was calculated with eq 1.

provided by density functional theory in which electronegativity is identified as the negative of the chemical potential⁶ has led to renewed interest in the concept.^{1a}

Unfortunately, electronegativity—unlike atomic number, mass, ionization energy, or electron affinity—is not a directly measurable experimental property of an isolated atom.⁷ In this respect it suffers from the same shortcomings as does the concept of atomic size. In fact, values for both electronegativity¹ and atomic size⁸ are usually derived from *molecular* properties by using less than ideal procedures. In order to avoid being more than just elaborate parametrization schemes, more direct approaches based on measurable *atomic* properties would be desirable.

Some efforts to provide values based on experimental measures of atomic properties have been attempted. For example, the definition of electronegativity as the average of the ground-state ionization energy and electron affinity of an atom was first proposed by Mulliken⁹ and, according to density functional theory,⁶ provides a first approximation to estimating accurate values. Although rough agreement with Pauling's thermochemical values is found,¹⁰ the use of ground-state ionization energies and electron affinities does not lead to the same smooth variation in electronegativities across a row in the periodic table.^{10,11} Furthermore, the relative values for hydrogen, oxygen, chlorine, and a few other key elements are not in accord with Pauling's values.^{10,11} Recent density functional calculations based on valence-state definitions^{11a,12} have gone a long way toward resolving some of these discrepancies but further work needs to be done. And as pointed out elsewhere,¹³ close agreement between Pauling and Mulliken

Table I. Values of Polarizability Electronegativities (χ_a) Calculated by Using Eq 1 in the Text Along with Electronegativities Derived from Other Approaches for s- and p-Block Elements

Z	element	n^a	χ_B^b	χ_{AR}^c	χ_P^d	χ_{spec}^e	χ_Z^f	χ_a
1	H	1	2.1	2.20	2.20	2.30	2.27	2.27
2	He	2		5.50		4.20		3.92
3	Li	1	0.95	0.97	0.98	0.91	0.94	0.94
4	Be	2	1.5	1.47	1.57	1.58	1.46	1.55
5	B	3	1.9	2.01	2.04	2.05	1.97	2.02
6	C	4	2.5	2.50	2.55	2.54	2.54	2.56
7	N	5	3.0	3.07	3.04	3.07	3.06	3.12
8	O	6	3.55	3.50	3.44	3.61	3.64	3.62
9	F	7	4.0	4.10	3.98	4.19	4.19	4.23
10	Ne	8		4.84		4.79		4.89
11	Na	1	0.9	1.01	0.93	0.87	0.96	0.95
12	Mg	2	1.2	1.23	1.31	1.29	1.21	1.32
13	Al	3	1.5	1.47	1.61	1.61	1.50	1.55
14	Si	4	1.9	1.74	1.90	1.92	1.77	1.87
15	P	5	2.1	2.06	2.19	2.25	2.13	2.22
16	S	6	2.5	2.44	2.58	2.59	2.48	2.49
17	Cl	7	3.0	2.83	3.16	2.87	2.84	2.82
18	Ar	8		3.20		3.24		3.18
19	K	1	0.8	0.91	0.82	0.73	0.90	0.84
20	Ca	2	1.0	1.04	1.00	1.03	1.03	1.11
31	Ga	3	1.7	1.82	1.81	1.76	1.56	1.56
32	Ge	4	2.0	2.02	2.01	1.99	1.80	1.81
33	As	5	2.0	2.20	2.18	2.21	2.04	2.12
34	Se	6	2.4	2.48	2.55	2.42	2.29	2.31
35	Br	7	2.8	2.74	2.96	2.69	2.53	2.56
36	Kr	8		2.94	3.00	2.97		2.82
37	Rb	1	0.8	0.89	0.82	0.71	0.89	0.83
38	Sr	2	1.0	0.99	0.95	0.96	1.00	1.06
49	In	3	1.8	1.49	1.78	1.66	1.45	1.52
50	Sn	4	1.8	1.72	1.80	1.82	1.58	1.70
51	Sb	5	1.9	1.82	2.05	1.98	1.76	1.88
52	Te	6	2.1	2.01	2.10	2.16	1.94	2.08
53	I	7	2.5	2.21	2.66	2.36	2.14	2.27
54	Xe	8		2.40	2.60	2.58		2.46
55	Cs	1	0.75	0.86	0.79		0.89	0.80
56	Ba	2	0.9	0.97	0.89		1.01	0.98
81	Tl	3	1.4	1.44	1.62		1.49	1.59
82	Pb	4	1.9	1.55	1.87		1.56	1.76
83	Bi	5	1.9	1.67	2.02		1.70	1.83
84	Po	6	2.0	1.76	2.00		1.91	1.96
85	At	7	2.2	1.90	2.20		2.05	2.12
86	Rn	8		2.06				2.28
87	Fr	1	0.7	0.86	0.70		0.88	0.83
88	Ra	2	0.9	0.97	0.90		0.96	0.99

^aNumber of s and p valence electrons. ^bReference 1c. ^cReferences 1c, 26a. ^dReferences 1, 28. ^eReference 25b. ^fReference 26d.

values is not to be expected given that Pauling values incorporate "the average effects of hardness" as well as the chemical potential contribution⁶ (see below).

The static electric dipole polarizability¹⁴ (for convenience this will be referred to hereafter as simply polarizability) is an experimentally measurable and theoretically calculable property of an isolated atom. In fact, tabulations for virtually every atom in the periodic table are available.¹⁵ Unfortunately, in contrast

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to the other measurable atomic properties mentioned above, these values have been greatly under-appreciated and under-utilized by chemists.¹⁶ For example, discussions of atomic polarizabilities rarely appear in standard introductory or inorganic chemistry textbooks, although some mention of polarizability is found in many physical chemistry^{14a-c} and solid state chemistry¹⁷ textbooks. Pauling, recognizing that the dimensions of polarizability correspond to those of volume,¹⁸ used the term "polarizability radius"¹⁹ in referring to the cube root of polarizability. Similarly, Atkins uses the term "polarizability volume"²⁰ in referring to polarizability in the non-SI units of Å³. Although polarizabilities can be anisotropic,¹⁵ the values determined along different orientations are similar. In other words, atoms can be considered as approximately spherical in shape.

The use of polarizabilities as a direct experimental measure of atomic size should be encouraged. In fact it has already been shown how these values can be used in conjunction with experimental molar densities to predict the onset of metallic behavior in elements.²¹ Briefly, when the ratio of refractivity (polarizability multiplied by $N_A/3\epsilon_0$) to molar volume (molar mass divided by mass density) is greater than one, the element will exhibit metallic properties. Thus the relative volume of an isolated atom compared to that in its condensed form is what determines metallic behavior (electron delocalization or itinerancy).

The primary concern here however is with electronegativity. Although it has been pointed out that there is an inverse relationship between polarizability and electronegativity,^{13c,22} a quantitative relationship between the two quantities apparently has not been explored in detail. Since valence electron density²³ has been used successfully as a definition and measure of electronegativity, then some function of the number of valence electrons divided by polarizability, n/α , might be expected to provide a measure of electronegativity. A plot of the cube root

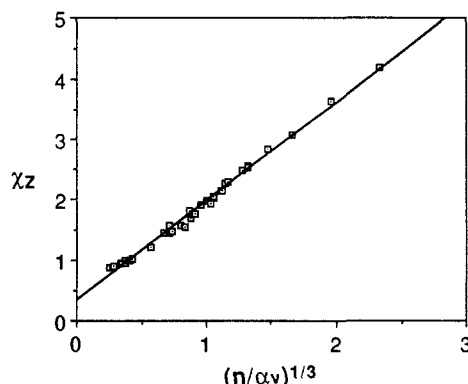


Figure 2. Plot of electronegativities as determined by an electrostatic approach^{26d} (χ_Z) versus $(n/\alpha)^{1/3}$ for s- and p-block elements (where values for more than one oxidation state of an element are listed in ref 26d, the value for the lowest oxidation state is shown in the figure). The solid line through the data was collected by using the equation $\chi_Z = 1.63(n/\alpha)^{1/3} + 0.35$. This equation was determined by a least-squares fit of the data.

of this ratio, $(n/\alpha)^{1/3}$, versus conventional electronegativity values²⁴ on the Pauling scale is shown in Figure 1 for all s- and p-block elements (except the noble gases). The correlation between the two sets of values is striking, and an unweighted, linear least-squares fit of the data yields the parameters given in eq 1 where χ_α represents electronegativities on the Pauling scale as derived from polarizabilities. A tabulation of χ_α values calculated from

$$\chi_\alpha = 1.66(n/\alpha)^{1/3} + 0.37 \quad (1)$$

eq 1 along with electronegativity values from other sources is given in Table I. Values for the noble gases obtained from eq 1 with $n = 8$ are in good agreement with previous estimates.²⁵ Although $(n/\alpha)^{1/3}$ could provide a set of absolute electronegativity values (see below), it is more appropriate at this point to convert these to the widely used Pauling scale.

A complication arises in determining the number of valence electrons for d- and f-block elements. For example, should all fifteen valence electrons of cadmium or all fifteen of thulium be used in determining valence electron density? A tentative answer comes both from a consideration of common oxidation states and a comparison with values of electronegativity derived for these elements from other approaches.^{1,11b,23,26,27} That answer is that for all d- and f-block elements two electrons (i.e. the number of electrons in or easily promoted to the valence s-orbital) can be used for purposes of calculating valence electron densities and (from eq 1) electronegativities on the Pauling scale. This provides good numerical agreement with existing electronegativity values for these elements, although detailed comparisons are difficult

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Table II. Values of Various Atomic Properties Derived from Polarizabilities^a

Z	element	α_v	V_α	r_α	n	$\sigma_\alpha \times 10^{21}$	$\eta_\alpha \times 10^{-18}$	μ_α	χ_α
1	H	0.666793	2.793	0.87	1	9.72	102.9	16.48	2.27
2	He	0.204956	0.859	0.59	2	5.21	192.1	30.77	3.92
3	Li	24.3	101.8	2.90	1	32.23	31.0	4.97	0.94
4	Be	5.60	23.5	1.78	2	15.68	63.8	10.22	1.55
5	B	3.03	12.7	1.45	3	11.16	89.6	14.35	2.02
6	C	1.76	7.37	1.21	4	8.46	118.2	18.93	2.55
7	N	1.10	4.61	1.03	5	6.72	148.9	23.85	3.12
8	O	0.802	3.36	0.93	6	5.69	175.8	28.16	3.62
9	F	0.557	2.33	0.82	7	4.79	209.0	33.48	4.23
10	Ne	0.3956	1.66	0.73	8	4.08	244.9	39.23	4.89
11	Na	23.6	98.9	2.87	1	31.92	31.3	5.02	0.95
12	Mg	10.6	44.4	2.20	2	19.40	51.5	8.26	1.32
13	Al	8.34	34.9	2.03	3	15.64	63.9	10.24	1.55
14	Si	5.38	22.5	1.75	4	12.28	81.4	13.05	1.87
15	P	3.63	15.2	1.54	5	10.00	100.0	16.02	2.22
16	S	2.90	12.1	1.43	6	8.73	114.5	18.35	2.49
17	Cl	2.18	9.13	1.30	7	7.54	132.6	21.24	2.82
18	Ar	1.6411	6.87	1.18	8	6.56	152.4	24.42	3.18
19	K	43.4	181.8	3.51	1	39.10	25.6	4.10	0.84
20	Ca	22.8	95.5	2.84	2	25.04	39.9	6.40	1.11
21	Sc	17.8	74.6	2.61	2	23.06	43.4	6.95	1.17
22	Ti	14.6	61.2	2.44	2	21.58	46.3	7.42	1.23
23	V	12.4	51.9	2.31	2	20.44	48.9	7.84	1.27
24	Cr	11.6	48.6	2.26	2	19.99	50.0	8.01	1.29
25	Mn	9.4	39.4	2.11	2	18.64	53.7	8.60	1.36
26	Fe	8.4	35.2	2.03	2	17.95	55.7	8.92	1.40
27	Co	7.5	31.4	1.96	2	17.29	57.8	9.27	1.44
28	Ni	6.8	28.5	1.89	2	16.73	59.8	9.58	1.47
29	Cu	6.1	25.6	1.83	2	16.14	62.0	9.93	1.51
30	Zn	7.1	29.7	1.92	2	16.97	58.9	9.44	1.46
31	Ga	8.12	34.0	2.01	3	15.51	64.5	10.33	1.56
32	Ge	6.07	25.4	1.82	4	12.79	78.2	12.53	1.81
33	As	4.31	18.1	1.63	5	10.59	94.4	15.13	2.11
34	Se	3.77	15.8	1.56	6	9.53	104.9	16.81	2.31
35	Br	3.05	12.8	1.45	7	8.44	118.6	18.99	2.56
36	Kr	2.4844	10.4	1.35	8	7.53	132.7	21.26	2.82
37	Rb	47.3	198.1	3.62	1	40.24	24.9	3.98	0.83
38	Sr	27.6	115.6	3.02	2	26.69	37.5	6.00	1.06
39	Y	22.7	95.1	2.83	2	25.00	40.0	6.41	1.11
40	Zr	17.9	75.0	2.62	2	23.10	43.3	6.94	1.17
41	Nb	15.7	65.8	2.50	2	22.11	45.2	7.25	1.21
42	Mo	12.8	53.6	2.34	2	20.66	48.4	7.76	1.26
43	Tc	11.4	47.8	2.25	2	19.88	50.3	8.06	1.30
44	Ru	9.6	40.2	2.13	2	18.77	53.3	8.54	1.35
45	Rh	8.6	36.0	2.05	2	18.09	55.3	8.86	1.39
46	Pd	4.8	20.1	1.69	2	14.90	67.1	10.76	1.61
47	Ag	7.2	30.2	1.93	2	17.05	58.6	9.40	1.45
48	Cd	7.2	30.2	1.93	2	17.05	58.6	9.40	1.45
49	In	9.1	38.1	2.09	3	16.11	62.1	9.95	1.52
50	Sn	7.7	32.3	1.97	4	13.84	72.2	11.58	1.70
51	Sb	6.6	27.6	1.88	5	12.21	81.9	13.13	1.88
52	Te	5.5	23.0	1.77	6	10.81	92.5	14.82	2.08
53	I	4.7	19.7	1.68	7	9.74	102.6	16.44	2.27
54	Xe	4.044	16.9	1.59	8	8.86	112.8	18.08	2.45
55	Cs	59.6	249.7	3.91	1	43.46	23.0	3.69	0.79
56	Ba	39.7	166.3	3.41	2	30.13	33.2	5.32	0.98
57	La	31.1	130.3	3.14	2	27.77	36.0	5.77	1.04
58	Ce	29.6	124.0	3.09	2	27.32	36.6	5.86	1.05
59	Pr	28.2	118.1	3.04	2	26.88	37.2	5.96	1.06
60	Nd	31.4	131.5	3.15	2	27.86	35.9	5.75	1.03
61	Pm	30.1	126.1	3.11	2	27.47	36.4	5.83	1.04
62	Sm	28.8	120.6	3.07	2	27.07	36.9	5.92	1.05
63	Eu	27.7	116.0	3.03	2	26.72	37.4	6.00	1.06
64	Gd	23.5	98.4	2.86	2	25.30	39.5	6.33	1.10
65	Tb	25.5	106.8	2.94	2	25.99	38.5	6.16	1.08
66	Dy	24.5	102.6	2.90	2	25.65	39.0	6.25	1.09
67	Ho	23.6	98.9	2.87	2	25.33	39.5	6.32	1.10
68	Er	22.7	95.1	2.83	2	25.00	40.0	6.41	1.11
69	Tm	21.8	91.3	2.79	2	24.67	40.5	6.49	1.12
70	Yb	21.0	88.0	2.76	2	24.36	41.0	6.58	1.13
71	Lu	21.9	91.7	2.80	2	24.71	40.5	6.48	1.12
72	Hf	16.2	67.9	2.53	2	22.35	44.8	7.17	1.20
73	Ta	13.1	54.9	2.36	2	20.82	48.0	7.70	1.26
74	W	11.1	46.5	2.23	2	19.70	50.8	8.13	1.31
75	Re	9.7	40.6	2.13	2	18.83	53.1	8.51	1.35
76	Os	8.5	35.6	2.04	2	18.02	55.5	8.89	1.39
77	Ir	7.6	31.8	1.97	2	17.36	57.6	9.23	1.43

Table II (Continued)

Z	element	α_v	V_α	r_α	n	$\sigma_\alpha \times 10^{21}$	$\eta_\alpha \times 10^{-18}$	μ_α	χ_α
78	Pt	6.5	27.2	1.87	2	16.48	60.7	9.72	1.49
79	Au	5.8	24.3	1.80	2	15.87	63.0	10.10	1.53
80	Hg	5.7	23.9	1.79	2	15.78	63.4	10.16	1.54
81	Tl	7.5	31.4	1.96	3	15.10	66.2	10.61	1.59
82	Pb	6.8	28.5	1.89	4	13.28	75.3	12.07	1.76
83	Bi	7.4	31.0	1.95	5	12.68	78.9	12.64	1.83
84	Po	6.8	28.5	1.89	6	11.60	86.2	13.81	1.96
85	At	6.0	25.1	1.82	7	10.57	94.6	15.16	2.12
86	Rn	5.3	22.2	1.74	8	9.70	103.1	16.52	2.27
87	Fr	48.7	204.0	3.65	1	40.63	24.6	3.94	0.82
88	Ra	38.3	160.4	3.37	2	29.77	33.6	5.38	0.99
89	Ac	32.1	134.5	3.18	2	28.07	35.6	5.71	1.03
90	Th	32.1	134.5	3.18	2	28.07	35.6	5.71	1.03
91	Pa	25.4	106.4	2.94	2	25.96	38.5	6.17	1.08
92	U	27.4	114.8	3.01	2	26.62	37.6	6.02	1.06
93	Np	24.8	103.9	2.92	2	25.75	38.8	6.22	1.09
94	Pu	24.5	102.6	2.90	2	25.65	39.0	6.25	1.09
95	Am	23.3	97.6	2.86	2	25.22	39.6	6.35	1.10
96	Cm	23.0	96.3	2.84	2	25.11	39.8	6.38	1.11
97	Bk	22.7	95.1	2.83	2	25.00	40.0	6.41	1.11
98	Cf	20.5	85.9	2.74	2	24.17	41.4	6.63	1.13
99	Es	19.7	82.5	2.70	2	23.85	41.9	6.72	1.14
100	Fm	23.8	99.7	2.88	2	25.40	38.4	6.31	1.10
101	Md	18.2	76.2	2.63	2	23.23	43.0	6.90	1.17
102	No	17.5	73.3	2.60	2	22.93	43.6	6.99	1.18

^aThe symbols and units used are from Table I.

owing to the poor agreement among the existing values.^{1,11b,23,26,27} Thus the values of χ_α for the d- and f-block elements calculated from eq 1 and listed in Table II should be considered provisional. It is likely that a better measure of the number of "valence" electrons for these elements could be determined from a careful analysis of their atomic spectra. Encouragingly, the expected ordering^{26c,d} of electronegativities as Mn < Fe < Co < Ni < Cu (Table II) is found by using a constant value of $n = 2$ in eq 1 for these elements.

Related to this difficulty with d- and f-block elements is the use of different electronegativity values for different oxidation states of an atom.^{1,23,26,27} To illustrate, values of 1.62 for Tl(I) and 2.04 for Tl(III) have been used to account for the fact that TlCl, for example, is much more ionic than TlCl₃.²⁸ While it would be possible to derive values of $1.66(1/\alpha)^{1/3} + 0.37 = 1.21$ for Tl(I) and $1.66(3/\alpha)^{1/3} + 0.37 = 1.59$ for Tl(III), such an approach^{1c,23,27a,28,29} loses the original simplicity and attraction of having a single number for each atom to account for such differences. An alternative approach is to use group negativities.^{11a,23c,30} For example, the ionic character of the bond in TlCl would be related to the difference between the atomic electronegativities of Tl and Cl. For TlCl₃ on the other hand it would be related to the difference between the group electronegativity of TlCl₂ and the atomic electronegativity of Cl. Since the group electronegativity of TlCl₂ would have some value between the atomic values for Tl and Cl (a result of the electronegativity equalization principle^{1c,11a,23b,30c,31}), it would yield a smaller ionic

contribution to the Tl-Cl bonding in TlCl₃ as compared to TlCl.

Note how the polarizability approach to electronegativity can be interpreted not only in terms of valence electron density but also in terms of the electrostatic force exerted by a nucleus on its valence electrons, Z_{eff}/r^2 , where Z_{eff} is the effective nuclear charge of an atom and r is its radius.^{1,26,27g} Since polarizability is a measure of size, and since the number of valence electrons for s- and p-block elements also happens to equal the core charge of an atom, the two approaches are seen to be conceptually similar. In fact, excellent correlations between $(n/\alpha)^{1/3}$ and electronegativities derived from this electrostatic approach^{1h,26} are found and illustrated in Figure 2.³² Furthermore, a good correlation between Pauling electronegativities and $(Z_{\text{eff}}/\alpha)^{1/3}$ is observed when theoretical Z_{eff} values³³ are used. Further work along these lines would be helpful. It is gratifying though that even "controversial" cases like the C-Si-Ge-Sn-Pb electronegativity alternations³⁴ (as well as the absolute values) are reproduced in a sensible way through the use of polarizabilities and simple assumptions about the number of valence electrons.

What is it about polarizability that leads to such good agreement with Pauling electronegativities? Density functional theory⁶ points to electron density as the key parameter from which all other properties are (at least in principle) derived, and this is surely an indication that electron density is somehow related to empirical measures of electronegativity. Further insight into this question is possible if it is assumed that, as mentioned above, Pauling electronegativities as derived thermochemically^{3c,28} include not only a chemical potential contribution (as defined by the density functional approach⁶) but the "average effects of hardness"^{13a} as well. Polarizability is a very sensitive measure of the accessibility of low-lying, vacant orbitals to population by electrons in filled or partially filled orbitals^{14f,35} (and is therefore closely related to

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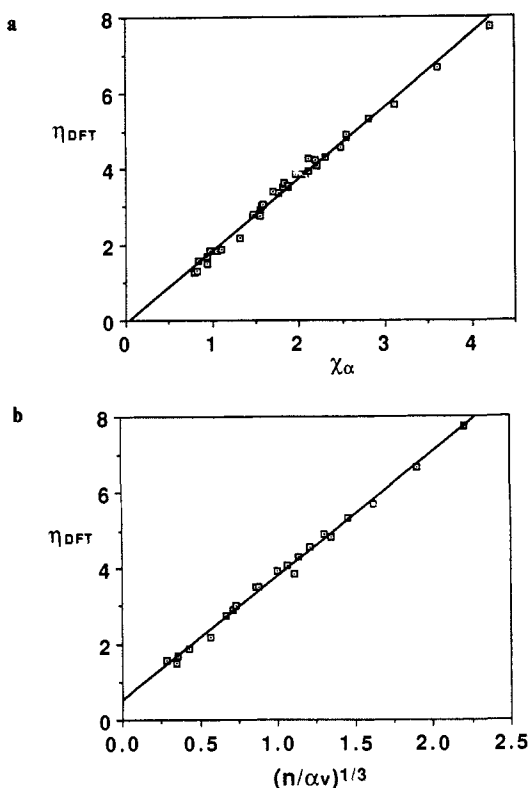


Figure 3. (a) Plot of hardness (eV) as defined and calculated from density functional theory (η_{DFT} ; ref 12a) for s- and p-block elements versus values of χ_α calculated from eq 1. (b) Plot of hardness (eV) versus $(n/\alpha_v)^{1/3}$ (electrons \AA^{-1}) where both α_v and η_{DFT} are calculated from density functional theory (ref 12a).

chemical hardness in the density functional approach^{36,37}. It is just this population of vacant or partially filled orbitals that often occurs when atoms join to form a chemical bond. Thus, in contrast to the Mulliken–Jaffe–Hinze approach,³⁸ no prior

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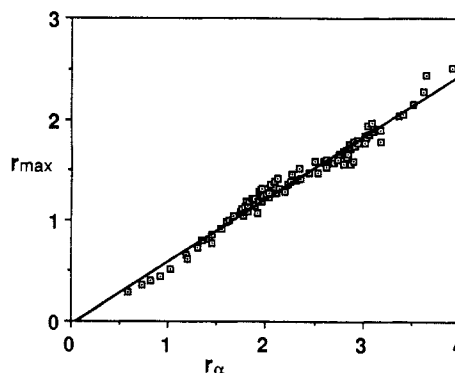


Figure 4. Plot of the maximum in the probability distribution function for the outermost orbital r_{max} ($\text{\AA} \text{ atom}^{-1}$) as calculated from a relativistic SCF approach (ref 39) versus polarizability radius $r_\alpha = \alpha_v^{1/3}$ ($\text{\AA} \text{ atom}^{-1}$).

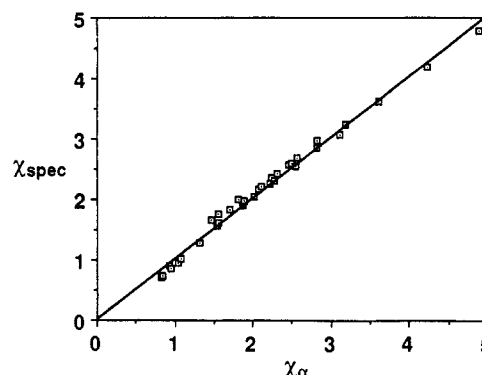


Figure 5. Plot of electronegativities as derived from ionization energies (χ_{spec} ; ref 25b) versus polarizability electronegativities (χ_α) calculated from eq 1.

Table III. Relationship between Atomic Polarizability and Properties Derived from It

term	symbol and defining equation	units ^a
polarizability (SI units)	α	$\text{F m}^2 \text{ atom}^{-1}$
polarizability (vol units)	$\alpha_v = 10^{30}\alpha/4\pi\epsilon_0$	$\text{\AA}^3 \text{ atom}^{-1}$
volume	$V_\alpha = 10^{30}\alpha/3\epsilon_0 = 4\pi\alpha_v/3$	$\text{\AA}^3 \text{ atom}^{-1}$
radius	$r_\alpha = (10^{30}\alpha/4\pi\epsilon_0)^{1/3} = \alpha_v^{1/3}$	$\text{\AA} \text{ atom}^{-1}$
softness (electron capacitance)	$\sigma_\alpha = 4\pi\epsilon_0(\alpha/4\pi\epsilon_0)^{1/3}$	F electron^{-1}
hardness	$\eta_\alpha = (4\pi\epsilon_0/\alpha)^{1/3}/4\pi\epsilon_0 = \sigma_\alpha^{-1}$	electrons F^{-1}
potential	$\mu_\alpha = (4\pi\epsilon_0n/\alpha)^{1/3}e/4\pi\epsilon_0 = n\eta_\alpha$	V
electronegativity	$\chi_\alpha = 1.66(n/\alpha_v)^{1/3} + 0.37$	

^aThe descriptive units atom and electron are included for clarity. See the following for discussions of descriptive units: Wadlinger, R. L. *J. Chem. Educ.* **1983**, *60*, 942–945. Strobel, P. *J. Chem. Educ.* **1989**, *66*, 270–271. Wadlinger, R. L. *J. Chem. Educ.* **1989**, *66*, 271.

knowledge of, or assumptions about, the valence state of an atom in a molecule is required.

This interpretation is supported by the excellent correlation (Figure 3a) between χ_α and values of atomic hardness as defined by and calculated with (within the local density approximation) density functional theory.^{12a} As pointed out in that study, hardness is much less sensitive than electronegativity (as defined by density functional theory) to the change from ground-state to valence-state electron configurations.^{12a}

Fortunately, reliable atomic polarizabilities, ionization energies, electron affinities, and density functionally defined electronegativities and average hardnesses for both ground and valence states can and have been calculated theoretically by using a common approach.^{11a,12} As shown in Figure 3b there is an excellent cor-

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relation between $(n/\alpha)^{1/3}$ and hardness with use of values of α calculated in the same way as hardness.^{12a} In fact the correlation is so good that calculated values for the d- and f-block elements could be used to determine optimal values of n (and hence electronegativities) for these elements. Further insight into the relationships between electronegativity, hardness, size, and polarizability should emerge from this type of approach.

Since hardness is generally considered to be related to the inverse of radius,^{13c} it is of interest to determine what relationship exists between polarizabilities and calculated orbital radii. Figure 4 shows an excellent correlation between polarizability radius ($[10^{30}\alpha/4\pi\epsilon_0]^{1/3}$ in units of Å per atom) and the calculated maximum density in the outermost ground state orbital radii with use of an SCF approach that includes relativistic effects.³⁹

Table III provides a summary of various atomic quantities that can be derived from polarizability, the units given following previous suggestions.^{13c} Although hardness, η_a , has the units of electrons per farad, these values multiplied by the electron charge e yield valence potentials, μ_a , in volts. Or, if hardness is to be related to the gap between the highest occupied and lowest unoccupied orbitals in the one-electron approach to atomic and molecular electronic structure, then μ_a multiplied by Faraday's constant F yields values in the SI units kJ per mol of atoms. Table II lists values of the various properties defined in Table III for elements of atomic number 1-102.

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In conclusion, the use of atomic polarizability values provides a simple and reliable way of calculating Pauling electronegativities for every element based on a measurable atomic property. Since this approach is so simple and is closely related to existing concepts, it should play an important role in discussions of electronegativity at the introductory level. The excellent agreement between the values determined here and the recently published^{25b} and published⁴⁰ values based on multiplet-averaged ionization energies (Figure 5) is encouraging and should provide theoreticians with a guide to further explore the role played by electronegativity in chemical bonding and reactivity. An extension of this work to molecular bond distances⁴¹ and molecular^{13c,42} and excited-state⁴³ polarizabilities is in progress.

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Ab Initio IGLO Studies of the Conformational Dependencies of α -, β -, and γ -Substituent Effects in the ^{13}C NMR Spectra of Aliphatic and Alicyclic Hydrocarbons

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Abstract: Ab initio IGLO (individual gauge for localized molecular orbital) methods of SCF-MO theory are used to study and analyze the mathematical form of the angular dependence of α -, β -, and γ -substituent effects in the ^{13}C NMR spectra of aliphatic and alicyclic hydrocarbons. The conformational dependencies of the isotropic ^{13}C shielding are investigated for all of the carbons in the series of aliphatic hydrocarbons: ethane, propane, *n*-butane, 2-methylbutane, and 2,2-dimethylbutane. The last three of these serve as model compounds for α -, β -, and γ -effects. In contrast to variation in the absolute ^{13}C shielding data, the shifts due to changes in dihedral angles are not sensitive to the size of the MO basis sets. In addition to providing a trigonometric form for the orientational dependence of the γ -effects, from these results it can be concluded that α - and β -effects are strongly dependent on conformation even for the usual situation in which the groups are trans and gauche. Each of these substituent effects is analyzed in terms of the variations in the IGLO C-H and C-C bond paramagnetic contributions. In contrast to a steric compression model for ^{13}C γ -substituent effects, the torsional dependence of the calculated C1 shielding in *n*-butane is dominated by the changes in the paramagnetic contributions for the C1-C2 bond and for the C1-H bond which is directed away from the C4 methyl group. The calculated shielding data for 2-methyl- and 2,2-dimethylbutanes results are quite consistent with additivity of the trigonometric forms for the γ -substituent effect in *n*-butane. To investigate α -, β -, and γ -substituent effects in cyclic molecules, shielding calculations at the double- ζ level were performed for methyl-substituted cyclohexanes and bicyclo[2.2.1]heptanes. Except for the carbons directly bonded to the methyl groups, these results are in reasonable agreement with the experimental data.

The α -, β -, and γ -substituent effects¹ in the ^{13}C NMR spectra of aliphatic and alicyclic compounds are of major importance in the application of NMR techniques to structural and conformational studies.² In these applications extensive use has been made of empirical additivity relationships. It was noted in ref 1 that ^{13}C chemical shifts for aliphatic and alicyclic hydrocarbons could

be described by an empirical equation of which a typical form is^{3,4}

$$\delta_{\text{C}} = n_{\alpha}A_{\alpha} + n_{\beta}B_{\beta} + n_{\gamma}C_{\gamma} + n_{\delta}D_{\delta} + S \quad (1)$$

where n_{α} , n_{β} , n_{γ} , and n_{δ} denote the number of α -, β -, γ -, and δ -substituents having additivity increments A_{α} , B_{β} , C_{γ} , and D_{δ} ,

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