

# ELECTRONEGATIVITY

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2. N <sub>2</sub>						
3. HBr						
4. OCl <sub>2</sub>						
5. SF <sub>6</sub>						
6. SO <sub>2</sub>						
7. SiCl <sub>4</sub>						
8. CF <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>			C-F: C-Cl:			
9. XeF <sub>4</sub> Note: the EN for Xe is 2.6						
10. C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>			C-C: C-H:			

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1. NH <sub>3</sub>			3.1 – 2.1 = 1.0	polar	No	polar
2. N <sub>2</sub>		No dipole 	3.1 – 3.1 = 0	non-polar	Yes	non-polar
3. HBr			2.8 – 2.1 = 0.7	polar	No	polar
4. OCl <sub>2</sub>			3.5 – 2.9 = 0.6	polar	No	polar
5. SF <sub>6</sub>		 All away from centre	4.1 – 2.4 = 1.7	polar / ionic	Yes	non-polar
6. SO <sub>2</sub>			3.5 – 2.4 = 1.1	polar	No	polar
7. SiCl <sub>4</sub>		 All away from centre	2.9 – 1.8 = 1.1	polar	Yes	non-polar
8. CF <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>		 All away from centre	C-F: 4.1 – 2.5 = 1.6 C-Cl: 2.9 – 2.5 = 0.4	polar non-polar	No (yes if you think just about shape, but no because Cl and F are different)	polar
9. XeF <sub>4</sub>		 All away from centre	(4.1 – 2.6 = 1.5)	(polar)	Yes	non-polar
10. C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>		(small dipoles) 	C-C: 2.5 – 2.5 = 0 C-H: 2.5 – 2.1 = 0.4	non-polar non-polar	Yes	non-polar

Q1 – which binary (two element) compound would have the greatest  $\Delta EN$ ? FrF -  $\Delta EN = 4.1 - 0.9 = 3.2$  (ionic)