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Chapter 8 Bonding and Molecular Structure

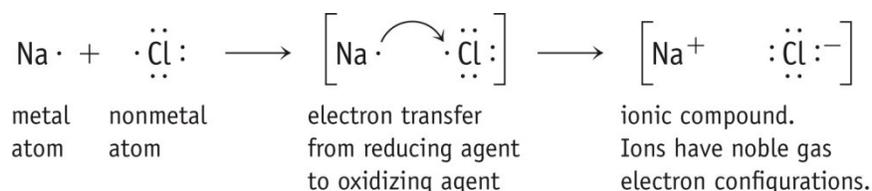
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Structure is the arrangement of atoms in 3D space

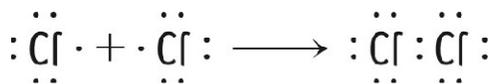
Bonding describes the forces that hold adjacent atoms together.

Chemical Bond is the net attractive force that occurs between atoms

Ionic Bond involves the transfer of one or more valence electrons from one atom to another



Covalent Bond shares electrons between atoms:



Other Covalent Bond Examples include the diatomic gases O₂ and N₂ as well as H₂O, CO₂, the organic compound Methane – CH₄, the polyatomic ions CO₃²⁻, CN⁻, NH₄⁺, NO₃⁻ and PO₄³⁻. Note these consist of nonmetal atoms, metal atoms use Ionic Bonding.

Valence Electrons represent the outer shell of electrons that are responsible for chemical reactions and bonding. These usually are the outermost s and p shell.

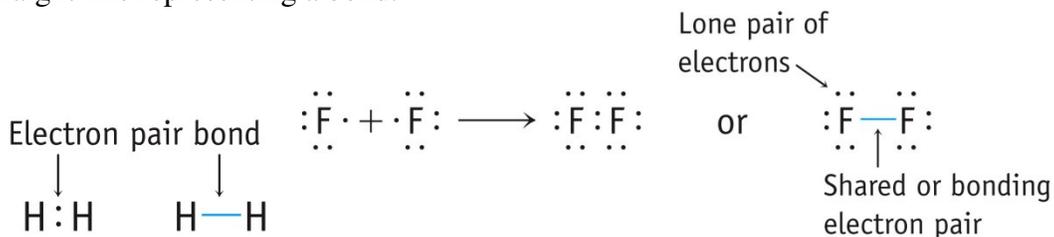
Core Electrons are the inner electrons that are not involved in bonding or chemical reactions.

Table 8.1 Core and Valence Electrons for Several Common Elements

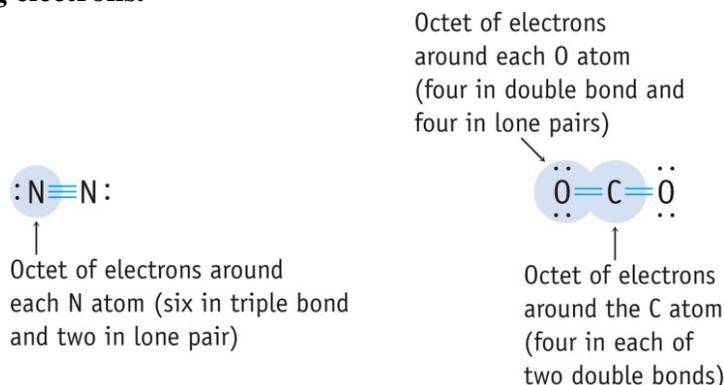
Element	Periodic Group	Core Electrons	Valence Electrons	Total
<i>Main Group Elements</i>				
Na	1A	1s ² 2s ² 2p ⁶ = [Ne]	3s ¹	[Ne]3s ¹
Si	4A	1s ² 2s ² 2p ⁶ = [Ne]	3s ² 3p ²	[Ne]3s ² 3p ²
As	5A	1s ² 2s ² 2p ⁶ 3s ² 3p ⁶ 3d ¹⁰ = [Ar]3d ¹⁰	4s ² 4p ³	[Ar]3d ¹⁰ 4s ² 4p ³
<i>Transition Elements</i>				
Ti	4B	1s ² 2s ² 2p ⁶ 3s ² 3p ⁶ = [Ar]	3d ² 4s ²	[Ar]3d ² 4s ²
Co	8B	[Ar]	3d ⁷ 4s ²	[Ar]3d ⁷ 4s ²
Mo	6B	[Kr]	4d ⁵ 5s ¹	[Kr]4d ⁵ 5s ¹

Lewis Electron Dot Structure and the Octet Rule

A pair of electrons shared between two atoms represents a bond. Two dots representing the two electrons are changed to a straight line representing a bond.



These two bonding electrons are called a **Bonding Pair**. The six other electron pair on the Fluorine are called **Lone Pair** or **Non Bonding electrons**.



In nitrogen above, remember nitrogen is a diatomic molecule, there are 3 bonding pair and one lone pair on each nitrogen. The molecules try to be in a noble gas configuration – with an s^2 and p^6 outer shell configuration. It has 8 electrons surrounding it – it has an **Octet of electrons**. The carbon in the carbon dioxide has 4 bonding pair and no lone pair. Each oxygen atom has two bonding pair and two lone pair.

Each atom has contributed and accepted electrons to achieve a **Noble Gas Configuration**; they are surrounded by 8 electrons. The **Octet Rule** states the tendency of molecular and polyatomic ions to have structures in which eight electrons surround each atom, $S^2 P^6 = 8 e^-$.

Drawing Lewis Electron Dot Structures

Valence Electrons: Carbon has 4, Hydrogen has 1, Nitrogen has 5 (3 bonding and one lone pair), and Oxygen has 6 (2 bonding and 2 lone pair). Draw the orbital box diagram or the spdf notation and prove it to yourself!

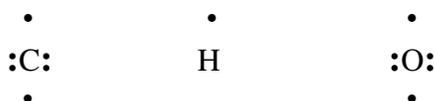
Table 8.2 Lewis Electron Dot Symbols for Main Group Atoms

1A ns^1	2A ns^2	3A ns^2np^1	4A ns^2np^2	5A ns^2np^3	6A ns^2np^4	7A ns^2np^5	8A ns^2np^6
Li·	·Be·	·B·	·C·	·N·	:O·	:F·	:Ne:
Na·	·Mg·	·Al·	·Si·	·P·	:S·	:Cl·	:Ar:

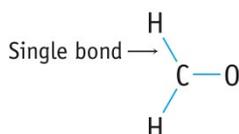
- Determine the arrangements of the atoms in the molecule, determine the central atom.
- Determine the total number of electrons in the molecule
 - For a neutral atom, the # of e^- is the sum of the valence e^-
 - For an anion, add the number of electrons equal to the negative charge
 - For a cation, subtract the number of electrons equal to the positive charge

The number of valence electron pairs = total # of electrons / 2

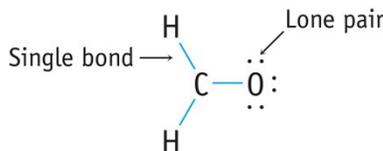
CH_2O Carbon has 4 (from SP^3 Hybridization), Hydrogen has 1, Oxygen has 6
 $= 4 + 2 * 1 + 6 = 12$ valence electrons



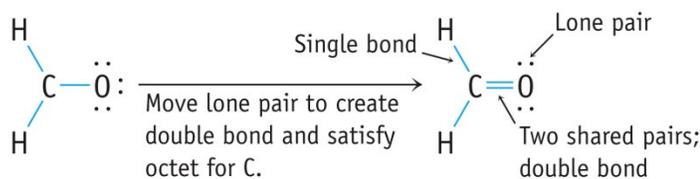
- Place one pair of electrons between each pair of bonded atoms to form a **single bond**



- Use any remaining pairs as lone pairs around each terminal atom (except H) so that each terminal atom is surrounded by 8 electrons.



- If the central atom has fewer than 8 electrons, change one or more of the lone pairs on the terminal atoms into a bonding pair between the central and terminal atom to form a double or triple bond.



Double bonds are usually associated with: $\text{C}=\text{C}$, $\text{C}=\text{O}$, $\text{C}=\text{N}$.

Triple bonds are usually associated with: $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$, $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$, $\text{N}\equiv\text{N}$.

Sulfur and Phosphorous also form double bonds with oxygen $\text{S}=\text{O}$ and $\text{P}=\text{O}$.

Example 8.1 Draw the Lewis Structures for ClO_3^- and NO_2^+

Example 8.2 Draw the Lewis electron dot structures for CCl_4 and NF_3 .

Predicting Lewis Structures

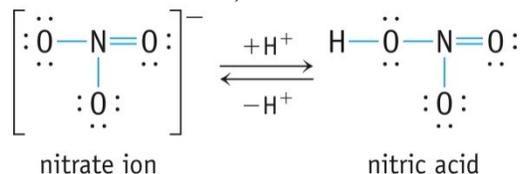
The following guidelines help in drawing Lewis Structures. Here are some common bondings:



Table 8.3 Lewis Structures of Common Hydrogen-Containing Molecules and Ions of Second-Period Elements

Group 4A	Group 5A	Group 6A	Group 7A
CH_4 methane $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\ \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	NH_3 ammonia $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \\ \text{H}-\text{N}-\text{H} \\ \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	H_2O water $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{H} \\ \cdot\cdot \end{array}$	HF hydrogen fluoride $\begin{array}{c} \cdot\cdot \\ \\ \text{H}-\text{F} \\ \cdot\cdot \end{array}$
C_2H_6 ethane $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\ \quad \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	N_2H_4 hydrazine $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \cdot\cdot \\ \quad \\ \text{H}-\text{N}-\text{N}-\text{H} \\ \quad \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	H_2O_2 hydrogen peroxide $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \cdot\cdot \\ \quad \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{O}-\text{H} \\ \cdot\cdot \quad \cdot\cdot \end{array}$	
C_2H_4 ethylene $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \\ \text{H}-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{H} \\ \quad \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	NH_4^+ ammonium ion $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \\ \text{H}-\text{N}-\text{H} \\ \\ \text{H} \end{array} \right]^+$	H_3O^+ hydronium ion $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{H} \\ \\ \text{H} \end{array} \right]^+$	
C_2H_2 acetylene $\text{H}-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{H}$	NH_2^- amide ion $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \\ \text{H}-\text{N}-\text{H} \\ \cdot\cdot \end{array} \right]^-$	OH^- hydroxide ion $\left[\begin{array}{c} \cdot\cdot \\ \\ \cdot\cdot-\text{O}-\text{H} \\ \cdot\cdot \end{array} \right]^-$	

Oxoacids and their Anions: in the absence of water, which helps ionize the acid and form hydrogen bonding, these acids form covalent bonds (See Table 8.4 below).



In the above reactions, nitric acid on the right will give up an H^+ to water in an aqueous solution to form the nitrate and a hydronium ion. This is what acids do in aqueous solutions. When not in aqueous solutions, most acids are clear, high boiling point liquids.

Table 8.4 Lewis Structures of Common Oxoacids and Their Anions

HNO_3 nitric acid $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{N}=\text{O} \\ \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O} \\ \cdot\cdot \end{array}$	H_3PO_4 phosphoric acid $\begin{array}{c} \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{H} \\ \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{P}-\text{O} \\ \quad \\ \text{H}-\text{O} \quad \text{H} \\ \cdot\cdot \quad \cdot\cdot \end{array}$	H_2SO_4 sulfuric acid $\begin{array}{c} \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{H} \\ \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{S}-\text{O} \\ \quad \\ \cdot\cdot \quad \text{O} \\ \cdot\cdot \quad \cdot\cdot \end{array}$
NO_3^- nitrate ion $\left[\begin{array}{c} \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{N}=\text{O} \\ \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O} \\ \cdot\cdot \end{array} \right]^-$	PO_4^{3-} phosphate ion $\left[\begin{array}{c} \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O} \\ \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{P}-\text{O} \\ \quad \\ \cdot\cdot \quad \text{O} \\ \cdot\cdot \quad \cdot\cdot \end{array} \right]^{3-}$	HSO_4^- hydrogen sulfate ion $\left[\begin{array}{c} \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{H} \\ \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{S}-\text{O} \\ \quad \\ \cdot\cdot \quad \text{O} \\ \cdot\cdot \quad \cdot\cdot \end{array} \right]^-$
HClO_4 perchloric acid $\begin{array}{c} \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{H} \\ \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{Cl}-\text{O} \\ \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O} \\ \cdot\cdot \end{array}$	HOCl hypochlorous acid $\begin{array}{c} \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{H} \\ \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{Cl} \\ \cdot\cdot \end{array}$	SO_4^{2-} sulfate ion $\left[\begin{array}{c} \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O} \\ \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{S}-\text{O} \\ \quad \\ \cdot\cdot \quad \text{O} \\ \cdot\cdot \quad \cdot\cdot \end{array} \right]^{2-}$
ClO_4^- perchlorate ion $\left[\begin{array}{c} \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O} \\ \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{Cl}-\text{O} \\ \\ \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O} \\ \cdot\cdot \end{array} \right]^-$	OCl^- hypochlorite ion $\left[\begin{array}{c} \cdot\cdot \\ \text{O}-\text{Cl} \\ \cdot\cdot \end{array} \right]^-$	

Isoelectronic species are molecules and ions having the same number of valence electrons and similar Lewis structures. NO^+ , N_2 , CO , and CN^- all have 10 valence electrons:



Work these out

And here are some more examples to work your mind out:

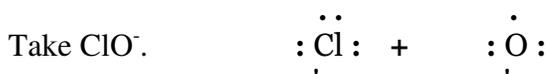
Table 8.5 Some Common Isoelectronic Molecules and Ions

Formulas	Representative Lewis Structure	Formulas	Representative Lewis Structure
BH_4^- , CH_4 , NH_4^+	$\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \\ \text{H}-\text{N}-\text{H} \\ \\ \text{H} \end{array} \right]^+$	CO_3^{2-} , NO_3^-	$\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{:}\ddot{\text{O}}-\text{N}=\ddot{\text{O}}\text{:} \\ \\ \text{:}\ddot{\text{O}}\text{:} \end{array} \right]^-$
NH_3 , H_3O^+	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \\ \text{H}-\text{N}-\text{H} \\ \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	PO_4^{3-} , SO_4^{2-} , ClO_4^-	$\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{:}\ddot{\text{O}}\text{:} \\ \\ \text{:}\ddot{\text{O}}-\text{P}-\ddot{\text{O}}\text{:} \\ \\ \text{:}\ddot{\text{O}}\text{:} \end{array} \right]^{3-}$
CO_2 , OCN^- , SCN^- , N_2O NO_2^+ , OCS , CS_2	$\begin{array}{c} \text{:}\ddot{\text{O}}=\text{C}=\ddot{\text{O}}\text{:} \end{array}$		

A **Formal Charge** is the charge that resides on an atom or molecule or polyatomic if we assume that all bonding electrons are shared equally:

$$\text{Formal Charge} = \text{Number of Valence } e^- = [\text{Lone Pair } e^- + \frac{1}{2} (\text{Bonding } e^-)]$$

$$\text{Formal Charge} = \text{NVE} - [\text{LPE} + \frac{1}{2} (\text{Be})]$$



First arrange the atoms and count the e^- ($\# e^- = 7 + 6 = 13$) $\text{Cl} \quad \text{O}$

Place a pair of e^- between each bonded atom, we have $13 - 2 = 11$ left $\text{Cl} : \text{O}$

Place remaining e^- in pairs around each atom $\begin{array}{c} \text{:}\ddot{\text{Cl}}\text{:}\ddot{\text{O}}\text{:} \\ | \quad | \end{array}$

But, the compound we have is ClO^- not ClO $\begin{array}{c} \text{:}\ddot{\text{Cl}}\text{:}\ddot{\text{O}}\text{:} \\ | \quad | \end{array}^-$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Formal Charge} &= \text{NVE} - [\text{LPE} + \frac{1}{2} (\text{Be})] = 6 - [6 + \frac{1}{2} (2)] = -1 \text{ For Oxygen} \\ &= 7 - [6 + \frac{1}{2} (2)] = 0 \text{ For Chlorine} \end{aligned}$$

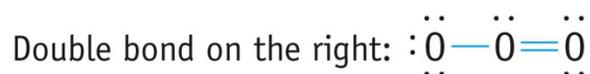
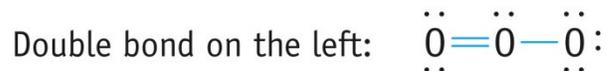
Therefore if a H^+ approaches ClO^- , it will attach to the oxygen and not the Chlorine!

Example 8.3 Calculate the formal charge on ClO_3^-

Oxidation Number and Formal Charge. Oxidation numbers are calculated assuming the bond between an atom pair is Ionic (electrons move to one atom), **Formal Charge** says the electrons in the bond are covalent – they are shared.

Resonance structures are used to represent bonding in a molecule or ion when a single Lewis structure fails to accurately describe the actual electronic structure and/or its reactive properties.

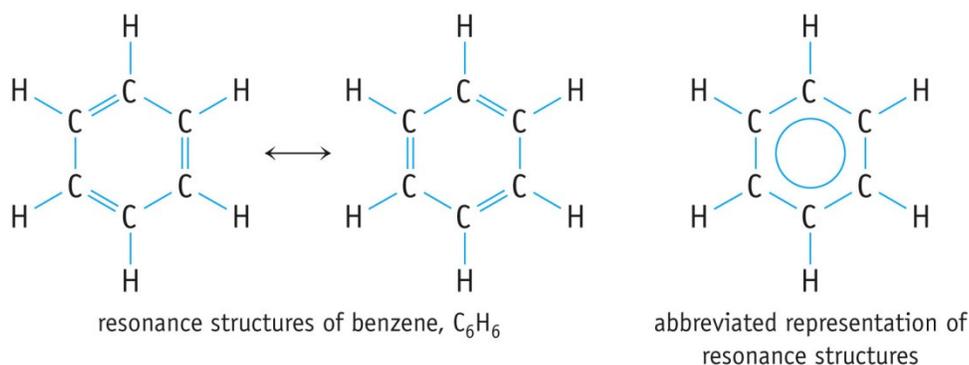
Alternative Ways of Drawing the Ozone Structure



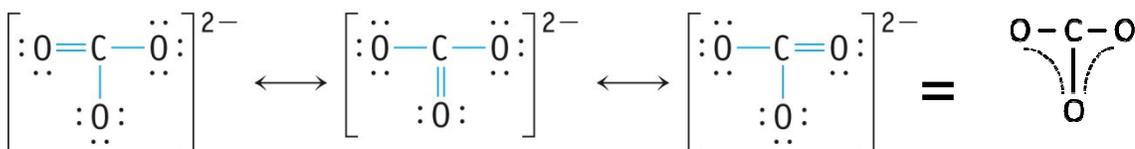
The double bond on the left structure and the one on the right are called their **Resonance Structures**. The lengths of both of the end oxygen to center oxygen bonds measure the same length. So, the actual structure is not as presented above but is a **hybrid** or in-between structure.

Resonance is used when a single Lewis structure does not describe the actual structure. The actual structure lies somewhere in between two or more presented Lewis structures.

Benzene, a common Organic compound also is represented by two resonance structures. The actual structure is an in-between structure as all of the C-C bonds measure the same length. There is not a C-C and a C=C bonds, but there is one bond length $\text{C}\text{---}\text{C}$



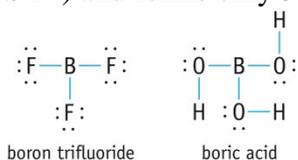
The Carbonate structure for CO_3^{2-} is represented by the following 3 Lewis structures. Actually, all three O to C bonds are the same length and in between the length of a C to O single bond and C to O double bond length.



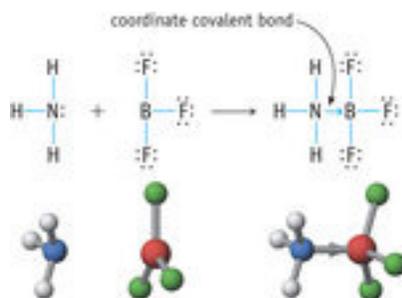
The Nitrate ion, NO_3^- , structure also is represented by 3 Lewis structures similar to the carbonate above.

8.5 Exceptions to the Octet Rule

Boron has 3 valence electrons (hybridizes to S^1P^2) and forms only 3 covalent bonds:



Boron can react with molecules that will donate an electron pair so as to fill the Boron octet. Such bonds are called **Coordinate Covalent Bonds**.



Compounds with more than 8 valence electrons

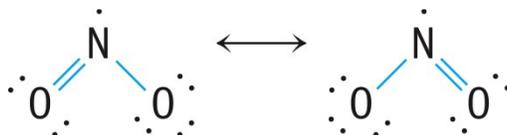
The central atom is surrounded by more than 4 valence electron pairs, most common are F, Cl, and O. Sulfur Hexafluoride, SF₆ is also an example. Only elements for n=3 (Periodic Table) or higher form compounds and ions where an octet is exceeded.

Table 8.6 Lewis Structures in Which the Central Atom Exceeds an Octet

Group 4A	Group 5A	Group 6A	Group 7A	Group 8
SiF_5^- 	PF_5 	SF_4 	ClF_3 	XeF_2
SiF_6^{2-} 	PF_6^- 	SF_6 	BrF_5 	XeF_4

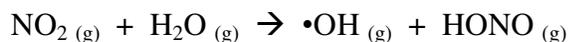
Molecules with an Odd Number of Electrons

NO has 11 valence electrons and NO₂ has 17 valence electrons – both an odd number: e.g. There is one unpaired electron!



The unpaired electron is called a **Free Radical**, which usually are very reactive. Free Radicals are responsible for many problems dealing with Mother Nature:

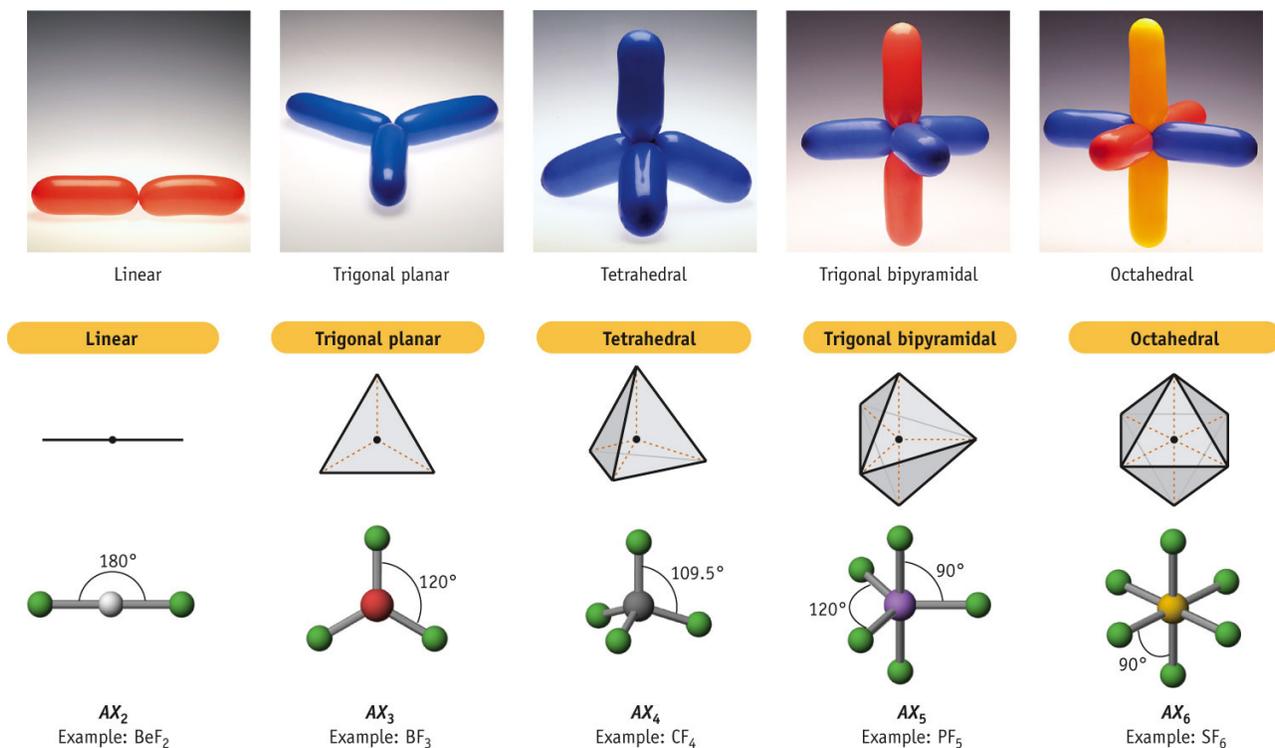
NO from car exhaust reacts with oxygen to form NO₂ (toxic to humans at 100 ppm).



8.6 Molecular Shapes

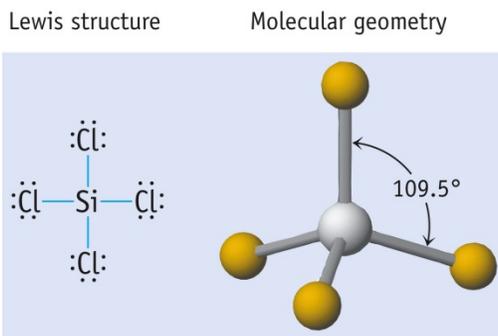
Lewis Structures show a 2D picture of a molecule. For many molecules, a 3D picture is needed in order to understand reactivity. The **Valence Shell electron-Pair Repulsion (VSEPR)** model is used and is based on **the bond and lone pair of electron pairs in the valence shell of an element repel each other and seek to be as far apart as possible**. The positions of the bond and lone pair electrons define the bond angle to the surrounding atoms.

Single-Bonds the following geometries vs number of bonds using VSEPR



Two elements tied to a central atom presents a Linear arrangement so the bonding electrons are as far apart as possible. Etc going down the line. Notice the Linear and Trigonal Planar are 2D, the rest are 3D images.

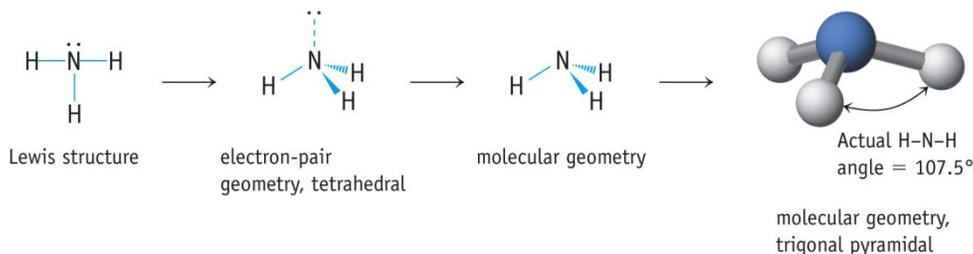
Below is the Lewis Structure (2D) and the Molecular 3D Geometry for $SiCl_4$. This would be the same structure for the organic compound Methane, CH_4 .



Single-Bonds with Lone Pairs

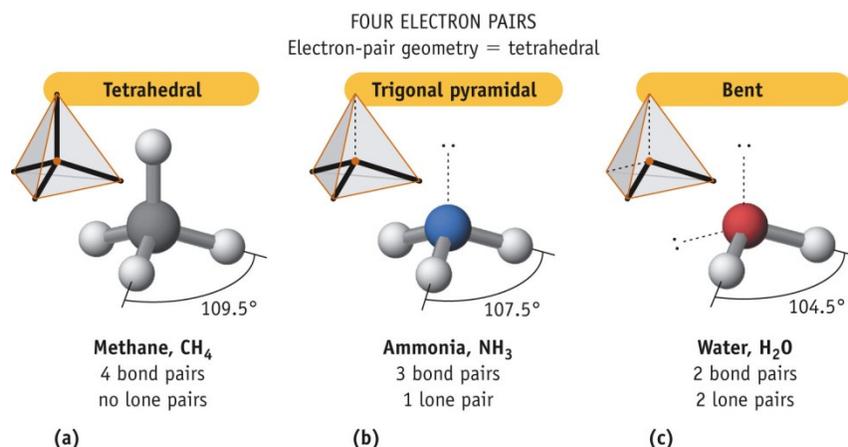
Electron Pair Geometry: Geometry assumed by all the valence electron pairs around a central atom. The lone pair of electrons do occupy a special position.

Molecular Geometry: Arrangement in space about a central atom



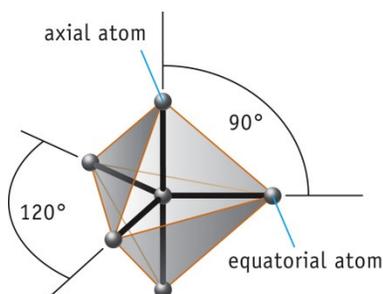
Above is the 2D geometry for Ammonia, NH_3 . The 3D picture shows the electron pair and how it actually takes up a special position.

Effect of Lone Pairs on Bond Angles. Lone Pair of electrons occupy a larger volume than bonding pairs. The angle between the lone pair and a connecting atom will be larger than the angle between two connecting atoms.

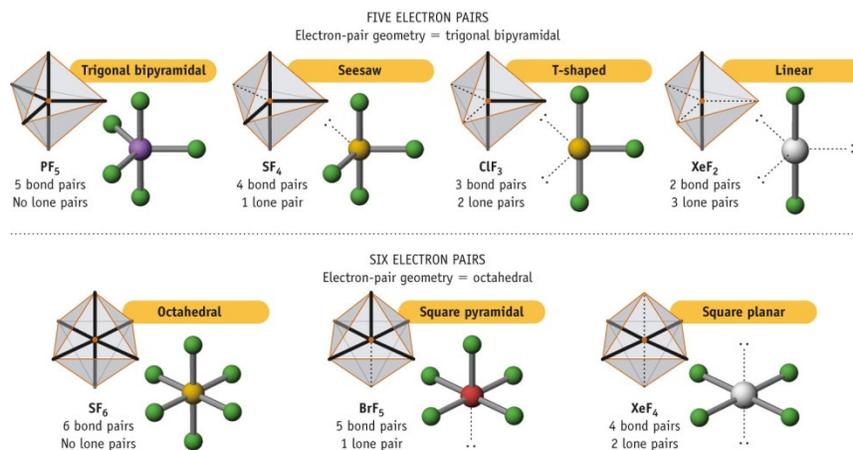


All bond angles in Methane above are equal at 109.5° . The lone pair on Ammonia pushes the three hydrogen's down so the hydrogen-hydrogen angle is no longer 109.5° , but is 107.5° . Water is similar with the two lone pair pushing the two hydrogen back so their angle is 104.5° .

Central atoms with more than 4 valence electron pair. When a central atom has 5 or 6 equivalent bonds, all angles are not equal. The trigonal-bipyramidal shown below has two axial locations and three equatorial positions and they are not equivalent. Any lone electron pair would be axial to space them as far away from the equatorial bonds.



With 6 electron pairs, the shape is octahedral with all angles 90° .



- The element with the largest Electronegativity is Fluorine assigned a value of 4.0. The element with the smallest value is Cesium.
- Electronegativity increases going left to right across a period and decreases going down a group.
- Metals have a low Electronegativity < 1 to 2
- Metalloids have a value around 2
- Nonmetals have values greater than 2.

Cesium Fluoride CeF $X = 4.0 - 0.8 = 3.2$ Compound is ionic
 Hydrofluoric Acid HF $X = 4.0 - 2.2 = 1.8$ Compound is covalent bond
 Because of the difference in Electronegativity for HF, the compound is polar.

Nonpolar bonds form when the difference in electronegativity is less than 0.5

Polar bonds form when the difference in electronegativity is greater than 0.5

Ionic bonds form when the difference in electronegativity is greater than 1.8

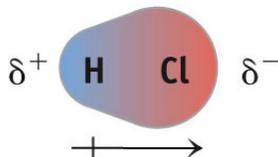
Ionic Bonds form between a metal and non metal because the **electronegativity differences are the largest**

Covalent Bonds form between two nonmetals because the **electronegativity differences are small**

Charge Distribution is the way electrons are distributed in a molecule or ion

- Electroneutrality Principle says electrons will be distributed in such a way that the charges on all atoms are as close to zero as possible
- If a negative charge is present, it should reside on the most electronegative atoms.

Bond and Molecular Polarity electron density accumulates toward one side of a molecule giving that side a partially negative, δ^- , or a partial positive charge δ^+ .

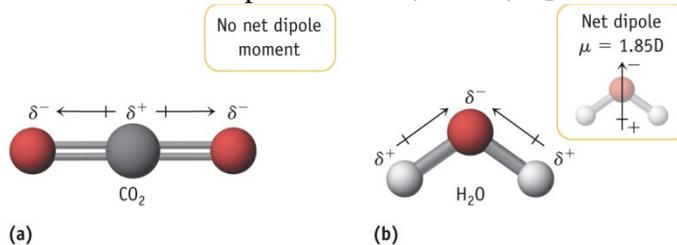


This is measured by **Dipole Moment**, μ , the extent to which the molecules line up in an electric field.

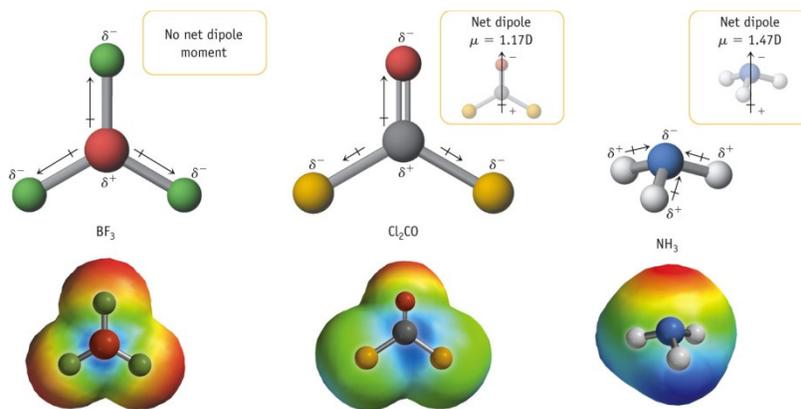
Table 8.7 Dipole Moments of Selected Molecules

Molecule (AX)	Moment (μ , D)	Geometry	Molecule (AX_2)	Moment (μ , D)	Geometry
HF	1.78	Linear	H_2O	1.85	Bent
HCl	1.07	Linear	H_2S	0.95	Bent
HBr	0.79	Linear	SO_2	1.62	Bent
HI	0.38	Linear	CO_2	0	Linear
H_2	0	Linear			
Molecule (AX_3)	Moment (μ , D)	Geometry	Molecule (AX_4)	Moment (μ , D)	Geometry
NH_3	1.47	Trigonal pyramidal	CH_4	0	Tetrahedral
NF_3	0.23	Trigonal pyramidal	CH_3Cl	1.92	Tetrahedral
BF_3	0	Trigonal planar	CH_2Cl_2	1.60	Tetrahedral
			CHCl_3	1.04	Tetrahedral
			CCl_4	0	Tetrahedral

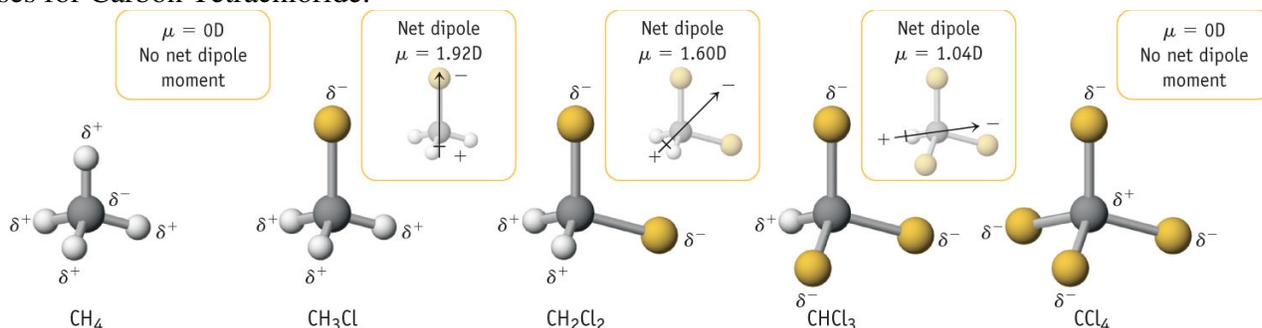
Carbon Dioxide, CO₂, is linear and has no net dipole moment, Water, H₂O is bent and has a net dipole moment.



BF₃ is trigonal planar so the Electronegativity effect of each Fluorine cancel each other out. Cl₂CO is also trigonal planar, but with the strongly electronegative Chlorine towards one end and less electronegative Oxygen at the other end.



Methane is not polar, but as you replace a Hydrogen with Chlorine, the net dipole moment increases and then decreases for Carbon Tetrachloride:



8.9 Bond Order

The Order of a Bond is the number of bonding electron pairs shared by two atoms in a molecule.

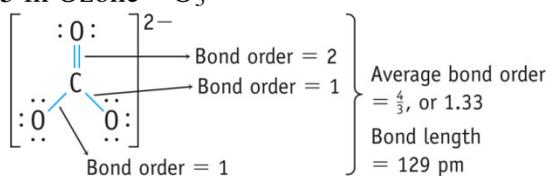
Bond Order = $\frac{\text{\# of shared pairs in all X-Y Bonds}}{\text{\# of X-Y links in the molecule or ion}}$

Bond Order = 1 There is only one single covalent bond between a pair of atoms
N₂, NH₃, CH₄

Bond Order = 2 When 2 electron pairs are shared between atoms
C=O in CO₂, C=C in H₂C=CH₂

Bond Order = 3 When 2 atoms are connected by 3 bonds
C≡O in CO, N≡N in N₂

Fractional Bond Order = 1.5 in Ozone – O₃



Bond Length is the distance between the nuclei of two bonded atoms. It is related to the size of the atoms and the order of the bonds between the two atoms.

Table 8.8 Some Average Single- and Multiple-Bond Lengths in Picometers (pm)*

Single Bond Lengths											
Group											
	1A	4A	5A	6A	7A	4A	5A	6A	7A	7A	7A
	H	C	N	O	F	Si	P	S	Cl	Br	I
H	74	110	98	94	92	145	138	132	127	142	161
C		154	147	143	141	194	187	181	176	191	210
N			140	136	134	187	180	174	169	184	203
O				132	130	183	176	170	165	180	199
F					128	181	174	168	163	178	197
Si						234	227	221	216	231	250
P							220	214	209	224	243
S								208	203	218	237
Cl									200	213	232
Br										228	247
I											266

Multiple Bond Lengths			
C=C	134	C≡C	121
C=N	127	C≡N	115
C=O	122	C≡O	113
N=O	115	N≡O	108

*1 pm = 10^{-12} m.

The average C-H bond length is 110 pm. The C-H bond in Methane, CH₄, is 109.4 pm, in Acetylene, H-C≡C-H is 105.9 pm. The H-X distance in hydrogen halides increases in order predicted by the halogen size of H-F < H-Cl < H-Br < H-I.

Bond Dissociation Enthalpy is the enthalpy change for breaking a bond in a molecule with the reactants and products in the gas phase.

The process of breaking bonds in a molecule is always endothermic, ΔH is +.

The formation of bonds from atoms or radicals in the gas phase is always exothermic, ΔH is -.