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Chapter 1 Structure and Bonding

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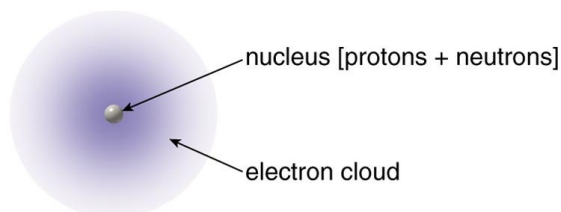
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1.1 The Periodic Table: Atomic Structure

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Schematic of an atom



- The **nucleus** contains positively charged protons and uncharged neutrons.
- The **electron cloud** is composed of negatively charged electrons.

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Atomic Structure

- The **atomic number** is the number of protons in the nucleus and also the number of electrons surrounding (i.e., protons = electrons).
- The **atomic mass** is the number of protons plus neutrons in the nucleus (e.g., $^{12}_6\text{C}$ has six protons and six neutrons).
- Carbon's atomic number is 6; its atomic mass is 12.
- In a **neutral atom**, the number of protons equals the number of electrons.

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Ions

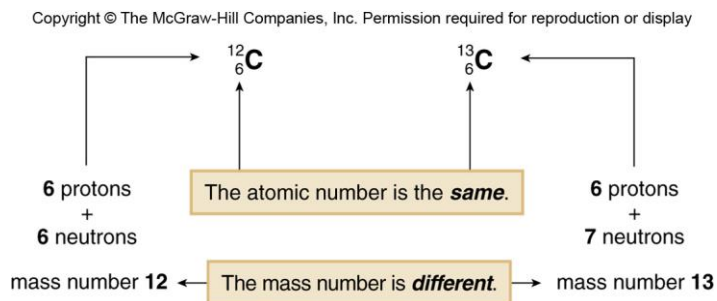
Charged ions:

- A **cation** is positively charged and has fewer electrons than its neutral form.
- An **anion** is negatively charged and has more electrons than its neutral form.

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Isotopes

Figure 1.1



- **Isotopes** are two atoms of the same element having a different number of neutrons.
- Most carbon atoms have 6 neutrons, but 1.1% have 7 neutrons

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The Periodic Table

- Elements in the **same row** are similar in size.
- Elements in the **same column** have similar electronic and chemical properties.

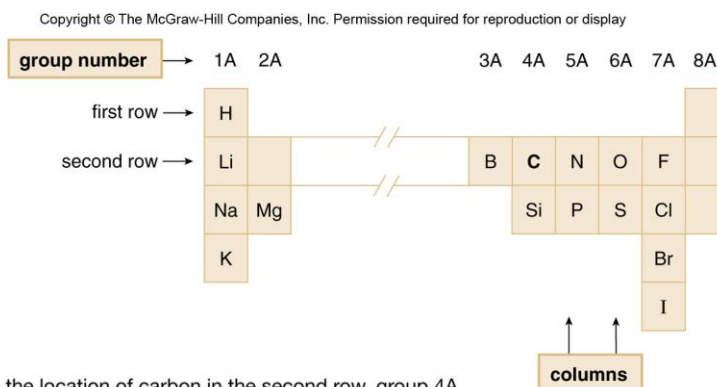


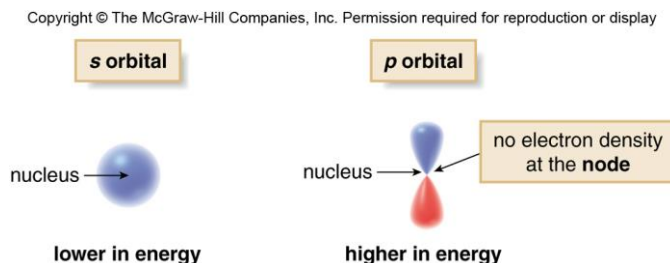
Figure 1.2

- Note the location of carbon in the second row, group 4A.

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Atomic Orbitals

- An **s orbital** has a sphere of electron density and is lower in energy than the other orbitals of the same shell.
- A **p orbital** has a dumbbell shape and contains a node (no electron density) at the nucleus. It is higher in energy than an s orbital.

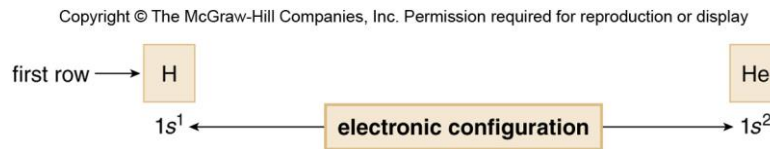


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Periodic Table

The First Row

- There is only **one orbital** in the first shell.
- Each shell can hold a maximum of **two electrons**.
- Therefore, there are two elements in the first row:
H and He.

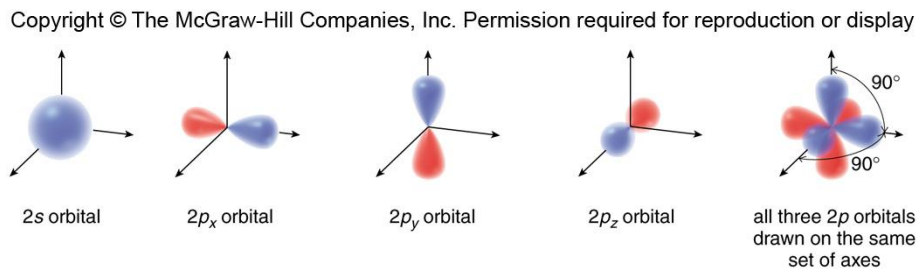


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Periodic Table

The Second Row

Each element in the second row of the periodic table has **four orbitals** available to accept additional electrons: **one $2s$ orbital**, and **three $2p$ orbitals**.



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Periodic Table

The Second Row

- Each of the **four orbitals** in the second shell hold **two electrons**.
- There is a maximum capacity of **eight valence electrons** for elements in the second row.
- The second row of the periodic table consists of eight elements, obtained by adding electrons to the 2s and three 2p orbitals.

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group number	→ 1A	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	8A
second row	→ Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F	Ne
number of valence electrons	→ 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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1.2 Bonding

- **Bonding** is the joining of two atoms in a stable arrangement.
- Through bonding, atoms attain a **complete outer shell** of valence electrons (stable noble gas configuration).
- Atoms can form either ionic or covalent bonds to attain a complete outer shell (octet rule for second row elements).
 - **Ionic bonds** result from the transfer of electrons from one element to another.
 - **Covalent bonds** result from the sharing of electrons between two nuclei.

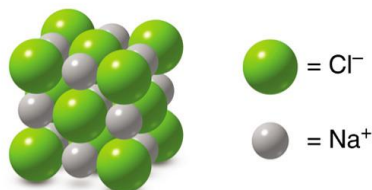
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Ionic Bonding

- An **ionic bond** generally occurs when elements on the far **left side** of the periodic table combine with elements on the far **right side**, ignoring noble gases.
- A positively **charged cation** formed from the element on the left side attracts a negatively **charged anion** formed from the element on the right side (e.g., sodium chloride, NaCl).

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NaCl—An ionic crystalline lattice

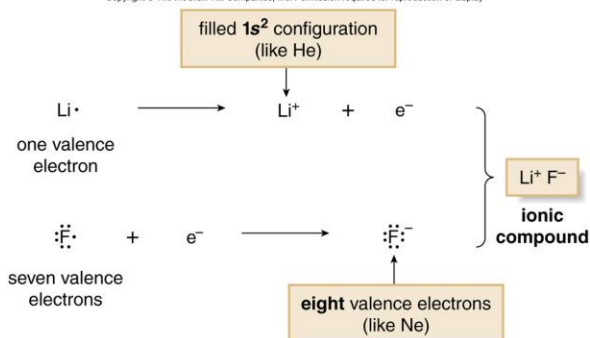


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Ionic Bonding

- **Li** loses its one electron to make **Li⁺** which has no electrons in second shell. However, it has a complete first shell.
- **F** gains one electron to make **F⁻** which has a filled valence shell (an octet of electrons), like neon.

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Covalent Bonding

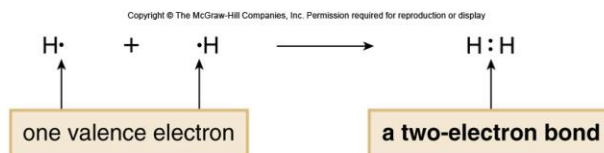
- Covalent bonding occurs with elements like carbon in the **middle of the table** (e.g., CH₄) with elements that have similar electronegativity.
- Covalent bonds also occur between two of the same elements from the sides of the table (e.g., H₂, Cl₂).
- A **covalent** bond is a two-electron bond, and a compound with covalent bonds is called a **molecule**.

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Covalent Bonding

Example: Bonding in Molecular Hydrogen (H₂)

- Hydrogen forms one covalent bond.
- When two hydrogen atoms are joined in a bond, each has a filled valence shell of two electrons.



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Valence Electrons

- Second row elements can have **no more than eight** electrons around them. For neutral molecules, this has two consequences:
 - Atoms with **1-4 valence** electrons form one, two, three, or four bonds, respectively, in neutral molecules (e.g., BF_3 , CH_4).
 - Atoms with **five or more valence** electrons form enough bonds to give **an octet** (e.g., NH_3). This results in the following equation:

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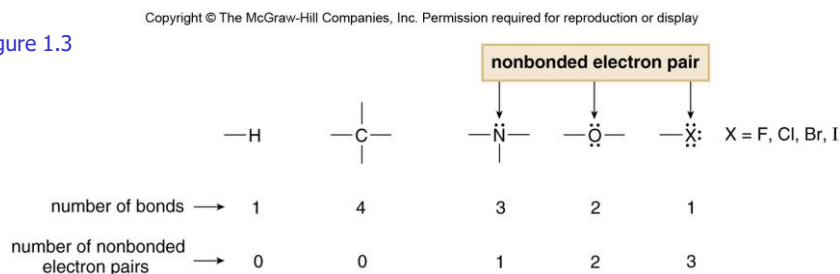
predicted number of bonds	=	8	-	number of valence electrons
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Nonbonded Electrons

- When second-row elements form **fewer than four bonds**, their octets consist of both bonding (shared) and nonbonding (unshared) electrons. Unshared electrons are also called *lone pairs*.

Figure 1.3



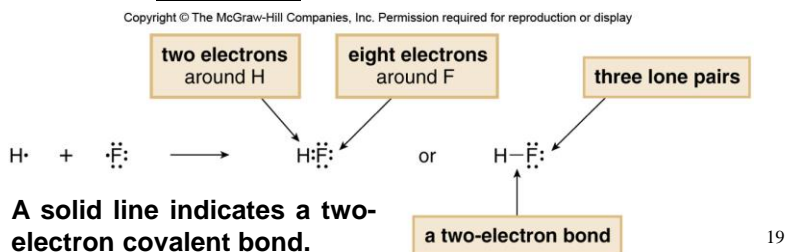
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1.3 Lewis Structures

Lewis structures are **electron dot representations** for molecules.

General rules for drawing Lewis structures:

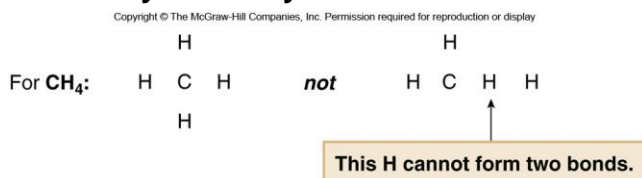
1. Draw only the **valence electrons**.
2. Give every **second-row** element no more than **eight electrons**.
3. Give each **hydrogen** **two electrons**.



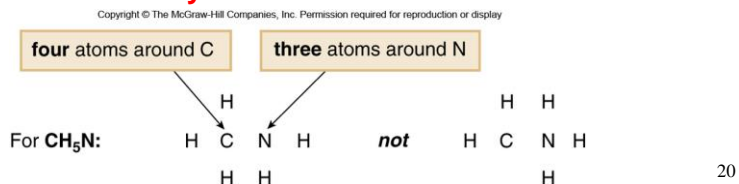
How to Draw a Lewis Structure

Step [1] Arrange atoms next to each other that you think are bonded together.

- Always place hydrogen and halogens on the **edge** because they form only one bond each.



- Place no more atoms around an atom than the number of **bonds it usually forms**.



How to Draw a Lewis Structure

Step [2] Count the electrons.

- Count the number of valence electrons from all atoms.
- Add one electron for each negative charge.
- Subtract one electron for each positive charge.
- This gives the total number of electrons that must be used in drawing the Lewis structure.

Step [3] Arrange the electrons around the atoms.

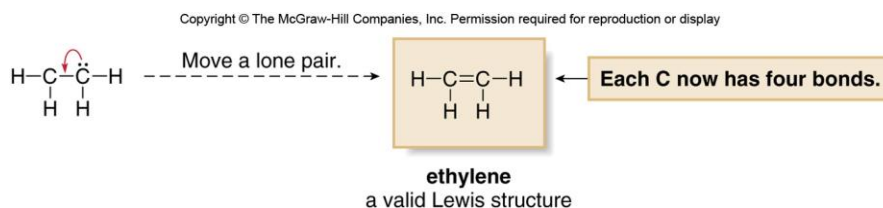
- Place a bond between every two atoms, giving two electrons to each H and no more than eight to any second-row atom.
- Use all remaining electrons to fill octets with lone pairs.
- If all valence electrons are used and an atom does not have an octet, form multiple bonds.

Step [4] Assign formal charges to all atoms.

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Multiple Bonds

- If all valence electrons are used and an atom **does not have an octet**, form multiple bonds.



- To give both C's an octet, change one lone pair into one bonding pair between the two C's, forming a double bond.

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Formal Charge

- **Formal charge** is the charge assigned to individual atoms in a Lewis structure.
- Formal charge is calculated as follows:

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$$\text{formal charge} = \text{number of valence electrons} - \text{number of electrons an atom "owns"}$$

- The number of electrons “owned” by an atom is determined by its **number of bonds and lone pairs**.
- An atom “owns” **all of its unshared** electrons and **half of its shared** electrons.

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Electron Ownership

The number of electrons “owned” by different atoms is indicated in the following examples:

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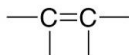
- C shares eight electrons.
- C “owns” **four** electrons.

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- C shares six electrons.
- C has two unshared electrons.
- C “owns” **five** electrons.

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- Each C shares eight electrons.
- Each C “owns” **four** electrons.

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Table 1.1 Formal Charge Observed with Common Bonding Patterns for C, N, and O

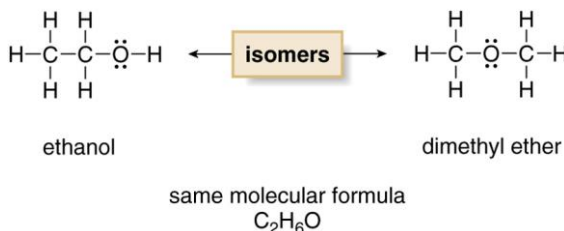
Atom	Number of valence electrons	Formal charge		
		+1	0	-1
C	4	$\begin{array}{c} + \\ \text{---C---} \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \\ \text{---C---} \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{---C}^- \\ \end{array}$
N	5	$\begin{array}{c} \\ \text{---N}^+ \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \\ \text{---}\ddot{\text{N}}\text{---} \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{---}\ddot{\text{N}}^- \\ \end{array}$
O	6	$\begin{array}{c} \text{---}\ddot{\text{O}}^+ \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{---}\ddot{\text{O}}\text{---} \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{---}\ddot{\text{O}}^- \\ \end{array}$

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1.4 Isomers

- Sometimes more than one arrangement of atoms (Lewis structure) is possible for a given molecular formula.

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- These two compounds are called isomers.
- **Isomers** are different molecules having the **same molecular formula**. Ethanol and dimethyl ether are constitutional isomers.

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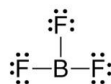
1.5 Exceptions to the Octet Rule

Elements in Groups 2A and 3A

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four electrons around Be

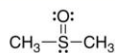


six electrons around B

Elements in the Third Row

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10 electrons around S



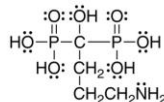
dimethyl sulfoxide
(abbreviated as DMSO)

12 electrons around S



sulfuric acid

10 electrons around each P



alendronic acid

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1.6 Resonance

- Some molecules cannot be adequately represented by a single Lewis structure. For example:

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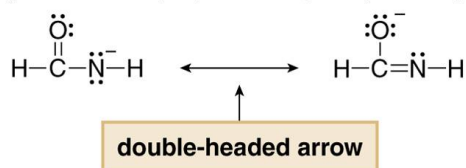
double-headed arrow

- These structures are called **resonance structures** or **resonance forms**. A double-headed arrow is used to separate the two resonance structures.
- Resonance structures are two Lewis structures having the **same** placement of atoms but a **different** arrangement of electrons.

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Resonance Forms

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- **Neither resonance structure** is an accurate representation for $(\text{HCONH})^-$. The true structure is a composite of both resonance forms and is called a **resonance hybrid**.
- The hybrid shows characteristics of both structures.
- Resonance allows certain electron pairs to be **delocalized** over two or more atoms, and this delocalization adds stability.
- A molecule with two or more resonance forms is said to be **resonance stabilized**.

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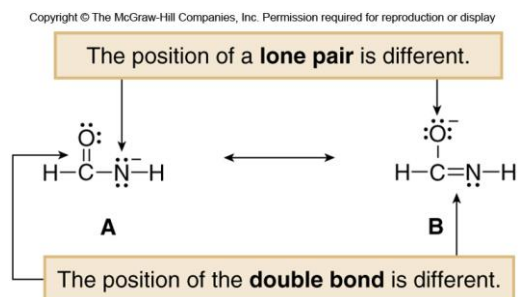
Basic Principles of Resonance Theory

- **Resonance structures are not real.** An individual resonance structure does not accurately represent the structure of a molecule or ion. Only the hybrid does.
- **Resonance structures are not in equilibrium with each other.** There is no movement of electrons from one form to another.
- **Resonance structures are not isomers.** Two isomers differ in the arrangement of both atoms and electrons, whereas resonance structures differ only in the arrangement of electrons.

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Drawing Resonance Structures

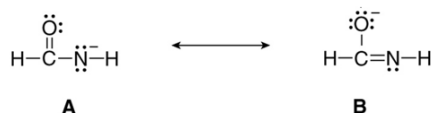
Rule [1]: Two resonance structures differ in the **position** of multiple bonds and nonbonded electrons. The placement of atoms and single bonds always stays the same.



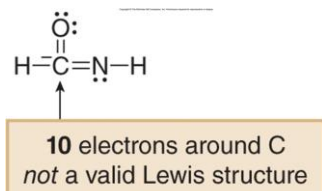
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Drawing Resonance Structures

Rule [2]: Two resonance structures must have the **same number of unpaired electrons**.



Rule [3]: Resonance structures must be **valid Lewis structures**. Hydrogen must have two electrons and no second-row element can have more than eight electrons.

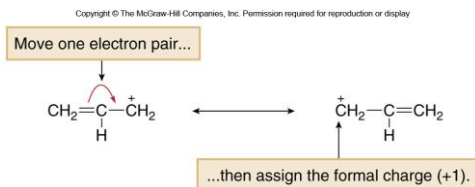


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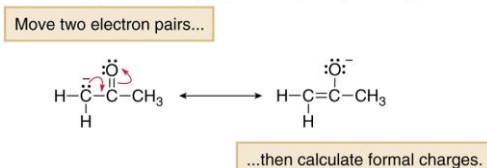
Curved Arrow Notation

- **Curved arrow notation** is a convention that shows **how electron position differs** between two resonance forms.
- **Curved arrow notation** shows the **movement of an electron pair**. The **tail** of the arrow always begins at the electron pair, either in a bond or lone pair. The **head** points to where the electron pair “moves.”

Example 1:



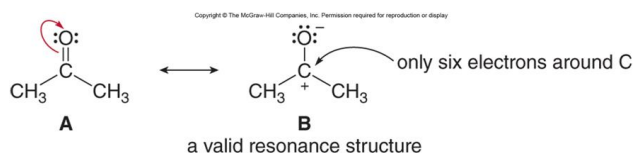
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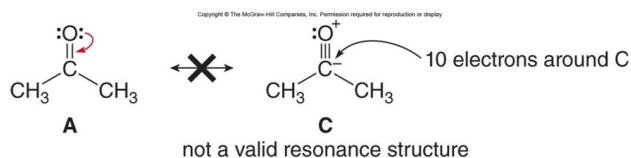
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Atoms Without Octets

Resonance structures can have an atom with **fewer than 8 electrons**.



However, resonance structures **can never** have a second-row element with more than 8 electrons.

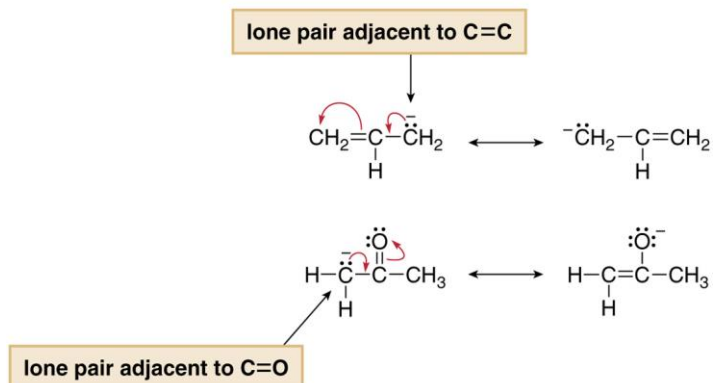


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Occurrence of Resonance

1. Two different resonance structures can be drawn when a **lone pair** is located on an atom directly **bonded to a double bond**.

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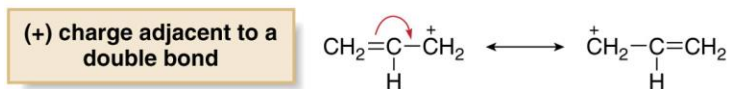


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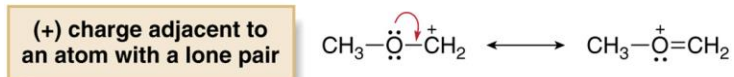
2. Multiple resonance structures can also be drawn when an atom bearing a **(+) charge** is bonded

to a double bond

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or an atom with a lone pair.



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The Resonance Hybrid

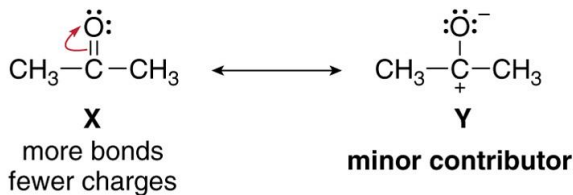
- A **resonance hybrid** is a composite of all possible resonance structures. In the resonance hybrid, the electron pairs drawn in different locations in individual resonance forms are **delocalized**.
- When two resonance structures are different, the hybrid looks more like the “**better**” resonance structure.
- The “**better**” resonance structure is called the **major contributor** to the hybrid, and all others are **minor contributors**.

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Resonance Hybrids

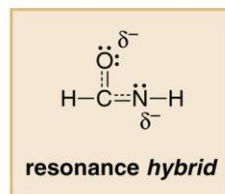
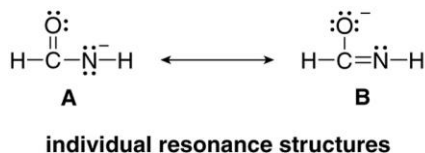
A “**better**” resonance structure is one that **has more bonds** and **fewer charges**.

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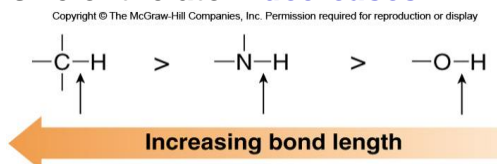


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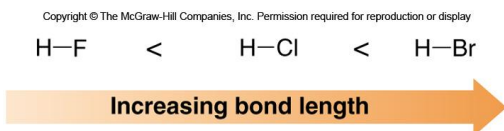
1.7 Determining Molecular Shape

Two variables define a molecule's structure: *bond length* and *bond angle*.

- Bond length *decreases* across a row of the periodic table as the size of the atom *decreases*.



- Bond length *increases* down a column of the periodic table as the size of an atom *increases*.



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Table 1.2 Average Bond Lengths

Bond	Length (pm)	Bond	Length (pm)	Bond	Length (pm)
H-H	74	H-F	92	C-F	133
C-H	109	H-Cl	127	C-Cl	177
N-H	101	H-Br	141	C-Br	194
O-H	96	H-I	161	C-I	213

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Molecular Geometry

- The number of groups surrounding a particular atom determines its geometry. A group is either an atom or a lone pair of electrons.
- The most stable arrangement keeps these groups as far away from each other as possible. This is exemplified by Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion (VSEPR) theory.

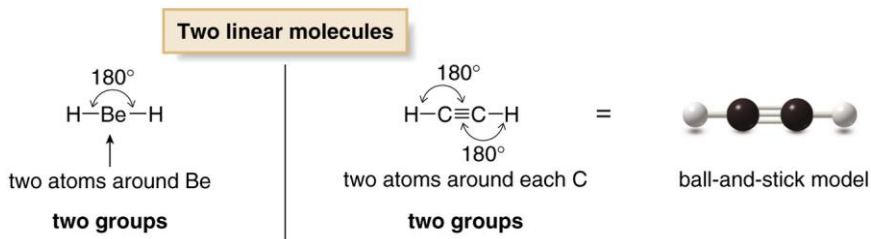
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Number of groups	Geometry	Bond angle
• two groups	linear	180°
• three groups	trigonal planar	120°
• four groups	tetrahedral	109.5°

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Two Groups Around an Atom

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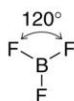


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Three Groups Around an Atom

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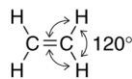
Two trigonal planar molecules



three atoms around B

three groups

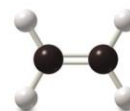
All three B–F bonds lie in one plane.



three atoms around each C

three groups

All six atoms lie in one plane.



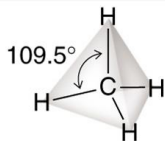
ethylene

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Four Groups Around an Atom

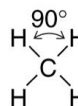
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Tetrahedral arrangement



preferred geometry
larger H–C–H bond angle

Square planar arrangement

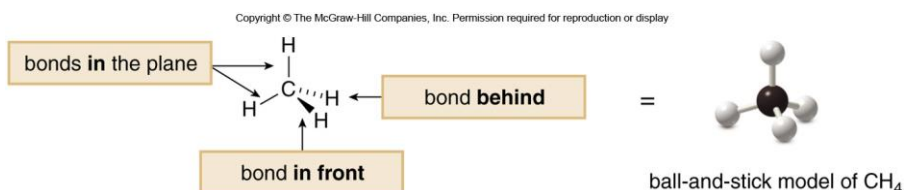


This geometry does *not* occur.

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Drawing Three-Dimensional Structures

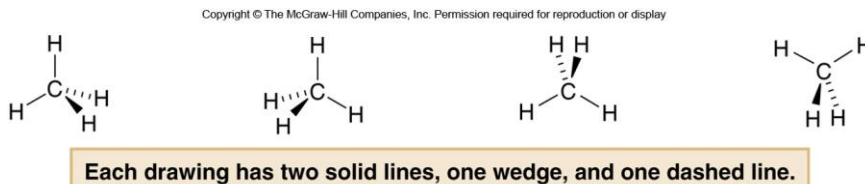
- A **solid line** is used for a bond in the plane.
- A **wedge** is used for a bond in front of the plane.
- A **dashed line** is used for a bond behind the plane.



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Equivalent Representations for Methane

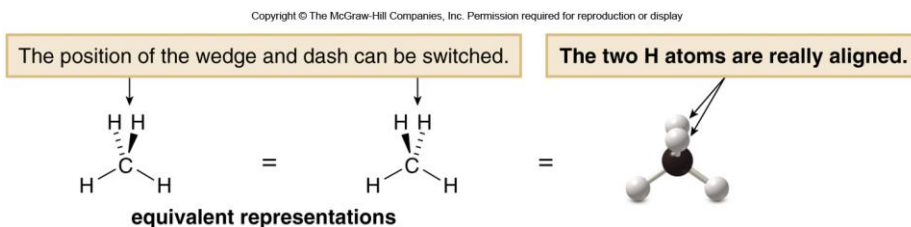
- The molecule can be turned in many different ways, generating equivalent representations.
- All of the following are acceptable drawings for CH₄.



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Wedges and Dashes

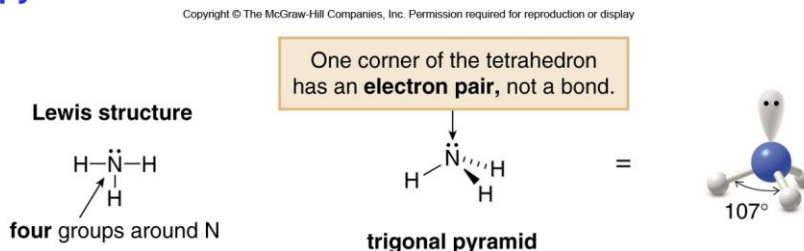
- Note that wedges and dashes are used for groups that are really aligned one behind another.
- It does not matter in the following two drawings whether the wedge or dash is skewed to the left or right.



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A Nonbonded Pair of Electrons is Counted as a “Group”

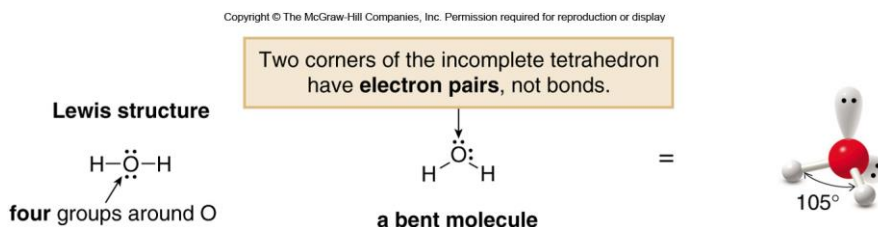
- In ammonia (NH_3), one of the four groups attached to the central N atom is a lone pair.
- The group geometry is a **tetrahedron**.
- The molecular shape is referred to as a **trigonal pyramid**.



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The 3-D Structure of Water

- In water (H_2O), two of the four groups attached to the central O atom are lone pairs.
- The group geometry is a **tetrahedron**.
- The molecular shape is referred to as **bent**.



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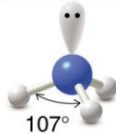
Varying Bond Angles

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Methane (CH_4)

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Ammonia (NH_3)

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Water (H_2O)

• In both NH_3 and H_2O , the **bond angle is smaller** than the theoretical tetrahedral bond angle because of repulsion of the lone pairs of electrons.

• The bonded atoms are compressed into a smaller space with a smaller bond angle.

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Summary: Predicting Geometry Based on Number of Groups

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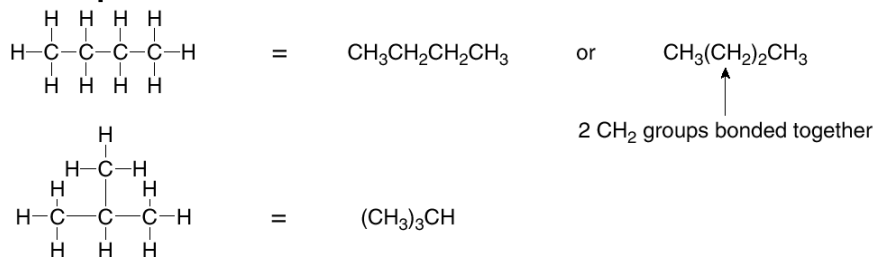
Table 1.3 Summary: Determining Geometry Based on the Number of Groups

Number of groups around an atom	Geometry	Bond angle	Examples
2	linear	180°	BeH ₂ , HC≡CH
3	trigonal planar	120°	BF ₃ , CH ₂ =CH ₂
4	tetrahedral	109.5°	CH ₄ , NH ₃ , H ₂ O

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1.8 Drawing Organic Molecules—Condensed Structures

- All atoms are drawn in, but the two-electron bond lines are generally omitted.
- Atoms are usually drawn next to the atoms to which they are bonded.
- Parentheses are used around similar groups bonded to the same atom.
- Lone pairs are omitted.

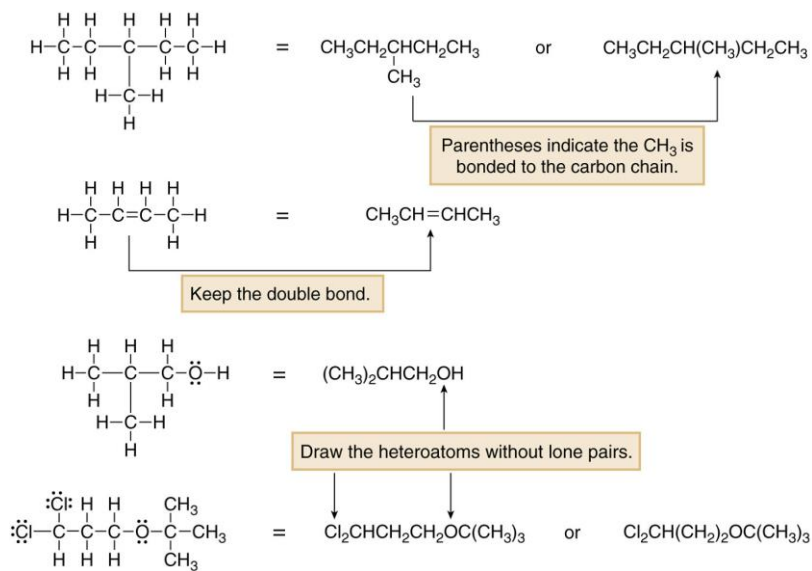


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Examples of Condensed Structures

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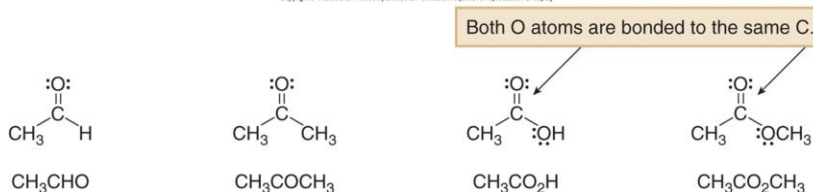


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Condensed Structures with C=O

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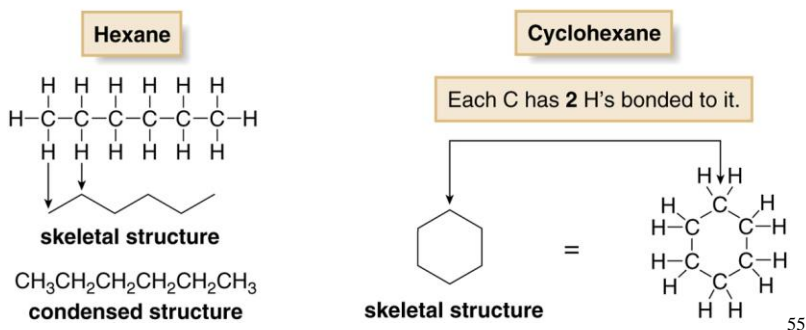
In these examples, the only way for all atoms to have an octet is by having a carbon-oxygen double bond.

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Skeletal Structures

- Assume there is a carbon atom at the junction of any two lines or at the end of any line.
- Assume there are enough hydrogens around each carbon to make it tetravalent.
- Draw in all heteroatoms and the hydrogens directly bonded to them.

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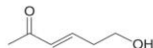


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How To Interpret a Skeletal Structure

Example Draw in all C atoms, H atoms, and lone pairs in the following molecule:

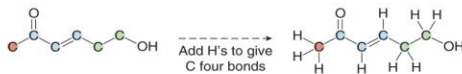


Step [1] Place a C atom at the intersection of any two lines and at the end of any line.



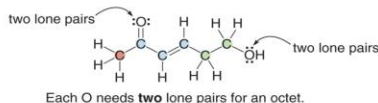
- This molecule has six carbons, including the C labeled in red at the left end of the chain.
- There are two C's (labeled in green) between the C=C and the OH group.

Step [2] Add enough H's to make each C tetravalent.



- The end C labeled in red needs three H's to be tetravalent.
- Each C on the C=C has three bonds already, so only one H must be drawn.
- There are two CH_2 groups between the C=C and the OH group.

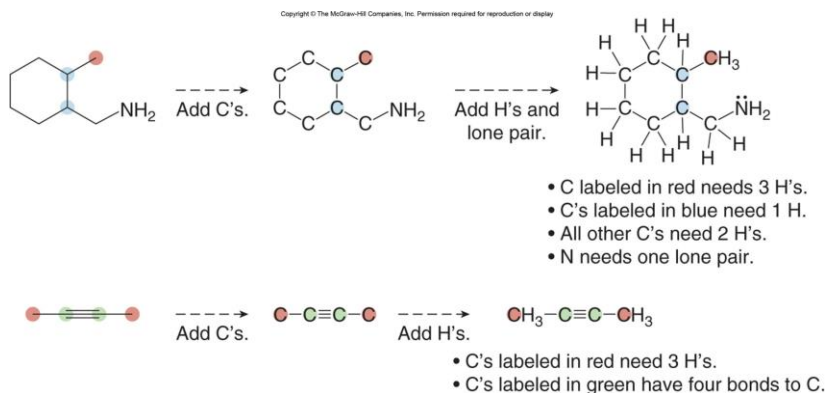
Step [3] Add lone pairs to give each heteroatom an octet.



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Interpreting Skeletal Structures

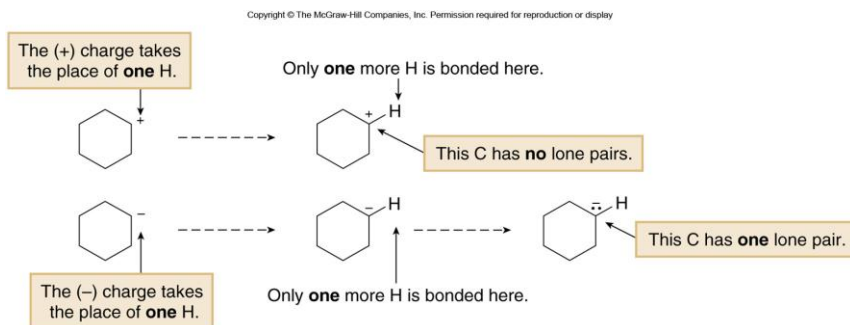
Figure 1.6



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Skeletal Structures with Charged Carbon Atoms

- A charge on a carbon atom takes the place of one hydrogen atom.
- The charge determines the number of lone pairs. Negatively charged carbon atoms have one lone pair and positively charged carbon atoms have none.



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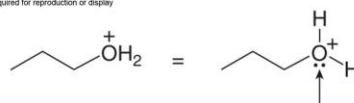
Lone Pairs on Heteroatoms

- Skeletal structures often leave out lone pairs on heteroatoms, **but don't forget about them.**
- Use the formal charge to determine the number of lone pairs.

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A neutral O atom "owns" six electrons:
• two bonds (four bonding electrons)
• **two** lone pairs (four unshared electrons).



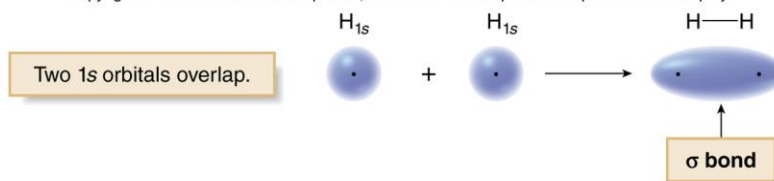
A positively charged O atom "owns" five electrons, one fewer than its group number of six:
• three bonds (six bonding electrons)
• **one** lone pair (two unshared electrons).

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1.9 Orbitals and Bonding: Hydrogen

- When the 1s orbital of one H atom overlaps with the 1s orbital of another H atom, a sigma (σ) bond that concentrates electron density between the two nuclei is formed.
- This bond is cylindrically symmetrical because the electrons forming the bond are distributed symmetrically about an imaginary line connecting the two nuclei.

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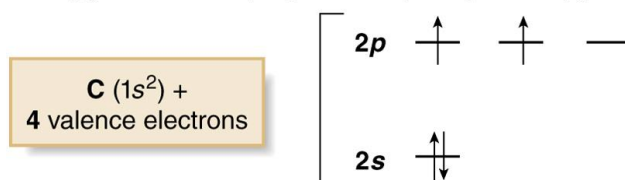


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Orbitals and Bonding: Methane

- To account for the bonding patterns observed in more complex molecules, we must take a closer look at how the 2s and 2p orbitals of atoms in the second row are utilized.
- In addition to its two core electrons, carbon has four valence electrons.
- In its ground state, carbon places two electrons in the 2s orbital and one each in 2p orbitals.

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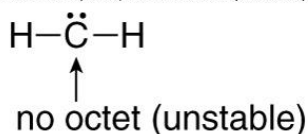
Note: The lowest energy arrangement of electrons for an atom is called its **ground state**.

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Divalent Carbon

- In this description, carbon should form only two bonds because it has only two unpaired valence electrons.
- However, the resulting species, CH_2 , is very unstable and cannot be isolated under typical laboratory conditions.
- Note that in CH_2 , carbon would not have an octet of electrons.

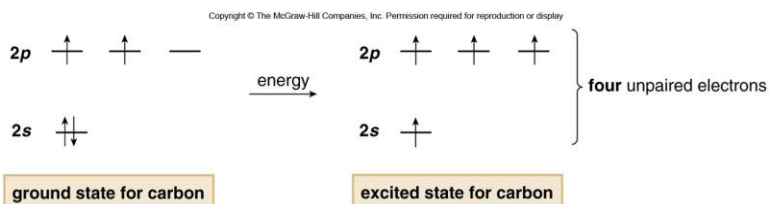
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Tetravalent Carbon

- Promotion of an electron from a 2s to a vacant 2p orbital would form four unpaired electrons for bonding.
- This higher energy electron configuration is called an electronically **excited state**.

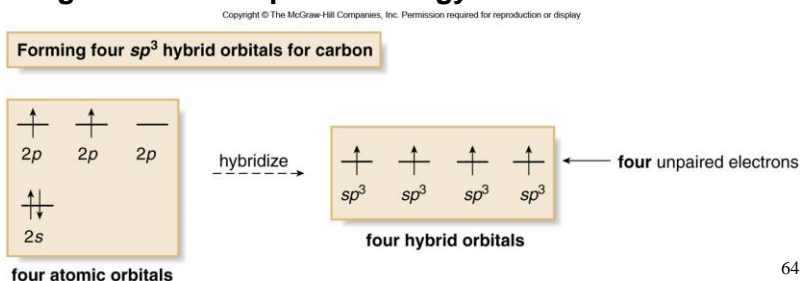


- Carbon would form two different types of bonds: three with 2p orbitals and one with a 2s orbital.
- Experimental evidence points to carbon forming four identical bonds in methane.

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Hybrid Orbitals

- To solve this dilemma, chemists have proposed that atoms like carbon do not use pure s and pure p orbitals in forming bonds.
- Instead, atoms use a set of new orbitals called **hybrid orbitals**.
- **Hybridization** is the combination of two or more atomic orbitals to form the same number of hybrid orbitals, each having the same shape and energy.

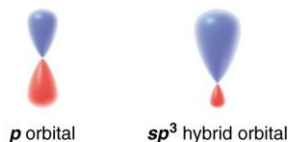


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Shape and Orientation of sp^3 Hybrid Orbitals

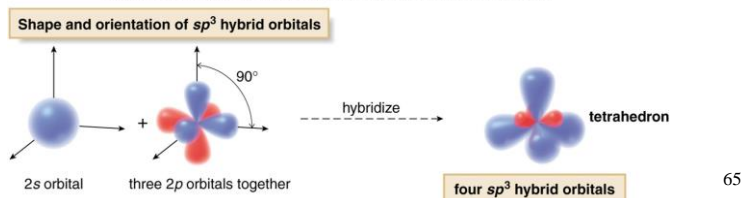
- The mixing of a spherical $2s$ orbital and three dumbbell shaped $2p$ orbitals together produces four hybrid orbitals, each having one large lobe and one small lobe.

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- The four hybrid orbitals are oriented towards the corners of a tetrahedron, and form four equivalent bonds.

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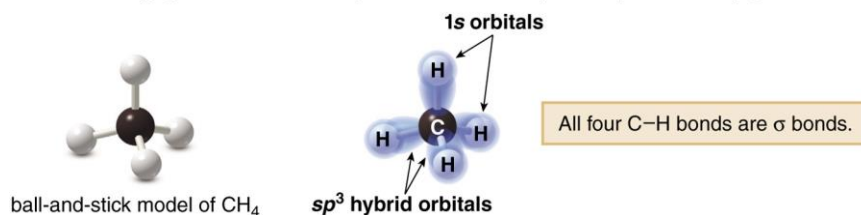


Bonding Using sp^3 Hybrid Orbitals

- Each bond in CH_4 is formed by overlap of an sp^3 hybrid orbital of carbon with a $1s$ orbital of hydrogen.
- These four bonds point to the corners of a tetrahedron.

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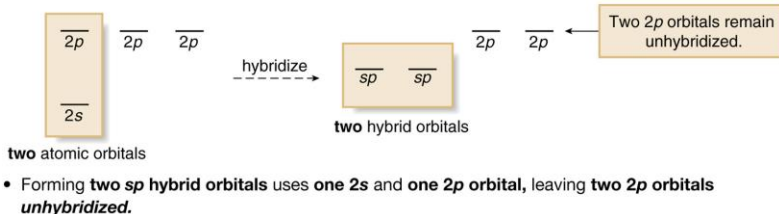


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Other Hybridization Patterns

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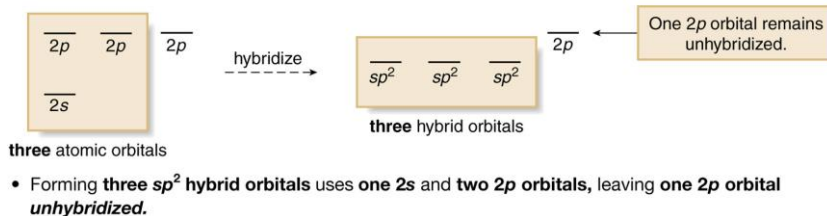
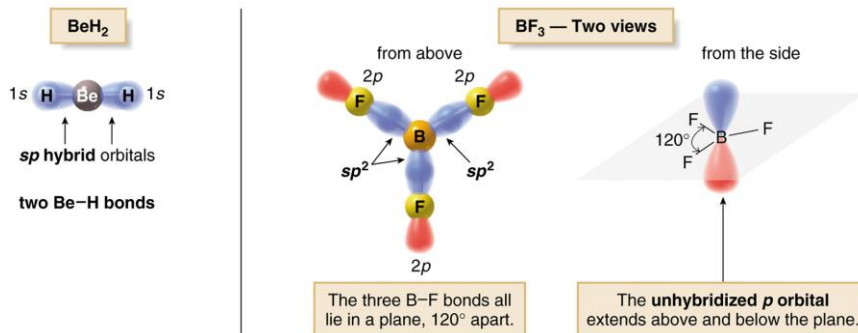


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sp and sp^2 Hybridization Examples

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Determining Hybridization

- Count the number of groups (atoms and nonbonded electron pairs) around the atom.
- The number of groups corresponds to the number of atomic orbitals that must be hybridized to form the hybrid orbitals.

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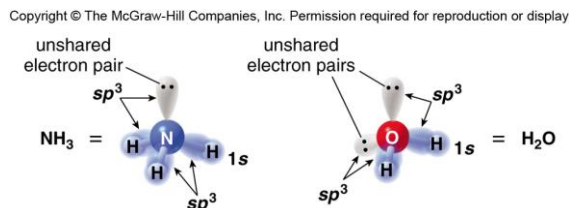
number of groups around an atom	number of orbitals used	type of hybrid orbital
2	2	two sp hybrid orbitals
3	3	three sp^2 hybrid orbitals
4	4	four sp^3 hybrid orbitals

Remember lone pairs counted as a group

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Hybrid orbitals of NH_3 and H_2O

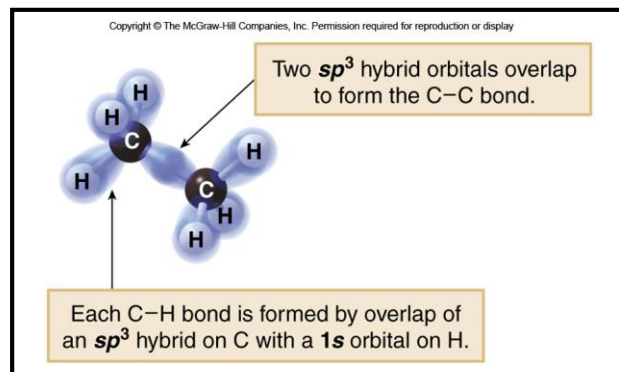
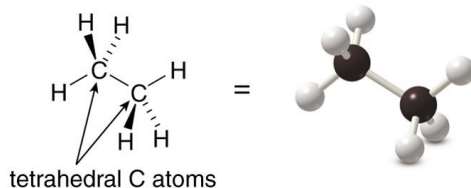
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1.10 Hybridization and Bonding in Ethane

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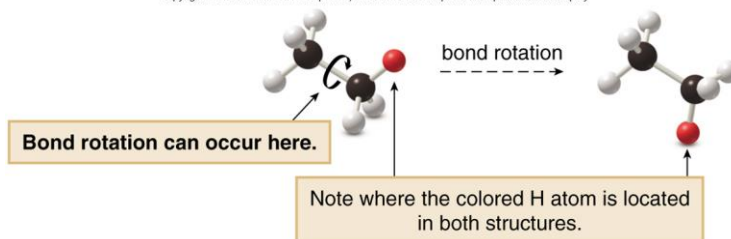


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Ethane, $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_3$

- Making a model of ethane illustrates one additional feature about its structure.
- Rotation occurs around the central C—C σ bond.

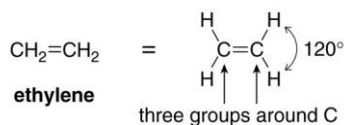
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Hybrid Orbitals in Ethylene

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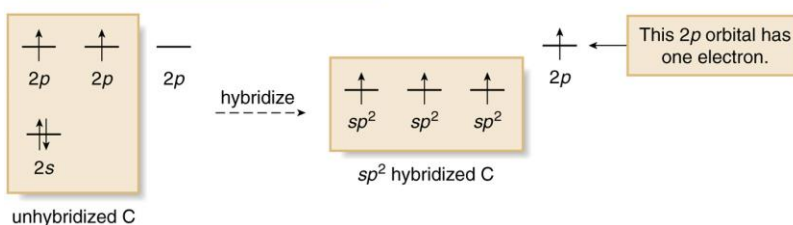


Each carbon is trigonal planar.

Each carbon is *sp*² hybridized.

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Forming an *sp*² hybridized carbon atom



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σ and π Bonds in Ethylene

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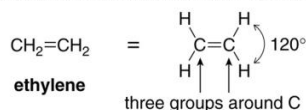
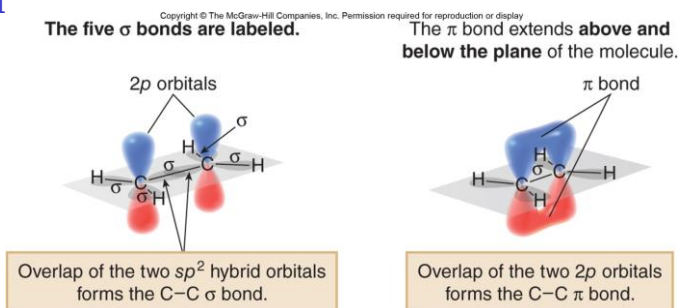


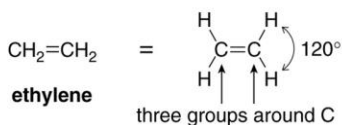
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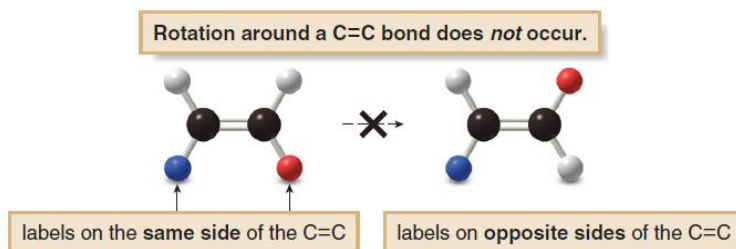
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No Free Rotation in Ethylene

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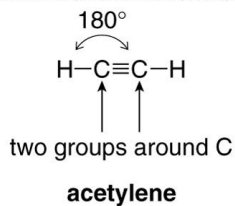


- Unlike the C—C bond in ethane, rotation about the C—C double bond in ethylene is restricted.
- It can only occur if the π bond first breaks and then reforms, a process that requires considerable energy.



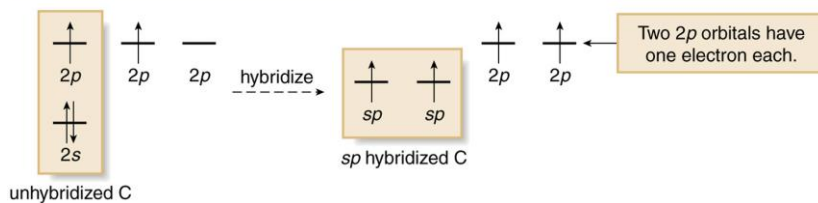
sp Hybrid Orbitals

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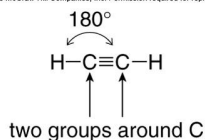
Forming an *sp* hybridized carbon atom



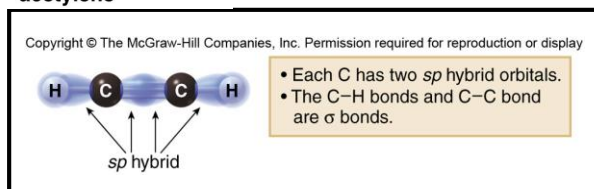
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Acetylene (Ethyne)

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acetylene



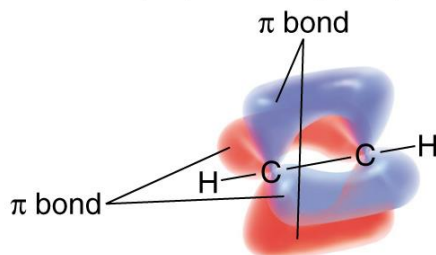
Each carbon atom has two unhybridized $2p$ orbitals that are perpendicular to each other and to the *sp* hybrid orbitals.

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Triple Bonds

- The side-by-side overlap of two $2p$ orbitals on one carbon with two $2p$ orbitals on the other carbon creates the second and third bonds of the triple bond.
- All triple bonds are composed of one sigma and two pi bonds.

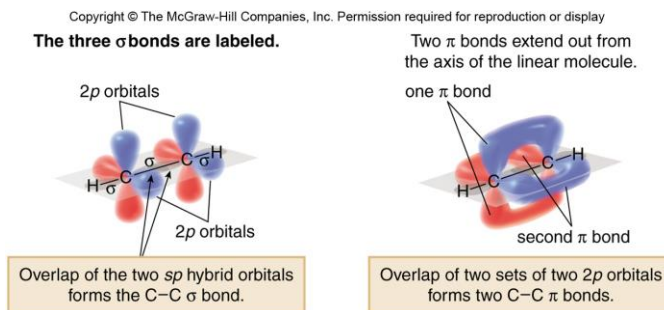
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Summary of Bonding in Acetylene

Figure 1.12



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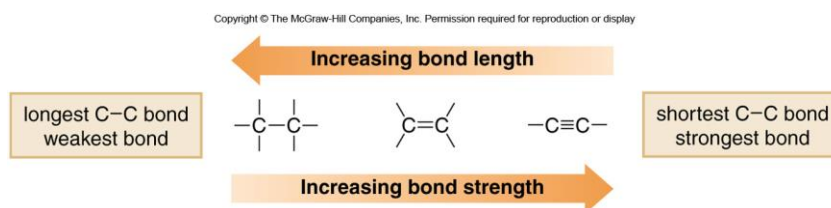
Table 1.4 A Summary of Covalent Bonding Seen in Carbon Compounds

Number of groups bonded to C	Hybridization	Bond angle	Example	Observed bonding
4	sp^3	109.5°	CH₃CH₃ ethane	<p>one σ bond</p> <p>$C_{sp^3}-C_{sp^3}$</p>
3	sp^2	120°	CH₂=CH₂ ethylene	<p>one σ bond + one π bond</p> <p>$C_{sp^2}-C_{sp^2}$ $C_{2p}-C_{2p}$</p>
2	sp	180°	HC≡CH acetylene	<p>one σ bond + two π bonds</p> <p>$C_{sp}-C_{sp}$ $C_{2p}-C_{2p}$ $C_{2p}-C_{2p}$</p>

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1.11 Bond Length and Bond Strength

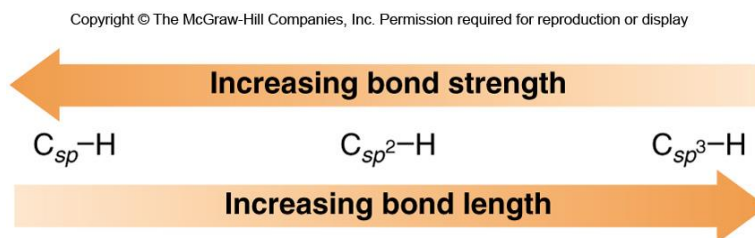
- As the number of electrons between two nuclei increases, bonds become shorter and stronger.
- Triple bonds are shorter and stronger than double bonds, which are shorter and stronger than single bonds.



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Carbon-Hydrogen Bonds

- The length and strength of C—H bonds vary depending on the hybridization of the carbon atom.



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Table 1.5 Bond Lengths and Bond Strengths for Ethane, Ethylene, and Acetylene

Compound	C–C bond length (pm)	Bond strength kJ/mol (kcal/mol)
CH ₃ –CH ₃	153	368 (88)
CH ₂ =CH ₂	134	635 (152)
HC≡CH	121	837 (200)

Compound	C–H bond length (pm)	Bond strength kJ/mol (kcal/mol)
CH ₃ CH ₂ –H	111	410 (98)
CH ₂ =C–H	110	435 (104)
HC≡C–H	109	523 (125)

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Percent s-Character

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$$sp \text{ hybrid } \frac{\text{one } 2s \text{ orbital}}{\text{two hybrid orbitals}} = 50\% \text{ s-character}$$

$$sp^2 \text{ hybrid } \frac{\text{one } 2s \text{ orbital}}{\text{three hybrid orbitals}} = 33\% \text{ s-character}$$

$$sp^3 \text{ hybrid } \frac{\text{one } 2s \text{ orbital}}{\text{four hybrid orbitals}} = 25\% \text{ s-character}$$

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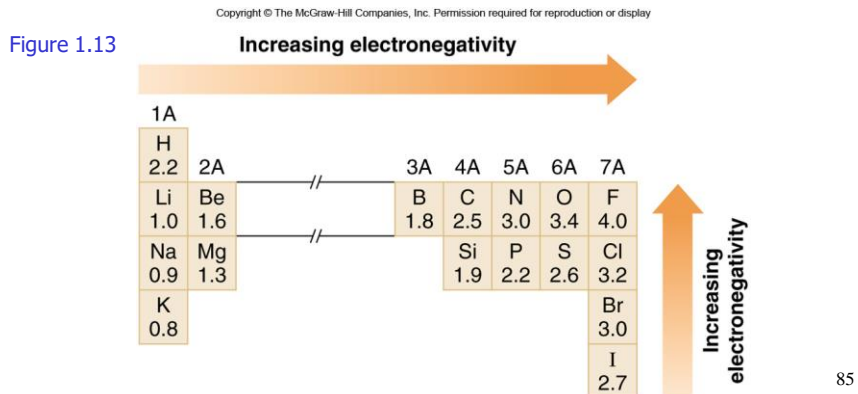
Increased percent s-character → Increased bond strength → Decreased bond length

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1.12 Electronegativity

Electronegativity is a measure of an atom's attraction for electrons in a bond.

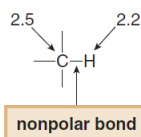
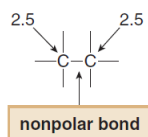
Electronegativity values for some common elements:



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Bond Polarity

- Electronegativity values are used to indicate whether the electrons in a bond are equally shared or unequally shared between two atoms.
- When electrons are equally shared, the bond is **nonpolar**.



The small electronegativity difference between C and H is ignored.

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Nonpolar Bonds

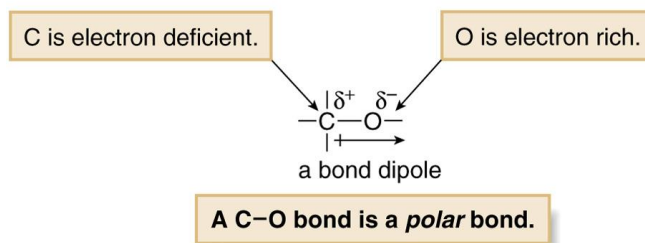
- A carbon—carbon bond is **nonpolar**.
- C—H bonds are considered to be nonpolar because the electronegativity difference between C and H is small.
- Whenever two different atoms having similar electronegativities are bonded together, the bond is **nonpolar**.

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Polar Bonds

- Bonding between atoms of different electronegativity values results in unequal sharing of electrons.
- Example: In the C—O bond, the electrons are pulled away from C (2.5) toward O (3.4), the element of higher electronegativity. The bond is **polar**, or **polar covalent**. The bond is said to have **dipole**; that is, separation of charge.

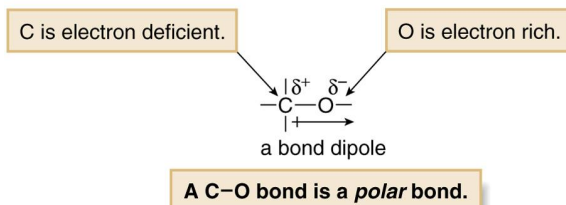
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Depicting Polarity

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- The δ^+ means the indicated atom is electron deficient.
- The δ^- means the indicated atom is electron rich.
- The direction of polarity in a bond is indicated by an arrow with the head of the arrow pointing towards the more electronegative element.
- The tail of the arrow is drawn at the less electronegative element.

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1.13 Polarity of Molecules

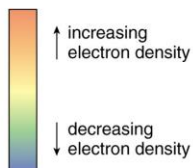
Use the following procedure to determine if a molecule has a net dipole:

- Use electronegativity differences to identify all of the polar bonds and the directions of the bond dipoles.
- Determine the geometry around individual atoms by counting groups, and decide if individual dipoles **cancel** or **reinforce** each other in space.

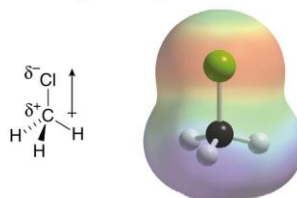
Figure 1.14 Electrostatic potential plot of CH_3Cl

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a. Color scheme used for electron density



b. Electrostatic potential plot

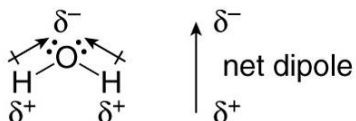


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Polar Molecules

A polar molecule has either one polar bond, or two or more bond dipoles that reinforce each other. An example is water:

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The net dipole bisects the H—O—H bond angle.
The two individual dipoles reinforce.

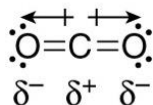
H₂O is a polar molecule.

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Nonpolar Molecules

A nonpolar molecule has either no polar bonds, or two or more bond dipoles that cancel. An example is carbon dioxide:

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no net dipole
The two dipoles cancel.

CO₂ is a nonpolar molecule.

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Electrostatic Potential for Polar and Nonpolar Molecules

The dipoles of H_2O and CO_2 can also be visualized using electrostatic potential plots.

Figure 1.15

