

Chem 150, Spring 2015  
Unit 1 - Molecular Structures

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3.1 Covalent Bonds and the Octet Rule

- Group 8A elements are called Noble Gases and do not normally form chemical compounds. All of these elements also have a full valence shell, which leads to stability
- Representative elements tend to form compounds such that they fill their valence shells (octet rule).
- Known as the octet rule because this normally results in compounds in which each atom had 8 electrons in its most outer shell.

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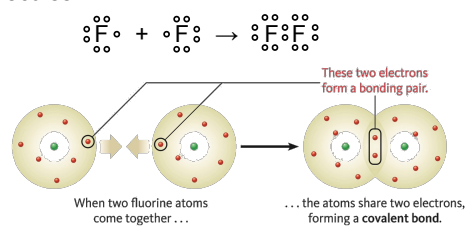
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Lewis Structures and Molecules

- Fluorine has 7 valence electrons, and is found as  $F_2$ . In this form, both elements have a share in 8 electrons.
- Lewis structures can be used to represent these molecules.



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Bonds

- A chemical bond occurs when two atoms are attracted enough to each other to stay together.
- A covalent bond occurs when electrons are shared between two atoms.
- A pair of shared electrons is known as a bonding electron pair.
- Lone pairs or non-bonding pairs of electrons are the electrons not involved in the covalent bond.



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Try It!

Question:

Draw the Lewis dot structure for a molecule that contains one chlorine atom (Cl) and one fluorine (F) atom.

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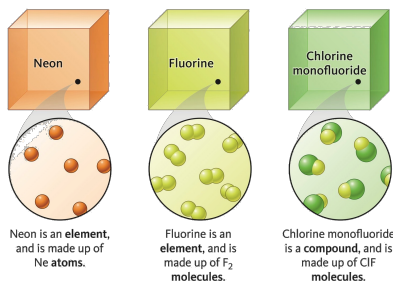
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### Atoms, Molecules and Compounds

- A group of two or more atoms (identical or different) is a molecule.
- A combination of two or more different elements is a compound.
- All compounds are molecules but not all molecules (like  $H_2$ ,  $F_2$ , etc) are compounds.



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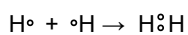
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### Hydrogen

- Hydrogen atoms need only one electron to fill the valence shell to achieve the electron arrangement of Helium.



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Try It!

Question:

Draw the Lewis dot structure for a molecule that contains one oxygen atom (O) and two hydrogen (H) atoms.

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## Covalent Bonds for All Representative Elements

**TABLE 3.1** Covalent Bond Formation in Groups 4A Through 8A

	Group 4A	Group 5A	Group 6A	Group 7A	Group 8A
Number of Valence Electrons	4	5	6	7	8
Number of Empty Spaces in the Valence Shell	4	3	2	1	0
Number of Covalent Bonds Formed	4	3	2	1	0
Example of a Typical Molecule	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H}:\text{C}:\text{H} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H}:\text{N}:\text{H} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	$\text{H}:\ddot{\text{O}}:\text{H}$	$\text{H}:\ddot{\text{F}}:$	These elements do not form molecules.
	Methane	Ammonia	Water	Hydrogen fluoride	

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Elements with 5 or more empty spaces rarely form covalent bonds to fill their empty valence shell.

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### Try It!

Question:

Draw the Lewis dot structure for a molecule that contains two oxygen atoms (O).

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### 3.2 Double and Triple Bonds

- One shared pair of electrons (2 total electrons) is a single bond.
- Double bonds form when atoms share two pairs of electrons (4 total electrons).



- Triple bonds form when atoms share three pairs of electrons (6 total electrons).
- Any atom that can form at least 2 bonds can form a double bond and any atom that can form at least 3 bonds can form a triple bond.

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### Try It!

Question:

Hydrogen cyanide is a deadly gas, which halts cellular respiration. Draw the Lewis dot structure for hydrogen cyanide.

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## Bonding Patterns for Electrically Neutral Atoms

TABLE 3.2 Bonding Patterns for Electrically Neutral Atoms

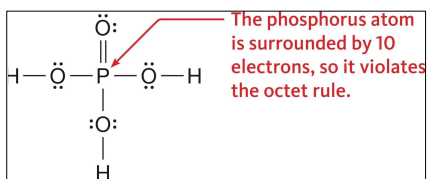
Group Number	Normal Number of Covalent Bonds	Possible Bonding Patterns	Examples
4A	4	$\begin{array}{c}   \\ -X- \\   \end{array}$ $=X-$ $\equiv X-$	$\begin{array}{c} H \\   \\ H-C-H \\   \\ H \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} O \\    \\ H-C-H \\   \\ H \end{array}$ $N \equiv C-H$
5A	3	$\begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ -X- \\   \end{array}$ $=X-$ $\equiv X:$	$\begin{array}{c} H-N-H \\   \\ H \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} O \\    \\ H-N-H \\   \\ H \end{array}$ $N \equiv N:$
6A	2	$\begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ -X- \\ \cdot \end{array}$ $=X$ $\equiv X:$	$\begin{array}{c} H-O-H \\   \\ H \end{array}$ $O=O$ $O \equiv O:$
7A	1	$-X:$	$Cl-Cl:$

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## Bonding Patterns for Electrically Neutral Atoms

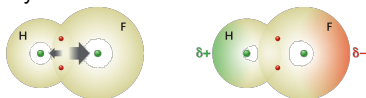
There are some exceptions, including non-metals in the third period and higher can violate the octet rule by sharing in more than 8 electrons.



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## 3.3 Electronegativity and Polar Bonds

- Atoms of different elements can form polar covalent bonds.
- Atoms of some elements are able to attract electrons in a bond stronger than others.
- Polar bonds occur when electrons are shared unevenly.

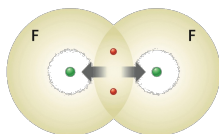


Fluorine attracts the electrons more than hydrogen in HF, so fluorine is partially negative and hydrogen is partially positive.

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## Nonpolar Covalent Bonds

- Two identical atoms have equal attraction to electrons in a bond, and therefore share them equally.
- This results in the formation of a nonpolar covalent bond in which atoms are not charged.

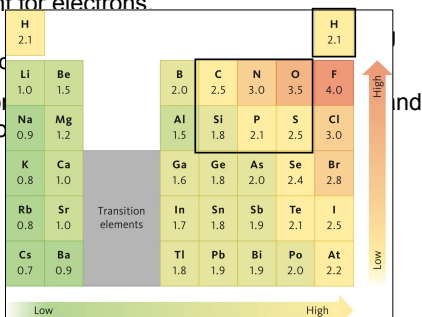


In  $F_2$ , each atom attracts the electrons equally, so neither atom is charged.  $F_2$  has a nonpolar covalent bond.

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## Electronegativity

- Electronegativity measures the attraction of an element for electrons
- High electronegativity = strong attraction for electrons
- Electronegativity increases from bottom-left to top-right



Try It!

**Question:**

Draw the Lewis dot structure for carbon monoxide and predict whether or not it is a polar molecule.

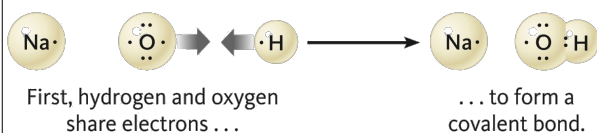
### 3.8 Polyatomic Ions

- Ions can be monatomic, such as  $\text{Na}^+$  or  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  or  $\text{Cl}^-$ .
  - For main group, or representative elements, the charge can be predicted from their location on the periodic table.
- Polyatomic ions are ions that are made up of more than one atom, which are covalently bonded together.

Example: NaOH consists of  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{OH}^-$ .  $\text{OH}^-$ , hydroxide ion, is a polyatomic ion.

Example: NaOH

Example: NaOH comprises  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{OH}^-$ .  $\text{OH}^-$ , an hydroxide ion, is a polyatomic ion.



## Common Polyatomic Ions

**TABLE 3.10** Formulas and Names of Common Polyatomic Ions

Formula	Name	Example of a Compound That Contains This Ion
$\text{NH}_4^+$	Ammonium	$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ (ammonium chloride: sal ammoniac)
$\text{OH}^-$	Hydroxide	$\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ (magnesium hydroxide: milk of magnesia)
$\text{NO}_3^-$	Nitrate	$\text{KNO}_3$ (potassium nitrate: saltpeter)
$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$	Carbonate	$\text{CaCO}_3$ (calcium carbonate: chalk)
$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	Sulfate	$\text{MgSO}_4$ (magnesium sulfate: Epsom salt)
$\text{PO}_4^{3-}$	Phosphate	$\text{Fe}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ (iron(II) phosphate: ferrous phosphate)
$\text{HCO}_3^-$	Hydrogen carbonate (or bicarbonate)	$\text{NaHCO}_3$ (sodium hydrogen carbonate: sodium bicarbonate, baking soda)

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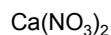
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## Polyatomic Ions in Compounds

- Compounds with polyatomic ions should be balanced in the same way as compounds with monatomic ions.
- Polyatomic ions are treated as a unit. If there is more than one polyatomic ion, parenthesis are used.

Example: What is the formula for calcium nitrate?

$\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and  $\text{NO}_3^-$ . We need 2  $\text{NO}_3^-$  to balance the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , so we use parenthesis.



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## 3.9 Recognizing Ionic and Molecular Compounds

- Ionic compounds typically contain a metallic element
  - $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ ,  $\text{NaC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$
- Molecular (covalent) compounds typically contain only non-metals
  - $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_5(\text{NO}_3)_3$
- $\text{NH}_4^+$  is an ion, so compounds that contain  $\text{NH}_4^+$  are ionic
  - $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ ,  $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{PO}_4$

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## Ionic and Molecular Compounds

- Hydrogen containing compounds, like  $\text{HCl}$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , are molecular structures with covalent bonds, because hydrogen is a non-metal.
- Naming conventions differ for ionic and covalent compounds, so it is important to distinguish them.
- For example:
  - $\text{AlCl}_3$  is ionic- aluminum chloride
  - $\text{PCl}_3$  is molecular- phosphorous trichloride

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## Ionic and Molecular Compounds

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**TABLE 3.11 A Comparison of Ionic Compounds Containing Monatomic and Polyatomic Ions**

CATION	COMPOUNDS FORMED WITH -1 IONS (Cl <sup>-</sup> and NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> )		COMPOUNDS FORMED WITH -2 IONS (S <sup>2-</sup> and CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> )	
	NaCl (sodium chloride)	NaNO <sub>3</sub> (sodium nitrate)	Na <sub>2</sub> S (sodium sulfide)	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (sodium carbonate)
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	MgCl <sub>2</sub> (magnesium chloride)	Mg(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (magnesium nitrate)	MgS (magnesium sulfide)	MgCO <sub>3</sub> (magnesium carbonate)
Al <sup>3+</sup>	AlCl <sub>3</sub> (aluminum chloride)	Al(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (aluminum nitrate)	Al <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> (aluminum sulfide)	Al <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (aluminum carbonate)

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## Chapter 3—Key Health Science Notes

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- In many of the health sciences, you will **continually** learn about the naming of medications, both the generic and brand names
  - In some medications that contain ions, the positive ion is named after the negative ion, for example:
    - The chemical name of the cholesterol-lowering medication Lipitor® is generally written *atorvastatin calcium*, although the calcium is a +2 ion

## Next Up

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- Unit 2 - Molecular Interactions
  - Readings Chapter 4-1,2,5 & 6 and Chapter 5-3,5 & 6
  - Homework Assignment due on 5. Feb.