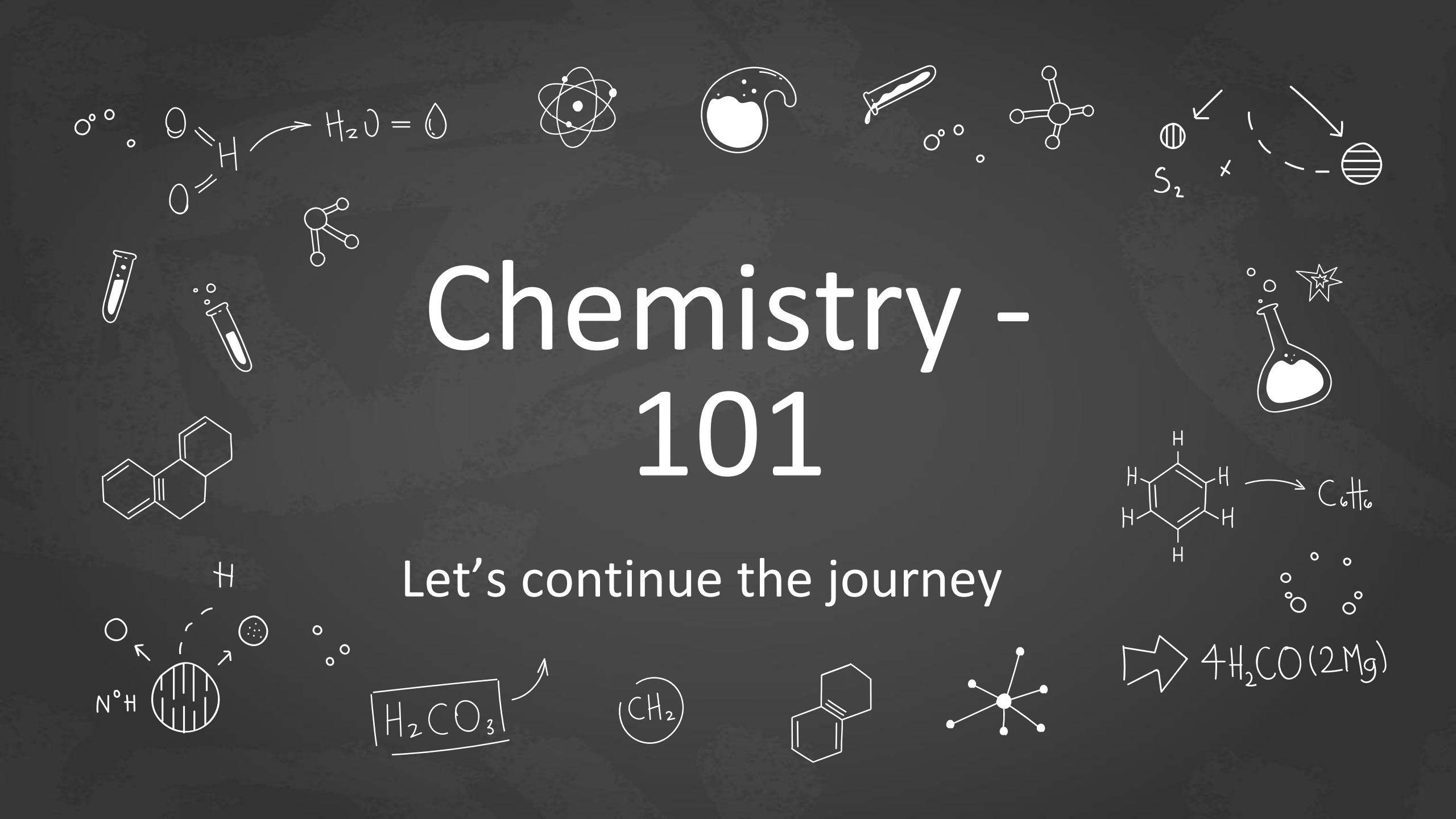
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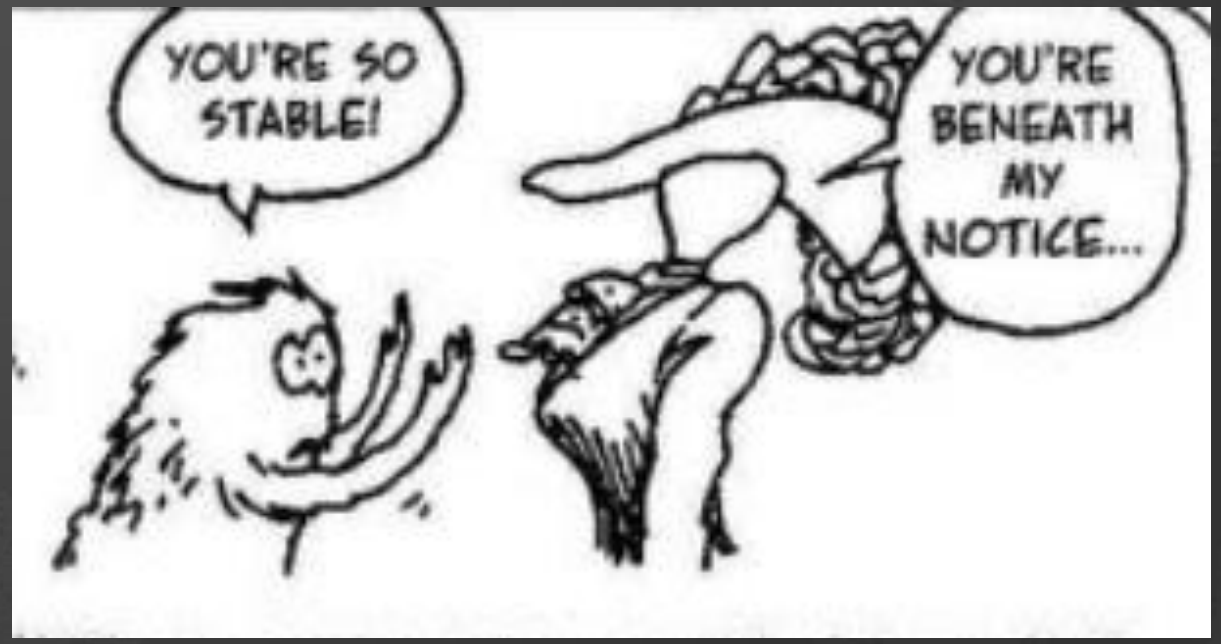
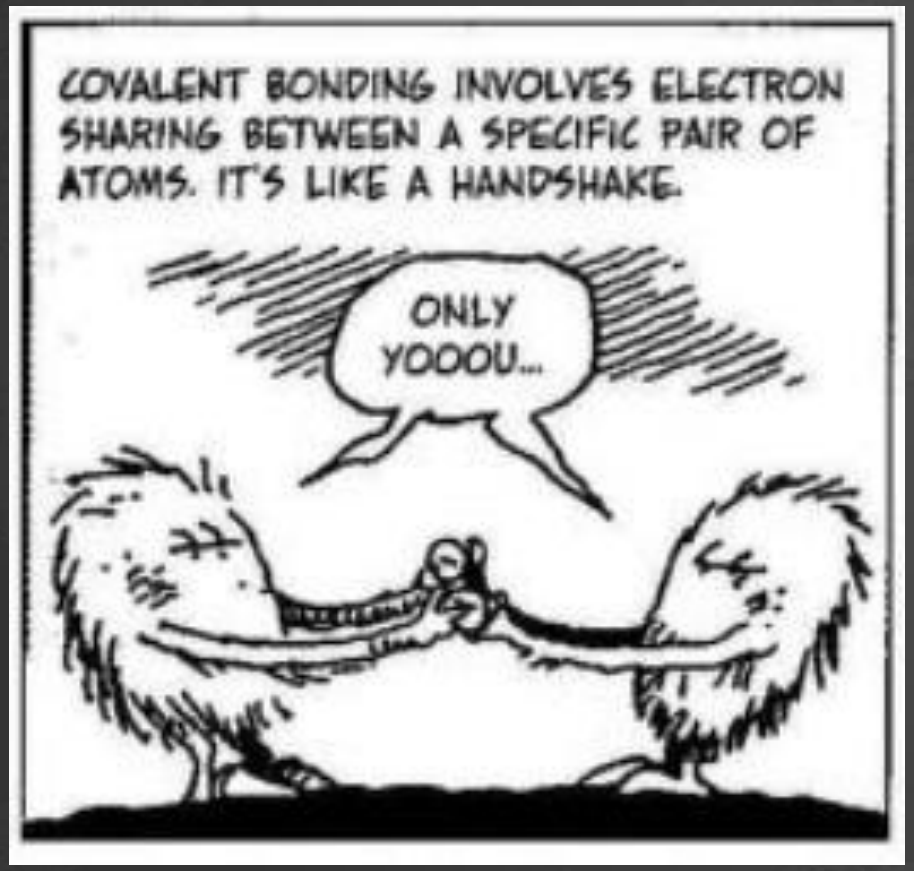
Let’s continue the journey

A complete outer shell, ns^2np^6, is energetically more advantageous than an incomplete one.

We call it the **RULE OF EIGTH**: at atom tends to pick up or give away just enough electrons to make eight in its outer shell – AN **ELECTRON OCTET**.

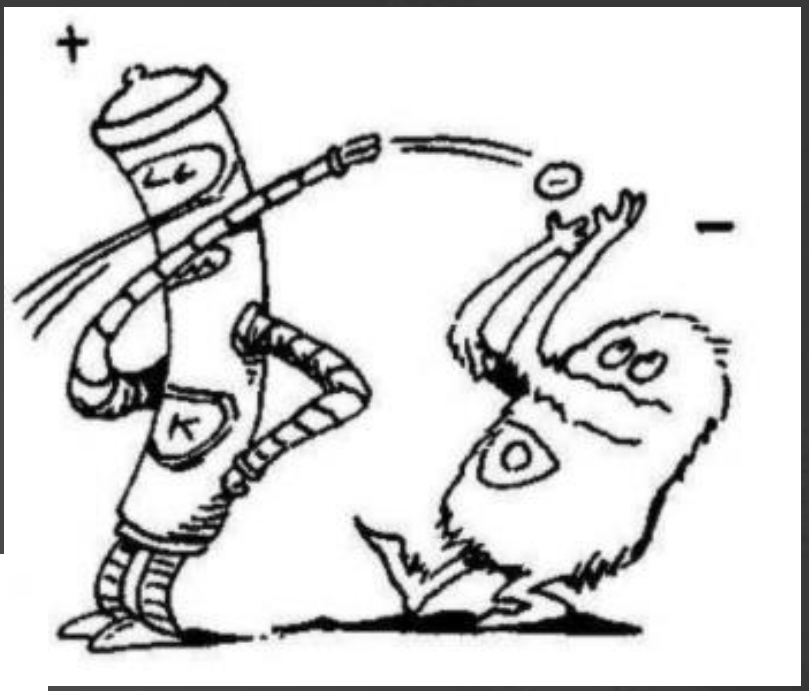


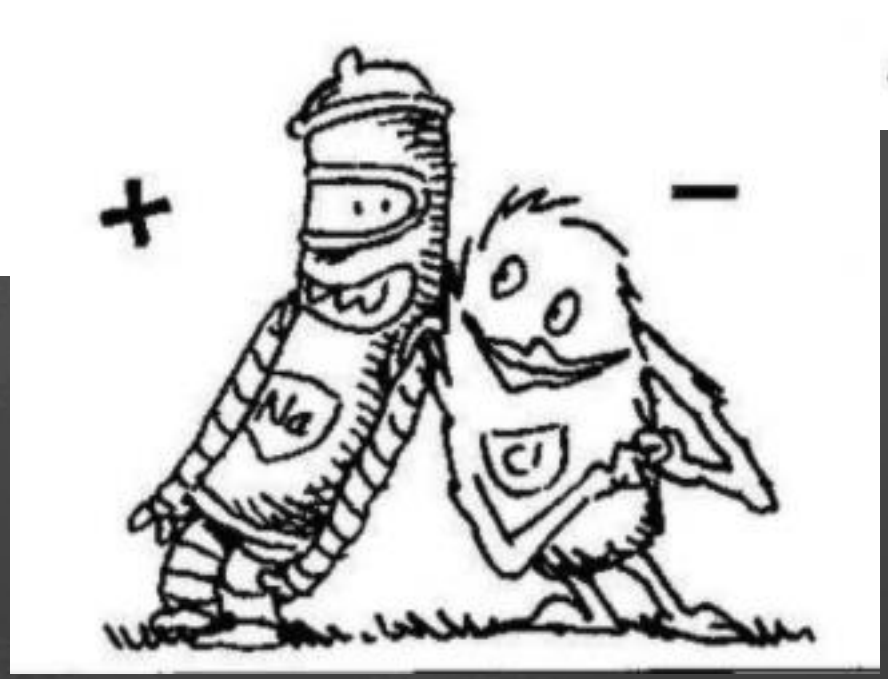
Atoms form chemical bonds by combining such number of electrons that allows them to obtain an electron configuration of noble elements



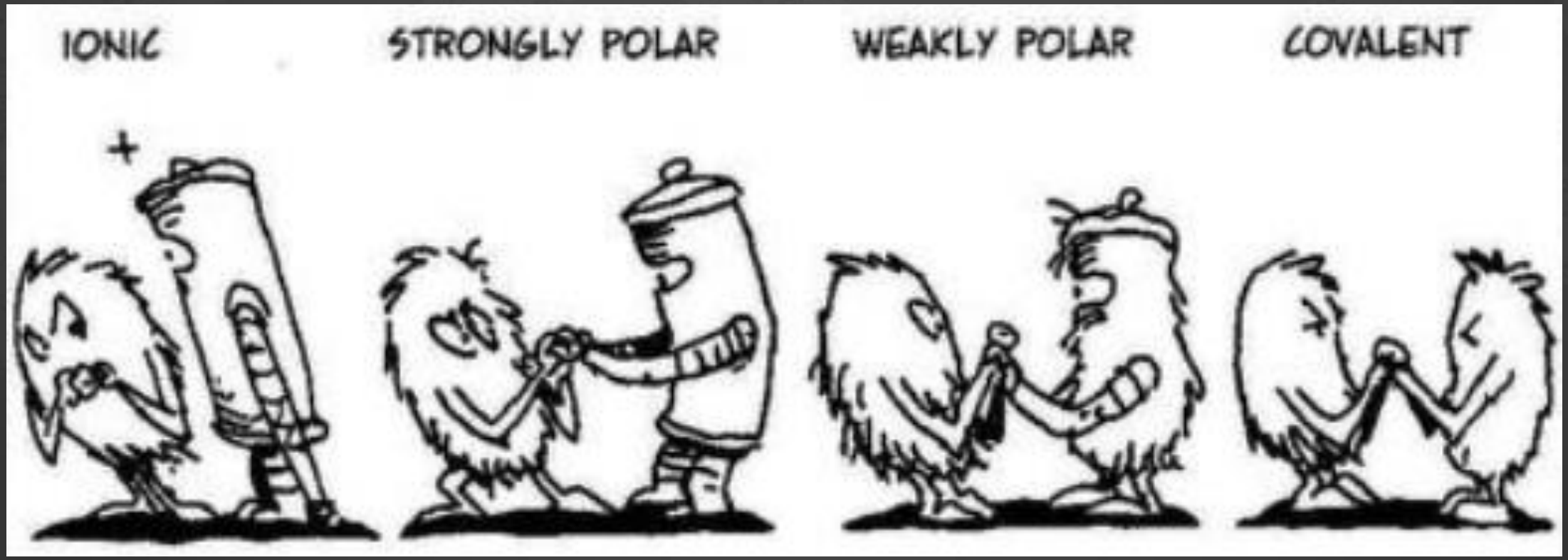
- Hydrogen binds into a molecule resulting in the electron configuration of helium ($1s^2$)
- Chlorine combines into a molecule with the electron configuration of argon ($...3s^23p^6$)

Ionic bonds



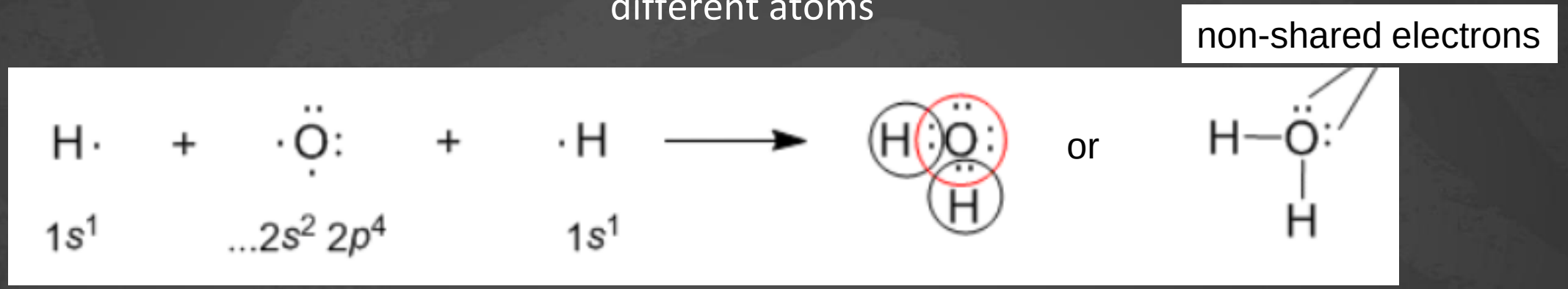


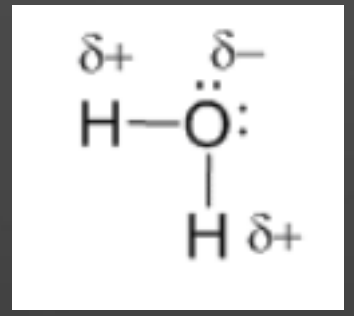
Different bond types

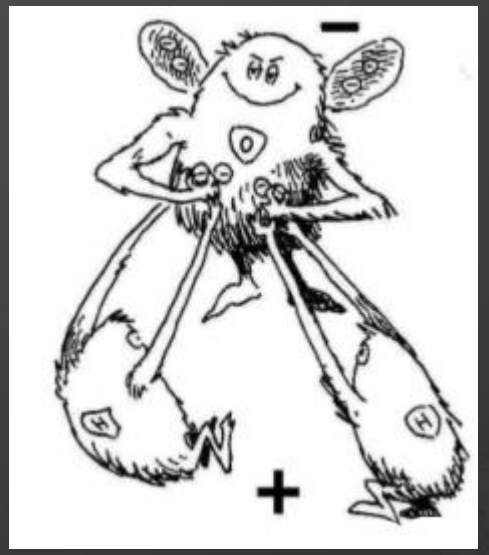


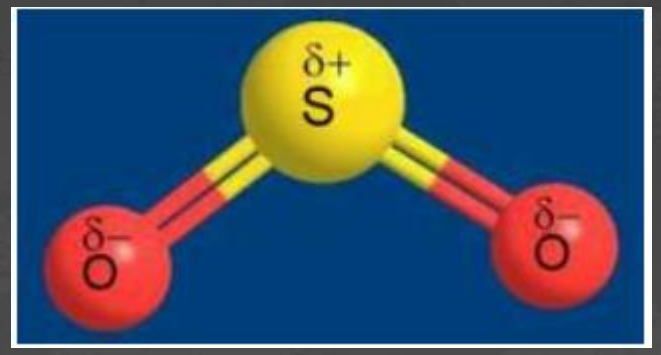
Polar covalent bond

- It is an intermediate between covalent and ionic bonds and like for ionic bond it forms between different atoms









SO_2 molecule with polar covalent bond

Electronegativity is a relative ability of atoms to attract electrons while binding to other atoms. I tis an ability to polarize a covalent bond

Bond's polarity depends on the difference in electronegativity between two atoms. Bigger differences mean more polarity, with a difference of 2 or more being considered ionic

SAMPLE ELECTRONEGATIVITIES			
H	2.1	Na	0.9
Li	1.0	Mg	1.2
C	2.5	S	2.5
N	3.0	Cl	3.0
O	3.5	K	0.8
F	4.0	Ca	1.0

H : H

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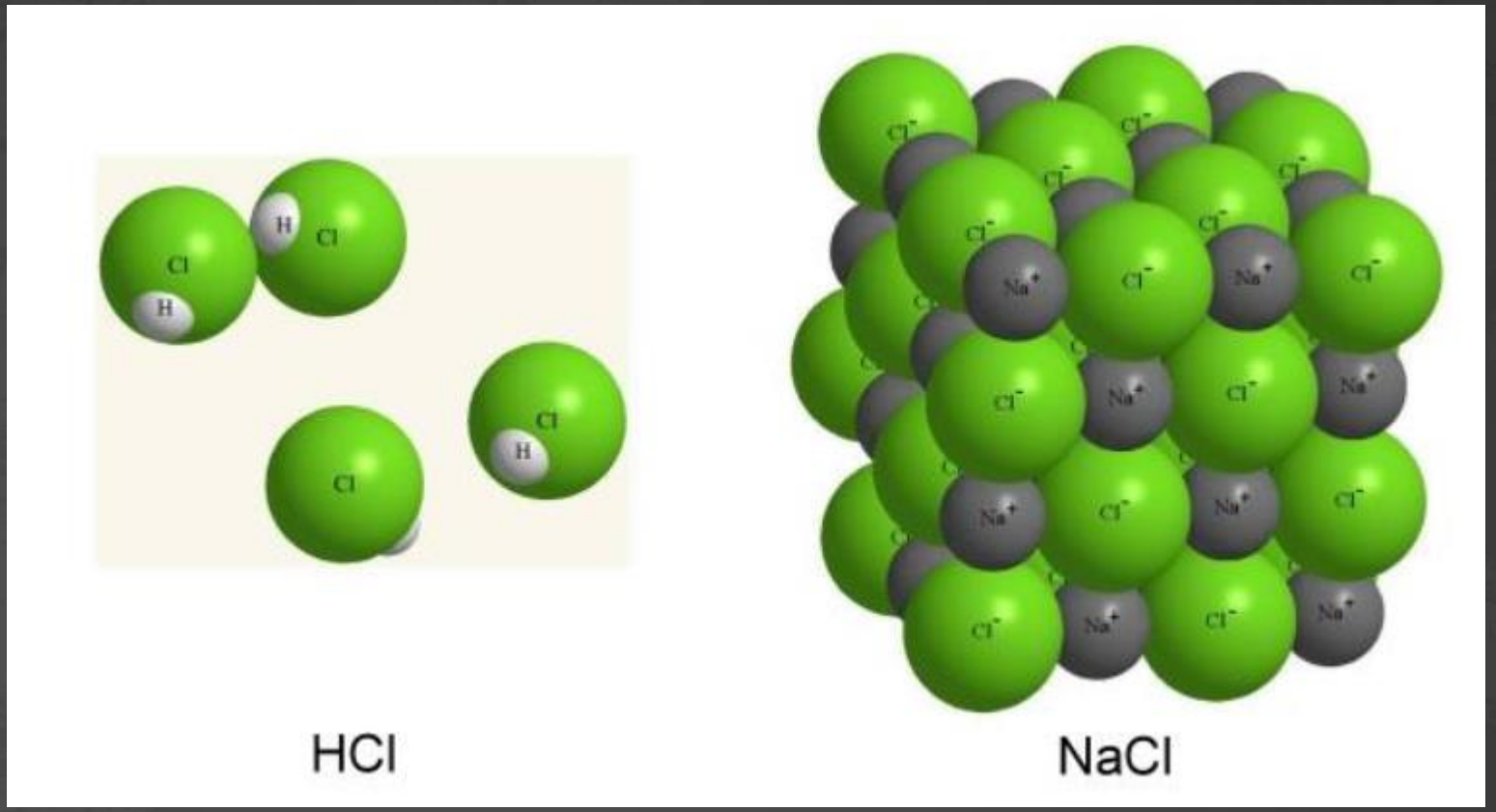
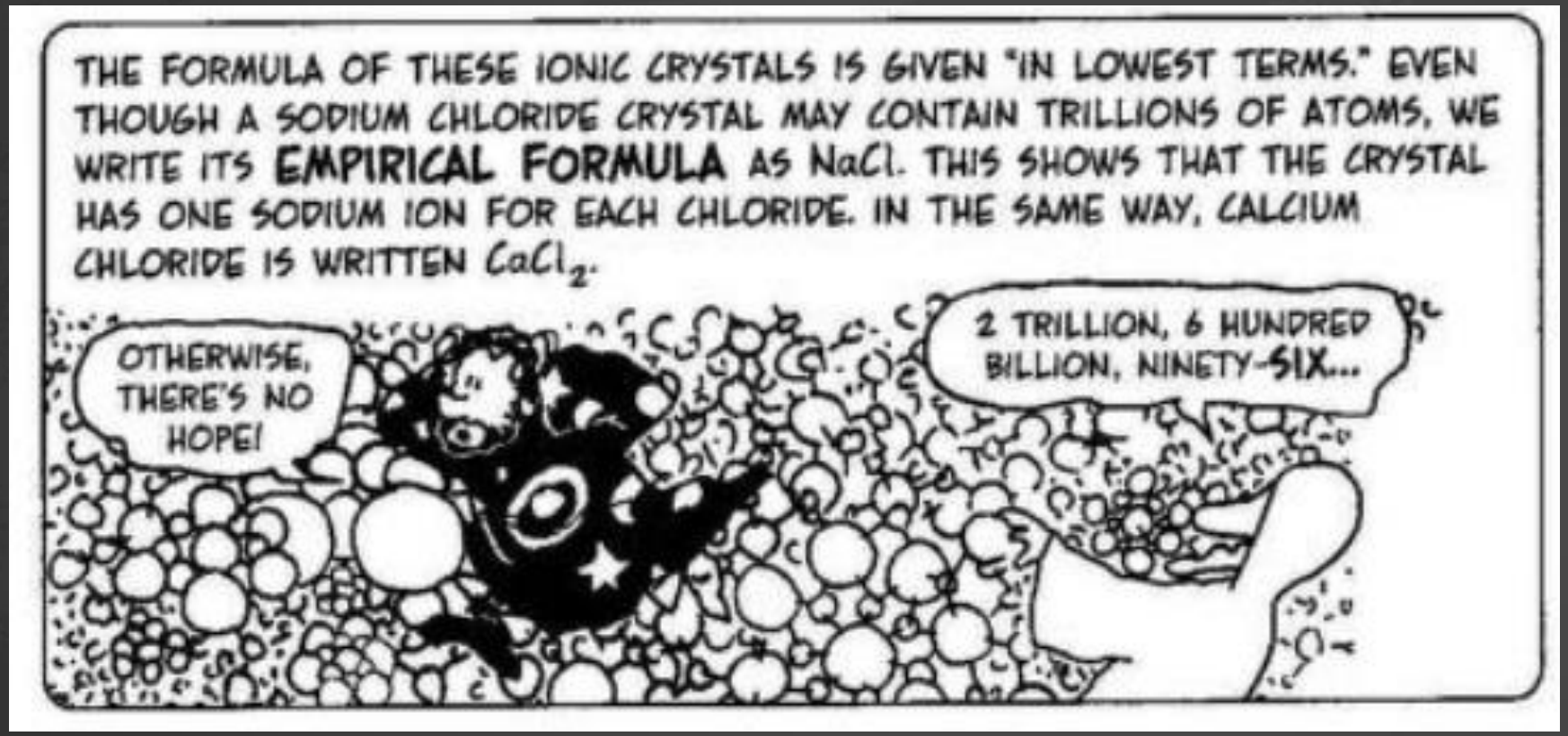
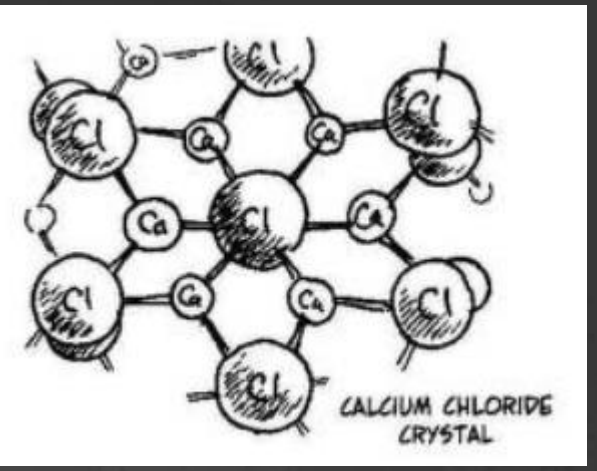
Na^+Cl^-



- Increased bond polarity results in different properties of the substance - hydrogen chloride (polar covalent bond) is a gas at room temperature while sodium chloride(ionic bond between the atoms) is a solid crystalline substance

Consider crystals of calcium chloride – $CaCl_2$

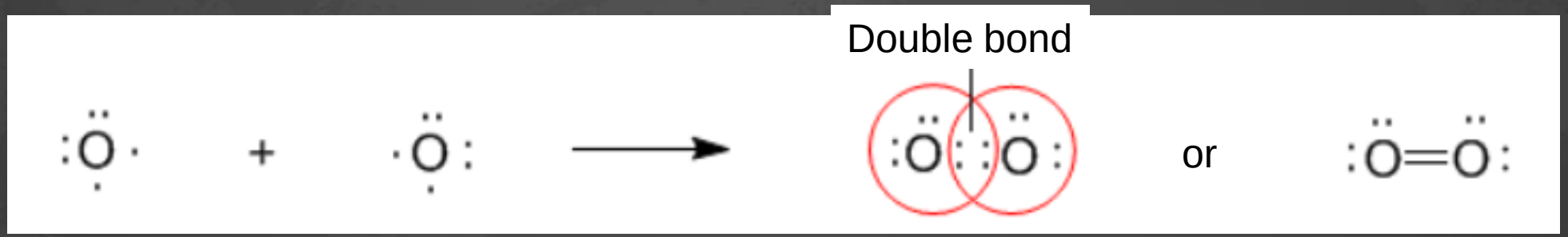




Some substances do not form separate molecules but make a continues network of repeating atoms (metals) or units (e.g. quartz). In this case the formulas of such matter are those of the repeating units – Cu, or SiO_2

Multiple bonds

- If the octet rules requires multiple bonds can form between two atoms (each bond is two shared electrons)
  - These bonds are called double or triple bonds
- E.g. oxygen can form a molecule from two oxygen atoms only when there are two shared electron pairs between the atoms:



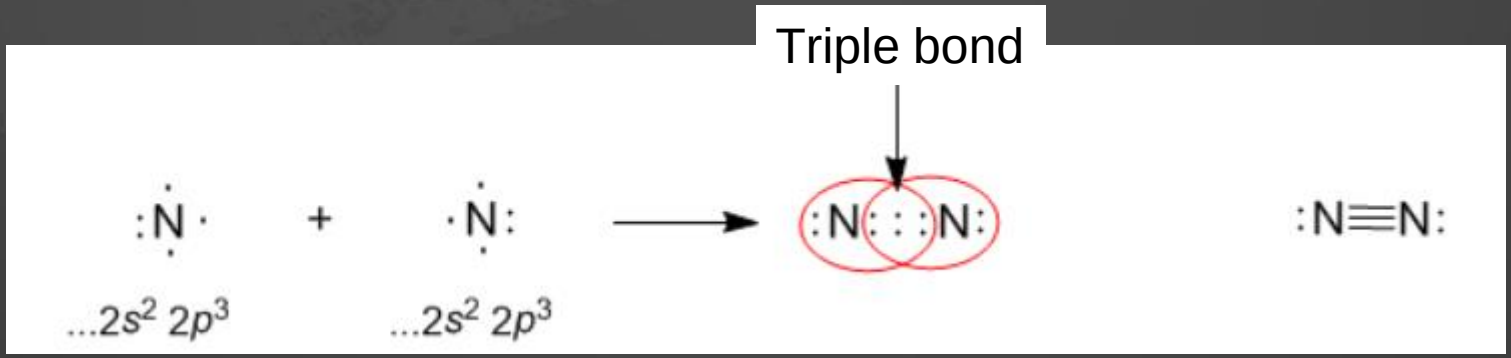
Each oxygen atom has 6 electrons

Each oxygen atom has 8 electrons

Structural formulas identify the location of **chemical** bonds between the atoms of a **molecule**. A **structural formula** consists of symbols for the atoms connected by short lines that represent **chemical** bonds — one, two, or three lines standing for single, double, or triple bonds, respectively.

How many electron pairs do atoms of nitrogen need to get the octet?

$_{7}$N electron configuration:



Multiple bonds

Bond	Bond length (A=10^{-8} cm)	Bond strength, kJ
Single (N-N)	1.45	58.5
Double (N=N)	1.25	456
Triple (N≡N)	1.098	945

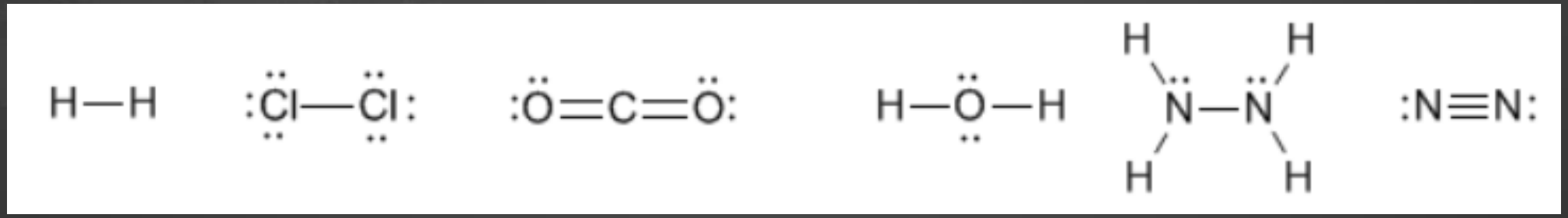
Bond order is the number of chemical bonds (shared electron pairs) between a pair of atoms and the bond stability. The highest bond order is 3.

Valence

The valence or valency of an element is a measure of its combining power with other atoms when it forms molecules

Or

The valence is the number of electron pairs that binds the atom with other atoms



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