

Chapter 5. Chemical Bonding: The Covalent Bond Model

Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry

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Section 5.1

The Covalent Bond Model

Key Differences Between Ionic and Covalent Bonding

1. Ionic bonds form between a metal and nonmetal. Covalent bonds usually form between nonmetals.
2. Ionic bonds involve electron transfer. Covalent bonds involve electron sharing.
3. Ionic compounds do not contain discrete molecules. Covalent compounds has a molecule as its basic structural unit.

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The Covalent Bond Model

Key Differences Between Ionic and Covalent Bonding

4. All ionic compounds are solids at room temperature. Covalent compounds are varied exists as gases and liquids as well.
5. Soluble ionic solids form aqueous solutions that conduct electricity. Soluble covalent compounds usually produce a non-conducting aqueous solution.

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The Covalent Bond Model

Covalent Bond

- A chemical bond resulting from two nuclei attracting the same shared electrons.

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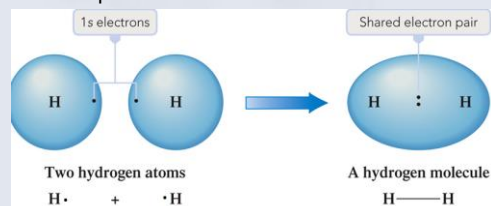
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The Covalent Bond Model

A Hydrogen Molecule

- Electron sharing can occur only when electron orbitals from two different atomic orbitals overlap.



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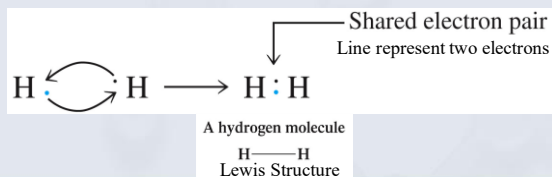
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The Covalent Bond Model

Lewis Notation

- The **two shared electrons** do double duty, helping each hydrogen atom **achieve a helium noble-gas configuration**.



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Lewis Structures for Molecular Compounds

Bonding Electrons

- Pairs of valence electrons that are shared between atoms in a covalent bond.
- Represent the shared electron pairs with dashes.



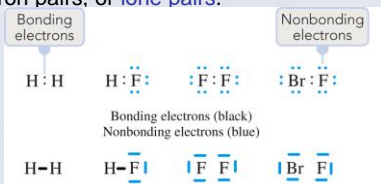
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Nonbonding Electrons

- Pairs of valence electrons on an atom that are not involved in electron sharing.
- Also referred to as **unshared electron pairs**, lone electron pairs, or **lone pairs**.



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Single, Double, and Triple Covalent Bonds

Single Covalent Bond

- A covalent bond in which two atoms share one pair of electrons.



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Single, Double, and Triple Covalent Bonds

Double Covalent Bond

- A covalent bond in which two atoms share two pairs of electrons.



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Single, Double, and Triple Covalent Bonds

Triple Covalent Bond

- A covalent bond in which two atoms share three pairs of electrons.

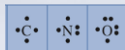


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Valence Electrons and Number of Covalent Bonds Formed

- There is a **strong tendency** for atoms of **nonmetallic elements** to form a **specific number of covalent bonds**.
- The **number of bonds formed** is equal to the number of **electrons the nonmetallic atom must share** to obtain an octet of electrons.



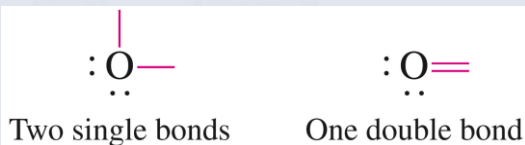
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Oxygen (6 Valence Electrons, 2 Octet Vacancies)



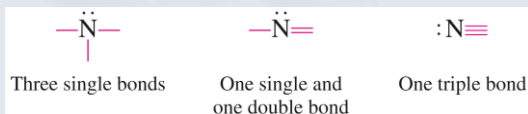
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Nitrogen (5 Valence Electrons, 3 Octet Vacancies)



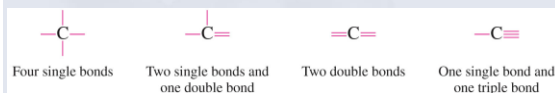
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Carbon (4 Valence Electrons, 4 Octet Vacancies)



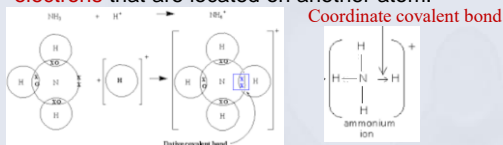
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Coordinate Covalent Bonds

- A **covalent bond** in which **both electrons** of a shared pair come from **one of the two atoms** involved in the bond is called **Coordinate covalent bond**.
- Enables** an atom that has two or more vacancies in its valence shell to **share a pair of nonbonding electrons** that are located on another atom.

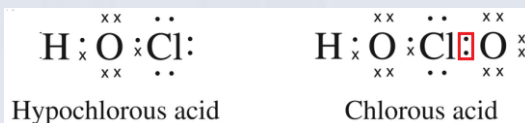


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Coordinate Covalent Bonds

Comparison of HOCl and HClO₂ Coordinate covalent bond

- In HOCl, all the bonds are "ordinary" covalent bonds.
- In HClO₂, the "new" chlorine-oxygen bond is a coordinate covalent bond.

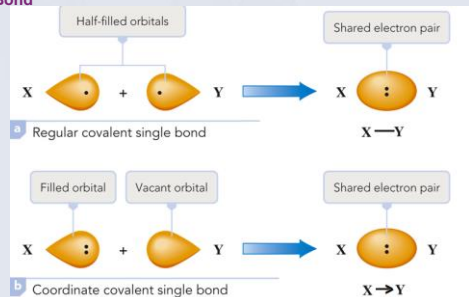
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Formation of a "Regular" Covalent Bond vs a Coordinate Covalent Bond



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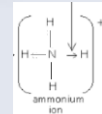
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Coordinate Covalent Bonds

- Atoms participating in **coordinate covalent bonds** generally **do not form their normal number of covalent bonds**.
- Once a coordinate covalent bond forms, it is indistinguishable from other covalent bonds in a molecule.

Coordinate covalent bond

5 Valence Electrons, 3 Octet Vacancies



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Systematic Procedures for Drawing Lewis Structures

Steps for Writing Lewis Structures

- Calculate the total number of valence electrons available in the molecule by adding together the valence electron counts for all atoms in the molecule. (Use the periodic table.)

Example: H_2O

$$2(1 e^-) + 6 e^- = 8 e^- \text{ total}$$

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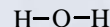
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Steps for Writing Lewis Structures

- Write the chemical symbols of the atoms in the molecule in the order in which they are bonded to one another, and then place a single covalent bond, involving two electrons, between each pair of bonded atoms.

- Determine central atom – usually atom that appears only once in the formula or bigger atom.

Example: H_2O 

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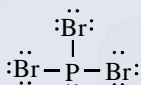
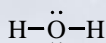
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Steps for Writing Lewis Structures

- Add nonbonding electron pairs to the structure such that each atom bonded to the central atom has an octet of electrons. Remember that for hydrogen, an "octet" is only 2 ("duet") electrons.

Examples: H_2O and PBr_3 

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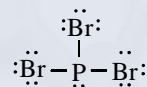
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Steps for Writing Lewis Structuresa

- Place any remaining electrons on the central atom of the structure.

Example: $\text{PBr}_3 = 26 \text{ valence } e^-$ 

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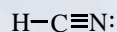
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Steps for Writing Lewis Structures

5. If there are not enough electrons to give the central atom an octet, then use one or more pairs of nonbonding electrons on the terminal atoms bonded to the central atom to form double or triple bonds.

Example: HCN



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Steps for Writing Lewis Structures

6. Count the total number of electrons in the completed Lewis structure to make sure it is equal to the total number of valence electrons available for bonding, as calculated in Step 1. (Serves as a double-check.)

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Systematic Procedures for Drawing Lewis Structures



Concept Check

Draw a Lewis structure for each of the following molecules:



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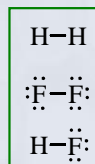
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Concept Check

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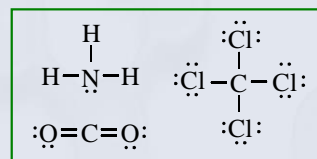
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Concept Check

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Bonding in Compounds with Polyatomic Ions Present

Ionic Compounds Containing Polyatomic Ions

- Covalent bonding exists within the polyatomic ion and ionic bonding exists between it and ions of opposite charge.

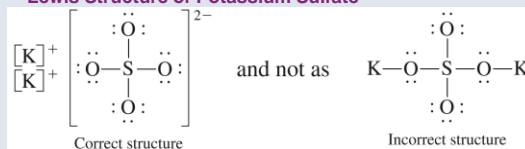
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Bonding in Compounds with Polyatomic Ions Present

Lewis Structure of Potassium Sulfate



- Polyatomic ion charge is not localized on a particular atom but rather is associated with the ion as a whole.
- It is customary to use brackets and show ionic charge outside the brackets.

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Molecular Geometry

- A description of the three-dimensional arrangement of atoms within a molecule.
- An important factor in determining the physical and chemical properties of a substance.

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Molecular Geometry

VSEPR Theory

- VSEPR: Valence Shell Electron-Pair Repulsion.
- A set of procedures for predicting the molecular geometry of a molecule using the information contained in the molecule's Lewis structure.
- The structure around a given atom is determined principally by minimizing electron pair repulsions.

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VSEPR Electron Group

- A collection of valence electrons present in a localized region about the central atom in a molecule.
- The four electrons in a double bond or the six electrons in a triple bond are localized in the region between two bonded atoms in a manner similar to the two electrons of a single bond.

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Steps to Apply the VSEPR Model

1. Draw the a Lewis structure for the molecule and identify the specific atom for which geometrical information is desired (usually central atom).

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Steps to Apply the VSEPR Model

2. Determine the number of VSEPR electron groups present about the central atom.
 - a. No distinction is made between bonding and nonbonding electron groups. Both are counted.
 - b. Single, double, and triple bonds are all counted equally as "one electron group" because each takes up only one region of space about a central atom.

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Steps to Apply the VSEPR Model

3. Predict the VSEPR electron group arrangement about the atom by assuming that the electron groups orient themselves in a manner that minimizes repulsions.

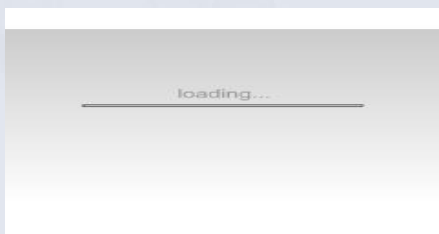
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VSEPR: Two Electron Pairs



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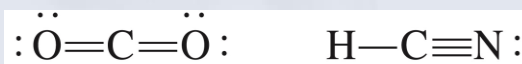
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VSEPR: Two Electron Groups



VSEPR electron group arrangement on central atom

2
linear

2
linear

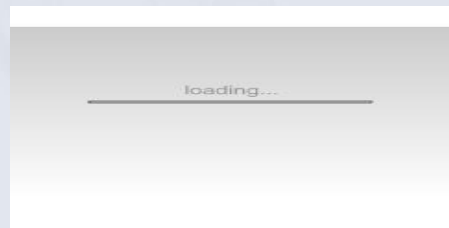
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VSEPR: Three Electron Pairs



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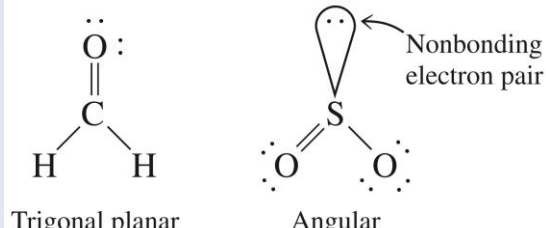
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VSEPR: Three Electron Groups



VSEPR electron group arrangement on central atom

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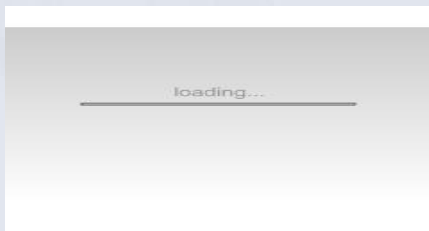
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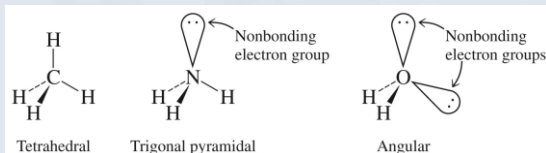
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VSEPR: Four Electron Groups



VSEPR electron group arrangement on central atom

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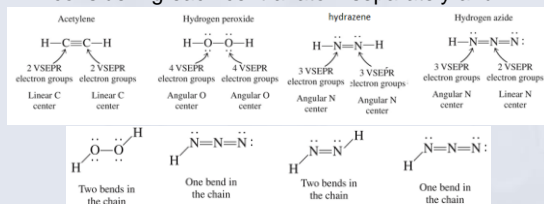
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Molecules with More Than One Central Atom

- The molecular shape of molecules that contain more than one central atom can be obtained by considering each central atom separately and



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Molecular Geometries and Angles

Linear	180
Trigonal Planar	120
Tetrahedral	109.5
Triangular Bipyramidal	120, 90
Octahedral	90
Angular	120
Angular	109.5
Trigonal Pyramidal	109.5

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Concept Check

Determine the **shape** for each of the following molecules, and include **bond angles**:

HCN

PH₃O₃

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Molecular Geometry



Concept Check

Determine the **shape** for each of the following molecules, and include **bond angles**:

HCN — linear, 180°

PH₃ — trigonal pyramid, 107°O₃ — bent, 120°

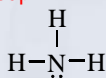
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Electronegativity

- The ability of an atom in a molecule to attract shared electrons to itself.
- A measure of the relative attraction that an atom has for the shared electrons in a bond.
- On the periodic table, electronegativity generally increases across a period and decreases down a group.



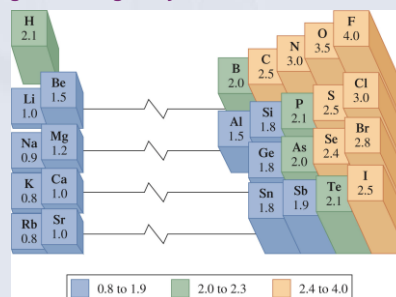
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Electronegativity

Pauling Electronegativity Values



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Concept Check

What is the general trend for electronegativity across rows and down columns on the periodic table?

Explain the trend.

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Electronegativity



Concept Check

If lithium and fluorine react, which has more attraction for an electron? Why?

In a bond between fluorine and iodine, which has more attraction for an electron? Why?

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Bond Polarity

Nonpolar Covalent Bond in Homo-nuclear

- A covalent bond in which there is equal sharing of electrons between two atoms.



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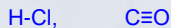
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Polar Covalent Bond in Hetero-nuclear

- A covalent bond in which there is **unequal sharing** of electrons between two atoms.

Electronegativity Cl = 3.0 H = 2.1 O = 2.5



Electronegativity difference 0.9 0.4

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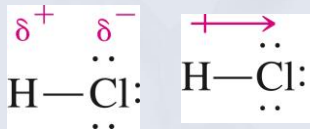
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Bond Polarity

Polar Covalent Bond

- It creates **fractional positive** and **negative** charges on atoms.
- Electrons spend **more time near the more electronegative** atom of the bond and **less time** near the **less electronegative** atom of the bond.



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Bond Polarity

Bond Polarity

- A **measure** of the **degree of inequality** in the sharing of electrons between two atoms in a chemical bond.
- The **greater the electronegativity difference** between the two bonded atoms, the **greater the polarity of the bond**.

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Bond Polarity

Bond Type	Electronegativity Difference
Nonpolar Covalent	0.4 or less
Polar Covalent	Greater than 0.4 to 1.5
Polar Covalent	Between 1.5 and 2.0 (between nonmetals)
Ionic	Between 1.5 and 2.0 (metal and nonmetal)
Ionic	Greater than 2.0

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Bond Polarity

Exercise

Arrange the following bonds from **most to least polar**:

- a) N-F O-F C-F
b) C-F N-O Si-F
c) Cl-Cl B-Cl S-Cl

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Exercise

Arrange the following bonds from **most to least polar**:

- a) N-F O-F C-F
a) C-F, N-F, O-F
b) C-F N-O Si-F
b) Si-F, C-F, N-O
c) Cl-Cl B-Cl S-Cl
c) B-Cl, S-Cl, Cl-Cl

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Concept Check

Which of the following bonds would be the **least polar yet still be** considered polar covalent?

Mg-O C-O O-O Si-O N-O

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Concept Check

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Mg-O C-O O-O Si-O **N-O**

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Concept Check

Which of the following bonds would be the **most polar without** being considered ionic?

Mg-O C-O O-O Si-O N-O

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Concept Check

Which of the following bonds would be the **most polar without** being considered ionic?

Mg-O C-O O-O **Si-O** N-O

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Molecular Polarity

- A **measure of the degree of inequality** in the attraction of bonding electrons to various locations **within a molecule**.
- Polar molecule** – a molecule in which there is an **unsymmetrical distribution** of electron charge.
- Nonpolar molecule** – a molecule in which there is a symmetrical distribution of electron charge.

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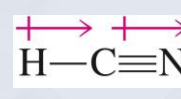
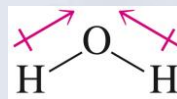
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Molecular Polarity

Polar Molecules: H₂O and HCN

- For H₂O, the bond polarities associated with the two hydrogen-oxygen bonds do not cancel one another because of the nonlinearity of the molecule.
- For HCN, nitrogen is more electronegative than hydrogen.



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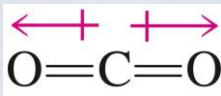
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Nonpolar Molecule: CO₂

- The effects of the two polar bonds are canceled as a result of the oxygen atoms being arranged symmetrically around the carbon atom.



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Concept Check

True or false:

A molecule that has polar bonds will always be polar.

- If true, explain why.
- If false, provide a counter-example.

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Concept Check

True or false:

A molecule that has polar bonds will always be polar.

- If true, explain why.
- If **false**, provide a counter-example.

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Let's Think About It

- Draw the Lewis structure for SiO₂.
- Does SiO₂ contain polar bonds?
- Is the molecule polar or nonpolar overall? Why?

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Concept Check

Which of the following molecules are **polar**?

F₂
HF
NH₃
SO₂
CCl₄

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Binary Molecular Compound

- A **molecular compound** in which only **two nonmetallic elements** are present.
- The full name of the **nonmetal of lower electronegativity** is given first, followed by a separate word containing the stem of the name of the **more electronegative nonmetal** and the suffix **-ide**.
- Numerical prefixes**, giving **numbers of atoms**, precede the names of both nonmetals.

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Binary Covalent Compounds

- Examples:

CO_2	Carbon dioxide
SF_6	Sulfur hexafluoride
N_2O_4	Dinitrogen tetroxide

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Common Numerical Prefixes

Table 5.1 Numerical Prefixes for the Numbers 1 Through 10

Number	Numerical Prefix	Example of Prefix Use*
1	mono-	CO carbon monoxide
2	di-	O_2F_2 dioxygen difluoride
3	tri-	NCl_3 nitrogen trichloride
4	tetra-	S_4N_4 tetrasulfur tetranitride
5	penta-	ClF_5 chlorine pentafluoride
6	hexa-	I_2F_6 diiodine hexafluoride
7	hepta-	IF_7 iodine heptafluoride
8	octa-	P_4O_8 tetraphosphorus octoxide
9	nona-	P_4S_9 tetraphosphorus nonasulfide
10	deca-	P_4Se_{10} tetraphosphorus decaselenide

* When the prefix ends in "a" or "o" and the element name begins with "a" or "o," the final vowel of the prefix is usually dropped for ease of pronunciation. For example, "monoxide" is used instead of "monooxide," and "hexoxide" is used instead of "hexaoxide."

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Some Binary Molecular Compounds That Have Common Names

Table 5.2 Selected Binary Molecular Compounds That Have Common Names

Compound Formula	Accepted Common Name
H_2O	water
H_2O_2	hydrogen peroxide
NH_3	ammonia
N_2H_4	hydrazine
CH_4	methane
C_2H_6	ethane
PH_3	phosphine
AsH_3	arsine

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Exercise

Which of the following compounds is named **incorrectly**?

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| a) NO_2 | nitrogen dioxide |
| b) P_2O_5 | phosphorus pentoxide |
| c) PCl_3 | phosphorus trichloride |
| d) SO_3 | sulfur trioxide |
| e) ICl | iodine monochloride |

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