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A **chemical bond** forms when atoms are strongly attracted to each other.

**Valence electrons** ( $e^-$  in outermost s and p orbitals) are involved in forming bonds.

**Bond energy** is a measure of how much energy is involved in forming or breaking a bond.

**Atoms bond in order to have more stable arrangements of electrons.**

Three main types of bonds: ionic, covalent/molecular, and metallic.

**Ionic compounds** are formed due to the electrostatic attraction between cations (positive ions) and anions (negative ions).

In ionic bonds electrons are **transferred**.

① Example (write electron configurations, show electron transfer with an arrow):



Using electron dot symbols:



① How do the properties of ionic compounds relate to bond strength?

*Metal + NonMetal  
= Ionic*

*Ionic compounds have very strong bonds. This explains many of their properties.*

The electron dot symbol for KCl would look like:



Ionic compounds are held together in crystal lattices.

**Covalent** (also called molecular) **compounds** are formed when atoms **share** electrons.



Most of the time the shared electrons are found between the atoms.

Remember: *NonMetal + NonMetal = Covalent (aka Molecular) Bond*

The properties of ionic, covalent, and metallic compounds are not given here. Refer to your class notes and lab results.

*NonMetal + NonMetal  
= Covalent*

*Covalent Bond is the same as a Molecular Bond*

**The Octet Rule** states that atoms bond to achieve a noble gas configuration. This means eight for every element except hydrogen.

Based on the octet rule we can draw **electron dot structures** to show how atoms are bonded.

Octet rule limitations:

- does not work for all molecules
- some atoms can have more than an octet.

### Step-by-Step Electron Dot Structures

1. Count the valence e<sup>-</sup> for all atoms.
2. Add or subtract e<sup>-</sup> if molecule is charged (+1, -1, ...).
3. Identify least electronegative atom and put at center (usually the biggest atom).  
Note: Hydrogen is never at the center.
4. Assign two electrons to each bond. Subtract 2 e<sup>-</sup> for each bond.
5. Complete octets on outside atoms. Subtract valence e<sup>-</sup> for each e<sup>-</sup> added.
6. Put remaining e<sup>-</sup> in pairs on central atom.
7. If central atom does not have an octet, move electrons from outer atoms to form double or triple bonds.

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H <sub>2</sub>	Br <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>
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N <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	OH <sup>-</sup>	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
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*Electron Dot Structures* represent the electrons in the outer energy level of an atom.

Electrons that are around an atom but not shared are called “*unpaired electrons*”.

**Polar Covalent Bonds** are formed when electrons are shared *unequally*.

Shared electrons spend more time around the more electronegative atom(s).

H<sub>2</sub>O is a polar molecule

**Electronegativity** is how strongly an atom attracts a shared pair of electrons.

The *difference* is electronegativity (between 0.0 and 4.0) of two atoms allows us to *predict* the type of bond that will form (data available in book).

- > Difference is greater than 2.0, the bond is **ionic**.
- > Difference is between 0.4 and 2.0, the bond is **polar covalent**.
- > The difference is between 0.0 and 0.4, the bond is **nonpolar covalent**.

① Predict the bond type of the following compounds:

KCl

Cl<sub>2</sub>

NO<sub>2</sub>

CH<sub>4</sub>

The most electronegative element is fluorine (4.0)

The least electronegative is francium (0.7).

Hydrogen does not follow the trend for electronegativity. It has a value of 2.0