

# Chapter 1



## Remembering General Chemistry:

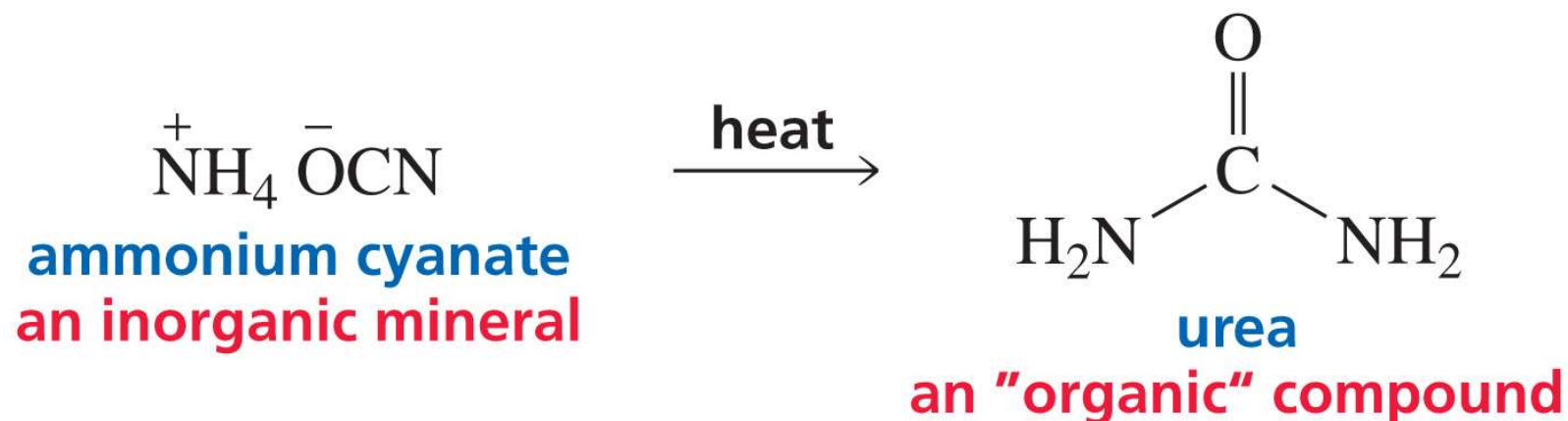
Electronic Structure  
and Bonding

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# What is Organic Chemistry?

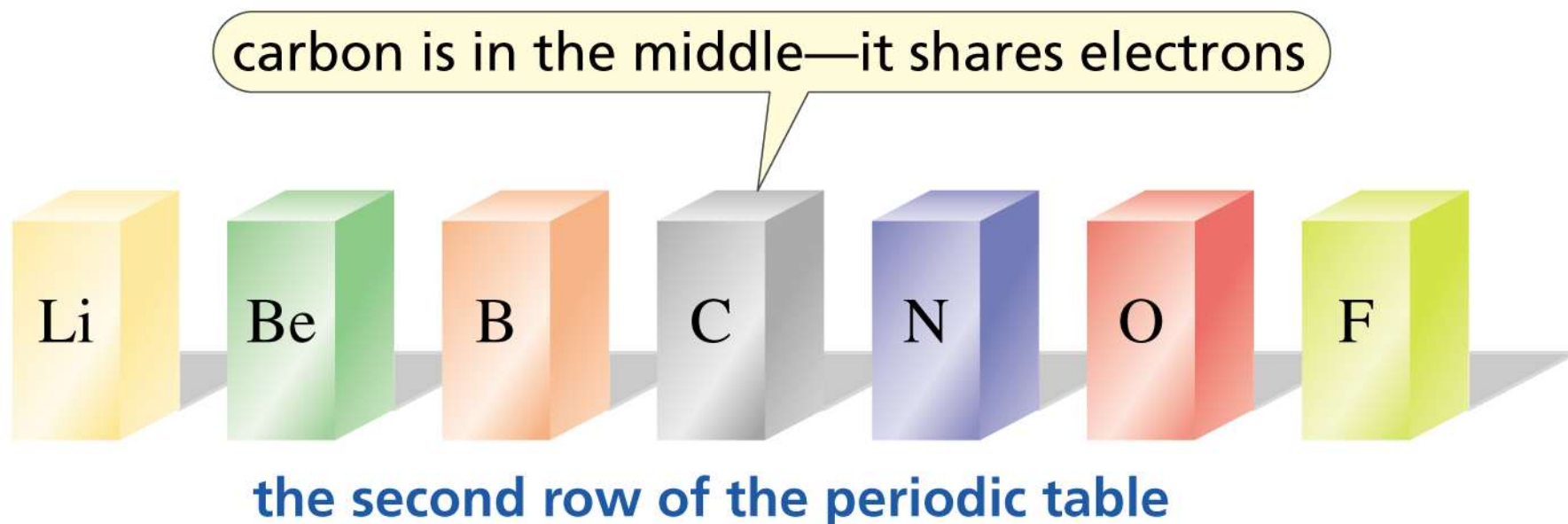
Organic compounds: from living organisms  
(with a vital force)

Inorganic compounds: from minerals  
(without a vital force)



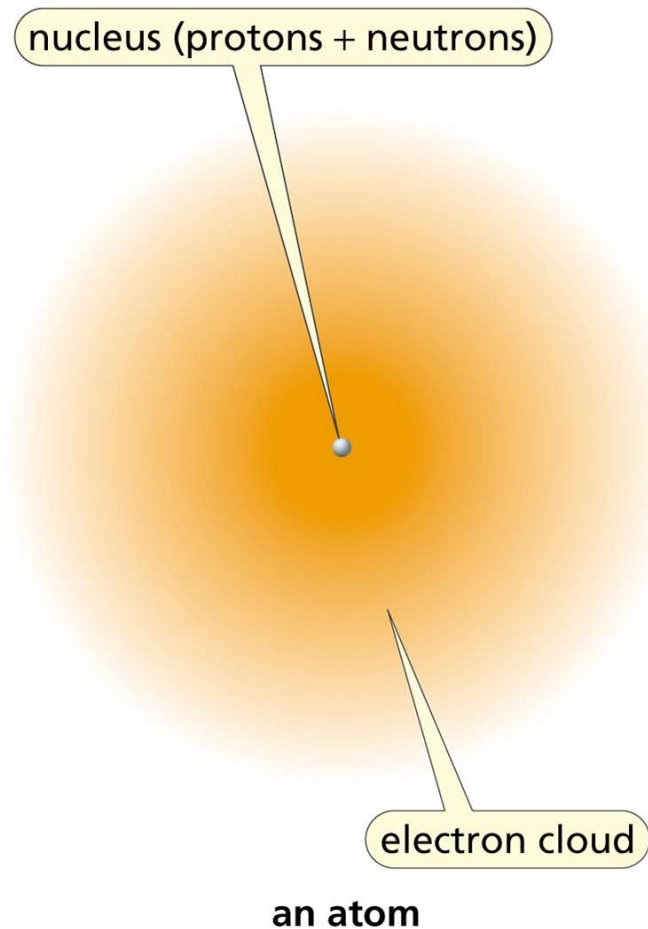
Organic compounds are compounds that contain carbon.

# What Makes Carbon So Special?



- Atoms to the left of carbon **give up** electrons.
- Atoms to the right of carbon **accept** electrons.
- **Carbon shares** electrons.

# The Structure of an Atom



Protons are positively charged.  
Neutrons have no charge.  
Electrons are negatively charged.

atomic number = # of protons  
atomic number of carbon = 6

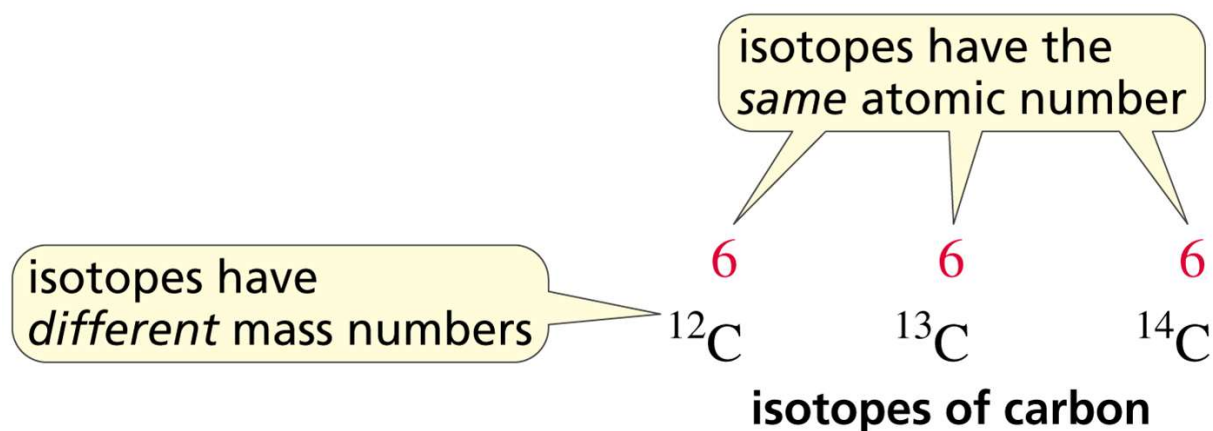
Neutral carbon has  
six protons and six electrons.

# Isotopes

All Carbon Atoms Have the Same **Atomic Number** = # of protons

Carbon Atoms Can Have the Different **Mass Numbers**

**Mass Number** = # of protons + # of neutrons



# The Distribution of Electrons in an Atom

**Table 1.1** Distribution of Electrons in the First Four Shells

	First shell	Second shell	Third shell	Fourth shell
Atomic orbitals	<i>s</i>	<i>s, p</i>	<i>s, p, d</i>	<i>s, p, d, f</i>
Number of atomic orbitals	1	1, 3	1, 3, 5	1, 3, 5, 7
Maximum number of electrons	2	8	18	32

- The **first** shell is **closest** to the nucleus.
- The **closer** the atomic orbital is to the nucleus, the **lower** its energy.
- Within a shell,  $s < p$ .

**Table 1.2** The Electronic Configurations of the Smallest Atoms

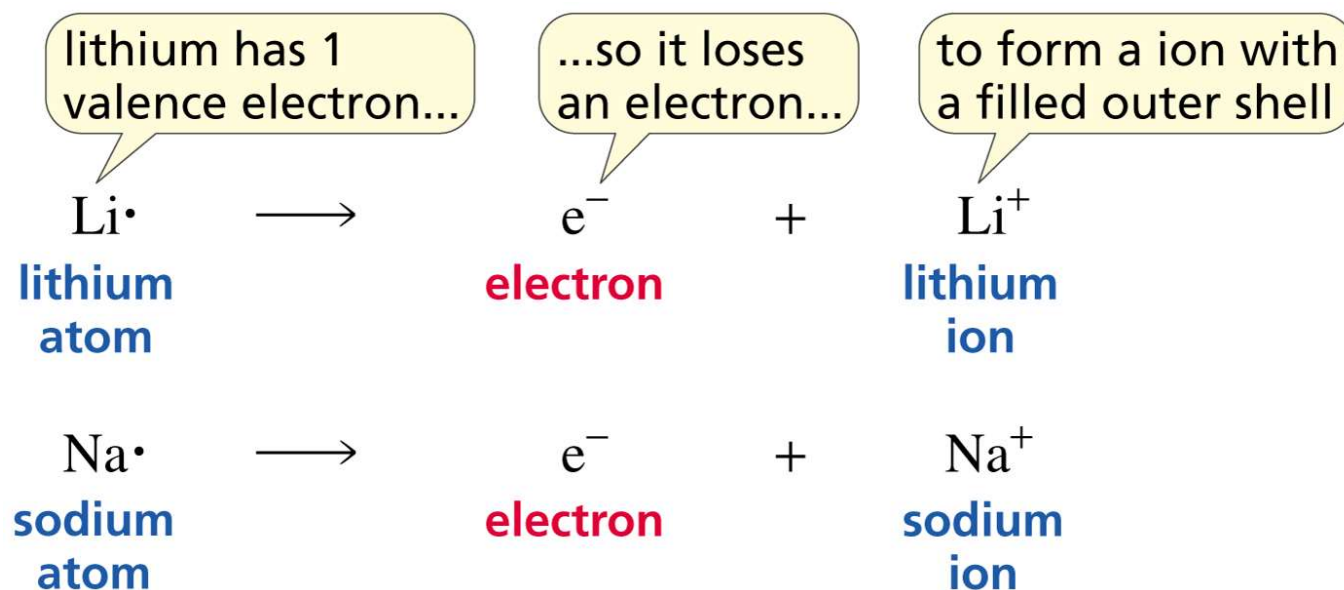
Atom	Name of element	Atomic number	1s	2s	2p <sub>x</sub>	2p <sub>y</sub>	2p <sub>z</sub>	3s
H	Hydrogen	1	↑					
He	Helium	2	↑↓					
Li	Lithium	3	↑↓	↑				
Be	Beryllium	4	↑↓	↑↓				
B	Boron	5	↑↓	↑↓	↑			
C	Carbon	6	↑↓	↑↓	↑	↑		
N	Nitrogen	7	↑↓	↑↓	↑	↑	↑	
O	Oxygen	8	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑	↑	
F	Fluorine	9	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑	
Ne	Neon	10	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	
Na	Sodium	11	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑

- **Aufbau principle:** An electron goes into the atomic orbital with the lowest energy.  
 $1s < 2s < 2p < 3s < 3p < 3d$
- **Pauli exclusion principle:** No more than two electrons can be in an atomic orbital.
- **Hund's rule:** An electron goes into an empty degenerate orbital rather than pairing up.

# Atoms in the First Column of the Periodic Table Lose an Electron

An atom is most stable if its outer shell is either **filled** or contains **8 electrons**.

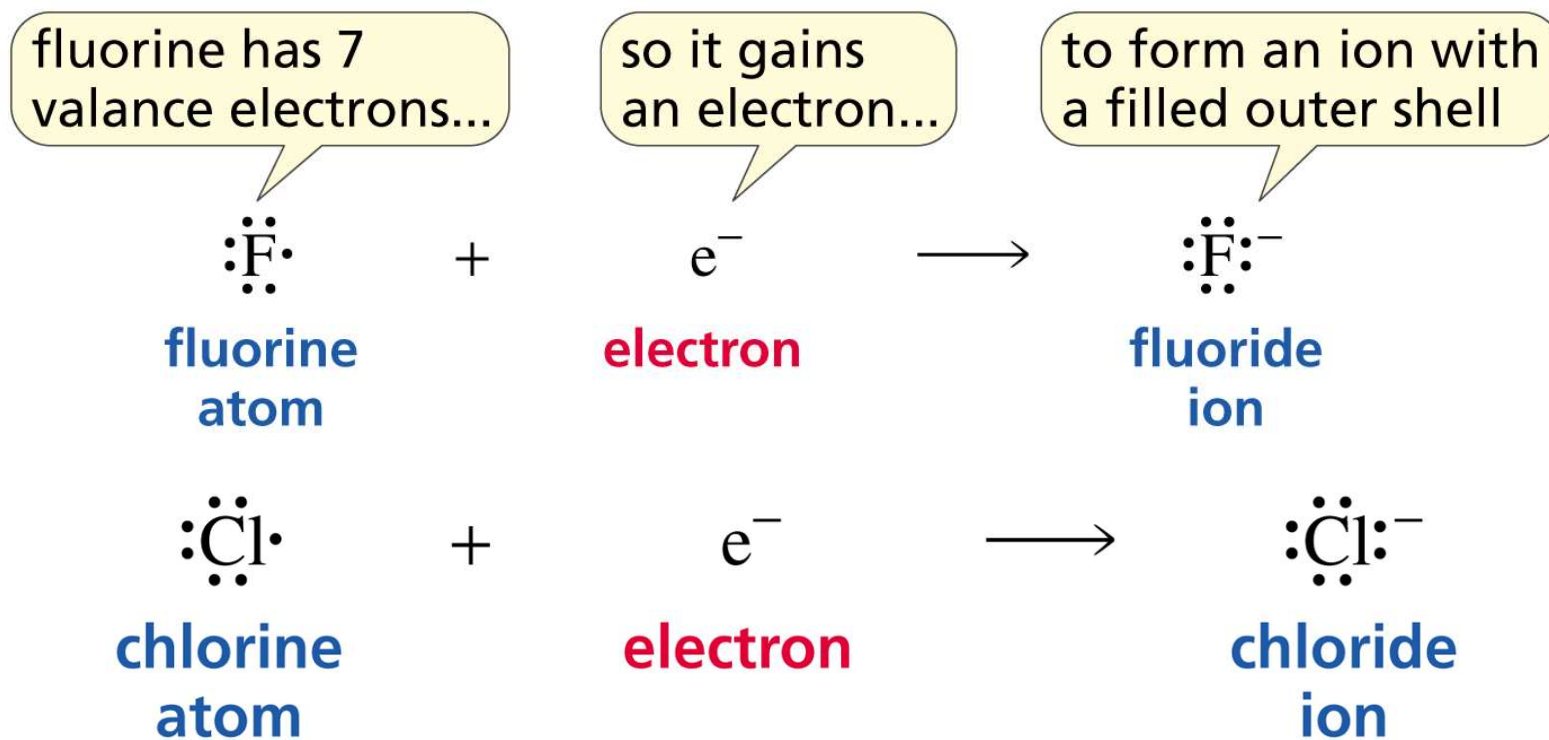
**Lithium** and **sodium** achieve a filled outer shell by **losing** an electron.





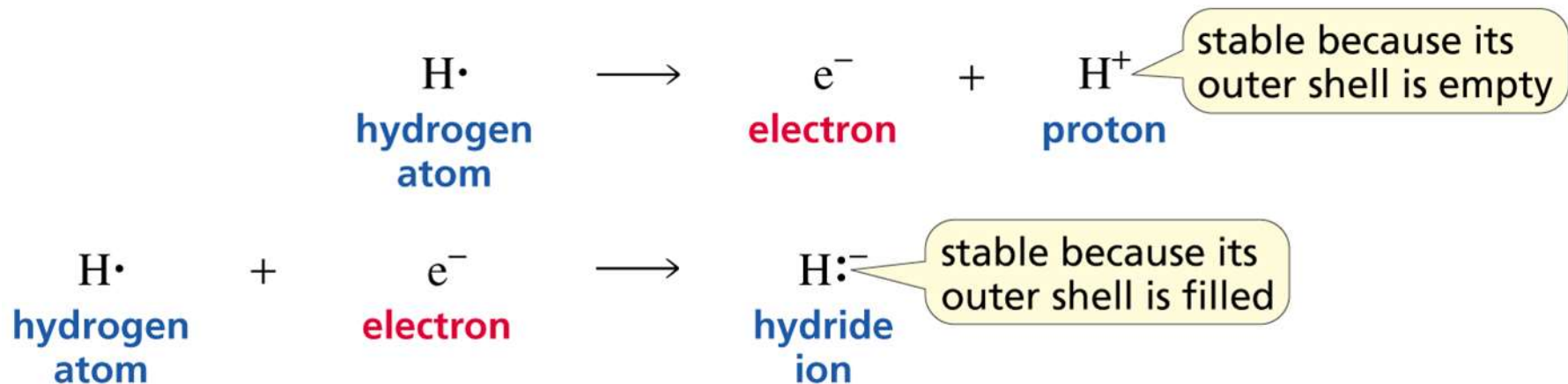
# Atoms on the Right Side of the Periodic Table Readily Gain an Electron

Fluorine and chlorine achieve a filled outer shell by gaining an electron.



# A Hydrogen Atom Can Lose or Gain an Electron

A **hydrogen atom** achieves an **empty shell** by losing an electron or a **filled outer shell** by gaining an electron.

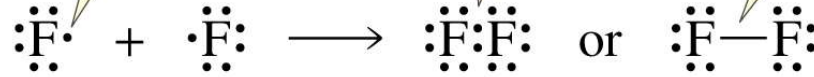


# Achieving a Filled Outer Shell by Sharing Electrons

each fluorine shares 1 of its 7 valence electrons...

...to form a covalent bond...

which can be denoted by a solid line



each fluorine is surrounded by 8 electrons

each hydrogen shares its valence electron...

...to form a covalent bond



each hydrogen is surrounded by 2 electrons

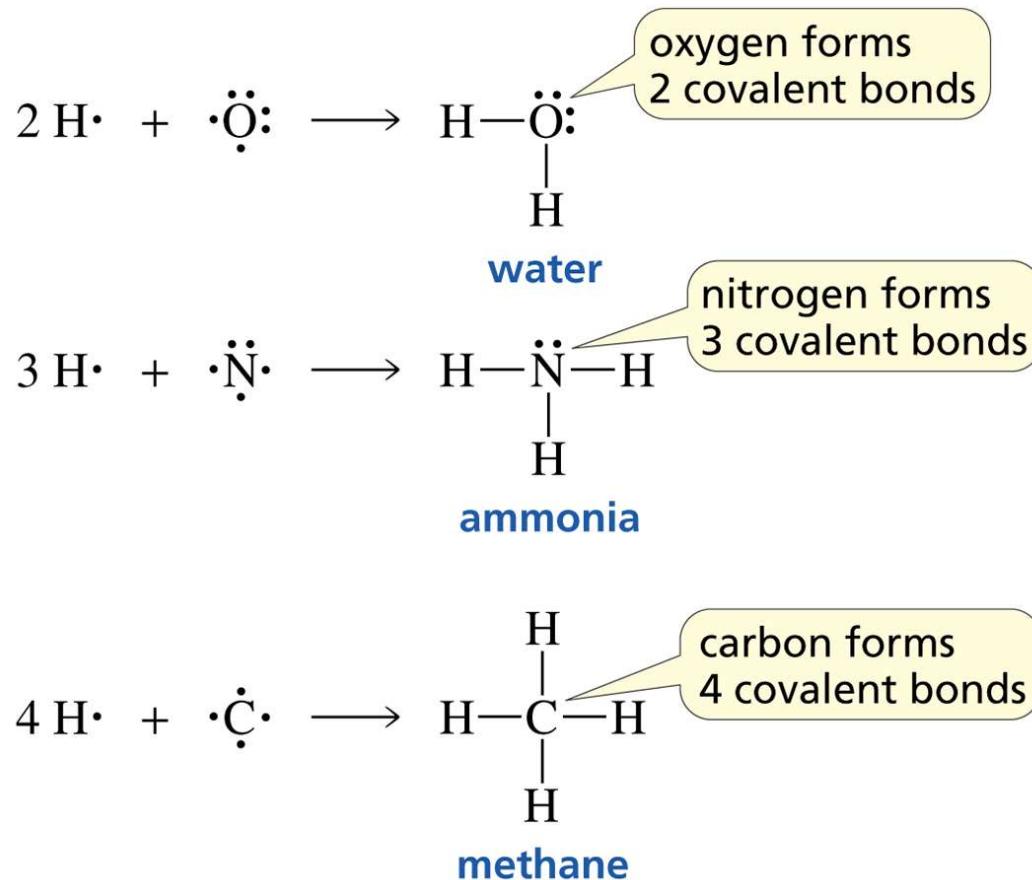
A bond formed by **sharing electrons** is called a **covalent bond**.

# Achieving a Filled Outer Shell by Sharing Electrons



H is surrounded by  
2 electrons  
Cl is surrounded by  
8 electrons

# How Many Bonds Does an Atom Form?



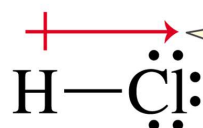
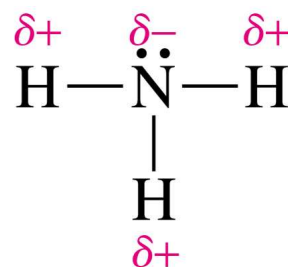
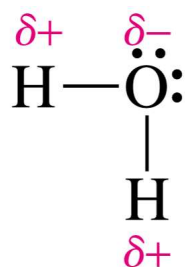
notice that each O, N, C is surrounded by 8 electrons, and each H is surrounded by 2 electrons

# Nonpolar and Polar Covalent Bonds

**Nonpolar** covalent bond = bonded atoms are the **same**  
or have **similar electronegativities**.

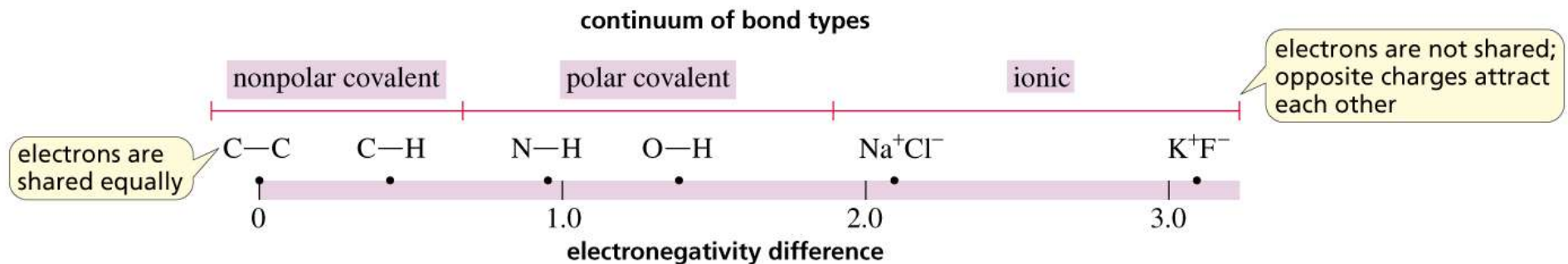


**Polar** covalent bond = bonded atoms have  
**different electronegativities**.



the negative end  
of the bond

# The Greater the Difference in Electronegativity, the More Polar the Bond



**Nonpolar covalent bond:** electronegativity difference  $< 0.5$

**Polar covalent bond:** electronegativity difference  $0.5 - 1.9$

**Electronegativity difference  $> 1.9$ :** electrons are not shared; atoms are held together by the attraction of opposite charges

# Dipole Moment

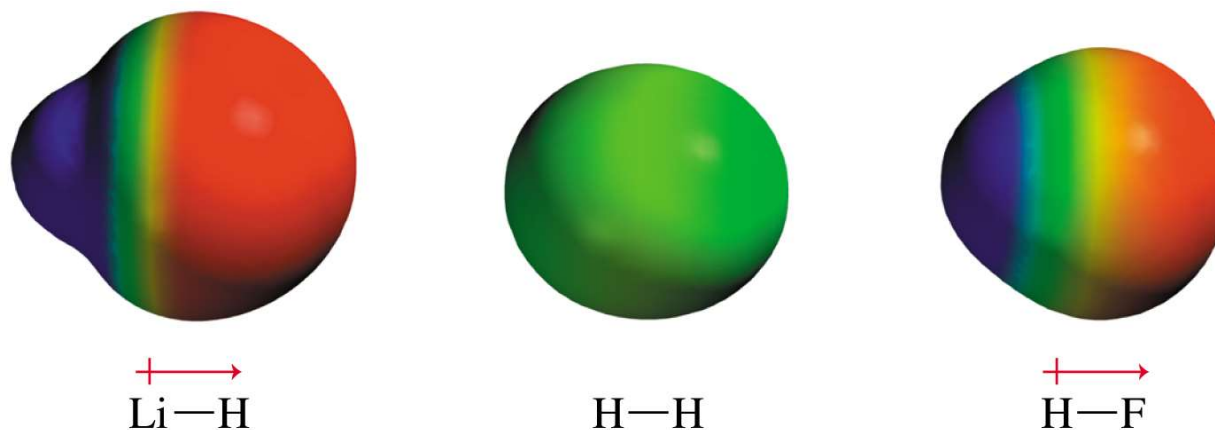
Dipole moment = size of the charge x the distance between the charges

<b>Bond</b>	<b>Dipole moment (D)</b>	<b>Bond</b>	<b>Dipole moment (D)</b>
H—C	0.4	C—C	0
H—N	1.3	C—N	0.2
H—O	1.5	C—O	0.7
H—F	1.7	C—F	1.6
H—Cl	1.1	C—Cl	1.5
H—Br	0.8	C—Br	1.4
H—I	0.4	C—I	1.2

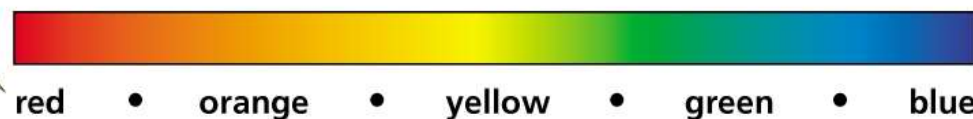
The greater the difference in electronegativity, the greater the dipole moment and the more polar the bond.



# Electrostatic Potential Maps



has the most negative electrostatic potential; attracts positive charge

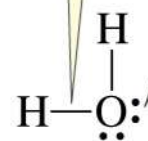


has the most positive electrostatic potential; attracts negative charge

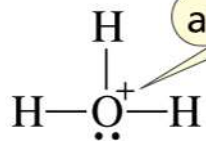
# Lewis Structures

bonding electrons

lone-pair electrons

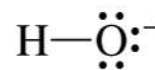


water



hydronium ion

a formal charge



hydroxide ion

a formal charge

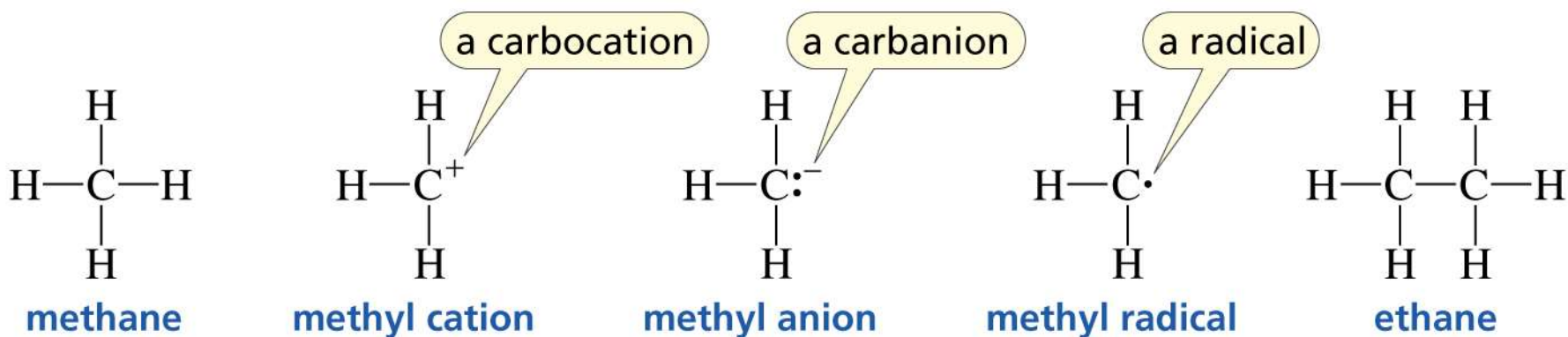


hydrogen peroxide

# Formal Charge

Formal Charge =  
the # of valence electrons –  
(the # of lone-pair electrons + the # of bonds)

# Carbon Forms Four Bonds

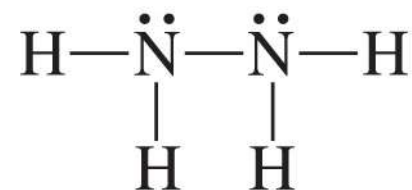


If carbon does **not** form **four** bonds,  
it has a **charge** (or it is a **radical**).

# Nitrogen Forms Three Bonds



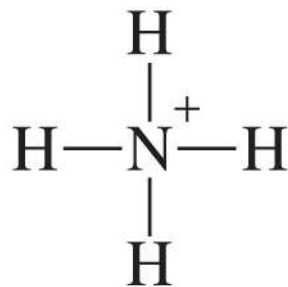
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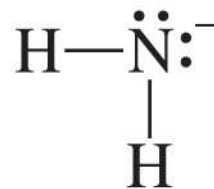
hydrazine

Nitrogen has **one** lone pair.

If nitrogen does **not** form **three** bonds, it is **charged**.



ammonium ion



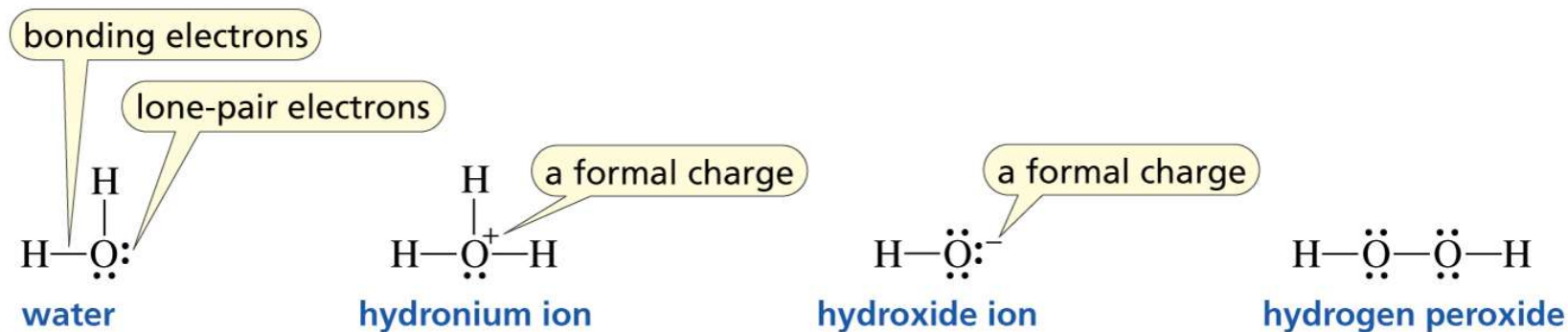
amide anion

# Oxygen Forms Two Bonds



Oxygen has **two** lone pairs.

If oxygen does **not** form **two** bonds, it is **charged**.



# Hydrogen and the Halogens Form One Bond



A halogen has three lone pairs.

If hydrogen or halogen does not form one bond,  
it has a charge (or it is a radical).



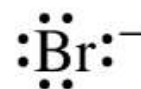
hydrogen  
ion



hydride  
ion



hydrogen  
radical



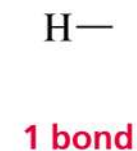
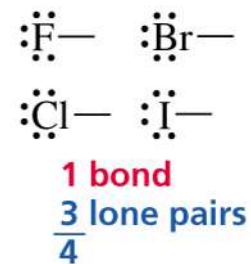
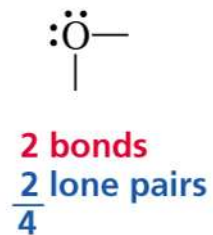
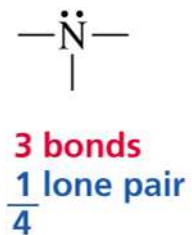
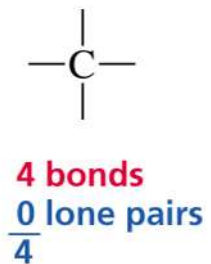
bromide  
ion



bromine  
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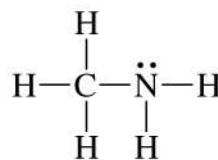
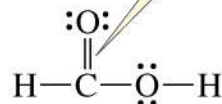
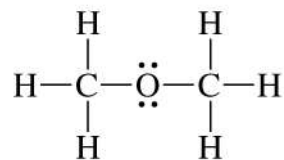
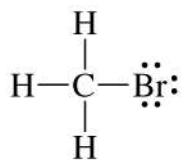
# The Number of Bonds Plus the Number of Lone Pairs Equals Four

# of bonds +  
# of lone pairs  
always equals 4





# Lewis Structures



2 covalent bonds holding 2 atoms together is called a double bond

3 covalent bonds holding 2 atoms together is called a triple bond

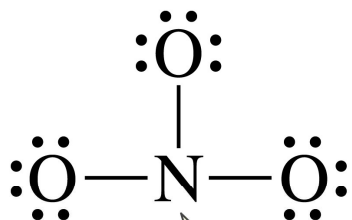
# How to Draw a Lewis Structure



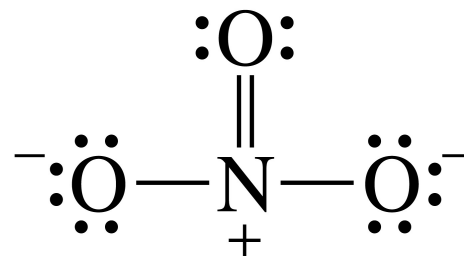
Determine the total number of valence electrons ( $5 + 6 + 6 + 6 = 23$ ).  
Because they are negatively charged, add another electron = 24.

Avoid O—O bonds.

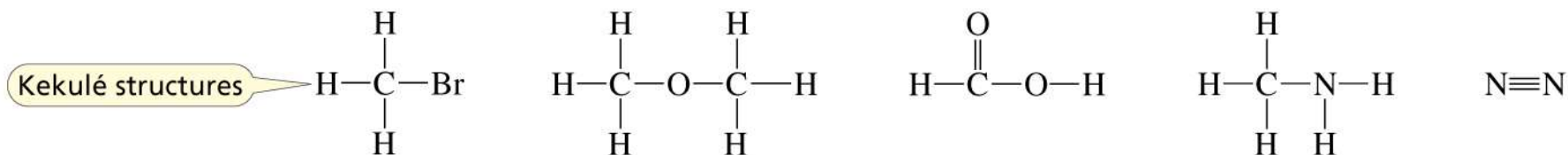
Check for formal charges.



incomplete octet



# Kekulé Structures and Condensed Structures

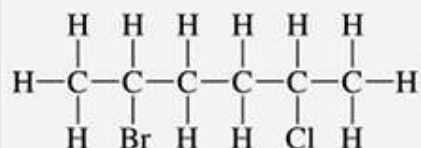


# Kekulé Structures and Condensed Structures

**Table 1.5** Kekulé Structures and Condensed Structures

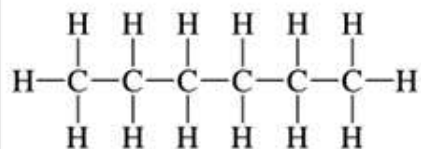
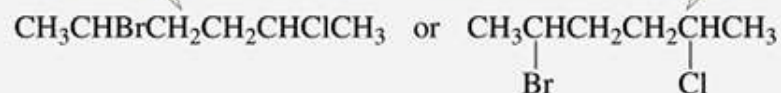
## Kekulé Structures

## Condensed Structures

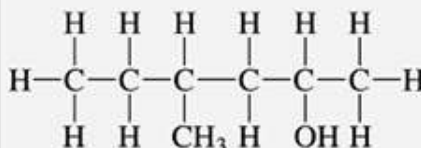


atoms bonded to a carbon are shown to the right of the carbon...

...or connected to a carbon by a line bond above or below the carbon

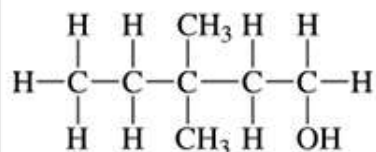


repeating CH<sub>2</sub> groups can be shown in parentheses

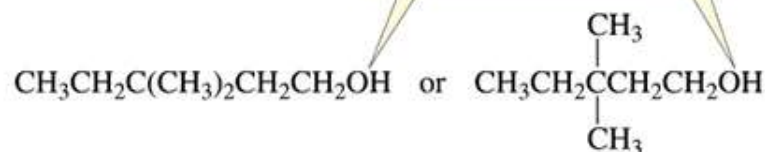


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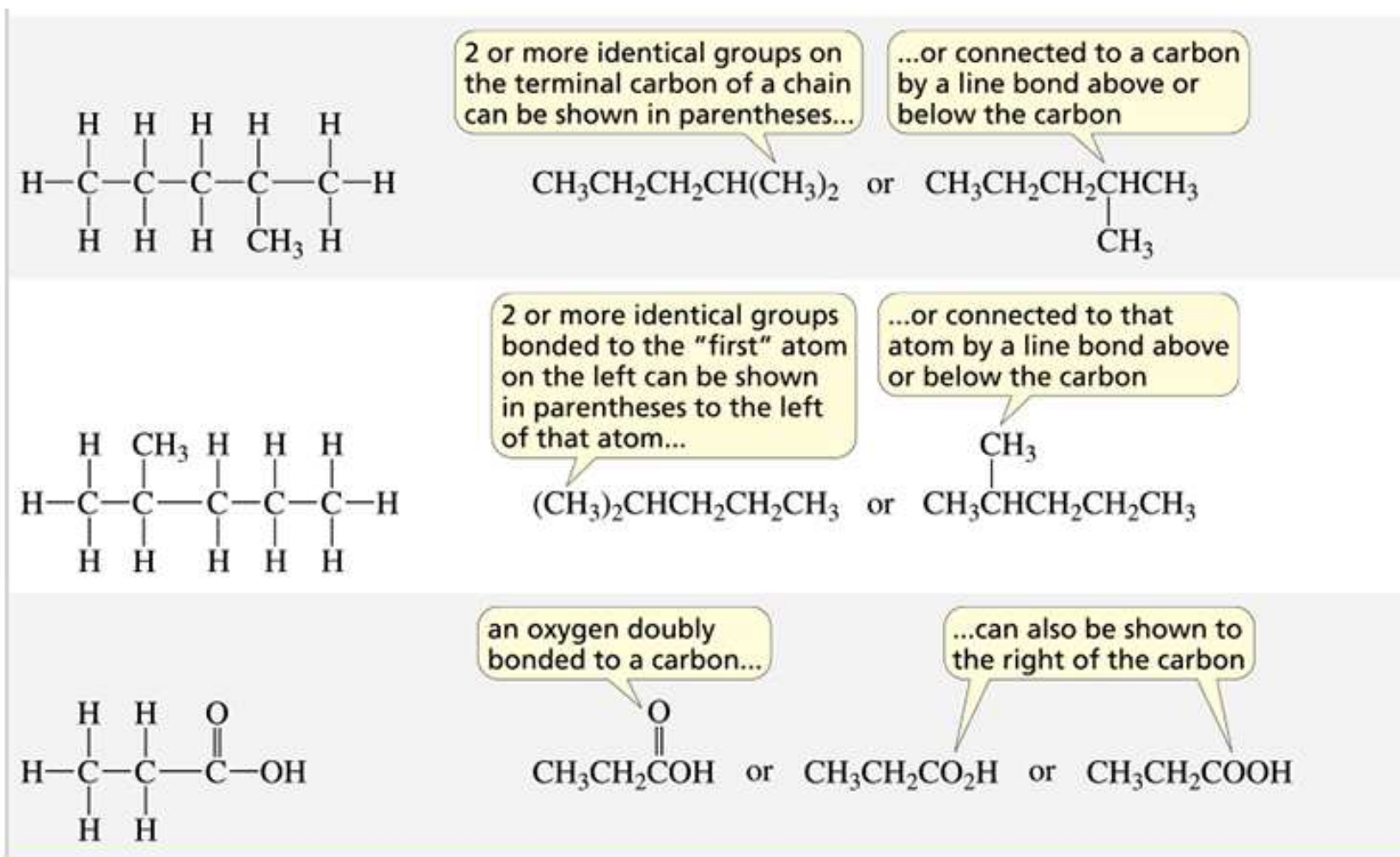
...or connected to the carbon by a line bond above or below the carbon



a single group bonded to the terminal carbon of a chain is not put in parentheses



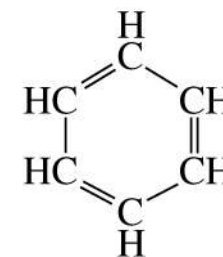
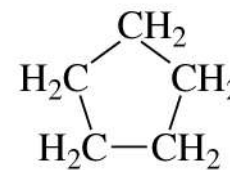
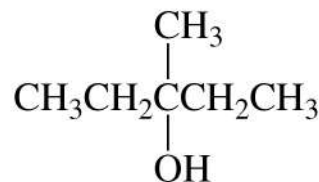
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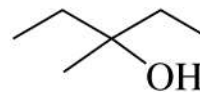
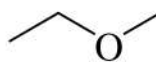
# Skeletal Structures

**Skeletal structures** show the carbon-carbon bonds as lines, but do not show the **carbons** or the **hydrogens** that are bonded to the carbons.

condensed structures

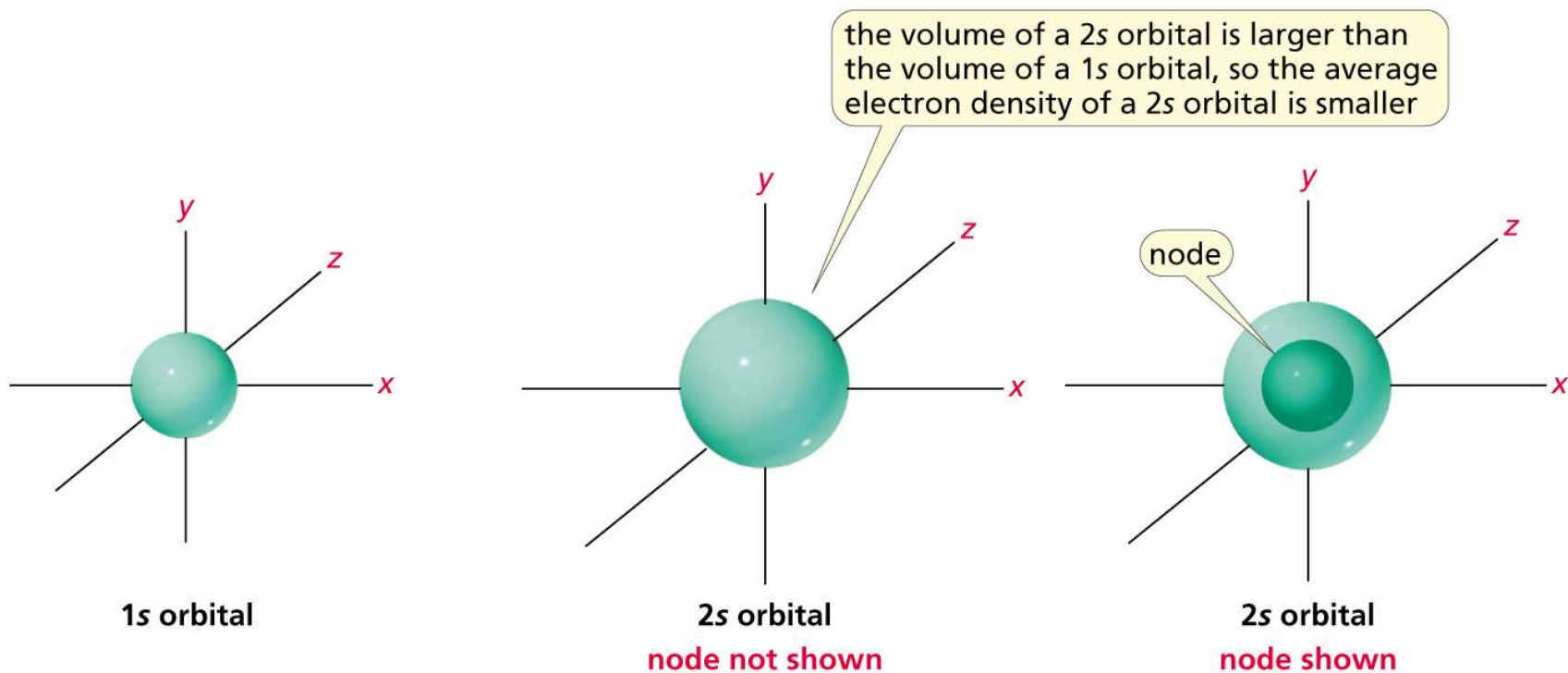


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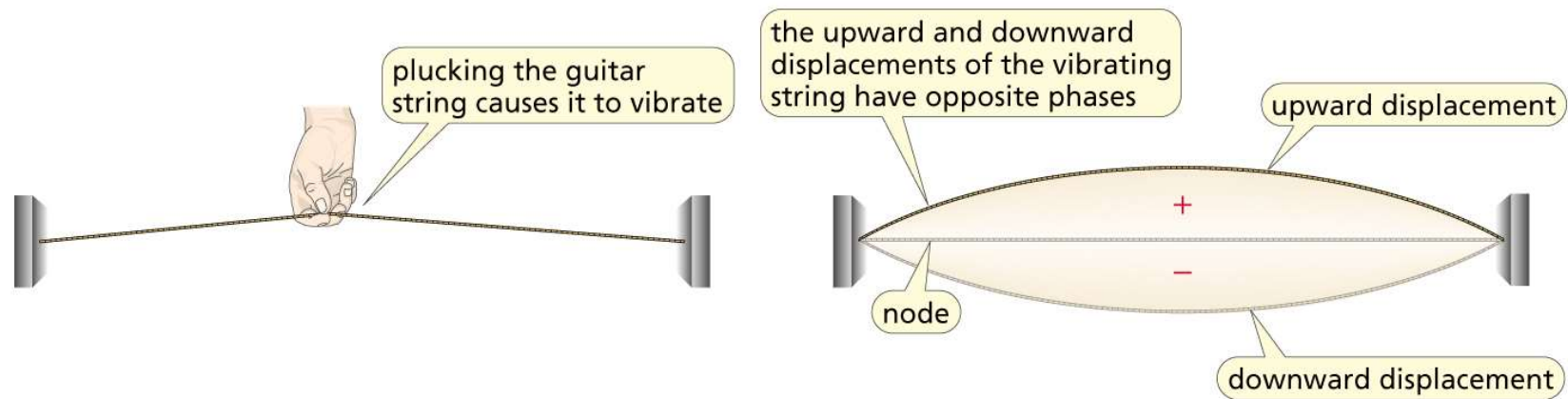


# s Atomic Orbitals

An **atomic orbital** is the region of space around the nucleus where an **electron** is most apt to be found.

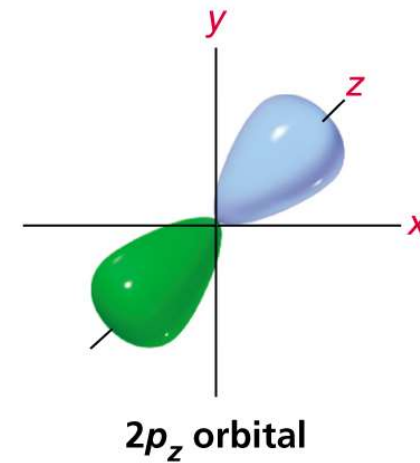
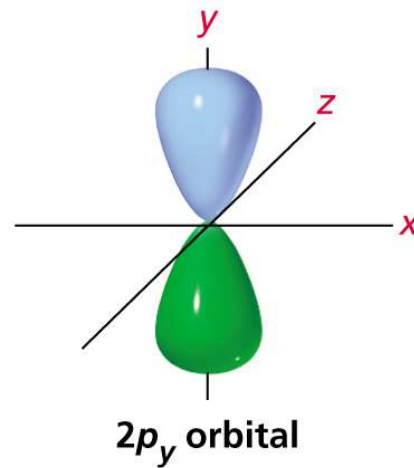
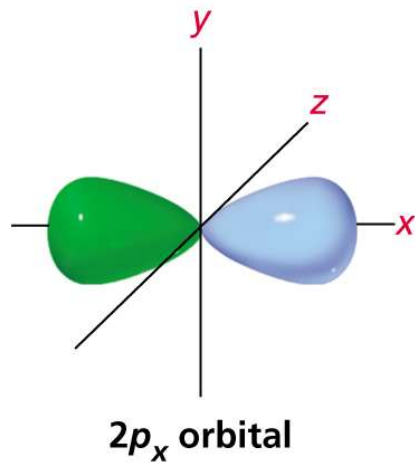


# An Electron Behaves Like a Standing Wave



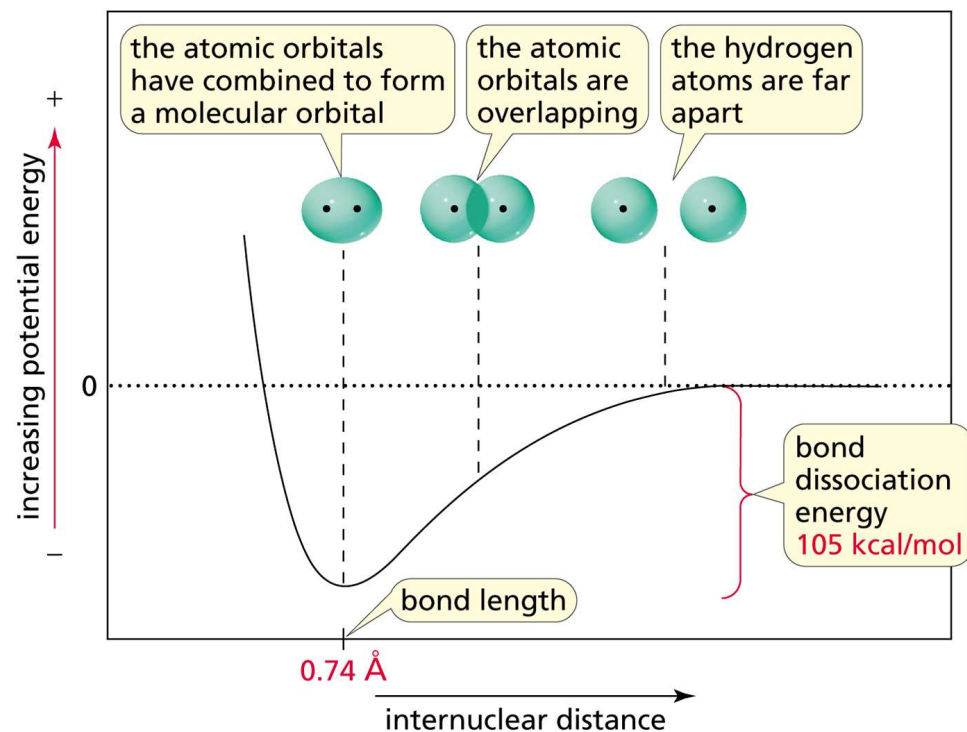
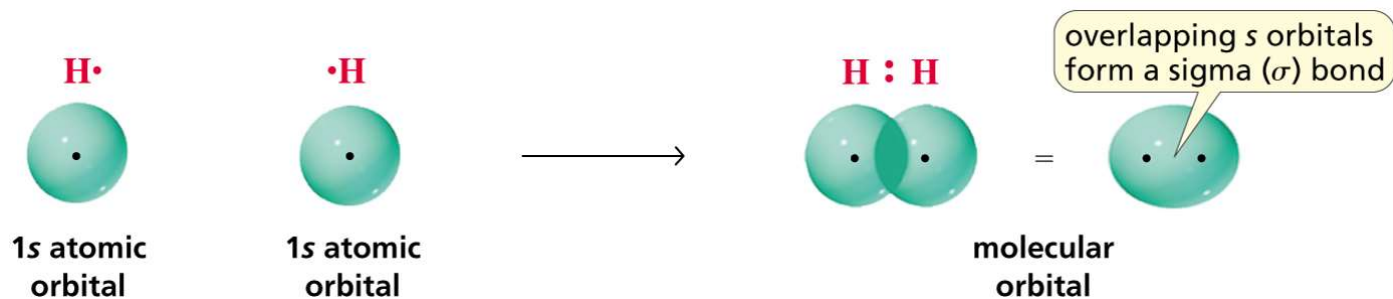


# The Three $p$ Orbitals



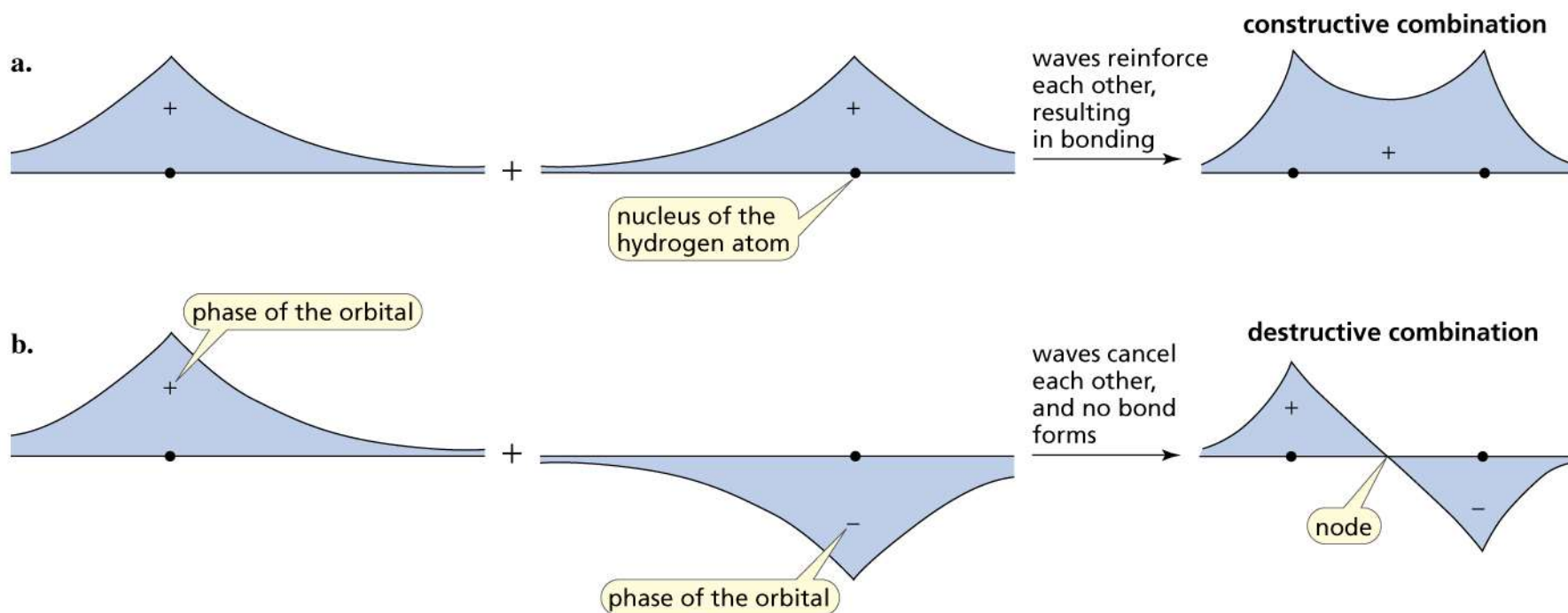
The lobes of a  $p$  atomic orbital have **opposite phases**.

# Forming a Sigma Bond

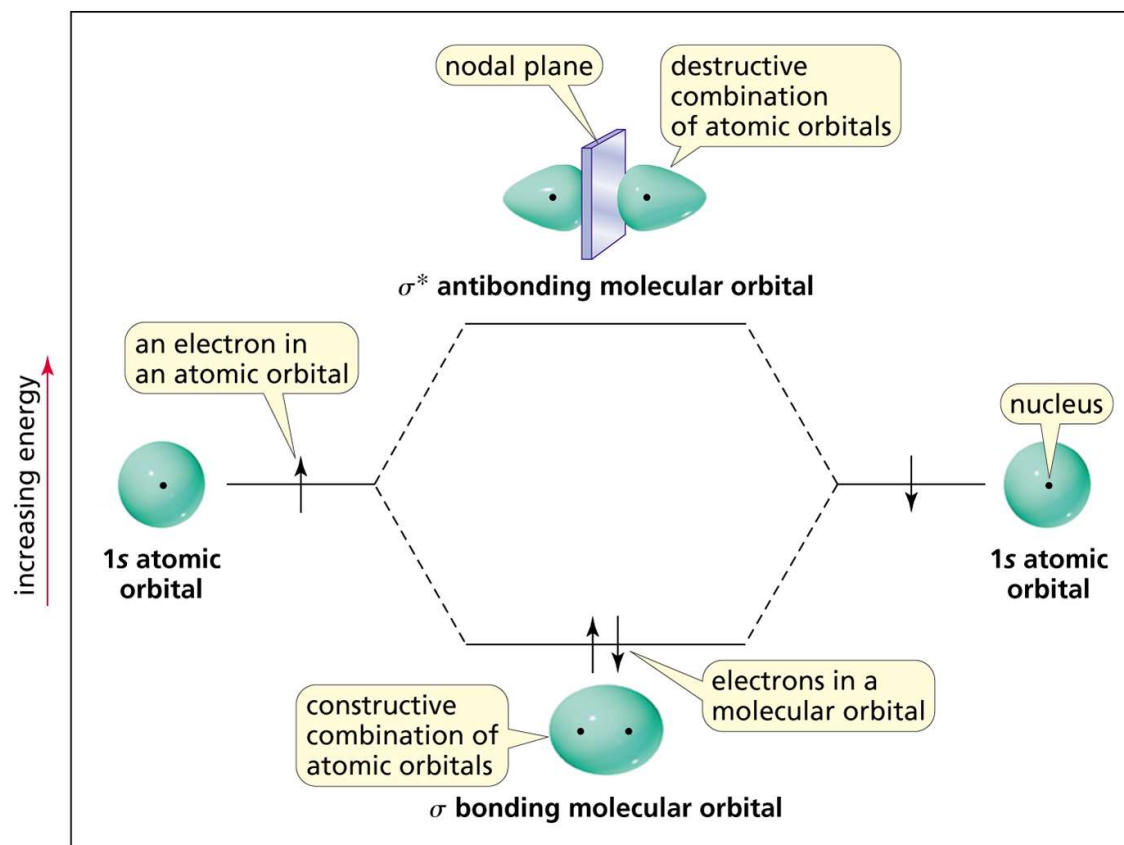


# Waves Can Reinforce Each Other

## Waves Can Cancel Each Other



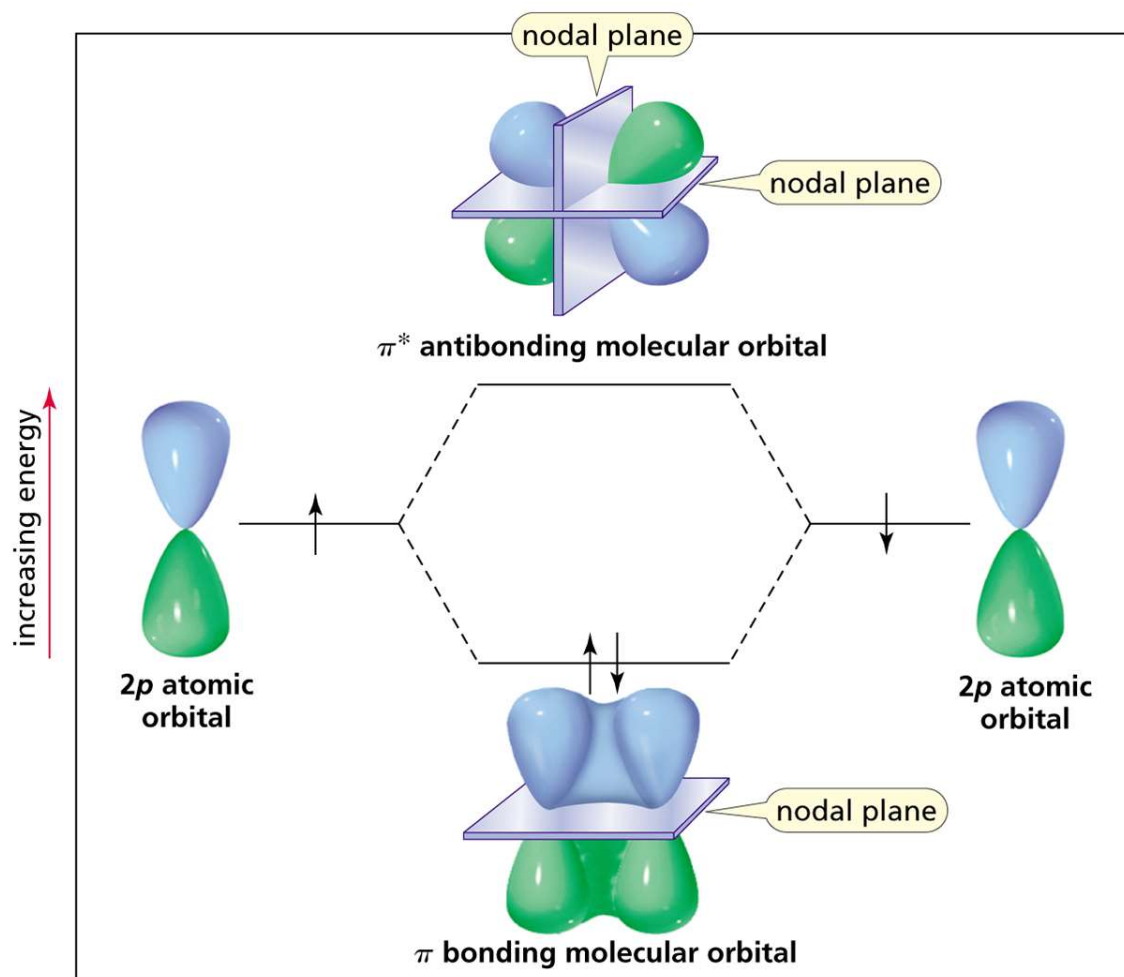
# Atomic Orbitals Combine to Form Molecular Orbitals



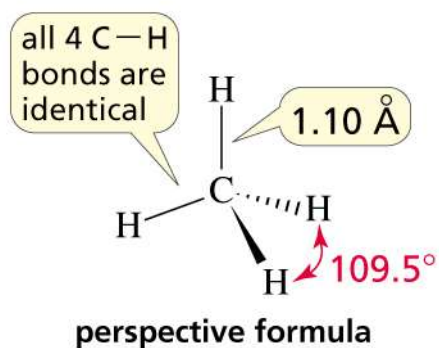
Orbitals are Conserved

# of **Molecular Orbitals** = # of **Atomic Orbitals** Combined

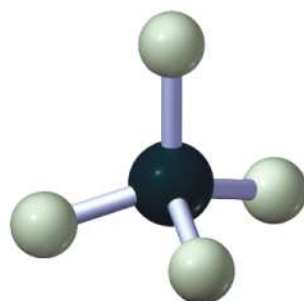
# Side-to-Side Overlap of In-Phase $p$ Orbitals Forms a $\pi$ Bond



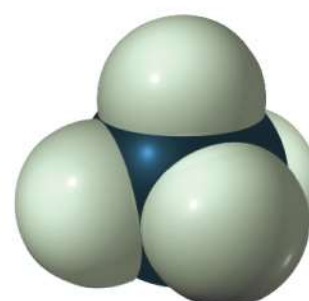
# Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)



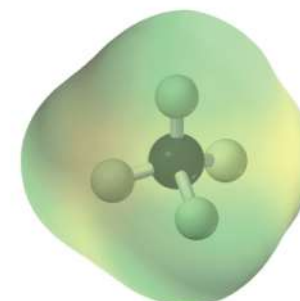
## Representations of Methane



ball-and-stick model



space-filling model

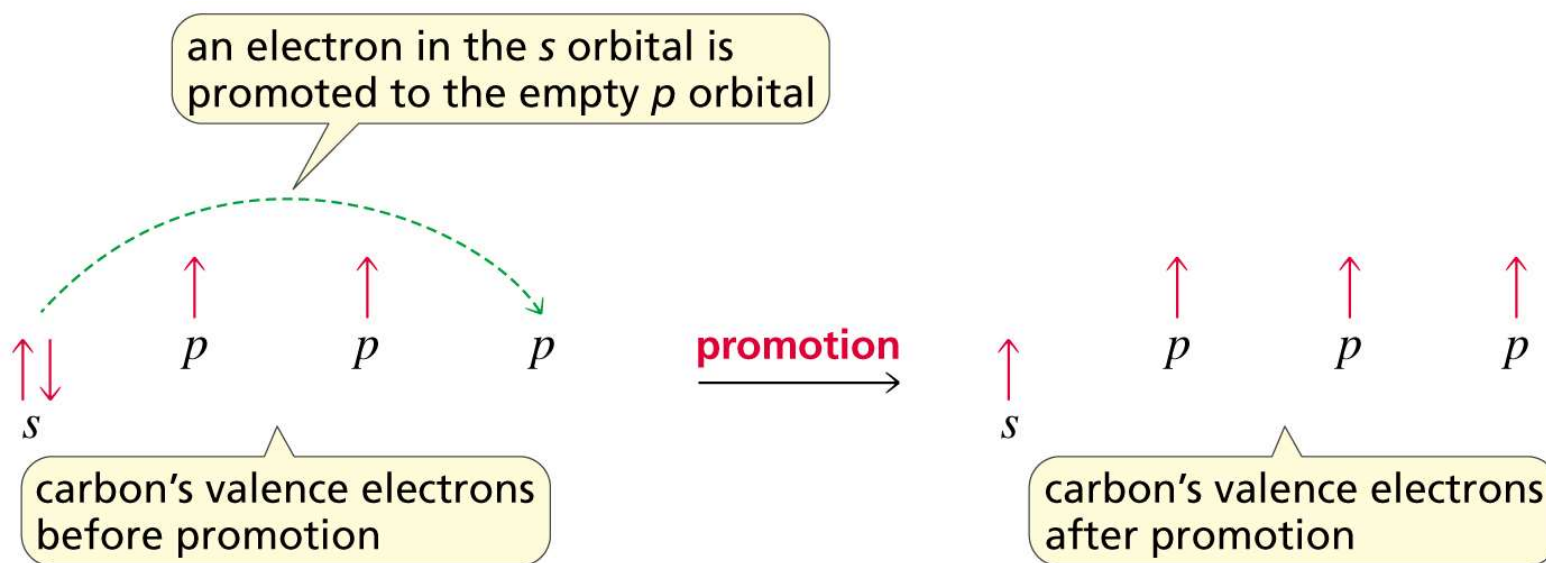


electrostatic potential map

The 4 C-H bonds have the **same length**.

All the **bond angles** are the **same** (109.5°)

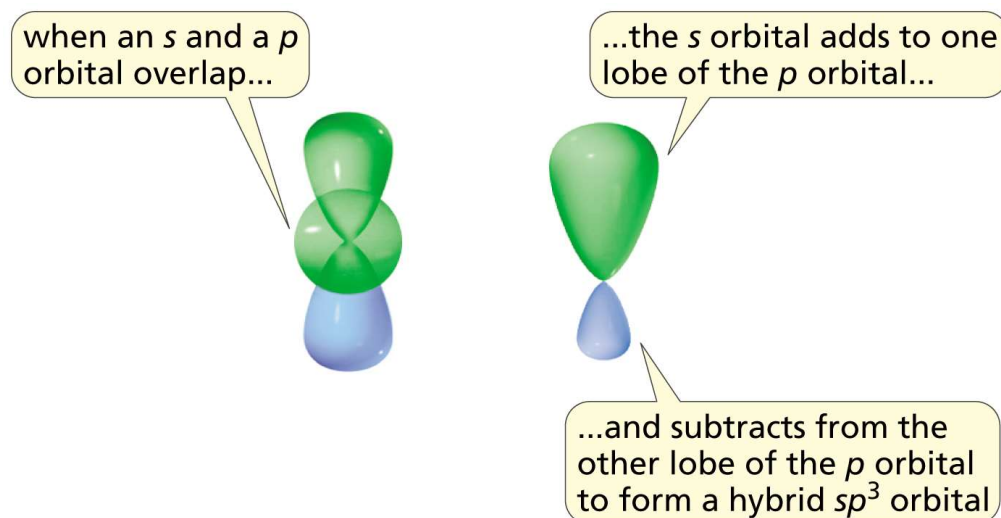
# In Order to Form Four Bonds, Carbon Must Promote an Electron



# Four Orbitals are Mixed to Form Four Hybrid Orbitals

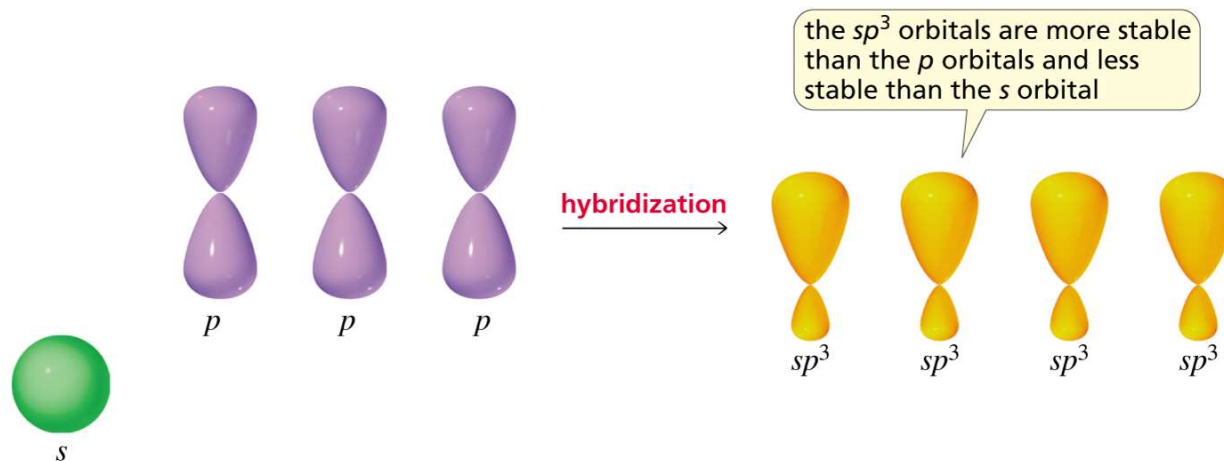


An  $sp^3$  orbital has a large lobe and a small lobe.

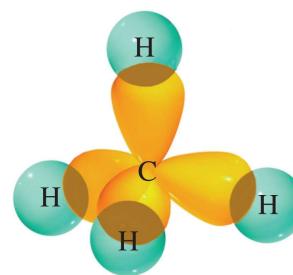
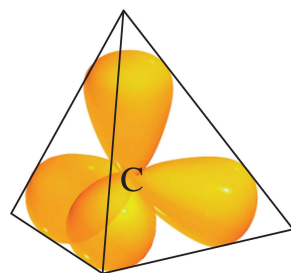




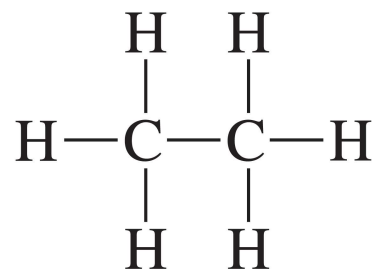
# The Carbon in Methane is $sp^3$



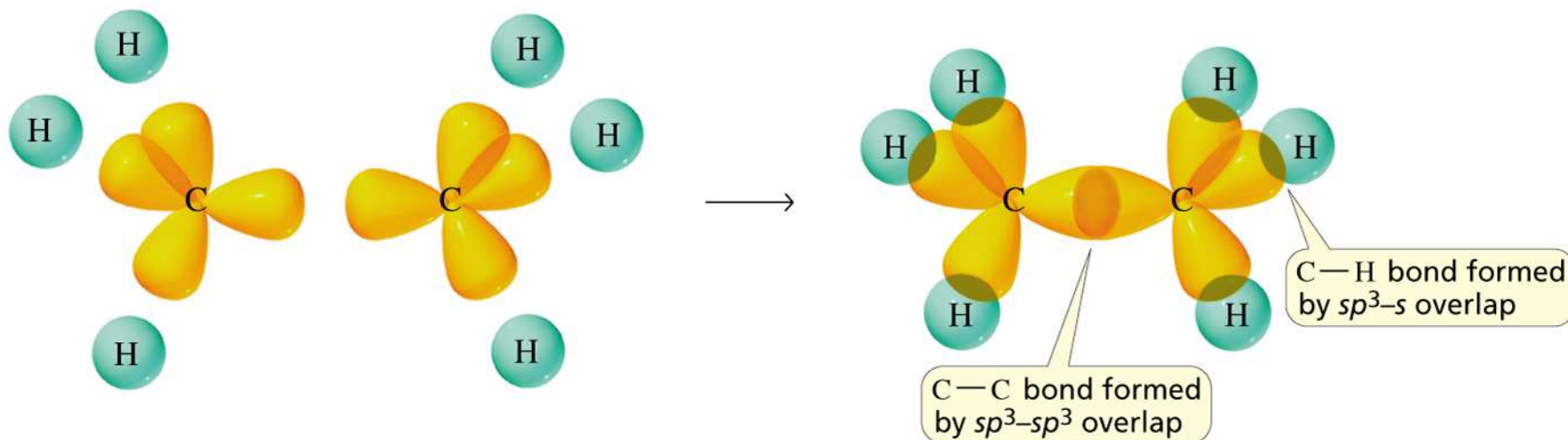
Carbon is tetrahedral.  
The tetrahedral bond angle is  $109.5^\circ$ .



# The Bonding in Ethane

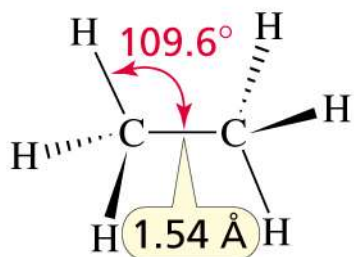


ethane

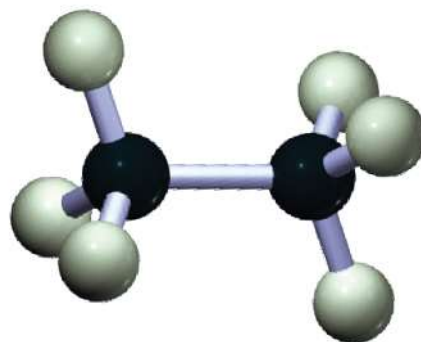


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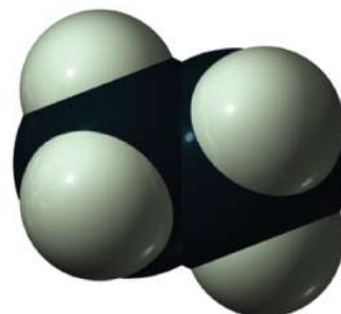
## Representations of Ethane



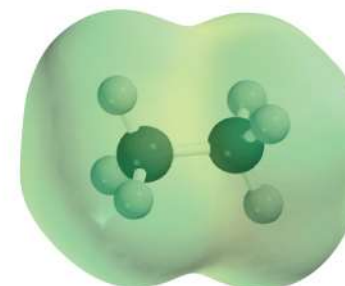
perspective formula



ball-and-stick model

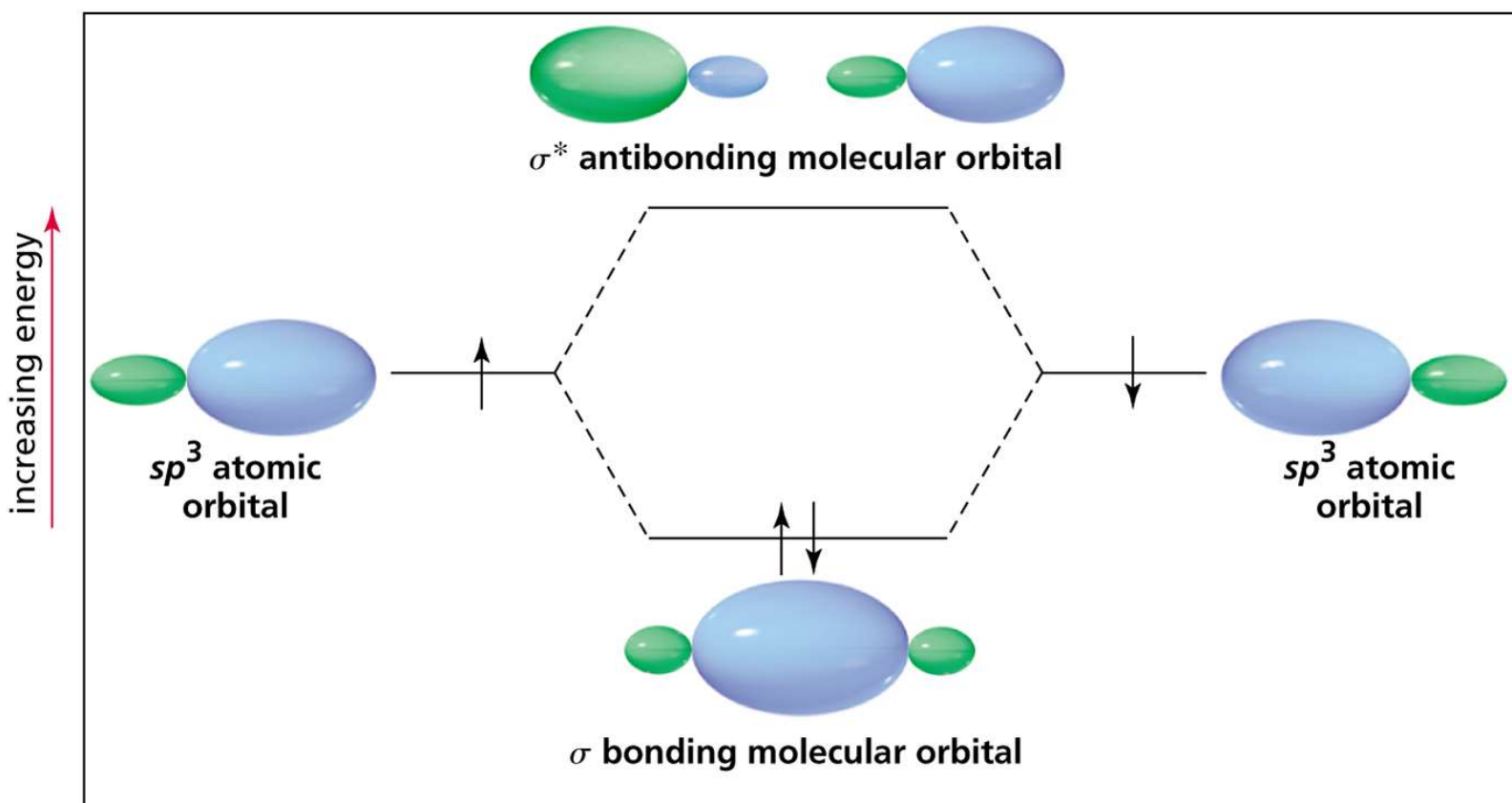


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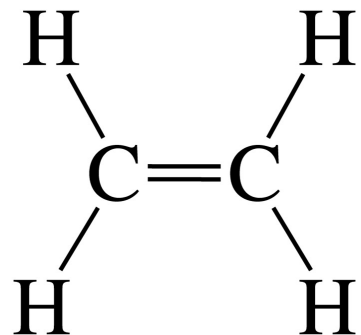


electrostatic potential map

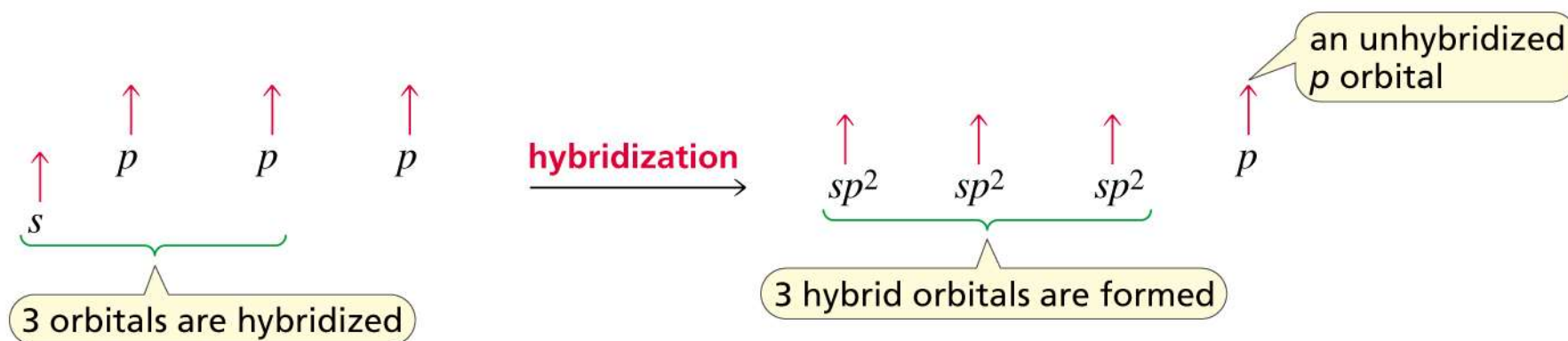
# End-on Overlap of Orbitals Forms a $\sigma$ Bond



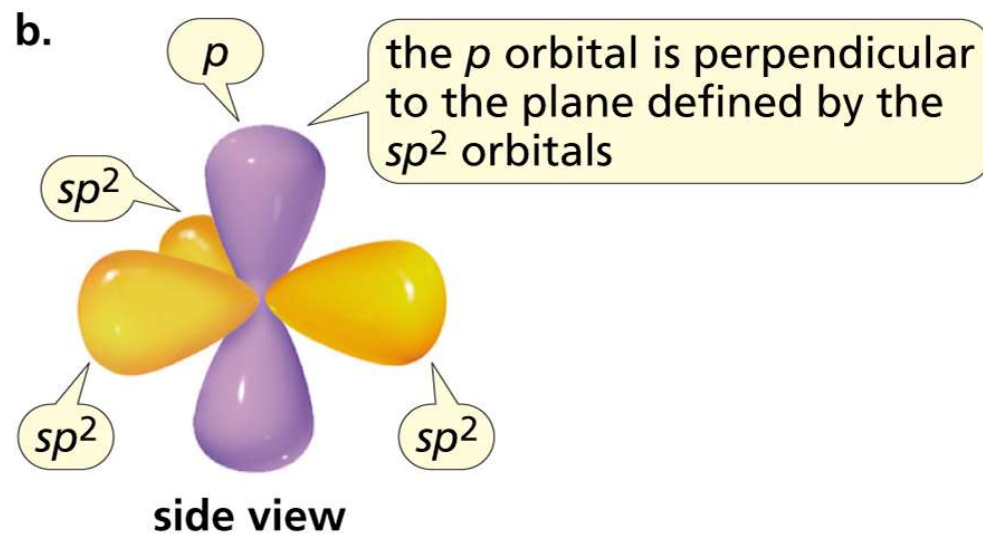
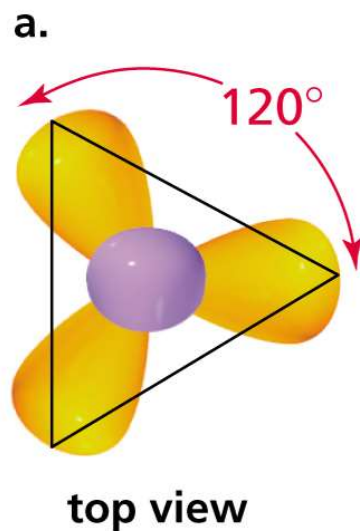
# Ethene (Ethylene)



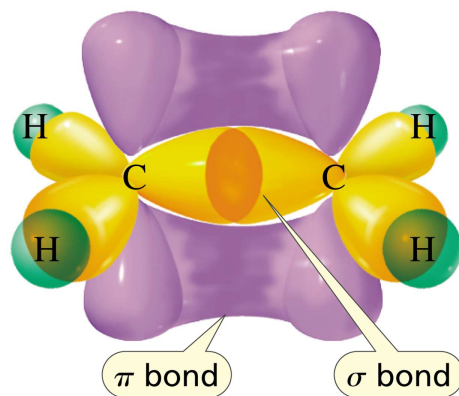
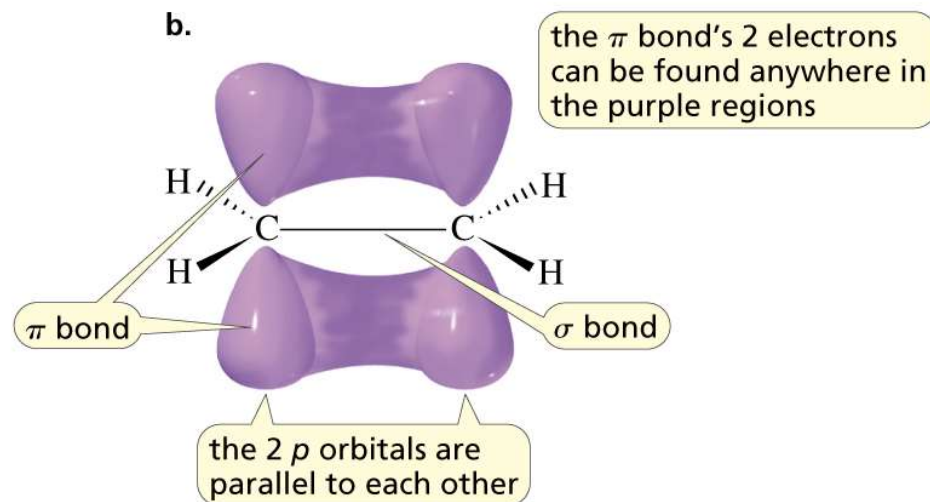
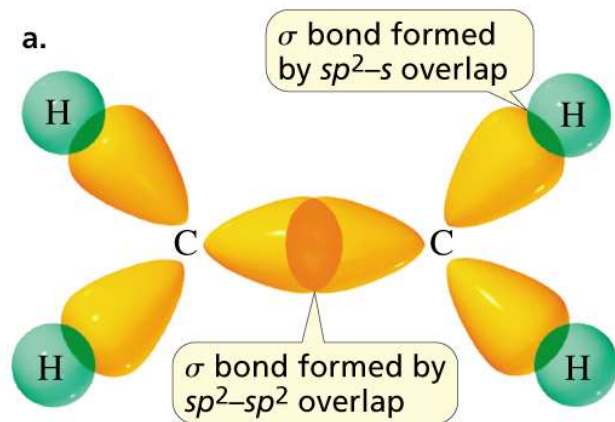
Carbon bonds to **3 atoms**, so it needs to hybridize **3 atomic orbitals**.



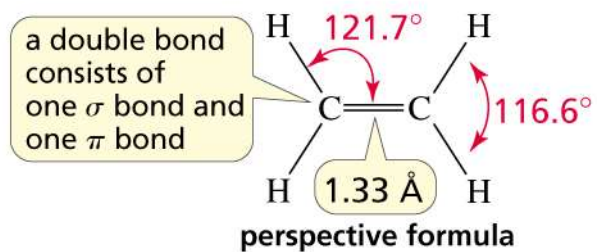
# An $sp^2$ Carbon Has Three $sp^2$ Orbitals and One $p$ Orbital



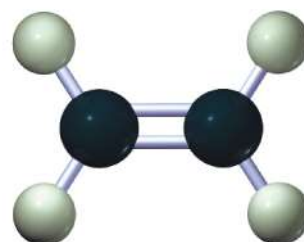
# The Bonding in Ethene



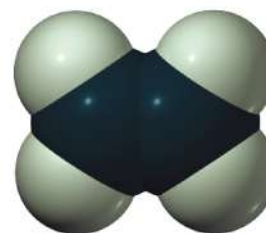
# Ethene



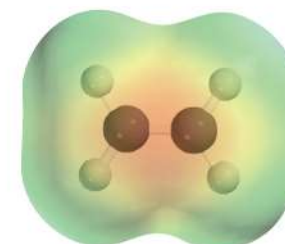
## Representations of Ethene



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space-filling model



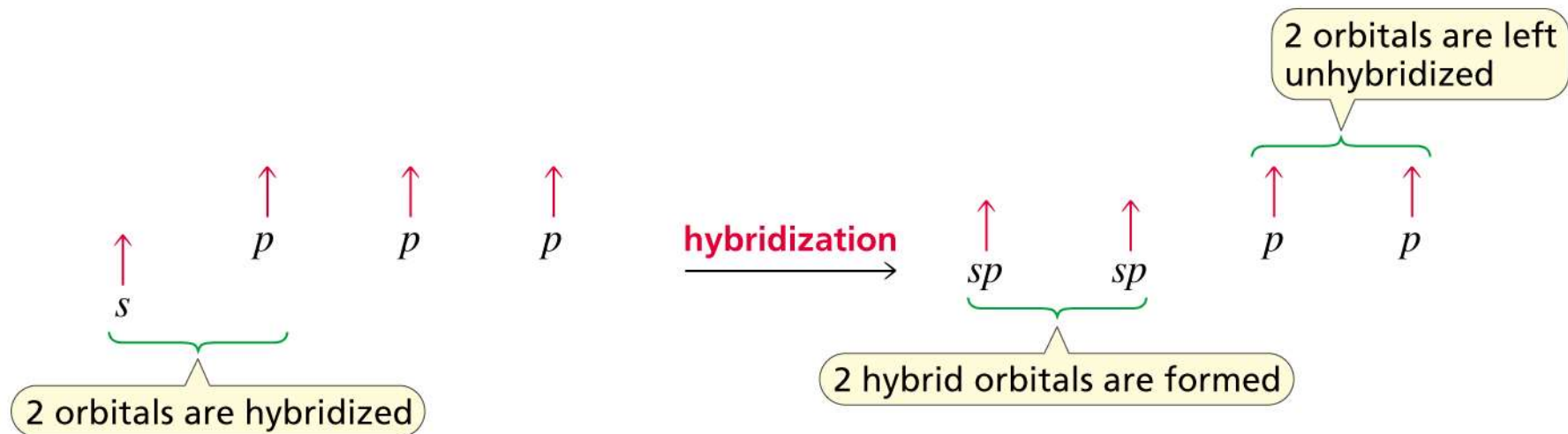
electrostatic potential map



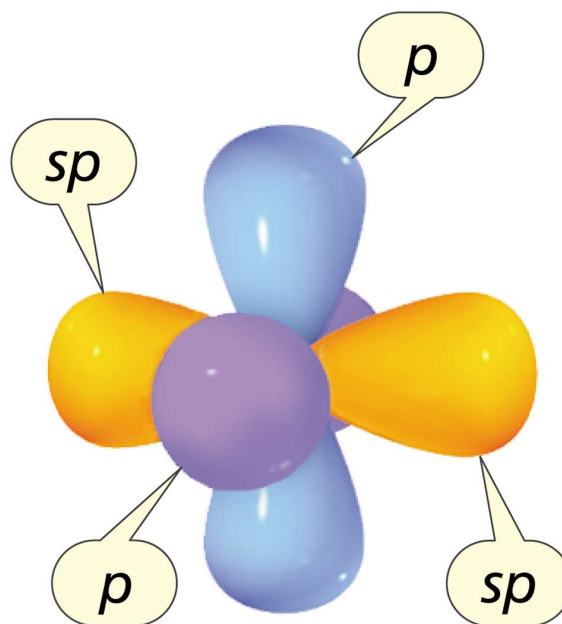
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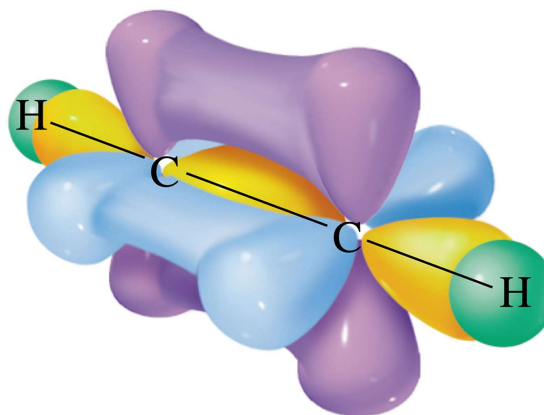
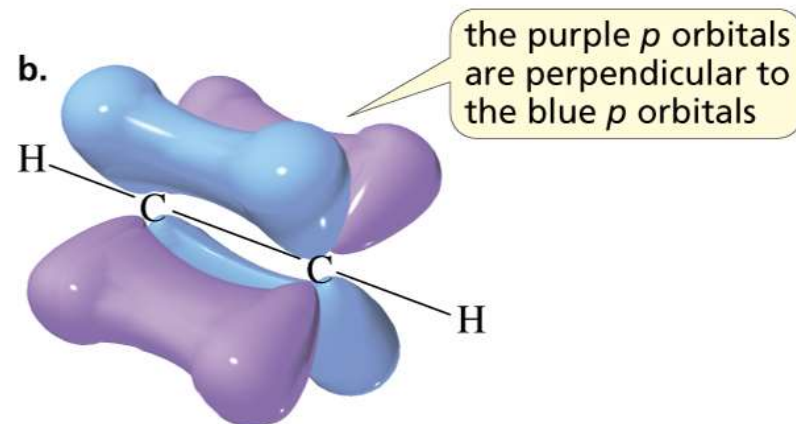
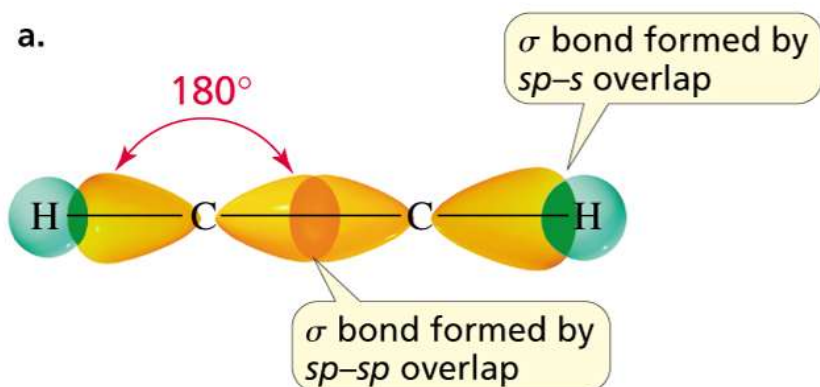
Carbon bonds to 2 atoms, so it needs to hybridize 2 atomic orbitals.



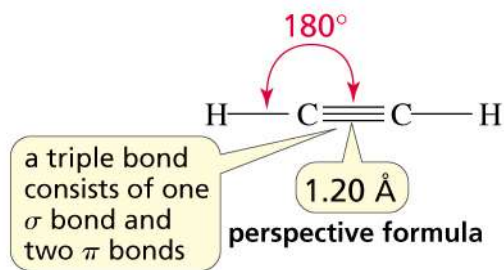
# The Two $sp$ Orbitals Point in Opposite Directions; The Two $p$ Orbitals are Perpendicular



# The Bonding in Ethyne



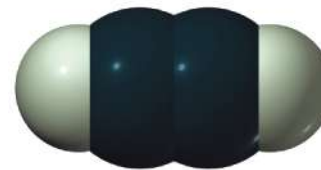
# Ethyne



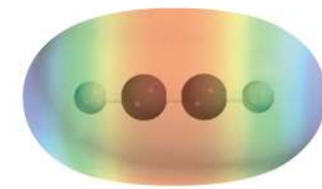
## Representations of Ethyne



ball-and-stick model



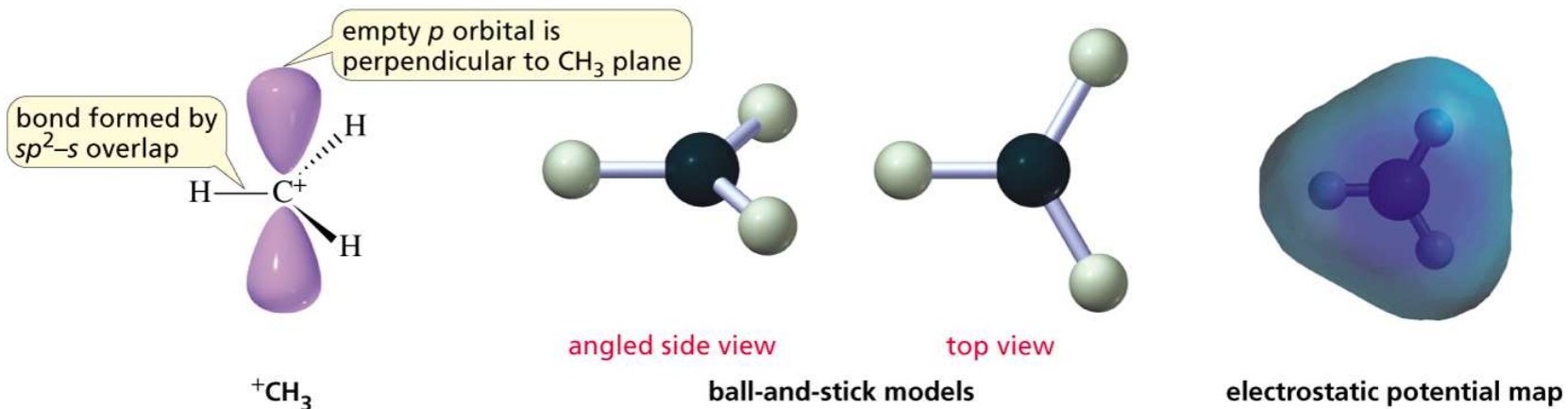
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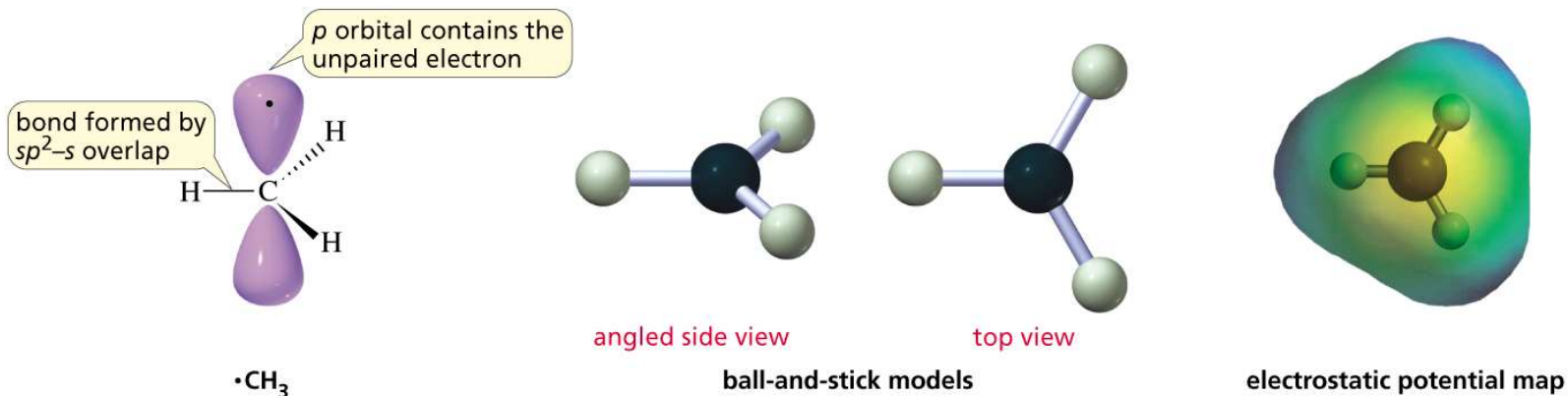
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# The Carbon in the Methyl Cation and in the Methyl Radical are $sp^2$

## Representations of Methyl Cation

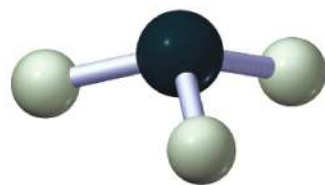
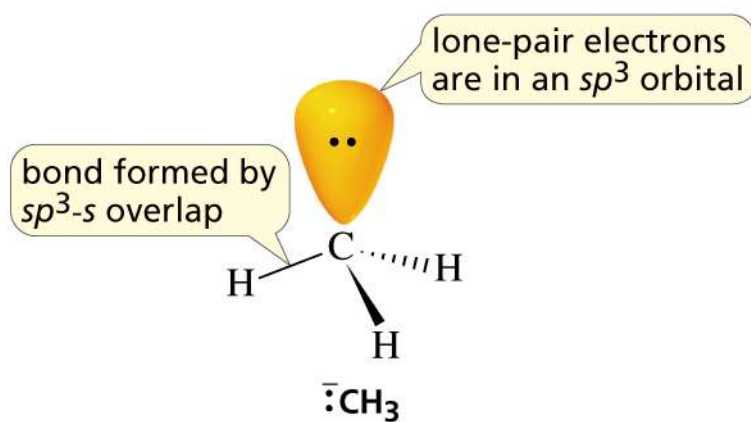


## Representations of the Methyl Radical

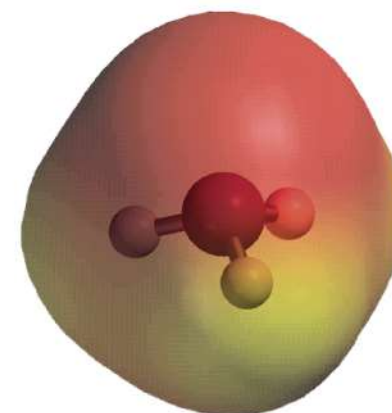


# The Carbon in the Methyl Anion is $sp^3$

## Representations of the Methyl Anion

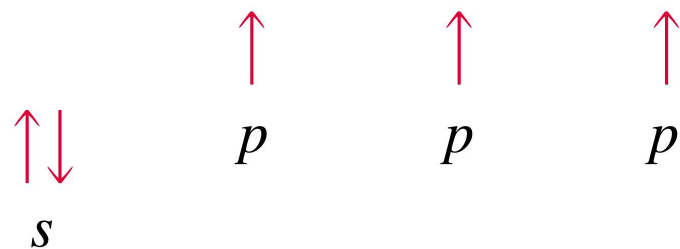
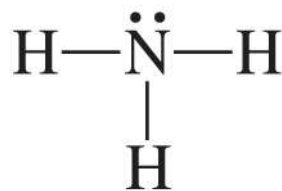


ball-and-stick model



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# Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)



nitrogen's valence electrons

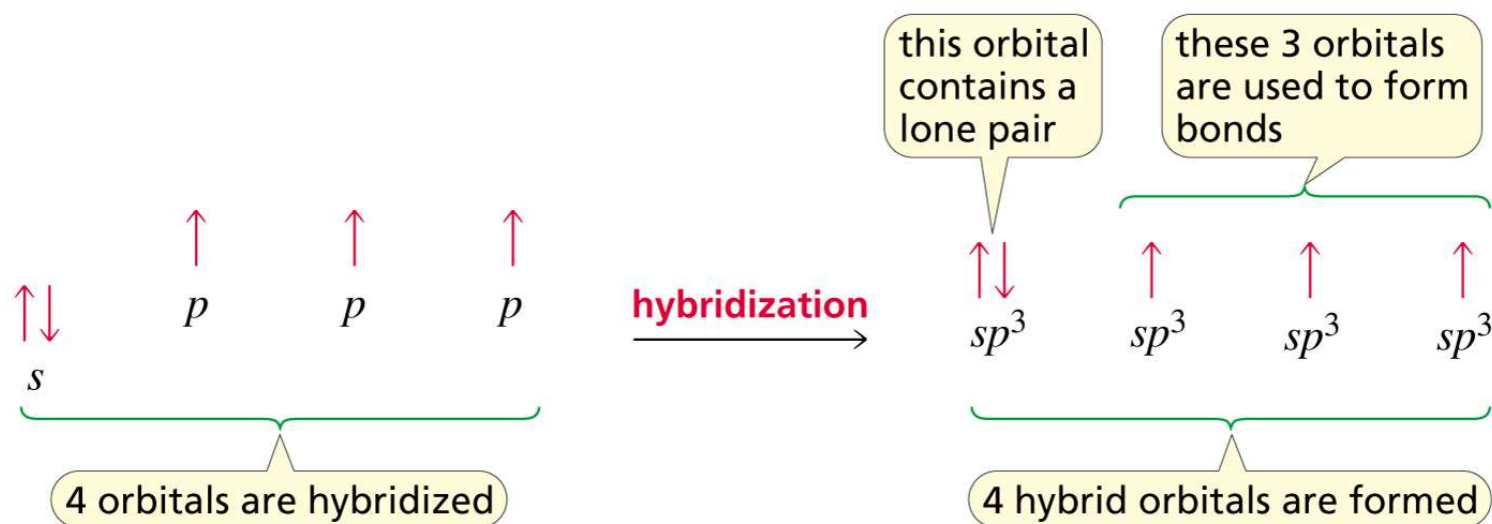
Nitrogen has 3 unpaired valence electrons and forms 3 bonds.

Nitrogen does not have to promote an electron.

# The Bonds in Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)

If N used *p orbitals* to form bonds, the bond angles would be 90°.

The observed bond angles are 107.3°,  
so nitrogen must use *hybridized orbitals*.

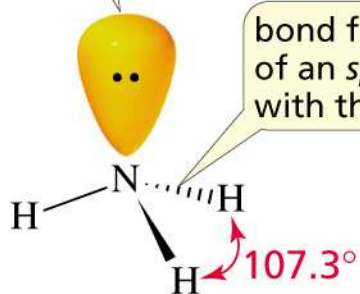




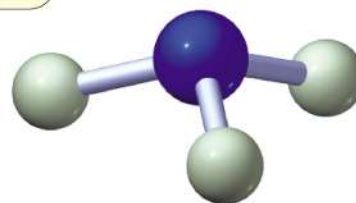
# Ammonia

## Representations of Ammonia

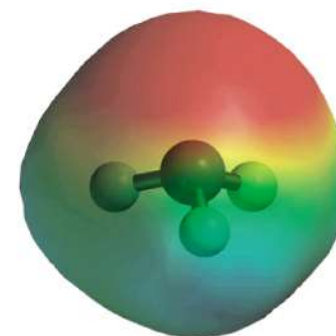
lone-pair electrons are in an  $sp^3$  orbital



bond formed by the overlap of an  $sp^3$  orbital of nitrogen with the  $s$  orbital of hydrogen



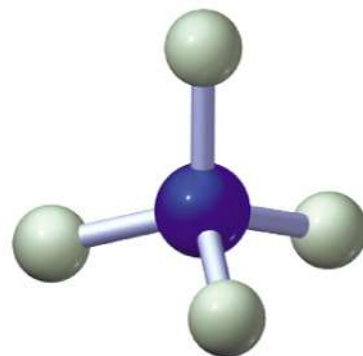
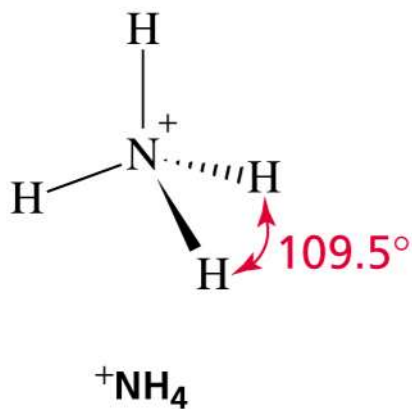
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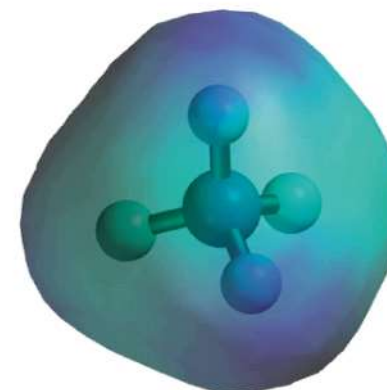
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# The Ammonium Ion ( $^+\text{NH}_4$ )

## Representations of the Ammonium Ion

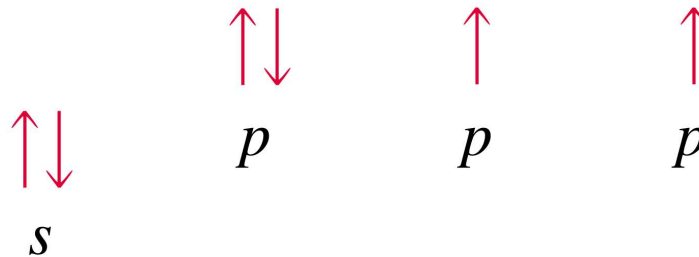
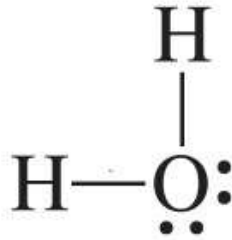


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# Water (H<sub>2</sub>O)



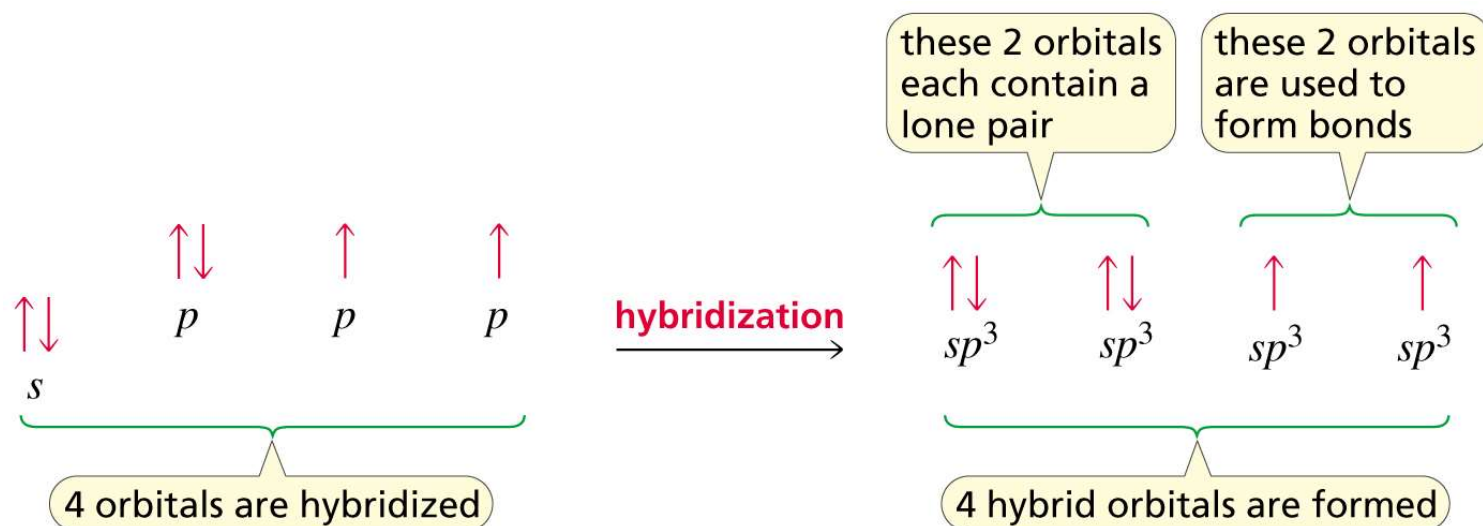
oxygen's valence electrons

Oxygen has 2 unpaired valence electrons and forms 2 bonds.

Oxygen does not have to promote an electron.

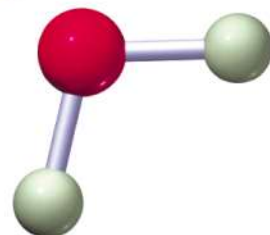
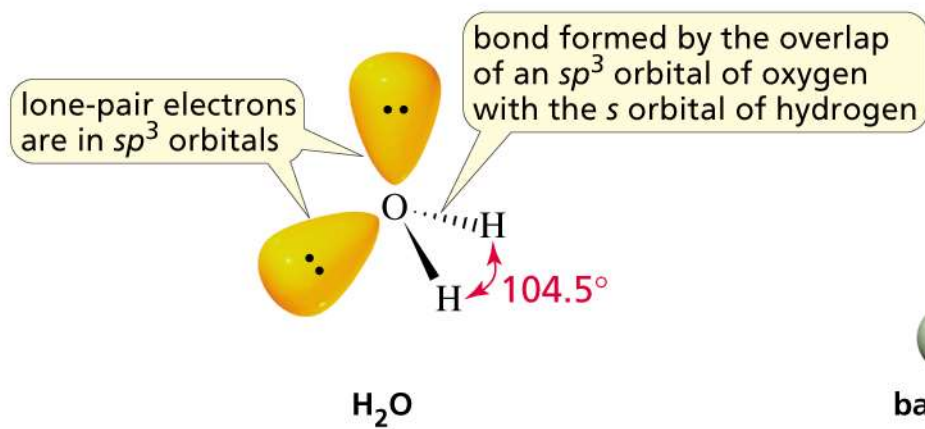
# The Bonds in Water (H<sub>2</sub>O)

The observed bond angles are 104.5°, so oxygen must use **hybridized orbitals**.

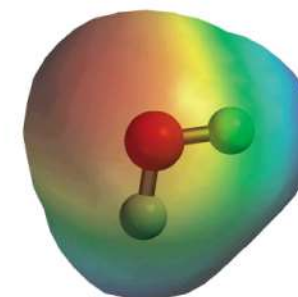


# Water

## Representations of Water

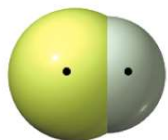


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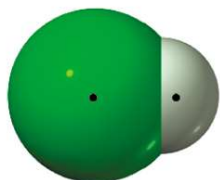


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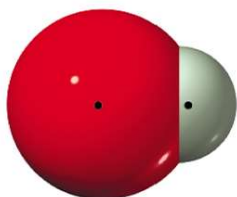
# The Bond in a Hydrogen Halide



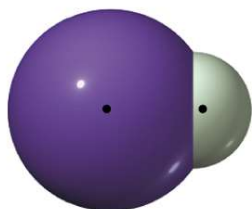
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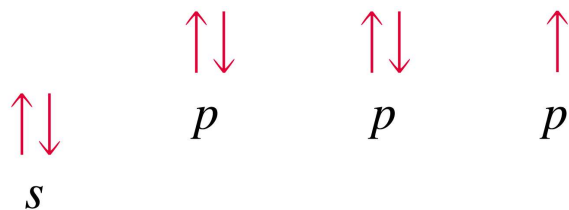
hydrogen chloride



hydrogen bromide



hydrogen iodide

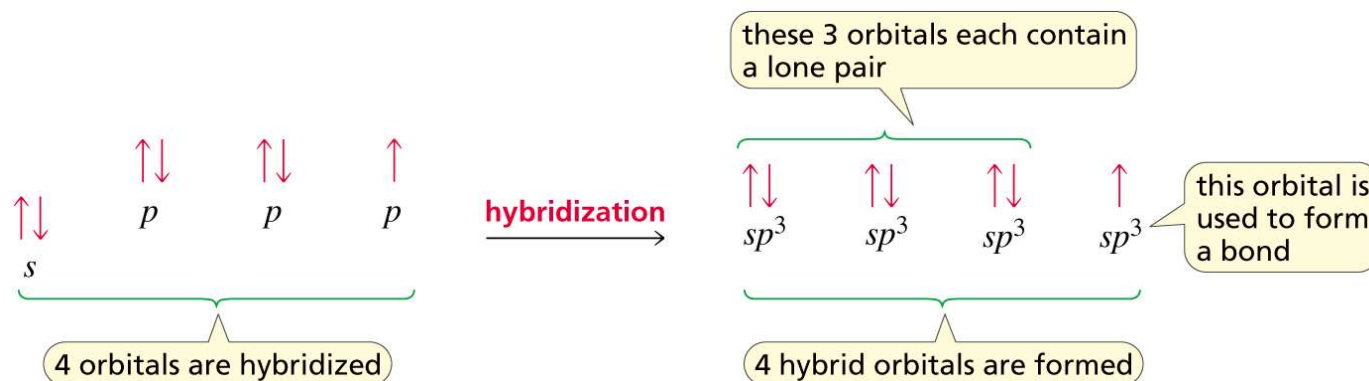


a halogen's valence electrons

A halogen has 1 unpaired valence electron and forms 1 bond.

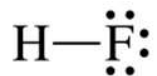
A halogen uses hybrid orbitals.

- The 3 lone pairs are energetically identical.
- Lone pairs position themselves to minimize electron repulsion.

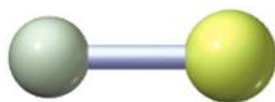


# Hydrogen Fluoride

## Representations of Hydrogen Fluoride



perspective formula

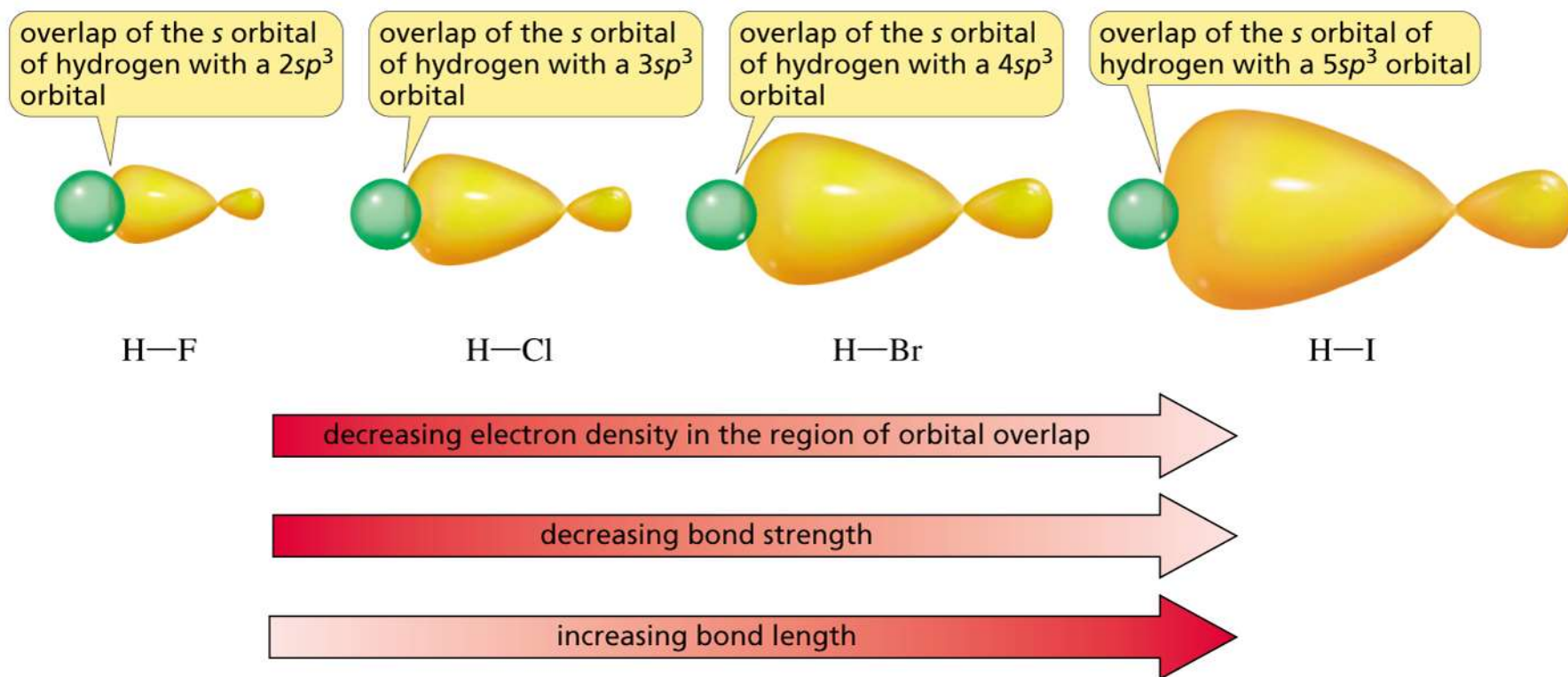


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# Overlap of an s Orbital with an $sp^3$ Orbital

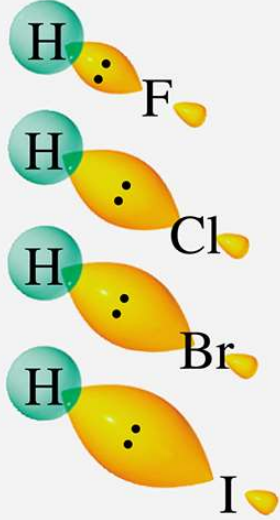




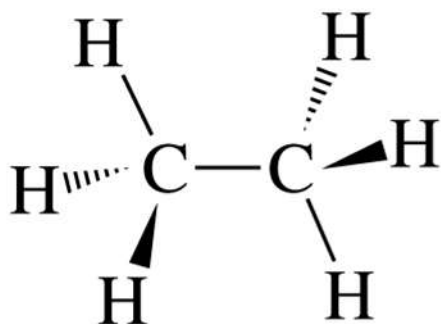
# The Length and Strength of a Hydrogen Halide Bond

**Table 1.6** Hydrogen–Halogen Bond Lengths and Bond Strengths

Hydrogen halide	Bond length (Å)	Bond strength (kcal/mol)
H—F	0.917	136
H—Cl	1.275	103
H—Br	1.415	87
H—I	1.609	71



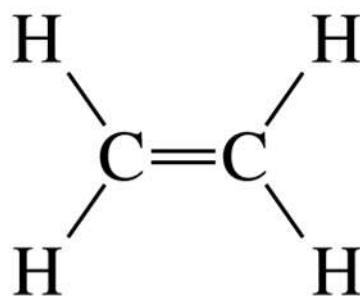
# Hybridization and Molecular Geometry



$sp^3$

$109.5^\circ$

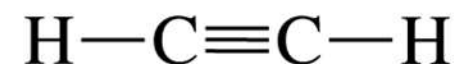
tetrahedral



$sp^2$

$120^\circ$

trigonal planar



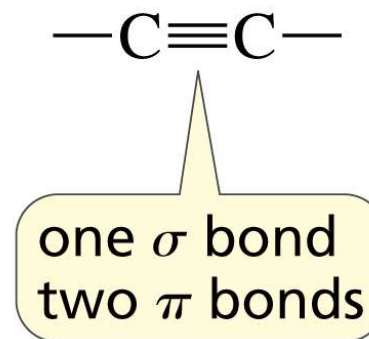
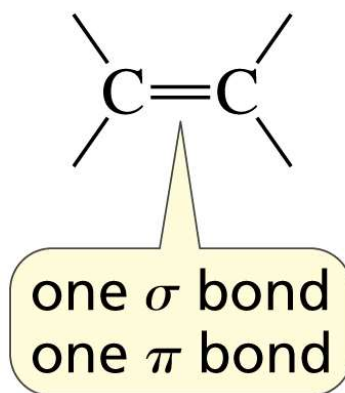
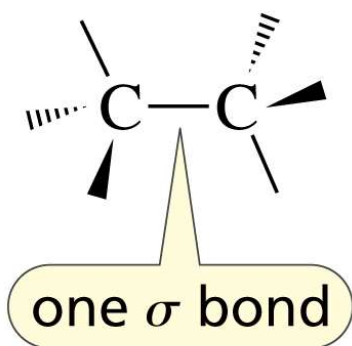
$sp$

$180^\circ$

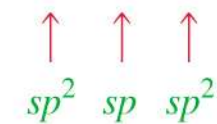
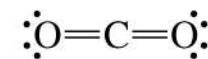
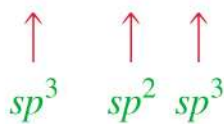
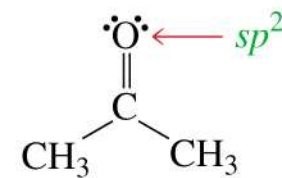
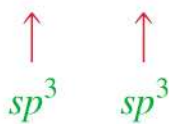
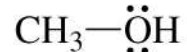
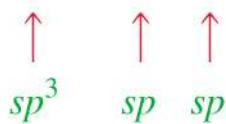
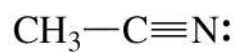
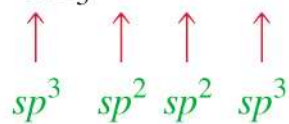
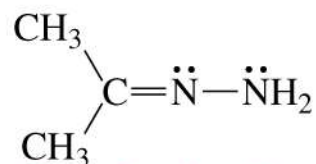
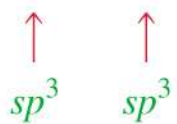
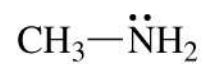
linear

The **orbitals** used in bond formation determine the **bond angle**.

**Single Bond: 1  $\sigma$       Double Bond: 1  $\sigma$  + 1  $\pi$**   
**Triple Bond: 1  $\sigma$  + 2  $\pi$**

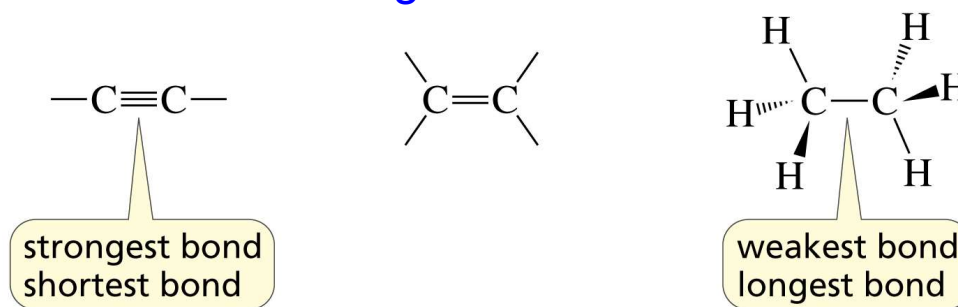


# Hybridization of C, N, and O



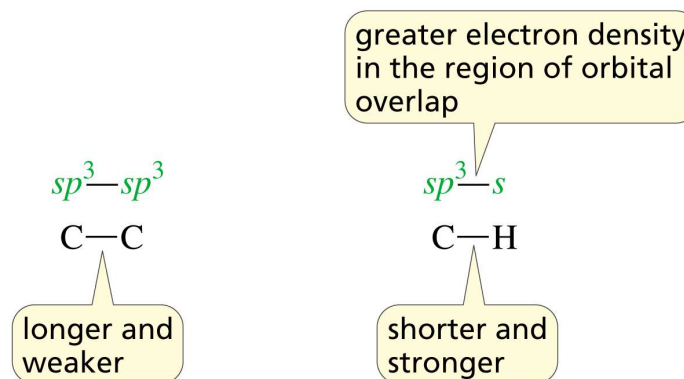
# Bond Strength and Bond Length

The **more bonds** holding 2 atoms together, the **stronger** and **shorter** it is.



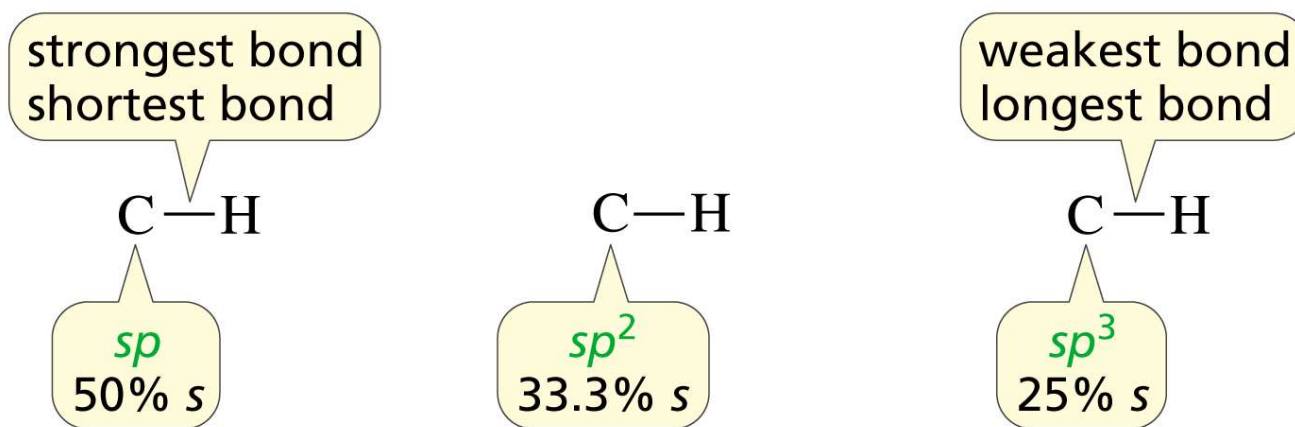
bond strength decreases as bond length increases

The **greater the electron density** in the region of overlap, the **stronger** and **shorter** the bond.



the greater the electron density in the region of orbital overlap, the stronger and shorter the bond

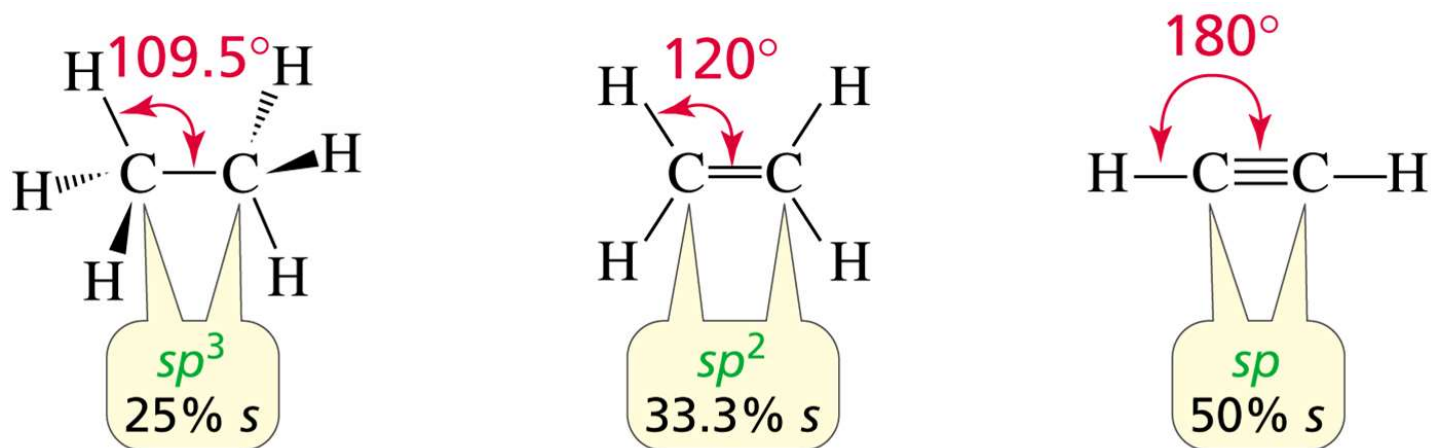
# Hybridization Affects Bond Length and Bond Strength



bond strength increases as bond length decreases

The **more s character** in the orbital, the **stronger** and **shorter** is the bond.

# Hybridization Affects the Bond Angle

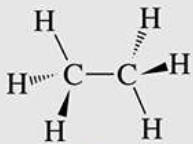
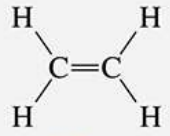
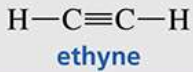


**bond angle increases as s character in the orbital increases**

The more **s character**, the **greater** the **bond angle**.

# Hybridization, Bond Angle, Bond Length, Bond Strength

**Table 1.7** Comparison of the Bond Angles and the Lengths and Strengths of the Carbon–Carbon and Carbon–Hydrogen Bonds in Ethane, Ethene, and Ethyne

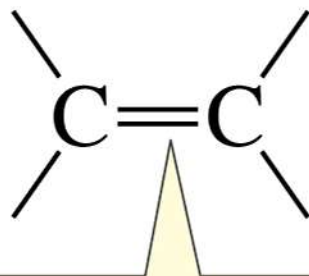
Molecule	Hybridization of carbon	Bond angles	Length of C—C bond (Å)	Strength of C—C bond (kcal/mol)	Length of C—H bond (Å)	Strength of C—H bond (kcal/mol)
 ethane	$sp^3$	$109.5^\circ$	1.54	90.2	1.10	101.1
 ethene	$sp^2$	$120^\circ$	1.33	174.5	1.08	110.7
 ethyne	$sp$	$180^\circ$	1.20	230.4	1.06	133.3



# Summary

- The **shorter** the bond, the **stronger** it is.
- The **greater the electron density** in the region of orbital overlap, the **stronger** the bond.
- The **more s character**, the **shorter** and **stronger** the bond.
- The **more s character**, the **larger** the bond angle.

# A $\pi$ Bond is Weaker Than a $\sigma$ Bond

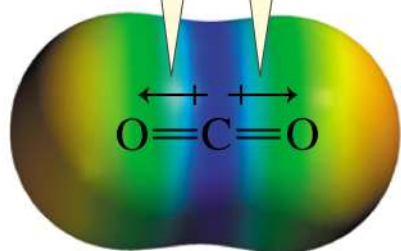


strength of the double bond = 174 kcal/mol  
strength of the  $sp^2$ — $sp^2$   $\sigma$  bond = -112 kcal/mol  
strength of the  $\pi$  bond = 62 kcal/mol

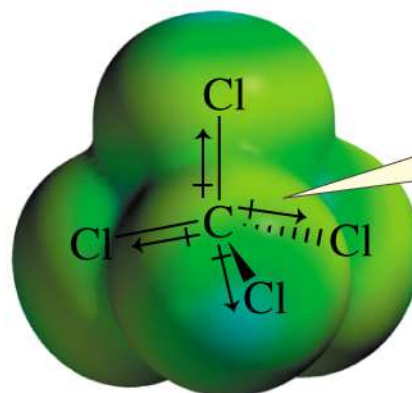
**a  $\pi$  bond is weaker than a  $\sigma$  bond**

# Dipole Moments of Molecules

the 2 bond dipole moments cancel because they are identical and point in opposite directions



carbon dioxide  
 $\mu = 0 \text{ D}$

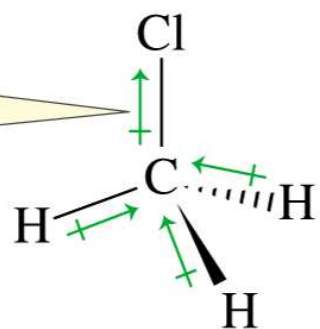


the bond dipole moments cancel because all 4 are identical and project symmetrically out from carbon

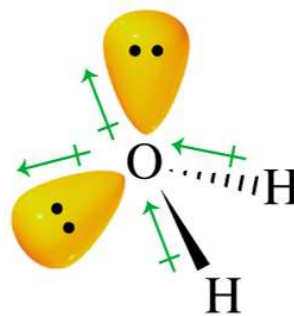
carbon tetrachloride  
 $\mu = 0 \text{ D}$

# Dipole Moments of Molecules

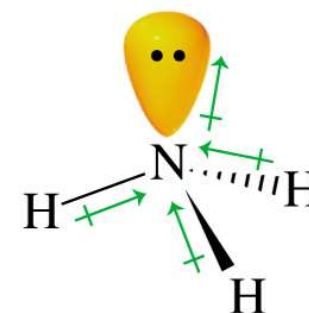
the 4 bond dipole moments point in the same general direction



chloromethane  
 $\mu = 1.87 \text{ D}$



water  
 $\mu = 1.85 \text{ D}$



ammonia  
 $\mu = 1.47 \text{ D}$