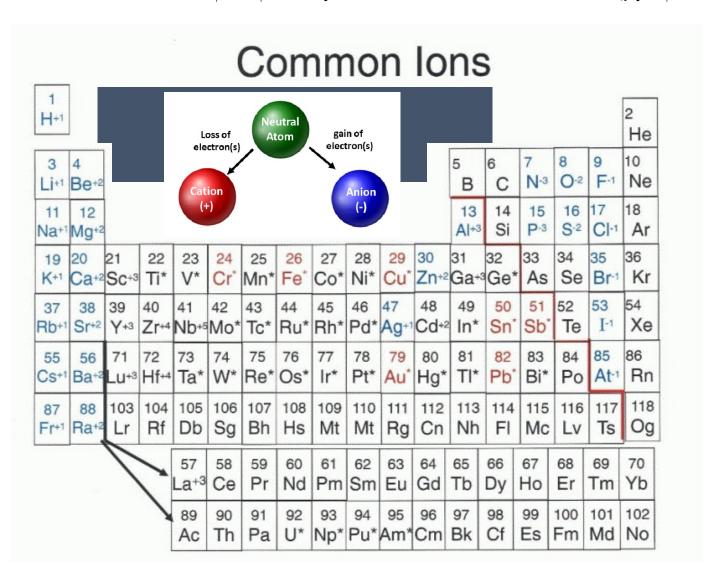
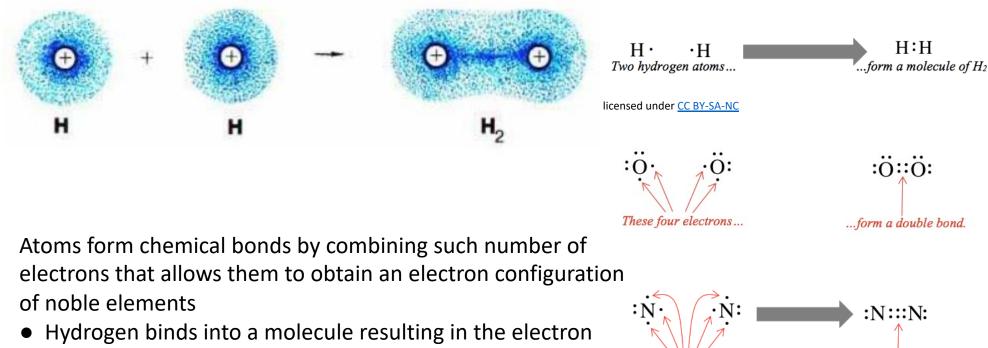
All chemistry is fundamentally electrical in nature



Lewis structures

These six electrons...

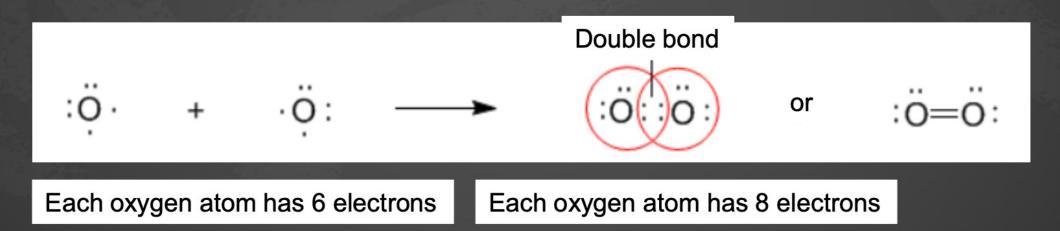
...form a triple bond.



- configuration of helium (1s²)
- Oxygen combines into a molecule with the electron configuration of argon (...3s²3p⁶). Each atom now has 8 electrons.

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:



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.

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.

Some general rules to work out Lewis structures.

Outer atoms have 8 electrons in its outer shell (except hydrogen, it should have two). This is done by using single, double, or triple bonds, it also could be + or - charges.

If the central atom is from period 2 it should have no more than 8 electrons in its outer shell. It should have a noble gas configuration (not always).

If the central atom is from period 3 it may have up to 18 electrons in its outer shell.