Previously in Molecularity...

Formal charge: which is "right"?

- Compare number of electrons around an atom relative to the valence electrons
 - Add up number of lone pair electrons
 - Only count one e

 from a bond
- Electron deficient: positive formal charge Electron rich: negative formal charge
- Choose dot structure with formal charges closest to zero!

$$: O \equiv C - \ddot{O}:$$

$$\begin{array}{c} VS \\ \hline \vdots O = C = O \\ \hline VS \\ \end{array}$$

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 – C \equiv 0:

Nitrate anion, [NO₃]-

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What are the charges on each atom in each structure?

What might the "average" charge look like in reality?

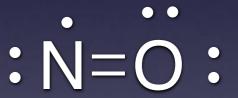
Notable s- and p-block exceptions

- Hydrogen 1s¹ and helium 1s² follow a *duet* rule (n = 1 can only hold two electrons)
- Alkaline earths and the boron family sometimes do their own thing Example: magnesium hydride (MgH₂)
 Example: boron trifluoride (BF₃)
- Molecules with an odd total of valence electrons (one atom will end up with an odd count, duh!)
 Example: nitrogen monoxide
- Hypervalent molecules or expanded octets:
 large atoms in the 3p, 4p, ... block



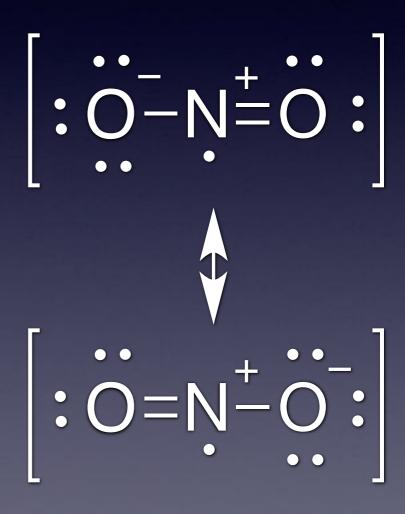
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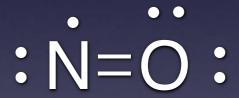
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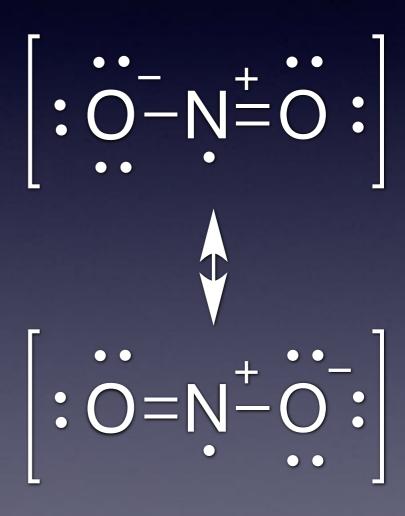
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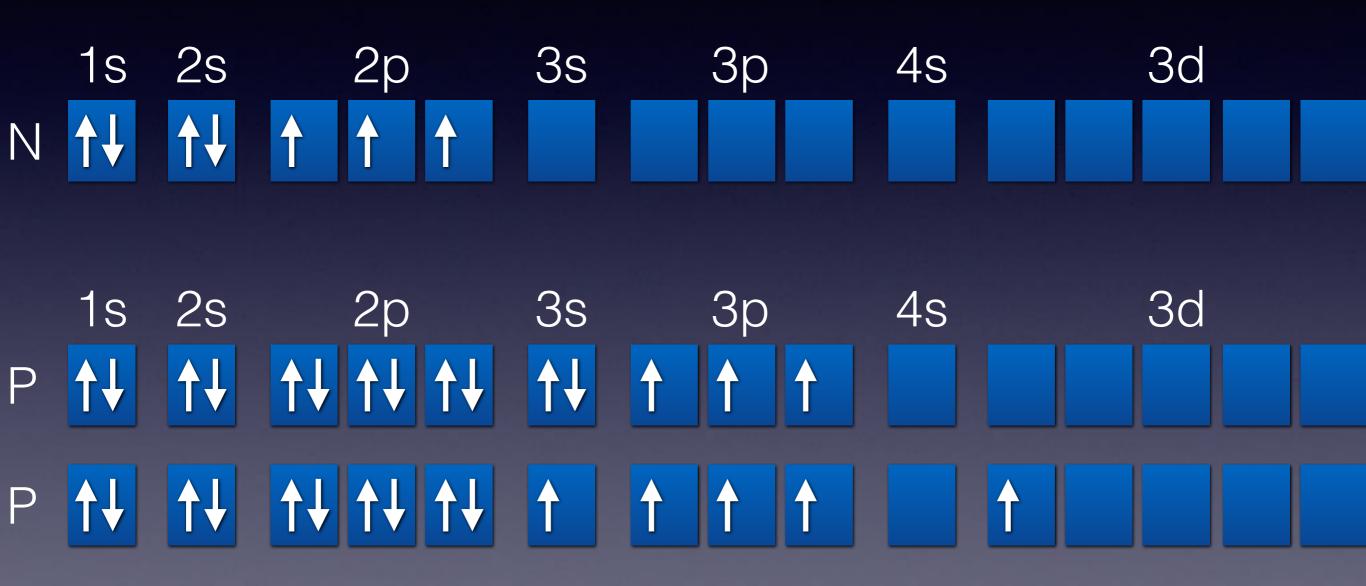


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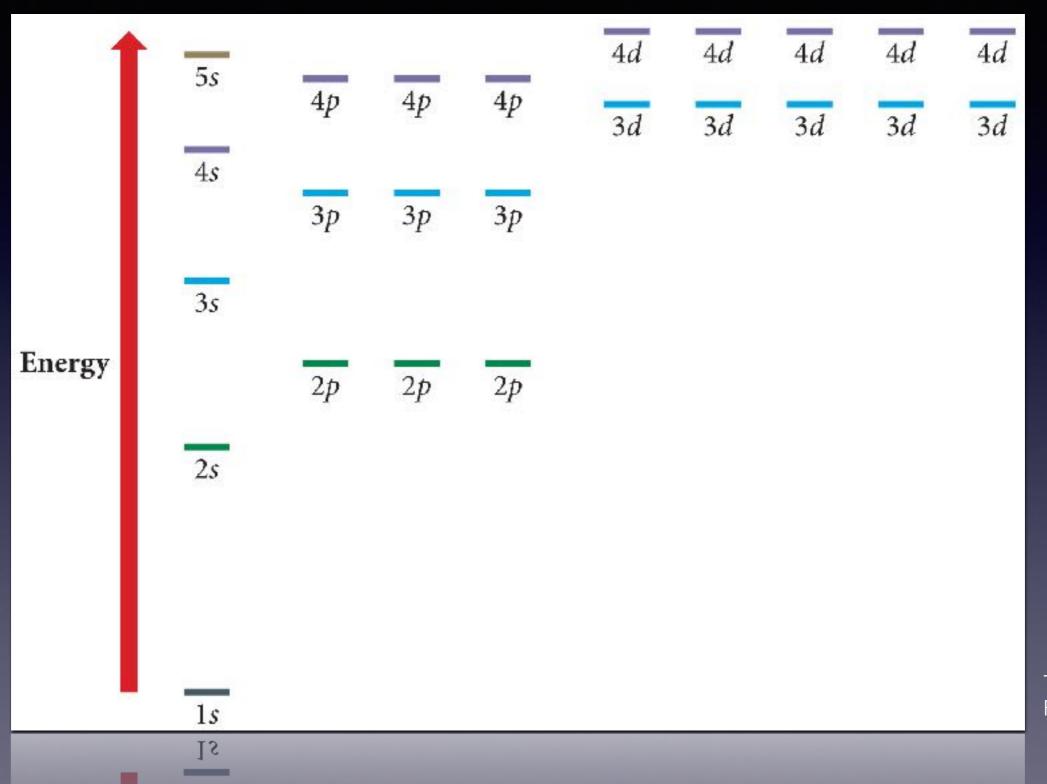


Both should only be able to bond to three other atoms...

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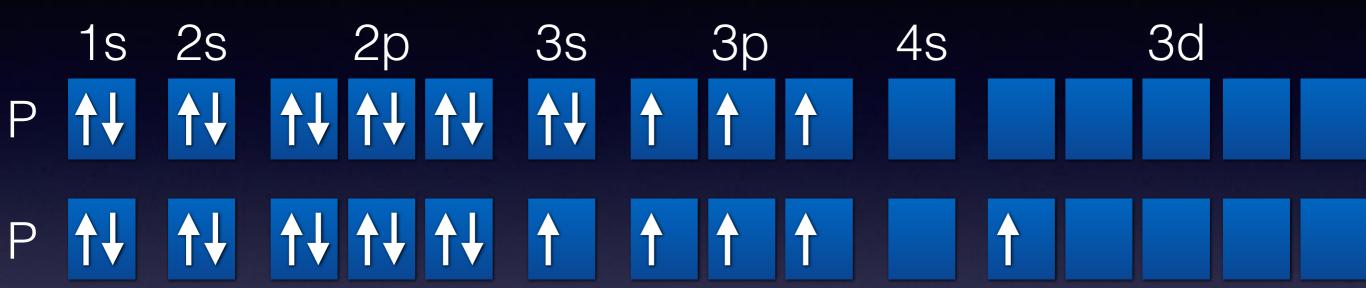


...but phosphorous can form five bonds!



Tro Fig. 8.5

Conditions for expanded octets



- Requires d orbitals, therefore, it only occurs for $n \ge 3$!
- Only occurs for group 15–18 elements (pnictides, chalcogenides, halogens, noble gases)
- This is **not** hybridization, but rather this **enables** d-orbitals to participate in hybridization (more detail in chapter 5).

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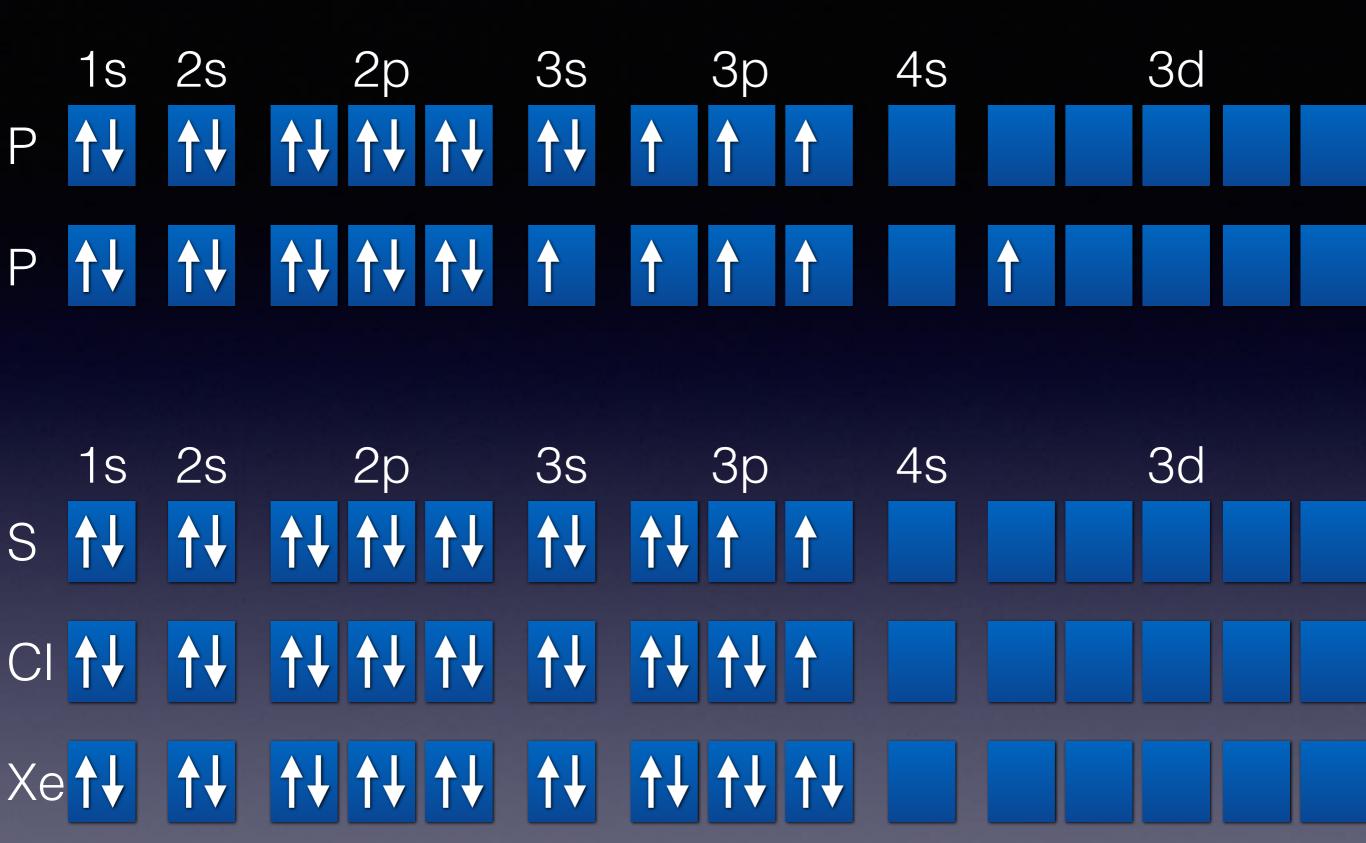
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How many bonds could chalcogenides and halides form?

Great example molecules

- Determining "best" Lewis dot structure
 Formyl azide CHN₃O (connected OCNNN, H bonded to C)
- Incomplete octets:
 Boron trichloride, magnesium hydride
 AICI₃ and AIF₃ do something different...
- Odd-electron molecules:
 Chlorine monoxide, chlorine dioxide
 (unstable species in the atmosphere)
- Hypervalent / expanded octets
 Sulfuryl chloride SO₂Cl₂, Chlorate anion, Perchlorate anion

