

Previously in Molecularity...

# Odd-electron example: Methylborane CH<sub>3</sub>BH<sub>2</sub>

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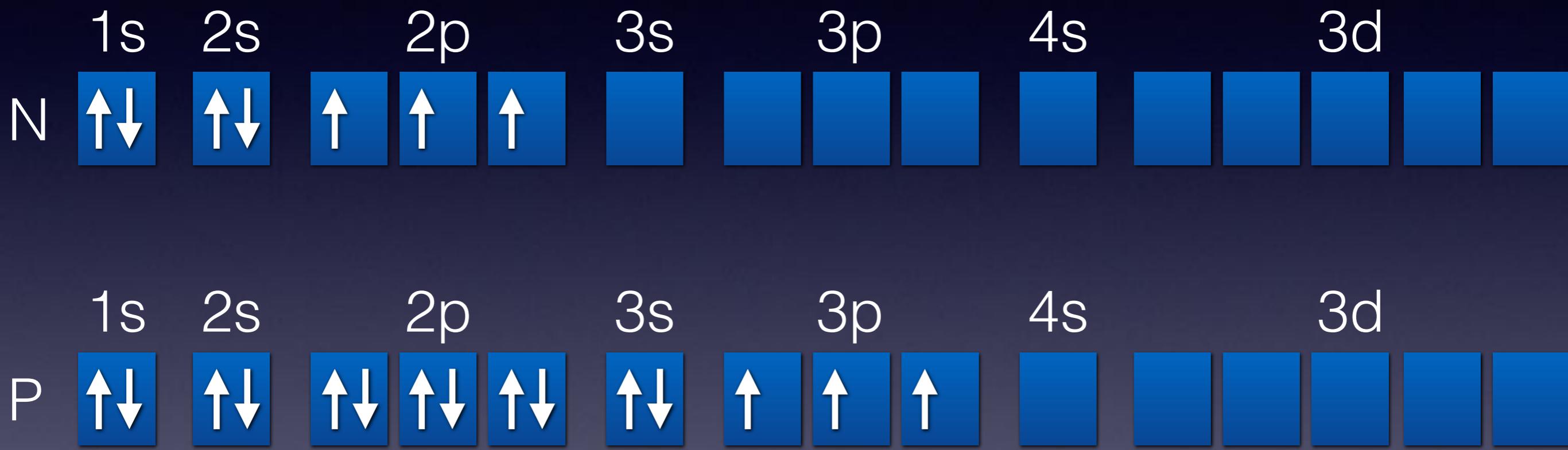
A photograph of a silver fork standing upright in a field of dry, yellowish-brown grass. In the background, there's a paved road leading towards a line of green trees under a clear blue sky.

# Where are we going today?

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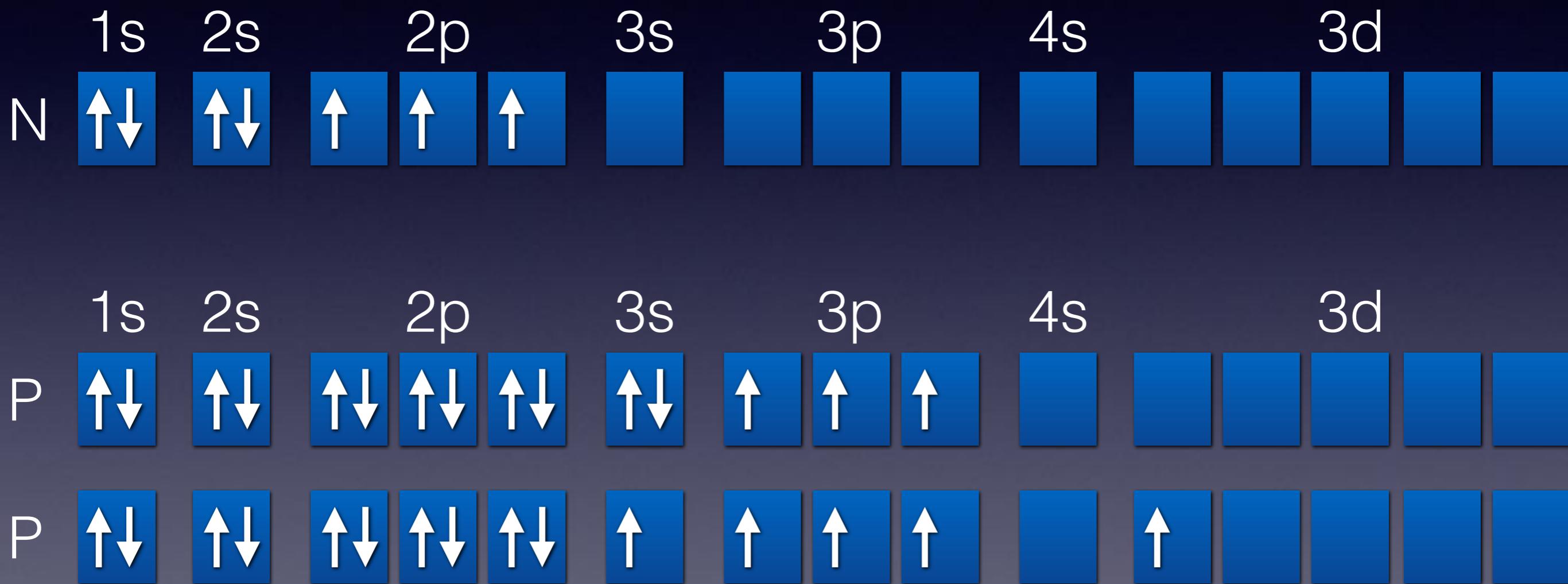
- Lewis wrap-up
- Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion Theory!

# Hypervalency or Expanded Octets



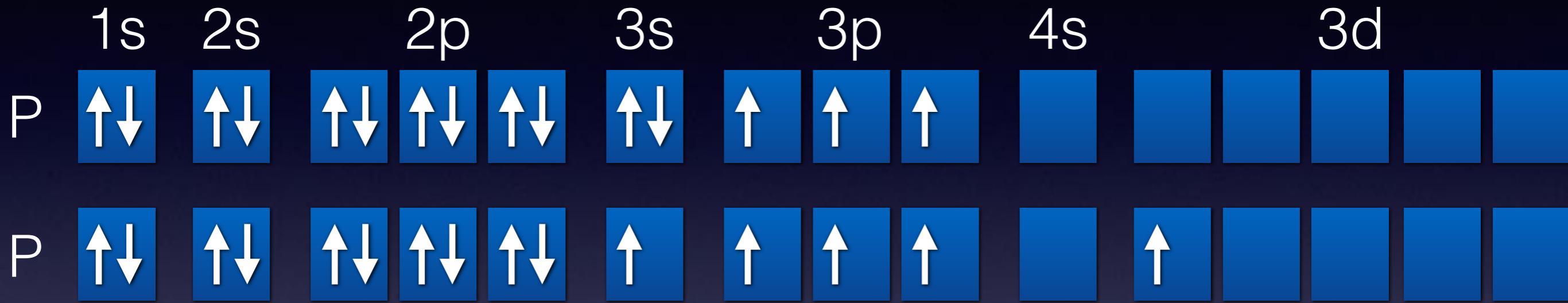
Both should only be able to bond to three other atoms...

# Hypervalency or Expanded Octets



...but phosphorous can form **five** bonds!

# Conditions for expanded octets



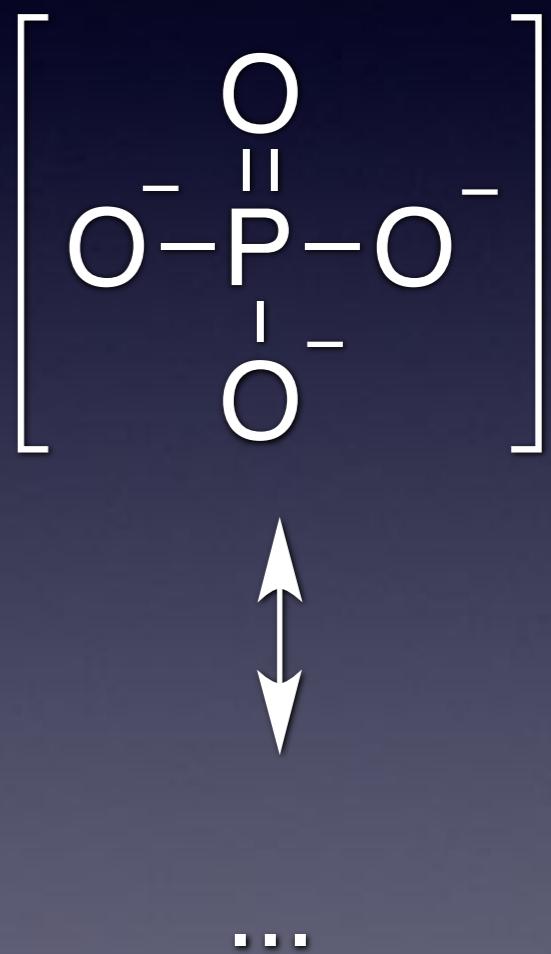
- Requires d orbitals, therefore, it only occurs for  $n \geq 3!$
- Only occurs for group 15–18 elements (pnictogens, chalcogenides, halogens, noble gases)
- This is **not** hybridization, but rather this **enables** d-orbitals to participate in hybridization (more detail in chapter 5).

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	1s	2s	2p	3s	3p	4s	3d	
P								
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S								
Cl								
Xe								

How many bonds could chalcogenides and halides form?

# Great example molecules

- Determining “best” Lewis dot structure  
Formyl azide  $\text{CHN}_3\text{O}$  (connected OCNNN, H bonded to C)
- Incomplete octets:  
Aluminum chloride, magnesium hydride
- Odd-electron molecules:  
Chlorine monoxide, chlorine dioxide  
(unstable species in the atmosphere)
- Hypervalent / expanded octets  
Sulfuryl chloride  $\text{SO}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , Chlorate anion, Perchlorate anion

# What you're responsible for in Lewis Dot structures

- Bond lengths vs bond order (single, double, triple)
- Bond energies vs bond order
- How bond lengths and energies support resonance structures in the Lewis model
- How resonance structures give us an “average” picture that is different than the component frames

# Lewis dot expectations

- Given a compound (either by name or by formula)

Can you...

- Identify number of valence electrons and net charge?
- Recognize and account for exceptions to normal rules?
- Draw Lewis structures(s)?
- Identify best structure from formal charge / electronegativity?
- Recognize need for multiple resonances and draw them...  
...and visualize an “average” from component structures?

# Lewis dot structure examples...

- Perchlorate,  $\text{ClO}_4^-$
- Chlorate,  $\text{ClO}_3^-$
- Chlorite,  $\text{ClO}_2^-$
- Hypochlorite,  $\text{ClO}^-$

# Chapter 4 expectations: Bond lengths and strengths

- Carbon bonding to other things...



0.110 nm  
 $413 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$



0.147 nm  
 $293 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

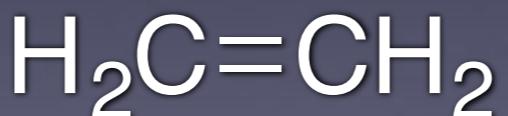


0.143 nm  
 $358 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

- Single vs double vs triple bonds...



0.154 nm  
 $348 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$



0.134 nm  
 $614 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$



0.120 nm  
 $839 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

# Chapter 4 expectations: Bond lengths and strengths

- Estimate bond length and strength in HI given...



0.092 nm  
567 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>



0.127 nm  
431 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>

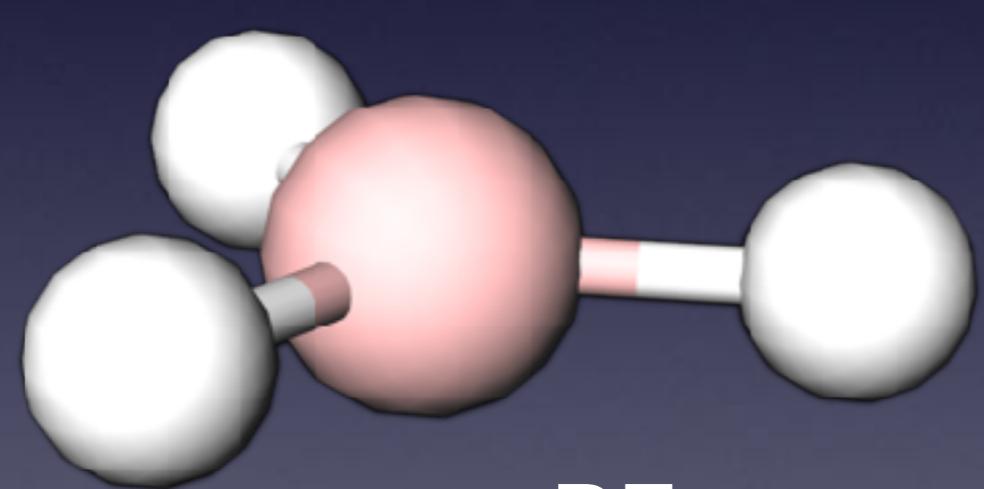


0.141 nm  
366 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>

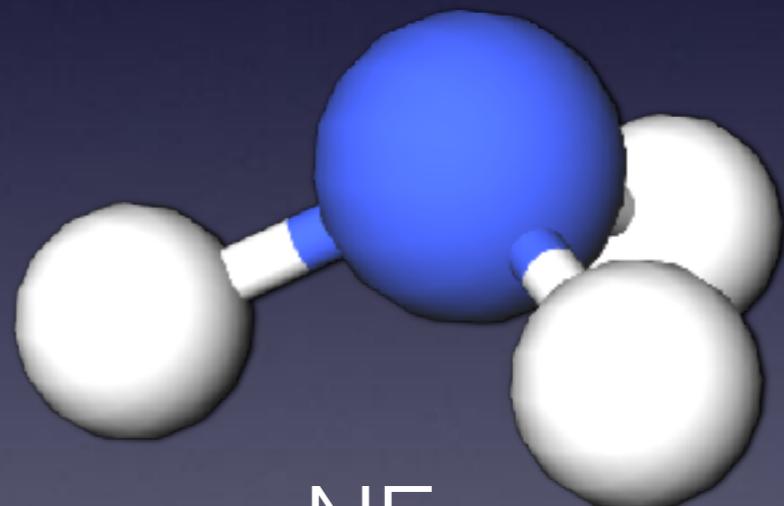
- Great problems in GKF: 4.145, 147, 150–152

# Molecular structure

- Boron trifluoride vs nitrogen trifluoride:



$\text{BF}_3$

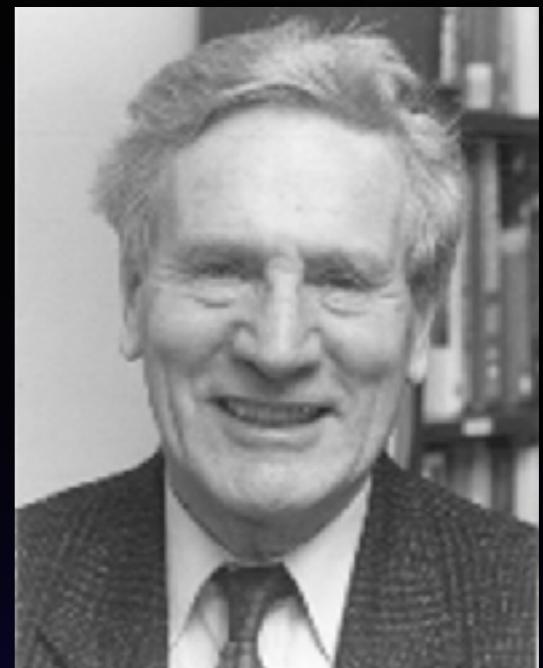


$\text{NF}_3$

- Why is one co-planar and one is not?
- Can we predict these geometries?

# Valence-shell electron-pair repulsion theory (VSEPR)

- Assign a geometric shape around an atom based on a **steric number, SN**
- **SN** = # bonded atoms + # lone pairs
- SN 2–8 correspond to specific geometric shapes.
- Lone pairs occupy positions just like bonded atoms.



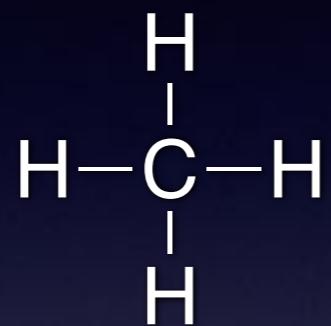
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# Steric number practice

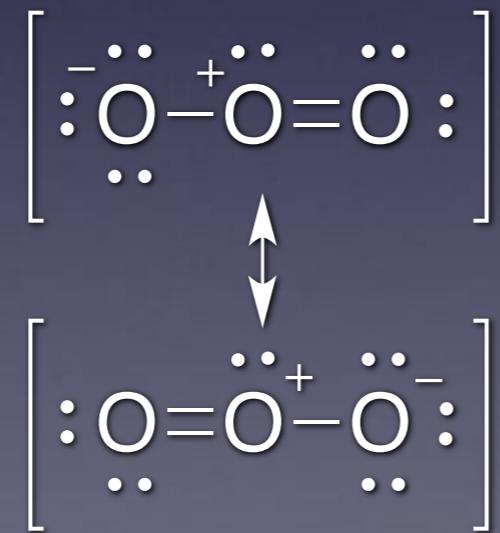
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Steric number: ?



- Magnesium hydride  
Steric number: ?



- Ozone  
Steric number: ?

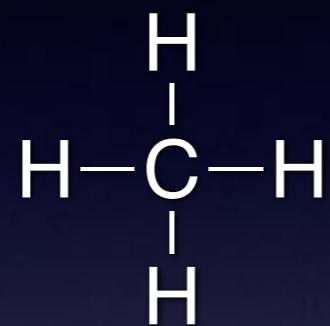


- Water  
Steric number: ?

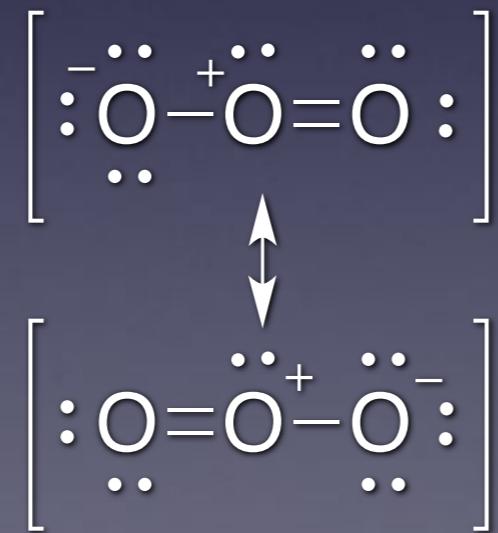


# Steric number practice

- Methane  
Steric number: 4



- Ozone  
Steric number: 3



- Magnesium hydride  
Steric number: 2



- Water  
Steric number: 4



SN	0 LP	1 LP	2 LP	3 LP	4 LP	5 LP
2	x—E—x Linear					
3						
4						
5						
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Linear



Trigonal planar

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# Where did we go today?

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- §5.7 The Fundamental Structures

Next time...

- § 5.8 The Effect of Lone Pairs