

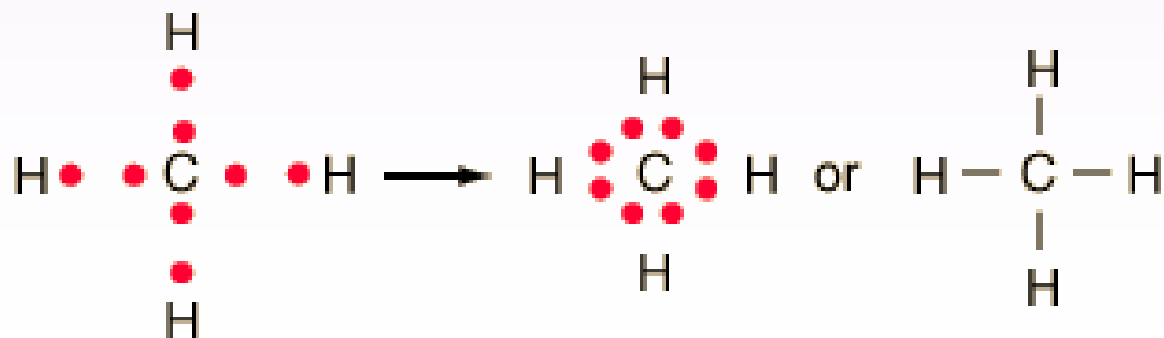
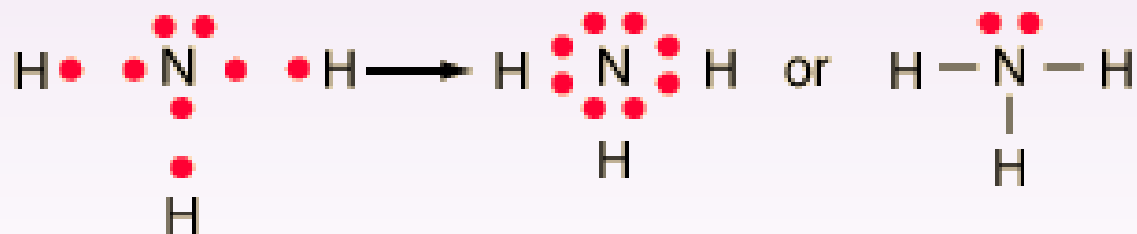
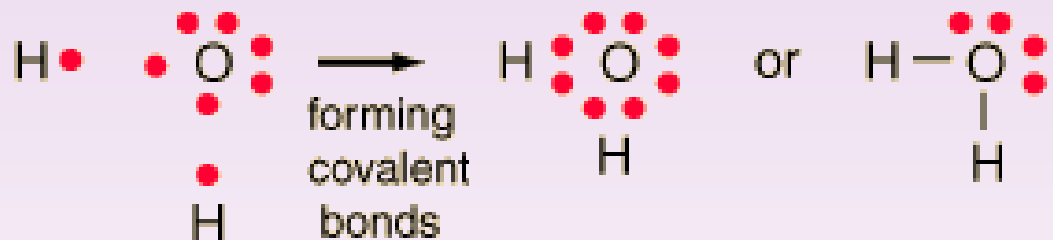
# LEWIS STRUCTURES

# LEWIS THEORY OF BONDING

- Atoms & ions are stable if they have a noble-gas like electron structure (stable octet)
- Electrons are most stable when paired
- Atoms form chemical bonds to achieve a stable octet of electrons
- A stable octet may be achieved by:
  - An exchange of electrons between metal and non-metal atoms (ionic bonding)*
  - A sharing of electrons between 2 non-metal atoms (covalent bonding)*

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A Lewis structure communicates the arrangement of electrons and bonds in a chemical substance



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Lewis Dot Diagrams correspond to Hund's rule governing the placement of electrons into orbitals

Element	Mg	N	S
Valence	2+	3-	2-
Lewis Symbol	$\cdot \text{Mg} \cdot$	$\cdot \ddot{\text{N}} \cdot$	$\cdot \ddot{\text{S}} \cdot$
Energy-Level Diagram	<p>3s <math>\uparrow\downarrow</math></p> <p>2p <math>\uparrow\downarrow \uparrow\downarrow \uparrow\downarrow</math></p> <p>2s <math>\uparrow\downarrow</math></p> <p>1s <math>\uparrow\downarrow</math></p> <p>Mg</p>	<p>3s</p> <p>2p <math>\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow</math></p> <p>2s <math>\uparrow\downarrow</math></p> <p>1s <math>\uparrow\downarrow</math></p> <p>N</p>	<p>3p <math>\uparrow\downarrow \uparrow \uparrow</math></p> <p>3s <math>\uparrow\downarrow</math></p> <p>2p <math>\uparrow\downarrow \uparrow\downarrow \uparrow\downarrow</math></p> <p>2s <math>\uparrow\downarrow</math></p> <p>1s <math>\uparrow\downarrow</math></p> <p>S</p>
Electron Configuration	Mg: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2$	N: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^3$	S: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^4$

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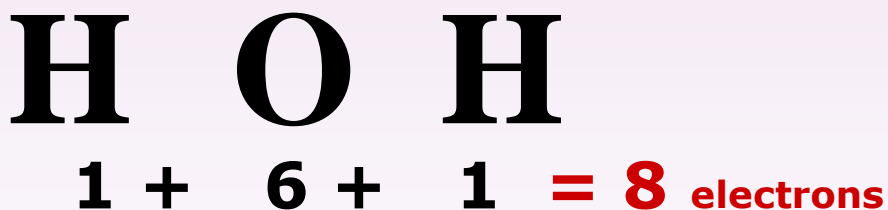
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$$1 + 6 + 1 = \cancel{8 \text{ electrons}} \quad \text{4 electrons remaining}$$

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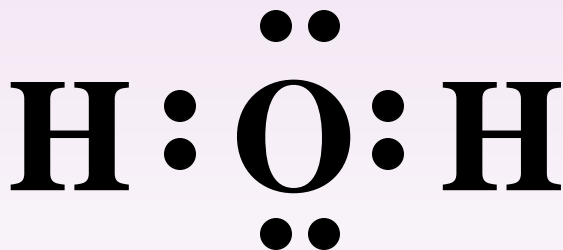
**The octets on hydrogen are already full.**

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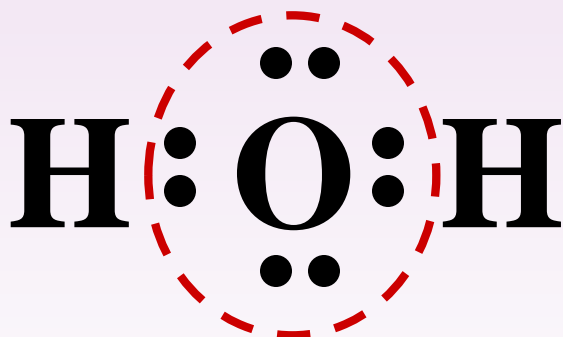
**0 electrons**

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**Oxygen has a full octet, so there is no need to form double or triple bonds in this case**

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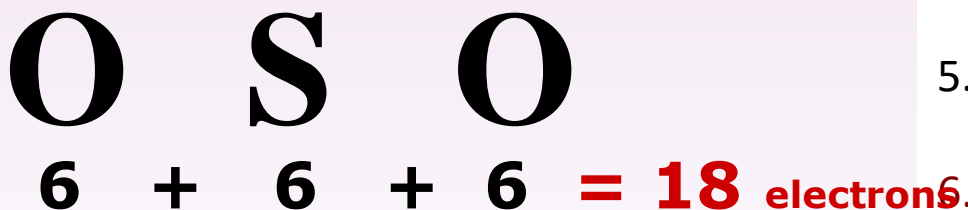


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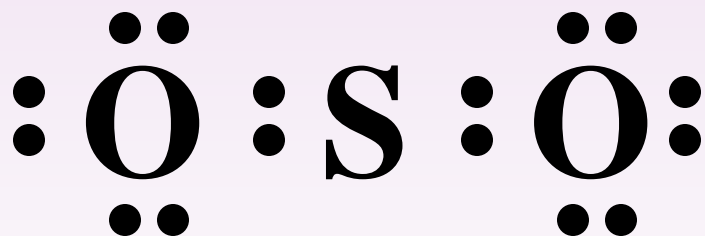
$$6 + 6 + 6 = \text{14 electrons remaining}$$

~~18 electrons~~

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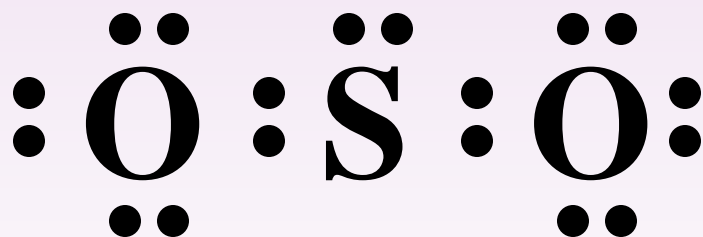


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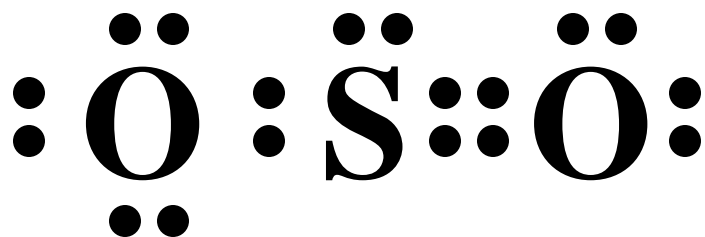


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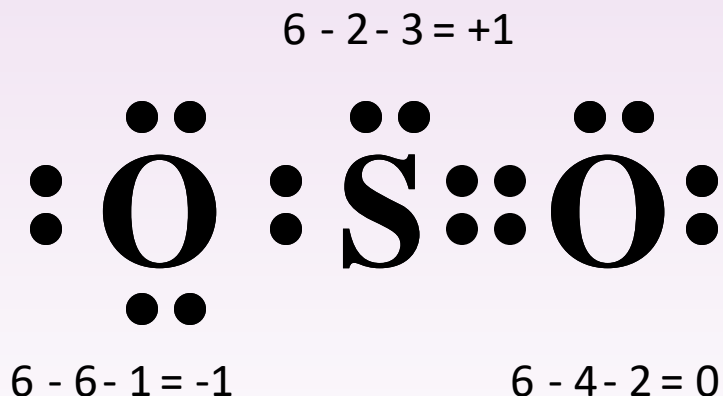
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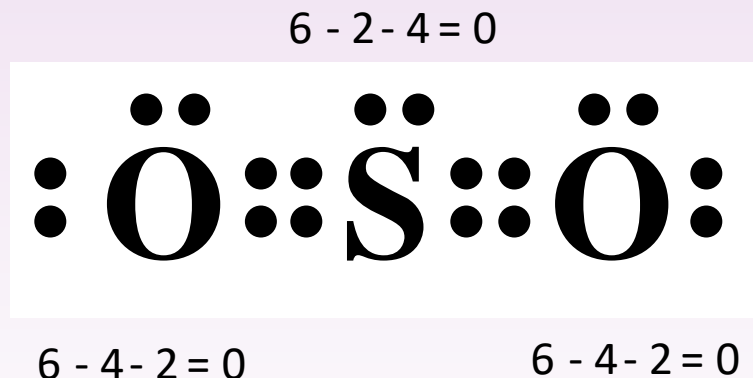
There should be a formal charge of **zero** for each atom in a neutral molecule.

This means that this diagram needs to be modified.

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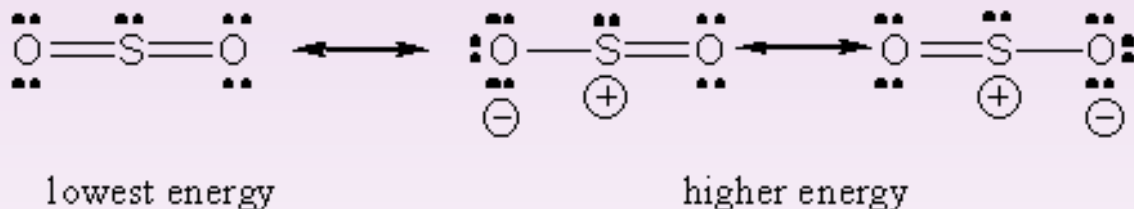
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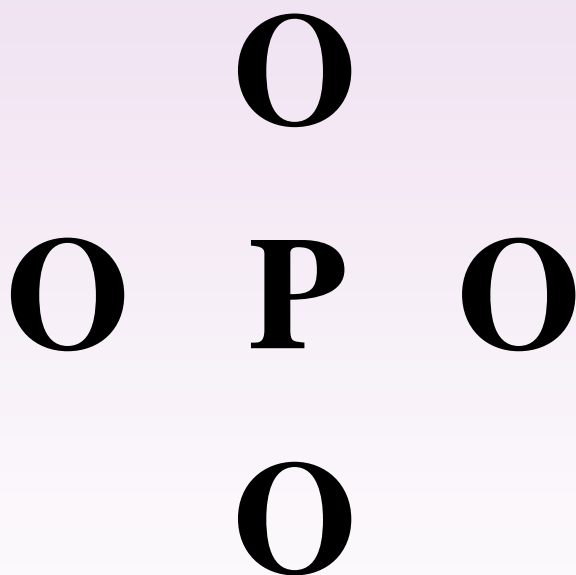
**There are 3 resonance structures for  $\text{SO}_2$**

The preferred structure is the one where all formal charges are zero.

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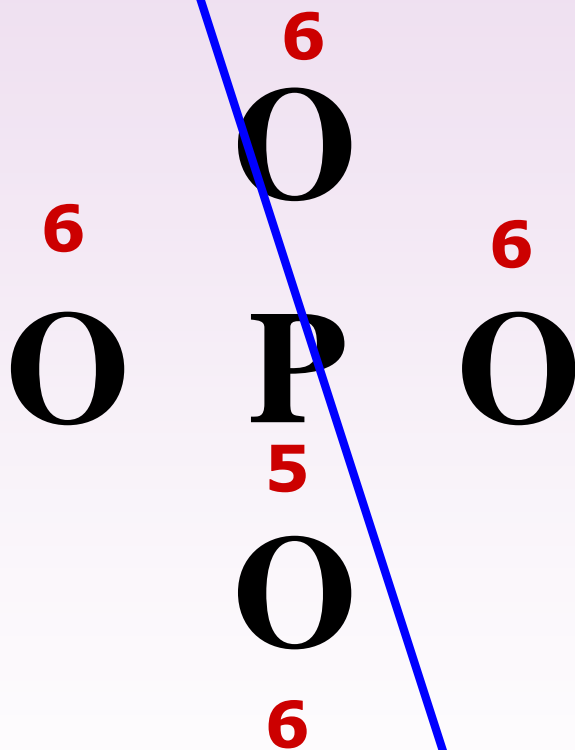
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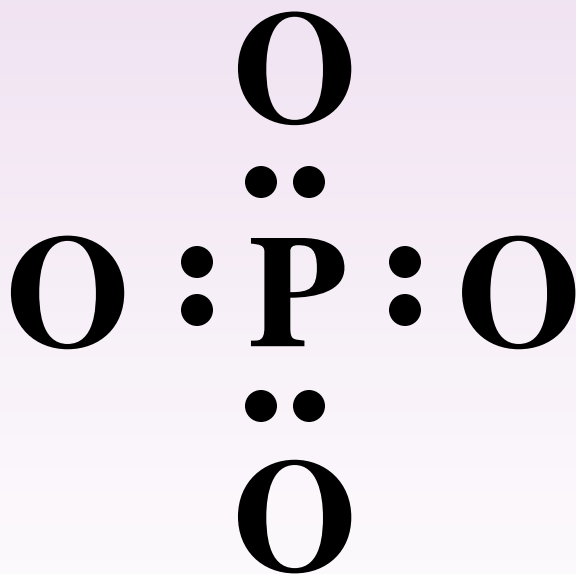
$$6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 5 = 29 + 3 = 32 \text{ electrons}$$

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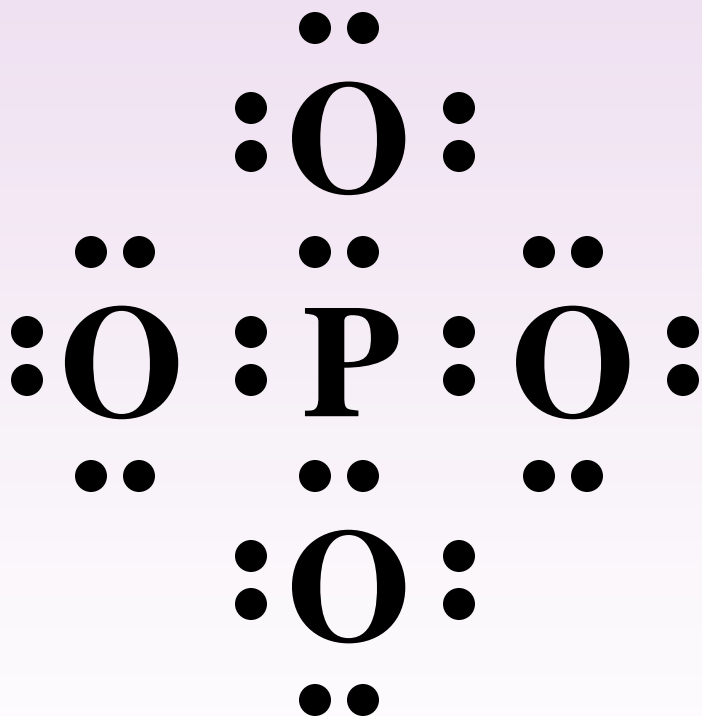
**24 electrons**

**$6+6+6+6+5+3=32$  electrons**

Formal charge = Valence  $e^-$  - lone pair  $e^-$  - # of bonds

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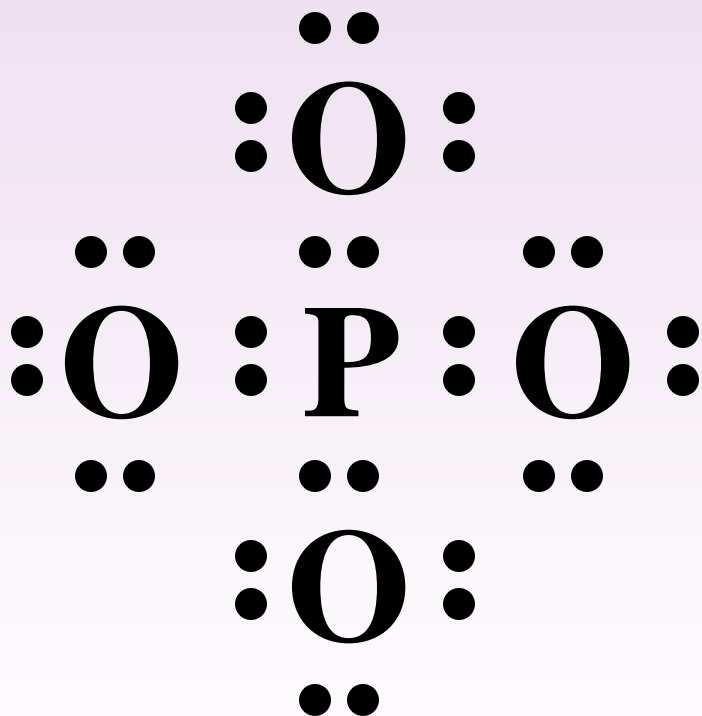


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~~24 electrons~~ remaining

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**There are no electrons left to place**

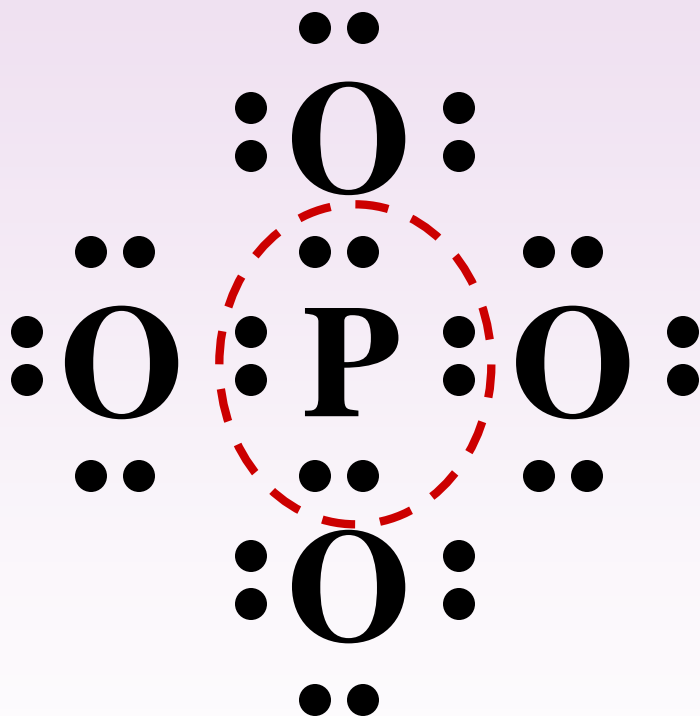
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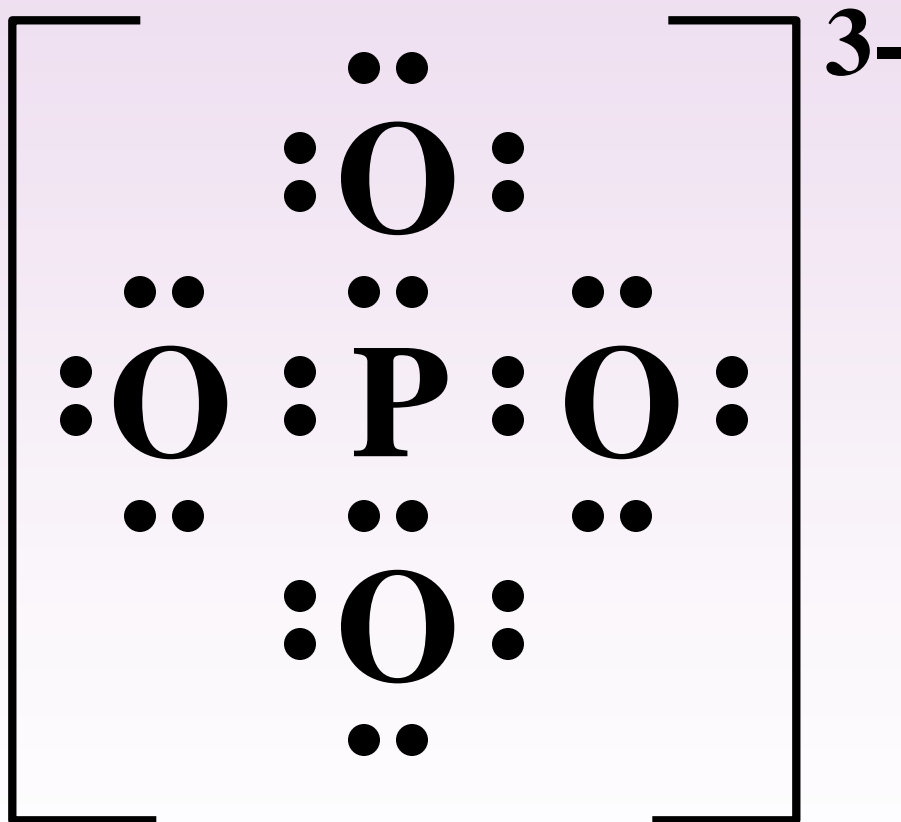
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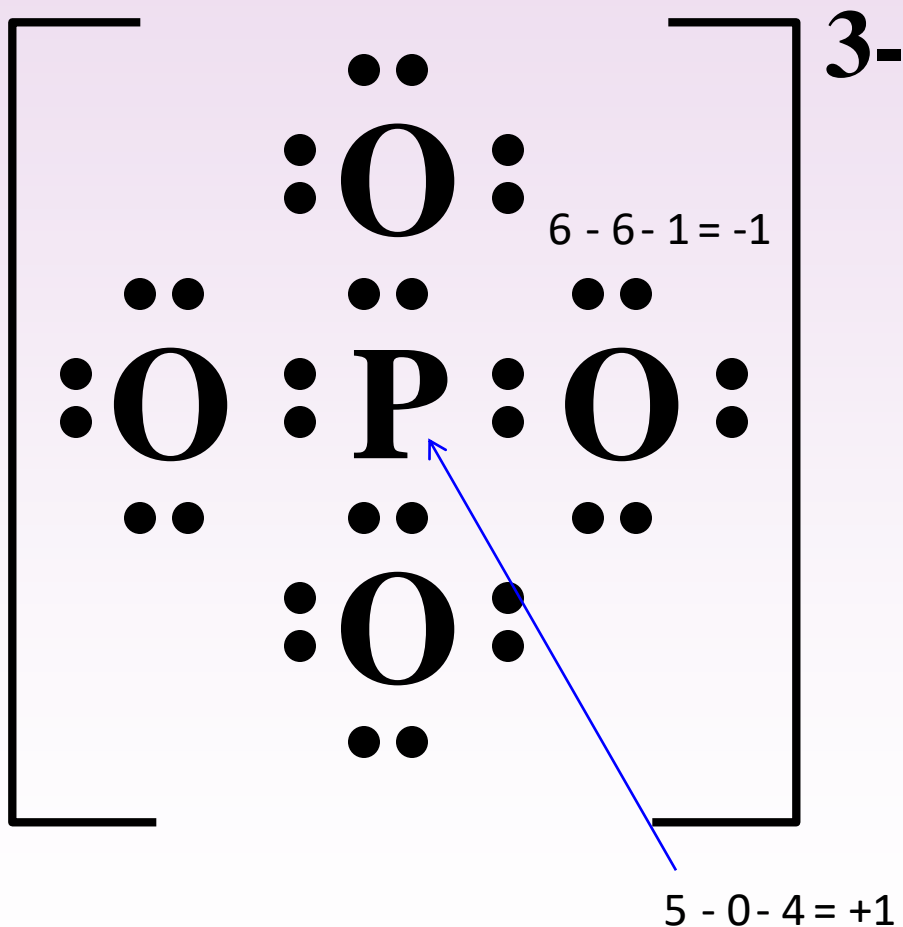
*[ions must be drawn with square brackets indicating the charge]*

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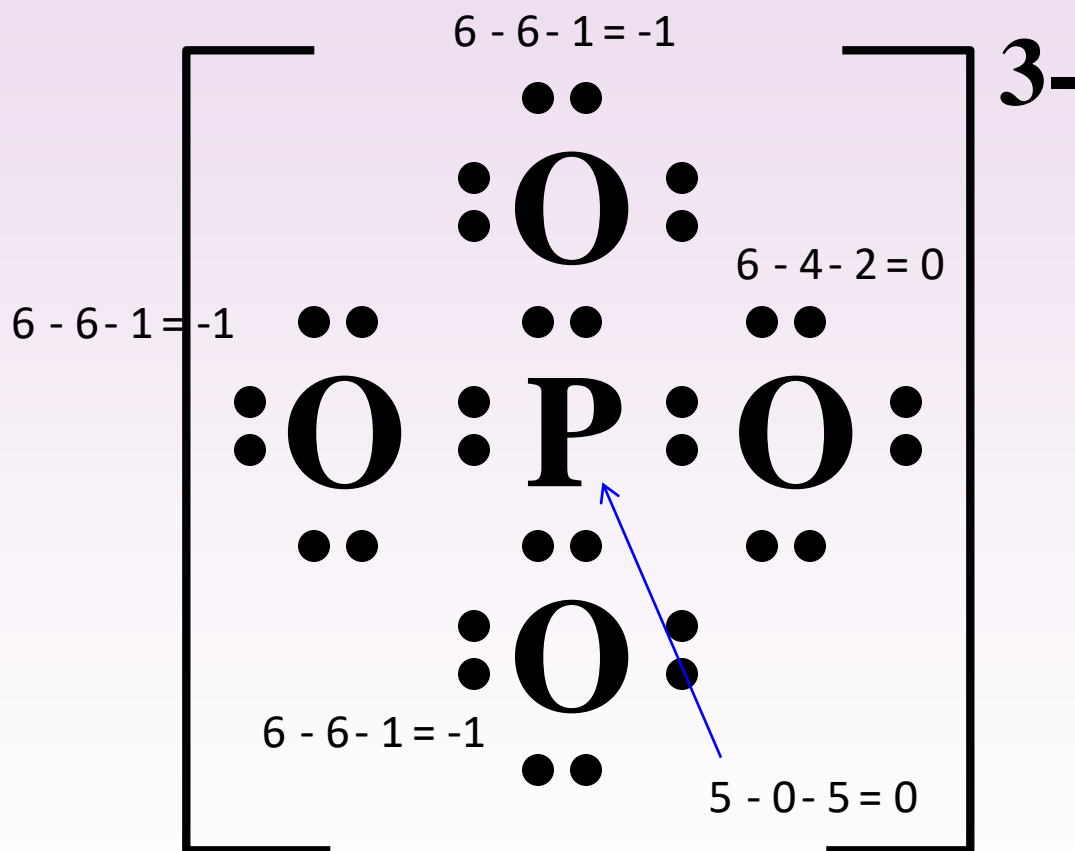


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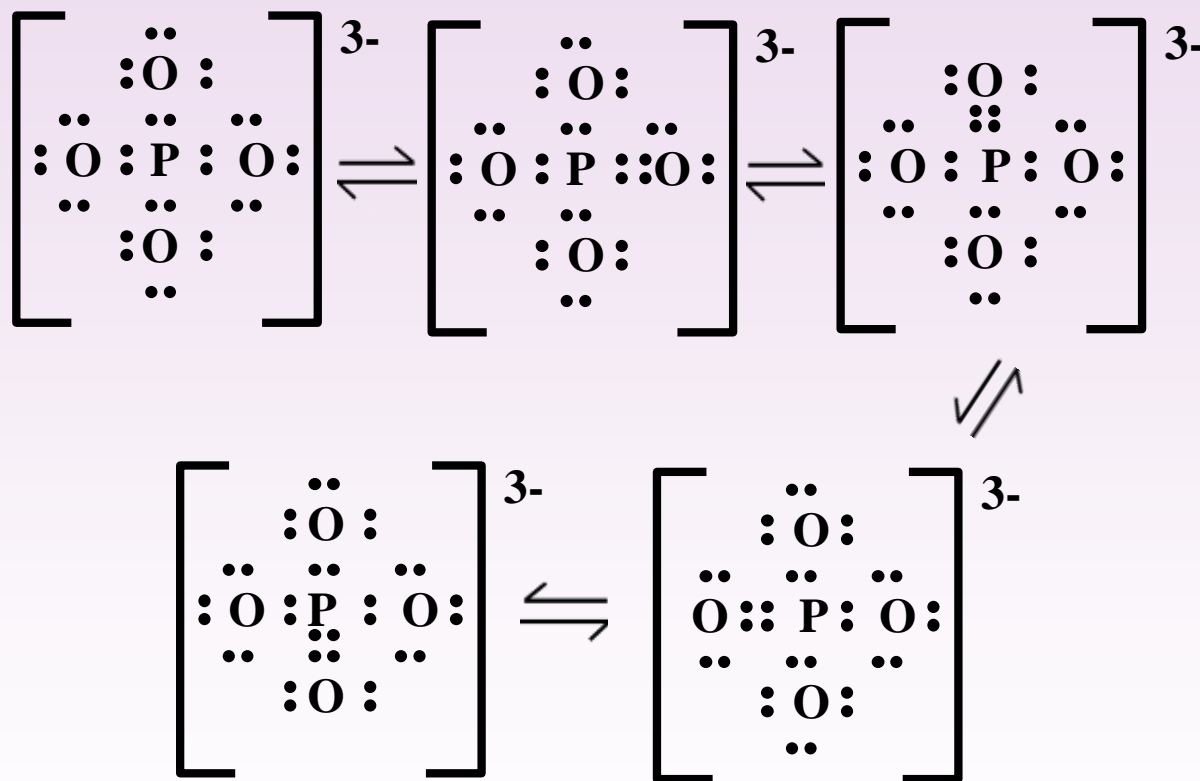
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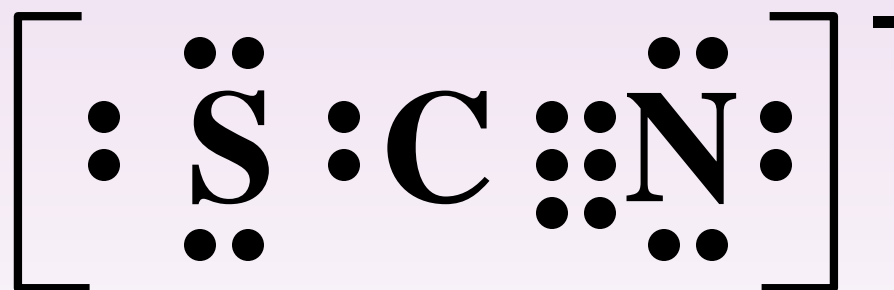


**There are 5 resonance structures for  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$**

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# FORMAL CHARGES AND RESONANCE STRUCTURES

Draw the Lewis Dot Diagram for **SCN<sup>-</sup>**

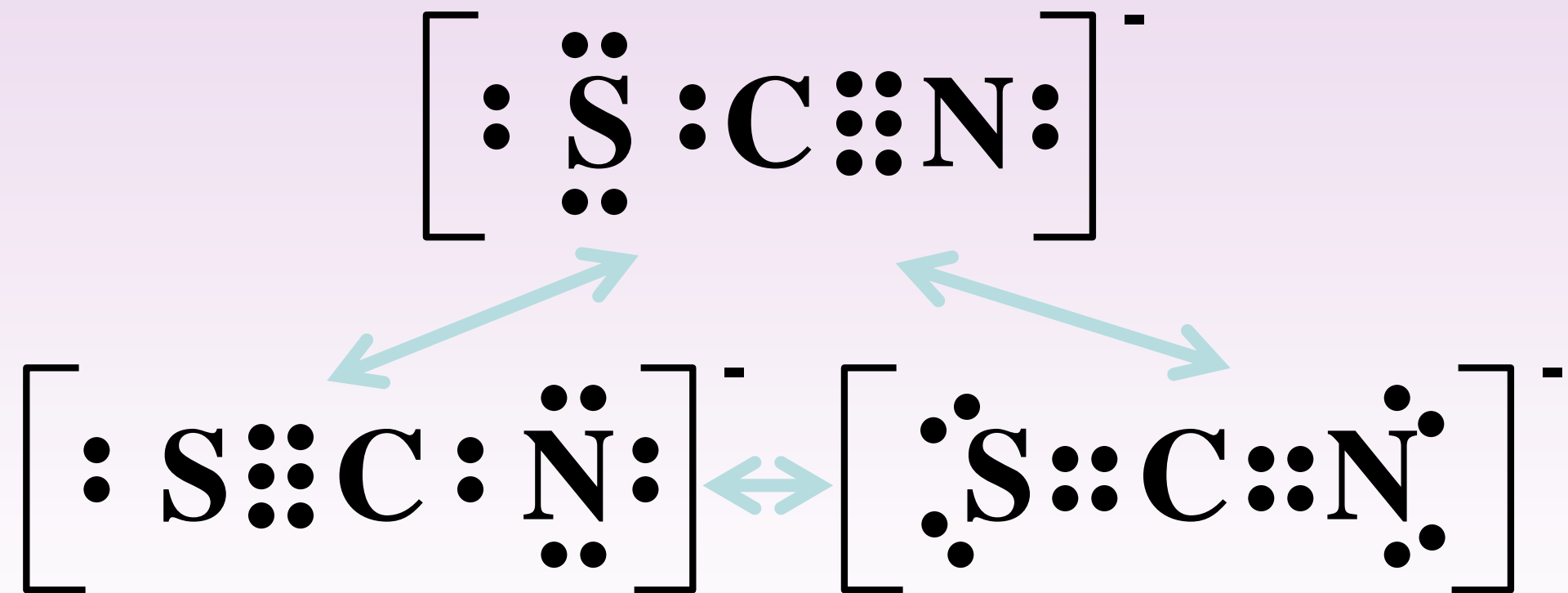


$$6 + 4 + 5 + 1 = 16 \text{ electrons}$$

But this **isn't** the only possible way to draw the structure

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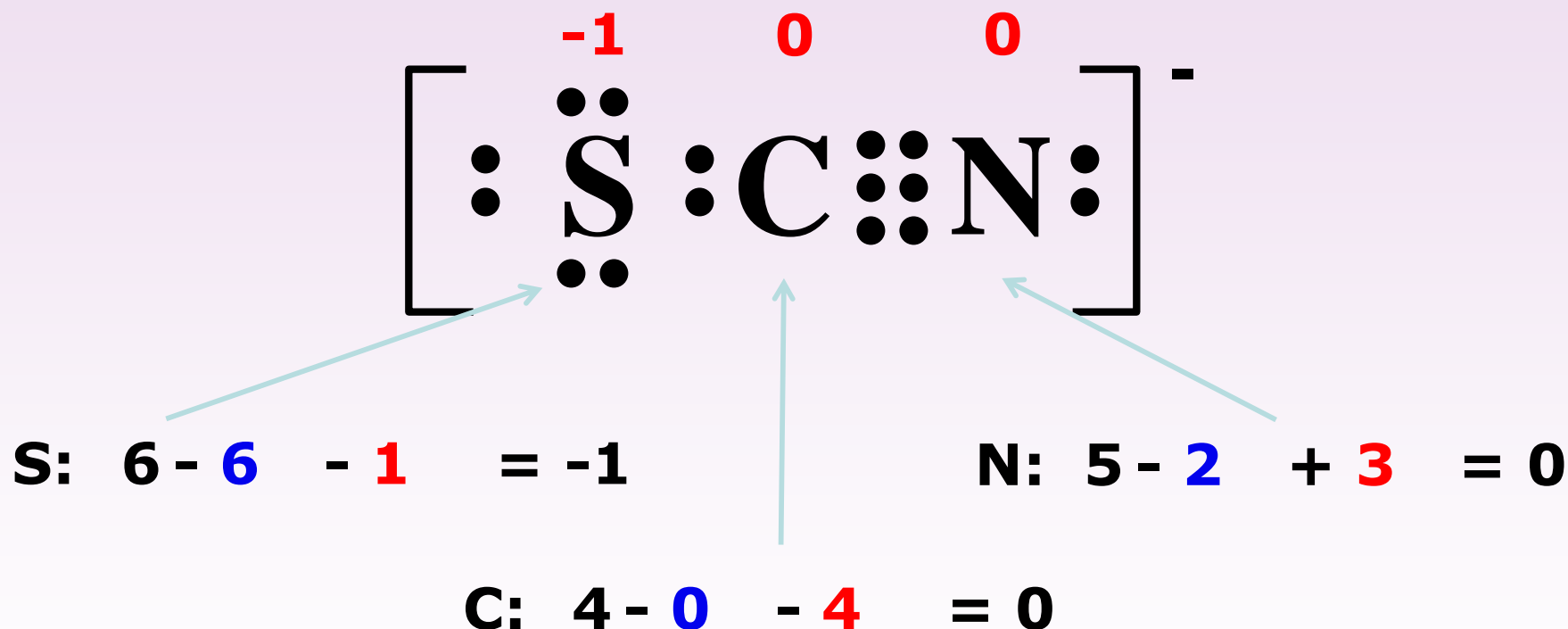
Draw the 3 possible Lewis Dot Diagrams for **SCN<sup>-</sup>**



Which of these is the most likely resonance structure?

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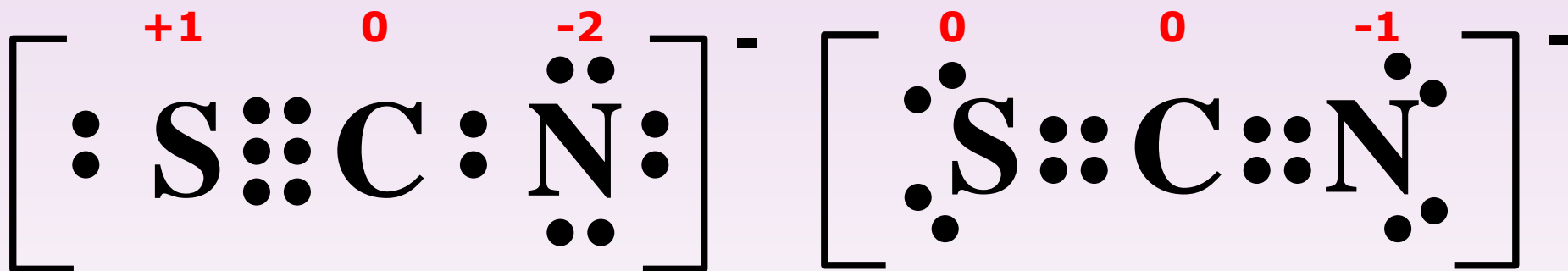
## Assigning formal charges:





# FORMAL CHARGES AND RESONANCE STRUCTURES

Assign formal charges to the other structures for **SCN<sup>-</sup>**



$$\text{S: } 6 - 2 - 3 = +1$$

$$\text{C: } 4 - 0 - 4 = 0$$

$$\text{N: } 5 - 6 - 1 = -2$$

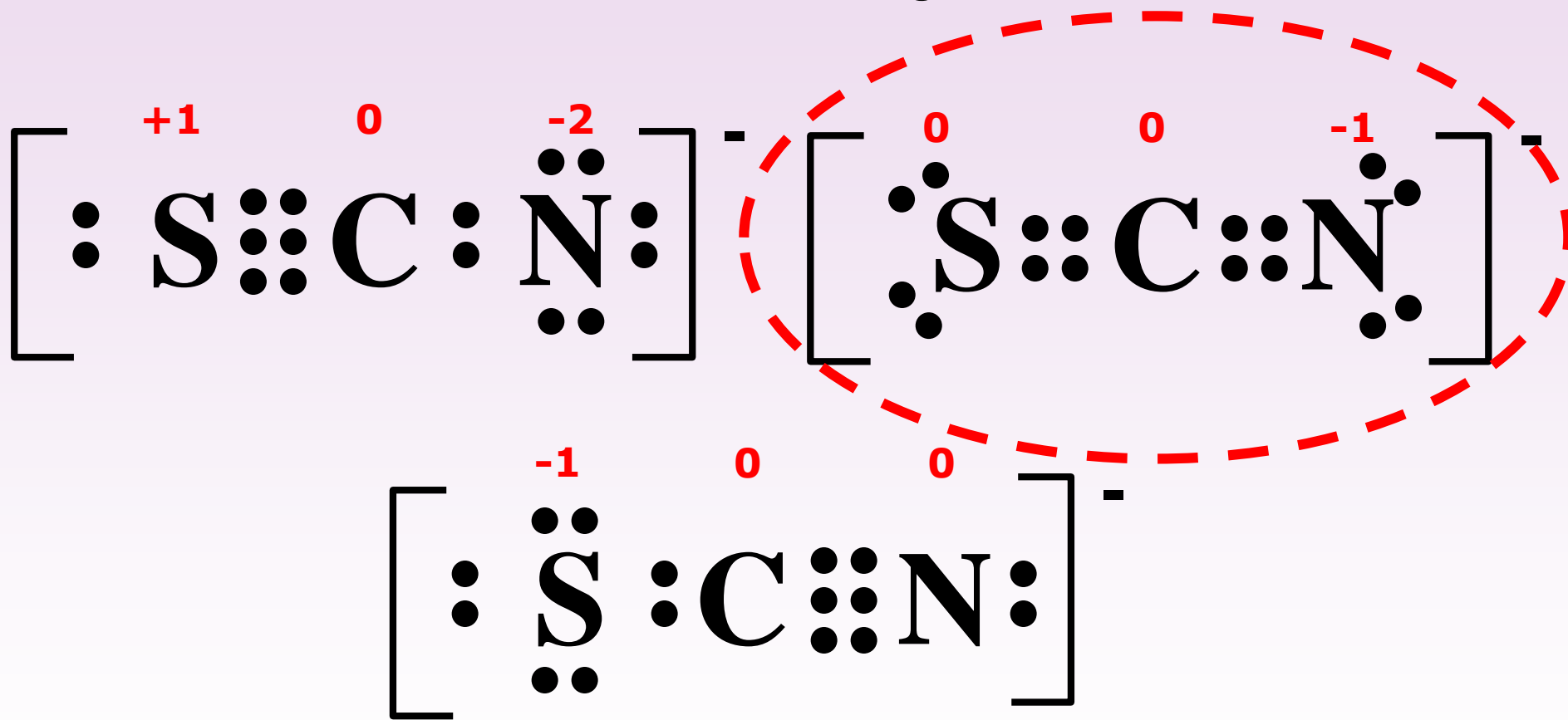
$$\text{S: } 6 - 4 - 2 = 0$$

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# FORMAL CHARGES AND RESONANCE STRUCTURES

**Example #1:** Compare the SCN<sup>-</sup> structures. Which one has **the most neutral** formal charges?



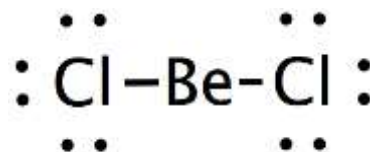
This is the **most preferred** structure. There are the most 0 formal charges and the most electronegative atom has the negative charge.

# EXCEPTIONS TO THE OCTET RULE

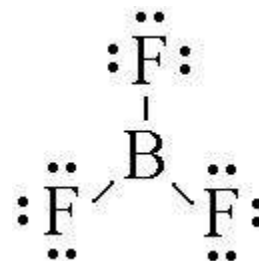
Examples of central atoms that do not obey the octet rule:

## Under-filled octets:

**Be** – 2 bonds (4 electrons)

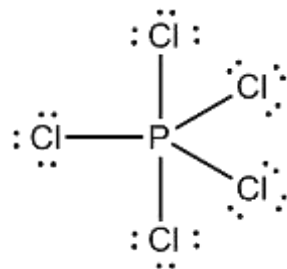


**B** – 3 bonds (6 electrons)

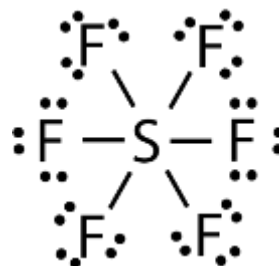


## Over-filled octets:

**P** – 5 bonds (10 electrons)



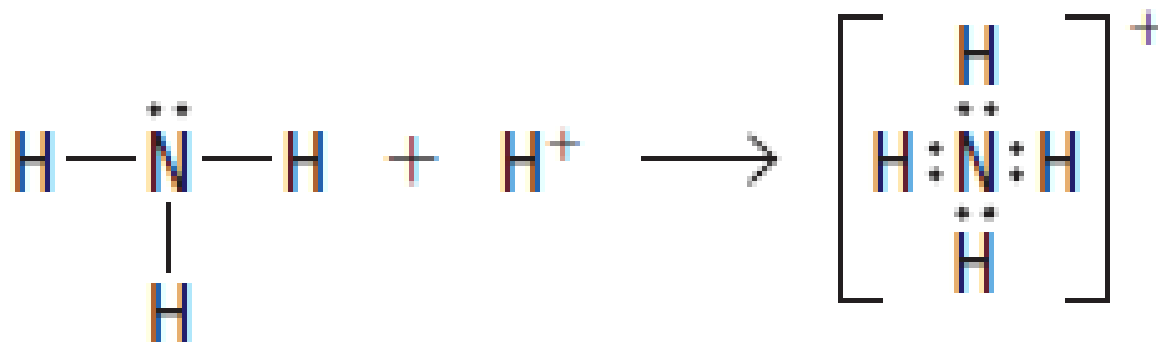
**S** – 6 bonds (12 electrons)



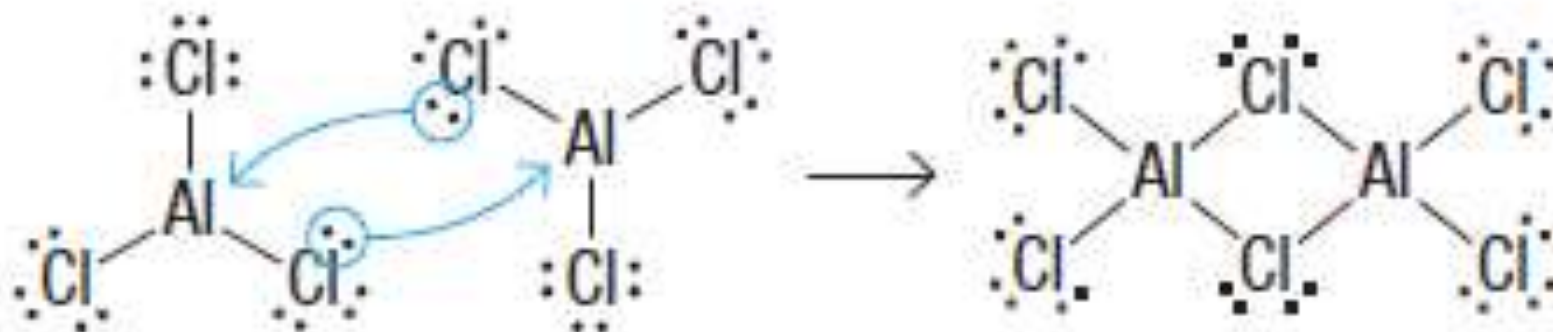
# COORDINATE COVALENT BONDING

Sometimes, when a covalent bond forms between 2 atoms, both shared electrons are donated by 1 atom

Example:  $\text{NH}_4^+$



Example:  $\text{Al}_2\text{Cl}_6$



# LEWIS STRUCTURES

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