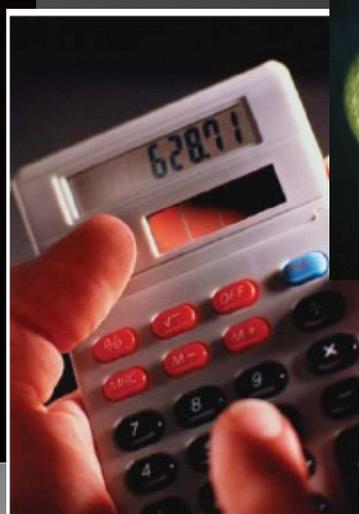
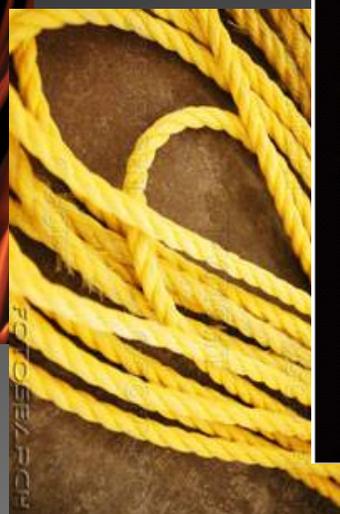


# Chemical Bonding: Magic numbers and the secrets of “stuff”



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# Organizational Principles of the Cosmos

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# **Organizational Principles of the Cosmos**

## **FOUR FORCES:**

**Gravity, Electromagnetism,**

**Strong Force, Weak Force**

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**MATTER:**

**Quarks and leptons**

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## **ENERGY:**

**Some configurations of matter are more likely (i.e., have lower energy) than others.**

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## **EVOLUTION:**

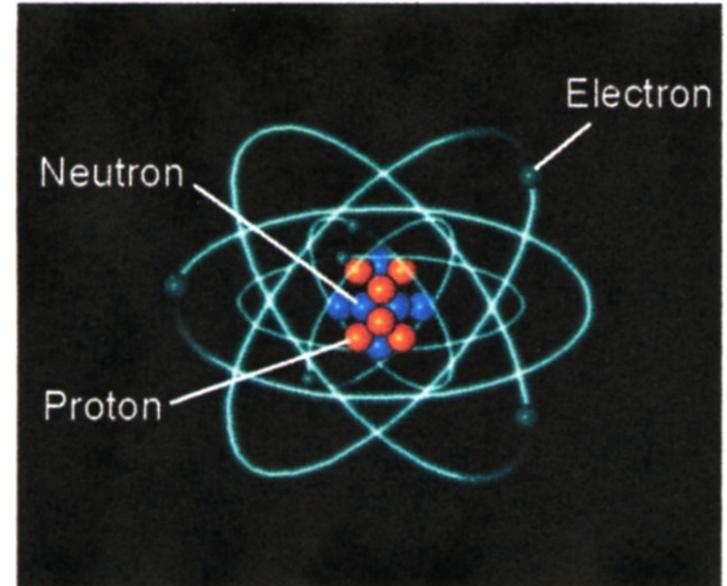
**Emergent complexity arises as selection operates on systems of many interacting particles.**

# What is an atom?

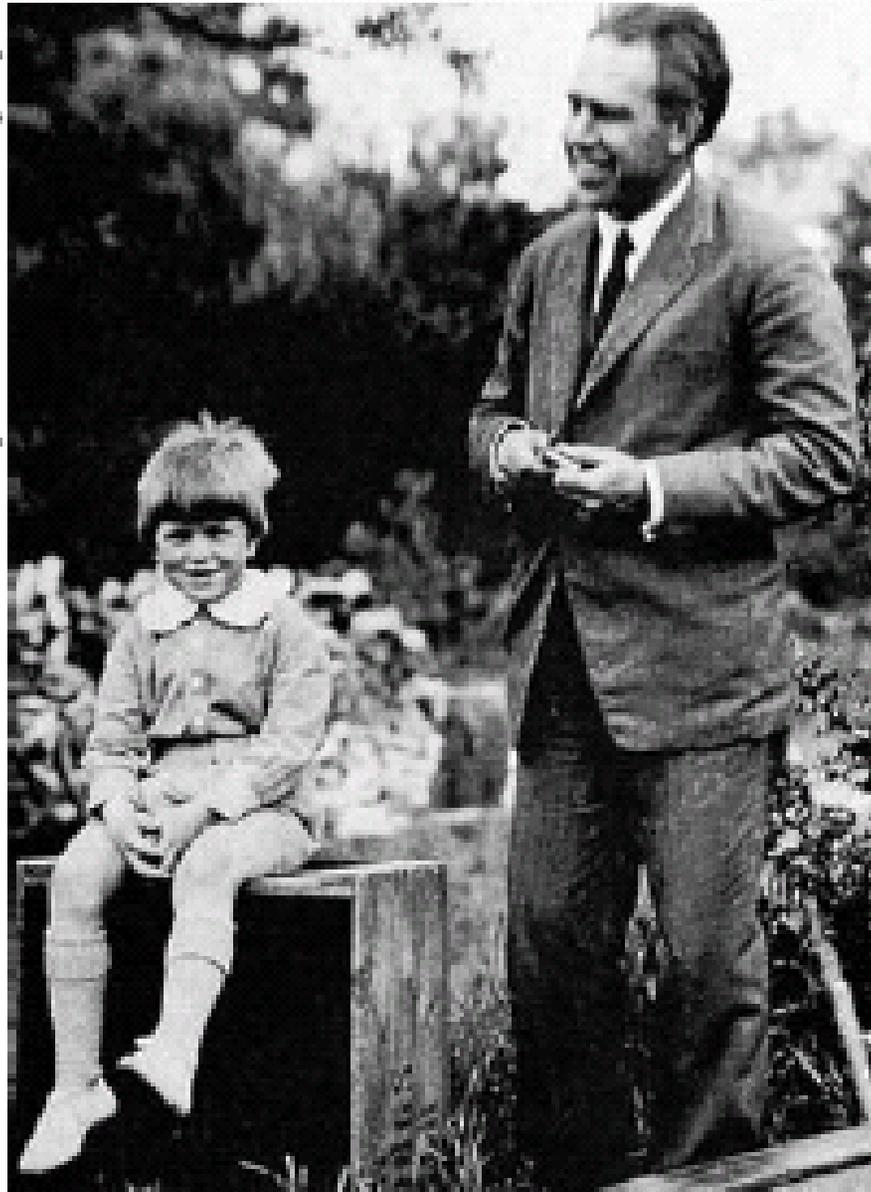
**A very small object that has:**

**At least one proton**

**At least one electron**

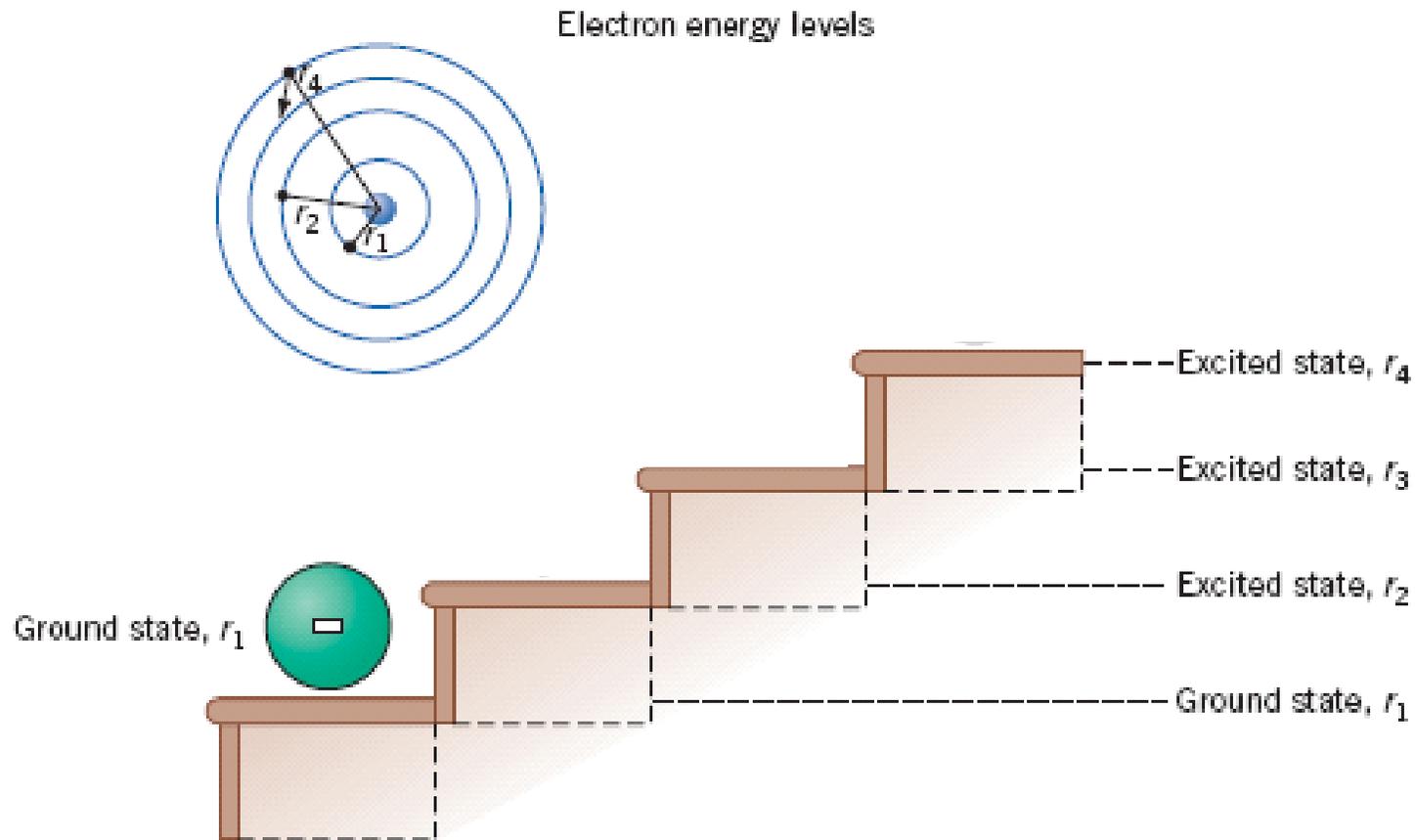


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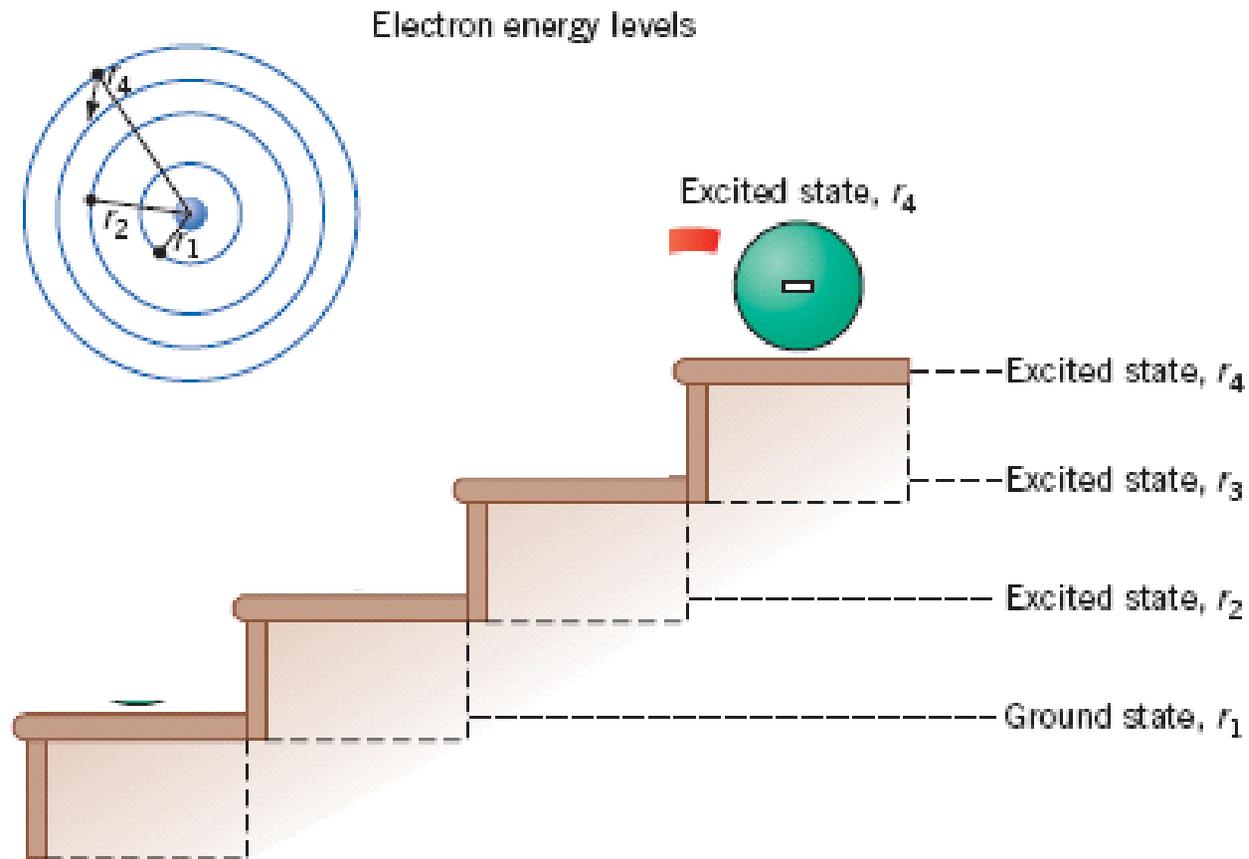
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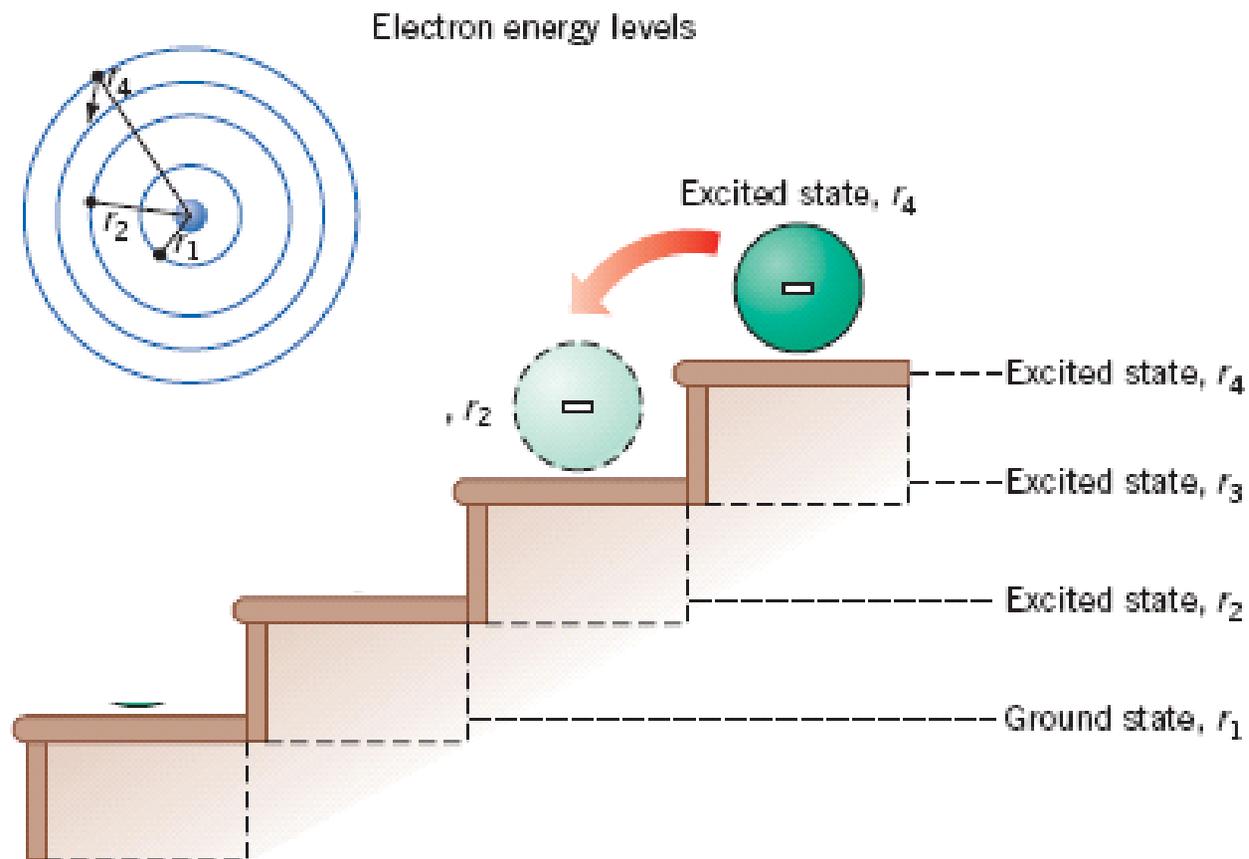
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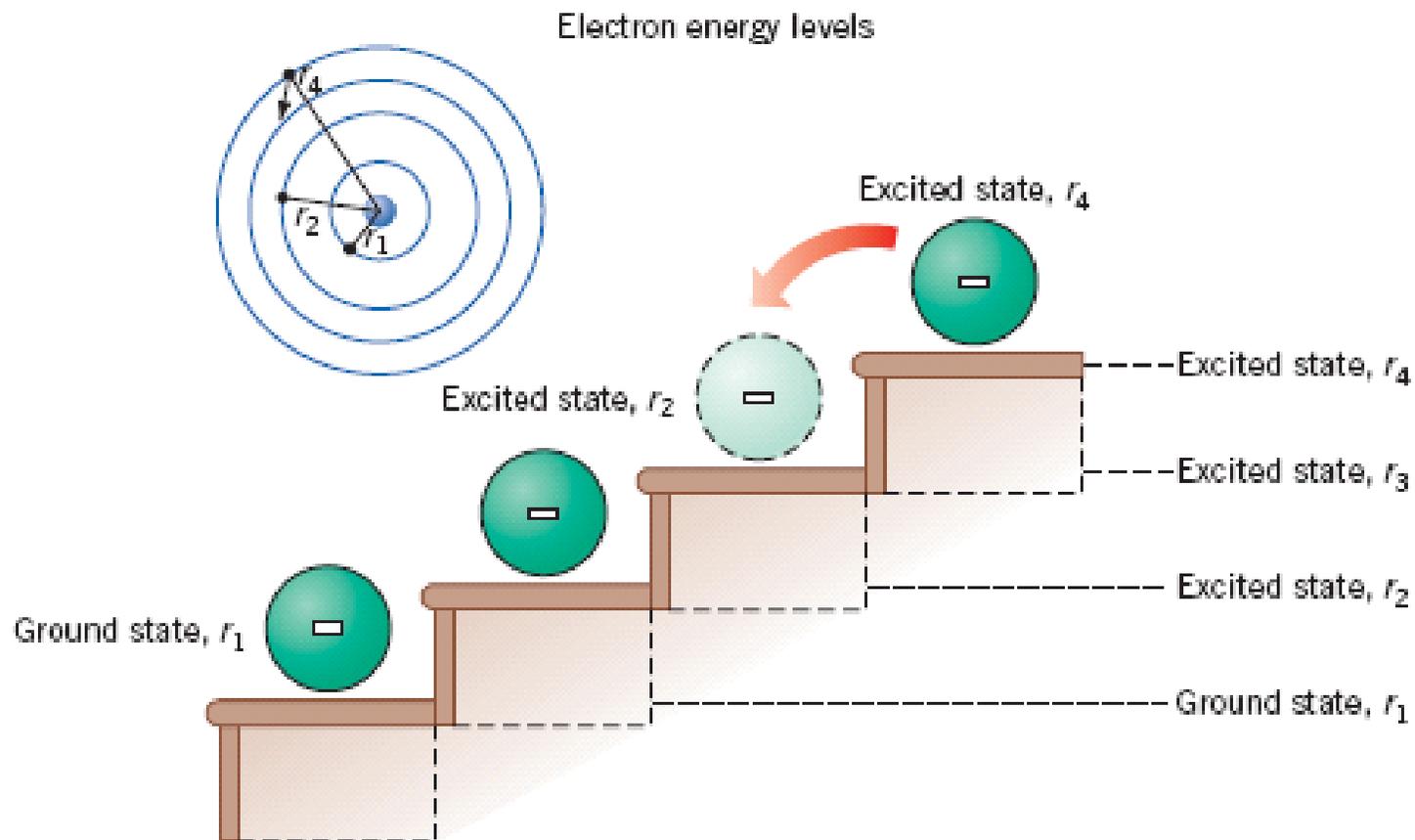
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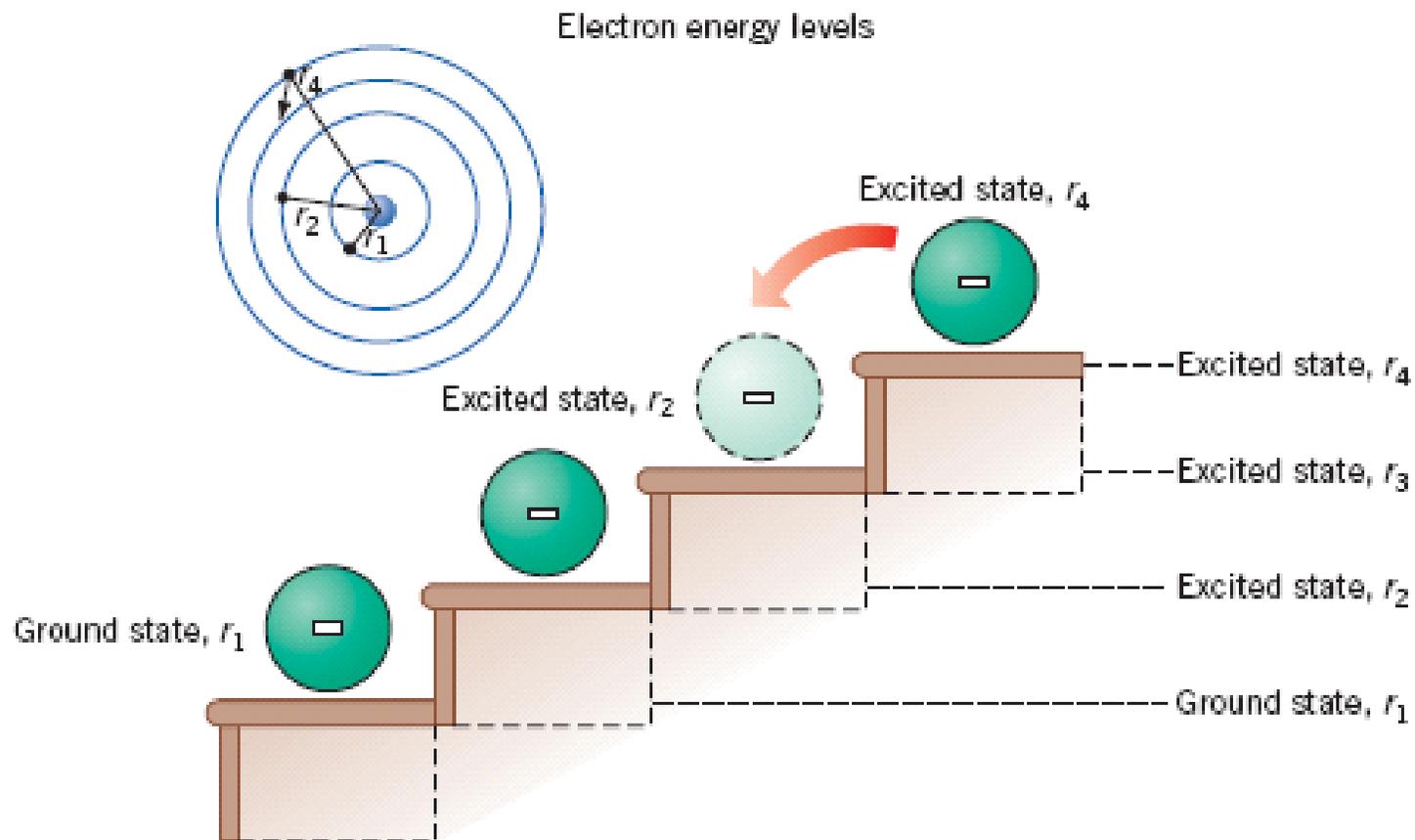
# Quantum Mechanics

- **At the scale of atoms, everything comes in “quanta” (bundles).**
- **At the scale of atoms, you can't measure a property without changing the object that you are trying to measure.**



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# Three Rules of Electrons in Atoms

- 1. Each electron can exist in a number of different states.**
- 2. No two electrons can occupy the same state in one atom.**
- 3. Some combinations of electrons have lower energies than others.**

# Chemical Bonding

**Key Idea: Atoms link together by the rearrangement of their electrons**

1. “Magic” numbers of electrons (i.e. 2, 10, 18, or 36) form very stable atoms.

Schroedinger's wave equation

$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi + V \Psi = i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi$$

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- 3. The result is ionic, metallic, or covalent bonds.**

# Ionic Bonding

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Atomic mass

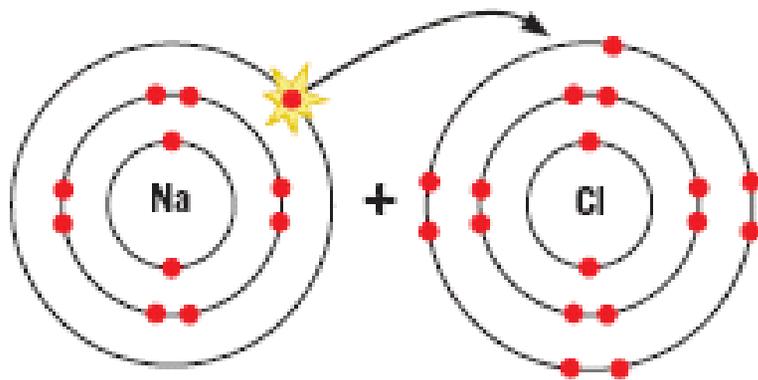
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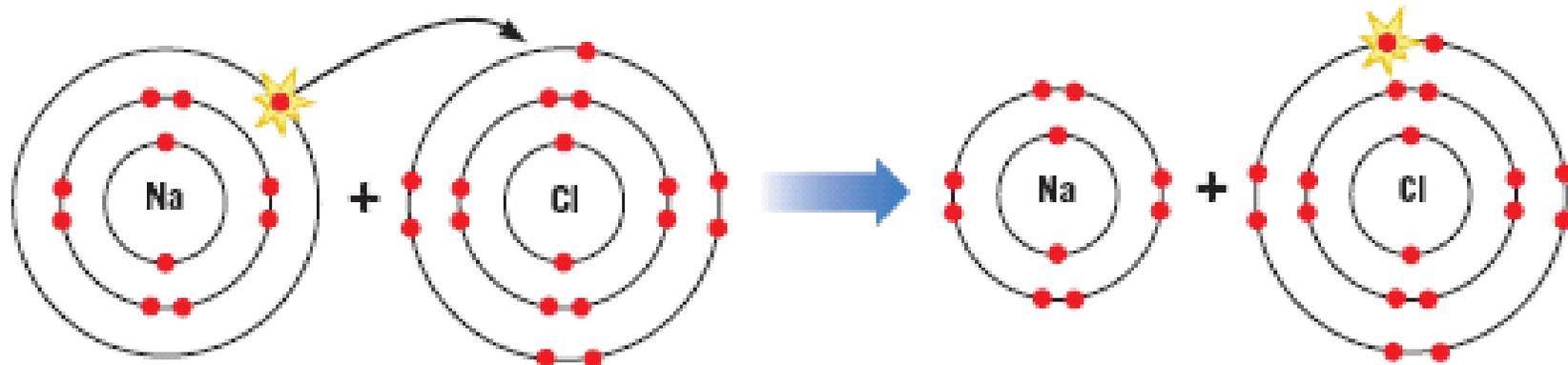
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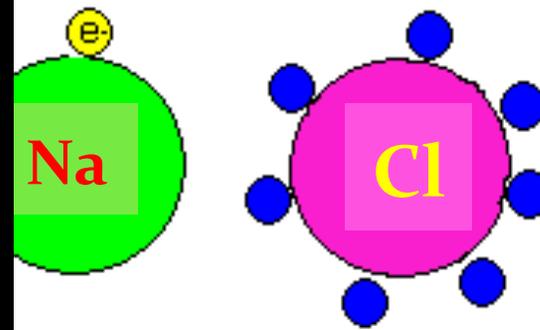
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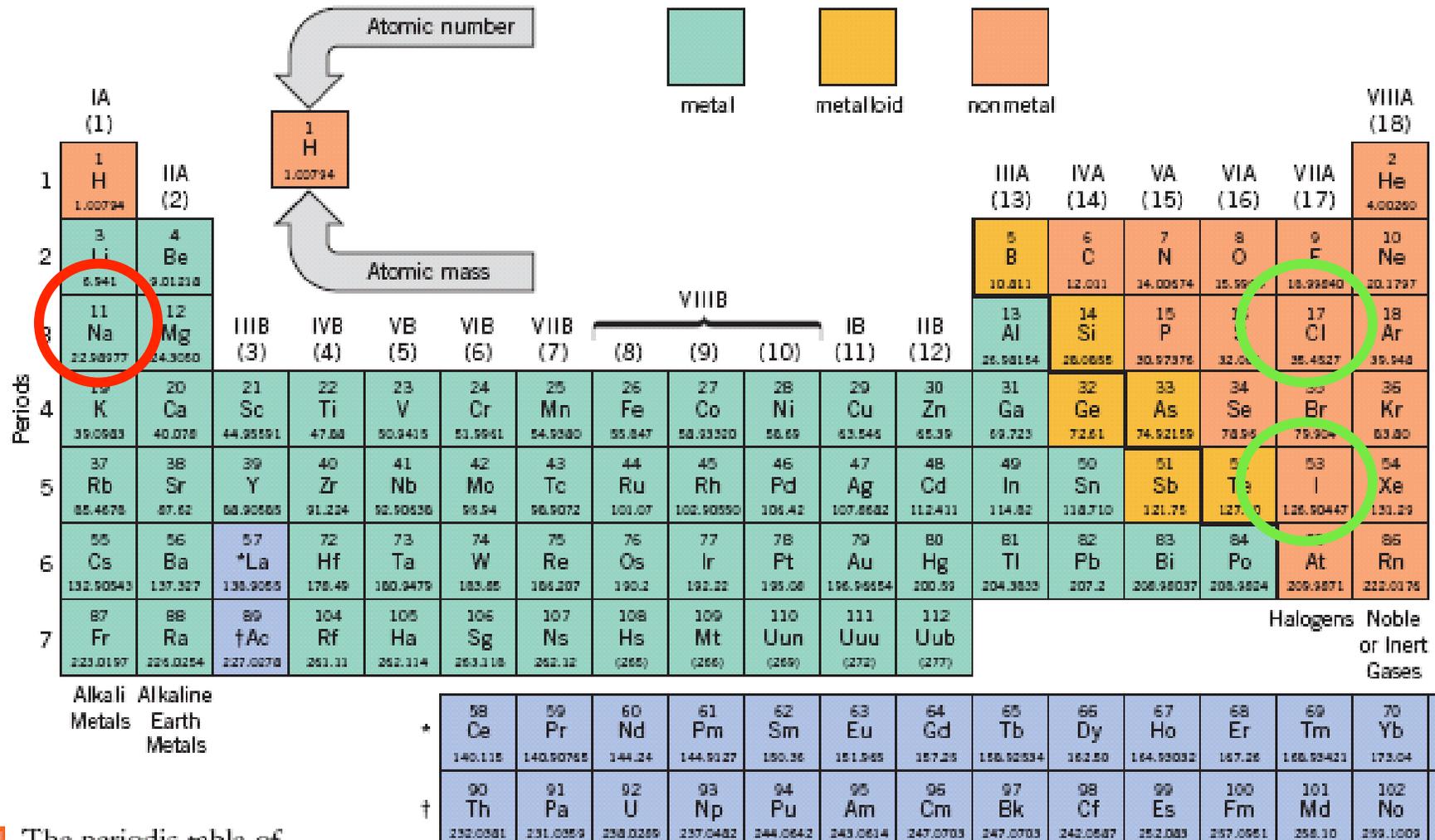
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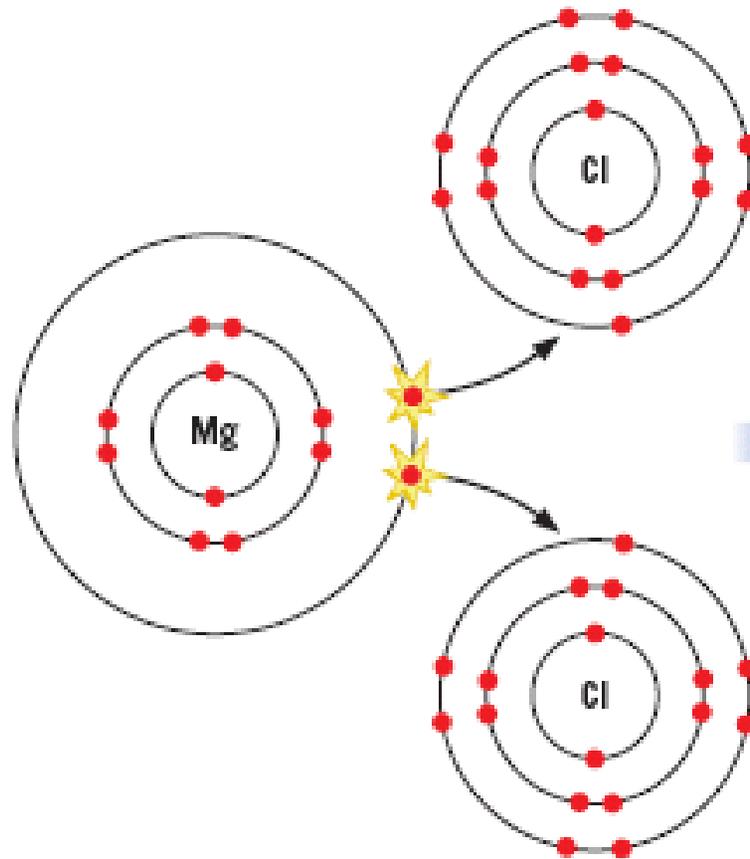
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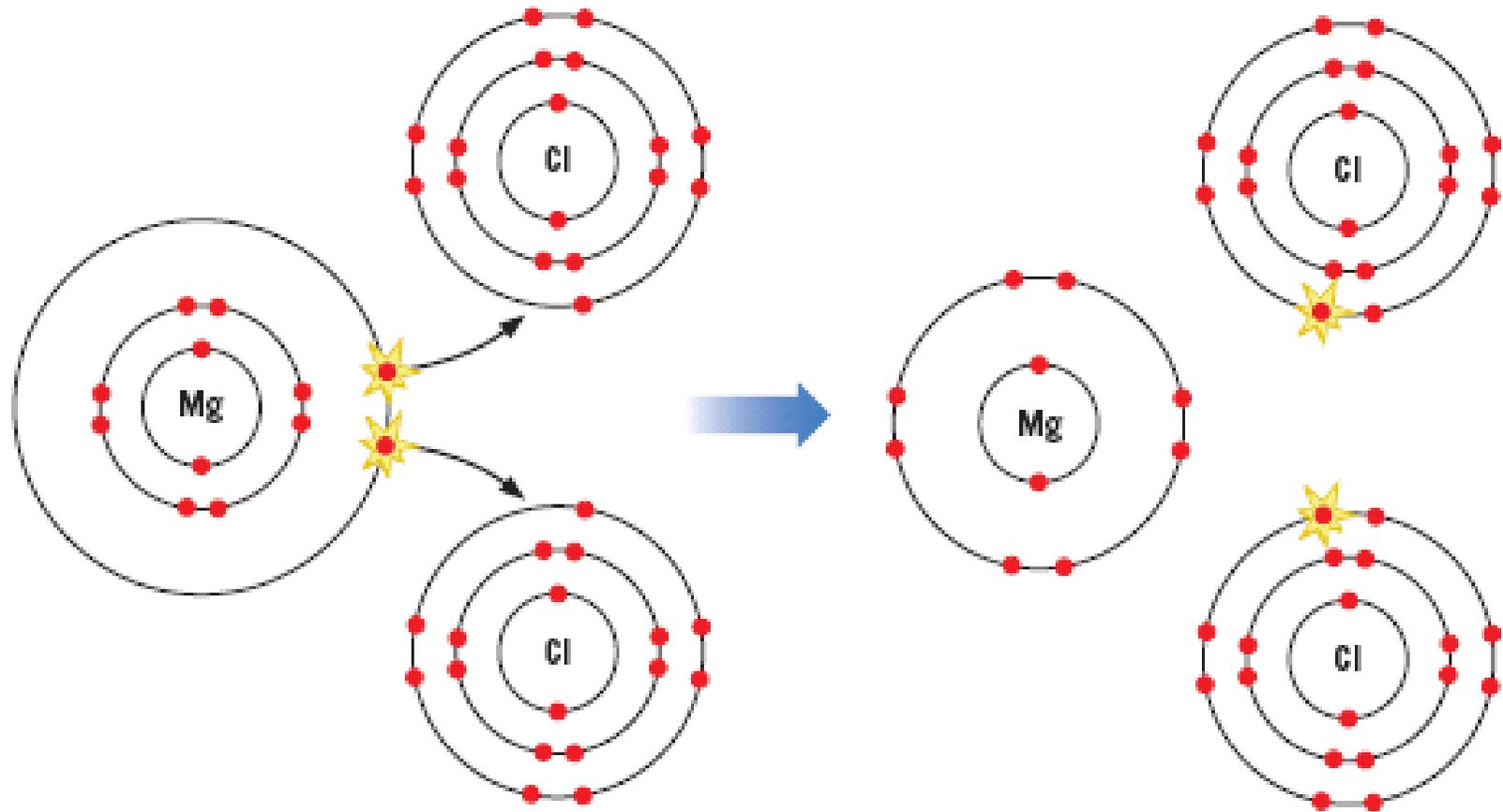
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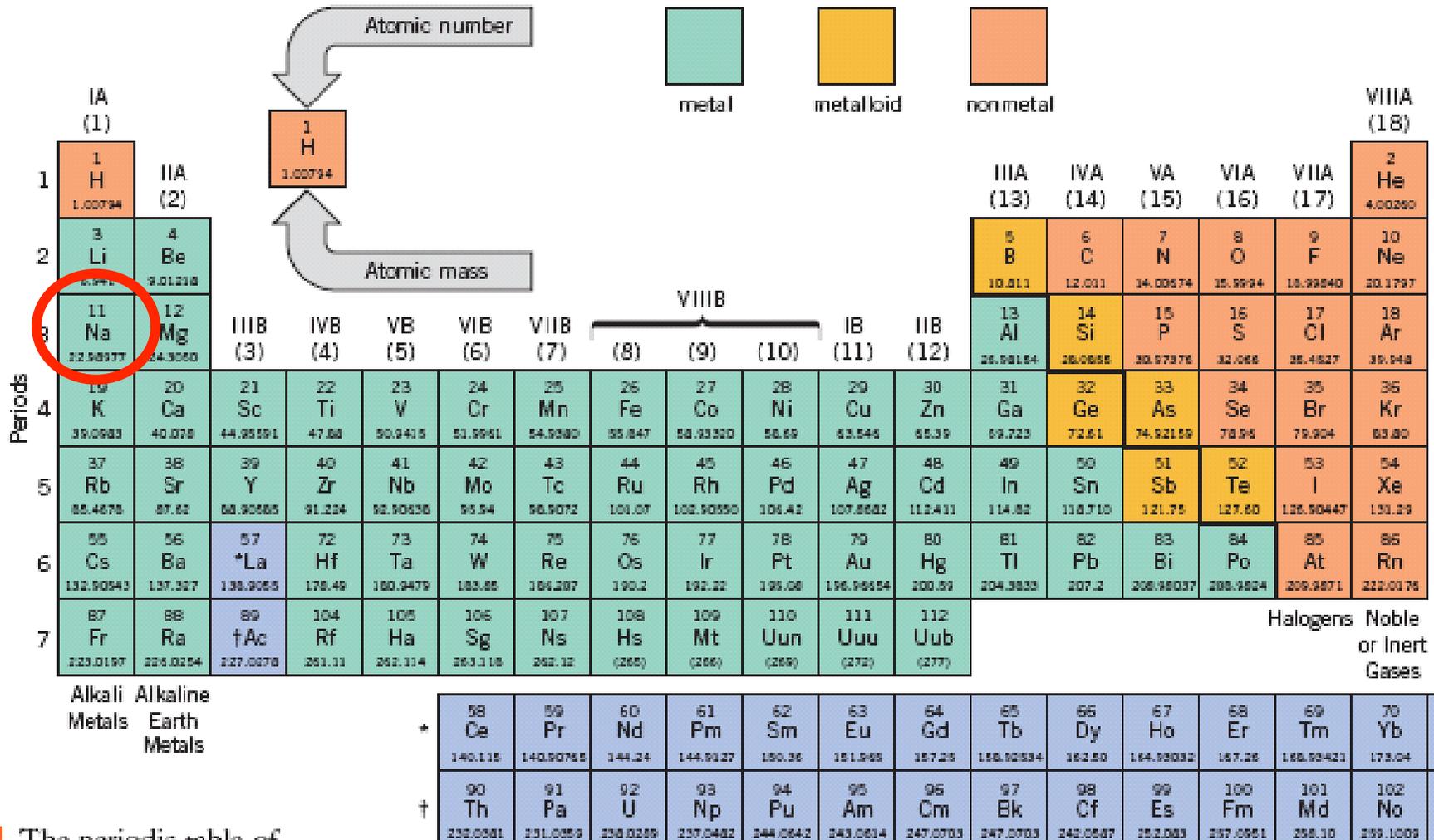
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Two properties of materials with ionic bonds:

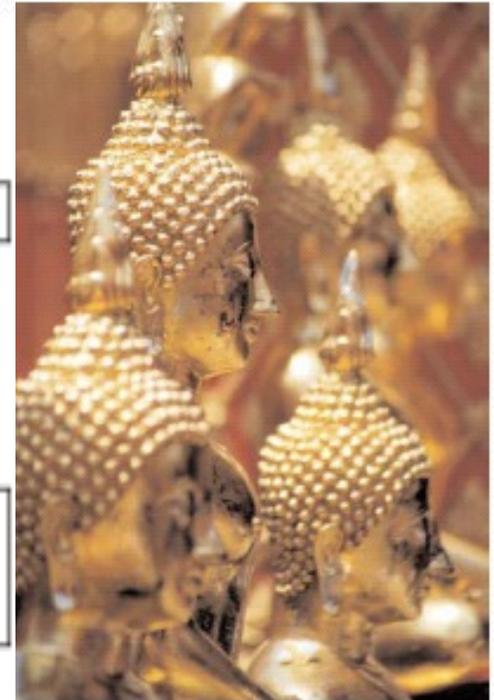
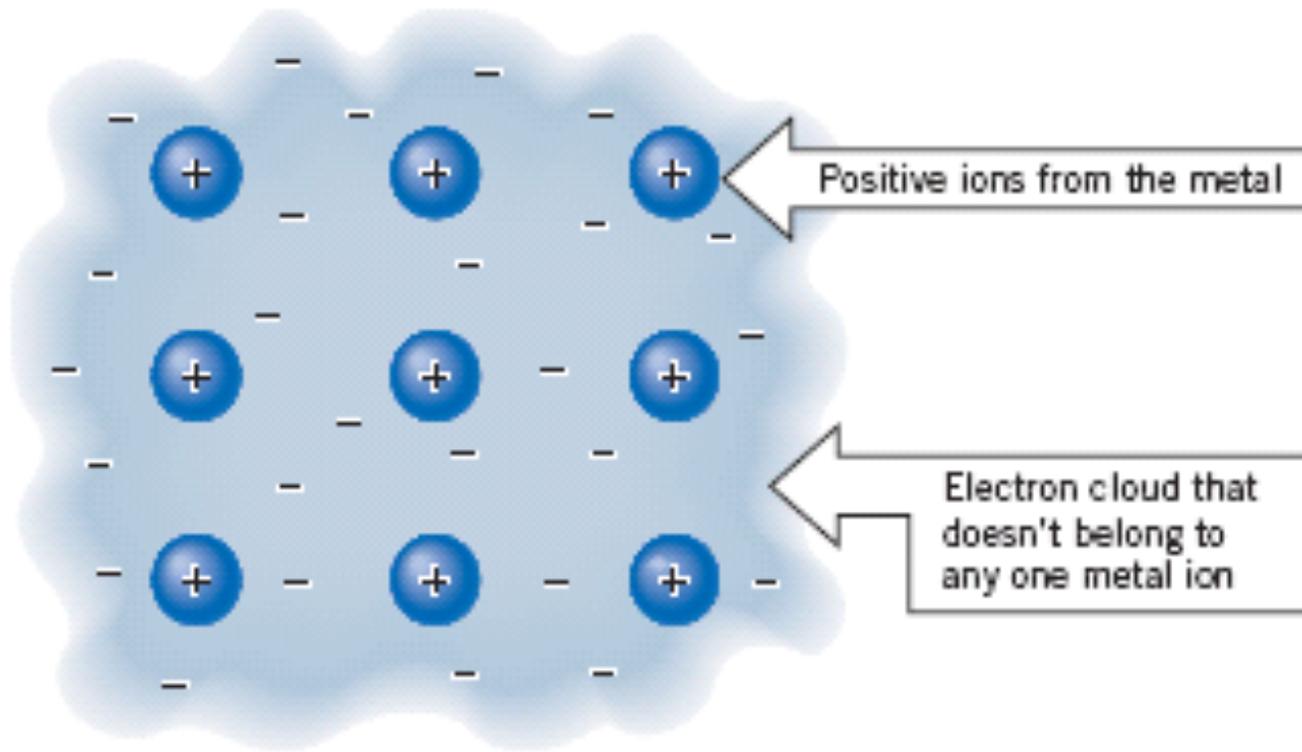
1. Insulates electricity (electrons don't move)
2. Tough but brittle

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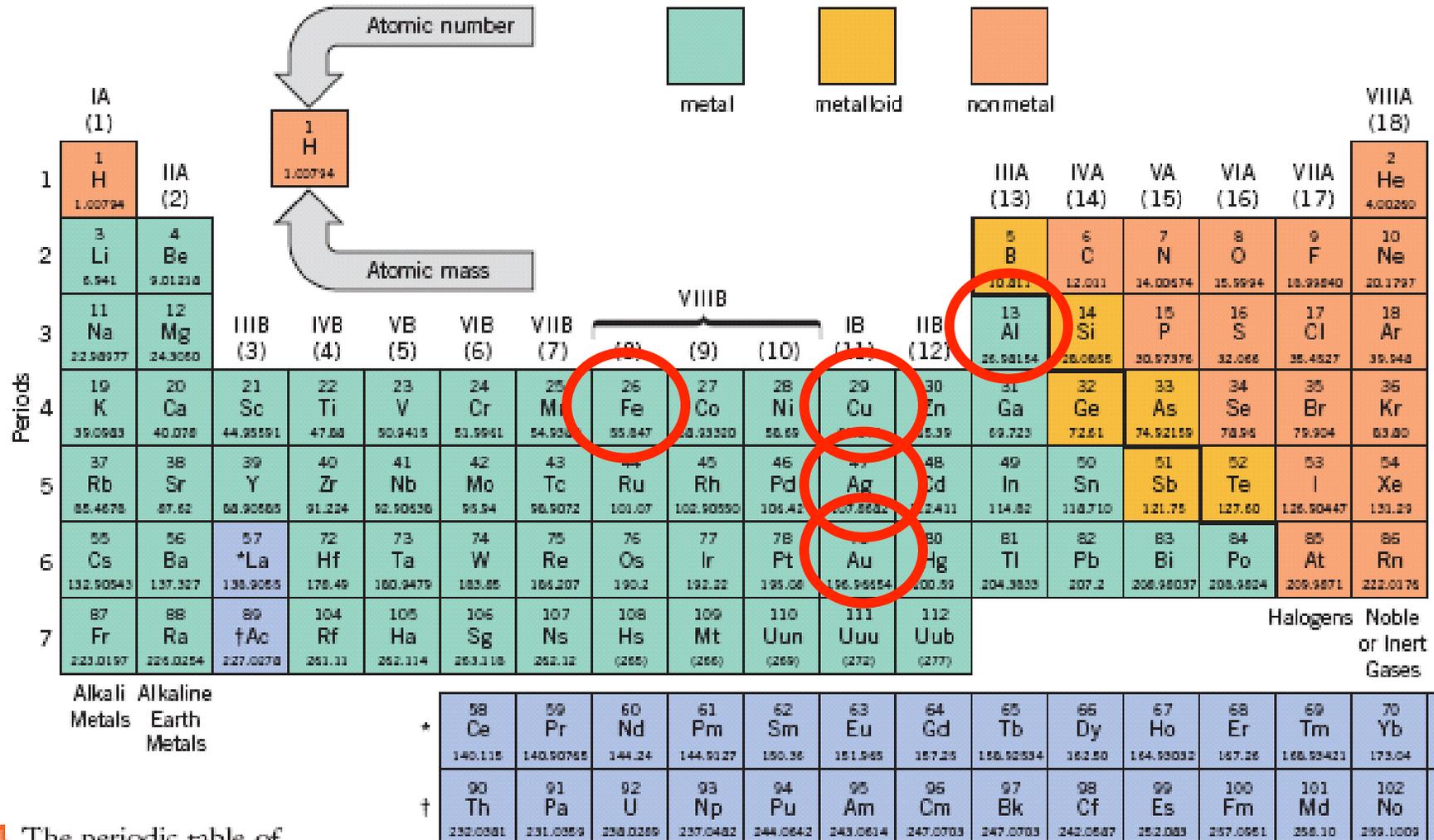


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Three properties of materials

With metallic bonds:

1. Conducts electricity  
(electrons free to move)
2. Malleable.
3. Shiny

# Covalent Bonding

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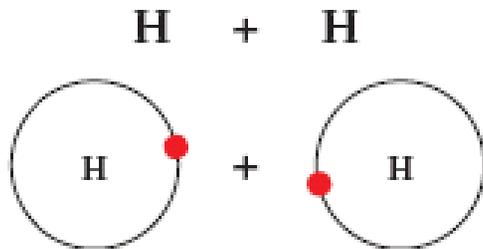
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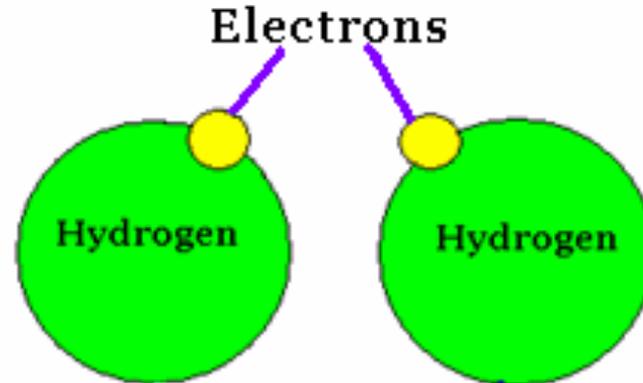
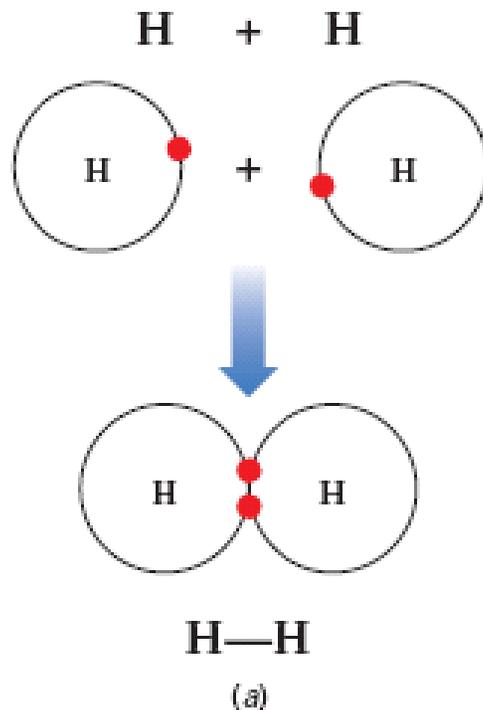
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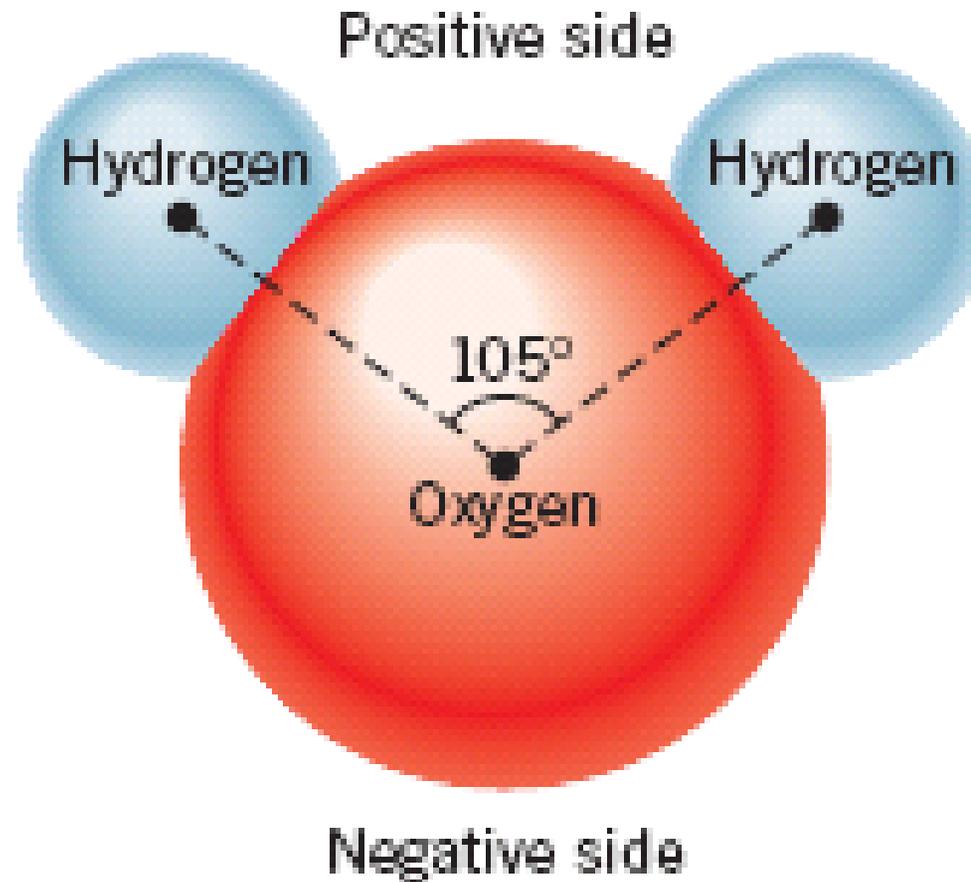
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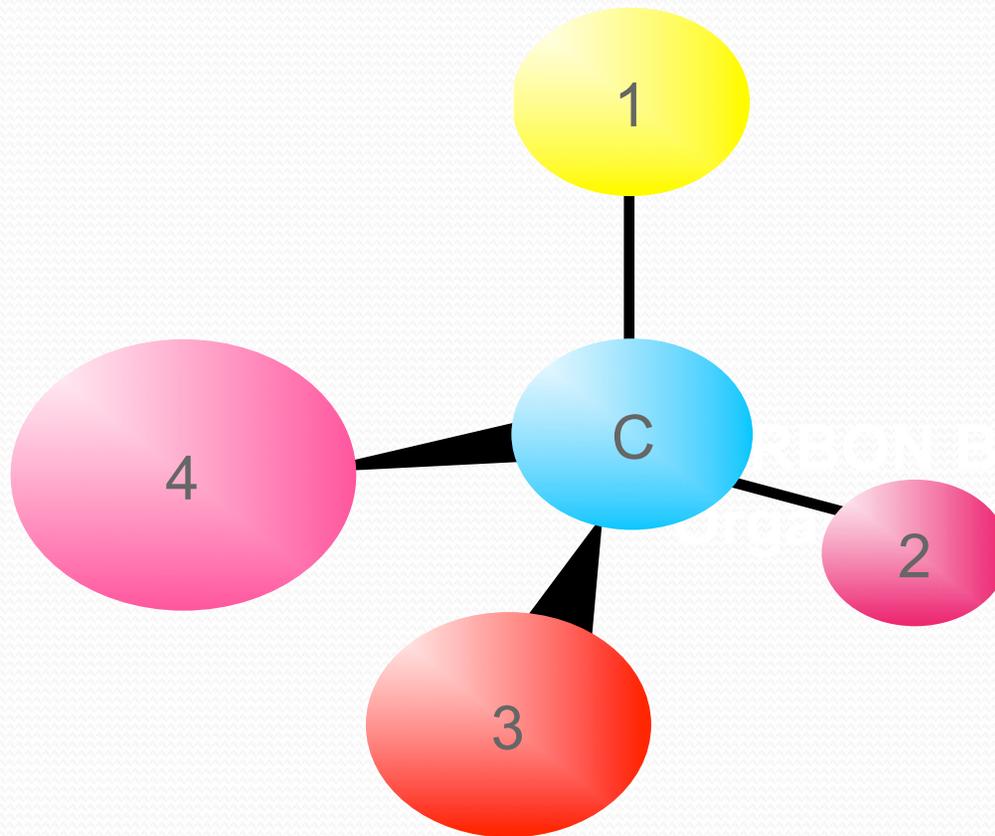
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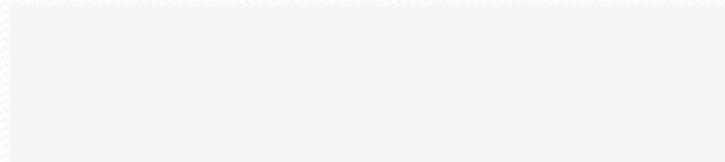
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	Alkali Metals	Alkaline Earth Metals																	
			†	58 Ce 140.116	59 Pr 140.90768	60 Nd 144.24	61 Pm 144.9127	62 Sm 150.36	63 Eu 151.965	64 Gd 157.25	65 Tb 158.92534	66 Dy 162.50	67 Ho 164.93032	68 Er 167.26	69 Tm 168.93421	70 Yb 173.04	71 Lu 174.967		
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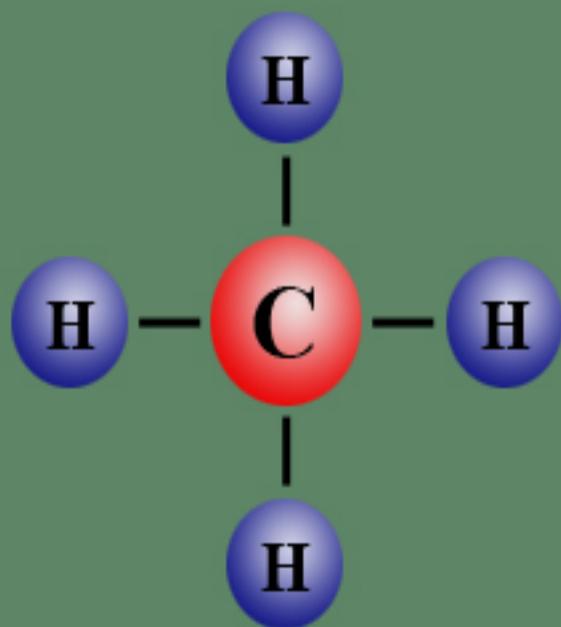
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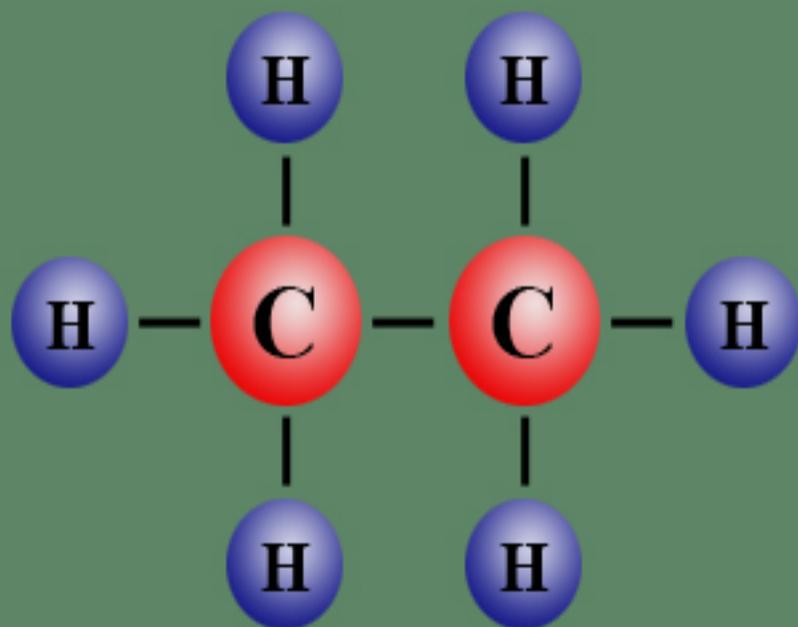
CARBON BONDING  
Single Bonding



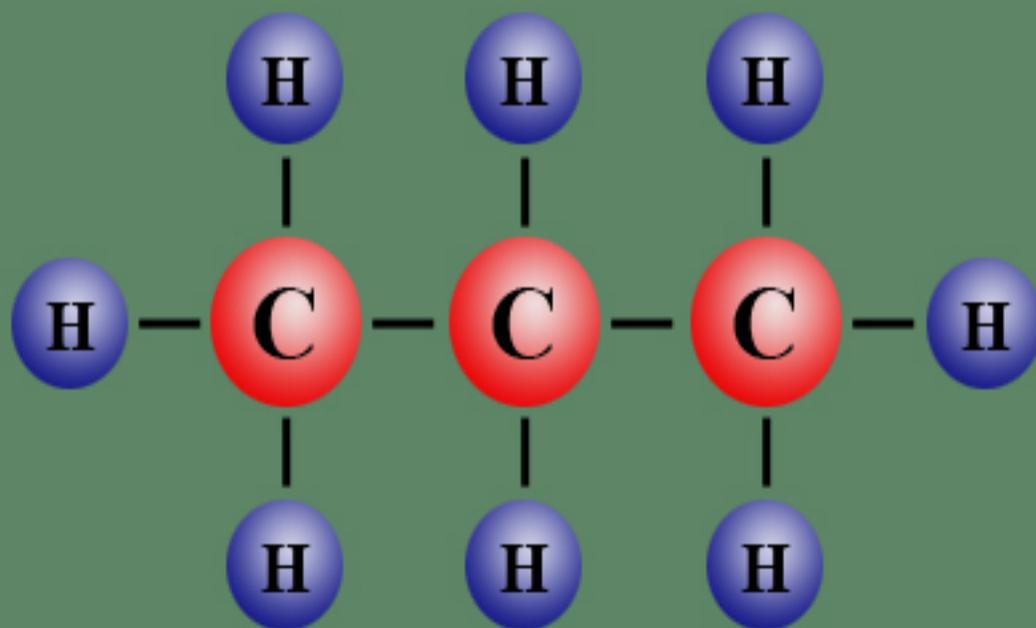
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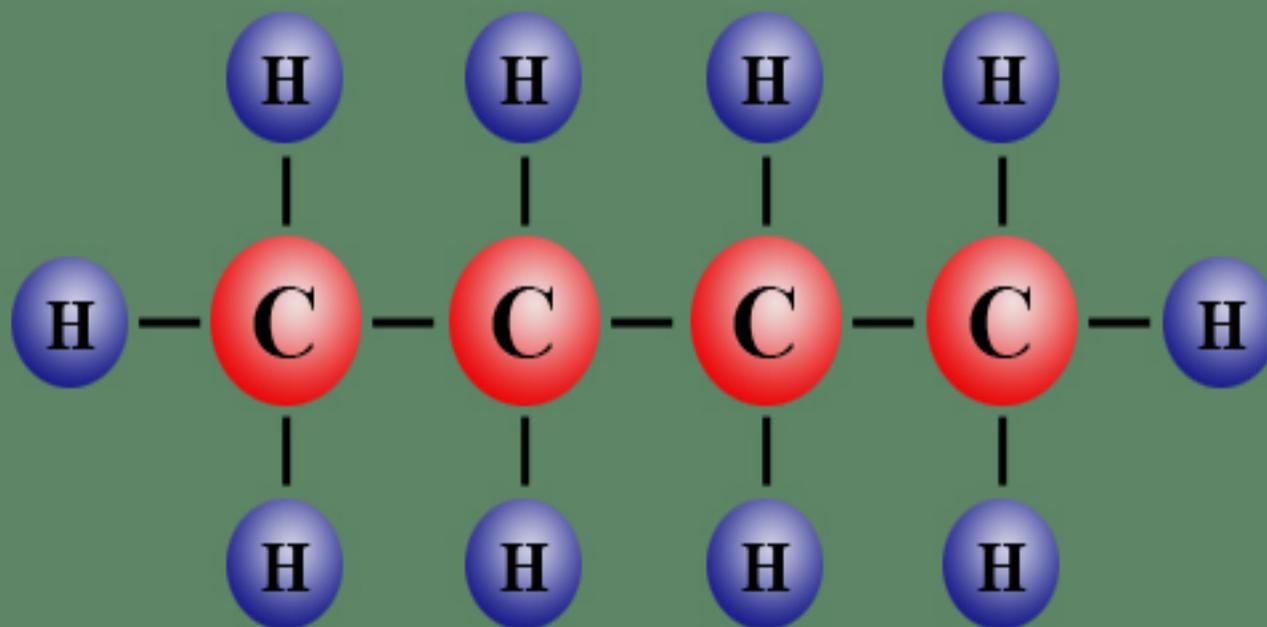
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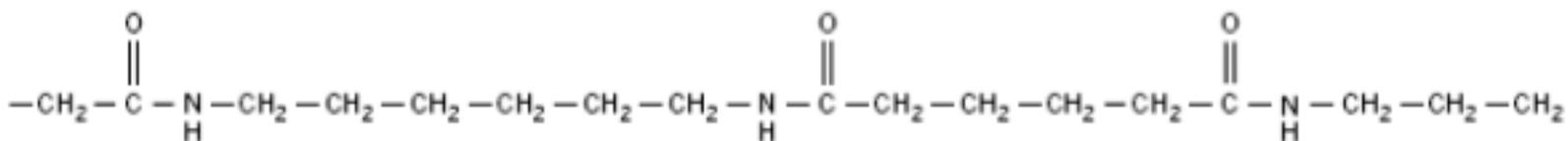
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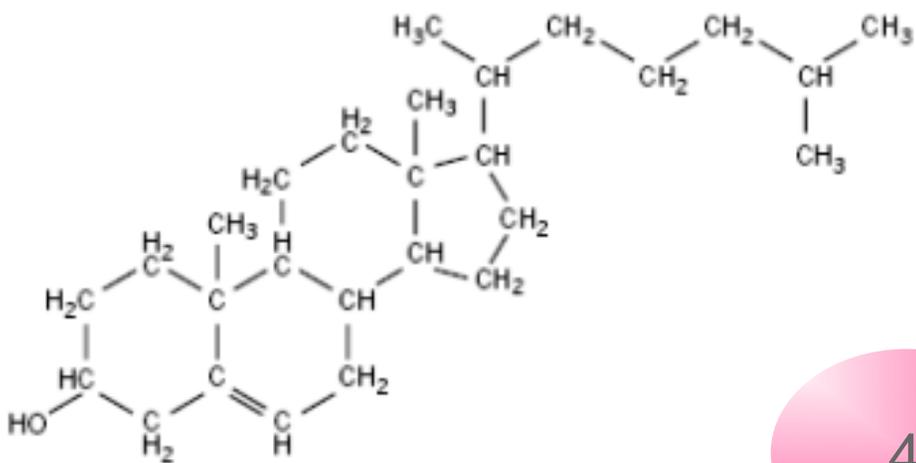
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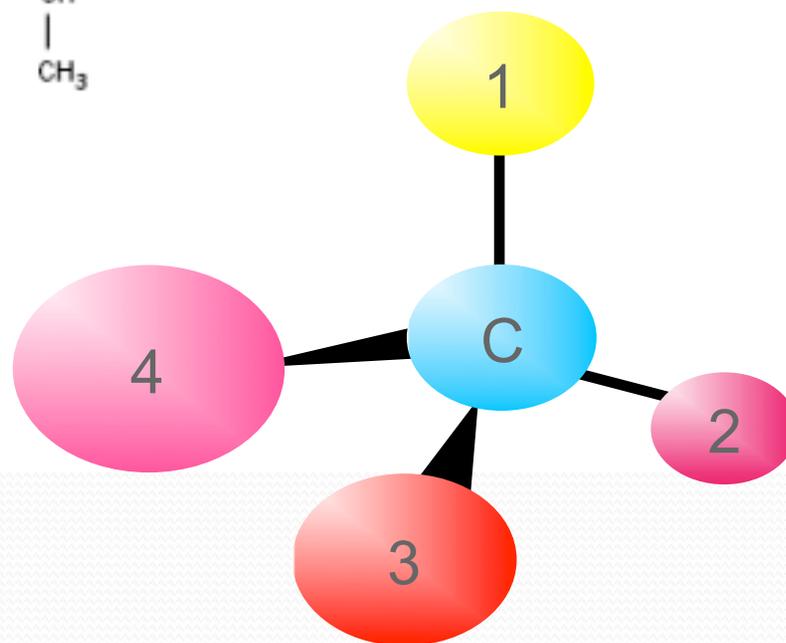
# Covalent Bonding: Carbon



(a)



(b)

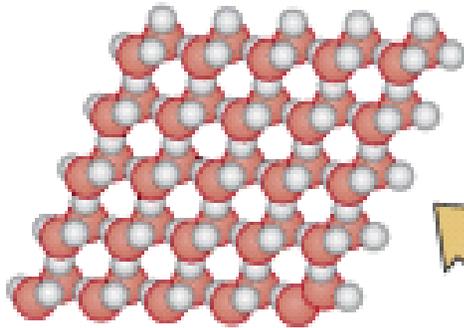


# **Properties of Materials**

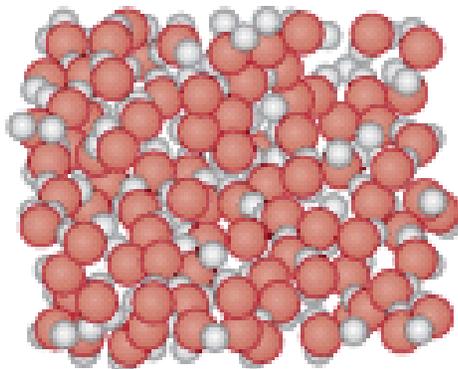
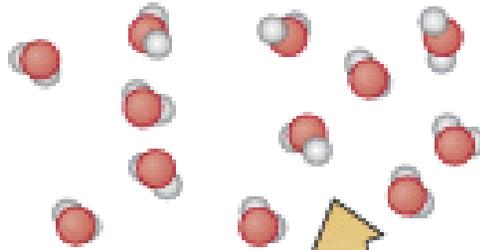
**The properties of material arise from the kinds of atoms and how they are bonded together.**

# States of Matter

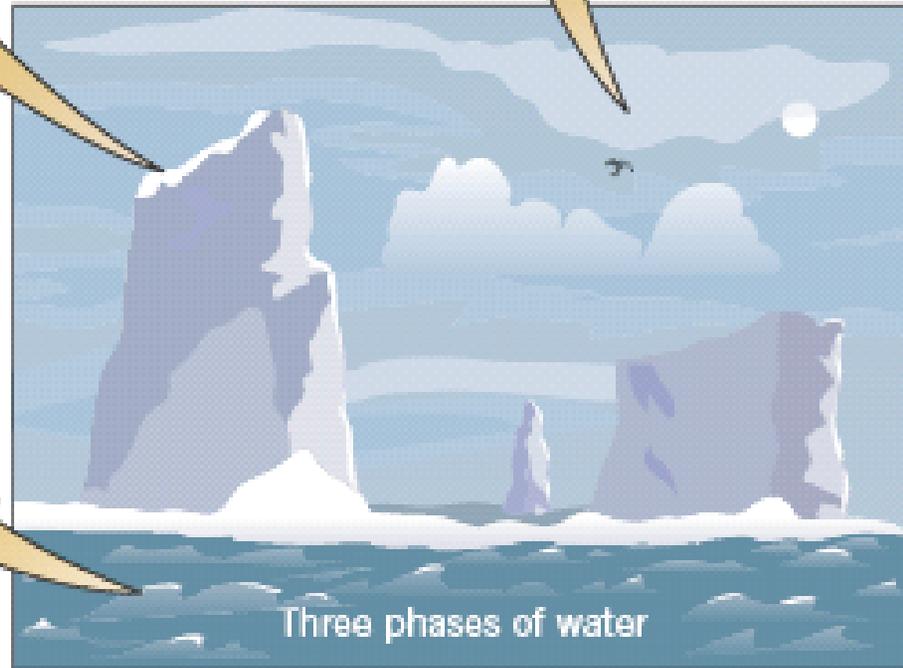
Solid, molecules stay rigidly in place



Gas, molecules widely spaced apart



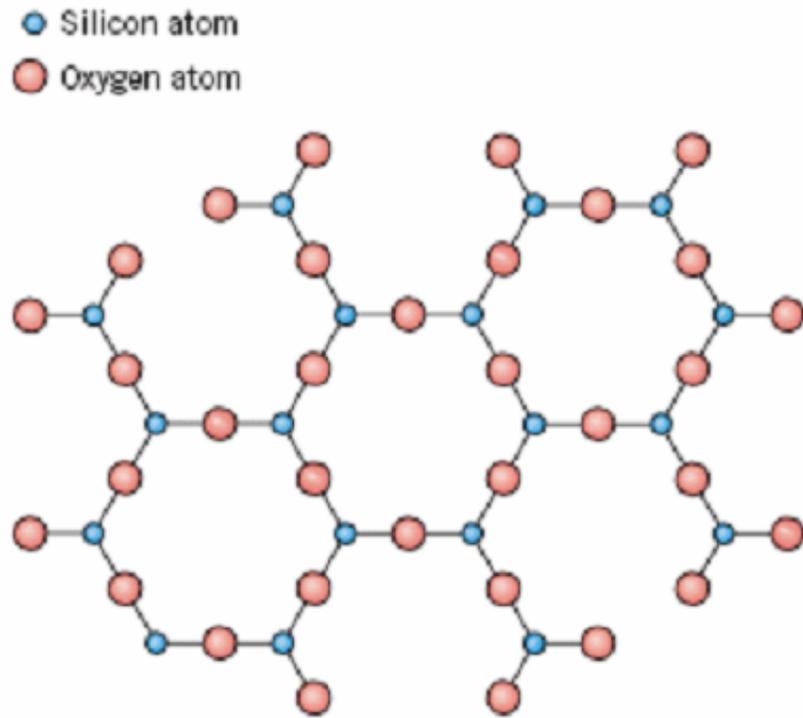
Liquid, molecules slide past one another



Three phases of water

# SOLIDS

(fixed volume and shape)



(a)



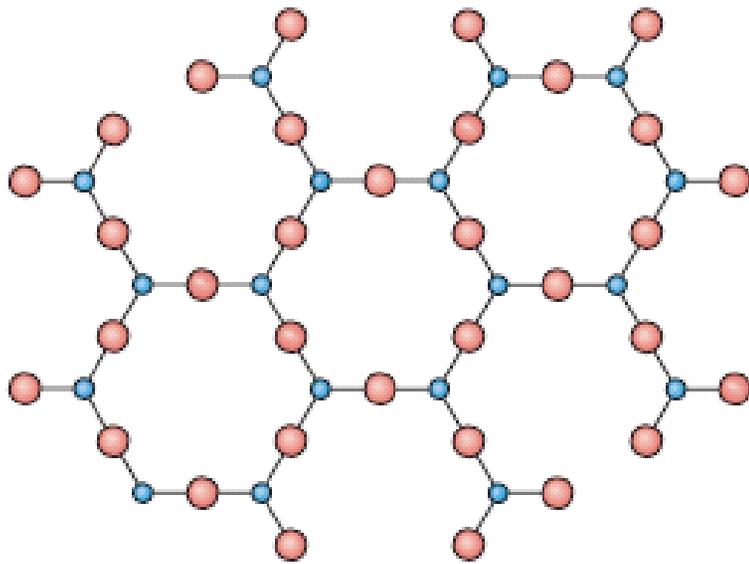
**Crystal – regular atomic arrangement**

# SOLIDS

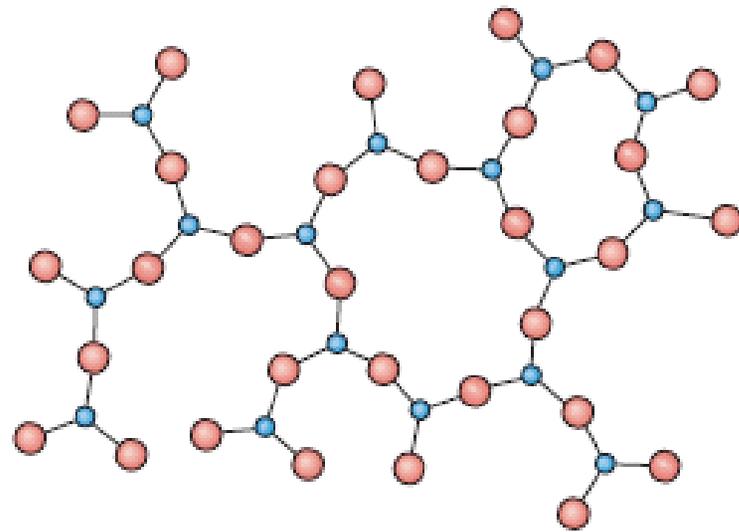
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● Silicon atom

● Oxygen atom



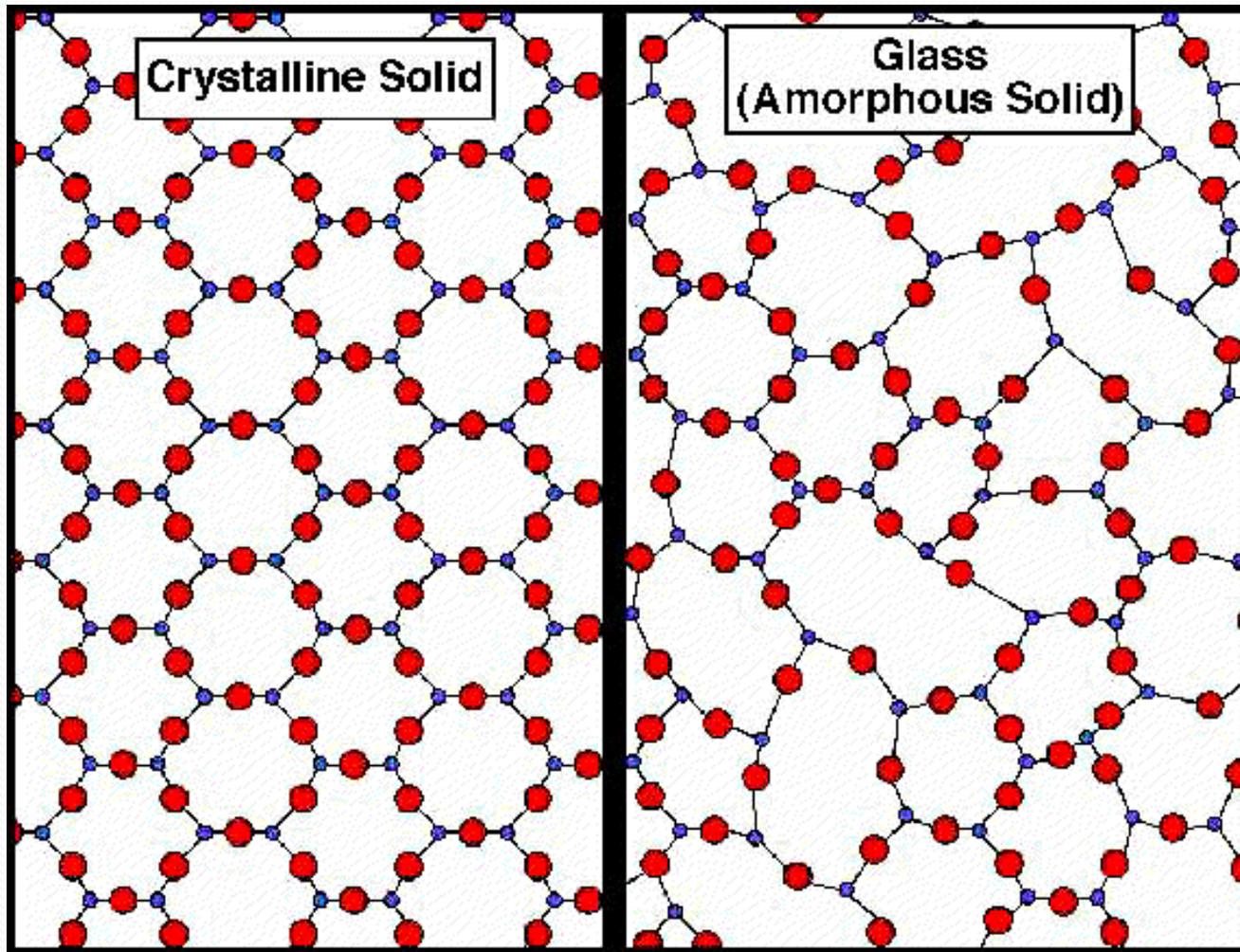
(a)



(b)

**Glass: Atoms not periodic**

# Glass vs. Crystal Structure





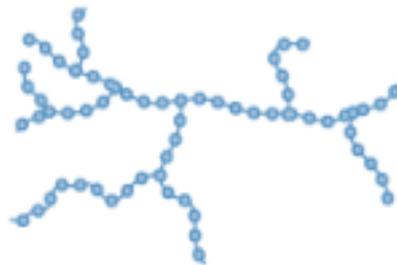
# Plastic Recycling

**Table 10-1** Recycling Plastic

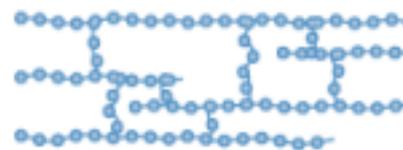
No.	Name	Principal Uses
1	PET	The most common recycled plastic, used for food and beverage containers
2	HDPE	Rigid, narrow-neck containers for detergent and milk; grocery bags
3	PVC	Plastic pipe, outdoor furniture, sturdy containers
4	LDPE	Trash and produce bags, food storage containers
5	PP	Aerosol caps, drinking straws
6	PS	Packing peanuts, cups, and plastic tableware



(a) Linear polymer



(b) Branched polymer



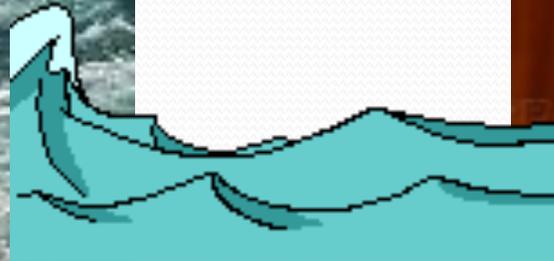
(c) Cross-linked polymer

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# LIQUIDS

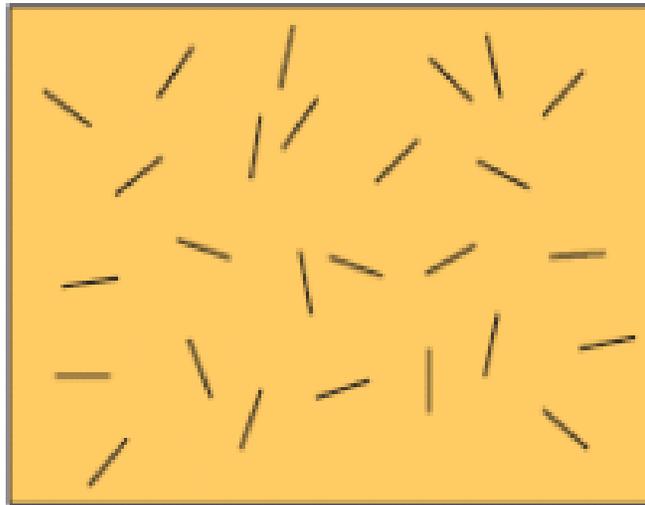
(fixed volume, variable shape)



# LIQUIDS

(fixed volume, variable shape)

**Liquid Crystals: Molecules line up under an electric field**



(a)

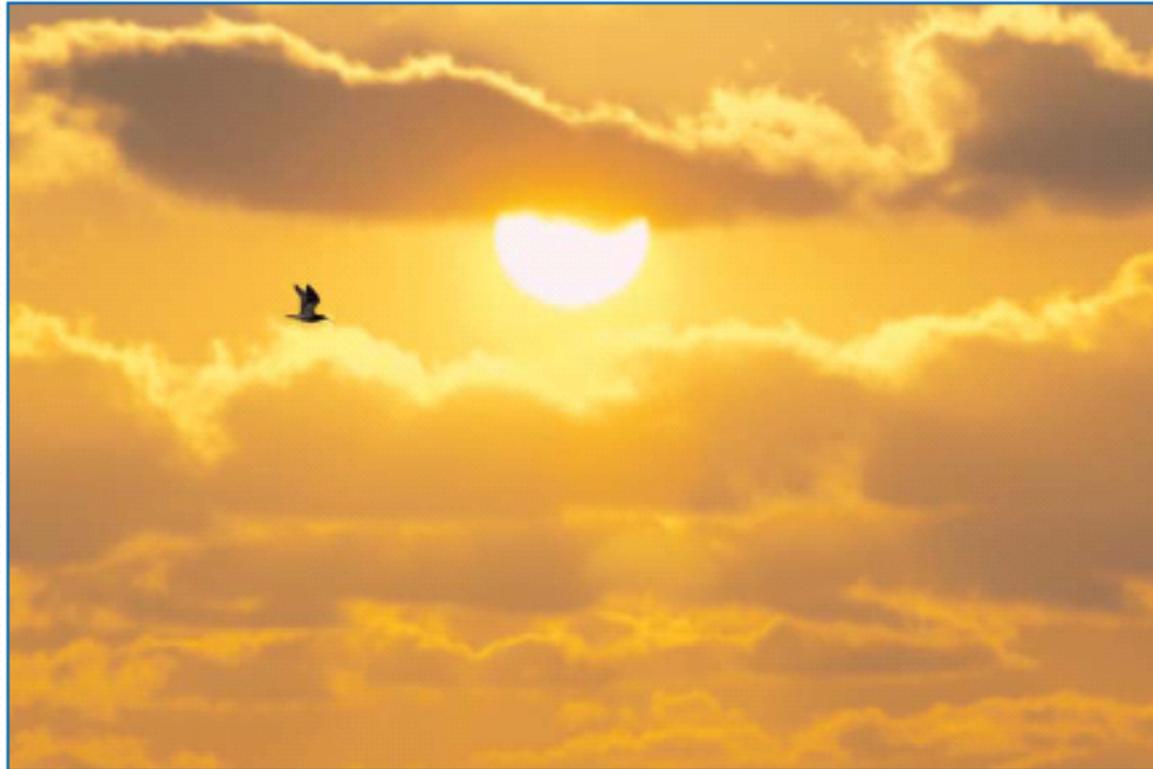
# **GAS**

**(variable volume and shape)**



# PLASMA

(Gas with free electrons)



**By far the most abundant state of matter in the universe!!!**

# Tensile Strength: (Strength against pulling)—1D

- Wire
- Rope
- Chains



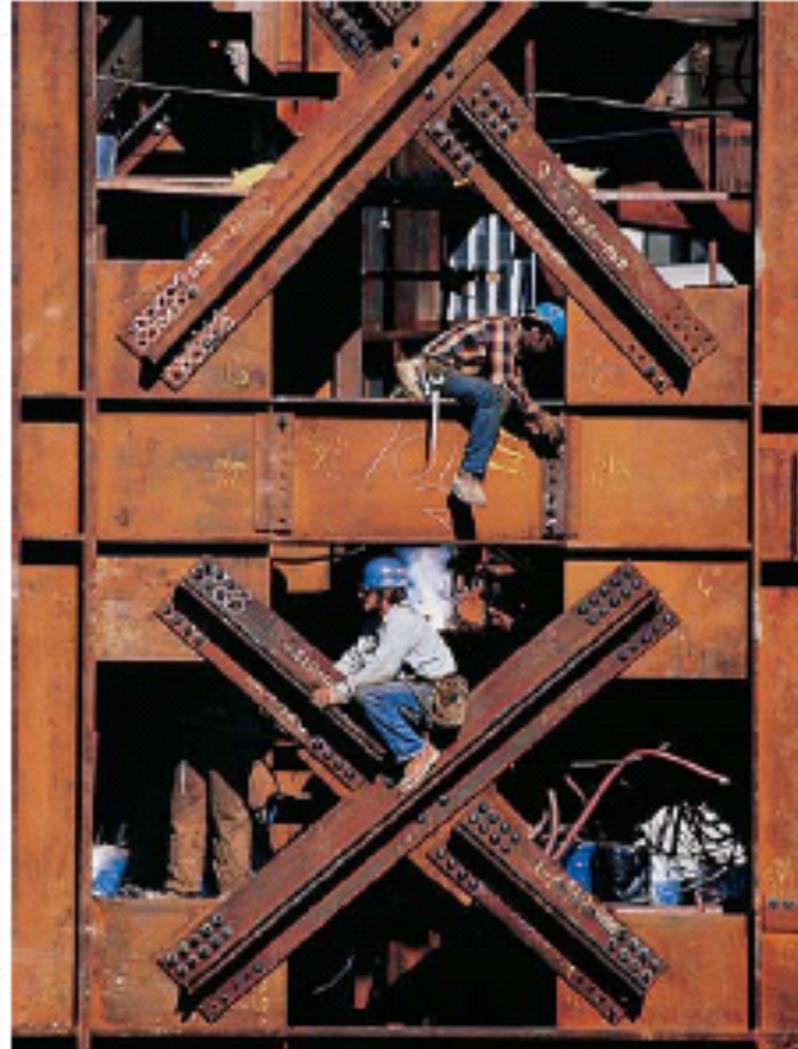
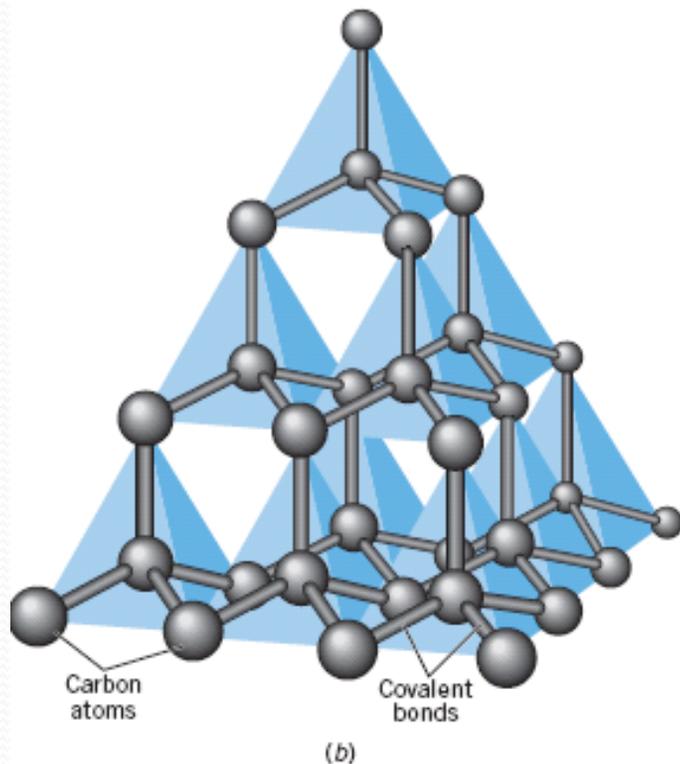
# Compressive Strength: (Strength against squeezing)—2D

- Stack of paper
- Masonry
- Wood



# Shear Strength: (Strength against twisting)-3D

- Girder network
- Diamond



# **Organizational Principles of the Cosmos**

- **Forces**
- **Matter**
- **Energy**
- **Evolution**
- **We're all trying to understand why the cosmos is the way it is.**