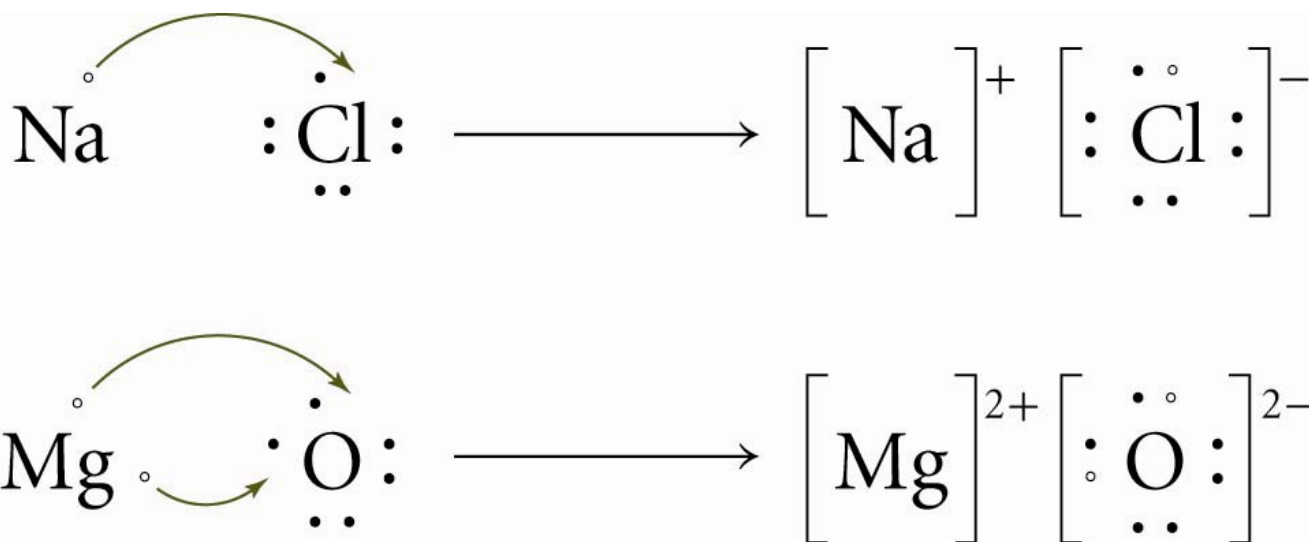


Electron Dot Diagrams:  
Formation of Ionic Compounds

When metal atoms such as sodium and magnesium lose electrons, they have no valence electrons remaining. Therefore, there are no dots around the symbol for the metal ion.