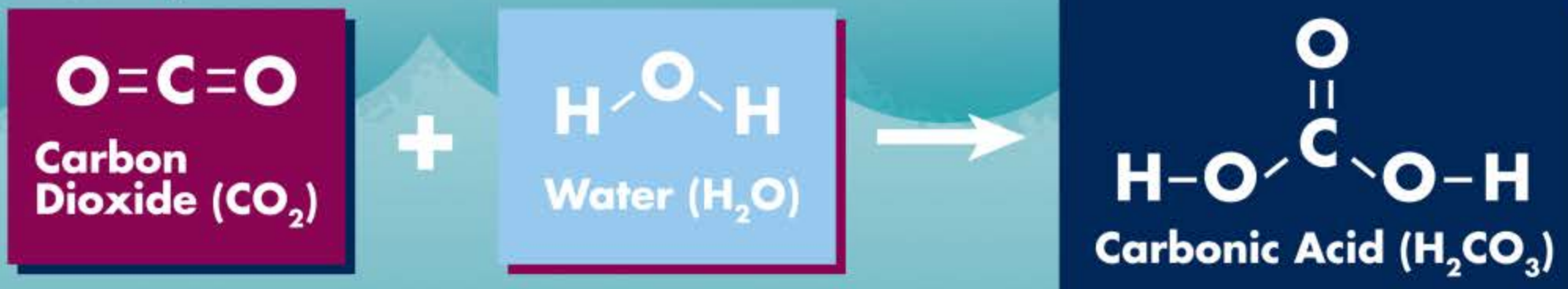
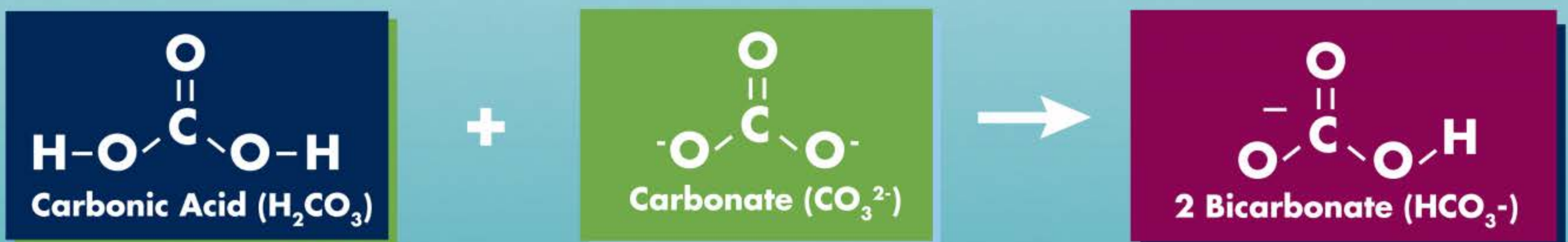


Oceans absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, creating carbonic acid in the waters.



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Carbonic acid "steals" carbonate needed by some marine organisms for their shells.



coral

clams

urchins

mussels

The shells of some marine organisms are made up of calcium carbonate ($CaCO_3$).

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