

## Chapter 10 Molecular Geometry and Chemical Bonding Theory

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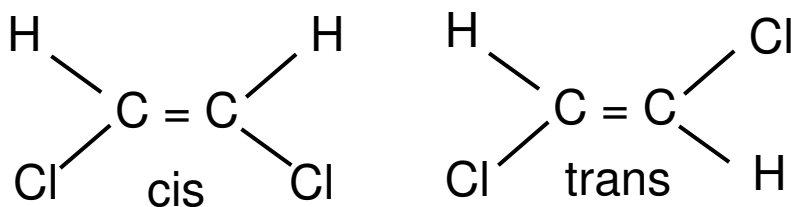
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Total Electron Pair	Shape	Example
2	Linear	BeF <sub>2</sub>
3	Trigonal Planar	BF <sub>3</sub>
	Tragonal Planar Bent	SO <sub>2</sub> [ Sulfur has one lone pair of electrons ]
4	Tetrahedral	CH <sub>4</sub>
	Trigonal Pyramidal	NH <sub>3</sub> [ Nitrogen has one lone pair of electrons ]
	Tetrahedral Bent	H <sub>2</sub> O [ Oxygen has 2 lone pair of electrons ]

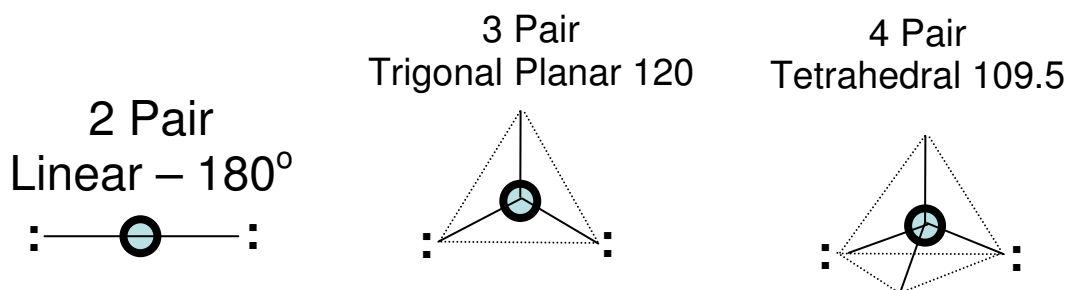
**Boron Trifluoride**, BF<sub>3</sub> is flat planar with 120° angle between the bonds

**Phosphorous Trifluoride**, PF<sub>3</sub> Tetrahedral, 3 Fluorine bonds and one electron lone pair, the P-F bonds are 96°.

Structures tell more than molecular formulae. Look at the difference between cis and trans di-chloroethane  
Cis has a bp of 60 °C and trans 48 °C.



**Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion (VSEPR) Model** predicts the shapes of molecules and ions by assuming that the valence shell electron pairs are arranged about each atom so that electron pairs are kept as far away from one another as possible, thus minimizing electron-pair repulsions.



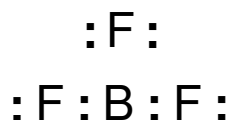
See also the Trigonal Bipyramidal [ 5 bonds ] and Octahedral [ 6 bonds ].

To determine the geometry, locate the direction in space of the bonding pair of electrons.

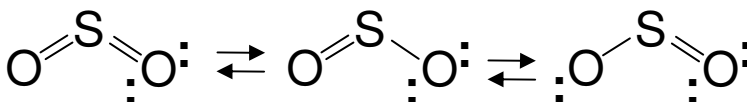
**Two Electron Pair:**  $\text{BeF}_2$        $\begin{array}{c} \cdot\cdot \\ \text{: F : Be : F :} \\ \cdot\cdot \end{array}$       This is a linear arrangement

$\text{CO}_2$        $\begin{array}{c} \text{: O :: C :: O :} \\ \cdot\cdot \end{array}$       -or-       $\text{O} = \text{C} = \text{O}$

**Three Electron Pair**       $\text{BF}_3$       Trigonal Planar –  $120^\circ$  between bonds



Error on above pic, F should have 8 electrons around it!



**Sulfur Dioxide**       $\text{SO}_2$

With 3 atoms, you can only arrange it as Trigonal Planer

#### Four Electron Pair

$\text{CH}_4$       Tetrahederal

$\text{NH}_3$       Trigonal Pyramidal, sort of Tetrahedral, the nitrogen lone pair pushes the H down

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$       Bent

#### Steps to predict the Geometry by the VSEPR Model

1. Write the electron dot formula
2. Determine the number of electron pair, include bonding and non-bonding pair
3. Determine the arrangement of electrons per Fig 10.2 p 374 or the table above
4. Obtain the molecular geometry from the directions of the bonding pair.

**Example 10.1** Predict the geometry of the following:       $\text{BeCl}_2$        $\text{NO}_2^-$        $\text{SiCl}_4$   
See page 379 for the answer

$\text{Cl} : \text{Be} : \text{Cl}$       Linear

$[\text{O} - \overset{\cdot\cdot}{\text{N}} = \text{O}]^-$       Has resonance of double bond. Trigonal Planar Bent

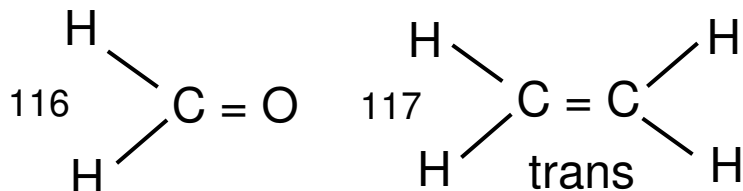
$\text{SiCl}_4$  is like Carbon      Tetrahedral

## Bond Angles and Lone Electron Pair

A lone pair tends to require more space than a corresponding bonding pair: See pg 380

CH <sub>4</sub>	109.5°	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	110° between H
NH <sub>3</sub>	107° between H	H <sub>2</sub> O	105° between H

## Bond Angles with C-C double bonds



## Central Atom with 5 or 6 Valence Shell Electrons

## Examples BSOC

5	Trigonal Bipyramidal
6	Octahedral

**Left and Right handed Molecules.** Carbon molecules that have 4 different groups on a central Carbon atom are optically active and have L & R shapes. This is very important in biochemistry. Build two molecular models of carbon with 4 different groups on it. It's just like your left and right hand are mirror images of each other.

**Dipole Moment** is a quantitative measure of the degree of charge separation in a molecule. Upper right side of the Periodic Table is most electronegative. Example is water – it's a polar molecule

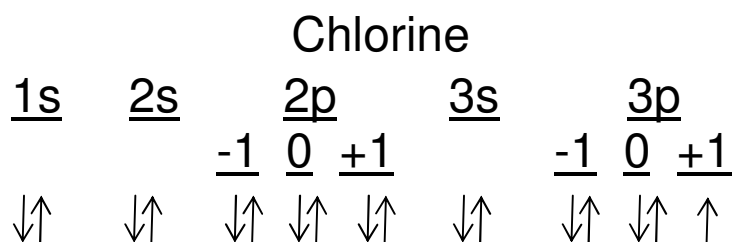
H-Cl	Electronegative Chlorine pulls the electron from hydrogen HCl has a large dipole moment.
NF <sub>3</sub>	with a lone pair has a small dipole moment.
CO <sub>2</sub>	O = C = O Linear Net Zero Dipole Moment
H <sub>2</sub> O	109° angle for Hydrogen Large Dipole Moment

Formula	Molec Geom	Dipole Moment
AX	Linear	Can be non-zero [ H-Cl ]
AX <sub>2</sub>	Linear	Zero
	Bent	Can be non-zero
AX <sub>3</sub>	Trigonal Planer	Zero
	Trigonal Pyramidal	Can be non-zero
	Trigonal T-Shaped	Can be non-zero
AX <sub>4</sub> – 6	BSOC	

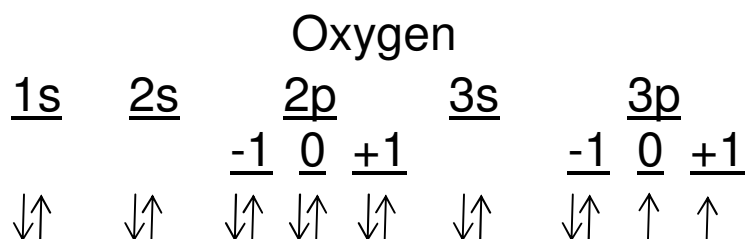
**Cis and Trans DiChloroEthane above.** The Cis, with both Chlorine on the same side has a dipole moment. The Trans does not.

Hybrid Orbitals:

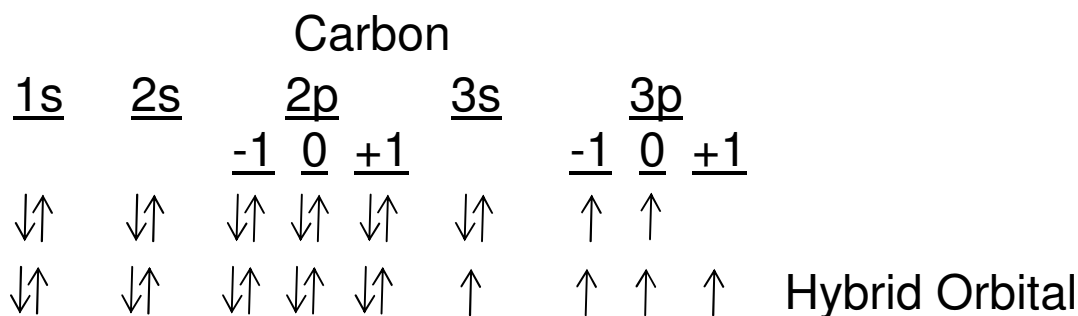
Chloride



Oxygen



Carbon and its **Hybrid Orbital**



**A Hybrid Orbital** describes bonding that is obtained by taking combinations of atomic orbitals of the isolated atoms.

The shapes of the Carbon Orbital actually changes from the expected 3s beach ball shaped and the 3 dumbbell shaped Px, Py, and Pz.

The shape of the hybrid orbitals also changes. It is not the normal round S and 3 figure 8 ps. It forms a tetrahedral – see page 390.

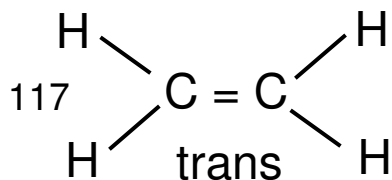
Sp<sup>3</sup> forms 4 bonds Tetrahedral, 109.5 degrees      CH<sub>4</sub>

Sp<sup>2</sup> forms 3 bonds Trigonal Planer, 120 degrees      BF<sub>3</sub> or ethylene

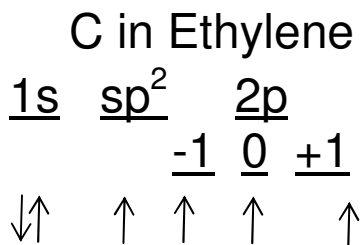
Sp forms 2 bonds Linear, 180 degrees      Be in BeF<sub>2</sub> or acetylene

**H<sub>2</sub>O** Oxygen has 2 lone pair of electrons and 2 bonds. 4 Bonds = Tetrahedral or Sp<sup>3</sup> hybrid instead of a 2s and 2p.

**Multiple Bonds** Ethylene



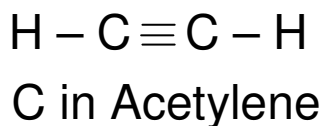
Ethylene has 3 bonding pair. It is hybridized to Sp<sup>2</sup> with a 2p electron available for the double bond.



**Sigma Bond:** The Carbon to Hydrogen bond in ethylene is the cylindrical shaped electron cloud.

**Pi Bond:** is an electron distribution above and below the C-C bond axis.

The triple bond is Acetylene is



**Practice Questions:**

**Review Questions:** All Example Problems in the chapter

**Concept Questions:**

**Practice Problems:**