

EBBING - GAMMON

General  
**Chemistry**

ELEVENTH EDITION

# Molecular Geometry and Chemical Bonding Theory

# 10.1 Valence-Shell Electron-Pair Repulsion (VSEPR) Model

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Bonding  
Pairs

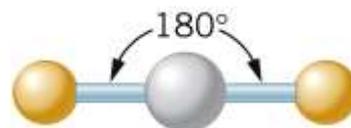
Number of  
Non-bonding  
Pairs (E)

Molecular  
Geometry

Molecular Shape

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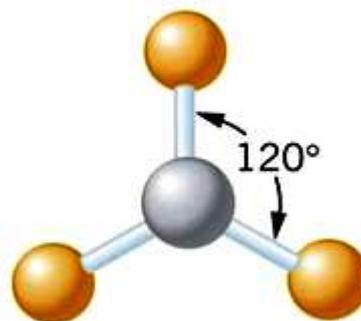
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**AX<sub>2</sub> Linear**

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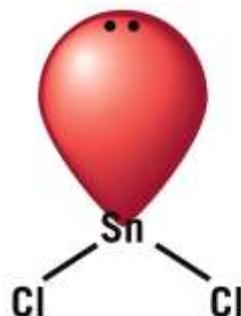
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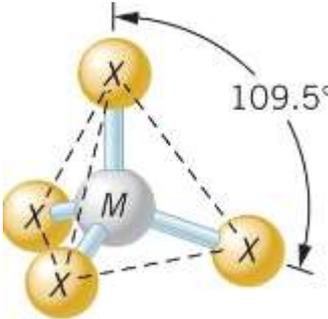
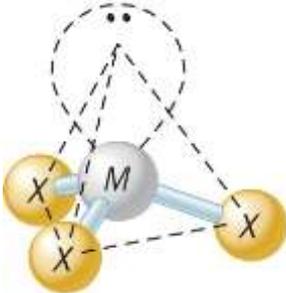
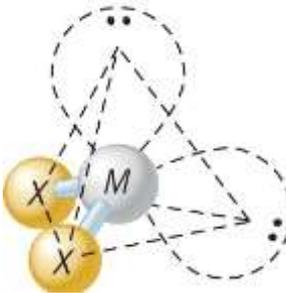
**AX<sub>3</sub>  
Trigonal Planar**  
(e.g., BCl<sub>3</sub>)  
All bond angles 120°

2

1



**AX<sub>2</sub>E Bent**  
(e.g., SO<sub>2</sub>)  
Bond <120°

Number of Bonding Pairs	Number of Nonbonding Pairs (E)	Molecular Geometry	Molecular Shape
4	0		<b>AX<sub>4</sub> Tetrahedral</b> (e.g., CH <sub>4</sub> ) All bond angles 109.5°
3	1		<b>AX<sub>3</sub>E</b> <b>Trigonal pyramidal</b> (e.g., NH <sub>3</sub> ) Bond angle <u>less than</u> 109.5°
2	2		<b>AX<sub>2</sub>E<sub>2</sub> bent</b> (e.g., H <sub>2</sub> O) Bond angle less than 109.5°

Number of  
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Pairs

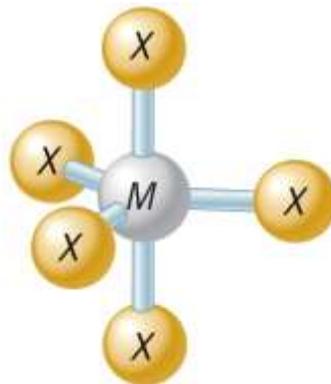
Number of  
Nonbonding  
Pairs (E)

Molecular  
Geometry

Molecular Shape

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**$AX_5$**   
**Trigonal bipyramid**

(e.g.,  $PF_5$ )

**axial-equatorial bond**

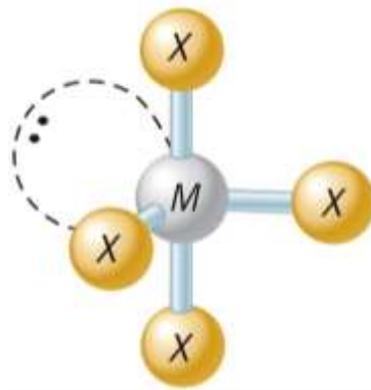
angles  $90^\circ$

eq-eq  $120^\circ$

ax-ax  $180^\circ$

4

1



**$AX_4E$**   
**Distorted Tetrahedron  
or Seesaw**

(e.g.,  $SF_4$ )

**ax-eq bond angles  $< 90^\circ$**

**ax-ax  $180^\circ$**

Number of  
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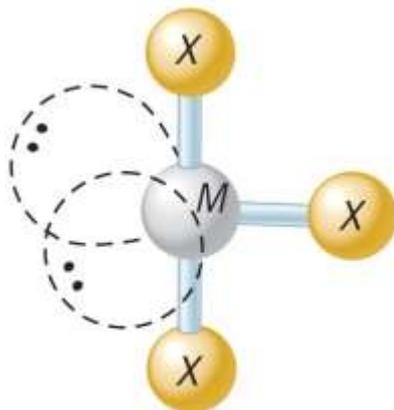
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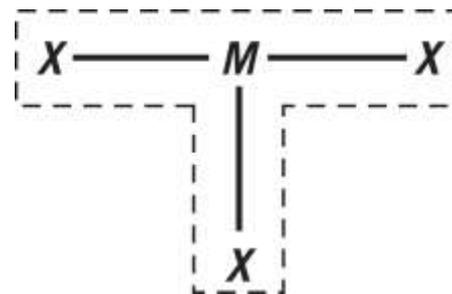
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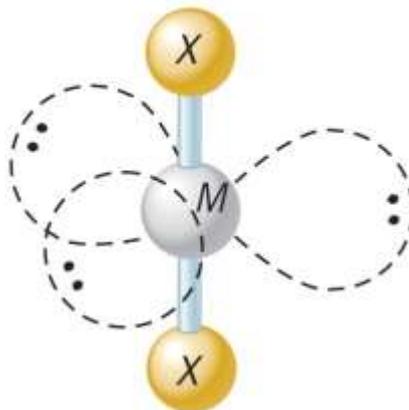
**AX<sub>3</sub>E<sub>2</sub>**    **T-shape**  
(e.g., ClF<sub>3</sub>)

Bond angles 90°



2

3



**AX<sub>2</sub>E<sub>3</sub>**    **Linear**  
(e.g., I<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>)

Bond angles 180°

Number of  
Bonding  
Pairs

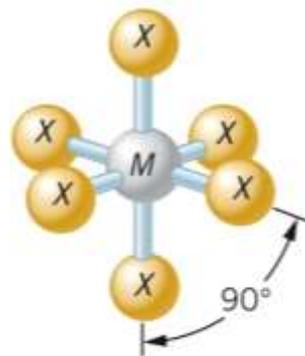
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Molecular  
Geometry

Molecular Shape

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**AX<sub>6</sub> Octahedral**

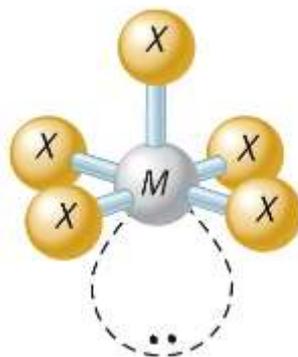
(e.g., SF<sub>6</sub>)

Bond angles

180°, 90°

5

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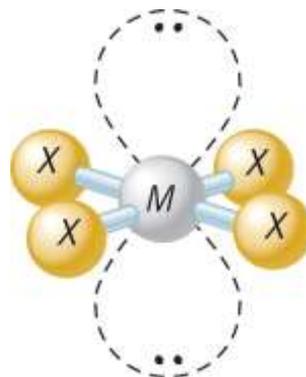
**AX<sub>5</sub>E Square  
Pyramidal**

(e.g., BrF<sub>5</sub>)

Bond angles 90°

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**AX<sub>4</sub>E<sub>2</sub> Square  
planar**

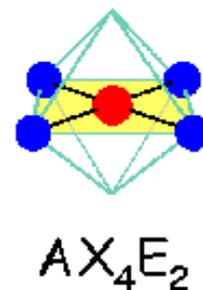
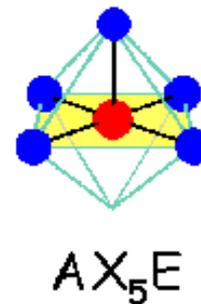
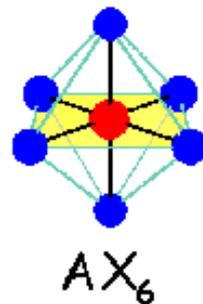
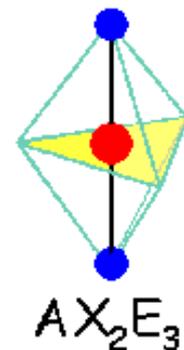
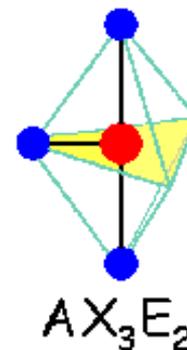
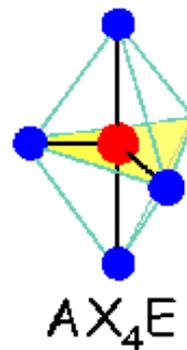
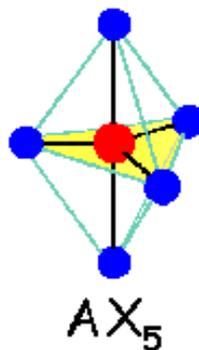
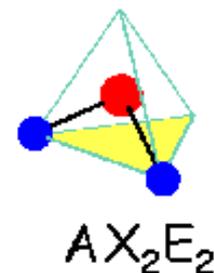
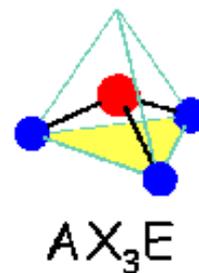
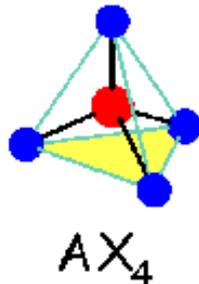
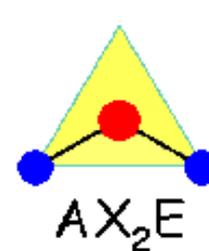
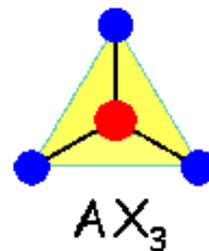
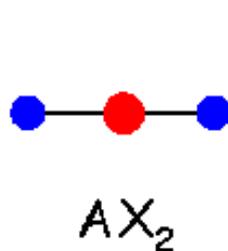
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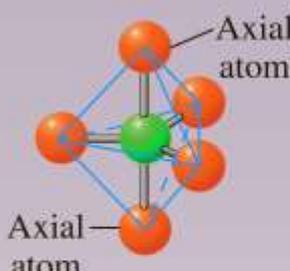
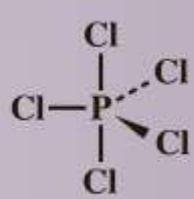
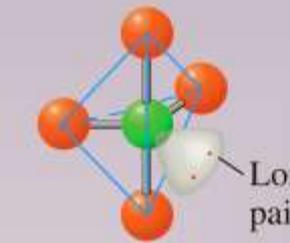
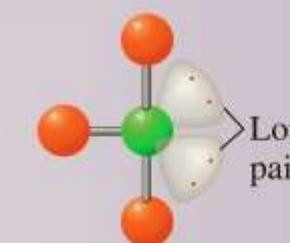
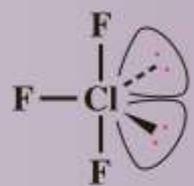
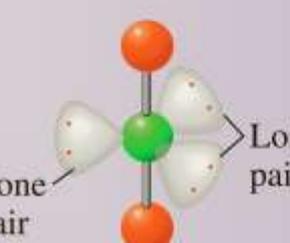
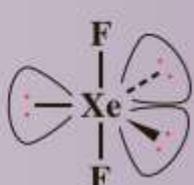
Bond angles

90°, 180°

# Summary of Molecular Geometries

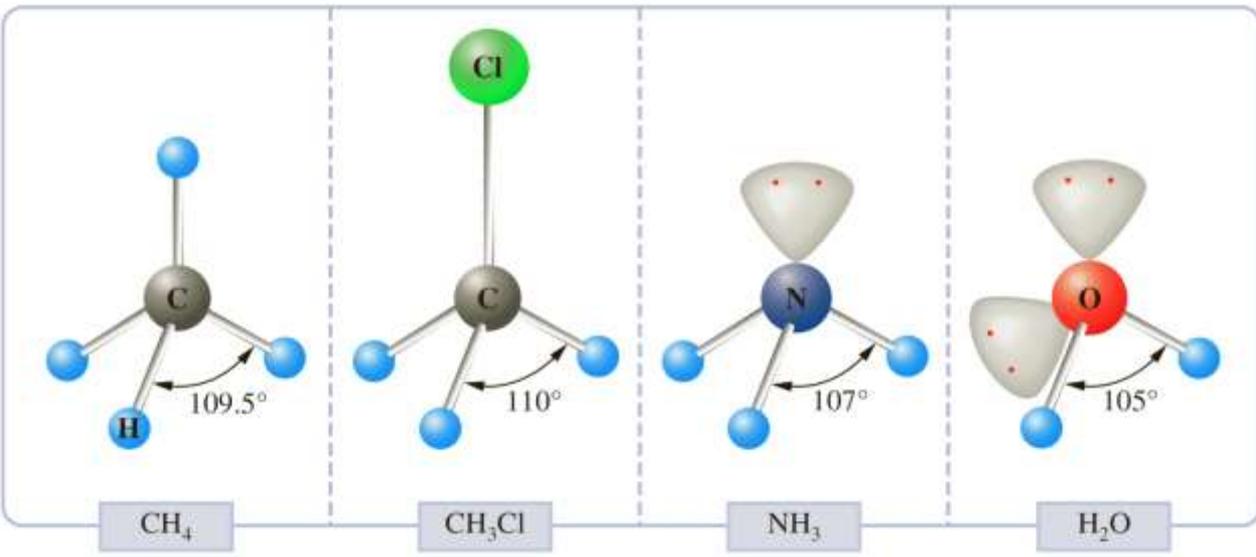
- ✓ VSEPR is based on minimizing electron repulsion in the molecule
- ✓ The direction in space of the bonding pairs gives the molecular geometry



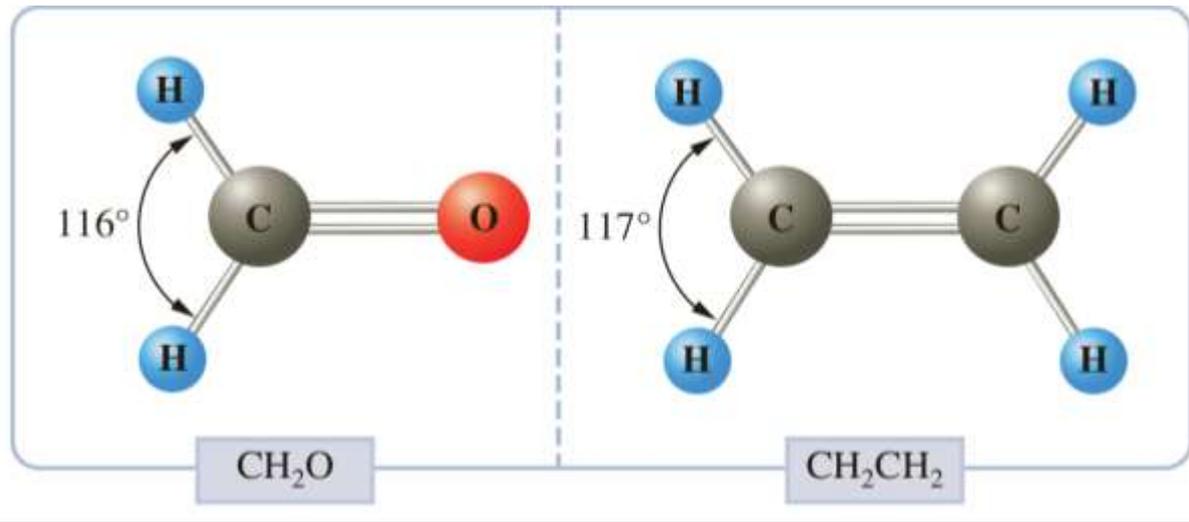
Electron Pairs			Arrangement of Pairs	Molecular Geometry	Example
Total	Bonding	Lone			
5	5	0	Trigonal bipyramidal	Trigonal bipyramidal $AX_5$ 	$PCl_5$ 
	4	1		Seesaw (or distorted tetrahedron) $AX_4$ 	$SF_4$ 
	3	2		T-shaped $AX_3$ 	$ClF_3$ 
	2	3		Linear $AX_2$ 	$XeF_2$ 

# ➤ Bond Angles and the Effect of Lone Pairs

✓ *A lone pair requires more space than a bonding pair.*



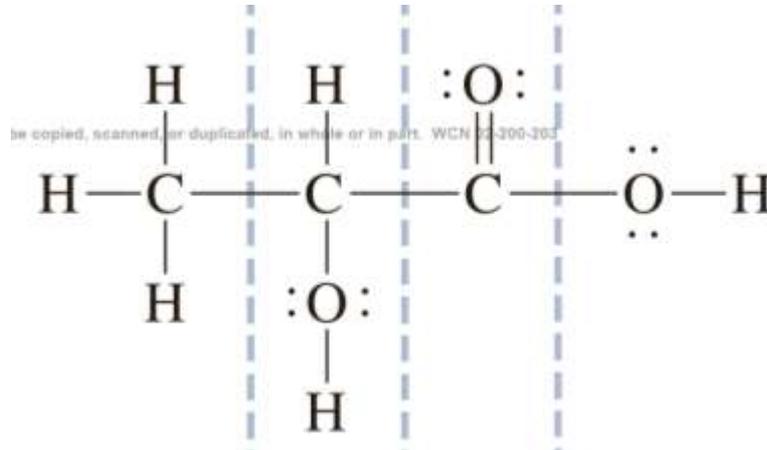
✓ *Multiple bonds require more space than single bonds because of the greater number of electrons.*



(Q) Predict the geometry of the following molecules or ions, using the VSEPR method:

- a.  $\text{BeCl}_2$       b.  $\text{NO}_2^-$       c.  $\text{SiCl}_4$       d.  $\text{ClO}_3^-$       e.  $\text{OF}_2$   
 f.  $\text{TeCl}_4$       g.  $\text{ICl}_3$

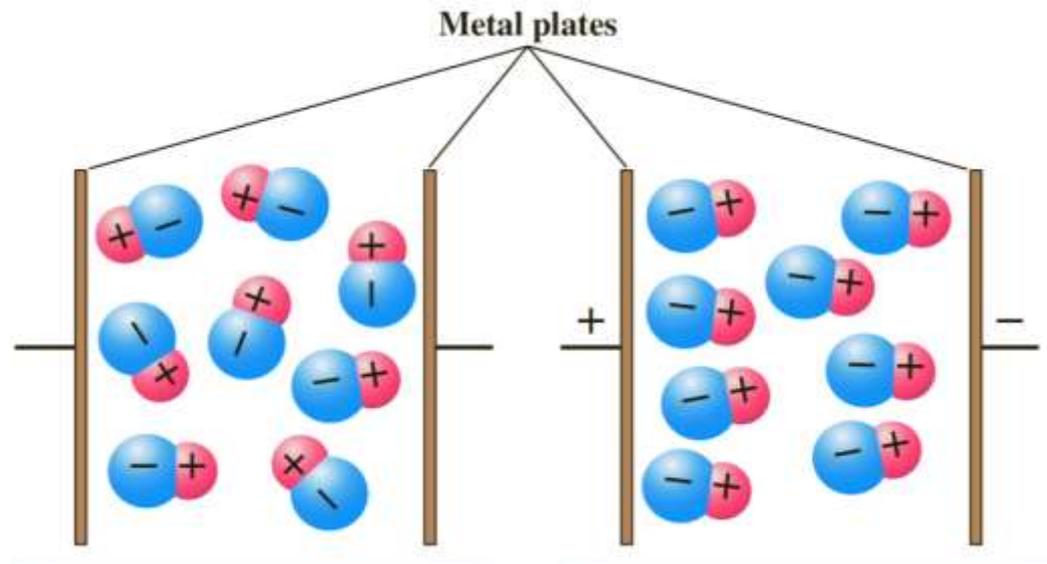
## ➤ Applying the VSEPR Model to Larger Molecules



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1 <b>H</b> Hydrogen 1.008	2 IIA										5 <b>B</b> Boron 10.81	6 <b>C</b> Carbon 12.011	7 <b>N</b> Nitrogen 14.007	8 <b>O</b> Oxygen 15.999	9 <b>F</b> Fluorine 18.998403163	10 <b>Ne</b> Neon 20.1797	
3 <b>Li</b> Lithium 6.94	4 <b>Be</b> Beryllium 9.0121831										13 <b>Al</b> Aluminum 26.9815385	14 <b>Si</b> Silicon 28.085	15 <b>P</b> Phosphorus 30.973761998	16 <b>S</b> Sulfur 32.06	17 <b>Cl</b> Chlorine 35.45	18 <b>Ar</b> Argon 39.948	
11 <b>Na</b> Sodium 22.98976928	12 <b>Mg</b> Magnesium 24.305	3 IIIB	4 IVB	5 VB	6 VIB	7 VIIB	8 VIIIB	9 VIIIB	10 VIIIB	11 IB	12 IIB	13 <b>Al</b> Aluminum 26.9815385	14 <b>Si</b> Silicon 28.085	15 <b>P</b> Phosphorus 30.973761998	16 <b>S</b> Sulfur 32.06	17 <b>Cl</b> Chlorine 35.45	18 <b>Ar</b> Argon 39.948
19 <b>K</b> Potassium 39.0983	20 <b>Ca</b> Calcium 40.078	21 <b>Sc</b> Scandium 44.955908	22 <b>Ti</b> Titanium 47.867	23 <b>V</b> Vanadium 50.9415	24 <b>Cr</b> Chromium 51.9961	25 <b>Mn</b> Manganese 54.938044	26 <b>Fe</b> Iron 55.845	27 <b>Co</b> Cobalt 58.933194	28 <b>Ni</b> Nickel 58.6934	29 <b>Cu</b> Copper 63.546	30 <b>Zn</b> Zinc 65.38	31 <b>Ga</b> Gallium 69.723	32 <b>Ge</b> Germanium 72.630	33 <b>As</b> Arsenic 74.921595	34 <b>Se</b> Selenium 78.971	35 <b>Br</b> Bromine 79.904	36 <b>Kr</b> Krypton 83.798
37 <b>Rb</b> Rubidium 85.4678	38 <b>Sr</b> Strontium 87.62	39 <b>Y</b> Yttrium 88.90584	40 <b>Zr</b> Zirconium 91.224	41 <b>Nb</b> Niobium 92.90637	42 <b>Mo</b> Molybdenum 95.95	43 <b>Tc</b> Technetium (98)	44 <b>Ru</b> Ruthenium 101.07	45 <b>Rh</b> Rhodium 102.90550	46 <b>Pd</b> Palladium 106.42	47 <b>Ag</b> Silver 107.8682	48 <b>Cd</b> Cadmium 112.414	49 <b>In</b> Indium 114.818	50 <b>Sn</b> Tin 118.710	51 <b>Sb</b> Antimony 121.760	52 <b>Te</b> Tellurium 127.60	53 <b>I</b> Iodine 126.90447	54 <b>Xe</b> Xenon 131.293

## 10.2 Dipole Moment and Molecular Geometry

- ✓ Alignment of polar molecules by an electric field



- ✓ **dipole moment** is a quantitative measure of the degree of charge separation in **a molecule** and is therefore an indicator of the polarity of the molecule

$q$  = positive charge

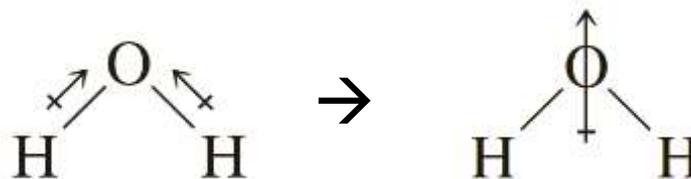
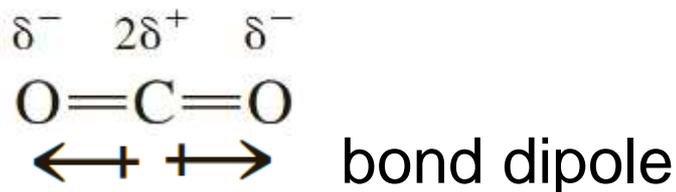
$-q$  = negative charge

$d$  = distance

$$\mu = q \times d$$

**10.43**  $\text{AsF}_3$  has a dipole moment of 2.59 D. Which of the following geometries are possible: trigonal planar, trigonal pyramidal, or T-shaped?

- ✓ dipole moment of HCl is 1.08 D.
- ✓ SI units: coulomb x meter (C·m)
- ✓ 1 D =  $3.34 \times 10^{-30}$  C·m



- ✓ (linear, trigonal planar, and tetrahedral) give molecules of zero dipole moment; that is, the molecules are ***nonpolar***

Table 10.1 Relationship Between Molecular Geometry and Dipole Moment

Formula	Molecular Geometry	Dipole Moment*
AX	Linear	Can be nonzero
AX <sub>2</sub>	Linear	Zero
	Bent	Can be nonzero
AX <sub>3</sub>	Trigonal planar	Zero
	Trigonal pyramidal	Can be nonzero
	T-shaped	Can be nonzero
AX <sub>4</sub>	Tetrahedral	Zero
	Square planar	Zero
	Seesaw	Can be nonzero
AX <sub>5</sub>	Trigonal bipyramidal	Zero
	Square pyramidal	Can be nonzero
AX <sub>6</sub>	Octahedral	Zero

Exercise 10.4 Which of the following would be expected to have a dipole moment of zero? Explain



(Q) Explain why the dipole moment of  $\text{NF}_3 = 0.2 \text{ D}$ , while that of  $\text{NH}_3 = 1.47 \text{ D}$

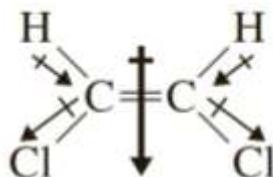
**10.45** Which of the following molecules would be expected to have zero dipole moment on the basis of their geometry?



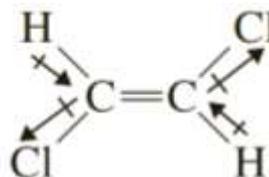
**10.46** Which of the following molecules would be expected to have a dipole moment of zero because of symmetry?



### ➤ Effect of Polarity on Molecular Properties



*cis*-1,2-Dichloroethene



*trans*-1,2-Dichloroethene

Dipole moment:

1.9 D

0 D

B.P ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

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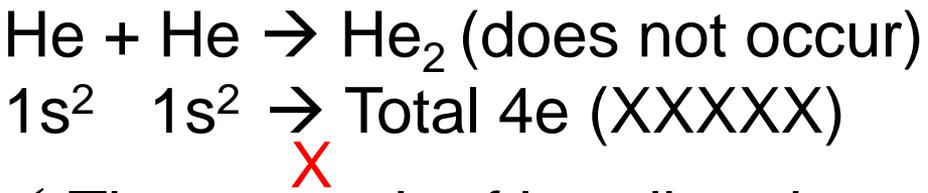
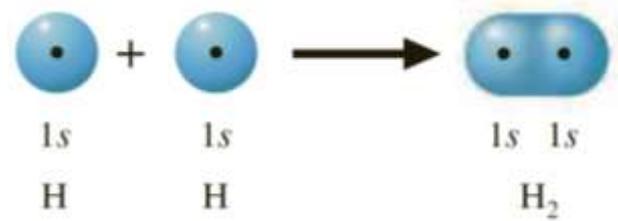
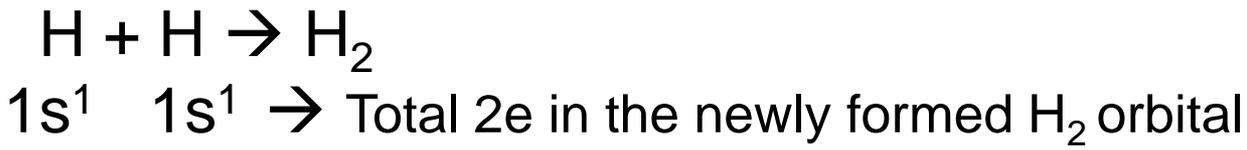
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# 10.3 Valence Bond Theory

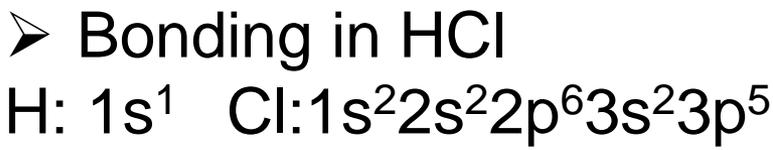
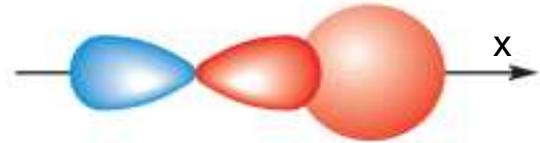
## ➤ Basic Theory

A bond forms between two atoms when the following conditions are met:

- 1. The orbitals containing the electrons *overlap*.
- 2. The sum of the electrons in both orbitals is no more than two.

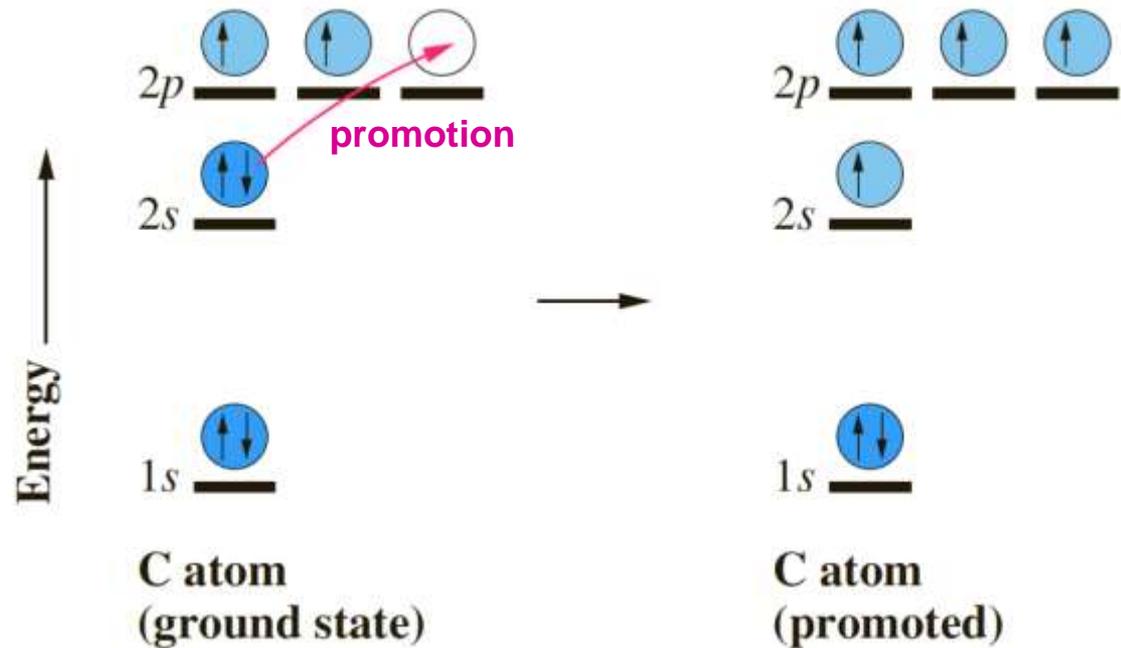


- ✓ The strength of bonding depends on orbital overlap.
- ✓ *To obtain maximum overlap*, orbitals other than s bond only in given directions.



## ➤ Hybrid Orbitals

### ✓ Bonding in CH<sub>4</sub>



✓ Experiment shows that the four C-H bonds in CH<sub>4</sub> are identical. This implies that the carbon orbitals involved in bonding are also equivalent.

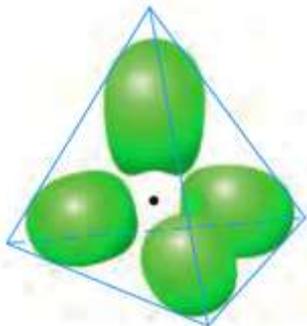
✓ → Hybrid orbitals are used



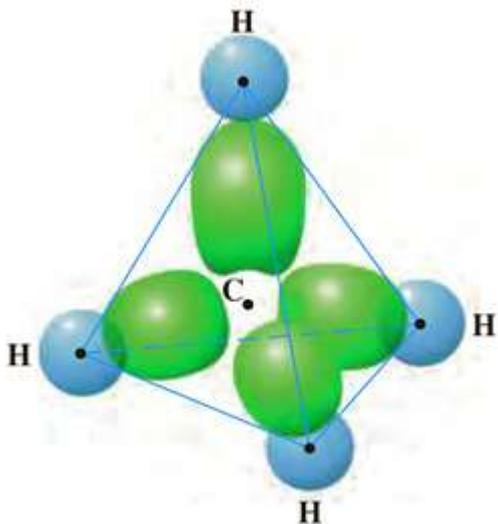
✓ *The number of hybrid orbitals formed always equals the number of atomic orbitals used.*



- ✓ Shape of a single  $sp^3$  hybrid orbital.
- ✓ Each orbital consists of two lobes. One lobe is small, but dense, and concentrated near the nucleus.
- ✓ The other lobe is large, but diffuse.
- ✓ Bonding occurs with the large lobe, since it extends farther from the nucleus.



- ✓ Four hybrid orbitals are arranged tetrahedrally in space. (Small lobes are omitted here for clarity, and large lobes are stylized and greatly narrowed for ease in depicting the directional bonding.)



- ✓ Bonding in  $CH_4$ .
- ✓ Each C—H bond is formed by the overlap of:
- ✓ 1s orbital from a hydrogen atom + one  $sp^3$  hybrid orbital of the carbon atom.

✓ Number of hybrid orbitals formed = number of atomic orbitals used.

$$s + p \rightarrow 2 \times sp$$

$$s + 2p \rightarrow 3 \times sp^2$$

$$s + 3p \rightarrow 4 \times sp^3$$

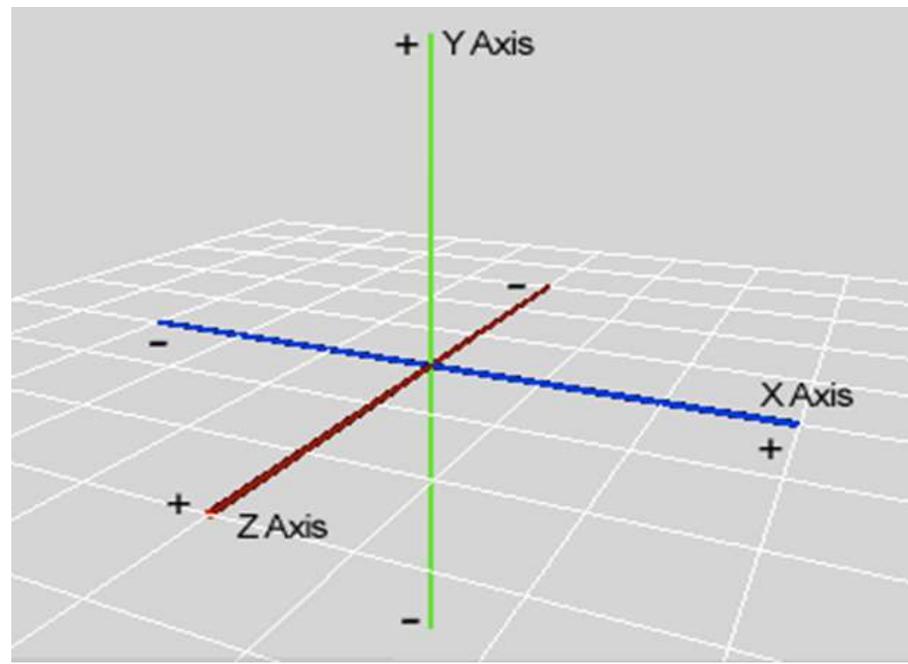
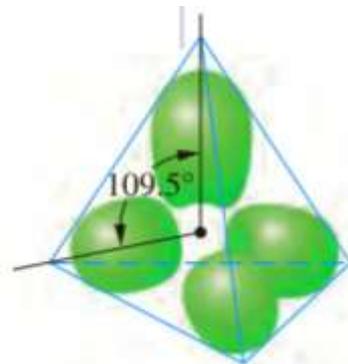
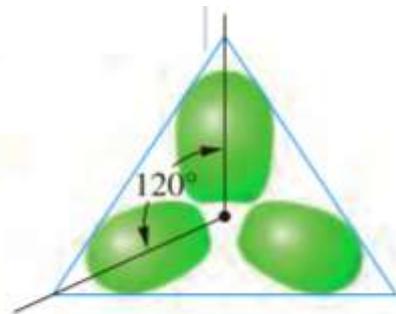
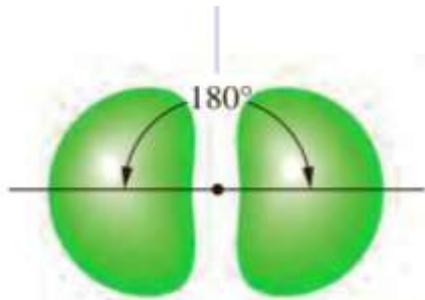
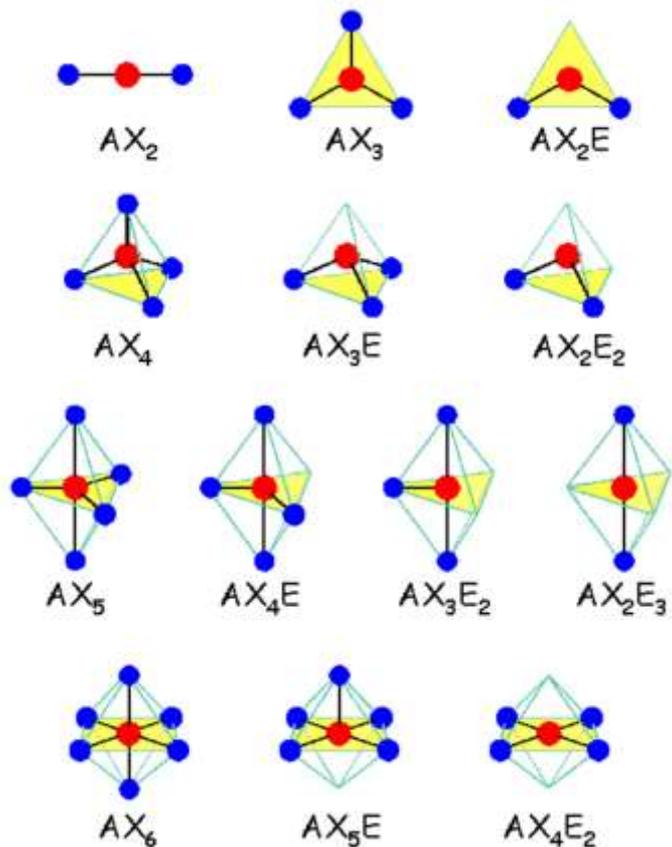


Table 10.2 Kinds of Hybrid Orbitals

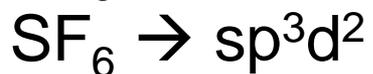
Hybrid Orbitals	Geometric Arrangement	Number of Orbitals	Example
$sp$	Linear	2	Be in $BeF_2$
$sp^2$	Trigonal planar	3	B in $BF_3$
$sp^3$	Tetrahedral	4	C in $CH_4$



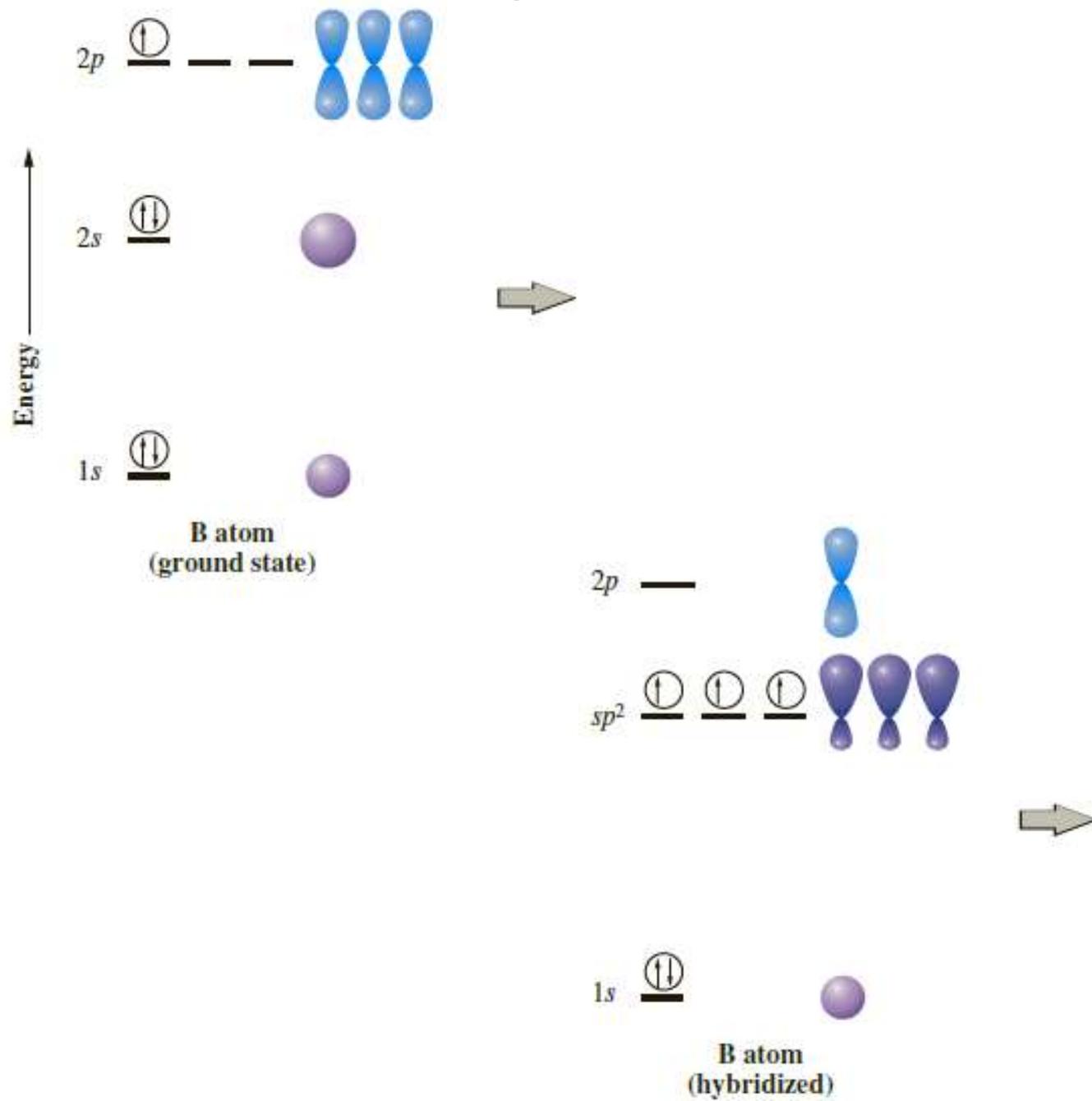
# How to figure out the hybridization via Lewis structures !



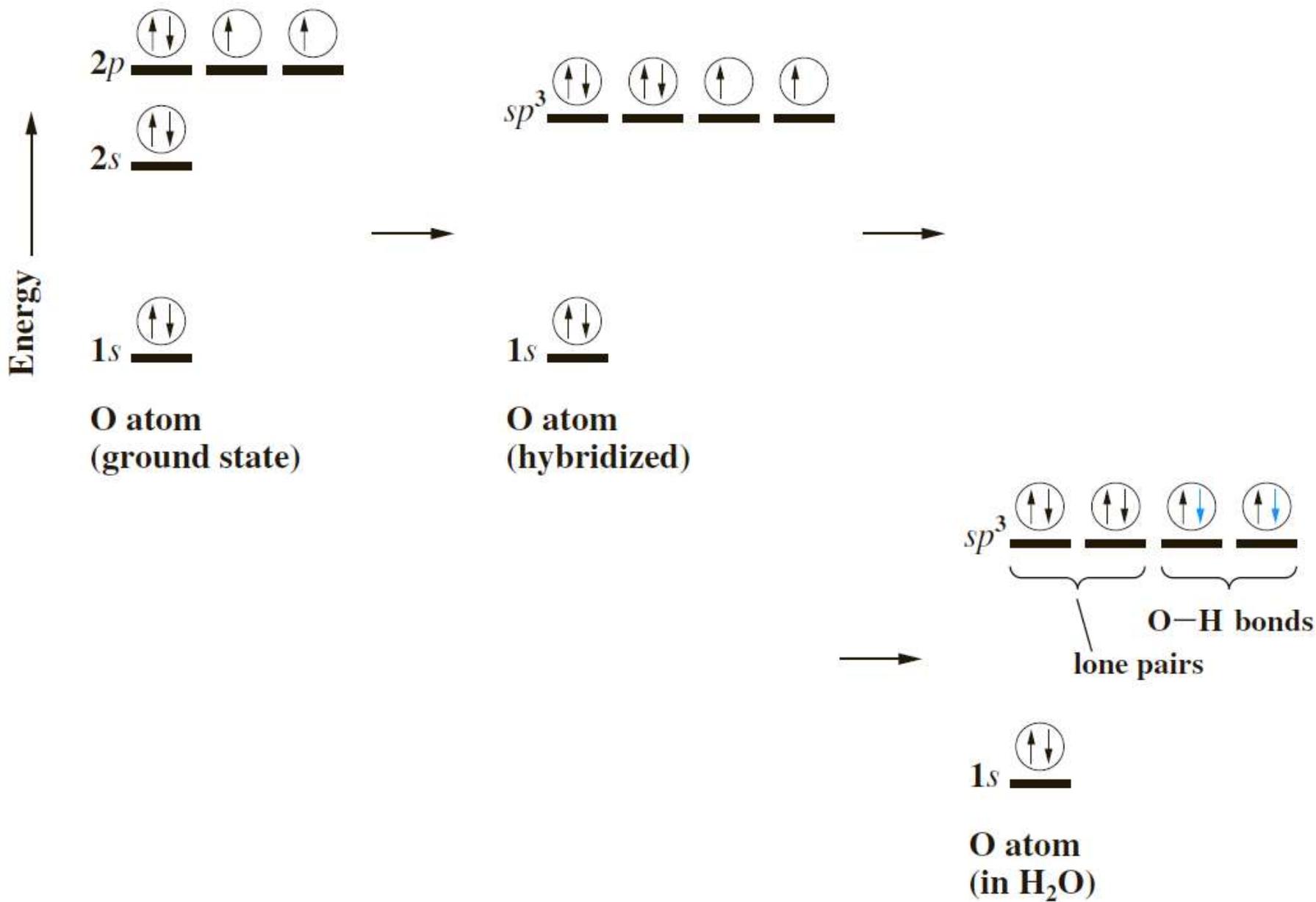
## ➤ More Than Eight Electrons About a Central Atom



# ➤ Hybridization in $\text{BF}_3$



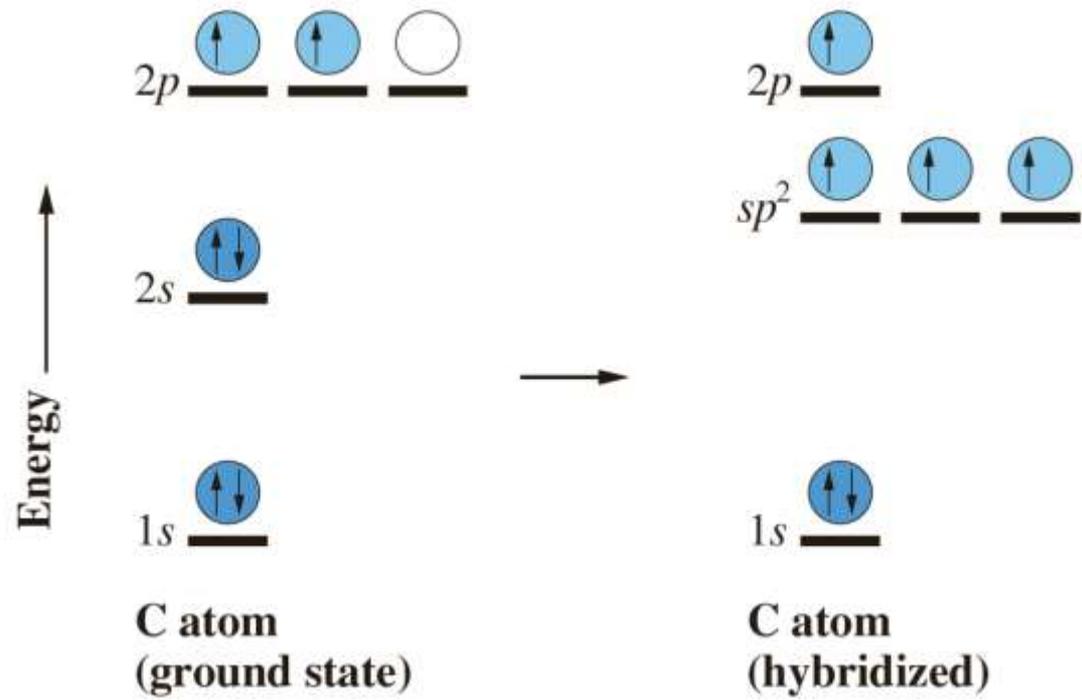
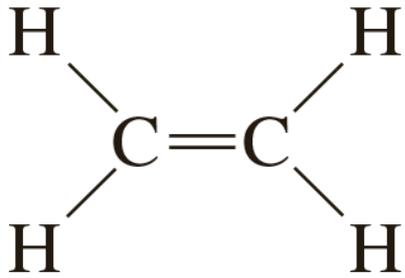
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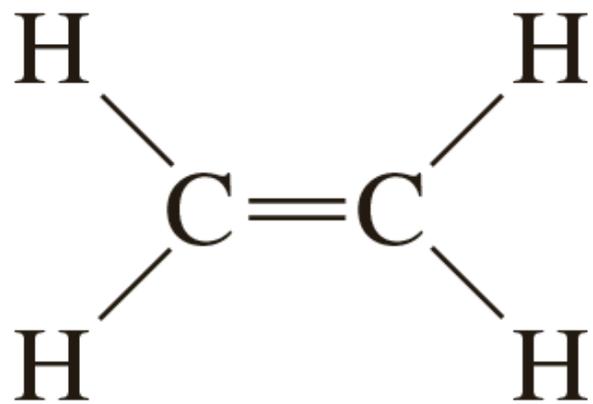


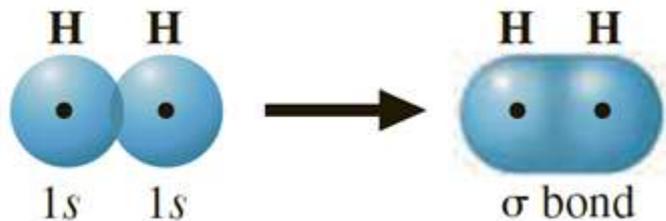
# 10.4 Description of Multiple Bonding

- ✓ More than one orbital from each bonding atom might overlap
- ✓ One hybrid orbital is needed for each bond (whether a single or a multiple bond) and for each lone pair

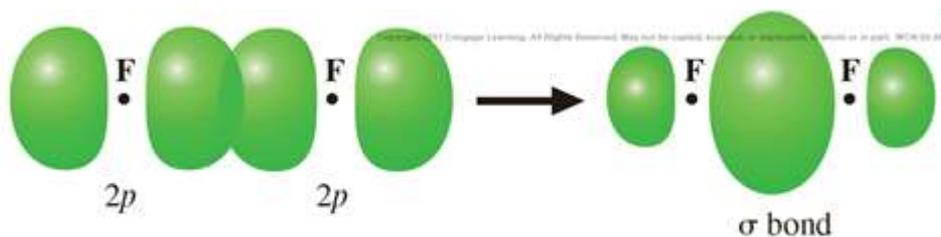
## ➤ Bonding in ethylene $H_2C=CH_2$



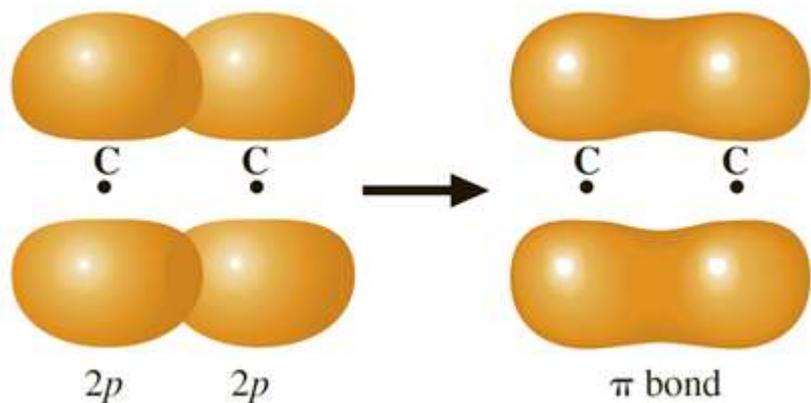




The formation of a  $\sigma$  bond by the overlap of two  $s$  orbitals.

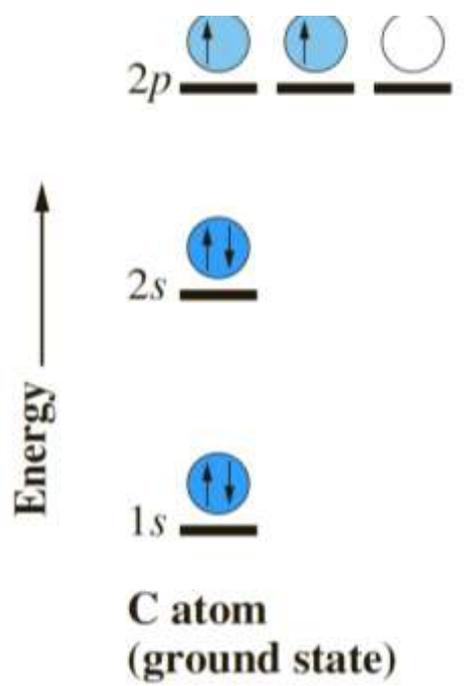


A  $\sigma$  bond can also be formed by the overlap of two  $p$  orbitals along their axes.

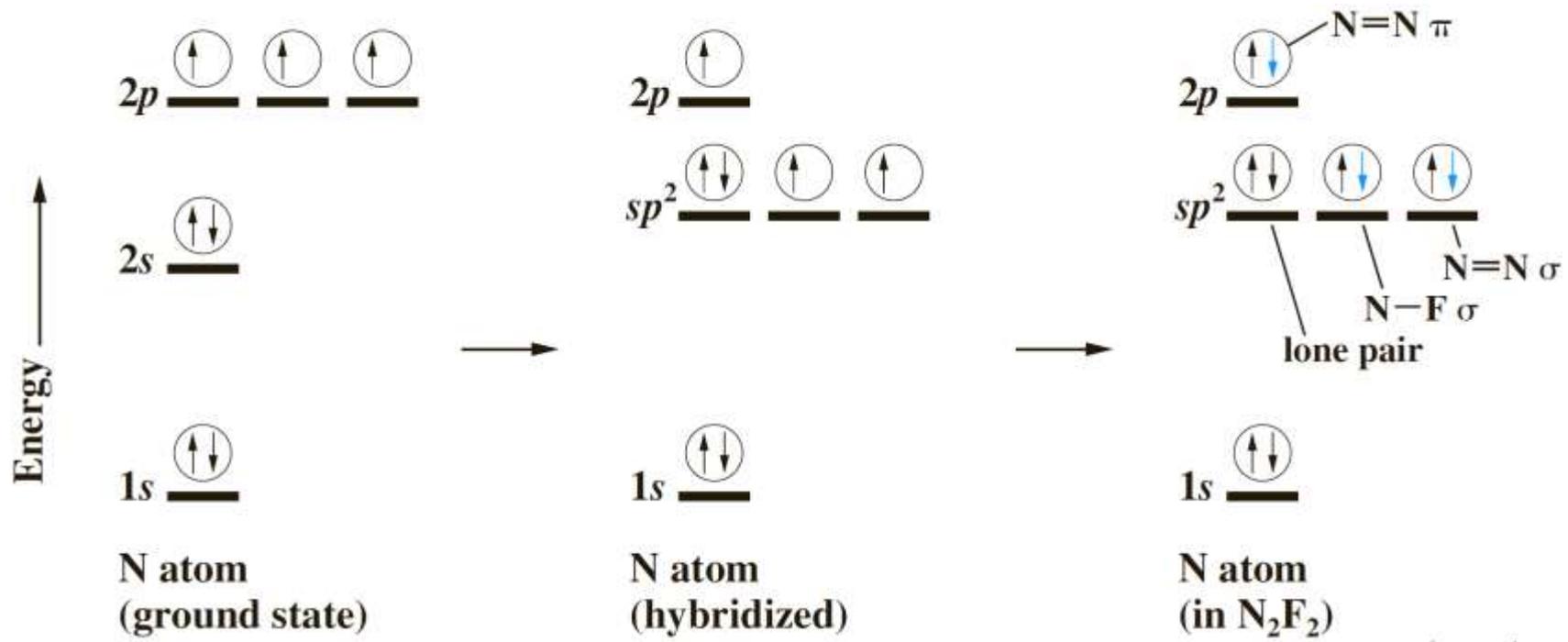
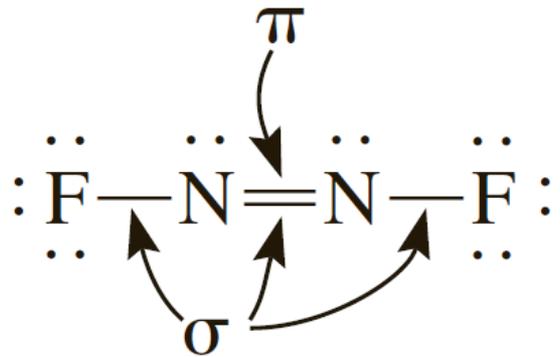


When two  $p$  orbitals overlap sideways, a  $\pi$  bond is formed.

➤ Bonding in acetylene  $\text{H}-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{H}$



(Q) Describe the bonding on a given N atom in dinitrogen difluoride,  $N_2F_2$ , using valence bond theory.



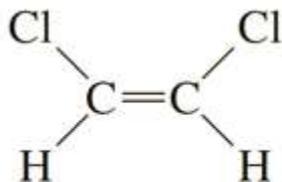
**10.53 a** Carbonyl fluoride,  $\text{COF}_2$ , is an extremely poisonous gas used in organofluorine synthesis. Give the valence bond description of the carbonyl fluoride molecule. (Both fluorine atoms are attached to the carbon atom.)

**b** Nitrogen,  $\text{N}_2$ , makes up about 80% of the earth's atmosphere. Give the valence bond description of this molecule.

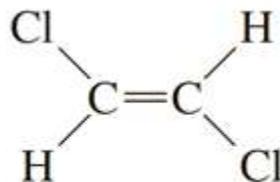
10.54  $\text{HN}=\text{NH}$

10.55  $\text{HCN}$

✓ *Isomers* are compounds of the same molecular formula but with different arrangements of the atoms.



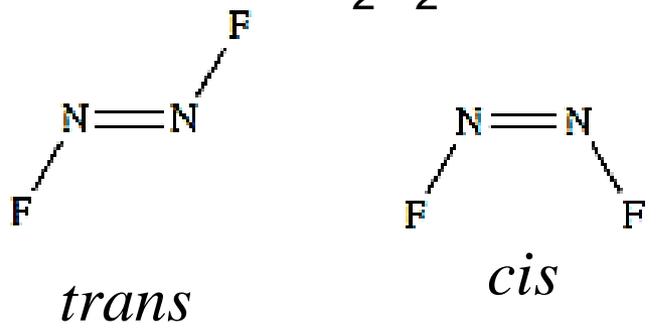
*cis*-1,2-Dichloroethene



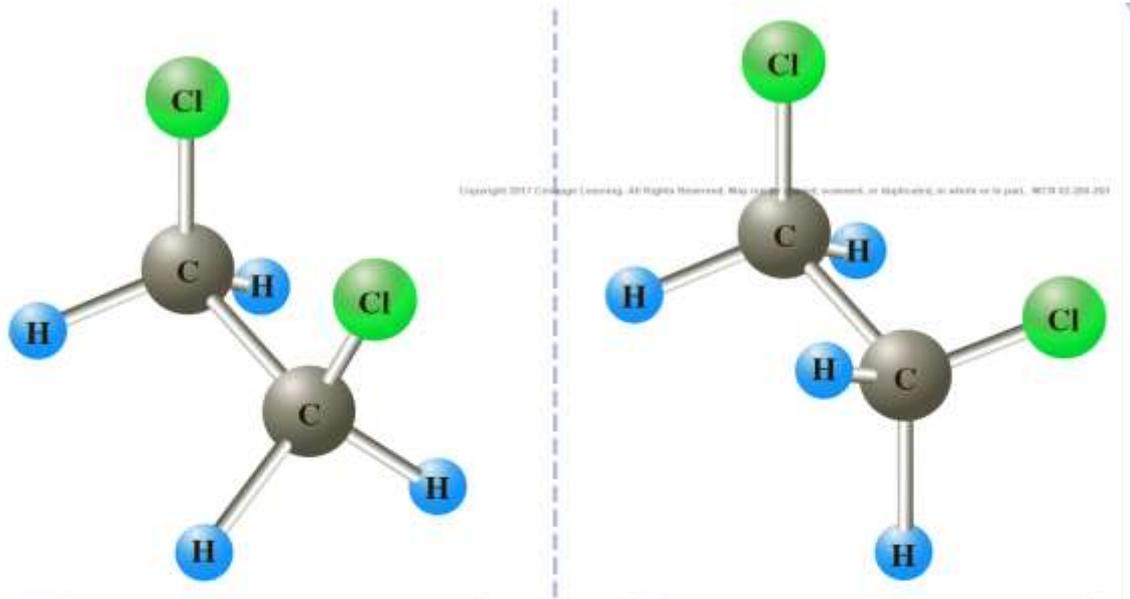
*trans*-1,2-Dichloroethene

Dipole moment:	1.9 D	0 D
B.P ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	60.2	48.5

✓ *cis* and *trans* isomers of  $N_2F_2$



✓ Lack of geometric isomers in 1,2-dichloroethane



**a** Because of rotation about the carbon-carbon bond in 1,2-dichloroethane, geometric isomers are not possible.

**b** Note that the molecule pictured at the left can be twisted easily to give the molecule pictured here.