

# Chapter 9

## Molecular Geometries

### and Bonding Theories

# Coverage of Chapter 9

9.1 All

9.2 All

9.3 All

9.4 All

9.5 Omit Hybridization Involving d Orbitals

9.6 All

9.7 and 9.8 Omit ALL

# MOLECULAR SHAPES

- The shape of a molecule plays an important role in its reactivity.
- By knowing the number of bonding and nonbonding electron pairs we can predict the shape of the molecule.

# Two (2) Theories for **MOLECULAR GEOMETRY**

1. Valence **S**hell **E**lectron **P**air **R**epulsion  
*(VSEPR) THEORY*

&

2. The Valence **B**ond  
*(VB) THEORY*

# Lewis Structures & Formal Charge

Formal charge is a charge assigned to each atom in a Lewis structure that helps to distinguish among competing structures.

What is the correct formula for  
Hypo Chlorous Acid  
 $\text{HClO (aq)}$



or



# Hypo chlorite ion

## $\text{ClO}^-$



Number of Valence $e^-$	6	7
Number of Nonbonding $e^-$	-6	-6
$\frac{1}{2}$ Number of Bonding $e^-$	<u>-1</u>	<u>-1</u>
Formal Charge	-1	0

Where does the H go on HClO?

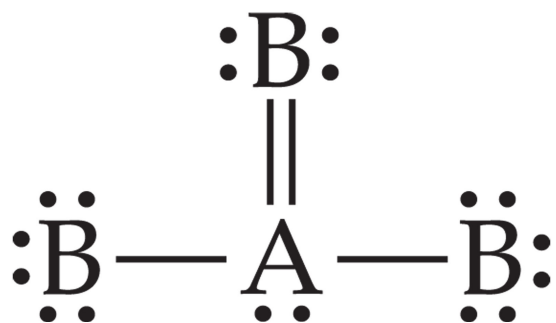


	<u>O</u>	<u>Cl</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>Cl</u>
Valence e <sup>-</sup>	6	7	6	7
Nonbonding e <sup>-</sup>	-6	-4	-4	-6
	<u>-1</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>-1</u>
1/2 Bonding e <sup>-</sup>	-1	-1	0	0



## ELECTRON DOMAINS

- Electron pairs are referred to as electron domains
- Single, double or triple bonds all count as one electron domain.



The atom A in this molecule, has four electron domains.

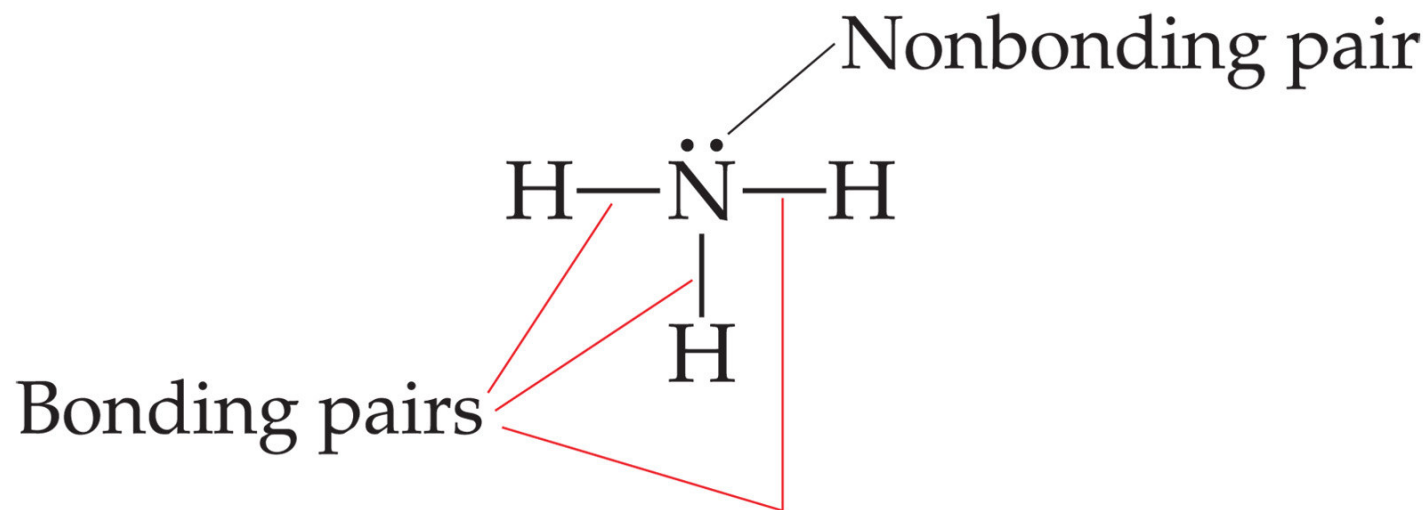
The First  
*MOLECULAR GEOMETRY* theory  
(**VSEPR**)

Valence **S**hell **E**lectron **P**air  
**R**epulsion theory

# VSEPR Theory

1. To predict molecular shape, assume the valence electrons repel each other
2. The electrons adopt an arrangement in space to minimize  $e^- e^-$  repulsion
3. The molecule adopts whichever 3D geometry minimized this repulsion.

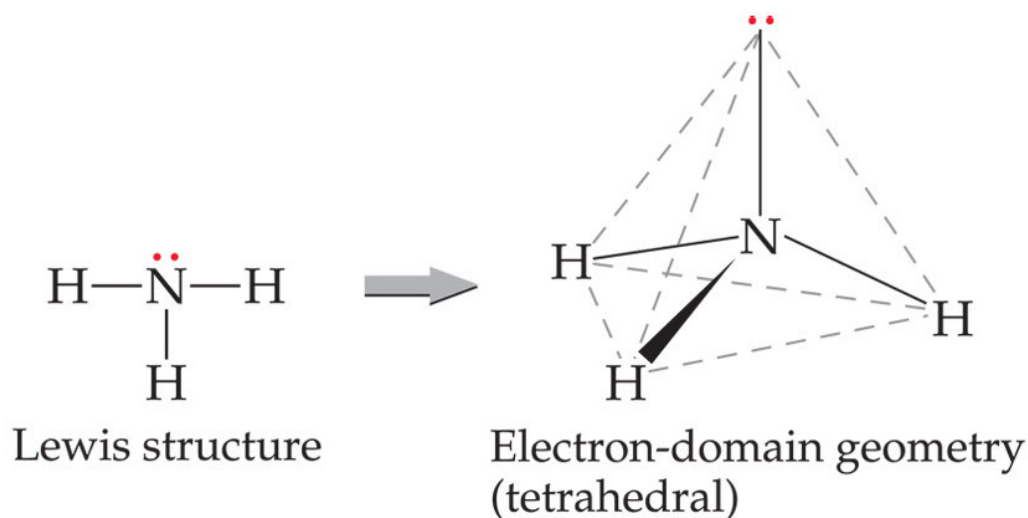
# What Determines the Shape of a Molecule?



Four electron domains on N

3 bonding and 1 nonbonding

# What Determines the Shape of a Molecule?



Electrons, whether they be bonding or non-bonding, repel each other. So electrons are placed as far as possible from each other

## Two (2) Different “Types” of Molecules

1. Molecules with NO nonBonding electrons on the central atom
2. Molecules with nonBonding electrons on the central atom

# Electron Domains & NonBonding Electrons

## Example 1 CO<sub>2</sub>

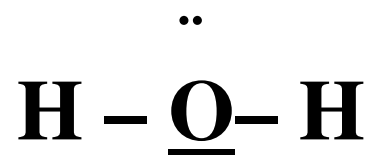


How many electron domains on C 2

How many NonBonding electrons on C 0

# Electron Domains & NonBonding Electrons

Example 2  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$



How many electron domains on O 4

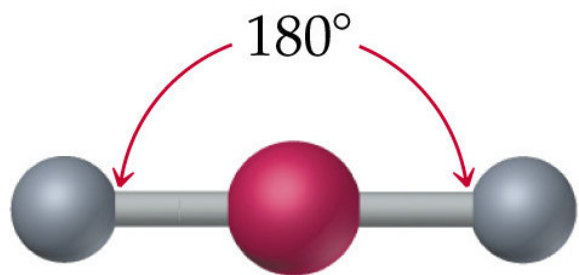
How many NonBonding electrons on O 4



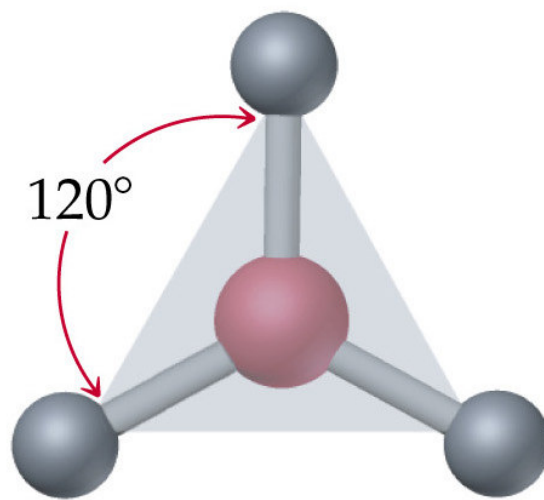
# Molecular Geometries for molecules with no nonbonding electrons on central atom

There are five fundamental geometries :

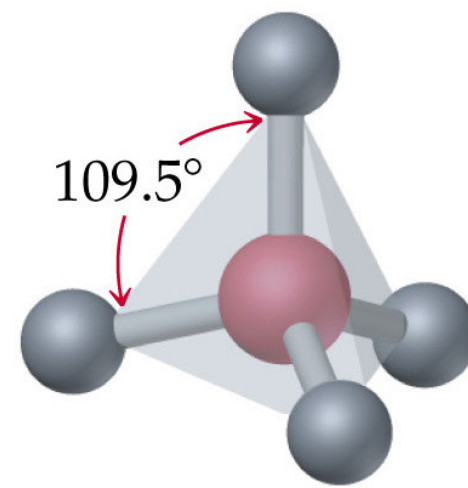
1. Linear
2. Trigonal Planar
3. Tetrahedral
4. Trigonal bipyramidal
5. Octahedral



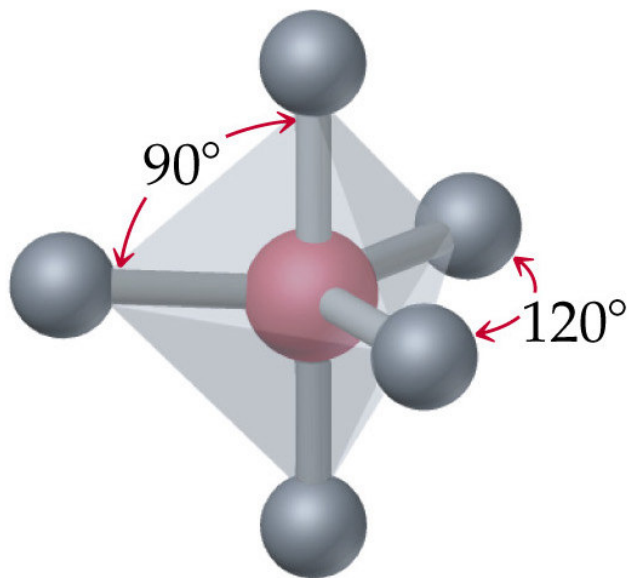
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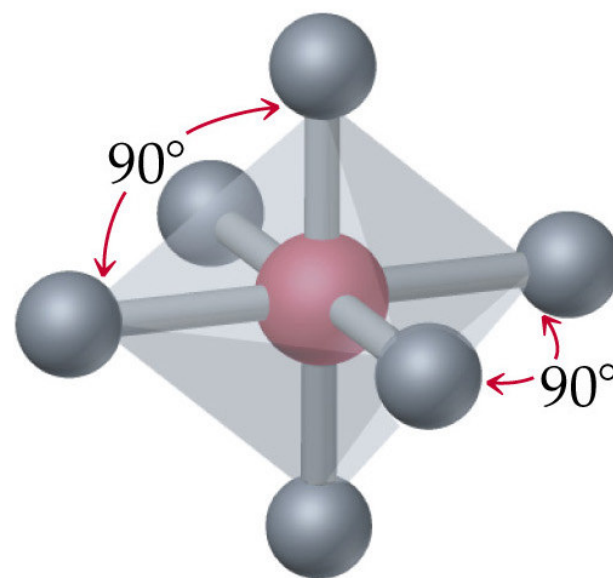
Trigonal planar



Tetrahedral



Trigonal bipyramidal



Octahedral

# Only consider Three in detail

1. Linear
2. Trigonal Planar
3. Tetrahedral

In order to determine geometry

First Draw Lewis Dot Formula

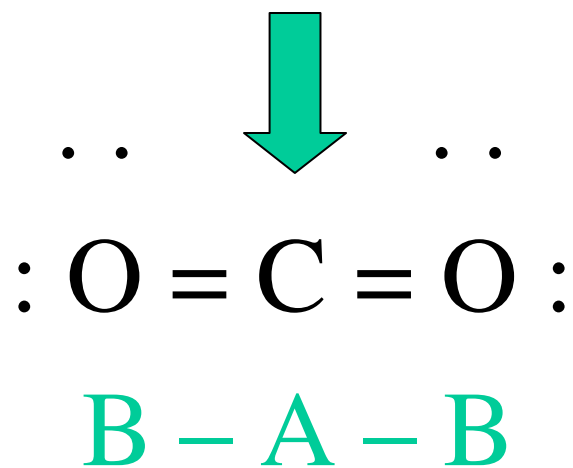
# MOLECULES IN WHICH THE CENTRAL ATOM HAS NO LONE PAIRS

## ZINC CHLORIDE

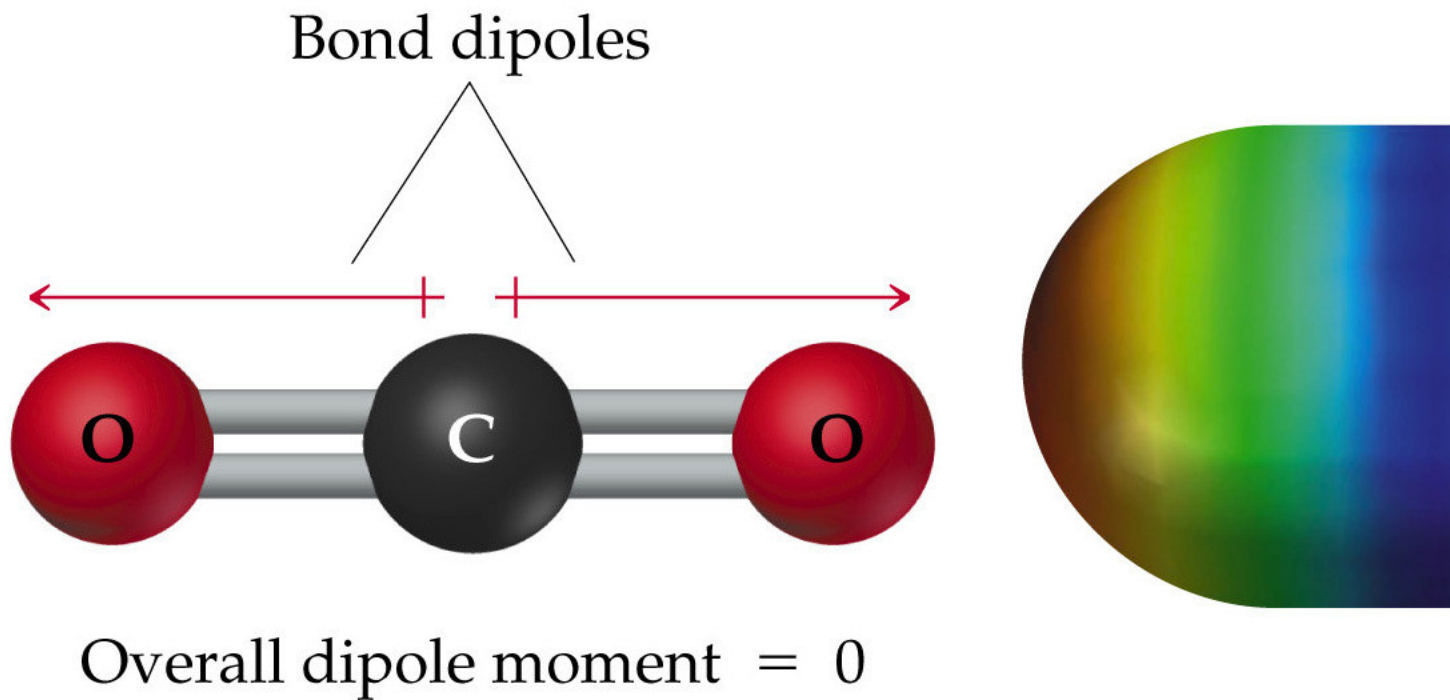


AB<sub>2</sub> Molecules Such as CO<sub>2</sub> are Linear

(Molecules With NO UnPaired Electrons On  
the Central Atom)



# Molecular Shape and Molecular Polarity



AB<sub>3</sub> Molecules Such as BF<sub>3</sub> are Planar

(Molecules With **NO** UnPaired Electrons On the Central Atom)

Formula

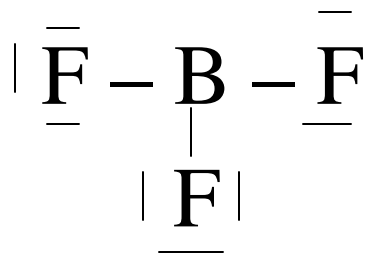


Number of Valence e<sup>-</sup>

$$3 \quad 21 = 24 \text{ total}$$

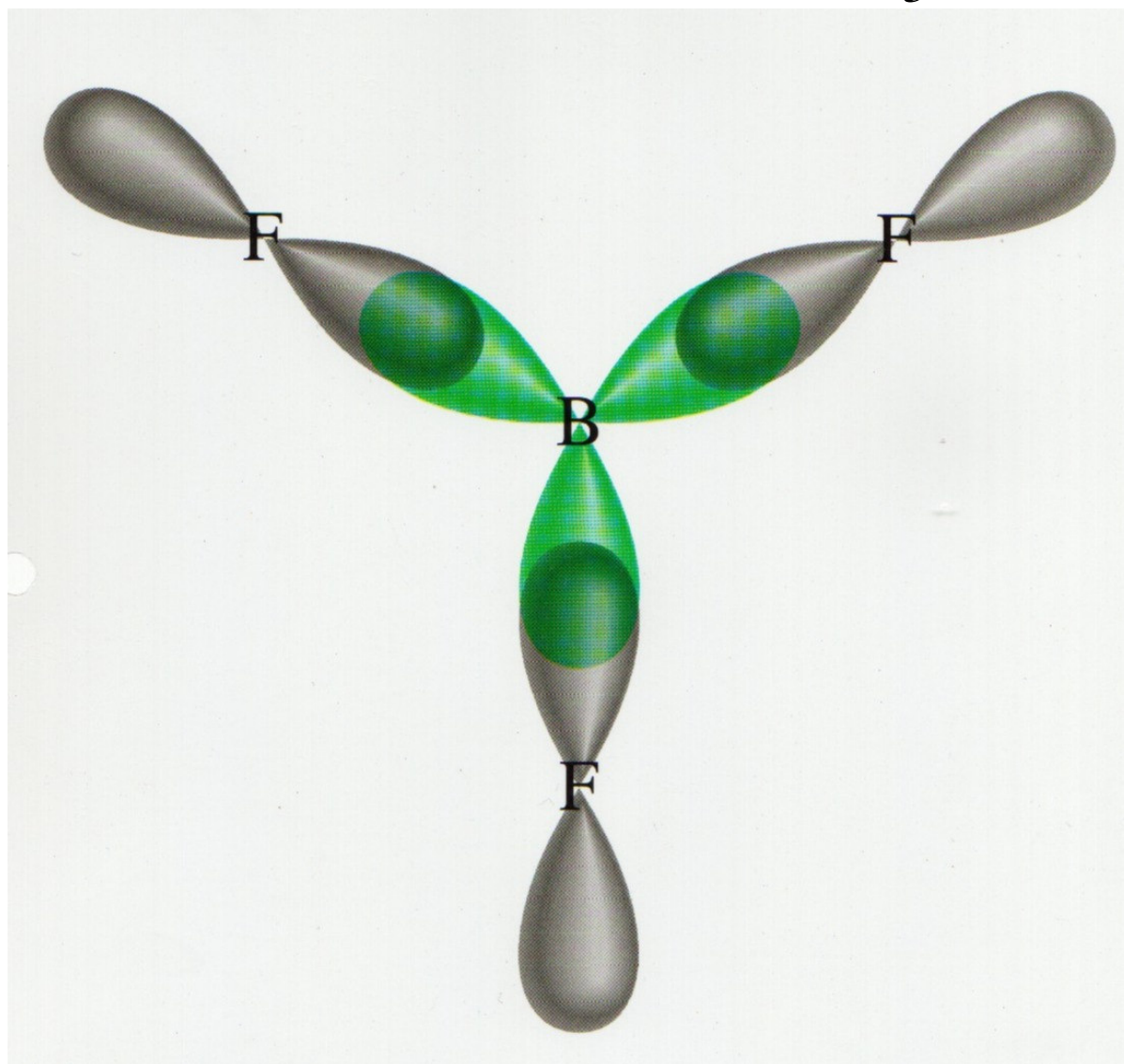


• Lewis Structure





$AB_3$  (Molecules With NO UnPaired Electrons On the Central Atom) Such as  $BF_3$  are Planar

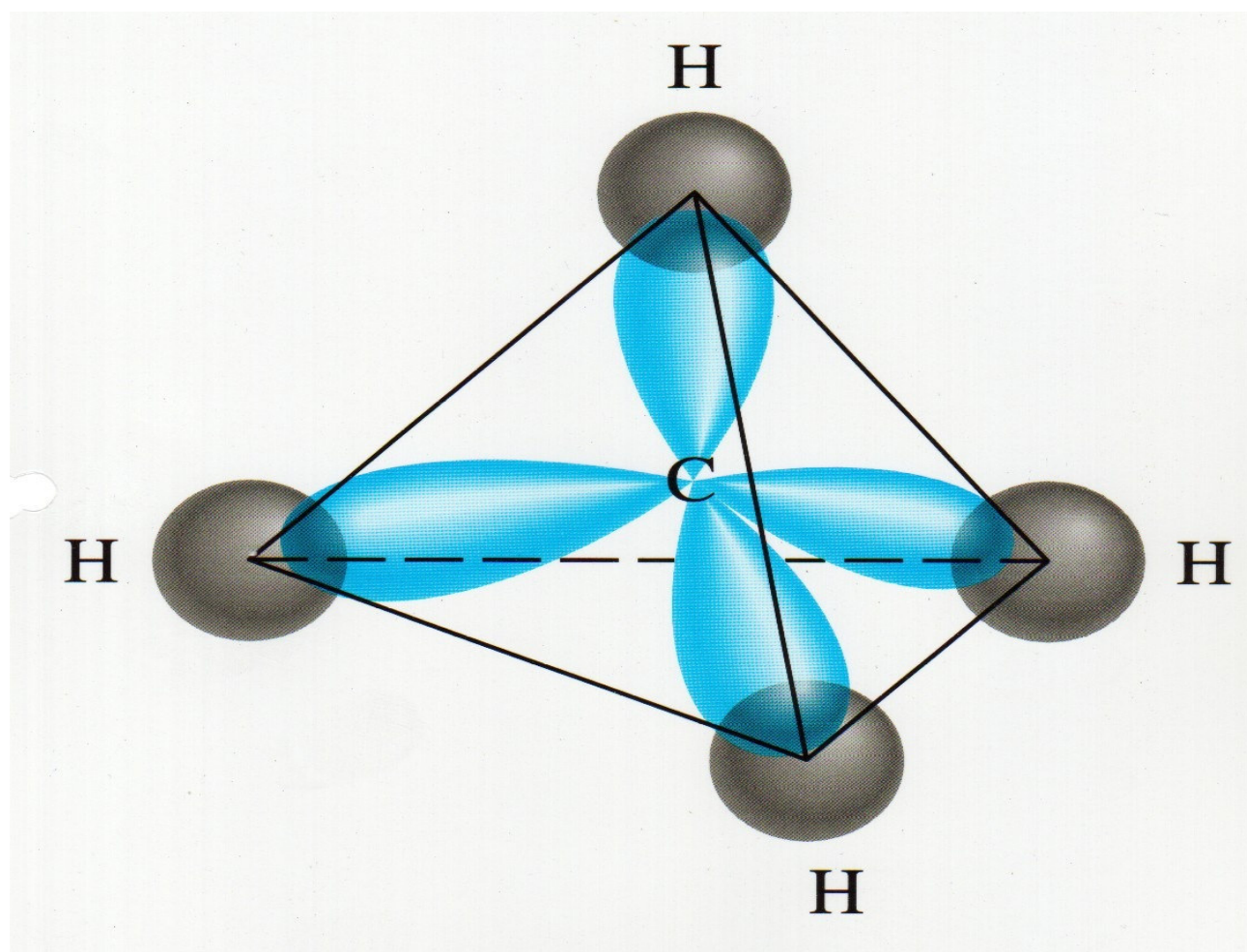


AB<sub>4</sub> Molecules Such as CH<sub>4</sub> are Tetrahedral  
(Molecules With NO UnPaired Electrons On  
the Central Atom)

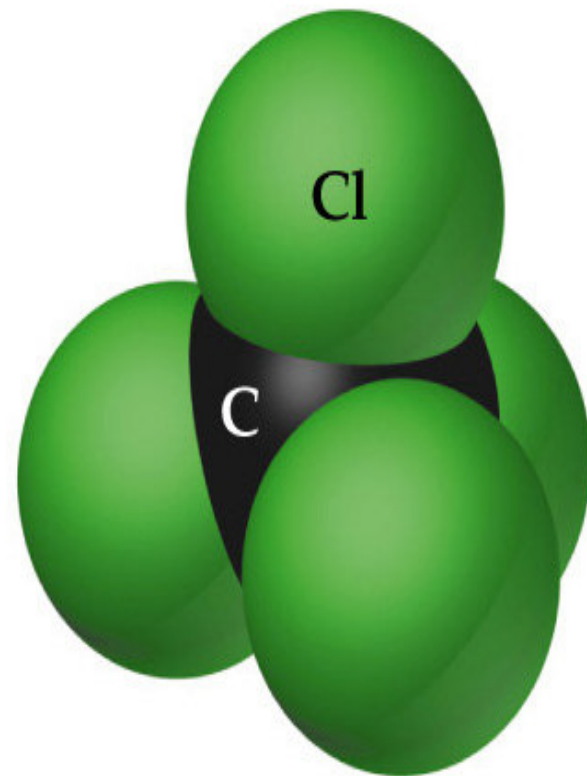
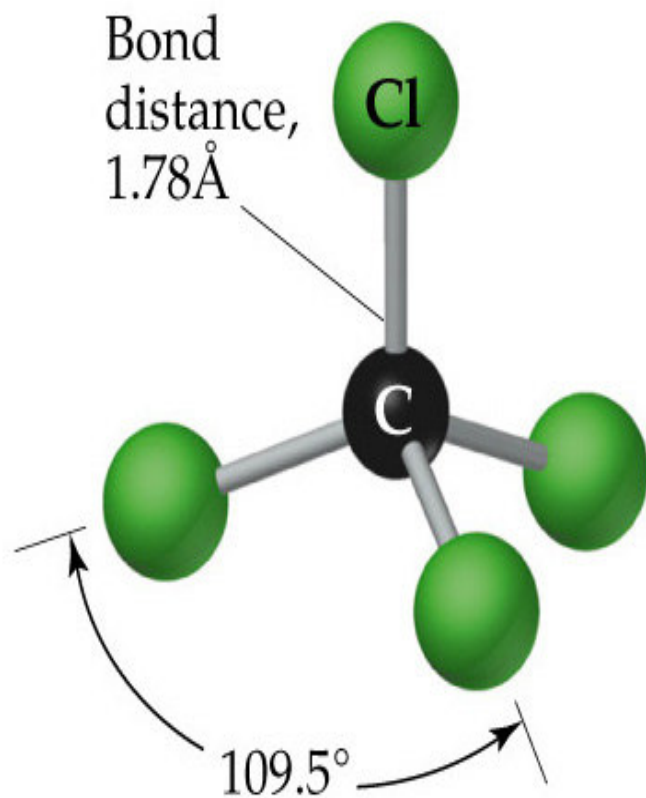
- Formula C H<sub>4</sub>
- Number of Valence e<sup>-</sup> 4 4 = 8 total
- Lewis Structure 
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ | \\ \text{H} - \text{C} - \text{H} \\ | \\ \text{H} \end{array}$$

$AB_4$  Such as  $CH_4$  are Tetrahedral

*(Molecules With NO UnPaired Electrons On the Central Atom)*

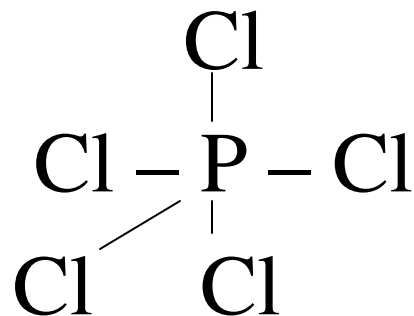


AB<sub>4</sub> Molecules Such as CCl<sub>4</sub> are Tetrahedral  
**Carbon TetraChloride**



AB<sub>5</sub> Such as PCl<sub>5</sub> are Triangular bipyramidal

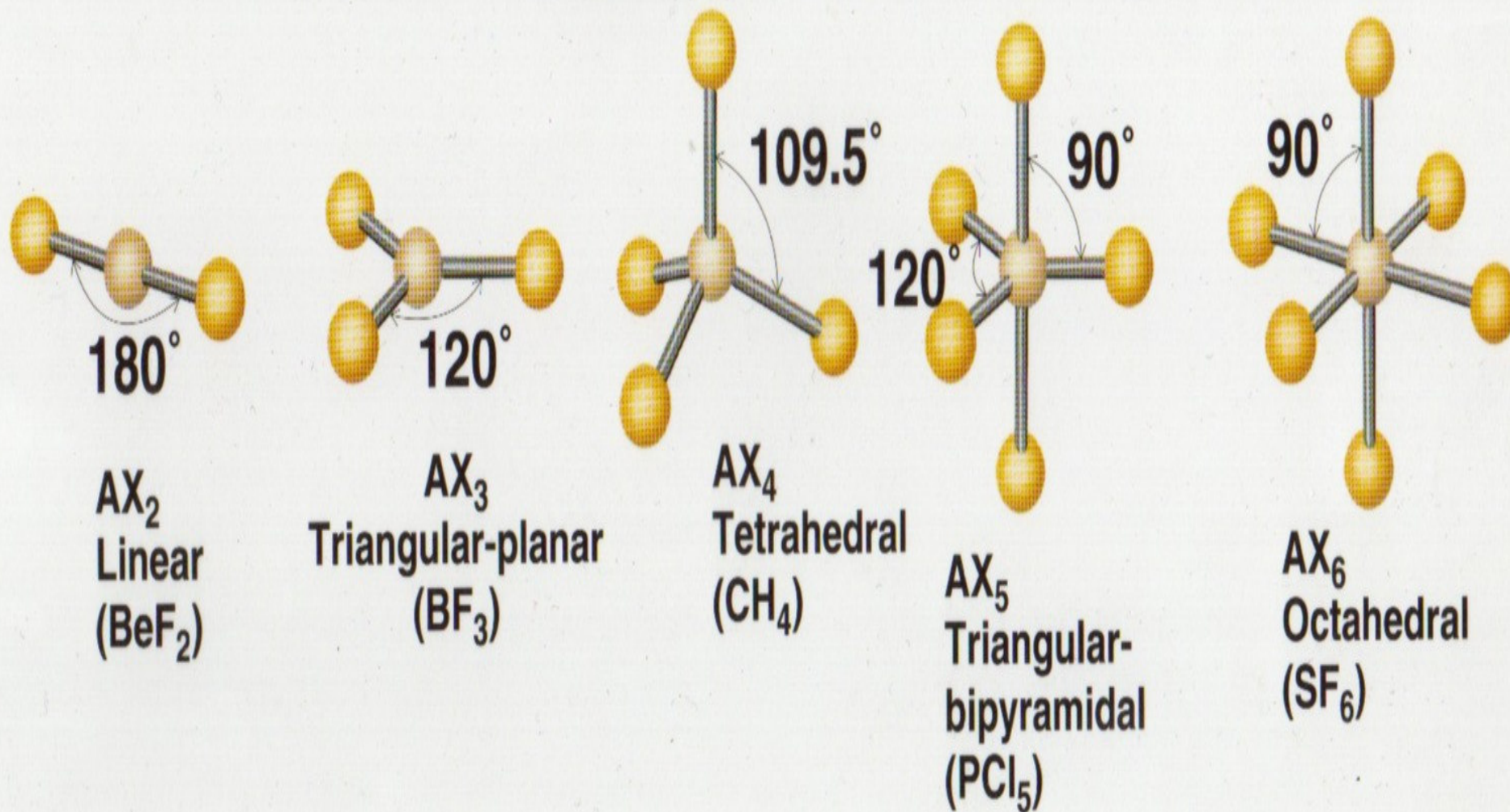
- Name ?
- Number of Bonds ?
- Lewis dot structure ?



$AB_6$  Such as  $SF_6$  are Octahedral

- Name ?
- Number of Bonds ?
- Lewis dot structure ?

# Molecules With NO UNPaired e<sup>-</sup>

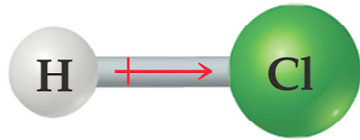


## Molecules with NO unpaired e<sup>-</sup> on Central Atom

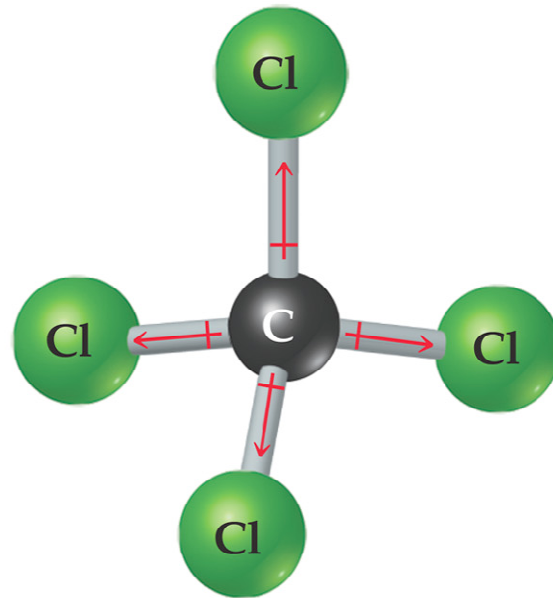
1. 2 Bonds .....AB<sub>2</sub> or AX<sub>2</sub> e.g. CO<sub>2</sub>
2. 3 Bonds ..... AB<sub>3</sub> or AX<sub>3</sub> e.g. BF<sub>3</sub>
3. 4 Bonds .....AB<sub>4</sub> or AX<sub>4</sub> e.g. CH<sub>4</sub>
4. 5 Bonds ..... AB<sub>5</sub> or AX<sub>5</sub> e.g. PCl<sub>5</sub>
5. 6 Bonds ..... AB<sub>6</sub> or AX<sub>6</sub> e.g. SF<sub>6</sub>



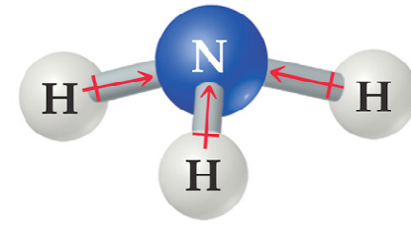
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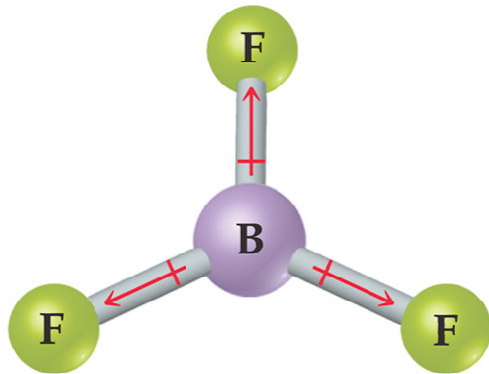
Polar



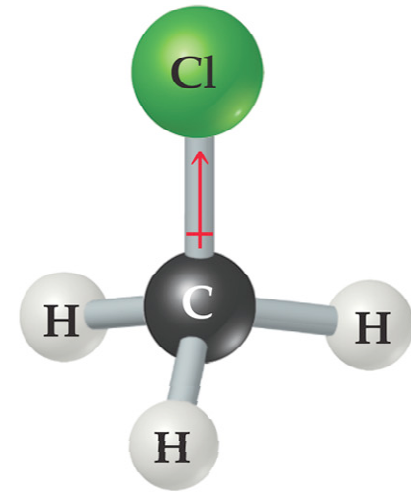
Nonpolar



Polar



Nonpolar



Polar

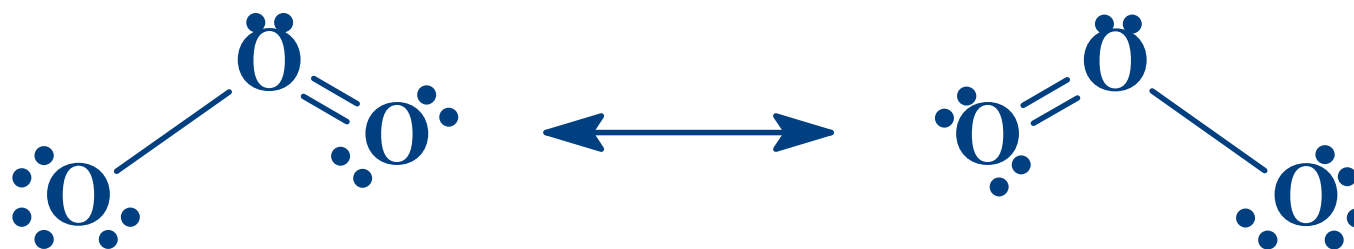
## Part 2. of VSEPR Theory

**CENTRAL ATOM HAS**  
**LONE PAIRS**

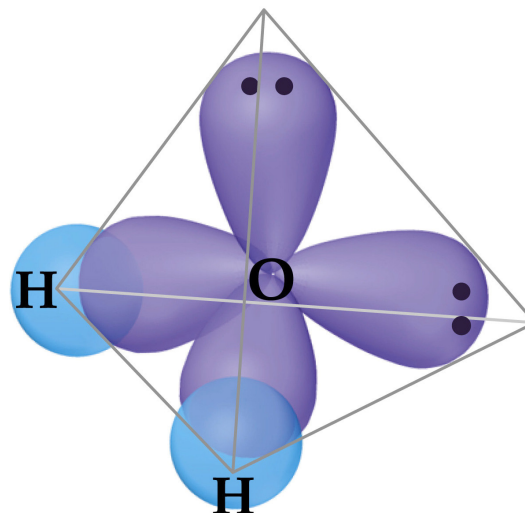
# Molecules With UnPaired Electrons On the Central Atom

<u>Class</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Geometry</u>
• $AB_2E$	$SO_2$ & $O_3$	Bent
• $AB_2E_2$	$H_2O$	Bent
• $AB_3E$	$NH_3$	Trigonal pyramidal

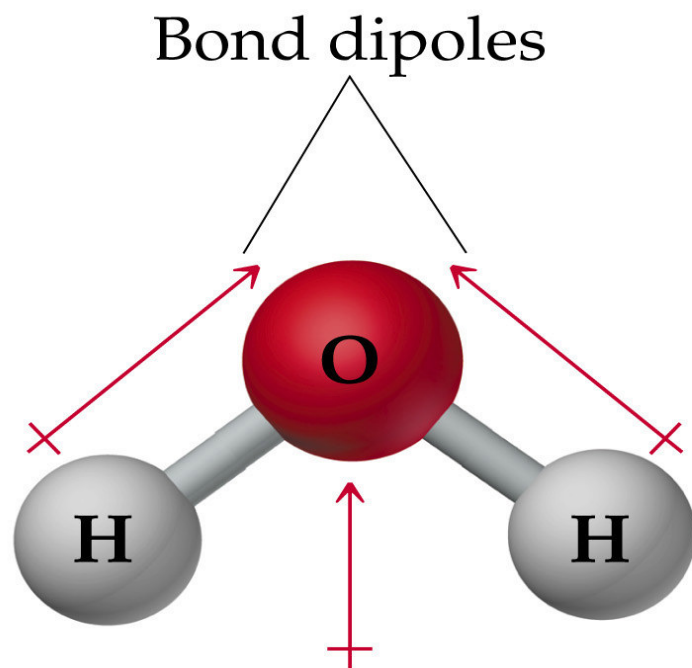
1. AB<sub>2</sub>E OZONE



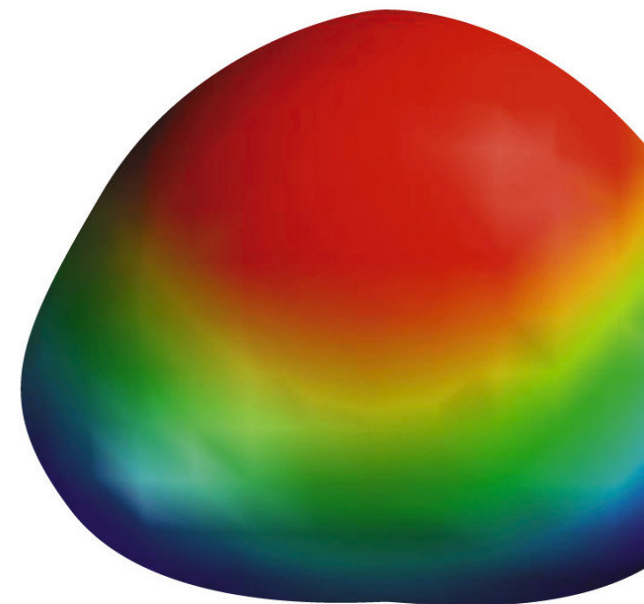
2. AB<sub>2</sub>E<sub>2</sub> WATER



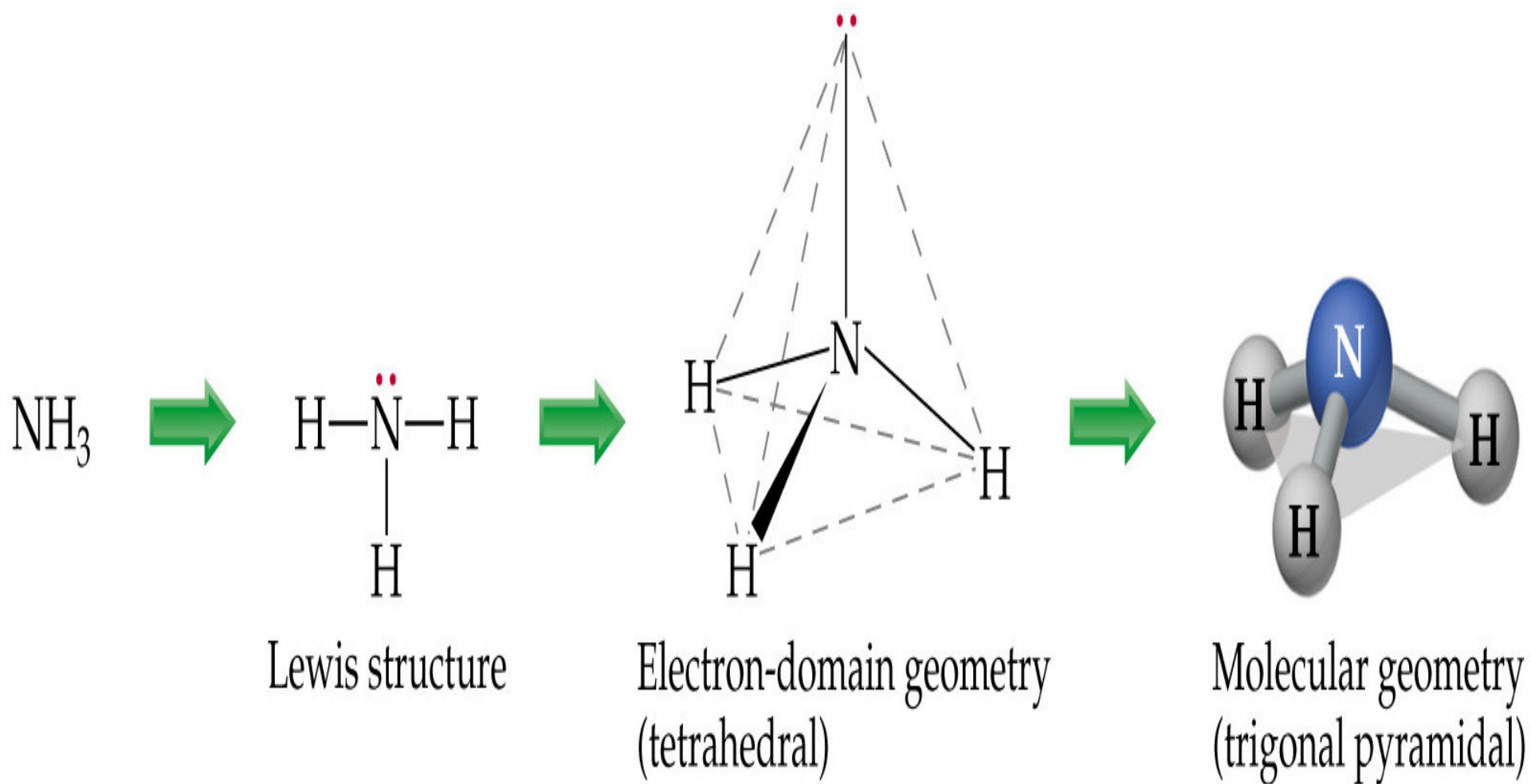
$AB_2E_2$  (Molecules With UnPaired Electrons On the Central Atom) Such as  $H_2O$  are Bent



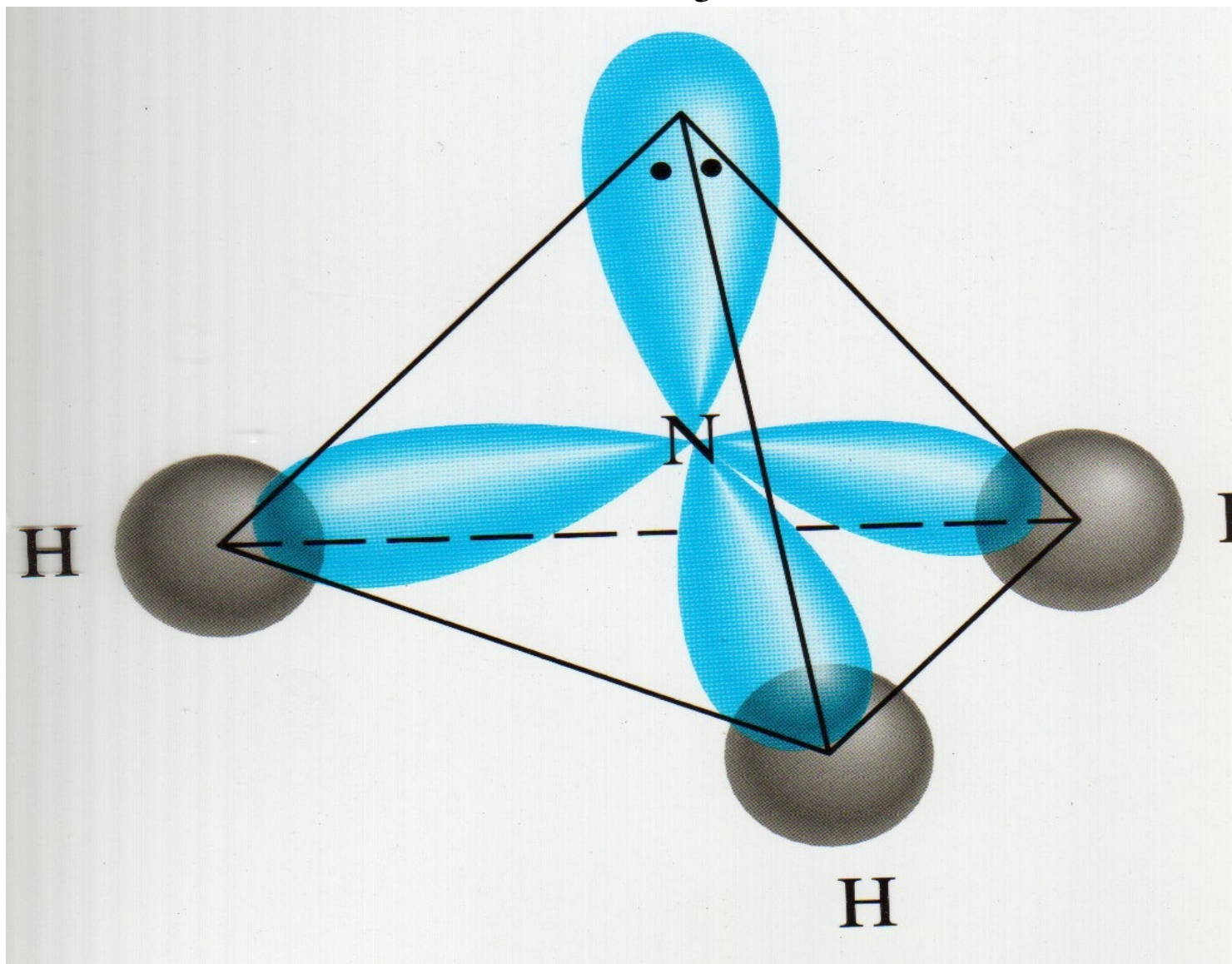
Overall  
dipole  
moment



### 3. $AB_3E$ AMMONIA



$AB_3E$  (Molecules With UnPaired Electrons On the Central Atom) Such as  $NH_3$  are NOT Planar



# Predict Molecular Shapes

1.  $\text{SiCl}_4$  \_\_\_\_\_

2.  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  \_\_\_\_\_

3.  $\text{GeCl}_2$  \_\_\_\_\_

4.  $\text{OF}_2$  \_\_\_\_\_

5.  $\text{NH}_3$  \_\_\_\_\_

6.  $\text{PH}_3$  \_\_\_\_\_



Give the  
electron domain and molecular geometries for

	<u><i>electron domain</i></u>	<u><i>molecular geometry</i></u>
(a) $\text{N}_2\text{O}$	_____	_____
(b) $\text{SO}_3$	_____	_____
(c) $\text{PCl}_3$	_____	_____
(d) $\text{NH}_2\text{Cl}$	_____	_____

## Examples of AB<sub>2</sub> molecules

- Linear AB<sub>2</sub> How many bonds  
CO<sub>2</sub>
- Bent AB<sub>2</sub>E How many “bonds”  
SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>
- Bent AB<sub>2</sub>E<sub>2</sub> How many “bonds”  
H<sub>2</sub>O

## Examples of AB<sub>3</sub> molecules

- Planar AB<sub>3</sub> How many bonds

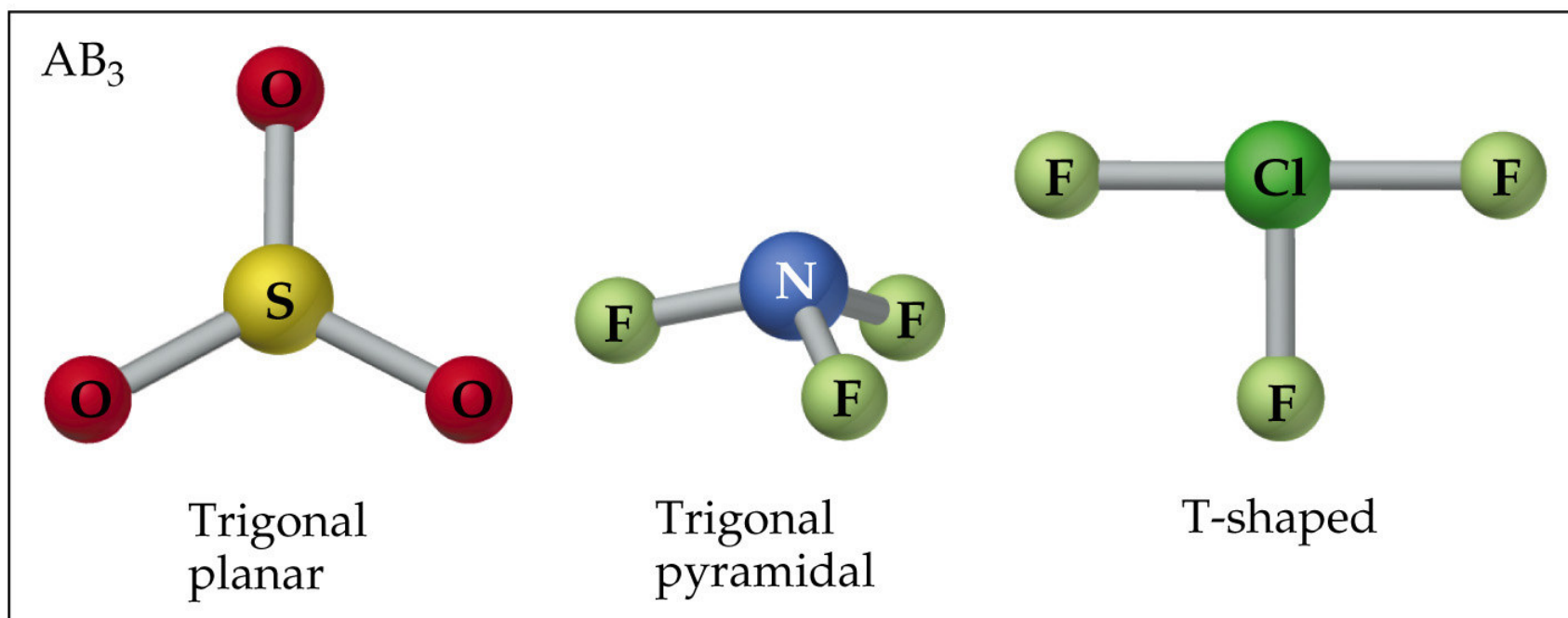
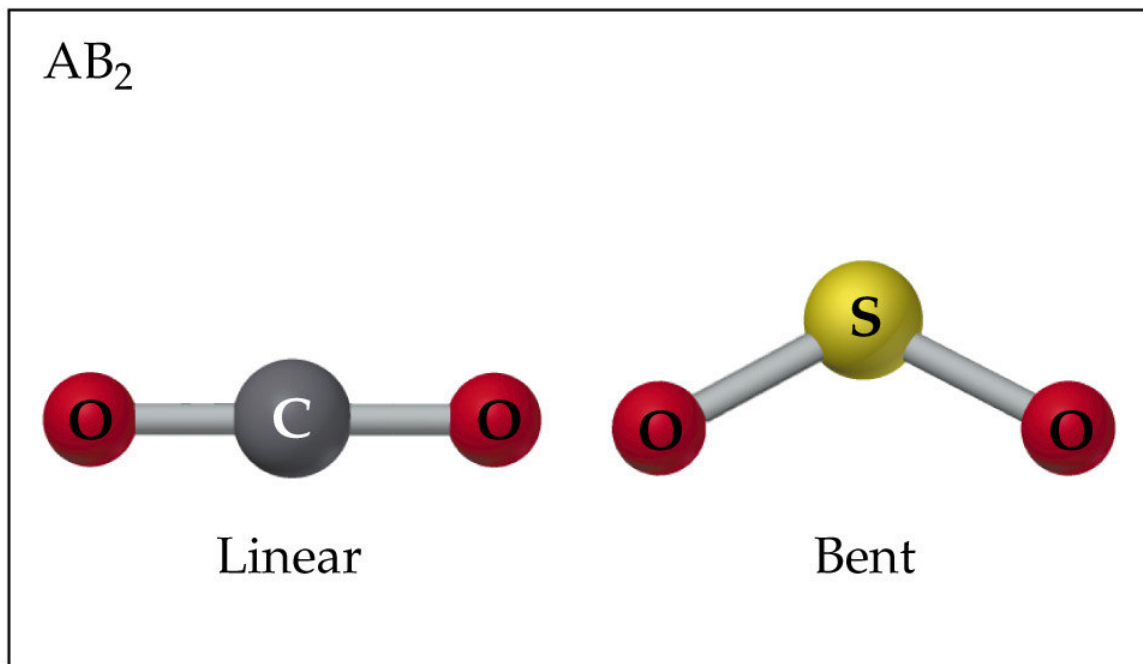


- Pyramidal AB<sub>3</sub>E How many “bonds”



- T shape AB<sub>3</sub>E<sub>2</sub> How many “bonds”





# Two (2) Theories for **MOLECULAR GEOMETRY**

## 1. Valence **S**hell **E**lectron **P**air **R**epulsion *(VSEPR) THEORY*

*Now consider*

## 2. The Valence **B**ond *(VB) THEORY*

# VALENCE BOND Method

uses molecular orbitals

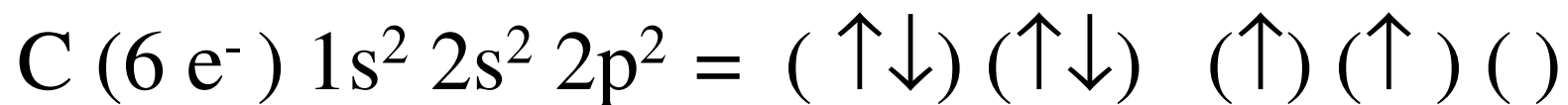
not Atomic Orbitals

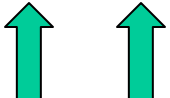
WHAT IS A MOLECULAR ORBITAL?

Orbitals used in bonding of Molecules

## CH<sub>4</sub> as an EXAMPLE

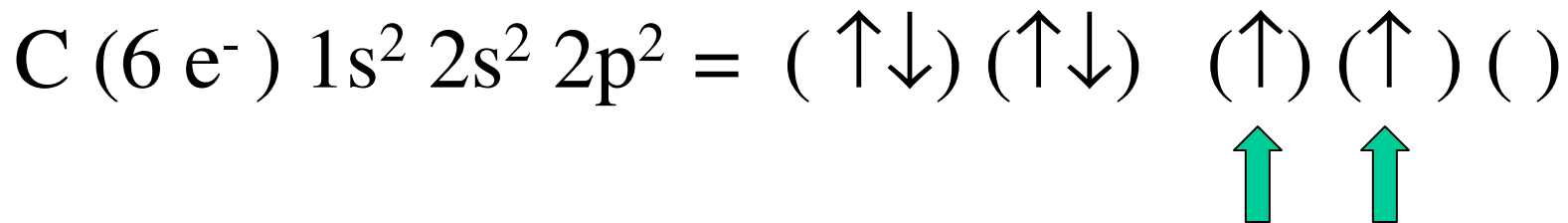
Ground State Electron Configuration



*Only place for two bonds to form* 

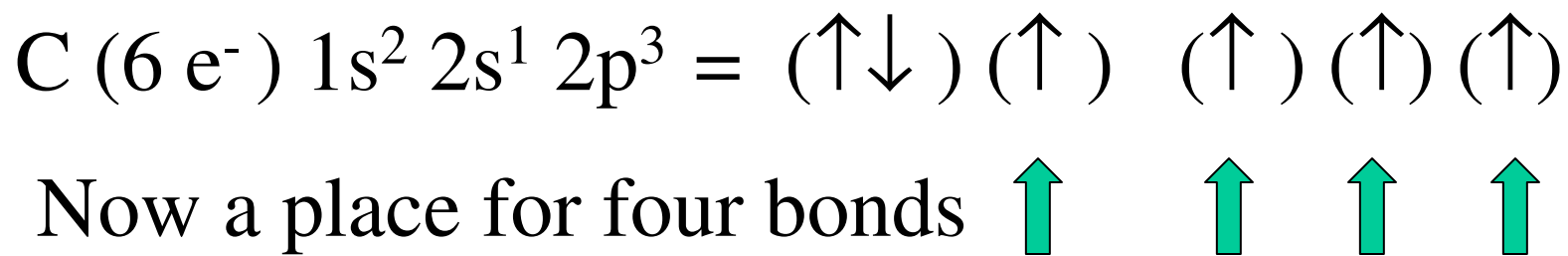
*Therefore would predict CH<sub>2</sub> formation  
and not CH<sub>4</sub>*

*But CH<sub>2</sub> does not exist while CH<sub>4</sub> does*



*Only place for two bonds to form*

Excited State Electron Configuration



One electron from H goes into an s orbital  
and Three from H go into the p orbitals



The **BONDS** in  $\text{CH}_4$  are **ALL** the **SAME!**

One electron in an s orbital and Three in p orbitals would create different bonds.

Since All the Bonds are Equal, this cannot be correct

**INTRODUCE THE CONCEPT OF  
HYBRIDIZATION**

# Hybridization

**In order to make All Bonding sites equal,  
we must create NEW Orbitals.**

**s, p, d, f are ATOMIC ORBITALS**

**MOLECULAR ORBITALS are formed  
from Atomic orbitals**

# VALENCE BOND THEORY

VALENCE SHELL ORBITALS

HYBRIDIZE

THE ORIENTATION OF ALL  
HYBRID VALENCE SHELL  
ORBITALS DETERMINES THE  
GEOMETRY OF THE MOLECULE

**MOLECULAR ORBITALS**  
are formed from  
**ATOMIC ORBITALS**

Atomic Orbitals

one S + one P

one S + two P

one S + three P

Molecular Orbitals

Two (2) SP

Three (3) SP<sup>2</sup>

Four (4) SP<sup>3</sup>

# MOLECULAR ORBITALS

**They are called**

$SP$

$SP^2$

$SP^3$

$SP^3d$  and

$SP^3d^2$

# $sp^3$ HYBRIDIZATION

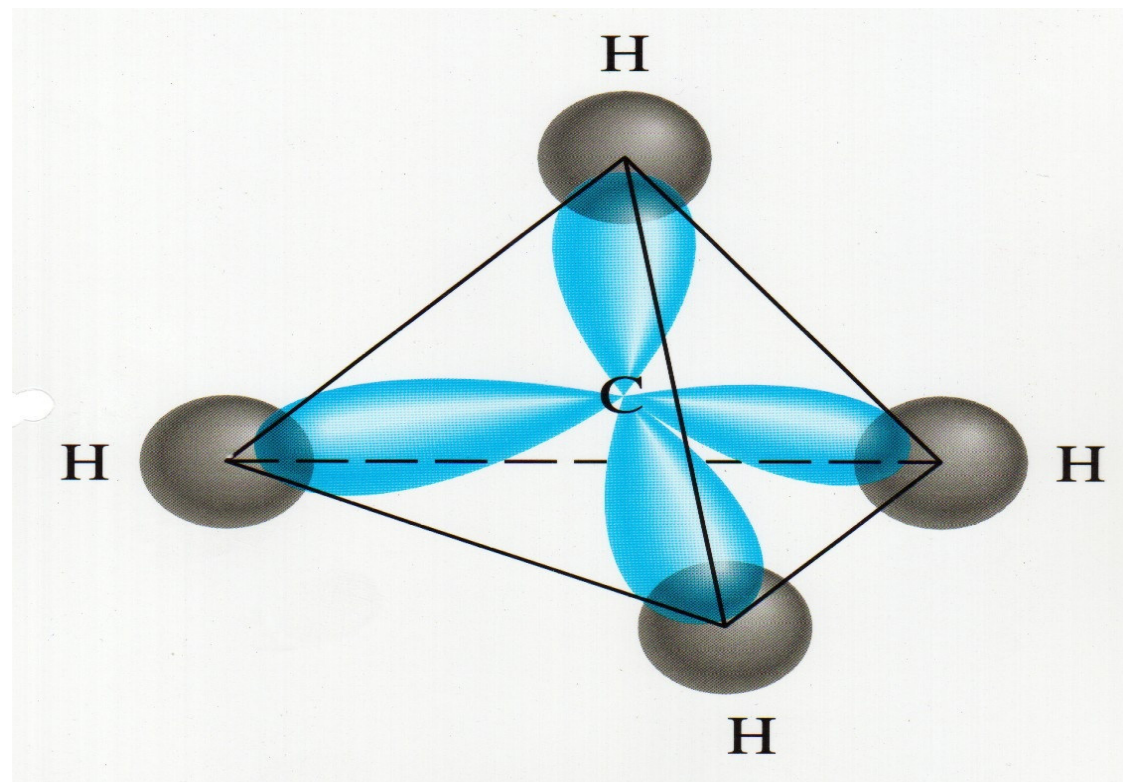
TETRAHEDRAL

Bond Angles

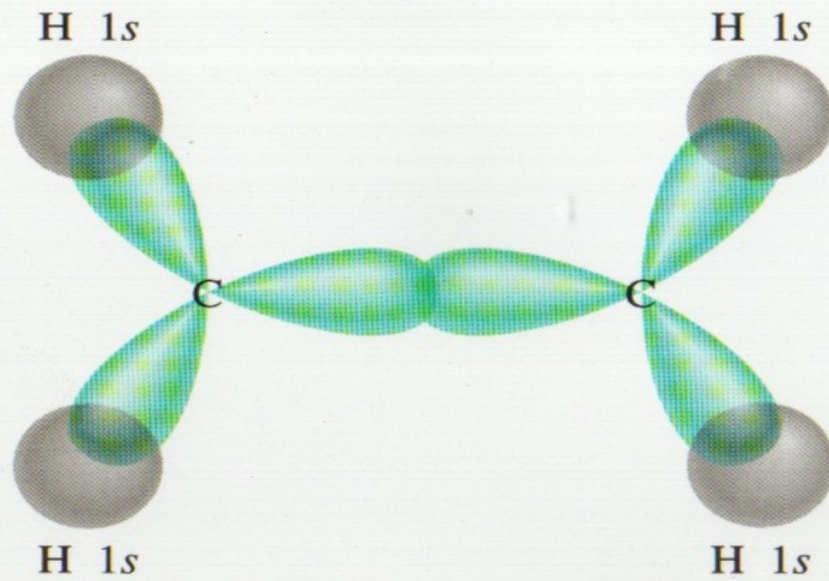
$109\frac{1}{2}^\circ$

Methane  $CH_4$

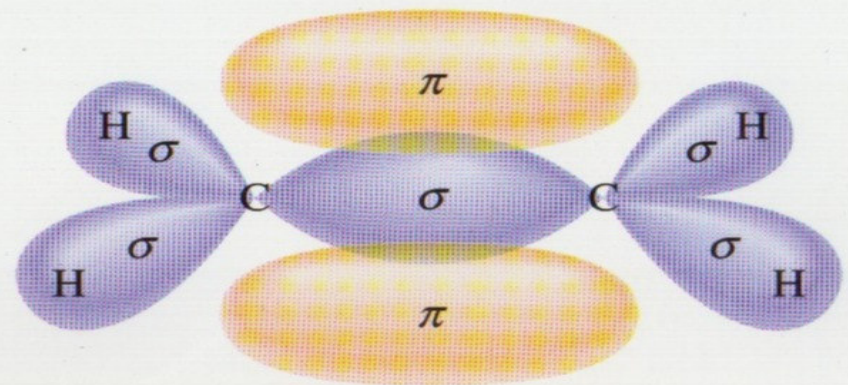
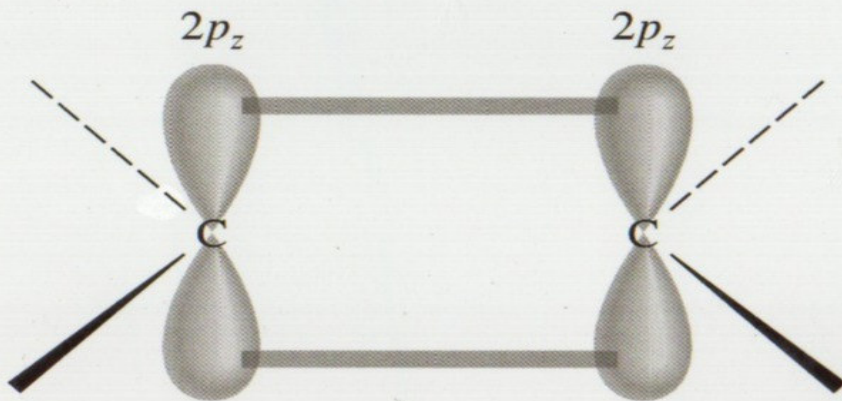
Four  $\sigma$  Bonds  
on C



# $sp^2$ HYBRIDIZATION

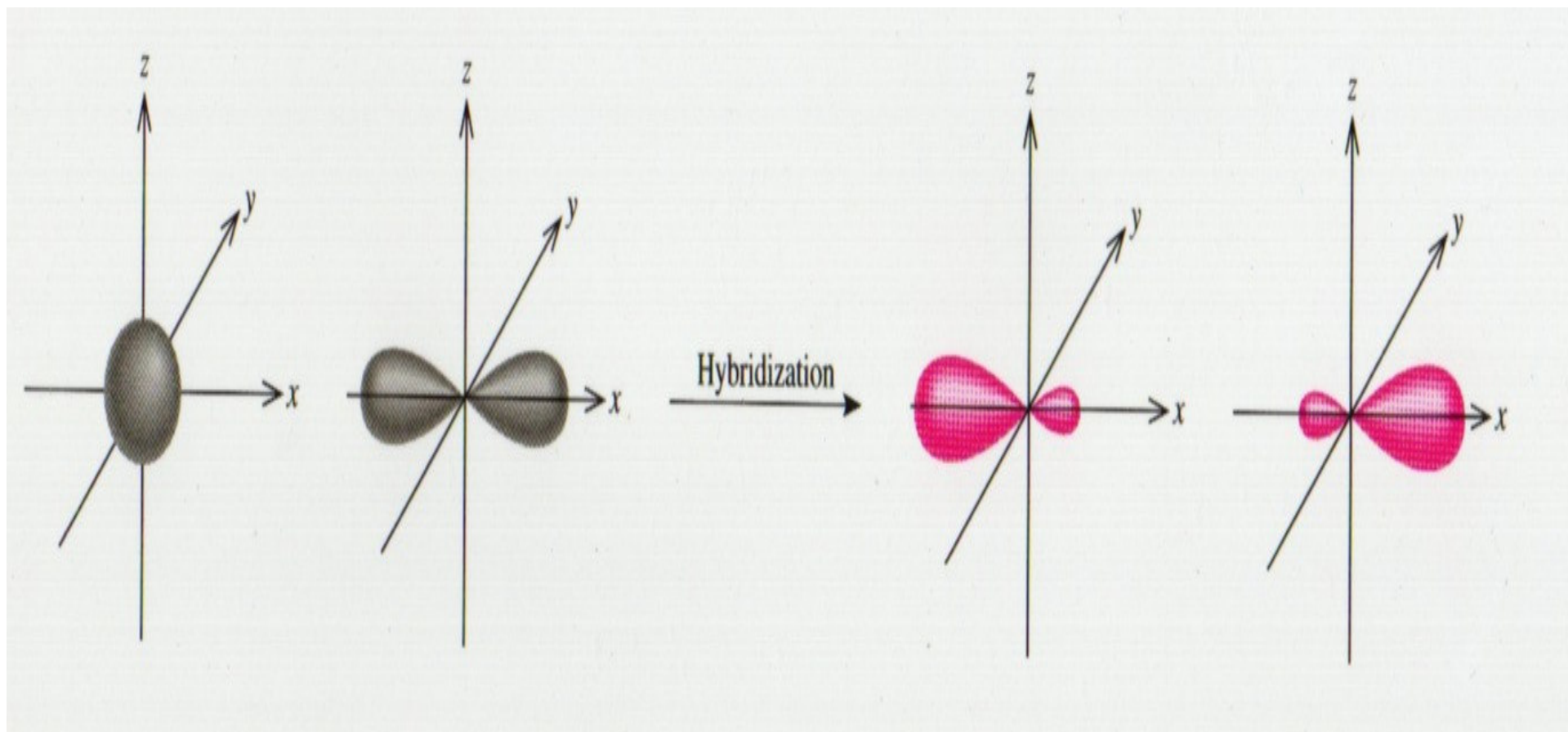


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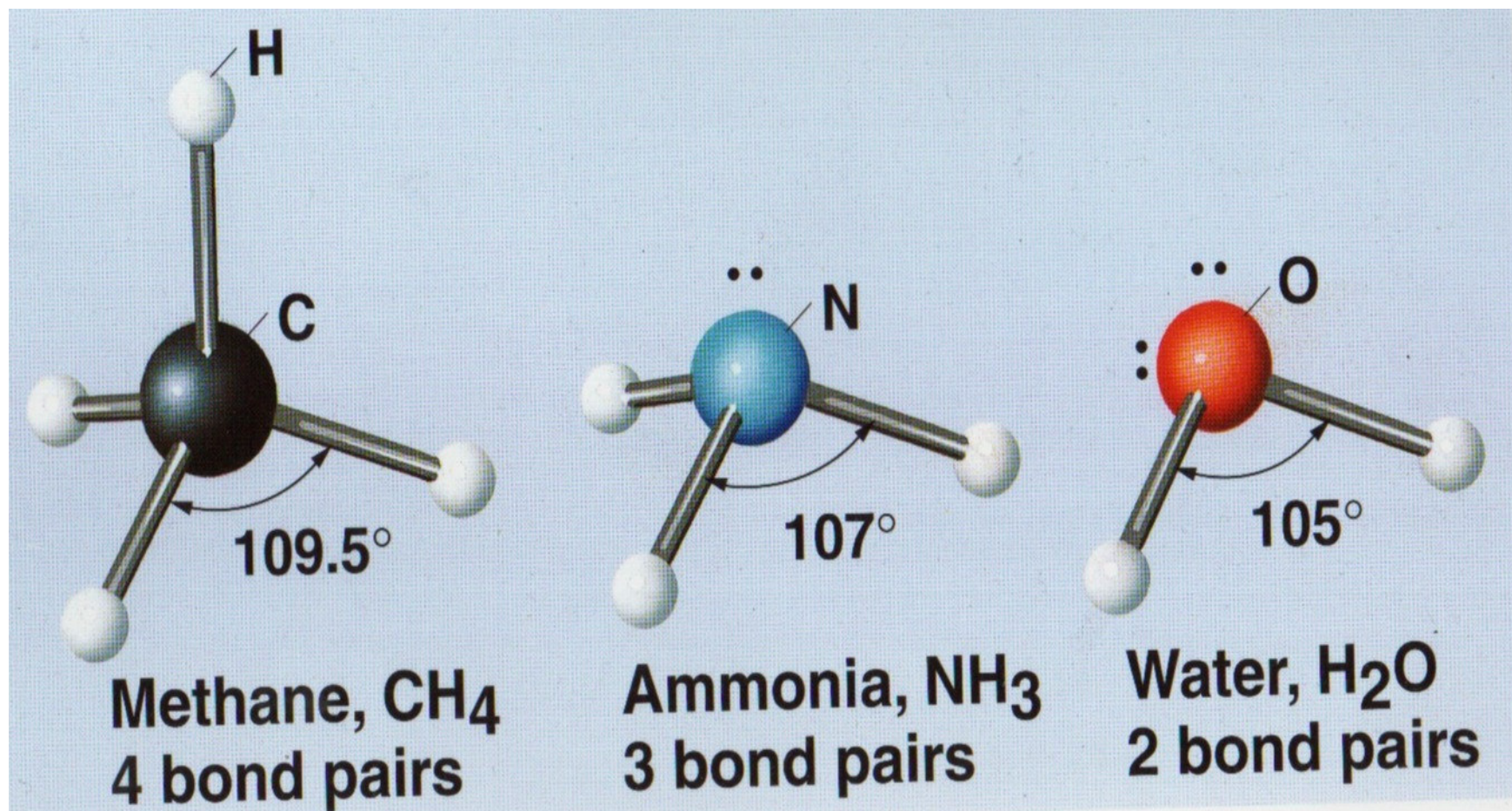
# sp HYBRIDIZATION

one S orbital + one P orbital





# Carbon is NOT The Only Element That Undergoes $sp^3$ HYBRIDIZATION



In  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ , there are three (3) hybridized atoms.

Geometry is assign about each hybridized atom separately.