

Molecular Geometries and Hybridization Review

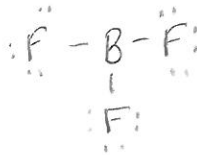
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Examples

Determine the **molecular shape**, **bond angle**, and **hybrid orbitals** for each molecule:

1. boron trifluoride

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{BF}_3 \\ 3 \\ \hline 21 \\ 24 \end{array}$$

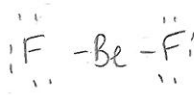


trigonal planar
120°
sp²

2. beryllium fluoride

ionic

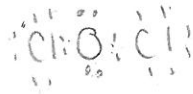
$$\begin{array}{r} \text{BeF}_2 \\ 2 \\ \hline 14 \\ 16 \end{array}$$



linear
sp
180°

3. oxygen dichloride

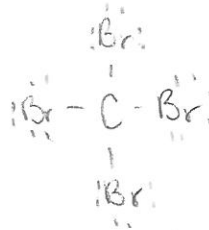
$$\begin{array}{r} \text{OCl}_2 \\ 6 \\ \hline 14 \\ 20 \end{array}$$



bent
104.5°
sp³

4. carbon tetrabromide

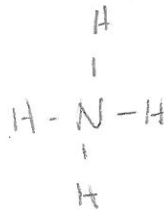
$$\begin{array}{r} \text{CBr}_4 \\ 28 \\ \hline 4 \\ 32 \end{array}$$



tetrahedral
109.5°
sp³

5. ammonium

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{NH}_4^{+} \\ 5 \\ +4 \\ \hline 9 \\ -1 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$$



tetrahedral
109.5°
sp³

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6. Fill in the following table.

Molecule	Lewis structure	Molecular geometry	Bond angle	Hybridization
$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 12 \\ \hline 16 \end{array}$ CS ₂	$\begin{array}{c} \text{:}\ddot{\text{S}}\text{:} - \text{C} - \text{:}\ddot{\text{S}}\text{:} \\ \text{:}\ddot{\text{S}}\text{:} = \text{C} = \text{:}\ddot{\text{S}}\text{:} \end{array}$	linear	180°	sp
$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 2 \\ \hline 6 \\ + \\ 6 \\ \hline 12 \end{array}$ CH ₂ O	$\begin{array}{c} \text{:}\ddot{\text{O}}\text{:} \\ \\ \text{H} - \text{C} - \text{H} \\ \\ \text{H} - \text{C} - \text{H} \\ \text{:}\ddot{\text{O}}\text{:} \end{array}$	trig planar	120°	sp ²
$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ 2 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$ H ₂ Se	$\text{H} - \ddot{\text{Se}} - \text{H}$	bent	104.5°	sp ³
$\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ 4 \\ \hline 24 \end{array}$ CCl ₂ F ₂	$\begin{array}{c} \text{:}\ddot{\text{F}}\text{:} \\ \\ \text{:}\ddot{\text{Cl}}\text{:} - \text{C} - \text{:}\ddot{\text{Cl}}\text{:} \\ \\ \text{:}\ddot{\text{F}}\text{:} \end{array}$	tetrahedral	109.5°	sp ³
$\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ 21 \\ \hline 26 \end{array}$ NCl ₃	$\begin{array}{c} \text{:}\ddot{\text{Cl}}\text{:} - \text{N} - \text{:}\ddot{\text{Cl}}\text{:} \\ \\ \text{:}\ddot{\text{Cl}}\text{:} \end{array}$	trigonal pyramidal	107.3	sp ³

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Homework

1. Define the term bond angle.

Angle formed between bp/lone pairs of electrons and the central atom

2. Compare the size of an orbital that has a shared electron pair with one that has a lone electron pair.

lone pairs occupy more space than a shared (bonded) electron pair

3. Describe how the presence of a lone pair of electrons affects the spacing of atoms bonded to the central atom.

lone pairs have repulsion and are closer to the central atom so it pushes the other bonded atoms together

4. Identify the type of hybrid orbitals and bond angles present for a molecule with a tetrahedral shape.

sp^3
 109.5°

5. Compare the molecular shapes and hybrid orbitals of phosphorus trifluoride and phosphorus pentafluoride. Why do they have different molecular geometries?

PF_5 has an expanded octet and makes 5 bonds, while PF_3 has 3 bp and 1 lp; a total of 4 pairs of electrons contributing to the molecular shape

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