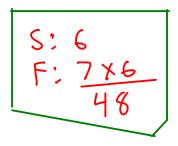
EXAMPLES:





- The central SULFUR atom has a share in TWELVE total electrons, not eight!
- The SHAPE of the sulfur hexafluoride molecule in three dimensions agrees with the picture of six fluorine atoms each sharing a pair of electrons with a sulfur center.

This structure obeys the octet rule.

This molecule does NOT obey the octet rule. Phosphorus ends up with ten electrons instead of eight.

FORMAL CHARGE

- You can sometimes draw more than one structure for a molecule that appears correct. How can you determine which one is more likely?

- USE FORMAL CHARGE!

- Formal charge is a hypothetical charge on each atom in a structure. It assumes:
 - (1) All bonding electrons are shared EQUALLY between atoms
 - (2) Lone pairs are NOT shared.

FORMAL CHARGE = ORIGINAL # OF VALENCE ELECTRONS — NUMBER OF UNSHARED ELECTRONS

* The sum of the formal charges of all atoms in a structure should equal to the charge of the molecule (0 for neutral molecules)

The "better" Lewis structure will have:

- Lower magnitudes of formal charge (00 is better than +2-2)
- Negative formal charges on ELECTRONEGATIVE atoms, or positive formal charges on atoms that are less electronegative.

EXAMPLE: LOC/2

... calculate formal charges to tell which structure is more likely!

$$0:6-1-6=0$$
 $C:4-4-0=0$
 $C:4-4-0=0$
 $C:7-1-6=0$
 $C:7-1-6=0$
 $C:7-1-6=0$

Based on formal charge, the structure on the left is the more likely structure, since it has lower-magnitude formal charges.

... we can determine which of these structures is more likely by calculating \ formal charges!

$$H: |-1-0=0$$
 $C: 4-3-2=-1$
 $N: S-4-0=+1$

$$H: |-|-0=6$$
 $C: 4-4-0=0$
 $N: S-3-2=0$

Which structure is more likely?

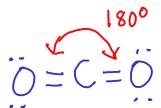
Based on formal charge, the structure on the right is preferred, since it has lower-magnitude formal charges.

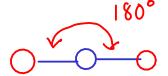
PREDICTING MOLECULAR SHAPE

The shape of simple molecules (and parts of larger molecules) can be easily predicted using the VSEPR model

VSEPR = Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion Model

- Each BOND or LONE PAIR OF ELECTRONS around an atom will try to move itself as far away from other bonds or lone pairs as possible!

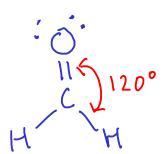


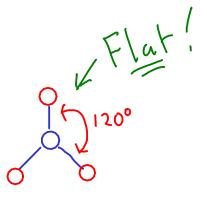


For the two red circles to be farthest apart, they must be 180 degrees apart

LINEAR MOLECULES

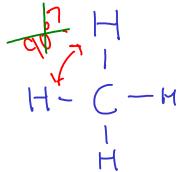
ANY diatomic (two-atom) molecule is linear, but only some three-atom molecules are!





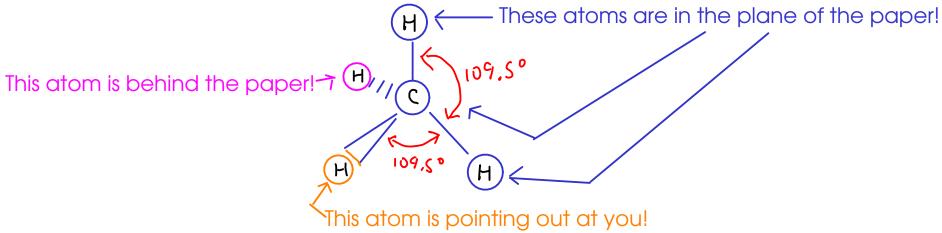
For the three red circles to be farthest apart, they spread out so that each is 120 degrees from the others!

TRIGONAL PLANAR MOLECULES



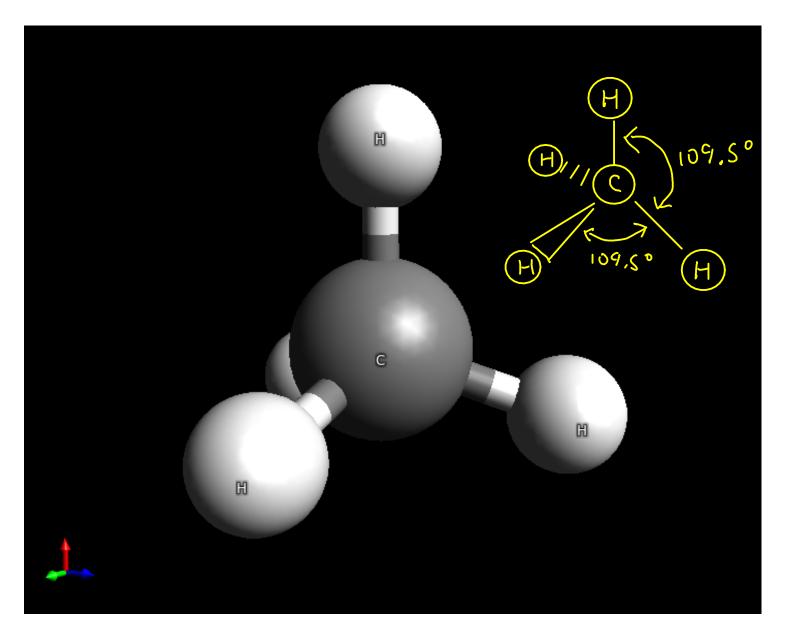
These hydrogen atoms might appear at first glance to be 90 degrees apart, but remember that molecules exist in THREE DIMENSIONS, not two!

Each hydrogen atom is actually 109.5 degrees apart, forming a TETRAHEDRON.



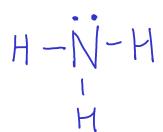
To see the tetrahedron in three dimensions WITHOUT buying a molecular model kit, just take four balloons, blow them up, and then tie them together. The knot will be the central atom, and the balloons will line themselves up to be 109.5 degrees apart.

Here's a computer ball-and-stick rendering of the methane molecule.



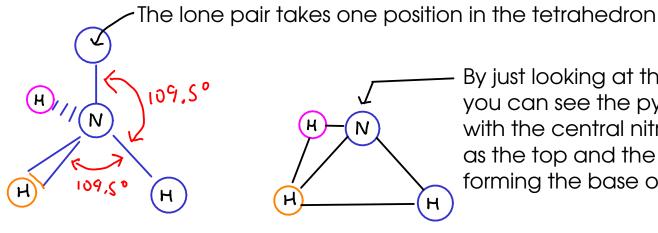
DERIVATIVES OF THE TETRAHEDRON

- What if there are lone pairs? The way the shape of a molecule is described depends on the ATOMS in the molecule, even though lone pairs play a role in the positions of the atoms.

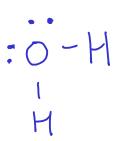


Since there are four "things" around the nitrogen atom, we would expect them to be approximately 109.5 degrees apart (in other words, TETRAHEDRAL). BUT ... only three of these things are atoms.

The atoms are arranged in a PYRAMID shape, so we call this molecule **PYRAMIDAL!**



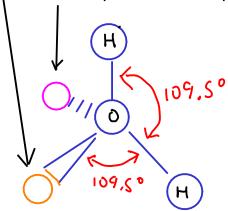
By just looking at the atoms, you can see the pyramid with the central nitrogen atom as the top and the hydrogen atoms forming the base of the pyramid.



Since there are four "things" around the oxygen atom, we would expect them to be approximately 109.5 degrees apart (in other words, TETRAHEDRAL). BUT... only two of these things are atoms.

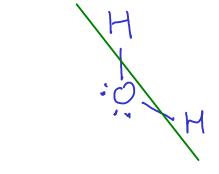
The atoms are all in a single plane, but they are not lined up in a straight line. We call this shape "BENT".

Lone pairs take up two positions in the tetrahedron

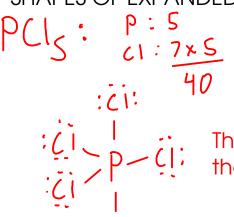


* These atoms are in the same plane, like carbon dioxide. But they are not arranged linearly! We sometimes draw the Lewis structure of water this way to emphasize the "bent" nature of the molecule!

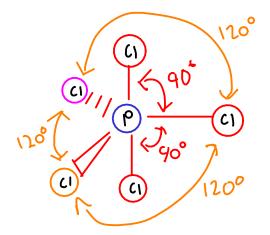
Notice that this molecule has two "sides", one with the oxygen atom and one with hydrogen atoms.



SHAPES OF EXPANDED VALENCE MOLECULES



There are five atoms bonded to the central phosphorus atom, and they will attempt to get as far apart as possible from one another!



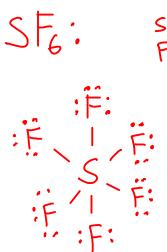
The top and bottom atoms are 90 degrees apart from the atoms around the center.

The atoms around the center are 120 degrees apart from each other.

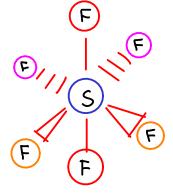


There are acually two DIFFERENT bond angles in this structure. It's called TRIGONAL BIPYRAMIDAL.

There are several derivatives of the trigonal bipyramidal shape (like the tetrahedral shape) - depending on how many things around the central atom are atoms!



There are six atoms bonded to the central sulfur atom, and they will attempt to get as far apart as possible from one another!



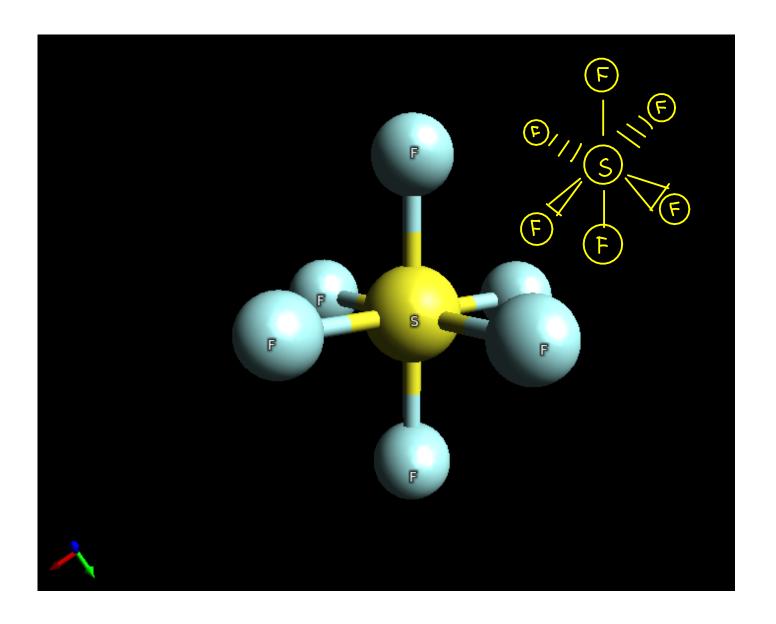
All bond angles in this arrangement are 90 degrees!



This shape is called OCTAHEDRAL, since it has eight sides.

Like the tetrahedral and trigonal bipyramidal arrangements, there are several derivatives of the octahedron - depending on how many of the six things around the center are atoms!

Here's a ball-and-stick rendering of the sulfur hexafluoride molecule:



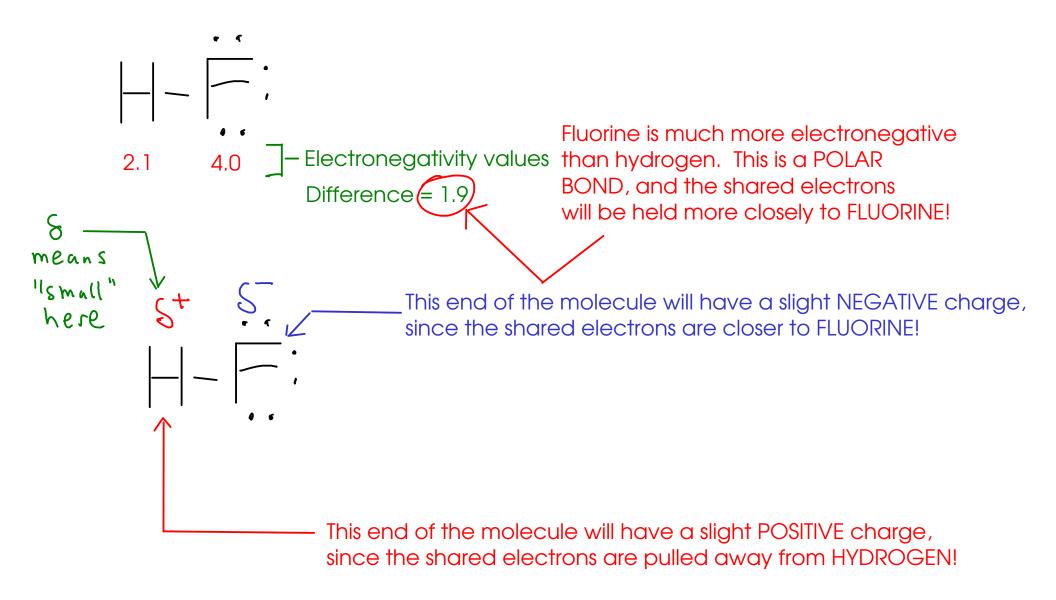
POLARITY

- When atoms share electrons, the electrons might not be EVENLY shared. Shared electrons may spend more time around one atomic nucleus than the other.
- When electrons are shared UNEVENLY, this results in a POLAR BOND.

... but how can we tell whether or not a bond will be POLAR? Use ELECTRONEGATIVITY! Usually no actual calculation is required - trends are often good enough to see whether a bond is polar.

REMINDER: ELECTRONEGATIVITY

- -A number that describes how tightly an atom will hold shared electrons
- A bond where there is a LARGE electronegativity difference between atoms will be either POLAR or (for very large differences) IONIC!
- A bond with little or no electronegativity difference between atoms will be NONPOLAR



POLARITY OF MOLECULES

So what can a molecule's LEWIS STRUCTURE, SHAPE, and the POLARITY of its bonds tell us?

... the POLARITY of the overall molecule, which will tell us (among other things) what a given molecule will mix with or dissolve in!

POLAR MOLECULES

- Will dissolve in or dissolve other polar molecules
- Will dissolve some ionic compounds
- Will NOT easily dissolve nonpolar molecules

NONPOLAR MOLECULES

- Will dissolve in or dissolve other nonpolar molecules
- Will NOT easily dissolve polar molecules or ionic compounds

Example: WATER

Example: OILS

For a molecule to be polar, it must ...

- 1) Have polar bonds! (Any molecule that contains no polar bonds must be nonpolar!)
- (2) Have polar bonds arranged in such a way that they don't balance each other out! (This is why you need to know the structure and shape of the molecule)

Examples:

Shape? This molecule is TRIGONAL PLANAR. There are THREE THINGS around the central carbon: =0, -H, and -H

Polar? 1) Polar bonds? YES ... C=O is polar. C-H is nonpolar 2) Arrangement? Electrons are pulled towards the oxygen end of the molecule, making the H side positive, so POLAR.

Shape? LINEAR. There are only two things around carbon, and they will be 180 degrees apart.

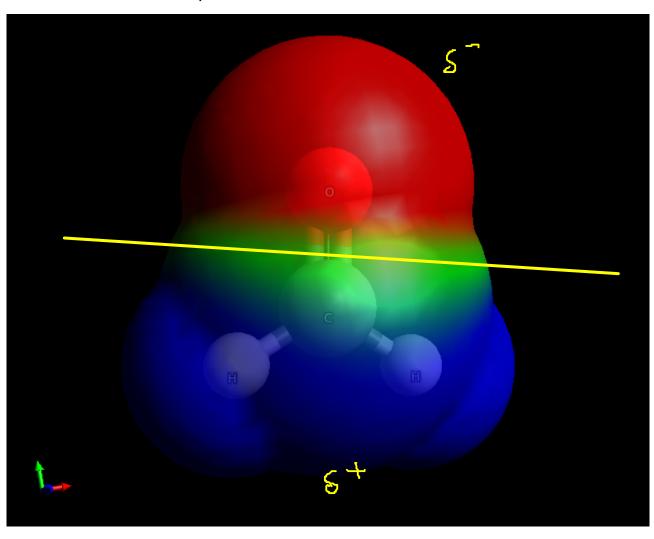
0= L=0:

Polar? 1) Polar bonds? C=O bonds are polar.

2) Arrangement? The oxygen atoms are electronegative, but are on opposite sides of the molecule, so there's no negative "side". This is a NONPOLAR molecule.

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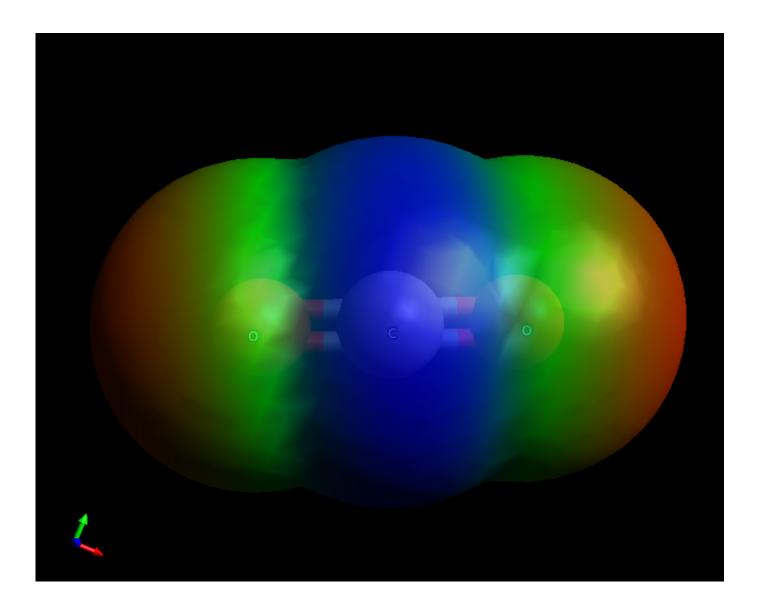
This ball-and-stick model shows electrostatic potential - red for more negative and blue for more positive



oxygen "side", slightly negative

hydrogen "side", slightly positive

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This molecule is NONPOLAR. No positive "side" or negative "side"

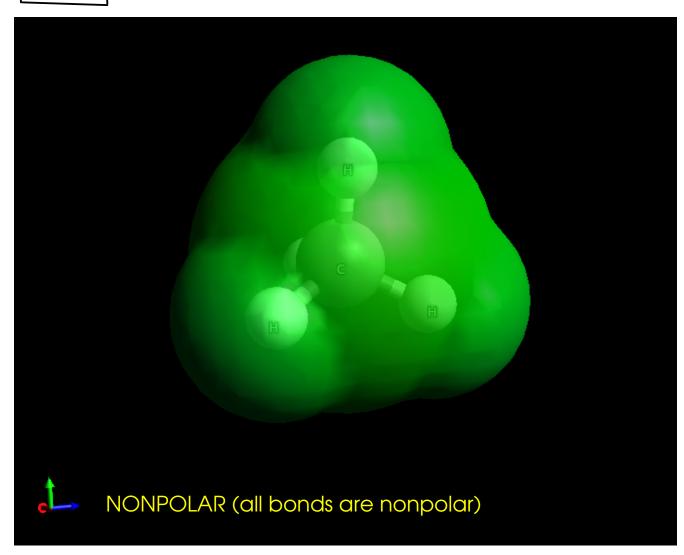
Shape? TETRAHEDRAL. Four atoms around the central carbon atom, all 109.5 degrees apart.

Polar? 1) Polar bonds? C-H bonds are nonpolar. NONPOLAR MOLECULE.

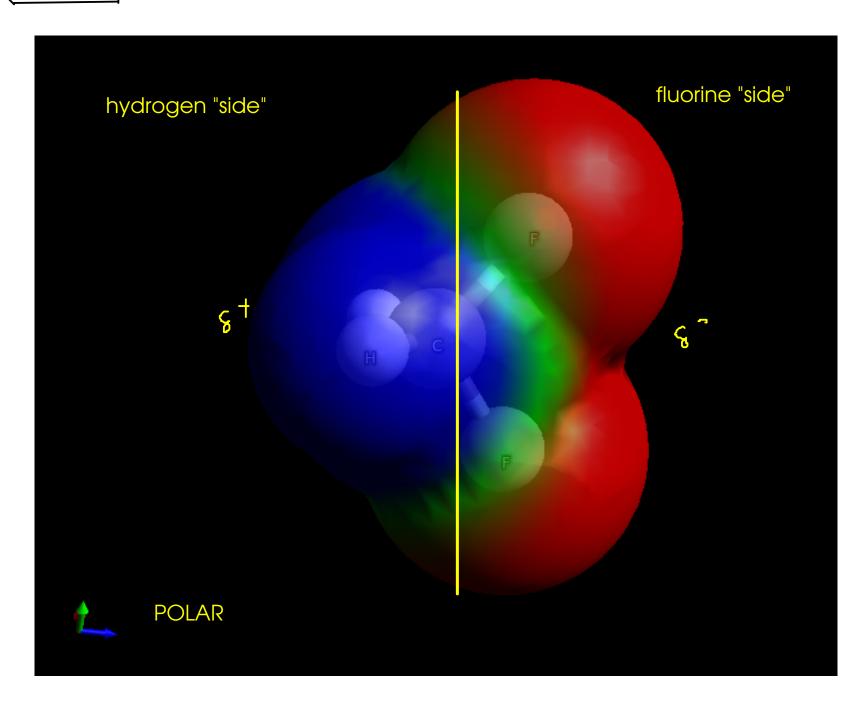
Shape? TETRAHEDRAL. Four atoms around the central carbon atom, just like methane.

Polar? 1) Polar bonds? YES ... C-F is polar 2) Arrangement? We have an uneven tetrahedron, which has a fluorine side and a hydrogen side, so the molecule is POLAR.





CH2 F2



POLARITY AND MOLECULAR PROPERTIES

- POLAR MOLECULES have
 - higher boiling points and melting points that comparably sized nonpolar molecules.
 - higher solubility in polar solvents like water than nonpolar molecules

"LIKE DISSOLVES LIKE"

- NONPOLAR MOLECULES have
 - lower boiling points and melting points that comparably sized polar molecules.
 - higher solubility in nonpolar solvents like carbon tetrachloride or oils