Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion (VSEPR) Theory

Electron Groups	Atoms Connected	Lone Pairs	Electronic Geometry	Molecular Geometry	Structure
2	2	0	linear	linear	—X—
3	3	0	trigonal planar	trigonal planar	× X
3	2	1	trigonal planar	bent	, X
4	4	0	tetrahedral	tetrahedral	X.
4	3	1	tetrahedral	trigonal pyramidal	X
4	2	2	tetrahedral	bent	X

Geometry is determined around each <u>central</u> atom.

Electronegativity

Measures the pull an atom exerts on the electron; based on a 4.0 scale.

Electronegativity Difference	Bond Type	Example	
Small (0.0-0.4)	pure covalent	O ₂	
Intermediate (0.5-2.0)	polar covalent	HF	
Large (2.1+)	ionic	KBr	

