Chemistry 120

Molecular Geometry	AX <sub>m</sub> E <sub>n</sub> Code	Approximate Bond Angles (degrees)	Hybridization of Central Atom*	2-dimensional Representation	3-dimensional Representation
Linear	$AX_2$	180	sp	XX	x
Trigonal Planar	AX <sub>3</sub>	120	sp²	x x x x	x x x x
Bent/V-shaped	AX <sub>2</sub> E <sub>1</sub>	<120	sp²	x Ä x	x A x
Tetrahedral	AX4	109.5	sp³	$x \xrightarrow{X} A \xrightarrow{X} x$	
Trigonal Pyramid	AX₃E₁	<109.5	sp <sup>3</sup>	x X X	
Bent/V-shaped	AX <sub>2</sub> E <sub>2</sub>	<109.5	sp <sup>3</sup>	x	

In the AXE codes, *m* is the number of atoms bonded to the central atom, and *n* is the number of lone pairs on the central atom (do not include lone pairs on other atoms).

Hybridization is an important topic which will be introduced in CHEM 130. Although you do not need this information for CHEM 120, it will be useful for you when you take General Chemistry.

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Trigonal Bipyramid	$AX_5$	90 & 120	dsp <sup>3</sup>		
See-saw	AX₄E₁	90 &120	dsp³	X X X X	
T-shaped	$AX_3E_2$	90	dsp <sup>3</sup>	xX   x	$x \longrightarrow x$
Linear	AX₂E₃	180	dsp <sup>3</sup>	x—∹Ä.—−x	$(\mathbf{x})$

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Octahedral	AX <sub>6</sub>	90	d <sup>2</sup> sp <sup>3</sup>	X X X X	
Square Pyramid	AX₅E₁	90	d²sp³		
Square Planar	AX₄E₂	90	d² sp³	x x X X X	

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