CONCEPT: MOLECULAR GEOMETRY (SIMPLIFIED)

• True shape of a molecule that takes into account differences in repulsion between lone pairs and surrounding elements.

□ Treats lone pairs and surrounding elements as _____.

Two Electron Groups

• Central elements with 2 electron groups have _____ lone pair(s) to give only one possible molecular geometry.

2 Electron Groups							
Electron Groups	Bonding Groups	Lone Pairs	Shapes	Visual	Molecular Geometry		
2			CI—Be—CI: O—C—O H—C—N:				

Three Electron Groups

• Central elements with 3 electron groups can have ____ or ___ lone pair(s) to give two possible molecular geometries.

3 Electron Groups								
Electron Groups	Bonding Groups	Lone Pairs	Shapes	Visual	Molecular Geometry			
3								
			Sn Cl.					

EXAMPLE: Determine the molecular geometry for the following molecule: BCl₃

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Four Electron Groups

• Central elements with 4 electron groups can have ____ to ___ lone pair(s) to give three possible molecular geometries.

4 Electron Groups								
Electron Groups	Bonding Groups	Lone Pairs	Shapes H C H	Visual	Molecular Geometry			
4			H H					
			H O H					

EXAMPLE: Determine the molecular geometry for the following ion: NH₄+

PRACTICE: Determine the molecular geometry for the following molecule: FSSF.