# of Electron Pairs	# of Lone Pairs	VSEPR notation	Name	Diagram	
2	0	AX ₂	Linear	BeCl ₂ Cl Be Cl	
2	2	AX ₂ E ₂	Bent		
2	3	AX ₂ E ₃	Linear		
3	0	AX ₃	Planar triangular	BCI ₃ CI CI CI CI	
3	1	AX ₃ E	Trigonal pyramidal	M CX	ø

VSEPR CHART A = central atom X = bonding pair E = lone pair

3	2	AX ₃ E ₂	T-shaped		
4	0	AX ₄	Tetrahedral	CH4 HCC+4	
4	1	AX4E	See-saw		
4	2	AX4E2	Square planar	X M X X	

5	0	AX ₅	Trigonal bipyramidal	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	Ø
5	1	AX ₅ E	Square pyramidal	X M X	
6	0	AX ₆	Octahedral	SF ₆	

The list below shows important types of hybrid orbitals. The directional properties of the various hybrids are also shown.

sp hybrids





sp³d² hybrids

The bonds in the ethane molecule. Notice the overlap in the orbitals. The degree of overlap of the sp³ orbitals in the carbon-carbon bond does not appreciably affect the rotation of the two CH_3 - groups.

