

# 1 Morning class week 6 day 3: Hybridization

## 1. Main group hybridization

### 3. Linear $sp$ and planer $sp^2$ hybridization

(a)  $sp$  hybridization, the linear hybridization scheme: In molecules such as  $N_2$  and  $HCCH$ , the main group atom has either just one bond to it or two bonds which are in a straight line. For such atoms we use  $sp$  hybridization.

- To generate the four orbitals used in  $sp$  hybridization, start off in the left-most column with three  $2p$  and one  $2s$  atomic orbitals.
- Now mix a  $2s$  and a  $2p$  orbital to generate the four orbitals involved in  $sp$  hybridization.

(b)  $sp^2$  hybridization, the planar hybridization scheme: In molecules such as water,  $H_2O$ , and acetone,  $CH_2O$ , the central main group atom has either just two bonds, which are not in a straight line, or three bonds, which are in a plane. For such atoms we use  $sp^2$  hybridization.

- To generate the four orbitals used in  $sp^2$  hybridization, start off in the left-most column with three  $2p$  and one  $2s$  atomic orbitals.
- Now mix a  $2s$  and a  $2p$  orbital to generate one of the  $sp^2$  hybrids pointing in the direction of *one* of the three planar directions.
- Now mix another pair of orbitals to generate the four orbitals in the  $sp^2$  hybridization scheme.

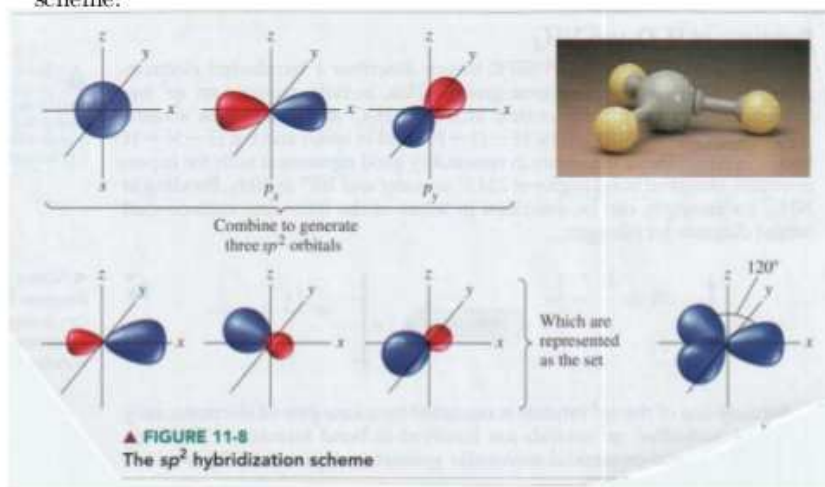
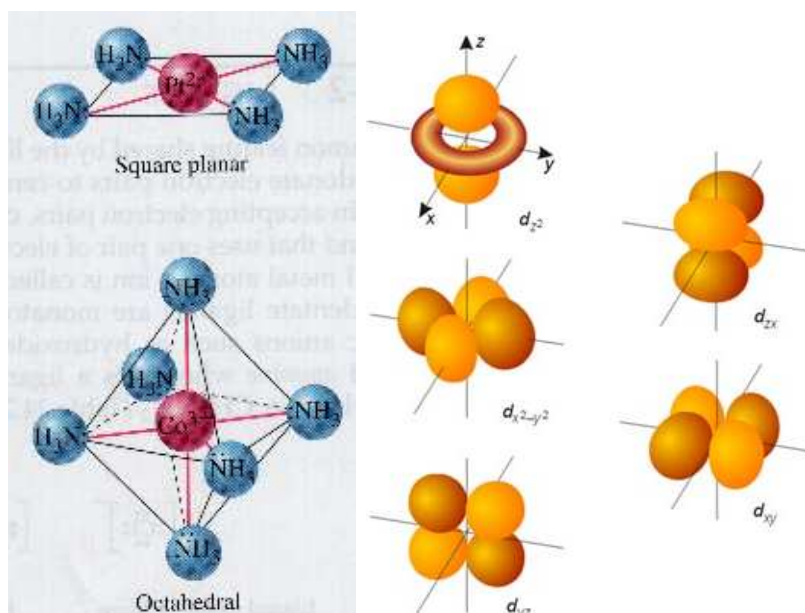


Figure 2:  $sp^2$  hybridization

(c) Please review what you have learned. The diagram shown above may be an aid in this review process.

2. **Transition metal hybridization** includes  $d$ -orbitals.  $d$ -orbital hybridization allows, among other geometries, the octahedral and the square planar geometries, see below  $Pt^{2+}(NH_3)_4$  and  $Co^{3+}(NH_3)_6$ . Of the two, the octahedral geometry is the more common. The square planar geometry dominates for transition metals with exactly eight valence  $d$ -electrons.

3. Shown below are the five  $d$ -orbitals. Please draw these five  $d$ -orbitals on your own. In drawing these



orbitals, to obtain a 3-D perspective, it is best to partially eclipse the lobes, see picture.

- (a)  $dsp^2$  hybridization, the square planar hybridization scheme uses the  $x^2 - y^2$  orbital.
- To generate square planar hybridization, please start by drawing, on the left side of an empty page, the valence  $d_{x^2-y^2}$ ,  $p_x$ ,  $p_y$ , and  $s$  orbitals.
  - Please first mix the  $s$  and  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  orbitals.
  - Next mix the  $p_x$  orbital with one of the  $s$  and  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  mixes.
  - Finally mix the  $p_y$  orbital with the other of the  $s$  and  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  mixes.
  - The square planar hybridization scheme has been achieved. Please review.
- (b)  $d^2sp^3$  hybridization, the octahedral hybridization scheme uses the  $d_{z^2}$  and  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  orbitals.
- To generate octahedral hybridization, please start by drawing, on the left side of an empty page, the valence  $d_{x^2-y^2}$ ,  $d_{z^2}$ ,  $p_x$ ,  $p_y$ ,  $p_z$ , and  $s$  orbitals.
  - Please first mix the  $s$  and  $d_{z^2}$  orbitals.
  - Next mix the  $p_z$  orbital with one of the  $s$  and  $d_{z^2}$  mixes.
  - Now, please mix  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  with the other of the  $s$  and  $d_{z^2}$  mixes.
  - Please mix  $p_x$  with one of these last set of mixes and mix  $p_y$  with the other of the last two mixes.
  - The octahedral hybridization scheme has been achieved. Please review.