

Group	
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D_{∞}	$O(2)$
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$C_{\infty h}$	$SO(2) \times Z_2$
C_{∞}	$SO(2)$

Continuous group		Finite group	
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		O_h	$S_4 \times Z_2$
		T_h	$A_4 \times Z_2$
		T_d	S_4
K	$SO(3)$	I	A_5
		O	S_4
		T	A_4
$D_{\infty h}$	$O(2) \times Z_2$	D_{nh}	$Dih_n \times Z_2$
		D_{nd}	Dih_{2n}
D_{∞}	$O(2)$	D_n	Dih_n
$C_{\infty v}$	$O(2)$	C_{nv}	Dih_n
$C_{\infty h}$	$SO(2) \times Z_2$	C_{nh}	$Z_n \times Z_2$
		S_{2n}	Z_{2n}
C_{∞}	$SO(2)$	C_n	Z_n

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Number of atoms	Possible groups (not including subgroups)
1	K_h
2	$D_{\infty h}, C_{\infty v}$
3	$D_{\infty h}, C_{\infty v}, D_{3h}, C_{2v}, C_s$
4	$D_{\infty h}, C_{\infty v}, D_{3h}, C_{2v}, C_s, T_d, D_{4h}, D_{2h}, D_{2d}, D_2, C_{3v}, C_{2h}, C_2, C_1$

Possible point groups for 3-atom (triatomic) molecules

Point group	Chemical formula type		
	A ₃	A ₂ B	ABC
$D_{\infty h}$	C ₃	CO ₂	Not possible
$C_{\infty v}$		N ₂ O	HOS
D_{3h}	H ₃ ⁺	Not possible	Not possible
C_{2v}	O ₃	H ₂ O	Not possible
C_s	Unlikely	HO ₂	HNO

Impossible point groups for 3-atom (triatomic) molecules

$$C_1$$

Any three points form a plane, so any triatomic molecule will have a mirror-plane formed by the three atoms. The existence of a mirror-plane will promote the molecule to C_s .

$$C_i$$

Triple scalar product to show that 4 points are co-planar. However Sichao also says that a 5th atom must also be coplanar.

$$C_n, n \geq 2$$

A minimum of $2n$ atoms is needed, so for $n = 2$ we would need 4 atoms, and for $n > 2$ we would need even more.

$$C_{nh}, n \geq 2, D_n, n \geq 2, \text{ and } D_{nd}, n \geq 2$$

These are supergroups of C_n , although D_{3h} is too and yet it's possible.

$$C_{nv}, n \geq 3$$

A minimum of $n + 1$ atoms is needed, so for $n = 3$ we would need 4 atoms, and for $n > 3$ we would need even more.

$$D_{2h}$$

Proof still needed

$$D_{nh}, n \geq 4$$

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

















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Structure	Point group	Graph	Formula	Dimensionality	Example	Dihedrals	Diagram
1	T_d	K_4	A_4	Pyramidal	P_4	$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$	
2	C_{3v}	S_3	A_3B	Pyramidal	H_3N	$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\cos\theta(1-\cos\theta)}{\sin^2\theta}\right)$	
3	C_s	S_3	A_2BC	Pyramidal	Cl_2OS	$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\cos\theta-\cos^2\varphi}{\sin^2\varphi}\right)$	
4	D_{2h}	$K_4 - e$	A_2B_2	Planar	Cl_2Cu_2	0 or 180	
5	C_{2v}	$K_4 - e$	A_2B_2	Pyramidal	H_2Si_2	$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\cos\theta-\cos^2\varphi}{\sin^2\varphi}\right)$	
6	C_2	P_4	A_2B_2	Pyramidal	H_2O_2	$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\cos\theta-\cos^2\varphi}{\sin^2\varphi}\right)$	
7	C_1	P_4	A_2BC	Pyramidal	H_2OS	$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\cos\theta-\cos\varphi\cos\phi}{\sin\varphi\sin\phi}\right)$	
8	D_{3h}	S_3	A_3B	Planar	BH_3	0 or 180	
9	C_s	P_4	A_2BC	Planar	$HNSi_2$	0 or 180	
10	D_{2h}	C_4	A_2B_2	Planar	Br_2Na_2	0 or 180	
11	C_{2v}	P_4	A_2B_2	Planar	O_2S_2	0 or 180	
12	C_{2v}	S_3	A_2BC	Planar	CFO_2	0 or 180	
13	$D_{\infty h}$	P_4	A_2B_2	Linear	C_2H_2	0 or 180	
14	$C_{\infty v}$	P_4	A_2BC	Linear	C_2AuH	0 or 180	
15	C_s	$T_{3,1}$	A_2B_2	Planar	H_2Si_2	0 or 180	
16	C_s	S_3	ABCD	Planar	$CBrFO$	0 or 180	
17	C_{2v}	$K_4 - e$	A_3B	Planar	C_3Si	0 or 180	
18	C_{2v}	$K_4 - e$	A_3B	Planar	C_3Si	0 or 180	

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19	C_{3v}	K_4	A_3B	Pyramidal	AsP_3		
20	C_{2h}	P_4	A_2B_2	Planar	H_2N_2		

Shape 1: P_4

Information provided	
r	P-P bond length
Information missing	
θ	P-P-P bond angle
φ	P-P-P-P dihedral angle

Since all faces of a regular tetrahedron are equilateral triangles, $\theta = 60^\circ$. The dihedral angles φ in a regular tetrahedron are given by $\cos^{-1}(\frac{1}{3})$. We therefore have the following z-matrix:

P							
P	1	r					
P	1	r	2	θ_3			
P	1	r	2	θ_3	3	φ	

Shape 2: NH_3

Information provided	
r_1	N-H bond length
θ_1	H-N-H bond angle
Information missing	
r_2	H-H distance
θ_2	H-H-H bond angle
θ_3	H-H-N bond angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various pairs of planes

Since the three H atoms form an equilateral triangle, $\theta_2 = 60^\circ$. Also, (at least some of) the dihedral angles φ are given by the following simplified form for the dihedral law of cosines:

$$\varphi = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\cos \theta (1 - \cos \theta)}{\sin^2 \theta} \right). \quad (1)$$

We therefore have the following z-matrix:

N							
H	1	r_1					
H	1	r_1	2	θ_1			
H	1	r_1	2	θ_1	3	φ	

Shape 3: Cl₂OS

Information provided	
r_1	S-O bond length
r_2	S-Cl bond length
θ_1	Cl-S-O bond angle
θ_2	Cl-S-Cl bond angle
φ	Cl-S-O-Cl dihedral angle
Information missing	
r_3	Cl-O distance
θ_3	
θ_4	
θ_5	
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various other pairs of planes

They gave the dihedral angle but didn't need to, because it's exactly what we would get from the dihedral law of cosines.

The missing geometric information is provided below:

$$r_3 = \sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2 \cos \theta_1} \quad (2)$$

Shape 4: Cl₂Cu₂

We need to first undersatnd why one pair of atoms has a dashed line between them and the other pair does not.

Information provided	
r_1	
θ_1	
Information missing	
r_2	
θ_2	
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various pairs of planes

We therefore have the following z-matrix:

N							
H	1	r_2					
H	1	r_2	2	θ_1			
H	1	r_2	2	θ_1	3	φ	

Shape 5: H₂Si₂

Information provided	
r_1	Si-Si bond length
r_2	Si-H bond length
φ	Dihedral angle between two Si-Si-H planes
Information missing	
r_3	H-H distance
θ_1	H-Si-H bond angle
θ_2	Si-H-Si bond angle
θ_3	Si-Si-H bond angle
θ_4	H-H-Si angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various other pairs of planes

For a z-matrix, in addition to the information provided we would need *at least* one planar angle, despite none being provided from the experimental paper. The missing geometric information can be provided based on the information provided from the experimental paper though:

$$r_3 = \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} \sqrt{4r_2^2 - r_1^2}, \quad (3)$$

$$\theta_1 = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\cos \varphi (4r_1^2 - r_2^2) + r_2^2}{4r_1^2} \right), \quad (4)$$

$$\theta_2 = \cos^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^2 \right), \quad (5)$$

$$\theta_3 = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{r_1}{2r_2} \right), \quad (6)$$

$$\theta_4 = \frac{\pi - \theta_1}{2}. \quad (7)$$

An alternative formula for θ_1 is:

$$\theta_1 = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\sin \left(\frac{\varphi}{2} \right) \sqrt{4r_2^2 - r_1^2}}{r_2} \right). \quad (8)$$

For the first column of the z-matrix, we have 6 possibilities which are listed below along with the possible planar angles that could be used for each of these possibilities:

1		2		3		4		5		6	
Si		Si		Si		H		H		H	
Si	θ_3	H	θ_3, θ_2	H	θ_1, θ_4	Si	θ_2, θ_3	Si	θ_1, θ_4	H	θ_4
H	$\theta_1, \theta_3, \theta_4$	Si	$\theta_1, \theta_3, \theta_4$	H	$\theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4$	Si	$\theta_1, \theta_3, \theta_4$	H	$\theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4$	Si	$\theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4$
H		H		Si		H		Si		Si	

This means that if we know θ_3 or θ_4 then we have enough to complete the planar angles column of the z-matrix, but if we only know θ_1 or θ_2 , we would need to determine two of the angles rather than one. Since θ_3 is a “bond angle” in the original reference and θ_4 is not, we will present a formula for θ_3 :

We can now write a z-matrix. Since the first option in the above table will lead to usage of r_1 and r_2 in lexicographical order (these bond angles are presented as they were in Landolt-Bornstein), we will use that option:

Si							
Si	1	r_1					
H	1	r_2	2	θ_3			
H	1	r_3	2	θ_3	3	Dihedral	

Shape 6: H₂O₂

Information provided	
r_1	H-O bond length
r_2	O-O bond length
θ_1	H-O-O bond angle
φ	H-O-O-H dihedral angle
Information missing	
r_3	H...H distance
r_4	O...H distance
θ_2	H-H-B bond angle
θ_3	H-H-H angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various pairs of planes

We therefore have the following z-matrix:

O							
O	1	r_2					
H	1	r_1	2	θ_1			
H	2	r_1	1	θ_1	3	φ	

Shape 7: H₂OS

Peilin's molecule

Information provided	
r_1	H-O bond length
r_2	O-S bond length
r_3	S-H bond length
θ_1	H-O-S bond angle
θ_2	H-S-O bond angle
φ	H-O-S-H dihedral angle
Information missing	
r_4	H...H distance
r_5	H...O distance
r_6	H...S distance
θ_3	H...H-O angle
θ_4	H...H...O angle
θ_5	H-O...H angle
θ_6	H...O-S angle
θ_7	H-S...H angle
θ_8	H...S-O angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various pairs of planes

We therefore have the following z-matrix:

B							
H	1	r_1					
H	1	r_1	2	θ_1			
H	1	r_1	2	θ_1	3	φ	

Shape 8: BH₃

Hemanth's molecule

Information provided	
r_1	B-H bond length
Information missing	
r_2	H-H distance
θ_1	H-B-H bond angle
θ_2	H-H-B bond angle
θ_3	H-H-H angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various pairs of planes

Since the three H atoms form an equilateral triangle, $\theta_3 = 60^\circ$.

We therefore have the following z-matrix:

B							
H	1	r_1					
H	1	r_1	2	θ_1			
H	1	r_1	2	θ_1	3	φ	

Shape 9: HNSi₂

Mia finished this but still needs to type it in LaTeX.

Information provided	
r_1	H-Si bond length
r_2	Si-N bond length
r_3	N-Si bond length
θ_1	Si-N-Si bond angle
θ_2	H-Si-N bond angle
Information missing	
r_4	N...H distance
r_5	Si...Si distance
r_6	Si...H distance
θ_3	N=Si...Si angle
θ_4	H...Si...Si angle
θ_5	H-Si...Si angle
θ_6	H...Si-N angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various other pairs of planes

We have the following expressions for the missing geometric information (waiting for Mia):

But we can make the z-matrix with only information given to us originally:

Si							
N	1	r_1					
Si	2	r_2	1	θ_1			
H	3	r_3	2	θ_2	1	φ	

Shape 10: Br₂Na₂

Abdul's molecule

Information provided	
r_1	Br-Na bond length
θ_1	Br-Na-Br bond angle
Information missing	
r_2	Br...Br distance
r_3	Na...Na distance
θ_1	Br...Br-Na angle
θ_2	Br-Na...Na angle
θ_3	Na-Br-Na angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various other pairs of planes

We have the following expressions for the missing geometric information (waiting for Abdul):
But we can make the z-matrix with only information given to us originally:

Si						
N	1	r_1				
Si	2	r_2	1	θ_1		
H	3	r_3	2	θ_2	1	φ

Shape 11: O₂S₂

Abdul's molecule

Information provided	
r_1	O-S bond length
r_2	S-S bond length
θ_1	O-S-S bond angle
Information missing	
r_3	O...O distance
r_4	O...S distance
θ_2	O...O-S angle
θ_3	O...O...S angle
θ_4	O-S...O angle
θ_5	O...S-S angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various other pairs of planes

We have the following expressions for the missing geometric information (waiting for Abdul):
But we can make the z-matrix with only information given to us originally:

Si						
N	1	r_1				
Si	2	r_2	1	θ_1		
H	3	r_3	2	θ_2	1	φ

Shape 12: CBrO₂

Hemanth's molecule

Information provided	
r_1	C-Cl bond length
r_2	C=O bond length
θ_1	Cl-C-Cl bond angle
Information missing	
r_3	Cl...Cl distance
r_4	Cl...O distance
θ_2	C-Cl...Cl angle
θ_3	C-Cl...O angle
θ_4	C-O...Cl angle
θ_5	Cl-C...O angle
θ_6	Cl...Cl...O angle
θ_7	Cl...O-C angle
θ_8	Cl...O...Cl angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various other pairs of planes

We have the following expressions for the missing geometric information:

$$r_3 = \sqrt{2r_1^2 - 2r_1^2 \cos \theta_1}, \quad (9)$$

$$r_4 = \sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 \cos \theta_2}, \quad (10)$$

$$\theta_2 = \quad (11)$$

But we can make the z-matrix with only information given to us originally:

Si						
N	1	r_1				
Si	2	r_2	1	θ_1		
H	3	r_3	2	θ_2	1	φ

Shape 13: C₂H₂

Aimun's molecule

Information provided	
r_1	H-Si bond length
r_2	Si-N bond length
r_3	N-Si bond length
θ_1	Si-N-Si bond angle
θ_2	H-Si-N bond angle
Information missing	
r_4	N...H distance
r_5	Si...Si distance
r_6	Si...H distance
θ_3	N=Si...Si angle
θ_4	H...Si...Si angle
θ_5	H-Si...Si angle
θ_6	H...Si-N angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various other pairs of planes

We have the following expressions for the missing geometric information (waiting for Mia):

But we can make the z-matrix with only information given to us originally:

Si						
N	1	r_1				
Si	2	r_2	1	θ_1		
H	3	r_3	2	θ_2	1	φ

Shape 15: H_2Si_2

Justin's molecule

Information provided	
r_1	Si-Si bond length
r_2	Si-N bond length
r_3	N-Si bond length
θ_1	Si-N-Si bond angle
θ_2	H-Si-N bond angle
Information missing	
r_4	N...H distance
r_5	Si...Si distance
r_6	Si...H distance
θ_3	N=Si...Si angle
θ_4	H...Si...Si angle
θ_5	H-Si...Si angle
θ_6	H...Si-N angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various other pairs of planes

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Si						
N	1	r_1				
Si	2	r_2	1	θ_1		
H	3	r_3	2	θ_2	1	φ

Shape 16: CBrFO

Hemanth's molecule

Information provided	
r_1	C-F bond length
r_2	C=O bond length
θ_1	Si-N-Si bond angle
θ_2	H-Si-N bond angle
Information missing	
r_4	N...H distance
r_5	Si...Si distance
r_6	Si...H distance
θ_3	N=Si...Si angle
θ_4	H...Si...Si angle
θ_5	H-Si...Si angle
θ_6	H...Si-N angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various other pairs of planes

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Si						
N	1	r_1				
Si	2	r_2	1	θ_1		
H	3	r_3	2	θ_2	1	φ

Shape 17: C₃Si

Sam's molecule

Information provided	
r_1	H-Si bond length
r_2	Si-N bond length
r_3	N-Si bond length
θ_1	Si-N-Si bond angle
θ_2	H-Si-N bond angle
Information missing	
r_4	N...H distance
r_5	Si...Si distance
r_6	Si...H distance
θ_3	N=Si...Si angle
θ_4	H...Si...Si angle
θ_5	H-Si...Si angle
θ_6	H...Si-N angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various other pairs of planes

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Si						
N	1	r_1				
Si	2	r_2	1	θ_1		
H	3	r_3	2	θ_2	1	φ

Shape 18: C₃Si

Sam's molecule

Information provided	
r_1	H-Si bond length
r_2	Si-N bond length
r_3	N-Si bond length
θ_1	Si-N-Si bond angle
θ_2	H-Si-N bond angle
Information missing	
r_4	N...H distance
r_5	Si...Si distance
r_6	Si...H distance
θ_3	N=Si...Si angle
θ_4	H...Si...Si angle
θ_5	H-Si...Si angle
θ_6	H...Si-N angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various other pairs of planes

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Si						
N	1	r_1				
Si	2	r_2	1	θ_1		
H	3	r_3	2	θ_2	1	φ

Shape 19: AsP₃

Sichao's molecule

Information provided	
r_1	H-Si bond length
r_2	Si-N bond length
r_3	N-Si bond length
θ_1	Si-N-Si bond angle
θ_2	H-Si-N bond angle
Information missing	
r_4	N...H distance
r_5	Si...Si distance
r_6	Si...H distance
θ_3	N=Si...Si angle
θ_4	H...Si...Si angle
θ_5	H-Si...Si angle
θ_6	H...Si-N angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various other pairs of planes

We have the following expressions for the missing geometric information (waiting for Mia):
 But we can make the z-matrix with only information given to us originally:

Si						
N	1	r_1				
Si	2	r_2	1	θ_1		
H	3	r_3	2	θ_2	1	φ

Shape 20: H₂N₂

Justin's molecule

Information provided	
r_1	H-Si bond length
r_2	Si-N bond length
r_3	N-Si bond length
θ_1	Si-N-Si bond angle
θ_2	H-Si-N bond angle
Information missing	
r_4	N...H distance
r_5	Si...Si distance
r_6	Si...H distance
θ_3	N=Si...Si angle
θ_4	H...Si...Si angle
θ_5	H-Si...Si angle
θ_6	H...Si-N angle
φ_i	Dihedral angles between various other pairs of planes

We have the following expressions for the missing geometric information (waiting for Mia):
 But we can make the z-matrix with only information given to us originally:

Si						
N	1	r_1				
Si	2	r_2	1	θ_1		
H	3	r_3	2	θ_2	1	φ