

# SCHEDULE

	Date	Topic
1.	Wed 01.03.	Lec-1: Introduction
2.	Mon 06.03.	Lec-2: Crystal Chemistry & Tolerance parameter
3.	Mon 06.03.	EXERCISE 1
4.	Wed 08.03.	Lec-3: Crystal Chemistry & BVS
5.	Fri 10.03.	Lec-4: Symmetry & Point Groups
6.	Mon 13.03.	EXERCISE 2
7.	Wed 15.03.	Lec-5: Crystallography & Space Groups (Linda)
8.	Fri 17.03.	Lec-6: XRD & Reciprocal lattice (Linda)
9.	Mon 20.03.	EXERCISE 3 (Linda)
10.	Fri 31.03.	Lec-7: Rietveld (Linda)
11.	Mon 03.04	EXERCISE 4: Rietveld (Linda)
12.	Wed 12.04.	Lec-8: ND & GI-XRD
13.	Fri 14.04.	Lec-9: XRR (Topias)
14.	Mon 17.04.	EXERCISE 5: XRR (Topias)
15.	Wed 19.04.	Lec-10: Synchrotron radiation & XAS & EXAFS
16.	Fri 21.04.	Mössbauer
17.	Fri 21.04.	EXERCISE 6
18.	Thu 27.04.	Seminars: XPS, FTIR, Raman
19.	Fri 28.04.	Seminars: ED, HRTEM, SEM, AFM

EXAM

## **LINDA LECTURES / EXERCISES**

- 15.03. WEDNESDAY: 14.15 – 16 (Ke3)
- 17.03. FRIDAY: 8.30 – 10 (Ke4)
- 20.03. MONDAY: 14.15 – 16 (Ke4)
- 31.03. FRIDAY: 8.30 – 10 (Ke4)
- 03.04. MONDAY: Two groups, 10-12 & 12-14 (details given later)

# SEMINARS

- IR Fasiha Israr & Lisa Riedlsperger
- Raman Zonghang Song & Xueran Tao
- XPS Umaid Lone
- SEM Trang Pham & Erkka Koskenniemi
- AFM Joakim Kattelus & Matilda Antila
- HRTEM Luiza Souza & Henrik Stenbrink
- ED Christer Söderholm & Shadab Ishtiaq
- EELS Alekski Rantanen

# INSTRUCTIONS for SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

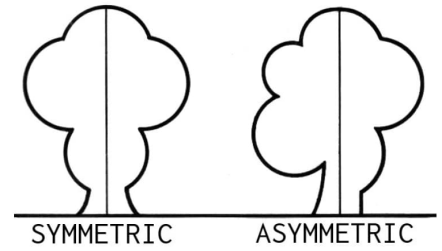
- Topics: **IR, Raman, XPS, SEM, AFM, HRTEM, ED, EELS**
- Seminar presentation is mandatory
- Presentation slides will be put up in MyCourses afterwards
- **Seminars are part of the course content and it is likely that there will be questions in the exam related to these seminars**
- Given in a group of two students
- Evaluated in the scale: 10 ~ 20 points
- Presentation: 25+5 minutes
- Rough content of the presentation:
  - principle of the technique(s)
  - type of information gained
  - interpretation of the measured data
  - pros & cons
  - **two to four research examples**  
(you will be given some relevant research papers for an example)

# LECTURE 4: SYMMETRY

- Greek "*symmetrein*" (= commensurate, yhteismitallinen)
- Symmetry elements/operations
- Molecular symmetry & Point groups
- Space groups & Crystallography in Lecture 5

# SYMMETRY

- Symmetry is common in nature
- Some people see beauty in symmetry, some in asymmetry



Kuva: Pearson Scott Foresman





# IN CHEMISTRY ...

## MOLECULAR SYMMETRY

Important for understanding/explaining/classification

- Molecule structures
- Crystal structures
- Quantum chemistry
- Spectroscopy (IR, Raman)
- Material properties, e.g. ferro/piezoelectricity

### SYMMETRY OPERATION

Operation that generates the same representation of an object (molecule)

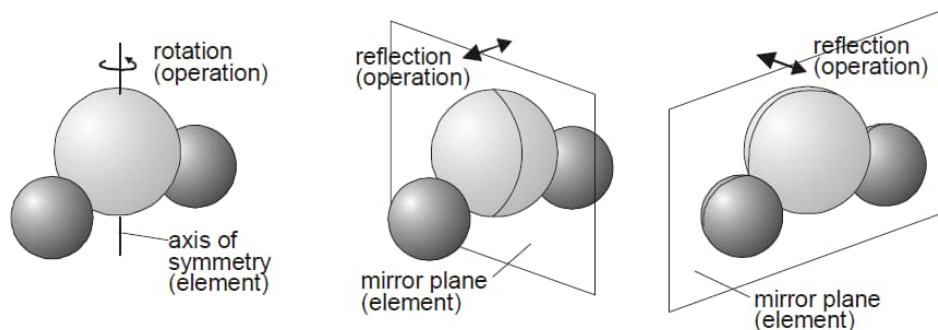
### SYMMETRY ELEMENT

Each symmetry operation has a corresponding symmetry element (point, axis, plane) about which the operation takes place

# MOLECULAR SYMMETRY

## Operations & Elements

(historical Schönflies notation;  
used also in spectroscopy)



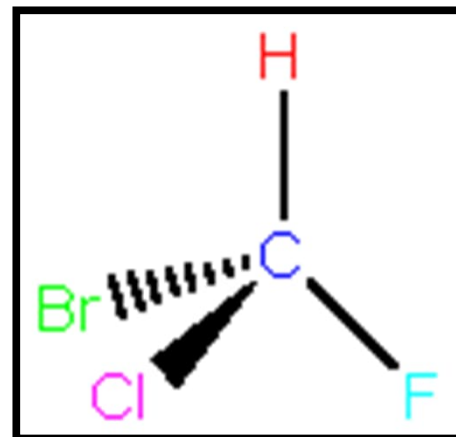
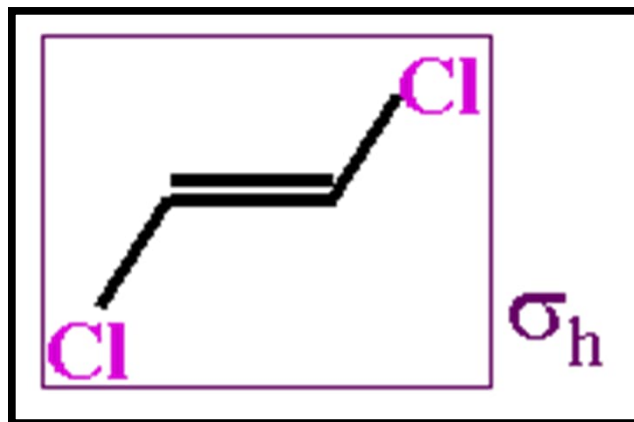
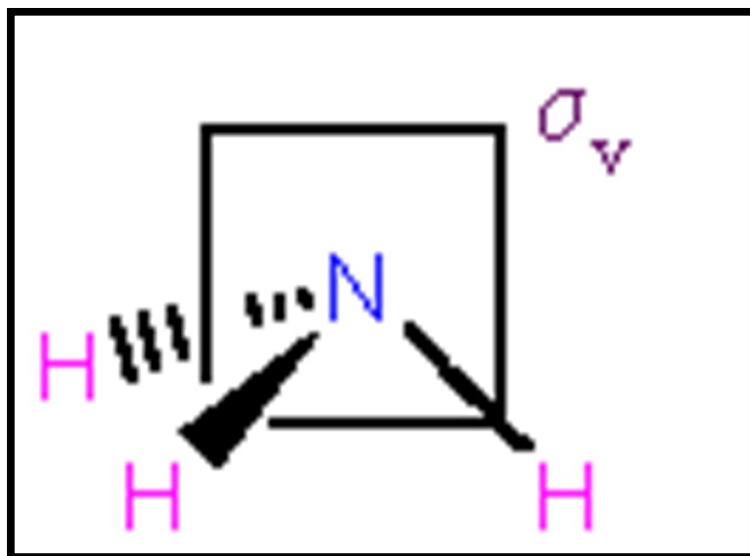
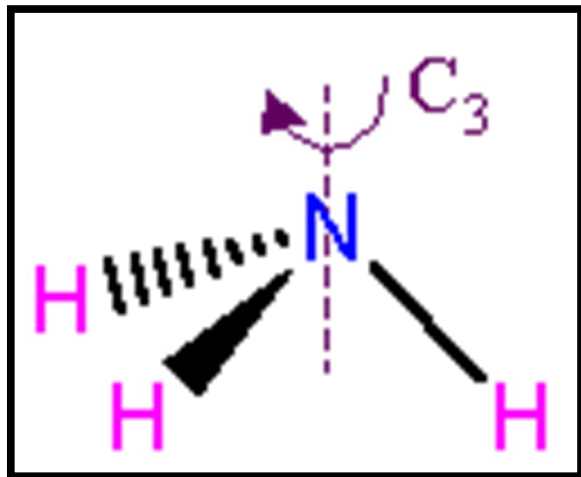
**Molecular symmetry: at least one point remains unchanged**

- **Identity (E; German *Einheit*):** No change; every molecule has E
- **Rotation axis ( $C_n$ ):** Rotation by  $360^\circ/n$  ( $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) about an axis, which leaves the molecule unchanged
- **Symmetry or mirror plane ( $\sigma$ ):** Plane through which reflection leaves the molecule unchanged:
  - $\sigma_v$ : vertical mirror plane (in relation to rotation axis)
  - $\sigma_h$ : horizontal mirror plane (in relation to rotation axis)
- **Center of symmetry (i):** center through which inversion leaves the molecule unchanged
- **Improper rotation (or rotary-reflection) axis ( $S_n$ ):** Rotation about an axis by  $360^\circ/n$ , followed by reflection in a plane perpendicular to the axis.  
Note:  $S_1 = \sigma$ ;  $S_2 = i$

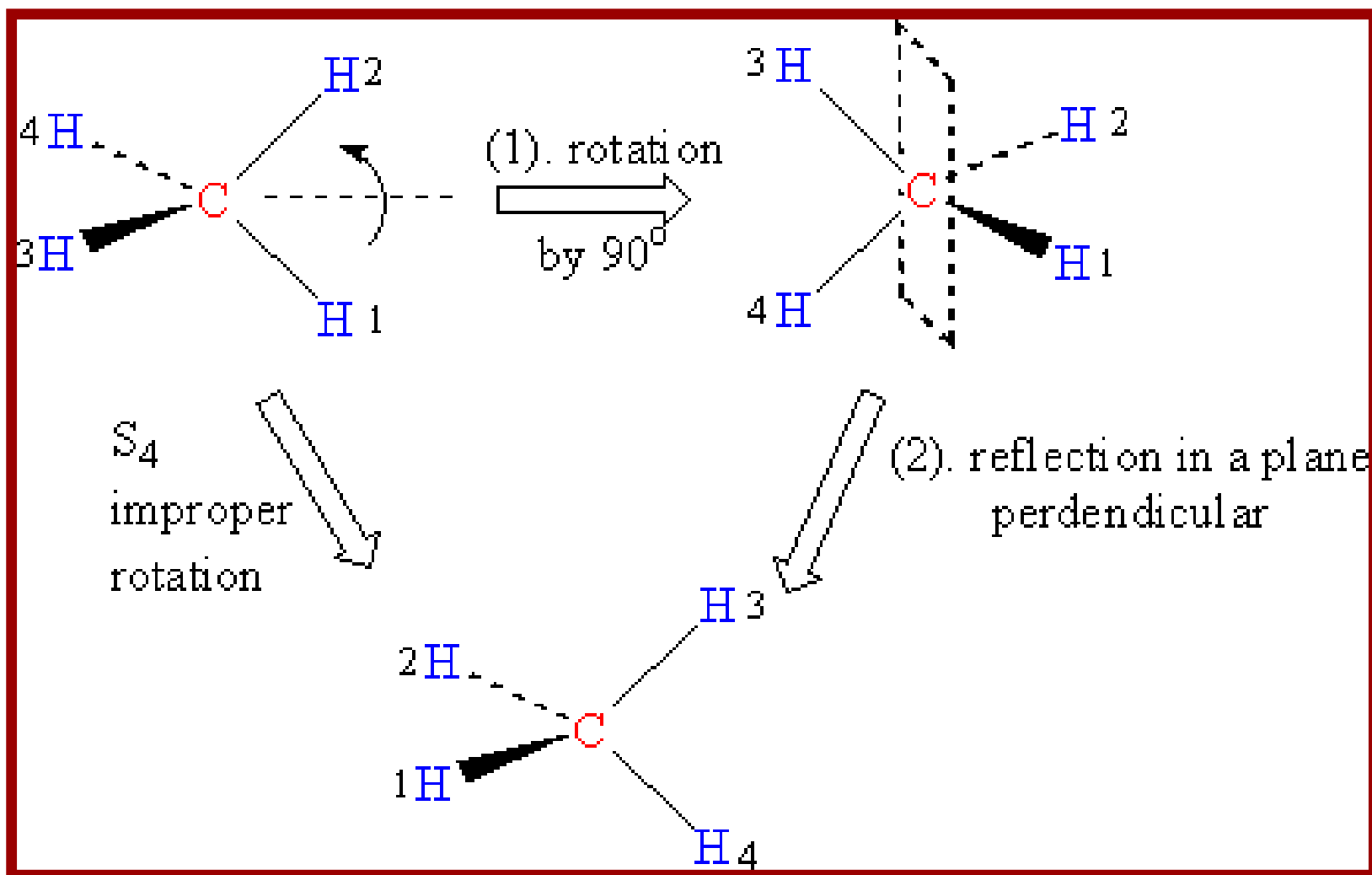
**Proper:** Can be actually done on a molecule: E,  $C_n$

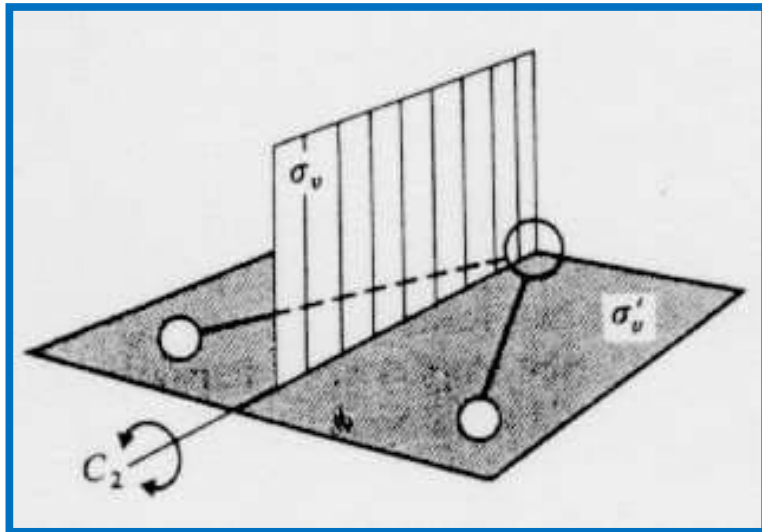
**Improper:** Can be only imagined, not done:  $\sigma$ , i,  $S_n$   
(drastic chemical bond rearrangements)



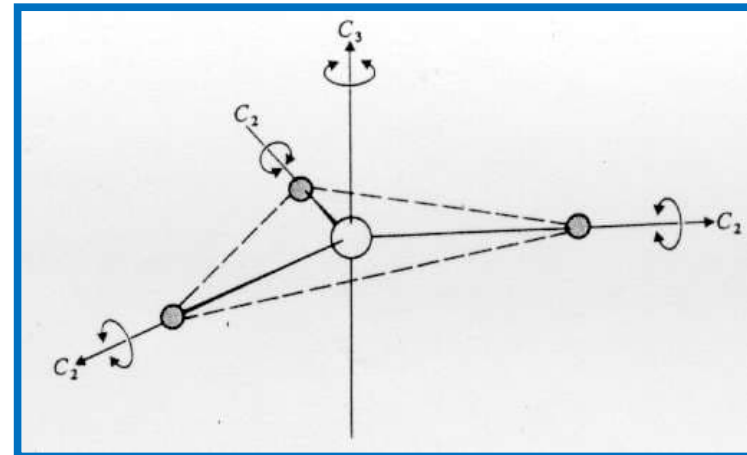


# Rotary-reflection: CH<sub>4</sub>



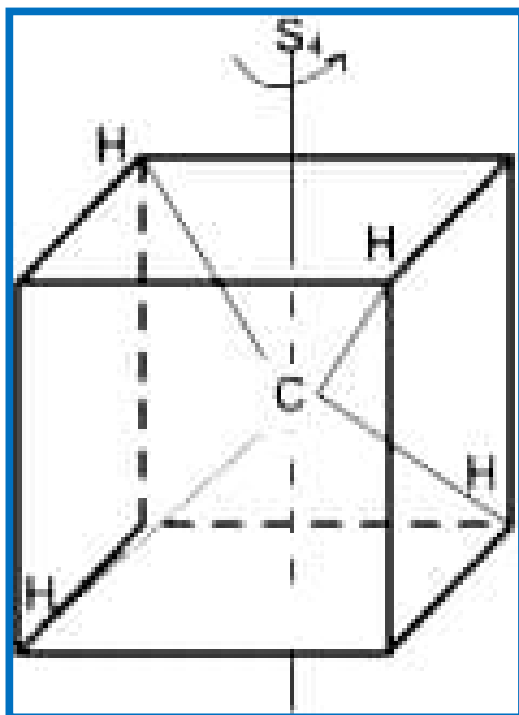


$\text{H}_2\text{O}$

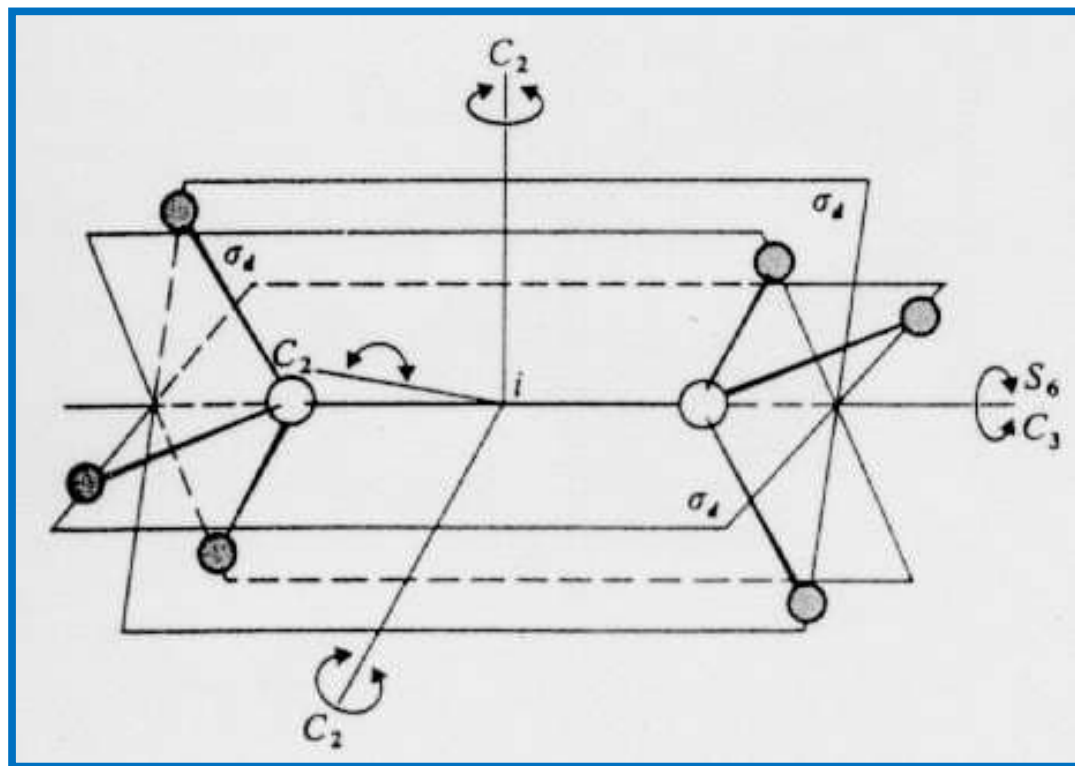


$\text{BF}_3$

$\text{CH}_4$



Ethane (staggered):  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_3$

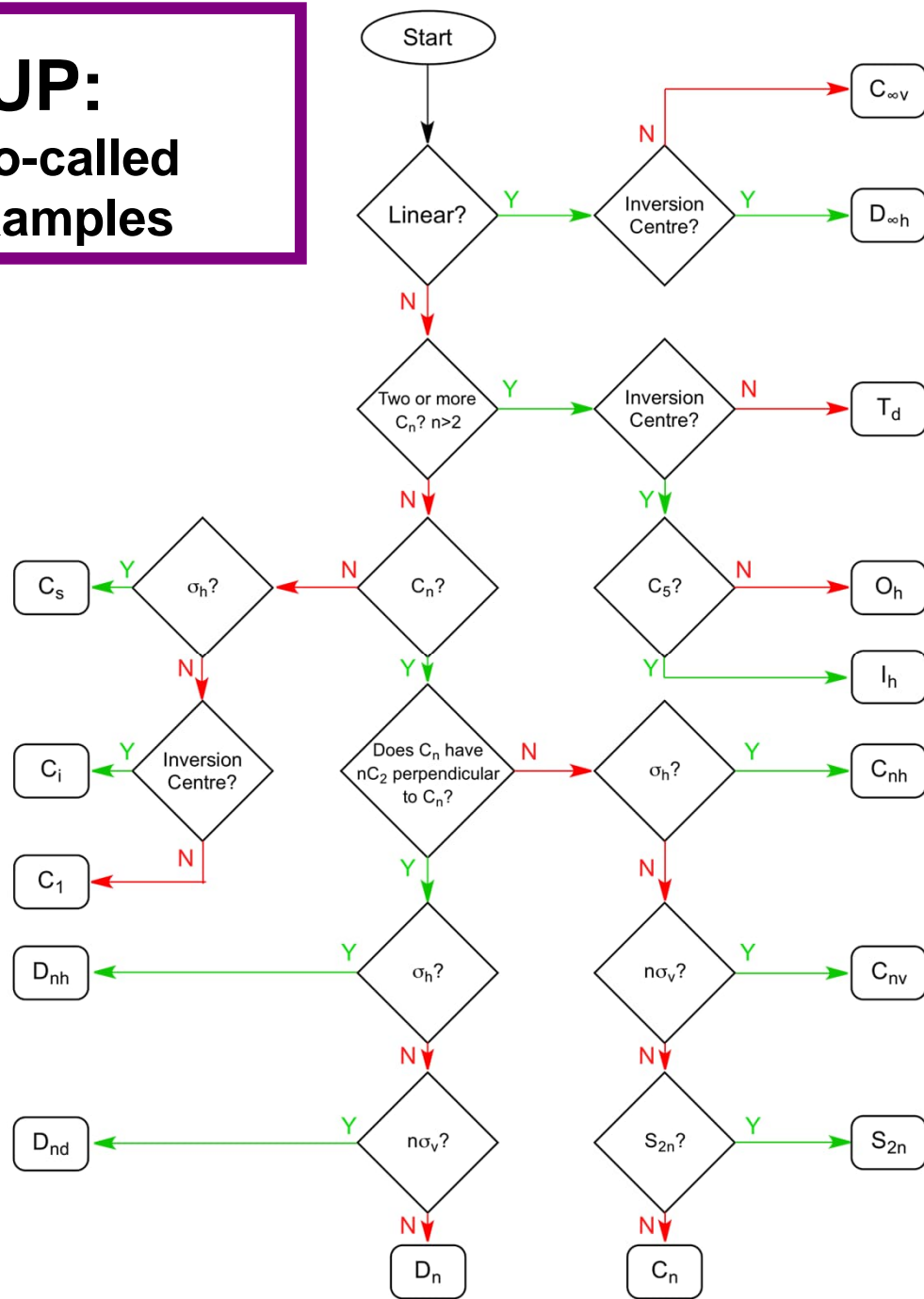
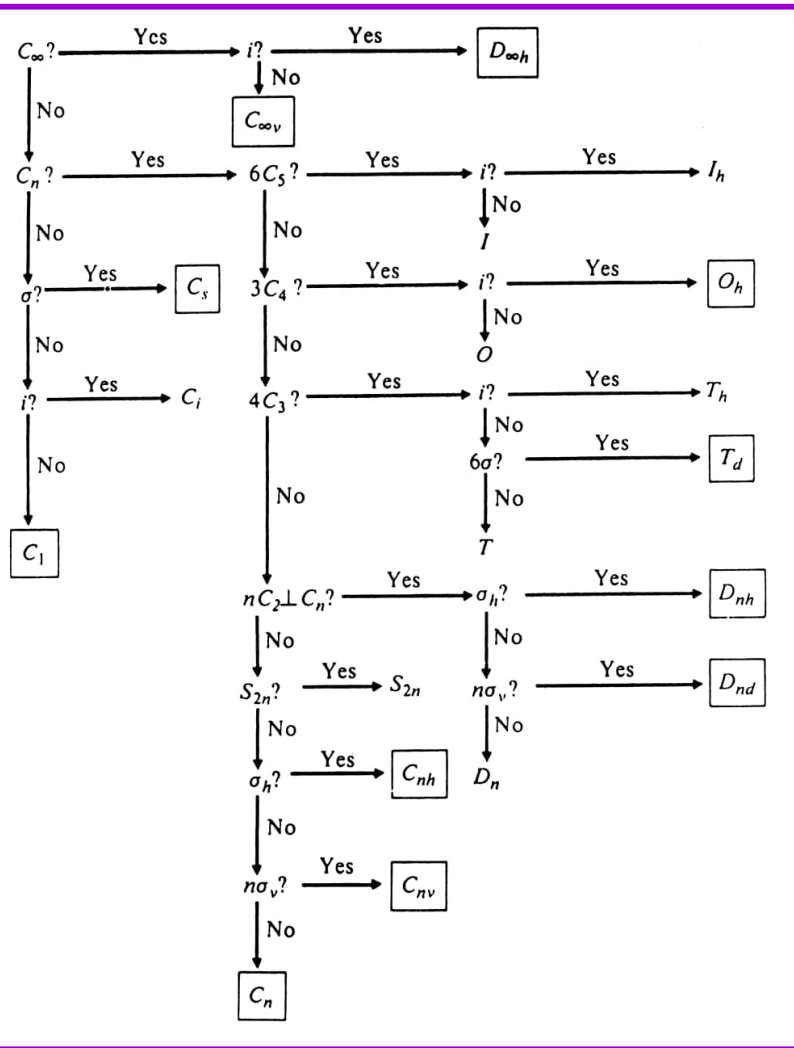


# POINT GROUP

- Summarizes all the symmetry operations that can be performed on a certain molecule
- Describes unambiguously the symmetry of the molecule
- In principle there are infinite number of point groups (combinations of symmetry elements); in practice ca. 40 different point groups are enough to classify all the known molecules
- Point groups are named:  $C_2$ ,  $C_{2v}$ ,  $D_{3h}$ ,  $O_h$ ,  $T_d$  ... (Schönflies)

# Finding the POINT GROUP:

There are a number of routes or so-called symmetry trees; here are some examples



# Point Groups

Every molecule has a set of symmetry elements.  
This set is called the Point Group of the molecule.

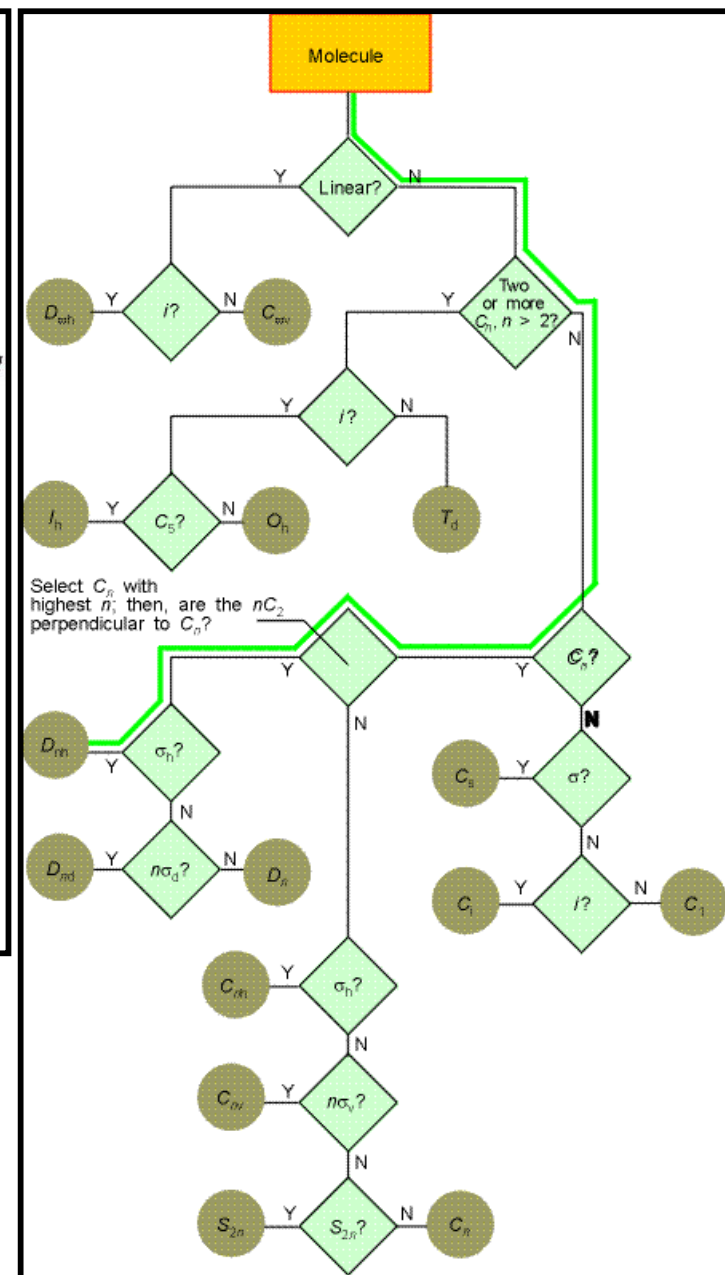
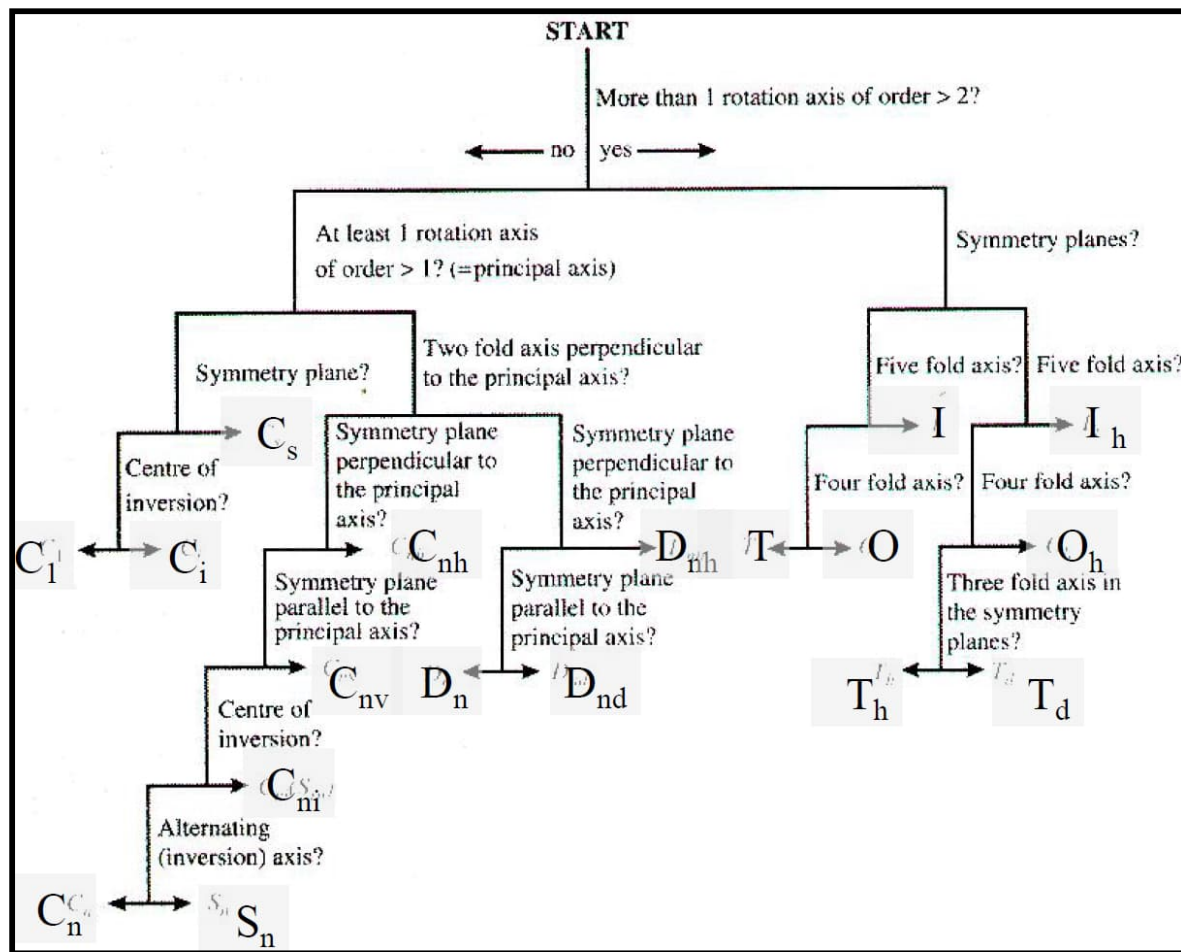
Nonaxial	$C_n$	$C_{nv}$	$C_{nh}$	$D_n$	$D_{nh}$	$D_{nd}$	$S_n$	Higher	Linear
$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_{2v}$	$C_{2h}$	$D_2$	$D_{2h}$	$D_{2d}$	$S_4$	$T_d$	$C_{\infty v}$
$C_s$	$C_3$	$C_{3v}$	$C_{3h}$	$D_3$	$D_{3h}$	$D_{3d}$	$S_6$	$O_h$	$D_{\infty h}$
$C_i$	$C_4$	$C_{4v}$	$C_{4h}$	$D_4$	$D_{4h}$	$D_{4d}$	$S_8$	$I_h$	
	$C_5$	$C_{5v}$	$C_{5h}$	$D_5$	$D_{5h}$	$D_{5d}$	$S_{10}$		
	$C_6$	$C_{6v}$	$C_{6h}$	$D_6$	$D_{6h}$	$D_{6d}$			

Character table for  $D_{3h}$  point group

	E	$2C_3$	$3C'_2$	$\sigma_h$	$2S_3$	$3\sigma_v$	linear, rotations	quadratic

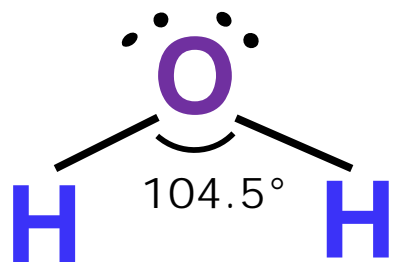
<http://www.webqc.org/symmetry.php>



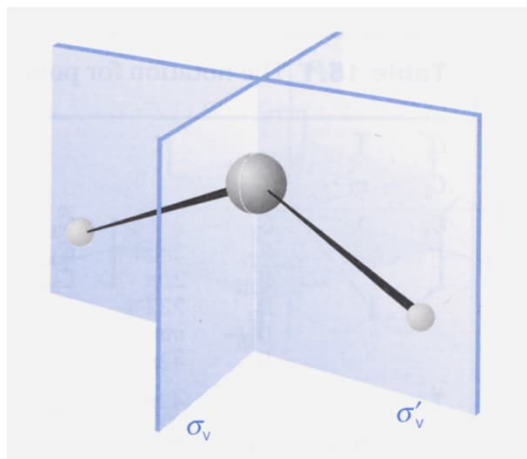
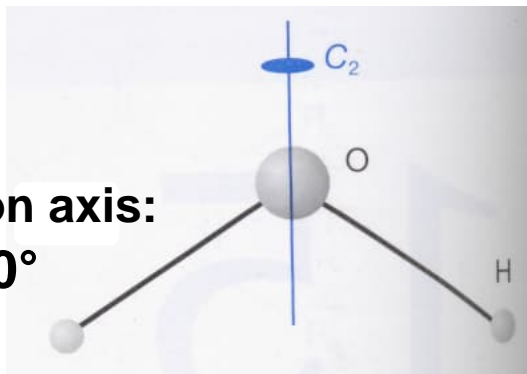


# EXAMPLE: H<sub>2</sub>O

**C<sub>2v</sub>**

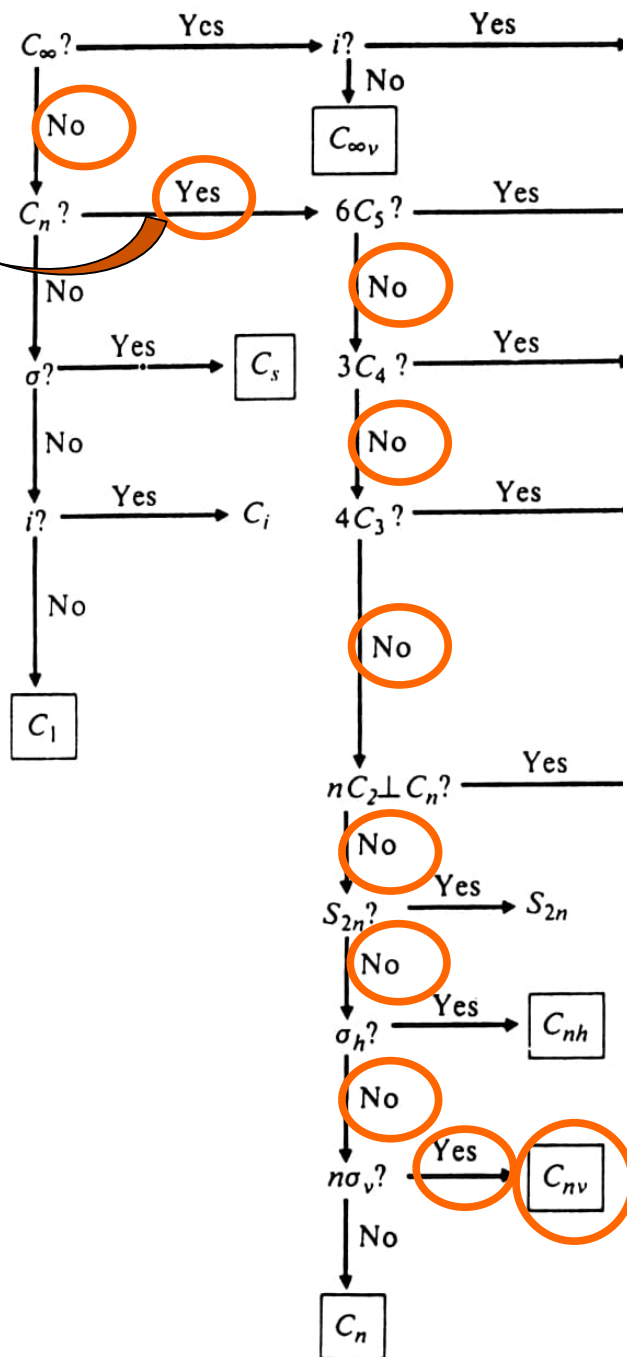


Rotation axis:  
180°

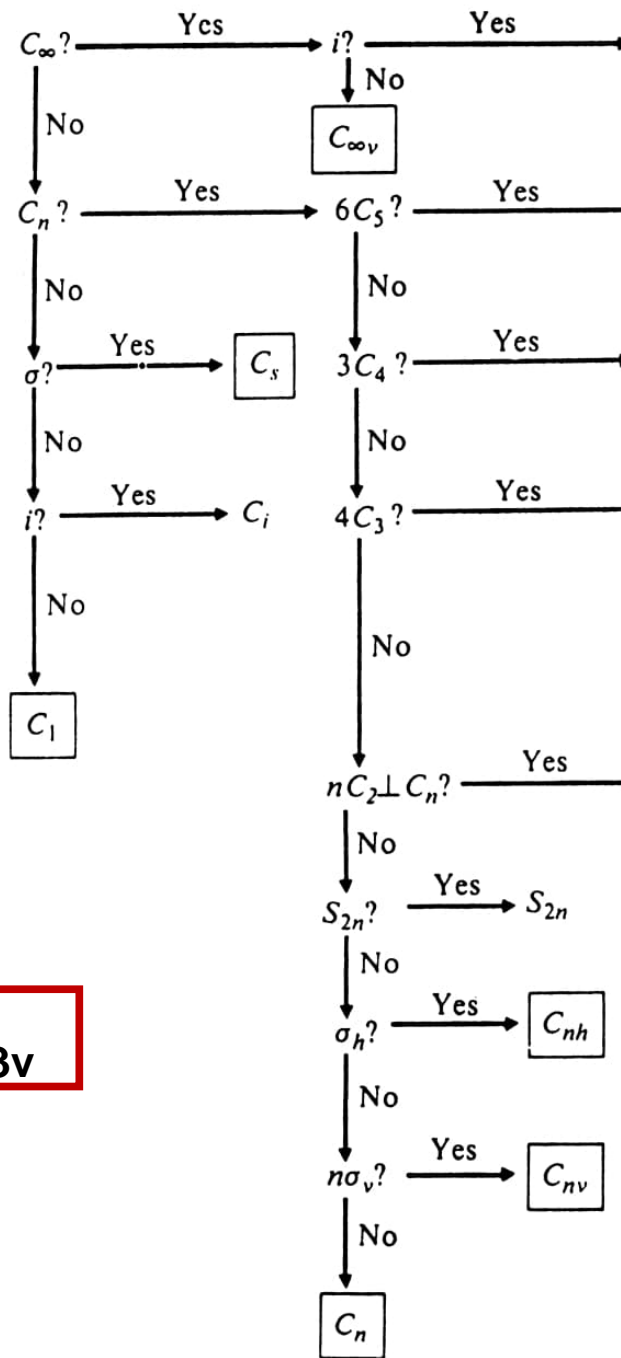
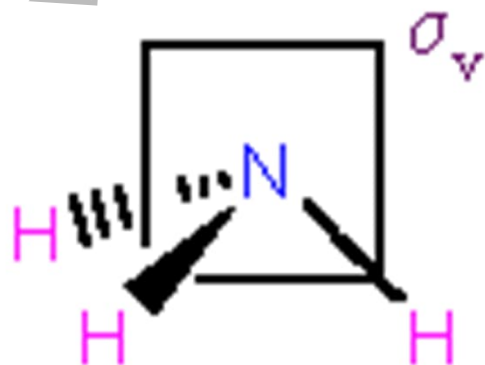
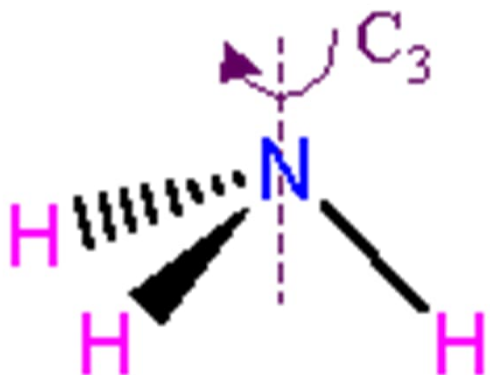
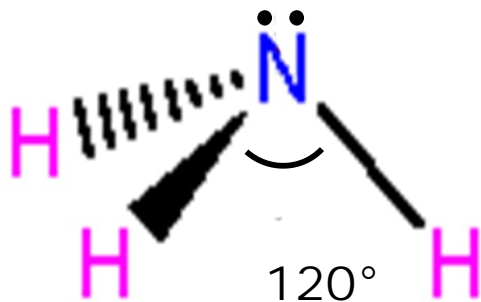


Vertical mirror plane: 2

**n = 2**



# EXAMPLE: NH<sub>3</sub>



**C<sub>3v</sub>**

# EXAMPLES

## HCl

$\infty$ -fold rotation axis along the H-Cl bond, but no inversion center  $\rightarrow C_{\infty v}$

## BFCIBr (planar, B in a middle of triangle)

Only symmetry plane (where the atoms are)  $\rightarrow C_s$

## *trans*-N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>2-</sup> (planar)

One C<sub>2</sub> rotation axis perpendicular to the plane where the atoms are, no S<sub>4</sub> rotary-reflection axis, but horizontal symmetry plane  $\rightarrow C_{2h}$

## CH<sub>4</sub> (tetrahedral)

Four C<sub>3</sub> rotation axes, no inversion center, six symmetry planes  $\rightarrow T_d$

## S<sub>8</sub>

One C<sub>4</sub> and four C<sub>2</sub> rotation axes perpendicular to C<sub>4</sub>, no horizontal symmetry plane, but four vertical symmetry planes  $\rightarrow D_{4d}$

