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as explained, silica can't be seen as isolated SiO₂ molecules analogous to CO₂. It consists of [SiO₄]⁴⁻ ions linked in crystal structures. On a (relatively) large scale these structures assume various forms: quartz chains, for example, are helical. But the fundamental unit is in all cases SiO₂ has a linear shape with the two oxygens connected to the Si by double bonds. There are no lone pairs on the Si. This would be an example of sp hybridization. There are no lone pairs on the Si. VSEPR is a very basic theory to determine the geometry of molecules with a central atom. In ethane, C₂H₆, there is no central atom, but VSEPR can be used to describe each carb ... on center. SiO₂, or silicon dioxide forms a flat tetrahedral with a bond angle of 144 degrees. The bond length between the silicon and oxygen atoms is 1.60 Angstroms.