

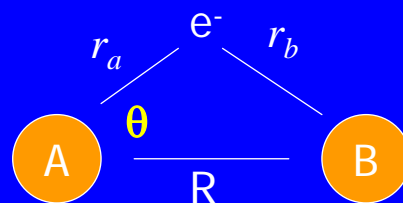
Chapter 4 The structure of diatomic molecules

§ 1 Treatment of variation method for the H_2^+ ion

1. Shroedinger equation of H_2^+

Born-Oppenheimer Approximation

- The electrons are much lighter than the nuclei.
- Nuclear motion is slow relative to the electron motion.



The hamiltonian operator

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_e^2 - \frac{1}{r_a} - \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{R}$$

Shroedinger equation of H_2^+

$$\hat{H}\psi = E\psi$$

Where r_a and r_b are related by:

$$r_b = \sqrt{r_a^2 + R^2 - 2r_a R \cos \theta}$$

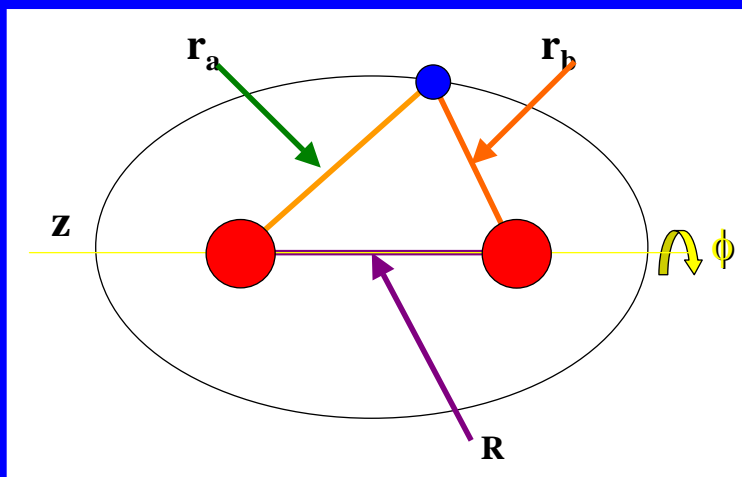
Molecular Orbital Theory

H_2^+

We could now solve: $\hat{H}(r_1, R)\psi(r_1, R) = E_e(R)\psi(r_1, R)$

This is possible but tedious

H_2^+ can be solved exactly using confocal elliptical coordinates:



$$\xi = (r_a + r_b)/R$$

$$\eta = (r_a - r_b)/R$$

ϕ is a rotation around z

$$0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi;$$

$$1 \leq \xi \leq \infty;$$

$$-1 \leq \eta \leq 1$$

$$\Psi_{\text{elec}} = F(\xi, \eta) (2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{im\phi}$$

where $m=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3,$

The associated quantum number is λ . \rightarrow orbital angular momentum

$$\lambda = |m|$$

Each electronic level with $m \neq 0$ is doubly degenerate, i.e. $+|m|, -|m|$

atoms: $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and the atomic orbitals are called: s, p, d, etc.

diatomics: $\lambda = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and the molecular orbitals are: $\sigma, \pi, \delta,$ etc.

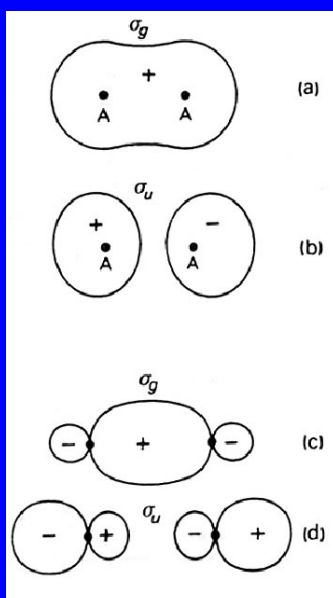
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letter	σ	π	δ	ϕ	γ

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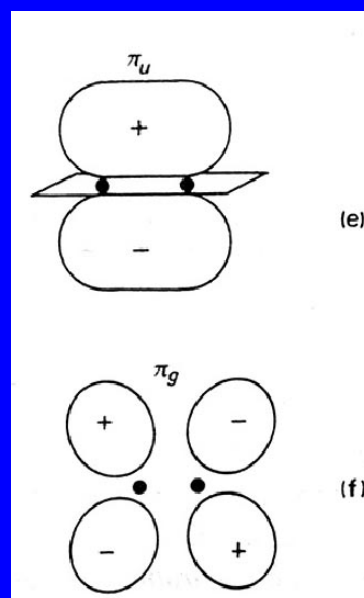
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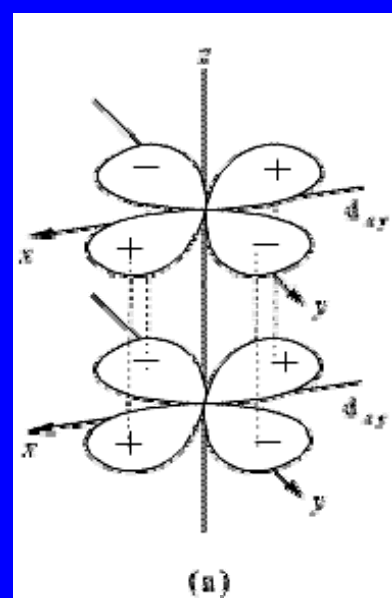
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2. The Variation Theorem

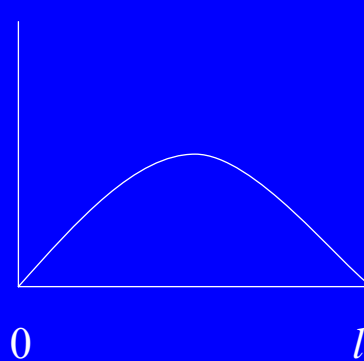
For any well-behaved wavefunction ϕ , the average energy from the Hamiltonian of the system is always greater or close to the exact ground state energy (E_0) for that Hamiltonian,

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\int \phi^* \hat{H} \phi d\tau}{\int \phi^* \phi d\tau} \geq E_0$$

Example: Devise a trial variation function for the particle in a one-dimensional box of length l .

A simple function that has the properties of the ground state is the parabolic function:

$$\phi = x(l - x) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq l$$



$$\int \phi^* \hat{H} \phi d\tau = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_0^l (lx - x^2) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (lx - x^2) dx = \frac{\hbar^2 l^3}{6m}$$

$$\int \phi^* \phi d\tau = \int_0^l x^2 (l - x)^2 dx = \frac{l^5}{30}$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\int \phi^* \hat{H} \phi d\tau}{\int \phi^* \phi d\tau} = \frac{5h^2}{4\pi^2 ml^2} \geq \frac{h^2}{8ml^2}$$

Proof

$\phi(\epsilon \geq E_0)$ its ground state ($\psi_0 \rightarrow E_0$)

$$\phi = \sum_i c_i \psi_i$$

$$\hat{H} \psi_i = E_i \psi_i \quad E_i \geq E_0$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\int \phi^* \hat{H} \phi d\tau}{\int \phi^* \phi d\tau}$$

The Eigenfunctions of an Hermitian operator consist of a complete set. $\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3 \dots$ consist of an orthogonal normalized set of wavefunctions

$$\int \phi^* \phi d\tau = \int \sum_i c_i^* \psi_i^* \sum_j c_j \psi_j d\tau = \sum_i c_i^* \sum_j c_j \int \psi_i^* \psi_j d\tau$$

$$= \sum_i \sum_j c_i c_j \delta_{ij} = \sum_i |c_i|^2$$

$$\int \phi^* \hat{H} \phi d\tau = \int \sum_i c_i^* \psi_i^* \hat{H} \sum_j c_j \psi_j d\tau = \sum_i c_i^* \sum_j c_j \int \psi_i^* \hat{H} \psi_j d\tau$$

$$= \sum_i \sum_j c_i c_j \int \psi_i^* E_j \psi_j d\tau = \sum_i \sum_j c_i c_j E_j \int \psi_i^* \psi_j d\tau = \sum_i |c_i|^2 E_j$$

$$\epsilon = \langle E \rangle = \frac{\sum_i |c_i|^2 E_j}{\sum_i |c_i|^2} \geq E_0$$

3. Linear Variation Functions

$$\phi = c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2 + \dots + c_n f_n = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j f_j$$

A linear variation function is a linear combination of n linearly independent functions f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n .

Based on this principle, the parameters are regulated by the minimization routine so as to obtain the wavefunction that corresponds to the minimum energy. This is taken to be the wavefunction that closely approximates the ground state.

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\int \phi^* \hat{H} \phi d\tau}{\int \phi^* \phi d\tau} \geq E_0$$

$$\epsilon = \langle E \rangle$$

adjusting the parameter, make $\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial c_i} = 0$

Example

$$\phi = c_1\psi_1 + c_2\psi_2 \quad \varepsilon = \frac{\int \phi^* \hat{H} \phi d\tau}{\int \phi^* \phi d\tau}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \phi^* \phi d\tau &= \int (c_1\psi_1 + c_2\psi_2)^* (c_1\psi_1 + c_2\psi_2) d\tau \\ &= \int (c_1^2 \psi_1^* \psi_1 + c_1 c_2 \psi_1^* \psi_2 + c_1 c_2 \psi_2^* \psi_1 + c_2^2 \psi_2^* \psi_2) d\tau \\ &= \int (c_1^2 \psi_1^* \psi_1 + 2c_1 c_2 \psi_1^* \psi_2 + c_2^2 \psi_2^* \psi_2) d\tau \\ &= c_1^2 + 2c_1 c_2 S_{12} + c_2^2 \quad (S_{ij} = \int \psi_i^* \psi_j d\tau = S_{ji}) \\ &= c_1^2 S_{11} + 2c_1 c_2 S_{12} + c_2^2 S_{22} \quad (S_{11} = S_{22} = 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \phi^* \hat{H} \phi d\tau &= \int (c_1\psi_1 + c_2\psi_2)^* \hat{H} (c_1\psi_1 + c_2\psi_2) d\tau \\ &= \int (c_1^2 \psi_1^* \hat{H} \psi_1 + c_1 c_2 \psi_1^* \hat{H} \psi_2 + c_1 c_2 \psi_2^* \hat{H} \psi_1 + c_2^2 \psi_2^* \hat{H} \psi_2) d\tau \\ &= c_1^2 H_{11} + 2c_1 c_2 H_{12} + c_2^2 H_{22} \quad (H_{ij} = H_{ji} = \int \psi_i^* \hat{H} \psi_j) \\ & \quad (H_{11} = H_{22} = 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{let} \quad \varepsilon = \frac{c_1^2 H_{11} + 2c_1 c_2 H_{12} + c_2^2 H_{22}}{c_1^2 S_{11} + 2c_1 c_2 S_{12} + c_2^2 S_{22}} = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\text{make} \quad \varepsilon \Rightarrow E_0$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial c_1} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{\partial y}{\partial c_1} - \frac{y}{x^2} \frac{\partial x}{\partial c_1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} (2c_1 H_{11} + 2c_2 H_{12}) - \frac{y}{x^2} (2c_1 S_{11} + 2c_2 S_{12})$$

$$(2c_1 H_{11} + 2c_2 H_{12}) - \frac{c_1^2 H_{11} + 2c_1 c_2 H_{12} + c_2^2 H_{22}}{c_1^2 S_{11} + 2c_1 c_2 S_{12} + c_2^2 S_{22}} (2c_1 S_{11} + 2c_2 S_{12}) = 0$$

$$(2c_1 H_{11} + 2c_2 H_{12}) - E(2c_1 S_{11} + 2c_2 S_{12}) = 0$$

$$(c_1 H_{11} + c_2 H_{12}) - E(c_1 S_{11} + c_2 S_{12}) = 0$$

$$(H_{11} - ES_{11})c_1 + (H_{12} - ES_{12})c_2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

same as

$$0 = \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial c_2}$$

$$(H_{21} - ES_{21})c_1 + (H_{22} - ES_{22})c_2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

secular equation
made equation resolved ($c_1, c_2 \neq 0$)

$$\begin{vmatrix} H_{11} - ES_{11} & H_{12} - ES_{12} \\ H_{21} - ES_{21} & H_{22} - ES_{22} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

get $E \Rightarrow$ get $c_1, c_2 \Rightarrow$ get ϕ

The algebraic equation has 2 roots, E_1 and E_2 .

$$\phi = c_1\psi_1 + c_2\psi_2 + \dots + c_n\psi_n$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} H_{11} - ES_{11} & H_{12} - ES_{12} & \dots & H_{1n} - ES_{1n} \\ H_{21} - ES_{21} & H_{22} - ES_{22} & \dots & H_{2n} - ES_{2n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ H_{n1} - ES_{n1} & H_{n2} - ES_{n2} & \dots & H_{nn} - ES_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

The algebraic equation has n roots, which can be shown to be real. Arranging these roots in order of increasing value: $E_1 \leq E_2 \leq \dots \leq E_n$.

- From the variation theorem, we know that the lowest value of root (W_1) is the upper bound for the system's ground-state energy.

$$E_1 \leq W_1$$

- Moreover, it can be proved that the linear variation method provides upper bounds to the energies of the lowest n states of the system.

$$E_2 \leq W_2, E_3 \leq W_3, \dots, E_n \leq W_n,$$

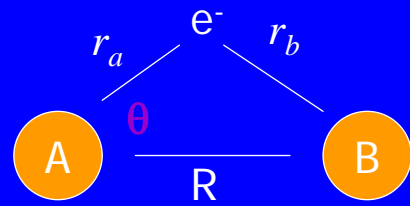
- We use the roots as approximations to the energies of the lowest states.
- If approximation to the energies of more states are wanted, we add more functions f_k to the trial function ϕ .
- The addition of more functions f_k can be shown to increase the accuracy of the previously calculated energies.

3. The solution of H_2^+

For H_2^+ that is :

$$1s_A = \frac{e^{-r_a}}{\sqrt{\pi}} = \psi_a$$

$$1s_B = \frac{e^{-r_b}}{\sqrt{\pi}} = \psi_b$$



Note : we have as many linear combinations as we have atomic orbitals

$$\phi = c_a \psi_a + c_b \psi_b$$

Trial functions

$$\phi = c_a \psi_a + c_b \psi_b$$

secular equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} H_{aa} - ES_{aa} & H_{ab} - ES_{ab} \\ H_{ba} - ES_{ba} & H_{bb} - ES_{bb} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\because \psi_a \text{ has the same form as } \psi_b \quad \therefore H_{aa} = H_{bb}, \quad H_{ab} = H_{ba}$$

$$(H_{aa} - ES_{aa})^2 = (H_{ab} - ES_{ab})^2$$

$$H_{aa} - ES_{aa} = \pm(H_{ab} - ES_{ab})$$

$$\text{if } H_{aa} - ES_{aa} = -(H_{ab} - ES_{ab})$$

$$E_1 = \frac{H_{aa} + H_{ab}}{1 + S_{ab}} = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{1 + S}$$

$$\text{if } H_{aa} - ES_{aa} = H_{ab} - ES_{ab}$$

$$E_2 = \frac{H_{aa} - H_{ab}}{1 - S_{ab}} = \frac{\alpha - \beta}{1 - S}$$

substituting E_1 to secular equation

$$(H_{aa} - ES_{aa})c_a + (H_{ab} - ES_{ab})c_b = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$(H_{ba} - ES_{ba})c_a + (H_{bb} - ES_{bb})c_b = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$S_{aa} = S_{bb} = 1$$

$$(H_{aa} - \frac{H_{aa} + H_{ab}}{1 + S_{ab}})c_a + (H_{ab} - \frac{H_{aa} + H_{ab}}{1 + S_{ab}} S_{ab})c_b = 0$$

$$(H_{aa}(1 + S_{ab}) - (H_{aa} + H_{ab}))c_a + (H_{ab}(1 + S_{ab}) - (H_{aa} + H_{ab})S_{ab})c_b = 0$$

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$$(H_{aa}S_{ab} - H_{ab})c_a + (H_{ab} - H_{aa}S_{ab})c_b = 0$$

$$c_a - c_b = 0 \quad c_a = c_b$$

$$\phi_1 = c_a\psi_a + c_b\psi_b = c_a(\psi_a + \psi_b)$$

normalization condition $\int \phi_1^* \phi_1 = 1$

$$\int (c_a(\psi_a + \psi_b))^* c_a(\psi_a + \psi_b) d\tau = 1$$

$$\int [c_a^2\psi_a^2 + 2c_a^2\psi_a\psi_b + c_a^2\psi_b^2] d\tau = 1$$

$$2c_a^2(1 + S_{ab}) = 1$$

$$\therefore c_a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1 + S_{ab})}}$$

$$\phi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1 + S_{ab})}}(\psi_a + \psi_b)$$

substituting E_2 to secular equation

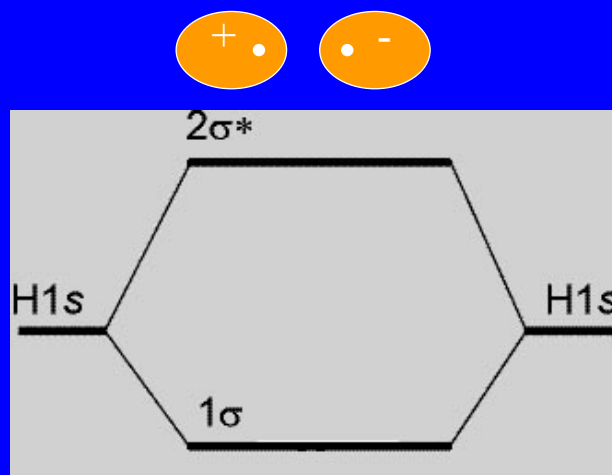
$$c_a + c_b = 0 \quad c_a = -c_b$$

$$\phi_2 = c_a\psi_a + c_b\psi_b = c_a(\psi_a - \psi_b)$$

$$\phi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1 - S_{ab})}}(\psi_a - \psi_b)$$

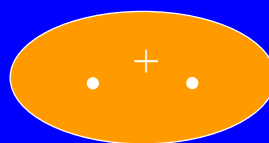
$$E_1 = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{1 + S}$$

$$E_2 = \frac{\alpha - \beta}{1 - S}$$



$$\phi_a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1+S_{ab})}}(\psi_a + \psi_b)$$

$$\phi_b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1-S_{ab})}}(\psi_a - \psi_b)$$



Can we deduce the c_a and c_b from the molecular symmetry?

Overlap
integral

$$S_{ab} = \int \psi_a^* \psi_b d\tau$$

coulombic
integral

$$H_{aa} = \int \psi_a^* \hat{H} \psi_a d\tau$$

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 - \frac{1}{r_a} - \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{R}$$

$$H_{aa} = \int \psi_a^* \left(-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 - \frac{1}{r_a} - \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{R} \right) \psi_a d\tau$$

$$= \int \psi_a^* \left(-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 - \frac{1}{r_a} \right) \psi_a d\tau + \int \psi_a^* \frac{1}{R} \psi_a d\tau - \int \psi_a^* \frac{1}{r_b} \psi_a d\tau$$

$$= E_H + \frac{1}{R} - \int \psi_a^* \frac{1}{r_b} \psi_a d\tau = E_H + J$$

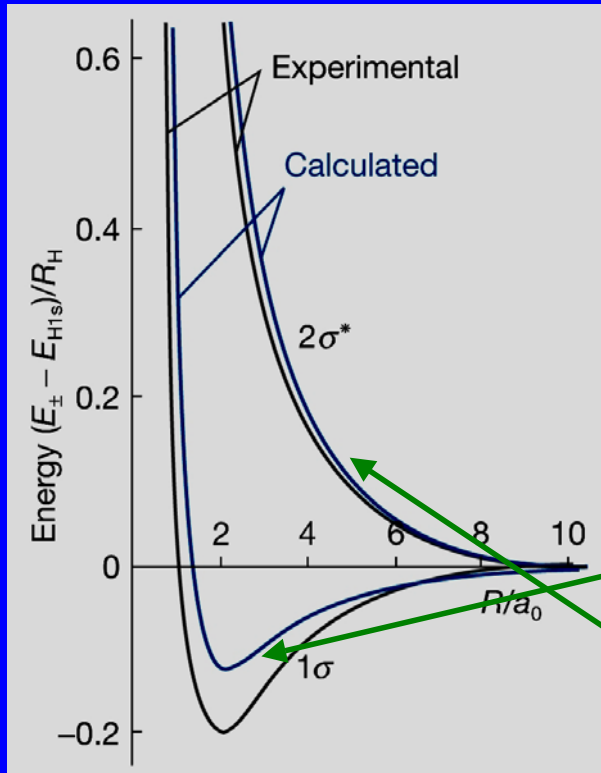
$$J \approx 5.5\% E_H$$

$$\therefore H_{aa} = E_H + J \approx E_a = \alpha$$

resonance integral

$$\begin{aligned}H_{ab} &= \int \psi_a^* \hat{H} \psi_b d\tau \\H_{ab} &= \int \psi_a^* \left(-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 - \frac{1}{r_a} - \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{R} \right) \psi_b d\tau \\&= \int \psi_a^* \left(-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 - \frac{1}{r_b} \right) \psi_b d\tau + \int \psi_a^* \left(-\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{R} \right) \psi_b d\tau \\&= \int \psi_a^* E_b \psi_b d\tau + \frac{1}{R} \int \psi_a^* \psi_b d\tau - \int \psi_a^* \frac{1}{r_a} \psi_b d\tau \\&= E_H S_{ab} + \frac{S_{ab}}{R} - \int \psi_a^* \frac{1}{r_a} \psi_b d\tau \\&= E_H S_{ab} + K \\&= \beta\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}S_{ab} &= \int \psi_a^* \psi_b d\tau = S \\H_{aa} &= E_H + J \approx E_a = \alpha \\H_{ab} &= E_H S_{ab} + K = \beta \\E_a &= \frac{H_{aa} + H_{ab}}{1 + S_{ab}} \\E_b &= \frac{H_{aa} - H_{ab}}{1 - S_{ab}} \\E_1 &= \frac{E_H + J + E_H S_{ab} + K}{1 + S_{ab}} = E_H + \frac{J + K}{1 + S} \\E_2 &= E_H + \frac{J - K}{1 - S}\end{aligned}$$

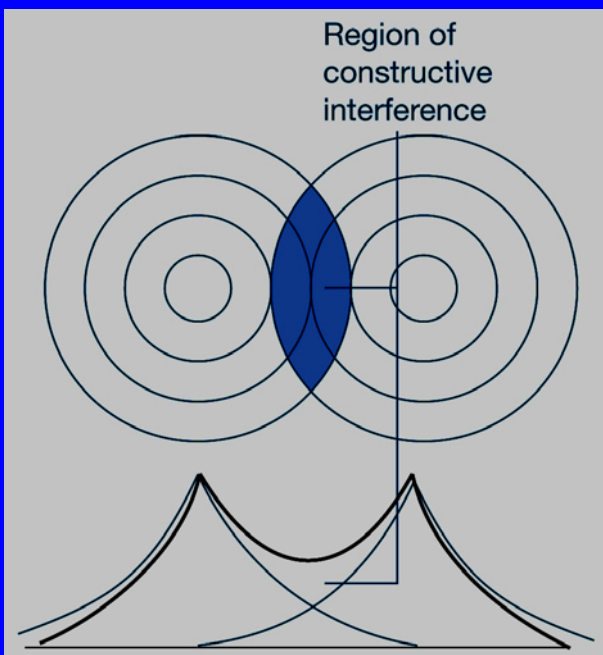


The calculated and experimental molecular potential energy curves for a hydrogen molecule-ion.

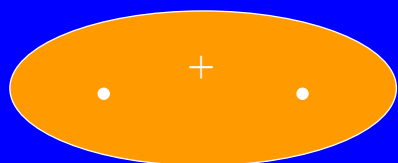
$$E_1 = E_{\text{H}} + \frac{J+K}{(1+S)}$$

$$E_2 = E_{\text{H}} + \frac{J-K}{(1-S)}$$

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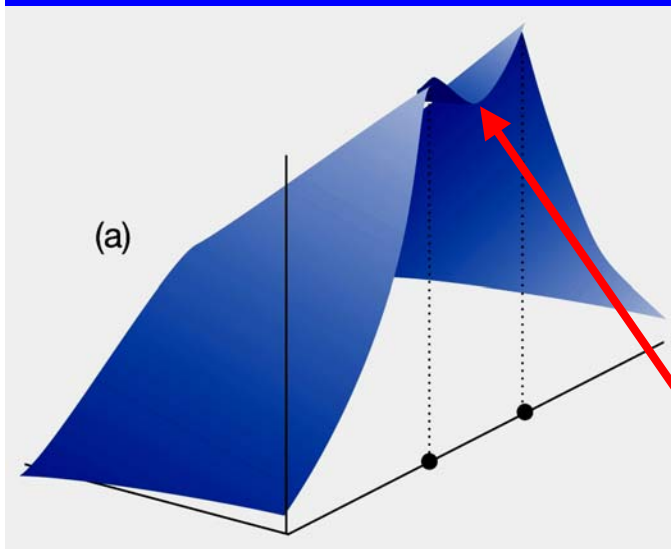
A representation of the constructive interference that occurs when two H 1s orbitals overlap and form a bonding σ orbital.

 σ_s

$$\phi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1+S_{ab})}} (\psi_a + \psi_b)$$

Molecular Orbital Theory

H_2^+



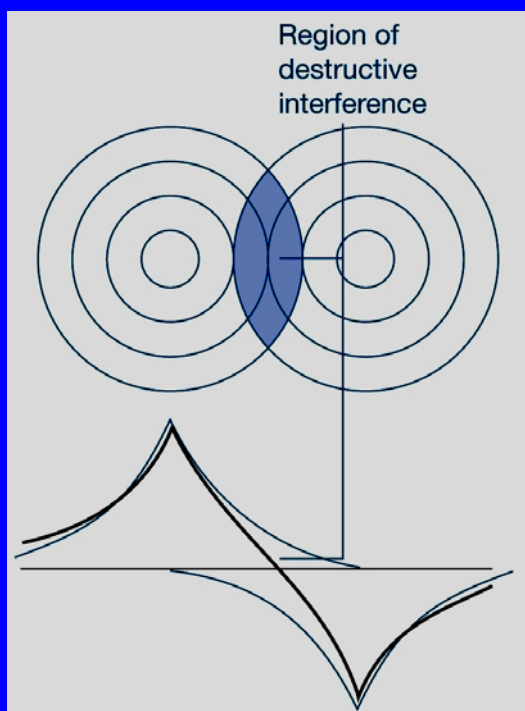
The electron density calculated by forming the square of the wavefunction.

Note the accumulation of electron density in the internuclear region.

$$\rho(1) = \frac{1}{2(1+S)} \psi_a^2 + \frac{1}{2(1+S)} \psi_b^2 + 2 \frac{1}{2(1+S)} \psi_a \psi_b$$

Molecular Orbital Theory

H_2^+



A representation of the destructive interference that occurs when two H1s orbitals overlap and form an antibonding σ^* orbital.

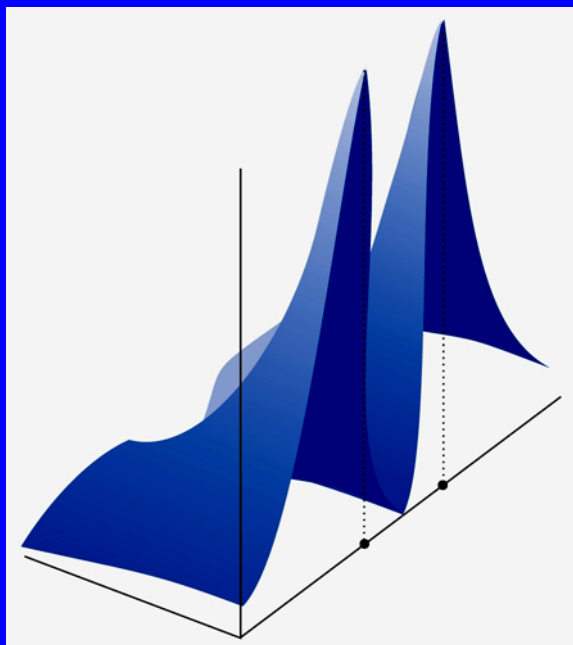
$$\phi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1-S_{ab})}} (\psi_a - \psi_b)$$



σ_s^*

Molecular Orbital Theory

H_2^+

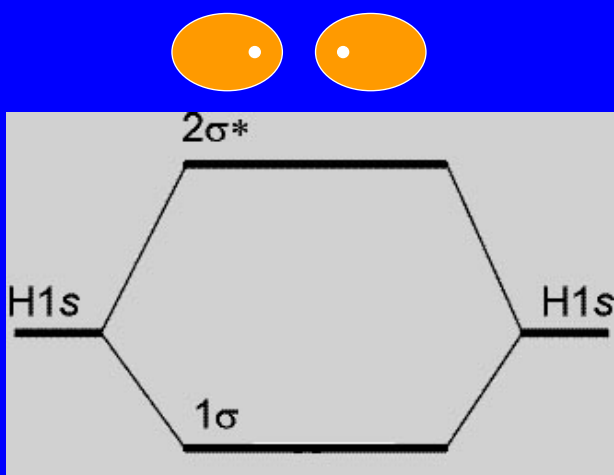


The electron density calculated by forming the square of the Wavefunction. Note the elimination of electron density from the internuclear region.

$$\rho(r) = \frac{1}{2(1-S)} \psi_a^2 + \frac{1}{2(1-S)} \psi_b^2 - 2 \frac{1}{2(1-S)} \psi_a \psi_b$$

Molecular Orbital Theory

H_2^+



A molecular orbital energy level diagram for orbitals constructed from the overlap of H1s orbitals; the separation of the levels corresponds to that found at the equilibrium bond length.

§ 2 Molecular orbital theory and diatomic molecules

1. Molecular orbital theory

a. Every electron in a molecule is in an average potential field of the nuclei and the other electrons.

The state of electron i is described by the ψ_i wavefunction.

----- the one-electron wavefunction

$$\varphi(1,2,\dots,n) = \psi_1(1)\psi_2(2)\dots\psi_n(n)$$

$$\hat{H} = \sum_i \hat{H}_i$$

$$\hat{H}_i \psi_i = E_i \psi_i$$

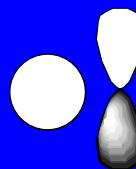
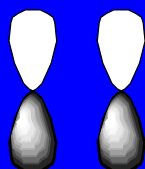
b. The formation of molecular orbital (MO).

The MO may be approximated from the linear combination of atomic orbitals (LCAO).

Three basic requirements in the formation of MO:

The AOs should

- * have comparable energy,
- * have compatible symmetry,
- * be able to have maximum overlap.



Why should the AOs should have comparable energy?

$$\phi = c_a \psi_a + c_b \psi_b$$

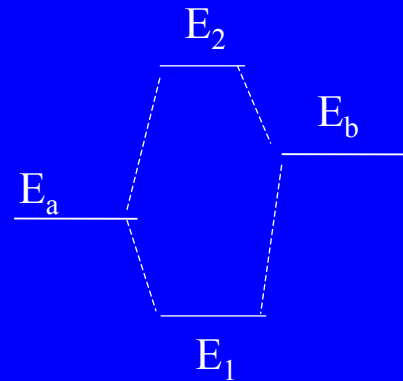
secular equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} H_{aa} - ES_{aa} & H_{ab} - ES_{ab} \\ H_{ba} - ES_{ba} & H_{bb} - ES_{bb} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

if $H_{aa} = E_a, H_{bb} = E_b, H_{ab} = \beta, S_{ab} = 0$

$$E_1 = \frac{1}{2}[(E_a + E_b) - \sqrt{(E_b - E_a)^2 + 4\beta^2}]$$

$$E_2 = \frac{1}{2}[(E_a + E_b) + \sqrt{(E_b - E_a)^2 + 4\beta^2}]$$



$$(E_b - E_a) \gg |\beta| \Rightarrow E_1 \approx E_a, E_2 \approx E_b$$

$$E_b = E_a \Rightarrow E_1 = E_a - |\beta|, E_2 = E_b + |\beta|$$

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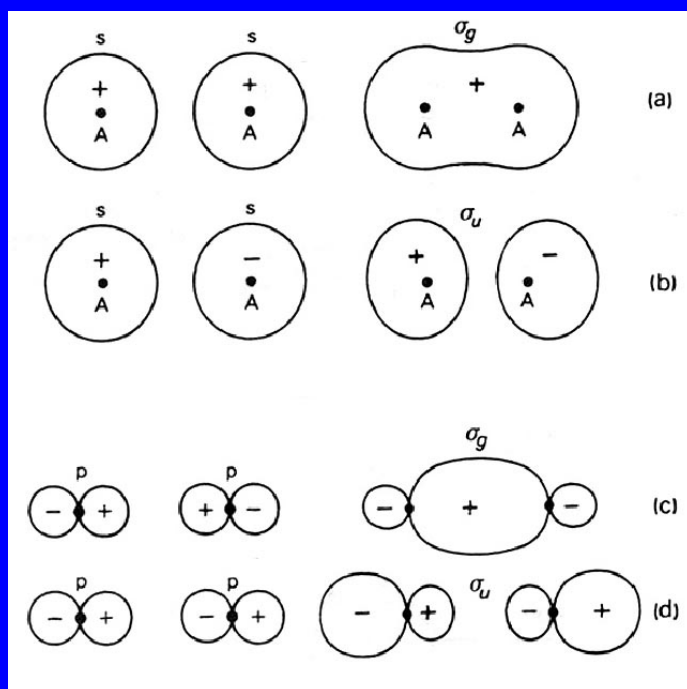
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The building-up principle in molecules:

Pauli exclusion principle, the minimum energy principle and Hund's rule.

2. The characteristic distribution and classification of molecular orbital

a. σ -orbital and σ -bond

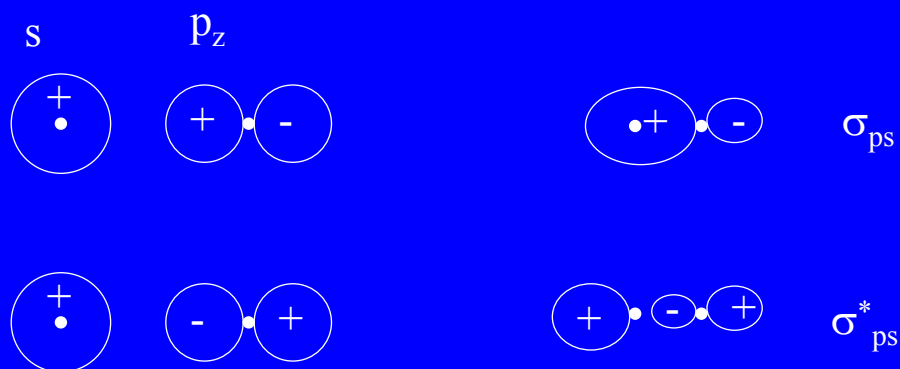


σ_s

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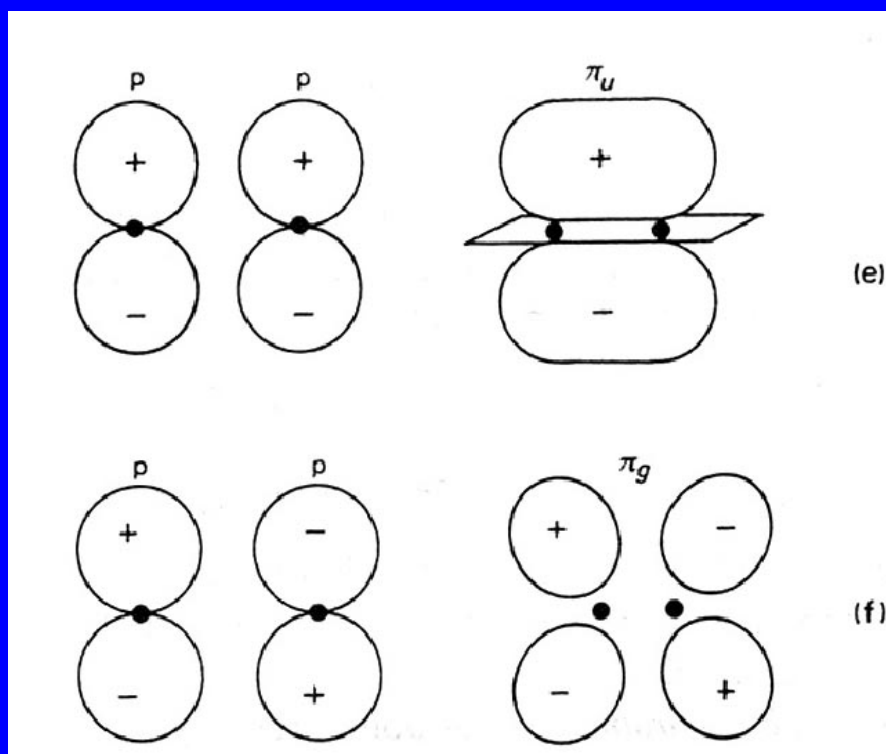
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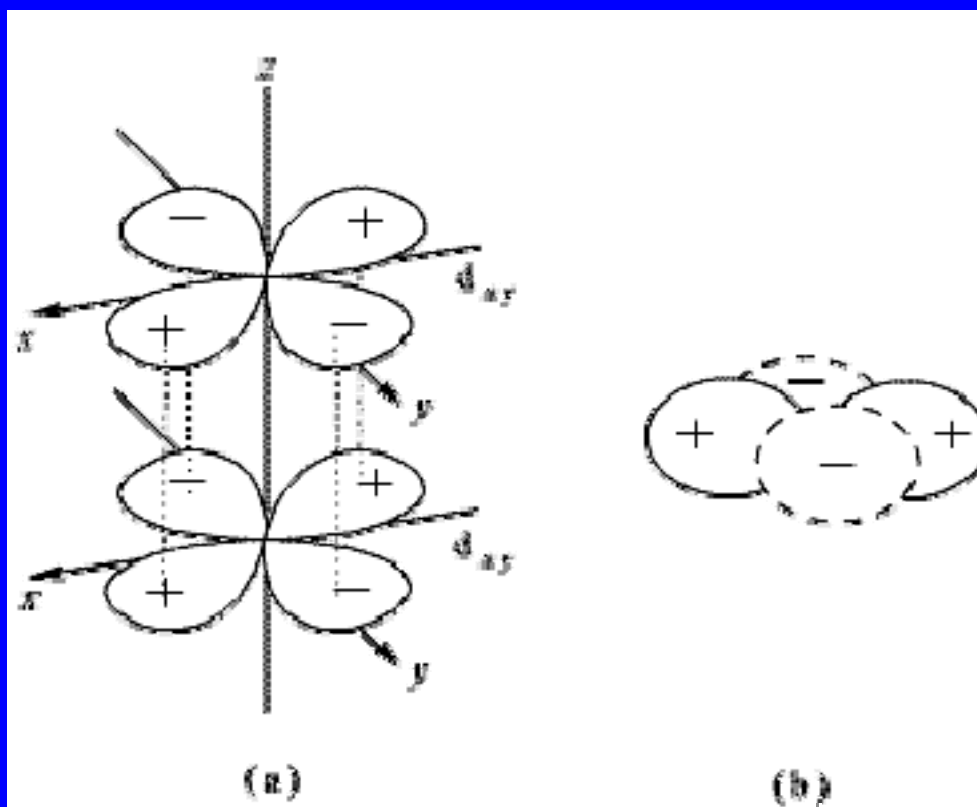
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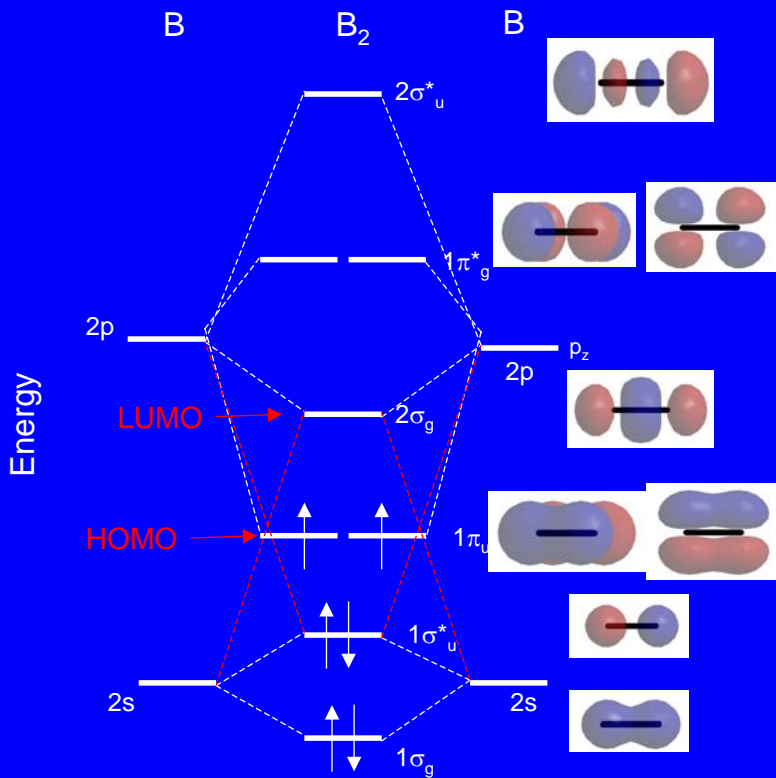


2. The characteristic distribution and classification of molecular orbital

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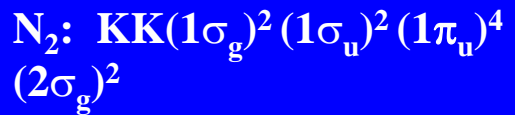
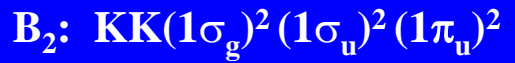


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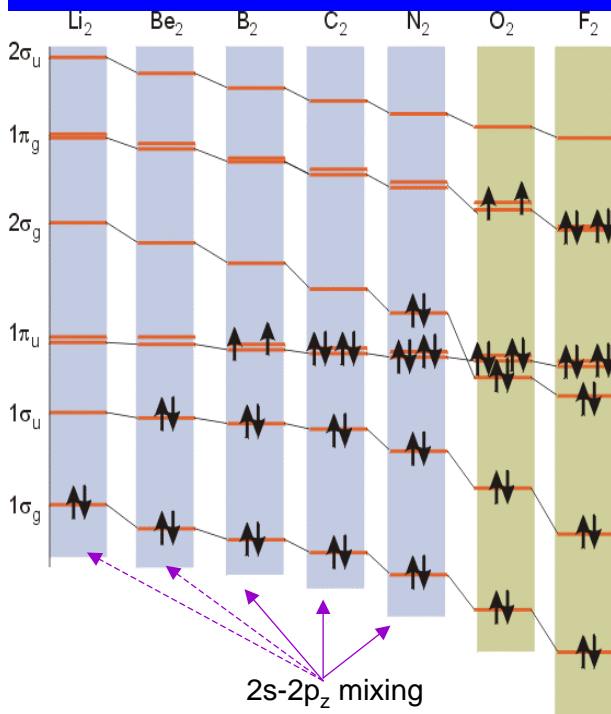


The effect of interactions between 2s and 2p.

At the start of the second row Li-N, we have mixing of 2s and 2p. The result is that $1\sigma_u^*$ is pushed down in energy whereas $2\sigma_g$ is raised.



Electronic configurations



H ₂	2	$(\sigma_{g1s})^2$
He ₂ ⁺	3	$(\sigma_{g1s})^2 (\sigma_{u1s})^1$
Li ₂	6	$KK(1\sigma_g)^2$
B ₂	10	$KK(1\sigma_g)^2 (1\sigma_u)^2 (1\pi_u)^2$
C ₂	12	$KK(1\sigma_g)^2 (1\sigma_u)^2 (1\pi_u)^4$
N ₂ ⁺	13	$KK(1\sigma_g)^2 (1\sigma_u)^2 (1\pi_u)^4 (2\sigma_g)^1$
N ₂	14	$KK(1\sigma_g)^2 (1\sigma_u)^2 (1\pi_u)^4 (2\sigma_g)^2$
O ₂ ⁺	15	$KK(\sigma_{g2s})^2 (\sigma_{u2s})^2 (\sigma_{g2p})^2 (\pi_{u2p})^4 (\pi_{g2p})^1$
O ₂	16	$KK(\sigma_{g2s})^2 (\sigma_{u2s})^2 (\sigma_{g2p})^2 (\pi_{u2p})^4 (\pi_{g2p})^2$
F ₂	18	$KK(\sigma_{g2s})^2 (\sigma_{u2s})^2 (\sigma_{g2p})^2 (\pi_{u2p})^4 (\pi_{g2p})^4$

3. The structure of homonuclear diatomic molecules

b. The bond order

Bond orders :

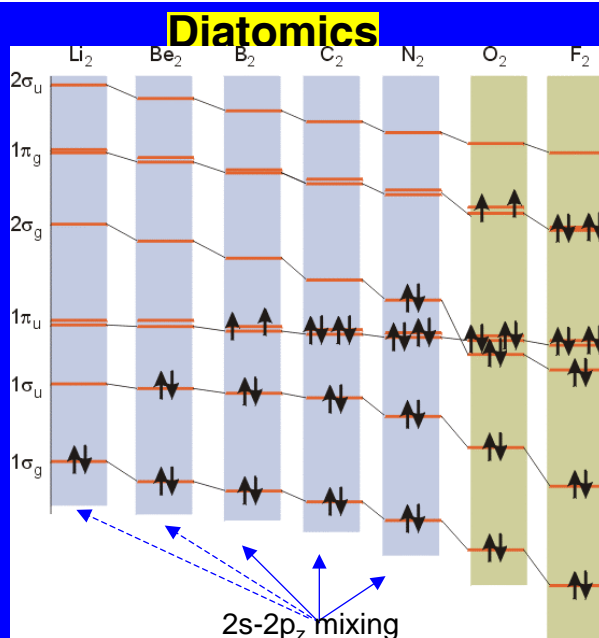
$$b = \frac{1}{2}(n - n^*)$$

n: Electrons in bonding orbitals

n*: Electrons in antibonding orbitals

Bond orders :

$$b = \frac{1}{2}(n - n^*)$$

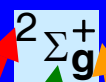
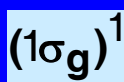


Molecule	Li ₂	Be ₂	B ₂	C ₂	N ₂	O ₂	F ₂	Ne ₂
Bond Order	1	0	1	2	3	2	1	0
Bond Length (Å)	2.67	n/a	1.59	1.24	1.01	1.21	1.42	n/a
Bond Energy (kJ/mol)	105	n/a	289	609	941	494	155	n/a
Diamagnetic (d)/ Paramagnetic (p)	d	n/a	p	d	d	p	d	n/a

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 - c. The molecular spectroscopy - term

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Molecule Configuration Term symbol



Spin multiplicity

$2S_T + 1$

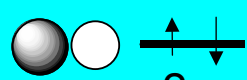
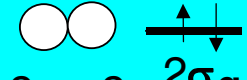
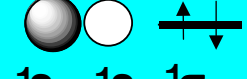

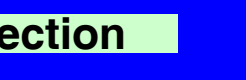
$L_{T_z} :$	0	1	2
	Σ	Π	Δ

SYM(L_z)

Reflection

Parity

Molecular Orbital Theory **Diatomics** **Term symbols**

Molecule	Configuration	Term symbol
H ₂	(1σ _g) ²	1Σ _g ⁺ 
H ₂ ⁻	(1σ _g) ² (1σ _u) ¹	2Σ _u ⁺ 
He ₂	(1σ _g) ² (1σ _u) ²	1Σ _g ⁺ 
Li ₂	(1σ _g) ² (1σ _u) ² (2σ _g) ²	1Σ _g ⁺ 
Be ₂	(1σ _g) ² (1σ _u) ² (2σ _g) ² (2σ _u) ²	1Σ _g ⁺ 

Spin multiplicity

$$2S_T + 1$$




L_{Tz} : 0 1 2
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Reflection

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Molecular Orbital Theory **Diatomics** **Term symbols**

Molecule	Configuration	Term symbol
B ₂	(1π _u) ²	3Σ _g ⁻ 1Δ _g ⁺ 1Σ _g ⁺
C ₂	(1π _u) ⁴	1Σ _g ⁺ 
N ₂ ⁺	(3σ _g) ¹ (1π _u) ⁴	2Σ _g ⁺ 
N ₂	(3σ _g) ² (1π _u) ⁴	1Σ _g ⁺ 

Spin multiplicity

$$2S_T + 1$$

L_{Tz} : 0 1 2
 Σ Π Δ

SYM(L_z)

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Molecule	Configuration	Term symbol	Diagram
N_2^-	$(3\sigma_g)^2(1\pi_u)^4(1\pi_g)^1$	$2\Pi_g^-$ $2\Pi_g^+$	
O_2	$(3\sigma_g)^2(1\pi_u)^4(1\pi_g)^2$	$3\Sigma_g^-$ $1\Delta_g^+$ $1\Sigma_g^-$	
F_2	$(3\sigma_g)^2(1\pi_u)^4(1\pi_g)^4$	$1\Sigma_g^+$	

Spin multiplicity

$$2S_T + 1$$

$L_{T_z} :$ 0 1 2
 Σ Π Δ

SYM(L_z)

Reflection

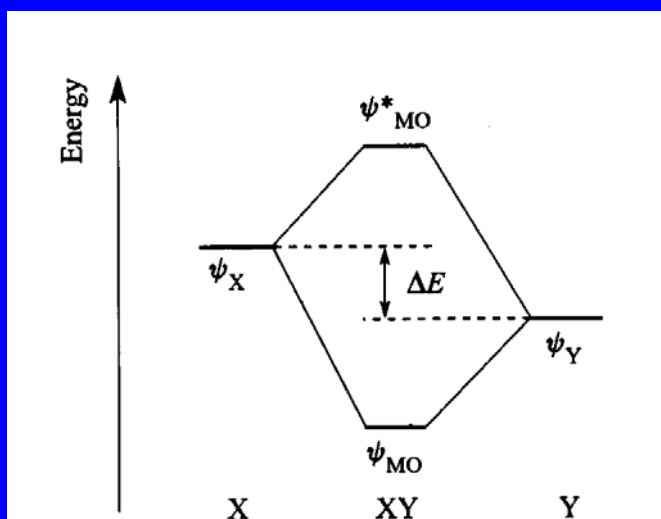
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4. The structure of heteronuclear diatomic molecules

MO Theory for Heteronuclear Diatomics

- MO's will no longer contain equal contributions from each AO.
 - AO's interact if symmetries are compatible.
 - AO's interact if energies are close.
 - No interaction will occur if energies are too far apart. A nonbonding orbital will form.

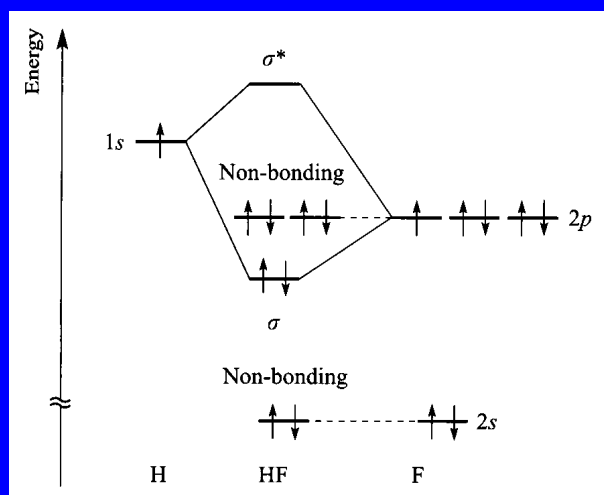
Ψ_X makes a greater contribution to the Ψ_{MO}^*



Ψ_Y makes a greater contribution to the Ψ_{MO}

Example: HF

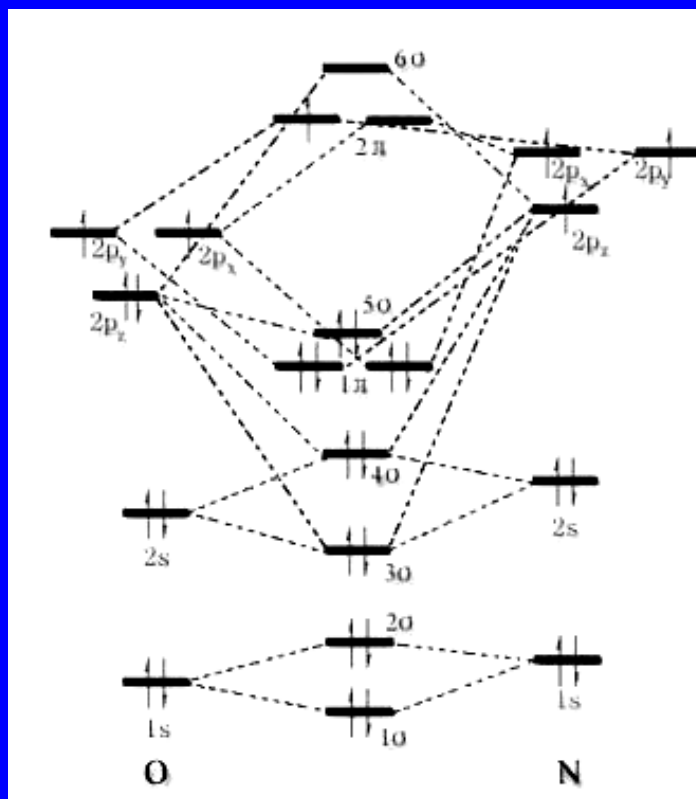
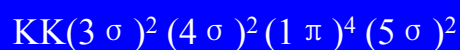
- The F (2s) is much lower in energy than the H (1s) so they do not mix.
 - The F (2s) orbital makes a non-bonding MO.
 - We certainly don't have to worry about the F (1s) because it is MUCH lower in energy.
- The H (1s) and F (2p)'s are close in energy and do interact.
 - The 2p_x and 2p_y don't have the appropriate symmetry though and therefore form nonbonding MO'S
 - Only the 2p_z and 1s mix.



Isoelectronic rule:

The MO's bond formation and electronic configurations are similar among the isoelectronic diatomic molecules.

CO is isoelectronic with N₂.

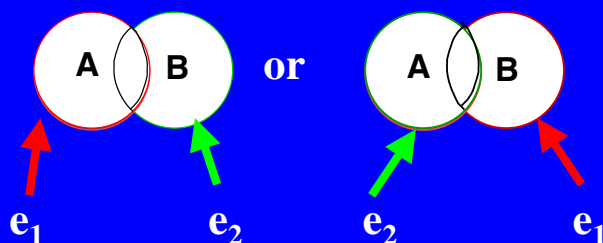


electronic configurations of NO

Molecule	electrons	electronic configuration	term
LiH	4	$K(2\sigma)^2$	$1\Sigma^+$
BeH	5	$K(2\sigma)^2(3\sigma)^1$	$2\Sigma^+$
CH	7	$K(2\sigma)^2(3\sigma)^2(1\pi)^1$	2Π
NH	8	$K(2\sigma)^2(3\sigma)^2(1\pi)^2$	$3\Sigma^-$
OH	9	$K(2\sigma)^2(3\sigma)^2(1\pi)^3$	2Π
HF	10	$K(2\sigma)^2(3\sigma)^2(1\pi)^4$	$1\Sigma^+$
BeO, BN	12	$KK(3\sigma)^2(4\sigma)^2(1\pi)^4$	$1\Sigma^+$
CN, BeF	13	$KK(3\sigma)^2(4\sigma)^2(1\pi)^4(5\sigma)^1$	$2\Sigma^+$
CO	14	$KK(3\sigma)^2(4\sigma)^2(1\pi)^4(5\sigma)^2$	$1\Sigma^+$
NO	15	$KK(3\sigma)^2(4\sigma)^2(1\pi)^4(5\sigma)^2(2\pi)^1$	2Π

§ 3 Valence bond (VB) theory for the hydrogen molecule and the comparison VB theory with Molecular Orbital theory (MO)

In valence bond (VB) theory we localized one electron to each.



The Heitler-London treatment:

$$f_1 = A(1)B(2) \quad f_2 = A(2)B(1)$$

The trial variation function:

$$\Psi = c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2 = c_1 A(1)B(2) + c_2 A(2)B(1)$$

We have the valence bond wavefunction

$$\Psi(1,2)_{\text{VB}} = N[A(1)B(2) + A(2)B(1)] \times [\alpha(1)\beta(2) - \beta(1)\alpha(2)]$$

In molecular orbital (MO) theory each electron moves over the whole molecule.



Both electrons can be on the same nuclei

The unnormalized LCAO-MO wave function for the H₂ ground state is:

$$\Psi(1,2)_{\text{MO}} = N[A(1) + B(1)][A(2) + B(2)] \times [\alpha(1)\beta(2) - \beta(1)\alpha(2)]$$



$$A(1)A(2) + B(1)B(2) + A(1)B(2) + A(2)B(1)$$

H⁺H⁺

H⁻H⁻

Covalent terms

Comparison of MO and VB theories

VB Theory

- Separate atoms are brought together to form molecules.
- The electrons in the molecule *pair* to accumulate density in the internuclear region.
- The accumulated electron density "holds" the molecule together.
- Electrons are *localized* (belong to specific bonds).
- Hybridization of atomic orbitals
- Basis of Lewis structures, resonance, and hybridization.
- Good theory for predicting molecular structure.

Molecular orbital theory

- Molecular orbitals are formed by the overlap and interaction of atomic orbitals.
- Electrons then fill the molecular orbitals according to the aufbau principle.
- Electrons are *delocalized* (don't belong to particular bonds, but are spread throughout the molecule).
- Can give accurate bond dissociation energies if the model combines enough atomic orbitals to form molecular orbitals.