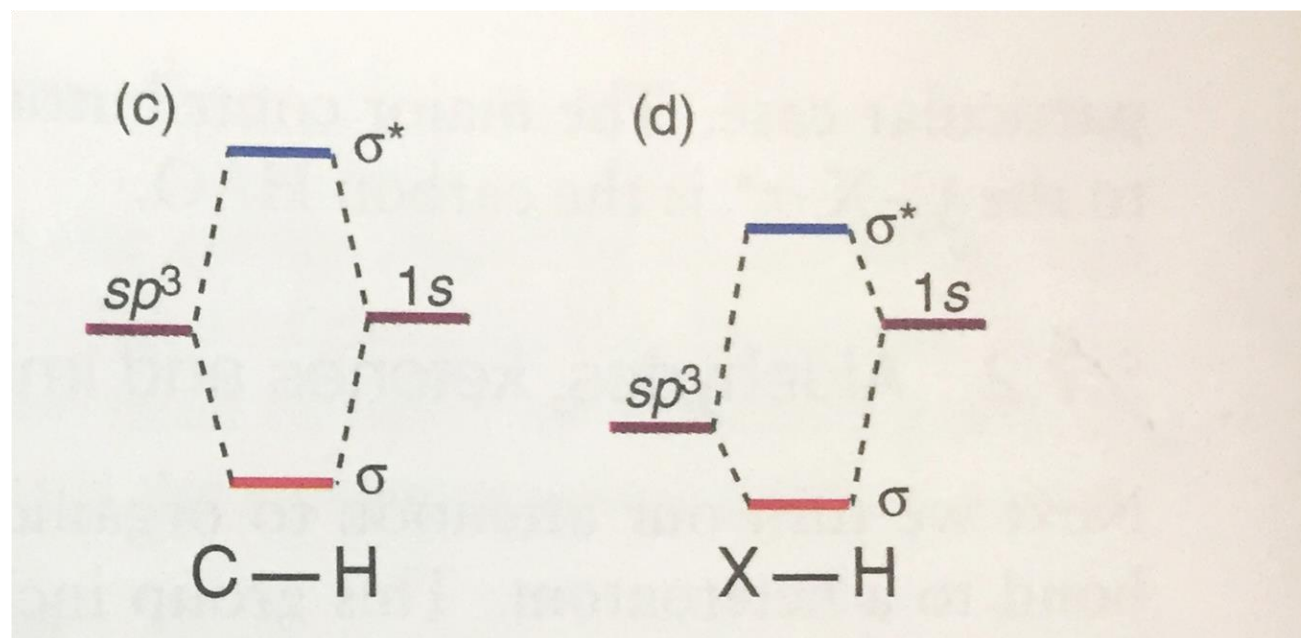
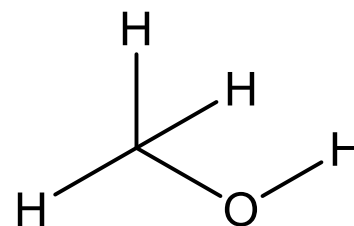
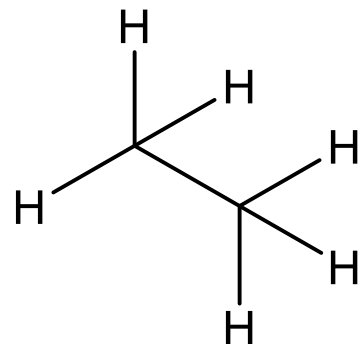
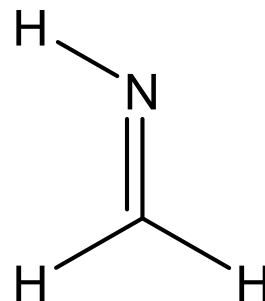
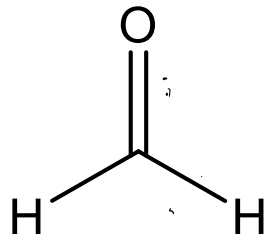


- ✓ σ^* (C-X) is lower in energy than the σ^* (C-C)
- ✓ In case of the attack of a nucleophile, the electrons will be initially donated to the σ^* orbital
- ✓ Between C-C and C-X bond, a nucleophile would prefer to react with C-X bond since it has a lower energy σ^*



- ✓ σ^* (X-H) is lower in energy than the σ^* (C-H)
- ✓ X-H is more acidic than C-H

Aldehydes, Ketones and Imines



- ✓ What is the energy level ordering of different MOs in formaldehyde and imine?
- ✓ Aldehydes and ketones undergo acid/base catalysed hydration in water. Which orbitals are involved and how they are connected to the mechanism to the reactions?

Chemistry is Dictated by HOMO-LUMO Interactions

✓ It is important to identify the HOMO and LUMO of each of the reactants

✓ *HOMO and LUMO are termed as Frontier Molecular Orbitals*

✓ Energy Ordering of MOs

Energy



σ^* antibonding

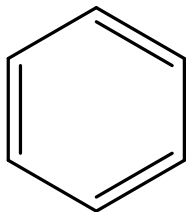
π^* antibonding

Nonbonding orbitals (including lone pairs)

π bonding

σ bonding

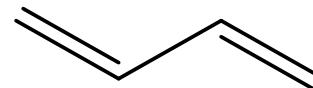
Conjugation and Delocalized Bonding



Benzene



Ethylene

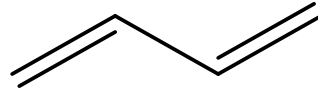


Butadiene

In butadiene:

- ✓ *The barrier for rotation for the central C-C bond is 30 kJ/mol*
- ✓ The value for a typical C-C bond is 15 kJ/mol
- ✓ Each carbon is sp^2 hybridized, these orbitals are used in σ -bonding (localized bonding)
- ✓ Single atomic 2p orbital is free on each carbon atom
- ✓ π -MOs are formed from these four 2p orbitals and they extend over the whole molecule (delocalized bonding)

π -Molecular Orbitals of Butadiene



□ Hückel theory

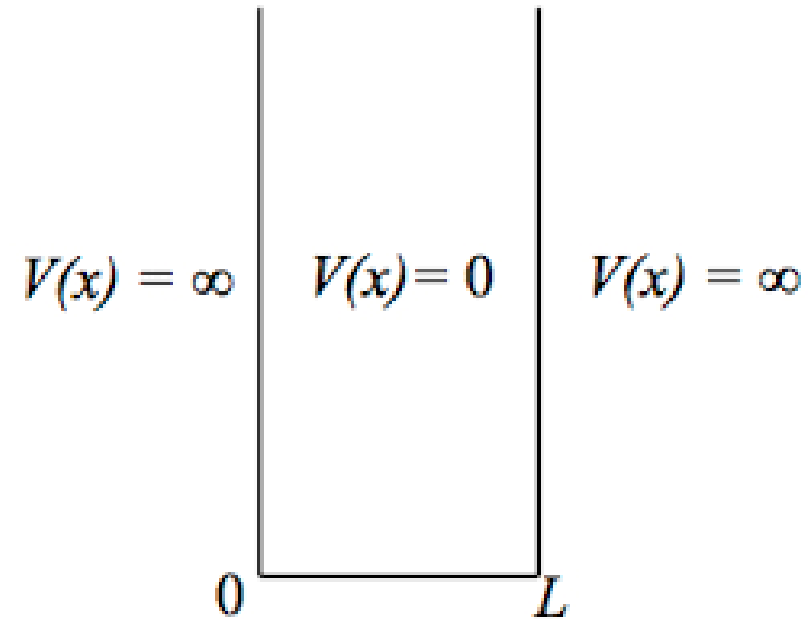
- ✓ Mixing of p orbitals leading to the formation of π MOs
- ✓ **Only π -electrons in conjugated systems (σ electrons are not considered)**

□ LCAO: Linear Combination of Atomic Orbitals:

$$\psi = c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2 + c_3\phi_3 + c_4\phi_4$$

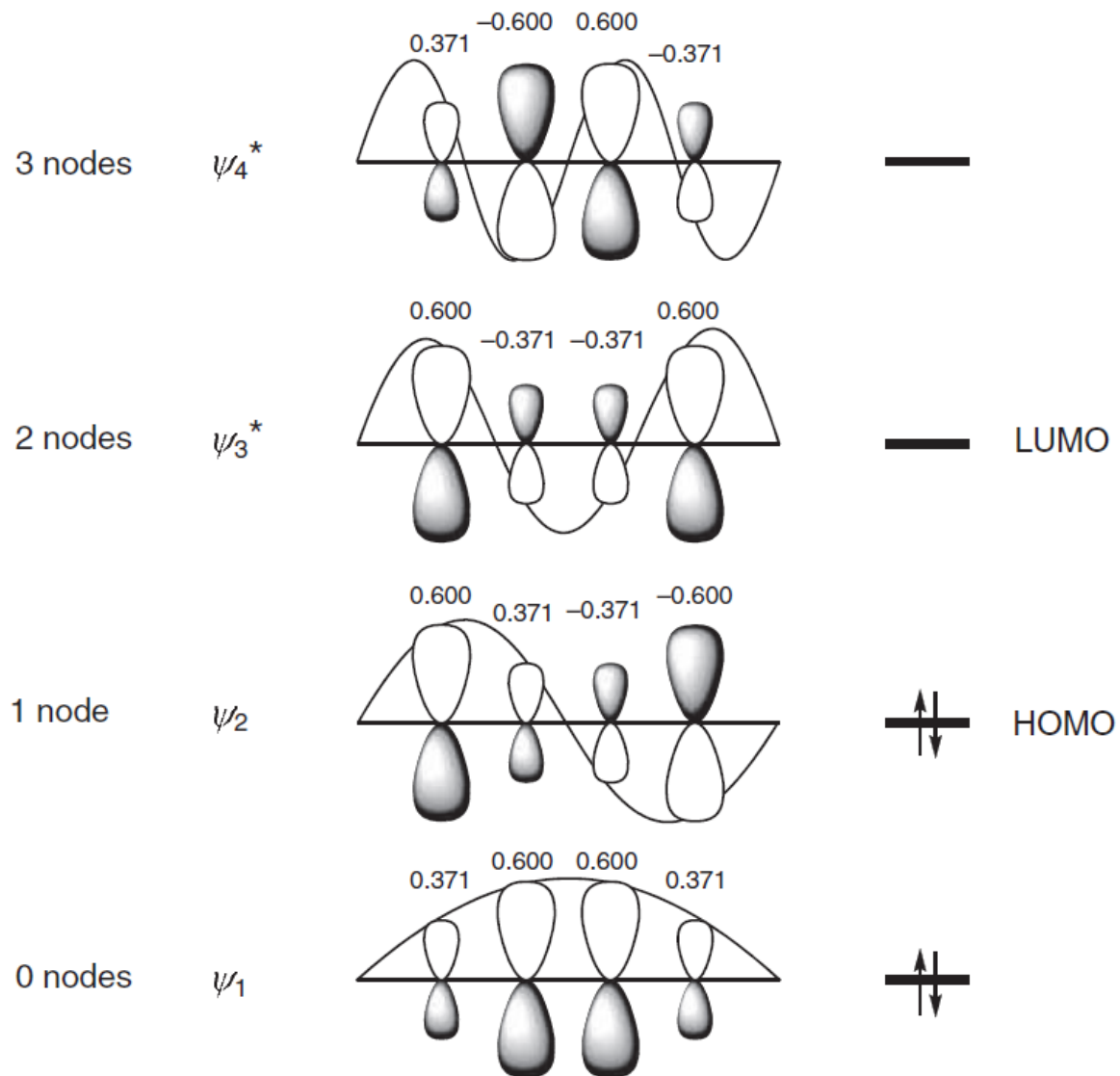
□ Particle in a box

Particle is confined in a 1D box:



- ✓ The dimension of box can be compared to the length of a molecule

π -Molecular Orbitals of Butadiene



- ✓ The molecular orbitals (ψ) are **one-electron** wave functions (electron in a box)
- ✓ The coefficients (C) are the weights of the contributions of the atomic orbitals to the molecular orbitals
- ✓ 4 MOs spread all over 4 carbon atoms
- ✓ Bonding electrons reside on ψ_1 and ψ_2