

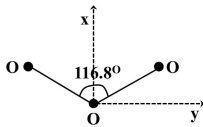
# CH107: Physical Chemistry

20 November, 2013

End Semester Exam 2 Hours, 30 Minutes

Answer all questions. Total 32 Marks – Maximum Marks to be awarded 30. Answer each question in a separate page. Calculators may be used. Use PEN to write all answers, including sketches. Read questions carefully and keep answers to-the-point. Provide arguments to earn full credit.

$$\underline{h=6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}; c=3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}; m_e=9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}; m_p=1.672 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}; e=6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}; 1 \text{ eV}=1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}$$

- 1A.  $\psi_1$ ,  $\psi_2$  and  $\psi_3$  are the only possible orthonormal eigenfunctions of an operator  $\hat{A}$  and the corresponding eigenvalues are  $a_1=1$ ,  $a_2=2$  and  $a_3=3$ , respectively. When physical observable corresponding to  $\hat{A}$  is measured for a particular system, there is a 50 percent chance of obtaining a value  $a_1$  and there are equal probabilities for getting values  $a_2$  and  $a_3$ . Write down the correct wavefunction for the system and calculate  $\langle \hat{A} \rangle$ . Note: Only answers using quantum mechanical concepts will be awarded marks. 2
- 1B. Graphene is a single sheet of  $sp^2$  hybridized carbon atoms forming a 2-dimensional array over which the  $\pi$ -electrons are delocalized and are independent of each other. For a square graphene sheet of side  $L$ , calculate the state energies of  $\pi$ -electrons upto  $n_x, n_y = 5$  in terms of  $\hbar^2/8mL^2 = \beta$ . Assuming all transitions are equally allowed, sketch the absorption spectrum (Intensity vs. photon-energy) for the possible transitions from all the lower energy states to the [5,5] state. 3
- 2A. Given  $\psi_{2p_z} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2\pi}} \left( \frac{1}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{r}{a_0} \right) e^{-r/2a_0} \cos \theta$ , where is the angular probability of finding an electron in  $2p_z$  orbital the highest? 2
- 2B. What is the magnetic quantum number of  $4p_y$  orbital? 1
- 2C. Sketch, on the same graph, the radial functions  $R(r)$  for  $4d_{xy}$  and  $4d_{z^2}$  orbitals. 1
- 2D. For an excited Helium atom with the electronic configuration  $1s^1 2s^1$ , write down the Slater determinant(s) for the  $M_s = 0$  state. 2
- 3A. Write down the Coulomb integral for the Helium atom. What is the physical interpretation of this Coulomb integral? 2
- 3B. Write spatial VBT and MOT wavefunctions of the  $H_2$  molecule. State the primary difference between the two. 3
- 4A. What are hybrid and molecular orbitals? Explain. 2
- 4B. Calculate the energies of the bonding and antibonding molecular orbitals generated by linear combination of hydrogen- $1s$  and fluorine- $2p_z$  atomic orbitals for various values of overlap integral  $S_{12} = 0.1, 0.2$  and  $0.6$ . Given  $H_{11} = -13.6 \text{ eV}$ ,  $H_{22} = -18.6 \text{ eV}$  and  $H_{12} = -1.75 S_{12} \sqrt{(H_{11} \cdot H_{22})}$ . Plot  $E_{\text{Bonding}}$  and  $E_{\text{Antibonding}}$  as a function of overlap integral and explain the trends. Note: Here  $H_{11}$  and  $H_{22}$  are constants and are independent of  $R$ . 3
- 5A. Consider the hybridization of a  $2s$  and a  $2p_x$  orbital: with  $\psi_{\text{hybrid}} = C_1 \cdot 2s - C_2 \cdot 2p_x$ , where  $C_1 > 0$  and  $C_2 > 0$ . Qualitatively plot the hybrid orbital. Mark all the regions including axes, signs of the wavefunction, nucleus and nodes. 2
- 5B. For  $O_3$  molecule (bond angle  $116.8^\circ$ , see Figure) obtain the normalized wavefunction of hybrid orbitals for the given geometry, that house (a) bond pairs and (b) lone pair, in terms of  $2s$  and  $2p$  atomic orbitals on the central oxygen atom. 4
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- 6A. Assuming all the proportionality constants to be identical for all intermolecular interactions, plot the potential energy as function of intermolecular distance for a fixed orientation in cases of ion-dipole, dipole-dipole and induced dipole-induced dipole interactions. 2
- 6B. Write down the polarizability tensor matrix and explain the meaning of the diagonal and off-diagonal elements therein. Which of the intermolecular interaction(s) depend(s) on the electronic polarizability? 3