

# Lecture 17

## Electrostatics, Part 2

electric potential and field; polarization; van der Waals forces

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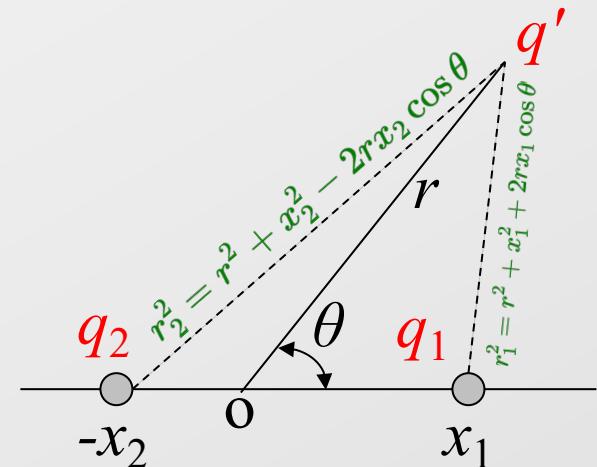
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# Multipole moments quantify the most important features of a charge distribution

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\text{el}} &= \frac{q'(q_1 + q_2)}{r} + \frac{q'(q_2 x_2 - q_1 x_1)}{r^2} \cos \theta \\
 &\quad + \frac{q'(q_1 x_1^2 + q_2 x_2^2)}{r^3} \frac{1}{4} (1 + 3 \cos 2\theta) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^4 \\
 E_{\text{el}} &= \frac{q'Q}{r} + \frac{q'\mu}{r^2} \cos \theta + \frac{q'\Theta}{r^3} \frac{1}{4} (1 + 3 \cos 2\theta) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$



- The electrostatic moments are
  - Charge  $q = q_1 + q_2$
  - Dipole  $\mu = q_2 x_2 - q_1 x_1$
  - Quadrupole  $\Theta = q_1 x_1^2 + q_2 x_2^2$

Next would be octupole

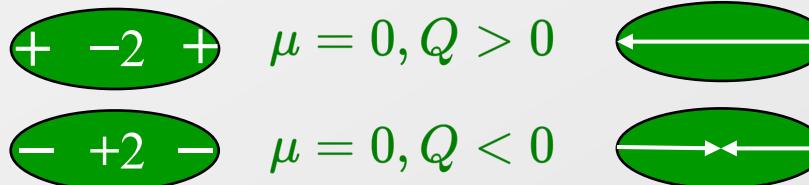
# Energies for interaction of multipoles with each other are available

- Pure dipole

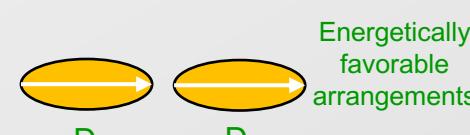


Note: opposite arrow conventions are used too

- Pure quadrupole



$$u_{dd} = -\frac{\mu_1 \mu_2}{r^3} [3(\hat{\mu}_1 \cdot \hat{r})(\hat{\mu}_2 \cdot \hat{r}) - (\hat{\mu}_1 \cdot \hat{\mu}_2)]$$

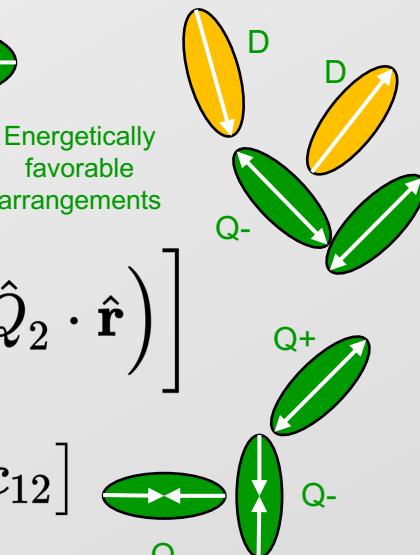


Energetically favorable arrangements

$$u_{dQ} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\mu_1 Q_2}{r^4} \left[ (\hat{\mu}_1 \cdot \hat{r}) \left( 5(\hat{Q}_2 \cdot \hat{r})^2 - 1 \right) - 2(\hat{\mu}_1 \cdot \hat{\mu}_2)(\hat{Q}_2 \cdot \hat{r}) \right]$$

Axially symmetric quadrupoles

$$u_{QQ} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{r^5} [1 - 5c_1^2 - 5c_2^2 + 2c_{12}^2 + 35c_1^2 c_2^2 - 20c_1 c_2 c_{12}]$$



- Can model electrostatics as point dipoles, etc. rather than charges

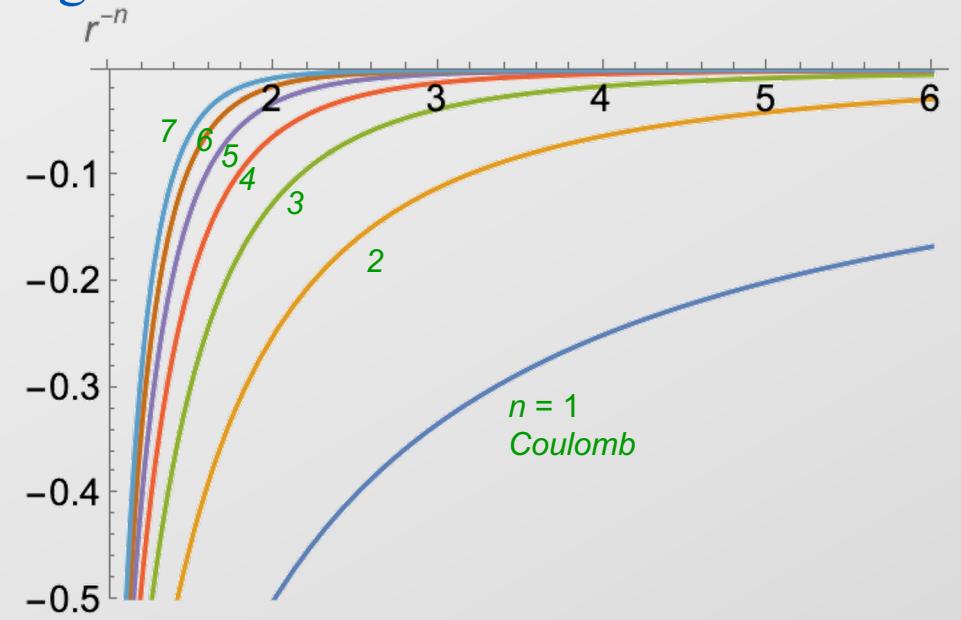
# The direct interaction range for different multipoles varies greatly

- Coulomb interaction is very long ranged!
  - Integral over all contributions diverges, except for cancellation of positive and negative contributions

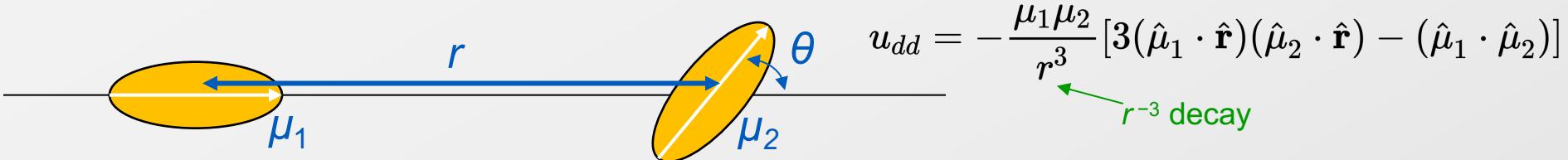
$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{r} 4\pi r^2 dr$$

Decay rates for multipole interactions

|          | charge<br>$Q$ | dipole<br>$\mu$ | quadrupole<br>$\Theta$ | octupole<br>$\Xi$ |
|----------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| $Q$      | $R^{-1}$      | $R^{-2}$        | $R^{-3}$               | $R^{-4}$          |
| $\mu$    | $R^{-2}$      | $R^{-3}$        | $R^{-4}$               | $R^{-5}$          |
| $\Theta$ | $R^{-3}$      | $R^{-4}$        | $R^{-5}$               | $R^{-6}$          |
| $\Xi$    | $R^{-4}$      | $R^{-5}$        | $R^{-6}$               | $R^{-7}$          |



**Simple orientation average of dipole energy  
is zero; Boltzmann-weighted average is not**



$$\langle u_{dd} \rangle = \int_0^\pi u_{dd}(\theta) \sin(\theta) d\theta = 0$$

### Unweighted average

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Integrate[uμμ[{x, 0, 0}, μ1 {Cos[theta], Sin[theta], 0}, μ2 {1, 0, 0}] Sin[theta], {theta, 0, Pi}]

0
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### Boltzmann-weighted average

$$\text{boltzAvg} = \frac{\text{Integrate}\left[u12[r, \theta, \mu1, \mu2] \text{Exp}\left[\frac{-u12[r, \theta, \mu1, \mu2]}{kT}\right] \text{Sin}[\theta], \{\theta, 0, \pi\}\right]}{\text{Integrate}\left[\text{Exp}\left[\frac{-u12[r, \theta, \mu1, \mu2]}{kT}\right] \text{Sin}[\theta], \{\theta, 0, \pi\}\right]};$$

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Series[boltzAvg, {r, Infinity, 8}]
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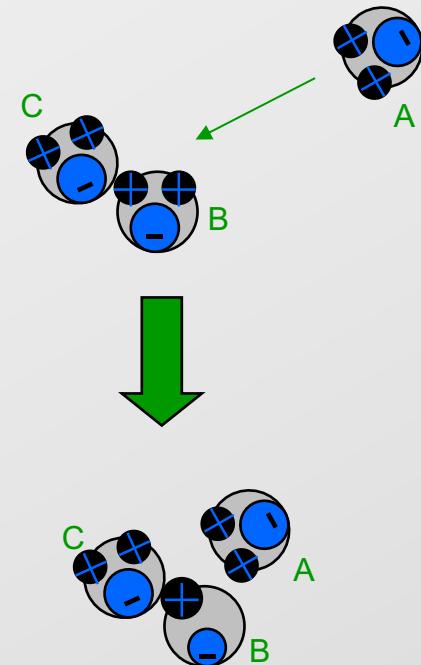
$$-\frac{4(\mu_1^2 \mu_2^2)}{3kT r^6} + O\left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^9$$

$$\langle u_{dd} \rangle_{\text{Boltz}} = \frac{\int_0^\pi u_{dd}(\theta) e^{-u_{dd}(\theta)/k_B T} \sin(\theta) d\theta}{\int_0^\pi e^{-u_{dd}(\theta)/k_B T} \sin(\theta) d\theta} \sim -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\mu_1^2 \mu_2^2}{k_B T} \frac{1}{r^6}$$

$r^{-6}$  decay

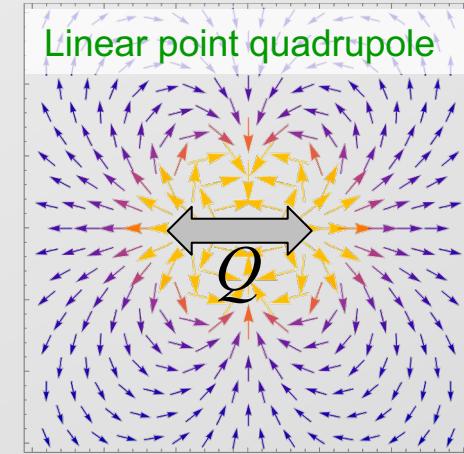
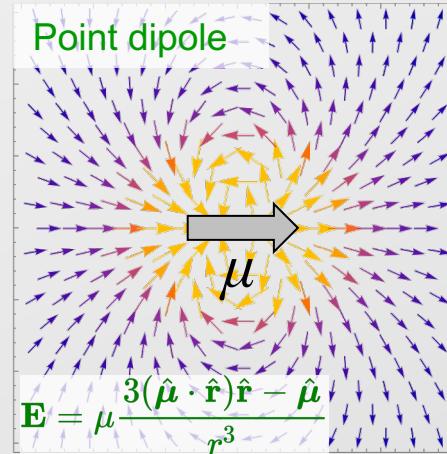
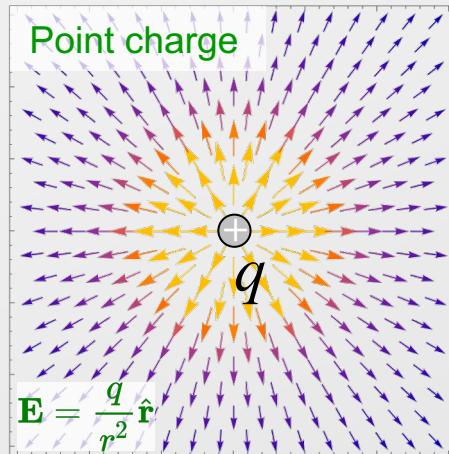
# A molecule's electron distribution can change with its conformation, and by other molecules

- The charge distribution on a molecule, A, creates an electric field that can change the charge distribution on another molecule, B
- The change in B's charge distribution can affect how it interacts with a third molecule, C
- Polarization is an important source of 3-body and higher-order contributions to the energy



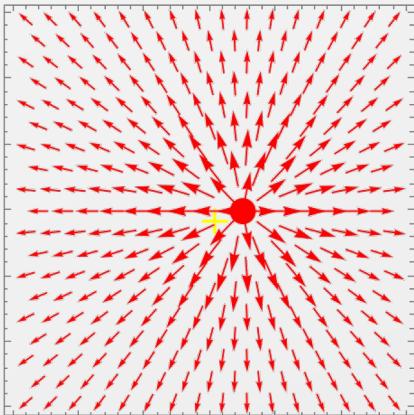
# Distortion of charge density is result of interaction with electric field

- Electric potential  $\phi$  yields energy of a charge  $q$ :  $u = \phi(\mathbf{r})q$
- Electric field is gradient of potential:  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla\phi(\mathbf{r})$ 
  - It provides the force on a charge  $q$ :  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{E}q$
- Electric moments give rise to electric fields

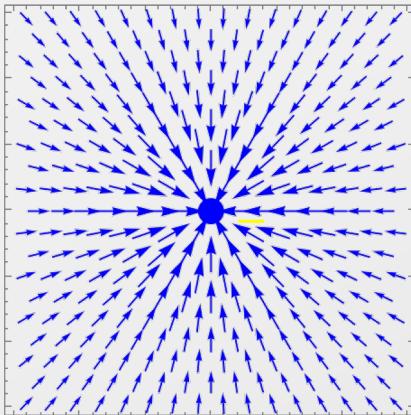


# Dipole field is derived as sum of two opposite point-charge fields, slightly displaced

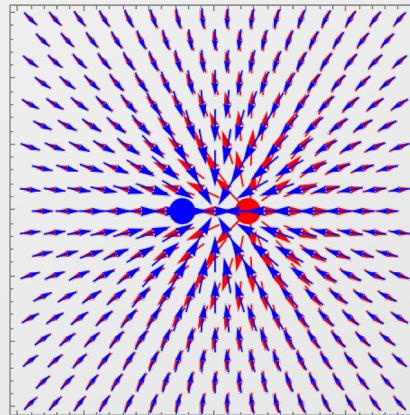
+ charge at  $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$



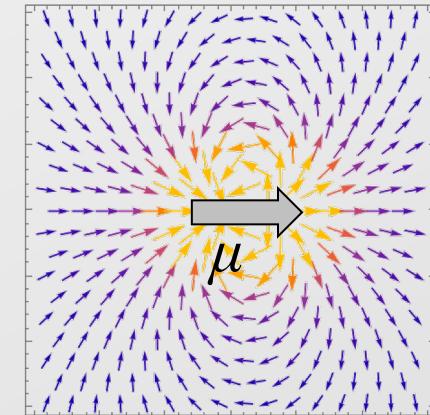
- charge at  $(0,0)$



superimpose



sum



$$E_+ = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2} = \frac{((x - \frac{1}{2}), y)}{((x - \frac{1}{2})^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$E_- = \frac{-(x, y)}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$E_+ + E_-$$

- Electric field of *dipole* given as derivative of *point-charge* field

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{dipole}} = \frac{E(\frac{1}{2}) - E(0)}{\frac{1}{2} - 0} \rightarrow \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial x}$$

(-) due to negative charge

Same for  
electric potential:

$$\phi_{\text{dipole}}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\partial \phi_{\text{pt chrg}}}{\partial x} = q \frac{\partial (1/r)}{\partial x}$$

# Multipole-moment potential and electric field can be given in terms of point-charge derivatives

- Rank-1 polytensors for moments and derivatives

$$\mathbf{M}_A = \left( Q^A, \mu_x^A, \mu_y^A, \mu_z^A, \Theta_{xx}^A, \Theta_{xy}^A, \Theta_{xz}^A, \Theta_{yy}^A, \Theta_{yz}^A, \Theta_{zz}^A, \dots \right)^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}^{(1)} &= \left( 1, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_A}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_A}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_A}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_A^2}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_A \partial y_A}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_A \partial z_A}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_A \partial x_A}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_A^2}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_A \partial z_A}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_A \partial x_A}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_A \partial y_A}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_A^2}, \dots \right) \frac{1}{r} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{r}, -\frac{x}{r^3}, -\frac{y}{r^3}, -\frac{z}{r^3}, -\frac{-2x^2+y^2+z^2}{r^5}, \frac{3xy}{r^5}, \frac{3xz}{r^5}, \frac{3xy}{r^5}, -\frac{x^2-2y^2+z^2}{r^5}, \frac{3yz}{r^5}, \frac{3xz}{r^5}, \frac{3yz}{r^5}, -\frac{x^2+y^2-2z^2}{r^5} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Gradient of electric potential  $\phi$  gives electric field  $\mathbf{E}$
- $$\phi = \mathbf{T}^{(1)} \mathbf{M}_A$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \nabla \phi$$

$$= (\nabla \mathbf{T}^{(1)}) \mathbf{M}_A$$

Same as

$$\mathbf{E} = \mu \frac{3(\hat{\mu} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})\hat{\mathbf{r}} - \hat{\mu}}{r^3}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_A = \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{T}^{(1)}}{\partial x_B}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{T}^{(1)}}{\partial y_B}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{T}^{(1)}}{\partial z_B} \right) \mathbf{M}_A = \left( \frac{x_{AB}}{r_{AB}^3}, \frac{y_{AB}}{r_{AB}^3}, \frac{z_{AB}}{r_{AB}^3} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{r_{AB}^2 - 3x_{AB}^2}{r_{AB}^5} & -\frac{3x_{AB}y_{AB}}{r_{AB}^5} & -\frac{3x_{AB}z_{AB}}{r_{AB}^5} \\ -\frac{3x_{AB}y_{AB}}{r_{AB}^5} & \frac{r_{AB}^2 - 3y_{AB}^2}{r_{AB}^5} & -\frac{3y_{AB}z_{AB}}{r_{AB}^5} \\ -\frac{3x_{AB}z_{AB}}{r_{AB}^5} & -\frac{3y_{AB}z_{AB}}{r_{AB}^5} & \frac{r_{AB}^2 - 3z_{AB}^2}{r_{AB}^5} \end{array} \dots \dots \dots \right) \mathbf{M}_A$$

# Interaction energy of multipole moments can also be given in polytensor framework

- Electric moment vector (polytensor)      Interaction energy  
 $\mathbf{M}_A = \left( Q^A, \mu_x^A, \mu_y^A, \mu_z^A, \Theta_{xx}^A, \Theta_{xy}^A, \Theta_{xz}^A, \Theta_{yy}^A, \Theta_{yz}^A, \Theta_{zz}^A, \dots \right)^T \quad U_{AB} = \mathbf{M}_B^T \mathbf{T}^{(2)} \mathbf{M}_A$
- Derivative matrix (rank-2 polytensor)      E.g., dipole-dipole special case

$$\mathbf{T}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_B} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y_B} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z_B} & \dots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_A} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_A \partial x_B} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_A \partial y_B} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_A \partial z_B} & \dots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y_A} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_A \partial x_B} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_A \partial y_B} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_A \partial z_B} & \dots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z_A} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_A \partial x_B} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_A \partial y_B} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_A \partial z_B} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}_{\text{dipole}}^{(2)} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_A \partial x_B} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_A \partial y_B} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_A \partial z_B} \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_A \partial x_B} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_A \partial y_B} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_A \partial z_B} \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_A \partial x_B} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_A \partial y_B} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_A \partial z_B} \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{r} \\ &= \frac{1}{r^5} \begin{pmatrix} r^2 - 3x^2 & -3xy & -3xz \\ -3xy & r^2 - 3y^2 & -3yz \\ -3xz & -3yz & r^2 - 3z^2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

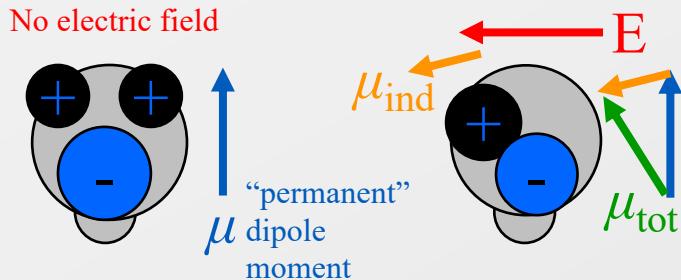
$r = \sqrt{(x_B - x_A)^2 + (y_B - y_A)^2 + (z_B - z_A)^2}$

# Polarizability tensor quantifies how easily a molecule's charge distribution can be changed

- Induced dipole moment

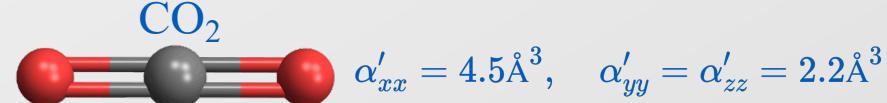
Could also do induced quadrupole, etc.

$$\mu_{\text{ind}} = \alpha \cdot E$$

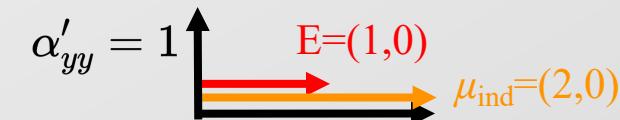


$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{xx} & \alpha_{xy} & \alpha_{xz} \\ \alpha_{yx} & \alpha_{yy} & \alpha_{yz} \\ \alpha_{zx} & \alpha_{zy} & \alpha_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

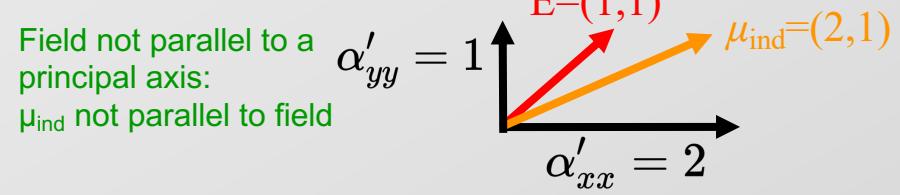
Induced dipole moment in x direction due to electric field in z direction



Field parallel to a principal axis:  
 $\mu_{\text{ind}}$  parallel to field



Field not parallel to a principal axis:  
 $\mu_{\text{ind}}$  not parallel to field

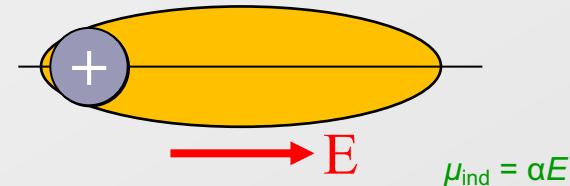


- Diagonalize  $\alpha$  and find principal axes

$$\alpha' = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha'_{xx} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha'_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha'_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

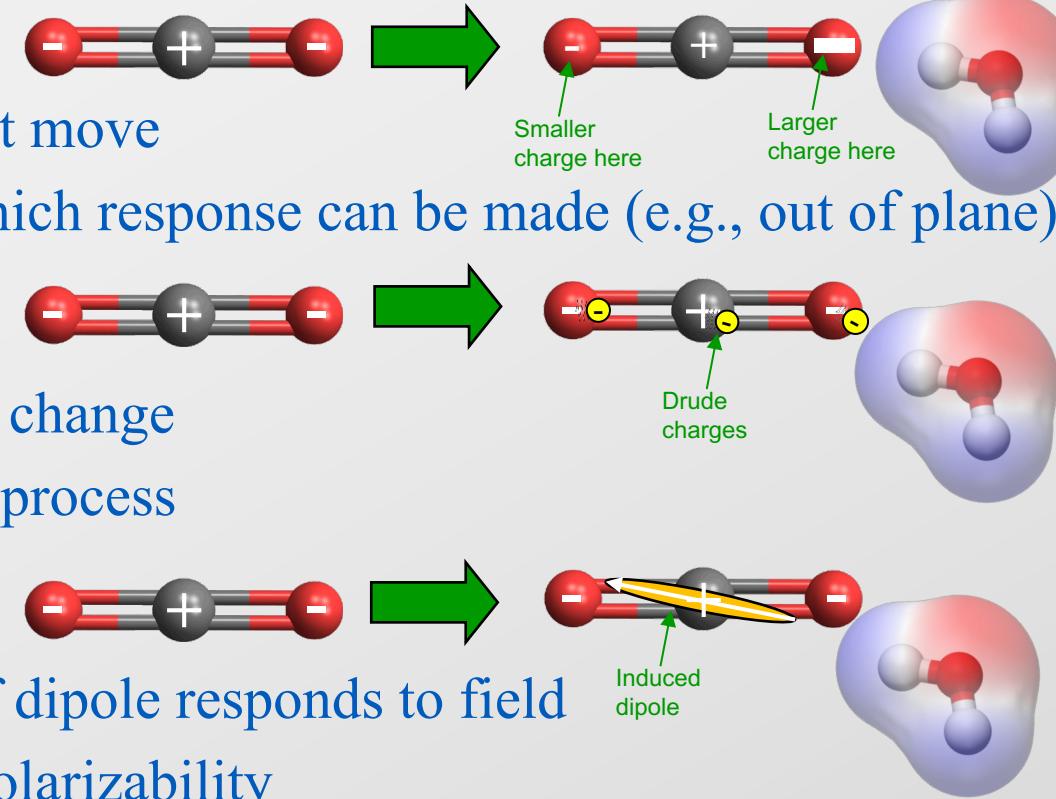
# Polarization energy considers work of inducing dipole as well as its final electrostatic interaction

- Imagine inducing a dipole by moving a point charge reversibly along  $x$



- Differential work:  $dW = Fdx = (qE)dx = Ed\mu$
- Use  $d\mu_{\text{ind}} = \alpha dE$  and integrate:  $W = \int_0^E Ed(\alpha E) = \frac{1}{2}\alpha E^2 = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \mu_{\text{ind}}^2$
- Energy of induced dipole in field:  $-\mu_{\text{ind}} E = -\alpha E^2$
- Net energy of induced dipole:  $-\alpha E^2 + \frac{1}{2}\alpha E^2 = -\frac{1}{2}\alpha E^2$
- More generally:  $u_{\text{ind}} = -\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\alpha} : \mathbf{EE} = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{E}$

# A variety of approaches can be used to model polarization

- Fluctuating charge (FQ)  
– Charges change but don't move  
– Limits on direction in which response can be made (e.g., out of plane)
  - Drude oscillator (DO)  
– Charges move, but don't change  
– More interaction sites to process
  - Point dipole (PD)  
– Strength and direction of dipole responds to field  
– Can model anisotropic polarizability
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# In principle, induced electrostatic features need to be converged to self-consistency

- A direct solution is possible

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ind}} = \alpha \mathbf{E}_{\text{tot}} = \alpha (\mathbf{E}_{\text{static}} + \mathbf{E}_{\text{ind}}) = \alpha (\mathbf{E}_{\text{static}} + \mathbf{T}_{\text{dipole}}^{(2)} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ind}})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ind}} = \left( \alpha^{-1} - \mathbf{T}_{\text{dipole}}^{(2)} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{E}_{\text{static}} \equiv \mathbf{R} \mathbf{E}_{\text{static}} \quad u = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha^{-1} : \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ind}} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ind}}$$

- But the matrices are very large,  $3N \times 3N$

– E.g., for  $N = 3$

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_A & (0)_{3 \times 3} & (0) \\ (0) & \alpha_B & (0) \\ (0) & (0) & \alpha_C \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{T}_{\text{dipole}}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} (0)_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{T}_{AB}^{(2)} & \mathbf{T}_{AC}^{(2)} \\ \mathbf{T}_{BA}^{(2)} & (0) & \mathbf{T}_{BC}^{(2)} \\ \mathbf{T}_{CA}^{(2)} & \mathbf{T}_{CB}^{(2)} & (0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ind}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{A,x} \\ \mu_{A,y} \\ \mu_{A,z} \\ \mu_{B,x} \\ \vdots \\ \mu_{C,z} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{E}_{\text{static}} = \begin{pmatrix} E_{A,x}^{\text{static}} \\ E_{A,y}^{\text{static}} \\ E_{A,z}^{\text{static}} \\ E_{B,x}^{\text{static}} \\ \vdots \\ E_{C,z}^{\text{static}} \end{pmatrix}$$

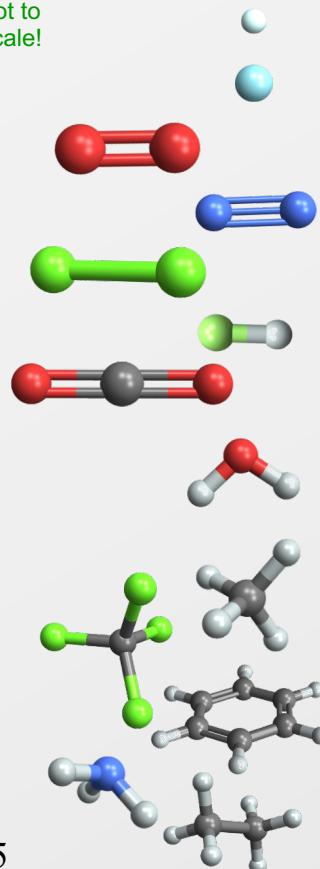
$\mathbf{T}_{AB}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{r_{AB}^5} \begin{pmatrix} r_{AB}^2 - 3x_{AB}^2 & -3x_{AB}y_{AB} & -3x_{AB}z_{AB} \\ -3x_{AB}y_{AB} & r_{AB}^2 - 3y_{AB}^2 & -3y_{AB}z_{AB} \\ -3x_{AB}z_{AB} & -3y_{AB}z_{AB} & r_{AB}^2 - 3z_{AB}^2 \end{pmatrix}$

(need to double check this)

- Usually iteration is used instead

# Electrostatics for some simple molecules

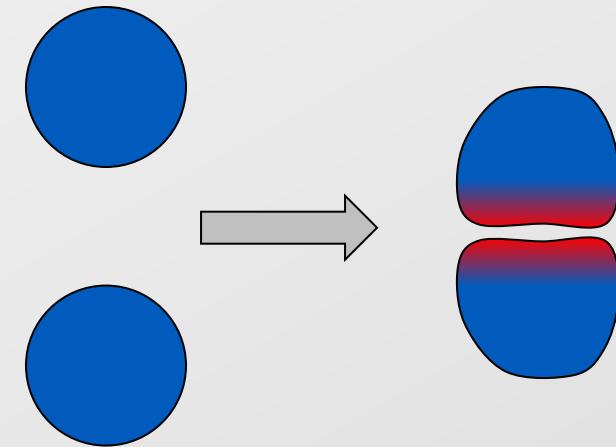
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| Molecule                      | $\mu$ , Debye | $Q$ , B                                | $\alpha$ , $\text{Å}^3$            |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--|------------------------------------|
| He                            | 0             | 0                                      | 0.206                              |
| Ar                            | 0             | 0                                      | 1.642                              |
| O <sub>2</sub>                | 0             | -0.4                                   | 1.48                               |
| N <sub>2</sub>                | 0             | → -1.4                                 | 1.7                                |
| Cl <sub>2</sub>               | 0             | 4.2                                    | 4.6                                |
| HF                            | → 1.8         | 2.6                                    | → 0.8                              |
| CO <sub>2</sub>               | 0             | → -4.3                                 | 2.9                                |
| H <sub>2</sub> O              | → 1.85        | +1.97 (xx)<br>-1.89 (yy)<br>-0.08 (zz) | 1.5 (xx)<br>1.43 (yy)<br>1.45 (zz) |
| CH <sub>4</sub>               | 0             | 0                                      | 2.6                                |
| CCl <sub>4</sub>              | 0             | 0                                      | → 11.2                             |
| C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> | 0             | → -9.5                                 | → 10.6                             |
| NH <sub>3</sub>               | 1.5           | -2.3                                   | 2.22                               |
| C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> | 0             | -1.2                                   | 4.4                                |

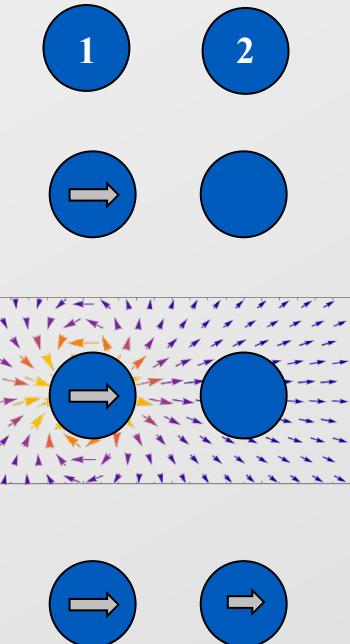
# Short-range repulsion is due to exchange and Coulomb effects

- Approach of molecules causes distortion of electron clouds, as they avoid each other due to Pauli exclusion
  - This increases the energy of the pair
  - Also, shifted electron clouds attract nuclei in a direction that pulls molecules apart
- Theory provides little guidance on form of model
  - Total repulsion energy drops quickly (exponentially) with separation
  - Not expressible in terms of properties of individual atoms



# Long-range attraction is due to coordinated dipole (and higher) fluctuations

- Consider two neutral atoms
  - Too separated for exchange or charge overlap
- Electrons constantly moving
  - Atom-1 fluctuation makes instantaneous dipole
- This creates an electric field about atom 2
  - Field:  $E \sim \mu_1 r^{-3}$
- Field induces dipole in atom 2
  - Induction:  $\mu_{\text{ind}} = \alpha_2 E$
- Net energy of induced dipole
  - Dispersion energy:  $u_{\text{disp}} \sim -\frac{1}{2} \alpha_2 E^2 \sim -\frac{1}{2} \alpha_2 \mu_1^2 r^{-6} \sim -\alpha_2 \langle \mu_1^2 \rangle r^{-6} \sim -\alpha_2 \alpha_1 r^{-6}$



Induced- $\mu$ /E-field interaction,  
minus work to make dipole

time average

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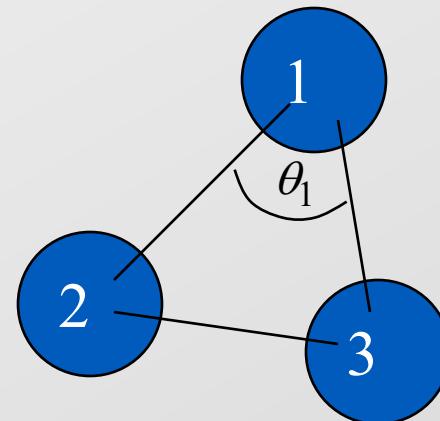
- London dispersion energy decays as  $r^{-6}$ 
  - “dispersion” has to do with polarizability and diffraction of light
- Hartree-Fock is unable to exhibit this behavior
  - Lack of correlation in model
  - Basic DFT also fails to accommodate this effect

# Theoretical results have been developed for multibody dispersion, but are rarely used

- Axilrod-Teller
  - consider response of atoms 2 and 3 to fluctuation in dipole moment of atom 1
  - average over all fluctuations in 1

$$E_3(1, 2, 3) = \frac{3}{2} E_0 \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3}{r_{12}^3 r_{13}^3 r_{23}^3} (3 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \cos \theta_3 + 1)$$

- this is rarely, if ever, used in practice



# *Van der Waals energy* is the term used to describe repulsion + dispersion interactions

- Two popular approaches to model repulsion

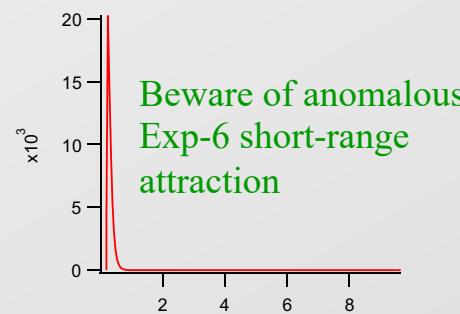
- Inverse power  $U_{vdW}^{rep} \sim \frac{A}{r^n}$       Exponential  $U_{vdW}^{rep} \sim Ae^{-Br}$   
typically  $n \sim 9 - 12$       2 parameters

- Combine with attraction term

- Lennard-Jones  $U = \frac{A}{r^{12}} - \frac{C}{r^6} = 4\epsilon \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right]$

- Exp-6  $U = Ae^{-Br} - \frac{C}{r^6}$

a.k.a. “Buckingham”  
or “Hill” potential



# **Combining rules are used to estimate parameters for unlike atoms**

- Approach is to use same model potential, but with “averaged” parameters
  - No ambiguity for Coulomb interactions  $u(r) = \frac{q_i q_j}{r}$
  - For effective potential (e.g., LJ), it is not clear what to do
- Lorentz-Berthelot is a widely used choice

$$\sigma_{12} = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)$$

$$\varepsilon_{12} = \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2}$$

- Others have been proposed

- Treatment is a very weak link in quantitative applications

# Many force field models have been developed

This is just a few of the most popular ones

| Force field               | $E_{\text{str}}$ | $E_{\text{bend}}$ | $E_{\text{oop}}$ | $E_{\text{vdw}}$  | $E_{\text{el}}$     | $E_{\text{cross}}$             | Molecules                 |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| AMBER <sup>82</sup>       | P2               | P2                | imp.             | 12–6              | Charge, PD          | None                           | Biomolecules              |
| AMOEBA <sup>83</sup>      | P2               | P2                |                  | 14–7              | Quad, PD            | None                           | Biomolecules              |
| CFF91/93/95 <sup>84</sup> | P4               | P4                | P2               | 9–6               | Charge              | ss, bb, st,<br>sb, bt, btb     | General                   |
| CHARMM <sup>85</sup>      | P2               | P2                | P2(imp.)         | 12–6              | Charge DO           | None                           | Biomolecules              |
| COMPASS <sup>86</sup>     | P4               | P4                | P2               | 9–6               | Charge              | ss, sb, st, bb, bt, btb        | Organic                   |
| COSMIC <sup>87</sup>      | P2               | P2                | Morse            |                   | Charge              | None                           | General                   |
| CVFF <sup>88</sup>        | P2 or<br>Morse   | P2                | P2               | 12–6              | Charge              | ss, bb, sb,<br>btb             | General                   |
| DREIDING <sup>89</sup>    | P2 or<br>Morse   | P2(cos)           | P2(cos)          | 12–6 or<br>Exp–6  | Charge              | None                           | General                   |
| EAS <sup>90</sup>         | P2               | P3                | None             | Exp–6             | None                | None                           | Alkanes                   |
| ECEPP <sup>91</sup>       | Fixed            | Fixed             | Fixed            | 12–6 and<br>12–10 | Charge              | None                           | Proteins                  |
| EFF <sup>92</sup>         | P4               | P3                | None             | Exp–6             | None                | ss, bb, sb, st, btb            | Alkanes                   |
| ENCAD <sup>93</sup>       | P2               | P2                | imp.             | 12–6              | Charge              | None                           | Biomolecules              |
| ESFF <sup>94</sup>        | Morse            | P2(cos)           | P2               | 9–6               | Charge              | None                           | All elements              |
| GAFF <sup>95</sup>        | P2               | P2                | imp              | 12–6              | Charge              | None                           | Organic                   |
| GROMOS <sup>96</sup>      | P2               | P2                | P2(imp.)         | 12–6              | Charge, DO          | None                           | Biomolecules              |
| MM2 <sup>6</sup>          | P3               | P2+P6             | P2               | Exp–6             | Dipole              | sb                             | General                   |
| MM3 <sup>7</sup>          | P4               | P6                | P2               | Exp–6             | Dipole or<br>charge | sb, bb, st                     | General (all<br>elements) |
| MM4 <sup>97</sup>         | P6               | P6                | imp.             | Exp–6             | Charge              | ss, bb, sb, tt, st, tb,<br>btb | General                   |
| MMFF <sup>98</sup>        | P4               | P3                | P2               | 14–7              | Charge              | sb                             | General                   |
| MOMEC <sup>99</sup>       | P2               | P2                | P2               | Exp–6             | Charge, FQ          | None                           | Metal<br>coordination     |
| NEMO <sup>100</sup>       | Fixed            | Fixed             | None             | Exp–6             | Quad, PD            | None                           | Special                   |
| OPLS <sup>101</sup>       | P2               | P2                | imp.             | 12–6              | Charge              | None                           | Biomolecules              |
| PFF <sup>102</sup>        | P2               | P2                | imp.             | 12–6              | Charge, FQ, PD      | None                           | Proteins                  |
| PROSA <sup>58</sup>       | P2               | P2                | imp.             | 12–6              | Charge, FQ, PD      | None                           | Proteins                  |
| QMFF <sup>103</sup>       | P4               | P4                | P2               | 9–6               | Charge              | ss, sb, st, bb,<br>bt, btb     | General                   |
| SDFF <sup>104</sup>       | P4               | P4                |                  | 9–6               | Quad, PD            | ss, st, tt                     | Hydrocarbons              |
| SHAPES <sup>105</sup>     | P2               | $\cos(n\theta)$   | P2(imp.)         | 12–6              | Charge              | None                           | Metal<br>coordination     |
| TraPPE <sup>106</sup>     | Fixed            | P2                | Fixed            | 12–6              | Charge              | None                           | Organic                   |
| TRIPOS <sup>107</sup>     | P2               | P2                | P2               | 12–6              | Charge              | None                           | General                   |
| UFF <sup>80</sup>         | P2 or<br>Morse   | $\cos(n\theta)$   | imp.             | 12–6              | Charge              | None                           | All elements              |
| YETI <sup>108</sup>       | P2               | P2                | imp.             | 12–6 and<br>12–10 | Charge              | None                           | Proteins                  |

*Notation.*  $P_n$ : polynomial of order  $n$ ;  $P_n(\cos)$ : polynomial of order  $n$  in cosine to the angle;  $P_n(\text{imp.})$ : polynomial of order  $n$  in the improper angle;  $\cos(n\theta)$ : Fourier term(s) in cosine to the angle; Exp–6: exponential +  $R^{-6}$ ;  $n - m$ :  $R^{-n} + R^{-m}$  Lennard-Jones-type potential; Quad: electric moments up to quadrupoles; FQ: fluctuating charge, DO: Drude oscillator, PD: point dipole; Fixed: not a variable; imp.: improper torsional angle; ss: stretch–stretch; bb: bend–bend; sb: stretch–bend; st: stretch–torsional; bt: bend–torsional; tt: torsional–torsional; btb: bend–torsional–bend.

# Suggested Reading/Viewing

- Frank Jensen, *Introduction to Computational Chemistry*, 3rd ed., Wiley (2017). Chapter 2.  
Available online via UB library:
  - [https://search.lib.buffalo.edu/permalink/01SUNY\\_BUF/9qhqtp/alma9939265811804803](https://search.lib.buffalo.edu/permalink/01SUNY_BUF/9qhqtp/alma9939265811804803)
- C.G. Gray and K.E. Gubbins, *Theory of Molecular Fluids*, Vol. 1: Fundamentals (1984).
  - Detailed, comprehensive discussion of molecular electrostatics
  - Not required reading. Recommended for anyone needed to look at the topic in more detail.