# **Quantum Chemistry:**A Branch of Applied Mathematics

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Paul Dirac

#### Quote:

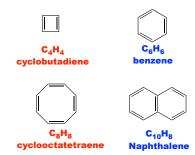
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Erich Hückel



- Separation of  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  electrons
- (4n+2)-rule

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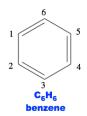
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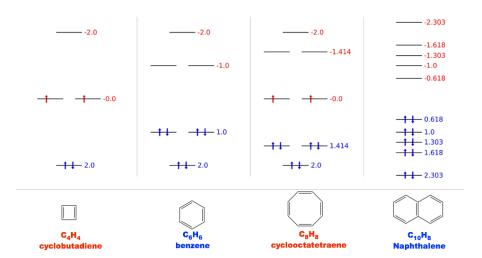
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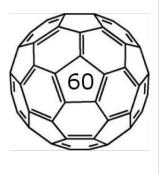
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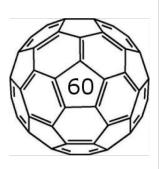
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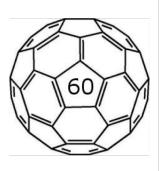
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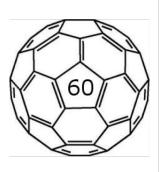








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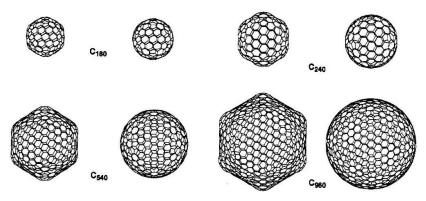
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# Hückel Calculations of Larger Fullerenes

- To solve the Hückel energy spectrum of larger fullerenes
  - group theory

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Lanczos method for iterative diagonalization



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- Is this the most efficient way?
- Need to request more states than necessary, because it can miss high-energy states.
   How to make it more robust?

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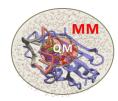
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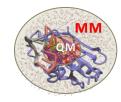
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#### Technical Challenge:

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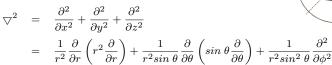
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The first few solutions (atomic orbitals) are Slater exponential functions

$$\psi_{1s} \sim e^{-r}$$

$$\psi_{2s} \sim (2-r)e^{-r/2}$$

$$\psi_{2p_z} \sim [r\cos\theta]e^{-r/2}$$

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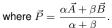
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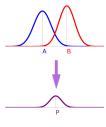
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- Gaussian functions are better, thanks to Gaussian product theorem

$$\begin{array}{lcl} e^{-\alpha(\vec{r}-\vec{A})^2} e^{-\beta(\vec{r}-\vec{B})^2} & = & e^{-\alpha\left[(x-A_x)^2 + (y-A_y)^2 + (z-A_z)^2\right]} \\ & \times e^{-\beta\left[(x-B_x)^2 + (y-B_y)^2 + (z-B_z)^2\right]} \\ & = & e^{-(\alpha+\beta)\left|\vec{r}-\vec{P}\right|^2} e^{-\frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha+\beta}\left|\vec{A}-\vec{B}\right|^2} \end{array}$$



 This allows 4-center 2-electron integrals (ab|cd) to be easily converted into 2-center 2-electron integrals (p|q).



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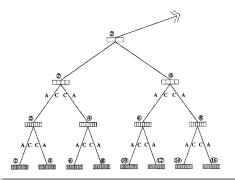
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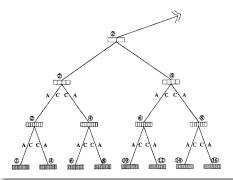
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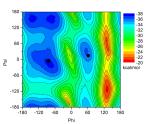
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- In a basin, how to quickly reach the local minimum?
- From a minimum, how to quickly reach the closest saddle points and nearby minima?
- Given a pair of minima, how to obtain a connecting pathway with the lowest saddle point(s)?
- How to sample the saddle point region?
- How to efficiently sample all the important regions?
- How can we (or machines) learn on the fly?



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