## Lecture 5; CH 101: Inorganic Chemistry

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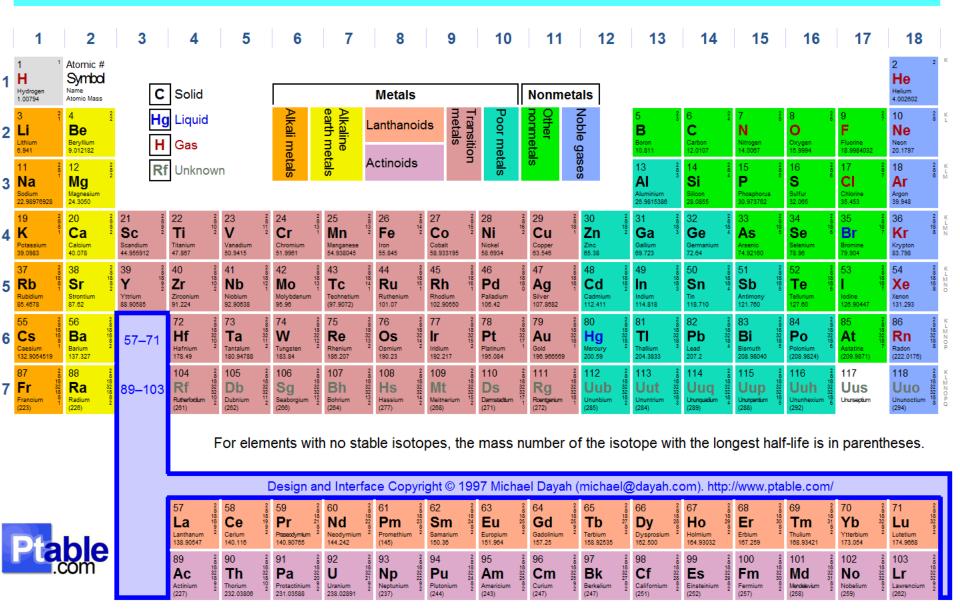
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# **Periodic Table of Elements**



First quantum mechanical theory of bonding

Considers interaction of atomic orbitals

Two-electron wavefunction for two widely separated H atoms

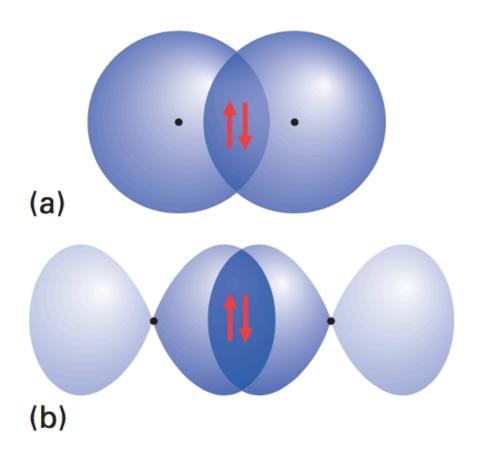
$$\psi = \chi_{\rm A}(1)\chi_{\rm B}(2)$$

When atoms are close, an equally valid description

$$\psi = \chi_{\rm A}(2)\chi_{\rm B}(1)$$

Proper description is an linear combination

$$\psi = \chi_A(1)\chi_B(2) + \chi_A(2)\chi_B(1)$$
 ( $\sigma$ -bond)



The formation of a  $\sigma$  bond from (a) s orbital overlap, (b) p orbital overlap. A  $\sigma$  bond has cylindrical symmetry around the internuclear axis.

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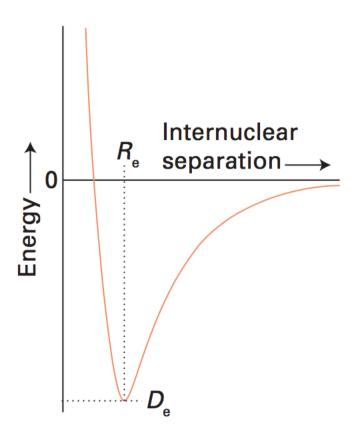
Formation of bond: High probability of finding electrons between two nuclei

Constructive interference – enhancement in amplitude of wavefunction in internuclear region

VB wavefunction formed by spin-pairing of electrons in the two contributing orbitals

 $\sigma$ -bond has cylindrical symmetry about internuclear axis

Electrons in a  $\sigma$ -bond have zero orbital angular momentum about the axis



A molecular potential energy curve showing how the total energy of a molecule varies as the internuclear separation is changed.

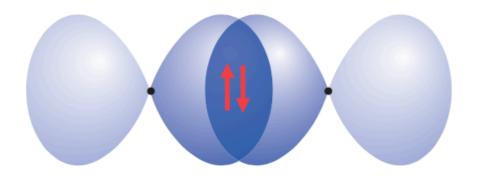
When within bonding distance, energy falls below the two separated atoms

Each electron free to migrate to other atoms

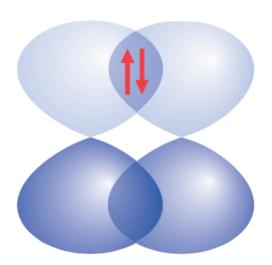
Lowering of energy is countered by columbic repulsion

Deeper the minima, the stronger is the bond

Steepness of the curve is an indication of the "stiffness" of the bond and governs the vibrational frequency of the bond

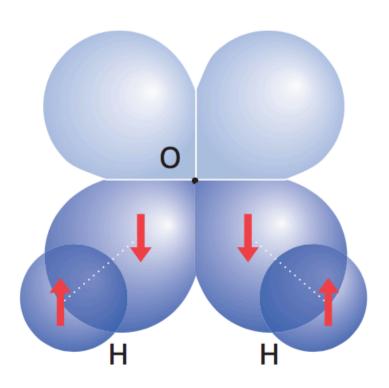


#### The formation of a $\sigma$ bond from



The formation of a  $\pi$  bond.

- Outer electronic configuration of  $N_2$ :  $2s^22p_z^{-1}2p_y^{-1}2p_x^{-1}$
- A  $\sigma$ -bond formed by spin pairing of electrons in  $2p_z$
- Envisage rotation of bond around the internuclear axis; If wavefunction remains unchanged, then bond is  $\sigma$ . If signs of lobes interchange then it is a  $\pi$ -bond
- Remaining *p* do not have cylindrical symmetry about internuclear axis
- Spin pairing occurs by a side-by-side approach to yield a  $\pi$ -bond. In total: 1  $\sigma$ -bond + 2  $\pi$ -bonds
- An electron in a  $\pi$ -bond has one unit of orbital momentum about the internuclear axis



The VB description of  $\rm H_2O$ . There are two  $\sigma$  bonds formed by pairing electrons in O2p and H1s orbitals. This model predicts a bond angle of 90°.

Each  $\sigma$ - bond in a polyatomic molecule is formed by the spin pairing of electrons in any neighboring atomic orbitals with cylindrical symmetry about the relevant internuclear axis

 $\pi$ -bonds are formed by pairing electrons that occupy neighbouring atomic orbitals of the appropriate symmetry.

Bond angle in H<sub>2</sub>O and NH<sub>3</sub> is not 90° but 104.5° and 107° respectively

Another limitation is the inability to account for the tetravalence of carbon

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Excitation of an electron to an orbital of higher energy during the course of bond formation

Not a "real process", but an contribution to overall energy change that occurs during bond formation

Requires energy but worthwhile

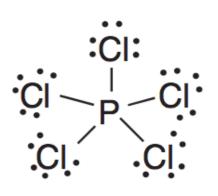
Characteristic feature of group 14 elements

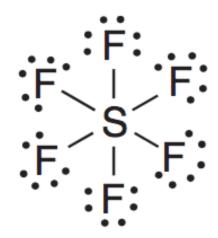
Relives electron-electron repulsion as promotion occurs between ns and np

Promotion is energetically less favorable as one moves down the group (Pb and Sn prefer divalency) 13

## Structure & Bonding : VBT - Hypervalence

Hypervalence and octet expansion occurs for elements following period 2



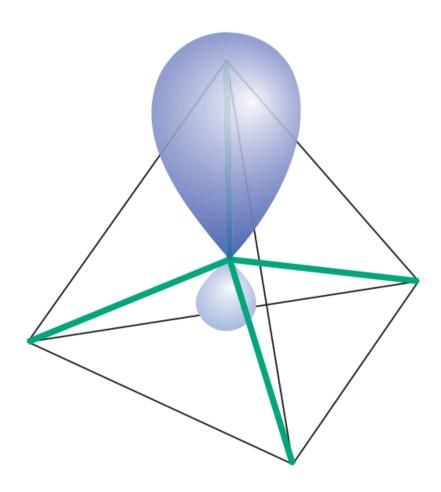


Traditional explanation: Low-lying un-filled *d*-orbitals

Real reason for rarity of hypervalence in period 2: geometrical difficulty

MO theory provides better understanding

Not all C-H bonds in CH<sub>4</sub> are equivalent!!



One of the four equivalent sp<sup>3</sup> hybrid orbitals. Each one points towards a different vertex of a regular tetrahedron.

Hybrid orbitals formed by interference or mixing of 2s and 2p orbitals

Specific linear combinations that give rise to four equivalent hybrid orbitals are

$$h_1 = s + p_x + p_y + p_z$$
  $h_2 = s - p_x - p_y + p_z$   
 $h_3 = s - p_x + p_y - p_z$   $h_4 = s + p_x - p_y - p_z$ 

Each hybrid built from one s and three p, hence  $sp^3$ 

Angle between axis of hybrid orbitals is 109.47°

Constructive interference results in pronounced directional character and enhanced amplitude in internuclear region

Bond strength of an  $sp^3$  hybrid is greater than for an s or p orbital alone

This helps in repaying promotion energy

Because each  $sp^3$  hybrid orbital has the same composition, all four  $\sigma$ -bonds are identical apart from their orientation in space

Hybrid orbitals are formed when atomic orbitals on the same atom interfere;

Specific hybridization schemes correspond to each local molecular geometry.

Coordination number	Arrangement	Composition
2	Linear	sp, pd, sd
	Angular	sd
3	Trigonal planar	sp², p²d
	Unsymmetrical planar	spd
	Trigonal pyramidal	pd <sup>2</sup>
4	Tetrahedral	sp³, sd³
	Irregular tetrahedral	spd², p³d, pd³
	Square planar	p²d², sp²d
5	Trigonal bipyramidal	sp³d, spd³
	Tetragonal pyramidal	$sp^2d^2$ , $sd^4$ , $pd^4$ , $p^3d^2$
	Pentagonal planar	$p^2d^3$
6	Octahedral	sp³d²
	Trigonal prismatic	spd <sup>4</sup> , pd <sup>5</sup>
	Trigonal antiprismatic	p³d³

Strength of bond proportional to extent of overlap of atomic orbitals

Pure s and pure p provide inefficient overlap compared to hybrid orbitals  $sp > sp^2 > sp^3 >> p$ 

Molecule	Hybridization	(kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	C-H bond length (pm)
н-с≡с-н	sp	500	106.1
H <sub>2</sub> C=CH <sub>2</sub>	sp <sup>2</sup>	400	108.6
CH <sub>4</sub>	Sp3	410	109.3
CH radical	~p	335	112.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> McWeeny, R. Coulson's Valence; Oxford University: London, 1979; p 204. Used with permission.

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## Structure & Bonding: VBT – Bent's Rule

PCl<sub>3</sub>F<sub>5</sub> – More electronegative F occupies axial position!!

Bond angles in CH<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>