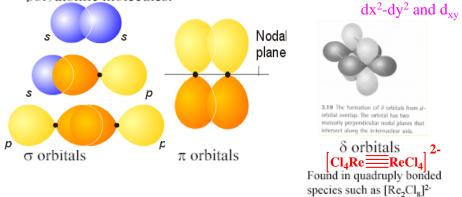
Homonuclear Diatomics

- MOs may be classified according to:
- (i) Their symmetry around the molecular axis.
- (ii) Their bonding and antibonding character.
- $\sigma_{1s} < \sigma_{1s}^* < \sigma_{2s} < \sigma_{2s}^* < \sigma_{2p} < \pi_y(2p) = \pi_z(2p)$ $<\pi_y^*(2p) = \pi_z^*(2p) < \sigma_{2p}^*.$

Classifying orbitals by symmetry

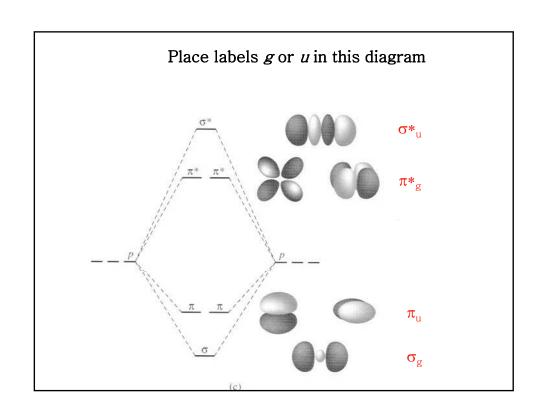
 Orbitals in diatomics can be classified according to their rotational symmetry characteristics as σ, π or δ. These classifications are strictly only valid for diatomics, but we also use them to describe bonds between pairs of atoms in polyatomic molecules.

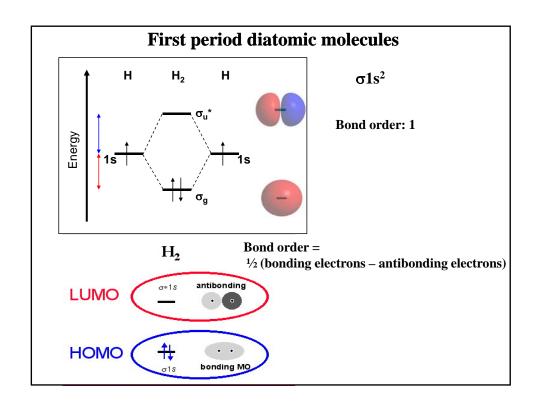


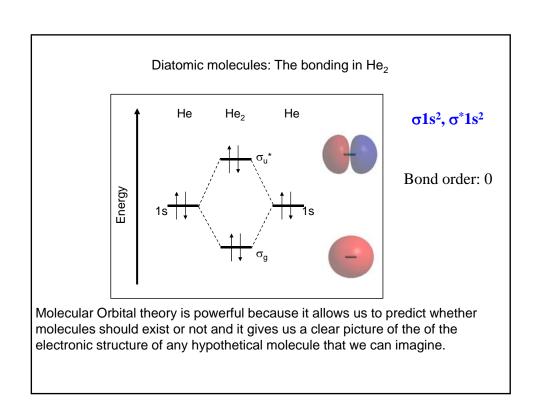
Ungerade or gerade? MOs in molecules that are centrosymmetric can be classified as (g) or (u) - Useful for predicting spectroscopic transitions etc. - (g) implies that the wavefunction does not change sign on inversion through the center of the molecule. (u) means that it does change sign g- identical under inversion B u- not identical

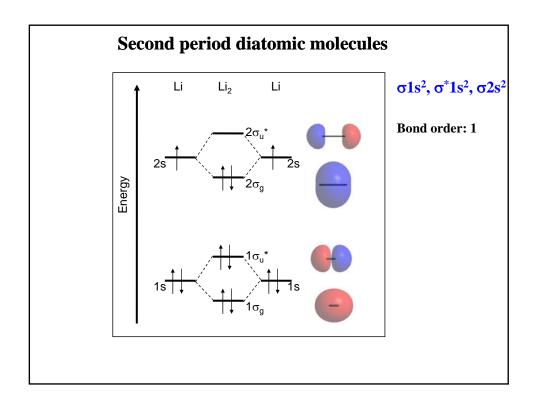
 $20 \, \sigma_g$ and σ_u orbitals

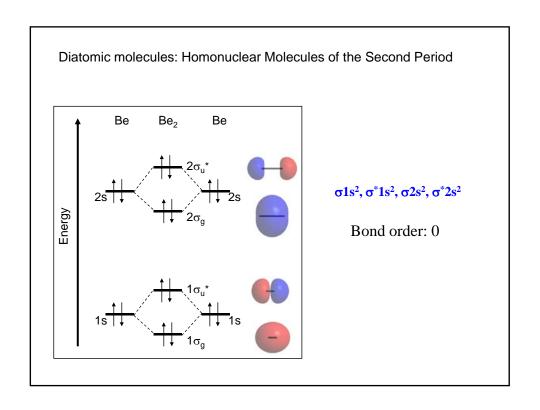
21 π_g and π_u orbitals

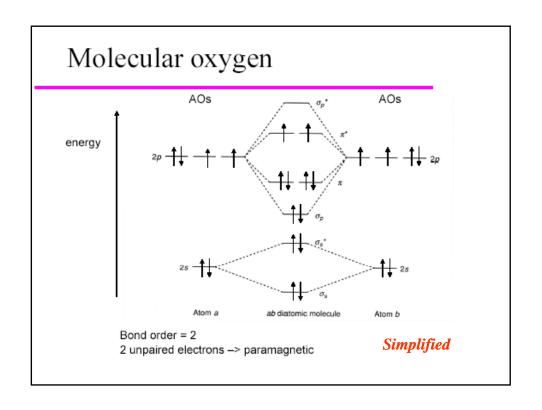


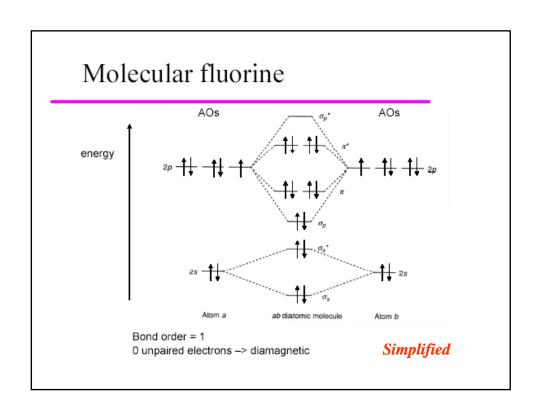


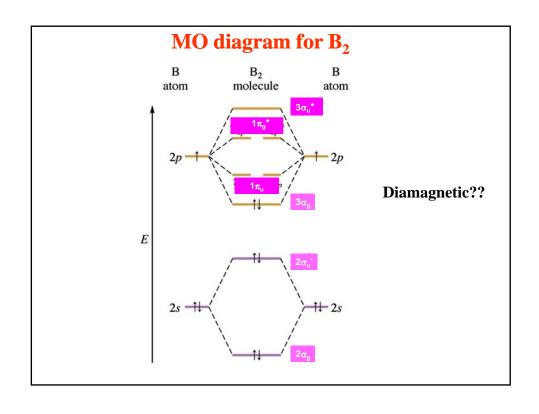


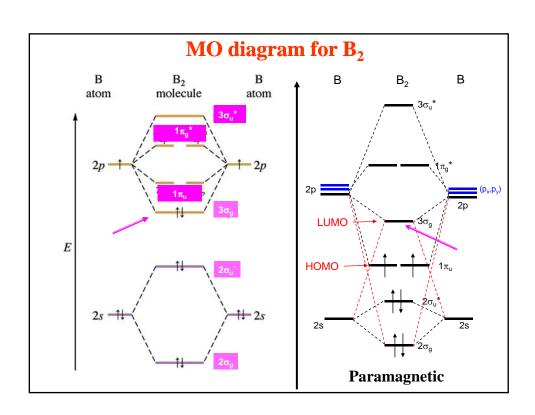


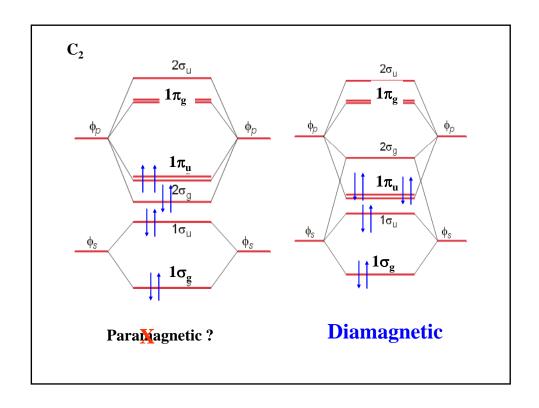


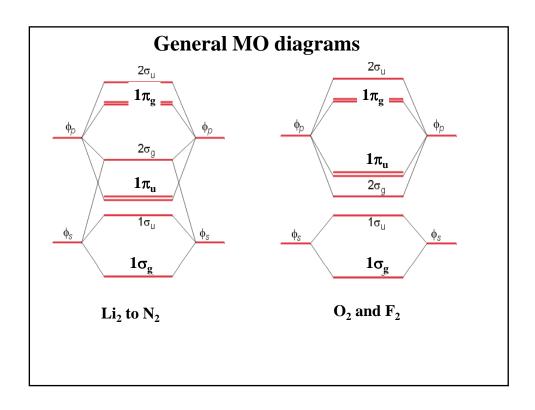


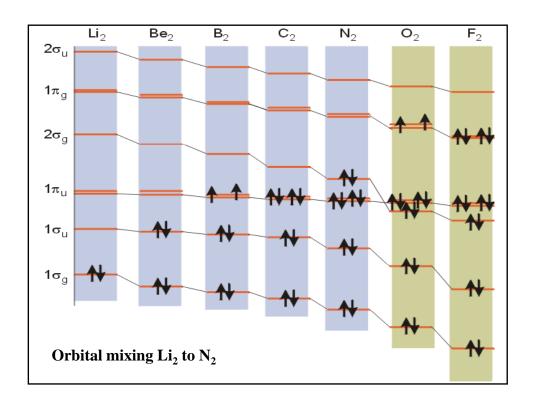








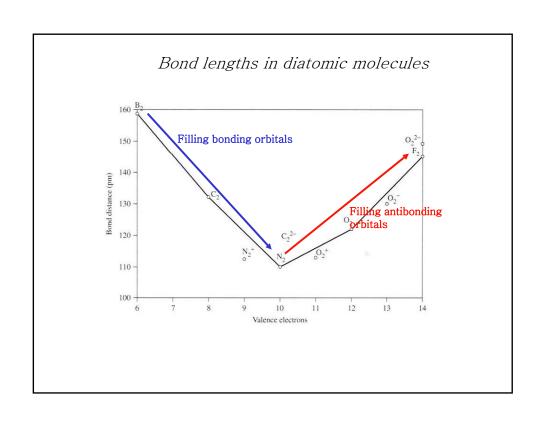




Orbital Mixing

- Orbitals with similar energy interact, if they have the appropriate symmetries
- The σ_{2p} and σ_{2s} orbitals are symmetry related and give rise to two new orbitals, one with higher and one with lower energy

Li : 200 kJ/mol F: 2500 kJ/mol



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		Bond length/pm	Bond energy/kJ mol		
H ₂ +	1/2	105.2	256		
H ₂	1	74.1	432		
H ₂	1/2	-	100-200		
He ₂	0	297	0.1*		
Li ₂	1	267.3	101		
Be ₂	0	-	4		
B ₂	1	159	289		
C ₂	2	124.25	599		
N ₂	3	109.8	942		
N ₂ O ₂ O ₂ ⁺ O ₂ ⁻ O ₂ ²	2	120.7	493		
O ₂ +	21/2	111.6	643		
0,2	11/2	135	395		
O ₂ 2-	1	149	_		
F ₂	1	141.2	155		
Ne ₂	0	310	0.2*		

Summary

From a basis set of N atomic orbitals, N molecular orbitals are constructed. In Period 2, N=8.

The eight orbitals can be classified by symmetry into two sets: 4 σ and 4 π orbitals.

The four π orbitals from one doubly degenerate pair of bonding orbitals and one doubly degenerate pair of antibonding orbitals.

The four σ orbitals span a range of energies, one being strongly bonding and another strongly antibonding, with the remaining two σ orbitals lying between these extremes.

To establish the actual location of the energy levels, it is necessary to use absorption spectroscopy or photoelectron spectroscopy.

Hetronuclear diatomics

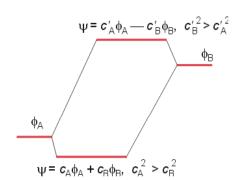
- The contributions to the MO from each of the atoms is unequal
 - $\quad \psi = c_A \phi(A) + c_B \phi(B) + \dots$
- The more electronegative atom contributes strongly to the bonding orbital
- The less electronegative atom contributes strongly to the anti-bonding orbital
 - gives rise to polarity

Distance between b-MO and AO

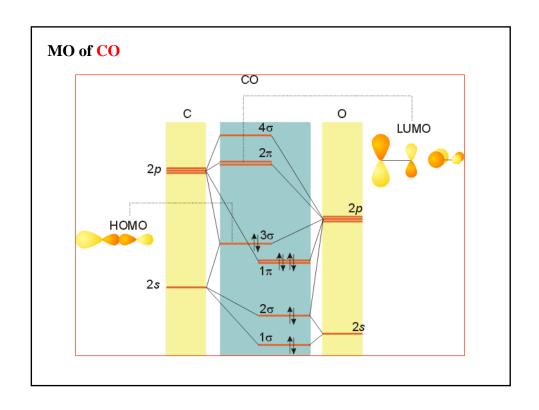
Heteronuclear Diatomics....

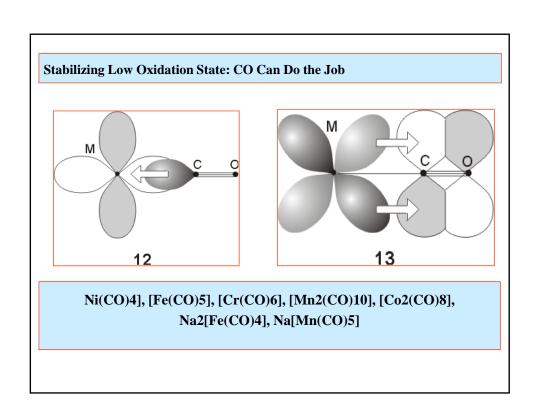
- \bowtie The energy level diagram is not symmetrical.
- ☐ The bonding MOs are closer to the atomic orbitals which are lower in energy.
- **⊠** The antibonding MOs are closer to those higher in energy.

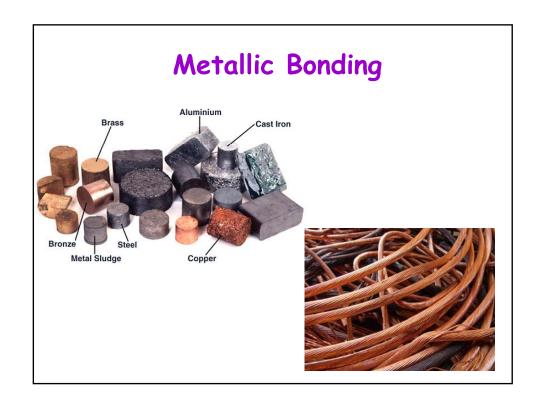
c – extent to which each atomic orbitals contribute to MO

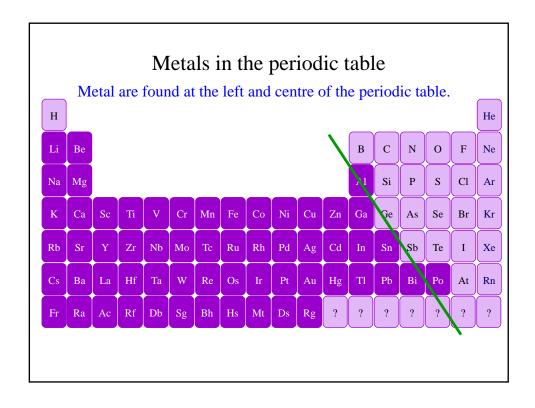


If $c_A \!\!>\!\! c_B$ the MO is composed principally of ϕ_A









Nature of Metallic Bonding

Not ionic.....

atoms of the same electronegativity

$$Li(g) + Li(g) \longrightarrow Li^{\dagger}Li^{-}(g)$$
 (1)

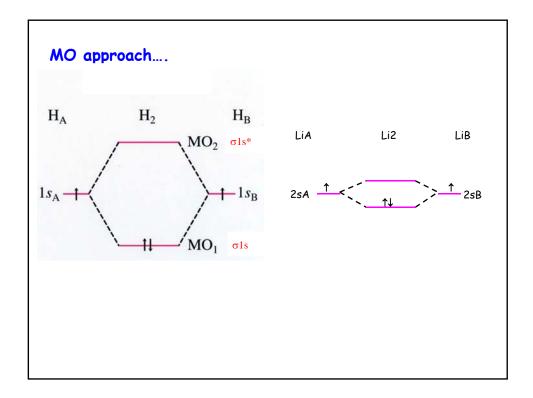
No favourable

$$Li(g) + Cl(g) \longrightarrow Li^{+}Cl^{-}(g)$$
 (2)

favourable

Not covalent....

efficiency of orbital overlap decreases as the bonding atoms get larger



Conclusion:

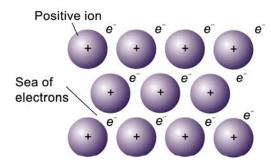
1. Metals tend to form giant structures rather than discrete molecules.

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2Li \rightarrow Li - Li (low bond enthalpy) nLi \rightarrow Lin (high bond enthalpy)
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Stronger bonds are formed due to $\underline{\text{extensive delocalization of }}_{\underline{\text{valence electrons}}}.$

Conclusion...

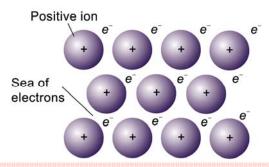
2. The electron-sea model



The valence electrons do not belong to any specific atoms (not localized) but delocalize throughout the whole crystal structure.

Conclusion....

2. The electron-sea model



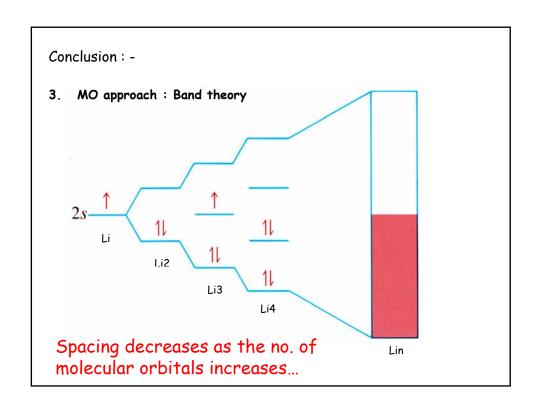
Mobile e $s \rightarrow$ electron sea

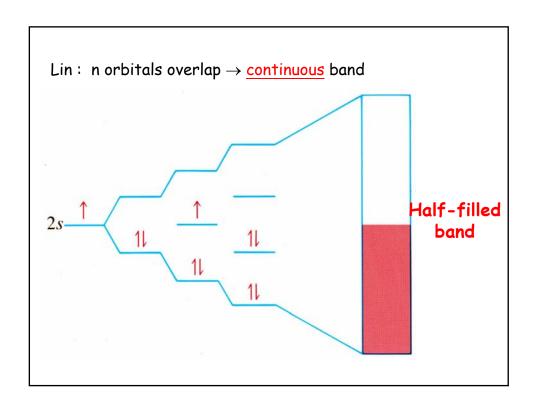
Stationary +ve ions

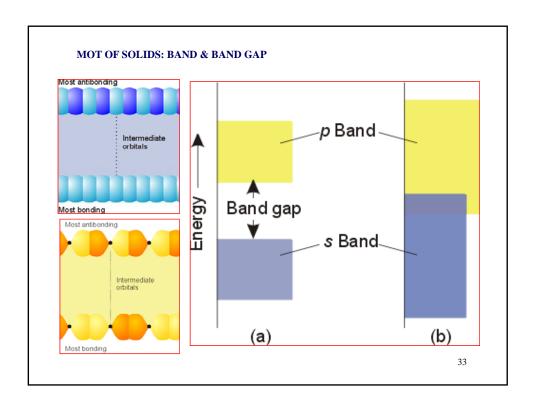
The <u>electrostatic attractive forces</u> between the delocalized electron cloud and the positive ions are called the <u>metallic bonds</u>

Since metallic bonds are <u>non-directional</u>, they exist in significant extent even in molten state.

The boiling points of metals are much higher than the corresponding melting points. E.g. Na m.p. = $97.8^{\circ}C$; b.p. = $903.8^{\circ}C$



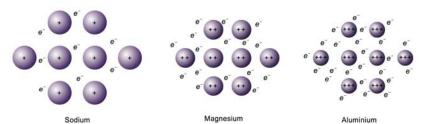




The strength of metallic bond can be estimated by melting point, boiling point, enthalpy change of fusion or enthalpy change of vapourization.

Higher m.p./b.p./ Δ Hfusion/ Δ Hvap \Rightarrow stronger metallic bond

3 Factors affecting the strength of metallic bond



The metallic bond strength increases with:

- 1. decreasing size of the metal atom (i.e. the metallic radius);
- 2. increasing <u>number of valence electrons</u> of the metal atom.

Typical properties of metals

1. High density

Reason: close packing of atoms in metallic crystal $\,$ (h.c.p./f.c.c. coordination number = 12)

Metal	Ni	Cu	Ag	РЬ	Hg	Au
Density (g cm $^{-3}$)	8.91	8.94	10.49	10.66	13.53	19.30

Exception: Alkali metals have low densities (< 1 for Li, Na and K)

(a) they have more open structures (b.c.c. /co-ordination number = 8)

(b) their atomic radii are the highest in their own Periods.

E.g. Size : Na > Mg > Al

2. High melting point and boiling point

Extensive delocalization of valence electrons \Rightarrow stronger bonds

Bond strength : - ionic bond \approx covalent bond \approx metallic bond

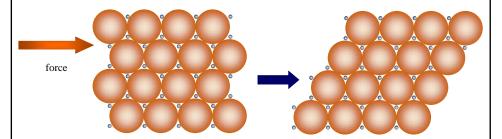
3. High flexibility

Malleability:
The ability to be deformed under compression

Ductility

The ability to be deformed under tension

Metals are usually tough, not brittle. When a metal is hit, the layers of the lattice just slide over each other. The metallic bonds do not break because the electrons are free to move.



This means that metals are:

- malleable they can be bent and pressed into shape;
- ductile they can be drawn out into wires.

Reasons: -

- (a) The presence of <u>layers</u> in the crystal lattice i.e. the layers can <u>slide over</u> one another under strain
- (b) Metallic bonds are <u>non-directional</u>.

 i.e. electrons can take up new positions and <u>reform</u>
 metallic bond after the deformation
- 4. Surface Luster

5. High Thermal and Electrical Conductivity

Due to the free movement of delocalized electrons

Silver is the best conductor of electricity and copper is the second best.



Why is copper used instead of silver for electrical wires?

