

# Matrix-Product Periodic Systems of Molecules

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Direct products of the periodic chart of the elements, considered as a matrix, with itself produce  $2N$ -dimensional periodic systems of  $N$ -atomic molecules. It is shown that these periodic systems subsume a large number of published molecular periodic systems.

Consider any two-dimensional form of the periodic chart of the elements, surrounded with zeros such that it is bounded by a square. Let it be a two-subscript matrix with subscripts  $R$  (the row or period number) and  $C$  (the column or group number). Perform the direct product of this matrix with itself  $N - 1$  times to obtain the periodic system of  $N$ -atomic molecules, a  $2N$ -dimensional matrix with subscripts  $R_1, R_2, \dots, C_1, C_2, \dots$ . The elements of the original matrix include symbols of the chemical elements, and those of the product matrix include molecular symbols (amid zeros).<sup>1</sup> Heteronuclear molecules appear more than once. These architectures fulfill all of Dias' definitions of a periodic table set,<sup>2</sup> generalized to apply to more than two dimensions. The independent variables  $R_1, C_1, R_2$ , and  $C_2$  have proven very useful for making approximate predictions of erroneous or as-yet-unknown values of diatomic-molecular properties, to more precision than has been achieved using  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$ .<sup>3</sup>

It is the purpose of this paper to show how various cuts and projections of these product matrices produce previously published (or communicated) molecular periodic systems, which are useful representations of molecular behavior just as the chart of the elements provides an easily-grasped representation of atomic behavior. If it is not explicitly stated that  $N > 2$ , then the systems being described relate to diatomic molecules.

1. Several tessellated molecular periodic systems of diatomic molecules have been proposed. They consist of two-dimensional charts, each produced by a slice through the four-dimensional periodic system of diatomic molecules. Each is similar to the chart of the elements but with a different atomic symbol in the first (or second) place of the molecular symbol; they can be tiled<sup>4</sup> or presented separately.<sup>5,6</sup>

2. Kong's elegant two-dimensional periodic chart consists of a complete series of slices like those just described, but overlapped in such a way that the center of each chart ( $R_1, C_1$ ), lies at ( $R_2, C_2$ ).<sup>7</sup> More succinctly, it is a *projection* [and reduction] of the four-dimensional architecture defined by

$$x = R_1 + R_2 \quad (\text{the molecular period number})$$

$$y = C_1 + C_2 \quad (\text{the molecular group number})$$

$$p = R_1 - R_2 \quad [\text{into the plane of the chart}]$$

$$q = C_1 - C_2 \quad [\text{into the plane of the chart}]$$

(Figures 1 and 2). Kong gives tables of ( $p, q$ ). Kong's system ( $x, y$ ) can be extended to triatomic,<sup>8</sup> tetraatomic (being prepared for publication), and larger molecules without limit, but the tables for  $p, q, r, \dots$  become too lengthy for publication.

3. Cut-and-stack molecular periodic systems require serpentine cuts and result in a stacked series of charts like those described in ref 11. Cut (a),

$$R_1 = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$R_2 = R_1, R_1 + 1, \dots$$

was presented in 1979<sup>9</sup> but then replaced by another which much better fits the data, i.e., (b) a monotonic increase in the quantity  $R_1 R_2$ .<sup>10</sup> Each plane in these three-dimensional structures has coordinates ( $C_1, C_2$ ) and contains molecules which are isovalent (homologous) to molecules having the same coordinates on the other planes (Figure 3). There may be several blocks if the atomic chart on which they are based was formed of separate blocks (e.g., molecules formed from  $p$  atoms, Figure 3). Cut (c),

$$C_1 + C_2 = 1, 2, \dots$$

(each one defining a block of the system)

$$C_1 - C_2 = n, n - 2, \dots$$

(defining the stacking order;  $n$  is an integer)

was proposed by Monyakin in 1980 (Figure 4).<sup>11</sup> The planes stacked in this manner in each block contain isovalent molecules addressed by coordinates ( $R_1, R_2$ ). Isoelectronic molecules are found on lines perpendicular to the planes.

The procedure is not restricted to commencing with two-dimensional atomic periodic charts bounded by straight lines. Consider, for example, a polar-coordinate chart containing only representative-group elements from periods 2 through 6 (Figure 5). The elements lie at ( $R, \theta$ ), where  $R$  is the period number and the integer  $n$ , in  $\theta = n\pi/8$ , is the group number. The direct product produces a kind of hypersphere in the space ( $R_1, \theta_1, R_2, \theta_2$ ). Cuts ( $\theta_1, \theta_2$ ) produce planes ( $R_1, R_2$ ) such as which make up the volume in Figure 4. Cuts ( $R_1, R_2$ ) produce tori upon which fixed-row molecules are addressed by ( $\theta_1, \theta_2$ ).<sup>12</sup> Cuts ( $R_1, \theta_1$ ) produce circles resembling the

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TABLE 1  
THE PERIODIC TABLE OF THE DIATOMIC MOLECULES

Periodic Number	Group										Number	G					Diatom Molecular Number N	Total Nuclear Charge z
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13	14	15		
1	(H)	(H <sup>+</sup> )																
2		H <sub>2</sub>	HHe <sup>3</sup>	He <sub>2</sub>														
3		(LiH)																
4	LiNe	Li <sub>2</sub>	LiBe	Be <sub>2</sub>	BeB	B <sub>2</sub>	BC	C <sub>2</sub>	CN	N <sub>2</sub>								
5	NaNe	NaLi	NaBe	MgBe	MgB	AlB	AlC	SiC	SiN	PN								
6	KNe	Na <sub>2</sub>	NaMg	Mg <sub>2</sub>	MgAl	Al <sub>2</sub>	AlSi	Si <sub>2</sub>	SiP	P <sub>2</sub>								
7	KAr	RbLi	RbMg	SrBe	SrAl	InB	InC	SnC	SnN	SbN								
8	NaXe	K <sub>2</sub>	RbK	SrMg	SrAl	InAl	InSi	SnSi	SnP	SbP								
9	RbKr	RbK	RbCa	SrCa	SrGa	InGa	InGe	SnGe	SnAs	AsTe								
10	RbXe	Rb <sub>2</sub>	RbSr	Sr <sub>2</sub>	SrIn	In <sub>2</sub>	InSn	Sn <sub>2</sub>	SnSb	Sb <sub>2</sub>								
Ground State	Configuration	d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>2</sup>	d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>2</sup>	d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>2</sup>								
	Spectral Term	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>								
1st Excited State	Configuration	d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>1</sup>								
	Spectral Term	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>	2P <sup>1</sup>								
Multiplicity		2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1								
Free Radical		mono	non	mono	non	mono	mono	non	mono	non								
Magnetic Susceptibility		para	anti	para	anti	para	para	anti	para	anti								
Frontier Orbitals	HOMO	z <sub>g</sub>	z <sub>g</sub>	y <sub>g</sub>	y <sub>g</sub>	y <sub>g</sub>	y <sub>g</sub>	y <sub>g</sub>	z <sub>g</sub>	x <sub>g</sub>								
	LUMO	y <sub>g</sub>	y <sub>g</sub>	y <sub>g</sub>	y <sub>g</sub>	x <sub>g</sub>	x <sub>g</sub>	x <sub>g</sub>	x <sub>g</sub>	x <sub>g</sub>								

the same role as the atomic number in the atomic chart. Some separated atoms (H H and H<sup>+</sup> H) and some molecules with row-1 atoms are included in the first three periods; rare-gas atoms are counted as being in both atomic groups 0 and 8. The values of some molecular properties are shown at the bottom. Reprinted by permission from ref 3. Copyright 1989 The Edwin Mellen Press.

Figure 1. Kong's periodic system of main-group diatomic molecules. The group number (increasing horizontally) is the sum of the atomic group numbers; the period number (increasing down) is the sum of the atomic period numbers. The "diatomic molecular number" at the top left of each compartment is serial (except where jumps of 10 allow for transition-metal molecules), so as to play



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