## DIRECTED VALENCES

COMMUNICATION 1. DIRECTIONS AND MAXIMUM VALUES OF HYBRID FUNCTIONS FOR COORDINATION NUMBERS 2. 3. AND 4

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In 1940 Kimball developed a method [1] for establishing the set of atomic functions that give hybrid orbits corresponding to a definite bond configuration. This method, which made it possible to establish the set of atomic functions corresponding to a given bond configuration, did not solve the reverse problem of predicting the arrangement of the bonds from a known electronic configuration. Actually, in a number of cases, various arrangements of hybrid orbits are possible with the same set of s-, p-, d-, and f-electrons. We should mention that ambiguity arises only when one of the possible groups is not a subgroup of the other. If, however, a given set of functions may result in two symmetries, of which one is a subgroup of the other, for example,  $C_{3v}$  and  $D_{3h}$ , one may readily show that the orbits will have the symmetry  $C_{3v}$  and also  $D_{3h}$ , and a greater degree of symmetry will be achieved.

A knowledge of the set of functions corresponding to a given configuration gives no indication of the stability of the bonds formed and does not make it possible to compare the advantages of various configurations and various bonds within a configuration in the case of nonequivalent hybrid orbits which are not interconvertible by symmetry rearrangments. In those cases when various valence angles are compatible with a given symmetry, group theory does not solve the problem of the sizes of the angles. In this work we attempted to answer these problems and the coordination numbers 2, 3, and 4 are examined in Part I and numbers 5 to 9 in Part II. The fundamental premise is that all these problems may be solved on the basis of the criterion that bonds form in the direction of the maximum concentration of the electron cloud. For this purpose we determined the analytic expressions, the directions of maximum concentration and the maximum values of the hydrid orbits. With this data it is possible to solve the problem of valence angles and relative "strength" of individual bonds when nonequivalent bonds are presented and also to undertake the problem selecting the configuration. One may consider that if a given set of s-, p-, d-, and f- electrons corresponds to several different symmetries, then there will be a configuration with a maximum concentration of bonding orbits in the direction of the bonds and most favorable angles.

The analytical expressions of hybrid orbits were found in the following way. Each system of valence orbits gives a basis for a representation of the group. By rearrangement, a series is developed into subgroups and each subgroup is a basis for an unreduced representation of the group. The same also applies to the series of atomic orbits. A comparison of unreduced representations of valence orbit systems with the representations of atomic orbits makes it possible to establish the combination of atomic functions which corresponds to the system of valence orbits of the required symmetry. By comparing the atomic and valence orbits belonging to the same unreduced representation and taking into account the conditions of normalization and orthogonality, we drew up equations for the relation between the valence and hybrid orbits. By solving these relations with respect to the hybrid orbits  $\sigma_1$ , we can find their analytical expressions through a linear combination of the atomic orbits. The direction of maximum concentration and the maximum values of hybrid orbits are found by solving the following equations:

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_i}{\partial \theta_i} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial \sigma_i}{\partial \varphi_i} = 0. \tag{1}$$

$$\sigma_{1,2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a \pm b)$$

Hybridization	∠σ₁σ₂	М	Δ
$sd_{xz}$	90°	2,076	1,216
$sf_{z(x^2-y^2)}$	70°32′	2,102	1,232
$p_{x}p_{z}$	90°	1,732	0
$p_x d_{xz}$	74°20′	2,295	0,922
$p_x f_{z(x^2-y^2)}$	82°10′	2,277	0,850
$d_{z}d_{xz}$	130°53′	2,209	0,246
$d_{x^2-y^2}d_{xz}$	63°26′	2,215	0,558
$d_{x^2-y^2}f_{z(x^2-y^2)}$	55°24′	2,395	0,882
$f_{xz^2}P_z$	122°58′	2,641	1,313
$f_{xz^2}d_{xz}$	98°08′	2,752	1,337
$f_{xz^*}f_{z^*}$	145°46′	2,607	0,337
$f_{xz^2}f_{z(x^2-y^2)}$	101°	2,572	0,941
$f_{x(x^2-y^2)}d_{xz}$	54°10′	2,153	0,279
$f_{x(x^2-y^2)}f_{z(x^2-y^2)}$	49°50′	2,359	0,515

D<sub>co h</sub> symmetry (Fig. 2)

$\sigma_{1,2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( a \pm b \right)$	G	ξ

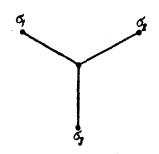
Hybridization	∠σ₁σ₂	М	Δ
$sp_z$	180°	1,932	1,132
sf <sub>z³</sub>	180°	2,578	1,510
d	180°	2,806	1,644
$d_{z^2}f_{z^3}$	180°	3,453	2,024

We use  $\Delta$  to designate the difference between the sum of the maximum values of the hybrid functions (M) and the sum of the maximum values of separate single-electron atomic functions which participate in the hybridization. The value  $\Delta$  must to some extent serve as a criterion of the energy advantage of one or other configuration. Below we give the analytical expressions, angles between the directions of maximum concentrations, the maximum values of the hybrid orbits and the values of  $\Delta^*$  for a series of possible hybridizations corresponding to various symmetries. We supplemented Kimball's data in previous work where we examined the configurations of bonds with  $C_{2v}$  symmetry at a coordination number (c.n.) of 4 (TeCl<sub>4</sub> configuration),  $C_{3v}$  at c.n. 6 (deformed octahedron),  $D_{5h}$  at c.n. 7 (five-faced bipyramid),  $D_{3h}$  at c.n. 8 (three-faced prism with two extra atoms above the centers of the triangular faces) and c.n. 9 (three-faced prism with three extra atoms above the centers of the rectangular faces) [2-5].

<sup>\*</sup> In some cases  $\Delta$  is negative and this indicates the disadvantage of hybridization. These data are not included in the tables.

$$\sigma_{1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} a + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} b$$

$$\sigma_{2,3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} a - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} b \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c$$

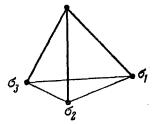


Hybridization	Angles between the directions of the maximum values of hybrid functions		Δ
$sp_xp_y$	120°	1,991	1,509
$sd_{xy}d_{x^2-y^2}$	120°	2,159	1,605
$sf_{xz^1}f_{yz^2}$	120°	1,900	0,237
$d_{z^2}d_{xy}d_{x^2-y^2}$	120°	2,226	0,570
$d_{z^2}p_xp_y$	120°	2,059	0,477
$f_{x(x^2-y^2)}p_xp_y$	120°	2,622	2,311
$f_{x(x^2-y^2)}d_{xy}d_{x^2-y^2}$	120°	2,653	1,996

C<sub>3V</sub> symmetry (Fig. 4)

$$\sigma_{1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} a + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} b$$

$$\sigma_{2,3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} a - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} b \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c$$



Hybridization	∠o₁o₂	М	Δ
$sd_{oldsymbol{x}oldsymbol{z}}d_{oldsymbol{y}oldsymbol{z}}$	75°30′	2,158	1,602
$sf_{xz^2}f_{yz^2}$	52°50′	2,399	1,734
$sf_{z(x^2-y^2)}f_{xyz}$	90∘	2,187	1,617
$p_z p_x p_y$	90°	1,732	0
$l_{z^2}d_{xz}d_{yz}$	50°04′	2,177	0,423
$v_z d_{xz} d_{yz}$	66°26′	2,324	1,368
$p_z f_{xz^2} f_{yz^2}$	49°38′	2,686	1,864
$\sigma_z f_{z(x^2-y^2)} f_{xyz}$	83°06′	2,221	0,981
$I_{z^2}f_{xz^2}f_{yz^2}$	43°30′	2,684	1,354
$f_{x(x^2-y^2)}d_{xz}d_{yz}$	94°22′	2,157	0,508
$f_{z^*}f_{xz^2}f_{yz^2}$	35°	2,562	0,578
$f_{z^2}f_{z(x^2-y^2)}f_{xyz}$	112°24′	2,726	1,598
$f_{x(x^2-y^3)}f_{z(x^3-y^2)}f_{xyz}$	100°16′	2,363	1,054

$$\sigma_{3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} a + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} b$$

$$\sigma_{1,3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} a - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} b \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c$$

$$\sigma_{2}$$

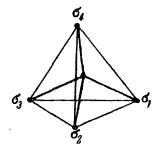
	Angles between tions of the manues of hybrid f	en the direc- eximum val- unctions	М		Δ
Hybridization	σ <sub>1</sub> σ <sub>3</sub> σ <sub>1</sub> σ <sub>2</sub>	σ <sub>1</sub> σ <sub>2</sub>	σ,	σ <sub>1</sub> , σ <sub>2</sub>	Δ
$if_{xz^2}f_{y(x^2-y^2)}$	151°23′	57°14′	1,900	2,633	1,844
$f_{x(x^2-y^2)}f_{yz^2}$	116°12′	127°36′	2,285	2,442	1,847
$f_{x(x^2-y^3)}f_{y(x^2-y^3)}$	160°	40°	2,285	2,285	1,673
$p_{\mathbf{x}}d_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{v}}$	139°50′	80°20′	1,991	2,467	2,257
$p_{y}d_{z^{2}}$	90°	180°	2,403	2,258	1,951
$p_y d_{x^3-y^2}$	90°	180°	2,158	2,592	2,674
$p_{x}f_{uz^{2}}$	121°41′	116°38′	1,991	1,924	0,876
$p_x f_{y(x^2-y^2)}$	151°27′	57°06′	1,991	2,671	2,510
$p_{y}f_{xz^2}$	118°22′	123°16′	1,900	1,969	0,87,5
$p_y f_{x(x^2-y^2)}$	115°56′	128°08′	2,285	2,489	2,440
$d_{z^2}f_{yz^2}$	90°	180°	2,403	2,179	1,294
$sd_{z^2}f_{y(x^2-y^2)}$	90°	180°	2,403	2,513	2,102
$d_{x^2-y^2}f_{yz^2}$	90°	180°	2,158	2,513	2,017
$sd_{x^2-y^2}f_{y(x^2-y^2)}$	90°	180°	2,158	2,847	2,825
$f_{xz^2}d_{xy}$	139°30′	81°	1,900	2,433	1,599
$f_{x(x^2-y^2)}d_{xy}$	126°15′	107°30′	2,285	2,692	2,642
$p_x p_y d_{z^2}$	129°15′	101°30′	1,913	2,037	0,287
$p_x p_y d_{x^2-y^2}$	103°05′	153°50′	2,581	2,129	1,439
$p_x p_y f_{x^2-y^2}$	121°34′	116°52′	2,701	2,411	1,974
$p_x d_{z^2} d_{xy}$	141°33′	76°54′	1,913	2,573	1,155
$a_{x}d_{x^2-y^2}d_{xy}$	154°10′	51°40′	2,581	2,466	1,909

In a number of cases the analytical expressions found for hybrid orbits may be combined in various ways: a) by comparing the separate combinations of  $\sigma$ -functions, belonging to some unreduced representation, with the separate atomic orbits of this representation, and b) by comparing the normalized linear combinations of atomic orbits, belonging to the given unreduced representation, with various combinations of  $\sigma$ -functions.

At c.n. 2, sp and sd hybridization results only in a linear (sp) and angular (sd) disposition of the bonds. In sf, dp, and df hybridization, an angular and a linear disposition of the bonds is possible. However,  $sf_{Z3}$ ,  $d_{Z2}p_Z$  and  $d_{Z2}f_{Z3}$  hybridizations, corresponding to  $D_{\infty h}$  symmetry, result in considerable strengthening of the bonds. Angular disposition is not favored, as it results in either low or negative values of  $\Delta$ . Of all the possible fp hybridizations, only  $f_{XZ2}p_Z$  ( $\Delta=1.313$ ) and  $p_Xf_Z(x_2-y_2)(\Delta=0.850)$  give positive values of  $\Delta$ . The hybridization  $f_{XZ2}p_Z$  is also more probable due to the large valence angle. The possible hybridizations  $d^2$  and  $f^2$  result in little strengthening of the bonds. The most advantageous hybridizations are  $d_{X^2-y^2}d_{XZ}$  ( $\Delta=0.558$ ) and  $f_{XZ^2}f_{Z(X^2-y^2)}$  ( $\Delta=0.941$ ).

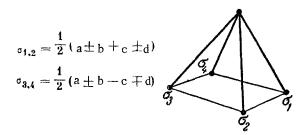
As a rule, at c.n. 3, higher symmetry results in greater strengthening of the bonds, though in this case there are examples when  $\Delta$  has a maximum value at lower symmetry. For example, with dp<sup>2</sup>- and sf<sup>2</sup>-electrons,  $\Delta$  is much greater with  $C_{2v}$  symmetry than with  $D_{3h}$  symmetry and it is precisely this phenomenon which apparently

$$\sigma_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} (a \pm b + c \pm d)$$
 $\sigma_{3,4} = \frac{1}{2} (a \pm b - c \mp d)$ 



Hybridization	Angles between the directions of the maximum val- ues of hybrid functions	М	Δ
$sp_zp_xp_y$ $sd_{xz}d_{yz}d_{xy}$ $f_{xyz}p_zp_xp_y$ $f_{xyz}d_{xz}d_{yz}d_{xy}$	109°28′	2,000	1,804
	109°28′	2,436	2,936
	109°28′	2,484	2,768
	109°28′	2,921	3,904

C<sub>4V</sub> symmetry (Fig. 7)

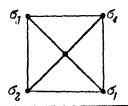


Hybridization	Angles between the directions of the maximum values of hybrid functions	М	Δ
$sd_{xy}d_{xz}d_{yz}$	70°31′	2,436	2,936
$s f_{x u z} p_x p_u$	75°58′	2,522	3,652
$sf_{xyz}d_{xz}d_{yz}$	65°35′	2,815	4,416
$sf_{xyz}f_{xz^1}f_{yz^2}$	58°38′	2,658	3,198
$s f_{xyz} f_{x(x^2-y^2)} f_{y(x^2-y^2)}$	82°10′	2,504	2,861
$d_{z^2}d_{xy}d_{xz}d_{yz}$	51°28′	2,178	0,668
$p_z p_x p_y d_{xy}$	85°48′	2,310	2,108
$p_z d_{xy} d_{xz} d_{yz}$	63°42′	2,476	,364
$p_z d_{xy} f_{xz^2} f_{yz^2}$	45°08′	2,704	2,686

explains why  $ClF_3$ , in which the bonds are formed from the  $p^2d$ -electrons of chlorine in an excited trivalent state  $(s^2p^4d)$ , has a T-shape F with two valence angles of 90° and one of 180° ( $C_{2v}$  symmetry) and not a more symmetrical configuration with  $D_{3h}$  symmetry. The hybridizations dsp and fds result in considerable strengthening. In these cases the most advantageous hybridizations are those when two of the directions of maximum concentration of valence orbits are linear and the third is perpendicular to them. Such a configuration is possible

$$a_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} (a \pm b + c \pm d)$$

$$a_{8,4} = \frac{1}{2} (a \pm b - c \mp d)$$



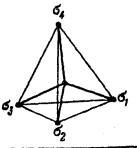
Hybridization	Angles between the directions of the maximum val- ues of hybrid functions	М	Δ
$sd_{xy}^{T}p_{x}p_{y}$ $sd_{xy}^{T}f_{xz^{a}}f_{yz^{a}}$ $sd_{xy}^{T}f_{x}(x^{a}-y^{a})^{T}y(x^{a}-y^{a})$	30°	2,693	4,372
	30°	2,614	3,057
	30°	2,571	3,165

## Симметрия $C_{3v}$ (фиг. 9)

$$\sigma_{4} = \frac{1}{2} a + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} b$$

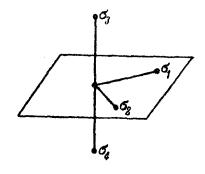
$$\sigma_{2} = \frac{1}{2} a - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} b + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} c$$

$$\sigma_{2,3} = \frac{1}{2} a - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} b - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} c \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} d$$



	Angles betw	Angles between orbits		<u> </u>	
Hybridization	0402 0403 0401	0208 0301 0102	σ4	<b></b> 526354	Δ
$sp_z d_{xz} d_{yz}$	136°21′	73°26′	2,0	2,441	2,719
$sp_z d_{xy} d_{x^2-y^2}$	99°06'	117°32′	2,0	2,120	2,756
$sd_{z^2}p_xp_y$	90°	120°	2,436	2,237	2,447
$sd_{zz}d_{xz}d_{yz}$	126~29′	87°20′	2,436	1,992	1,304
$sd_{z^1}d_{xy}d_{x^2-y^2}$	90°	120°	2,436	2,404	2,540
$sp_2 f_{x2} f_{y2}$	149°52′	51°32′	2,0	2,752	3,062
·/-	122°50′	93°22′	2,0	2,373	2,443
$sp_z f_{z(x^3-y^3)} f_{xyz}$	90°	120°	2,436	2,146	1,176
$sd_{z^2}f_{xz^2}f_{yz^2}$	120°19′	96°44′	2,436	2,159	1,733
$sd_{z^2}f_{z(x^2-y^2)}f_{xyz}$	112°35′	106°12′	2,792	2,137	2,093
$sf_{z}p_{x}p_{y}$	127°40′	86°34′	2,792	2,294	2,156
$sf_{zz}d_{xz}d_{yz}$	104°27′	113°58′	2,792	2,238	1,988
$sf_{z}d_{xy}d_{x^2-y^2}$	154°40′	43°30′	2,792	2,505	2,199
$sf_{z^0}f_{xz^2}f_{yz^2}$	122°40′	93°36′	2,792	2,418	2,456
$sf_{z^2}f_{z(x^2-y^2)}f_{xyz}$	104°46′	113°44′	2,802	1,848	0,914
$p_z d_{z^2} p_x p_y$	156°11′	40°46′	2,802	2,448	2,306
$p_z d_{zz} d_{xz} d_{yz}$	99°46′	117°10′	2,802	1,977	0,893
$p_z d_{zz} d_{xy} d_{xz-y^2}$	130°52′	81°49′	3,157	2,346	1,945
$p_z f_{z^3} d_{xz} d_{yz}$	130°32 112°12′	106°36′	3,157	2,012	0,943
$p_z/_{z^1}d_{xy}d_{x^2-y^2}$	ļ	72°58′	3,409	2,003	0,664
$d_{z^2}f_{z^2}d_{xz}d_{yz}$	136°17′		3,409	1,877	0.286
$d_{z^2/z^3}d_{xy}d_{x^3-y^3}$	115°31′	102°48′	9,409	1,011	0,230

a) 
$$\sigma_{1,2} = \frac{1}{V_2} (a \pm c) c$$
  $\sigma_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} a + \frac{1}{2} b \pm \frac{1}{V_2} c$   $\sigma_{3,4} = \frac{1}{V_2} (b \pm d)$   $\sigma_{3,4} = \frac{1}{2} a - \frac{1}{2} b \pm \frac{1}{V_2} d$ 



Hybridization	Angles between the directions of the maximum values of hybrid functions		lons of the maximum val-		Δ
	σ <sub>1</sub> σ <sub>2</sub>	σ <sub>3</sub> σ <sub>4</sub>	σισε	σ₃σ <sub>4</sub>	
$sd_{x^2-y^2}d_{xz}p_y$	a) 90°	180°	2,076	2,594	2,736
$sp_xd_{xz}d_{xy}$	c) 70°31′ 78°28′	180° 78°28′	$2,436 \\ 2,512$	2,693 2,512	3,654 3,444
$sd_{z^z}p_zd_{xy}$	180°	90°	2,842	2,428	3,636
$sd_{z^z}d_{xz}p_y$	121°30′	180°	2,385	2,292	2,450
$sd_{x^2-y^2}p_zd_{xy}$	78°28′	45°	2,024	2,153	1,750
$sp_xd_{xz}f_{yz}$	78°28′	105°50′	2,512	1,936	1,997
$sp_x f_{xi} d_{xy}$	171°08′	78°28′	2,404	2,512	2,518
$sd_{z^2}f_{z^3}d_{xy}$	180°	90°	3,489	2,428	4,016
$p_x d_{z^2} p_z p_y$	a) 180°	90°	2,806	1,732	1,644
$p_x d_{x^3-y^2} p_z p_y$	c) 158°20′ 90°	109°28′ 180°	2,424 1,732	2,059 2,594	1,534 1,520
$p_x d_{xx} d_{xx} d_{xy}$	130°53′	74°20′	2,209	2,294	1,166
$p_x d_{x^3-y^3} d_{xz} d_{xy}$	63°26′	74°20′	2,215	2,294	1,478
$d_{z^2}d_{x^2-y^2}p_zd_{xy}$	180°	45°	2,806	1,936	1,644
$d_{z^2}d_{x^2-u^2}d_{xz}p_{u}$	130°53′	180°	2,209	2,594	1,766
$d_{z^2}d_{x^2-y^2}d_{xz}d_{xy}$	90°	63°26′ ·	2,160	2,215	0,706
$p_{x}d_{z^{2}}p_{z}f_{y(x^{2}-y^{2})}$	180°	55°06′	2,806	2,553	2,927
$p_x d_{z^2} f_{z^3} p_y$	180°	90°	3,450	1,732	2,018
$p_x d_{x^2-y^2} p_z f_{y(x^2-y^2)}$	90°	180°	1,732	2,849	1,671
$d_{z^2}f_{xz^2}p_zp_y$	180°	98°54′	2,806	2,076	1,833
$p_x d_{z^2} f_{z^3} d_{xy}$	180°	74°20′	3,450	2,294	2,938
$d_{x^2-y^2}f_{xz^2}d_{xz}p_y$	180°	98°08′	2,594	2,752	2,857
$d_{z^2} f_{xz^2} f_{z^3} f_{y(x^2-y^2)}$	180°	55°24′	3,450	2,483	2,662
$d_{z^2}f_{x(x^2-y^2)}f_{z^2}f_{yz^2}$	180°	110°	3,450	2,367	2,430

for trivalent compounds of Cu, Ag, and Au, and for Se and I if, in the excited state, they have one d-, one s- and one p-valence electron.

Of the four possible spf hybridizations leading to  $G_{2V}$  symmetry, the most advantageous hybridizations are those which are composed of s,  $p_X$ ,  $f_{Y(X^2-Y^2)}$  and s,  $p_Y$ ,  $f_{X(X^2-Y^2)}$  valence electrons. In these cases the valence angles between the maximum directions of the hybrid functions are also favored. The most advantageous fdp hybridization is  $p_X d_{X^2-Y^2} f_{Y(X^2-Y^2)}$ .

With the coordination number 4, the electron configurations sp<sup>3</sup>, d<sup>3</sup>s, fp<sup>3</sup>, fd<sup>3</sup> result in a tetrahedral disposition of the directions of the maximum values of the valence orbits; d<sup>3</sup>s, fp<sup>3</sup> and fd<sup>3</sup> orbits may also give hybrid orbits with the symmetries  $C_{4V}$ ,  $C_{3V}$  and  $C_{2V}$  but  $\Delta$  is maximum with  $T_d$  symmetry.  $\Delta$  is maximal with  $D_{4h}$  symmetry

for the electron configurations  $dsp^2$  and  $f^2ds$ . With the electron configurations  $dp^3$ ,  $d^3p$ ,  $fsp^2$ ,  $fd^2s$ ,  $f^2dp$ ,  $f^2p^2$ ,  $fdp^2$ ,  $f^3d$ ,  $fd^2p$ ,  $f^3p$ , which may result in  $C_{3V}$ ,  $C_{4V}$ , and  $C_{2V}$  symmetries,  $\Delta$  is appreciably greater for  $C_{4V}$  and  $C_{2V}$  than for  $C_{3V}$ . The data obtained indicate that an irregular tetrahedral configuration is not favored. With one f-, one d-, one p-, and one s-electron, the maximum concentration of hybrid orbits forms a configuration with only  $C_{2V}$  symmetry. Of the possible hybridizations  $sp_Xf_Z^3d_{XV}$  gives maximum  $\Delta$ .

With hybridization of four d-electrons, the maximum concentrations of hybrid orbits are directed towards the base angles of a four-faced pyramid or form a configuration with  $C_{2v}$  symmetry. As the difference in  $\triangle$  is so small (0.668 with  $C_{4v}$  symmetry and 0.706 with  $C_{2v}$  symmetry) it is difficult to choose between these configurations. Both configurations have disadvantages with respect to valence angles.

## SUMMARY

- 1. Analytical expressions for hybrid orbits at coordination numbers of 2, 3, and 4 and  $C_{2v}$ ,  $D_{\omega h}$ ,  $D_{3h}$ ,  $C_{3v}$ ,  $T_d$ ,  $C_{4v}$ ,  $D_{4h}$  symmetries were obtained.
- 2. From the analytical expressions we found the directions of maximum concentrations and maximum values of hybrid functions. A comparison of the sums of maximum values of the functions is an approach to solving the problem of the selection of symmetry.
- 3. We calculated the values of the angles between the directions of maximum concentrations for symmetries which are compatible with various valence angles.

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