

## Extensions on Bonding

- LCAO is a very useful/general approach [back up by QM, variational method]
- Can cleverly extend to understand bonding that involves

$sp$

,  $sp^2$

,  $sp^3$

hybridization

[e.g.  $BeH_2$ ]

[ $C_2H_4$ , graphene]

[ $CH_4$ , diamond, semiconductors]

and



"what is that 'O' in the middle?"

[benzene]

## H. Hybridization and Hybrid orbitals

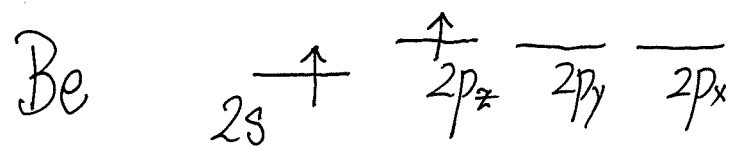
- Why are there  $\text{BeH}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ , ...,  $\text{C}_{60}$ , graphene (1 layer of carbon)?
- Structure of diamond (carbon), silicon, ... [semiconductors]?
- Key ideas:  $sp$ ,  $sp^2$ ,  $sp^3$  hybrid orbitals [What are they?]
- Just LCAO
- Hybrid orbitals: Special linear combinations of atomic orbitals with atomic orbitals from the SAME atom

What for? For Bonding with another atom

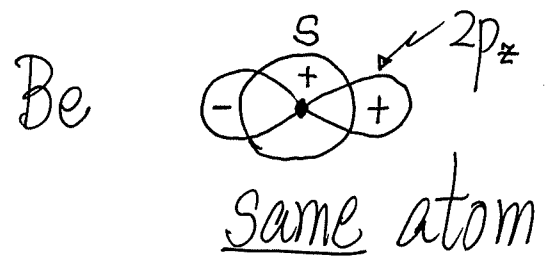
# Concept of hybridization introduced via sp hybridization: BeH<sub>2</sub>

- BeH<sub>2</sub> exists (fact)
- But Be has  $1s^2 2s^2$ , how come? full (closed shell)

## Description in Pictures

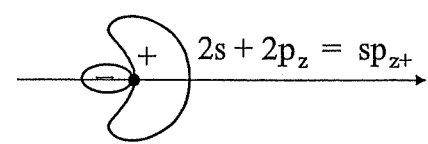


[needs some energy, could gain back via bonding later]  
(could be p<sub>x</sub>, p<sub>y</sub>)

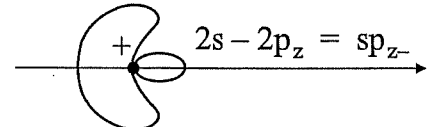


2 electronic states + 2 electronic states (including spin)

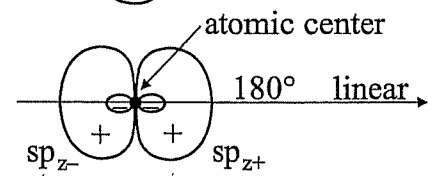
$$\psi_{2s} + \psi_{2p_z}$$



$$\psi_{2s} - \psi_{2p_z}$$

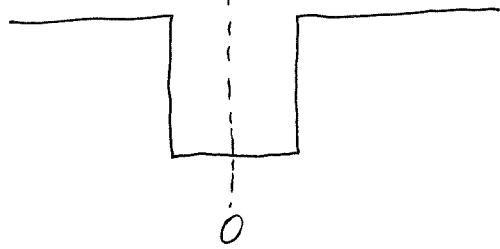


sp hybridization

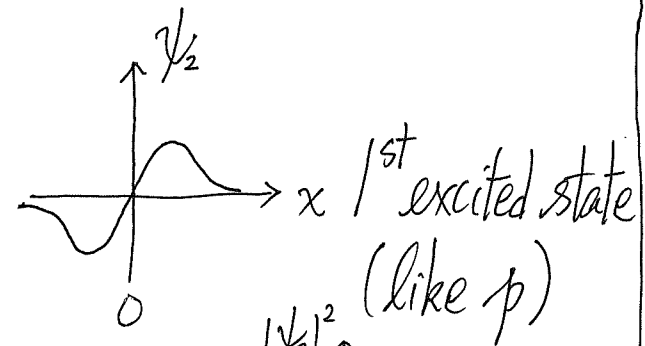
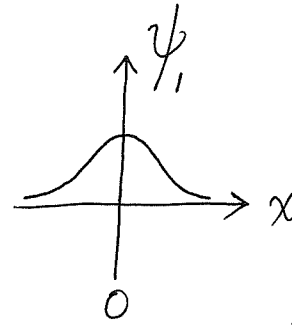


two hybrid orbitals of Be point in opposite directions  
Also 4 electronic states [no more, no less]

Analogy : 1D finite well

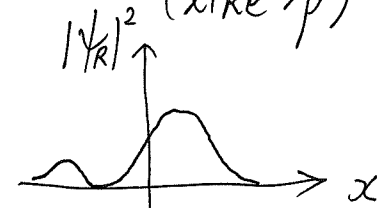
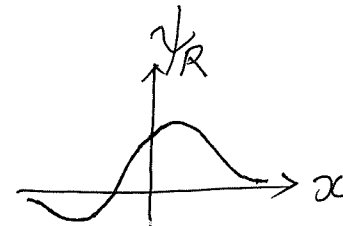


Ground state  
(like s)



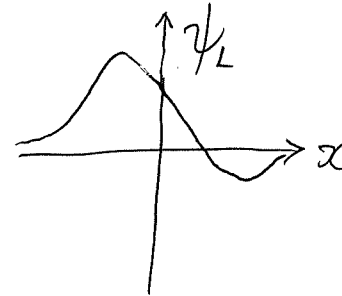
$$\psi_R \propto \psi_1 + \psi_2$$

[like  $\psi_s + \psi_p$ ]

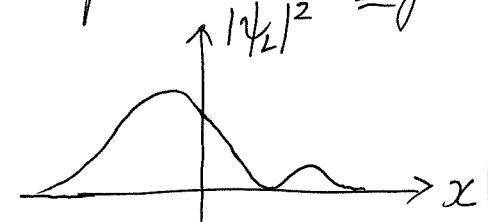


$$\psi_L \propto \psi_1 - \psi_2$$

[like  $\psi_s - \psi_p$ ]



focused to the Right



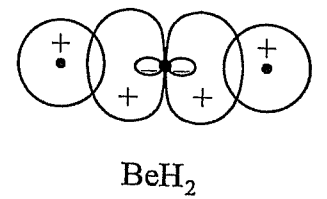
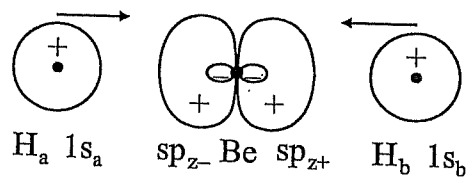
focused to the Left

To prepare for forming bonds with atoms  
in the right (using  $\psi_R$ ) and in the left (using  $\psi_L$ )

- The atomic s orbital will not bias any one of the "sp" hybrid orbitals, i.e. there is a fair share of  $\psi_s$  between the two hybrid orbitals.
- Besides pointing at different directions, the hybrid orbitals are equivalent.

What for? Prepare for Bonding [to lower energy]

BeH<sub>2</sub>:

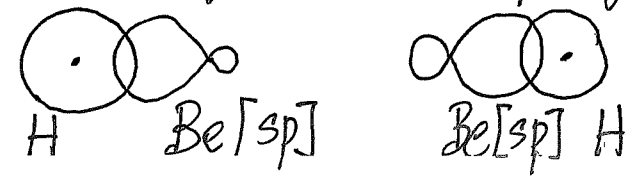


[energy is lowered]

- Spread out electrons [suppress el-el repulsion]

- highly directional

- Strong bonds
  - Good overlap of



▪ "Hybridization" is just a way to describe the wavefunction of Be, it is not an event

▪ Let's see.  $2s \text{ --- } \text{---} 2p \text{ (Be)} > \text{ 2 electrons (in } \underbrace{2s} \text{ \& } \underbrace{2p})$

"One electron in  $\psi_s$  and one electron in  $\psi_p$ "

$\psi_s$     $\psi_p$   
 ↑   ↑  
 Be atomic orbitals

This is the physical situation (that we want to describe)

Description 1 : Easy! 2 electrons in two states

$$\bar{\Psi}(1,2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{vmatrix} \psi_s(1) & \psi_p(1) \\ \psi_s(2) & \psi_p(2) \end{vmatrix} \quad (24)$$

satisfies anti-symmetric requirement

[in terms of atomic orbitals  $\psi_s$  and  $\psi_p$  (same atom)]

Description 2 : Introduce "Hybrid orbitals"

$$\psi_A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\psi_s - \psi_p) \quad ; \quad \psi_B = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\psi_s + \psi_p) \quad (25)$$

[just two single-electron states mix & form two other single-electron states]

•  $\psi_A, \psi_B$  are the sp hybrid orbitals

With 2 electrons, we could as well say that "one electron in  $\psi_A$  and one electron in  $\psi_B$ "

$$\bar{\Phi}(1,2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{vmatrix} \psi_A(1) & \psi_B(1) \\ \psi_A(2) & \psi_B(2) \end{vmatrix} \quad (26)$$

[in terms of hybrid orbitals]

$\bar{\Psi}(1,2)$  vs  $\bar{\Phi}(1,2)$ ? Are they different?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\Phi}(1,2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\psi_A(1) \psi_B(2) - \psi_B(1) \psi_A(2)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{2} [(\psi_s(1) - \psi_p(1))(\psi_s(2) + \psi_p(2)) - (\psi_s(1) + \psi_p(1))(\psi_s(2) - \psi_p(2))] \quad (\text{using (24)}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{2} [\cancel{\psi_s(1)\psi_s(2)} + \psi_s(1)\psi_p(2) - \psi_p(1)\psi_s(2) - \cancel{\psi_p(1)\psi_p(2)} \\
 &\quad - \cancel{\psi_s(1)\psi_s(2)} + \psi_s(1)\psi_p(2) - \psi_p(1)\psi_s(2) + \cancel{\psi_s(1)\psi_p(2)}] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\psi_s(1)\psi_p(2) - \psi_p(1)\psi_s(2)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{vmatrix} \psi_s(1) & \psi_p(1) \\ \psi_s(2) & \psi_p(2) \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \bar{\Psi}(1,2)
 \end{aligned}$$

They Describe the same wavefunction!  
 ( $\therefore$  Hybridization is nothing fancy!)



# Properties

- $\psi_s, \psi_p$  are AO's of same atom  $\Rightarrow$  they are orthogonal
- $\psi_A, \psi_B$  are orthogonal (Ex.) [Mathematical Meaning:  $\int \psi_A^* \psi_B d\tau = 0$ ]
  - [About two wavefunctions' integral]
- Geometrically (in real space),  $\psi_A$  and  $\psi_B$  point to opposite directions

$$\psi_A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\psi_s - \psi_p)$$

no direction

$$\psi_B = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\psi_s + \psi_p)$$

point at  $+\hat{z}$  direction

point at  $-\hat{z}$  direction

$\leftarrow \psi_A$

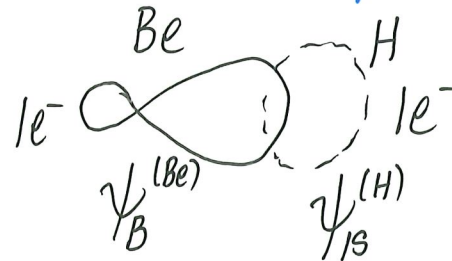
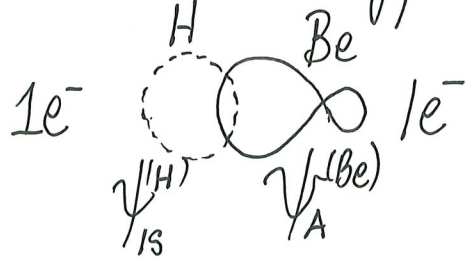
$\rightarrow \psi_B$

Equal share (same  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  factor) of  $\psi_s$  in  $\psi_A$  and  $\psi_B$

dot product = -1  $\Rightarrow$  180° apart of vectors

# Gain Energy by forming bonds

(BeH<sub>2</sub>) [see optional appendix for details]



$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_A^{*(Be)} \\ \psi_{1s}^{(H)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_A^{(Be)} & \psi_{1s}^{(H)} \\ \epsilon^{(Be)} & \Delta \\ \Delta & \epsilon^{(H)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^{(Be)} & \Delta \\ \Delta & \epsilon^{(H)} \end{pmatrix}$$

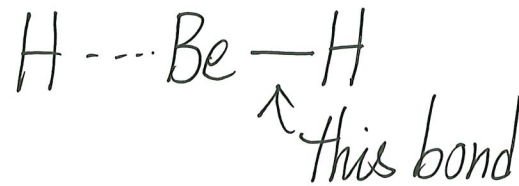
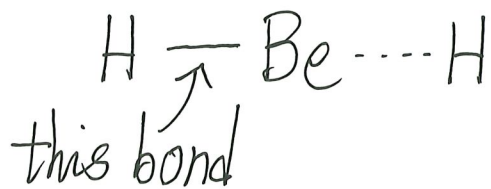
( $\Delta$  becomes bigger)

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stronger pushing lowers energy

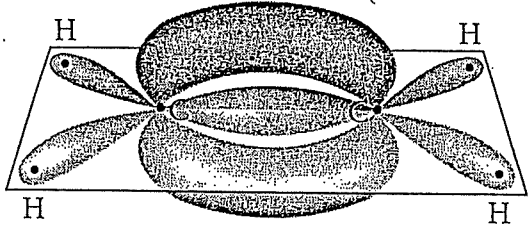
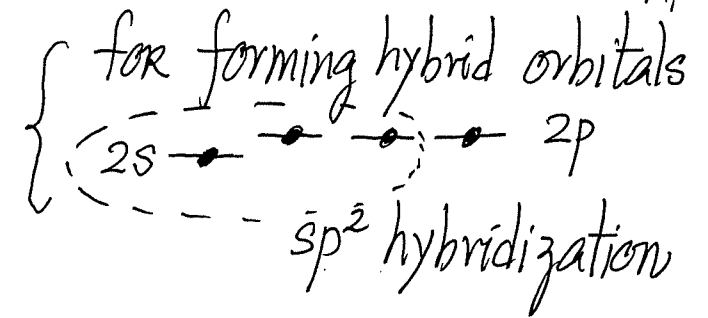
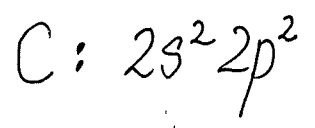
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# sp<sup>2</sup> Hybridization

## C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (ethylene)

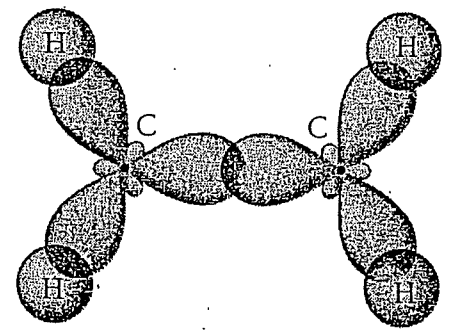
double (one σ and one π) bond



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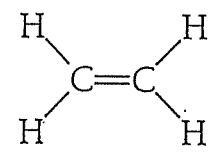
(a) The ethylene (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>) molecule. All the atoms lie in a plane perpendicular to the plane of the paper. (b) Top view, showing the sp<sup>2</sup> hybrid orbitals that form σ bonds between the C atoms and between each C atom and two H atoms. (c) Side view, showing the pure p<sub>x</sub> orbitals that form a π bond between the C atoms.

Top View

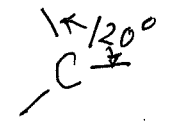


(b)

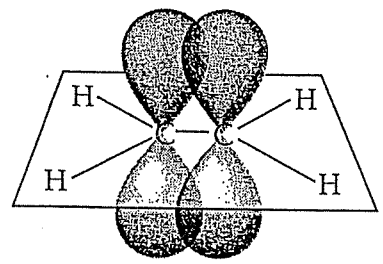
Ethylene



Again, highly directional



[120° between bonds.]

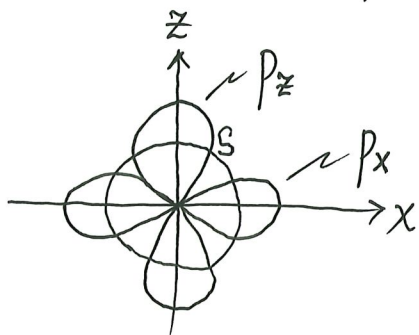


(c)

The two electrons in the two pure p-orbitals form a π-bond

- Get a sense! How one 2s and two 2p AO's could linearly combine to form three equivalent  $sp^2$  hybrid orbitals?

$\psi_{2s}, \psi_{2p_x}, \psi_{2p_z}$  (say) [carbon] (1 electron remains in  $\psi_{2p_y}$ )



Formally, form three linear combinations

$$\xi_1 = a_1 \psi_{2s} + b_1 \psi_{2p_z} + c_1 \psi_{2p_x}$$

$$\xi_2 = a_2 \psi_{2s} + b_2 \psi_{2p_z} + c_2 \psi_{2p_x} \quad (27)$$

$$\xi_3 = a_3 \psi_{2s} + b_3 \psi_{2p_z} + c_3 \psi_{2p_x}$$

[ $\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3$  are to become hybrid orbitals]

- Key ideas**
- The s AO will be shared equally among  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3 \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
  - $\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3$  should be normalized and orthogonal to each other

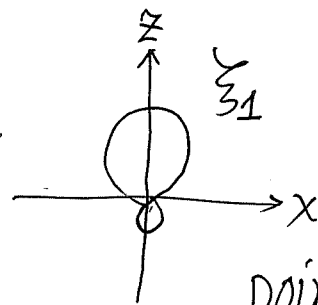
Recall:  $\psi_{2s} \sim R(r)$ ;  $\psi_{2p_z} \sim \sqrt{3} R(r) \cos\theta$ ;  $\psi_{2p_x} \sim \sqrt{3} R(r) \sin\theta \cos\phi$

Place  $\xi_1$  along  $\hat{z}$ -direction (still general)

$$\xi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \psi_{2s} + b_1 \psi_{2p_z} \quad (\text{Note: } \psi_{2s} \text{ \& } \psi_{2p_z} \text{ are orthogonal})$$

Require  $\xi_1$  to be normalized  $\Rightarrow b_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$

$$\therefore \boxed{\xi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \psi_{2s} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \psi_{2p_z}} \quad (28a)$$



pointing in  
 $z$ -direction

$$\xi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \psi_{2s} + b_2 \psi_{2p_z} + c_2 \psi_{2p_x}$$

$$\xi_2 \text{ orthogonal to } \xi_1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} b_2 = 0 \Rightarrow b_2 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\xi_2 \text{ is itself normalized} \Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (\text{Ex.})$$

$$\boxed{\xi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \psi_{2s} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \psi_{2p_z} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_{2p_x}} \quad (28b)$$

Ex: Construct  $\xi_3$

Question: Which direction does  $\xi_2$  point at?

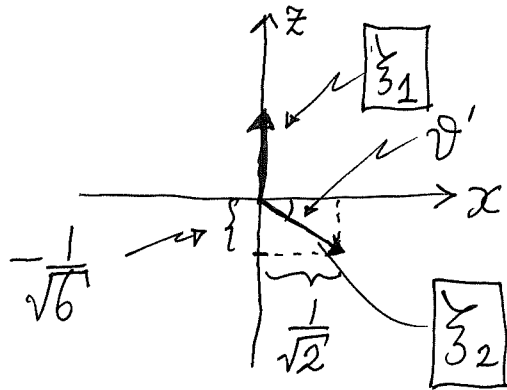
Lazy way (that works)

$$\xi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \psi_{2s} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \psi_{2p_z}$$

no direction      like a vector in  $\hat{z}$  direction

$$\xi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \psi_{2s} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \psi_{2p_z} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_{2p_x} \sim -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \hat{z} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{x}$$

no direction



$$\tan \theta' = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \theta' = 30^\circ$$

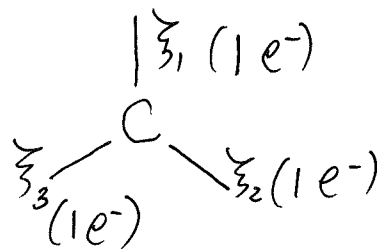
$$\theta = 90^\circ + 30^\circ = 120^\circ$$

[Again, QM is behind directionality]

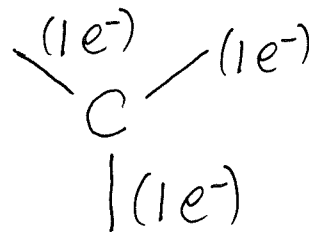
Ex: Where does  $\xi_3$  point at?

## Consequences

Plane of hybrid orbitals

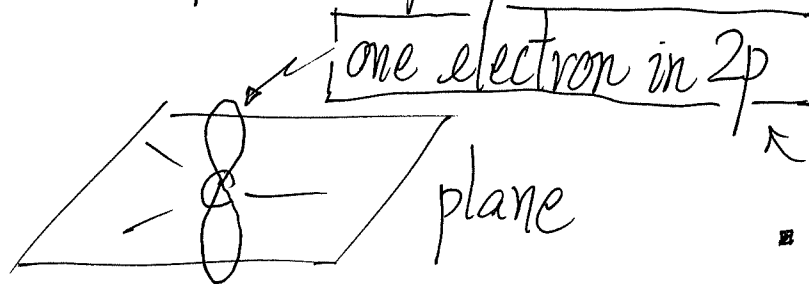


$sp^2$  hybridization provides  
the skeleton (framework) of



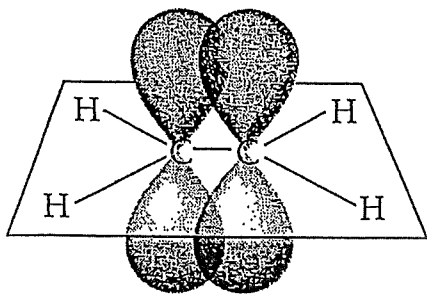
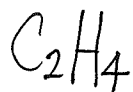
forming strong  $\sigma$ -bonds (direction) and dictates the structure

$\leftarrow$  2p state perpendicular to covalent bond structure



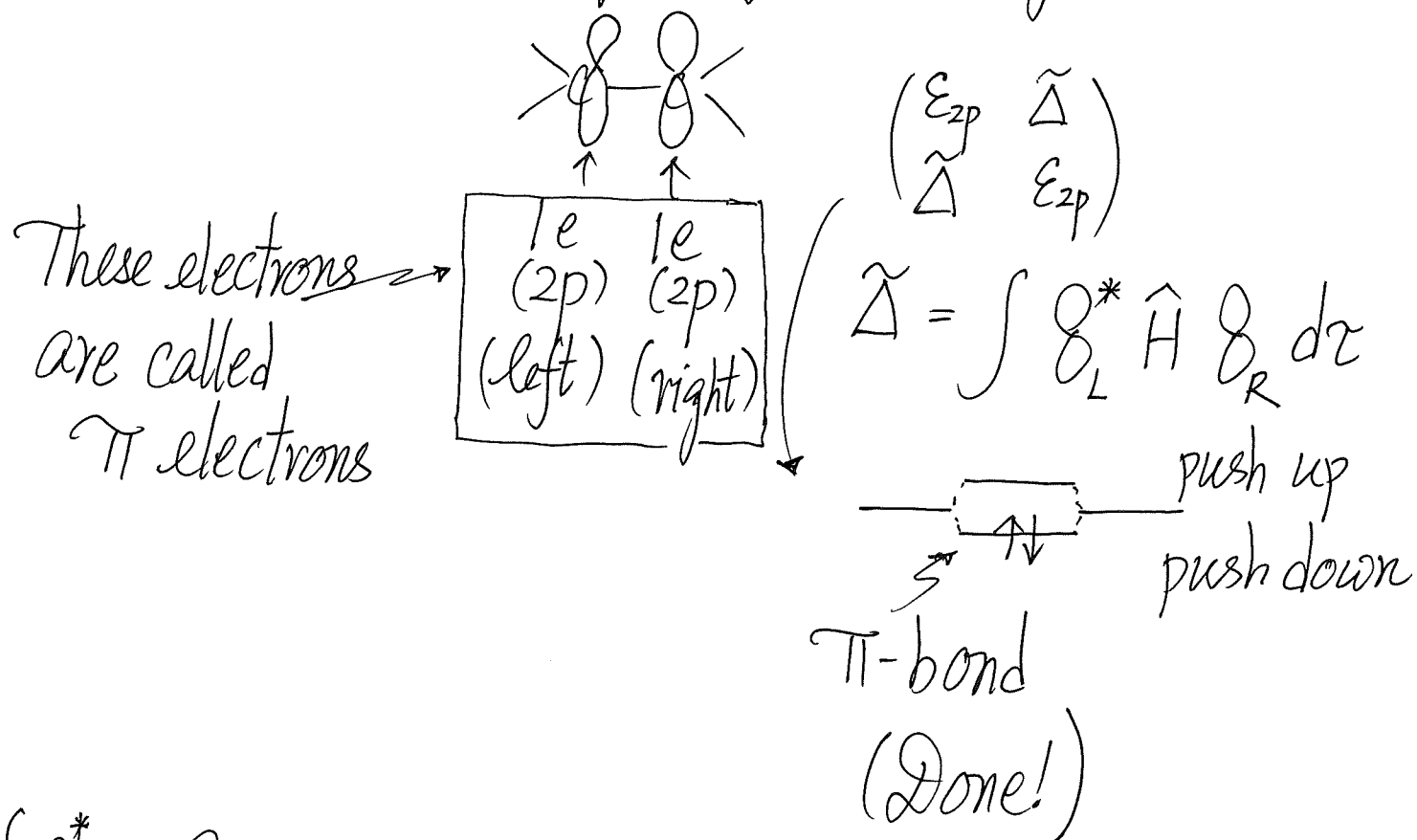
$\leftarrow$  Important!

- Can form  $\pi$ -bond
- Can delocalize (moving around)  
(e.g. graphene)



Quick QM thinking on  $\pi$ -bond

- After forming the strong  $\sigma$ -bonds skeleton

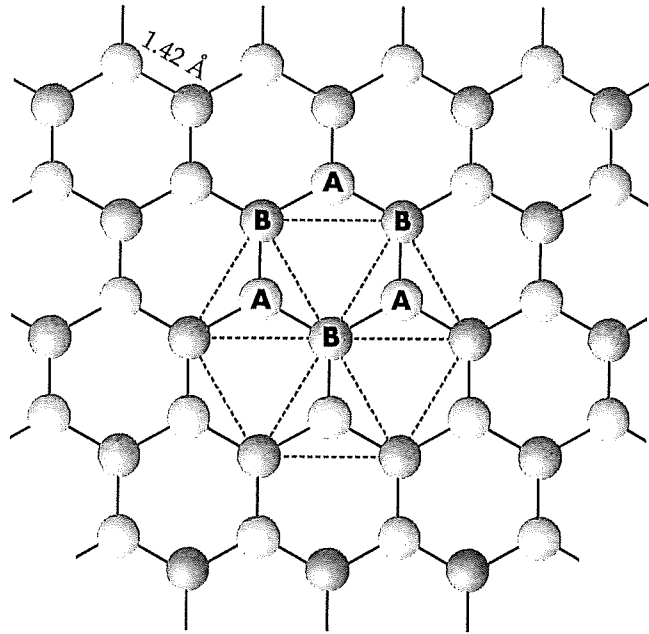


Notes:  $\tilde{\Delta} = \int \phi_L^* \hat{H} \phi_R dz$  can't be big (small region having non-zero integrand)  
 $\Rightarrow$  pushing is smaller  $\Rightarrow$  weaker than  $\sigma$ -bond.

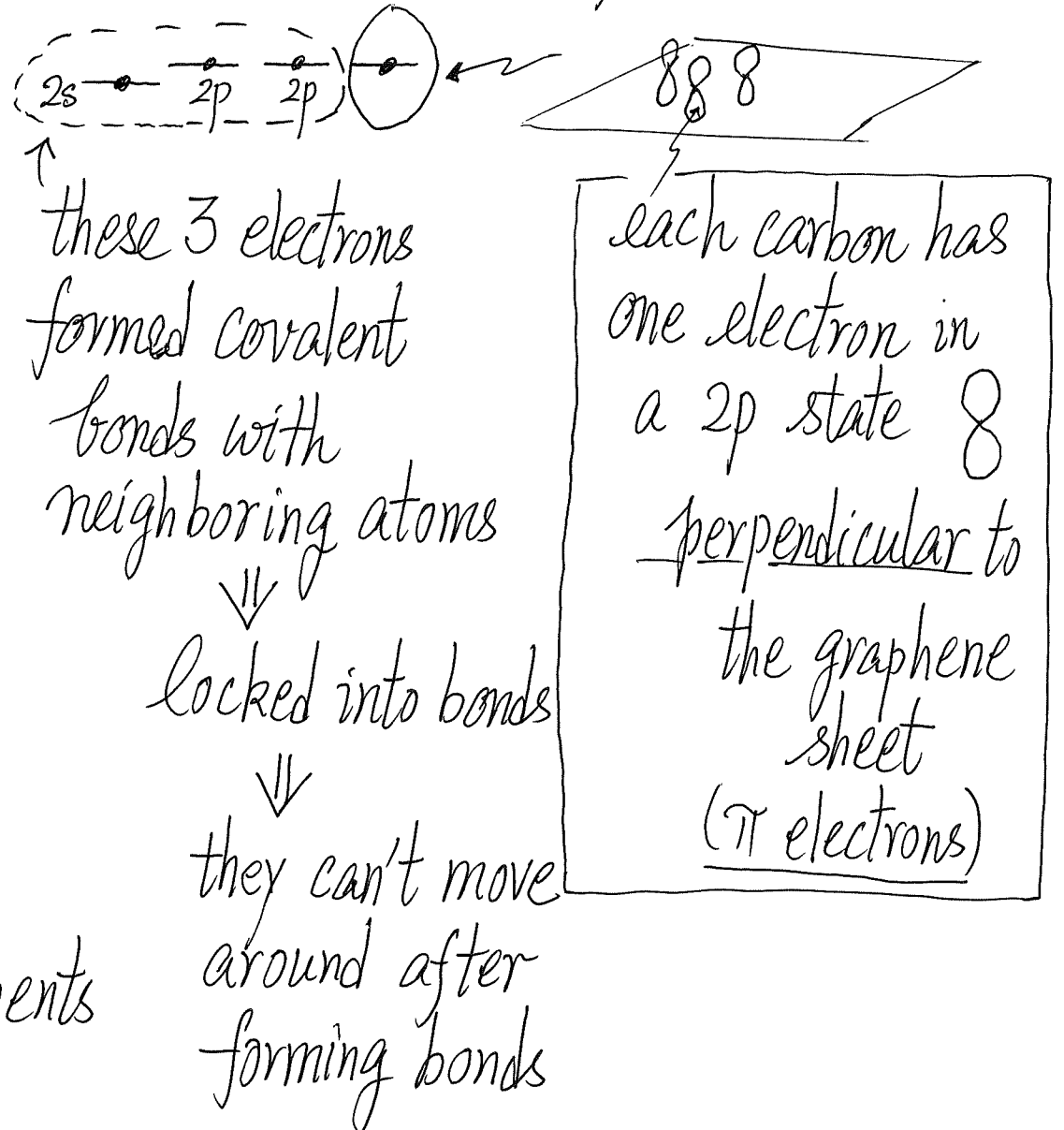


Graphene: A single atomic layer of carbon

[A. Geim and K. S. Novoselov: 2010 Nobel Physics Prize]

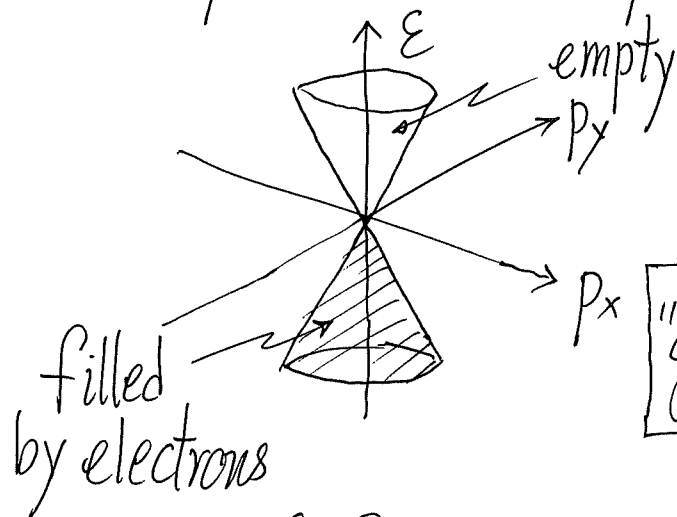


- All are carbon atoms
- Labels A and B for atoms that see different environments



The  $\pi$  electrons in Graphene behave unusually!

- They move around "above and below" the sheet
- In a solid, electron states form bands described by  $\overset{\text{energy}}{\downarrow} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{momentum of electron}}}{\epsilon(p)}$
- Graphene has  $\epsilon(p)$  of the form



c.f.



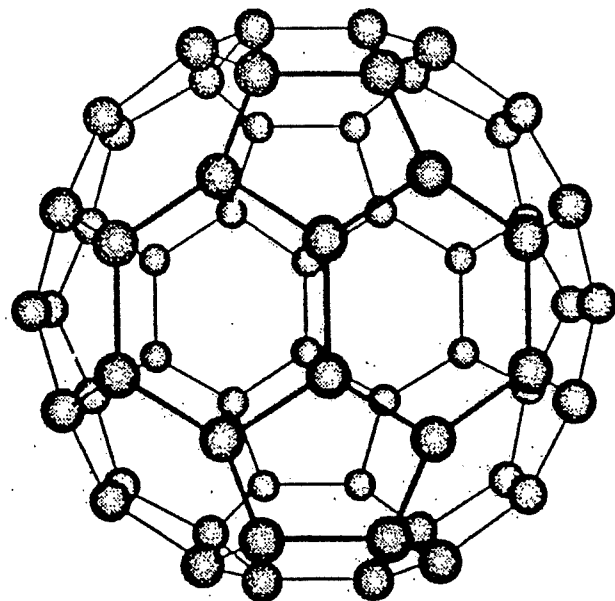
in "ordinary" materials

Form of  $\underbrace{\epsilon = vp}$  [c.f.  $\epsilon^2 = m^2c^4 + c^2p^2 \Rightarrow \epsilon = cp$  for massive particle]

[like massless fermions!] (Table-top QED system?)

C<sub>60</sub> molecule ["Bucky Ball"] [Kroto and Smalley : 1996 Nobel Chemistry Prize]

a

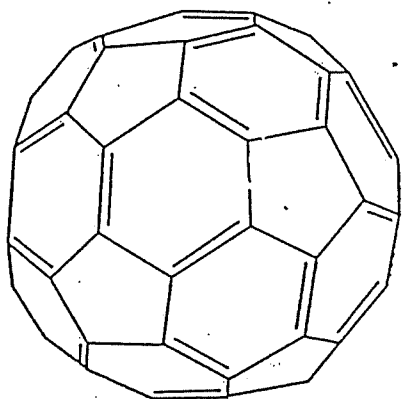


20 hexagons  
12 pentagons

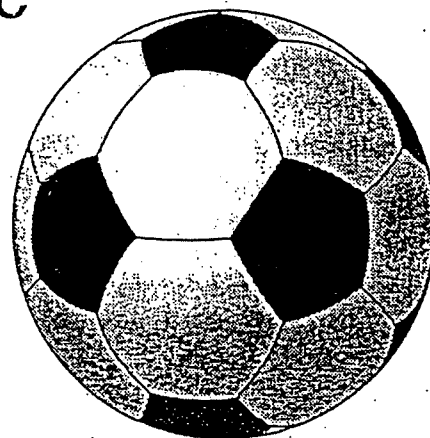
sp<sup>2</sup> hybridization  
+  
π bonds

diameter ~ 7 Å

b



c



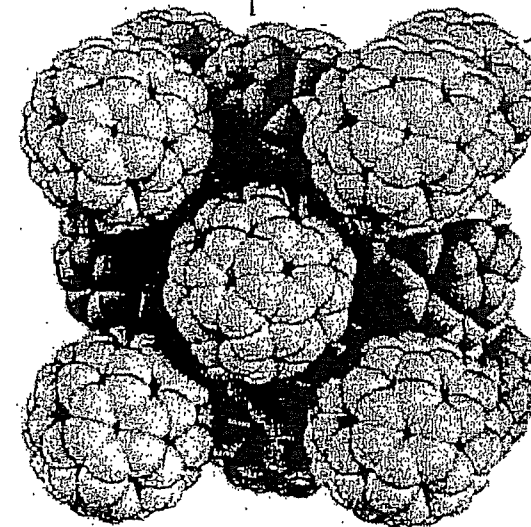
The structure of the sixty-carbon-atom cluster, called buckminsterfullerene (a), and the pattern of single and double bonds which allows all of the atoms to form four bonds (b). Each carbon atom in the cage is equivalent. The pattern of hexagons and pentagons in this highly symmetrical shape is the same as that in a soccer ball (c).

# Properties of solid $C_{60}$

MP-II - (19)

|   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Density                                       | 1.7 g/cm <sup>3</sup>                 |
| Crystal structure                             | Facc-centered cubic                   |
| Nearest-neighbor distance                     | 10.04 Å                               |
| Cage diameter                                 | 7.1 Å                                 |
| Lattice constant                              | 14.198 Å                              |
| Index of refraction                           | 2.2 at 630 nm wavelength              |
| Infrared-active modes                         | 1429, 1183, 577, 528 cm <sup>-1</sup> |
| Bulk modulus                                  | 18 gigapascals                        |
| Ionization potential                          | 7.6 eV                                |
| Cohesive energy                               |                                       |
| per $C_{60}$ molecule                         | 1.5 eV                                |
| per atom                                      | 7.4 eV                                |
| Electrical conductivity                       | Nonconductor                          |
| Electron bandgap                              | 1.5 eV                                |
| Effective mass of<br>conduction band electron | 1.3 $m_e$                             |
| Superconducting $T_c$                         |                                       |
| $K_3 C_{60}$                                  | 19 K                                  |
| $Rb_3 C_{60}$                                 | 29 K                                  |
| $Cs_2 RbC_{60}$                               | 33 K                                  |
| $Rb_{2.7} Tl_{2.2} C_{60}$                    | 42.5 K                                |

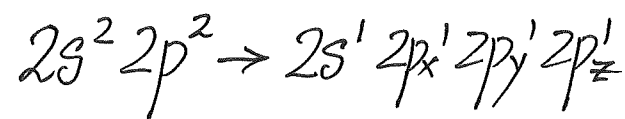
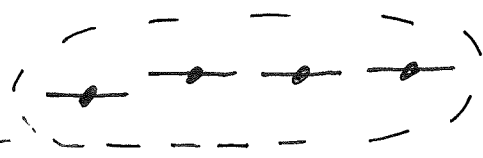
$C_{60}$  molecules forming  
a face-centered cubic  
solid



# sp<sup>3</sup> Hybridization [Pauling 1928, Nobel Chemistry Prize 1954]

▪ CH<sub>4</sub>, diamond, silicon, ...

▪ Carbon (again)



→ 4 electrons available for forming bonds  
 → one s AO and three p AOs combine to form  
Four Hybrid Orbitals (sp<sup>3</sup> hybrid orbitals)

Formally, construct Hybrid Orbitals

$$\psi_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} \psi_s + b_i \psi_{p_x} + c_i \psi_{p_y} + d_i \psi_{p_z}$$

(i=1, 2, 3, 4) require  $\psi_i$  to be normalized and mutually orthogonal

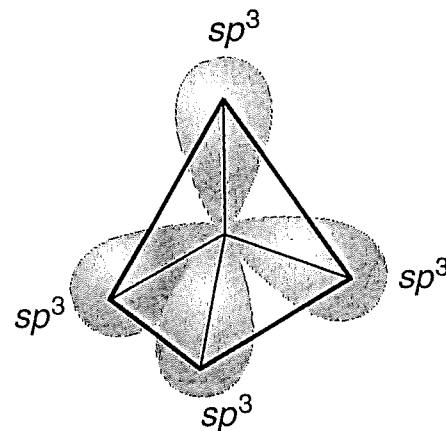
The end results are

$$\psi_1 = \frac{1}{2} (\psi_s + \psi_{p_x} + \psi_{p_y} + \psi_{p_z})$$

$$\psi_2 = \frac{1}{2} (\psi_s - \psi_{p_x} - \psi_{p_y} + \psi_{p_z})$$

$$\psi_3 = \frac{1}{2} (\psi_s + \psi_{p_x} - \psi_{p_y} - \psi_{p_z})$$

$$\psi_4 = \frac{1}{2} (\psi_s - \psi_{p_x} + \psi_{p_y} - \psi_{p_z})$$



Angle between orbitals  
=  $109.5^\circ$  (Ex.)

These are the four  $sp^3$  Hybrid Orbitals

▪ Highly directional

▪ Like four vectors in

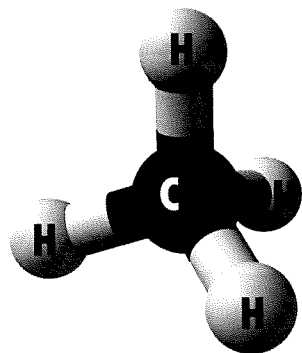
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (+1, +1, +1) \quad [\hat{x} + \hat{y} + \hat{z}] \\ (-1, -1, +1) \quad [-\hat{x} - \hat{y} + \hat{z}] \\ (+1, -1, -1) \quad [\hat{x} - \hat{y} - \hat{z}] \\ (-1, +1, -1) \quad [-\hat{x} + \hat{y} - \hat{z}] \end{array} \right\}$$

directions (or rotated as a whole)

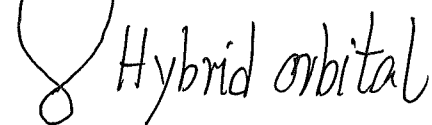
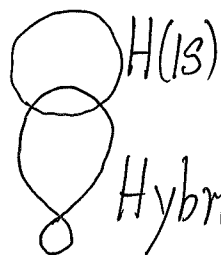
What for?

To lower energy by forming bonds

Methane CH<sub>4</sub>



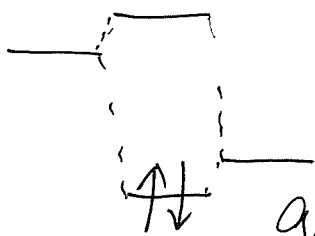
For each hybrid orbital (say  $\psi_i$ ), there is one electron ready for bonding.



$$\begin{matrix} \langle \psi_i | & | \psi_i \rangle & | \psi_{H,1s} \rangle \\ \langle \psi_{H,1s} | & \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_i & \Delta \\ \Delta & \epsilon_{H,1s} \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$\Delta$  is made bigger by

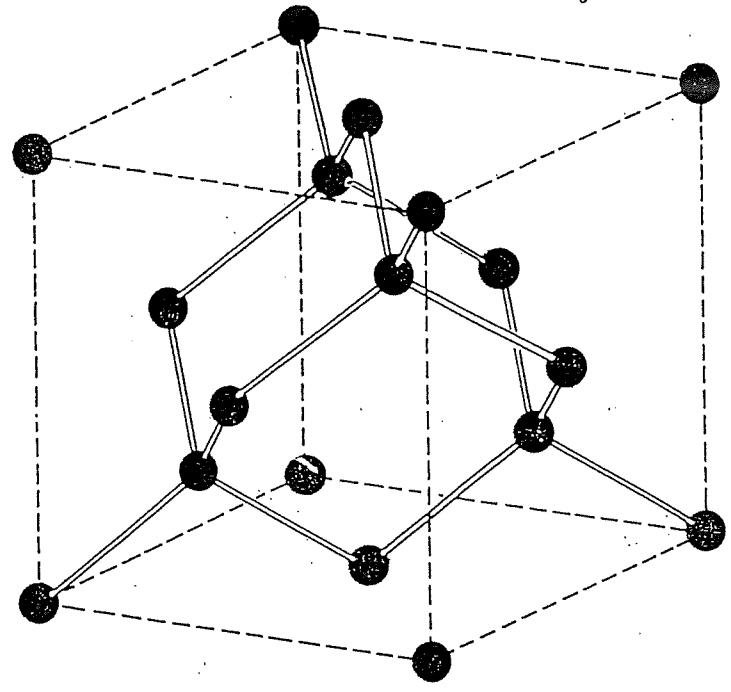
- Hybrid orbital focuses electron towards  $\psi_{H,1s}$
- Hybrid orbitals spread electrons farther apart



gain energy for each  $\sigma$ -bond formed

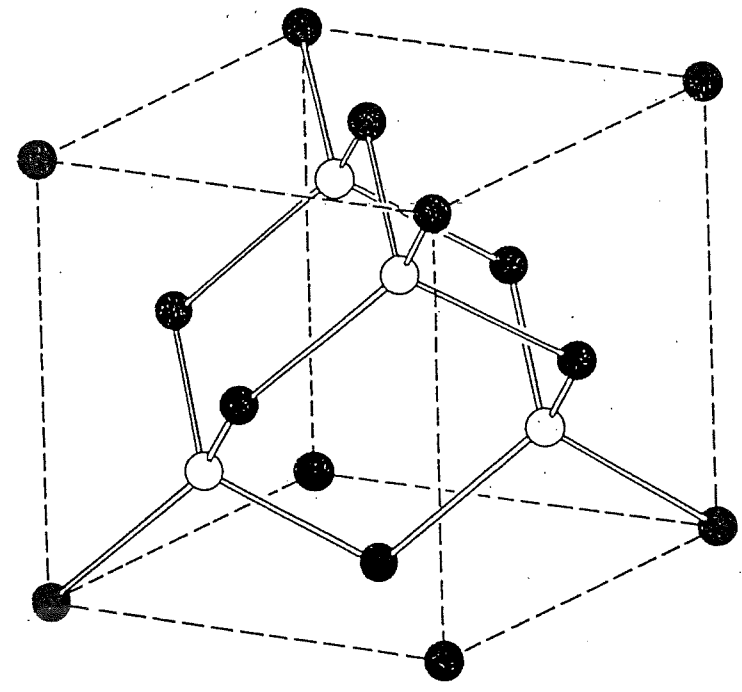
[Same physics works!]

$sp^3$  Hybridization governs many semiconductors' structure



### Diamond Structure

- Same atom at every site  
[e.g. carbon, silicon, germanium]

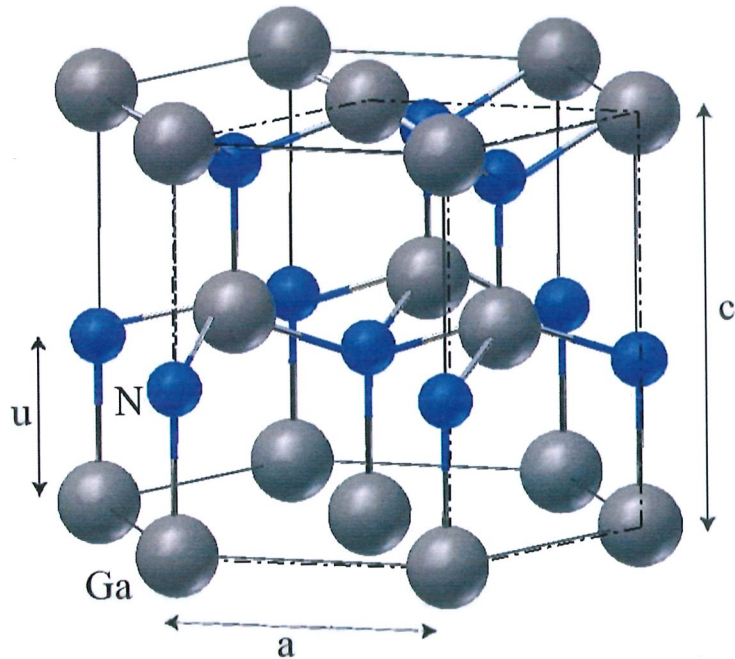


### Zinc Blende Structure

- Atom    ○ B atom
- [e.g. GaAs (III-V semiconductor)  
CdTe (II-VI Semiconductor)]

Most important materials! →





Wurtzite Structure

E.g.  $\text{GaN}$ ,  $\text{ZnO}$


blue LED & blue laser


[2014 Nobel Physics Prize]

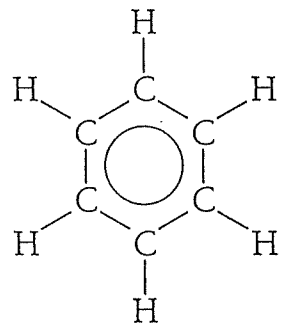
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$sp^3$  Hybridization gives crystal structures of important semiconductors AND the structures determine the bands and band gaps

A bit of Quantum Mechanics takes us into the fascinating world of molecules, solids, and materials science.

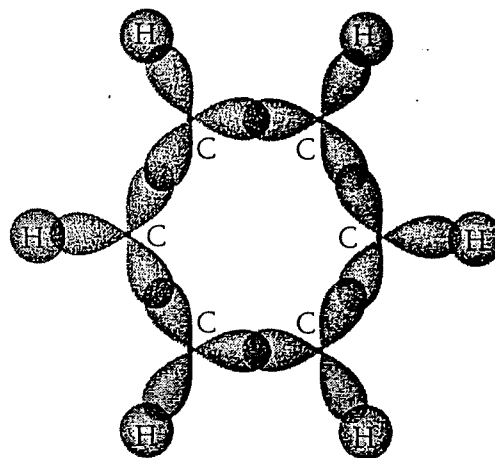
I. What is the "O" in benzene  ?


- $C_6H_6$  : The skeleton  is governed by  $sp^2$  hybridization

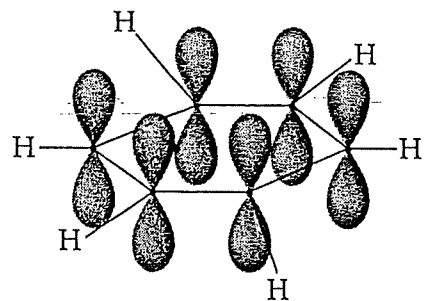


these strong bonds locked in the electrons

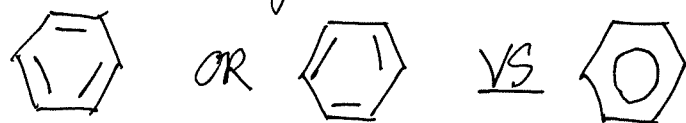
- Each C has a  $2p_z$  (perpendicular to plane) with one electron



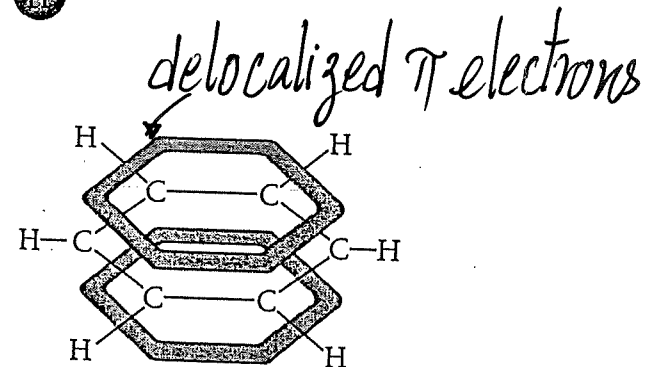
- $sp^2$
- $\sigma$  bonds form framework 

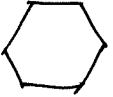
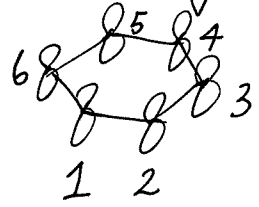


Behavior of six  $\pi$ -electrons?



[Quantum Mechanics Approach?]



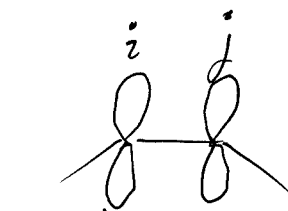
- Framework  is rigid and strong
- Q: Behavior of  $p_z$  electrons  (one electron each, six  $p_z$  electrons)
- How do they form bonds? LCAO

Think like a physicist!  $\psi = c_1 \phi_{p_{z1}} + c_2 \phi_{p_{z2}} + c_3 \phi_{p_{z3}} + c_4 \phi_{p_{z4}} + c_5 \phi_{p_{z5}} + c_6 \phi_{p_{z6}}$

↳ Some  $\hat{H}$  (don't even need to write it down explicitly)

Formally,  $|H_{ij} - ES_{ij}| = 0$  ( $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ ) gives 6 values of  $E$  for 6  $p_z$  electrons to fill in

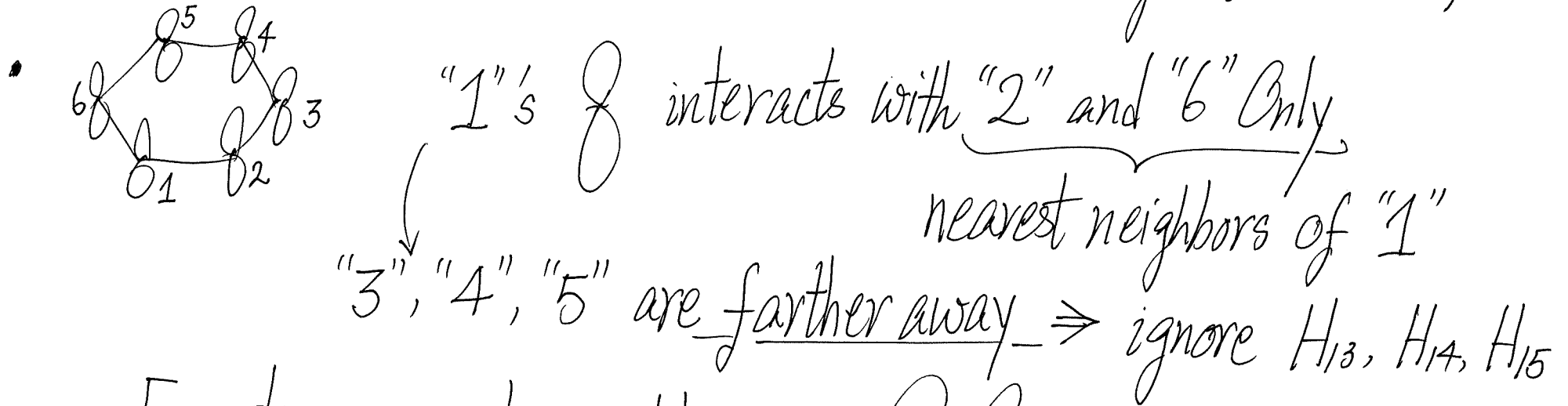
Practically,  $S_{ii} = 1$   
 $S_{ij} \approx 0$



"Not much overlap"

and  $H_{ij}$  more important

- $H_{ii}$  is mainly governed by the atomic  $\epsilon_{2p}$  energy  
 $\Rightarrow H_{11} = H_{22} = \dots = H_{66} = \epsilon$  (diagonal elements)



• For two nearest neighboring

$H_{ij} = V$   
 same between two nearest neighbors

$\therefore$  Need only two terms:

$\epsilon$  and  $V$

(or  $\alpha$ ) (or  $\beta$ ) [ $\beta < 0$  typically]

in Chemistry books

$$\begin{vmatrix}
 \epsilon - E & V & 0 & 0 & 0 & V \\
 V & \epsilon - E & V & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & V & \epsilon - E & V & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & V & \epsilon - E & V & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & V & \epsilon - E & V \\
 V & 0 & 0 & 0 & V & \epsilon - E
 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

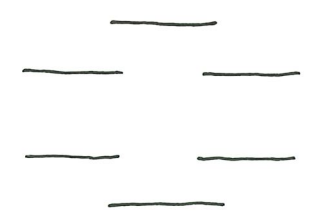
gives six values of  $E$

or written as a  $6 \times 6$  matrix problem

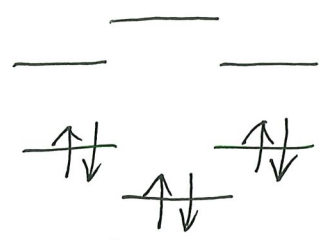
$$\begin{pmatrix}
 \epsilon & V & 0 & 0 & 0 & V \\
 V & \epsilon & V & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & V & \epsilon & V & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & V & \epsilon & V & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & V & \epsilon & V \\
 V & 0 & 0 & 0 & V & \epsilon
 \end{pmatrix}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 C_1 \\
 C_2 \\
 C_3 \\
 C_4 \\
 C_5 \\
 C_6
 \end{pmatrix}
 = E
 \begin{pmatrix}
 C_1 \\
 C_2 \\
 C_3 \\
 C_4 \\
 C_5 \\
 C_6
 \end{pmatrix}$$

Six values of  $E$  are lined up as  
 (there are MO's for  $\pi$  electrons)

There are 6  $\pi$  electrons  
 (Pauli Principle)

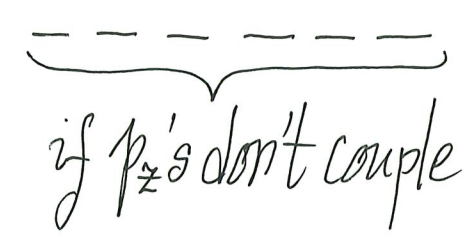


(Ex.)



(lower energy)

vs

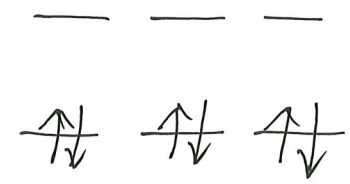


if  $p_z$ 's don't couple

How about 6 ?

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & V & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ V & \epsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon & V & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V & \epsilon & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \epsilon & V \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & V & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

⇒ Eigenvalues



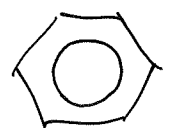
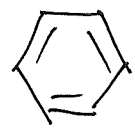

vs



(higher energy than )

"1" only interacts with "2", etc.



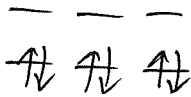
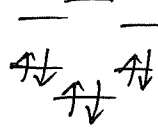
[becomes three identical 2x2 problems]

•  has a lower energy than  and 

"1" to "2" & "6", then to "3" and "5", and to "4"

⇒ Delocalizing the electrons can lower the energy ↪ Benzene  
↪ Metals

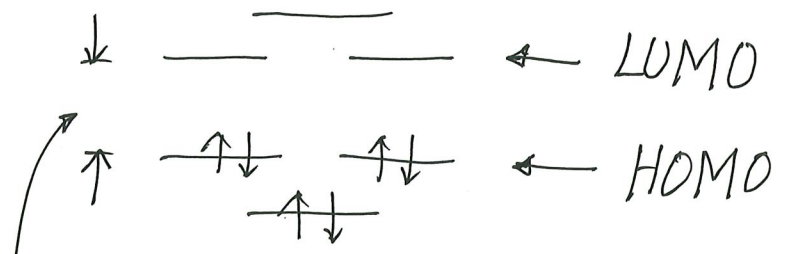
Delocalizing Energy = Energy lowered by delocalizing the electrons

= Energy difference between  and   
 

• This is the Hückel Theory (1931)

Only  $H_{ii}$  and nearest-neighboring  $H_{ij}$   
( $\epsilon$ ) ( $V$ )  
( $\alpha$ ) ( $\beta$ )

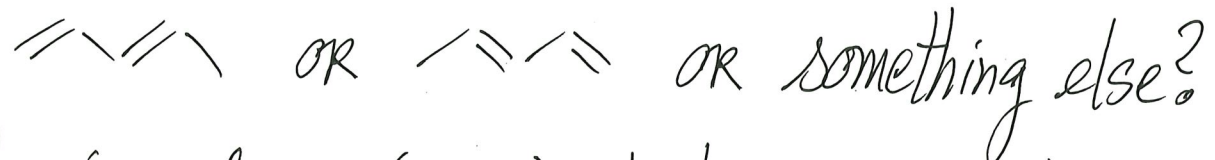
# LUMO - HOMO Difference



LUMO-HOMO energy difference<sup>†</sup>

controls material's absorption/emission frequency

How about butadiene?



Behavior of  $p_z$  (or  $\pi$ ) electrons in graphene,  $C_{60}$ ?

Delocalizing is key to physics of metals

<sup>†</sup> The LUMO-HOMO difference becomes the band gap in insulators/semiconductors