

# Molecular orbitals

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# Homonuclear diatomic molecules

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H<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, ...

$$H_{\text{mo}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla^2 - \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_A|} - \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_B|}$$

All homonuclear diatomic molecules use the molecular orbitals of H<sub>2</sub>.

$$\psi_{\text{mo}} = c_1\phi_{1s,A}^Z + c_2\phi_{1s,B}^Z + c_3\phi_{2s,A}^Z + c_4\phi_{2s,B}^Z + c_5\phi_{2p_x,A}^Z + c_6\phi_{2p_x,B}^Z + \dots$$

The Hamiltonian matrix is as large as the number of atomic orbitals in the molecular orbital sum.

# Homonuclear diatomic molecules

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$$\psi_{\text{mo}} = \sum_{p=1}^N c_p \phi_p$$

$$H_{\text{mo}} \psi_{\text{mo}} = E \psi_{\text{mo}}$$

Roothaan equations:

$$\langle \phi_1 | H_{\text{mo}} | \psi_{\text{mo}} \rangle = E \langle \phi_1 | \psi_{\text{mo}} \rangle$$

$$\langle \phi_2 | H_{\text{mo}} | \psi_{\text{mo}} \rangle = E \langle \phi_2 | \psi_{\text{mo}} \rangle$$

$\vdots$

$$\langle \phi_N | H_{\text{mo}} | \psi_{\text{mo}} \rangle = E \langle \phi_N | \psi_{\text{mo}} \rangle$$

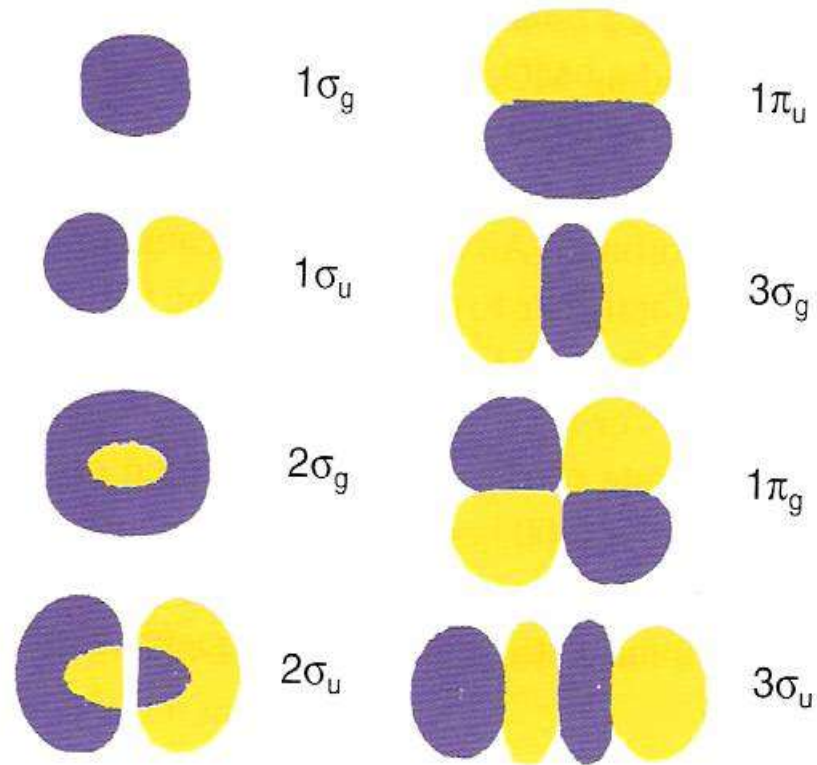
$$\begin{bmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} & \cdots & H_{1N} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} & \cdots & H_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ H_{N1} & H_{N2} & \cdots & H_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_N \end{bmatrix} = E \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & \cdots & S_{1N} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & \cdots & S_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ S_{N1} & S_{N2} & \cdots & S_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_N \end{bmatrix}$$

As many molecular orbitals as unknown coefficients  $c$

# Homonuclear diatomic molecules

All homonuclear diatomic molecules use the molecular orbitals of  $H_2$ .

$$1\sigma_g < 1\sigma_u < 2\sigma_g < 2\sigma_u < 3\sigma_g \sim 1\pi_u < 1\pi_g < 3\sigma_u$$

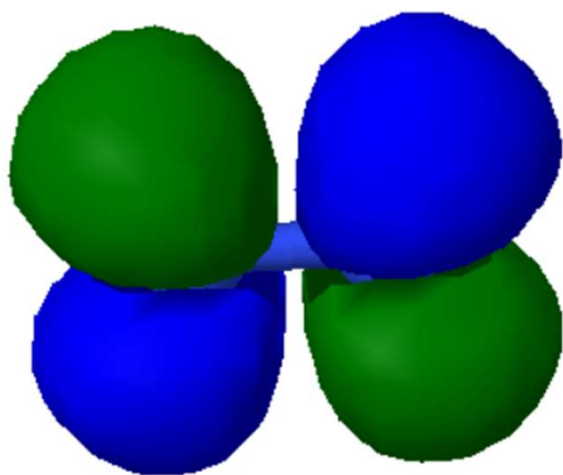


g  $\rightarrow$  inversion symmetry

from: Blinder, Introduction to Quantum Mechanics

## N<sub>2</sub>

How were these orbitals calculated and what do the numbers mean?



Model:    
Molecular orbitals:

Energy = 0.70042ev

<http://lampx.tugraz.at/~hadley/ss1/molecules/N2/N2.php>

number of electron pairs shared

**TABLE 11.1 ► Homonuclear Diatomic Molecules**

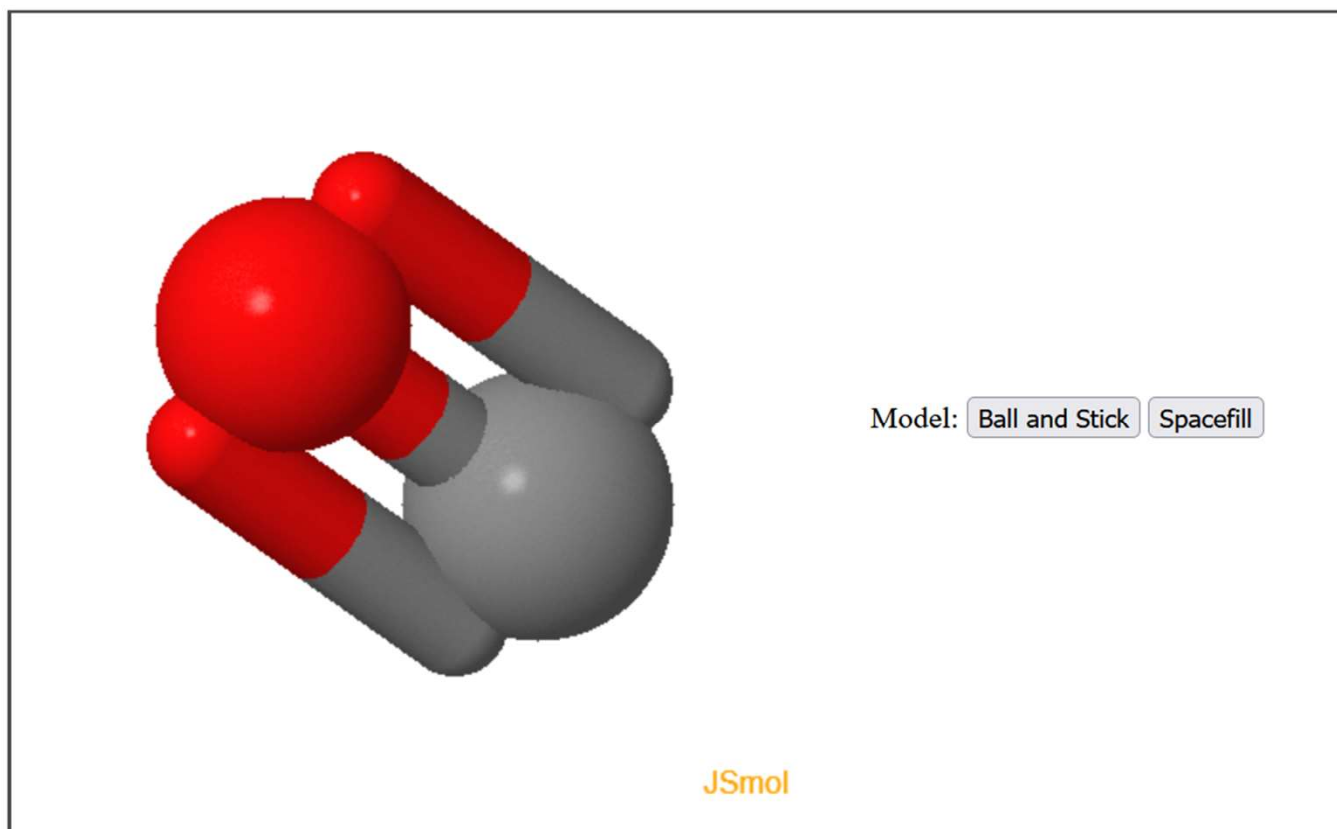
Molecule	Electron Configuration	Bond Order	$D_e$ /eV	$R_{ej}$ /Å
$H_2^+$	$1\sigma_g \ 2\Sigma_g^+$	0.5	2.79	1.06
$H_2$	$1\sigma_g^2 \ 1\Sigma_g^+$	1	4.75	0.741
$He_2$	$1\sigma_g^2 1\sigma_u^2 \ 1\Sigma_g^+$	0	0.0009 <sup>a</sup>	3.0
	$1\sigma_g^2 1\sigma_u 2\sigma_g \ 3\Sigma_u^+ \ b$	1	2.6	1.05
$He_2^+$	$1\sigma_g^2 1\sigma_u \ 2\Sigma_u^+$	0.5	2.5	1.08
$Li_2$	$1\sigma_g^2 1\sigma_u^2 2\sigma_g^2 \ 1\Sigma_g^+$	1	1.07	2.67
$Be_2$	$1\sigma_g^2 1\sigma_u^2 2\sigma_g^2 2\sigma_u^2 \ 1\Sigma_g^+$	0	0.1	2.5
$B_2$	$\dots 1\pi_u^2 \ 3\Sigma_g^- \ c$	1	3.0	1.59
$C_2$	$\dots 1\pi_u^4 \ 1\Sigma_g^+$	2	6.3	1.24
$N_2$	$\dots 1\pi_u^4 3\sigma_g^2 \ 1\Sigma_g^+$	3	9.91	1.10
$N_2^+$	$\dots 1\pi_u^4 3\sigma_g \ 2\Sigma_g^+$	2.5	8.85 <sup>d</sup>	1.12
$O_2$	$\dots 3\sigma_g^2 1\pi_u^4 1\pi_g^2 \ 3\Sigma_g^- \ c,e$	2	5.21	1.21
$O_2^+$	$\dots 3\sigma_g^2 1\pi_u^4 1\pi_g \ 2\Pi_g$	2.5	6.78 <sup>d</sup>	1.12
$F_2$	$\dots 1\pi_u^4 3\sigma_g^2 1\pi_g^4 \ 1\Sigma_g^+$	1	1.66	1.41

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## Molecular orbitals of carbon monoxide determined by LCAO

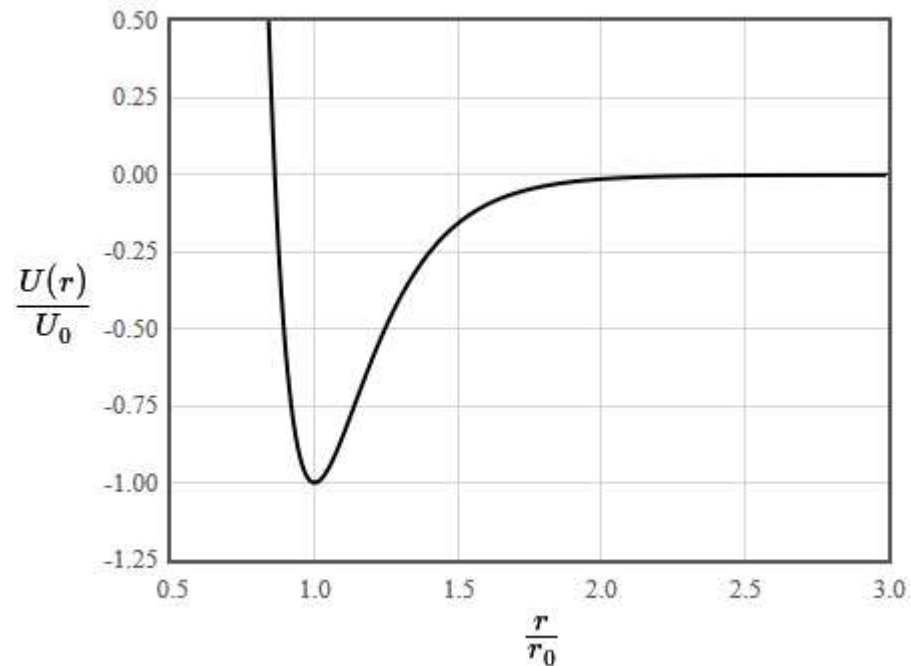
Carbon monoxide CO consists of one carbon atom and one oxygen atom. The bond length is 1.128 Å.



# Bond potentials

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$$E = \frac{\langle \Psi | H_{elec} | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle}$$



Calculate the energies for different atomic distances.  
The minimum yields the bond length and bond strength.

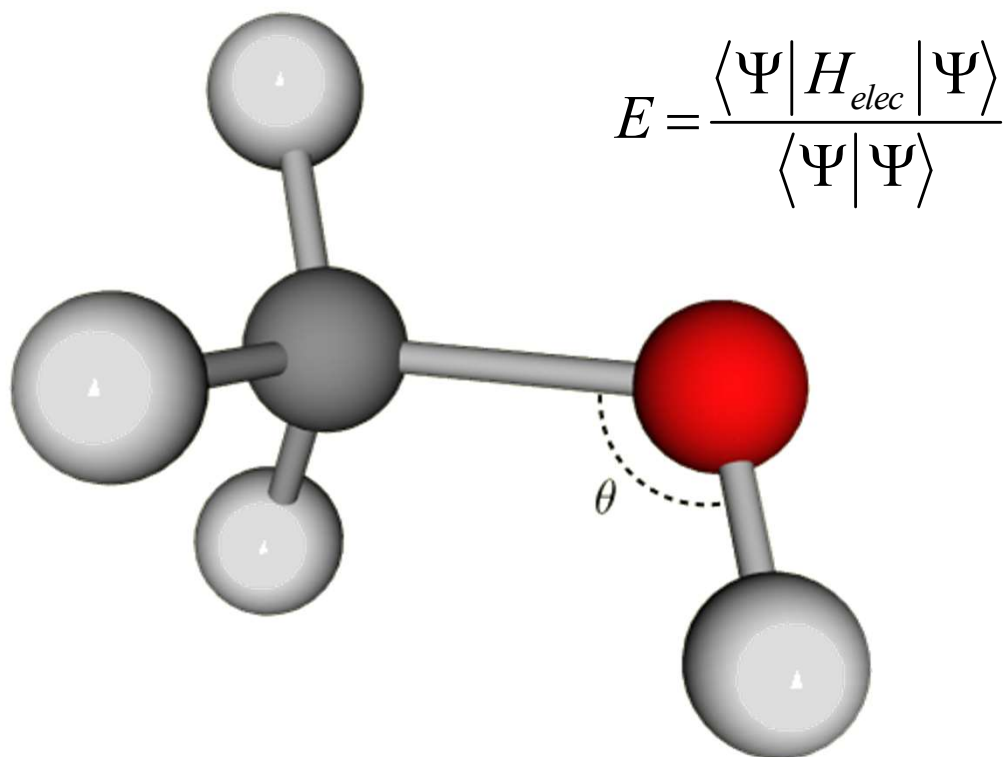


<b>Bondlength (nm) and bond energy (eV)</b>					
Bond	Length	Energy	Bond	Length	Energy
H--H	0.074	4.52	H--C	0.109	4.28
C--C	0.154	3.61	H--N	0.101	4.05
C=C	0.134	6.36	H--F	0.092	5.89
C≡C	0.120	8.70	H--O	0.096	3.79
C--O	0.143	3.73	H--Cl	0.127	4.48
C--S	0.182	2.82	H--Br	0.141	3.79
C--F	0.135	5.06	H--I	0.161	3.09
C--Cl	0.177	3.42	N--N	0.145	1.76
C--Br	0.194	2.98	I--I	0.267	1.57
C--I	0.214	2.24	O--O	0.148	1.50
C--N	0.147	3.19	O=O	0.121	5.16
N--N	0.145	1.76	N≡N	0.110	9.79
O--O	0.148	1.50	Cl-Cl	0.199	2.52
F--F	0.142	1.64	Br-Br	0.228	2.00

# Bond angles

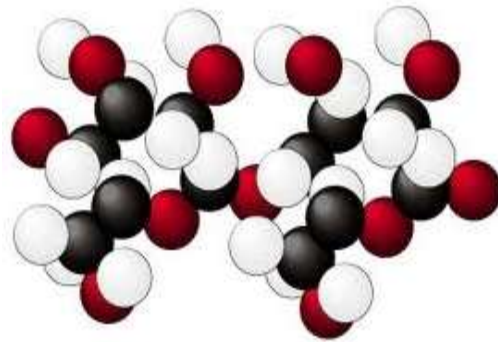
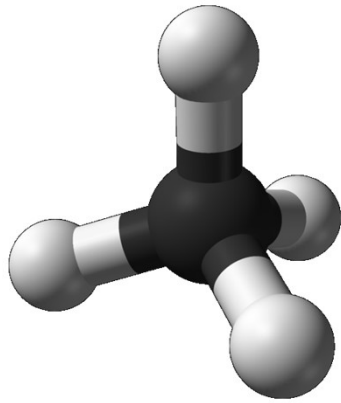
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Find the angle that minimizes the energy.

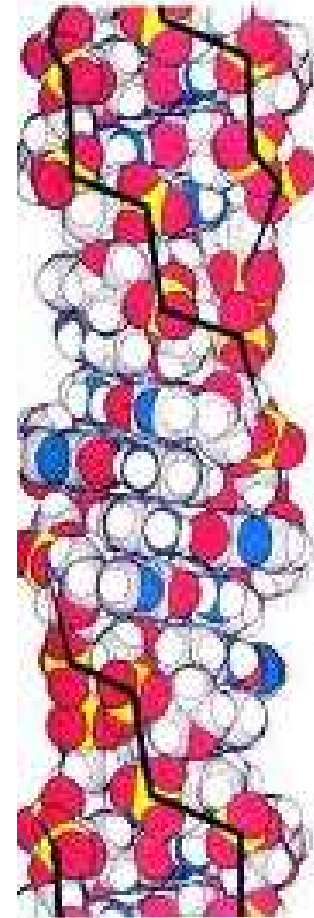
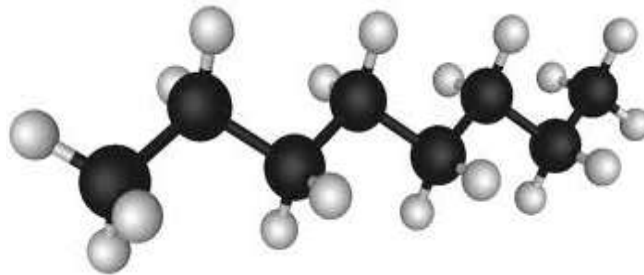
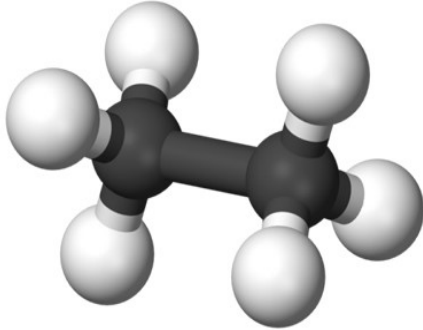


# Shape of a molecule

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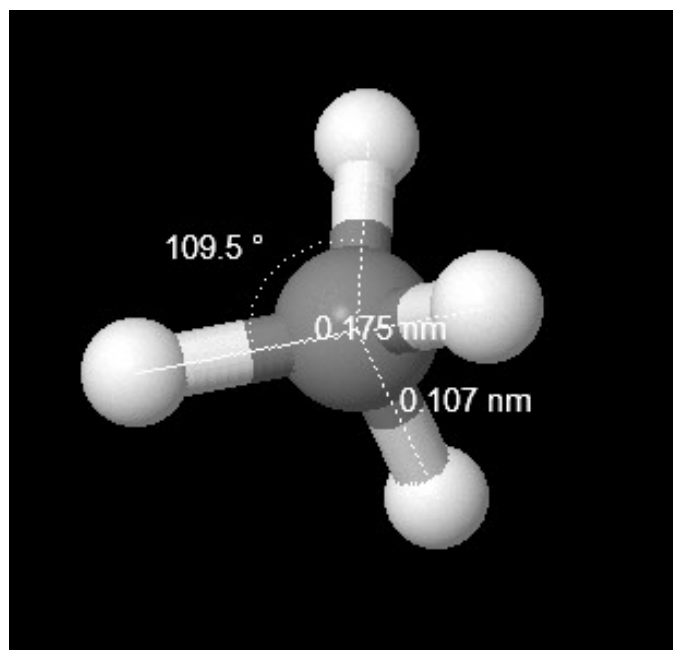


$$H_{elec} = -\sum_i \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla_i^2 - \sum_{i,A} \frac{Z_A e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{iA}} + \sum_{i<j} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{ij}} + \sum_{A<B} \frac{Z_A Z_B e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{AB}}$$



# Shape of a molecule

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In Jmol, double click to start and stop a measurement.

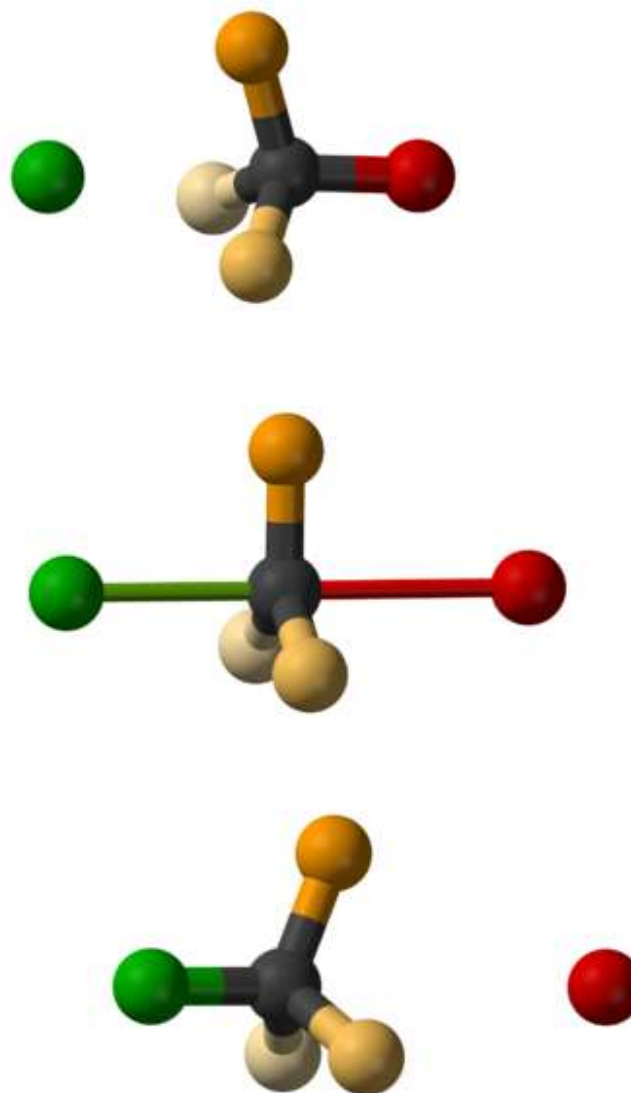
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# Chemical reactions

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To calculate the speed of a chemical reaction, solve the time-dependent Schrödinger equation.



# Benzene

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42 electrons

hydrogen 1s  
carbon 1s, 2s, 2p

36 relevant atomic orbitals

$$\psi_{mo} = c_1\varphi_{1s}^{C1} + \dots c_7\varphi_{1s}^{H1} + \dots c_{13}\varphi_{2s}^{C1} + \dots c_{19}\varphi_{2px}^{C1} + \dots c_{25}\varphi_{2py}^{C1} + \dots c_{31}\varphi_{2pz}^{C1} + \dots c_{36}\varphi_{2pz}^{C6}$$

# Benzene

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$$\begin{bmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 & \dots & 0 & H_{12} \\ H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 & & 0 \\ 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & & 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} \\ H_{12} & 0 & \dots & 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \\ \vdots \\ c_N \end{bmatrix} = E \begin{bmatrix} 1 & S_{12} & 0 & \dots & 0 & S_{12} \\ S_{12} & 1 & S_{12} & 0 & & 0 \\ 0 & S_{12} & 1 & S_{12} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & & 0 & S_{12} & 1 & S_{12} \\ S_{12} & 0 & \dots & 0 & S_{12} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \\ \vdots \\ c_N \end{bmatrix}$$

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1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	1

↑  
C 1s

0

H 1s, C 2s, 2p<sub>x</sub>, 2p<sub>y</sub>

0

0

1	$S_{12}$	0	0	0	$S_{12}$
$S_{12}$	1	$S_{12}$	0	0	0
0	$S_{12}$	1	$S_{12}$	0	0
0	0	$S_{12}$	1	$S_{12}$	0
0	0	0	$S_{12}$	1	$S_{12}$
$S_{12}$	0	0	0	$S_{12}$	1

← C 2p<sub>z</sub>

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Assume the valence molecular orbital is

$$\Psi_{MO} = c_1\phi_{2p_z,1}^C + c_2\phi_{2p_z,2}^C + c_3\phi_{2p_z,3}^C + c_4\phi_{2p_z,4}^C + c_5\phi_{2p_z,5}^C + c_6\phi_{2p_z,6}^C$$

$$H\Psi_{MO} = E\Psi_{MO}$$

# Benzene



$$\begin{bmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & H_{12} \\ H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} \\ H_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \\ c_5 \\ c_6 \end{bmatrix} = E \begin{bmatrix} 1 & S_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{12} \\ S_{12} & 1 & S_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S_{12} & 1 & S_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & S_{12} & 1 & S_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{12} & 1 & S_{12} \\ S_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{12} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \\ c_5 \\ c_6 \end{bmatrix} .$$

$$H_{ij} = \langle \phi_{2p_z}^C(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i) | H_{\text{mo}} | \phi_{2p_z}^C(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_j) \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad S_{ij} = \langle \phi_{2p_z}^C(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i) | \phi_{2p_z}^C(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_j) \rangle$$

# Translation operator

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$$T\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \\ u_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T^2\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \\ u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

T and T<sup>2</sup> have the same eigenvectors

# Translation operator

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$$\mathbf{T}^N = \mathbf{I}$$

$$\mathbf{T}^N \vec{u} = \mathbf{I} \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{T}^{-1} \vec{u} = \mathbf{T}^{N-1} \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_6 \\ u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

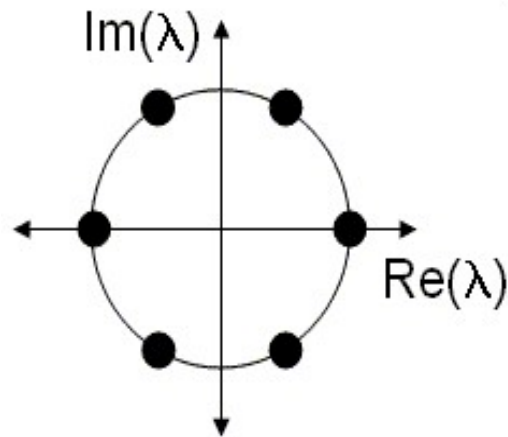
# Eigen values of the translation operator

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$$T\vec{u} = \lambda\vec{u}$$

$$T^N\vec{u} = \lambda^N\vec{u} = \vec{u}$$

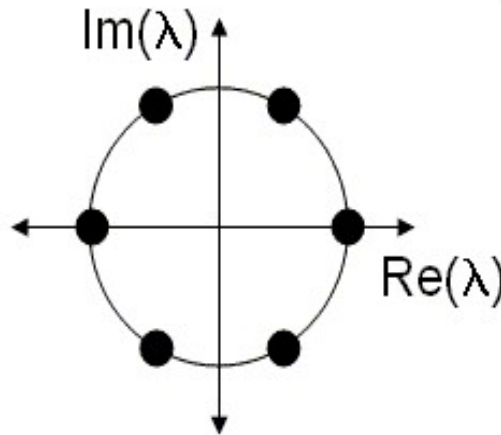
$$\lambda^N = 1$$



For each eigenvalue, solve  $(T - \lambda I)\vec{u} = 0$  to determine the eigenvectors.

# Eigen vectors of the translation operator

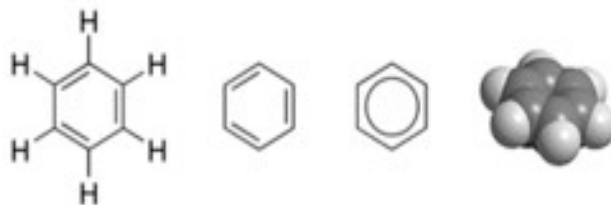
$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ e^{i\pi j/3} \\ e^{i2\pi j/3} \\ e^{i\pi j} \\ e^{-i2\pi j/3} \\ e^{-i\pi j/3} \end{bmatrix} \quad j = 1, \dots, 6$$

$$1, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; e^{i2\pi/6}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ e^{i2\pi/6} \\ e^{i4\pi/6} \\ e^{i6\pi/6} \\ e^{i8\pi/6} \\ e^{i10\pi/6} \end{bmatrix}; e^{i4\pi/6}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ e^{i4\pi/6} \\ e^{i8\pi/6} \\ e^{i12\pi/6} \\ e^{i16\pi/6} \\ e^{i20\pi/6} \end{bmatrix}; -1, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}; e^{i8\pi/6}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ e^{i8\pi/6} \\ e^{i16\pi/6} \\ e^{i24\pi/6} \\ e^{i32\pi/6} \\ e^{i40\pi/6} \end{bmatrix}; e^{i10\pi/6}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ e^{i10\pi/6} \\ e^{i20\pi/6} \\ e^{i30\pi/6} \\ e^{i40\pi/6} \\ e^{i50\pi/6} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Benzene



$$\begin{bmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & H_{12} \\ H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} \\ H_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \\ c_5 \\ c_6 \end{bmatrix} = E \begin{bmatrix} 1 & S_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{12} \\ S_{12} & 1 & S_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S_{12} & 1 & S_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & S_{12} & 1 & S_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{12} & 1 & S_{12} \\ S_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{12} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \\ c_5 \\ c_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H = H_{11}\mathbf{I} + H_{12}\mathbf{T} + H_{12}\mathbf{T}^{-1}$$

$$S = \mathbf{I} + S_{12}\mathbf{T} + S_{12}\mathbf{T}^{-1}$$



# Benzene



$$\begin{bmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & H_{12} \\ H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} \\ H_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ e^{i\pi j/3} \\ e^{i2\pi j/3} \\ e^{i\pi j} \\ e^{-i2\pi j/3} \\ e^{-i\pi j/3} \end{bmatrix} = H_{11} + H_{12} \left( e^{i\pi j/3} + e^{-i\pi j/3} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ e^{i\pi j/3} \\ e^{i2\pi j/3} \\ e^{i\pi j} \\ e^{-i2\pi j/3} \\ e^{-i\pi j/3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{i\pi j/3} + e^{-i\pi j/3} = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi j}{3}\right)$$

$$j = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

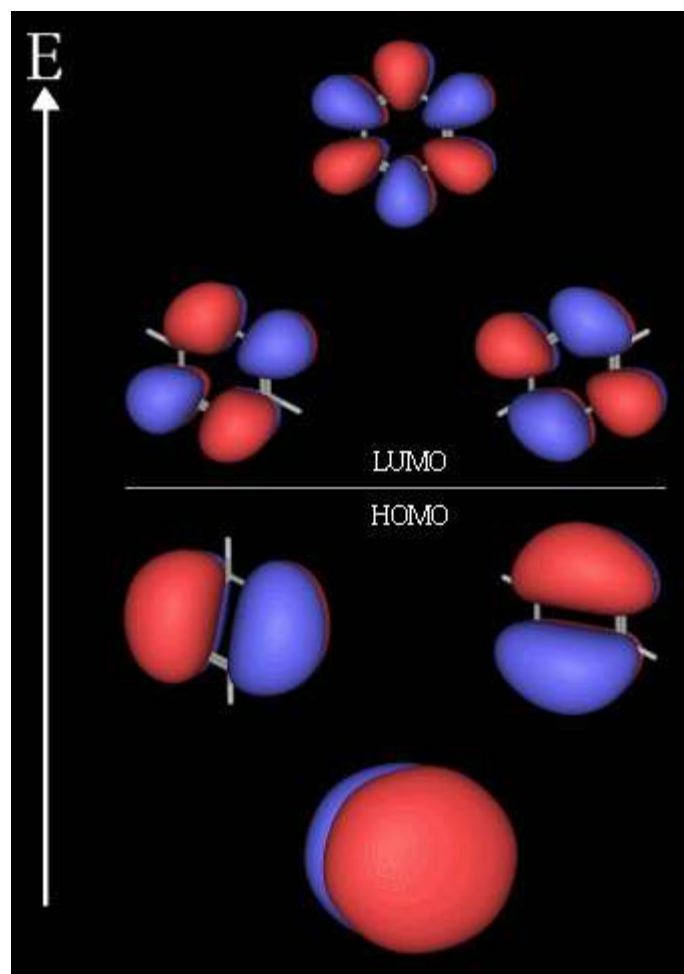
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$$\psi_j = \varphi_{2p_z1}^C + e^{i\pi j/3} \varphi_{2p_z2}^C + e^{i2\pi j/3} \varphi_{2p_z3}^C + e^{i\pi j} \varphi_{2p_z4}^C + e^{-i2\pi j/3} \varphi_{2p_z5}^C + e^{-i\pi j/3} \varphi_{2p_z6}^C$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \\ c_5 \\ c_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ e^{i\pi j/3} \\ e^{i2\pi j/3} \\ e^{i\pi j} \\ e^{-i2\pi j/3} \\ e^{-i\pi j/3} \end{bmatrix}$$

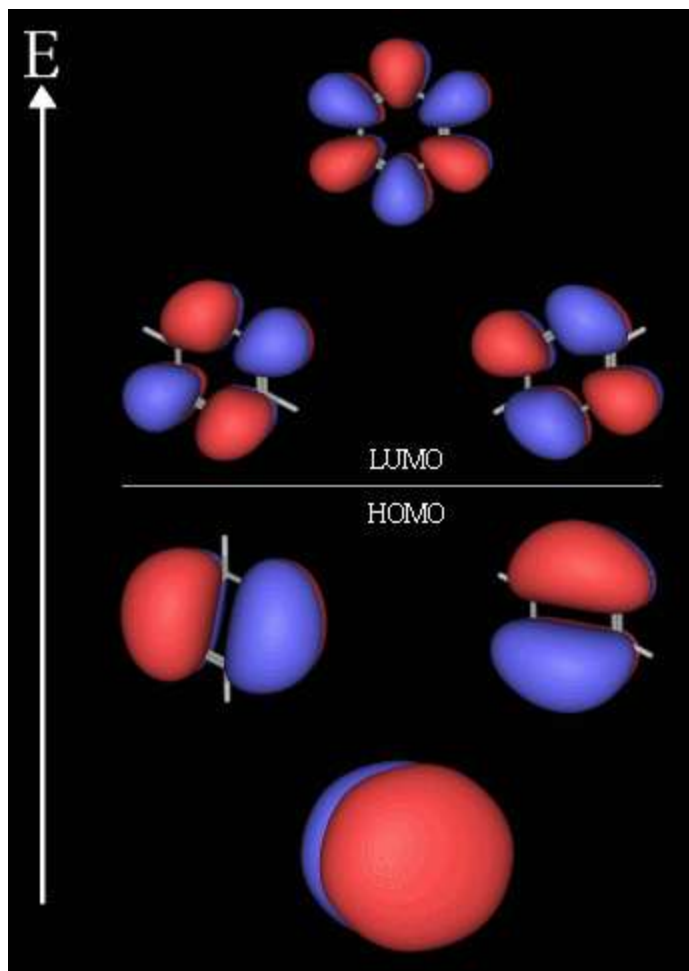
$$E_{\text{mo},j} = \frac{H_{11} + 2H_{12} \cos\left(\frac{\pi j}{3}\right)}{1 + 2S_{12} \cos\left(\frac{\pi j}{3}\right)}$$

$$j = 1, 2, \dots, 6.$$

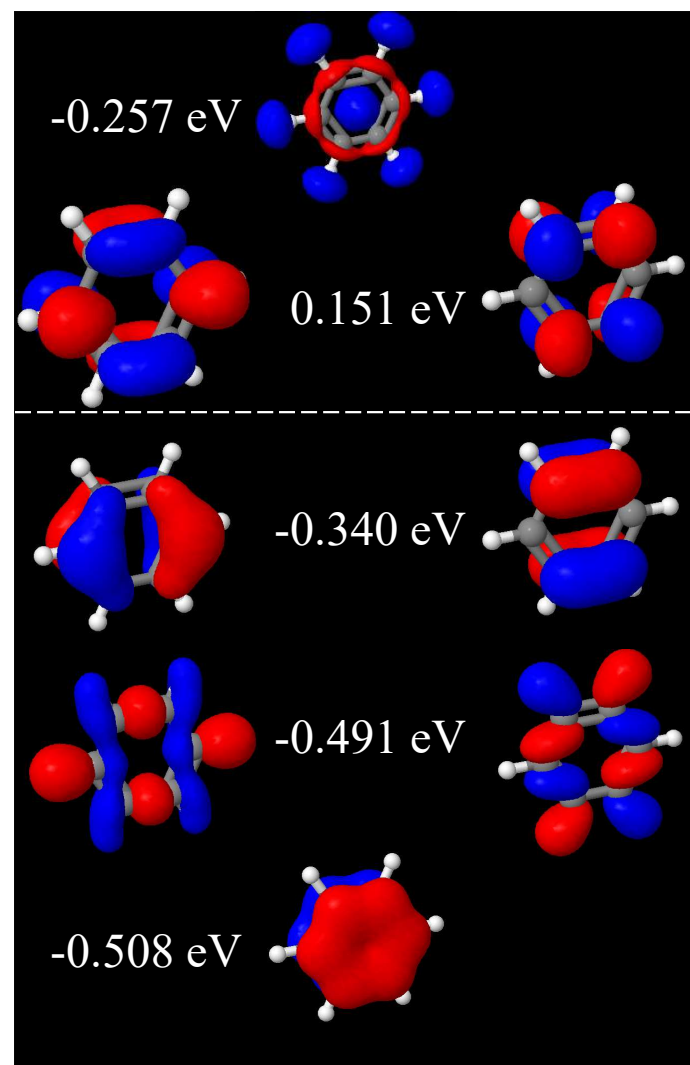


# Molecular orbitals benzene

<http://www.chemcomp.com/journal/molorbbs.htm>



$$E_j = H_{11} + 2H_{12} \cos\left(\frac{\pi j}{3}\right) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$$



<http://www.stolaf.edu/people/hansonr/jmol/mo/>

## Molecular orbitals of a conjugated ring

The Roothaan equations for a conjugated ring of  $N$  atoms have the form,

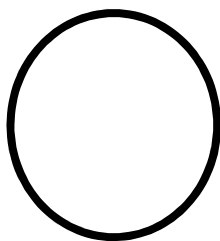
$$\begin{bmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & H_{12} \\ H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} & 0 & & 0 \\ 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & & 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} & H_{12} \\ H_{12} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & H_{12} & H_{11} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \\ \vdots \\ c_N \end{bmatrix} = E \begin{bmatrix} 1 & S_{12} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & S_{12} \\ S_{12} & 1 & S_{12} & 0 & & 0 \\ 0 & S_{12} & 1 & S_{12} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & & 0 & S_{12} & 1 & S_{12} \\ S_{12} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & S_{12} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \\ \vdots \\ c_N \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$E_{\text{mo},j} = \frac{H_{11} + 2H_{12} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi j}{N}\right)}{1 + 2S_{12} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi j}{N}\right)} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N.$$

$$\psi_{\text{mo},j} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=1}^N \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi nj}{N}\right) \phi_{2pz}^C(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N.$$

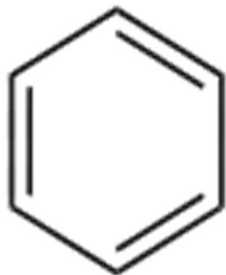
# Particles confined to a ring

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$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(\theta) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2mR^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} = E\psi(\theta)$$

$$\psi_n = \frac{e^{in\theta}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$



$$E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 n^2}{2mR^2}$$

Aromatic molecules obey Hückel's  $4n + 2$  rule  
Molecules that don't obey the  $4n+2$  rule are radicals