

HW 9.5.24

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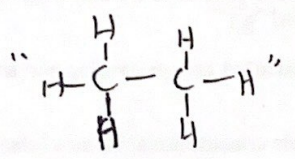
Topics: VSEPR and molecular geometry

Orbitals and phasing

Bonding

Hybridization.

Recall: Lewis structures → show bonding/connectivity between atoms



But we don't know how atoms are arranged in 3D  
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Need something else to understand molecular geometry

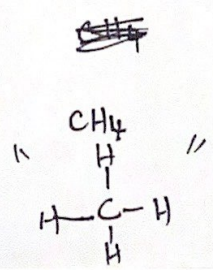
VSEPR model: valence shell electron pair repulsion.

↳ predicts molecular geometry

↳ place all "group" (bonds, lone pairs) as far apart as possible.

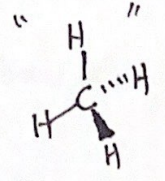
↳ single/double/triple bonds, all are one region of  $e^-$  density predicted bond angle.

Ex:



# of regions of  $e^-$  density around a central atom

4



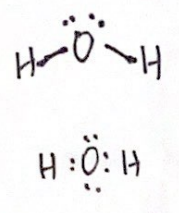
VSEPR predicted geometry

tetrahedral

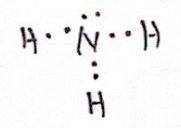
109.5°



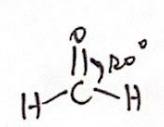
	# of regions of $e^-$ density around a central atom	VSEPR predicted geometry	predicted bond angle (2)
Ex. $H_2O$	4	tetrahedral	$109.5^\circ$



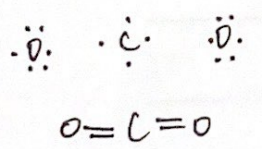
$NH_3$	4	tetrahedral	$109.5^\circ$
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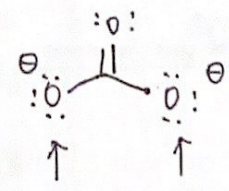
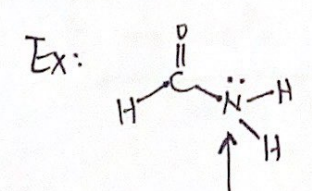
	3	trigonal planar	$120^\circ$
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$CO_2$	2	linear	$180^\circ$
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This table and VSEPR breaks down for some molecules:



Not tetrahedral (not  $sp^3$  hybridized) as VSEPR predicts.



VSEPR will accurately predict structures when we consider all valid contributing structures

(we'll get back to this after hybridization)

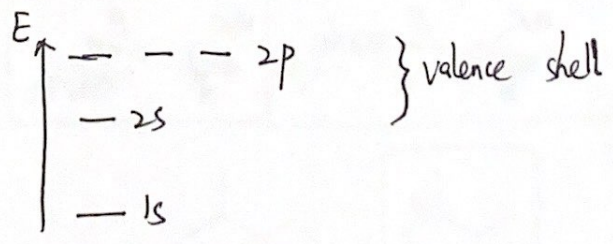
"Where are the electrons?"

↳ surrounded nuclei, but in specific regions.

$e^-$  exist in "orbitals" → 3D locations around nuclei where  $e^-$  are → have specific energies.

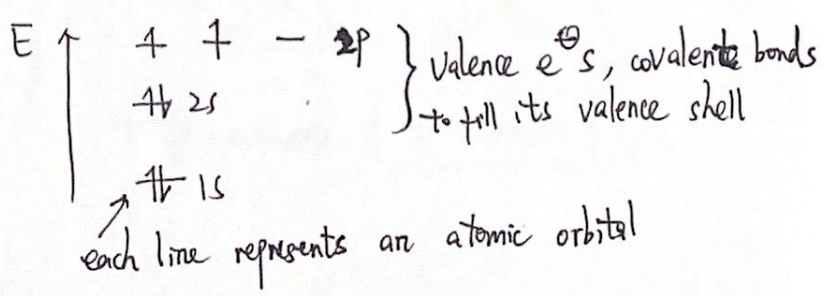
orbitals have defined energies, shapes

$e^-$  configuration diagram shows distribution of  $e^-$ s in atoms



"C" atom  
"[1, 2, 3, ...]" determines valence shell:  
"shell" "C" is in row 2, valence  $e^-$ s are in 2nd shell.

${}^6_6\text{C} \rightarrow 6e^-$   
4 valence  $e^-$ s



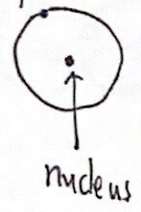


# orbital shape

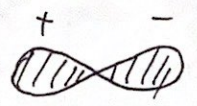
s-orbitals → held closer to the nuclei

p-orbitals → have +/- phasing

3D spheres

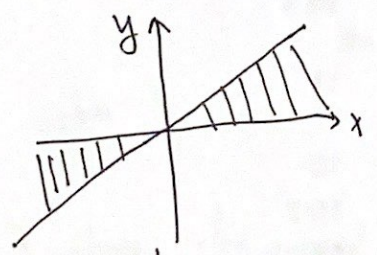


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lower in energy than p orbitals



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e<sup>-</sup> density is equal in +/- lobes

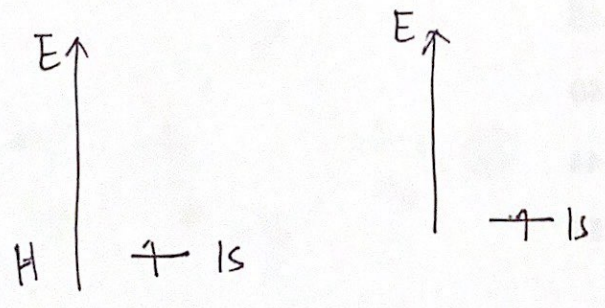
phasing: +/- answers to math solutions that describe orbitals.



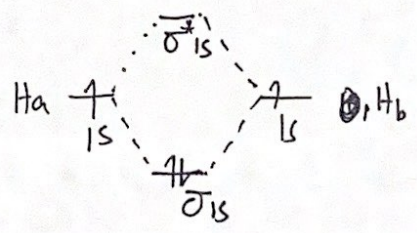
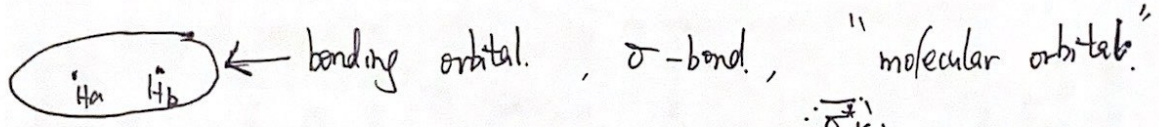
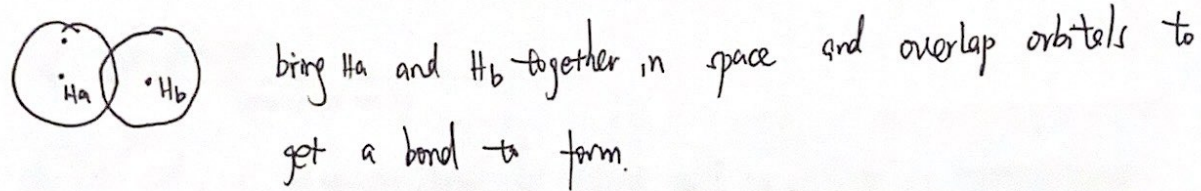
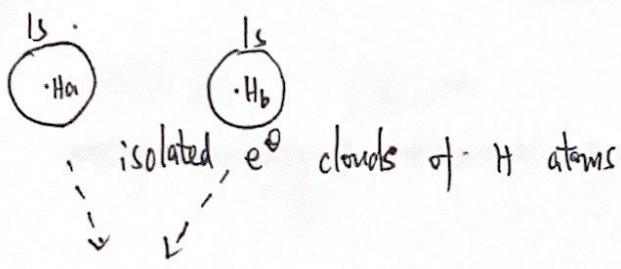
the area is the same, the sign is different.

Let's look at bonding of H<sub>2</sub>.

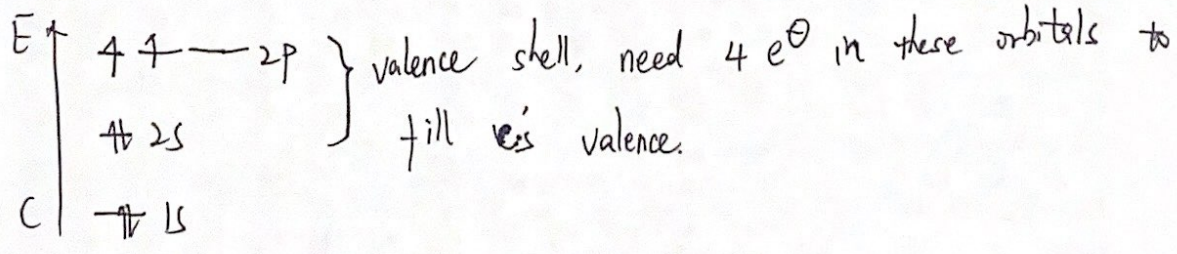
H: 1e<sup>-</sup> → to fill valence shell → need 2nd e<sup>-</sup>



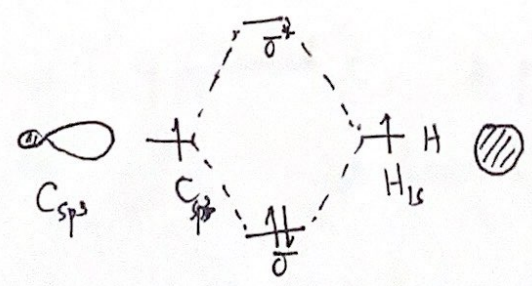
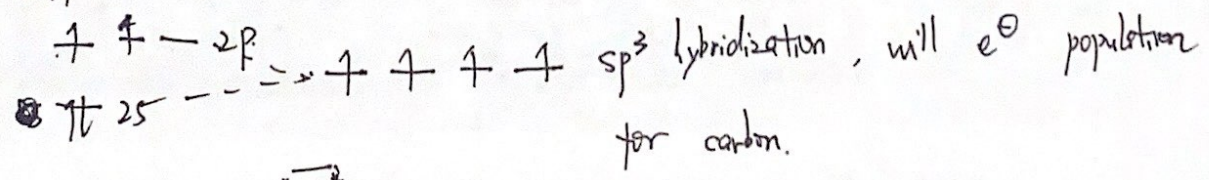




e<sup>-</sup> configuration for carbon:

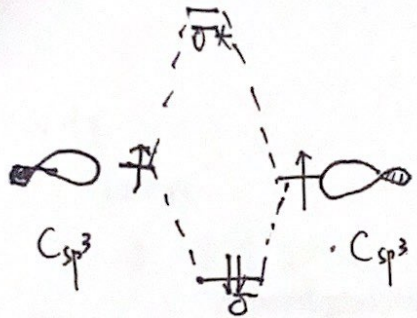
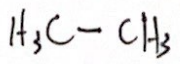


CH<sub>4</sub>

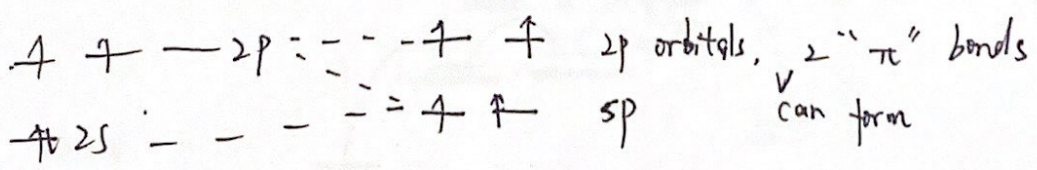
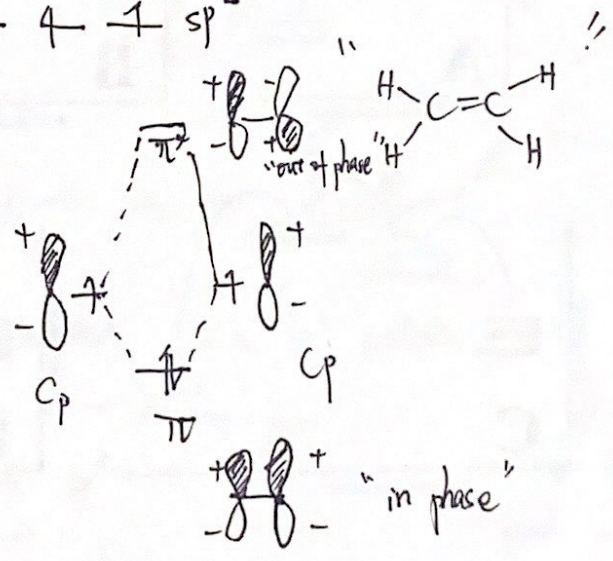
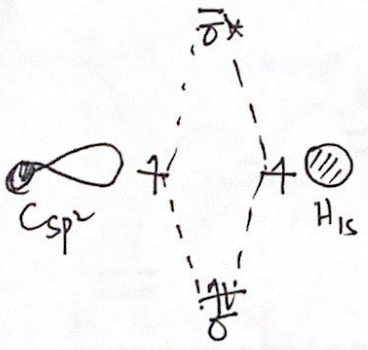
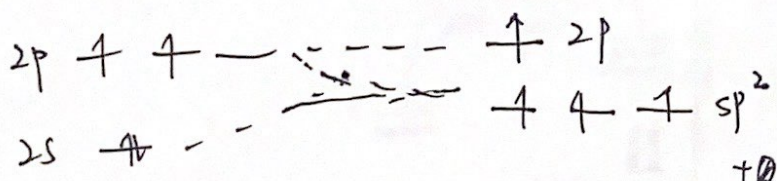




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$sp^3$  hybridization



H-C#C-H  $sp$  hybridized C, 2 p orbitals, 2  $sp$  orbitals.

H2C=CH2, H-C(=O)-H  $sp^2$  hybridized C,  $sp^2$  orbitals  $\times 3$ , p orbital  $\times 1$

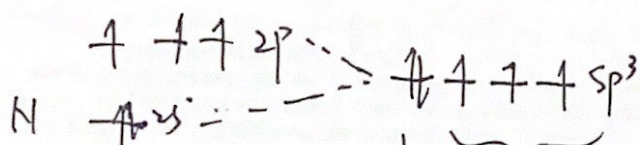
CH4  $sp^3$  hybridized C,  $sp^3$  orbitals  $\times 4$ , no p orbitals

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Can't make  $\pi$  bonds!

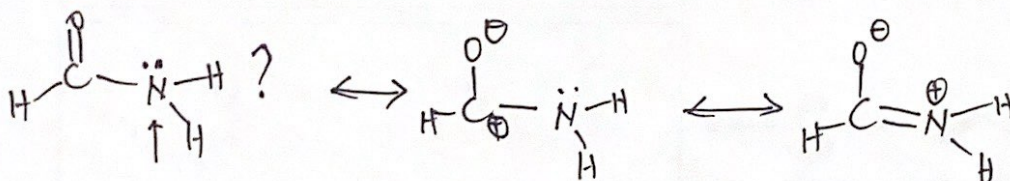
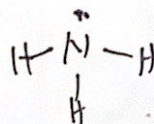


NH<sub>3</sub>

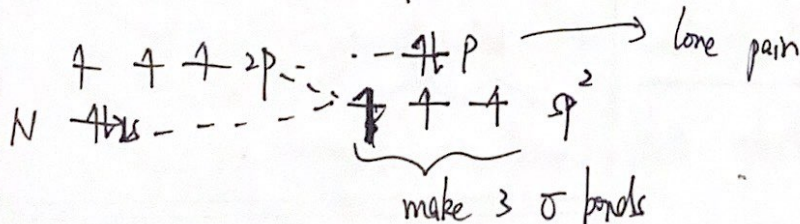
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make covalent bond to fill electrons.  
 lone pair



N is sp<sup>2</sup> hybridized, 3 x sp<sup>2</sup> orbitals, 1 p orbital.



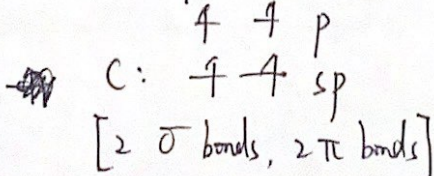
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 to form "π" bond in the minor contributing structure.

HCN

H-C≡N:

2 π bonds

C: sp hybridized:  
 2 x sp orbitals  
 2 x p orbitals



N: sp hybridized  
 2 x sp orbitals  
 2 x p orbitals

