Chemistry 1B

Fall 2016

Sessions-Lectures 15-16
Covalent Bonding and Geometry
in Polyatomic Molecules

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LISTEN UP!!!

- WE WILL NOW BE COVERING THE FIRST PART OF CHAPTER 14 (pp 663-676) AND THEN (688-692)
- You will go CRAZY unless you concentrate on the material presented in lecture and homework

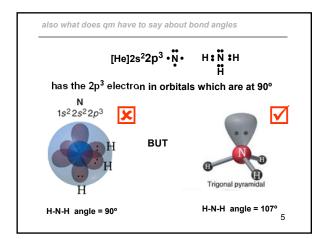
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covalent bonding in polyatomic molecules

- similar to bonding in diatomic molecules in that ao's on one atom constructively interfere with on second atom to form bonds
- new twist is that the covalent bonds can involve more than one ao on each atom (we had a taste of this with the extra 2s-2p interactions in the B₂, C₂, N₂ diatomics)

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what "bonds" would atoms in their ground atomic states form ? bonding with H • expected from atomic configuration [He] 2s Li • Li-H [He]2s2 Be no bonds but BeH2 exists [He]2s²2p B• **8** B-H but also BH₃ [He]2s²2p² C.• CH₂ but also CH₄ [He]2s²2p³ •N • NH₃ also H₂O and HF



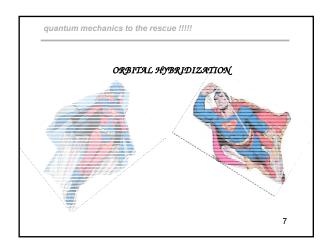
so what's wrong with electrons in atomic configuration ???

Observed increased stability (lower energy) over 'atomic' ground state configuration via:

- formation of additional covalent bonds
- arrangement of electron groups to minimize repulsion

How does one account for:

- formation of additional bonds over what would be expected from atomic electron configuration
- bond angles different than those between atomic [p]orbitals



In forming covalent bonds an atom may use higher energy ao's which are not occupied in the ground state of the isolated atom.

Energy costs (disadvantages of hybrid orbitals)

• uses 'higher' energy ao's

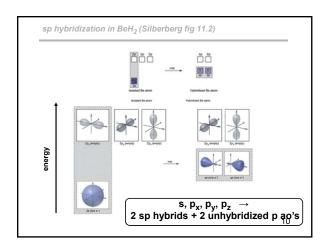
Energy gains (advantages of hybrid orbitals)

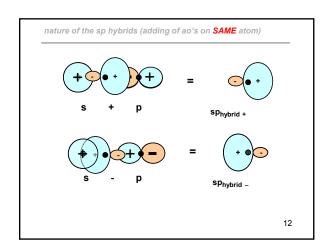
• form more covalent bonds than in atomic configuration

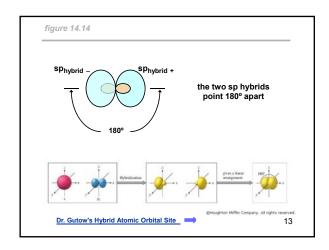
• gives geometry where electron groups minimize repulsion (a la VSEPR)

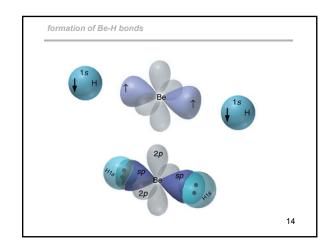
• gives better overlap (constructive interference between orbitals on two atoms forming a bond)

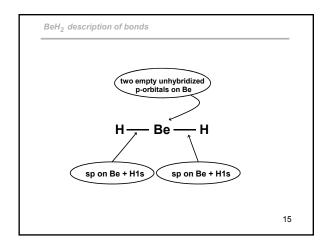
Zumdahl: $sp^3 \rightarrow sp^2 \rightarrow sp$ SUS: $sp \rightarrow sp^2 \rightarrow sp^3$ S



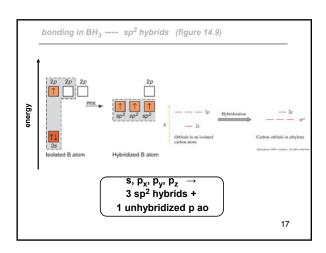


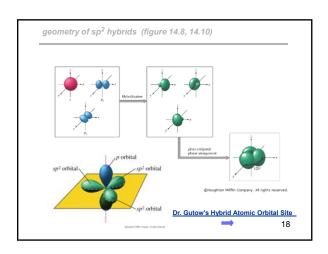


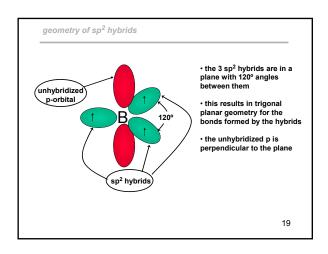


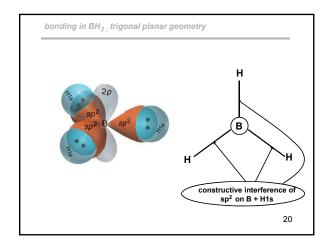


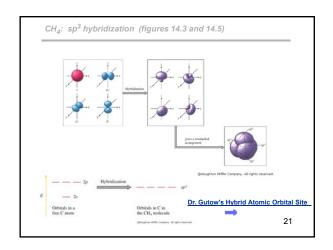
hybridization vs bonding
The 'first' step of hybridization involves combining orbitals on A SINGLE atom. This may involve orbitals which do not have NET overlap (e.g. 2s and 2p) to get the hybrid orbitals (e.g. sp₊ and sp_)
Since there is no net interference, this step involves NO change of energy from that of the average of the a.o. energies [i.e. sp hybrids have average energy of ½ (E_{2s}+E_{2p})]
Bonding occurs when the hybrids on TWO atoms constructively interfere to give a lower energy localized m.o. (a chemical bond)

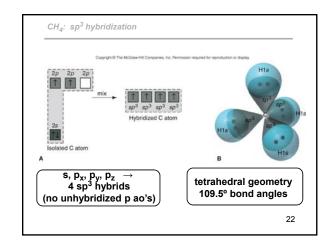


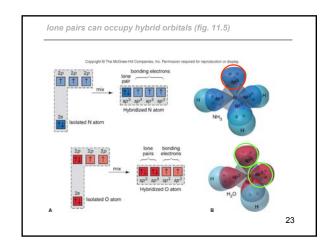


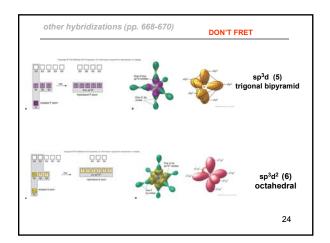


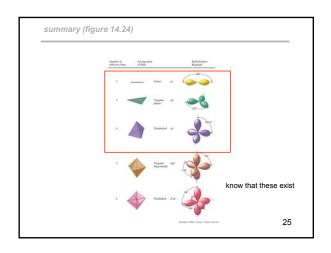


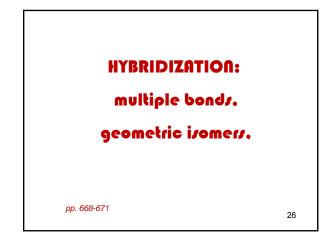


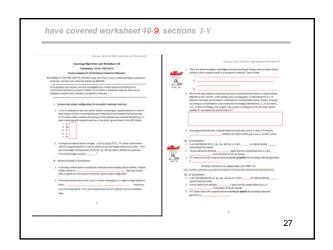


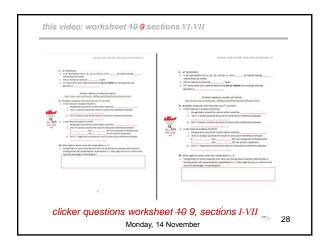


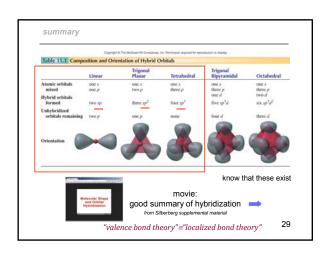


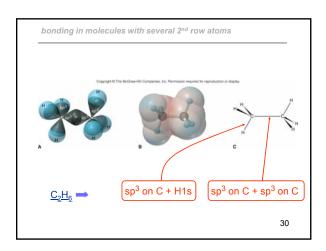


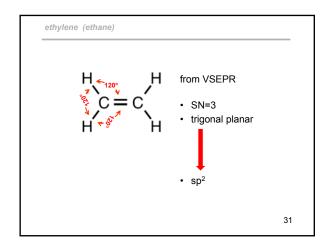


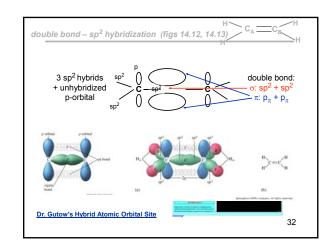


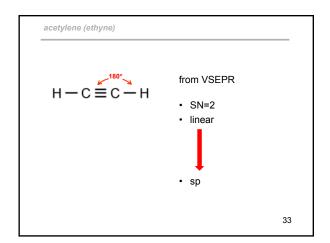


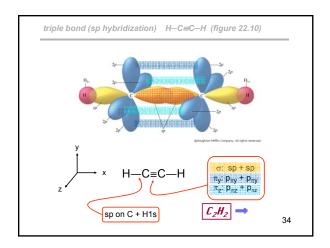












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that is the question?

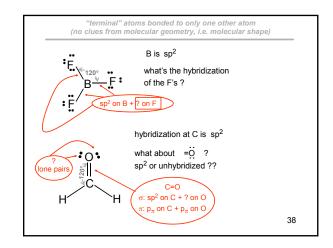
Bond angles: H₂O (105°) vs H₂S (92.2°)
NH₃ (107°) vs PH₃ (93.4°)

• As the central atom becomes larger the bond angles reflect unhybridized p oribital aos.

• These are cases where hybridization would be driven by reduction of electron group repulsion and increased bonding overlap (same number of bonds if unhybridized or hybridized).

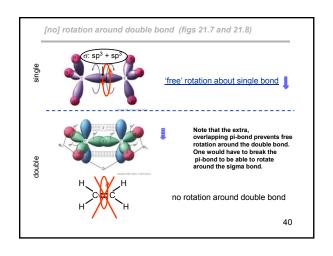
• As the central atom gets larger, the repulsion between electron groups (e.g. lone pairs) decreases and thus the atom is more likely to remain unhybridized.

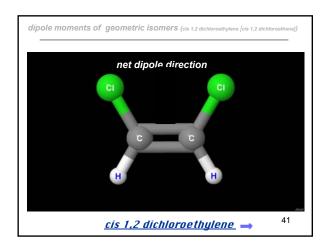


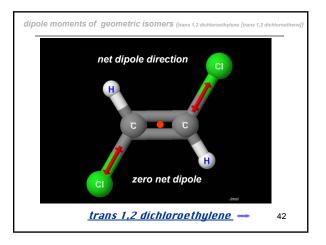


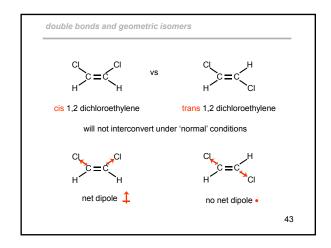
when there is no experimental structural evidence, the state of hybridization state in terminal atoms is often obtained from quantum mechanical calculations

in our next class session, we will look at some examples and come to an "agreement" on what are appropriate specifications for the state of hybridization for various bonding situations

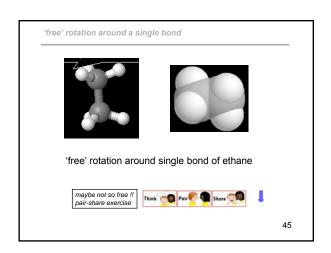


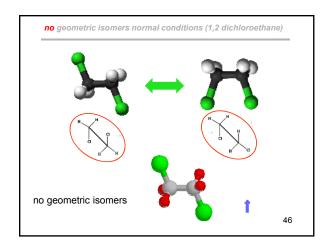


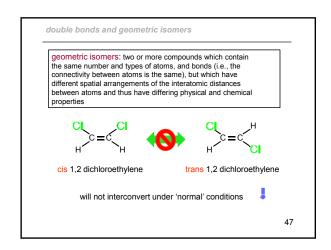


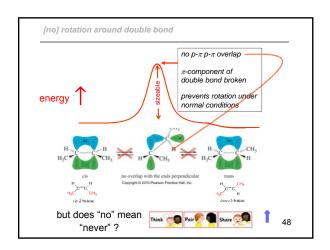


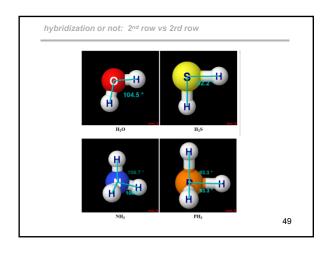




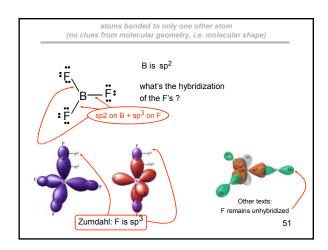


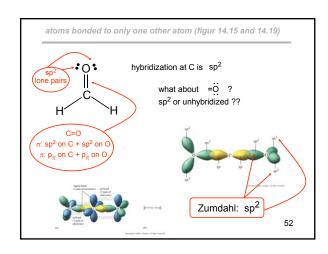


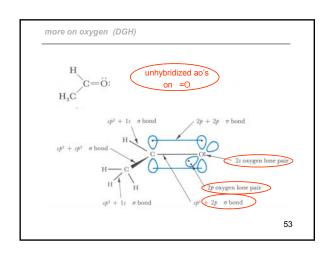


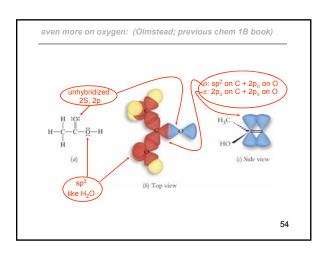


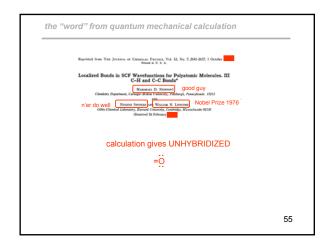


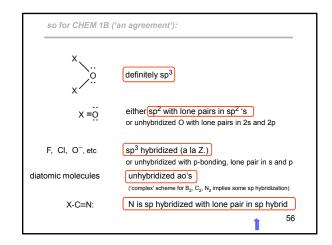






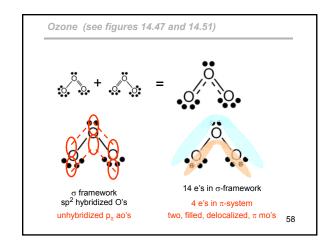


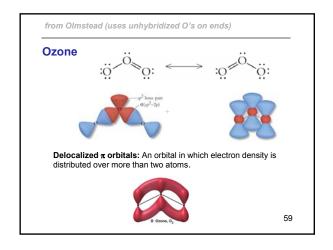


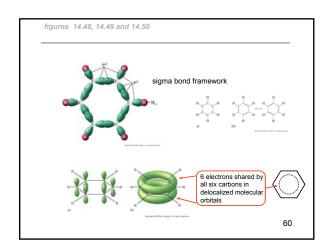


delocalized bonding (pp. 688-690)

- · electrons shared by more than two nuclei
- often associated with Lewis resonance structures
- most often involves p_π atomic orbitals interacting throughout a region of the molecule (called a conjugated or delocalized π -system)





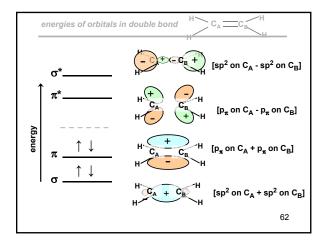


excited-state orbitals in polyatomic molecules

- destructive interference leads to antibonding orbitals which are not usually occupied in the ground state of molecules but which may become occupied upon excitation of electrons by light
- types of antibonding orbitals:

$$CH_4$$
: $\sigma^* = sp^3$ on $C - 1s$ on H
 C_2H_4 : $\sigma^* = sp^2$ on $C_A - sp^2$ on C_B
 $\pi^* = p_{\pi}$ on $C_A - p_{\pi}$ on C_B

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