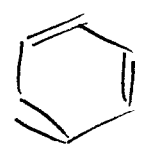


Speeding the  $\pi$  electrons ~~gives~~ over the whole molecule leads to a stabilization, compared to fixed, isolated  $\pi$  double bonds!  $\Rightarrow$  delocalization energy. ( $\approx 36$  kJ/mol)

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- another instance: benzene

Hückel approximation leads



to:  $E = \alpha \pm 2\beta$ ,  $\alpha \pm \beta$  and  $\alpha \pm \beta$

$\Rightarrow$  delocalization energy:  $-150$  kJ/mol! (in terms of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ !)  
( $\pi$ -Orbitals can take up all electrons!)

- Hückel method can also be formulated as a matrix, secular determinant:

$$(H - ES)c = 0 \quad S = \text{unit matrix}$$

Extended Hückel theory (R. Hoffmann)

- not confined to planar conjugated hydrocarbons ( $\sigma + \pi$  orbitals!)
- does not ignore overlap, stores overlaps in matrix  $S$
- diagonal elements of the  $H$  matrix (corresponding to  $\alpha$  of Hückel theory) set equal to the ionization energy of the orbitals (H: 13.6 eV)
- off diagonal elements: assumed to be proportional to overlap

- population analysis: electron density concentration searched;

draw-back of EHT: cannot predict three-dimensional structures; linear H<sub>2</sub>O has lower energy than angles.

Self-consistent field calculations

- sophisticated theories calculating shape and energies of MO and predict the structure/reactivity.

a) Hartree-Fock equations (respecting distribution of spins)

- many-electron ~~free~~ wavefunction as a product of one-electron wavefunctions

$$\Psi = \Psi_{a,\alpha}(1) \Psi_{a,\beta}(2) \dots \Psi_{z,\beta}(N)$$

e<sup>-</sup> 1 occupies MO  $\Psi_a$  with spin  $\alpha$ , 2

- occupies MO  $\Psi_a$  with spin  $\beta$  etc.

To satisfy the Pauli principle: wavefunction has to change sign under the permutation of any pair of electrons. Write the wavefunction as a sum of all possible permutations with the appropriate sign;

$$\Psi = \Psi_{a,\alpha}(1) + \Psi_{a,\beta}(2) - \Psi_{z,\beta}(N) - \Psi_{\alpha,\beta}(1) \dots \Psi_{z,\beta}(N)$$

N! terms in this sum; entire sum can be written as determinant.

$$\Psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \begin{vmatrix} \Psi_{\alpha\alpha}(1) & \Psi_{\alpha\beta}(1) & \dots & \Psi_{z\beta}(1) \\ \Psi_{\alpha\alpha}(2) & \Psi_{\alpha\beta}(2) & \dots & \Psi_{z\beta}(2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Psi_{\alpha\alpha}(N) & & & \Psi_{z\beta}(N) \end{vmatrix} \quad 3$$

Can also be written as:

$$\Psi = \left( \frac{1}{N!} \right)^{1/2} \det \left[ \Psi_{\alpha\alpha}(1) \Psi_{\alpha\beta}(2) \dots \Psi_{z\beta}(N) \right]$$

→ ~~combined~~ <sup>results in</sup> determinantal wave function is combined with variational principle,  
 then: optimum wave functions must satisfy  
the Hartree-Fock equations:

$$\int \Psi_{\alpha,\sigma}(1) = \epsilon \Psi_{\alpha,\sigma}(1) \quad \sigma = \text{either } \alpha \text{ or } \beta$$

$$f_1 = \text{Fock operator} : f_1 = h_1 + \sum_j (2J_j(1) - K_j(1))$$

$$\text{with } \underline{h_1} = \text{core Hamiltonian } h_1 = \frac{h^2}{2me} \nabla_1^2 - \sum_m \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{m1}}$$

$J = \text{Coulomb operator}$

$$J_j(1) \Psi_a(1) = \left\{ \int \Psi_j^*(2) \Psi_j \left( \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{12}} \right) d\tau_2 \right\} \Psi_a(1)$$

$K = \text{exchange operator}$

$$K_j(1) \Psi_a(1) = \left\{ \int \Psi_j^*(2) \Psi_a(2) \left( \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{12}} \right) d\tau_2 \right\} \Psi_j(1)$$

① guess the initial form of the wave functions

② use them → Coulomb + exchange operators defined

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→ Continuing using newly found wave functions  
~~until~~ until no change in energy and wavefunction  
~~is~~ is obtained in the cycle  
origin of the term 'self-consistent-field'  
for this procedure

- difficulty: solving the H-F - equation  
(initial point: linear combination of H atomic orbitals)

Other computational methods:

- Semiempirical methods: rely on spectroscopic data, physical properties as ionization energies.
- ab initio methods: calculate all integrals in the secular determinant

## Spectroscopy

~~pure rotational~~ Pure rotation spectra

- Key molecular parameters: moment of inertia

$$I = \sum_i m_i r_i^2$$

# Some moments of inertia of molecules

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1) diatomics  $I = \frac{m_A m_B}{m_A + m_B} R^2 = \mu R^2$

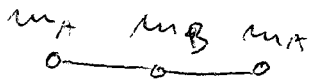
2) linear 3-~~atom~~ atom

$R \neq R'$

$$I = m_A R^2 + m_C R'^2 - \frac{(m_A R - m_C R')^2}{m}$$

$R = R'$

$$I = 2 m_A R^2$$



+ symmetric rotors, + spherical rotors

- initially: rigid rotors

## Rotational energy levels

- obtained by solving the Schrödinger equation

- short cut: classical expression for the energy of a rotating body, expressing in angular momentum, then importing the quantum mechanical properties of angular momentum into the equations

- classical expression: rotation about axis a

$$E_a = \frac{1}{2} I_a \omega_a^2$$

$\omega_a$  angular velocity

rotation about three axes:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} I_a \omega_a^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_b \omega_b^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_c \omega_c^2$$

classical angular momentum  $J_a = I_a \omega_a$

$$E = \frac{J_a^2}{2I_a} + \frac{J_b^2}{2I_b} + \frac{J_c^2}{2I_c}$$

quantum mechanical properties of angular momentum:  $(E = l(l+1)\hbar^2)$

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### Spherical rotors

- all three moments of inertia are equal to some value  $\bar{I}$  as in  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{SF}_6$ ;

$$\bar{E} = \frac{J_a^2 + J_b^2 + J_c^2}{2\bar{I}} = \frac{J^2}{2\bar{I}}$$

Replacement  $J^2 \rightarrow J(J+1)\hbar^2$

$$\downarrow E_J = \frac{J(J+1)\hbar^2}{2\bar{I}} \quad J = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

expressed in terms of  $B$ , the rotational constant

$$hcB = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\bar{I}} \quad \downarrow B = \frac{\hbar^2}{4\pi c \bar{I}} \quad [\text{cm}^{-1}]$$

expression for the energy:

$$E_J = hcB J(J+1) \quad J = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

### Symmetric rotors

- two moments of inertia equal, a third is different

- considering the principal axes:  $I_{||}$  and  $I_{\perp}$  (two)

$I_{||} > I_{\perp}$  oblate (pancake-like) } rotor  
 $I_{||} < I_{\perp}$  prolate (cigar-like) }

$$E = \frac{J_b^2 + J_c^2}{2I_{\perp}} + \frac{J_a^2}{2I_{\parallel}} \quad \text{principal} \quad \rightarrow -$$

with  $F = J_a^2 + J_b^2 + J_c^2$

$$E = \frac{F^2 - J_a^2}{2I_{\perp}} + \frac{J_a^2}{2I_{\parallel}} = \frac{F^2}{2I_{\perp}} + \left( \frac{1}{2I_{\parallel}} + \frac{1}{2I_{\perp}} \right) J_a^2$$

quantization:  $F^2$  by  $J(J+1)\hbar^2$  replaced

↑  
angular momentum  
quantum number

~~Component of angular momentum about any axis with values  $k\hbar$  with  $k=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$~~

Component of angular momentum about any axis is restricted to  $k\hbar$  with  $k=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

$l$ : principal axis  $M_J$ : reserved to a component of an externally defined axis)

$J_A^2$  replaced by  $k^2\hbar^2$

$$\sim F(J, k) = BJ(J+1) + (A-B)k^2 \quad J=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$k=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm J$$

$$A = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\pi^2 I_{\parallel}} \quad B = \frac{\hbar^2}{4\pi^2 I_{\perp}}$$

$k=0$  : energy levels depend only on  $I_{\perp}$

$k \neq 0$  : almost all angular momentum arises from rotation around the principal axis

sign of  $k$ : opposite senses of rotation

Linear rotors ( $\text{CO}_2, \text{HCl}, \text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ ) -8-

- only rotation  $\perp$  to principal axis (intermediate)

$\hookrightarrow K \equiv 0$ , (zero angular momentum around the line)

and therefore:  $F(J) = B J(J+1)$   $J=0, 1, 2, \dots$

Degeneracies

- Energy of a symmetric rotor: depends on  $J$  and  $K$ , each level except  $K=0$ : doubly degenerate.

- angular momentum: Component to an external axis, this is quantized:  $M_J$  with

$$M_J = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm J \quad \hookrightarrow \quad 2J+1 \text{ values}$$

$2J+1$  orientations have the same energy!

degeneracy:  $2(2J+1)$  fold for  $K \neq 0$

$$2J+1 \quad \text{for} \quad K \neq 0$$

also linear rotor with  $K=0$ :  $2J+1$  degeneracy

Spherical rotor:  $(2J+1)^2$   $\hookrightarrow$   $J=10$  441 states of the same energy!

- Stark effect:

degeneracy partly removed when an external electric field is applied to polar molecule linear rotor in  $E$ :

$$E(J, M_J) = hc B (J(J+1)) + a(J, M_J) \mu^2 E^2$$



where  $a(J, M_J) = \frac{J(J+1) - 3M_J^2}{2hcB J(J+1)(2J-1)(2J+3)}$  - 9 -

↓ can be used to measure the dipole moment

### Centrifugal distortion

- Centrifugal forces distort the molecule

↓ increase moment of inertia

empirical subtraction of energy

$$F(J) = hcB J(J+1) - D_J J^2(J+1)^2$$

$D_J$  = centrifugal distortion constant

$$= \frac{4B^3}{\tilde{\nu}^3} \leftarrow \text{vibrational wavenumber}$$

### Rotational transitions

- selection rules: must have a permanent dipole moment!

$$\Delta J = \pm 1 \quad \Delta M_J = 0, \pm 1$$

↓  
absorption, emission

①

## Appearance of rotational spectra

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- application of selection rules to the expression of a rigid symmetric or linear rotor, allowed

$J \leftarrow J+1$  absorptions

$$\hat{\nu}(J \leftarrow J+1) = 2B(J+1) \quad J=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- ~~not~~ accounting for centrifugal distortion:

$$\hat{\nu}(J \leftarrow J+1) = 2B(J+1) - \underbrace{4D_J(J+1)^3}_{\text{very small}}$$

- series of lines with separation of  $2B$  with wavenumbers  $2B, 4B, 6B, \dots$

→ bond length of a linear rotor can be easily obtained

- intensities: pass through a maximum with increasing  $J$  before tailing off!  
Reason: maximum in the population of energy levels!

Boltzmann vs degeneracy  $(N_J \propto N g_J \exp(-\frac{E_J}{kT}))$

$$\hat{\nu} J_{\max} \approx \left( \frac{kT}{2hcB} \right)^{1/2} - \frac{1}{2}$$