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Begin ch 10: Modeling bonding in molecules: <http://goo.gl/1h0S9C>

- Mixing atomic orbitals (AO's) makes molecular orbitals (MO's)
- 1s MO's: CDF <https://goo.gl/eliM2a>
- AO-MO correlation diagrams
- Bond order:  $H_2^+$  to  $He_2$  (!)

Next lecture: Only valence AO's affect bonding/antibonding:  
 CDF: <https://goo.gl/QLHdRf>; Bond order:  $Li_2^+$  to  $Be_2$  (!); 2p MO's: CDF <https://goo.gl/2MEiRA>;  $B_2$  to  $Ne_2$ ; When atoms are different, use Symmetry, Overlap, Energy (SOE) to decide which AOs combine; Covalent versus ionic character; MO description of hydroxide,  $OH^-$ , and HOH (water)

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Bonding in diatomic molecules  
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Atoms interact by combining waves

AO "+" AO  $\rightarrow$  2 MO's  
 "+" means combining

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1s molecular orbitals:  
<http://quantum.bu.edu/CDF/101/1sMolecularOrbitals.cdf>

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### Relative AO phase determines MO character

here the different phases of the p orbital are labelled positive and negative – this can be confusing and so is best avoided

here the different phases of the p orbital are shown by shading one half and not the other

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### $\sigma$ MO's have cylindrical symmetry

Antibonding orbitals are designated with a \* e.g.  $\sigma^*$ , or  $\pi^*$

we can rotate about this axis without changing the MOs

both MOs have rotational symmetry about the axis through the two nuclei

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### $1s\sigma$ and $1s\sigma^*$

combine out-of-phase

the two 1s orbitals combining out-of-phase to give an antibonding orbital

combine in-phase

the two 1s orbitals combining in-phase to give a bonding orbital

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### 1s and 1s\*

Energy ↑

1s 1s  $\sigma^*$ -molecular orbital (antibonding)

1s 1s  $\sigma$ -molecular orbital (bonding)

Nodal plane

Mahaffy et al., Figure 10.20, p. 400

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### $\sigma$ is “bonding” and $\sigma^*$ is “antibonding”

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$\sigma$

we can rotate about this axis without changing the MOs

both MOs have rotational symmetry about the axis through the two nuclei

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### 1s molecular orbitals:

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### AO-MO correlation diagrams

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### Bonding $PE$ , $KE$ and total $E$

Attractive ( $< 0$ )  $PE$  is opposed by repulsive ( $> 0$ )  $KE$ .  
Molecular size is at **minimum of total  $E$** .

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### Antibonding $PE$ , $KE$ and total $E$

Repulsive ( $> 0$ )  $PE$  enhanced by repulsive ( $> 0$ )  $KE$ .  
**No minimum of total  $E$ --- atoms fly apart!**

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### Bonding and antibonding total $E$

What matters are the total bonding and antibonding  $E$  at the **bonding minimum** versus the **AO energies**---the energy at infinite separation.

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### Correlation diagrams ...

... summarize bonding and antibonding effects

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Bond order:  $H_2^+$  to  $He_2$  (!)

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### Filling of MO's → $H_2$ MO configuration

**FIGURE 10.20** Molecular orbitals. (a) Bonding and antibonding  $\sigma$  molecular orbitals are derived by mathematical manipulation on two  $1s$  atomic orbitals on adjacent atoms. Notice the presence of a node (a plane on which there is zero probability of finding an electron in the antibonding orbital). (b) A molecular orbital diagram for a ground-state  $H_2$  molecule. The two electrons are placed in the  $\sigma_{1s}$  orbital, the lowest-energy molecular orbital.

Mahaffy et al., Figure 10.20, p. 400

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### Filling of MO's → $He_2$ MO configuration

Mahaffy et al., Figure 10.21

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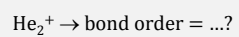
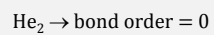
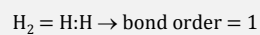
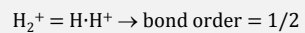
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## Bond order

$(\text{bonding electrons} - \text{antibonding electrons})/2$

Division by two is because, by convention, a single “bond” shares a pair of electrons



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