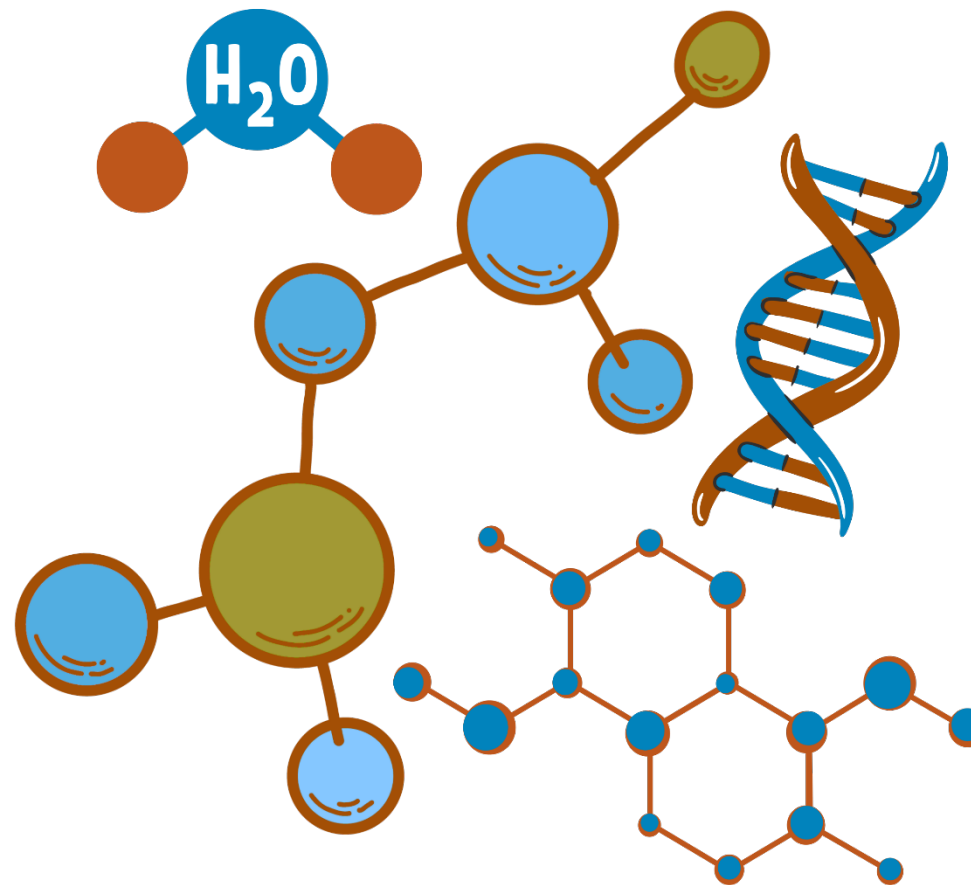


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1. Definition of Organic Chemistry

1.1. Chemistry of Carbon Compounds.

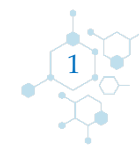
■ Why Carbon?

- Basis of organic chemistry (carbon compounds).
- Carbon forms strong and diverse bonds:
 - With itself → form long chains and rings.
 - With H, N, O, S → form wide variety of compounds.
 - Central to life's molecular structure compared with silicon-based life molecules (weaker bonds).

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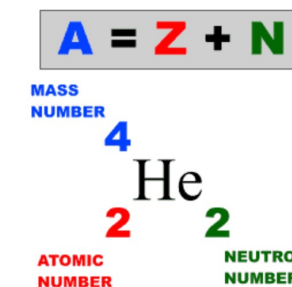
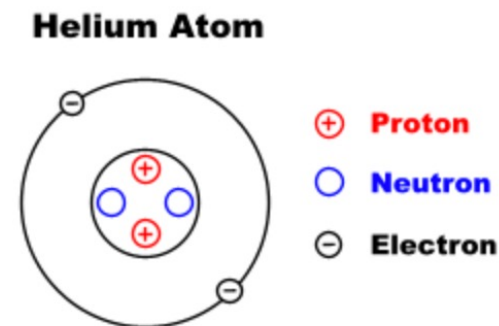
It is the study of carbon/hydrogen-based compounds and their corresponding derivatives.



2. Atomic structure, Electron Configuration, and Molecular Orbitals

2.1. Atomic Structure

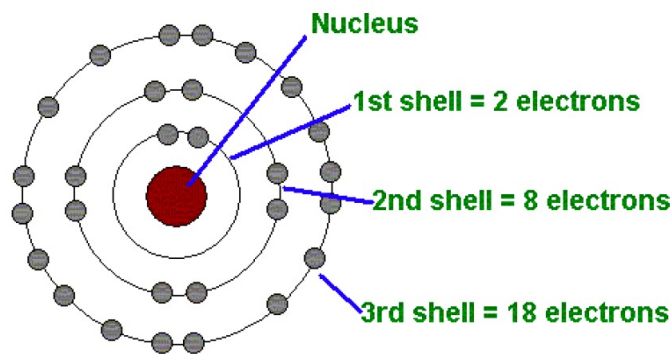
- **Compounds** are made of **elements** combined in different proportions.
- An **element** is a pure chemical substance that cannot be broken down into simpler substances by ordinary chemical means.
- Each **element** is made up of only one kind of **atom**, which is the smallest unit that retains the element's properties.
- **Atoms** consist of three main particles:
 - 1) **neutrons** (neutral charge),
 - 2) **protons** (positively charged), and
 - 3) **electrons** (negatively charged).
 - **Neutrons** and **protons** are found in the nucleus.
 - **Electrons** are found outside the nucleus.
- Atom is electrically neutral:
 - Number of electrons = Number of protons
- The **atomic number (Z)** of an element is the number of protons.
- The **atomic mass (A)** is equal to the sum of the number of protons and the number of neutrons in the nucleus.



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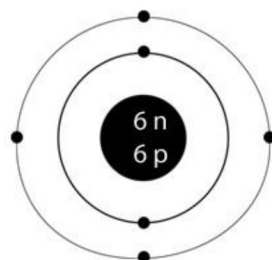
2.1. Atomic Structure

- Electrons are distributed around the nucleus in successive shells (energy levels) that are designated by capital letters (K, L, M, N, ..) or whole numbers (n).
 - The maximum capacity of electrons in a shell = $2n^2$ electrons.



Example:

Carbon atom has an atomic number = 6 which means it has 6 electrons are distributed around its nucleus.



Carbon $^{12}_6\text{C}$

Shell	K	L	M	N
Number of electrons	2	4	0	0



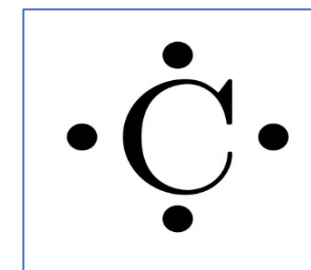
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2.1. Atomic Structure

▪ Valence Electrons

- Valence electrons are involved in chemical bonding.
- The number of valence electrons can be determined by the main group number of the element in the periodic table.
- **Examples:**
 - Carbon ($_6\text{C}$) – group #4 = 4 valence electrons
 - Oxygen ($_8\text{O}$) – group #6 = 6 valence electrons
 - Halogens (X) – group #7 = 7 valence electrons

Valences of Common Elements						
Element	$\text{H}\cdot$	$\cdot\dot{\text{C}}\cdot$	$\cdot\ddot{\text{N}}\cdot$	$\cdot\ddot{\text{O}}:$	$:\ddot{\text{F}}:$	$:\ddot{\text{Cl}}:$
Valence	1	4	3	2	1	1

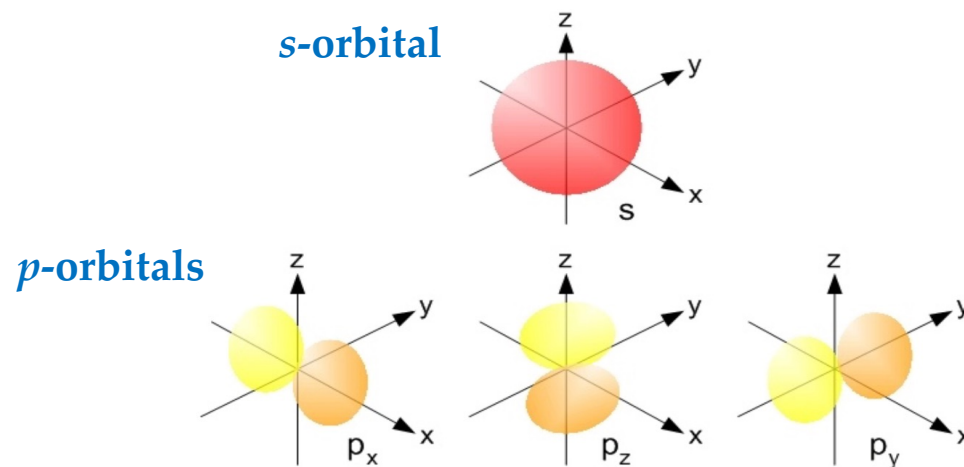


2. Atomic structure, Electron Configuration, and Molecular Orbitals

2.2. Atomic orbitals and electron configuration

■ Atomic Orbitals

- Orbitals that represent a specific region in space of an atom in which an electron is mostly found.
- These orbitals are arranged in the order to be filled and increasing their energy.
- They are designated with letters (*s*, *p*, *d*, and *f*), and they have different shapes and orientations in space.
 - *s*-orbital: spherical shape.
 - *p*-orbital: dumbbell-shaped in three orientations.



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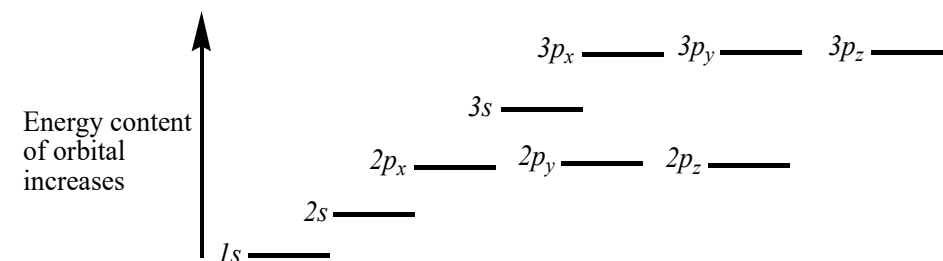
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Atomic Orbitals

- Each energy shell has specific numbers and types of the atomic orbitals.

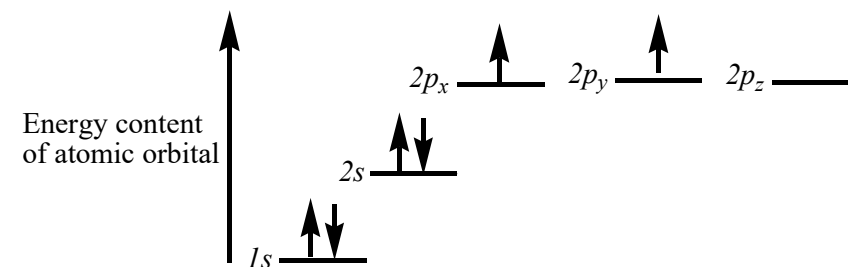
- For example:

- K shell has only one (1s) orbital.
- L shell has one (2s) and three (2p) as ($2p_x$, $2p_y$, and $2p_z$).



- Example;

Filling atomic orbitals of carbon atom (${}_6\text{C}$):



Energy level diagram for carbon.

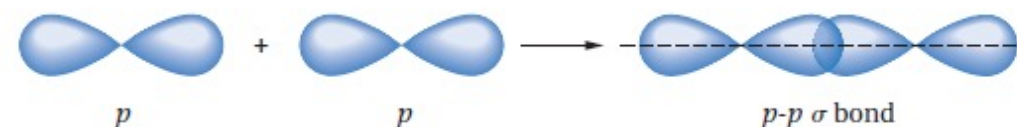
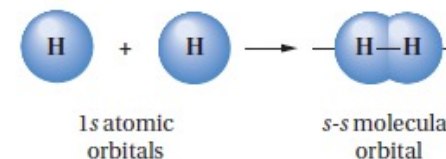
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2.3. Molecular Orbitals (MOs)

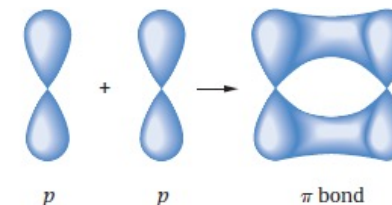
- Molecular orbitals are formed as a result of overlapping two atomic orbitals, which gives a bonding system called "covalent bond".
- There are two different covalent bonds based on the type of molecular atoms that are involved in the bond formation:

- **Sigma bonds (σ bonds)** that can be formed via:

- The overlap of two (*s*) atomic orbitals.
- The end-on overlap of two (*p*) atomic orbitals.
- The overlap of (*s*) atomic orbital with (*p*) orbital.



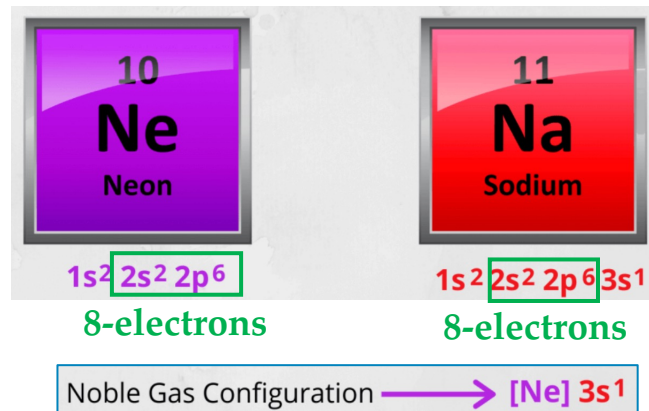
- **Pi bonds (π bonds)** which can be formed from the side-side overlap between two (*p*) atomic orbitals.



3. Chemical Bonding

3.1. Chemical Bonds: The Octet Rule

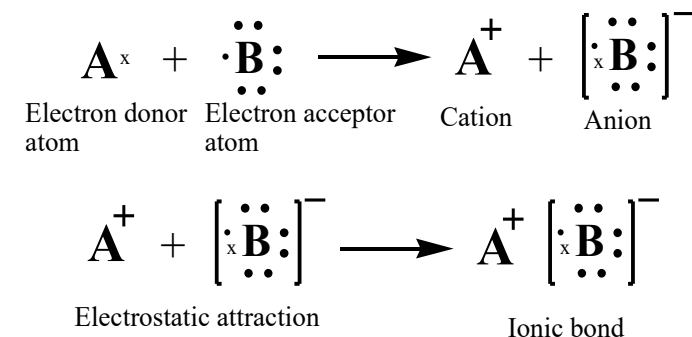
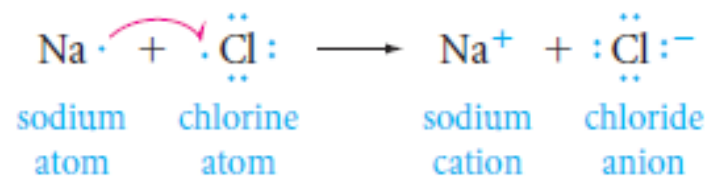
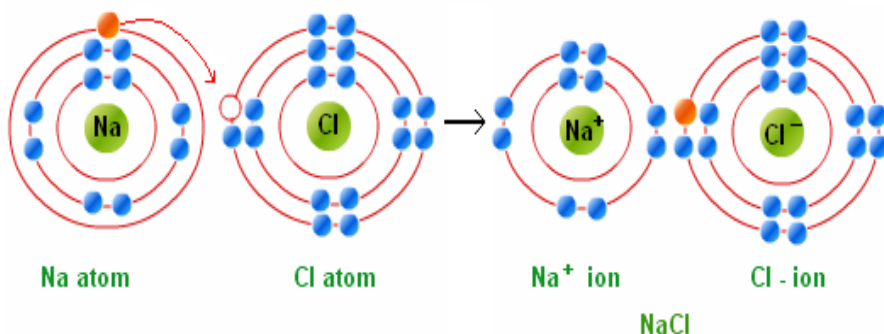
- G. N. Lewis and W. Kossel introduced the first explanation for the nature of chemical bonds in 1916.
- They proposed that Noble gases are stable elements and lack common chemical reactivity due to having their valence shells filled with electrons.
 - 2 electrons in case of helium (exception).
 - 8 electrons for the other gases.
- The **Octet Rule** can be defined as the tendency for an atom to achieve a configuration, which its valence shell contains *eight electrons* alike to a Noble gas's configuration.



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3.2. Ionic Bonds

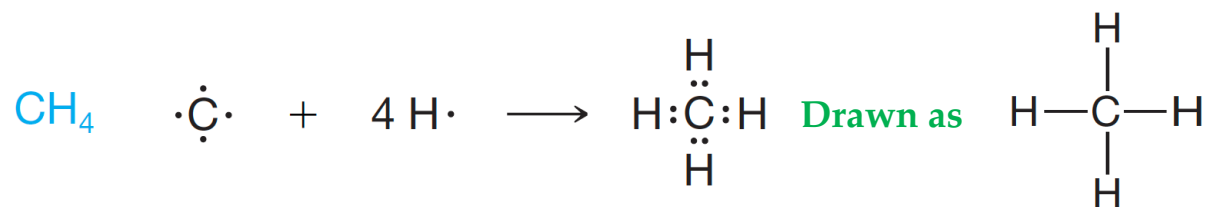
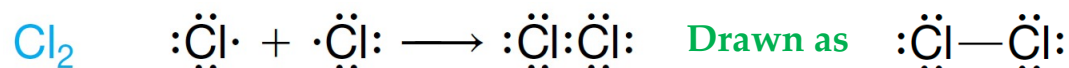
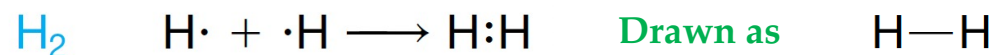
- **Ionic Bonds** (electrovalent bonds) are formed by transfer one or more electrons from one atom to another in order to create **ions**.
- Elements in the left side of the periodic table tend to donate their valance electrons and become positively charged ions **+ve** called (**cations**).
- Elements in the right side of the periodic table tend to gain the electrons and become negatively charged ions **-ve** called (**anions**).
- **Ionic Bond** is the electrostatic force of attraction between oppositely charged ions.
- The majority of ionic compounds are inorganic substances.
- **Example;** NaCl



3. Chemical Bonding

3.3. Covalent Bonds

- **Covalent Bonds** are formed by sharing electrons between atoms that are similar or close in their electronegativities in order to achieve Noble gases configurations.
- A shared electron pair between two atoms can be represented by a **dash** (-).
- When the atoms are identical or have equal electronegativities, the electron pairs are shared *equally*.

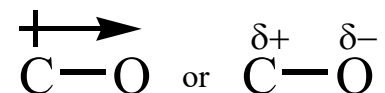


3. Chemical Bonding

3.3. Covalent Bonds

■ Polar Covalent Bonds

- A type of covalent bonds in which the electron pair between two atoms is shared unequally due to the difference in their electronegativities.
- The more electronegative atom assumes a partial negative charge (δ^-), and the less electronegative atom assumes a partial positive charge (δ^+).
- Polar covalent bonds influence both physical properties and reactivity of molecules.



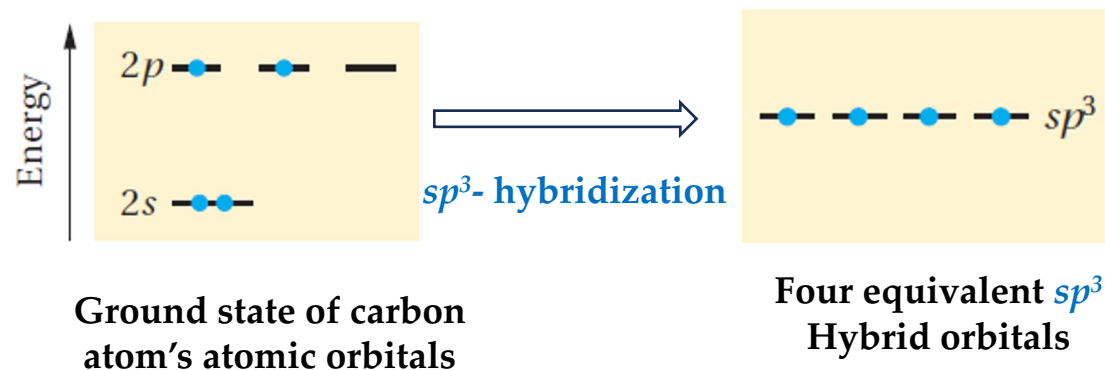
4. Hybridization and Molecular Geometry

4.1. Orbitals Hybridization

- Orbital hybridization describes how atomic orbitals mix to form new hybrid orbitals that are better suited for bonding in molecules having the same level of energy.
- It helps to explain shapes of molecules and their bond angles.
- In hydrocarbon organic molecules, there are three common types of hybridizations (sp^3 , sp^2 , and sp).

1) sp^3 - Hybridization (in alkanes):

- The four atomic orbitals of the valence shell in the carbon atom are combined to form four identical hybrid orbitals, each has one valence electron having the same energy greater than the 2s orbital, but lower than the 2p orbitals.
- The four resulted hybrid orbitals are labeled (sp^3) because each one has on part of s-character and three parts of p-character.

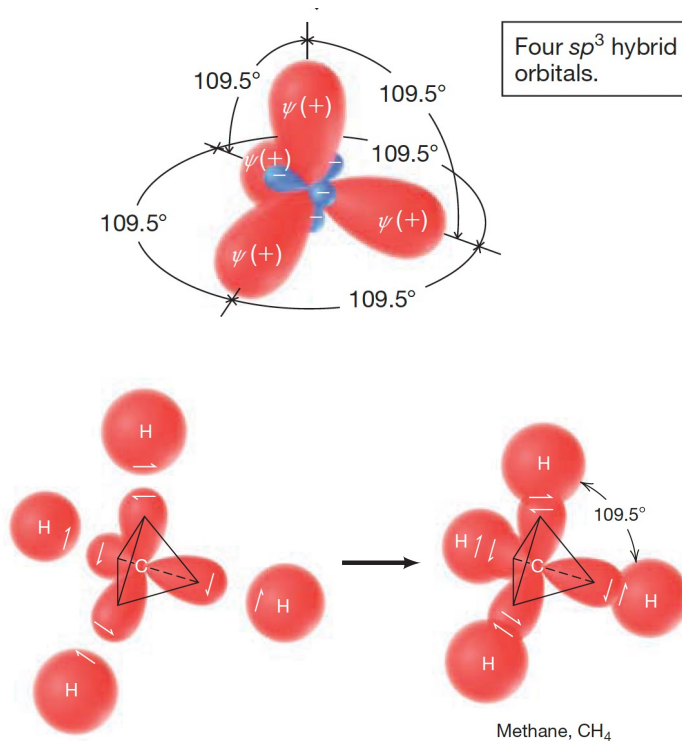


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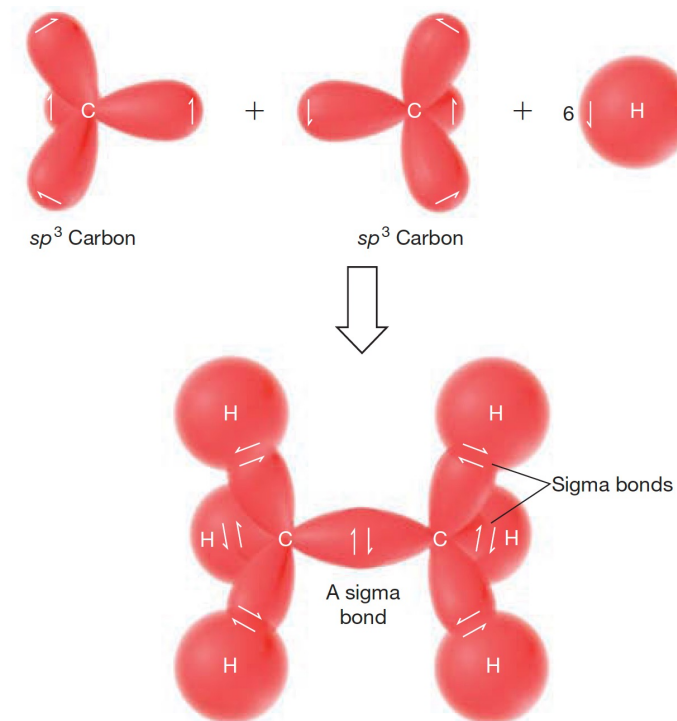
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1) sp^3 - Hybridization (in alkanes):

- Molecular Geometry of Methane (CH_4): *Tetrahedral*



- Forming single sigma (σ) bond in Ethane (C_2H_6)

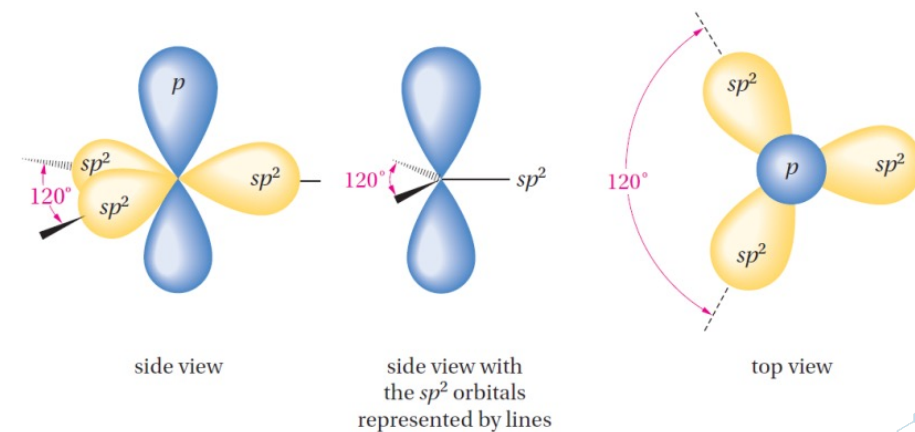
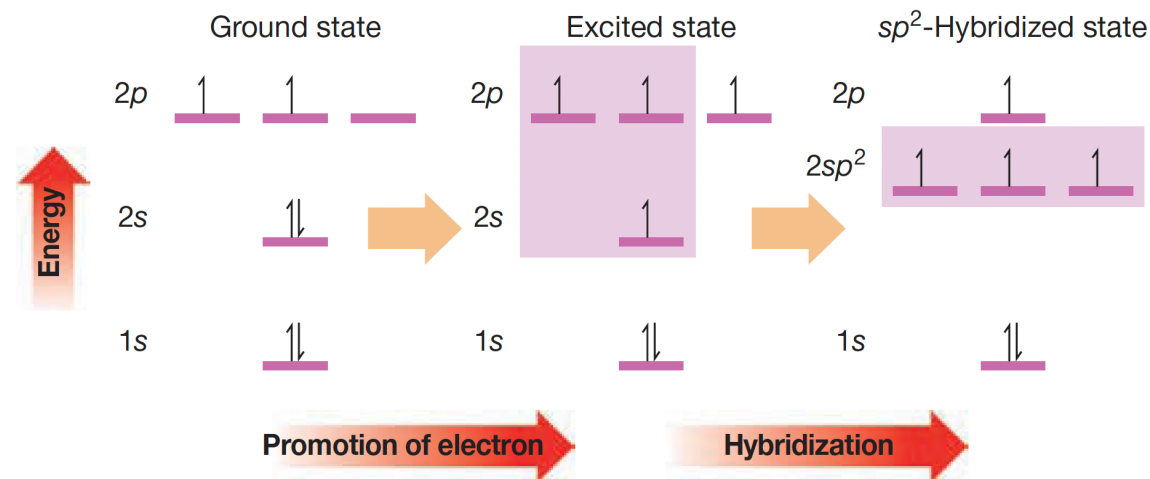


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4.1. Orbitals Hybridization

2) sp^2 - Hybridization (in alkenes):

- Three of the atomic orbitals are mixed to produce three equivalent sp^2 - hybridized orbitals.
- Each sp^2 hybridized orbital possesses one part of s -character and two parts of p -character.
- There are three valence electrons places in the three sp^2 hybridized orbitals.
- The fourth valence electron is placed in the remaining $2p$ orbital, whose axis is perpendicular to the plane formed by the three sp^2 hybridized orbitals.
- The molecular geometry resulted from sp^2 - hybridization in alkenes is **trigonal planar** with bond angles of **120°** .

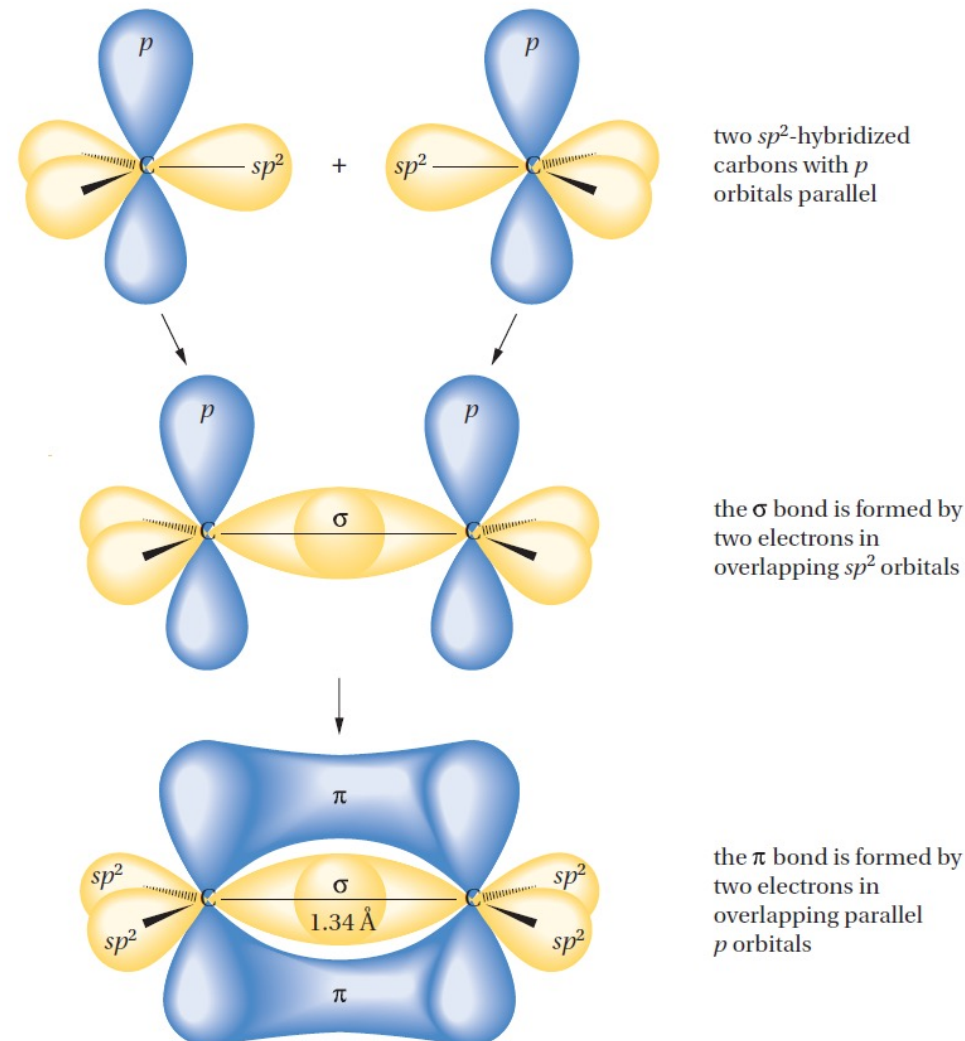


4. Hybridization and Molecular Geometry

4.1. Orbitals Hybridization

2) sp^2 - Hybridization (in alkenes):

- Two sp^2 carbons form a sigma (σ) bond (end-on overlap of two sp^2 orbitals) and a pi (π) bond (lateral overlap of two properly aligned p orbitals).
- The (π) bond's length in unsaturated hydrocarbons (alkenes) is approximately equal to (1.34 Å).

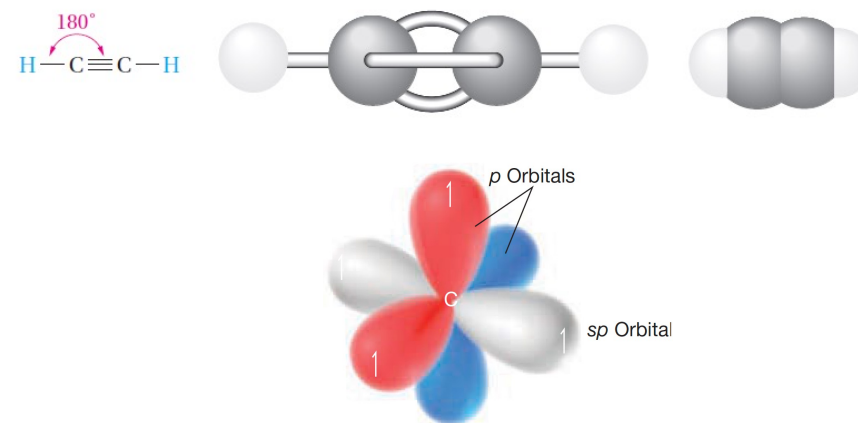
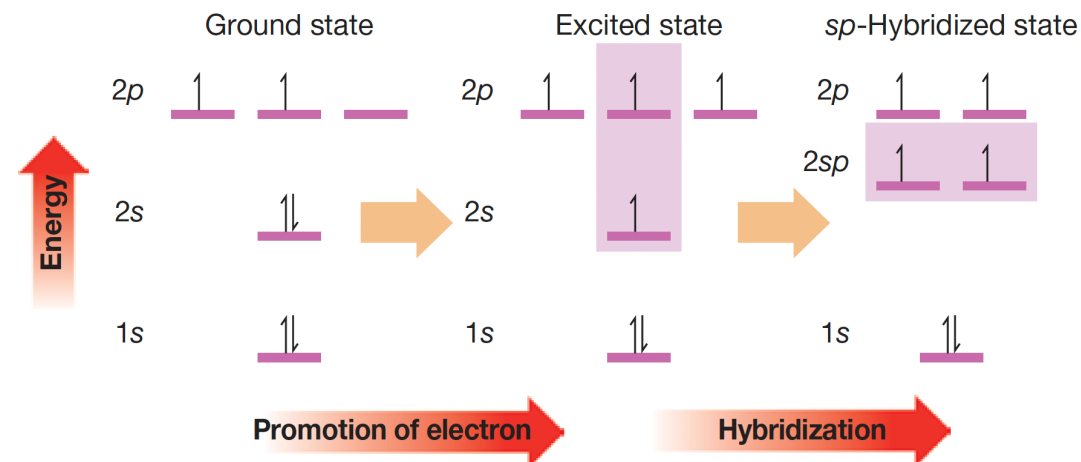


4. Hybridization and Molecular Geometry

4.1. Orbitals Hybridization

3) sp - Hybridization (in alkynes):

- In this process, only two of the atomic orbitals are mixed to produce two equivalent sp -hybridized orbitals.
- Each sp hybridized orbital possesses one part of s -character and one part of p -character.
- There are two valence electron places in the two sp hybridized orbitals, and the other two valence electrons are placed in the two remaining $2p$ orbitals.
- The molecular geometry resulted from sp -hybridization in alkynes is **Linear** with bond angles of 180° .

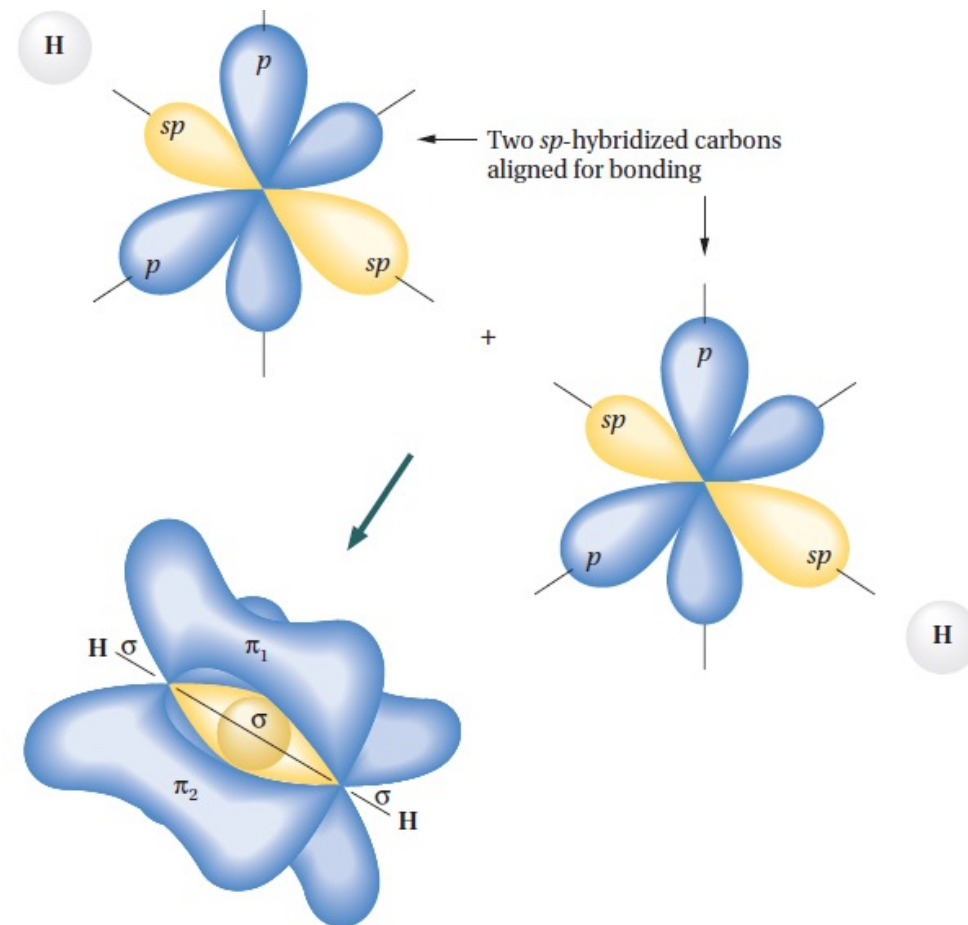


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3) sp - Hybridization (in alkynes):

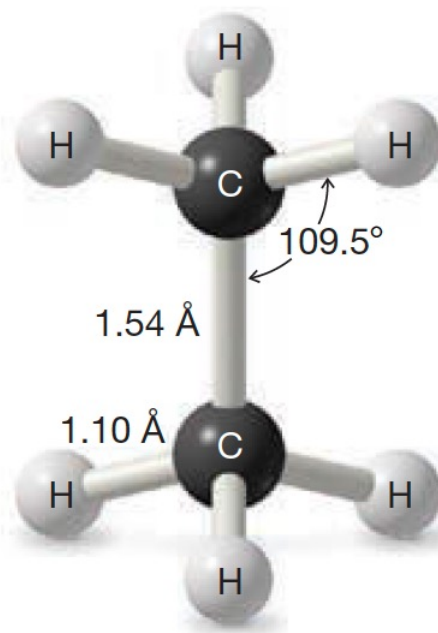
- A triple bond consists of the end-on overlap of two sp -hybrid orbitals to form a sigma (σ) bond and the lateral overlap of two sets of parallel-oriented p orbitals to form two mutually perpendicular (π) bonds.
- The (π) bond's length in unsaturated hydrocarbons (alkynes) is approximately equal to (1.20 °A).



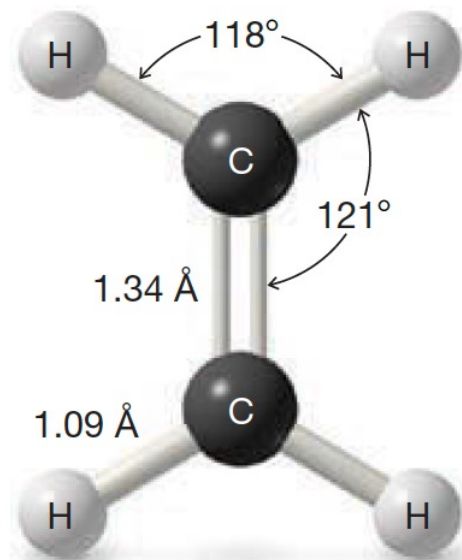
The resulting carbon-carbon triple bond, with a hydrogen atom attached to each remaining sp bond. (The orbitals involved in the C—H bonds are omitted for clarity.)

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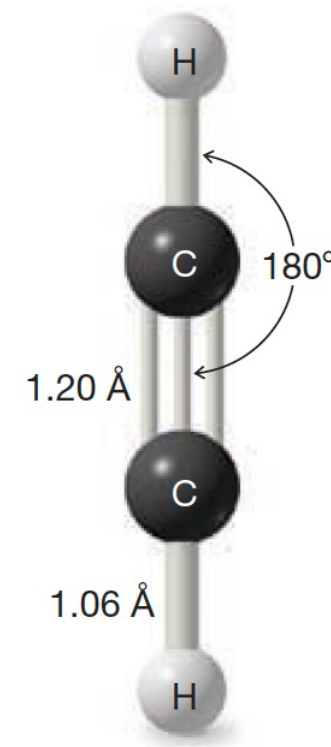
4.2. Summary Slide



- Molecule name: **Ethane (Alkane)**
- Molecular formula: **C₂H₆**
- Hybridization type: **sp³**
- Bond type: **single sigma (σ) bond**
- Molecular geometry: **Tetrahedral**
- Bond Angle: **109.5°**
- Bond Length: **1.54 Å**



- Molecule name: **Ethene (Alkene)**
- Molecular formula: **C₂H₄**
- Hybridization type: **sp²**
- Bond type: **single sigma (σ) bond and one (π) bond**
- Molecular geometry: **trigonal planar**
- Bond Angle: **120°**
- Bond Length: **1.34 Å**



- Molecule name: **Ethyne (Alkyne)**
- Molecular formula: **C₂H₂**
- Hybridization type: **sp**
- Bond type: **single sigma (σ) bond and two (π) bonds**
- Molecular geometry: **Linear**
- Bond Angle: **180°**
- Bond Length: **1.20 Å**