



# *Part III*    **Symmetry and Bonding**

## **Chapter 6**    **Hückel Molecular Orbitals**

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## 6. *Hückel molecular orbitals (HMO)* 休克尔分子轨道

- So far we have just been drawing up *qualitative MO diagrams* aided by symmetry considerations *without computing the energies and forms of any molecular orbitals*.
- Of course, it is now possible to compute the detailed form and energy of the MOs using a computer program such as *Hyperchem, G16, Dmol3, ADF, Molpro etc.*
- Anyway, it is both useful and instructive to *do some MO calculations 'by hand'*. This topic will be talked about in this chapter.



## 6.1 The LCAO method

- The simplest and most intuitive way to construct molecular orbitals is to use *the linear combination of atomic orbitals* (LCAO) method, which we have been doing up to now.

Each MO  $\psi$  is expressed as a linear combination of atomic orbitals,  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots$ ,

$$\psi = c_1\Phi_1 + c_2\Phi_2 + c_3\Phi_3 + \dots$$

$\Phi_i \sim i$ th AO (also known as one of the *basis functions*) used to construct the MO.

$c_i \sim$  the coefficient which indicates the relative contribution of an AO  $\Phi_i$  to the MO.

- The problem we have to solve is finding the values of the *coefficients* and the corresponding *energy for each MO*.

The key principle to solve such a problem is *the variation theorem*.



## 6.1.1 Derivation of the secular equations – Variation Theorem

- For a MO expressed as an *LCAO* sum: 
$$\psi = \sum_{i=1}^N c_i \Phi_i$$

the expectation value *E* of the *Hamiltonian* is calculated in the usual way:

$$E = \langle \hat{H} \rangle = \frac{\int \psi \hat{H} \psi d\tau}{\int \psi \psi d\tau} = \frac{\int (\sum_i c_i \Phi_i) \hat{H} (\sum_j c_j \Phi_j) d\tau}{\int (\sum_i c_i \Phi_i) (\sum_j c_j \Phi_j) d\tau} = \frac{\sum_{i,j} c_i c_j \int \Phi_i \hat{H} \Phi_j d\tau}{\sum_{i,j} c_i c_j \int \Phi_i \Phi_j d\tau}$$

which involves computation of the following two types of integrals :

$$H_{ij} = \int \Phi_i \hat{H} \Phi_j d\tau \quad S_{ij} = \int \Phi_i \Phi_j d\tau$$

$S_{ij}$  ~ the *overlap integral* between the two basis functions  $\Phi_i$  and  $\Phi_j$ .

$H_{ij}$  ~ a *matrix element* of the operator  $\hat{H}$  (the *Hamiltonian* for the system).

- According to the *variation principle*, we need to minimize *E* with respect to the coefficients  $c_i$ , i.e.  $\partial E / \partial c_i = 0$ .
- Now we rewrite the equation as, 
$$E \sum_{i,j} c_i c_j S_{ij} = \sum_{i,j} c_i c_j H_{ij}$$

end up here with a certain value of *E* if we knew every terms within this expression.



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- We then take the (partial) derivative of both sides with respect to the coefficient  $c_i$ .

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial c_i} \left[ E \sum_{ij} c_i c_j S_{ij} \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial c_i} \left[ \sum_{ij} c_i c_j H_{ij} \right] \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, N; \text{ i.e., a total of } N \text{ equations!})$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial c_i} \sum_{ij} c_i c_j S_{ij} + E \sum_j c_j S_{ij} = \sum_j c_j H_{ij}$$

- Demanding  $\partial E / \partial c_i = 0$ , then we have

$$E \sum_j c_j S_{ij} = \sum_j c_j H_{ij} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \sum_j (H_{ij} - E S_{ij}) c_j = 0$$

( $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ ; i.e., a total of  $N$  equations!)



# Derivation of the secular equations

- The ***N*** equations can be conveniently expressed in *matrix form* (***N*** is the number of basis functions):

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} & H_{13} & \dots & H_{1N} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} & H_{23} & \dots & H_{2N} \\ H_{31} & H_{32} & H_{33} & \dots & H_{3N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ H_{N1} & H_{N2} & H_{N3} & \dots & H_{NN} \end{pmatrix} - E \begin{pmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & \dots & S_{1N} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & \dots & S_{2N} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} & \dots & S_{3N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ S_{N1} & S_{N2} & S_{N3} & \dots & S_{NN} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ \vdots \\ c_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

***N*<sup>2</sup> *H<sub>ij</sub>*-type integrals and *N*<sup>2</sup> *S<sub>ij</sub>*-type integrals to be computed!!!!**

- These are called the *secular equations* (久期方程) and in general their solution will lead to ***N*** different values of ***E***, each corresponding to ***a*** MO.
- By *substituting the corresponding value* of the energy ***E*** back into the *secular equations*, the coefficients ***{c<sub>i</sub>}*** corresponding to ***a*** particular MO can be found.



## 6.1.2 The Hückel approximations

- The **Hückel approximations**: 1) set  $S_{ij} = \int \phi_i \phi_j d\tau = 0$  ( $i \neq j$ ) or 1 ( $i = j$ )

Then the *secular equations* look simpler,

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} & H_{13} & \dots & H_{1N} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} & H_{23} & \dots & H_{2N} \\ H_{31} & H_{32} & H_{33} & \dots & H_{3N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ H_{N1} & H_{N2} & H_{N3} & \dots & H_{NN} \end{pmatrix} - E \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ \vdots \\ c_N \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

and can be rewritten as

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{11} - E & H_{12} & H_{13} & \dots & H_{1N} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} - E & H_{23} & \dots & H_{2N} \\ H_{31} & H_{32} & H_{33} - E & \dots & H_{3N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ H_{N1} & H_{N2} & H_{N3} & \dots & H_{NN} - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ \vdots \\ c_N \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

Secular matrix  
(久期矩阵)

These equations can be solved by firstly setting the determinant of the secular matrix, namely the secular determinant (久期行列式), to be zero.



## 6.1.2 The Hückel approximations

2) Calculating the actual values of the matrix elements  $H_{ij}$  is itself a *formidable* task, so we sidestep this by simply leaving them as parameters,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} H_{ii} &= \int \phi_i \hat{H} \phi_i d\tau = \alpha_i \quad (\text{approx. as the energy of the AO } \phi_i) \\ H_{ij} &= \int \phi_i \hat{H} \phi_j d\tau = \beta_{ij} \quad (\text{resonance integral}) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Hückel approximations}$$

*$\beta_{ij}$  is zero unless the two orbitals are on adjacent atoms, i.e., directly overlapping!*

- Accordingly, the secular equations become

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 - E & \beta_{12} & \beta_{13} & \dots & \beta_{1N} \\ \beta_{21} & \alpha_2 - E & \beta_{23} & \dots & \beta_{2N} \\ \beta_{31} & \beta_{32} & \alpha_3 - E & \dots & \beta_{3N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \beta_{N1} & \beta_{N2} & \beta_{N3} & \dots & \alpha_N - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ \vdots \\ c_N \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

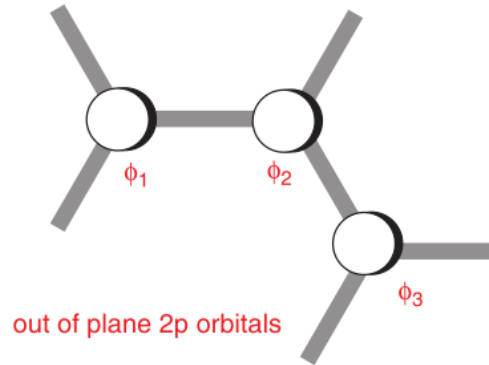
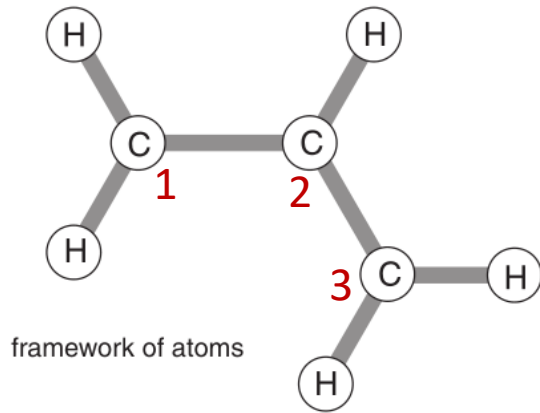
- Some of the  $\beta_{ij}$  terms can be zero case by case!
- The values of  $\alpha_i$ ,  $\beta_{ij}$  can be determined semi-empirically!
- Quite easy for dealing with  $\pi$ -conjugation systems!
- Q1: how to determine  $\alpha_c$  &  $\beta_{cc}$ ?

Q2: For an allylic  $\pi_3^x$  system, write out the secular equation!



## 6.1.3 The allyl system

- The allyl fragment:** the  $\pi$ -type MOs formed from these  $p_\pi$  orbitals,  $\psi = c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2 + c_3\phi_3$



The *secular eqs.* are

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 - E & \beta_{12} & \beta_{13} \\ \beta_{21} & \alpha_2 - E & \beta_{23} \\ \beta_{31} & \beta_{32} & \alpha_3 - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Can the eqs. be further simplified?!

- These are C  $2p_\pi$  orbitals. Set  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \alpha$ ,  $\beta_{12} = \beta_{21} = \beta_{23} = \beta_{32} = \beta$  (*Hückel approx.*).

The *secular eqs.* thus become

$$\begin{pmatrix} (\alpha - E)/\beta & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & (\alpha - E)/\beta & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & (\alpha - E)/\beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Now set  $x = (\alpha - E)/\beta$ !



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- Now we have the simplified *secular equations* as  
(with  $x = (\alpha - E)/\beta$ )
$$\begin{pmatrix} x & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & x & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

- As usual, set the corresponding *secular determinant* to *zero*:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & x & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & x \end{pmatrix} = 0 \longrightarrow \begin{aligned} x(x^2 - 1) - 1 \times (x - 0) + 0 \times (1 - 0) &= 0 \\ x(x^2 - 1) - x &= 0 \\ x(x^2 - 2) &= 0 \end{aligned} \longrightarrow x = 0, \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$\longrightarrow E_1 = \alpha + \sqrt{2}\beta, \quad E_2 = \alpha, \quad E_3 = \alpha - \sqrt{2}\beta$$

- Let us start with  $x = -\sqrt{2}$  that gives  $E_1 = \alpha + \sqrt{2}\beta$  and the *secular equations* as

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -\sqrt{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \longrightarrow \begin{aligned} -\sqrt{2}c_1 + c_2 &= 0 & [A] \\ c_1 - \sqrt{2}c_2 + c_3 &= 0 & [B] \\ c_2 - \sqrt{2}c_3 &= 0 & [C] \end{aligned}$$

Three eqs. are  
not independent!



## 6.1.3 The allyl system

- The normalization relationship can be introduced to make the **eqs.** solvable,

$$c_1^2 + c_2^2 + c_3^2 = 1$$

- There are two practical approaches to find the coefficients.
- First method:** use the equations to write all of the coefficients in terms of one of them.

From eq. **[A]** we have:  $-\sqrt{2}c_1 + c_2 = 0$  hence  $c_2 = \sqrt{2}c_1$ .

Now use eq. **[C]**:  $c_2 - \sqrt{2}c_3 = 0$  **[C]**

Substitute  $c_2 = \sqrt{2}c_1 \rightarrow \sqrt{2}c_1 - \sqrt{2}c_3 = 0 \rightarrow c_3 = c_1$

*now insert these values* into the normalization condition, and hence find  $c_i$ :

$$c_1^2 + c_2^2 + c_3^2 = 1 \rightarrow c_1^2 + (\sqrt{2}c_1)^2 + c_1^2 = 1 \rightarrow 4c_1^2 = 1 \rightarrow c_1 = 1/2$$

$$\rightarrow c_2 = \sqrt{2}/2, \quad c_3 = 1/2; \quad \rightarrow \psi_1 = (\Phi_1 + \sqrt{2}\Phi_2 + \Phi_3)/2 \quad \text{with } E_1 = \alpha + \sqrt{2}\beta$$



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- **The second method:** as we know *the relationship between the coefficients*, we might just set one of them to have the value **1** and *work out the rest*, then *normalize at the end*.
- Let us set  $c_1 = 1$ ; from [A] we have:

$$-\sqrt{2}c_1 + c_2 = 0, \text{ put } c_1 = 1, \text{ giving } c_2 = \sqrt{2}$$

- Now we use this value for  $c_2$  in [C]:  $c_2 - \sqrt{2}c_3 = 0$ , giving  $c_3 = 1$

- The coefficients are therefore:  $c_1 = 1$        $c_2 = \sqrt{2}$        $c_3 = 1$

- Now normalize the coefficients:  $\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2 + c_3^2} = \sqrt{1 + 2 + 1} = 2$

- The normalized coefficients are:  $c_1 = 1/2$        $c_2 = \sqrt{2}/2$        $c_3 = 1/2$

***Which method do you recommend?***



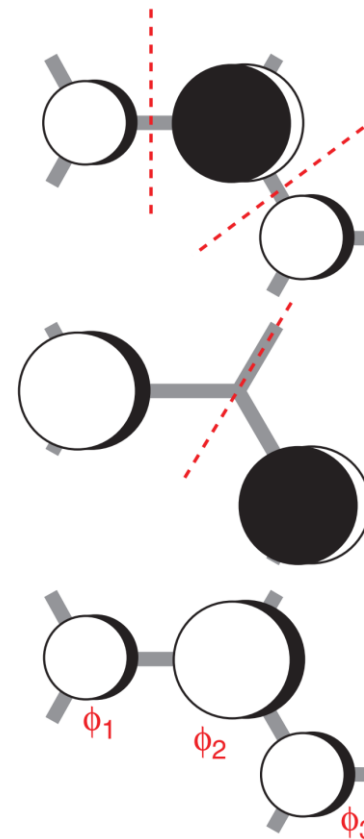
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- The final results are summarized in the table.

MO number	energy	MO wavefunction
1	$E_1 = \alpha + \sqrt{2}\beta$	$\psi_1 = \frac{1}{2}\phi_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi_2 + \frac{1}{2}\phi_3$
2	$E_2 = \alpha$	$\psi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi_1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi_3$
3	$E_3 = \alpha - \sqrt{2}\beta$	$\psi_3 = \frac{1}{2}\phi_1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi_2 + \frac{1}{2}\phi_3$

**Ex.27**

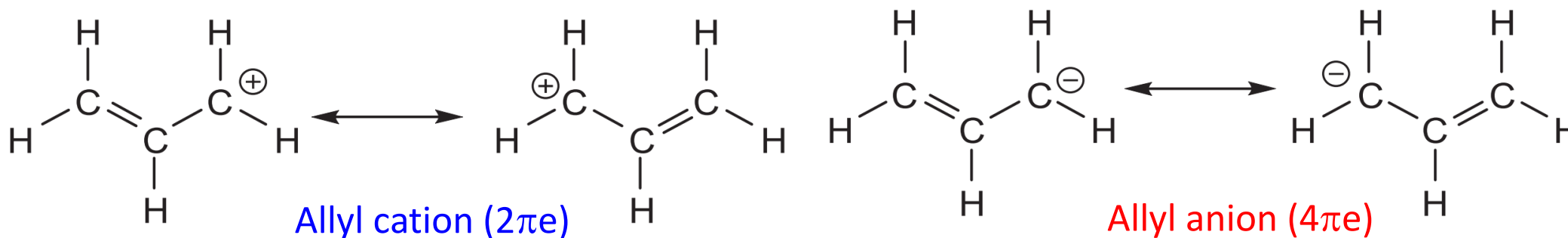
(please recall that we once employed a graphical method to deal with the  $\pi$ -MOs of this molecule in the first semester!)



$$\psi_3 \text{ ————— } E_3 = \alpha - \sqrt{2}\beta$$

$$\psi_2 \text{ — } \uparrow \downarrow \text{ — } E_2 = \alpha$$

$$\psi_1 \text{ — } \uparrow \downarrow \text{ — } E_1 = \alpha + \sqrt{2}\beta$$





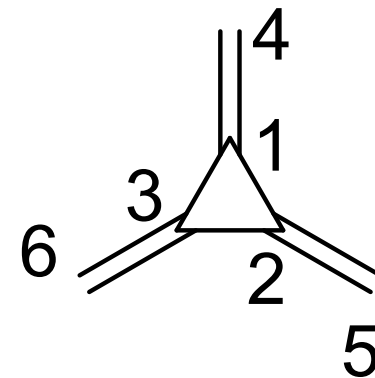
# 小测验



I.  $\text{H}_3^+$  可能具有直线形和正三角形两种结构, 休克尔近似下, 可令  $\alpha_{\text{H}} = \alpha$ ,  $\beta_{\text{H-H}} = \beta$ , 分别写出两种结构的久期行列式;

II. 折叠苯  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  的结构图右图所示, 其  $\pi_6^6$  由 C 原子  $p_z$  轨道组成, 休克尔近似下有  $\alpha_{\text{C}} = \alpha$ ,  $\beta_{\text{C-C}} = \beta$ .

1. 快速写出其  $\pi$  分子轨道的久期方程(矩阵形式);
2. 运用对称性, 推导其  $\pi$  分子轨道的能量及组成形式.

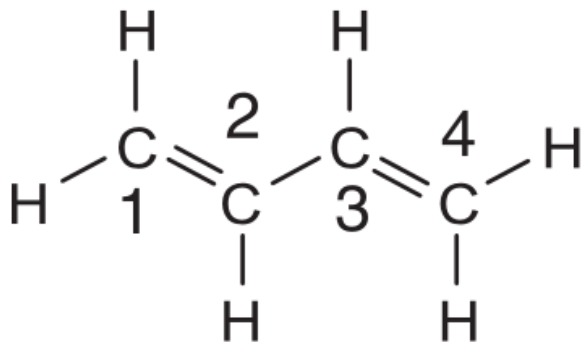




## 6.1.4 1,3-Butadiene



- The  $\pi$  system of *butadiene* comprises four  $p$  orbitals in a row:



- The *secular equations* are:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha - E & \beta & 0 & 0 \\ \beta & \alpha - E & \beta & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & \alpha - E & \beta \\ 0 & 0 & \beta & \alpha - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

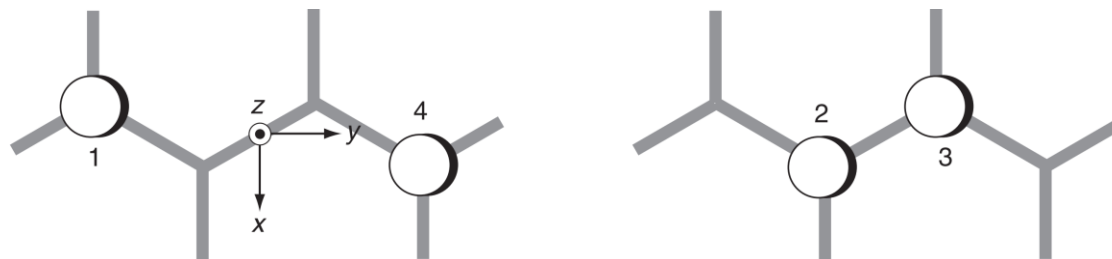
- To solve this problem, we would first need to find the determinant of the  $4 \times 4$  matrix, *set it to zero* and then *solve the resulting quartic in  $E$* .
- This already sounds like very hard work and although in this case it might just be possible to do this by hand.
- Luckily, *symmetry* comes to our aid and reduces this problem to something very much easier.



## 6.2 Using symmetry to simplify the calculations

### 6.2.1 Butadiene

- The point group is  $C_{2h}$ .



$C_{2h}$	$E$	$C_2^z$	$i$	$\sigma^{xy}$	
$A_g$	1	1	1	1	$R_z$ $x^2; y^2; z^2; xy$
$B_g$	1	-1	1	-1	$R_x; R_y$ $xz; yz$
$A_u$	1	1	-1	-1	$z$
$B_u$	1	-1	-1	1	$x; y$

$$\Gamma \quad 2 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad -2 \quad = A_u \oplus B_g$$

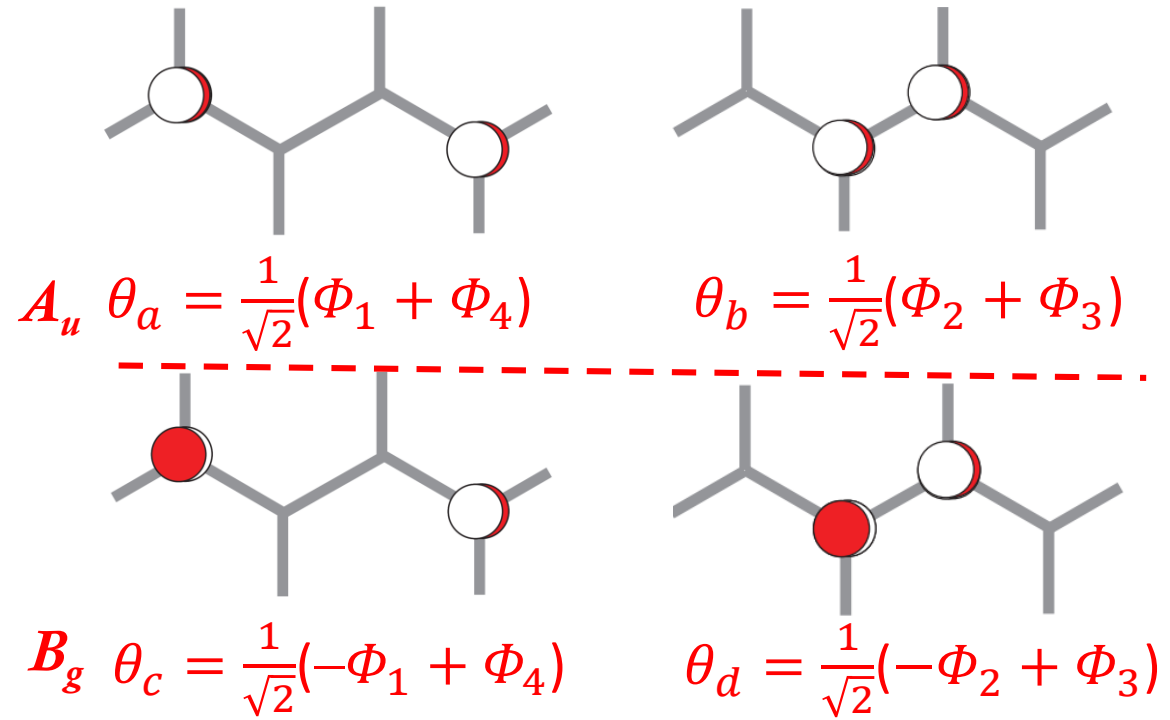
- The four  $p_\pi$  ( $p_z$ ) AOs can be divided into two sets of basis,  $(\phi_1, \phi_4)$  and  $(\phi_2, \phi_3)$ , and can be dealt with separately.
- Both sets transform as  $A_u \oplus B_g$ .
- For the basis  $(\phi_1, \phi_4)$ ,  
 $z$  transforms like  $A_u$ ;  $\theta_{A_u} = (\phi_1 + \phi_4)$  is  $z$ -like.  
 $yz$  transforms like  $B_g$ ;  $\theta_{B_g} = (-\phi_1 + \phi_4)$  is  $yz$ -like!
- Similarly the basis  $(\phi_2, \phi_3)$  gives rise to two SOs,  $\theta_{A_u} = (\phi_2 + \phi_3)$  &  $\theta_{B_g} = (-\phi_2 + \phi_3)$

Note: The normalization coefficients for these SOs have the same value,  $1/\sqrt{2}$ .



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- Now we have four normalized SOs:
- Only SOs of the same symmetry interact. The symmetry analysis has reduced the problem to the two-way overlap of  $\theta_a$  and  $\theta_b$ , and the two-way overlap of  $\theta_c$  and  $\theta_d$ .
- At this stage, the secular equations can be developed by thinking about forming MOs by *the linear combination of any other kind of orbitals*, such as *symmetry orbitals*.





## 6.2.1 Butadiene

- Generally we may write an MO as a linear combination of symmetry orbitals  $\theta_a, \theta_b, \dots$

$$\psi = c_a \theta_a + c_b \theta_b + c_c \theta_c + \dots$$

We will consistently use  $1, 2, 3, \dots$  as the label for **AOs** and  $a, b, c, \dots$  as the label for **SOs**.

Written in terms of SOs, the secular equations upon **Hückel approx.** are:

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{aa} - E & H_{ab} & H_{ac} & \dots & H_{aN} \\ H_{ba} & H_{bb} - E & H_{bc} & \dots & H_{bN} \\ H_{ca} & H_{cb} & H_{cc} - E & \dots & H_{cN} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ H_{Na} & H_{Nb} & H_{Nc} & H_{Nd} & H_{NN} - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_a \\ c_b \\ c_c \\ \dots \\ c_N \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{with } H_{ab} = \int \theta_a \hat{H} \theta_b d\tau$$

- For butadiene, we therefore have two sets of secular equations to solve: a  $2 \times 2$  problem for the  $A_u$  SOs  $\theta_a$  and  $\theta_b$ , and another  $2 \times 2$  problem for the  $B_g$  SOs  $\theta_c$  and  $\theta_d$ .



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$$A_u \text{ SOs: } \theta_a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\Phi_1 + \Phi_4), \quad \theta_b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\Phi_2 + \Phi_3)$$

- For the  $A_u$  SOs, the MOs are written as:  $\psi_{A_u} = c_a \theta_a + c_b \theta_b$

and the corresponding secular equations are: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{aa} - E & H_{ab} \\ H_{ba} & H_{bb} - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_a \\ c_b \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

- Now compute the matrix elements by applying the **Hückel Approx.**:

$$\begin{aligned} H_{aa} &= \int \theta_a \hat{H} \theta_a d\tau \\ &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_1 + \phi_4) \hat{H} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_1 + \phi_4) d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (H_{11} + H_{14} + H_{41} + H_{44}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_1 + \beta_{14} + \beta_{41} + \alpha_4) \\ &= \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{bb} &= \int \theta_b \hat{H} \theta_b d\tau = \frac{1}{2} (H_{22} + H_{23} + H_{32} + H_{33}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_2 + \beta_{23} + \beta_{32} + \alpha_3) = \alpha + \beta \\ H_{ab} &= \int \theta_a \hat{H} \theta_b d\tau \\ &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_1 + \phi_4) \hat{H} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_2 + \phi_3) d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (H_{12} + H_{13} + H_{42} + H_{43}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\beta_{12} + \beta_{13} + \beta_{42} + \beta_{43}) = \beta \end{aligned}$$



## 6.2.1 Butadiene

- Now the *secular equations* become: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha - E & \beta \\ \beta & \alpha + \beta - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_a \\ c_b \end{pmatrix} = 0$$
- Divide both sides by  $\beta$  and then set  $\frac{\alpha - E}{\beta} = x$ : 
$$\begin{pmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & x + 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_a \\ c_b \end{pmatrix} = 0$$
- Demand the *determinant* to be *zero*: 
$$\det \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & x + 1 \end{pmatrix} = x(x + 1) - 1 = 0$$
  
$$\rightarrow x^2 + x - 1 = 0 \rightarrow x = (-1 \pm \sqrt{5})/2 = -1.618 \text{ or } 0.618$$
  
$$\rightarrow E_{A_u,1} = \alpha + 1.618\beta \quad E_{A_u,2} = \alpha - 0.618\beta$$
- Now we have *two equations* to solve with  $x$  being known:

$$xc_a + c_b = 0 \quad [\text{A}]$$

$$c_a + (1 + x)c_b = 0 \quad [\text{B}]$$



## 6.2.1 Butadiene

- The first value of  $x$  is **0.618**; putting this into **[A]** enables us to find  $c_b$  in terms of  $c_a$ :

$$\mathbf{0.618}c_a + c_b = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad c_b = -\mathbf{0.618}c_a$$

- Now make use of the normalization condition:  $c_a^2 + c_b^2 = 1$
- Hence  $c_a = \mathbf{0.851} \rightarrow c_b = -\mathbf{0.526}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_{A_u,2} &= 0.851 \theta_a - 0.526 \theta_b \\ &= 0.851 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_1 + \phi_4) - 0.526 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_2 + \phi_3) \\ &= 0.602 \phi_1 - 0.372 \phi_2 - 0.372 \phi_3 + 0.602 \phi_4\end{aligned}$$

- To find another  $A_u$  MO, we repeat the process with  $x = -\mathbf{1.618}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_{A_u,1} &= 0.526 \theta_a + 0.851 \theta_b \\ &= 0.526 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_1 + \phi_4) + 0.851 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_2 + \phi_3) \\ &= 0.372 \phi_1 + 0.602 \phi_2 + 0.602 \phi_3 + 0.372 \phi_4\end{aligned}$$



## 6.2.1 Butadiene

Ex. 28

- We now need to repeat the process for the  $B_g$  SOs. The MOs are written as

$$\psi_{B_g} = c_c \theta_c + c_d \theta_d \quad B_g \text{ SOs: } \theta_c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-\Phi_1 + \Phi_4), \quad \theta_d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-\Phi_2 + \Phi_3)$$

and the *secular equations* are

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{cc} - E & H_{cd} \\ H_{dc} & H_{dd} - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_c \\ c_d \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

- Compute the matrix elements; then  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha - E & \beta \\ \beta & \alpha - \beta - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_c \\ c_d \end{pmatrix} = 0 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & x - 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_c \\ c_d \end{pmatrix} = 0$   
( $H_{cc} = \alpha, H_{dd} = \alpha - \beta, H_{cd} = H_{dc} = \beta$ )  
 $(x = (\alpha - E) / \beta)$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & x - 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad x = (1 \mp \sqrt{5}) / 2$$

- The solutions are  $x = -0.618$  and  $1.618$ . The corresponding MOs are

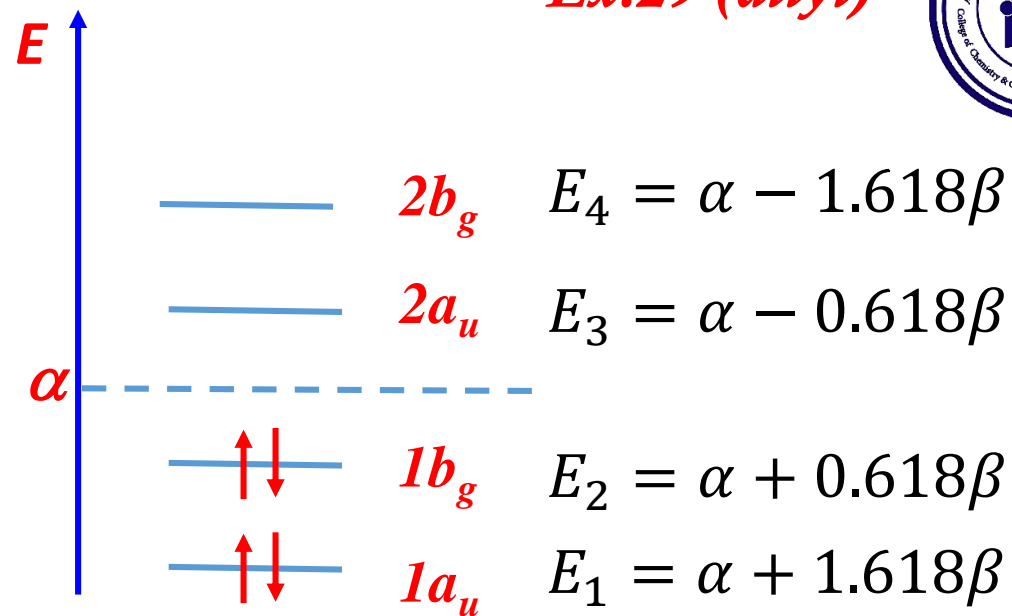
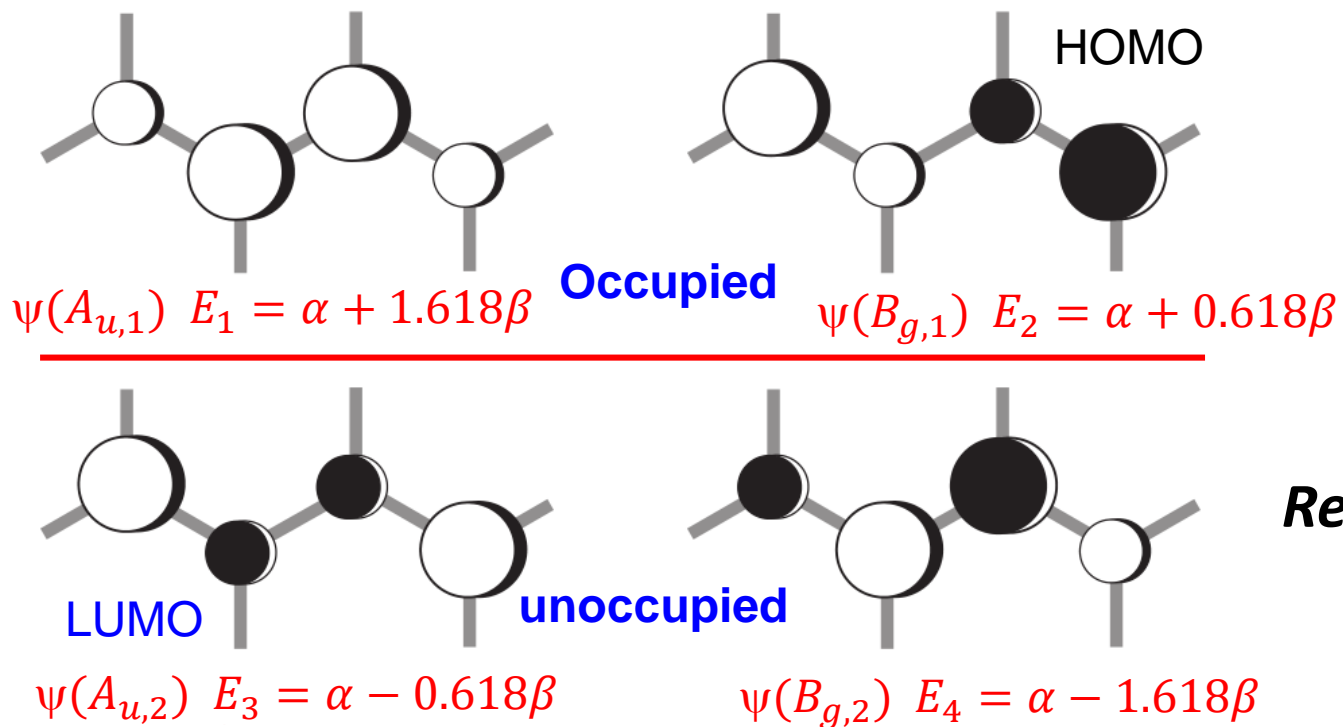
$$\psi_{B_g,1} = -0.602 \phi_1 - 0.372 \phi_2 + 0.372 \phi_3 + 0.602 \phi_4 \quad E_{B_g,1} = \alpha + 0.618 \beta$$

$$\psi_{B_g,2} = -0.372 \phi_1 + 0.602 \phi_2 - 0.602 \phi_3 + 0.372 \phi_4 \quad E_{B_g,2} = \alpha - 1.618 \beta.$$



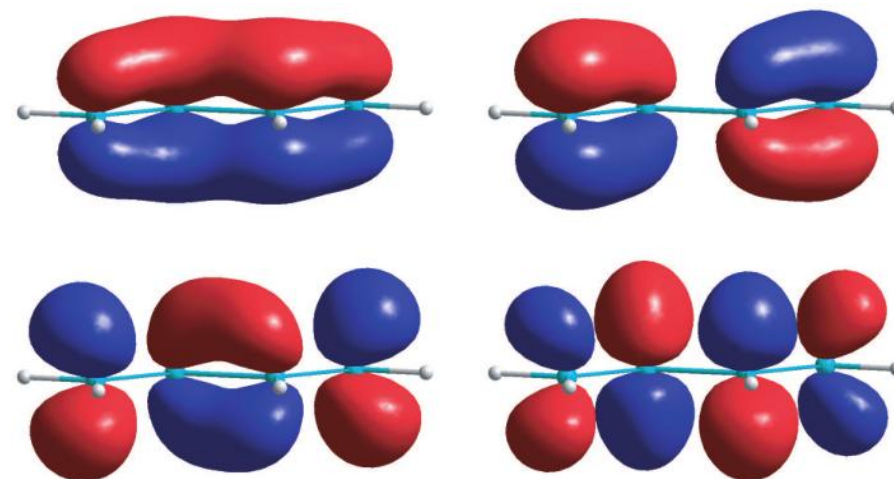
## 6.2.1 Butadiene

- The complete set of four MOs are shown below.



Ex.29 (allyl)

Results from Computer-based calculations



- $\pi$ -electron population on  $i$ th atom:

$$P_i = \sum_j n_j c_{ij}^2$$

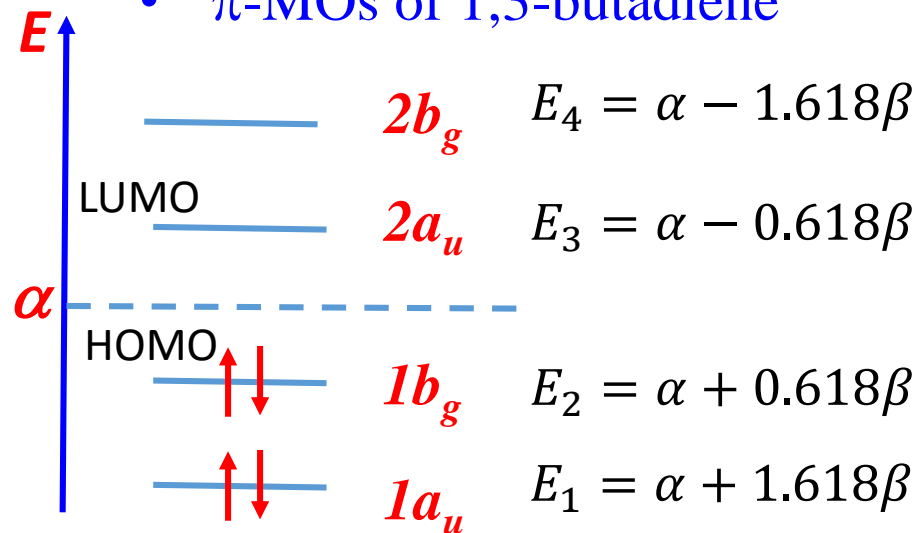
(sum over all occupied MOs)

regioreactivity of butadiene?



## 6.2.1 Butadiene

- $\pi$ -MOs of 1,3-butadiene



- Total  $\pi$  electron energy of butadiene:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{delocalized}^{4\pi e} &= 2E_1 + 2E_2 \\ &= 4\alpha + 4.472\beta \end{aligned}$$

- Delocalization energy:** the difference between the energy of electrons in the *delocalized  $\pi$  system* (e.g., butadiene) and *the energy of the electrons in hypothetical localized  $\pi$ -orbitals* (e.g., of ethene).

$$\text{Delocalization energy} = E_{delocalized}^{4\pi e} - E_{localized}^{4\pi e} = 0.472\beta < 0$$

**Delocalization of the electrons lowers the energy!**

$$\psi_{\pm} = \frac{p_1 \pm p_2}{\sqrt{2}} \rightarrow E_{\pm} = \int \psi_{\pm} \hat{H} \psi_{\pm} d\tau = \alpha \pm \beta$$

- $\pi$ -MOs of a localized C-C  $\pi$ -bond (e.g., in  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$ ):

$$\psi_{\pi_2^2} = c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2$$

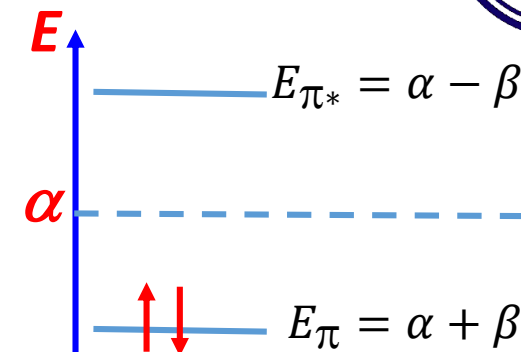
Secular eqs. (set  $x = \frac{\alpha - E}{\beta}$ ):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha - E & \beta \\ \beta & \alpha - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x = \pm 1, \quad E = \alpha \pm \beta$$

- Total  $\pi$  electron energy of two localized C-C  $\pi$ -bonds:

$$E_{localized}^{4\pi e} = 2 \times 2E_{\pi} = 4(\alpha + \beta)$$



Q: plz derive the delocalization energy for allyl anion!



## 6.2.2 Carboxylate anion



- This species has a *delocalised  $\pi$  system* ( $\pi_3^4$ ) involving the two oxygen atoms and the carbonyl carbon.
- The carboxylate fragment has  $C_{2v}$  symmetry.

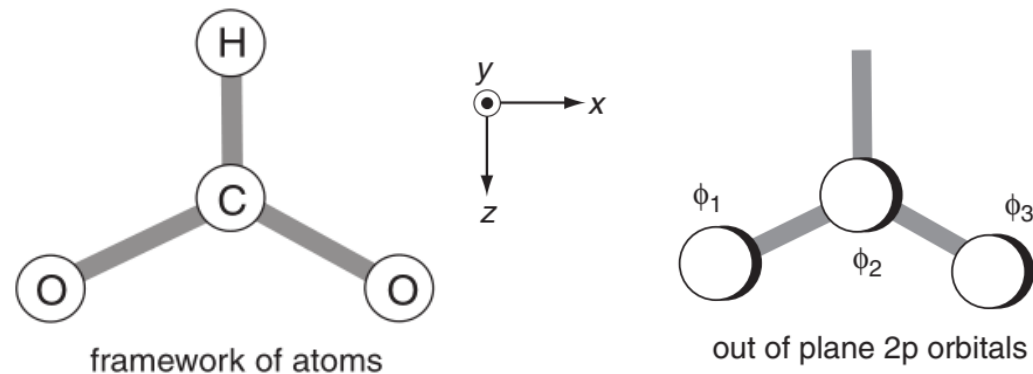
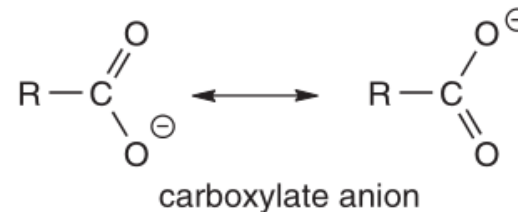
•  $2p_y$  AOs: C  $\sim \phi_2$  ( $B_2$ );

O<sub>1</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>  $\sim (\phi_1, \phi_3)$

- The basis  $(\phi_1, \phi_3)$  transforms as  $A_2 \oplus B_2$ .

$B_2$  SO ( $y$ -like):  $\theta_a = (\phi_1 + \phi_3)/\sqrt{2}$

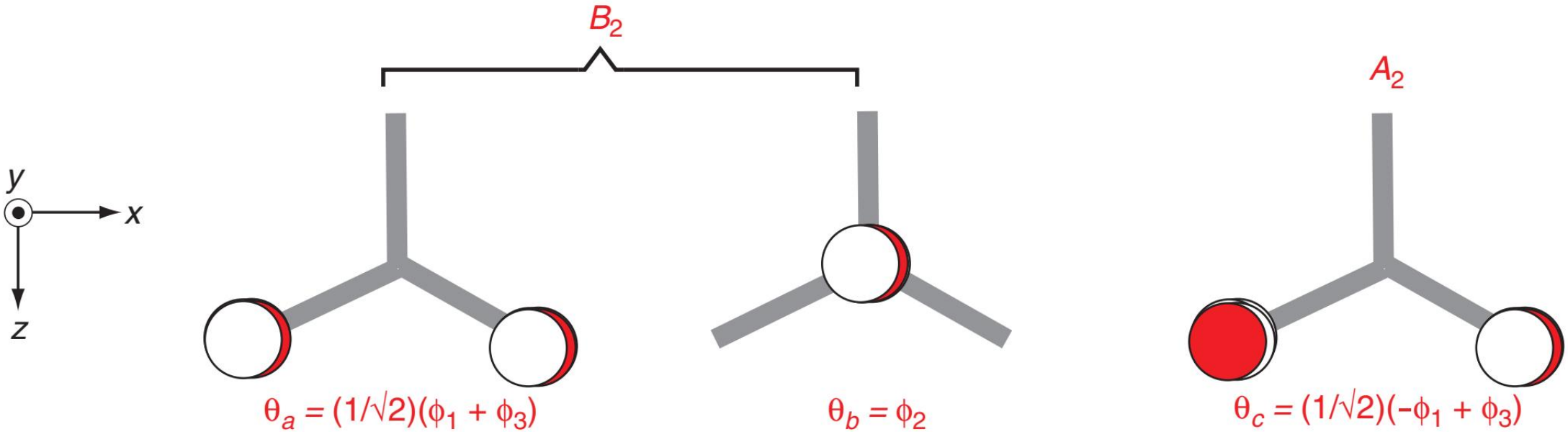
$A_2$  SO ( $xy$ -like):  $\theta_c = (-\phi_1 + \phi_3)/\sqrt{2}$



$C_{2v}$	$E$	$C_2^z$	$\sigma^{xz}$	$\sigma^{yz}$	
$A_1$	1	1	1	1	$z$ $x^2; y^2; z^2$
$A_2$	1	1	-1	-1	$R_z$ $xy$
$B_1$	1	-1	1	-1	$x$ $R_y$ $xz$
$B_2$	1	-1	-1	1	$y$ $R_x$ $yz$
$\Gamma$	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b><math>= A_2 \oplus B_2</math></b>



# SOs of carboxylate anion



→ The  $A_2$  SO ( $\theta_c$ ) itself gives a non-bonding MO,  $\psi(A_2) = \theta_c = (-\phi_1 + \phi_3)/\sqrt{2}$

MOs of IR  $B_2$ :  $\psi(B_2) = c_a\theta_a + c_b\theta_b$



## 6.2.2 Carboxylate anion

- Now consider the overlap of the two  $B_2$  SOs and define  $\theta_b = \phi_2$ . Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{aa} - E & H_{ab} \\ H_{ba} & H_{bb} - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_a \\ c_b \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

- Now compute  $H_{aa}$ ,  $H_{bb}$ ,  $H_{ab}$  etc.

$$\begin{aligned} H_{aa} &= \int \theta_a \hat{H} \theta_a \, d\tau \\ &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_1 + \phi_3) \hat{H} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_1 + \phi_3) \, d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (H_{11} + H_{13} + H_{31} + H_{33}) \\ &= (\alpha_1 + \beta_{13} + \beta_{31} + \alpha_3)/2 \\ &= (\alpha_o + 0 + 0 + \alpha_o)/2 \\ &= \alpha_o \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{ab} &= \int \theta_a \hat{H} \theta_b \, d\tau \\ &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_1 + \phi_3) \hat{H} \phi_2 \, d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (H_{12} + H_{32}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\beta_{12} + \beta_{32}) = \sqrt{2}\beta \\ &\quad (\beta_{12} = \beta_{32} = \beta_{oc} = \beta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{bb} &= \int \theta_b \hat{H} \theta_b \, d\tau \\ &= \int \phi_2 \hat{H} \phi_2 \, d\tau = H_{22} = \alpha_c \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_o - E & \sqrt{2}\beta \\ \sqrt{2}\beta & \alpha_c - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_a \\ c_b \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

- Now suppose  $\alpha_o = \alpha_c + \beta = \alpha + \beta$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \beta - E & \sqrt{2}\beta \\ \sqrt{2}\beta & \alpha - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_a \\ c_b \end{pmatrix} = 0$$



## 6.2.2 Carboxylate anion

- Define  $x = (\alpha - E)/\beta$  and solve the *secular equations*,

$$\begin{pmatrix} x+1 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_a \\ c_b \end{pmatrix} = 0 \longrightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} x+1 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & x \end{pmatrix} = 0 \longrightarrow \begin{aligned} x^2 + x - 2 &= 0 \\ x_1 &= -2, x_2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

- The resulting normalized MOs of  $B_2$  symmetry are

$$E_{B_{2,1}} = \alpha + 2\beta \quad (x = -2) \quad \psi_{B_{2,1}} = 0.577\phi_1 + 0.577\phi_2 + 0.577\phi_3 \quad \text{Bonding}$$

$$E_{B_{2,2}} = \alpha - \beta \quad (x = 1) \quad \psi_{B_{2,2}} = 0.408\phi_1 - 0.816\phi_2 + 0.408\phi_3 \quad \text{Anti-bonding}$$

- The energy of the MO of  $A_2$  symmetry is simply given as

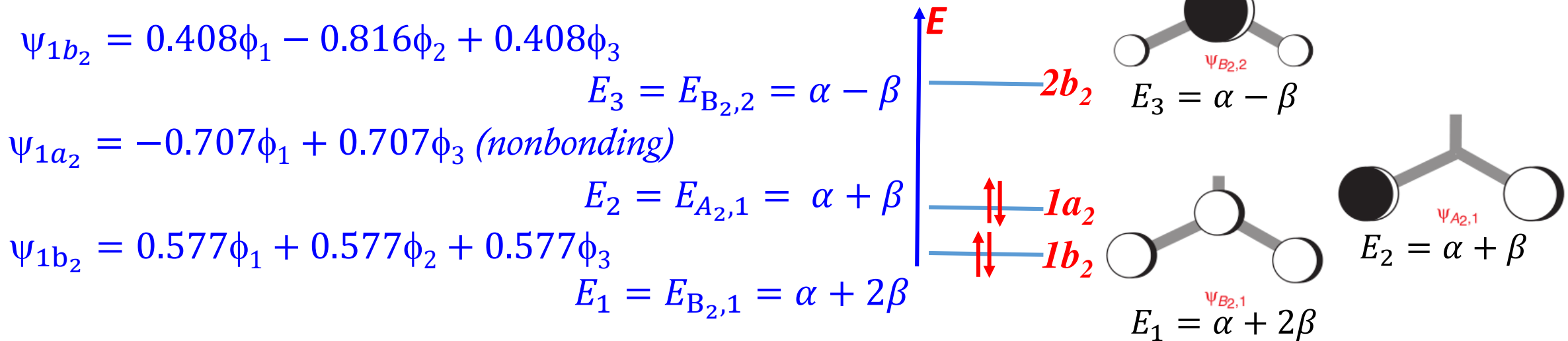
$$\begin{aligned} H_{cc} &= \int \theta_c \hat{H} \theta_c \, d\tau \\ &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-\phi_1 + \phi_3) \hat{H} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-\phi_1 + \phi_3) \, d\tau = \frac{1}{2} (H_{11} - H_{13} - H_{31} + H_{33}) = \alpha_O = \alpha + \beta \end{aligned}$$

$$\psi_{A_{2,1}} = -0.707\phi_1 + 0.707\phi_3 \quad E_{A_{2,1}} = \alpha + \beta. \quad \text{non-bonding}$$



## 6.2.2 Carboxylate anion

- The diagram below shows the energy levels and MOs with the contributions from each *p* orbital drawn roughly to scale.



- The total  $\pi$  electron energy is

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\pi} &= 2E_1 + 2E_2 \\ &= 2(\alpha + 2\beta) + 2(\alpha + \beta) \\ &= 4\alpha + 6\beta \end{aligned}$$

**Ex.30-31**

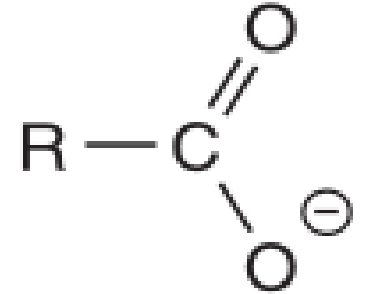


# Delocalization energy

- Of great interest is the energy difference between the electrons in the **delocalized  $\pi$  system** and **the energy of the electrons in hypothetical localized orbitals**.

- A localized picture of the carboxylate anion:

two  $\pi$ -electrons in the  $C-O$   $\pi$  bond, and the remaining two  $\pi$ -electrons in a  $p_y$  orbital on the other oxygen.



- For the localized  $C-O$   $\pi$  bond, the **secular equations** become

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_o - E & \beta \\ \beta & \alpha_c - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \xrightarrow[\alpha_c = \alpha]{\alpha_o = \alpha + \beta} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x + 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow E_1 = \alpha + 1.618\beta, \quad E_2 = \alpha - 0.618\beta. \quad x = (\alpha - E)/\beta$$

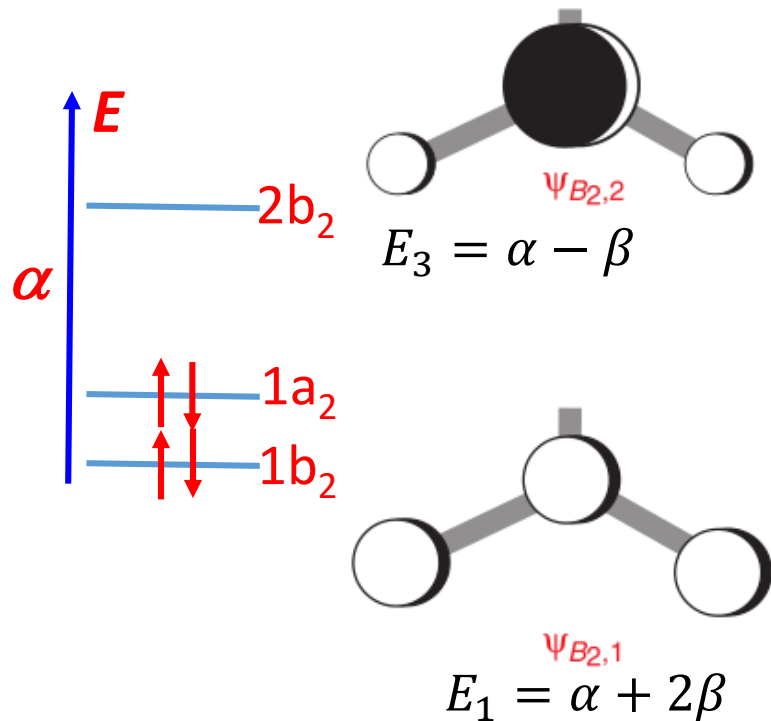
2e of a C-O  $\pi$ -MO    O  $p_\pi$  lone pair

- The total localized electron energy is  $E_{loc.} = 2(\alpha + 1.618\beta) + 2(\alpha + \beta) = 4\alpha + 5.236\beta$
- Delocalization energy**  $= E_{deloc.} - E_{loc.} = (4\alpha + 6\beta) - (4\alpha + 5.236\beta) = 0.764\beta$



### 6.2.3 Relationship between the energies of the AOs and MOs

- A consequence of the *Hückel approximations* is that *the sum of the energies of the AOs* (i.e. the  $H_{ii}$ ) must be equal to *the sum of the energies of the MOs*.
- Example: carboxylate anion.



$$\begin{aligned} E(\pi\text{-AOs}) &= 2E_{(\text{O-}2p)} + E_{(\text{C-}2p)} \\ &= 2(\alpha + \beta) + \alpha \\ &= 3\alpha + 2\beta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\pi\text{-MOs}) &= E_1 + E_2 + E_3 \\ &= (\alpha + 2\beta) + (\alpha + \beta) + (\alpha - \beta) \\ &= 3\alpha + 2\beta \end{aligned}$$

Q1: please check if this statement holds true for 1,3-butadiene?

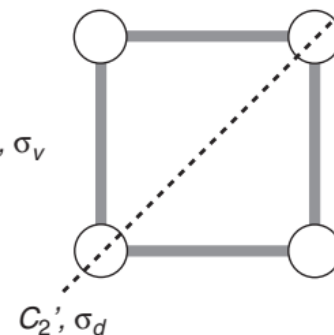
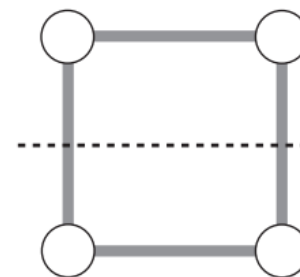
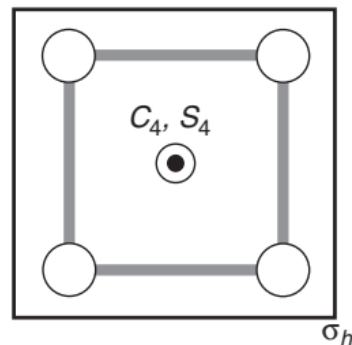
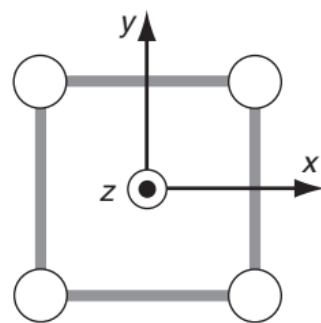
Q2: How to make use of this relationship?



# 6.3 Cyclobutadiene ( $\pi_4^4$ )



Basis set: 4  $2p_z^z(C)$  AOs!



$D_{4h}$	$E$	$2C_4$	$C_4^2$	$2C_2$	$2C_2'$	$i$	$2S_4$	$\sigma_h$	$2\sigma_v$	$2\sigma_d$
$A_{1g}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$A_{2g}$	1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1	-1
$B_{1g}$	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1
$B_{2g}$	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1
$E_g$	2	0	-2	0	0	2	0	-2	0	0
$A_{1u}$	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
$A_{2u}$	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
$B_{1u}$	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1
$B_{2u}$	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
$E_u$	2	0	-2	0	0	-2	0	2	0	0

$x^2 + y^2; z^2$  •  $A_{2u}$  SO  $\sim$   $z$ -like

$x^2 - y^2$   
 $xy$  •  $E_g$  SOs  $\sim$   $xz$ - &  $yz$ -like  
 $(R_x, R_y)$   $(xz, yz)$

$z$  •  $B_{1u}$  SO  $xyz$ -like?

$xyz$

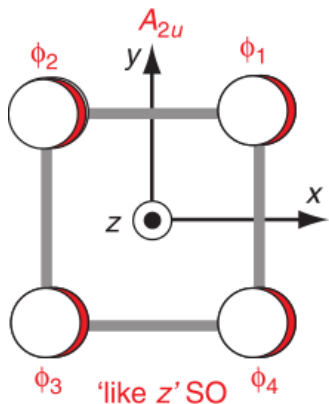
Indeed  $B_{1u} = B_{2g} \otimes A_{2u}$

$\chi(R)$  4 0 0 0 0 -2 0 0 -4 0 2 =  $E_g \oplus A_{2u} \oplus B_{1u}$

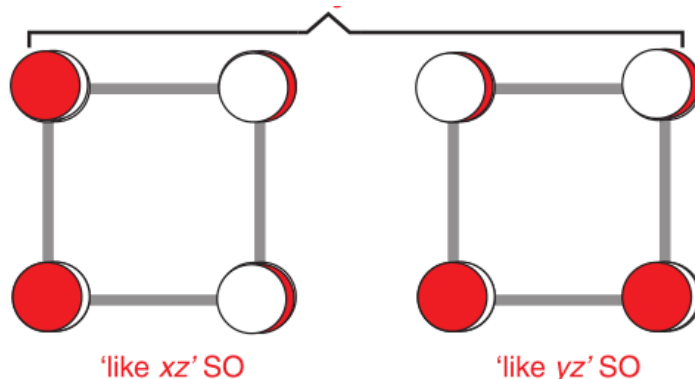


## 6.3 Cyclobutadiene

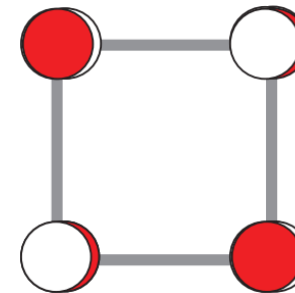
$A_{2u} \sim z$ -like



$E_g \sim xz$  &  $yz$ -like



$B_{1u} \sim xyz$ -like



- The normalized SOs are

$$A_{2u} \text{ like } z \quad \theta_a = (\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 + \phi_4)/2$$

$$E_g \text{ like } xz \quad \theta_b = (\phi_1 - \phi_2 - \phi_3 + \phi_4)/2$$

$$E_g \text{ like } yz \quad \theta_c = (\phi_1 + \phi_2 - \phi_3 - \phi_4)/2$$

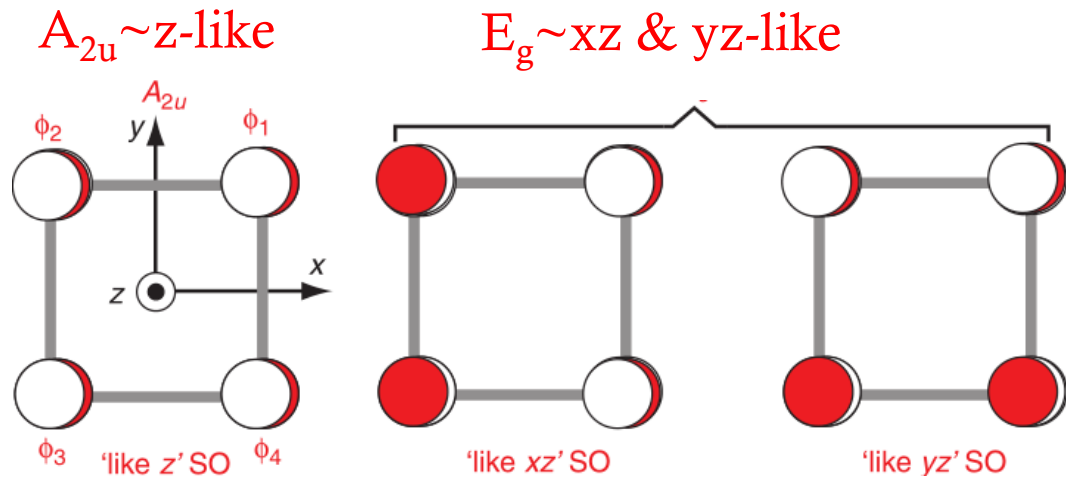
$$B_{1u} \text{ like } xyz \quad \theta_d = (\phi_1 - \phi_2 + \phi_3 - \phi_4)/2$$

- These SOs are themselves  $\pi$ -MOs.

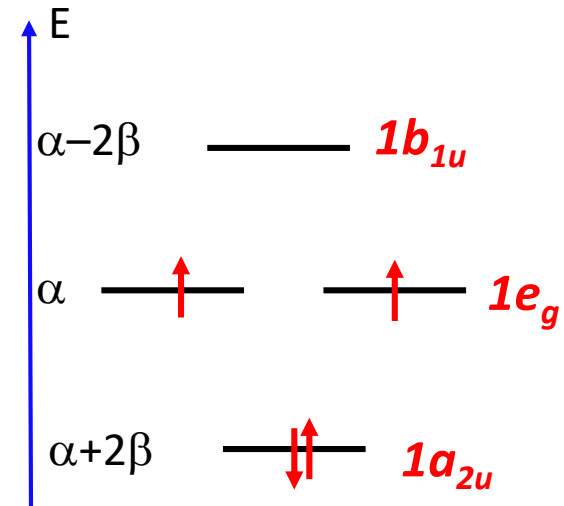
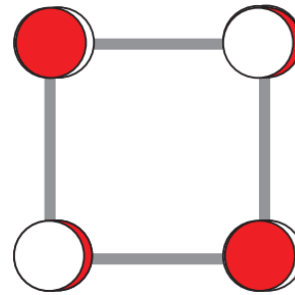
$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= H_{aa} = \int \theta_a \hat{H} \theta_a d\tau \\ &= \int \frac{1}{2} (\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 + \phi_4) \hat{H} \frac{1}{2} (\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 + \phi_4) d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (H_{11} + H_{12} + H_{13} + H_{14} + H_{21} + H_{22} + H_{23} + H_{24} \\ &\quad + H_{31} + H_{32} + H_{33} + H_{34} + H_{41} + H_{42} + H_{43} + H_{44}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (\alpha + \beta + 0 + \beta + \beta + \alpha + \beta + 0 \\ &\quad + 0 + \beta + \alpha + \beta + \beta + 0 + \beta + \alpha) = \alpha + 2\beta \end{aligned}$$



## 6.3 Cyclobutadiene



$B_{1u} \sim xyz\text{-like}$



Diradical! Anti-aromatic!

- The normalized SOs are

$$A_{2u} \quad \theta_a = (\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 + \phi_4)/2$$

$$E_g \text{ like } xz \quad \theta_b = (\phi_1 - \phi_2 - \phi_3 + \phi_4)/2$$

$$E_g \text{ like } yz \quad \theta_c = (\phi_1 + \phi_2 - \phi_3 - \phi_4)/2$$

$$B_{1u} \quad \theta_d = (\phi_1 - \phi_2 + \phi_3 - \phi_4)/2$$

$$E_1 = H_{aa} = \alpha + 2\beta$$

$$E_2 = H_{bb} = \int \theta_b \hat{H} \theta_b d\tau = \alpha$$

$$E_3 = H_{cc} = \int \theta_c \hat{H} \theta_c d\tau = \alpha$$

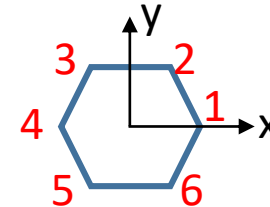
$$E_4 = H_{dd} = \int \theta_d \hat{H} \theta_d d\tau = \alpha - 2\beta$$

Indeed  
degenerate!

- The total  $\pi$  energy is  $4\alpha + 4\beta$ . (Is it stable than two localized C=C  $\pi$ -bonds?)



# 6.4 benzene (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>) -- $\pi_6^6$ $\pi$ -MOs ( by $p_z$ AOs)

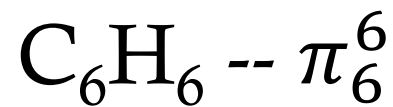


cubic

$\mathcal{D}_{6h}$	$E$	$2C_6$	$2C_6^2$	$C_6^3$	$3C_2$	$3C_2'$	$i$	$2S_3$	$2S_6$	$\sigma_h$	$3\sigma_d$	$3\sigma_v$	linear	quadratic	cubic
$A_{1g}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			$x^2 + y^2; z^2$
$A_{2g}$	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	$R_z$		
$B_{1g}$	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1			
$B_{2g}$	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	$B_{2g} = B_{1u} \otimes A_{2u}$		$x(x^2 - 3y^2)z$
$E_{1g}$	2	1	-1	-2	0	0	2	1	-1	-2	0	0	$(R_x, R_y)$		$(xz, yz)$
$E_{2g}$	2	-1	-1	2	0	0	2	-1	-1	2	0	0			$(x^2 - y^2, 2xy)$
$A_{1u}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1			
$A_{2u}$	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	$z$		
$B_{1u}$	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1			$x(x^2 - 3y^2)$
$B_{2u}$	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1			$y(3x^2 - y^2)$
$E_{1u}$	2	1	-1	-2	0	0	-2	-1	1	2	0	0	$(x, y)$		
$E_{2u}$	2	-1	-1	2	0	0	-2	1	1	-2	0	0	$E_{2u} = E_{2g} \otimes A_{2u}$		$[(x^2 - y^2)z, 2xyz]$

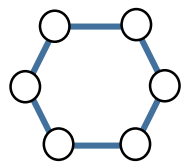
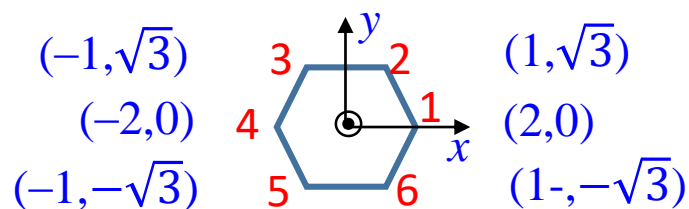
$$\Gamma(6 p_z) \quad 6 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad -2 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad -6 \quad 0 \quad 2 \quad A_{2u} \oplus B_{2g} \oplus E_{1g} \oplus E_{2u}$$

Please complete the character tables (given in the databook) with additional cubic functions!



(Note that  $p_z$  itself is  $z$ -like!)

$$A_{2u} \oplus B_{2g} \oplus E_{1g} \oplus E_{2u}$$

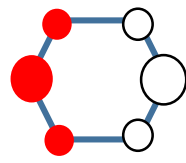


$A_{2u}$ ,  $z$ -like,

$$\theta_{A_{2u}} = (\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 + \phi_4 + \phi_5 + \phi_6)/\sqrt{6}$$

(节面数 = 0)

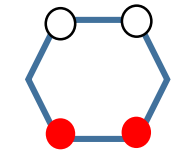
$$E(a_{2u}) = \int \theta_{A_{2u}} \hat{H} \theta_{A_{2u}} d\tau = \alpha + 2\beta$$



$E_{1g}$ ,  $xz$ -like,

$$\theta_{E_{1g},xz} = (2\phi_1 + \phi_2 - \phi_3 - 2\phi_4 - \phi_5 + \phi_6)/\sqrt{12}$$

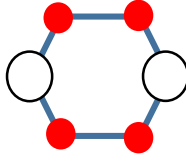
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$E_{1g}$ ,  $yz$ -like,

$$\theta_{E_{1g},yz} = (\phi_2 + \phi_3 - \phi_5 - \phi_6)/2$$

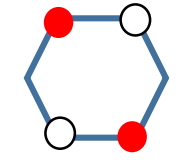
$$E(e_{1g}) = \int \theta_{E_{1g}} \hat{H} \theta_{E_{1g}} d\tau = \alpha + \beta$$



$E_{2u}$ ,  $(x^2-y^2)z$ -like,

$$\theta_{E_{2u},(x^2-y^2)z} = (2\phi_1 - \phi_2 - \phi_3 + 2\phi_4 - \phi_5 - \phi_6)/\sqrt{12}$$

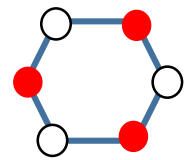
(节面数 = 2)



$E_{2u}$ ,  $xyz$ -like,

$$\theta_{E_{2u},xyz} = (\phi_2 - \phi_3 + \phi_5 - \phi_6)/2$$

$$E(e_{2u}) = \int \theta_{E_{2u}} \hat{H} \theta_{E_{2u}} d\tau = \alpha - \beta$$



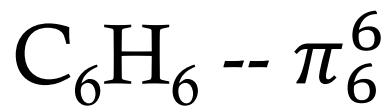
$B_{2g}$ ,  $x(x^2-3y^2)z$ -like,

$$\theta_{B_{2g}} = (\phi_1 - \phi_2 + \phi_3 - \phi_4 + \phi_5 - \phi_6)/\sqrt{6}$$

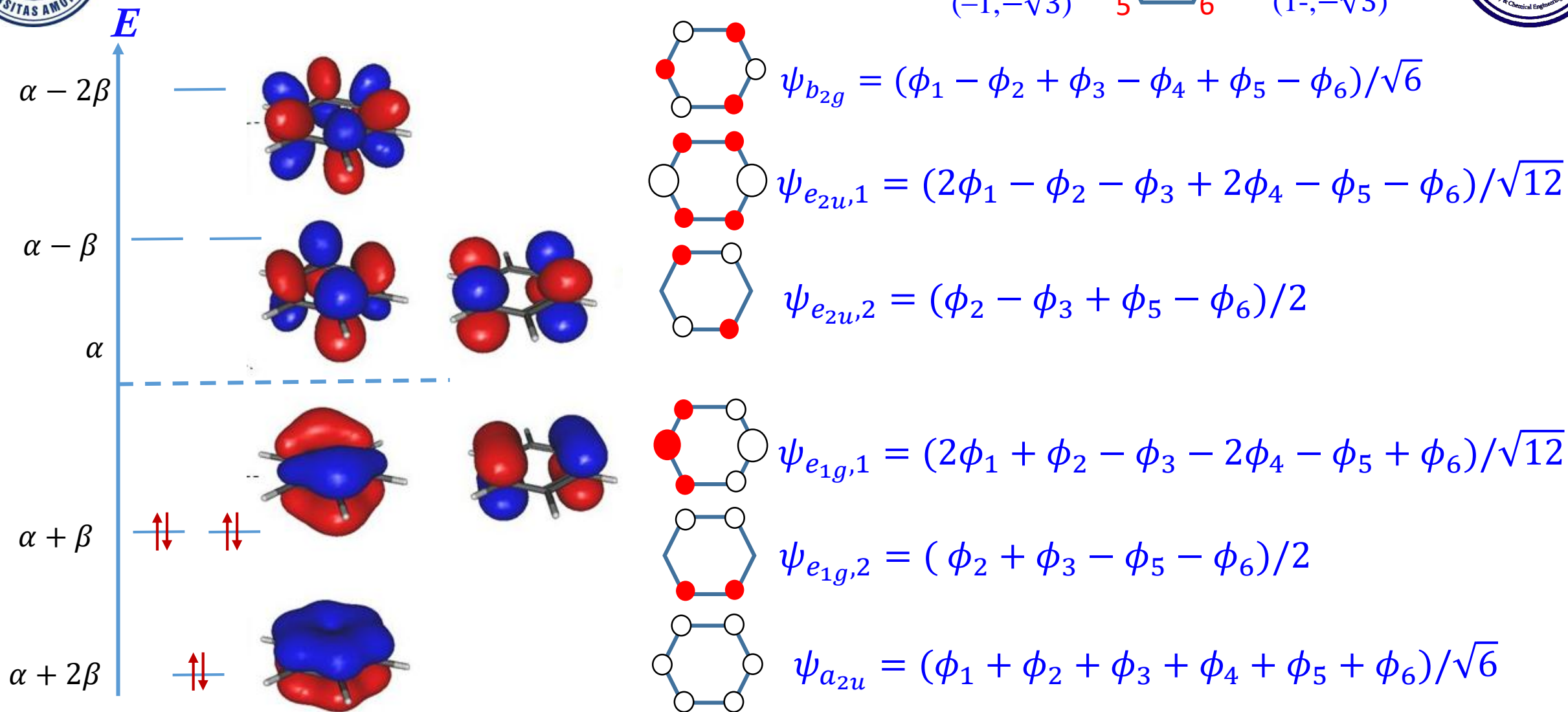
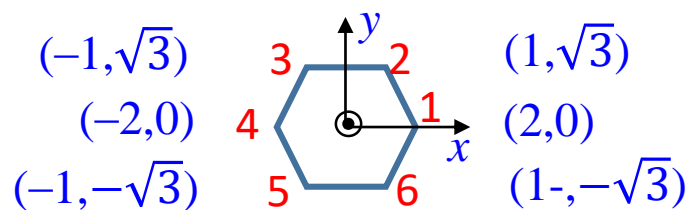
(节面数 = 3)

$$E(b_{2g}) = \int \theta_{B_{2g}} \hat{H} \theta_{B_{2g}} d\tau = \alpha - 2\beta$$

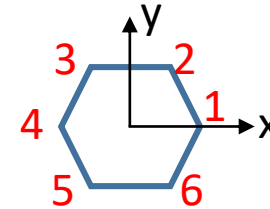
MO节面数增加, 能量上升!



$$A_{2u} \oplus B_{2g} \oplus E_{1g} \oplus E_{2u}$$



$$\text{Delocalization energy} = E_{\text{delocalized}}^{6\pi e} - E_{\text{localized}}^{6\pi e} = [2(\alpha + 2\beta) + 4(\alpha + \beta)] - [3 \times 2(\alpha + \beta)] = 2\beta$$



# 6.4 benzene -- $\pi_6^6$ $\pi$ -MOs ( by $p_z$ AOs)

using the projection operator

- Reduce the symmetry of the molecule from  $D_{6h}$  to purely rotational symmetry  $C_6$ . ( $\omega = \exp(2\pi i/6)$ )

$G_6$	$C_6$	$E$	$C_6$	$C_3$	$C_2$	$C_3^2$	$C_6^5$
$R_0$	A	1	1	1	1	1	1
$R_3$	B	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
$R_1$	$E_1^a$	1	$\omega$	$\omega^2$	$\omega^3$	$\omega^4$	$\omega^5$
$R_5$	$E_1^b$	1	$\omega^5$	$\omega^4$	$\omega^3$	$\omega^2$	$\omega$
$R_2$	$E_2^a$	1	$\omega^2$	$\omega^4$	1	$\omega^2$	$\omega^4$
$R_4$	$E_2^b$	1	$\omega^4$	$\omega^2$	1	$\omega^4$	$\omega^2$
	$\phi_1$	$\phi_1$	$\phi_2$	$\phi_3$	$\phi_4$	$\phi_5$	$\phi_6$

$$\hat{P}^{(k)} \phi_1 = \frac{1}{h} \left\{ \sum_R [\chi^{(k)}(R)]^* \hat{R} \right\} \phi_1$$

$$\Psi_a = \theta_A = (\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 + \phi_4 + \phi_5 + \phi_6) / \sqrt{6}$$

$$\Psi_b = \theta_B = (\phi_1 - \phi_2 + \phi_3 - \phi_4 + \phi_5 - \phi_6) / \sqrt{6}$$

- For cyclic group, the six equivalent AOs span as

$$\Gamma = A \oplus B \oplus E_1 \oplus E_2$$

$$\theta(E_1^a) = (\phi_1 + \omega^5 \phi_2 + \omega^4 \phi_3 + \omega^3 \phi_4 + \omega^2 \phi_5 + \omega \phi_6) / 6$$

$$\theta(E_1^b) = (\phi_1 + \omega \phi_2 + \omega^2 \phi_3 + \omega^3 \phi_4 + \omega^4 \phi_5 + \omega^5 \phi_6) / 6$$

$$\Psi(e_1^a) = N[\theta(E_1^a) + \theta(E_1^b)] = (2\phi_1 + \phi_2 - \phi_3 - 2\phi_4 - \phi_5 + \phi_6) / \sqrt{12}$$

$$\Psi(e_1^b) = N[\theta(E_1^a) - \theta(E_1^b)] = (\phi_2 + \phi_3 - \phi_5 - \phi_6) / 2$$

$$\theta(E_2^a) = (\phi_1 + \omega^4 \phi_2 + \omega^2 \phi_3 + \phi_4 + \omega^4 \phi_5 + \omega^2 \phi_6) / 6$$

$$\theta(E_2^b) = (\phi_1 + \omega^2 \phi_2 + \omega^4 \phi_3 + \phi_4 + \omega^2 \phi_5 + \omega^4 \phi_6) / 6$$

$$\Psi(e_2^a) = N[\theta(E_2^a) + \theta(E_2^b)] = (2\phi_1 - \phi_2 - \phi_3 + 2\phi_4 - \phi_5 - \phi_6) / \sqrt{12}$$

$$\Psi(e_2^b) = N[\theta(E_2^a) - \theta(E_2^b)] = (\phi_2 - \phi_3 + \phi_5 - \phi_6) / 2$$



# 思考题

1. 运用休克尔分子轨道理论推导线式[n]共轭烯烃 $\pi$ 分子轨道的正弦波规律:

$k$  为分子轨道能级 ( $k=1,2,3,\dots,n$ )

第 $k$ 个能级的能量为:  $E_k = \alpha + 2\beta \cos(k\theta)$  其中  $\theta = \pi/(n+1)$

第 $k$ 个能级的 $\pi$ 分子轨道为:  $\psi_k^\pi = \sum_{m=1}^n \phi_m \sin(mk\theta)$

2. 运用休克尔分子轨道理论推导环[n]共轭体系 $\pi$ 分子轨道的能量和组成为:

$\theta = 2\pi/n$   $k$ 与能级有关,  $k=0, 1, 2, \dots, (n-1)/2$  (for  $n=\text{odd}$ ) or  $n/2$  ( $n=\text{even}$ )

$$E_k = \alpha + 2\beta \cos(k\theta) \quad \psi_k^{\cos} = \sum_{m=1}^n \phi_m \cos[(m-1)k\theta] \quad \psi_k^{\sin} = \sum_{m=1}^n \phi_m \sin[(m-1)k\theta]$$

(when  $k\theta = 0$  or  $\pi$ , no  $\psi_k^{\sin}$ )



## 6.4 Summary

- The energies of MOs and the particular combinations of AOs from which they are formed can be found by *solving the secular equations*.
- The solution to these equations is simplified by adopting *the Hückel approximations*:
  - (1) the overlap between orbitals is neglected, i.e.  $S_{ij} = 0$ ;
  - (2) AOs are assumed to be normalized i.e.  $S_{ii} = 1$ ;
  - (3) only adjacent orbitals have an interaction i.e.  $H_{ij} = 0$  if  $i$  and  $j$  are not adjacent.
- In the secular equations  $H_{ii}$  is written  $\alpha_i$ ; this is approximately the energy of orbital  $i$ , and is *negative*.
- In the secular equations  $H_{ij}$  is written  $\beta_{ij}$ ; this is the energy of interaction of *adjacent orbitals  $i$  and  $j$* ; it is *negative*.



## 6.5 Summary

- The *secular equations* are of the form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 - E & \beta_{12} & \beta_{13} & \dots & \beta_{1N} \\ \beta_{21} & \alpha_2 - E & \beta_{23} & \dots & \beta_{2N} \\ \beta_{31} & \beta_{32} & \alpha_3 - E & \dots & \beta_{3N} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \beta_{N1} & \beta_{N2} & \beta_{N3} & \dots & \alpha_N - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ \dots \\ c_N \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

*Hückel  
approximations*

$$S_{ij} = \int \phi_i \phi_j d\tau = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & (i = j) \\ 0 & (i \neq j) \end{cases}$$

$$H_{ii} = \int \phi_i \hat{H} \phi_i d\tau = \alpha_i$$

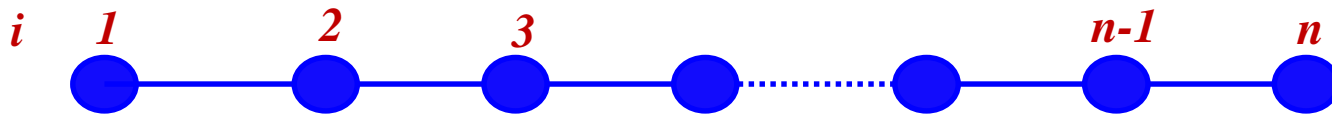
$$H_{ij} = \int \phi_i \hat{H} \phi_j d\tau = \beta_{ij} \\ = 0 \text{ (i-j non-bonding)}$$

- The solution to the secular equations can be simplified by first constructing symmetry orbitals (SOs); only SOs of the same symmetry overlap, thereby reducing the dimensionality of the secular matrix. (That is why we use symmetry and group theory!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)*
- However, the forms and energies of HMOs solely depend on the atomic connectivity!
- The delocalization energy of a  $\pi$  system is the difference between the energy of electrons in delocalized orbitals and the energy of the electrons in localized orbitals.



## 6.5 More considerations –graphical method for linear [n]polyenes

**Graphical method** to predefine the coefficients of HMOs for conjugated systems (developed by **Qianer Zhang** et al.)



$$\psi^\pi = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \phi_i$$

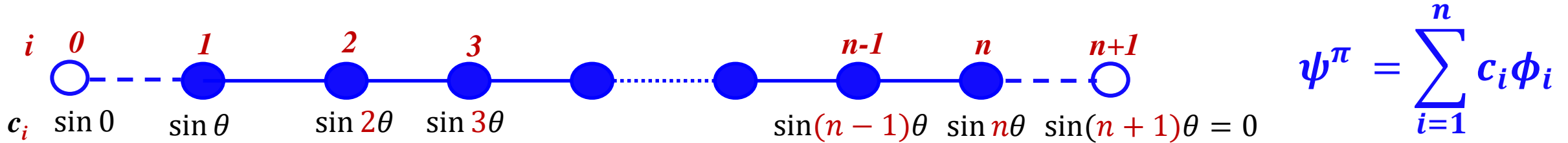
- For a linear [n]polyene, we have  $n$  secular equations ( $x = (\alpha - E)/\beta$ ) :

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & x & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & x & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \dots \\ c_{n-1} \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} xc_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ c_1 + xc_2 + c_3 = 0 \\ \dots \\ c_{i-1} + xc_i + c_{i+1} = 0 \\ \dots \\ c_{n-2} + xc_{n-1} + c_n = 0 \\ c_{n-1} + xc_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

$c_{i+1} + c_{i-1} = -xc_i$   
 $\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin \frac{A+B}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}$   
 if  $A = (i+1)\theta, B = (i-1)\theta$   
 then  $x = -2 \cos \theta$   
 &  $c_i = \sin i\theta$



## 6.6 General process for [n]polyenes



For a linear [n]polyene, we have  $n$  secular equations ( $x = (\alpha - E)/\beta$ ):

$$xc_1 + c_2 = 0;$$

$$c_1 + xc_2 + c_3 = 0; \dots \dots \dots \text{set } x = -2\cos\theta$$

$$c_{i-1} + xc_i + c_{i+1} = 0; \quad c_1 = \sin\theta$$

(cyclic formula)

$$\dots \dots \dots; c_{n-1} + xc_n = 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_2 = -xc_1 = \sin 2\theta \\ c_3 = \sin 3\theta \\ \dots \\ c_i = \sin i\theta \\ \dots \\ c_n = \sin n\theta \end{array} \right.$$

Boundary condition:

$$c_{n+1} = \sin(n+1)\theta = 0$$

$$\theta_k = k\pi/(n+1) \quad (k=1, \dots, n)$$

$$E_k = \alpha + 2\beta \cos \theta_k$$

$$\psi_k^\pi = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_i \sin(i\theta_k)$$

( $k$  defines the energy level!)

Now recall the sine wave rule we learnt in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester!



# cyclic [n]polyenes

$$\theta = 2\pi/n$$

$k = 0, 1, \dots, (n-1)/2$  (for  $n$  = odd) or  $n/2$  (for  $n$  = even)

$$E_k = \alpha + 2\beta \cos(k\theta)$$

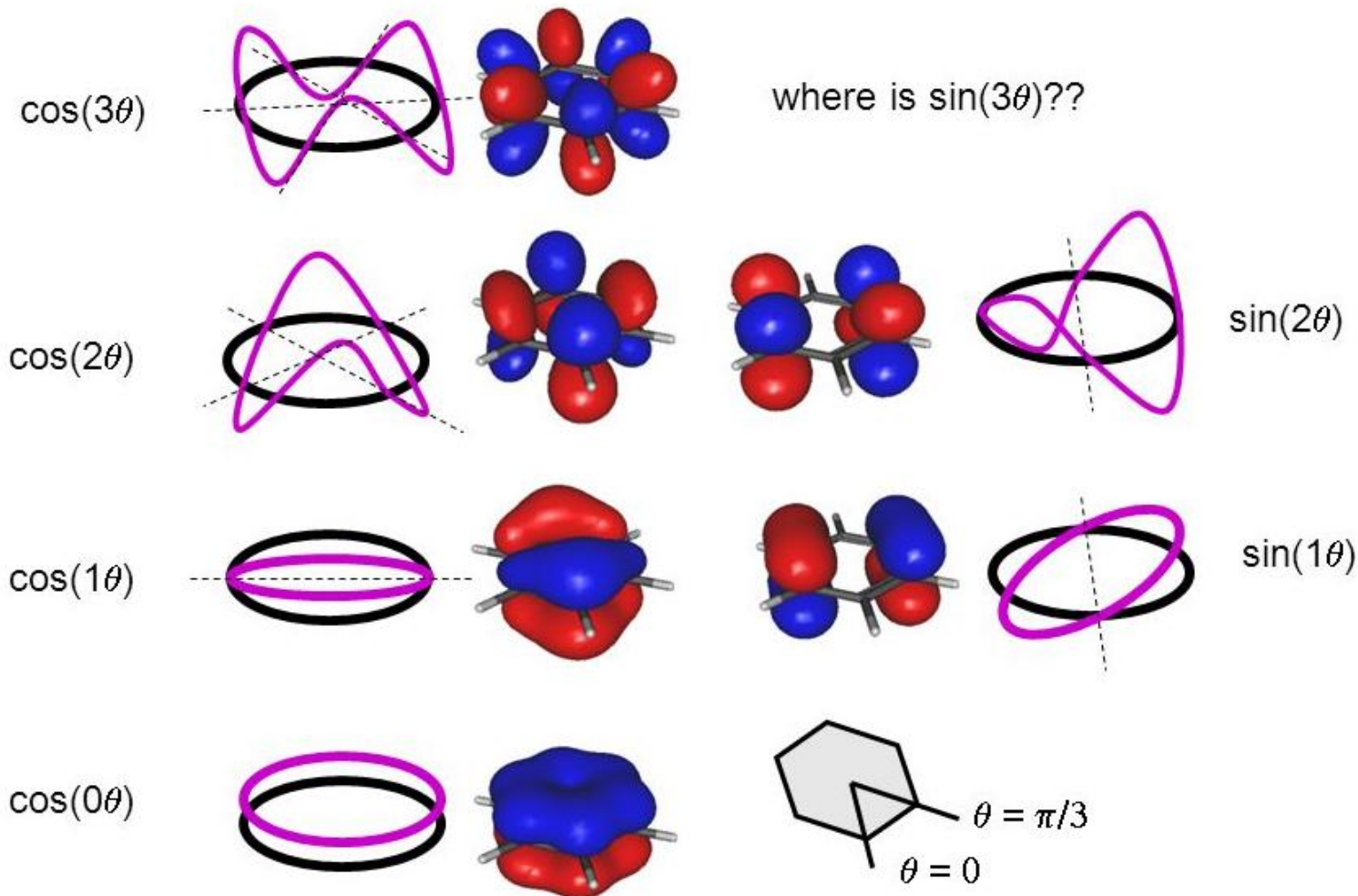
$$\psi_k^{\cos} = \sum_{m=1}^n \phi_m \cos[(m-1)k\theta]$$

$$\psi_k^{\sin} = \sum_{m=1}^n \phi_m \sin[(m-1)k\theta]$$

(when  $k\theta = 0$  or  $\pi$ , no  $\psi_k^{\sin}$ )



## $\pi$ MOs of Benzene





- The method can be used for dealing with more complicated systems.
- Recent work developed by Prof. Zhenhua Chen can be found as “*Graphical representation of Hückel Molecular Orbitals*” in *J. Chem. Educ.* 2020, 97(2), 448-456.

(<https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.jchemed.9b00687>)

- FYI: “Introduction to Computational Chemistry: Teaching Hückel Molecular Orbital Theory Using an Excel Workbook for Matrix Diagonalization”  
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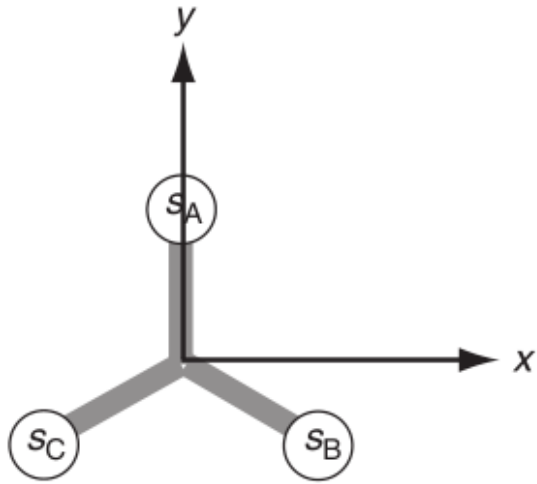
# Work out SOs quickly by using trend & inspection!

Trend in SOs arising from

i) 2 equivalent AOs

( $C_2/\sigma/i$ )

ii) 3 equivalent AOs ( $C_3$ )



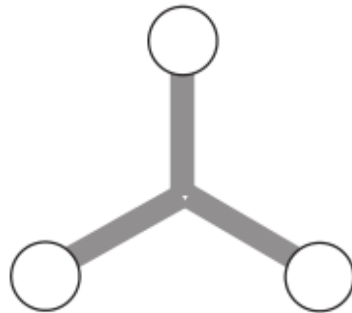
*In-phase*

$(s_A + s_B)$

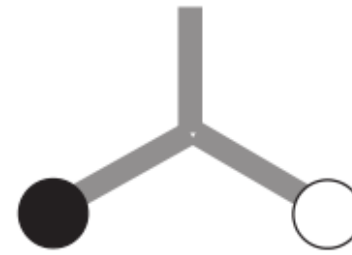


*Out of phase*

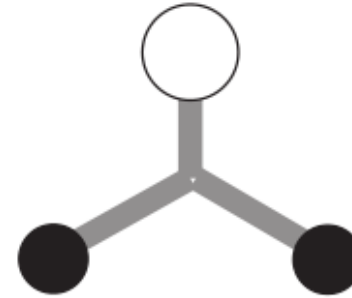
$(s_A - s_B)$



$\theta_{A_1'} = s_A + s_B + s_C$



$\theta_{E,x} = s_B - s_C$



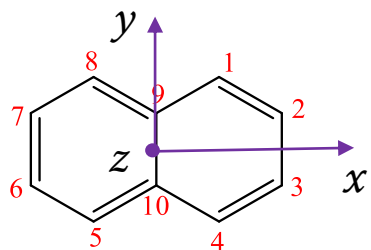
$\theta_{E,y} = s_A - 1/2s_B - 1/2s_C$

- The aforementioned trend of SOs consisting of 2,3,4-equivalent-basis-functions can be used to quickly work out the SOs as well as the corresponding *IRs* by inspection.



# Work out SOs quickly by using trends and inspection!

- Example: Naphthalene ( $D_{2h}$ )

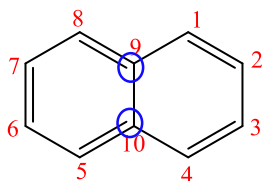


$\pi_{10}^{10}$  formed by 10  $p_z$  AOs:

(1,4,5,8)(2,3,6,7)(9,10)

(9,10):

z-like,  $B_{1u}$



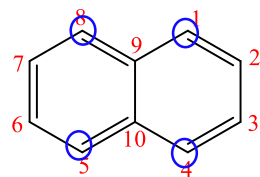
yz-like,  $B_{3g}$



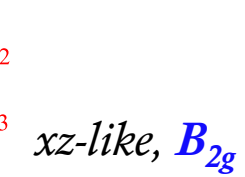
$$\theta_a = (\phi_9 + \phi_{10}) / \sqrt{2} \quad \theta_b = (\phi_9 - \phi_{10}) / \sqrt{2}$$

(1,4,5,8):

z-like,  $B_{1u}$

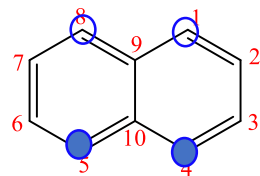


xz-like,  $B_{2g}$

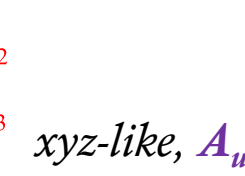


$$\theta_c = (\phi_1 + \phi_4 + \phi_5 + \phi_8) / 2 \quad \theta_d = (\phi_1 + \phi_4 - \phi_5 - \phi_8) / 2$$

yz-like,  $B_{3g}$



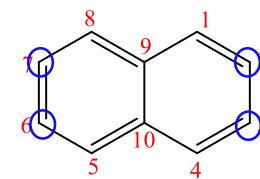
xyz-like,  $A_u$



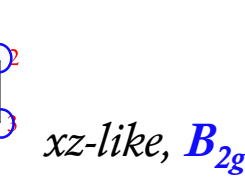
$$\theta_e = (\phi_1 - \phi_4 - \phi_5 + \phi_8) / 2 \quad \theta_f = (\phi_1 - \phi_4 + \phi_5 - \phi_8) / 2$$

(2,3,6,7):

z-like,  $B_{1u}$

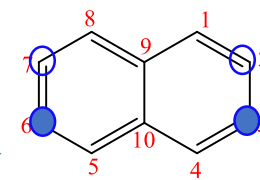


xz-like,  $B_{2g}$

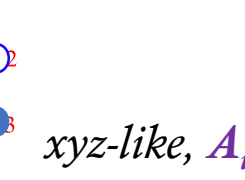


$$\theta_g = (\phi_2 + \phi_3 + \phi_6 + \phi_7) / 2 \quad \theta_h = (\phi_2 + \phi_3 - \phi_6 - \phi_7) / 2$$

yz-like,  $B_{3g}$



xyz-like,  $A_u$



$$\theta_i = (\phi_2 - \phi_3 - \phi_6 + \phi_7) / 2 \quad \theta_j = (\phi_2 - \phi_3 + \phi_6 - \phi_7) / 2$$

$D_{2h}$	$E$	$C_2^z$	$C_2^y$	$C_2^x$	$i$	$\sigma^{xy}$	$\sigma^{xz}$	$\sigma^{yz}$	
$A_g$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$x^2; y^2; z^2$
$B_{1g}$	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	$R_z$ $xy$
$B_{2g}$	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	$R_y$ $xz$
$B_{3g}$	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	$R_x$ $yz$
$A_u$	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	$xyz$
$B_{1u}$	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	$z$
$B_{2u}$	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	$y$
$B_{3u}$	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	$x$

$$B_{1g} \otimes B_{1u} = A_u$$



- MOs of  $B_{1u}$  symmetry:  $\psi(B_{1u}) = c_a \theta_a + c_c \theta_c + c_g \theta_g$

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{aa} - E & H_{ac} & H_{ag} \\ H_{ca} & H_{cc} - E & H_{cg} \\ H_{ga} & H_{gc} & H_{gg} - E \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_a \\ c_c \\ c_g \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$H_{aa} = (H_{99} + H_{1010} + H_{910} + H_{109}) / 2 = \alpha + \beta$$

$$H_{cc} = (H_{11} + H_{44} + H_{55} + H_{88}) / 4 = \alpha$$

$$H_{gg} = \alpha + \beta$$

$$H_{ac} = (H_{91} + H_{98} + H_{104} + H_{105}) / 2\sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2} \beta \quad H_{ag} = 0 \quad H_{cg} = \beta$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x + 1 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ \sqrt{2} & x & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & x + 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_a \\ c_c \\ c_g \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \det \begin{pmatrix} x + 1 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ \sqrt{2} & x & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & x + 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

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