

8.3 BONDING THEORIES

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Section Review

Objectives

- Identify the difference between atomic and molecular orbitals
- Describe how VSEPR theory helps predict the shapes of molecules
- Identify the ways in which orbital hybridization is useful in describing molecules

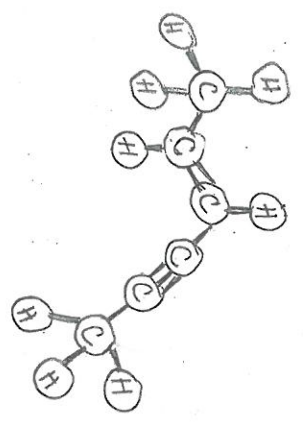
Vocabulary

- molecular orbitals
- bonding orbital
- sigma bond
- pi bond
- tetrahedral angle
- VSEPR theory
- hybridization

Part A Completion

Use this completion exercise to check your understanding of the concepts and terms that are introduced in this section. Each blank can be completed with a term, short phrase, or number.

- The quantum mechanical model of bonding assumes that atomic orbitals overlap to produce 1. hybrid orbitals. A molecular orbital that can be occupied by two electrons of a covalent bond is called a 2. bonding orbital, whose energy is 3. lower than that of the atomic orbitals from which it formed. When two atomic orbitals combine to form a molecular orbital that is symmetrical around the axis connecting two atomic nuclei, a 4. sigma (σ) bond is formed. When atomic orbitals overlap side by side, they produce 5. pi (π) bonds. Electron dot structures fail to reflect the 6. 3-D or geometrical shapes of molecules. 7. VSEPR states that because electron pairs repel, molecular shape adjusts so the valence-electron pairs are as far apart as possible. Another way to describe molecules that provides information about both molecular bonding and molecular shape is 8. orbital hybridization.



Part B True-False

Classify each of these statements as always true, AT; sometimes true, ST; or never true, NT.

- Unshared pairs of electrons affect the shape of molecules. AT
- Molecular orbitals involve pi bonding. ST
- A bonding orbital is a molecular orbital whose energy is higher than that of the atomic orbitals from which it is formed. NT
- With hybridization, several atomic orbitals overlap to form the same total number of equivalent hybrid orbitals. AT
- Sigma and pi bonds are found in the same molecule. ST
- The methane molecule has four orbitals with tetrahedral angles of 109.5° . AT

Part C Matching

Match each description in Column B to the correct term in Column A.

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| Column A | Column B |
| <u>d</u> 15. sigma bond | a. states that because electron pairs repel, molecules adjust their shapes so that valence-electron pairs are as far apart as possible |
| <u>e</u> 16. pi bond | b. a process in which several atomic orbitals overlap to form the same number of equivalent hybrid orbitals |
| <u>a</u> 17. VSEPR theory | c. a term used to describe the shape of certain molecules such as CO_2 |
| <u>b</u> 18. hybridization | d. a bond formed when two atomic orbitals combine to form a molecular orbital that is symmetrical along the axis connecting the two atomic nuclei |
| <u>c</u> 19. linear molecule | e. a bond in which the bonding electrons are most likely to be found in the sausage-shaped regions above and below the nuclei of the bonded atoms |

Part D Questions and Problems

Answer the following in the space provided.

- Indicate the hybrid orbitals used by each carbon atom in the following compound.

