

## Hybridization

The process of mixing of pure orbital of an atom having nearly equal energy to produce a set of new equivalent orbitals (having the same shape and same energy content)

Is termed as hybridization. The atom is said to be the hybridized state.

### Types of hybridization

Hybridization is of three types in the carbon compound.

- (i) SP hybridization      Structure      Linear
- (ii)  $SP^2$  hybridization      Structure      Trigonal
- (iii)  $SP^3$  hybridization      Structure      Tetrahedral

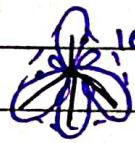
Table - I - Summary of three types of hybridization  
of carbon

S. No.	No. of mixing orbital	No. of hybrid orbital formed	Types of hybridization	Structure	Example
1.	One s or one p $s = 50\%$ $p = 50\%$	Two $SP$ hybrid orbital	$SP$	Linear 180°	$C \equiv C$ Acetylene
2.	One s or two p $s = 33.3\%$ $p = 66.6\%$	Three $SP^2$ hybrid orbital	$SP^2$	Trigonal 120°	Ethylen, Propylen ( $C=C$ ) Ethen

3.

One s and three p  
 Four  $sp^3$  hybrid orbitals  
 $S = 25\%$   
 $P = 75\%$

$sp^3$



$109^\circ 28'$

C-C

$CH_4, NH_3$

Decreasing order of s character in three types of hybrid orbital is  $sp > sp^2 > sp^3$ .  
 And the decreasing order of the size of three orbital would be  $sp^3 > sp^2 > sp$ .

### Types of covalent bond

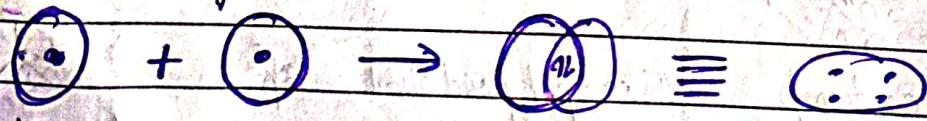
Covalent bonds can be divided into two types.

1. Sigma ( $\sigma$ ) bond
2. Pi ( $\pi$ ) bond

1. Sigma ( $\sigma$ ) bond :- A sigma bond is formed by the linear end to end coaxial overlap of half filled orbitals of two atoms in an efficient way.  
 It has highest e- density along the molecular axis.

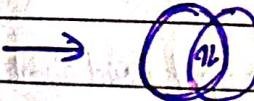
By S-S overlapping

2 similar s atomic orbitals can overlap with each other to form of S-S molecular orbital.  
 Example:- Hydrogen molecule



1s

1s



S - S

$\sigma$  - bond

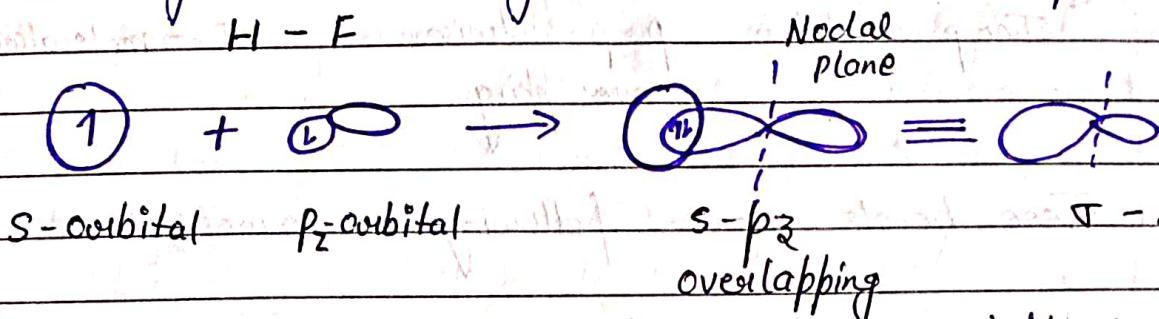
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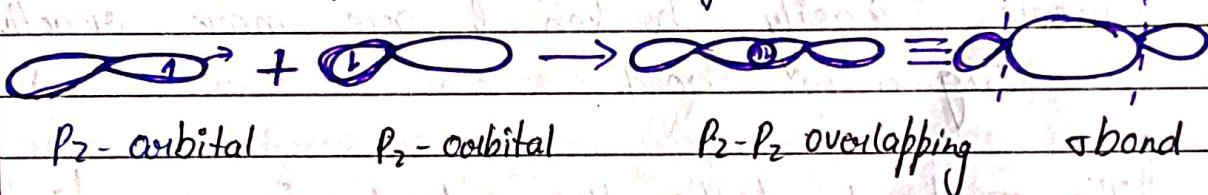
overlapping

(1s, 1s)

By the s-p overlapping (Head on overlapping)  
Sigma bonds by result and s or p orbitals



By the p<sub>z</sub>-p<sub>z</sub> overlapping (Head on overlapping)  
Sigma bond result by a overlap a P<sub>z</sub> orbital  
For example :- (X-halogens)



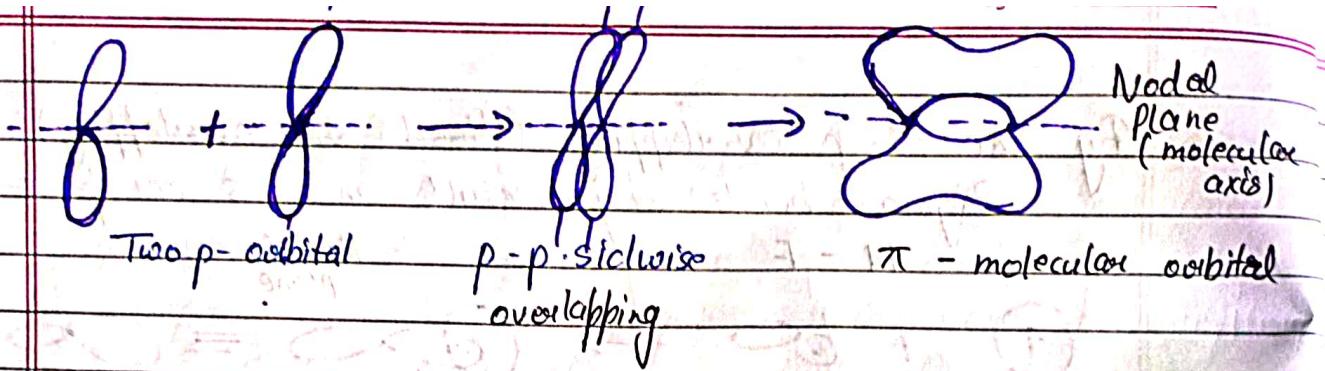
Sigma bond is symmetrical about the line joining two nuclei. They are represented by a single line b/w two atoms.

The electrons of sigma bond are called Sigma electron.

2. Pi ( $\pi$ ) bond :- It is formed by the sideways (lateral) overlapping of two 2p atomic orbitals. (Which have their lobes perpendicular to the molecular axis).

$\Pi(\pi)$  bond consist of halves.

One half of the ( $\pi$ ) bond lies above the plane containing two nuclei and the other half lies below the plane.



These bonds have following characteristics

- $\pi$ -electrons are loosely held than a pair of electrons in a sigma bond.  
Due to partial overlap the  $\pi$  bond are more easily broken & are more reactive than Sigma bond.
- The  $\pi$  bond locks the molecule in one fixed position  
So rotation is not possible around the  $\pi$  bond. This restriction in rotation around the  $\pi$  bond is responsible of the occurrence by a cis and trans isomerism in alkenes.
- They do not have independent existence and exist along with a sigma bond in a molecule.

### Bond length

- The distance b/w two atomic nuclei in a covalent molecule is called the bond distance or bond length.
- Bond lengths are very small they are usually expressed

in Angstrom unit ( $\text{\AA}$ ) ( $1 \text{\AA} = 10^{-8} \text{ cm or } 10^{-10} \text{ m}$ )

- This distance insure maximum stability of covalent bond b/c the repulsion b/w atomic nuclei is balanced by the stabilising effect of overlapping atomic orbital.

- The bond length are characteristic properties of a molecule & give information about it's structure and properties.

- Bond length are measured by a X-ray Crystallography and Microwave Spectroscopy.

- The distance b/w atoms of a bond is not constant due to vibrating molecule.

Table :- Bonds length of some important Covalent bond

Bond	Bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Bond	Bond length ( $\text{\AA}$ )
H-H	0.74 Hydrogen	C=O	1.20 Formaldehyde
C-C	1.54 Ethane	C-N	1.16 Carbon dioxide
C=C	1.48 Butadiene	C-Cl	1.47 Methyl amine
C≡C	1.34 Ethylene	C-Br	1.78 Methyl chloride
C-H	1.11 Acetylene	C-I	1.94 Methyl bromide
	1.09 Benzene	O-H	0.96 Methanol
	1.06 Acetylene	N-H	1.01 Methyl amine
(-O)	1.41 Ethanol	C-F	1.42 Methyl fluoride
	1.34 Formic Acid		

The length of a covalent bond is equal to sum semi of the covalent radii of the two concerned.

Example:- The bond length of C-C is  $1.54 \text{ \AA}$  (sup 1.54) and their covalent radius of C atom.

$$\frac{1.54}{2} = 0.77 \text{ \AA}$$

Note:- Bond length given in  $\text{\AA}$  can be converted into Picometer (pm) by multiplying by 100.  
 $(1 \text{ \AA} = 100 \text{ pm})$

### Factors affecting Bond length

1. Hybridization
2. Electronegativity
3. Delocalization

1. Hybridization :- There is a correlation b/w bond length & hybridization. As the amount of s-character relative to the amount of p character in a hybrid orbital increases ( $\uparrow$ ) the bond length decreases ( $\downarrow$ ).

Table :- Correlation of bond length with hybridization

Types of hybridization	% of s character	C - H bond length ( $\text{\AA}$ )	C - C bond length ( $\text{\AA}$ )	bond length ( $\downarrow$ )
$sp^3$	25%	1.11	1.54	
$sp^2$	33.3%	1.083	1.34	
$sp$	50%	1.057	1.20	

2. Electronegativity :- When a covalent bond is made up of two atoms having different electronegativities becomes somewhat more ionic in character and possesses a slightly different length.

For Example :- As the electronegativity of an atom attached to C atom in C-X increases (1), the valence e- of C-X bond are attracted more towards the electronegative (X) atom which decreases the attractive atomic radius & thus there is decrease in C-X bond length. This also explains while the C-X bond in  $F_3C-X$  molecule is always shorter than in the corresponding  $H_3C-X$  molecule.

Table:- Effect of electronegativity of C on the bond length of C-X

Bond length ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of C-H bond	Bond length ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of C-Cl	Bond length ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of C-F
$CH_3CH_2-H$ 1.11	$H_3C-Cl$ 1.780	$H_3C-F$ 1.391
$H_3C-H$ 1.11	$ClH_2C-Cl$ 1.772	$F_3C-F$ 1.323
$Cl_2C-H$ 1.06	$Cl_2HC-Cl$ 1.763	
	$Cl_3C-Cl$ 1.755	
	$F_3C-Cl$ 1.720	

Dilocalization :- Dilocalization happen when electrons are shared over more than one atom. Example:- Bonding electrons may be distributed among several atoms that are bonded together.

The bond length are also affected by dilocalization of  $\pi$  electrons.

For example:- In Benzene there are three  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  and three  $\text{C}=\text{C}$ , thus the bond length should be  $1.54 \text{ \AA}$  and  $1.34 \text{ \AA}$  respectively. But actually it lies in b/w single & double bond length and it is  $\approx 1.39 \text{ \AA}$  due to delocalization of  $\pi$  electrons.

### Bond Angles ( $\theta$ )

The bond angle is defined as the angle b/w the direction of two neighbouring covalent bonds.

$\text{sp}^3$ ,  $\text{sp}^2$  and  $\text{sp}$  orbitals in hybridised carbon atoms have an angle of  $109^\circ 28'$ ,  $120^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$  respectively.

The bond angles can be determined by X-ray diffraction, electron diffraction and spectroscopic method.

## Factors affecting the bond angles

1. Hybridization
2. Lone-pair repulsion
3. Effect of substituents
4. Electronegativity of central atom

1. Hybridization :- Hybridization of bonding orbitals also play an important role in determining the value of bond angles. It has been observed that as the s-character in a hybrid orbital increases (↑), the bond angle also increases (↑).

### Hybrid orbitals

increases  
in s-character  
 $\downarrow$   
 $sp^3$   
 $sp^2$   
 $sp$

### Bond angles

$109^\circ 28'$	increase in bond angle (↑)
$120^\circ$	in bond angle (↑)
$180^\circ$	

This place has higher value of bond angle of ethylene <sup>is due to</sup> greater s-character than in ethyne, ethane and carbon having lower s-character.

2. Lone pair repulsion :- The bond angle decreases (↓) with an increase (↑) in no. of lone pairs.

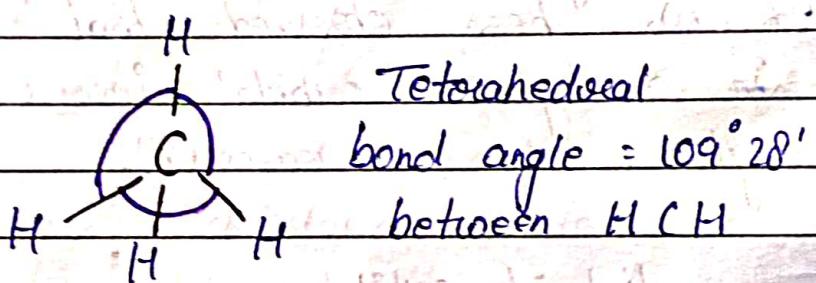
Since the magnitude of repulsion b/w the e-pairs

around central atom decreases ( $\downarrow$ ) in the following order -

lone pair - lone pair  $>$  lone pair - bond pair  $>$  bond pair - bond pair

$lp-lp > lp-bp > bp-bp$

For example:- Methane ( $CH_4$ ) molecule has 4 bond pairs with equal repulsive force. Which completely balanced each other.

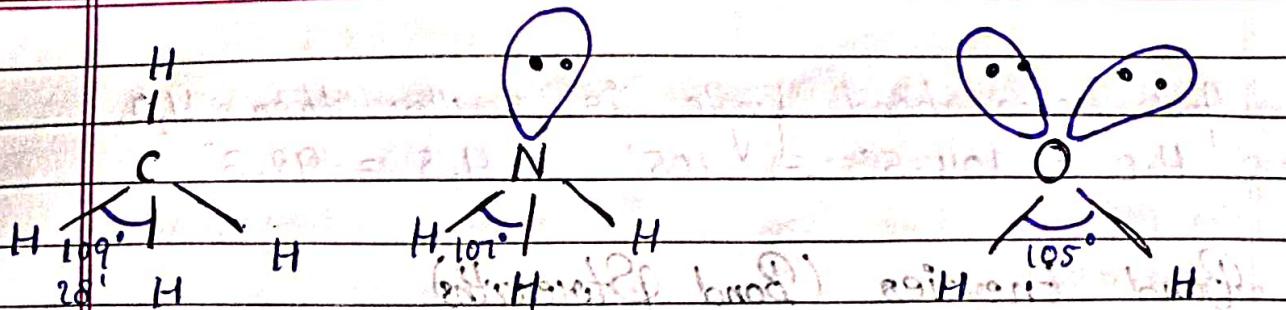


### Amonia ( $NH_3$ )

There are three bond pairs & one lone pair. Since has a greater repulsive force, the bond pairs are forced closer together resulting in the H-N-H bond angles of  $107^\circ$ .

### Water ( $H_2O$ )

In water molecule there are two bond pairs and two lone pairs. Which cause greater repulsion than that in ammonia molecule and thus forcing the bond pairs still closer together resulting in the H-O-H bond angle of  $105.5^\circ \approx 105^\circ$ .



Methane (4 bond pairs)  
tetrahedral shape

Ammonia (3 bond pairs  
one lone pair)

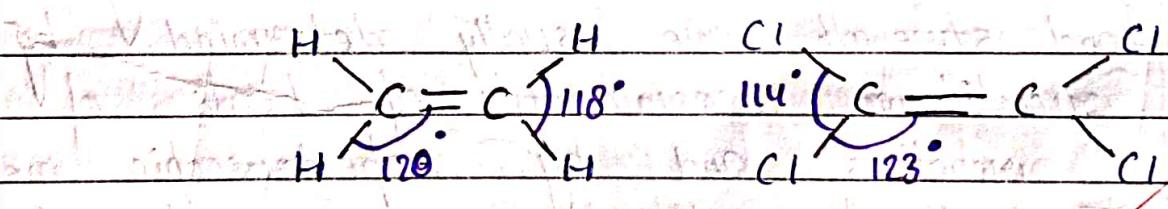
Pyramidal shape

Water (2 bond pairs and 2 lone pairs)

bent - V - shape

3. Effect of substituents :- In  $sp^2$  hybrid orbitals the three lobes of  $sp^2$  hybrid orbital are directed towards the corners of an equilateral triangle.

The angle b/w two  $sp^2$  hybrid orbitals each 120° in ethylene molecule. However, this angle also deviates slightly when different substituents are attached to it.



4. Electronegativity of central atom :-

The increase in electronegativity of central atom increases the bond angle.

For example :- H<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>S, Sulphur is less electronegative than Oxygen.

The bond pairs of H<sub>2</sub>S are more away from the central atom, the repulsive forces b/w bond pairs are small than in H<sub>2</sub>O.

And hence bond angle is smaller than  $H_2O$ .

$$H_2O = 104.5^\circ, H_2S = 92.3^\circ$$