

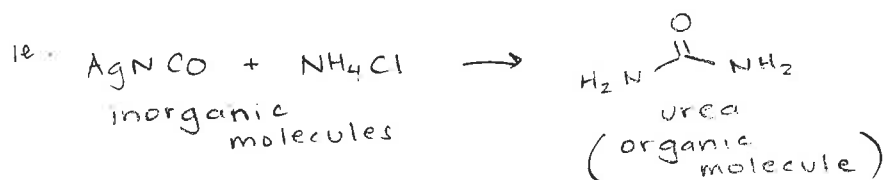
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website  $\Rightarrow$  <https://www.chem.edu/chem343-gellman/index>

Introduction: What is organic chemistry?

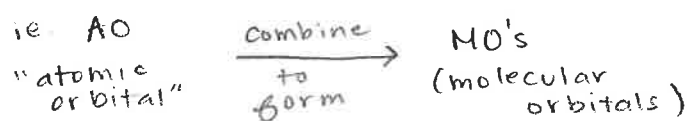
- study of molecules that contain carbon
- many drugs & biologically relevant molecules are comprised with carbon



1828: Wöhler  
 - proved the  
 "vital theory"  
 was incorrect

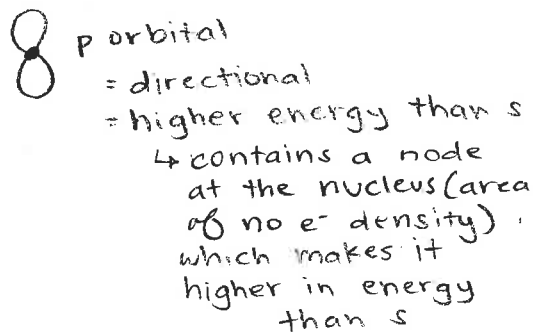
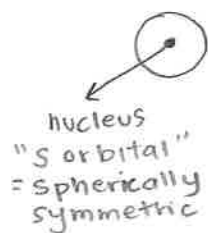
- carbon valence = 4 ie. carbon prefers to form 4 bonds
- for carbon, in its electronic ground state (ie  $e^-$  in lowest energy orbital)  $\Rightarrow$   $2e^-$  in  $1s$  orbital  
 $2e^-$  in  $2s/2p$  orbitals

- valence shell orbitals of a given atom interact with valence shell orbitals of other atoms to form bonds



\* molecular orbitals are shared by the atoms

ie. 4AO's in 2nd shell:  $2s, 2p_x, 2p_y, 2p_z$

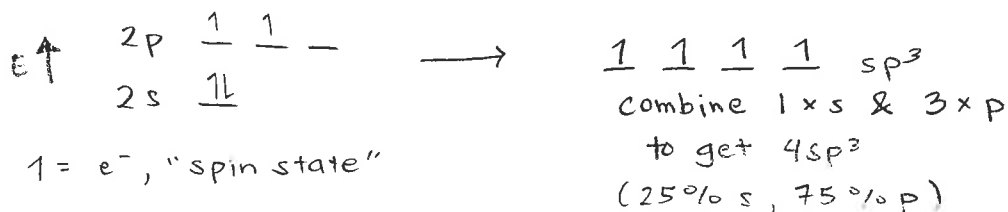


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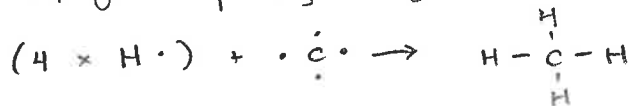
- prototypical organic molecules ( $\text{CH}_4$ )

⇒ carbon forms 4 equivalent bonds to H atoms

∴ carbon valence AO's must be hybridized (combined)  
 to form 4 equivalent AO's



- Form  $\text{CH}_4$  from  $sp^3$  hybridized C + 4 H atoms



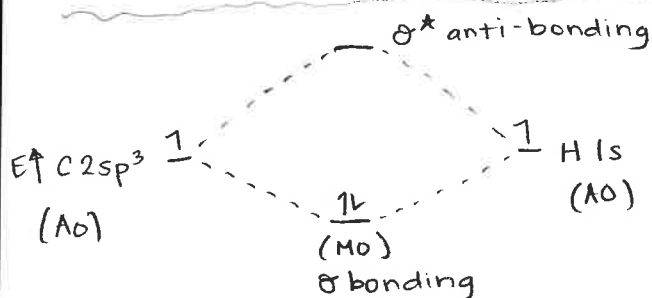
Note  $\cdot = e^-$

⇒ line between 2 atoms is a pair of  $e^-$ 's shared between them (i.e. bond)

- Each C-H bond can be thought of as arising from combination of a 1s orbital on (H) and a  $2sp^3$  orbital on carbon

(AO's → MO's) process depicted via 2 different drawings

C-H bond orbital energy diagram



- ① Roman letters for AO's, greek for MO's
- \* ② conservation of orbital #  
(2 AO's → 2 MO's)
- \* ③ one MO higher in energy than AO
- ④ Place  $e^-$  in most stable arrangement (ground state)

- "one MO is lower in energy than either AO"

⇒ binding (putting  $e^-$ 's here, leads to stability)

} note for ②

- antibonding ( $e^-$ 's at higher energy than in isolated atoms)

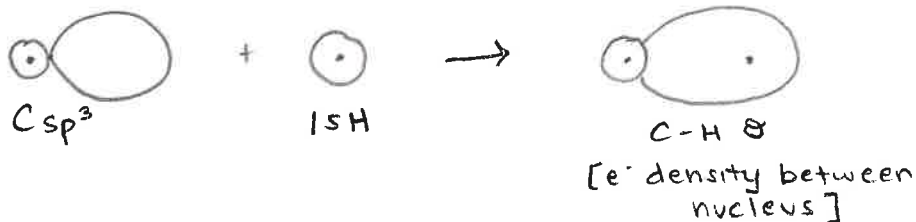
- population of  $\sigma^*$  weakens overall bonding

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- "spatial characteristics of C-H bond"  
- regions of space in which e<sup>-</sup>'s likely to be found



$\sigma^*$   
 $\oplus \cdots \cdots \ominus$   
e<sup>-</sup> density has  
node between  
nuclei  
 $\therefore$  antibonding