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course website: <https://www.chem.wisc.edu/chem343-gellman/index>  
 Rec. Problems: (Chapter 1)  $\Rightarrow$  1, 3-9, 11-13, 16-18, 20, 22-26, 30-32, 40, 41, 44, 45  
 of 6th Ed.

Recall key themes in organic molecules

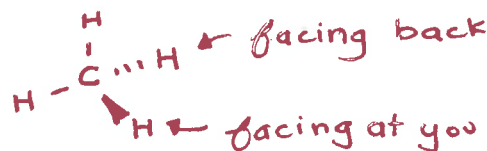
• bonding + molecular geometry via consideration of  
 "prototypical molecules"

# 1 = methane =  $\text{CH}_4$

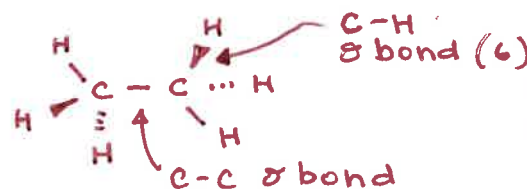
3D structure  $\rightarrow$  "tetrahedral"

$$\text{H}-\hat{\text{C}}-\text{H} = 109.5^\circ$$

$\rightarrow$  for an  $\text{sp}^3$  hybridized carbon

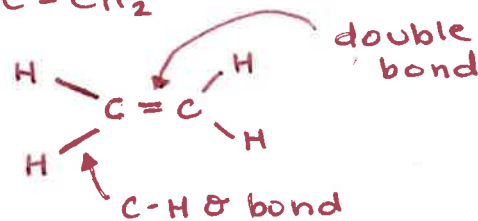


# 2 = ethane =  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6 = \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_3$



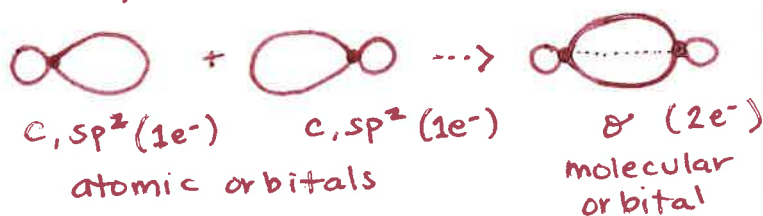
# 3 = ethene, or ethylene =  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4, \text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$

carbon is  $\text{sp}^2$  hybridized  $\Rightarrow$  has 1  $\sigma$  bond & 1  $\pi$  bond

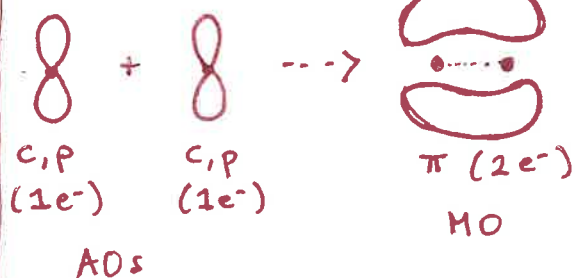


Spatial characteristics of  $\sigma$ - and  $\pi$  bonds

$\text{C}-\text{C}, \sigma$



$\text{C}=\text{C}, \pi$

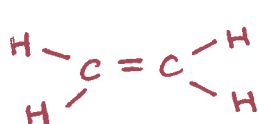


"It's very easy to mistake familiarity with mastery." - Prof. Gellman 9/3/15

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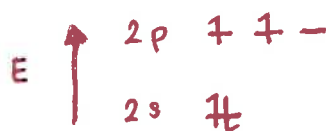
- Because  $\pi$  MO  $e^-$  are necessarily displaced from the inter-nuclear axis, the  $\pi$   $e^-$ 's are NOT as "tightly held" as  $\sigma$   $e^-$ 's.

∴  $\pi$  bonds are often sites of reactivity

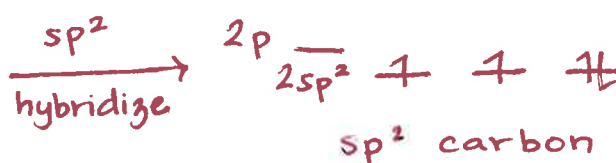


Each C bonds to 3 partners  
 ∴  $sp^2$  hybridized

- Thus,



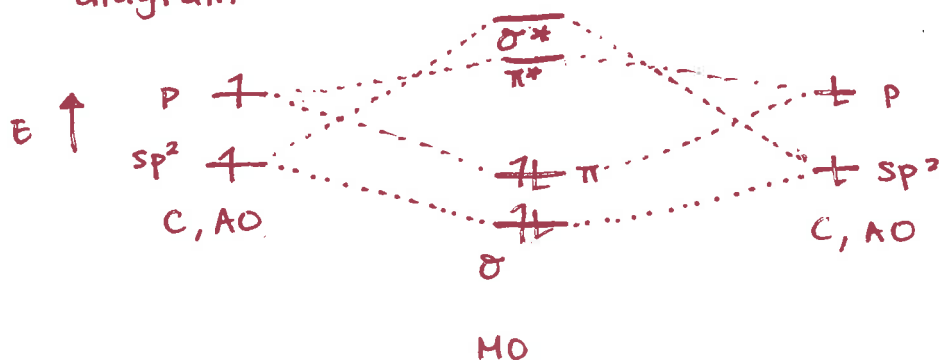
C atom (isolated)



$sp^2$   
 ↳ 67% p  
 33% s

\* NOTE: one p orbital for  $\pi$  bond

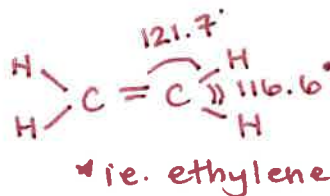
- C=C orbital energy diagram



not the most beautiful  
 → see book

- Geometry  
 $sp^2$  C

• bond angles ~ 120°



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#4 = acetylene (ethyne) =  $C_2H_2$ ,  $H-C \equiv C-H$   
↑ triple bond ( $\sigma + 2\pi$ )  
•  $sp$ -hybridized C bond angle  $\sim 180^\circ$

Bond lengths

