


Questions on Symmetry, Overlap, Energy

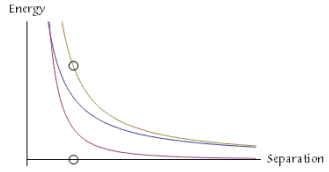
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1. The **kinetic energy** of the **antibonding** combination of a pair of AO's is ...

- 33% 1. greater than that for the bonding combination
- 33% 2. about the same that for the bonding combination
- 33% 3. less than that for the bonding combination





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2. The **total energy** of the **antibonding** combination of a pair of AO's is ...

- 20% 1. never negative
- 20% 2. has a minimum near the bond distance
- 20% 3. about the same as for the bonding combination
- 4. is smaller the larger the separation
- 20% 5. 1 and 4
- 20%



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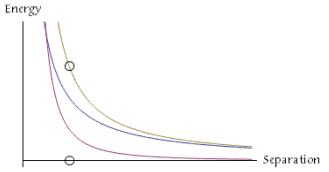
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3. The **potential energy** of the **antibonding** combination of a pair of AO's is ...

- 33% 1. never negative
- 33% 2. about zero
- 33% 3. about the same as for the bonding combination





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4. As a pair of atoms approach **from a large separation**, initially the **total energy** of the MO resulting from **in-phase** overlap of their AO's ...

25% 1. goes up, due to increased kinetic energy.
 25% 2. goes down, due to enhancement of electron density between the atoms
 25% 3. goes up, due to depletion of electron density between the atoms
 25% 4. None of these

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5. As a pair of atoms approach **from a large separation**, initially the **total energy** of the MO resulting from **out-of-phase** overlap of their AO's ...

25% 1. goes down, due to decreased kinetic energy
 25% 2. goes down, due to enhancement of electron density between the atoms
 25% 3. goes up, due to depletion of electron density between the atoms
 25% 4. None of these

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6. A pair of atoms approach **from a large separation**, and the resulting MO has **equal in-phase and out-of-phase overlap** of their AO's. The result is that **initially the total energy** ...

25% 1. goes up, due to increased kinetic energy
 25% 2. goes down, due to enhancement of electron density between the atoms
 25% 3. goes up, due to depletion of electron density between the atoms
 25% 4. None of these

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7. If AO's have only in-phase or only out-of-phase overlap, we say they have **correct symmetry**. If AO's have equal amounts of in-phase and out-of-phase overlap, we say they have **incorrect symmetry**. Which pairs of AO's on different atoms have **correct symmetry**?

25% 1. 1s and 1s
 25% 2. 1s and 2s
 25% 3. both
 25% 4. neither

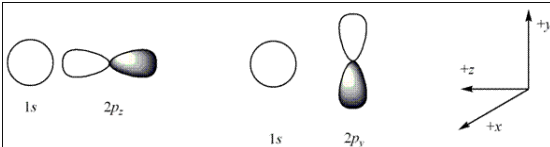
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8. Which pairs of AO's on different atoms have **correct symmetry**? Assume z is along bond axis.

25% 1. 1s and $2p_z$
 25% 2. 1s and $2p_y$
 25% 3. both
 25% 4. neither



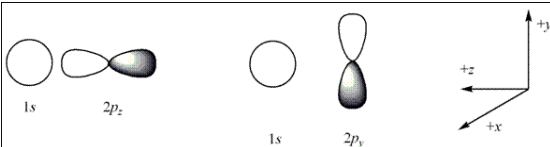
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9. Which pairs of AO's on different atoms have **correct symmetry**? Assume z is along bond axis.

25% 1. 2s and $2p_z$
 25% 2. 2s and $2p_y$
 25% 3. both
 25% 4. neither



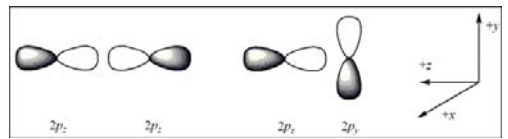
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10. Which pairs of AO's on different atoms have **correct symmetry**? Assume z is along bond axis.

25% 1. $2p_z$ and $2p_z$
 25% 2. $2p_z$ and $2p_y$
 25% 3. both
 25% 4. neither



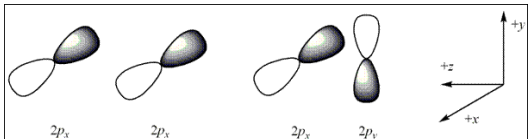
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11. Which pairs of AO's on different atoms have **correct symmetry**? Assume z is along bond axis.

25% 1. $2p_x$ and $2p_z$
 25% 2. $2p_x$ and $2p_x$
 25% 3. both
 25% 4. neither



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12. If AO's have correct symmetry, then we consider next how much they overlap. Arrange the pairs of AO's in Li_2 according to **increasing overlap** when the atoms are at the lowest energy separation (the bond length)

33% 1. $1s + 1s < 2s + 2s < 1s + 2s$
 33% 2. $1s + 2s < 1s + 1s < 2s + 2s$
 33% 3. $1s + 1s < 1s + 2s < 2s + 2s$

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13. Finally, once we know the pair of AO's with correct symmetry and greatest overlap, we consider **relative AO energies**. The **bonding/antibonding effect** will be **greatest** for AO's **closest in energy**. Arrange the pairs of AO's in Li_2 according to **increasing energy change** at the bond length

33% 1. $1s + 1s < 2s + 2s < 1s + 2s$
 33% 2. $1s + 2s < 1s + 1s < 2s + 2s$
 33% 3. $1s + 1s < 1s + 2s < 2s + 2s$

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14. Which pair of AO's in HF will **interact most strongly**? Assume z is along the bond axis.

20% 1. H $1s$ + F $1s$
 20% 2. H $1s$ + F $2s$
 20% 3. H $1s$ + F $2p_z$
 20% 4. H $1s$ + F $2p_y$
 20% 5. 3 and 4

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15. Assume AO_1 and AO_2 have correct relative symmetry, greatest overlap, and are closest in energy. **AO_1 has $IE = 5 \text{ eV}$ and AO_2 has $IE = 6 \text{ eV}$** . Which of the following is true?

20% 1. Bonding MO has more AO_1 than AO_2
 20% 2. Bonding MO has more AO_2 than AO_1
 20% 3. Antibonding MO is almost entirely AO_1
 20% 4. Antibonding MO is almost entirely AO_2
 20% 5. 1 and 4

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16. AO_1 has $IE = 3 \text{ eV}$ and AO_2 has $IE = 12 \text{ eV}$. Which of the following is true?

- 20% 1. Bonding MO is almost entirely AO_1
- 20% 2. Bonding MO is has a little more AO_2 than AO_1
- 20% 3. Antibonding MO is almost entirely AO_1
- 20% 4. Antibonding MO has a little more AO_1 than AO_2
- 20% 5. None of the above

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17. The bond electron pair in Na:F is in the $Na 3s + F 2p_z$ MO. The bond electron pair in H:F is in the $H 1s + F 2p_z$ MO. Which of the following is true?

- 20% 1. The bond pair is almost entirely on the F of HF.
- 20% 2. The bond pair is almost entirely on the H of HF.
- 20% 3. The bond pair is almost entirely on the F of NaF.
- 20% 4. The bond pair is almost entirely on the Na of NaF.
- 20% 5. 1 and 4

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18. Na 3s has $IE = 5.1 \text{ eV}$, H 1s has $IE = 13.6 \text{ eV}$ and F has $IE = 17.4 \text{ eV}$. NaF is **more ionic** than HF because ..

- 25% 1. Na 3s has lower IE than does H 1s
- 25% 2. F $2p_z$ has higher IE than does H 1s
- 25% 3. Na 3s has lower IE than does F $2p_z$
- 25% 4. F $2p_z$ has higher IE than does Na 3

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19. We learn that it is the valence electrons on different atoms that interact with one another, rather than the core electrons. What is the best explanation for this?

- 25% 1. Valence electron AOs have the greatest in-phase or out-of-phase overlap.
- 25% 2. Valence electron AOs have the same energy.
- 25% 3. Core electron AOs have the wrong symmetry.
- 25% 4. Core electron AOs are filled with electrons

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