



1.1 Mean radius of a 1s orbital

Calculate the mean radius $\langle r \rangle$ of a 1s orbital.

Evaluate it for the H atom.

Hints:

- Find $\langle r \rangle$ as expectation value, knowing that the angular part Y of the total wavefunction is normalized to 1.



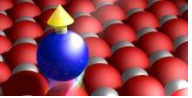
$$\langle r \rangle = \langle \psi | r | \psi \rangle = \int \psi^* r \psi dV = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} r R_{n,l}^2 |Y_{l,m_l}|^2 r^2 dr \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = \int_0^\infty r^3 R_{n,l}^2 dr$$

For the 1s orbital

$$R_{1,0}(r) = 2 \left(\frac{Z}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} e^{-Zr/a_0}$$

$$\langle r \rangle = \frac{4Z^3}{a_0^3} \int_0^\infty r^3 e^{-2Zr/a_0} dr = \frac{3a_0}{2Z}$$

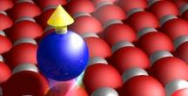
For the H atom, $Z = 1 \rightarrow \langle r \rangle = \frac{3a_0}{2} = 79.3 \text{ pm}$



1.2 Most probable radius of 1s orbitals

Find the expression of $P(r)$ for 1s hydrogenic orbitals.

Calculate the most probable radius, r^* , at which an electron will be found when it occupies a 1s orbital of a hydrogenic atom of atomic number Z and tabulate the values for the one-electron species for H, He⁺, C⁵⁺, Ne⁹⁺.



1.2 Most probable radius of 1s orbitals - Solution

$$P(r) = r^2 R^2(r)$$

For 1s orbitals:

$$R(r) = 2 \left(\frac{Z}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} e^{-2Zr/a_0}$$

$$P(r) = \frac{4Z^3}{a_0^3} r^2 e^{-2Zr/a_0}$$

To find the maximum probability, we look for the extrema of P

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = \frac{4Z^3}{a_0^3} \left(2r - \frac{2Zr^2}{a_0} \right) e^{-2Zr/a_0} = 0$$

This function is zero where the term in parentheses is zero, which (other than at $r = 0$) is at

$$r^* = \frac{a_0}{Z}$$

With $a_0 = 52.9$ pm, we find

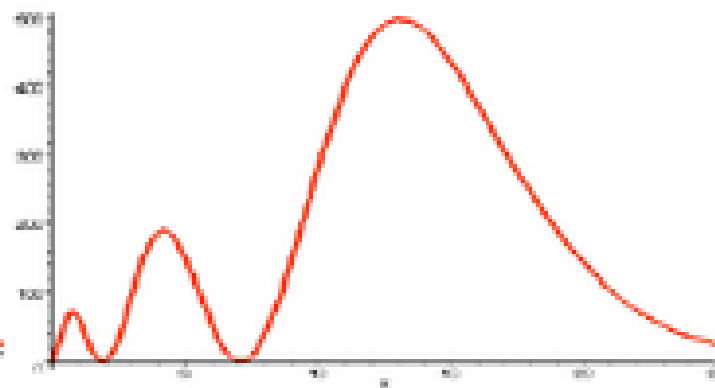
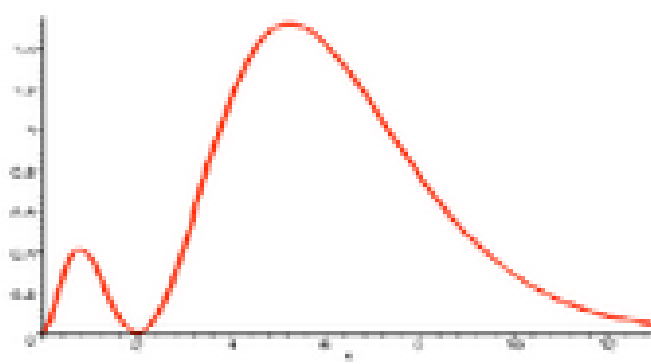
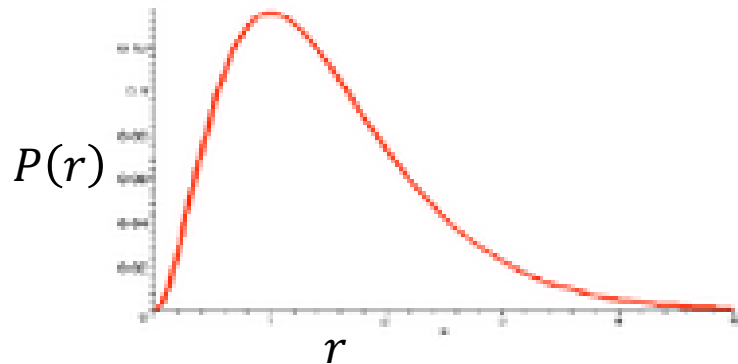
	H	He ⁺	C ⁵⁺	Ne ⁹⁺
Z	1	2	6	10
r* (pm)	52.9	25.5	8.8	5.3

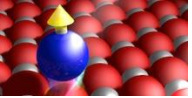
The 1s orbital is drawn towards the nucleus as the nuclear charge increases



1.3 Radial distributions

Match the following radial probability density distributions $P(r)$ with 3s, 2p, and 3p orbitals. Make a reasoning based on the number of nodes and justify your answer.





1.3 Radial distribution - Solution

s wavefunctions:

1s zero nodes

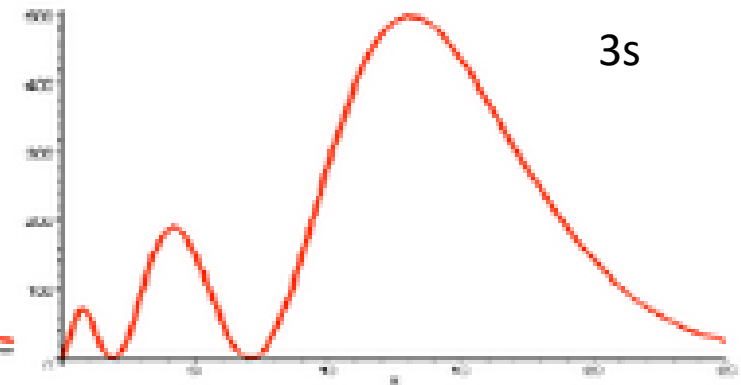
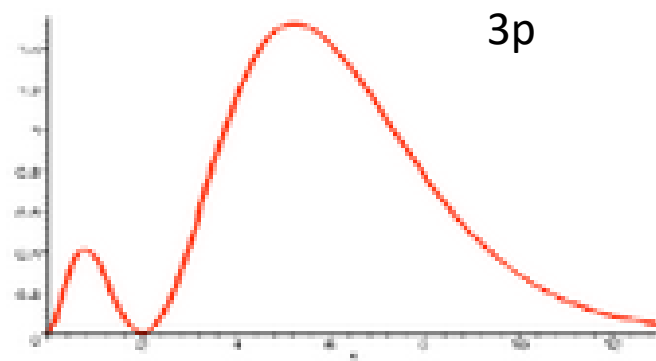
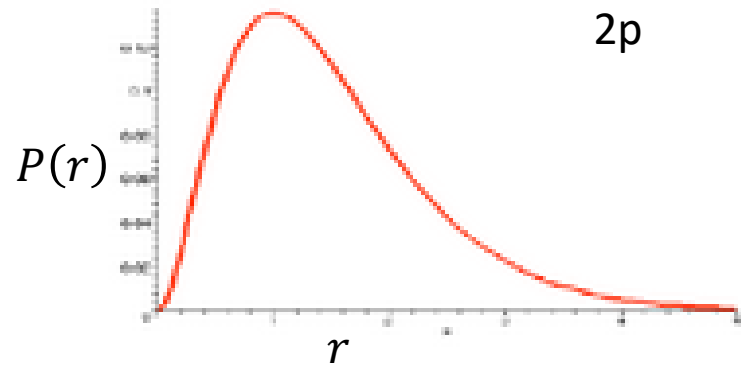
2s one node

3s two nodes

p wavefunctions start at $n = 2$:

2p zero nodes

3p two nodes



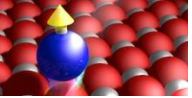


1.4 Spin-orbit-split levels

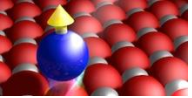
Consider one electron in the following orbitals

- 2p
- 3s
- 3d
- 4d
- 4f

For each case, find the values of j and their multiplicity.



- 2p
 $l = 1, s = 1/2, j = l + s = 3/2$ (multiplicity 4 with $m_j = \pm 3/2, \pm 1/2$) and $j = l - s = 1/2$ (multiplicity 2 with $m_j = \pm 1/2$)
- 3s
There is no spin-orbit coupling for s orbitals since the orbital angular momentum is zero, $j = l = 0$
- 3d
 $l = 2, s = 1/2, j = 5/2$ (multiplicity 6 with $m_j = \pm 5/2, \pm 3/2, \pm 1/2$) and $j = 3/2$ (multiplicity 4 with $m_j = \pm 3/2, \pm 1/2$)
- 4d
 $l = 2, s = 1/2, j = 5/2$ (multiplicity 6) and $j = 3/2$ (multiplicity 4)
It does not depend on the principal quantum number n
- 4f
 $l = 3, s = 1/2, j = 7/2$ (multiplicity 8 with $m_j = \pm 7/2, \pm 5/2, \pm 3/2, \pm 1/2$) and $j = 5/2$ (multiplicity 6 with $m_j = \pm 5/2, \pm 3/2, \pm 1/2$)



Use the Hund's rules to determine the ground state for the following atoms:

Carbon: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^2$

Oxygen: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$

Vanadium: $[\text{Ar}] 3d^3 4s^2$

Holmium: $[\text{Xe}] 4f^{11} 5d^0 6s^2$

Write the ground state configuration as spectroscopic term.



1.5 Hund's rules - Solution

Carbon: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^2$

Only the 2p subshell is partially occupied

m_l	+1	0	-1
m_s	↑	↑	

Maximize $|M_S|$

$$M_S = +1 \rightarrow S = 1$$

Maximize $|M_L|$

$$M_L = +1 \rightarrow L = 1$$

subshell less than half-filled $\rightarrow J = L - S = 0$

3P_0

Oxygen: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$

Only the 2p subshell is partially occupied

m_l	+1	0	-1
m_s	↑ ↓	↑	↑

Maximize $|M_S|$

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Maximize $|M_L|$

$$M_L = +1 \rightarrow L = 1$$

subshell more than half-filled $\rightarrow J = L + S = 2$

3P_2



1.5 Hund's rules - Solution

Vanadium: [Ar] 3d³ 4s²

Only the 3d subshell is partially occupied

m_l	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
m_s	↑	↑	↑		

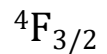
Maximize $|M_S|$

$$M_S = 3/2 \rightarrow S = 3/2$$

Maximize $|M_L|$

$$M_L = 3 \rightarrow L = 3$$

subshell less than half-filled $\rightarrow J = L - S = 3/2$



Holmium: [Xe] 4f¹¹ 5d⁰ 6s²

Only the 4f subshell is partially occupied

m_l	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3
m_s	↑ ↓	↑ ↓	↑ ↓	↑ ↓	↑	↑	↑

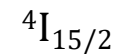
Maximize $|M_S|$

$$M_S = 3/2 \rightarrow S = 3/2$$

Maximize $|M_L|$

$$M_L = 6 \rightarrow L = 6$$

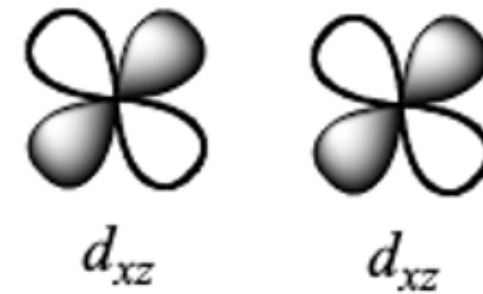
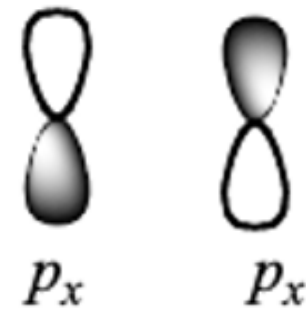
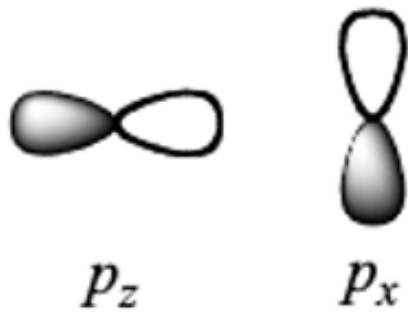
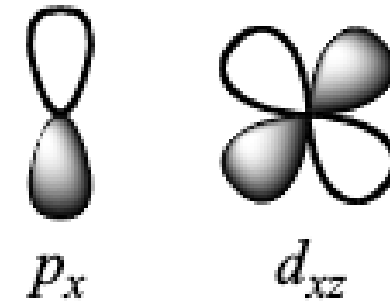
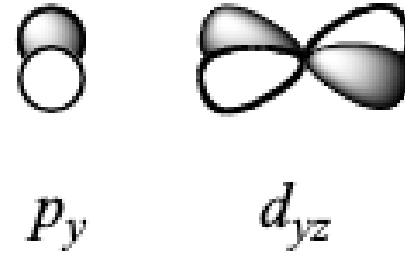
subshell more than half-filled $\rightarrow J = L + S = 15/2$





1.6 Molecular orbitals

Predict what type (if any) of molecular orbital and bond can be formed by these pairs of atomic orbitals. Specify if it is bonding or antibonding.





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p_z



d_{z^2}

Along interatomic axis, in phase

σ



p_y



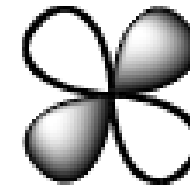
d_{yz}

Normal to interatomic axis, in phase

π



p_x



d_{xz}

Normal to interatomic axis, in phase

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p_z



p_x

No defined geometry, no orbital



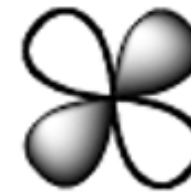
p_x



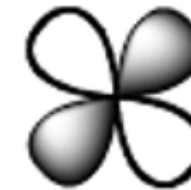
p_x

Normal to interatomic axis, out of phase

π^*



d_{xz}



d_{xz}

Normal to interatomic axis, out of phase

π^*

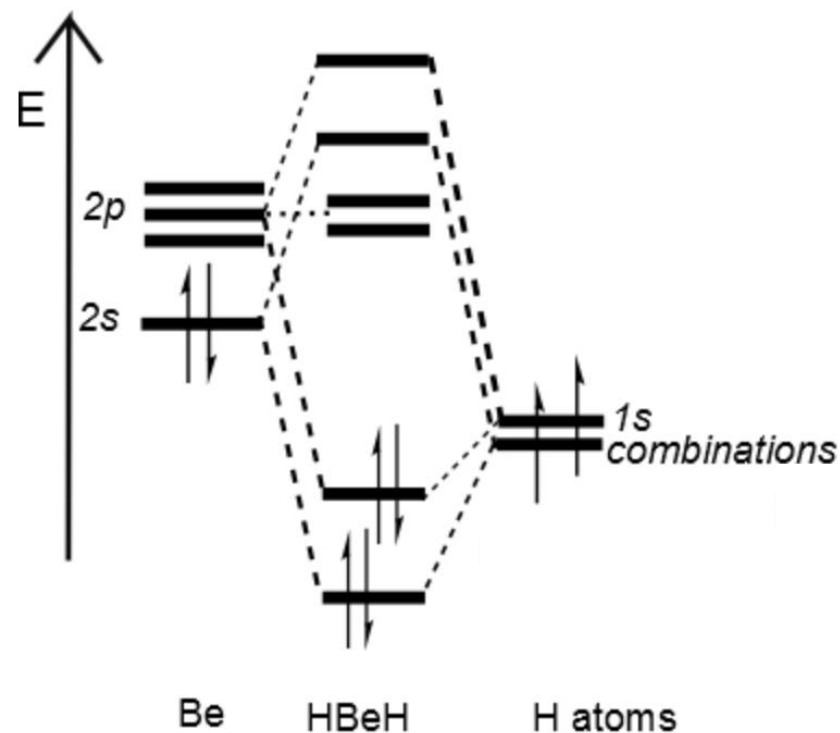


A) Consider the methane molecule: CH_4

- Considering the hybrid orbitals seen in the lecture, can you figure out its structure and geometry?
- Which bonds are formed?

B) Beryllium ($1s^2 2s^2$) and two hydrogen atoms form the linear BeH_2 molecule: HBeH .
The resulting scheme for the molecular orbitals is shown in the figure.

- Identify the levels of the σ and σ^* orbitals in the scheme.
- Draw the corresponding molecular orbitals.

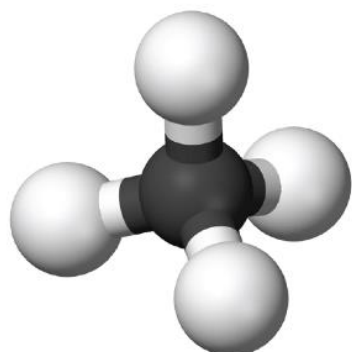




A)

Methane has a tetrahedral structure, related to the formation of sp^3 hybrid orbitals.

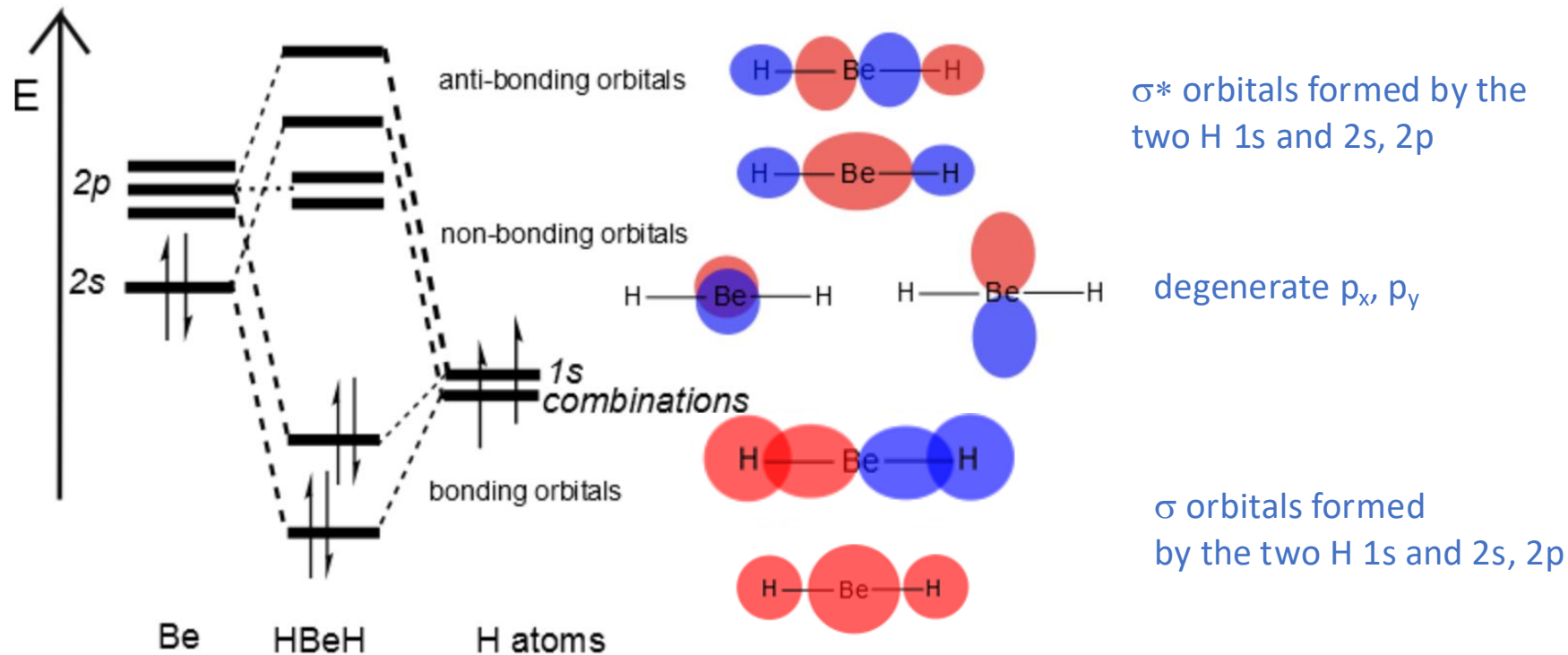
Bonds: four σ bonds between the sp^3 and the four H 1s



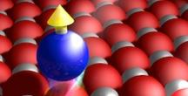
methane



B)
The s orbitals form σ bonds with the H 1s orbitals.
Note the increasing number of nodes for increasing energy.
(When condensed, the BeH_2 molecules form polymers.)

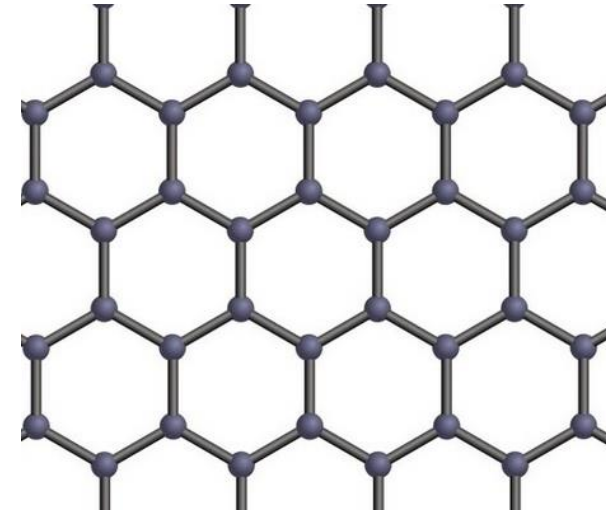


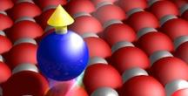
we can also introduce hybrid sp orbitals instead of the 2s and 2p



Graphene is an allotrope of carbon consisting of a single layer of atoms arranged in a honeycomb structure.

- Which atomic orbitals participate into the bonding?
- What are the hybrid orbitals that are formed?
- Which types of bonds are formed and where?





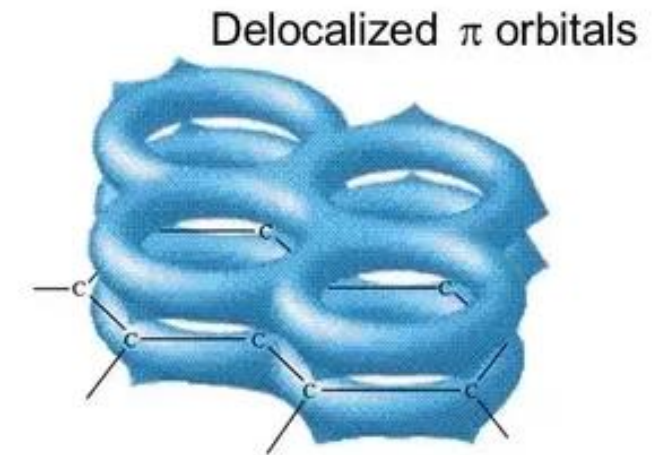
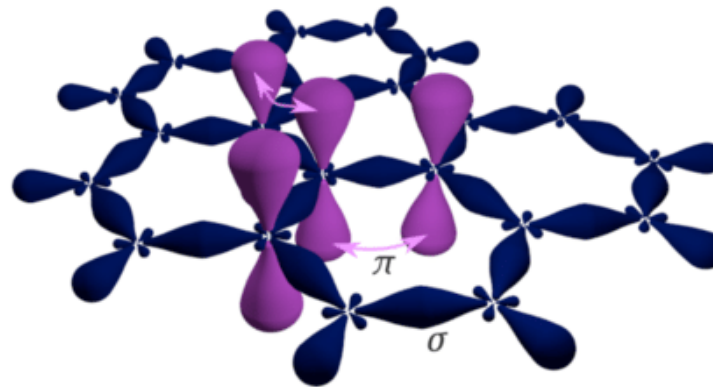
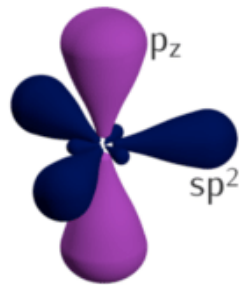
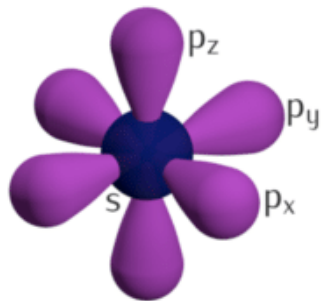
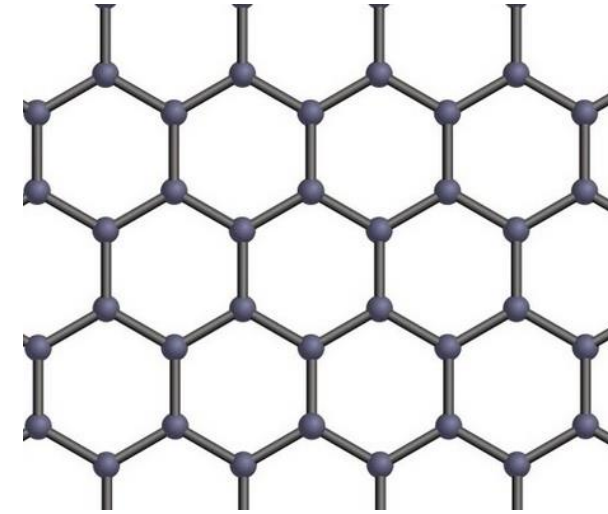
1.8 Graphene - Solution

Carbon: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^2$

The orbitals 2s and 2p participate into the bonding

The planar structure is obtained thanks to the sp^2 hybridization

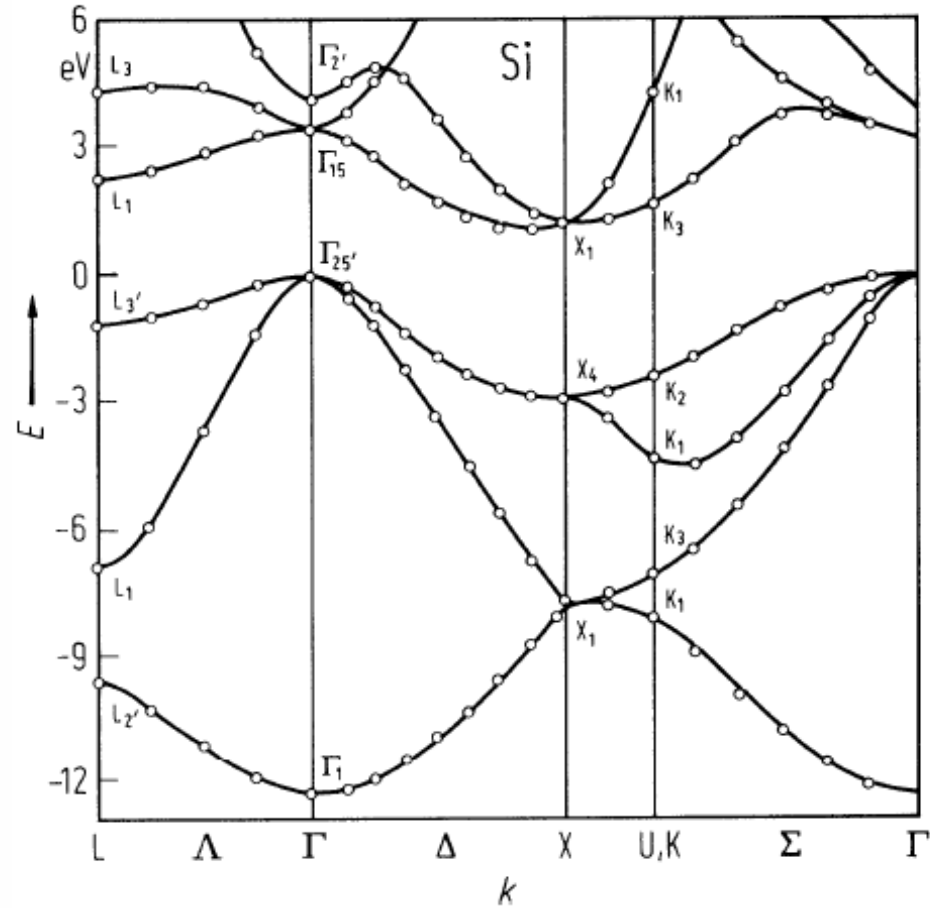
σ bonds between the sp^2 orbitals in the plane;
 π bonds between the p_z orbitals perpendicular to the plane





1.9 Band structure of Si

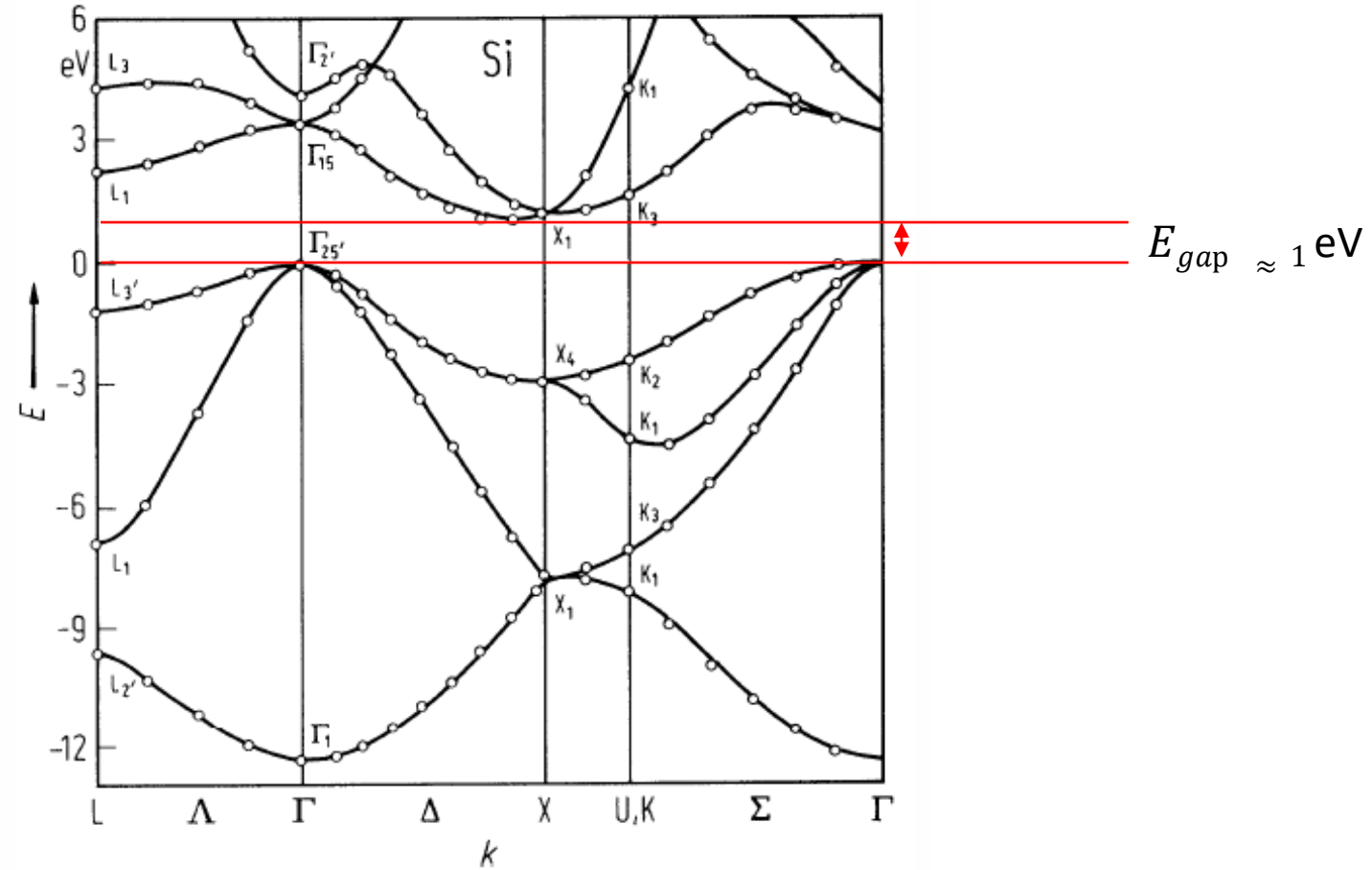
Consider the band structure of Si shown below.
Identify the gap and estimate its width.





1.9 Band structure of Si - Solution

The gap corresponds to the region in which there are no states, for any k-vector.

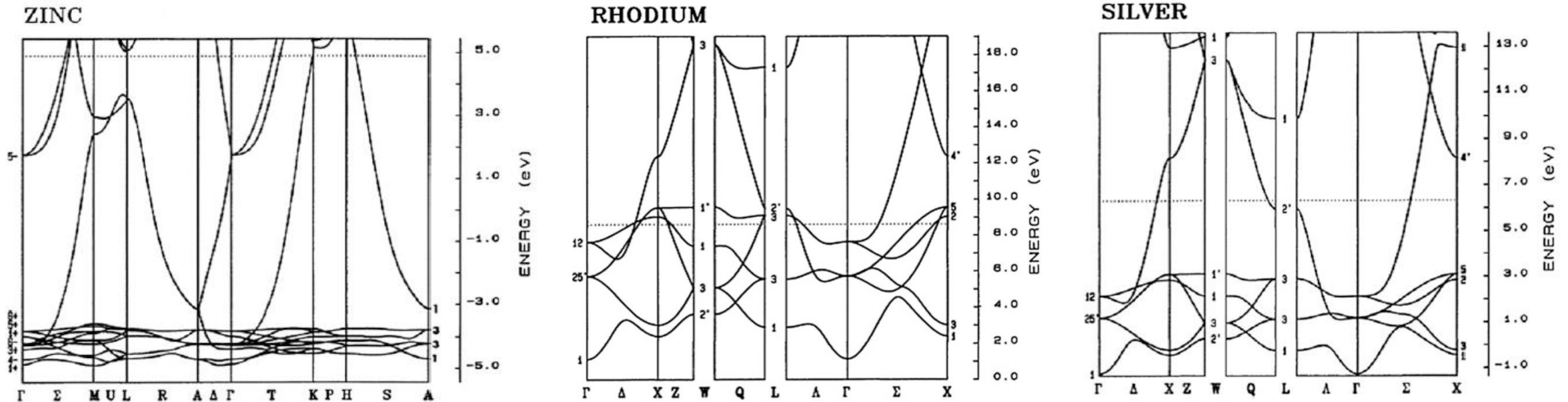




1.10 Band structure and DOS

The calculated band structure of three metals is shown in the figures below. The Fermi energy is indicated by the dotted line. For each of them:

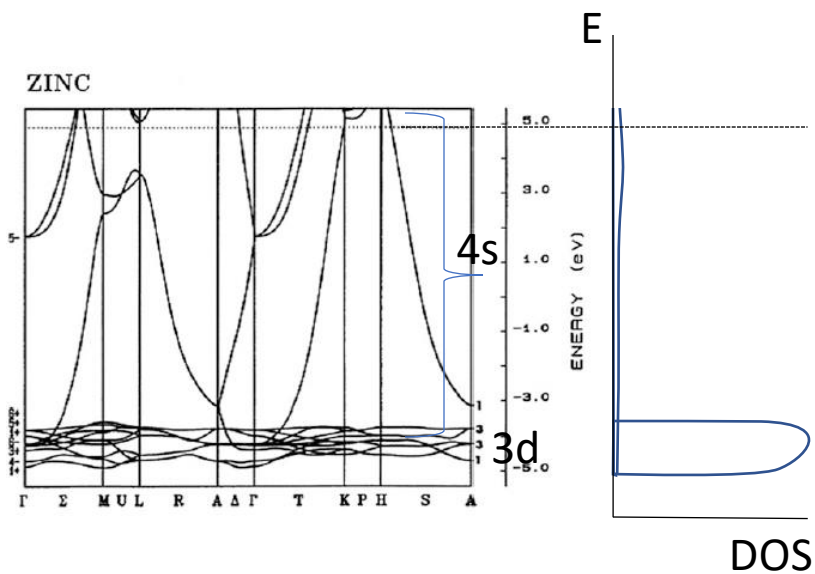
- use the periodic table to find the atomic electron configuration
- identify the atomic states that form the bands in the solid, and identify the bands in the band diagram
- sketch qualitatively the density of states (DOS)



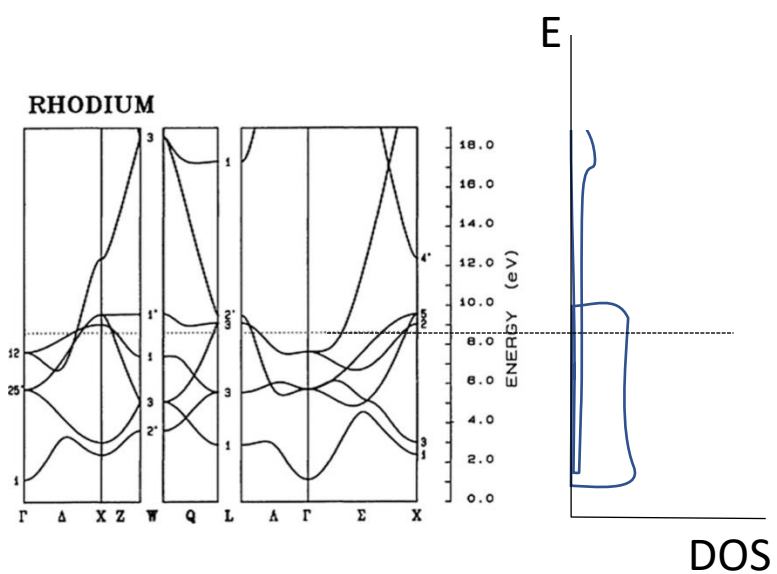


1.10 Band structure and DOS - Solution

Zn: [Ar] 3d¹⁰ 4s²
3d and 4s



Rh: [Kr] 4d⁸ 5s¹
4d and 5s



Ag: [Kr] 4d¹⁰ 5s¹
4d and 5s

