

## 14 POLARITY and shape:

- A polar molecule has an uneven distribution of electron density, making it have ends (poles) that are slightly charged.

POLARITY influences several easily observable properties.

- Melting point. (Polar substances have higher melting points than nonpolar substances of similar molecular weight.)

- Boiling point. (Polar substances have higher boiling points than nonpolar substances of similar molecular weight.)

- Solubility. (Polar substances tend to dissolve in other polar substances, while being insoluble in nonpolar substances. Nonpolar substances dissolve other nonpolar substances, and generally have poor solubility in polar solvents.)

- Polar molecules contain POLAR BONDS arranged in such a way that they do not cancel each other out.

... but how can we tell whether or not a bond will be POLAR? Use experimental data on ELECTRONEGATIVITY!

ELECTRONEGATIVITY:

-A measure of how closely to itself an atom will hold shared electrons

- A bond where there is a LARGE electronegativity difference between atoms will be either POLAR or (for very large differences)

IONIC! { chart, p 352 }

- A bond with little or no electronegativity difference between atoms will be NONPOLAR

## ELECTRONEGATIVITY TRENDS

- You may look up electronegativity data in tables, but it helps to know trends!

INCREASING  
ELECTRO-  
NEGATIVITY

	IA	IIA											IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA
2	Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F
3	Na	Mg	IIIB	IVB	VB	VIB	VII B	VIII B	IB	IIB			Al	Si	P	S	Cl
4	K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br
5	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I
6	Cs	Ba	La*	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At
7	Fr	Ra	Ac*	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	*"inner" transition metals go here							

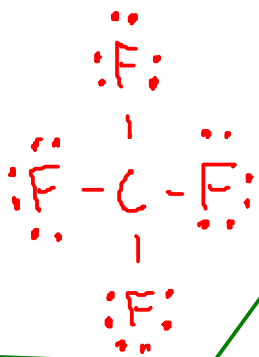
### Notes:

- ① - FLUORINE is the most electronegative element, while FRANCIUM is the least!
- ② - All the METALS have low electronegativity, and metal/nonmetal combinations form IONIC bonds
- ③ - HYDROGEN is similar in electronegativity to CARBON, so C-H bonds are considered NONPOLAR

## Examples:



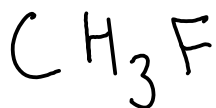
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{C: } 1 \times 4 \\ \text{F: } 4 \times 7 \\ \hline 32 e^- \end{array}$$



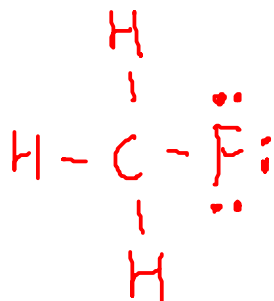
Polar molecule?

POLAR BONDS? YES ... C-F bonds should be polar due to the electronegativity difference between C and F.

GEOMETRY? Tetrahedral. Since all C-F bonds are arranged symmetrically, this molecule is NONPOLAR.



$$\begin{array}{l} \text{C: } 1 \times 4 \\ \text{H: } 3 \times 1 \\ \text{F: } 1 \times 7 \\ \hline 14 e^- \end{array}$$

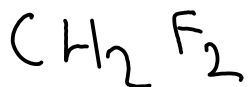


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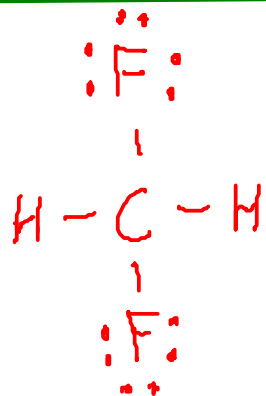
POLAR BONDS? YES ... C-F bond should be polar due to the electronegativity difference between C and F.

C-H bonds are nonpolar.

GEOMETRY? Tetrahedral. Unlike the previous example, the bonds in this tetrahedron are not all identical. There's a fluorine "side" which will be slightly negative, and the hydrogen "side" will be slightly positive. This one is POLAR



$$\begin{array}{l} \text{C: } 1 \times 4 \\ \text{H: } 2 \times 1 \\ \text{F: } 2 \times 7 \\ \hline 20 e^- \end{array}$$

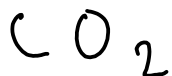


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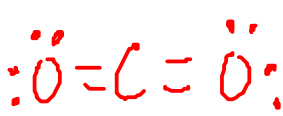
POLAR BONDS? YES ... C-F bond should be polar.

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GEOMETRY? Tetrahedral. This is also POLAR, The fluorine atoms and hydrogen atoms are on different sides of the molecule (despite what the flat Lewis structure implies), so the molecule ends up with an uneven distribution of charge!

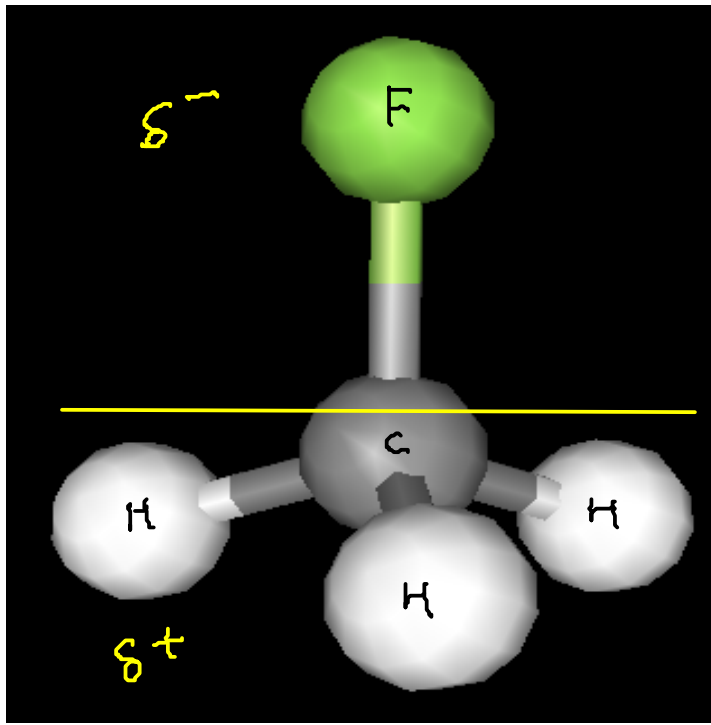


$$\begin{array}{l} \text{C: } 1 \times 4 \\ \text{O: } 2 \times 6 \\ \hline 16 e^- \end{array}$$



POLAR BONDS? Yes. C=O should be polar.

GEOMETRY? Linear. The C=O bonds are arranged symmetrically, so NONPOLAR.

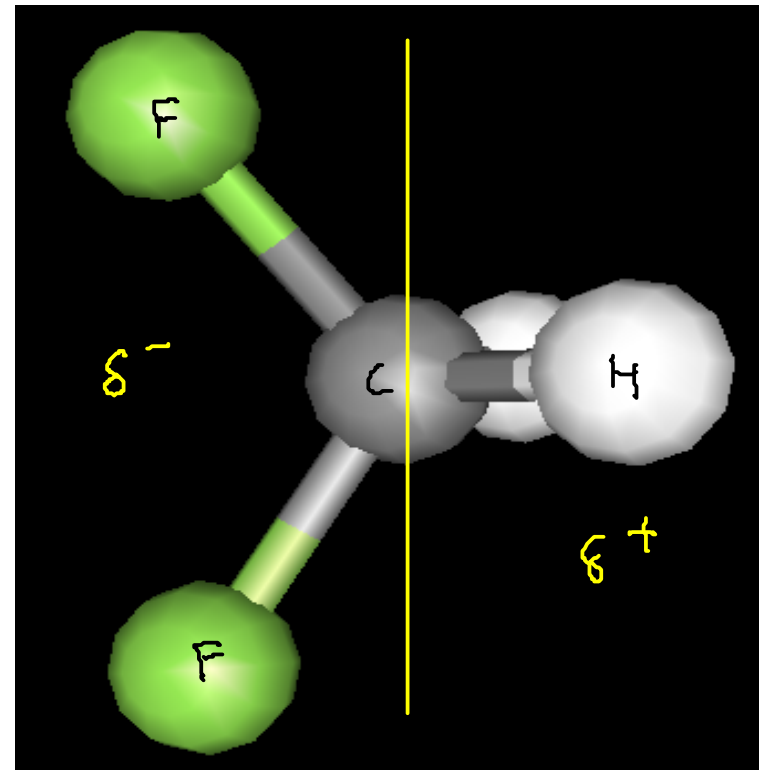
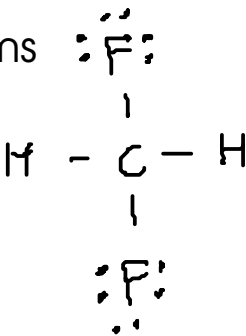


←  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$  "fluoromethane"

Fluorine is able to pull electron density through the molecule, as it is being opposed by much less electronegative hydrogen atoms.

"difluoromethane"  $\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2$  →

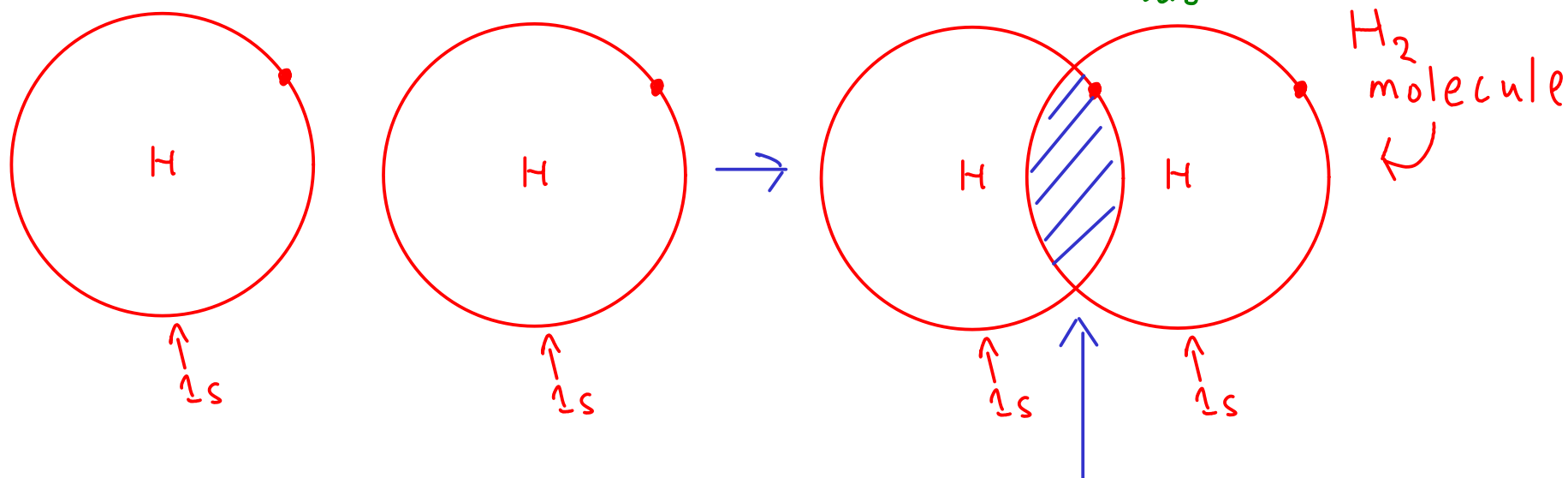
In 2D, the fluorine atoms appear to be on the opposite sides of the molecule, but in 3D they are on the same side.



## VALENCE BOND THEORY

- an attempt to explain why molecules behave in the way that the VSEPR model predicts.
- Describes the formation of bonds in terms of the OVERLAP of ORBITALS from the bonding atoms.

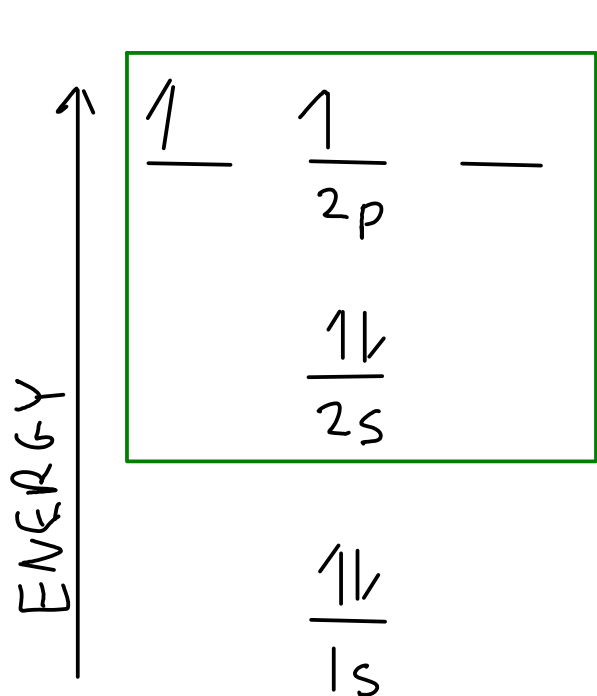
- 1 Bonds are formed when two atoms are close enough together so that their ORBITALS OVERLAP (share the same space).
- 2 Each SET of overlapping orbitals can contain at most a total of TWO electrons. So, two orbitals with one electron each may bond. An orbital with two electrons can only bond with an EMPTY orbital (This is called a COORDINATE COVALENT BOND.) *\*Ag<sup>+</sup> with :NH<sub>3</sub>... the cleanup in the AgCl lab*



These 1s orbitals overlap to form what we call a "sigma bond" with overlap BETWEEN the two atomic nuclei.

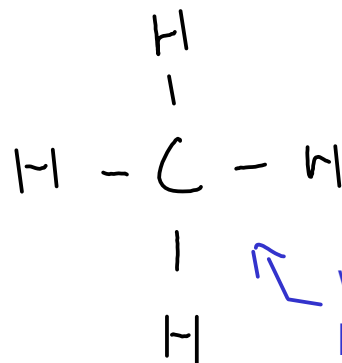
## Hybridization

- Look at carbon's electron configuration:



valence

You would expect that carbon would form several different kinds of bonds in a molecule like methane. But, methane's bonds are experimentally all identical. How does carbon form the four equivalent C-H bonds we see in methane?

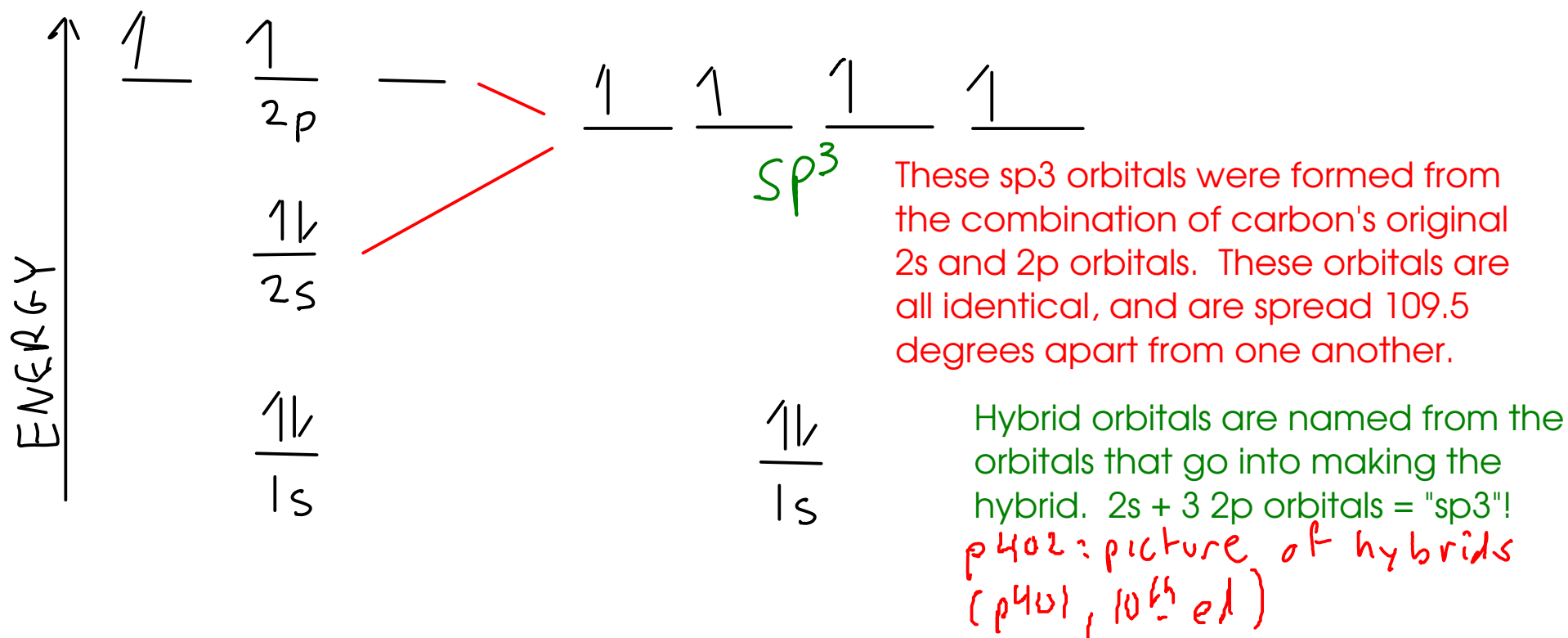


↙ We observe that these bonds are IDENTICAL! Same bond energy, distance, and angle.

- In valence bond theory, atomic orbitals can COMBINE to make new orbitals that can then go on to bond with other molecules.

- When orbitals combine to make HYBRID ORBITALS, ...

- ① The overall NUMBER OF ORBITALS does not change.
- ② The overall NUMBER OF ELECTRONS around the atom does not change
- ③ The energy of the orbitals is between the energies of the orbitals that combine.



Types of hybrid orbitals:

Hybrid type	Number of orbitals	Molecular shape
sp	2	linear
sp <sup>2</sup>	3	trigonal planar
sp <sup>3</sup>	4	tetrahedral (or derivatives)
sp <sup>3</sup> d	5	trigonal bipyramidal (or derivatives)
sp <sup>3</sup> d <sup>2</sup>	6	octahedral (or derivatives)

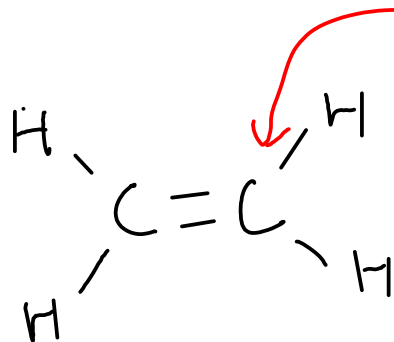
p402 : picture of hybrids  
(p401, 104b)



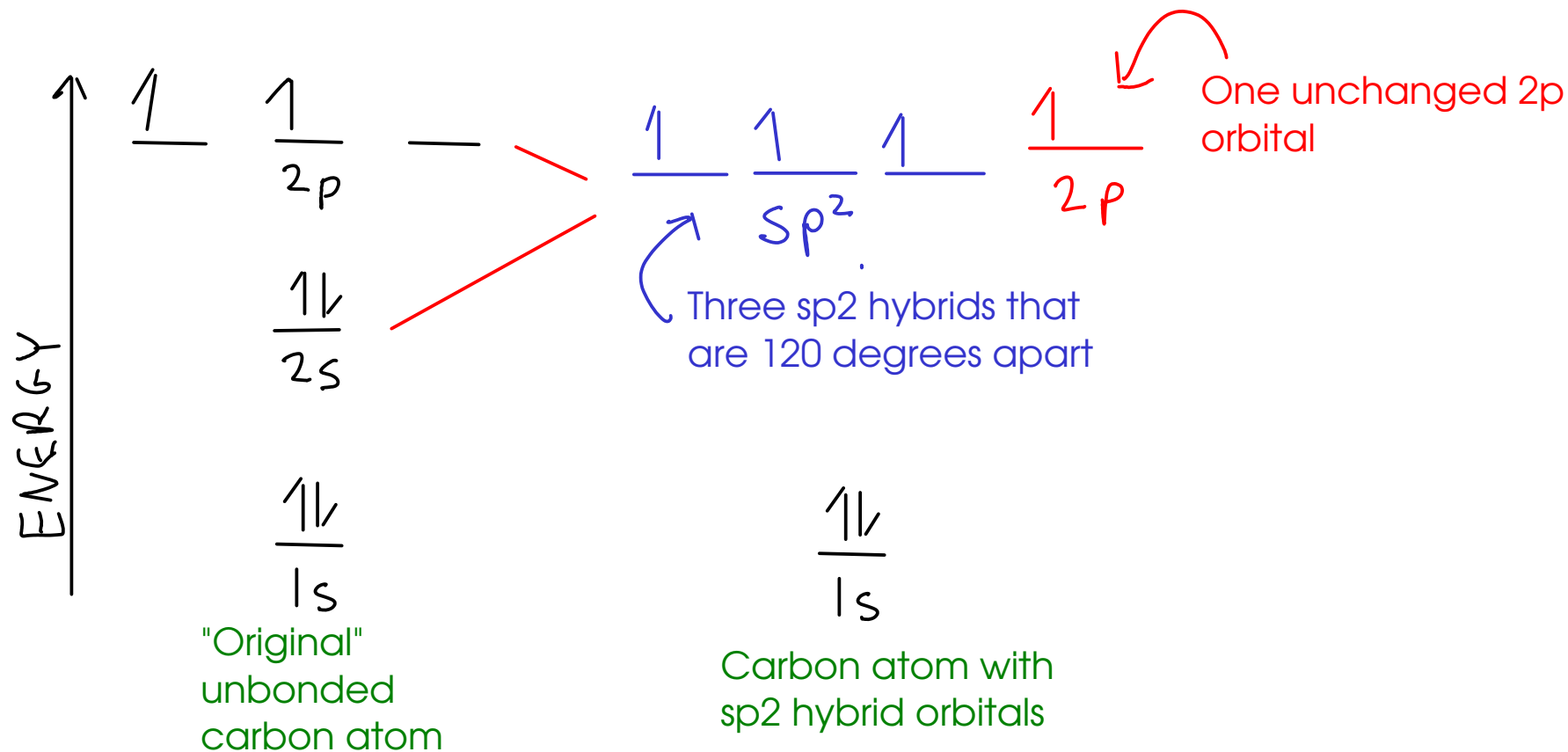
## MULTIPLE BONDS and VALENCE BOND THEORY

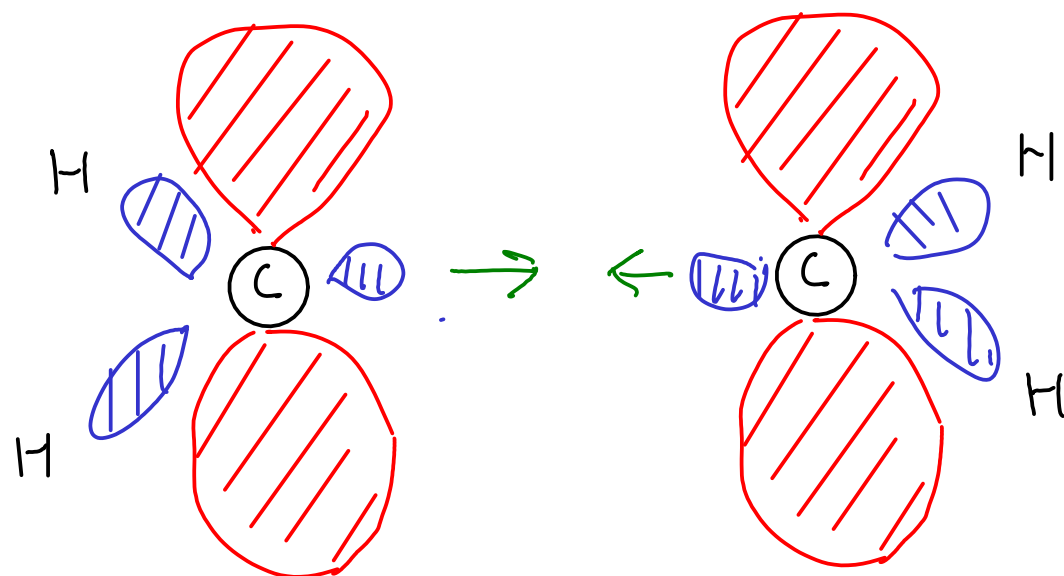
- Valence bond theory provides an explanation of multiple (double and triple) bonding that explains some interesting observations about these kinds of bonds.

$C_2H_4$  :  
ethylene



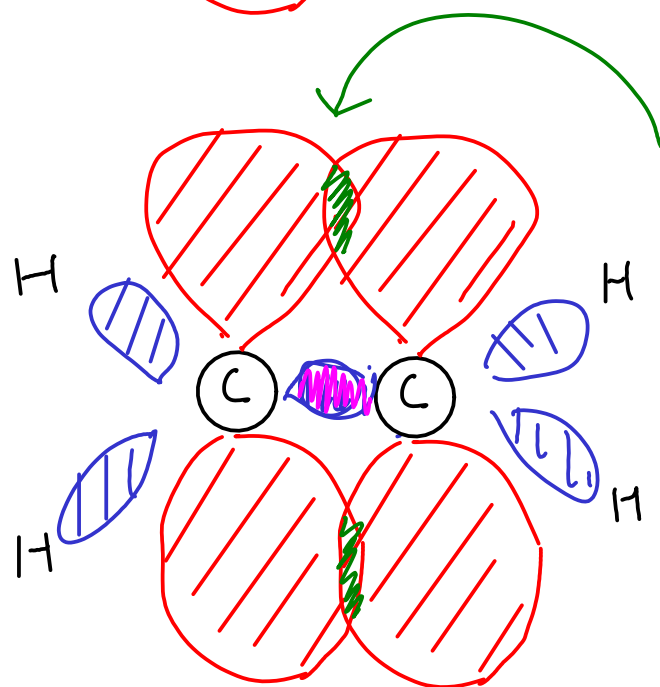
Each carbon has a TRIGONAL PLANAR geometry. This suggests that the carbons are "sp<sup>2</sup> hybridized".





$sp^2$  hybrid orbitals in BLUE

$2p$  orbital in RED



The  $2p$  orbitals overlap above and below the axis between the two carbon atoms. This OFF-AXIS overlap is called a PI BOND.

The  $sp^2$  hybrid orbitals overlap ON THE AXIS between the two carbon atoms. This bond is called a SIGMA BOND.

As you can see, the carbon-carbon double bond in ethylene is made up of TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF BONDS!