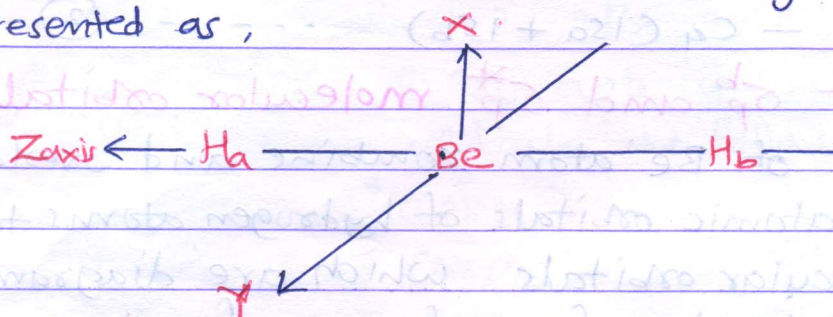


Linear Triatomic molecule — BeH₂ molecule

BeH₂ is linear triatomic molecule. Consider Z axis as the molecular axis the 3 co-ordinate system for BeH₂ molecule represented as,



The electronic configs of atoms in BeH₂ molecule is given as

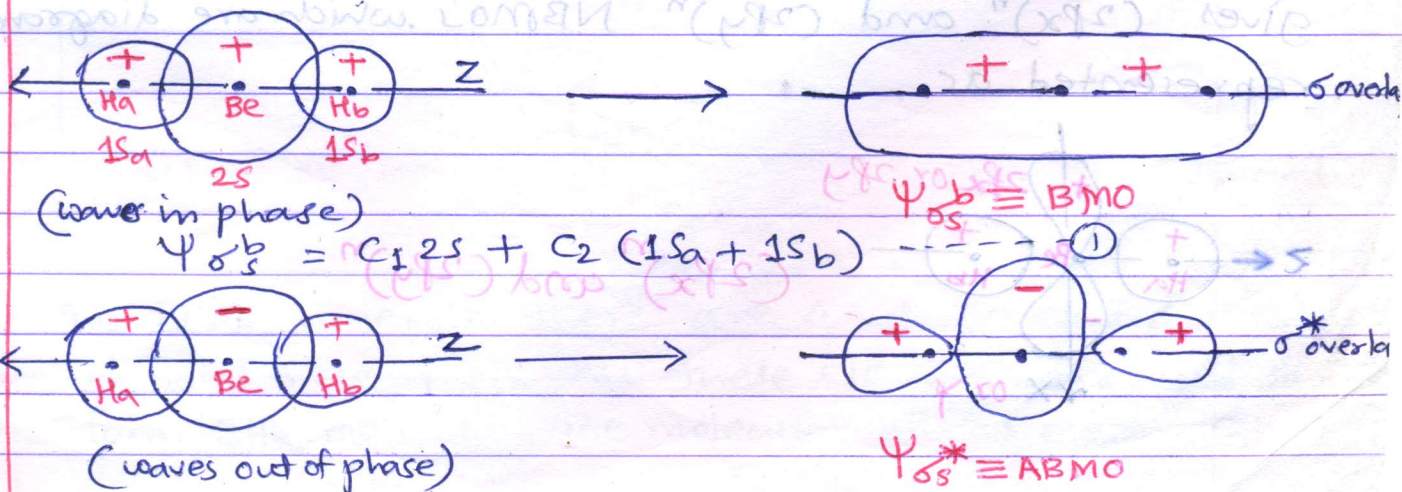
* Be (Z=4) — 1s², 2s²

* Ha (Z=1) — 1s¹

* Hb (Z=1) — 1s¹

For the formation of BeH₂ molecule, only 2s & 2p_z valence atomic orbitals of Be involved in bonding, while 2p_x & 2p_y atomic orbitals of Be atom have π character and zero overlap with 1s_a & 1s_b atomic orbitals hydrogen atoms hence cannot play any role in bonding of BeH₂ molecule and remains as non-bonding.

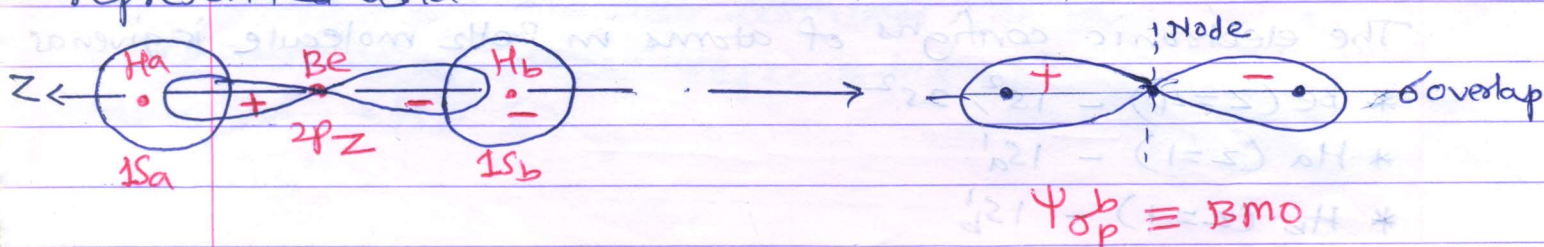
(A) Formation of σ_s^* molecular orbitals — 2s atomic orbital of Be overlap and combine with two 1s_a and 1s_b atomic orbitals of the hydrogen atoms to form σ_s^b (BMO) and σ_s^* (ABMO) which are represented diagrammatically and in the form of wave function as follows.



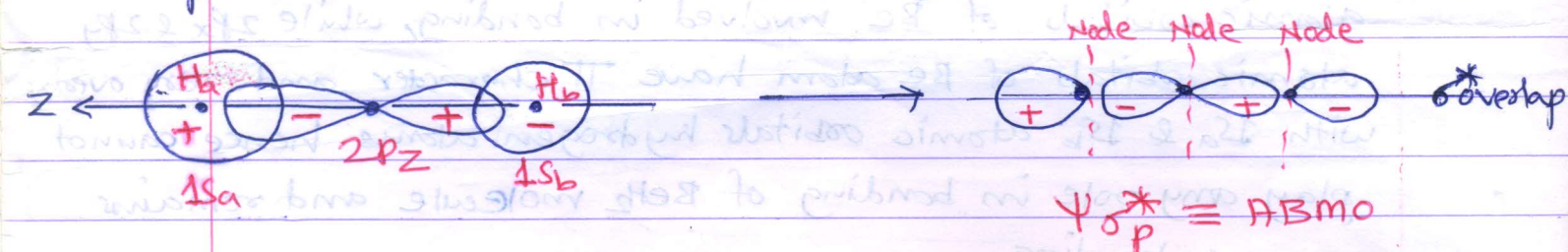
$$\psi_{\sigma_3^*} = C_3 2s - C_4 (1s_a + 1s_b) \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

(B) Formation of σ_p^b and σ_p^* molecular orbitals —

The $2p_z$ orbitals of Be atom combine and overlap with two $1s_a$ & $1s_b$ atomic orbitals of hydrogen atoms to give σ_p^b and σ_p^* molecular orbitals which are diagrammatically represented and in the form of wave functions as follows



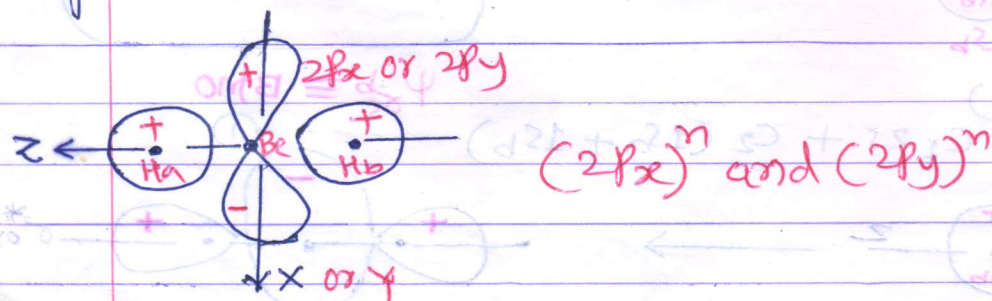
$$\psi_{\sigma_p^b} = C_5 2p_z + C_6 (1s_a + 1s_b) \quad \text{----- (3)}$$



$$\psi_{\sigma_p^*} = C_7 2p_z - C_8 (1s_a - 1s_b) \quad \text{----- (4)}$$

(C) Formation of two non bonding molecular orbitals (NBMO) —

The $2p_x$ & $2p_y$ atomic orbitals of Be atom overlap & combine with two $1s_a$ & $1s_b$ atomic orbitals of hydrogen atoms gives $(2p_x)^n$ and $(2p_y)^n$ NBMO's which are diagrammatically represented as,

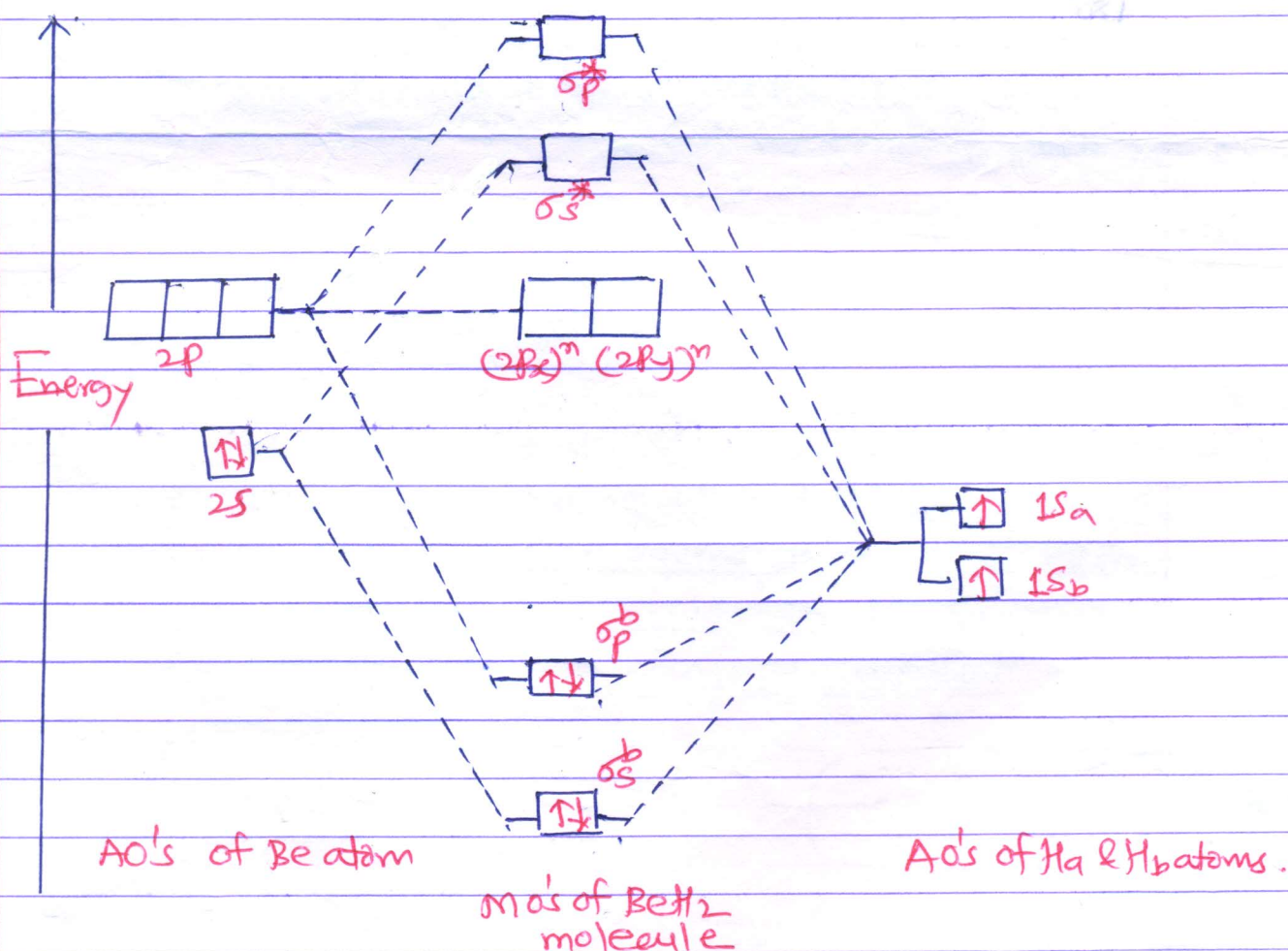


Molecular orbital energy level diagram -

The molecular orbitals formed due to overlap and combination of ~~ao's~~ of $2s, 2p_x, 2p_y, 2p_z$ ao's of Be atom with $1s_a$ & $1s_b$ ao's of hydrogen atoms gives six molecular orbitals as follows.

- 1) σ_s^b (BMO) & σ_s^* (ABMO)
- 2) σ_p^b (BMO) & σ_p^* (ABMO)
- 3) $(2p_x)^n$ & $(2p_y)^n$ (NBMO)

Thus two BMO (σ_p^b, σ_p^b), ABMO (σ_s^*, σ_p^*), NBMO ($2p_x^n, 2p_y^n$) are arranged according to increasing order of energy as $\sigma_p^b, \sigma_p^b, (2p_x)^n, (2p_y)^n, \sigma_s^*, \sigma_p^*$ in following molecular orbital energy level diagram.

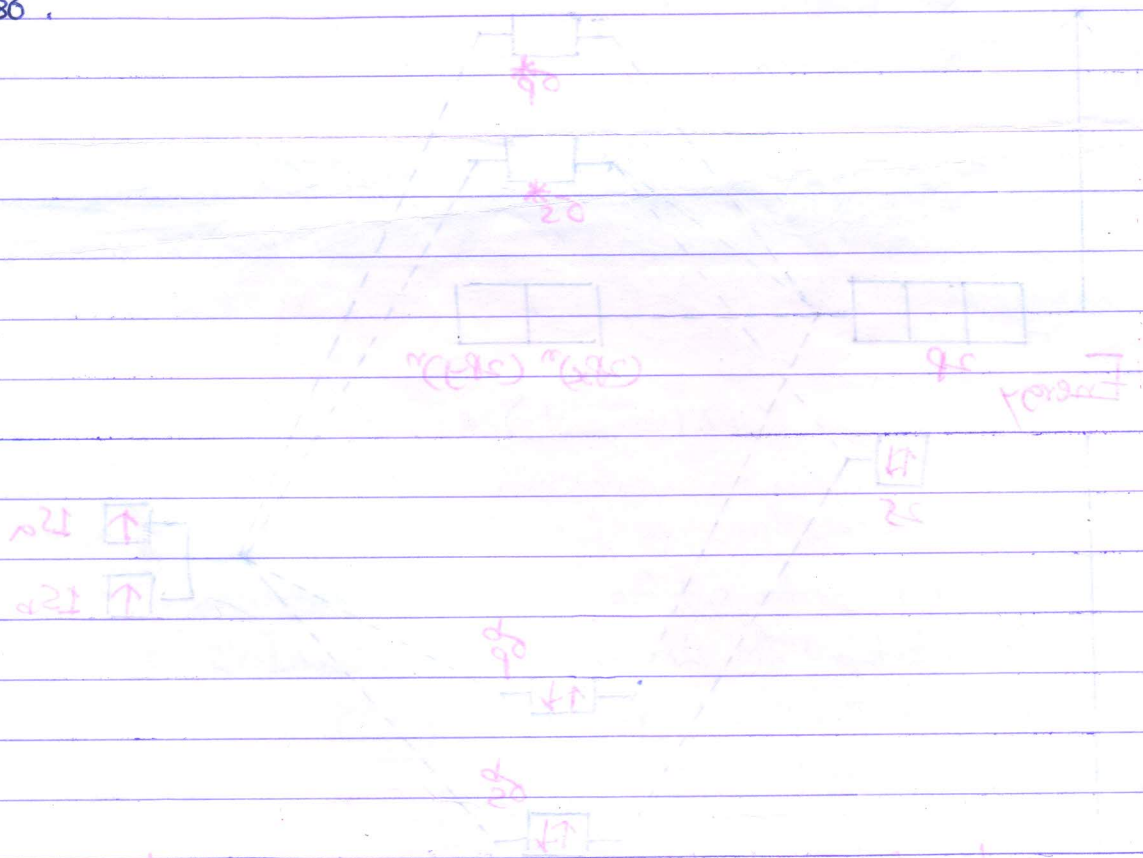
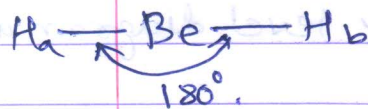


In BeH_2 molecule, there are 4 valence electrons out of total 6 electrons. Thus these electrons are used to form BeH_2 molecule. The molecular orbital electronic

confign of BeH_2 molecule given as.



The four valence electrons (2 electrons in $2s$ atomic orbital of Be and two electrons in $1s_a$ & $1s_b$ atomic orbitals of both hydrogen atoms.) occupy $(\sigma_s^b)^2$ & $(\sigma_p^b)^2$ BMO's. So that these two electron pairs form two σ bonds. The total bond order of BeH_2 molecule is two, i.e. there are two equivalent Be-H_a as well as Be-H_b single σ covalent bonds making angle 180° . confirms the BeH_2 triatomic molecule is ~~re~~ linear represented as



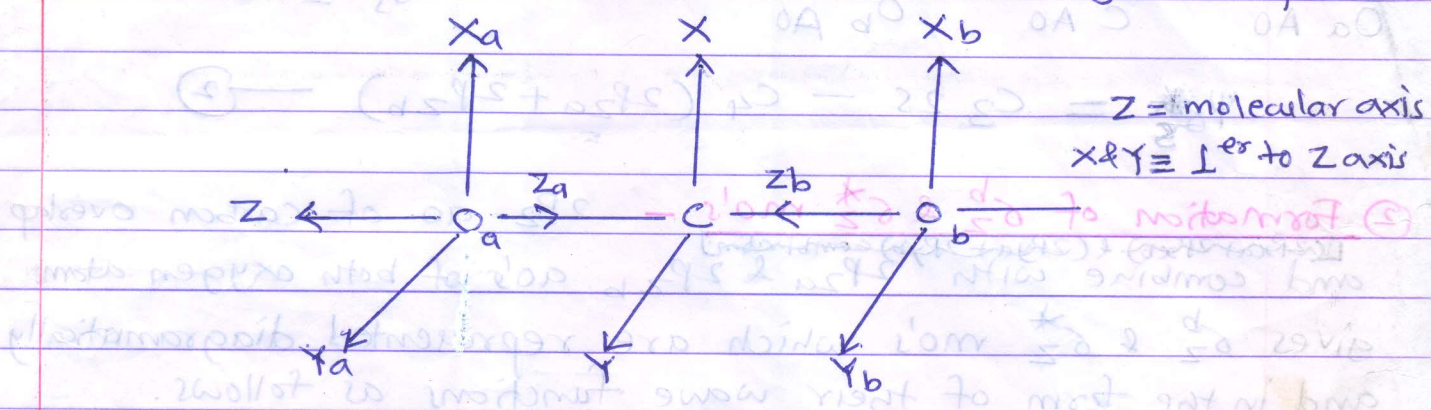
AOs of H_a & H_b atoms

MOs of BeH_2 molecule

AOs of Be atom

Linear triatomic molecule with π bonds: CO_2 molecule

The CO_2 molecule is an example of linear triatomic molecule. The CO_2 molecule in co-ordinate system represents



The electronic configuration of atoms in CO_2 molecule is given as

* Carbon ($Z=6$) - $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^2$

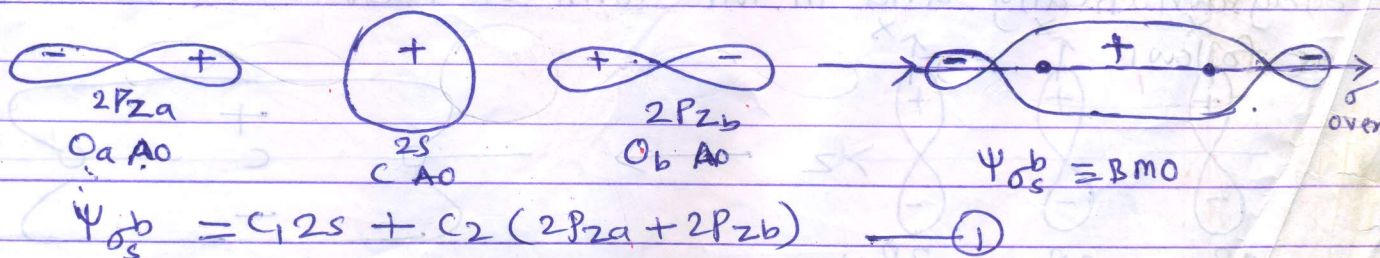
* Oxygen (a) ($Z=8$) - $1s_a^2, 2s_a^2, 2p_a^4$

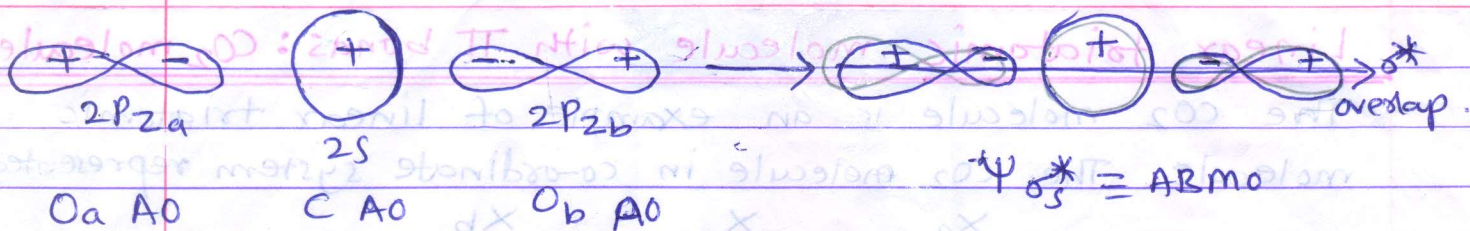
* Oxygen (b) ($Z=8$) - $1s_b^2, 2s_b^2, 2p_b^4$

Formation of Molecular orbitals - According to LCAO principle, σ , π and non-bonding molecular orbitals formed in the CO_2 molecule

(A) Formation of σ mo's - $2s$ and $2p_z$ a.o's of Carbon combine and overlap with $2p_z$ orbitals of O_a and O_b give σ mo's as follows.

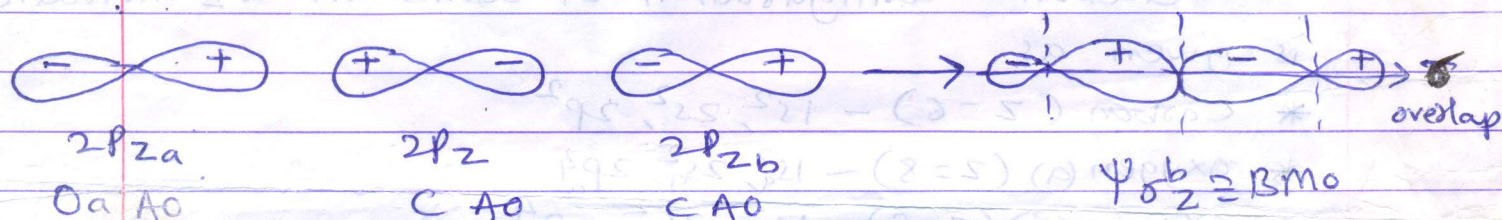
(1) Formation of σ_s^b and σ_s^* mo's - $2s$ a.o of carbon overlap and combine with $2p_{za}$ and $2p_{zb}$ a.o's of both oxygen atoms gives σ_s^b (BMO) and σ_s^* (ABMO) which are represented diagrammatically and in the form of their wave functions as follows.



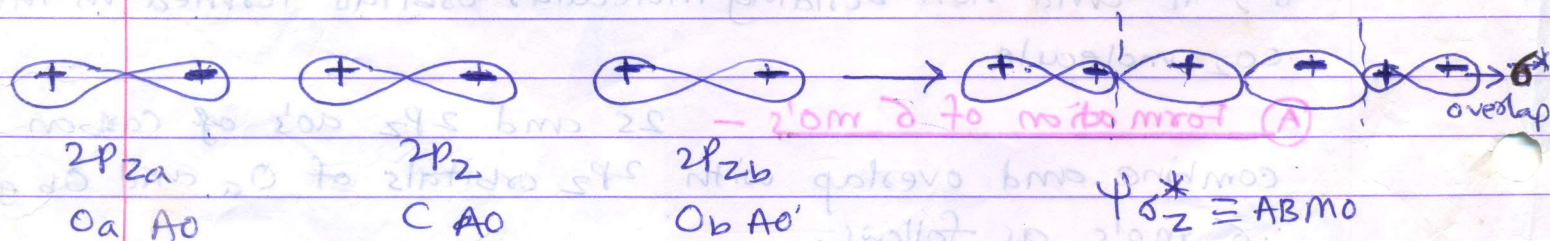


$$\psi_{\sigma^*} = C_3 2S - C_4 (2P_{za} + 2P_{zb}) \quad (2)$$

(2) Formation of σ_z^b & σ_z^* mo's — $2p_z$ ao of carbon overlap and combine with $2p_{za}$ & $2p_{zb}$ ao's of both oxygen atoms gives σ_z^b & σ_z^* mo's which are represented diagrammatically and in the form of their wave functions as follows.

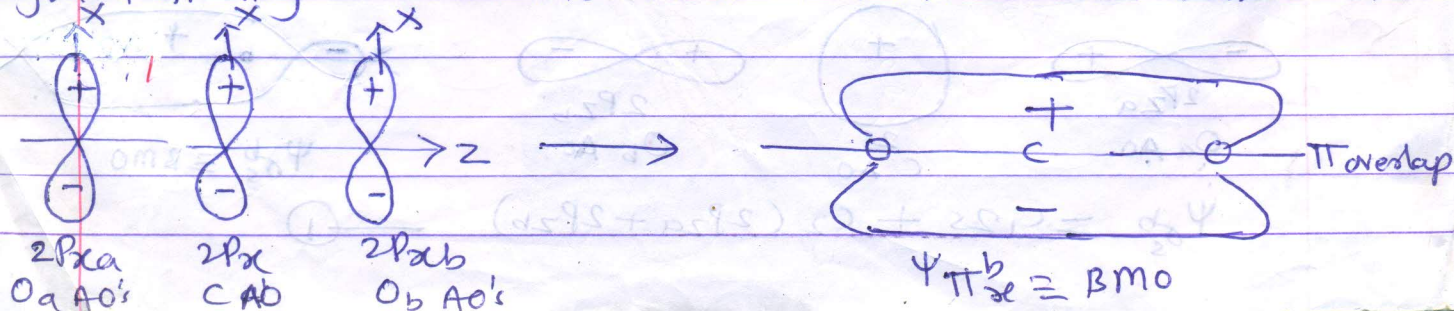


$$\psi_{\sigma^b} = C_5 2P_z + C_6 (2P_{za} - 2P_{zb}) \quad (3)$$

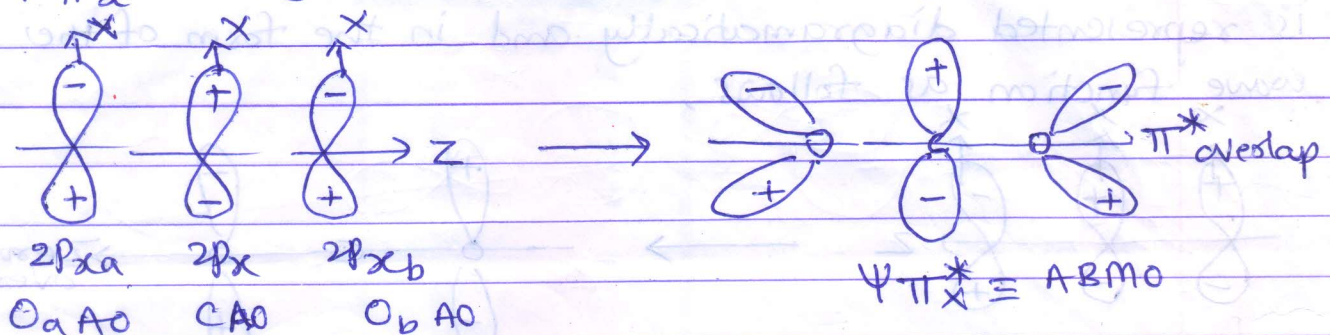


$$\psi_{\sigma^*} = C_7 2P_z + C_8 (2P_{za} + 2P_{zb}) \quad (4)$$

(B) Formation of π mo's — $2p_x$ ao of carbon overlap and combine with $2p_{xa}$ and $2p_{xb}$ ao's of both oxygen atoms gives π_x^b (BMO) and π_x^* (ABMO) which are represented diagrammatically and in the form of their wave functions as

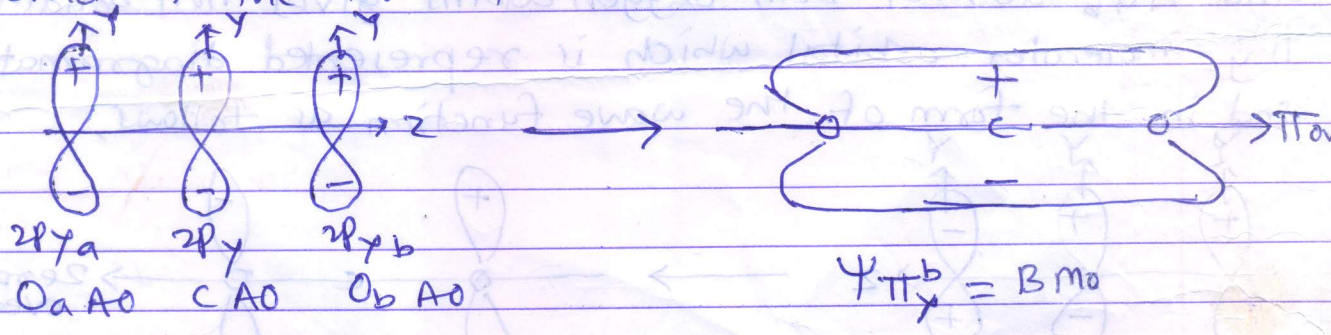


$$\psi_{\pi_x^b} = c_9 2p_x + c_{10} (2p_{xa} + 2p_{xb}) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

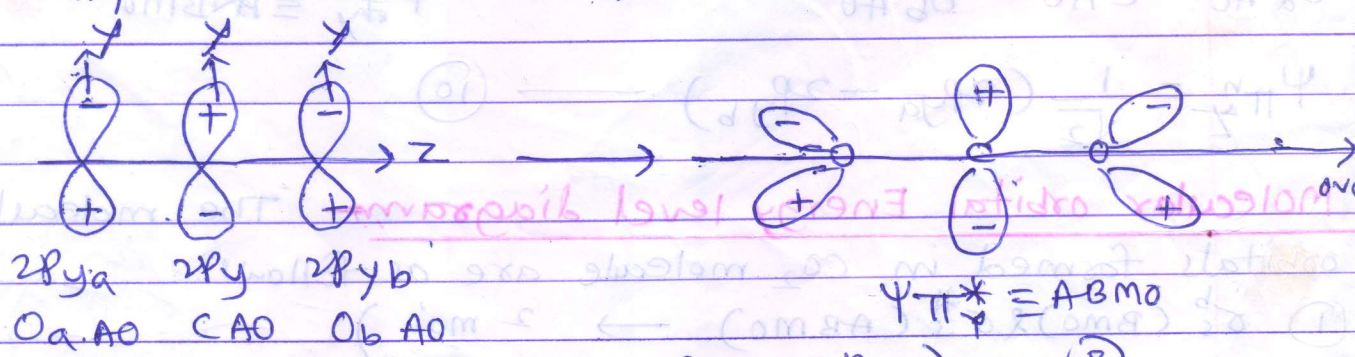


$$\psi_{\pi_x^*} = c_{11} 2p_x - c_{12} (2p_{xa} + 2p_{xb}) \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Similarity $2p_y$ ao of carbon overlap and combine with $2p_{ya}$ and $2p_{yb}$ ao's of both oxygen atoms gives π_y^b (BMO) and π_y^* (ABMO) which are represented diagrammatically and in the form of their wave functions as follows



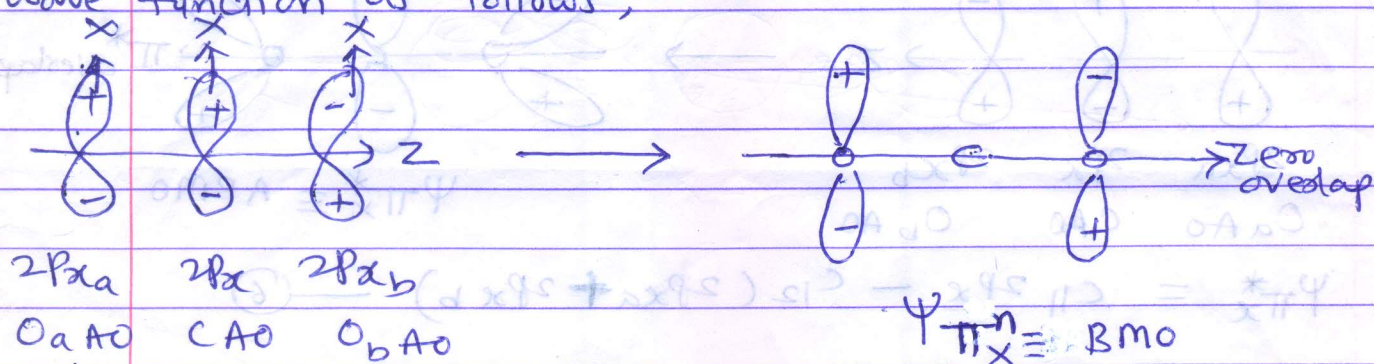
$$\psi_{\pi_y^b} = c_{13} 2p_y + c_{14} (2p_{ya} + 2p_{yb}) \quad \text{--- (7)}$$



$$\psi_{\pi_y^*} = c_{15} 2p_y - c_{16} (2p_{ya} + 2p_{yb}) \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

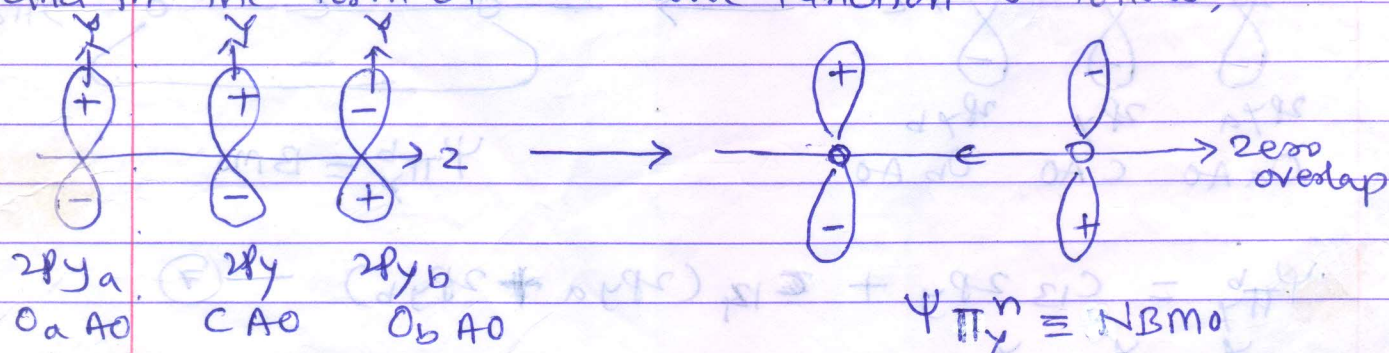
(c) Formation of Non-bonding molecular orbitals - $[2p_{xa} - 2p_{xb}]$ and $(2p_{ya} - 2p_{yb})$ combinations - The $2p_x$ ao of carbon combine and overlap with $2p_{xa}$ and $2p_{xb}$ of both

oxygen atom gives nonbonding π_x^n molecular orbital which is represented diagrammatically and in the form of the wave function as follows,



$$\psi_{\pi_x^n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2p_{xa} - 2p_{xb}) \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

Similarly, $2p_y$ ao of carbon overlap and combine with $2p_{ya}$ and $2p_{yb}$ ao's of both oxygen atoms gives non bonding π_y^n molecular orbital which is represented diagrammatically and in the form of the wave function as follows,

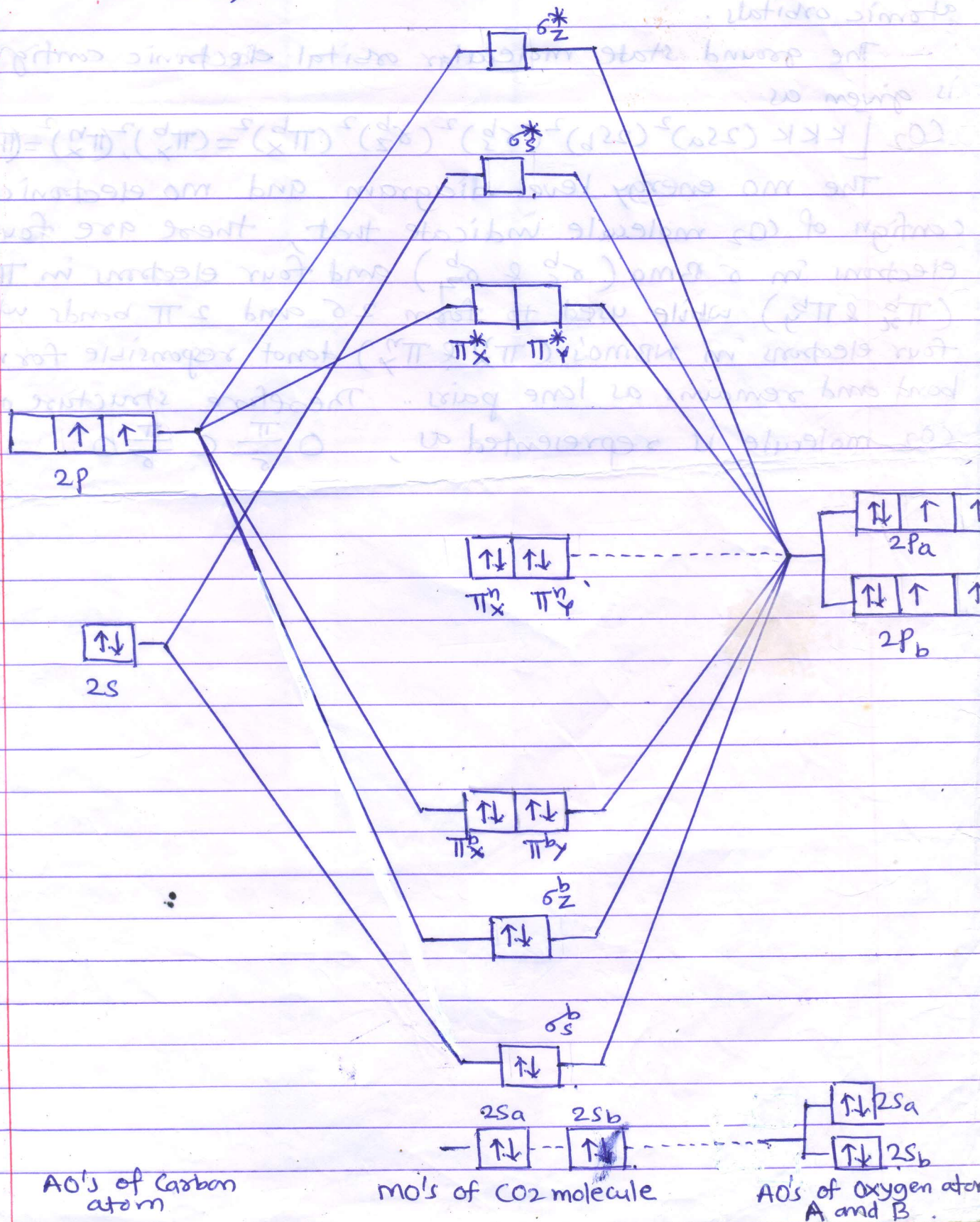


$$\psi_{\pi_y^n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2p_{ya} - 2p_{yb}) \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

Molecular orbital Energy level diagram The molecular orbitals formed in CO_2 molecule are as follows.

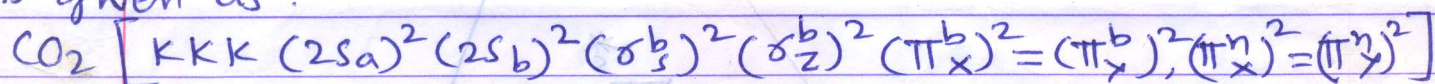
- ① σ_z^b (BMO) & σ_z^* (ABMO) $\rightarrow$ 2 mo's
 - ② σ_z^b (BMO) & σ_z^* (ABMO) $\rightarrow$ 2 mo's
 - ③ π_x^b (BMO) & π_x^* (ABMO) $\rightarrow$ 2 mo's
 - ④ π_y^b (BMO) & π_y^* (ABMO) $\rightarrow$ 2 mo's
 - ⑤ π_x^n and π_y^n (NBMO's) $\rightarrow$ 2 mo's
- Total Ten mo's formed

These ten molecular orbitals formed arranged according to increasing order of energy in the following molecular orbital energy level diagram as follows.

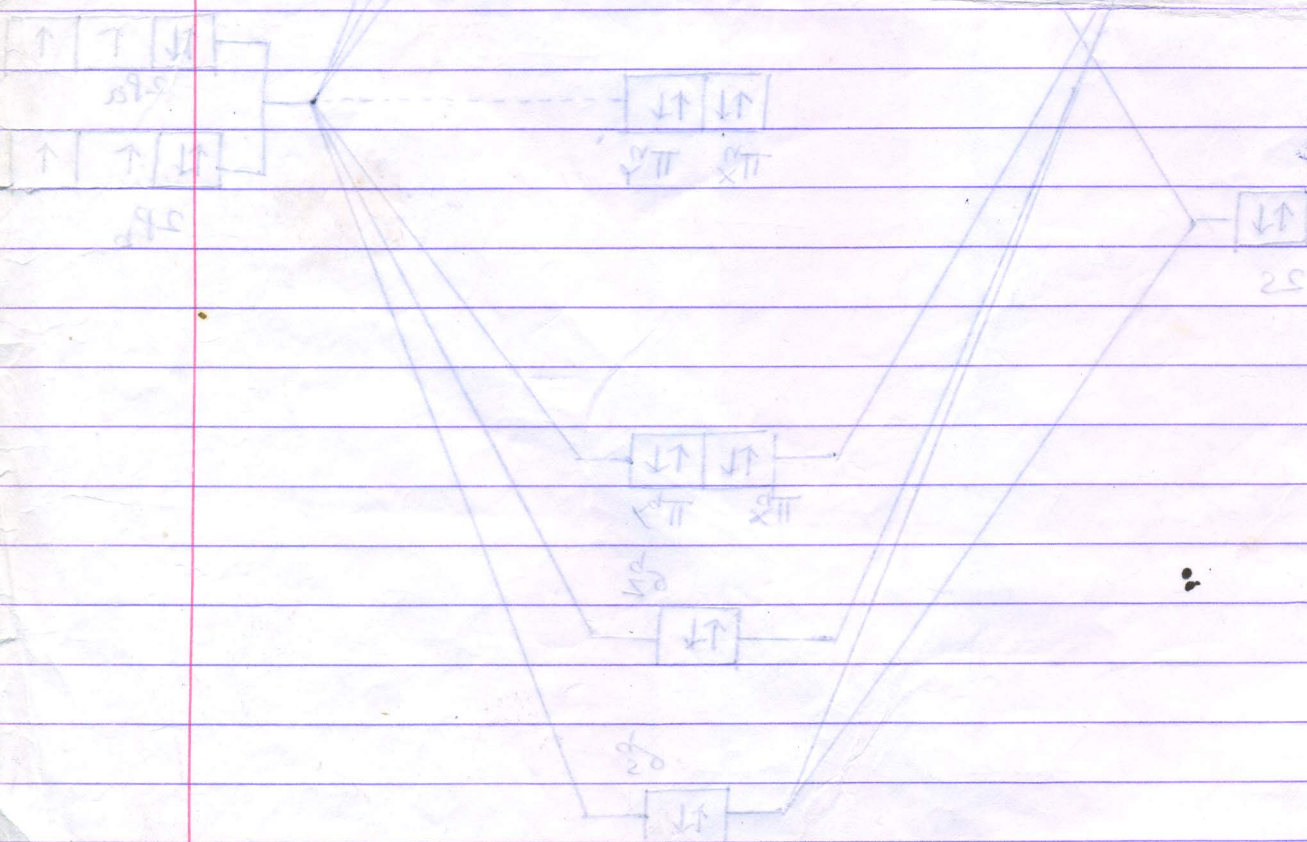


The 2s orbitals of Oa & Ob are of too low energy hence they are not involved in molecular orbital formation. The oxygen orbitals are more stable than carbon atomic orbitals.

The ground state molecular orbital electronic config is given as.

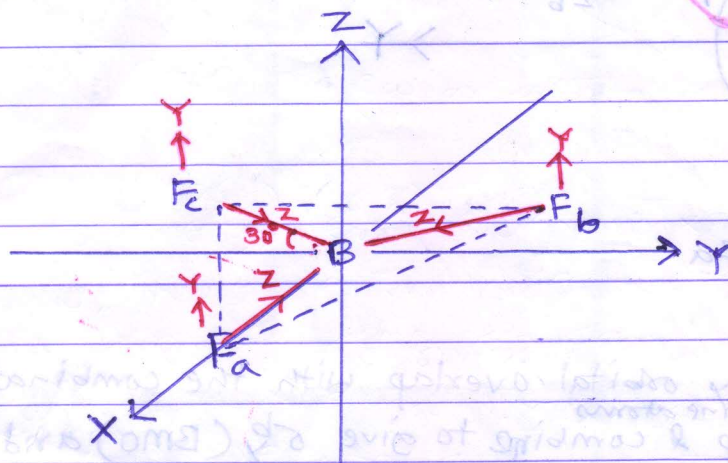


The mo energy level diagram and mo electronic config of CO₂ molecule indicate that, there are four electrons in σ BMO (σ_b^2 & σ_z^2) and four electrons in π BMOs (π_x^2 & π_y^2) are used to form 2 σ and 2 π bonds while four electrons in NBMOs (π_x^2 & π_y^2) do not responsible for making bond and remains as lone pairs. Therefore structure of CO₂ molecule is represented as, $\text{O} \equiv \text{C} \equiv \text{O}$.



Trigonal planar molecule: BF₃ molecule — Boron trifluoride

has trigonal planar structure with all F—B—F bond angles 120°. The BF₃ molecule represent in co-ordinate system as



F_a coincides with X-axis, F_b & F_c make angle 30° with +Y and -Y axis. F_a, F_b and F_c along with Boron are in one plane.

The electronic configⁿ of B, F_a, F_b & F_c in the BF₃ molecule is represented as

Boron (Z=5) — 1s², 2s², 2p¹

Fluorine a (Z=9) — 1s_a², 2s_a², 2p_a⁵

Fluorine b (Z=9) — 1s_b², 2s_b², 2p_b⁵

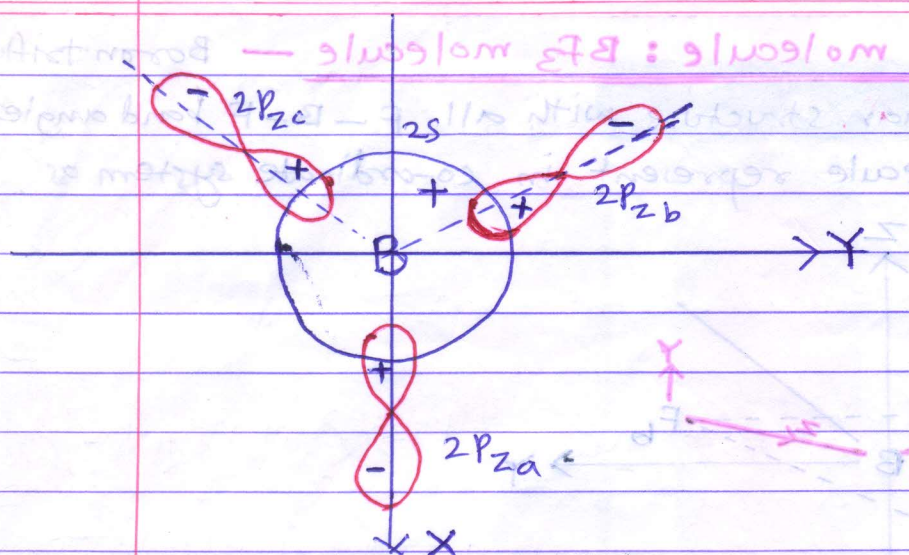
Fluorine c (Z=9) — 1s_c², 2s_c², 2p_c⁵

Formation of molecular orbital in BF₃ molecule — The mo's formed by linear combination of appropriate ao's of Boron & three Fluorine atoms given as follows.

(A) Formation of σ mo's — (1) 2s ao of Boron and (2p_{za} + 2p_{zb} + 2p_{zc}) ao's of three fluorine atoms combine & overlap to give σ_s^b (Bmo) and σ_s^{*} (ABmo) which are represented diagrammatically and in the form of wave functions as follows:

$$\psi_{\sigma_s^b} = C_1 2s + C_2 (2p_{za} + 2p_{zb} + 2p_{zc}) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

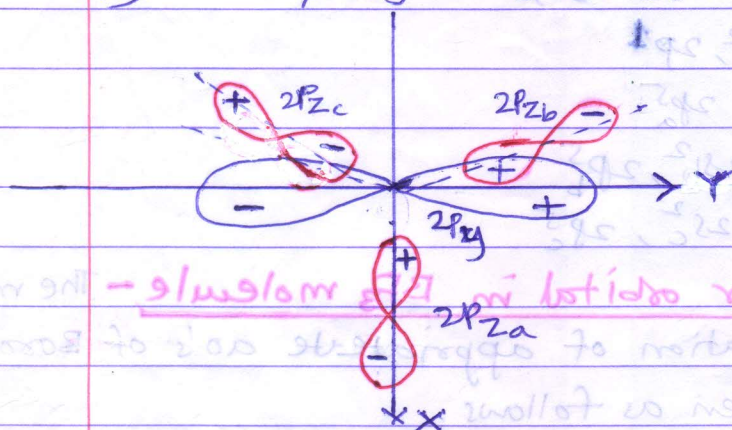
$$\psi_{\sigma_s^*} = C_3 2s - C_4 (2p_{za} + 2p_{zb} + 2p_{zc}) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



- ② Similarly Boron 2p_y orbital overlap with the combination of ^{three fluorine atoms} (2p_{z_b} - 2p_{z_c}) & combine to give σ_y^b (BMO) and σ_y^* (ABMO) which are represented diagrammatically & in the form of their wave functions as follows

$$\psi_{\sigma_y^b} = C_5 2p_y + C_6 (2p_{z_b} - 2p_{z_c}) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

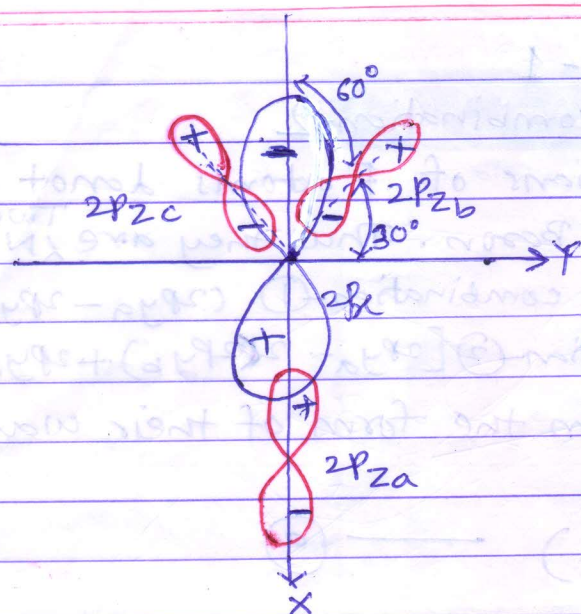
$$\psi_{\sigma_y^*} = C_7 2p_y - C_8 (2p_{z_b} - 2p_{z_c}) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$



- ③ Similarly, 2p_x orbital of Boron overlap with the combination of (2p_{z_a} - 1/2 2p_{z_b} - 1/2 2p_{z_c}) of three fluorine atoms to give σ_x^b (BMO) and σ_x^* (ABMO) which are represented diagrammatically & in the form of their wave functions as follows,

$$\psi_{\sigma_x^b} = C_9 2p_x + C_{10} (2p_{z_a} - \frac{1}{2} 2p_{z_b} - \frac{1}{2} 2p_{z_c}) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

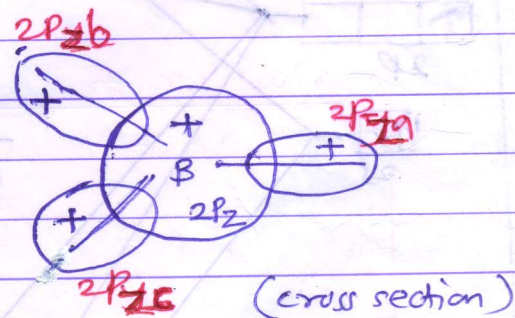
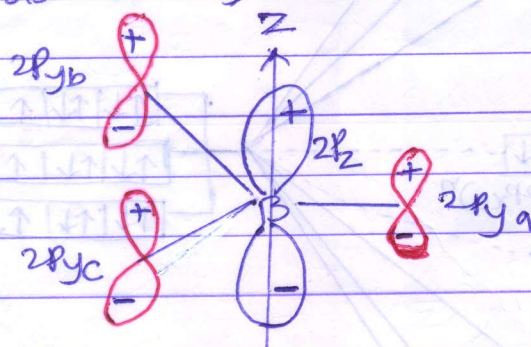
$$\psi_{\sigma_x^*} = C_{11} 2p_x - C_{12} (2p_{z_a} - \frac{1}{2} 2p_{z_b} - \frac{1}{2} 2p_{z_c}) \quad \text{--- (6)}$$



The overlap of three B a.o's $2p_z$, $2p_z$, $2p_z$ with $2p_x$ a.o. of boron are not same. $2p_z$ a.o. point directly at the positive lobe of $2p_x$ while $2p_z$ & $2p_z$ a.o's are 60° displaced from complete overlap with negative lobe.
 $\therefore \cos 0 = \cos 60 = \frac{1}{2}$

Thus $2p_z$ & $2p_z$ have $\frac{1}{2}$ contribution each as compared to $2p_z$. Therefore proper combination is $(2p_z - \frac{1}{2}2p_z - \frac{1}{2}2p_z)$

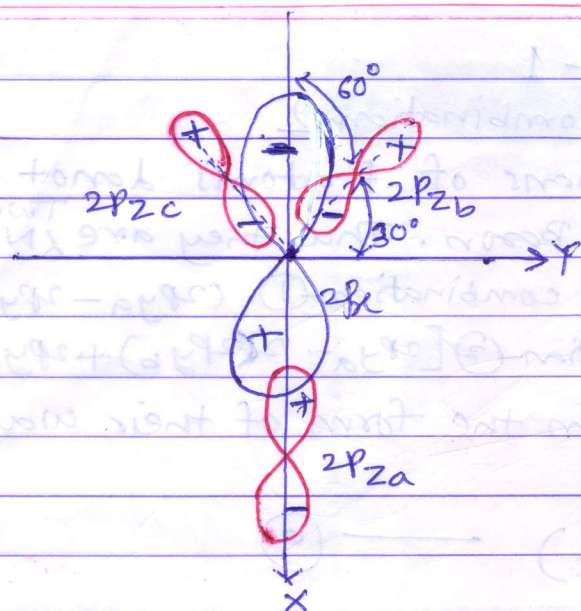
(B) Formation of π mo's — $2p_z$ a.o. of boron overlap combine with $(2p_y_a + 2p_y_b + 2p_y_c)$ of three fluorine atoms give π_z^b (BMO) and π_z^* (ABMO) which are represented diagrammatically and in the form of their wave functions as follows.



$$\psi_{\pi_z^b} = c_{13} 2p_z + c_{14} (2p_y_a + 2p_y_b + 2p_y_c) \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$$\psi_{\pi_z^*} = c_{15} 2p_z - c_{16} (2p_y_a + 2p_y_b + 2p_y_c) \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

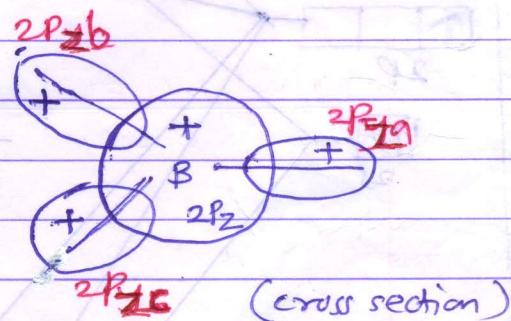
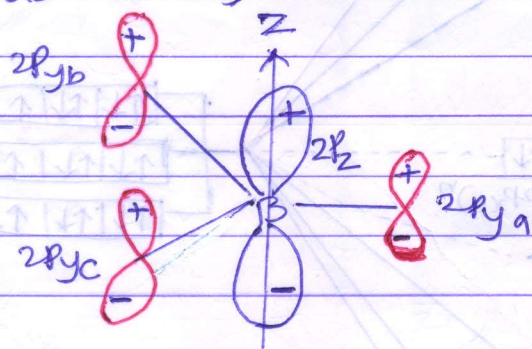
(C) Formation of NBMO's — $2p_y_a$, $2p_y_b$, $2p_y_c$ a.o's of three F a.o's have two independent combinations such as



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ao's $2p_z_a$, $2p_z_b$, $2p_z_c$
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$$\psi_{\pi_z^*} = c_{15} 2p_z - c_{16} (2p_y_a + 2p_y_b + 2p_y_c) \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

(C) Formation of NBMO's — $2p_y_a$, $2p_y_b$, $2p_y_c$ ao's of
three F ao's have two independent combinations such as

① $(2p_ya - 2p_yc)$ combination-1

② $[2p_ya - 2(2p_yb) + 2p_yc]$ combination-2

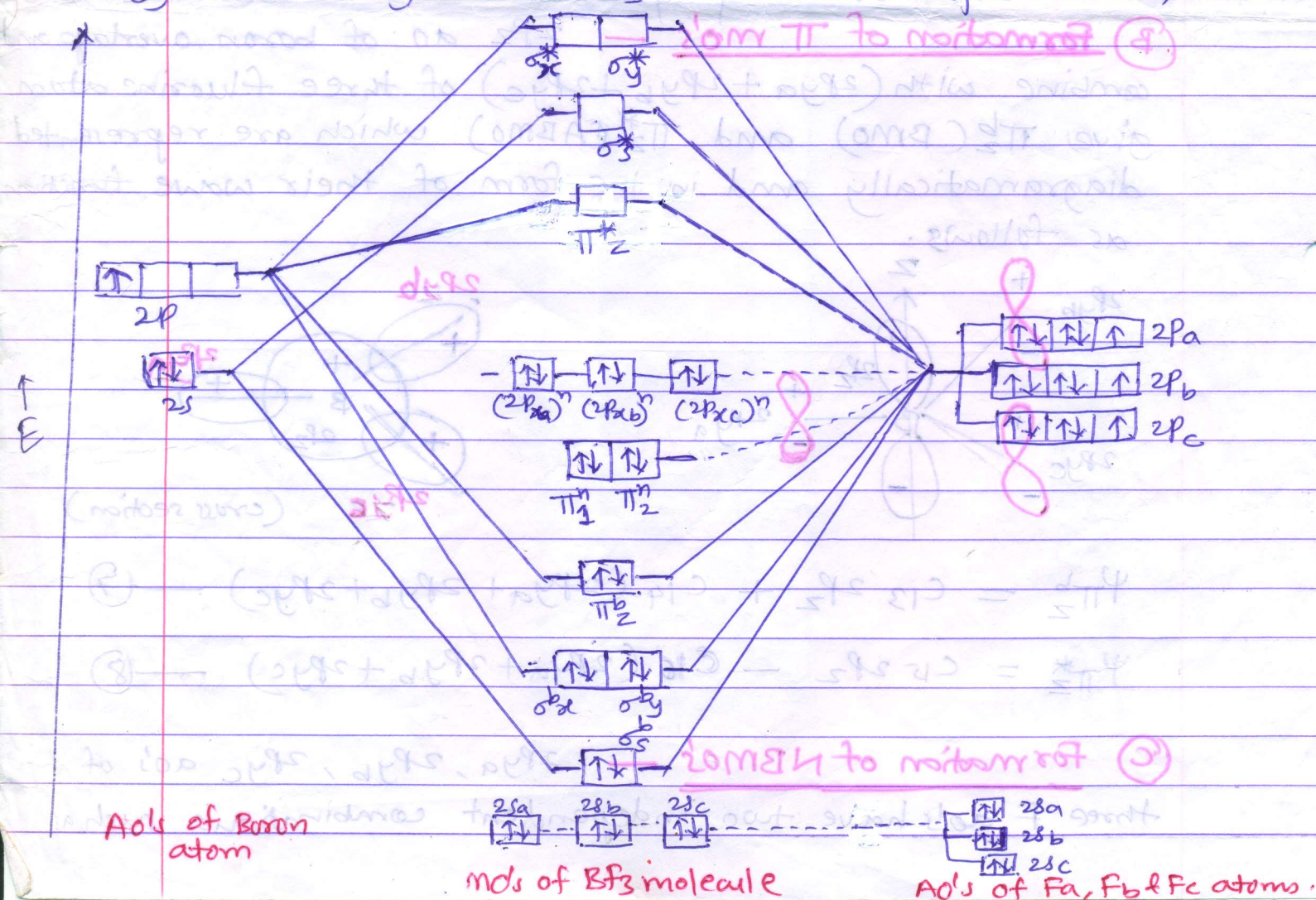
These two orbital combinations of F atoms do not overlap and combine with $2p_z$ AO of Boron. Thus they are ^{Two} NBMO in BF_3 as π_1^n (formed due to combination-① $(2p_ya - 2p_yc)$) and π_2^n (formed due to combination-② $[2p_ya - 2(2p_yb) + 2p_yc]$)

These NBMO's are represented in the form of their wave functions as follows.

$$\psi_{\pi_1^n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2p_ya - 2p_yc) \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

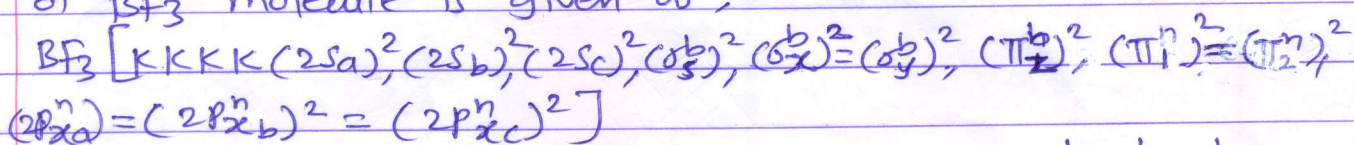
$$\psi_{\pi_2^n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (2p_ya - 2(2p_yb) + 2p_yc) \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

MO energy level diagram of BF_3 molecule — The MO energy level diagram of BF_3 molecule is represented as,



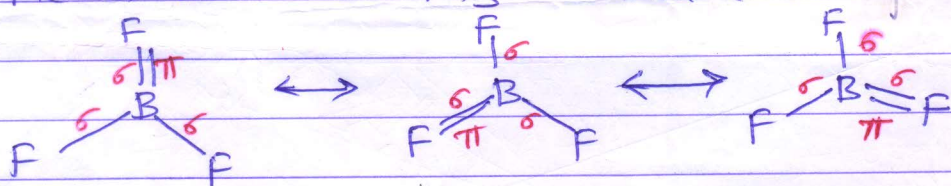
The valence a.o's ($2s$ & $2p$) of F are more stable than the valence a.o's ($2s$ & $2p$) of B hence electrons in BMO's are more closer to Fluorine nuclei. The σ_x^b & σ_y^b mo's are degenerate.

There are 24 ^{valence} electrons (out of total 32 e^-) in BF_3 molecule. These electrons are used to form BF_3 molecule. Thus MO electronic config of BF_3 molecule is given as,



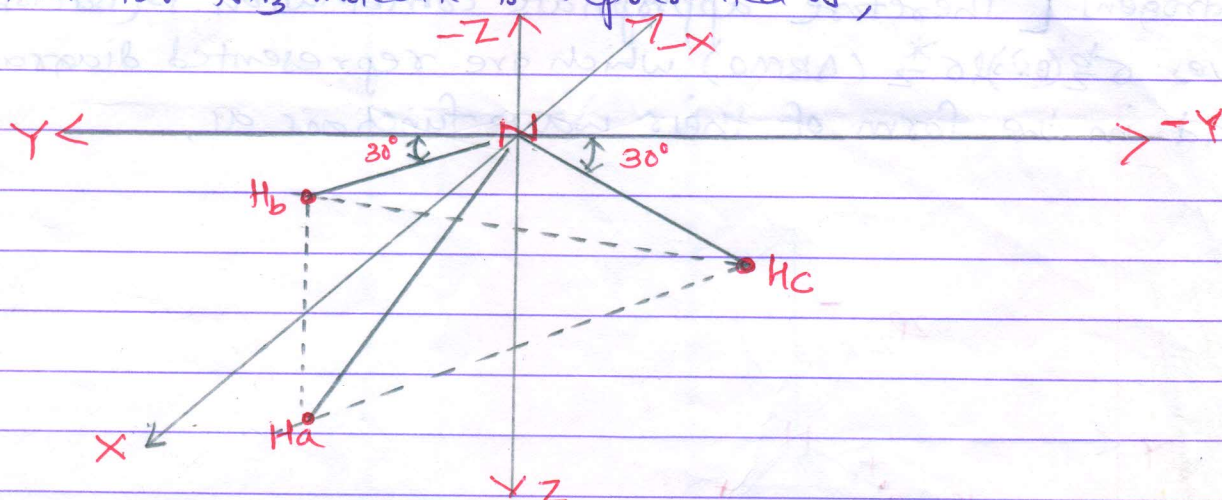
There are six electrons in σ mo's ($\sigma_s^b, \sigma_x^b, \sigma_y^b$) gives three σ bonds in BF_3 molecule, while two electrons in π mo (π_z^b) gives one π bond in BF_3 molecule. The B-F bond length in BF_3 molecule is $1.291 \text{ \AA}$.

The structure of BF_3 molecule is represented in resonance form



Ammonia (NH₃) molecule: Trigonal Pyramidal molecule:

Ammonia molecule has trigonal pyramidal geometry. The co-ordinate system for NH₃ molecule is represented as,



Ammonia has trigonal pyramidal structure in which three hydrogen atoms H_a, H_b and H_c are placed out of X, Y plane hence form the base of trigonal pyramid. Therefore nitrogen observed at the apex. Each N—H bond makes angle θ with Z axis. In addition to this, N—H_a is linked up with X axis, while N—H_b and N—H_c makes 30° angle with +Y and -Y axes respectively. Thus NH₃ is trigonal planar molecule, but with three peripheral hydrogen atoms bent down.

The electronic configⁿ of atoms in NH₃ molecule is given as

Nitrogen (Z = 7) — 1s², 2s², 2p³

Hydrogen(a) (Z = 1) — 1s^a

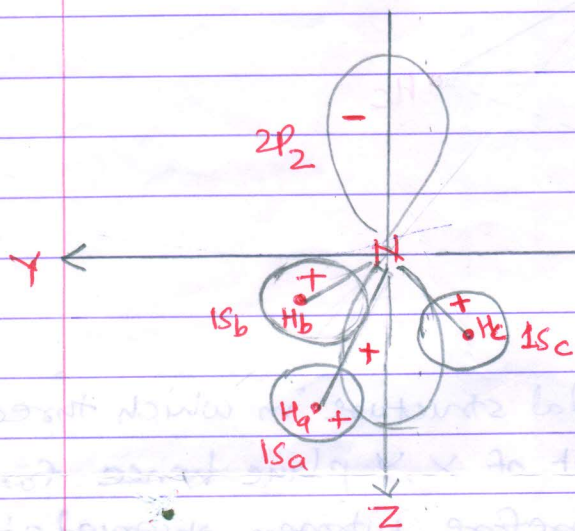
Hydrogen(b) (Z = 1) — 1s^b

Hydrogen(c) (Z = 1) — 1s^c

Formation of molecular orbitals — The valence orbitals of nitrogen 2s and 2p overlaps & combines with three hydrogen 1s_a, 1s_b, 1s_c ao's to give σ (BMO), σ^* (ABMO) and σ^n (NBMO) in ammonia molecule.

Formation of σ molecular orbitals — In NH₃ molecule various σ BMO, σ^* ABMO & σ^n NBMO's are formed on the basis of LCAO principle as,

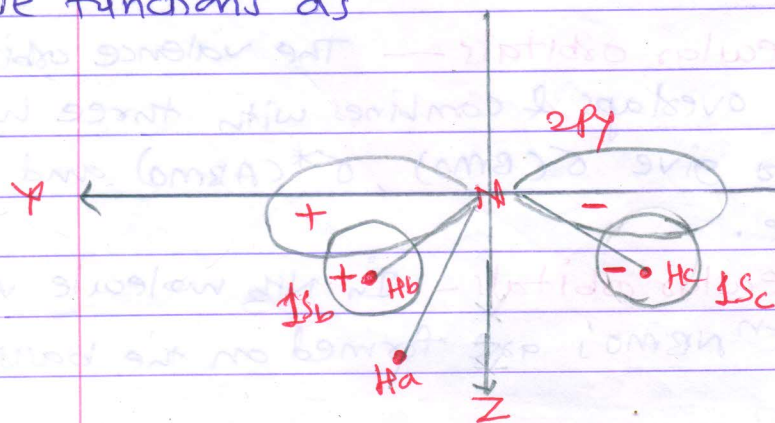
- ① Formation of σ_z^b and σ_z^* mo's — $2p_z$ ao of nitrogen combine and overlap with $1s_a$, $1s_b$ & $1s_c$ ao's of three hydrogens [Therefore appropriate combination is $(1s_a + 1s_b + 1s_c)$] gives σ_z^b (Bmo) & σ_z^* (ABmo) which are represented diagrammatically and in the form of their wave functions as,



$$\psi_{\sigma_z^b} = c_1 2p_z + c_2 (1s_a + 1s_b + 1s_c) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\psi_{\sigma_z^*} = c_3 2p_z - c_4 (1s_a + 1s_b + 1s_c) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

- ② Formation of σ_y^b and σ_y^* mo's — $2p_y$ ao of nitrogen combine and overlap with ~~$1s_a$~~ $1s_b$ & $1s_c$ ao's of two hydrogens [Therefore appropriate combination is $(1s_b - 1s_c)$] gives σ_y^b (Bmo) and σ_y^* (ABmo) which are represented diagrammatically and in the form of their wave functions as



$$\psi_{\sigma_y} = c_5 2p_y + c_6 (1s_b - 1s_c) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\psi_{\sigma_y^*} = c_7 2p_y - c_8 (1s_b - 1s_c) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

(3) Formation of σ_x^b and σ_x^* mo's — 2p_x ao of nitrogen combines and overlaps with 1s_a, 1s_b & 1s_c of three hydrogens [Therefore appropriate combination is $(1s_a - \frac{1}{2}1s_b - \frac{1}{2}1s_c)$ because 1s_b & 1s_c make angle 60° with 2p_x ao hence $\cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$ hence $\frac{1}{2}$ contribution from 1s_b and 1s_c while full contribution from 1s_a] ^(overlap) gives σ_x^b (Bmo) and σ_x^* (ABmo) which are represented diagrammatically and in the form of their wavefunctions as,

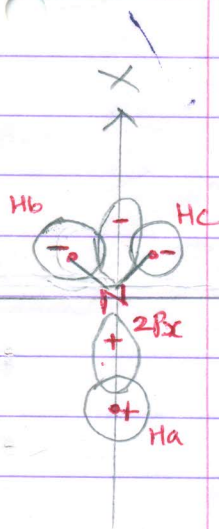
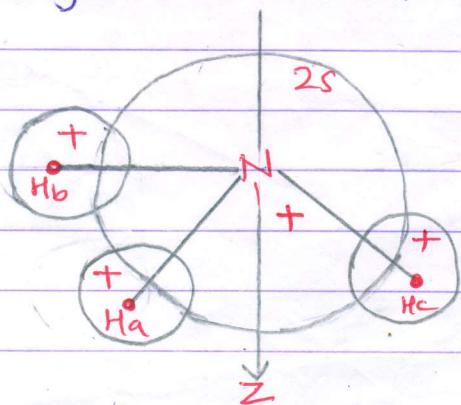
$$\psi_{\sigma_x^b} = c_9 2p_x + c_{10} (1s_a - \frac{1}{2}1s_b - \frac{1}{2}1s_c) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\psi_{\sigma_x^*} = c_{11} 2p_x - c_{12} (1s_a - \frac{1}{2}1s_b - \frac{1}{2}1s_c) \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

since σ_x^b & σ_y^b ^{are equivalent} ~~are~~ doubly degenerate because both mo's have same energy similarly their corresponding σ_x^* & σ_y^* are equivalent and are doubly degenerate because both mo's have identical energy.

(4) Formation of σ_z^b and σ_z^* mo's — 2s ao of nitrogen combines and overlaps with 1s_a, 1s_b, 1s_c ao's of three hydrogen [Therefore appropriate combination is $(1s_a + 1s_b + 1s_c)$ gives σ_z^b mo. ~~which~~ This is same combination of $(1s_a + 1s_b + 1s_c)$ of three hydrogens 1s_a, 1s_b & 1s_c ao's to give σ_z^b & σ_z^* mo's] ~~give~~ ~~mo's~~.

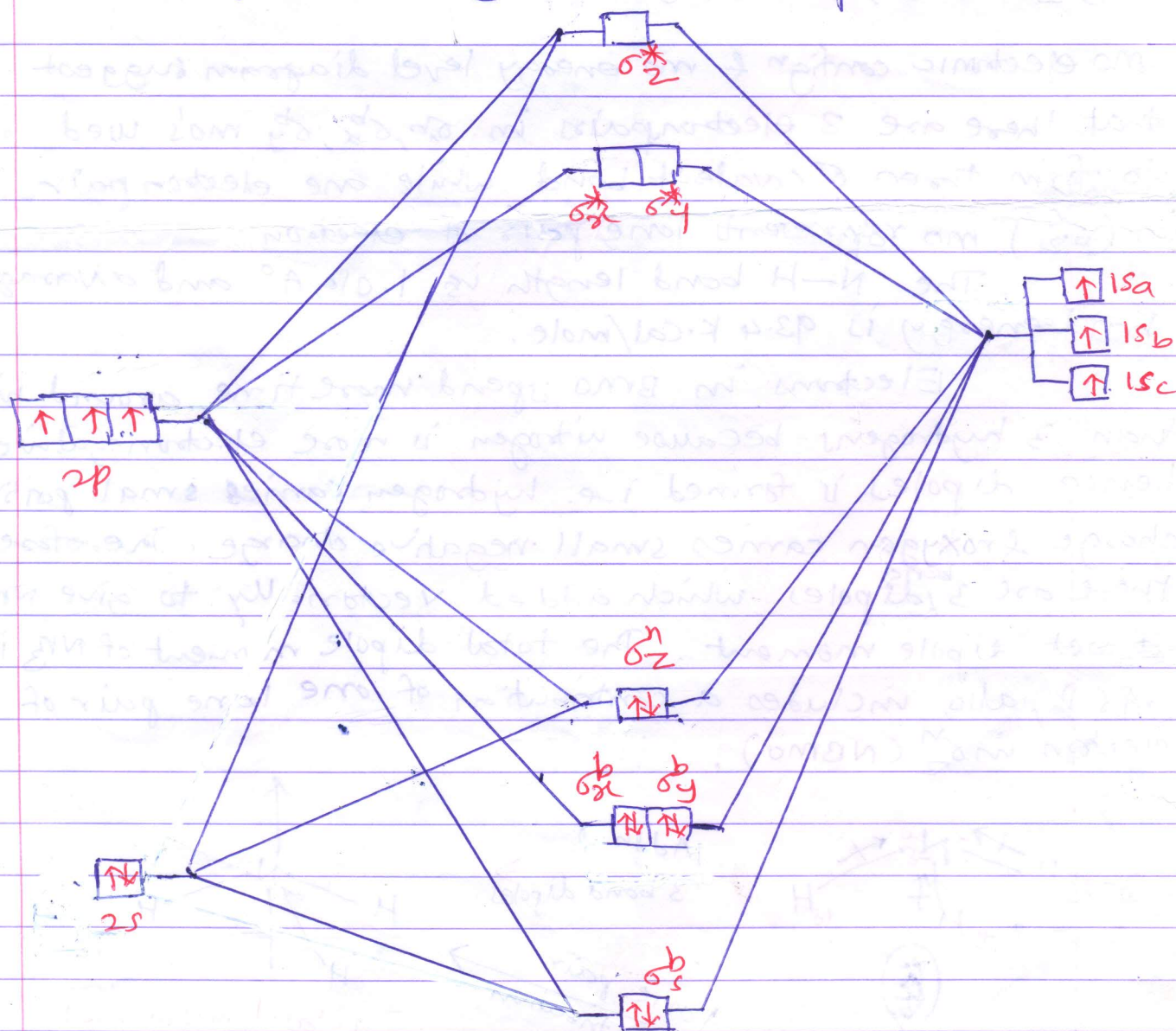
This ~~is~~ σ_z^b mo mixes with σ_z^b & σ_z^* molecular orbitals gives σ_z^b , σ_z^n , σ_z^* mo's



The addition of 2s character from nitrogen to the N—H bonding increases the H—N—H bond angle from 90° to 107°.

The actual H—N—H bond angle in NH₃ molecule is 107°. If only 2p_x, 2p_y and 2p_z orbitals of nitrogen are to be used to form NH₃ molecule then H—N—H bond angle may be 90° but actual bond angle H—N—H is 17° wider due to involvement of 2s ao of nitrogen in ^{the} bonding.

Molecular orbital energy level diagram. The molecular orbital energy level diagram of NH₃ molecule is represented as,



AO's of Nitrogen atom

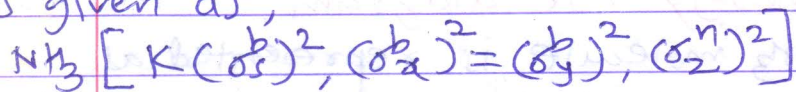
MO's of NH₃ molecule.

AO's of three Hydrogen atoms

The a.o's of nitrogen ($2s$ & $2p$) and a.o's of three hydrogens ($1s_a, 1s_b, 1s_c$) combine and overlap linearly with each other giving $(\sigma_s^b, \sigma_x^b, \sigma_y^b)$ (σ_z^N) (σ_x^*, σ_y^* and σ_z^*) molecular orbitals represented in above mo energy level diagram.

These molecular orbitals arranged in increasing order of energy in NH_3 molecule as (σ_s^b) , $(\sigma_x^b) = (\sigma_y^b)$, (σ_z^N) , $(\sigma_x^*) = (\sigma_y^*)$, (σ_z^*) .

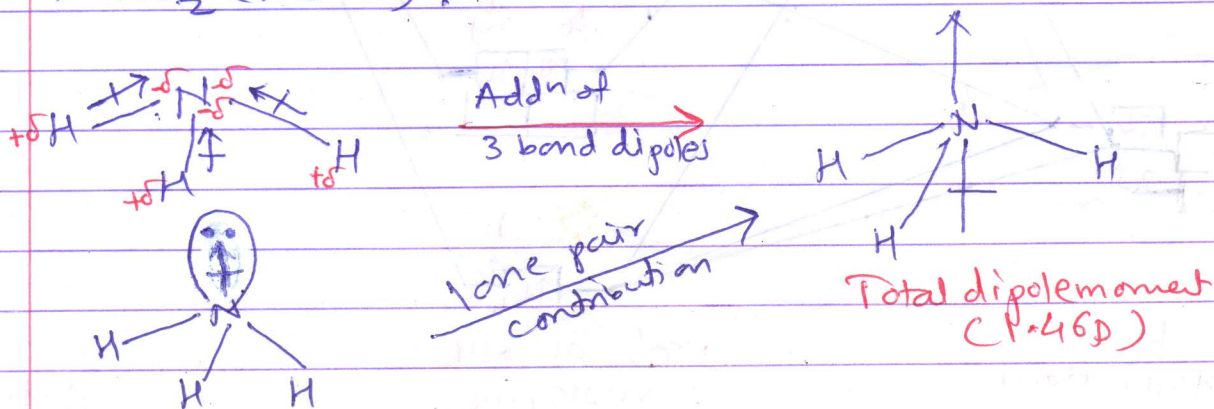
Therefore G.S. mo electronic config of NH_3 molecule is given as,



Mo electronic config & mo energy level diagram suggest that there are 3 electron pairs in $\sigma_s^b, \sigma_x^b, \sigma_y^b$ mo's used to form three σ covalent bond while one electron pair in (σ_z^N) mo represents lone pair of electron.

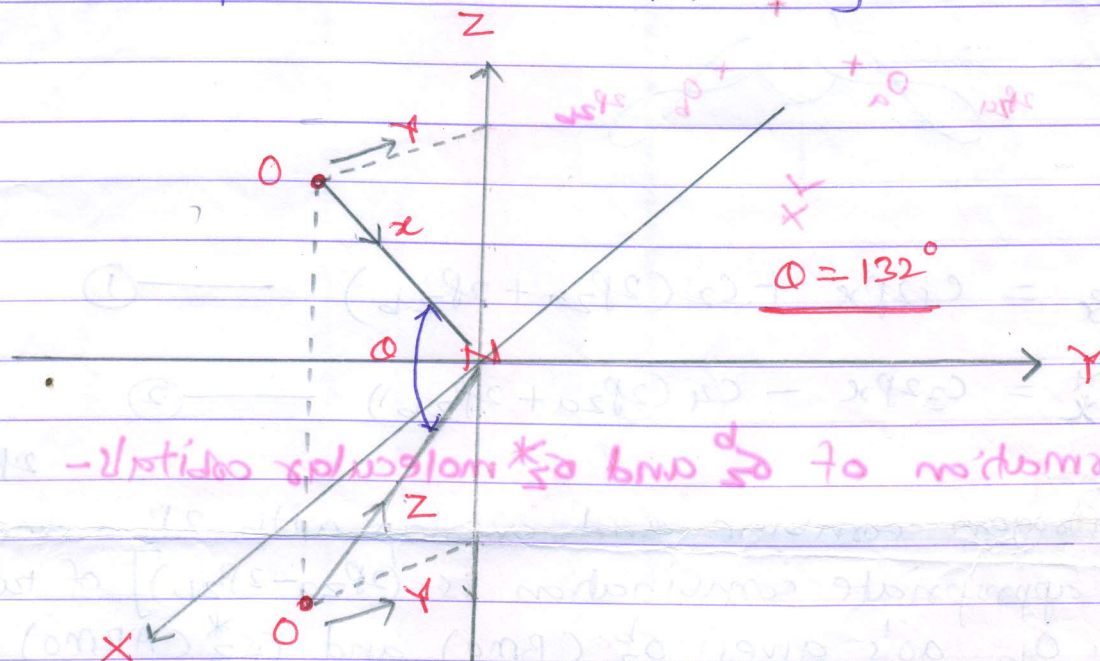
The N-H bond length is $1.014 \text{ \AA}$ and average bond energy is 93.4 K.cal/mole .

Electrons in BMO spend more time around nitrogen than 3 hydrogens because nitrogen is more electronegative hence dipole is formed i.e. hydrogen carries small positive charge & nitrogen carries small negative charge. Therefore there are 3 bond dipoles which added vectorially to give NH_3 a net dipole moment. The total dipole moment of NH_3 is 1.46 D , also includes a contribution of one lone pair of electron in σ_z^N (NBMO).



Angular Triatomic molecule with π bonding:

NO₂ molecule: NO₂ molecule is an example of an angular triatomic molecule with both σ & π bonding. In co-ordinate system, Nitrogen of NO₂ is placed at the origin of XYZ as shown in following co-ordinate system,

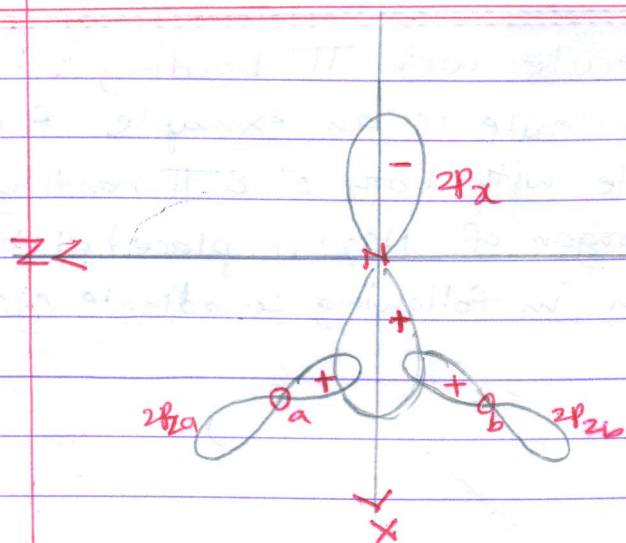


The two oxygen atoms O_a & O_b situated in XZ plane bent away from Z axis. The O-N-O bond angle is θ .

Formation of molecular orbitals - According to LCAO principle σ , π and non bonding mo's are formed in the NO₂ molecule.

(A) Formation of σ molecular orbitals - 2s & 2p_z ao of nitrogen overlap and combine with 2p_za and 2p_zb orbitals of O_a & O_b gives σ mo's as follows.

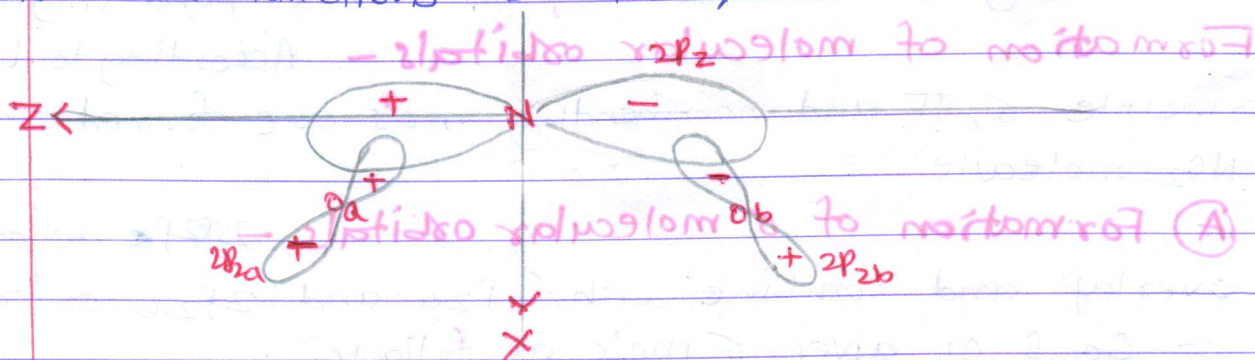
(1) Formation of σ_x^b and σ_x^* mo's - 2p_x ao of the nitrogen overlap and combine with 2p_xa and 2p_xb ao's of two oxygen atoms gives σ_x^b and σ_x^* mo's, which are represented diagrammatically and in the form of their wave functions as follows.



$$\psi_{\sigma_z} = c_1 2p_z + c_2 (2p_{x_a} + 2p_{x_b}) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\psi_{\sigma_z^*} = c_3 2p_z - c_4 (2p_{x_a} + 2p_{x_b}) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

② Formation of σ_z^b and σ_z^{*b} molecular orbitals - $2p_z$ ao of nitrogen combine and overlap with $2p_{x_a}$ and $2p_{x_b}$ [The appropriate combination is $(2p_{x_a} - 2p_{x_b})$] of two o_a and o_b ao's gives σ_z^b (BMO) and σ_z^{*b} (ABMO) which are represented diagrammatically and in the form of their wave functions as follows,

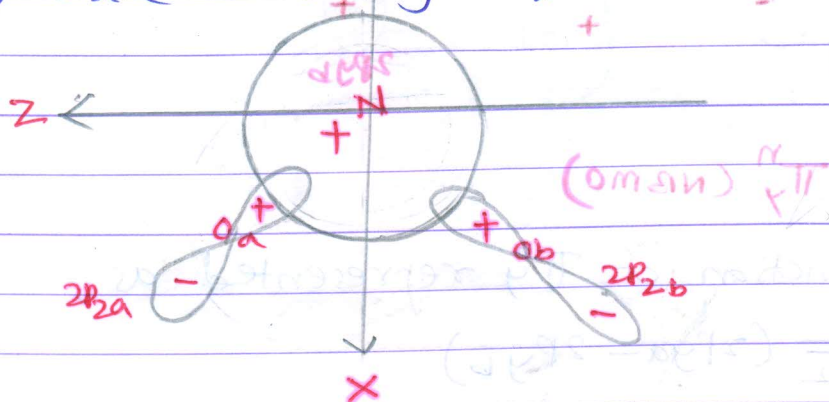


$$\psi_{\sigma_z^b} = c_5 2p_z + c_6 (2p_{x_a} - 2p_{x_b}) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

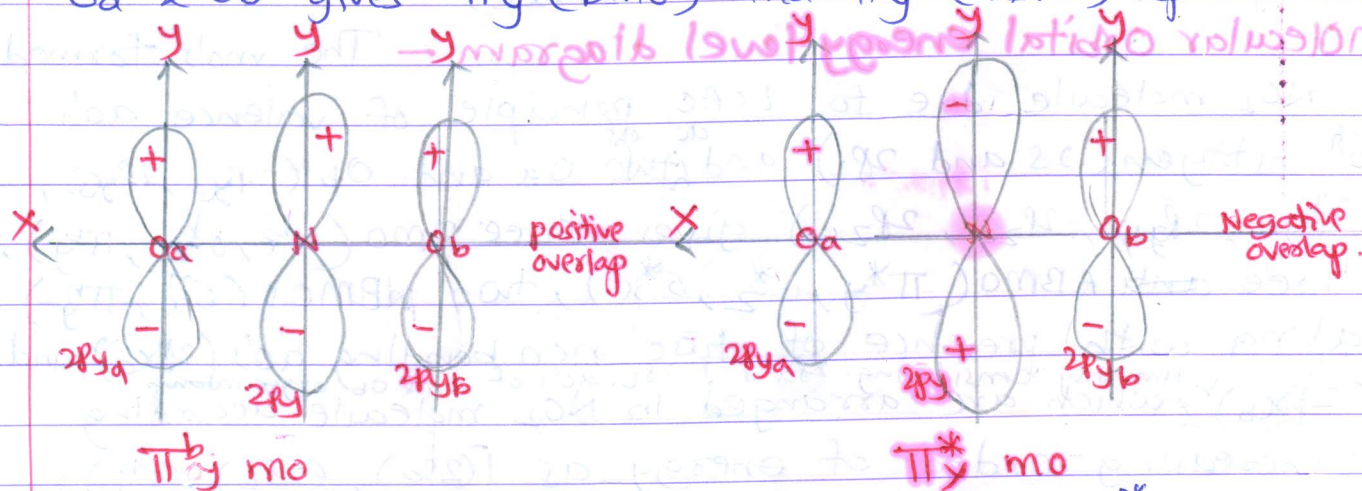
$$\psi_{\sigma_z^{*b}} = c_7 2p_z - c_8 (2p_{x_a} - 2p_{x_b}) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

③ Formation of σ_s^b , σ_s^{*b} and σ_x^{*b} - $2s$ ao of nitrogen overlap with $2p_{x_a}$ & $2p_{x_b}$ [The appropriate combination is $(2p_{x_a} + 2p_{x_b})$] gives σ_s^b (BMO). Since the combination $(2p_{x_a} + 2p_{x_b})$

has been used in formation of σ_x^b & σ_x^* mo's. The same $(2p_a + 2p_b)$ combination is used for $2s$ ao combination which gives σ_s^b (BMO) mo. Therefore σ_s^b mo overlaps mixes with σ_x^b and σ_x^* molecular orbital and gives σ_s^b (BMO), σ_x^b (non-bonding mo) and σ_x^* (ABMO)



(B) Formation of π molecular orbitals - $2p_y$ ao of nitrogen overlap and combines with $2p_y$ & $2p_y$ ao's of two O_a & O_b gives π_y^b (BMO) and π_y^* (ABMO) represented as

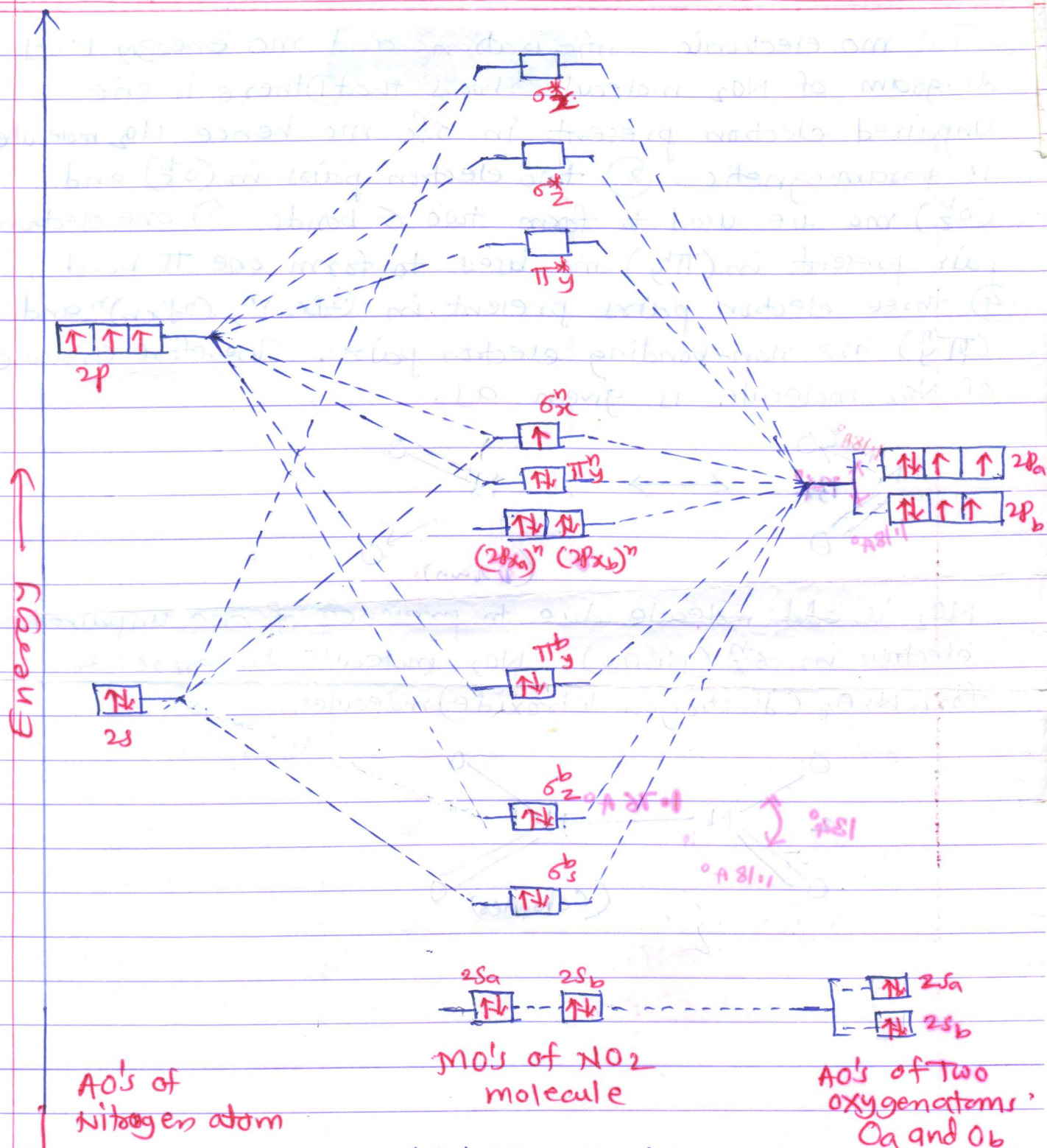


The wave function for π_y^b (BMO) and π_y^* (ABMO) given as

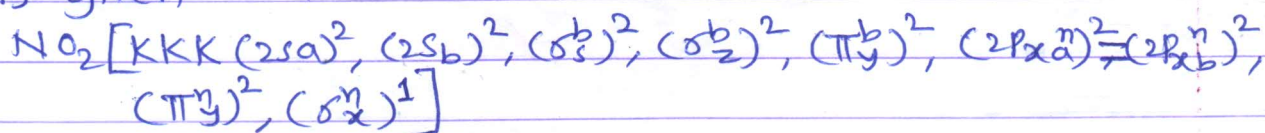
$$\Psi_{\pi_y^b} = c_9 2p_y + c_{10} (2p_{ya} + 2p_{yb}) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\Psi_{\pi_y^*} = c_{11} 2p_y - c_{12} (2p_{ya} + 2p_{yb}) \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

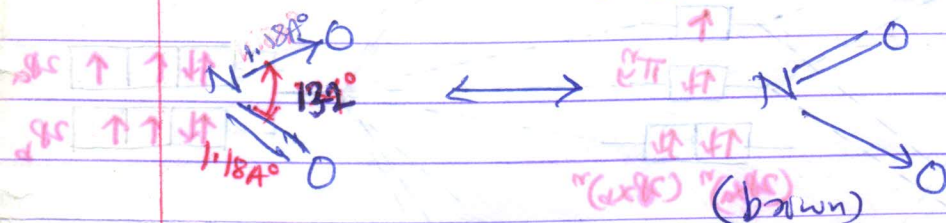
(C) Formation of π_y^b (NBMO) - $2p_y$ ao of nitrogen combine and overlaps with $2p_{ya}$ & $2p_{yb}$ ao's of O_a & O_b gives π_y^b (NBMO) mo represented diagrammatically as,



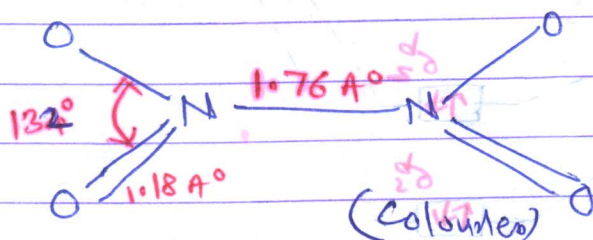
In NO_2 molecule, there are total 23 electrons & 17 valence electrons. Therefore, the ground state electronic configuration of NO_2 molecule is given as.



The molecular electronic configuration and molecular energy level diagram of NO_2 molecule shows that (1) there is one unpaired electron present in σ_x^* molecular orbital hence NO_2 molecule is paramagnetic. (2) two electron pairs in (σ_z^*) and (σ_z) molecular orbitals are used to form two σ bonds. (3) one electron pair present in (π_y) molecular orbital is used to form one π bond. (4) three electron pairs present in $(2p_x)^*$, $(2p_x)$ and (π_y) are non-bonding electron pairs. Therefore the structure of NO_2 molecule is given as:



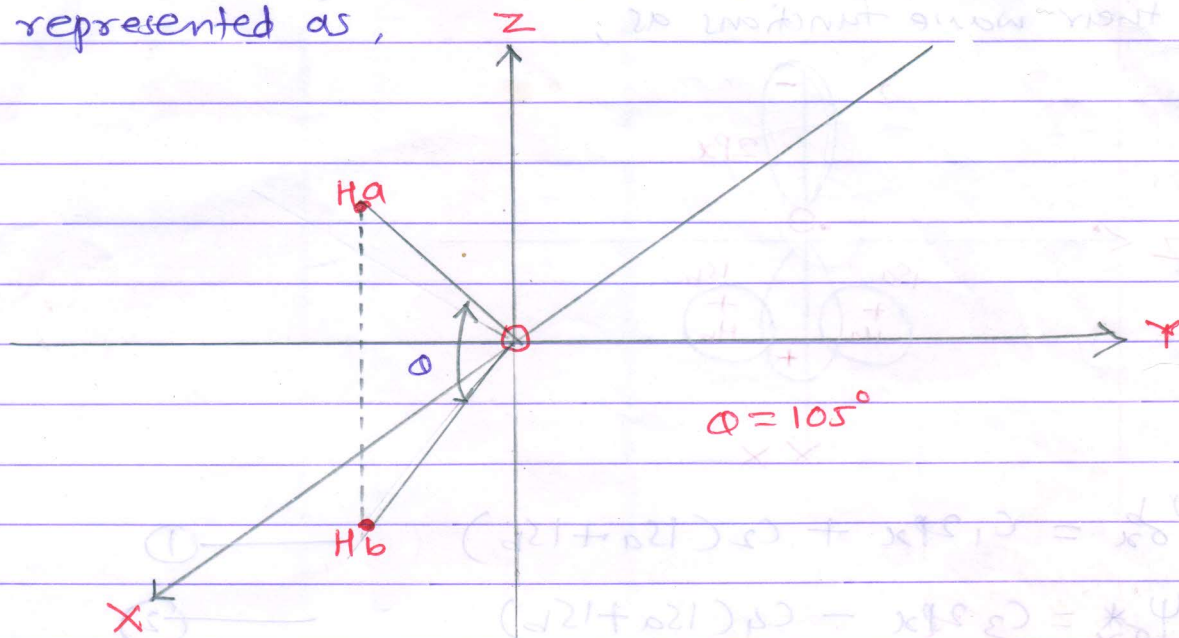
NO_2 is an odd molecule due to the presence of one unpaired electron in σ_x^* (NBMO). NO_2 molecule dimerizes to form N_2O_4 (dinitrogen tetroxide) molecule.



NO_2 is a radical
 (odd number of electrons)
 It is a free radical
 It is a paramagnetic molecule
 It is a reactive molecule
 It is a toxic molecule
 It is a pollutant
 It is a greenhouse gas
 It is a precursor of acid rain
 It is a precursor of smog
 It is a precursor of ozone depletion
 It is a precursor of global warming
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Angular Triatomic molecule : water molecule (H₂O):

water molecule is angular triatomic molecule with H—O—H bond angle 105° . The co-ordinate system for H₂O molecule is represented as,



The two hydrogens are placed in the XZ plane. consider H—O—H along Z-axis and bending the two hydrogens towards the X-axis until the H—O—H angle θ corresponds to observed 105° . The two hydrogens are bend to the same amount from Z-axis hence X-axis bisects the θ .

The electronic configⁿ of atoms in the H₂O molecule is represented as,

oxygen (Z=8) — $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^4$

Hydrogen (a) (Z=1) — $1s_a^1$

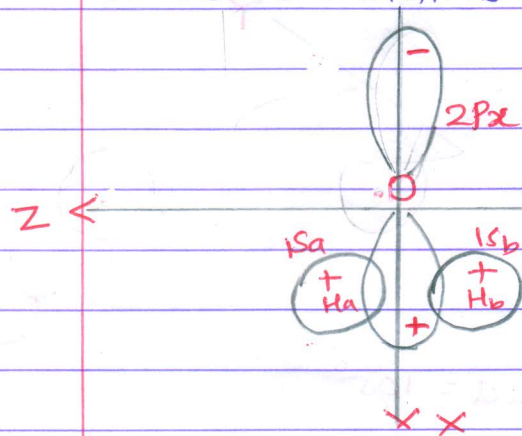
Hydrogen (b) (Z=1) — $1s_b^1$

Formation of molecular orbitals — The valence orbitals of oxygen 2s & 2p overlaps and combine with two hydrogen $1s_a$ & $1s_b$ ao's to give σ (BMO) and σ^* (ABMO) in the H₂O molecule.

(A) Formation of σ mo's — In H₂O molecule various σ (BMO) and σ^* (ABMO) are formed on the basis of LCAO principle as,

(1) Formation of σ_x and σ_x^* mo's — The $2p_x$ ao' of oxygen combine and overlap with $1s_a$ & $1s_b$ ao's of two hydrogen (there

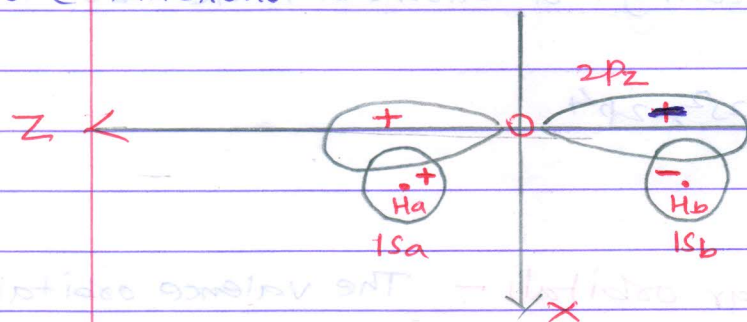
appropriate combination is $(1s_a + 1s_b)$ gives σ_z^b & σ_z^* mo's which are represented diagrammatically and in the form of their wave functions as,



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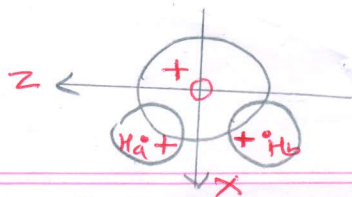
② Formation of σ_z^b and σ_z^* mo's — The $2p_z$ ao of oxygen combine and overlap with $1s_a$ & $1s_b$ ao's of two hydrogens [Therefore appropriate combination is $(1s_a - 1s_b)$] gives σ_z^b & σ_z^* mo's which are represented diagrammatically and in the form of their wave functions as.



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$$\psi_{\sigma_z^*} = c_7 2p_z - c_8 (1s_a - 1s_b) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

③ Formation of σ_s^b , σ_x^n mo's — The $2p_y$ ao of oxygen has no overlap with either $1s_a$ & $1s_b$ ao's of two hydrogen, remains nonbonding as $(2p_y)^n$



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The 2s ao of oxygen overlap and combine with 1s_a & 1s_b ao's of two hydrogens (Therefore appropriate combination is (1s_a + 1s_b) which has used in σ_x^b mo's hence it correct for 2s ao]. This indicates that formation of σ_s^b mo. This σ_s^b mo mixes with σ_x^b mo (because in the formation of both mo's the appropriate combination of two hydrogen ao's 1s_a & 1s_b is (1s_a + 1s_b))

Then σ_s^b mixes with σ_x^b result in the formation of σ_s^b , σ_x^b & σ_x^* mo's.

Therefore in H₂O molecule σ_s^b , σ_z^b , σ_x^b , σ_x^* , σ_z^* mo's form while 2p_y orbital of oxygen is non-bonding.

Molecular orbital energy level diagram - The mo's form due to LCAO principle of valence oxygen ao's (2s, 2p) and two hydrogen ao's (1s_a & 1s_b) gives two BMO (σ_s^b , σ_z^b), two ABMO (σ_x^* , σ_z^*), one NBMO (σ_x^b). The mo's arrange in H₂O molecule according to increasing order of energy (including non-bonding (2p_y)ⁿ ao of oxygen) as, (σ_s^b), (σ_z^b), (σ_x^b), (2p_y)ⁿ, (σ_z^*), (σ_x^*).

The ao's of oxygen and ao's of two hydrogens with their mo's represented in following mo energy level diagram as follow.

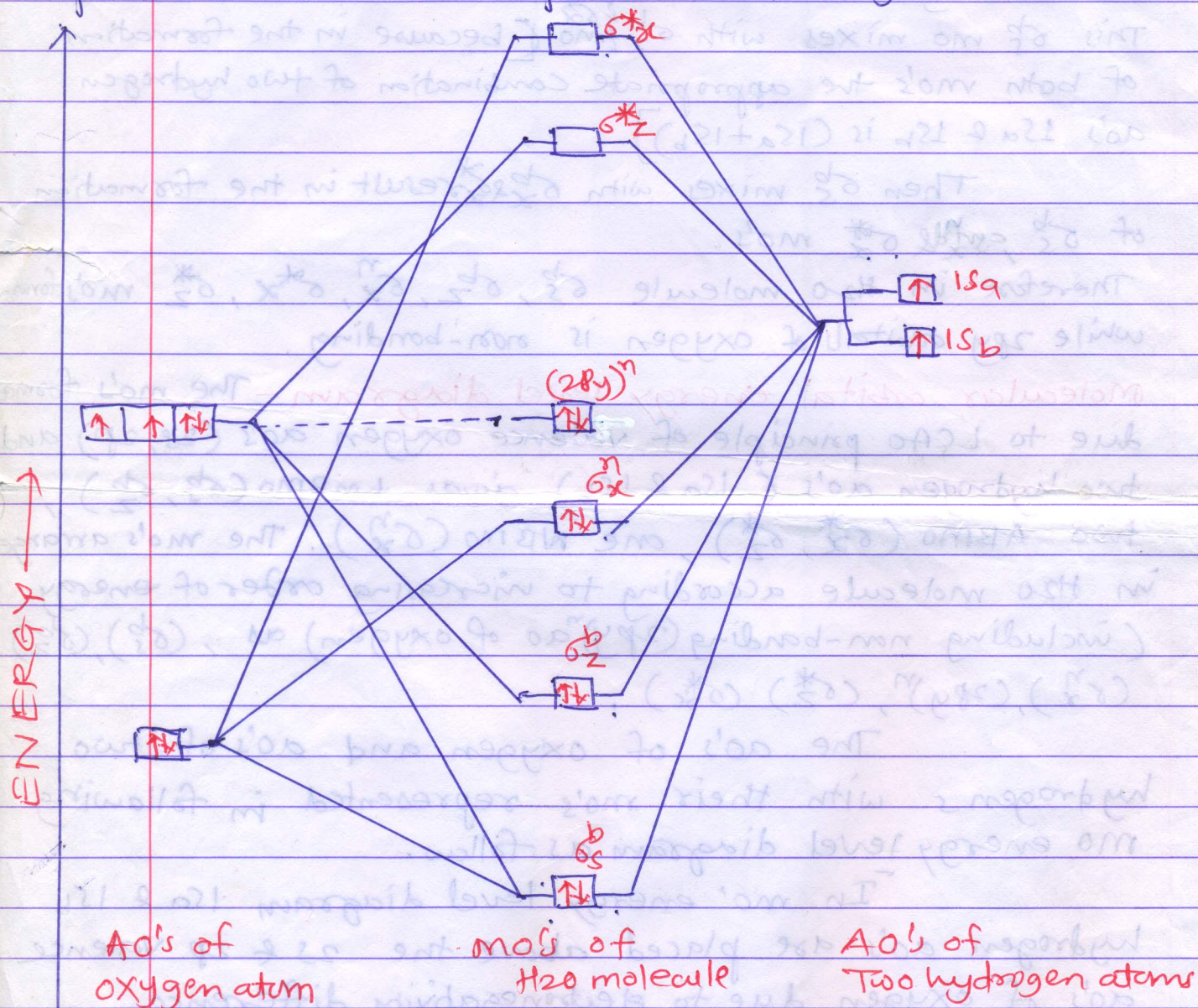
In mo' energy level diagram 1s_a & 1s_b hydrogen ao's are placed above the 2s & 2p valence ao's of oxygen due to electronegativity difference.

The g.s. electronic config of H₂O molecule is given as



The mo' energy level diagram & mo electronic config of H₂O molecule give idea about the magnetic properties. Thus all electrons in mo's are paired hence H₂O molecule is diamagnetic.

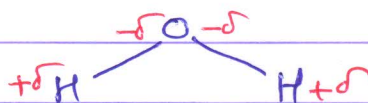
There are two electron pairs present in 2 BMO (σ_s^b, σ_z^b mo's) and 2 electron pair in non bonding form in (σ_x^n) and ($2p_y$)ⁿ called as two lone pairs in the H₂O molecule. Thus due to presence of 2 electron pairs in 2 BMO gives two σ bonds



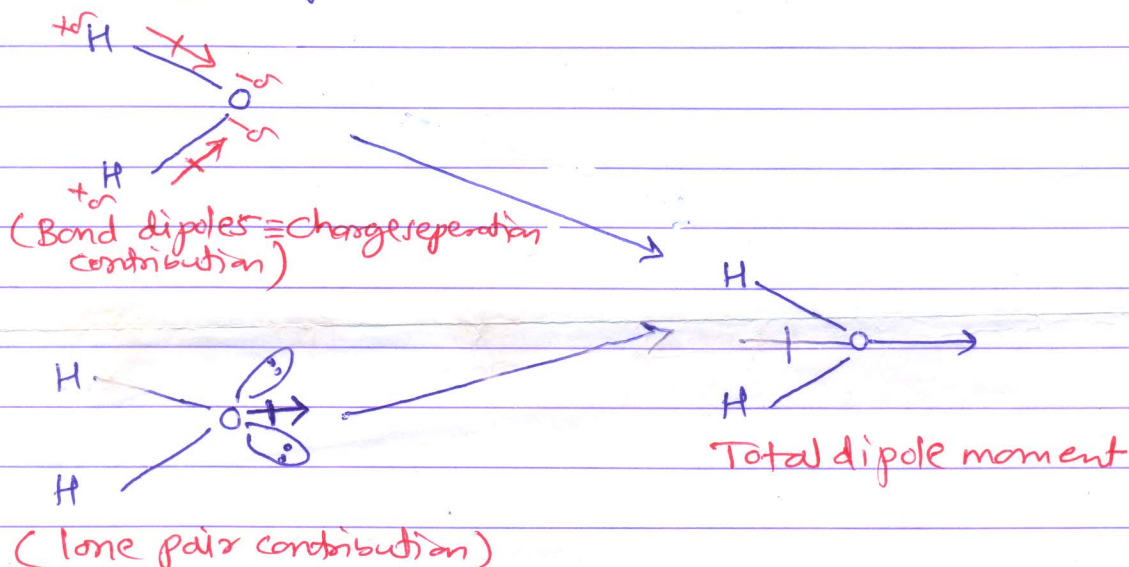
If pure $2p_x$ & $2p_y$ ao's of oxygen are used in σ bonding then the expected angle θ for H-O-H is 90° . But possibility of $2s$ orbitals of oxygen being involved in bonding cause 15° deviation of H-O-H angle from 90° to 105° .

The electrons in σ BMO (σ_s^b & σ_z^b) also non bonding electrons in σ_x^n & ($2p_y$)ⁿ spend more

time near oxygen atom than hydrogens due to larger electronegativity of oxygen hence dipoles is formed i.e. hydrogen carries small positive charge and oxygen carries small negative charge



Therefore H₂O molecule is polar and has dipole moment 1.844 D. hence dipole moment in H₂O molecule is due to charge separation as well as due to two lone pairs.



Each H₂O molecule has ^{small bond} dipole moment resulting from the charge separation. Since H₂O molecule is angular, these bond moments added together to give resultant dipole moment, along with dipole moment obtained by two lone pair of electrons present in σ_x^2 and $(2p_y^2)$ ao.