

CH 222 Winter 2025: **“Valence Bond and Molecular Orbitals (*in class*)” Lab - Instructions**

Note: This is the lab for section H1 of CH 222 only.

- *If you are taking section 01 or section W1 of CH 222, please use this link:*
<http://mhchem.org/r/3b.htm>
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Step One:

Get a printed copy of this lab! You will need a printed (hard copy) version of pages Ia-3-3 through Ia-3-12 to complete this lab. If you do not turn in a printed copy of the lab, there will be a 2-point deduction.

Step Two:

Bring the printed copy of the lab with you on Wednesday, January 22 (section H1.) During lab in room AC 2507, you will use these sheets (with the valuable instructions!) to gather data, all of which will be recorded in the printed pages below.

Step Three:

Complete the lab work and calculations on your own, then **turn it in** (pages Ia-3-5 through Ia-3-12 *only* to avoid a point penalty) **at the beginning of recitation to the instructor on Wednesday, January 29 (section H1.)** The graded lab will be returned to you the following week during recitation.

If you have any questions regarding this assignment, please email (mike.russell@mhcc.edu) the instructor! Good luck on this assignment!

VALENCE BOND (VB) THEORY

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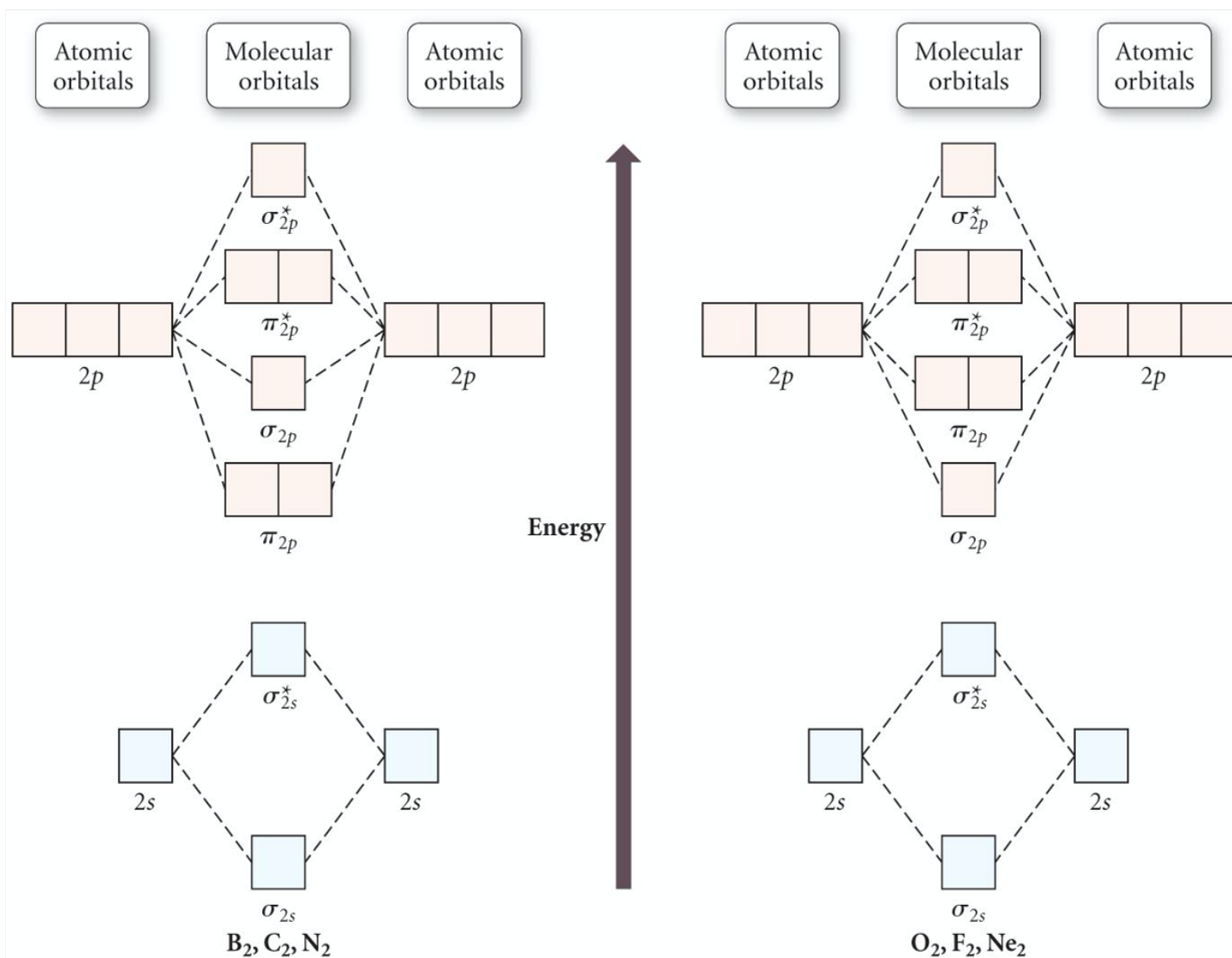
MOLECULAR ORBITAL (MO) THEORY

LAB

This lab contains a series of handouts that you should complete. Neatness counts!

Useful handouts from the Chemistry 222 website (<http://mhchem.org/222>):

- Geometry and Polarity Guide (<http://mhchem.org/geopo/>)
- MO Diagram - B₂ through N₂ (<http://mhchem.org/MO>)
- MO Diagram - O₂ through Ne₂ (<http://mhchem.org/MO>)



Molecular orbital diagrams for B, C, N (left) and O, F and Ne (right).

*Notice that the 1s interactions are **not** included in these diagrams.*

Use [core electrons] if not showing the 1s interactions in your molecular orbital diagram.

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VALENCE BOND THEORY and MOLECULAR ORBITAL THEORY LAB - Worksheet
Name:
Hand drawn versions only, no computer generated structures

 Complete the sections below by providing the appropriate information in the spaces provided. *Neatness counts!*
Part One: Valence Bond Theory *Complete the following sections using Valence Bond Theory.*

Molecule/ion	Lewis Structure (& Isomers, if any)		
SeI₂		<i>Electron Pair Geometry:</i>	<i>Hybridization:</i>
		<i>Molecular Geometry:</i>	<i>Bond Order:</i>
		<i>Polar or Nonpolar:</i>	<i>Resonance Forms? (Y/N)</i>

Molecule/ion	Lewis Structure (& Isomers, if any)		
AsCl₅		<i>Electron Pair Geometry:</i>	<i>Hybridization:</i>
		<i>Molecular Geometry:</i>	<i>Bond Order:</i>
		<i>Polar or Nonpolar:</i>	<i>Resonance Forms? (Y/N)</i>

Molecule/ion	Lewis Structure (& Isomers, if any)		
CO₃²⁻		<i>Electron Pair Geometry:</i>	<i>Hybridization:</i>
		<i>Molecular Geometry:</i>	<i>Bond Order:</i>
		<i>Polar or Nonpolar:</i>	<i>Resonance Forms? (Y/N)</i>

Molecule/ion	Lewis Structure (& Isomers, if any)		
ClO₃⁻¹		<i>Electron Pair Geometry:</i>	<i>Hybridization:</i>
		<i>Molecular Geometry:</i>	<i>Bond Order:</i>
		<i>Polar or Nonpolar:</i>	<i>Resonance Forms? (Y/N)</i>

Molecule/Ion	Lewis Structure (& Isomers, if any)		
ClO_4^{-1}		<i>Electron Pair Geometry:</i>	<i>Hybridization:</i>
		<i>Molecular Geometry:</i>	<i>Bond Order:</i>
		<i>Polar or Nonpolar:</i>	<i>Resonance Forms? (Y/N)</i>

Molecule/Ion	Lewis Structure (& Isomers, if any)		
XeOF_4		<i>Electron Pair Geometry:</i>	<i>Hybridization:</i>
		<i>Molecular Geometry:</i>	<i>Bond Order:</i>
		<i>Polar or Nonpolar:</i>	<i>Resonance Forms? (Y/N)</i>

Part Two: Molecular Orbital Theory Complete the following sections using Molecular Orbital Theory. Draw a complete Molecular Orbital diagram to answer these questions (include all 1s and 2s interactions, no short hand notation) and provide the missing information.

Molecule / Ion: Li_2

Molecular Orbital Diagram:

Bond Order: _____

Number of sigma bonds: _____

Number of pi bonds: _____

(Circle) **Paramagnetic** or **Diamagnetic**

Should this molecule exist? (Circle) **Yes** or **No**

Molecule / Ion: Be₂

Molecular Orbital Diagram:

Bond Order: _____

Number of sigma bonds: _____

Number of pi bonds: _____

(Circle) **Paramagnetic** or **Diamagnetic**

Should this molecule exist? (Circle) **Yes** or **No**

Molecule / Ion: B₂

Molecular Orbital Diagram:

Bond Order: _____

Number of sigma bonds: _____

Number of pi bonds: _____

(Circle) **Paramagnetic** or **Diamagnetic**

Should this molecule exist? (Circle) **Yes** or **No**

Molecule / Ion: N₂

Molecular Orbital Diagram:

Bond Order: _____

Number of sigma bonds: _____

Number of pi bonds: _____

(Circle) Paramagnetic or Diamagnetic

Should this molecule exist? *(Circle) Yes or No*

Molecule / Ion: F₂

Molecular Orbital Diagram:

Bond Order: _____

Number of sigma bonds: _____

Number of pi bonds: _____

(Circle) Paramagnetic or Diamagnetic

Should this molecule exist? *(Circle) Yes or No*

Molecule / Ion: Ne₂

Molecular Orbital Diagram:

Bond Order: _____

Number of sigma bonds: _____

Number of pi bonds: _____

(Circle) **Paramagnetic** or **Diamagnetic**

Should this molecule exist? (Circle) **Yes** or **No**

Part Three: Theory Comparison Complete the following sections using both Valence Bond (VB) Theory and Molecular Orbital (MO) Theory. *Shorthand notation for MO Diagrams is recommended, include 1s and 2s interactions.*

Molecule / Ion: CN⁻¹ (Use the MO Diagram for B, C and N on this problem)

Valence Bond Lewis Structure:

Bond Order (VB): _____

Bond Order (MO): _____

Number of sigma bonds (VB): _____

Molecular Orbital Diagram:

Number of sigma bonds (MO): _____

Number of pi bonds (VB): _____

Number of pi bonds (MO): _____

(VB) Paramagnetic? (circle) **Yes No**

(MO) Paramagnetic? (circle) **Yes No**

Molecule / Ion: **NO⁺¹** (Use the MO Diagram for O, F and Ne on this problem)

<i>Valence Bond Lewis Structure:</i>	Bond Order (VB): _____
	Bond Order (MO): _____
	Number of sigma bonds (VB): _____
<i>Molecular Orbital Diagram:</i>	Number of sigma bonds (MO): _____
	Number of pi bonds (VB): _____
	Number of pi bonds (MO): _____
	(VB) Paramagnetic? (circle) Yes No
	(MO) Paramagnetic? (circle) Yes No

Molecule / Ion: **NO** (Use the MO Diagram for O, F and Ne on this problem)

<i>Valence Bond Lewis Structure:</i>	Bond Order (VB): _____
	Bond Order (MO): _____
	Number of sigma bonds (VB): _____
<i>Molecular Orbital Diagram:</i>	Number of sigma bonds (MO): _____
	Number of pi bonds (VB): _____
	Number of pi bonds (MO): _____
	(VB) Paramagnetic? (circle) Yes No
	(MO) Paramagnetic? (circle) Yes No

Molecule / Ion: O₂

<i>Valence Bond Lewis Structure:</i>	Bond Order (VB): _____
	Bond Order (MO): _____
	Number of sigma bonds (VB): _____
<i>Molecular Orbital Diagram:</i>	Number of sigma bonds (MO): _____
	Number of pi bonds (VB): _____
	Number of pi bonds (MO): _____
	(VB) Paramagnetic? (<i>circle</i>) Yes No
	(MO) Paramagnetic? (<i>circle</i>) Yes No

Molecule / Ion: OF⁻¹

<i>Valence Bond Lewis Structure:</i>	Bond Order (VB): _____
	Bond Order (MO): _____
	Number of sigma bonds (VB): _____
<i>Molecular Orbital Diagram:</i>	Number of sigma bonds (MO): _____
	Number of pi bonds (VB): _____
	Number of pi bonds (MO): _____
	(VB) Paramagnetic? (<i>circle</i>) Yes No
	(MO) Paramagnetic? (<i>circle</i>) Yes No

Molecule / Ion: Ne_2^{+2}

<i>Valence Bond Lewis Structure:</i>	Bond Order (VB): _____
<i>Molecular Orbital Diagram:</i>	Bond Order (MO): _____
	Number of sigma bonds (VB): _____
	Number of sigma bonds (MO): _____
	Number of pi bonds (VB): _____
	Number of pi bonds (MO): _____
	(VB) Paramagnetic? (<i>circle</i>) Yes No
	(MO) Paramagnetic? (<i>circle</i>) Yes No