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## Electron delocalisation and weak interactions: Implications to chemistry, material sciences and physics

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displaced electrons localised electrons

#### delocalised electrons



Molecular Orbitals of benzene

The ELF clearly shows delocalised clouds of  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$  electrons





Santos, J. C.; Tiznado, W.; Contreras, R.; Fuentealba, P. J. Chem. Phys. 2004, 120, 1670.

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Fullerene isomers of C<sub>40</sub>

- •Contain 10-20 fused pentagons
- •Nomenclature, (point group), number of pentagon adjacencies

Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 1999, 1, 2913-2918





Rule of minimal number of pentagon adjacencies



change in number of pentagon adjacencies

#### Pi system determines stability!

Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 1999, 1, 2913-2918



- •mass spectrum: Sc<sub>3</sub>N@C<sub>68</sub>
- •graph theory: C<sub>68</sub> must have adjacent pentagons
- •earlier calculations: adjacent pentagons energetically unfavoured
- •assumption: stabilisation by endohedral Sc<sub>3</sub>N molecule



Nature 408 (2000) 427-428













Sc<sub>3</sub>N@C<sub>68</sub>: 3 adjacent pentagons connected to Sc
~2 electrons per adjacent pentagon →
isoelectronic with 10 membered ring (aromatic) \_















## Mechanical and electromechanical properties of carbon and inorganic nanotubes



Rupture of CNTs at different temperatures: DFTB-based Born-Oppenheimer MD with successive iterations of pulling the tubes until rupture



Small 2005, 1, 399





300K: full circles 600K: squares 1000K: empty circles

- Independent on temperature
- •Rupture at  $\Delta L/L \approx 0.15$
- •Hooke-like behaviour up to  $DL/L\approx 0.1$



## Mechanical properties of nanotubes



### Thanks to Sibylle Gemming





Electronic transmission probability T(E) depends strongly on  $\Delta L/L!$ 



- In standard materials: mechanical properties are determined by defects (Griffith theory)
- Nanotubes: almost defect free → mechanical properties of almost ideal structure can be studied, and superior mechanical properties can be achieved
- Special structure of WS<sub>2</sub>/MoS<sub>2</sub> particularly interesting regarding the axial tension



Mechanical properties of MoS<sub>2</sub> nanotubes - experiment



Breaking a  $WS_2$ nanotube with an AFM, in-situ SEM

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 2006, 103, 523.





#### Breaking a MoS<sub>2</sub> nanotube with an AFM



Almost harmonic behaviour until rupture!

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 2006, 103, 523.





Molybdenum grips, MM, fixed positions, van-der-Waals forces to the NT

Nanotubes/Fullerenes: DFTB (QM)

*Periodic boundary conditions* 

Milen St. Stefanov Dobrev, Andrey Enyashin, G. Seifert, T. Heine, to be published





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The (9,0) CNT is more stable than the (5,5) CNT



	D <sub>c</sub> , Å	р <sub>с</sub> , Gpa	k, eV/Ų (x10 <sup>-3</sup> )
	9,0 <mark>(5,5)</mark>	9,0 <mark>(5,5)</mark>	9,0 <mark>(5,5)</mark>
300K	5.36 <mark>(5.76)</mark>	70.71 <mark>(47.62)</mark>	2.22 <mark>(2.89)</mark>
600K	5.36 <mark>(5.86)</mark>	68.28 <mark>(46.38)</mark>	2.05 <mark>(3.23)</mark>
1000K	5.56 <mark>(5.96)</mark>	62.15 <mark>(38.61)</mark>	2.11 <mark>(3.47)</mark>



## Applications of inorganic nanotubes – New insights

Effect of Load on Friction Coeffecient 0.021 0.019 MoS<sub>2</sub> Platelets Friction coefficient 0.017 Base Grease 0.015 0.013 0.0110.009 NanoLub TM 0.007 0.005 2500 3000 3500 500 1000 1500 2000 0 Load, N









# Hydrogen storage by physisorption in aromatic carbon nanostructures



#### One possible design of the car of the future

HydroGen3 liquid



- Fuel: 4.6 kg LH<sub>2</sub>
- Range (EDC): 400 km

HydroGen3 compressed 700



- Fuel: 3.1 kg CH<sub>2</sub> at 700 bar (10,000 psi)
- Range (EDC): 270 km

Technology:  $H_2$  tank  $\rightarrow$  fuel cells  $\rightarrow$  electric engines



 1 liter n-Octan
 :
 36.2 MJ

 1 liter Hydrogen (NPT)
 :
 10.7 kJ

this is three order of magnitude lower than required for practical use !

European Driving Cycle EDC – Hydrogen Consumption 1.15 kg Hydrogen for 100 km (for that particular car)

171  $H_2$  (liquid -253 °C) 1.15 kg Hydrogen 4 291  $H_2$  (gase 700 bar) Alternatives?



- No overlapping densities
- Interaction of two polarisable objects

$$E_{London} = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{I_1 I_2}{I_1 + I_2} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \frac{1}{r^6}$$

London, F.; Z. Physik 1930, 63, 245.

Well-known application: Lennard-Jones potential:

$$E_{Lennard-Jones} = \underbrace{\frac{C_{12}}{r^{12}} - \frac{C_6}{r^6}}_{\text{short-range repulsion}}$$

Weak interactions and DFT?

## (Available) Density-Functional theory for London dispersion interaction



DFT is not appropriate for long-range dispersion



Dispersion is a correlation phenomenon and extremely basis-set dependent. Ab initio theory (MP2, CCSD(T)) can account for it, but at a price we don't want to pay





DFT gives wrong results Decent ab inito is prohibitely expensive

Find a reasonable model for the application

H<sub>2</sub>-graphene interaction by extrapolation



#### Use a pragmatic method

Add a  $C_6$  term to a method which excludes dispersion as approximate DFT (DFTB)



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## Create H<sub>2</sub>-carbon interaction potential





- Quantum-mechanical treatment for computation of free energy as
  - $H_2$  is light-weighted  $\rightarrow$  zero point vibrations are large
  - $H_2$ -host potential is very soft  $\rightarrow$  motion even at 0K
  - $H_2$ -host potential is strongly anharmonic  $\rightarrow$  popular approximations fail
- Computational strategy:
  - solve stationary Schrödinger equation of one shapeless particle with mass of  $H_2$  in the external potential of the frozen host structure
  - Compute the relative free energy  $\Delta F$  with respect to free H<sub>2</sub> (gas state) within the same approximation (counterpoise correction)
- Note:
  - Classical simulation possible (e.g. Monte Carlo), but many simulations necessary to obtain statistically relevant number


#### Potential of graphite in the box



 $\bigcirc$  Computation of adsorption free energy  $\Delta F$ 

- compute eigenstates  $\epsilon_i$  of the two systems (in host potential and reference free particle)
- Compute partition function

$$q = \sum_{i} exp\left(\frac{-\varepsilon_{i}}{kT}\right)$$

• Compute relative free energy

$$\Delta \mathbf{F} = -\mathbf{RT}\ln\left(\frac{\mathbf{q}}{\mathbf{q}_{\mathrm{r}}}\right)$$

• Compute equilibrium constant

$$K_{eq} = exp\left(-\frac{\Delta F}{RT}\right)$$



#### Probability densities of H<sub>2</sub> on graphene





Rise 4 end sy = -0x002331

1st, 2nd, and 4th eigenstates for the single-layer graphene structure.

 $\Delta F(0K) =-6.2 \text{ kJ/mol} \\ \Delta F(300K) =-1.2 \text{ kJ/mol} \\ K_{eq}(300K)=1.6$ 

→ Graphite surfaces are lousy H<sub>2</sub> storage materials!

S. Patchkovskii, J. Tse, S. Yurchenko, L. Zhechkov, G. Seifert, T. Heine, PNAS 2005, 102, 10439



#### Potential of graphite in the box





#### Probability densities of H<sub>2</sub>













A: 1st, 2nd, and 4th eigenstates for the single-layer graphene structure. B, C: Corresponding in-phase (B: 1st, 2nd, and 5th) and out-of-phase (C: 4th, 7th, 13th) eigenstates for the double-layer structure (8Å interlayer separation).







В



С

PNAS 2005, 102, 10439



### H<sub>2</sub> in a graphite bilayer of distance c

c, Å	$\Delta F(0K)$ , kJ/mol	$\Delta$ F(300K), kJ/mol	K(300K)
∞a	-6.2	-1.2	1.6
12	-6.4	-4.2	5.5
10	-6.7	-5.2	8.0
8	-8.1	-7.3	18.6
6	-13.0ª	-10.0ª	56.2 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>The infinite distance is computed in a box with c=80 Å, but with only one monolayer contributing to the potential. <sup>b</sup>Due to inherent inaccuracies of our model these numbers are subject to larger error bars.

Result: graphene is a lousy  $H_2$  storage material But: Bilayer appears to be a good  $H_2$  storage material



#### Density-of-states (DOS)



bilayer, c=8Å

Note:  $H_2$  is a boson, so states can be occupied with many particles

monolayer,  $c=\infty$ 

PNAS 2005, 102, 10439



### Influence on $\Delta F_{300}$ and $K_{eq}$







Y. Gogotsi, R. K. Dash, G. Yushin, T. Yildirim, G. Laudisio, J. E. Fischer, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 16006.

*Figure 2.* Effect of pore size on hydrogen sorption. (a) Hydrogen storage normalized to surface area plotted as a function of pore size for several CDCs. The general trend defined by the dashed line envelopes indicates that small pores are more efficient than large ones for a given SSA. Solid symbols stand for as-produced and empty for hydrogen-annealed CDC. (b) Pore volume for micropores (<2 nm) and mesopores (>2 nm) in comparison with the gravimetric hydrogen uptake as a function of chlorination temperature for  $B_4C-CDC$ .



Interaction of  $N_2$  with PAHs is ~3 times stronger than that of  $H_2$ !



L. Zhechkov, T. Heine, G. Seifert, Int. J. Quantum Chem. 106 (2006) 1375.

#### Message: Interlayer distance needs to be fixed!



There are several ways to fix the interlayer distance (functionalisation, internal polymerisation, intercalation with cations or spacers...). Our favourite: Introduction of spacer molecules  $\rightarrow$  "nano combs" Additional beneficial effect: nano combs can act as nano sieve and protect the carbon nanostructures from gas impurities.

Recent experiment: fullerenes as spacers in graphite,  $C_{60}$ -intercalated graphite (CIG)



C<sub>60</sub>-intercalated graphite (CIG) has been synthesised and characterised.

Gupta, V., Scharff, P., Risch, K., Romanus, H., Müller, R., Solid State Comm. 2004, 131,153.



Calculated (DC-DFTB) cohesion energies per C-atom ( $E_{atom}$ ), HOMO-LUMO-gaps ( $\Delta$ ) and mass densities ( $\rho$ ) for several carbon allotropes. Experimental values are given in parenthesis.

structure	E <sub>atom</sub> (eV/atom)	$\Delta$ (eV)	ρ (g/cm³)
graphite	-9.09	0 (0) <sup>1</sup>	2.27 (2.266) <sup>1</sup>
graphene layer	-8.90	0 (0)	
diamanond	-8.87	6.88 (6.01) <sup>1</sup>	3.54 (3.514) <sup>1</sup>
C <sub>60</sub> (gas phase)	-8.51	1.78 (1.7)	
C <sub>60</sub> (solid state)	-8.54	1.67 (1.70) <sup>2</sup>	1.73 (1.72) <sup>2</sup>
CIG	-8.71	0	1.28

<sup>1</sup>Greenwood, N. N.; Earnshaw, A., *Chemistry of the elements. Elsevier: Amsterdam, 1997.* <sup>2</sup>Dresselhaus, M. S.; Dresselhaus, G., Fullerenes And Fullerene-Derived Solids As Electronic Materials. *Annual Review Of Materials Science* **1995**, 25, 487-523.

A. Kuc, L. Zhechkov, S. Patchkovskii, G. Seifert, T. Heine, Nano Letters, 7 (2007) 1.



#### H<sub>2</sub>-CIG interaction potential



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Volumetric (top) and gravimetric  $H_2$ storage capacity of CIG, calculated using the real gas equation as function of the external pressure. Isotherms for various temperatures (colour coded) are plotted. Our approximations hold for the bold parts of the isotherms.

A. Kuc, L. Zhechkov, S. Patchkovskii, G. Seifert, T. Heine, Nano Letters, 7 (2007) 1.



- Diffusion constants, calculated through Einstein's relation, from a MD simulation of a CIG supercell containing ~2000 atoms over 1 ns.
  - H<sub>2</sub>: 8.5 10<sup>-3</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>/s
  - N<sub>2</sub>: 3.8 10<sup>-4</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>/s
  - C<sub>60</sub>: 1.7 10<sup>-4</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>/s
- Conclusion: The fullerene pockets are trapping N<sub>2</sub>. Therefore, CIG can separate H<sub>2</sub> from N<sub>2</sub> ("Nano-HPCL")



# Magnetic properties of aromatic systems



- •External magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{0}}$  induces ring current in  $\pi$  system
- $\pi$  current induces magnetic counter field **B'**
- •B' increases B<sub>o</sub> at positions of protons (deshielding)



Nucleus-independent chemical shifts (NICS) Schleyer et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1996, 118, 6317







## What about antiaromatic and non-aromatic molecules?



a) Isosurfaces of the z component of the induced magnetic field (IMF,  $\mathbf{B}^{\text{ind}}_{z}$ ).  $|\mathbf{B}^{\text{ind}}_{z}| = 4 \text{ mT}$  and  $\mathbf{B}_{\text{ext}}=1 \text{ T}$ perpendicular to the molecular plane, given in top and front view of the molecule. Blue and red indicate shielding ( $|\mathbf{B}^{\text{ind}}_{z}|$ < 0) and deshielding areas, respectively.

b) Contour lines of  $\mathbf{B}^{\text{ind}}_{z}$  in the molecular plane and perpendicular to the molecular plane through the origin. The scale is given in ppm (or mT for an external field of 1 T).

Chemistry – Eur. J. 2004, 10, 4367





They give the shielding of an external magnetic field by the molecule



Klod & Kleinpeter,

8.0 -8.0

-8.0 -4.0

$$\left(\vec{B}_{ind}\left(\vec{r}\right)\right)_{\alpha} = -\sum_{\beta=1}^{3} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}\left(\vec{r}\right)\left(\vec{B}_{ext}\right)_{\beta}$$

(e)

Chemical shieldings at non-nuclear positions

Isoshielding lines Johnson & Bovey J. Chem. Phys. 1958, 29, 1012

Isochemical Shielding Sufface (ICSS)

J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans. 2, 2001, 1893

8.0 -8.0



Neutron chemical shift Wolinski, J. Chem. Phys. 1997, 106, 6061

8.0

Nucleus-independent chemical shifts (NICS) Schleyer et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1996, 118, 6317



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#### Magnetic shielding in DFT

#### Traditional concept

(Ramsey, Phys. Rev. 1950, 78, 699)

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \left(\vec{B}_{ext}\right)_{\alpha} \partial \left(\vec{\mu}\right)_{\beta}}$$

- Holds at position of a nucleus with moment  $\vec{\mu}$
- Implemented in most electronic structure codes (CPHF and beyond, DFT)

#### Alternative concept

- (Eschrig et al., Solid State Comm. 1985, 56, 777; Bieger et al., Chem. Phys. Lett. 1985, 115, 275):
- Biot-Savart's law:

$$\vec{B}_{ind}\left(\vec{r}\right) = \frac{1}{c} \int \frac{\vec{j}\left(\vec{r}'\right) \times \vec{r}}{\left(r'\right)^3} d^3r'$$

- Shielding from induced field:  $\left(\vec{B}_{ind}\right)_{\alpha} = -\sum_{\beta=1}^{3} \sigma_{\alpha\beta} \left(\vec{B}_{ext}\right)_{\beta}$
- Holds in full space
- Requires current density  $\vec{j}(\vec{r})$

Chem. Rev. 105 (2005) 3889-3910.



- Non-bound electrons can interact and be stabilized. Most well-known example: "aromaticity" (Hückel-rules).
- Magnetic properties (shieldings, induced magnetic fields, ring currents) characterize diatropic (=shielding=stabilizing) and paratropic (=deshielding=destabilizing) electronic systems
- New examples: planar tetracoordinate carbon (ptC) based on C<sub>5</sub><sup>2-</sup>



Organic cycles containing a ptC



Cyclic hydrocarbons containing a ptC Mechanical vs. electronic stabilization (for "aromatic" isomers: life time of 5-10 ps at 300 K)



The shielding tensor of biphenyl



Biphenyl: van-der-Waals crystal

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (multi-pulse NMR) measurement at low T (250K) to avoid flipping of phenyl rings

Direct assignment of <sup>1</sup>H NMR shift tensors to protons impossible

<sup>1</sup>H NMR computations of single biphenyl molecule fail to describe <sup>1</sup>H NMR solid state chemical shift (tensor) (cf. Wolinski et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1990, 112, 8251)

J. Magn. Res. 2005, 175, 52





Computation of <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shift

$$\vec{B}_{ind}\Big)_{\alpha} = -\sum_{\beta=1}^{3} \sigma_{\alpha\beta} \left(\vec{B}_{ext}\right)_{\beta}$$

$$\vec{B}_{ind} = \underbrace{\vec{B}_{ind}}_{\text{short range}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i} \vec{B}_{ind}^{i}}_{\text{long range}} \implies \sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \underbrace{\sigma_{\alpha\beta}}_{\sim 30\,ppm} + \underbrace{\sum_{i} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}}_{<5\,ppm} + \underbrace{O\left(\frac{\left|\vec{B}_{ind}^{i\neq0}\right|}{\left|\vec{B}_{ext}\right|}\right)}_{\sim 5\cdot10^{-6}\,ppm}$$

- Approach works for non-polar molecules
  - Explicit tests
  - Similar work for C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>

(Pecul et al., Solid State NMR 1997, 8, 139)

- Does not work for
  - polar molecules (Martin et al., Org. Lett. 2001, 3, 3823)
  - intermolecular interactions (Caramori et al., J. Org. Chem. 2005, 70, 3242.)





**Proton Labels** 



**IGLO PBE/IGLOIII/GEN-A2\*** 

	single biphenyl	3 biphenyl	Single+ NICS of 18	Single+ NICS of 57	Expt.	These
H <sub>p</sub> H <sub>m</sub> H <sub>m'</sub> ⊔	0.00 0.27 0.28 0.89	0.00 0.03 1.19	0.00 0.57 1.42	0.00 0.43 1.36 1.37	0.00 0.41 1.39	protons exchange when the
H <sub>o</sub> ,	0.88	0.06	0.60	0.58	0.49	} two rings flip

values are in ppm

Isotropic shieldings referenced to  $\sigma_{\text{iso}}(\text{para})$ 











"The good news of this work is that there is no more a need to perform such (multiple pulse NMR on benzene) an experiment. Actually, proton shielding tensors are hardly anymore a reason to perform line-narrowing multiple pulse experiments. There are adequate, even superior, alternatives: first, single crystal deuteron NMR in very high applied fields [16] and, second, calculation by the quantum chemical method explored and tested against experiment here, perhaps supplemented by the old susceptibility method. After elimination of systematic errors, these theoretical methods allow with reasonable effort to access proton shielding tensors on a sub-ppm accuracy level not only in the isolated molecule but also in the natural crystal environment. In a forthcoming publication we shall give a fuller account of these methods and shall apply them to benzene (T. Heine, C. Corminboeuf, G. Grossmann, U. Haeberlen)."

U. Haeberlen in J. Magn. Res. 2005, 175, 52









Three distinct protons Shieldings differ considerably 20 Å sphere is needed: 293 molecules



Angew. Chem., 2006, 118, 2006, 7450.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shift of benzene



	H1 / ppm	H2 / ppm	H3 / ppm
$\sigma_{iso}$	23.63	25.33	23.76
σ <sub>11</sub>	21.03	20.67	19.97
σ <sub>22</sub>	22.77	24.34	22.96
$\sigma_{33}$	27.08	30.99	28.35

Tensorial representation as suggested by Radeglia.

*T. Heine, C. Corminboeuf, G. Großmann, U. Haeberlen, Angew. Chem., 2006, 118, 2006, 7450.*


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