

Ex: Hückel theory

$$\phi_n^*(\vec{r}) = \phi_n(\vec{r})$$

$$(1) h_{nn} = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{r} \phi_n(\vec{r}) \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 \phi_n(\vec{r}) + \int d\vec{r} \sigma_{ne}(\vec{r}) \phi_n^2(\vec{r})$$

$$\text{where } \phi_n(\vec{r}) \equiv \phi_n(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\sqrt{(x-na)^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$$

$$\text{Let } \tilde{\phi}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$$

$$\text{Since } \phi_n(\vec{r}) = \tilde{\phi}(x-na, y, z), \quad \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 \phi_n(\vec{r}) = \nabla_{\vec{r}'}^2 (\tilde{\phi}(x-na, y, z)) \\ = \nabla_{\vec{r}'}^2 \tilde{\phi}(\vec{r}')$$

where $\vec{r}' \equiv (x-na, y, z) = (x', y', z')$. Therefore

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{r} \phi_n(\vec{r}) \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 \phi_n(\vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{r}' \tilde{\phi}(\vec{r}') \nabla_{\vec{r}'}^2 \tilde{\phi}(\vec{r}') \leftarrow \text{does not depend on } n.$$

$$\text{Moreover, } \int d\vec{r} \sigma_{ne}(\vec{r}) \phi_n^2(\vec{r}) = \int d\vec{r}' \underbrace{\sigma_{ne}(x'+na, y', z')}_{\sigma_{ne}(\vec{r}')} \tilde{\phi}^2(\vec{r}')$$

$$\parallel \\ \int d\vec{r}' \sigma_{ne}(\vec{r}') \tilde{\phi}^2(\vec{r}') \leftarrow \text{periodicity!} \\ \leftarrow \text{does not depend on } n.$$

Conclusion:

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{r} \tilde{\phi}(\vec{r}) \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 \tilde{\phi}(\vec{r}) + \int d\vec{r} \sigma_{ne}(\vec{r}) \tilde{\phi}^2(\vec{r}) = h_{nn}$$

$$(2) h_{n(n+1)} = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{r} \phi_n(\vec{r}) \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 \phi_{n+1}(\vec{r}) + \int d\vec{r} \sigma_{ne}(\vec{r}) \phi_n(\vec{r}) \phi_{n+1}(\vec{r}).$$

$$\text{Let } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\phi}_-(x, y, z) = \tilde{\phi}(x-a, y, z) \\ \vec{r}' \equiv (x-na, y, z) = (x', y', z') \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 \phi_{n+1}(\vec{r}) = \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 (\tilde{\phi}_-(x-na, y, z)) \\ = \nabla_{\vec{r}'}^2 \tilde{\phi}_-(\vec{r}')$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{n(n+1)} = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{r}' \tilde{\phi}(\vec{r}') \nabla_{\vec{r}'}^2 \tilde{\phi}_-(\vec{r}') + \int d\vec{r}' \underbrace{\sigma_{ne}(x'+na, y', z')}_{\sigma_{ne}(\vec{r}')} \tilde{\phi}(\vec{r}') \tilde{\phi}_-(\vec{r}')$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{n(n+1)} = \beta = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{r} \tilde{\phi}(\vec{r}) \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 \tilde{\phi}_-(\vec{r}) + \int d\vec{r} \sigma_{ne}(\vec{r}) \tilde{\phi}(\vec{r}) \tilde{\phi}_-(\vec{r})$$

$$(3) h_{nm} = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\vec{r} \phi_n(\vec{r}) \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 \phi_m(\vec{r}) + \int d\vec{r} v_{ne}(\vec{r}) \phi_n(\vec{r}) \phi_m(\vec{r})$$

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 assumed to spread
 over space roughly
 like $\phi_m(\vec{r})$

↪ 0 if n and m
 do not correspond to
 neighbors.

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$$h_{nm} = \begin{cases} \beta & \text{if } n \text{ and } m \text{ are neighbors } (\Leftrightarrow n=m+1 \text{ or } n=m-1) \\ \alpha & \text{if } n=m \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Conclusion:

$$h_{nm} = \alpha \delta_{nm} + \beta (\delta_{n(m+1)} + \delta_{n(m-1)})$$