

CNDO/2 (Complete Neglect of Differential Overlap)- Method for Third-Row Molecules

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An extension of the CNDO/2 method to compounds containing third-row elements (Germanium, Arsenic, Selenium and Bromine) is presented. Bond lengths, bond angles, dipole moments, and ionization potentials are considered.

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1. Introduction

The currently available CNDO/2 computer program [1] based on the CNDO/2 (Complete Neglect of Differential Overlap)-method [2–8] permits valence electron calculations of molecules containing hydrogen, and first- and second-row atoms. We have now extended the method and corresponding program to third-row elements. A previous extension [9–14] did not follow the original CNDO/2 parametrization scheme.

2. Method

The elements of the CNDO/2 energy matrix are [5]:

$$F_{\mu\mu} = -\frac{1}{2}(I_{\mu} + A_{\mu}) + [(P_{AA} - Z_A) - \frac{1}{2}(P_{\mu\mu} - 1)] \gamma_{AA} + \sum_{B \neq A} (P_{BB} - Z_B) \gamma_{AB}, \quad (1)$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \beta_{AB}^0 S_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} P_{\mu\nu} \gamma_{AB}, \quad (2)$$

where μ and ν refer to two valence atomic orbitals (AOs) ϕ_{μ} and ϕ_{ν} . All valence AOs (*s*-, *p*- and *d*-AOs) are considered. I_{μ} and A_{μ} are the ionization potential and electron affinity of ϕ_{μ} . $P_{\mu\mu}$ and $P_{\mu\nu}$ are elements of the charge density matrix (number of electrons which populate ϕ_{μ} and the overlap region $\phi_{\mu}\phi_{\nu}$, respectively) and $S_{\mu\nu}$ elements of the overlap matrix. P_{AA} (P_{BB}) refers to the total number of valence electrons on atom *A* (*B*) [found by summing all $P_{\mu\mu}$ on atom *A* (*B*)] and Z_A (Z_B) to the total number of valence electrons contributed by atom *A* (*B*). γ_{AB} (γ_{AA}) denotes the repulsion integrals between two electrons both in *s* AOs, one on atom *A* and the other on atom *B* (both in the same *s* AO on atom *A*). β_{AB}^0 is a bonding parameter.

The extension of the CNDO/2 method to third-row molecules involves five steps.

2.1. Choice of Valence AOs for Third-Row Elements

As for the preceding row elements, we chose as basis AOs Slater-type orbitals (STOs) [15]. Their radial part is [5, 16]

$$R_{nl} = (2\xi)^{n+\frac{1}{2}} [(2n)!]^{-\frac{1}{2}} r^{n-1} e^{-\xi r}, \quad (3)$$

where n is the principal quantum number and $\xi = (Z - s)/n^*$ the orbital exponent (Z is the atomic number, s a screening constant determined by Slater's rules [15] and n^* an effective principal quantum number). The same orbital exponent is given to 4s, 4p and 4d AOs (*spd* basis set). Its numerical values are: Ge = 1.527, As = 1.702, Se = 1.878, and Br = 2.054.

2.2. Evaluation of Overlap Integrals $S_{\mu\nu} = \langle \phi_\mu | \phi_\nu \rangle$, where ϕ_μ or ϕ_ν Refers to 4s, 4p or 4d AOs and Repulsion Integrals $\gamma_{AB} = \langle s_A^2(1) | e^2/r_{12} | s_B^2(2) \rangle$, where s_A or s_B Denotes a 4s AO

In the original CNDO/2 program [1] provision was made for evaluation of overlap and repulsion integrals involving AOs of third-row elements. Thus after the determination of several new expansion coefficients [17] the calculation of the integrals can be achieved without difficulty.

2.3. Choice of Orbital Electronegativities $\frac{1}{2}(I_\mu + A_\mu)$ for 4s, 4p, and 4d AOs

The orbital electronegativities [18] of 4s and 4p AOs are obtained by a previously described method [4, 19]. They are (in eV) for 4s AOs: Ge = 11.435, As = 13.335, Se = 16.315 and Br = 19.630 and for 4p AOs: Ge = 4.080, As = 5.345, Se = 7.100 and Br = 8.400. Values for 4d orbitals are assumed to be zero [7].

2.4. Empirical Determination of Bonding Parameters β_{AB}^0

The bonding parameters β_{AB}^0 are written in terms of the atomic parameters β_A^0 and β_B^0 :

$$\beta_{AB}^0 = \frac{1}{2} K (\beta_A^0 + \beta_B^0) \quad (4)$$

Here β_A^0 or β_B^0 refer to third-row atoms. K is given the value 0.75 [5]. The best atomic parameters obtained from an optimization of bond lengths, bond angles, dipole moments, and ionization potentials are (in eV): Ge = -10, As = -13, Se = -16, and Br = -22.

2.5. Derivation of the Formula for Calculation of Dipole Moments of Molecules Containing Third-Row Elements

Three terms contribute to the molecular dipole moment [3, 5-7]: μ_Q due to the net atomic charges, μ_{sp} due to the *sp* atomic polarization (mixing of *s* and *p* AOs), and μ_{pd} due to *pd* mixing. The Cartesian components of the three contributions

$[\mu_Q(x)$ and $\mu_Q(y)$ are of the same form as $\mu_Q(z)$; the same is true for $\mu_{sp}(x)$ and $\mu_{sp}(y)$ when compared with $\mu_{sp}(z)$] are (in D):

$$\mu_Q(z) = 2.5416 \sum_A Q_A z_A \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{sp}(z) = & -2.5416 \sum_A \left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{3}} \xi_A^{-1} P_{2s(A), 2p_z(A)} + \frac{7}{\sqrt{3}} \xi_A^{-1} P_{3s(A), 3p_z(A)} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{9}{\sqrt{3}} \xi_A^{-1} P_{4s(A), 4p_z(A)} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{pd}(x) = & -2.5416 \sum_A \frac{7}{\sqrt{5}} \xi_A^{-1} \left(P_{3p_x(A), 3d_{x^2-y^2}(A)} + P_{3p_y(A), 3d_{xy}(A)} \right. \\ & \left. + P_{3p_z(A), 3d_{xz}(A)} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} P_{3p_x(A), 3d_{z^2}(A)} \right) + \frac{9}{\sqrt{5}} \xi_A^{-1} \left(P_{4p_x(A), 4d_{x^2-y^2}(A)} \right. \\ & \left. + P_{4p_y(A), 4d_{xy}(A)} + P_{4p_z(A), 4d_{xz}(A)} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} P_{4p_x(A), 4d_{z^2}(A)} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{pd}(y) = & -2.5416 \sum_A \frac{7}{\sqrt{5}} \xi_A^{-1} \left(P_{3p_x(A), 3d_{xy}(A)} + P_{3p_z(A), 3d_{yz}(A)} \right. \\ & \left. - P_{3p_y(A), 3d_{x^2-y^2}(A)} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} P_{3p_y(A), 3d_{z^2}(A)} \right) + \frac{9}{\sqrt{5}} \xi_A^{-1} \left(P_{4p_x(A), 4d_{xy}(A)} \right. \\ & \left. + P_{4p_z(A), 4d_{yz}(A)} - P_{4p_y(A), 4d_{x^2-y^2}(A)} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} P_{4p_y(A), 4d_{z^2}(A)} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{pd}(z) = & -2.5416 \sum_A \frac{7}{\sqrt{5}} \xi_A^{-1} \left(P_{3p_x(A), 3d_{xz}(A)} + P_{3p_y(A), 3d_{yz}(A)} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} P_{3p_z(A), 3d_{z^2}(A)} \right) + \frac{9}{\sqrt{5}} \xi_A^{-1} \left(P_{4p_x(A), 4d_{xz}(A)} \right. \\ & \left. + P_{4p_y(A), 4d_{yz}(A)} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} P_{4p_z(A), 4d_{z^2}(A)} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where $Q_A = Z_A - P_{AA}$ is the net atomic charge on atom A and z_A its z -coordinate.

3. Numerical Results and Discussion

3.1. Bond Lengths and Bond Angles

Table 1 lists the calculated and experimental bond lengths and angles of the hydrides and interhalogen compounds. Whereas bond lengths tend to differ a little bond angles are reproduced well. Calculations performed on larger molecules (invertomers of arsols [26] and conformers of germylethyl cations and anions [27]) are published elsewhere.

Table 1. Calculated and experimental bond lengths and angles

Compound	Bond lengths (Å)		Bond angles (degrees)	
	cal.	exp.	cal.	exp.
	GeH ₄	1.726	1.527 [20]	109.5
AsH ₃	1.633	1.519 [21]	91.0	91.83 [21]
SeH ₂	1.551	1.460 [22]	92.1	91.0 [22]
BrH	1.464	1.414 [23]	—	—
BrF	1.618	1.7556 [24]	—	—
BrCl	1.810	2.138 [25]	—	—

Table 2. Calculated and measured values of the dipole moment. μ_Q , μ_{sp} , and μ_{pd} are the calculated contributions due to the net atomic charges and, *sp*- and *pd* atomic polarization, respectively

Compound [41]	Dipole moment (D)				exp.
	cal.	cal. contributions			
		μ_Q	μ_{sp}	μ_{pd}	
FGeH ₃	-0.18	-1.12	0.95	-0.01	—
ClGeH ₃	1.03	-0.43	-0.46	1.92	2.124 [28]
AsH ₃	1.13	1.59	-3.40	2.93	0.22 [29]
AsF ₃	1.38	3.23	-3.15	1.30	2.57 [30]
AsCl ₃	-0.15	1.95	-1.83	-0.27	1.6 [31]
As(CH ₃) ₃	-2.10	0.34	-4.62	2.19	0.86 [32]
SeH ₂	0.02	0.02	-2.57	2.56	0.24 [22]
					0.62 [33]
Se(CH ₃) ₂	1.05	0.51	-1.94	2.47	1.32 [34]
BrH	-0.43	-0.45	-1.72	1.73	0.788 [35]
BrF	1.45	1.48	-0.83	0.80	1.29 [24]
BrCl	0.34	0.26	-0.32	0.40	0.57 [25]
BrCH ₃	-1.83	-1.25	-1.71	1.13	1.797 [36]
BrCN	1.62	0.38	-0.57	1.80	2.94 [37]
BrNO [42]	-0.60	-1.50	-0.66	1.30	1.80 [38]
BrC ₂ H ₃ [42]	-2.09	0.72	-2.32	0.45	1.417 [39]
BrC ₂ H ₅ [42]	-2.30	-1.47	-1.72	0.88	2.03 [40]

3.2. Dipole Moments

Table 2 presents the calculated dipole moments, the contributions μ_Q , μ_{sp} , and μ_{pd} and, where available, the measured moments. In all cases experimental geometries are used. The inclusion of *d* AOs is essential because of the large *pd* polarization contributions. Compared with the corresponding terms in molecules containing second-row atoms [6] both μ_{sp} and μ_{pd} are larger and more important for third-row molecules.

3.3. Ionization Potentials

As Table 3 shows, the calculated ionization potentials based on Koopmans' theorem [54] are systematically too high by 2–3 eV. This result is expected and consistent with previous findings for molecules containing first- and second-row atoms [55].

Table 3. Calculated and observed ionization potentials

Compound	Ionization potential (eV)	
	cal.	exp.
GeH ₄	15.319	12.3 [43]
FGeH ₃	15.472	15.0 [44]
ClGeH ₃	15.482	11.34 [44]
GeF ₄	19.210	16.03 [45]
AsH ₃	12.674	10.6 [46]
AsF ₃	14.446	—
AsCl ₃	13.366	11.7 [46]
As(CH ₃) ₃	11.385	8.3 [46]
SeH ₂	12.239	9.88 [47]
Se(CH ₃) ₂	11.328	8.2 [48]
BrH	13.904	11.62 [49]
BrF	14.098	11.9 [50]
BrCl	13.980	11.1 [50]
BrCH ₃	12.789	10.54 [51]
BrCN	13.431	11.95 [52]
BrNO	12.397	—
BrC ₂ H ₃	11.793	9.82 [53]
BrC ₂ H ₅	12.519	10.29 [49]

Nevertheless the calculated and the observed values both show the same trends. A good correlation between calculated and experimental ionization potentials in the series pyridine, phosphorin and arsenin [56] has been published elsewhere.

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