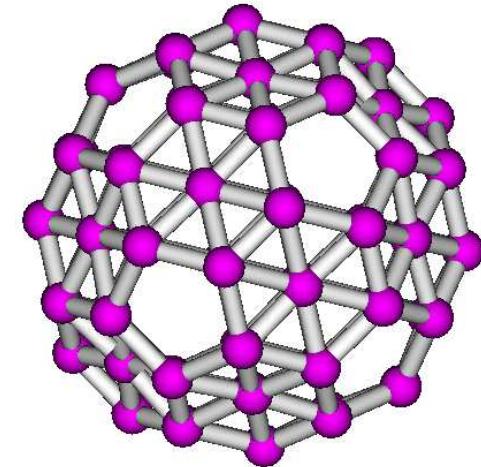
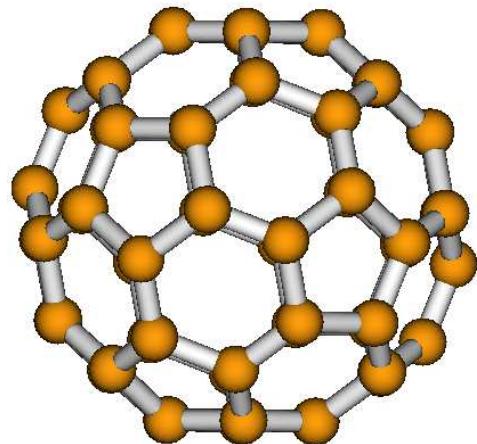


# Chemical Bonding in $C_{60}$ and $B_{80}$

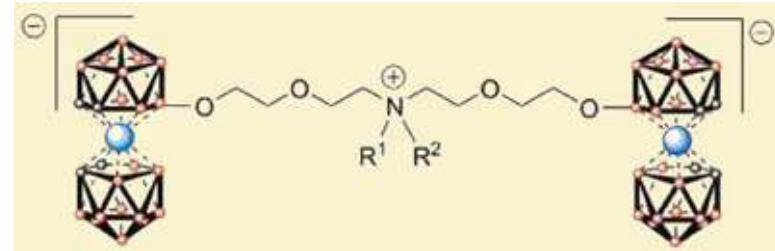
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Polyhedral boranes

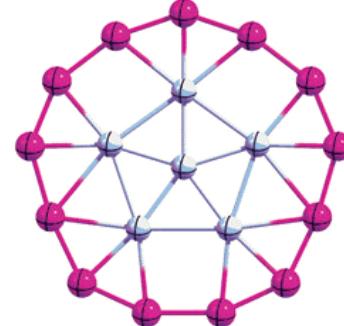
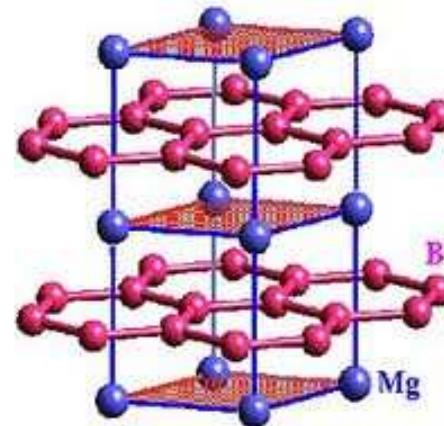
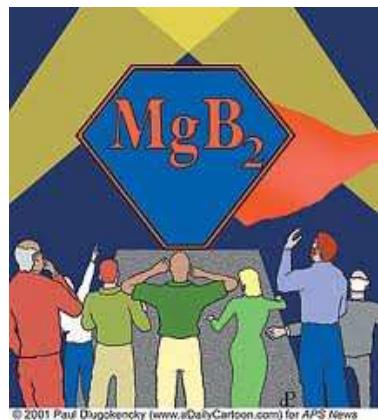
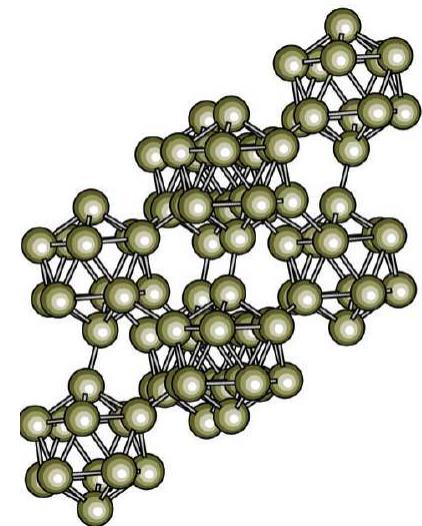
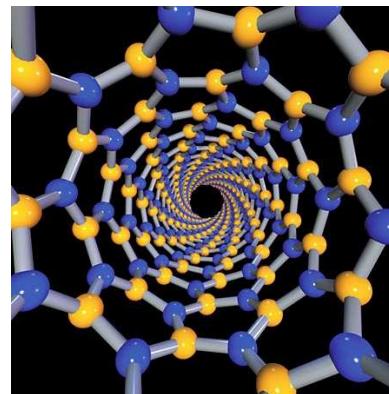


Carboranes

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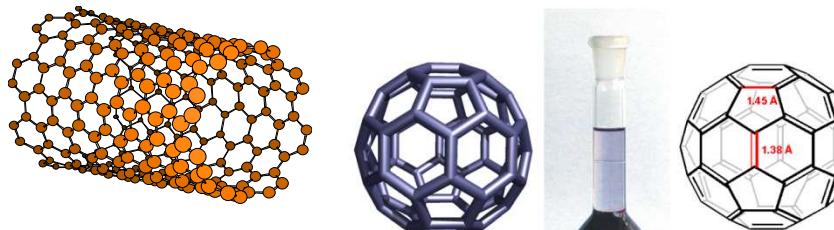
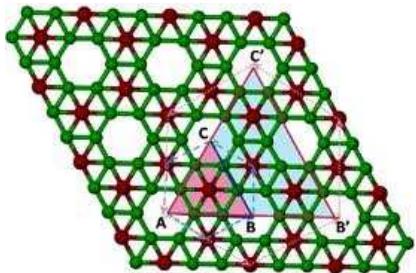
$B_2Mg$

Alpha boron (rh. sol)

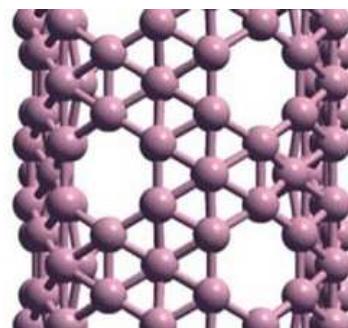
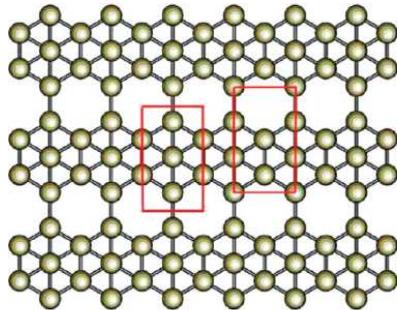


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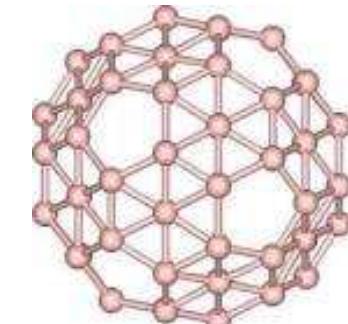
(A) Alpha Boron sheet



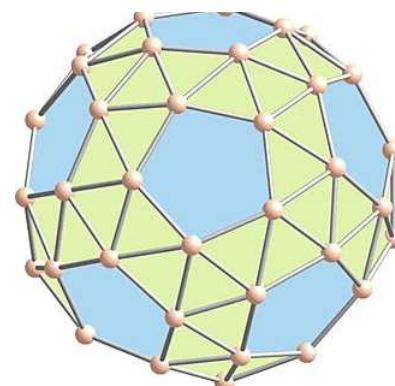
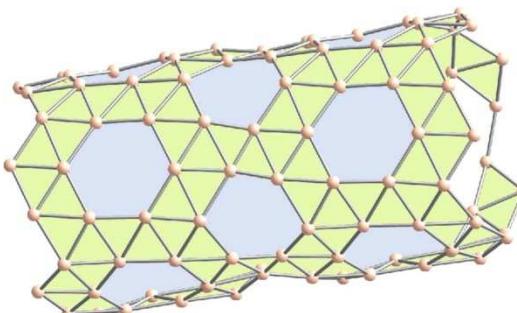
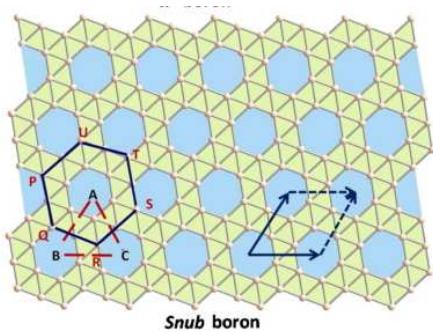
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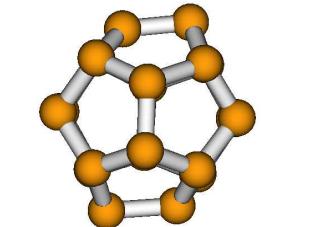
Insertion of pentagons



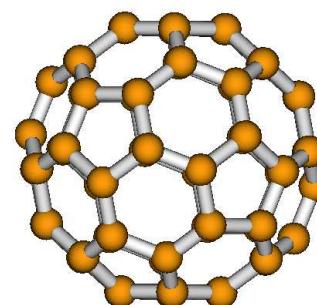
(C) Snub boron sheet



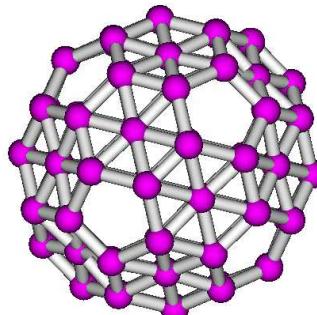
# Boron Buckyball $B_{80}$ : Leapfrog operation



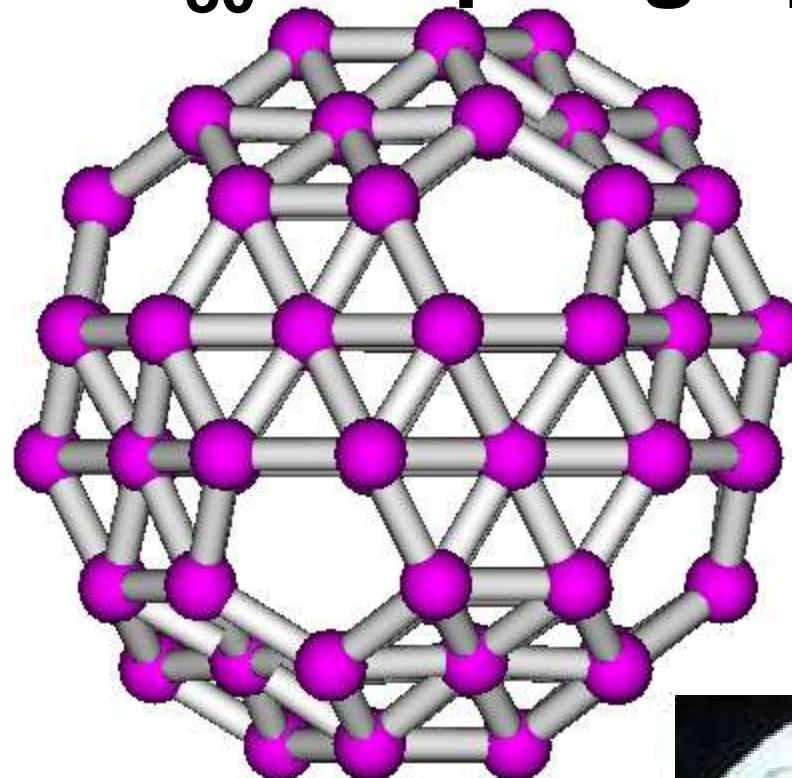
$C_{20}$



$C_{60}$



$B_{80}$



# Group Theoretical Background

Ih	E	$12C_5$	$12C_5^2$	$20C_3$	$12C_2$	i	$12S_{10}$	$12S_{10}^3$	$20S_6$	$15\sigma$
$A_g$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$T_{1g}$	3	X	$X^-$	0	-1	3	$X^-$	X	0	-1
$T_{2g}$	3	$X^-$	X	0	-1	3	X	$X^-$	0	-1
$G_g$	4	-1	-1	1	0	4	-1	-1	1	0
$H_g$	5	0	0	-1	1	5	0	0	-1	1
$A_u$	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
$T_{1u}$	3	X	$X^-$	0	-1	-3	$-X^-$	$-X$	0	1
$T_{2u}$	3	$X^-$	X	0	-1	-3	$-X$	$-X^-$	0	1
$G_u$	4	-1	-1	1	0	-4	1	1	-1	0
$H_u$	5	0	0	-1	1	-5	0	0	1	-1

$$x = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \sqrt{5})$$

$$x^- = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \sqrt{5})$$

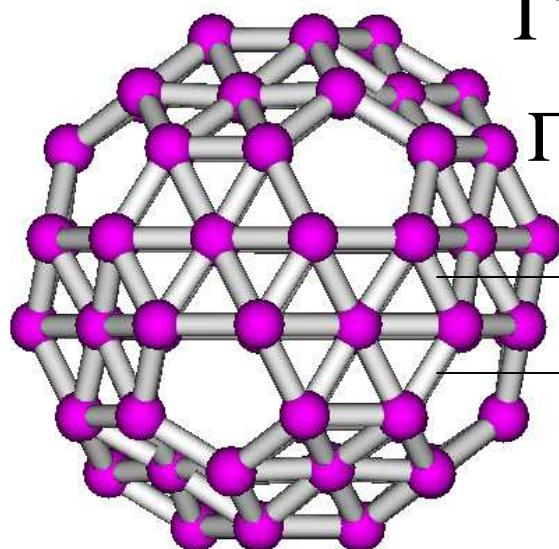
# Reducible representation

$$\Gamma_{\sigma}^{60} = A_g + T_{1g} + 2T_{1u} + T_{2g} + 2T_{2u} + 2G_g + 2G_u + 3H_g + 2H_u$$

$$\Gamma_{\pi}^{60} = A_g + A_u + 3T_{1g} + 3T_{1u} + 3T_{2g} + 3T_{2u} + 4G_g + 4G_u + 5H_g + 5H_u$$

$$\Gamma_{\sigma}^{20} = A_g + T_{1u} + T_{2u} + G_g + G_u + H_g$$

$$\Gamma_{\pi}^{20} = T_{1g} + T_{1u} + T_{2g} + T_{2u} + G_g + G_u + 2H_g + 2H_u$$

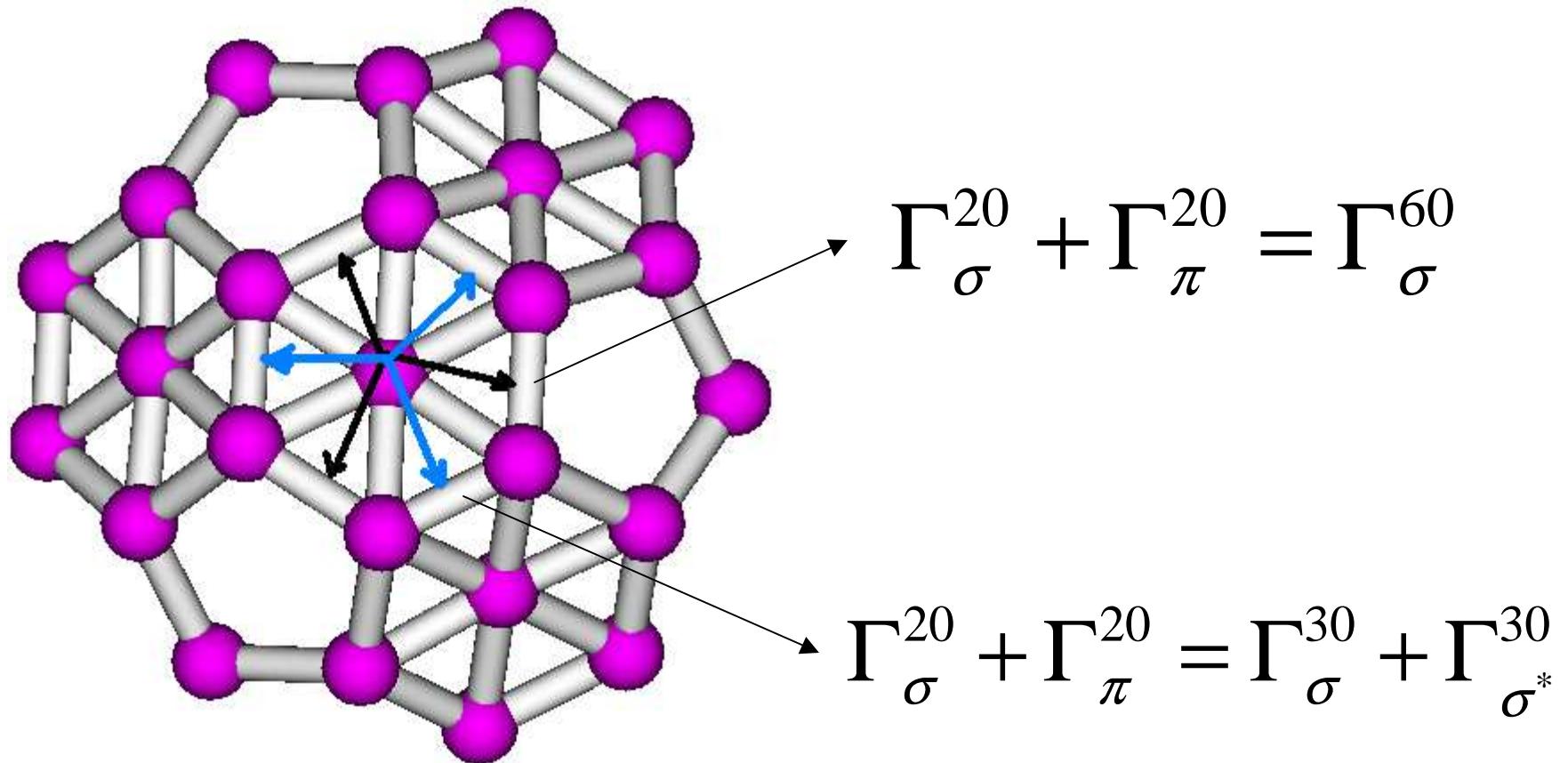


$$\Gamma_{\sigma}^{30} = A_g + T_{1u} + T_{2u} + G_g + G_u + 2H_g + H_u$$

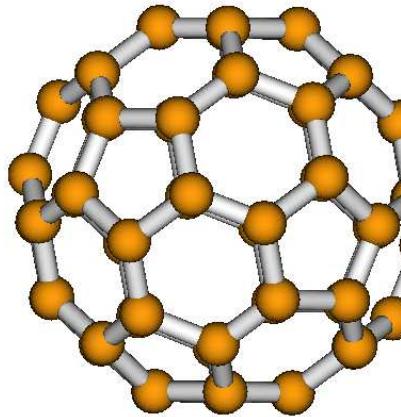
$$\Gamma_{\sigma^*}^{30} = T_{1g} + T_{1u} + T_{2g} + T_{2u} + G_g + G_u + H_g + H_u$$

→ 30 bonds

→ 60 bonds



# Chemical Bonding in C<sub>60</sub>



**sp<sup>2</sup> + p orbitals**

$$\Gamma_{bond}(C_{60}) = \Gamma_{\sigma}^{60} + 2\Gamma_{\sigma}^{30}$$

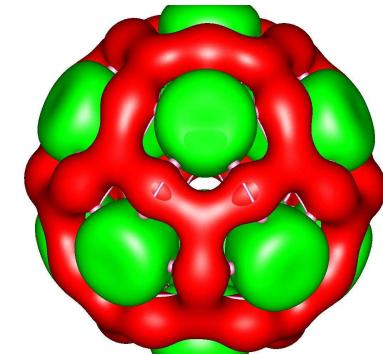
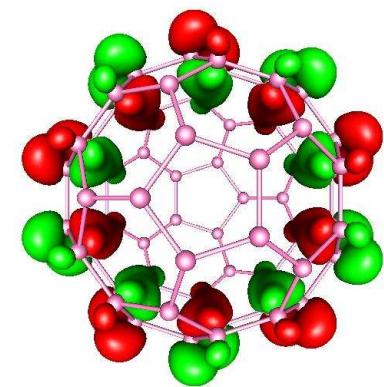
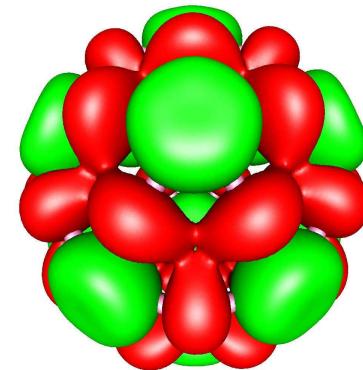
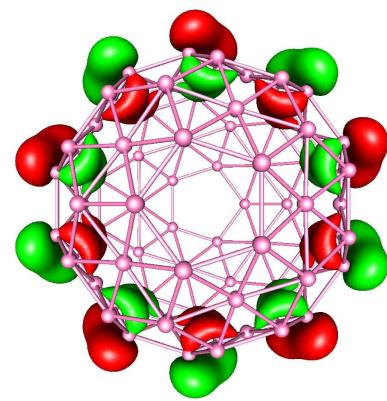
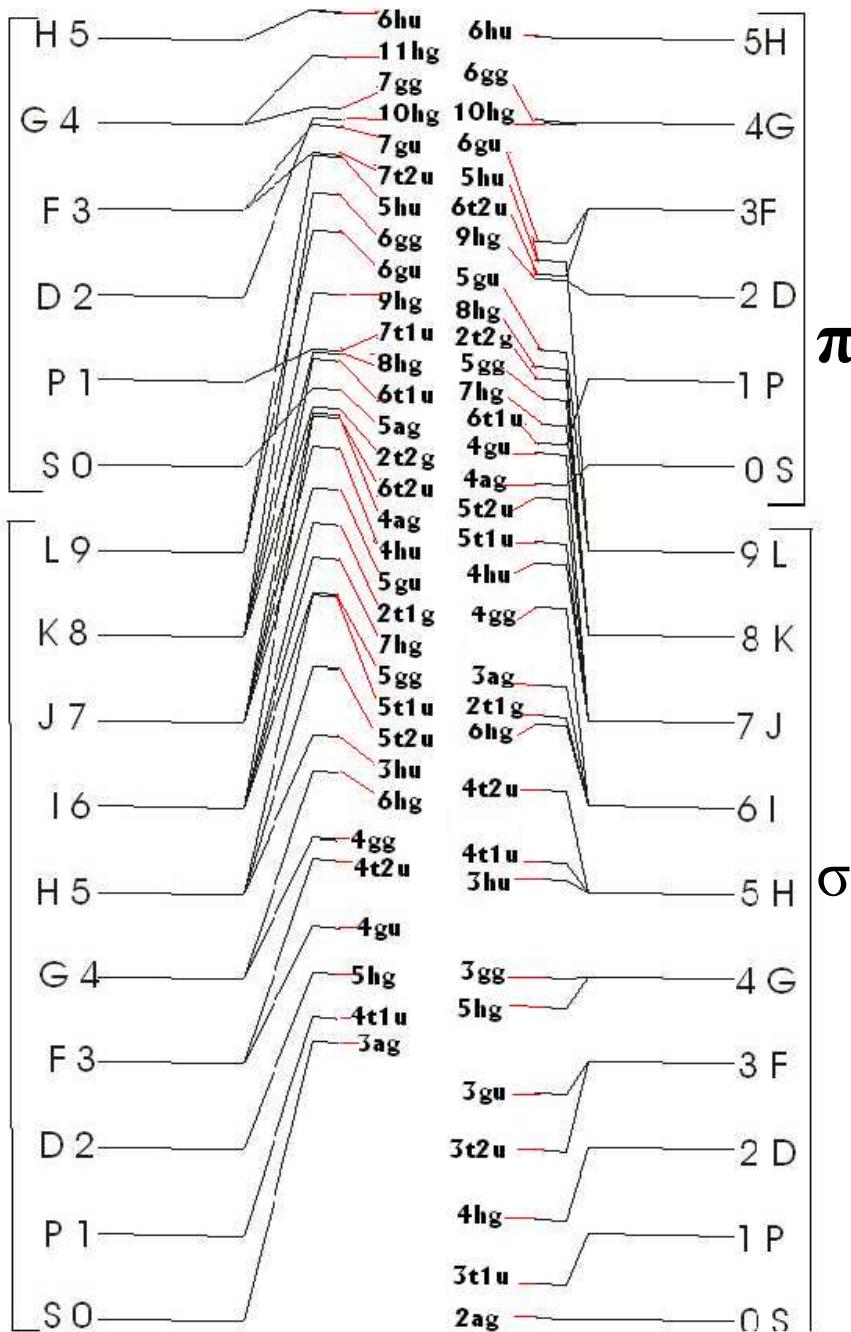
$$\Gamma_{bond}(C_{60}) = 3A_g + T_{1g} + 4T_{1u} + T_{2g} + 4T_{2u} + 4G_g + 4G_u + 7H_g + 4H_u$$

# The Valence shell of B<sub>80</sub>

mos	Energy (e.V)	mos	Energy (e.V)	mos	Energy (e.V)
3a <sub>g</sub>	-21.968	2t <sub>1g</sub>	-13.837	6g <sub>g</sub>	-8.664
4t <sub>lu</sub>	-21.593	5g <sub>u</sub>	-13.06	5h <sub>u</sub>	-8.085
5h <sub>g</sub>	-20.889	4h <sub>u</sub>	-12.649	7t <sub>2u</sub>	-8.049
4g <sub>u</sub>	-20.161	4a <sub>g</sub>	-12.157	7g <sub>u</sub>	-7.607
4t <sub>2u</sub>	-19.096	6t <sub>2u</sub>	-12.115	10h <sub>g</sub>	-7.5
4g <sub>g</sub>	-18.776	2t <sub>2g</sub>	-12.005	7g <sub>g</sub>	-7.312
6h <sub>g</sub>	-17.728	5a <sub>g</sub>	-11.726	11h <sub>g</sub>	-6.497
3h <sub>u</sub>	-17.166	6t <sub>lu</sub>	-11.263	6h <sub>u</sub>	<u>-5.633</u>
5t <sub>2u</sub>	-16.091	8h <sub>g</sub>	-11.147	8t <sub>lu</sub>	-3.711
5t <sub>lu</sub>	-14.972	7t <sub>lu</sub>	-11.102	3t <sub>1g</sub>	-3.197
5g <sub>g</sub>	-14.940	9h <sub>g</sub>	-10.217	8t <sub>2u</sub>	-3.031
7h <sub>g</sub>	-14.376	6g <sub>u</sub>	-9.226		

Calculated at B3LYP/SV(P) level using TURBOMOLE program package

**Comparison between valence  
orbitals occupied MOs of  $B_{80}$  and  
 $C_{60}$**   
**B3LYP/SV(P)**



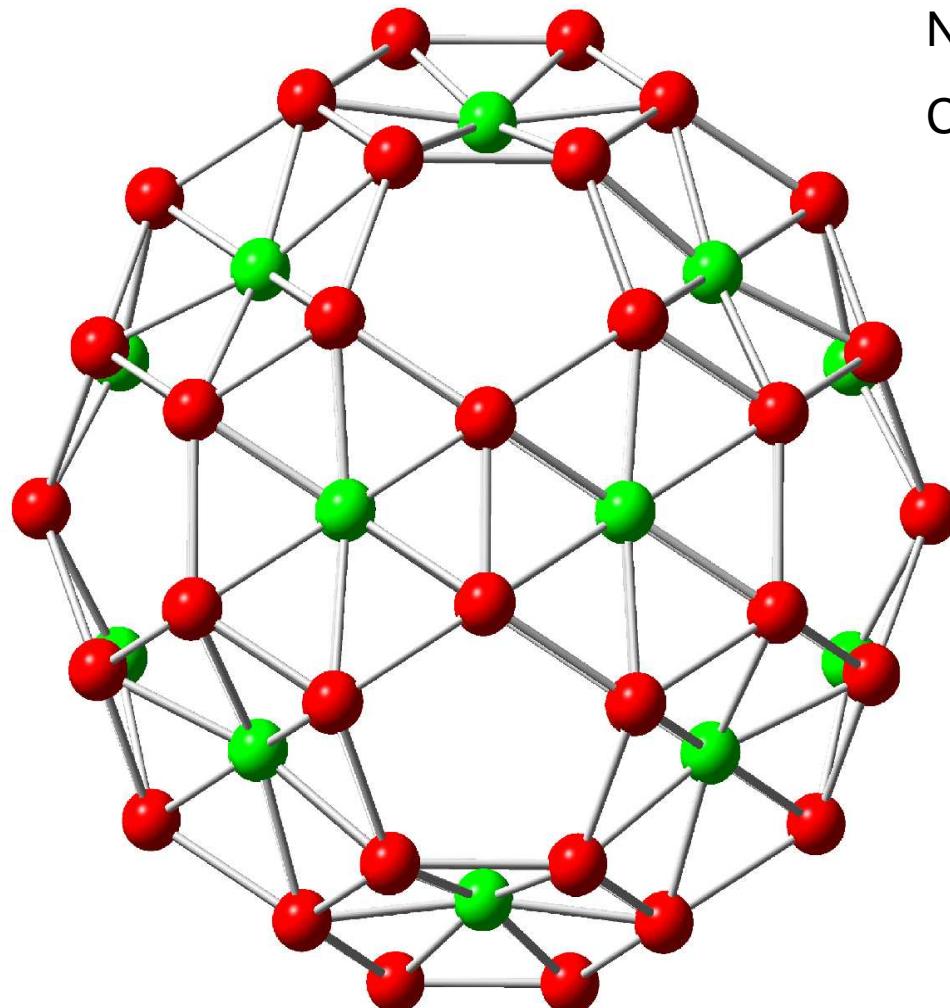
# Spherical shells and $\sigma$ - and $\pi$ -band of $B_{80}$

L	$I_h$	$\sigma$ -band	$\pi$ -band
0	$A_g$	$3a_g$	$5a_g$
1	$T_{1u}$	$4t_{1u}$	$7t_{1u}$
2	$H_g$	$5 h_g$	$10h_g$
3	$T_{2u} + G_u$	$4t_{2u} + 4g_u$	$7t_{2u} + 7g_u$
4	$G_g + H_g$	$4g_g + 6h_g$	$7g_g + 11h_g$
5	$T_{1u} + T_{2u} + H_u$	$5t_{1u} + 5t_{2u} + 3h_u$	$6h_u$
6	$A_g + T_{1g} + G_g + H_g$	$4a_g + 2t_{1g} + 5g_g + 7h_g$	
7	$T_{1u} + T_{2u} + G_u + H_u$	$6t_{1u} + 6t_{2u} + 5g_u + 4h_u$	
8	$T_{2g} + G_g + 2H_g$	$2t_{2g} + 6g_g + 8h_g + 9h_g$	
9	$T_{1u} + T_{2u} + 2G_u + H_u$	$6g_u + 5h_u$	

# The bonding role of the caps

$$\begin{array}{c} \Gamma_{\sigma}^{60} \\ \nearrow \\ \Gamma_{\sigma}^{20} + \Gamma_{\pi}^{20} \\ \searrow \end{array}$$

	Mos	2s	2p	$2s+2p$	$\Gamma^{30}$
$a_u$	0	0	0	0	0
$a_g$	0.51	0.31	0.82	1	
$t_{Ig}$	0	0.94	0.94	0	
$t_{Iu}$	1.21	2.40	3.62	3	
$t_{2g}$	0	0.40	0.40	0	
$t_{2u}$	1.84	1.05	2.89	3	
$g_g$	2.06	2.12	4.18	4	
$g_u$	1.53	1.03	2.56	4	
$h_g$	2.87	6.35	9.21	10	
$h_u$	0	4.68	4.68	5	
Total	10.01	19.28	29.29	30	



NBO charges

Computed at B3LYP/6-31G(d)

Caps transfer ~3e

# Concluding Remarks

- $B_{80}$  is isoelectronic to  $C_{60}$
- The chemical bonding in  $B_{80}$  is similar to that of  $C_{60}$
- The caps contribute to reinforce essentially 30 sigma bonds along the 6-6 edges
- The HOMO in  $B_{80}$  is  $6h_u$  and is located on the truncated icosahedral frame and its shape is similar to that of  $C_{60}$

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