

## Coulomb repulsion

The potential energy component corresponding to the electrostatic interaction between each pair of charged particles:

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_i \sum_{j<i} e_i e_j \Delta r_{ij}$$

where  $\epsilon_0$  is the permittivity of a vacuum,  $\Delta r_{ij}$  is the distance between the two particles, and  $e_i$  and  $e_j$  are the charges on particles  $i$  and  $j$ . In molecular orbital theory, the electrostatic repulsion between the two electrons occupying the orbitals  $\Psi_i$  and  $\Psi_j$ . In the Hartree–Fock method, the mean Coulomb repulsion is determined by the value of the Coulomb integral

$$J_{ij} = \int \int \Psi_{i^*}(\mathbf{r}_1) \Psi_i(\mathbf{r}_1) \left(\frac{e^2}{r_{12}}\right) \Psi_{j^*}(\mathbf{r}_2) \Psi_j(\mathbf{r}_2) d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 = \langle ij | ij \rangle$$

**See also:** exchange repulsion

**Source:**

PAC, 1999, 71, 1919 (*Glossary of terms used in theoretical organic chemistry*) on page 1932