



What is Computational Chemistry?

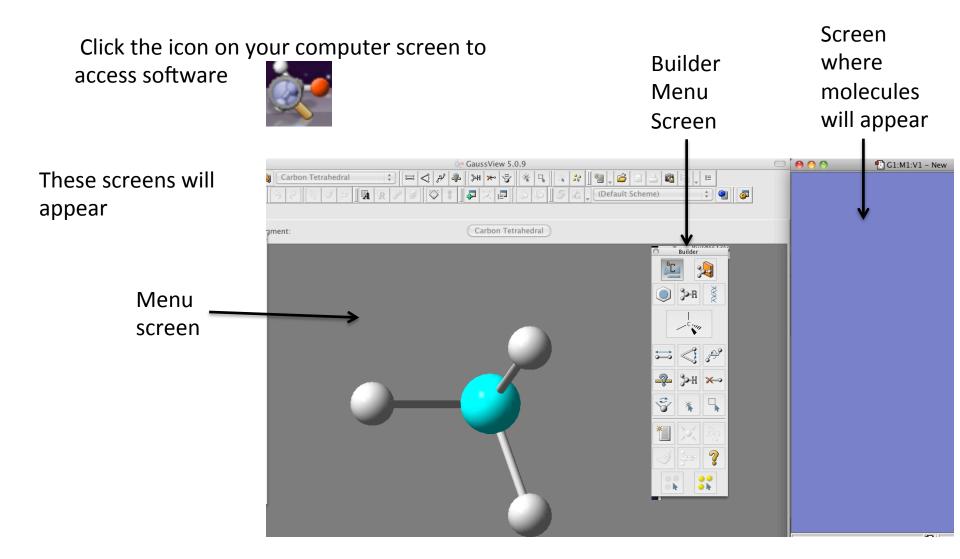
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Objective: Students will be able to explain the overall methods and practical uses for computational Chemistry and the Computer software used

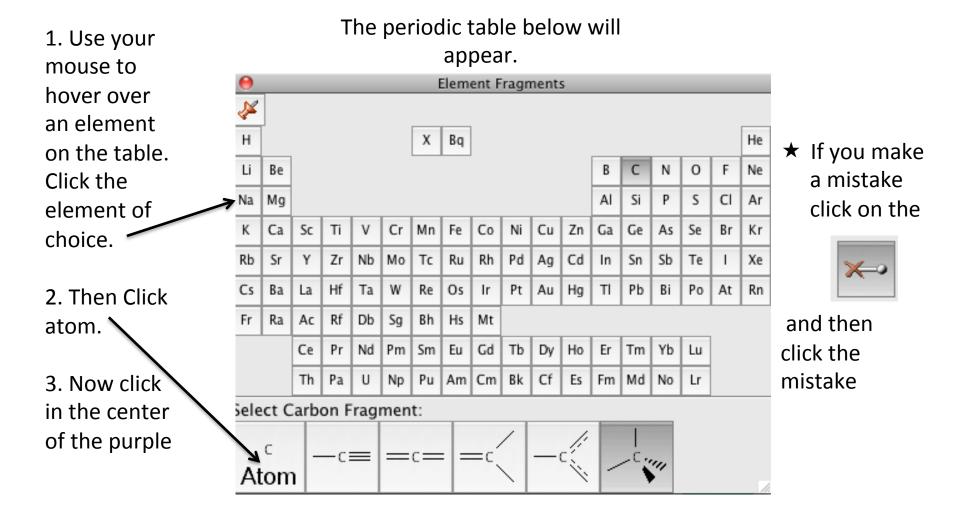
Gaussian View

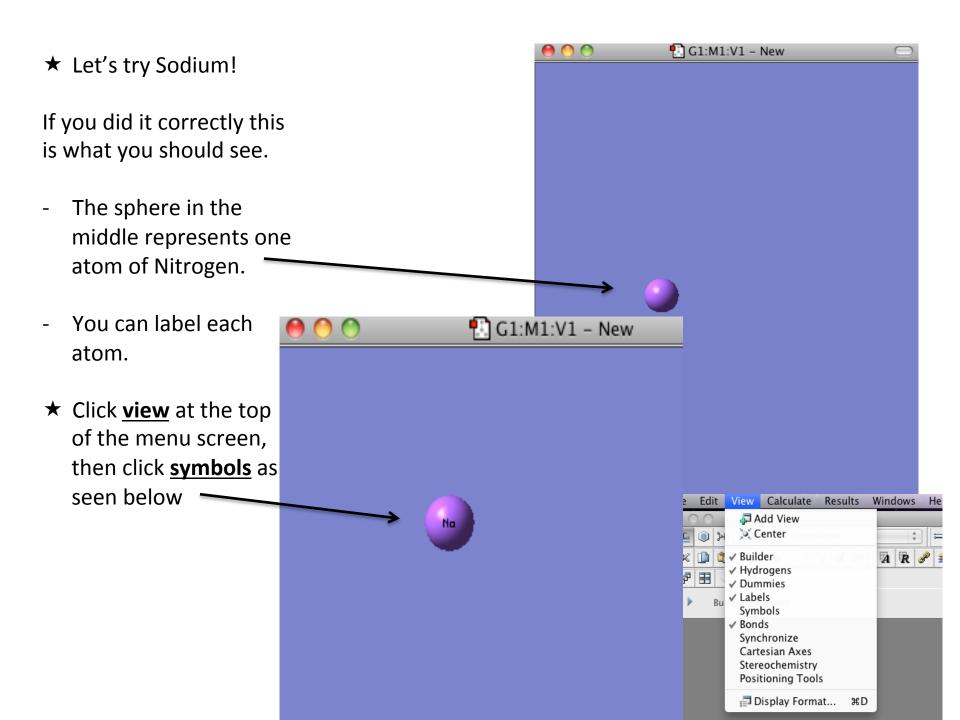
- Gaussian View is a molecular building interface.
- Gaussian view allows its users to build molecules simply and interact with them in 3 dimensions by simply manipulating the mouse.
- We will use this software to practice building representations of ionic and covalent molecules

How to log into G View?



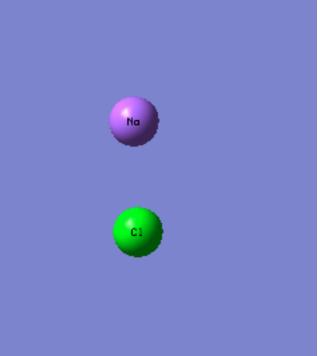
Click on this icon to pull up the periodic table





Now Let's add some another and work on some simple bonds!!

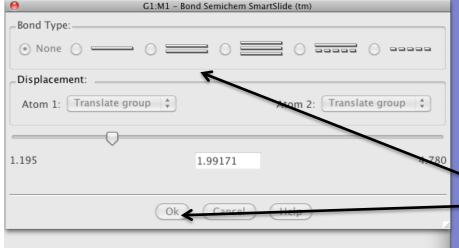
- 1. Look at your periodic table, think about what we have learned about ionic and covalent bonds.
- 2. How many valence electrons does Sodium have?
- 3. Is sodium a metal or a non metal?
- 4. What group on the periodic table would most likely form bonds with sodium?
- 5. Click the element of your choice
- 6. Now click atom
- 7. Next, click in the purple next to sodium





1. Click this icon in the builder menu





2. Now click both atoms, the should turn the same color

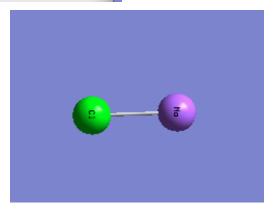
This screen will pop up.

3. Choose the number of bonds then click ok

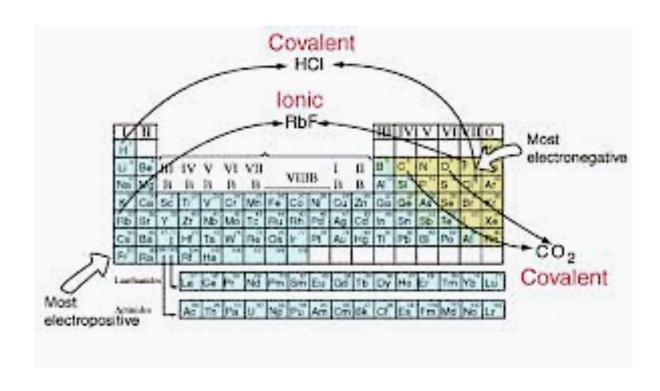
4. Now click the



This will give you the optimum shape



★ Try a few more molecules and draw them in your observation notebooks. Label them ionic or covalent

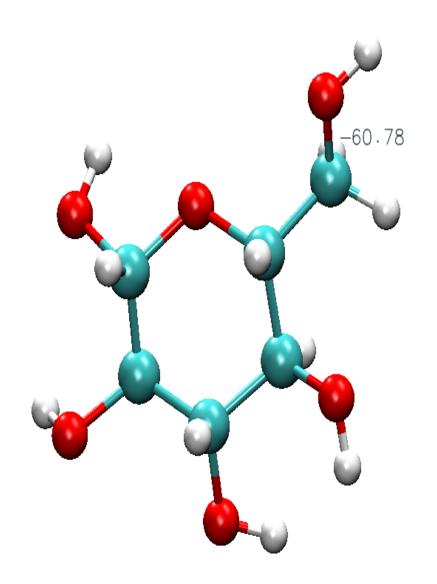


What is VMD?

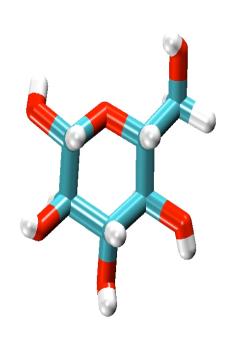
VMD stands for Visual Molecular Dynamics

- Visualize molecules in 3 dimensions
- Visualize how structures move in solutions

VMD is a molecular visualization program for displaying, animating, and analyzing large biomolecular systems using 3-D graphics and built in scripting

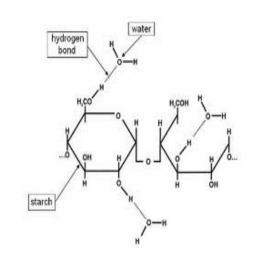


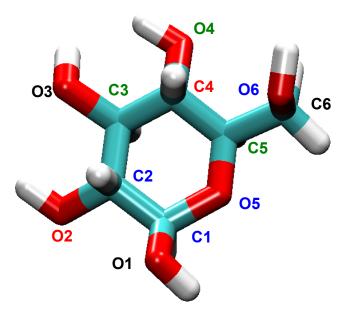
VMD Movie of Glucose Molecule in Water



Which carbons and oxygens have a better chance of interacting with the solvent? Why?

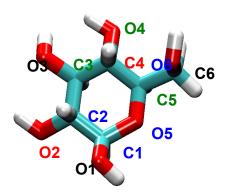
What type of bonds does glucose have the possibility of forming with water?

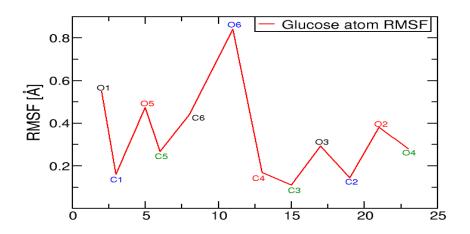




How do we get the data to analyze computationally?

- Simulations using Amber tools, VMD and Xmgrace-
- visualize changes due to differences in solution and molecule
 - Focusing on RDF and hbonding as a indicator of dissolution
- Amber tools gather data based on angles, dihedrals, distance, and hydrogen bond count
- Xmgrace will produce the graphs







Lab Reports

Sample Lab Report: Comparison: Comp vs. Experimental
Timekeeper
Manager/ Recorder/
Lab Report- Comparison of Computational Values to Experimental
Question:
Research: Research should include information explaining both procedures (see research section for computational and Experimental lab reports)

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Experimental		
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Analysis: Des	ign your grap	ph		
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You will now write a lab report comparing what you have learned computationally to what you have learned in the science lab.