

*All equivalent angles are ideal.

*Lone pairs repel bonds closer together so they are less than ideal.

*Double bonds repel more than single bonds so they are greater than ideal.

9.3: Valence Bond Theory

Bond Lengths and Bond Enthalpies of H₂, F₂, and HF

	Bond Length (Å)	Bond Enthalpy (kJ/mol)
H_2	0.74	436.4
F_2	1.42	150.6
HF	0.92	568.2

Valence Bond Theory: atoms share electrons when an atomic orbital on one atom overlaps with an atomic orbital on the other

- Each of the overlapping atomic orbitals must contain a single, unpaired electron.
- The two electrons shared by the bonded atoms must have opposite spins.
- The nuclei of both atoms are attracted to the shared pair of electrons.
- It is this mutual attraction for the shared electrons that holds the atoms together.

*A singly occupied orbital will appear as a light color and a doubly occupied orbital will appear as a darker version of that same color.

