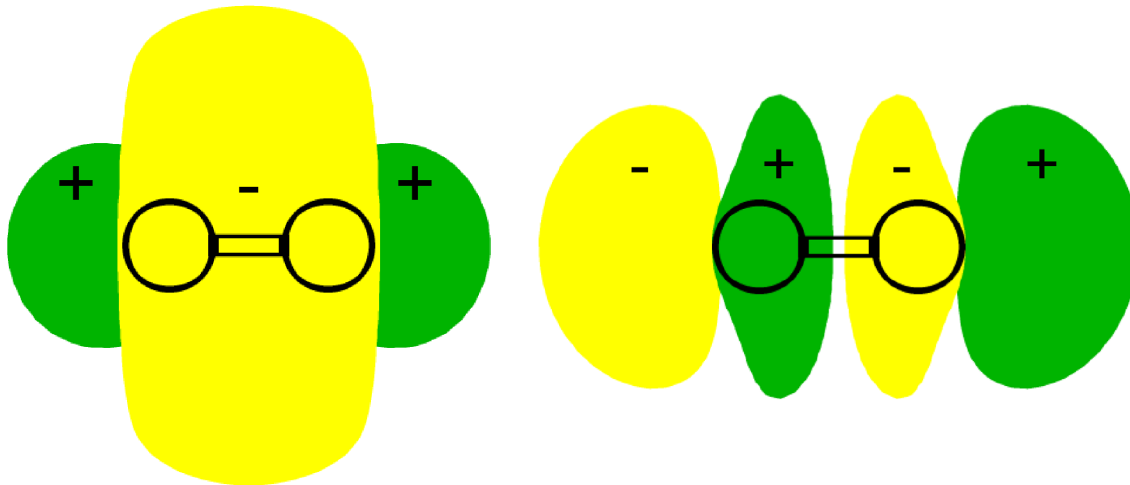


**Result:** The orbital diagrams look like this:



**Bonding MO,  $\sigma_{2pz}$**

**Antibonding MO,  $\sigma^*_{2pz}$**

**Solution:** When the orbitals overlap so that the phases match between the nuclei, there is bonding. When the orbitals are out of phase there is antibonding. The orbitals are labeled  $\sigma$  because they are cylindrically symmetric around the internuclear axis (there is no node that contains the internuclear axis).