

#### Thermodynamics "On the Fly"

Reminder of some good rules of thumb:

- At room temperature,  $\Delta G = 1.4$  kcal/mol is equivalent to an order of magnitude in equilibrium constant *K*.
- Creating a new molecule in the gas phase yields ∆S ≈ 50 cal/mol K ("entropy units", eu); 15 kcal/mol at room temperature
- New molecules in solution are worth less (< 35 eu)

Example: 
$$N_2O_4 \Longrightarrow 2 NO_2$$
  $\Delta H^\circ = +14 \text{ kcal/mol}; \Delta G_{RTP} \approx 0.$   
So,  $K_{eq} \approx 1 M.$ 

(Standard energy means units refer to 1 M of all reactants and products.)

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Don't need to know mechanism to do this; just look at bonds.

*Example:* Oxidation of methane to methanol (to convert gas to liquid fuel).

 $H_3C-H + H-OH \longrightarrow H_3C-OH + H-H$ 

We don't know the mechanism of this reaction.

What if we just pulled bonds apart and put them back together again? Enthalpy of reaction (state function) would be the same.

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Strategy: Use Bond Dissociation Energies (BDEs), enthalpy of individual homolytic bond cleavage, to calculate sum of bond breaking and bond making processes.

For  $R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_1 + \cdot R_2 \qquad \Delta H_r = BDE$ 

# Standard Bond Dissociation Energies (BDEs)

Bond Type	BDE (kcal/mol)	Bond Type	BDE (kcal/mol)	Bond Type	BDE (kcal/mol)	Bond Type	BDE (kcal/mol)
H–H	104.2	H–Br	87.5	C–I	51	C=O (CO <sub>2</sub> )	192
C–C	83	H–I	71	C–B	90	C=O (aldehyde)	177
N–N	38.4	H–B	90	C–Si	83	C=O (ketone)	178
0–0	35	H–S	81	C–P	70	C=O (ester)	179
F–F	36.6	H–Si	75	N–O	55	C=O (amide)	179
Si–Si	52	H–P	77	S–0	87	C=O (halide)	177
P–P	50	B–F	150	Si–F	135	C=S (CS <sub>2</sub> )	138
S–S	54	B–O	125	Si–Cl	90	N=O (HONO <sub>2</sub> )	143
CI–CI	58	C–N	73	Si–O	110	P=O (POCl <sub>3</sub> )	110
Br–Br	46	N–CO	86	P–Cl	79	P=S (PSCl <sub>3</sub> )	70
I–I	36	C-0	85.5	P–Br	65	S=O (SO <sub>2</sub> )	128
H–C	99	0–C0	110	P–O	90	S=O (DMSO)	93
H–N	93	C–S	65	C=C	146	P=P	84
H–O	111	C–F	116	N=N	109	P≡P	117
H–F	135	C–Cl	81	O=0	119	C≡O	258
H–CI	103	C–Br	68	C=N	147	C≡C	200
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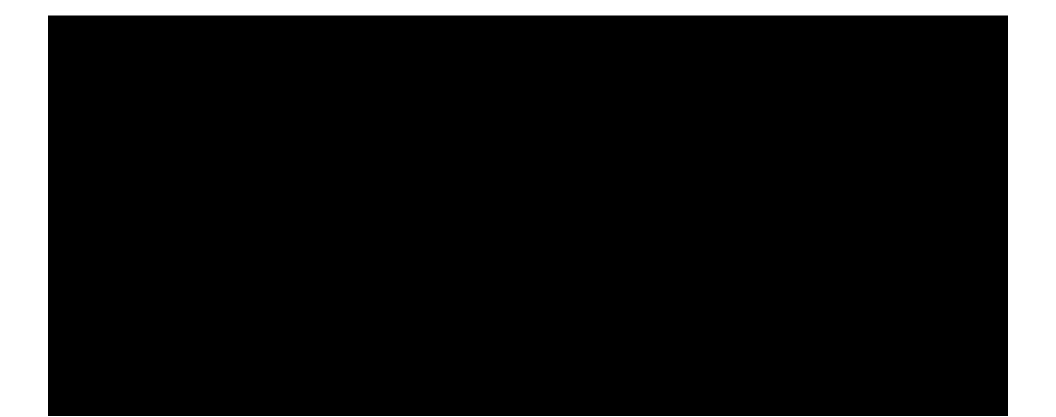
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H-H	104.2 (104.2)	CH <sub>2</sub> =CH-H	110 (110.7)	CH <sub>3</sub> –CH <sub>3</sub>	90.4 (90.1)
CH <sub>3</sub> –H	105.1 (105.0)	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> –H	110.9 (112.9)	CH <sub>3</sub> -F	109.9 (115)
CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> –H	98.2 (101.1)	HC≡C–H	132 (131.9)	CH <sub>3</sub> –Cl	84.6 (83.7)
(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH–H	95.1 (98.6)	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> –H	88 (89.7)	CH <sub>3</sub> –Br	70.9 (72.1)
(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> C–H	93.2 (96.5)	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCH <sub>2</sub> -H	86.3 (88.8)	CH <sub>3</sub> –I	57.2 (57.6)
c(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> –H	106.3	CH <sub>3</sub> C(O)–H	86 (88.1)	CH <sub>3</sub> -OH	92.3 (92.1)
c(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> –H	96.5	HO-H	119 (118.8)	CH <sub>3</sub> -NH <sub>2</sub>	84.9 (85.2)
c(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> –H	94.5	CH <sub>3</sub> O–H	104.4 (104.6)	CH <sub>3</sub> –SH	74
c(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> –H	95.5	NH <sub>2</sub> –H	107.4 (107.6)	CH <sub>3</sub> –SiH <sub>3</sub>	88.2
	82.3	CH <sub>3</sub> S–H	90.7 (87.4)	CH <sub>3</sub> –SiMe <sub>3</sub>	89.4
Н		HO-OH	51	CH <sub>3</sub> –GeMe <sub>3</sub>	83
	71.1	CH <sub>3</sub> O-OCH <sub>3</sub>	37.6 (38)	CH <sub>3</sub> –SnMe <sub>3</sub>	71
Н		HOCH <sub>2</sub> –H	94 (96.1)	CH <sub>3</sub> -PbMe <sub>3</sub>	57
H	73	H <sub>2</sub> C=CH <sub>2</sub>	(174.1)	CH <sub>3</sub> -OCH <sub>3</sub>	(83.2)
H	97.4	НС≡СН	(230.7)	CH <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	(89.0)
⊳н	90.6	H <sub>2</sub> C=O	(178.8)	CH <sub>3</sub> -CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	(88.6)
CH <sub>3</sub> -CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	(101.4)	CH <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	(103.5)	CH <sub>3</sub> -C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	(87.5)
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From Anslyn & Dougherty, p. 72. Plenty more available on the Web.

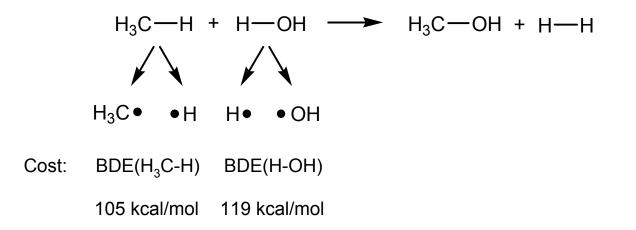
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*Concept:* So, to determine  $\Delta H$  for entire reaction, sum up  $\Delta H$  values (BDEs) for all bonds broken and made.

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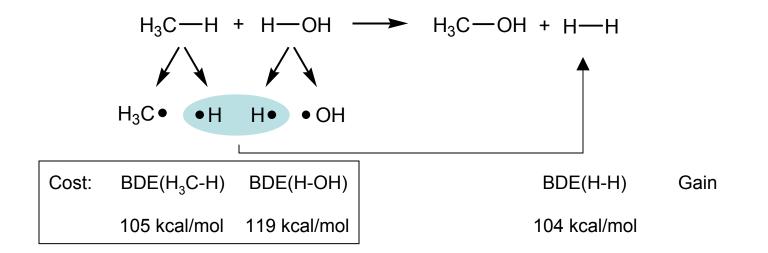
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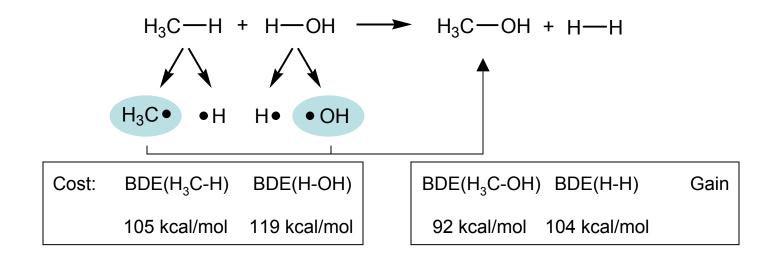
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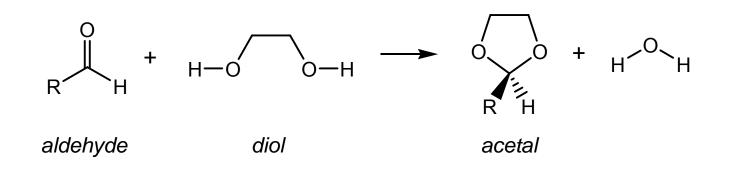
Overall  $\Delta H = 105 + 119 - 92 - 104 = +28$  kcal/mol. (Endothermic.)

Cost:	BDE(H <sub>3</sub> C-H)	BDE(H-OH)	BDE(H <sub>3</sub> C-OH) BDE(H-H)	Gain
	105 kcal/mol	119 kcal/mol	92 kcal/mol 104 kcal/mol	

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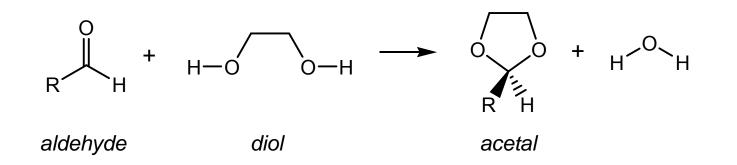
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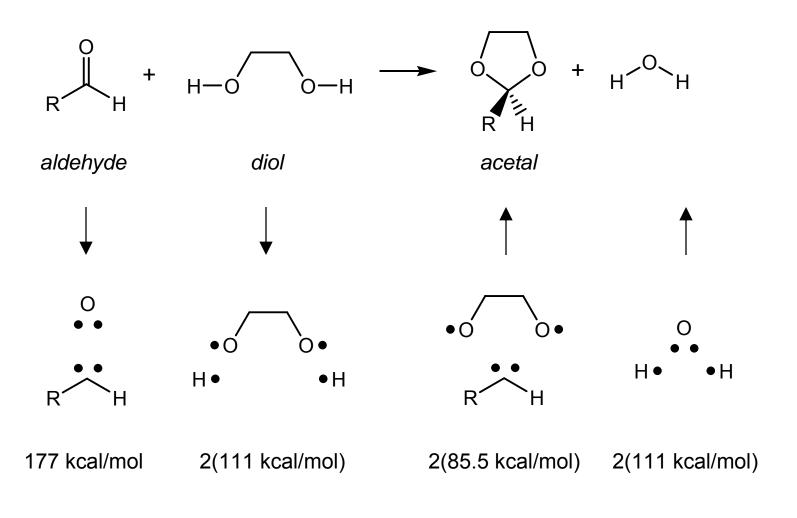
*Warning:* Using BDEs to calculate  $\Delta H_r$  works okay, but is not very accurate. Good enough for thermo "on the fly" though.



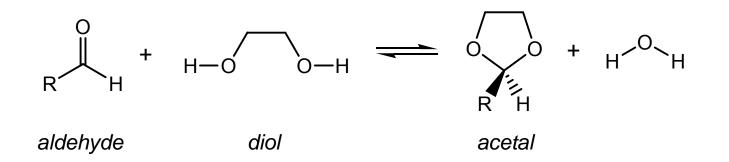
For the reaction above,

- 1. What bonds are made and broken?
- 2. What do the BDEs of these bonds mean for the overall  $\Delta H$  for this reaction?
- 3. If you wanted the reaction to proceed to 99% completion ([acetal]/[aldehyde] = 100), what would the ratio [H<sub>2</sub>O]/[diol] have to be? How might you pull/push this reaction to this degree of completion (if necessary)?





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Assuming  $\Delta S \approx 0$  (number of molecules is the same on both sides),  $\Delta G_r = +6$  kcal/mol.

Our rule of thumb says that this means  $K_{eq} = \frac{[acetal][H_2O]}{[aldehyde][diol]} \approx 0.0001.$ So, to reach  $\frac{[acetal]}{[aldehyde]} = 100, \quad \frac{[H_2O]}{[diol]} \quad must \approx 1 \times 10^{-6}.$