


Bond order and bond energy

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[TP] Which of the following has the **highest bond order**?

0% 1.  $\text{Li}_2^{2+}$   
0% 2.  $\text{Li}_2^+$   
0% 3.  $\text{Li}_2^-$   
0% 4.  $\text{Li}_2^{2-}$   
0% 5.  $\text{Li}_2^+$  and  $\text{Li}_2^-$   
0% 6.  $\text{Li}_2^{2+}$  and  $\text{Li}_2^{2-}$



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**Bond order and bond energy**

The lowest energy (most stable) s AO of atom X has energy -10 eV.

$\text{X}_2$  has a  $\sigma$  (bonding) MO of energy -12 eV and a  $\sigma^*$  (antibonding) MO of energy -7 eV.

Draw the correlation diagram.



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The lowest energy (most stable) s AO of atom X has energy  $-10$  eV.

$X_2$  has a  $\sigma$  (bonding) MO of energy  $-12$  eV and a  $\sigma^*$  (antibonding) MO of energy  $-7$  eV.

$X_2^+$  has one electron in the  $\sigma$  MO and none in the  $\sigma^*$  MO.


Calculate the bond order of  $X_2^+$ .

Calculate the bond energy of  $X_2^+$ .

$$E_{\text{far}} = 1 \times (-10 \text{ eV}) = -10 \text{ eV}$$

$$E_{\text{close}} = 1 \times (-12 \text{ eV}) = -12 \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{Bond strength} = E_{\text{far}} - E_{\text{close}} = +2 \text{ eV}$$

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$X_2^-$  has two electrons in the  $\sigma$  MO and one in the  $\sigma^*$  MO.


Calculate the bond order of  $X_2^-$ .

Calculate the bond energy of  $X_2^-$ .

$$E_{\text{far}} = 2 \times (-10 \text{ eV}) + 1 \times (-10 \text{ eV}) = -30 \text{ eV}$$

$$E_{\text{close}} = 2 \times (-12 \text{ eV}) + 1 \times (-7 \text{ eV}) = -31 \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{Bond energy} = E_{\text{far}} - E_{\text{close}} = +1 \text{ eV}$$

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Bond order and bond strength

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$X_2^-$  has two electrons in the  $\sigma$  MO and one in the  $\sigma^*$  MO.

$X_2^+$  and  $X_2^-$  have the same bond order  $1/2$

$X_2^+$  had bond strength  $2$  eV:  $X_2^+ \rightarrow X + X^+ \Delta E = 2 \text{ eV}$

$X_2^-$  has bond strength  $1$  eV:  $X_2^- \rightarrow X + X^- \Delta E = 1 \text{ eV}$

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[TP] Which of the following has the **largest bond energy**?  
(the **strongest bond**)?

0% 1.  $X_2^{2+}$   
0% 2.  $X_2^+$   
0% 3.  $X_2^-$   
0% 4.  $X_2^{2-}$   
0% 5.  $X_2^+$  and  $X_2^-$   
0% 6.  $X_2^{2+}$  and  $X_2^{2-}$

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[TP] Use the same approach we used for analysis of diatomic ions of X to determine which of the following has the **largest bond energy (strongest bond)**?

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0% 2.  $Li_2^+$   
0% 3.  $Li_2^-$   
0% 4.  $Li_2^{2-}$   
0% 5.  $Li_2^+$  and  $Li_2^-$   
0% 6.  $Li_2^{2+}$  and  $Li_2^{2-}$

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$X_2^{2+}$  has no electrons in the  $\sigma$  MO and none in the  $\sigma^*$  MO.

Calculate the bond order of  $X_2^{2+}$ .

Calculate  $\Delta E$  for the reaction  $X_2^{2+} \rightarrow X^+ + X^+$ .

Explain whether your answer makes physical sense.

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$X_2^{2-}$  has two electrons in the  $\sigma$  MO and two in the  $\sigma^*$  MO.

Calculate the bond order of  $X_2^{2-}$ .

Calculate  $\Delta E$  for the reaction  $X_2^{2-} \rightarrow X^- + X^-$ .

Explain whether your answer makes physical sense.

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