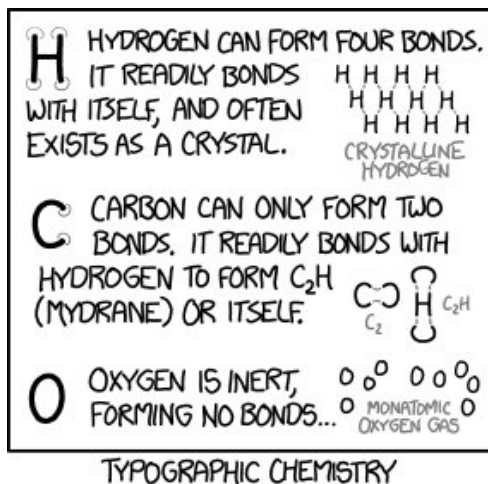


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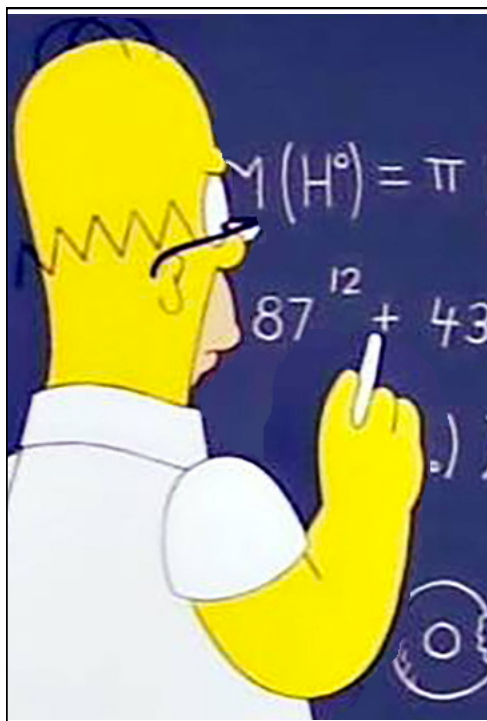
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## The Equation of the Day

Energy conservation  
with chemical  
reactions

$$\Delta U_{\text{internal}} = \Delta U_{\text{thermal}} + \Delta U_{\text{chemical}}$$

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## The Gauss Gun: A classical analog of an exothermic reaction



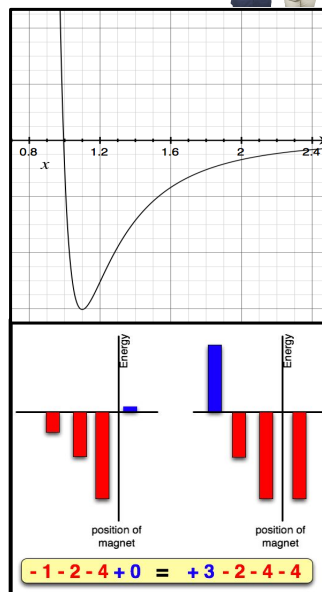
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## Sketch

1. What the potential energy curve must look like between the magnet and a metal sphere as a function of distance.  
(Hint: think about the WEΘ)
2. Energy bar graphs that show the initial and final energies of each of the 4 spheres (when the moving one is far from the magnet)



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## Energy conservation with chemical reactions: 1

- Consider the collision of two molecules in isolation  $A + B \rightarrow A + B$

$$K_A + K_B + U_{AB} = \text{constant}$$

- If the initial and final states both have the two molecules far apart,  $U_{AB} \sim 0$ .

$$K_A + K_B = \text{constant}$$

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## We have to refine our definition of “internal energy”

- When we talked about molecular motion last term, we ignored the possibility of chemical reactions.
- “Internal energy” was the sum of the KE of the molecules (for a gas) or the sum of the KE and (interaction) PE of the molecules (for a liquid or solid).
- If chemical reactions can take place, we have to take changes in binding energy into account.
- Define:
 
$$U_{\text{thermal}} = \text{sum of KE (and PE) of molecules}$$

$$U_{\text{chemical}} = \text{sum of BEs of molecules}$$

$$U_{\text{internal}} = U_{\text{thermal}} + U_{\text{chemical}}$$

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## Energy conservation with chemical reactions: 2

- Consider the reaction of two molecules in isolation  $A + B \rightarrow C + D$

$$(K_A + E_A) + (K_B + E_B) + U_{AB} = (K_C + E_C) + (K_D + E_D) + U_{CD}$$

- If the initial and final states both have the two molecules far apart,  $U_{AB} \sim U_{CD} \sim 0$ .

$$(K_A + E_A) + (K_B + E_B) = (K_C + E_C) + (K_D + E_D)$$

Note: The “ $E$ ”s here are **molecular internal energies** and are negative since the molecules are bound. The (positive) **bond energies** from chemistry are given by  $\mathcal{E} = -E > 0$ .

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## Energy conservation with chemical reactions: 3

- Consider as gas consisting of a mixture of two molecules A, and B that are colliding with each other but not reacting.
- In a gas, most of the time any two molecules are far enough apart that their mutual PE,  $U_{AB}$ , can be neglected.

$$\sum_{\text{all A mols.}} K_A + \sum_{\text{all B mols.}} K_B = \text{constant}$$

- This is the thermal energy of the gas,  $U_{\text{thermal}}$

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## Energy conservation with chemical reactions: 4

- Consider the reaction of a gas of A and B molecules that react (fully) to C and D molecules  $A + B \rightarrow C + D$

– If the initial and final states both have the two molecules far apart,  $U_{AB} \sim U_{CD} \sim 0$ .

$$\sum_A (K_A + E_A) + \sum_B (K_B + E_B) = \sum_C (K_C + E_C) + \sum_D (K_D + E_D)$$

- Let's make sense of this (and connect back to chemistry) by rearranging.

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## Let's do the math!

$$\sum_A (K_A + E_A) + \sum_B (K_B + E_B) = \sum_C (K_C + E_C) + \sum_D (K_D + E_D)$$

$$\left( \sum_{AB} (K_A + K_B) \right) + \left( \sum_{AB} (E_A + E_B) \right) = \left( \sum_{CD} (K_C + K_D) \right) + \left( \sum_{CD} (E_C + E_D) \right)$$

$$U_{thermal}^i + U_{chemical}^i = U_{thermal}^f + U_{chemical}^f$$

$$U_{chemical}^i - U_{chemical}^f = U_{thermal}^f - U_{thermal}^i$$

$$-\Delta U_{chemical} = \Delta U_{thermal}$$

$$\Delta U_{thermal} + \Delta U_{chemical} = 0$$

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