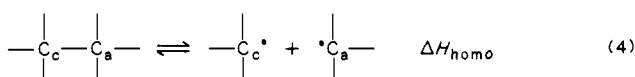
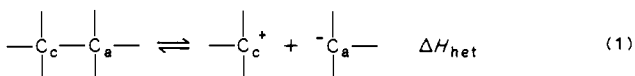


**Table I.** Heats of Heterolysis, Homolysis, and Free Energy of Electron Transfer (kcal/mol) of Two Carbocations with Fluorenyl Anions in Sulfolane/3-Methylsulfolane (5%) at 25 °C

anions	pK <sub>a</sub>	E <sub>1/2</sub> (ox), <sup>a</sup> V	cation					
			trityl pK <sub>R+</sub> = -6.63 E <sub>1/2</sub> (red) = -0.133 V			triphenylcyclopropenylum pK <sub>R+</sub> = 3.1 E <sub>1/2</sub> (red) = -1.304 V		
			ΔH <sub>Het</sub> <sup>b</sup>	ΔG <sub>ET</sub>	ΔH <sub>Homo</sub> <sup>c</sup>	ΔH <sub>Het</sub> <sup>b</sup>	ΔG <sub>ET</sub>	ΔH <sub>Homo</sub> <sup>c</sup>
9-PhFl	17.9	-1.101 (-1.028)	35.51 ± 0.56	-22.32	13.18	29.34 ± 0.28	4.68	34.02
9-PhSF1	15.4	-0.882 (-0.849)	33.61 ± 0.34	-17.27	16.34	27.49 ± 0.18	9.73	37.22
2-Br-9-PhSF1	13.2	-0.732 (-0.720)	29.41 ± 0.52	-13.81	15.60	25.40 ± 0.50	13.19	38.59
9-PhSO <sub>2</sub> -Fl	11.55	-0.392 (-0.309)	28.35 ± 0.59	-5.97	22.38	22.23 ± 0.36	21.03	43.26
9-CO <sub>2</sub> Me-Fl	10.35	-0.555 (-0.492)	25.81 ± 0.42	-9.73	16.08	20.62 ± 0.12	17.27	37.89
9-CN-Fl	8.30	-0.481 (-0.424)	24.62 ± 0.62	-8.02	16.60	19.56 ± 0.30	18.98	38.54
2,7-Br <sub>2</sub> -9-CO <sub>2</sub> Me-Fl	6.52	-0.286 (-0.243)	19.76 ± 0.85	-3.53	16.23	16.22 ± 0.10	23.48	39.70

<sup>a</sup> Reversible E<sub>1/2</sub> of oxidation from anion to radical vs the E<sub>1/2</sub> of ferrocene/ferrocenium measured in sulfolane/3-methylsulfolane at 25 °C by cyclic voltammetry or second harmonic AC voltammetry on a BAS-100A Electrochemical Analyzer. Standard deviation = ±15 mV. Parentheses contain irreversible E<sub>ox</sub> in DMSO measured by CV in Bordwell's laboratories.<sup>9</sup> <sup>b</sup> ΔH<sub>Het</sub> measured in a calorimeter at 25 °C using ΔH<sub>Het</sub> = -ΔH<sub>Rxn</sub>. <sup>c</sup> Calculated by using the equation, ΔH<sub>Homo</sub> = ΔH<sub>Het</sub> + ΔG<sub>ET</sub> where ΔG<sub>ET</sub> = 23.06[E<sub>1/2</sub>(C<sup>-</sup>) - E<sub>1/2</sub>(C<sup>+</sup>)]; standard deviation = ±3.5 kcal/mol.

## Scheme I



$$\Delta H_{\text{homo}} = \Delta H_{\text{het}} - E_{\text{red}}(\text{C}_c^+) + E_{\text{ox}}(\text{C}_a^-) \quad (5)$$

internally by resonance or externally by solvation. On the other hand ΔH<sub>homo</sub>'s and BDE<sub>C-H</sub>'s involve the creation of uncharged radicals from neutral molecules. These properties are much less sensitive to structural variation than the five listed above, and they do not correlate with them, although ΔH<sub>homo</sub> and BDE's (not shown) do correlate with each other. Significantly, a plot of ΔH<sub>het</sub> vs ΔH<sub>homo</sub> is a random scatter of points.

The method reported here offers the first opportunity to obtain quantitative comparisons between homolytic and heterolytic bond energies over a wide range of structure variation from experimental data in solution.

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## Additions and Corrections

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