

**The VN<sub>3</sub>H Defect in Diamond: A Quantum-Mechanical Characterization.  
Supplemental Material**

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**I. HOMOLYTIC FISSION OF THE C-H BOND.**

Table S1: Energy required for the homolytic dehydrogenation ( $\Delta E_H$ ) of methane CH<sub>4</sub>, ethane C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, propane C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub> and isobutane C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>. The energy has been evaluated using the B3LYP functional. Indices *t*, *s* and *p* characterize the carbon atom on which the radical is located: ternary, meaning that the carbon atom is linked to three other carbon atoms, secondary and primary. In the lowest part of the Table the effect of the functional is reported in the C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> case. Total energies in hartree,  $\Delta E_H$  and in eV.

R group	H <sub>2</sub>	R·	R-H	$\Delta E_H$
H·	-1.16872	-4.968621	-	+2.381
CH <sub>3</sub> ·	-1.16872	-39.766981	-40.44889	+2.655
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ·(p)	-1.16872	-79.023618	-79.69719	+2.428
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ·(p)	-1.16872	-118.273995	-118.94782	+2.434
C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ·(p)	-1.16872	-157.52555	-158.19980	+2.447
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ·(s)	-1.16872	-118.281550	-118.94782	+2.229
C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ·(t)	-1.16872	-157.53977	-158.19980	+2.060

  

Method	H <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ·	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	$\Delta E_H$
B3LYP	-1.16872	-79.023618	-79.69719	-2.428
PBE0	-1.16389	-78.979524	-79.65307	-2.493
HSE06	-1.16357	-78.977171	-79.65050	-2.491
PBE	-1.16198	-78.959341	-79.63236	-2.504
LDA	-1.13325	-78.289382	-78.96125	-2.864