

3.091 Fall Term 2004
Homework Quiz #4A
 Solution outline

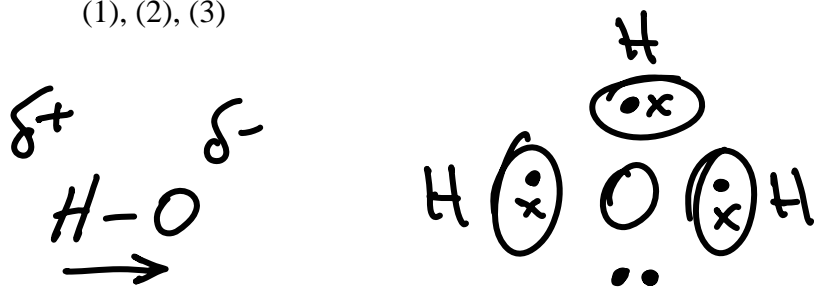
Answer the following questions about the hydronium ion (H_3O^+).

- (1) draw the Lewis structure
- (2) circle all bonding orbitals
- (3) indicate the polarity of the H – O bond
- (4) state whether the molecule is polar or nonpolar
- (5) calculate the bond energy of the H – O bond

Bond Energies (kJ/mol): H – H 435; O – O 140; F – F 160; C – C 350;

H_3O^+

- (1), (2), (3)



- (4) molecule is polar

- (5) use the Pauling formula to calculate bond energies

$$E_{\text{H-O}} = \sqrt{E_{\text{H-H}} \times E_{\text{O-O}}} + 96.3(\chi_{\text{H}} - \chi_{\text{O}})^2 = \sqrt{435 \times 140} + 96.3(2.20 - 3.44)^2 = 395 \text{ kJ/mol}$$