

Heats of Reaction

Heat changes often accompany chemical reactions. If heat is absorbed in a chemical reaction (**endothermic change**), the products will have more energy than the reactants and ΔH will have a positive value. If heat is released in a chemical reaction (**exothermic change**), the products will have less energy than the reactants and ΔH will have a negative value. Regardless of whether a chemical reaction is endothermic or exothermic, all reactions require activation energy in order to begin. **Activation energy (E_a)** is defined as the amount of energy needed to start a chemical reaction. A **catalyst** is sometimes used to reduce the amount of activation energy needed to start a reaction. Catalysts are used to speed up reactions but are not used up in the reaction.

To calculate the change in enthalpy (ΔH) for a reaction you must find the difference between the **heats of formation** of the reactants and the products. $\Delta H = H_f(\text{products}) - H_f(\text{reactants})$

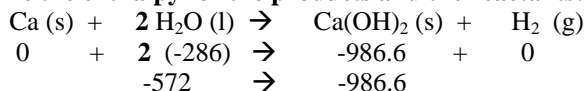
For example: Calculate the change in enthalpy for the following reaction:



First balance the equation:



Determine the enthalpy for the products and the reactants:



Substance	$H_{\text{formation}}$ (kJ/mol)
Ca (s)	0.0
H ₂ O (l)	-286
Ca(OH) ₂ (s)	-986.6
H ₂ (g)	0

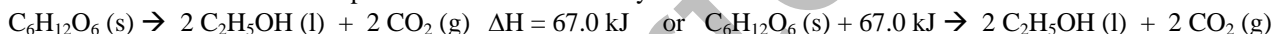
Calculate the ΔH for the reaction using the formula from above:

$$\Delta H = H_f(\text{products}) - H_f(\text{reactants})$$

$$\Delta H = -986.6 - (-572)$$

$$\Delta H = -414.6 \text{ kJ; this is an exothermic reaction}$$

The change in enthalpy (ΔH) for a reaction can be written **at the end of an equation** or **as part of the equation**. Look below how the same reaction can be represented two different ways.

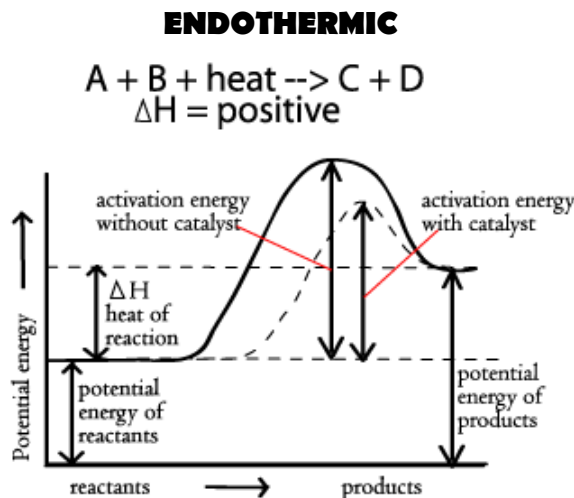
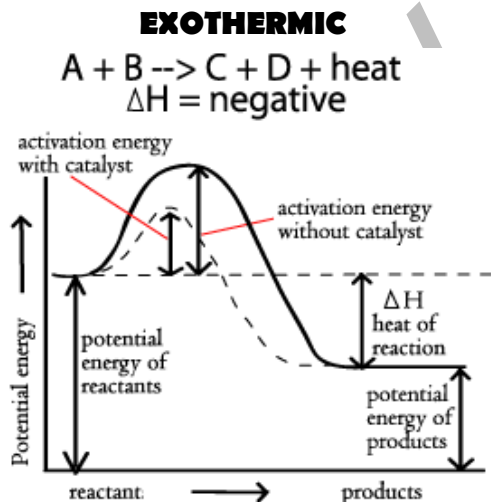


If a reaction is **endothermic**, the ΔH will be **positive** in value and the energy value can be written as a **reactant**, as seen above.

If a reaction is **exothermic**, the ΔH value will be **negative** and the energy value can be written as part of the **product** as seen here: $\text{C} + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{CO}_2(\text{g}) \quad \Delta H = -394 \text{ kJ}$ or $\text{C} + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + 394 \text{ kJ}$

Energy Diagrams

Energy diagrams are used to give a graphic representation of a chemical reaction. The energy diagrams for endothermic and exothermic reactions are shown below.



In Summary:

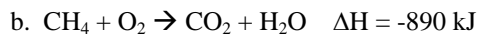
ΔH Value	Endothermic/Exothermic	Higher Enthalpy	In Equation, write ΔH value as a:	Example
Positive (+)	Endothermic	Products	Reactant	$X + Y + \Delta H \rightarrow Z$
Negative (-)	Exothermic	Reactant	Product	$X + Y \rightarrow Z + \Delta H$

Homework:

1. Define activation energy –

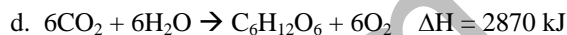
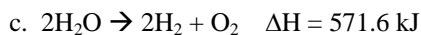
2. Define catalyst –

3. Rewrite the following equations with energy included. Indicate if the reaction is **endothermic or exothermic**.



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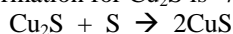
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4. The heat of formation for Cu_2S is -79.5 kJ/mol, for S its 0 kJ/mol and for CuS its -53.1 kJ/mol.



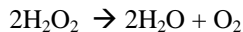
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- Is this reaction exothermic or endothermic? Circle One.
- Draw an energy diagram for this reaction. Label potential energy of the reactants, potential energy of the products, ΔH , and activation energy.
- Which has higher enthalpy, the reactants or the products of this reaction? Circle One.
- Re-write the equation from above with the ΔH value as a reactant or product, which ever is correct.

5. Determine the heat of reaction for the following reaction as water vapor cools to form liquid water. The heat of formation for H_2O (g) is 241.82 kJ/mol and for H_2O (l) it is -285.83 kJ/mol.



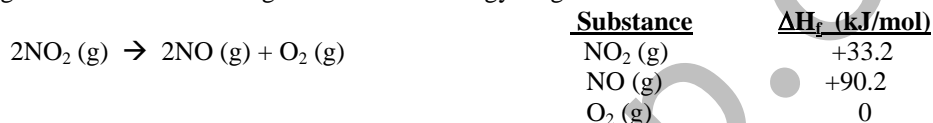
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6. The heat of formation of H_2O_2 is -187.6 kJ/mol , the heat of formation of H_2O is -285.83 kJ/mol , and the heat of formation of O_2 is 0 kJ/mol . Determine the heat of reaction for the decomposition of H_2O_2 . Draw an energy diagram for this reaction.



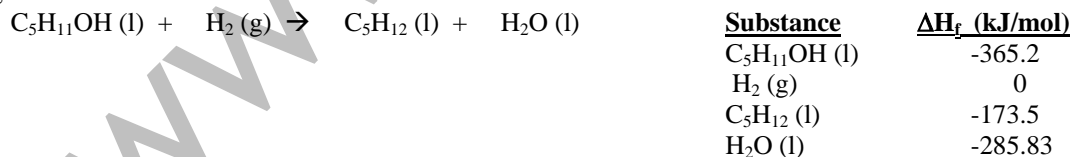
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7. In the engine of your car, nitrogen and oxygen combine to form nitrogen oxides, chemicals that contribute to pollution. Below is a reaction that produces nitrogen dioxide from previously formed nitrogen monoxide. Determine the ΔH value for this reaction using the heats of formation given. Draw an energy diagram for this reaction.



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8. Pentane, the smallest hydrocarbon found in gasoline, can be synthesized from 2-pentanol and hydrogen gas in a multi-step process. Determine the ΔH for this reaction using the heats of formation given for the equation below. Draw an energy diagram for this reaction.



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