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TOPIC 4: ENERGY CHANGES

THE ABOUT



TIME

- Relatively straight forward chapter
- Understand 'system' & 'surroundings'

CHAPTER ANALYSIS



EXAM

- Learn how to calculate bond energy
- Learn how to sketch energy profile diagram



- Light-medium overall weightage
- Constitute to **3%** of marks for past 5 year papers

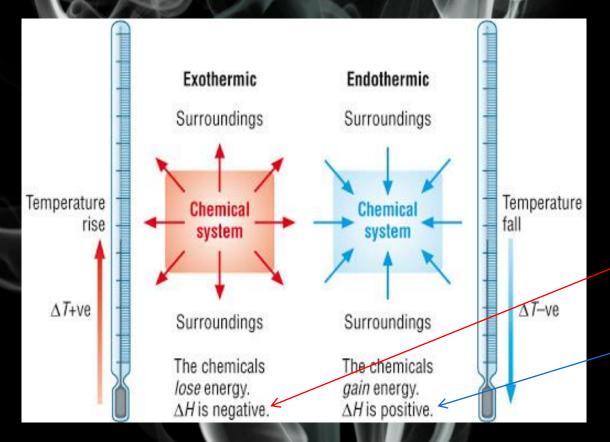
KEY CONCEPT

ENERGY FROM CHEMICALS EXOTHERMIC ENDOTHERMIC

Pay special attention to your understanding of 'system' & surrounding. It is the foundation of this chapter.



ENERGY FROM CHEMICAL REACTIONS



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During chemical reactions, chemical bonds are both broken and formed.

These two processes change the overall energy in a system.

The system refers to the reactants and products while the surrounding experiences a change in temperature due to the system releasing heat energy or absorbing heat.

For an **exothermic reaction**, the chemical reactions result in the **system losing heat energy to the surroundings**. The overall **energy level of the system decreases**.

For an **endothermic reaction**, the chemical reactions result in the **system gaining heat energy from the surroundings**. The overall **energy level of the system increases**.

Tips:

"My ex-bf is very hot"

Exothermic → surrounding temperature increases (hot)

EXOTHERMIC REACTION Energy/kJ reactants $-\Delta$ H products Exothermic reaction

EXOTHERMIC REACTION

An exothermic reaction is a process in which energy is given out to the surroundings.

Condensation and freezing are exothermic changes as heat is given out to the surroundings.

Combustion reactions are exothermic. Burning a compound (such as a hydrocarbon) in the presence of oxygen will generate heat and increase the temperature of the surroundings.

$$2H_{2}(g) + O_{2}(g) \rightarrow 2H_{2}O(l) + heat$$

Neutralisation reactions are exothermic. Heat is given out when hydrogen ions react with hydroxide ions to form water.

$$H^+$$
 (aq) + OH^- (aq) $\rightarrow H_2O$ (l) + heat

Displacement of a less reactive metal in a compound by a more reactive metal gives out heat.

$$Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s) + heat$$

ENDOTHERMIC REACTION Energy/kJ products $+\Delta H$ reactants Endothermic reaction

ENDOTHERMIC REACTION

An endothermic reaction is a change in which energy is taken in from the surroundings.

Melting and boiling are endothermic changes where heat energy is absorbed.

Dissolving ionic salts in water is endothermic. When some salts are dissolved in water, heat is absorbed. For instance, dissolving ammonium chloride or ammonium nitrate in water decreases the temperature of the solution.

$$NH_4Cl$$
 (s) + heat $\rightarrow NH_4Cl$ (aq)

Thermal decomposition is an endothermic process as most compounds absorb heat to be decomposed.

Green copper (II) carbonate absorbs heat and decomposes into black copper (II) oxide and carbon dioxide.

$$CuCO_3$$
 (s) + heat \rightarrow CuO (s) + CO₂ (g)

Electrolysis is an endothermic reaction that does not absorb heat energy. Instead, electrolysis involves taking in electrical energy in order to drive a reaction.

In the electrolysis of water, water decomposes into oxygen and hydrogen gas due to an electric current passing through the water.

$$2H_2O(I) \rightarrow 2H_2(g) + O_2(g)$$



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