

Exercise walk-through

Enthalpy change, ΔH ■ 5.1

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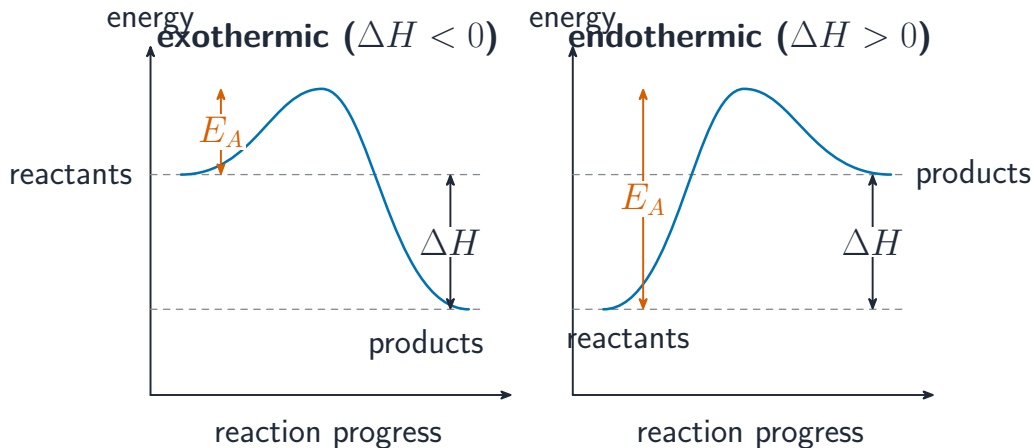
- interpret reaction pathway diagrams and define the standard enthalpy changes
- calculate ΔH_r from bond energies
- calculate enthalpy changes from experiment using $q = mc\Delta T$ and $\Delta H = -mc\Delta T/n$

Method — Exothermic and endothermic

Exothermic: products lower, $\Delta H < 0$. Endothermic: products higher, $\Delta H > 0$. The hill height is the activation energy

Standard conditions: 298 K, 101 kPa ($^{\ominus}$). Know ΔH_f (formation), ΔH_c (combustion), ΔH_{neut} (neutralisation).

Method — Exothermic and endothermic

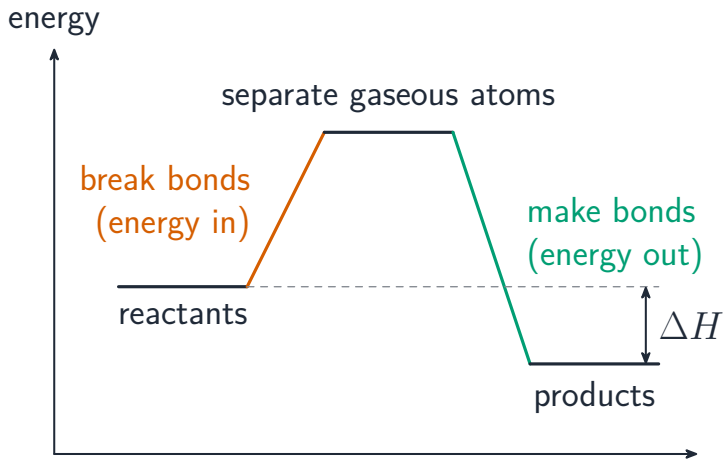


Method — Bond energies

$$\Delta H_r = \sum(\text{bonds broken}) - \sum(\text{bonds made})$$

Example. $\text{H}_2 + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{HCl}$ (H–H 436, Cl–Cl 242, H–Cl 431):
 $\Delta H = (436 + 242) - (2 \times 431) = -184 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$.

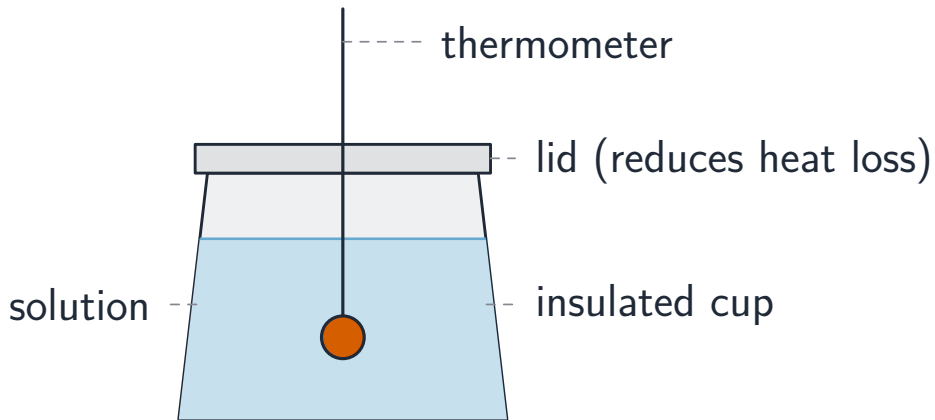
Method — Bond energies



Method — Measuring ΔH ($q = mc\Delta T$)

$q = mc\Delta T$; $\Delta H = -q/n$. **Example.** 0.50 g methanol (M_r 32) heats 100 g water by 18 °C ($c = 4.18$): $q = 100 \times 4.18 \times 18 = 7520$ J; $n = 0.50/32 = 0.0156$; $\Delta H_c = -7520/0.0156 \approx -480$ kJ mol⁻¹.

Method — Measuring ΔH ($q = mc\Delta T$)



An insulated cup with a thermometer measuring the temperature change of a solution

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State whether ΔH is positive or negative for an exothermic reaction, and what this means for the products' energy.

Solution 2.1

Method: Exothermic and endothermic

Worked steps

ΔH is negative **B1**; the products have less energy than the reactants **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Define the **enthalpy change of combustion**.

Solution 2.2

Worked steps

the enthalpy change when one mole of a substance **B1** is burned completely in oxygen under standard conditions **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

In an endothermic reaction:

- A** ΔH is negative and heat is given out
- B** ΔH is positive and heat is taken in
- C** the products are lower in energy
- D** no bonds are broken

Solution 3.1

Method: Exothermic and endothermic

A ΔH is negative and heat is given out

B ΔH is positive and heat is taken in



C the products are lower in energy

D no bonds are broken

Worked steps

B. Endothermic = ΔH positive, heat taken in.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Breaking a chemical bond is:

- A** exothermic (releases energy)
- B** endothermic (takes in energy)
- C** neither
- D** always $+431 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

Solution 3.2

Method: Bond energies

- A exothermic (releases energy)
- B endothermic (takes in energy)**
- C neither
- D always $+431 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$



Worked steps

B. Breaking a bond requires energy (endothermic).

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 3 marks

For $\text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3$, use bond energies (kJ mol^{-1} : $\text{N}\equiv\text{N}$ 945, $\text{H}-\text{H}$ 436, $\text{N}-\text{H}$ 391) to calculate ΔH_r .

Solution 3.3

Method: Bond energies

Worked steps

broken = $945 + 3(436) = 2253$; made = $6 \times 391 = 2346$ **M1** **M1**; $\Delta H = 2253 - 2346 = -93 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ **A1**.

Exam-style 3.4 ■ 1 mark

Burning 0.32 g of a fuel ($M_r = 32$) raises the temperature of 200 g of water by 9.0 °C ($c = 4.18$).

- (a) Calculate the heat released, q , in J.
- (b) Calculate the enthalpy change of combustion per mole.

Solution 3.4

Method: Measuring ΔH ($q = mc\Delta T$)

Worked steps

(a) $q = 200 \times 4.18 \times 9.0 = 7524 \text{ J}$ **B1**.

(b) $n = 0.32/32 = 0.010 \text{ mol}$ **M1**; $\Delta H_c = -q/n = -7524/0.010$ **M1** = -752 kJ mol^{-1} (≈ -750) **A1**.