

## Thermo chemical Principles: Heat Transfer Reactions

During a chemical reaction, atoms in reactants are rearranged into products with different heat energies (enthalpy).

2 situations can arise depending upon the relative heat energy of the reactants and products

### 1. Exothermic Reactions:

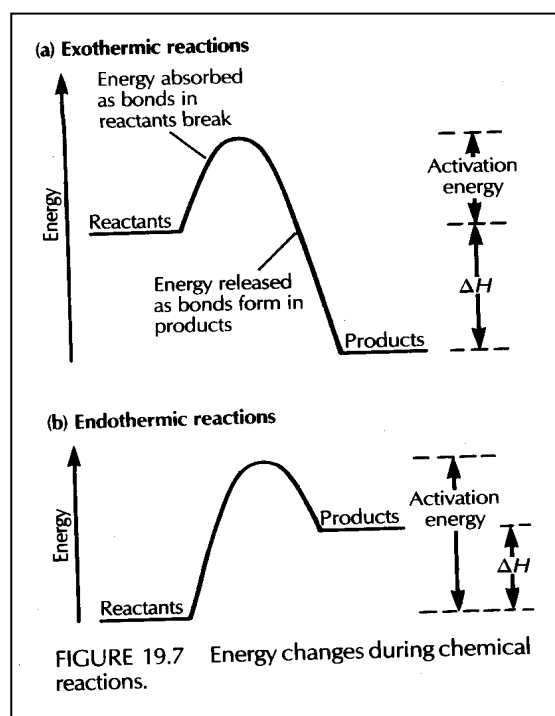
Total heat energy of products is less than energy of reactants.

- Energy has been released as **heat**
- Temperature of surroundings increases
- Bond **making** process
- Examples
  - physical changes of state
    - gas → liquid,
    - liquid → solid
    - gas → solid
  - chemical reactions:
    - neutralization
    - combustion
    - respiration
    - precipitation

### 2. Endothermic Reactions

Total heat energy of products is greater than energy of the reactants

- Heat energy has been **absorbed**
- Temperature of surroundings decreases
- Bond **breaking** process
- Examples
  - physical changes of state
    - liquid → gas,
    - solid → liquid
    - solid → gas (sublimation)
  - Chemical reactions:
    - photosynthesis



## Enthalpy (H)

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- heat content of a substance)
- When heat is released/absorbed in a reaction, the enthalpy (heat content) of reactants and products must be different

## Enthalpy change ( $\Delta H$ )

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- loss or gain of heat energy in a reaction.
- The amount of energy released / absorbed depends on the **amount** of reagents involved.
- Unit = kJ (kilojoules) or  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$  (kilojoules per mol)

$$\Delta_r H = \Sigma H_p - \Sigma H_r$$

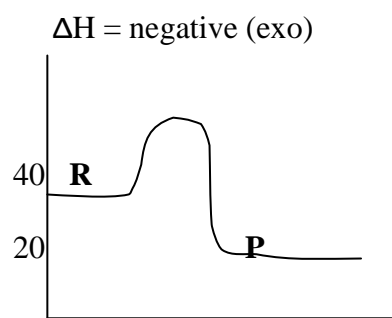
Enthalpy Change for a reaction      Sum of Enthalpy of Products      Sum of Enthalpy of Reactants

**Exothermic Reactions:**  $\Delta H = \text{negative}$

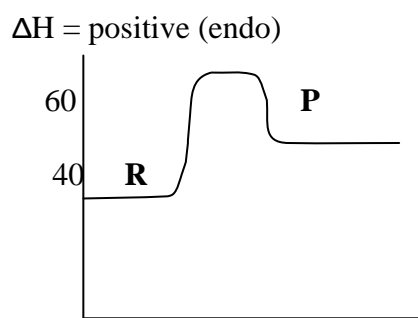
- products have less energy than reactants

**Endothermic Reactions:**  $\Delta H = \text{positive}$

- products have more energy than reactants



$$\begin{aligned}\Delta H &= H_p - H_r \\ &= 20 - 40 \\ &= -20\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\Delta H &= H_p - H_r \\ &= 60 - 40 \\ &= +20\end{aligned}$$

## Activation Energy

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Minimum amount of energy required to initiate a chemical reaction.

The minimum energy required to break the bonds of reactants so that a reaction can proceed. For this to occur, energy must be **absorbed**

Then new bonds form as products are created. Energy is **released** as this happens.

The  $\Delta H$  for the reaction is thus the net result of energy absorbed and released.