Chemical Processes: Energy and Factors Affecting Chemical Reactions

Key Terms

- Catalyst
- Rate of reaction
- Surface area
- Rate of reaction
- Endothermic
- Exothermic

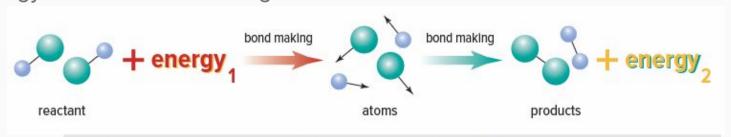
Energy affecting chemical reactions

- Activation energy: minimum amount of energy needed for a reaction to happen
- Reactants must collide with enough energy to break bonds for a chemical reaction to occur.
- Energy transfers between the system and the surroundings:
 - Energy that leaves the system enters the surroundings.
 - o Energy that enters the system came from the surroundings.

Exothermic and Endothermic Reactions

Exothermic reaction: a chemical reaction in which there is net release of energy to the surroundings

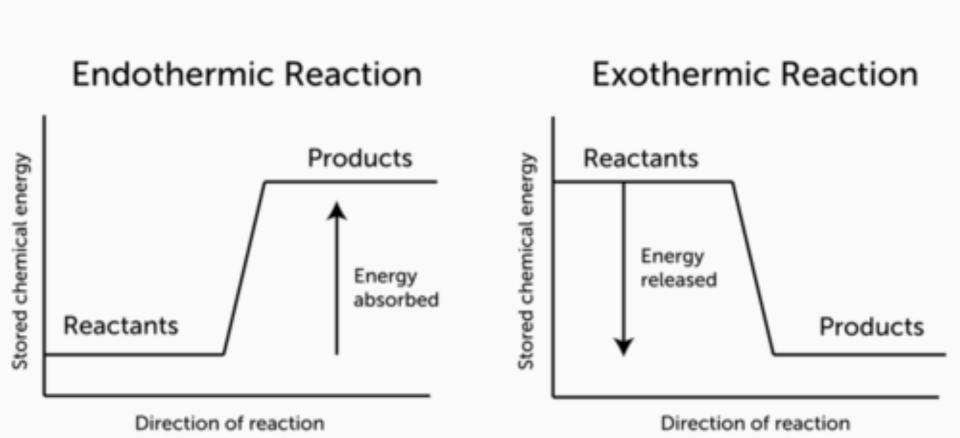
Endothermic reaction: a chemical reaction in which there is net absorption of energy from the surroundings



When energy₂ is greater than energy₁ = exothermic. When energy₁ is greater than energy₂ = endothermic.

Measuring Energy Changes





Factors Affecting the Rate of a Chemical Reaction

1. **Temperature:**

Heating causes atoms and molecules of the reactants to move more quickly resulting in more collisions and more energy. An increase in temperature results in an increase in reactions rate.

2. Concentration:

The greater the concentration the greater the chance of collision between atoms/molecules. An increase in concentration results in an increase in reaction rate.

3. Surface Area:

The more surface area available, the faster the reaction rate.

4. Catalyst:

A substance that speeds up the rate of a chemical reaction without being used up in the reaction. A catalyst is not included when we write out a chemical equation. Enzymes are an example if a catalyst in biological systems.

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