

PROBLEM INVOLVING ENERGY IN PROCESSES

1. Decide whether each of the following processes are endothermic or exothermic:

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| a. condensing steam into water | exothermic |
| b. burning a candle | exothermic |
| c. melting ice cream | endothermic |
| d. cooling hot coffee | exothermic |
| e. formation of snow flakes | exothermic |
| f. heating iron to form iron (II) oxide (from Reactions lab) | endothermic |

2. a. How many kJ are represented by 3.44×10^4 cal of heat?

$$3.44 \times 10^4 \times \frac{4.184 \text{ J}}{1 \text{ cal}} \times \frac{1 \text{ kJ}}{1000 \text{ J}} = 144 \text{ kJ}$$

b. If a reaction releases 70.8 kJ, how many nutritional calories does it generate?

$$70.8 \text{ kJ} \times \frac{1 \text{ kcal}}{4.184 \text{ kJ}} = 16.9 \text{ kcal or nutritional cal}$$

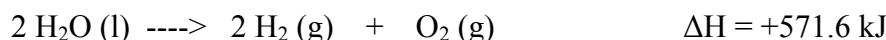
since $4.184 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ cal}$, $4.184 \text{ kJ} = 1 \text{ kcal}$

$1 \text{ kcal} = 1 \text{ nutritional cal}$

c. How can you determine the amount of heat exchanged in a reaction?

You can do the reaction in a container immersed in a known amount of water. If you measure the change in the temperature of the water you can calculate the energy released or absorbed since it takes 1 calorie (or 4.184 J) to raise one gram of water by 1 degree centigrade (or 1 cal absorbed for each 1 degree drop per gram).

3. Use the following equation to answer the questions that follow it:



a. Is this process exothermic or endothermic and why?

Endothermic since ΔH is positive which means products contain more energy than the reactants.

b. How many kJ are transferred when 25.0 g of water are decomposed?

$$25.0 \text{ g H}_2\text{O} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}}{18.0 \text{ g H}_2\text{O}} \times \frac{571.6 \text{ kJ}}{2 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}} = 397 \text{ kJ}$$

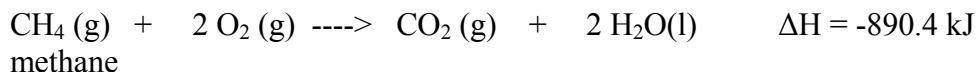
c. How many g of hydrogen are produced when 775 J of energy are used?

$$775 \text{ J} \times \frac{1 \text{ kJ}}{1000 \text{ J}} \times \frac{2 \text{ mol H}_2}{571.6 \text{ kJ}} \times \frac{2.00 \text{ g H}_2}{1 \text{ mol H}_2} = 5.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g H}_2$$

- d. How many mol of water are decomposed if 450 kJ are used?

$$450 \text{ kJ} \times \frac{2 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}}{571.6 \text{ kJ}} = 1.57 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}$$

4. Use the following equation to answer the questions that follow it:



- a. Is this process exothermic or endothermic and why?
Exothermic because $\Delta H = -$ so the products have less energy than the reactants and energy was released.
- b. How many moles of methane are required to transfer 4.66×10^3 kJ?

$$4.66 \times 10^3 \text{ kJ} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol CH}_4}{890.4 \text{ kJ}} = 5.23 \text{ mol CH}_4$$

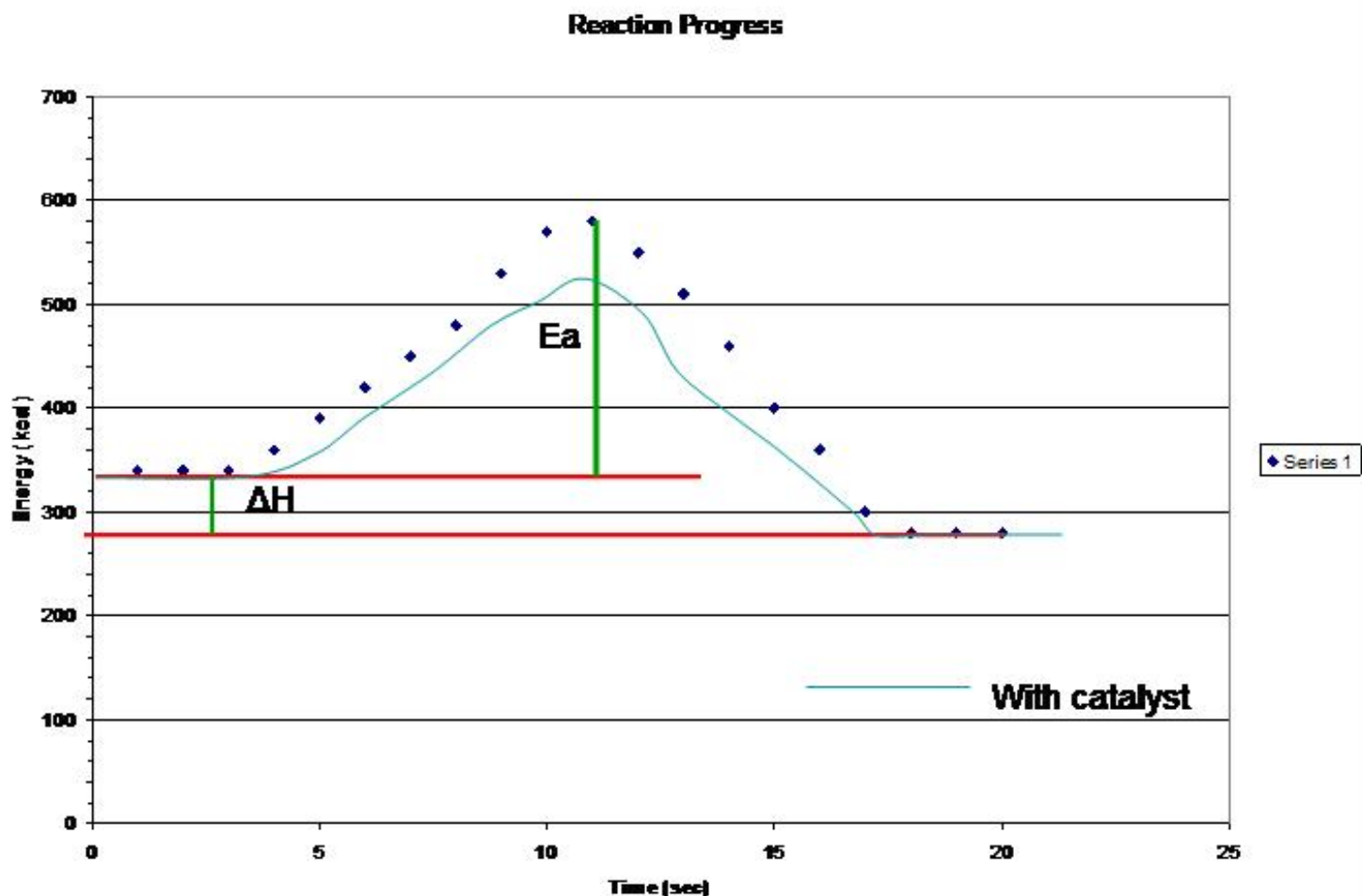
- c. If you start with 10.0 g of methane and 20 g of oxygen gas, how much energy will be transferred?

$$10.0 \text{ g CH}_4 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol CH}_4}{16.0 \text{ g CH}_4} \times \frac{890.4 \text{ kJ}}{1 \text{ mol CH}_4} = 557 \text{ kJ}$$

$$20.0 \text{ g O}_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol O}_2}{32.0 \text{ g O}_2} \times \frac{890.4 \text{ kJ}}{2 \text{ mol O}_2} = 2.8 \times 10^2 \text{ kJ}$$

The answer is 2.8×10^2 kJ because this is a limiting reactant situation and you select the least amount of energy released.

5. Use the graph below to address the questions that follow it:



- Determine the activation energy for this reaction.
 $580 - 335 \text{ kcal} = 245 \text{ kcal}$
- Is the reaction endothermic or exothermic? Explain how you know.
Exothermic because the final products have less energy than the reactants so energy must have been released.
- Determine the amount of energy absorbed or released in the process.
 $335 - 280 \text{ kcal} = 55 \text{ kcal}$
- On the axes above, sketch the graph of the reaction if a catalyst is added.
See graph above