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CHEMICAL REACTIONS

- All substances have characteristic **chemical properties**:
 - These properties describe the tendency of a chemical to react with other substances to form new substances
- These changes are termed **chemical reactions**:
 - Bonds between atoms are broken
 - New arrangements of the atoms are formed
 - Requires either the release or absorption of energy

*In living systems, these reactions are collectively termed **metabolism***

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KINETIC-MOLECULAR THEORY & REACTIONS

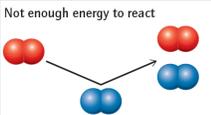
- Energy** is the capacity to do work or transfer heat:

Kinetic energy <i>Energy of Movement</i> Heat Mechanical	Potential energy <i>Energy of position</i> Chemical Tension (e.g. "spring")
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- The *kinetic-molecular view of matter* holds that atoms and molecules are in constant motion:
 - As heat is added to a substance, its molecules gain kinetic energy, and thus move faster.
 - Temperature is a measure of the average kinetic energy of the particles in a substance.

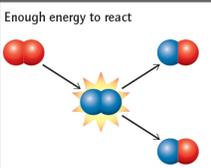
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CHEMICAL REACTIONS

Not enough energy to react



Enough energy to react



$O_2 + N_2 \rightarrow 2 NO$

- When two molecules **collide**, one of two things can happen:
 - They bounce off each other
 - Nothing happens
 - They combine in a new way
 - Bonds are broken & reformed
- Chemical reactions** are the productive result of molecular collisions that change bonds:
 - Starting materials = **reactants**
 - Final materials = **products**

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OUTLINE

- 8.1 Writing and Balancing a Chemical Equation
- 8.2 Energy and Chemical Reactions
- 8.3 Kinetics: Reaction Rates

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LAW OF CONSERVATION OF MASS

- In every chemical reaction, the number and types of atoms in the reactants is always the same as the number and types of atoms in the products
 - This is a fundamental principle of nature, and is called the law of conservation of mass

Combustion of natural gas on a stovetop....

$\text{CH}_4 + 2 \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$

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WRITING CHEMICAL EQUATIONS

- A **chemical equation** is a short-hand way to describe a complete **chemical reaction**
- Chemical equations include:
 1. All the chemical components of the reaction
 2. Relative numbers of each component (**coefficients**)
 3. An arrow separating reactants and products in the order of their appearance
 4. Physical states of each component (only if they are expected to change)

$\text{CH}_4(\text{g}) + 2 \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$

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COMBUSTION REACTIONS

- In combustion reactions, *organic compounds* react with *oxygen* to form carbon dioxide and water
 - > **Reactants:** $C_xH_y(Z) + O_2$
 - > **Products:** $CO_2 + H_2O$
- Energy** (heat and/or light) is always released

$$C_6H_{12}O_6(aq) + 6O_2(g) \longrightarrow 6CO_2(g) + 6H_2O(g)$$

Coefficients

Reactants
Products

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BALANCING CHEMICAL EQUATIONS

- Chemical reactions **MUST** follow the law of conservation of matter....so they **MUST** *balance*!
- Coefficients** for each reactant & product are used to demonstrate balanced chemical reactions

$$C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2 \longrightarrow 6CO_2 + 6H_2O$$

Coefficients

Oxygen subscripts

$(1 \times 6) + (6 \times 2) = (6 \times 2) + (6 \times 1)$
 $6 + 12 = 12 + 6$
18 oxygen atoms = 18 oxygen atoms

Balanced chemical reactions demonstrate the **molar ratios** of each component in the reaction

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GUIDELINES FOR BALANCING EQUATIONS

- Assess the equation.**
 - Determine the number and types of atoms in each reactant and product. If the numbers are not equal on both sides, the equation is not balanced.
- Balance the equation one atom type at a time by inserting coefficients.**
 - Systematically insert coefficients, and see if the equation is balanced.
 - Never change the subscripts!
- Check that the coefficients cannot be divided by a common divisor.**
 - Proper annotation uses only integers for coefficients
 - Always use the lowest common denominator!

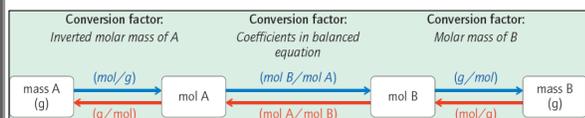
PRACTICE PROBLEMS

Balance the following chemical equations by inserting the appropriate coefficients:

- a. $\text{CH}_2\text{O}_2 (\text{l}) + \text{O}_2 (\text{g}) \longrightarrow \text{CO}_2 (\text{g}) + \text{H}_2\text{O} (\text{g})$
- b. $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5 (\text{g}) \longrightarrow \text{NO}_2 (\text{g}) + \text{O}_2 (\text{g})$
- c. $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2 (\text{l}) + \text{O}_2 (\text{g}) \longrightarrow \text{CO}_2 (\text{g}) + \text{H}_2\text{O} (\text{g})$
- d. $\text{CaCO}_3 (\text{s}) + \text{HCl} (\text{aq}) \longrightarrow \text{CO}_2 (\text{g}) + \text{H}_2\text{O} (\text{l}) + \text{CaCl}_2 (\text{aq})$

REACTION STOICHIOMETRY CALCULATIONS

- **Stoichiometry** is the process of calculating how many *grams of product* form from a given number of *grams of reactant*.
- Stoichiometric calculations only require:
 1. A balanced chemical equation
 2. The **molar mass** of *each* component



PRACTICE PROBLEM

How many grams of carbon dioxide are formed when 10.0 g of glucose undergoes combustion to form carbon dioxide and water? Begin by writing the complete balanced equation.

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UNITS OF ENERGY

- The most commonly used units for energy are **calories (cal)** and **joules (J)**:
 - 1 **calorie** is defined as the amount of heat needed to raise 1 gram of water by 1°C (a *relative* unit!)
 - 1 **cal** = 4.184 **joules** (a precise ratio, so ∞ sig figs!)
- Food **Calories** are equal to **kilocalories**:
 - Note the *uppercase C* in food Calories.
 - 1 kilocalorie (kcal) is 10^3 calories

Unit	Conversion
calorie (cal)	1 cal = 4.184 J (exact)
Calorie (Cal) (note capital C)	1 Cal = 1 kcal
kilocalorie (kcal)	1 kcal = 10^3 cal

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PRACTICE PROBLEM

How would we do the following conversions?

Note: More than one step may be required when there is not a direct conversion.

- How many calories are in 48.8 J?
- How many joules are in 5.79 kcal?

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HEAT ENERGY

- Energy** is transferred in chemical reactions, often in the form of heat energy:
 - Other energy may also be released, such as light or kinetic (mechanical) energy

Example: combustion reactions

$$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8(\text{g}) + 5 \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 3 \text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + 4 \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) + \text{Heat Energy}$$

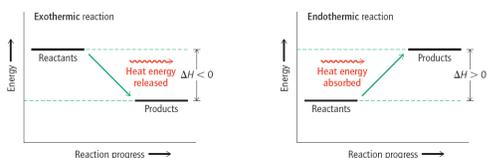
- So where does this heat energy come from?
 - Heat energy transferred is referred to as the **change in enthalpy (ΔH)** of the reaction.
 - the Δ (delta) symbol always means "change in" something

ENTHALPY & BOND ENERGIES

- The total amount of energy stored in the covalent bonds of a molecule is called its **enthalpy**:
 - Enthalpy** = bond energy
 - Different types of bonds have different levels of energy
- Like mass, energy is conserved in chemical reactions:
 - First Law of Thermodynamics**: energy can never be created nor destroyed
- Energy** is either released or absorbed when chemical bonds are altered in a chemical reaction:
 - Energy must be *absorbed* to break a bond
 - Energy is *released* in forming a new bond

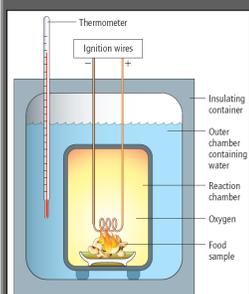
ENERGY DIAGRAMS & ENTHALPY

- Energy diagrams** can be used to show whether energy is absorbed or released in a chemical reaction:
 - In an **exothermic** reaction, heat is released to the surroundings, which become hotter → **ΔH is negative**
 - In an **endothermic** reaction, heat is absorbed from the surroundings, which become cooler → **ΔH is positive**



CALORIMETRY

- Calorimetry** is the measurement of enthalpy change (ΔH) using an instrument called a **calorimeter**
- “Bomb calorimetry”**
 - If a compound can be completely combusted, its energy content is easy to determine:
 - Known mass of compound
 - Known mass (volume) of water in the tank
 - Change in temperature of water before & after combustion allows calculation of released energy



PRACTICE PROBLEM

Indicate (A) whether each of the following processes is **catabolic** or **anabolic**.

Indicate (B) whether each *releases* energy (**exothermic**) or *absorbs* energy (**endothermic**) overall.

- Building muscle protein from amino acid molecules
- A bear burning fat during hibernation
- Storing glucose in the form of large polymers, known as glycogen

CHEMICAL KINETICS & REACTION RATE

- Chemical kinetics** is the study of how fast reactions proceed

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{\text{change in a quantity}}{\text{change in time}} \quad \text{Velocity} = \frac{\text{change in distance}}{\text{change in time}}$$

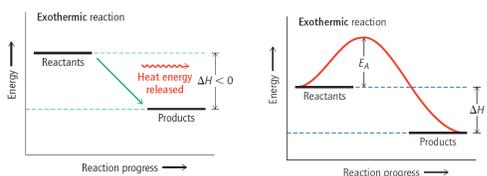
- Reaction rates are measured by following concentration changes of product or reactant over time.

$$\text{Reaction Rate} = \frac{\text{change in product concentration}}{\text{change in time}} = \frac{\Delta [\text{product}]}{\Delta \text{time}}$$

- Reaction rate is *highly variable*:
 - Some reactions occur very fast, in milliseconds
 - Other reactions would take thousands of years to occur
 - Biochemical reactions take place in an intermediate time

ENERGY DIAGRAMS & ACTIVATION ENERGY

- The change in **enthalpy** (ΔH) for a reaction has no effect on reaction rate
 - The change in enthalpy only tells us how much energy is being released or absorbed in a reaction
- Reaction rate depends on another quantity called the **activation energy** (E_A) of a reaction



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ACTIVATION ENERGY AS BARRIER

- **Activation energy (E_A)** is the energy barrier to a reaction occurring when two molecules collide:
 - If the activation energy is *low* → the reaction goes *fast*
 - If the activation energy is *high* → the reaction is *slow*
- **Reaction diagrams** showing activation energy allow us to predict the rate of a chemical reaction.

Exothermic reaction

Endothermic reaction

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THE VARIABLES OF REACTION RATE

- **Reaction rate** is affected by several factors:
 1. concentration of reactants = ↑ [reactants]
 2. temperature of the reaction
 3. presence of a *catalyst*

Consider the decomposition reaction:

$$2 \text{N}_2\text{O}_5 (\text{g}) \rightarrow 4 \text{NO}_2 (\text{g}) + \text{O}_2 (\text{g})$$

Reactant concentration & time to completion are indirectly related

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REACTION RATE AND CONCENTRATION

- Chemical reactions are about **molecule collisions**:
 - More molecules.....more collisions!
 - The reaction rate will increase when more molecules are present

$$2 \text{N}_2\text{O}_5 (\text{g}) \rightarrow 4 \text{NO}_2 (\text{g}) + \text{O}_2 (\text{g})$$

Reaction rate is directly proportional to [reactants]

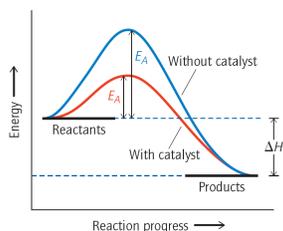
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REACTION RATE AND TEMPERATURE

- **Temperature** is the average kinetic energy of a population of molecules:
 - Faster moving molecules (more kinetic energy) undergo *more collisions* per second
 - Faster molecule velocity also means that molecules collide with *greater force* (more energy is transferred)
- Temperature and reaction rate are also *directly* related to each other:
 - As temperature increases, so does reaction rate
 - Reaction rate roughly *doubles* for every 10°C change in temperature

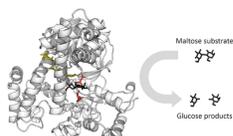
REACTION RATE AND CATALYSTS

- A **catalyst** is a substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction by *lowering the activation energy* (E_A) for the reaction:
 - Enzymes can speed up reactions by factors ranging from 10^5 – 10^{17} **fold!**
 - The same amount of energy is released or absorbs in the presence of a catalyst
→ **ΔH is constant**



BIOCHEMICAL CATALYSIS

- Biochemical systems are "**isothermic**":
 - Constant temperature of ~37°C
 - Increasing reaction rate by changing temperature is impossible in living organisms!
- Biochemical reactions are controlled by specialized biological catalysts called **enzymes**



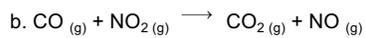
- Most enzymes are proteins
- The reactions they catalyze are incredibly specific!

PRACTICE PROBLEMS

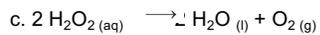
For the following reactions, determine whether the indicated change in conditions would increase or decrease the reaction rate.



More H_2O_2 is added to the reaction.



The temperature is reduced from 430°C to 330°C .



Sodium iodide, a catalyst, is added to the reaction.
