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Thermodynamics Unit - Quantifying Heat (Group Problems)

1. How much heat, in joules, is required to raise the temperature of 205 g of water from 21.1 °C to 91.4 °C?

Work:

$$q = mC_{water} \Delta T$$

$$q = (205g)(4.184 \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C})(91.4^{\circ}C - 21.1^{\circ}C)$$

$$q = 60,298 \ J$$

2. A constant pressure (coffee cup type) calorimeter having a heat capacity of 472 $J^{*\circ}C^{-1}$ is used to measure the heat evolved when the following aqueous solutions, both initially at 22.6 °C, are mixed: 100 g of solution containing 6.62 g of lead(II) nitrate, Pb(NO₃)₂, and 100. g of solution containing 6.00 g of sodium iodide, NaI. The final temperature is 24.2 °C. Assume that the specific heat of the mixture is the same as that for water, 4.184 J^*g^{-1*} °C-¹. Calculate the amount of heat evolved in the reaction. Calculate the ΔH of the reaction as written.

$$-Pb(NO_3)_2(aq) + 2NaI(aq) \rightarrow PbI_2(s) + 2NaNO_3(aq)$$

Work:

The mass of the solutions after being mixed is a total of 200 grams.

$$\begin{split} q_{cal} &= -\Delta H_{rxn} = C_{cal} \Delta T + m C_{solution} \Delta T \\ -\Delta H_{rxn} &= (472 \frac{J}{^{\circ}C})(24.2^{\circ}C - 22.6^{\circ}C) + (200g)(4.184 \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C})(24.2^{\circ}C - 22.6^{\circ}C) \end{split}$$

$$-\Delta H_{rxn} = 2094 J$$

$$\Delta H_{rxn} = -2094 J$$

The reaction raises the temperature of the water and calorimeter, which means that the reaction was exothermic (a negative ΔH).

3. The thermo chemical equation for the combustion of cyclohexane

$$C_6H_{12}(l) + 9O_2(g) \rightarrow 6CO_2(g) + 6H_2O(l)$$

$$\Delta H = -3920 \text{ kJ/mol at } 298 \text{ K}.$$

What is the change in internal energy for the combustion of 1.00 mol $C_6H_{12}(l)$ at 298K?

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Work:

$$\Delta U = q + w$$

$$\Delta U = \Delta H - P\Delta V$$

$$\Delta U = \Delta H - \Delta n_{gas} RT$$

$$\Delta U = (-3920 \frac{kJ}{mol}) - (6mol - 9mol)(0.008314 \frac{kJ}{Kmol})(298K)$$

$$\Delta U = -3912.6 \ kJ$$

4. Compare the energy of combustion of H_2 to CH_4 using a bomb calorimeter with a heat capacity of 11.3 kJ/ $^{\circ}$ C. When a 1.50 g sample of methane gas was burned with excess oxygen in the calorimeter, the T increased by 7.3 $^{\circ}$ C. When a 1.15 g sample of hydrogen gas was burned with excess oxygen, the temperature increase was 14.3 $^{\circ}$ C. Calculate the energy of combustion (per gram) for hydrogen and methane.

First we should write out the combustion reactions for both:

$$CH_4(g) + 2O_2(g) \rightarrow CO_2(g) + 2H_2O(l)$$

 $H_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \rightarrow H_2O(l)$

We know that in a bomb calorimeter there is no expansion work. So we will calculate the q value for each reaction.

Methane:

$$\begin{split} \Delta U &= q_{sys} \\ q_{sys} &= -q_{cal} = -C_{cal} \Delta T \\ q_{sys} &= -(11.3 \frac{kJ}{^{\circ}C})(7.3 ^{\circ}C) \\ q_{sys} &= -83kJ \\ \Delta U_{pergram} &= \frac{q_{sys}}{mass} = \frac{-83kJ}{1.5g} = -55 \frac{kJ}{g} \\ Hydrogen: \end{split}$$

$$\Delta U = q_{sys}$$

$$q_{sys} = -q_{cal} = -C_{cal}\Delta T$$

$$q_{sys} = -(11.3 \frac{kJ}{^{\circ}C})(14.3 ^{\circ}C)$$

$$q_{svs} = -162kJ$$

$$\Delta U_{pergram} = \frac{q_{sys}}{mass} = \frac{-162kJ}{1.15g} = -141\frac{kJ}{g}$$

The combustion reactions are exothermic, which is why the calorimeter experiences a rise in temperature in both cases. The ΔU values are negative because of the negative q values for the reactions.