Wkst 1.2: Activation Energies

For the P.E. diagrams below, showing the progress of a chemical reaction, draw the curve and show:

a) ΔH for the over-all reaction

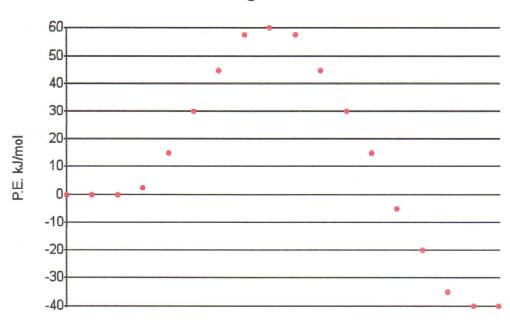
- d) the Ear for each step
- b) if the latter is exothermic or endothermic
- e) the preferred reaction direction

c) the Eaf for each step

f) the rate-determining step

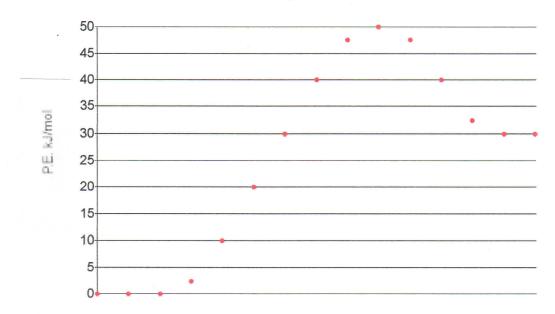
 $E_{\alpha f}$ = the activation energy in the forward direction $E_{\alpha r}$ = the activation energy in the reverse direction

Diagram 1



Reaction Coordinates

Diagram 2



Reaction Coordinates

Diagram 3

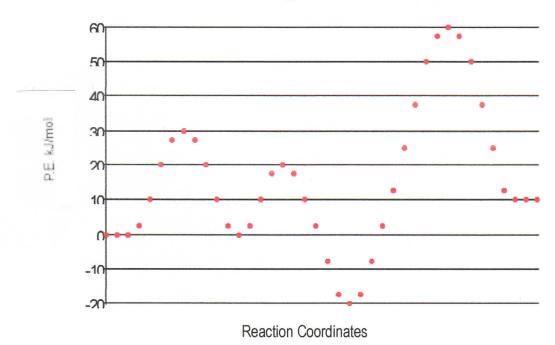
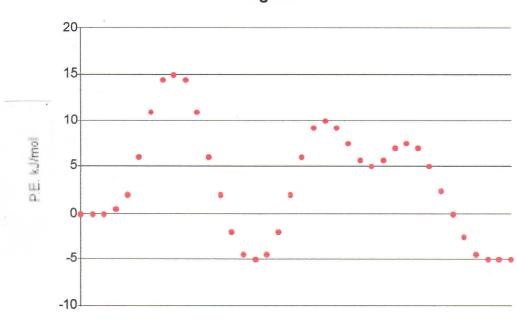


Diagram 4



Reaction Coordinates