Integrative Physiology in Modelica

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# Introduction

## Imagine

Imagine the power to develop complex physical human health simulation just by dragging, dropping and connecting of small amount of components from prepared library to schemes. Schemes such as electrical circuits with connectors independent of direction of calculation. And each of this scheme can be used many times in many other schemes with different values of parameters for each usage as tissues, cells, organelles, receptors, macromolecules are understood.

# Methods

## Physical principles

Generalization of physical laws leads to similar principles between many physical domains. Motivation is not only to have similar mathematical expressions, but also to use prepared methodology from one domain to another. For example an electrical circuit diagrams can be generalized for chemical, osmotic, hydraulic or other non-electrical systems. To do this, it is necessary to find analogies in physical quantities and physical laws. With only two quantities can be described the state of subsystems at interfaces. One of this variable is flow in term of Kirchhoff law, i.e., the sum of connected flows is zero at each place in scheme. The second has to be non-flow in the meaning that it has the same value in each connected side. The flows are usually changes of some quantity in time such as volumetric flow, molar flow, heat flow, electric current, magnetic flux or mechanical force. The non-flows should be some effort such as pressure, concentration, temperature, electric potential, magnetic potential or space position. The most of physical laws from mentioned physical domains can be represented with equations with mentioned flow and non-flow physical quantities, for example the hydraulic resistance, diffusion, thermal conduction, Ohm’s law etc.

### Quantities and Units

Energy in medicine and chemistry has a very long tradition. One must not be confused by its different units and definitions. The researcher must be aware of multiple definitions of calorie, such as the international calorie, the 15°C calorie, the thermal calorie or the Calorie with a capital "C". The origin of this unit is in the thermal energy needed to heat one gram of water by one degree Celsius. But because the measurement conditions may differ, these alternative definitions are necessary. In physiology it is recommended to use only international calorie as defined in Table 1. The flow of heat/energy is usually calculated in kcal/min, but in physics this is called power and is expressed in the SI unit watts.

Pressure units in medicine are also mainly based on historical measurements. For many years blood pressure was measured by the mercury sphygmomanometer, where the pressure is represented by the change of mercury hydrostatic column height. And because the scale of units on the column is in millimetres the pressure unit is called millimetre of mercury 'mmHg'. There also exists a very small difference between this unit and torrs. It is caused again by variance in measurement conditions.

Many physiological processes are based on electrical principles in the human body. The main cause of this is that each cell has a nonconductive membrane with molecular structures called channels, through which the fluxes of electrolytes can be precisely regulated. Even more, the cells use energy from metabolism to retain a small electric potential between inside and outside. This view leads to a unit called equivalents or “eq”. A charge of 1eq, for example, has 1mol of sodium cations (Na+). The fluxes of electrically charged ions can be in meq/min, but in physics the SI unit ampere is more generally used.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Unit conversion table  (for Modelica environment display-unit setting) | | | | |
|  | x kcal | = | 4186.8\*x | J |
|  | x kcal/min | = | 69.78\*x | W |
|  | x mmHg | = | 133.322387415\*x | Pa |
|  | x degC | = | 273.15 + x | K |
|  | x meq | = | 96.4853365\*x | C |
|  | x meq/min | = | 1.60808894\*x | A |
|  | x mosm | = | 0.001\*x | mol |
|  | x litreSTP | = | 0.044031617\*x | mol |
|  | x litreSATP | = | 0.040339548\*x | mol |
|  | x litreNIST | = | 0.041571200\*x | mol |

Table 1, Selected Non-SI units in physiology

Another strange unit describing the amount of substance is the osmol (“osm”), which has the same value as the mol, but which highlights the property that this substance cannot cross the membrane together with the flux of its solvent.

For gases, it is common to measure the amount as volume, which for specific measurement conditions is equivalent to the number of molecules. The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) set this standard condition for temperature and pressure (STP) precisely at 0°C and 100kPa. But other standards exist. For example, SATP is measured at 25°C and 100kPa, or the standard measurement condition at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), which is 20°C and 101.325kPa.

In physiology are wildly used also the units for direct-unmeasurable substances. Such small concentrations as 10-12 moles per liter is almost impossible to measure directly and only the indirect measurements with immunoreactions or biological effects are known. But the effect of some substances at these small concentration could be so crucial that they need to be somehow calculated in physiological model. Most of these substances are called hormones, but some could be also enzymes (renin) or cytokines (erythropoietin). Pharmacological units of this substances are define as ratios to some extracted and purified standardized sample which has also unknown molar concentration, but known and well described biological effect. As a result the pharmacological international unit of substances have not many times any equivalent in SI units, but it need to be used in physiological calculations as they are.

### Reciprocal quantities

Some standardization should be done also with definitions of parameters, inputs and outputs. For example each two variables in the meaning of reciprocal quantities are connected only with trivial equation a=1/b and manual handling of both these variables in the model does not bring any additional information to the model because their physical meaning is the same. Even the zero-infinity numerical problem can be very easily solved by selecting variables to the smallest representable floating point number or highest representable floating point number which are typically far enough from tolerance limits even for very long simulations.

These couples of reciprocal quantities are derivable from almost each physiological parameter such as hydraulic resistance – hydraulic conductance, hydraulic elastance – hydraulic compliance, frequency – period time, solubility – volatility, dissociation coefficient – association coefficient etc. To simplify this situation is better to select only one of each couple and build the physiological and chemical laws above as usually in physics, because the inputs or outputs can be always recalculated by software environment such as in case of non-SI units.

### Conservation laws

Energy

Mass

Molar

Charge

## Modelica Principles

Object oriented programming

### Definition vs. Instance

Parametrization

Inheritance

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Generic redefinition

### Connections

Input,output

Expandable connector

Connector (nonflow, flow)

Stream connector

### Steady states

(Non-)oscilating system

Der = 0,

Chemical equilibrium,

Law of delailed balance

Hydraulical equilibrium

# Physiolibrary

## Chemical domain

Substance

Der(Solute) = soluteFlow

Concentration = Solute/volume

Chemical reaction

Dissociation constant

Forward/backward reaction rate

Stoichiometric coefficients

Activity coefficients

Exothermal/Endothermal reaction

Temperature dependence

Filtration and diffusion

permeability

electroneutrality

Donnan’s equilibrium

diffusion

Solubility

Gas solubility in water

Henry’s law

Temperature dependence

Heat flow

Clearance and degradation

Clearance = K\*solventFlow

Pump and stream

Solute flow

Solution flow

Mixing of solutions

Dilution

q\_out.conc = d \* q\_in.conc;

Speciation

Chemical forms

Chemical species

Independent goups/sides

Reabsorption

Primary filtrate in nefrons

Fractional reabsorbtion

threshhold

## Osmotic domain

OsmoticCell

Accumulation of penetratinf liquid

Membrane

Osmotic pressure,

osmotic gradiend

hydraulic component

temperature dependence

## Thermal domain

HeatAccumulation

Relative heat

Temperature gradient

IdealRadiator

Tissue temperature = outflowing blood temperature

Conductor

Temperature gradient

Stream

Flow of heated liquid

Mixing liquids of different temperatures

## Hydraulic domain

ElasticVessel

PV characteristic

Zero pressure volume

Excess volume

Compliance/elastance

Collapse

Conductance

Pressure gradient

Hydraulic resistance

Vasoconstriction/vasodilatation

Hydrostatic column

P=g ro h

Gravity experiments

Blood in legs

Elastic membrane

Cavity in cavity

Ventilation

Ideal valve

Switching state

Forward/ backward flow

Forward conductance/ backward resistance

Modelica implementation

Inertia

I\*der(q\_in.q) = (q\_in.pressure - q\_out.pressure)

Pump

Generation of volumetric flow

heart

Reabsorption

nefrone

## Examples

SimpleReaction

Build by drag&drop

Hemoglobin

MVC model

NHCOO- extension

Titration extension

CardiovascularSystem GCG1972

description

# Physiomodel

## Cardiovascular system

Heart pump

Cardiac output (CO) as a mean blood flow from heart ventricle is heart rate (HR) multiplied by stroke volume (SV), where stroke volume is difference of end diastolic volume (EDV) [Gaasch1975,Carter1998] and end systolic volume (ESV) [Noda1993]. The HR and heart contractility (in the meaning of ESV) [Suga1976] can be influenced by nervus vagus (main parasympathicus autonomic neural pathway) [Xenopoulos1994], epinephrine [Collins-Nakai1994] or angiotensin II [Kumagai1994]. The most comon descriptions are pressure-volume relations [Sawaga1988] as in famous A-V fistula experiments [Guyton1961] or filling pressure experiments [Suga1974] or less invasive exercise experiments [Little1993].

There is some evidence of non-steady state behaviour of end diastolic volume, because the stroke volume is dependent on heart rate [Ross1965,Sugimoto1966].

Blood viscosity[Begg1966,Schrier1970]

Vasoconstriction [Mellander1992, Shigemi1994]

The compliance of systemic arteries is constant around normal working conditions [Roach1957].

Systemic veins [Shigemi1994,Echt1974,Gauer1956]

Muscle pump effect [Armstrong1985,Laughlin1987,Laughlin1983]

Sequestered volume [Ochsner1951,Mayerson1939,Bevegard1962,Pollack1949,Block1930,Henry1950,Thomson1928]

Kidney blood flow [Skarlatos1993,Manning1987] - effect to renal arteries [Skov1996]

-myogenic [Auckland1989,Drummond2008,Heyeraas1987]

-tubuloglomerular feedback [Moore1990,Drummond2008,Ito1990]

Splanchnic circulation [Maass-Moreno1992,Bradley1953,Bradley1952,Mitzner1974,Laine1979]

- effect of norepinephrine [Greenway1985,Laut1987]

- effect of histamine [Greenway1973]

Brain blood flow [Kety1948]

Blood Volume regulations

- hypoproteinemia [Manning1990,Manning1983]

Autoregulation of circulation

- CO on CO2 [Davidson1986]

- ,Hogan1990,Lash1987,Malo1984,Marshall1995,Metting1989,Metting1988,Weber2000,Borgström1975,Whalen1974,Frisbee2000,Berg1997,Burattini1994,POHOST1976,Archer1996,Goodman1978,Granger1976,Granger1969,Harder1996,Harder1996,Marshall1988,Frisbee2000,Kunert1996,Prewitt1976,Kuwahira1993]

RAAS and other regulations .. see hormones, nerves and drugs

## Osmolarity and Water distribution

The model of water (Fig1) such as the model of extracellular proteins is divided into eight main compartments: blood plasma (plasma), red blood cells (RBC), interstitial (IST)/intracellular(ICF) water of upper torso(UT), middle torso(MT) and lower torso(LT). These compartments are connected with osmotic connectors because an osmolality is the main force of transferring the water in the body. Chosen distribution of body water (41 l) between compartments is written in Table I.



Table I, Typical steady-state water volume of compartments [l]

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Plasma | RBC | UT\_IST | UT\_ICF | MT\_IST | MT\_ICF | LT\_IST | LT\_ICF |
| 3.0 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 12.5 | 3.4 | 7.5 |

Typical mean water flows between all compartments are listed in Table II as described in many studies [1-4]. In gastrointestinal tract are absorbed, in each torso is metabolically produced and also excreted by sweating or by vaporization. Flows such as hemorrhage, transfusion, intravenous drip, to peritoneum, to lungs edema are zero at normal condition. Outflow of water to urine is modeled by kidney.

Table II,Typical steady-state water flows between compartments [ml/min]

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | plasma | UT | MT | LT | Total |
| from diet | 1.4 |  |  |  | -1.4 |
| through capilaries | -3.01 | 0.38 | 1.23 | 1.40 |  |
| lymph | 2.41 | -0.32 | -0.75 | -1.34 |  |
| from metabolism |  | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.06 | -0.23 |
| evaporation |  | -0.12 | -0.59 | -0.12 | 0.83 |
| to urine | -0.8 |  |  |  | 0.8 |

### Extracellular proteins

Usually are proteins calculated at mass units, but our implementation calculate their amount of substance, because the molar concentration *c* plays the role in osmotic pressure *p* by Eq1, where *R* is gas constant and *T* is temperature.

We can assume, that average molar mass of globulins is 34.5 kDa and molar mass of albumin is 66.5 kDa. And also that the mass of albumins is about 60% of total plasmatic protein mass.

Table I, Typical plasma proteins concentrations [mmol/l]

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | Albumin | Globulins |
| 1.44 | 0.63 | 0.81 |

The model of proteins (Fig2) has four main compartments: blood plasma, upper torso interstitium, middle torso interstitium and lower torso interstitium. Normal concentrations at interstitial compartments are listed in table Table II. Normal proteins synthesis and degradation of 10 mg/min can be changed with deviation of their colloid pressure or plasmatic concentration. Movement between compartments is caused by capillary membrane concentration gradient or lymph flow from interstitium to blood as implemented in scheme of Fig2. And special changes of plasmatic concentration could be done by intravenous therapy, hemorrhage or pathological states, when proteins enter the peritoneum space or primary urine filtrate.

Table II, Typical protein concentrations in interstitium [mmol/l]

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Upper torso | Middle torso | Lower torso |
| 0.6 | 0.48 | 0.4 |



### Gastro intestinal water absorption

Mean water in diet should be about 2 l/day, which is the sum of water in food and drinks. Firstly is water accumulated in gastro intestinal lumen (GILumen), where it has the mean osmolarity about 253 mosm/l. This osmolarity is composed mostly with sodium with anions (160 mosm/l), dietary fiber (43 mosm/l) and potassium with anions (50 mosm/l). Water is sucked by gastrointestinal cells, where is the mean osmolarity about 286 mosm/l called OsmBody\_CellWall in Fig1.



Because in original HumMod 1.6.1 model is the mean absorption from GILumen calculated by coefficient of osmotic gradient Absorption [ml/min] = 140 \* (0.286 [osm/l] - 0.253 [osm/l]), the pressure-gradient osmotic permeability (cond) of library membrane block has to be derived to have the same flow at the same settings. We know that the volumetric flow in this block is calculated by equation Eq1, so the recalculated parameter cond to value 0.14/(8.314\*310.15) [ml/(Pa.min)].

### Upper/Middle/Lower torso water

Flow between plasma and interstitium is determined by colloid osmolarity of extracellular proteins. Through the capillaries wall is distributed the water to or from the interstitium. Another way is the one directional lymph flow from interstitium to blood plasma [2-4], as presented in Table III. These flows can be influenced by the internal pressure in tissues caused by its volume and skin as examined by Gyuton [5] or Xie [1].

Table IV, Typycal osmolarities of substances [mosm/l]

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | electrolytes | Urea | glucose | Unknown |
| ECF | 250 | 6 | 6 | 24 |
| ICF | 266 | 6 | 0 | 13 |

However the flow of water between interstitium and cells is determined by all substances. In cellular membrane the proteins osmolarity plays the minor role, because their concentration is only about 1 mosm/l. Here in extracellular space is osmolarity divided into electrolytes, urea, glucose and others solutes. And in intracellular space are electrolytes, urea and others solutes. Osmolarity in equilibrium must be the same in interstitium and in cells (typically 285 mosm/l).



### Kidney

In kidney is water delivered by blood to the glomerulus, where is blood plasma filtrated to glomerular filtrate (GFR). Most of this filtrate is reabsorbed in nephron parts: proximal tubule (PT), loop of Henle (LH), distal tubule (DT) and collecting ducts (CD) and the rest is accumulated in bladder as urine.

Table V, Typical average steady-state flows through nephron [ml/min]

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| GFR | to LH | to DT | to CD | to Bladder |
| 120 | 57 | 41 | 4.6 | 0.8 |



Proximal tubule:

Glomerular filtrate in glomerulus has the same pressure as blood in glomerulus and this pressure push it into nephrons. Reabsorption fraction in proximal tubule is determined only with sodium reabsorption in proximal tubule.

Loop of Henle:

Only the short coronary nephrons contains the aquaporin channels inside loop of Henle, which makes the water reabsorption fraction only 37% of sodium reabsorption fraction [6, 7].

Distal tubule:

Outflow of filtrate to collecting duct is determined by outflow of sodium, where it is dependent on ADH nephron concentration as was described in studies of Khokhar et al. and Atherton et al. [8, 9].

Collecting duct:

In collecting duct are the number of active aquaporin channels driven by ADH and it proportionally means the volumetric flow rate of reabsorbed water by collecting duct tubules [10, 11]. Changing the activity of aquaporin channels is modeled by integration of inactive channels driven by ADH concentration as simulating the process of their intracellular vesicular storage. Independently on aquaporin channels is calculated the minimal water outflow to urine, which is determined by sodium outflow to urine and medulla osmolarity.

## Hormones

### Vasopressin

Arginine vasopressin known as antidiuretic hormone (ADH) has molecular weight of 1084 Dalton and one international unit of ADH was measured to be 2.5ug [1]. ADH as a hypothalamic neurohormone is synthesized in the cell bodies of magnocellular neurons of paraventricular and supraoptic nucleui and it is intracellulary transported to the lower side of these neurons in posterior pituitary.



Figure 1

The model (Fig1) accumulates the amount of this hormone in four places: in the cell bodies of magnocellular neurons (Slow Mass), from where need to be transported to the posterior pituitary part of the cells; in the posterior pituitary side of neurons (Fast Mass), where ADH is prepared for secretion into blood; in the whole body extracellular fluid (ECF); and in the kidney nephron tissue, where it plays the role in water reabsorbtion. The normal amounts of ADH in these compartments are listed in table Tab1. The normal mean rate of synthesis, secretion and degradation is 3.2 ng/min (49.2 pmol/s) [2], where the secretion is determined by osmoreceptors and pituitary activity. Osmoreceptors are the cells in anterior hypothalamus near the supraoptic nuclei. When the osmolarity increase the osmoreceptors shrink and they send a neural signal to release ADH. Other possibility to regulate ADH secretion is cardiovascular centrum reflexes.

Table 1

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Slow Mass | Fast Mass | ECF | Medulla |
| 17 ug | 3.2 ug | 0.03 ug | 6.2e-5 ug |
| 15.7 nmol | 2.95 nmol | 0.028 nmol | 5.7e-5 nmol |
| 6.8 IU | 1.28 IU | 0.012 IU | 2.5e-5 IU |

Even the vasopressin inside cells is modeled using instances of chemical Substance class, the concentrations here do not have sense because ADH is transported by vesicles down the cell. The degradation is divided into liver, kidney and other tissue clearance.

Table 2

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Liver degradation | Kidney degradation | Other degradation |
| 0.98 ng/min | 1.46 ng/min | 0.8 ng/min |
| 0.9 pmol/min | 1.35 pmol/min | 0.74 pmol/min |
| 0.39 mIU/min | 0.58 mIU/min | 0.32 mIU/min |

Clearance of ADH is divided into liver, kidney and other tissue [3]. To reach the mean constant level of ADH the sum of these changes from Tab2 must be the same as mean secretion during normal mean blood flow through liver (1.15 L/min), kidney (1.24 L/min) and other tissue (0.4 L/min), which are equivalents of clearances from table Tab3.

Table 3

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Liver clearance | Kidney clearance | Other tissue clearance |
| 0.58 l/min | 0.73 l/min | 0.4 l/min |

A typical mean concentration in extracellular fluid is 2 ng/l, 1.8 pmol/l or 0.8 mIU/l [4]. Increasing of concentration will increase the water reabsorption in kidney.

### Renin

Renin is an enzyme for conversion of Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin I. From Michaelis-Menton equation (Eq1) is known, that the rate of enzymatic chemical reaction *v* is linearly proportional to the enzyme molar concentration *E* at defined substrate concentration *S*. So instead the extremely small molar concentration it is wildly used Goldblatt unit (GU) of Renin , which is equal to the reaction flow rate of one ng of AngiotensinI from one mg of Angiotensinogen per one hour (1 ng AI/h).

Molecular mass of Renin is 48 kDa [5], normal plasma concentration are written in table Tab2. We use the conversion between renin activity GU and international unit as 11.2 uIU/GU and assumption that 1000 IU are equal 0.6 mg of renin as proposed Simon et al [6]. Problem is, that the renin activity (GU) change with many other factors like acidity [7] or bounding of renin with other molecules. That means problem with GU definition, which may differs from research to research. Therefore the GU unit is more like unit for angiotensin I synthesis rate, not the right unit for renin amount.

Table 4

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Lower limit | Upper limit | Normal |
| 290 GU/L | 5700 GU/L | 2000 GU/L |
| 3.3 IU/L | 63.8 IU/L | 22.4 IU/L |
| 2 ug/L | 38.3 ug/l | 13.4 ug/L |
| 0.04 nmol/l | 0.8 nmol/l | 0.28 nmol/L |

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### Insulin

Insulin is one of the most studies hormone. First standard international unit of insulin from year 1958 has 41.67ug/IU ( [http://whqlibdoc.who.int/trs/WHO\_TRS\_172.pdf](http://whqlibdoc.who.int/trs/WHO_TRS_172.pdf" \t "_blank)  , page 10), the last discontinued definition from year 1986 has 38.46ug/IU ( <http://whqlibdoc.who.int/trs/WHO_TRS_760_(part1).pdf?ua=1>  , page 26). Using molar mass of 5808 Da it is possible to write also conversion such as 6.621pmol/IU.

Because molar mass of Angiotensingen is 56.8 kDa and molar mass of Angiotensin 1 is 0.9 kDa.

## Electrolytes

## Gases and Acid-Base

To support metabolism of each cell there must be delivered oxygen. And carbon dioxide must be transported out of the body. Both called blood gases transport are critical for life. It starts by lungs ventilation to reach optimal alveolar partial pressures of oxygen and carbon dioxide. These pressures play roles in gases dissolving in blood, but here is the total amount of transported gases dependent also on blood flow, binding properties of hemoglobin, temperature and hydrogen ion activity. In tissue microcirculation is blood delivered so close to cells that no other active delivery is needed and only diffusion take place here.



The submodels of gases transport are: ventilation, where is calculated the air flow, water vapor dilution, temperatures and pressures effect; oxygen transport; carbon dioxide transport; and acid-base as hydrogen ion activity calculations.

### Ventilation

Natural ventilation depends on many factors and are driven by neural reflexes. Their sensors are central chemoreceptors, which answer to change of intracellular pH; peripheral chemoreceptors located in arterial sinus and aorta detecting changes of arterial blood pH and pO2 and receptors of skeletal muscle metaboreflex. Whole afferent path of respiratory reflexes are in the model summarized into one normalized value called TotalDrive, from which is in efferent part calculated the respiratory rate (typical 11 per minute) and normalized respiratory center motoric nerve activity.

From the lungs properties are then calculated current tidal volume (450 ml at body conditions - temperature of 37°C and 100% humidity) and current dead space volume (150ml at body conditions). Because the temperature and humidity in lungs differs from surrounding air environment, the alveolar ventilation is recalculated to the inspired air conditions in submodel called alveolarVentilation.



### Oxygen

Content of air oxygen in earth atmosphere is typically 21% with atmospheric pressure 101325 Pa, which give its partial pressure in air around 21 kPa. But the amount of oxygen molecules are still dependent on temperature driven by gas equation Eq1, where P is partial pressure, R is gas constant and T is temperature in Kelvins. For example in 0 degC (273.15 K) dry air is molar concentration of oxygen 9.2 mmol/l, while in 40 degC dry air is oxygen molar concentration only 8.1 mmol/l at the same oxygen partial pressure of 21 kPa.

In respiratory paths are air heated to body temperature and diluted by water. Volume of inspired air is changed, which is reflected in variable AlveolarVentilation recalculated to inspired air conditions. Once the air is transported to the alveolus, the exchange take place. Oxygen dissolve in blood plasma and chemically bound the hemoglobin molecules inside red cells. Dissolving of oxygen in water is driven by Henry’s law, where also take place the body temperature.



### Carbon dioxide

Production 200ml/min (STP) [1] = 8.8 mmol/min.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Arterial plasma | Arterial RBC | Venous plasma | Venous RBC |
| Dissolved CO2 | 1.2 mmol/l | 1.2 mmol/l | 1.4 mmol/l | 1.4 mmol/l |
| HCO3 | 24.4 mmol/l | 13.1 mmol/l | 26.3 mmol/l | 13.2 mmol/l |
| Carbamino | Neligible | 2.4 mmol/l | Neligible | 3.8 mmol/l |
| Total | 25.6 mmol/l | 16.7 mmol/l | 27.6 mmol/l | 18.4 mmol/l |

pCO2=40mmHg,pH=7.4,HCO3=24.5 mmol/l, aCO2= 0.231 (mmol/l)/kPa, pK=6.1 at 37degC

### Acid-base

The blood acid-base balance calculation is based on electroneutrality. In plasma is calculated summary charge concentration for strong ions, which do not significantly change their charge at pH from 5 to 9. This is called strong ion difference SID. From non-bicarbonate acid-base buffers (weak ions) is also calculated the summary charge concentration at normal pH=7.4 and full oxygen saturation, called NormalSID. Their difference (SID-NormalSID) is called base excess of oxygenated blood (BEox) and it is the same as negative titratable hydrogen ions of oxygenated blood (cTHox) used by Siggaard with Van-Slyke equation. The meaning of BEox value is the amount of strong acid needed to add into one liter of fully oxygenated blood to reach pH=7.4, what is typically called titration to pH=7.4.



NormalSID is calculated from plasma and erythrocytes weak ions…



Intracellular pH is calculated only from intracellular potassium(151 mmol/L), bicarbonate(17-23 mmol/L), buffers(22-28 mmol/L) and lactate(1 mmol/L). Other cations (12 mmol/L) and anions (117 mmol/L) are assumed as constant. From electroneutrality can be calculated the current amount of bicarbonate as non-bicarbonate ions difference. And because the carbon dioxide partial pressure is also known, the acidity can be expressed from Hendersom-Hasselbalch EqX.

pH=7.2, pCO2 = 45mmHg – 60 mmHg:

HCO3=0.23\*(45\*101.325/760)\*10^(7.2-6.1)=0.386\*pCO2=17

HCO3=0.23\*(60\*101.325/760)\*10^(7.2-6.1)=23

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# Discussion

# Conclusion