

# ABE 201

# Biological Thermodynamics 1

Module 15

Enthalpies of Reaction

(Combining Chemical Reactions with 1<sup>st</sup> Law Energy Balances)

# Review

- Expanded definition of enthalpy:
  - Sensible changes due to temperature changes
  - Latent changes due to phase changes
  - Changes due to chemical reactions
- Hess's Law allows us to calculate enthalpies of reactions from balanced stoichiometry using tabulated enthalpies of formation

# 1<sup>st</sup> Law Energy Balances

$$\Delta H + \Delta E_k + \Delta E_p \rightarrow Q - W_s$$

## Finding Enthalpy Changes

$$\Delta \dot{H} = \Delta \hat{H}_{sensible} \dot{m} + \Delta \hat{H}_{latent} \dot{m} + \Delta \hat{H}_{reaction} \xi$$

Pay attention to units!

Enthalpies of reaction are usually made specific by dividing by moles not kg (i.e. no need to convert  $\xi$  to mass/time)

# Heats of Reaction

- Definition: Enthalpy change where stoichiometric quantities of reactants react completely in a single reaction to form products at same T & P
- Heat of Reaction  $\equiv \Delta \hat{H}_r (T,P)$
- Dependent upon temperature and pressure
- At low pressures (near 1atm), ideal gas law is true, thus  $\Delta \hat{H}_r (T)$  and P can be ignored

# Exothermic and Endothermic

1<sup>st</sup> Law Balance  $\Delta \hat{H}_r (T,P) = Q$

$\Delta \hat{H}_r (T,P) < 0, Q < 0$  Heat must be removed, to maintain constant T:  
Exothermic

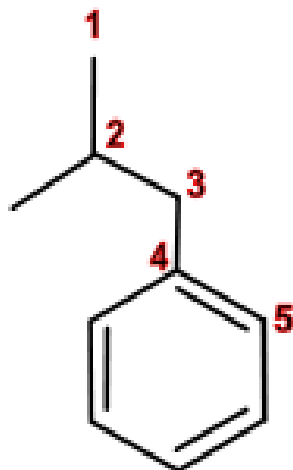
$\Delta \hat{H}_r (T,P) > 0, Q > 0$  Heat must be added, to maintain constant T:  
Endothermic

# Enthalpies of Formation

Compound	$\Delta H_f'^o(\text{kJ/mol})$
ATP	-3616.92
ADP	-2627.24
Citrate	-1513.66
Isocitrate	-1224.7
Ethanol	-290.76
Glucose	-1267.12
Lactate	-688.28
NAD <sup>+</sup>	-10.26
NADH	-41.38
CO <sub>2</sub> (gas)	-393.50
H <sub>2</sub> O (l)	-286.65
Pi	-1299.36

# What is an Enthalpy of Formation?

- For organic molecules, estimated using the Benson group additivity method of group contribution



1) C -(C)(H) <sub>3</sub> .....	2(-10.20)
2) C -(C) <sub>3</sub> (H) .....	-1.90
3) C -(C <sub>B</sub> )(C)(H) <sub>2</sub> .....	-4.86
4) C <sub>B</sub> -(C) .....	5.51
5) C <sub>B</sub> -(H) .....	5(3.30)

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-5.15 kcal/mole  
(-21.6 kJ/mole)

# What is an Enthalpy of Formation?

- Also can be determined experimentally
- NIST Chemistry WebBook  
<http://webbook.nist.gov/chemistry/>



# A Note About “Standard” Enthalpies of Formation

- Standard enthalpies of formation ( $\Delta H_f^\circ$ ) is standardized at standard pressure (1 atm), temperature = 25 C, and pH = 0
- Pressure, temperature and pH all affect this value!
- For convenience in biochemical systems, standard enthalpies of formation ( $\Delta H_f^{\circ'}$ ) is at standard P and T, but pH = 7
- Note the apostrophe! The two enthalpies are not equivalent!

# Estimate Enthalpy of Reaction Using Hess's Law

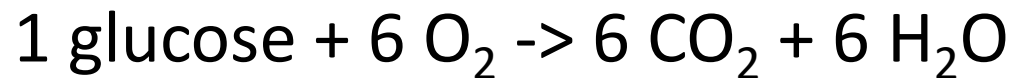
$$\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} = \sum v \Delta H^{\circ}_{\text{formation}}$$

Where  $v$  is the stoichiometric coefficient from the balanced reaction equation

Remember: products have  $v > 0$  and reactants have  $v < 0$

# Oxidation of Glucose

What is the standard enthalpy of reaction for the complete oxidation of glucose to carbon dioxide and water (liquid)?



$$\Delta H_{\text{rxn}} = -1(-1267.12 + 0) + (6 \cdot -393.50 + 6 \cdot -286.65)$$

$$= -2813.78 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

# Fermentation of Glucose to Ethanol

Glucose is anaerobically fermented to ethanol.  
What is the enthalpy of reaction? Is this an endo- or exothermic reaction?



$$\Delta H_{\text{rxn}} = -1(-1267.12 + 0) + (2*-290.76 + 2*-393.50)$$

$$= -101.4 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

Exothermic reaction!