# Reactivity 1.2

**IB CHEMISTRY SL** 



16 **S** Sulfur 32.065

J

6 C Carbon 12.0107

2 **He** Helium 4.002602



#### Reactivity 1.2.1

#### **Understandings:**

• Bond-breaking absorbs energy and bond-forming releases energy.

### **Learning outcomes:**

 Calculate the enthalpy change of a reaction from given average bond enthalpy data.

#### Additional notes:

- Include explanation of why bond enthalpy data are average values and may differ from those measured experimentally.
- Average bond enthalpy values are given in the data booklet.

#### **Linking questions:**

- Structure 2.2 How would you expect bond enthalpy data to relate to bond length and polarity?
- Reactivity 3.4 How does the strength of a carbon– halogen bond affect the rate of a nucleophilic substitution reaction?

#### Bond enthalpy and average bond enthalpies

- Average bond enthalpy is the energy needed to break one mole of bonds in a gaseous molecule averaged over similar compounds.
- Bond breaking is endothermic (requires energy).
- Bond making is exothermic (releases energy).

$$\Delta H = \sum$$
 (bonds broken) –  $\sum$  (bonds formed)

**Example:** Calculate the enthalpy change for the following reaction.

$$C_3H_8(g) + 5O_2(g) \rightarrow 3CO_2(g) + 4H_2O(g)$$

### **Exercises:**

1. Propane can be formed by the hydrogenation of propene.

$$CH_3CH=CH_2(g) + H_2(g) \rightarrow CH_3CH_2CH_3(g)$$

Determine a value for the hydrogenation of propene using information from Table 11 of the Data Booklet. State and explain if the reaction is exothermic or endothermic.

**2.** Use the information from Table 11 of the Data Booklet to calculate the enthalpy change for the following reaction.

$$N_2H_4(g) + O_2(g) \rightarrow N_2(g) + 2H_2O(g)$$

**3.** State three reasons why enthalpy changes calculated using average bond enthalpies can be inaccurate.

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#### Reactivity 1.2.2

# **Understandings:**

 Hess's law states that the enthalpy change for a reaction is independent of the pathway between the initial and final states.

## **Learning outcomes:**

• Apply Hess's law to calculate enthalpy changes in multistep reactions.

# Calculating the enthalpy change of a reaction that is the sum of multiple reactions with known enthalpy changes

 Applying Hess's law, the enthalpy change for a reaction can be calculated using multiple reactions with known enthalpy changes.

#### **Example:**

$$2C_2H_6(g) + 7O_2(g) \rightarrow 4CO_2(g) + 6H_2O(I)$$
  $\Delta H = -3120 \text{ kJ}$   
 $2H_2(g) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2H_2O(I)$   $\Delta H = -572 \text{ kJ}$   
 $C_2H_4(g) + 3O_2(g) \rightarrow 2CO_2(g) + 2H_2O(I)$   $\Delta H = -1411 \text{ kJ}$ 

Calculate the enthalpy change for the following reaction:

$$C_2H_6(g) \to C_2H_4(g) + H_2(g)$$

#### **Exercises:**

1. Using the equations below:

$$C(s) + O_2(g) \rightarrow CO_2(g)$$
  $\Delta H = -390 \text{ kJ}$   
 $Mn(s) + O_2(g) \rightarrow MnO_2(s)$   $\Delta H = -520 \text{ kJ}$ 

Determine the  $\Delta H$  (in kJ) for the following reaction.

$$MnO_2(s) + C(s) \rightarrow Mn(s) + CO_2(g)$$

2. Using the equations below:

Cu(s) + 
$$\frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \rightarrow CuO(s)$$
  $\Delta H = -156 \text{ kJ}$   
2Cu(s) +  $\frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \rightarrow Cu_2O(s)$   $\Delta H = -170 \text{ kJ}$ 

Determine the  $\Delta H$  (in kJ) for the following reaction.

$$2CuO(s) \rightarrow Cu_2O(s) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g)$$

**3.** Calculate the enthalpy change,  $\Delta H$  for the reaction:

$$C(s) + 2H_2(q) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(q) \rightarrow CH_3OH(l)$$

using Hess's Law and the following information.

$$\begin{array}{ll} CH_3OH(I) + \ 1\frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \to CO_2(g) + \ 2H_2O(I) & \Delta H_1 = -676 \ kJ \\ C(s) + O_2(g) \to CO_2(g) & \Delta H_2 = -394 \ kJ \\ H_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \to H_2O(I) & \Delta H_3 = -242 \ kJ \end{array}$$