



SECTION II: KINETICS AND BIOREACTOR DESIGN:

LESSON 9.4. - Enzymatic kinetics, microbial kinetics and metabolic stoichiometry –Metabolic Stoichiometry



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AIMS FOR TODAY'S LESSON

- 1.- STOICHIOMETRY applied to bioprocesses with cells.
- 2.- ELEMENT BALANCE and stoichiometric coefficient obtaining.
- 3.- RESPIRATORY EXCHANGE RATIO and when can we use it.
- 4.- BALANCE of ELECTRONS and how we can take advantage of it
- 5.- YIELDS
- 6.- OTHER DIFFERENT SITUATIONS

1.- STOICHIOMETRY

2.- ELEMENT BALANCE

3.- RESPIRATORY EXCHANGE RATIO

4.- BALANCE OF ELECTRONS

5.- YIELDS

6.- OTHER SITUATIONS

1.- STOICHIOMETRY

KINETICS AND METABOLIC STOICHIOMETRY



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1. PROCESS STOICHIOMETRY

Hundreds of reactions involved in metabolism:

- Growth.
- Generation of products.

→ Transformations within cells present **great stoichiometric complexity.**

→ **Mass Conservation Law** works.

→ Simplification of reality is possible using **pseudo-reactions.**

How are these equations written?

How are stoichiometric coefficients estimated?

1. PROCESS STOICHIOMETRY... WHAT FOR?

- Outline **Mass and Energy Balances**.
- Compare **theoretical and real yields** of a bioprocess.
- Check **consistency of experimental bioprocess data**.
- Formulate **medium for growth and / or production** when living cells are used as biocatalysts.
- Obtaining **relationships between yields** based on matter and energy balances of microbial metabolism.

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2.- ELEMENT BALANCE

2. STOICHIOMETRIC COEFFICIENTS FROM ELEMENT BALANCES

➤ ALONG GROWTH:

What elements to be considered?

- Those present in significant amounts → **C, H, O, N**
- Others particularly important to describe the process.

Components not included:

- **ATP** nor **NADH** ← not being exchanged with the outside, so they are included as biomass.
- **Vitamins** or **minerals** ← really small uptake.

2. STOICHIOMETRIC COEFFICIENTS FROM ELEMENT BALANCES

ONE MOLE OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:

Amount of biomass containing or being equivalent to one mole of carbon.



2. STOICHIOMETRIC COEFFICIENTS FROM ELEMENT BALANCES

ONE MOLE OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:

TABLE 7.3 Data on Elemental Composition of Several Microorganisms

Microorganism	Limiting Nutrient	μ (h^{-1})	Composition (% by wt)							Empirical Chemical Formula	Formula "Molecular" Weight	
			C	H	N	O	P	S	Ash			
Bacteria			53.0	7.3	12.0	19.0				8	$CH_{1.666}N_{0.20}O_{0.27}$	20.7
Bacteria			47.1	7.8	13.7	31.3					$CH_2N_{0.25}O_{0.5}$	25.5
<i>Aerobacter aerogenes</i>			48.7	7.3	13.9	21.1				8.9	$CH_{1.78}N_{0.24}O_{0.33}$	22.5
<i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i>	Glycerol	0.1	50.6	7.3	13.0	29.0					$CH_{1.74}N_{0.22}O_{0.43}$	23.7
<i>K. aerogenes</i>	Glycerol	0.85	50.1	7.3	14.0	28.7					$CH_{1.73}N_{0.24}O_{0.43}$	24.0
Yeast			47.0	6.5	7.5	31.0				8	$CH_{1.66}N_{0.13}O_{0.40}$	23.5
Yeast			50.3	7.4	8.8	33.5					$CH_{1.73}N_{0.15}O_{0.5}$	23.9
Yeast			44.7	6.2	8.5	31.2	1.08	0.6			$CH_{1.64}N_{0.16}O_{0.52}P_{0.01}S_{0.005}$	26.9
<i>Candida utilis</i>	Glucose	0.08	50.0	7.6	11.1	31.3					$CH_{1.82}N_{0.19}O_{0.47}$	24.0
<i>C. utilis</i>	Glucose	0.45	46.9	7.2	10.9	35.0					$CH_{1.84}N_{0.2}O_{0.56}$	25.6
<i>C. utilis</i>	Ethanol	0.06	50.3	7.7	11.0	30.8					$CH_{1.82}N_{0.19}O_{0.46}$	23.9
<i>C. utilis</i>	Ethanol	0.43	47.2	7.3	11.0	34.6					$CH_{1.84}N_{0.2}O_{0.55}$	25.5

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2. STOICHIOMETRIC COEFFICIENTS FROM ELEMENT BALANCES

ONE MOLE OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:



CELLS	MICROORGANISM	EMPIRICAL CHEMICAL FORMULA
Prokaryote	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	$CH_{1,77}O_{0,49}N_{0,24}$
	<i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i>	$CH_{1,75}O_{0,43}N_{0,22}$
		$CH_{1,73}O_{0,43}N_{0,24}$
	<i>Pseudomonas C12 B</i>	$CH_{2,00}O_{0,52}N_{0,23}$
Eukariote	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	$CH_{1,64}O_{0,52}N_{0,16}$
		$CH_{1,81}O_{0,51}N_{0,17}$
	<i>Candida utilis</i>	$CH_{1,83}O_{0,54}N_{0,10}$
		$CH_{1,83}O_{0,46}N_{0,19}$

Source: Research Team FQPIMA Dpto. Ingeniería Química UCM



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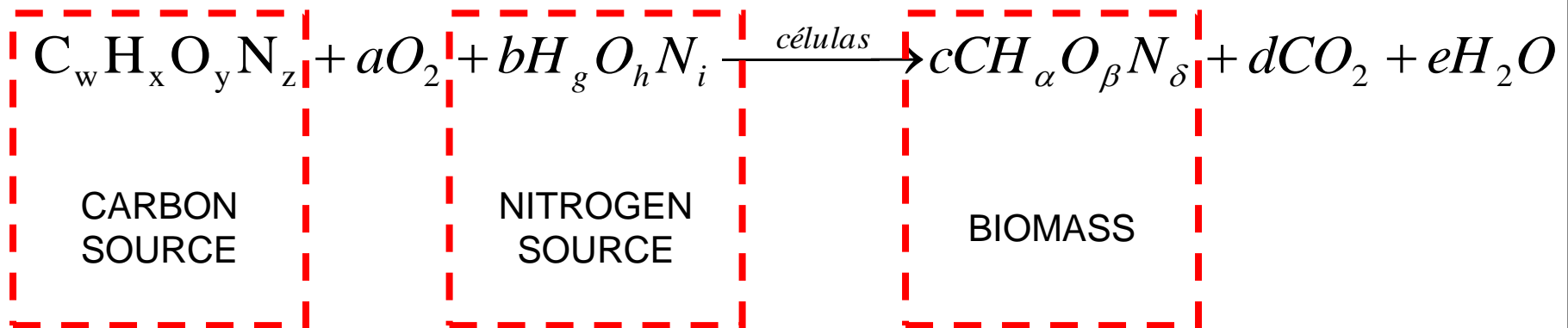
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Average Empirical Chemical Formula:

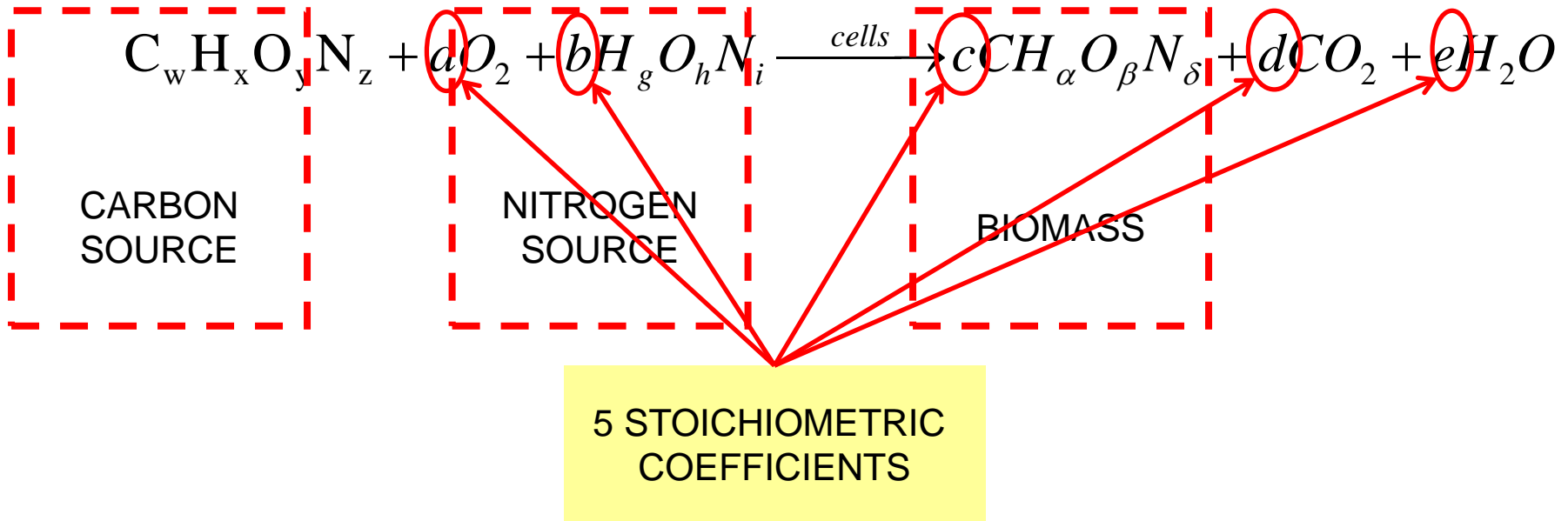


Molecular weight: 24,6 g/mole dry biomass
(5-10% ashes)

➤ General equation for aerobic process:



2. STOICHIOMETRIC COEFFICIENTS FROM ELEMENT BALANCES



- Equation written on the basis of 1 mole of carbon substrate.
- Simplification of reality.
- Good tool for the thermodynamic analysis of the process.

2. STOICHIOMETRIC COEFFICIENTS FROM ELEMENT BALANCES

- Microbial Composition ← elemental analysis.
- Material balance of the elements: C, H, O and N.

PROBLEM: Five unknowns and four balance equations → One more equation is needed.

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2.- ELEMENT BALANCE

3.- RESPIRATORY EXCHANGE RATIO

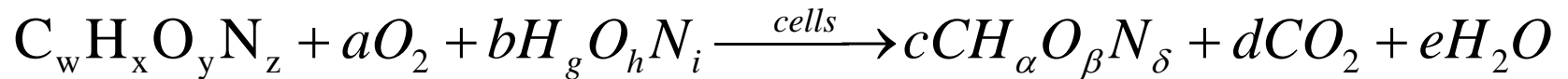
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3.- RESPIRATORY EXCHANGE RATIO

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C Balance: $w = c + d$

H Balance: $x + b \cdot g = c \cdot \alpha + 2 \cdot e$

O Balance: $y + 2 \cdot a + b \cdot h = c \cdot \beta + 2 \cdot d + e$

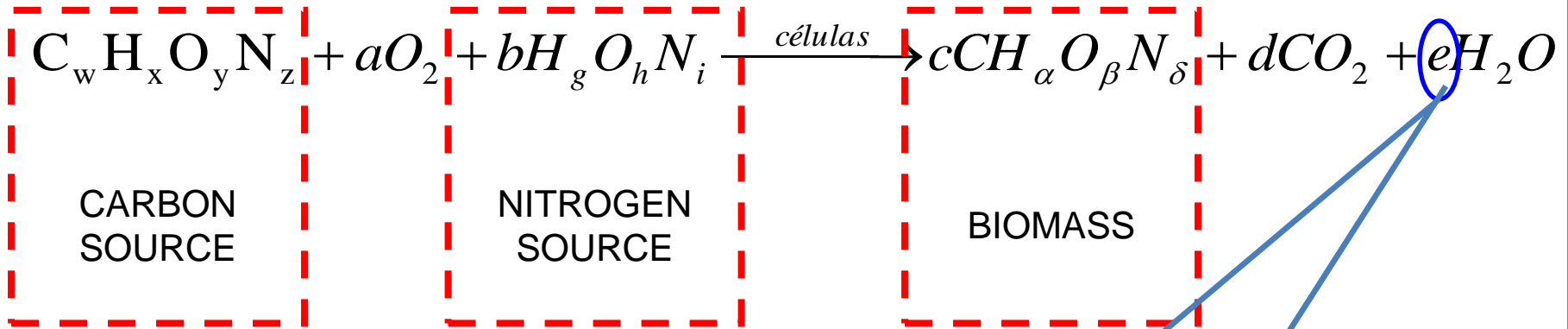
N Balance: $z + b \cdot i = c \cdot \delta$

RESPIRATORY EXCHANGE RATIO ← microorganism composition ←

← elemental analysis.

$$\text{RER} = \frac{\text{generated } CO_2}{\text{uptaken } O_2} = \frac{d}{a}$$

3. RESPIRATORY EXCHANGE RATIO



C Balance: $w = c + d$

H Balance: $x + b \cdot g = c \cdot \alpha + 2 \cdot e$

O Balance: $y + 2 \cdot a + b \cdot h = c \cdot \beta + 2 \cdot d + e$

N Balance: $z + b \cdot i = c \cdot \delta$

➤ **PROBLEM:** water within the medium → hydrogen and oxygen balances cannot be verified.

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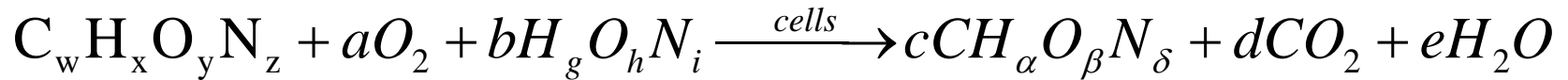
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➤ **SOLUTION:**

Perform an **ELECTRONIC BALANCE**

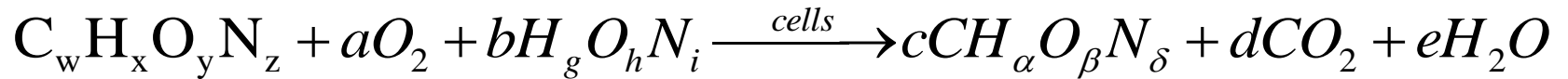
(or balance of degree of reduction γ)

DEGREE OF REDUCTION γ is the number of equivalents of electrons per mole of carbon.

➔ number of electrons that can be transferred to oxygen by combustion of a hydrocarbon substance, producing carbon dioxide, water and nitrogen-containing products.



4. BALANCE OF ELECTRONS



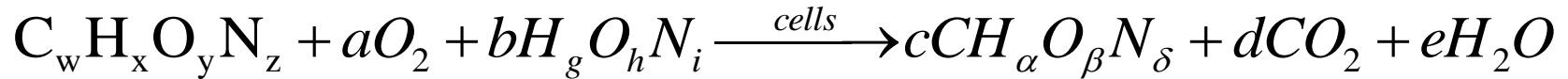
VALENCES:

C → 4; H → 1; N → (0 (N₂); -3 (ammonium); 5 (nitrate)); O → -2; P → 5;...

DEGREE OF REDUCTION:

- For an **element** its degree of reduction is **its valence**.
- Within a molecule the degree of reduction need to be referred to its number of carbon atoms.

4. BALANCE OF ELECTRONS



DEGREE OF REDUCTION:

-Methane $CH_4 \gamma_{met} = \frac{1(4) + 4(1)}{1} = 8$

-Glucose $C_6H_{12}O_6 \gamma_{glu} = \frac{6(4) + 12(1) + 6(-2)}{6} = 4$

- Ethanol $C_2H_5OH \gamma_{EtOH} = \frac{2(4) + 6(1) + 1(-2)}{2} = 6$

- Substrate $C_w H_x O_y N_z \gamma_S = \frac{w(4) + x(1) + y(-2) + z(-3)}{w}$

- Biomass $C H_\alpha O_\beta N_\delta \gamma_b = \frac{(4) + \alpha(1) + \beta(-2) + \delta(-3)}{1}$



4. BALANCE OF ELECTRONS

TABLE 7.4 Degree of Reduction and Weight of One Carbon Equivalent of One Mole of Some Substrates and Biomass

Compound	Molecular Formula	Degree of Reduction, γ	Weight, m
Biomass	$\text{CH}_{1.64}\text{N}_{0.16}\text{O}_{0.52}$ $\text{P}_{0.0054}\text{S}_{0.005}^a$	4.17 (NH_3)	24.5
		4.65 (N_2)	
		5.45 (HNO_3)	
Methane	CH_4	8	16.0
<i>n</i> -Alkane	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{32}$	6.13	14.1
Methanol	CH_3O	6.0	32.0
Ethanol	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O}$	6.0	23.0
Glycerol	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{O}_3$	4.67	30.7
Mannitol	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_6$	4.33	30.3
Acetic acid	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2$	4.0	30.0
Lactic acid	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$	4.0	30.0
Glucose	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$	4.0	30.0
Formaldehyde	CH_2O	4.0	30.0
Gluconic acid	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_7$	3.67	32.7
Succinic acid	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$	3.50	29.5
Citric acid	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{O}_7$	3.0	33.5
Formic acid	CH_2O_2	2.0	46.0
Oxalic acid	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$	1.0	45.0

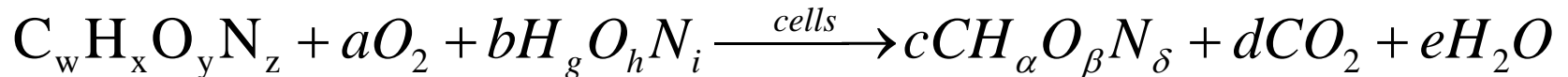
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DEGREE OF REDUCTION:

$$\text{- Substrate } C_w H_x O_y N_z \gamma_s = \frac{w(4) + x(1) + y(-2) + z(-3)}{w}$$

$$\text{- Biomass } C H_\alpha O_\beta N_\delta \gamma_b = \frac{(4) + \alpha(1) + \beta(-2) + \delta(-3)}{1}$$

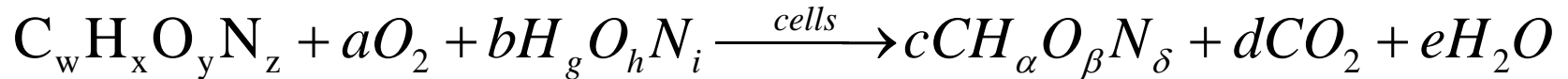


-As a result:

$$w \cdot (\gamma_s) + 2a(-2) = c \cdot (\gamma_b)$$



4. BALANCE OF ELECTRONS



FIVE UNKNOWNNS; How many equations?

1

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3

RESPIRATORY EXCHANGE RATIO: $RQ = \frac{d}{a}$

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REDUCTION POWER BALANCE: $w \cdot (\gamma_s) + 2 \cdot a(-2) = c \cdot (\gamma_b)$

We still need One equation

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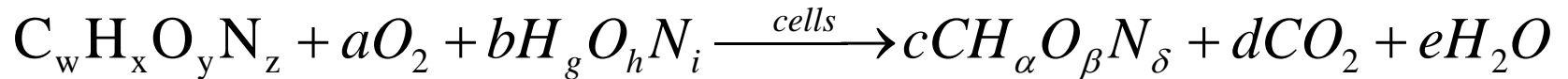
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5. YIELD FROM SUBSTRATE TO BIOMASS



FIVE UNKNOWN; How many equations?

1 **CARBON BALANCE:** $w = c + d$

2 **NITROGEN BALANCE:** $z + b \cdot i = c \cdot \delta$

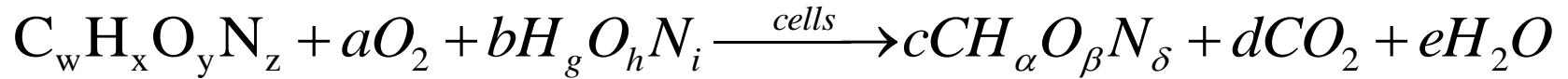
3 **RESPIRATORY EXCHANGE RATIO:** $RQ = \frac{d}{a}$

4 **REDUCTION POWER BALANCE:** $w \cdot (\gamma_s) + 2 \cdot a(-2) = c \cdot (\gamma_b)$

5 **YIELD FROM SUBSTRATE TO BIOMASS, $Y_{x/s}$**



5. YIELD FROM SUBSTRATE TO BIOMASS



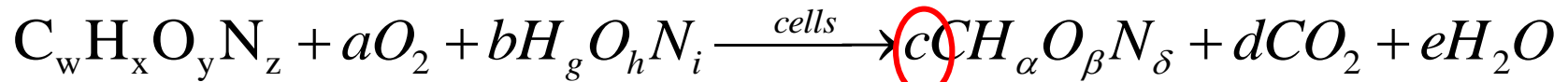
YIELD FROM SUBSTRATE TO BIOMASS, $Y_{x/s}$

It depends on:

- The composition of the culture medium.
- The nature of the carbon source and the source of nitrogen.
- The operating variables: pH, T, aeration, ...
- $Y_{x/s}$ is bigger under aerobiosis than under anaerobiosis
 - ← \neq final acceptor of electrons.



5. YIELD FROM SUBSTRATE TO BIOMASS



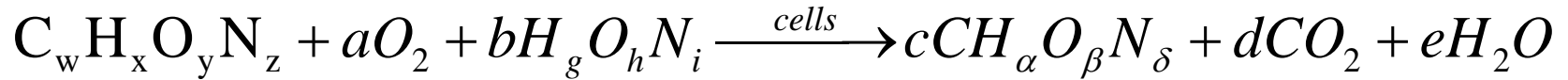
YIELD FROM SUBSTRATE TO BIOMASS, $Y_{x/s}$

- If biomass yield can be considered constant during growth.
- If we know the molecular mass of the substrate.
- If we know the average molecular mass of biomass.

$$Y_{x/s} = \frac{\text{g biomass}}{\text{g substrate}} = \frac{c Mm_{(Biomass)}}{Mm_{(Substrate)}}$$



5. YIELD FROM SUBSTRATE TO BIOMASS



FIVE UNKNOWN; How many equations?

1 **CARBON BALANCE:** $w = c + d$

2 **NITROGEN BALANCE:** $z + b \cdot i = c \cdot \delta$

3 **RESPIRATORY EXCHANGE RATIO:** $RQ = \frac{d}{a}$

4 **REDUCTION POWER BALANCE:** $w \cdot (\gamma_s) + 2 \cdot a(-2) = c \cdot (\gamma_b)$

5 **YIELD FROM SUBSTRATE TO BIOMASS, $Y_{x/s}$** $Y_{x/s} = \frac{c \cdot Mm_{(Biomass)}}{Mm_{(Substrate)}}$



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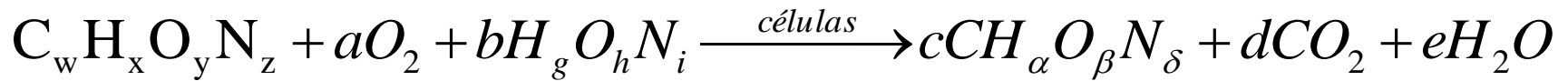
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6. AEROBIOSIS



1 **C BALANCE:** $w = c + d$

2 **N BALANCE:** $z + b \cdot i = c \cdot \delta$

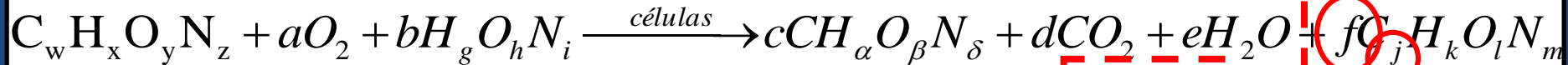
3 **RER:** $RQ = \frac{d}{a}$

4 **REDUCTION POWER BALANCE:** $w \cdot (\gamma_s) + a(-2) = c \cdot (\gamma_b)$

5 **BIOMASS YIELD, $Y_{x/s}$** $Y_{x/s} = \frac{c \cdot Mm_{(Biomass)}}{Mm_{(Substrate)}}$



7. PRODUCTION DURING AEROBIOSIS



1 **C BALANCE:**

$$w = c + d + f \cdot j$$

2 **N BALANCE:**

$$z + b \cdot i = c \cdot \delta + f \cdot m$$

3 **RER:**

$$RQ = \frac{d}{a}$$

4 **REDUCTION POWER BALANCE:**

$$w \cdot (\gamma_s) + 2 \cdot a \cdot (-2) = c \cdot (\gamma_b) + f \cdot j \cdot (\gamma_p)$$

5 **BIOMASS YIELD, $Y_{x/s}$**

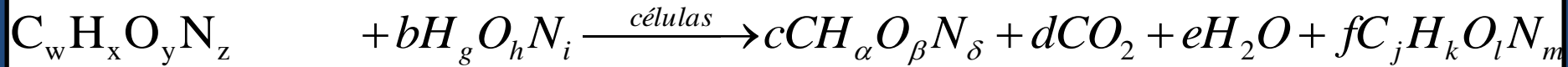
$$Y_{X/S} = \frac{c \cdot Mm_{(Biomass)}}{Mm_{(Substrate)}}$$

6 **PRODUCT YIELD, $Y_{p/s}$**

$$Y_{P/S} = \frac{f \cdot Mm_{(Product)}}{Mm_{(Substrate)}}$$

PRODUCT

8. GROWTH AND PRODUCTION DURING ANAEROBIOSIS



1 **C BALANCE:** $w = c + d + f \cdot j$

2 **N BALANCE:** $z + b \cdot i = c \cdot \delta + f \cdot m$

3 **REDUCTION POWER BALANCE:** $w \cdot (\gamma_s) + 2 \cdot a \cdot (-2) = c \cdot (\gamma_b) + f \cdot j \cdot (\gamma_p)$

4 **BIOMASS YIELD, $Y_{x/s}$** $Y_{x/s} = \frac{c \cdot Mm_{(Biomass)}}{Mm_{(Substrate)}}$

5 **PRODUCT YIELD, $Y_{p/s}$** $Y_{p/s} = \frac{f \cdot Mm_{(Product)}}{Mm_{(Substrate)}}$



ANY QUESTION?

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