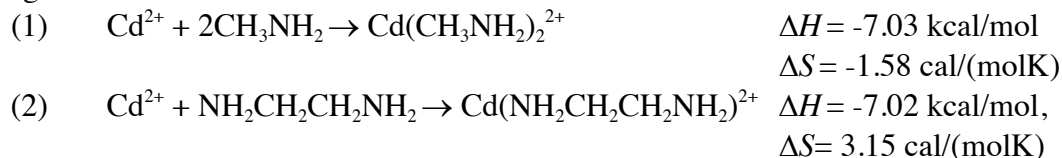


# LECTURE 17

1. The health risks of accidental exposure to a toxic heavy metal, such as lead, mercury, or cadmium, may be reduced through treatment with a chelating agent, which binds to the metal and forms a complex that can be eliminated from the body. Methylamine ( $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$ ) and ethyldiamine ( $\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ ) chelate cadmium as shown in the following reactions.



- (a) Based on strictly thermodynamic analysis, and assuming a body temperature of  $37^\circ\text{C}$  and that  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta S$  are independent of temperature, which would you administer to a patient exposed to cadmium? Explain.
- (b) Over what temperature ranges are reaction (1) and reaction (2) spontaneous?

**(a) Ethyldiamine ( $\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ ).**

**(b) Reaction (1) is spontaneous up to 4450 K; Reaction (2) is spontaneous at all temperatures.**

2. Consider the following compounds: (a)  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3(\text{s})$ ; (b)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{l})$ ; (c)  $\text{NO}(\text{g})$ . Using the table of thermodynamic data below:

- (i) Determine which of the above compounds are **stable with respect to decomposition** into their elements under standard conditions at room temperature. Explain your answer.
- (ii) Determine which of the above compounds become **more stable** and which become **less stable** with respect to their elements as the temperature is raised. Explain your answer.

**(i)**

**(a)  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3(\text{s})$ : thermodynamically stable**

**(b)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{l})$ : thermodynamically stable**

**(c)  $\text{NO}(\text{g})$ : thermodynamically unstable**

**(ii)**

**(a)  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  is less stable at higher temperatures.**

**(b)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  is less stable at higher temperatures.**

**(c)  $\text{NO}$  is more stable at higher temperatures.**

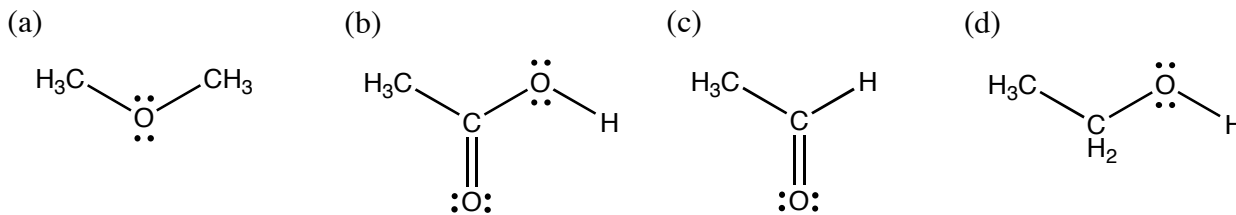
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Selected thermodynamic data at 25°C from Appendix 2A (Adapted from Atkins and Jones)

Substance	Mass (g/mol)	$\Delta H_f^\circ$ (kJ/mol)	$\Delta G_f^\circ$ (kJ/mol)	$S^\circ$ (J/Kmol)
Al(s)	26.98	0	0	28.33
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (s)	101.96	-1676	-1582	50.92
AlCl <sub>3</sub> (s)	133.33	-704.2	-628.8	110.67
Cl <sub>2</sub> (g)	70.9	0	0	223.07
Cl(g)	35.45	121.7	105.7	165.2
HCl(g)	36.46	-92.31	-95.3	29.12
H <sub>2</sub> (g)	2.0158	0	0	130.7
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (l)	34.02	-187.8	-120.35	109.6
N <sub>2</sub> (g)	28.02	0	0	191.61
NO(g)	30.01	90.25	86.55	210.76
O <sub>2</sub> (g)	32	0	0	205.14
O <sub>3</sub> (g)	48	142.7	163.2	238.93

3. For (a) CH<sub>3</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>; (b) CH<sub>3</sub>COOH; (c) CH<sub>3</sub>CHO; (d) CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH.  
 (i) Which of the above can act as a hydrogen bond donor?  
 (ii) Which of the above can act as a hydrogen bond acceptor?  
 Hint: draw Lewis structures before answering this question.

Let's consider the structures to determine which of the molecules have H atoms bonded to an O, N, or F (only those molecules have a sufficient partial positive charge on the hydrogen can act as a H-bond donor.)



- (i) Only **CH<sub>3</sub>COOH (b) and CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH (d)** can act as a hydrogen bond donors.  
 (ii) All four can act as a hydrogen bond acceptor.

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