

(XXII, XXIII)
Measurement of basal metabolic
expenditure (BME)
using indirect calorimetry
Calculation of energy expenditure

Basal metabolism

(*basal energy expenditure*, BEE)

- Energetic expenditure of organism established in defined (basal) conditions:
 - Thermoneutral environment
 - 12-18 hours after the last meal containing proteins
 - Psychological and social well-being, optimally in the morning before leaving the bed

Examined persons

Lay down on the examination bed
(to simulate basal conditions)

Actual energy expenditure (AEE)

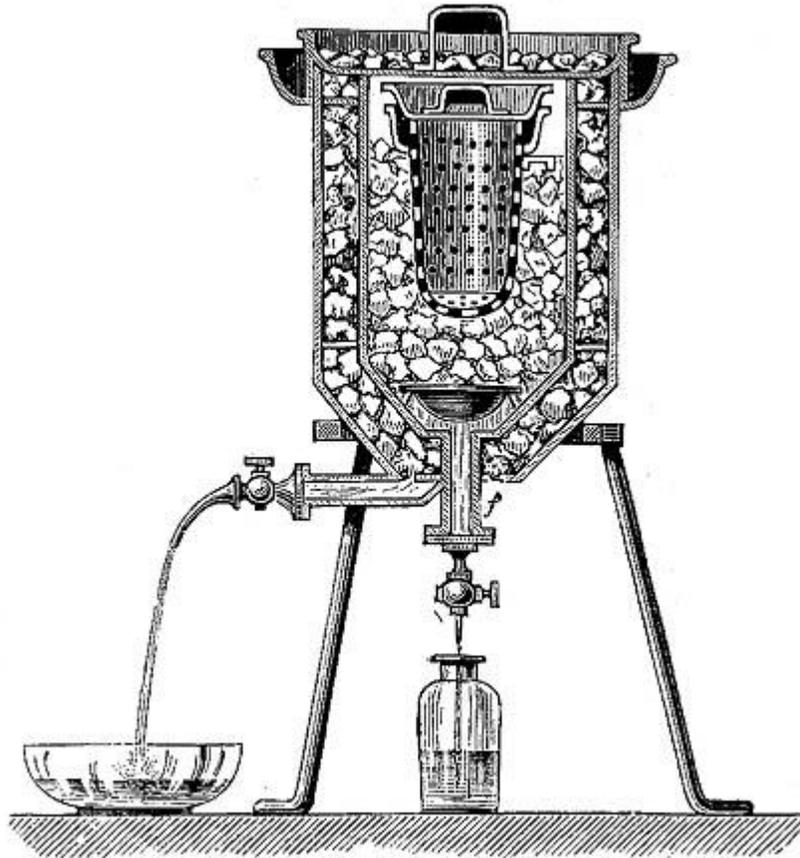
- 1) at rest**
- 2) at standing**
- 3) after workload**

Determination of energy expenditure

- 1) Measurement:
 - Direct calorimetry
 - Indirect calorimetry

- 2) Calculation

Direct calorimetry



Ice calorimetr – Lavoisier and Laplace, 1782

- Works on presumption that all metabolic actions are accompanied by heat production
- Technically demanding
- In practice, often not used

Indirect calorimetry

- Works on presumption that consumption of oxygen, CO₂ production and nitrate metabolites waste correspond to the energetic output
 - Open or closed cycle setup
 - In practicals: closed system setup using Krogh respirometer

Caloric (energetic) equivalent of oxygen (EE)

- amount of energy released during consumption of 1 L of oxygen

Constant for mixed diet:

$$EE = 20,19 \text{ kJ/litrO}_2$$

Calculation of energy expenditure

1) BEE

- According to Harris-Benedict equation
- kcal/day convert into kJ/day (1 kcal = 4,18 kJ)

2) AEE

- May be calculated based on:
 - BEE
 - activity factor (AF)
 - temperature factor (TF)
 - injury factor (IF)

Protocol

Indirect calorimetry – measurement and calculation of AEE:

- 1) at rest
 - 2) at standing
 - 3) after workload – steptest
- estimate the oxygen consumption (l/s)
 - correct the measured values to 0 °C and 101,325 kPa
 - calculate AEE (kJ/s, kJ/day)
 - explain differences in AEE observed in different conditions

Protocol

Calculation of energy expenditure

- Calculate BEE according to Harris-Benedict
- Compare calculated value of BEE with measured value of AEE at rest
- Explain differences