## **Energy Metabolism & Control**

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# To maintain living status, living system (cells / organisms) require...

- Molecular building blocks
- Biochemical catalyst
- Genetic information
- Energy

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## Energy conversion in biosphere

#### From environment into living systems:

Electromagnetic (solar) energy

 Chemical energy which exist in the bonds of biological (organic) molecules

Photosynthetic

autotrophs

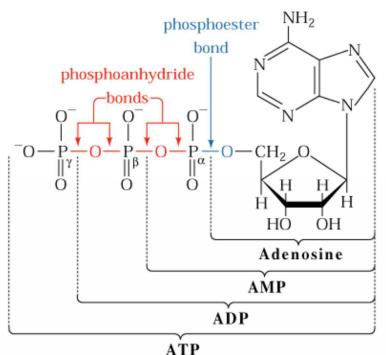
Heterotrophs

 $CO_2$ 

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ATP is the universal currency in

biological system





 Hydrolysis of each phosphoanhydride bond generate -30.5 kJ/mol(-7.3 kcal/mol)



# Biological energy transformations obey the laws of thermodynamics

- The First Law of Thermodynamics; energy cannot be created or destroyed, it can only be transformed from one system to another...
- The Second Law of Thermodynamics; the disorder or randomness (entropy, S) of the universe increases during all chemical and physical processes...
- **Gibbs free energy**, **G**, expresses the amount of energy capable of doing work during a reaction at constant temperature and pressure. **Enthalpy**, **H**, is the heat content of the reacting system. It reflects the number and kinds of chemical bonds in the reactants and products. **Entropy**, **S**, is a quantitative expression for the randomness or disorder in a system.
- under conditions existing in biological systems, changes in free energy, enthalpy, and entropy are related to each other quantitatively by the equation,

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T \Delta S$$

Amino acids  $\rightarrow$  protein  $\Delta G_1$  is positive (endergonic) ATP  $\rightarrow$  AMP +  $\bigcirc$ P  $\bigcirc$   $\Delta G_2$  is negative (exergonic) [or ATP  $\rightarrow$  ADP +  $\bigcirc$ P] Coupling reactions

### Energy transformation in the living systems

- Biosynthetic work, formation of new bonds and generation of new biomolecules
- Mechanical work, movement of cells and muscular contraction
- Concentration work, transportation of molecules across plasma membrane
- Electrical work, transportation of proton across plasma membrane
- Thermal regulation, 2/3 of metabolic energy in warmed- blood animal is heat to maintain body temperature
- Bioluminescence, firefly use energy from ATP hydrolysis to generate photon

**Metabolism** is a highly coordinated cellular activity in which many multienzyme systems (metabolic pathways) cooperate to

- obtain chemical energy by capturing solar energy or degrading energy-rich nutrients from the environment
- convert nutrient molecules into the cell's own characteristic molecules, including precursors of macromolecules
- polymerize monomeric precursors into macromolecules: proteins, nucleic acids, and polysaccharides
- synthesize and degrade biomolecules required for specialized cellular functions, such as membrane lipids, intracellular messengers, and pigments.

From; Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry (7th, Nelson & Cox 2017, Part II)

### Types of Metabolism

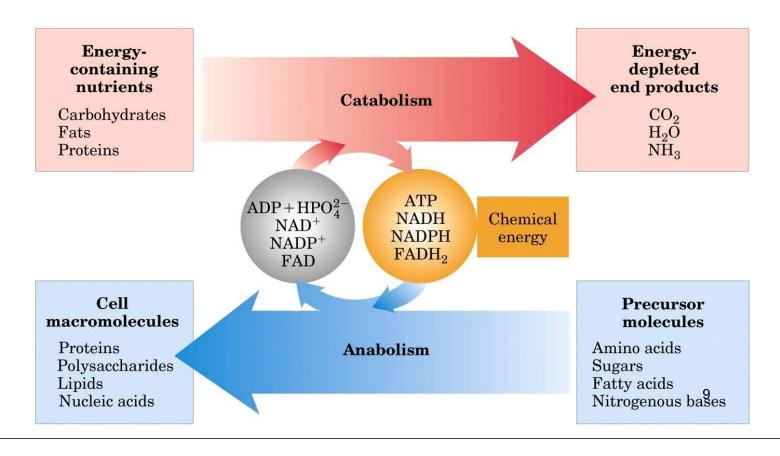
### Catabolism

Biochemical processes by which nutrients and cellular components are broken down to generate energy and small biomolecules

#### Anabolism

Biochemical processes to synthesize new biomolecules from precursors, building blocks & energy from catabolic processes

# Relationship between catabolic and anabolic pathways



**Metabolism** is highly integrated network of biochemical pathways.

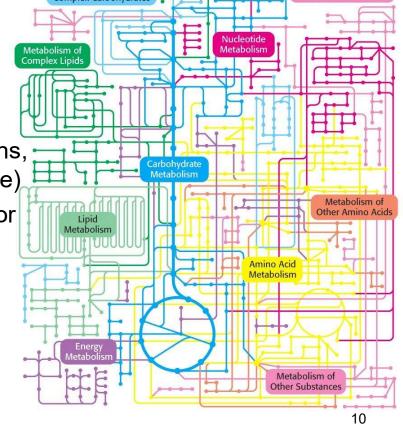
Metabolism of Complex Carbohydrates

Metabolism of Confactors and Vitan

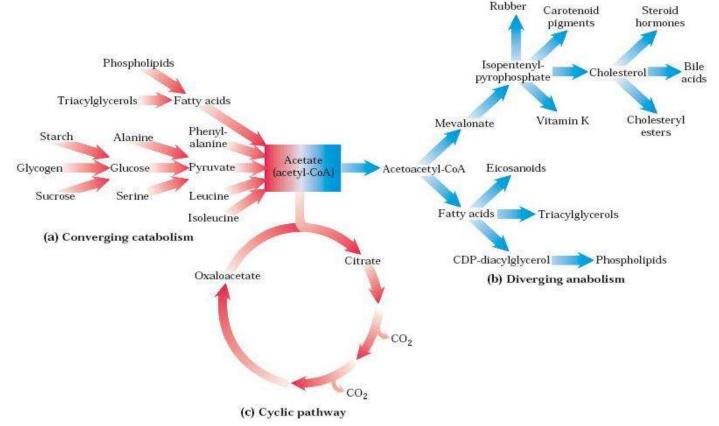
 Enzymes catalyse all the biochemical reactions

 Most enzymes are proteins, a few are RNAs (ribozyme)

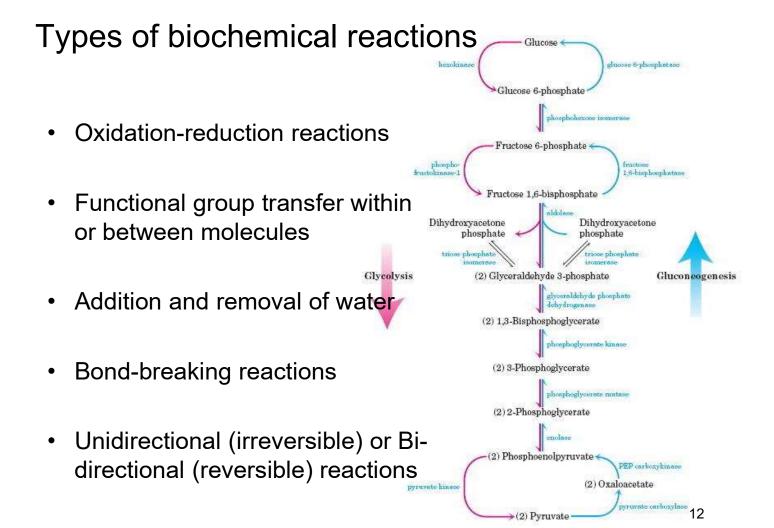
 Enzyme functions alone or requires 'cofactor' / 'coenzyme'



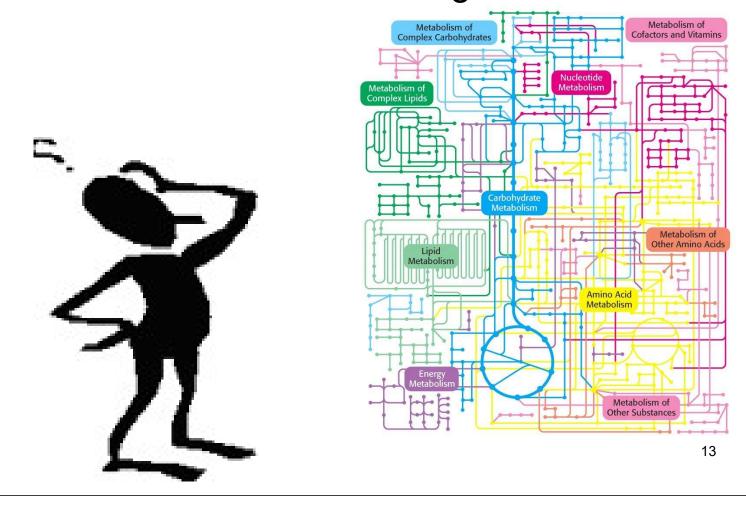
### Three types of nonlinear metabolic pathways



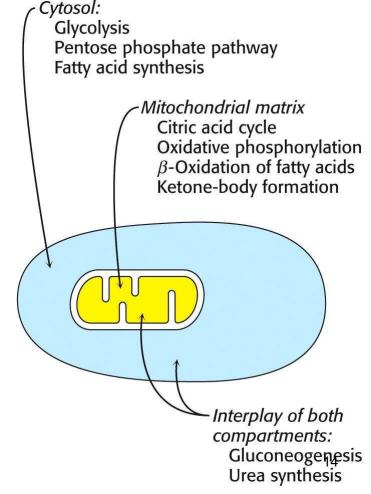
Precursor(s) >>>> Intermediate Metabolites >>>>> Product(s)



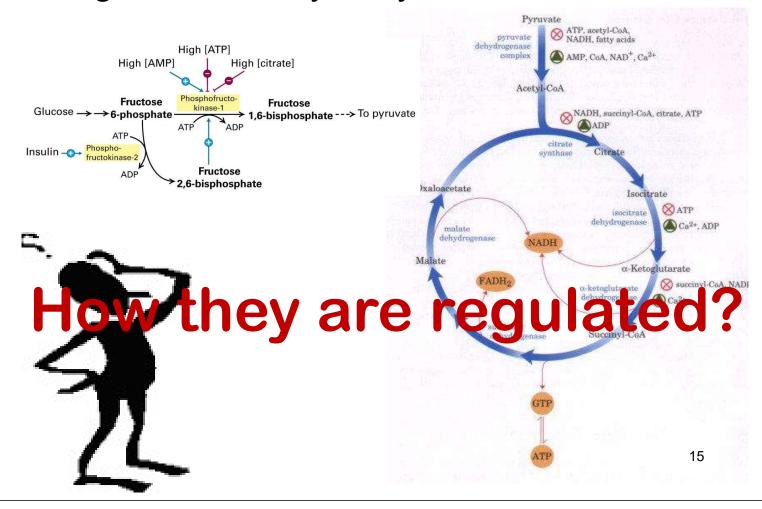
### How metabolisms are regulated?



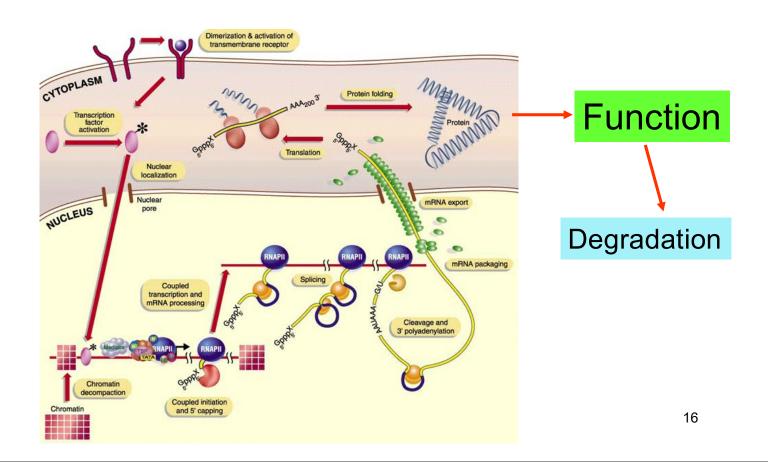
Compartmentalization of metabolism



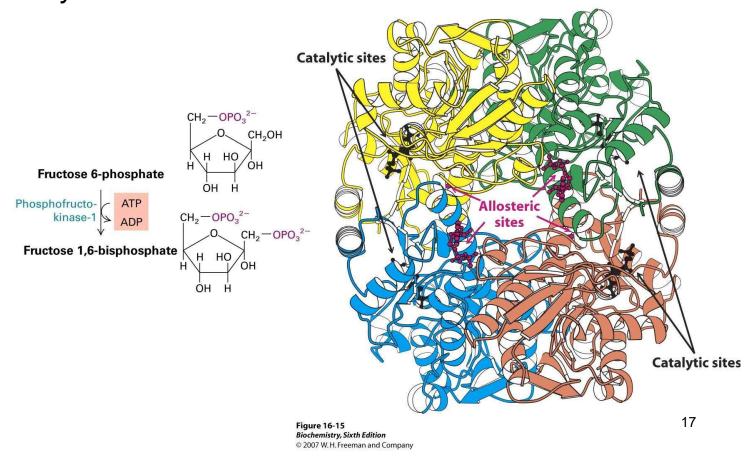
### Regulation of key enzymes



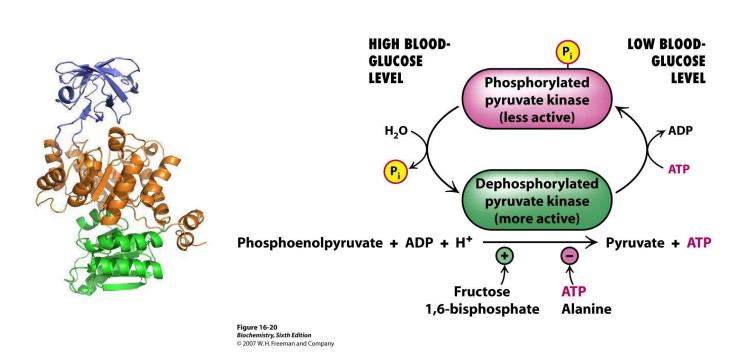
### Biosynthesis & degradation of key enzymes



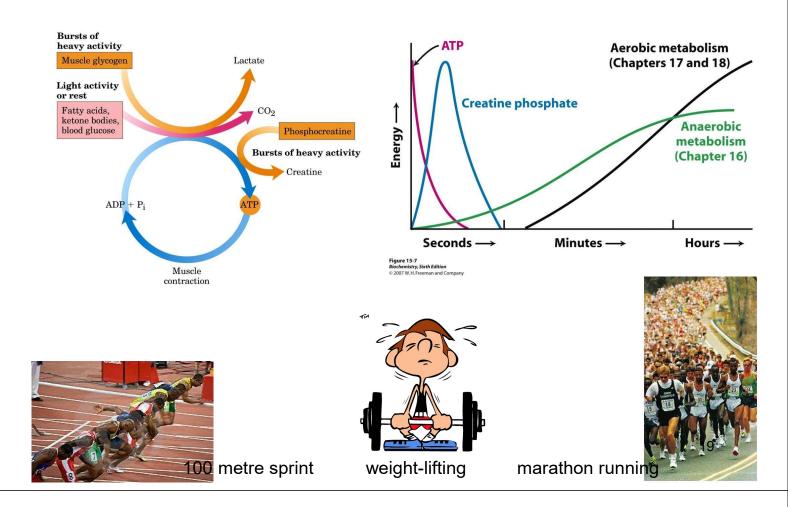
# Allosteric regulation of phosphofructokinase by ATP & AMP



# Covalent modification (phosphorylation) and allosteric regulation (ATP & alanine) of pyruvate kinase



### Energy sources for muscular contraction



What you have learn from this 2 hours?

- How energy is transduced from environment into living system?
- ATP is an important metabolic fuel for biochemical reactions and cell functions
- Definition and types of metabolism
- Enzymes, metabolic catalysts and ways to regulate their function

