

# 2024 SUMMARY

## BIOLOGY 101

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# Chapter 6:

★ Free Energy Change ( $\Delta G$ ) → The energy that can do work

difference  
Final - Initial  
 $\Delta G = G_{\text{products}} - G_{\text{reactants}}$

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

Enthalpy      Total energy      Entropy      Temperature in Kelvin (K)

It is a measure of instability (tendency to become more stable)

★ Equilibrium ↼ Maximum stability state ↽ lowest G

## Spontaneous Reaction

- ⇒ Exergonic Reaction
- ⇒ Catabolic Reaction
  - ↳ break down molecules
- ⇒  $\Delta G = -$  Negative
- ⇒ Release energy
- ⇒ Decrease in free energy ( $\downarrow G$ )
- ⇒ Increase the Stability ( $\uparrow$  stability)
- ⇒ Toward equilibrium

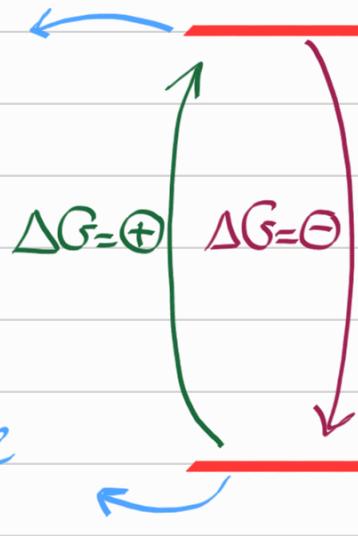
## Non-Spontaneous Reaction

- ⇒ Endergonic Reaction
- ⇒ Anabolic Reaction
  - ↳ Building molecules
- ⇒  $\Delta G = +$  Positive
- ⇒ Absorbs, uses, consumes, stores energy
- ⇒ Increase in free energy ( $\uparrow G$ )
- ⇒ Decrease the Stability ( $\downarrow$  stability)
- ⇒ Away from equilibrium

The magnitude of  $\Delta G$  represents the amount of energy

The Reverse Reaction of an exergonic Reaction must be endergonic

Unstable  
 $\uparrow G$



Stable  
 $\downarrow G$

★ The release of energy during an exergonic reaction is due to the conversion from high energy (unstable) state into a less energy ( $\uparrow$  stable) state NOT due to breaking bonds itself

★ Energy stored in bonds  $\rightsquigarrow$  represents the potential energy released

★ Living cells Never reaches equilibrium  $\rightsquigarrow$  because they are open systems  
 $\hookrightarrow$  If a cell reached equilibrium  $\rightsquigarrow$  dead

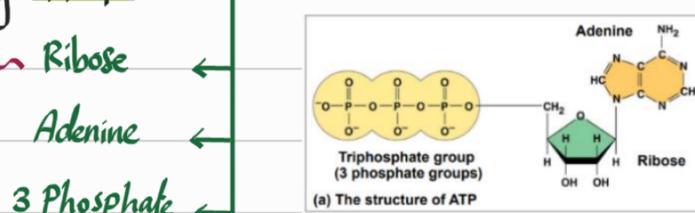
★ Types of work:

- Chemical work  $\rightsquigarrow$  Anabolic Reactions (synthesis of glutamine, building polymers)
- Transport work  $\rightsquigarrow$  Active transport (against gradient, Pumping)
- Mechanical work  $\rightsquigarrow$  Muscle contraction, beating of Cilia, Moving chromosomes

★ Energy coupling  $\rightsquigarrow$  Exergonic + Endergonic = Overall Exergonic  
 $\hookrightarrow$  It is mediated by ATP

ATP is used for energy coupling because:

Release a great amount of energy  $\rightsquigarrow$  due to its instability  $\rightsquigarrow$  due to repulsion between negative charges in the (P) tail



$\hookrightarrow$  Release energy by breaking the bond of the terminal (P) forming ADP + P<sub>i</sub>  
usually transferred to another

molecule (Phosphorylation) forming a phosphorylated intermediate  
High energy  $\leftarrow$  Unstable  $\leftarrow$  Reactive

★ ATP hydrolysis  $\rightsquigarrow \Delta G = -7.3 \text{ kcal/mol}$  (under standard conditions)  
 $\hookrightarrow \Delta G = -13 \text{ kcal/mol}$  (under cellular conditions)

★ ATP is recycled by adding phosphate to ADP  $\rightsquigarrow$  endergonic  
The energy for this reaction is acquired from catabolic reactions such as break down glucose

★ Catalyst  $\rightsquigarrow$  chemical agent that speeds up reactions, without being consumed  
 $\Rightarrow$  Enzymes  $\rightsquigarrow$  Catalytic proteins  $\rightsquigarrow$  ends with -ase

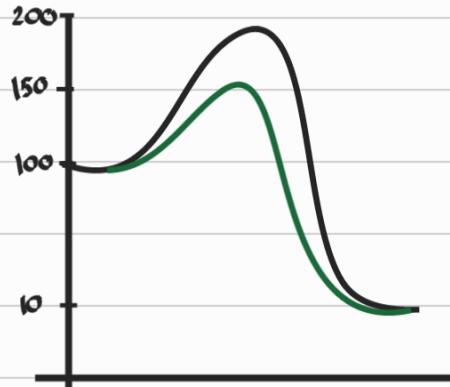
Q) A small amount of enzymes catalyzing a huge number of reactions, Why?  
Enzymes are not changed or consumed during reactions (released in its original form)  
so they can be used repeatedly

★ Activation energy (EA)  $\rightsquigarrow$  Initial energy needed to start a reaction  
 $\Rightarrow$  Supplied as thermal energy  $\rightsquigarrow$  accelerating reactants & collide more until reaching transition state  
 $\hookrightarrow$  Unstable (high energy) conditions of reactants  
It is the energy between reactants & transition state

★ How do enzymes work?

$\Rightarrow$  lowering EA barrier  $\rightsquigarrow$  reaching transition state easier

$\Rightarrow$  Enzymes do not affect  $\Delta G$



substrate  $\rightsquigarrow$  Reactants in enzyme catalyzed reaction

enzyme-substrate complex  $\rightsquigarrow$  enzyme binding a substrate

Active site  $\rightsquigarrow$  Region (pocket, groove) on the surface of the enzyme

$\hookrightarrow$  It binds to the substrate & catalyze the reaction

Induced fit  $\rightsquigarrow$  It is the tight binding after the initial contact between substrate & enzyme

★ How does the active site lower EA barrier??

- Orienting substrate correctly
- Provide favorable microenvironment
- Straining bonds
- Covalent bonding with substrate

★ Enzyme activity is affected by:

- 1- Environmental factors  $\rightsquigarrow$  Optimal conditions
- 2- Chemicals

most active shape  $\hookrightarrow$

The binding between substrate & enzyme

Non-Covalent  
Holding, initial binding

Covalent  
Catalysis method

- ★ Human enzyme has optimal temperature =  $35^{\circ}\text{--}40^{\circ}\text{C}$ , optimal pH = 6-8
  - $\Rightarrow$  optimal pH for pepsin (in the stomach)  $\rightsquigarrow$  very low about 2
  - $\Rightarrow$  optimal pH for trypsin (in the intestine)  $\rightsquigarrow$  about 8
- ★ optimal temperature for thermophilic bacteria =  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$  and more
- Note: as temperature increases  $\rightsquigarrow$  more collide  $\rightsquigarrow$  the rate increases until reaching optimal temperature  $\rightsquigarrow$  if temperature increased  $\rightsquigarrow$  the enzyme denatures and become inactive
- ★ As the concentration of the substrate increases  $\rightsquigarrow$  the rate of the reaction increases until all enzyme molecules become engaged  $\rightsquigarrow$  saturated
- ★ To increase the rate of the reaction when the enzyme is saturated we have to increase the amount of the enzyme

- ★ Cofactors  $\rightsquigarrow$  Non-protein enzyme helpers
  - $\hookrightarrow$  Inorganic (such as metals)
  - $\hookrightarrow$  Organic  $\rightsquigarrow$  Coenzymes (such as vitamins)
- ★ Cells regulate their metabolic pathways by:
  - 1) Switching on or off the genes that encode a specific enzyme
  - 2) Regulating the activity of enzymes

- ★ Enzymes Inhibitors
  - Competitive inhibitors
    - $\Rightarrow$  Binds the active site
    - $\Rightarrow$  Blocks the entry of substrate to the active site
    - $\Rightarrow$  Can be overcome by increasing substrate conc.
  - Non-competitive inhibitors
    - $\Rightarrow$  Bind another site
    - $\Rightarrow$  Changes the shape making the active site less effective

If the binding is: weak  $\rightsquigarrow$  Reversible inhibition, covalent  $\rightsquigarrow$  irreversible inhibition

★ Allosteric regulation  $\rightsquigarrow$  for enzymes composed from more than 1 subunit  
the binding of a regulatory molecule to a site affects the function on other sites  
activators (stimulate), inhibitors (inhibit)  
A single regulatory molecule can affect all subunits

### ★ Cooperativity

It is a type of allosteric regulation that can amplify enzyme activity  
one substrate bind to the active site of 1 subunit  $\rightsquigarrow$  increase the affinity for the substrate of all subunits  
It is explained by hemoglobin (transport protein not an enzyme)

### ★ Feedback inhibition

The end product in a pathway inhibits an early enzyme  
prevents wasting chemical resources & synthesis more products than needed

### Notes:

- 1) Some enzymes are inserted in membranes
- 2) ATP acts as inhibitors for catabolic pathways  
ADP acts as activators for catabolic pathways
- 3) The variety between enzymes is due to mutations
- 4)  $\Delta G$  for the hydrolysis of glucose = - 686
- 5) Dinoflagellates are marine organisms that convert chemical energy to light by bioluminescence

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# Chapter 10:

Potential energy is due to the arrangement of  $e^-$

Catabolic pathways  $\rightsquigarrow$  Break down complex molecules  $\rightsquigarrow$  Release energy

★ Energy is released due to the transfer & rearrangement of  $e^-$   $\rightsquigarrow$  become simple, more stable with less energy

Some of this energy will be stored in ATP and the rest is dissipated (lost) as heat

★ Redox Reactions  $\rightsquigarrow$  Reactions involve the transfer of  $e^-$

Oxidation: lose electrons ( $e^-$  donor)  $\rightsquigarrow$  charge becomes more positive

Reduction: gain electrons ( $e^-$  acceptor)  $\rightsquigarrow$  charge becomes less positive

★ Oxidizing agent  $\rightsquigarrow$  get reduced (gain  $e^-$ )

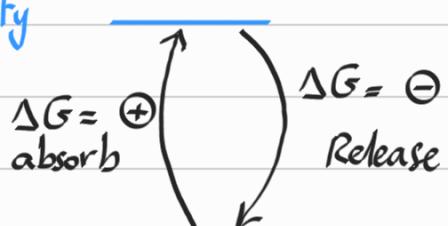
★ Reducing agent  $\rightsquigarrow$  get oxidized (lose  $e^-$ )

Unstable, low electronegativity

High energy, Complex

Stable, High electronegativity

low energy, Simple



Notes:

$\Rightarrow$  No oxidation without reduction

$\Rightarrow$  Some redox reactions don't involve the actual transfer of  $e^-$   
Such as  $O_2 + \text{Methane}$

★ Oxygen has a very high electronegativity  $\rightsquigarrow$  strong pulling  $\rightsquigarrow$  ↑ Reduction  
so, the strongest oxidizing agent  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  Any transfer of electrons toward oxygen  $\rightsquigarrow$  Release energy

★ Organic molecules acting as fuels have abundance of H atoms

$\hookrightarrow$  because H has a very low electronegativity  $\rightsquigarrow$  high-energy electrons (hilltop electrons)

## ★ Catabolic pathways :

- ⇒ Aerobic Respiration → Uses  $O_2$  & ETC → The most efficient
- ⇒ Anaerobic Respiration → Uses ETC without  $O_2$
- ⇒ Fermentation → doesn't use  $O_2$  and ETC

$NAD^+$  (Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide): A coenzyme,  $e^-$  carrier, derivative of vitamin niacin

### ★ Dehydrogenase:

↳ Removes a pair of H atoms ( $2e^-$ ,  $2H^+$ ) from the substrate

acts with dehydrogenases

carry  $e^-$  so represent stored

energy taped to make ATP

★  $NAD^+$  accepts  $2e^-$  &  $1 H^+$  forming NADH

★ The other proton is released  $H^+$  ion into the solution

Note:

$NAD^+$  → Oxidized form

NADH → Reduced form

★ NADH transfers the  $2e^-$  to the ETC

★ ETC transfers the  $2e^-$  to Oxygen

★ Oxygen accepts  $2H^+$  forming  $H_2O$

↳ Electron transport chain:

⇒ consists mainly of proteins

⇒ Eukaryotes: inner mitochondrial membrane

Prokaryotes: Plasma membrane

⇒ Transferring electrons from the

High energy end

↓ Electronegativity

Top  
↓  
Bottom

low energy end

↑ Electronegativity

## ★ Aerobic Respiration

Eukaryotes &  
Prokaryotes

3 stages:

- 1) Glycolysis → break down glucose into 2 pyruvate
- 2) TCA cycle → completes glucose break down
- 3) Oxidative phosphorylation → synthesizes most (90%) of ATP

# ★ Glycolysis ★

- Occurs in the Cytoplasm
- Occurs in the presence of  $O_2$  or not
- 10 steps divided into 2 phases:

Energy investment phase	Energy pay-off phase
spend 2 ATP	Repay (forming) 4 ATP
to break glucose into	Rearranging the atoms
<u>Two 3-C sugars</u>	forming 2 pyruvate
G3P and DHAP	isomerase

Notes:

⇒ **Oxidative phosphorylation:** adding  $P_i$  to ADP forming ATP, occurs with ETC

⇒ **Substrate level phosphorylation:** adding phosphate from the substrate to ADP forming ATP, Occurs without ETC

Very Important Notes on glycolysis:

- 1) Steps that consume ATP = 1 & 3 / steps that form ATP = 7 & 10
- 2) Step number 6 forms 2 NADH / step number 9 forms 2  $H_2O$
- 3) **Phosphofructokinase:** The enzyme that catalyze the 3rd step → transfers phosphate to (fructose 6-phosphate) forming (fructose 1,6-Biphosphate)
- 4) **Enolase:** The enzyme that catalyze the 9th step → forming (=) in 2-phosphoglycerate converting it to PhosphoEnolPyruvate (PEP) → a molecule with high energy
- 5) **G3P** = Glyceraldehyde 3-Phosphate, **DHAP** = DihydroxyAcetone Phosphate

The net products of Glycolysis per glucose molecule:

2 ATP, 2 NADH, 2  $H_2O$ , 2 pyruvate molecules

No Release of  $CO_2$ )

## ★ Pyruvate Oxidation

- Occurs in the mitochondria (eukaryotes) but in Cytosol (prokaryotes)
  - Pyruvate enters the mitochondria by active transport
- Steps: 1) Release  $CO_2$  2) Forming NADH 3) attaching CoA forming acetyl CoA
- **Coenzyme A (CoA):** Sulfur containing compound, derivative of B vitamin, has high energy

The net products of Pyruvate Oxidation per:

No ATP

Synthesis

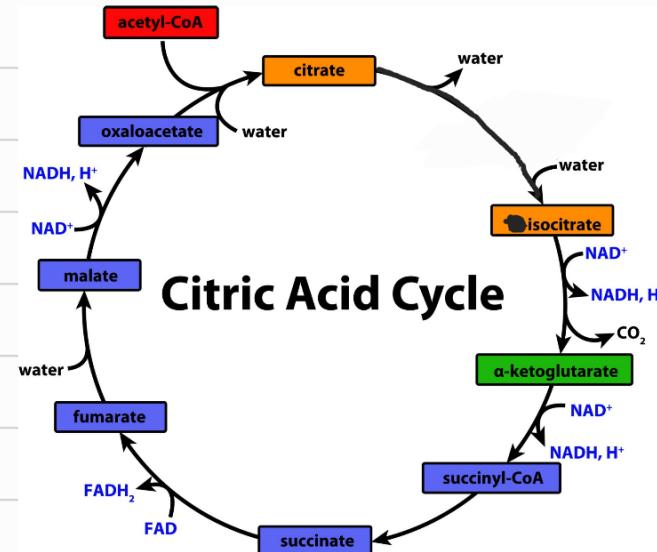
Pyruvate molecule:  $1\text{CO}_2, 1\text{NADH}, 1\text{acetyl CoA}$

Glucose molecule:  $2\text{CO}_2, 2\text{NADH}, 2\text{acetyl CoA}$

## ★ TCA cycle ★

- Called Citric acid cycle, Kreb's cycle and Tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle

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Notes:

- 1) TCA cycle releases  $2\text{CO}_2$  in steps 3 and 4
- 2) TCA cycle forms  $3\text{NADH}$  in steps 3, 4 and 8
- 3) TCA cycle forms 1 ATP (or GTP) in step 5
- 4) TCA cycle forms 1  $\text{FADH}_2$  in step 6
- 5) Citrate is converted to isocitrate by removing  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  then adding  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  again
- 6) Fumarate is converted to malate by adding  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

All the enzymes of TCA cycle are located in the mitochondrial matrix

Except the enzyme of the 6<sup>th</sup> step (inner mitochondrial membrane)

The net products of TCA cycle per:

pyruvate molecule, per cycle:  $2\text{CO}_2, 3\text{NADH}, 1\text{FADH}_2, 1\text{ATP} (\text{or GTP})$

glucose molecule:  $4\text{CO}_2, 6\text{NADH}, 2\text{FADH}_2, 2\text{ATP} (\text{or GTP})$

# Oxidative Phosphorylation

Prosthetic group: Non-protein components

ETC

mainly proteins

- ⇒ Source of  $e^-$  for ETC  $\rightsquigarrow$  NADH & FADH<sub>2</sub> accepts  $2e^-$  and  $2H^+$
- ⇒ NADH transfers  $2e^-$  to Complex I  
Complex I (FMN  $\rightsquigarrow$  FeS)  $\rightsquigarrow$  CoQ  $\rightsquigarrow$  Complex III and IV (cytochromes)  $\rightarrow O_2$
- ⇒ FADH<sub>2</sub> transfers  $2e^-$  to Complex II  
Complex II (Fe.S)  $\rightsquigarrow$  CoQ  $\rightsquigarrow$  Complex III and IV (cytochromes)  $\rightarrow O_2$

**Flavoprotein:** The first molecule in ETC, its prosthetic group is Flavin Mono Nucleotide (FMN)

**Fe.S:** Iron-sulfur protein, its prosthetic groups are iron & sulfur

**Coenzyme Q, Ubiquinone (CoQ):** hydrophobic, mobile, the only member that isn't protein

**Cytochromes (Cyt):** proteins in Complexes III and IV, the last one (before  $O_2$ ) is Cyt a3

Their prosthetic group is heme

Contains iron

★ ETC is important to transfer electrons step by step & release energy in a more manageable way (Not in an explosive way)

**ATP synthase**  $\rightsquigarrow$  It is an enzyme that makes ATP (from ADP + P<sub>i</sub>)

↳ In the inner mitochondrial membrane (eukaryotes)

and plasma membrane (prokaryotes)

The energy released due to the transfer of  $e^-$  along ETC is used to

pump proton ( $H^+$ ) from the matrix to the intermembranous space

Forming a proton gradient  $\rightsquigarrow$  then  $H^+$  return back to the matrix through ATP synthase  $\rightsquigarrow$  moving and spinning the rotator  $\rightsquigarrow$  catalyzing ATP synthesis

indirect use of energy

Chemiosmosis, Proton-motive force  $\rightsquigarrow$  It is the use of proton gradient to do a work (such as ATP synthesis)

### Notes:

1) 34% of the energy in glucose is used to make ATP  $\rightsquigarrow$  the rest is lost as heat

$\Rightarrow$  Uncoupling proteins: proteins in the inner mitochondrial membrane  $\rightsquigarrow$  decrease the efficiency of ATP generation to form heat to maintain body temperature

2) the total ATP synthesized is about = 32 ATP

$\Rightarrow$  2 (glycolysis) + 2 (TCA) + 28 (ETC + chemiosmosis) = 32  
Substrate level phosphorylation + Oxidative phosphorylation

3) The transfer of electrons release energy enough to pump:

$\Rightarrow$  NADH (from mitochondria)  $\rightsquigarrow$  10 H<sup>+</sup>  $\rightsquigarrow$  forming 2.5 ATP

$\Rightarrow$  NADH (from cytosol, glycolysis)  $\rightsquigarrow$  forming 1.5 ATP

less because of energy used to actively transport NADH to the mitochondria

$\Rightarrow$  FADH<sub>2</sub>  $\rightsquigarrow$  6 H<sup>+</sup>  $\rightsquigarrow$  forming 1.5 ATP

less because it transfer its e<sup>-</sup> to a lower energy level (complex II Not I)

★ The flow of \_\_\_\_\_ during aerobic respiration:

1) e<sup>-</sup>  $\rightsquigarrow$  Glucose  $\rightsquigarrow$  NADH, FADH<sub>2</sub>  $\rightsquigarrow$  ETC  $\rightsquigarrow$  Oxygen

2) energy  $\rightsquigarrow$  Glucose  $\rightsquigarrow$  NADH, FADH<sub>2</sub>  $\rightsquigarrow$  ETC  $\rightsquigarrow$  Chemiosmosis  $\rightsquigarrow$  ATP

### ★ Anaerobic Respiration $\rightsquigarrow$ in certain prokaryotes

$\Rightarrow$  It uses ETC but doesn't use Oxygen  $\rightsquigarrow$  It use another electronegative molecule with less electronegativity (efficiency) than O<sub>2</sub> (such as SO<sup>-2</sup>)

$\Rightarrow$  Marin bacteria uses SO<sup>-2</sup>  $\rightsquigarrow$  so the by product is H<sub>2</sub>S not H<sub>2</sub>O  
(H<sub>2</sub>S has rotten egg odor)

# ★ Fermentation

- ⇒ In cellular respiration → make ATP by substrate level and oxidative phosphorylation, and  $\text{NAD}^+$  is recycled by ETC
- ⇒ Fermentation → make ATP only by substrate level phosphorylation and  $\text{NAD}^+$  is recycled by pyruvate or one of its derivatives
- ⇒ Fermentation = glycolysis +  $\text{NAD}^+$  recycling (regeneration)

## Alcohol Fermentation

- ★ Pyruvate converted to ethanol by 2 steps:
  - 1) Release  $\text{CO}_2$  forming acetaldehyde
  - 2) Reducing acetaldehyde by  $\text{NADH}$  forming Ethanol +  $\text{NAD}^+$
- ★ used by yeast (fungus) & bacteria
- ★ used in winemaking, brewing and baking

## Lactic acid Fermentation

- ★ Pyruvate is converted directly to lactate
- ★ No Release of  $\text{CO}_2$
- ★ Used by fungi, bacteria & muscles
- ★ Used in making yogurt and cheese
- ★ Muscles use lactic acid fermentation when  $\text{O}_2$  is Scarce (not enough) in strenuous exercise → causing lactate accumulation → which transported to the liver to regenerate pyruvate

- ★ In fermentation → pyruvate or acetaldehyde are the last  $e^-$  acceptors
- ★ In aerobic respiration →  $\text{O}_2$  is the last  $e^-$  acceptor
- ★ In anaerobic respiration → Electronegative molecule is the last  $e^-$  acceptor

Organisms are classified into:

- 1) Obligate anaerobe → only Anaerobic Respiration and Fermentation
  - Can't survive in the presence of  $\text{O}_2$  ( $\text{O}_2$  is toxic for them)
- 2) Obligate aerobe → only Aerobic Respiration (such as vertebrate's brain)
- 3) Facultative anaerobe → Both Fermentation + Respiration (such as yeast, some bacteria & muscle cells)

★ Glycolysis & TCA cycle have many intersections with other catabolic and anabolic pathways

### Catabolic

- 1) Starch and glycogen  $\rightarrow$  broken down into glucose  $\rightarrow$  enters glycolysis
- 2) Proteins  $\rightarrow$  broken down into amino acid  $\rightarrow$  Removing their amino group by deamination  $\rightarrow$  then enter TCA or glycolysis
- 3) Fats  $\rightarrow$  Glycerol  $\rightarrow$  converted to G3P  $\rightarrow$  glycolysis intermediate  
Fatty acids  $\rightarrow$  broken down by beta oxidation to 2C fragments which are converted to acetyl CoA  $\rightarrow$  enter TCA

### Anabolic

- 1) Pyruvate can be used to make glucose
- 2) Acetyl CoA can be used to make fats
- 3) DHAP can be used to make fats
- 4) We can synthesize half of the 20 amino acid  
the rest are essential (only from diet)

### Regulation of Respiration:

phosphofructokinase (step 3 glycolysis)  $\rightarrow$  the pacemaker of respiration  
Inhibited by ATP and citrate, activated by AMP and ADP

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