

# Introduction to metabolism

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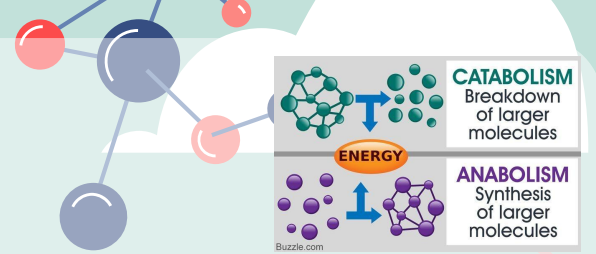
# Objectives

- Understand the concept of metabolic pathway
- Identify types & characters of metabolic pathways(anabolic and catabolic )
- Identify ATP as the energy currency of cells



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# Metabolism



## Metabolism

All the chemical reactions taking place inside a cell are collectively known as **METABOLISM**

## Metabolism consists of:

<b>catabolic</b> "Breaking down"	<b>anabolic</b> "Building up"
Energy <b>producing</b> pathways (Exergonic)  Exp: Complex carbohydrates to simple sugar	Energy <b>consuming</b> pathways (Endergonic)  Exp: Amino acids to protein

# Pathway Vs Chemical Reaction

## Metabolic pathway:

A **multi-step** sequence of chemical reactions

A product of first reaction becomes a substrate for second reaction

Integrated pathways: Metabolism

Note: Pathways that regenerate a component are called **cycles**.  
eg: TCA cycle (citric acid cycle) (**krebs cycle**)

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e.g.  $A \rightarrow B$   
 $B \rightarrow C$   
 $C \rightarrow D$

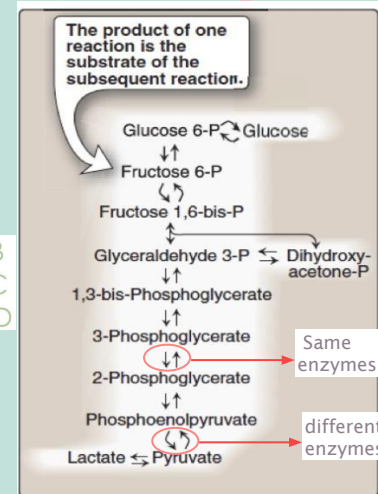


Figure 8.1

Glycolysis, an example of a metabolic pathway.

# Metabolic Map

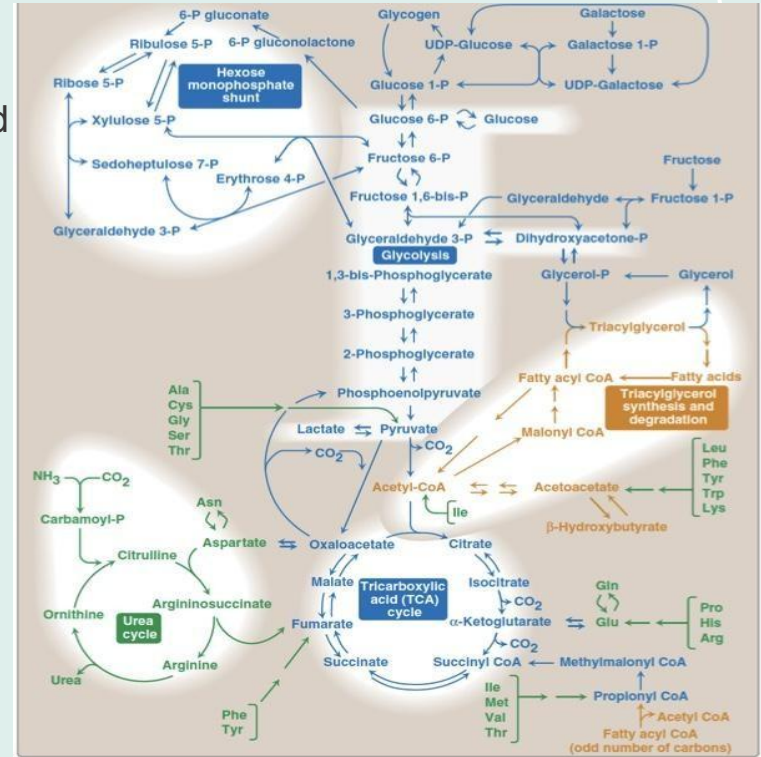
Different pathways can intersect to form an integrated and purposeful network of chemical reactions that intersect called **"The Metabolic Map"**. metabolic map help us to Understand the reactions and have a knowledge about how one pathway affects others pathways

Benefits of metabolic map, To know:

- How the substance is formed .
- Which enzyme is used .
- If the reaction is reversible or irreversible.
- If there is defect in any enzyme.

About the metabolic map:

فكرتها زي قوقل ماب لو واحد وصف لك تروح مكان بيقول لك تمشي لين جامعة الملك سعود من طريق الامام وبعدين تاخذ يمين وكذا ما راح تقدر تجيبه الا من طريق واحد لكن لما يعطيك خريطة او اللوكيشن بالجوال راح يعطيك قوقل ماب اكثر من طريق عشان تصل



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# Classification: Most pathways can be classified as:

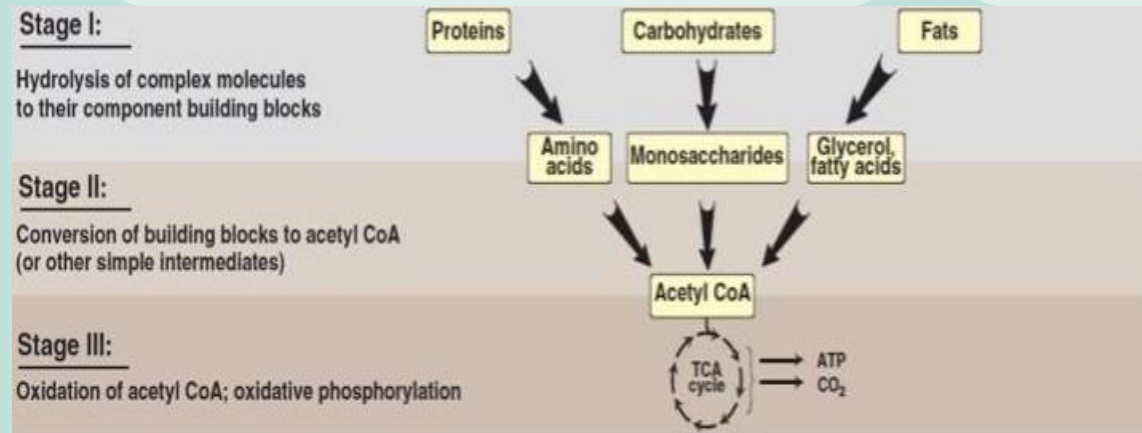
## Catabolic

Has **three** stages to produce energy

- 1) **Hydrolysis** of complex molecules to their component building blocks
- 2) **Conversion** of building blocks to acetyl CoA (or other simple intermediates)
- 3) **Oxidation** of acetyl CoA; oxidative phosphorylation

## Anabolic (Stage II to I)

- Formation of **precursor** molecules into **complex** molecules
- Endergonic reactions (**require ATP**) or **sometimes GTP**
- A **divergent** process (**few precursors form more complex products**)



Pathways that regenerate a component are called **cycles**

- the stages are very important

# Comparison of catabolic and anabolic pathways

Anabolic	Catabolic
Simple to complex molecules	Complex to simple molecules
Endergonic <i>Requires energy</i>	Exergonic <i>Produce energy</i>
Involves reduction <i>Gain H<sup>+</sup></i>	Involves oxidation <i>Loss H<sup>+</sup></i>
Requires NADPH <i>Reducing agent</i>	Requires NAD <sup>+</sup> <i>Oxidising agent</i>
Divergent process	Convergent process

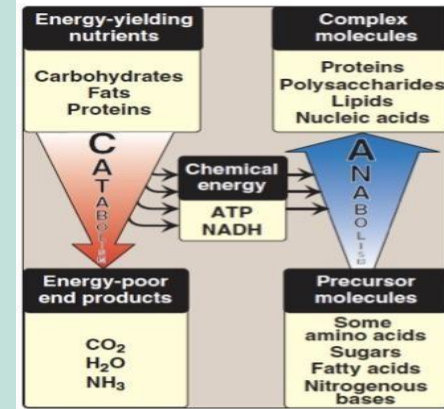


Figure 8.4  
Comparison of catabolic and anabolic pathways.

## Amphibolic Pathways

- Amphi = dual (ثنائي)
- **Amphibolic** = dual pathway (both catabolic and anabolic)

Example: **Krebs cycle** (TCA Cycle)

Krebs cycle is **mainly a catabolic cycle** but **with some anabolic features**.

part of Krebs cycle is used for the synthesis of glucose from amino acids. Therefore it's amphibolic



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## Energy Currency: ATP

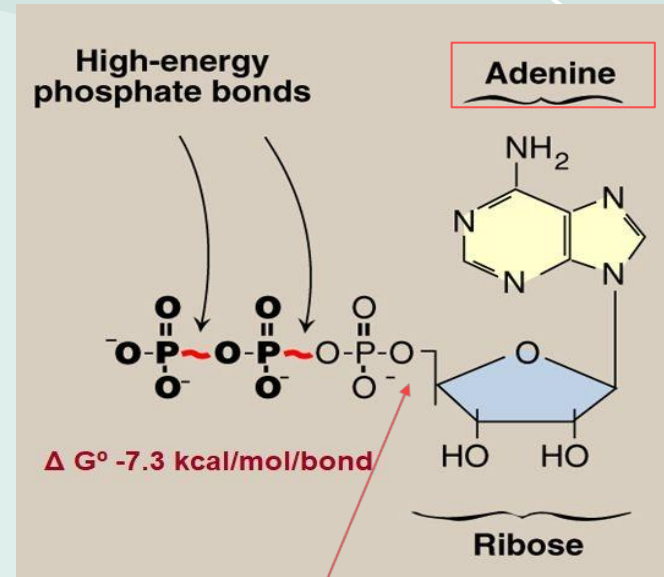


- The free energy liberated by the hydrolysis of ATP is used to drive the endergonic reactions
- ATP is **formed** from ADP and  $\text{P}_i$  when fuel molecules are **oxidized**
- This **ATP-ADP cycle** is the fundamental mode of energy exchange in biological systems

ATP has two bonds can produce energy. (less stable - easy to break)

Sometimes we break ADP to AMP if more energy is needed.

## Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP)



phosphoester bond

- the phosphoester bond between the  $\text{PO}_4$  group and the Ribose sugar is very stable and very hard to break. thus, it's not considered as a high energy bond



# Oxidation-Reduction in Metabolism

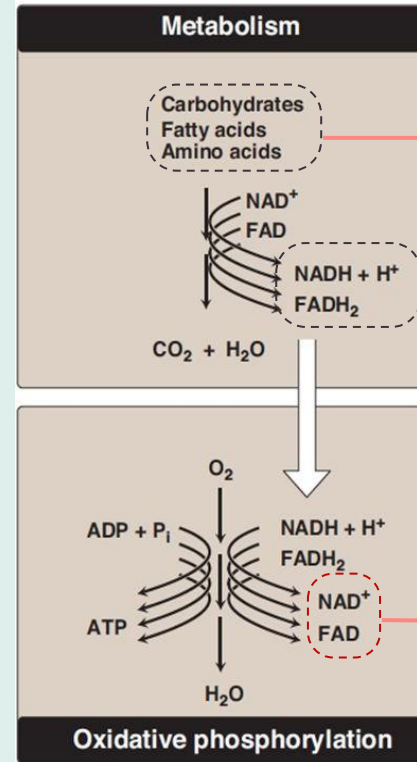
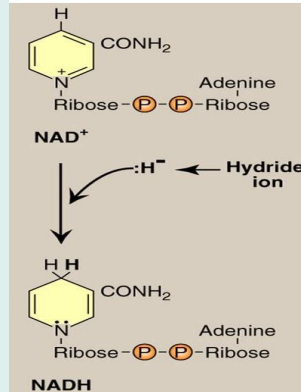
Oxidation	Reduction
Loss of hydrogen	Gain of hydrogen
Loss of electron	Gain of electron

Mnemonic:

“Oil Rig”

Oxidation is loss - Reduction is gain

**FAD, NAD<sup>+</sup>: oxidizing agents** (Accept electron)  
**FADH<sub>2</sub>, NADH: reducing agents** (loss electron)  
 didn't understand?-when the oxidizing agents enter a reaction (eg;NAD<sup>+</sup>). they will oxidize the other molecule (oxidizing agents) but they will reduce themselves NAD<sup>+</sup> will become NADH after the reaction-the same for reducing agent (NADH). they will reduce the other molecule (reducing agent) but they will oxidize themselves NADH will become NAD<sup>+</sup>



Energy rich compounds

Energy-rich Reduced coenzymes

Transfer of electrons

Oxidized coenzymes

Oxidative phosphorylation is the process to convert ADP to ATP. It happens in mitochondria.

# Regulation of metabolism

Very important for SAQ

## Intercellular communications

## Intracellular signals (cell level)

Second messenger

First messenger  
Chemical signaling  
(hormones)

- cAMP, cGMP
- Ca<sup>++</sup>/phosphatidylinositol

Hormones bind to receptor outside the cell, leading to the activation of cell messengers inside the cell.

Allosteric Activators or **inhibitors**

Product inhibition

Substrate availability



## Metabolic Fuel

Carbohydrates and lipids (**mainly**) and proteins (**little extent**) are used for energy production.

**Glucose** and **fatty acids** are **major** sources of energy.

**Amino acids** are a **minor** source of energy.

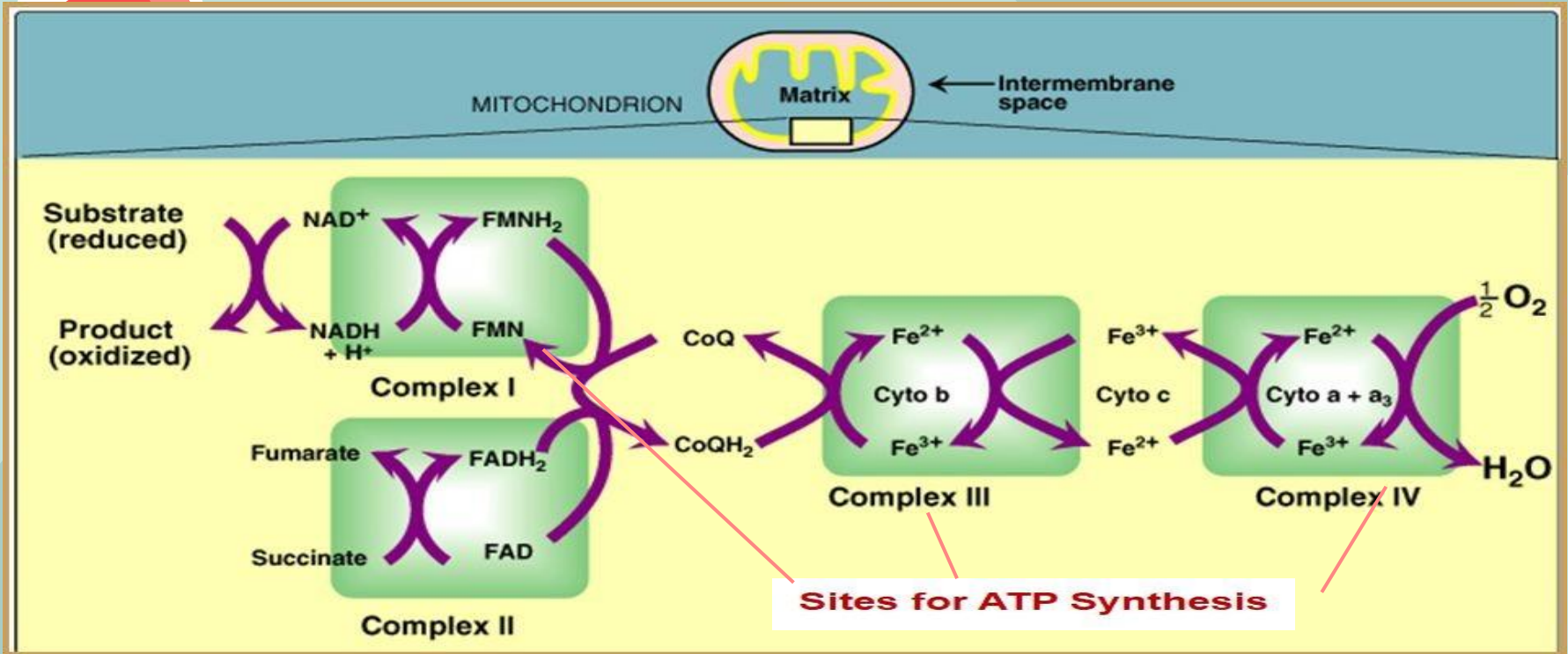
Glucose is the major metabolic fuel of most tissues.

- some tissues can't use fatty acid as metabolic fuel easily. As a result they prefer glucose.



# Electron Transport Chain (ETC)

Figure For Illustration only



Electron transport and ATP synthesis are tightly coupled processes

# MCQs

Q1: Characteristics of metabolic map:

- |               |               |                 |                 |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A) Purposeful | B) Integrated | C) Both A and B | D) None of them |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|

Q2: which type of pathways does Krebs cycle use?

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|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| A) Anabolic pathway | B) Amphibolic pathway | C) Catabolic pathway | D) None of them |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|

Q3: when an oxidizing agent enters a reaction, the outcome will be

- |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| A) oxidizing the other molecule and himself | B) reducing the other molecule and himself | C) reducing the other molecule and oxidizing himself | D) oxidizing the other molecule and reducing himself |
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Q4: All the chemical reactions taking place inside a cell are collectively known as:

- |             |                  |               |            |
|-------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| A) Pathways | B) Metabolic map | C) Metabolism | D) A and C |
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Q5: which of these regulation is an example of intracellular regulation?

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|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| A) Substrate availability | B) Second messenger | C) Product inhibition | D) A and C |
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Answer key:

1) C 2) B 3) D 4) C 5) D

# SAQ

## Questions:

**Q6: what is the pathway that consumes ATP?**

**Q7: what does amphibolic pathway means? and give an example for it.**

**Q8: how can ATP produces energy?**

**Q9: Compare between Catabolic and Anabolic pathways.**

## Answers:

**Q6** Anabolic pathway

**Q7** it's a pathway that have both catabolic and anabolic features. Krebs cycle.

**Q8** hydrolysis of ATP ( $\text{ATP} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{ADP} + \text{P}_i + \text{Energy}$ )

**Q9** slide 8

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