

## Unit 3: Energy

### **Capacity: Transforming Energy**

*How is energy transformed by a system?*

Cellular Work comes in three forms...

- 1) Mechanical – moving cell structures
  - \* chromatid movement during mitosis
- 2) Transport – pumping across membranes
  - \* active transport pumps
- 3) Chemical – endergonic reactions
  - \* making polymers from monomers
  - \* photosynthesis

Energy coupling powers most cell work.

- utilizes energy produced during exergonic reaction to power another reaction
- Adenosine triphosphate (ATP) serves as the energy molecule of cells
  - o Structure: 3 phosphates, 1 ribose, 1 adenine
  - o Function: energy is released during breaking of bond between phosphates
    - Phosphates are broken off one at a time by hydrolysis
    - Often phosphate binds to another molecule in the process called phosphorylation

The making of ATP is also called phosphorylation.

- Substrate level
  
- Oxidative
  
- Photophosphorylation

What metabolic pathways make ATP?

Cell Respiration and Photosynthesis

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### **Capacity: Bioenergetics**

*How do living organisms process energy?*

Metabolism – total of all chemical reactions that use or create energy

Living organisms use different modes of acquiring energy.

- ❖ Autotrophy – organisms that create their own energy source
  - Photoautotroph – use light energy and CO<sub>2</sub> to create an energy source
    - Photosynthesis
    - Plants and algae
  - Chemoautotroph – oxidize inorganic molecules and process CO<sub>2</sub> for energy
    - Some prokaryotes (mainly archae)
- ❖ Heterotroph – must obtain their organic energy source from another source
  - Photoheterotrophs – use light energy and carbon from organic molecules to create a food source
    - Some prokaryotes (mainly archae)
  - Chemoheterotrophs – consume organic molecules and produce CO<sub>2</sub>
    - Cell respiration

Living organisms vary on their use of oxygen to metabolize energy.

- ❖ Obligate aerobes – use oxygen gas for cell respiration and cannot prolong life without it
  - Some prokaryotes
  - Most fungi, all plants and all animals
- ❖ Facultative anaerobes – can use oxygen if available, but can prolong life without it using fermentation
  - Some prokaryotes
  - Plants and animals do fermentation for short spans, however cannot prolong life on this for long.
- ❖ Obligate anaerobes – oxygen is toxic to these organisms, only use fermentation
  - Some prokaryotes

The flow of energy through animals is called bioenergetics.

- ❖ Carnivores – “meat eaters”, eat other animals
  - Protein heavy diet
- ❖ Omnivores – eat both animals and plants
  - Diet is mixture of protein and carbohydrates
- ❖ Herbivore – eat only plants
  - Diet is mainly carbohydrates

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### **Capacity: Bioenergetics**

Thermoregulation varies among animals.

- ❖ What is thermoregulation?
  - Maintain an internal body temperature within a safe range
  
- ❖ Ectotherm – use mainly heat gained from their environment
  - Body temperatures fluctuate with environmental temperature
  - Behaviors, such as basking in the sun to gain heat
  - Most invertebrates, fish, amphibians, many reptiles
  
- ❖ Endotherm – use mainly heat gained from internal metabolism
  - Body temperatures can still fluctuate, but usually less drastically
  - Mammals, birds, some reptiles, some fish, some insects

Metabolic rate – amount of energy used in a unit of time

- ❖ Basal metabolic rate (BMR) – resting rate for an adult endotherm
  - We call this “caloric intake” when dieting
    - average male 1800 Calories
    - average female 1500 Calories
  
- ❖ Standard metabolic rate – resting rate for non-stressed adult ectotherms
  - Must be done at a specific temperature

### **Capacity: Cell Respiration**

*How does cell respiration provide energy for living organisms?*

Overview of Cell Respiration

- all eukaryotes use cell respiration (even plants!)
- occurs in a mitochondria
- Glucose → ATP energy + water + carbon dioxide
  
- Glycolysis (cytoplasm)
- Krebs’s (matrix of mitochondria)
- Electron Transport Chain (inner membrane of mitochondria)

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### **Capacity: Cell Respiration**

#### Pathways involved in the processing of organic molecules for energy

##### 1. Glycolysis

- Location:
- Where does it get its name?
- Reactants (what goes in?):
  
- What happens?
  
- Outcomes/Products (what comes out?):
  
- Other Details:

##### 2. Krebs's Cycle

- Location:
- Where does it get its name?
- Reactants (what goes in?):
  
- What happens?
  
- Outcomes/Products (what comes out?):
  
- Other Details:
  - Acetyl CoA is made in cytoplasm
  - CoA = coenzyme A... it carries acetyl molecule to Krebs's cycle, it does NOT enter the mitochondria and cycle directly

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#### 3. Electron Transport Chain

- Location:
- Where does it get its name?
  
- Reactants (what goes in?):
  
  
- What happens?
  
  
- Outcomes/Products (what comes out?):
  
  
- Other Details:
  - NADH enters chain at a membrane protein
  - Hydrogen protons (H<sup>+</sup>) move to the outer compartment of mitochondria
  - FADH<sub>2</sub> enters at a special point... called Q
  - Electrons move through membrane proteins
  - Oxygen attracts the electrons down the chain
  - H<sup>+</sup> move through ATP synthase (membrane ion channel)
  - Ions moving through the channel make ATP
  - This process is called chemiosmosis. Mechanical spinning of channel creates the energy that attaches a phosphate onto ADP
  - Electrons, H<sup>+</sup>, and oxygen form water

Draw a picture of ETC “the dance”



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### Capacity: Cell Respiration

*Adding it all up...*

#### Aerobic Cell Respiration

- Glycolysis
  - Uses 2 ATP to start... - 2 ATP
  - Makes 4 ATP
  - Makes 2 NADH
- Pyruvate turns into Acetyl CoA
  - Makes 2 NADH (one for each pyruvate)
  - Moving the NADH from cytoplasm to ETC Uses 2 ATP... - 2ATP
- Krebs's Cycle
  - Makes 2 ATP
  - Makes 6 NADH
  - Makes 2 FADH<sub>2</sub>
- Electron Transport Chain
  - Makes 3 ATP for each NADH
    - \_\_\_\_\_ X 3 ATP = \_\_\_\_\_ ATP
  - Makes 2 ATP for each FADH<sub>2</sub>
    - \_\_\_\_\_ X 2 ATP = \_\_\_\_\_ ATP

	ATP Produced	Type of Phosphorylation
Glycolysis		
Pyruvate → Acetyl CoA		
Krebs's Cycle		
Electron Transport Chain		
Lost ATP (Moving NADH)		
<b>Total ATP</b>		

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### Capacity: Cell Respiration

*Adding it all up*

#### Anaerobic Respiration

- Glycolysis
  - Uses 2 ATP to start... - 2 ATP
  - Makes 4 ATP
  - Makes 2 NADH
  
- Fermentation turns pyruvate into alcohol or lactic acid
  - Uses 2 NADH
  - Makes NO ATP
  - Simply allows for Glycolysis to continue

	ATP Produced	Type of Phosphorylation
Glycolysis		
Fermentation		
Total ATP		

### Capacity: Photosynthesis

*How does photosynthesis provide energy for living organisms?*

#### Overview of Photosynthesis

- it is very similar to cell respiration, just in reverse
  - used by photoautotrophs (includes some prokaryotes, algae, and plants)
  - occurs in chloroplast
  - light energy + water + carbon dioxide → glucose + oxygen
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- Light reactions (thylakoid membranes)
  - Calvin Cycle (stroma of chloroplast)



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### Capacity: Photosynthesis

Photosynthesis uses energy from the sun... so let's talk about that first.

Sunlight: used to excite electrons and eventually the making of ATP and NADPH

- composed of small particles called photons that travel in waves
  
- part of the electromagnetic spectrum
  - includes gamma rays (higher energy, shorter wavelengths), X-rays, UV light, visible light, infrared, microwaves, and radiowaves (lower energy, longer wavelengths)
  
  - visible light is used by chlorophyll and other pigments during photosynthesis
    - purple = shortest wavelengths, highest energy
    - red = longest wavelengths, lowest energy
  
- light can be reflected, transmitted, or absorbed by matter
  - Pigments appear the color of the REFLECTED light, the light wavelengths not being used by the pigment.
    - Energy from photons excites the electrons in the pigment. They move to higher energy level.
    - When electrons fall back to their ground state, they reflect back light and heat.
    - Example: A red shirt contains pigment that is reflecting red light wavelengths, but absorbing the other visible wavelengths
  
  - Absorption spectrum – graphic of a pigment's light absorption versus wavelength
  
  - Photosynthetic Pigments found in a chloroplast
    - Chlorophyll a – reflects blue-green
      - absorbs violet-blue and red light
  
    - Chlorophyll b – reflects yellow-green
      - Absorbs blue and orange-red
  
    - Carotenoids – reflect yellow or orange
      - Absorbs violet and blue-green light
      - Provide ability to do photosynthesis in fall, causing change of leaf color
      - Provide protection for chlorophyll pigments by absorbing excessive light energy

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### Capacity: Photosynthesis

#### Light Reactions: composed of photosystems, harvest the light energy

- Found in the thylakoid membrane
- Photosystems contain pigment molecules attached to proteins, a reaction center, and primary electron acceptor
- Two types exist: Photosystem II and photosystem I
  - Photosystem II – occurs first in noncyclic electron flow
    - Reaction center contains chlorophyll *a* molecules that best absorb 680nm light waves
    - aka... P680 or PS II
  - Photosystem I – discovered first, however occurs second in non-cyclic electron flow
    - Reaction center contains chlorophyll *a* molecules that best absorb 700nm light waves
    - aka... P700 or PS I
- Light reactions come in two patterns: Noncyclic and Cyclic
  - Noncyclic Electron Flow: looks like a 'N'
    - Light excites electrons in the pigments of PS II and I. They “jump” up to the primary acceptor.
    - Water molecule splits as electrons leave to fill the holes left by the excited pigment electrons.
      - Produces oxygen gas and hydrogen ions
    - Excited electrons from PS II travel through an E.T.C. in membrane. Eventually filling the hole left by electron in PS I.
      - Produces ATP
      - ATP travels to the Calvin cycle
    - Excited electrons from PS I bind with NAD<sup>+</sup> and hydrogen ions.
      - Produces NADPH
      - NADPH travels to the Calvin cycle
  - Cyclic Electron Flow: looks like a circle
    - Only involves PS I
    - Light excites electrons in PS I. They “jump” to the primary acceptor.
    - The electron falls back down through the E.T.C. in the membrane.
      - Produces ATP
    - Does not produce NADPH
    - Does not use water or produce oxygen

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### Capacity: Photosynthesis

Calvin Cycle: aka "dark reactions" because they do not directly require light.

- occurs in the stroma (open fluid of the chloroplast)
- directly produces a 3 Carbon sugar called glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate (G3P)
- divided into 3 phases
  1. Carbon fixation: addition of carbon using  $\text{CO}_2$ 
    - Done by an enzyme known as rubisco
    - Must be done 3 times to create the 3 carbon sugar produced by Calvin cycle
  2. Reduction: the molecule from phase 1 gains electrons to be reduced
    - ATP adds phosphates
    - NADPH adds electrons
    - Produces the G3P (3 carbon sugar)
  3. Regeneration of  $\text{CO}_2$  acceptor (RuBP):
    - Must create the acceptor molecule (a 5 Carbon molecule known as ribulose biphosphate – RuBP)

### Problems with carbon fixation: PHOTORESPIRATION

- $\text{C}_3$  plants follow the "normal" pathway of carbon fixation, using rubisco
  - Rice, wheat, and soybeans are examples of  $\text{C}_3$  plants
- $\text{C}_3$  plants have a problem, oxygen can also bind in the active site of rubisco, altering carbon fixation
  - instead of allowing for the production of a 3 carbon sugar, the oxygen creates a 2 carbon molecule (waste)
- Two alternative carbon fixation pathways have evolved in the plant kingdom
  - $\text{C}_4$  plants: spatial separation of carbon fixation and Calvin cycle
    - Contain extra layer of cells, called bundle-sheath cells
    - Initial carbon fixation occurs in mesophyll cell using different enzyme (PEP Carboxylase)
      - Produces malate
    - Malate travels into bundle sheath cell to enter Calvin cycle
    - Examples: sugarcane and corn plants
  - CAM plants: temporal separation of carbon fixation and Calvin cycle
    - Crassulacean Acid Metabolism
    - Open stomata during the night, allowing carbon dioxide in when it is cooler
      - This minimizes water loss due to transpiration
    - Initial carbon fixation occurs at night by a different enzyme (PEP Carboxylase)
      - Produces malate
    - Malate is stored in a vacuole until the day when light reactions are providing other ingredients for Calvin Cycle.

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- Examples: cacti, pineapple, jade plant