

Biology 255
CELL & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

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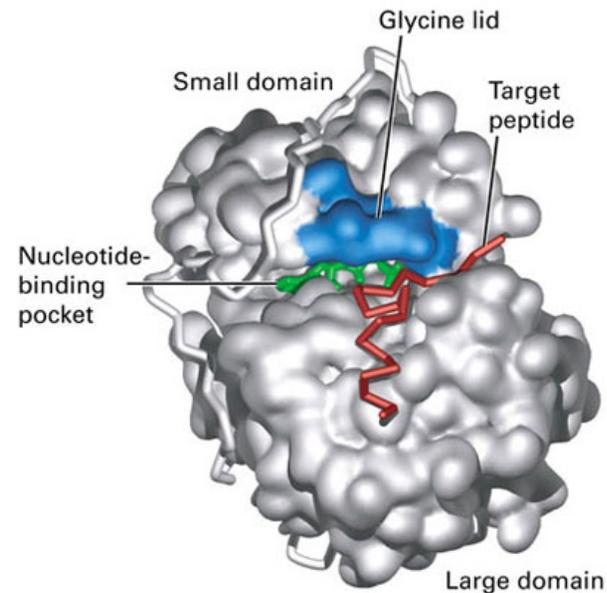
Fall 2009 - Section S : TR 3:30pm to 4:45pm in Cox 145

Spring 2010 - Section Q : TR 12:30pm to 1:45pm in Cox 126

Lecture Outlines and Handouts

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Some quotable quotes about Cell and Molecular Biology:

"The aim of **modern (CMB) BIOLOGY** is to interpret the properties of the living organism within the structure of its molecules" ...
paraphrased from [Francois Jacob](#) - in *The logic of Life*, 1973.

"Living organisms are composed of inanimate molecules...
and nothing is alive in a cell except the whole of it? "
[Matrin Olomucki](#) *the chemistry of life*. NY, McGraw Hill, 1993.

"If we admit a priori that science is just the acquisition of knowledge that is, building an inventory of all observable phenomena in a given disciplinary domain, then, obviously, any science is empirical ."
[Rene Thom](#), 1989.

"Although concepts and ideas occupy a central place in the grand sweep of our understanding of the nature of the world around us, it is a mistake to imagine that they play a greater role than [tools and techniques](#) in achieving scientific progress. Few scientific revolutions are concept driven."
[re: HGP].... [John M. Thomas](#), 1994.

" CMB is the practice of biochemistry without a license."
[Erwin Chargaff](#) 1989.

Bil 255 Cell & Molecular Biology

a brief description of CMB

3 credits Fall & Spring Semester & Second Summer Session

Structure, molecules, and functions of cells.

Prerequisite: One year of general biology with laboratory.

Description of CMB

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Cell and Molecular Biology

is the study of life & the living cell through the analysis of the constituent molecules found within cells.

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and nothing is alive in a cell except the whole of it? "

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CMB is designed to construe the properties of the organism by understanding the structure of its constituent molecules.

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Cell & molecular biology...

is a vibrant & exciting discipline.

Today, CMB forms a bridge between such basic disciplines as:

biochemistry, **developmental biology**,
physiology, **neurobiology**, **molecular genetics**,
immunobiology, and **microbiology**.

cell & molecular biology provides a natural connection between basic biological research and medicine.

required reading... class web link to [a text description of Cell Biology](#)

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More complete description:

The **goal** of cell biology is to understand the molecular basis of cell function and the fundamental cellular processes ranging from cell division and protein trafficking to signal transduction and cell migration, and to the formation of tissues during development and wound healing. The experimental approaches used in studying cell regulation and function are multidisciplinary and include: biochemical and biophysical approaches and molecular and genetic manipulation of function at both the cellular and organismal levels.

CMB is the ultimate **reductionist** philosophy...
the methodological approach of 20th century

Reductionism is a fundamental **research protocol** of CMB
i.e., "knowing the parts may explain the function of the whole"

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Procedures: web lecture notes and outlines

Class material presented in a Web based format is designed to allow individuals in the class to meet their own unique learning requirements. The web pages give "baseline-needed material" which we all must learn, including *starred links, that are designed to enhance directed learning, and explain in greater detail a concept presented on the base page.

if a web link is **starred***, then you are responsible for content at that link;
if a figure is listed [fig 7.1] or **figure*** then you are responsible for it

Additionally, there is **immersion-learning links** that are **not starred**, about **cell-molecular biology topics**, which allow a learner (you) to delve into an area of self-interest, build your knowledge base, and increase your biology productivity.

if a web-link is **NOT starred**, you're **NOT responsible** for its content.

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Fundamental Questions Asked via CMB

what does it mean to be living?
what is definition of Life?

Life is manifest in the cell... So

what are the origins of life?

what causes the great diversity of life?

what are the properties of cells?

how does life work - why do we get sick, grow old, die?

how does an organism develop from single fertilized egg?

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Course Goals -

1. examine the **details of the cell**, stressing the **fundamental & relationships between structure & function**
2. generate an appreciation for **how the properties of molecules lead to the living condition**

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Textbook (spring 2006) - "Molecular Cell Biology" **6th edition**

by Lodish et al, W.H. Freeman & Co., NY (ISBN 0-7167-7601-4).

Prerequisites - Biology 150 and 160; a background in genetics (Bil 250) & organic (CHM 201) is recommended.

Lecture - fall - 3:30pm to 4:45pm - Tues & Thurs - in Cox 145

- **spring Q** - 12:30pm to 1:45pm - Tues & Thurs - in Cox 126.

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Introduction
a brief history of CMB

basic properties of cells
& some milestones

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Bil 255 - Cell and Molecular Biology...
structure, function, & the molecules of cells with
Professors Glaser and Mallery - Spring Semester

text : [Molecular Cell Biology](#), 6th Edition
by: Lodish et al, Publisher: [W.H.Freeman](#), NY, 2007

read chapter 1 pg 1-30

some web resources:

[The Virtual Library of Biochemistry & Cell Biology](#) &
[Access Excellence](#) - a national biology education resource of the
National Health Museum (originally sponsored by [GENENTECH, Inc.](#))
it contains some of excellent graphics: [AE STUDENT RESOURCES*](#)

and [Mallery's web links for CMB RESOURCES*](#).

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Bil 255 - Foundations of Cell Molecular Biology

**1980's and 1990's are the dawn of the modern
Cell & Molecular Biology Age and is the content of Biology 255**

my mother (1906) : auto, airplane, radio, T.V. ... man on the moon
me (1943) : heart transplants ([who was 1st ?](#)), antibiotics,
DNA & transgenic animals,
artificial genes & manipulation, cloning, human genome

CMB is part of our modern culture - Movies: [Species](#) [Jurassic Park](#)

[Nobel Prizes in Physiology & Medicine and Chemistry](#)

to repeat.....

**The aim of Modern CMB is to interpret the
properties of life & organisms through the
structure of their constituent cellular molecules.**

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CMB gave us... the [Central Dogma of Molecular Biology](#)
 DNA --> RNA --> Protein [mcb fig 4.1*](#)

"Life begets Life" - is now seen at the molecular level,
 as the faithful replication of DNA...

CMB asks... what do all cells have in common...
 the answer = "their molecules & chemical reactivity"
 their biochemistry, thus
 we need to understand [Molecular Biology](#) to see how life works

CMB is about energy & reactivity, movement & change, action & reaction;
 almost everything that happens in life (happens in cells)...
 which likely boils down to [ENZYME CATALYSIS](#).

CMB replaces the gross anatomy and physiological studies of the 17th & 18th century,
 with the biology of molecules & molecular systems in 21st century.

but as [Erwin Chargaff](#) (former Chair of Bioc @ Columbia U; [pic](#) [Heineken Prize](#) winner)
 has said, "[CMB... is the practice of Biochemistry without a license](#)"

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CMB is rooted in the 2 major theories of Biology

1. **Evolution - Darwinian Natural Selection**
 changes in the allele frequency of a population's gene pool
 from one generation to another generation... as influenced by a habitat,
 which enhances population's **reproductive fitness**,
 & leading to progressively better adaptation via [Natural Selection*](#)
 The principles of morphological change and [natural selection](#),
 applied repeatedly over millions of cell generations, are **basis of evolution**
[Voyage of Beagle*](#) [Snippy](#) [Darwin's books & publications](#)

2. **Cell Theory...**
"All living things are made of cells"...
**"small, membrane bounded compartments, filled with
 concentrated aqueous solutions of reactive chemicals"**
**"All organisms are believed to have descended from
 a common ancestral cell [LUCA] selected for its better fitness
 through the processes of evolution, via Natural Selection"**
[Some cell links](#) [Cell Theory Origins](#)
[Schleiden \(pic\)](#) & [Schwann](#)

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Consequences of Cell Theory

VITALISM	vs.	MECHANICALISM	
living	vs.	non-living	
organic	vs.	non-organic	Top 10 Properties of Cells*
Vital Force	vs.	no vital force	

Cell Theory replaces [Vitalism](#)... the mainstream scientific thought of 17th century,
[Vitalism](#) was school of scientific thought, that attempts to explain the nature of
 life as resulting from a [vital force](#), "a soul", peculiar to living organisms and
 different from all other physical forces found outside living things.

Mechanists believed that life is essentially a mechanical process,
 it can be explained entirely by the workings of laws of physics and
 chemistry without a 'vital force'.

"There are no Laws of Chemistry or Physics unique to the living condition."
 The cell is the fundamental unit of all life, and though **man** and **mouse** have
 very different anatomical structure, their cells & organelles are the same, thus
 by studying cells in one organism has direct application to other organisms.

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Cell Types... (refer to chapter 1) All Living Organisms are grouped into...

- EUBACTERIA** - true bacteria
- ARCHAEA** - ancient prokaryotes [[Collage](#)]
- EUCARYA** - modern eucaryotes

[Carl Woese](#), ([interview](#)) compared the nucleotide sequences of [small-unit rRNA](#)
 from many species... rRNA is found in all cells and therefore, if all cells are derived
 form a common progenitor[[NAS-1](#)], their sequence changes over time can indicate
 divergence (loss of relatedness) through phylogeny.
 The RNA phylogeny tree produced, by comparing similar & divergent sequences,
 a tree with 3 distinct branches (Domains) ([fig 1.29*](#))

there are only **2 successful Plans of Cellular Organization**
 distinguished primarily by size & type of internal structure (organelles)

PROKARYOTE - "before nucleus"
 today prokaryotes includes blue green algae & [bacteria](#)...
 lack membrane bound organelles
 genes "naked DNA" - no "chromosomes?"
 little to no internal compartmentation [figure*](#) + [panel1.2](#) + [E.coli*](#)
 size range - 0.1 to 10 µm diameter
 3 primary forms of shape of prokaryotic cells ([fig 1.10*](#))
 ([cocci](#), [bacilli](#), [spirochetes](#))

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EUKARYOTIC [eu -true karyon -nucleus...]
 cell plan of multi-cellular organisms
 eukarya: include the fungi, algae, protozoa, slime molds, & all plants & animals.

7 CHARACTERISTIC of EUCARYOTES: panel 1-2: [animal](#)* & [plant](#)* cells

nucleus - single greatest step in evolution of higher animals
 genes in "[chromosomes](#)" [colored bodies... made of DNA + protein]
 contains more DNA (1,000x more) than prokaryotes
 presence of **organelles**- significant internal compartmentalization of function
organelle - a subcell part that has a distinct metabolic function
 presence of flexible **cell walls** (allows phagocytosis)
 presence of **cytoskeleton** (provides framework to be larger)
 usually **larger** - cell volume 10X > than bacteria - size 5.0 to 20 μm diameter
 extensive **internal membranes**
reproduce sexually

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Universal Characteristics of Cells (all Life)

- all cells store their hereditary information in **DNA**
- all cells replicate their hereditary info via **templated polymerization**
- all cells transcribe hereditary info into intermediate RNA via **templated transcription**
- all cells translate RNA in same mechanistic way via **codon:anticodon "Chargaff" pairing**
A : T and G : C




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- all cells regulate rate of **gene transcription/translation**, so only a portion of full repertoire of possible RNA's/proteins are copied, thus hereditary info dictates not only nature of cell's proteins, but also when/where they are to be made so called, differential gene activity.
- all cells use protein catalysts (enzymes) to make/break covalent bonds
 $E + S \rightleftharpoons ES \rightleftharpoons E + P$
- all cells **metabolize** - consume free energy and **are far from chemical equilibrium**. Consumption of free energy creates **covalent bonds** (which resist the disordering effects of thermal motion), thereby creating hereditary info in a DNA sequence.
 the methods that cells have evolved to obtain free energy include:
heterotrophy - oxidation of foods (covalent bonds)
autotrophy - capture of light energy via pigments photosynthesis)
lithotrophy - chemical electron donors provide energy
N₂ & CO₂ are stable & unreactive & reduction to **NH₂ & CH₂O** uses energy
- All cells are enclosed in a spontaneously aggregating amphiphilic phospholipid bilayer: **membranes** regulate nutrient/water transfer, concentrate molecules internally.
 All membrane have embedded protein transport molecules.

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What cells types will we be looking at? [see pg 25 - 28]*
 [a freshman review of Prokaryote, Eukaryote, & Virus]

★ **Model Organisms*** in Cell & Molecular research include:

- [Bacteriophages](#) - virus infects bacteria; today used as cloning vectors
- [Escherichia coli](#) - bacteria common to human colon; work horse
- [Giardia](#) - primitive eukaryotic cell, anaerobic protozoan cell with 2 nuclei
- other eucaryotic models -
 - single celled - [Saccharomyces cerevisiae](#) - yeast [pic]
 - plants - mustard plants [Arabidopsis thaliana](#) [pic]
 - nematode - [Caenorhabditis elegans](#) - nematode [2002 Nobel]
 - animals - fruit fly [Drosophila melanogaster](#)
 - [Mickey] mouse - [Mus musculus](#) - common house mouse & its genes

Single cell culture models
 for genetic & embryonic development model systems...

- [Hela cells](#) (pic) - (George & Margaret Gey at JHU)
- human - [fibroblast](#)- connective tissue easily grown in tissue culture
- [immortal stem cells](#) (Stem Cell Journal)

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A Journey through the Cosmos of the Cell

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Have you ever seen an [individual living cell](#) ?

Hela cells: [ATTC CCL 2](#) - FROZEN AMPUOLES @ -321 0F
[American Tissue Culture Collection - Rockville, MD](#)

no signs of life, not even simple chemical metabolism,
if warmed to room temp - "resurrection" seem to come back to life"...

they move about, feed and metabolize, maybe reproduce

Human Life... is sum of lives of many individual cells.

for centuries, life was defined in the unit of the whole organism...
a cat, a bird, a human being...

Now life is defined in terms of the individual CELL.

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The Attributes of Life & the Living State:

So what exactly defines Life: life exhibits certain "QUALITIES" ...

- 1) **Autonomous Replication:** Self-Replication [Mitosis](#) & [Meiosis](#) [pics](#)*
two whole copies of genome (maternal & paternal copies :
(backup-redundancy - based in the semi-conservative
replication of DNA ([complementary templating](#))
most defining trait of the living state...

2) **Life had an Origin**

- Life begets Life... "all cells are derived from preexisting cells"...
Rudolph [Virchow](#) states this cell theory paradigm in 1858.
eliminates [Spontaneous Generation](#) [[Redi](#) & [Pasteur exp.](#)]

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All living things have evolved from a common ancestor,
through processes that include natural selection and genetic drift acting
on heritable genetic variation.

[LUCA](#) - [Last Universal Common Ancestor](#) -

All cells are derived from a single PRIMORDIAL cell

This hypothesis is based upon the [circumstantial evidence](#) such as,
the commonality that occurs in all current living organisms (life forms)...

1. all living things are composed of very similar organic molecules:
the same proteins, lipids, carbohydrates, etc...
2. all proteins (biological catalysts responsible for life's chemical rxs),
are made from one set of 20 standard amino acids...
3. all contemporary organisms carry their genetic information in nucleic
acids [DNA/RNA] and use the same genetic CODE.

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3) Life exhibits EMERGENT PROPERTIES...

a large scale, group behavior in a system, which doesn't seem to have any clear explanation in terms of the system's constituent parts.

oxygen - colorless, odorless, tasteless, reactive GAS that supports combustion

hydrogen - colorless, odorless, tasteless, reactive GAS that is flammable

water (H₂O) - non-flammable chemically reactive polar LIQUID (exist in 3 phases)

Emergent properties are unexpected, nontrivial results of relatively simple interactions by relatively simple components. Emergent properties seem to be a consequence of complexity from which unpredicted behaviors and patterns emerge.

From mix of biomolecules emerges a complexity that exhibits properties we call life

4) Life requires a Critical Level of COMPLEXITY...

Structural complexity and information content are built up according to current paradigm by combining simpler subunits into multiple complex combinations.

A single cell has no concept of the whole. A cell runs by the chemical rules built into its molecules. A single cell can't do much without interaction with other cells, but in combination cells can produce complex results such as consciousness.

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5) Life exhibits biochemical autonomy, i.e., it carries on metabolism

biochemical activities in cells make energy (ATP) & molecules to sustain cells
cell energetics occurs via...

1. cellular redox reactions,
2. capture of light energy in photosynthesis,
3. electron flow through carrier proteins,
4. H⁺ ion pumps.

Living systems are far from equilibrium:

they utilize energy, largely derived from photosynthesis, which is stored in high-energy bonds or ionic concentration gradients & release this energy by coupling it to thermodynamically unfavorable reactions to drive biological rxs: there are no unique Laws of chemistry or physics just for the Living State.

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

6) Life is manifest by the absence of the living condition...

cells die: a lack of the properties of the living state is itself definitional of living state. Death is a deterministic event, because all living beings will eventually die. [death & taxes]

Cell death is the collapse of the quantum state which has allowed living matter to take energy from the environment, while preventing an increase local entropy and delaying the tendency of energy to be dispersed or diffused. Thus, death is an irreversible final state. Dead organisms will never return to life because they would be violating the Law of Entropy.

LAW OF ENTROPY CAN BE TEMPORARILY BLOCKED (Life), BUT IT CAN'T BE VIOLATED.

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6) Life is manifest in a CELL - the fundamental unit of living systems.

Three fundamental cell types have evolved:

[bacteria](#), [archaea](#), & [eukaryotes](#).

Information encoded in DNA is organized into genes, and these heritable units use RNA as info intermediates to encode proteins, which become functional on folding into distinctive 3-D shapes.

In some situations RNA itself has catalytic activity.

Unlike atoms and simple molecules studied in chemistry and physics, no two cells are identical.

SO WHERE DID the FIRST CELLS COME FROM ?

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Thus Some Basic Properties of Life & thus Cells... or How Cells Work

1. cells have an evolutionary origin - all cells are derived from other cells... originally from a single primordial cell [LUCA some 3 bya] via Chem.Evolution?
2. cells: highly complex mix of biomolecules (C, O, H, N) ---> structural complexity show structural complexity - review [[figure 9.5a](#) pg 376 (mcb)] [[animal*](#) & [plant*](#) cells (fig 9.1 pg 373 - mcb)]
3. cells come in 2 fundamental types - prokaryote & eukaryote (read pgs 1-4: mcb6e)
 - cells obey laws of chemistry & physics (the laws of Universe)
 - cells build and degrade numerous molecules, generally via use of ATP [fig 1.14*](#)
 - cells extract energy from environment & maintain stasis far from equilibrium
 - cells acquire and utilize energy -via metabolic pathways:
 - Glycolysis, Krebs, ETC
 - cells metabolize - capable of 1,000's of reactions (via ENZYMES - in pathways)
 - cells are capable of self regulation
 - series of ordered reactions that are self-adjusted
 - cells divide, grow, & differentiate leading to cell Form & Function
 - cells osmoregulate - control what gets in/out of [membranes](#) (organelle or plasma)

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4. Cells are motile... cells are involved in numerous mechanical activities
assembly, disassembly, movement of organelles, [motor proteins](#) –
all via the cytoskeleton [fig 1.15](#) + [webinar](#)
[vesicle & organelle walking](#)^{*view@home}
5. cells respond to stimuli - via external surface or internal cell receptors
- [fig 1.16](#)*
6. cells grow and divide...
7. cells use nucleic acids for genetic information
8. cells are capable of self-replication:
- [Mitosis](#) & [Meiosis](#) - [fig 1.17](#)*
9. cells regulate their gene expression (RNA and protein synthesis)
10. cells die - absence of life may be a most defining characteristic of
living? Ex: [apoptosis](#) - programmed cell death due to
absence of certain growth signals - [fig 1.19](#)*
via [cysteine-aspartic acid](#) proteases ([caspases](#))

What is the **Origin of Life...** a paradigm question for CMB...
 or what is the **origins** of the **Primordial Cell...**

Was it a **chemical evolution** or an **astrobiological** event? 

CURRENT PARADIGM...
 most experimental evidence favors a **chemical evolutionary origin of life...**
 "simple chemical self-assembly has lead to complex self-replicating systems"

Earth forms 4.5 billion years ago,

between **4.5 to 4.0 bya** - **asteroids** bombard & sterilize planet's surface

then by **4.0 bya** - first **fossil evidence** of microscopic life

Initial chemical event may have been evolution of **CARBON BASED MOLECULES**

Ancient atmosphere (was **reducing**) with single carbon gases... **CO, CO₂, & CH₄**

Is origin of Research Life Experimentally Testable?

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4 experimental approaches used in today's Origin of Life Research

1st approach: Search for bioorganic precursor molecules of life...

A) formed from a chemically reactive soup... in early oceans of Earth
 1953 - **Miller & Urey** --> abiotic making of organics in lab experiments
 > H₂O, NH₃, CH₄, & H₂ make HCN & formaldehyde: then amino acids, nucleotides, & sugars
[link to timeline of experimental organic syntheses & origins of life*](#)

B) 1979 - Deep dwelling (ocean) **hydrothermal vents...** (deep sea volcanic plumes)
 > **vents** are full of organically rich molecules --> **life** [**tube worms** & bacteria]
 Speculation: life may have originated in vents regions...

C) 1990's - astrobiological origins for biomolecules... [Great 20th Century Discoveries](#)
 > Space Debris... space dust, meteorites, asteroids
 may have deposited organics on newly formed planet Earth.
 > **Comets** are mostly ice crystals on cores of silicates & carbon
 contain about 10% CO, CO₂, CH₄, CH₃OH, and NH₃
 > **Asteroids** contain molecules as... kerogen [a PAH], nucleobases, quinones,
 COOH's, amines & amides = some 70 amino acids, with 8 of common 20.

D) 2007 > [repeat of Miller-Urey famous experiments](#)

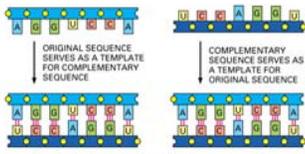
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2nd experimental approach: MODEL MOLECULAR REPLICATIVE SYSTEMS

Evolution of an RNA world... (which came 1st DNA or RNA)

in 1989 **Sidney Altman** and **Thomas Cech**
 showed that **RNA molecules RIBOZYMES** had **CATALYTIC ACTIVITY**
 i.e., these RNA's catalyze hydrolysis & condensation rxns of phosphodiester bonds.

If RNA's can be a template and also catalyze polymerization of like molecules, i.e., **replicate itself**, then RNA molecules may have been the **1st SELF-REPLICATING living entity.**



complementary templating*

No self-replicating **RNA molecules** exists naturally today, but lab experimentation may establish that it was feasible, and that **RNA molecules** can be selected for via Darwinian evolutionary mechanisms (**molecular natural selection**).

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SELF-REPLICATING MOLECULES...
 are an experimental bridges between molecules & living organisms...
 the origin of stable self-replicating molecules represents a fundamental obstacle to our understanding of the events in the origin of life.

Ribozymes/an RNA World... [Gerald Joyce](#), et al (@ Scripps, LaJolla)
[Joyce & Wright](#) used a test tube of ribozymes that can reproduce indefinitely, some with mutations, which improved rate of replication... [Scripps Report](#) and studied ribozyme molecular selection.

"...with a starting ribozyme molecule, with barely detectable DNA-cleavage activity, after 63 "generations" of in vitro selection for catalysis, showed a number variants of ribozymes, that cleave single-stranded DNA with high efficiency and specificity. These ribozymes had accumulated an average of 27 mutations relative to the wild type ribozymes and had improved their ability to cleave DNA by 10⁶-fold"

In Jan 2009 [Tracey Lincoln](#) & [Gerald Joyce](#) demonstrated a pair of RNA ribozymes each of which could make copies of the other by joining together two shorter RNA strands. In 30 hours, they found a population of RNA molecules could grow 100 million times bigger. Unfortunately, success in their experiments required the presence of preexisting RNA pieces that were far too long and complex to have accumulated spontaneously. Still, the results suggest that RNA has the raw catalytic power to catalyze its own replication... Lincoln and Joyce kept their RNA molecules in beakers... to demo the evolution of artificial replicating RNA molecules they should be packed into cells...

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Jack Szostak (Mass. General Lab) - REPLICASE...
Molecular Replication Systems... **Protocells**

He investigates how fatty acids (lipids) might have trapped RNA producing...

"evolving" new ribozymes.

Szostak started with trillions of random RNA sequences, selected ones that had catalytic properties, & made copies of those. At each round of copying some of the new RNA strands underwent mutations that turned them into more efficient catalysts. He was able to produce ribozymes that can catalyze the copying of relatively short strands of other RNAs. He then vesicleized his replicase RNA molecular complex that had the ability to make a copy of itself and direct other RNA molecules to replicate themselves...

His "vesicles" can add new fatty acids & grow and leaky enough to bring in new nucleotides, making a first "protocell!"

BUT - No self-replicating artificial RNA molecules exists naturally today,

However, **lab experimentation** may be able to establish that it was feasible, and that RNA molecules can be selected for via Darwinian evolutionary mechanism (natural selection).

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3rd approach:

PROTOBIANTS... chemically made artificial cells

Sidney W. Fox University of Miami (1912 - 1998)

Director of the NASA supported Institute for Molecular Evolution at UM.

His laboratory conducted analyses of the first moon rock samples...

- produced **proteinoids** from amino acids... dropped on hot lava rock, sand or clay.
- definition of **Protobiont** - an aggregate of abiotic made, chemically reactive molecules
- Internally... **chemically different** from their environment, & are metabolically active.

Some Examples of **Protobionts**

coacervates made of polypeptides, polysaccharides & nucleic acids and lipids
- form liposomes that are enzymatically active

Proteinoid microspheres - are selectively permeable & have membrane potentials

liposomes made from Lipids - are microscopic spherical vesicles that form when phospholipids are hydrated; can engulf smaller proteinoids making more active ones

It's a big jump from protobionts to what a eukaryote of today is ???

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Could basic physiochemical properties acting in elementary artificial protocells have given rise to essential cellular behaviors?

Evidence to date includes:

- **fatty acids** have been found in meteorites & **have been made** under a variety of **prebiotic conditions** & self assemble.
- **artificial protocells** may be made in the lab by encapsulating a self-replicating genome inside a chemically simple self-replicating membrane **vesicle**.
- artificial vesicles encapsulating active genome replicators do generate an **osmotic pressure**, which causes a vesicle to "steal" membrane fragments from other vesicles with less active genome pieces (**figure***). such "genomic fitness" may have evolved into cellular fitness.
- as fatty acid vesicles grow larger micelles, a **transmembrane pH gradient** can be generated, due to faster flip-flop of protonated FA's on outer leaflet. Acidification of a vesicle's interior stores energy in form of a **pH gradient**, a primary metabolic system of living cells.

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4th experimental approach

Synthetic Biology & Protocell Research...

a. bottom-up approach: one can't truly understand what one can't build

goals: to assemble all the components to synthetically form life to understand why & how matter can self-organize... and become living **an artificial man-made cell?????**

Synthetic Biology is constructing fully functional cells from scratch... the engineering of new genetic circuits, entire genomes, or organisms to make complex biological machines taking genetic elements to the level of engineering a cell and altering gene content & arrangements to make novel designer genes

i.e., **artificial creation of DNA molecules, genes, viri, & cells that mimic, or surpass, natural systems.**

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Some examples of what has been done in Synthetic Biology so far:

1. Synthetic Polio Virus: July 2002: Molecular Origin of Life Research ?

E. Wimmer from the University of New York at Stony Brook used the **poliovirus'** widely known genetic sequence to **synthesize** the virus from shelf chemicals. They followed a recipe they **downloaded from the internet** and used **gene sequences from a mail-order supplier**. The artificially constructed virus appears identical to its natural counterpart; when injected it into mice the animals were paralyzed and died.

2. Phi X-174 virus synthesized - November 2003:

Craig Venter and colleagues created an artificial version of **Phi X-174** by piecing together **synthetic DNA ordered from a biotechnology company**. They used a technique called polymerase cycle assembly (PCA) to link the strands of DNA together.

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3. The 1918 Spanish Flu Virus is Reconstructed - October 2005:

Jeffery K. Taubenberger, a molecular pathologist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and his colleagues were able to **piece together** the virus's genes from two unusual sources:

- 1) **lung tissue** removed at autopsy from a 21-year-old soldier and
- 2) the frozen body of an **Inuit woman** who died of influenza in November 1918 and was buried in the Alaskan permafrost.

These sources provided intact pieces of viral RNA that could be analysed and sequenced. The virus's has eight "**RNA gene segments**" and by gene sequencing and PCR they reassembled the virus. Two of the 8 genes: **Hemagglutinin-A** type [H5] and **Neuraminidase type 1** [N1] are protein surface coatings.

There are at least **16 different HA antigens**, which binds the virus to the host cell. **Neuraminidase** is an antigenic glycoprotein enzyme found on the surface of the flu virus. **Nine neuraminidase subtypes** are known, which aid in the efficiency of virus release from infected cell.

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b. synthetic biology top-down-up approach:

looking for a minimalist essential genome required to make a cell...

J. Craig Venter, a principle investigator (P.I.) of the **Human Genome Project** is attempting to make a synthetic new type of bacterium using DNA manufactured in the lab; using the sequenced genes of a bacterium **Mycoplasma genitalium**, a gram-positive parasitic bacterium, whose primary infection site may be the human urogenital tract that causes **non-gonococcal urethritis**. It's circular chromosome has 580,073 base pairs, the smallest known genome of any free-living organism determined. M.g. has a total of only **525 genes** (482 encoding for proteins; & 43 RNA genes).

- > Venter's researchers began systematically removing genes [so called knock-out cells] to determine how many genes are **essential for life**. In 1999, they published the narrowed the needs of M. genitalium to between 265 & 350 genes.
- > How many genes does it take to make an organism? What is the minimum genes a cell needs? The scientists at The Institute for Genomic Research (**TIGR**) who determined the Mycoplasma genitalium sequence followed this work by systematically destroying its genes (by mutating them with **insertions**) to see which ones are essential to life and which are dispensable. Of the 480 protein-encoding genes, they conclude that only 265–350 of them are essential to life.

> next step: to artificially assemble these 300+ genes & create **SYNTHETIC CELL**

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Some (unexplained) Events in Chemical Evolution of Eukaryotes

the evolution of the eukarya was single most important step in evolution of multicellular life forms & was a key step that led to plant & animal life.

1. **cell membrane encapsulates genetic DNA...** development of nucleus
greatest evolutionary invention - it internalized the genome
2. **loss of a rigid cell wall...**
cells developed ability of **phagocytosis** - allowed engulfing of foods
also allowed cells to clump together --> **multicellularity** --> tissues
3. **evolve a selectively permeable membrane...**
protects cell, allows uptake nutrients & exchange with environment
4. **evolve a cytoskeleton...**
provides framework- allowed cell to grow larger, move, & permitted metabolism; eukarya are 10x larger than bacteria
5. **evolve aerobic respiration...** more efficient energy transformation
6. **develop various organelles...** (maybe by **endosymbiosis**)...
a sub-cell part that catalyzes a specific metabolic function
7. **development of sexual cell cycles...** (transposons - moveable genes)...
a method to shuffle genes along chromosomes favored cellular evolution.

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Microscopy
and
Methods, Protocols & Instrumentation

for observing cells

in Cell & Molecular Biology

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Methodologies, Techniques, & Procedures...

for observing Cell Structure in CMB

web links : use class web pages to hyperlink:

[History of Microscopy](#), [Optical Microscopy](#), [Microscopy on Web](#),
[Nobel links to microscopy](#), [Wikipedia](#), [Virtual Library-microscopy](#),
[Zeiss, Inc.](#), [History of EM \(CZ\)](#), [the Transmission-EM](#), [EM-stock pics](#),
[EM-Wikipedia](#), [TEM-Wikipedia](#),

[Cell Biology Dictionaries](#)
[A Table of Glossaries](#)
[Glossary of Techniques](#)
[National Human Genome Glossary](#)
[General Procedures & Protocols - Cell Bio](#)
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[Mallery's CMB Resources](#)

mcb(5/e) pages 184-193 & 165-173

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Early Methodology in CMB - 1910 to 2010
Equipment advances of last 50 years are the epitome of modern scientific age

MICROSCOPY is the technical field using microscopes to view cellular objects:
[development of microscopy](#) revolutionized biology & remains essential tool of CMB

2 major classes of microscopy: Light (optical) microscopy and electron microscopy

Light Microscopy: - produces magnified images of small objects with compound lens
objective lens - next to object (100x) and ocular lens (10x) = 1,000x magnification
(technically complicated) [mcb fig 9.10*](#)

types of light microscopy* (technically complicated & [mcb fig 9.10*](#))

1876 [Abbe](#) optimizes microscope designs (lens & condensers)
1886 [Zeiss](#) - lens RESOLUTION near limits of light ([0.2 um*](#) = 200 nm)

Specimen preparation:
1900's - killing, fixing, embedding & sectioning : [microtome*](#) (1 to 10 um [thin tissue sections](#))
selective staining : [stains](#) attach to specific molecules ([picture*](#))

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Tracing with molecular precursors & light microscopy:
[autoradiography](#) - 1924 [Lacassagne](#) - produces an autoradiograph, which is an light microscope image on photographic film or emulsion produced by the pattern of radioactive decay emissions (e.g., [beta particles](#) or [gamma rays](#)) from a distribution of a [radioactive](#) substance.
[methods & preparation*](#), [images*](#), [tracking*](#)

[fluorescence microscopy*](#) - 1941 [Coons](#) - form of light microscopy where component of interest in a specimen has been specifically labeled with a fluorescent molecule as [GFP \(Green Fluorescent Protein](#) or [fluorescein](#)). [mcb 9.opener*](#)

immunofluorescence microscopy - fluorescently tagged antibodies bind specifically to a corresponding antigen as a probe for identifying a particular molecule in cells, tissues, or tissues, or biological fluids: ex. [rat intestine*](#)

[confocal fluorescence microscopy*](#) - 1957 [Minsky](#) - confocal microscopes uses pinpoint illumination of a fluorophore in one focal plane to eliminate out-of-focus fluorescence. Since only fluorescence in a narrow [focal plane](#) is detected the image [resolution](#) *is greatly enhanced providing a sharper image

1980 [Alexrod](#) - [TIRF*](#) ([total internal reflection fluorescence](#)) eliminates background light ([pics](#))
1998 [Live Cell Imaging](#) confocal microscopy by PerkinElmer, Inc. ([image of scope](#))
2007 [Live Cell Video Microscopy](#) (5.5 min - view at home)

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Electron Microscopy

[mcb fig 9.20*](#) [ecb panel 1.1](#)

- TEM** 1931 [Ruska](#) - 1st transmission EM [TEM-photo](#) & [mcb6eFig1.2b*](#) & [mcb9.5a*](#)
 TEM passes e's through a specimen onto a viewing screen
 (resolution theoretical = 0.005nm, but effective resolution is = [0.1 to 0.2 nm*](#))
 1952 [Palade / Porter](#) - 1st TEM pics & EM stains – image due to differential scattering of e's
 in specimen (stains as [heavy metals](#) - osmium tetroxide for membranes) stain = dark.
 specimens must be thin = 50 nm thick; cut via [microtome](#)
 1957 [Robertson](#) - unit membrane hypothesis (all membranes look alike in EM)
 2000 computer image averaging allows 3D modeling - [models of ribosome & Ca pump*](#)
- fFEM** (cryoelectron microscopy) - an aqueous specimen is frozen in liquid N₂ (-196°C)
 1964 [Steere](#) & Muhlethaler - develops freeze fracture EM - [prep*](#) & [pics](#) (scroll down)
 2004 cryoelectron tomography – specimen rotated in electron beam & individual images
 are computationally fit into 3D reconstruction (tomogram) - [nuclear pores*](#)
- SEM** (scanning electron microscopy) - [neuron*](#) & [virtual SEM*](#)
 1965 [Charles Oatley](#) - 1st scanning EM (Stereoscan) uses metal shadowing to [coat](#) sample
 & bombardment with e's releases 2ndary e's when focused onto detector reveals 3D
 surface details
- Tagging** - 1981 antibody tagging with gold particle in electron microscopy - [fig 9.21*](#)
 1974 Nobel Prize to [G. Palade, C. deDuve, A. Claude](#) - for their "inner workings of cells"
- [Interpret EM's*](#) & [Microscopy provides for size relationship analyses*](#)

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RESULTS of MICROSCOPY...

Investigations of Cells - some major EUKARYOTIC ORGANELLES
[a tour through a Virtual Cell*](#)

The light microscope, so called because it employs visible light to detect small objects, is probably the most well-known and well-used research tool in biology. Live cells lack sufficient contrast and internal cell structures are colorless and transparent. Contrast is increased by staining with selective dyes, which involves killing and fixing the sample, which can introduce artifacts.

The electron microscopy uses a focused electron beam on fixed sectioned of cells, which are static ([mcb9.5a*](#)) to describe organelles, mostly by presence or absence of membranes...

The section on CELL ORGANELLES below* is a general review of freshman biology cell structure. Please REVIEW this material on your own, and we will question you on the material during testing.

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the Results of Microscopy : Investigations of Cells....

some major EUKARYOTIC ORGANELLES

microscopy has used fixed sectioned cells which are static ([mcb5.22a](#))
 divide organelles by presence or absence of membranes

Links to reviews of major cell organelles of animal & plant cells:

[mcb5.19*\(ans\)](#) & [mcb5.19*\(ans\)](#) –

[Quick Review of Major Eukaryotic Cell Organelles](#)

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Double Membrane Bound Organelles:

1. nucleus...

synthesizes DNA, rRNA, tRNA, primary transcript (mRNA precursor)
 largest double membrane bound –
 outer membrane contiguous with ER

peri-nuclear space (2-5nm) is contiguous with lumen of ER
 contains **pores** of protein complexes ([mcb 8.20a*](#))
 - regulates nucleoplasm-cytoplasm exchange
 via NLS of 7 aa sequence @ C-terminus (pro-lys-lys-lys-arg-lys-val)

nucleolus - regions of rDNA that makes rRNA

nucleoplasm - 'cytoplasm' of the nucleus

heterochromatin - condensed (**dark EM color**) = inactive DNA [mcb6.33a*](#)
euchromatin - non-condensed (**light EM color**) = active DNA

lamins - fibrous proteins adjacent to inner nuclear membrane
 - form frame for nuclear shape

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- mitochondria**... conducts ATP production of cell via oxidative metabolism of glucose & fatty acids
outer membrane (50:50 lipid/protein)
contains porin ([mcb10.18*](#)) transports most ligands < 10K
inner membrane (20:80 lipid/protein)
strictly regulates most transport into mitoplasm
cristae - infoldings of inner membrane ([mcb9.8 & 12.6*](#)) [pic1](#) & [pic2](#)
- chloroplast**... largest green plant cell organelle (0.5-2.0 µm by 10 µm)
double membranes
with extensive inner membrane-limited sacks called **thylakoids** ([mcb9.9*](#))
absorbs light energy via **chlorophyllous** pigments
converts light energy into ATP & NADPH (chemiosmosis)
reduces CO₂ into CH₂O

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Similarities of Mitochondria & chloroplasts...

- make ATP/NAD(P)H via same mechanism
- **chemiosmosis**: oxidative creation of H⁺ gradient coupled to ATP synthase
- show **mobility** throughout cell
- divide by **fission** independent of cell's division
- autonomously **replicate their own DNA**
[mito: 16,569 nucleotide pairs: about 37 genes]
[chlp: 10fg or 120 genes - highly supercoiled & repetitive-up to 6 copies]
- both contain **70s** - bacterial size **ribosomes**
- synthesize** their own **proteins** on own protein synthesizing machinery

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- endoplasmic reticulum**... network of closed-flattened membrane sacks called **cisternae**
found in all nucleated cells; involved in protein/lipid biosynthesis
2 types: **SER** (smooth) - lacks ribosomes [mcb9.5*](#)
- makes FA & lipids (esp. in hepatocytes)
- detoxifies hydrophobic chemical including carcinogens & pesticides
RER (rough) - membranes bound w ribosomes [mcb9.4*](#)
- makes plasma membrane proteins & exportable proteins of ECM
- abundant in cells making - antibody protein (plasma cells)
- pancreas (digestive enzymes & hormones)
- Golgi Complex**... series of flattened membrane sacks (cisternae) that take up ER transport vesicles and process contents via glycosylation (adding carbohydrate residues)
three divisions:
cis - where ER vesicles enter [mcb9.5b*](#)
medial - where modifications (glycosylations) occur
trans - vesicle packages & budded off here for secretion [mcb9.6*](#)

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Single Membrane Bound Organelles:

- endosomes**... membrane bound vesicles of extra-cellular milieu internalized by ENDOCYTOSIS
 - endocytosis** - cathrin protein "coated" membrane pits, pinch of endosome vesicles
 - phagocytosis** - whole cells engulfed & passed to lysosomes for digestion
 - autophagy** - worn-out organelles fuse with lysosome
[mcb9.2a](#) & [endosomes & lysosomes](#)
- lysosomes**... several hundred single membrane bound vesicles (exclusive to animals- **plants use vacuoles**)
have acid pH environment to help denature proteins
([H⁺ATPases*](#) & Cl transporters --> HCl)
contains **hydrolytic enzymes**
(nucleases, proteases, phosphatases, glycosylases)
cytosolic & nuclear proteins are not digested within lysosomes, but rather **proteasome***
Tay-Sachs (tt): defective lysosomal enzyme degrades gangliosides, glycolipids buildup in neurons = dementia, blindness, and death

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8. **plant vacuole**... membrane limited interior space (up to 80% cell volume) containing membrane transporters that accumulate ions, nutrients, & wastes. [mcb9.7*](#)
lumen holds digestive enzymes (acid pH optima).
tonoplast membrane permeable to water influx,
helps establish turgor pressure (5-20 ATM)

9. **peroxisomes**... spherical (0.2-1.0 μm) organelle containing **oxidases** ([catalase](#)) that use O_2 to oxidize (removes e⁻s) from molecules as H_2O_2 (& other toxins). degrade FA's to acetyl groups - used to make cholesterol (esp. impt in liver/kidney cells).
X-linked adrenoleukpdystrophy (ADL): no FA digestion occurs, leads to several neuro-linked defects & death. [mcb9.4*](#)

plants contain **glyoxysomes** which oxidize lipids (very similar to peroxisomes).

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Molecules of Living Systems Chemical Makeup of Cells

Lecture Topic #5 - Chemistry of Life –

is a **review** of your freshman biology course material that describeD the structure of the fundamental biomolecules (sugars, lipids, nucleotides, & amino acids) that make up the major macromolecules of cells: starches/glycogen, triglycerides, phospholipids, nucleic acids and proteins.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for reviewing topic # 5 (below) on your own and I will quiz you on this material during our tests.

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Molecules of Living Systems chapter 2 pg 31-54 the chemical properties of the living state

The **structure** of biological molecules how their **shape** determines the roles they play in the complex chemical processes of life.

Even the most complicated biological molecules can be divided into smaller and smaller **functional groups**

REDUCTIONISM

A Web Resource that gives 3-D shapes of Biomolecules

[A Site of the Molecules of Life mwk](#)

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The chemicals of life...

ELEMENTS - substances composed of **atoms** all having an identical number of **protons**...

- can't be reduced to simpler substances by normal chemical means
- only **30** of **92** elements **OCCUR IN LIVING SYSTEMS**...
- **99%** of **LIVING MATTER** is made of **C H O N P S**
all have **low atomic numbers**
& are easily reactive & **form covalent bond**

Molecular composition of cells...

Water (H ₂ O).....	70 %
Inorganic ions (Na, K, Cl, PO ₄).....	1 %
Small molecules (aa's, sugar, nucleotides).....	5 %
Macromolecules (protein, n.a., etc).....	24 %

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Biomolecules, Weak Forces, & Design of Metabolism

- BIOMOLECULES...** (**carbon skeletons**)
mostly **carbon** compounds are found in living systems...
WHY Carbon ? - easily forms 4 covalent bonds...
thus makes many small **biomolecules**
 - allows 3-D shapes that can evoke **biological activity**
 - possesses great **chemical reactivity**...
 - interacts with common **chemical functional groups***

Functional Groups - groups of atoms, acts as a unit, give organic molecules their **physical properties, chemical reactivity, & solubility** in aqueous solutions. **common functional groups***
In **bio-molecular chemistry**, the concept of **functional groups** is useful, as a basis for classification of large numbers of compounds according to their **chemical properties and reactivity**.
most groups possess electronegative atoms [**O, N, P, S**]*
key bonds are : **ester C-O-C*** & **amide -C-N***
most are **ionizable** at physiological (pH 6.8 to 7.4) read pages 40-50

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2. small Biomolecules [monomers]

Four majors groups of small biomolecules:

a. **SUGARS** - compounds with formula $[CH_2O]_n$

[aldoses vs. ketoses*](#), [rings*](#), α & β -links*,
[isomers: glucose vs. galactose*](#)
 glucose + glucose = mono-, [disacc-*](#), tri-, [poly- saccharides*](#)
 & long chain polymers of monosaccharides ?

b. **FATTY ACIDS** - long chain hydrocarbons*

[saturated vs. unsaturated*](#)
[lipids*](#) (triacylglycerols = [animal fats*](#))
 and [phospholipids*](#) of membranes. ?
 easily self-assembly into [aggregates*](#): [soap micelles*](#)
 & [bilayers](#).
[steroid & cholesterol*](#) (4-ring skeleton) are lipids because...
 they're [insoluble](#)

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c. **NUCLEOTIDES*** [parts](#)
 nitrogen containing "ring" compounds...
 a [nitrogenous-base](#) linked to a [5-carbon sugar](#)
 (ribose & deoxyribose) & a [phosphate](#)
 pyrimidines = **C, T, U** purines = **A, G**

nucleotides form the energy rich compounds
 of cells (as [ATP](#) & [GTP](#)), as well as the [nucleic acids](#).

d. **AMINO ACIDS*** [pics](#) [Fig 2.21](#) [peptide bond](#)
 hundreds known, but only **20** common in proteins of cell.
 once established in the "primordial cell",
[certain small biomolecules](#), as covalent themes, ?
 seem to have been preserved throughout evolution
 (i.e., they were favored energetically)

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Amino Acids & their role in Proteins...

Proteins - the penultimate molecules ?
 structurally complex
 functionally sophisticated
 long repeats of individual monomers (amino acid's)
 most abundant molecule in cells
 15% of cell's dry mass

[Amino Acids](#)

$$\begin{array}{c} R \\ | \\ H_2N - C - COOH \\ | \\ H \end{array}$$

20 common amino acids – [mcb 2.14 p42](#) & [panel 2.5](#)

lys-arg-his-asp-glu-ala-val-leu-ile-pro-phe-met-trp-gly-cys-ser-thr-tyr
 k - r - h - d - e - a - v - l - i - p - f - m - w - g - c - s - t - y

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why only these 20 ?

all are structurally similar
[alpha-amino acids](#) and the [L-stereoisomers...](#)

it may be an evolutionary anomaly...

there are some unusual aa's...
 and all play structurally important roles.

4-hydroxy proline	occurs in plant cell wall proteins
5-hydroxy lysine	occurs in fibrous proteins as collagen
N-methyl lysine	occurs in myosin contractile proteins
γ -carboxy glutamate	occurs in prothrombin

Amino Acids... [structures & chemical properties of AA's \[m.w.king\]](#)

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1st amino acid discovered was **asparagine** (1806 in asparagus)
 last amino acid found was **threonine** (1938)

STRUCTURE - amino acids have a carboxyl group (-COOH) & amino group (-NH₂) ...bound to an asymmetric carbon

20 ubiquitous aa's have 4 groups in a tetrahedron shape

2 stereo-isomers (**enantiomers** = mirror images)
levo-rotatory (left) & **dextro-rotatory** (right)
 only **L**-amino acids occur in living cell proteins

Zwitterion - (an **ampholyte**) holds 2 groups of opposite sign
Isoelectric Point - pH where **no net charge** in molecule
pK - pH where groups are 50% ionized & 50% non-ionized

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classes of amino acids [classified... by R-Groups]

ACIDIC ... negatively charged ASP & GLU R group with 2nd COOH that ionizes above pH 7.0 mcb 2.14*
BASIC ... positively charged LYS, ARG, HIS R group with 2nd amide that protonates below pH 7.0
POLAR UNCHARGED ... SER, THR, TYR, ASN, GLN are soluble in water, i.e., hydrophilic
NON-POLAR ... (aliphatic) ALA, VAL, LEU, ILE, contain only hydrocarbons R groups = hydrophobicity
AROMATIC (hydrophobic non-polars) PHE, MET, TRP, GLY, PRO, CYS contain R groups with ring structures & others

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Peptide Bond...

formed by condensation reaction between
amino of one aa... & **carboxyl** of another aa ... mcb 6e fig 3.3

substituted amide covalent bond –

dipeptide has partial double bond character –

shorter & stronger than C-C longer, yet weaker than C=C

no free rotation (group in same plane, but **TRANS**)

results in zig-zag planar molecule **figure***

peptide bonds* & **a polypeptide***

peptide bond in glycylalanine 11

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There are only 3 known ways to make a peptide bond...

1. chemical abiotic synthesis in the laboratory
2. genetic engineering cloning mechanisms
3. biologically in cells... (@25aa/sec in prokaryotic cells)

Some common terminology:

dipeptide, tripeptide, oligopeptide, polypeptide
 protein - polymer of **α**-L-amino acids joined by peptide bonds

whale myoglobin - [ecb panel 4.2 pg 132-133](#)

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some naturally occurring small oligopeptides

[many are [vertebrate hormones](#)]

<p>insulin - two polypeptides... controls carbohydrate metabolism 1. alpha chain of 30 aa's & 2. beta chain of 21 aa</p>
<p>glucagon -pancreatic hormone 29 aa... opposes insulin action</p>
<p>Nutra Sweet - a dipeptide (2aa) of L-aspartyl-phenylalanyl-methyl</p>
<p>corticotropin - 39aa - anterior pituitary hormone... stimulates adrenal cortex</p>
<p>oxytocin - 9aa - hormone of posterior pituitary... stimulates uterine contractions</p>
<p>bradykinin - 9aa – hormone acts on smooth muscle... vasodilatation/inflammation</p>
<p>angiotensin octapeptide (derived from angiotensinogen by kidney enzyme renin) - increases blood pressure ACE Inhibitors block AT & lower bp. [sport]</p>
<p>thyrotropin relasing factor (TSH) 3 aa's of hypothalmus... - stimulates thyroid to release thyroid hormone</p>
<p>enkephalins - either of two penta-peptides with opiate & analgesic activity, occurs naturally in brain & have marked affinity for opiate receptors... compare endorphins</p>

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Biological Activity & Shapes of Molecules:

Structural Chemistry: orientation of covalent bonds in space.

molecular configuration results in specific bond angles and molecular geometry

methane	CH_4	109.5°	- a tetrahedron	with free rotation
formaldehyde	$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{O}$	120°	- same plane	with no free rotation

one key to shape is the **ASSYMETRIC CARBON...**

a carbon atom bound to 4 dissimilar atoms
in a nonplanar configuration (tetrahedron)
results in 2 different spatial orientations producing **CHIRAL** molecules
ones that are mirror images of each other (**optical** or **stereoisomers**)

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CHIRALITY & ENANTIOMERS* ...

are molecules that are non-superimposable mirror images of one another
called **Stereoisomers**... two molecules are not equivalent or identical,
& have 2 molecular orientations or mirror images

an optically active, **CHIRAL***, is not superimposable on its mirror image
[chiral animation](#)

stereoisomers may have mostly identical chemical properties,
but often rotate plane of polarized light via different angles.

LEVOROTARY* (L) - rotate light left (- **negative optical rotation**)

DEXTROROTATORY (D) - rotate light right (+ **positive optical rotation**)

and likely have different **BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY**...

[Parkinson's Disease](#) & dihydroxyphenylalanine L-DOPA [figure*](#)

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Biological Activity & the Shapes of Biomolecules

Biological activity... is catalytic ability of molecules to do work

There are 2 properties of biomolecules, which gives them
their unique FITNESS for Biological Activity & the Living State

A. **CONFIGURATION:** the spatial arrangement of atoms in molecules...
configuration can't be inter-converted w/o breaking bonds
based upon **COVALENT BOND*** - sharing of outer orbital e⁻s
between two atoms thereby forming a molecule

examples of Covalent Configurations:

isomers... based upon covalent bond configurations [[glu v gal](#)]*

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BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY & the Shape of Biomolecules

B. **CONFORMATION** [or shape] - surface **outline** or **contour** or
3-D orientation of chemical groups that are free to assume
different positions in space without breaking any bonds

- do primarily to...

FREE ROTATION of atoms about a single chemical bond
WEAK NON-COVALENT FORCES hold atoms in spatial arrays-

- consequences of conformations...

different isomeric shapes (forms) of molecules can exist,
only one of which may be **biologically active** (others aren't)

ENZYMES can distinguish between **biologically active forms**
(isomers) based upon the "**SHAPE**" of that isomer

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Weak Molecular Forces of Life see [Panel 2.7 pg 78](#)
Non-covalent Electrostatic Interactions*... (in the 10-150 cal/mol)

IONIC bonds* - charged small ions (atoms which gained/lost e⁻s) which attract (+/-); w/o water they are very strong (crystals of NaCl)

DIPOLLES* - attractions via asymmetrical, internal distribution of charges in a molecule, which has no net charge (opposite poles +/- attract)

DISPERSION* (van der Waal's) Forces- electrostatic attraction based upon closeness of atoms; is important in macromolecular interactions for 3-D shapes

HYDROPHOBIC Interactions* - repulsion of electrostatic dipoles of water by non-polars- "fatty-hydrocarbon" groups self assembly

HYDROPHILIC Interactions* - substances that dissolve readily in water (ions & polar molecules) water, as a dipole, surrounds & solubilizes a solute molecule

HYDROGEN bonds [fig*]- electrostatic attraction between H of one atom and a pair of non-bonded e⁻s on an acceptor group:
 O-H & N-H with O⁻ & N⁻

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Covalent Molecular Forces of Life see [table 2.1 pg 46](#)

TYPE of BOND ENERGY (Kc/mol) **TYPE of INTERACTIONS ENERGY (Kc/mol)**

SINGLE COVALENT BONDS

O - H	110
H - H	104
C - H	99
C - O	84
C - C	83
S - H	81
C - N	70
C - S	62

DOUBLE BONDS

C = O	170
C = N	147
C = C	146

NON-COVALENT BONDS

IONIC BONDS	1.0 - 5.0
HYDROGEN BONDS	1.0 - 2.0
VANDER WAALS	0.1 - 1.0
HYDROPHOBIC	0.1 - 1.0

mcb 6e fig 2.6 bond energies

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Biological Design
 or How Weak Molecular Forces & Shape Build Form

Is there fundamental architectural principle that guides biological organization... in practice ?

some common-universal rules of molecular assembly must exist... one sees recurring patterns of spirals, triangulated forms, & pentagons in everything from crystals to proteins, viruses to plankton, paramecia to protozoa.

Tensegrity - is an architectural principle that may influence biological shape & form .

How individual groups of molecules assemble themselves within whole living organisms is a fundamental question of the living condition (???)

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...PRINCIPLE of SELF-ASSEMBLY...

molecules join to form larger & more stable structures, often with new & non-predicted properties or emergent properties...
 macromolecules -> organelles -> cells -> tissues -> organs

The answer may lie in the principles of **tensegrity**...

the application of general architectural principles to biomolecules & living systems

TENSEGRITY defines the mechanical rules and how structures are stabilized by balancing forces of internal tension and compression.

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TENSEGRITY may be a fundamental aspect of **SELF-ASSEMBLY** - an architectural system, mechanically stable, yet dynamic, where the forces of tension and compression balance.

"tension & compression are complementary elements in any structure"

- **Geodesic Domes** (**Buckminster Fuller**)

entire structure distributes its mechanical stresses... frames of rigid struts connected into triangles, pentagons, or hexagons... each of which bears tension or compression



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- **Prestress Structures** (**Snelson pic**) -

struts that bear tension are distinct from ones that bear compression.

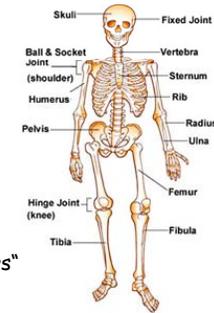
Compression members can provide rigidity while remaining separate, not touching one another, held in stasis only by means of tensed wires. In both of these structures tension is continuously transmitted across all structural members.

Tensegrity in Biological Systems...

'Architecture of Life' by Don Ingber

Organismal Level (examples)

bones are the compression struts and muscles, tendons, & ligaments are the tension bearing wires



Cell (1970's view)... membrane bound viscous gel (molasses filled balloon)

(today)... **cytoskeletal** awash in a viscous gel, surrounded by a membrane & cytoskeletal elements as:

microtubules... act as compression "girders"
& microfilaments exert tension, pulling on a cell's part

Cytoskeleton is then a hard-wired molecular system that stabilize cell form & shape.

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Biological Tensegrity suggests -

that the structure of cell's cytoskeleton can be changed by altering the balance of physical forces transmitted across the cell's surfaces.
for example: cultured cells on glass [flat] vs a flexible surface [round]
[Donald Ingber's Tensegrity Model of a Cell](#)

Tensegrity further suggests -

Since many enzymes and other substances that control protein synthesis, energy conversion, & growth in the cell are physically immobilized upon the cytoskeleton, changing the cytoskeletal geometry & mechanics may affect biochemical reactions & even alter the genes which are activated and thus the proteins that may be made.

Binding a signal molecule (as a hormone) to a receptor, which traverses cell membrane into a cell, **MAY CAUSE** conformational changes at the opposite end of the receptor, which in turn may trigger a cascade of molecular restructuring inside a cell, including reorientation of the cytoskeleton.

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SELF-ASSEMBLY...

of molecules into organelles and/or cells into tissue is **not much different** from self-assembly of atoms into compounds.

The shape a molecules assumes is characteristic of the way the structure as a whole will behave in 3-D space, and maybe cells respond in a similar way according to rules of **Tensegrity**

Fully triangulated **tensegrity** structures, once self assembled, may have been **selected for through evolution**, because of their **structural efficiency, their high mechanical strength, & minimal use of materials.**

Tensegrity may be the most **economical** and **efficient** way to build cell structure.

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SUMMARY:

a few fundamental principles of chemistry are essential for understanding cellular processes at the molecular level:

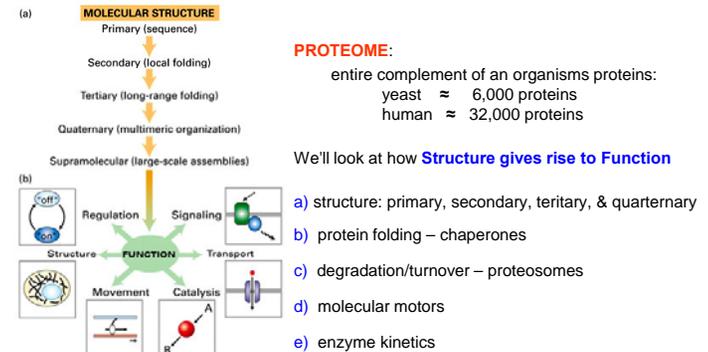
1. **covalent** and **non-covalent electrostatic forces** control molecular shape forces of configuration & conformation result in biologically active molecules
[figure 2.1a](#)
 2. small molecules are the building blocks of larger molecules
monomers make **polymers**, then supramolecular complexes, then **organelles**.
[fig 2.1b](#)
- items 3 and 4 below will be covered under [metabolism](#).
3. chemical reaction are reversible depending on rate constants and the [P] & [R]
[fig 2.1c](#)
 4. source of cellular chemical energy is the hydrolysis of ATP, when high energy phosphoanhydride bonds are broken by addition of water (hydrolysis).
[fig 2.1d](#)

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The work horses of cell metabolism

PROTEINS... work horses of cell metabolism



Proteins - classified by functions

Transport Proteins - bind & carry ligands

Enzymes - catalytic activity and function

Storage Proteins - ovalbumin, gluten, casein, ferretin

Contractile (Motor) - can contract, change shape, elements of cytoskeleton (actin, myosin, tubulin)

Structural (Support): collagen of tendons & cartilage, elastin of ligaments (tropoelastin), keratin of hair, feathers, & nails, fibroin of silk & webs

Defensive (Protect): antibodies (IgG), fibrinogen & thrombin, snake venoms, bacterial toxins

Regulatory (Signal): regulate metabolic processes, hormones, transcription factors & enhancers, growth factor proteins

Receptors (Detect stimuli): light & rhodopsin, membrane receptor proteins and acetylcholine or insulin.

Nomenclature - classes of proteins

Based on **SOLUBILITY of PROTEINS** Two classes - **Simple & Complex**
SIMPLE PROTEINS include:

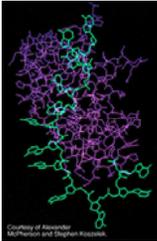
1. Albumins - soluble in water, globular, mostly enzymes
 2. Globulins - soluble in dilute aqueous solutions; insoluble in pure distilled h₂O
 3. Prolamins - insoluble in water; soluble in 50% to 90% simple alcohols
 4. Glutelins - insoluble in most solvents; soluble in dilute acids/bases
 5. Protamines - not based upon solubility; small MW proteins with 80% Arginine & no Cysteine
 6. Histones - unique/structural - complexed w DNA high content basic aa's - 90% Arg, Lys, or His
 7. Scleroproteins - insoluble in most solvents fibrous structure - cartilage & connective tissue
- Collagen = high Glycine, Proline, & no Cysteine when boiled makes gelatin
Keratins - proteins of skin & hair high basic aa's (Arg, His, Lys), but w Cys

Complex Proteins:

- lipoproteins** - blood, membrane, & transport proteins
- glycoproteins** - antibodies, cell surface proteins
- nucleoproteins** - ribosomes & organelles

Common terminology:

- peptide** = short chain of amino acids (20-30)
- dipeptide** = 2 amino acids
- tripeptide** = 3 amino acids
- polypeptide** = many amino acids (up to 4,000)
- protein** = polypeptide with well defined 3D structure

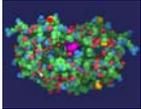


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Structure of Proteins

the Variety of Protein Structures may be INFINITE...

average protein has 300-400 amino acid's & has a MW of 30 to 45kD
 a **PROTEIN** of 300 amino acids made with 20 different kinds of amino acids can have **20³⁰⁰** different linear arrays of aa's that's [10³⁹⁰ different proteins]



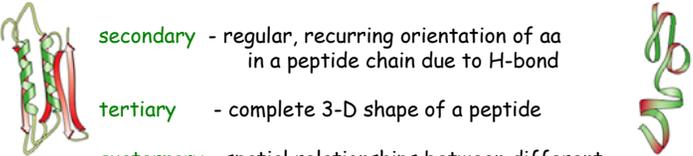
1st protein sequenced was **Beef Insulin *** by **Fred Sanger** - 1958 Nobel Prize winner
 2 polypeptides [21/30 aa's] **Humulin** & **ADA**

to date about **100,000** protein have been sequenced only about **10,000 structures** known [2K/yr]
E. coli make about 3,000 proteins; **humans** about 100,000

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4 levels of protein structure are recognized

- primary** - linear sequence of aa's
- secondary** - regular, recurring orientation of aa in a peptide chain due to H-bond
- tertiary** - complete 3-D shape of a peptide
- quaternary** - spatial relationships between different polypeptides or subunits



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PRIMARY SEQUENCE is...

Linear sequence of amino acids in a polypeptide (**lysozyme**)
 repeated peptide bonds form the back bone of the polypeptide chain
 R side groups project outward on alternate side

Chain... one end polypeptide chain has free (unlinked) amine group: **N-terminus**
 other end has a free (unlinked) carboxyl group: **C-terminus**
 $H_2N-C-C-N-C-C-N-C-C-N-C-C-N-C-C-N-C-COOH$

Size... protein size is specified by mass (MW in daltons = 1 amu)
 average MW of a single amino acid \approx 113 Da
 thus if a protein is determined to have a mass of 5,763 Da \approx 51 amino acids
 average yeast protein = 52,728 Da [52.7 kDa] with about 466 amino acids

Protein Primary Sequence today is determined by reading **GENOME** Sequence

Function is derived from the 3D structure (conformation) specified by the primary amino acid sequence and the local environs interactions

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Primary sequence... & some consequences

Polymorphism... proteins may vary in primary sequence but have the same function. ex: enzymes $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$

inter-specific: between species [diff. aa sequences]

intra-specific: within a species [liver vs. kidney]

Invariants... don't vary significantly in aa sequence
examples: ubiquitin (proteosomes) & histones (chromosomes)

Site Specificity... sequences determine intra-cellular location
signal sequences, prosthetic binding sites, etc...

Families of proteins: different but related functions
evolved from a single ancestral protein, 30% + commonality of sequence... serine proteases ([trypsin](#), [chymotrypsin](#), [elastase](#))

Homologous Proteins: evolved in related fashion & perform the same cellular function in different species ex: [cytochrome-C](#):
in duck & chickens = 2 variants & in yeast & horses = 48 variants

Mutation - change in primary aa sequence = defective protein - [SICKLE CELL](#)

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Secondary structure - 3D conformation of portions of polypeptide chains

Alpha helix* described by [Linus Pauling 1954 Nobel](#) using [X-ray*](#) diffraction technique

peptide backbone around long axis core
rigid cylinder

R-groups radiate outward

3.6 aa per 360° turn

single repeat turn of helix (360°) = 0.54 nm

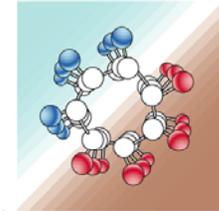
right handed helix - (counterclockwise)

helix formed from H-bond interactions

H⁺ of N (of any aa) & -C=O⁻ (of 4th aa)

1/3 of aa's in globular proteins occur in alpha helix

flexible - wool is stretchable (breaks H-bonds)

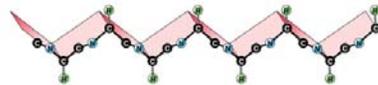


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Secondary structure

- **BETA SHEET** ([fig 4.10](#)) (model = silk protein [fibroin](#))

a linear extended ZIG-ZAG pleated sheet formed by H-bonds
intra- & inter-chain

resist pulling (tensile) forces = strength of silk fibers
non- α/β regions = hinges, turns, loops, etc = flexibility

turns - [mcb 3.6](#) [ribbons & sheets*](#)

MOTIFS combos of recurring arrangements of α -helix and/or β -sheets
in unrelated proteins.... such as:

hairpin beta motif... antiparallel beta-sheets joined by

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Structural MOTIFS: regular 3D conformations or folds within secondary or tertiary structure common to many different proteins...

indicative of a particular 3-D architecture & associated with specific function... same structure is present in different proteins that have similar functions; recurring arrangements of α -helix and/or β -sheets in unrelated proteins.... such as:

EF hand... two short helices connected by a loop; a Ca^{+2} ion binder region of hydrophilic residues present in over 100 Ca^{+2} binding proteins. [fig 3.9b*](#)

helix loop helix... commonly bind gene transcription factors to DNA

zinc finger... 1 α and 2 β strands with antiparallel orientations.
forms fingers bound by Zn ion that often link to DNA * & RNA [fig 3.9e*](#)

coiled coil... α helicies, where the hydrophobic amino acids wind together forming a coil; also called leucine zippers:
common to transcription factors.

[fig 3.9a*](#)

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Tertiary level

most responsible for 3-D orientation of proteins in space

- thermodynamically most stable conformation
- weak non-covalent interactions [[fig 4.4*](#)] & S-S bridges [[fig 4.29*](#)]
- hydrophobic interior & hydrophilic exterior

Protein Folding... forms 3D shapes & binding sites
occurs **via H-bonds*** [fig 4.31*](#) & [fig 4.9*](#)

some examples:

- [Myoglobin](#) MW 16,700 - animal muscle protein - stores O₂
- [Cytochrome-C](#) MW 12,400 - heme binding single polypeptide of 100 aa's in ETS of mitochondria
- [Lysozyme](#) MW 14,600 enzyme; egg white & human tears [pdb-lysozyme](#)
124 aa's with 4 S-S; that hydrolyses polysaccharides in bacterial cell walls = bactericidal agent [pic catalog](#)
- [Ribonuclease](#) MW 13,700 enzyme of 124 aa w 4 S-S

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DOMAINS - distinct modules or structural element of the tertiary level of protein structure... compact folded regions in a polypeptide of 100-150 amino acids, often self-forming, self-stabilizing, that often fold independently. [ecb 5.12*](#) & [ecb 5.13*](#)

3 classes of domains:

- functional domain** - region with particular activity characteristic of a protein CATALYSIS:
ex: kinase domains add PP to other molecules.
- structural domain** - region of 40+ aa's in a stable 2nd or 3rd-ary conformation (repeatable).
ex: 1. [hemagglutinin](#): - a surface protein on influenza viruses, that is made of 3 quaternary identical subunits composed of 2 polypeptides (HA₁ & HA₂); each HA peptide has two domains... globular domain & a fibrous domain
2. EGF (**E**pidermal **G**rowth **F**actor) domain - small soluble peptide hormone that binds to embryonic cells in skin/connective tissue & promotes cell division. EGF is generated by proteolytic hydrolysis of the domain from several other proteins, all of which have an EGF domain as a structural part.
- topological domain** - distinctive spatial relationships to rest of a protein;
ex: membrane proteins with extrinsic (cytoplasmic domain) and intrinsic (membrane spanning domain).

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PROTEIN FAMILIES –

proteins with a common evolutionary ancestry

function derives from 3D structure that is due to primary sequence, thus some proteins have many identical or chemically similar amino acids in identical sequence positions each may contain domains that closely resembles that of other proteins

Proteins with common ancestors are known as homologs and homologous proteins belongs to a "family"

taxonomic cladistics (tree diagrams) of sequence analysis are used to show homologies

- ex: 1. [serine proteases](#) [ecb fig 4.21](#)- proteolytic enzymes with nearly identical amino acid sequences all with a SER at the active site
2. [globins](#) - gene slowly diverged into animal and plant lineages
myoglobin - monomeric oxygen binder of muscle [fig 3.13a*](#)
hemoglobin - tetrameric oxygen binder of blood [fig 3.13b*](#)

Today, computer modeling is used to predict function of yet unisolated proteins by comparing known sequence homologies
[sequence analysis = 2ndary structure](#)

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QUARTEARNARY structure:

multiple polypeptides each with 3-D conformations
ex: [hemoglobin](#), [RNA polymerase](#), [ASP-trans-carbamylase](#)

Some Common Quarternary Level Protein Shapes...

- dimers** - self recognizing symmetrical regions
- bind together @ identical binding sites
[[Catabolic Activator Protein](#)] [homodimers](#) - 2 identical subunits
[heterodimers](#) - non-identical subunits ([PDH](#))
- tetramers** - 4 identical subunits... [[neuraminidase](#)]
- filaments** - polymers of subunits each bound together in an identical way forming a ring or helix see [fig 4.24*](#)
- colied-coil** - 2 parallel helicies forming a stiff filament, linked via a stripe of hydrophobic aa's. [figure*](#) [[keratin-fig 4.16*](#)]

Multi-Enzymes Complexes : [pyruvate dehydrogenase](#) [picture*](#) & [pic](#)
[ATP-synthase](#) [figure*](#)

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Multimeric proteins have Quartnerary Structure...

3D shape of a protein.... involving more than one polypeptide or subunits of a protein

HA (hemagglutinin A) is a trimer of 3 identical polypeptide subunits held together by the weak electrostatic 3^o level forces [fig 3.10a*](#) creates a globular domain and a fibrous domain

Some proteins form **Macromolecular Assemblies**...

very large > 1m Da in ma), 30-300 nm in size,
& 10-100 individual peptides

examples include: viral capsids, some cytoskeletal complexes, molecular machines, & mRNA transcription complex (some 60 proteins - [fig 3.9*](#))

Selected examples of some Molecular Machines can be seen in [Table 3.1*](#)
we will look at some of these in greater detail later

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Protein Conformation is critical to Biological Function

DENATURATION loss of 3-D conformation by heat, pH, organic solvents, detergents

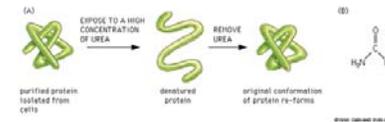


fig 4.7 p124

RENATURATION

- regaining of biological activity via self-assembly

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protein shape & conformation...

the **NATIVE Protein CONFORMATION** is the...
3-D SPATIAL ORIENTATION
that's **MOST thermodynamically STABLE**
& has the lowest free energy expenditure, and forms spontaneously

3 most common conformations

HELIX - a spiral staircase-like shape
FIBER - elongated bound monomers
GLOBULAR - roughly a sphere

the Native Conformation of **most enzyme proteins is GLOBULAR**:
an interior pocket of **hydrophobics**
exterior surface of **hydrophilics**
- maximizes the number H-bonds that form [fig 5.5*](#)

the **PHYSICAL forces** include mostly **weak electrostatic bonds***:
non-covalent bonds, H-bonds, hydrophobic & hydrophilic interactions,
& covalent bonds (as in peptide bonds & disulfide bonds)...
results in a variety of protein shapes & sizes - [fig 4.9 pg 127*](#)

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How does 3D protein folding come about?

"FUNCTION follows FORM"

peptide bond is **PLANAR** (partial double bond character) as are all the atoms bonded to it all occur in **same plane*** & thus there is no free rotation = restricts protein conformations

the native folded conformation is most stable, i.e., in lowest free energy state, often dictated by R-group properties (size, hydrophobicity) hydrophilicity, ionic strength, etc...

folding involves: changes in **3D conformations**:

- by orderly steps in a sequential way, each step facilitating the next -
- first 2^o structure (**α** & **β**), then structural motifs & assembly of complex domains, followed by 3^o level forces and/or 4^o shapes. [fig 3.15*](#)

Unless protected during folding, proteins would interact with all the other molecules in a cell.

Cells makes 2 sets of proteins that facilitate folding: **CHAPERONES**...

Molecular Chaperones - which bind and stabilize newly made unfolded proteins preventing these proteins from self aggregating and/or being denatured before folding.

Chaperonins - which makeup a small folding chamber into which unfolded proteins are moved to provide a proper environment favoring native folding of a protein.

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MOLECULAR CHAPERONES - are families of proteins to help "properly fold" a new protein... multiple ones bind to newly made proteins and include:
Hsp70 (of cytosol & mitoplasm); **Bip** (of the E.R.); & **DnaK** (of bacteria).

1st discovered by **heat shock treatment** [under temperature elevation (25° --> 32°C) cells make heat shock proteins (HSPs); mutant bacteria didn't make Hsp's nor assemble normal proteins. when bound with **ATP** = **OPEN** conform w hydrophobic pocket for new unfolded protein ADP conform closes around protein and aids native folding... [mcb6e.3.16*](#)

Classes of Heat Shock Proteins: **Hsp -40, -60, -70, -90 & -100.**
 Hsp are named according to the molecular weights (Hsp-70 = 70 kilodaltons)

Hsp-40 binds new protein amino acid chains & carries it to Hsp-70

Hsp-70 grabs proteins by an open cleft when ATP is bound to Hsp-70;
 OPEN conformation has hydrophobic pocket for new unfolded protein...
 in its ADP conform closes around protein and aids native folding... [mcb6e.3.16*](#)

Hsp-90 receives partially folded proteins from Hsp-70's and other chaperones...
 helps join polypeptides into larger quaternary proteins forming multi-subunit proteins, such as cellular receptors.

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CHAPERONINS or Foldase

- small folding CHAMBERS into which unfolded proteins are moved to provide a proper environment favoring native folding.
- a **molecular Machines** made of chaperone proteins hsp70's & hsp60's form a barrel shaped structure made of 14 polypeptides (from **GroEL** gene) in 2 donut rings with a cap (from **GroES** gene) that opens an inner chamber, where a cell's new protein enters & is folded.

barrel chamber has 2 conformations: **tight & relaxed;**
 new polypeptides is inserted into cavity of **GroEL** chamber & conformational changes favor native protein folding; ATP hydrolysis = relaxed state & release of a native 3D-protein [mcb6e-fig.3.17*](#)

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Misfolded Proteins & Disease

CJD: **Creutzfeld-Jacob** disease, genetic based or acquired
 - (eating "mad cow" tissue)
 fatal neurological disease due to misfolded PRPc protein.

Spongiform Encephalopathy (SE) –
 vacuolation (holes) in brain nerve tissue

PRION: a defective protein agent (PrPsc) due to mis-coded gene (PRNPc)
 native prion protein is PrPc & resides on nerve cell surfaces...
 defective protein PrPsc accumulates forming aggregates
 that lead to CJD & SE's

Both **PRION** proteins can have identical aa sequence,
 but may fold differently
 [are known as **conformers** =
 proteins differ only in conformation]

A. normal (PrPc) protein...
 mostly α-helix foldings - remains soluble

B. abnormal PrPsc protein...
 45% β-sheet - insoluble & protease insensitive
 produces cell surface aggregates that kill cells

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PROTEIN DEGRADATION (Digestion/Turnover)

cells often contain specialized mechanisms or pathways to digest cell proteins...

1. that rapidly turnover proteins with short half-lives
2. that recognize & eliminate damaged or misfolded proteins that can lead to diseases as Huntington's, Alzheimer's, and Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease.

many proteins are degraded in cytosol using proteases hydrolyze peptide bonds
 some proteins are degraded in the lysosomes via phagocytosis,

but most proteins are degraded by large complexes of proteolytic enzymes in structures known as **PROTEASOMES** by **ubiquitin-mediated proteolysis (UMP)**

short half-life proteins hold a signal sequence targeting proteins for UMP
 and misfolded proteins seem to be recognized for degradation by the UMP.

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Discovered by [Alfred Goldberg](#) & [Martin Rechsteiner](#) in 1980's
PROTEOSOMES are large multi-enzyme complexes ([fig 7.36*](#))

Average human cell holds between 20,000 & 30,000 proteasomes.
 Each proteasome is a **barrel shaped complex** (2,400kD) made of 4 parts

- 1) a **Lid** of 9 proteins,
- 2) a **Regulatory Cap** that lets in only ubiquitinated proteins,
- 3) a **Base** of 4 stacked protein rings with protease activities, and
- 4) a **Base Cap**.

Protein Digestion... begins when cells add small polypeptide (ubiquitin)-to protein to be degraded.

Ubiquitin: globular protein of 76 aa (virtually identical aa sequence in bacteria, yeast, or mammals); 3 ubiquitin **ligase enzymes** [E1, E2, E3] add Ubiquitin to proteins to be degraded, a ubiquitinated protein is targeted for entry into a Proteasome 's central chamber, where proteases with chymotrypic, tryptic, & caspase-like proteolytic activity cleave the protein into peptides. The ubiquitin is recycled.
[figure of the UMP](#)

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Protein Engineering...

producing novel proteins, with unique shapes, via artificial means

1. use **proteomics**...
 make artificial proteins of desired sequence to functions as "drugs"
 vaccine protein - binds to viral surface and inactivates it
 simplistic idea - but it's hard to make connection from 1o to 3o
2. modify existing proteins via **site directed mutagenesis**
 isolate a gene, alter its sequence in precise way,
 clone the protein product
 - can be used to study effect of one amino acid change on 3D-folding
 - often done with clinically useful proteins to enhance efficiency (Km)
3. structure based **drug design**
 make drug molecules with high binding affinity to known proteins
 [to remove it] use computers to design 'virtual' drug to fit into a protein rendering it inactive
4. **Bionanotechnology** - viruses made to order (A. belcher of MIT)

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enzyme isolation techniques,
procedures, and protocols

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Protein Chemistry - Techniques & Procedures for Isolating Proteins

[Methodologies](#) , [Techniques](#) , and [PROTEIN PROCEDURES](#)

for Isolation & Purification of "PROTEINS"

[Protein Chemistry Journals](#) and [books](#)

procedures based upon physical properties of proteins
- size, charge, solubility

[Cell Biology Protocols & Methods COOK BOOK](#)

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Protein Isolation Techniques

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Crude Cellular Homogenates [How to break open cells *](#)

grind cells in...

mortar & pestle, [tissue grinders](#),
[homogenizers](#), [cell disruptors](#), and
[blenders \(Waring\)](#) --->

or in [beaters](#) or [sonicators](#)

in an osmotically,
buffered medium w enzyme's
substrate &/or in an isotonic media

Results in...

ruptured cells producing a **liquified homogenate**



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centrifugation - applies centrifugation force to separate

produces a pellet (solid part) & supernatant (liquid portion) : [pellet/supernatant*](#)

- 1924 [T. Svedberg](#) invents [analytical ultracentrifugation](#) ([failed rotors](#))
- 1938 [G. Beherens](#) isolates nuclei by centrifugation
- 1954 [C. deDuve](#) isolates lysosomes

2 major types: differential centrifugation ([mcb3.34a*](#)) & Rate-Zonal ([mcb3.34b*](#))

speeds from 100 x g to 600,000 x g

[clinical centrifuges](#) - [fixed angle vs. swinging bucket](#)
[ultracentrifuge - pic](#) [failed rotors](#)

- results: by differential centrifugation [mcb9.25*](#)
repeated centrifugations at increasingly higher speeds
separates organelles by their mass and density
300g = whole cells & nuclei,
12,000g = mitochondria/chloroplasts
100,000g = microsomes, ribosome, etc...
& by size [velocity sedimentation in a sucrose gradient*](#)



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Protein Separation Procedures...

Proteins are separated based upon their physical properties - size, charge, affinity for ligands, shape, etc...

CHROMATOGRAPHY... (Color Writing) journal - JCS
separation of molecules based on differences in their structure &/or physical properties interacting with a stationary support media

PARTITION chromatography... developed by R.L.M. Synge
small MW molecules are partitioned between phases of 2 different solvents (water/alcohol) on a support media

PAPER chromatography... uses cellulose as support media [chlorophylls*]

THIN LAYER chromatography... media is silica gel on glass plates [alpha]

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COLUMN chromatography... (panel 4.3 pg 162)

done in cylindrical glass column, on permeable support media, which retards flow of selected molecules, while others pass through



Kinds of column chromatography (see pg 97)

ion exchange chromatography... charged ligands [panel 4.4*]
matrix retards passing proteins of opposite charge mcb 3.37b

DEAE cellulose [dimethylaminoethyl cellulose] (+)
CM-cellulose [carboxymethyl cellulose] (-) [figure]

gel filtration... size exclusion chromatography [panel 4.4*]
"sized" media (beads) retards smaller size proteins... mcb 3.37a
sample columns and [figure]

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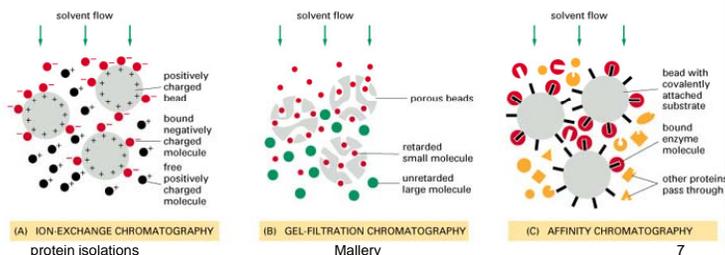
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affinity chromatography panel 4.4 pg 162 ecb* & mcb3.37c

based on biological activity, an inert polymer with ligand (antibody, enzyme subst) binds a specific protein [figure]

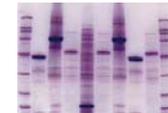
molecular imprint polymer chromatography
manufacture of specific shaped and contoured chromatography media for high yield isolation of solutes

high pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC)
sample is vaporized and injected; moves through a column containing stationary liquid phase under high pressure; separates mixture into compounds according to their affinity for the stationary phase.



Identification of a protein & quantification

Electrophoresis... mcb pg 94 & ecb panel 4.5 pg 163
proteins migrate in an electrical field at rates that depends upon their net charge, size, and shape



Gel Electrophoresis - [PAGE] media is porous gel (starch/polyacrylamide)
separation is by size & charge (panel 4.5*) (gels & staining)

SDS-electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE)... (panel 4.5*)
a detergent - Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate... binds to protein @ 1 SDS/2 aa's
thus it is proportional to a protein's molecular weight

Isoelectric focusing...
a pH gradient in a glass column of gel,
proteins move to point of its pI, i.e., no charge

2-dimensional electrophoresis...
combines isoelectric focusing with SDS-electrophoresis
an I.F. gel is turned at right angle & SDS-PAGE is done

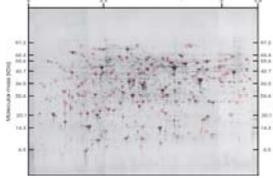
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PROTEOMICS – total protein expressions in a cell...

PEPTIDE MAP - a protein fingerprint...
treat a purified protein with proteolytic enzymes...
analyze distinctive fragments by SDS-electrophoresis



PROTEOMICS -
is the science of protein expression
of all the proteins made by a cell.

Proteome - all the proteins being made according to the transcriptome
[Human Proteomics Initiative](#) [HPI](#)
highly curated database of human protein sequences
[Proteomics Symposia](#)
[Confocal microscopy, mass spectroscopy, & other techniques](#)
[Proteomics & Drug Therapies](#)

DNA Electrophoresis*: separates polynucleotide strands by charge ([pic](#))

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3 procedures are commonly used to help determine peptide structures:

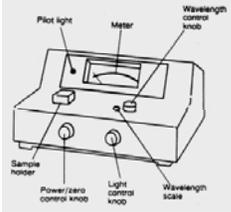
- Mass Spectrometry** detects exact **mass** of small peptides ([mcb3.40](#))
 - a purified protein is treated with trypsin to produce peptides
trypsin cleaves polypeptides on COOH side of LYS & ARG residues]
 - peptides are dried onto metal plate, blasted with laser,
vaporizing them as peptide ions,
 - peptide ions flow through electric field & time it takes to pass a detector
is function of their charge & mass ([fig 4.11](#))
- X-Ray Crystallography** [mcb3.42](#) determines **3-D shape** mathematically
 - 1st crystallize a purified protein (large, ordered, conformational array)
 - crystal scatter beam of X-rays ([fig 4.12](#)) forms diffraction pattern
 - with 25,000 spots, computer program interprets patterns atom structure
- NMR Spectroscopy**: magnetic signal shows **distances between atoms**
 - atom nuclei are "magnetic"... that is influenced by adjacent atoms
 - protein is placed in strong magnetic field; bombarded with radio waves
 - hydrogen nuclei generate **NMR signals** ([fig 4.13](#)) indicating distances
between atoms
 - allows computation of **3D structure** of molecules

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Identification of protein's presence & its amounts

Identification –
is often done by **spectrophotometry**

spectrophotometers measure intensity of light
beam before & after light passes through a
liquid solvent with sample dissolved in it,
(in a **cuvette**)... compares the two light
intensities over a range of
wavelengths. [figure*](#)



Percent transmittance...
ratio of intensity of light passing through the sample
to the intensity of light shining on sample multiplied by 100%.

Absorbance...
is the log of the transmittance an instrument = [Spectronic 20](#)

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SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC METHODS of DETECTING PROTEINS...

UV absorbance at 280 nm. (measures aromatic aa's - [figure*](#))

colorimetric reactions - colored dye binds to amino acids

Ninhydrin reaction - rx's w amino = blue color (10-9M) ([CSI](#))

Biuret test = mg quantities... based on Copper ion
binds stoichiometrically = violet color [prepare standard curve](#)

Bradford test = ug amounts [[Biorad](#)]
based on dye Coomassie blue - binds to peptide

Fluorescamine dye = pg quantities... (10^{-12} M)

Quantification of amounts of protein present
is based on [BEER-LAMBERT](#) Law

linear relationship between... light Absorbance vs. Concentration ([figure*](#))
Protein Standard Curve ([figure*](#))

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Quantification by Biological ENZYME ACTIVITY...

1 (international) UNIT of enzyme activity...
 that amount of protein which converts **1 micromole** of substrate to product per min at 25°C at optimal pH
 UREASE - 1 unit will liberate 1.0 μmole of ammonia from urea per minute at pH 7.0 at 25°C [equivalent to 1.0 I.U.]

1 unit SPECIFIC ACTIVITY...
 number micromoles converted per min **per mg protein**
 i.e., Units (as above) of enzyme activity per mg protein

1 unit MOLECULAR ACTIVITY...
 number of units of enzyme activity **per μmole of enzyme**

Purification Table for a "NEW" Enzyme

[Horse Radish Peroxidase]

not previously isolated nor purified.

STEP	Fraction Volume (ml)	Total Protein (mg)	Activity (units*)	Specific Activity (units/mg protein)
1. Homogenate	1,400	10,000	100,000	10
2. Precipitate	280	3,000	96,000	32
3. Ion-exchange chromatography	90	400	80,000	200
4. Gel filtration	80	100	60,000	600
5. Affinity chromatography	6	3	45,000	15,000**

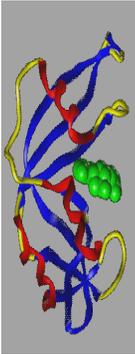
* 1 unit of activity = 1 micromole H₂O₂ --> H₂O & H⁺ per min
 ** 1,500 fold purification of peroxidase

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procedures and protocols
For assaying enzyme activity

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Enzyme... gk "in" "leaven" (yeast)



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- regulate metabolic reaction rates
- i.e., control metabolism
 - molecules (mostly protein) that accelerate or catalyze chemical reactions (A---->B) in cells by breaking old covalent bonds and forming new covalent bonds
- a biological catalyst.....
 - but, different from a chemical catalyst -
 - have complex structure (sequence of aa's)
 - act only upon a specific substrate
 - do not change direction (energetics) of rx

cAMP Protein kinase A - [2.7.1.37]

- a group of enzyme that phosphorylate proteins

- **1st enzyme crystallized UREASE, 1926 James Sumner**
 $2 \text{ NH}_2\text{-C-NH}_2 + 2 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \text{ ----> } 4 \text{ NH}_4^+ + 2 \text{ CO}_2$
 - Sumner's bioassay - injects rabbits with urease & the ammonia produced killed bunnies 
- **to date just over 1000 enzymes purified**
 about 100* crystallized, out of some 10⁶
 - except for ribozymes all catalytic agents are proteins
 - proof something is enzyme has usually been to note the loss of biological activity due to proteolytic digestion
- **Some important dates in early Enzyme History**
 - 1833 **Payen & Peroz** - alcohol precipitate of barley holds heat labile components - convert starch to sugars
 - 1878 **Kuhn** - coins term 'enzyme': Greek "in leaven"
 - 1898 **Ducleaux** - uses suffix "ASE" for enzyme names
 - 1900 **E. Fischer** - stereospecificity of enzymes discovered

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REACTION PATH

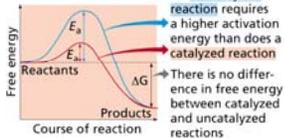
$E + S \text{ <----> } [ES] \text{ <----> } E + P$

enzymes catalyze reactions by lowering the energy of activation... E_a

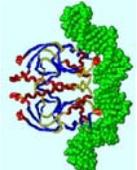
Catalase

 $2 \text{ H}_2\text{O}_2 \text{ ----> } 2 \text{ H}_2\text{O} + \text{ O}_2$

condition	E_a	Rate (lt/mol/sec)
no catalyst	18,000	10 ⁻⁷
Fe catalyst	10,000	56
catalase	2,000	4x10 ⁶



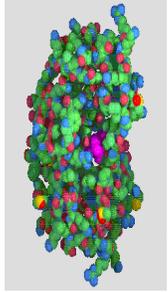
An uncatalyzed reaction requires a higher activation energy than does a catalyzed reaction. There is no difference in free energy between catalyzed and uncatalyzed reactions.



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Terminology

- **substrate, product, enzyme**
- **cofactor**: small organic ions and mostly metal ions: **Cu, Mg, Mn** act as activators & inhibitors
- **coenzymes** : small non-protein ligands catalyze reactions..... +/- electrons, transfer a group, break / form a bond
 - LIPOIC acid** : oxidative de-COOH alpha-keto acid
 - NAD⁺ (NADP⁺)** : dehydrogenation; H⁺ carrier and/or electron transfer
 - CoASH** : acyl carrier via sulfhydryl (-SH)
 - Vitamins : **ascorbate, cyanocobalamin, folic acid, etc**
- **Prosthetic Group**: large complex organic molecules, which may have catalytic activity (**heme**)



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Terminology continued

- **active site**: portion of enzyme which precisely fits the contours of a substrate by weak electrostatic interactions
- **What does an ES Complex do?**
 - holds substrate out of aqueous solution
 - holds substrate in specific orientation, close to Transition State
 - reduces ability of Free Rotation & molecular collisions with non-reactive atoms
 - allows amino acid side chains to alter local environment: changes ionic strength, pH, adds or removes H-bonds to substrate **figure***
- **Analogy**: a nut & bolt held in your hand decreases the Entropy of their eventual binding over a random mix of nuts and bolts in a toolbox.

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Mechanism of Enzyme Action:

chemical reaction scheme by which enzymes acts on substrates.

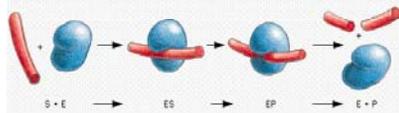
3 examples...

1. catalytic action of cAMP dependent **Protein Kinase A** [mcb3.18*](#)
 - e⁻s of ATP delocalized by LYS & Mg²⁺; new bond forms between SER-OH & γP; bond between βP-γP broken = ADP + P-protein.
2. **Serine Protease** hydrolysis of peptide bonds [mcb3.25a*](#). Catalytic site ser195, asp102, & his57 - OH of ser195 attacks the C=O of peptide bond & transition is held by H-bonds. e⁻s break peptide bond release part of protein, H-O-H is split & other half released.

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3. another example **LYSOZYME** : [pg 146-149*](#)

- an enzyme that cuts polysaccharides (**substrate***) by hydrolysis (adds H₂O)
- breaks glycosidic bond (...-C-O-C- ...) via **bond strain** of glu & asp
- active site is a long groove, holding six sugar units... has 2 acidic side side chains (ASP & GLU) hold substrate
- binding of substrate, bends bonds from a stable state, lowering E_a.
- acidic side group of GLU provides [H⁺] ions = **acid hydrolysis**, & negative charged ASP **stabilizes + charge*** of the transition state



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Classification of Enzymes

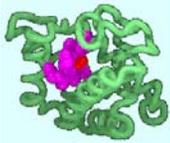
- International Enzyme Commission**
 - IUBMB**
4 digit Numbering System [1.2.3.4.]



- 1st #... **Major Class of Enzyme Activity**
- 2nd #... **a subclass (type of bond acted upon)**
- 3rd #... **a subclass (group acted upon, cofactor required, etc...)**
- 4th #... **serial number ... order in which enzyme was added to list**

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EC MAJOR CLASSES



- Oxidoreductases... [dehydrogenases]**
catalyze oxidation reduction reactions, often using coenzyme as **NAD⁺/FAD**
 - **Alcohol dehydrogenase** [EC 1.1.1.1]
ethanol + NAD⁺ -----> acetaldehyde + NADH
- Transferases....**
catalyze the transfer of functional groups
 - **Hexokinase** [EC 2.7.1.2]
D-glu + ATP -----> D-glu-6-P + ADP
- Hydrolases** catalyzes hydrolytic reactions
adds water across C-C bonds
 - **Carboxypeptidase A** [EC 3.4.17.1]
[aa-aa]_n + H₂O ----> [aa-aa]_{n-1} + aa

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EC MAJOR CLASSES



- Lyases**
add or remove groups to C=C bonds
 - **Pyruvate decarboxylase** [EC 4.1.1.1]
pyruvate -----> acetaldehyde + CO₂
- Isomerases... [mutases]**
catalyze isomerizations
 - **Maleate isomerase** [EC 5.2.1.1]
maleate -----> fumarate
- Ligases...**
condensation of 2 substrates with splitting of ATP
 - **Pyruvate Carboxylase** [EC 6.4.1.1]
PYR + CO₂ + ATP ----> OAA + ADP + P

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Definitions of Enzyme Activity

- **Measured by relative rate** substrate ----> product

1 unit activity that amount protein which converts

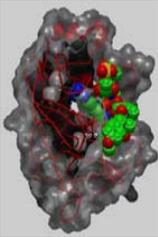
- **1 umole** substrate per min at 25°C & optimal pH

1 unit SPECIFIC ACTIVITY

- # units **per mg** protein present

1 unit MOLECULAR ACTIVITY

- # units **per umole** of purified enzyme



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Enzyme Kinetics... mathematical and/or graphical expression of the reaction rates of enzyme catalyzed reactions

- Catalase** $2 \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$

Time (min)	1 mM peroxide (ml O ₂)	5 mM peroxide (ml O ₂)	10 mM peroxide (ml O ₂)
5	2	4	6
10	4	8	12
15	6	12	18
20	8	16	24
25	10	20	30

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Characteristic Enzyme Curves:
or how to determine if the reaction $A \rightarrow B$ is enzymatic

Observed Enzyme Kinetic Reaction Curves :

- Rate (0.8 ml O₂/min) Vs. [E]
- Rate Vs. pH
- Rate Vs. Temperature
- Rate Vs. [S]

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- most CHARACTERISTIC curve...**
plot of v vs. $[S]$ 5.30 p 171
 - curve defines a **rectangular hyperbola**
 - at low $[S]$, rate is directly proportional to $[S]$
 - at higher $[S]$, rate declines giving a rectangular hyperbola

- 1st & 2nd order reaction kinetics are NOT sufficient to describe the rectangular hyperbola of enzyme reactions**

$$A \xrightarrow{k_1} B \quad \text{1st order Rx} \quad \frac{dP}{dt} = k_1[A] \quad (\text{see handout})$$

$$A + B \xrightleftharpoons[k_2]{k_1} C \quad \text{2nd order Rx} \quad \frac{dP}{dt} = k_1[A][B]$$

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1913 Leonor MICHAELIS & Maude MENTEN Kinetics

- proposed mathematical modeling of enzyme reactions
i.e., an algebraic expression of rectangular hyperbola

$$E + S \xrightleftharpoons[k_2]{k_1} ES \xrightarrow[k_4]{k_3} E + P$$

assumptions

- rate formation ES complex from $E + S$ is negligible
i.e., can ignore the rate constant k_1
- rate LIMITING step is disassociation of ES to $E + P = k_3$
- important state of the ENZYME is termed **FREE ENZYME**

free enzyme = $E_t - ES$
 bound enzyme = ES
 total enzyme = $E_t = [E - ES] + [ES]$

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Derivation of Michaelis-Menten Kinetics

derivation of equation occurs at a time when the rate of formation of ES complex is equal to rate of destruction (break down),

- i.e., at equilibrium, when $[S] \gg [E]$ so that total E is bound in ES complex
- as a 1st order reaction enzyme catalyzed reaction

$$v = (dP/dt) = k_3 [ES]$$

Let's measure the concentration of [ES]spectrophotometer

- so then the derivation of M&M kinetics was to be able to express [ES] in terms of E & S alone.....

M & M equation is then :
$$v = \frac{V_{max} [S]}{K_m + [S]}$$

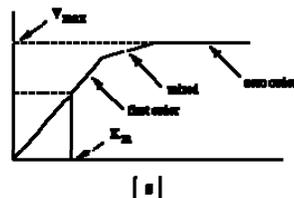
SEE LINK for DERIVATION HANDOUT

Km - the Michaelis Constant

- is a mathematical interpretation of an enzyme action
- is **substrate concentration** at which rate is equal to $\frac{1}{2} V_{max}$
- is a characteristic physical property for each different enzyme
- is independent of [E]
- if there's more than 1 substrate, then each has its own Km
- measures "RELATIVE affinity" of an enzyme for its substrate
 - one enzyme with 2 substrates with following Km's - **0.1 M & 0.05 M** one takes more substrate to reach same rate... $\frac{1}{2} V_{max}$
 - many enzymes have individual steps in a complex reaction sequences, each with their own Km's.....
 - i.e., **Km is a complex function of many rate constants**
- not all enzymes are treatable by M & M kinetics...
 - most **regulatory enzymes** (multi-subunits) are not treatable

ways to determine Km

- by extrapolation from M & M standard curve **v vs. [S]**



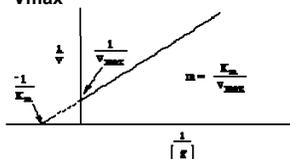
- by transformation of M & M curve **LINEWEAVER- BURKE Plot**

take the reciprocal of both sides of M&M equation & plot

$$\frac{1}{v} = \frac{K_m}{V_{max}} \times \frac{1}{S} + \frac{1}{V_{max}}$$

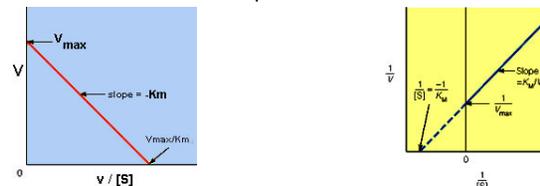
EADIE - HOFSTEE Plot

v vs. v/[S]



SEE GRAPHICAL PLOTS

The **Eadie-Hofstee plot** is a way of plotting kinetic enzyme data so as to yield a straight line for reactions obeying Michaelis-Menten kinetics. This is done by plotting reaction velocity (V) versus velocity/substrate concentration (V/[S]). The slope of the line is equal to -KM and the x-intercept is Vmax



An advantage of an **Eadie-Hofstee** plot over a Lineweaver Burk plot (which plots 1/V versus 1/S) is that the Eadie-Hofstee plot does not require a long extrapolation to calculate Km.

Enzyme Inhibition

$$E \xrightleftharpoons[k_{-1}]{k_1} ES \rightarrow E + P$$

2 classes of inhibitors

IRREVERSIBLE -

- inhibitor molecule can not be easily removed from enzyme
i.e, enzyme is physically altered by binding of inhibitor
- **alkylating agents** like iodoacetamide (bind to -SH's)
- **organophosphorous** compounds- nerve gases (SER)

REVERSIBLE -

- enzyme activity may be restored by removing the inhibitor and are thus treatable by M & M kinetics
- 2 major types of reversible inhibitions
 - **COMPETITIVE**
 - **NON-COMPETITIVE**

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COMPETITIVE

- inhibitor often **looks like substrate**... fools active site & binds
- inhibitor binds to E forms an [EI] complex at the **active site**
- extent of inhibition is **concentration dependent**,
i.e., **can be overcome** if [S] is very high, **[S] >>> [I]**
 - **classical example: malonic acid inhibition of SDH**
 - **easy to demonstrate: via Lineweaver-Burke plots**
 - shows **Vmax is Same & Km is higher**

NON-COMPETITIVE

- inhibitor binds to E, forms an [EI] complex but, **not at active site**
- inhibitor often bears **no structural relationship to substrate**
- removes a net amount of active enzyme, i.e., **lowers total [E]**
- **can NOT be overcome**, even if [S] is very high
 - **easy to demonstrate via Lineweaver-Burke plots**
 - shows **Km is SAME & Vmax is different**

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Some Native Examples of Enzyme Inhibition:

Irreversible Enzyme Inhibition & Mechanism of Action of an Antibiotic...

Antibiotic - a natural molecule (often made by bacterial cells) that can kill other bacterial cells (& without hurting eukaryotic cells: they're insensitive)

Penicillin - any one of a group of **antibiotics** derived from the fungus *Penicillium*. The action of natural penicillin was first observed in 1928 by British bacteriologist **Alexander Fleming**, and recognized as anti-bacterial by **Howard Florey** and others.

Penicillin is a **substrate-like molecule*** of bacterial peptidases, that naturally cross-links bacterial proteoglycans in the bacterial cell walls & favor rigidity. Penicillin works by **IRREVERSIBLE** inhibition via binding to active site of peptidases, forming covalent link, removing enzyme, reducing Vmax; weak bacterial walls eventually rupture & cells die.

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Competitive Enzyme Inhibition & Mechanism of Drug Action

ACE Inhibitors - drugs that bind to enzyme active site & reduce its activity

ACE - Angiotensin Converting Enzyme: a proteolytic enzyme that cuts **Angiotensin I** protein (10 amino acids) to **Angiotensin II** (8 amino acids).

Angiotensin II promotes hypertension (high blood pressure - **hbp**)
in 1960's John Vane discovered TEPROTIDE in Brazilian pit viper venoms, which functioned as ACE competitive inhibitors, by binding to the active site of ACE.

today there are a number of synthetic peptide **ACE inhibitors**, all called "prils"... (**lisinopril, captopril,trandolapril, moexipril, ramipril, etc.**)

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Mechanisms of Protein & ENZYME REGULATION...

4 approaches commonly employed used by cells...

1. by controlling **number** of enzyme molecules present (gene action)
2. by sequestering (**compartmentalizing**) - for example into lysosomes, mitochondria
3. by **proteolytic cleavage** - converting inactive peptides to active enzymes
 - often involves hormones and digestive proteases
 - pancreas makes zymogens... (an inactive enzyme large precursor)
 - ex: **trypsinogen** & **chymotrypsinogen**
 - enterokinase, an aminopeptidase from lining of small intestine hydrolyzes trypsinogen to trypsin (active form), which itself hydrolyzes chymotrypsinogen in chymotrypsin

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4. by adjusting reaction rates of existing enzyme (ala M&M kinetics)

- a) **STOICHIOMETRIC** controls - limit amount substrate present
- b) **ALLOSTERY** - [**allosteric kinetics**]
 - binding of a ligand results in a change of 3 α /4 α conformations
 - common in multimeric proteins/enzyme complexes
 - ATCase** **aspartate transcarbamylase**
 - allosteric proteins have 2 binding sites: active site = substrate
allosteric site = regulator ligand
 - active form = + catalysis & inactive conformation = - catalysis
 - ligand often serves as substrate, activator, or inhibitor (or all 3)

Examples of Ligand induced Allostery

- a) **Cooperative Binding**: binding of 1 ligand affects subsequent bindings
 - if + = enhanced subsequent bindings
 - if - = sequential binding is inhibited
 - ex: hemoglobin: binding of 1 O₂ to a heme = Δ -local conformation lowering K_m of binding of additional O to other subunits (**mcb3.30***) chains

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- b) **Ligand-induced activation of catalysis**: (ex - PKA)

1. **inactive PKA is activated by cAMP...**
binding of cAMP induces Δ -conformation, so tetramer dissociates into 2 active monomers & a dimeric regulatory subunit (**mcb15.23a***) thus a hormone signals --> cAMP --> active PKA dimer without PKA we have an inactiver tetramer (**mcb15.23b***)
2. **GroEL chaperonin**: is 2 multi-subunit rings (**mcb3.17***)
binding of ATP and GroES to GroEL results in a tight peptide binding complex, which opens the folding cavity allowing efficient folding of nascent proteins
3. **Calmodulin**: ER membrane pumps Ca into ER lumen leaving cytosol @ 10⁻⁷M.
to increase cytosol Ca calmodulin, a helix-loop-helix protein is used
4 Ca ions bind = Δ -conformation - now binds target proteins
switching on

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4. **GTPase super family**: a group of allosteric plasma membrane proteins switching between active/inactive, includes Ras & G-proteins (**mcb3.32***) which involves COVALENT MODIFICATION of existing enzyme...
 - addition of **P** to an inactive enzyme --> activate enzyme via **P** transfer [reversible phosphorylation changes protein conformation]
 - done by
 - **PROTEIN KINASES**, which transfer **P** from ATP (**mcb 3.33***)
tyrosine kinases add P to TYR residues of enzymes de-activating them
serine/threonine kinases add P to SER or THR residues
 - **PROTEIN PHOSPHATASES**... dephosphorylate,
thus inactivating GTP Binding Proteins (G Proteins)
are Active when GTP is bound to protein
Inactive when GTP is hydrolyzed to GDP

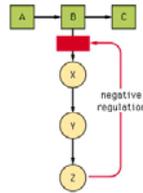
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Net RESULTS of Protein Regulatory mechanisms...

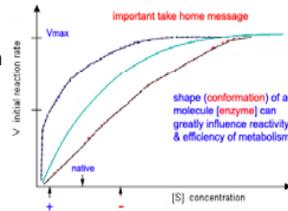
feedback inhibition (negative regulation)
 an initial enzyme is inhibited by end product
 prevalent in amino acid biosynthetic pathways - **fig***



Balancing inhibition & stimulation

(ex: glycogen metabolism via cAMP)
 epinephrine stimulates increase
 in cAMP, which activates PKA
 converts glycogen to G-1-P
 a. inhibits glycogen synthesis
 b. stimulates glycogen degradation

**Primary mechanism of action
 is altering enzyme's activity**
 (both **negative or positive***)



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Cellular energetics & chemical equilibrium

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The Design of Metabolism...
Biological Order and Cell Energy Transformations

CELLS Do OBEY LAWS of CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS...
cells possess Potential Energy by having different bonds

2 kinds of traditional energy:

1. **Potential Energy**... stored energy, due to mass in position
2. **Kinetic Energy** (energy of movement)
 - ex: **heat** (thermal) energy which flows from higher heat or greater molecular motion to lower heat content;
 - radiant energy** kinetic energy of photons (light);
when molecules absorb light radiant --> thermal
chlorophyll --light--> ATP in photosynthesis
 - mechanical energy** - push/pull of cytoskeletal filaments
 - electrical energy** - energy of moving electrons

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ENERGY in cells is housed
in a molecules **CHEMICAL BONDS**

cells possess **Chemical Potential Energy**

it occurs in such forms as:

- chemical concentrations gradients**
across membranes
can **diffuse** from [higher] to [lower]
- electrical gradients** (potential differences)
across membranes
a separation of charge
as much as 200,000 volts per cm

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THERMODYNAMICS: SCIENCE of ENERGY TRANSFORMATIONS

1st Law of Thermodynamics... Energy can neither be created nor destroyed, but is convertible.
[nuclear blast - mass of U235 --> heat/light]

all forms of energy are inter-convertible
& thus all are expressed in same units of measure
Joule, but biologists use more common **calorie**
calorie is amount of heat needed $\Delta 1\text{gm } 1^\circ\text{C}$
 $1 \text{ Kcal} = 1,000 \text{ cal} = 4,184 \text{ Joule}$ [1 cal = 4.184 J]

2nd Law of Thermodynamics... **ENTROPY**
is commonly referred to as a measure of degree of order of the Universe,
& thus its randomness (Entropy - disorder) can only increase
Entropy is maximum disorder.... "heat"
Events in the Universe have a direction --> max entropy

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The Rules of the Universe are simple:
 Cities crumble, Stars go Supernova, & we are all equilibrium...izing (dying)

Yet, WOW! ... **Cells are highly ordered...**
 wings of a bird, human eye, spider's web
 and all cells - feed, grow, and differentiate

HOW... in light of the 2nd law of thermodynamics ?

FOOD (light energy & covalent bond energy)

➡ **Cell reactions = increased order within cell with release of heat**

➡ **HEAT** = overall increased entropy

Entropy must **increase** (heat); yet disorder within one part of Universe can **decrease** at the greater expense of the Total Surroundings.

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ENERGY IN --> CELL STRUCTURE --> ENERGY OUT

What we need to be able to do is **measure Energy** in systems, esp. energy able to do work

Willard Gibbs (1839-1903) applied the principles of **Thermodynamics** to **chemical systems** to determine the energy content and changes within a chemical reaction and derived the...

FREE ENERGY EQUATIONS $\Delta G = \Delta H - T \Delta S$

free energy enthalpy entropy

ΔG is a numerical measure of how far a reaction is **from equilibrium**
 ΔG is measure amount energy in system **able to do work** (to stay away from equilibrium)...

Disorder **increases** (thus **entropy increases**) when **useful energy**, that which could be used to do work, is dissipated as heat...
 biological systems are **ISOTHERMAL**, e.g., held at constant temp/pressure

(4° to ≈ 45°) and thus $\Delta H = 0$

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What Gibbs showed was that...

"cell chemical systems change, so that **Free Energy is minimized**"

thus, ΔG can **PREDICT..... the Direction of Cellular Reactions..... TOWARD EQUILIBRIUM and to Maximum ENTROPY**

Any natural process occurs spontaneously, if and only if, the associated change in G for the system is **negative ($\Delta G < 0$)**.
 when ΔG is **negative** a reaction is spontaneous, $R \rightarrow P$, & there is a decrease in entropy

Likewise, a system reaches equilibrium when the associated change in **G** for the system is zero ($\Delta G = \text{zero}$),

& no spontaneous process will occur, if the change in **G** is **positive ($\Delta G > 0$)**.

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CHEMICAL REACTION A <---> B Which Way?

J. Willard Gibbs (1839-1903)

$\Delta G = \Delta G_0' + R T \ln [p]/[r]$

change in free energy content of a reaction...depends upon:
 1. energy is stored in molecule's covalent bonds
 2. remember, temperature is negligible... cells are isothermal, i.e.,

ΔG = actual free energy
 $\Delta G_0'$ = standard free energy [change under std conditions]
R = gas constant (2×10^{-3} Kc/mol)
T = absolute temp (-273oK)
 ln = natural log (conversion $\log_{10} = 2.303$)

at equilibrium $\Delta G = 0$ and $[p]/[r] = K_{eq}$
 if we solve above equation for $\Delta G_0'$ we can see **relationship*** of K_{eq} to $\Delta G_0'$

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Free Energy Equation...

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^{\circ} + RT \ln \frac{[P]}{[R]}$$

@ equilibrium $\Delta G = 0$

thus rearranging $\Delta G^{\circ} = -RT \ln \frac{[P]}{[R]}$

@ equilibrium $\frac{[P]}{[R]} = K_{eq}$

@ 250C ... $-RT \ln K_{eq} = -(2.0)(298)(2.303) \lg_{10} K_{eq}$

thus..... $\Delta G^{\circ} = -[1364] \lg_{10} K_{eq}$

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The difference between... ΔG and ΔG°

ΔG° is a fixed value for a given reaction & indicates in which direction that reaction will proceed under standard conditions. standard condition do not exist within a cell, thus ΔG can be used to predict the direction of a reaction at a given time.

ΔG is determined by the concentrations present at that time & is a measure of how far a reaction is from equilibrium then. Cell metabolism is essentially a non-equilibrium condition. Metabolism works by changing the relative concentrations of reactants & products to favor the progress of unfavored reactions

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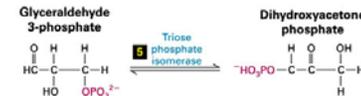
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products reactants	K_{eq}	\lg_{10}	ΔG° cal/mole [$\lg_{10} \times -1364$]	
1/1000	.001	10^{-3}	-3	+ 4092
1/100	.01	10^{-2}	-2	+ 2728
1/10	.1	10^{-1}	-1	+ 1364
1/1	1.0	0	0	0
10/1	10	10^{+1}	+1	- 1364
100/1	100	10^{+2}	+2	- 2728
1000/1	1000	10^{+3}	+3	- 4092

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Which way this reaction goes is dependent upon existing concentrations?

ΔG° @ cell [equilibrium] $K_{eq} \text{ DHAP/G3P} = 22.4$
 $\Delta G^{\circ} = -[1364] \lg_{10} 22.4 = -[1364] \lg_{10} 1.35 = - 1842 \text{ cal/mole}$
 $\Delta G = \Delta G^{\circ} + RT \ln [P]/[R]$ but when $\text{DHAP} = 0.001\text{M}$ & $\text{G3P} = 0.1\text{M}$
 $\Delta G = -1842\text{c/m} + (-1364)(\lg_{10} 0.01) = (-1842)+(-1363)(-2) = +886 \text{ c/m}$

Thus under standard condition the reaction is favored from G3P toward DHAP (- ΔG), but under specific cellular condition, where the ratio of reactant & products is changed, the reaction isn't favored & goes in other direction from DHAP to G3P

This is what happens in glycolysis*, but the pathway shifts ratios and pulls it to G3P

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CHEMICAL REACTIONS $A \rightleftharpoons B$ Which way & Why?**EXERGONIC REACTION** - is one which releases free energy**Product [B]** <<< **energy** **Reactant [A]** [stored in covalent bonds]

ex: burning wood (cellulose)
 glucose monomers = potential energy
 breaks bonds, release heat & light \rightarrow CO_2 & H_2O

cell respiration - (heterotrophy) - cellular burning of glucose
 slower, multi-step process to capture & release
 energy... as ATP

ENDERGONIC REACTION - requires input of energy for $A \rightarrow B$ **Product [B]** >>> **energy** **Reactant [A]**

ex: photosynthesis - (autotrophy)
 glucose made from $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{light}}$ $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$
 energy poor vs. energy rich

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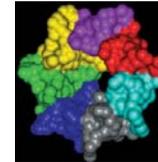
How does Metabolism create more order in chemical reactions?**COUPLED REACTION via ATP hydrolysis:**

if ΔG for the reaction $B + C \rightarrow D$ is +,
 but less than the ΔG of ATP hydrolysis,
 then the reaction can be driven to completion by coupling
 it to the hydrolysis of ATP.

ATP hydrolysis energy can be coupled to:

conformational changes in enzyme,
 as kinases, which phosphorylate proteins (add -P)
 converting then from inactive to active (& vice versa);

energy gained in the stressed
 conformation is released,
 when the protein relaxes.



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Design of Metabolism:**2 Categories of metabolic reactions**[[enzyme catalyzed metabolic pathways](#)] [fig 3.2](#)**Anabolic** - biosynthesis in **autotrophs**

coupling reactions that are energetically unfavorable
 with reactions that are energetically favored

done by linking [hydrolysis of ATP](#) (favored) to reactions
 linking atoms together (not favored), creating new biological order

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Design of Metabolism:**Catabolic** - cell respiration in heterotrophs [fig 3.3](#)

oxidation (removal) of e-'s from foodstuffs

- 3 steps:**
1. Digestion of polymers (foods) into monomers
 2. GLYCO-LYSIS \rightarrow AcoA splits sugar monomers
 3. Oxidation of AcoA \rightarrow $\text{CO}_2 + \text{NADH} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$
 $\text{ADP} + \text{P} \rightarrow \text{ATP}$

FREE ENERGY EQUATIONS $\Delta G = \Delta H - T \Delta S$

a numerical measure of how far a reaction is from equilibrium

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Design of Metabolism... or how biological order comes about
 Organisms are classified by the nutritional habits...

Autotrophs:
 light energy... is converted into covalent chemical bond energy

$$\text{H}_2\text{O} \xleftarrow{\text{e}^-} \text{NADPH} + \text{ATP} \xrightarrow{\text{H}^+} \text{CO}_2 \text{ oxidized form}$$

$$\text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{H}^+} \text{CH}_2\text{O} \text{ reduced form}$$

Heterotrophs:
 food stuffs more energetically stable

$$[\text{CH}_2\text{O}]_n + \text{NAD}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{ATP} + \text{NADH}$$

Key Cell energy intermediates - **NADH & NADPH, FAD, & ATP***

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(a) Oxidized: **NAD⁺** Reduced: **NADH**

Nicotinamide + H⁺ + 2 e⁻ ⇌ Nicotinamide (reduced)

(b) Oxidized: **FAD** Reduced: **FADH₂**

Flavin + 2 H⁺ + 2 e⁻ ⇌ Flavin (reduced)

Adenosine triphosphate (ATP) synthesis:

$$\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Triphosphate} \rightleftharpoons \text{Adenosine diphosphate (ADP)} + \text{Inorganic phosphate (P)} + \text{Energy}$$

ΔG° = -7.3 kcal/mol (for ATP → ADP + P)
 ΔG° = +7.3 kcal/mol (for ADP + P → ATP)

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OXIDATION / REDUCTION - Redox Reactions
 e⁻ &/or H⁺ transferred between oxidized & reduced forms

$$\text{AH} \leftrightarrow \text{A} + \text{e}^- + \text{H}^+$$

oxidation - removal of e⁻ from substrate
 reduction - gaining of e⁻ (& often a proton, H⁺) [fig 3.12](#)

6O₂ + C₆H₁₂O₆ $\xrightarrow{\text{NAD}^+ \text{ respiration}} \text{NADH}$ 6CO₂ + 6H₂O
 6CO₂ + 6H₂O $\xrightarrow{\text{NADPH} \text{ photosynthesis}} \text{NAD}^+$ C₆H₁₂O₆ [fig 3.10](#)

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KEY METABOLIC REACTIONS:

6 major categories of bio-chemical reactivity
 Bio-chemical reactivity is **bond breaking & reforming**
 these are violent events inside cells, carefully controlled by **ENZYMES**

1. redox reaction (oxid/reduction) **PGald + NAD⁺ <=> 1,3di-PGA + NADH**
oxidoreductases (dehydrogenases)
2. functional group transfers **glu + ATP <=> G6P + ADP**
transferases
3. Hydrolysis **glu-glu(n) + H₂O <=> glu-glu(n-1)**
hydrolyases
4. C-C breaking or re-formation **fruc1-6bP <=> DHAP + 3PGAld**
lyases
5. rearrangement (isomerizations) **glucose-6P <=> fructose-6P**
isomerases
6. Condensations **protein(n) + aa1 <=> protein(n+1) + H₂O**
transferases

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how cells make ATP

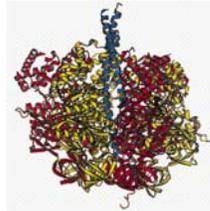
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CELLULAR ENERGETICS

How Cells Make ATP

- **Autotrophic Metabolism**
 - Photosynthesis
 - Photophosphorylation
- **Heterotrophic Metabolism**
 - Cell Respiration
 - Oxidation of Foods
 - Aerobic & Anaerobic
 - Oxidative Phosphorylation

... primarily by phosphorylation



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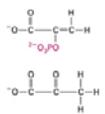
Primary Mechanisms of Phosphorylation

- **Substrate Level Phosphorylation**

Phosphoenolpyruvate
(2 molecules)

Pyruvate
(2 molecules)

$2 \text{ ADP} \rightarrow 2 \text{ ATP}$



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steps 7 & 10

- **Chemiosmosis (Oxidative Phosphorylation)**
 subst-H + NAD \rightarrow NADH + subst
 NADH \rightarrow H+ proton motive force \rightarrow ATP
- **Photosynthetic Phosphorylation**
 light + NADP \rightarrow NADPH \rightarrow H+

Key metabolic reaction = **REDOX Reaction**

$$\text{AH} + \text{BO} \rightleftharpoons \text{A} + \text{BOH}$$

$$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + 6\text{O}_2 \rightleftharpoons 6\text{CO}_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} + e^-$$

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Cellular Respiration

Evolution of aerobic metabolism was a major step in the history of life on planet Earth

Cell Respiration - series cytoplasmic & mitochondrial

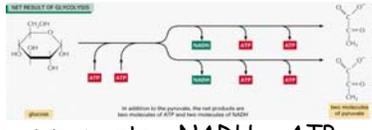
- linked enzymatic pathways
- stepwise **OXIDATION** food molecules- makes ATP
- physiological view: uptake of O₂ & release of CO₂
- biochemical view: O₂ consumption, CO₂ production

3 Stages:

1. Digestion - food polymers \rightarrow monomers
2. Production of AcoA \rightarrow glycolysis & FAoxidation
3. Oxidation of AcoA to CO₂ & H₂O \rightarrow KC & ETC

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4 Cellular Pathways:



- **Glyco-lysis**
glucose \rightarrow pyruvate + NADH + ATP
- **Kreb's Cycle**
AcoA \rightarrow CO₂ + NADH + GTP + FADH₂
- **Electron Transport Chain (ETC)**
passage of e's from NADH to O₂ \rightarrow H₂O + H⁺ gradient
- **ATP synthase**
mitochondrial membrane protein which makes ATP as H⁺ move into mitoplasm

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GLYCO - LYSIS

Embden, Meyerhof, Parnas Pathway
Greek (glykos) - "sweet" + "splitting"

- anaerobic = no requirement of oxygen
- cytoplasmic location
- 10 step enzymatic pathway
hexose \rightarrow 2 PYR + 4ATP (2 net) + 2NADH
 - energy investment phase (coupled Rx's)
phosphorylation of low energy intermediates
 - energy capture phase [mcb12.3 steps 6 & 7 & 10]
 - redox reaction (glyceraldehyde3-PDH)
 - substrate level phosphorylation

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GLYCO-LYSIS and Ancillary Pathways

Fates of PYRUVATE



- if anaerobic - 1. alcoholic fermentation
via alcohol dehydrogenase
- 2. lactic acid respiration - LDH
- if aerobic - Krebs Cycle



- **Shuttles**
purpose to move e's from cytoplasmic NADH to mitochondrial NADH or FADH₂
 - glycerol-P shuttle - skeletal muscle/brain (FADH₂)
 - malate shuttle - liver, kidney, heart muscle (NADH)

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KEY REACTIONS of GLYCOLYSIS (panel 13.1)

- substrate level phosphorylation (steps 7 & 10)
- redox reaction involving NAD (step 6)

Summary of GLYCOLYSIS

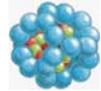
- 2 ATP to initiate pathway
- 2 substrate level phosphorylations makes 2 ATP (net),
- 2 NADH, and
- 2 PYRUVATE

Fermentations & Shuttles

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Krebs Cycle, Citric Acid Cycle, Tricarboxylic Acid Cycle

a cyclical biochemical pathway resulting in aerobic oxidation of cell fuels, as CH_2O , fatty acids, & amino acids, while making CO_2 , H_2O , & ATP .



HISTORY

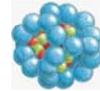
- 1910's - enzymatic nature learned -dehydrogenases
- 1930's - substrates identified = di-COOH's
experiments on minced flight muscle prep's
- 1937 - Sir Hans Krebs - citrate synthetase
acetyl-coA + OAA ----> citrate + CoASH
- 1948 - cycle localized within the Mitochondria
- 1961 - Peter Mitchell proposes Chemiosmosis

Overall reaction:



ENZYMES of KREBS CYCLE

- 5 dehydrogenases- ISDH, α KGDH, SDH, MDH, & PDH
- 2 hydrolyases- aconitase & fumarase
- 1 thiokinase- succinyl thiokinase
- 1 synthetase- citrate synthetase
- 2 multi-enzyme complexes (f4.8 p118)
each with 60 proteins & 5 coenzymes
 1. pyruvate dehydrogenase &
 2. alpha ketoglutarate dehydrogenase



Key Metabolic Reactions of KREBS CYCLE

NAD is reduced
substrate level phosphorylation occurs
decarboxylation [-COOH]
acylation via CoASH

Each turn of the cycle

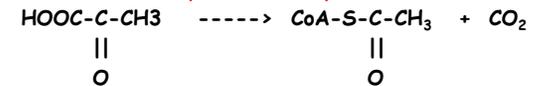
- 4 protons passed to coe's (3NADH & 1 FADH₂)
- 2 CO₂'s are released

3 parts of Mitochondrial Oxidation of PYR

1. PYR --> CO₂ + H₂O --> NADH/FADH₂ Krebs
2. e⁻ of NADH/FADH₂ --> O₂ to make H₂O ETS
3. ADP + P ----> ATP Chemiosmosis

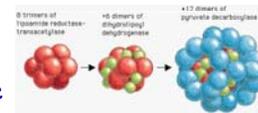
Pyruvate Dehydrogenase Complex

Oxidative decarboxylation of alpha-Keto acid



3 enzymes (4.8p118)

- a. pyruvate decarboxylase
12 dimers = 24 identical subunits
- b. dihydrolipoyl transacetylase (reductase)
8 trimers = 24 identical subunits,
each 3 lipoyates
- c. dihydrolipoyl dehydrogenase
6 dimers 12 subunits with FAD



PDH COMPLEX

5 coenzymes

1. CoASH [ecb8.8 p309](#) pantothenate
2. Lipoate lipoic acid
3. Thiamine pyrophosphate thiamin (B1)
4. E-FAD [2.26 p54](#) riboflavin (B2)
5. NAD⁺ [2.26 p54](#) niacin

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Mechanism of Action of PDH Complex

- A: pyruvate decarboxylase – thiamine pyrophosphate (TPP)** removes COOH from pyruvate leaving 2 carbon fragment bound to the TPP.
- B: lipoyl transacylase – lipoate** the 2 carbon group is transferred to one lipoamide arm, and then the other to position for CoASH transfer.
- C: dihydrolipoyl dehydrogenase – CoASH, FAD, NAD⁺** acetyl group is transferred to CoASH; the reduced lipoamides transfer 2H's to FAD → FADH₂, and FADH₂ passes H's to NAD⁺ → NADH

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Key Metabolic Reactions of KREBS CYCLE [+ PDH reaction]

1. NAD is reduced (NADH)
2. substrate level phosphorylation occurs
GDP + P → GTP (≅ ATP)
3. decarboxylation (-COOH)
4. acylation via CoASH (ACoA)

Each turn of the cycle:
 4 protons passed to coe's (3 NADH & 1 FADH₂)
 2 CO₂'s are released
 1 GDP is phosphorylated to GTP (equivalent to ATP)

fig mcb6e 13.2

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The complete citric acid cycle. The two carbons from acetyl CoA that enter this turn of the cycle (shaded in red) will be converted to CO₂ in subsequent turns of the cycle: it is the two carbons shaded in blue that are converted to CO₂ in this cycle.

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FATTY ACID Metabolism [beta-oxidation]

Oxidation Fatty Acids to Acetyl-CoA
3 Steps in Fat Oxidation Cycle

1. oxidation of COOH end of free fatty acid
2. transport of fatty acyl-coA into mitoplasm
3. oxidation of 2 carbon fragments as AcoA

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4 enzymes of beta-oxidation

1. **fatty acyl-coA ligase** (on outer mito. membranes)
 $FA-COOH + ATP + CoASH \leftrightarrow FAcO_A + AMP + PP$
 converts cytoplasmic FA to Fatty-acyl-coA
2. **carnitine acyl-transferase 1** (outer mito memb.)
 $fattyCo_A + carnitine \leftrightarrow Fatty\ acyl-carnitine + CoASH$
 transfers FAcO_A to carnitine for transport across mito
3. **carnitine acyl-transferase 2** (in mitoplasm)
 $fatty\ acyl-carnitine + CoASH \leftrightarrow FAcO_A + carnitine$
 releases FAcO_A inside the mitoplasm

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4. fatty acyl-coA dehydrogenase fig 13.9b

"Beta-Oxidation Cycle"

Four steps for these dehydrogenase enzymes...

- a) dehydrogenation w FAD \rightarrow FADH₂
- b) hydration - addition of water
- c) dehydration w NAD \rightarrow NADH
- d) thiol cleavage w CoASH
 - releases a 2c piece = AcoA

Net result: each turn of the cycle shortens a long chain fatty acid by 2 carbons generating 1 AcoA, 1 NADH and 1 FADH₂

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Balance Sheet Aerobic Oxidation glucose vs 6C FFA

Rule of Thumb... the P to O ratio
 1 NADH (via mito ETC) = 3 ATP and 1 FADH₂ = 2 ATP

<u>Cell Respiration</u>	<u>glucose</u>	<u>beta-OXIDATION 6C-FFA (c-c-c-c-c-c)</u>
to start - GLYCOLYSIS	- 2 ATP	-1 ATP @ ligase
glyceraldehyde DH	+ 2 NADH	
PGA kinase (via SLP)	+ 2 ATP	
pyruvate kinase (via SLP)	+ 2 ATP	
Krebs Cycle per each PYR		per 2 cycles @ Fatty-AcoA-DH
PDH	- 2CO ₂ + 2 NADH	+ 3 AcoA
per each AcoA		+ 2 FADH ₂ = 4 ATP
ISDH	-2CO ₂ + 2 NADH	+ 2 NADH = 6 ATP
KGDH	-2CO ₂ + 2 NADH	-----
thiokinase	+ 2 GTP	+ 10 ATP
SDH	+ 2 FADH ₂	
MDH	+ 2 NADH	
Totals		6C FFA
1 glucose = 2 PYR = 2 AcoA \rightarrow		B-OX = 10 ATP
-6CO ₂ + 2ATP + 10NADH + 2FADH ₂ + 2GTP		Kreb's (3 AcoA) = 72 ATP
		+ 82 ATP
total ATP = 36-38		
ATP via 2 AcoA alone = 24		82 - 1 = 81 - 38 = + 43 ATP net

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mitochondrial membranes
&
electron transport chain

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Mitochondrial Membrane Transport

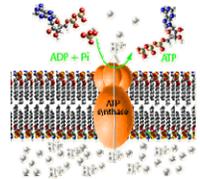
membrane = **impermeant** to most everything, esp to **H+**

outer membrane - **porins** - molecules 5,000 -10,000d

inner membrane - 70% protein & 30% lipid

holds

- a. **redox proteins of ETC**
- b. **ATP synthase**
- c. **carrier proteins- phosphate translocases**
ADP/ATP translocases,
pyruvate/H+ symporter 13.16
- d. glycerol-P & malate **shuttles**



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mtDNA - 16,569 np's... code for 20% mito proteins mcb 6.23

Mitochondrial encoded DNA functions:
5 subunits of NADH dehydrogenase (complex I),
cytochrome oxidase subunits I, II, III (complex IV),
ATP synthase : subunits 6 & 8 (complex V),
RNA polymerase, & 22 tRNA's & 2 rRNA's

Nuclear encoded components include:
lipid, metabolism, nucleotide metabolism, aa
metabolism, carbo metabolism, heme synthesis, Fe-S
synthesis, ubiquinone synthesis, proteases,
chaperones, signal pathways, & DNA repair & replication.

1,000's copies per cell; maternally inherited;
frequent point mutations; used in sequence analysis

mtDNA & Human Evolution genetic variation among peoples
forensic uses of Mito-DNA mitochondrial diseases

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How Electron Transfer Works

- **REDOX POTENTIAL** (how measured – panel 13.1)
empirical measure of tendency to gain e's
 - strong reducing agent has negative $-\Delta Eo'$
 - strong oxidizing agent has positive $+\Delta Eo'$

$$\Delta Go' = -nf \Delta Eo'$$

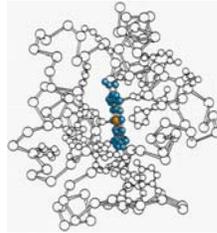
$NADH \rightleftharpoons NAD^+ + H^+ + 2e^- \quad -0.32V$
 $H_2O \rightleftharpoons \frac{1}{2} O_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^- \quad +0.82V$
 $\Delta Go' = -(1)(0.023) (1.14) = -26.2 \text{ Kcal}$

- **Electron Transfer Chain's Order**
--> **Increasing Redox Potential** (from - to +)
see fig 12.18 p500

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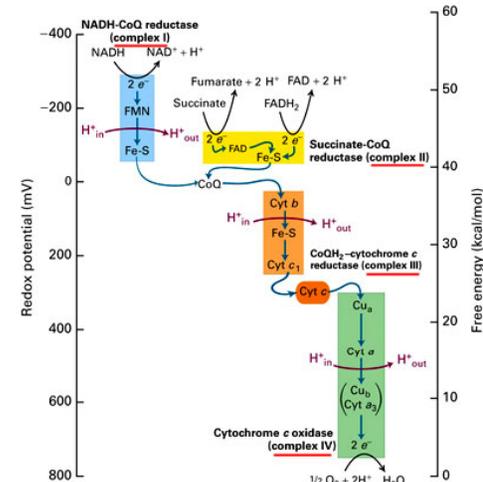
Components of the ETC

- Pyridine nucleotides NAD⁺ 2.33**
 enzyme bound hydrogen carriers
 accepts 2e's and/or protons
 shows spectral shift @ 340nm
- Flavoproteins FMN & FAD 2.33b**
 protein bound hydrogen carriers
 spectral shift @ 340, 370, & 460 nm
- Iron sulfur proteins FeS 12.14b p495**
 non-heme iron electron carriers
- Ubiquinone CoQ 12.15 p496** semiquinone & hydroquinone
 mobile membrane bound non-protein hydrogen carriers
- Cytochromes (a, a3, b562, b566, c1, c) 12.14 p495 & above**
 "colored proteins" with bound Fe atoms [ferric vs. ferrous]
iron porphyrin (heme) bound protein carriers



How Oxidative Phosphorylation Works - fig 12.18 p500

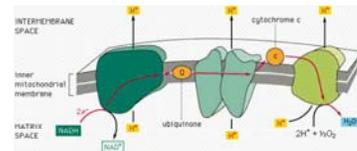
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Fig 12.18
Pg 500



Respiratory Assemblies - Mitochondrial Components

Respiratory Assemblies:

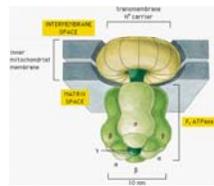
- ◆ NADH-Q reductase
- ◆ Succinate dehydrogenase
- ◆ Cytochrome-C-Reductase
- ◆ Cytochrome Oxidase



Proton Motive Force:

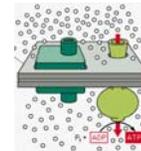
an electrochemical concentration gradient of protons across a membrane coupled to ATP synthase to make ATP... likened to process of osmosis, the diffusion of water across a membrane thus chemiosmosis.
 $\Delta\text{pH} = 1.0 - 1.4 \text{ pH units}$ & $\Delta\text{charge} = 140\text{mV in}(-) \text{ vs. out}(+)$

ATP Synthase: creates a hydrophilic channel for H⁺ and flow makes 100 ATP per 300 H⁺ per sec [ADP + Pi → ATP]
F₀ - membrane piece & stalk
F₁ - soluble piece; 5 proteins
 rotational models



Oxidative Phosphorylation - Making of ATP

Synthesis of ATP made via a proton motive force
 H⁺ gradient generated by transfer of e's
 H's passed to O₂ to make H₂O
 through series of redox proteins



Mechanism - Chemiosmotic Coupling - Mitchell 1961
 fundamental mechanism - arose early in evolution - was retained
3 steps fig 12.22

- ↳ ETC - passage of e thru membrane carrier proteins
 electron flow (hydride ion H: → H⁺ + 2e⁻)
- ↳ generates a **proton motive force gradient** (pH difference)
 pH = 1.0 units [8.0 matrix vs. 7.0 peri-mito. space
 & a membrane potential - charge [140mV in(-) out(+)]
- ↳ **ATP Synthase** - which links ADP & P..... making ATP
 uncouplers as DNP destroy H⁺ gradient = no ATP

ATP Synthase Structure...

'mushroom' shaped complex composed of 2 membrane subunits

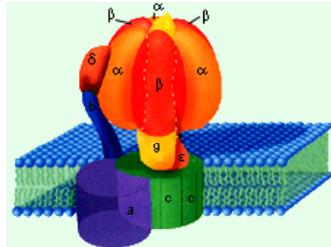
F1 (extrinsic) & F0 (intrinsic)

Humberto Fernandez (60's) sees lollipop on inner mito membranes
 Efraim Racker (1966) isolates lollipop - Coupling Factor 1 - F1

ATP synthase of liver mitochondria
 = about 15,000 present

F1 5 polypeptides (nuclear DNA):
 3 α , 3 β , 1 γ , 1 δ , & 1 ϵ
 arranged like sections of grapefruit
 3 catalytic sites for ATP synthesis
 - one on each β subunit

F0 3 polypeptides in ratio of:
 1a, 2b, and 12c (C-ring)



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Binding Charge Mechanism of ATP Synthesis - A Rotary Motor [Paul Boyer](#) - 1979

1. H^+ movement changes binding affinity of synthases's active site, thus when ADP & P bind to active site, they readily condense into ATP (removed from aqueous solution $K_{eq} = 1$ and ΔG close to zero, thus ATP forms easily)
2. active site (β subunits) changes conformation thru 3 successive shapes:
 L - loose - ADP & P loosely bound to site
 T - tight - ADP & P tightly bound favoring condensation without water
 O - open - site has low affinity to bind ATP - thus releases it
3. conformational changes result in rotation of subunits relative to central stalk (γ)
 α & β subunits of F1 form hexagonal ring that rotates around central axis
 γ stalk extends from F0 & interacts with 3 β 's differently as it rotates 360°

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Pathway of the Protons through F0 - rotational model of C-ring & γ stalk



12 C-proteins reside in lipid bilayer (C-ring)

C-ring is attached to γ stalk of F1
 H^+ diffuse through F0 rotating the 12c's of Fo ring
 each C protein has a **half-channel space** with a charged ASP-

C's bind H^+ (& via shape changes) C-rotates 30° CCW
 next C in ring picks up H^+ & thus the ring cycles thru 360°
 release of H^+ into matrix happens at end of cycle [Karp 5.29*](#)

4 H^+ moves ring 120° (γ stalk) shifts 120° --> β 's change
 4 H^+ result in ATP being made

rotation of C-ring drives γ stalk through 360° &
 3 conformations of F1 (L-T-O) to make ATP

[Biovisions animation of ATP synthase](#)

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Bil 255 - CMB

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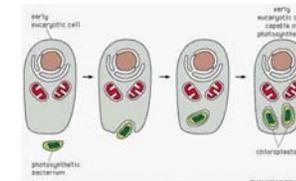
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PHOTOSYNTHESIS...



Light driven phosphorylation -
production of **ATP** via photo-phosphorylation

Cellular process - bacteria, blue-green, and
eucaryotic cells with chloroplasts

Capture of light energy by pigments -
chlorophylls & **accessory pigments**

Capture **e's** as reducing power in **NADPH**

Reduction of **CO₂** to **CH₂O**

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2 Fundamental Reaction Mechanisms

LIGHT Reactions (photo-chemical reactions) 

- molecular excitation **chl** by light... **charge separation**
- generation of proton motive force (**H⁺** gradient)
- reduction of NADP to NADPH via an ETS

DARK Reactions (thermo-chemical reactions)

- **CO₂** fixation (reduction) stages
 - carboxylation **CO₂** RuBP \rightarrow 2 **PGA**
 - reduction **PGA** + NADPH \rightarrow **PGAL**
 - regeneration of RuBP via **HMP** path \rightarrow RuBP



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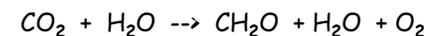
Evolutionary Basis of Photosynthesis

1st autotrophic cells probably used **H₂S** as e- source

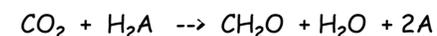
purple-sulfur bacteria of today



cyanobacteria - **oxygenic photosynthetic prokaryotes**



van Neil equation [gs@SU] **Phots is a REDOX reaction**



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Molecular Excitation of Chlorophyll

- Absorption of Light Energy
 - blue light [440nm] = 71.5 Kc/einstein
 - red light [700nm] = 40.9 Kc/einstein
- Ground State -
 - paired e's with opposite spin = stability
 - absorption moves non-bounded e's to higher orbitals
 - 1st excited singlet state
 - 2nd excited singlet state
 - 1st long-lived state



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FATES of Absorbed Light Energy

1. Re-radiated as **vibrational heat**
2. Re-radiated as **fluorescence**
emission of light of longer wavelength
700 nm --> 710nm in time frame 10-9sec less energetic
3. Re-radiated as **phosphorescence**
emission of light much longer wavelength
700nm --> 720nm in real time (1sec)
4. **Induced resonance** -
vibrational e excitation inducing like vibrations in adjacent molecules causing their excitation
5. **Photoionization** -
enters into the photochemical reactions
loses electron to acceptor = ionized chl+

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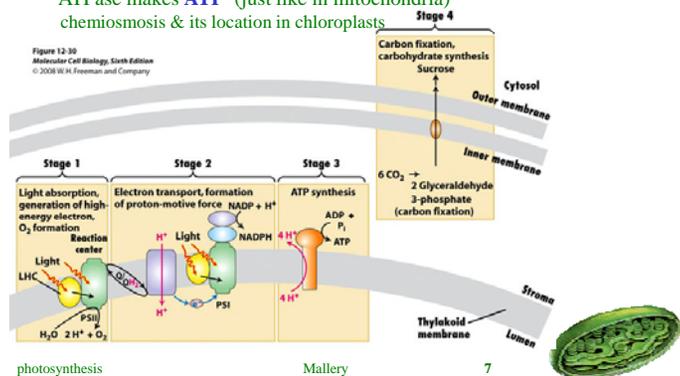
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Photosynthetic Electron Flow - stages of photosynthesis

Photosystems – LHC: chlorophylls, reaction center, primary acceptor
PS 1 and **PS 2** - path of e- flow (cyclic vs. non-cyclic)
 release of O₂ & capture of e- into coenzyme NADP⁺ ----> **NADPH**
 ATPase makes **ATP** (just like in mitochondria)
 chemiosmosis & its location in chloroplasts



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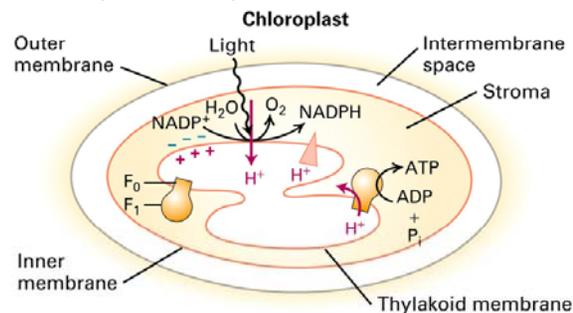
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Photosynthetic Proton Motive Force

the extrusion of protons via electron transport creates a proton concentration gradient across thylakoid membranes & an ATP synthase uses this gradient to energize the synthesis of ATP.



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Dark Reactions of Photosynthesis

- occur in stroma (chloroplast)
- consume ATP and NADPH made in light reactions
- reduces (fixes) CO₂ into CH₂O (sugars)

3 different pathways to make sugar

C3 - CALVIN cycle

- 1 CO₂ + 5C RuBP ----> (2) 3C sugars (PGA)
- (2) 3C sugars combine ----> 1 net glucose
- RuBP carboxylase [50% of leaf protein]
- Photo-respiration
 - inhibition by O₂

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PHOTORESPRATION... RUBISCO catalyzes two different reactions:

- a carboxylase activity... adding CO₂ to ribulose bisphosphate -
- an oxygenase activity... adding O₂ to ribulose bisphosphate -

[Karp fig 6.19*](#)

which one predominates depends on the relative concentrations of O₂ & CO₂ with
 high CO₂ : low O₂ favoring the carboxylase action
 high O₂ : low CO₂ favoring the oxygenase action

The light reactions liberate O₂ & more O₂ dissolves in the cytosol of the cell at higher temps. Thus, high light intensities & high temps (above ~ 30°C) favor the oxygenase second reaction. The uptake of O₂ by RUBISCO forms two 3-carbon molecules: [\[reaction\]](#)

- 1) one is 3-phosphoglyceric acid [3PGA] just as in the Calvin cycle
- 2) the other is 2P-glycolate.

and involves 3 organelles: chloroplast, peroxisome, and mitochondria.

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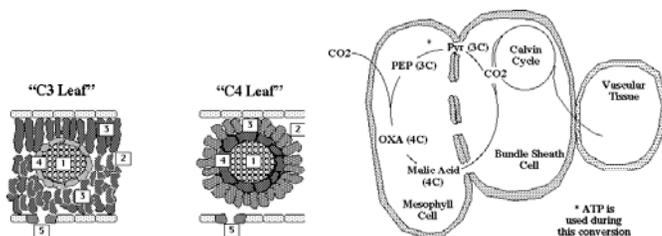
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C4 - Hatch & Slack pathway

- 4C acid ----> 3C + CO₂ in bundle sheath
- 1 CO₂ + 3C PGA ----> 4C acid (mesophyll cells)
- CO₂ into Calvin cycle (as above)



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CAM Pathway (C4- Crassulacean Acid Metabolism) - CAM plants...

are also C4 plants but do not separate C4 & C3 pathways in different parts of the leaf (spatial), but rather separate them in time instead. CAM was 1st studied in members of the plant family Crassulaceae.

At night,

CAM plants take in CO₂ through open stomata at night, when the succulents are in a cool environment. The CO₂ joins with PEP to form the 4-carbon oxaloacetic acid. OAA is converted to 4-carbon malic acid that accumulates during the night in the central vacuole.

In the morning,

stomata close (thus conserving moisture as well as reducing the inward diffusion of oxygen). Accumulated malic acid leaves the vacuole and is broken down to release CO₂ that is taken up into the Calvin (C3) cycle.

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