

Metabolic Integration and Organ Specialization

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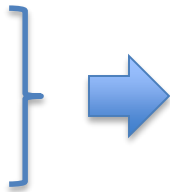
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1. Introduction

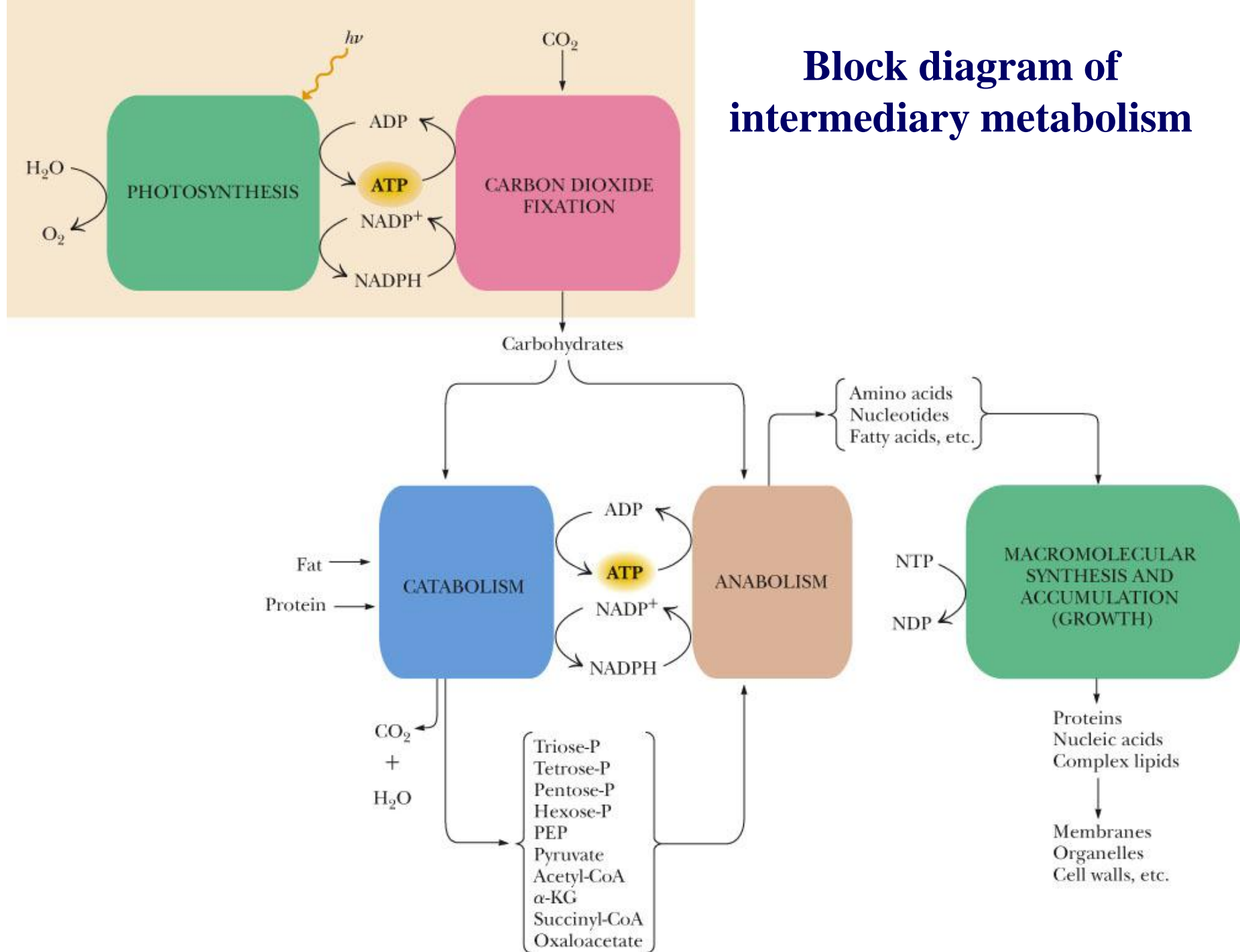
- Metabolism consists **three** interconnected **functional block**:

- Catabolism
- Anabolism



**macromolecular
synthesis and growth**

Block diagram of intermediary metabolism



METABOLISM

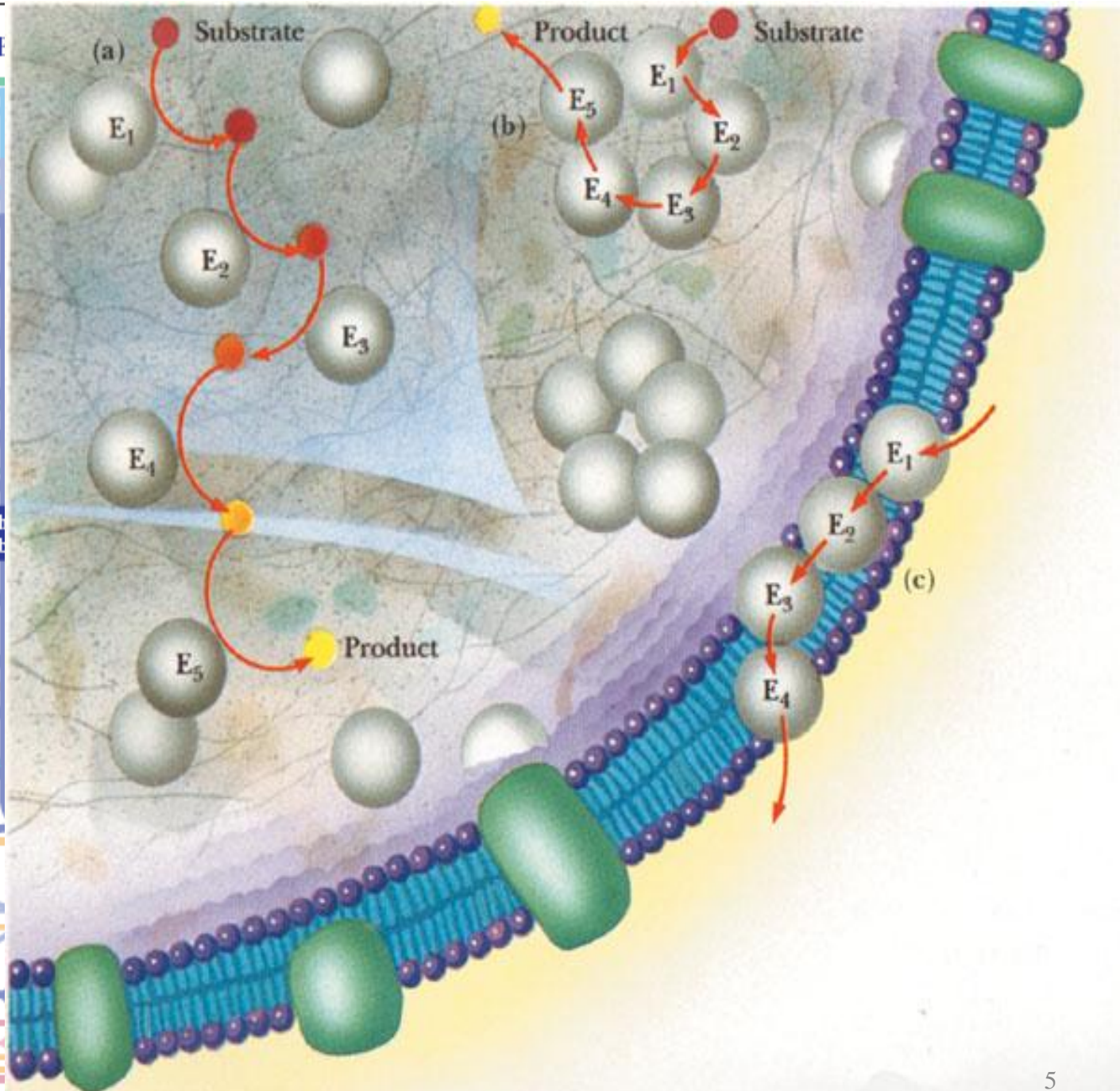
Metabolism of
Complex Carbohydrates

Metabolism of
Complex Lipids

Carbohydrate
Metabolism

Lipid
Metabolism

Energy
Metabolism

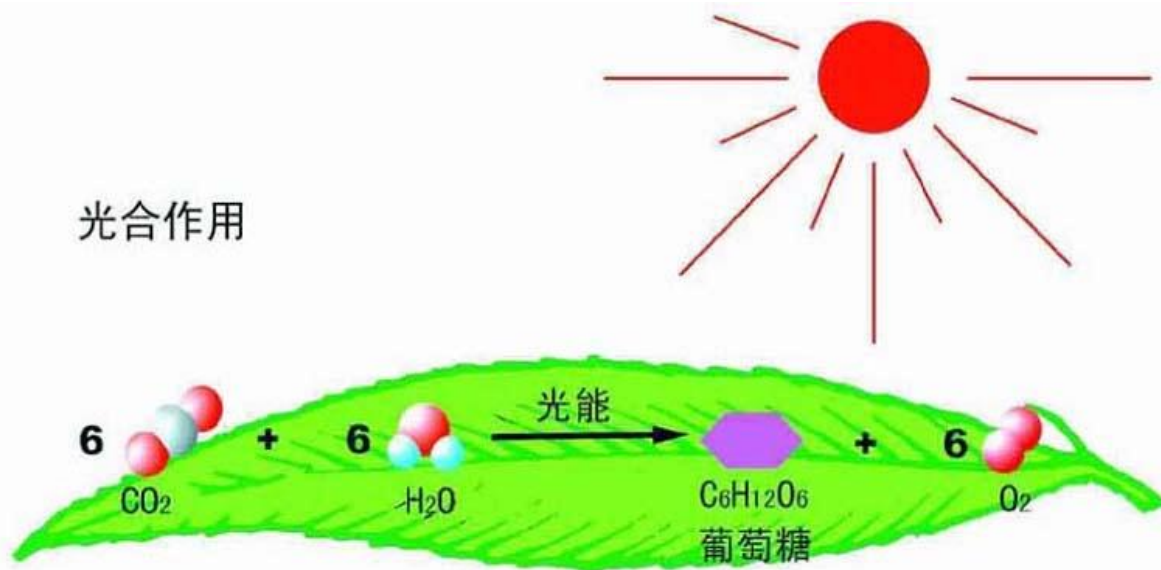
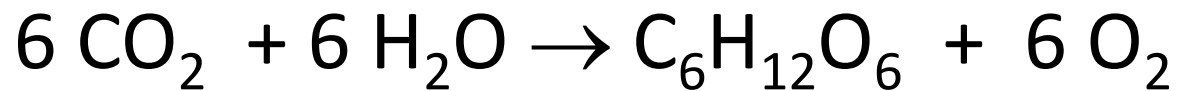


2. What Underlying Principle Relates ATP Coupling to the Thermodynamics of Metabolism?

- ① **Reaction stoichiometry** - the number of each kind of atom in a reaction
- ② **Obligate coupling stoichiometry** - the required coupling of electron carriers , reduction of NAD^+ and FAD
- ③ **Evolved coupling stoichiometry** - the number of ATP that pathways have evolved to consume or produce

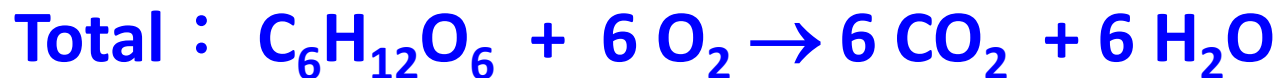
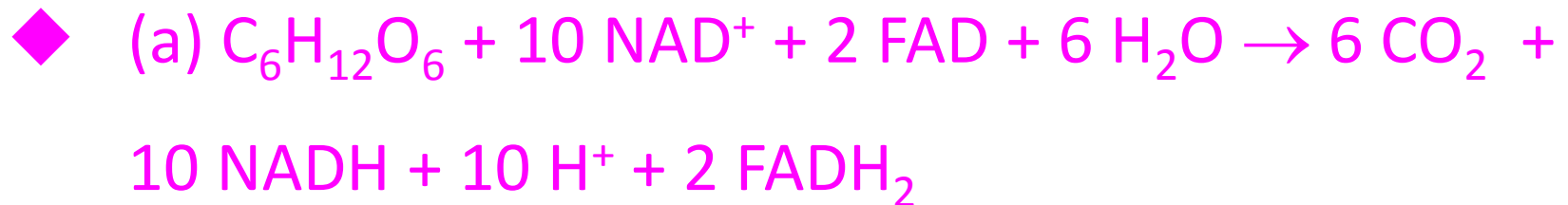
① Reaction stoichiometry

The number of atom remains the **same** on both sides of the equation



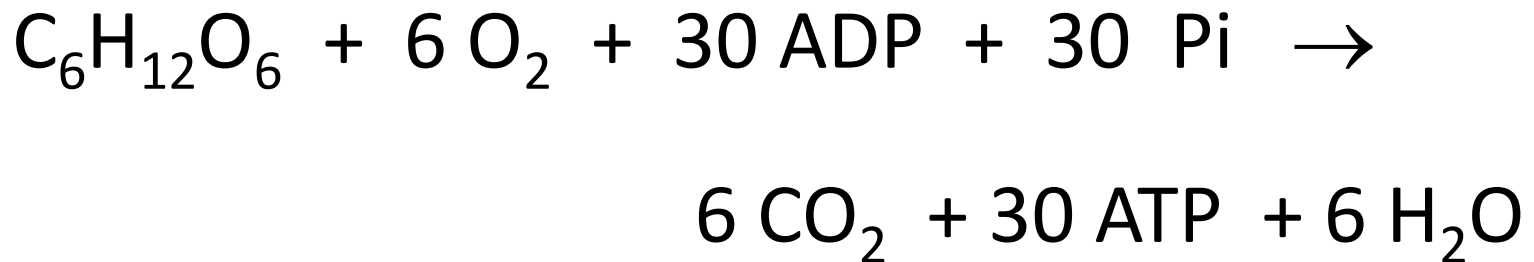
② Obligate coupling stoichiometry

◆ **Cellular respiration** is an oxidation-reduction process, and the **oxidation of glucose** is coupled to the **reduction of NAD⁺ and FAD**



③ Evolved coupling stoichiometry

- ◆ The coupled formation of **ATP** by oxidative phosphorylation

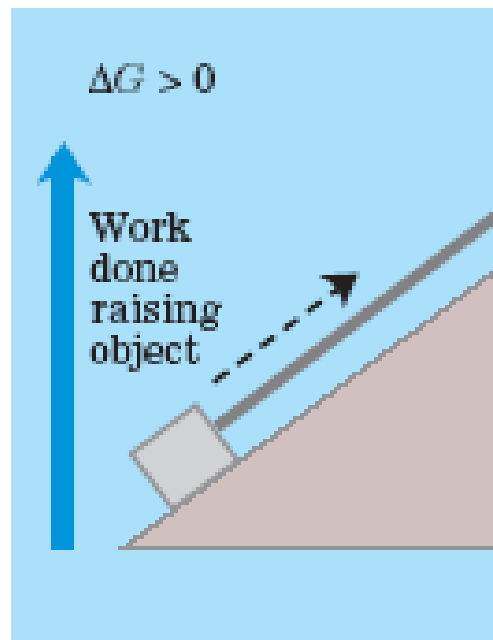


- ◆ Eukaryotes: 32 or 30 ATP

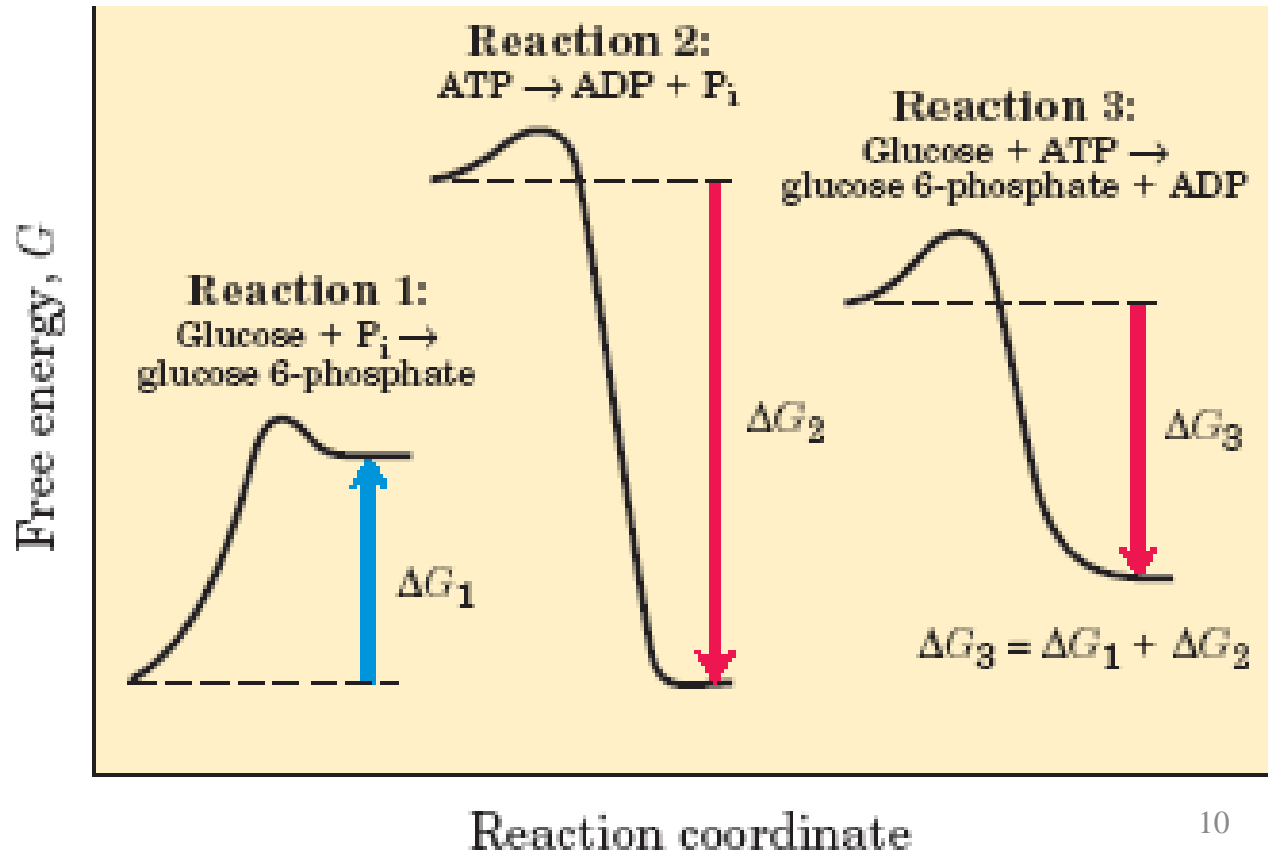
ATP coupling stoichiometry determines the K_{eq} for metabolic

- The energy release (ATP hydrolysis) $\rightarrow \Delta G > 0$ reaction \rightarrow the overall free energy for the coupled process is negative ($\Delta G < 0$)

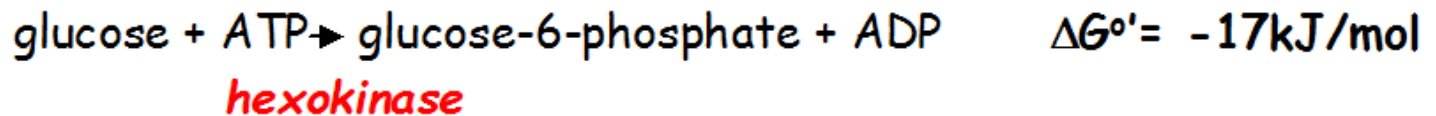
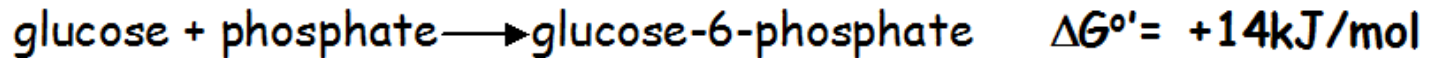
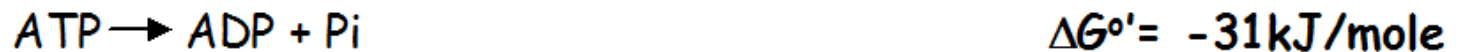
(a) Mechanical exam



Endergonic



- The cell maintains a **high** $[ATP]/([ADP][P_i])$ ratio
 - ATP serves as the **driving force** for biochemical events



- Living cells break down energy-yielding molecules to **generate ATP**

3. Is there a good index of cellular energy status?

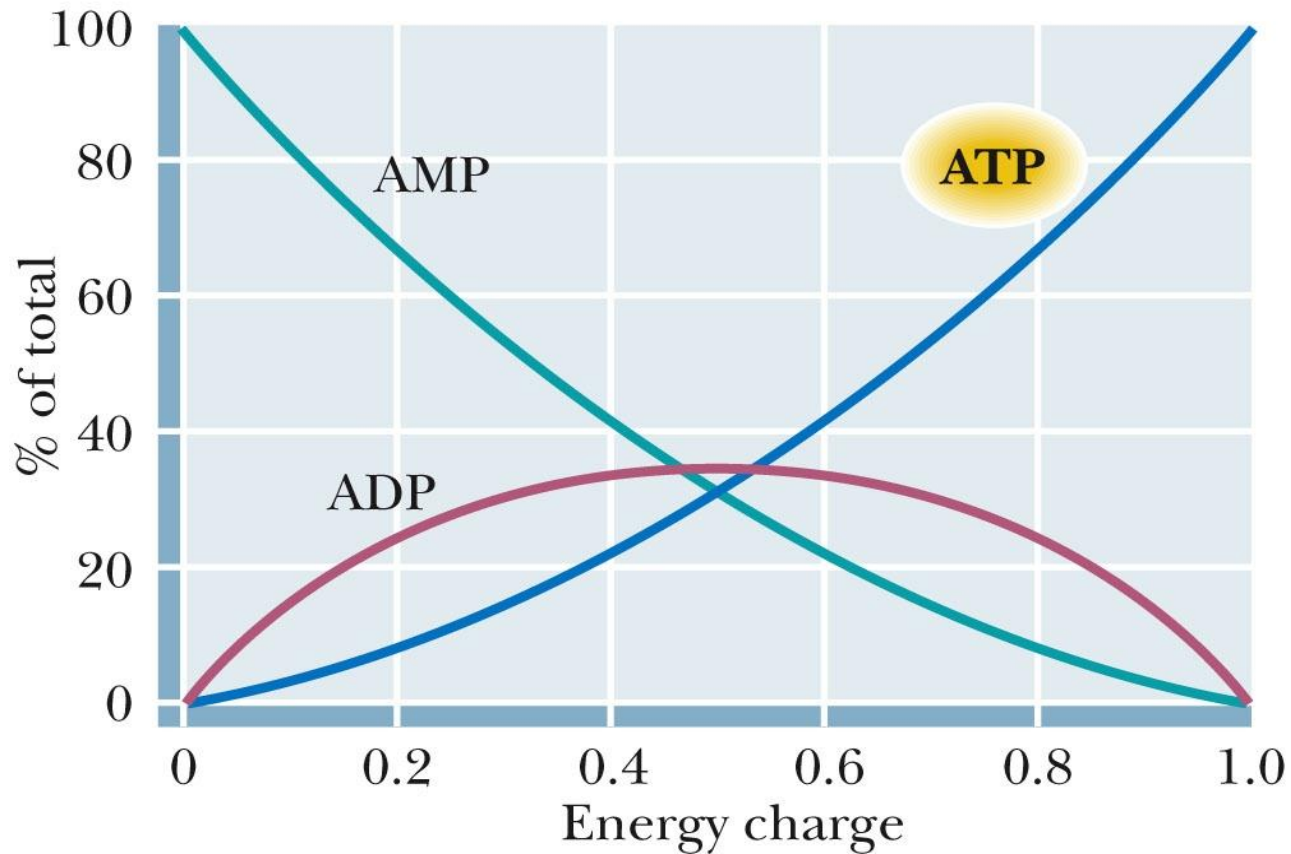
- ◆ Energy transduction and storage in the adenylate system (Adenylate pool) – ATP, ADP, AMP



- ◆ Energy charge *relates the ATP levels to the total adenine nucleotide pool*

$$\text{Energy charge} = \frac{[\text{ATP}] + \frac{1}{2} [\text{ADP}]}{[\text{ATP}] + [\text{ADP}] + [\text{AMP}]}$$

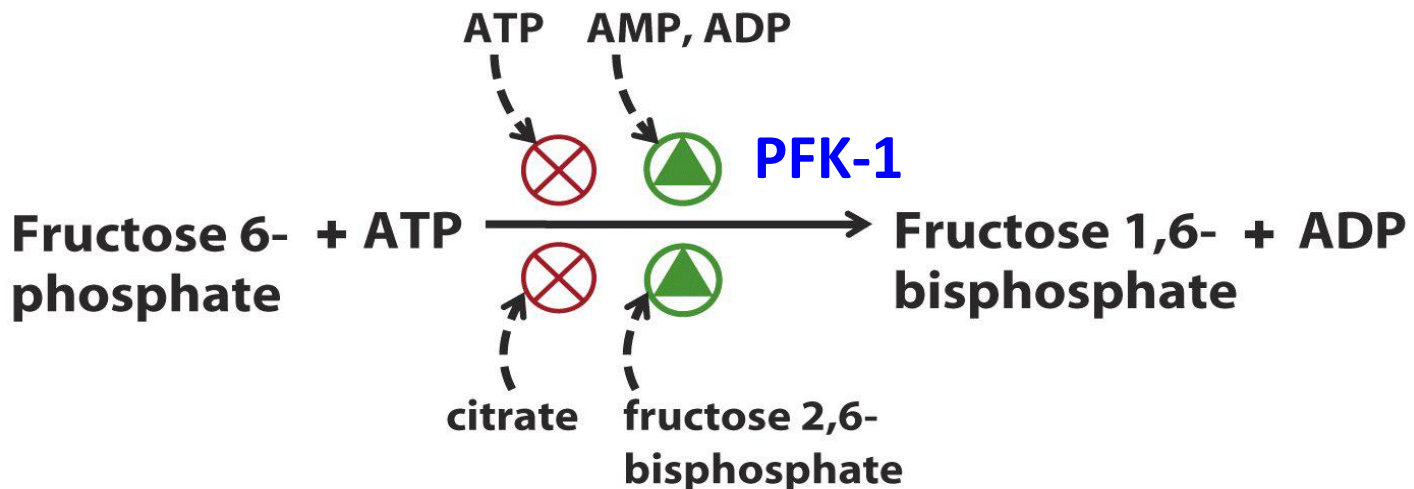
- In living cell , E.C. → 0.80-0.95



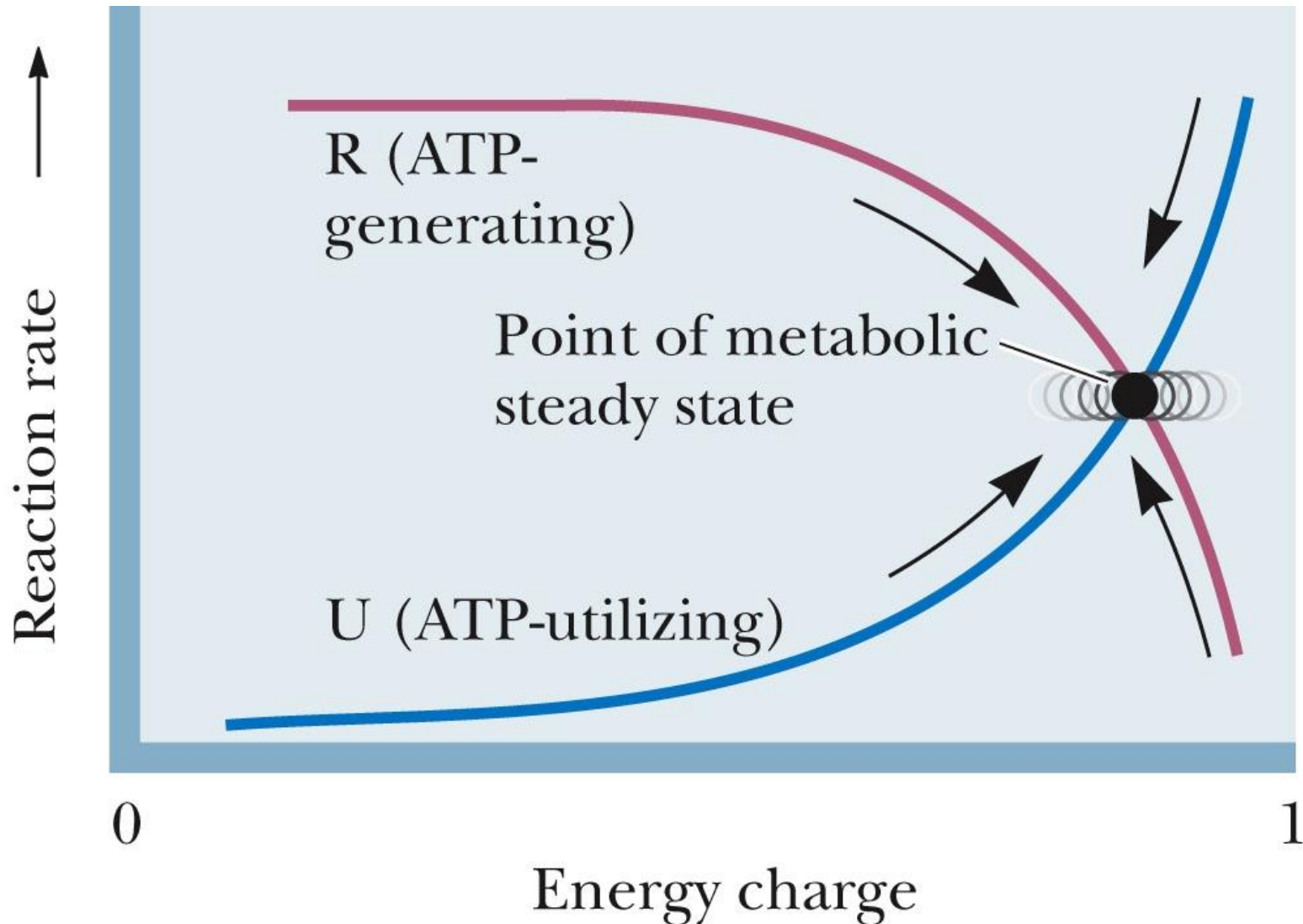
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*Key enzymes are regulated by **Energy charge***

- **Regulatory enzymes** respond in reciprocal fashion to adenine nucleotides
 - **PFK-1** stimulated by **AMP** and inhibited by **ATP**



Responses of regulatory enzymes to variation in energy charge



4. How is Overall Energy Balance Regulated in Cells?

- **AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK)** is the **cellular energy sensor**
- **ATP** inhibits AMPK
- **AMP** activates AMPK

(a)

α -Subunit

Upstream kinases

P

N

Kinase

$\beta\gamma$ Binding

C

(b)

β -Subunit

N

C

$\alpha\gamma$ Binding

(c)

γ -Subunit

N

CBS1

CBS2

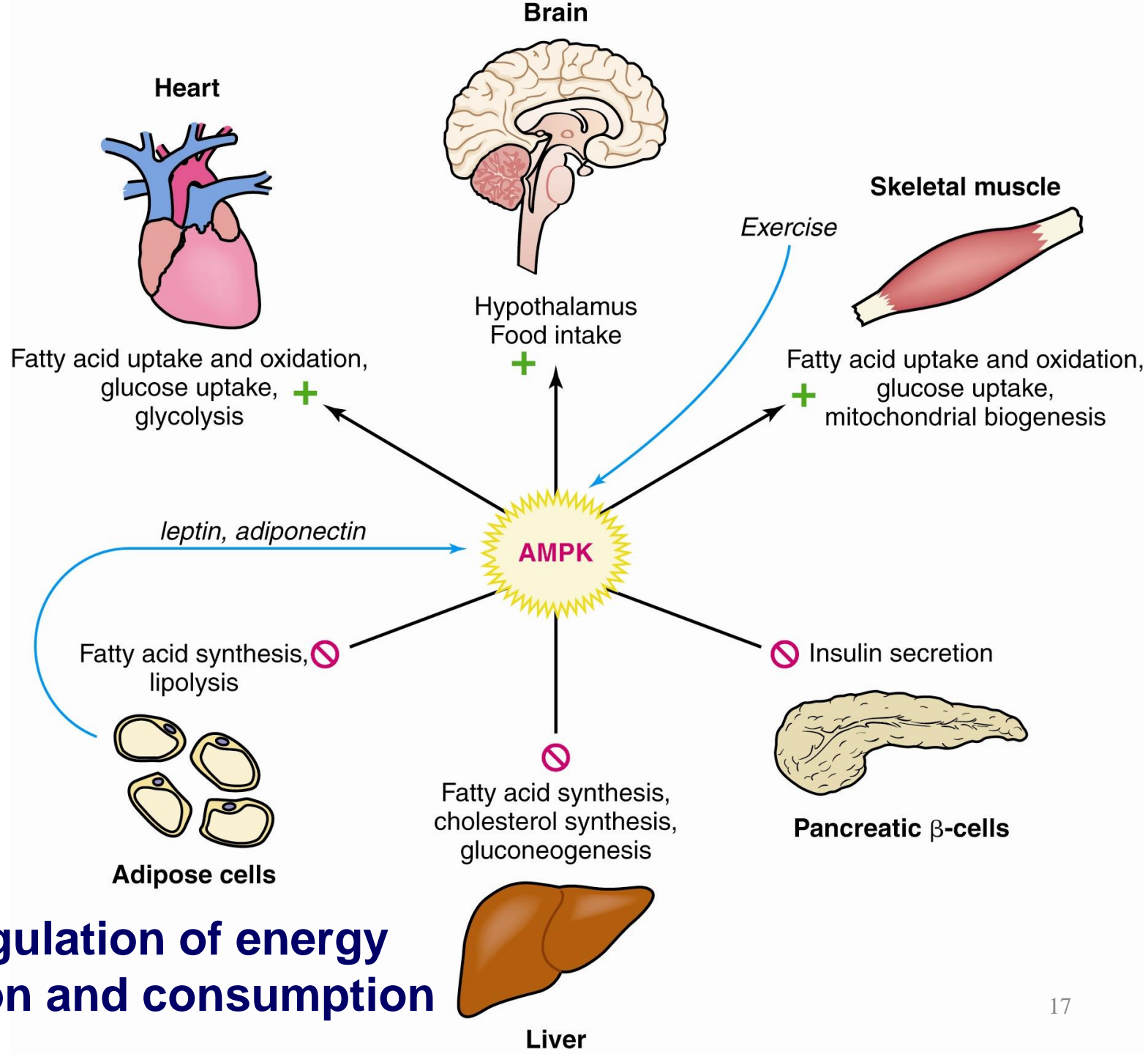
CBS3

CBS4

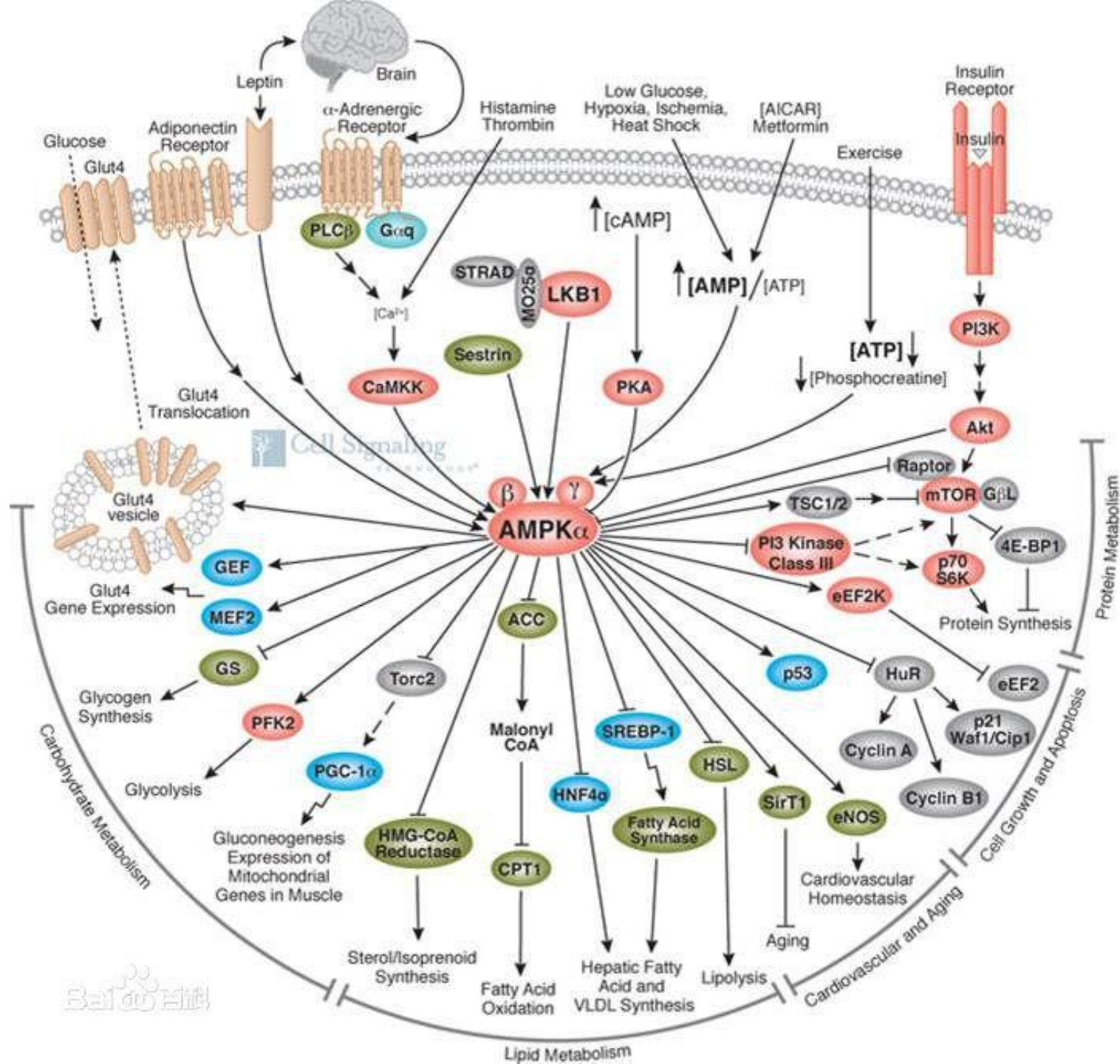
C

AMP/ATP
binding

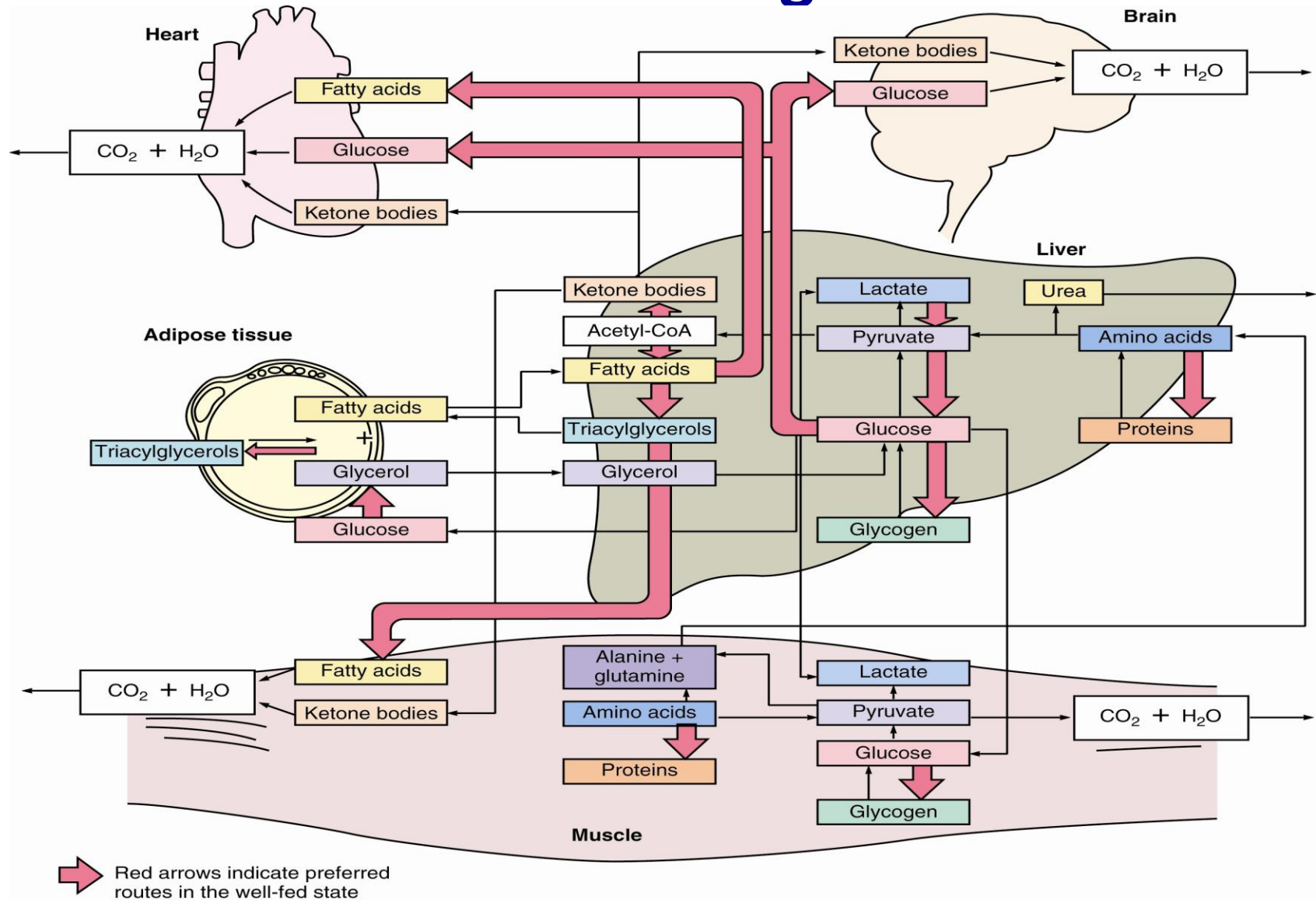
AMP/ATP
binding



AMPK regulation of energy production and consumption



5. How Is Metabolism Integrated in a Multicellular Organism?



- **The major fuel depots in animals:**
 - **Glycogen** in liver and muscle
 - **TGs** in adipose tissue
 - **Protein**, mostly in skeletal muscle
- **The usual order of preference for use:**
 - **glycogen > triacylglycerol > protein**
- **The tissues of the body work together to maintain energy homeostasis**

Brain



Starvation

Ketone bodies

Normal diet

Glucose

CO₂

ADP + P_i

ATP

Electrogenic transport
by Na⁺K⁺ ATPase

Brain



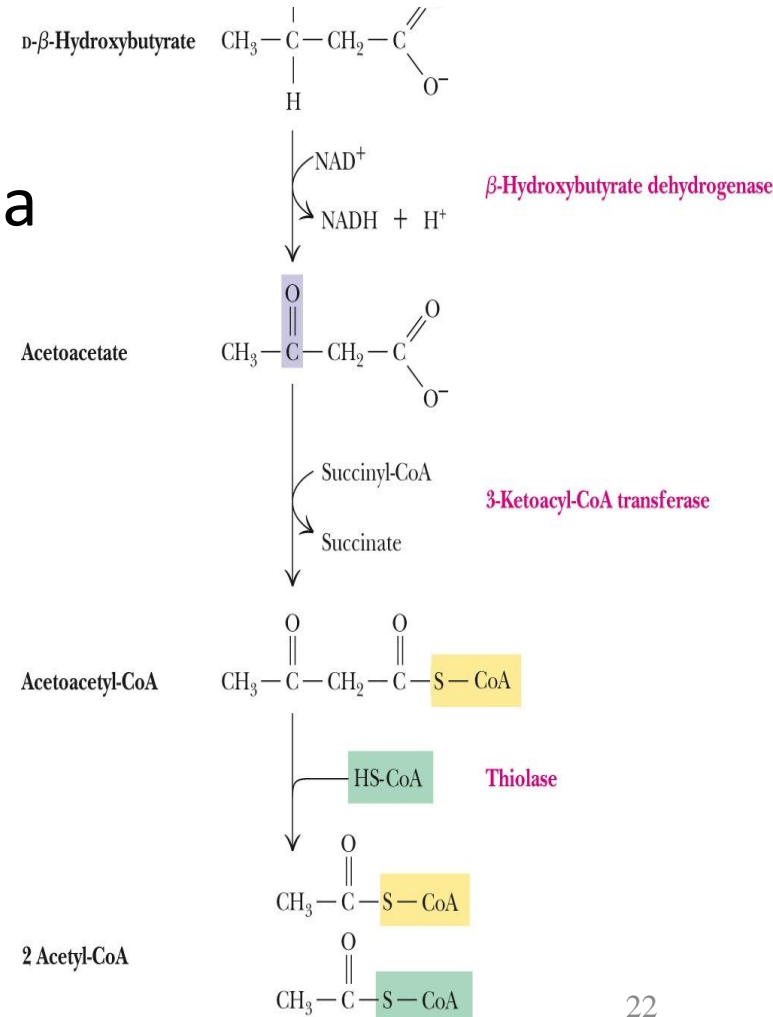
Brain has two metabolic features

1. high respiratory metabolism- **20 % of oxygen** consumed
2. no fuel reserves-Uses glucose as a fuel (120g per day)

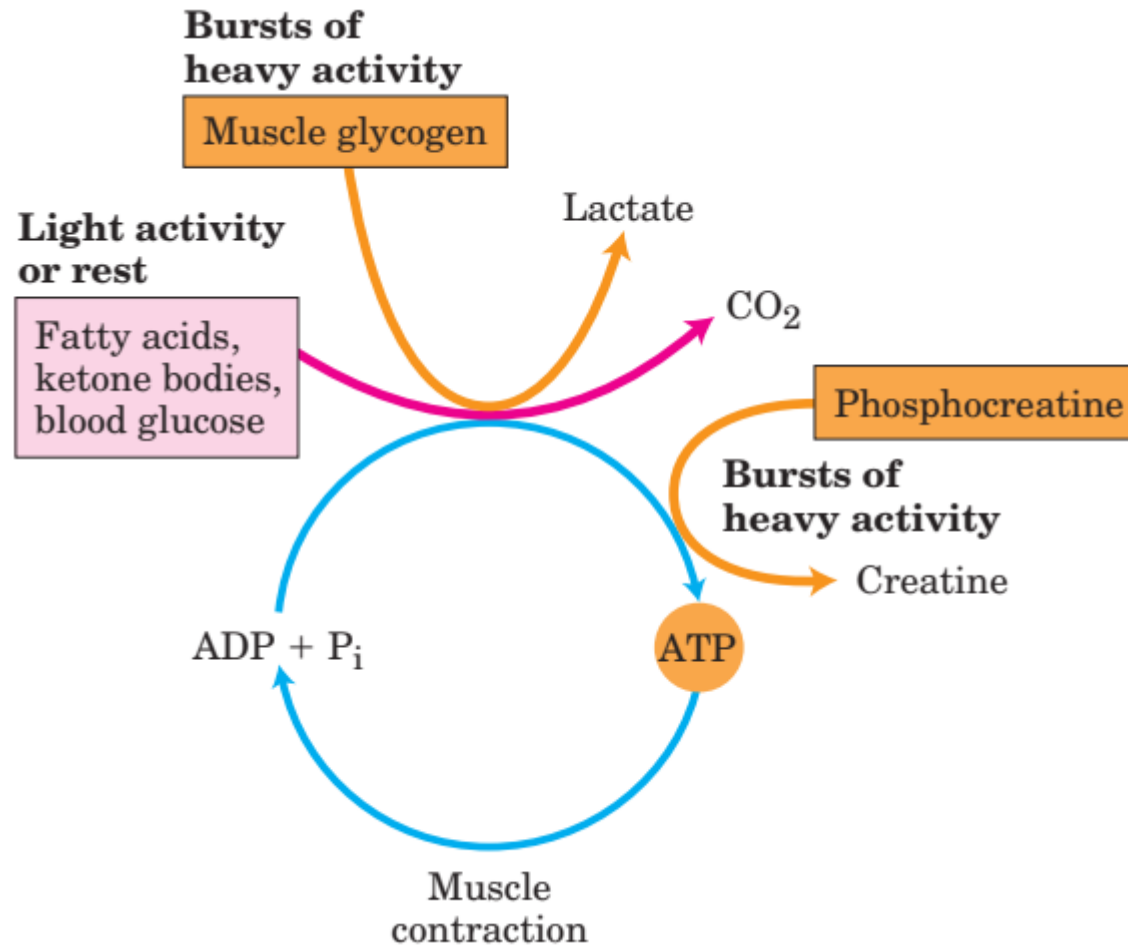
In fasting conditions

- use **β -hydroxybutyrate**, converting it to acetyl-CoA

Generate **ATP** to maintain the **membrane potentials** essential for transmission of nerve impulses

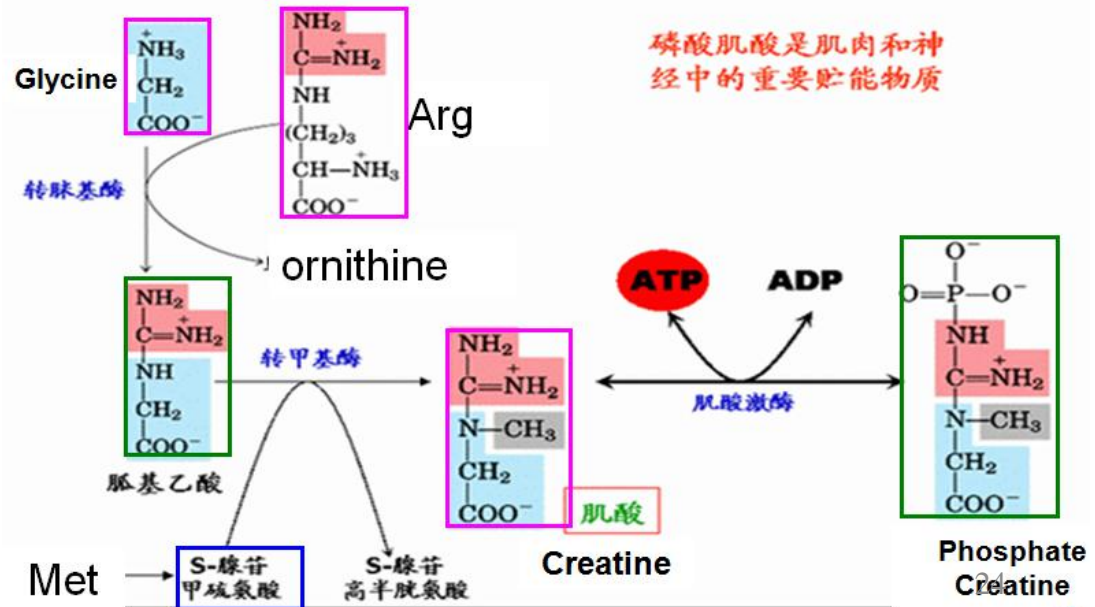
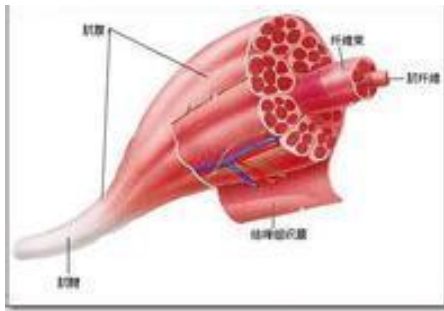


Muscle

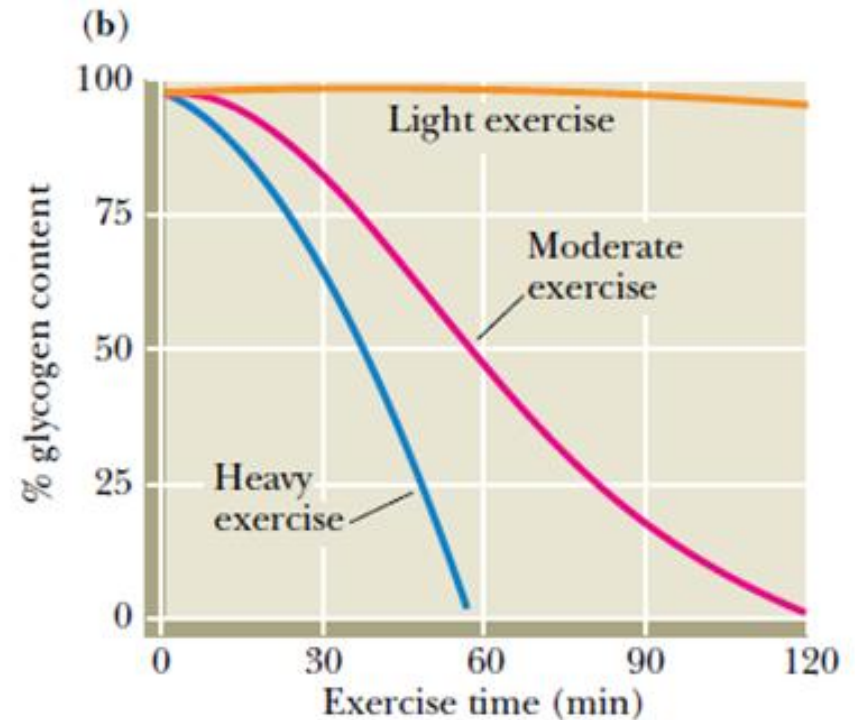
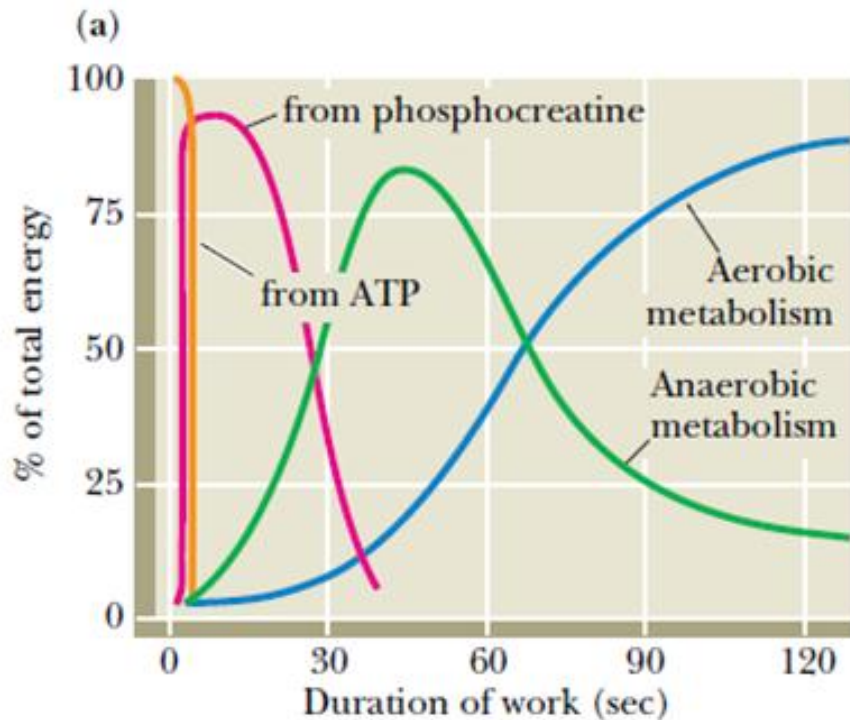
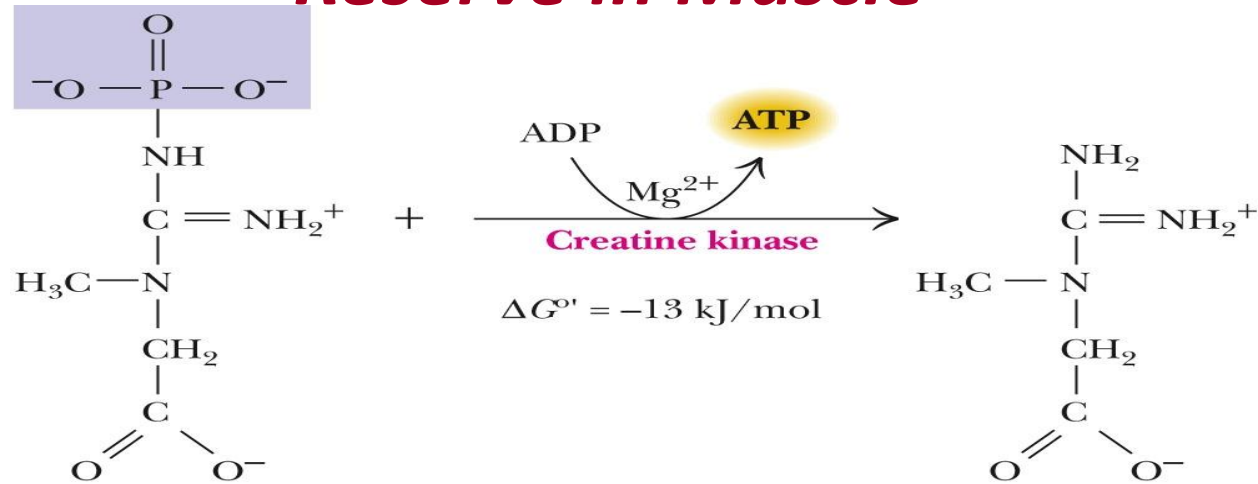


Muscle

- Skeletal muscles -- 30% of O_2 consumption at rest
- Muscle contraction** occurs when a motor nerve impulse causes Ca^{2+} release
- Muscle fuels – glucose, fatty acids, and ketone bodies
- Rest muscle** contains 2% glycogen and 0.08% phosphocreatine

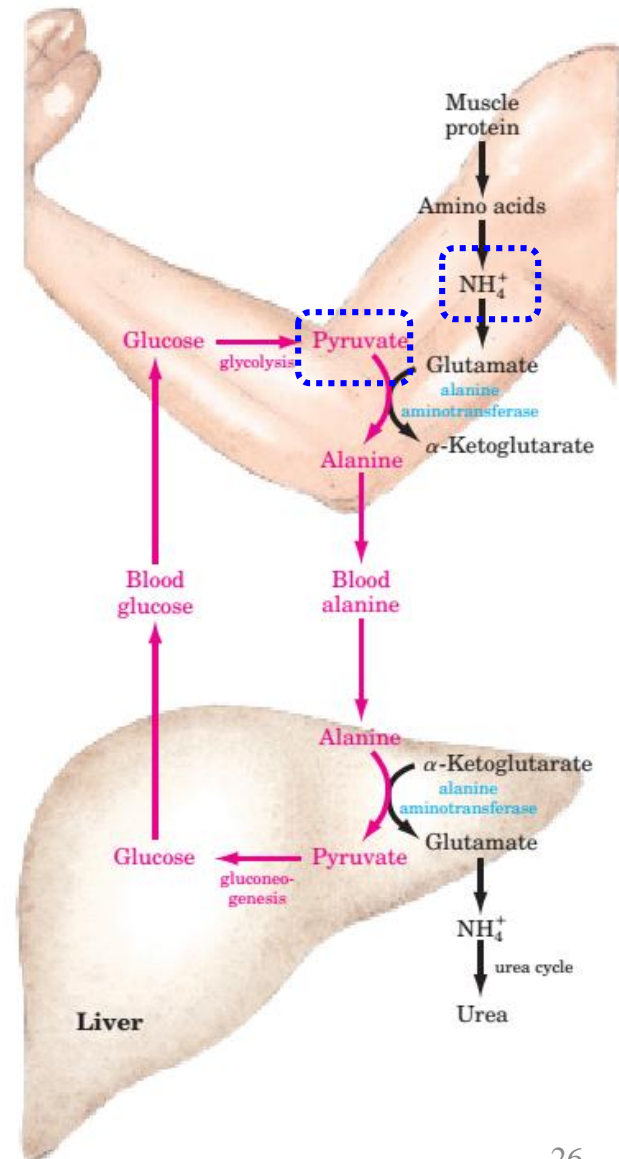


Phosphocreatine Provide an Energy Reserve in Muscle



Muscle Protein Degradation

- During fasting or excessive activity, aa are degraded to **pyruvate**, → **Ala**
- Ala → liver → pyruvate
- This is a fuel of last resort for the fasting or exhausted organism



Heart

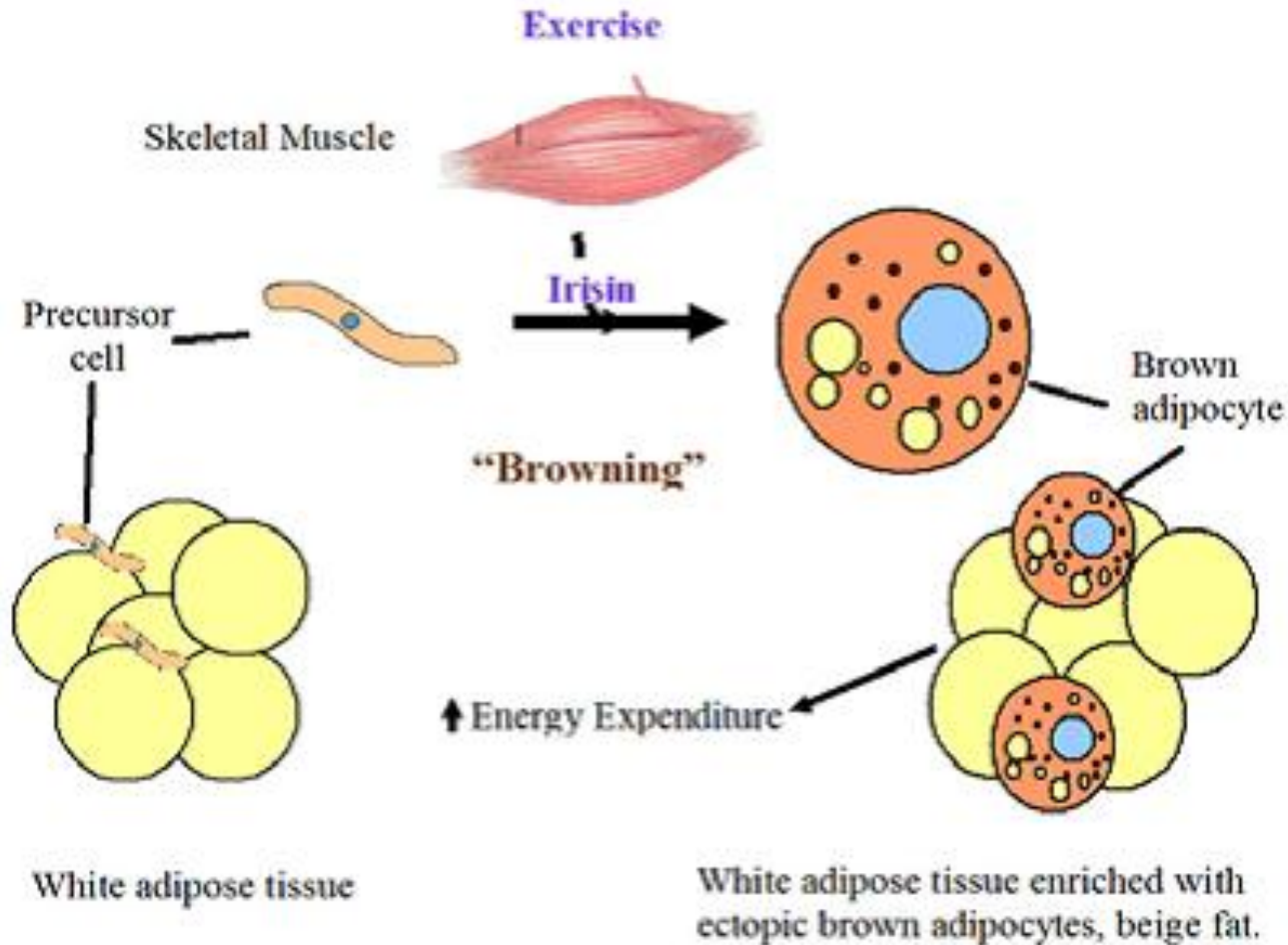


- The activity of heart muscle - constant & rhythmic
- A **completely aerobic organ** & **rich in mitochondria**
- Prefers **fatty acid** as fuel
- Continually nourished with oxygen and **free fatty acid, glucose, or ketone bodies** as fuel

Adipose tissue

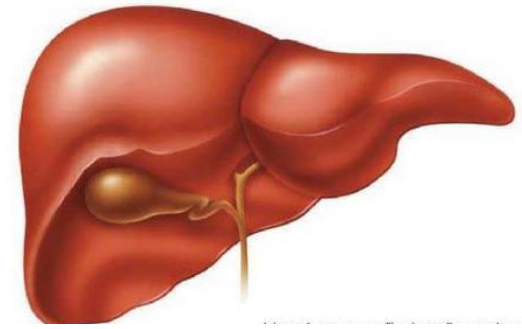
- Amorphous tissue widely distributed
- Consist of adipocytes
- ~65% of the weight of adipose tissue is triacylglycerol
- Breakdown controlled *via* **hormone-sensitive lipase**
- Lack **glycerol kinase**; cannot recycle the glycerol of TGs

PGC-1 α  **Irisin**



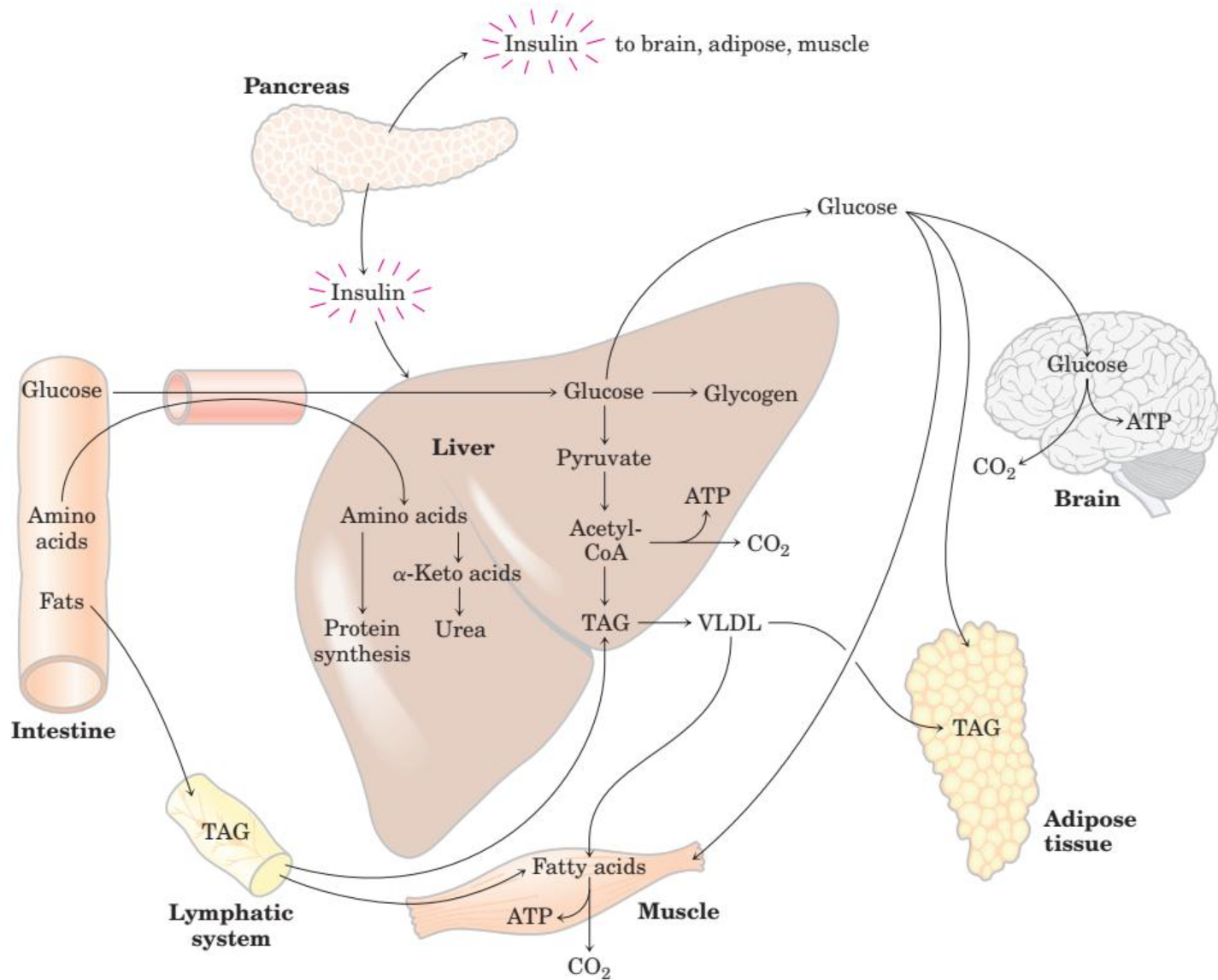
Pontus et al. A PGC1- α -dependent myokine that drives **brown-fat-like** development of white fat and thermogenesis. *Nature* (2012)

Liver



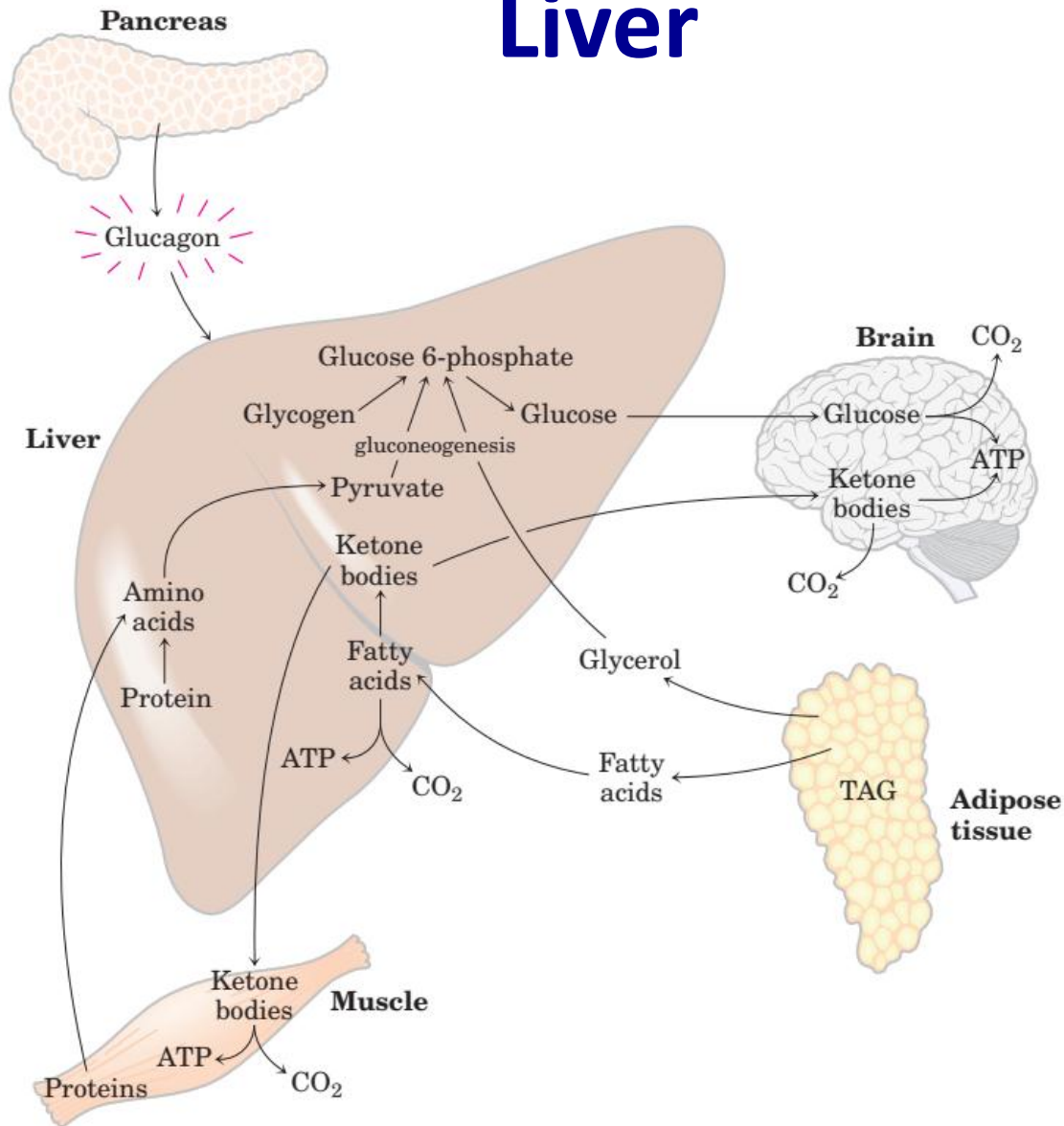
- Metabolic center
- The nutrients → intestines → *via* the portal vein → liver
- Liver activity centers around **glucose-6-phosphate**
- Fatty acid turnover
- Cholesterol synthesis
- Detoxification organ

Liver



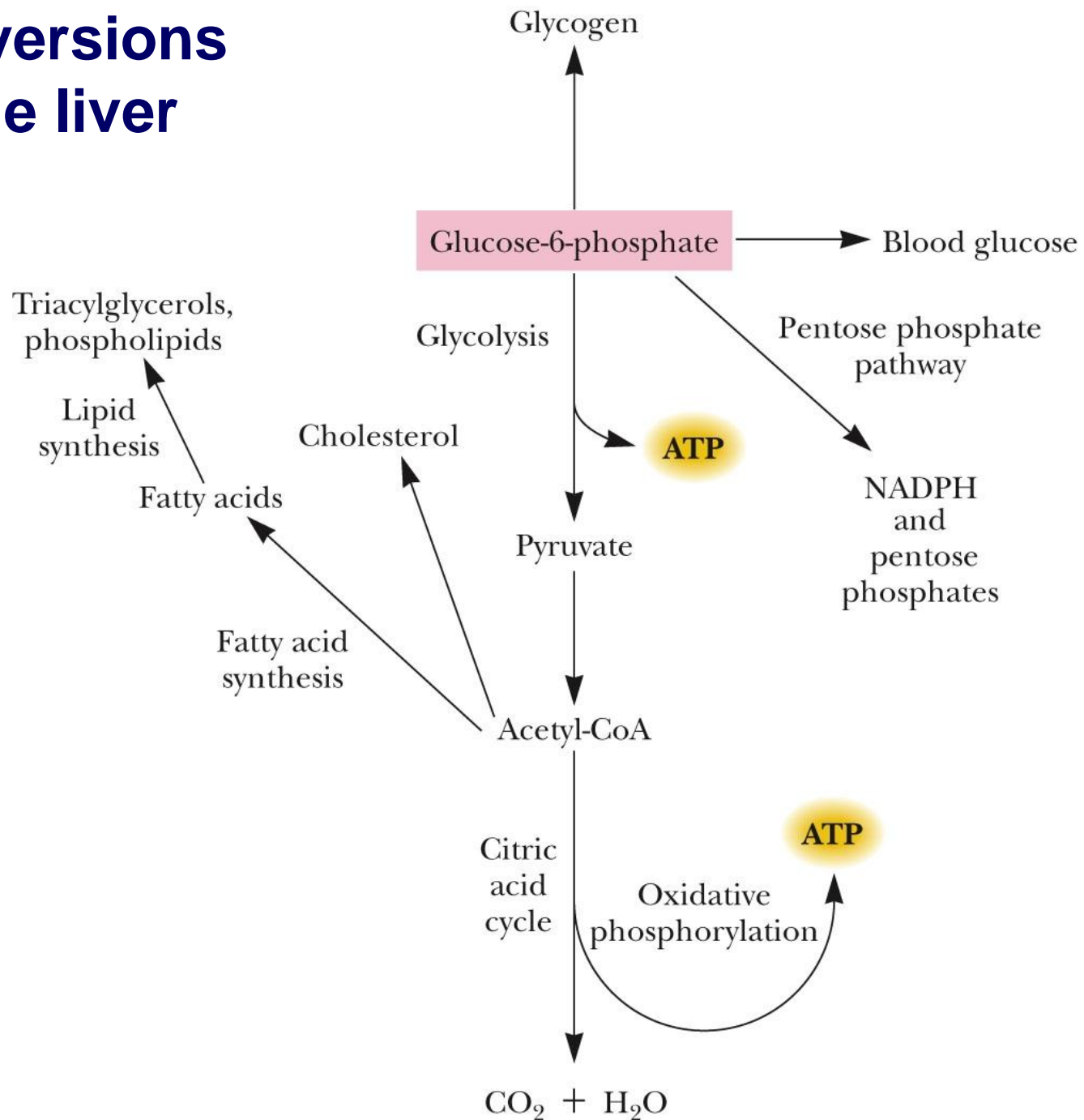
The well-fed state: the lipogenic liver

Liver



The fasting state: the glucogenic liver

Metabolic conversions of G-6-P in the liver



6. What Regulates Our Eating Behavior?

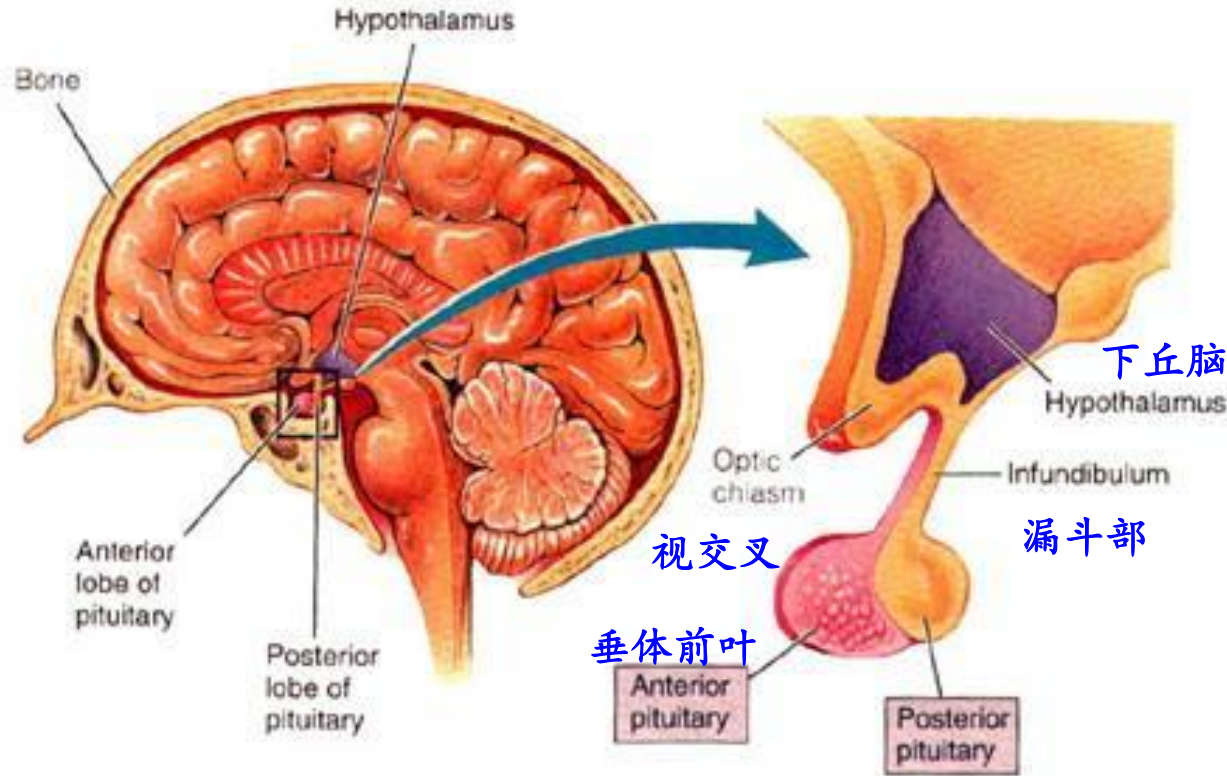
Are you hungry?

- The hormones control eating behavior
 - **Ghrelin**, produced in the stomach, liver
 - Move to brain and act on neurons within the **arcuate nucleus** region of the **hypothalamus**

弓形核

下丘脑

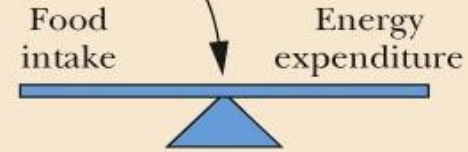
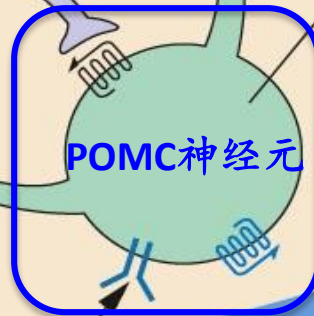
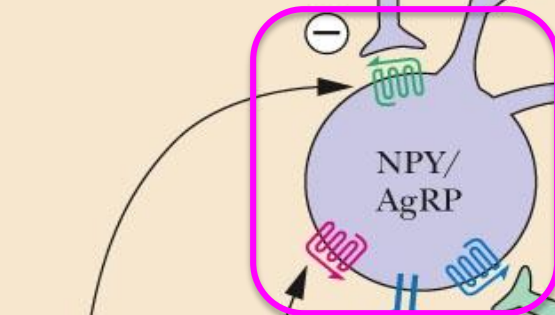




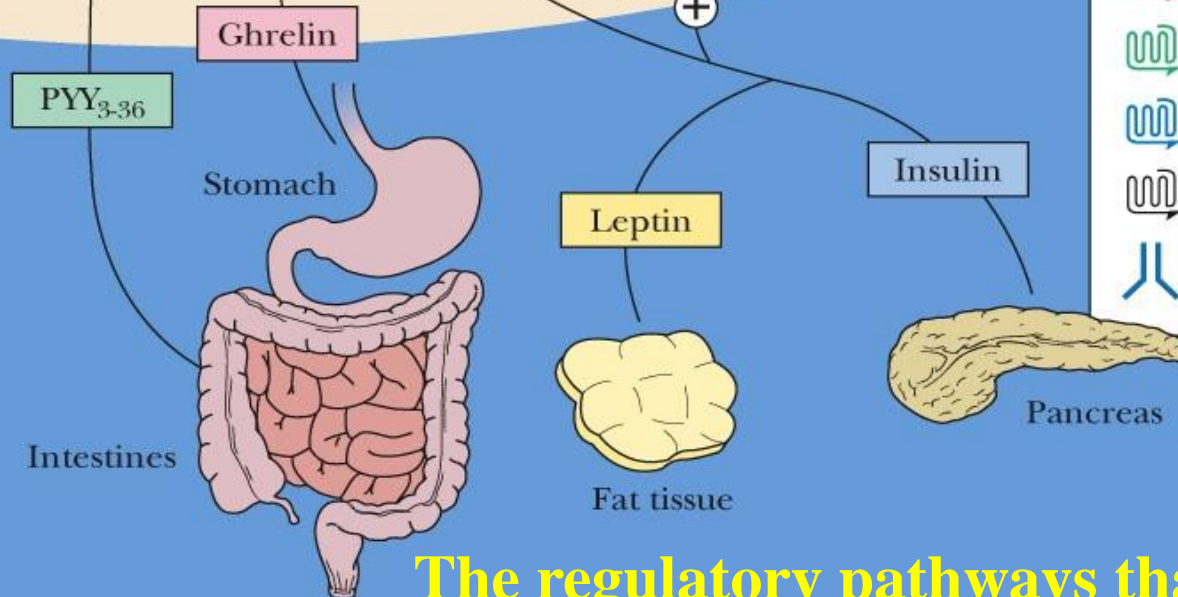
Two subset neurons in hypothalamus (下丘脑)

1. NPY(neuropeptide Y)/ AgRP(Agouti-related peptide) producing neurons -- stimulating
2. Melanocortin producing neurons (POMC) -- inhibiting
黑皮质素

Hypothalamus
下丘脑



Arcuate
nucleus



- Melanocortin receptor (MC4R) (blocked by AgRP)
- Ghrelin receptor
- NPY/PYY₃₋₃₆ receptor Y2R
- Melanocortin receptor (MC3R)
- NPY receptor Y1R
- Leptin receptor or insulin receptor

The regulatory pathways that control eating

- **The hormones are divided :**

- **Short-term regulator:** determine individual meal

- **Ghrelin** and **cholecystokinin (CCK)** are **short-term** regulators of eating behavior

胆囊收缩素

- **Ghrelin** -- **appetite-stimulating** hormone
produced in the stomach

- **CCK** -- **appetite-suppressing** signal-小肠粘膜细胞
分泌-刺激下丘脑产生饱腹感

➤ **Long-term regulator: stabilize** body fat deposit

- **AgRP (agouti-related peptide)**

- Block the activity of melanocortin-producing neurons

- **NPY**

- an appetite-stimulating hormone, increases food intake

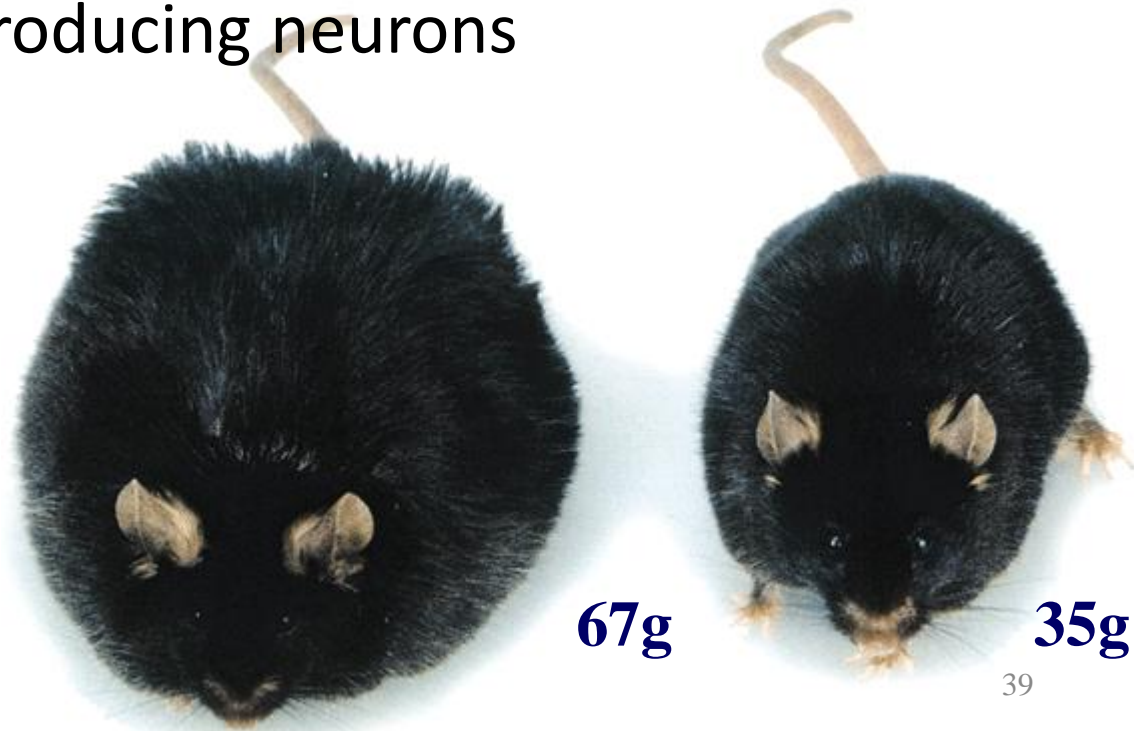
- **Melanocortin** 黑皮质素

- Inhibit the neurons initiating eating behavior

- Including α - and β -**MSH** (melanocyte-stimulating hormone)

- **Insulin** and **leptin** are **long-term** regulators of eating behavior
 - **Insulin** stimulates **fat cells** to make **leptin**
 - **Leptin** (1994, 167aa) - appetite suppressing
 - **Gut hormone PYY₃₋₃₆** inhibits eating by acting on the NPY/AgRP-producing neurons

**Lack Leptin to
cause obesity**



- hypothalamic AMPK respond to hormones
下丘脑
 - Leptin inhibits AMPK-- appetite-suppressing
 - Gherlin and NPY activate hypothalamic AMPK
 - AMPK phosphorylates (inhibits) acetyl-CoA carboxylase
 - malonyl-CoA levels decreased
 - Low [malonyl-CoA] is associated with increased food intake

Eating Disorders: Obesity

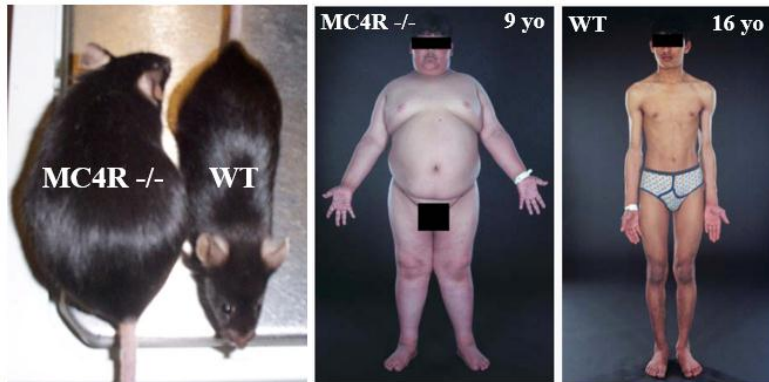
Leptin KO



POMC(α -MSH) KO---Color Change



**MC4R (α -MSH receptor, KO---
Height Boost**



Excess MC4R



ARE YOU FAT OR LEAN?

BMI:
(Body Mass Index)

$$\text{BMI} = \frac{\text{mass (kg)}}{(\text{height (m)})^2}$$

People with BMI above ? are obese?

A: 25

B: 30 ✓

C: 35

	WHO标准	亚洲标准	中国标准	肥胖相关疾病发病危险性
偏瘦	<18.5			低（但其它疾病危险性增加）
正常	18.5-24.9	18.5-22.9	18.5-23.9	平均水平
超重	≥25.0	≥23.0	≥24.0	略微增加
偏胖	25.0~29.9	23.0~24.9	24.0~27.9	增加
肥胖	30.0~34.9	25.0~29.9	≥28.0	中度增加
重度肥胖	35.0~39.9	≥30.0	≥32.0	严重增加
极重度肥胖	≥40.0			极度增加

Guinness World Records of BMI

Lowest BMI



俄罗斯摩纳哥人瓦莱丽娅 莱维汀, 1.73m, 27kg, BMI:

9

Highest BMI



美国华盛顿州的焦 米诺克, 1.85m, 635kg, BMI:

185.5

7. Can You Really Live Longer by Eating Less?

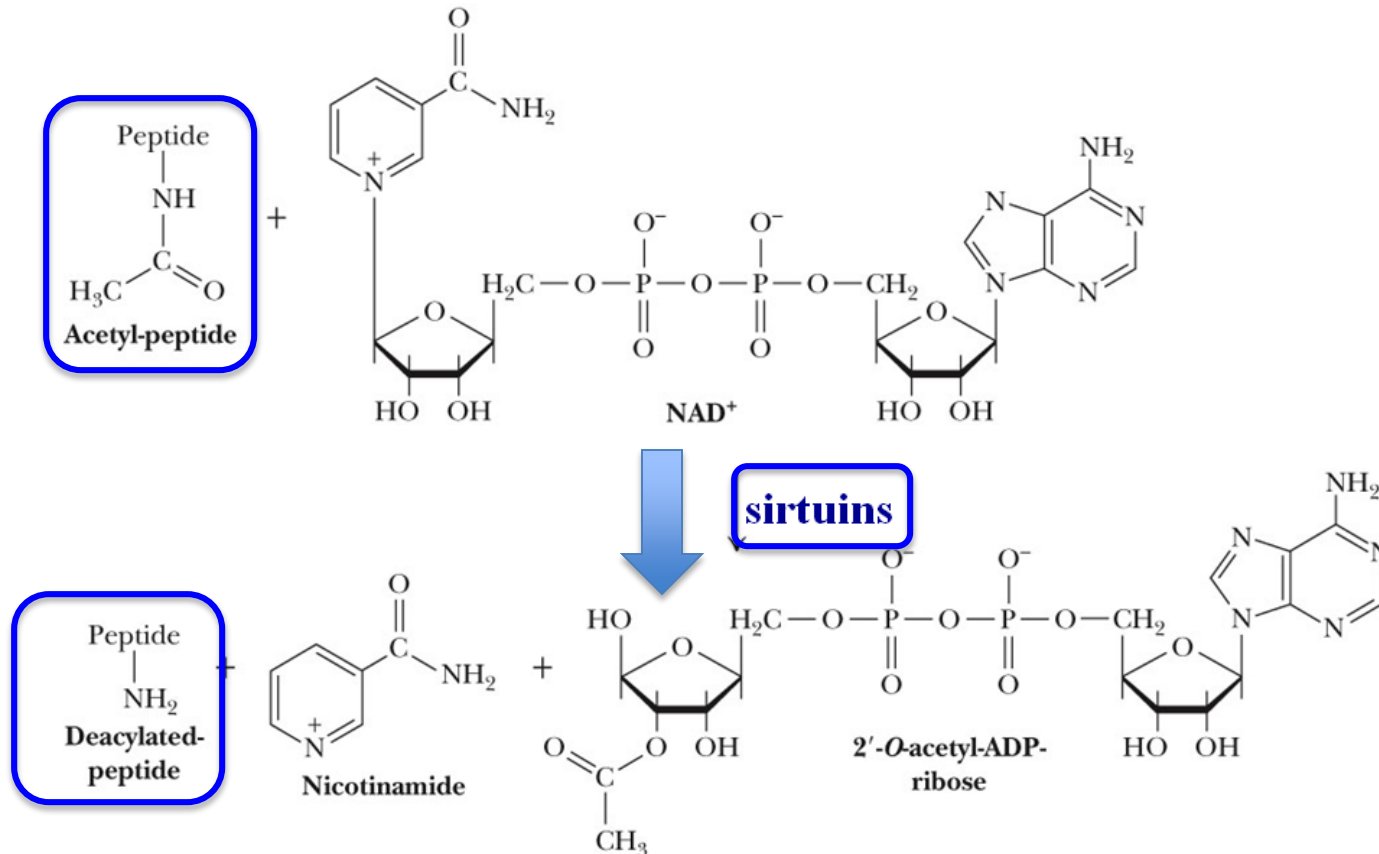
➤ **Caloric restriction leads to longevity**

➤ **Mutations in the *SIR2* Decrease Life Span**

- Deletion of *SIR2* (silent information regulator 2) abolishes the ability of caloric restriction to lifespan in yeast and roundworms
 - *SIR2* gene in longevity
- The human analogous to *SIR2* is *SIRT1*

- **Sirtuins** -- **NAD⁺-dependent protein deacetylases**
去乙酰化酶

- The NAD⁺/NADH controls sirtuin deacetylase activity
- **Nicotinamide** (烟酰胺) & **NADH** inhibit sirtuin activity
- NAD⁺ ↑ , sirtuin activity ↑



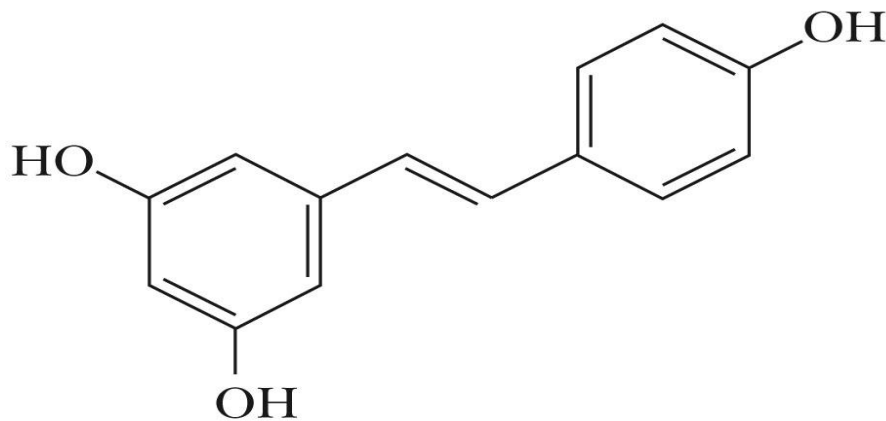
SIRT1 is a Key Regulator in Caloric Restriction

- **SIRT1** participates in the transcriptional regulation of adipogenesis through interaction with **PPARg** (peroxisome proliferator-activator receptor- g)
- **PPARg** activates **adipogenesis** genes
- SIRT1 binding to PPARg **represses adipogenesis** genes, leading to loss of fat stores

Resveratrol (白藜芦醇) in Red Wine is a Potent Activator of Sirtuin Activity

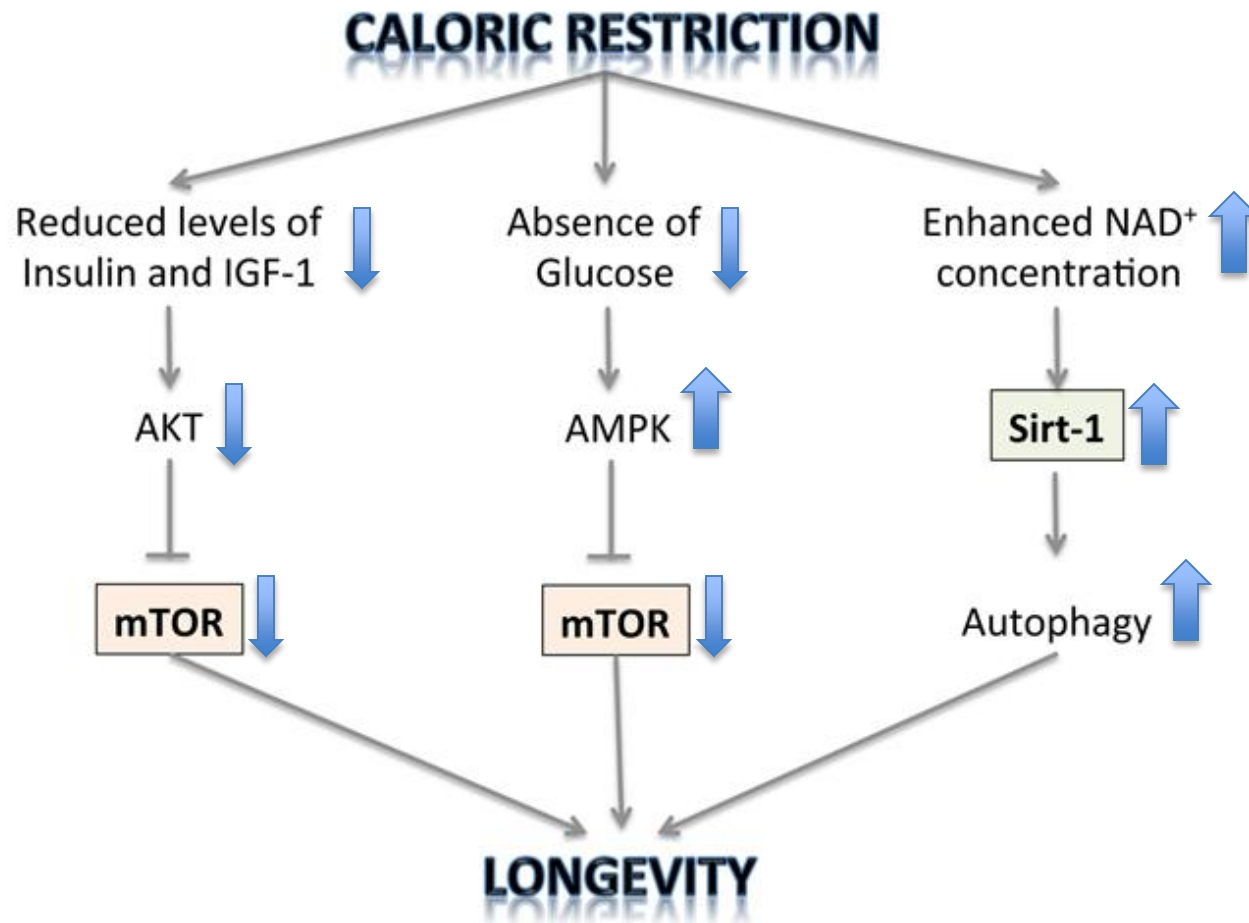
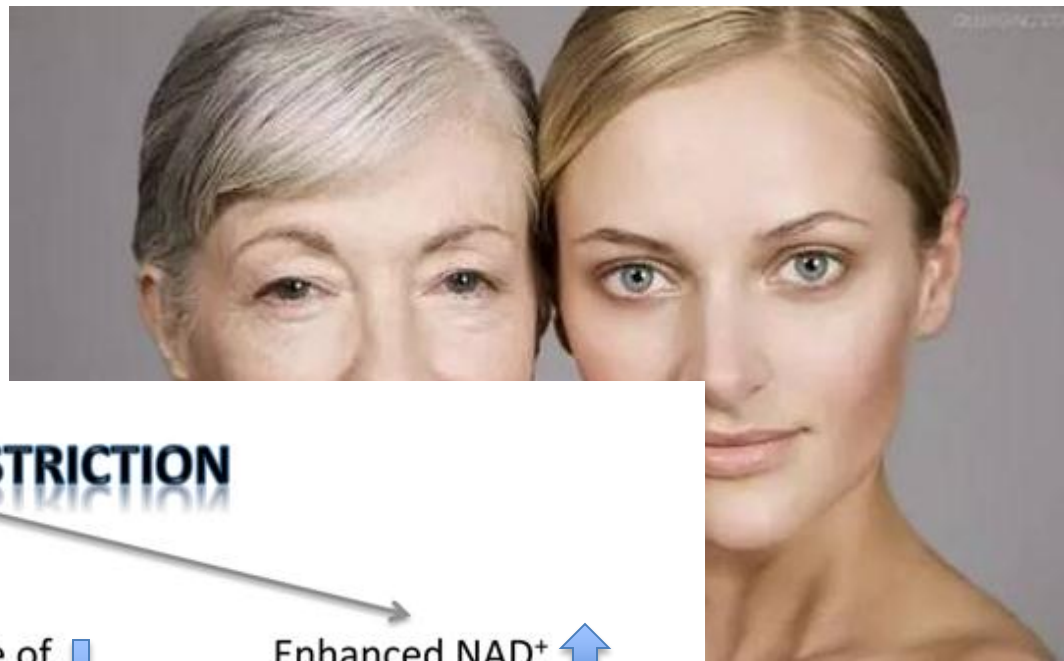
French people enjoy longevity despite a high-fat diet.

Resveratrol may be the basis of this “French paradox”.

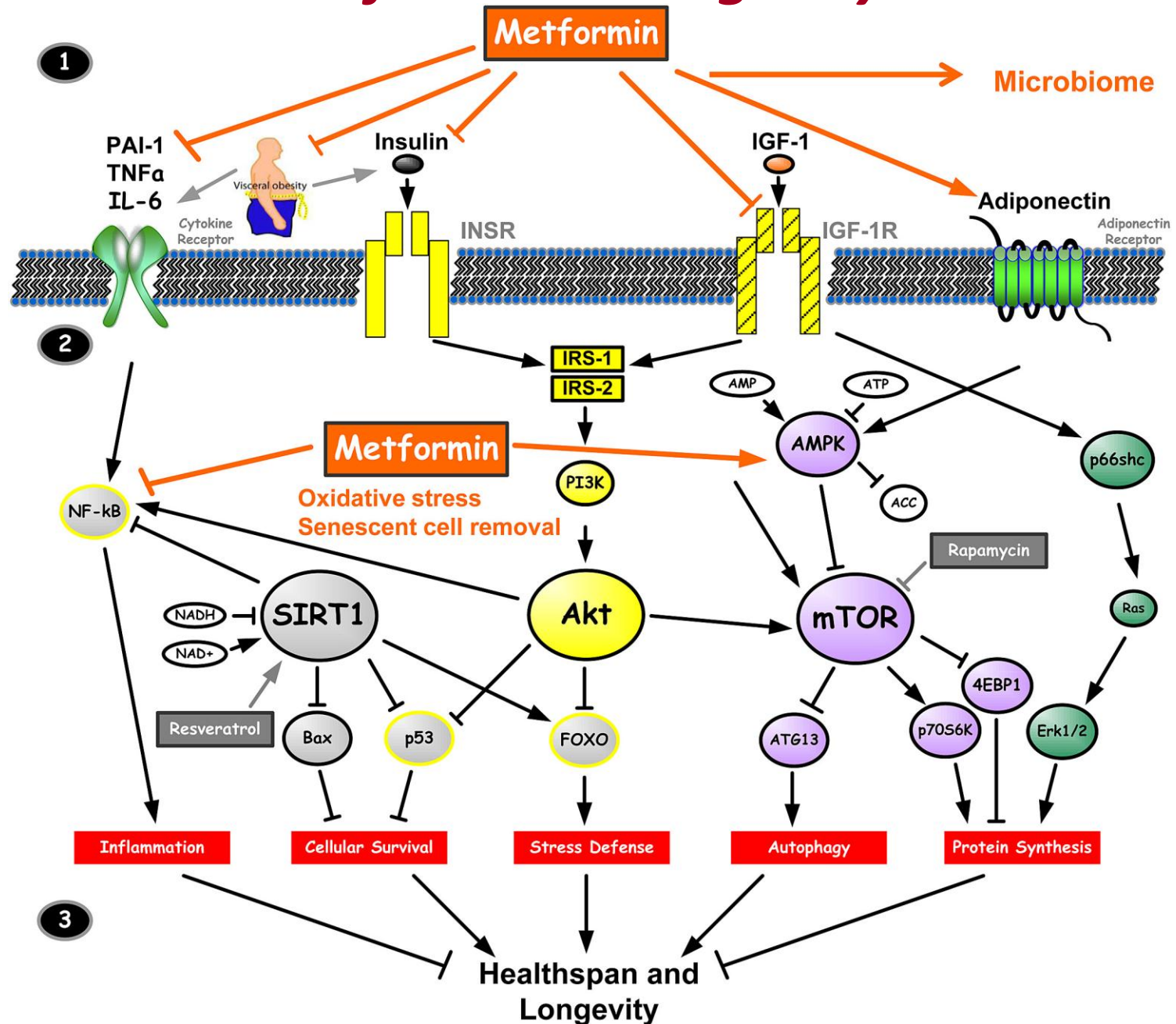


Resveratrol (*trans*-3,4',5-trihydroxystilbene)





Metformin & longevity



- 什么是能荷？为何说ATP处于能量代谢的中心？
- AMPK如何调控机体能量代谢？
- 大脑、肌肉、心脏、脂肪组织和肝脏中代谢特点是什么？
- 饮食行为如何被调控的？
- 为何限制饮食可以长寿？