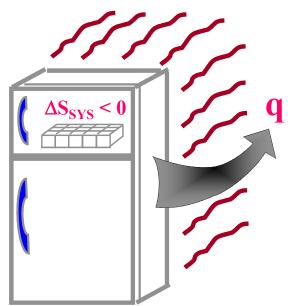
### The Second Law of thermodynamics

$$\Delta S_{\text{Universe}} = \Delta S_{\text{System}} + \Delta S_{\text{Surroundings}} \ge 0$$

The net entropy will increase or stay the same. It will never decrease.



$$\Delta S_{Surr} > 0$$

$$\Delta S_{Surr} \geq \frac{q}{T}$$

 $\Delta S_{Univ} = 0$  only for a reversible process

 $\Delta S_{Univ} > 0$  for all other processes

**Atkins:** The entropy of the universe tends to increase

### The Gibbs free enthalpy ("Gibbs energy")

To judge whether a chemical reaction is spontaneous, we need to consider entropy changes in both system and surroundings

$$\Delta S_{Univ} = \Delta S_{Sys} + \Delta S_{Surr} = \Delta S_{Sys} - \frac{\Delta H}{T}$$
 (@ constant p, T)

⇒ Josiah Willard Gibbs (1839-1903; theoretician @ Yale):



**Definition:** 
$$G = H - TS$$

H, S are extensive

 $\Rightarrow$  G is extensive

(increases with n)

 $\Rightarrow$  G is a state function

(no memory of path)

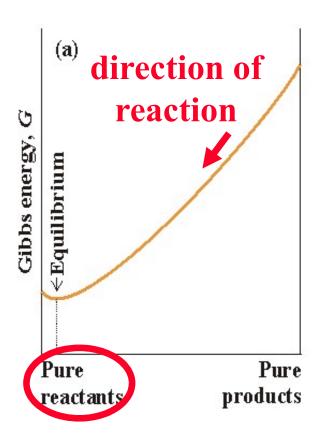
 $\Rightarrow$  change in G:  $\Delta G = \Delta H - T \Delta S = -T \Delta S_{Univ}$  (@ constant p, T)

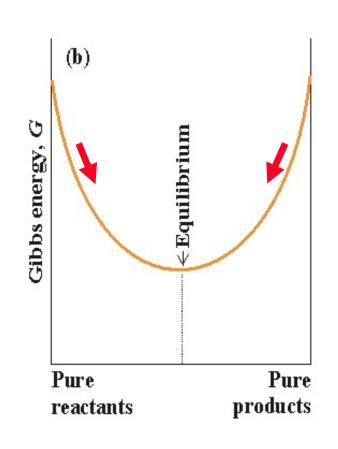
⇒ The Gibbs free enthalpy calculates changes in entropy of both system and surroundings from system parameters alone

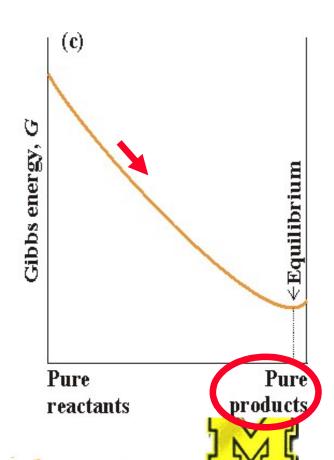
### Principles of chemical equilibrium

Atkins, Chapter 7

At constant T and p a reaction mixture tends to adjust its composition until its Gibbs energy is at a minimum







### Coupled reactions can overcome an unfavorable $\Delta_r$ G

$$\Delta_r G^{\bullet} = -RT \ln K$$

equilibrium: 
$$\Delta_r G^{\bullet} = -RT \ln K \qquad K = \frac{a_C^c \times a_D^d}{a_A^a \times a_B^b}$$

$$aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD$$

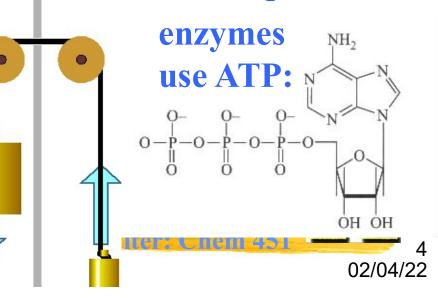
exergonic:

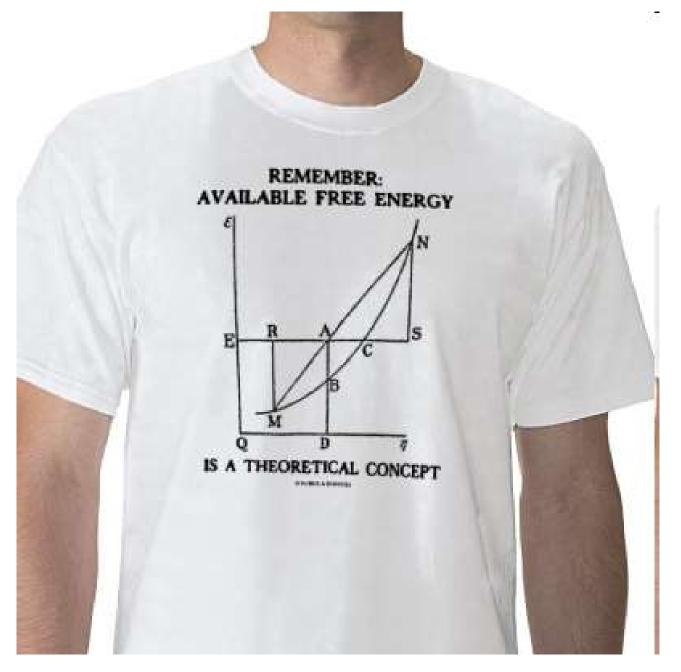
$$\Delta_r G^{\bullet} < 0 \Rightarrow K > 1 \Rightarrow a_C^{\ c} \times a_D^{\ d} > a_A^{\ a} \times a_B^{\ b} \Rightarrow \text{products will}$$
 endergonic: dominate in equilibrium

$$\Delta_r G^{\bullet} > 0 \Rightarrow K < 1 \Rightarrow a_C^{\ c} \times a_D^{\ d} < a_A^{\ a} \times a_B^{\ b} \Rightarrow \text{reactants will}$$

dominate in equilibrium

**BUT: If an endergonic reaction**  $(\Delta_r G^{\bullet} > 0)$  is coupled with a strongly exergonic one ( $\Delta_r G^{\Theta_r} < 0$ ):  $\nabla^{r}\mathbf{G}_{\Theta} + \nabla^{r}\mathbf{G}_{\Theta}$ , < 0





### Chapter 3: What have we learned?

**Example 2** Review of the first and second laws of thermodynamics

Second Law of Thermodynamics:

Chaos will reign

**Review of the state functions of internal energy, enthalpy,** 

and free energy

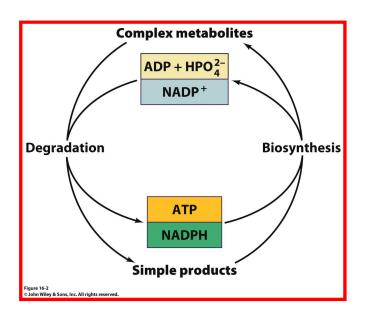
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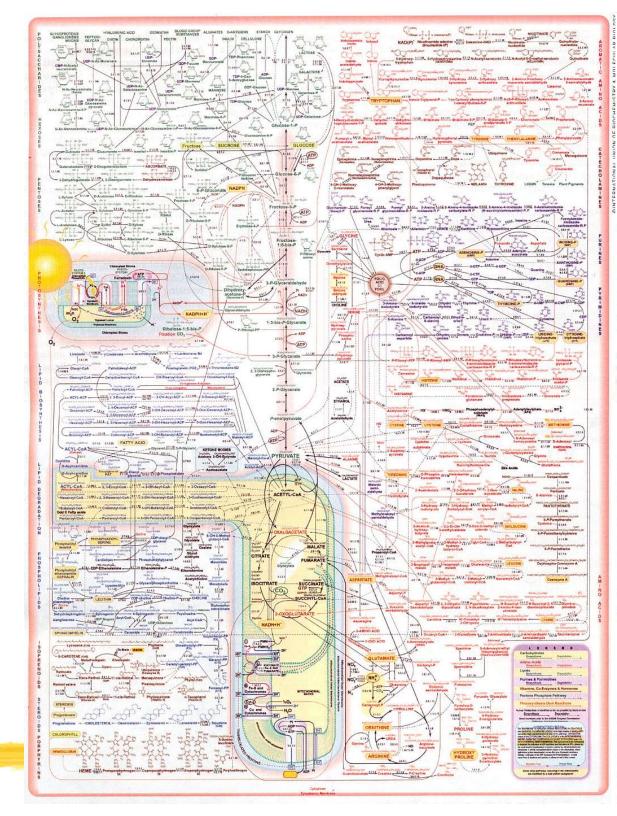
 $\odot$   $\Delta G$  as a driving force towards equilibrium that includes both enthalpic and entropic forces

# Introduction to Metabolism

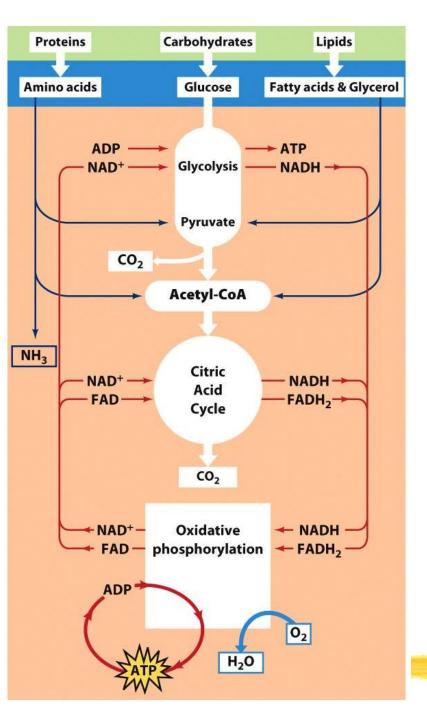
Voet & Voet, Chapter 16

Metabolism =
Catabolism (degradation) +
Anabolism (biosynthesis)





### Metabolism: Food processing



- ➤ Metabolic pathways are irreversible (and highly exergonic)
- > Catabolic and anabolic pathways must differ
- > Every metabolic pathway has a first committed (irreversible) step
- ➤ All metabolic pathways are regulated
- ➤ In eukaryotic cells, metabolic pathways occur in specific cellular locations

## It's all chemistry, of course!

#### (a) Nucleophiles

ROH

RSH

RNH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>

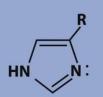
#### **Nucleophilic** form

RO:

+ H<sup>+</sup> Hydroxyl group

RS: + H<sup>+</sup> Sulfhydryl group

RNH<sub>2</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> Amino group



+ H<sup>+</sup> Imidazole group

#### H<sup>+</sup> **Protons**

**Metal ions** 



**Carbonyl carbon atom** 



#### **Homolytic:**

$$-\frac{1}{C} + \frac{\text{homolytic}}{\text{cleavage}} - \frac{1}{C} + H$$

#### **Heterolytic:**

$$(i) \quad -\stackrel{\downarrow}{c} \stackrel{\vdots}{\rightleftharpoons} H \longrightarrow \qquad -\stackrel{\downarrow}{c} \stackrel{\vdots}{=} \qquad + \quad H^{\dagger}$$

**Hydride Carbocation** ion



### Metabolism: Group transfer reactions

