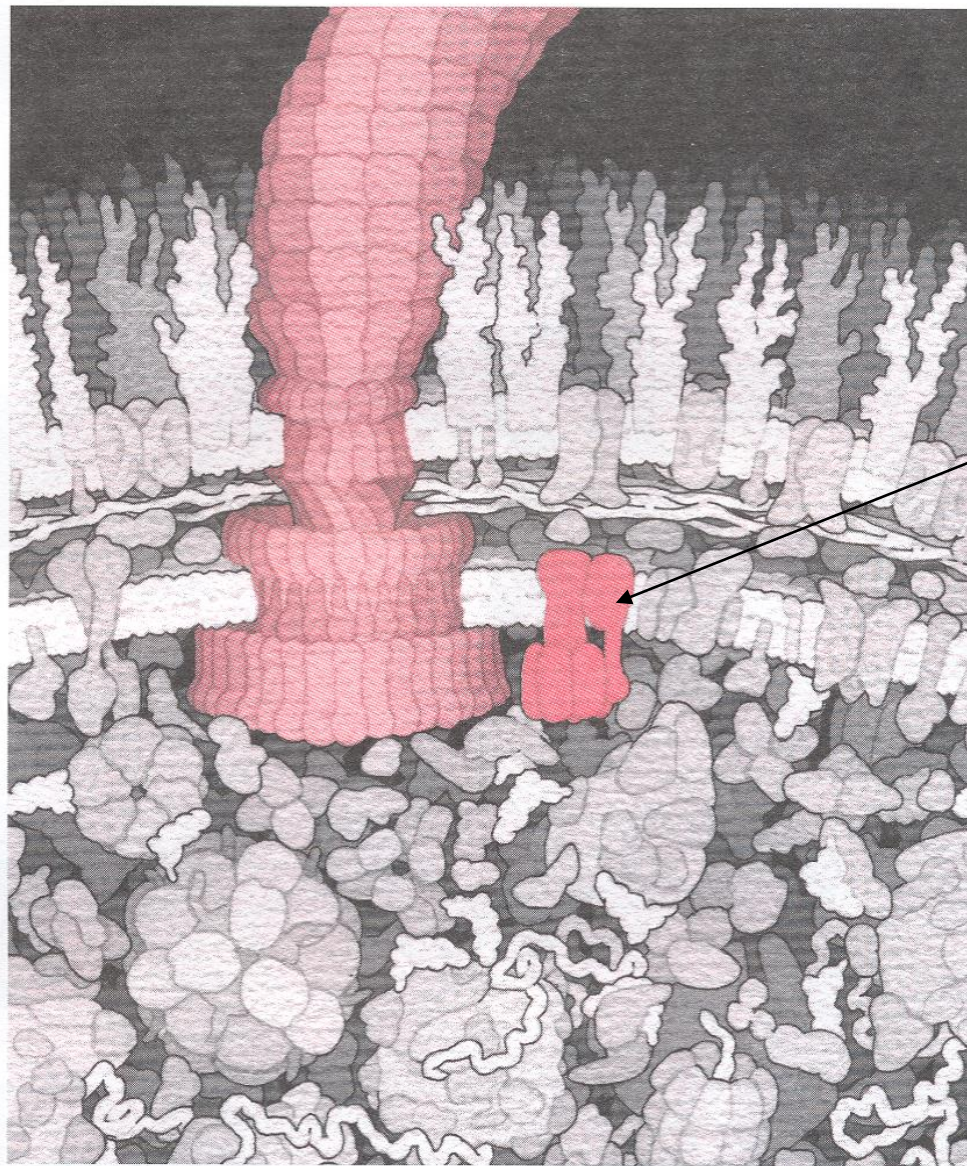


# TOPIC: Enzymes & common metabolic pathways

## Learning Objectives

1. Calculate  $\Delta G^{0'}$  and  $E^{0'}$  values for coupled redox reactions and adjust  $\Delta G^{0'}$  and  $E^{0'}$  for “real” concentrations of substrates & products (know how to use the Nernst equation)
2. Trace the net flow of carbon & electrons in cells that are:
  - a. Respiring
  - b. Fermenting
3. Utilize thermodynamics/bioenergetics calculations for organisms with different physiologies to predict growth Yield. (i.e. via the “A” equation in Gossett’s handout)
4. Describe the roles of ATP & NADH/NADPH/FADH as “currencies” in metabolism
5. List and briefly explain the 6 functional categories of enzymes (“OTHLyL”). Given an enzymatic reaction, determine which class it belongs to.
6. Explain what is meant by primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary structure of enzymes.
7. Recognize the difference between apoenzymes and holoenzymes
8. Effectively use online enzyme/pathway databases (**KEGG, Brenda, eawag Biodeg & Biocatalysis website**) to obtain information on enzymes and to incorporate kinetic parameters into models
9. Predict degradation pathways for chemicals by examining molecular structure coupled with general “rules” for biochemistry (eawag B&B Pathway Prediction)



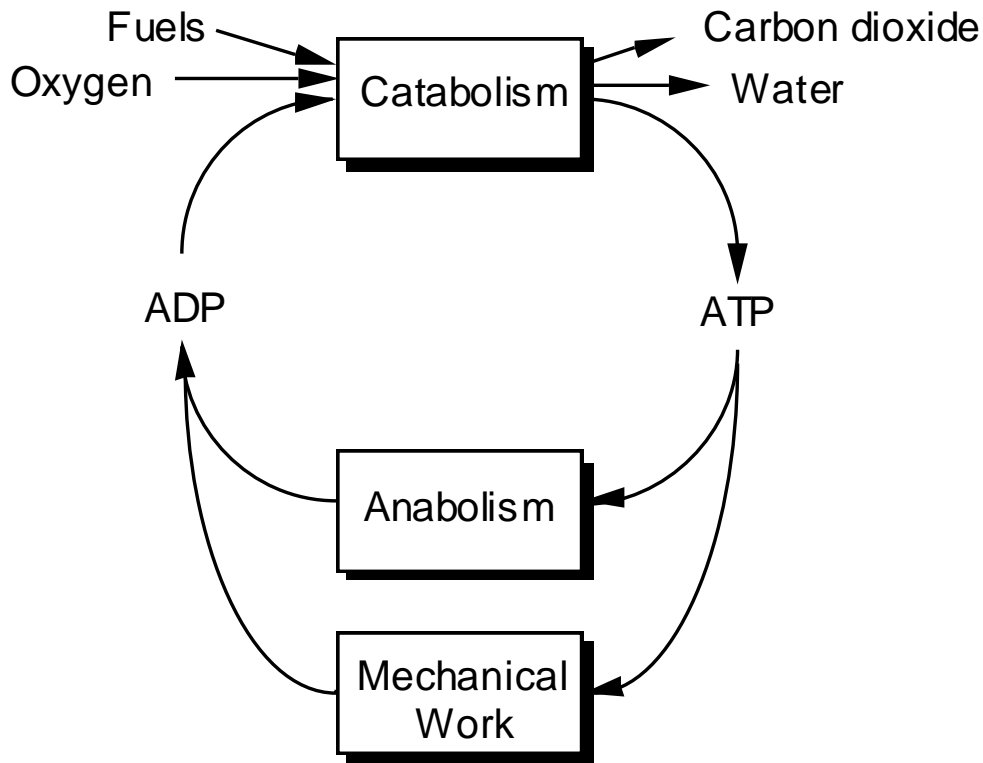
ATPase

**Figure 5-33** The flagellar motor of *Escherichia coli* spans the two-layered cell wall of the bacterium and turns the long corkscrew-shaped flagellum. The other rotary motor of the cell, ATP synthase, is also found spanning the cell wall, shown in darker pink in this illustration.

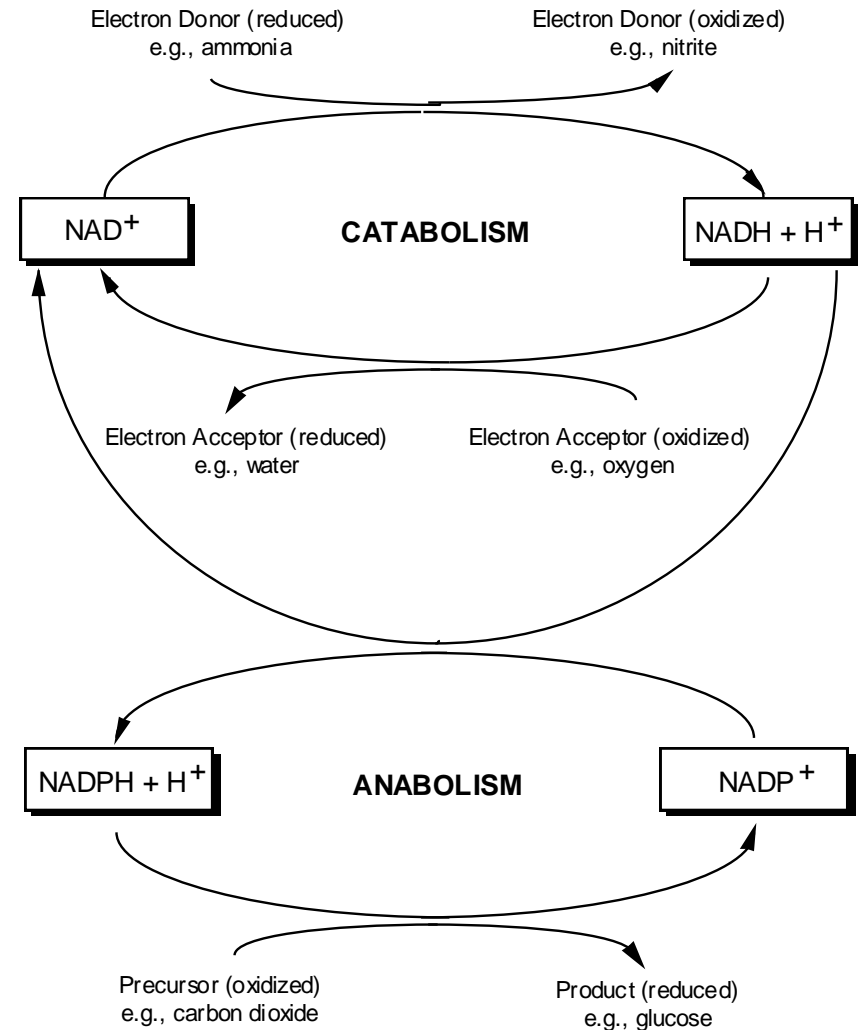
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# ATP & NADH as common currencies of energy and electrons, respectively

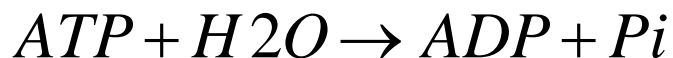
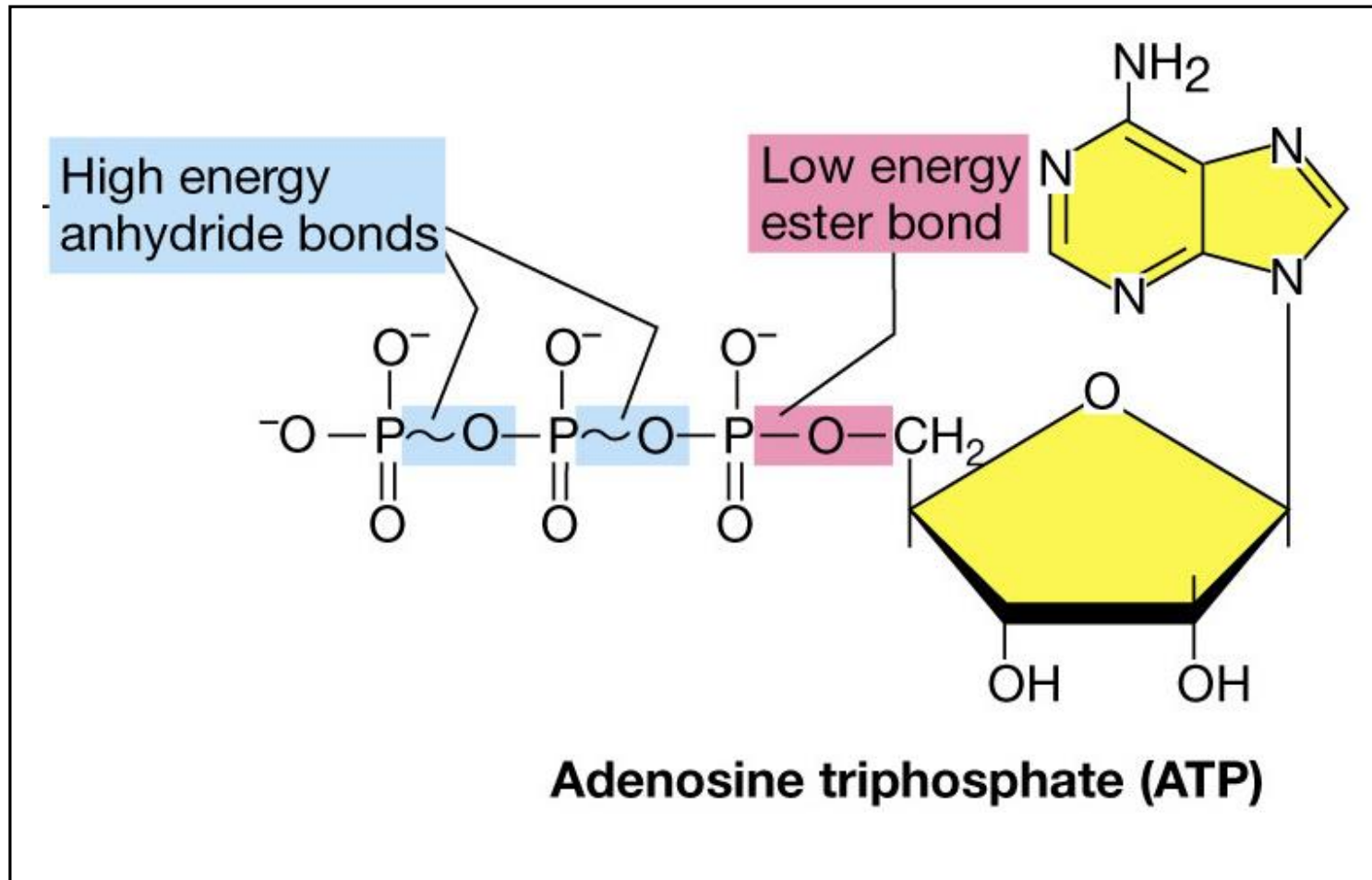
## ENERGY FLOW IN METABOLISM



## ELECTRON FLOW IN METABOLISM



## High energy anhydride phosphate bonds in ATP

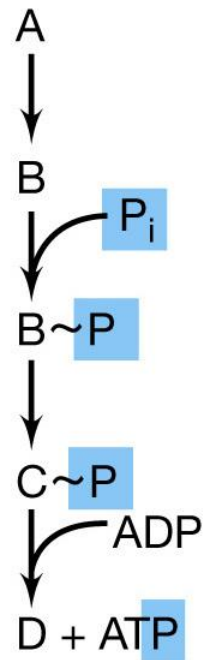


$$\Delta G^{o'} = -31 \text{ kJ / mole } (= -7.3 \text{ kcal / mole})$$

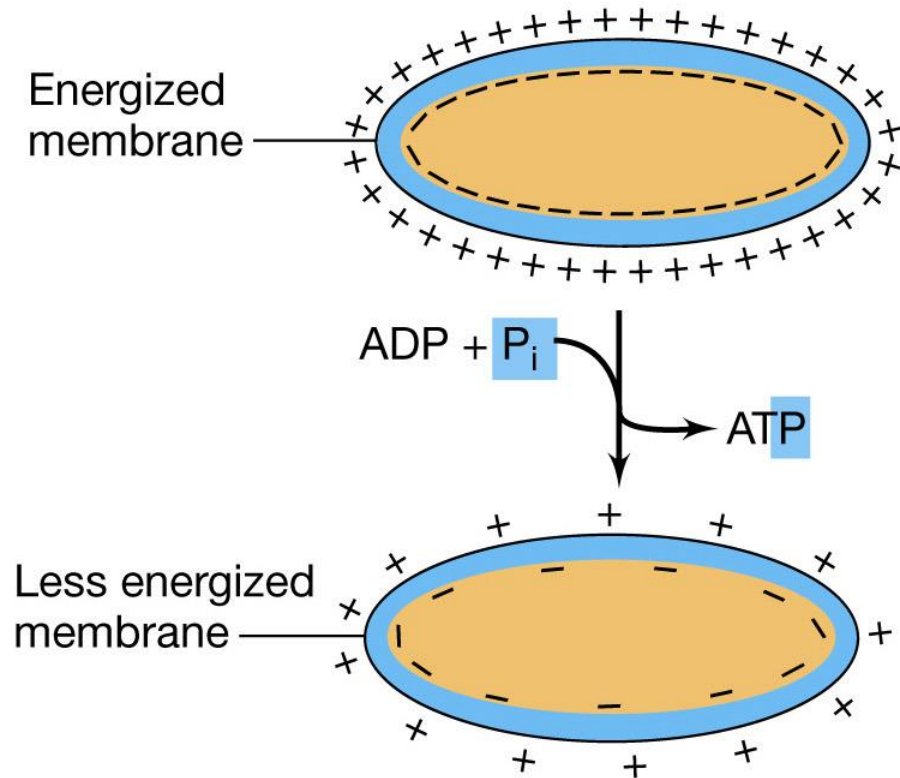
$$\Delta G = -52 \text{ kJ / mole } (-12.5 \text{ kcal / mole}) \text{ at physiological conditions}$$



# Two methods of ATP production



**(a) Substrate-level phosphorylation**



**(b) Oxidative phosphorylation**

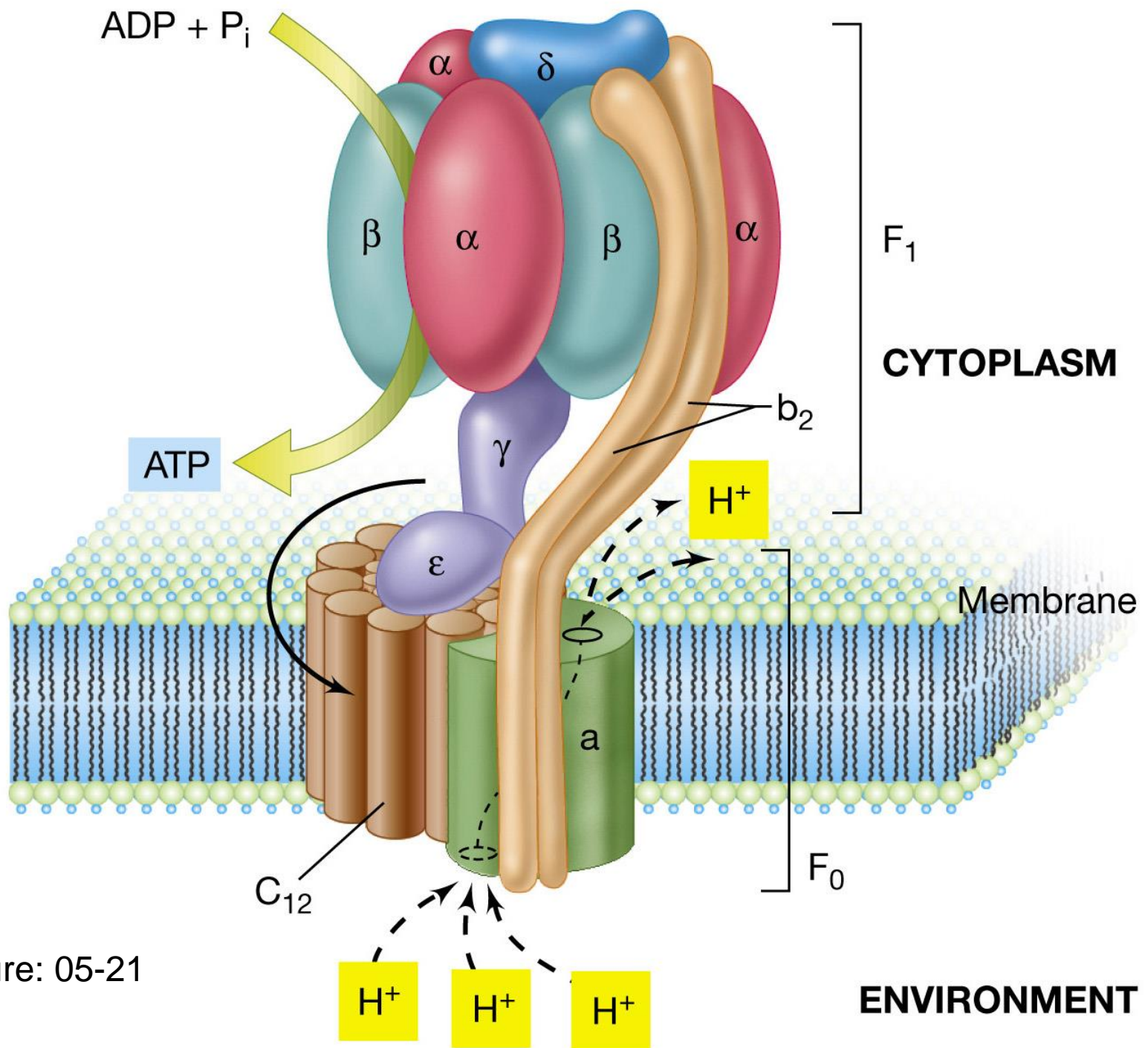


Figure: 05-21

# Cell membrane-bound Electron Transport Chain in typical aerobes:

- shuttles e-s to O<sub>2</sub> (forming water)
- pumps protons (H<sup>+</sup>) out of the cell

Note: both e-s and H<sup>+</sup> are brought by NADH + H<sup>+</sup>

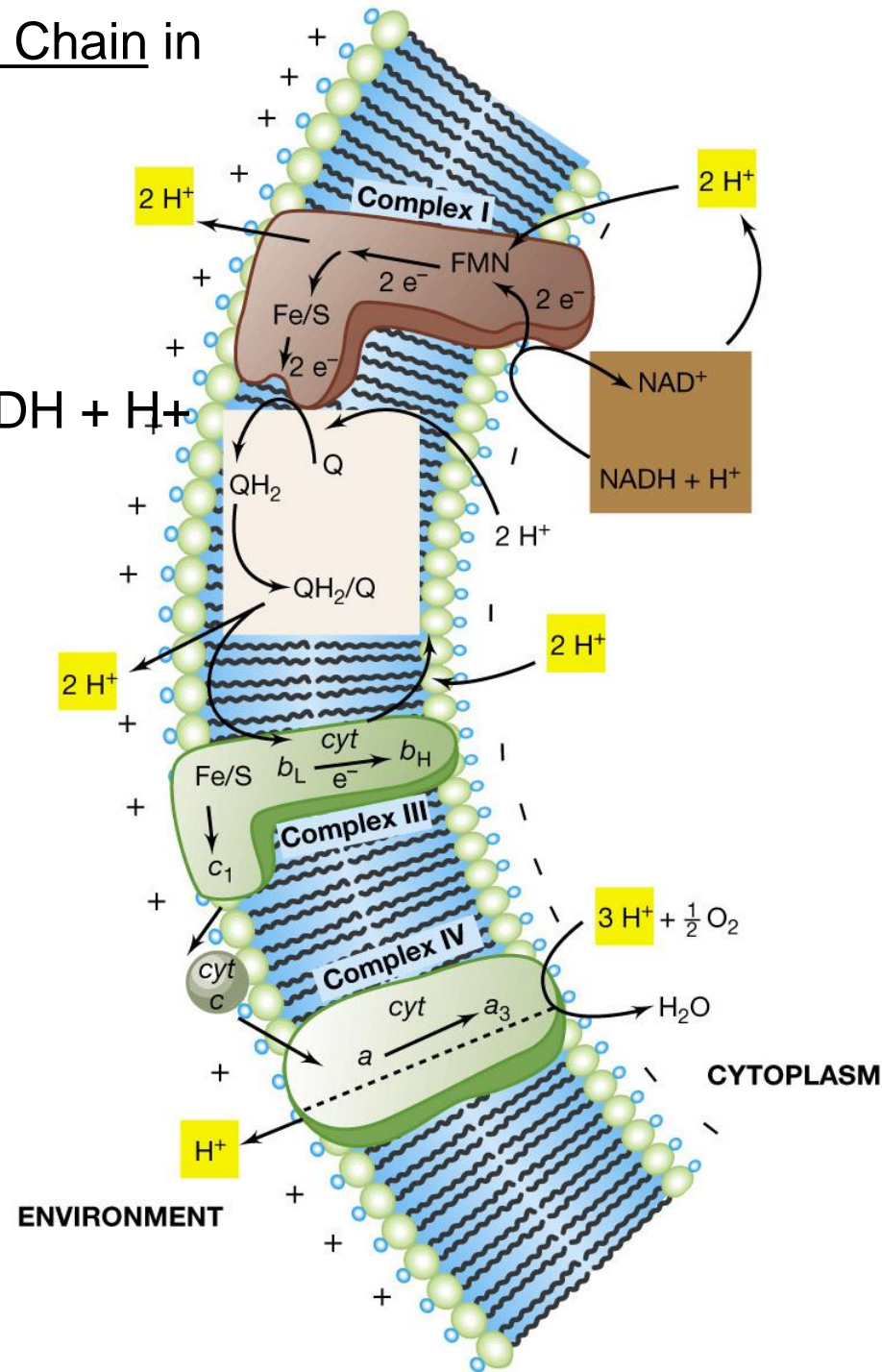


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Redox tower for  
common ETC  
components

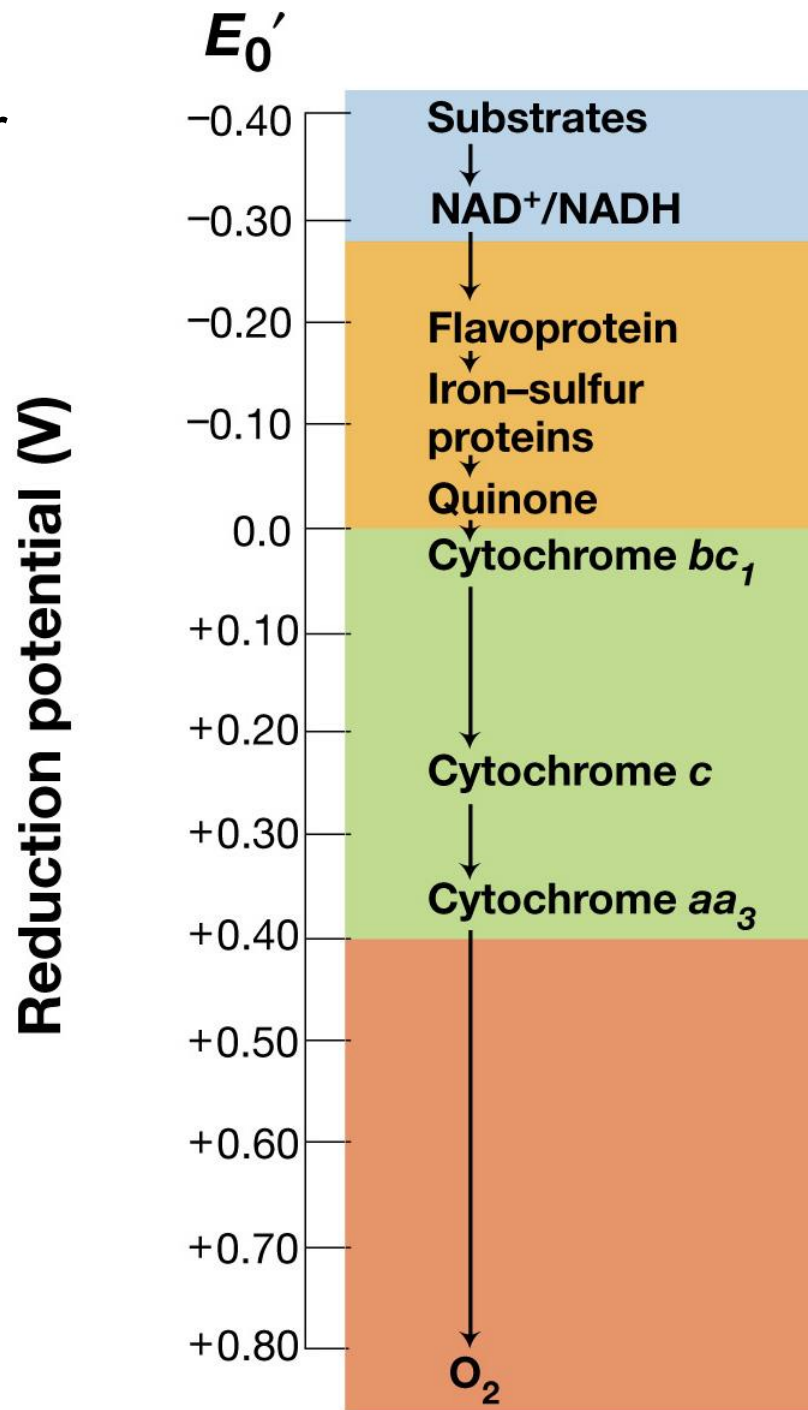


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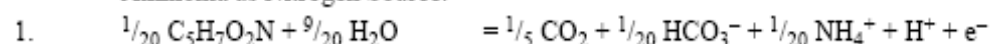


# Free energies of reactions

- The free energy associated with any catabolic reaction (any reaction, really) can be predicted
  - Using free energies of formation
  - Or (for redox rxns) coupling of standard half reactions
- For catabolic redox reactions (i.e. respirations)  $\Delta G^\circ$  are
  - donated by electron donors
  - accepted by electron acceptors
  - Electron balance
- Sum of half reactions involved equals the standard free energy per  $\Delta G^\circ$  transferred from donor to acceptor

Reactions for Bacterial Cell Synthesis ( $R_c$ )

Ammonia as Nitrogen Source:

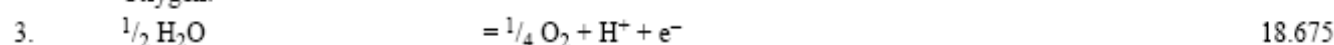


Nitrate as Nitrogen Source:

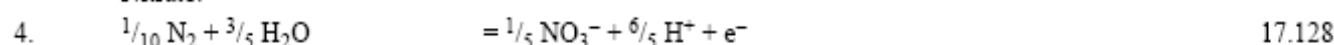


Reactions for Electron Acceptors ( $R_a$ )

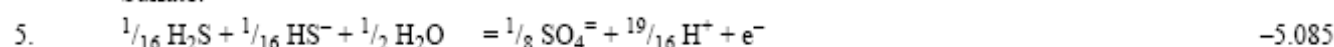
Oxygen:



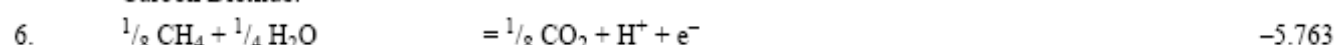
Nitrate:



Sulfate:



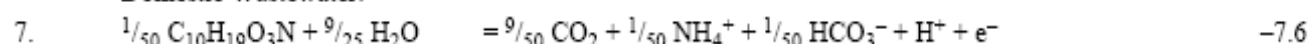
Carbon Dioxide:



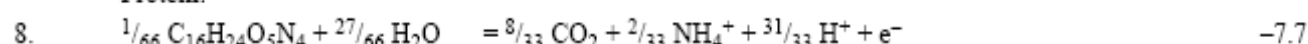
Reactions for Electron Donors ( $R_d$ )

Organic Donors

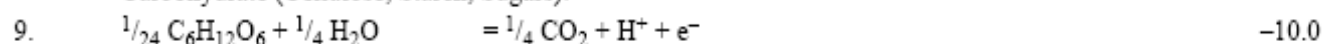
Domestic Wastewater:



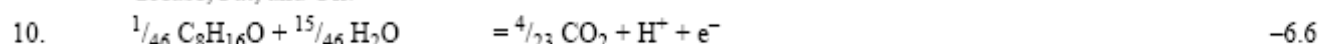
Protein:



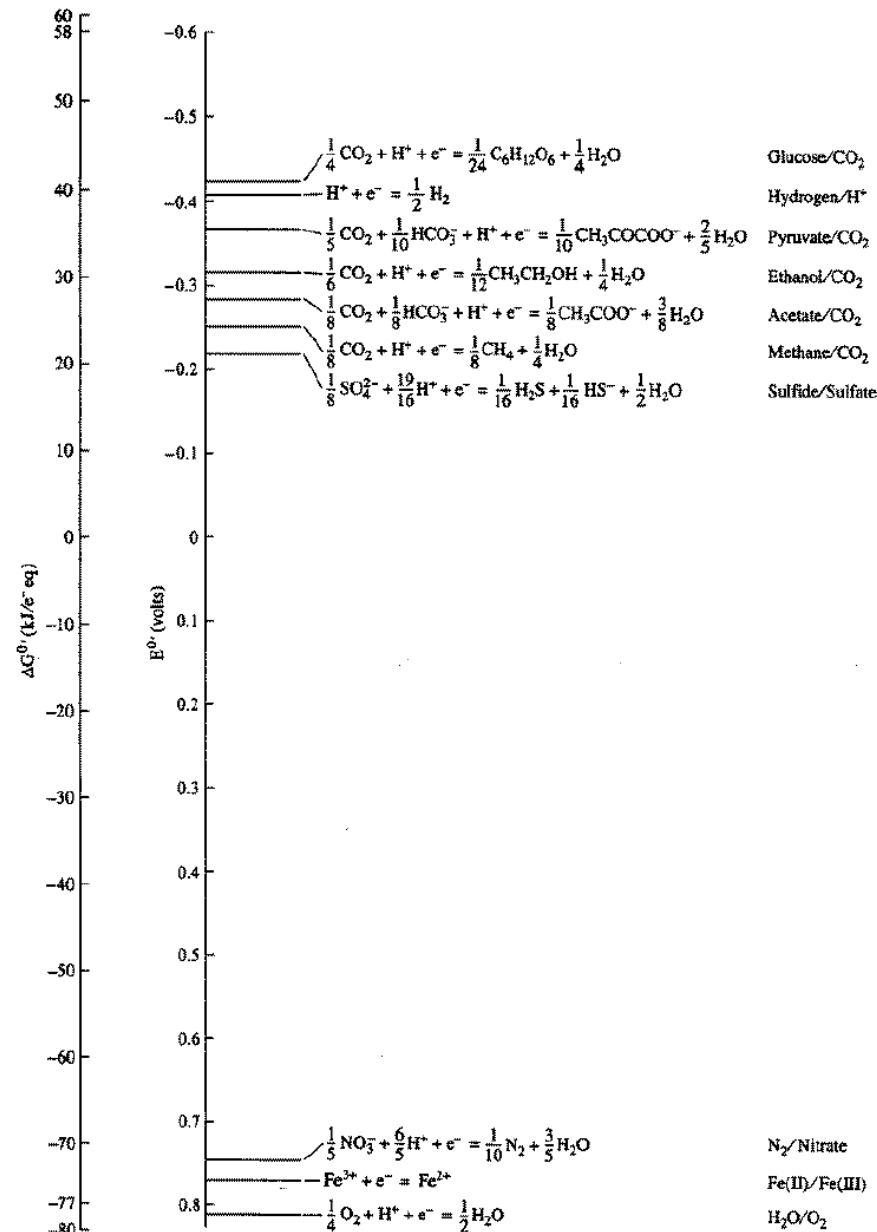
Carbohydrate (Cellulose, Starch, Sugars):



Grease, Fat, and Oil:



- From Rittman & McCarty Env'l Biotech 2001





# Balanced catabolic summary reaction for aerobic glucose respiration

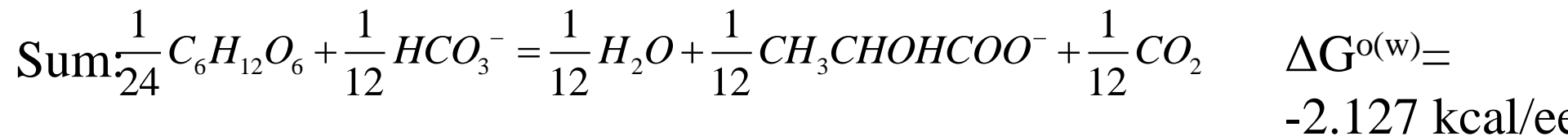
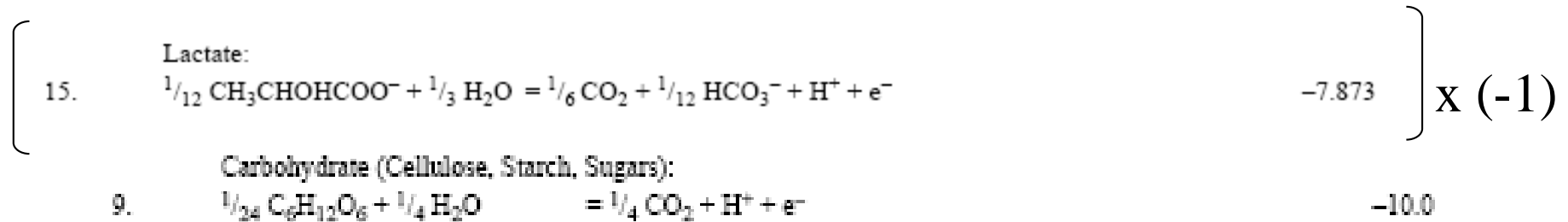
		$\Delta G^{\circ}(w)^*$ (kcal/eeq)
Rxn (9)	$\frac{1}{24} C_6H_{12}O_6 + \frac{1}{4} H_2O = \frac{1}{4} CO_2 + H^+ + e^-$	-10.0
-Rxn (3)	$\frac{1}{4} O_2 + H^+ + e^- = \frac{1}{2} H_2O$	-18.675
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	$\frac{1}{24} C_6H_{12}O_6 + \frac{1}{4} O_2 = \frac{1}{4} CO_2 + \frac{1}{4} H_2O$	-28.675

Note: 1 eeq reduces  $\frac{1}{4}$  mole  $O_2$  to water ( $\frac{1}{4}$  mole  $O_2 = 32/4 = 8$  g  $O_2$ )

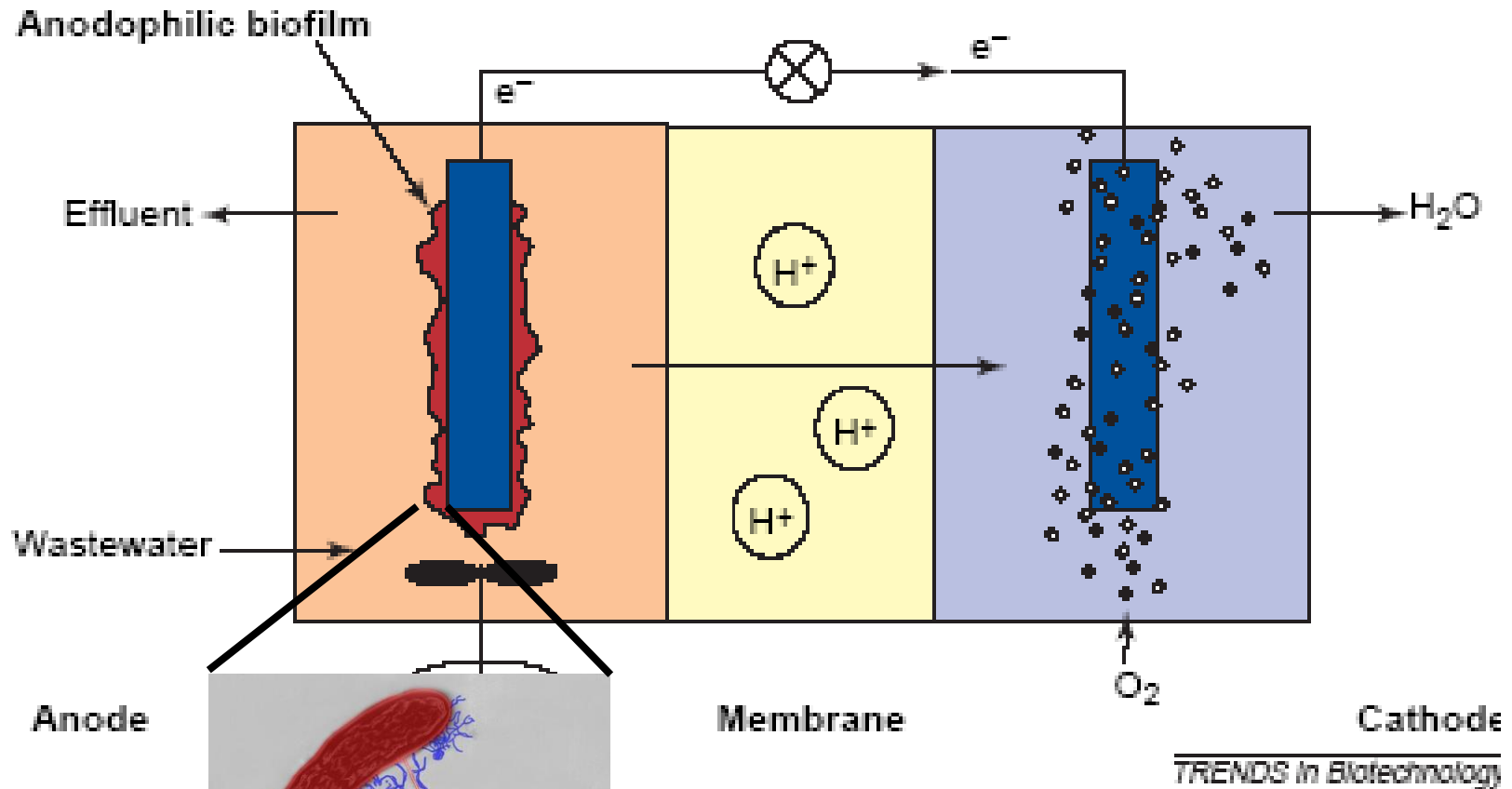
Therefore 1 eeq of an electron donor imposes 8 g of Oxygen Demand (OD)

# Other examples of chemoorganotrophy

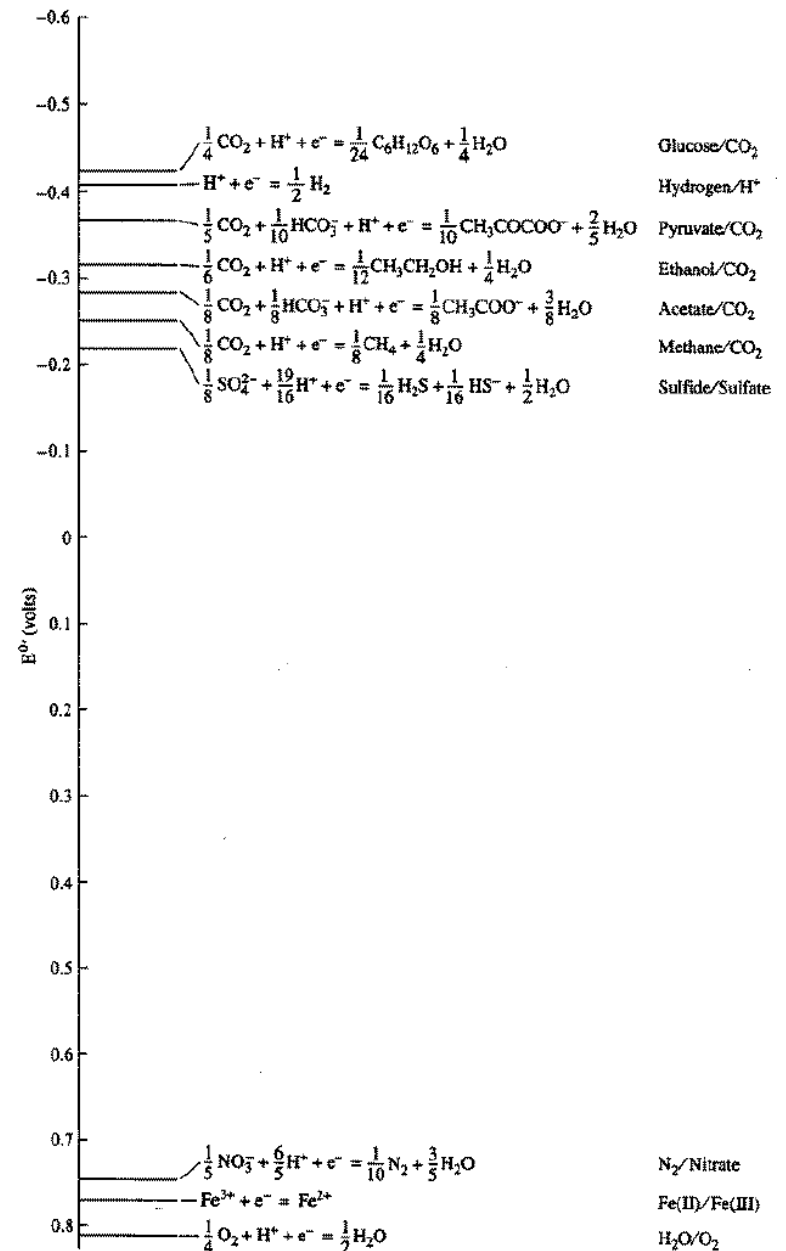
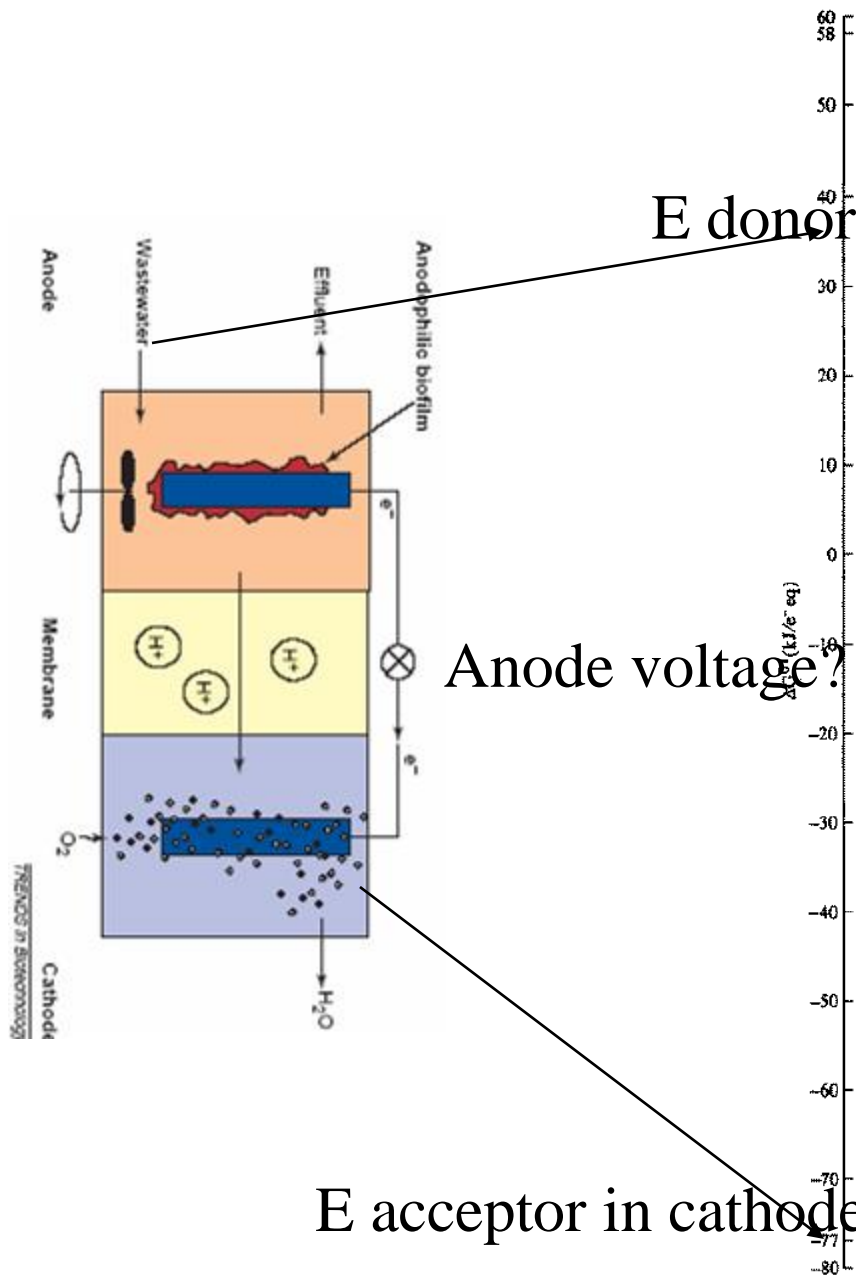
- Fermentation of sugar to lactate



# Microbial Fuel Cells tap into electron flow directly



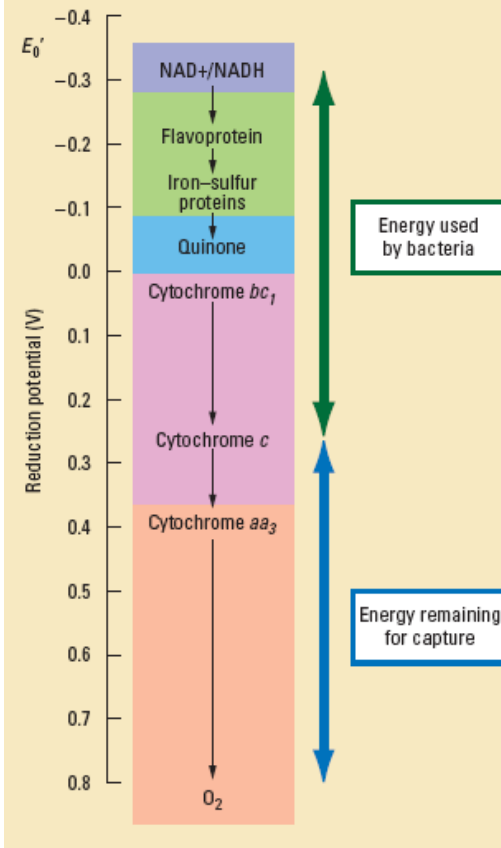
*Geobacter* with nanowires (blue) and flagella





**Respiratory chain shows how the voltage that could be recovered in a microbial fuel cell (MFC) is dependent on where electrons exit the chain of respiratory enzymes**

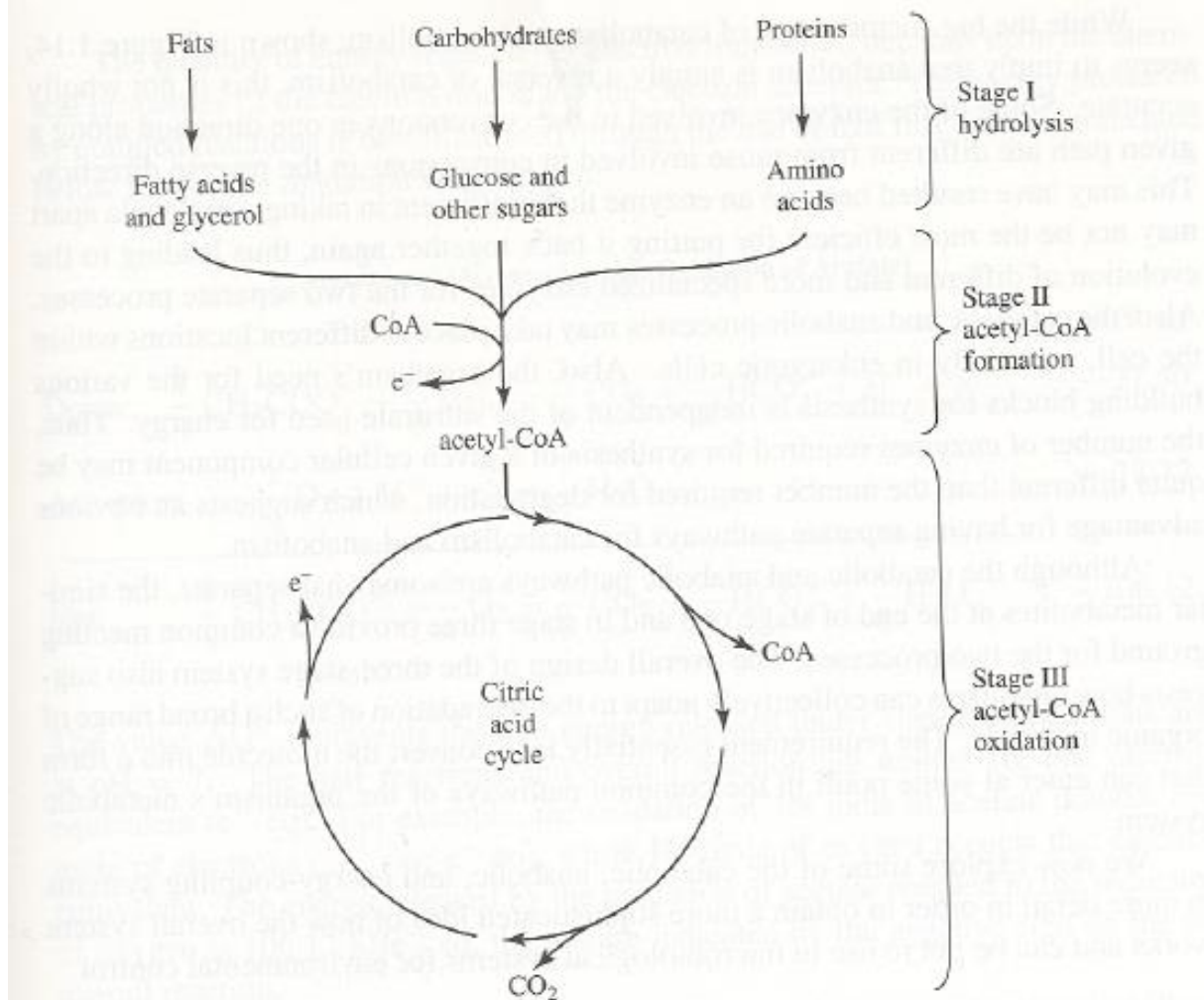
In the case shown here, bacteria could derive energy from the potential between NADH (the reduced form of nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide) and cytochrome *c* (green arrow), whereas the MFC could be used to recover energy from the potential between cytochrome *c* and oxygen (blue arrow). Actual potentials depend on concentrations and potentials of specific enzymes and electron acceptors. (Respiratory-chain and standard potentials shown here are adapted with permission from a figure in Ref. 51 for *Paracoccus denitrificans*.)



From logan et al 2006, ES&T

# eeq conversions

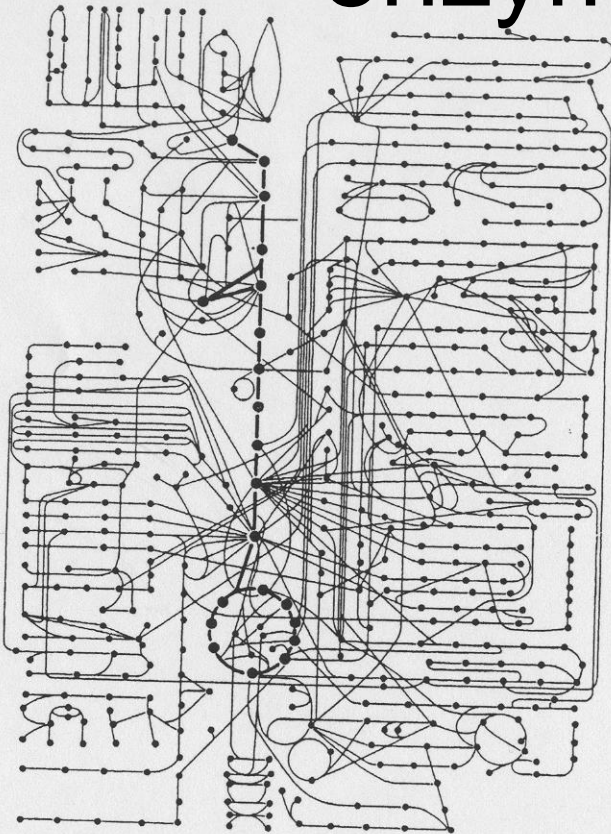
- 1 eeq (1 mole e's) = 8 g OD (oxygen demand) = 96,400 Coulombs
- In electrical engineering:
  - 1 Coulomb/s = 1 Ampere (a unit of current w symbol I)
- Power in an electrical system =  
Volts\*Current = Watts



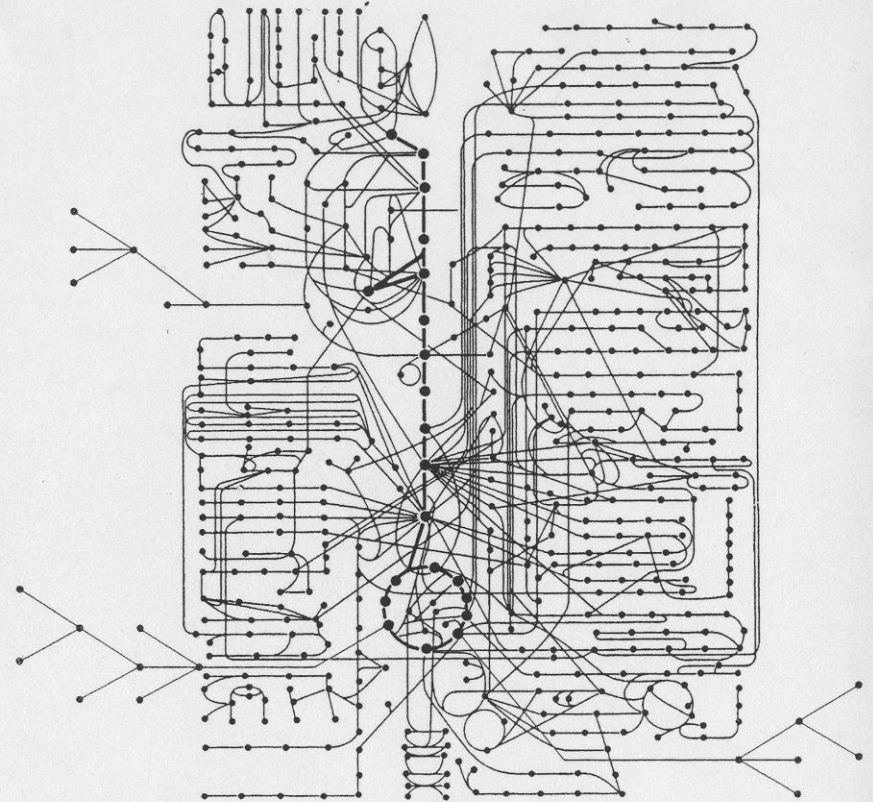
**Figure 1.14**

The three general stages of catabolism of fats, carbohydrates, and proteins under aerobic conditions. Reversing the processes gives anabolism.

# Metabolic Maps: representing enzymatic pathways



**Figure 8.1** Network of intermediary metabolism showing compounds as nodes and interconnecting reactions as lines. Highlighted in boldface is the central linear pathway flowing into the tricarboxylic acid cycle (circle). (From *Proteins, Energy and Metabolism* [Rawn, © 1989], by permission of Prentice-Hall, Inc., Upper Saddle River, N.



**Figure 8.2** Network of intermediary metabolism with novel catabolic reactions (shown in green) which funnel into intermediary metabolites.

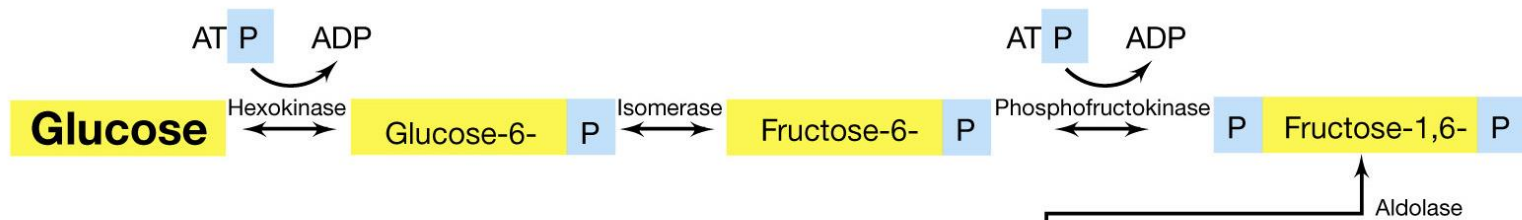
From Wackett



# Glycolysis (Embden-Meyerhoff pathway)

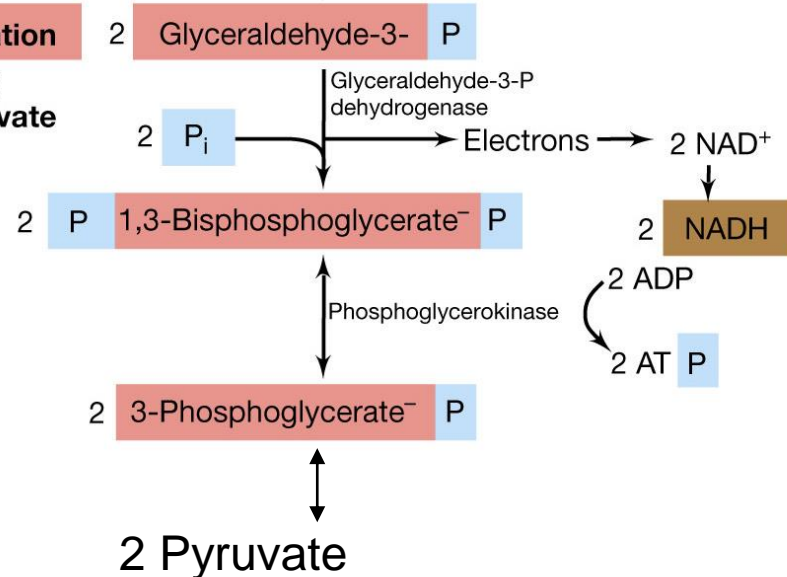
## Stage I: Preparatory reactions

Production of glyceraldehyde-3-P



## Stage II: Oxidation

Making ATP; making pyruvate



Krebs cycle or TCA cycle or citric acid cycle (CAC).

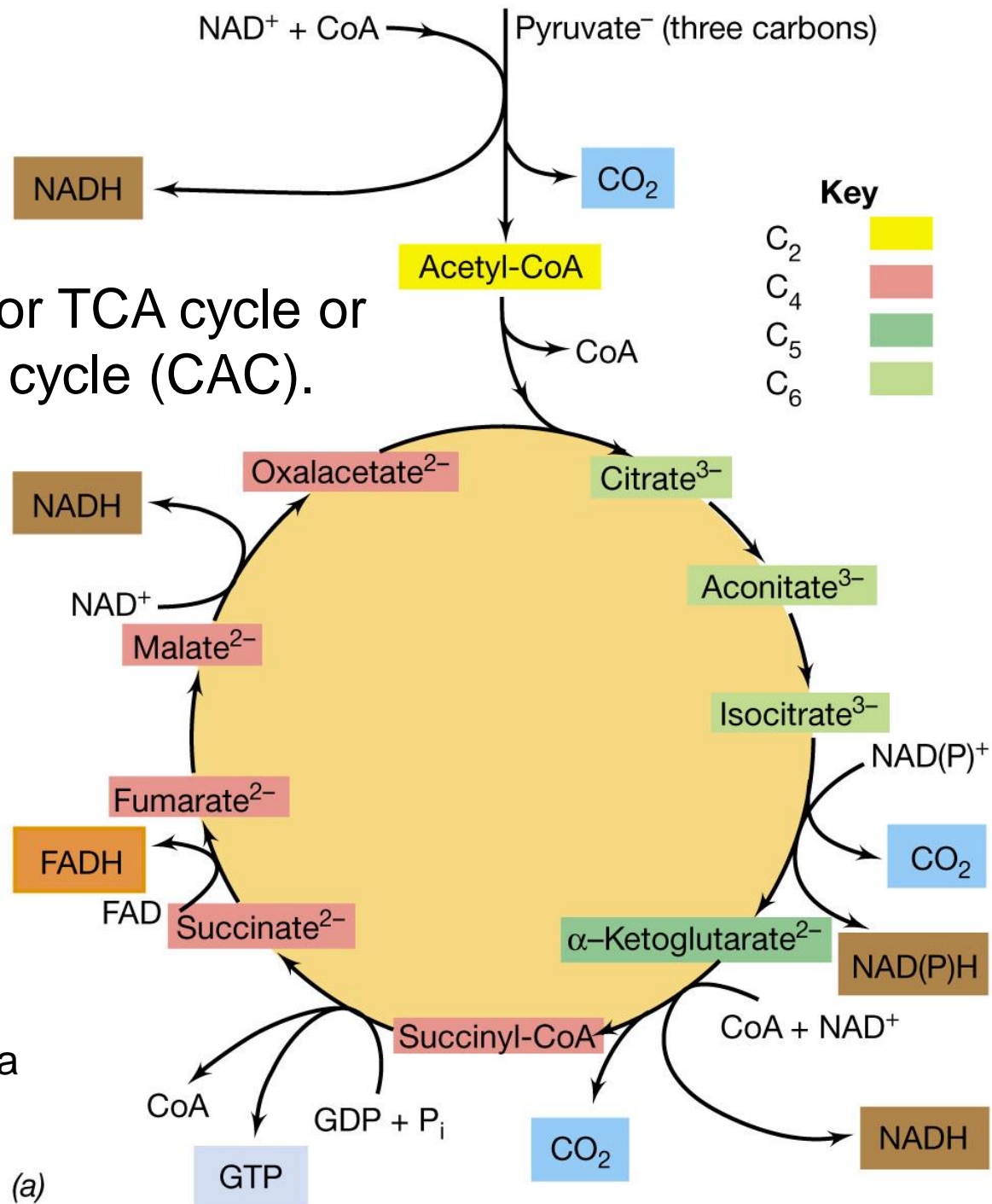


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(a)

# Beta-oxidation of organic acids

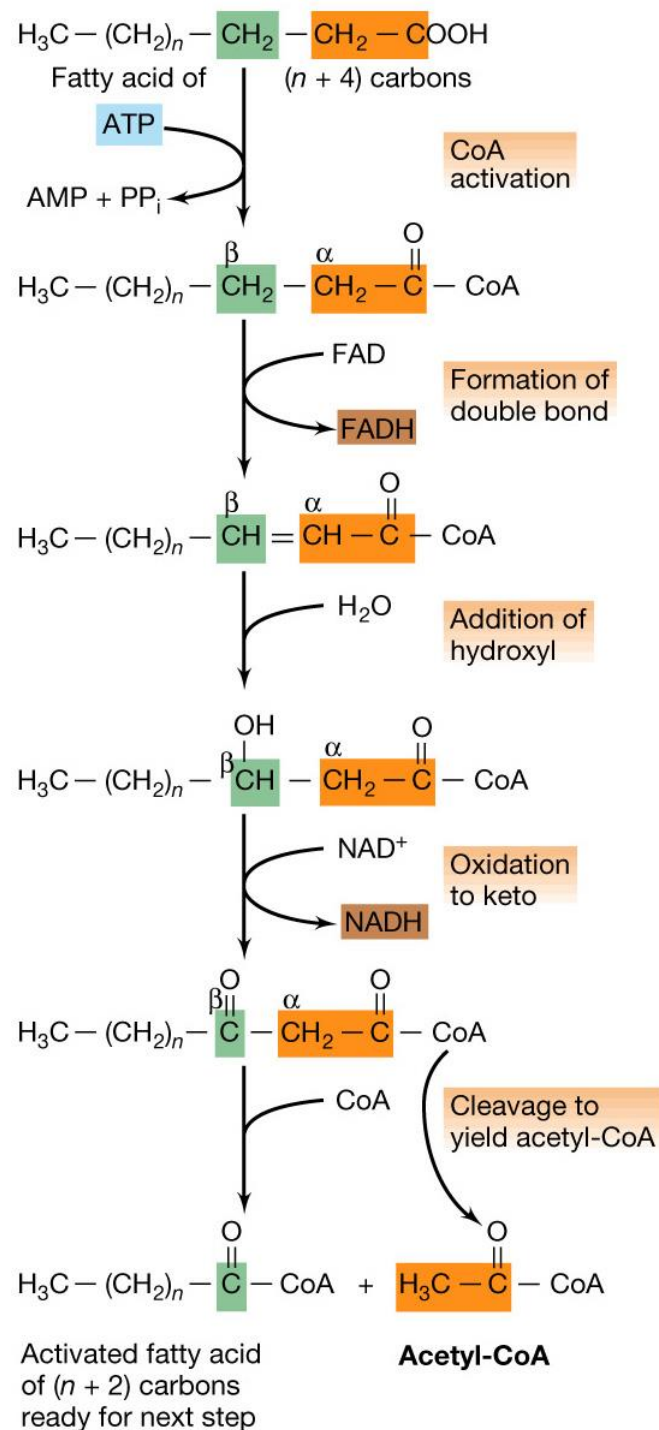


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# Examples of fermentation reactions from pyruvate

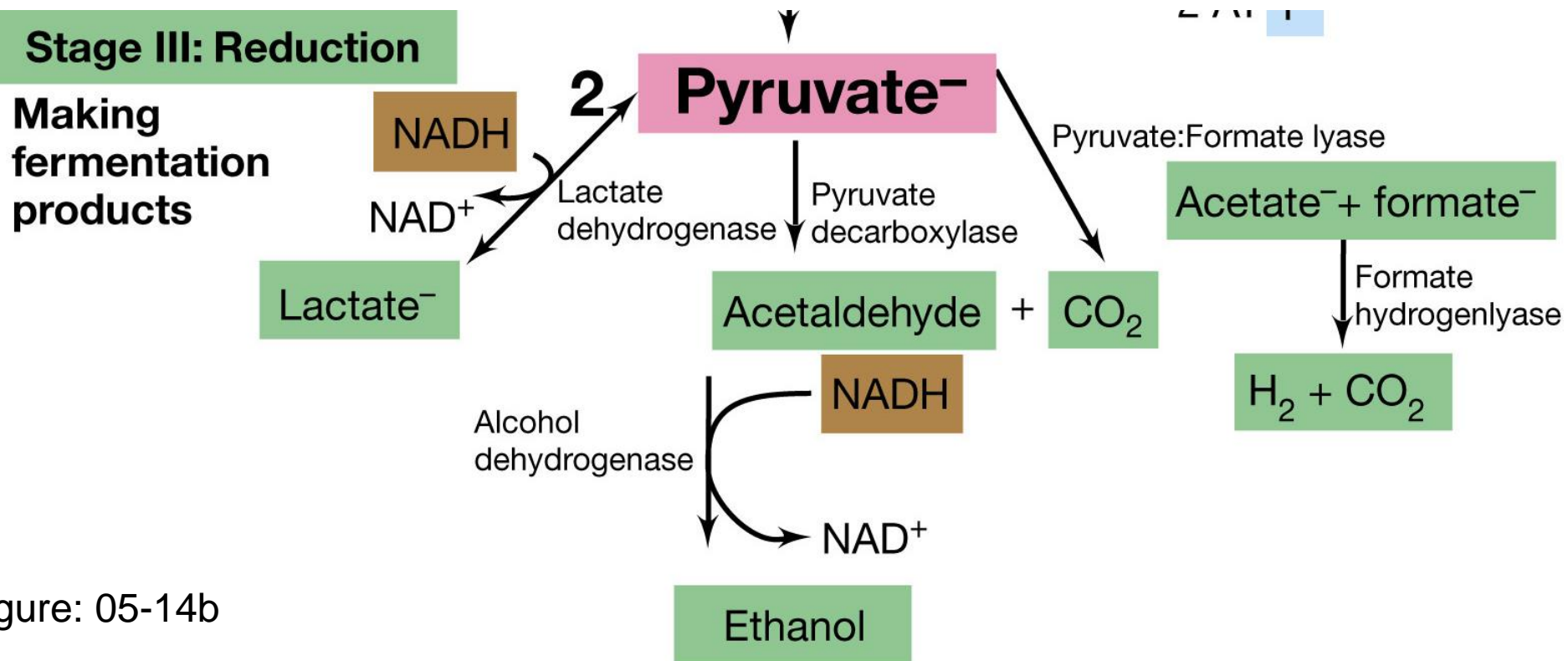
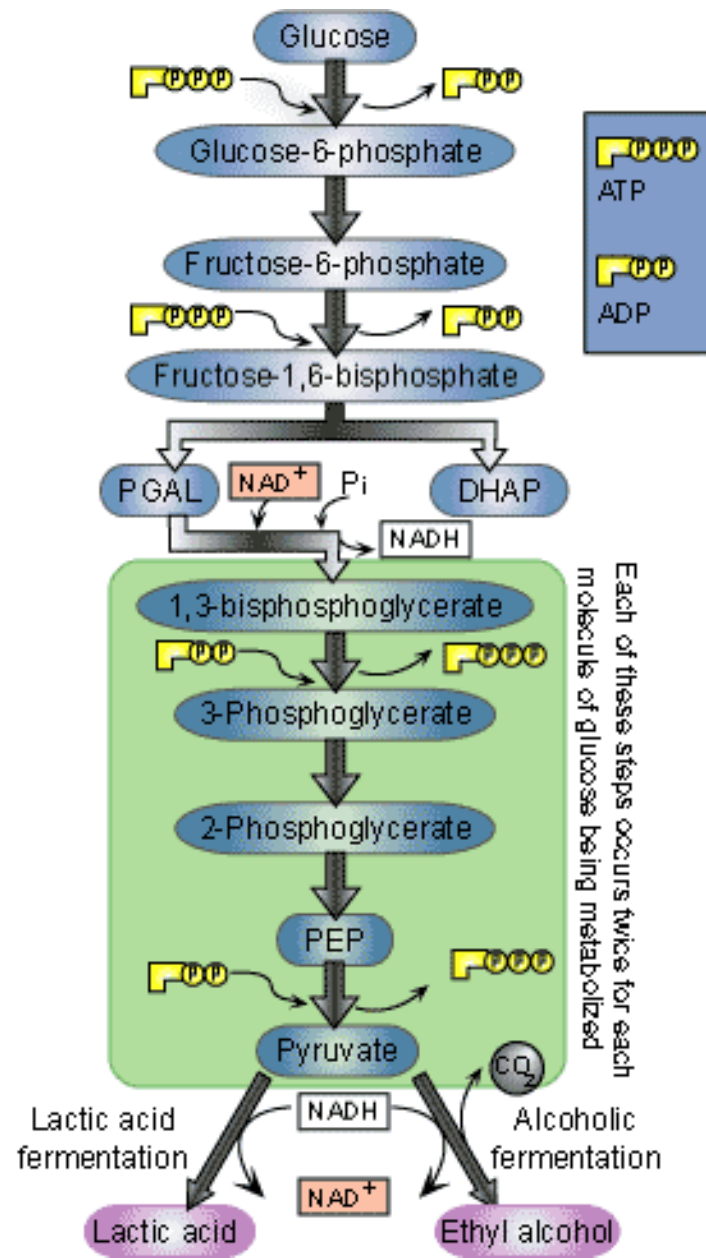


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Note how pyruvate is the central “hub” of glycolysis, all fermentation products are made from pyruvate, and just a few common examples are given.



Hydrocarbon  
oxidation (leads to  
carboxylic acid which  
undergoes Beta-  
oxidation)

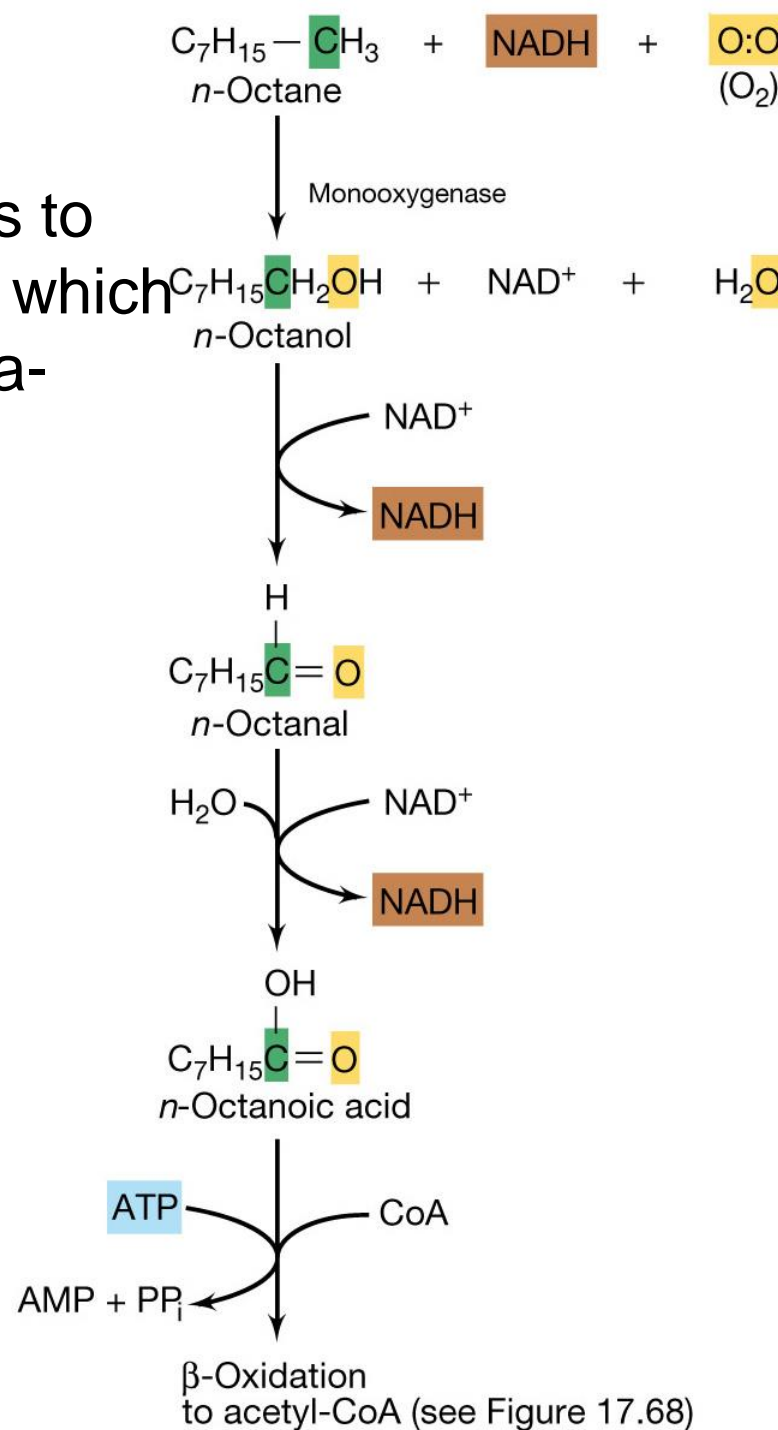
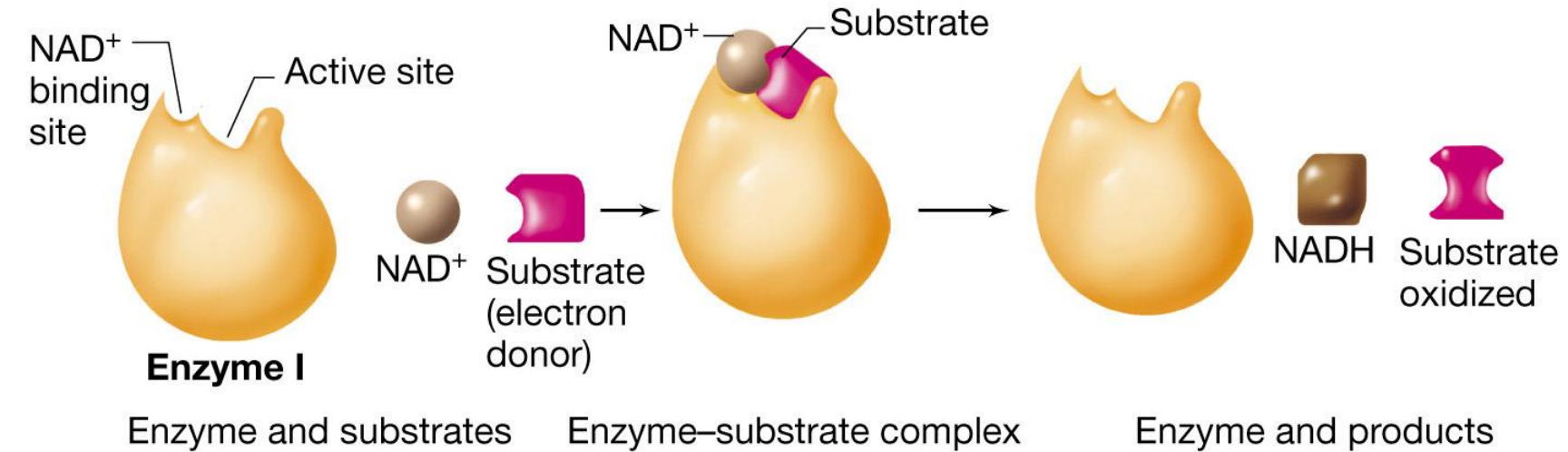


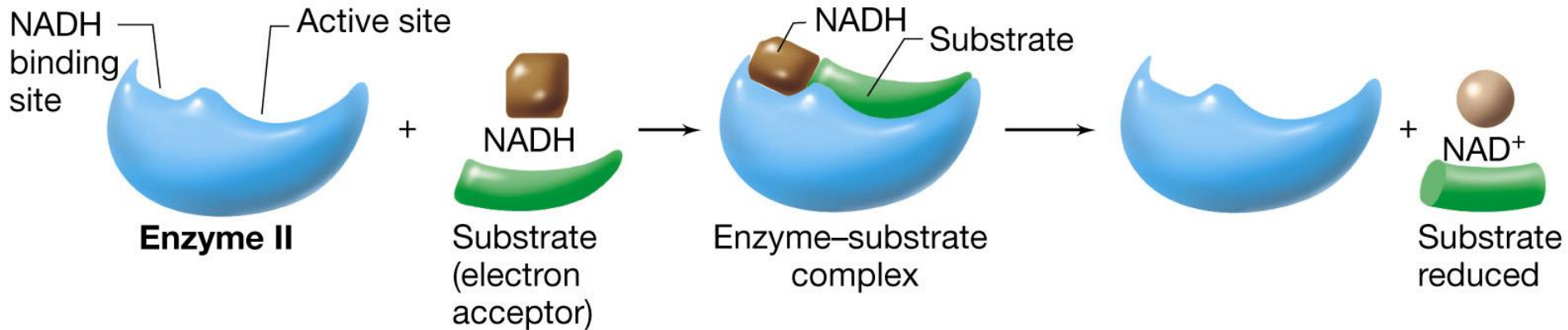
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# NADH is a coenzyme!!

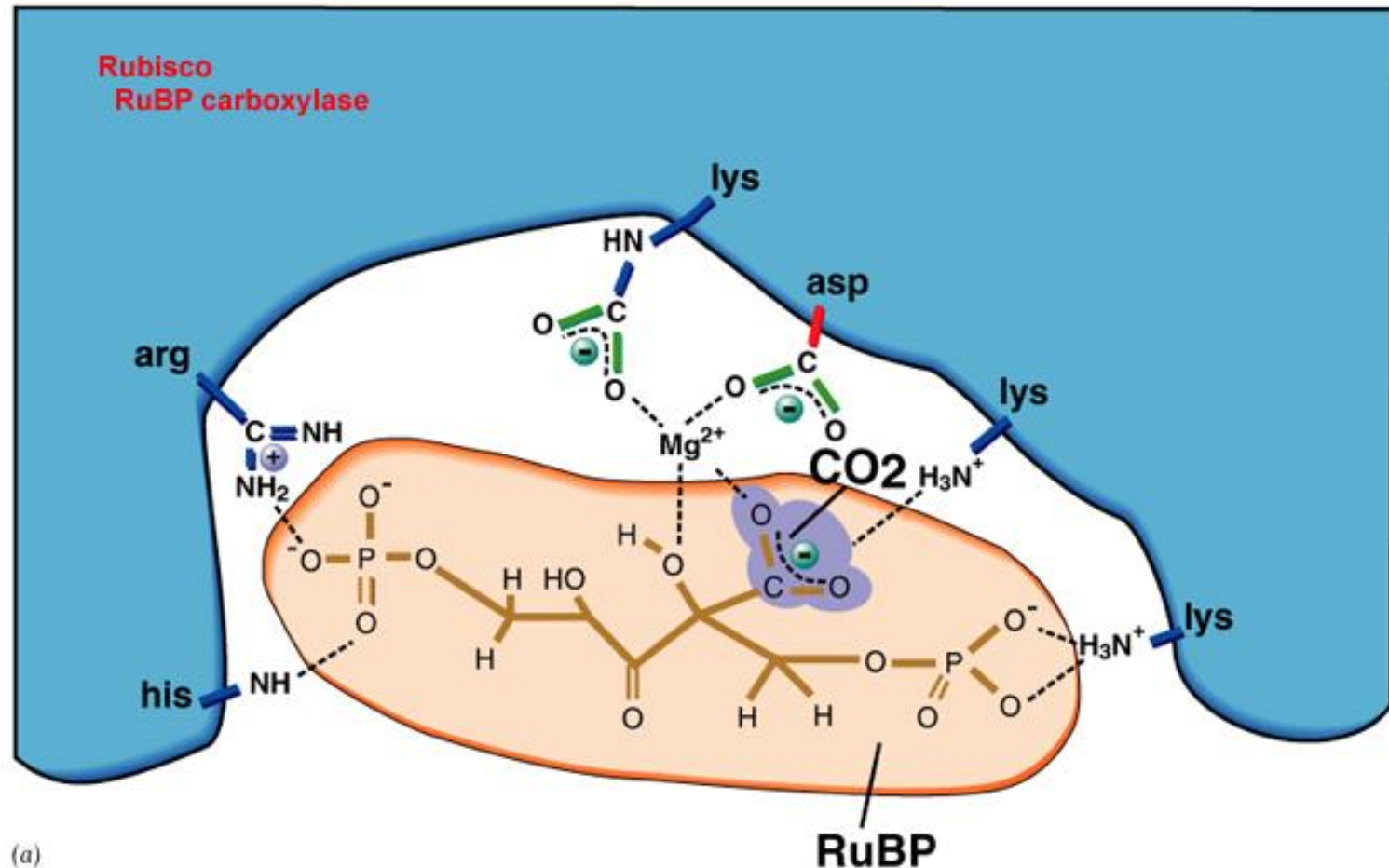


**Reaction 1.** Enzyme I reacts with substrate (electron donor) and oxidized form of coenzyme, NAD<sup>+</sup>.



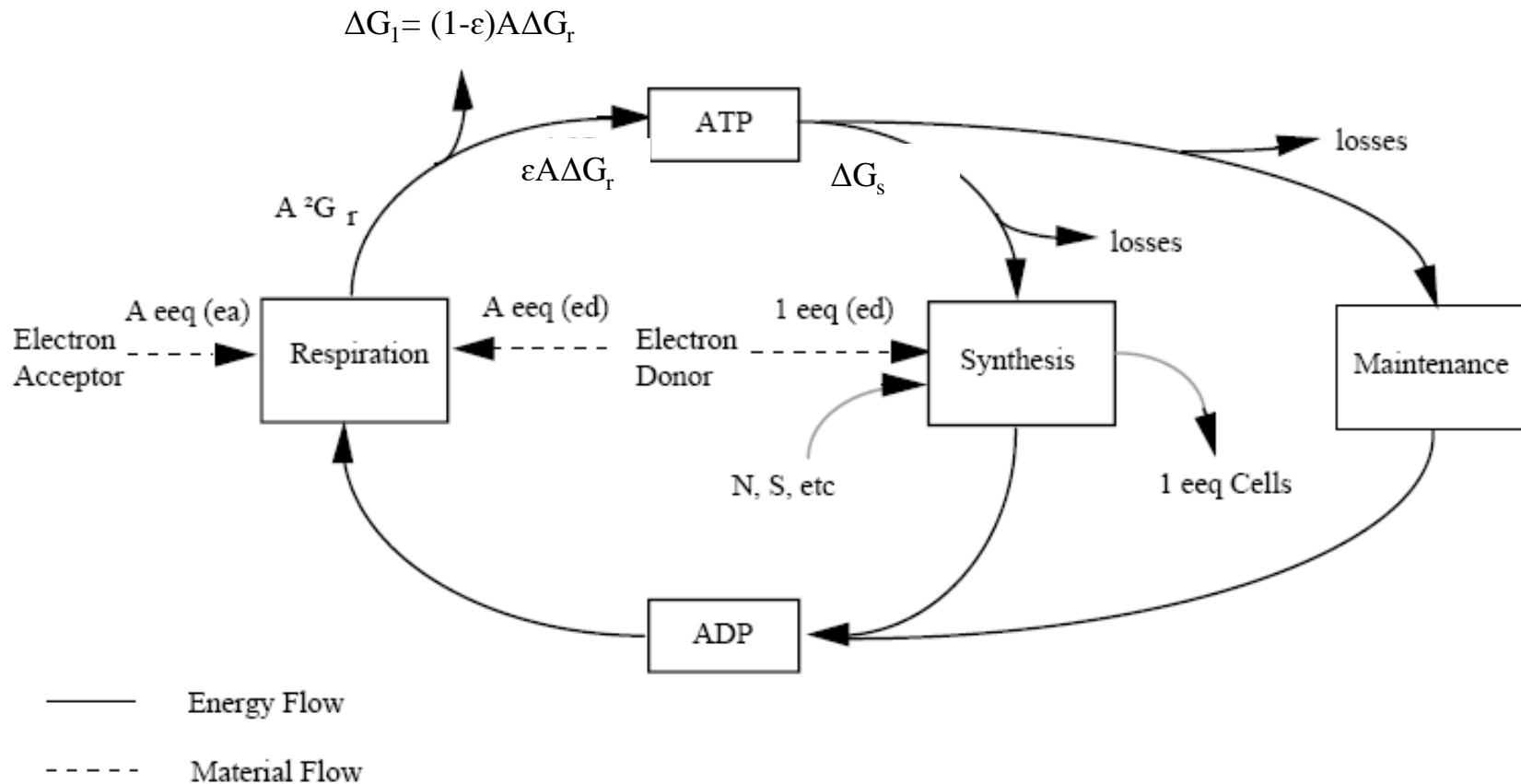
**Reaction 2.** Enzyme II reacts with substrate (electron acceptor) and reduced form of coenzyme, NADH.

# Enzyme active sites have 3D nature – amino acid R-groups dictate Enzyme-substrate interactions

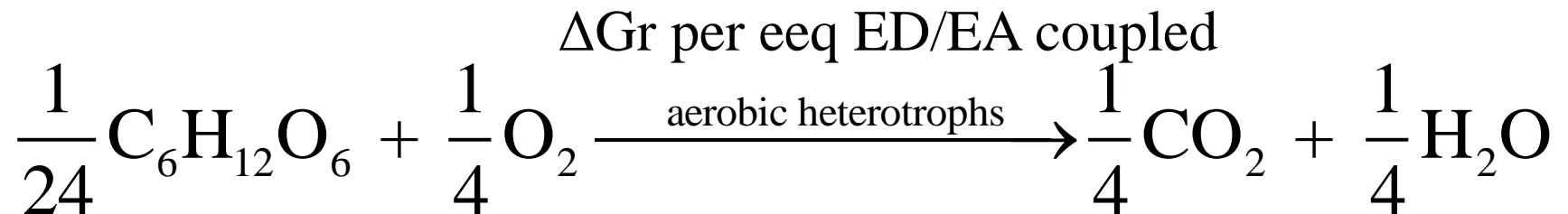


# Bioenergetics packet (from Jim Gossett). Cells metabolism is balanced energetically & materially: *example of chemoorganoheterotroph*

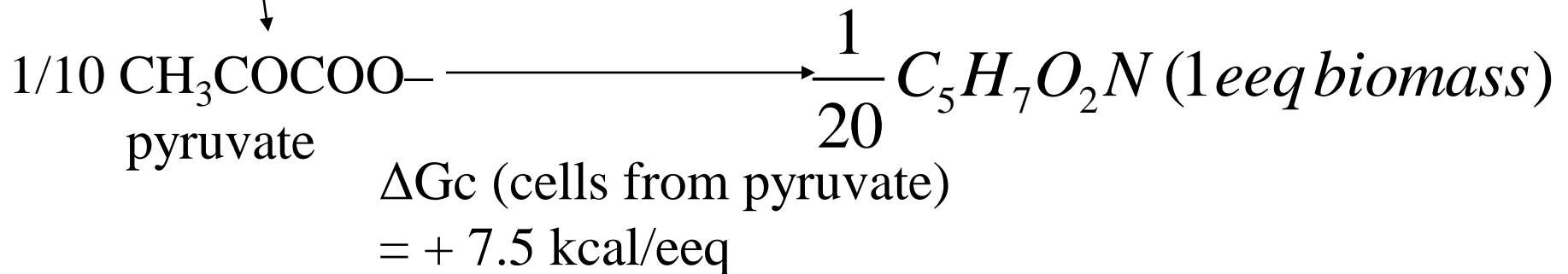
## Energy and Material Flows in the Production of 1 eeq of Bacterial Cells



# Balancing flow of eeqs to energy and to synthesis



$\Delta\text{Gp per eeq ED}$



# A equations (with ammonia as N source)

**Heterotrophs**

$$A = \frac{\frac{-\Delta G_p}{\varepsilon_m} - \Delta G_c}{\varepsilon \Delta G_r}$$

**Autotrophs**

$$A = \frac{-59.7}{0.6 \Delta G_r}$$

$$m = +1 \quad (\Delta G_p > 0)$$

$$m = -1 \quad (\Delta G_p < 0)$$

$\varepsilon = 0.6$  and  $\Delta G_c = 7.5$  kcal  
are usually assumed

# From A values to yields

$$a_e \equiv \frac{\text{eeq cells formed}}{\text{eeq e.d. used}} = \frac{1}{1 + A}$$

$$Y \equiv \frac{\text{g } X_a \text{ formed}}{\text{g OD used}} = \frac{5.65 a_e}{8} = \frac{5.65}{8 (1 + A)}$$

# Of course, $\Delta G$ values vary from standard values if...

- ... you are far from “standard” conditions of pH7, 1 M all aqueous solutes and 1 atm of all gaseous compounds, 298K
- ~~Correction term can be key:~~  $\Delta G$  reaction term can be key: reaction quotient of products & reactants

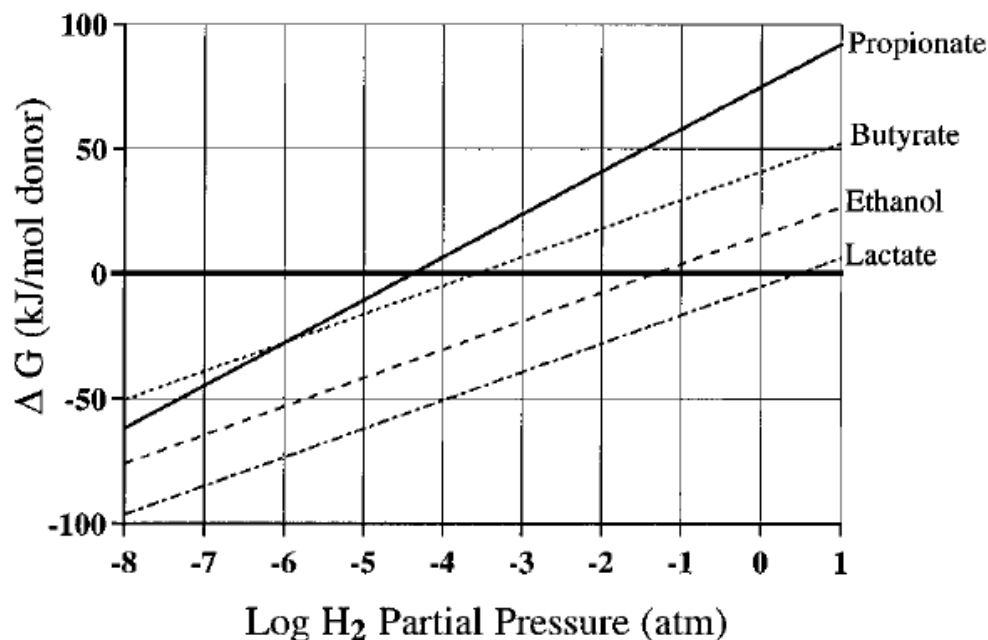
$$\Delta G = \Delta G^{\circ} + RT \ln \left[ \frac{\prod_j \{P_j\}^{p_j}}{\prod_i \{R_i\}^{r_i}} \right]$$



**TABLE 1. Fermentation Reactions for Hydrogen Donors Examined during This Study (25)<sup>a</sup>**

		$\Delta G_{35^\circ\text{C}}$ (kJ/mol)
<b>Fermentation to Acetate and H<sub>2</sub></b>		
butyrate <sup>-</sup> + 2H <sub>2</sub> O → 2acetate <sup>-</sup> + H <sup>+</sup> + 2H <sub>2</sub>		123.16
ethanol + H <sub>2</sub> O → acetate <sup>-</sup> + H <sup>+</sup> + 2H <sub>2</sub>		84.85
lactate <sup>-</sup> + 2H <sub>2</sub> O → acetate <sup>-</sup> + HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> + H <sup>+</sup> + 2H <sub>2</sub>		71.01
propionate <sup>-</sup> + 3H <sub>2</sub> O → acetate <sup>-</sup> + HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> + H <sup>+</sup> + 3H <sub>2</sub>		166.9
<b>Fermentation to Propionate and Acetate</b>		
ethanol + <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> → <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> propionate <sup>-</sup> + <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> acetate <sup>-</sup> + <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> H <sup>+</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O		-26.41
lactate <sup>-</sup> → <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> acetate <sup>-</sup> + <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> propionate <sup>-</sup> + <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> + <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> H <sup>+</sup>		-40.26

<sup>a</sup> All species as aqueous.



**FIGURE 1. Effect of H<sub>2</sub> partial pressure on the free energy available from the fermentation of propionate, butyrate, ethanol, and lactate. Calculations were based on standard free energies and reactions in Thauer et al. (22) with temperature = 25 °C; pH = 7; HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> = 70 mM; propionate, butyrate, ethanol, and lactate concentrations = 0.5 mM; and acetate concentration = 5 mM.**