

# Object-oriented design

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“Object-oriented analysis and design”

2nd edition

Addison-Wesley, 1994

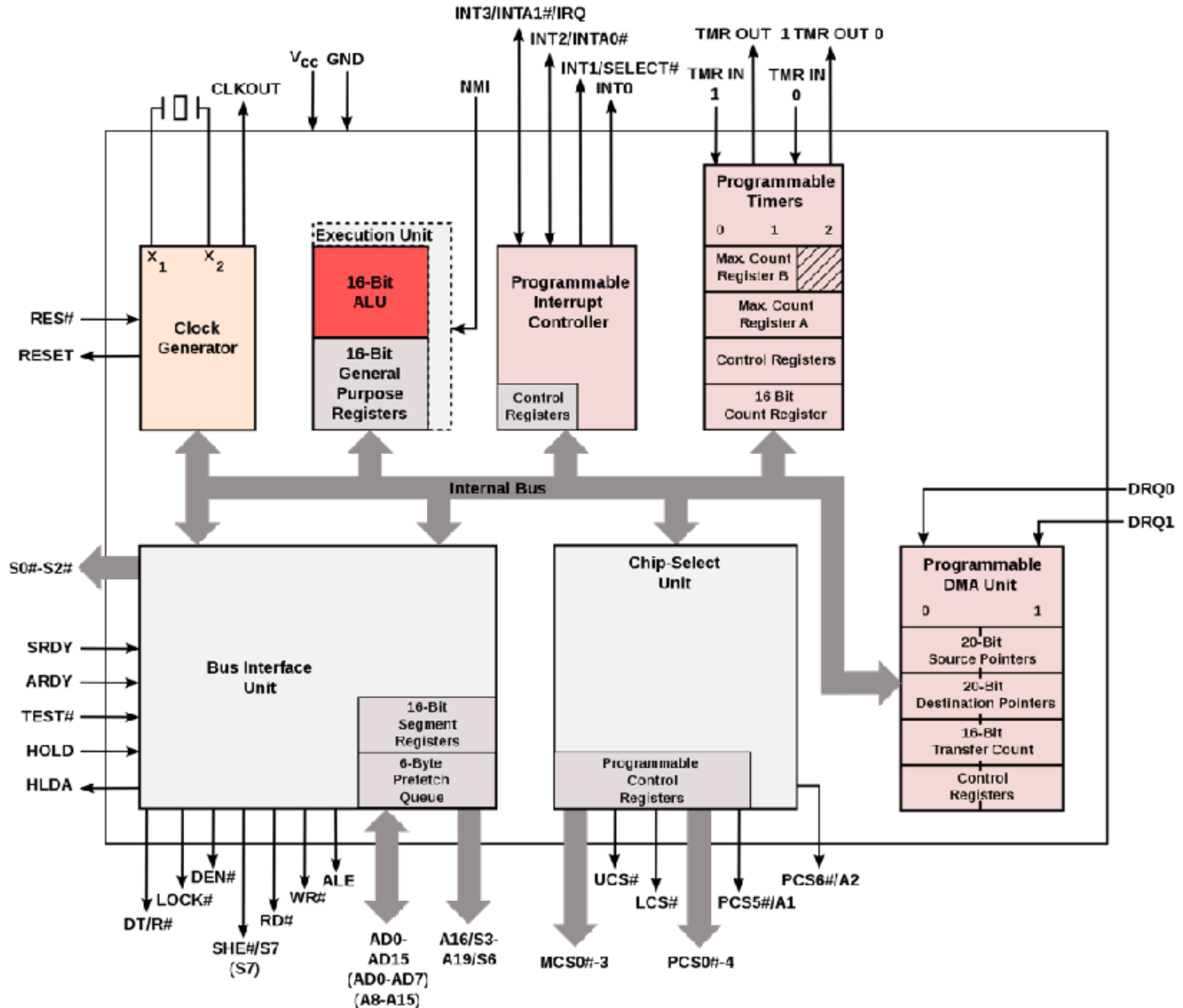
# Main goal: manage complexity

Different approaches, OO is just one of them!

see e.g. Haskell for a completely different approach to  
complexity handling: functional programming

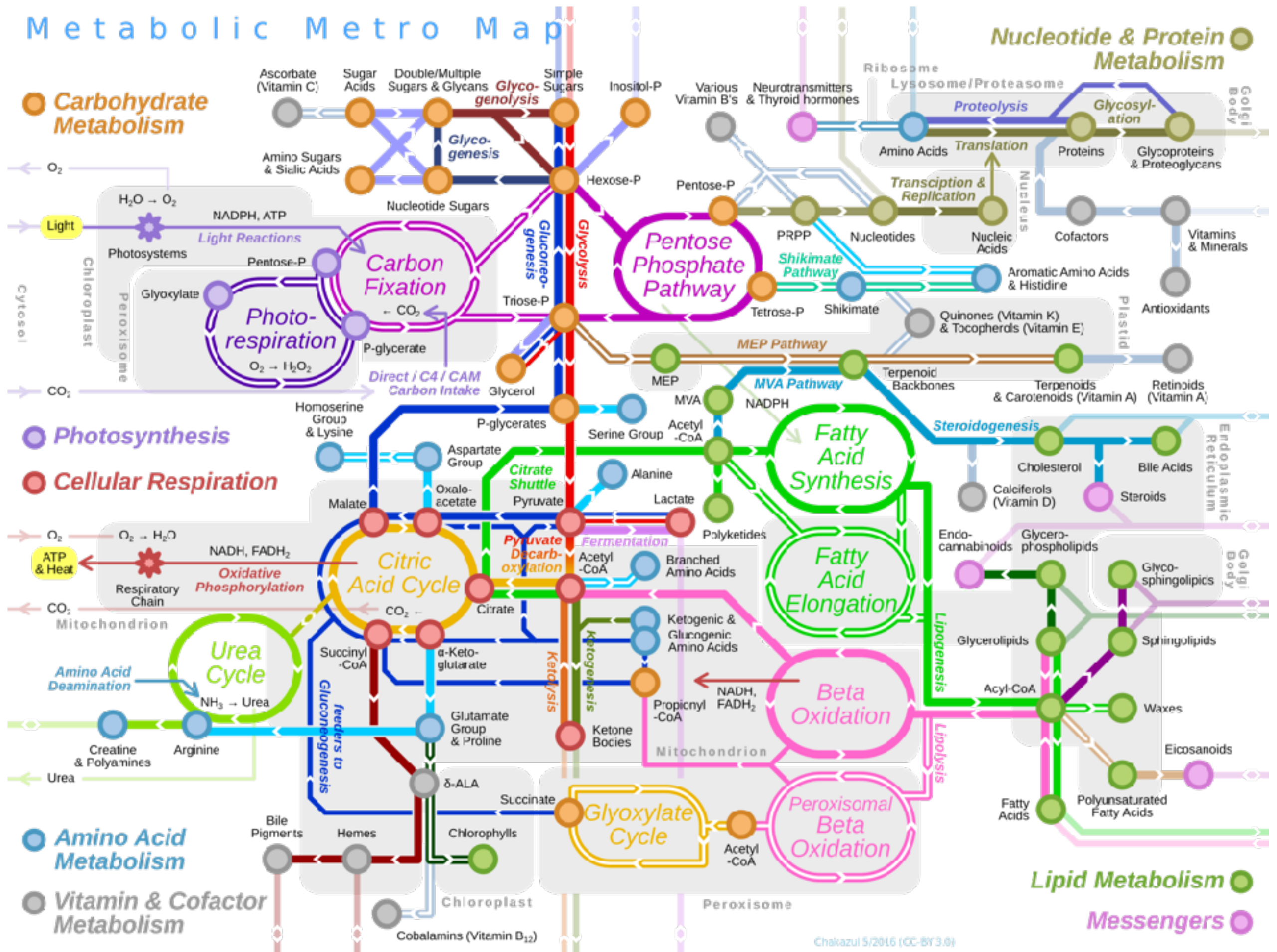
- \* Complexity of the problem domain  
external; requires software maintenance, evolution, preservation
- \* Development process  
impossible for one developer to understand large projects completely
- \* Software is boundlessly flexible  
able to work at any level of abstraction; no fixed quality standards
- \* Behaviour of discrete system  
natural world physics is local and continuous  
program state is not: combinatoric, small change -> large effect

# Intel 80186 / 80188 architecture





# Metabolic Metro Map



- \* Complexity is hierarchical grouping of subsystems, down to elementary components
- \* Choice of elementary blocks is mostly arbitrary
- \* Links and interactions within a component are much stronger than between components
- \* Hierarchy uses only a few different subsystems in different combinations
- \* Working complex systems evolve from working simple systems

- \* Deal with complexity by decomposition
- \* Algorithmic decomposition:  
which steps in which order?
- \* OO decomposition:  
which entities are involved?  
how do they relate to each other?



# Core features of OO design

- \* Abstraction
- \* Encapsulation
- \* Modularity
- \* Hierarchy

# Abstraction

- \* Outside view of the object
- \* Focus on relevant details, ignore others
- \* Define distinction to other objects
- \* No surprises, no unexpected side behaviour

# Abstraction

- \* Identify object invariants, properties that must be true at any time
- \* Operations have pre- and post-conditions, they must be satisfied
- \* Objects should never enter inconsistent state

# Abstraction

- \* Implementation details do not matter here
- \* Define public member functions
- \* Private section doesn't matter yet

# Encapsulation

- \* separates object's tasks from each other
- \* actual implementation of the abstraction is hidden
- \* allows isolated implementation changes
- \* internal design changes in the objects do not impact the users of the objects



# Encapsulation

- \* Abstractions only work well if implementation is encapsulated!

# Modularity

- \* Grouping of classes into functionally related units. Modules should be loosely coupled externally.
- \* “Physical” collection of units in files, rather than abstract connections
- \* Difficult to get right first time, may need several redesigns during development

# Hierarchy

- \* Abstractions form hierarchies
- \* Helps to think about the useful levels

Two main kinds:

- \* “is-a”: cat is an animal; oak is a plant
- \* “has-a”: car has an engine; house has a door

# Hierarchy: “is-a”

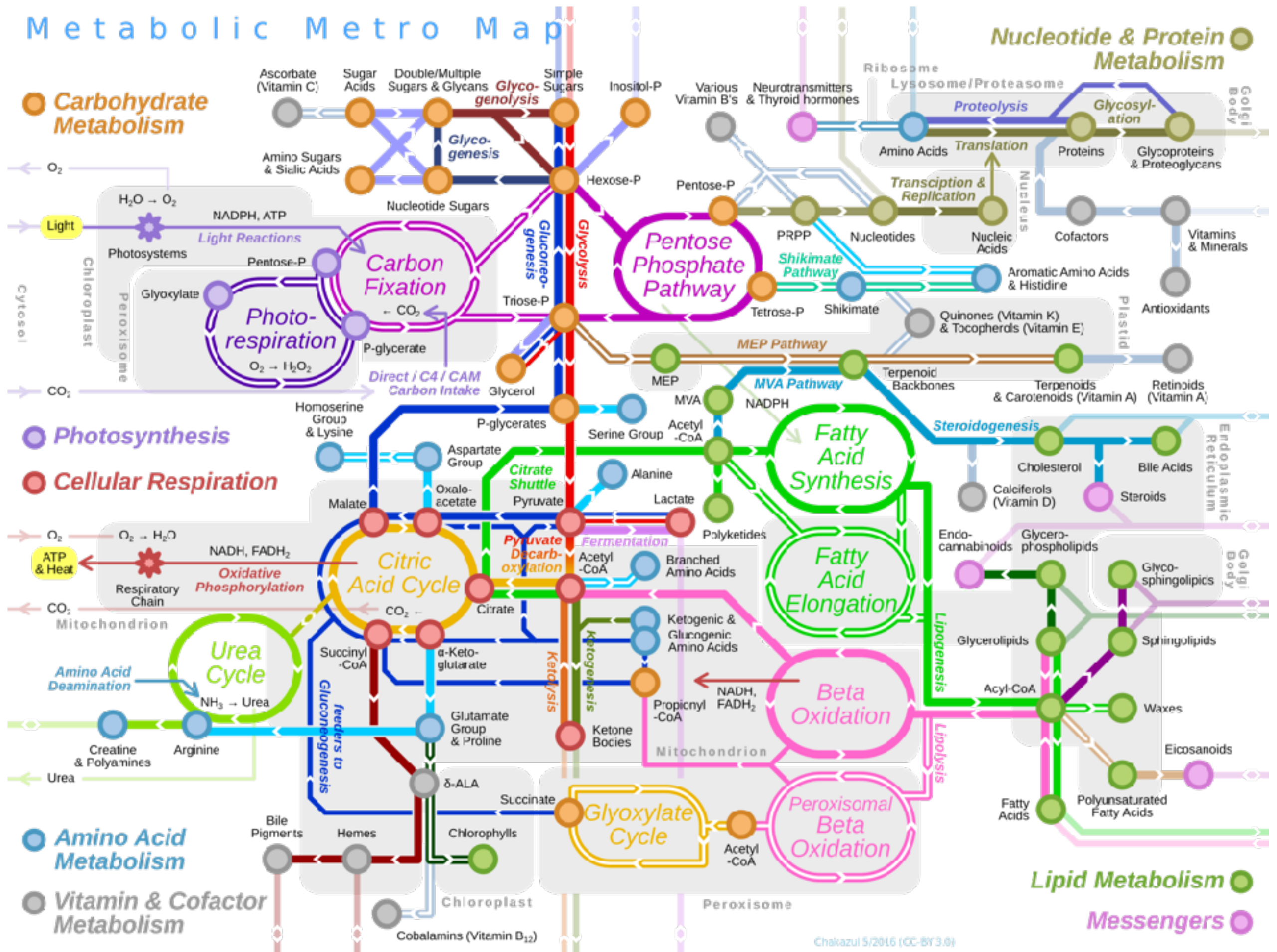
- \* Modelled by inheritance
- \* Common functionality moves to the top; applies to all classes down the hierarchy

# Hierarchy: “has-a”

- \* Modelled by aggregation
- \* Objects have other objects as member variables



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# Object

- \* **State:** inner structure with current values
- \* **Behaviour:** external interaction and state changes (construct / destruct // modify / select / iterate)
- \* **Identity:** distinct to all other objects  
It's not the name, one object can have many names!  
Identity considerations are relevant when looking at copying, lifetime and ownership behaviour.

# Class

Objects with common structure and behaviour belong to a **class**. The class defines both.

An object is an **instance** of a class.

# Design exercise