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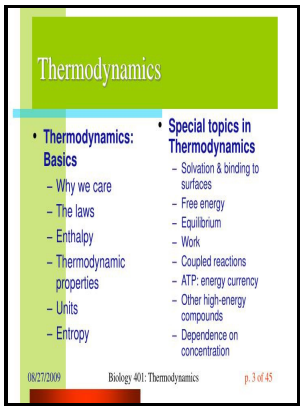

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In the blue pathway, the driving force of the first two reactions is large while the last three reactions are near equilibrium.

Pathway Thermodynamics Highlights Kinetic Obstacles in Central Metabolism

The ionic strength for all estimation methods was set to the default 0. Spontaneous Processes Spontaneity does not imply that the reaction proceeds with great speed. For a near-equilibrium reaction, then, increasing the enzyme concentration will increase the forward and reverse fluxes to a comparable degree, bringing reactant concentrations even closer to equilibrium.

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Irreversibility in biophysical and biochemical engineering. However, in a biochemical context it is usually better to write them with ionic reactants expressed as totals of species in equilibrium with each other. Everything that is not a part of the system constitutes its surroundings.

7.7: Coupled Reactions

The author, a distinguished physical chemist who is a Professor Emeritus at MIT, states that the book is designed for students who have taken a first course in physical chemistry; obviously, then, familiarity with principles of biochemistry is essential, as well.

7.7: Coupled Reactions

Isolated systems spontaneously evolve towards thermal equilibrium—the state of maximum entropy of the system. In relation 1 dS is the variation of the total entropy elementary, d e S is the entropy variation for interaction between the open system considered and its environment, and d i S is the entropy variation due to irreversibility, such that: 3 where Q is the heat flow, T is the temperature, V is the volume, t is the time and ṡ g is the density of the entropy generation rate.

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We can think of biology as the study of entities that decrease their local entropy while leaving behind a trail of increased entropy.

Thermodynamics in Biochemical Processes

The stochastic order of the path proves that the evolution of the bio-systems is related to their irreversibility and the quantity useful to evaluate the allowed paths and their probability is the entropy generation.

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