

## Cellular Respiration Harvesting Chemical Energy







### Harvesting stored energy

- Energy is stored in organic molecules
  - carbohydrates, fats, proteins
- <u>Heterotrophs</u> eat these organic molecules  $\rightarrow$  <u>food</u>
  - digest organic molecules to get...
    - raw materials for synthesis
    - fuels for energy
      - controlled release of energy
      - "burning" fuels in a series of step-by-step enzyme-controlled reactions







#### Harvesting stored energy

#### Glucose is the model

<u>catabolism</u> of glucose to produce ATP





<u>RESPIRATION</u> = making ATP (& some heat) by burning fuels in many small steps



#### How do we harvest energy from fuels?

- Digest large molecules into smaller ones
  - break bonds & <u>move electrons</u> from one molecule to another
    - as electrons move they "<u>carry energy</u>" with them
    - that energy is stored in another bond, released as heat or harvested to make ATP



#### How do we move electrons in biology?

- Moving electrons in living systems
  - electrons cannot move alone in cells
    - electrons move as part of <u>H atom</u>

move H = move electrons



## **Coupling oxidation & reduction**

- REDOX reactions in respiration
  - release energy as breakdown organic molecules
    - break C-C bonds
    - strip off electrons from C-H bonds by removing H atoms
      - $C_6H_{12}O_6 \rightarrow CO_2$  = the fuel has been <u>oxidized</u>
    - electrons attracted to more electronegative atoms
      - In biology, the most electronegative atom?
      - $O_2 \rightarrow H_2O$  = oxygen has been <u>reduced</u>
  - <u>couple REDOX reactions &</u> <u>use the released energy to synthesize ATP</u>

oxidation  

$$C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2 \rightarrow 6CO_2 + 6H_2O + ATP$$
  
reduction

## **Oxidation & reduction**

- Oxidation
  - adding O
  - removing H
  - loss of electrons
  - releases energy
  - <u>exergonic</u>

- Reduction
  - removing O
  - adding H
  - gain of electrons
  - stores energy
  - endergonic



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## **Overview of cellular respiration**

- 4 metabolic stages
  - Anaerobic respiration
    - 1. Glycolysis
      - respiration without O<sub>2</sub>
      - in cytosol
  - Aerobic respiration
    - respiration using O<sub>2</sub>
    - in mitochondria
    - 2. Pyruvate oxidation
    - 3. Krebs cycle
    - 4. Electron transport chain

 $C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2 \rightarrow ATP + 6H_2O + 6CO_2(+ heat)$ 





# And how do we do that?

H

H

H

H

H

H

H

#### ATP synthase enzyme

- H<sup>+</sup> flows through it
  - conformational changes
  - bond P<sub>i</sub> to ADP to make ATP
- set up a H<sup>+</sup> gradient
  - allow the H<sup>+</sup> to flow down concentration gradient through ATP synthase
  - ADP +  $P_i \rightarrow ATP$

#### **But...** How is the proton (H<sup>+</sup>) gradient formed?

Got to wait until the sequel! Got the Energy? Ask Questions! H

H

Ht

H

Ht

H

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