



FE 411  
FOOD BIOTECHNOLOGY

1-Biochemical Pathways

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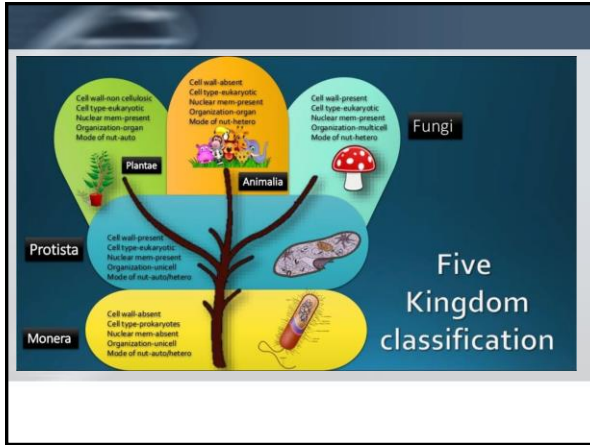
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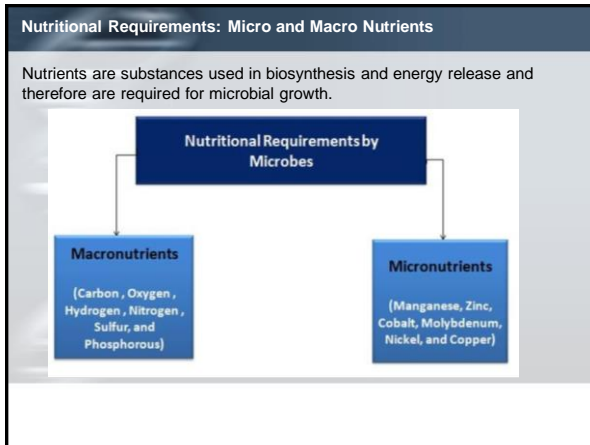




### Microbial Growth Conditions

1. Macronutrients
2. Micronutrients
3. Growth factors
4. Environmental factors: T, pH, Oxygen ....

Microorganism require some elements in large quantities, because they are used to construct carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and nucleic acids. Some other elements are needed in very small amounts and are parts of enzymes and cofactors.



### Micro and Macro Nutrients

- The microbial cell is made up of several elements such as carbon, oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, sulfur, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and iron. These are also known as **macro elements or macronutrients** because these elements are required in **high amounts** by the microbes. Among these, C, H, O, N, S, and P are the major elements required for carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids. Apart from these, the other macronutrients are found to have several biological functions. For example Potassium ions ( $K^+$ ) involved in the activity of several enzymes, Calcium ( $Ca^{2+}$ ) is an important element of bacterial endospores, Magnesium ( $Mg^{2+}$ ) involved as cofactors of different enzymes, etc.
- On the other hand, several other elements are also required by the microbes on a **small level** which are known as **microelements or micronutrients or traces elements**. These nutrients include manganese, zinc, cobalt, molybdenum, nickel, and copper. These are not essential elements for the growth of the microbes but these are involved in biological functions in several ways. For example, zinc ( $Zn^{2+}$ ) is present at the active site of several enzymes, manganese ( $Mn^{2+}$ ) involved in catalysis of the transfer of phosphate group, Mo ( $Mo^{2+}$ ) is essential for nitrogen fixation, etc.

## Nutritional Requirements and Classification

All biological systems, from microorganisms to man, share a set of nutritional requirements, which are:

### 1. Sources of energy:

- Phototrophs organisms** which are capable of employing radiant energy.
- Chemotrophs organisms** which obtain the energy for their activities and self-synthesis from chemical reactions that can occur in the dark.

### 2. Sources of carbon:

- Autotrophs organisms** which can thrive on an entirely inorganic diet, using CO<sub>2</sub> or carbonates as a sole source of carbon.
- Heterotrophs organisms** which cannot use CO<sub>2</sub> as a sole source of carbon but require, in addition to minerals, one or more organic substances, such as glucose or amino acids, as sources of carbon.

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### Sources of nitrogen:

Atmospheric nitrogen, inorganic nitrogen compounds, or other derived nitrogen.

### Sources of sulfur and phosphorus:

Elementary sulfur, inorganic sulfur, or organic sulfur.

### Sources of metallic elements:

Sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, manganese, iron, zinc, copper, and cobalt.

### 6. Sources of vitamins

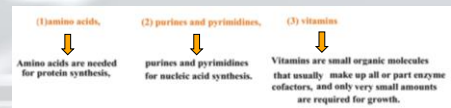
## Nutritional Classification

Nutritional classification- based on how microorganism satisfy Carbon, Energy & Electron

<b>Carbon source</b>	
Autotrophs	CO <sub>2</sub> sole or principal biosynthetic carbon source
Heterotrophs	Reduced, preformed, organic molecules from other organisms
<b>Energy Sources</b>	
Phototrophs	Light
Chemotrophs	Oxidation of organic or Inorganic compounds
<b>Electron Sources</b>	
Lithotrophs	Reduced inorganic molecules
Organotrophs	Organic molecules

## Growth Factors

- Most of the organisms are capable of producing enzymes required for biochemical pathways by the presence of nutrients; however, there are several organisms that lack specific enzymes required by the microbes. Therefore, they must obtain these constituents or their precursors from the environment. Organic compounds that are essential cell components or precursors of such components but cannot be synthesized by the organism are called growth factors.
- There are three major types of growth factors such as Amino acids, purines (adenine and guanine), and pyrimidines (thymine and cytosine) and Vitamins.



## Physical Conditions

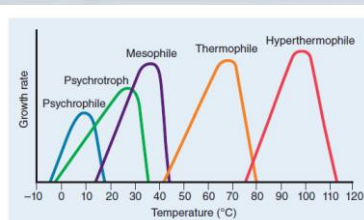
- After determining the proper nutrients for the cultivation of bacteria, it is necessary to determine the physical environment in which the organisms will grow best. Three major physical factors to be taken into consideration are **temperature**, the **gaseous environment**, and **pH**.

## Temperature requirements for growth of Microorganisms

All microorganisms are allocated to a specific group with respect to growth temperature.

- Obligate **psychrophiles** are defined as those organisms capable of growth at or near 0°C but not at 20°C. Such organisms usually have a maximum growth temperature of 15–17°C.
- **Psychrotrophic** organisms are capable of growth at or near 0°C but exhibit optimum growth at approximately 25°C and are frequently unable to grow at 30°C.
- **Mesophiles** exhibit growth from 20–45°C with an optimum growth temperature usually in the range of 30–35°C.
- **Thermophiles** exhibit growth in the range of 45–65°C.
- **Hyperthermophiles** are organisms from oceanic thermal vents and hot springs that are restricted to growth temperatures from 70–120°C. Hyperthermophiles have not yet been isolated from foods.

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**FIGURE 4.8** Temperature Requirements for Growth  
Microorganisms are commonly divided into five groups based on their optimum growth temperatures. This graph shows a typical example of each group. The optimum temperature, the point at which the growth rate is highest, is near the upper limit of the range.

## Physical Conditions

- The principal gases in the cultivation of bacteria are oxygen and carbon dioxide. There are four types of bacteria, according to their response to oxygen:

1. **Aerobic bacteria** grow in the presence of free oxygen.
2. **Anaerobic bacteria** grow in the absence of free oxygen.
3. **Facultatively anaerobic** bacteria grow in either the absence or the presence of free oxygen.
4. **Microaerophilic** bacteria grow in the presence of minute quantities of free oxygen.

### Classification according to their response to oxygen

The growth of bacteria with varying oxygen requirements in thioglycolate tubes is illustrated in Figure 7.10. In tube A, all the growth is seen at the top of the tube. The bacteria are **obligate (strict) aerobes** that cannot grow without an abundant supply of oxygen. Tube B looks like the opposite of tube A. Bacteria grow at the bottom of tube B. Those are **obligate anaerobes**, which are killed by oxygen. Tube C shows heavy growth at the top of the tube and growth throughout the tube, a typical result with **facultative anaerobes**. Facultative anaerobes are organisms that thrive in the presence of oxygen but also grow in its absence by relying on fermentation or anaerobic respiration. If there is a suitable electron acceptor other than oxygen and the organism is able to perform anaerobic respiration. The **aerotolerant anaerobes** in tube D are indifferent to the presence of oxygen. They do not use oxygen because they usually have a fermentative metabolism, but they are not harmed by the presence of oxygen as obligate anaerobes are. Tube E on the right shows a "Goldilocks" culture. The oxygen level has to be just right for growth, not too much and not too little. These **microaerophiles** are bacteria that require a minimum level of oxygen for growth, about 1%–10%, well below the 21% found in the atmosphere.

### PH

For most bacteria the optimum pH for growth **lies between 6.5 and 7.5**. Although a few bacteria can grow at the extremes of the pH range, for most species the minimum and maximum limits fall somewhere between pH 4 and pH 9.

### Common Pathways of Energy Metabolism for Bacterial, Fungal, and Animal Cells

**Catabolic pathways provide energy** for biosynthesis and in most instances also provide reducing equivalents for carbon reduction reactions.

There are three major groups of compounds that link anabolic and catabolic pathways:

- adenosine phosphates (**AMP, ADP, ATP**), which link energy yielding and energy requiring reactions;
- nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (**NAD, NADH**);
- nicotinamide dinucleotide phosphate (**NADP, NADPH**).

### How does ATP release energy?

- The bonds between phosphate groups can be broken by hydrolysis.
  - Hydrolysis of the end phosphate group forms adenosine diphosphate [ATP → ADP + P<sub>i</sub>] and releases 7.3 kcal of energy per mole of ATP under standard conditions.
  - ΔG is about -13 kcal/mol

(b) Hydrolysis of ATP

## Glycolysis and the Catabolism of Hexoses

The breakdown of glucose is central for energy and biosynthetic metabolism throughout all domains of life.

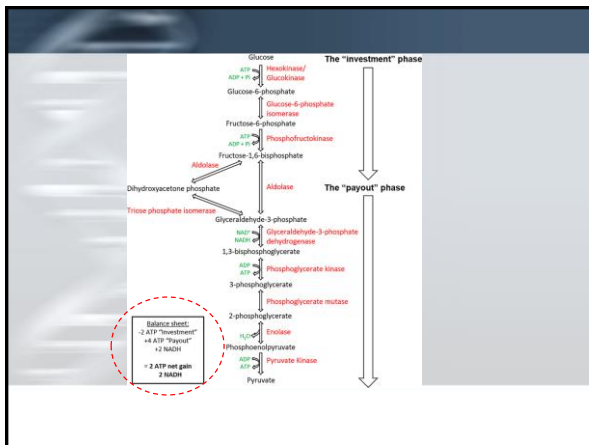
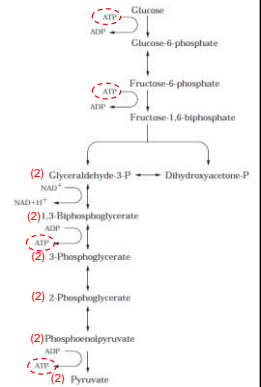
- **Glycolysis** is the metabolic pathway that converts glucose ( $C_6H_{12}O_6$ ) into pyruvate ( $CH_3COCOC_2H_5$ )
- The **free energy** released in this process is used to form high-energy molecules **adenosine triphosphate (ATP)** and **reduced nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NADH)**.
- The Embden–Meyerhof–Parnas (EMP) pathway (glycolysis) and the oxidative pentose phosphate (OPP) pathway are the **backbones of eukaryotic carbon and energy metabolism**. They generate ATP, NAD(P)H, and biosynthetic precursors for amino acids, nucleotides, and fatty acids.
- **Prokaryotes**, in contrast, exhibit a broad diversity in sugar oxidation pathways. These routes differ in ATP yield, in the enzymes and cofactors involved, and in the chemical intermediates of the pathways. The most common glycolytic routes in prokaryotes are the *Embden–Meyerhof–Parnas (EMP)*, *Entner–Doudoroff pathway (ED)*, and *oxidative pentose phosphate pathways (OPP)*

## Embden–Meyerhof–Parnas pathway

- EMP pathway is the other name of glycolysis. It is named after the three scientists Gustav Embden, Otto Meyerhof, and J. Parnas, who gave the scheme of glycolysis.
- It is the pathway of glucose catabolism. It occurs in the cytoplasm of all living cells, aerobic as well as anaerobic.
- EMP pathway or glycolysis is the primary step of cellular respiration. 1 mol Glucose is partially oxidised to 2 mol pyruvate in this process.

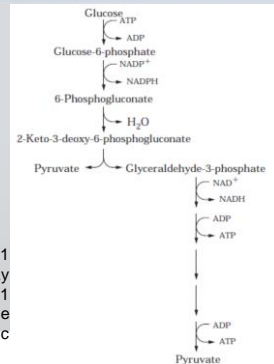
In aerobic organisms, it is converted into acetyl-CoA followed by the Krebs cycle for the complete oxidation of glucose to  $CO_2$  and water.

In anaerobic organisms, glycolysis is followed by fermentation to produce lactate.



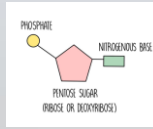
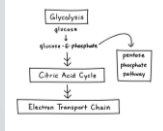
## Entner–Doudoroff (ED) pathway

- The Entner–Doudoroff (ED) pathway is present in a number of bacteria where it can be a major pathway of glucose **catabolism** under aerobic conditions.
- Glucose is degraded in the absence of phosphofructokinase to pyruvate and glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate. The latter can be degraded further to pyruvate by the enzymes of glycolysis.
- This pathway is less efficient. From 1 molecule of glucose, the ED pathway produces 1 molecule of **NADPH**, 1 molecule of **NADH/H<sup>+</sup>** and 1 molecule of **ATP** for use in cellular biosynthetic reactions.



### Pentose-phosphate pathway

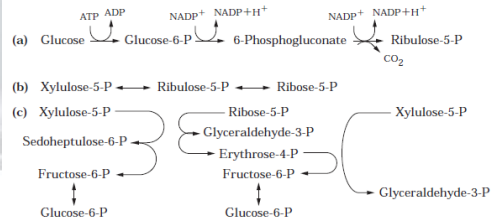
- The pentose phosphate is a metabolic pathway parallel to glycolysis. It generates NADPH and pentoses (5-carbon sugars) as well as **ribose 5-phosphate**, a precursor for the **synthesis of nucleotides that make up DNA and RNA**.



- While the pentose phosphate pathway does involve oxidation of glucose, its primary role is anabolic rather than catabolic. The pathway is especially important in red blood cells (erythrocytes).

### Pentose-phosphate pathway

- This pathway is divided into three parts:
  - An oxidative sequence of reactions in which glucose is converted to the five-carbon, ribulose-5-phosphate.
  - Epimerization and isomerization reactions in which the important nucleic acid precursor, ribose-5-phosphate is formed.
  - A nonoxidative sequence of transaldolase and transketolase reactions.



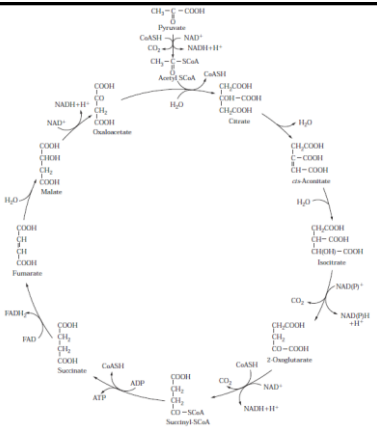
### Tricarboxylic acid cycle

- Tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle** also known as the **Krebs or citric acid cycle** is the main source of energy for cells and an important part of aerobic respiration. It operates in the mitochondria of eukaryotes.

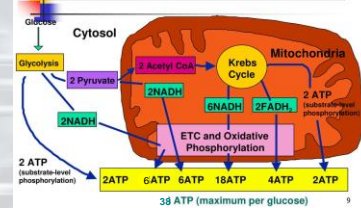
- It allows the **complete oxidation of pyruvate**, which enters the cycle from glycolysis.

- The reduced coenzymes are reoxidized via the electron transport chain.

- The complete aerobic metabolism of glucose via glycolysis and the TCA cycle yields between 30 and 38 mol ATP/mol glucose, depending on the extent of the coupling of phosphorylation in the electron transport chain.

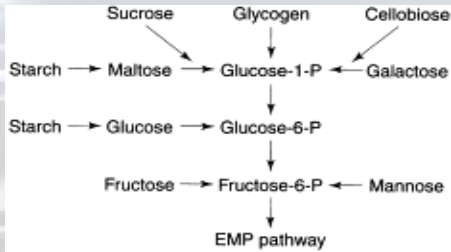


### Maximum ATP Yield for Cellular Respiration (Eukaryotes)





- Glucose is not the only carbohydrate that can be converted to pyruvate by glycolysis



### Anaerobic Breakdown of Carbohydrates

- The terms glycolysis and fermentation have been applied to the **anaerobic decomposition** of carbohydrate to the level of lactic acid.
- The final product in some organisms is lactic acid; in others, the lactic acid is further metabolized anaerobically to butyric acid, butyl alcohol, acetone and propionic acid.

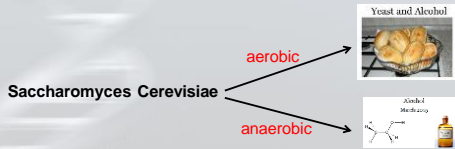
Fermentation is a general term denoting the anaerobic degradation of glucose or other organic nutrients into various products (characteristic for different organisms) to obtain energy in the form of ATP.

In a broader sense, **Food Fermentation** is **microbial activities usually anaerobic** in which a suitable **substrate** under controlled or non-controlled conditions results in the production of **desirable foods or beverages** which are characteristically **more-stable, palatable** and **nutritious** than raw substrate.

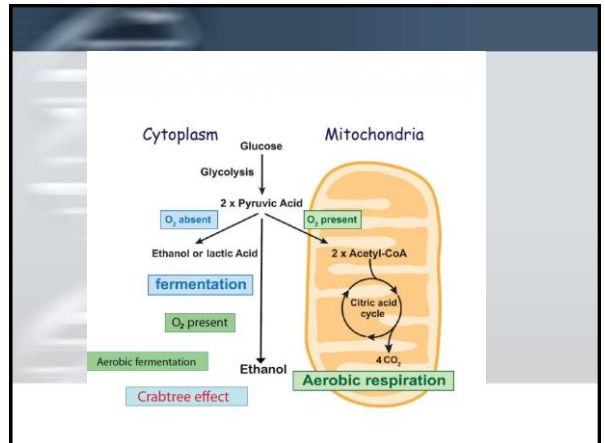
### Food Fermentation

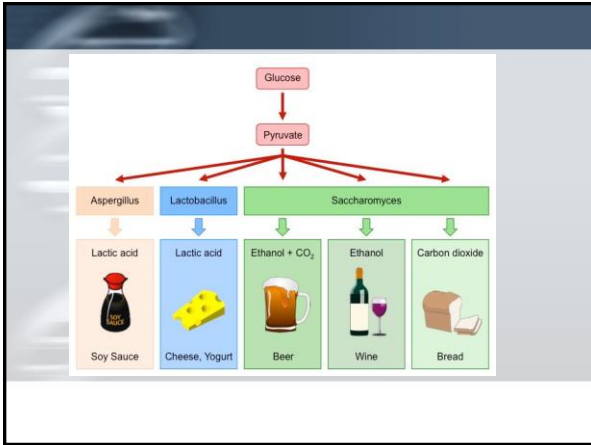
- In aerobic microbial activities the final electron acceptor is  $O_2$ .
- In anaerobic microbial activities final electron acceptor can be organic compounds.
- Food fermentations are generally an anaerobic fermentation.

Finally, fermented foods and beverages are defined as “foods made through desired microbial growth and enzymatic conversions of food components”



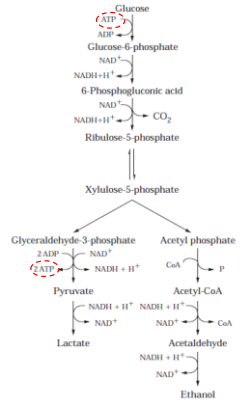
For thousands of years, people have used a fungus called baker's yeast, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, to ferment ethanol (drinking alcohol) and bake bread.





## Fermentation

- The pentose phosphoketolase (PPK) pathway is a major route of glucose catabolism in heterolactic or heterofermentative lactic acid-producing bacteria
- The heterofermentative lactic acid-producing bacteria typically produce equimolar amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> plus lactate and ethanol or acetate from the catabolism of glucose.
- The key enzyme is **phosphoketolase**, which degrades the five-carbon xylulose into a two-carbon, acetyl and three-carbon, glyceraldehyde.
- Lactate and ethanol are carbon products of the pathway.
- The net energy gain is 1 mol ATP/mol glucose utilized.



- Homofermentative bacteria are a type of lactic acid bacteria that produce only lactic acid as a primary by-product in glucose fermentation. In biochemistry, homofermentative bacteria convert glucose molecules into two lactic acid molecules.
- Heterofermentative bacteria are a type of lactic acid bacteria that produce ethanol/acetate and CO<sub>2</sub> in addition to lactic acid as by-products in glucose fermentation.

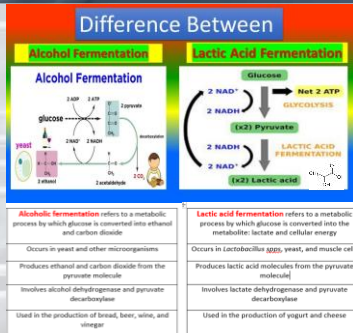
The two most common forms of fermentation are lactic and alcoholic.

## Lactic Fermentation

- A familiar fermentation product is lactic acid, which is derived from the reduction of pyruvate with NADH to lactate by **lactate dehydrogenase**. A further means of energy conservation observed in several homolactic fermenting organisms, but which is also found in other organisms, is the generation of a proton motive force in association with the excretion of lactic acid out of the cells via a secondary transport mechanism.

## Alcoholic Fermentation

- The formation of ethanol as the sole organic fermentation product is a two-step process. The first step is the decarboxylation of pyruvate to acetaldehyde plus  $\text{CO}_2$  by **pyruvate decarboxylase**. NAD is recycled in the next step, the NADH-dependent reduction of acetaldehyde by **alcohol dehydrogenase**. Organisms possessing **pyruvate decarboxylase** are capable of **producing ethanol as a major fermentation product**.



## Butanol/acetone fermentation

- This anaerobic metabolism is typical of the genus *Clostridium*. Various fermentation products are formed by reduction using NADH derived from glycolysis.
- The proportion of each product formed is dependent on the fermentation conditions.

