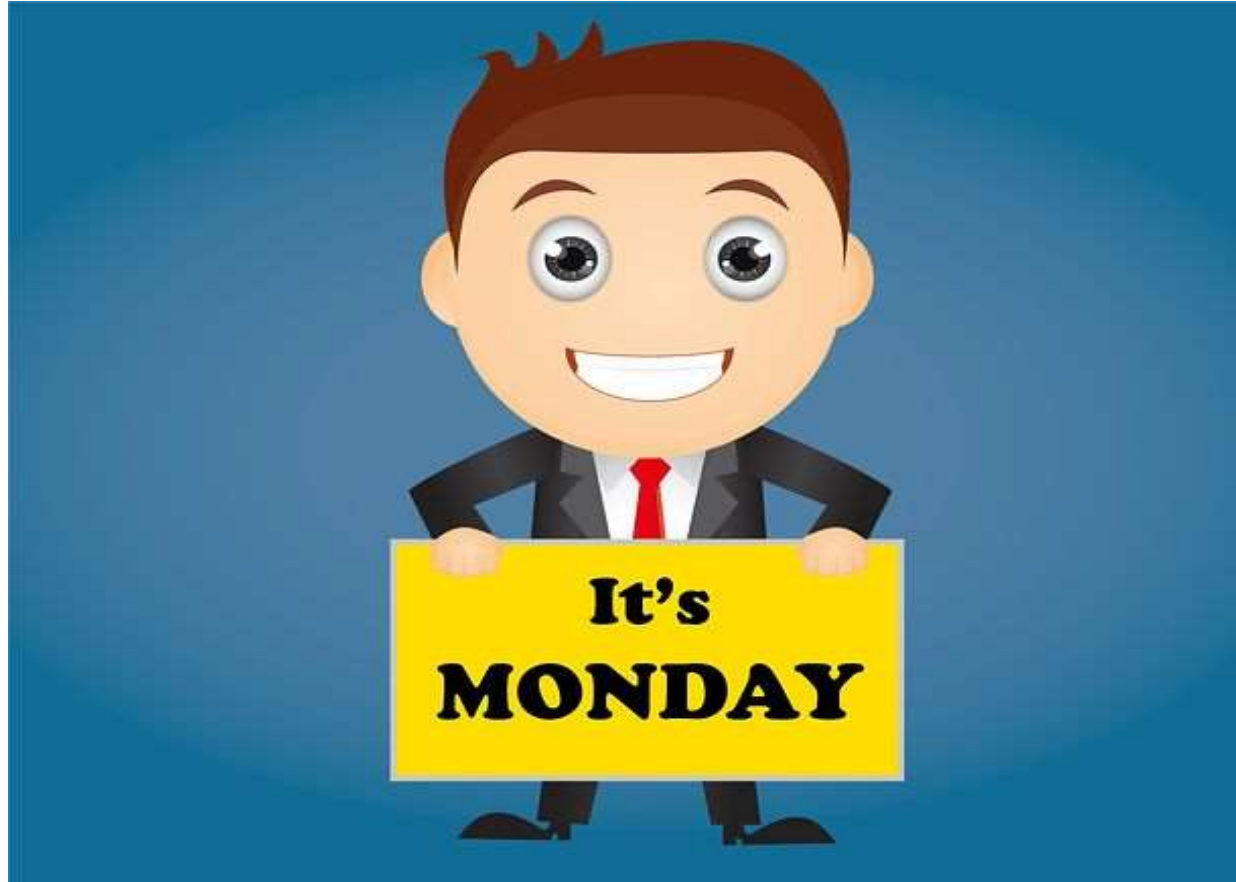


# Last week



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- Living organisms (domains, kingdoms, definition?)
- Cellular foundation: Structure and function of the cell (2 types)
- Chemical foundation: Biomolecules and building blocks

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# Typical Animal Cell

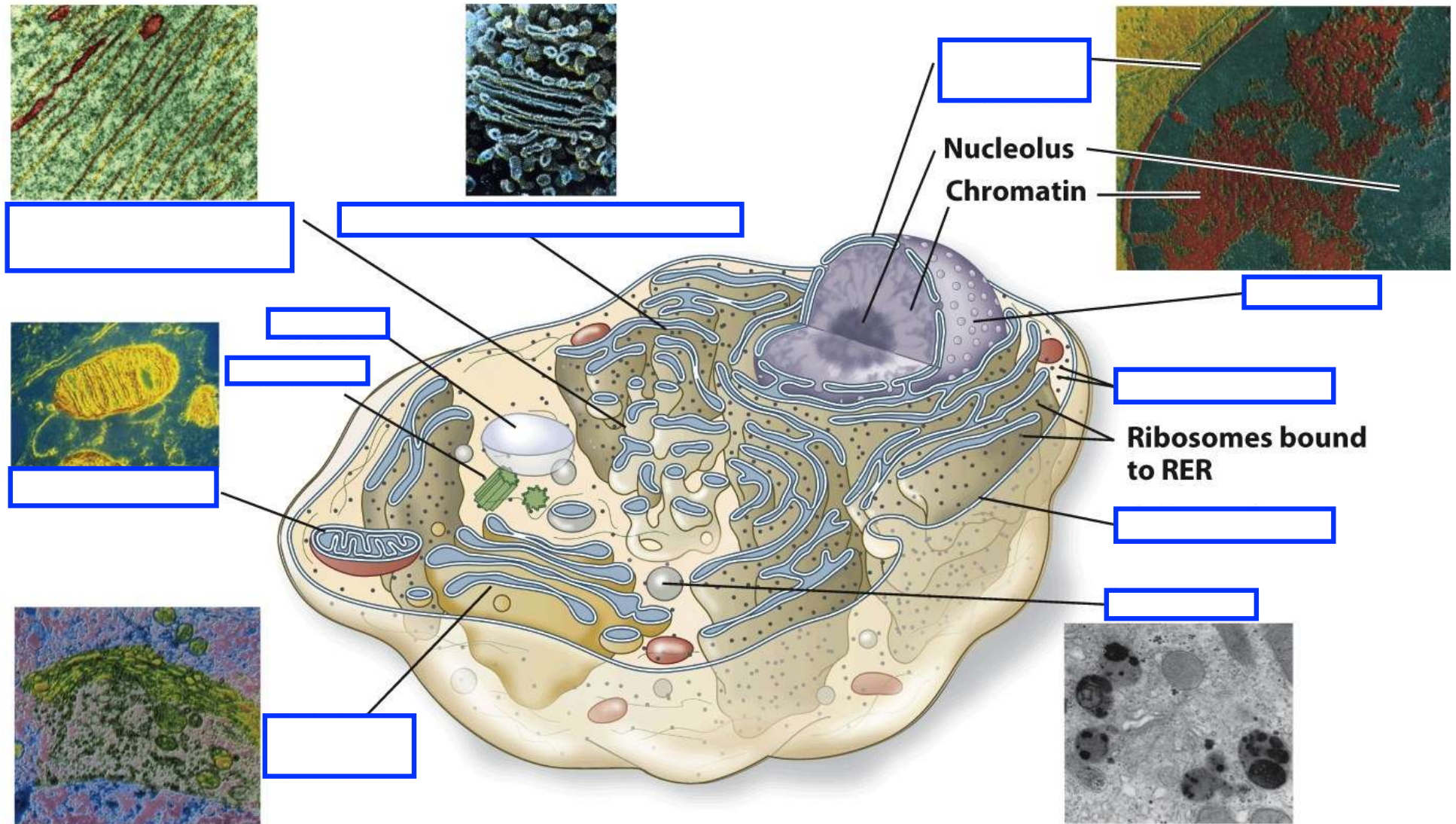


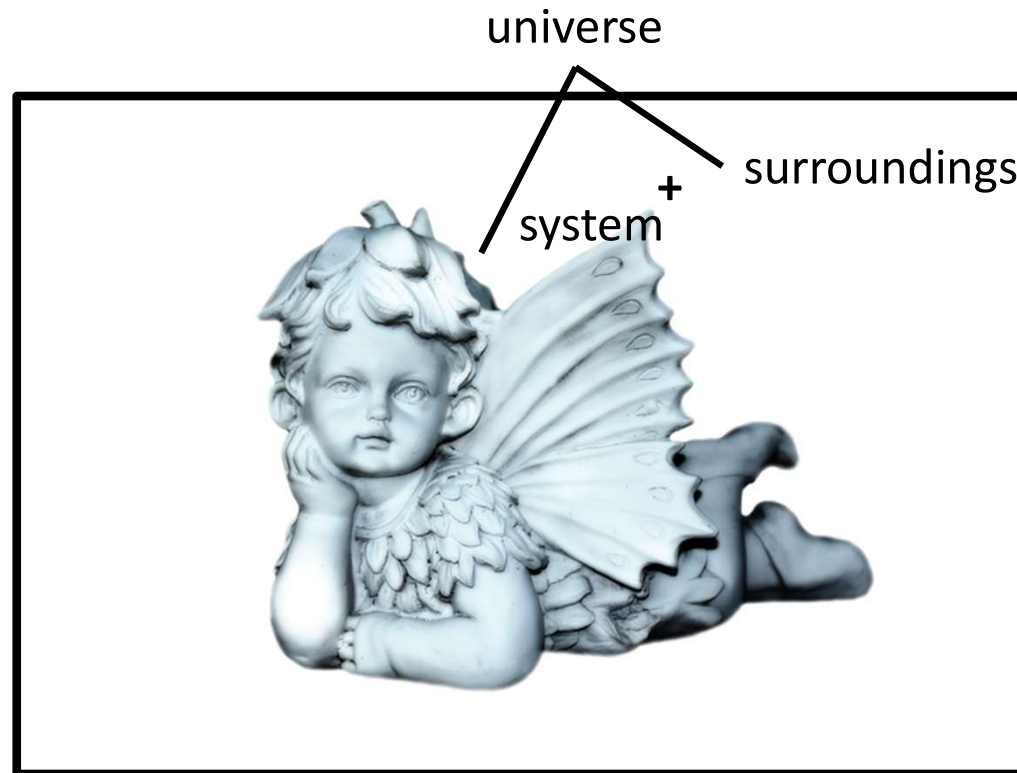
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# Physical Foundation: Thermodynamics

- Energy must be **conserved**, but it can take different forms.
- In most biochemical systems (under constant pressure), enthalpy is equivalent to **heat (H)**.
- Entropy, a measure of a system's disorder, tends to **increase (S)**.
- The free energy (**G**) change for a process is determined by **the change in enthalpy (H)** and **the change in entropy (S)**.
- A spontaneous process occurs with **a decrease in free energy**.
- Organisms are nonequilibrium, open systems that constantly exchange matter and energy with their surroundings.
- Enzymes increase the rates of thermodynamically favorable reactions.

# Thermodynamics: System + Surroundings = Universe



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the system + surroundings = universe

$$E_{\text{system}} + E_{\text{surroundings}} = E_{\text{universe}}$$

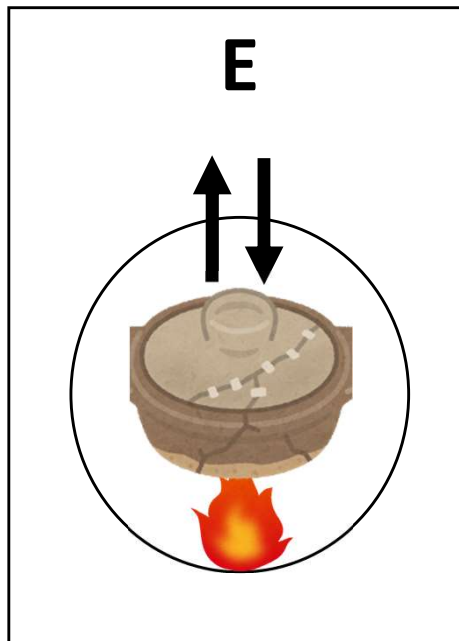
# Systems: Isolated, Closed and Open

Isolated



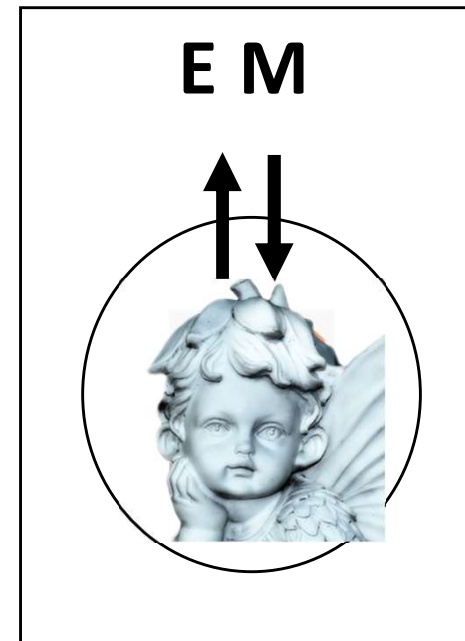
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Closed



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Open



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M: matter

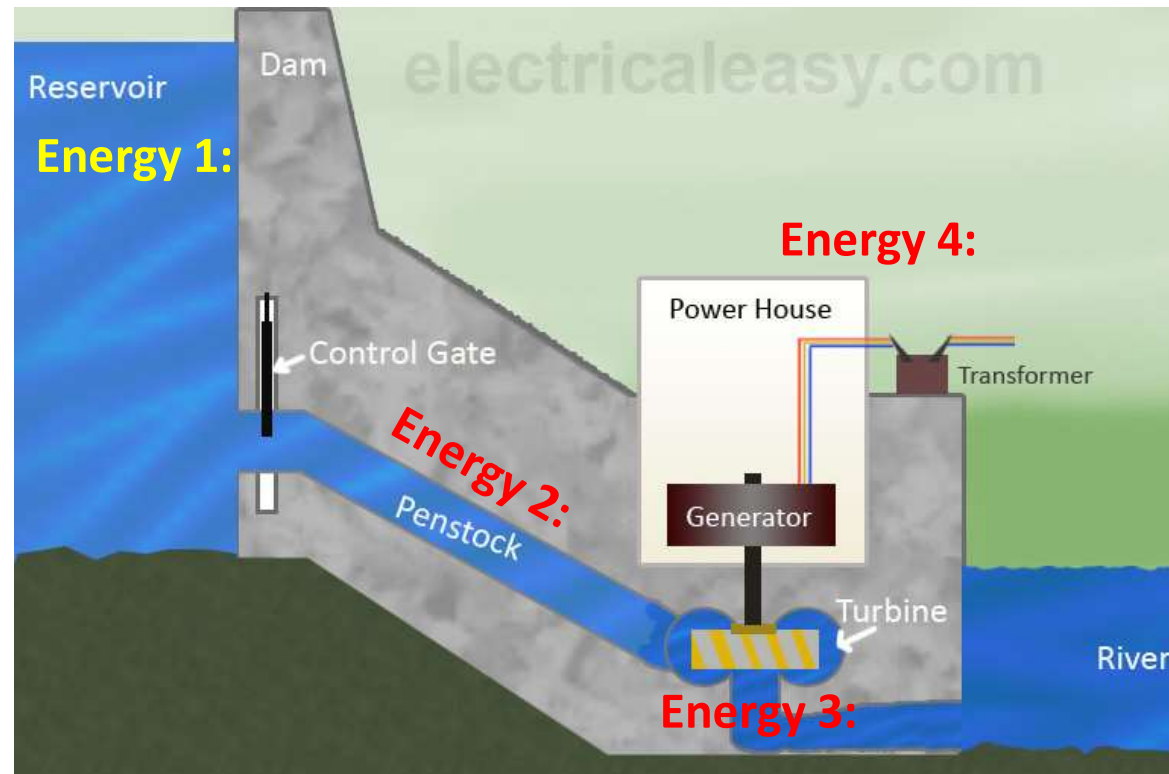


# The three laws of thermodynamics

## 1. Energy is conserved

- Energy:
- SI unit: **Joule** (the work to move an object a distance of 1 m against a force of 1 newton)
- 1 newton is the force needed to **accelerate** 1 kg of mass at the rate of  $1 \text{ m/sec}^2$  in the direction of the applied force.

<https://www.electricaleasy.com/2019/02/how-solar-and-hydropower-drive-electricity.html> 2019/06/03



different form  
of energy

# The three laws of thermodynamics:

## 2. Entropy increases



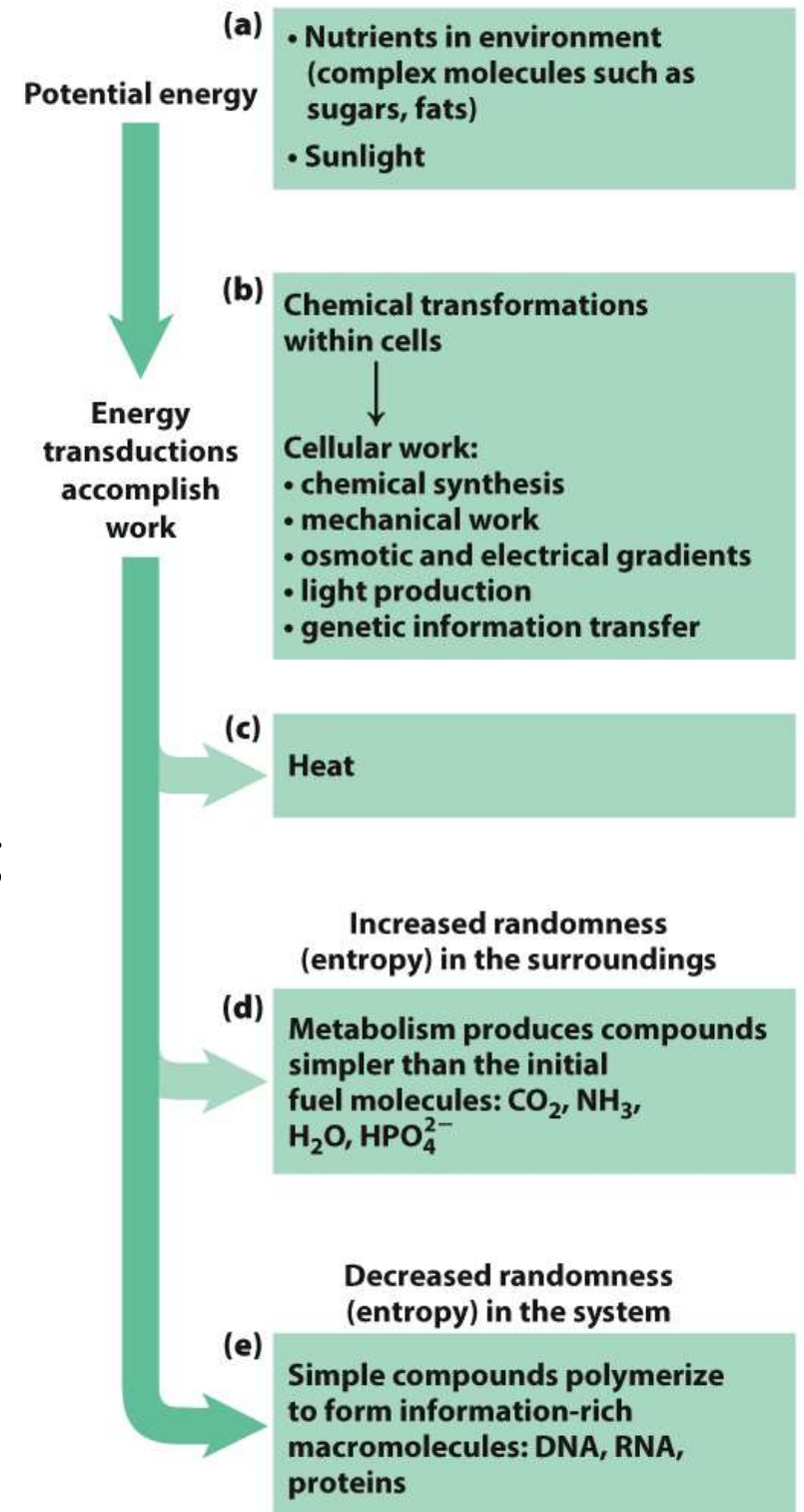
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# The three laws of thermodynamics:

## 3. At $T = 0 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$ , $S = C$

# Metabolism and Energy

- Living organisms exist in a dynamic steady state and are **never at equilibrium** with their surroundings.
- **Energy coupling** allows living organisms to transform matter into energy.
- **Biological catalysts** reduce energy requirement for reactions while offering specificity.
- As the entropy of the universe increases, creating and maintaining order requires **work and energy**.





# Spontaneity Depends on Enthalpy (H) & Entropy (S)

**Before (H1)**

**After (H2)**

hot coffee (70 °C)  $\xrightarrow{\text{blue}} \xleftarrow{\text{red}}$  cooled coffee (30 °C)



Where did 40 go?

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$$\underline{H_2 - H_1} > 0 ?$$

$$\underline{H_2 - H_1} < 0 ?$$



$$\Delta H < 0$$

**Before (S1)**

**After (S2)**

clean room (10)  $\xrightarrow{\text{blue}} \xleftarrow{\text{red}}$  dirty room (100)

$$\underline{S_2 - S_1} > 0 ?$$

$$\underline{S_2 - S_1} < 0 ?$$



$$\Delta S > 0$$

# Spontaneity Depends on Enthalpy (H) & Entropy (S)

**TABLE 1-4 Variation of Reaction Spontaneity (Sign of  $\Delta G$ ) with the Signs of  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta S$**

$\Delta H$	$\Delta S$	$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$
-	+	The reaction is both enthalpically favored (exothermic) and entropically favored. It is spontaneous (exergonic) at all temperatures.
-	-	The reaction is enthalpically favored but entropically opposed. It is spontaneous only at temperatures <i>below</i> $T = \Delta H/\Delta S$ .
+	+	The reaction is enthalpically opposed (endothermic) but entropically favored. It is spontaneous only at temperatures <i>above</i> $T = \Delta H/\Delta S$ .
+	-	The reaction is both enthalpically and entropically opposed. It is nonspontaneous (endergonic) at all temperatures.

$$\Delta G^\circ$$

## Measure Spontaneity of a Reaction

Gibbs free energy (G): Energy a system contains:

$$G = H - TS$$

At constant temperature;

$$G_1 = H_1 - TS_2 \text{ (before)} \quad G_2 = H_2 - TS_2 \text{ (after)}$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

To happen spontaneously  $\Delta G < 0$

## Sample Calculation 1-1

The enthalpy and entropy of the initial and final states of a reacting system are shown in the table.

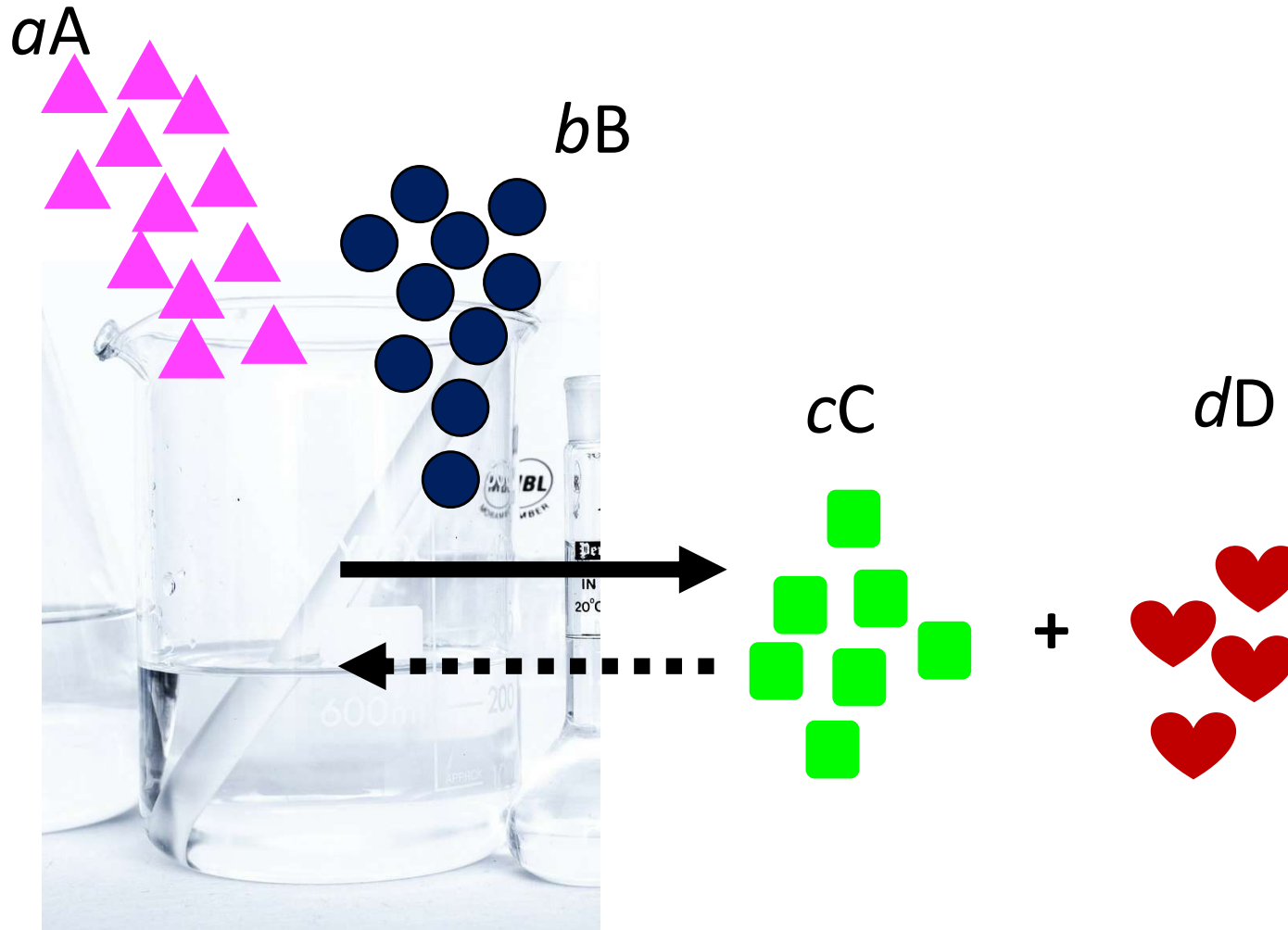
	H (J . mol <sup>-1</sup> )	S (J . K <sup>-1</sup> . mol <sup>-1</sup> )
Initial state (before reaction)	54,000	22
Final state (after reaction)	60,000	43

Q1: Calculate the change in enthalpy and change in entropy for the reaction.

Q2: Calculate the change in free energy for the reaction when the temperature is 4 °C. Is the reaction spontaneous?

Q3: Is the reaction spontaneous at 37 °C?

# Equilibrium Constant

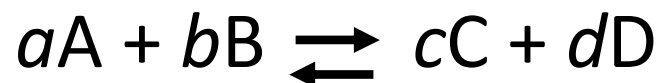


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## Equilibrium constants and $\Delta G$

$a$  moles of A react with  $b$  moles of B to produce  $c$  moles of C and  $d$  moles of D



$$K_{eq} = \frac{[C]_{eq}^c [D]_{eq}^d}{[A]_{eq}^a [B]_{eq}^b}$$

$[A]_{eq}$ : the concentration of A,

$[B]_{eq}$ : the concentration of B,

$[C]_{eq}$ : the concentration of C,

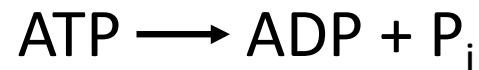
$[D]_{eq}$ : the concentration of D,

When the system has reached equilibrium

## Example 1-1

Are ATP and ADP at Equilibrium in Cells?

The equilibrium constant,  $K_{eq}$ , for the following reaction is  $2 \times 10^5$  :



If the measured cellular concentrations are

$$[\text{ATP}] = 5 \text{ mM}$$

$$[\text{ADP}] = 0.5 \text{ mM}$$

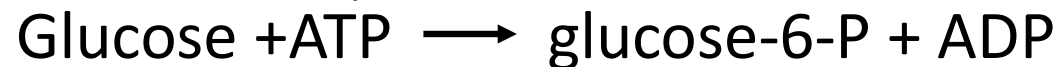
$$[\text{P}_i] = 5 \text{ mM},$$

is this reaction at equilibrium in living cells?

## Example 1-2

Is the Hexokinase reaction at Equilibrium in Cells?

The equilibrium constant,  $K_{eq}$ , for the following reaction is  $7.8 \times 10^2$  :



In living *E. coli* cells,

[ATP] = 5 mM

[ADP] = 0.5 mM

[glucose] = 2 mM

[glucose 6-P] = 1 mM

is this reaction at equilibrium in *E. coli*?

# Equilibrium and $\Delta G^\circ$

R = gas constant  
T = absolute Temp

Equilibrium constant: the reactants and products are at equilibrium – experimentally measurable

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{eq}$$

$\Delta G^\circ$ :

- Standard free energy change
- Thermodynamic constant characteristic of each reaction

**The relationship between  $\Delta G^\circ$  and  $K_{eq}$**

When  $K_{eq} \gg 1$  ( $=\ln > 0$ ),  $\Delta G^\circ$  is large and negative.

When  $K_{eq} \ll 1$  ( $=\ln < 0$ ),  $\Delta G^\circ$  is large and positive.

# How to Speed Reactions Up

## Higher temperatures

- stability of macromolecules is limiting

## Higher concentration of reactants

- costly, as more valuable starting material is needed

## Changing the reaction by coupling to a fast one

- universally used by living organisms

## Lower activation barrier by catalysis

- universally used by living organisms



# Unfavorable and Favorable Reactions

- Synthesis of complex molecules and many other metabolic reactions requires energy (endergonic).
  - A reaction might be thermodynamically unfavorable ( $\Delta G^{\circ} > 0$ ).
    - Creating order requires work and energy.
  - A metabolic reaction might have too high an energy barrier ( $\Delta G^{\ddagger} > 0$ ).
    - Metabolite is kinetically stable.
- The breakdown of some metabolites releases a significant amount of energy (exergonic).
  - Such metabolites (ATP, NADH, NADPH) can be synthesized using the energy from sunlight and fuels.
  - Their cellular concentration is far higher than their equilibrium concentration.

# Energy Coupling

- Chemical coupling of exergonic and endergonic reactions allows otherwise unfavorable reactions.
- The “high-energy” molecule (ATP) reacts directly with the metabolite that needs “activation.”

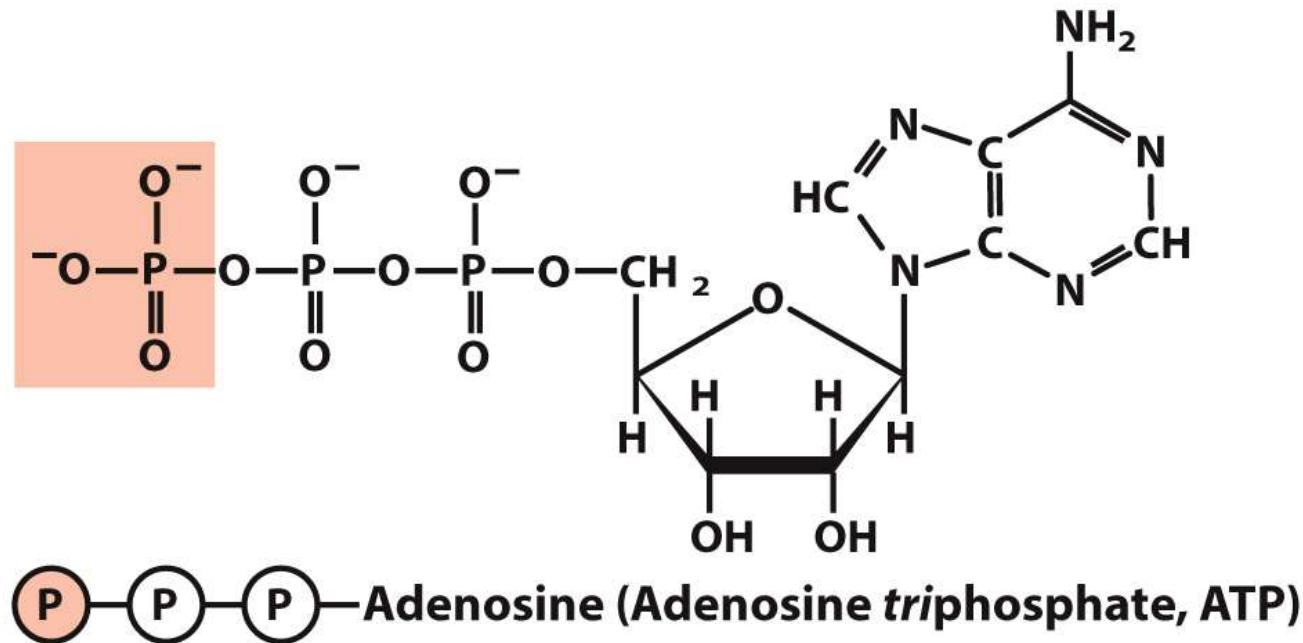


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# Chemical example

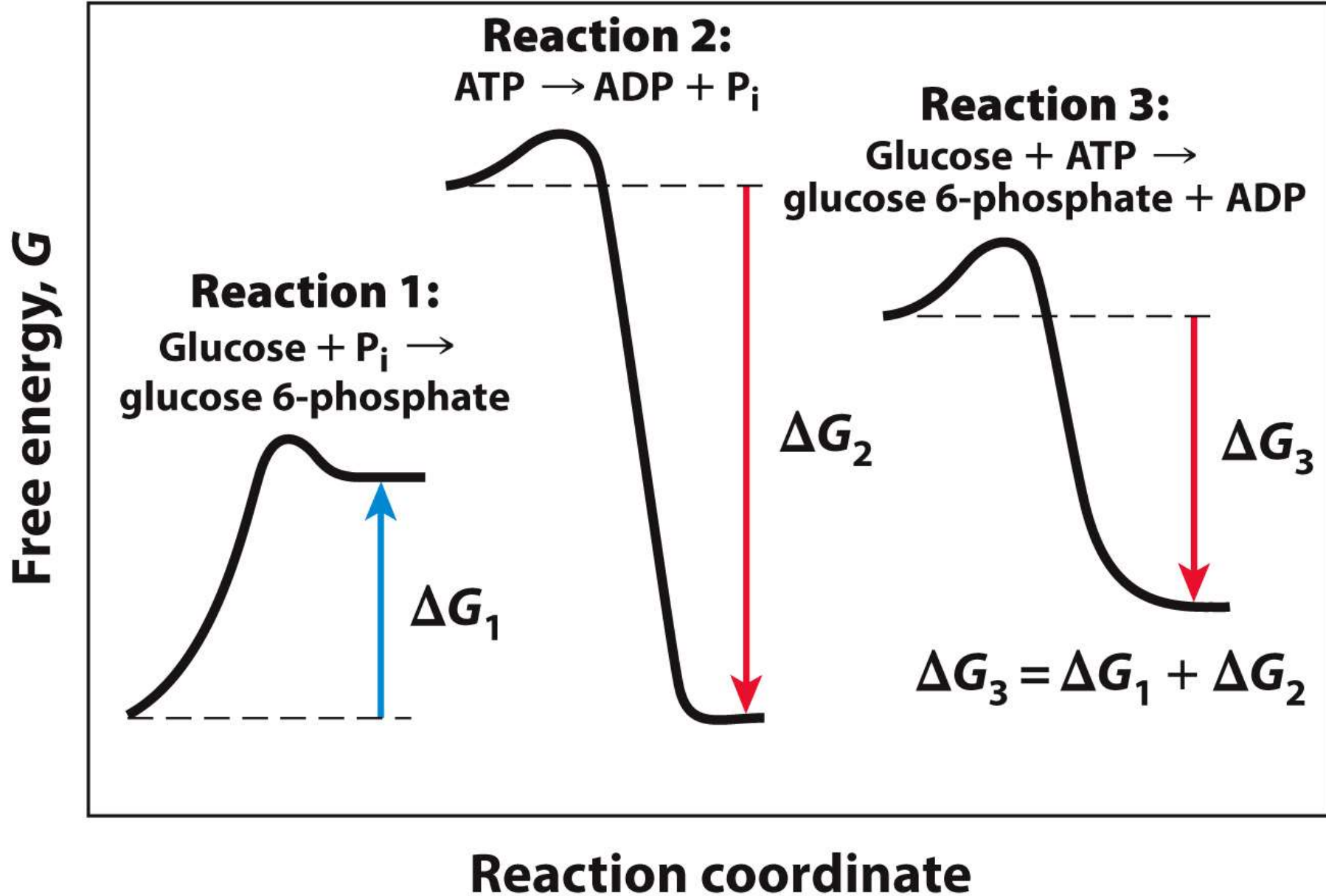


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# Catalysis

- A catalyst is a compound that increases the rate of a chemical reaction.
- Catalysts lower the activation free energy  $\Delta G^\ddagger$ .
- Catalysts do not alter  $\Delta G^\circ$ .
- Enzymatic catalysis offers:
  - acceleration under mild conditions
  - high specificity
  - possibility for regulation

# Enzymes Lower the Activation Energy to Increase the Reaction Rate

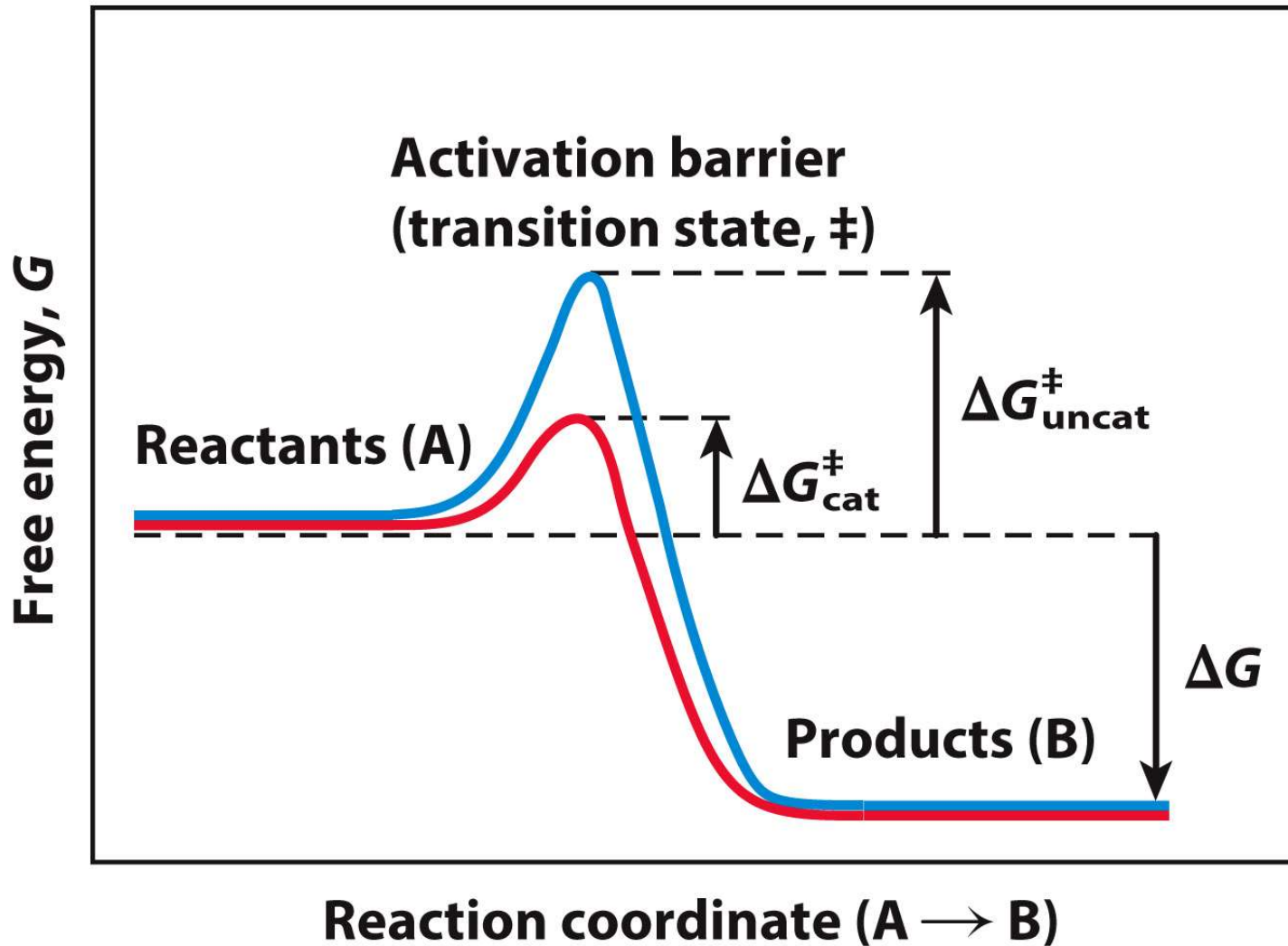


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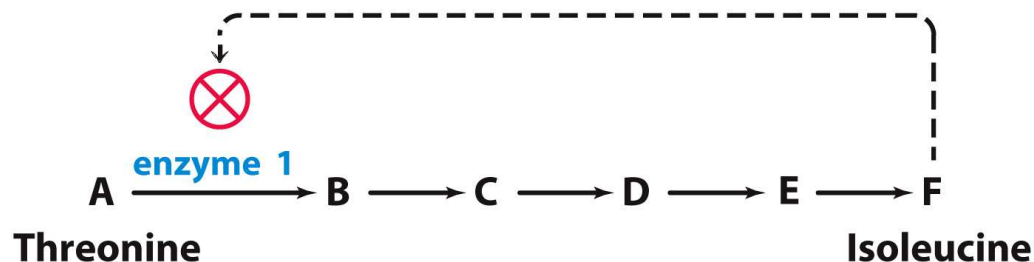
# Series of Related Enzymatically Catalyzed Reactions Forms a Pathway



Metabolic pathway: produces energy or valuable materials

Signal transduction pathway: transmits information

## Pathways Are Controlled in Order to Regulate Levels of Metabolites



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Example of a negative regulation: Product of **enzyme 5** inhibits **enzyme 1** to prevent wasteful excess products.

# Summary

- Three laws of thermodynamics (1, 2)
- Why is this important?
- Is a living organism at equilibrium with surrounding?
- What is  $\Delta G$ ?
- What is an equilibrium constant?
- What is  $\Delta G^\circ$ ?
- What is chemical coupling?
- Enzymes function as catalysts. How?