#### Anabolism

- synthesis of complex molecules and cellular structures
- turnover
  - continual degradation and resynthesis of cellular constituents
- rate of biosynthesis approximately balanced by rate of catabolism
- requires much energy



Cell Constituent	Number of Molecules per Cell <sup>a</sup>	Molecules Synthesized per Second	Molecules of ATP Required per Second for Synthesis
DNA	1 <sup>b</sup>	0.00083	60,000
RNA	15,000	12.5	75,000
Polysaccharides	39,000	32.5	65,000
Lipids	15,000,000	12,500.0	87,000
Proteins	1,700,000	1,400.0	2,120,000

#### Table 10.1 Biosynthesis in Escherichia coli

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<sup>a</sup>Estimates for a cell with a volume of 2.25  $\mu$ m<sup>3</sup>, a total weight of 1 × 10<sup>-12</sup>g, a dry weight of 2.5 × 10<sup>-13</sup>g, and a 20 minute cell division cycle.

<sup>b</sup>It should be noted that bacteria can contain multiple copies of their genomic DNA.

### Principles Governing Biosynthesis

- macromolecules are synthesized from limited number of simple structural units (monomers)
  - saves genetic storage capacity, biosynthetic raw material, and energy
- many enzymes used for both catabolism and anabolism
  - saves materials and energy

### More principles...

- catabolic and anabolic pathways are not identical, despite sharing many enzymes
  - permits independent regulation



#### More principles...

- breakdown of ATP coupled to certain reactions in biosynthetic pathways
  - drives the biosynthetic reaction to completion
- in eucaryotes, anabolic and catabolic reactions located in separate compartments
  - allows pathways to operate simultaneously but independently

#### More principles...

- catabolic and anabolic pathways use different cofactors
  - catabolism produces NADH
  - NADPH used as electron donor for anabolism
- large assemblies (e.g., ribosomes) form spontaneously from macromolecules by self-assembly

## Calvin cycle

- in eucaryotes, occurs in stroma of chloroplast
- in cyanobacteria, some nitrifying bacteria, and thiobacilli, may occur in carboxysomes
  - inclusion bodies that contain ribulose-1,5bisphosphate carboxylase (rubisco)
- consists of 3 phases

#### The Carboxylation Phase

 rubisco catalyzes addition of CO<sub>2</sub> to ribulose-1,5bisphosphate (RuBP), forming 2 molecules of 3phosphoglycerate



#### **The Reduction Phase**

 3-phosphoglycerate reduced to glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate



#### The Regeneration Phase

- RuBP regenerated
- carbohydrates

   (e.g., fructose
   and glucose) are
   produced



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#### Summary

## 6CO<sub>2</sub> + 18ATP + 12NADPH + 12H<sup>+</sup> + 12H<sub>2</sub>O

glucose +  $18ADP + 18P_i + 12NADP^+$ 

# Synthesis of Sugars and Polysaccharides

- gluconeogenesis
  - used to synthesize glucose and fructose from noncarbohydrate precursors
- sugar nucleoside diphosphates
  - important in synthesis of other sugars, polysaccharides, and bacterial cell walls

### Gluconeogenesis

- generates glucose and fructose
   most other sugars made from them
- functional reversal of glycolysis
  - 7 enzymes shared
  - 4 enzymes are unique to gluconeogenesis



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## Anaplerotic CO<sub>2</sub> fixation

phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxylase: PEP +  $CO_2 \rightarrow$ oxaloacetate



pyruvate carboxylase: pyruvate +  $CO_2 \rightarrow$ oxaloacetate