



ENERGY

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ISSUES TO BE COVERED

- Energy processes
- Energy requirements
- Energy in the diet
- Measurement of energy expenditure
- Energy balance
 - undernutrition
 - overnutrition

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IRISH HUNGER STRIKERS 1981



Sands
5 May 81
66 days



Hughes
12 May 81
59 days



O'Hara
21 May 81
61 days



McCreesh
21 May 81
61 days



McDonnell
8 July 81
61 days



Hurson
13 July 81
46 days



Lynch
1 Aug 81
71 days



Doherty
2 Aug 81
73 days



McElwee
8 Aug 81
62 days



Devine
20 Aug 81
60 days



FORMS OF ENERGY

- Solar
- Chemical
- Mechanical
- Electrical
- Thermal

Glandular
Function
(hormones)

Circulatory
Function

Nutrient
Absorption

Energy

Synthesis of
New Tissues

Neural
Transmission

Muscle
Contraction



First Law of Thermodynamics

- Fundamental biological principle—energy is not produced, consumed, or used up. It is merely transformed from one form into another
- This Law illustrates the principle of the *Conservation of Energy*



Energy = Energy = Energy

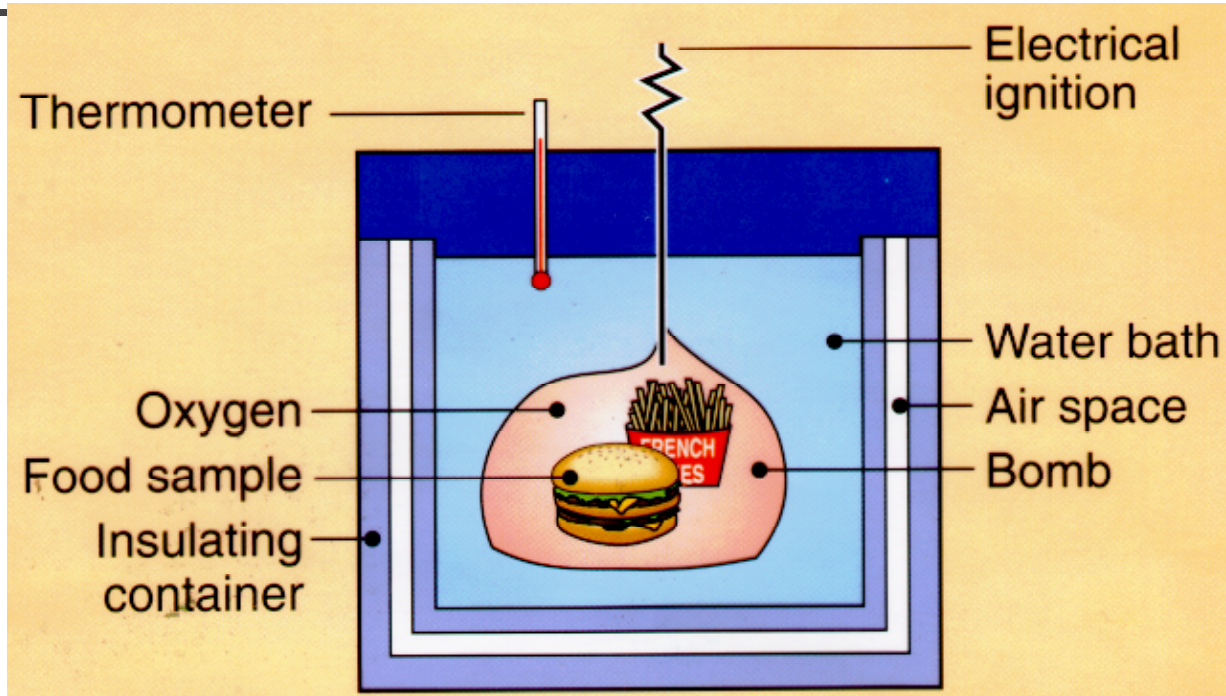
- All forms of biological work are powered by the direct *transfer* of chemical energy
- Chemical energy ->
 - mechanical work (muscle contraction)
 - electrical work (ionic gradients)
 - chemical work (synthesis of new molecules)
 - Thermal energy (dissipation of heat)



Food Is a Source of Chemical Energy

- Macronutrients in food can be broken down to liberate energy
- Not all energy in food available to body
 - Not all absorbed
 - Not completely metabolised (urea)
 - Inefficiencies in processing and storage

Bomb Calorimeter



What Is A Joule or a Calorie?

A Joule or a Calorie Is A Measure Of Energy For Both Food And Physical Activity

Definitions:

A Calorie is the Amount of Heat Required to increase 1 kg of Water by 1 Degree Centigrade (use kcal)

A joule is the energy used when 1kg is moved 1m by a force of 1 newton (use kj)

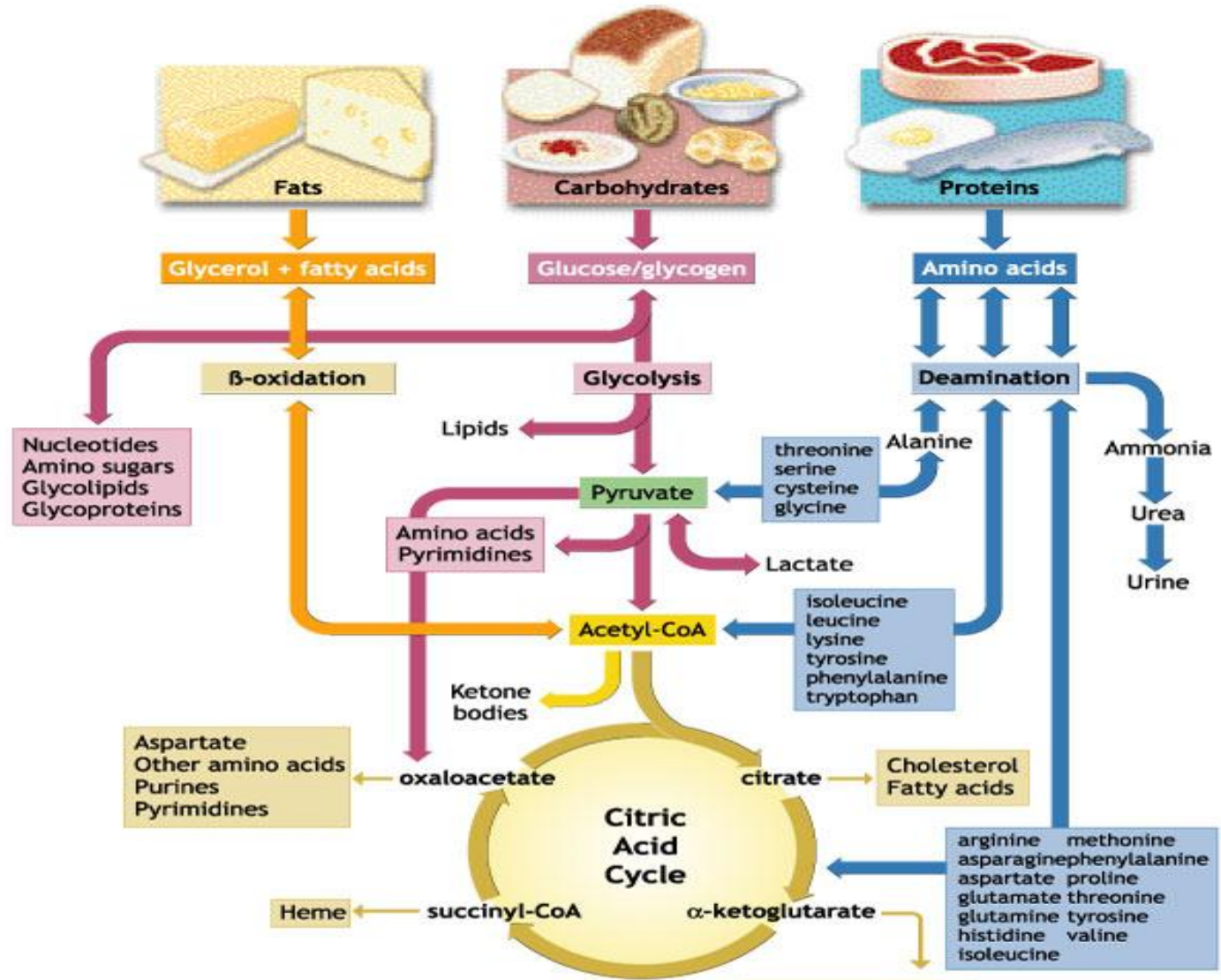
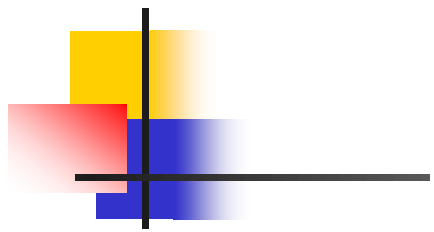
$$1 \text{ calorie (kcal)} = 4.184 \text{ kj}$$

Energy In Food

**Bomb
Calorimeter**

**Net Value
to Body**

CHO:	17.5	—————→	17.3 kj/g
FAT	39.1	—————→	37.1 kj/g
PROTEIN	22.9	—————→	15.9kj/g
	(UREA)	↓	
Alcohol	29.8	—————→	29.8 kj/g
Fibre	?	—————→	* 4 KJ/g

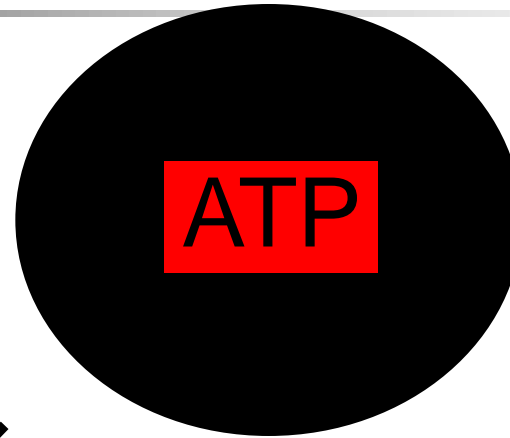


The Metabolic Mill

Predominant interconversions

- Carbohydrates** → Fats or nonessential amino acids
- Fats** → Nonessential amino acids
- Proteins** → Carbohydrates or fats

The "Energy Currency"



1 Adenosine

(Adenine + Ribose)

+

3 Phosphates

(Phosphorus + Oxygen)



ATP Hydrolysis





Cellular energy stores

- ATP
- Creatine phosphate
- Glycogen
- Triglycerides

Measurement of energy expenditure

Direct Calorimetry

Measure heat production in an airtight Chamber/suit

Indirect Calorimetry

Measure oxygen uptake, carbon dioxide production

1. Open-circuit: inhale ambient air.
Spirometers, meteorological balloons, computer interfaced,
2. Closed-circuit: inhale and exhale from tank



Principles of indirect calorimetry

- Food + O₂ -> heat + CO₂ + H₂O
 - $EE(kj) = 16.318VO_2 + 4.628VCO_2 - 9.079N(g)$
 - Respiratory Quotient can be assessed
 - ** Sealed chamber – all food entering and waste leaving is measured
 - **Urinary N measured
- ** - whole body chambers



Respiratory Quotient (RQ)

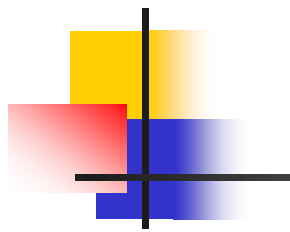
- Ratio of V_{CO_2}/V_{O_2}
- Guide to the mixture of nutrients being oxidised
- RQ Fat – 0.7, Protein- 0.81, CHO – 1.0
alcohol – 0.66
- Avoid alcohol and calculate protein metabolism from urinary N allow estimation of diet composition



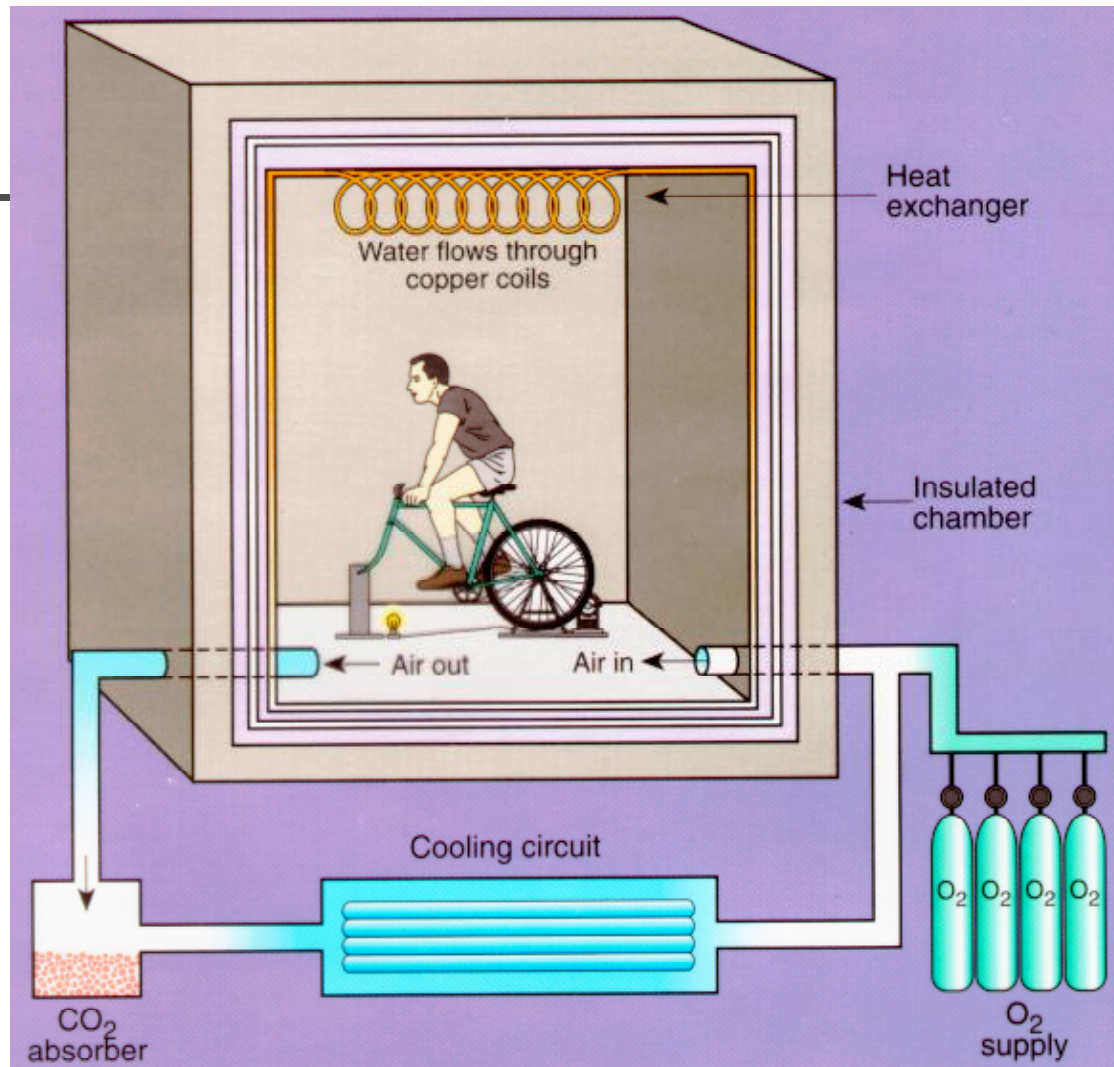
Equipment for indirect calorimetry

- Douglas bag
- Respirometer
- Ventilated hood
- Whole body chamber

Oxygen Uptake Measurements



Human Calorimeter





Non-calorimetric estimation of energy expenditure

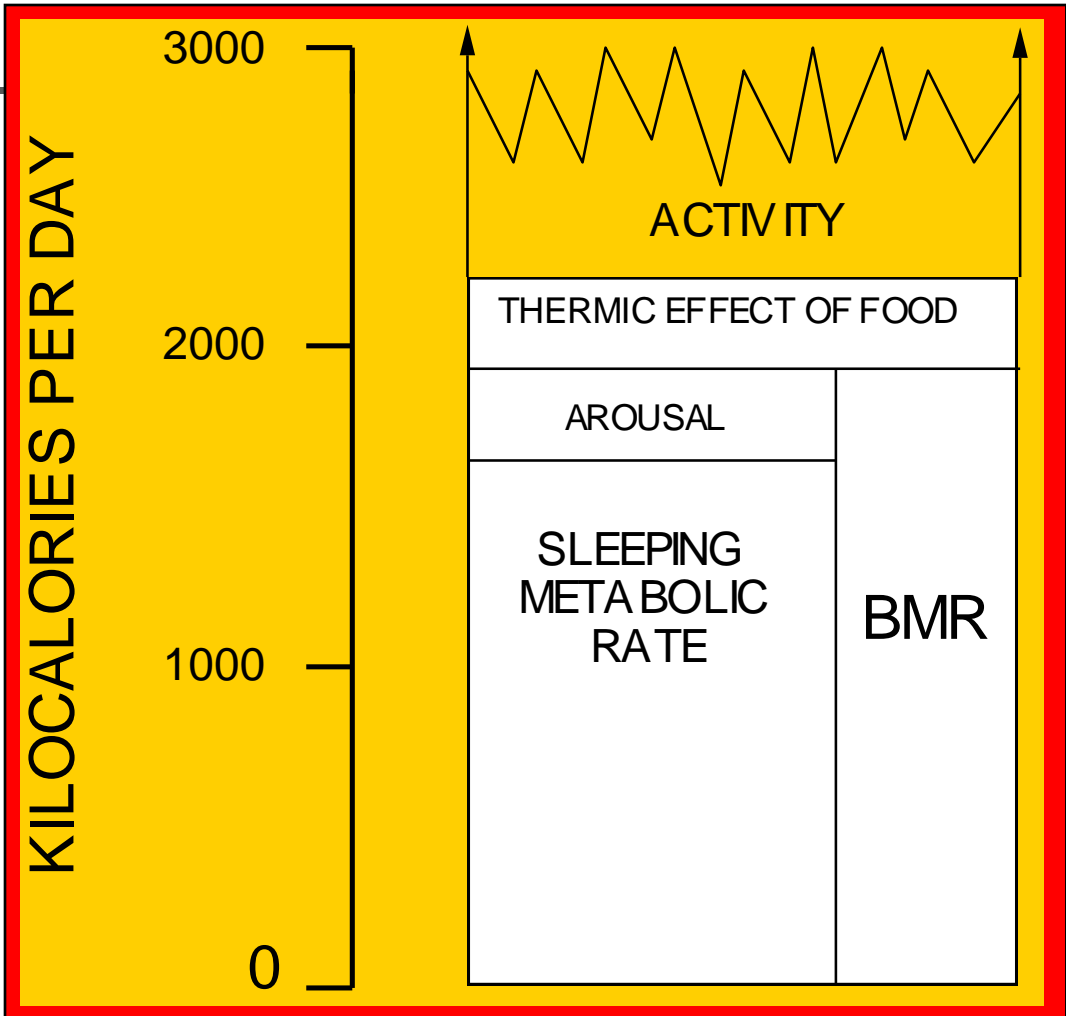
- Heart rate
- Doubly-labelled water
- Measures of physical activity
questionnaires
movement monitors



Components of energy expenditure

- **Basal metabolic rate**
Energy required to sustain essential metabolic functions (including growth)
- **Thermic effect of food**
Obligatory
Facultative
- **Physical activity**

Components Of Daily Energy Expenditure



15%+

10-15%

60-70%



Basal Metabolic Rate

Gender

Metabolic Changes

Age

Percent Fat
vs. Muscle

Height,
Weight

Surface
Area

Climate

Hormones

Drugs

Approximate BMR (ages 20 to 40 years):

Women = 35 kcal/m²/hour

Men = 38 kcal/m²/hour



Thermic effect of food

- Energy cost for
 - absorption
 - metabolism
 - storage
- Can vary with
 - type and composition of food
 - Autonomic nervous system activity
 - futile cycles -> heat
- Also known as “diet induced thermogenesis” DIT



Estimating energy requirement

- Calculate energy intake
very imprecise due to technical problems with measuring intake and under-reporting
- Estimate BMR and level of physical activity
Prediction equations for BMR and estimate level of physical activity
- Measure BMR by indirect calorimetry and apply estimate of physical activity



Estimating physical activity

- MET (Metabolic Equivalent Task) Factor estimates intensity of a single activity as a multiple of BMR
- PAL (Physical Activity Level) Factor estimates the total daily physical activity as a multiple of BMR



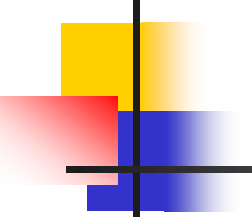
MET associated with certain activities

Activity	Description	MET
Walking	moderate pace	3.2
Cycling	Leisure medium pace	7
Walking up stairs	Usual pace	8
gardening	Moderate intensity	4
Shovelling snow	Medium-Heavy labour	6



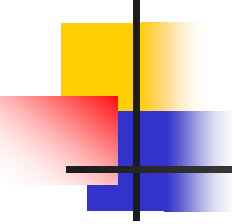
Daily energy expenditure as multiples of BMR (PAL)

	Males	females
Activity level	Average	Average
Bed rest	1.2	1.2
Very sedentary	1.3	1.3
Sedentary/maintenance	1.4	1.4
Light	1.5	1 * 5
Light-moderate	1.7	1.6
moderate	1.8	1.7
Heavy	2.1	1.8
Very heavy	2.3	2.0



Equations for estimating basal metabolic rate (BMR) in MJ/day

Age group	Equation
Males	
10-18	$0.074wt + 2.754$
18-30	$0.063wt + 2.896$
30-W	$0.048wt + 3.653$
over 60	$0.049wt + 2.459$
Females	
10-18	$0.056wt + 2.898$
18-30	$0.062wt + 2.036$
30-W	$0.034wt + 3.538$
Over 60	$0.038wt + 2.755$



Recommended energy intakes for adults (MJ/day)

18-30 years		Males	Females
Height (cm)	Weight (kg)		
150	50.6		7.2-8.3
160	57.6	9.1-10.4	7.9-9.0
170	65.0	9.8-11.2	8.3-9.7
180	72.9	10.5-12.0	9.2-10.5
190	81.2	11.2-12.8	9.9-11.3
200	90.0	12.0-13.7	



Classifying Activities By Energy Sources

Anaerobic

- Brief actions
- High intensity
- Glycolysis
- 5% of ATP

Aerobic

- Endurance
- Lower intensity
- Krebs cycle
- > 90% of ATP



Aerobic vs Anaerobic

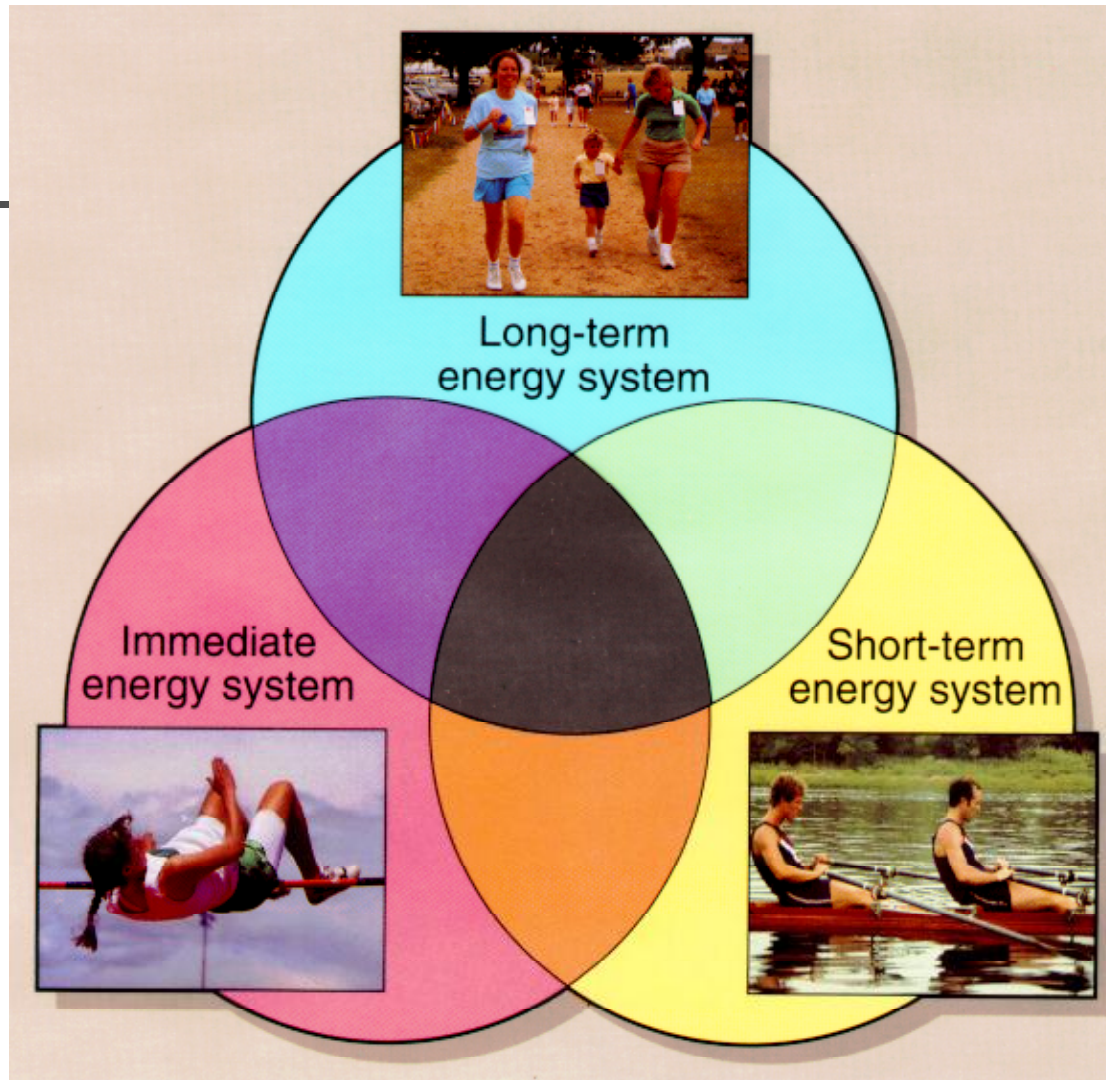
Aerobic

- Walking
- Dancing
- Jogging
- Recreational swimming
- Tennis
- Hiking

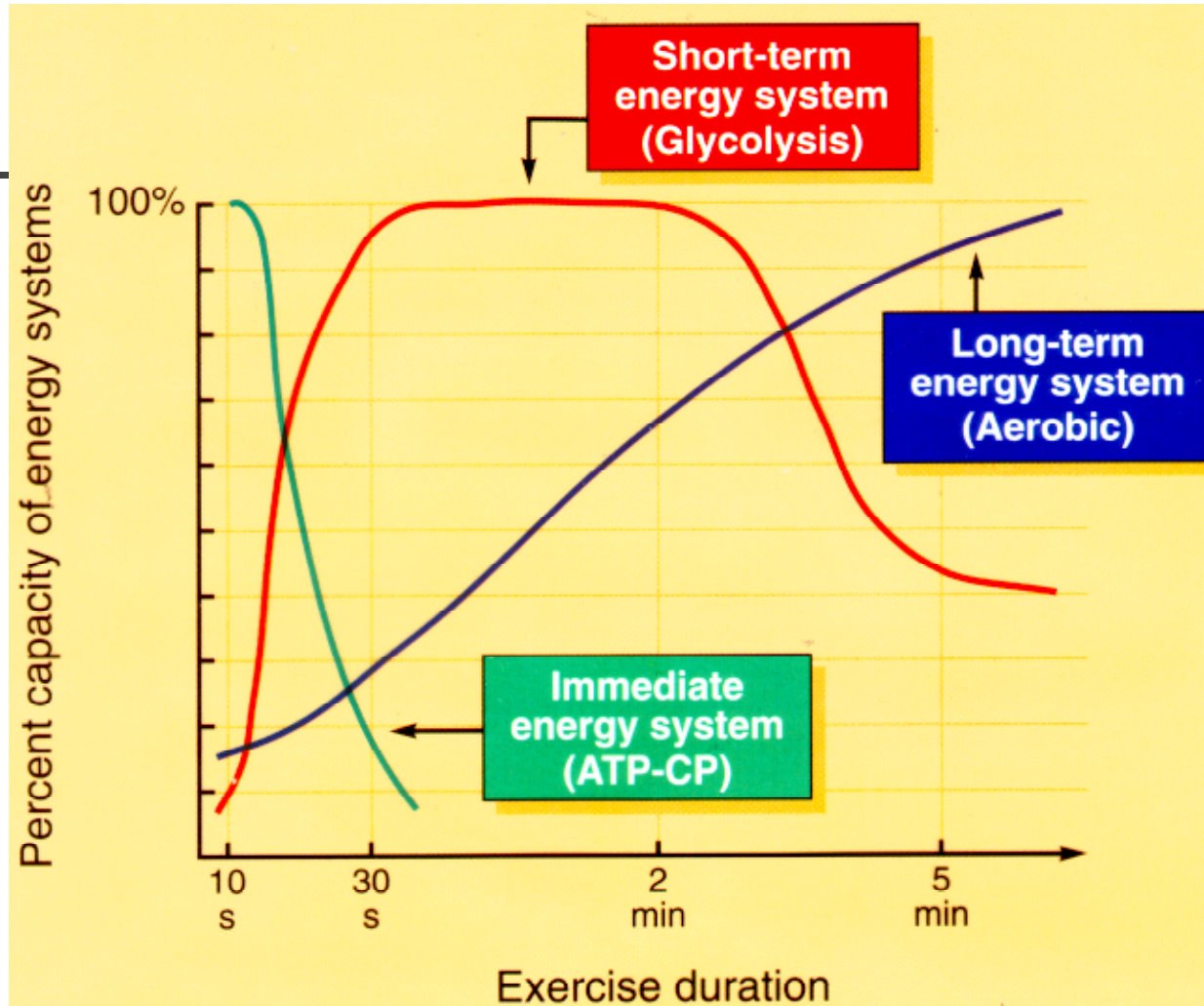
Anaerobic

- Sprinting
- Lifting weights
- Jumping
- Chopping wood
- Activities of short duration

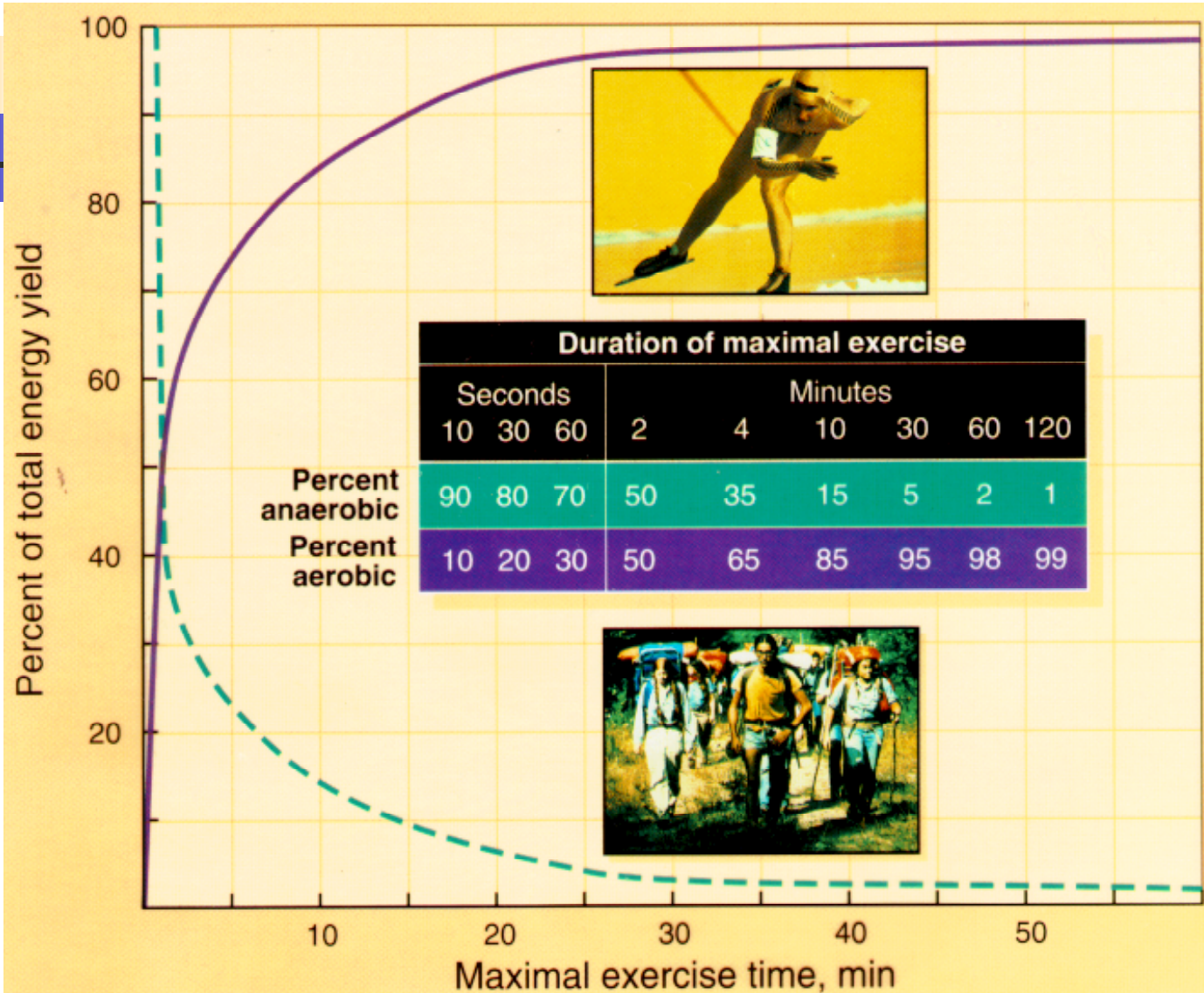
Energy Systems



Different Energy Systems



Anaerobic and Aerobic Exercise



Exercise Equivalents Of Foods

Food	Kcal	Walk	Cycle	Swim	Jog
Beer, 250 ml	115	22	18	14	12
Wine, 120 ml	110	21	17	13	11
Candy bar, 40 g	218	42	34	26	22
Doritos, 30g	140	27	22	16	14
Banana split, 300 g	594	114	91	70	60
Big Mac	563	108	85	66	56
Milk Shake, 300ml	364	70	56	43	36
Brownie, 30 g	146	28	22	17	15
Peanut butter sandwich	328	63	50	40	34
Pop corn, 1 cup	55	10	8	6	5