

Biochemistry II (BB 422/622)

OUTLINE

Review of 421

Goals of 422

Review of chemical principles

Thermodynamics

C/O cycles

Overview of Metabolism

ATP cycles

Energy Coupling

Chemical Reactivity

Bioenergetics

Membranes and Transport

Due by Sunday 1/26 midnight:
Homework #1

{ Common types of organic
chemistry reaction mechanisms

Energetics of Life

The **laws of thermodynamics** apply to all matter and all energy transformations in the universe.

1st & 2nd Laws of Thermodynamics:

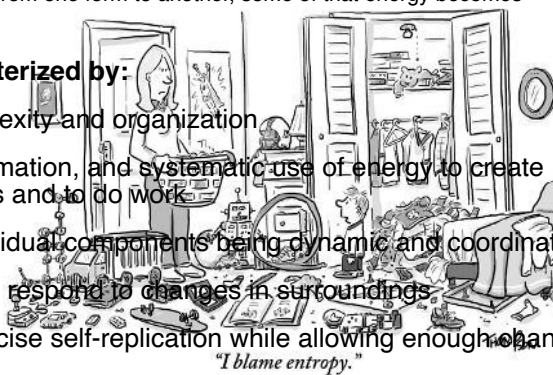
1) Energy can never be created or destroyed, but can be interconverted.

2) The universe tends toward more disorder (randomness)

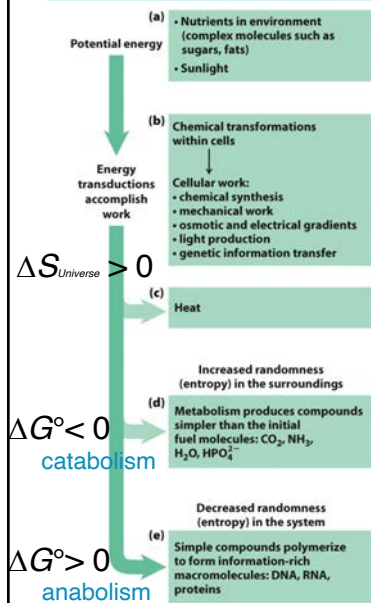
[When energy is converted from one form to another, some of that energy becomes unavailable to do work.]

Living matter is characterized by:

- a high degree of complexity and organization
- the extraction, transformation, and systematic use of energy to create and maintain structures and to do work
- the interactions of individual components being dynamic and coordinated
- the ability to sense and respond to changes in surroundings
- a capacity for fairly precise self-replication while allowing enough change for evolution



Organisms Use the First Law Big-Time (perform energy transformations) to Stay Alive



Favorable and Unfavorable Reactions

- The breakdown of some metabolites releases a significant amount of energy (**exergonic**).
 - Their cellular concentration is far higher than their equilibrium concentration.
 - Metabolites, such as ATP, NADH, NADPH, can be synthesized using the energy from sunlight and fuels....
- 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.

Biochemistry couples exergonic with endergonic reactions to insure organisms continue to grow and divide.

Energetics of Life: Summary

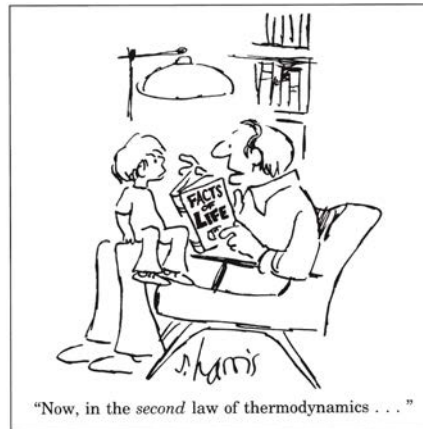
- Living organisms cannot create energy from nothing.
- Living organisms cannot destroy energy into nothing.
- Living organisms may transform energy from one form to another.
- In the process of transforming energy, living organisms must increase the entropy of the universe.
- In order to maintain organization within themselves, living systems must be able to extract useable energy from their surroundings and release useless energy (heat) back to their surroundings.

Overview of Metabolism

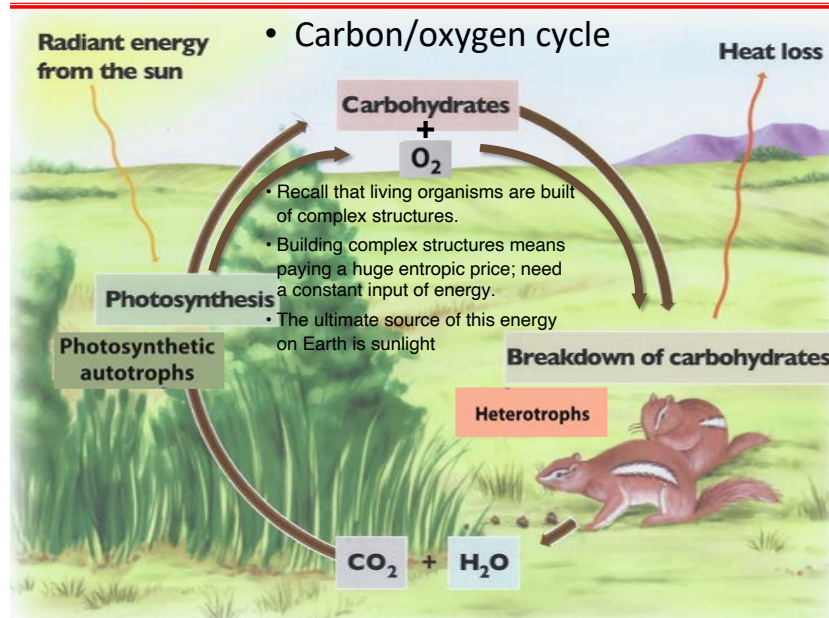
Metabolism

Issues:

- Thermodynamics and biochemistry; carbon/oxygen cycle & nitrogen cycle
- Common organic-chemical principles in biochemistry
- Some biomolecules are “high energy” with respect to their hydrolysis and group transfers.
- Energy stored in reduced organic compounds can be used to reduce cofactors such as NAD^+ and FAD, which serve as universal electron carriers and lead to ATP formation.

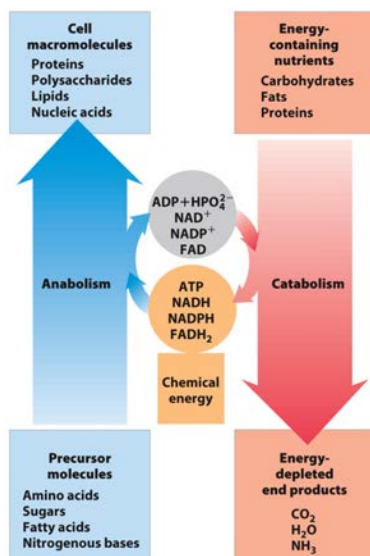


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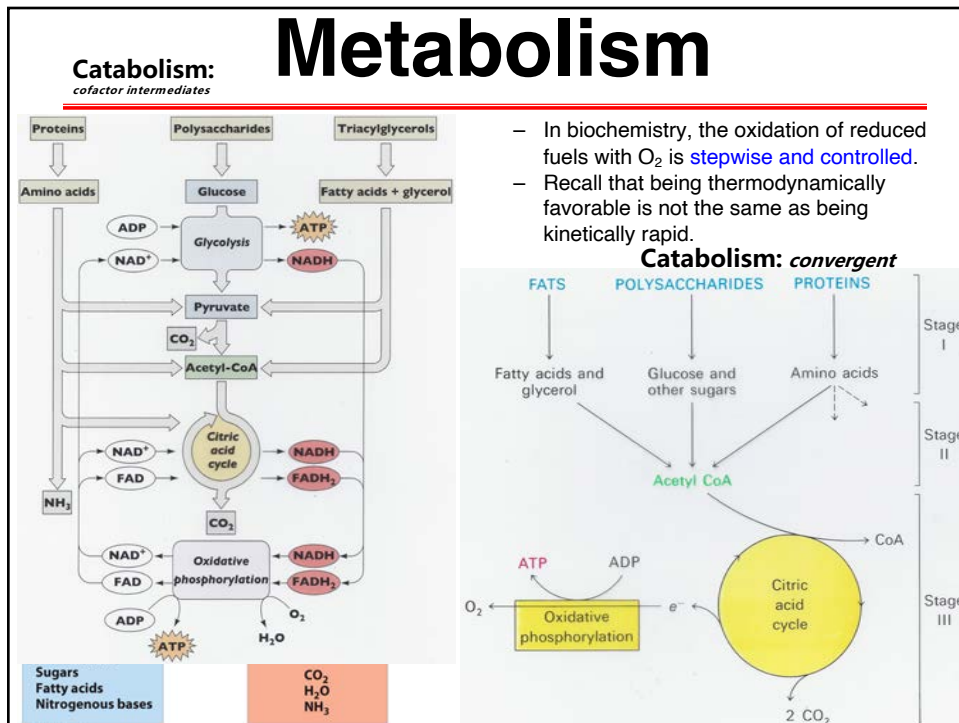


Metabolism

Metabolism is the Sum of All



- In biochemistry, the oxidation of reduced fuels with O_2 is **stepwise and controlled**.
- Recall that being thermodynamically favorable is not the same as being kinetically rapid.



Metabolism

NAD⁺ and NADP⁺ Are Common Redox Cofactors

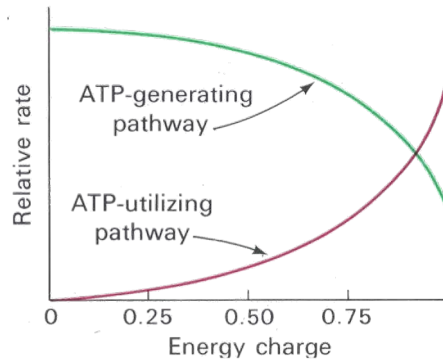
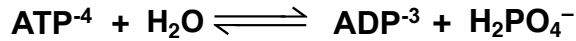
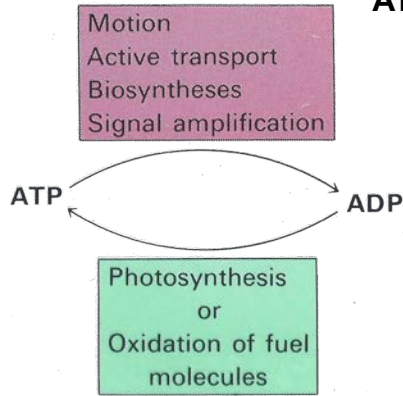
- These are commonly called pyridine nucleotides.
- They **can dissociate** from the enzyme after the reaction.
- In a typical biological oxidation reaction, a **hydride (H⁻)** from an alcohol is transferred to NAD⁺, giving NADH.

FAD and FADH₂ are another Common Redox Cofactors

- These are commonly called flavins.
- They are usually **covalently bound** at the active site of enzymes.
- They can undergo both 1-electron and 2-electron redox reactions.

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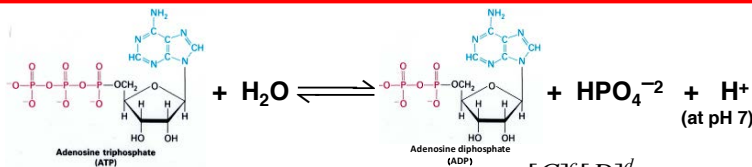
THE ATP CYCLE



This "buffering" of energy in the cell keeps the [ATP] high enough to keep fighting the second law of thermodynamics.

$$\text{Energy Charge} = \frac{[\text{ATP}^{4-}] + \frac{1}{2} [\text{ADP}^{3-}]}{[\text{ATP}^{4-}] + [\text{ADP}^{3-}] + [\text{AMP}^{2-}]}$$

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At equilibrium, $\Delta G' = 0$

$$\Delta G' = \Delta G^{\circ'} + RT \ln \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

BUT, if we are at equilibrium, this equation becomes:

$$\Delta G' = \Delta G^{\circ'} + RT \ln K'_{\text{eq}}$$

$$\Delta G^{\circ'} = -RT \ln K'_{\text{eq}}$$

For the above reaction (hydrolysis of ATP):

$$\Delta G^{\circ'} = -7.3 \text{ kcal/mole}$$

TABLE 13-3 Relationships among K'_{eq} , $\Delta G^{\circ'}$, and the Direction of Chemical Reactions

When K'_{eq} is ...	$\Delta G^{\circ'}$ is ...	Starting with all components at 1 M, the reaction ...
>1.0	negative	proceeds forward
1.0	zero	is at equilibrium
<1.0	positive	proceeds in reverse

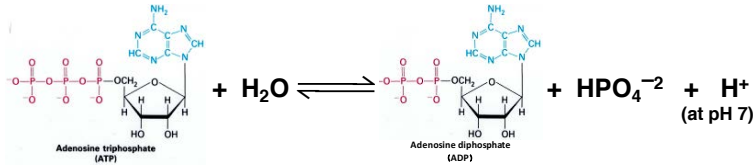
But, what is the actual $\Delta G'$ of ATP Hydrolysis IN THE CELL?

TABLE 13-2 Relationship between Equilibrium Constants and Standard Free-Energy Changes of Chemical Reactions

K'_{eq}	$\Delta G^{\circ'}$ (kJ/mol)	$\Delta G^{\circ'}$ (kcal/mol)*
10 ³	-17.1	-4.1
10 ²	-11.4	-2.7
10 ¹	-5.7	-1.4
1	0.0	0.0
10 ⁻¹	5.7	1.4
10 ⁻²	11.4	2.7
10 ⁻³	17.1	4.1
10 ⁻⁴	22.8	5.5
10 ⁻⁵	28.5	6.8
10 ⁻⁶	34.2	8.2

* Although joules and kilojoules are the standard units of energy and are used throughout this text, biochemists and microbiologists sometimes express $\Delta G^{\circ'}$ values in kilocalories per mole. We have therefore included values in both kilojoules and kilocalories in this table and in Tables 13-4 and 13-6. To convert kilojoules to kilocalories, divide the number of kilojoules by 4.184.

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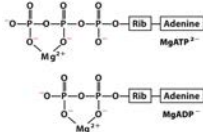


Go back the original equation: $\Delta G' = \Delta G^{\circ'} + RT \ln \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$

$\Delta G = \Delta G^{\circ} + RT \ln \frac{[MgADP^-] \cdot [P_i]}{[MgATP^{2-}]}$

At 25 °C:

$\Delta G^{\circ'}$ of ATP Hydrolysis is Mg⁺⁺ Dependent



$\Delta G' = \Delta G^{\circ'} + RT \ln \frac{[ADP^{-3}] [HPO_4^{-2}]}{[ATP^{-4}]}$

$\Delta G' = \Delta G^{\circ'} + 0.59 \ln \frac{[ADP^{-3}] [HPO_4^{-2}]}{[ATP^{-4}]}$

$\Delta G' = \Delta G^{\circ'} + 1.36 \log (1.5 \times 10^{-4})$

$\Delta G' = (-7.3) + (-5.2)$

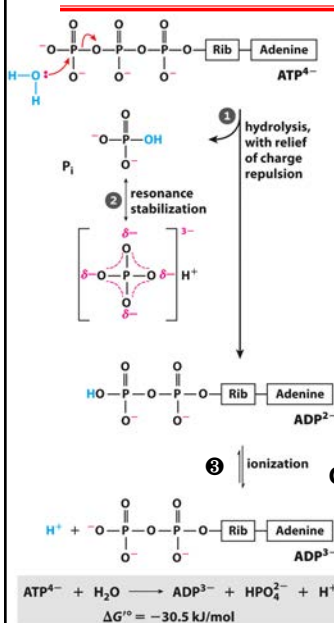
$\Delta G' = -12.5 \text{ kcal/mole}$

WOW!

Other than concentrations, what makes the $\Delta G'$ of ATP so high, i.e., $\Delta G^{\circ'}$?

In RBCs = $1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$

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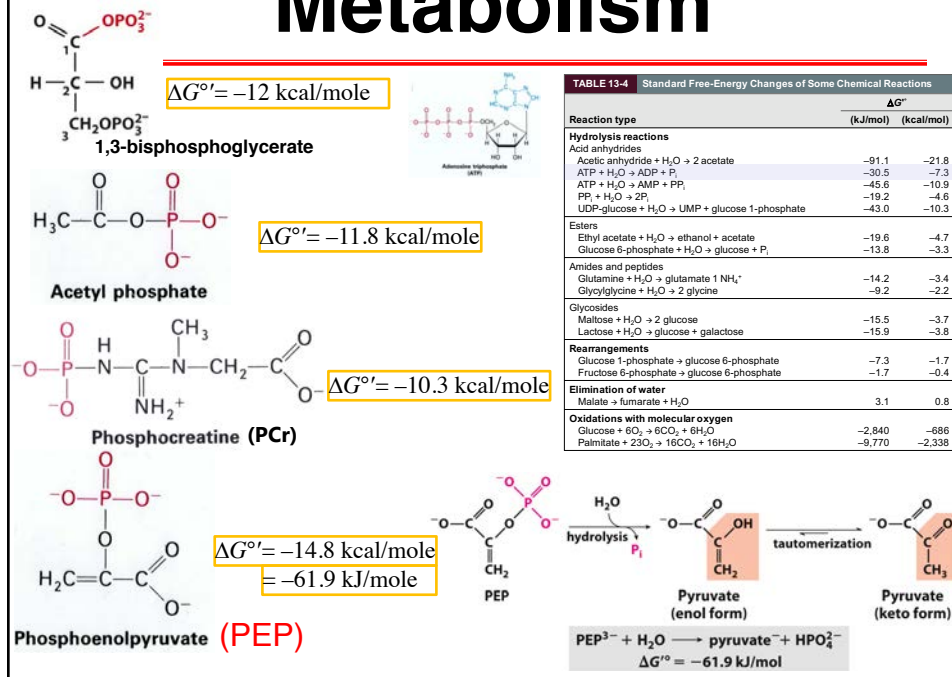


- Contributions of the incredible favorability of the ATP hydrolysis reaction:

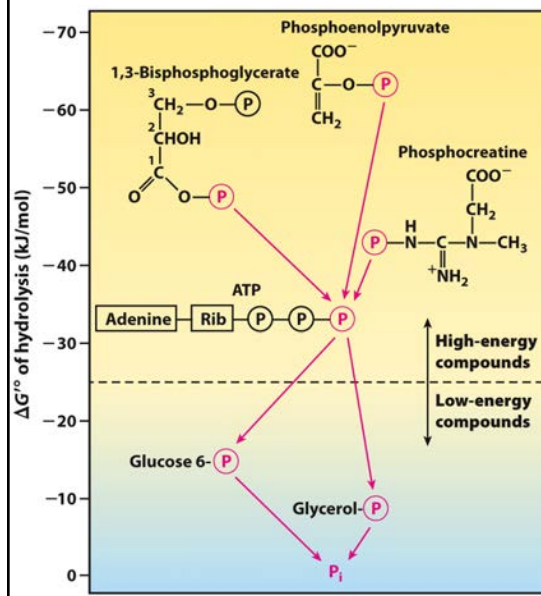
- Better charge separation in products (relief of charge repulsion)
- More favorable resonance stabilization of products
- Ionization of products (ADP or P_i)

Are there other compounds in the cell with high negative $\Delta G^{\circ'}$ of hydrolysis?

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**Phosphates:
Ranking by the
Standard Free
Energy of
Hydrolysis**

Phosphate can be transferred from compounds with **higher** $\Delta G^{\circ'}$ to those with **lower** $\Delta G^{\circ'}$.

Metabolism

TABLE 13-5 Total Concentrations of Adenine Nucleotides, Inorganic Phosphate, and Phosphocreatine in Some Cells

	Concentration (mM) ^a					
	ATP	ADP ^b	AMP	Energy Charge	P _i	PCr
Rat hepatocyte	3.38	1.32	0.29	0.81	4.8	0
Rat myocyte	8.05	0.93	0.04	0.94	8.05	28
Rat neuron	2.59	0.73	0.06	0.87	2.72	4.7
Human erythrocyte	2.25	0.25	0.02	0.94	1.65	0
<i>E. coli</i> cell	7.90	1.04	0.82	0.86	7.9	0

^a For erythrocytes the concentrations are those of the cytosol (human erythrocytes lack a nucleus and mitochondria). In the other types of cells the data are for the entire cell contents, although the cytosol and the mitochondria have very different concentrations of ADP. PCr is phosphocreatine, discussed on p. 516.

^b This value reflects total concentration; the true value for free ADP may be much lower (p. 509).

Cellular **ATP** concentration is usually far **above the equilibrium concentration**, making ATP a very potent source of chemical energy.

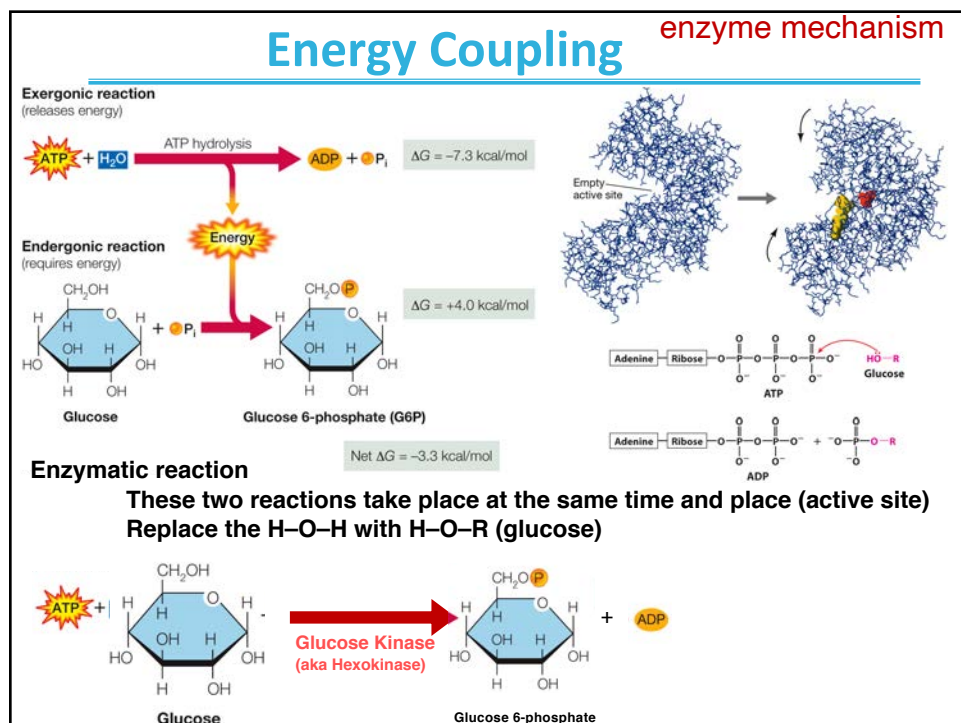
Energy Coupling

Recall that metabolism has to deal with both
Favorable and Unfavorable Reactions

Biochemistry **couples** exergonic with endergonic reactions to insure organisms continue to grow and divide.

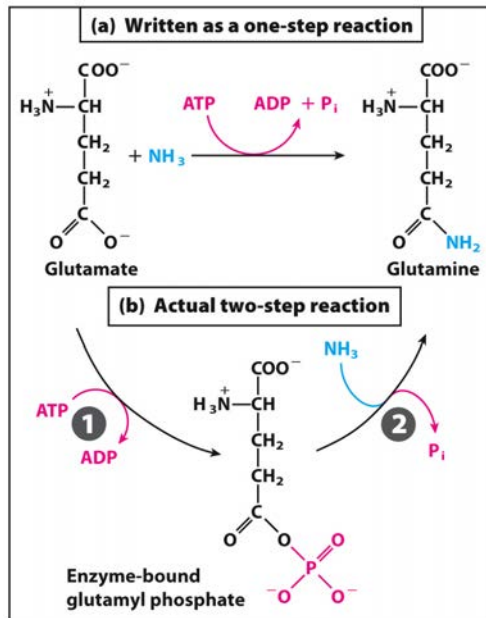
Energy Coupling

- Question is how do cells use these “high-energy compounds” to ensure that thermodynamically unfavorable reactions can become favorable?
- Chemical coupling of exergonic and endergonic reactions allows otherwise unfavorable reactions.
- TWO basic mechanisms:
 - e.g., The hydrolysis of the “high-energy” molecule (ATP), which is exergonic, is coupled with an otherwise endergonic reaction **during an enzyme mechanism**.
 - e.g., a series of otherwise endergonic reactions **during a metabolic pathway** are linked in the reaction series to an overwhelming exergonic reaction (all catalyzed by enzymes).



Energy Coupling

enzyme mechanism

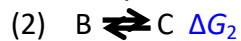


Two-Step Group Transfers
Facilitate ATP-Dependent
Reactions

Energy Coupling

metabolic pathway

Standard free-energy changes are additive:



Coupling exergonic and endergonic reactions:

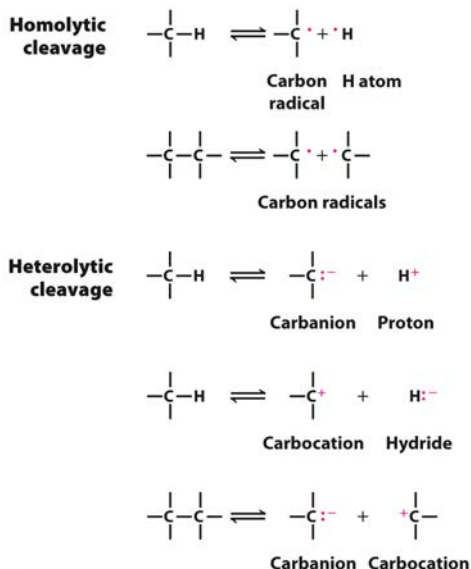


Chemical Reactivity

First lets quickly review **bond cleavage** and **nucleophilicity** in terms of biochemical instances

Chemical Reactivity

Chemistry at Carbon: Homolytic versus Heterolytic Cleavage





- Covalent bonds can be broken in two ways.
- Homolytic cleavage is rare in biochemistry, but makes up some of the most interesting reactions.
- Heterolytic cleavage is the most common, but the products are highly unstable, dictating the chemistry that occurs: mostly carbanion chemistry

Chemical Reactivity


Nucleophiles and Electrophiles in Biochemistry


Nucleophiles



Negatively charged oxygen (as in an unprotonated hydroxyl group or an ionized carboxylic acid)


Negatively charged sulfhydryl



Carbanion



Uncharged amine group



Imidazole


Hydroxide ion

Electrophiles


Carbon atom of a carbonyl group (the more electronegative oxygen of the carbonyl group pulls electrons away from the carbon)


Protonated imine group (activated for nucleophilic attack at the carbon by protonation of the imine)


Phosphorus of a phosphate group


Proton

Definition: *-phile* (suffix, Latin): to love, or demonstrate fondness towards

- Nucleophiles love nuclei. The nuclei of an atom contains positively charged particles (protons), so nucleophiles love to react with positive charges and are electron rich.
- Electrophiles love electrons. Electrons are negatively charged, so electrophiles must have at least a partial positive charged.

Chemical Reactivity

Most biochemical reactions fall within only a few categories:

- Cleavage and formation of **C—C bonds**
- Cleavage and formation of polar covalent bonds
 - Nucleophilic substitution mechanism
 - **Addition–elimination** mechanism
 - Hydrolysis and Condensation reactions
 - Eliminations (without cleavage)
- Internal **rearrangements**
- **Group transfers** (H^+ , CH_3^+ , PO_3^{2-})
 - Nucleophilic substitution mechanism
- **Oxidations-reductions** (e^- transfers)