

**NS/201-Biochemistry**  
**Unit IV Topic 14**  
**Bioenergetics**  
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# Bioenergetics

## Living Organism

1. Metabolism
2. Reproduction

**Energy: work to survive and reproduce**

**Energy transduction in biological system**

## ■ Bioenergetics

- The quantitative study of...
  - Cellular energy transduction
  - Nature and function of the chemical processes for energy transductions

## ■ Fundamental laws in thermodynamics governing bioenergetics

- First law : Energy conservation
- Second law: Increase in entropy

# Metabolism

- Coordinated cellular activity
- Sum of all the chemical transformations in organism

Chemical energy

Precursor molecules

Macromolecules

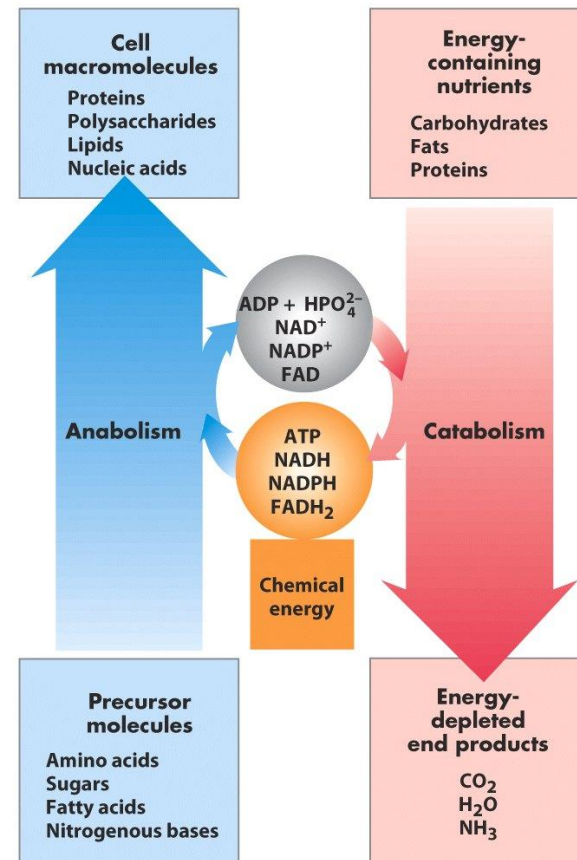
Specialized biomolecules

## Catabolism

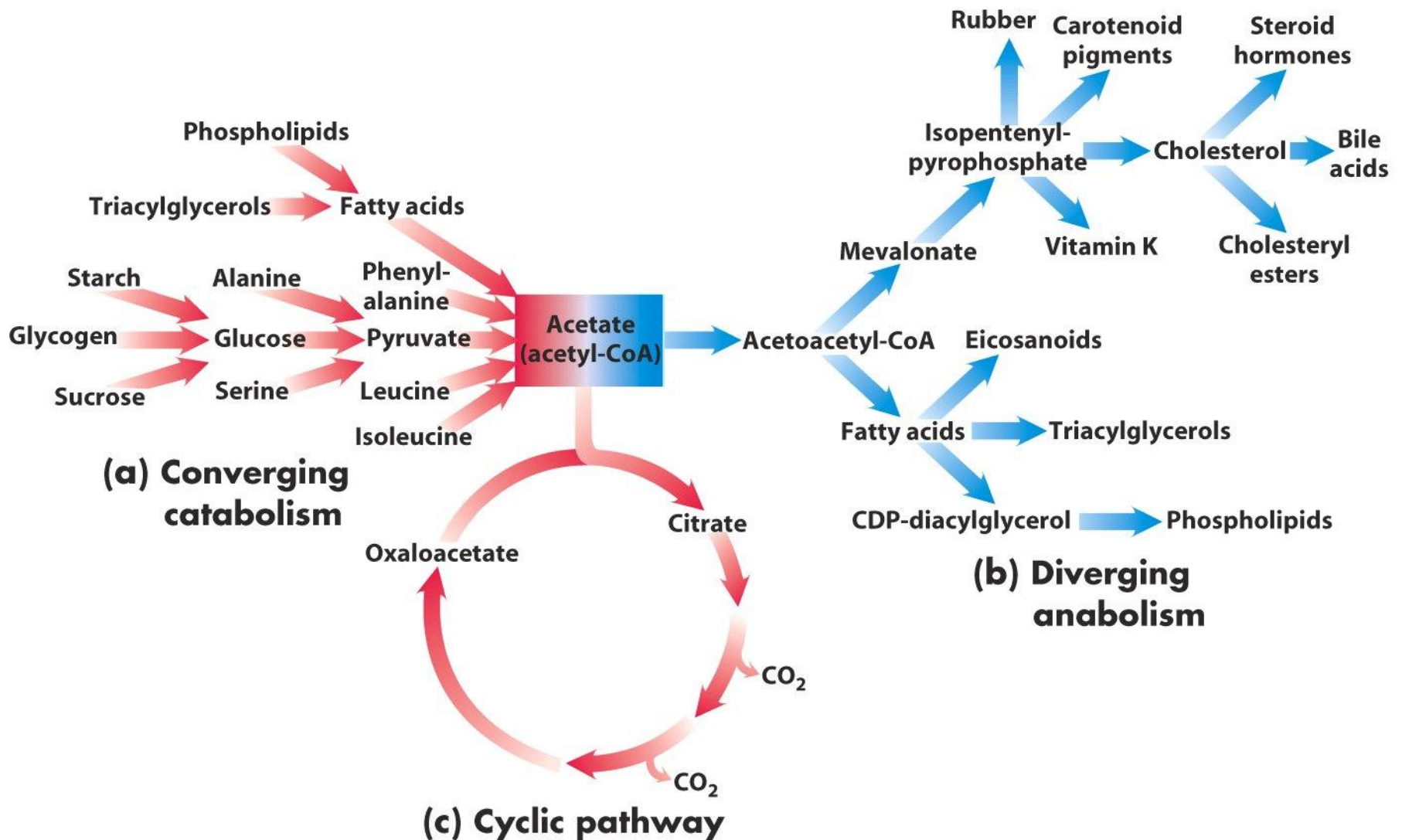
- Degradative phase
- Energy release (exergonic)

## Anabolism

- Biosynthesis
- Energy input (endergonic)



# Three types of metabolic pathways





# 13.1 Bioenergetics and Thermodynamics



# Free Energy Change for Biological Reactions

- **Thermodynamic quantities describing the energy changes in chemical reaction**
  - Gibbs free energy, **G**
    - The amount of energy capable of doing work during a reaction at constant T and P
    - Positive  $\Delta G$  : endergonic
    - Negative  $\Delta G$  : exergonic, spontaneous reaction
  - Enthalpy, **H**
    - The heat content of the reacting system
    - Number & kinds of chemical bonds in the reactants and products
    - Positive  $\Delta H$  : endothermic
    - Negative  $\Delta H$  : exothermic
  - Entropy, **S**
    - Quantitative expression for the randomness or disorder in a system
- **$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$**
- **Cells use free energy for reactions**
  - Energy source
    - Heterotrope :Nutrient
    - Autotrope: Solar energy

# Standard Free Energy Change vs. Equilibrium Constant



- Equilibrium constant

$$K_{eq} = \frac{[C_{eq}]^c [D_{eq}]^d}{[A_{eq}]^a [B_{eq}]^b}$$

- $\Delta G^\circ$ : standard free energy change (J/mol)

- 298K=25°C, 1M of initial reactants and products, 1 atm (101.3 kPa)

- Standard transformed constants

- pH 7, 55.5M water, 1mM Mg<sup>2+</sup> (ATP as reactant)
  - $\Delta G'^\circ, K'_{eq}$



- Spontaneous reaction

- $K'_{eq} > 1$
  - $\Delta G'^\circ$ : negative

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

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# $\Delta G'^{\circ}$ for some representative chemical reactions

**TABLE 13–4** Standard Free-Energy Changes of Some Chemical Reactions

Reaction type	$\Delta G'^{\circ}$	
	(kJ/mol)	(kcal/mol)
<b>Hydrolysis reactions</b>		
<b>Acid anhydrides</b>		
Acetic anhydride + H <sub>2</sub> O $\longrightarrow$ 2 acetate	–91.1	–21.8
ATP + H <sub>2</sub> O $\longrightarrow$ ADP + P <sub>i</sub>	–30.5	–7.3
ATP + H <sub>2</sub> O $\longrightarrow$ AMP + PP <sub>i</sub>	–45.6	–10.9
PP <sub>i</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\longrightarrow$ 2P <sub>i</sub>	–19.2	–4.6
UDP-glucose + H <sub>2</sub> O $\longrightarrow$ UMP + glucose 1-phosphate	–43.0	–10.3
<b>Esters</b>		
Ethyl acetate + H <sub>2</sub> O $\longrightarrow$ ethanol + acetate	–19.6	–4.7
Glucose 6-phosphate + H <sub>2</sub> O $\longrightarrow$ glucose + P <sub>i</sub>	–13.8	–3.3
<b>Amides and peptides</b>		
Glutamine + H <sub>2</sub> O $\longrightarrow$ glutamate + NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	–14.2	–3.4
Glycylglycine + H <sub>2</sub> O $\longrightarrow$ 2 glycine	–9.2	–2.2
<b>Glycosides</b>		
Maltose + H <sub>2</sub> O $\longrightarrow$ 2 glucose	–15.5	–3.7
Lactose + H <sub>2</sub> O $\longrightarrow$ glucose + galactose	–15.9	–3.8
<b>Rearrangements</b>		
Glucose 1-phosphate $\longrightarrow$ glucose 6-phosphate	–7.3	–1.7
Fructose 6-phosphate $\longrightarrow$ glucose 6-phosphate	–1.7	–0.4
<b>Elimination of water</b>		
Malate $\longrightarrow$ fumarate + H <sub>2</sub> O	3.1	0.8
<b>Oxidations with molecular oxygen</b>		
Glucose + 6O <sub>2</sub> $\longrightarrow$ 6CO <sub>2</sub> + 6H <sub>2</sub> O	–2,840	–686
Palmitate + 23O <sub>2</sub> $\longrightarrow$ 16CO <sub>2</sub> + 16H <sub>2</sub> O	–9,770	–2,338



# $\Delta G'^{\circ}$ are additive

## ■ Sequential chemical reactions

- (1)  $A \rightarrow B : \Delta G'_1{}^{\circ}, K'_{eq1}$   
glucose + Pi  $\rightarrow$  G-6P + H<sub>2</sub>O ;  $\Delta G'^{\circ} = 13.8$  kJ/mol
- (2)  $B \rightarrow C : \Delta G'_2{}^{\circ}, K'_{eq2}$   
ATP + H<sub>2</sub>O  $\rightarrow$  ADP + Pi ;  $\Delta G'^{\circ} = -30.5$  kJ/mol
- (1) + (2) :  $A \rightarrow C : \Delta G'_1{}^{\circ} + \Delta G'_2{}^{\circ}, K'_{eq1} \times K'_{eq2}$   
ATP + glucose  $\rightarrow$  ADP + Pi ;  $\Delta G'^{\circ} = -16.7$  kJ/mol
- Coupling of endergonic and exergonic reaction to make exergonic reaction

**TABLE 13–6** Standard Free Energies of Hydrolysis of Some Phosphorylated Compounds and Acetyl-CoA (a Thioester)

	$\Delta G'^{\circ}$	
	(kJ/mol)	(kcal/mol)
Phosphoenolpyruvate	–61.9	–14.8
1,3-bisphosphoglycerate ( $\rightarrow$ 3-phosphoglycerate + $P_i$ )	–49.3	–11.8
Phosphocreatine	–43.0	–10.3
ADP ( $\rightarrow$ AMP + $P_i$ )	–32.8	–7.8
ATP ( $\rightarrow$ ADP + $P_i$ )	–30.5	–7.3
ATP ( $\rightarrow$ AMP + $PP_i$ )	–45.6	–10.9
AMP ( $\rightarrow$ adenosine + $P_i$ )	–14.2	–3.4
$PP_i$ ( $\rightarrow$ 2 $P_i$ )	–19.2	–4.0
Glucose 1-phosphate	–20.9	–5.0
Fructose 6-phosphate	–15.9	–3.8
Glucose 6-phosphate	–13.8	–3.3
Glycerol 1-phosphate	–9.2	–2.2
Acetyl-CoA	–31.4	–7.5

Source: Data mostly from Jencks, W.P. (1976) in *Handbook of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*, 3rd edn (Fasman, G.D., ed.), *Physical and Chemical Data*, Vol. 1, pp. 296–304, CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL. The value for the free energy of hydrolysis of  $PP_i$  is from Frey, P.A. & Arabshahi, A. (1995) Standard free-energy change for the hydrolysis of the  $\alpha$ - $\beta$ -phosphoanhydride bridge in ATP. *Biochemistry* **34**, 11,307–11,310.



## 13.2 Phosphoryl Group Transfers and ATP

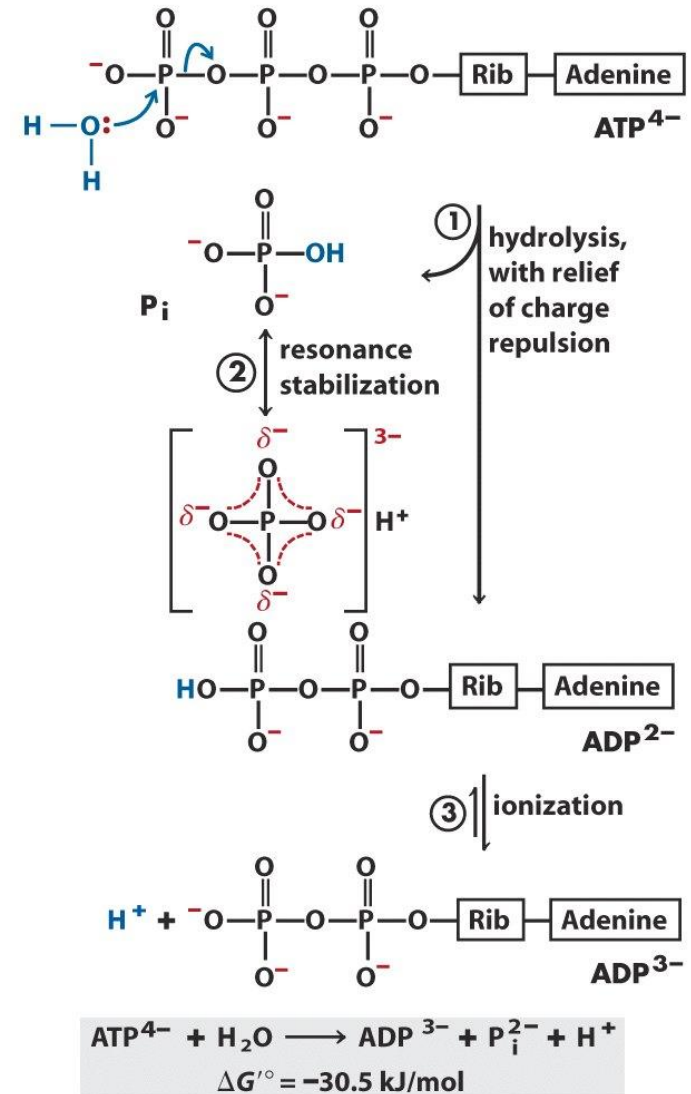
# Free-Energy Change for ATP Hydrolysis

## ■ Chemical basis for large & negative $\Delta G'^0$ for ATP hydrolysis

- Relief of electrostatic repulsion
- Resonance stabilization of released  $P_i$
- Ionization of  $ADP^{2-}$  to release  $H^+$
- Greater degree of solvation of the  $P_i$  and ADP than ATP
- Products concentrations are far below the concentration at equilibrium  $\rightarrow$  mass action favors hydrolysis of ATP

## ■ $\Delta G_p$ : phosphorylation potential in the cell

- in human erythrocyte
- $\Delta G_p = \Delta G'^0 + RT \ln [ADP] [P_i] / [ATP]$   
 $= -30.5 \text{ kJ/mol} - 21 \text{ kJ/mol} = -52 \text{ kJ/mol}$



# Free-Energy Change for ATP Hydrolysis

**TABLE 13-5**

## Adenine Nucleotide, Inorganic Phosphate, and Phosphocreatine Concentrations in Some Cells

	Concentration (mM)*				
	ATP	ADP <sup>†</sup>	AMP	P <sub>i</sub>	PCr
Rat hepatocyte	3.38	1.32	0.29	4.8	0
Rat myocyte	8.05	0.93	0.04	8.05	28
Rat neuron	2.59	0.73	0.06	2.72	4.7
Human erythrocyte	2.25	0.25	0.02	1.65	0
<i>E. coli</i> cell	7.90	1.04	0.82	7.9	0

\*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. 510.

<sup>†</sup>This value reflects total concentration; the true value for free ADP may be much lower (p. 503).

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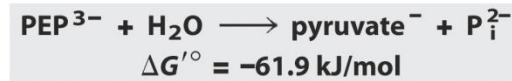
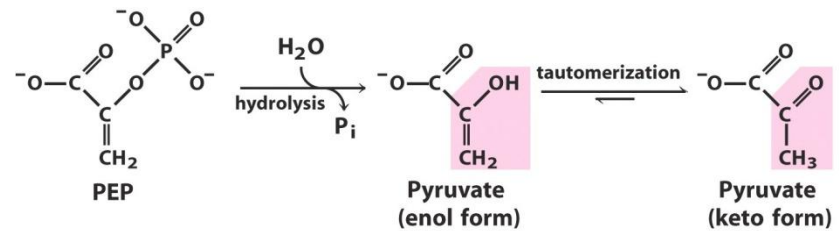
# Phosphorylated compounds

- **Phosphoenolpyruvate**
- **1,3-bisphosphoglycerate**
- **Phosphocreatine**
- **ADP**
- **ATP**
- **AMP**
- **PPi**
- **Glucose 1-phosphate**
- **Fructose 6-phosphate**
- **Glucose 6-phosphate**

# Other High Energy Compounds : Phosphorylated Compounds

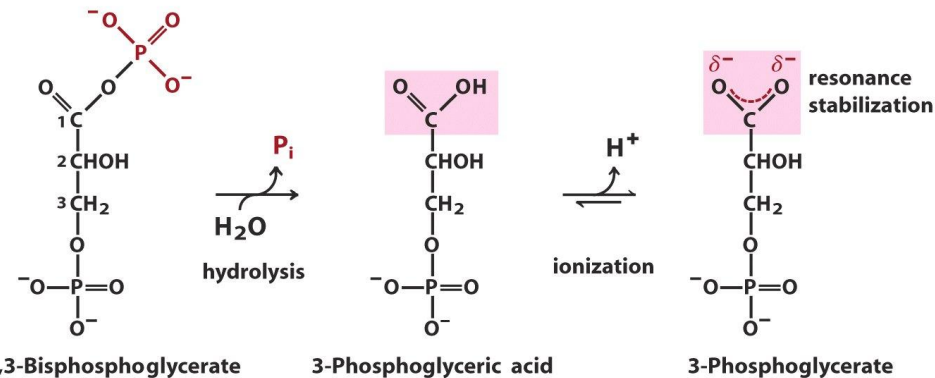
## Phosphoenolpyruvate

- Stabilization of product by tautomerization
- $\Delta G'^{\circ} = -61.9 \text{ kJ/mol}$



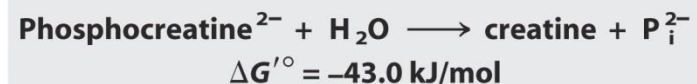
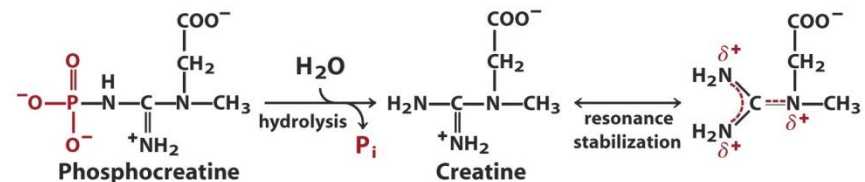
## 1,3-bisphosphoglycerate

- Stabilization by ionization of a direct product (3-phosphoglycerate)
- Resonance stabilization of the ionized product
- $\Delta G'^{\circ} = -49.3 \text{ kJ/mol}$



## Phosphocreatine

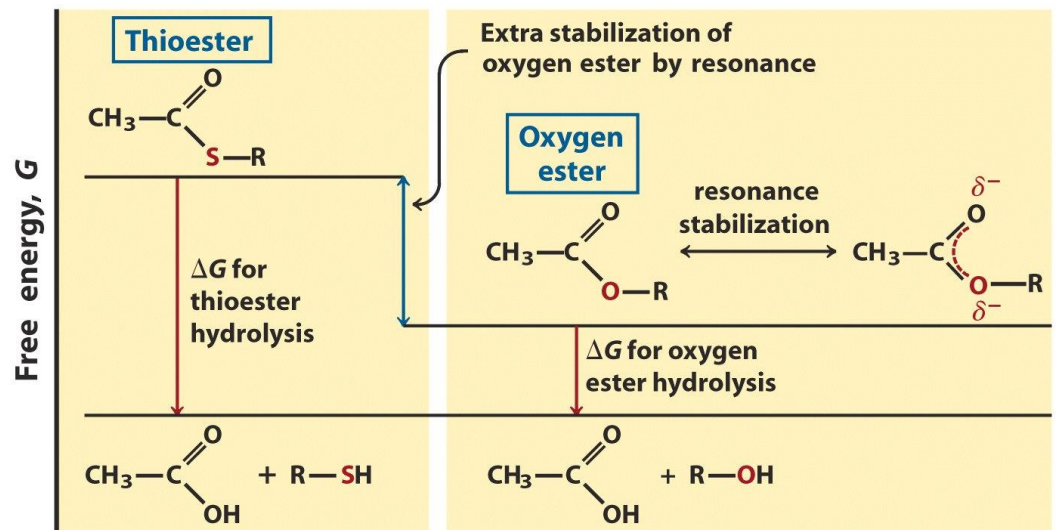
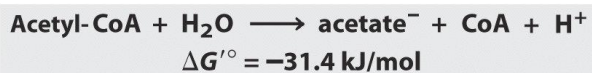
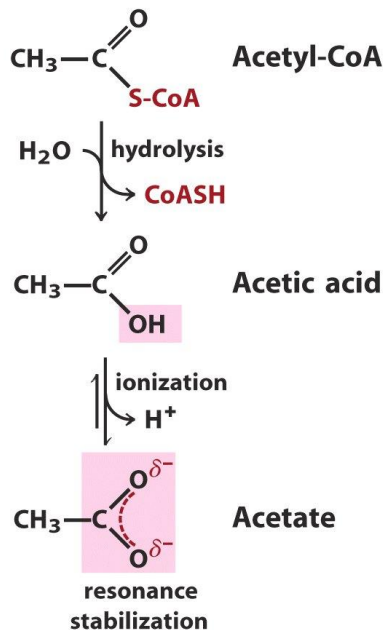
- Resonance stabilization of a product
- $\Delta G'^{\circ} = -43.0 \text{ kJ/mol}$



# Other High Energy Compounds : Thioesters

## Thioester

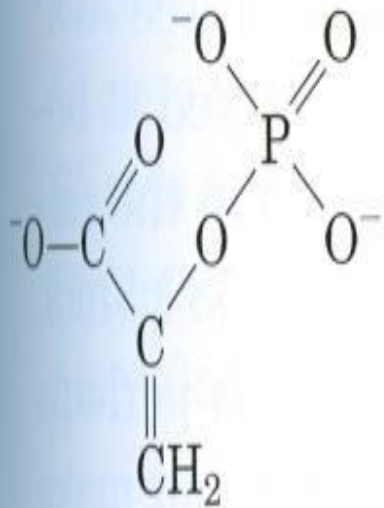
- S instead of O in the ester bond
- Resonance stabilization of hydrolysis product
- Less resonance stabilization than ester
  - Large free energy difference between thioester and the hydrolysis product



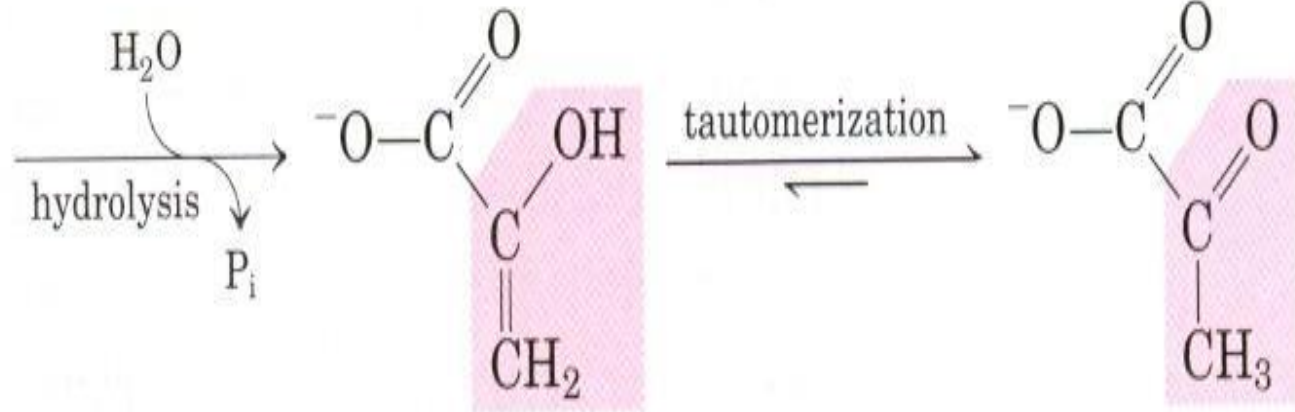


# Phosphoenolpyruvate

- **Phosphoenolpyruvate contains a phosphate ester bond that undergoes to yield to enol form of pyruvate**
- **The enol form of pyruvate can immediately tautomerize to the more stable keto form of pyruvate. Because phosphoenolpyruvate has only one form (enol) and the product, pyruvate, has two possible forms, the product is more stabilized relative to the reactant.**
- **This is the greatest contributing factor to the high standard free energy change of hydrolysis of phosphoenolpyruvate ( $\Delta G'^0 = -61,9 \text{ kJ/mol}$ )**

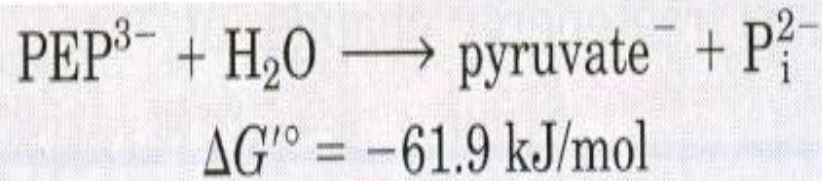


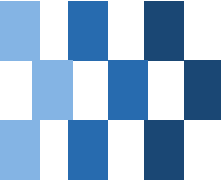
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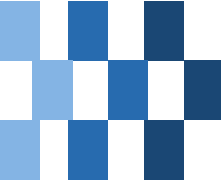


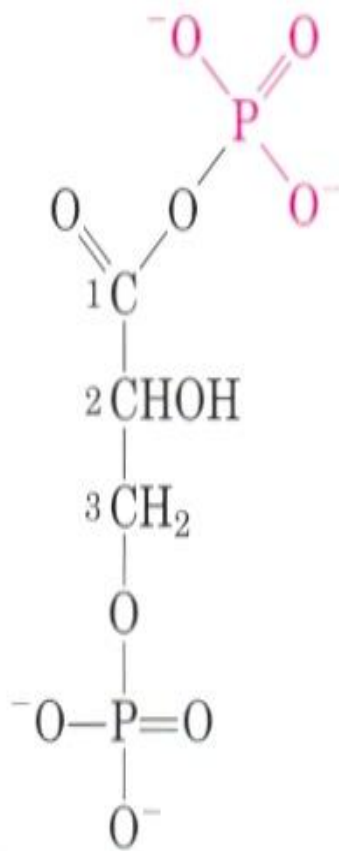
Pyruvate  
(enol form)

Pyruvate  
(keto form)

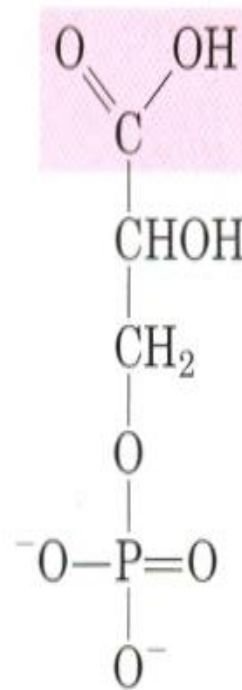
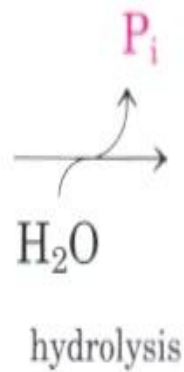


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- **1,3-bisphosphoglycerate contains an anhydride bond between the carboxyl group at C-1 and phosphoric acid.**
  - **Hydrolysis of this acyl phosphate is accompanied by a large, negative, standard free energy change ( $\Delta G'^0 = -49,3$  kJ/mol)**
  - **This large, negative  $\Delta G'^0$  can, again, be explained in terms of the structure of reactants and products**
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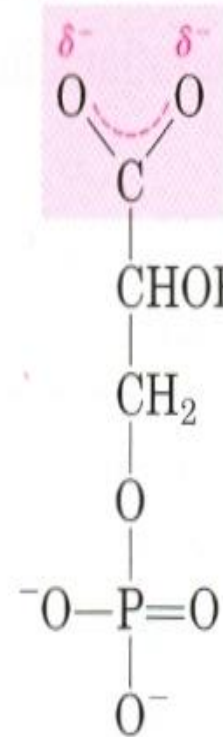
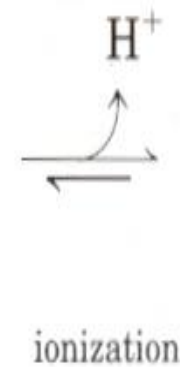
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- **When the water is added to anhydride bond of 1,3-bisphosphoglycerate, one of the direct products, 3-phosphoglyceric acid, can immediately lose a proton to give the carboxylate ion, 3-phosphoglycerate, which has two equally probable resonance forms**
  - **Removal of a direct product, 3-phosphoglyceric acid, and formation of resonance-stabilized ion favor the forward reaction.**



1,3-Bisphosphoglycerate

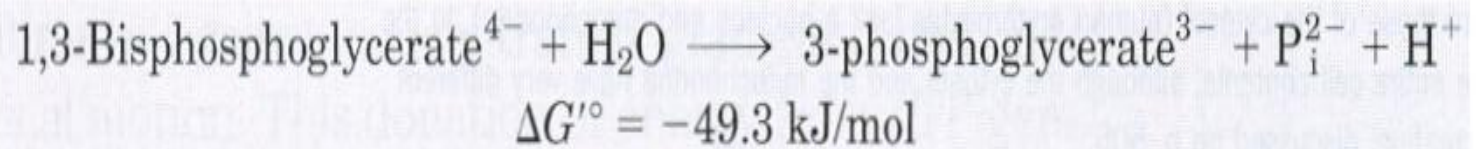


3-Phosphoglyceric acid



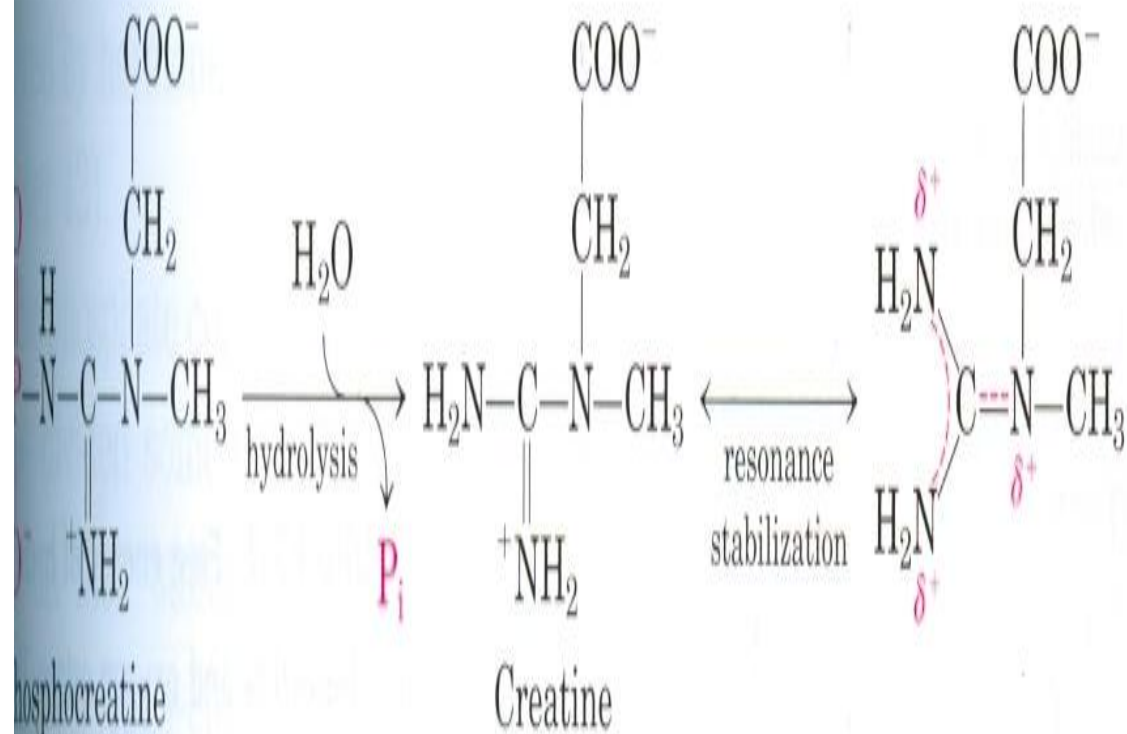
3-Phosphoglycerate

resonance  
stabilization

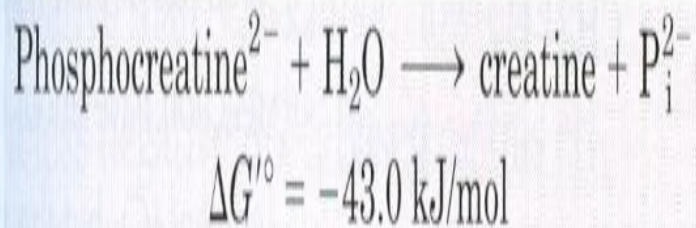


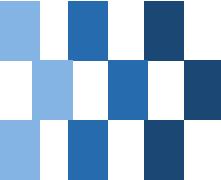
# Phosphocreatine

- In the phosphocreatine, the P-N bond can be hydrolyzed to generate free creatine and  $P_i$ . The release of  $P_i$  and the resonance stabilization of creatine favor the forward reaction. The standard free energy change of phosphocreatine is large and negative ( $\Delta G'^0 = -49.3 \text{ kJ/mol}$ ).

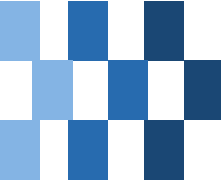


**FIGURE 13-5** Hydrolysis of phosphocreatine. Breakage of the P–N bond in phosphocreatine produces creatine, which is stabilized by formation of a resonance hybrid. The other product,  $\text{P}_i$ , is also resonance stabilized.



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- **In thioesters a sulfur atom is replaced the usual oxygen in the ester bond**
  - **Thioesters have large, negative standard free energy change of hydrolysis.**
  - **Acetyl coenzyme A is one of many thioesters important in metabolism. The acyl group in these compounds is activated for trans-acylation, condensation or oxidation-reduction reactions.**



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- Hydrolysis of the ester bond generates a carboxylic acid which can ionize and assume several resonance forms.
  - $\Delta G'^0 = -31.4$  kJ/mol for acetyl-CoA hydrolysis



## **13.2 Chemical logic & common biochemical reactions**



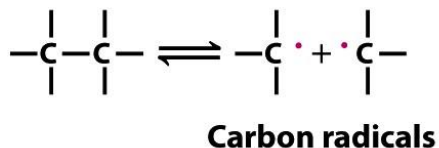
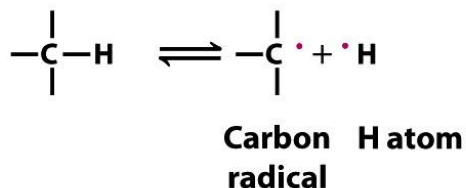
# General categories of biochemical reactions

- **Reactions that make or break C-C bonds**
- **Internal rearrangements/ isomerizations/ eliminations**
- **Free-radical reactions**
- **Group transfers**
- **Oxidation-reductions**

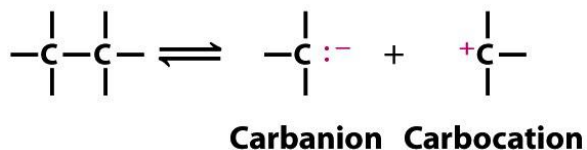
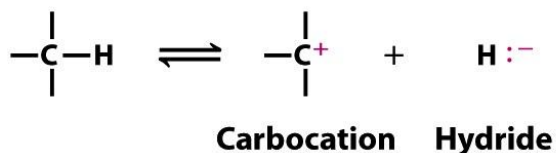
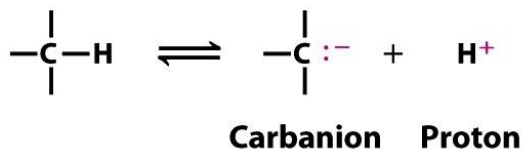
# Two basic chemical principle

## Covalent bond breakdown

### Homolytic cleavage

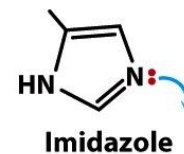
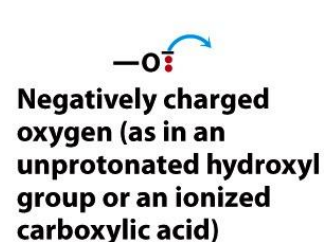


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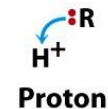
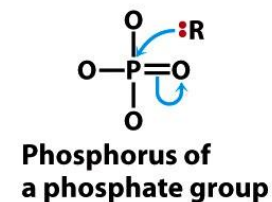
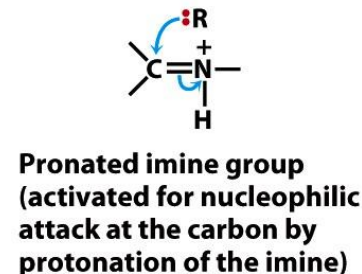
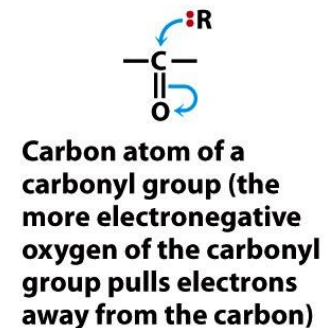


## Nucleophile/ electrophile

### Nucleophiles



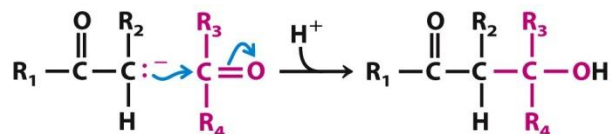
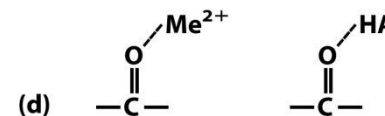
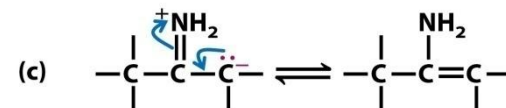
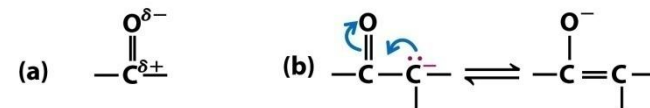
### Electrophiles



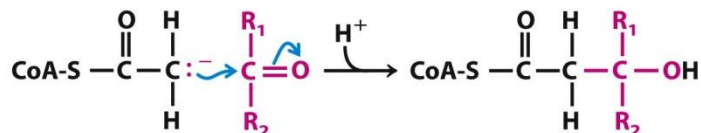
# Formation & breakdown of C-C bonds

## ■ Carbanion stabilization

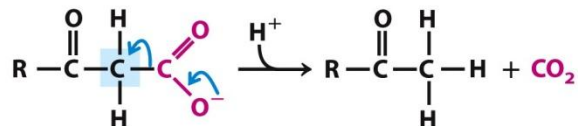
- by carbonyl group
- by imine
- by metal ions or general acid catalyst



Aldol condensation



Claisen ester condensation

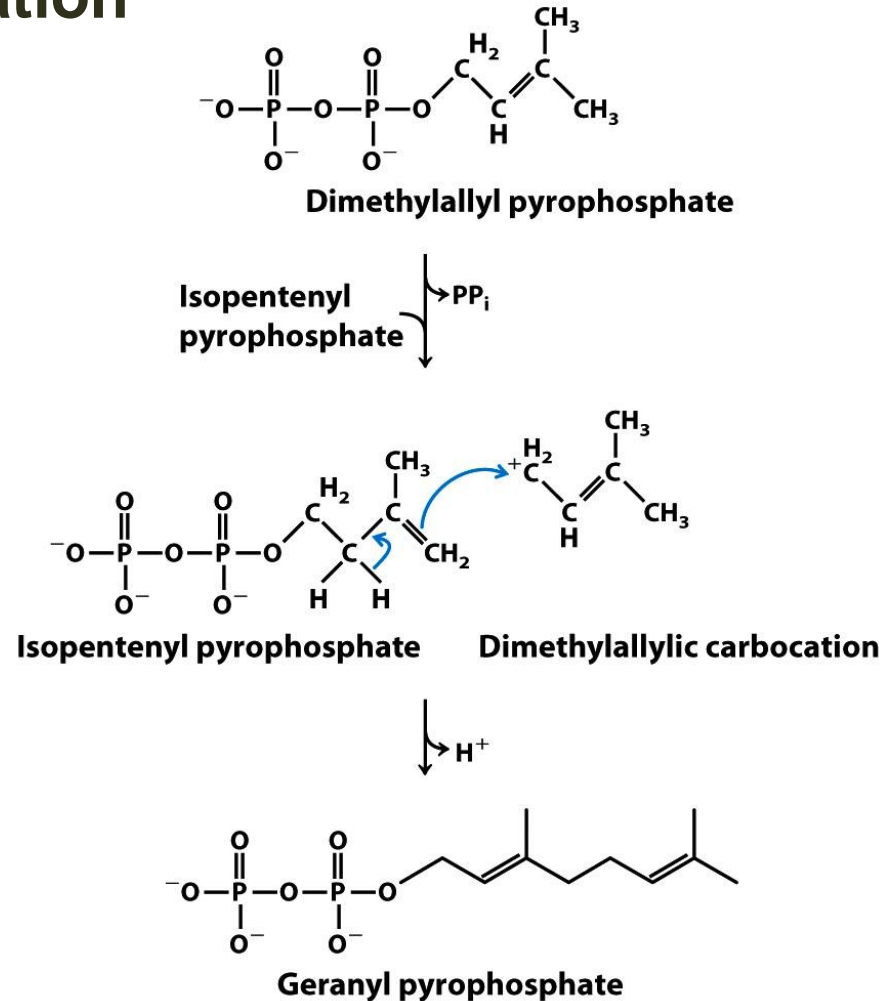


Decarboxylation of a  $\beta$ -keto acid

## ■ Common reactions mediated by carbonyl-stabilized carbanions

# Formation & breakdown of C-C bonds

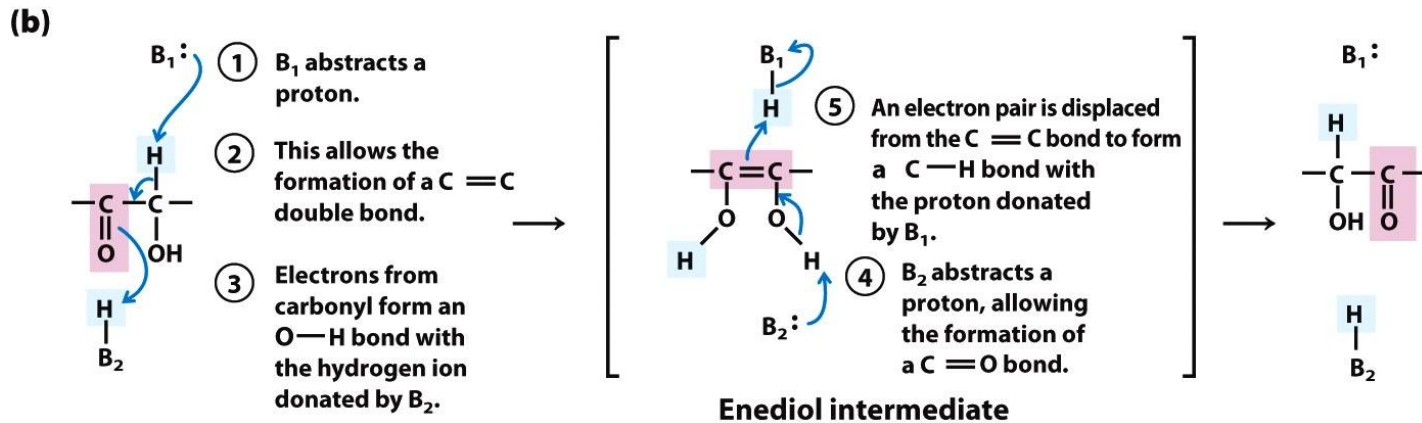
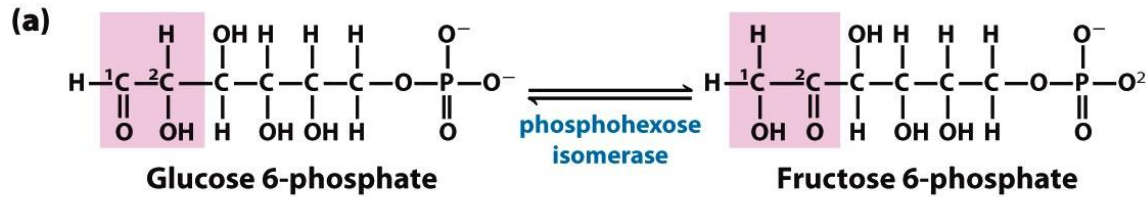
## ■ Carbocation in C-C formation



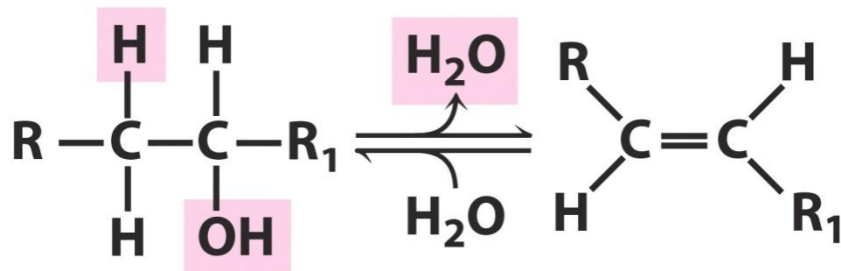
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# Internal rearrangements, Isomerizations, eliminations

## Rearrangements/ isomerizations

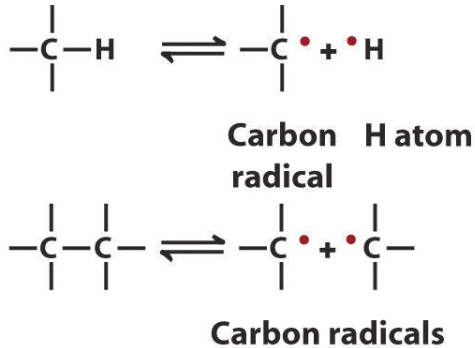


## Elimination reactions

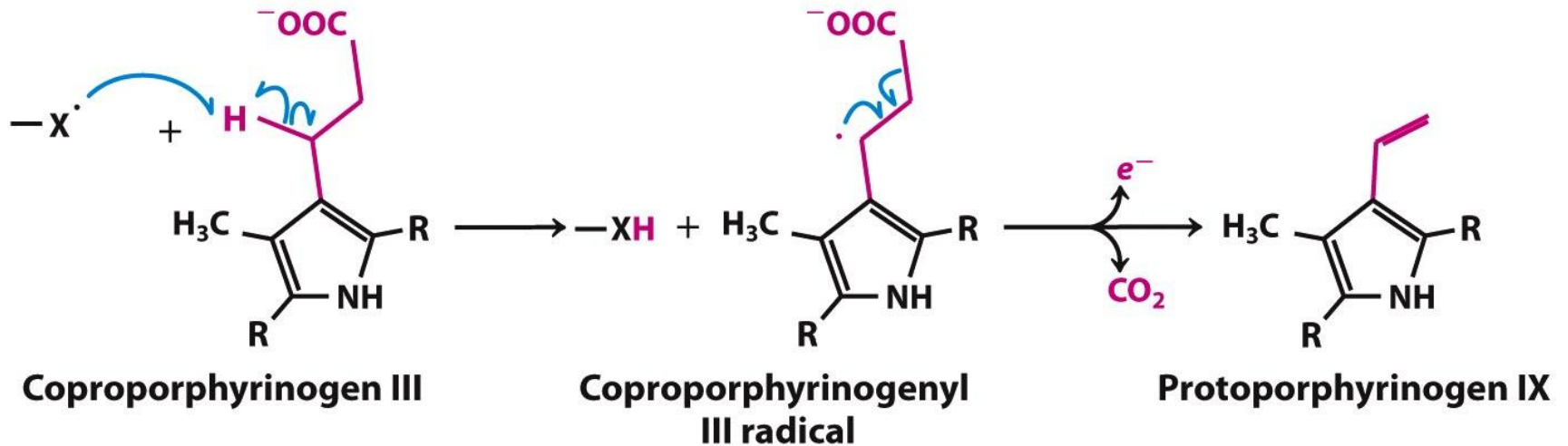


# Free radical reactions

Homolytic cleavage



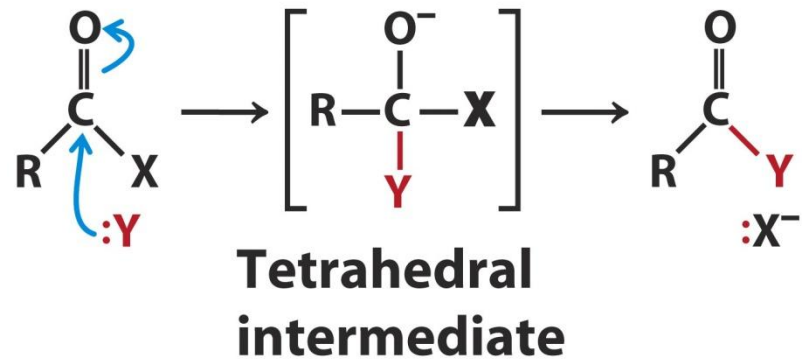
## Free radical-initiated decarboxylation



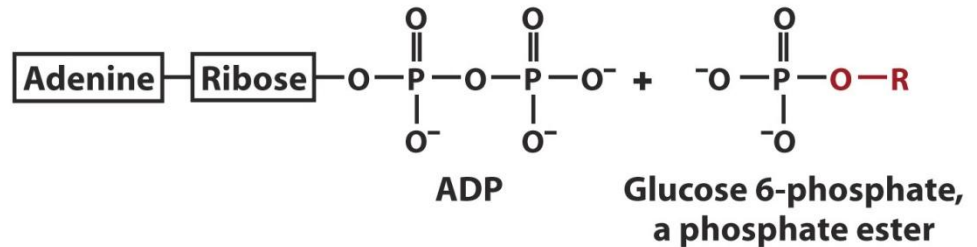
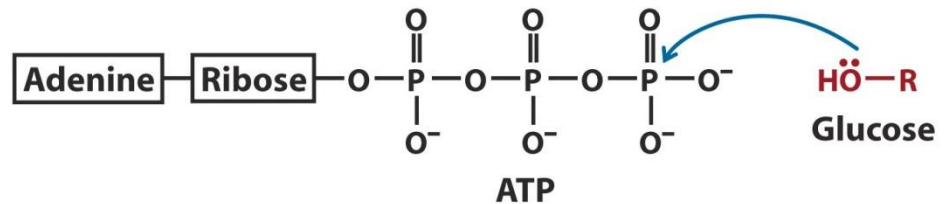
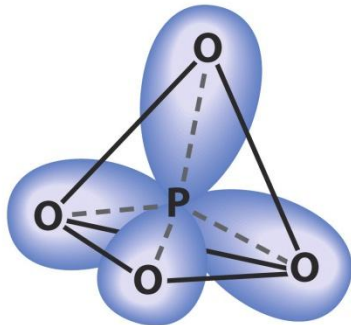
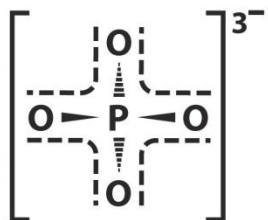
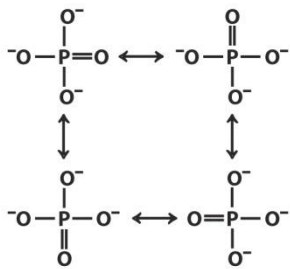


# Group transfer reactions

## ■ Acyl group transfer



## ■ Phosphoryl group transfer



# Oxidation-reduction reactions

## ■ Oxidation

- Lose of 2 e<sup>-</sup> and 2 H<sup>+</sup> ; dehydrogenations (**dehydrogenases**)
- Covalent addition of oxygen to carbon atom (**oxidases/ oxygenases**)

