

Energy needs of life

- Organisms are endergonic systems
 - ♦ What do we need energy for?
 - synthesis (biomolecules)
 - reproduction
 - active transport
 - movement
 - temperature regulation



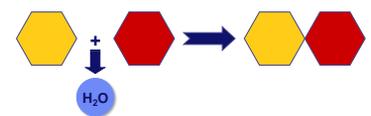
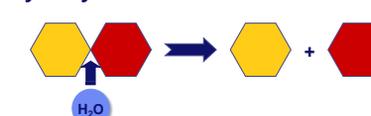


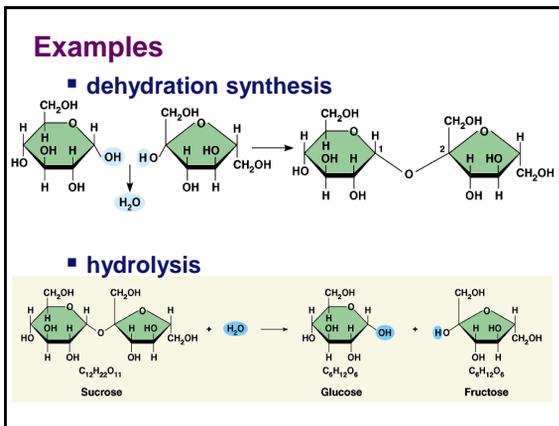
Chemical reactions of life

- Metabolism
 - ♦ forming bonds between molecules
 - dehydration synthesis
 - anabolic reactions
 - ♦ breaking bonds between molecules
 - hydrolysis
 - catabolic reactions



Examples

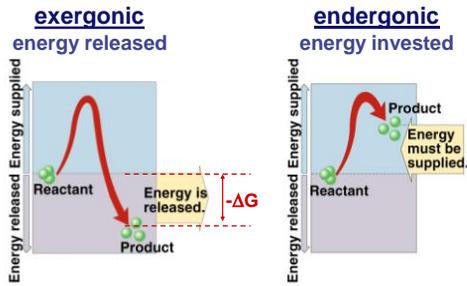
- dehydration synthesis
 
- hydrolysis
 



Chemical reactions & energy

- Some chemical reactions release energy
 - ♦ exergonic
 - ♦ digesting polymers
 - ♦ hydrolysis = catabolism
- Some chemical reactions require input of energy
 - ♦ endergonic
 - ♦ building polymers
 - ♦ dehydration synthesis = anabolism

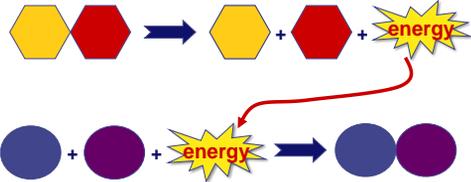
Endergonic vs. Exergonic rxn profiles



-ΔG = - change in free energy = ability to do work

Energy & life

- Organisms require energy to live
 - where does that energy come from?
 - often via coupling **exergonic reactions** (releasing energy) with **endergonic reactions** (needing energy)



Living economy

- Fueling the economy
 - eat high energy organic molecules (food)
 - break them down = **catabolism** (digest)
 - capture energy in form cell can use
- Need an **energy** currency
 - a way to pass energy around

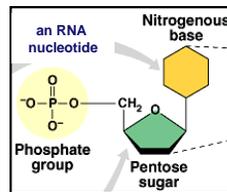
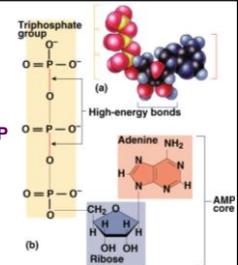


You'd have to run about **14 miles** to burn the calories from a pepperoni pizza.

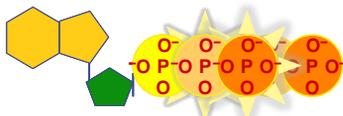
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Adenosine Triphosphate

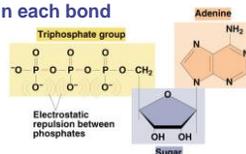
- modified nucleotide
 - adenine + ribose + $P_i \rightarrow$ AMP
 - AMP + $P_i \rightarrow$ ADP
 - ADP + $P_i \rightarrow$ ATP



Why does ATP store energy?



- Each P_i group more difficult to add
 - a lot of stored energy in each bond
 - most stored in 3rd P_i
 - $\Delta G = -7.3$ kcal/mole
- Close packing of negative P_i groups
 - spring-loaded**



The instability of its P bonds makes ATP an excellent energy donor

How does ATP transfer energy?



- Phosphorylation
 - when ATP does work, it transfers its 3rd P_i to other molecules
 - ATP \rightarrow ADP
 - releases energy
 - $\Delta G = -7.3$ kcal/mole (-30kJ/mol)
 - phosphates destabilize other molecules!**

An example of Phosphorylation...

- Building polymers from monomers
 - need ATP for energy & to take the water out

Kinases are enzymes involved with moving phosphate groups!

Another example of Phosphorylation...

- The first steps of cellular respiration
 - beginning the breakdown of glucose → ATP

ATP / ADP cycle

Can't store ATP for long periods

- too reactive
- transfers P_i too easily
- only short term energy storage
 - carbs & fats are long term energy storage

A working muscle recycles over 10 million ATPs per second

Where is ATP needed? One example...

Cleaving ATP → ADP allows myosin head to bind to actin filament.