

## Thermodynamics –Equilibrium-Homeostasis

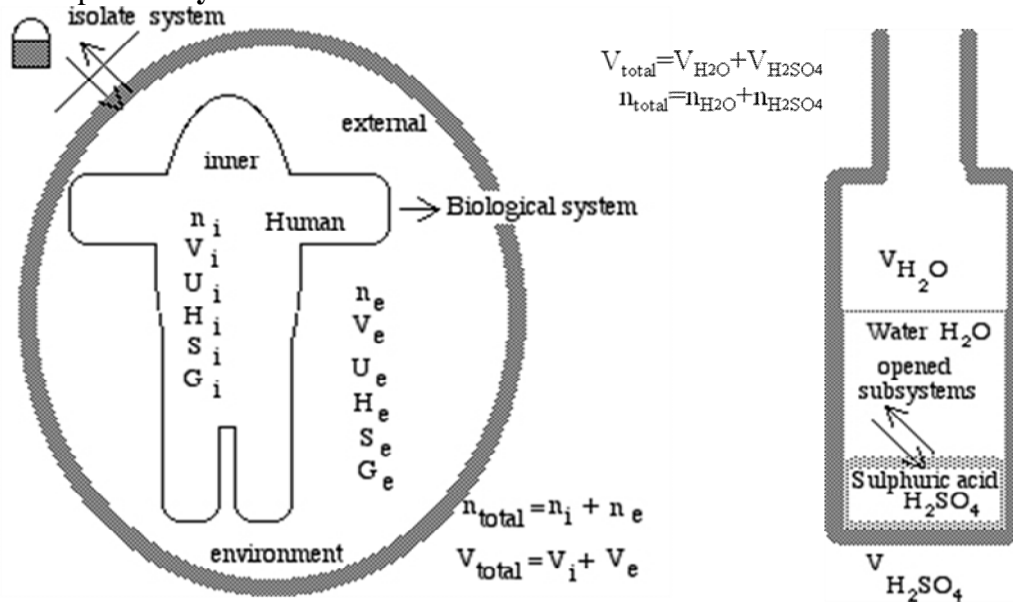
Method for studies of energy and mass exchange in Nature, Human and Cells .

**Meanings of: Thermodynamics** – Heat motion: *Greek, Latin -English languages*

**Equilibrium** – **equi-equivalent**: *Greek-English,*  
*librare-balance*: *Latin-English languages*

**Homeostasis** – equal staying: *Greek-English language*

Isolate **System**  $n=\text{const}$ ,  $V=\text{const}$ ,  $U=\text{const}$ ,  $H=\text{const}$ ,  $S=\text{const}$ ,  $G=\text{const}$ .  
contains at least two open sub **systems**.



Are two shapes of sub **systems**: homogeneous and heterogeneous

Biological sub **systems** (Human) are to environment organic regulated opened sub **systems** for mass and energy exchange (metabolism) of  $O_2$ ,  $H_2O$ , food (carbohydrates, proteins, fats) and out of organism of  $CO_2$ ,  $H_2O$ , metabolic wastes.

### Enthalpy $H = U + p \cdot V$ heat content of system

Heat  $Q$  of environment supplied is growth the heat content  $\Delta H$  of biological sub system:

$$Q = \Delta U + p \cdot \Delta V = U_2 - U_1 + p(V_2 - V_1) = U_2 + pV_2 - (U_1 + pV_1) = H_2 - H_1 = \Delta H$$

If environment sub system adds heat  $Q$  to the biological sub system, heat  $Q$  is used:

- 1.) for increasing of the  $\Delta U$  internal energy and
- 2.) for a work  $W$ , that does against environment thus:

$$Q = \Delta U + W$$

where  $Q$  is heat amount of environment and  
 $W = p \cdot \Delta V$  is the work of biological sub system and  
 $\Delta U$  is a internal energy change of biological sub system.

## Biochemistry Thermodynamics

Living cells and organisms must perform **work**  $W$  to stay alive, to grow, and to reproduce. The ability to harness energy  $G$  and to channel  $\Rightarrow$  it into biological work  $W$  is a fundamental property of all living organisms; it must have been acquired at **start** in molecular and so to cellular evolution. Modern organisms carry out a remarkable variety of energy  $G$  transductions  $\Rightarrow$ , conversions of one **1** form of energy  $G_1$  to (an-) other  $G_o$ . They use the chemical energy  $G$  in fuels

to bring about the synthesis of complex, highly ordered macromolecules from **simple precursors**. They also convert the chemical energy  $G$  of fuels into concentration  $C$  gradients and electrical  $E$  gradients, into **motion** work  $W$  and **heat**  $H$ , and, in a few organisms such as fireflies and deep-sea fish, into **light**  $\sim hv$ . Photosynthetic organisms transduce light energy  $\sim hv$  into all these other forms of **energy**.

## Hess Law calculation of reaction heat content change

Heat of reaction depends only on the initial and final compounds, but it does not depend on the way of reaction.

Combustion heat of compound is the enthalpy change in a reaction, in which 1 mole of the compound is completely combusted to CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O.

$$\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} = \sum \Delta H_{\text{initial\_compounds}}^{\text{combustions}} - \sum \Delta H_{\text{products}}^{\text{combustions}}$$

## Standard enthalpies H° (or ΔH°) and standard entropies S° (or ΔS°) for compound.

Standard enthalpy and standard entropy of compound molecule are change in a reaction, in which 1 mole of the compound is formed from free elements at standard conditions T=298 K, p=101.3 kPa

Standard enthalpy change for reaction products and initial compounds:

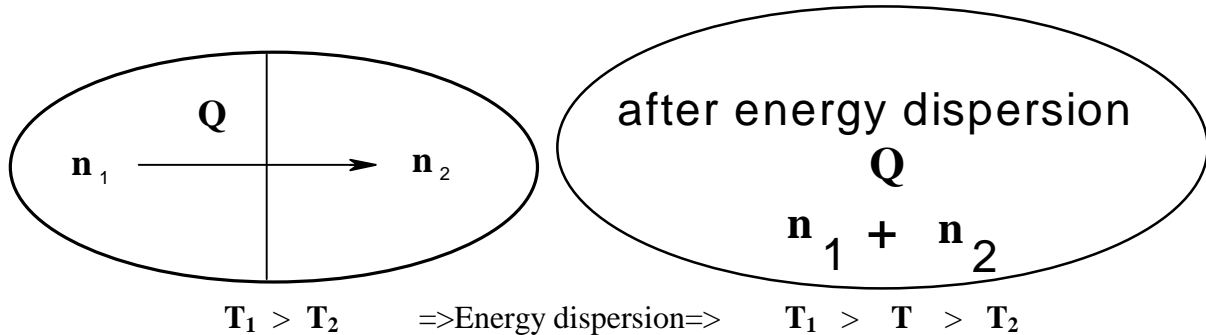
$$\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} = \sum \Delta H_{\text{products}}^{\circ} - \sum \Delta H_{\text{initial}}^{\circ};$$

Standard entropy change for reaction products and initial compounds:

$$\Delta S_{\text{reaction}} = \sum \Delta S_{\text{products}}^{\circ} - \sum \Delta S_{\text{initial}}^{\circ};$$

**Thermodynamics II Law.** Measure of **energy dispersion** per one unit on temperature **T** degree is 1. **entropy amount S** value and 2. for reaction products is **entropy change**

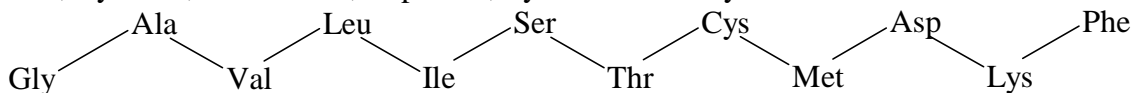
- The amount of heat dispersed from warmer body **n<sub>1</sub>** to cooler surroundings body. Energy of system is dispersed on more great count of particles sum **n<sub>1</sub> + n<sub>2</sub>**.



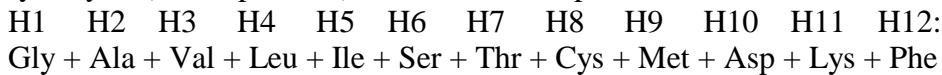
Heat of reaction dispersion  $-\Delta H_{\text{reaction}}$  per temperature **T** unit is **entropy growth positive** into environment as surrounding  $\Delta S_{\text{dispersed}} = -\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} / T$

2. Polypeptide chain protein molecule own united system of 12 amino acids:

Glycine, Alanine, Valine, Leucine, Isoleucine. Serine, Threonine, Cysteine, Methionine, Aspartate, Lysine and Phenylalanine.



After hydrolysis (decomposition) reaction => to separate in to 12 small molecules :



Decomposition reaction (hydrolysis) Energy dispersion on temperature **T** unit as system disorder chaos increase  $\Delta S_{\text{reaction}}$  for the decomposition reaction is entropy growth positive:  $\Delta S_{\text{reaction}} = \sum \Delta S_{\text{product}} - \sum \Delta S_{\text{initial}} > 0$ .

Total entropy  $\Delta S_{\text{total}}$  is energy dispersion sum of heat plus disorder chaos for hydrolysis decomposition reaction:  $\Delta S_{\text{total}} = \Delta S_{\text{reaction}} + \Delta S_{\text{dispersed}} > 0$  growth positive

Note: Synthesis reaction alone is impossible  $\Delta S_{\text{total}} < 0$  as negative because chaos decreases in high ordered polymer and energy accumulates from near surrounding of environment.

## II Law of thermodynamics spontaneous Energy dispersion Law

Internal energy U or enthalpy H of system has two summing parts:

$$U = F + S \cdot T; \text{ at constant volume } V = \text{const}$$

$$H = G + S \cdot T; \text{ at constant pressure } p = 101,3 \text{ kPa on sea level.}$$

1. free energy F (Helmholtz's energy) or G (Gibbs's free energy) and 2. lost energy  $S \cdot T$ , where S entropy of lost in surrounding energy per temperature T unit degree multiplied by T temperature in Kelvin grades is "bound" dispersed as lost energy in environment:

1. G free Gibbs's energy at constant pressure is more appropriate, because most processes on Earth occur at constant pressure  $p = 101,3 \text{ kPa}$ .

For isolate system, where U and H are constant, unchanged. It means enthalpy change  $\Delta H = 0$  is zero as H is constant:  $\Delta H = \Delta G + \Delta S \cdot T = 0$ .

Spontaneous process always take a place and free energy  $\Delta G < 0$  growth smaller that compensates with a growth of entropy  $\Delta S > 0$ , so that sum of the free Energy and bound energies changes compensate each other. In other word's growth of entropy  $\Delta S > 0$  in bound energy  $\Delta S \cdot T > 0$  is compensated with free Energy  $\Delta G < 0$  decrease as sum is zero:  $0 = \Delta G + \Delta S \cdot T$ .

So free energy decrease in spontaneous process converts to free energy loss "bound" to environment:

$$G \downarrow \Rightarrow \uparrow S \cdot T$$

and dispersion in surrounding as well as "lost free energy  $\Delta G$ " change is negative value and converts equal increased to bound energy  $\Delta S \cdot T$ , at constant pressure  $p = \text{const}$ . the change of value  $\Delta H$  determine character of reaction: exothermic  $\Delta H < 0$  or endothermic  $\Delta H > 0$

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - \Delta S \cdot T$$

At this can conclude :

1. is process exoergic spontaneous as  $\Delta G = \Delta H - \Delta S \cdot T < 0$  negative or
2. is process endoergic non-spontaneous, forbidden as  $\Delta G = \Delta H - \Delta S \cdot T > 0$  positive.

The chemical mechanisms that underlie energy **G** transductions  $\Rightarrow$  have fascinated and challenged scientist for centuries. **Antoine Lavoisier** (1743-1794), before he lost his head in the French Revolution, recognized that animals somehow transform chemical fuels (foods) into heat **H** and that this process of respiration is **essential to life**. He observed that ...in general, respiration **O<sub>2</sub>** is nothing but a slow **combustion** of carbon **C** and hydrogen **H**, which is entirely similar to that which occurs in a lighted lamp or candle, and that, from this point of view, animals that respire are true **combustible** bodies that **burn** and consume themselves.



...One may say that this analogy between **combustion** and **respiration** has not escaped the notice of the poets, or rather the philosophers of antiquity, and which they had expounded and interpreted. This fire stolen from heaven, this torch of Prometheus, does not only represent an ingenious and poetic idea, it is a faithful picture of the operations of nature, at least for animals that breathe **O<sub>2</sub>**; one may therefore say, with the ancients, that the torch of life lights itself at the moment the infant breathes for the first time, and it does not extinguish itself except at death.

Biochemical studies have revealed much of the chemistry underlying that "torch of life". **Biological energy G** transductions  $\Rightarrow$  obey the same **physical laws** that govern all other natural processes. It is therefore essential for a student of bio-medical-sciences to understand these biochemistry laws and how they apply to the flow  $\Rightarrow$  of **energy G** in the biosphere. In this chapter we first review the laws of thermodynamics and the quantitative relationships among free **energy G**, **enthalpy H** (**internal heat content** of substance), and **bound energy T·S** (**temperature** and **entropy** factorial). We then describe the special role of **ATP** in **biochemical energy G** exchanges. Finally, we consider the importance of *oxidation-reduction reactions* in living cells, the thermodynamics of **electron e<sup>-</sup> transfer** reactions, and the **electron e<sup>-</sup> carriers** commonly employed as cofactors of the enzymes that catalyze these **reactions**.

\*From a memoir by Armand Seguin and Antoine Lavoisier, dated 1789, quoted in Lavoisier, A. (1862) Oeuvres de Lavoisier, Imprimerie Imperiale, Paris.

## Biochemistry synthesis and decomposition reaction four types

### 1. EXOTHERMIC, EXOERGIC DECOMPOSITION REACTION of hydrolysis and bio oxidation

Oxidoreductases E.1 classes enzymes, as oxidative phosphorylation summary: exoergic exothermic  
 $C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_{2(aqua)} + 6H_2O \Rightarrow 6HCO_3^- + 6H_3O^+ + \Delta G_{react} + Q$ ;  $\Delta G_{react} = -2570,4 \text{ kJ/mol}$ ;  $\Delta H_{react} = -2805.27 \text{ kJ/mol}$

E.2 class degrading enzymes Hydrolases-digestive peptidases exoergic exothermic::

$Gly-Gly_{aqua} + H_2O \xrightarrow{peptidase} Gly_{aqua} + Gly_{aqua} + Q + \Delta G$ ;  $\Delta G_{react} = -80.99 \text{ kJ/mol}$ ;  $\Delta H_{react} = -60.58 \text{ kJ/mol}$

This type of reaction can be written in a general way as:

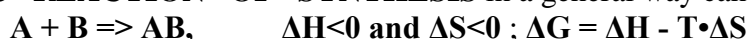


one can see, that the first component of it ( $\Delta H$ ) is negative.  $\Delta S$  itself is positive, but as there is a minus sign before it, the second component of it ( $-T \cdot \Delta S$ ) is also negative. This means, that  $\Delta G$  is always negative for this type of reactions..

**Conclusion:** an exothermic decomposition reaction is spontaneous at all conditions.

### 2. EXOTHERMIC REACTIONS OF SYNTHESIS

An **EXOTHERMIC REACTION OF SYNTHESIS** in a general way can be written as:



the first component  $\Delta H$  of the equation is negative, but the second one - positive ( $\Delta S$  is itself negative, but there is a minus sign before it). As one of the components is positive, but the other negative, the result  $\Delta G$  can be negative, if the negative component  $\Delta H$  by its absolute value is greater, than the positive component ( $-T \cdot \Delta S$ ):

$$|\Delta H| > |T \cdot \Delta S|$$

This is possible, if the temperature is low enough human body temperature 310.15 K

**Conclusion:** A synthesis reaction, that is exothermic, is spontaneous at low enough temperatures.

### 3. ENDOTHERMIC , EXOERGIC REACTION OF DECOMPOSITION

An example of an endothermic reaction of decomposition in a general form can be written as:



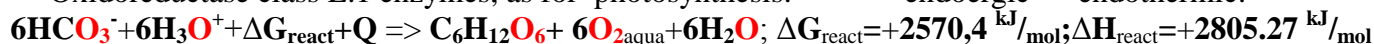
Thus, the first component ( $\Delta H$ ) in the equation is positive, but the second one ( $-T \cdot \Delta S$ ) - negative as entropy change itself is a positive value, but the minus sign in the equation turns the second component of equation negative.

In such a way, the change of Gibbs's Energy  $\Delta G$  can be negative (and the reaction can be spontaneous), if the negative component is greater, than the positive one:  $|T \cdot \Delta S| > |\Delta H|$

An endothermic reaction of decomposition occurs spontaneously at high enough temperatures.

### 4. ENDOTHERMIC, ENDOERGIC REACTION OF SYNTHESIS.

Oxidoreductase class E.1 enzymes, as for photosynthesis: endoergic endothermic:



Protein peptide bond synthesis hydrolase class E.2 enzymes, as for Ribosomes: endoergic endothermic:



This kind of reactions can be generally expressed as:  $A + B \Rightarrow AB$   $\Delta H > 0$  and  $\Delta S < 0$

Thus, both components of  $\Delta G$  are positive and therefore  $\Delta G$  is positive at any temperature. It means, that this type of reaction can never be spontaneous - in other words,

*an endothermic reaction of synthesis is thermodynamically forbidden.*

We can easily notice, that cases 1 and 4 and cases 2 and 3 are reverse reactions to each other. Two more **conclusions** can be done:

1) *If the direct reaction is always spontaneous, the reverse one is forbidden.(cases 1 and 4 ).*

2) *If the direct reaction is spontaneous at high temperatures, the reverse one must be carried out at low temperatures.*

## Biochemical Thermodynamics

**Thermodynamics** is the quantitative study of the energy  $G$  transductions  $\Rightarrow$  that occur in living cells and of the nature and function of the **chemical processes** underlying these transductions  $\Rightarrow$ . Although many of the principles of **thermodynamics** have been introduced in earlier studies and may be familiar to you, a review of the quantitative aspects of these principles is useful here.

## Biochemical Energy Transformations Thermodynamics explanation

Many quantitative observations made by physicists and chemists on the inter-conversion of different forms of energy led, in the nineteenth **19th** century, to the formulation of two **2** fundamental **laws** of thermodynamics. The **first 1st law** is the principle of the conservation of energy and mass:

*for any physical or chemical change, the total amount of energy  $U = \text{const}$  (internal energy) in the **isolate system** remains constant; energy may change form or it may be transported between regions (open subsystems constituting the total **isolate system**), but it cannot be created or destroyed*  
(because of **isolate system**).

The **second 2nd law** of thermodynamics, which can be stated in several forms, says that the **isolate system** always tends to use own **free energy G** content toward increasing **bound energy T•S**:

*in all natural processes, the entropy **S** of the **isolate system** increases.*

Living organisms consist of collections of molecules much more highly organized as well as synthesized into polymers or assembled into compartments of water soluble and water insoluble mediums than the surrounding materials from which they are constructed, and organisms maintain and produce order, seemingly oblivious to the second **2nd law** of thermodynamics. But living organisms are **open systems** and do not violate the second **2nd law**; they operate strictly within it collaborating with **surroundings (environment)**. To discuss the application of the second **2nd law** to biological systems, we must first **1st** define those **systems** and their **surroundings**. The **reacting system** is the **opened** collection of matter that is undergoing a particular chemical or physical process; it may be an organism, a cell, or two **2** reacting compounds. The **reacting system** and its **surroundings** together constitute the **isolate system**. In the laboratory, some chemical or physical processes can be carried out in **isolate** or **closed systems**, in which no material mass or energy **U** is exchanged with the **surroundings**. Living cells and organisms, however, are **open systems**, exchanging both material mass and energy **U** with their **surroundings**; living systems are never at **equilibrium** with their **surroundings**, and the constant transactions between **system** and **surroundings** explain how organisms can create order within themselves while operating within the second **2nd law** of thermodynamics.

Earlier in this text we defined three **3** thermodynamic quantities that describe the energy changes  $\Delta G$ ,  $\Delta H$ , and  $\Delta S \cdot T$  occurring in a chemical reaction. **Gibbs free energy (G)** expresses the amount of energy capable of doing work **W** during a reaction at constant temperature **T** and pressure **p** (studied earlier). When a reaction from **1** => to **2** proceeds with the release of **free energy**  $\Delta G$  (i.e., when the system changes so as to possess less **free energy G<sub>2</sub>** difference of change will be negative  $\Delta G = G_2 - G_1$ ), the **free-energy change**,  $\Delta G < 0$ , has a negative value and the reaction is said to be **exoergonic**. In **endoergonic** reactions, the system gains **free energy** and  $\Delta G > 0$  is positive. **Enthalpy, H**, is the **heat content** of the reacting system. It reflects the number **n** and kinds of chemical bonds in the **reactants** to => **products**. When a chemical reaction releases **heat**  $\Delta H < 0$ , it is said to be **exothermic**; the **heat content** of the **products** is less than that of the **reactants** and  $\Delta H = H_2 - H_1$  has, by convention, a negative value. **Reacting systems** that take up heat  $\Delta H > 0$  from their **surroundings** are **endothermic** and have positive values of  $\Delta H = H_2 - H_1$  (studied earlier). Entropy, **S**, is a quantitative expression for the dispersion of **free energy**  $\Delta G < 0$  in a system (Box 14-1). When the **products** of a reaction are decomposed more complex **reactants** and has more dispersed or dissipated **free energy** than the **reactants**, the reaction is said to proceed with a gain in **bound energy T•ΔS** and rise entropy  $\Delta S > 0$  (studied earlier). The units of  $\Delta G$  and  $\Delta H$  are **joules/mole** or **calories/mole** (recall that **1 cal** equals **4.184 J** units of **entropy** are **joules/mole/Kelvin (J/mol/K)** (Table 1-1).

Under the conditions existing in biological systems (including constant temperature **T** and pressure **p**), changes in **free energy**  $\Delta G$ , **enthalpy**  $\Delta H$ , and **entropy**  $\Delta S$  are related to each other quantitatively by the equation (1-1)

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T \cdot \Delta S \quad (1-1)$$

in which  $\Delta G = G_2 - G_1$  is the change in **Gibbs free energy** of the reacting system,  $\Delta H = H_2 - H_1$  is the change in **enthalpy** of the **system**, **T** is the absolute temperature, and  $\Delta S = S_2 - S_1$  is the change in **entropy** of the **system**. By convention,  $\Delta S > 0$  has a positive (+) sign when **entropy S** increases and  $\Delta H < 0$ , as noted above, has a negative (-) sign when **heat** is released by the **system** to its **surroundings** as well **system** has lost the **heat content H**. Either of these conditions, which are typical of **favorable** processes, tend to make  $\Delta G < 0$  negative. In fact,  $\Delta G$  of a spontaneously reacting system is always negative  $\Delta G < 0$ .

**Table 1-1. Some Physical Constants and Units Used in Thermodynamics**

Boltzmann constant,	$k = 1.381 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$
Avogadro's number,	$N_A = 6.022 \cdot 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Faraday constant,	$F = 96\,485 \text{ J/V/mol}$
Gas constant,	$R = 8.3144 \text{ J/mol/K} (= 1.987 \text{ cal/mol/K})$
Units of	$\Delta G$ and $\Delta H$ are <b>kJ/mol</b> (or <b>kcal/mol</b> )
Units of	$\Delta S$ are <b>J/mol/K</b> (or <b>cal/mol/K</b> ); <b>1 cal = 4.184 J</b>
Units of absolute temperature, <b>T</b> ,	are Kelvin, <b>K</b> ; <b>25 °C = 298,15 K</b> ; <b>37 °C = 310,15 K</b> ;
	At <b>25 °C</b> , <b>RT = 2.479 kJ/mol (= 0.592 kcal/mol)</b>

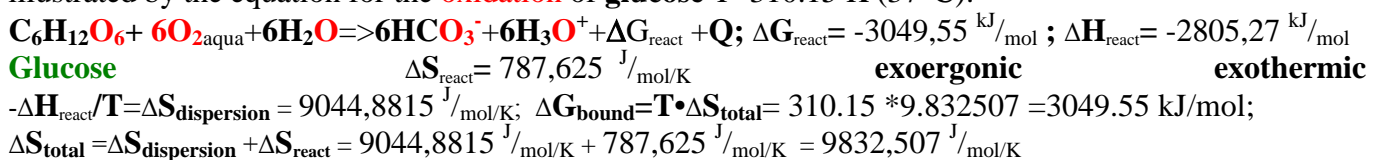
The second **2nd law** of thermodynamics states that the **bound energy**  $T \cdot \Delta S$  and **entropy** to the **isolate system** increases during all chemical and physical processes behalf of free energy **G** decrease, but it does not require that the **entropy** increase take place in the **reacting system** itself as member of **sub-systems** included into **isolate system**. The **synthesized** products within cells as they grow and divide **free energy**  $\Delta G > 0$  increase is more than compensated for by the decomposition they create **free energy** losing  $\Delta G < 0$  in their **surroundings** in the course of growth and division (Box 1-1, case 2). In living organisms preserve their internal **free energy**  $\Delta G > 0$  increase by taking from the **surroundings** **free energy**  $\Delta G < 0$  which is lost in the form of high nutrients **free energy**  $G_n$  or sunlight **free energy**  $\sim h\nu = G_s$ , and returning to their **surroundings** an equal amount of energy as **heat H** and **entropy S**.

## Entropy: The Entity of Energy dispersion measure per one Kelvine degree

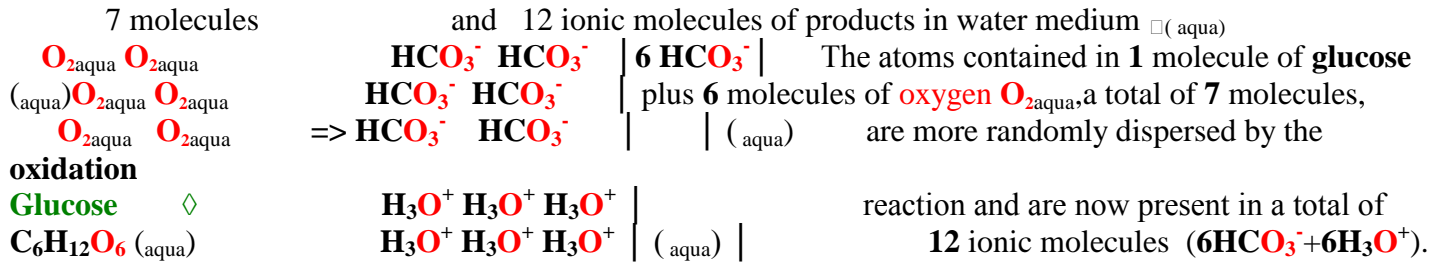
The term **entropy S**, which literally means a " **change within**" (*Greek en* - in, *tropos* - turning), was first used in 1851 by Rudolf Clausius, one of the formulators of the second **2nd law** of thermodynamics. A rigorous quantitative definition of **entropy S** involves statistical and probability considerations. However, its nature can be illustrated qualitatively by three **3** simple examples using **bound energy T·S** terms, each demonstrating one aspect of **entropy S**. The key descriptors of **entropy S** are *randomness* and *dissipation* of energy in **system**, manifested in different ways over one unit of Kelvine degree temperature.

**Case I - The Teakettle and the Dispersion of Heat Entropy growth as enthalpy decreases.** We know that steam generated from boiling water can do useful work **W**. But suppose we turn off the burner under a teakettle full of water at 100 °C (the "**system**") in the kitchen (the "**surroundings**") and allow the teakettle to cool. As it cools, no work is done, but heat passes from the teakettle to the surroundings, raising the temperature **T** of the **surroundings** (the kitchen) by an infinitesimally small amount until complete equilibrium is attained. At this point all parts of the teakettle and the kitchen are at precisely the same temperature **T**. The **heat energy** dispersion  $-\Delta H_{\text{tea}}$  that was once concentrated in the teakettle of hot water at **100 °C** for number of moles only  $n_{\text{tea}}$ , *potentially* capable of doing work **W**, has lost as dispersed among total number of moles  $n_{\text{tea}} + n_{\text{kitch}}$  including surroundings. Its equivalent in **heat energy** is still present commonly in the teakettle + kitchen (i.e., the '**isolate system**') but has become completely randomized throughout. This energy is no longer available to do work  $\neq \mathbf{W}$  because there is no temperature differential within the kitchen and teakettle. Moreover, the increase in **entropy**  $\Delta S_{\text{dispersion}}$  and **bound energy**  $T \cdot \Delta S_{\text{dispersion}}$  of the teakettle + kitchen (the **isolate system**) is irreversible because the **heat**  $-\Delta H_{\text{tea}}$  dissipation to all members among total number of moles  $n_{\text{tea}} + n_{\text{kitch}}$ . We know from everyday experience that **heat**  $-\Delta H_{\text{tea}} = T \cdot \Delta S_{\text{dispersion}}$  never spontaneously passes back from the kitchen into the teakettle to raise the temperature **T** of the water to **100 °C** again because **bound energy**  $T \cdot \Delta S_{\text{total}}$  is lost energy within dissipation of **heat** and loose of heat content – enthalpy negative change  $-\Delta H_{\text{tea}}$ .

**Case 2: The decomposition of Glucose by the Oxidation of Glucose.** Entropy  $\Delta S_{\text{total}}$  has a sum of condition not only for **bound heat energy**  $T \cdot \Delta S_{\text{dispersion}}$  but of **matter chemical disorder** change in chemical reaction to  $T \cdot S_{\text{react}}$ . Aerobic (hetero-trophic) organisms extract **free energy**  $\Delta G_{\text{react}}$  from **glucose** obtained from their **surroundings** by **oxidizing** the **glucose** with molecular **oxygen**  $O_{2\text{aqua}}$  in water solutions also obtained from the **surroundings**. The end products of this **oxidative** metabolism,  $CO_{2\text{aqua}}$  and  $H_2O$ , are released and returned to the surroundings. In this process the **surroundings** undergo an increase in **bound energy**  $T \cdot \Delta S_{\text{total}}$  and entropy  $\Delta S_{\text{total}}$ , whereas the organism itself remains in a steady state and undergoes to homeostasis (no change) in its internal state  $G_{\text{in}}$ ,  $H_{\text{in}}$ , and  $T \cdot S_{\text{in}}$ . The **exoergonic** and **exothermic oxidative decomposition reaction**, illustrated by the equation for the **oxidation** of **glucose**  $T = 310.15 \text{ K} (37^\circ\text{C})$ :



We can represent this schematically as



Whenever a chemical reaction results in an increase in the number **n** of molecules-of moles or when a solid substance is converted into **liquid** or **gaseous** products, which allow more freedom of molecular movement and take up more volume than solids in decomposition reaction, and thus **bound** energy  $T \cdot \Delta S_{total}$  as well entropy of reaction  $\Delta S_{react} = 787,625 \text{ J/mol/K}$  and heat dispersion  $\Delta S_{dispersion} = 9044,8815 \text{ J/mol/K}$  increases.

**Case 3- Information and Entropy** The following short passage from Julius Caesar, Act IV, Scene 3, is spoken by Brutus, when he realizes that he must face Mark Antony's army. It is an information-rich non random arrangement of **129** letters or **163** characters including space **28** and punctuation **6** marks of the English alphabet: **163-28-6**

<p>There is a tide in the affairs of men,          Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;          Omitted, all the voyage of their life          Is bound in shallows and in miseries.</p>	<p>voy inThie tide irs affof meoes.dlin, lem          bou aWis ch, takat t ahe fl ono,isads          ted, all t shalhe theenage ofir d infe tone;          Is nherd inlowOmi thets a fortun eri</p>
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In addition to what this passage says overtly, it has many hidden meanings. It not only reflects a complex sequence of events in the play, it also echoes the play's ideas on conflict, ambition, and the demands of leadership. Permeated with Shakespeare's understanding of human nature, it is very rich in information.

However, if the **129** letters making up this quotation were allowed to fall into a completely random, chaotic pattern, as shown in the following box, they would have no meaning whatsoever. In this form the **129** letters contain little or no **information**, but they are very rich in entropy **S** because of random dispersion. Such considerations have led to the conclusion that **information** carrying **letters** or **molecules** are a form of **free** energy **G** accumulation; **information carriers** have bring "small **bound** energy  $T \cdot S$  or entropy **S**." In fact, the branch of mathematics called information theory, which is basic to the programming logic of computers, is closely related to thermodynamic theory  $T \cdot \Delta S + \Delta G = \Delta H \approx 0$ . Living organisms are highly **synthesized** **products**, non-random and very large **polymer** structures, immensely rich in **information** and **free** energy  $\Delta G$  and thus **bound** energy  $T \cdot \Delta S$  or entropy-poor.

### Cells Require Sources of Free Energy

Cells are **isothermal** systems-they function at essentially constant temperature  $T = \text{const}$  (and constant pressure  $p = 101.3 \text{ kPa}$ ). Heat  $\Delta H$  flow  $\Rightarrow$  is not a source of energy for cells because heat can do work **W** only as it passes to a zone or object at a lower **T** temperature. The energy that cells can and must use is **free** energy change  $\Delta G$ , described by the **Gibbs free-energy** function **G**, which allows prediction of the direction of chemical reactions, their exact **equilibrium** position, and the amount of work **W** they can in theory perform at constant temperature **T** and pressure **p**. Hetero-trophic cells acquire **free** energy  $\Delta G$  from nutrient molecules, and photosynthetic cells acquire it from absorbed solar radiation  $\sim h\nu = \Delta G$ . Both kinds of cells transform this **free** energy into **ATP** and other **energy-rich** compounds capable of providing energy  $\Delta G$  for biological work  $W = -\Delta G$  at constant temperature **T**.

### The Standard Free-Energy Change Is Directly Related to the Equilibrium Constant

The composition of a **reacting system** (a mixture of chemical **reactants** and **products**) tends to continue changing until **equilibrium** is reached. At the **equilibrium** concentration **X** of **reactants** and **products**, the rates **v** of the forward  $\Rightarrow$  and reverse  $\Leftarrow$  reactions are exactly equal  $v \Rightarrow \Leftarrow v$  and no further net change occurs in the system.

**Equilibrium** is the question about at first **1st chemical potential** and at second **2nd** about **balance** of reaction Rates.

## Chemical potential $\mu$

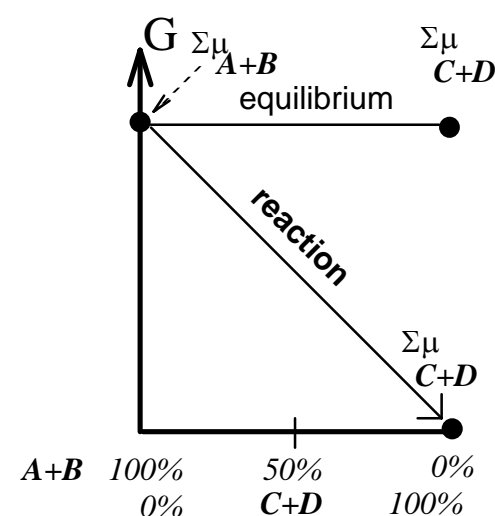
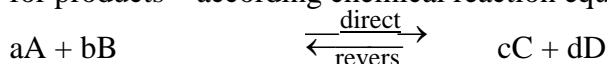
**Chemical potential** show, how much change of **free energy**  $\Delta G_A$  brings into system-reaction adding of 1 mole amount of compound **A**. In a fact: how great amount of **free energy** belongs to one **1 mol** in mixture. It means how much free energy  $\Delta G_A$  has itself per **1 mole** compound **A**, if amount of compound in molar

numbers is  $\Delta n_A = 1 \text{ mole} : \mu_A = \frac{\Delta G_A}{\Delta n_A} = \Delta G^\circ_A + R \cdot T \cdot \ln(X_A)$  (1-2)

**chemical potential** of compound **A**, where:  $\Delta G^\circ_A$ , **kJ/mol** - **standard chemical potential** at standard conditions **T = 298.16 K**, pressure **p = 101.3 kPa**; **R = 8.3144 J/mol/K** - universal gas constant; **ln(X<sub>A</sub>)** - natural logarithmic function from argument **X<sub>A</sub>** and **X<sub>A</sub>**, unless - **molar fraction** concentration of compound **A**, expressed as **X<sub>A</sub> = n<sub>A</sub>/n<sub>total</sub>** and laying between **0 < X<sub>A</sub> ≤ 1** (absence and pure) compound **A** concentrations, where **n<sub>A</sub>, mol** - **number of moles** for compound **A** and **n<sub>total</sub>, mol** - total **number of moles** all present compounds **total** including water. Logarithmic function properties **ln(1) = 0** yield that **standard chemical potential**  $\Delta G^\circ_A = \mu_A$  at **X<sub>A</sub> = 1** is pure **A** compound **1 mol free energy** content  $\Delta G^\circ_A$ , assuming **standard free energy of formation G<sup>o</sup><sub>A</sub>** from elements for compound **A** per one **1 mole**. Reaction proceeds completely forward until end only when **products** of reaction have hardly little disposition to reverse change back into **reactants**. In other words these **products** of reaction have trifling remarkable or zero value of chemical potential  $\mu_{\text{products}} = 0$ , affinity turns back to **reactants: A ← x— products**.

### Thermo dynamical conditions of chemical equilibrium

Provided chemical potential of reaction products is taking into consideration (it has anything remarkable level of value), then reaction proceeds not completely until end, go not on completely 100% to reactants conversion to products, but one can observe the setting in equilibrium. In state of equilibrium sum of chemical potentials for initial compounds  $\mu$  is equal to sum of chemical potentials for products – according chemical reaction equation reactants **aA + bB** and products **cC + dD**:



reactants - initial compounds                      products  
because compound factor-coefficients **a, b, c, and d** means

$$a\mu_A + b\mu_B = c\mu_C + d\mu_D$$

A+A+A a times molecule A and so on B, C, and D takes a part in reaction as is seen in expression of equilibrium.

The concentrations **X** of **reactants** and **products** at **equilibrium** define the **equilibrium constant, Keq** (see the Chemical Equilibrium). In the general reaction **chemical potential** sum for **reactants**  $\Sigma\mu_{\text{reactant}}$  and **products**  $\Sigma\mu_{\text{product}}$  at equilibrium are equal:

$$\Sigma\mu_{\text{reactant}} = \Sigma\mu_{\text{product}} ;$$

and free energy change for reaction is

$$\Delta G_{\text{reaction}} = \Sigma\mu_{\text{product}} - \Sigma\mu_{\text{reactant}} .$$

As the chemical potential sum at equilibrium are equal  $a\mu_A + b\mu_B = c\mu_C + d\mu_D$  ;

$$a \cdot (\Delta G^\circ_A + R \cdot T \cdot \ln(X_A)) + b \cdot (\Delta G^\circ_B + R \cdot T \cdot \ln(X_B)) = c \cdot (\Delta G^\circ_C + R \cdot T \cdot \ln(X_C)) + d \cdot (\Delta G^\circ_D + R \cdot T \cdot \ln(X_D))$$

$$(a \cdot \Delta G^\circ_A + b \cdot \Delta G^\circ_B) - (d \cdot \Delta G^\circ_D + c \cdot \Delta G^\circ_C) = R \cdot T \cdot \{ [c \cdot \ln(X_C) + d \cdot \ln(X_D)] - [a \cdot \ln(X_A) + b \cdot \ln(X_B)] \}$$

$$-\Delta G^\circ_{\text{reaction}} = -[ (d \cdot \Delta G^\circ_D + c \cdot \Delta G^\circ_C) - (a \cdot \Delta G^\circ_A + b \cdot \Delta G^\circ_B) ] = R \cdot T \cdot \{ [\ln(X_D^d) + \ln(X_C^c)] - [\ln(X_A^a) + \ln(X_B^b)] \}$$

$$-\Delta G^\circ_{\text{reaction}} = - [ \Sigma \Delta G^\circ_{\text{product}} - \Sigma \Delta G^\circ_{\text{reactant}} ] = R \cdot T \cdot \{ \ln(X_D^d \cdot X_C^c) - \ln(X_A^a \cdot X_B^b) \}$$

$$-\Delta G^\circ_{\text{reaction}} = - [ \Sigma \Delta G^\circ_{\text{product}} - \Sigma \Delta G^\circ_{\text{reactant}} ] = R \cdot T \cdot \ln \left( \frac{X_C^c \cdot X_D^d}{X_A^a \cdot X_B^b} \right)$$

$$-\Delta G^\circ_{\text{reaction}} = R \cdot T \cdot \ln \left( \frac{X_C^c \cdot X_D^d}{X_A^a \cdot X_B^b} \right) = R \cdot T \cdot \ln(K_{\text{eq}}) ; K_{\text{eq}} = \frac{X_C^c \cdot X_D^d}{X_A^a \cdot X_B^b} \quad (1-3)$$

In each sum **a, b, c, and d** are the number of molecules of **A, B, C, and D** participating, the **equilibrium constant** is expressed by (1-3) where **X<sub>A</sub>, X<sub>B</sub>, X<sub>C</sub>, and X<sub>D</sub>** are the **molar fraction** concentrations of the reaction components at the point of **equilibrium**.



When a reacting system is not at **equilibrium**, the tendency to move toward equilibrium represents a driving force, the magnitude of which can be expressed as the **free-energy change** for the reaction,  $\Delta G_{\text{reaction}}$ . Under **standard conditions** (298.15 K or 25 °C), when reactants and products are present in **molar fraction** concentrations or, for gases, at partial pressures for total pressure as sum  $p_{\text{total}} = 101.3 \text{ kilo-pascals (kPa)}$  or **1 atm**, the force driving the system toward equilibrium is defined as the **standard free-energy change**,  $\Delta G^{\circ}_{\text{reaction}}$ . By this definition, the **standard state** for reactions that involve hydrogen ions is  $X_{\text{H}_3\text{O}^+}$  is **pH**

maintaining equilibrium constant value in ratio  $\frac{X_C^c \cdot X_D^d}{X_A^a \cdot X_B^b} = K_{\text{eq}}$ . Most biochemical reactions occur in well-

buffered aqueous solutions near **pH = 7.36** (for blood plasma); both the **pH** and the concentration of water [ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ] (**55.346 M**) is essentially **constant**. For convenience of calculations, biochemists therefore define a different **standard state**, in which the concentration of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  is  $10^{-7.36} \text{ M}$  (**pH = 7.36**) and that of water is [ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ] = **55.346 M**; for reactions that involve  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  (including most reactions for which **ATP** is a substrate), its concentration in solution is commonly taken to be constant at **1 mM**, but  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  has not sense as matter for equilibrium because magnesium  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ion usually is a catalysts and therefore dose not affecting **equilibrium constant**  $K_{\text{eq}}$  by its concentration as  $X_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}$ . Physical constants based on this **biochemical standard state** are called **standard transformed constants** and are written  $\Delta G_o$  with a zero index (as  $\Delta G_{\text{Mg}^{2+}=0}$  and  $X_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}=1$ ) to distinguish them from the **normal constants** used by chemists and physicists. (Notice that the symbol  $\Delta G_o$  is a change from the symbol  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  used in earlier editions of thermodynamics and in most other textbooks. The change, recommended by an international committee of chemists and biochemists, is intended to emphasize that the **transformed free energy**  $\Delta G_o$  is the criterion for **equilibrium**.) By convention, when  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  ( $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  excepting as catalyst) are **reactants** or **products**, their concentrations could not be included in equations such as equation 1-3 but are instead incorporated into the constants  $\Delta G_o$  and  $K_{\text{oeq}} = K_{\text{eq}}/[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  or  $K_{\text{oeq}} = K_{\text{eq}} * [\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ .

Just as  $K_{\text{oeq}}$  is a physical constant characteristic for each reaction, so too is  $\Delta G_o$  a constant. As is noted in General Chemistry course (equilibrium and Second Law of Thermodynamics), there is a simple relationship between  $K_{\text{oeq}}$  and  $\Delta G_o$  show the energy and mass relation of compounds. The **standard free-energy**  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  change of a chemical reaction is simply an alternative mathematical way of expressing its equilibrium constant  $K_{\text{eq}}$ . The **equilibrium constant** for a given chemical reaction is  $K_{\text{eq}} = 1.0$ , the **standard free-energy change** of that reaction is  $\Delta G^{\circ} = 0.0$  (the natural logarithm of  $1 \ln(1) = 0$  is zero). If  $K_{\text{eq}}$  of a reaction is greater than  $>1.0$ , its  $\Delta G^{\circ} < 0$  is negative. If  $K_{\text{eq}}$  is less than  $<1.0$ ,  $\Delta G^{\circ} > 0$  is positive. Because the relationship between  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  and  $K_{\text{eq}}$  is exponential, relatively small changes in  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  correspond to large changes in  $K_{\text{eq}}$ .

It may be helpful to think of the **standard free-energy change**  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  in another way.  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  is the difference between the **free-energy content** of the **products**, and the **free-energy content** of the **reactants** under **standard conditions** (1-3). When  $\Delta G^{\circ} = G_2 - G_1 < 0$  is negative, the **products**  $G_2$  contain less **free energy** than the **reactants** and the reaction will proceed **spontaneously** under **standard conditions**  $G_1$ ; all chemical reactions tend to go in the conversion direction that results in a decrease in the **free energy** to  $G_2$  of the **system**. A positive value of  $\Delta G^{\circ} = G_2 - G_1 > 0$  means that the **products**  $G_2$  of the reaction contain more **free energy** than the **reactants**  $G_1$  and this reaction will tend to go in the conversion reverse  $\xleftarrow{\text{reverse}}$  direction to  $G_1$ .

As an example, let us make a simple calculation of the **standard free-energy change**  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  of the reaction catalyzed by the enzyme **phospho-gluco-mutase** (glucose symbol is **Glc** of three letters):

### **Glc 1-phosphate $\rightleftharpoons$ Glc 6-phosphate**

Chemical analysis shows that whether we start with, say, **20 mM glucose 1-phosphate** (but no **glucose 6-phosphate**) or with **20 mM glucose 6-phosphate** (but no **glucose 1-phosphate**), the final **equilibrium mixture** will contain **1 mM glucose 1-phosphate** and **19 mM glucose 6-phosphate** at **25°C**. (Remember that **enzymes** do not affect the point of **equilibrium** of a reaction; they merely hasten its attainment.) From these data we can calculate the **equilibrium constant** and **standard free-energy change**:

$$K_{\text{eq}} = [\text{Glc 6-phosphate}]/[\text{Glc 1-phosphate}] = 19 \text{ mM}/1 \text{ mM} = 19 \text{ shifted to right side}$$

$$\Delta G^{\circ} = -R \cdot T \cdot \ln(K_{\text{eq}}) = -R \cdot T \cdot \ln(19) = -7.296 \text{ kJ/mol spontaneous}$$

Because the **standard free-energy change**  $\Delta G^{\circ} < 0$  is negative, when the reaction starts with **glucose 1-phosphate** and **glucose 6-phosphate**, the conversion of **glucose 1-phosphate** to **glucose 6-phosphate** proceeds with a loss (release) of free energy.

For the reverse reaction (the conversion to **glucose 1-phosphate**  $\xleftarrow{\text{reverse}}$  from **glucose 6-phosphate**),  $\Delta G^{\circ} = 7.296 \text{ kJ/mol}$  has the same magnitude but the opposite sign, reverse reaction no spontaneous.

Table 1-1 gives the **standard free-energy** changes  $\Delta G^\circ$  for some representative chemical reactions. Note that **hydrolysis** of simple **esters, amides, peptides, and glycosides**, as well as **rearrangements** and **eliminations**, proceed with relatively small **standard free-energy** changes  $\Delta G^\circ$ , whereas **hydrolysis of acid anhydrides** occurs with relatively large decreases in **standard free-energy**  $\Delta G^\circ$ . The complete **oxidation** of organic compounds such as **glucose** or **palmitate** to **CO<sub>2</sub>** and **H<sub>2</sub>O**, which in cells requires many steps, results in very large decreases in **standard free energy**  $\Delta G^\circ$ . However, **standard free-energy** changes  $\Delta G^\circ$  such as those in Table 1-1 indicate how much **free energy** is available from a reaction under **standard conditions** for one **1 mol** of compound. To describe the energy released under the **homeostasis conditions** existing in real cells, an expression for the **actual Homeostasis free-energy** change  $\Delta G_{\text{reaction}}$  calculation is essential.

$$\Delta G_{\text{reaction}} = \Delta G^\circ_{\text{reaction}} + \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{T} \cdot \ln \left( \frac{\mathbf{X}_C^c \cdot \mathbf{X}_D^d}{\mathbf{X}_A^a \cdot \mathbf{X}_B^b} \right) \neq 0; \quad 0 = \Delta G^\circ_{\text{reaction}} + \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{T} \cdot \ln(\mathbf{K}_{\text{eq}}) \text{ at equilibrium zero (1-4)}$$

We must be careful to distinguish between two **2** different quantities: the **free-energy** change,  $\Delta G$ , and the **standard free-energy** change,  $\Delta G^\circ$ . Each chemical reaction has a characteristic **standard free-energy** change per one **1 mol** of **reactant**, which maybe positive  $\Delta G^\circ > 0$ , negative  $\Delta G^\circ < 0$ , or sometimes zero  $\Delta G^\circ = 0$ , depending on the equilibrium constant  $\mathbf{K}_{\text{eq}}$  of the reaction. The **standard free-energy** change  $\Delta G^\circ$  tells us in which direction and how far a given reaction must go to reach **equilibrium** when the temperature is **25 °C** or  $\mathbf{T}_o = 298.15 \text{ K}$ , and the pressure  $\mathbf{p}$  is **101.3 kPa (1 atm)** and component concentrations at **equilibrium** are  $\mathbf{X}$ . Thus  $\Delta G^\circ$  is a constant: it has a characteristic, unchanging value for a given reaction. But the actual **free-energy** change,  $\Delta G$ , is a function of **reactant** and **product** concentrations  $\mathbf{X}$  and of the temperature  $\mathbf{T} = 310.15 \text{ K}$  prevailing during the reaction in human body, which will not necessarily match the **standard conditions** as defined above. Moreover, the  $\Delta G$  of any reaction proceeding  $\Rightarrow$  spontaneously toward its **equilibrium** state is always negative  $\Delta G < 0$ , becomes less negative as the reverse  $\leftarrow$  reaction proceeds, and is zero  $\Delta G = 0$  at the point of **equilibrium**  $(\mathbf{X}_D^d \cdot \mathbf{X}_C^c) / (\mathbf{X}_A^a \cdot \mathbf{X}_B^b) = \mathbf{K}_{\text{eq}}$ , indicating that no more work  $\mathbf{W} = -\Delta G = 0$  can be done by the reaction:  $a\mathbf{A} + b\mathbf{B} = c\mathbf{C} + d\mathbf{D}$  according expression (1-4)

$\Delta G$  and  $\Delta G^\circ$  for any reaction are related by the equation (1-4). in which the terms in **red** are those actually prevailing in the system under observation. The concentration  $\mathbf{X}$  terms in this equation express the effects commonly called **mass action**. As an example, let us suppose that the reaction  $a\mathbf{A} + b\mathbf{B} = c\mathbf{C} + d\mathbf{D}$  is taking place at the **standard conditions** of temperature  $\mathbf{T}_o = 298.15 \text{ K}$  (**25 °C**) and pressure (**101.3 kPa**) but that the concentrations of  $\mathbf{X}_A$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_B$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_C$ , and  $\mathbf{X}_D$  into reaction mixture are not equal and that none of the components is present at the standard concentration  $\mathbf{X}$  of **1.0** like pure compounds. To determine the actual **free-energy** change,  $\Delta G$ , under these **nonstandard conditions** of concentration  $\mathbf{X}$  as the reaction proceeds from left  $\Rightarrow$  to right, we simply enter the actual concentrations of  $\mathbf{X}_A$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_B$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_C$ , and  $\mathbf{X}_D$  in Equation 1-4; the values of  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{T}_o$ , and  $\Delta G^\circ$  are the standard values.  $\Delta G$  is negative  $\Delta G < 0$  and approaches zero  $\Delta G \Rightarrow 0$  as the reaction proceeds because the actual reactants concentrations of  $\mathbf{X}_A$  and  $\mathbf{X}_B$  decrease and products concentrations of  $\mathbf{X}_C$ , and  $\mathbf{X}_D$  increase. Notice that when a reaction is at **equilibrium**-when there is no **force** driving the reaction in either direction and  $\Delta G$  is zero-Equation 1-4 reduces to  $\Delta G^\circ = -\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{T} \cdot \ln(\mathbf{K}_{\text{eq}})$  and  $0 = \Delta G^\circ + \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{T} \cdot \ln(\mathbf{K}_{\text{eq}})$  the equation relating the **standard free-energy** change and **equilibrium** constant  $\mathbf{K}_{\text{eq}}$  as noted above (1-4).

Biological mediums usually have some certain hydrogen ion  $[\mathbf{H}_3\mathbf{O}^+]$  concentrations expressed as **pH =  $-\log([\mathbf{H}_3\mathbf{O}^+])$**  for: blood plasma and cytosol **pH = 7.36**; mitochondria matrix **pH = 8.37**; mitochondria inter membrane space **pH = 5.0**; saliva juice **pH = 6.8**; stomach juice **pH = 1.2** (before meals). Extracting from **equilibrium** mixture constant  $\mathbf{K}_{\text{eq}}$  as expression  $\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{T} \cdot \ln(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{H}_3\mathbf{O}^+}^n)$  by mathematical separation of logarithm ratio in (1-4) may correct **standard free-energy**  $\Delta G^\circ$  value to **non-standard conditions** for **pH** of medium of  $[\mathbf{H}_3\mathbf{O}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}} \text{ M}$  solution where  $\mathbf{n}$  is the number of hydrogen ions  $\mathbf{H}_3\mathbf{O}^+$  involved in reaction **equilibrium** mixture according given reaction equation. Addition or subtraction to **standard free-energy**  $\Delta G^\circ$  value yield  $\Delta G_o = \Delta G^\circ \pm \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{T} \cdot \ln(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{H}_3\mathbf{O}^+}^n)$  **non-standard free-energy** at given medium **pH conditions** ( $-\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{T} \cdot \ln(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{H}_3\mathbf{O}^+}^n)$  agree for **reactant** and  $+\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{T} \cdot \ln(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{H}_3\mathbf{O}^+}^n)$  for **product**).

**Table 1-1. Standard Free-Energy Changes of Some Chemical Reactions at 25 °C (298.15 K)**

Hydrolysis reactions type	and its standard free energy change $\Delta G^\circ$ in units of	(kJ/mol)	(kcal/mol)
Acetic acid and phosphoric acid anhydrides			
$\text{CH}_3\text{CO-O-OCCH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow 2 \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- + \text{H}^+$	-91.100	-21.80
$\text{CH}_3\text{CO-O-OCCH}_3 + 3 \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow 2 \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- + 2 \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ 3.317/4.184=0.793	-3.317	-0.793
$\text{ATP}^{4-} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow \text{ADP}^{3-} + \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$	-30.500	-7.30
$\text{ATP}^{4-} + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow \text{ADP}^{3-} + \text{HPO}_4^{2-} + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ 34.46048/4.184=8.23625	34.4605	8.24
$\text{ATP}^{4-} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow \text{AMP}^{2-} + \text{HOPO}_2\text{-O-O}_2\text{POH}$	-45.600	-10.90
$\text{HOPO}_2\text{-O-O}_2\text{POH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow 2 \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$	-19.200	-4.60
$\text{HOPO}_2\text{-O-O}_2\text{POH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow 2 \text{HPO}_4^{2-} + 2 \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ 110.72096/4.184=26.46294	110.721	26.46
$\text{UDP-Glu}^{2-} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow \text{UMP}^- + \text{Glc 1-phosphate}^-$	-43.000	-10.30
Esters			
$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{-O-OCCH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{-OH} + \text{HO-OCCH}_3$	-19.600	-4.70
$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{-O-OCCH}_3 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{-OH} + \text{O-OCCH}_3 + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ acetate+ H <sup>+</sup>	24.2905	5.806
$\text{Glc 6-phosphate}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow \text{Glc} + \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$ 24.29048/4.184=5.80556	-13.800	-3.30
$\text{Glc 6-phosphate}^- + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow \text{Glc} + \text{HPO}_4^{2-} + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ 51.16048/4.184=12.22765	51.1605	12.23
Amides and peptides			
$\text{Glutamine} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow \text{glutamate}^- + \text{NH}_4^+$ 67.09/4.184=16,03	-14.200	-3.40
$\text{Glycylglycine} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow 2 \text{glycine}$ $\Delta G_r = \Delta H_r - T \cdot \Delta S = 67.09 \text{ kJ/mol}$	-9.200	-2.20
Glycosides $\Delta G_r = \Delta H_r - T \cdot \Delta S = -25.9 - 298.15 \cdot (-0.3118965) = -25.9 + 92.9919 = 67.09 \text{ kJ/mol}$			
$\text{Maltose} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow 2 \text{glucose}$	-15.500	-3.70
$\text{Lactose} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\Rightarrow \text{glucose} + \text{galactose}$	-15.900	-3.80
Rearrangements			
$\text{Glucose 1-phosphate}^-$	$\Rightarrow \text{glucose 6-phosphate}^-$	-7.300	-1.70
$\text{Fructose 6-phosphate}^-$	$\Rightarrow \text{glucose 6-phosphate}^-$	-1.700	-0.40
Elimination of water $\text{H}_2\text{O}$			
$\text{Malate}$	$\Rightarrow \text{Fumarate} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	3.1	0.8
Oxidations with molecular oxygen $\text{O}_2$			
$\text{Glucose} + 6 \text{O}_{2\text{aqua}}$	$\Rightarrow 6 \text{CO}_{2\text{aqua}} + 6 \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-2 840	-686
$\text{Palmitic Acid} + 23 \text{O}_{2\text{aqua}}$	$\Rightarrow 16 \text{CO}_{2\text{aqua}} + 16 \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-9 770	-2 338

The criterion for spontaneity of a reaction is the value of  $\Delta G$ , not  $\Delta G^\circ$ . A reaction with a positive  $\Delta G^\circ > 0$  can go in the forward direction if  $\Delta G < 0$  is negative. This is possible if the term  $\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{T} \cdot \ln([\text{products}]/[\text{reactants}])$  in equation 1-4 is negative (-) and has a larger absolute value greater > than  $\Delta G^\circ$ . For example, the immediate removal of the **products** of a reaction can keep the ratio  $[\text{products}]/[\text{reactants}]$  well below <1, such that the term  $\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{T} \cdot \ln([\text{products}]/[\text{reactants}])$  has a large, negative (-) value.

$\Delta G^\circ$  and  $\Delta G$  are expressions of the maximum amount of **free** energy per one **1 mol** of compound that a given reaction can theoretically deliver an amount of energy that could be realized only if a perfectly efficient device were available to trap or harness it. Given that no such device is possible (some **free** energy  $\Delta G$  is always lost to **bound** energy  $\mathbf{T} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{S}$  or entropy  $\mathbf{S}$  during any process), the amount of work  $\mathbf{W} \leq -\Delta \mathbf{G}$  done by the reaction at constant temperature  $\mathbf{T} = \text{const}$  and pressure is always less than the theoretical amount  $\Delta \mathbf{G}$ .

Another important point is that some thermodynamically favorable reactions (that is, reactions for which  $\Delta G^\circ < 0$  is large and negative) do not occur at measurable rates. For example, **combustion** of firewood to  $\text{CO}_{2\text{aqua}}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is very favorable thermodynamically, but firewood remains stable for years because the activation energy  $\mathbf{E}_a$  (see Reaction Rate (Velocity) and Kinetics) for the **combustion** reaction is higher than the energy  $\mathbf{E}_r$  available at room temperature. If the necessary activation energy  $\mathbf{E}_a$  is provided (with a lighted match, for example), combustion will begin, converting the wood to the more stable products  $\text{CO}_{2\text{aqua}}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and releasing energy as **heat**  $-\Delta \mathbf{H}$  and light  $\sim h\nu$ . The **heat**  $-\Delta \mathbf{H}$  released by this **exothermic** reaction provides the activation energy  $\mathbf{E}_a$  for **combustion** of neighboring regions of the firewood; the process is self-perpetuating.

In living cells, reactions that would be extremely slow and long time if uncatalyzed are caused to occur, not by supplying additional **heat**  $-\Delta \mathbf{H}$ , but by lowering the activation energy  $\mathbf{E}_a$  with an **enzyme**. An **enzyme** provides an **alternative reaction pathway** with a lower activation energy  $\mathbf{E}_a$  than the uncatalyzed reaction, so that at room temperature a large fraction of the **substrate** molecules have enough thermal energy  $-\Delta \mathbf{H}$  to overcome the **activation barrier**, and the reaction rate increases dramatically  $10^6$ . The **free-energy** change  $\Delta \mathbf{G}$  for a reaction is independent of the **pathway** by which the reaction occurs; it depends only on the nature  $\Delta \mathbf{G}^\circ$

Aris Kaksis 2018. Riga University <http://aris.gusc.lv/BioThermodynamics/BioThermodynamics.pdf> and concentration **X** of **reactants** and the final **products**. **Enzymes** cannot, therefore, change equilibrium constants  $K_{eq}$ ; but they can and do increase the rate at which a reaction proceeds in the direction dictated by **thermodynamics homeostasis (stationary) conditions**. **Free-Energy Changes  $\Delta G$  Are Additive**

In the case of two **2** sequential chemical reactions,  $A \rightleftharpoons B$  and  $B \rightleftharpoons C$ , each reaction has its own **equilibrium** constant  $K_{eq1}$ ,  $K_{eq2}$  and each has its characteristic **standard free-energy change**,  $\Delta G^\circ_1$  and  $\Delta G^\circ_2$ . As the two reactions are sequential, **B** cancels out to give the overall reaction  $A \rightleftharpoons C$ , which has its own **equilibrium** constant  $K_{eq}$  and thus its own **standard free-energy change**,  $\Delta G^\circ_{total}$ . The  $\Delta G^\circ$  values of sequential chemical reactions are additive. For the overall reaction  $A \rightleftharpoons C$ ,  $\Delta G^\circ_{total} = \Delta G^\circ_1 + \Delta G^\circ_2$  is the algebraic sum of the individual **standard free-energy changes**,  $\Delta G^\circ_1$  and  $\Delta G^\circ_2$ , and the overall **equilibrium** constant  $K_{eq} = K_{eq1} \cdot K_{eq2}$  is the factorial of the individual **equilibrium** constant  $K_{eq1}$  and  $K_{eq2}$  of the two **2** separate sequential reactions. The principle of biochemical thermodynamics explains how unfavorable (**endoergic**) reaction can be driven in the forward  $\Rightarrow$  direction by coupling it to a highly **exoergic** reaction through a **common intermediate**. For example, the synthesis of **glucose 6-phosphate** is the first **1st** step in the utilization of **glucose** by many organisms  $\Delta G^\circ_{total} = -16.70$  kJ/mol:

**a1** Glucose +  $H_2PO_4^- \Rightarrow$  glucose 6-phosphate +  $H_2O$ ;  $\Delta G^\circ_{a1} = 13.80$  kJ/mol not pH dependent reaction **1**

**a2** Glucose +  $HPO_4^{2-} + H_3O^+ \Rightarrow$  glucose 6-phosphate +  $2 H_2O$ ;  $\Delta G^\circ_{a2} = -51.16$  kJ/mol

The positive value of  $\Delta G^\circ > 0$  predicts that under **standard conditions** the reaction **a1** will tend not to proceed spontaneously in the direction  $\Rightarrow$  written. In accounting reaction **a2** with  $HPO_4^{2-} + H_3O^+$  is affecting by **pH** of medium and can be derived by hydrogen ion concentration  $[H_3O^+] = 10^{-pH}$  M (**pH = 7.36**) as with appropriate **pH** value. Cellular **hydrolysis** of  $ATP^{4-}$  to  $ADP^{3-}$  producing  $H_2PO_4^-$  is **exoergic b1**  $\Delta G^\circ_{b1} = -30.500$  kJ/mol or producing  $HPO_4^{2-} + H_3O^+$  in **endoergic b2**  $\Delta G^\circ_{b2} = 34.4605$  kJ/mol driven by hydrogen ion concentration  $[H_3O^+] = 10^{-7.36}$  M in blood **pH = 7.36**:

**b1**  $ATP^{4-} + H_2O \Rightarrow ADP^{3-} + H_2PO_4^-$ ;  $\Delta G^\circ_{b1} = -30.500$  kJ/mol (1-5)

**b2**  $ATP^{4-} + 2 H_2O \Rightarrow ADP^{3-} + HPO_4^{2-} + H_3O^+$ ;  $\Delta G^\circ_{b2} = 34.4605$  kJ/mol (**pH = 7.36**)

These two **2** reactions share the common intermediates  $H_2PO_4^-$  or  $HPO_4^{2-} + H_3O^+$  and  $H_2O$  or  $2 H_2O$  and may be expressed as sequential reactions **1** and **2**:  $-51.16 + 34.4605 = -16.6995$  kJ/mol

**a1** Glucose +  $H_2PO_4^- \Rightarrow$  glucose 6-phosphate +  $H_2O$ ;  $\Delta G^\circ_{a1} = 13.80$  kJ/mol

**b1**  $ATP^{4-} + H_2O \Rightarrow ADP^{3-} + H_2PO_4^-$ ;  $\Delta G^\circ_{b1} = -30.500$  kJ/mol

Sum 1: Glucose +  $ATP^{4-} \Rightarrow$  glucose 6-phosphate +  $ADP^{3-}$ ;  $\Delta G^\circ_{1total} = -16.70$  kJ/mol

**a2** Glucose +  $HPO_4^{2-} + H_3O^+ \Rightarrow$  glucose 6-phosphate +  $2 H_2O$ ;  $\Delta G^\circ_{a2} = -51.16$  kJ/mol

**b2**  $ATP^{4-} + 2 H_2O \Rightarrow ADP^{3-} + HPO_4^{2-} + H_3O^+$ ;  $\Delta G^\circ_{b2} = 34.4605$  kJ/mol

Sum 2: Glucose +  $ATP^{4-} \Rightarrow$  glucose 6-phosphate +  $ADP^{3-}$ ;  $\Delta G^\circ_{2total} = -16.6995$  kJ/mol

The overall **standard free-energy change**  $\Delta G^\circ_{total} = -16.7$  kJ/mol is obtained by adding the  $\Delta G^\circ$  values for individual reactions.

The overall reaction is **exoergic**. In this case, energy stored in the bonds of  $ATP^{4-}$  is used to drive the synthesis of **glucose 6-phosphate**, even though its formation from **glucose** and **phosphate a1** is **endoergic** or **pH** affected **hydrolyze b2** is **endoergic**. Any way the **pathway** of **glucose 6-phosphate** formation by **phosphoryl transfer** from  $ATP^{4-}$  is different from reactions (a) and (b) above in both cases **1** and **2**, but the net result is the same as the sum of the two **2** reactions. In thermodynamic calculations, all that matters is the **state** of the **system** at the **beginning (reactants)** of the process, and its **state** at the **end (products)**, the route between the **initial** and **final states** is immaterial.

We have said that  $\Delta G^\circ$  is a way of expressing the **equilibrium** constants  $K_{a1eq}$  and  $K_{a2eq}$  for a reaction. For reaction (a) **1** and **2** above at standard **T=298.15K** and **T=310.15K**,

$$K_{a1eq298} = \frac{[Glc6P^-] \cdot [H_2O]}{[Glc] \cdot [H_2PO_4^-]} = 3.823 \cdot 10^{-3} \quad \& \quad K_{a1eq310} = \frac{[Glc6P^-] \cdot [H_2O]}{[Glc] \cdot [H_2PO_4^-]} = 4.7418 \cdot 10^{-3};$$

$$K_{a2eq298} = \frac{[Glc6P^-] \cdot [H_2O]^2}{[Glc] \cdot [HPO_4^{2-}] \cdot [H_3O^+]} = 9.177 \cdot 10^8 \quad \& \quad K_{a2eq310} = \frac{[Glc6P^-] \cdot [H_2O]^2}{[Glc] \cdot [HPO_4^{2-}] \cdot [H_3O^+]} = 4.1299 \cdot 10^8$$

Notice if  $H_2O$  is not included in this expression one should divide the **standard equilibrium** constants by water concentration  $[H_2O] = 55.1398$  M at cell temperature **T = 310.15 K** to get non-standard equilibrium constant. The **equilibrium** constants  $K_{b1}$  and  $K_{b2}$  for the **hydrolysis** of  $ATP^{4-}$  are

$$K_{b1298} = \frac{[ADP^{3-}] \cdot [H_2PO_4^-]}{[ATP^{4-}] \cdot [H_2O]} = 2.2041 \cdot 10^5 \quad \& \quad K_{b1310} = \frac{[ADP^{3-}] \cdot [H_2PO_4^-]}{[ATP^{4-}] \cdot [H_2O]} = 1.3693 \cdot 10^5;$$

$$K_{b2298} = \frac{[ADP^{3-}] \cdot [HPO_4^{2-}] \cdot [H_3O^+]}{[ATP^{4-}] \cdot [H_2O]^2} = 9.1821 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ or } K_{b2310} = \frac{[ADP^{3-}] \cdot [HPO_4^{2-}] \cdot [H_3O^+]}{[ATP^{4-}] \cdot [H_2O]^2} = 1.5722 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

The equilibrium constant for the two coupled reactions is

$$0.0047418 \cdot 136930 = 649.2946740 = 412990000 \cdot 0.0000015722 = 649.3028780000$$

$$649.3028780000 / 0.0047418 = 136931.73014467$$

$$K_{eq1} = \frac{[Glc6P^-] \cdot [H_2O] \cdot [ADP^{3-}] \cdot [H_2PO_4^-]}{[Glc] \cdot [H_2PO_4^-] \cdot [ATP^{4-}] \cdot [H_2O]} = \frac{[ADP^{3-}] \cdot [Glc6P^-]}{[Glc] \cdot [ATP^{4-}]} = K_{a1eq} \cdot K_{b1} = 842.63 \text{ or } 649.3$$

$$K_{eq2} = \frac{[Glc6P^-] \cdot [H_2O]^2 \cdot [ADP^{3-}] \cdot [HPO_4^{2-}] \cdot [H_3O^+]}{[Glc] \cdot [HPO_4^{2-}] \cdot [H_3O^+] \cdot [ATP^{4-}] \cdot [H_2O]^2} = \frac{[ADP^{3-}] \cdot [Glc6P^-]}{[Glc] \cdot [ATP^{4-}]} = 842.64 \text{ or } 649.3$$

This calculation illustrates an important point about **equilibrium** constants  $K_{eq}$ , although the  $\Delta G^\circ$  values for two **2** reactions that sum to a third **3rd** are additive, the  $K_{eq}$  for a reaction that is the sum of two **2** reactions is the product of their individual  $K_{a1eq} \cdot K_{b1}$  or  $K_{a2eq} \cdot K_{b2}$  values yielding  $K_{eq1} = 649.3$  or  $K_{eq2} = 649.3$  at human body temperature  $T=310.15K$  ( $37^\circ C$ ) respectively. **Equilibrium** constants are multiplicative. By coupling  $ATP^{4-}$  **hydrolysis** to glucose 6-phosphate<sup>-</sup> synthesis, the  $K_{eq}$  for formation of glucose 6-phosphate<sup>-</sup> has been raised by a factor of about  $\sim 10^5 = 136931.7$  factor ( $K_{a1eq} \cdot K_{b1} = 649.3 / K_{a1eq310} = 4.7418 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ). This **common - intermediate** strategy is employed by all living cells in the synthesis of metabolic intermediates and cellular components. Obviously, the strategy works only if compounds such as  $ATP^{4-}$  are continuously available. In the following chapters we consider several of the most important cellular pathways for producing  $ATP^{4-}$ .

### Phosphoryl Group Transfers and $ATP$

Having developed some fundamental principles of energy changes in chemical **systems**, we can now examine the **energy cycle** in cells and the special role of  $ATP^{4-}$  as the **energy currency** that links catabolism and anabolism (see Fig. 1-1a). Heterotrophic cells obtain **free** energy in a chemical form by the catabolism of **nutrient** molecules, and they use that energy to make  $ATP^{4-}$  from  $ADP^{3-}$  and  $H_2PO_4^-$ .  $ATP^{4-}$  then donates some of its chemical energy to **endoergonic** processes such as the **synthesis** of metabolic intermediates and macromolecules from **smaller precursors**, the **transport** of substances across membranes against concentration **C** gradients, and mechanical motion. This donation of energy from  $ATP^{4-}$  generally involves the covalent participation of **ATP** in the reaction that is to be driven, with the eventual result that  $ATP^{4-}$  is converted to  $ADP^{3-}$  and  $H_2PO_4^-$  or, in some reactions, to  $AMP^{2-}$  and  $2 H_2PO_4^-$ . We discuss here the chemical basis for the large **free-energy** changes  $\Delta G$  that accompany **hydrolysis** of  $ATP^{4-}$  and other **high-energy phosphate** compounds, and we show that most cases of energy donation by  $ATP^{4-}$  involve group transfer, not simple **hydrolysis** of  $ATP^{4-}$ . To illustrate the range of **energy transductions** in which  $ATP^{4-}$  provides the energy, we consider the **synthesis** of information-rich **macromolecules**, the transport of solutes across membranes, and motion produced by muscle contraction.

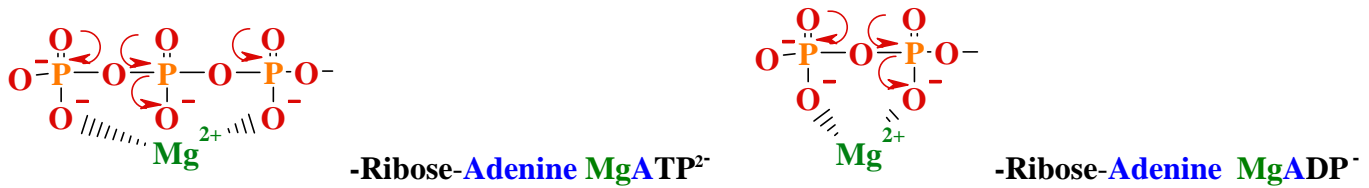
#### The Free-Energy Change for $ATP$ Hydrolysis Is Large and Negative

Figure 1-1b summarizes the chemical basis for the relatively large, negative, **standard free energy**  $\Delta G^\circ < 0$  of **hydrolysis** of  $ATP^{4-}$ . The **hydrolytic** cleavage of the terminal **phosphoric acid anhydride (phospho-anhydride)** bond in  $ATP^{4-}$  separates one of the three **3** negatively charged **phosphates** and thus relieves some of the electrostatic repulsion in  $ATP^{4-}$ ; the  $H_2PO_4^-$  released is stabilized by the formation of several resonance forms not possible in  $ATP^{4-}$ ; and  $ADP^{3-}$ , the other direct product of **hydrolysis**  $ADP^{2-}$ , immediately ionizes to  $ADP^{3-}$ , releasing  $H^+$  into a medium  $H_2O$  of very low  $[H_3O^+]$  ( $10^{-7.36}$  M). Because the concentrations of the direct products of  $ATP^{4-}$  **hydrolysis** are far below the concentrations at **equilibrium**, mass action favors the hydrolysis reaction due to high water influence **2 H<sub>2</sub>O** on **equilibrium** 1-5.

Although the **hydrolysis** of  $ATP^{4-}$  is highly **exoergonic** ( $\Delta G^\circ$  **34.4605 kJ/mol** at cellular **conditions**), the molecule is kinetically stable at **pH = 7.36** because the activation energy  $E_a$  for  $ATP^{4-}$  **hydrolysis** is relatively high. Rapid cleavage rate  $v$  of the **phospho-anhydride** bonds occurs only when **catalyzed** by an **enzyme** which decrease activation energy  $E_a$  dramatically.

The **free-energy** change  $\Delta G^\circ$  for  $ATP^{4-}$  hydrolysis is **34.4605 kJ/mol** under **standard conditions**, but the actual **free energy** of hydrolysis ( $\Delta G$ ) of  $ATP^{4-}$  in living cells is very different: the cellular concentrations of  $ATP^{4-}$ ,  $ADP^{3-}$ , and  $H_2PO_4^- + HPO_4^{2-}$  are not identical and are much lower than the **1.0 M** (Table 1-2). Furthermore,  $Mg^{2+}$  in the cytosol binds to  $ATP^{4-}$  and  $ADP^{3-}$  (Fig. 1-1b), and for most **enzymatic** reactions that involve  $ATP^{4-}$  as **phosphoryl group donor**, the true substrate is  $MgATP^{2-}$ . The relevant  $\Delta G^\circ$  is therefore that for  $MgATP^{2-}$  **hydrolysis**. Box 1-1 shows how  $\Delta G$  for  $ATP^{4-}$  **hydrolysis** in the intact erythrocyte can be calculated from the data in Table 1-2. In intact cells,  $\Delta G$  for  $ATP^{4-}$  **hydrolysis**, usually designated  $\Delta G_p$  is much

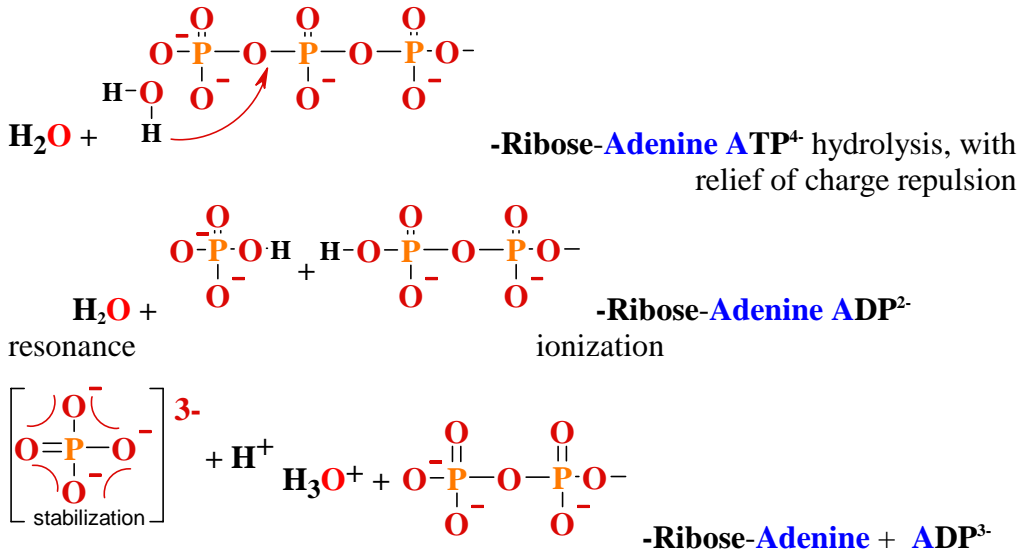
more negative than  $\Delta G^\circ$ , ranging from -50 to -65 kJ/mol.  $\Delta G_p$  is often called the **phosphorylation potential**. In the following discussions we use the **standard free-energy change for ATP<sup>4+</sup> hydrolysis**, because this allows comparison, on the same basis, with the energetics of other cellular reactions. Remember, however, that in living cells  $\Delta G$  is the relevant quantity-for ATP<sup>4+</sup> hydrolysis and all other reactions-and may be quite different from  $\Delta G^\circ$ .



**Figure 1-2.** Mg<sup>2+</sup> and ATP<sup>4+</sup>. Formation of Mg<sup>2+</sup> complexes partially shields the negative charges 2- and influences the conformation of the phosphate groups in nucleotides such as ATP<sup>4+</sup> and ADP<sup>3-</sup>.

Stored nutrients ← Ingested foods ♦ Solar photons ♦ catabolic reactions pathways exoergonic ←  
 $\Rightarrow$  ATP<sup>4+</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  ATP<sup>4+</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  ATP<sup>4+</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  ATP<sup>4+</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  ATP<sup>4+</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  ADP<sup>3-</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  AMP<sup>2-</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  HO<sub>3</sub>POPO<sub>3</sub>H<sup>-</sup> HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>  
 $\Rightarrow$  Osmotic work  $\Rightarrow$  Mechanical work  $\Rightarrow$  Complex biomolecules  $\Rightarrow$  anabolic reaction pathway endoergonic

**Figure 1-1a.** ATP<sup>4+</sup> is the shared chemical intermediate linking energy releasing anabolism to energy requiring catabolism cell processes. Its role in the cell is analogous to that of money in an economy it is "earned/produced" in **exoergonic** reactions and "spent/consumed" in **endoergonic** ones.

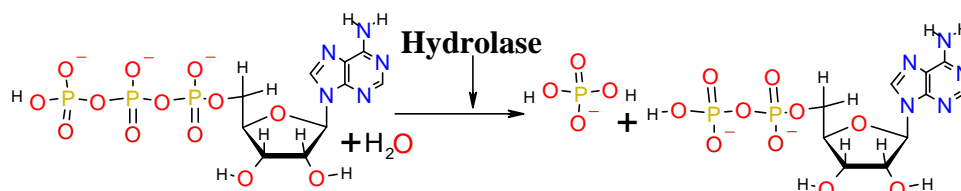


**Figure 1-1b.** Chemical basis for the large free-energy change associated with ATP hydrolysis. First **1st**, hydrolysis, by causing charge separation, relieves **electrostatic repulsion** among the four 4 negative (-) charges on ATP<sup>4-</sup>. Second **2nd**, inorganic phosphate (HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>) released by hydrolysis is stabilized by formation of a resonance hybrid, in which each of the four 4 P=O bonds has the same degree of double-bond character and the proton H<sup>+</sup> (hydrogen ion H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>) is not permanently associated with any one of the oxygens =O-H. Some degree of resonance stabilization also occurs in phosphates involved in ester or anhydride linkages, but fewer resonance forms are possible than for PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>. Third **3rd**, ADP<sup>2-</sup> produced by the hydrolysis immediately ionizes, releasing a proton H<sup>+</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  into a + H<sub>2</sub>O medium of very low [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>] (pH = 7.36) forming ADP<sup>3-</sup> and H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>. A fourth **4th** factor (not shown) that favors ATP<sup>4+</sup> hydrolysis is the greater degree of solvation (hydration) of the products HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> and ADP<sup>3-</sup> relative to ATP<sup>4+</sup> which further stabilizes the products relative to the reactants.

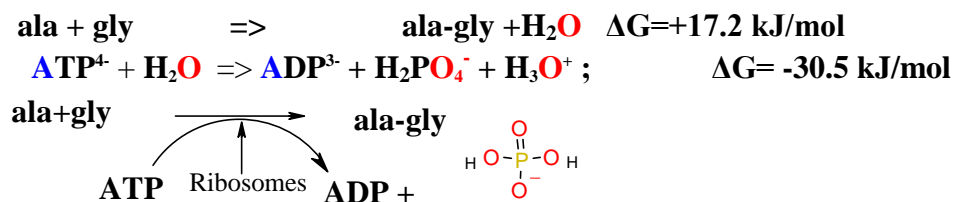


## ATP driven FORBIDDEN REACTIONS IN LIVING CELLS

Synthesis for **ala + gly**  $\Rightarrow$  **ala-gly** + H<sub>2</sub>O; is thermodynamically forbidden non-spontaneous. In hydrolysis of ATP molecules with water is formed adenosine diphosphate ADP and phosphate:



ATP hydrolyse with water release free energy. In the biochemical mechanisms the forbidden processes are combined together with hydrolysis of **ATP**. Liberated water in the synthesis of peptide **ala-gly** is used for hydrolysis of **ATP**. Ribosome join two reactions together in tandem process, the summary reaction becomes spontaneous:



COMPLEX and ENZYME governed REACTIONS in human organism number 3 is Enzymatic joint tandem complex reactions drive thermodynamically forbidden REACTIONS.

The **standard free energy**  $\Delta G^\circ$  of **hydrolysis** of **ATP** is **-30.5 kJ/mol**. In the cell, however, the concentrations **C** of **ATP**, **ADP**, and **P<sub>i</sub>** =  $[\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-] + [\text{HPO}_4^{2-}]$  are not only unequal but much lower than the **standard 1 M** concentrations **C** (see Table 14-5). Moreover, the cellular **pH** may differ somewhat from the **standard pH** of **7.0**. Thus the **actual free energy**  $\Delta G^\circ$  of **hydrolysis** of **ATP** under intracellular conditions ( $\Delta G_p$ ) differs from the **standard free energy** change,  $\Delta G^\circ$ . We can easily calculate  $\Delta G^\circ$  For example, in **human erythrocytes** the concentrations **C** of **ATP**, **ADP**, and **P<sub>i</sub>** =  $[\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-] + [\text{HPO}_4^{2-}]$  are **2.25**, **0.25**, and **1.65 mM**, respectively. Let us assume for simplicity that the **pH** is **7.36** and the temperature **T** is **310.15 K (37 °C)**, the **standard pH** and temperature **T**. The **actual free energy**  $\Delta G^\circ$  of **hydrolysis** of **ATP** in the **erythrocyte** under these conditions is given by the relationship:

$$\text{ATP}^4 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} \Rightarrow \text{ADP}^3 + \text{HPO}_4^{2-} + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ ; \Delta G^\circ + \text{R} \cdot \text{T} \cdot \ln \left( \frac{[\text{ADP}^3] \cdot [\text{HPO}_4^{2-}] \cdot [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{[\text{ATP}^4] \cdot [\text{H}_2\text{O}]^2} \right)$$

$$K_{\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4}^\circ = \frac{[\text{HPO}_4^{2-}] \cdot [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{[\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-] \cdot [\text{H}_2\text{O}]} ; P_i = 1.65 \text{ mM} = [\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-] + [\text{HPO}_4^{2-}] ; [\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-] = \frac{[\text{HPO}_4^{2-}] \cdot [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{K_{\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4} \cdot [\text{H}_2\text{O}]} ;$$

$$[\text{HPO}_4^{2-}] + [\text{HPO}_4^{2-}] \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{K_{\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4} \cdot [\text{H}_2\text{O}]} = 1.65 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ M} = [\text{HPO}_4^{2-}] \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{K_{\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4} \cdot [\text{H}_2\text{O}]} \right) ;$$

$$[\text{HPO}_4^{2-}] = \frac{1.65 / 1000}{\left( 1 + \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{K_{\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4} \cdot [\text{H}_2\text{O}]} \right)} = 9.8 \cdot 10^{-4} ; \Delta G^\circ + \text{R} \cdot \text{T} \cdot \ln \left( \frac{1.65 / 1000 \cdot [\text{ADP}^3] \cdot [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{\left( 1 + \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{K_{\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4} \cdot [\text{H}_2\text{O}]} \right) \cdot [\text{ATP}^4] \cdot [\text{H}_2\text{O}]^2} \right) = \Delta G$$

Substituting the appropriate values we obtain:  $9.7619 \cdot 10^{-4} ; 7.54131702976667 \cdot 10^{-3}$

$$\Delta G = 34.4606 \text{ J/mol} + (8.3144 \text{ J/mol/K} \cdot 310.16 \text{ K}) \cdot \ln \frac{2.50 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot 1.65 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 10^{-7.36}}{2.25 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 55.1398^2} = 8.3144 \cdot 310.16 \dots$$

$$= 34.4605 \text{ J/mol} + (2579 \text{ J/mol}) \cdot \ln(1.557 \cdot 10^{-15}) = 2.50000 \cdot 16.5 / 1000 \cdot 0.00100 / 0.00225 / 55.5 / 55.5$$

$$= 34.4605 \text{ J/mol} - 87926 \text{ J/mol} = -87926 = -14.334704 \cdot 2578.79 = 0.00595$$

$$-87.926 + 34.4605 = -53470 ; 1.22237350416395\text{E-15} ; 1.55726588989979\text{E-15}$$

$$9.18209607918563\text{E-07} ; 0.00000157222194454 ; 2.63215279227133\text{E-15}$$

$$= -53.47 \text{ kJ/mol} \text{ at } T = 273.15 + 37 \text{ K} ; 1.57 \cdot 10^{-6} = K_{\text{eq}} \text{ instead } 9.18 \cdot 10^{-7} = K_{\text{eq}} \text{ at } T = 273.15 + 25 \text{ K}$$

Thus  $\Delta G$ , the **free energy** change required to **synthesize ATP** from **ADP** and **HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> + H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> = P<sub>i</sub>** under the conditions prevailing in the **erythrocyte** would be **-53.47 kJ/mol**.

Because the concentrations **C** of **ATP**, **ADP**, and **[HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> + H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-]</sup>** differ from one cell type to another (see Table 1-2),  $\Delta G$  for **ATP hydrolysis** likewise differs among cells. Moreover, in any given cell,  $\Delta G$  can vary from **time to time**, depending on the **metabolic conditions** in the cell and how they influence the concentrations **C** of **ATP**, **ADP**, **[HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> + H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-]</sup>**, and **H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (pH)**. We can calculate the **actual free energy** change  $\Delta G$  for any given metabolic reaction as it occurs in the cell, providing we know the concentrations **C** of all the reactants

Aris Kaksis 2018. Riga University <http://aris.gusc.lv/BioThermodynamics/BioThermodynamics.pdf> and products of the reaction and other factors (such as **pH**, temperature **T** [, and concentration **C** of **Mg<sup>2+</sup>**]) that may affect the  $\Delta G^\circ$  and thus the calculated **free energy**  $\Delta G^\circ$  change, **free energy**  $\Delta G$ .

**Adenine Nucleotide, Inorganic Phosphate, and Phospho-creatine Concentrations in Some Cells\***

**Table 1-2.**

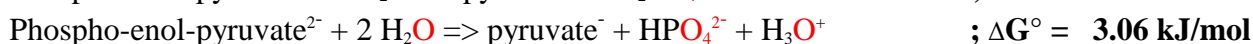
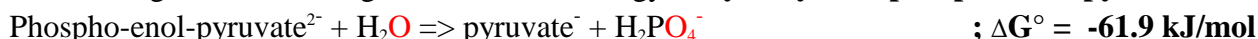
	Concentration C (mM)					or -log(C)=pH		ATP	PCr
	ATP	ADP	AMP	P <sub>i</sub>	PCr	pH	$\Delta G$ , kJ/mol	$\Delta G$ , kJ/mol	
<b>pH = 7.36</b> Rat hepatocyte	3.38	1.32	0.29	4.80	0.0	7.36	<b>-47.47</b>	<b>-60.065</b>	
<b>pH = 7.36</b> Rat myocyte mitochondria	8.05	0.93	0.04	8.05	28.0	8.37	<b>-54.09</b>	<b>-72.995</b>	
<b>pH = 7.36</b> Rat myocyte	8.05	0.93	0.04	8.05	28.0	7.36	<b>-49.28</b>	<b>-68.18</b>	
Rat neuron	2.59	0.73	0.06	2.72	4.7	7.36	<b>-49.78</b>	<b>-67.41</b>	
Human erythrocyte	2.25	0.25	0.02	1.65	0.0	7.36	<b>-53.47</b>	<b>-66.06</b>	
E. coli cell	7.90	1.04	0.82	7.90	0.0	7.36	<b>-51.74</b>	<b>-64.33</b>	

\* For **erythrocytes** the concentrations **C** 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 **C** of **ADP**. **PCr** is **phospho-creatine**, discussed on above. **This value** reflects total concentration; the true value for **free ADP** may be much lower (see above).

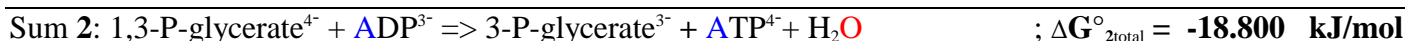
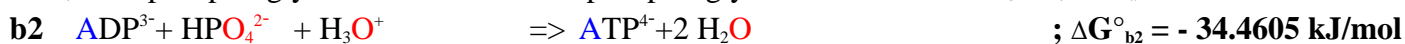
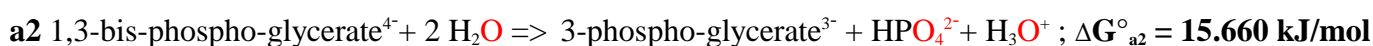
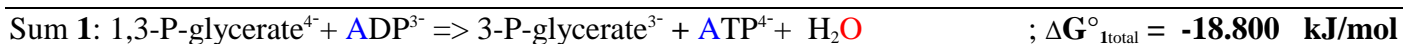
To further complicate the issue, the total concentrations **C** of **ATP**, **ADP**, **HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>** + **H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>**, and **H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>** may be substantially higher than the free concentrations **C**, which are the thermodynamically relevant values. The difference is due to **tight binding** of **ATP**, **ADP**, and **HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>** + **H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>** to cellular proteins. For example, the concentration **C** of **free ADP** in resting muscle has been variously estimated at between **1** and **37 μM**. Using the value **25 μM** in the calculation outlined above, we get a  $\Delta G$  of **-53.47 kJ/mol**. The exact value of  $\Delta G$  is perhaps less instructive than the generalization we can make about actual **free energy**  $\Delta G$  changes: in vivo, the energy released by **ATP hydrolysis** is greater than the standard free energy change,  $\Delta G^\circ$ .

**Other Phosphorylated Compounds, Thio-esters also have Large Free Energies of Hydrolysis**

**Phospho-enol-pyruvate** (Fig. 1-3) contains a **phosphate ester** bond that can undergo **hydrolysis** to yield the **enol** form of **pyruvate**, and this direct product is stabilized relative to the **reactant**. This is the greatest contributing factor to the high standard **free energy** of **hydrolysis** of **phospho-enol-pyruvate**:



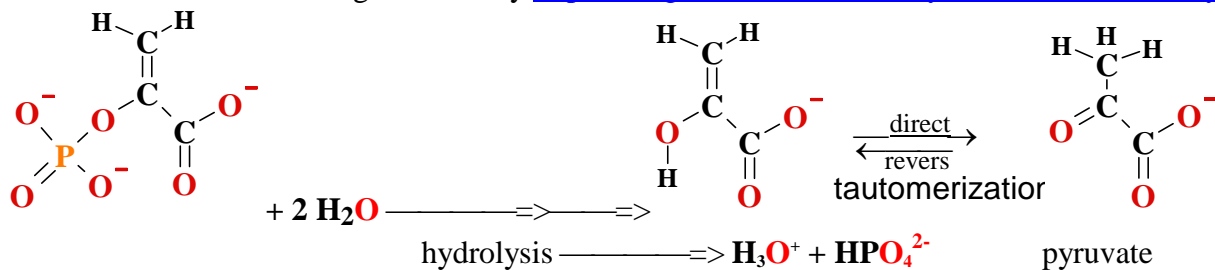
Another three-carbon **C<sub>3</sub>** compound, **1,3-bis-phospho-glycerate** (Fig. 1-4), contains an **anhydride** bond between the carboxyl group **-C-O-O-PO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>** at **C<sub>1</sub>** and **phosphoric acid**. **Hydrolysis** of this **acyl phosphate** is accompanied by a large, negative (-), standard free-energy change  $\Delta G^\circ$  or positive (+) under influence of medium **pH**, which can, again, be explained in terms of the structure of **reactant** and **products**:



**30.500-49.30 = -18.800 kJ/mol**

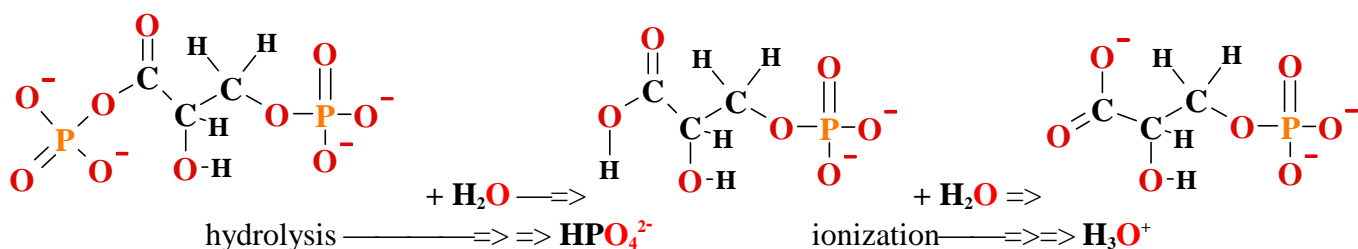
When **H<sub>2</sub>O** is added across the anhydride bond of **1,3-bis-phospho-glycerate**, one **1** of the direct products, **3-phospho-glyceric acid**, can immediately lose a proton **H<sup>+</sup>** to give the **carboxylate ion**, **3-phospho-glycerate**, which has two **2** equally probable resonance forms (Fig. 1-4). Removal of the direct **product** (**3-phospho-glyceric acid**) and formation of the resonance-stabilized ion favors the forward reaction.



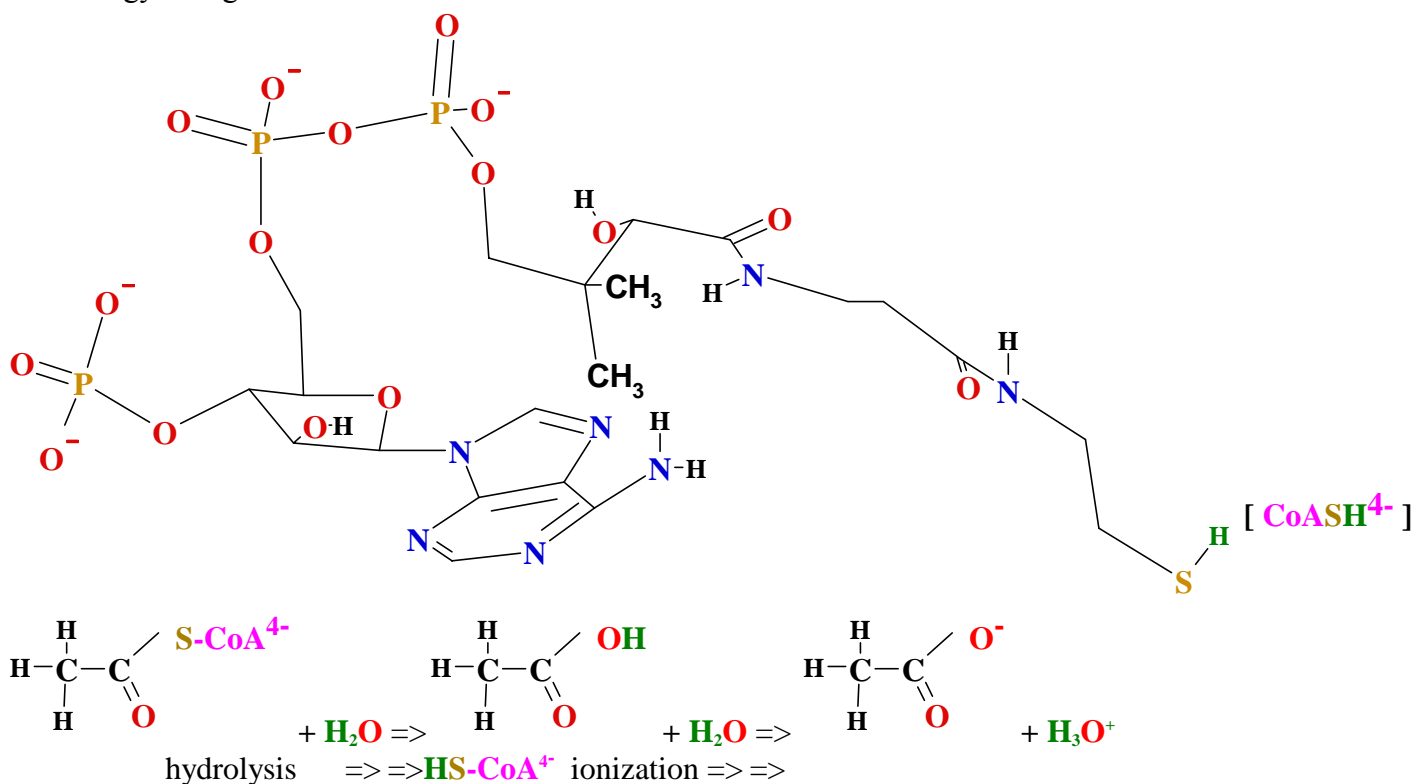


**Figure 1-3. Hydrolysis of phospho-enol-pyruvate (PEP).**

Catalyzed by **pyruvate kinase**, this reaction is followed by spontaneous **tautomerization** of the **product**, **pyruvate**. **Tautomerization** is not possible in **PEP**, and thus the products of **hydrolysis** are stabilized relative to the **reactants**. Resonance stabilization of **Pi** =  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-} + \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  also occurs, as shown in Figure 1-1b.



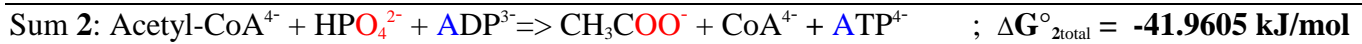
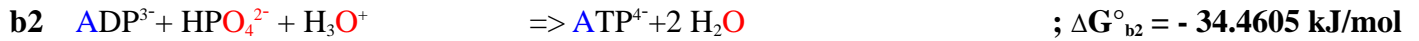
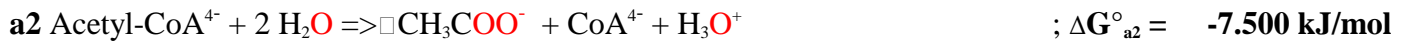
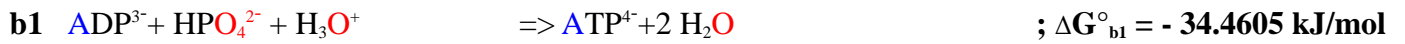
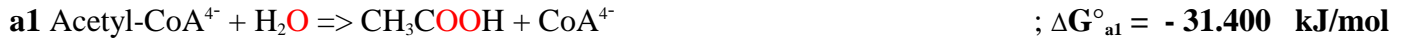
**Figure 1-4. Hydrolysis of 1,3-bis-phospho-glycerate.** The direct product of **hydrolysis** is **3-phospho-glyceric acid**, which has an undissociated **carboxylic acid** group, but **dissociation** occurs immediately. This **ionization** and the resonance structures it makes possible stabilize the **product** relative to the **reactants**. Resonance stabilization of **Pi** =  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-} + \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  further contributes to the negative free-energy change  $\Delta G < 0$ .



**Figure 1-5. Hydrolysis of acetyl-coenzyme A.** **Acetyl-CoA** is a **thio-ester** with a large, negative (-), **standard free energy**  $\Delta G < 0$  of **hydrolysis**. **Thio-esters** contain a sulfur **S** atom in the position occupied by an **oxygen O** atom in **oxygen -O-** esters.

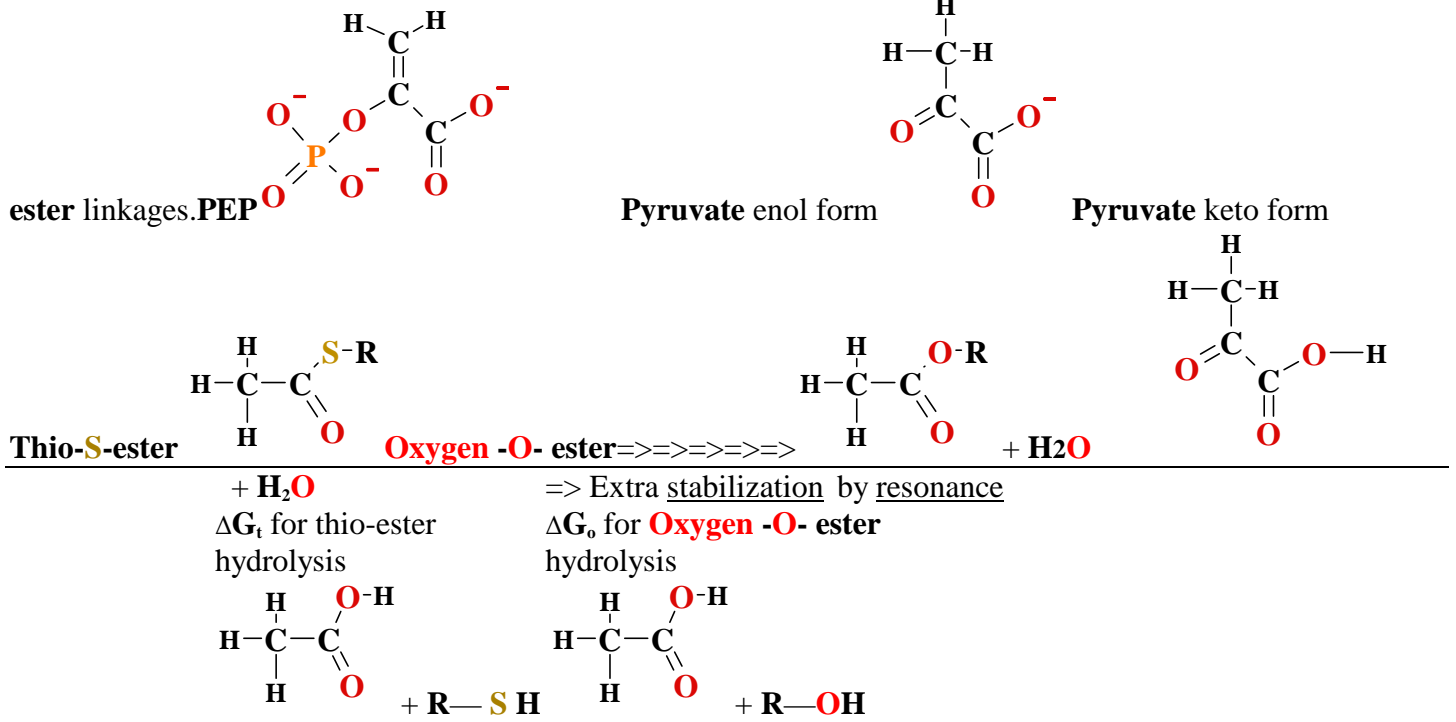
**Thio-esters**, in which a sulfur atom **S** replaces the usual **oxygen O** in the **ester** bond, also have large, negative (-), **standard free energies**  $\Delta G^\circ$  of **hydrolysis**. **Acetyl-coenzyme A**, or **acetyl-CoA** (Fig. 1-5), is one of many **thio-esters** important in metabolism. The **acyl** group in these compounds is activated for **trans-acylation**, **condensation**, or **oxidation-reduction** reactions. **Thio-esters** undergo much less resonance stabilization than do **oxygen -O-** esters (Fig. 1-6); consequently, the difference in free energy  $\Delta G^\circ$  between the **reactant** and its **hydrolysis products**, which are resonance-stabilized, is greater for **thio-esters** than for

Aris Kaksis 2018. Riga University <http://aris.gusc.lv/BioThermodynamics/BioThermodynamics.pdf> comparable **oxygen O esters**. In both cases, **hydrolysis** of the **ester** generates a **carboxylic acid**, which can **ionize** and assume several **resonance** forms (Fig. 1-6). Together, these factors result in the large, negative (-)  $\Delta G^\circ$  for **acetyl-CoA hydrolysis**:



**-31.4-34.4605= -65.8605 kJ/mol**

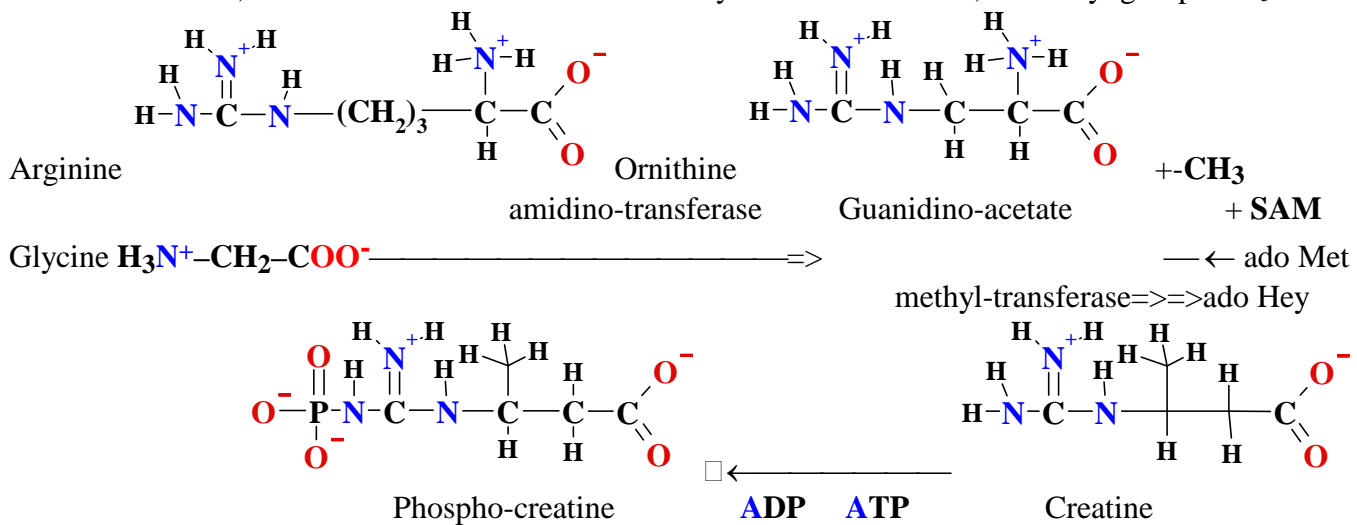
To summarize, for **hydrolysis** reactions with large, negative (-), **standard free-energy changes**  $\Delta G^\circ$ , the **products** are more stable than the **reactants** for one **1** or more of the following reasons: **(1)** the bond strain in **reactants** due to **electrostatic repulsion** is relieved by **charge separation**, as for **ATP<sup>4-</sup>** (described earlier); **(2)** the **products** are stabilized by **ionization**, as for **ATP<sup>4-</sup>**, **acyl phosphates**, and **thio-esters**; **(3)** the products are stabilized by **isomerization (tautomerization)**, as for **phospho-enol-pyruvate**; and/or **(4)** the **products** are stabilized by **resonance**, as for **creatine** released from **phospho-creatine**, **carboxylate** ion released from



**Figure 1-6. Free energy  $\Delta G$  of hydrolysis for thio-esters and oxygen O esters.** The products of both types of hydrolysis reaction have about the same free-energy content ( $G$ ), but the thio-ester has a higher free-energy  $G_t$  content than the oxygen O ester. Orbital overlap between the O and C atoms allows resonance stabilization in oxygen O esters, but orbital overlap between S and C atoms is poorer and little resonance stabilization occurs. Thio-ester yield free energy change is much more negative as  $-\Delta G_t > -\Delta G_o$  oxygen O ester.

## Creatine Biosynthesis

**Phospho-creatine**, derived from **creatine**, is an important energy E buffer in skeletal muscle (Hydrolyses of Phosphorylated Compounds). **Creatine** is synthesized from glycine **Gly** and arginine **Arg** (Fig. 1-7), with methionine **Met**, in form of **S**-adenosyl-methionine **SAM**, as methyl group **-CH<sub>3</sub>** donor.



**Figure 1-7. Biosynthesis of creatine and phospho-creatine.** Creatine is made from three amino acids AA glycine **Gly**, arginine **Arg** and methionine **Met**. Thus pathway shows the versatility of amino acids AA as precursor of other nitrogenous biomolecules.

**Phospho-creatine** (Fig. 1-7), also called **creatine phosphate**, serves as a ready source of **phosphoryl** groups for the quick synthesis of **ATP** from **ADP**. The **phospho-creatine (PCr)** concentration **C** in skeletal muscle is approximately **30 mM**, nearly ten **10•** times the concentration **C** of **ATP**, and in other tissues such as smooth muscle, brain, and kidney is **5 to 10 mM**. The **enzyme creatine kinase** catalyzes the reversible reaction



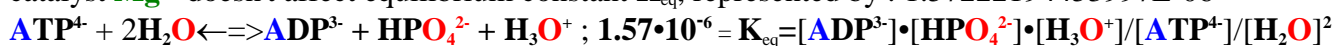
When a sudden demand for energy **E** depletes **ATP**, the **PCr** reservoir is used to replenish **ATP** at the rate considerably faster than **ATP** can be synthesized by **catabolism** is used to replenish the **PCr** reservoir by reversal of the **creatine kinase** reaction. Organisms in the lower phyla employ other **PCr**-like molecules (collectively called **phospho-genes**) as **phosphoryl** reservoirs.

Inorganic **poly-phosphate (polyP)** is a linear polymer composed of hundreds **100** of **P<sub>i</sub>** residues linked through **phospho-anhydride** bonds. This polymer, present in cells of all organisms, has about the same **phosphoryl** group transfer potential **PP<sub>i</sub>**, but its biological roles remain uncertain. In *Escherichia coli*, **polyP** accumulation confers a survival advantage during periods of nutritional or oxidative stress. The enzyme **poly-phosphate kinase** catalyzes the reaction



by a mechanism involving an enzyme-bound **phospho-histidine** intermediate (recall the mechanism of **nucleoside di-phosphate kinase**, described above). Because the reaction is reversible, **polyP** (like **PCr**) could serve as a reservoir of **phosphoryl** group donor analogous to **ATP** for **kinase**-catalyzed transfers. The shortest **poly-phosphate**, **PP<sub>i</sub>** (**n = 2**) can serve as the energy **E** source for active transport of **H<sup>+</sup>** in plant vacuoles. **PP<sub>i</sub>** is also the usual **phosphoryl** group donor for at least one **1** form of the enzyme **phospho-fructo-kinase** in plants, a role normally played by **ATP** in animals and microbes. The finding of high concentration **C** of **polyP** in volcanic condensates and steam vents suggests that it could have served as an energy **E** source in pre-biotic and early cellular evolution.

The corresponding equilibrium depends on the **pH** (and the concentration of free **H<sub>2</sub>O**). Writing of a chemical equation when **ATP hydrolyzed** at a **pH** above **7.36** or **8.37** (in mitochondria). The absence of catalyst **Mg<sup>2+</sup>** doesn't affect equilibrium constant **K<sub>eq</sub>**, represented by :  $1.57222194453997\text{E-}06$



Constant **K<sub>eq</sub>** depends only on temperature **T**, pressure, and **ionic strength**.

**ATP Provides Energy by Group Transfers, Not by Simple Hydrolysis**

Throughout this subject of **General Chemistry** you will encounter reactions or processes for which **ATP** supplies energy, and the contribution of **ATP** to these reactions is commonly indicated as in Figure 1-8a, with a single arrow showing the conversion of **ATP** to **ADP** and **P<sub>i</sub>**, or of **ATP** to **AMP** and **PP<sub>i</sub>** (**pyro-phosphate**).

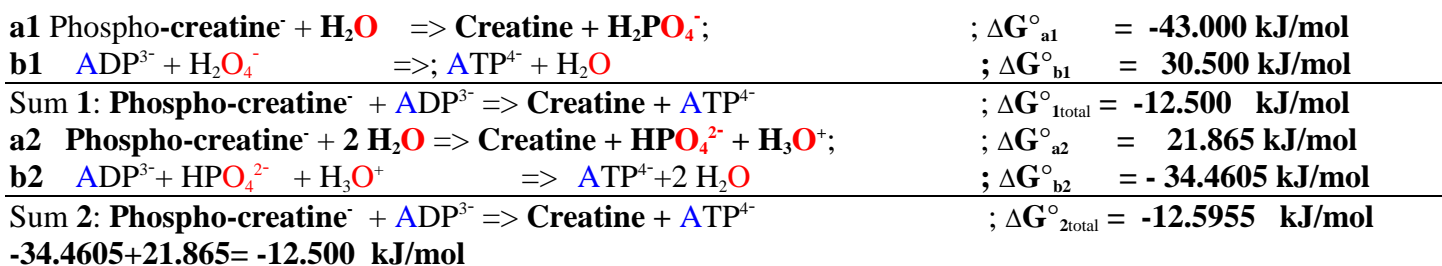
**Table 3. Standard Free Energies of Hydrolysis of Some Phosphorylated Compounds and Acetyl-CoA**

Hydronium ions absent and H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> present hydrolyze reactions	$\Delta G^\circ \Rightarrow$	<b>kJ/mol</b>	<b>kcal/mol</b>
Phospho-enol-pyruvate <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ pyruvate <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	3.06000/4.184=0.73136	-61.90	-14.80
1,3-bis-phospho-glycerate <sup>4-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ 3-phospho-glycerate <sup>3-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	-25.399518	-49.30	-11.80
Pcreatine <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ creatine + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-25.399518/4.184=-6.070630	-43.00	-10.30
ADP <sup>3-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ AMP <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	21.865/4.184=5.226	-32.80	-7.80
ATP <sup>4-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ ADP <sup>3-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>		-30.50	-7.30
ATP <sup>4-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ AMP <sup>2-</sup> + HOPO <sub>2</sub> OPO <sub>2</sub> OH <sup>-</sup>		-45.60	-10.90
AMP <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ adenosine + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>		-14.20	-3.40
HOPO <sub>2</sub> OPO <sub>2</sub> OH <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-19.20/4.184=-4.589	-19.22	-4.60
Glucose-1-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ Glucose + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	44.06048/4.184=10.53071	-20.90	-5.00
Fructose-6-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ Fructose + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	49.06148/4.184=11.72598	-15.90	-3.80
Glucose-6-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ Glucose + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	51.1604816/4.184=12.2276486	-13.80	-3.30
Glycerol-1-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ Glycerol + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	55.7604816/4.184=13.3270750	-9.20	-2.20
Palmitate-CoA <sup>4-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>14</sub> COOH + HSCoA <sup>4-</sup>	-32.3/4.184= -7.720	-32.30	-7.72
Acetyl-CoA <sup>4-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ CH <sub>3</sub> COOH + CoA <sup>4-</sup>	-7.5000/4.184=-1.7925	-31.40	-7.50
Phospho-enol-pyruvate <sup>2-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ pyruvate <sup>-</sup> + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>		3.06	0.73
1,3-bis-phospho-glycerate <sup>4-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ 3-phospho-glycerate <sup>3-</sup> + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>		15.66	3.74
Pcreatine <sup>-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ creatine + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	15.66048/4.184=3.74294	21.865	5.23
ADP <sup>3-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ AMP <sup>2-</sup> + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	32.16048/4.184=7.68654	32.16	7.69
ATP <sup>4-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ ADP <sup>3-</sup> + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	34.4605/4.184=8.2363	34.46	8.24
AMP <sup>-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ adenosine + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	50.76048/4.184=12.13205	50.76	12.13
HOPO <sub>2</sub> OPO <sub>2</sub> OH <sup>-</sup> + 3 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>		110.72	26.46
H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	22.20168/4.184=5.30633 ; K <sub>eq1</sub> = 1.29•10 <sup>-4</sup>	12.66	5.31
H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	51.03359/4.184=12.19732; K <sub>eq2</sub> = 1.15•10 <sup>-9</sup>	64.96	12.20
HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	80.39058/4.184=19.21381 ; K <sub>eq3</sub> = 8.25•10 <sup>-15</sup>	94.48	19.21
Glucose-1-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ Glucose + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>		44.06	10.53
Fructose-6-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ Fructose + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>		49.06	11.73
Glucose-6-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ Glucose + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>		51.16	12.23
Glycerol-1-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ Glycerol + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	55.76/4.184= 13.327	55.76	13.33
Palmitate-CoA <sup>4-</sup> + 2H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>14</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> +H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> + HSCoA <sup>4-</sup>	-8.40/4.184=-2.008	-8.40	-2.01
Acetyl-CoA <sup>4-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> + CoA <sup>4-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>		-7.50	-1.79

When written this way, these reactions of **ATP** appear to be simple **hydrolysis** reactions in which water **H<sub>2</sub>O** displaces either **P<sub>i</sub>** or **PP<sub>i</sub>**, and one is tempted to say that an **ATP**-dependent reaction is "driven by the **hydrolysis** of **ATP**." This is not the case. **ATP hydrolysis** per se usually accomplishes nothing but the liberation of **heat**  $\Delta H$ , which cannot drive a chemical process in an isothermal **T = const** system. Single reaction arrows such as those in Figure 1-8a almost invariably represent two-**2**-step processes (Fig. 1-8b) in which part of the **ATP** molecule, a **phosphoryl** or **pyro-phosphoryl** group or the **adenylate** moiety (**AMP**), is first transferred to a **substrate** molecule or to an **amino acid** residue in an **enzyme**, becoming **covalently attached** to the **substrate** or the **enzyme** and raising its **free-energy**  $\Delta G > 0$  content. In the second **2nd** step, the **phosphate**-containing moiety that was transferred in the first **1st** step is displaced, generating **P<sub>i</sub>**, **PP<sub>i</sub>**, or **AMP**. Thus **ATP** participates **covalently** in the **enzyme**- catalyzed reaction to which it contributes **free energy**  $\Delta G$ .

Some processes do involve direct **hydrolysis** of **ATP** (or **GTP**), however. For example, **noncovalent** binding of **ATP** (or of **GTP**), followed by its **hydrolysis** to **ADP** (or **GDP**) and **P<sub>i</sub>**, can provide the energy to **cycle** some **proteins** between two **2** conformations, **producing mechanical motion**. This occurs in **muscle contraction** and in the movement of **enzymes** along **DNA** or of **ribosomes** along **messenger RNA**. The **energy**-dependent reactions **catalyzed** by **helicases**, **RecA protein**, and some **topoisomerases** (**DNA Metabolism**) also involve direct **hydrolysis** of **phospho-anhydride** bonds. **GTP**-binding **proteins** that act in **signaling pathways** directly **hydrolyze** **GTP** to drive **conformational** changes that **terminate signals** triggered by **hormones** or by other **extracellular factors** (**Bio-Signaling**).

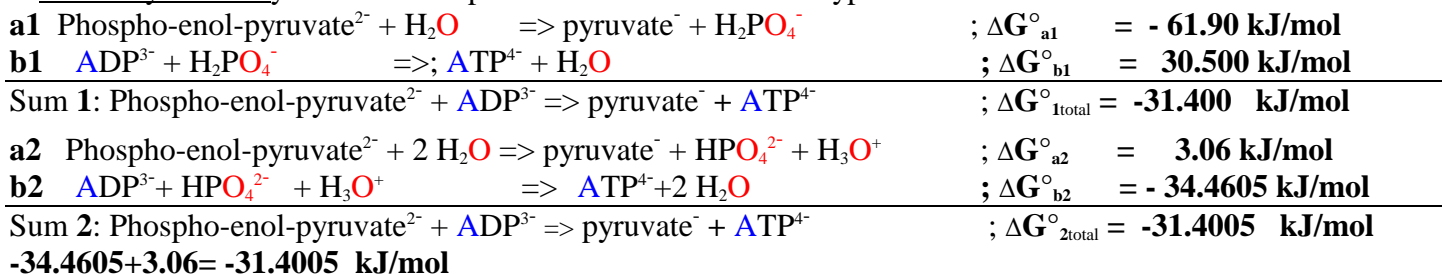
The **phosphate** compounds found in living organisms can be divided somewhat arbitrarily into two **2** groups, according **pH** dependent and **pH** independent reactions Table 3. and 1-4. Another way based on their **standard free energies**  $\Delta G^\circ$  of **hydrolysis** (Fig. 1-9). "High-energy" compounds have a  $\Delta G^\circ$  of **hydrolysis** more negative than **-25 kJ/mol**; "low-energy" compounds have a less negative  $\Delta G^\circ$ . Based on this criterion, **ATP**, with a  $\Delta G^\circ$  of hydrolysis of **-30.5 kJ/mol (-7.3 kcal/mol)**, is a high-energy compound; **glucose 6-phosphate**, with a  $\Delta G^\circ$  of hydrolysis of **-13.8 kJ/mol (-3.3 kcal/mol)**, is a low-energy compound.



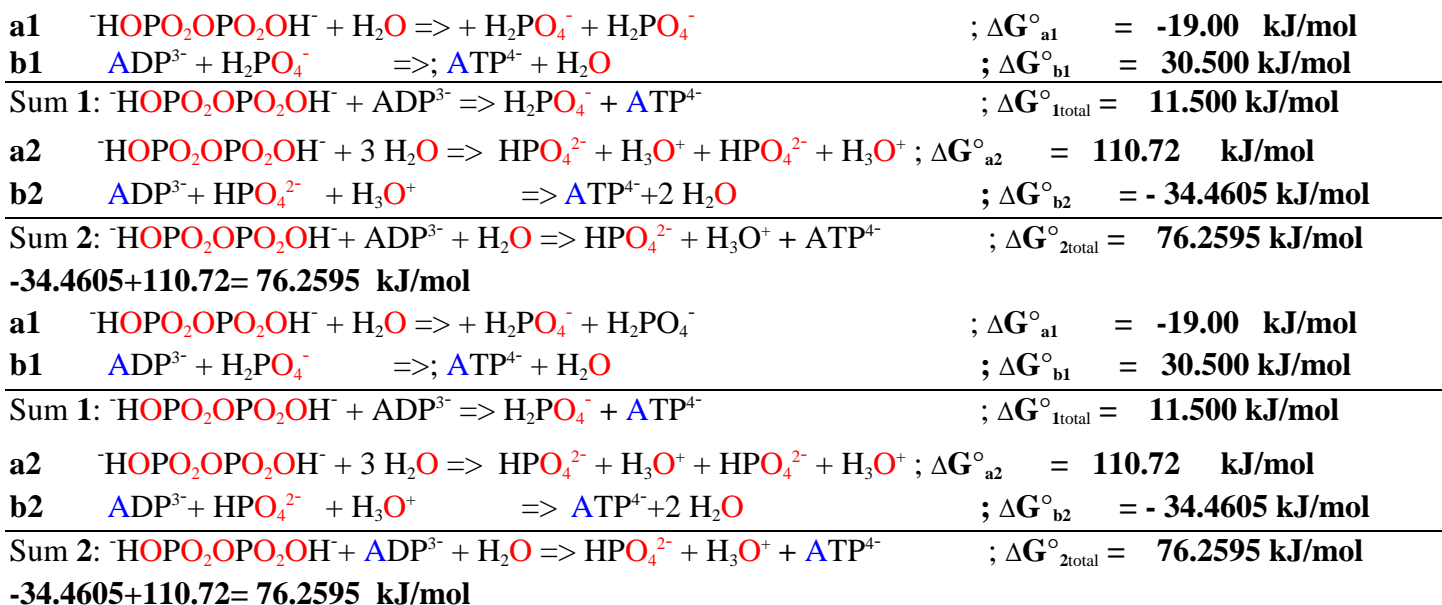
**Creatine kinase mb** □ fraction appears in blood after damage of myocyte or neuron cell wall.

The term "high-energy **phosphate** bond," long used by biochemists to describe the **P-O** bond broken in **hydrolysis** reactions, is incorrect and misleading as it wrongly suggests that the bond itself contains the energy and **enthalpy** of dissociation  $\Delta H_{P-O}^\circ = 370 \text{ kJ/mol}$  is positive. In fact, the breaking of all chemical bonds requires an input of energy  $\Delta H^\circ > 0$ . The **free energy** released  $\Delta G^\circ$  by **hydrolysis** of **phosphate** compounds does not come from the specific bond that is broken; it results from the **products** of the reaction having smaller free-energy  $G^\circ$  content than the **reactants**. For simplicity, we will sometimes use the term "high-energy **phosphate** compound" when referring to **ATP** or other **phosphate** compounds with a large, negative (-), **standard free energy change**  $\Delta G^\circ < 0$  of **hydrolysis**.

As is evident from the **additive free-energy changes**  $\Delta G^\circ = G^\circ_{\text{prod}} - G^\circ_{\text{react}}$  of sequential  $\Delta G^\circ = \Delta G^\circ_1 + \Delta G^\circ_2$  reactions **a** and sequential **b**, any **phosphorylated** compound can be synthesized by coupling the **synthesis** to the **breakdown** of another **phosphorylated** compound with a more negative (-) free energy of **hydrolysis**. For example, because cleavage of **P<sub>i</sub>** from **phospho-enol-pyruvate (PEP)** releases more energy  $\Delta G^\circ < 0$  than is needed to drive the condensation of **P<sub>i</sub>** with **ADP**, the direct donation of a **phosphoryl** group from **PEP** to **ADP** is thermodynamically feasible: coupled reactions **a** and **b** both type **1** and **2** :



We can therefore describe **phosphorylated** compounds as having a high or low **phosphoryl** group transfer **potential**  $\Delta G^\circ$ . The **phosphoryl** group transfer **potential**  $\Delta G^\circ$  of **phospho-enol-pyruvate** is very high, that of **ATP** is high, and that of **glucose 6-phosphate** is low.

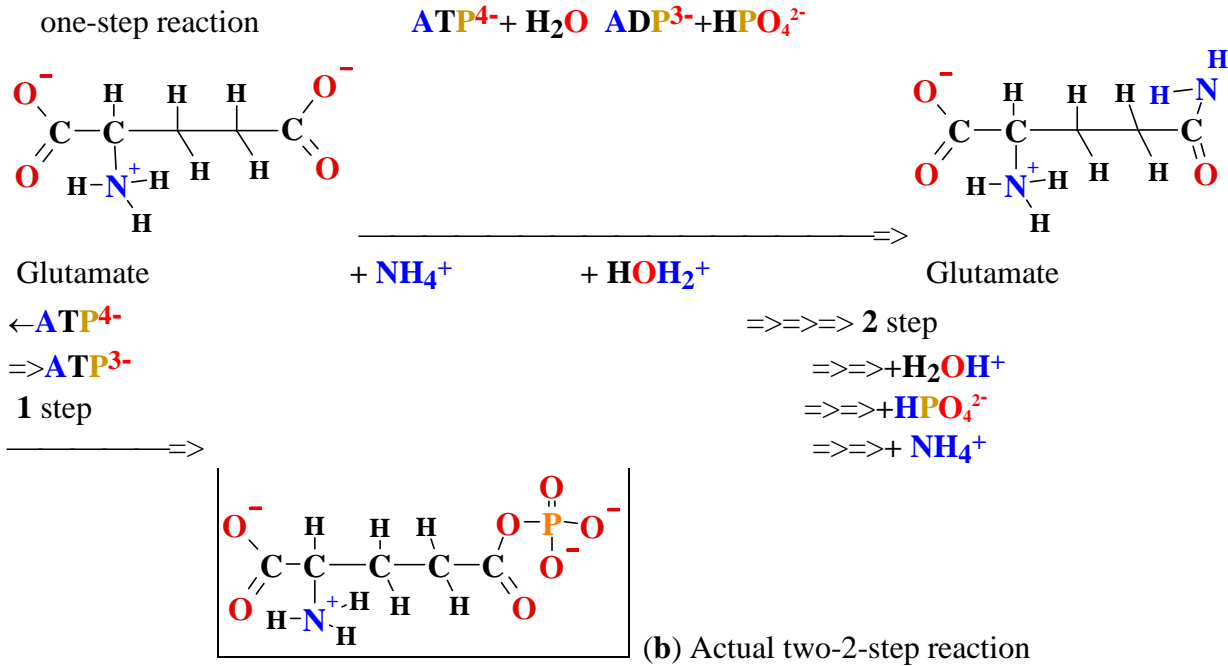


**Table 1-4. ATP coupling reactions for group transfer at standard conditions.**

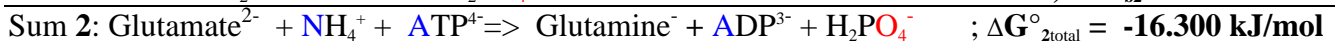
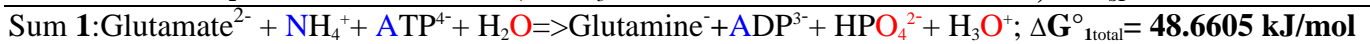
	$\Delta G^\circ \Rightarrow$ kJ/mol	kcal/mol
1,3-P-glycerate <sup>4-</sup> + ADP <sup>3-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ 3-P-glycerate <sup>3-</sup> + ATP <sup>4-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O -18.8/4.184= -4.493	<b>-18.800</b>	-4.49
Palmitate-CoA <sup>4-</sup> +AMP <sup>2-</sup> + 2H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>14</sub> COOH+HSCoA <sup>4-</sup> +ATP <sup>4-</sup> +H <sub>2</sub> O 32.5/4.184= 7.768	<b>32.500</b>	7.77
Acetyl-CoA <sup>4-</sup> + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + ADP <sup>3-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> + CoA <sup>4-</sup> + ATP <sup>4-</sup> -41.96/4.184= -10.028	<b>-41.9605</b>	-10.03
Phospho-enol-pyruvate <sup>2-</sup> + ADP <sup>3-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ pyruvate <sup>-</sup> + ATP <sup>4-</sup> -31.4005/4.184=-7.5049	<b>-31.4005</b>	-7.05
<b>Phospho-creatine<sup>-</sup> + ADP<sup>3-</sup> <math>\Rightarrow</math> Creatine + ATP<sup>4-</sup> -12.5/4.184=-2.988</b>	<b>-12.500</b>	-2.99
<b>Glu 6-phosphate<sup>-</sup> + ADP<sup>3-</sup> <math>\Rightarrow</math> Glucose + ATP<sup>4-</sup> -16.7/4.184=-3.991</b>	<b>-16.70</b>	-3.99
<b>H<sub>2</sub>OPO<sub>2</sub>OPO<sub>2</sub>OH + ADP<sup>3-</sup> <math>\Rightarrow</math> H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> + ATP<sup>4-</sup> 11.5/4.184=2.749</b>	<b>11.500</b>	2.75
Glu-1-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + ADP <sup>3-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ Glucose + ATP <sup>4-</sup> 9.600/4.184=2.294	<b>9.600</b>	2.29
Fructose-6-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + ADP <sup>3-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ Fructose + ATP <sup>4-</sup> 14.6/4.184=3.489	<b>14.600</b>	3.49
Glutamine + ADP <sup>3-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ Glutamate <sup>-</sup> + NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> + ATP <sup>4-</sup> -16.3/4.184=-3.896	<b>16.300</b>	3.90
Glycerol-1-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + ADP <sup>3-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ Glycerol + ATP <sup>4-</sup> 21.300/4.184=5.091	<b>21.300</b>	5.09
PalmCoA <sup>4-</sup> +AMP <sup>2-</sup> +2HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> +H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> $\Rightarrow$ CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>14</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> +HSCoA <sup>4-</sup> +ATP <sup>4-</sup> +2H <sub>2</sub> O	<b>-73.5200</b>	-17.57
Acetyl-CoA <sup>4-</sup> +ADP <sup>3-</sup> +HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> +H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> $\Rightarrow$ CH <sub>3</sub> COOH+CoA <sup>4-</sup> +ATP <sup>4-</sup> +H <sub>2</sub> O -73.52/4.184= -17.57	<b>-65.8605</b>	-15.74
Gln + ADP <sup>3-</sup> + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> $\Rightarrow$ Glu <sup>-</sup> + NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> + ATP <sup>4-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O48.6605/4.184=11.6301	<b>-48.6605</b>	-11.63
<b>H<sub>2</sub>OPO<sub>2</sub>OPO<sub>2</sub>OH + ADP<sup>3-</sup>+ H<sub>2</sub>O <math>\Rightarrow</math> HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>+ H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>+ ATP<sup>4-</sup>76.2595/4.184=18.2265</b>	<b>76.2595</b>	18.23
<b>a1</b> Glycerol-1-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ Glycerol + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ; $\Delta G^\circ_{a1}$ = <b>-9.20 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>b1</b> ADP <sup>3-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ ; ATP <sup>4-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O ; $\Delta G^\circ_{b1}$ = <b>30.500 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>Sum 1:</b> Glycerol-1-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + ADP <sup>3-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ Glycerol + ATP <sup>4-</sup> ; $\Delta G^\circ_{1total}$ = <b>21.300 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>a2</b> Glycerol-1-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ Glycerol + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> ; $\Delta G^\circ_{a2}$ = <b>55.76 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>b2</b> ADP <sup>3-</sup> + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> $\Rightarrow$ ATP <sup>4-</sup> +2 H <sub>2</sub> O ; $\Delta G^\circ_{b2}$ = <b>-34.4605 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>Sum 2:</b> Glycerol-1-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + ADP <sup>3-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ Glycerol + ATP <sup>4-</sup> ; $\Delta G^\circ_{2total}$ = <b>14.5995 kJ/mol</b> <b>-9.2+30.500= 21.300 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>a1</b> Fructose-6-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ Fructose + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ; $\Delta G^\circ_{a1}$ = <b>-15.90 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>b1</b> ADP <sup>3-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ ; ATP <sup>4-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O ; $\Delta G^\circ_{b1}$ = <b>30.500 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>Sum 1:</b> Fructose-6-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + ADP <sup>3-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ Fructose + ATP <sup>4-</sup> ; $\Delta G^\circ_{1total}$ = <b>14.600 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>a2</b> Fructose-6-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ Fructose + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> ; $\Delta G^\circ_{a2}$ = <b>49.06 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>b2</b> ADP <sup>3-</sup> + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> $\Rightarrow$ ATP <sup>4-</sup> +2 H <sub>2</sub> O ; $\Delta G^\circ_{b2}$ = <b>-34.4605 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>Sum 2:</b> Fructose-6-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + ADP <sup>3-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ Fructose + ATP <sup>4-</sup> ; $\Delta G^\circ_{2total}$ = <b>14.5995 kJ/mol</b> <b>-15.90+30.500= 14.600 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>a1</b> Glucose-1-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ Glucose + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ; $\Delta G^\circ_{a1}$ = <b>-20.90 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>b1</b> ADP <sup>3-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ ATP <sup>4-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O ; $\Delta G^\circ_{b1}$ = <b>30.500 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>Sum 1:</b> Glucose-1-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + ADP <sup>3-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ Glucose + ATP <sup>4-</sup> ; $\Delta G^\circ_{1total}$ = <b>9.600 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>a2</b> Glucose-1-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O $\Rightarrow$ Glucose + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> ; $\Delta G^\circ_{a2}$ = <b>44.06 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>b2</b> ADP <sup>3-</sup> + HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> $\Rightarrow$ ATP <sup>4-</sup> +2 H <sub>2</sub> O ; $\Delta G^\circ_{b2}$ = <b>-34.4605 kJ/mol</b>		
<b>Sum 2:</b> Glucose-1-phosphate <sup>-</sup> + ADP <sup>3-</sup> $\Rightarrow$ Glucose + ATP <sup>4-</sup> ; $\Delta G^\circ_{2total}$ = <b>9.5995 kJ/mol</b> <b>-34.4605+44.06= 9.5995 kJ/mol</b>		

Much of **catabolism** is directed toward the **synthesis** of high-energy phosphate compounds, but their formation is not an end in itself; they are the means of **activating** a very wide variety of compounds for further **chemical transformation**. The transfer of a **phosphoryl** group to a compound effectively puts **free energy**  $\Delta G^\circ$  into that compound, so that it has more **free energy**  $\Delta G^\circ$  to give up during subsequent **metabolic transformations**. We described above how the **synthesis of glucose 6-phosphate** is accomplished by **phosphoryl** group transfer from **ATP**. In the Glycolysis Catabolism we see how this **phosphorylation** of

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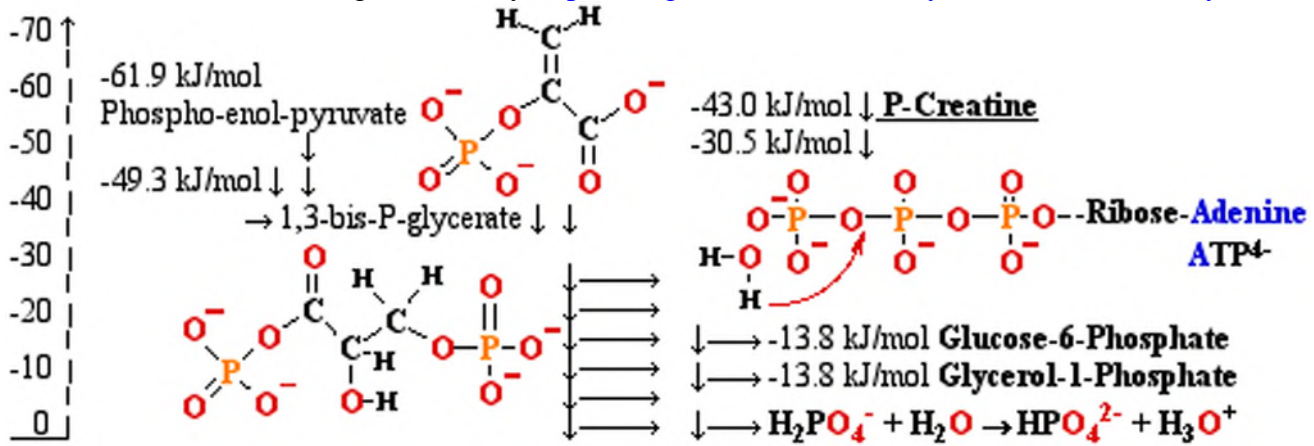


**Figure 1-8. Nucleophilic displacement reactions of ATP** Any of the three **3 P** atoms ( $\square$ ,  $\square$ , or  $\square$ ) may serve as the **electrophilic target** for **nucleophilic attack** by the labeled **nucleophile**  $R-^{18}O$ : in this case. The **nucleophile** may be an **alcohol** ( $R-OH$ ), a **carboxyl** group ( $RCOO^-$ ), or a **phospho-anhydride** (a **nucleoside mono- or diphosphate**, for example). (a) When the **oxygen O** of the **nucleophil** attacks the **7** position, the **bridge oxygen -O-** of the **product** is labeled, indicating that the group transferred from **ATP** is a **phosphoryl** ( $-PO_3^{2-}$ ), not a **phosphate** ( $-OPO_3^{2-}$ ). (b) **Attack** on the  $\square$  position displaces **AMP** and leads to the transfer of a **pyro-phosphoryl** (not **pyro-phosphate**) group to the **nucleophile**. (c) **Attack** on the position displaces **PP<sub>i</sub>** and transfers the **adenylyl** group to the **nucleophile**.



$14.2-30.5 = -16.3 \text{ kJ/mol}$



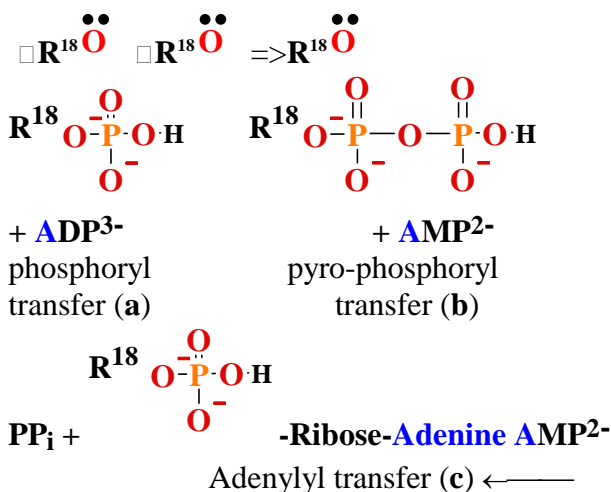
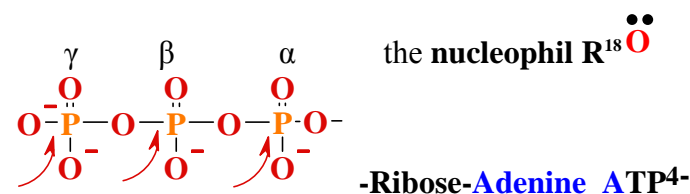


**Figure 1-9. Ranking of biological phosphate compounds by standard free energies  $\Delta G^\circ$  of hydrolysis.** This shows the flow of **phosphoryl** groups, represented by **P<sub>i</sub>**, from high-energy phosphoryl **donors** via **ATP** to **acceptor** molecules (such as **glucose** and **glycerol**) to form their low-energy **phosphate** derivatives. This flow of **phosphoryl** groups, catalyzed by **enzymes** called **kinases**, proceeds with an overall loss of **free energy**  $\Delta G^\circ < 0$  under **intracellular conditions**. **Hydrolysis** of low-energy **phosphate** compounds releases **P<sub>i</sub>** which has an even lower **phosphoryl** group transfer potential  $\Delta G^\circ$  (as defined in the text).

**Glucose** activates or "primes" the **glucose** for catabolic reactions that occur in nearly every living cell. Because of its intermediate position on the scale of group transfer potential, **ATP** can carry energy  $\Delta G^\circ$  from high-energy **phosphate** compounds produced by catabolism to compounds such as **glucose**, converting them into more **reactive** species. **ATP** thus serves as the universal energy  $\Delta G^\circ$  currency in all living cells.

One more chemical feature of **ATP** is crucial to its role in metabolism: although in aqueous **H<sub>2</sub>O** solution **ATP** is **thermodynamically** unstable and is therefore a good **phosphoryl** group **donor**, it is **kinetically** stable. Because of the huge activation energies **E<sub>a</sub>** (**200** to **400** **kJ/mol**) required for **uncatalyzed** cleavage of its **phospho-anhydride** bonds, **ATP** does not spontaneously donate **phosphoryl** groups to water **H<sub>2</sub>O** or to the hundreds **100÷200** of other potential **acceptors** in the cell. Only when specific **enzymes** are present to lower the energy of activation **E<sub>a</sub>** does **phosphoryl** group transfer from **ATP** occur. The cell is therefore able to **regulate** the disposition of the energy  $\Delta G^\circ$  carried by **ATP** by regulating the various **enzymes** that act on it.

### Three positions on **ATP** for attack by



**Figure 1-10. Nucleophil displacement reactions of **ATP****

Any of the three **3 P** atoms ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , or  $\gamma$ ) may serve as the **electrophilic target** for **nucleophilic attack** by the labeled **nucleophil R—<sup>18</sup>O**: in this case. The **nucleophil** may be an **alcohol (R-OH)**, a **carboxyl group (RCOO<sup>-</sup>)**, or a **phospho-anhydride** (a **nucleoside mono- or diphosphate**, for example).

(a) When the **oxygen O** of the **nucleophil attacks** the **7** position, the **bridge oxygen -O-** of the **product** is labeled, indicating that the group transferred from ATP is a **phosphoryl (-PO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>)**, not a **phosphate (-OPO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>)**.

(b) **Attack** on the  $\alpha$  position displaces **AMP** and leads to the transfer of a **pyro-phosphoryl** (not **pyro-phosphate**) group to the **nucleophil**.

(c) **Attack** on the  $\gamma$  position displaces **PP<sub>i</sub>** and transfers the **adenylyl** group to the **nucleophil**.

### ATP Donates Phosphoryl, Pyro-phosphoryl, and Adenylyl Groups

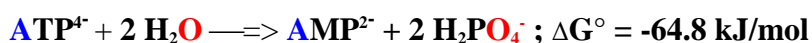
The reactions of **ATP** are generally **SN2 (substitution nucleophilic bimolecular) nucleophilic** displacements, in which the **nucleophil** may be, for example, the **oxygen O** of an **alcohol** or **carboxylate** or a **nitrogen** of **creatine** or of the side chain of **arginine** or **histidine**. Each of the three **3 phosphates** of **ATP** is susceptible to **nucleophilic attack** (Fig. 1-10), and each position of **attack** yields a different type of **product**.

**Nucleophilic attack** by an **alcohol** on the  $\alpha$  **phosphate** (Fig. 1-10a) displaces **ADP** and **produces** a new **phosphate ester**. Studies with <sup>18</sup>O-labeled **reactants** have shown that the bridge **oxygen O** in the new compound is derived from the **alcohol**, not from **ATP**; the group transferred from **ATP** is a **phosphoryl (-PO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>)**, not a **phosphate (-OPO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>)**. **Phosphoryl** group transfer from **ATP** to **glutamate** (Fig. 1-8) or to **glucose (hexokinase)** involves **attack** at the  $\gamma$  position of the **ATP** molecule.

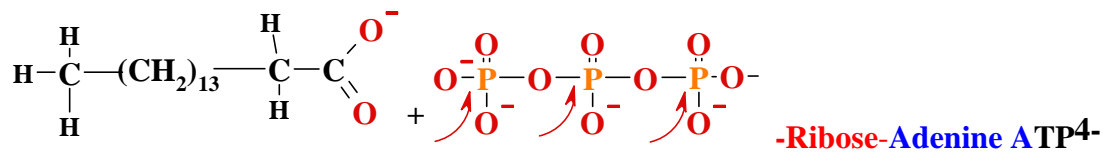
**Attack** at the  $\beta$  **phosphate** of **ATP** displaces **AMP** and transfers a **pyro-phosphoryl** (not **pyrophosphate**) group to the **attacking nucleophil** (Fig. 1-10b). For example, the formation of **5'-phospho-ribose 1-pyro-phosphate**, a key intermediate in **nucleotide synthesis**, occurs as an **-OH** of the **ribose attacks** the  $\beta$  **phosphate**.

**Nucleophilic attack** at the  $\gamma$  position of **ATP** displaces **PP<sub>i</sub>** and transfers **adenylate (5'-AMP)** as an **adenylyl** group (Fig. 1-10c); the reaction is an **adenylylation** (a-den'i-li-la'-shun, probably the most ungainly word in the biochemical language). Notice that **hydrolysis** of the  $\alpha$ - $\beta$  **phospho-anhydride** bond releases considerably more energy (**-45.6 kJ/mol**) than **hydrolysis** of the  $\beta$ - $\gamma$  bond (**-30.5 kJ/mol**) (Table 3). Furthermore, the **PP<sub>i</sub>** formed as a byproduct of the **adenylylation** is **hydrolyzed** to two **2 P<sub>i</sub>** by the ubiquitous enzyme **inorganic pyro-phosphatase**, releasing **-19 kJ/mol** and "push" for the **adenylylation** reaction. In thereby providing a further energy effect, both **2 phospho-anhydride** bonds of **ATP** are split in the overall reaction. **Adenylylation** reactions are therefore **thermodynamically** very favorable. When the energy of **ATP** is used to drive a particularly unfavorable **metabolic** reaction, **adenylylation** is often the mechanism of **energy coupling**. **Fatty acid** activation is a good example of this **energy-coupling** strategy.

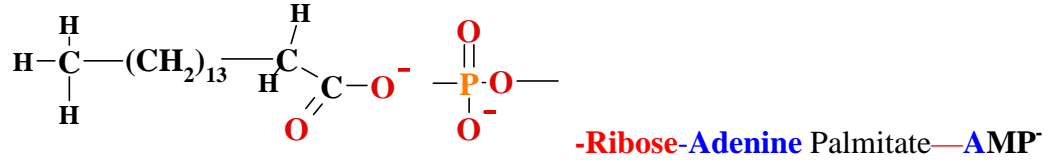
The first step in the activation of a **fatty acid**-either for **energy-yielding oxidation** (see **fatty acid** conversion to => **acyl-CoA**) or for use in the **synthesis** of more complex **lipids** (Lipid Biosynthesis)-is its attachment to the **carrier coenzyme A** (Fig. 1-11). The direct condensation of a **fatty acid** with **coenzyme A** is **endoergonic**, but the formation of **fatty acyl-CoA** is made **exoergonic** by stepwise removal of two **2 phosphoryl** groups from **ATP** First **1st, adenylylate** (**AMP**) is transferred from **ATP** to the **carboxyl** group of the **fatty acid**, forming a mixed **anhydride (fatty acyl adenylylate)** and liberating **PP<sub>i</sub>**. The **thiol** group of **coenzyme A** then displaces the **adenylylate** group and forms a **thio-ester** with the **fatty acid**. The sum of these two **2** reactions is energetically equivalent to the **exoergonic hydrolysis** of **ATP** to **AMP** and **PP<sub>i</sub>** ( $\Delta G^\circ = -45.6 \text{ kJ/mol}$ ) and the **endoergonic**: formation of **fatty acyl-CoA** ( $\Delta G^\circ = 31.4 \text{ kJ/mol}$ ). The formation of **fatty acyl-CoA** is made energetically favorable by **hydrolysis** of the **PP<sub>i</sub>** by **inorganic pyro-phosphatase**. Thus, in the activation of a **fatty acid**, both of the **phospho-anhydride** bonds of **ATP** are broken. The resulting  $\Delta G^\circ$  is the sum of the  $\Delta G^\circ$  values for the breakage of these bonds, or **- 45.6 kJ/mol + (- 19.22) kJ/mol:**



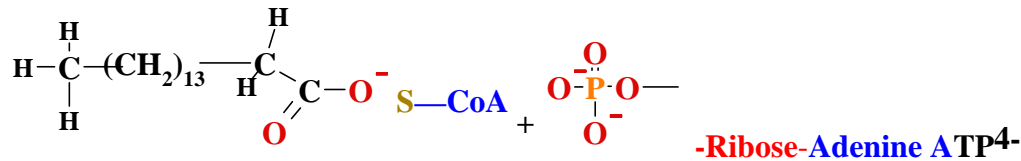
The activation of **amino acids** before their **polymerization** into proteins (see **Amino-acylation** of tRNA) is accomplished by an analogous set of reactions in which a **transfer RNA** molecule takes the place of **coenzyme A**. An unusual use of the cleavage of **ATP** to **AMP** and **PP<sub>i</sub>** occurs in the firefly, which uses **ATP** as an energy source to produce light flashes (Box 1-3).



Palmitate  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{PP}_i^{2-}$ —inorganic pyro-phosphatase  $\Rightarrow$   $2 \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$

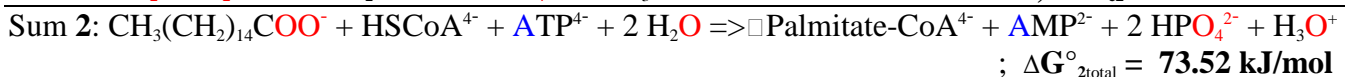
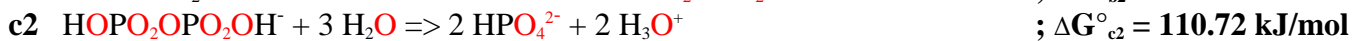
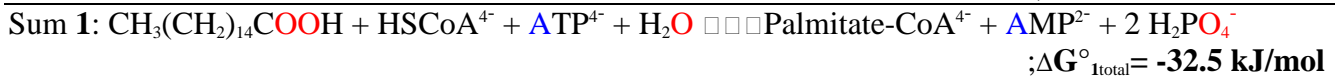
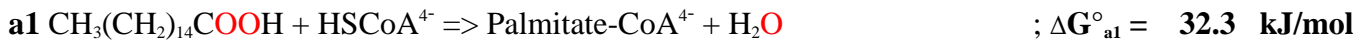


Palmitoyl-adenylate  $\leftarrow$  **CoASH** Coenzyme A



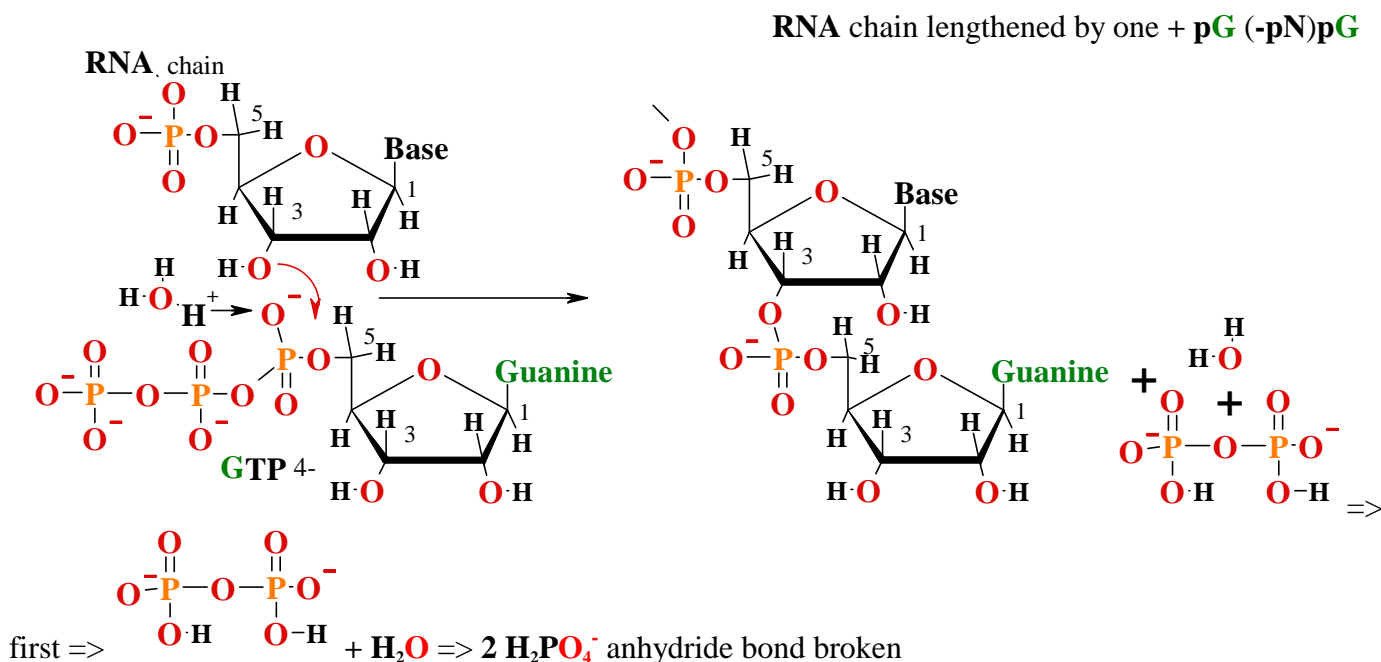
which it forms a **thio-ester** bond that conserves some of the energy "invested" from ATP.

**Figure 1-11. Adenylation** reaction in **activation** of a **fatty acid**. Both **phospho-anhydride** bonds of **ATP** are eventually broken in the formation of **palmitoyl-coenzyme A**. First **1st**, **ATP** donates **adenylate (AMP)**, forming the **fatty acyl-adenylate** and releasing **PP<sub>i</sub>**, which is **hydrolyzed** by **inorganic pyro-phosphatase**. The "energized" fatty acyl group is then transferred to **coenzyme A (CoASH)**, with



**8.4+110.72-45.6= 73.52 kJ/mol**

When **simple precursors** are assembled into **high molecular weight compounds (HMC) polymers** with **defined sequences (DNA, RNA, proteins)**, as described in detail in Information Pathways of this studies, **free energy  $\Delta G^\circ$**  is required both **2** for the **condensation of monomeric units** and for the creation of **ordered sequences**. The **precursors for DNA and RNA synthesis are nucleoside triphosphates**, and **polymerization** is accompanied by cleavage of the **phospho-anhydride linkage** between the  $\square$  and  $\square$  **phosphates**, with the release of **PP<sub>i</sub>** (Fig. 1-12). The moieties transferred to the growing **polymer** in these reactions are **adenylate (AMP)**, **guanylate (GMP)**, **cytidylate (CMP)**, or **uridylyate (UMP)** for **RNA synthesis**, and their **deoxy** analogs (with **TMP** in place of **UMP**) for **DNA synthesis**. As noted above, the activation of **amino acids** for **protein synthesis** involves the donation of **adenylate** groups from **ATP**, and we shall see in Protein Metabolism that several **steps of protein synthesis** on the **ribosome** are also accompanied by **GTP hydrolysis**. In all of these cases, the **exoergonic** breakdown of a **nucleoside triphosphate** is coupled to the **endoergonic** process of **synthesizing a polymer of a specific sequence**.



**Figure 1-12. Nucleoside triphosphates  $\text{GTP}^{4-}$  in RNA synthesis.** With each **nucleoside mono-phosphate** added to the growing chain, one **PP<sub>i</sub><sup>2-</sup>** is released and **hydrolyzed** to two **2** of two **2** **phospho-anhydride** bonds for each **nucleotide** added provides the energy  $\Delta G^\circ$  for forming the bonds in the **RNA polymer** and for assembling a **specific sequence nucleotides**.



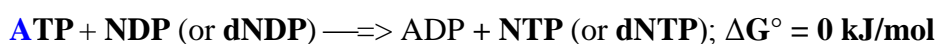


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expense of **ATP** is, as noted earlier, one of the few cases in which **ATP hydrolysis** per se, rather than group transfer from **ATP**, is the source of the chemical energy  $\Delta G^\circ$  in a coupled process.

## Trans-phosphorylations between Nucleotides Occur in All Cell Types

Although we have focused on **ATP** as the cell's energy currency  $\Delta G^\circ$  and donor of **phosphoryl** groups, all other **nucleoside triphosphates** (**GTP**, **UTP**, and **CTP**) and all the **de-oxy-nucleoside tri-phosphates** (**dATP**, **dGTP**, **dTTP**, and **dCTP**) are energetically equivalent to **ATP**. The free-energy changes  $\Delta G^\circ$  associated with **hydrolysis** of their **phospho-anhydride** linkages are very nearly identical with those shown in Table 1-4 for **ATP**. In preparation for their various biological roles, these other **nucleotides** are generated and maintained as the **nucleoside tri-phosphate** (**NTP**) forms by **phosphoryl** group transfer to the corresponding **nucleoside diphosphates** (**NDPs**) and **mono-phosphates** (**NMPs**).

**ATP** is the primary high-energy **phosphate** compound produced by catabolism, in the processes of **glycolysis**, **oxidative phosphorylation**, and, in **photo-synthetic cells**, **photo-phosphorylation**. Several enzymes then carry **phosphoryl** groups from **ATP** to the other **nucleotides**. **Nucleoside diphosphate kinase**, found in all cells, under action **Mg<sup>2+</sup>** catalyzes the reaction:



Although this reaction is fully reversible, the relatively high  $[\text{ATP}]/[\text{ADP}]$  ratio in cells normally drives the reaction to the right  $\Rightarrow$ , with the net formation of **NTPs** and **dNTPs**. The enzyme actually catalyzes a two-2-step **phosphoryl transfer**. First **1st**, **phosphoryl** group transfer from **ATP** to an **active-site** His residue produces a **phospho-enzyme** intermediate; then the **phosphoryl** group is transferred from the **P-His** residue to an **NDP acceptor**. Because the enzyme is **non specific** for the **base** in the **NDP** and works equally well on **dNDPs** and **NDPs**, it can **synthesize** all **NTPs** and **dNTPs**, given the corresponding **NDPs** and a supply of **ATP**.

When **ADP** accumulates as a result of **phosphoryl** group transfers from **ATP**, such as when **muscle** is **contracting** vigorously, the **ADP** interferes with **ATP-dependent contraction**. **Adenylate kinase** under action **Mg<sup>2+</sup>** catalyzes and removes **ADP** by the reaction



This reaction is fully reversible, so the enzyme can also convert **AMP** (produced by **pyro-phosphoryl** or **adenylyl** group transfer from **ATP**) into **ADP**, which can then be **phosphorylated** to **ATP** through one of the catabolic pathways. A similar enzyme, **guanylate kinase**, converts **GMP** to **GDP** at the expense of **ATP**. By **pathways** such as these, energy  $\Delta G^\circ$  conserved in the catabolic production of **ATP** is used to supply the cell with all required **NTPs** and **dNTPs**.