

# The DARK Reactions



## • Chapter 20: •

The Calvin Cycle and the Pentose  
Phosphate Pathway



# RUBISCO!: not a cookie, but the most abundant protein on earth! (likely)

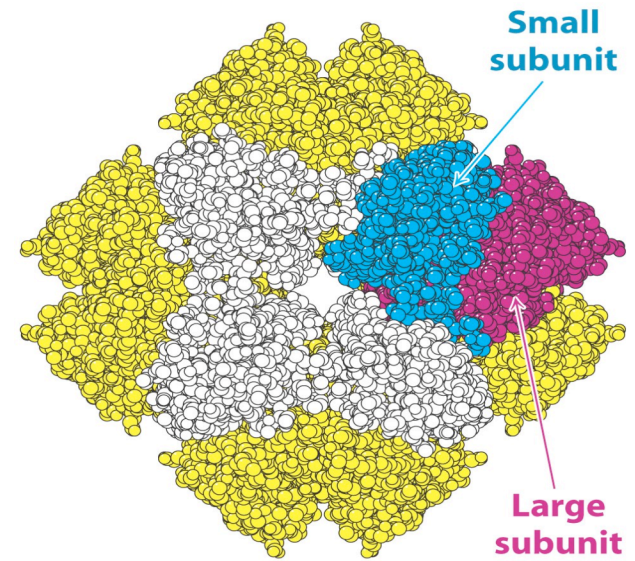


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Algae +  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$

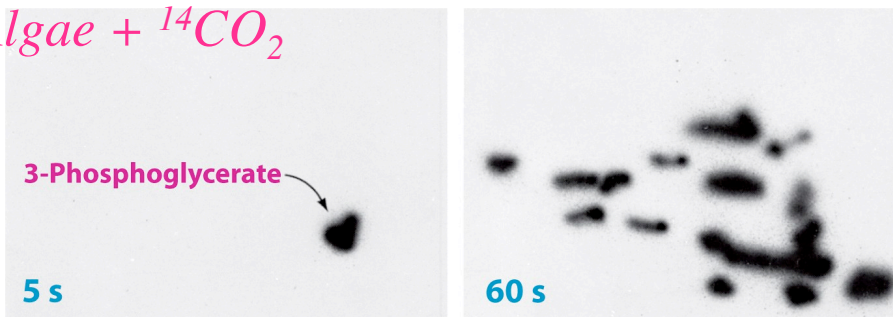
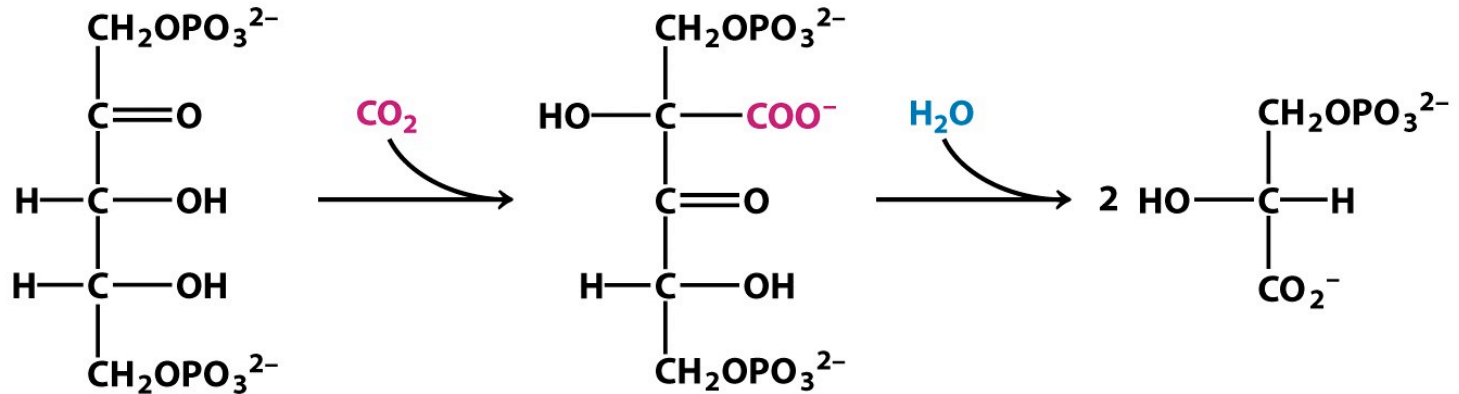


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**Ribulose  
1,5-bisphosphate**

**Unstable  
intermediate**

**3-Phosphoglycerate**

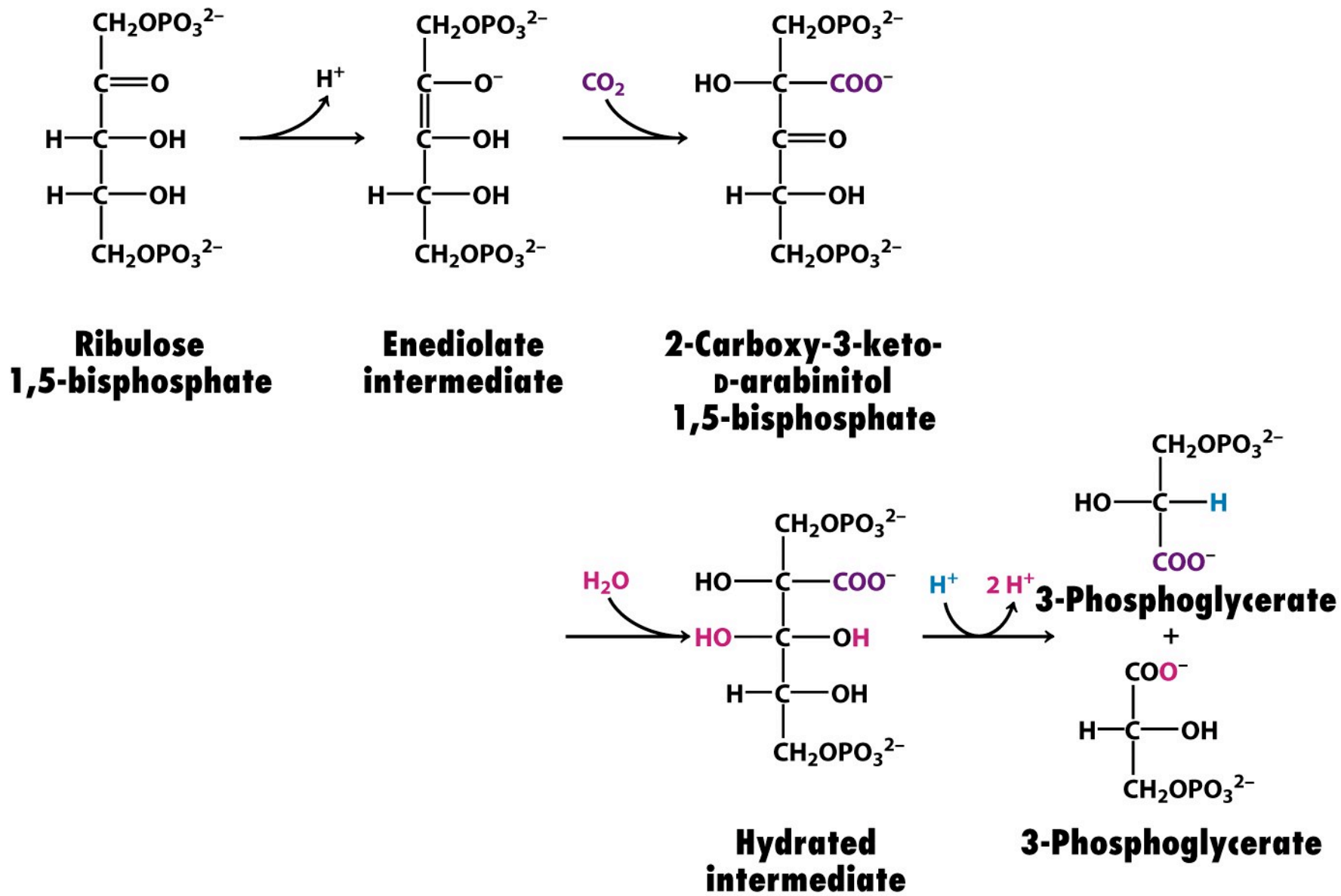
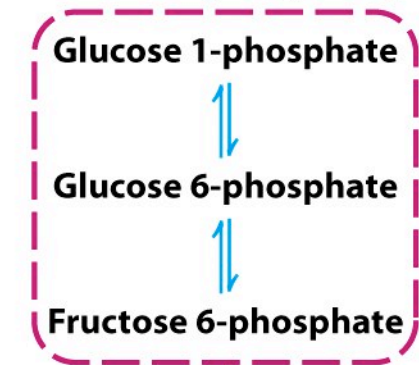


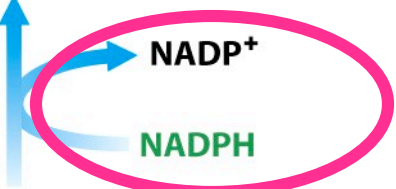
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Hexose monophosphate pool

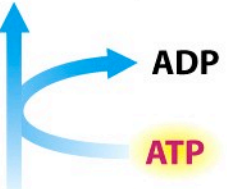


1 Fructose 1,6-bisphosphate

2 Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate ⇌ Dihydroxyacetone phosphate



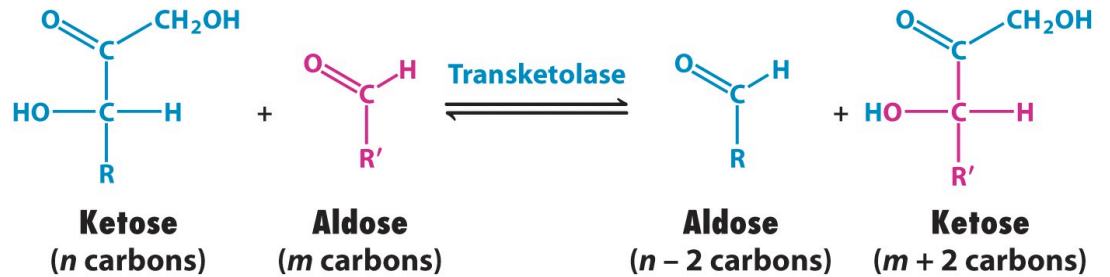
2 1,3-Bisphosphoglycerate



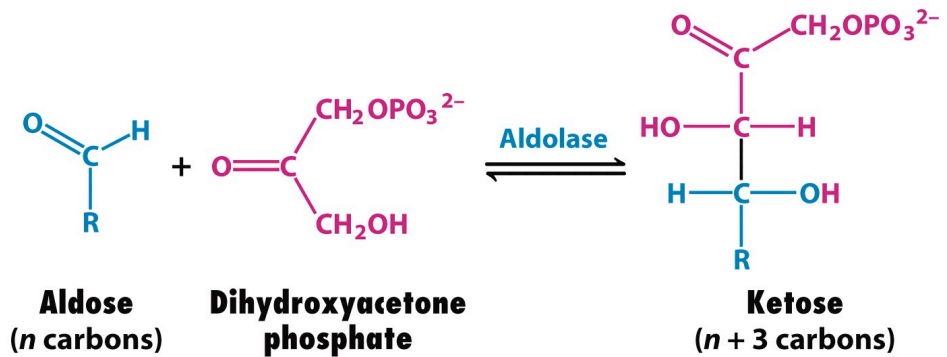
2 3-Phosphoglycerate

Additional Reactions to make new sugars and regenerate RuBP:

$3+6 = 5????$

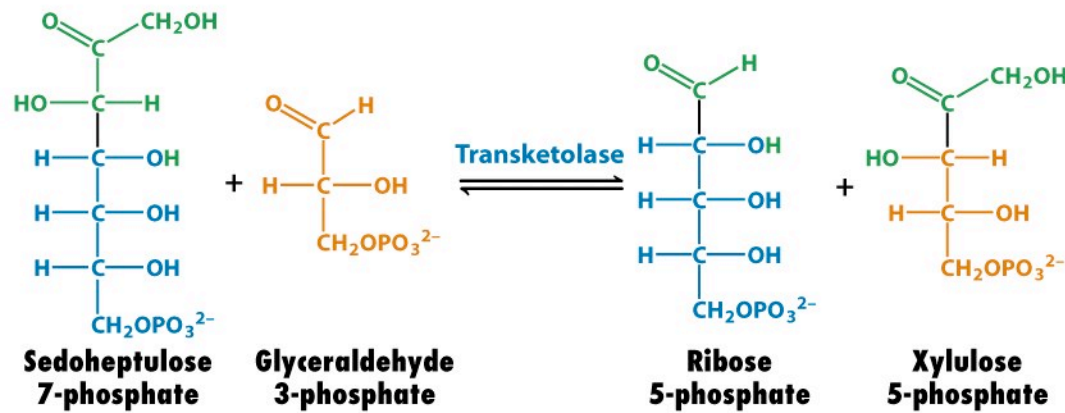
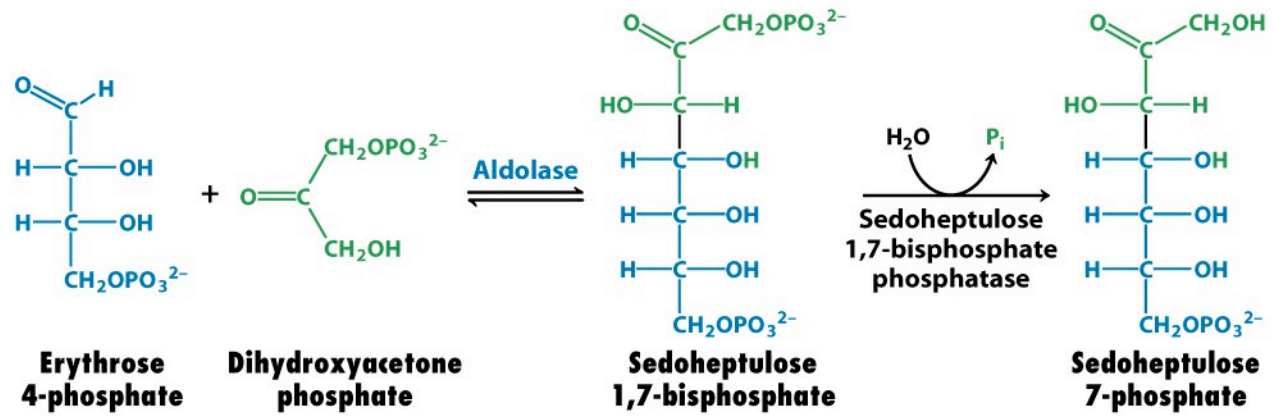
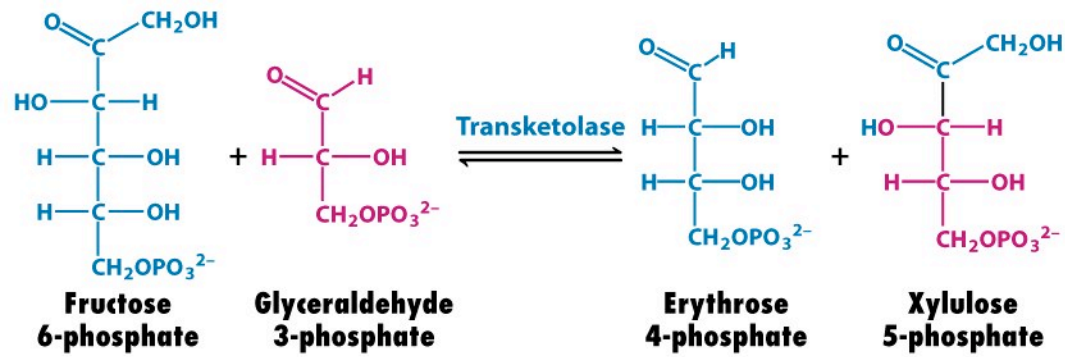


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**RuBP!**

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# Regeneration of RuBP

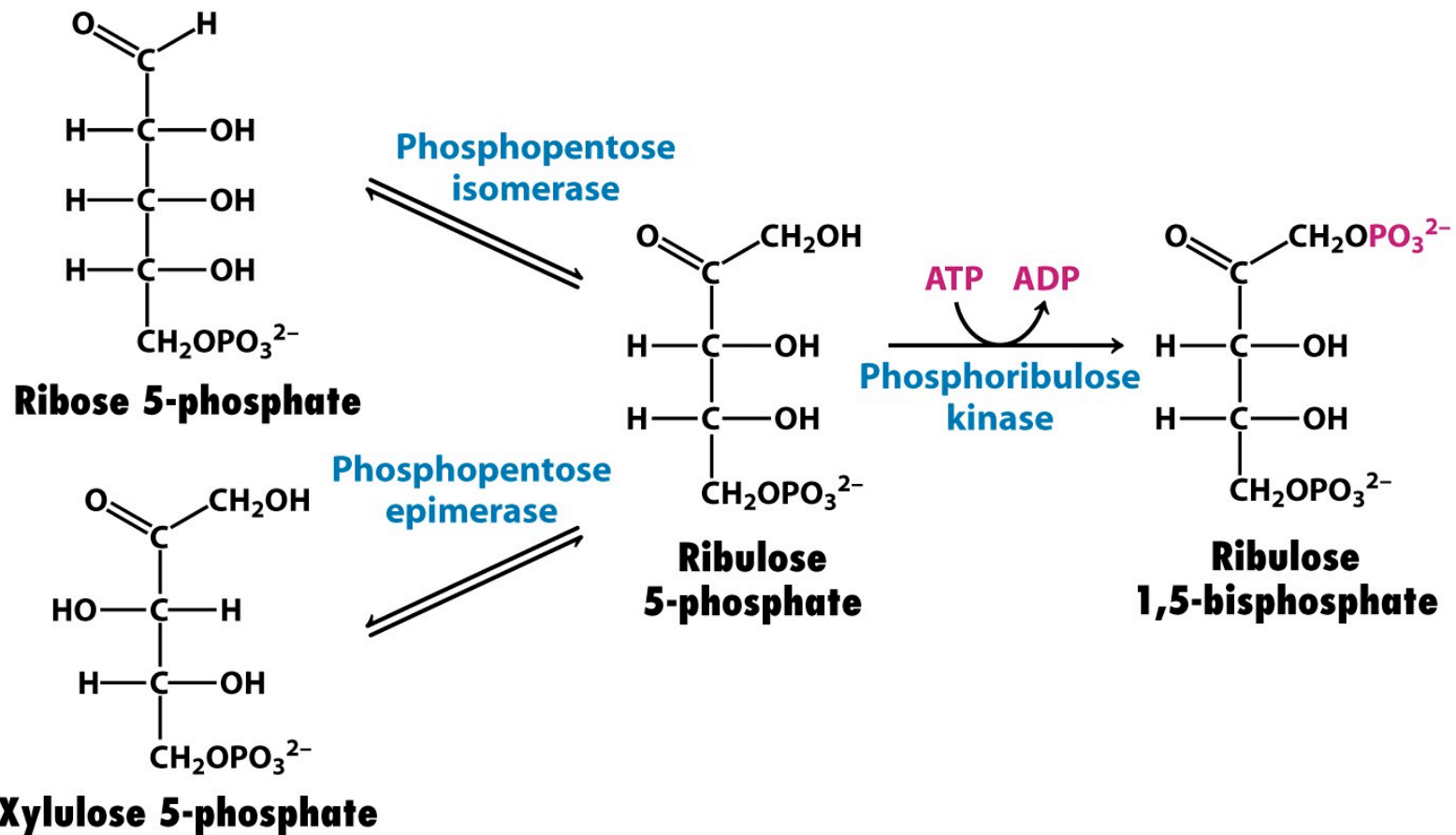


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# The Whole Calvin Cycle

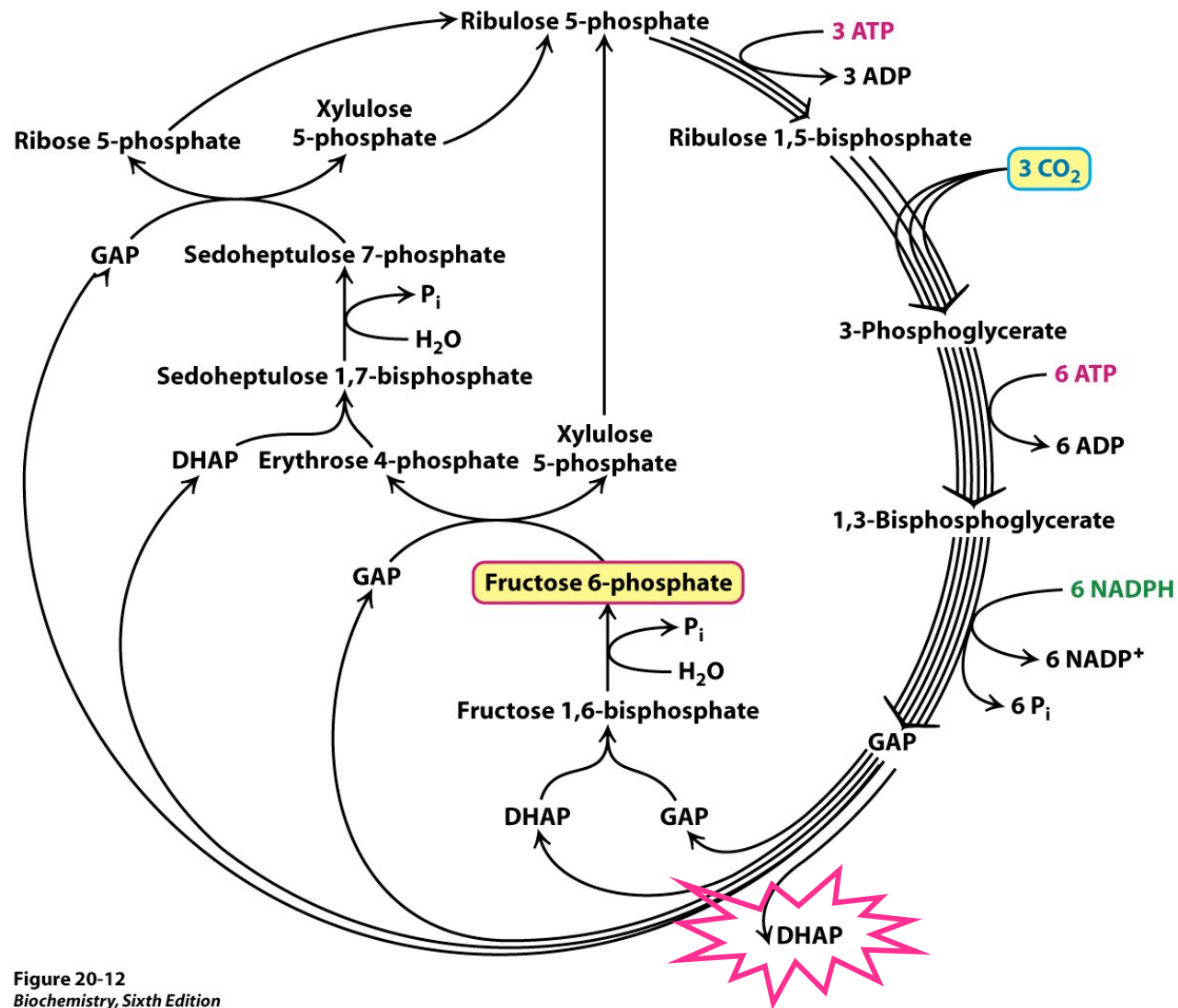
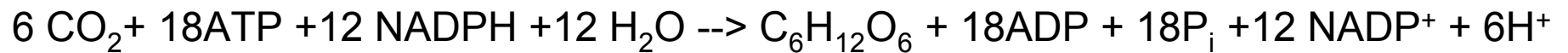


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# The pentose phosphate pathway

## **TABLE 20.2 Pathways requiring NADPH**

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### **Synthesis**

**Fatty acid biosynthesis**

**Cholesterol biosynthesis**

**Neurotransmitter biosynthesis**

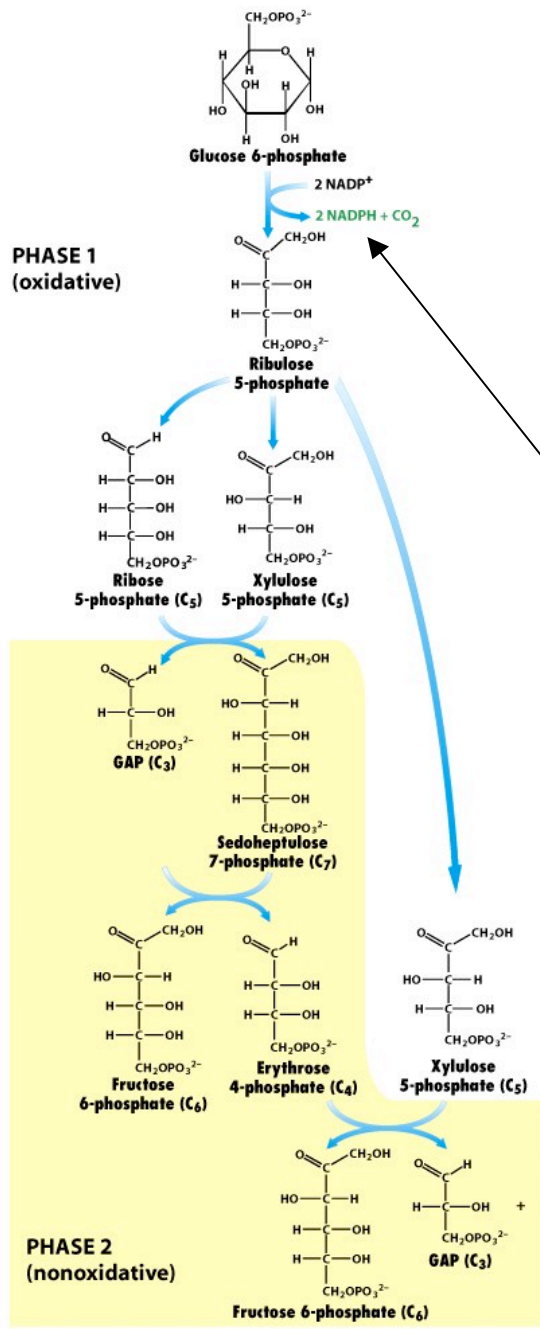
**Nucleotide biosynthesis**

### **Detoxification**

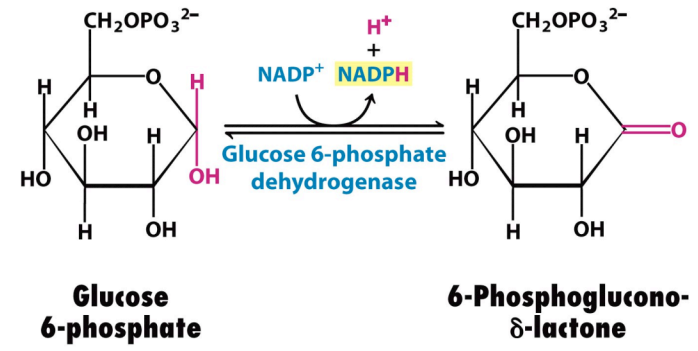
**Reduction of oxidized glutathione**

**Cytochrome P450 monooxygenases**

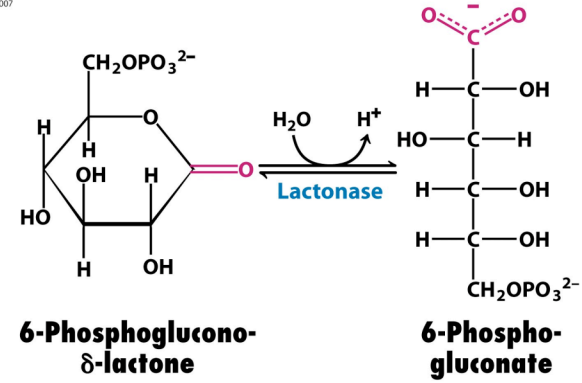
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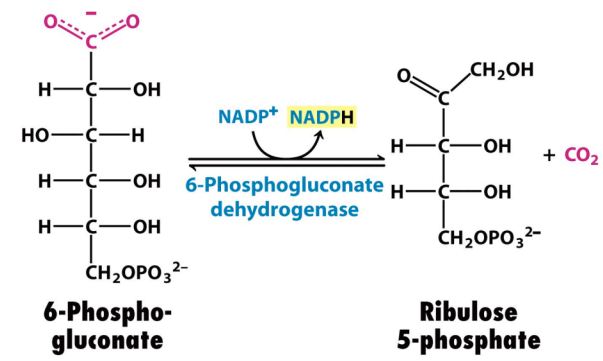
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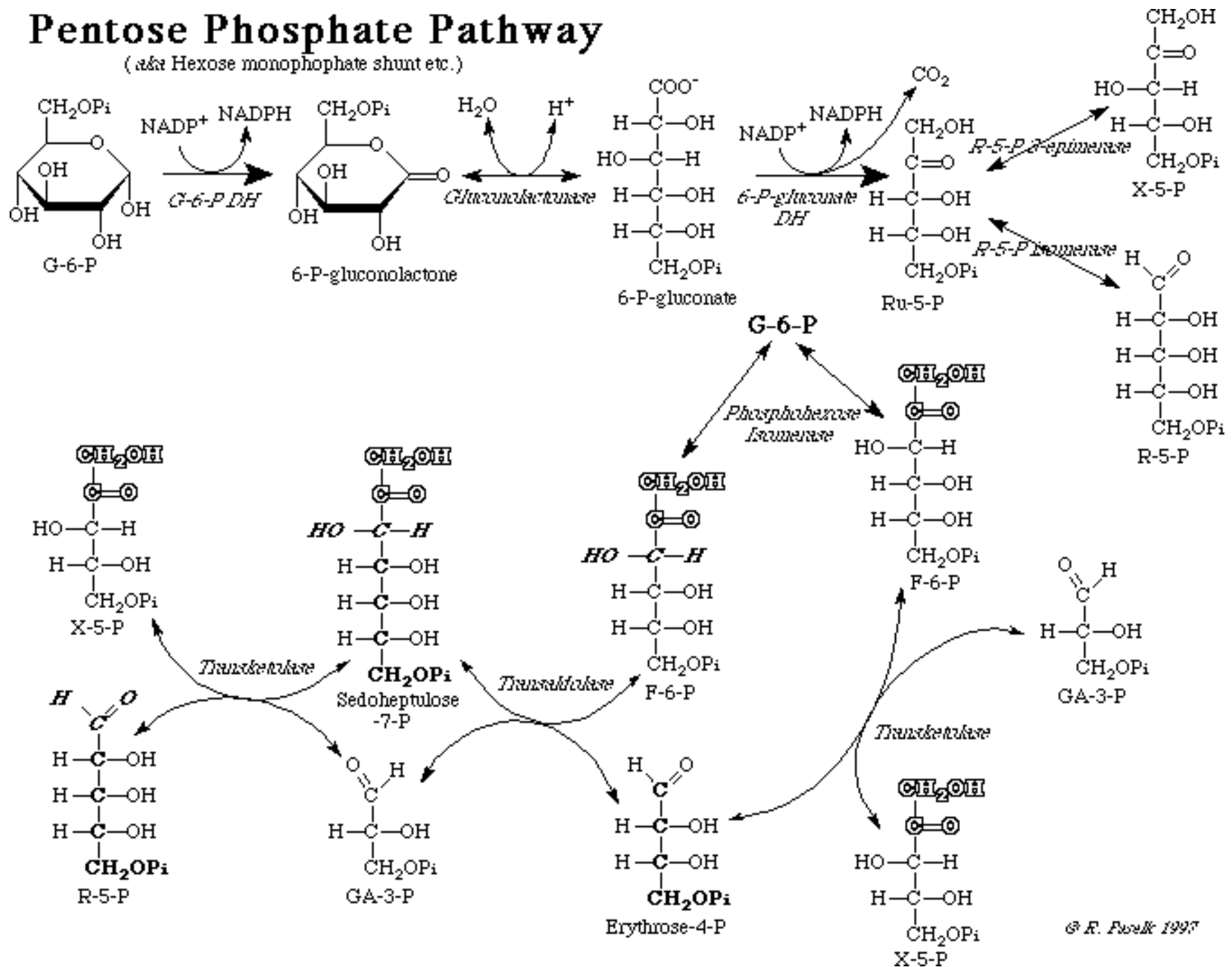
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# Pentose Phosphate Pathway

(aka Hexose monophosphate shunt etc.)



**TABLE 20.3 Pentose phosphate pathway**

Reaction	Enzyme
<b>Oxidative phase</b>	
Glucose 6-phosphate + NADP <sup>+</sup> → 6-phosphoglucono-δ-lactone + NADPH + H <sup>+</sup>	Glucose 6-phosphate dehydrogenase
6-Phosphoglucono-δ-lactone + H <sub>2</sub> O → 6-phosphogluconate + H <sup>+</sup>	Lactonase
6-Phosphogluconate + NADP <sup>+</sup> → ribulose 5-phosphate + CO <sub>2</sub> + NADPH + H <sup>+</sup>	6-Phosphogluconate dehydrogenase
<b>Nonoxidative Phase</b>	
Ribulose 5-phosphate ⇌ ribose 5-phosphate	Phosphopentose isomerase
Ribulose 5-phosphate ⇌ xylulose 5-phosphate	Phosphopentose epimerase
Xylulose 5-phosphate + ribose 5-phosphate ⇌ sedoheptulose 7-phosphate + glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate	Transketolase
Sedoheptulose 7-phosphate + glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate ⇌ fructose 6-phosphate + erythrose 4-phosphate	Transaldolase
Xylulose 5-phosphate + erythrose 4-phosphate ⇌ fructose 6-phosphate + glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate	Transketolase

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# The PPP adapts to cellular needs:

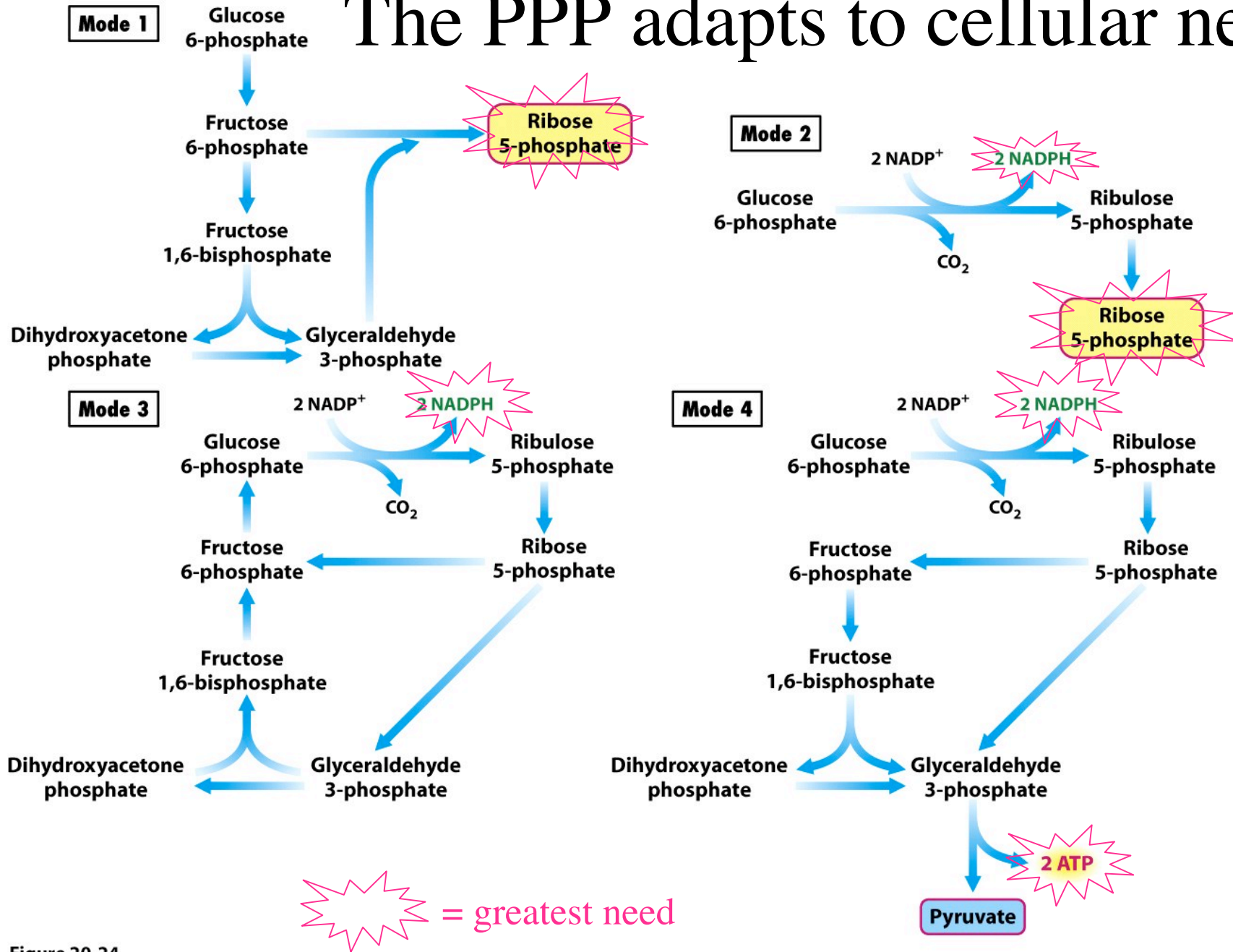


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