

# Chem 352 - Lecture 7

## Introduction to Metabolism

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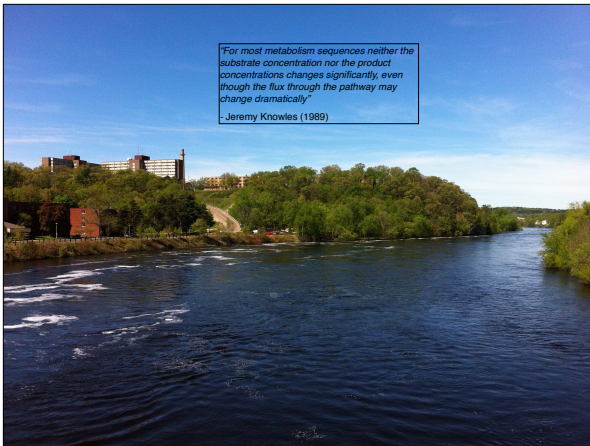
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# Introduction

**“For most metabolites sequences neither the substrate concentration nor the product concentrations changes significantly, even though the flux through the pathway may change dramatically”**

**- Jeremy Knowles (1989)**

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# Introduction

- Metabolism is divided into two complimentary sets of reactions.
  - **Anabolic reactions (anabolism)**
    - The synthetic reactions, which usually require an input in free energy.
  - **Catabolic reaction (catabolism)**
    - The degradative reactions, which usually lead to a release of free energy.

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# Introduction

Light (photosynthetic organisms only)

Energy

Anabolism (Biosynthesis)

Catabolism

Organic molecules

Organic molecules (food)

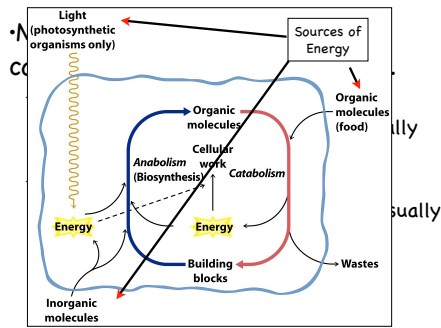
Building blocks

Wastes

Inorganic molecules

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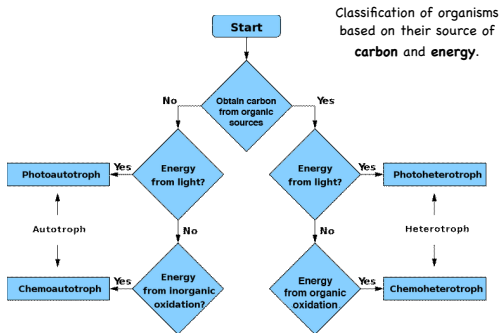
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## Metabolic Pathways

Common themes in metabolism:

- Organisms or cells maintain specific internal concentrations of inorganic ions, metabolites, and enzymes. Cell membranes provide the physical barrier that segregates cell components from the environment.

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### Common themes in metabolism:

- Organisms extract energy from external sources to drive energy-consuming reactions. Photosynthetic organisms derive energy from the conversion of solar energy to chemical energy. Other organisms obtain energy from the ingestion and catabolism of energy-yielding compounds

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## Metabolic Pathways

### Common themes in metabolism:

- The metabolic pathways in each organism are specified by the genes it contains in its genome.

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### Common themes in metabolism:

- Organisms and cells interact with their environment. The activities of cells must be geared to the availability of energy. Organisms grow and reproduce when the supply of energy from the environment is plentiful. When the supply of energy from the environment is limited, energy demands can be temporarily met by using internal stores or by slowing metabolic rates as in hibernation, sporulation, or seed formation. If the shortage is prolonged, organisms die.

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## Metabolic Pathways

### Common themes in metabolism:

- The cells of organisms are not static assemblies of molecules. Many cell components are continually synthesized and degraded, that is, they undergo turnover, even though their concentrations may remain virtually constant. The concentrations of other compounds change in response to changes in external or internal conditions.

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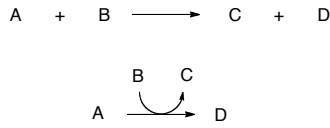
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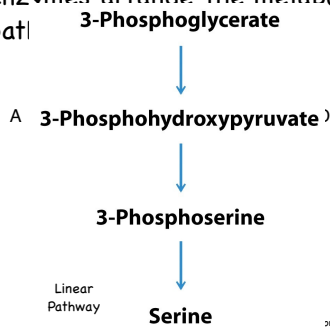


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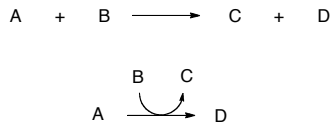


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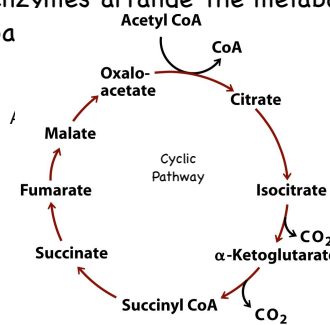


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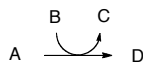
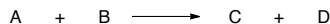


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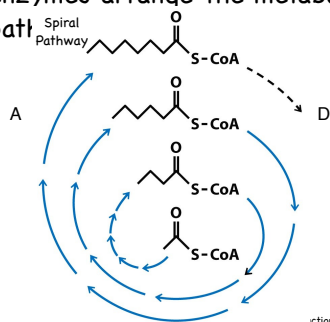


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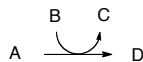
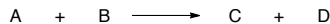


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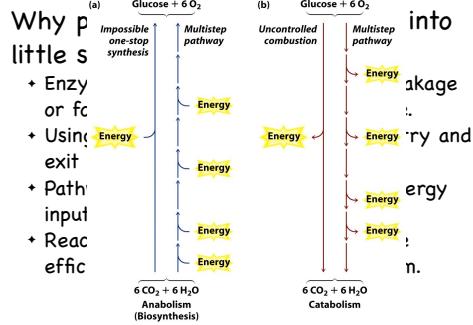
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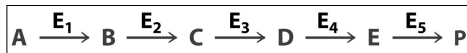
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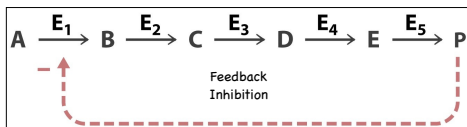


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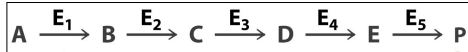
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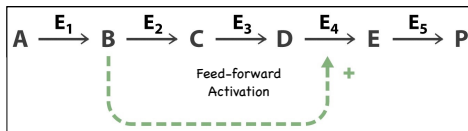
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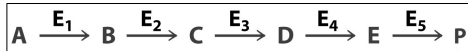
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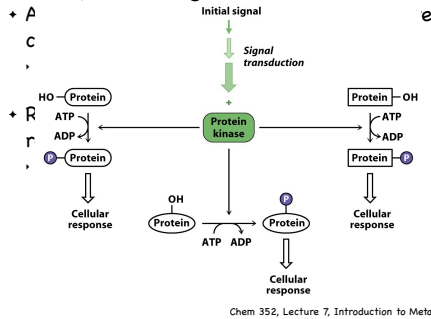
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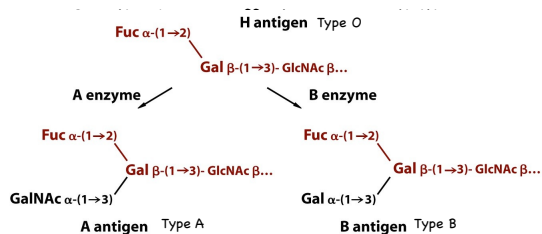
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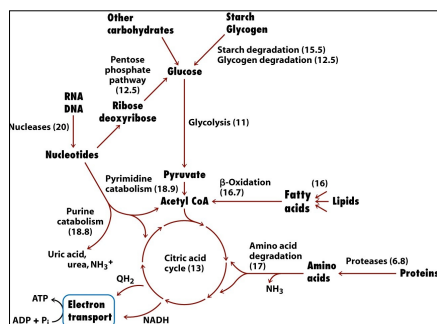
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## Major Metabolic Pathways



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This electron micrograph shows a cross-section of a cell with several organelles clearly visible. The labels on the left side point to the following structures:

- Golgi apparatus P (end-on view)**: sorting and secretion of some proteins
- Mitochondria**: citric acid cycle, electron transport + ATP synthesis, fatty acid degradation
- Lysosome**: degradation of proteins, lipids, etc.
- Plasma membrane**

The labels on the right side point to the following structures:

- Cytosol**: fatty acid synthesis, glycolysis, most gluconeogenesis reaction, pentose phosphate pathway
- Nucleus**: nucleic acid synthesis
- Endoplasmic reticulum**: delivery of proteins and synthesis of lipids for membranes
- Nuclear membranes**

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•The actual conditions within the cell must be considered when determining a  $\Delta G$  value.

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^{\circ'} + RT \ln \left( \frac{[C][D]}{[A][B]} \right)$$

$Q = \left( \frac{[C][D]}{[A][B]} \right)$  is the mass action ratio

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## Spontaneity of Metabolic Reactions

•When  $Q \approx K_{eq}$  a reaction is reversible.

•When  $Q < K_{eq}$  a reaction is spontaneous and irreversible.

•When  $Q > K_{eq}$  a reaction is non-spontaneous and irreversible

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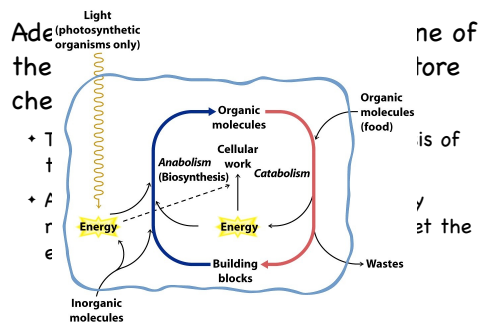
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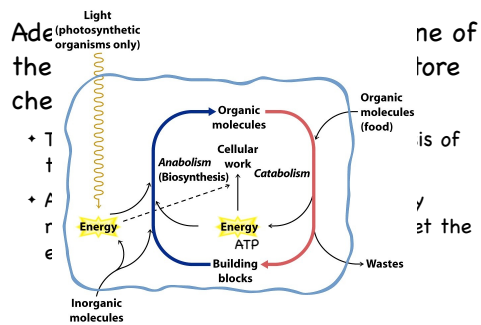
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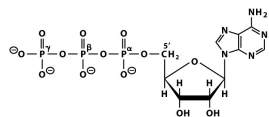
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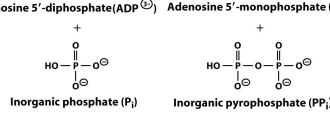
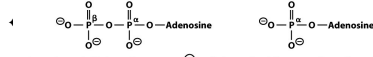
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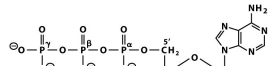
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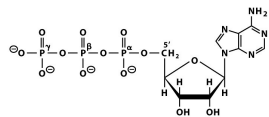
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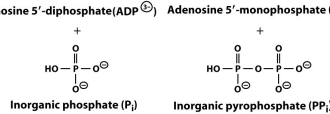
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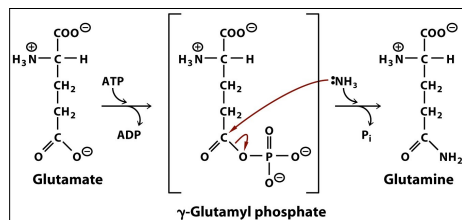
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## ATP

- The hydrolysis of ATP can be used to drive unfavorable reactions



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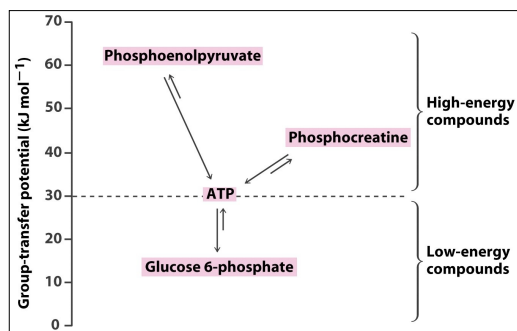
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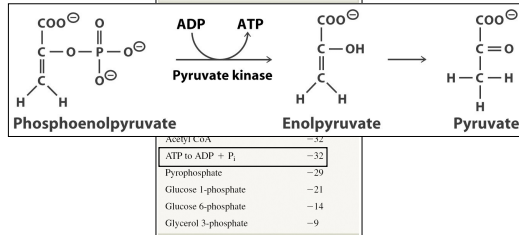
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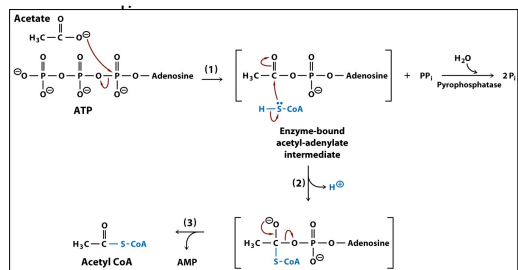
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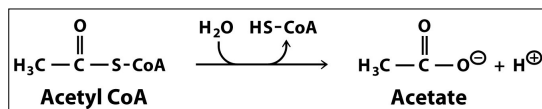
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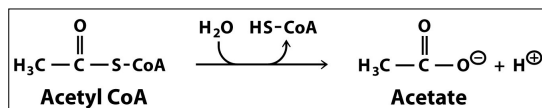
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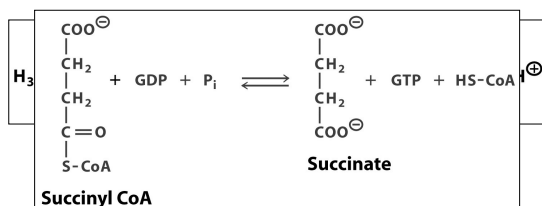


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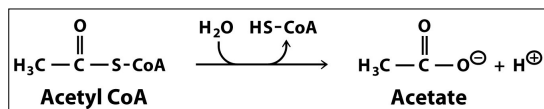


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**Question for the Day:** How is metabolism like a river?

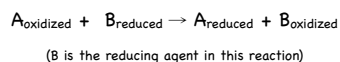
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- Reduced coenzymes (NAD, NADP, FAD, FMN, ubiquinone) provide another way to store chemical energy.

- They can be used to store the free energy that is released in oxidation reactions.
- The electrons released in these reactions are transferred to the coenzyme, usually in the form of a hydride ( $\text{H}^-$ ) ion.

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• **Reduction potentials** can be used to measure the ability of a molecule to serve as a reducing agent in an oxidation/reduction reaction



## Reduced Coenzymes

Reduction potentials can be measured with an electrochemical cell.

- The oxidation and reduction are separated by a wire.

The reduction of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  by Zn

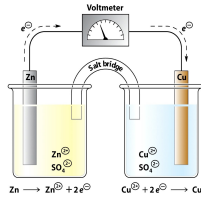


$$\Delta G = -n\mathcal{F}\Delta E' \quad (\text{Nernst Equation})$$

$\Delta E'$  = potential measured by the voltmeter

$n$  = number of electrons transferred

$F$  = Faraday's constant ( $96,586 \text{ J V}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ )



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## Reduced Coenzymes

The change in the reduction potential for an oxidation/reduction reaction ( $\Delta E^{\circ}$ ) can be used to determine the change in Free energy for the reaction.

$$\Delta E^{\circ} = E^{\circ}_{\text{electron acceptor}} - E^{\circ}_{\text{electron donor}}$$

$$\Delta G^{\circ} = -n\mathcal{F}\Delta E^{\circ}$$

$n$  = number of electrons transferred

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## Reduced Coenzymes

Standard reduction potentials,  $E^{\circ}$ , are usually measured with respect to the reduction potential for of  $2 \text{ H}^+(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2(\text{g})$

TABLE 10.4 Standard reduction potentials of some important biological half-reactions

Reduction half-reaction	$E^{\circ}$ (V)
Acetyl CoA + $\text{CO}_2$ + $\text{H}^+$ + $2e^- \rightarrow$ pyruvate + CoA	-0.48
Ferredoxin (reduced), $\text{Fe}^{2+} + e^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+}$	-0.41
$2 \text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2$ (pH 7)	-0.42
$\alpha$ -ketoglutarate + $\text{CO}_2$ + $2 \text{H}^+$ + $2e^- \rightarrow$ isocitrate	-0.38
Lipoyl dehydrogenase (FAD) + $2 \text{H}^+$ + $2e^- \rightarrow$ Lipoyl dehydrogenase (FADH <sub>2</sub> )	-0.34
$\text{NAD}^+ + 2 \text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow \text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$	-0.32
$\text{NADP}^+ + 2 \text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow \text{NADPH} + \text{H}^+$	-0.32
Lipoic acid + $2 \text{H}^+$ + $2e^- \rightarrow$ lipoic dihydric acid	-0.29
Glutathione (oxidized) + $2 \text{H}^+$ + $2e^- \rightarrow 2$ Glutathione (reduced)	-0.23
FAD + $2 \text{H}^+$ + $2e^- \rightarrow \text{FADH}_2$	-0.22
FMN + $2 \text{H}^+$ + $2e^- \rightarrow \text{FMNH}_2$	-0.22
Acetate + $2 \text{H}^+$ + $2e^- \rightarrow$ Ethanol	-0.20
Pyruvate + $2 \text{H}^+$ + $2e^- \rightarrow$ Lactate	-0.18
Oxaloacetate + $2 \text{H}^+$ + $2e^- \rightarrow$ Malate	-0.17

TABLE 10.4 Standard reduction potentials of some important biological half-reactions

Reduction half-reaction	$E^{\circ}$ (V)
Cytochrome b <sub>5</sub> (reduced), $\text{Fe}^{2+} + e^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+}$	0.02
Ferredoxin + $2 \text{H}^+$ + $2e^- \rightarrow$ ferredoxin	0.01
Ubiquinone (Q) + $2 \text{H}^+$ + $2e^- \rightarrow$ ubiquinol	0.04
Cytochrome c (reduced), $\text{Fe}^{2+} + e^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+}$	0.08
Cytochrome c <sub>1</sub> , $\text{Fe}^{2+} + e^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+}$	0.22
Cytochrome c, $\text{Fe}^{2+} + e^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+}$	0.23
Cytochrome c <sub>2</sub> , $\text{Fe}^{2+} + e^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+}$	0.28
Cytochrome f, $\text{Fe}^{2+} + e^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+}$	0.36
Plastocyanin, $\text{Cu}^{2+} + e^- \rightarrow \text{Cu}^+$	0.37
$\text{NO}_3^- + 2 \text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow \text{NO}_2^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.42
Photosystem II (PSII)	0.43
$\text{H}_2\text{O} + e^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}^{\bullet -}$	0.77
$\frac{1}{2} \text{O}_2 + 2 \text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.82
Photosystem II (PSII)	1.1

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## Reduced Coenzymes

• Like  $\Delta G$ , the observed change in the reduction potential for a reaction, ( $\Delta E$ ), can be determined relative to the change in the standard reduction potential, ( $\Delta E^{\circ}$ ):

$$\Delta E = \Delta E^{\circ} - \frac{RT}{n\mathcal{F}} \ln \left( \frac{[A_{ox}][B_{red}]}{[A_{red}][B_{ox}]} \right)$$

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## Reduced Coenzymes

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## Reduced Coenzymes

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Reduction half-reaction	$E^\circ$ (V)
Cytochrome $b_5$ (microsomal), $Fe^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$	0.02
Fumarate + 2 $H^+$ + 2 $e^- \rightarrow$ Succinate	0.03
Ubiquinone (Q) + 2 $H^+$ + 2 $e^- \rightarrow$ QH <sub>2</sub>	0.04
Cytochrome $b$ (mitochondrial), $Fe^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$	0.08
Cytochrome $c_1$ , $Fe^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$	0.22
Cytochrome $c$ , $Fe^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$	0.23
Cytochrome $a$ , $Fe^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$	0.29
Cytochrome $f$ , $Fe^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$	0.36
Plastocyanin, $Cu^{2+} + e^- \rightarrow Cu^+$	0.37
$NO_3^- + 2 H^+ + 2 e^- \rightarrow NO_2^- + H_2O$	0.42
Photosystem I (P700)	0.43
$Fe^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$	0.77
$\frac{1}{2} O_2 + 2 H^+ + 2 e^- \rightarrow H_2O$	0.82
Photosystem II (P680)	1.1

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## Reduced Coenzymes

Pr

Reduction half-reaction	$E^\circ$ (V)
Acetyl CoA + $CO_2 + H^+$ + 2 $e^- \rightarrow$ Pyruvate + CoA	-0.48
Ferredoxin (spinach), $Fe^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$	-0.43
2 $H^+$ + 2 $e^- \rightarrow H_2$ (at pH 7.0)	-0.42
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Lipoic acid + 2 $H^+$ + 2 $e^- \rightarrow$ Dihydrolipoic acid	-0.29
Glutathione (oxidized) + 2 $H^+$ + 2 $e^- \rightarrow$ 2 Glutathione (reduced)	-0.23
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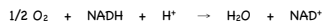
$$\Delta E = \Delta E^{\circ'} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \left( \frac{[A_{ox}][B_{red}]}{[A_{red}][B_{ox}]} \right)$$

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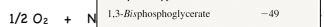
$$\Delta E = \Delta E^{\circ'} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \left( \frac{[A_{ox}][B_{red}]}{[A_{red}][B_{ox}]} \right)$$

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## Reduced Coenzymes

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**TABLE 10.3** Standard Gibbs free energies of hydrolysis for common metabolites

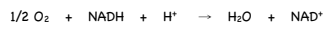
Metabolite	$\Delta G^{\circ'}$ hydrolysis (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )
Phosphoenolpyruvate	-62
1,3-Bisphosphoglycerate	-49
ATP to AMP + $P_i$	-45
Phosphocreatine	-43
Phosphoarginine	-32
Acetyl CoA	-32
ATP to ADP + $P_i$	-32
Pyrophosphate	-29
Glucose 1-phosphate	-21
Glucose 6-phosphate	-14
Glycerol 3-phosphate	-9

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