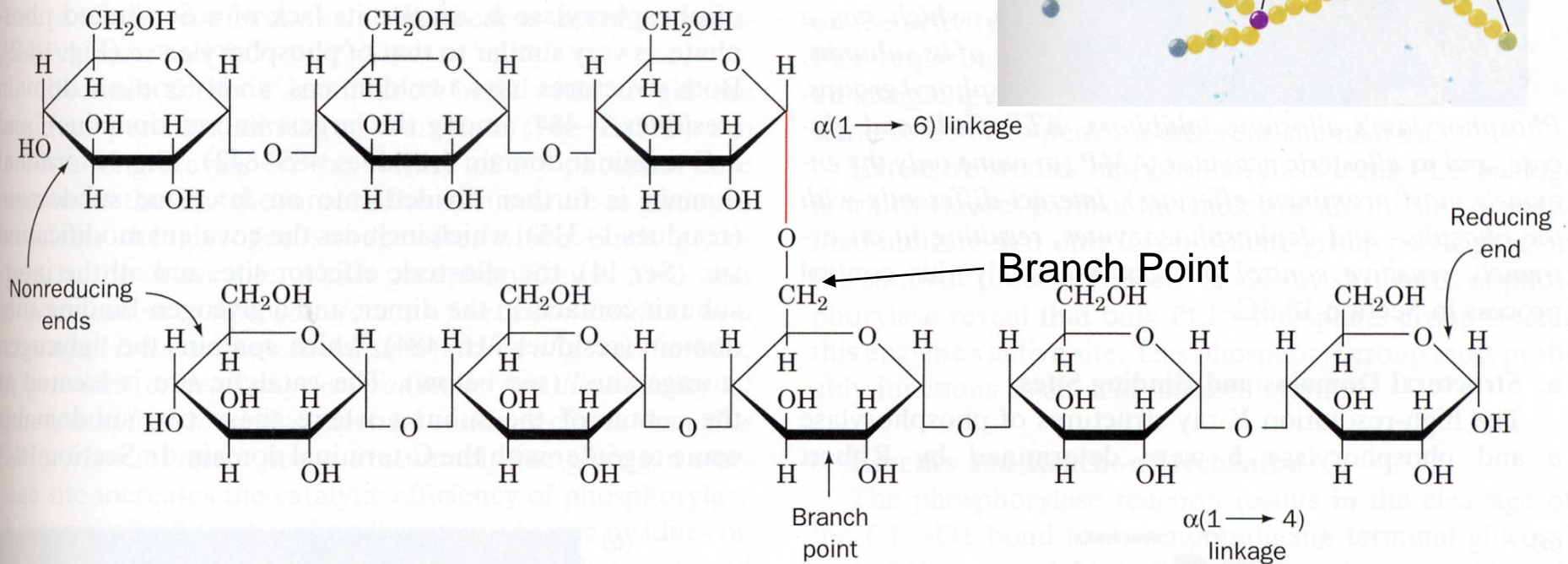
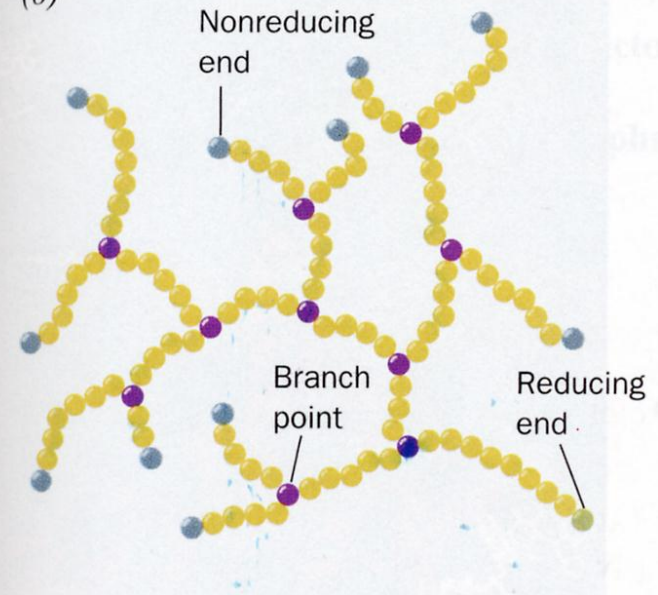


Glycogen

(a)



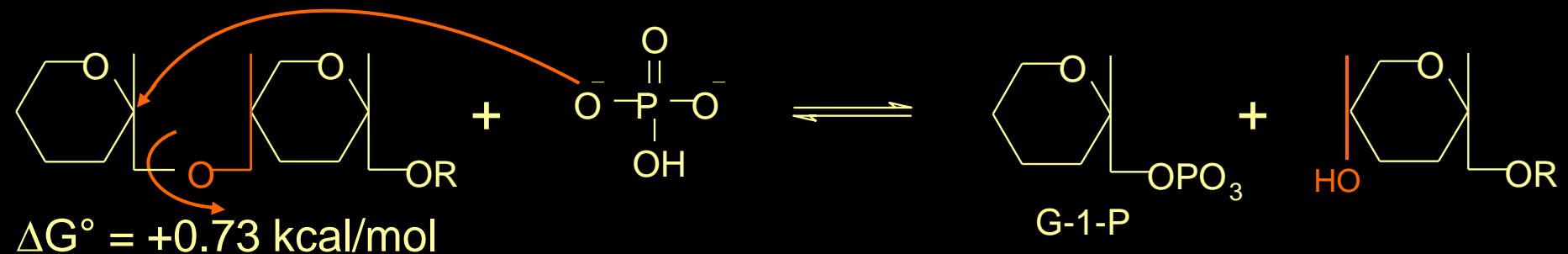
(b)



Branch points occur at ~ 1:10 glycosyl residues

Glycogen Breakdown

- α 1-4 linkages are broken by phosphorylase, starting from the non-reducing ends. Breakdown is **phosphorylytic**.
- Product is G-1-P and glycogen_{n-1}

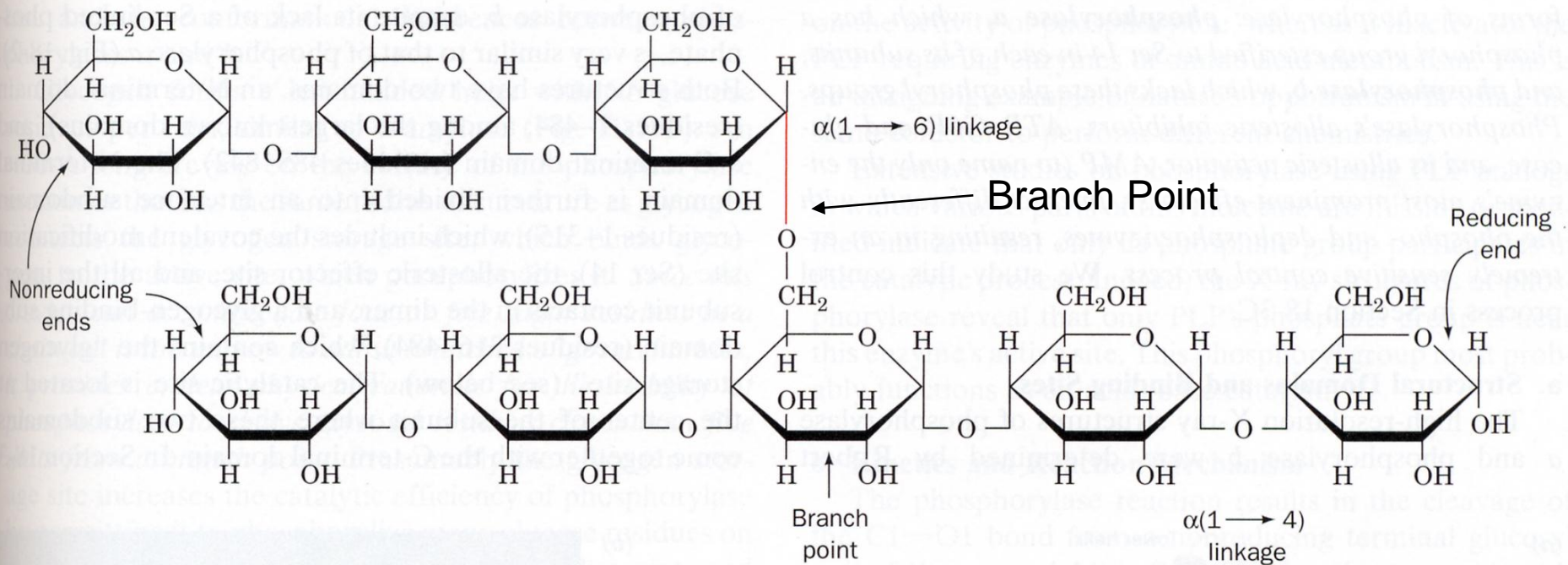


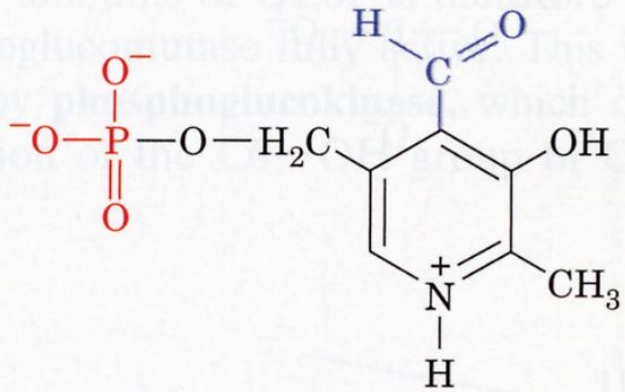
- α 1-6 debranching is **HYDROLYTIC**, as opposed to phosphorylytic.
- Carried out by an α 1-6 glucosidase

α 1-4: phosphorylysis gives G1P \rightarrow G6P

α 1-6: hydrolysis gives glucose $\xrightarrow{\text{ATP}}$ G6P

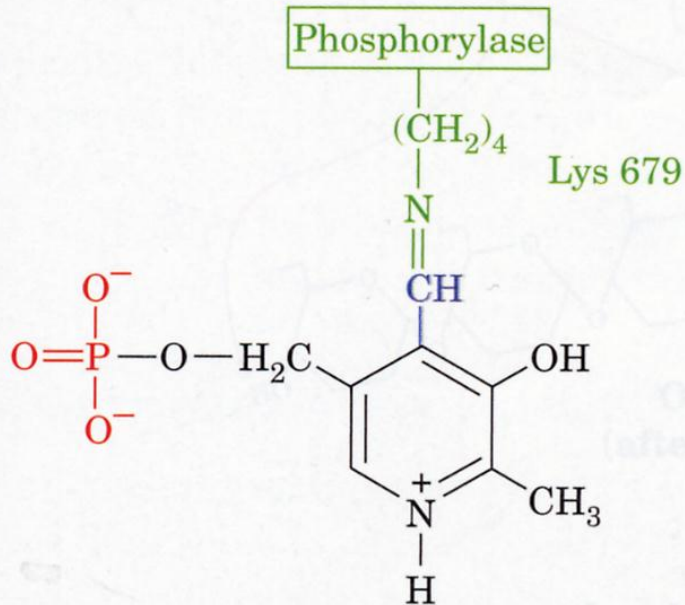
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Pyridoxal phosphate (PLP)

Glycogen Phosphorylase requires pyridoxal phosphate (vit. B6) as an active site cofactor.

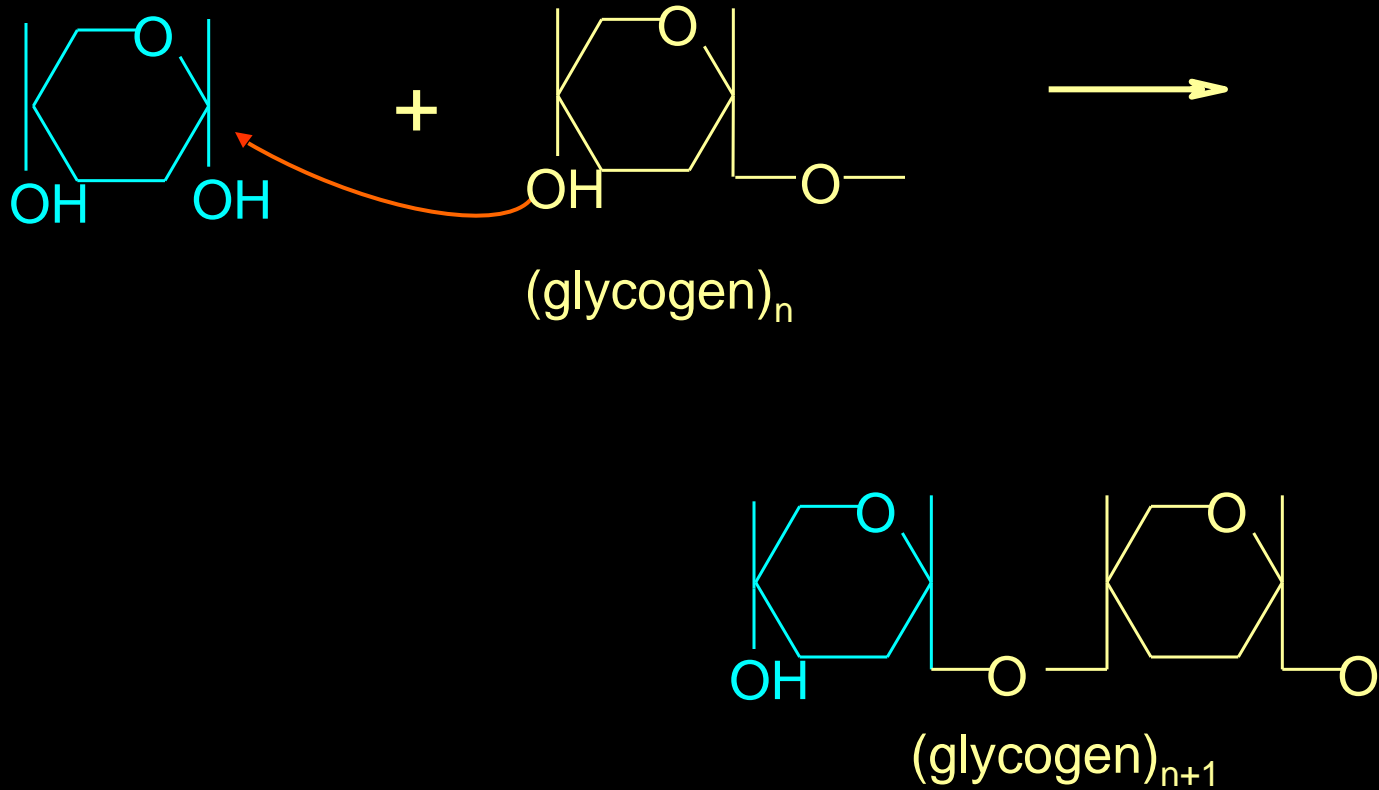


PLP covalently bound to phosphorylase via a Schiff base to Lys 679

The phosphate group probably acts as an acid-base catalyst.

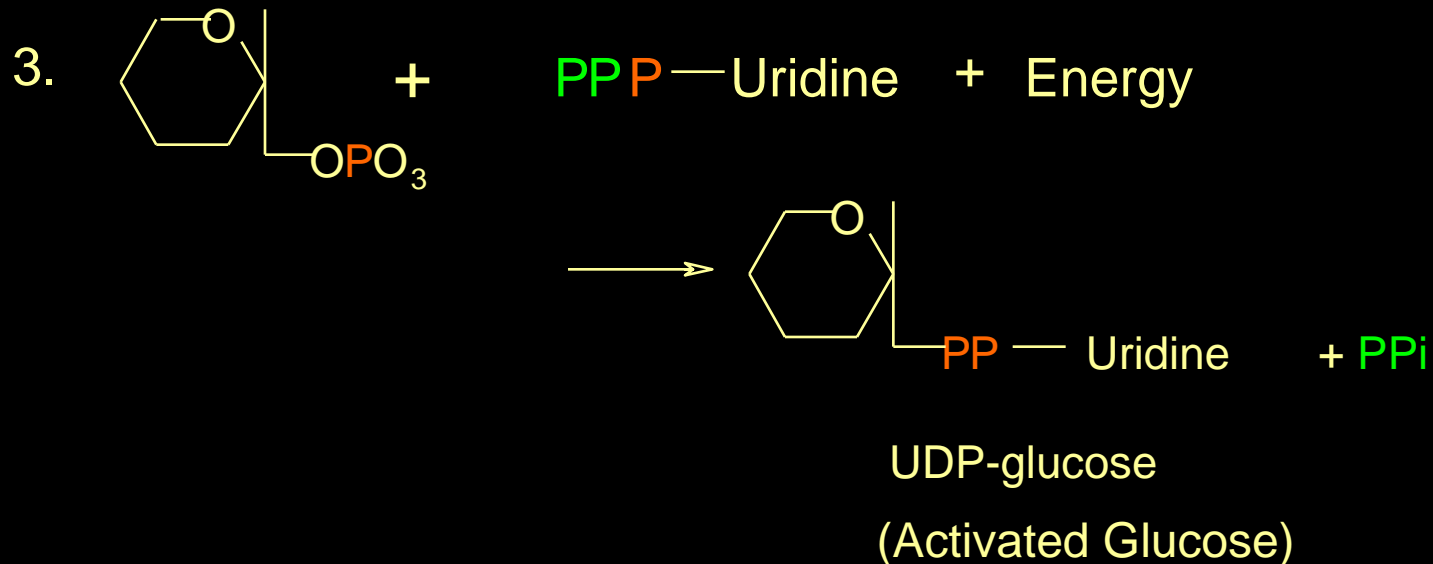
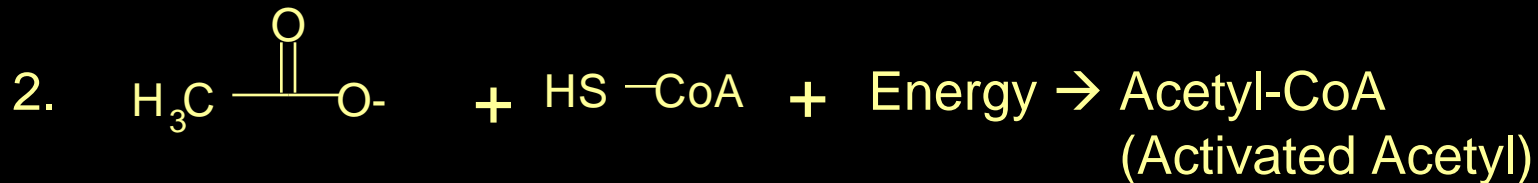
This is not the same phosphate molecule that is incorporated into glucose

Glycogen Synthesis



Activation of Glucose-1-P

Examples of “activated molecules” :



UDP-glucose
pyrophosphorylase



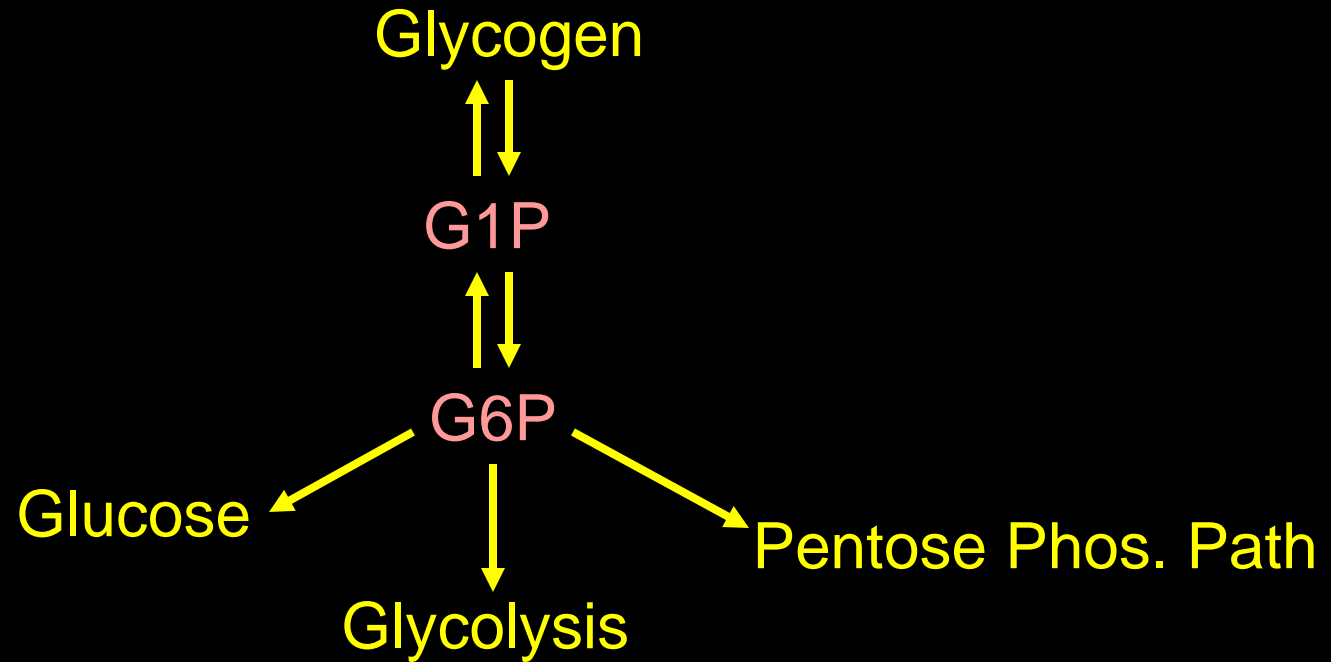
$\Delta G^\circ = -8 \text{ kcal/mol}$



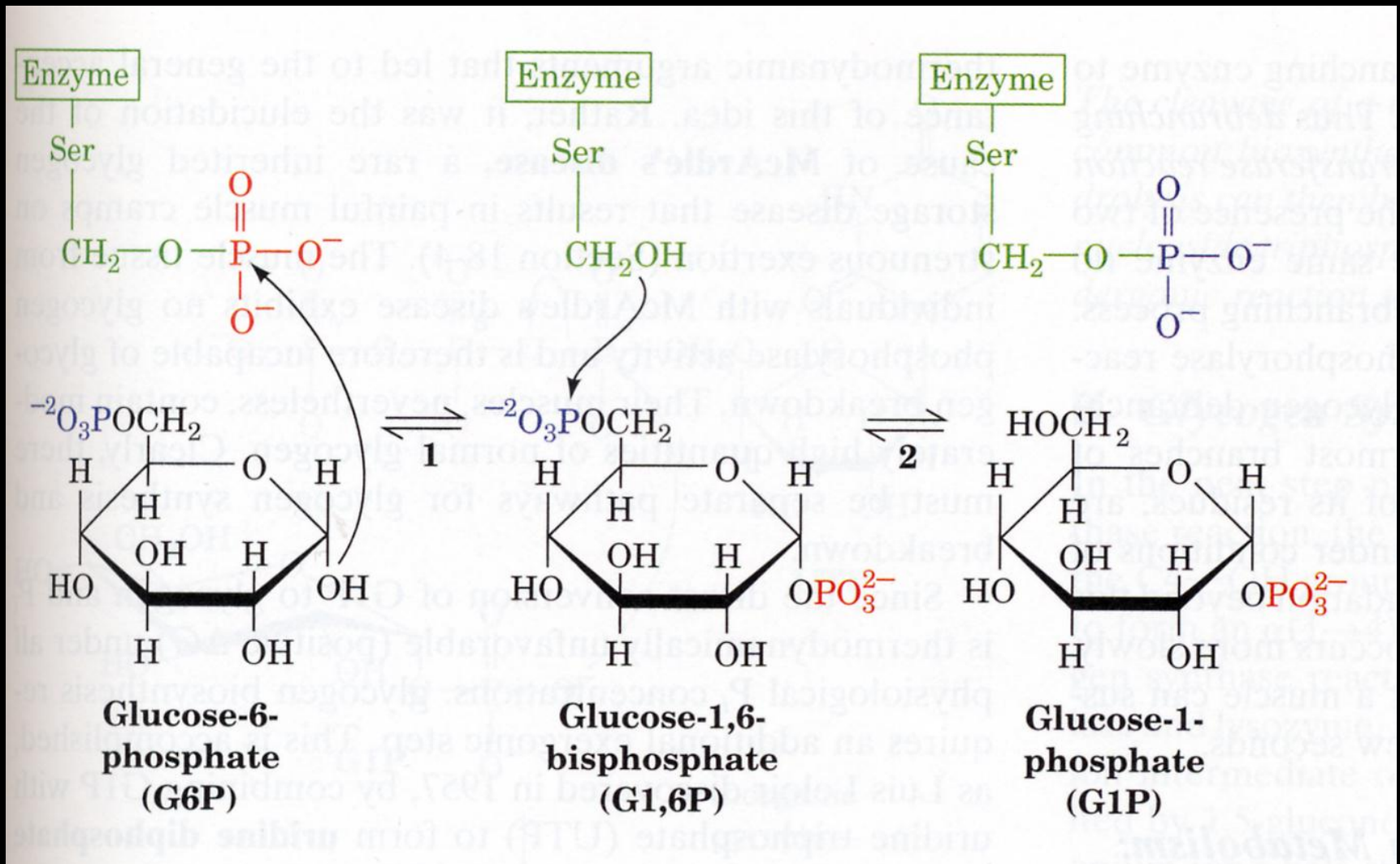
Glycogen Synthase



Where does G1P come from?



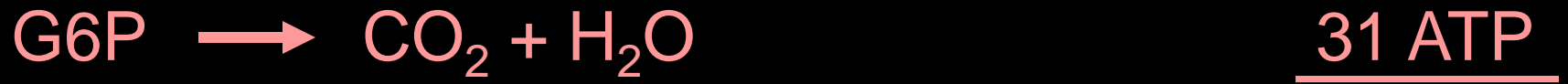
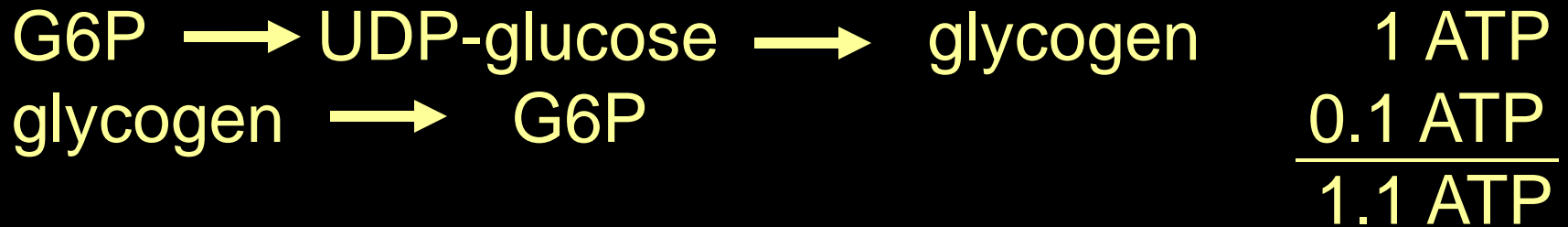
Isomerization of G6P to G1P



Details on Glycogen Breakdown/Synthesis

1. $\text{Glucose-1-P} + \text{Glyc}_n \rightarrow \text{Glyc}_{n+1}$
 - requires 1 ATP ($\text{UDP} + \text{ATP} \rightarrow \text{UTP} + \text{ADP}$)
2. $\text{Glyc}_n \rightarrow \text{Glyc}_{n-1} + \text{Glucose-1-P}$
 - 90% no energy cost
 - 10% 1 ATP per Glucose

Efficiency of storing G6P as glycogen



96%

Enzyme Regulation – Levels of Complexity

- Michaelis-Menten
- Cooperative (T vs R)
 - regulated by substrate conc'n
 - regulated by allosteric ligands
 - regulated by phosphorylation

Glucagon/Epinephrine

In Muscle/Liver:

P
|
Phosphorylase

$\text{R} \xleftarrow{\text{green}} \text{T}$

P
|
Synthase

$\text{R} \xrightarrow{\text{red}} \text{T}$

In Muscle:

$\text{R} \xrightleftharpoons[\text{ATP}]{\text{AMP}} \text{T}$

Control by Phosphorylation

- Brought about by glucagon (liver) or epinephrine (liver & muscle).
- extracellular “sensor” of environmental conditions
 - In muscle : GP is activated for “fight or flight”
 - In liver: GP is activated in response to fasting

Allosteric Control

- In muscle: “intracellular sensor” of energy charge.