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BiochemistryLecture 7

Glycolysis

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Glycolysis comes from a merger of two Greek words:

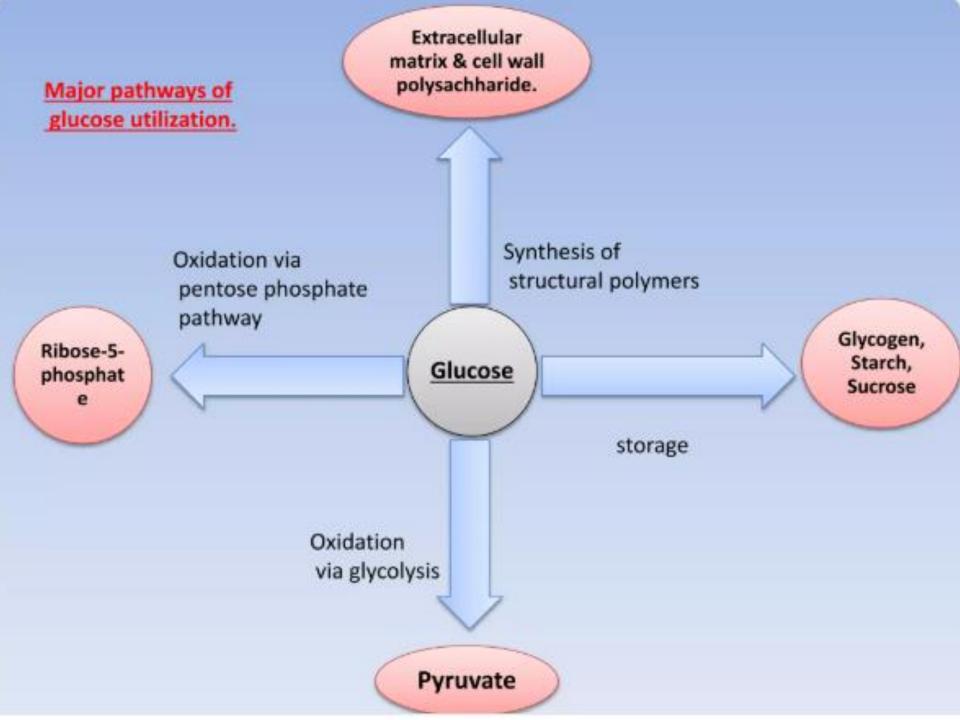
- ➤ Glykys = sweet
- Lysis = breakdown/ splitting

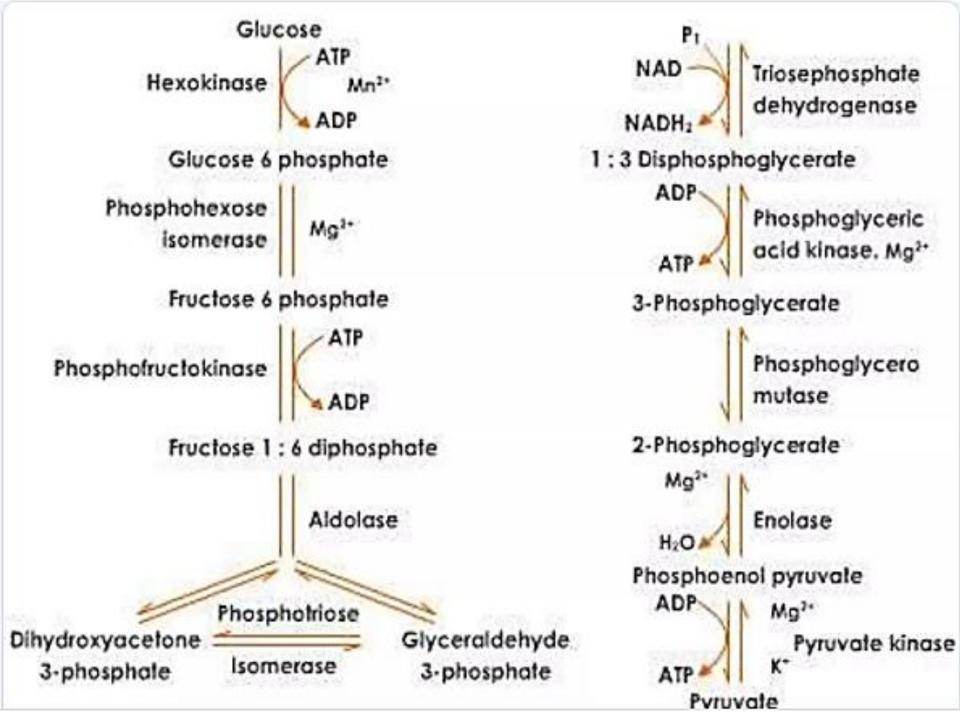
It is also known as Embden-Meyerhof-Parnas pathway or EMP pathway.

INTRODUCTION

- GLYCOLYSIS is the sequence of 10 enzyme-catalyzed reactions that converts glucose into pyruvate with simultaneous production on of ATP.
- In this oxidative process, 1mol of glucose is partially oxidised to 2 moles of pyruvate.
- This major pathway of glucose metabolism occurs in the cytosol of all cell.
- This unique pathway occurs aerobically as well as anaerobically & doesn't involve molecular oxygen.

- It also includes formation of Lactate from Pyruvate.
- The glycolytic sequence of reactions differ from species to species only in the mechanism of its regulation & in the subsequent metabolic fate of the pyruvate formed.
- In aerobic organisms, glycolysis is the prelude to Citric acid cycle and ETC.
- Glycolysis is the central pathway for Glucose catabolism.





TWO PHASES OF GLYCOLYSIS

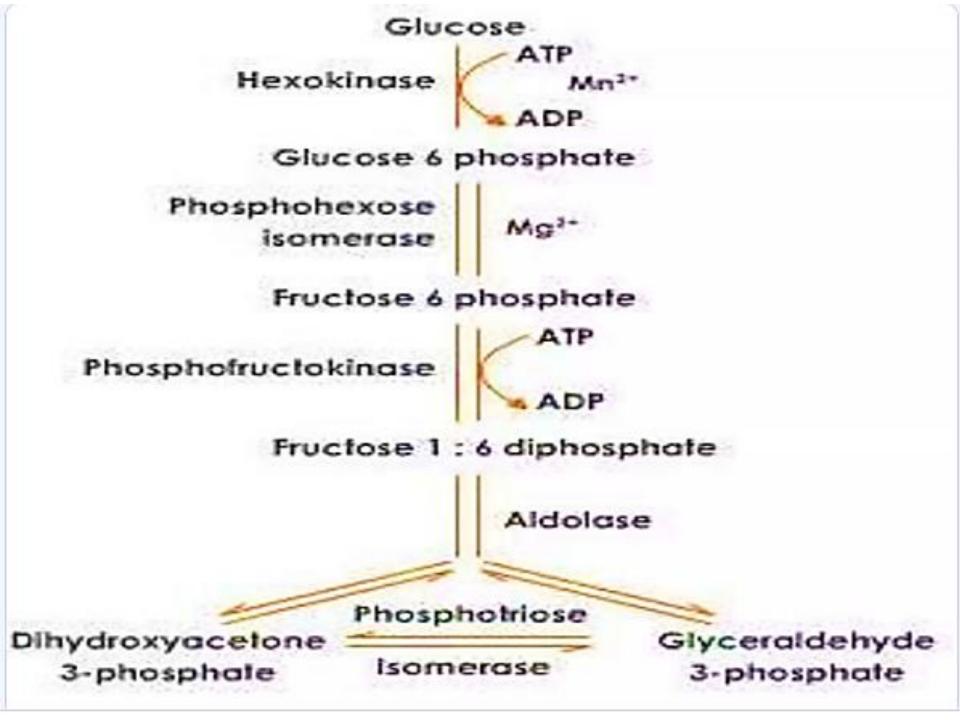
- Glycolysis leads to breakdown of 6-C glucose into two molecules of 3-C pyruvate with the enzyme catalyzed reactions being bifurcated or categorized into 2 phases:
- 1. Phase 1- preparatory phase
- 2. Phase 2- payoff phase.

PREPARATORY PHASE

- It consists of the 1st 5 steps of glycolysis in which the glucose is enzymatically phosphorylated by ATP to yield Fructose-1,6-biphosphate.
- This fructuse-1,6-biphosphate is then split in half to yield 2 molecules of 3-carbon containing Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate/ dihyroxyacteone phosphate.

 Thus the first phase results in cleavage of the hexose chain.

 This cleavage requires an investment of 2 ATP molecules to activate the glucose mole and prepare it for its cleavage into 3-carbon compound.



PAYOFF PHASE

- This phase constitutes the last 5 reactions of Glycolysis.
- This phase marks the release of ATP molecules during conversion of Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphtae to 2 moles of Pyruvate.
- Here 4 moles of ADP are phosphorylated to ATP.
 Although 4 moles of ATP are formed, the net result is only 2 moles of ATP per mole of Glucose oxidized, since 2 moles of ATP are utilized in Phase 1.

