ATP

Fuel for cells

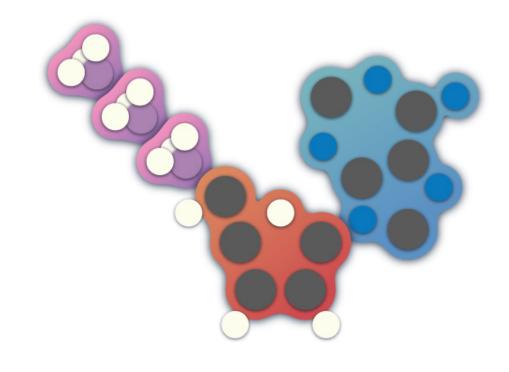






ATP molecules inside cells hold energy much like batteries do

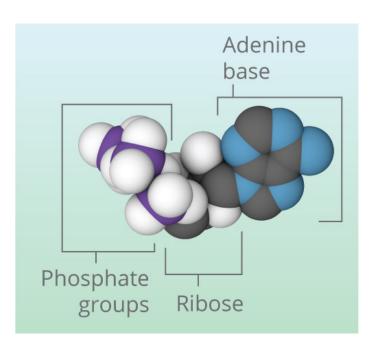




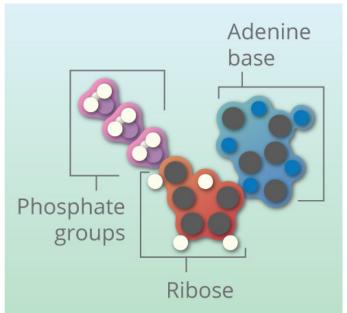
Battery

ATP

Multiple ways to show ATP

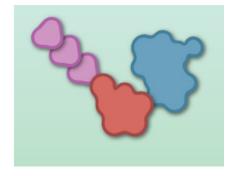


3D model based on molecular structure



2D model highlighting atoms (carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, phosphorus)

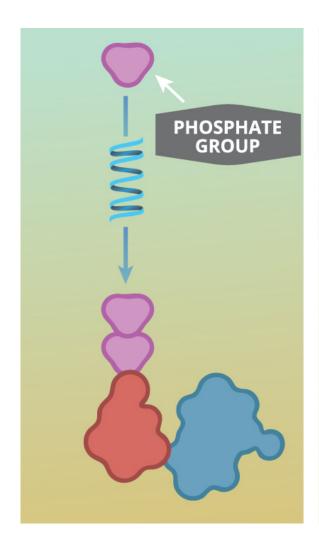


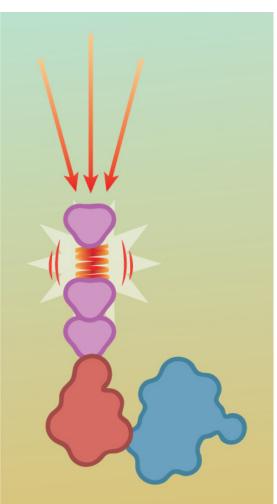


Simplified 2D models

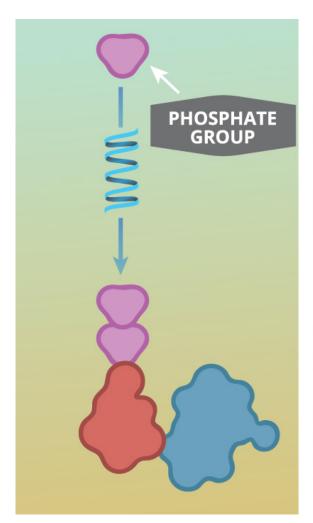


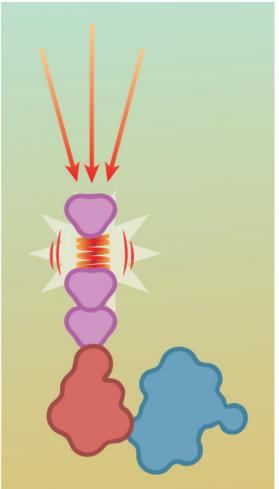
ATP holds energy in chemical bonds between its phosphate groups

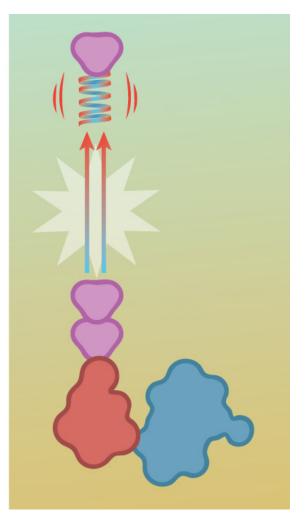




When the chemical bond is broken, energy is released





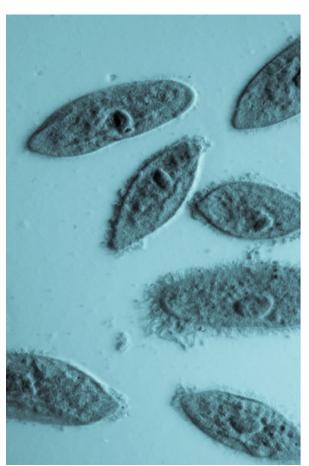


Just as a standard battery can power multiple devices...





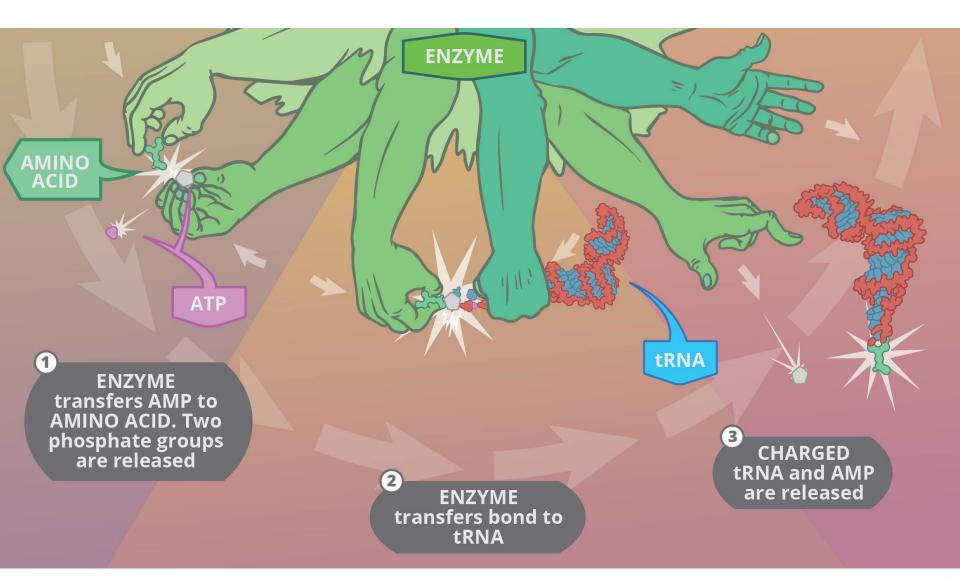
ATP powers nearly every process in all living things



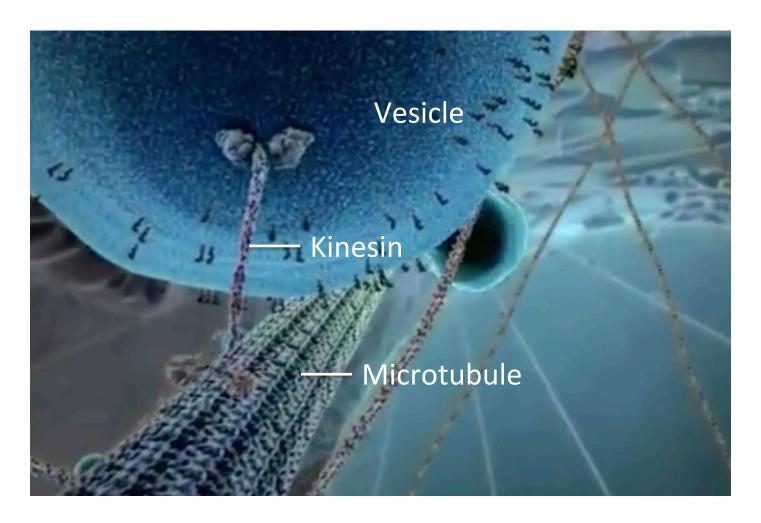




Energy from ATP fuels Chemical Reactions



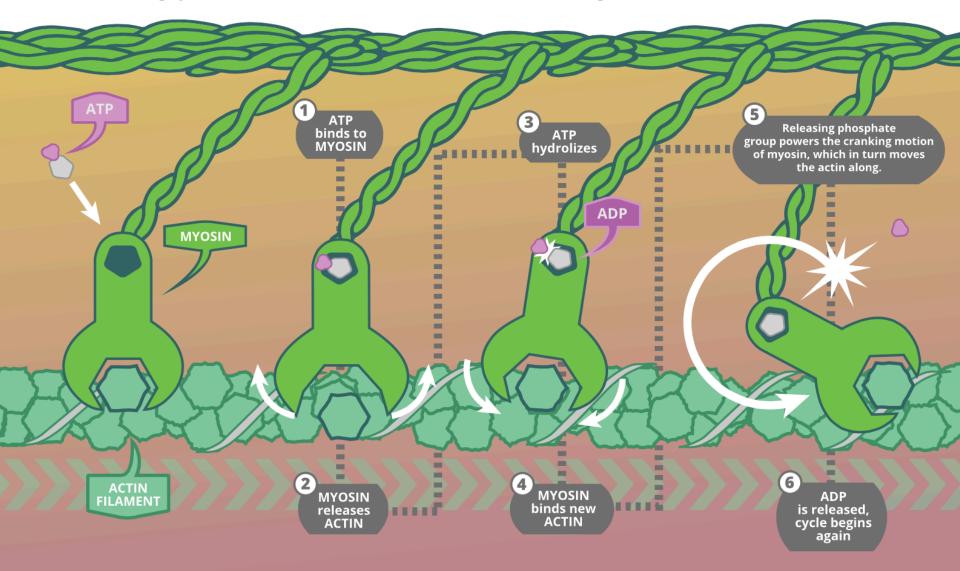
Energy from ATP moves things inside the cell



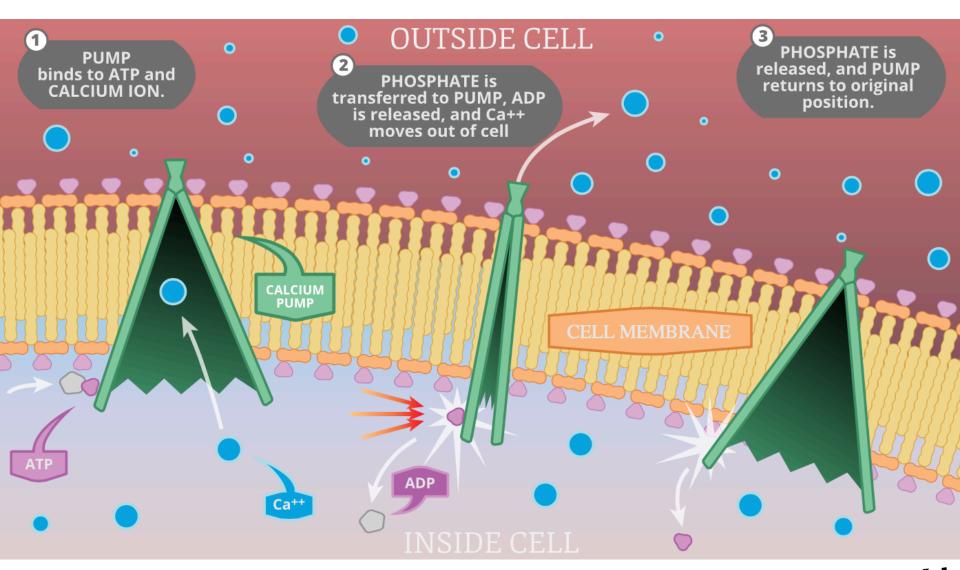
Inner Life of the Cell: Link to video



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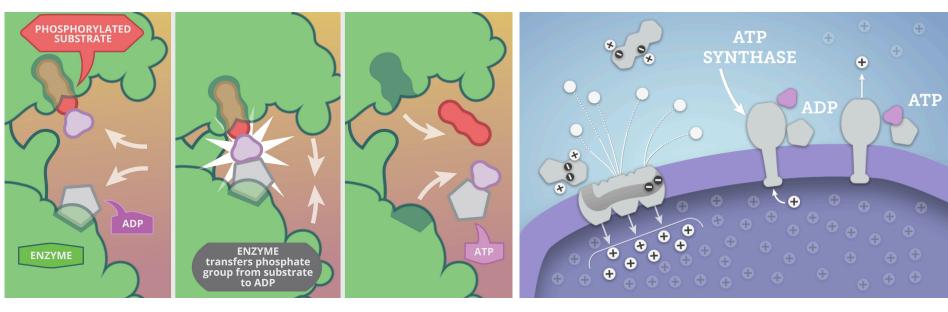


Energy from ATP transports molecules across membranes



ATP is Recyclable

After ATP loses a phosphate (releasing energy), the cell recharges it by adding another phosphate.

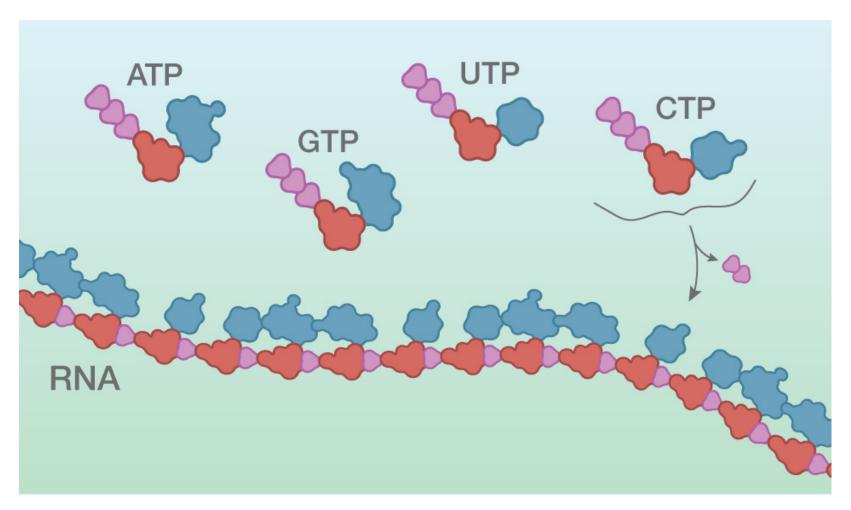


Substrate-level phosphorylation

Oxidative phosphorylation



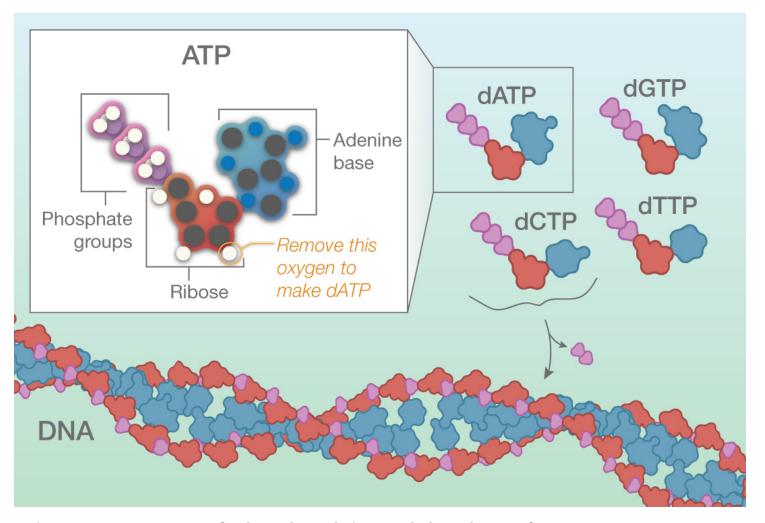
ATP is also a building block



ATP is a nucleotide, one of the building blocks of RNA



ATP is also a building block



dATP is one of the building blocks of DNA



In a sense, ATP rebuilds itself

- Information from DNA is copied in RNA
- RNA contains ATP
- Cells read RNA to build proteins
- Proteins build ATP