



# Germination: Oxygen Needs\_ Outline 1. Increase in oxygen uptake is needed to generate energy for CO<sub>2</sub> 0, •synthesis of enzymes to degrade stored foods •synthesis of materials for new cells, e.g. RNA, membranes 2. Principles of C oxidation and energy yield. Organisms obtain energy from oxidation-reduction reactions. •a. Oxidation of fatty acids and glucose yield energy in reducing equivalent as NADH. •b. Energy in NADH can then be trapped as ATP. 3. How do embryos get energy and building materials from seed reserves?





- Breaking down food molecules to obtain energy & metabolites.
- 1. Polymer breakdown
- 3. Kreb cycle (TCA): complete oxidation of C to CO<sub>2</sub> and generation of
- 4. Reducing power NADH via Electron transport + phosphorylation to ATP ole of O2: electron accepto







 Energy from oxidation of 1 mole of Glucose?

 • Complete combustion of glucose :

 Glucose + 6  $O_2 \rightarrow 6 CO_2 + 6 H_2O + Energy$  

 • The free energy released,  $\Delta G^{\circ} = -686$  kcal/mole

 • Since hydrolysis of ATP gives  $\Delta G^{\circ} \sim -10$  kcal/mole, 1 mole Glucose contains energy for 70-85 moles of ATP.

 • In respiration, 1 glucose yields 36 ATP.



































#### Summary

1. Stored food (carbohydrate, lipid, and proteins) are broken down to their monomers. E.g. glucose

- 2. Glucose  $\rightarrow$  3C  $\rightarrow$  CO<sub>2</sub> + NADH.
- NADH +  $O_2 \rightarrow H^+$  gradient (pmf)  $\rightarrow ATP$

3. ATP energy is used for active transport.

ATP and reducing power (NADPH) is used for biosynthesis of new macromolecules

•4. **C** metabolites of stored food (e.g. glucose, C<sub>3</sub>, amino acids) provide C skeleton for biosynthesis of macromolecules, e.g. new enzymes, RNA, cell wall, etc.

## Mobilization of seed reserves

I. Degradation of polymers

2. Transport of a soluble form to growing root and shoot apices via phloem

3. Conversion to new molecules in cells

Main seed reserves: Carbohydrates,

- a. Starch -- amylase --> glucose  $Glu + Fructose \rightarrow sucrose$ sucrose is transport form
- b. Lipids--lipase --> glycerol and fatty acid ---> acetyl CoA

Amino acids are transported to growing cells



#### Know these molecular Structures

### Starch

Cellulose

Sucrose

Glucose

Glyceraldehyde 3-P (G3P)

Pyruvate (PVA)

Oxidation-reduction

NAD(P)+/NAD(P)H

Fat is triglyceride. Glycerol Fatty acid Acetyl-CoA Protein is a polymer of 20+

Lipid

amino acids in a specific order.

Amino acid -general structure

& to ATP

Lipids, proteins

c. Proteins --peptidase -> amino acids

d. Phytin : bind minerals