

# PYRUVATE METABOLISM , TRICARBOXYLIC ACID CYCLE, AND ELECTRON TRANSPORT CHAIN

METABOLISM

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# PYRUVATE METABOLISM

- **Aim: to explain the mechanism and control of pyruvate dehydrogenase, the multienzyme system responsible for the conversion of pyruvate to acetyl-CoA.**
- Content:
  1. The reaction **mechanism** involved in the conversion of pyruvate to acetyl-CoA.
  2. The organization of the **3 enzymes-E1, E2, E3-** of the multienzyme complex.
  3. The **5 coenzymes** involved in the reaction and the **5 B** vitamins from which they derived.
  4. The **allosteric and covalent modification** of the kinase and phosphatase controlling **E1**.

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# OBJECTIVES

1. Write out the reactions involved in the conversion of pyruvate to acetyl-CoA catalyzed by pyruvate dehydrogenase
2. Explain the functions of TTP, lipoate, coenzyme A, FAD, and NAD in the pyruvate dehydrogenase-catalyzed reaction.
3. Demonstrate that you understand how the activity of the enzyme is influenced by insulin and fed state.
4. Demonstrate that you understand how the liver enzyme is controlled in the fasted state when that organ is a glucose producer
5. Explain the central role of pyruvate and acetyl-CoA in metabolism.



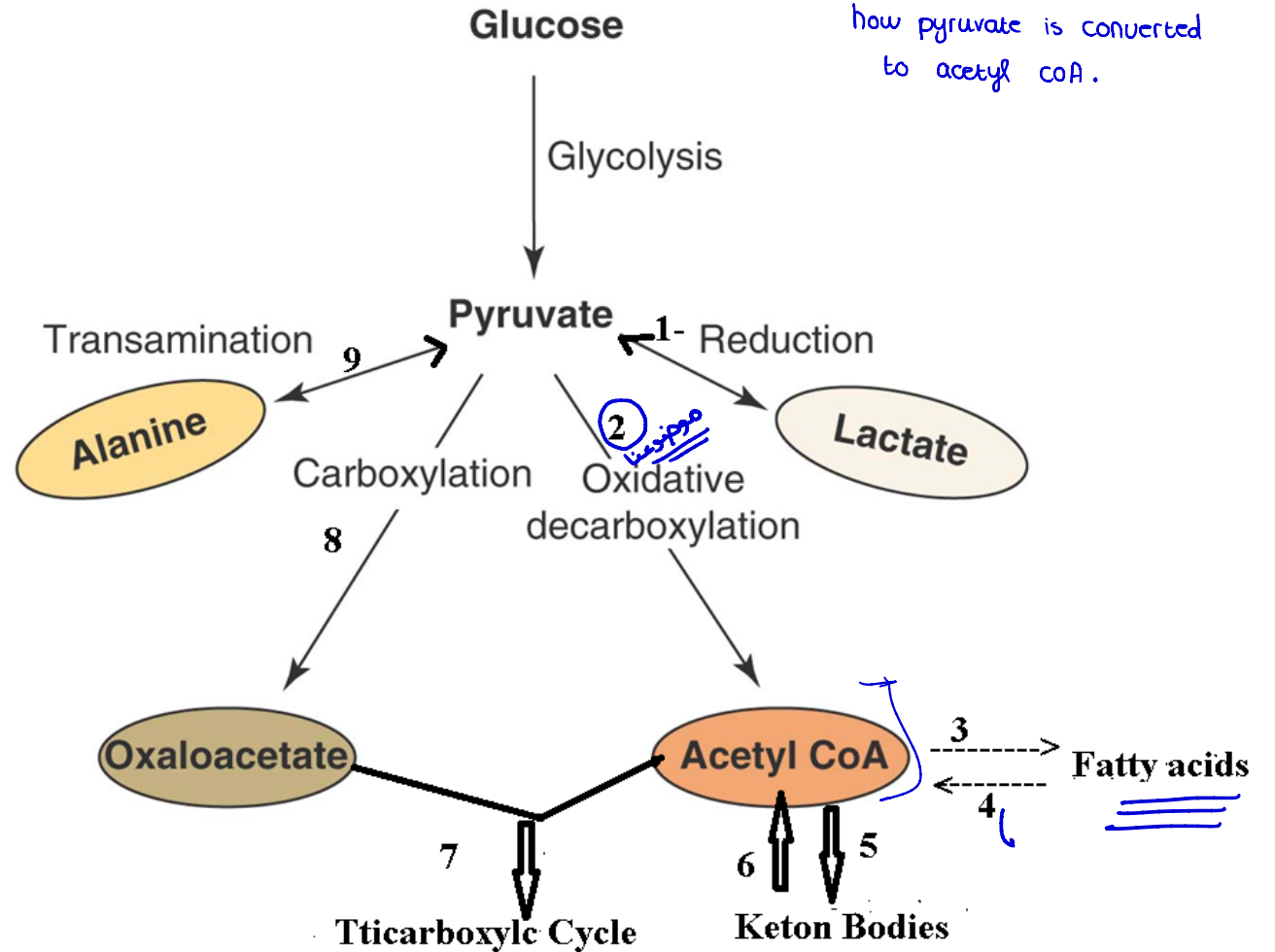
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What are we going to talk about?

how pyruvate is converted to acetyl coA.

# Pyruvate is at important metabolic crossroads

1. Lactate dehydrogenase
2. Pyruvate dehydrogenase
3. Fatty acid synthesis
4. Fatty acid beta- oxidation
5. Ketone body synthesis
6. Ketone body utilization
7. Citrate synthase
8. Pyruvate carboxylase
9. transamination



# PYRUVATE DEHYDROGENASE complex

- Oxidative decarboxylation of pyruvate to acetyl CoA.
- The reaction occurs in mitochondrial matrix
- <sup>or many activities.</sup> 3 enzymes, 5 coenzymes-thiamin pyrophosphate(B1), lipoamide, Flavin adenine dinucleotide (B2), coenzyme A (contain B3), and NAD (niacin)-are required.

if one of them is ↓↓ → The enzyme will NOT work.

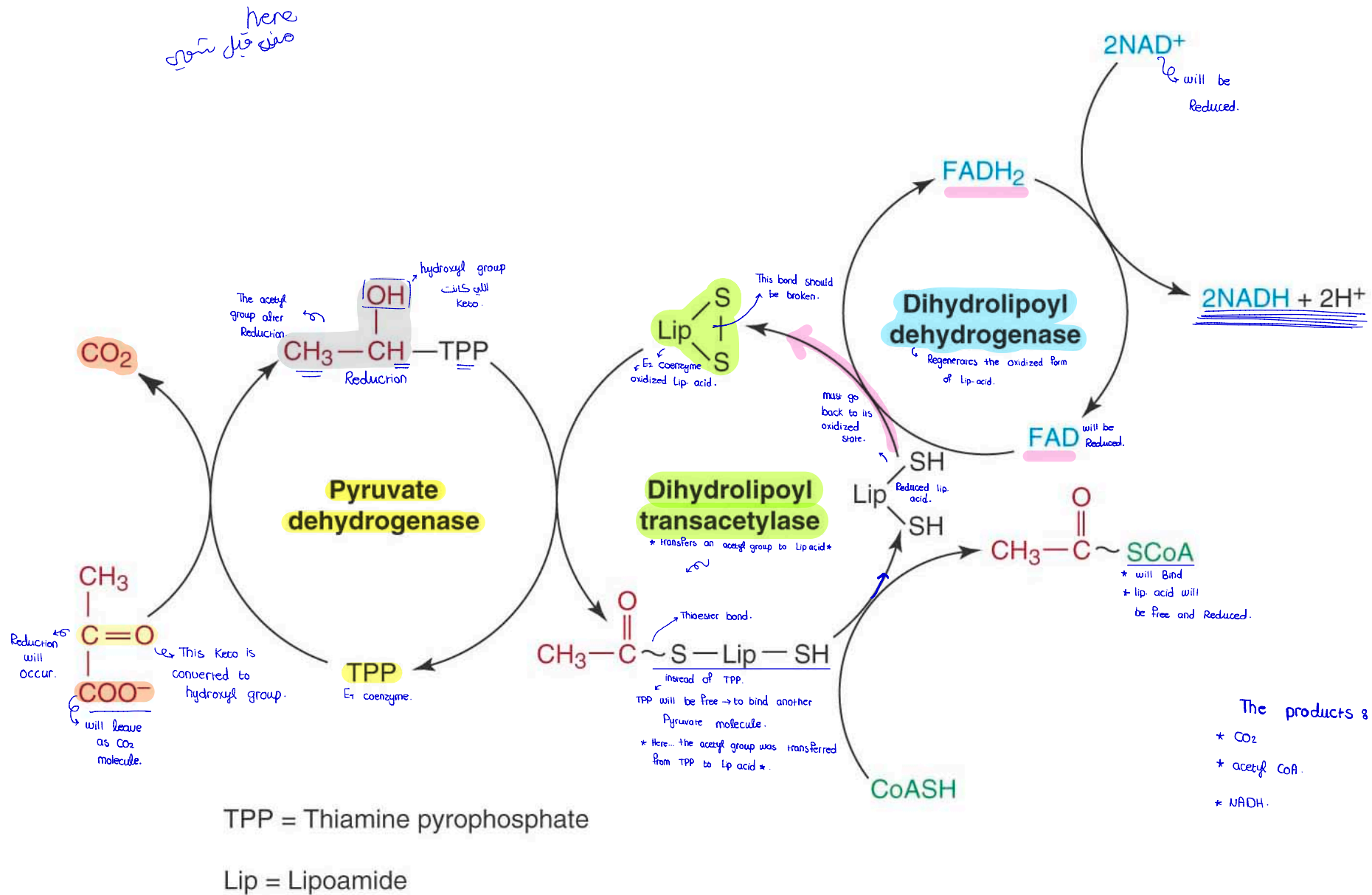
3 types

- E1 : Pyruvate dehydrogenase decarboxylase.
- E2 : Dihydrolipoyl transacetylase → transfers an acetyl group to lipoic acid.
- E3 : Dihydrolipoyl dehydrogenase → Redox RXNs.

In addition, there are two enzymes, a **kinase** and a **phosphatase**, which have key role to play in the control of pyruvate dehydrogenase complex. "By covalent modifications".

**Phosphatase** action on E1 **activates** it, **phosphorylation** of E1 by the kinase causes **inactivation**.

- Several key metabolites such as CoASH, acetyl-CoA, NADH affect the activity of the kinase and phosphatase
- It is important to emphasize the **irreversible** nature of the reaction catalyzed by the PDH complex. Thus **acetyl CoA CANNOT be converted to pyruvate** by any known enzyme or pathway: this is the reason that a net conversion of acetyl CoA from fatty acid catabolism to carbohydrate cannot occur in mammals. NO Glucose from fatty acids.



**Figure 14.14 Mechanism of the pyruvate dehydrogenase multienzyme complex.**

# Control of Pyruvate Dehydrogenase;

1. In the **fed state** in the liver this rex should be **turned on** in order that glucose can be efficiently converted to fatty acids.
2. During the **fasted state** this rex should be **turned off** in order that pyruvate will all be driven into gluconeogenic pathway.
3. NADH/NAD, ACETYL COA/COA effects
4. Mg and Ca<sup>++</sup>
5. Insulin & catecholamines.

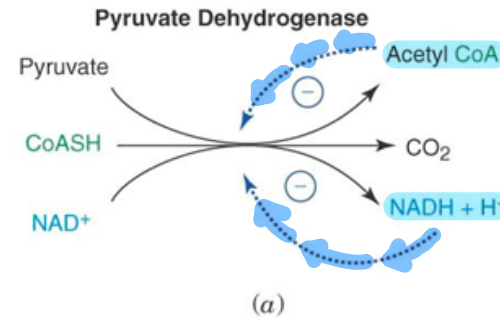
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Regulation → Allosteric → feedback inhibition.  
 → Covalent modification → P, No P, ✓

Are they related?  
 \* synchronized BUT with different mechanisms.  
 \* NADH → inhibit the complex with 2 different mechanisms.  
 → activate kinase

if pyruvate dehydrogenase is inhibited...  
 All the mechanism will be reversed → Glu will be synthesized.  
 like in the fasting state in Pyruvate → Gluconeogenesis → Glucose.

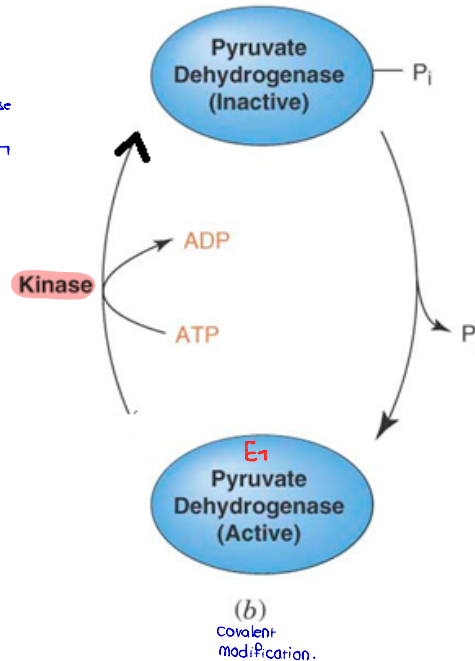
Acetyl CoA  
**CAN NOT** be converted to Glu.  
 No enzyme.



The General Reaction.  
 Feedback inhibition.

What activates the kinase enzyme?

high energy charge.	ATP	+
	NADH	+
	Acetyl CoA	+
low energy charge.	CoASH	-
	NAD <sup>+</sup>	-
	ADP	-
	Pyruvate	-



Phosphatase

Mg<sup>2+</sup> ⊕

Ca<sup>2+</sup> ⊕

Insulin/ adipocyte ⊕

Catecholamines/ cardiac ⊕

↳ in cardiac muscles.

# After Pyruvate complex.

## TCA (TRICARBOXYLIC ACID) CYCLE, KREB'S CYCLE, CITRIC ACID CYCLE, AND ELECTRON TRANSPORT CHAIN AND OXIDATIVE PHOSPHORYLATION

**Aim:** To explain the reactions of krebs tricarboxylic acid cycle and the associated electron transport chain and oxidative-phosphorylation.

### Contents:

- The reactions of TCA.
- The fate of carbons from OAA and acetyl CoA in the TCA cycle.
- NADH, FADH<sub>2</sub> and GTP production.
- Substrate level formation of GTP.
- Succinate dehydrogenase and FAD.
- The control of TCA cycle.
- Shuttles of cytosolic NADH.
- The organization of electron transport chain.
- Iron sulfur proteins, ubiquinone and cytochromes. Cytochrome c oxidase.
- Inhibitors of electron transport chain-action of rotenone, antimycin A, carbon monoxide and cyanide.
- Theories of oxidative phosphorylation.
- ATP synthase.
- Uncoupling of oxidation and phosphorylation.
- Action of oligomycin. ATP yield from aerobic metabolism of glucose.



# Objectives

1. Write the reactions of TCA and follow the fate of the 2-carbon unit in acetyl-CoA.
2. Identify the reactions in which NADH is formed
3. Recognize the reactions of TCA where GTP and FADH<sub>2</sub> are generated.
4. Define those reactions of TCA where energy charge and NADH/NAD controls the rate.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the 5 complexes in the ETC.
6. Identify those reactions in ETC where protons may be generated
7. Demonstrate knowledge of the sites of action of inhibitors of ETC.
8. Explain how proton gradient is generated and its anatomical relationship of ATP synthase.
9. Understand how uncoupler of OXPHOS works and the consequences of its action on respiratory control in mitochondria.
10. Be able to calculate high energy phosphate production associated with aerobic and anaerobic metabolism of carbohydrates and fatty acids

# IMPORTANT FEATURES OF TCA CYCLE

- All of the major <sup>even lipids.</sup> **nutrients** can be converted to **acetyl CoA** in the first 2 stages of metabolism.
- The complete **oxidation of acetyl group** of acetyl CoA to CO<sub>2</sub> and water is accomplished by the enzymes of TCA cycle –stage 3.
- It is a vital pathway for metabolism in all aerobics and occupies of a central position in metabolism because it is the **common pathway** for the oxidation of all major nutrients- carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins.
- It provides **intermediates for the synthesis** of biomolecules- it is **amphibolic**.
  - used for: catabolism, oxidation and energy production.
  - also, biosynthesis → its intermediates can be used to synthesize other biomolecules.  
eg: excess oxaloacetate can be used to produce glu. via gluconeogenesis.
- The oxidation of acetyl unit results in the reduction of NAD & FAD to NADH+H and FADH<sub>2</sub>.
- The hydrogens or electrons of these reduced cofactors, are transferred to oxygen to form water via ETC
- ATP is generated as electrons are transferred to oxygen.
- The reactions of TCA occur in the mitochondrial matrix except succinate dehydrogenase

# IMPORTANT FEATURES OF TCA CYCLE

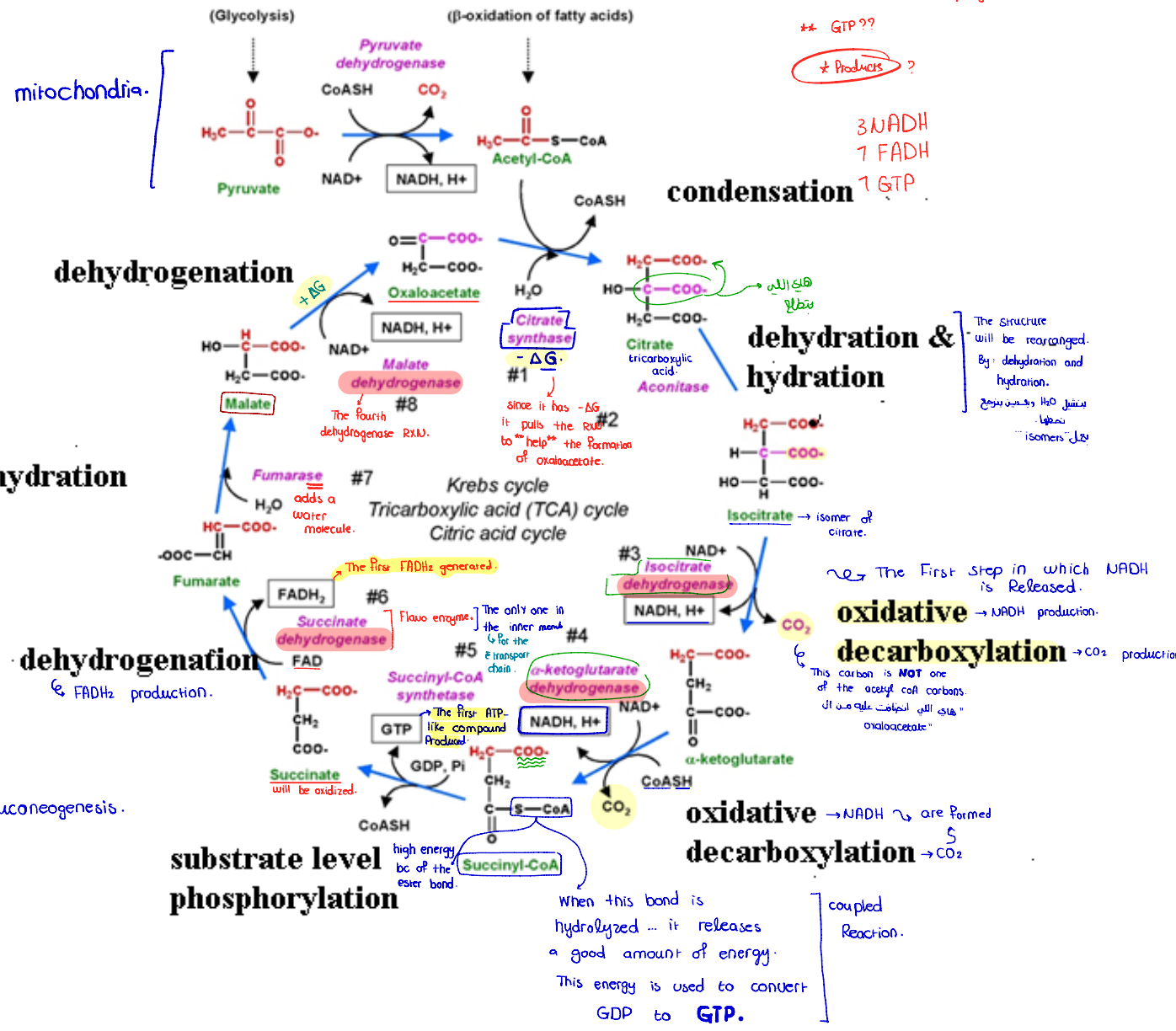
- All the enzymes of TCA are associated with mitochondria (aerobic). Glycolysis is anaerobic and occurs in the cytoplasm.
- OAA acts **CATALYTICALLY**. There is **no net synthesis or degradation of the four carbon intermediates**.  
↳ very small amounts will be used under normal conditions.
- Each turn of the TCA cycle involves **the uptake of 2 carbon atoms** in the form of acetyl CoA and the release of **2 carbon atoms as CO<sub>2</sub>** but not the same carbons that were taken upon condensation.
- Each turn of the cycle results in the transfer of 3 pairs of electrons in the form of hydride ions to NAD to form NADH; transfer of 1 pair of electrons in the form of 2 hydrogen atoms to reduce FAD to FADH<sub>2</sub>.
- There is a substrate level phosphorylation which results in the formation of GTP from GDP and Pi

# REACTIONS OF THE TCA CYCLE

tricarboxylic Acid.

- CITRATE SYNTHASE:** Candidate for regulation, Citrate synthesis is necessary for fatty acid synthesis,  $\Delta G^0' = -9 \text{ kcal/mol}$   
 Favorable RXN. → energy compounds ATP, NADH, Acetyl CoA.  
 Regulated By → succinyl CoA.
- ACONITASE:** dehydration followed by hydration  $\Delta G^0' = +1.5 \text{ kcal/mol}$
- ISOCITRATE DEHYDROGENASE:**  $\Delta G^0' = -5 \text{ kcal/mol}$ , oxidative decarboxylation of isocitrate to alpha-ketoglutarate; 1st of four dehydrogenases in the cycle, NADH+H+ formation. AMP & ADP stimulate by lowering  $K_m$  10 folds. ATP & NADH inhibit the enzyme. inhibition of this enzyme will result in an increase in citrate which can be transported out of mit as substrate for fatty acid synthesis → By gluconeogenesis.
- + high levels of AMP, ADP → means that there is NO ATP  
 Production → We should stimulate the RXN → low energy charge.  
 $K_m$  is lowered 10 folds → The affinity becomes very high.  
 Remember: low  $K_m$  = high affinity.  
 - high energy charge inhibits the RXN → No need to produce more ATP.

All these RXNs take place within the matrix of the mitochondria except for RXN 6.



#### 4. $\alpha$ -KETOGLUTARATE DEHYDROGENASE COMPLEX : $\rightarrow$ oxidation and decarboxylation.

- $\Delta G_0' = -8 \text{ kcal/mol}$ .
- 2nd molecule of  $\text{CO}_2$ , and the 2nd  $\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$  formation.
- TPP, lipoic acid, CoA, FAD, and NAD are involved.
- ATP, GTP, NADH, and succinyl CoA inhibit the complex, AMP is a positive effector, calcium is positive effector.  
 $\uparrow$  energy charge.      low energy charge.       $\uparrow \text{Ca}^{++}$  needs ATP for  $\rightarrow$  muscles contraction.
- The **complex** consists of  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase, dihydrolipoyl transsuccinylase and dihydrolipoyl dehydrogenase.  $\rightarrow$  it looks like the pyruvate dehydrogenase complex in structure + mechanism.
- $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate represents a significant point of convergence in metabolism. Several aa are converted to glutamate which if transaminated or oxidatively deaminated yields alpha ketoglutarate.

\* NOTE  $\rightarrow$  this enzyme can't undergo covalent modifications.

$\hookrightarrow$  No phosphorylation or dephosphorylation.

# REACTIONS OF THE TCA CYCLE

5. **SUCCINYL THIOKINASE**  $\Delta G^{\circ} = -8 \text{ kcal/mol}$ : cleavage of thioester bond is coupled to phosphorylation of GDP to GTP- **substrate level phosphorylation**.

↳ The first ATP like molecule.

Nucleoside diphosphate kinase:



AMP promotes the formation of GDP for the continuation of the cycle.

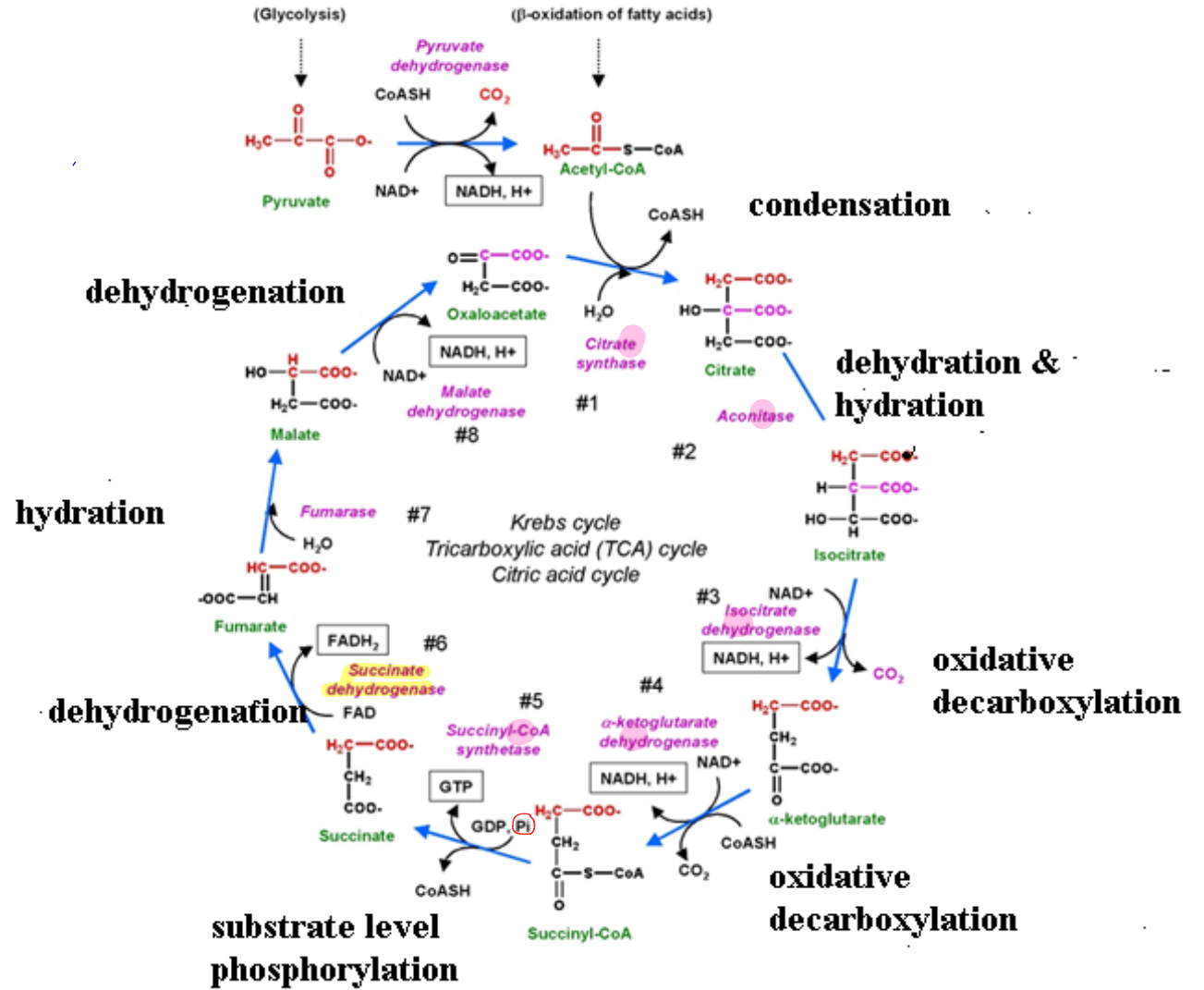
6. **SUCCINATE DEHYDROGENASE**  $\Delta G^{\circ} = 0$ : the only dehydrogenation in TCA cycle that is **not NAD-linked**, but FAD to form FADH<sub>2</sub>. malonate is a competitive inhibitor

\* Flavo enzyme.

\* The **ONLY** step that happens in the inner mitochondrial membrane.

7. **FUMARASE**  $\Delta G^{\circ} = 0.9$ : **reversible** hydration of fumarate to L-malate, this enzyme is **specific for the trans and L-isomers** of the unsaturated and hydroxy acids, respectively.

↳ Does NOT produce if L-isomers (4) the TCA will drop. D-isomers.



\* The energy... ATP → will be formed in the e- transport chain and oxidative phosph → except Glycolysis + in Krebs cycle in the form of GTP.

# REACTIONS OF THE TCA CYCLE

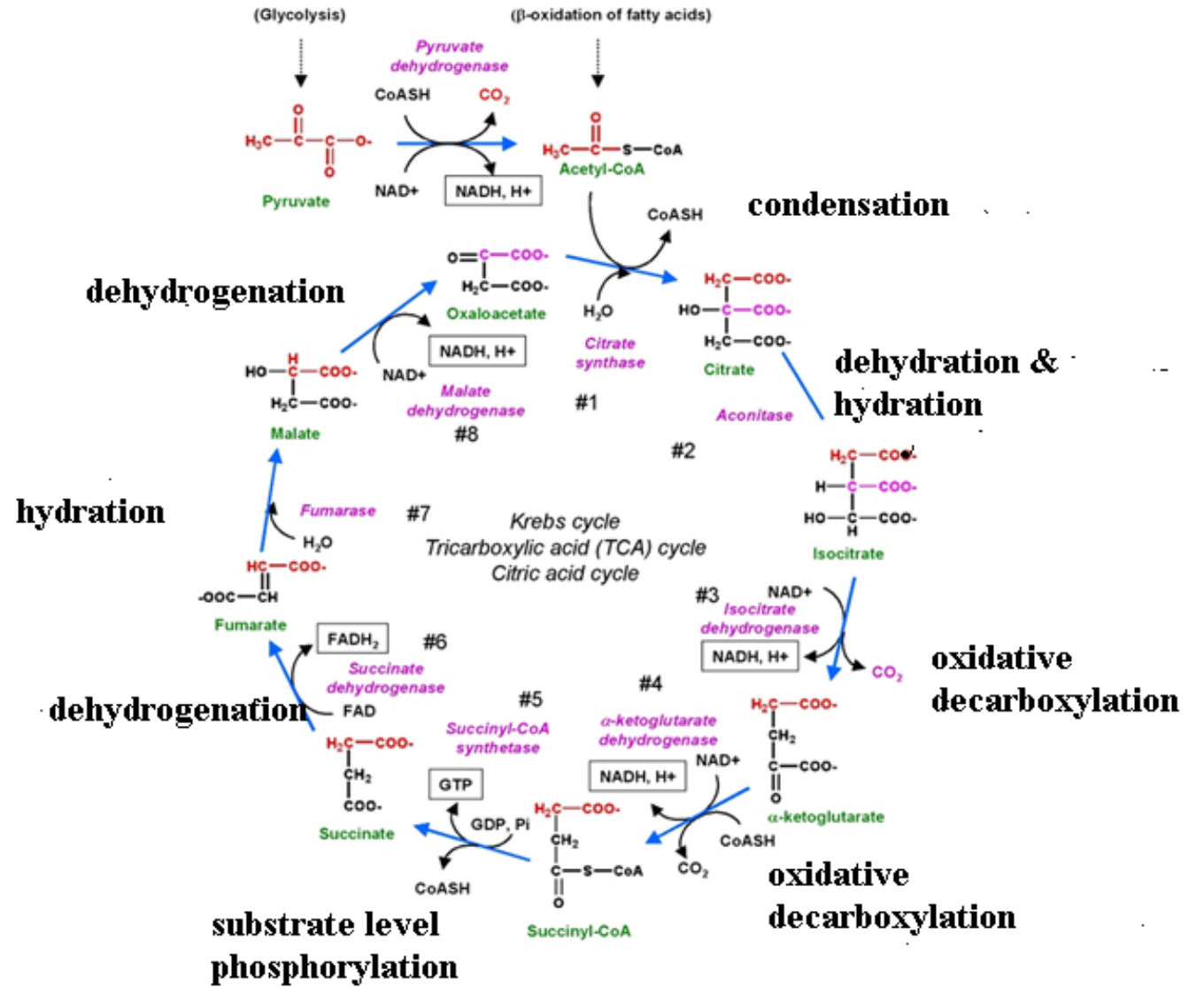
## 8. MALATE DEHYDROGENASE:

$\Delta G^{\circ} = +7.1$  completes the cycle by regenerating OAA-A REGENERATING SUBSTRATE. It is the final of three reactions in which NADH+H is produced.

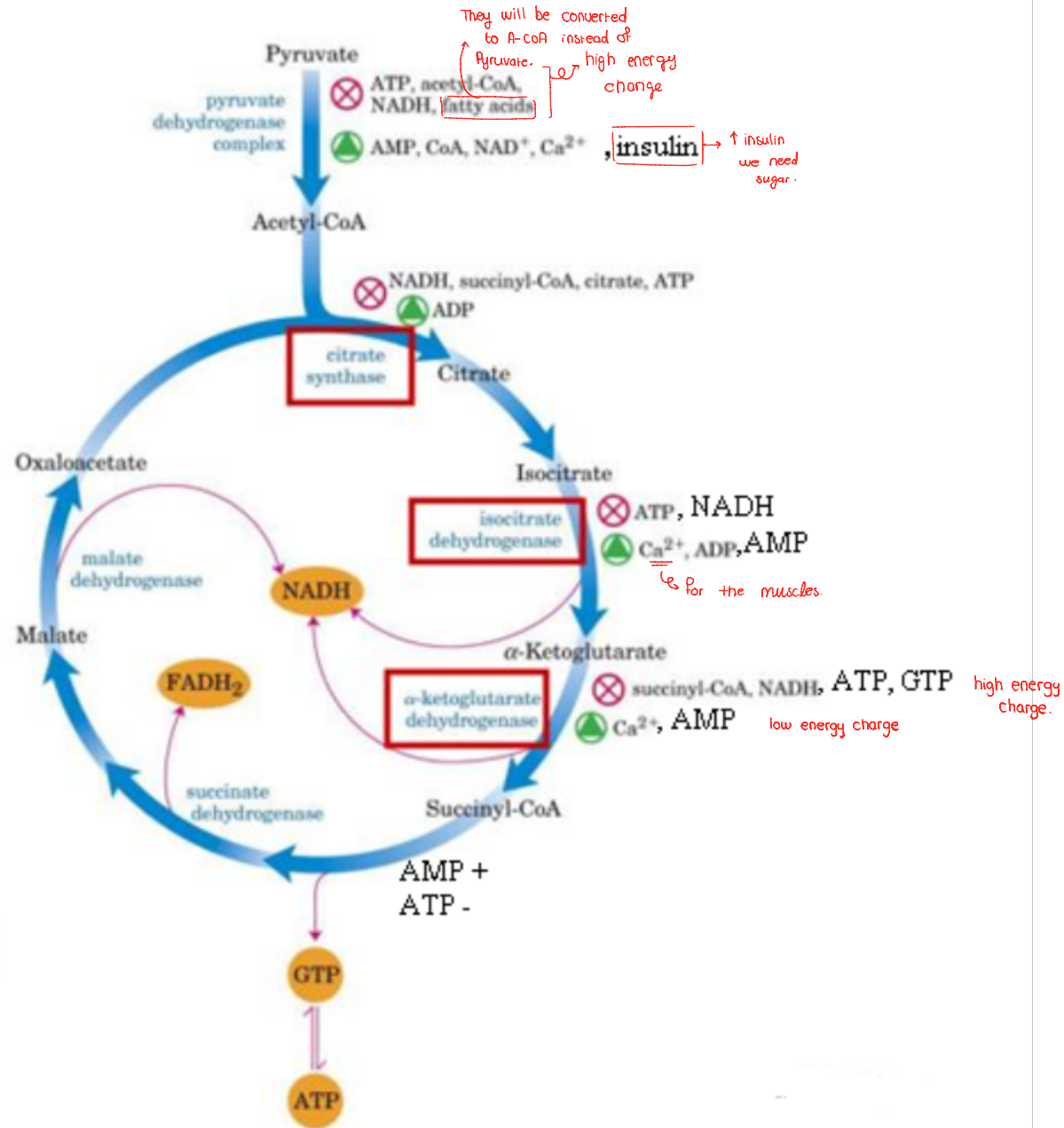
The equilibrium greatly favors the reverse reaction, the reduction of OAA. However, citrate synthesis is closely associated with the dehydrogenase and removal of OAA assists in pulling the malate dehydrogenase reaction towards the formation of OAA. OAA can be reversibly transaminated to aspartate

SUM:

The  $-\Delta G$  RXN pulls the  $+\Delta G$  RXN forward.



# Regulation of Citric Acid Cycle



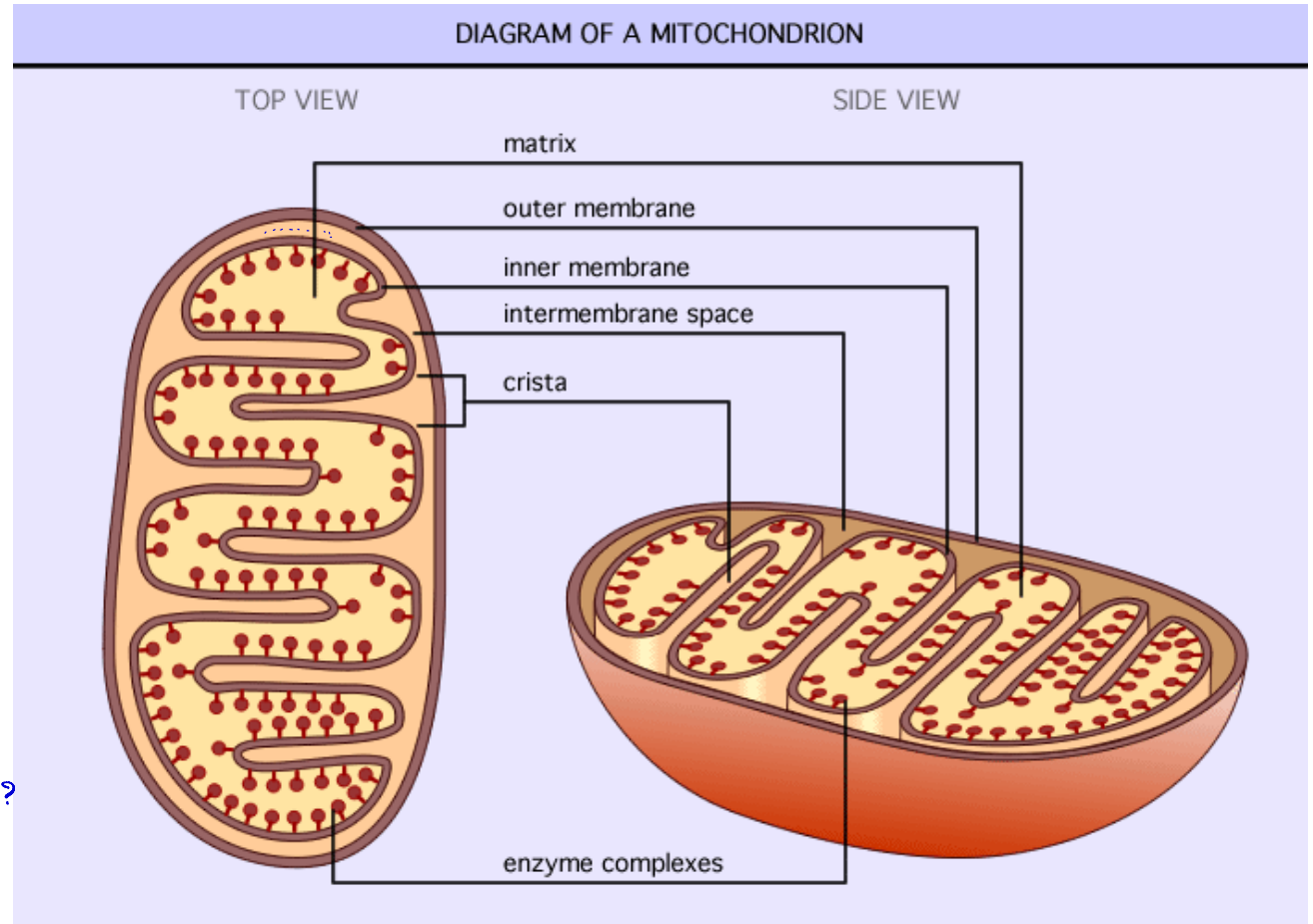
The citric acid cycle is regulated at its three exergonic steps





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- OXPHOS takes place in the mitochondria of the cell
- Mitochondria consist of 2 membranes-the outer and the inner membranes.
- The outer is freely permeable to molecules  $MW < 10K$
- The intermembrane space contains the enzymes that catalyze the interconversions of adenine nucleotides ?? Gln to Asp ?
- The inner membrane space has many folds directed towards the mitochondrial matrix. → to increase the surface area → More ATP.



here.

\* enzymes with the same functions are located together.  
 → Markers of each site.

# Location of the various mitochondrial enzymes in mitochondrial compartments.

Outer membrane	Intermembrane space	Inner membrane <small>e trans. proteins.</small>	Matrix <small>TCA</small>
NADH cytochrome b5 reductase	Adenylate kinase	NADH-Coenzyme Q reductase	PDH
Cytochrome b5	Nucleoside diphosphokinase	Succinate-Coenzyme Q	ALPHA-KG DH
Monamine oxidase	nucleosidemonophosphokinas e	Coenzyme QH2-cytochrome c reductase	CITRATE SYNTHASE
Glycerophosphate acyltransferase	Sulfite oxidase	Cytochrome oxidase	ACONITASE
Fatty acid elongation system		Oligomycine-sensitive ATPase	MALATE DH
		Beta-hydroxyl butyrate DH	ISOCITRATE DH
		Carnitine palmitoyl transferase	FUMARASE
		Carbamoylphosphate synthetase I	GLUTAMATE DH
			PYRUVATE CARBOXYLASE
			FATTY ACYL-COQ DH
			ENOYL HYDRASE
			BETA-HYDROXYACYL-

→ All TCA enzymes are located in the Matrix except for : Succinate DH.

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 enzymes with the same function are located in the same place ✓

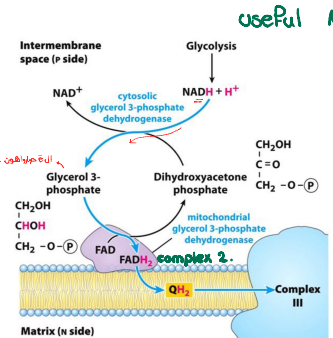
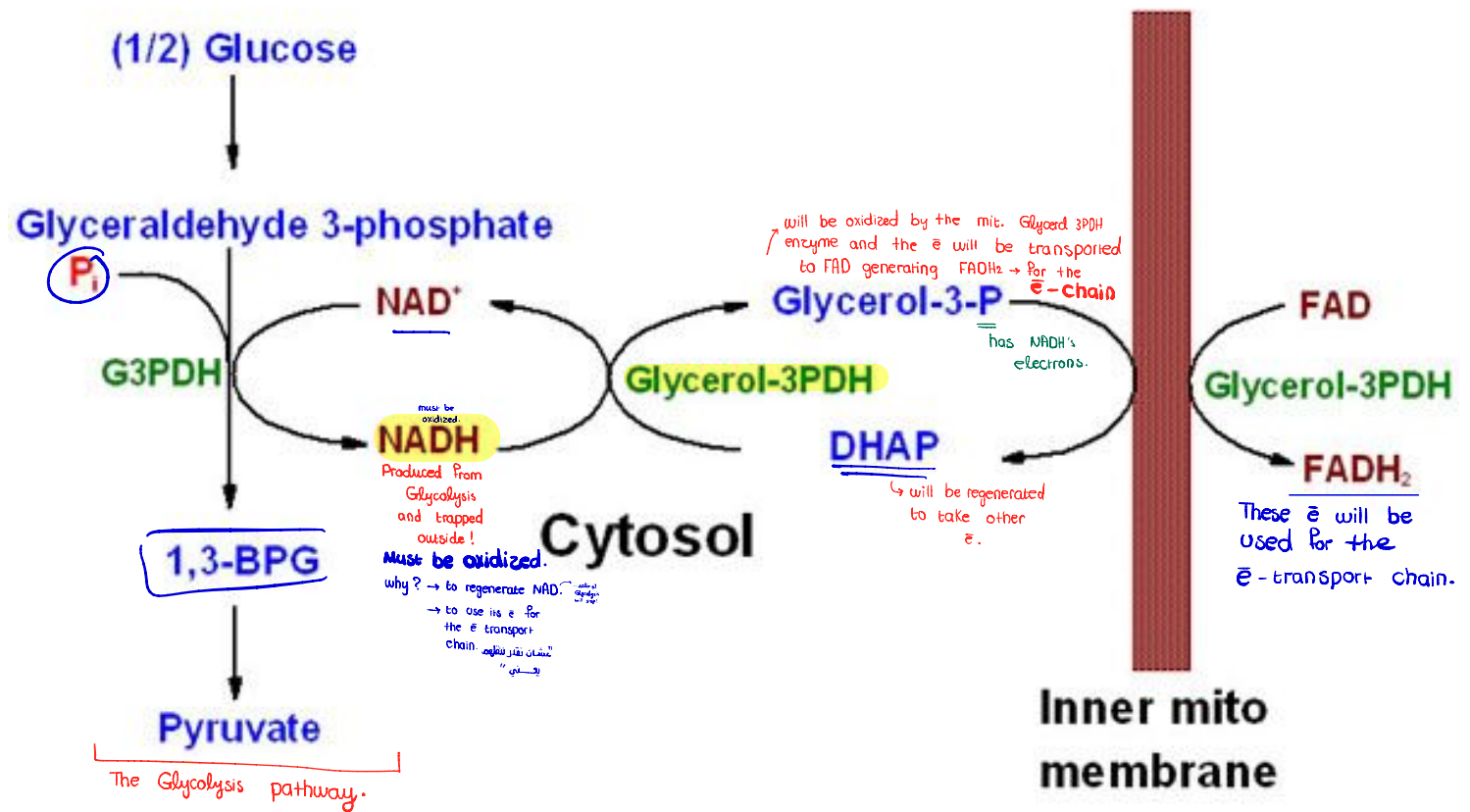
**Why do we need shuttles?**

to transfer the e<sup>-</sup> of NADH from the cytosol to the mitochondrial matrix. These NADH molecules were produced from glycolysis... But NADH can't pass the mitochondrial membrane to reach the e<sup>-</sup> transport chain, and be used in oxidative phosphorylation.

# ① α-Glycerol Phosphate-Dihydroxyacetone Phosphate shuttle

- DHAP is reduced to glycerol-3-phosphate
- Glycerol-3-P is oxidized to DHAP by FAD-dependent glycerol-P-dehydrogenase(mit) ✓
- NADH(cyt)+FAD(mit) → NAD(cyt)+FADH<sub>2</sub>(mit) ✓✓
- Operation in muscle

## Glycerol Phosphate Shuttle



- useful NOTES :**
- Cytoplasmic Reactions (Figure 2)**
    - Dihydroxyacetone phosphate (DHAP) gains hydride ions from NADH forming glycerol-3-phosphate and NAD<sup>+</sup>
    - Glycerol-3-phosphate has a specific channel into the mitochondrial matrix.
  - Mitochondrial Matrix Reactions (Figure 2)**
    - Glycerol-3-phosphate reduced FAD to FADH<sub>2</sub>.
    - Meanwhile FAD oxidizes glycerol-3-phosphate back to DHAP
    - Catalyzed by glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase
    - Generated FADH<sub>2</sub> can react with Complex II
    - FADH<sub>2</sub> transport electrons via Complex II to the next component coenzyme Q until final acceptors are reached.

\* Remember that: energy produced from FADH<sub>2</sub> is less than NADH + H<sup>+</sup>. So, cells that use this shuttle will lose some energy while transporting the electrons.   
 3ATP → 2ATP

## ② Malate-Aspartate Shuttle

OAA(cyt) is reduced to malate by NADH-dependent malate dehydrogenase.

Malate is transported to mitochondria where NAD is reduced to NADH+H+ and OAA is regenerated.

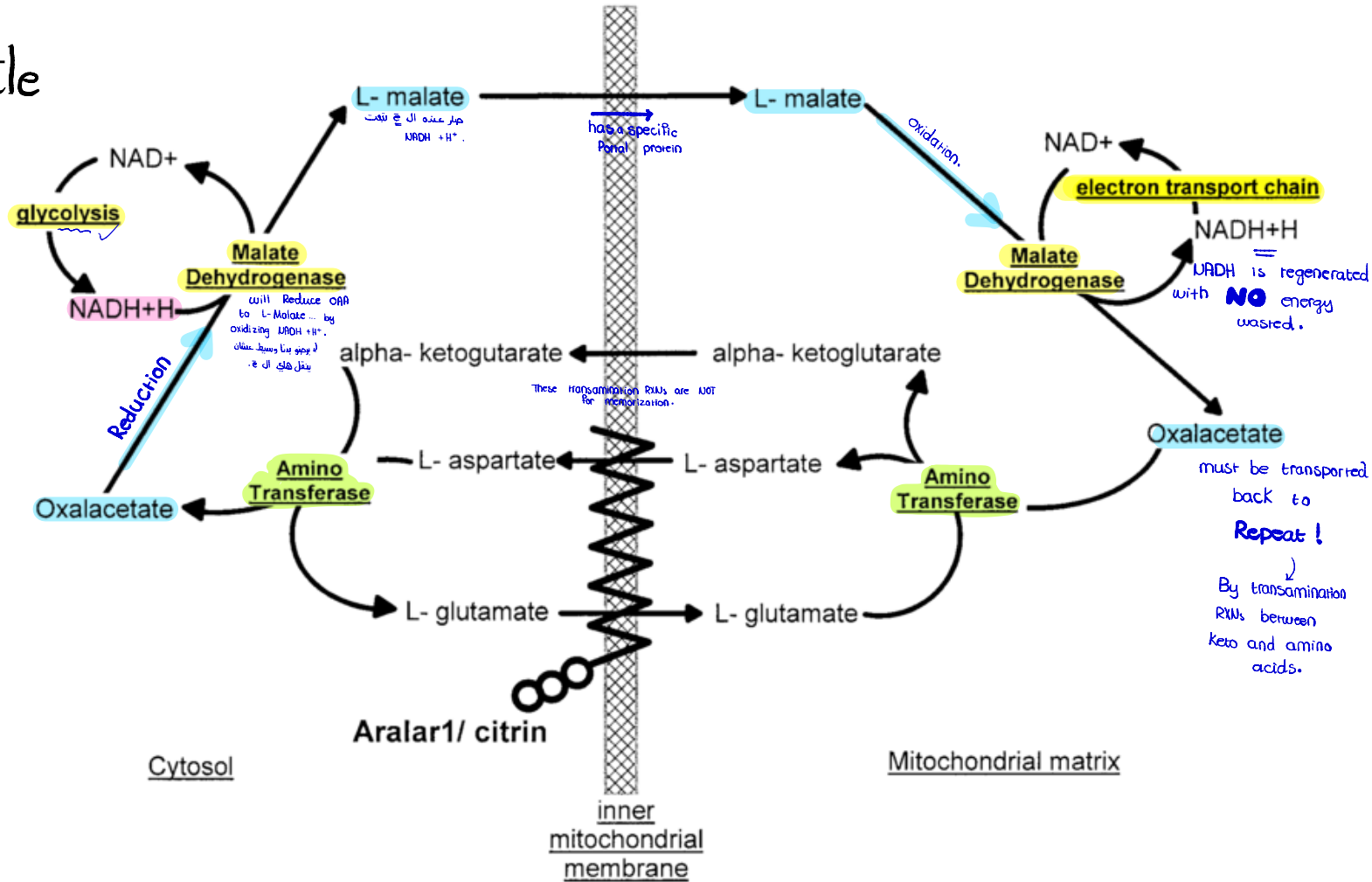
A NADH+H (cyt) has been changed to NADH+H+(mit)

OAA cannot transverse the mit, however, transaminases and antiporters result in return of OAA to cytoplasm.

$NADH(cyt) + NAD(mit) \rightarrow NAD(cyt) + NADH(mit)$

Operational in **liver and heart**

\* The NADH of the cytoplasm will be transferred as NADH → NO energy loss.



Shuttle System	Malate-Aspartate	Glycerophosphate
Two electrons transferred	NADH to OAA	NADH to DHAP
Through	Cytosolic malate dehydrogenase	Cytosolic glyceral-3-phosphate dehydrogenase
Product	Malate	Glyceral-3-phosphate
Oxidized by	Mitochondrial malate dehydrogenase	Glyceral-3-phosphate dehydrogenase
Oxidized as	NAD <sup>+</sup>	FAD *energy loss*

# Carriers of Electron Transport Chain

## The chain of carriers is called : Electron Transport Chain Or Respiratory Chain.

① <sup>carrier.</sup> Coenzyme Q: it has long isoprenoid tail which enables the molecule to diffuse rapidly in the hydrocarbon phase of the inner mitochondrial membrane.

soluble "mobile" that is NOT Protein in nature.

mobile.

- \* carries  $2e^-$ ,  $1e^-$  at a time.
- \* can donate these  $e^-$  to other protein complexes
- \* more Q → more  $e^-$   
     more energy  
     more ATP.

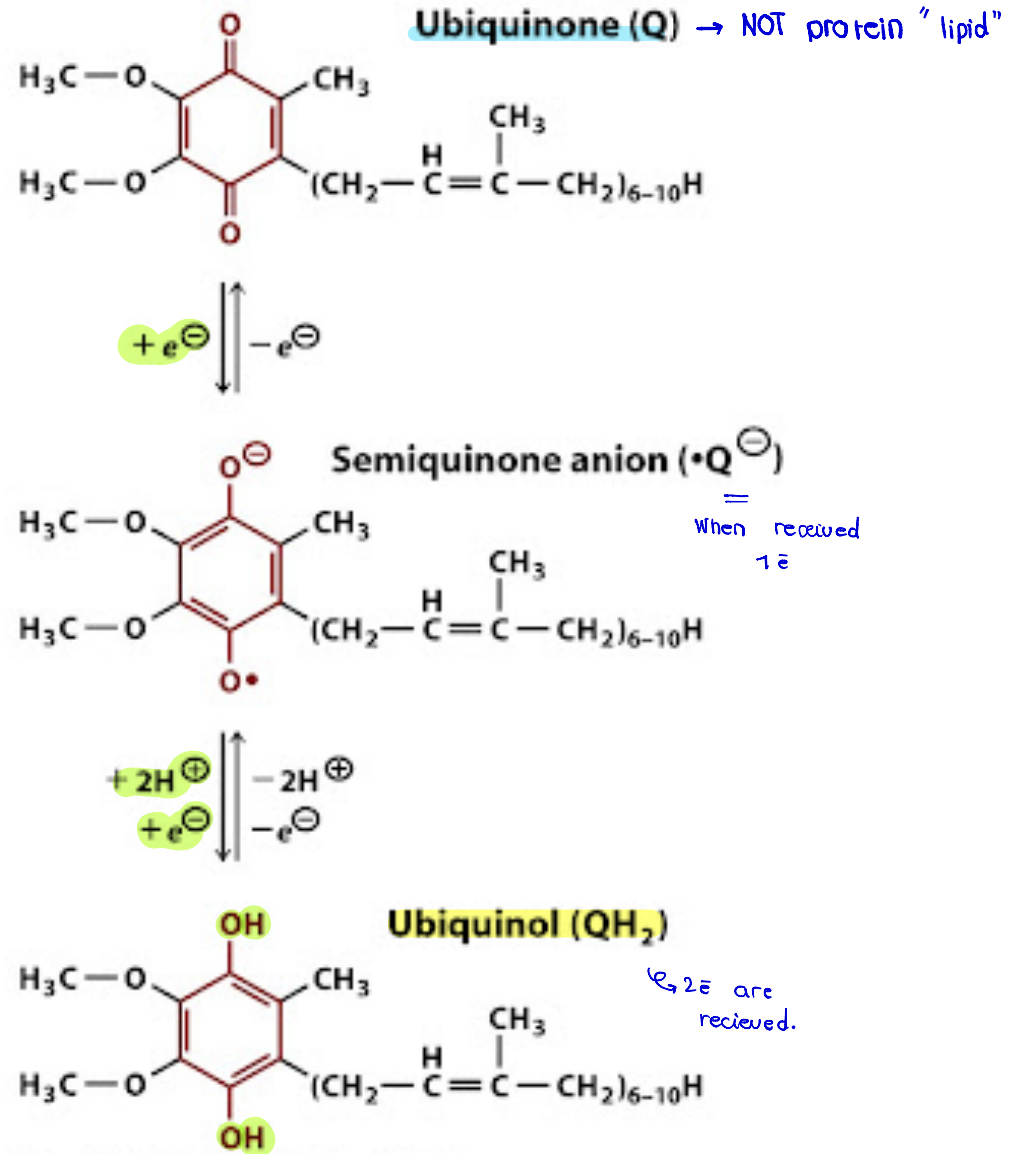
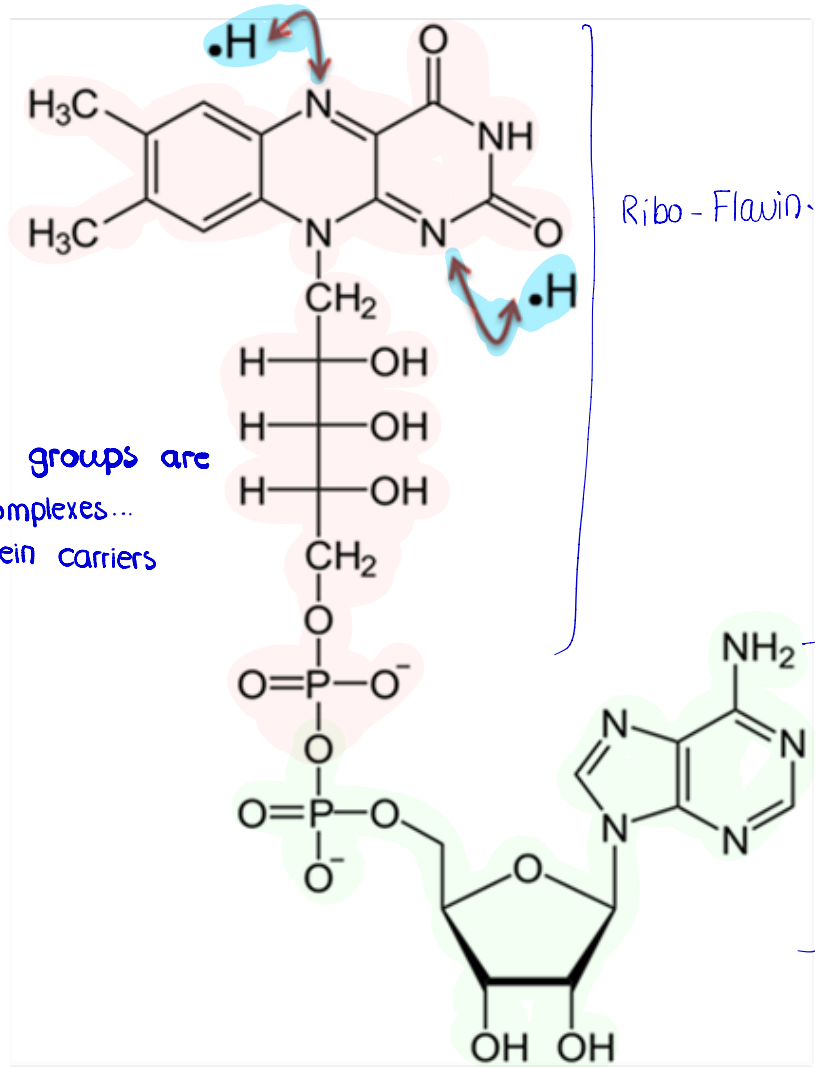


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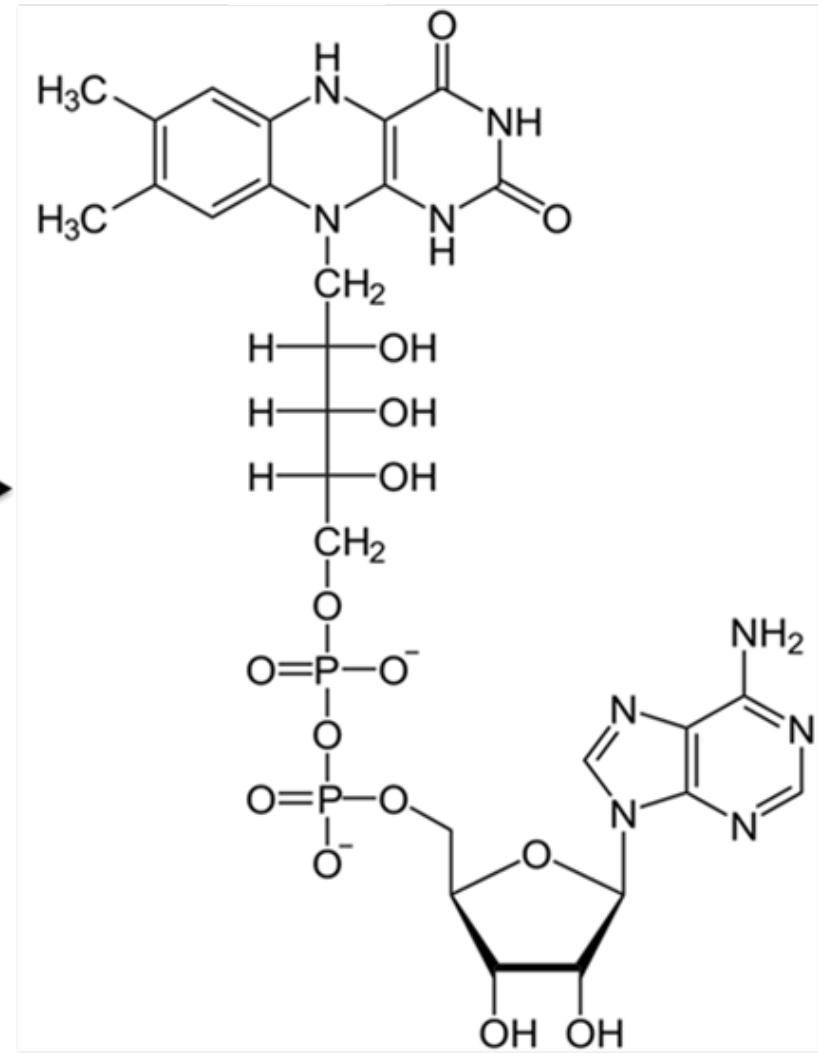
# Prosthetic groups.



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FAD

- ↳ dinucleotide.
- ↳ oxidized form.
- ↳ Can bind 2 H<sup>+</sup> → FADH<sub>2</sub>.
- ↳ can covalently bind to some e<sup>-</sup> chain complexes.



FADH<sub>2</sub>

- ↳ Donates its e<sup>-</sup> after being reduced to FAD.

in General:

These prosthetic groups are

found within the complexes...  
They help the protein carriers

to accept and donate e<sup>-</sup> between them.

- ↳ Fe-S centers
- ↳ FAD, NAD
- ↳ heme
- ↳ and many others.



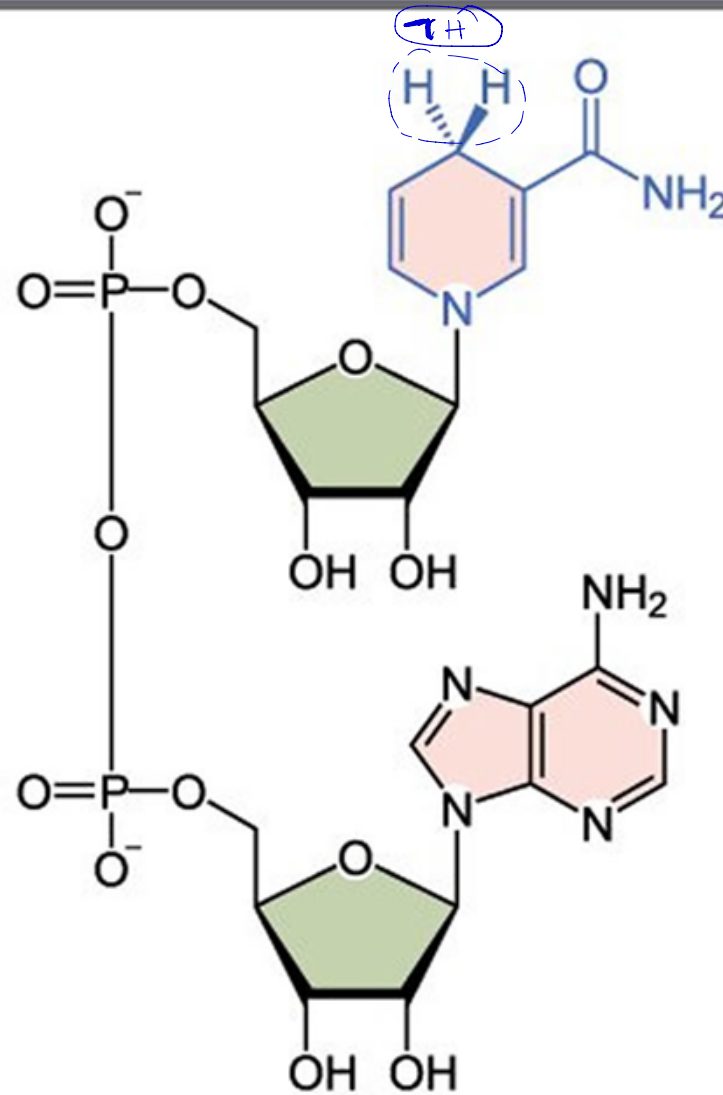
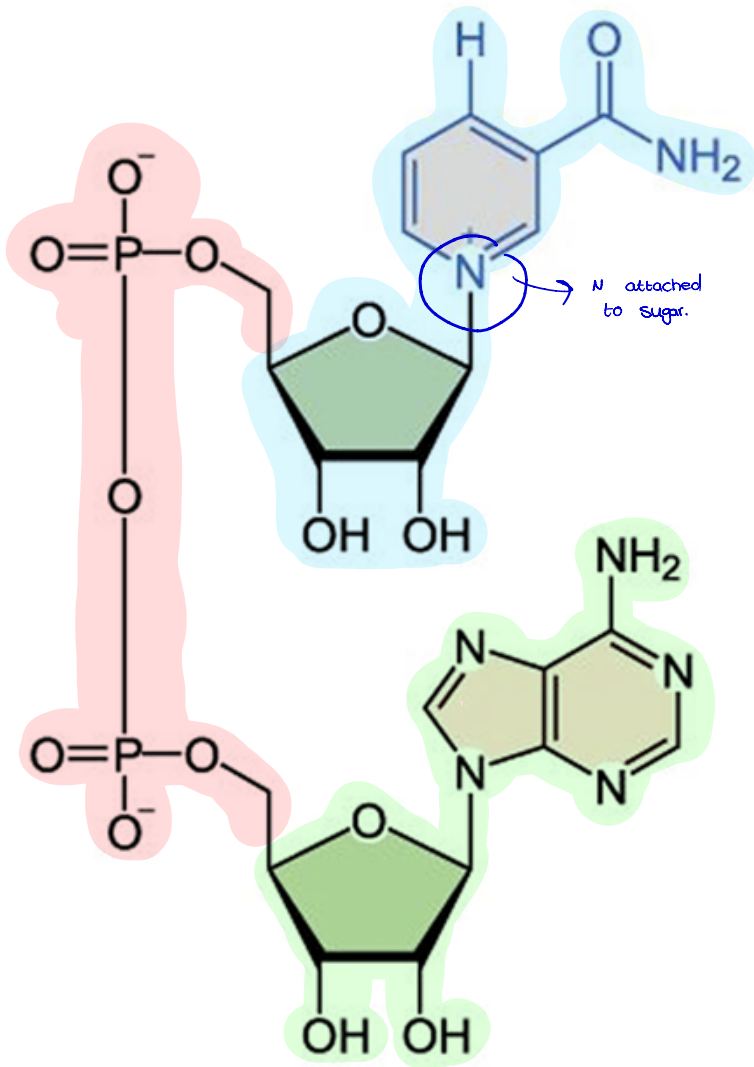
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Nicotinamide 1  
Adenine 2  
dinucleotide 3

NAD<sup>+</sup>

→ the oxidized form  
→ can bind 1 proton, 2e<sup>-</sup> → NADH + H<sup>+</sup>

NADH

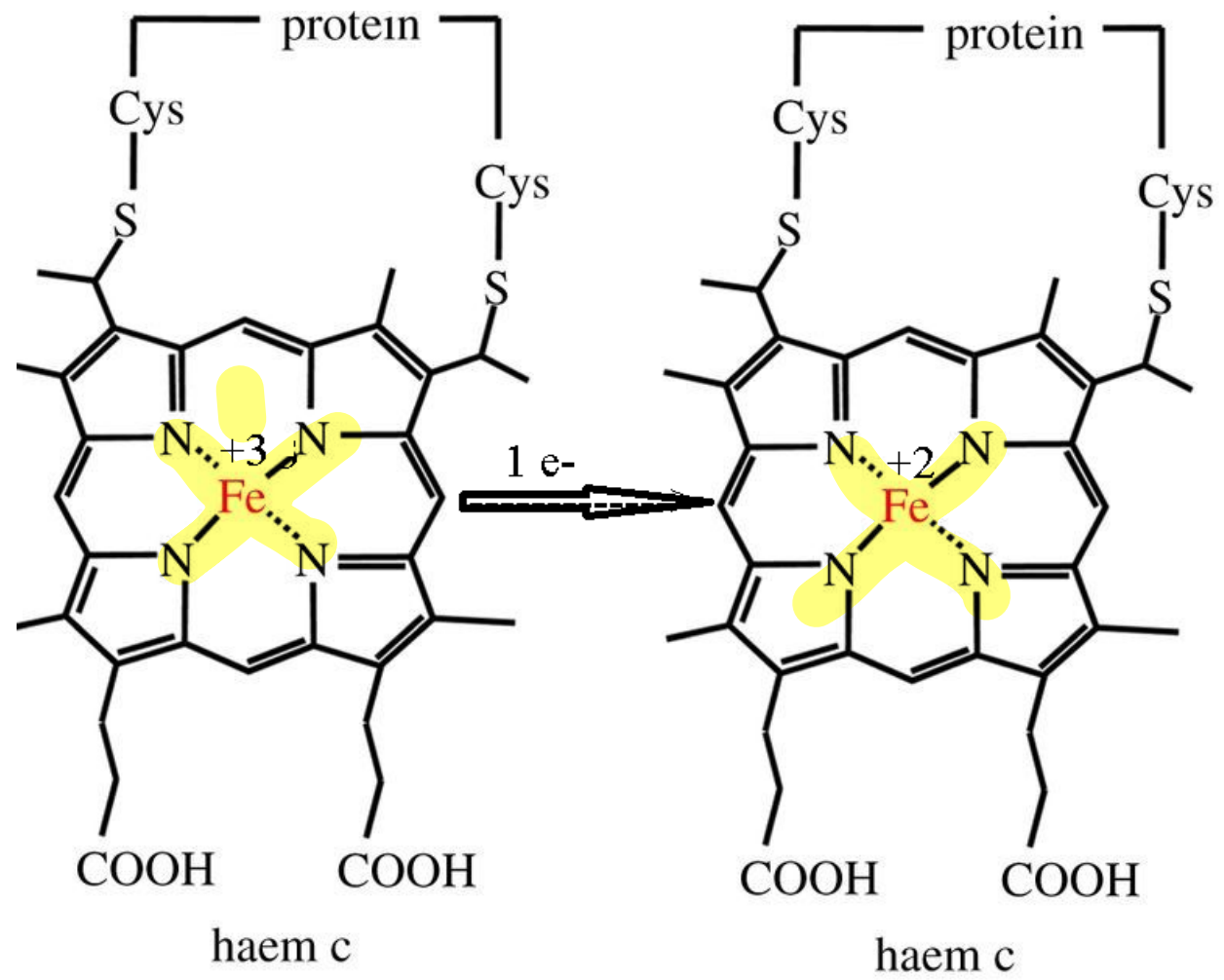


Protein carrier.

# Cytochromes (heme proteins) → Prosthetic group.

different types.

Cytochromes (heme proteins): electron transfer proteins which contain heme group and accept a single electron in contrast to NAD, FAD, and coenzyme Q which are 2 electron carriers.



- \* heme ? → 4 pyrrole rings  
→ iron atom "Ferric state"  $+3$   
Ferrous ←  $+2$

- \* how do cytochromes differ?  
their heme groups have different compositions of the double bonds conjugation + side chains → attached to the pyrrole rings  
Producing different hemes, different cytochromes

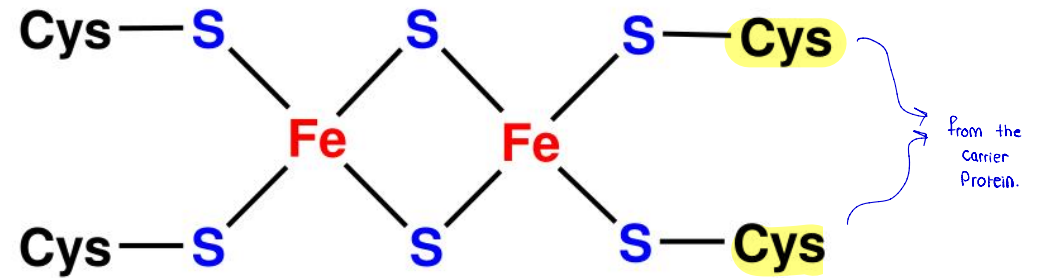
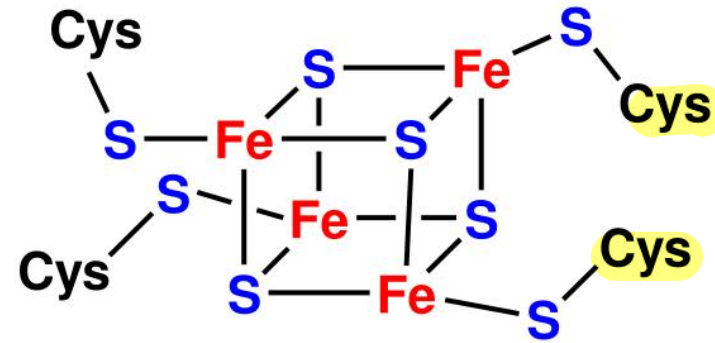
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## Iron Sulfur Centers

Iron sulfur proteins contain two or four iron atoms bound to an equal number of sulfur atoms and to cysteine side chains.

One electron carriers.

a prosthetic group → complexes 1 and 2.



Iron-sulfur centers

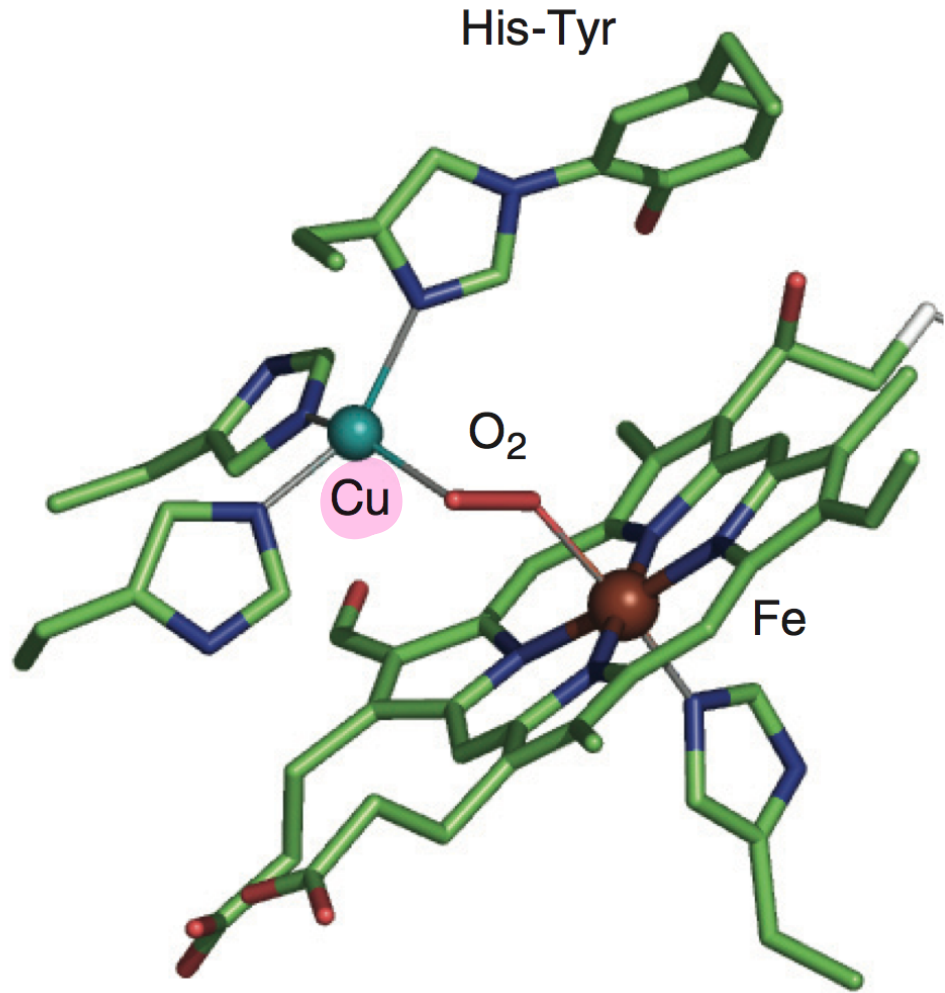
↗ Prosthetic group.

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## Copper Containing Proteins

In addition to the heme, they contain copper which participate in electron transfers.

1 e-



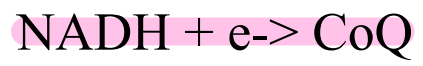
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# ANATOMY OF THE RESPIRATORY CHAIN

CHAIN → contains 4 complex proteins. "integral protein"

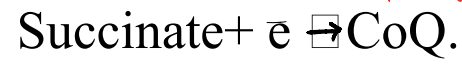
## Respiratory chain subunits encoded by two genomes: Nuclear and Mitochondria

### 1. Complex I: NADH Reductase.



- binds NADH and oxidize it
- it has Fe-S center. No heme.
- FMN will be reduced.
- Gives its e to coenzyme Q.

### 2. Complex II: Succinate-CoQ Reductase,



- \* takes e from FADH<sub>2</sub> → taken by Fe-S centers → to FMN → to CoQ.
- \* contains prosthetic groups + succinate dehydrogenase.

### 3. Complex III, Cytochrome C Reductase, → Reduces Cyt c.

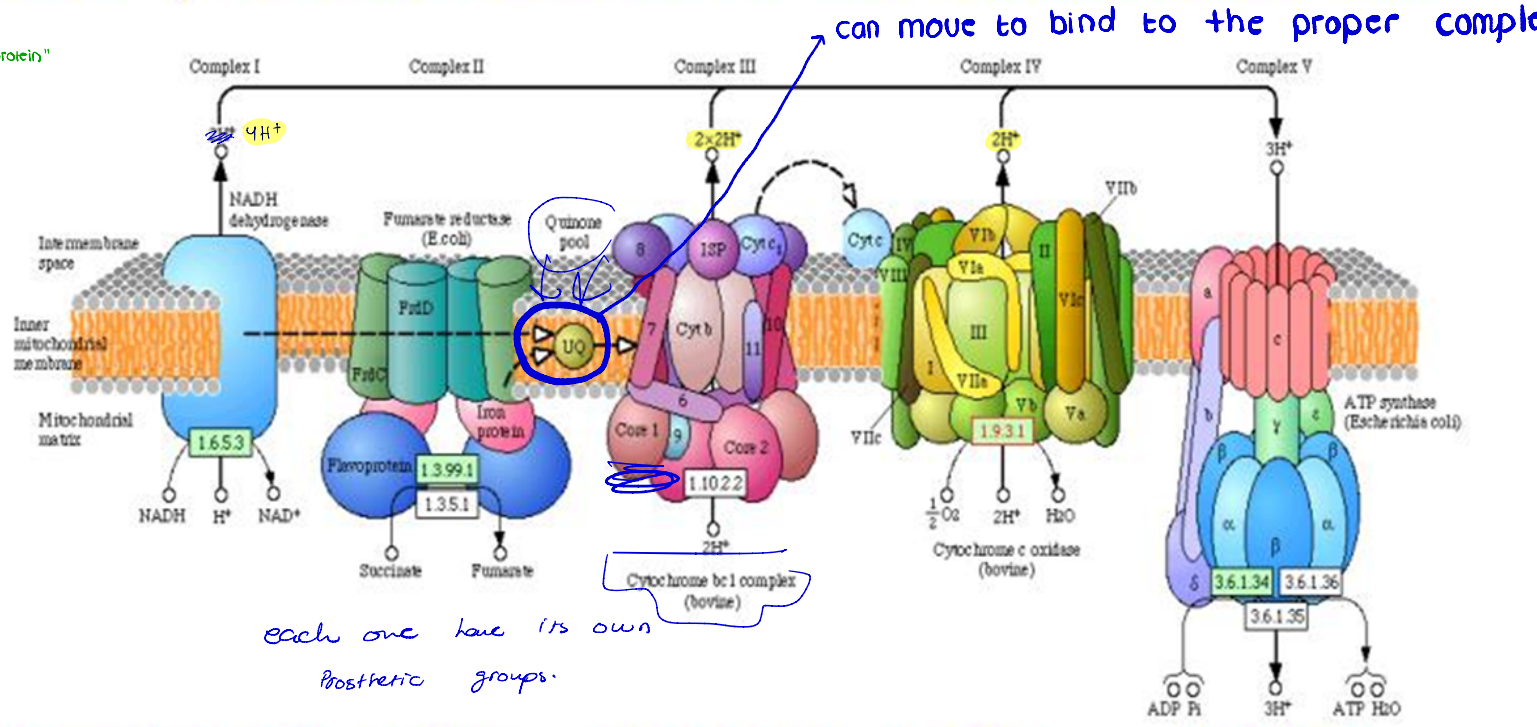


### 4. Complex IV, Cyt Oxidase,



### 5. Complex V: ATPase

- \* complexes 1, 3, 4 → have pumping activity.
- \* Both complexes 1+2 give their e to CoQ.
- CoQ → 3 → cyt c → 4



complex I: NADH DH	II: SDH	III: cyt c red	IV: COX	V: ATPase
Mito/ nuclear 7/43	0/4	1/11	3/13	2/13

NOT a part of the ETC.

\*copper  
\* cyt a  
\* cyt a3  
Then to O<sub>2</sub> → H<sub>2</sub>O

# Requirements of OxPhos

➤ **Redox reaction: electron donor (NADH or FADH<sub>2</sub>) & electron acceptor (O<sub>2</sub>)**

➤ **An intact IMM** → so there will be some insulation between the inner mitochondrial membrane and the matrix. } helps ATP-synthase.

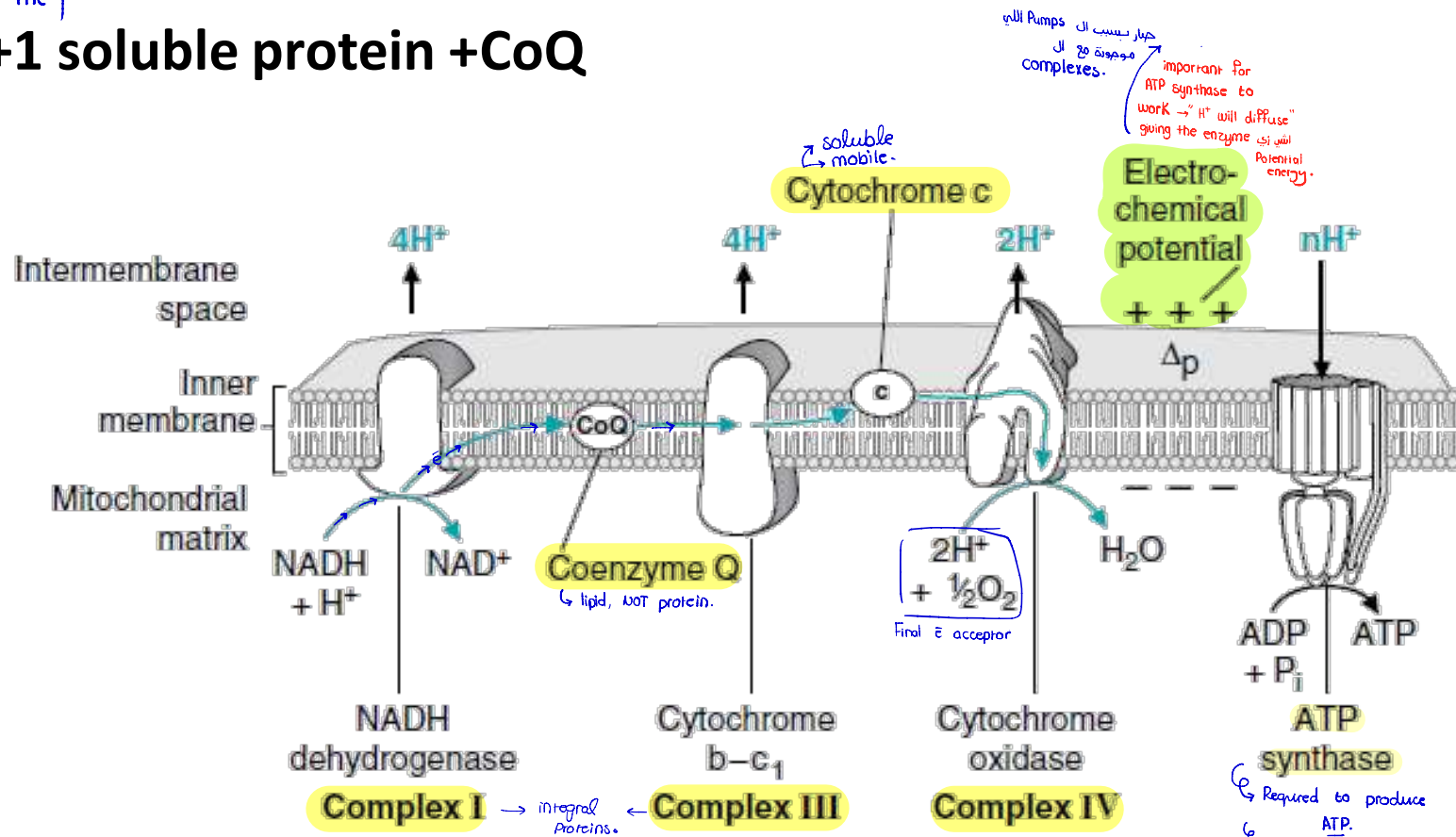
➤ **ETC of proteins: 4 complexes+1 soluble protein +CoQ**

➤ **ATP synthase**

\* The best e<sup>-</sup> acceptor → oxygen.

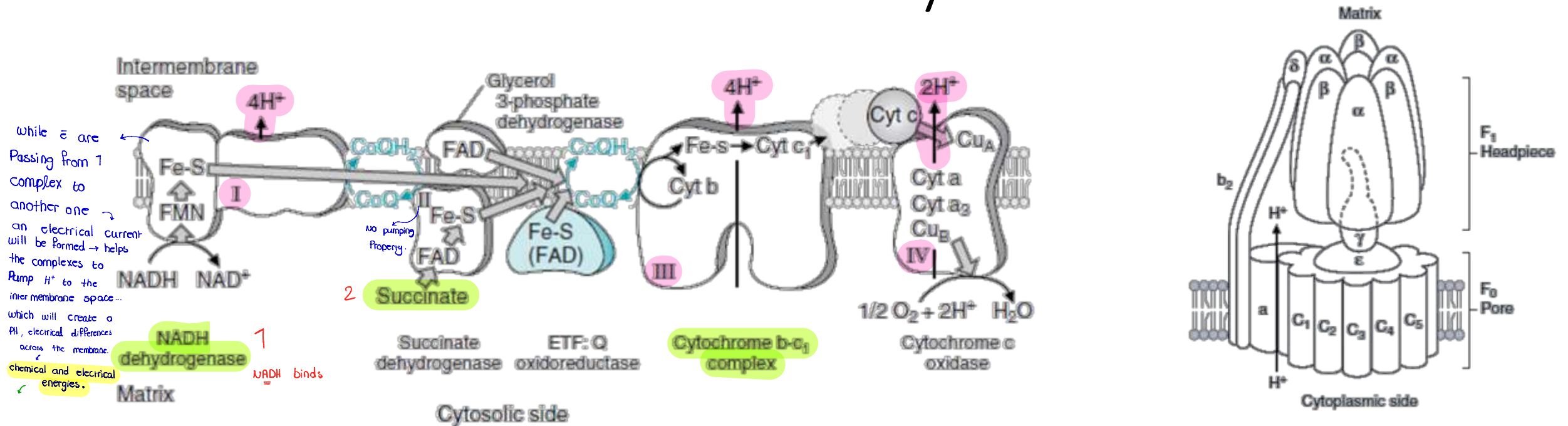
\* Why is the process step-wised ?

in each step there might be an energy release that the cell will use to do some work. → More beneficial than → 1 Step



↳ Required to produce ATP.  
↳ Not part of the chain.

# ET to O<sub>2</sub>, how does the process occurs? “The chemi-osmotic theory”



\* What determines the direction of the  $e^-$  flow?

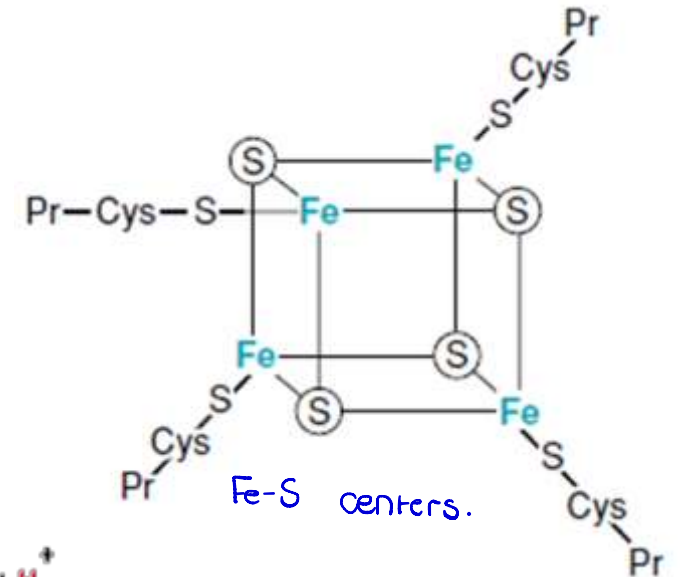
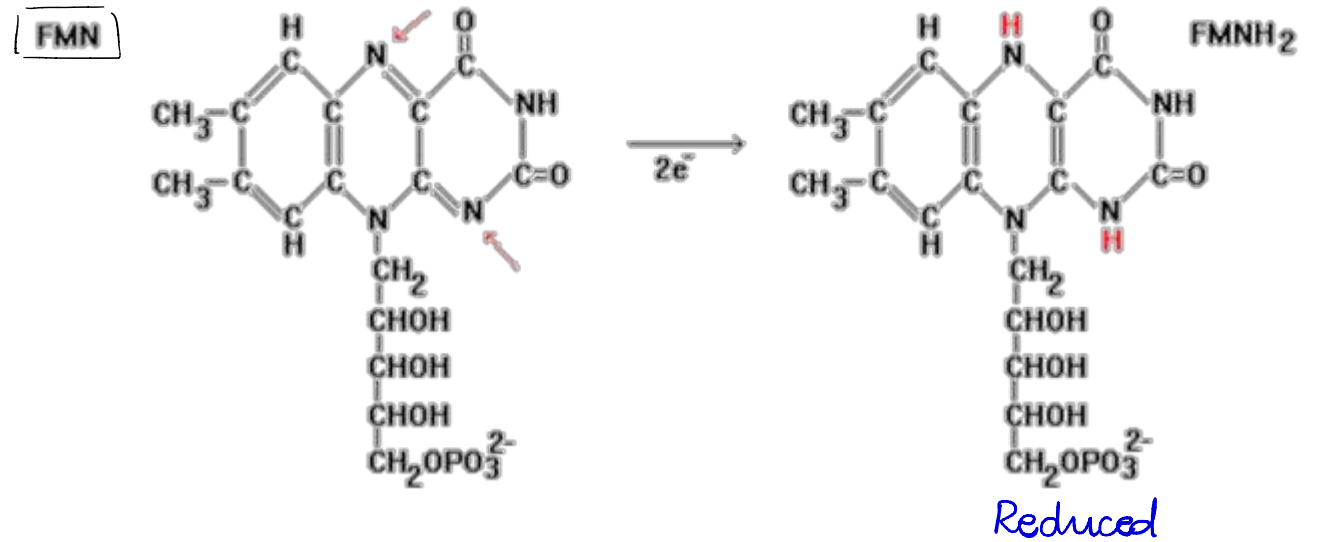
The Redox potential.  $\rightarrow$  From smaller to larger. From the most negative to the most positive. The Redox potential of  $NADH$  is much smaller than that of  $O_2$ . So  $e^-$  flow from  $NADH$  to  $O_2$ .

# Oxi-Red Components of the ETC

## “NADH Dehydrogenase” OR oxidase – Complex I

NADH-Q oxidoreductase Reduces complex Q.

- \* More than 25 polypeptide chain “very complex”
- \* A huge flavoprotein membrane-spanning complex There is FMN or FAD tightly bound to the complex. NO FAD in complex 1.
- \* The FMN is tightly bound
- \* Seven Fe-S centers of at least two different types
- \* Binds NADH & CoQ oxidized Reduced
- \* 4 H<sup>+</sup> → will be pumped from the matrix to the inter-membrane space.
- \* This complex spans the membrane and has a domain that extends to the matrix of the mitochondria. “where NADH binds”

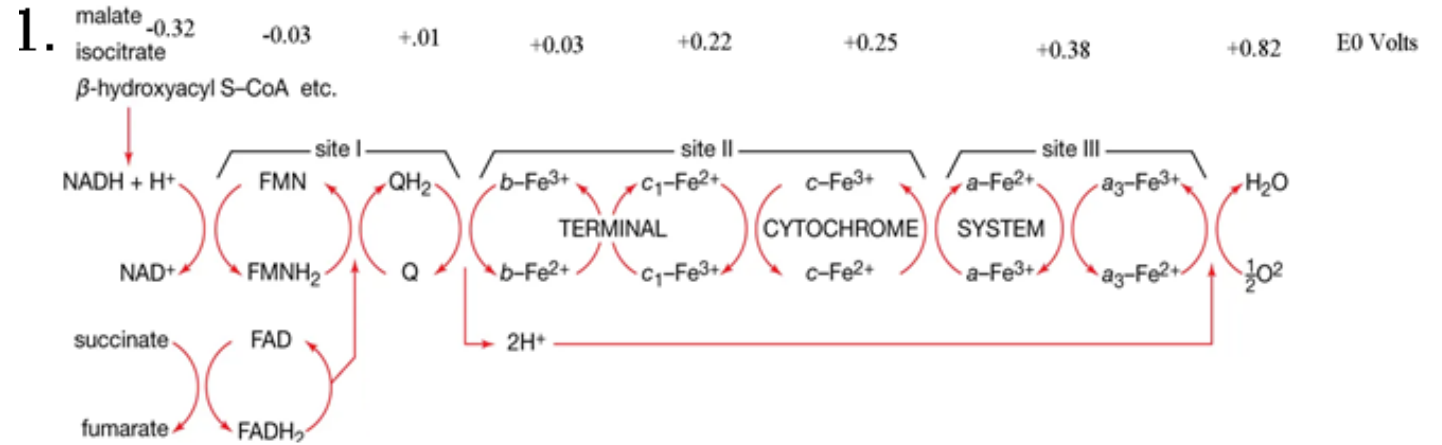




# ELECTRON TRANSPORT

- Reactions that involve transfer of electrons are called oxidation-reduction reactions or REDOX reactions.
- A molecule that gains electrons is reduced, and a molecule that loses electrons is oxidized.
- The tendency of redox reaction to proceed depends upon the difference in energy of transferable electrons of the two molecules,
- Consider a pair of electrons that is transferred to NAD to produce  $\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$
- By convention the reduced form is written to the right:  $\text{NAD}^+ + 2\text{e}^- + 2\text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{NADH} + \underline{\underline{\text{H}^+}}$   
 $E_0' = -0.32$  volts.
- The energy of the transferred electrons under standard conditions is expressed as  $\Delta E_0'$
- A **strong reducing agent** has a **negative redox** potential, whereas a **strong oxidizing agent** has a **positive redox potential**. A positive redox potential means that a substance has a higher affinity for electrons than does a substance with less positive redox potential.

# Sequence of carriers in ETC



1. The order is consistent with E0, carriers with more positive E0 as electrons pass from substrate to oxygen.

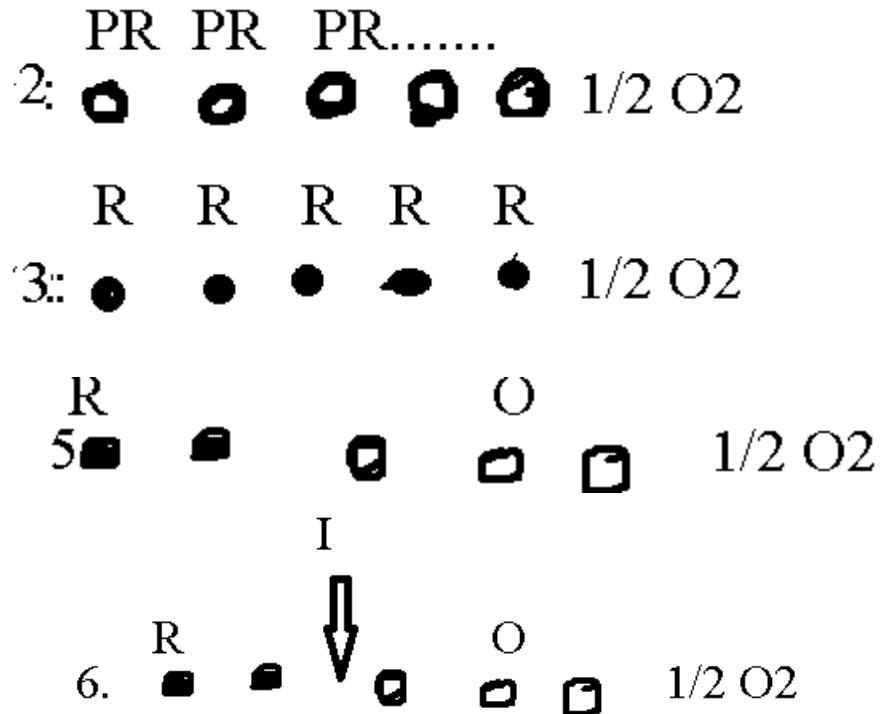
2. Under normal conditions, all carriers are in their **partially oxidized state**

3. Under anaerobic conditions, and in the presence of substrate, all carriers are in their fully reduced state:

4. The extent of oxidation of the carriers can be monitored as they exhibit a distinct spectra which differ in their oxidized and reduced state.

5. Upon sudden addition of oxygen, carriers become oxidized. the carrier nearest oxygen becoming oxidized first

6. Addition of specific inhibitor causes the carriers between the block and oxygen to become more oxidized. The upstream carriers become more reduced.



# Oxi-Red Components of the ETC

## "Succinate Dehydrogenase" – Complex II

➤ **Succinate Dehydrogenase & other flavoproteins** "FMN"

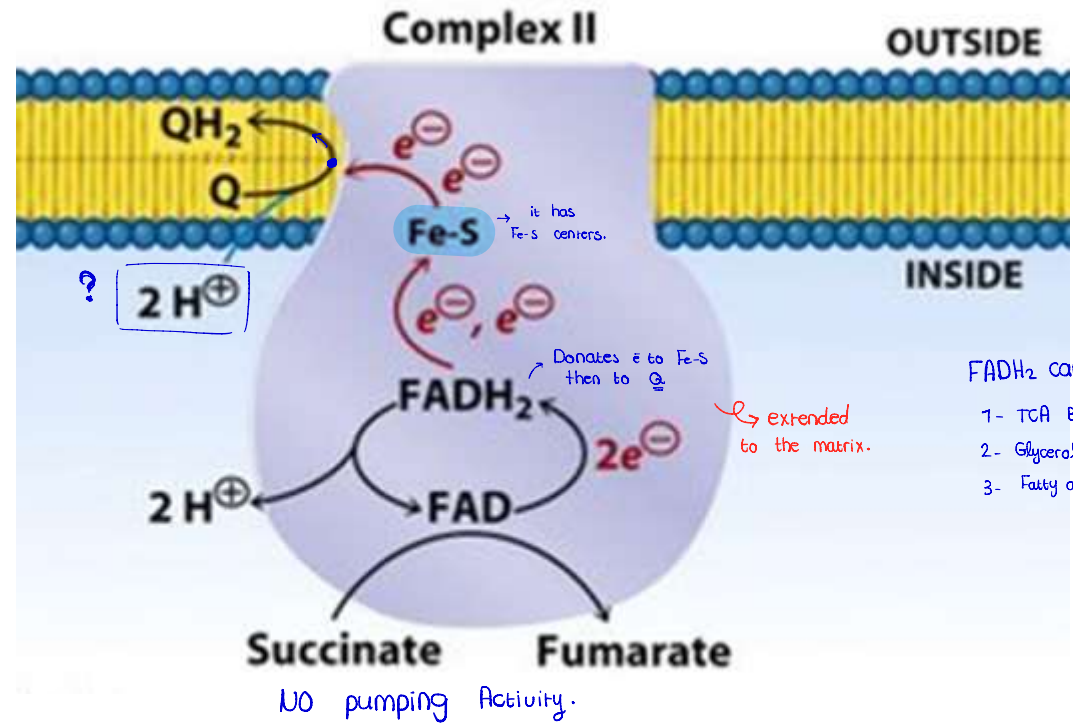
➤ **TCA cycle**

- ✓ **ETF-CoQ oxidoreductase** (ex. fatty acid oxidation)
- ✓ **≈Substrates oxidized by FAD-linked enzymes** bypass complex-I
- ✓ **Three major enzyme systems:**
- ✓ **Succinate dehydrogenase**
- ✓ **Fatty acyl CoA dehydrogenase**
- ✓ **Mitochondrial glycerol phosphate dehydrogenase**
- ✓ **0 kcal, H+?**

\* has Fe-S centers.

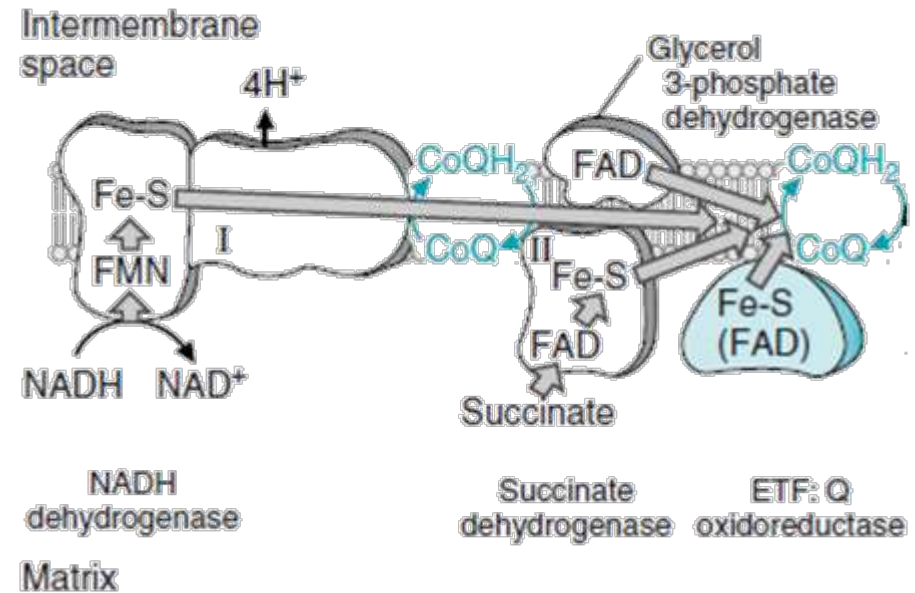
NO H<sup>+</sup>  
Pumping activity.

\* Since complex 2,1 accept 2e<sup>-</sup> they should have 2 Fe-S centers



FADH<sub>2</sub> can be Formed From:

- 1- TCA By succinate dehydrogenase.
- 2- Glycerol 3-P dehydrogenase.
- 3- Fatty acids metabolism.



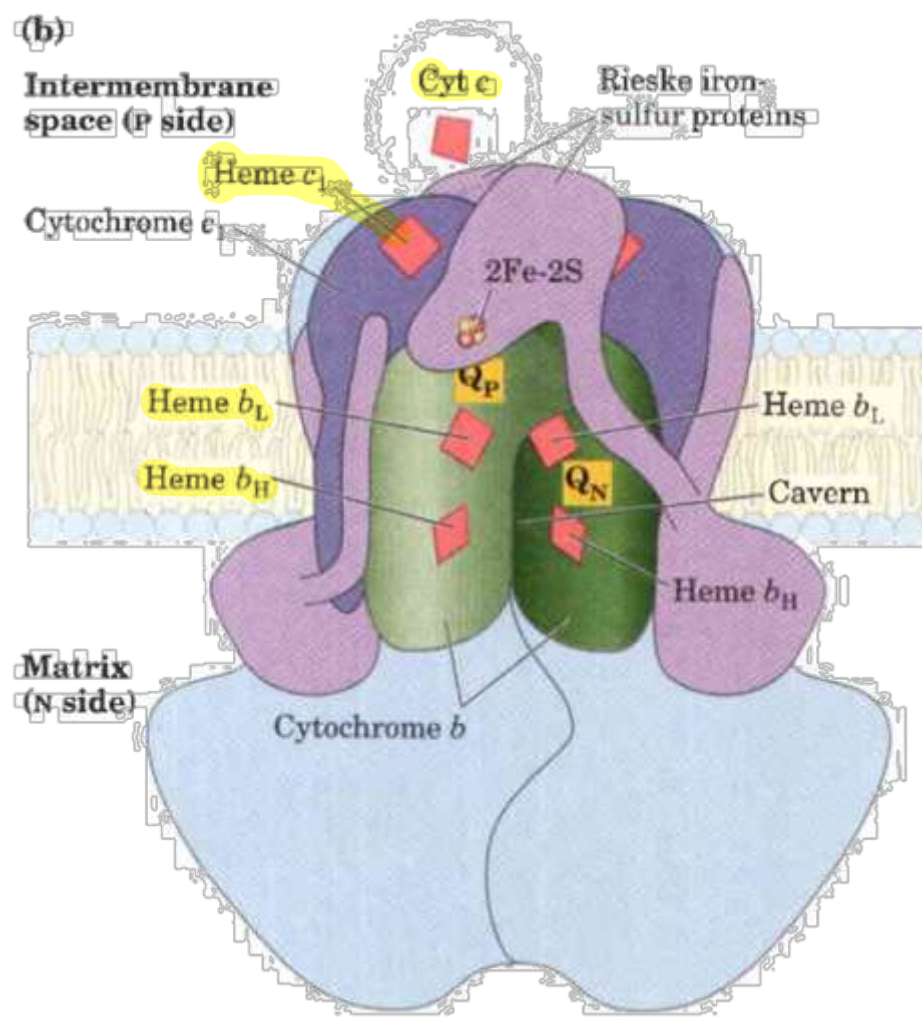
# Oxi-Red Components of the ETC

## “Cytochrome bc1” – Complex III

has cyt c1 and cyt b Prosthetic groups.

- Also called: Q-cytochrome c Oxidoreductase
- Catalyzes the transfer of electrons from QH<sub>2</sub> to cytochrome c ↳ The fully reduced form.
- 11 subunits including two cytochrome subunits
- Contains iron sulfur center
- Contain three heme groups in two cytochrome subunits
- Contain two CoQ binding sites
- 4H<sup>+</sup>

\* at the beginning CoQ will give 7e<sup>-</sup> for a specific prosthetic group, the other e<sup>-</sup> will be given in a different pathway → will participate in the Q cycle. In order to complete the Q cycle... we need another coQ.  
 ↳ until the 4H<sup>+</sup> are pumped  
 \* هرتين دوح بيطه في كل صوره 2H<sup>+</sup> .. ديبج .Q



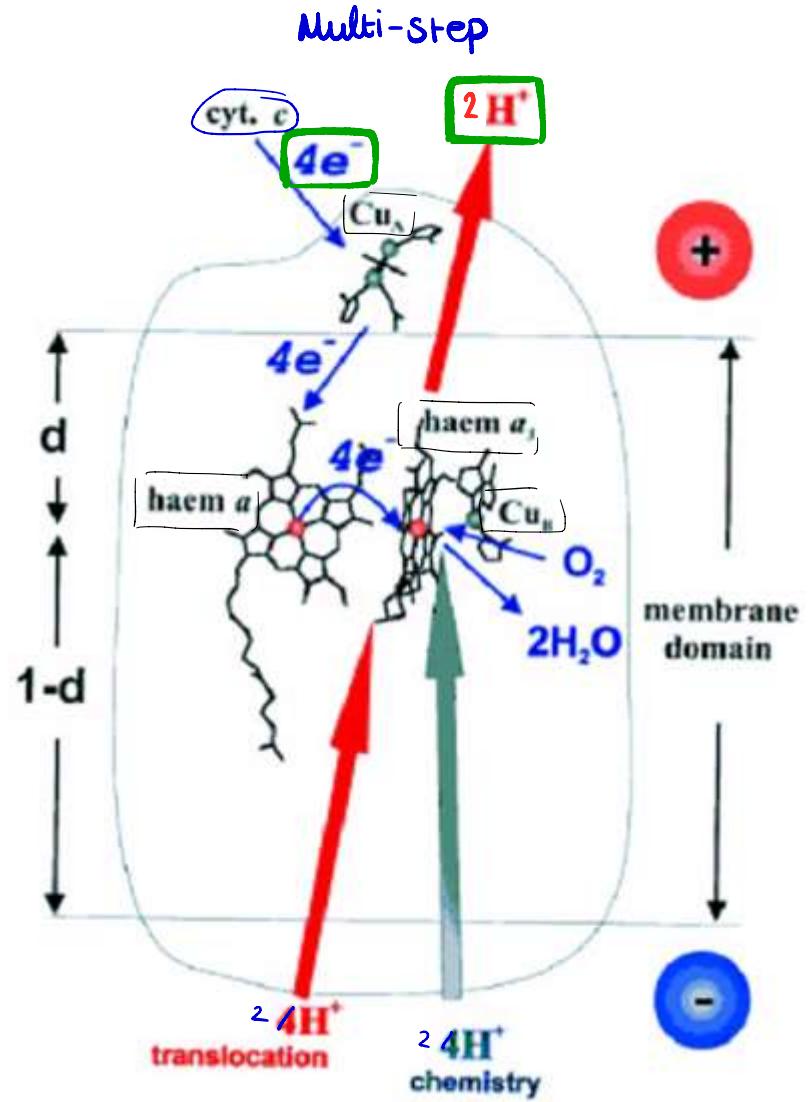
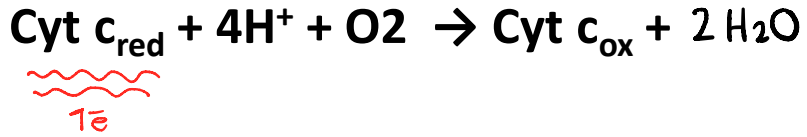
? Fe-S o i c

# Oxi-Red Components of the ETC

## “Cytochrome c oxidase”

### – Complex IV

- Passes electrons from Cytochrome c to O<sub>2</sub>
- Contains cytochrome a and a<sub>3</sub>
- Contains two copper sites
- Contains oxygen binding sites “The final acceptor”
- O<sub>2</sub> must accept 4 electrons to be reduced to 2 H<sub>2</sub>O (2H<sup>+</sup>/2e<sup>-</sup>)
- Cytochrome c is one electron carrier مقالها هاد كله  
بصير 4 مرات  
كل مرة 1e<sup>-</sup>



2 H<sup>+</sup> at a time are taken from the matrix.  
 ↳ 2 H<sup>+</sup> will be pumped out.

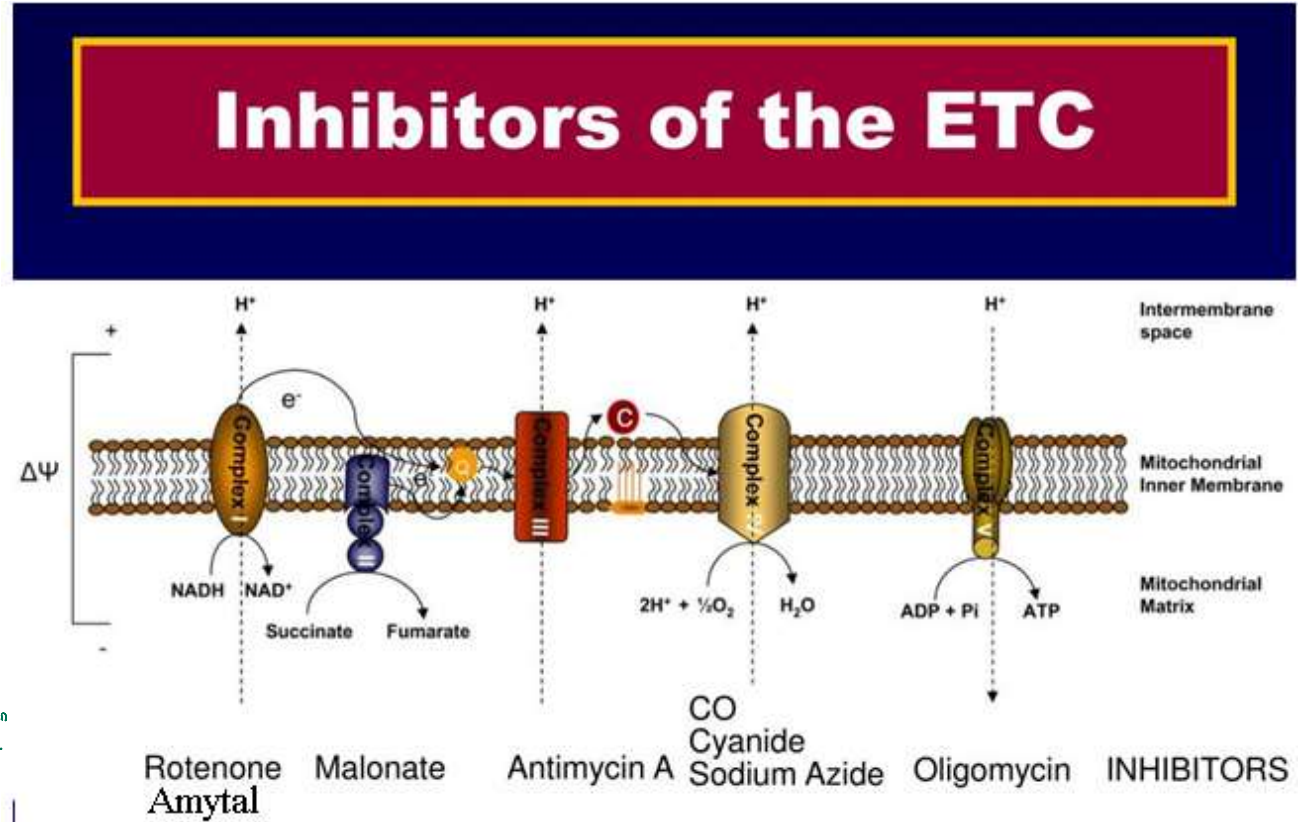
★ What inhibits the  $e^-$  flow?

Both inhibit complex 1.

1. **Amytal**. (sedative)-inhibits NADH-Q Oxidoreductase
2. **Rotenone**. (insecticide)-inhibits NADH-Q Oxidoreductase
3. **Antimycin A**: inhibits electron flow between **cyt b** and **c1**, which prevents continued ATP synthesis at sites I and II as the carriers. Inhibits Q-cytochrome c oxidoreductase, once reduced can not be oxidized.
4. **CO**. -inhibit cytochrome c oxidase
5. **Sodium Azide** . -inhibit cytochrome c oxidase
6. **Cyanides**. -inhibit cytochrome c oxidase
7. **Oligomycin**—inhibits ATP synthase

\* NO accepting  $e^-$  from coQ.  
\* NO oxidation of cyt C.

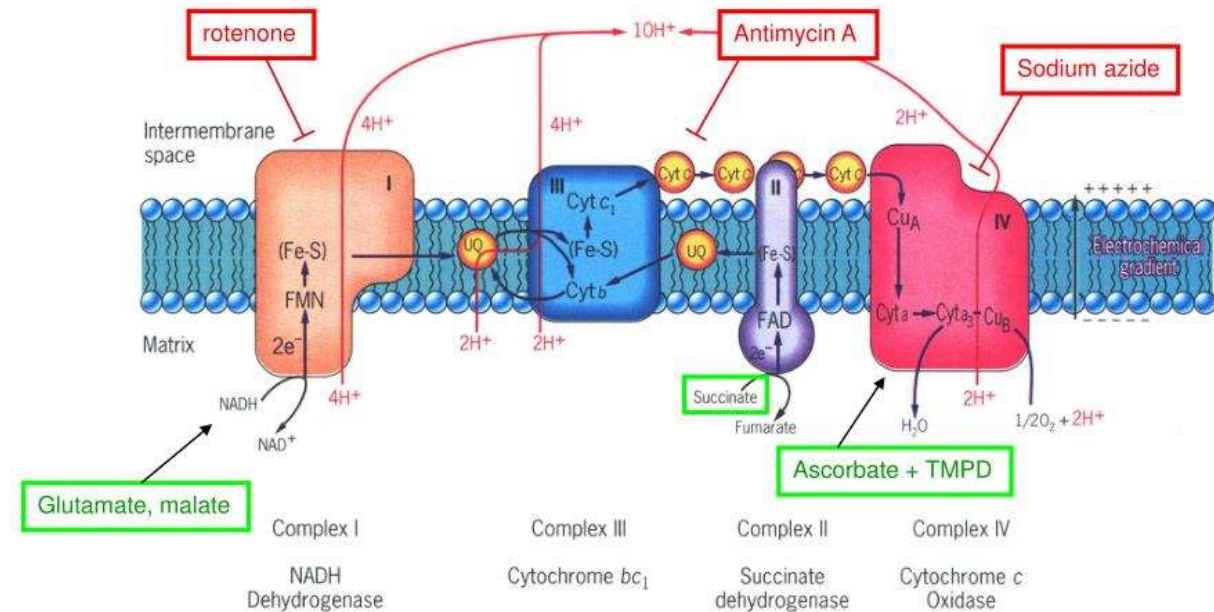
Complex 4 inhibitors.  
→ NO oxygen reduction.





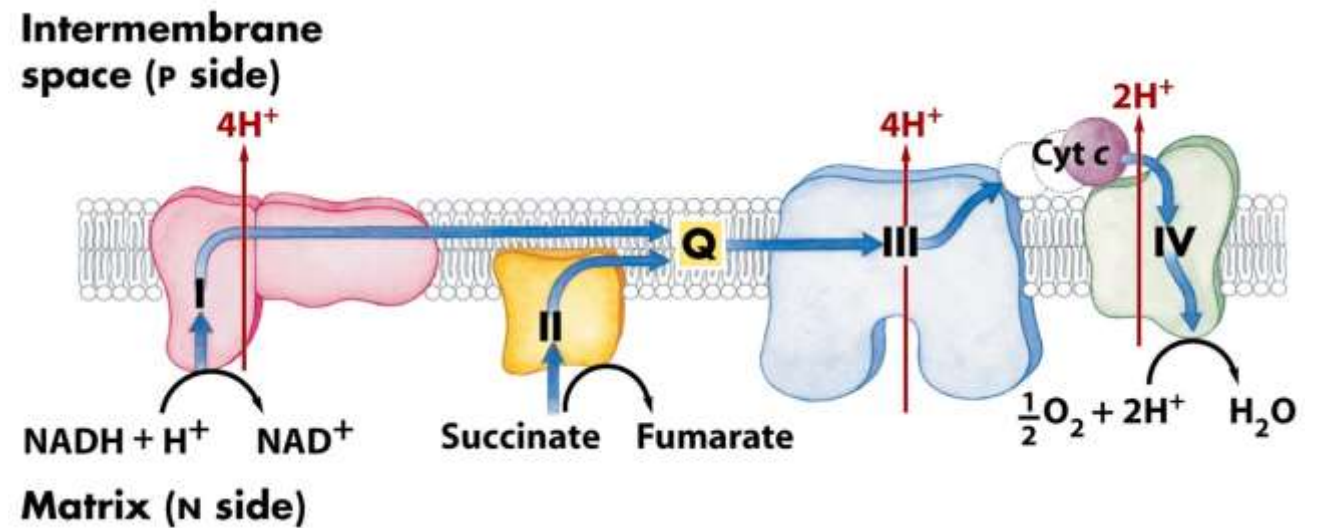
## Electron transport chain inhibitors and substrates

1. Complexes I, III, IV all have large enough  $E_0$  for the transfer of 2 electrons to support the synthesis of one ATP.
2. Complex I, III, IV are recognized as phosphorylation sites I, II, and III.
3. Oxidation of 1 molecule  $\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$  or  $\text{FADH}_2$  corresponds to the synthesis of 3 or 2 molecules of ATP, respectively, and the reduction of one atom of oxygen.
4. Oxidation of  $\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$  and  $\text{FADH}_2$  occurs with P/O ratio of 3 and 2, respectively.
5. Using ascorbate as substrate and TMPD as artificial electron carrier, a P/O ratio = 1.
6. P/O ratio is the number of moles of Pi incorporated into ATP per atom of oxygen utilized.
7. P/O for malate=3, succinate=2, ascorbate=1



## Pumping of Protons

- For every 2 electrons passing:
  - $4\text{H}^+$  (complex I);  $0\text{H}^+$  (complex II);  $4\text{H}^+$  (complex III),  $2\text{H}^+$  (complex IV)

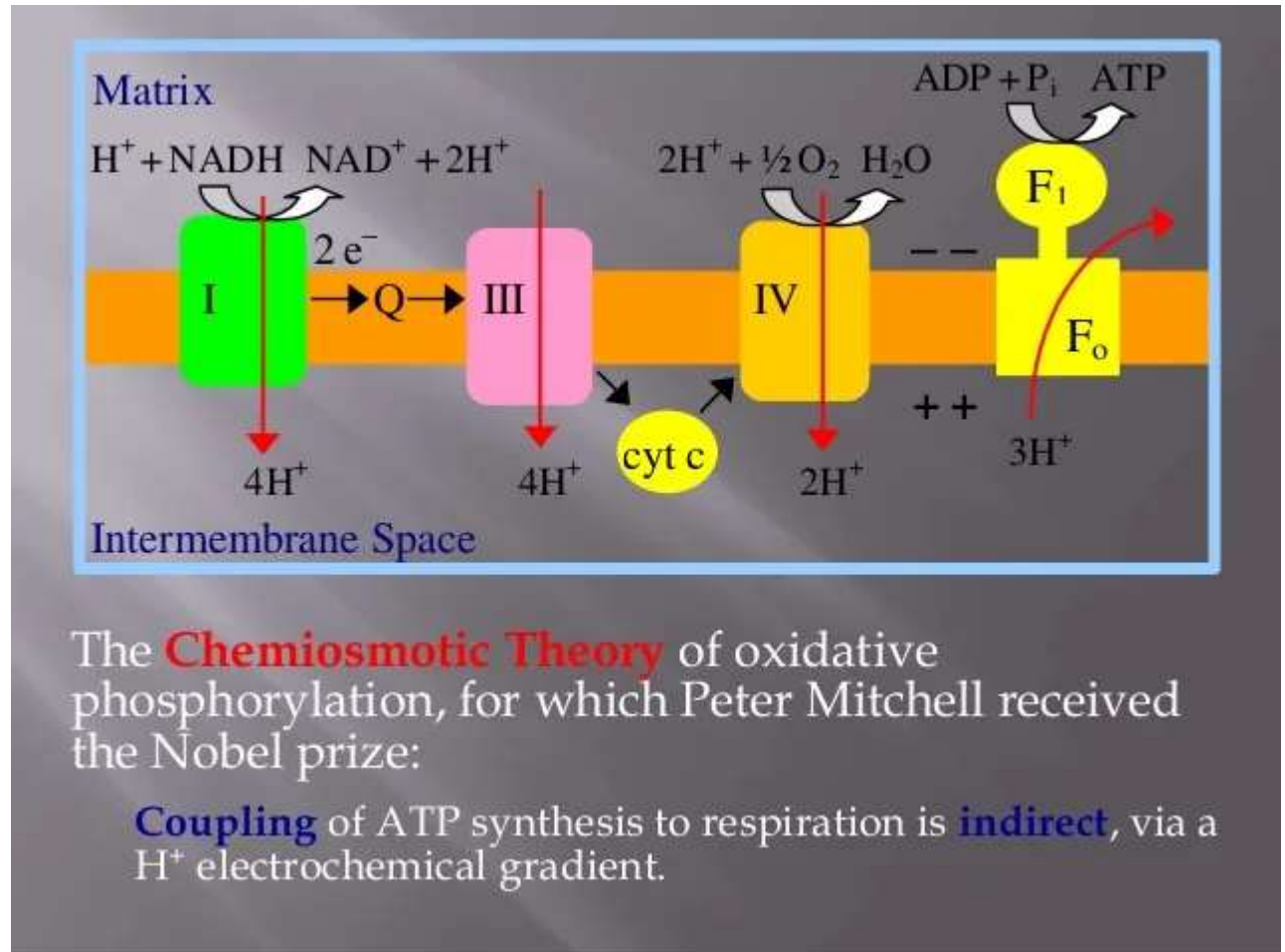


$\bar{e}$  path.



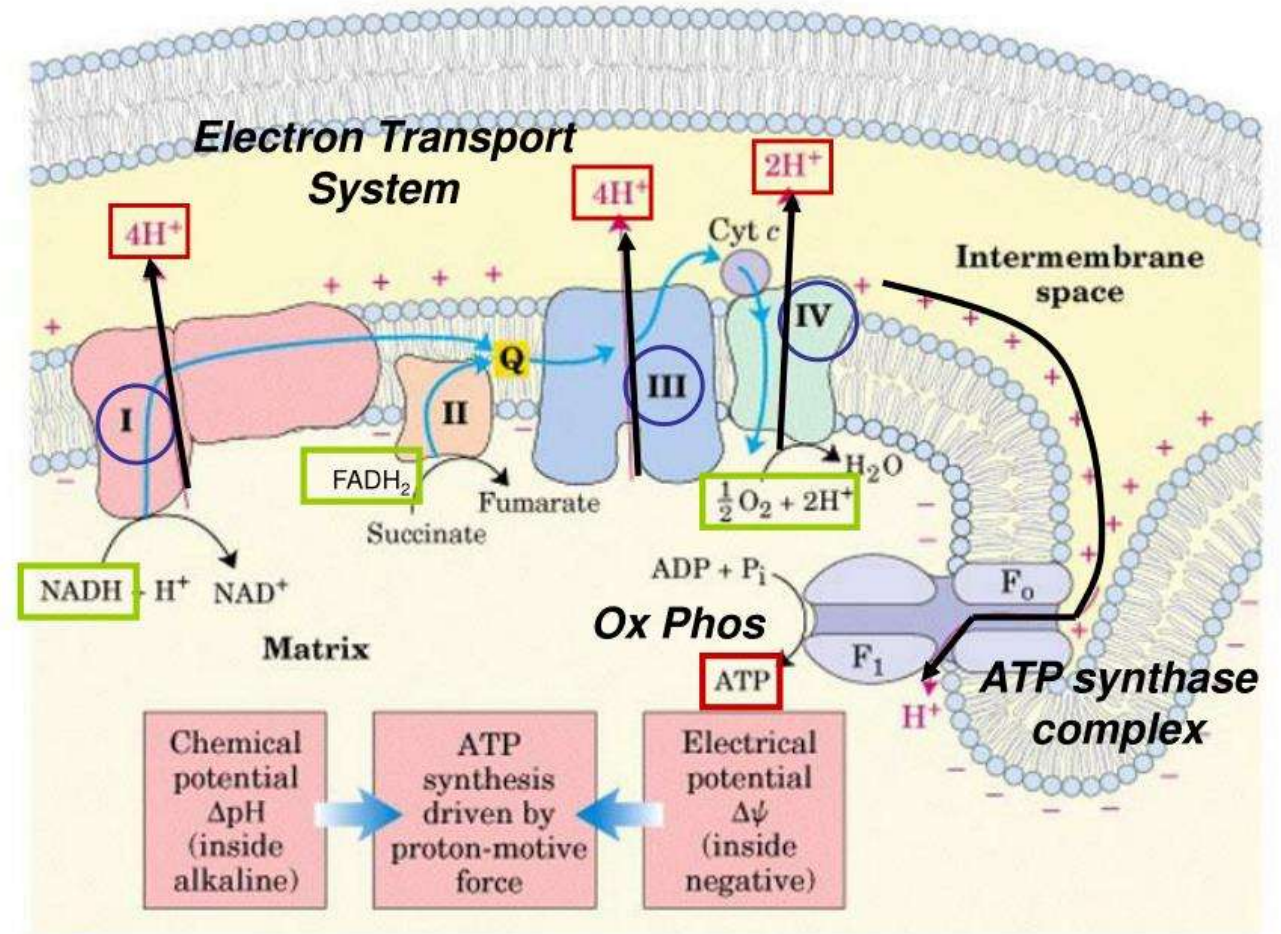
## Chemiosmotic hypothesis:

- a proton gradient is generated by a proton pump in the inner membrane of the mitochondria.
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- Protons flow back into the matrix down their electrochemical gradient and the energy released is used to drive the synthesis of ATP.

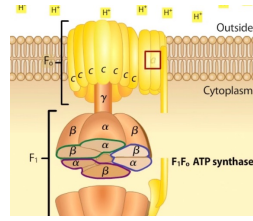


## Overview of Chemiosmotic Theory

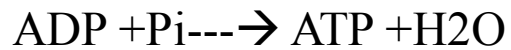
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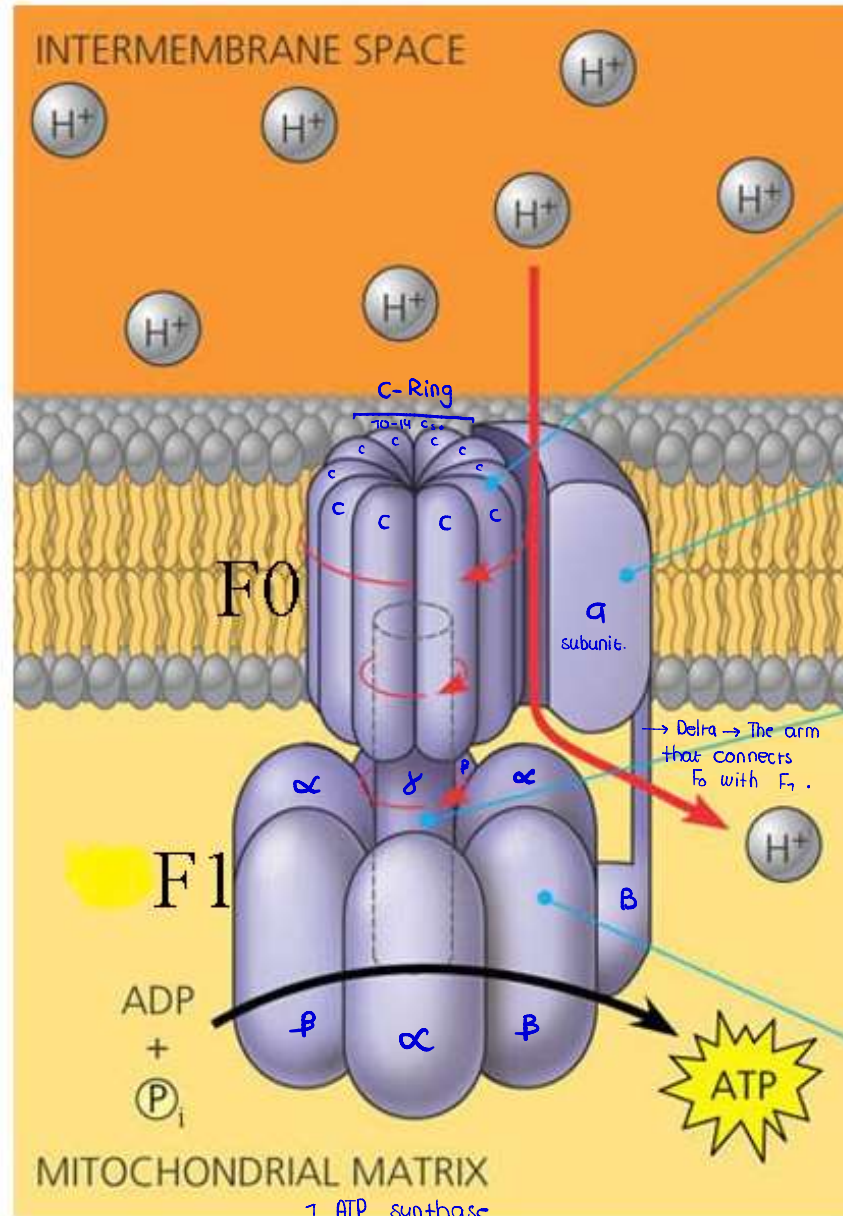
# STRUCTURE AND MECHANISM OF ATP SYNTHASE-COMPLEX V



- F0** is the proton channel of the complex → inhibited by oligomycin.
- F1** hydrolyzes ATP in the absence of proton gradient "multi-subunits".
- The **stalk** between F1 and F0 contains several proteins, one of which is sensitive to oligomycin. This antibiotic inhibits ATP synthesis by interfering with the utilization of the proton gradient.
- ATP SYNTHASE catalyzes the reaction:



<https://youtu.be/U26Jz3K1w2k>



? Rotation الجزء الذي يبدل  
the c-ring of F0 with the gamma-epsilon  
stalk of F1.

here

A **rotor** within the membrane spins clockwise when **H<sup>+</sup>** flows past it down the H<sup>+</sup> gradient.

A **stator** anchored in the membrane holds the knob stationary.

A **rod** (or "stalk") extending into the knob also spins, activating catalytic sites in the knob.

Three **catalytic sites** in the stationary knob join inorganic phosphate to ADP to make ATP.

F0 subunit is composed of:

① The **C-Ring**  
↳ The proton  
Passage from inter-membrane space to the matrix.

② The **A** subunit

→ The **gamma-epsilon subunit**.  
↳ Rotates with the C-Ring of F0

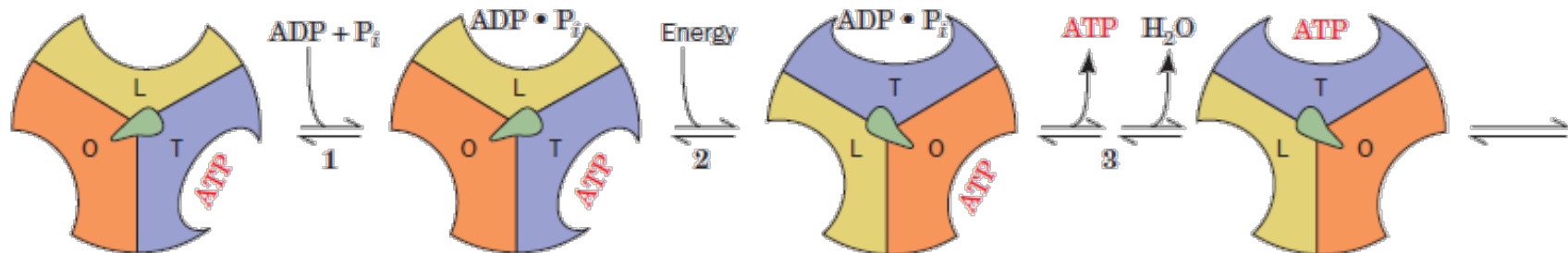
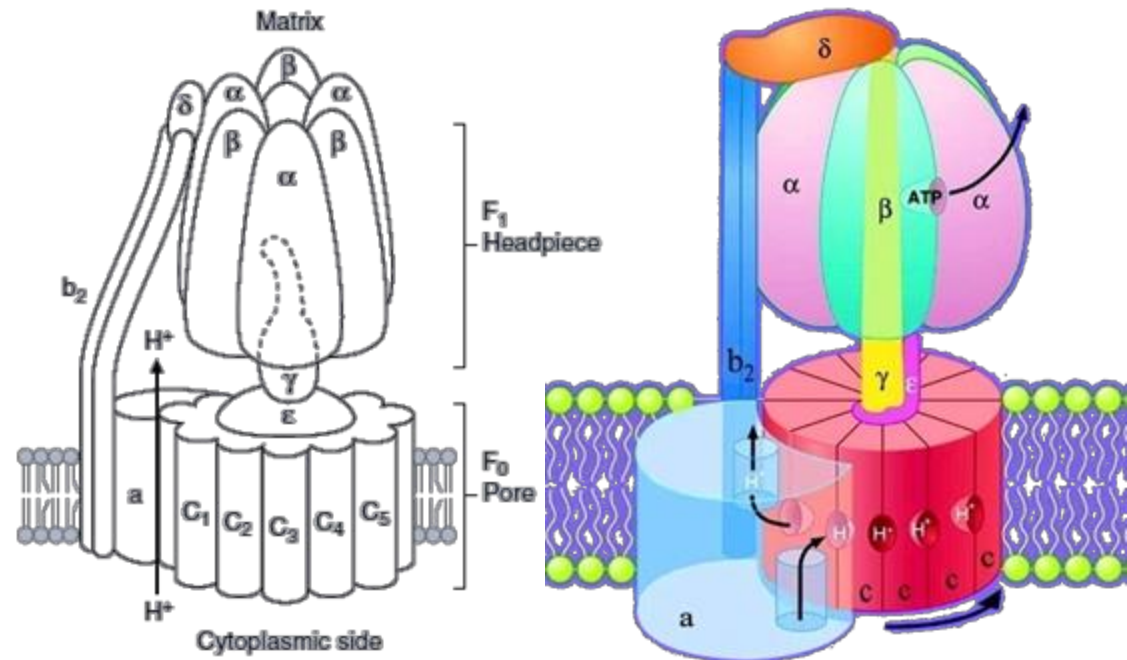
F1:  
This part is composed of  
• 3 β hexamer.  
• or 3 pairs of α-β.  
Both α and β DO NOT rotate.  
α → structural  
β → catalytic.

1 ATP synthase  
↳ 3 α  
↳ 3 β  
↳ 1 γ + 1 delta.  
↳ 1 ε

The catalytic subunit.  
↳ has 3 catalytic sites within β subunits.  
α → NO catalysis "structural".

# ATP Synthase

- **F<sub>1</sub>:**
  - "γ" subunit: rotates
  - "β" subunit: binds "catalytic".
  - "α" subunit: structural
  - 3 conformations: tight (T), loose (L), open (O)
- **F<sub>0</sub>:**
  - "a" subunit: point of entry & exit
  - "c" subunit rotates
  - 4H<sup>+</sup>/ATP
- Can run backwards



من هاد هو شكلها .  
 From F<sub>0</sub> to F<sub>1</sub>

# H<sup>+</sup> path through membrane

## c ring & a subunit structure

- each c subunit has 2 membrane-spanning a helices

- midway along 1 helix: **asp** "aspartate"
- **COOH** ↔ **COO<sup>-</sup>**  
aspartic acid      aspartate.

→ Negatively charge. → accepts a H<sup>+</sup> that is coming from a channels and binds to it, and becomes aspartic acid.  
 \* aspartic acid is more hydrophobic than aspartate  
 this causes the **ROTATION** of the C subunits. once a C-subunit becomes more hydrophobic, it will rotate to face the membrane instead of the a subunit. after some time it will end-up rotating 360° → reaching the other half channel ~ that opens towards the matrix releasing the H<sup>+</sup> to the F<sub>1</sub> part.  
 هاد الاشئ يتكرر لكل ٤ ودل C بلم 11 بلف شوي  
 لصد ما ال ٤ الاكبر ببول ال channel 2nd

Point of entry and exit.

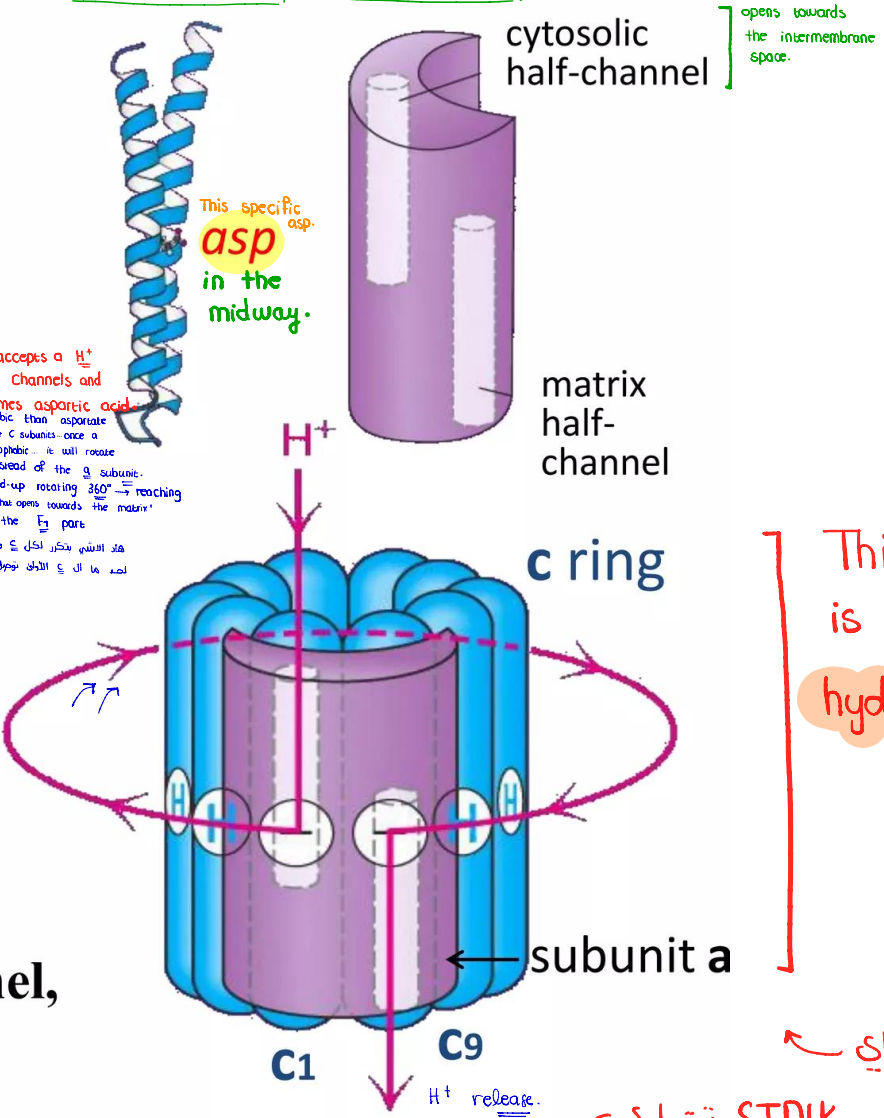
- a subunit has 2 half-channels

## H<sup>+</sup> path

- H<sup>+</sup> from cytosol diffuses via half-channel to **asp** on c ring subunit (c1)
- this subunit can now move to interface membrane, allowing c ring to rotate ✓✓  
↳ Because it became more hydrophobic.
- c9 now interfaces matrix half-channel, allowing H<sup>+</sup> to diffuse into matrix ✓✓

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c subunit (subunit a)



This rotation is caused by hydrophobicity.

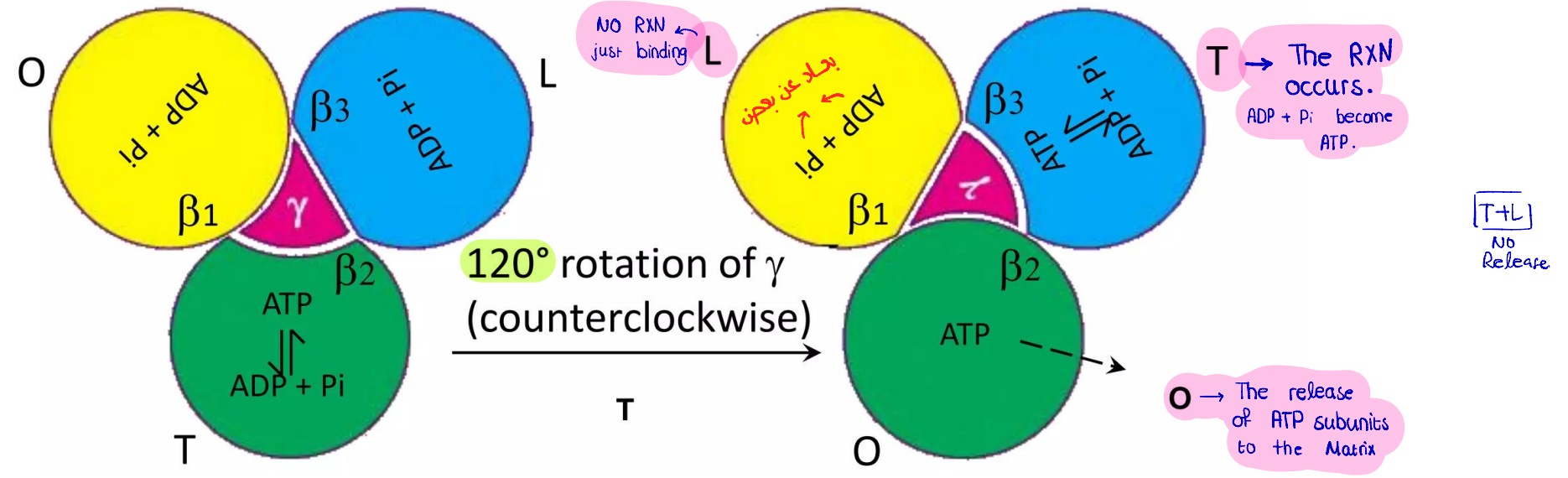
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causing the conformational interconversion of  $\beta$  subunits  
 Releasing ATP.

## Binding-change mechanism of ATP synthesis

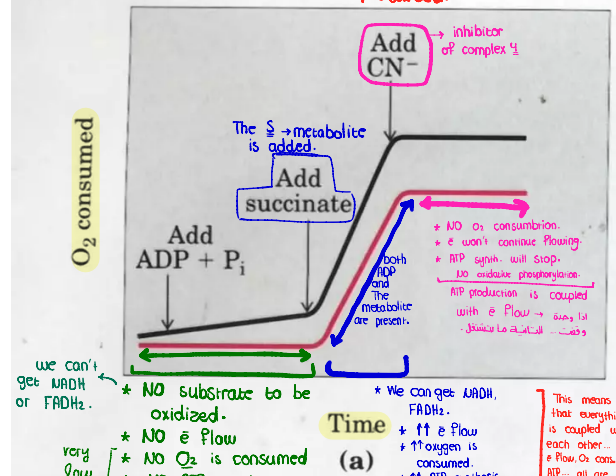
\*  $\alpha + \beta$  Do NOT rotate.

- Rotation of **gamma subunit drives** release of tightly bound ATP
- 3 active sites cycle through 3 structural states: <sup>of the  $\beta$  subunits.</sup> O, open; L, loose-binding; T, tight-binding
- At T site,  $ADP + P_i \rightarrow ATP$ , but ATP **can't dissociate** } The RXN هون بصير بيحد ال ما يتفك ATP
- G rotation causes  $T \rightarrow O$ ,  $L \rightarrow T$ ,  $O \rightarrow L$
- As a result of the  $T \rightarrow O$  structural change, ATP can now dissociate from what is now an O site.



# Respiratory control. → The effect of ADP on ETC and oxidative phosphorylation.

- how much O<sub>2</sub> is consumed in the mitochondria.
- how much ATP is produced.



**(a)**

we can't get NADH or FADH<sub>2</sub>.

- \* NO substrate to be oxidized.
- \* NO e<sup>-</sup> flow
- \* NO O<sub>2</sub> is consumed
- \* NO ATP synthesis.

very low

\* We can get NADH, FADH<sub>2</sub>.

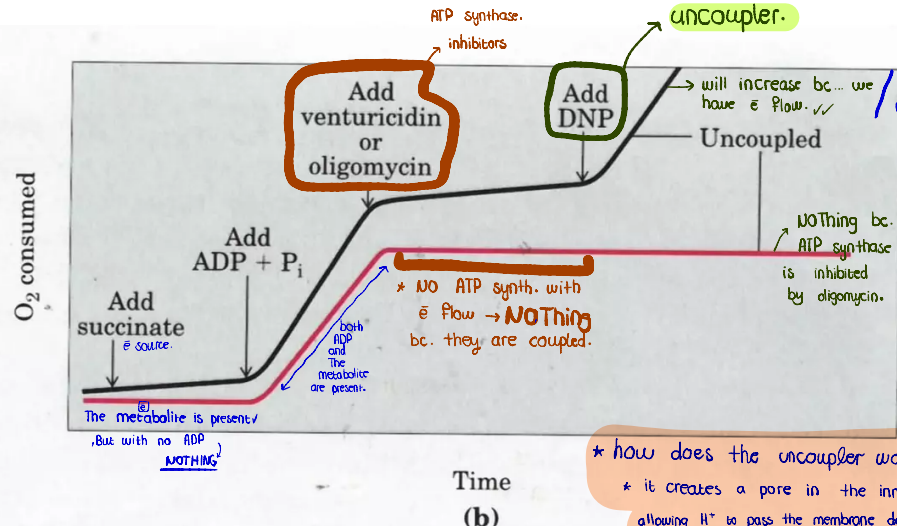
- \* ↑↑ e<sup>-</sup> flow
- \* ↑↑ oxygen is consumed.
- \* ↑↑ ATP synthesis.

\* ADP + P<sub>i</sub> will bind to subunits at E state.

\* e<sup>-</sup> will flow → T state "ATP synth" → O state "ATP release"

This means that everything is coupled with each other... e<sup>-</sup> flow, O<sub>2</sub> cons., ATP... all are coupled with ETC.

ATP synthesized



**(b)**

The metabolite is present. But with no ADP → NOTHING

\* NO ATP synth. with e<sup>-</sup> flow → NOTHING bc. they are coupled.

\* NO O<sub>2</sub> consumption. e<sup>-</sup> won't continue flowing. ATP synth. will stop. NO oxidative phosphorylation. ATP production is coupled with e<sup>-</sup> flow → لا يتم إنتاج الطاقة ما يستغل.

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ATP synthesized

**\* how does the uncoupler works ?**

\* it creates a pore in the inner mitochondrial allowing H<sup>+</sup> to pass the membrane down its concentration gradient... without passing through the ATP synthase... So, NO ATP will be synthesized! H<sup>+</sup> are moving... → The presence of a proton pore → provides an alternative route for H<sup>+</sup> to move through → **Uncouples** ATP synthase from the ETC → less ATP and more ADP.

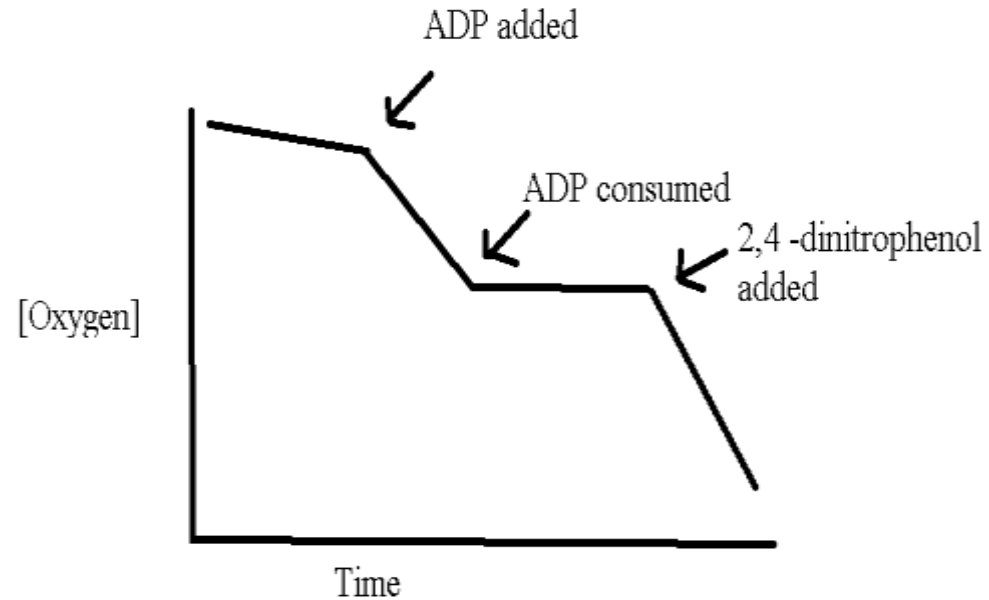
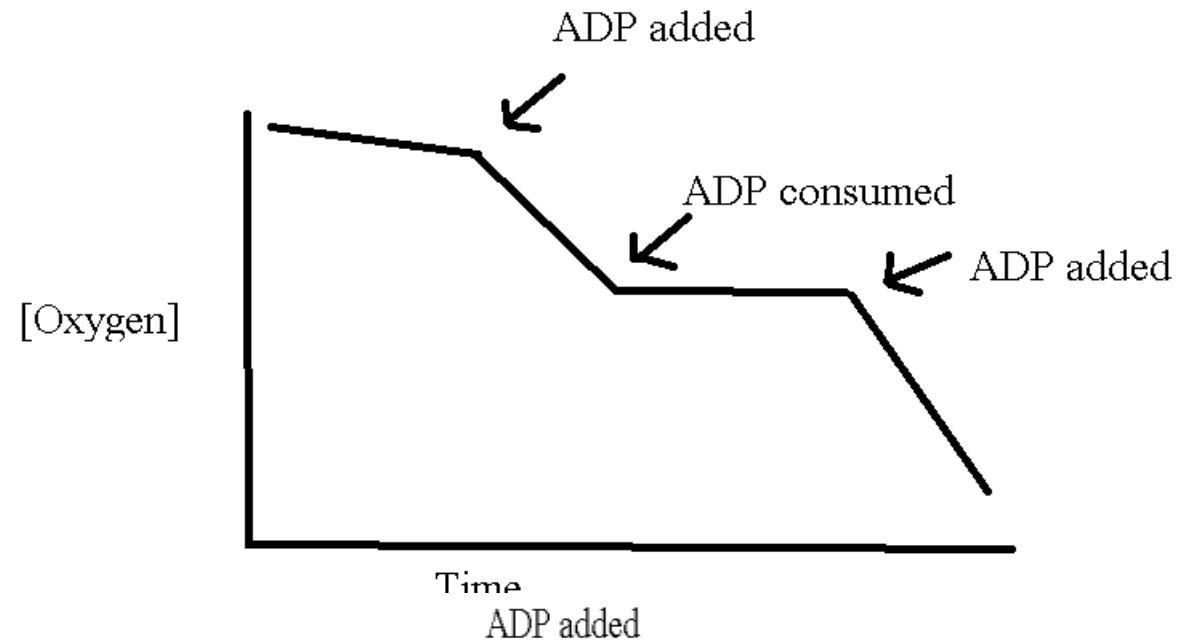
قل فترة من الزمن... كانوا الناس يستعملوا هاذي ال uncouplers to lose weight... Since they have ↑ ADP, they will have ↑ TCA activity → ↑ metabolic rate but with NO ATP → ↑ heat... وأنتج بجدية إله الجيفه بضم يستعمل ال fats اللي عنده عنشان بول طاقة.

Electron transfer was found to be obligatorily coupled to ATP Synthesis in isolated mitochondria suspensions: neither occurs without the other.

Natural uncouplers  
→ to produce heat  
في السلايدات اللي بحد.

# RECEPTOR OR ACCEPTOR CONTROL

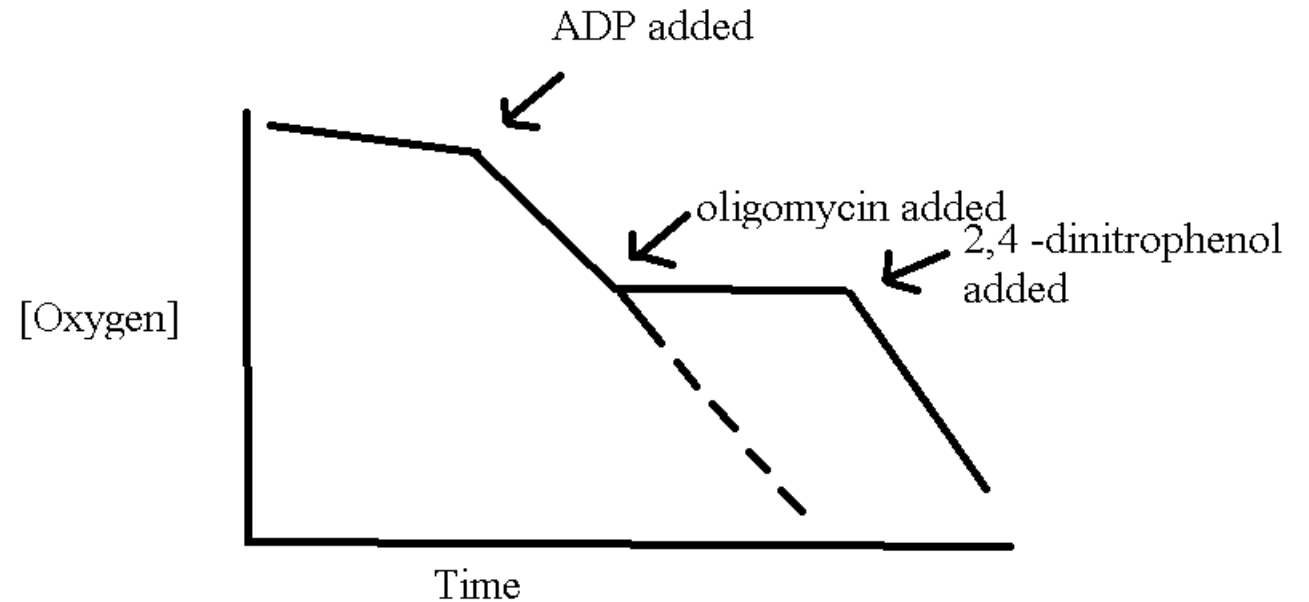
1. Electron transport is normally tightly coupled to oxidative phosphorylation so that electrons do not flow through the respiratory chain unless ADP is simultaneously phosphorylated to ATP.
2. Uncoupling agents, such as 2,4-dinitrophenol, collapse the proton gradient as they are able to channel protons across the membrane. Under this condition, electron transport runs unchecked at its maximal rate in the absence of the acceptor ADP.





# RECEPTOR OR ACCEPTOR CONTROL.....

1. Oligomycin inhibits the increased oxygen consumption stimulated by the addition of ADP: phosphorylation of ADP to ATP is also inhibited under these conditions.
2. Oligomycin prevents the utilization of the proton gradient.
3. Uncouplers relieve the inhibition of oxygen consumption.
4. Brown fat cell contain endogenous uncouplers that enhance metabolism and produce heat. This mechanism is important to protect sensitive areas of humans newborn from cold.



**Electron transfer to O<sub>2</sub> was found to be coupled to ATP synthesis from ADP + P<sub>i</sub> in isolated mitochondria**

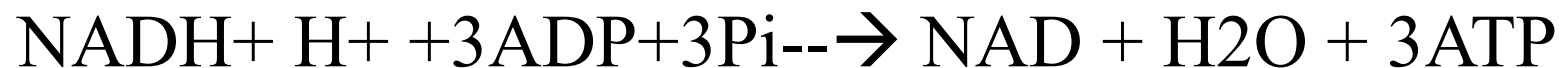
- ATP would not be synthesized when only ADP and P<sub>i</sub> are added in isolated mitochondria suspensions.
- O<sub>2</sub> consumption, an indication of electron flow, was detected when a reductant (e.g., succinate) is added, accompanied by an increase of ATP synthesis.
- Both O<sub>2</sub> consumption and ATP synthesis were suppressed when inhibitors of respiratory chain (e.g., cyanide, CO, or antimycin A) was added.
- **ATP synthesis depends on the occurrence of electron flow in mitochondria.**

- O<sub>2</sub> consumption (thus electron flow) was neither observed if ADP was not added to the suspension, although a reductant is provided!
- The O<sub>2</sub> consumption was also not observed in the presence of inhibitors of ATP synthase (e.g., oligomycin or venturicidin).
- **Electron flow also depends on ATP synthesis!**

# Oxidative Phosphorylation

## P:O ratio

- Definition: the number of molecules of inorganic phosphate incorporated into ATP per atom of oxygen used.
- P:O ratio varies with the substrate being oxidized:
- *malate* → With NADH it is 3 → more than *FADH<sub>2</sub>* → 2 ATP
- With succinate it is 2 → *7 FADH<sub>2</sub>*
- With ascorbate it is 1
- The overall equation for respiratory chain phosphorylation:



*What is the P:O ratio of 1 pyruvate?*

# Regulation – Uncoupling

## Regulated - Uncoupling proteins (UCPs)

➤ Short-circuiting ATP synthase

➤ UCP1 (thermogenin): *found in babies.*

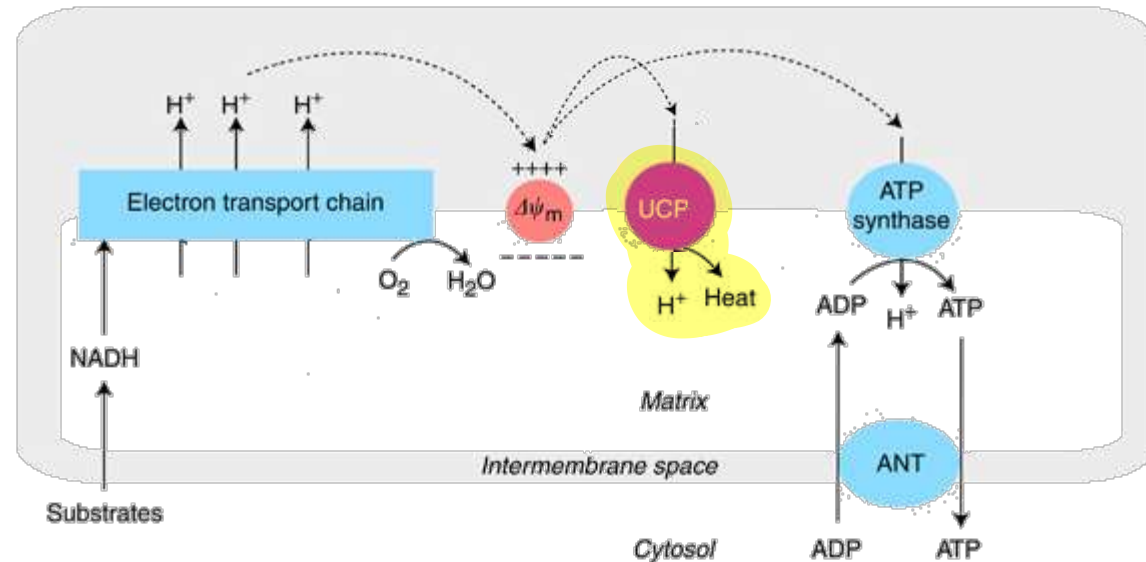
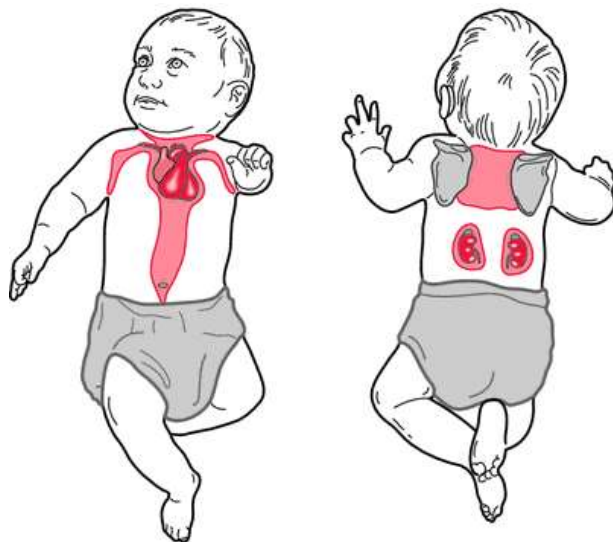
✓ Brown adipose tissue, non-shivering thermogenesis

✓ Infants: neck, breast, around kidneys

✓ Fatty acids directly activates UCP1

➤ UCP2 (most cells); UCP3 (skeletal muscle); {UCP4, UCP5} (brain)

*Creates a pore inside the membrane → uncoupled H<sup>+</sup> movement → ↑ heat → instead of ATP.*



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