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Microbial Metabolism



Images: MacConkey's media with Salmonella growing on left plate and E. coli on right; API20E test strip, T. Port

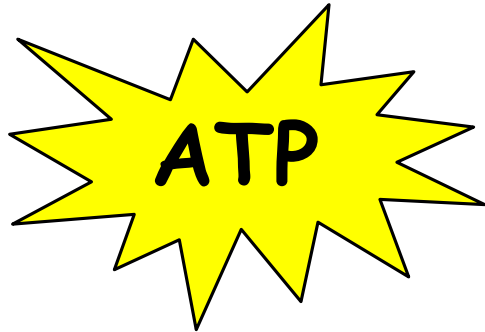
Metabolism

The Transformation of Energy

- Cells either get their energy either by _____ or _____.
- But a cell can't just use sunlight or nutrients to run cellular reactions.
- *Q: What type of fuel is needed to run a cell?*
- So food, needs to be turned into ATP, because that's what actually runs your body.

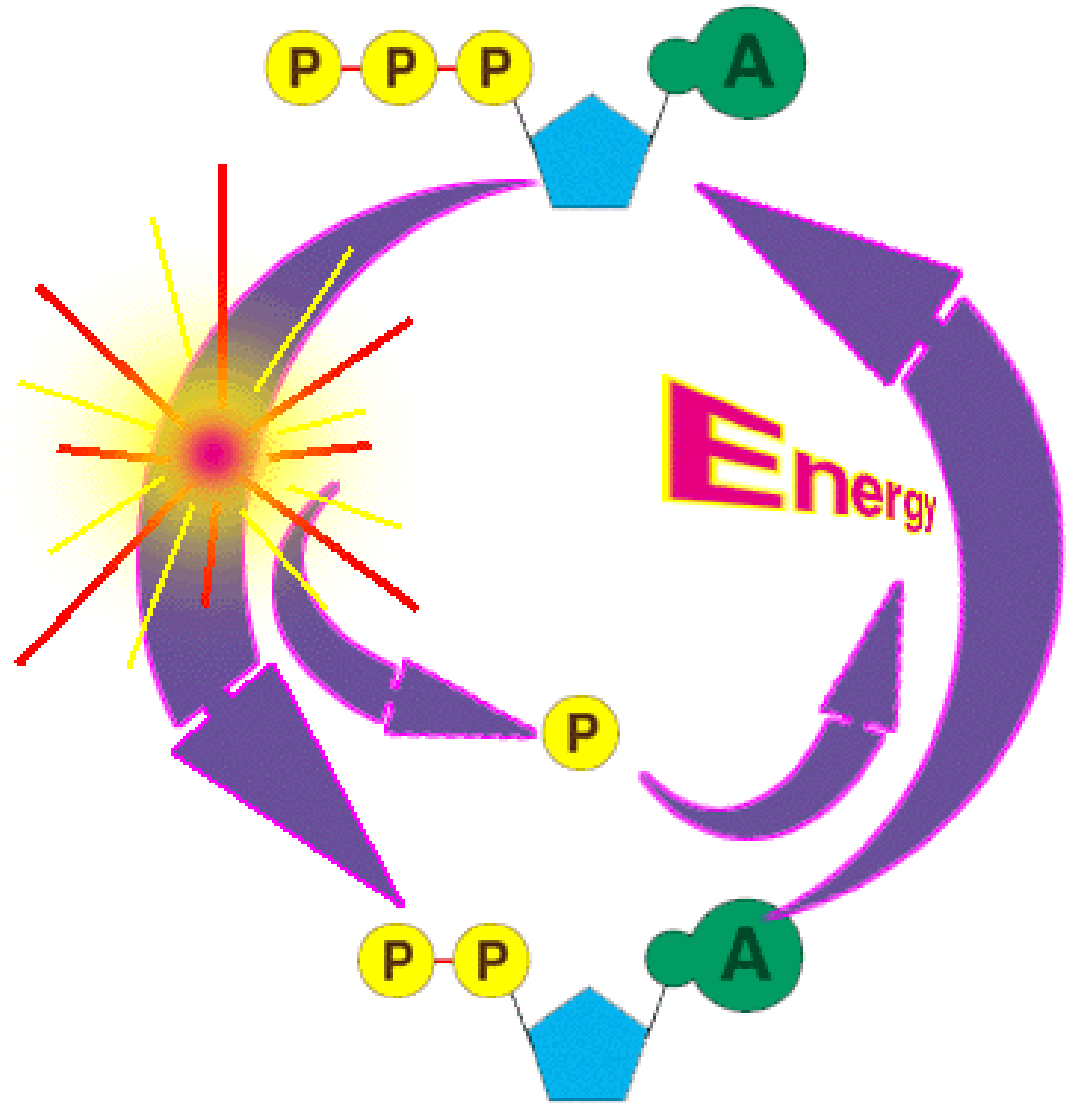


Cells Can't Eat
Hamburgers



Energy
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Basic Metabolic Reactions

Anabolic Reaction

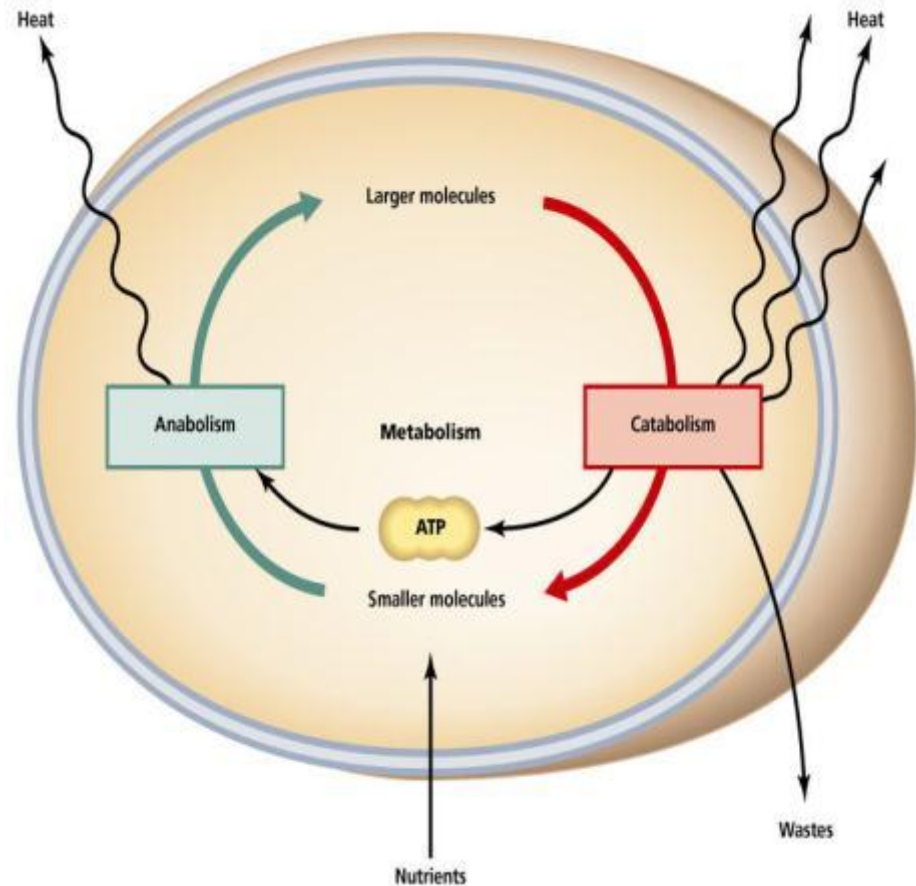
(anabolism)

The phase of metabolism in which simple substances are _____ into the complex materials of living tissue.

Catabolic Reaction

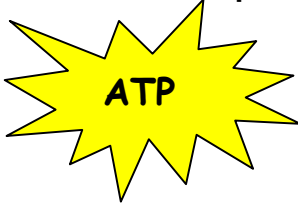
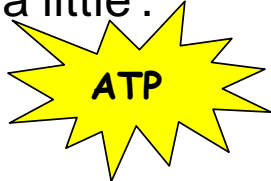
(catabolism)

The metabolic _____ of complex molecules into simpler ones, often resulting in a release of energy.



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Carbohydrate Catabolism

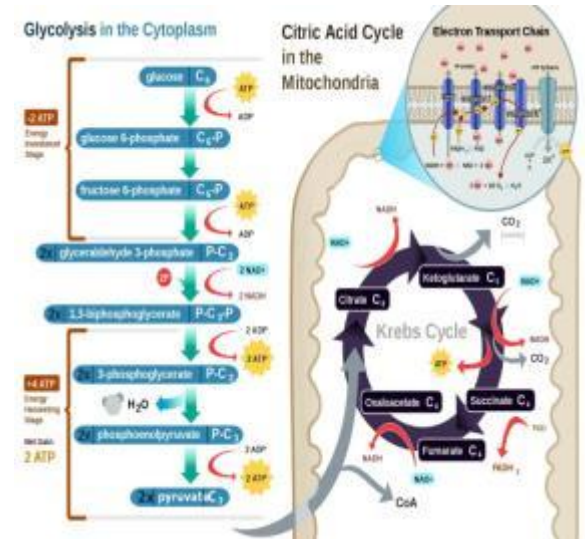
- Organisms catabolize carbohydrates as the primary energy source for anabolic reactions.
- *Q: What sugar is most commonly broken down in cellular respiration?*
 - **Aerobic cellular respiration** → Results in complete breakdown of glucose to carbon dioxide, water and a lot of 
 - **Anaerobic respiration & Fermentation** → Only partially breaks down glucose, into pyruvic acid and organic waste products and a little .

Aerobic cellular respiration →

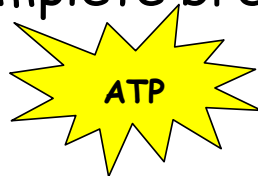
The steps that a cell must go through to turn other forms of energy into ATP.

The 4 subpathways of cellular respiration are ...

1. glycolysis
2. synthesis of acetyl-CoA
3. Krebs cycle
4. electron transport chain



...which result in complete breakdown of glucose to carbon dioxide, water and

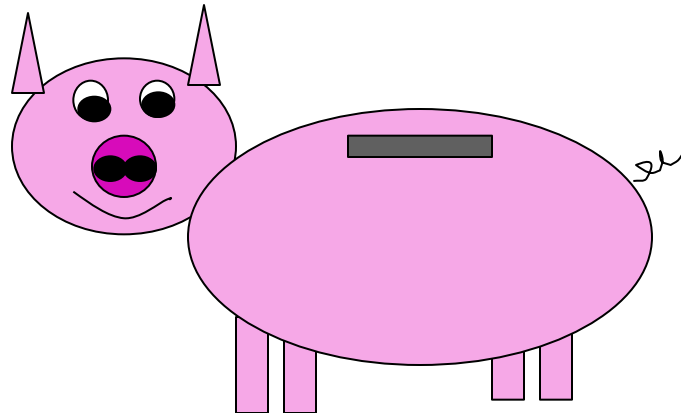
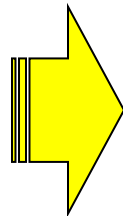


Q: What is required for respiration to be aerobic?

Aerobic Cellular Respiration

Subpathway	Molecule In	Molecule Out	Energy Obtained
1. glycolysis			
2. synth acetyl-CoA			
3. Krebs cycle			
4. ETC			

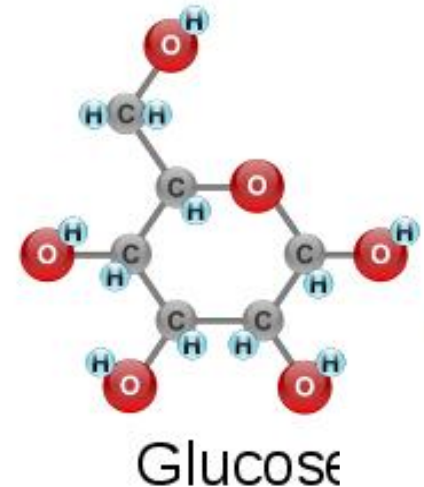
Let's put the energy extracted from glucose into our energy piggy bank.



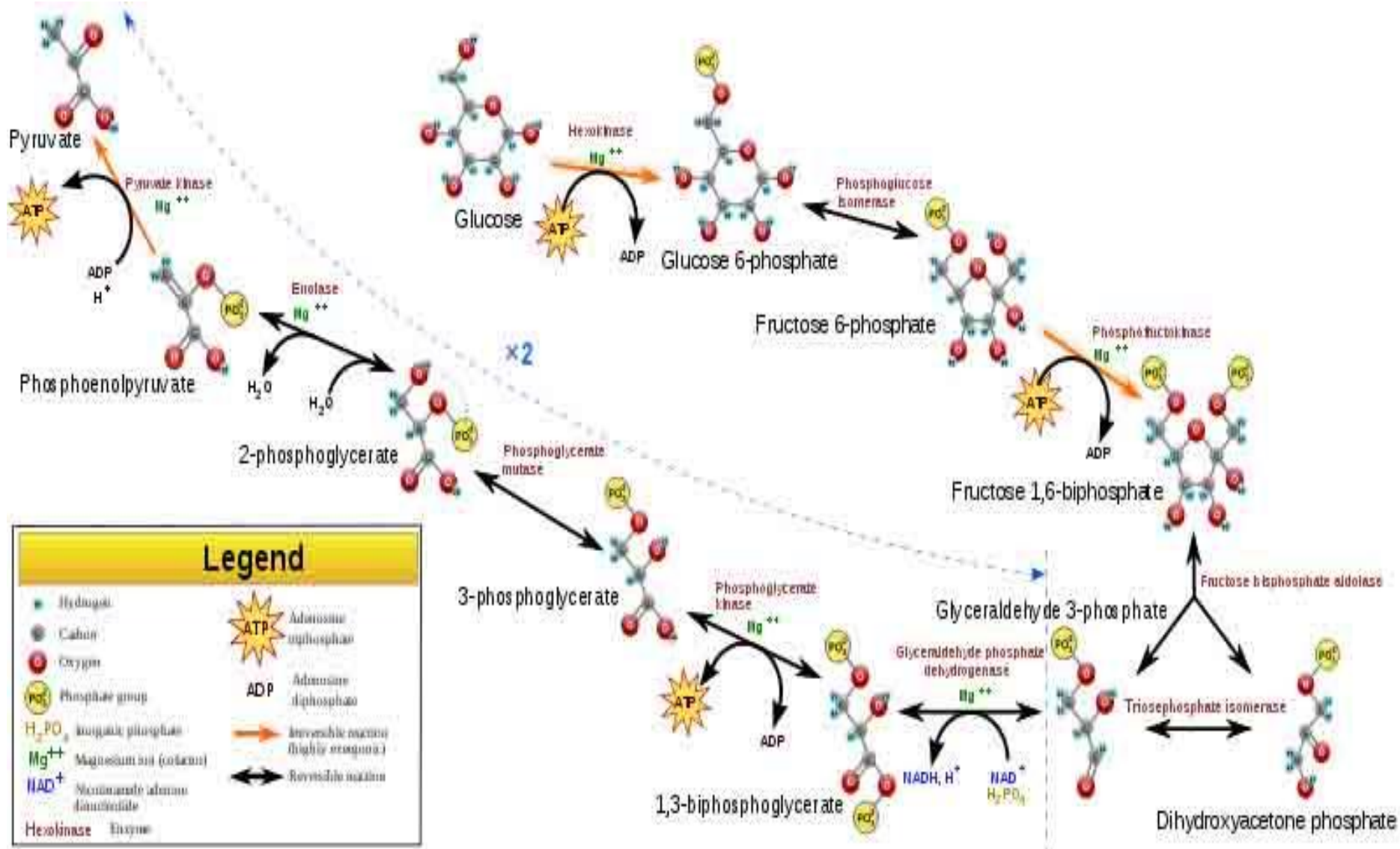
Aerobic cellular respiration →

1. _____

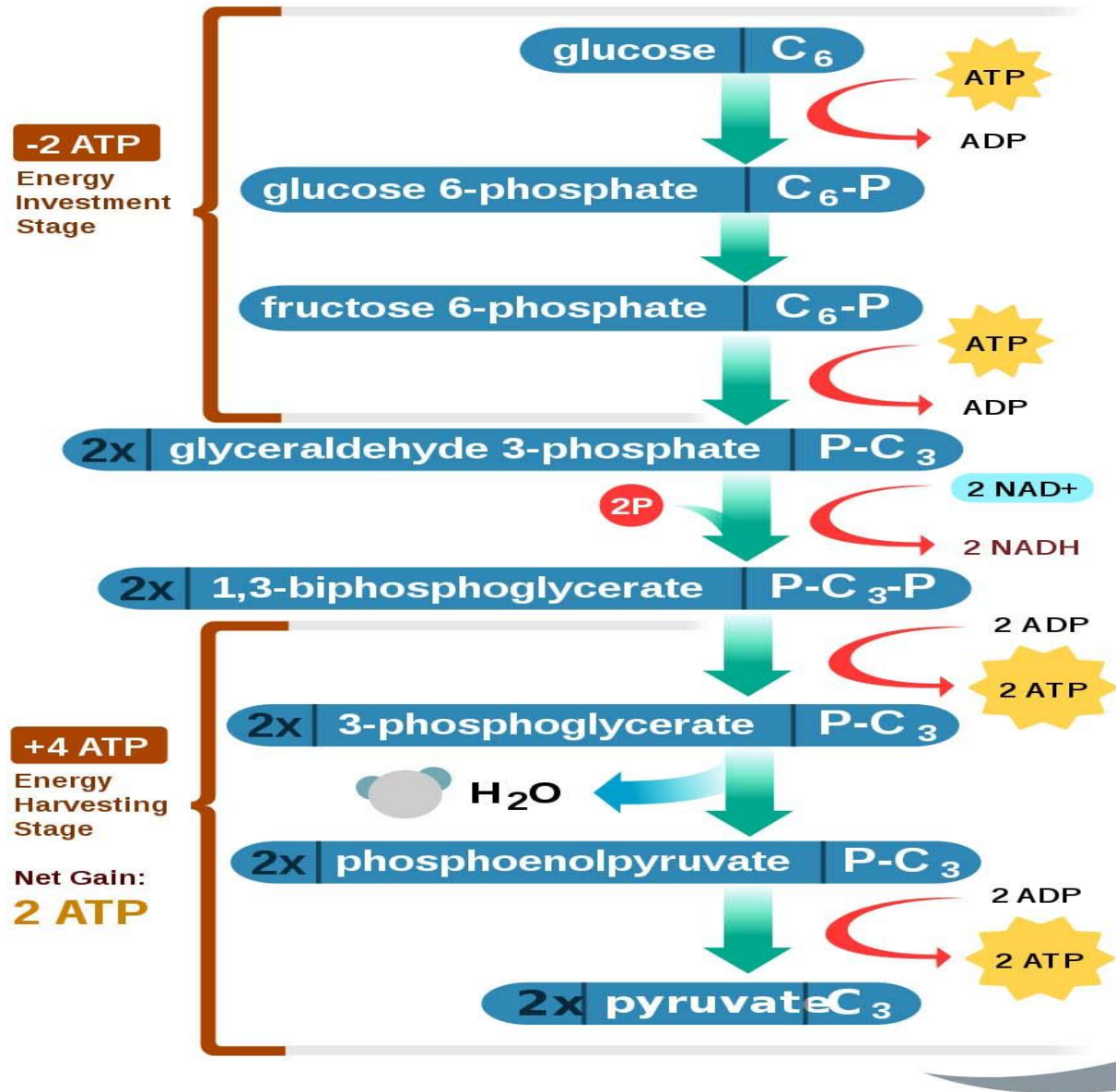
- Occurs in the **cytoplasm** of most cells.
- Involves splitting of a six-carbon glucose into two three-carbon _____ molecules.
- Results in:
 - a net gain of 2
 - 2 NADH



Glycolysis



Glycolysis in the Cytoplasm



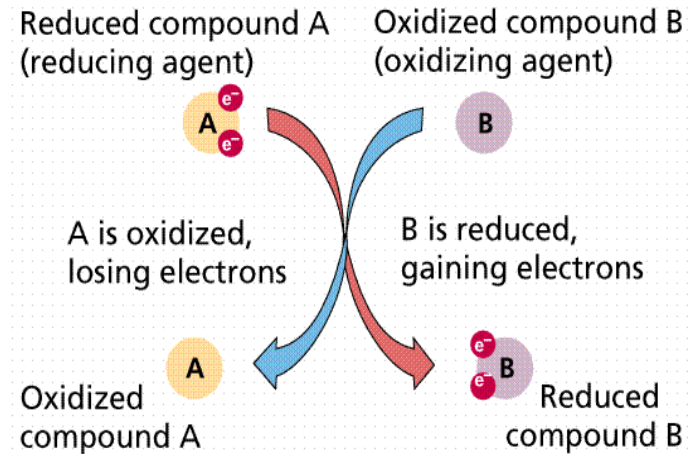
Q: *What is NADH?*

- Cells use special molecules to carry electrons (*often in H atoms*).
- This is potential energy, another way to transport energy.
- Two important _____
 - Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD^+) \rightarrow add electrons & hydrogen \rightarrow NADH
 - Flavine adenine dinucleotide (FAD) \rightarrow add electrons and hydrogen \rightarrow FADH_2
- Think of these energy carriers as rechargeable batteries.
(When they have the electrons and hydrogens they are charged up, when they don't, they need charging.)



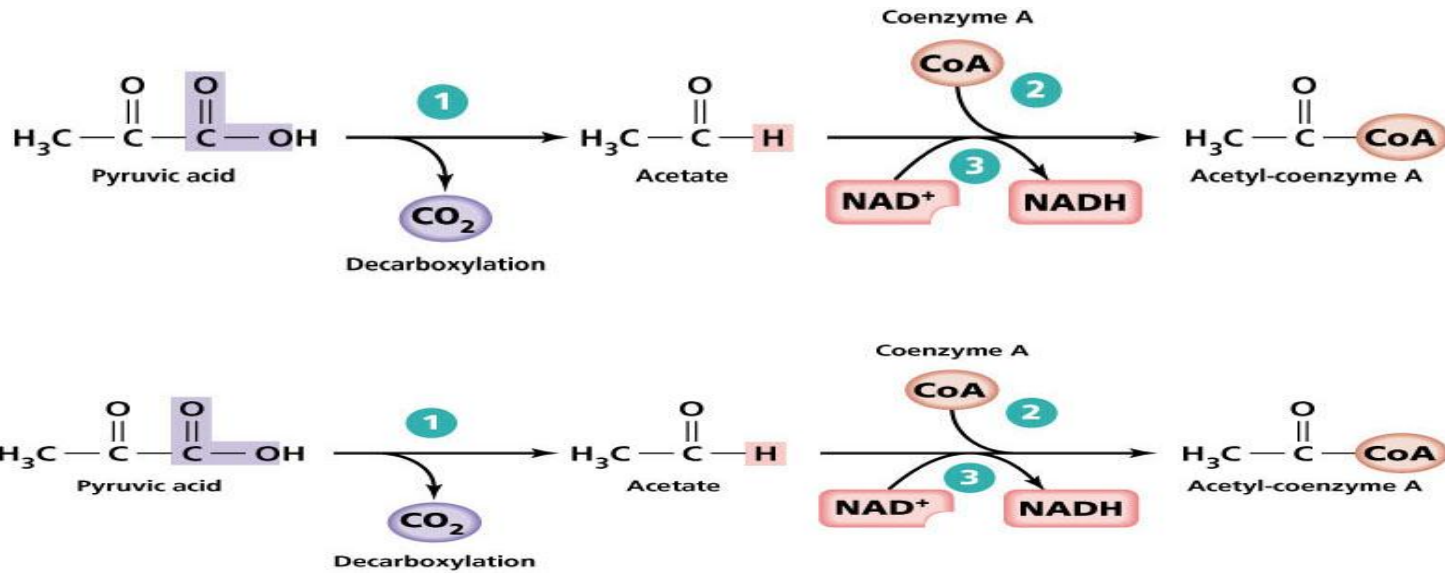
Electron Carriers & Oxidation-Reduction Reactions

- Or **Redox** reaction = chemical reactions in which electrons are gained, lost or shared in a chemical reaction.
- _____ describes the loss of electrons by a molecule, atom or ion.
- _____ describes the gain of electrons by a molecule, atom or ion.



Q: When NAD^+ and $FADH$ are turned into $NADH$ and $FADH_2$, are they being oxidized or reduced?

2.



The two molecules of pyruvate (pyruvic acid above) result in:



- Two molecules of _____
- Two molecules of _____ (This is what generates carbon dioxide that you breathe out.)
- Two molecules of _____ (electron carrier)

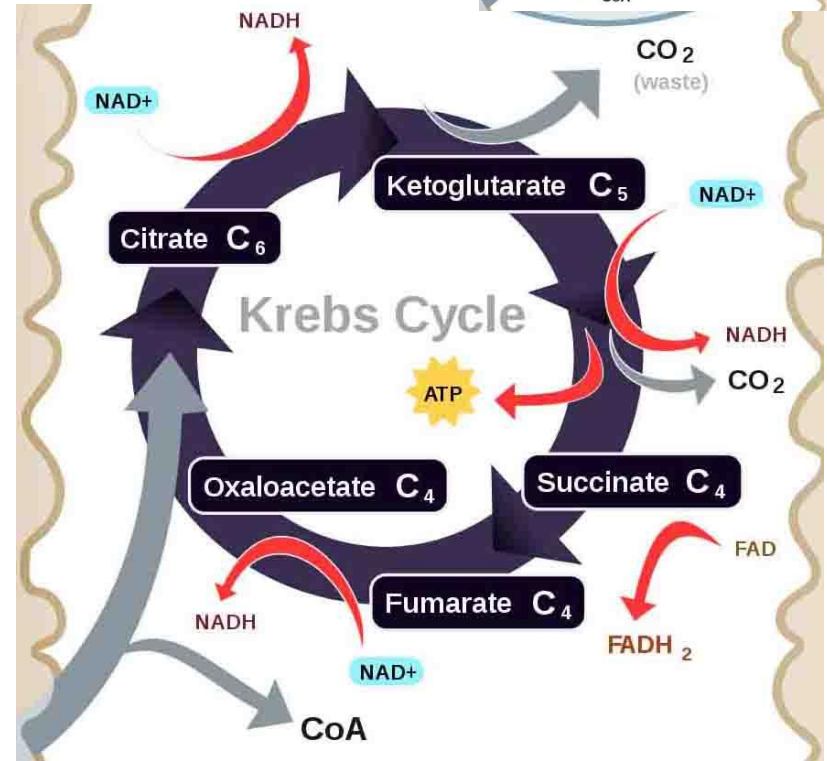
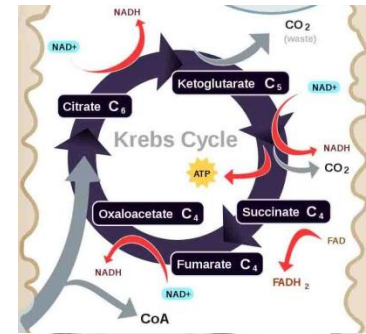
3.

(a.k.a Citric Acid Cycle)

- Great amount of energy remains in bonds of acetyl-CoA.
- The Krebs cycle transfers much of this energy to electron carriers NAD^+ & FAD .
- Occurs in cytoplasm of prokaryotes and in matrix of mitochondria in eukaryotes.

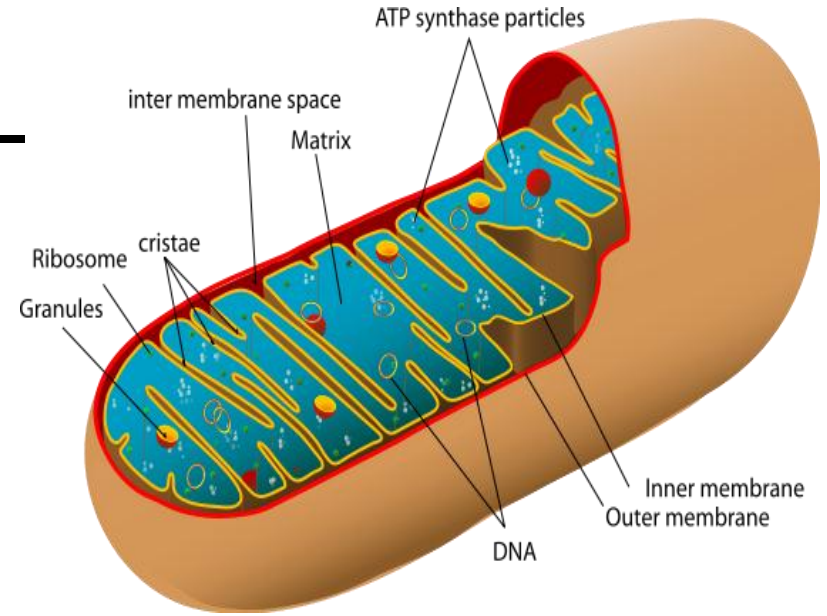
The **two molecules** of Acetyl Co-A result in:

- Two molecules of  
- Two molecules of _____
(electron carrier)
- Six molecules of _____
(electron carrier)
- Four molecules of _____
(This is what generates carbon dioxide that you breathe out.)



4. _____

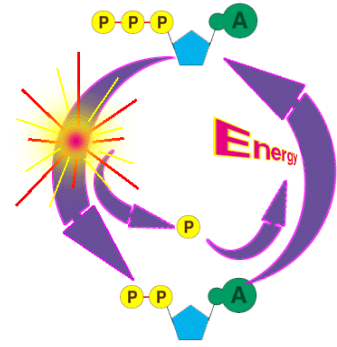
- Most of the ATP made in cellular respiration comes from the stepwise release of energy through a series of redox reactions between molecules known as the electron transport chain (ETC).

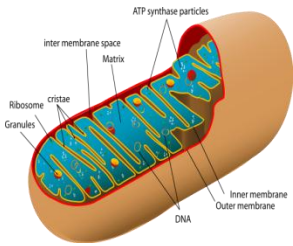


- Must occur in a membrane. The ETC is located in cristae of _____ in eukaryotes.
- *Q: Where would the ETC of prokaryotes be located?*

Three main events important in the ETCs generation of ATP:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

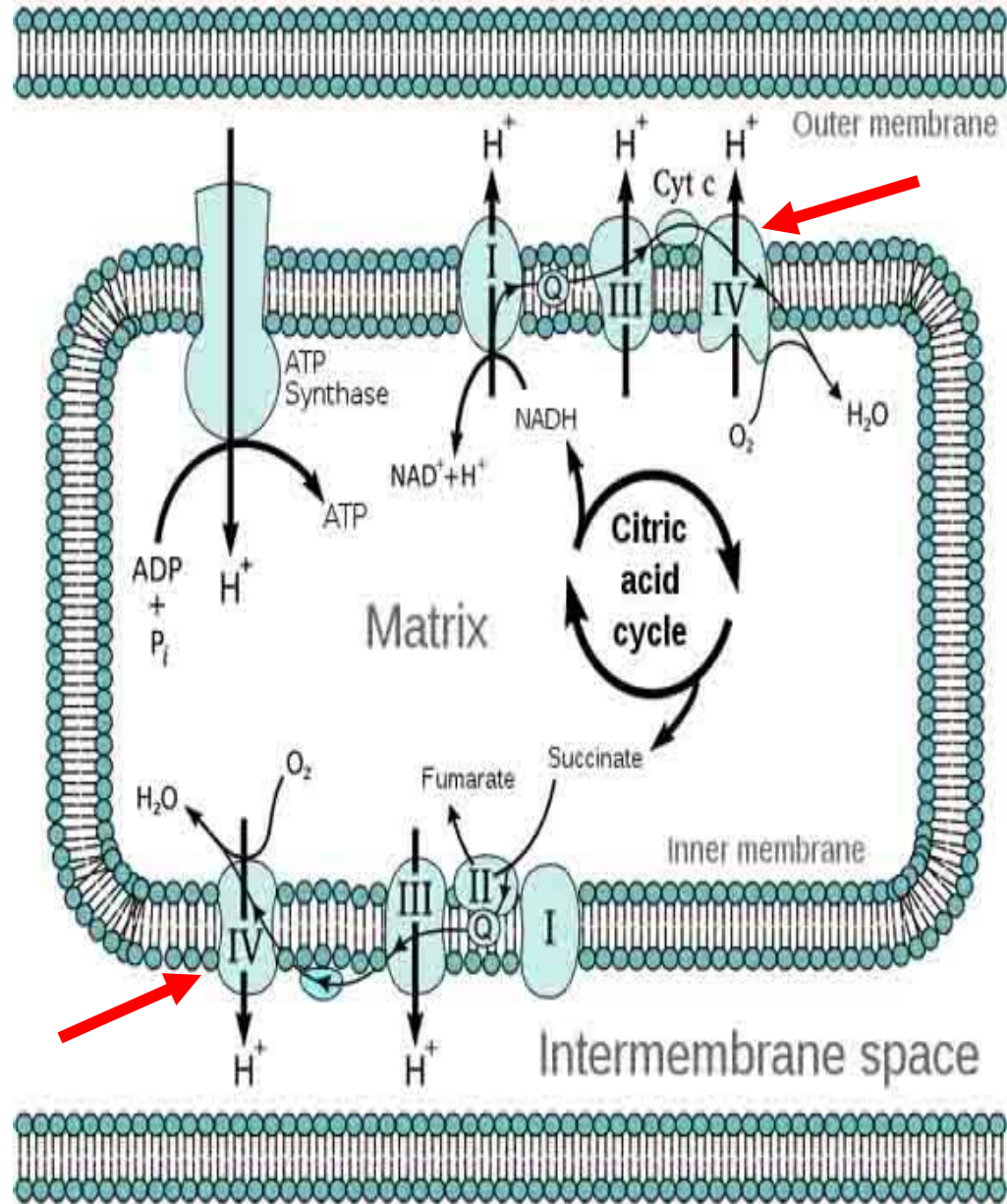




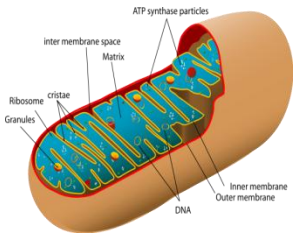
Electron Transport

1.

- _____
- The electron carriers (NADH and FADH₂) bring electrons and protons (H⁺) to the ETC.
- Carrier molecules in the membrane of the mitochondria pass electrons from one to another and ultimately to final electron acceptor.

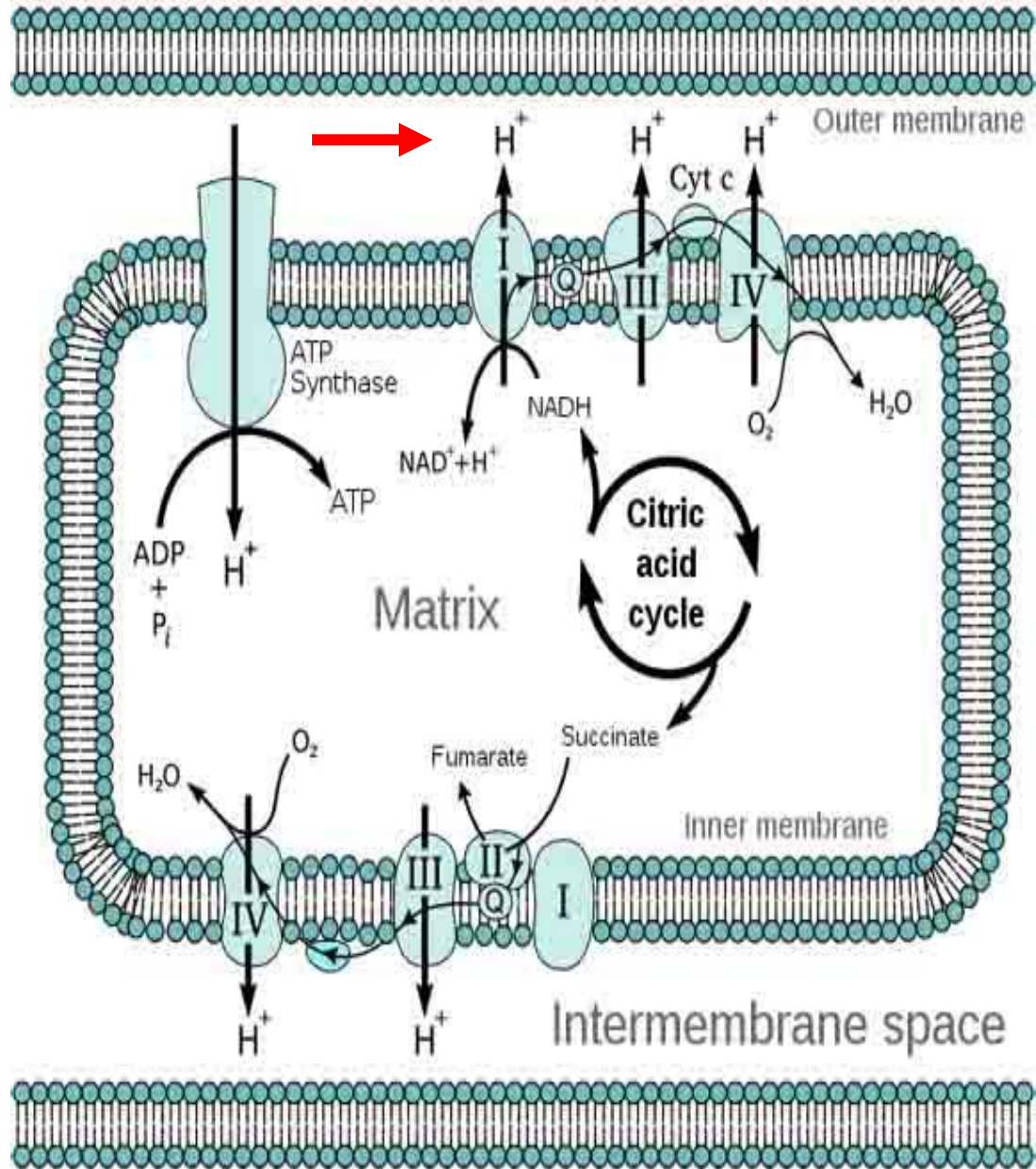


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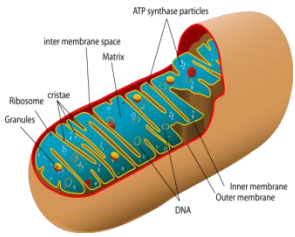


2. _____

- Energy from each electron being passed down the chain is used to pump protons (H^+) from one side of the membrane to the other.
- Proton gradient = type of _____ (difference in ion concentration on either side of a membrane) ... potential energy available for work in cell.

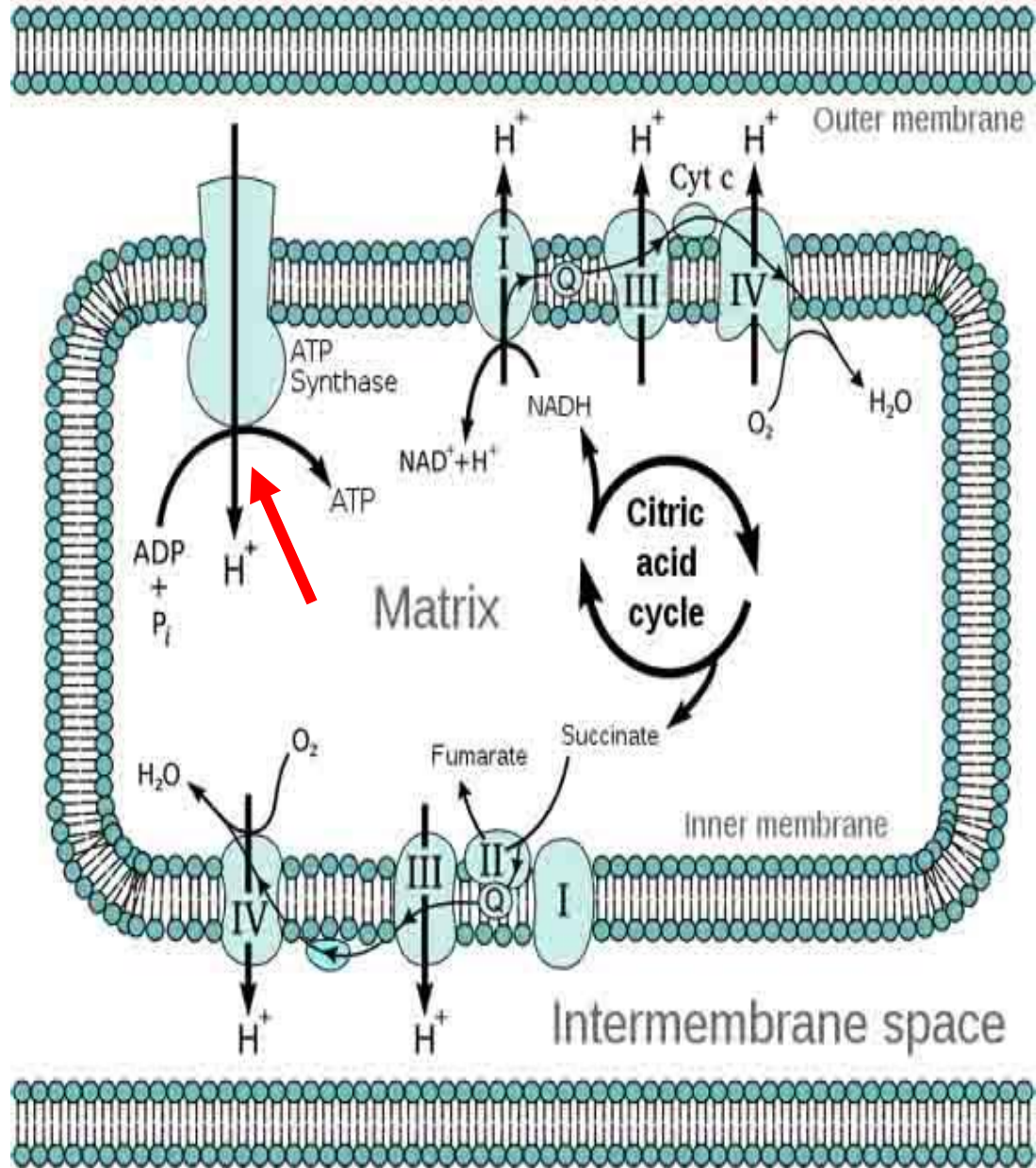


Electron Transport



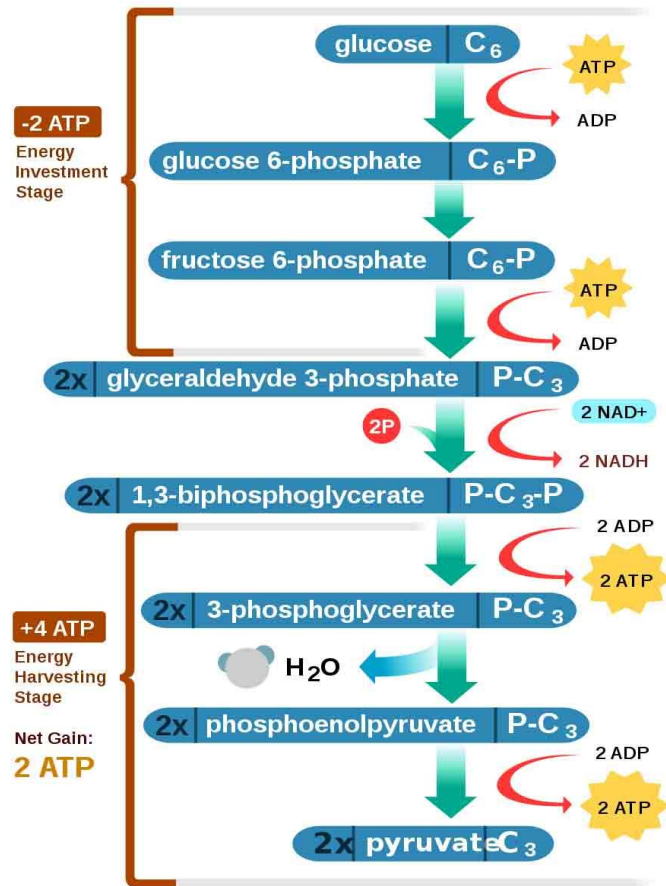
3. _____

H⁺ ions flow down proton gradient through the enzyme ATP synthase that phosphorylates ADP to make ATP.

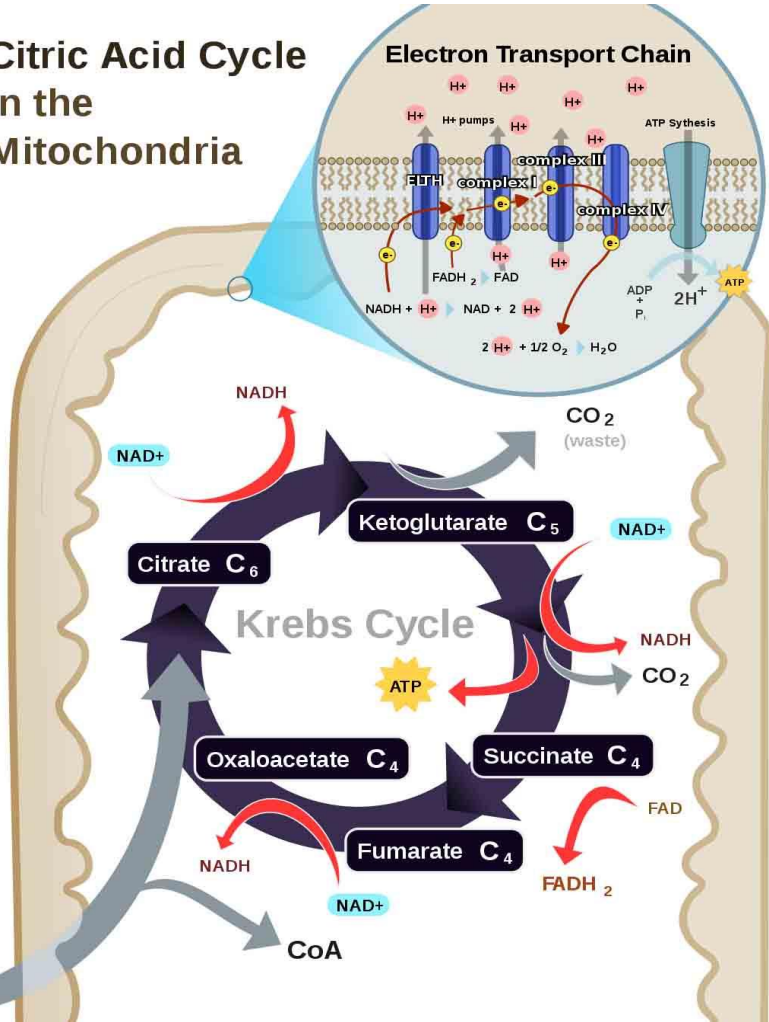


Aerobic Cellular Respiration


Glycolysis in the Cytoplasm



Citric Acid Cycle in the Mitochondria



Aerobic cellular respiration →

Utilizes glycolysis, synthesis of acetyl-CoA, Krebs cycle, and electron transport chain; results in complete breakdown of _____ to carbon dioxide, water &  ATP

The ultimate objective is to make  ATP molecules to do cellular work.

Each NADH results in 3 ATP, Each FADH₂ results in 2 ATP.

A total of **38** molecules of ATP are formed from one molecule of glucose.

Lets figure out how we got 38 ATP by the end of aerobic respiration.

Using oxygen ($1/2 O_2$) in metabolism creates toxic waste.

Microbes that are able to use aerobic respiration produce enzymes to detoxify oxygen:

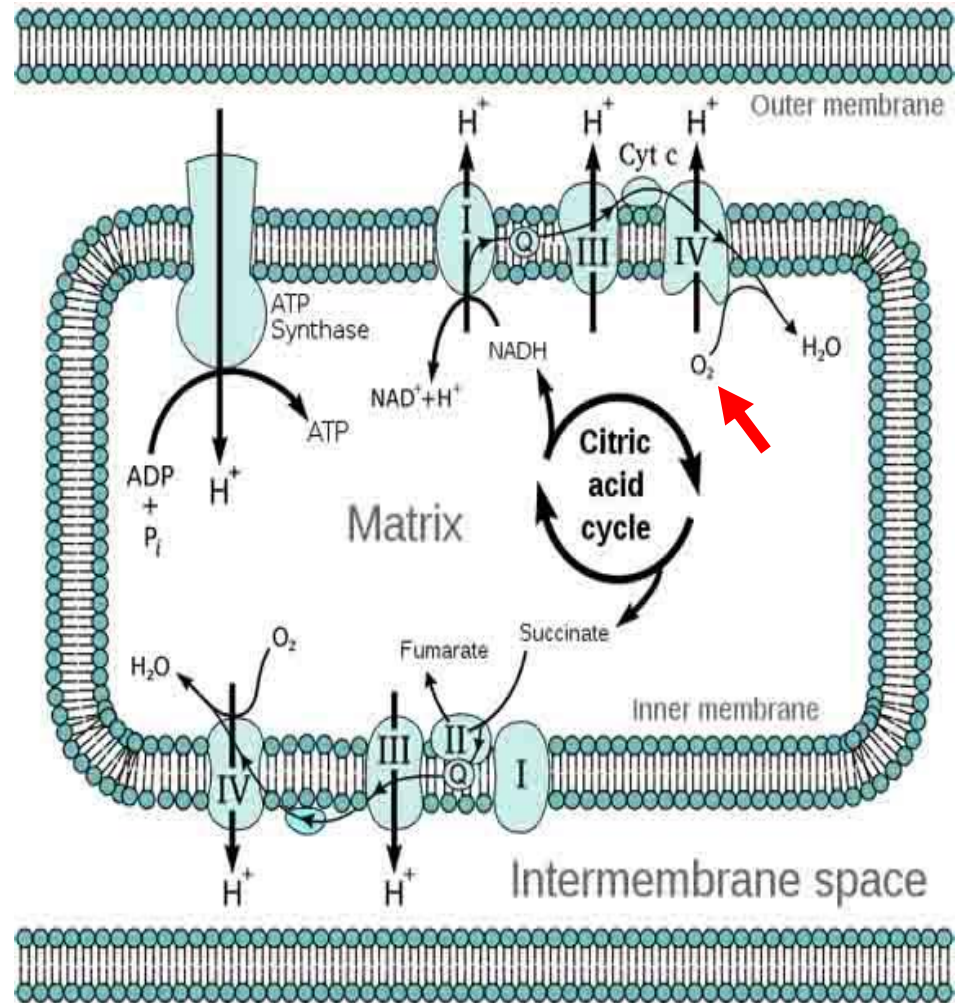
Catalase: $H_2O_2 \rightarrow H_2O \text{ and } O_2$

Superoxide dismutase (SOD): oxygen radical $\rightarrow H_2O \text{ and } O_2$

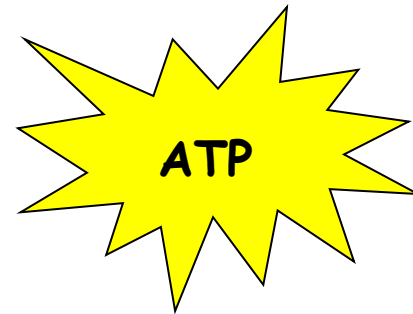
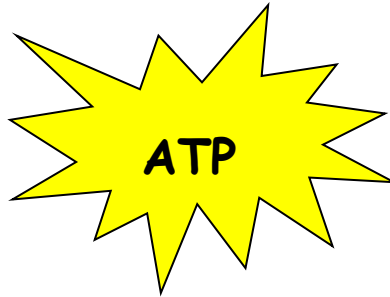
Microbes that don't make these enzymes cannot exist in the presence of oxygen.

Q: How do cells get energy if there is no O_2 available to them, or if they can't use O_2 ?

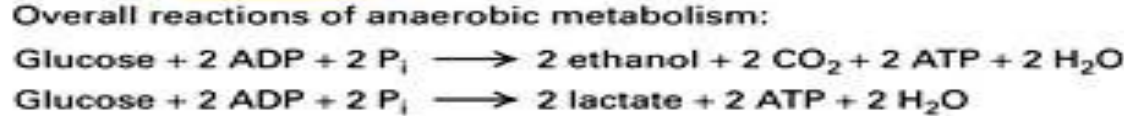
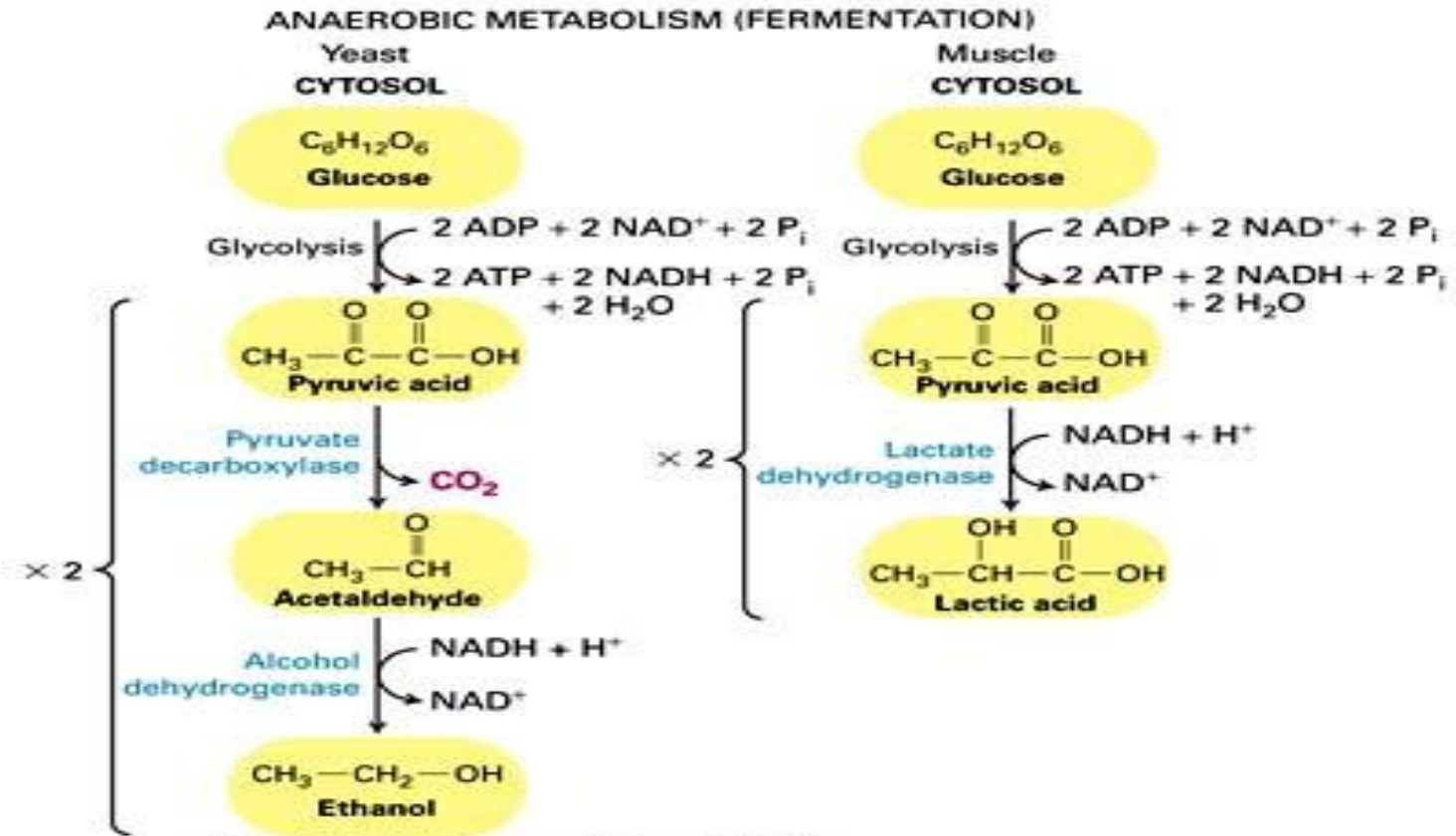
- Cells that don't have access to oxygen, or that are obligate anaerobes can make ATP by using something other than oxygen as an electron acceptor (*nitrate, sulfate & carbon dioxide*).
- In anaerobic respiration, not all the ETC is used, so less ATP is produced.



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- When there is no final _____ for the ETC, the electron transport can't happen.
 - Fermentation is an alternative system that allows glycolysis to continue without the other steps of respiration.
 - Not as energetically efficient as respiration.
 - Produces only 2 ATP.



Fermentation



Metabolism & Identification of Microbes

Some of the specialized media that we have worked with in lab is both selective and differential.

The **differential** properties give us information about bacteria based on its metabolism.

Qs: What is the medium in top picture?

- *Is selective ...Why? What does it grow?*
- *Is differential ...Why?*
- *What does the differential property reveal about the bacteria growing there?*

Qs: What is the medium in bottom picture?

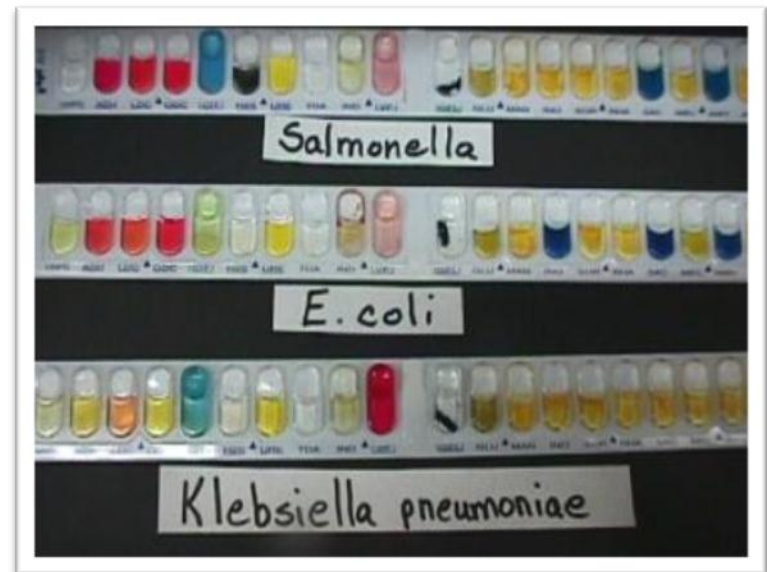
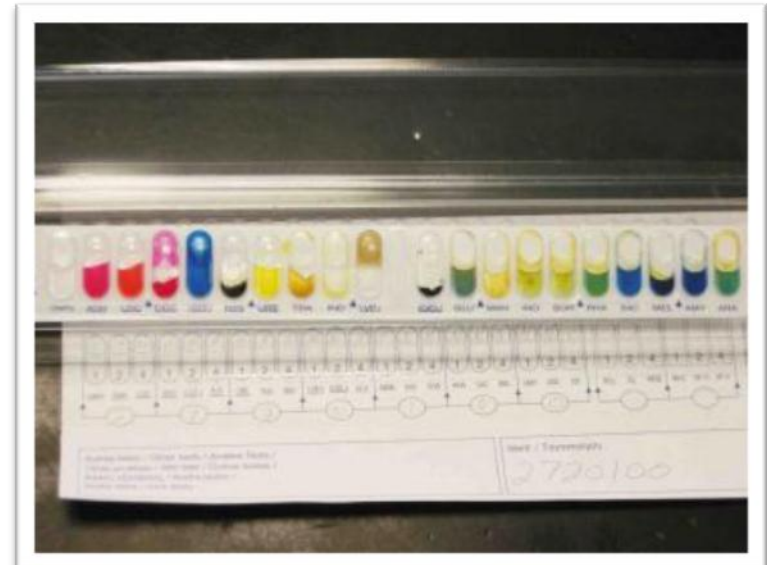
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Metabolism & Identification of Microbes

API-20E

- The API-20E test is used to ID Gram-negative enteric bacilli-shaped bacteria from the family.
- System of 20 individual, miniaturized tests used to determine the _____ of the organism.
- Some microbes can metabolize certain molecules while others can't.
- When molecules are metabolized, specific waste products are created.
- From identification of metabolic capabilities, we can zero in on identification of genus and species.



Confused?

Here are links to fun resources that further explain cellular respiration:

- [Microbial Metabolism Main Page](#) on the Virtual Cell Biology Classroom of [Science Prof Online](#).
- [Cellular Respiration](#) animation by Jay Phelan, "What is Life? A Guide to Biology", W. H. Freeman & Co.
- [Anaerobic Respiration Page](#) by Timothy Paustain, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- [Alcohol and Lactate Fermentation](#) by Central Michigan University.
- ["The Body Machine"](#) music video by School House Rock.
- [How NAD+ Works](#) animation and quiz from McGraw-Hill.
- [Glycolysis](#) animation and quiz from McGraw-Hill.
- [Krebs Cycle Animation & Quiz 1](#) from McGraw-Hill.
- [Krebs Cycle Animation & Quiz 2](#) from McGraw-Hill.
- [Electron Transport Chain](#) animation from Molecular & Cellular Biology Learning Center.
- [Electron Transport Chain](#) click through animation by Graham Kent Bio231 Cell Biology Laboratory.
- [Electron Transport System & Formation of ATP \(Quiz 1\)](#) by McGraw-Hill
- [Electron Transport System & ATP Synthesis \(Quiz 2\)](#) by McGraw-Hill
- [Food Molecules](#) video from HowStuffWorks, a Discovery company.
- ["The Energy"](#) song by Audiovent.



Homework Assignment

See the [ScienceProfOnline](#) Virtual Microbiology Classroom **Microbial Metabolism** lecture for a printable Word .doc of this assignment.

- At the end of some lectures, I will give you some type of homework to evaluate your understanding of that day's material.
- This homework will always be open-book.
- Today you will be given an *activity* on the topic of **Microbial Metabolism & Selective Media**.
- If assigned, this homework is due at the at the start of class, next time we meet for lecture.



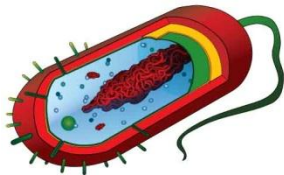
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