

8.1 Metabolism

Essential Idea: Metabolic reactions are regulated in response to the cell's needs

- regulation of enzyme production → linked to how the produced enzyme controls the reactions & regulates.
- cells maintain stability → homeostasis. The main purpose of a metabolic reaction in a living organism is to sustain life which is kept by homeostasis.

1. **Thermodynamics:** branch of physics that studies relationships between heat, work, temperature & energy.

- transfer energy from one place to another. Energy is not built / killed but transferred
- heat is form of energy that produces work

Laws of thermodynamics

- 1st law: Law of conservation of energy: Energy cannot be created or destroyed. The total amount of energy in the universe remains constant → transferred from one system to another

• 2nd law: Hot things always cool unless you do something to stop them. In all energy exchanges, if no energy enters or leaves the system, the potential energy of the final state will always be less than that of the initial state. There is always energy loss (as heat) when energy changes form.

- we produce a lot of things in our system & we will lose heat as a waste material of everything that we do.

• 3rd law: Entropy in a closed system can never decrease



enzymes are like PAC MAN!

2. **Enzymes:** Globular proteins which act as catalysts for biological reactions

- Enzyme speed up chemical reactions by lowering the activation energy

- They can go through conformational changes → transform energy in other forms of energy

- In photosynthesis, enzymes capture the energy of the sun to transform it into glucose. $\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{ATP}$: potential energy why? because when we consume / eat ATP, we break the bond & by breaking it we produce an exergonic reaction.

- Some enzymes are not proteins = Ribozymes which are RNA molecules.

3. **Metabolism**

It's a set of life-sustaining chemical transformations within the cells of living organisms. These enzyme-catalyzed reactions allow organisms to grow & reproduce, maintain their structures, & respond to their environment. → Organism's metabolism transforms matter & energy (subject to the laws of thermodynamics)

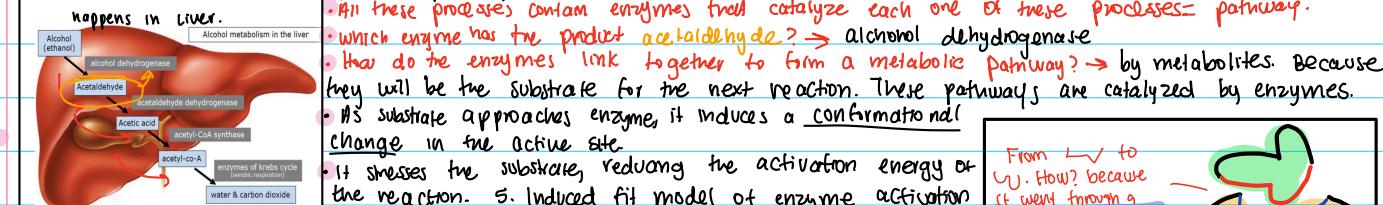
- In metabolism, the precursor is converted into a product through a series of metabolic intermediates called metabolites

4. **Metabolic pathways** → roads to metabolites to travel & produce something

- Series of chemical reactions → anabolic / catabolic

- metabolic pathways: consist of chains & cycles of enzyme-catalyzed reactions

Example of metabolic pathway → the pathway / metabolism that breaks down ethanol (alcohol) into water & carbon dioxide.



metabolites → intermediate element in a biochemical pathway.

Anabolic: build complex molecules

Catabolic: break down complex molecules

metabolites → consist of chains & cycles of enzyme-catalyzed reactions

6. Activation energy

- minimum energy that we need for a reaction to happen

7. OIL/RIG: Oxidation Is Loss, Reduction Is Gain

- losing electrons (e^-) → oxidation. - gaining electrons (e^-) is a reduction reaction. The flow of electrons provide energy for organisms → energy will be provided by this exchange of electrons → reduction & oxidation of different molecules.

- All the reactions involving electron flow are oxidation / reduction reactions

The flow of electrons in oxidation-reduction reactions is directly or indirectly responsible for all work done by living organisms.

Chemiosmotic theory: Energy (which is derived from electron transfer reactions) is temporarily stored as a transmembrane difference in charge & pH. Why pH? bcz we have a gradient of protons.

- this charge drives the formation of ATP in oxidative phosphorylation & photophosphorylation.

- We have a proton pump that will act in the membrane.

8. Phosphorylation:

• The adding of a phosphate to any molecule or ion.

• For example, the adding of a phosphate to ADP to form ATP = phosphorylation process. Once you phosphorylate an ion, it's gonna become less stable & will need to react because of its instability.

There are 3 types of phosphorylation: substrate level phosphorylation, oxidative phosphorylation, & photophosphorylation.

Substrate level phosphorylation → dephosphorylation = opposite.

- just adding a phosphate to a substrate → ATP cycle → when we break down the last phosphate we are going to dephosphorylate (opposite reaction) free ATP to produce ADP & ADP will phosphorylate itself to make ATP.

- ATP-ADP cycle. AMP can also be the case.

Oxidative & photophosphorylation

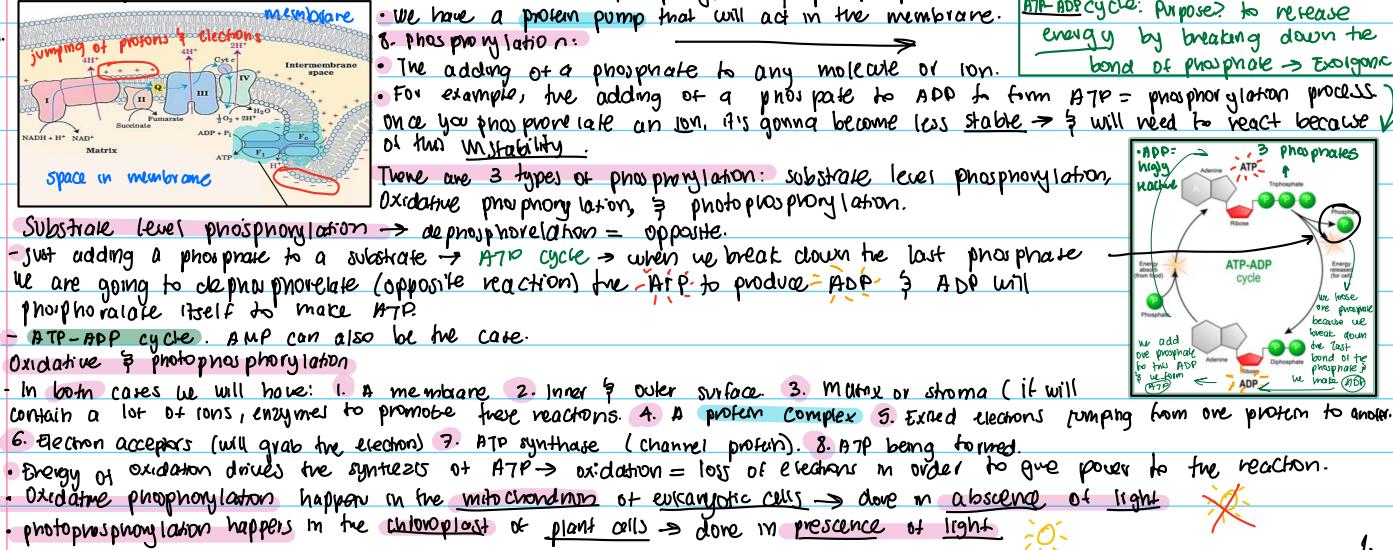
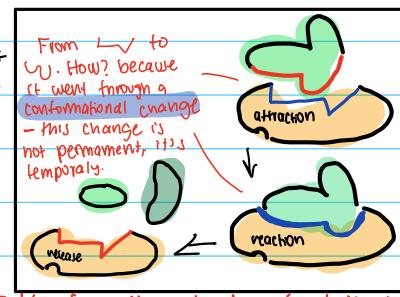
- In both cases we will have: 1. A membrane 2. Inner & outer surface 3. Matrix or stroma (if it will contain a lot of ions, enzymes to promote these reactions 4. A protein complex 5. Exited electrons jumping from one protein to another.

6. Electron acceptors (will grab the electrons) 7. ATP synthase (channel protein). 8. ATP being formed.

• Energy of oxidation drives the synthesis of ATP → oxidation = loss of electrons in order to give power to the reaction.

• Oxidative phosphorylation happens in the mitochondria of eukaryotic cells → done in absence of light

• photophosphorylation happens in the chloroplast of plant cells → done in presence of light



↑ oxygen water
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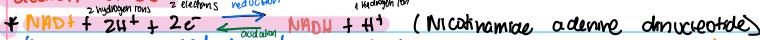
- Oxidative phosphorylation moves the oxidation of NADH to NAD^+ , by the reduction of O_2 to H_2O with the electrons donated by NADH & FADH_2 molecules holding potential energy in the H's why? because the H's will release protons that will be jumping up & down.

- Oxygen acts as an acceptor of the lost electron in the electron transport chain. So the last electron in the last protein will be grabbed by oxygen (last molecule capturing these electrons) which forms water

- Photophosphorylation involves the oxidation of water (H_2O) & oxygen (O_2)

- NAD^+ acts as the ultimate electron acceptor.

Electron comes



This process is reduction because you're gaining electrons

This process is oxidation because you're losing electrons



Oxidative phosphorylation

- Electrons from the reduced NADH & FADH_2 are passed to proteins in the respiratory chain

- In eukaryotes, oxygen (O_2) is the ultimate electron acceptor for these electrons

- Energy of oxidation is used to phosphorylate ADP

Competitive inhibition:

- The higher the concentration of inhibitor, the slower the rate of reaction

- Slows the rate of reaction

Comparing competitive vs. non-competitive inhibition

Competitive

- Attaches to active site
- Similar in structure to substrate
- Doesn't change shape of enzyme
- Increases in substrate concentration, increases rate of reaction

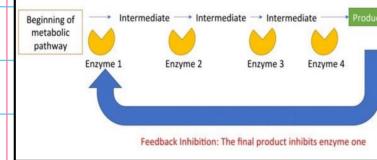
Non Competitive

- Attaches at place other than active site
- Not the same as substrate
- Changes shape of enzyme → bcz substrate is not similar to enzyme (conformational change)
- Increases in substrate concentration, doesn't affect rate of reaction

(Week 2)

Inhibitors:

Feedback inhibition → cellular control mechanism in which an enzyme that catalyzes the production of a particular substance in the cell is inhibited when that substance has accumulated to a certain level, thereby balancing the amounts provided with the amount needed.



Once we have enough product, then we will inhibit the beginning of the production of anything (enzyme) & if we have not enough, we start the product.

Relenza (example of competitive inhibition)

Relenza → synthetic drug to treat individuals infected with the influenza virus. Virions (virus particles) are released from infected cells when the viral enzyme neuraminidase cleaves (spids) an attaching protein (haemagglutinin). Relenza competitively binds to neuraminidase active site & prevents the splitting of the attaching protein.

- Consequently, viruses are not released from infected cells, preventing the spread of the influenza virus.
- Cyanide (non-competitive inhibitor)
- Cyanide → poison which prevents ATP production via aerobic respiration, leading to eventual death
- Knows to an allosteric site on cytochrome oxidase - a carrier molecule that forms part of the electron transport chain
- By changing the shape of the active site, cytochrome oxidase can no longer pass electrons to the final acceptor (oxygen). So, by preventing the attaching of the oxygen, will kill the person bcz it cannot produce ATP & can't get O_2 in our system.
- Consequently, electron transport chain can't continue to function and ATP is not produced via aerobic respiration.

Ethanol & Methanol

- Ethanol → alcohol & is a psychoactive substance (drug that affects how the brain works & causes changes in mood, thoughts, etc.)
- Also has medical applications (antiseptic & disinfectant)
- Methyl alcohol, grain alcohol or drinking alcohol)
- Methanol → methyl alcohol & it's the simplest alcohol, consisting of methyl group linked to a hydroxyl group. It's a light, volatile, colorless & flammable liquid.
- More toxic than ethanol.

Ethyleneglycol \rightarrow $\text{HO}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{OH} \rightarrow$ Methanol poisoning can cause life threatening complications

Ethyleneglycol metabolism & symptoms of intoxication. Toxicity of ethyleneglycol & methanol is related to the production of formaldehyde.

Ethyleneglycol is water soluble (clear, colourless) metabolites by the enzyme alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH) which leads to metabolic acidosis.

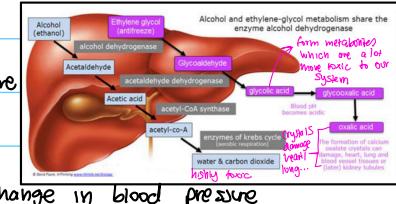
Rapidly absorbed from intestines (30-60 mins), renal failure (in EG poisoning), blindness (in methanol poisoning) & death.

Toxicity of ethyleneglycol results from its metabolism, catalyzed by enzymes in the liver, which produce more toxic chemicals.

This metabolic pathway breaks down ethyleneglycol quickly in the body (few hours) in glycoaldehyde, then into acids which change blood pH.

Symptoms of ethyleneglycol intoxication

- At first similar to alcohol intoxication: once glycoaldehyde begins to form the CNS
 - Ataxia (reduced coordination) can be severely depressed leading to seizure - where electrical activity in the brain changes.
 - Sleepiness
 - Slurred speech
 - Vomiting
- Symptoms of the later metabolic products are:
 - fluid on lungs \rightarrow hy perventilation
 - heart problems & problems in blood vessels \rightarrow change in blood pressure



Question: Why is ethylene glycol so much more dangerous than alcohol? \rightarrow It is broken down into toxic products during its metabolism.

Formepizole

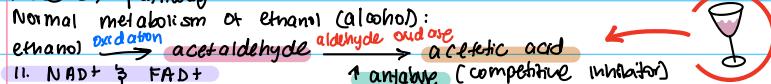
- can be used as an antidote for ethylene glycol or methanol poisoning
- formepizole is a competitive inhibitor of alcohol dehydrogenase, which catalyzes the breakdown of ethylene glycol & methanol into toxic metabolites.

Overcoming alcoholism: an example of competitive inhibition

- antabuse competes with the aldehyde oxidase & prevents the acetaldehyde from being converted into acetic acid.
- A build up acetaldehyde follows, resulting in a strong feeling of nausea & other hangover symptoms.
- Antabuse is administered as a daily pill, so its efficacy relies on the patient's own motivation - if they stop taking it they can drink again.

Process / pathway:

Normal metabolism of ethanol (alcohol):



They're cofactors!

- non-proteins that assist enzymes involved in cell respiration & photosynthesis

- they accept "high energy" electrons & carry them to electron transport chain to synthesize ATP.

Bioinformatics:

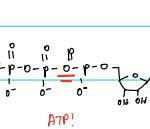
- An approach whereby multiple research groups can add into to a database enabling other groups to query the data base.
- bioinformatics has facilitated research into metabolic pathways & referred to a chemogenomics.



NAD^+ $\xrightarrow{\text{redox}}$ FAD^+ \rightarrow these + here will be replaced by hydrogens to do chemimotic process

2.8, 8.2 Cell Respiration

(Week 1)



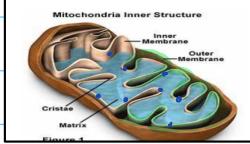
ATP (Adenosine Triphosphate)

- The energy is held in the bonds between atoms, in particular the high energy bond that joins the second & third phosphate.
- ATP = energy currency of the cell. Hence the efficiency of cell respiration is measured by the yield of ATP \rightarrow we'll measure how many ATPs are made in the different stages of cell respiration.

Essential Idea:

- Cell respiration supplies energy for the functions of life
- Energy is converted to a usable form in cell respiration.

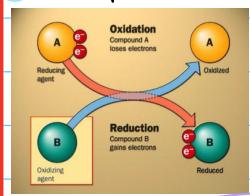
1. Mitochondria \Rightarrow structure & function



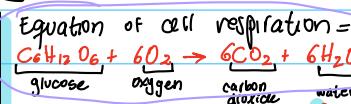
- Since we have endosymbiosis, we have a double membrane \rightarrow external membrane, internal membrane & inter membrane space.
- Matrix is the source of a lot of enzymes/ions that will take place in the metabolic reaction.
- Mitochondria have 70S ribosomes & naked loops of DNA.
- Mitochondria has circular DNA. Why? according to the endosymbiotic theory, you have a primitive cell that was eaten by a big cell & became part of the big cell. The big cell gets the energy that mitochondria produces & it will get the supplies of the big cell & protection.
- Cristae: They will give more surface area for the different reactions happening in the internal membrane. Cristae folds in the inner membrane.
- Electron tomography used to produce images of active mitochondria.
- Dealing with biological material samples are prepared by fixing & dehydrating or freezing
- Thanks to this tomography we know that
- Cristae are continuous with the internal mitochondrial membrane
- Intermembrane space is of a consistent width throughout the entire mitochondria
- The relative shape, position & volume of the cristae can change an active mitochondria.

1. What is oxidation & reduction?

- All cell processes are done by process of oxidation & reduction. When one element/molecule is oxidized, the other will be reduced.



Oxidation	Reduction
Loss of electrons	Gain of electrons
Loss of hydrogen	Gain of hydrogen
Gain of oxygen	Loss of oxygen



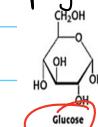
X	Oxidation	Reducing agent	Y	Reduction	Y
X loses electrons	Y gains electrons	Reducing agent	Oxidizing agent	Y is reduced by X	Y becomes positive
X oxidizes Y	Y is oxidized by X	X becomes positive	Y becomes negative	X is gain	X is positive

So, because oxidation is loss of electrons, it is smaller & becomes negative. Reduction is gain of electrons, it is larger & becomes positive.

- In the simple equation of cell respiration, glucose oxidizes on its H atoms, therefore, electrons are gradually removed & added to H acceptors.

2. What is phosphorylation? \rightarrow The adding + of an inorganic phosphate molecule to an organic molecule (Pi + R).

- Phosphorylation of molecules makes them less stable \rightarrow therefore, highly reactive.



Glucose

Hexokinase

ATP

ADP + H⁺

Glucose-6-phosphate (G-6-P)

Glucose + ATP \rightleftharpoons Glucose-6-phosphate + ADP + H⁺

Why? because in G-6-P we have a phosphate.

notice that is coupled with the hydrolysis of ATP. Hydrolysis = breaking down of ATP with water molecule.

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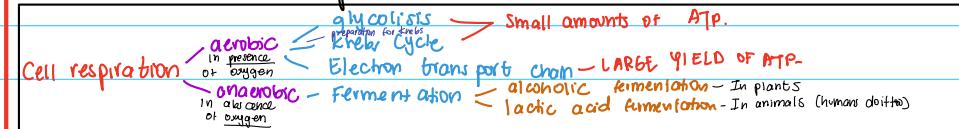
- Phosphorylation of glucose \rightarrow the 1st step of glycolysis.

• once we do this, we have 2 waste materials \rightarrow CO_2 and water O_2
 • 1st stages = cytoplasm. We go into the mitochondrion in the presence of oxygen. If we don't have oxygen, we will divert into another pathway called fermentation.

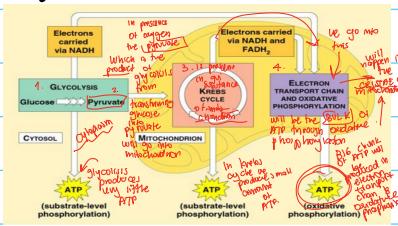
9(c) What is cell respiration?

- It's the process that breaks molecules to liberate energy, in an aerobic medium
- gives the cell enough energy to develop all living functions.

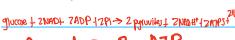
Overview of all the concepts:



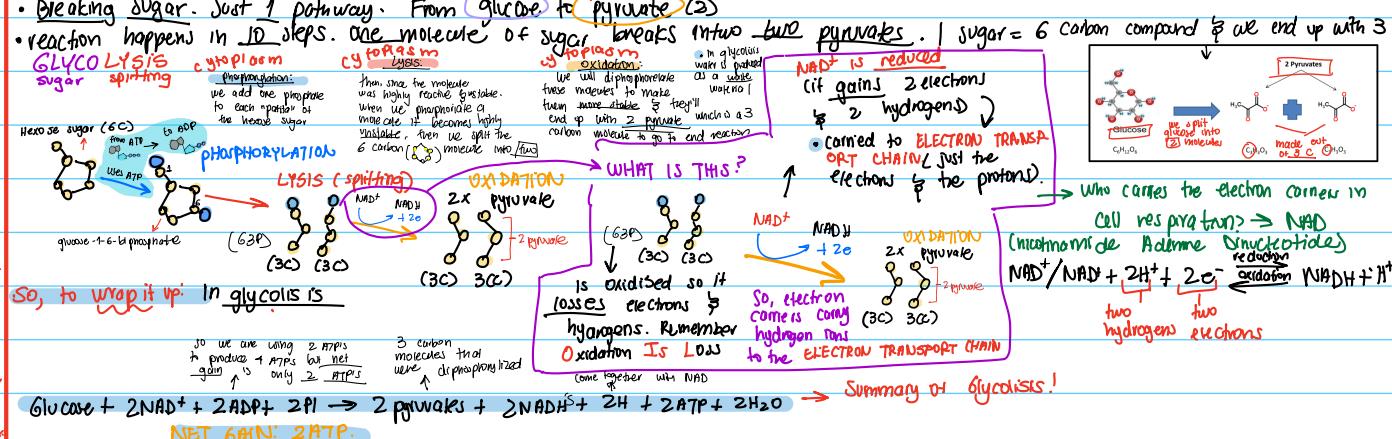
Stages of aerobic cellular respiration



1. Breaking sugar from glucose to pyruvate.
 - happens in the cytoplasm at the mitochondrion
 - hexose sugar is phosphorylated \rightarrow ATP forms into ADP. Lysis happens \rightarrow the hexose sugar splits into two. We have 2 molecules of 3 carbons each.
 - NADH is reduced and it gains 2 electrons \rightarrow 2 H⁺.
 - these 2 molecules get oxidized so they lose electrons & hydrogens. and we have the 2 pyruvate.
- Glycolysis -



10. What is glycolysis? \rightarrow first pathway in cell respiration. Glyco = sugar lysis = break.



12. we need to get the 2 pyruvate inside mitochondria
 - called intermediate reaction
 - pyruvate combines with CoA in presence of oxygen
 - pyruvate enters molecule through transport protein
 - (Acetyl) CoA is formed because CoA will get with a sulfur.
 - NADH & CO_2 are passed into:
- $\text{2 pyruvates} + \text{NADH} + 2\text{Pi} \rightarrow \text{2 Acetyl CoA} + \text{2NAD}^+ + 2\text{CO}_2$
- No ATP formed**

13. citric acid cycle - happens in matrix
- oxaloacetate and acetyl
- CoA & water out the matrix
- Form a 6C molecule also called citric acid
- decarboxylate the 6C compound we throw the CO_2 & change NADH to NAD^+ .
- change into 5C compound & repeat process to get to
- Form 1 ATP, 1 FADH_2 & change NAD^+ to NADH , which takes us back to oxaloacetate & 6C
- krebs cycle produces

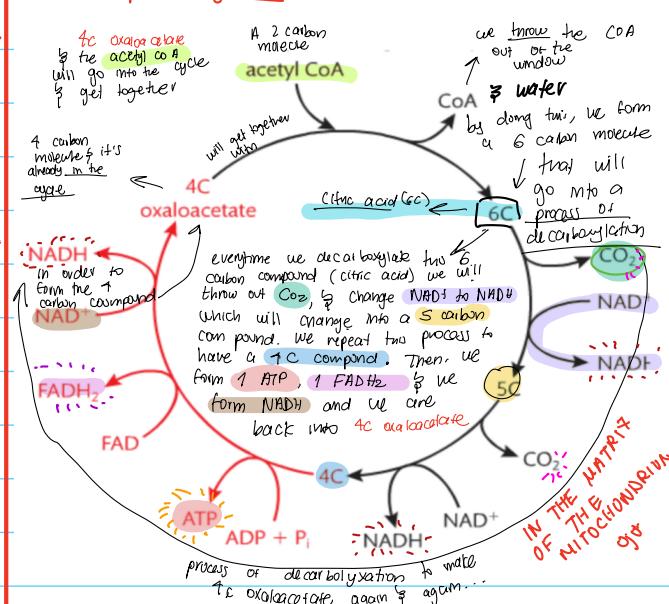
- $4\text{CO}_2 + 6\text{NADH} + 2\text{FADH}_2 + 2\text{ATP}$
- energy from glucose is now high in electrons**

12. What is acetyl group & Acetyl Coenzyme A ???

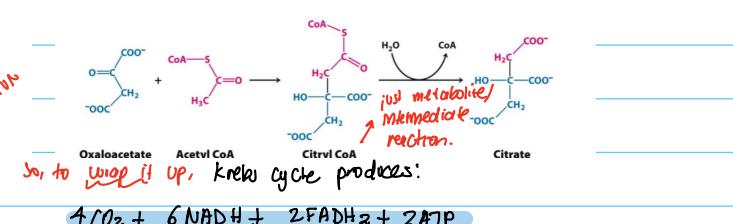
- This helps with understanding of intermediate reaction where the 2 pyruvate get into the mitochondrion.
- Each molecule of pyruvate goes into the mitochondrion and in its matrix, the following process happen:
 - Each pyruvate \rightarrow oxidizes & combines with Coenzyme A
 - Acetyl Co A is formed \rightarrow will be a pathway that is not glucose into cycle.
 - By products NADH & CO_2 are also produced.

- preparation phase for Krebs cycle. So, to wrap it up:**
- $2\text{pyruvates} + \text{NAD}^+ + 2\text{CoA} \rightarrow 2\text{Acetyl CoA} + 2\text{NADH} + 2\text{CO}_2$
- also called cellular respiration's link reaction** link between what glycolysis & the Krebs cycle. (This reaction is done in presence of oxygen)

- 13. What is the Krebs Cycle? \rightarrow Also called Citric acid cycle**
- Each acetyl CoA molecule oxidizes into two CO_2 molecules
 - Coenzyme A acts like a transferring agent, transfers fatty acids derivatives.



- Takes place in the matrix \rightarrow it is a closed cycle of controlled reactions.
- provides a continuous supply of reduced electron carriers for the electron transport chain \rightarrow we have just produced ATP & NADH & FADH_2 (carriers to continue the pathway into the electron transport chain).
- obj: Since each glucose molecule produced 2 molecules of pyruvate & so 2 molecules of Acetyl CoA, the yield per glucose for the Krebs cycle is: $6\text{NADH} + 2\text{FADH}_2 + 2\text{ATP}$
- 8 steps in the process, summarized into: Acetyl Co A transfers the 2C acetyl group to the oxaloacetate a 4C compound to form a citrate that is a 6C molecule



Net Production of ATP in Cell Respiration	
Stage / Process	ATP Yield
glycolysis	2 ATP
Krebs cycle	2 ATP
ETC & oxidative phosphorylation	34 ATP
Total	38 ATP

When the Krebs cycle finishes...

- The glucose molecule has been fully broken, fully catabolized. We put the potential energy in the NADH & FADH₂ & produced some ATP. (remember that most is in the last stage)
- By now, 4 molecules of ATP have produced (2 from glycolysis & 2 from the Krebs cycle)
- The energy from the glucose is now in form of high energy electron in NADH & FADH₂ → This energy will be used to start the electron transport chain

There are now: 4 ATP, 10 NADH and 2 FADH₂ (The 10 NADH are: 6 NADH from Krebs cycle, 2 from preparation phase and 2 from glycolysis. → 10 in total. We still have 2 FADH₂ from the Krebs cycle.

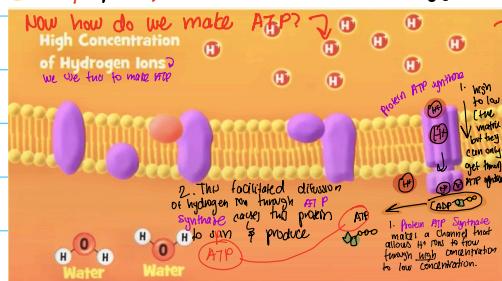
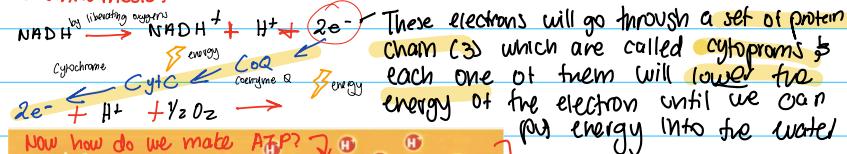
14. What is the electron transport chain and oxidative phosphorylation? → Last pathway (produces the most ATP)

Electron transport system

- The high energy from NADH & FADH₂ will be used as a substrate to start the next steps.
- This high potential energy from the electron transport chain, will be gradually lowered down by the releasing energy.
- This process ETS & Chemiosmosis will happen in the cristae of the mitochondria & intermembrane.
- What is chemiosmosis? → pg 4 → 8. What is chemiosmosis?

Electron transport chain

- NADH oxidation loses 2 electrons (2H⁺)
- O₂ reduction forms H₂O (water)



This process makes about 30-34 ATP molecules for every glucose that enters respiration.

Protein complex in the oxidative membrane

- Energy is generated by the complex of proteins DSD to pass protons / hydro-

gen ions (H⁺) through the oxidative membrane

This way a hydrogen concentration of H⁺ ions is created in the inter membrane space (an acid medium). The H⁺s should then go back to the matrix of the mitochondria through the ATP synthase.

This process will be possible thanks to the presence of oxygen, water will release.

Ojo! → The process where hydrogens & electrons are jumping up & down = electron transport chain (ETC). The process of making ATP through the ATP synthase = chemiosmosis. The whole thing together = oxidative phosphorylation!

Two different proteins → ATP synthase vs ATPase

ATP synthase: enzyme which synthesizes ATP by combining ADP & free phosphate group. ADP + P_i → ATP

ATPase: enzyme which breaks down ATP into ADP & free phosphate group. ATP → ADP + P_i → opposites!

- Ojo: • Each NADH produces 3 ATP (total 30)
- Each FADH₂ produces 2 ATP (total 7)

15. What is anaerobic pathway? → doesn't use oxygen

Without oxygen, the Krebs cycle & the ETC cannot occur.

Only glycolysis is a source of ATP, for it to continue its products of pyruate & hydrogen must be constantly removed. In the absence of oxygen, fermentation prevents NADH accumulating, which wouldn't halt glycolysis & risk the cell of its energy source.

The reparation of NAD⁺ is achieved by pyruvate accepting hydrogen from the reduced NADH.

6. What is ethanol & lactate production in anaerobic respiration?

Anaerobic respiration divides into two pathways → production of ethanol & production of lactate.

Production of ethanol:

- bacteria, fungi & plants produce ethanol

- pyruvate molecule made in glycolysis loses a molecule of CO₂ (carbon dioxide) & accepts H (hydrogen) from reduced NAD to make ethanol

- yeast is grown in anaerobic conditions



Production of lactate:

- anaerobic respiration in animals leads to lactate production to overcome temporary shortage of oxygen (breathed too much)

- lactate production commonly happens in muscles as a result of hard exercise as there is not enough oxygen being supplied which causes oxygen debt.

- reduced NAD must be removed for energy to be released. Achieved bcz each pyruvate molecule produced takes up 2 hydrogen atoms from the reduced NAD made in glycolysis to form lactate

- lactate needs to be oxidized back to pyruvate.

- lactate build up can cause cramp & muscle fatigue. Muscles do have a certain tolerance, however it has been removed by the blood & taken to the liver to be converted to glycogen



Energy yields:

- In anaerobic respiration, pyruvate is converted to either alcohol or lactate. Therefore, in anaerobic respiration, neither the Krebs cycle nor the electron transport chain (ETC) can take place

- So, the only ATP that can be produced in anaerobic respiration is formed by glycolysis, (2 ATP) which is a very small amount compared to aerobic respiration.

pyruvate is converted to alcohol or lactate

pyruvate + NADH \rightarrow (lactic acid (animal))

pyruvate + NADH \rightarrow (ethanol) + CO₂ + NAD⁺: When oxygen isn't available, the ETC cannot operate so the initial supply of NAD runs out.

- to generate this, pyruvate produced in glycolysis must be reduced

- pyruvate is converted into lactic acid in animal cells.

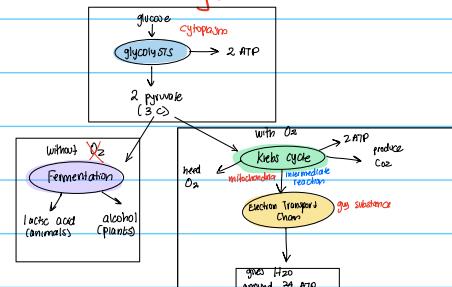
pyruvate + NADH \rightarrow 1 citric acid

The net yield from anaerobic respiration is simply the 2 ATP produced in glycolysis, therefore, much less energy efficient

In some plants, pyruvate is converted into ethanol

pyruvate + NADH \rightarrow Ethanol + Carbon dioxide + NAD

Summary!



Applications, Understandings & Skills.

Metabolism:

Understandings:

- 1 - metabolic pathways consist of chains & cycles of enzyme-catalyzed reactions
- 2 - enzymes lower the activation energy of the chemical reactions that they catalyze
- 3 - enzyme inhibitors can be competitive or non-competitive
- 4 - metabolic pathways can be controlled by end product inhibition

Application:

- 1 - End-product inhibition of the pathway that converts tyrosine to catecholamine
- 2 - use of databases to identify potential new anti-malarial drugs

Skills:

- 1 - Calculating & plotting rates of reaction from raw experimental results
- 2 - Distinguishing different types of inhibition from graphs at specified substrate concentration

Four-point mastery skill

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| 1 - Beginning |
| 2 - Developing |
| 3 - Proficient |
| 4 - Mastery |

Cellular respiration:

Understandings 2.8 topic

- 1 - Cell respiration is the controlled release of energy from organic compounds to produce ATP
- 2 - ATP from cell respiration is immediately available as a source of energy in the cell
- 3 - Anaerobic respiration gives a small yield of ATP from glucose
- 4 - Aerobic respiration requires oxygen & gives a large yield of ATP from glucose.

Understandings 8.2 topic

- 3 - Cell respiration involves the oxidation & reduction of electron carriers.
- 4 - phosphorylation of molecules makes them less stable
- 4 - In glycolysis, glucose is converted to pyruvate in the cytoplasm
- 4 - Glycolysis gives a small net gain of ATP without the use of oxygen.
- 3 - In aerobic respiration pyruvate is decarboxylated & oxidized, and converted into acetyl compound and attached to coenzyme A to form acetyl CoA in the link of reaction
- 2 - In the Krebs cycle, the oxidation of acetyl groups is coupled to the reduction of hydrogen carriers, liberating carbon dioxide
- 3 - Energy released by oxidation reactions is carried to the matrix of the mitochondria by reduced NAD & FAD
- 4 - Transfer of electrons between carriers in the electron transport chain in the membrane of the matrix is coupled to proton transfer
- 4 - In chemiosmosis, protons diffuse through ATP synthase to generate ATP
- 4 - Oxygen is needed to bind with the free protons to maintain the hydrogen gradient, resulting in formation of water.
- 4 - The structure of the mitochondrion is adapted to the function it performs

Applications 2.8 topic

- 1 - Use of anaerobic cell respiration in yeast to produce ethanol & carbon dioxide in baking
- 3 - Lactate production in humans when anaerobic respiration is used to maximize the power of muscle contractions

Skills 2.8 topic

- 3 - Analysis of results from experiments involving measurements of respiration rates in germinating seeds or invertebrates using a respirometer

Applications 8.2 topic

- 1 - Electron tomography used to produce images of active mitochondria

Skills 8.2 topics

- 1 - Analysis of diagrams of the pathways of aerobic respiration to deduce where decarboxylation & oxidation reactions occur

- 1 - Annotation of diagram of a mitochondrion to indicate the adaptations to its functions.

Questions!

What worked well during the unit? What didn't?

What worked well during the unit was the understandings from watching videos & investigating apart from the information in the slide shows. Also the class I have given us helped me. What didn't work well was the time management because I did my notes at last minute.

What will I do different next unit? I'd like to make some time to watch the video & leave everything for last ;)

Where and why did I get stuck? I mainly got stuck during the oxidation & reduction. I'm trying to understand better all the steps in glycolysis & Krebs cycle once it's a lot of information to memorize. I understood well the ETC!!