

**Cellular Respiration**  
**The Krebs Cycle**

**ATP**

## Overview of cellular respiration

### 4 metabolic stages

#### ◆ **Anaerobic respiration**

##### 1. **Glycolysis**

- ◆ respiration without  $O_2$
- ◆ in cytosol

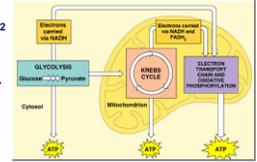
#### ◆ **Aerobic respiration**

- ◆ respiration using  $O_2$
- ◆ in mitochondria

##### 2. **Link Reaction**

##### 3. **Krebs cycle**

##### 4. **Electron transport chain**



## Glycolysis is only the start

### ■ Glycolysis



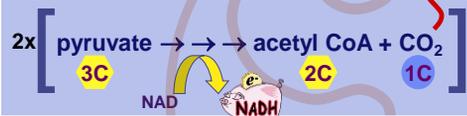
### ■ Pyruvate has more energy to yield

- ◆ 3 more C to strip off (to **oxidize**)
- ◆ if  $O_2$  is available, pyruvate enters mitochondria
- ◆ enzymes of Krebs cycle complete the full oxidation of sugar to  $CO_2$



## Oxidation of pyruvate

### ■ Pyruvate enters mitochondrial matrix

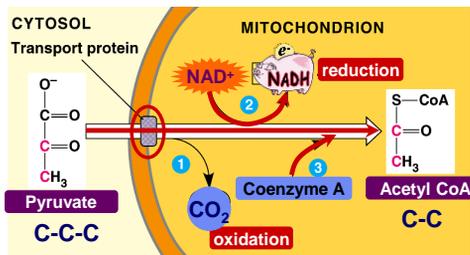


#### ◆ 3 step **oxidation** process

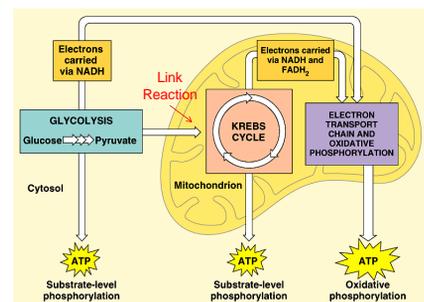
- ◆ releases **2  $CO_2$**  (count the carbons!)
- ◆ reduces **2 NAD  $\rightarrow$  2 NADH** (moves  $e^-$ )
- ◆ produces **2 acetyl CoA**

### ■ Acetyl CoA enters **Krebs cycle**

## Link Reaction: Pyruvate oxidized to Acetyl CoA



## Cellular respiration



## Glycolysis simulator review...

- <http://www.johnkyrk.com/glycolysis.html>

Both glycolysis and the Krebs cycle  
Can generate ATP by **substrate-level phosphorylation**

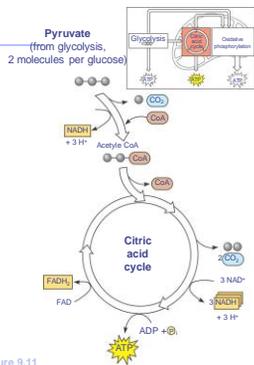
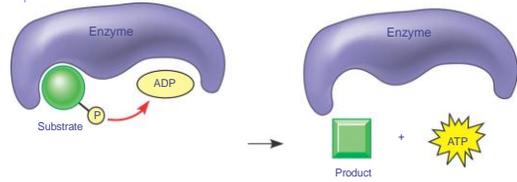
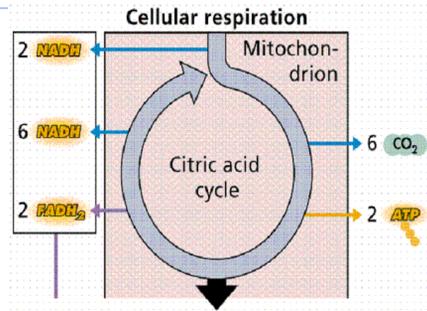
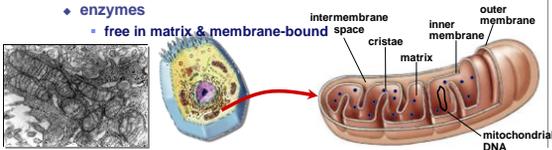
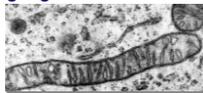


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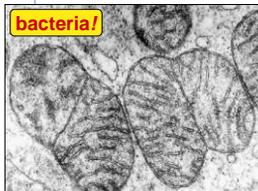
## Mitochondria — Structure

- Double membrane energy harvesting organelle
  - smooth outer membrane
  - highly folded inner membrane
    - Cristae**
    - intermembrane space**
    - fluid-filled space between membranes
  - matrix**
    - inner fluid-filled space
  - DNA, ribosomes
  - enzymes
    - free in matrix & membrane-bound



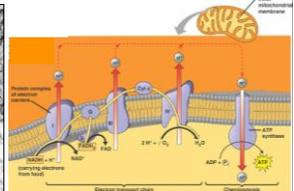
## Mitochondria – Function

**Dividing mitochondria**  
Who else divides like that?



What does this tell us about the evolution of eukaryotes?  
**Endosymbiosis!**

**Membrane-bound proteins**  
Enzymes & permeases



Advantage of highly folded inner membrane?  
**More surface area for membrane-bound enzymes & permeases**

## Krebs cycle

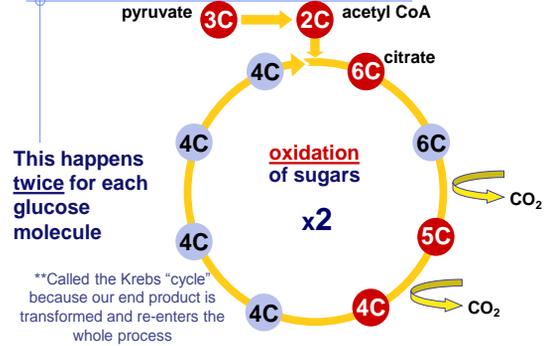
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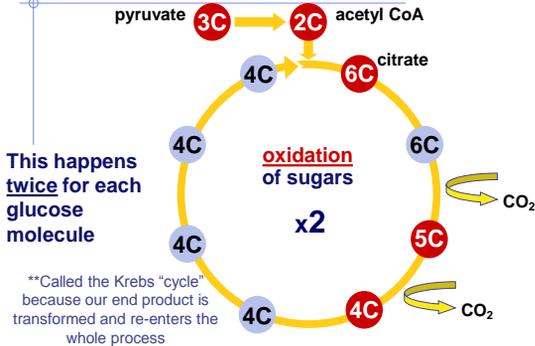
Hans Krebs  
1900-1981

- aka Citric Acid Cycle
  - in **mitochondrial matrix**
  - 8 step pathway
    - each catalyzed by specific enzyme
    - step-wise **catabolism** of **6C citrate** molecule
- Evolved later than glycolysis
  - does that make evolutionary sense?
    - bacteria → 3.5 billion years ago (**glycolysis**)
    - free O<sub>2</sub> → 2.7 billion years ago (**photosynthesis**)
    - eukaryotes → 1.5 billion years ago (**aerobic respiration = organelles → mitochondria**)

## Count the carbons!



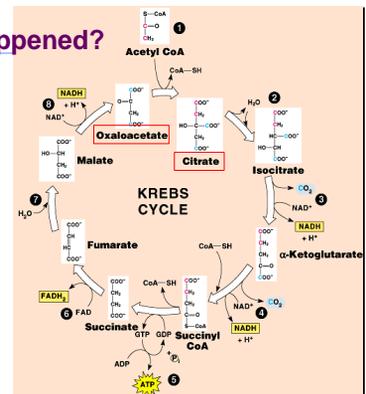
## Count the carbons!



## So what happened?

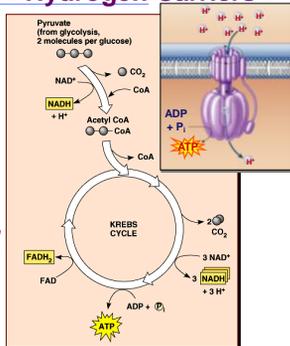
We fully oxidized glucose  
 $C_6H_{12}O_6$   
 ↓  
 $CO_2$   
 & ended up with **4 ATP!**

But what's the point?

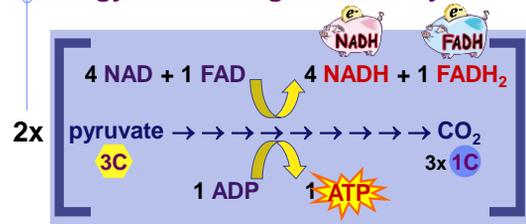


## Electron Carriers = Hydrogen Carriers

- Krebs cycle produces large quantities of **electron carriers**
  - NADH**
  - FADH<sub>2</sub>**
  - go to **Electron Transport Chain!**



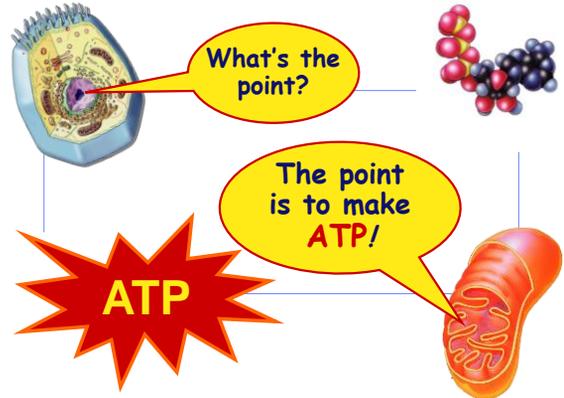
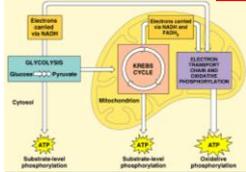
## Energy accounting of Krebs cycle



Net gain = **2 ATP**  
 = **8 NADH + 2 FADH<sub>2</sub>**

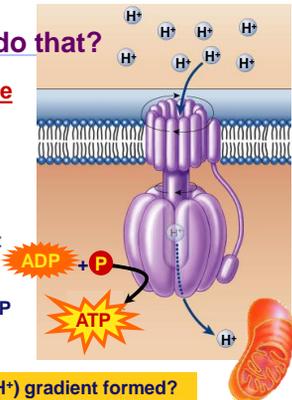
## Value of Krebs cycle?

- If the cycle is only 2 ATP then how was the Krebs cycle an adaptation?
  - ♦ **value of NADH & FADH<sub>2</sub>**
    - electron carriers & H carriers
    - ♦ reduced molecules move electrons
    - ♦ reduced molecules move H<sup>+</sup> ions
  - to be used in the **Electron Transport Chain**



## And how do we do that?

- **ATP synthase enzyme**
  - ♦ H<sup>+</sup> flows through it
    - conformational changes
    - bond P<sub>i</sub> to ADP to make ATP
  - ♦ set up a H<sup>+</sup> gradient
    - allow the H<sup>+</sup> to flow down concentration gradient through ATP synthase
    - ADP + P<sub>i</sub> → ATP



But... How is the proton (H<sup>+</sup>) gradient formed?

## Forming a Proton Gradient

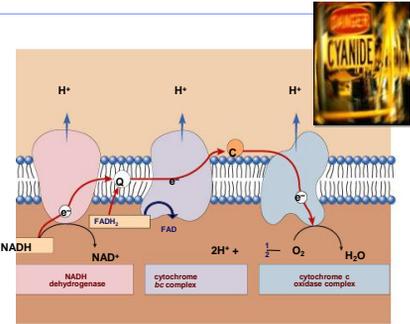
- To generate large amounts of ATP, we first need large amounts of hydrogens for an electron transport chain
- We get these hydrogens primarily from the Krebs cycle!

## Krebs Cycle

- <http://www.johnkyrk.com/krebs.html>

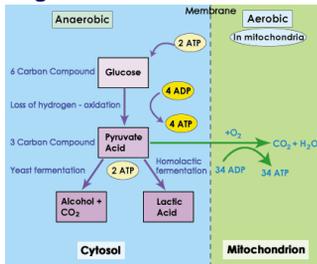
## Taking it beyond Aerobic Resp. O<sub>2</sub>

- Oxygen is really important for several reasons–
  - ♦ It's the final electron acceptor in ETC
  - ♦ Important for transporting pyruvate into mitochondria
- So what happens if O<sub>2</sub> unavailable?
  - ETC backs up
    - ♦ nothing to pull electrons down chain
    - ♦ NADH & FADH<sub>2</sub> can't unload H
  - ATP production ceases
  - cells run out of energy
  - and you die!



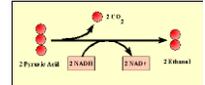
## Fermentation– No Oxygen!

- In alcohol fermentation
- During lactic acid fermentation



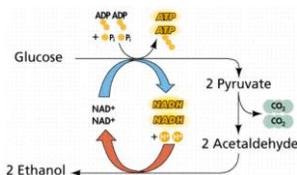
## Anaerobic Resp. & Fermentation:

- Anaerobic Respiration
- Inorganics; nitrates & sulfates are final e-acceptors
- Yields 2 ATP from glycolysis
- Occurs in anaerobic environments
  - ♦ waterlogged soil, intestines, stagnant ponds, N cycle



## Alcoholic & Lactate Fermentation

- Both are inefficient = 2ATP produced
- Alcoholic Ferm. produces Ethanol
  - ♦ pyruvate converted to ethanol to regenerate NAD+ → Gives us a new e- acceptor!
- Ethanol is toxic waste to cells



## Alcoholic Fermentation

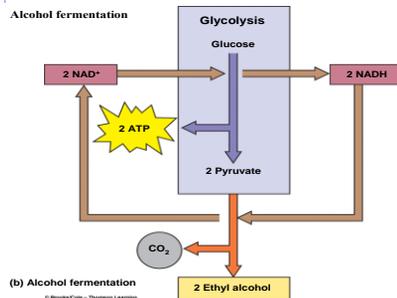


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## Brewer's Yeast

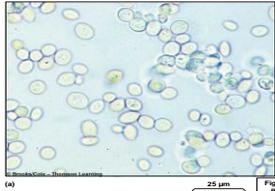
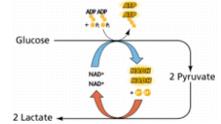


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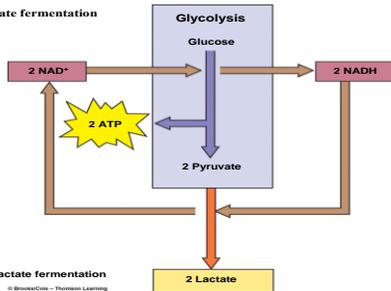
## Lactate Fermentation

- Bacteria & some fungi carry out lactate fermentation
  - ♦ pyruvate converted to lactate to regenerate  $\text{NAD}^+$
- Strenuous activity results in lactate fermentation
  - ♦ Lactate  $\rightarrow$  liver  $\rightarrow$  converted to glycogen
- Yields 2 ATP from glycolysis



## Lactate Fermentation

Lactate fermentation



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