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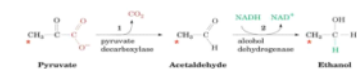
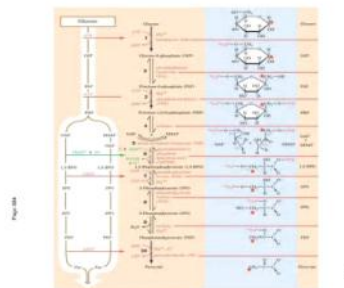
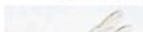
- Slide 3: Carbon tracing practice problem
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Glucose goes through glycolysis so follow 1- $^{14}\text{C}$  through.

- Slide 4: glycolysis diagram to aid in carbon tracing practice problem (red stars represent traced C<sup>14</sup>)
  - Step 2 from G6P to F6P 1- $^{14}\text{C}$  moves outside ring.
  - Step 4/5
    - Carbon 3 of DHAP, Carbon 3 of GAP
  - Step 6
    - 1,3-BPG Carbon 3
  - Steps 7-10
    - Doesn't really move, can follow down easily
- Slide 5: Pyruvate to Ethanol pictures
  - C3 of pyruvate
  - C2 of acetaldehyde
  - C2 of ethanol

- Slide 6: Cytoplasmic NADH Shuttle Systems
  - Functions to transport cytosolic NADH into mitochondrion
  - Inner mitochondrial membrane lacks an NADH transport protein
    - So NADH cannot cross into mitochondria
  - Why is NADH important? Its electrons can be used to create ATP via the electron-transport process.

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## Cytoplasmic shuttle systems transport NADH electrons across the inner mitochondrial membrane



- **Glycerophosphate shuttle in insects** (in insect wings)
  - 2 ATP per cytoplasmic NADH
- **Malate-aspartate shuttle in mammals**
  - 3 ATP per cytoplasmic NADH
  - More efficient than glycerophosphate shuttle
  - Involves malate and aspartate



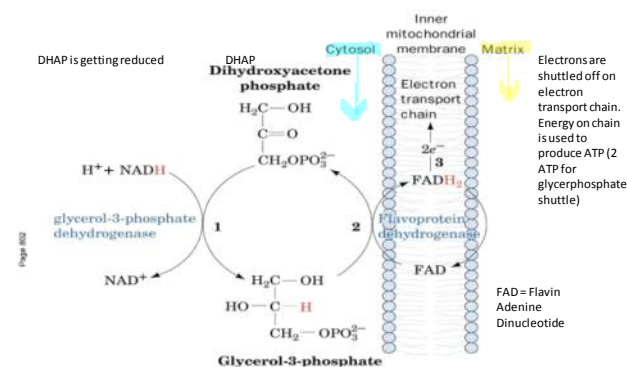
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## Cytoplasmic NADH Shuttle Systems

- Function to transport cytosolic NADH into the mitochondrion
- Inner mitochondrial membrane lacks an NADH transport protein
- Why is cytosolic NADH important? Its electrons can be used to create ATP via the electron-transport process.

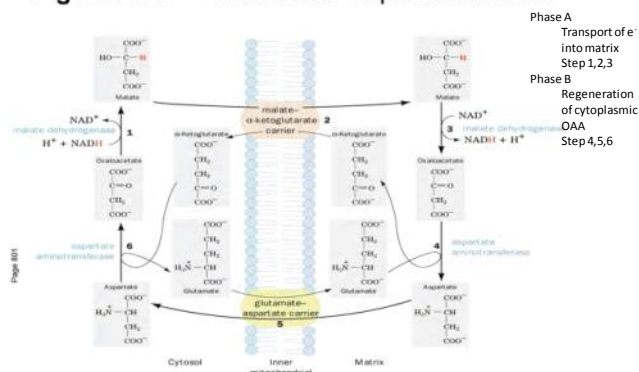
**Figure 22-8** The glycerophosphate shuttle.



Flavoprotein dehydrogenase is reminiscent Succinate dehydrogenase

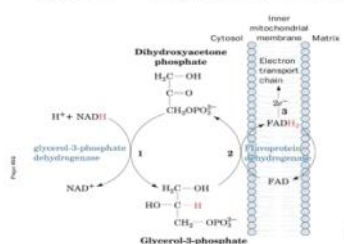
Overall goal: transfer cytosolic NADH to mitochondrial NADH

**Figure 22-7** The malate-aspartate shuttle.

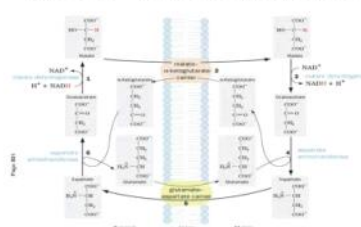


- Slide 10: Thermodynamics of electron transport
  - The free energy of electron.... Missed.
- Slide 11: Redox Potentials
  - Redox reactions can be written as two half reactions
  - $\text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{Cu}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Cu}^{2+}$ 
    - Fe gains electron so it is being reduced
    - Cu loses electron so it is oxidized
  - $\text{Fe}^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}$  (reduction)
  - $\text{Cu}^+ \rightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+} + e^-$  (oxidation)
- Slide 12: Redox Potentials (aka Electromotive force)
  - $\text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{Cu}^+ \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Cu}^{2+}$
  - $\text{Aox}^{(n)} + \text{Red} \rightleftharpoons \text{Ared} + \text{Box}^{(n)}$
  - Nernst equation: used to calculate free energy of redox reaction

**Figure 22-8** The glycerophosphate shuttle.



**Figure 22-7** The malate-aspartate shuttle.



$$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln \left( \frac{[A_{\text{red}}][B_{\text{ox}}]}{[A_{\text{ox}}][B_{\text{red}}]} \right)$$

$$\Delta G = -w_{\text{el}} \quad w_{\text{el}} = \text{electrical work}$$

$$w_{\text{el}} = nF\Delta E \quad F = \text{faraday's constant}$$

$$\Delta G = -nF\Delta E \quad n = \text{moles}$$

<sup>o</sup> refers to standard conditions

$$\Delta E = \Delta E^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \left( \frac{[A_{\text{red}}][B_{\text{ox}}]}{[A_{\text{ox}}][B_{\text{red}}]} \right)$$

- Slide 13: Reduction Potentials
  - $A_{\text{ox}} + B_{\text{red}} \rightarrow A_{\text{red}} + B_{\text{ox}}$
  - By convention, both half reactions are written as reductions
  - $A_{\text{ox}} + ne^- \rightarrow A_{\text{red}}$
  - $B_{\text{ox}} + ne^- \rightarrow B_{\text{red}}$

$$E_A = E_A^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \left( \frac{[A_{\text{red}}]}{[A_{\text{ox}}]} \right)$$

$$\Delta E^\circ = E^\circ_{(\text{e}^- \text{ acceptor})} - E^\circ_{(\text{e}^- \text{ donor})}$$

- Slide 14: Table 16-4B standard reduction potentials of some biochemically important half reactions

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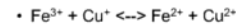
## Thermodynamics of Electron Transport

- The free energy of electron transfer from NADH and  $\text{FADH}_2$  to  $\text{O}_2$  is coupled to ATP synthesis.

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## Redox Potentials

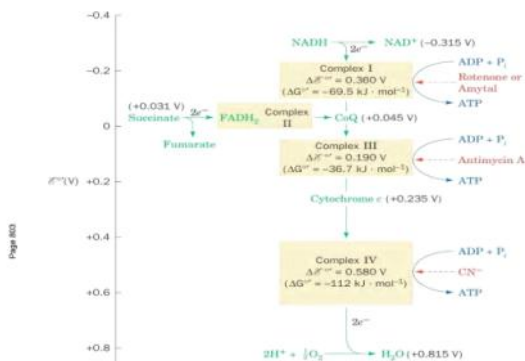
- Redox rxns can be written as two half-rxns



- $\text{Fe}^{3+} + e^- \leftrightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}$  (reduction)
- $\text{Cu}^+ \leftrightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+} + e^-$  (oxidation)

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**Figure 22-9**  
The mitochondrial electron-transport chain.



**Table 22-1** Reduction Potentials of Electron-Transport Chain Components in Resting Mitochondria.

Component	$E^\circ$ (V)
NADH	-0.315

## Redox Potentials (a.k.a. Electromotive Force)

- $\text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{Cu}^+ \leftrightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Cu}^{2+}$
- $A_{\text{ox}} + B_{\text{red}} \leftrightarrow A_{\text{red}} + B_{\text{ox}}$
- Nernst equation:

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## Reduction potentials

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Complex I (NADH:CoQ oxidoreductase; 900 kD, 43 subunits):

FMN	?
(Fe-S)N-1a	-0.380
(Fe-S)N-1b	-0.250
(Fe-S)N-2	-0.030
(Fe-S)N-3,4	-0.245
(Fe-S)N-5,6	-0.270
Succinate	0.031

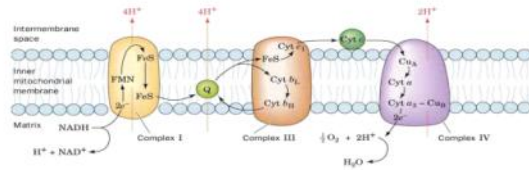
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**Table 16-4b** Standard Reduction Potentials of Some Biochemically Important Half-reactions

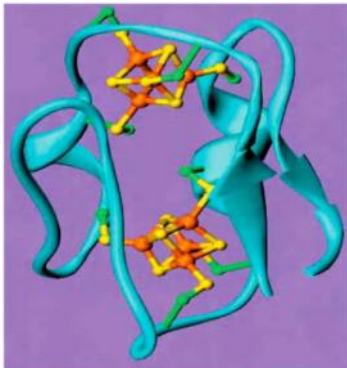
Half Reaction	E° (V)
$\text{FAD} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{FADH}_2$	-0.040
$\text{Oxalacetate}^- + 2\text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{malate}^-$	-0.166
$\text{Pyruvate}^- + 2\text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{lactate}^-$	-0.185
$\text{Acetaldehyde} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{ethanol}$	-0.197
$\text{FAD} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{FADH}_2$	-0.219
$\text{N} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_3$	-0.223
$\text{Lipoic acid} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{dihydrolipoic acid}$	-0.29
$\text{NAD}^+ + \text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{NADH}$	-0.315
$\text{NADPH}^+ + \text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{NADPH}$	-0.320
$\text{Cysteine} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons 2 \text{cysteine}$	-0.340
$\text{Acetoacetate}^- + 2\text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons \beta\text{-hydroxybutyrate}$	-0.346
$\frac{1}{2} \text{H}^+ + e^- \rightleftharpoons \frac{1}{2} \text{H}_2$	-0.421
$\text{Acetate}^- + 2\text{H}^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{acetaldehyde} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-0.581

Source: Mostly from Leach, P.A., in Fomon, G.D. (Ed.), *Handbook of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* 2nd ed., Physical and Chemical Data, Vol. 1, pp. C25-C36, CRC Press (1976).

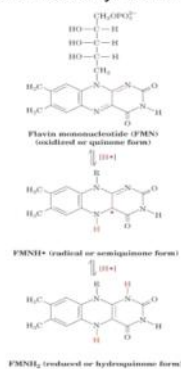
**Figure 22-14**  
The mitochondrial electron-transport chain.



**Figure 22-16** X-Ray structure of ferredoxin from *Peptococcus aerogenes*.



**Figure 22-17a**  
Oxidation states of the coenzymes of complex I. (a) FMN.



**Figure 22-17b**  
Oxidation states of the coenzymes of complex I. (b) CoQ.

