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## Overview

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- Phosphorylation and Oxidation
- Electron transport system

## Reminder

- All students in section 1D, Tuesday 1-2pm with Midge will have a room change for next week Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Please join Rebecca and section 2D in WGYH CS24 at the same time.
- There is plenty of room!!!

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- Slide 3 Missing: biochemical Half-Reactions Are Physiologically Important
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- Slide 4 Missing Table 16-4A Standard Reduction Potentials of Some Biochemically Important half-reactions
  - Oxygen is best oxidizing agent/electron acceptor (large positive V)
  - NADH is not a good oxidizing agent (better reducing agent)
- Cytochromes
  - Iron is atom that gets reduced

Biochemical Half-Reactions  
Are Physiologically Important

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

Half-Reaction	$\vartheta^\circ$ (V)
$FAD + 2H^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons FADH_2$ (in flavoproteins)	-0.040
$Oxaloacetate^- + 2H^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons$ malate <sup>-</sup>	-0.166
$Pyruvate^- + 2H^+ + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons$ lactate <sup>-</sup>	-0.185

Acetaldehyde + $2\text{H}^+$ + $2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons$ ethanol	-0.197
FAD + $2\text{H}^+$ + $2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons$ FADH <sub>2</sub> (free coenzyme)	-0.219
$\text{S} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{S}$	-0.23
Lipoic acid + $2\text{H}^+$ + $2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons$ dihydrolipoic acid	-0.29
$\text{NAD}^+ + \text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{NADH}$	-0.315
$\text{NADP}^+ + \text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{NADPH}$	-0.320
Cystine + $2\text{H}^+$ + $2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons$ 2 cysteine	-0.340
Acetoacetate + $2\text{H}^+$ + $2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons$ $\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate	-0.346
$\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2$	-0.421
Acetate + $3\text{H}^+$ + $2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons$ acetaldehyde + $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-0.581

Source: Mostly from Leach, P.A., in Fasman, G.D. (Ed.), *Handbook of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* (3rd ed.), *Physical and Chemical Data*, Vol. 1, pp. 123–130, CRC Press (1976).

Table 16-4a Standard Reduction Potentials of Some Biochemically Important Half-reactions.

Half-Reaction	$E^\circ$ (V)
$\text{H}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-0.17
$\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	0.48
$\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{O}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.42
Cytochrome $c_1$ (Fe <sup>2+</sup> ) + $2\text{e}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightleftharpoons$ cytochrome $c_1$ (Fe <sup>3+</sup> )	0.400
$\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	0.295
Cytochrome $c$ (Fe <sup>2+</sup> ) + $2\text{e}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightleftharpoons$ cytochrome $c$ (Fe <sup>3+</sup> )	0.29
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Cytochrome $c$ (Fe <sup>2+</sup> ) + $2\text{e}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightleftharpoons$ cytochrome $c$ (Fe <sup>3+</sup> ) (monooxidized)	0.27
Ubiquinone + $2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons$ ubiquinol	0.040
Flavin + $2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons$ flavin semiquinone	0.031
FAD + $2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons$ FADH <sub>2</sub> (semiquinone)	-0.048
Oxidative phosphorylation	-0.040
Pyruvate + $2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons$ lactate	-0.100
Acetate + $2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons$ ethanol	-0.147
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Reduction of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ to $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ by dihydrolipoic acid	-0.24
$\text{NAD}^+ + \text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{NADH}$	-0.313
$\text{NADP}^+ + \text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{NADPH}$	-0.350
Cytosolic NADH + $2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons$ cytosolic NAD <sup>+</sup>	-0.360
Acetoin + $2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons$ acetone	-0.546
$\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2$	-0.621
Acetate + $3\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons$ acetonealdehyde + $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-0.701

## Biochemical Half-Reactions Are Physiologically Important

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Half-Reaction	$E^\circ$ (V)
$\frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.815
$\text{NAD}^+ + \text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{NADH}$	-0.315

- Write the overall rxn
- Solve for  $\Delta E^\circ$
- Solve for  $\Delta G^\circ$

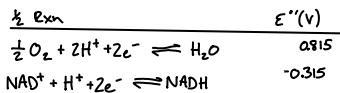
Electron transport system is more energy efficient than cars on the 405

- Electrons pass through protein complexes (not directly to  $\text{O}_2$ )
- Protein complexes contain redox centers
- Overall NADH (or FADH<sub>2</sub>) free energy is broken up amongst protein complexes
- ATP is made via coupled oxidative phosphorylation
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1) Write overall rxn

$$\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+ + \text{O}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{NAD}^+$$

$$\Delta E^\circ = -1 \text{F} \Delta E^\circ = -1 \times 96,485 \text{ C mol}^{-1} = -96,485 \text{ J mol}^{-1} = -96,485 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 + \text{H}^+ + \text{NADH} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{NAD}^+ \quad \Delta E^\circ = 0.815 \text{ V} + 0.315 \text{ V} = 1.13 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta E^\circ = E^\circ(\text{e}^- \text{ acceptor}) - E^\circ(\text{e}^- \text{ donor}) = 0.815 \text{ V} + 0.315 \text{ V} = 1.13 \text{ V}$$

## The Sequence of Electron Transport

- Series of 4 protein complexes
- Electrons pass from lower to higher standard reduction potentials

## Electron transport system is more energy efficient than cars on the 405

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- Physiological thermodynamic efficiency = about 70%
- Automobile engine 30% efficient

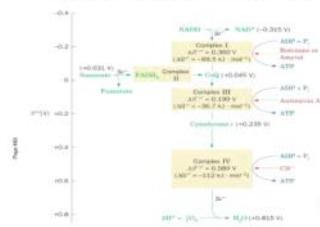
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Figure 22-9  
The mitochondrial electron-transport chain.



### Phosphorylation and Oxidation are Tightly Coupled

- Oxidation of NADH by  $O_2$  yields 3 ATP (3 ADP are phosphorylated)
- Oxidation of  $FADH_2$  by  $O_2$  yields 2 ATP (2 ADP are phosphorylated)
- P/O ratio is used to describe stoichiometry
- P/O indicates that oxidation in mitochondria can only occur if ADP is phosphorylated at the same time

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### However, P/O Ratio Values Depend on the Biochemist You Ask

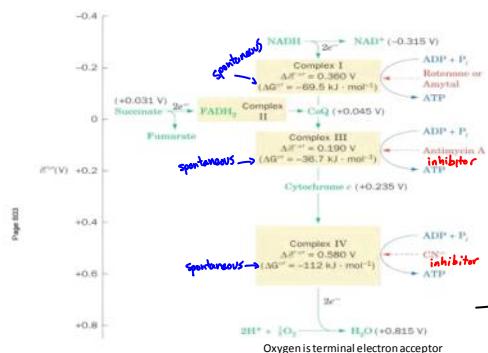
• 3 ATP/NADH x 10 NADH/glucose	• 2.5 ATP/NADH x 10 NADH/glucose
• 2 ATP/ $FADH_2$ x 2 $FADH_2$ /glucose	• 1.5 ATP/ $FADH_2$ x 2 $FADH_2$ /glucose
• 2 ATP/glucose from glycolysis	• 2 ATP/glucose from glycolysis
• 2 ATP/glucose from TCA cycle	• 2 ATP/glucose from TCA cycle

= 38 ATP

= 32 ATP

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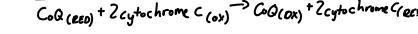


#### Complex 1 Reaction

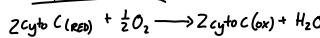


Complex 1 does not directly make ATP  
Rotenone or Amytal are inhibitors of complex 1

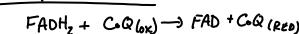
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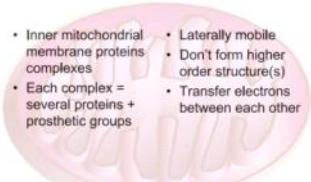


#### Complex 2 Reaction



### Closer Look at the Components of the Electron-Transport Chain

- Inner mitochondrial membrane proteins complexes
- Each complex = several proteins + prosthetic groups
- Laterally mobile
- Don't form higher order structure(s)
- Transfer electrons between each other



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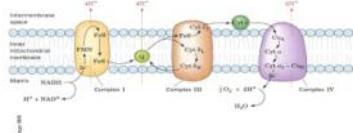
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P/O stands for phosphorylation  
3/1 ratio for  $NADH \rightarrow ATP$



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



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## The P/O Ratio Values Depend on the Biochemist You Ask

will use these values

- 2.5 ATP/NADH
- 1.5 ATP/ $FADH_2$
- 10 NADH/glucose
- 2  $FADH_2$ /glucose
- 2 ATP/glucose from glycolysis
- 2 ATP/glucose from TCA cycle
- 38 ATP

$$3 \times 10 + 2 \times 2 + 2 + 2 = 38$$

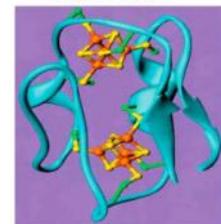
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\*Alternative slide title: Closer look at components of ETC

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



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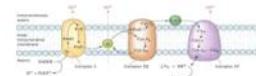
Slide 14: Missing Team members of electron transport chain

- Complex I: NADH-Coenzyme Q Reductase
- Complex II: Succinate-Coenzyme Q Reductase
- Complex III: Coenzyme Q-Cytochrome c Reductase
- Cytochrome c
- Complex IV: Cytochrome c Oxidase

- Slide 16: Complex I: Slide Missing

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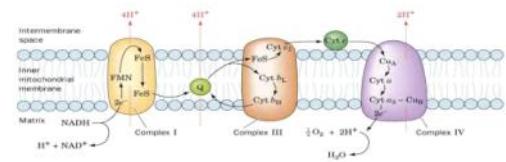
### The Coenzymes of Complex I



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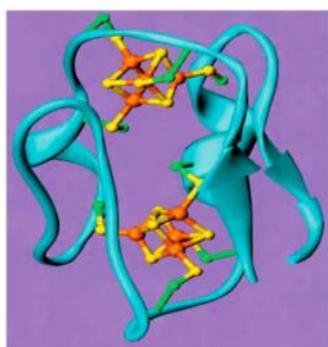
What does each electron-transport chain component look like?

- Complex I (NADH-Coenzyme Q Reductase)
- Complex II (Succinate-Coenzyme Q Reductase)
- Complex III (Coenzyme Q-Cytochrome c Reductase)
- Cytochrome c
- Complex IV (Cytochrome c Oxidase)

## Complex I

- Passes electrons from NADH to CoQ
- 850 kD
- Flavin mononucleotide (FMN)
- Iron-sulfur clusters
- Iron-sulfur clusters are redox active

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



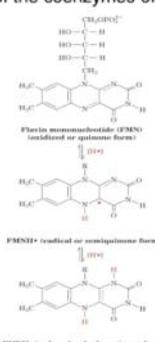
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**Figure 22-17a**

Oxidation states of the coenzymes of complex I. (a) FMN.



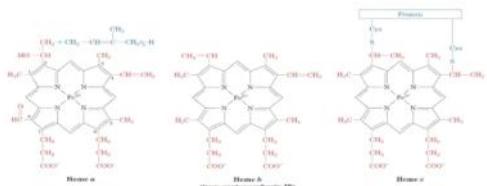
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**Figure 22-17b**

Oxidation states of the coenzymes of complex I. (b) CoQ.

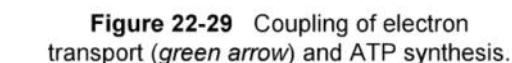


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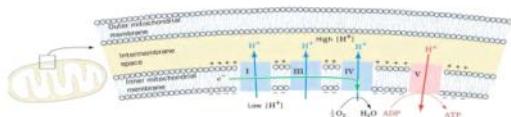


**Figure 22-22a** Porphyrin rings in cytochromes. (a) Chemical structures.

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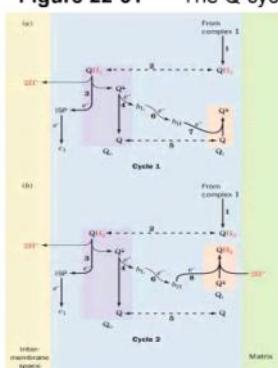


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**Figure 22-31** The Q cycle.

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**Figure 22-43** Model of the *E. coli*  $F_1F_0$ -ATPase.

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