

Respiration

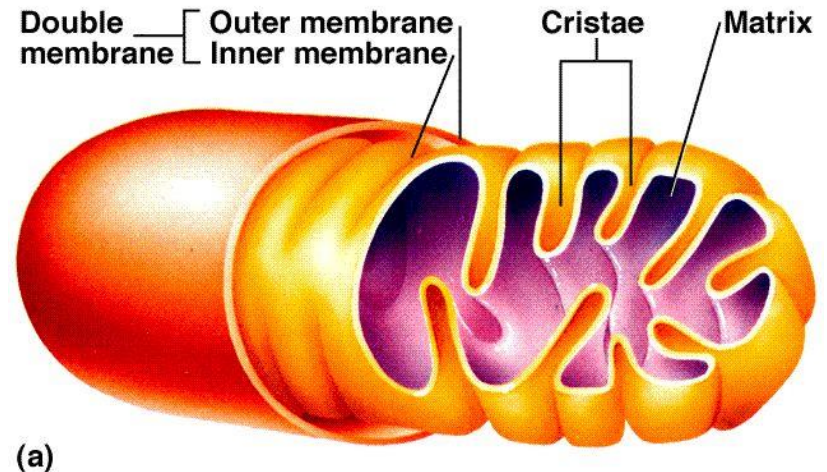
- Respiration Is the Means to Turn Carbs into Usable Chemical energy (ATP) for many other Plant Reactions including PS
- All Living Plant and Animal Cells Carry out Respiration
- Respiration Occurs
 - At same Time as PS
 - During the Night
 - In Developing and Ripening Fruit
 - In Dormant Seeds

Mitochondria

- Occurs in Mitochondria of Cells
- Mitochondria are membrane-enclosed organelles distributed through the cytosol of most eukaryotic cells. Their main function is the conversion of the potential energy of food molecules into ATP

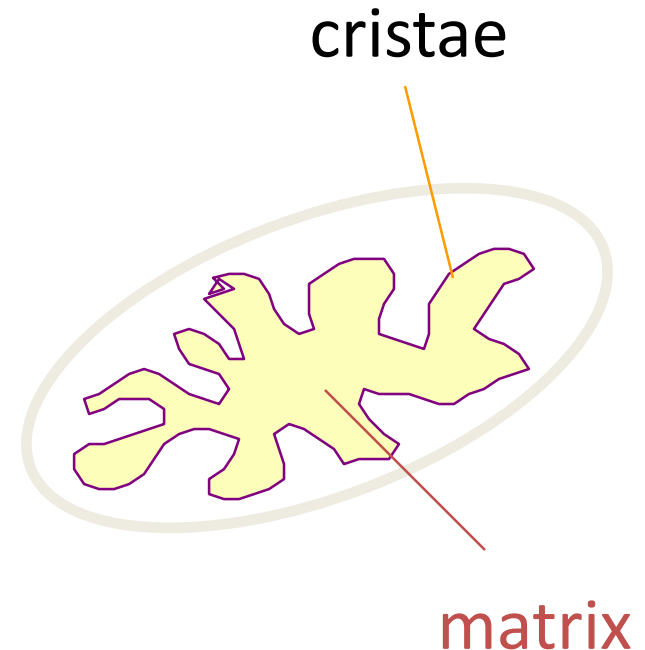
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Three-dimensional Model of a Mitochondrion



Mitochondria

- Spherical to oval
 - about 1 micron diameter
 - # mito./cell increases with demand for respiration; 300-1000/root tip cell
- Double-membrane bound
 - outer smooth
 - inner folds forming cristae
 - controls movement in/out
 - site of electron transportm
- Matrix
 - soluble phase
 - site of TCA cycle; DNA, RNA, ribosomes



WHY IS RS NECESSARY?

PLANTS NEED ENERGY TO PERFORM MANY ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF LIFE:

GROWTH,

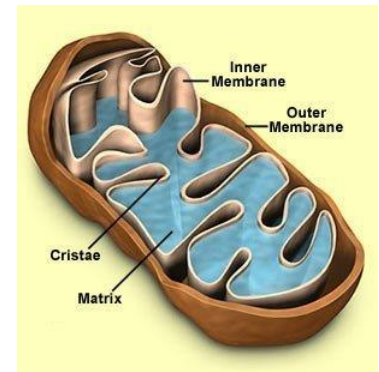
REPAIR,

NUTRIENT MOVEMENT,

REPRODUCTION, &

NUTRIENT TRANSPORT.

Aerobic Respiration

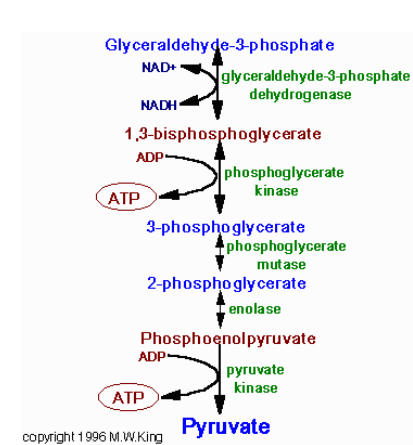


- Requires Oxygen
- Main Type of Respiration that Occurs in most Situations in Plants and Animals
- Involves Complete Breakdown of Glucose back to CO₂ and Water
- Not all of the Energy in Glucose Is Converted to ATP Formation
 - Only about 40% Efficient
 - Extra Energy Is Given off as Heat
 - In Plants, Heat Quickly Dissipates
 - For Animals, Heat Is Retained to Hold Body Temperature

3 Main Respiration Steps

1. Glycolysis

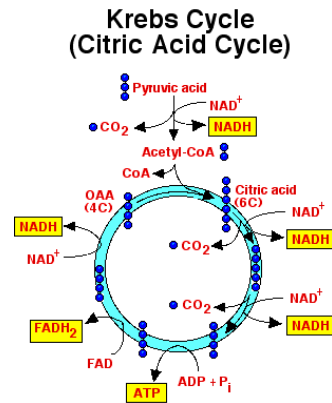
- Breakdown of Glucose to a 3-Carbon Compound Called Pyruvate
- Occurs in Cytosol
- Some ATP and NADH Are also Formed
 - Storage Energy Molecules
- NADH Is Formed from NAD
- Similar Type of Energy-Storing Rx as $\text{NADP} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{NADPH}_2$
 - $\text{NAD} + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{NADH}$



Respiration Steps

2. Krebs Cycle

- 'Tricarboxylic acid Cycle (TCA Cycle)'
- 'Citric Acid Cycle'
- Occurs in Mitochondrial Matrix
- A Cyclic Series of Rxs that Completely Break down Pyruvate to CO_2 and Various Carbon Skeletons
- Skeletons Are Used in other Metabolic Pathways to Make various Compounds
 - Proteins
 - Lipids
 - Cell Wall Carbohydrates
 - DNA
 - Plant Hormones
 - Plant Pigments
 - Many other Biochemical Compounds
- The Step where CO_2 Is Given off by the Plant
- 10 NADH Are Generated



- In the Krebs cycle, pyruvic acid from glycolysis is first “prepped” into a usable form, Acetyl-CoA

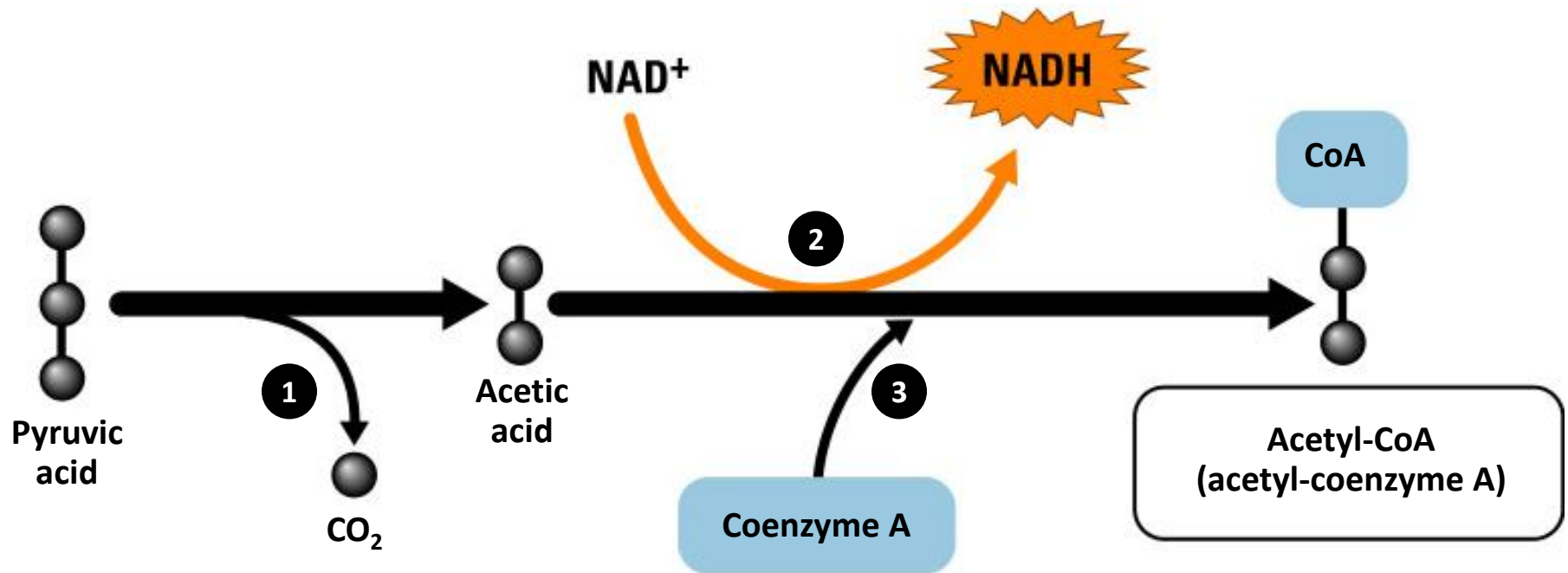
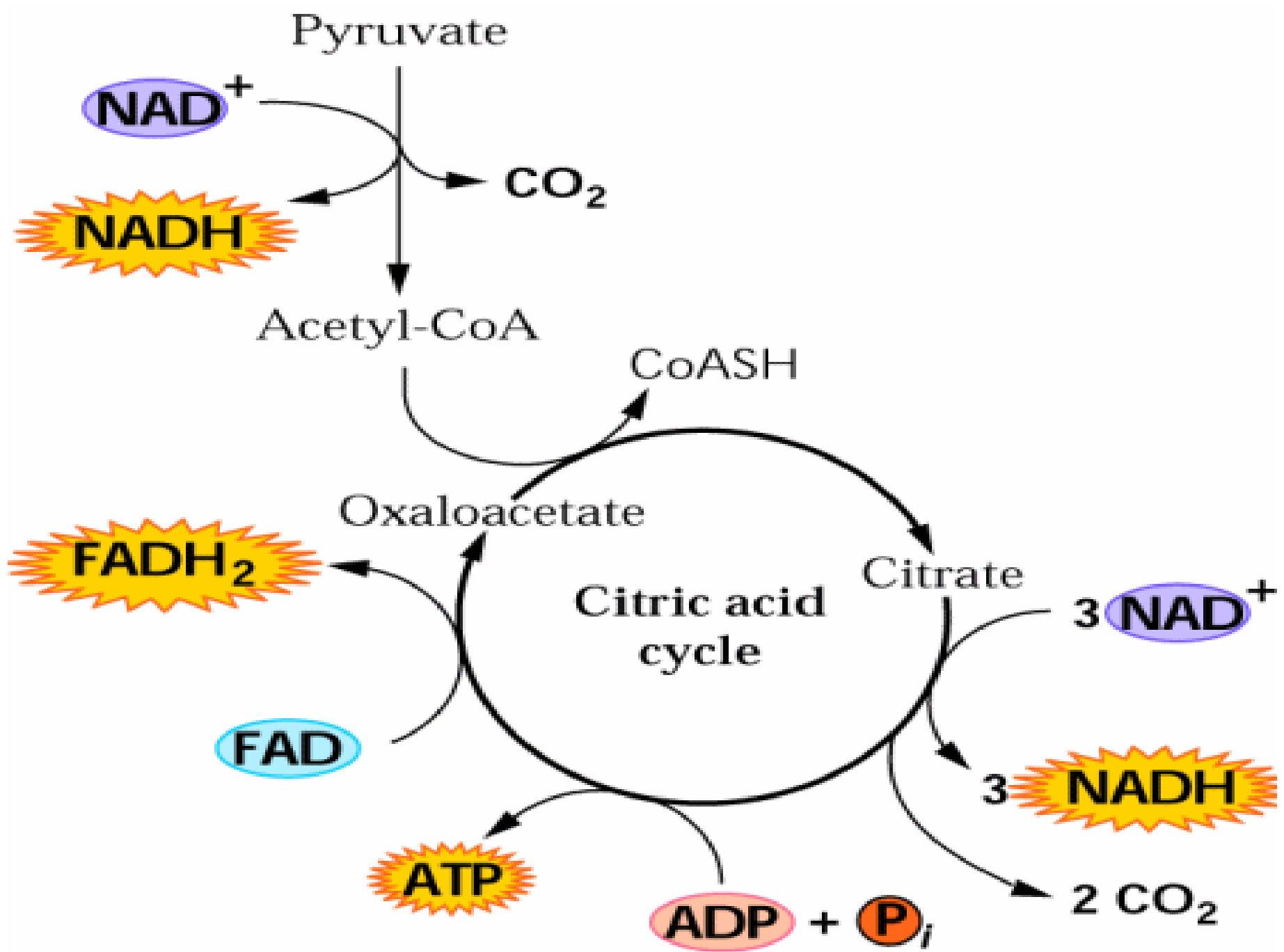


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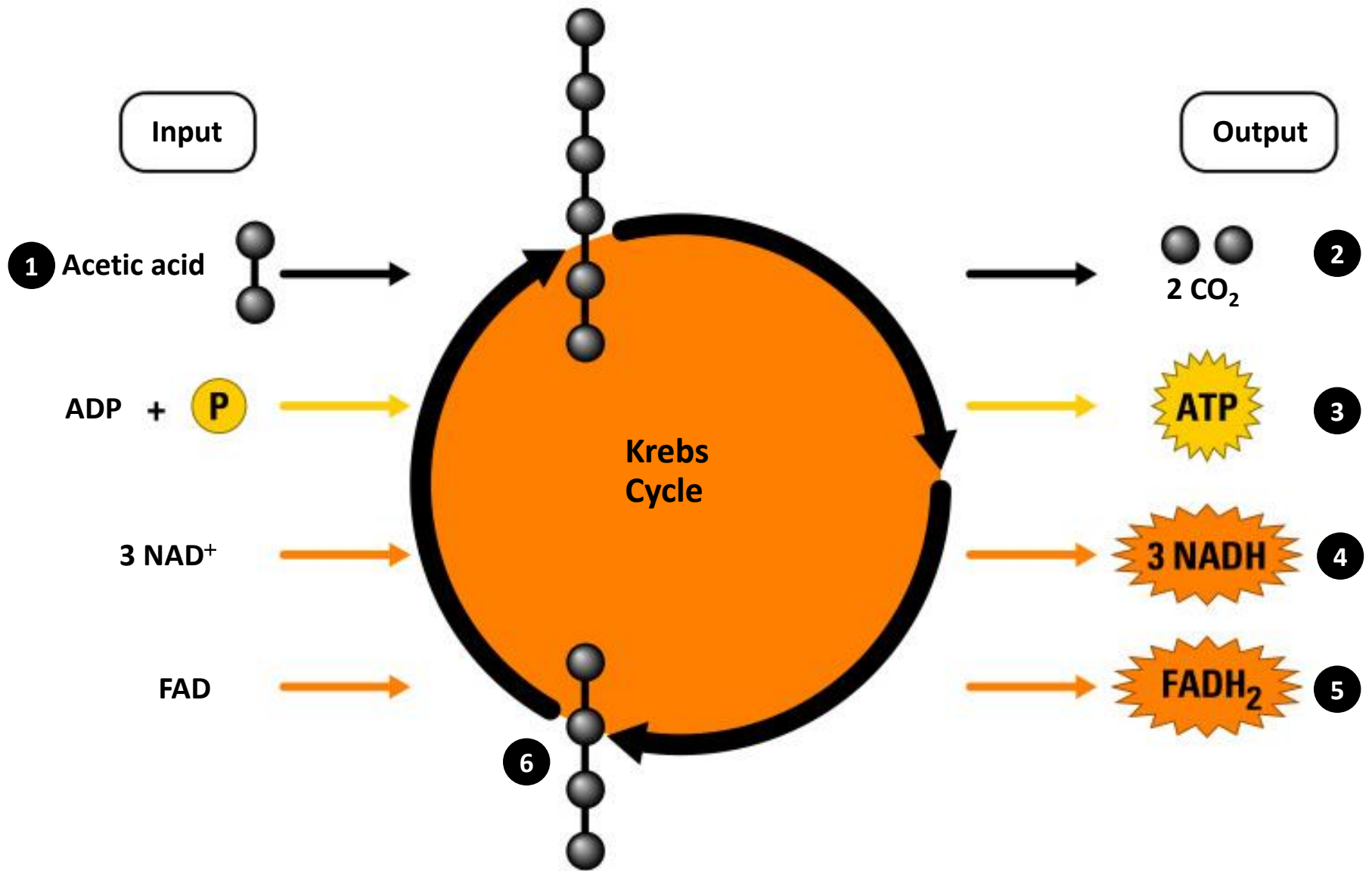
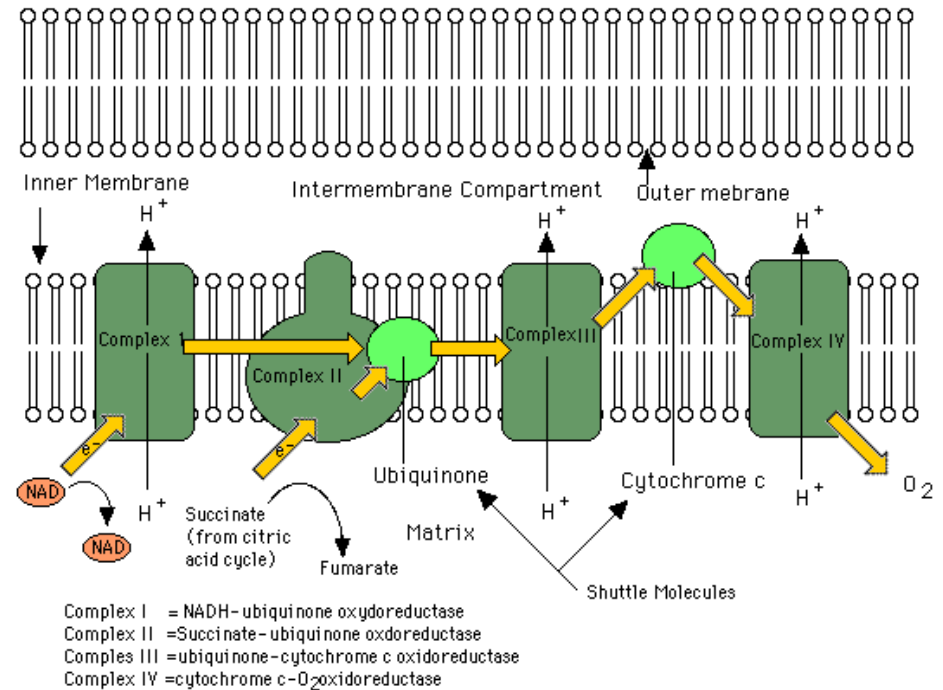


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Respiration Steps

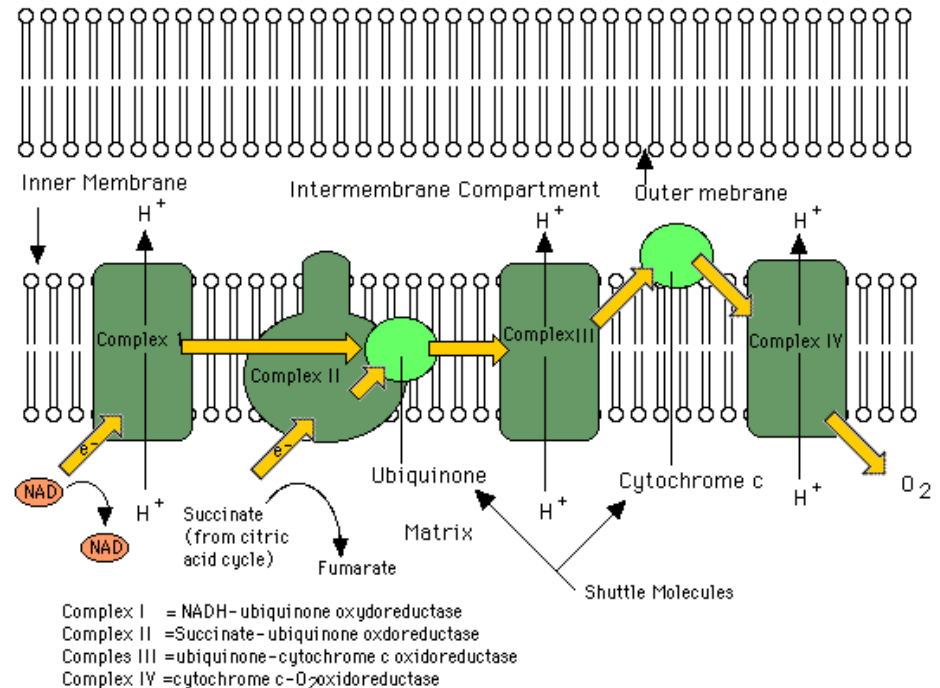
3. Electron Transport Chain

- ‘Oxidative Phosphorylation’
- Series of Proteins in the Mitochondria Helps Transfer Electrons (e^-) from NADH to Oxygen
 - Releases a Lot of Energy
- Occurs on Mitochondrial Inner Membrane (Proteins Bound to Membrane)



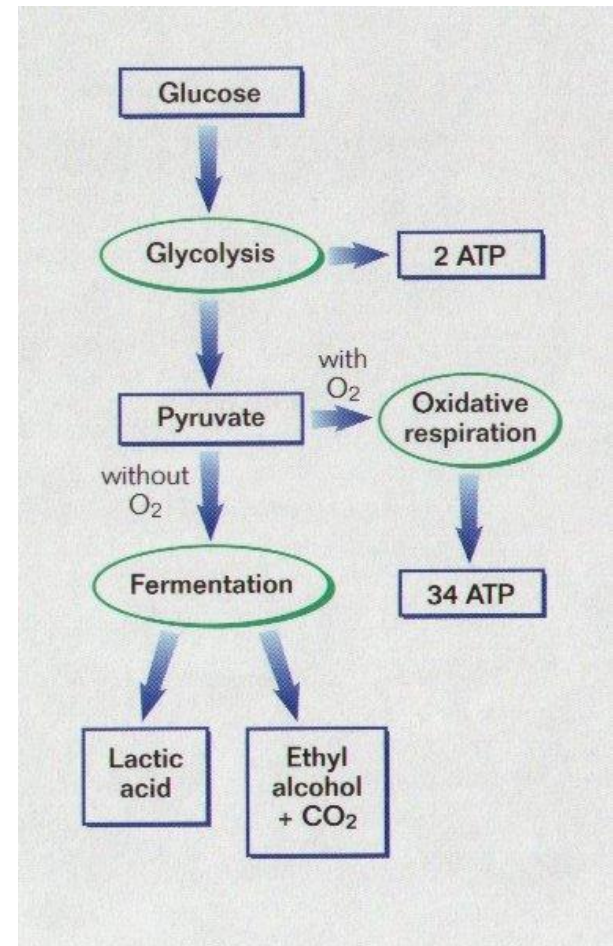
Respiration Steps

- Released Energy Is Used to Drive the Reaction $\text{ADP} + \text{P} \rightarrow \text{ATP}$
- Many ATP Are Made
- Oxygen Is Required for this Step
- Water Is Produced



Anaerobic Respiration

- ‘Fermentation’
- Occurs in Low-Oxygen Environments
 - Wet or Compacted Soils for Plants
 - After Strong Exertion for Animals
- ATP Is still Produced from Glucose but not as Efficiently as with Aerobic Respiration



Anaerobic Respiration

- $C_6H_{12}O_6 + O_2 \rightarrow 2 CH_2O_5 + 2 H_2O + 2 ATP$
or
- Glucose + Oxygen \rightarrow 2 Ethanol + 2 Water + 2 ATP
- Same Rx Used to Produce Alcohol from Corn
or to Make Wine or other Consumed Alcohol

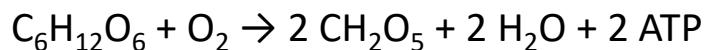
Aerobic:



Anaerobic Respiration

- Only 2 ATP Are Formed instead of 40 from Aerobic Respiration
 - Plant Soon Runs out of Energy
 - Can Begin to Suffer from Toxic Levels of Ethanol and Related Compounds
- Extended Periods of Anaerobic Respiration will Seriously Reduced Plant Growth and Yields

Anaerobic:

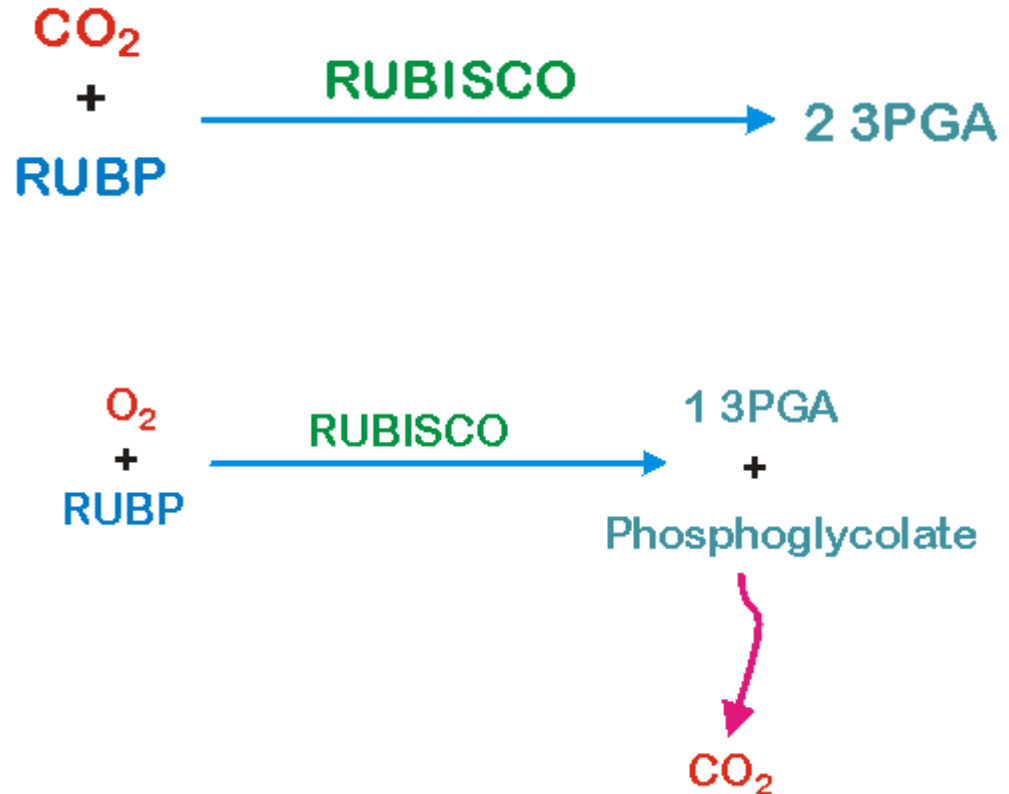


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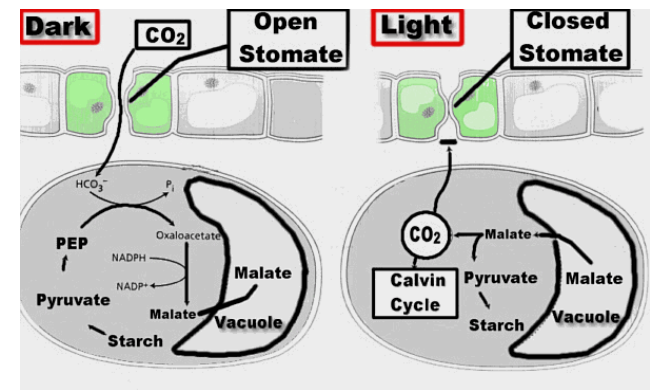


Photorespiration

- In the "normal" reaction, CO_2 is joined with RUBP to form 2 molecules of 3PGA
- In the process called **photorespiration**, O_2 replaces CO_2 in a non-productive, wasteful reaction
- It is believed that photorespiration in plants has increased over geologic time and is the result of increasing levels of O_2 in the atmosphere--the byproduct of photosynthetic organisms themselves
- The appearance of C4-type plants appears to be an evolutionary mechanism by which photorespiration is suppressed
- It has long been the dream of biologists to increase the production of certain crop plants, such as wheat, that carry on C₃ PS by genetically re-engineer them to perform C₄ PS
- It seems unlikely that this goal will be accomplished in the near future due to the complex anatomical and metabolic differences that exist between C3- and C4-type plants

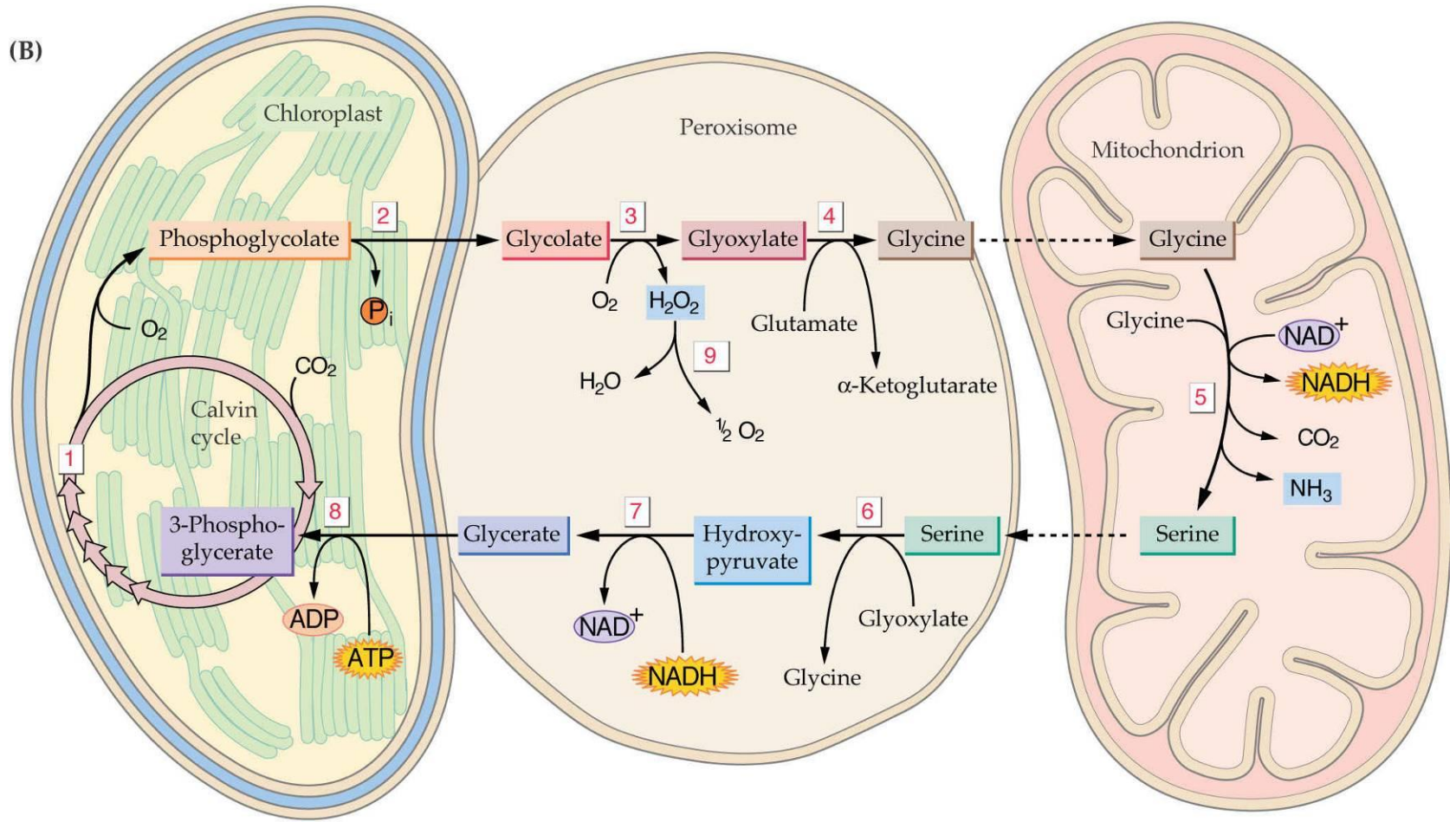


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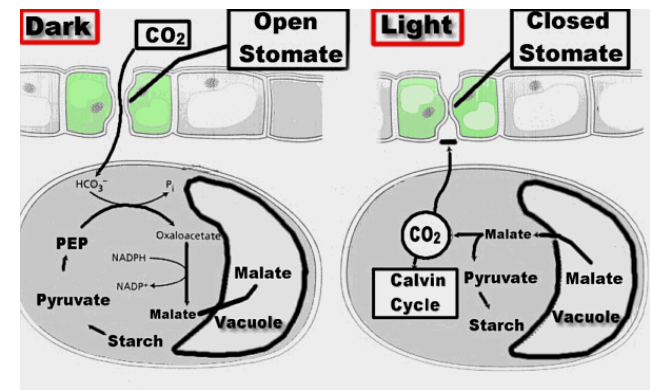
- Respiration Driven by Light Energy
- Discovered when Scientists Realized that some Plants Have Faster Respiration Rate in Light than in Dark
- Occurs in Chloroplasts and other Structures in a Photosynthetic Cell
- Rubisco can React with Oxygen to Start a slightly Different Series of Rxns
 - Result in a Loss or no Net Gain of Dry Matter for the Plant
 - Less ATP Is Produced from the Photorespiration

Photorespiration is highly compartmentalized



Factors Influencing Photorespiration

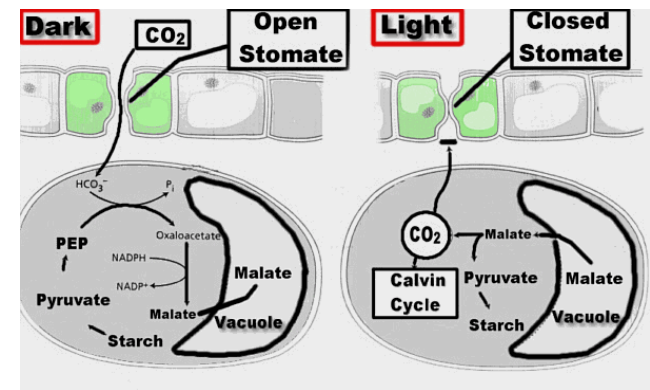
- O_2 : CO_2 Ratio
- If Cells Have Low O_2 but Higher CO_2 , Normal PS Calvin Cycle Dominates
- C_4 Plants Have Little Photorespiration because They Carry the CO_2 to the bundle Sheath Cells and can Build up High $[CO_2]$
 - Calvin Cycle Rxns always Favored over Photorespiration
- If Cells Have Higher O_2 and Lower CO_2 , Photorespiration Dominates



Factors Influencing Photorespiration

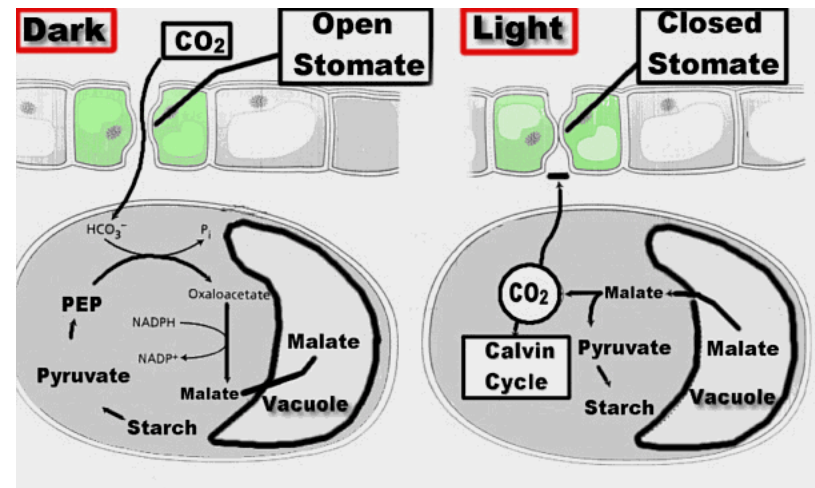
- Light Intensity

- Increasing Light Intensity will Increase Energy for the Photorespiration Process and for PS
- C_3 Plants Light-Saturate at Lower Light Intensities than C_4 Plants
 - Reach Their 'Break-Even Point' at much Lower Light Levels due to Increasing Photorespiration

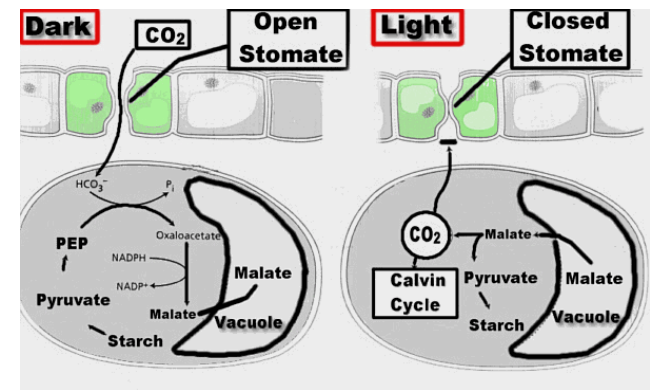


Factors Influencing Photorespiration

- Temperature
 - Aerobic Respiration and Photorespiration Increase with Temp
 - Plants Have Optimum, Minimum and Maximum Temp Ranges

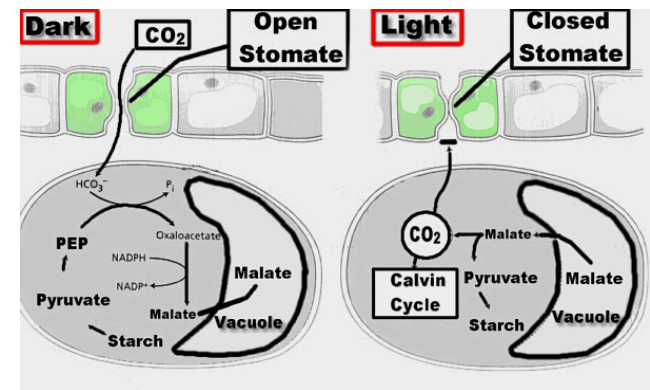


Factors Influencing Photorespiration



- Net Photosynthesis or Net Assimilation Rate
 - C₄ Plants generally Have Net Assimilation Rates about 2 to 3 Times that of C₃ Plants
 - C₄ Plants Are often Called Efficient Plants and C₃ Plants Called Non-Efficient Plants
 - A Few C₃ Plants Have Low Respiration and Similar Assimilation Rates as C₄ Plants
 - Sunflower
 - Peanut

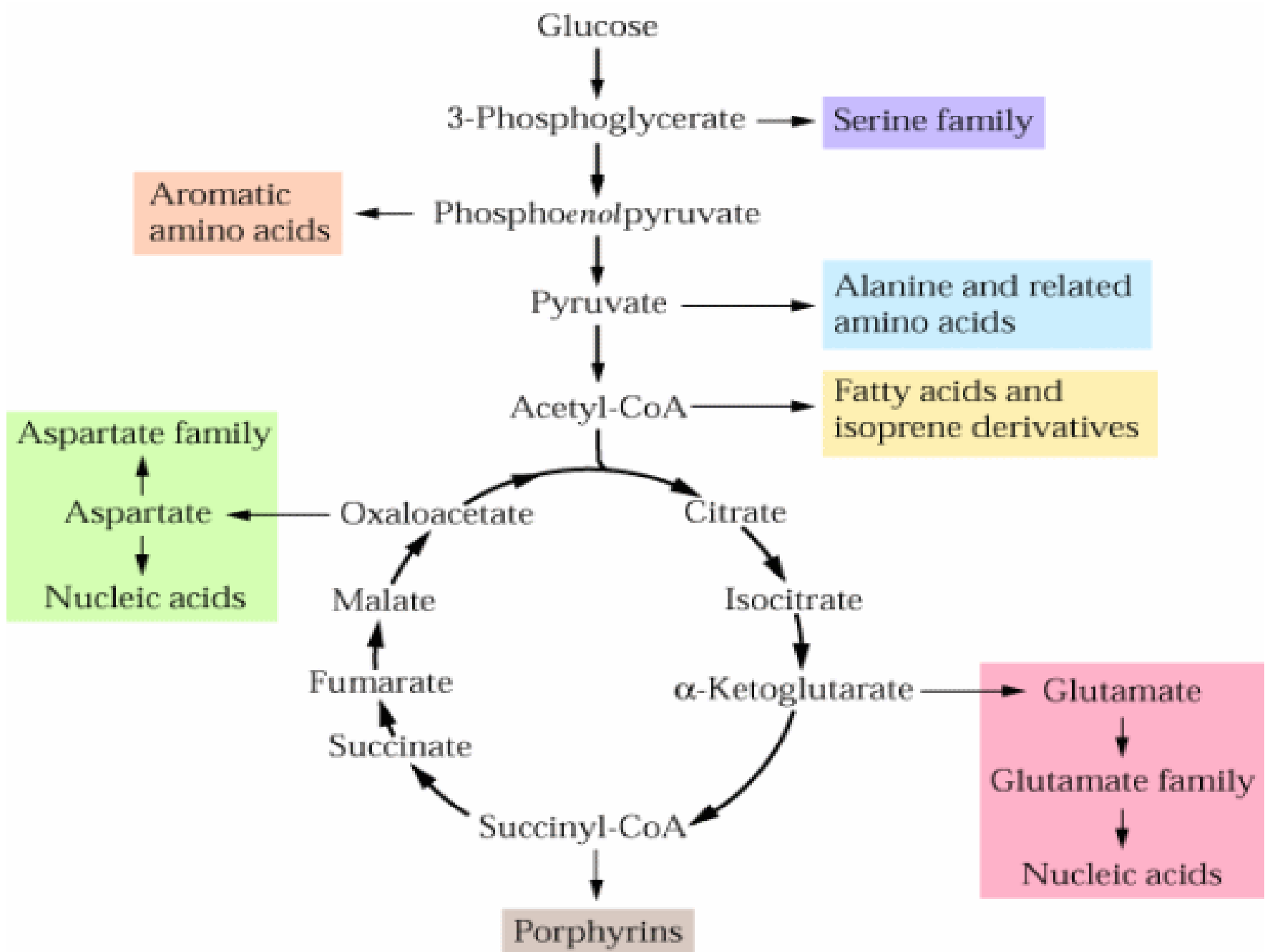
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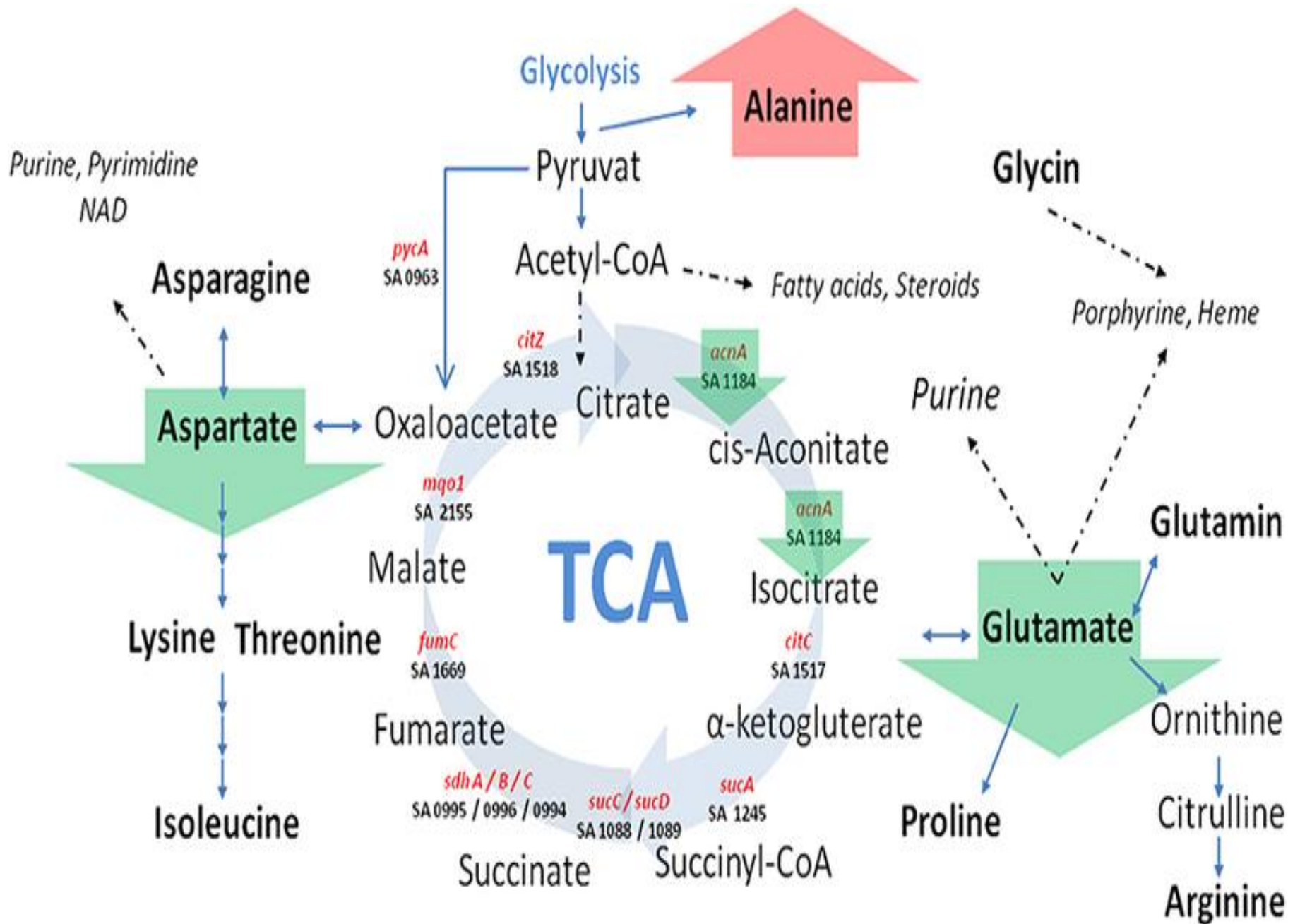


- Net Photosynthesis or Net Assimilation Rate
 - Cooler Temps Are the only Time when C₃ Plants Have Higher Net Assimilation Rates than C₄ Plants
 - PEP Carboxylase Needed to Incorporate CO₂ into the 4-Carbon Structure no Longer Functions
 - C₄ PS Rates Drop Dramatically or Stop

Alternate Fates of Glucose C

- Not all C respired to CO₂
- Intermediates of respiration branch off:
 - amino acids
 - pentoses for cell wall structure
 - nucleotides
 - porphyrin biosynthesis
 - fatty acid synthesis
 - lignin precursors
 - precursors for carotenoid synthesis, hormones

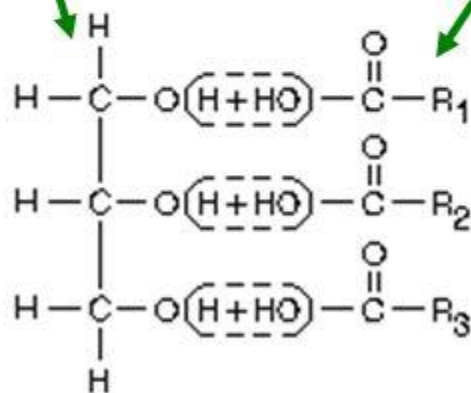




Triglycerides Are Esters of Glycerol and Fatty Acids

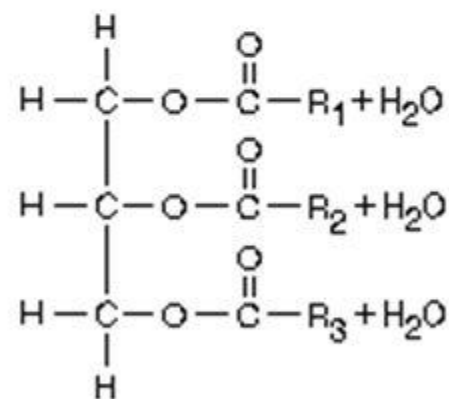
Glycerol
"backbone" is a
water-soluble
alcohol

Fatty Acids are chains of carbon atoms
with a methyl (-CH₃) group at one end and
a carboxylic acid (-COOH) group at the
other



Glycerol + 3 Fatty Acids

condensation
reaction

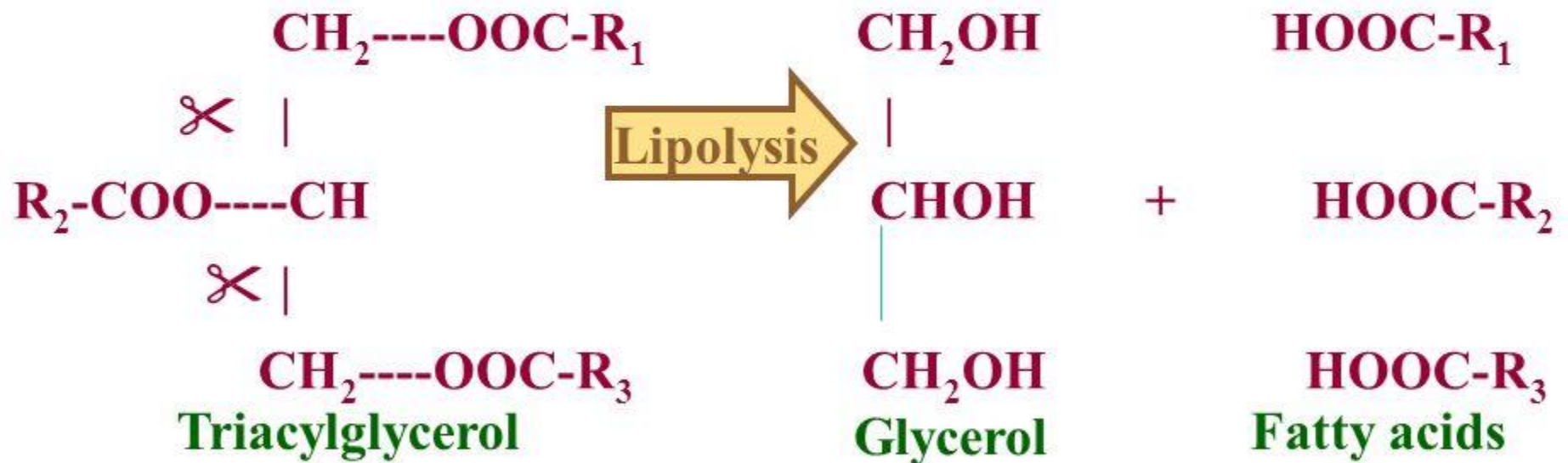


Triglyceride + 3 water molecules

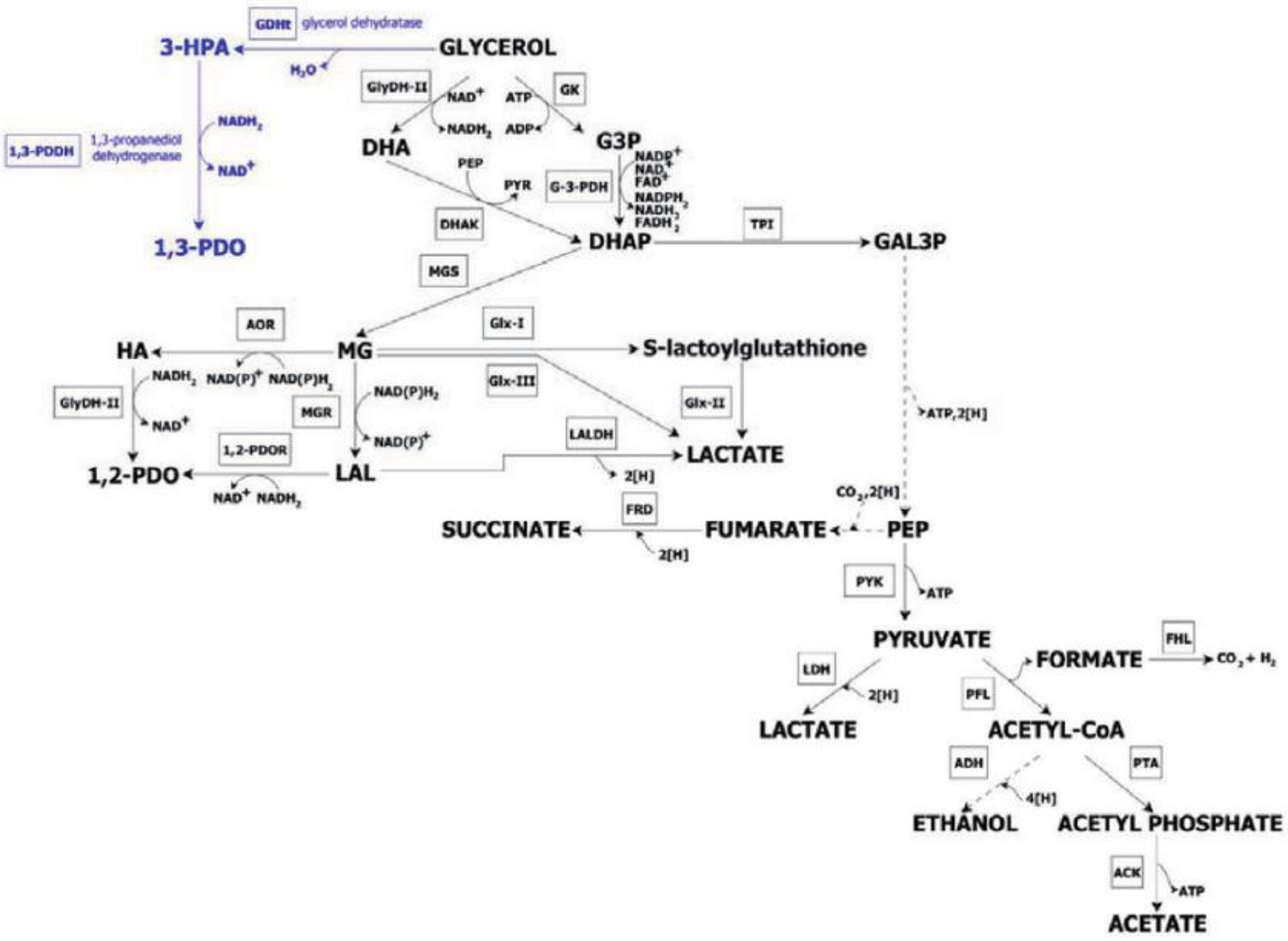
Structures linked by ester bonds (R-COOR') and water is released

FATTY ACID OXIDATION

saturated fatty acid: $\text{CH}_3-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{COOH}$
 unsaturated fatty acid: $\text{CH}_3-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{COOH}$
 polyunsaturated fatty acid: $\text{CH}_3-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{COOH}$



General structures of fatty acids and triacylglycerol. Lipolysis of stored triacylglycerol by lipases produces fatty acids plus glycerol.



Oxidation of Fatty Acids

keystone concepts

- The insolubility of triglycerides in dietary lipids and adipose tissue must be accommodated
- Fatty acids are oxidized in the mitochondria
- Fatty acids must be transported across the inner mitochondrial membrane
- Oxidation of fatty acids in the mitochondria has three stages
- Oxidation of unsaturated and odd chain fatty acids requires additional reactions
- In mammals, an alternative pathway for acetyl-CoA produces ketone bodies

4 Steps of β -oxidation

1. Dehydrogenation of the fatty acyl-CoA to make a trans double bond between α and β carbon.

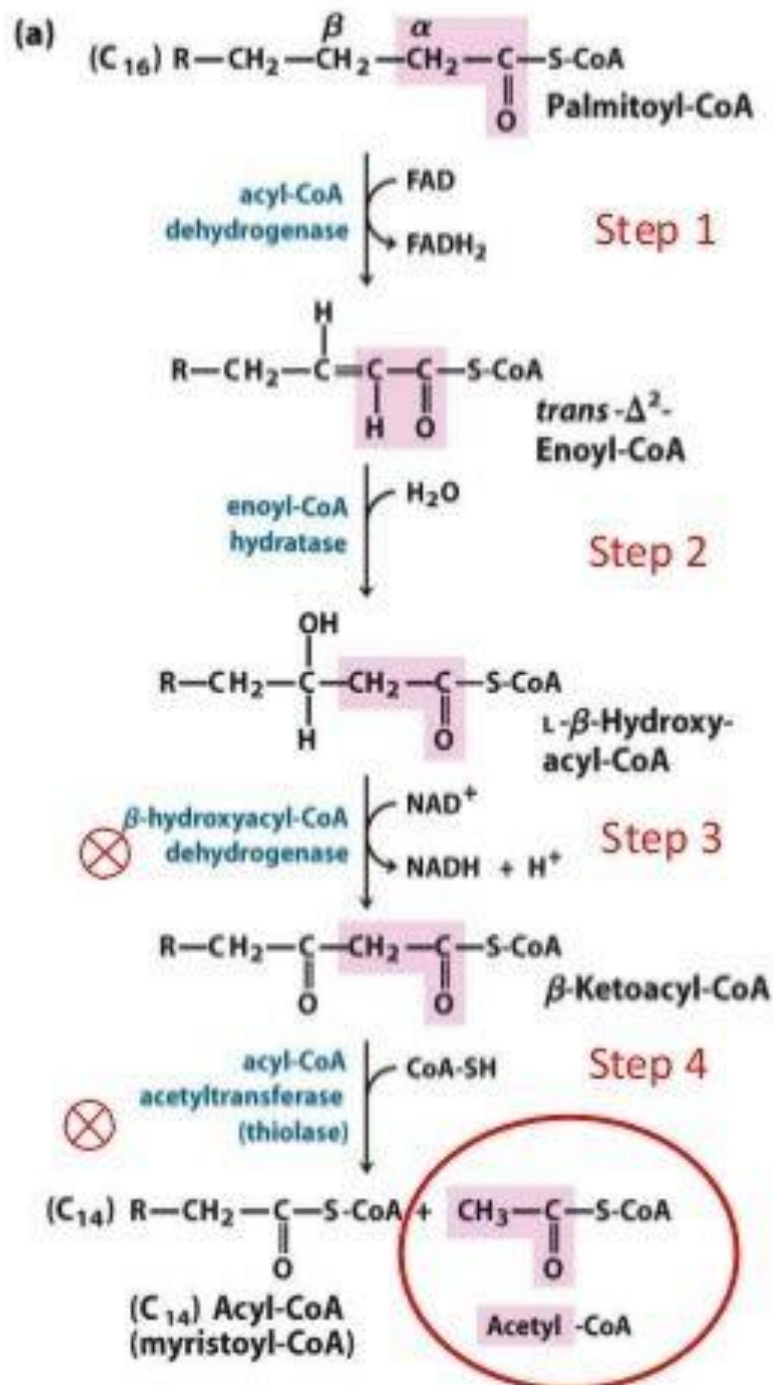
- Short, medium, and long chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenases
- e^- removed transferred to FAD

2. Hydration of the double bond

1. Dehydrogenation of the β -hydroxyl group to a ketone

- e^- removed transferred to NAD^+

1. Acylation – addition of CoA and production of acetyl-CoA



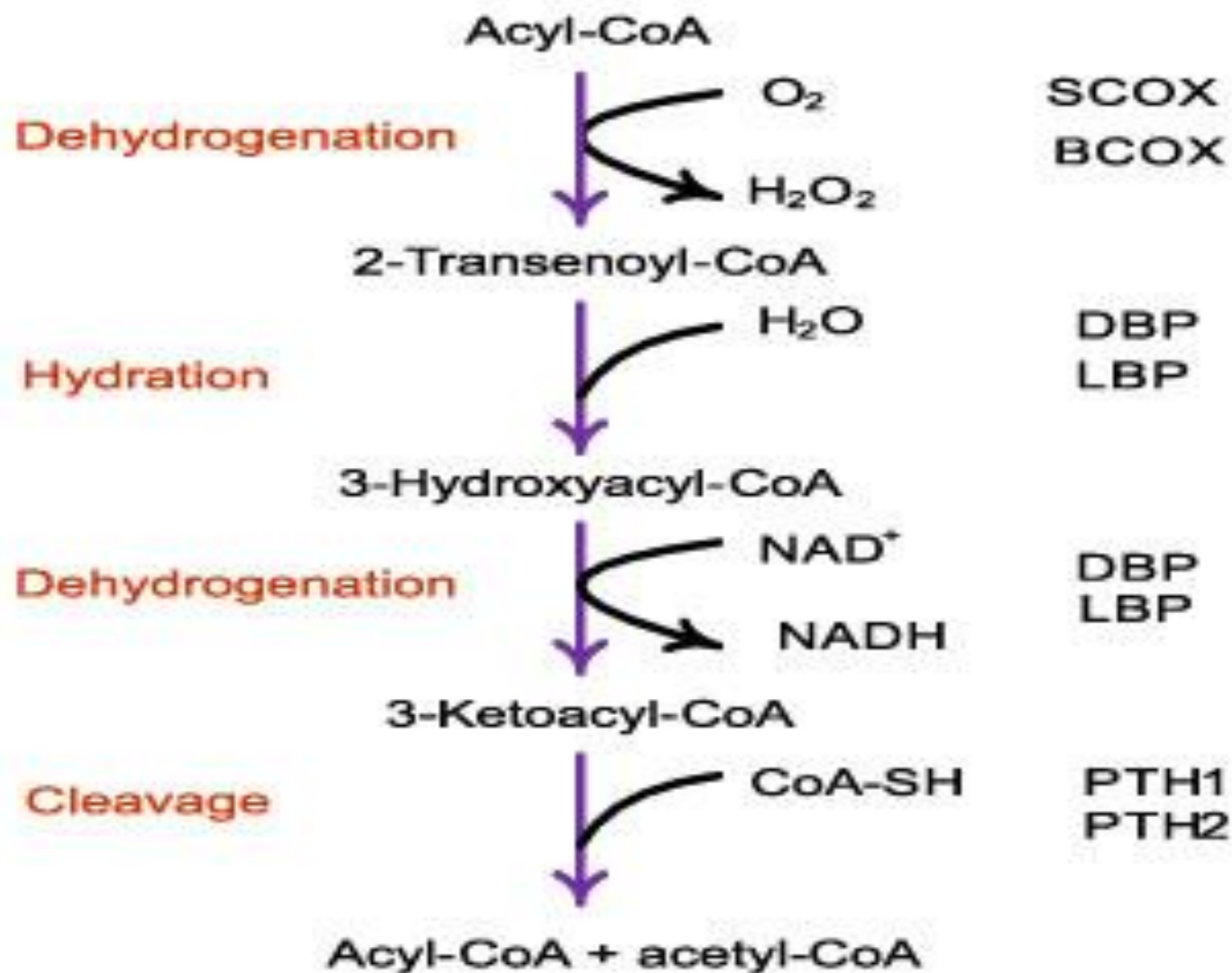


Figure 1. Process and enzymology of fatty acid β -oxidation in human peroxisomes. SCOX: straight chain acyl-CoA oxidase; BCOX: branched chain acyl-CoA oxidase; DBP: D-bifunctional protein; LBP: L-bifunctional protein; PTH: peroxisomal thiolase.

Energy Yield from β -Oxidation

- Yield of ATP per mole of stearic acid (C_{18}).

Step	Chemical Step	Happens	ATP
1	Activation (stearic acid \rightarrow stearyl CoA)	Once	-2
2	Oxidation (acyl CoA \rightarrow trans-enoyl CoA) produces $FADH_2$	8 times	16
4	Oxidation (hydroxy-acyl CoA to ketoacyl CoA) produces $NADH + H^+$	8 times	24
	Oxidation of acetyl CoA by the common metabolic pathway, etc.	9 times	108
	TOTAL		146



Protein Oxidation

- ◆ Proteins are continuously oxidized, even under normal physiological conditions.
- ◆ This oxidation may increase in various disorders
 - including atherosclerosis, Parkinson's disease and aging.
- ◆ All amino acid residues of a protein are subject to radical attacks by reactive oxygen and nitrogen species; however,
- ◆ Tyr, Phe, Trp, His, Met, and Cys residues are the preferred target sites for hydroxyl radicals.

Amino acid oxidation

keystone concepts:

- Dietary proteins - primary source of biologically useful N in animals
- Amino groups transferred to α -ketoglutarate forming glutamate and an α -keto acid
- Deaminated amino acids produce carbon skeletons that enter the citric acid cycle
- Most amino acids are glucogenic, some are both glucogenic and ketogenic,
just 2 are solely ketogenic

first step in amino acid oxidation

- Removal of the amino group
- Formation of an α -keto acid
- How?
- Aminotransferases (transaminases)
- Collects the amino groups from many amino acids in the form of L-glutamate \rightarrow amino group carrier

