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Laws of Thermodynamics

The first law is the principle of the conservation of energy: *“for any physical or chemical change, the total amount of energy in the universe remains constant”*.

The second law says that the universe always tends toward increasing disorder: *“in all natural processes, the entropy of the universe increases”*.

TABLE 13-1 Some Physical Constants and Units Used in Thermodynamics

Boltzmann constant, $k = 1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$

Avogadro's number, $N = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

Faraday constant, $\mathcal{F} = 96,480 \text{ J/V} \cdot \text{mol}$

Gas constant, $R = 8.315 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}$
(= 1.987 cal/mol · K)

Units of ΔG and ΔH are J/mol (or cal/mol)

Units of ΔS are J/mol · K (or cal/mol · K)

1 cal = 4.184 J

Units of absolute temperature, T , are Kelvin, K

25 °C = 298 K

At 25 °C, $RT = 2.479 \text{ kJ/mol}$

(= 0.592 kcal/mol)

ΔG : CHANGE IN FREE ENERGY

- Energy available to do work.
- Approaches zero as reaction proceeds to equilibrium.
- Predicts whether a reaction is favorable.

ΔH : CHANGE IN ENTHALPY

- Heat released or absorbed during a reaction.
- Does not predict whether a reaction is favorable.

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

ΔS : CHANGE IN ENTROPY

- Measure of randomness.
- Does not predict whether a reaction is favorable.

Figure 6.1

Relationship between changes in free energy (G), enthalpy (H), and entropy (S). T is the absolute temperature in degrees Kelvin ($^{\circ}\text{K}$): $^{\circ}\text{K} = ^{\circ}\text{C} + 273$.

Gibbs free energy, G:

Expresses the amount of energy
capable of doing work during a
reaction at constant temperature and
pressure

Enthalpy, H:

Is the heat content of the reacting system. It reflects the number and kinds of chemical bonds in the reactants and products.

Entropy, S :

Is a quantitative expression for the randomness or disorder in a system

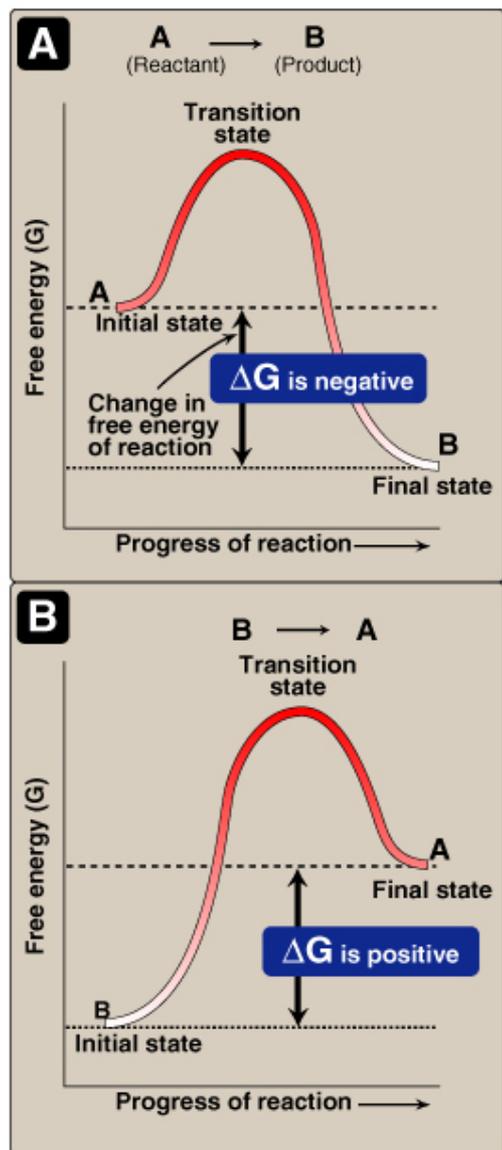


Figure 6.2

Change in free energy (ΔG) during a reaction.

A. The product has a lower free energy (G) than the reactant. B. The product has a higher free energy than the reactant.

Variations of Reaction Spontaneity (Sign of ΔG) with the signs of ΔH and ΔS

ΔH	ΔS	$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$
-	+	Spontaneous (exergonic)
-	-	Spontaneous below $T = \Delta H / \Delta S$
+	+	Spontaneous above $T = \Delta H / \Delta S$
+	-	Unspontaneous (endergonic)

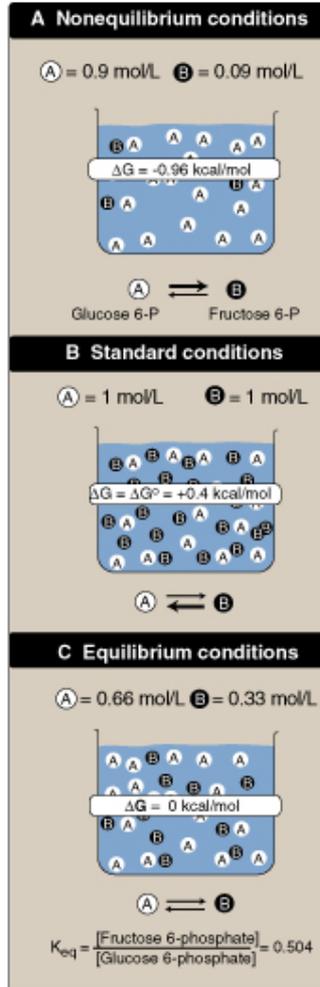


Figure 6.3

ΔG of a reaction depends on the concentration of reactant (A) and product (B). For the conversion of glucose 6-P to fructose 6-P, ΔG is negative when the ratio of reactant (A) to product (B) is large (top, panel A); is positive under standard conditions (middle, panel B); and is zero at equilibrium (bottom, panel C).

$$\Delta G = \Delta G_0' + RT \ln \frac{B}{A}$$

$$\Delta G = 0 = \Delta G_0' + RT \ln \frac{B}{A}$$

$$\Delta G_0' = - RT \ln K_{eq}$$

TABLE 13–2 Relationship between the Equilibrium Constants and Standard Free-Energy Changes of Chemical Reactions

K'_{eq}	$\Delta G'^{\circ}$	
	(kJ/mol)	(kcal/mol)*
10^3	–17.1	–4.1
10^2	–11.4	–2.7
10^1	–5.7	–1.4
1	0.0	0.0
10^{-1}	5.7	1.4
10^{-2}	11.4	2.7
10^{-3}	17.1	4.1
10^{-4}	22.8	5.5
10^{-5}	28.5	6.8
10^{-6}	34.2	8.2

*Although joules and kilojoules are the standard units of energy and are used throughout this text, biochemists sometimes express $\Delta G'^{\circ}$ values in kilocalories per mole. We have therefore included values in both kilojoules and kilocalories in this table and in Tables 13–4 and 13–6. To convert kilojoules to kilocalories, divide the number of kilojoules by 4.184.

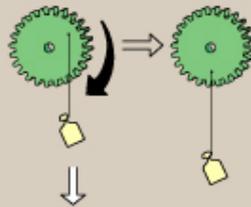
TABLE 13–3 Relationships among K'_{eq} , $\Delta G'^{\circ}$, and the Direction of Chemical Reactions under Standard Conditions

When K'_{eq} is . . .	$\Delta G'^{\circ}$ is . . .	Starting with all components at 1 M, the reaction . . .
> 1.0	negative	proceeds forward
1.0	zero	is at equilibrium
< 1.0	positive	proceeds in reverse

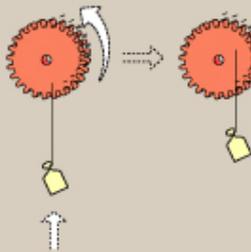
TABLE 13–4 Standard Free-Energy Changes of Some Chemical Reactions at pH 7.0 and 25 °C (298 K)

<i>Reaction type</i>	$\Delta G'^{\circ}$	
	(kJ/mol)	(kcal/mol)
Hydrolysis reactions		
Acid anhydrides		
Acetic anhydride + H ₂ O \longrightarrow 2 acetate	–91.1	–21.8
ATP + H ₂ O \longrightarrow ADP + P _i	–30.5	–7.3
ATP + H ₂ O \longrightarrow AMP + PP _i	–45.6	–10.9
PP _i + H ₂ O \longrightarrow 2P _i	–19.2	–4.6
UDP-glucose + H ₂ O \longrightarrow UMP + glucose 1-phosphate	–43.0	–10.3
Esters		
Ethyl acetate + H ₂ O \longrightarrow ethanol + acetate	–19.6	–4.7
Glucose 6-phosphate + H ₂ O \longrightarrow glucose + P _i	–13.8	–3.3
Amides and peptides		
Glutamine + H ₂ O \longrightarrow glutamate + NH ₄ ⁺	–14.2	–3.4
Glycylglycine + H ₂ O \longrightarrow 2 glycine	–9.2	–2.2

A Favorable process (ΔG is negative)



B Unfavorable process (ΔG is positive)



C Coupling of a favorable process ($-\Delta G$) with an unfavorable process ($+\Delta G$) to yield an overall $-\Delta G$

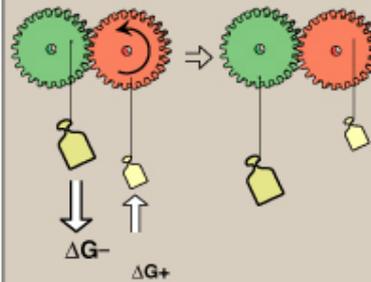
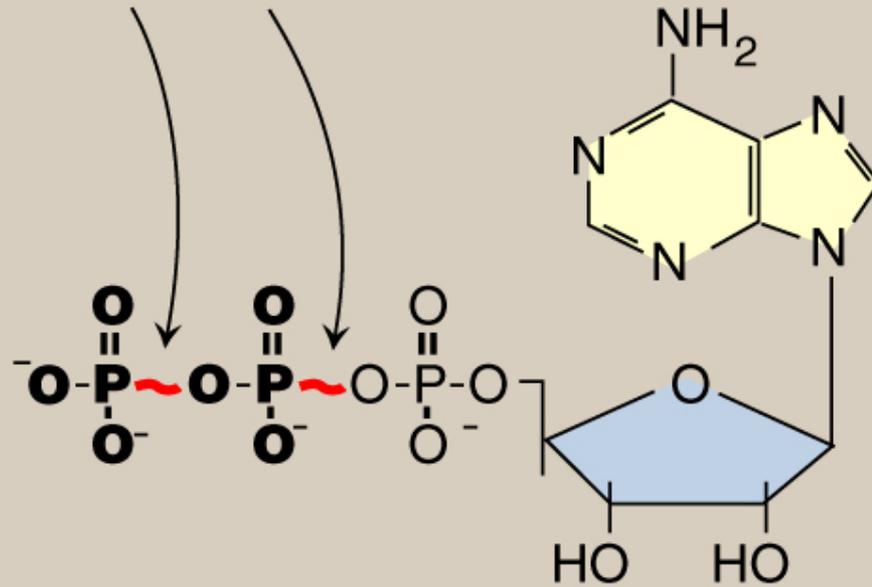


Figure 6.4
Mechanical model of coupling of favorable and unfavorable processes.

**High-energy
phosphate bonds**

Adenine



Ribose

Figure 6.5
Adenosine triphosphate.

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TABLE 13–5 Adenine Nucleotide, Inorganic Phosphate, and Phosphocreatine Concentrations in Some Cells

	Concentration (mM)*				
	<i>ATP</i>	<i>ADP</i> [†]	<i>AMP</i>	<i>P_i</i>	<i>PCr</i>
Rat hepatocyte	3.38	1.32	0.29	4.8	0
Rat myocyte	8.05	0.93	0.04	8.05	28
Rat neuron	2.59	0.73	0.06	2.72	4.7
Human erythrocyte	2.25	0.25	0.02	1.65	0
<i>E. coli</i> cell	7.90	1.04	0.82	7.9	0

*For erythrocytes the concentrations are those of the cytosol (human erythrocytes lack a nucleus and mitochondria). In the other types of cells the data are for the entire cell contents, although the cytosol and the mitochondria have very different concentrations of ADP. PCr is phosphocreatine, discussed on p. 505.

[†]This value reflects total concentration; the true value for free ADP may be much lower (see Box 13–1).

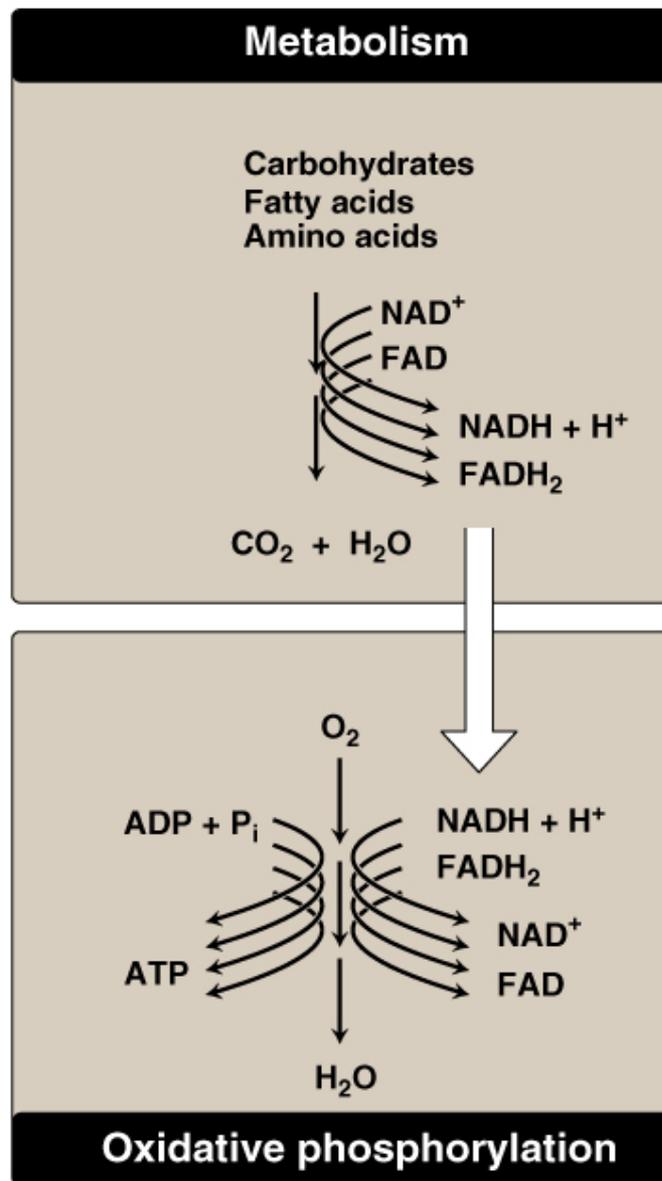


Figure 6.6

The metabolic breakdown of energy-yielding molecules.

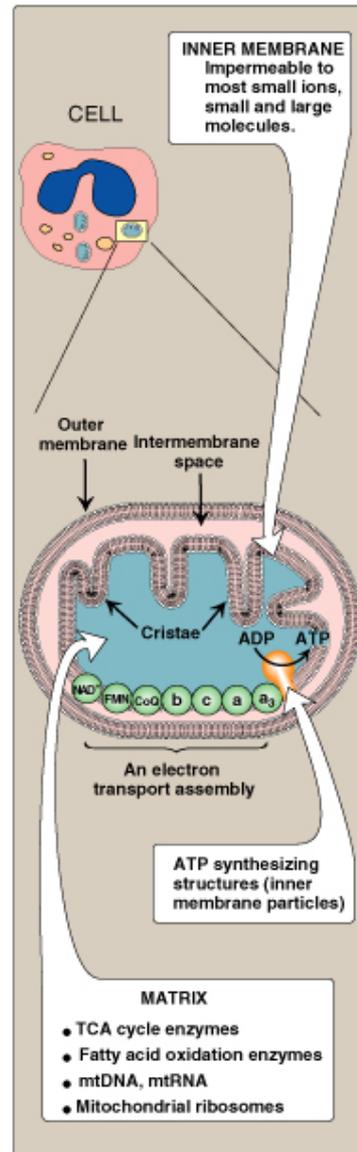
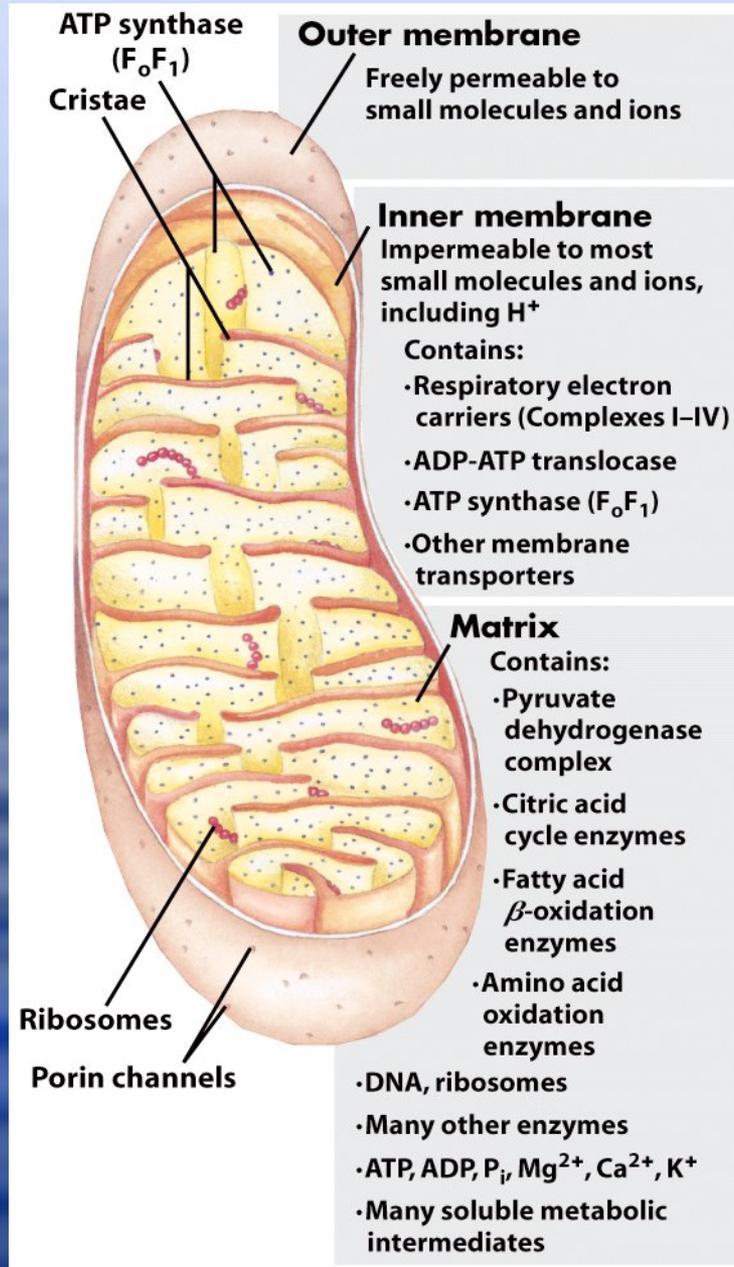
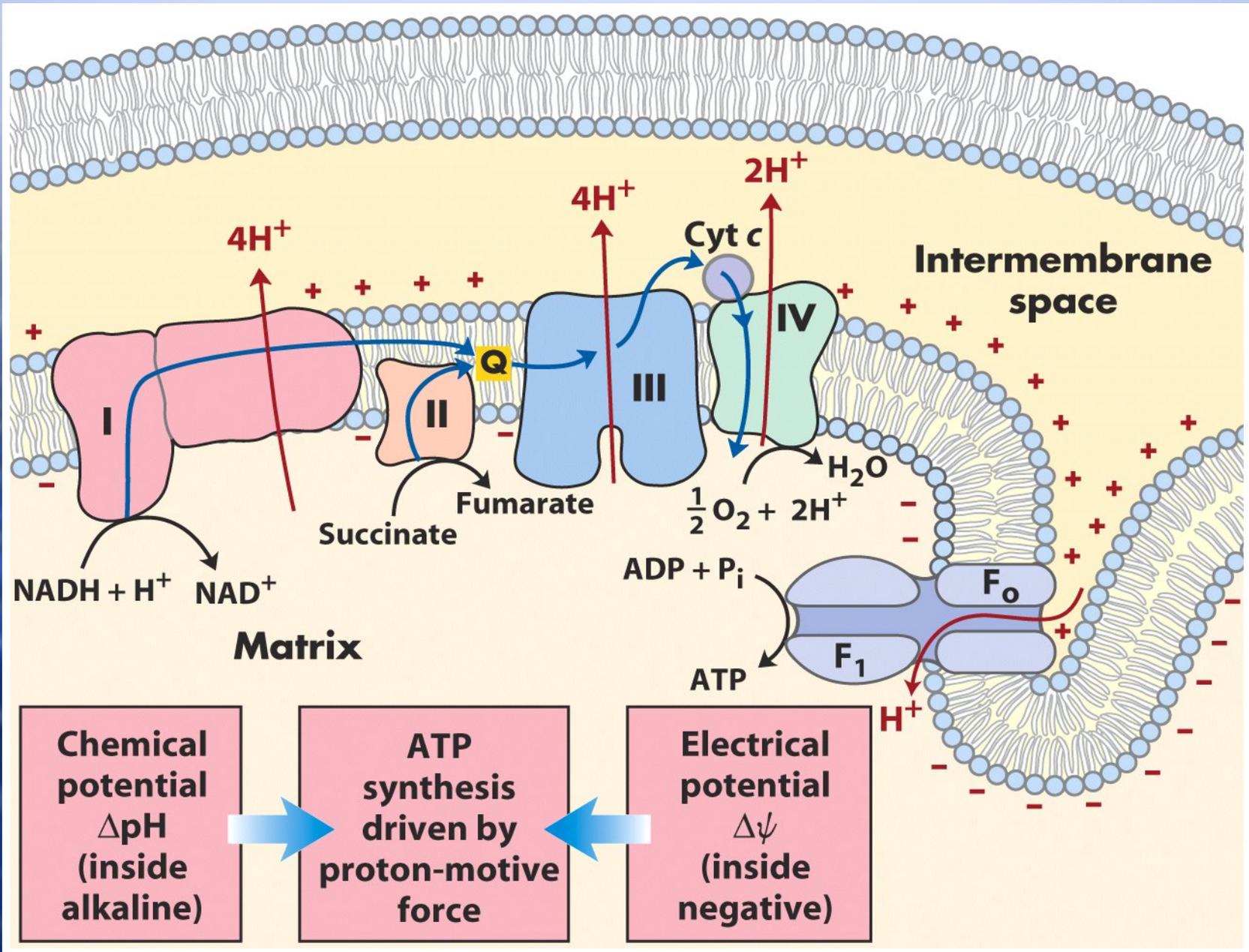


Figure 6.7

Structure of a mitochondrion showing schematic representation of the electron transport chain and ATP synthesizing structures on the inner membrane. mtDNA = mitochondrial DNA; mtRNA = mitochondrial RNA.





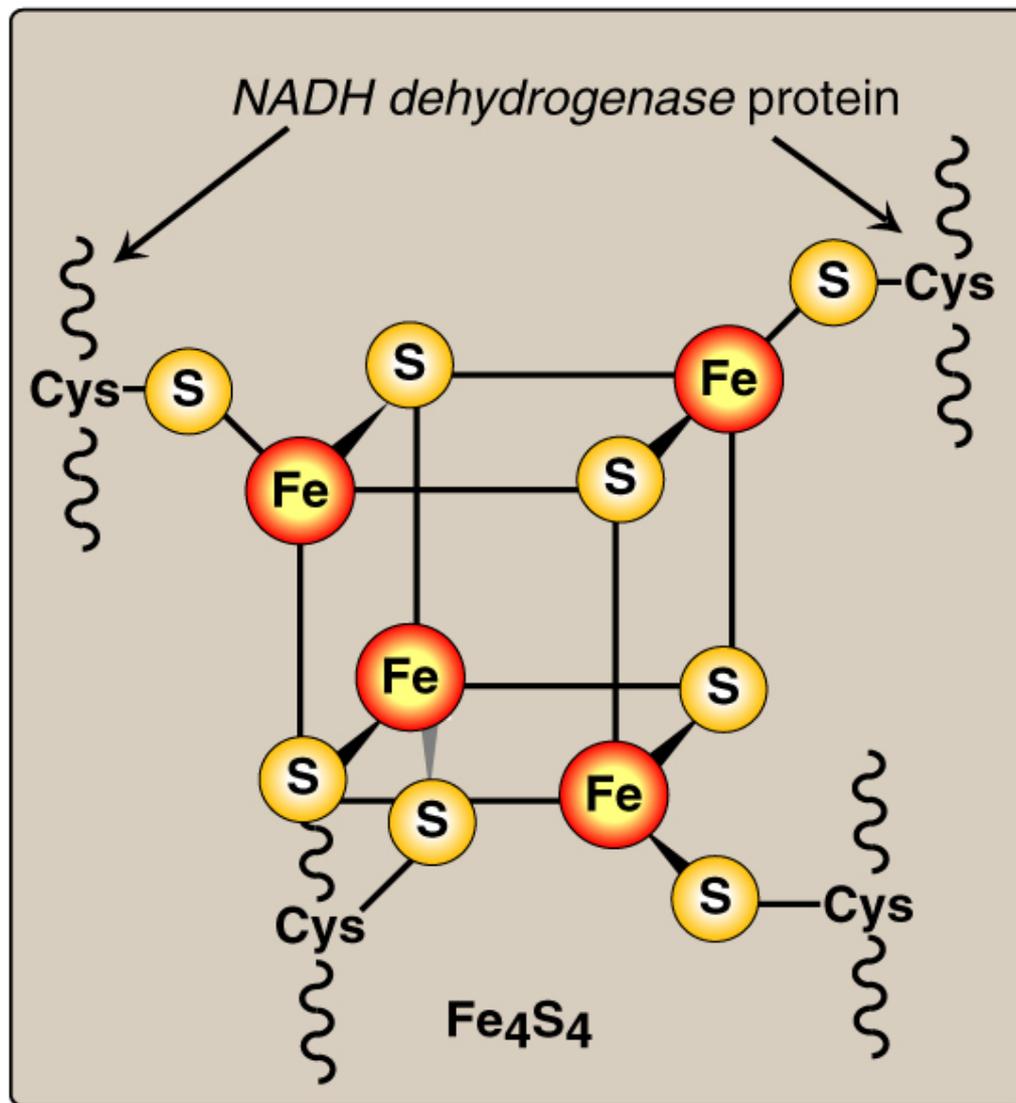
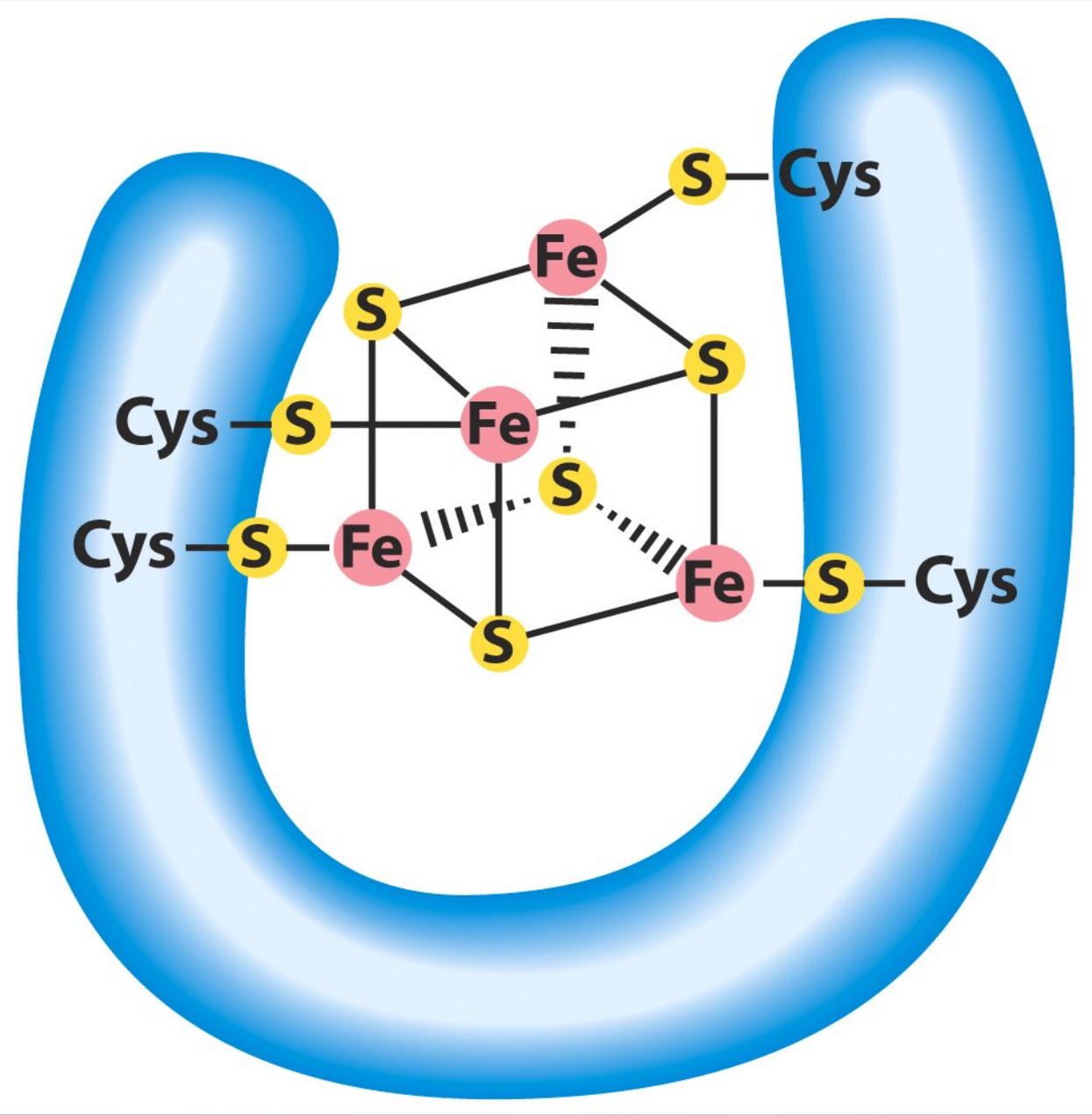
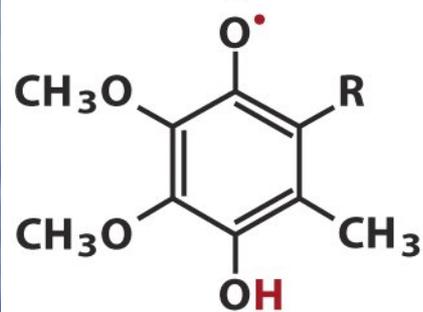
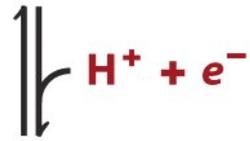
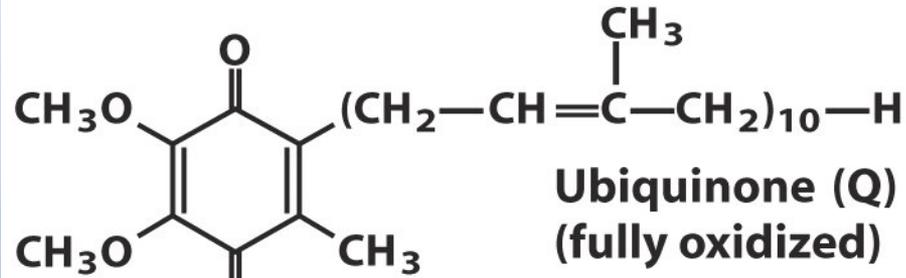
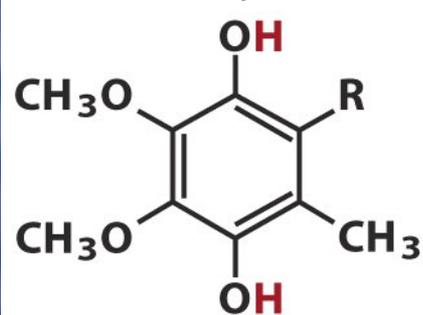
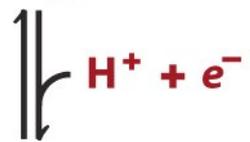


Figure 6.9
Iron-sulfur center of *NADH dehydrogenase*.

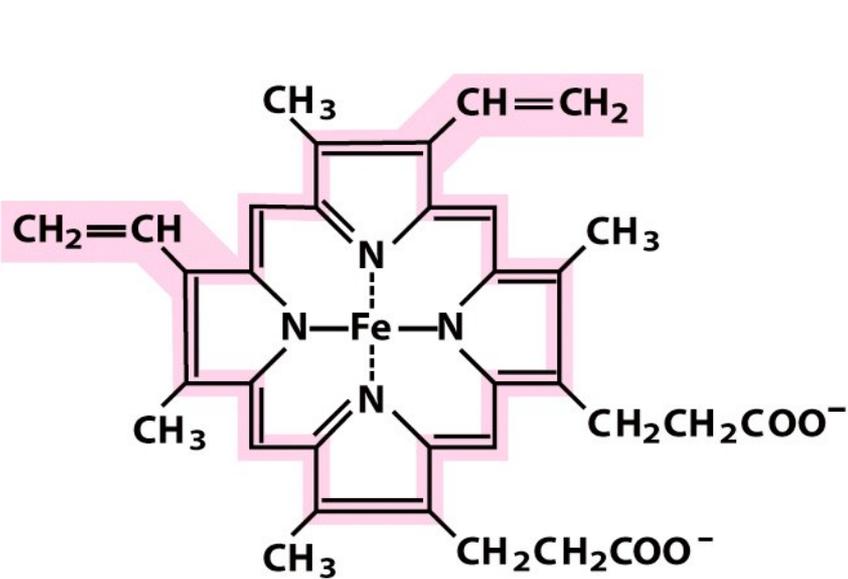




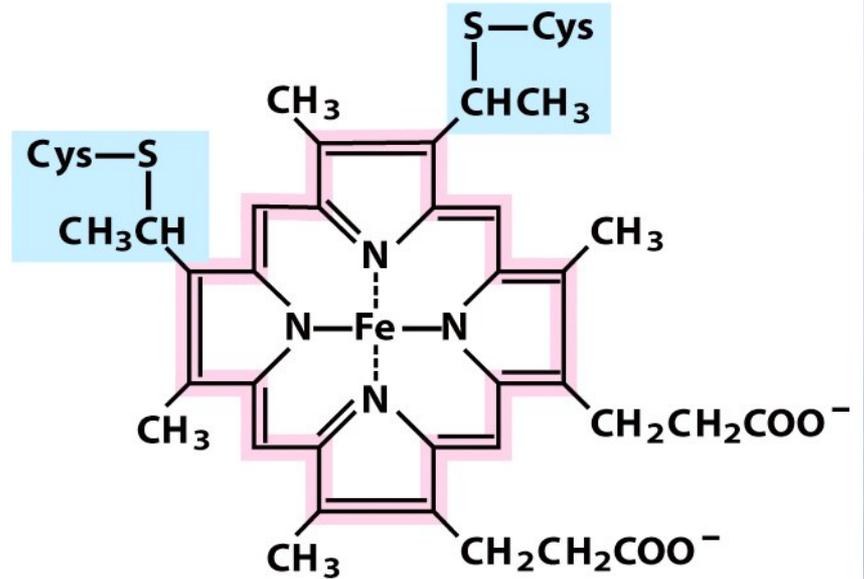
Semiquinone radical
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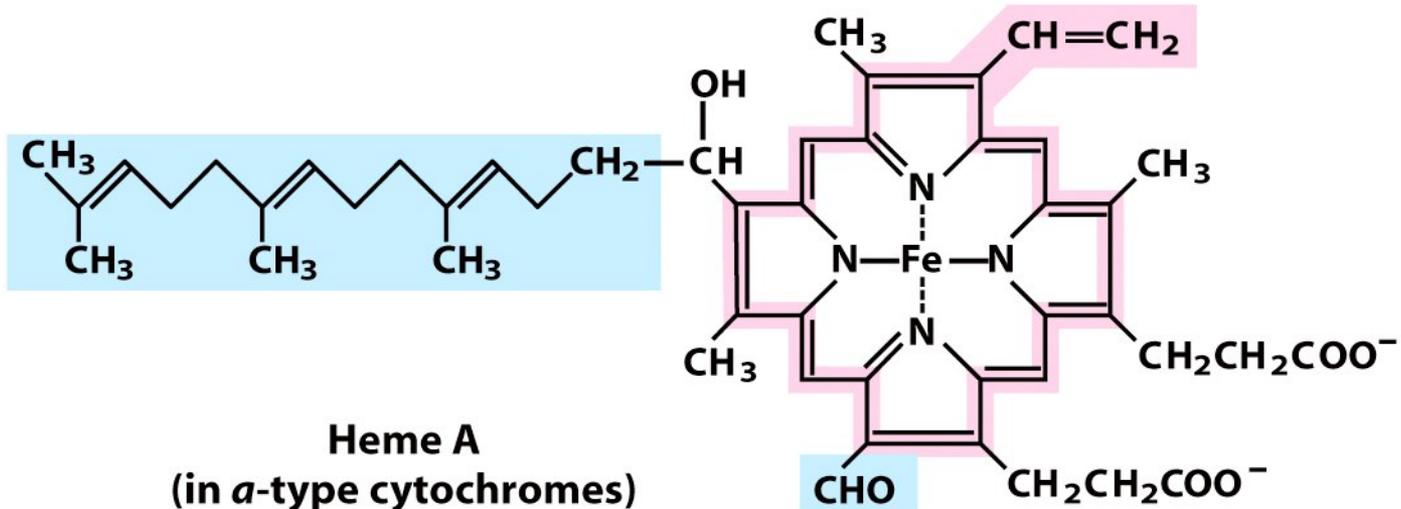
Ubiquinol (QH_2)
(fully reduced)



Iron protoporphyrin IX
(in *b*-type cytochromes)



Heme C
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Heme A
(in *a*-type cytochromes)

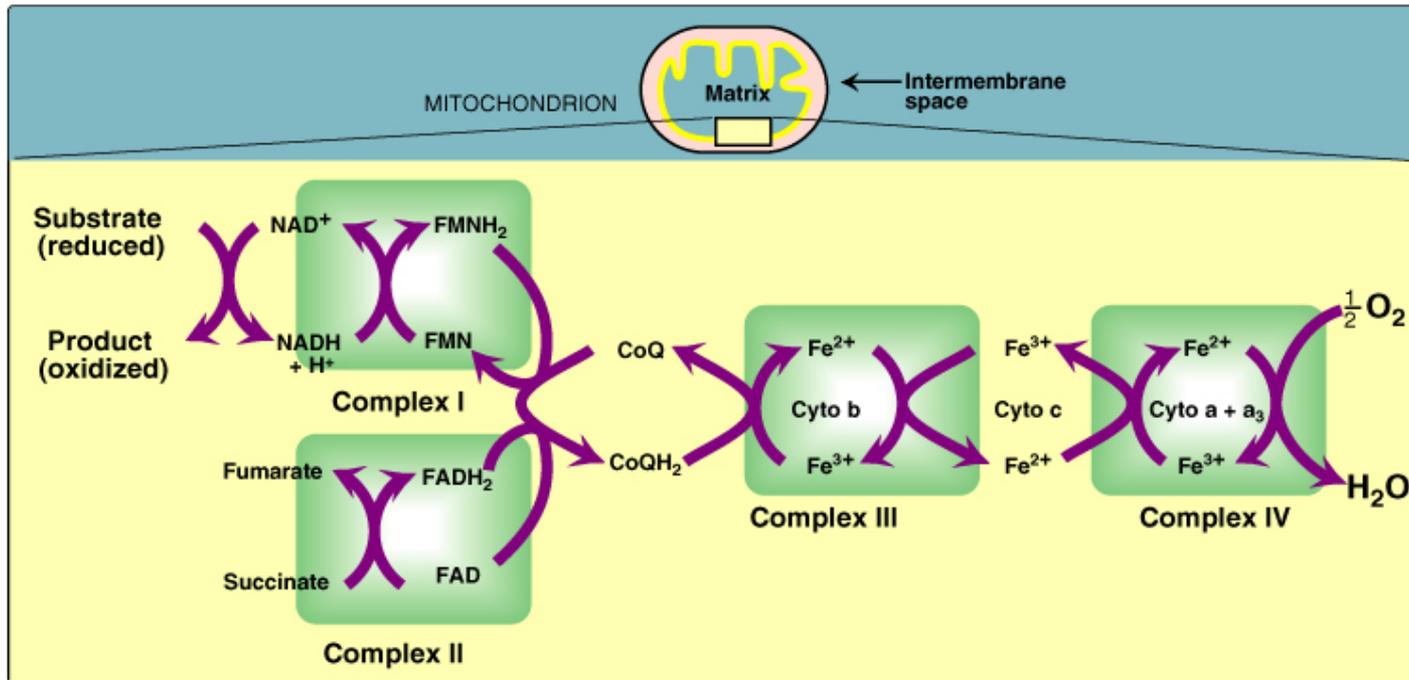
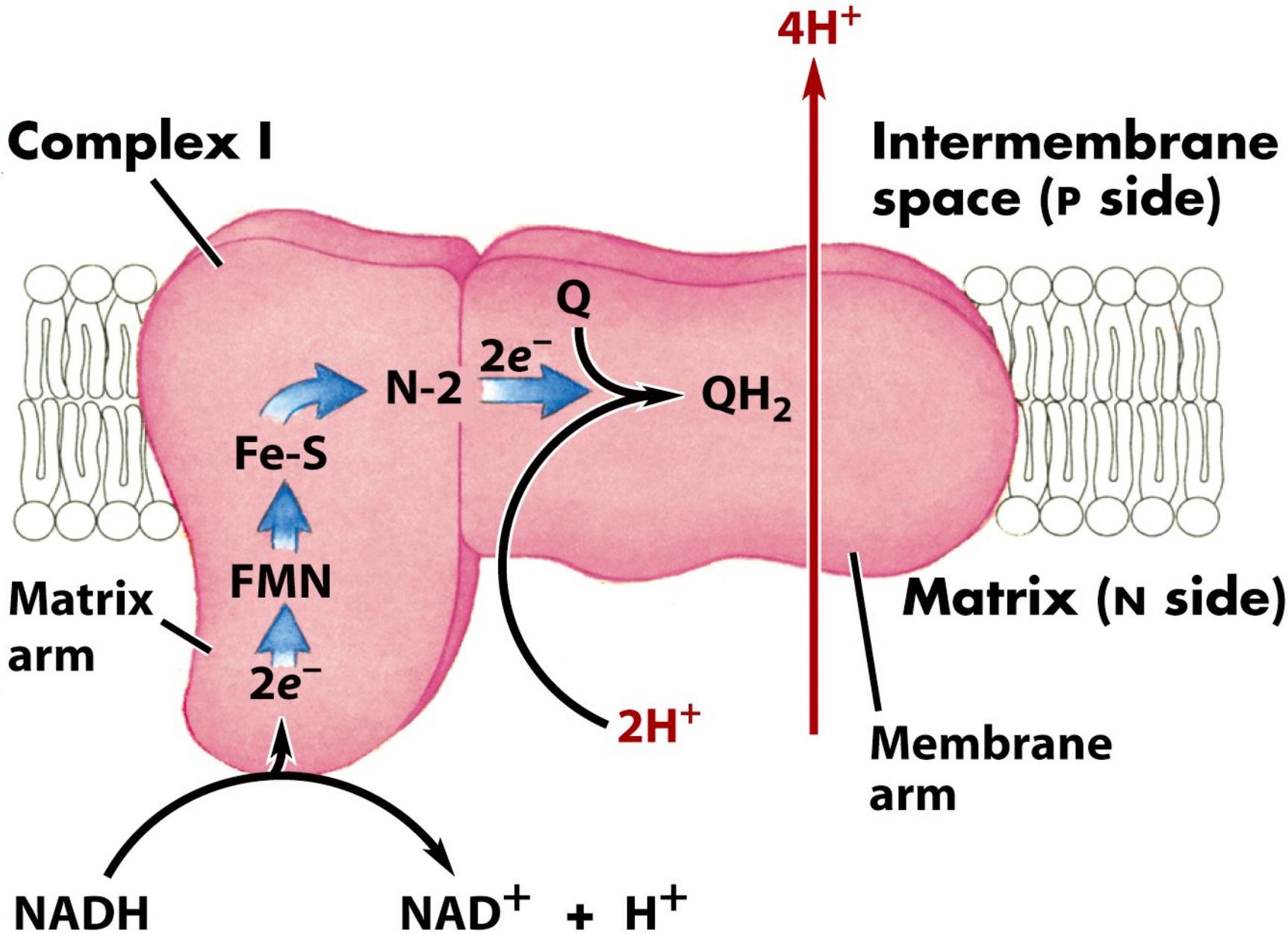


Figure 6.8

Electron transport chain. [Note: Complex V is not shown.]

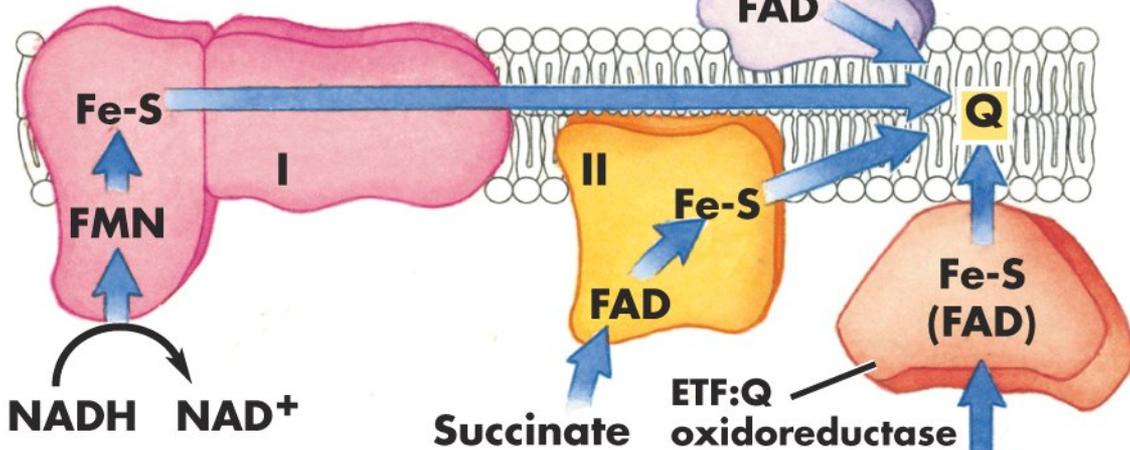
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Intermembrane space

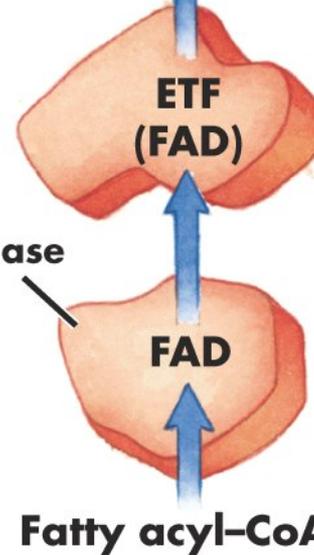
Glycerol 3-phosphate (cytosolic)

glycerol 3-phosphate dehydrogenase



Matrix

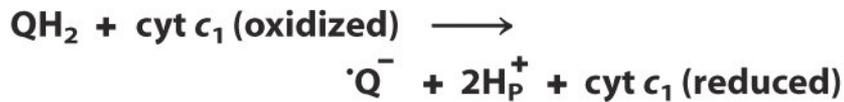
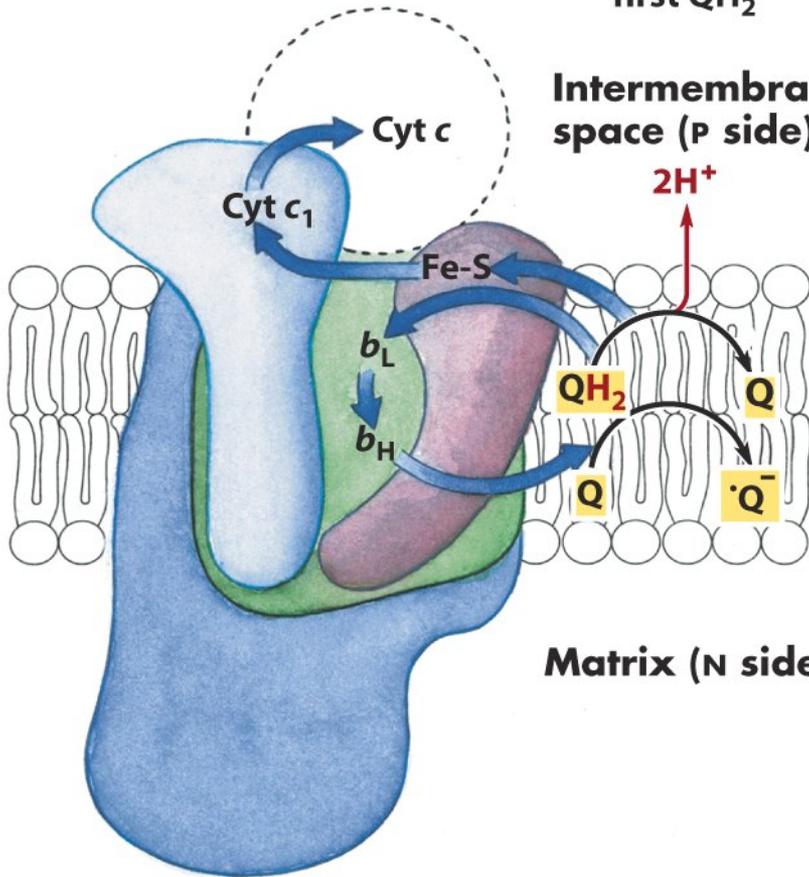
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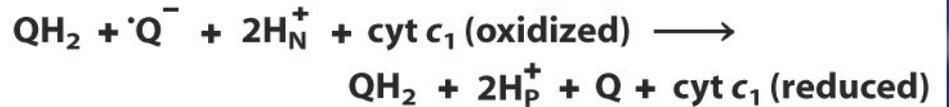
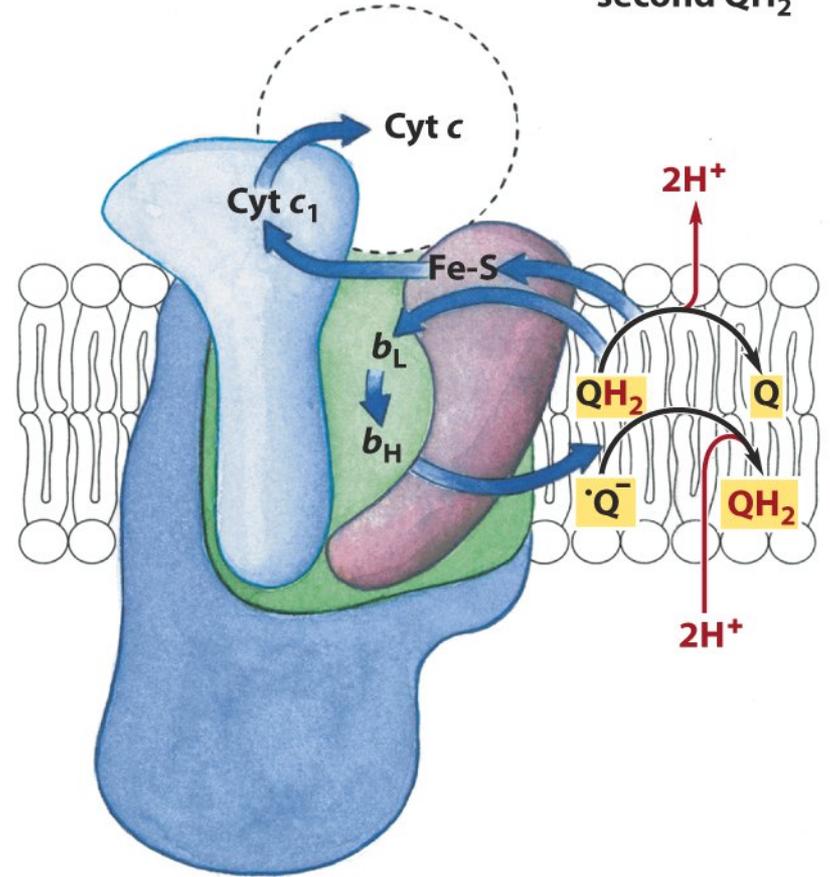
Oxidation of first QH₂

Intermembrane space (P side)

Matrix (N side)



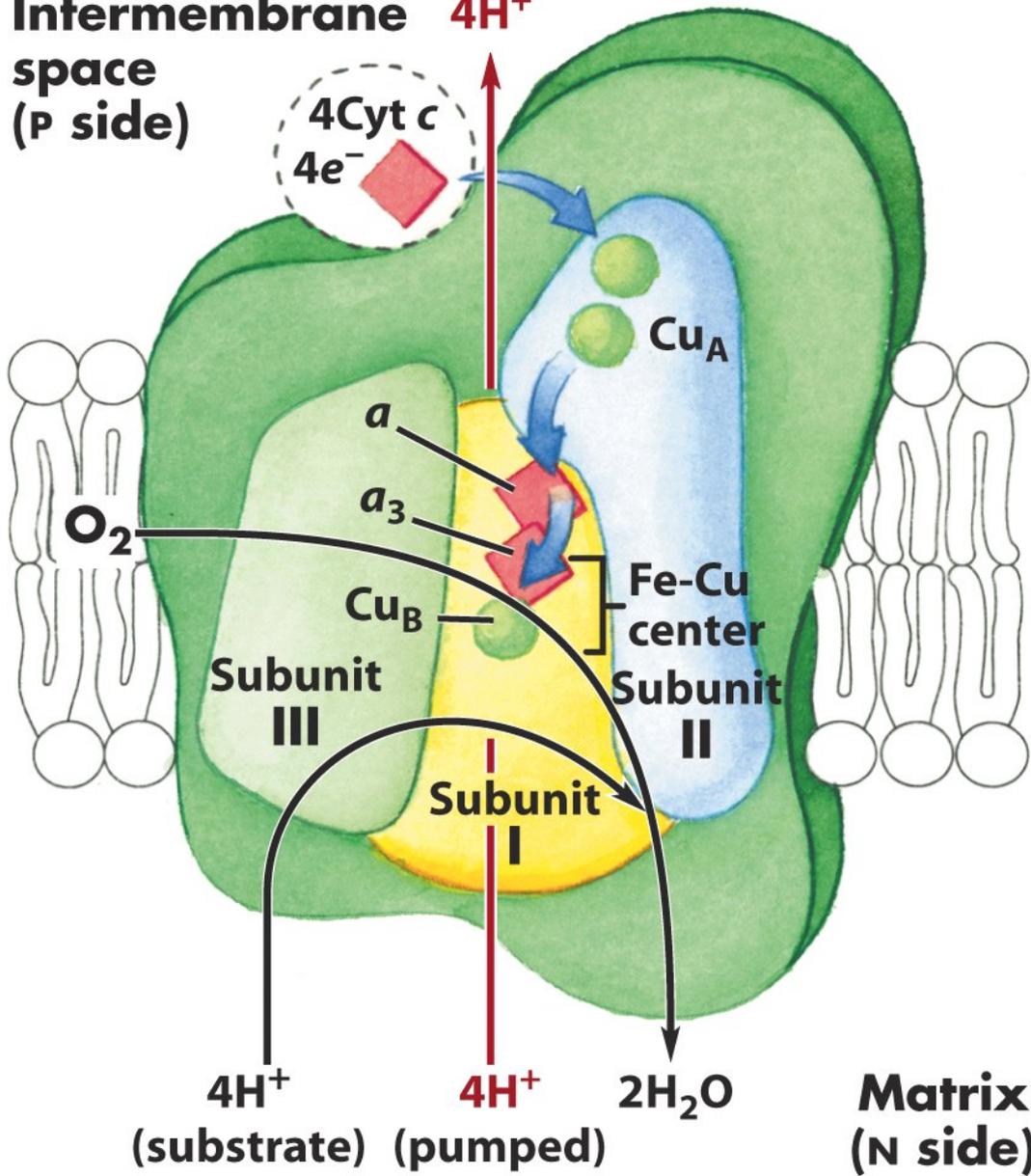
Oxidation of second QH₂



Net equation:



Intermembrane space (P side) $4H^+$



$4Cyt\ c$
 $4e^-$

Cu_A

a

a_3

Cu_B

Fe-Cu center

Subunit III

Subunit II

Subunit I

O_2

$4H^+$

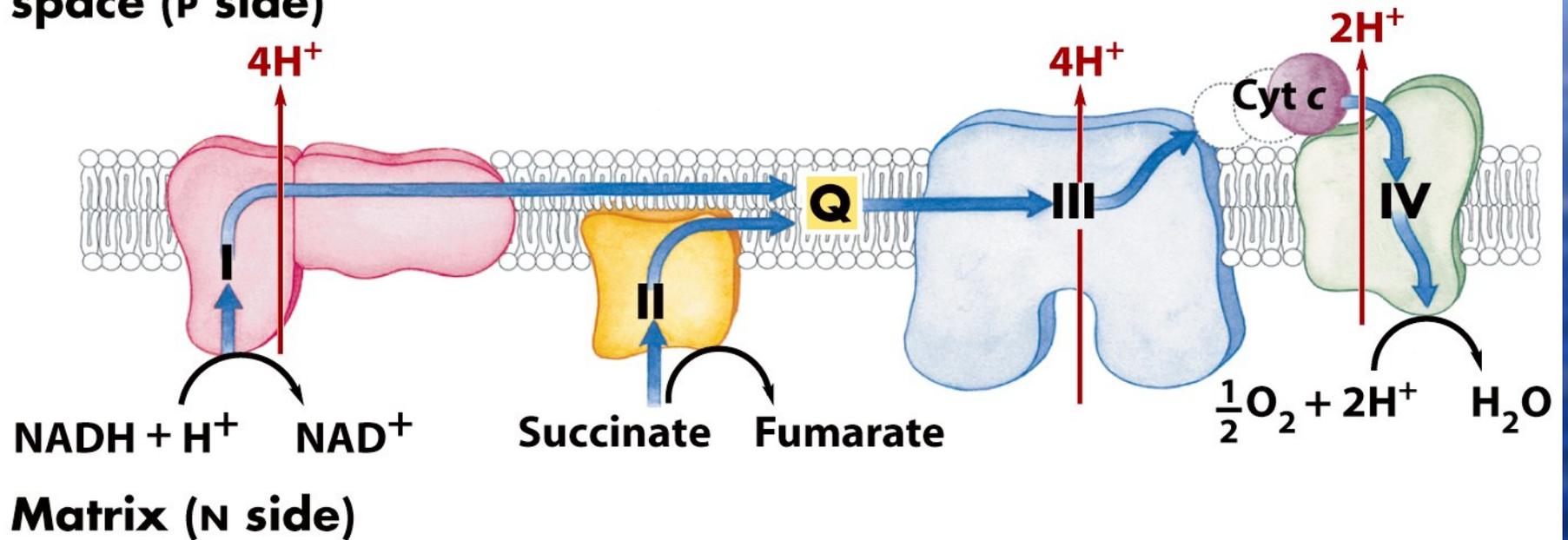
$4H^+$

$2H_2O$

Matrix (N side)

(substrate) (pumped)

**Intermembrane
space (P side)**



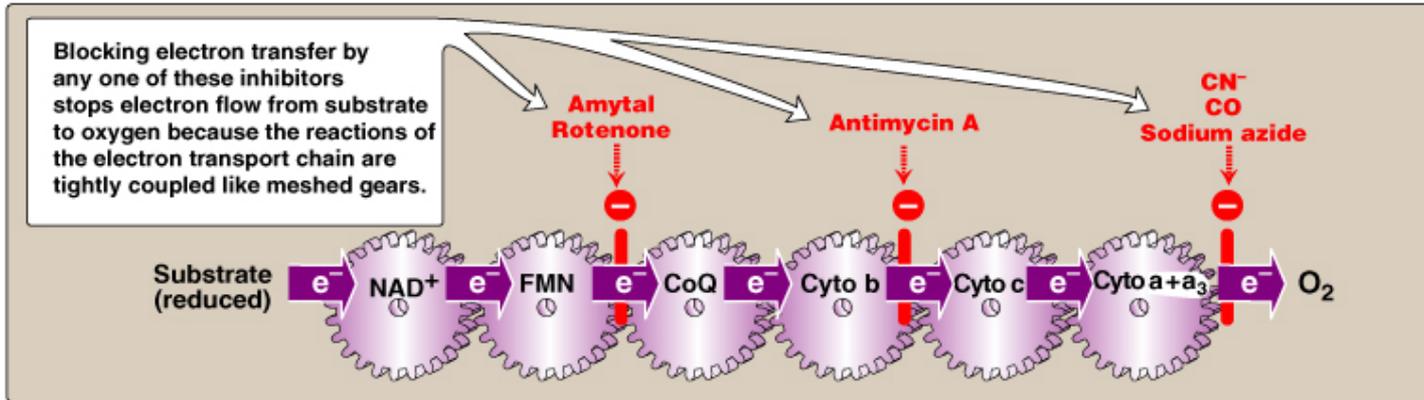
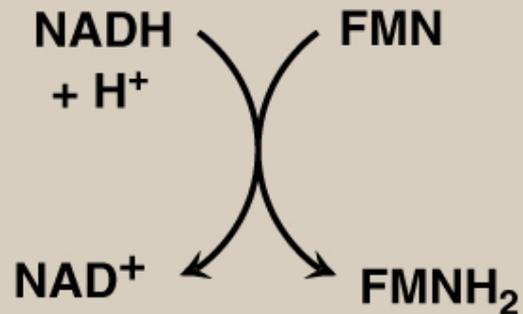


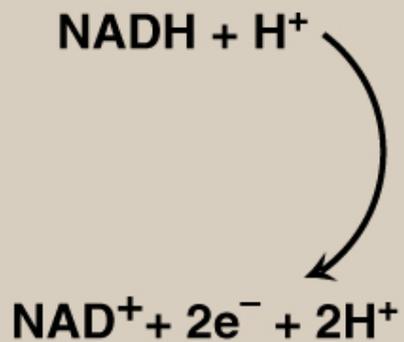
Figure 6.10

Site-specific inhibitors of electron transport shown using a mechanical model for the coupling of oxidation-reduction reactions. [Note: Figure illustrates normal direction of electron flow.]

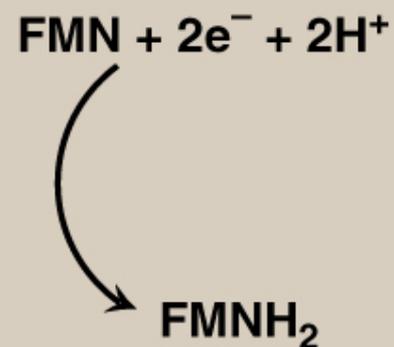
Overall oxidation-reduction reaction



Component redox reactions



Redox pair
 $E_o = -0.32$ volt



Redox pair
 $E_o = -0.22$ volt

Figure 6.11

Oxidation of NADH by FMN, separated into two component redox pairs.

Compounds with a large negative E_o (located at top of the table) are strong reducing agents—that is, they have a strong tendency to lose electrons.

Redox pair	E_o
NAD ⁺ /NADH	-0.32
FMN/FMNH ₂	-0.22
Pyruvate/lactate	-0.19
Cytochrome c Fe ³⁺ /Fe ²⁺	+0.07
1/2 O ₂ /H ₂ O	+0.82

Compounds at the bottom of the table are strong oxidizing agents, that is, they want to accept electrons.

Figure 6.12

Standard reduction potentials of some reactions.

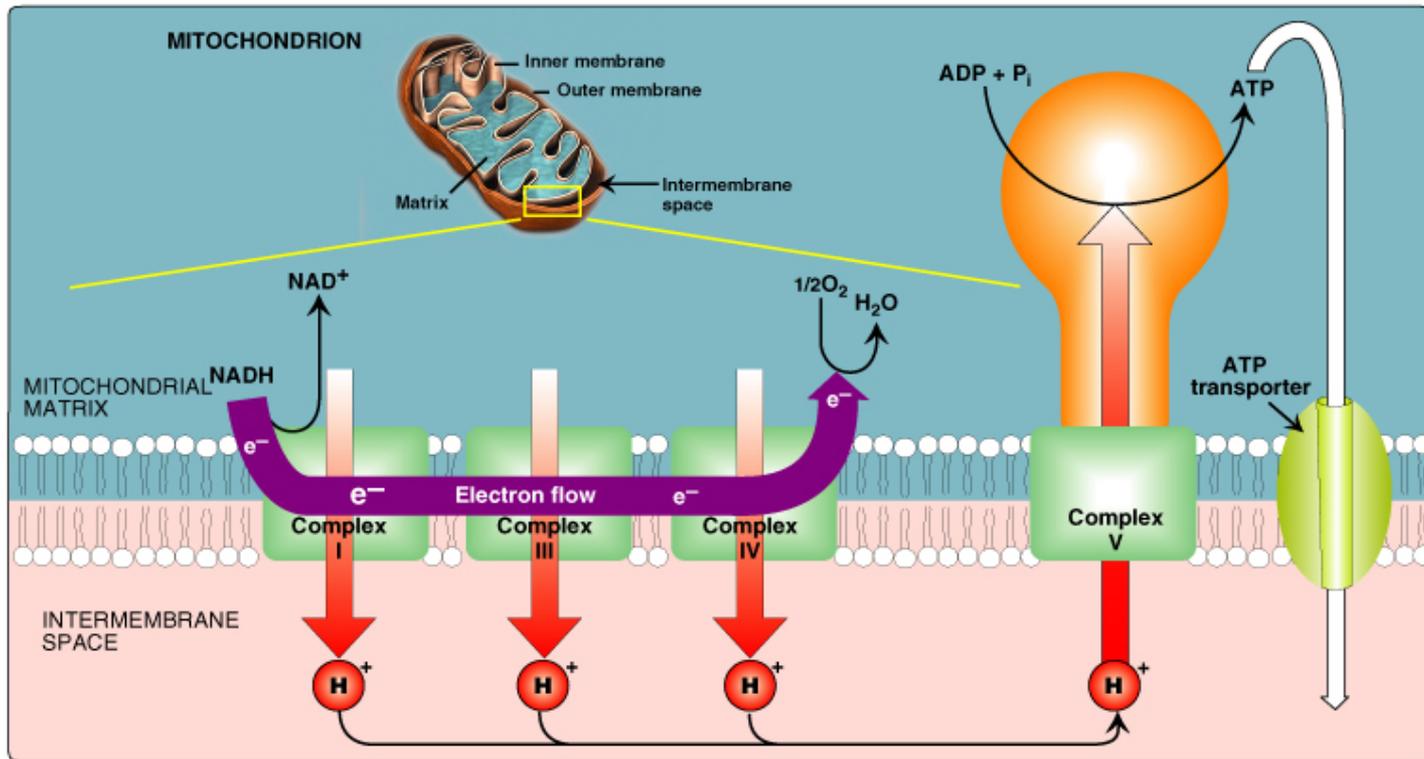
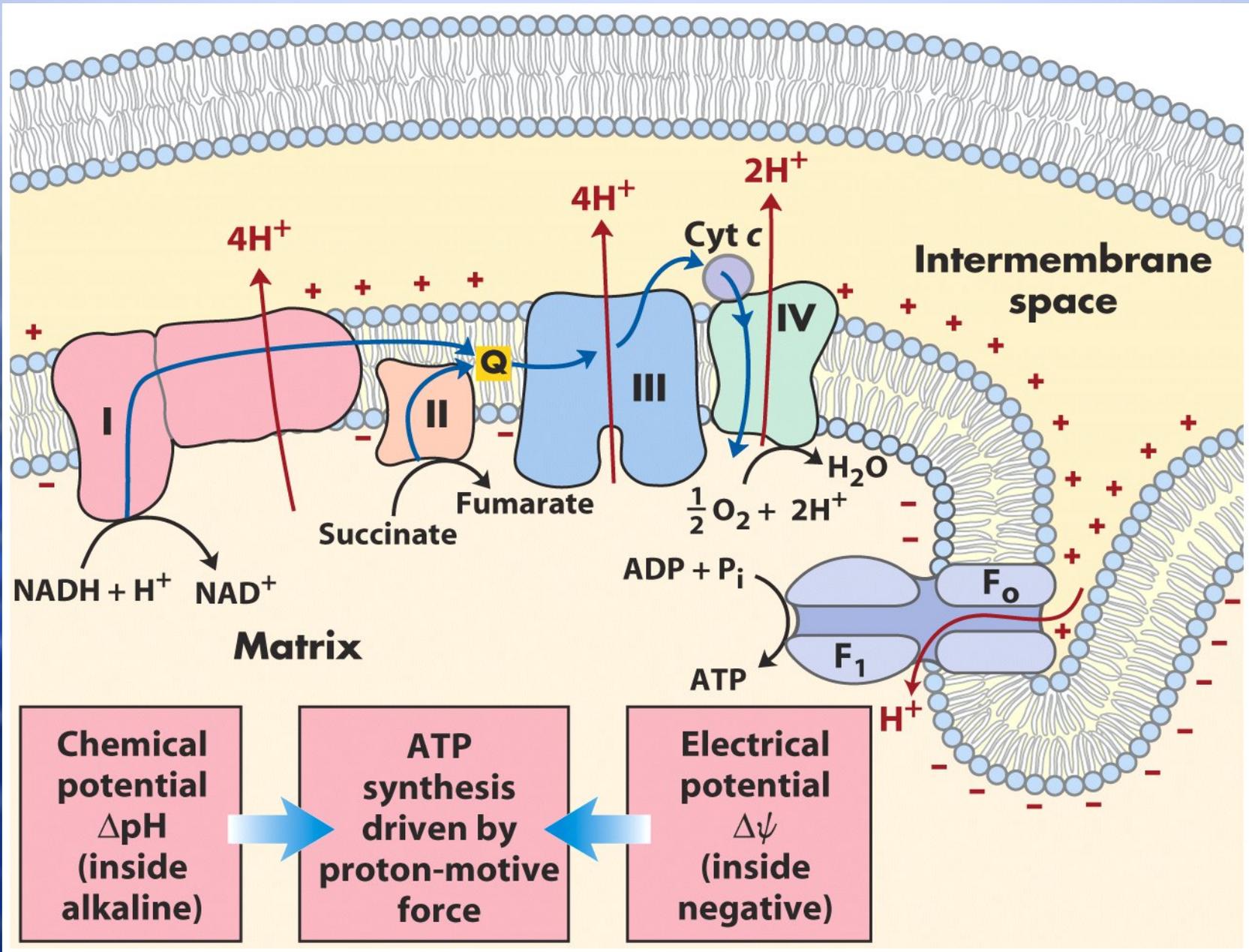
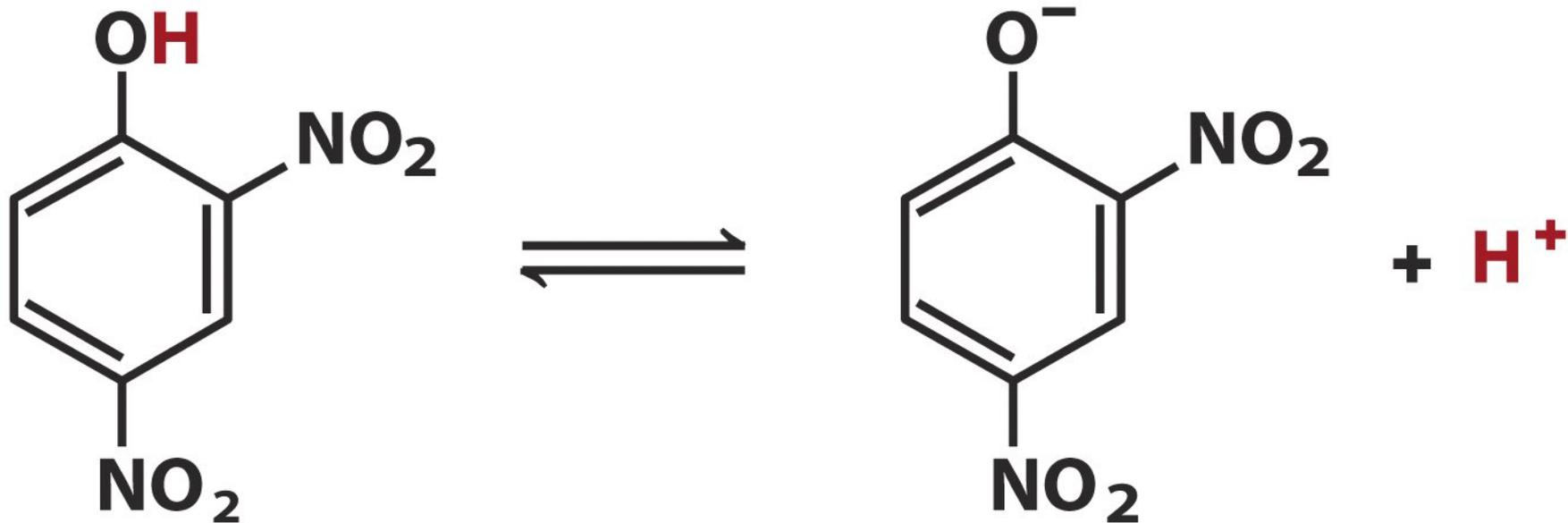


Figure 6.13

Electron transport chain shown coupled to the transport of protons. [Note: Complex II is not shown.]





**2,4-Dinitrophenol
(DNP)**

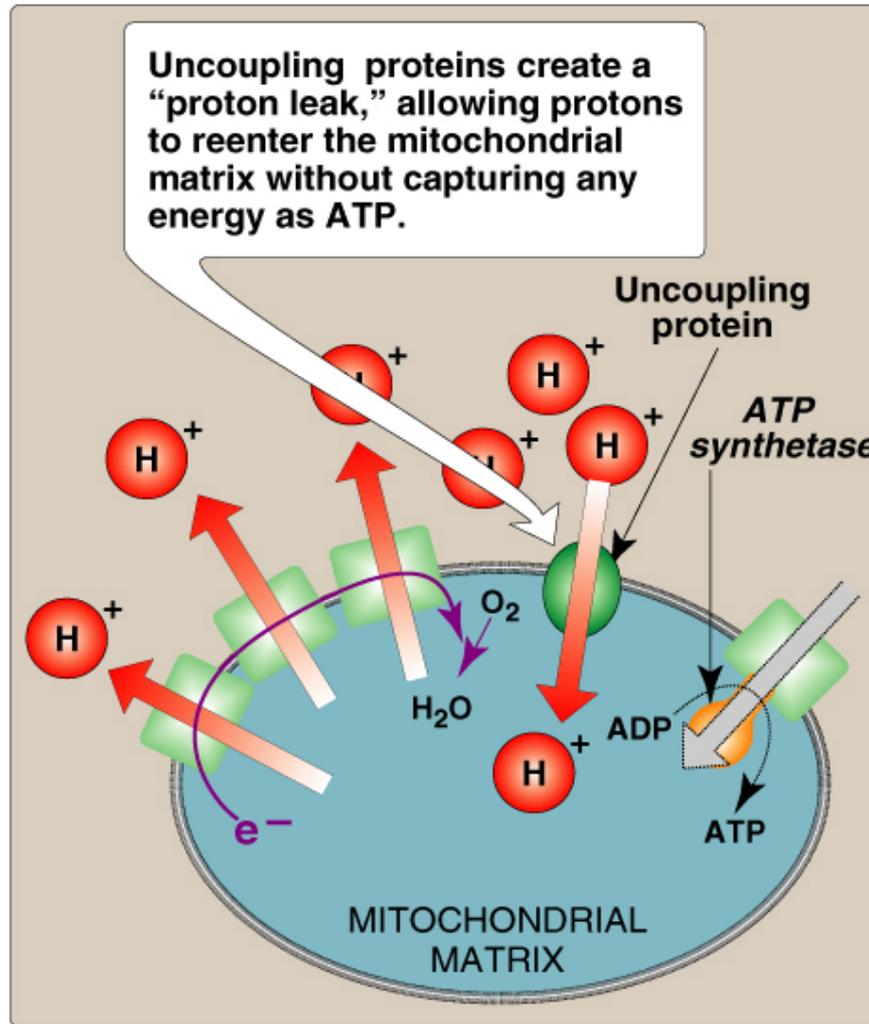
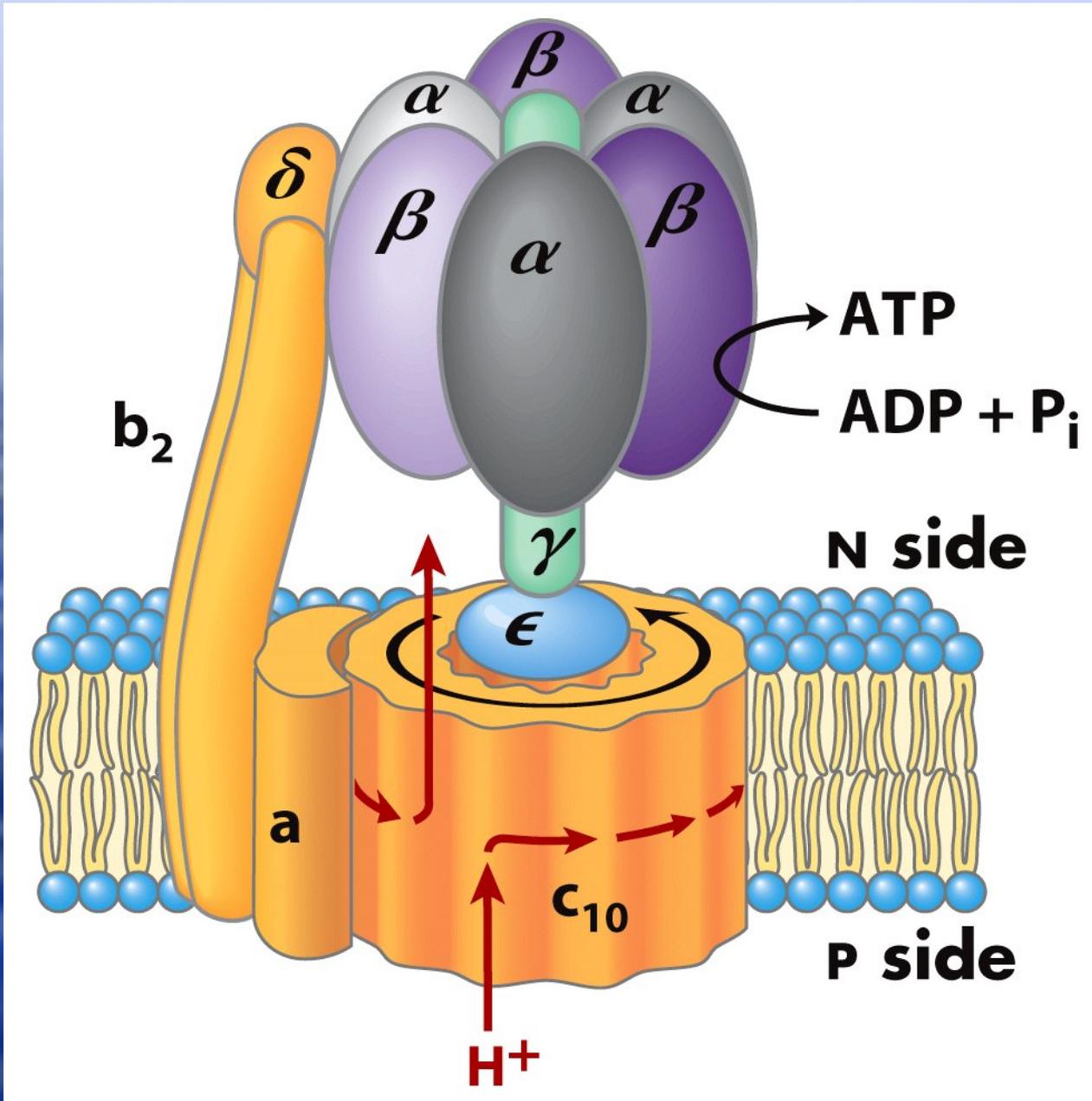
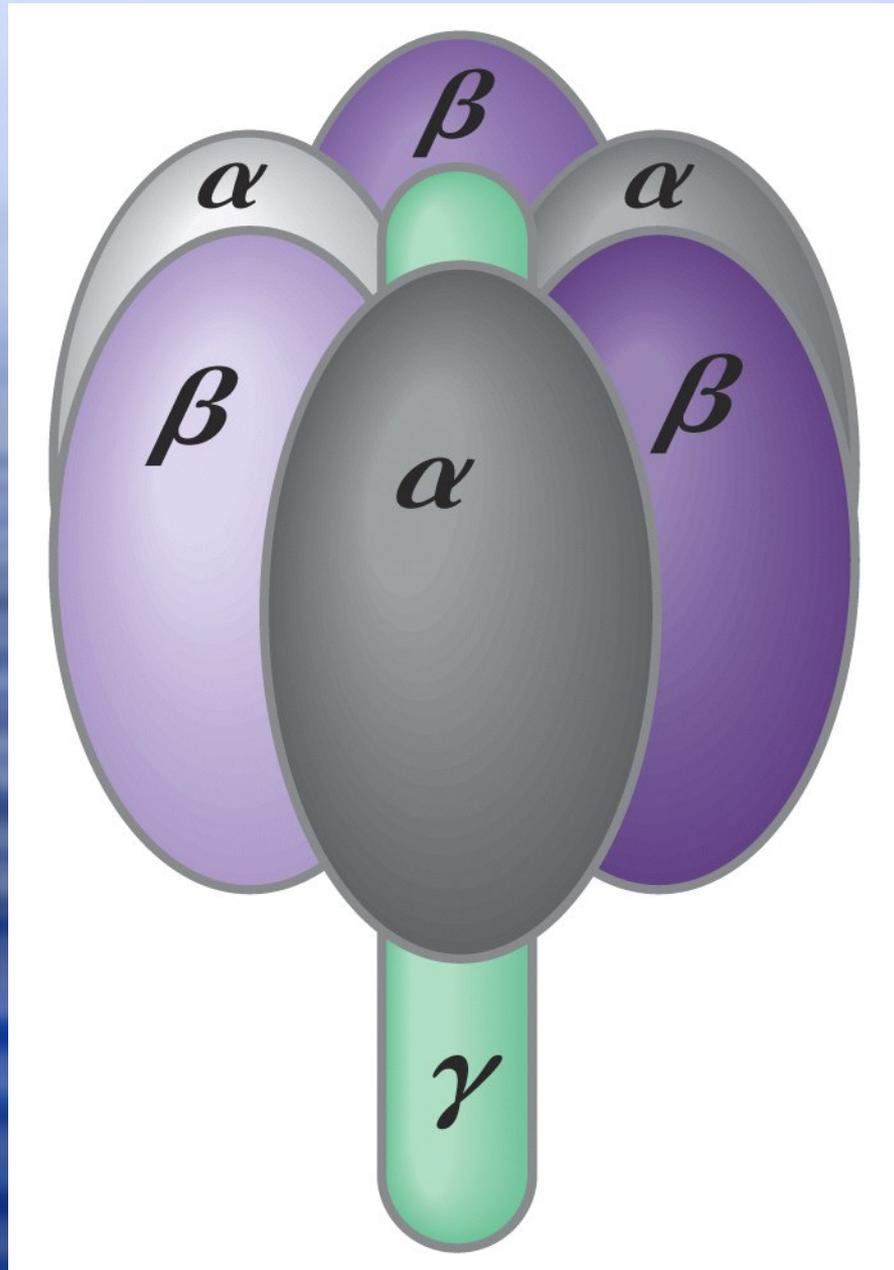


Figure 6.14

Transport of H^+ across mitochondrial membrane by 2,4-dinitrophenol.





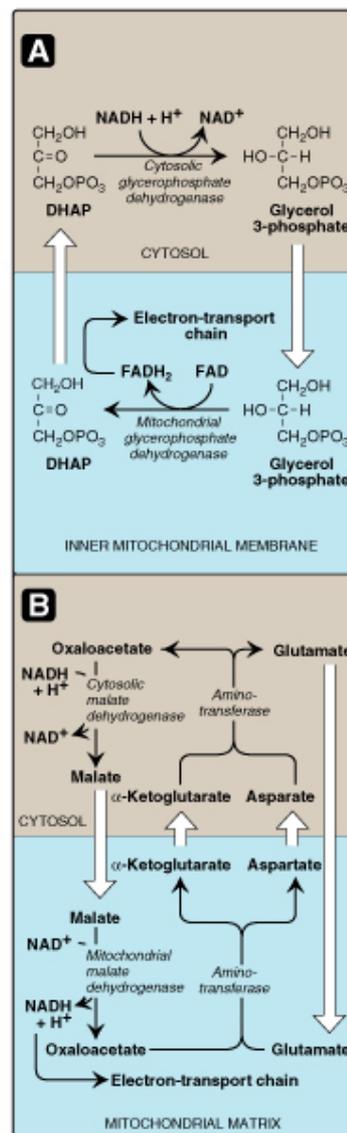
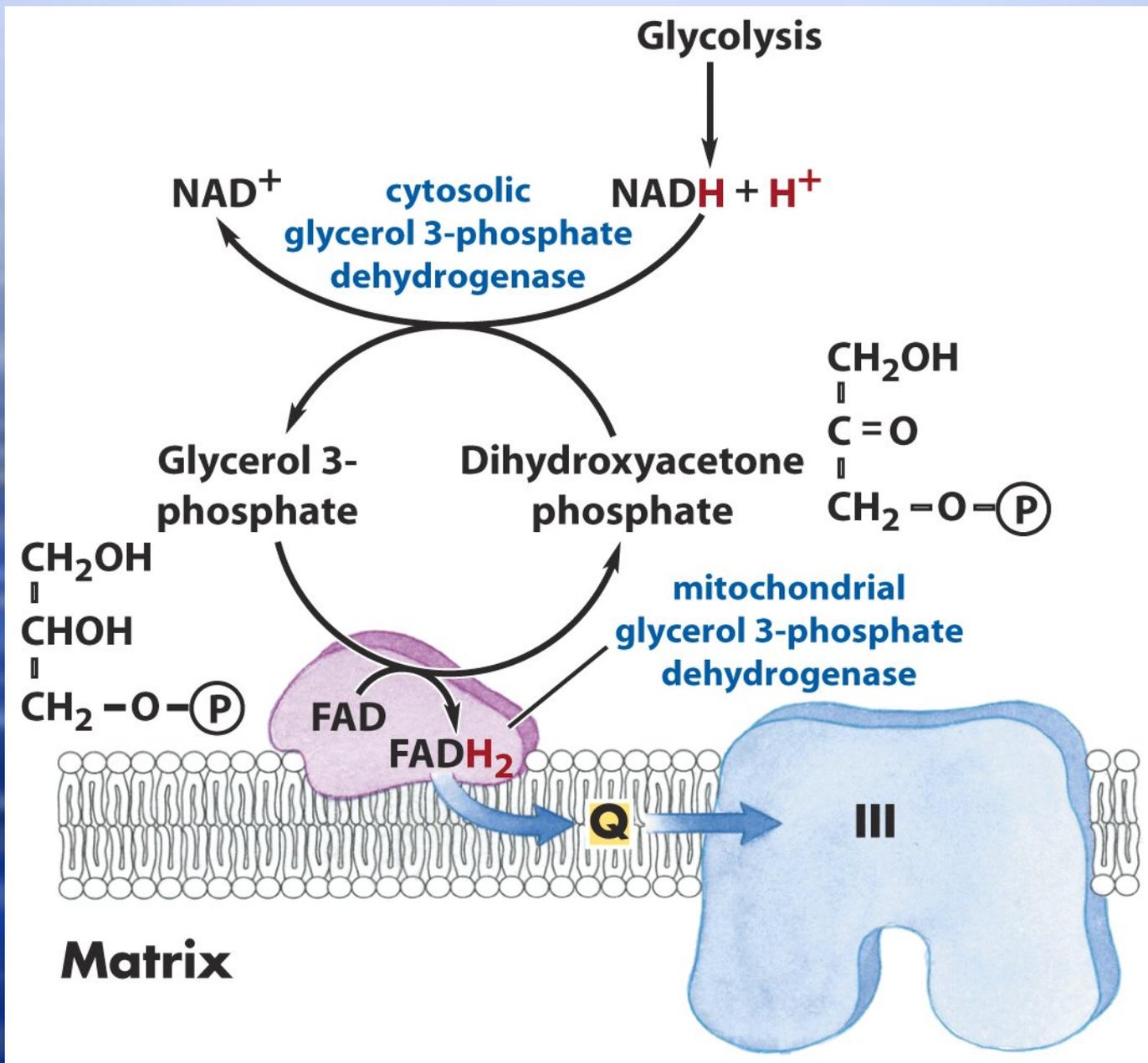
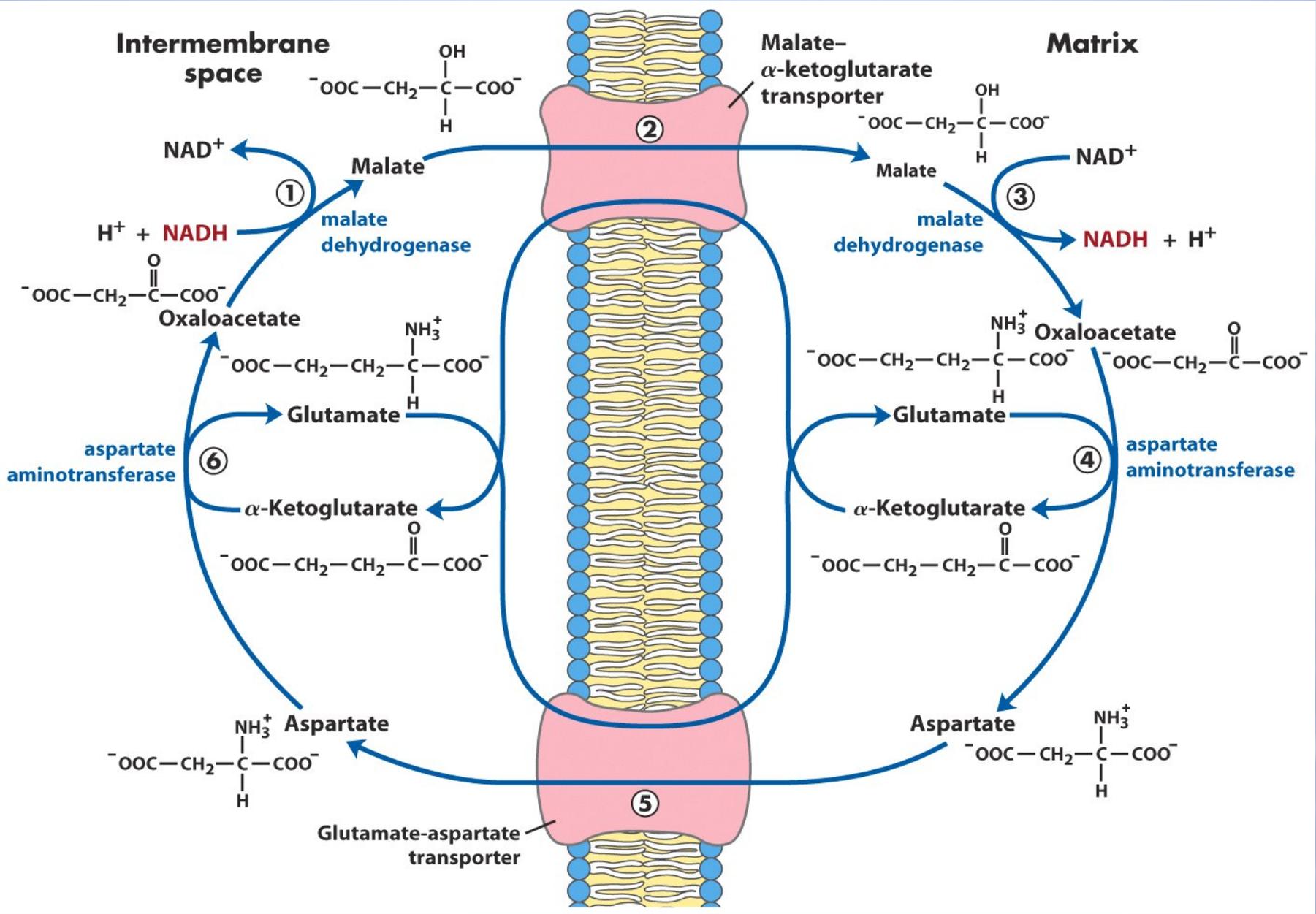


Figure 6.15

Shuttle pathways for the transport of electrons across the inner mitochondrial membrane.
 A. Glycerophosphate shuttle.
 B. Malate-aspartate shuttle.





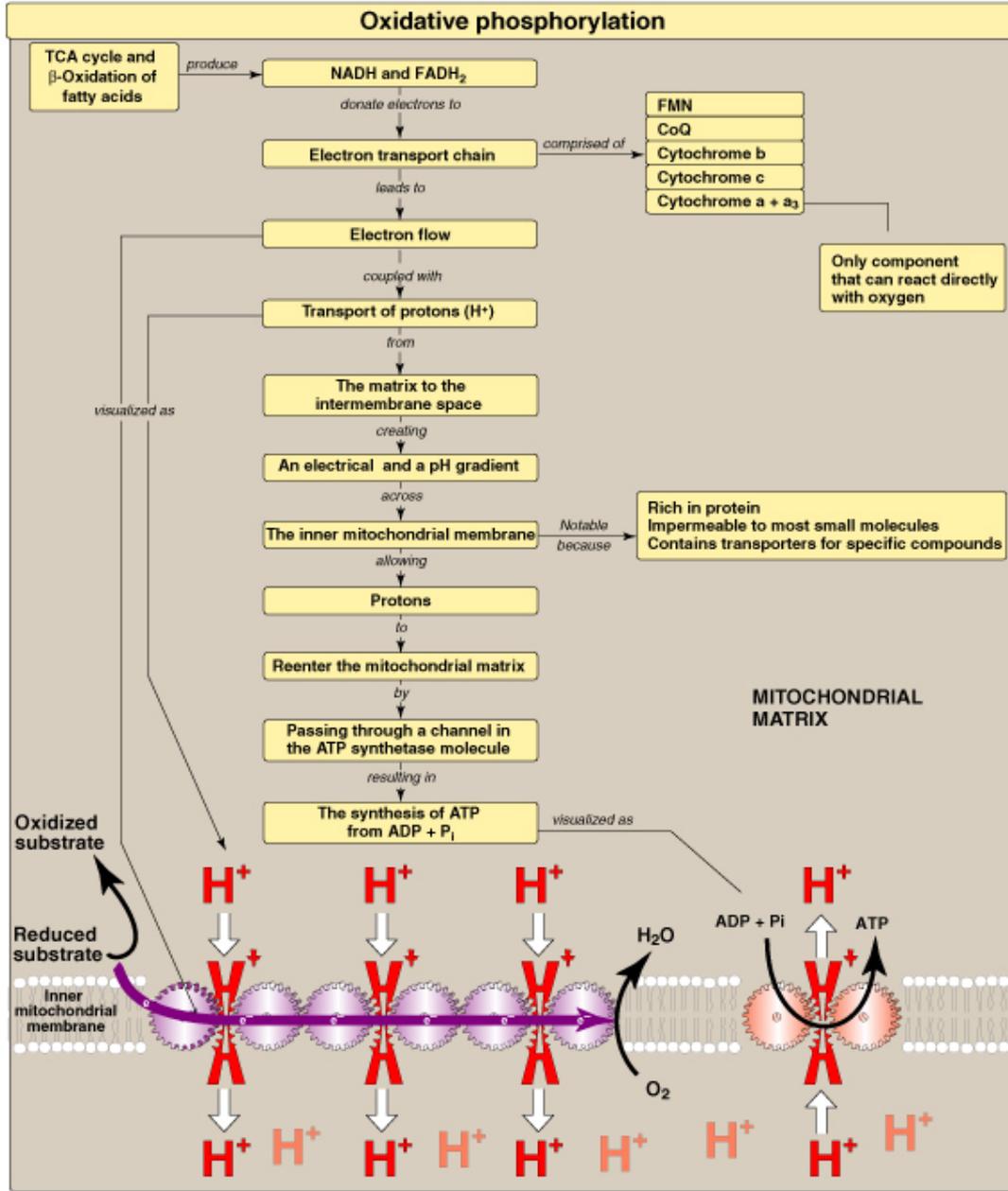
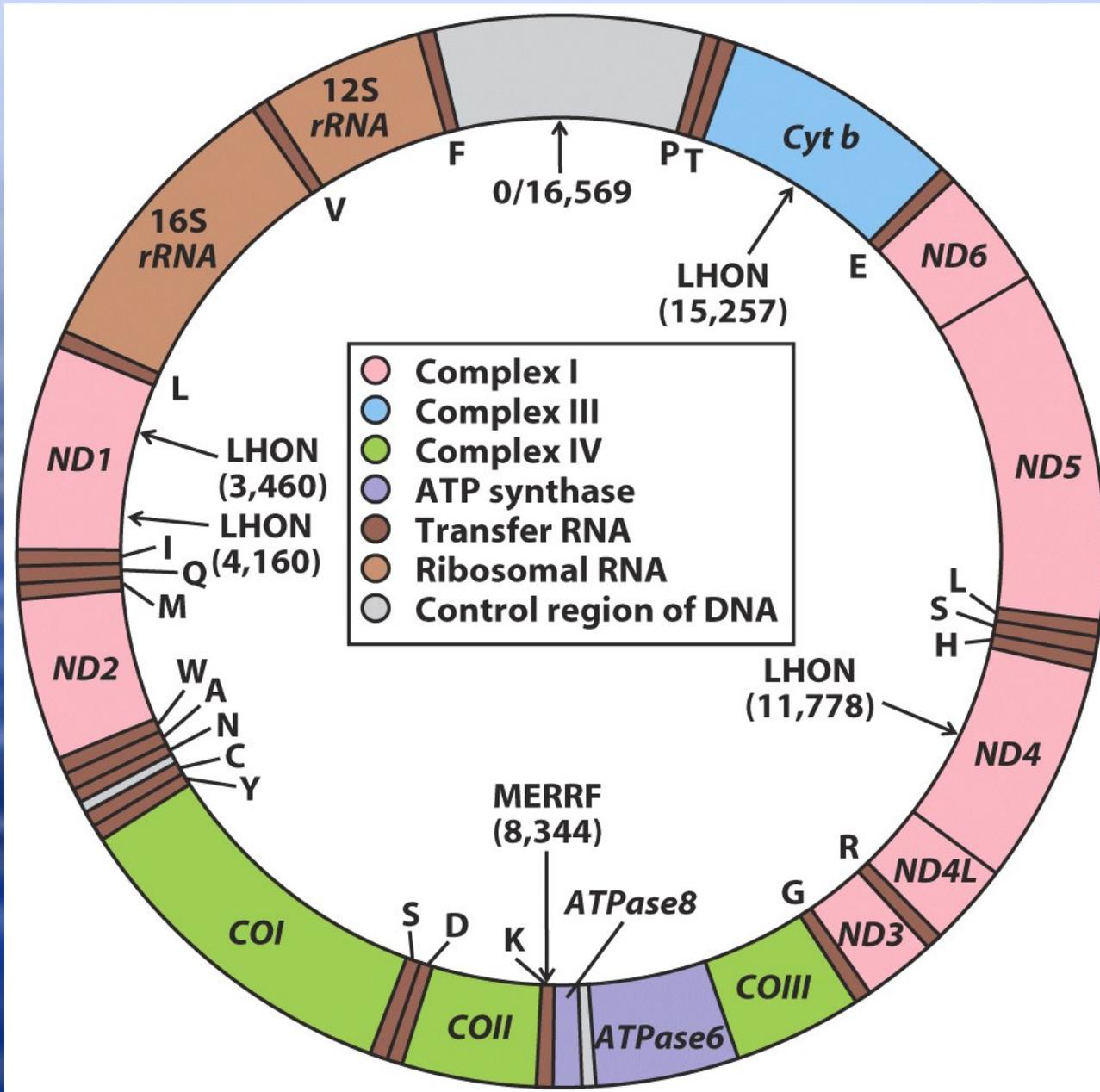


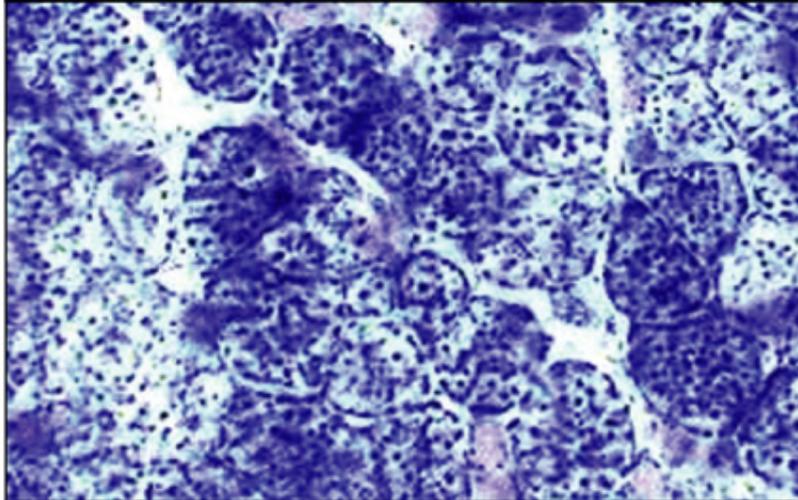
Figure 6.17
 Summary of key concepts for oxidative phosphorylation. [Note: Electron flow and ATP synthesis are envisioned as sets of interlocking gears to emphasize the idea of coupling.]

TABLE 19–6 Respiratory Proteins Encoded by Mitochondrial Genes in Humans

<i>Complex</i>	<i>Number of subunits</i>	<i>Number of subunits encoded by mitochondrial DNA</i>
I NADH dehydrogenase	>43	7
II Succinate dehydrogenase	4	0
III Ubiquinone:cytochrome c oxidoreductase	11	1
IV Cytochrome oxidase	13	3
V ATP synthase	8	2



Normal



Mitochondrial disorder

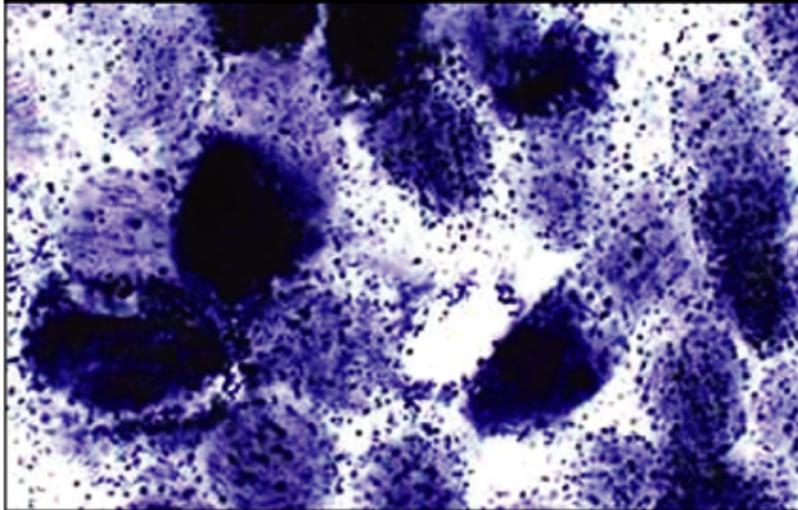


Figure 6.16

Muscle fibers from a patient with a mitochondrial myopathy show abnormal mitochondrial proliferation when stained for succinic dehydrogenase.