

Chapter 6:

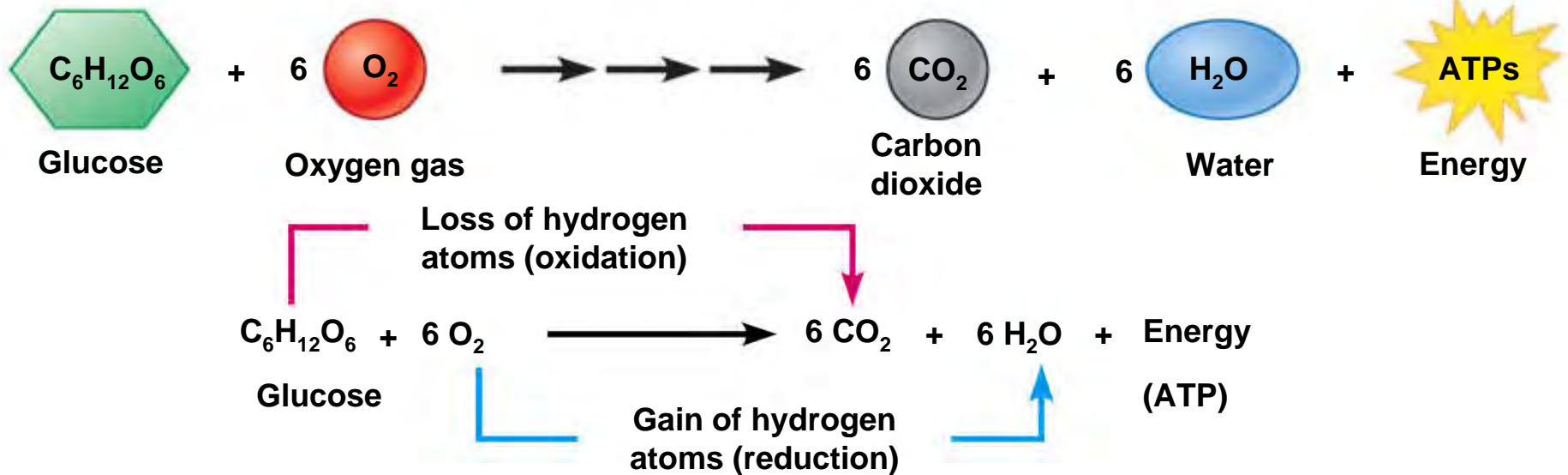
CELLULAR RESPIRATION

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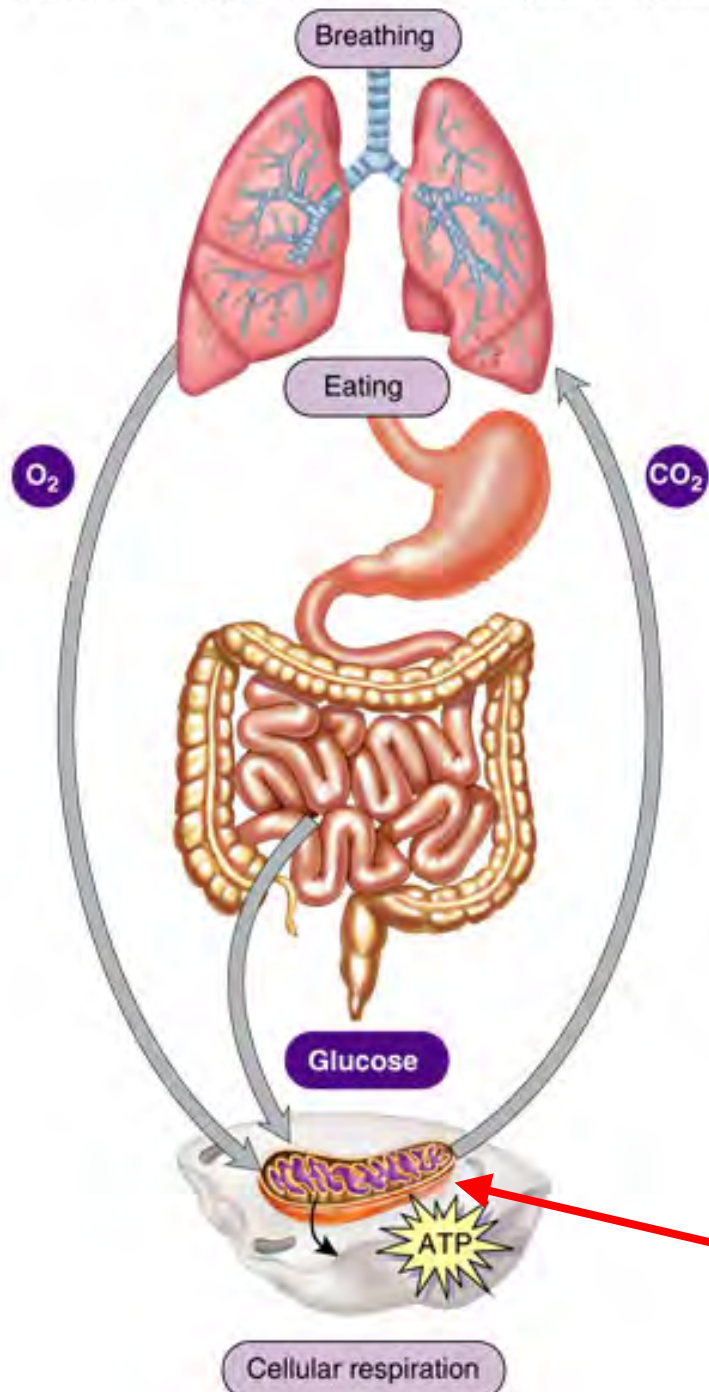
1. Overview of Respiration

What is Cellular Respiration?

It is the process by which organisms use energy from “food” (e.g., glucose, fatty acids) to fuel the endergonic synthesis of ATP.



- requires (O_2), occurs in most organisms (plants, too!)
- provides a supply of usable energy for cells (ATP)



Cellular Respiration and the Human Body

- respiratory system acquires O_2 , removes CO_2
- digestive system provides glucose and fats as a source of energy

****cellular respiration takes place in mitochondria****

Respiration occurs in 3 stages:

1) Glycolysis

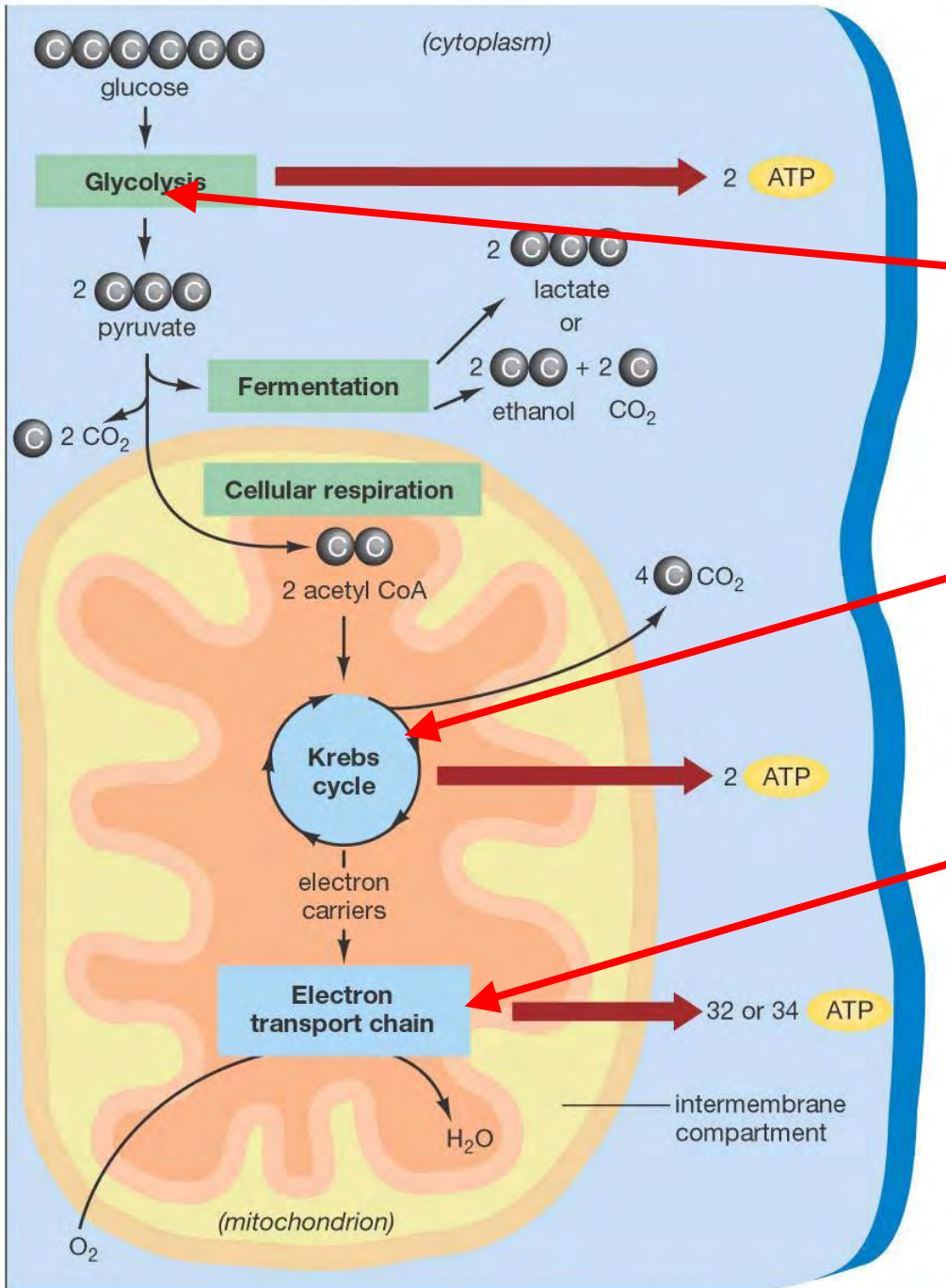
- initial break down of glucose

2) Citric Acid Cycle

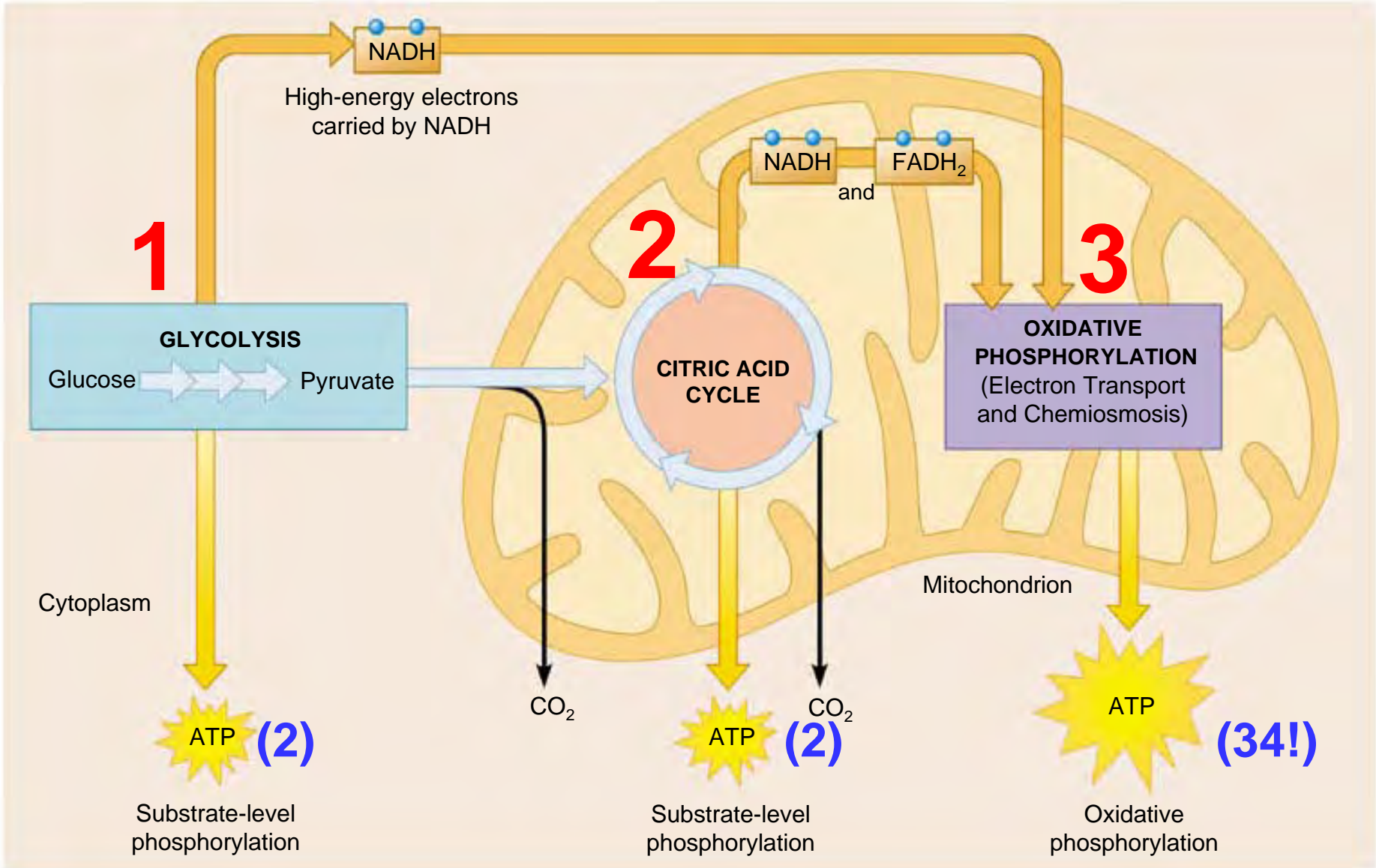
- completes the break down of glucose

3) Oxidative Phosphorylation

- electron transport to generate H^+ gradient
- chemiosmosis to produce ATP!

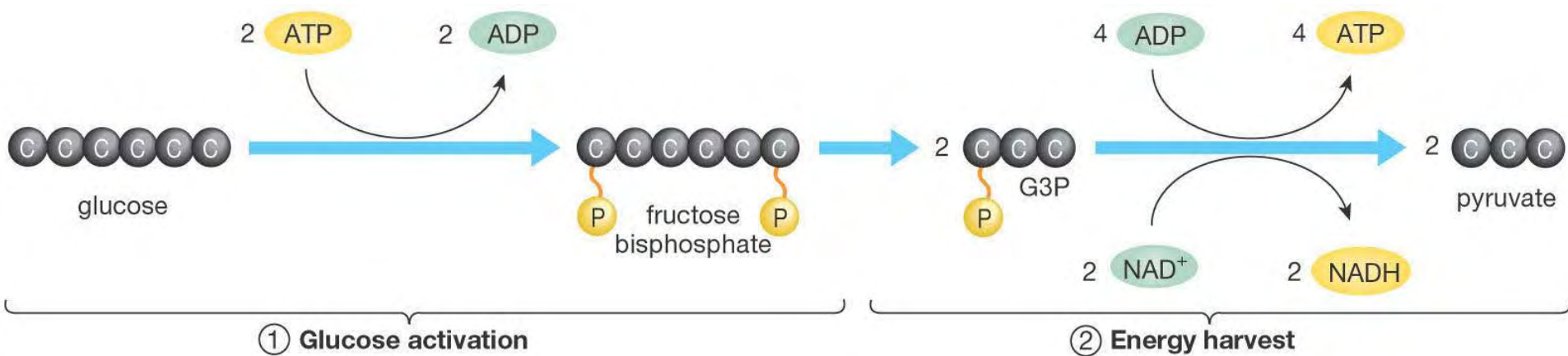


The Stages of Cellular Respiration



2. Glycolysis

What is Glycolysis?



A series of chemical reactions to break down glucose into two 3-carbon pyruvate molecules (1st step in glucose metabolism)

- occurs in the cytoplasm, does NOT require O₂
- energy in the form of e⁻ captured by the e⁻ carrier NADH
- also yields 2 ATP, thus the products of glycolysis are:

2 ATP

2 NADH

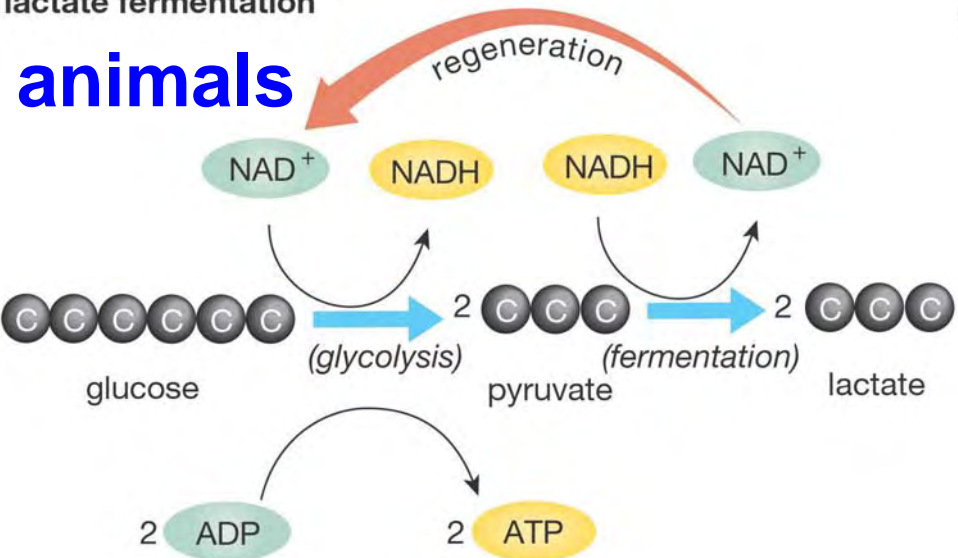
2 pyruvate

Fermentation

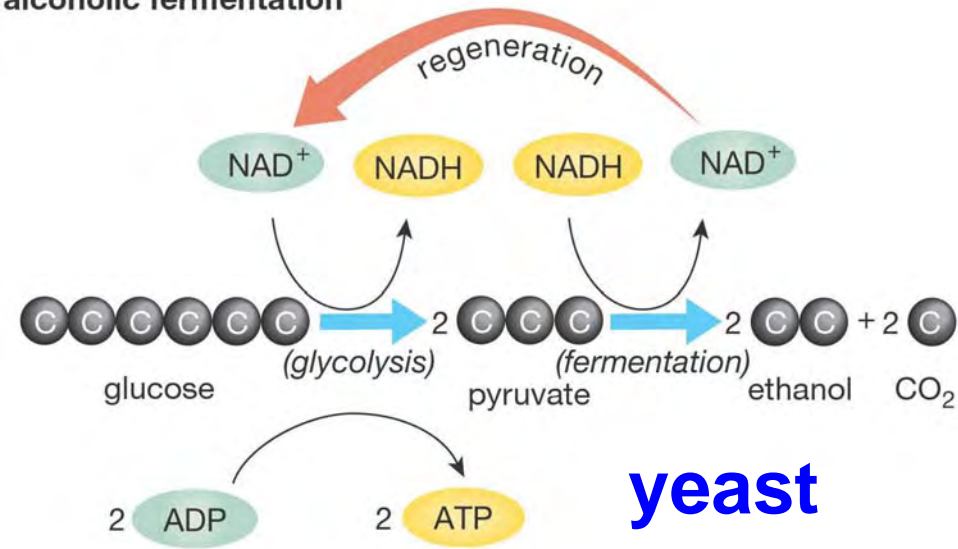
Instead of moving on to the Citric Acid Cycle, pyruvate will undergo fermentation when there's not enough O_2 :

- produces lactic acid (animals), ethanol (yeast), acetic acid, methane (other microbes) or other byproducts
- results in relatively low energy yield (2 ATP per glucose)
- important for “recycling” the electron carrier NAD^+

Glycolysis followed by lactate fermentation



Glycolysis followed by alcoholic fermentation



3. The Citric Acid Cycle

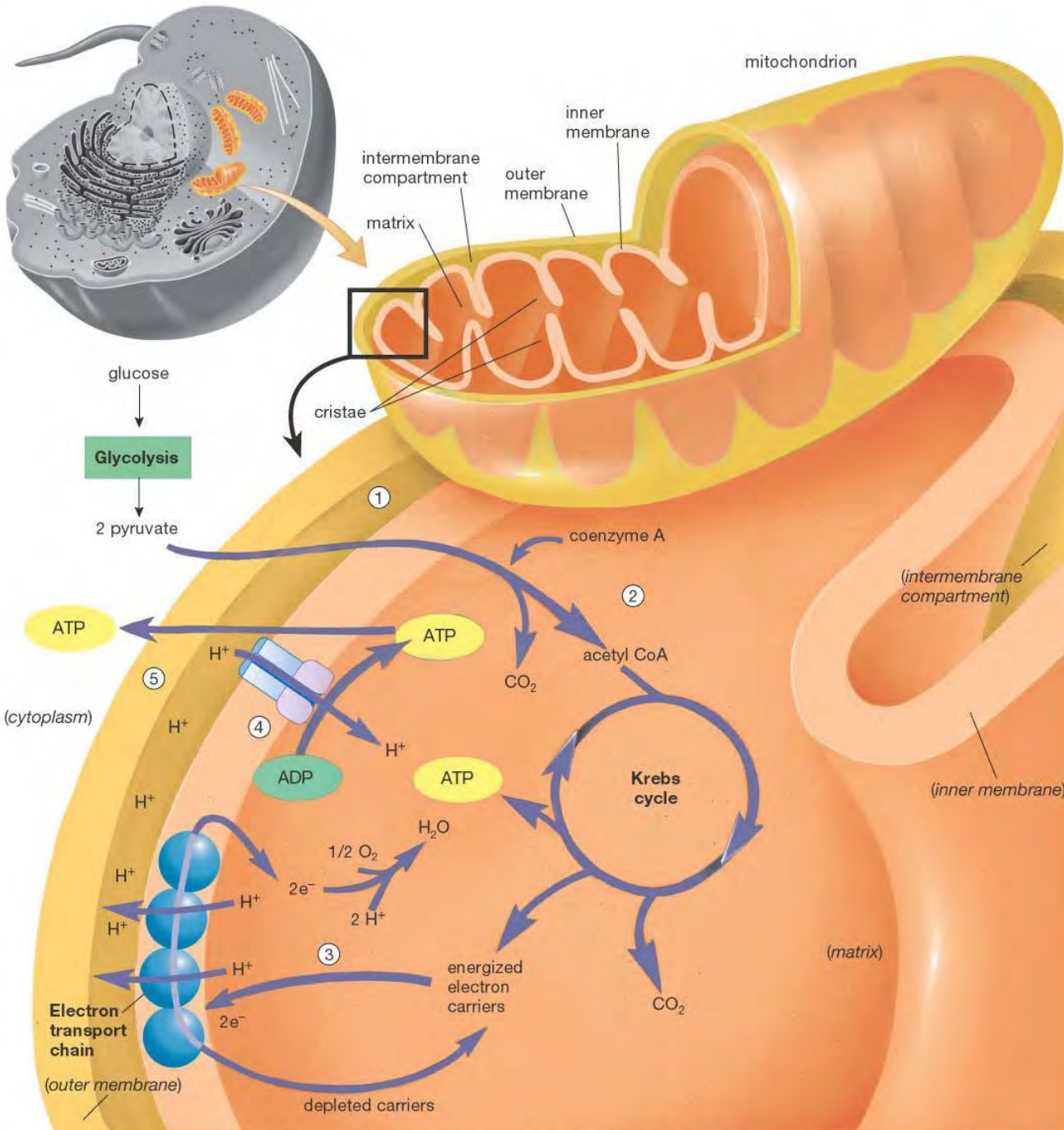
The Citric Acid Cycle occurs in the “Matrix”

- yield from 2 pyruvate (i.e., 1 glucose):

2 ATP

8 NADH

2 FADH₂



What is the Citric Acid Cycle?

- series of chemical reactions that finish the break down of glucose
 - 3-C pyruvate from glycolysis broken down to 3 CO₂

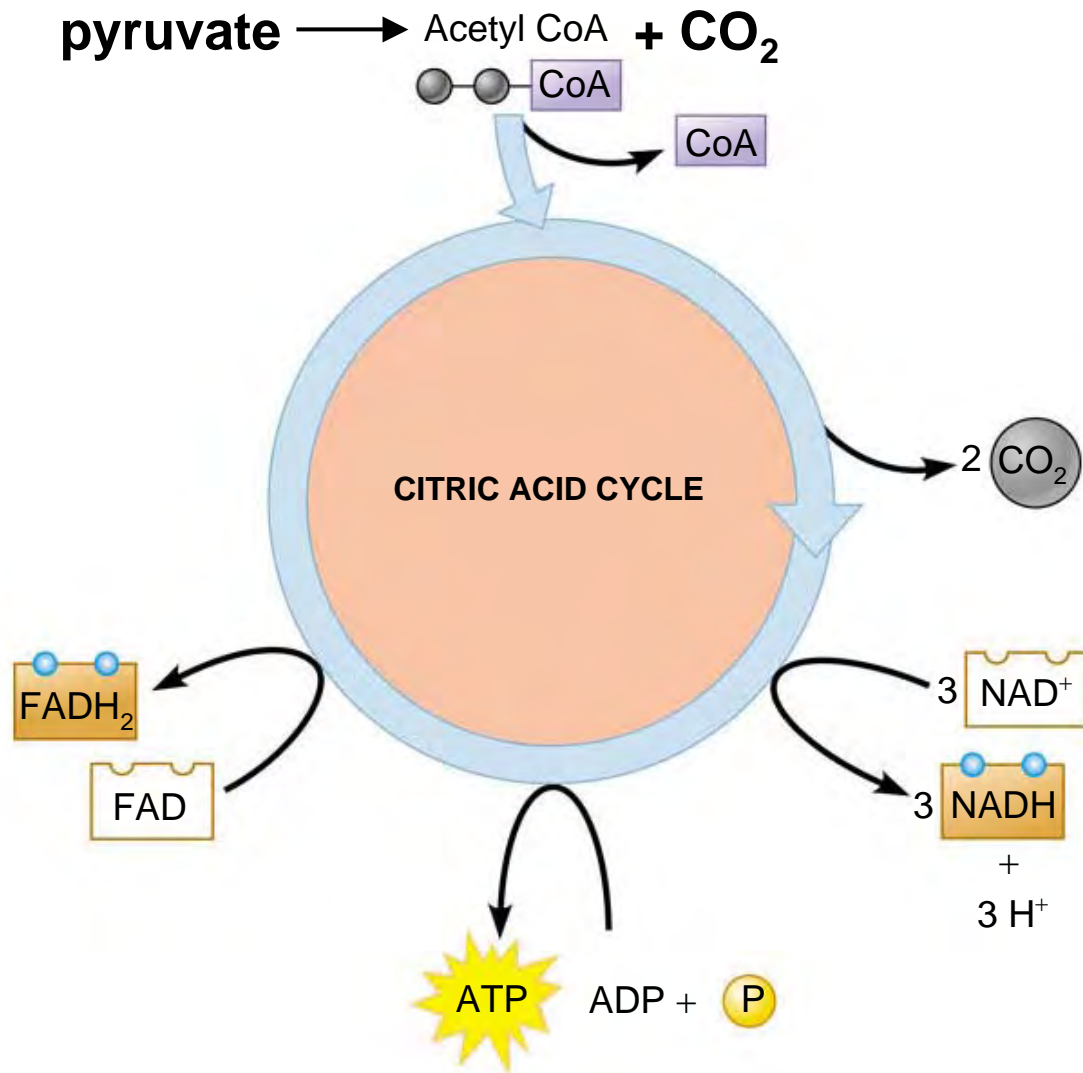
Where does it occur?

- in the mitochondrial matrix
 - pyruvate from cytoplasm gets transferred across inner mitochondrial membrane into the matrix

Where does the released energy end up?

- as high energy electrons (e⁻) in the electron carriers NADH & FADH₂ (plus heat)
 - e⁻ passed on to the “electron transport chain” (ETC)

The Citric Acid Cycle



4. Oxidative Phosphorylation

Overview of Oxidative Phosphorylation

“Oxidative Phosphorylation” refers to the addition of a 3rd phosphate to make ATP (“phosphorylation”) by a process that depends on oxidation-reduction reactions (“oxidative”), and occurs in 2 stages:

A) electron transport

- e⁻ from NADH and FADH₂ are passed along the electron transport chain (ETC) via oxidation-reduction reactions
- convert energy from e⁻ into energy stored in H⁺ gradient

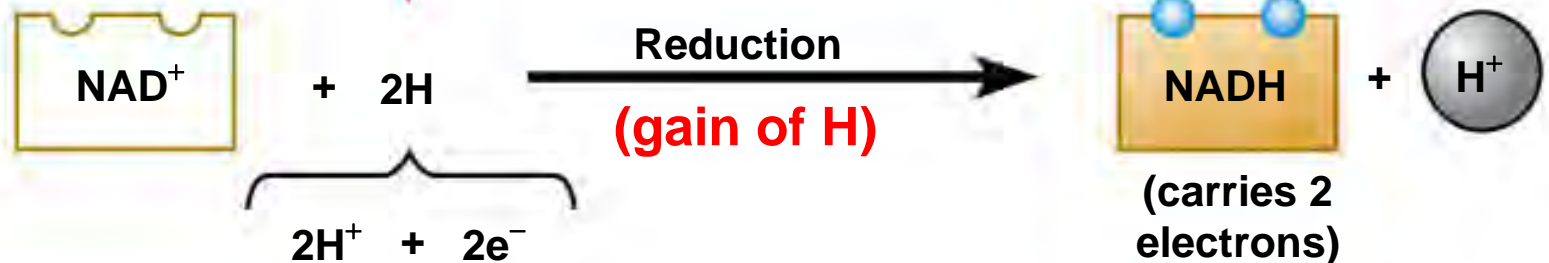
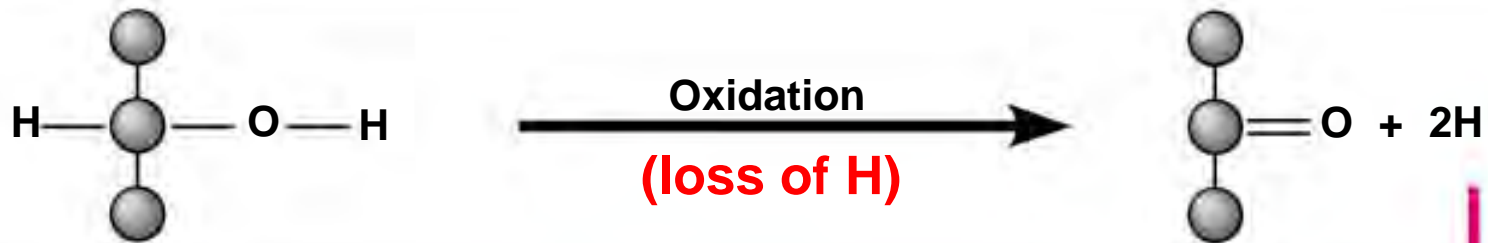
B) chemiosmosis

- energy from H⁺ gradient used to make ATP

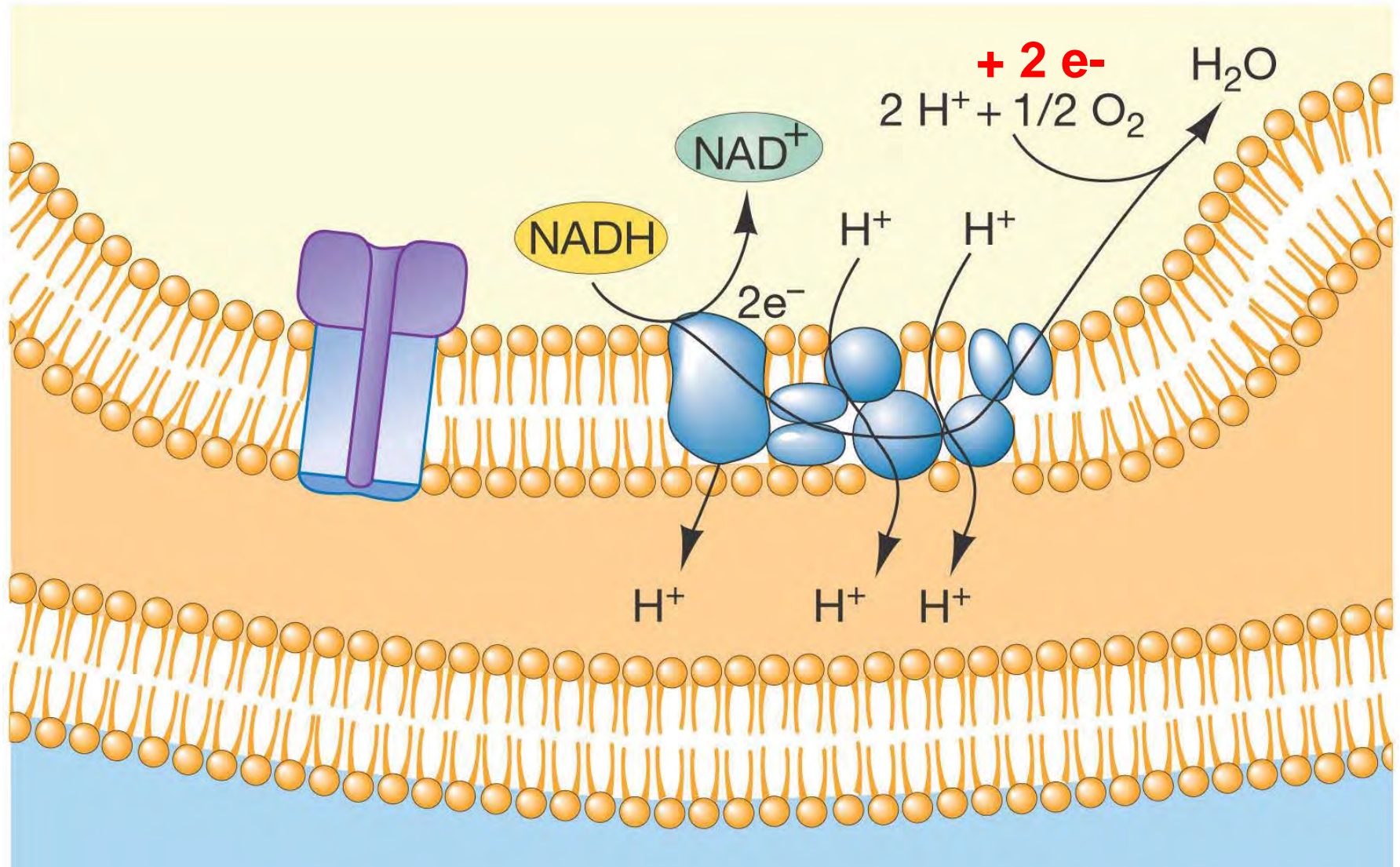
Oxidation & Reduction

OXIDATION – loss of e^- (usually with a hydrogen atom)

REDUCTION – gain of e^- (usually with a hydrogen atom)



e^- Transport generates H^+ Gradient



- energy from e^- used to pump H^+ ions (fr. lo \rightarrow hi conc)

Electron Transport

High energy electrons (e^-) from NADH, $FADH_2$ transferred to e^- transport chain (ETC)

- ETC is a series of proteins in the inner mitochondrial membrane through which e^- are passed

Energy released through e^- transport used to create H^+ gradient (necessary to make ATP)

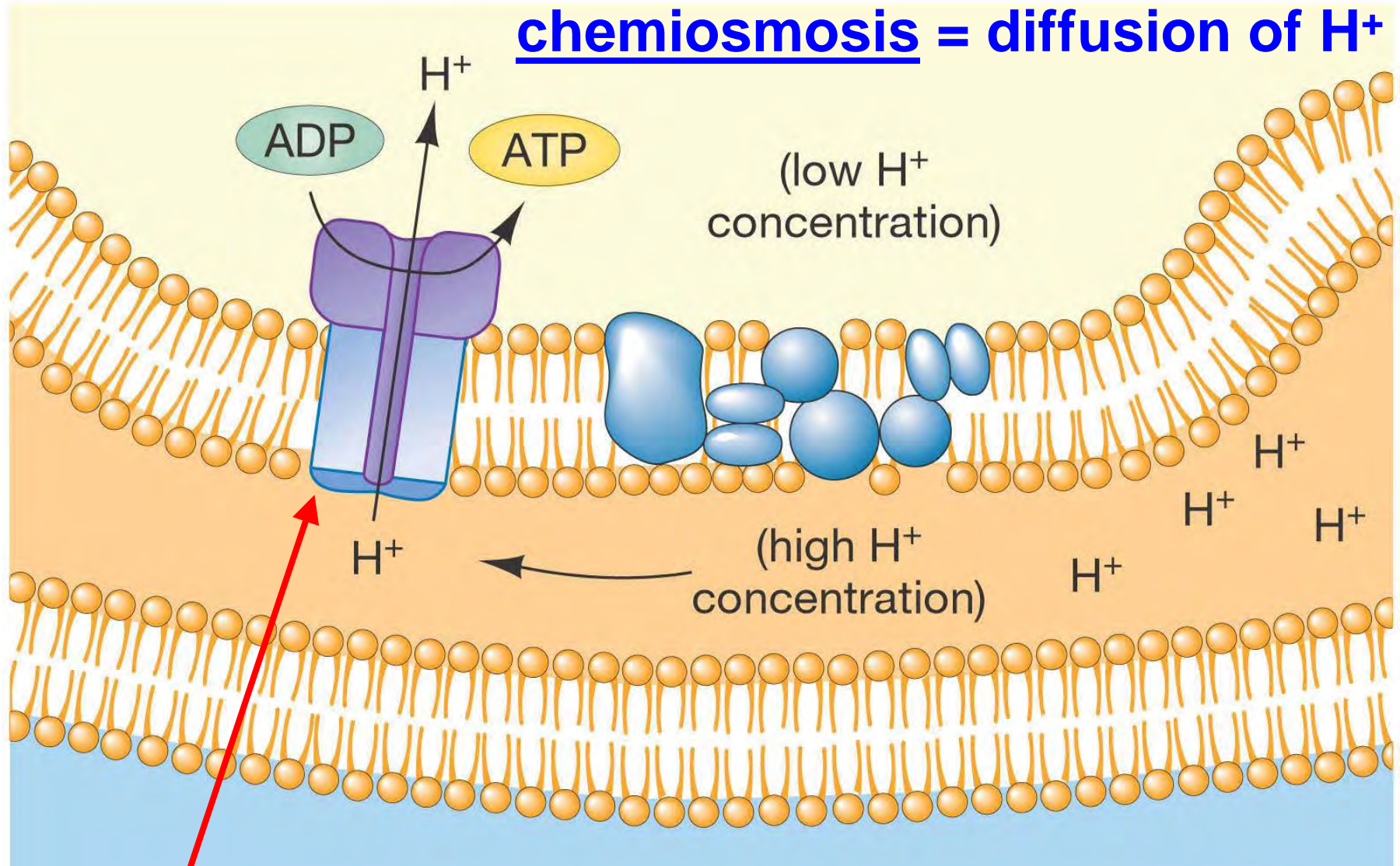
- H^+ pumped across inner mitochondrial membrane out of the matrix into the intermembrane space

Oxygen (O_2) is essential for electron transport!

- O_2 is the final electron acceptor at the end of the ETC

****no O_2 = no e^- transfer = no ATP production = death!****

Chemiosmosis used to make ATP



- ATP synthase uses energy of H^+ flow to make ATP

Chemiosmosis

“The flow of a substance (H^+) from high to low concentration”

Energy derived from the flow of H^+ is used to synthesize ATP (from ADP & P_i)

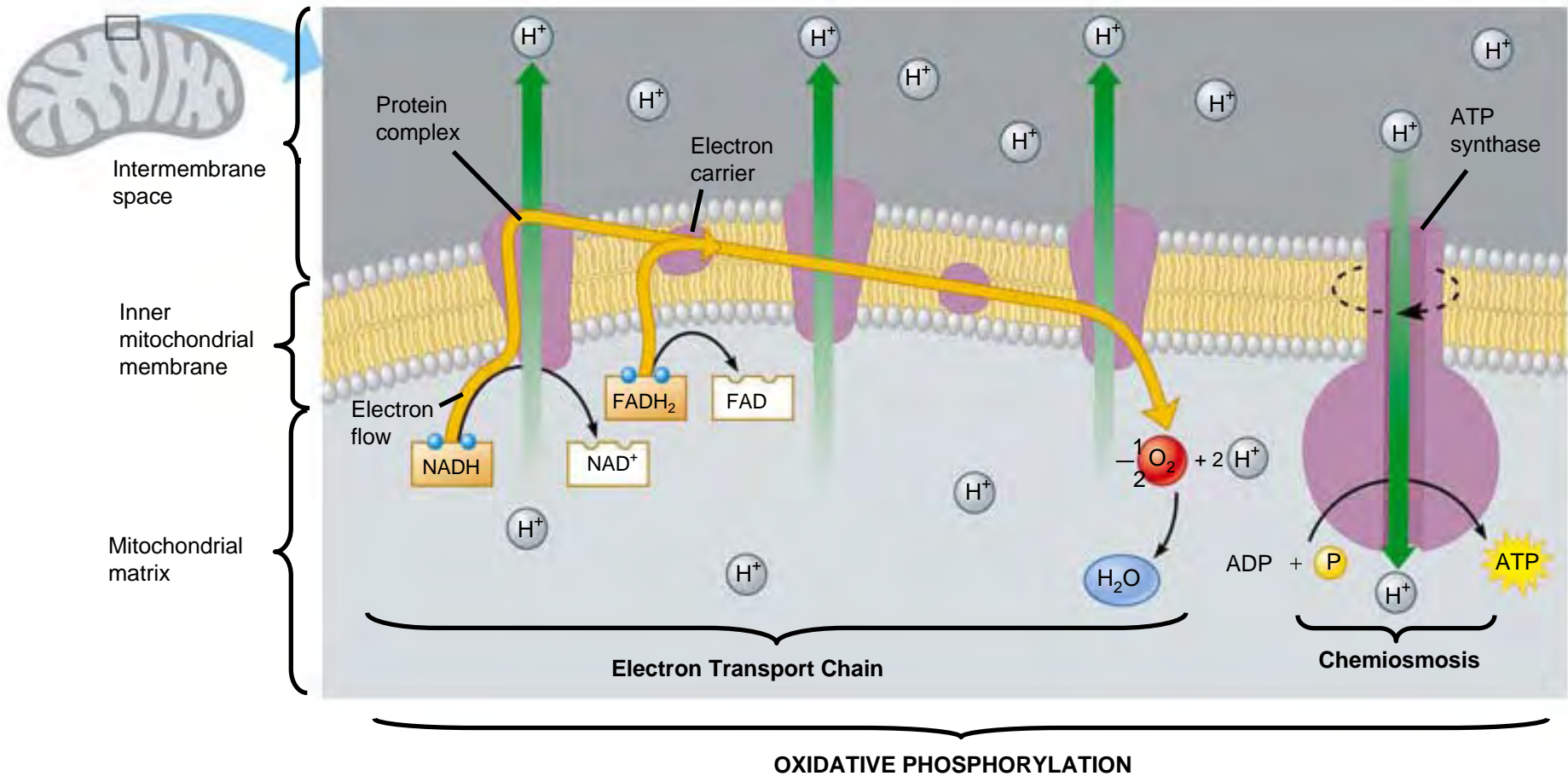
- H^+ flows “down” concentration gradient through ATP synthase in the inner mitochondrial membrane
- ATP synthase = enzyme complex that catalyzes:



Yields up to 34 ATP per glucose molecule!

- in addition to 2 ATP in glycolysis, 2 ATP in Krebs cycle

Summary of Oxidative Phosphorylation



Respiration is simply a Series of Energy Conversions!

- I. Energy stored in sugars and fats is converted to energy temporarily stored in electron carriers (NADH & FADH₂)
 - via Glycolysis & the Krebs Cycle
- II. Energy stored in NADH & FADH₂ is converted to energy temporarily stored in an H⁺ gradient
 - via electron transport
- III. Energy stored in an H⁺ gradient is converted to energy stored in molecules of ATP
 - via chemiosmosis (which fuels ATP synthesis)

Key Terms for Chapter 6

- glycolysis, fermentation
- Citric Acid Cycle
- electron carriers (NADH, FADH₂)
- oxidation vs reduction
- oxidative phosphorylation, chemiosmosis
- electron transport chain (ETC)
- ATP synthase

Relevant Review Questions:

1-4, 6, 9, 10, 14