

Stage 2 & 3: Oxidation of Pyruvate & Krebs Cycle (Ch. 9)

Glycolysis is only the start

Glycolysis

glucose
$$\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow pyruvate$$

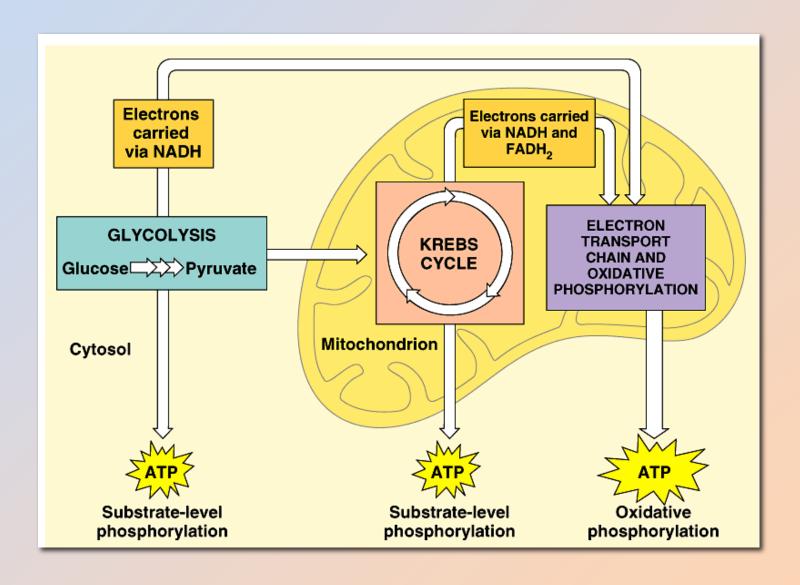
6C

 $2x 3C$

- Pyruvate has more energy to yield
 - 3 more C to strip off (to <u>oxidize</u>)
 - if O₂ is available, pyruvate enters mitochondria
 - enzymes of Krebs cycle complete the full oxidation of sugar to CO₂

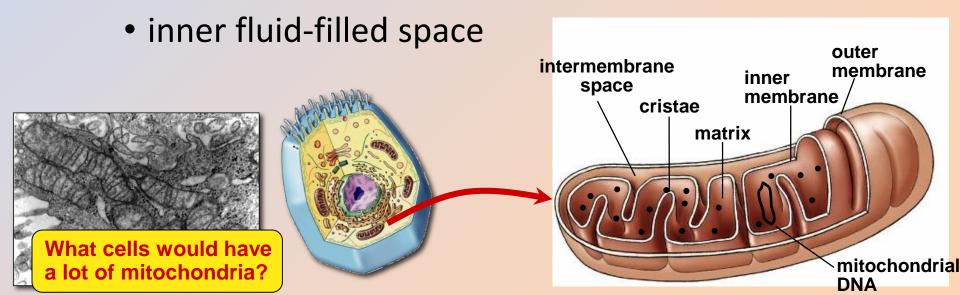
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{pyruvate} \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 \\ \hline \text{3C} \end{array}$$

Cellular respiration



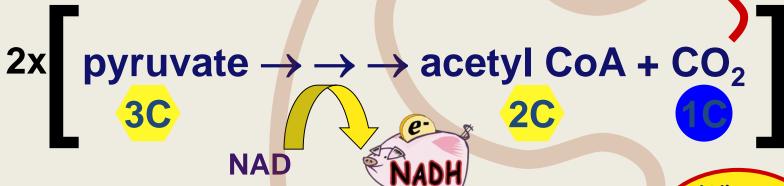
Mitochondria — Structure

- Double membrane energy harvesting organelle
 - smooth outer membrane, highly folded inner membrane
 - cristae
 - intermembrane space
 - fluid-filled space between membranes
 - matrix



Oxidation of pyruvate

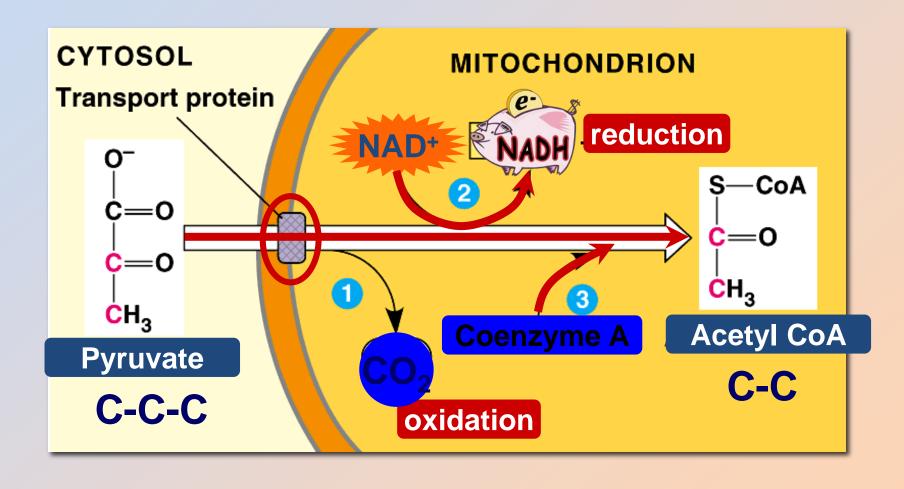
Pyruvate enters mitochondrial matrix



- 3 step oxidation process
- releases 2 CO₂ (count the carbons!)
- reduces 2 NAD → 2 NADH (moves e⁻)
- produces 2 <u>acetyl CoA</u>
- Acetyl CoA enters <u>Krebs cycle</u>

Where does the CO₂ go?
Exhale!

Pyruvate oxidized to Acetyl CoA



Krebs cycle

- aka Citric Acid Cycle
 - in mitochondrial matrix
 - 8 step pathway: each catalyzed by specific enzyme
 - step-wise <u>catabolism</u> of <u>6C citrate</u> molecule

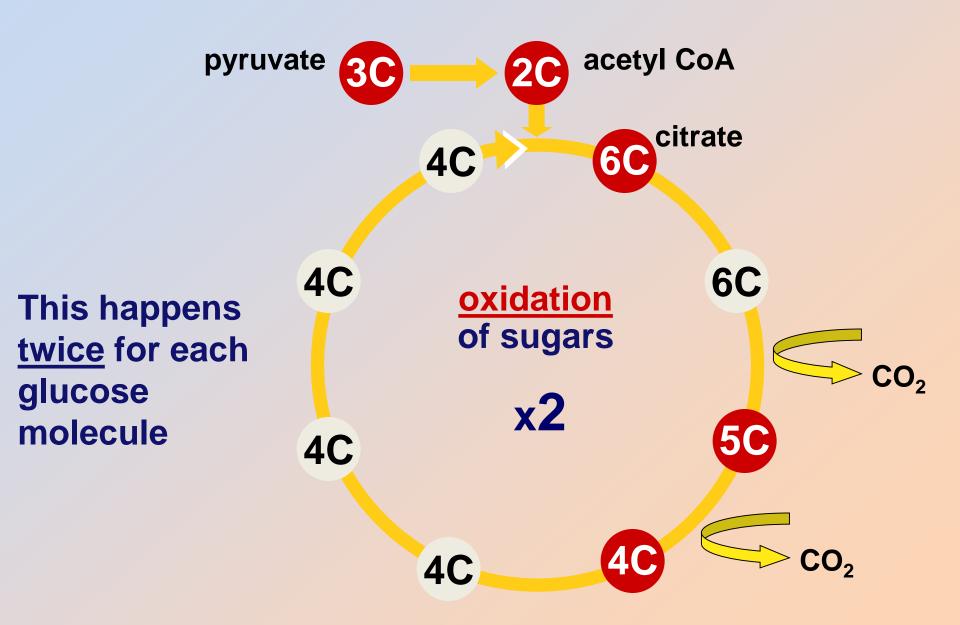


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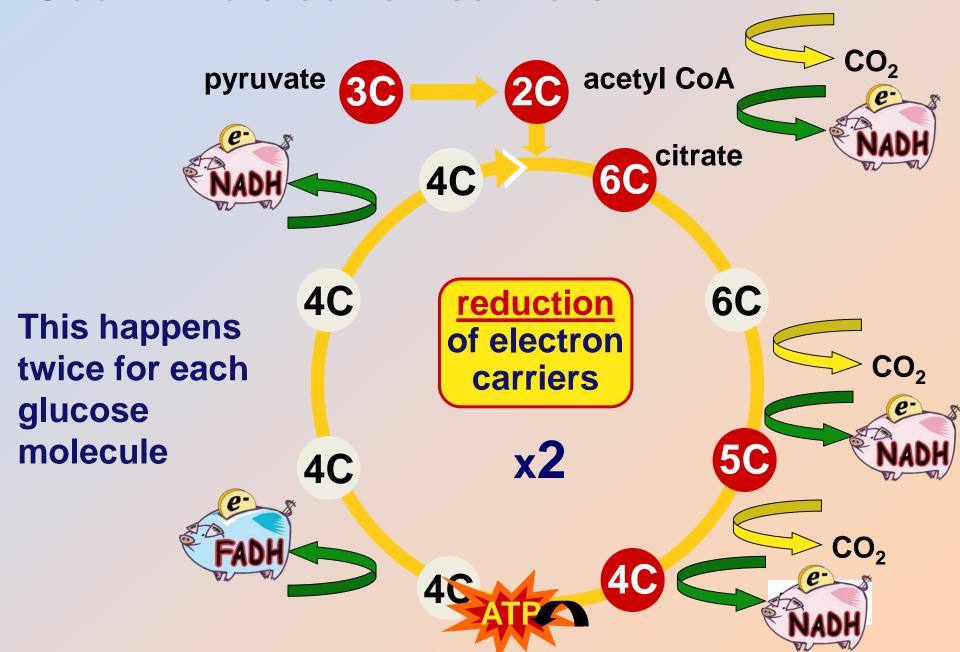
Hans Krebs 1900-1981

- Evolved later than glycolysis
 - does that make evolutionary sense?
 - bacteria →3.5 billion years ago (glycolysis)
 - free $O_2 \rightarrow 2.7$ billion years ago (photosynthesis)
 - eukaryotes →1.5 billion years ago (aerobic respiration = organelles → mitochondria)

Count the carbons!



Count the electron carriers!

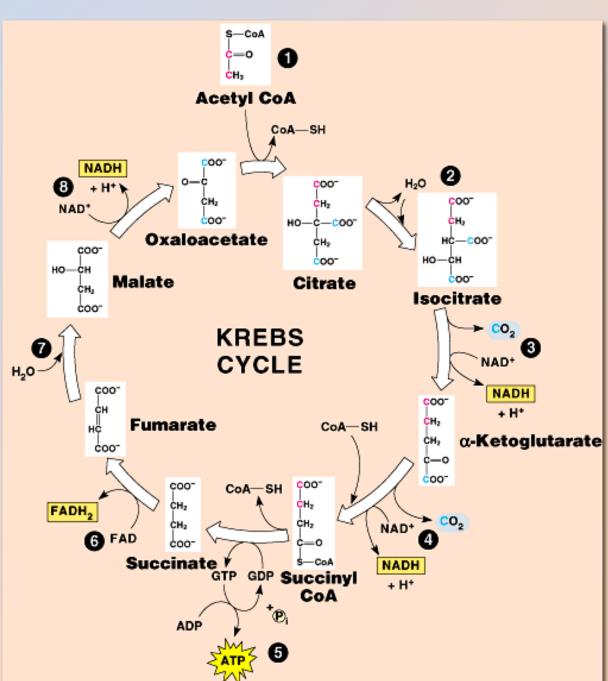


Whassup?

So we fully oxidized glucose $C_6H_{12}O_6$ CO_2 & ended up



with 4 ATP!

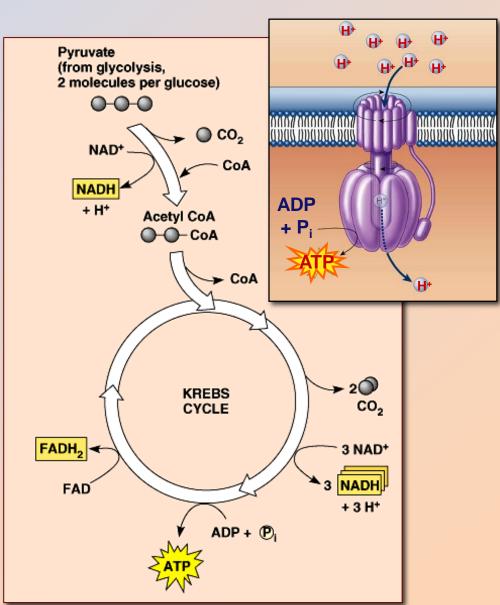


Electron Carriers = Hydrogen Carriers

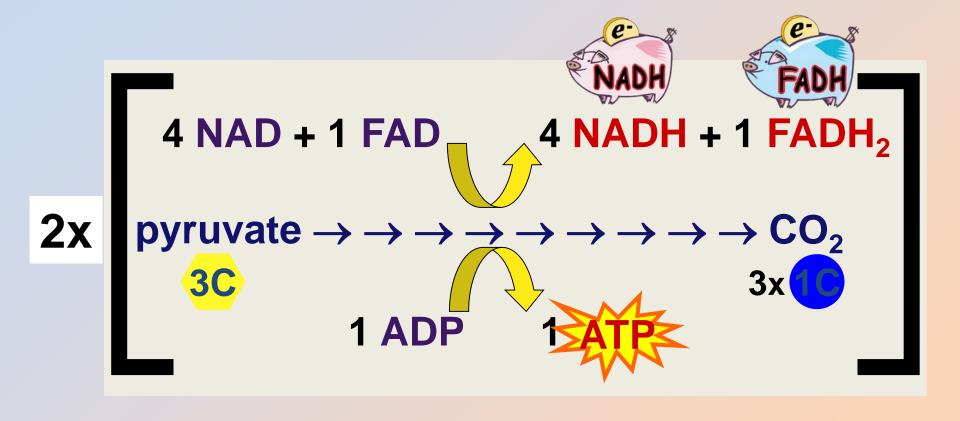
- Krebs cycle produces large quantities of electron carriers
 - NADH
 - ◆ FADH₂
 - ◆ go to <u>Electron</u>

Transport Chain!

What's so important about electron carriers?



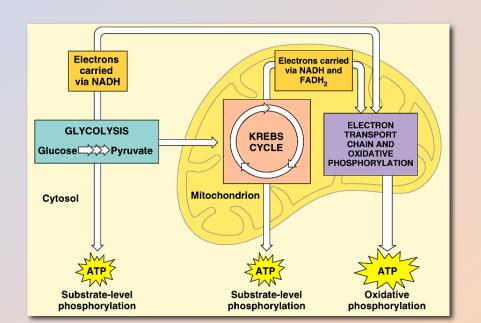
Energy accounting of Krebs cycle



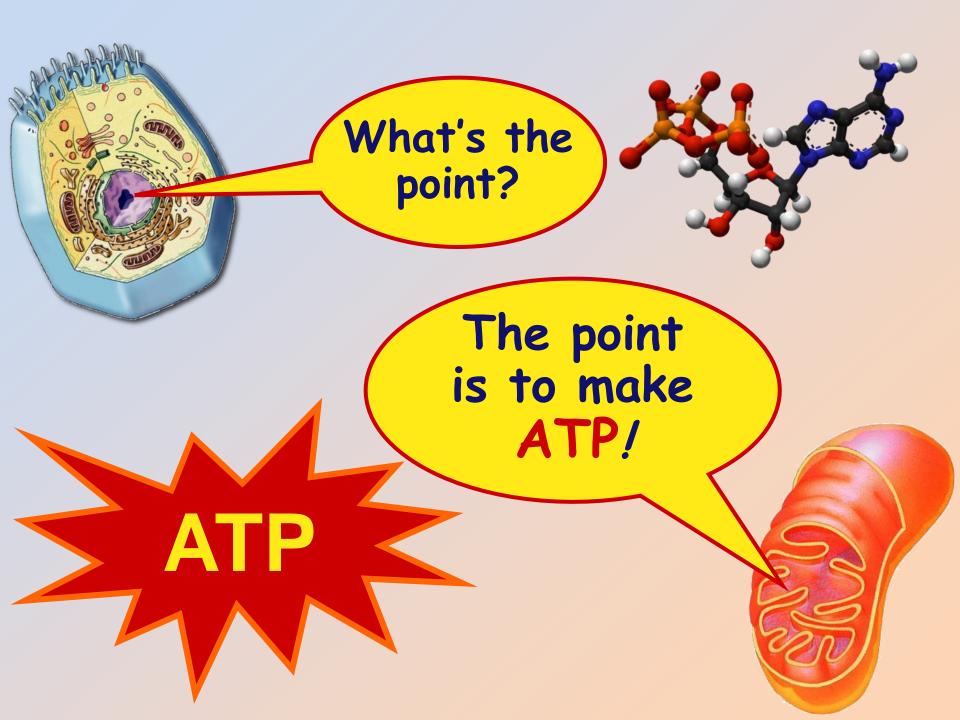
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Net gain = 2 ATP
= 8 NADH + 2 FADH<sub>2</sub>
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Value of Krebs cycle?

- If the yield is only 2 ATP then how was the Krebs cycle an adaptation?
 - value of NADH & FADH₂
 - electron carriers & H carriers
 - -reduced molecules move electrons & H⁺
 - to be used in the <u>Electron Transport Chain</u>







Review Questions

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