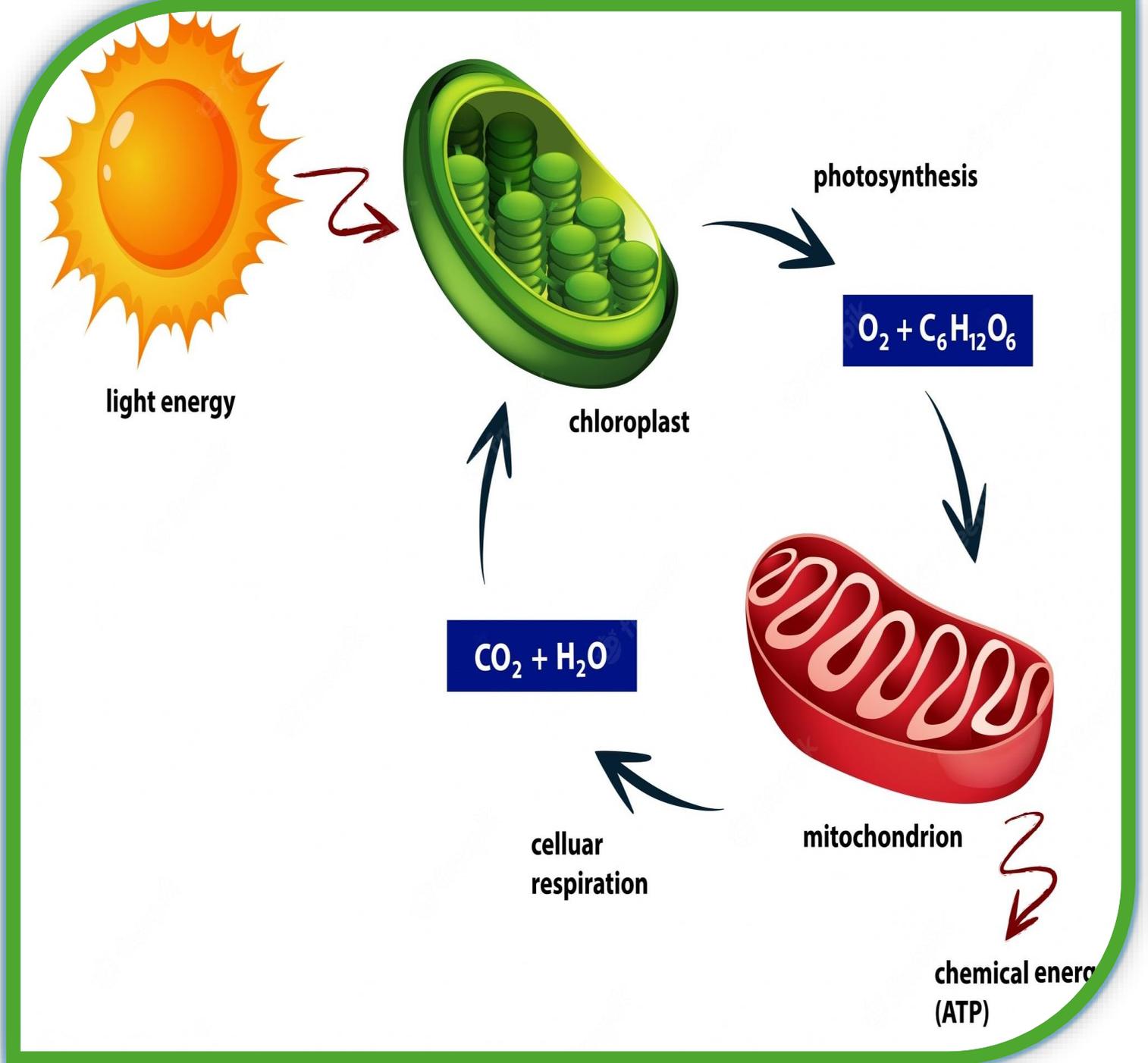


Cellular respiration

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Learning outcomes:

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1- Understand the concept of cellular respiration

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2- Summarize the main stages of cellular respiration: glycolysis, Krebs cycle, and oxidative phosphorylation.

3

3- Explain how ATP is generated and utilized as the main energy currency in the cell.

Introduction: Body Energy and ATP

- Living cells require energy from outside sources
- Some animals, obtain energy by eating plants, and some animals feed on other organisms that eat plants

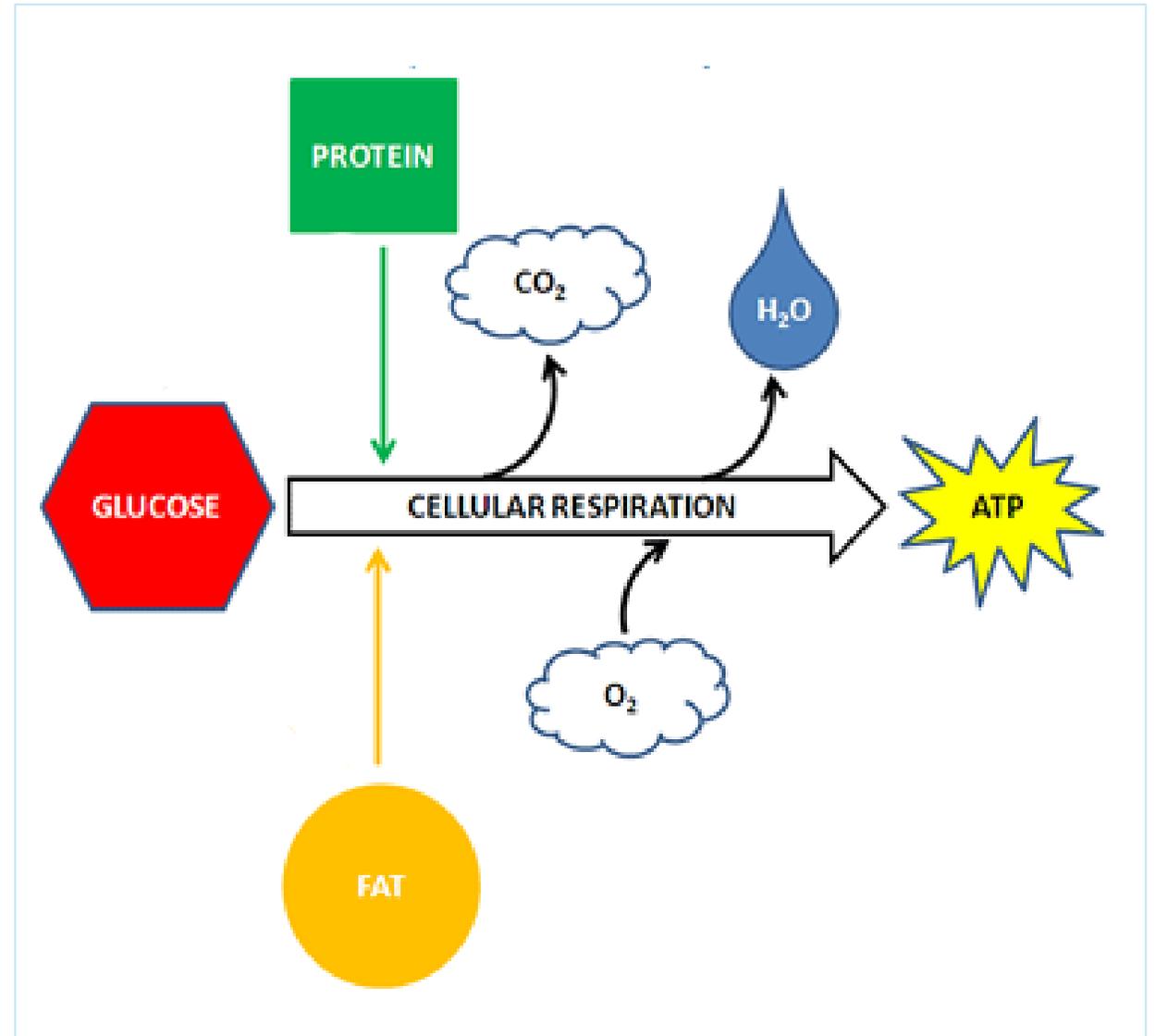


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Figure 9.1 How do these leaves power the work of life for the giant panda?

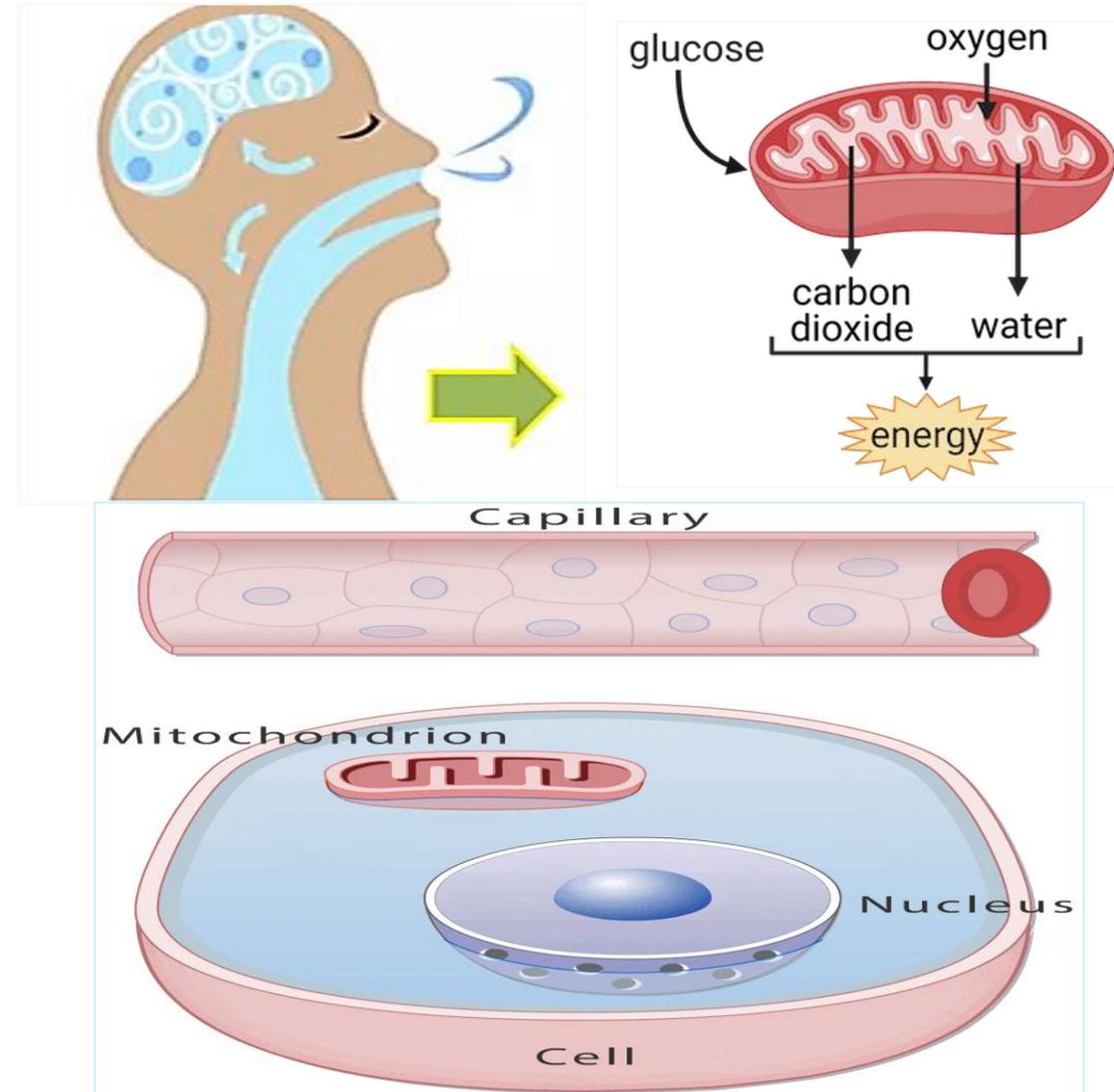
Introduction: Body Energy and ATP

- ✓ Energy is **stored** in organic and living matter
- ✓ After eating and digesting food → the free energy **liberated** during the **degradation of food** is collected in the form of high energy phosphate bonds (ATP) **(The energy currency of cell)**



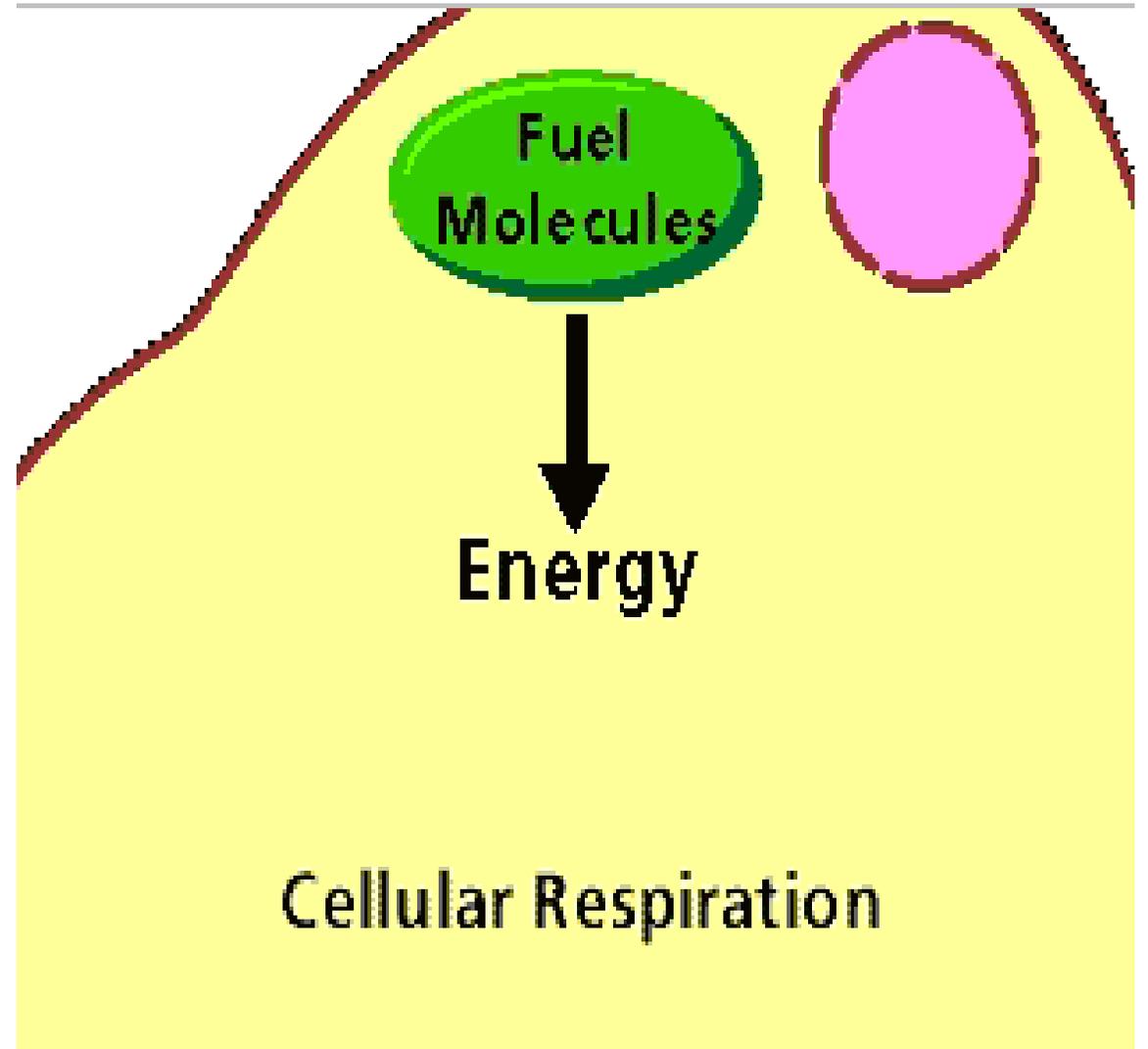
Introduction: Body Energy and ATP

- **Oxygen** is essential molecule required for metabolism and health
- Our bodies use oxygen we breath **to convert foodstuffs such as fat and sugar into energy** “Cellular respiration”

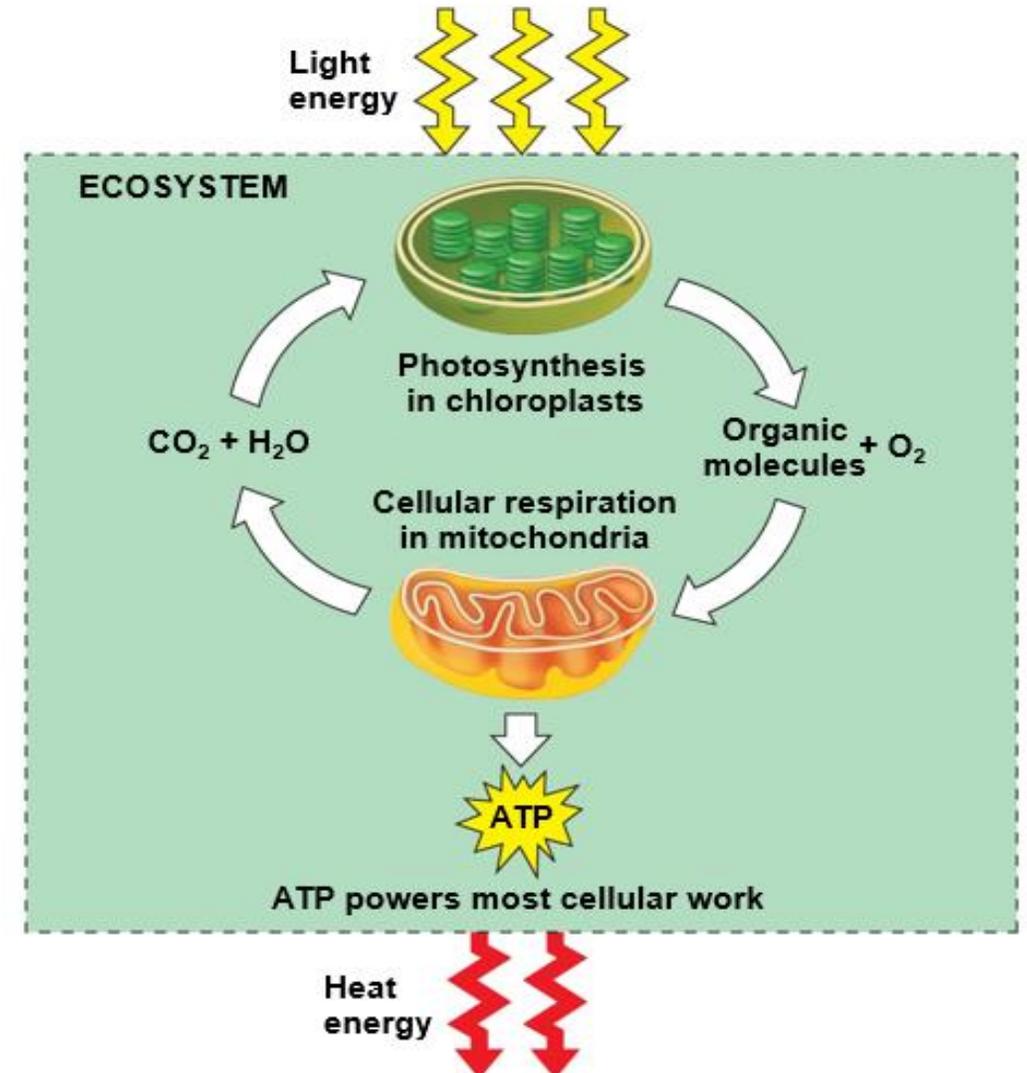


Cellular Respiration

- It is the vital process where cells break down glucose (food) (using oxygen), releasing carbon dioxide and water, and produce ATP (usable energy).
- This generated energy is used for all cell functions like growth, movement, and maintenance

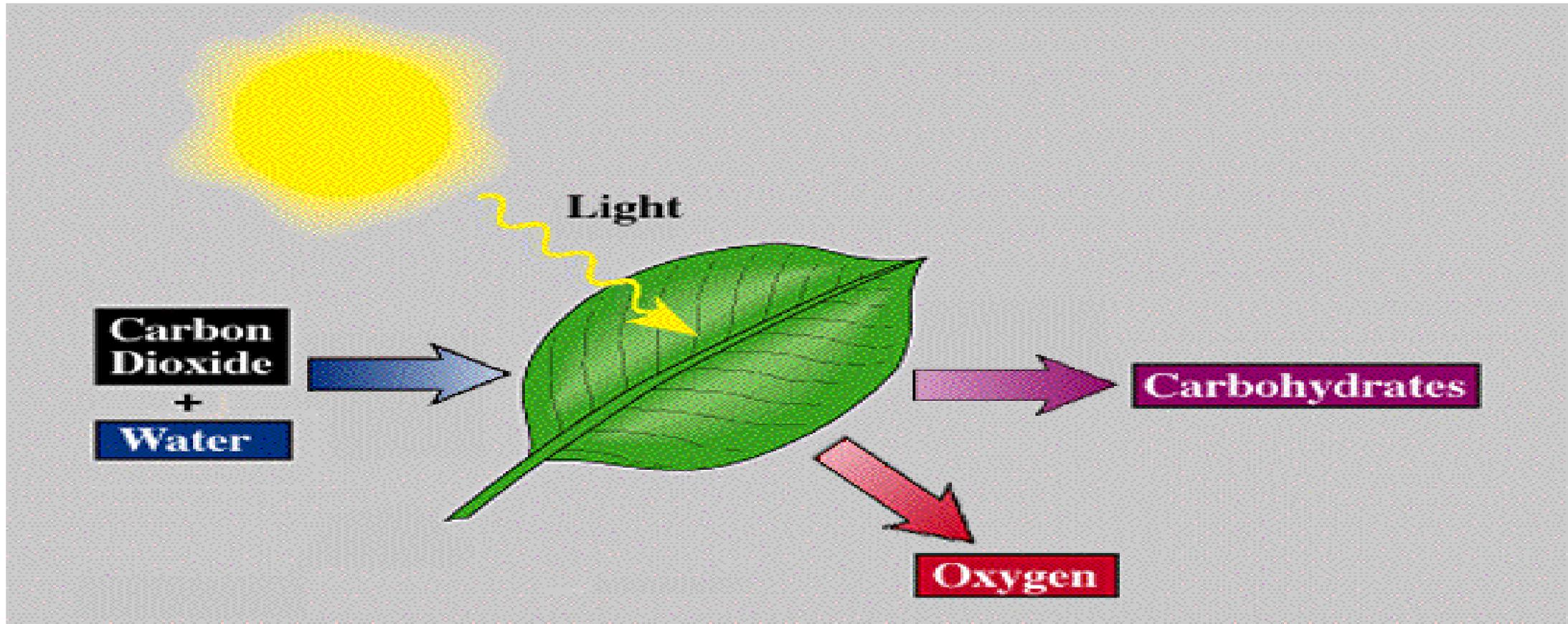


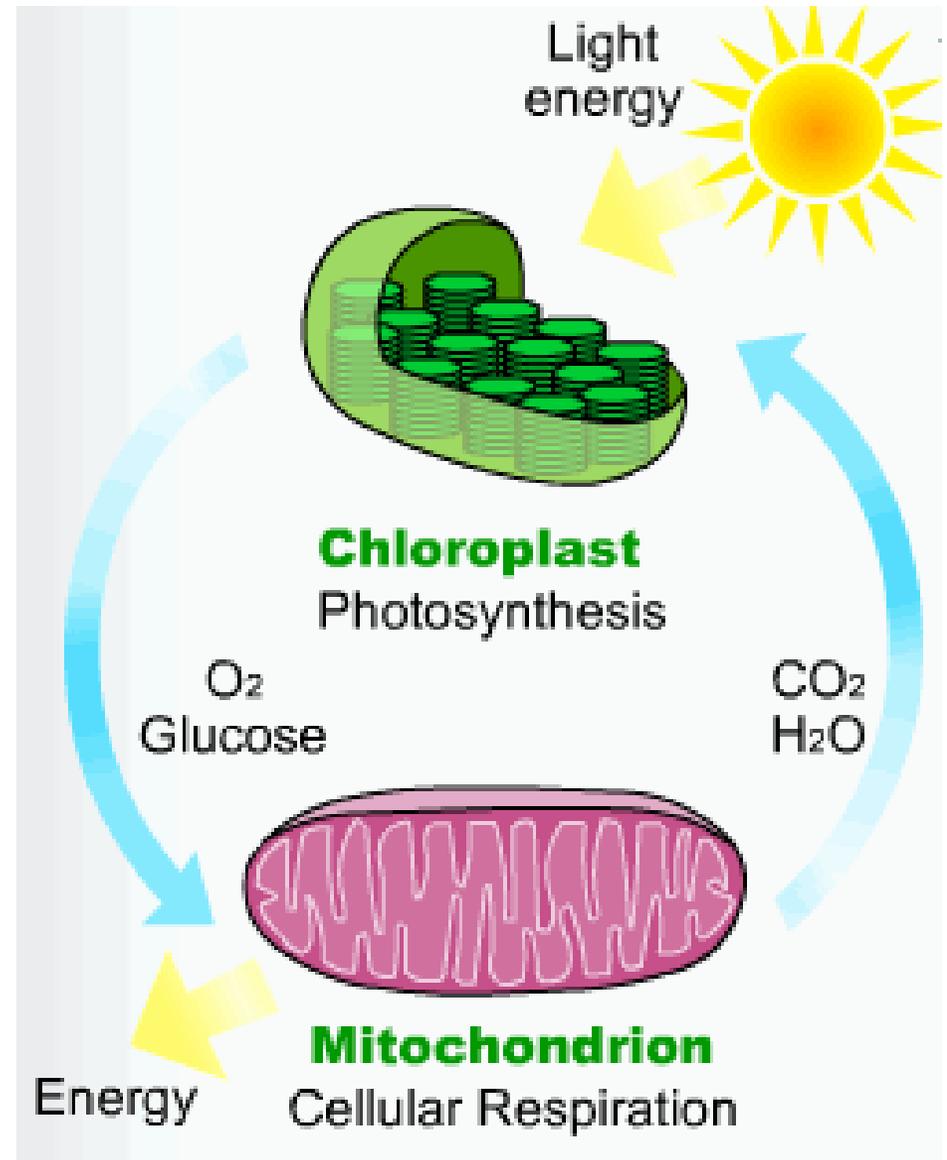
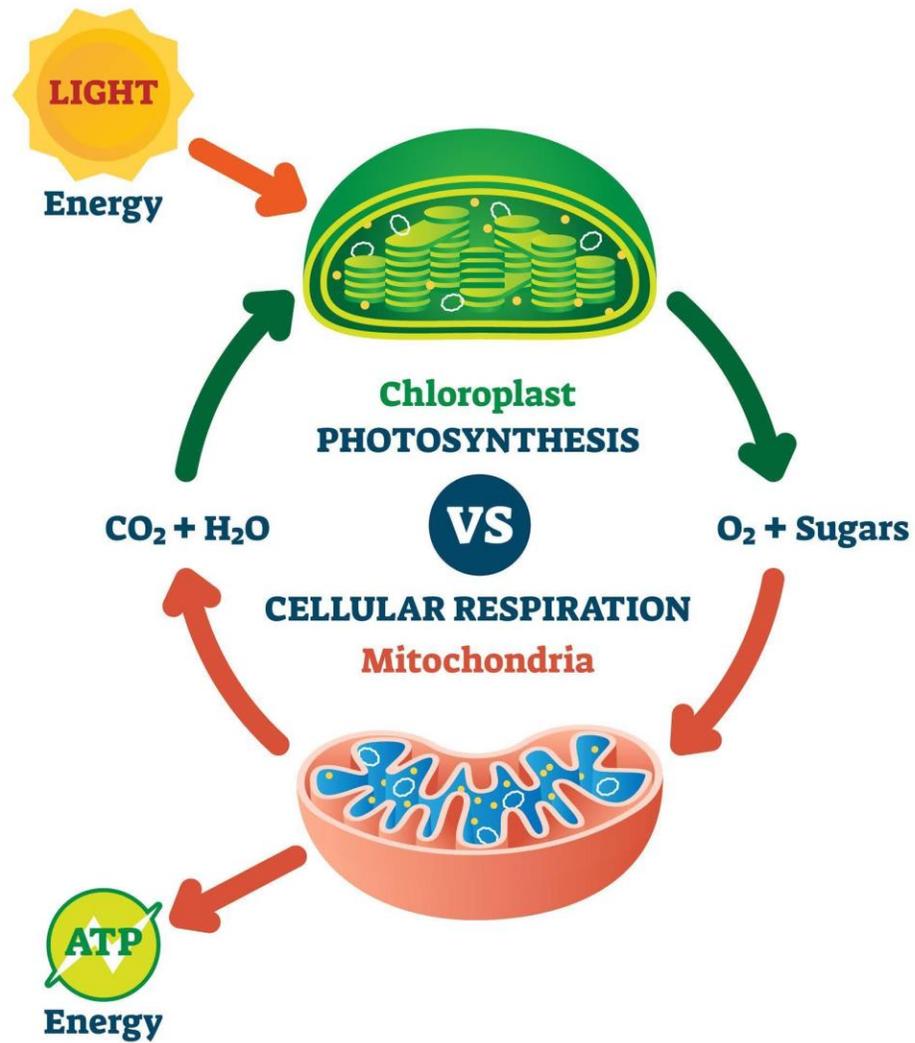
- Energy **flows** into an ecosystem **as** sunlight and **leaves as** heat
- Photosynthesis generates O_2 and organic molecules, which are used in cellular respiration
- Cells use chemical energy stored in organic molecules to regenerate ATP, which powers work



Photosynthesis:

Energy from sunlight is used to drive the synthesis of glucose from CO_2 and H_2O , and oxygen is released





Catabolic pathways yield energy (ATP) by oxidizing organic fuels

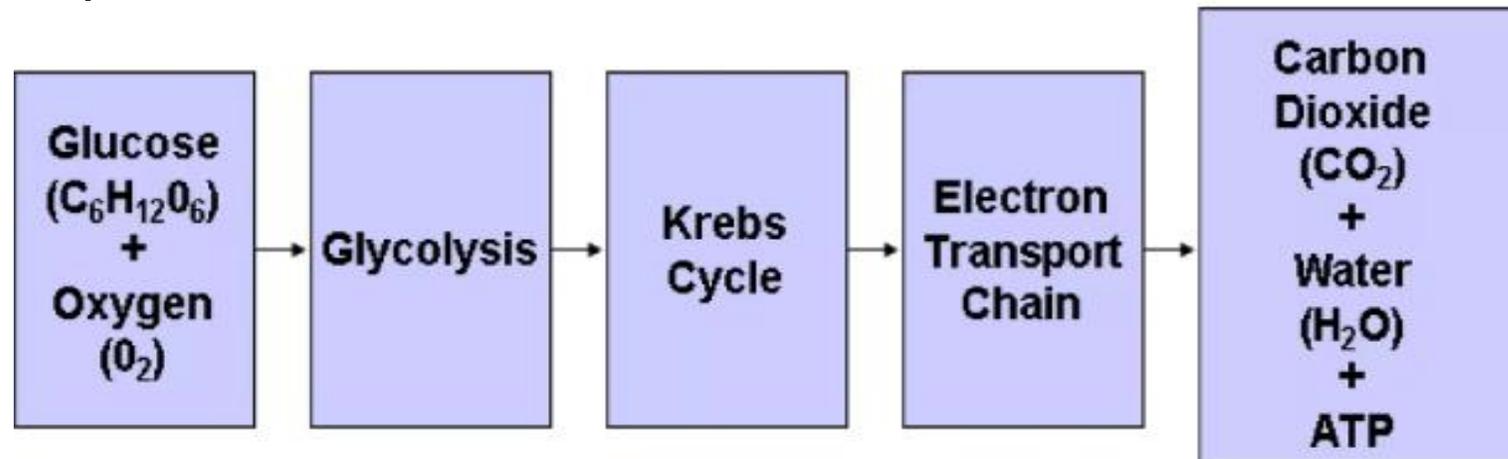
- Several processes are central to cellular respiration and related pathways
- **Cellular respiration** includes both aerobic and anaerobic respiration but is often used to refer to aerobic respiration
- **Aerobic respiration** consumes organic molecules and O_2 and yields ATP
- **Anaerobic respiration (Fermentation)** is similar to aerobic respiration but consumes compounds other than O_2

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- **Glucose** is the 1ry fuel for cellular respiration
 - Although carbohydrates, fats, and proteins are all consumed as fuel, it is helpful to trace cellular respiration with the sugar glucose:

Glucose + oxygen → carbon dioxide (waste) + water (waste) + energy

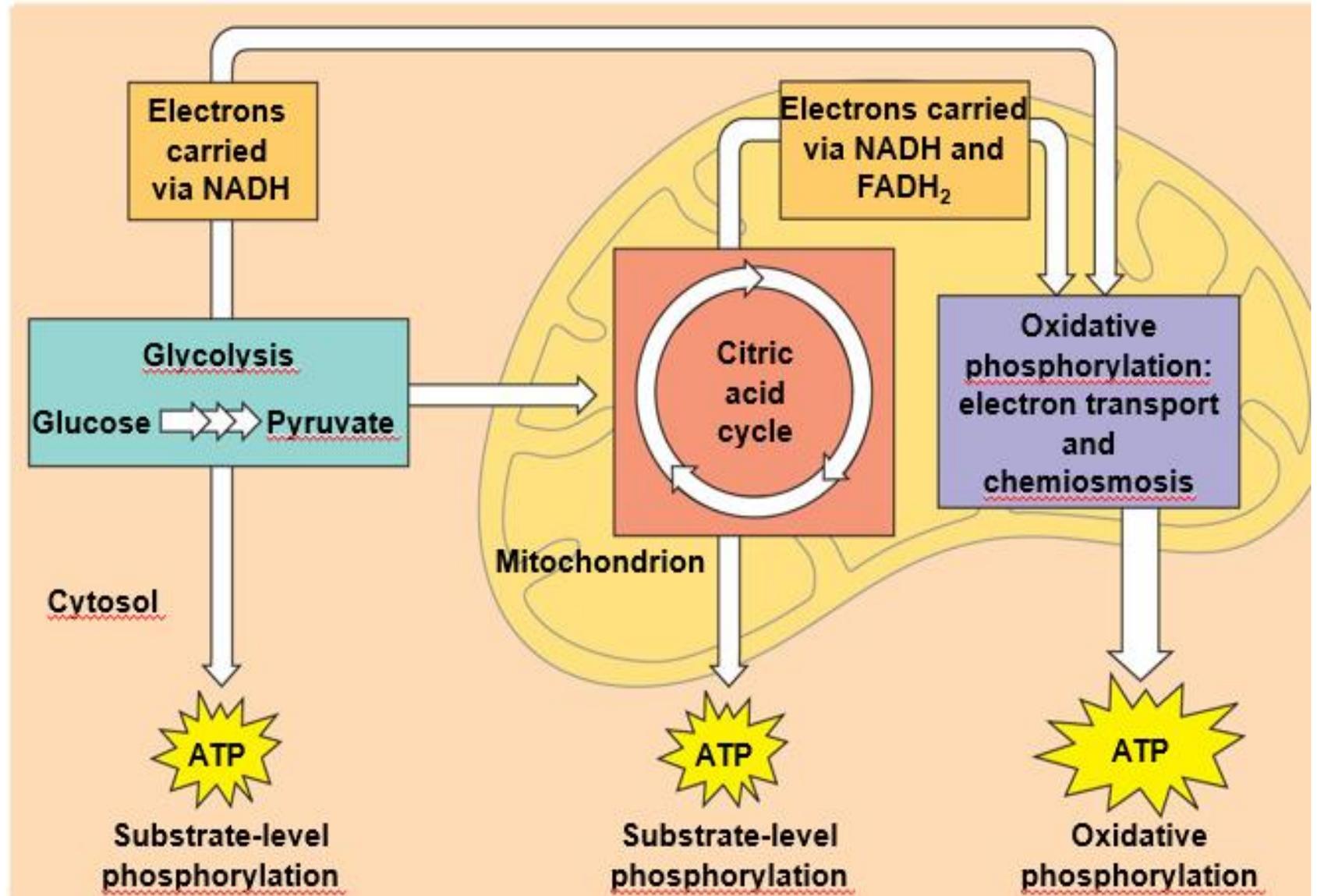
Stages of Cellular Respiration

- Cellular respiration has three stages:
 - **1. Glycolysis** (breaks down glucose into two molecules of pyruvate)
 - **2. The citric acid cycle** (completes the breakdown of glucose)
 - **3. Oxidative phosphorylation (ETC)** (accounts for most of the ATP synthesis)

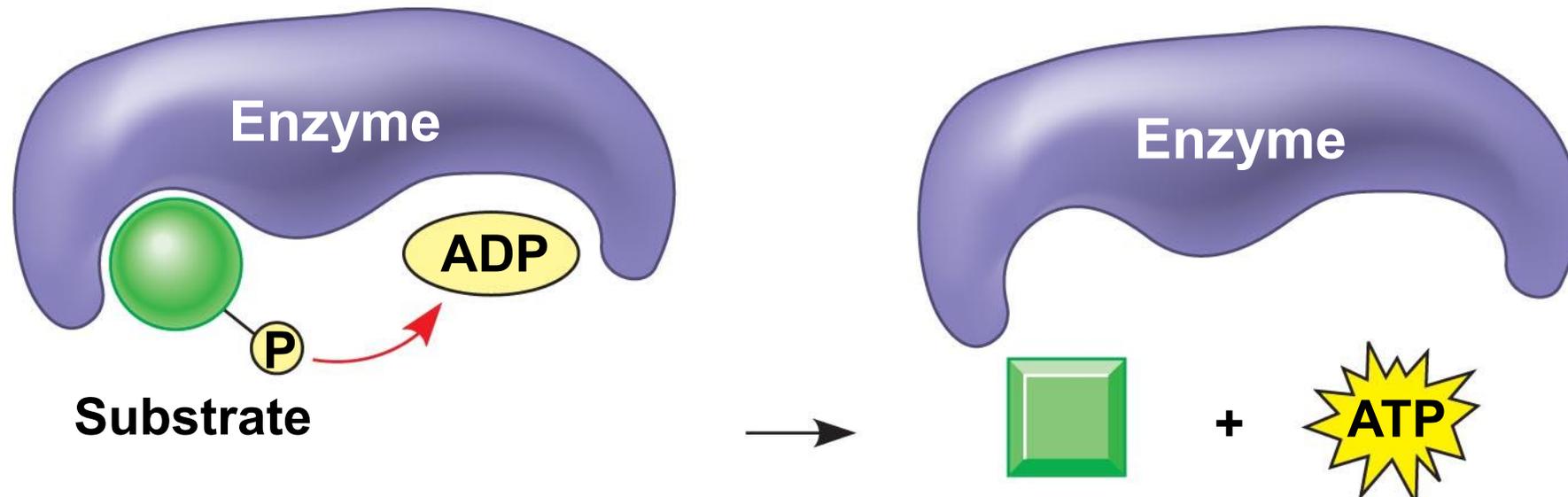


Stages of Cellular Respiration

- **Oxidative phosphorylation** accounts for almost **90%** of the ATP generated by cellular respiration
- A **smaller amount of ATP** is formed in glycolysis and the citric acid cycle by **substrate-level phosphorylation**



Substrate-level phosphorylation



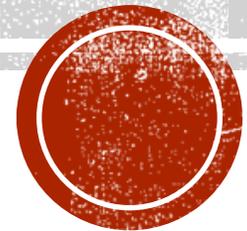
ATP (The energy currency of cell)

- ✓ High-energy phosphate compound.
- ✓ Synthesized by Substrate Phosphorylation of ADP



Cellular respiration

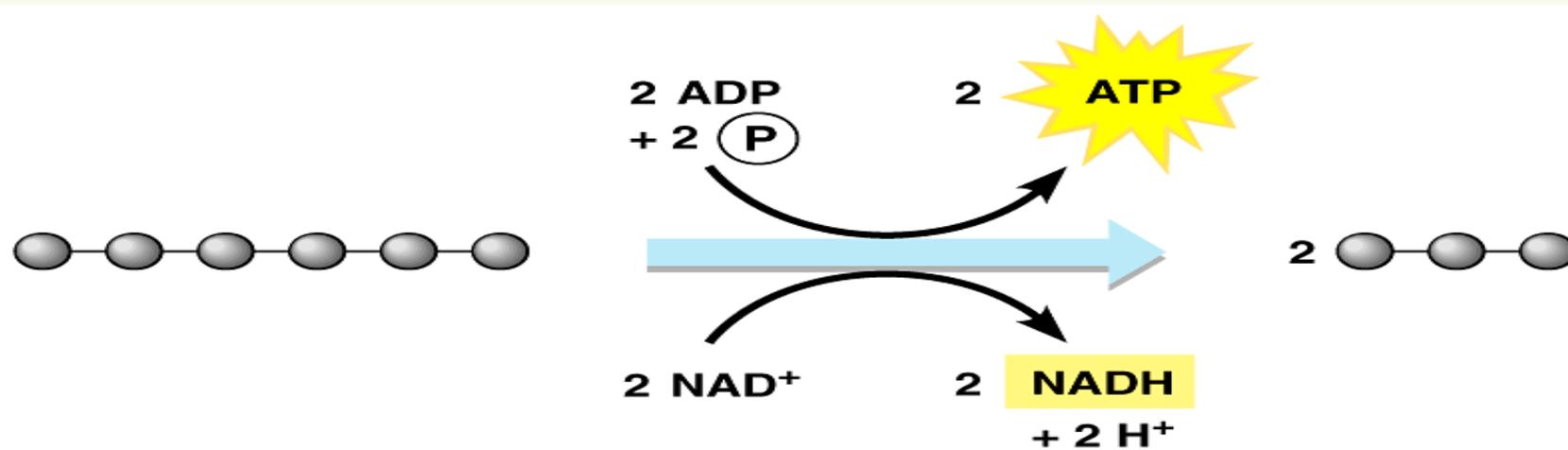
(I. Glycolysis)



Definition of Glycolysis.

(Glyco / sugar. & lysis / breakdown)

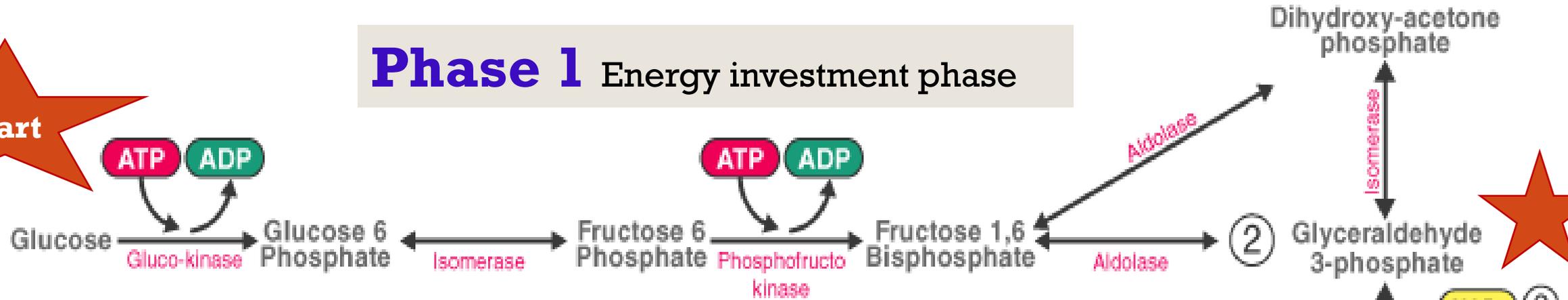
- ❖ It is a series of biochemical reactions occurring in **cytoplasm**, involving breakdown of glucose (6C) to :
 - ✓ 2 molecules **pyruvic acid** (3C) (in presence of O_2 “**Aerobic**”) or
 - ✓ 2 molecules of **lactic acid** (3C) (in absence of O_2 “**Anerobic**”) .
- ❖ with a net generation of **2 ATP & 2 NADH**



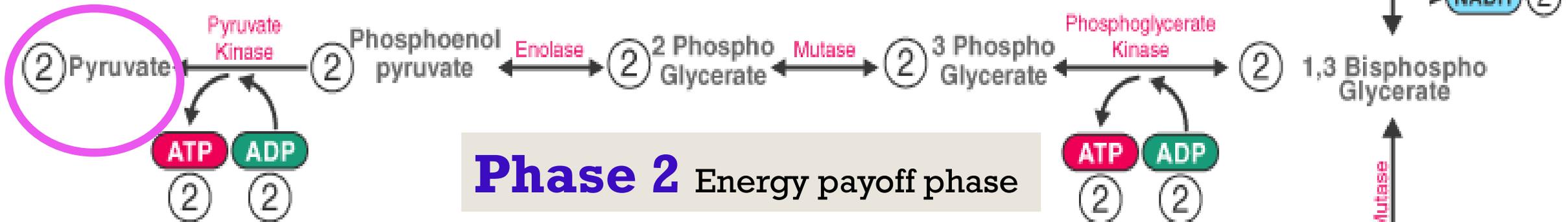
2 Phases of glycolysis (10 enzymatic reactions)

Phase 1 Energy investment phase

Start



Glyceraldehyde 3 P dehydrogenase



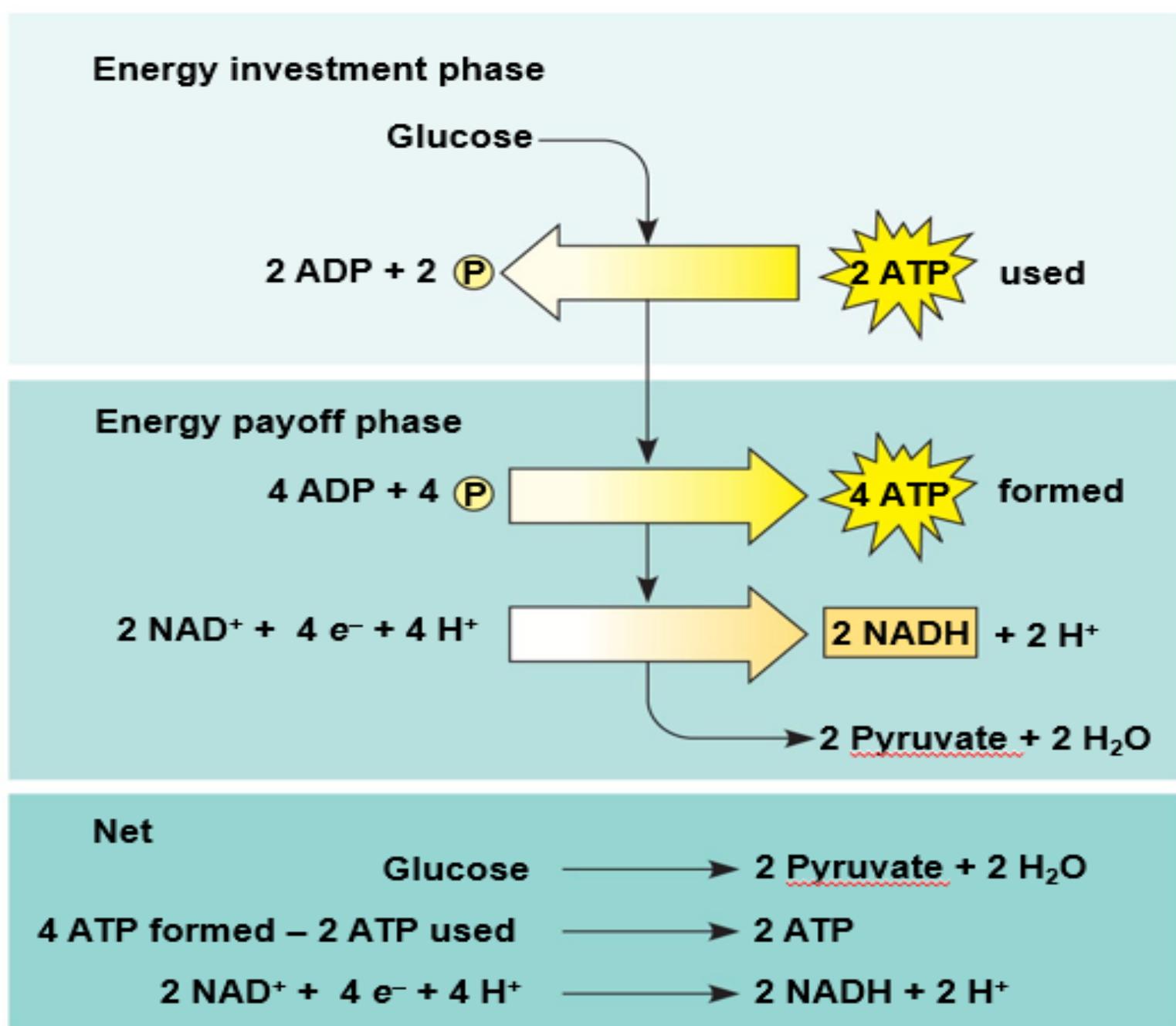
Phase 2 Energy payoff phase

Substrate level phosphorylation

Substrate level phosphorylation

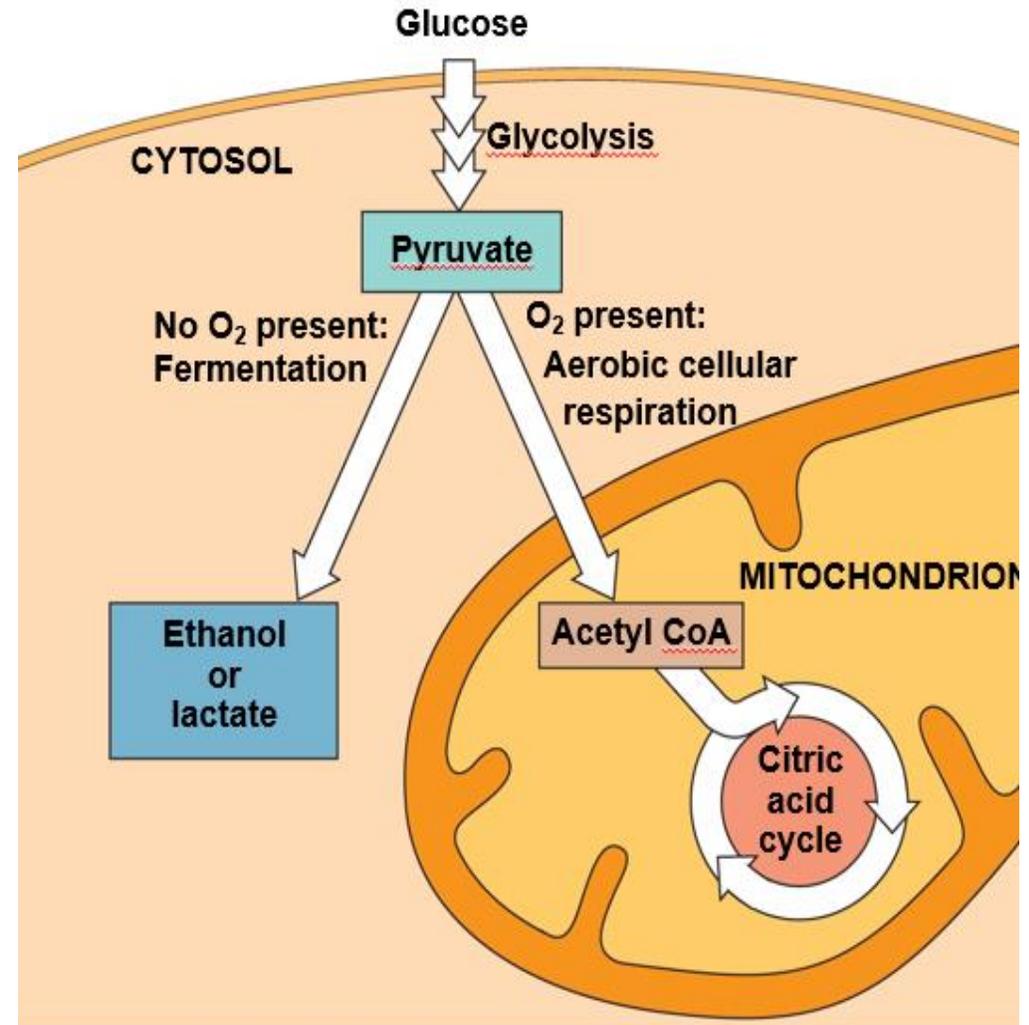


Energy production during Aerobic Glycolysis



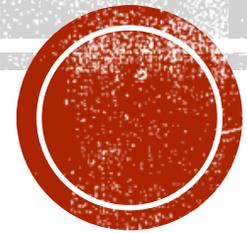
Fermentation and anaerobic respiration enable cells to produce ATP without the use of oxygen

- Most cellular respiration requires O_2 to produce ATP
- Glycolysis can produce ATP with or without O_2 (in aerobic or anaerobic conditions)
- In the absence of O_2 , glycolysis couples with fermentation (anaerobic respiration) to produce ATP



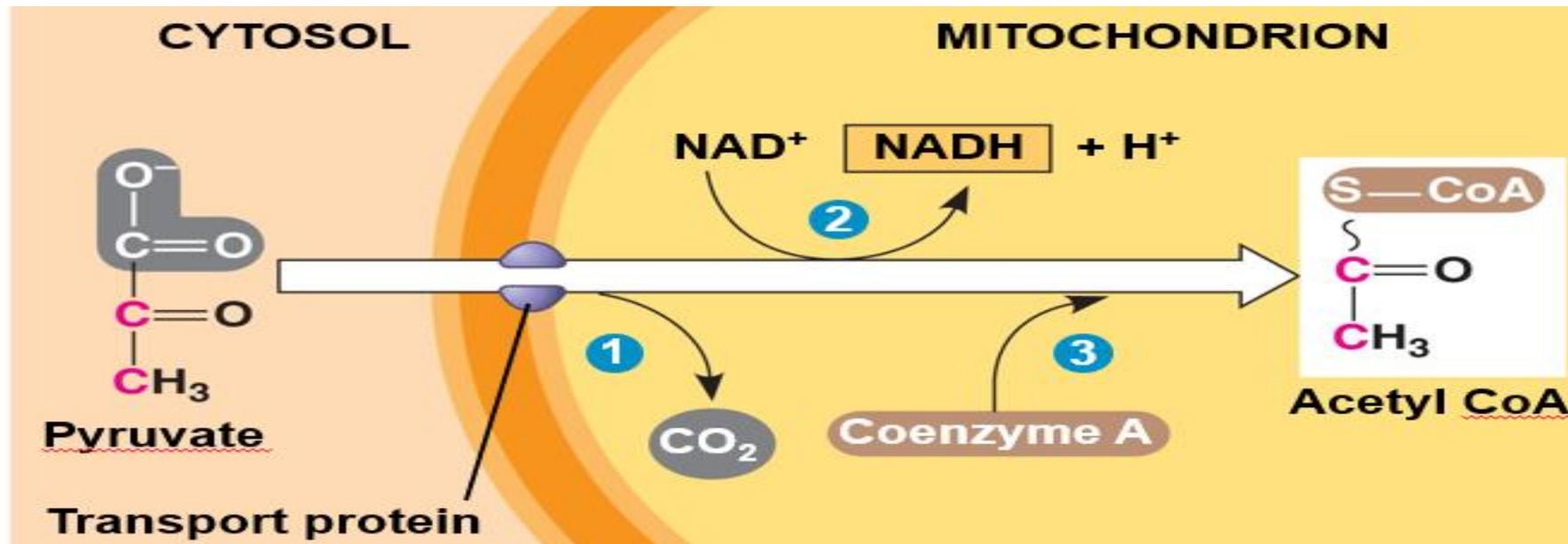
Cellular respiration

(II. Citric acid cycle “Krebs's cycle”)



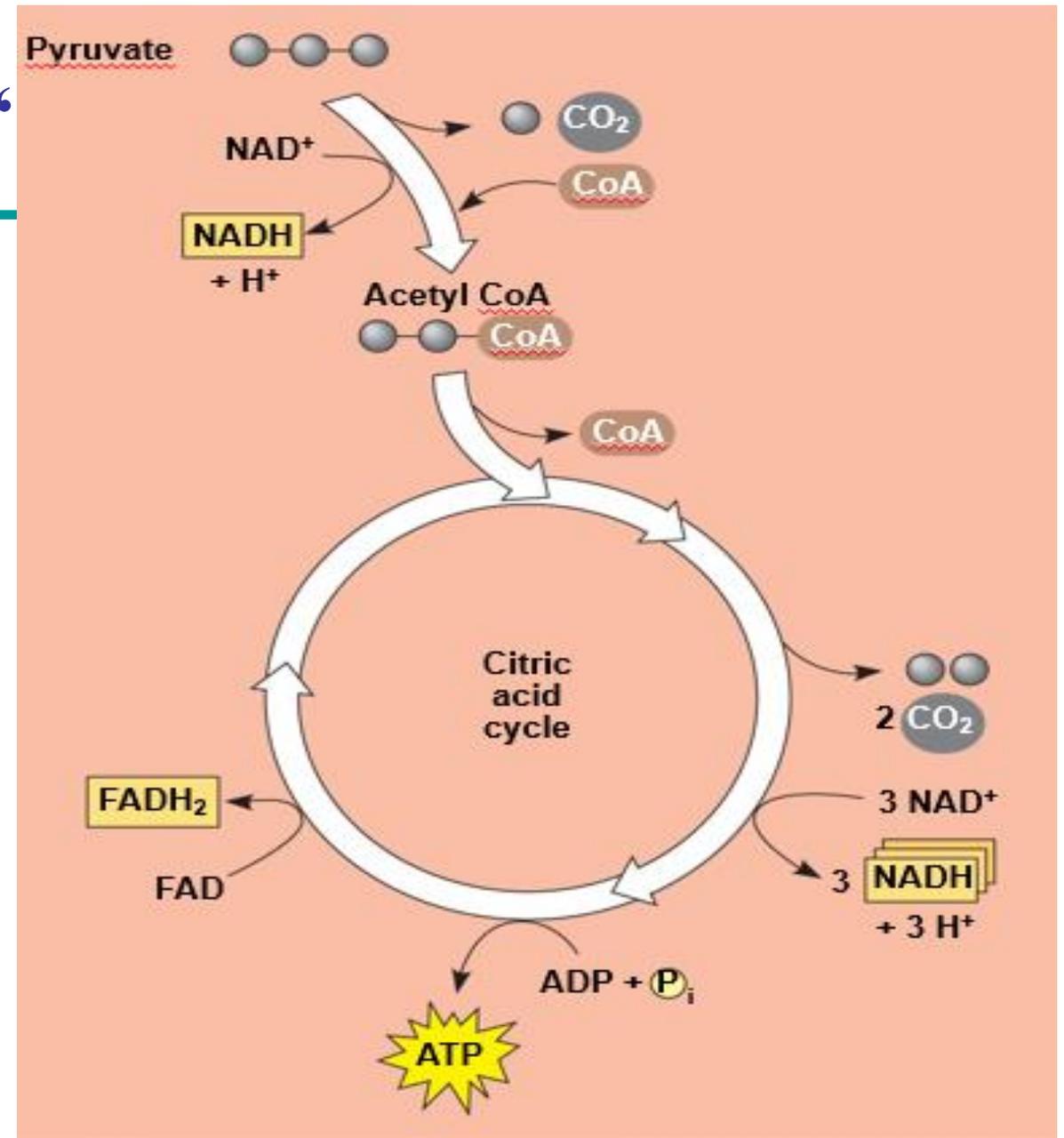
The citric acid cycle completes the energy-yielding oxidation of organic molecules

- In the presence of O_2 , 2 pyruvate enters the mitochondrion
- Before the citric acid cycle can begin, each pyruvate must be converted to **acetyl CoA**, which links the cycle to glycolysis and 2 molecules of **NADH** are generated.



Citric acid cycle “ Krebs's cycle “

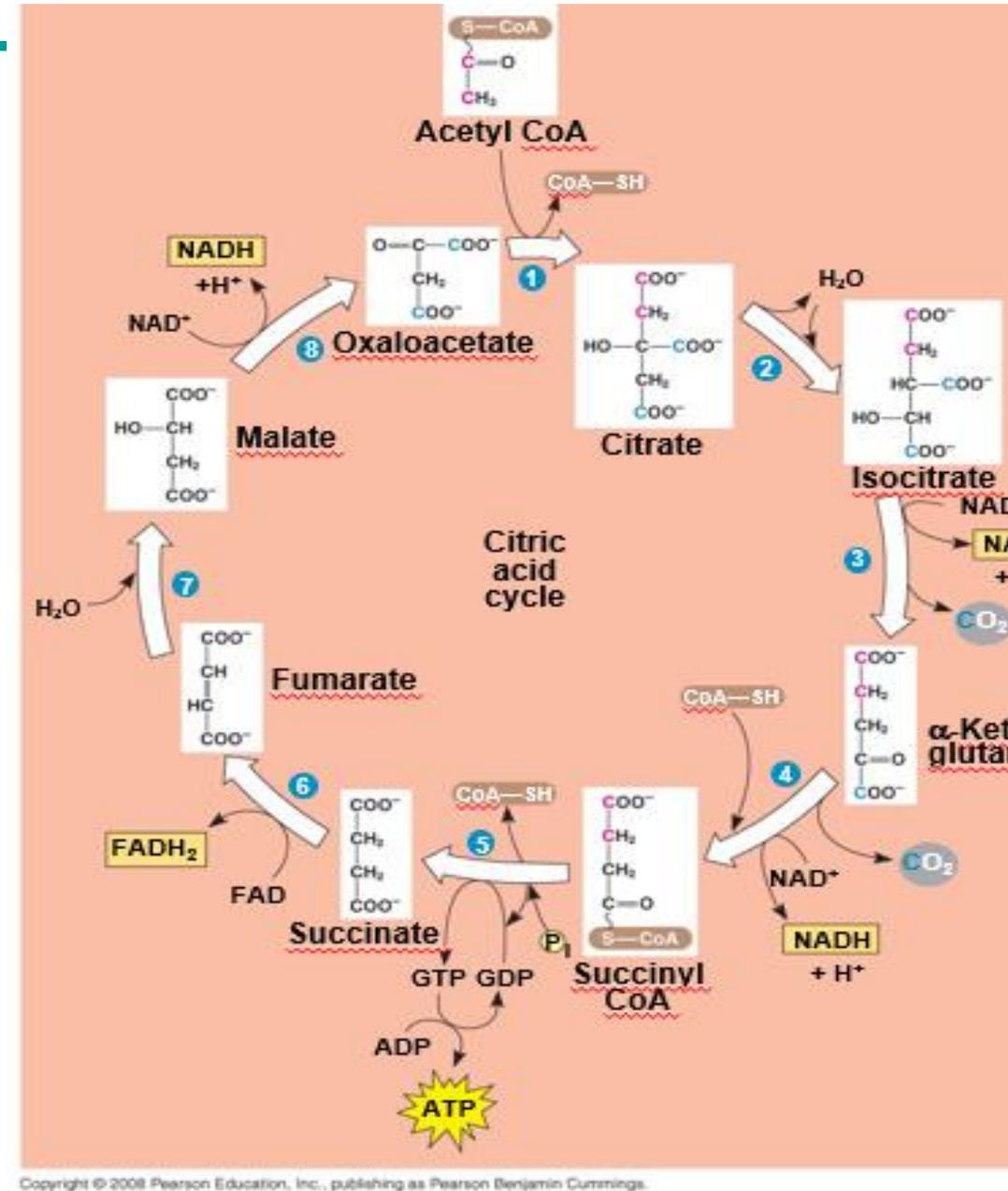
- The citric acid cycle, also called the Krebs cycle, takes place within the mitochondrial matrix
- The cycle oxidizes organic fuel derived from pyruvate, generating **1 ATP, 3 NADH, and 1 FADH₂** per turn



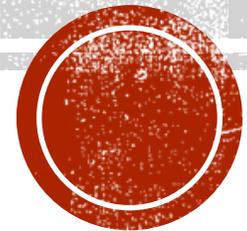
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Citric acid cycle “ Krebs's cycle “

- The citric acid cycle has **eight steps**, each catalyzed by a specific enzyme
- **Acetyl CoA** joins the cycle by combining with **oxaloacetate**, forming **citrate**
- The next seven steps **decompose the citrate back to oxaloacetate**, making the process a cycle.
- The **NADH and FADH₂** produced by the cycle relay electrons extracted from food to **the electron transport chain (ETC)**.



Cellular respiration
(III. Electron Transport Chain &
oxidative phosphorylation)



During oxidative phosphorylation, electron transport couples to ATP synthesis

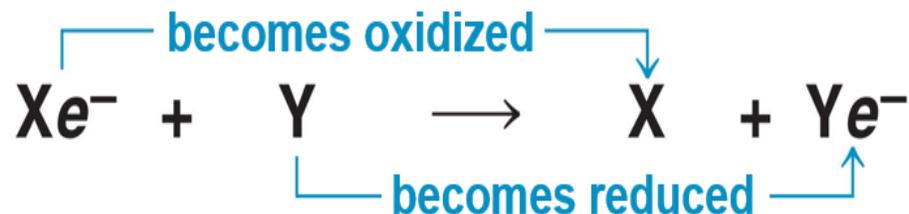
- Following **glycolysis** and the **citric acid cycle**, **NADH** and **FADH₂** account for most of the energy extracted from food
- These two **electron carriers** donate electrons to the electron transport chain.
- The transfer of electrons during chemical reactions releases energy stored in organic molecules.
- This released energy is ultimately used to synthesize ATP

Redox Reactions: Oxidation and Reduction

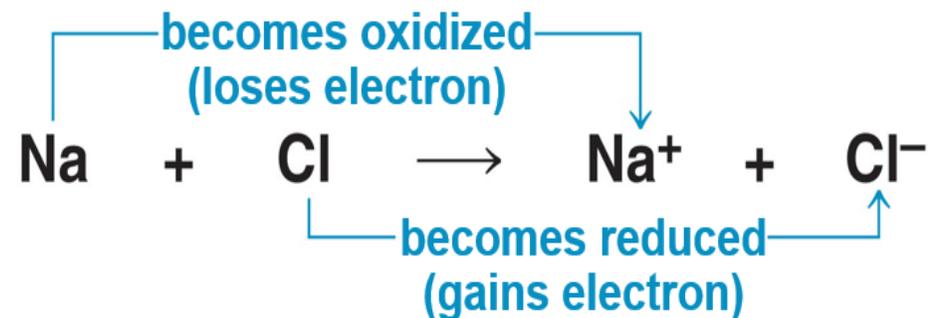
- Chemical reactions that transfer electrons between reactants are called **oxidation-reduction reactions**, or **redox reactions**

The Principle of Redox

- In **oxidation**, a substance **loses** electrons, or is oxidized
- In **reduction**, a substance **gains** electrons, or is reduced (the amount of positive charge is reduced)
- The electron donor is called the **reducing agent**
- The electron acceptor is called the **oxidizing agent**



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Oxidation of Organic Fuel Molecules During Cellular Respiration

- During cellular respiration, the fuel (such as glucose) is oxidized, and O₂ is reduced:



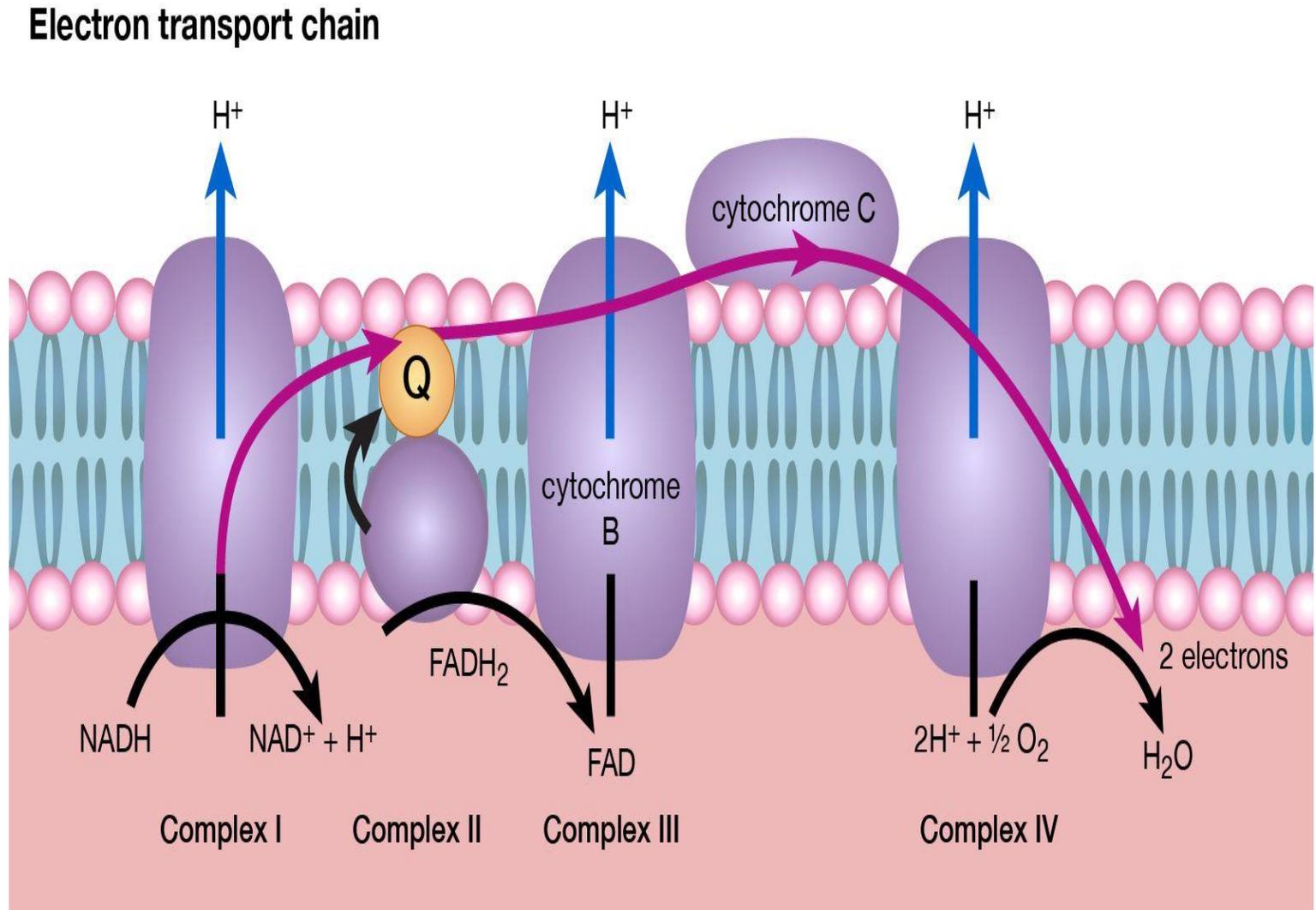
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Stepwise Energy Harvest via the Electron Transport Chain

- In cellular respiration, glucose and other organic compounds are broken down in a series of steps and release electrons
- Electrons from organic compounds are usually first transferred to **NAD⁺** producing NADH (the reduced form of NAD⁺) or FAD producing FADH₂
- Electrons are transferred from NADH or FADH₂ to the **electron transport chain**
- Electrons go down the chain and are finally passed to O₂, forming H₂O

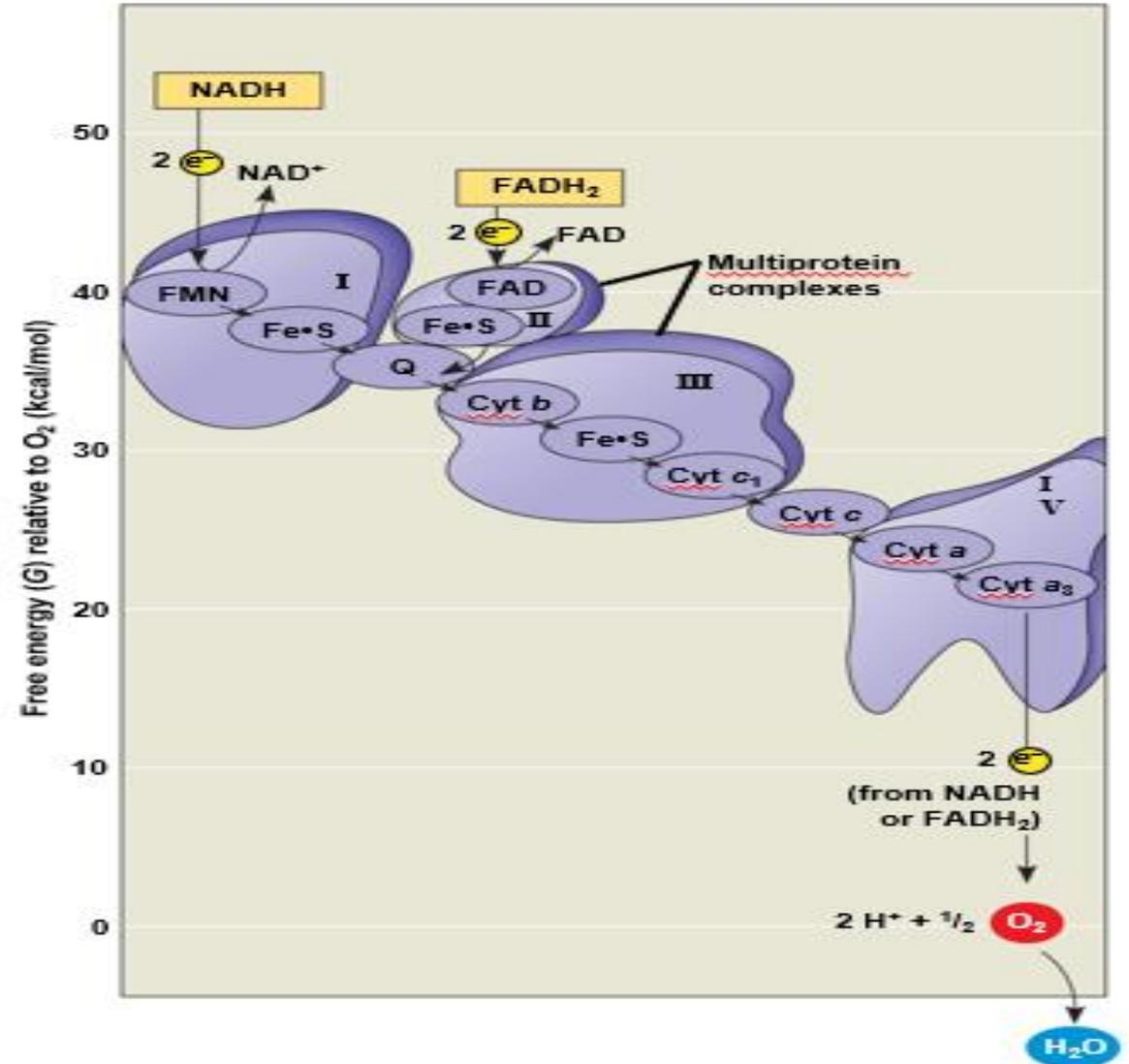
The Pathway of Electron Transport

- Most of the electron transport chain's components exist in **multiprotein complexes** inside the **mitochondrion**
- The carriers **alternate reduced and oxidized states** as they accept & donate electrons



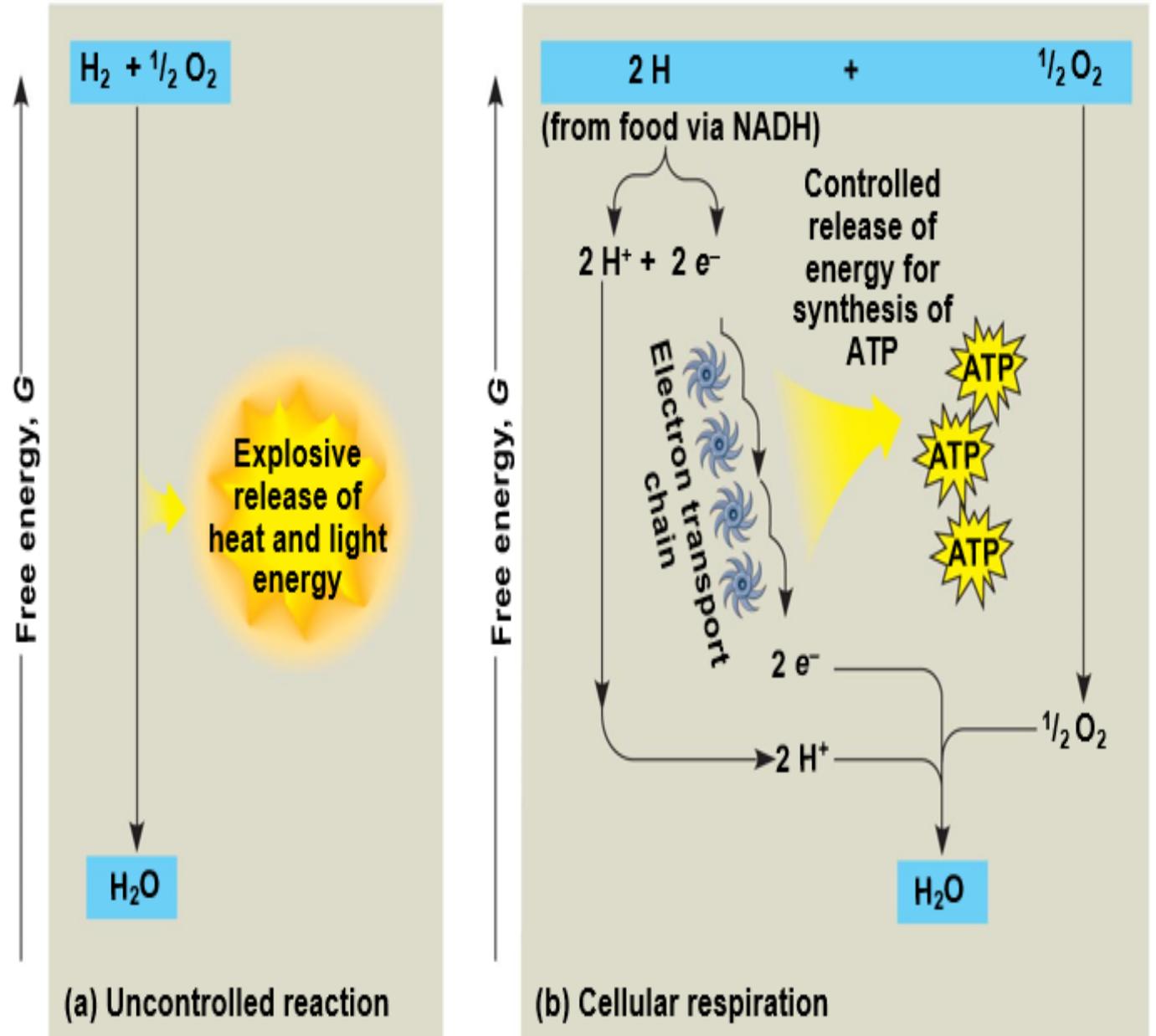
The Pathway of Electron Transport

- The chain's function is to **break the large energy drop** from food to O_2 into **smaller steps** that release energy in manageable amounts



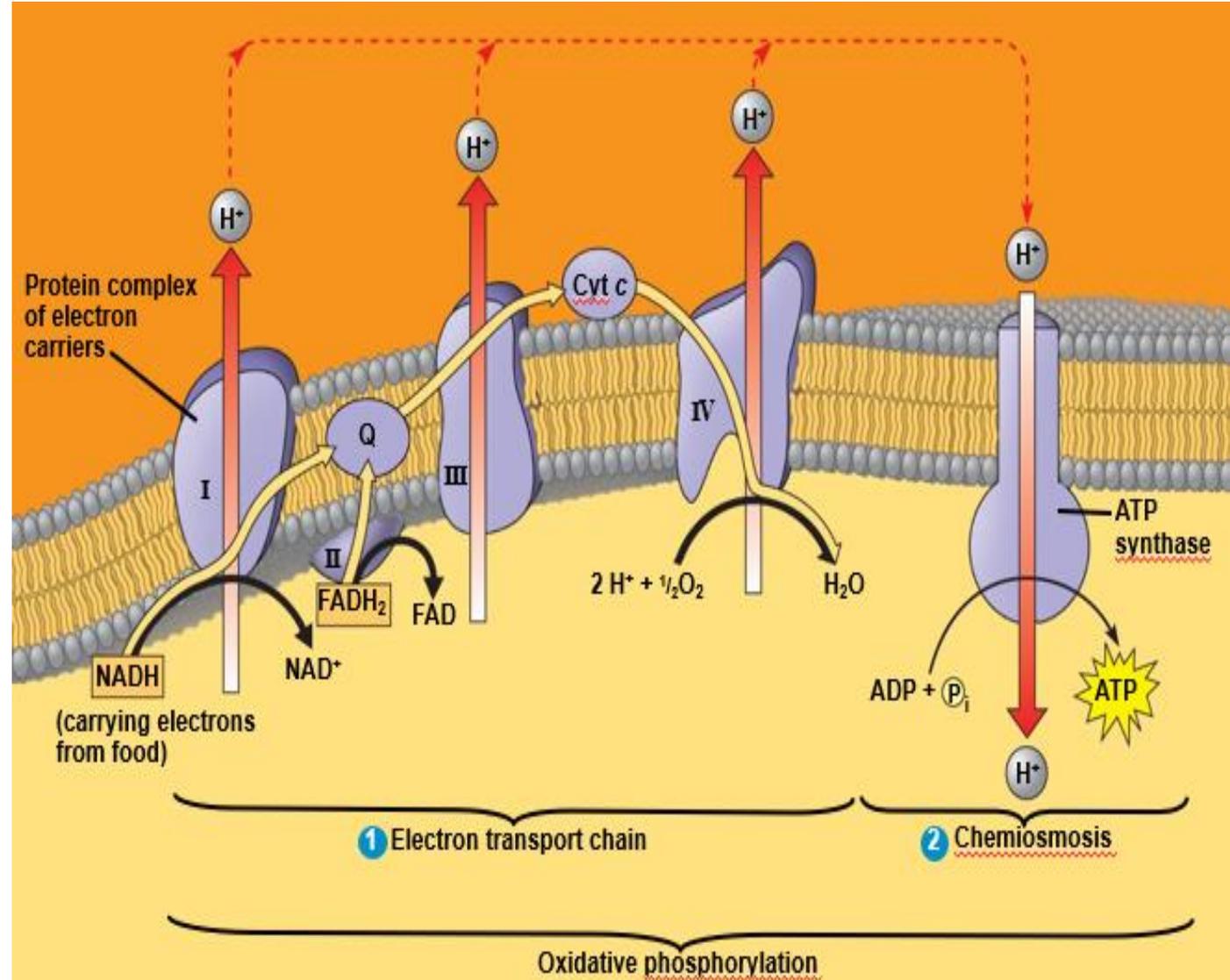
Stepwise Energy Harvest via the Electron Transport Chain

- Unlike an uncontrolled reaction, the electron transport chain passes electrons in **a series of successive steps** instead of one explosive reaction
- The energy yielded is used to **generate ATP**



Stepwise Energy Harvest via the Electron Transport Chain

- The process that generates most of the ATP is called **oxidative phosphorylation** because it is powered by redox reactions in ETC



<https://youtu.be/39HTpUG1MwQ?si=4RRvEorWFB049Os0>

Excerpt from a biomedical animation project.

ATP Production by Cellular Respiration

- During cellular respiration, most energy flows in this sequence:

Glucose → NADH+H, FADH₂ → electron transport chain → proton-gradient → ATP

- About 40% of the energy in a glucose molecule is transferred to ATP during cellular respiration, making about **38 ATP**

NADH= 3 ATP
FADH₂= 2 ATP

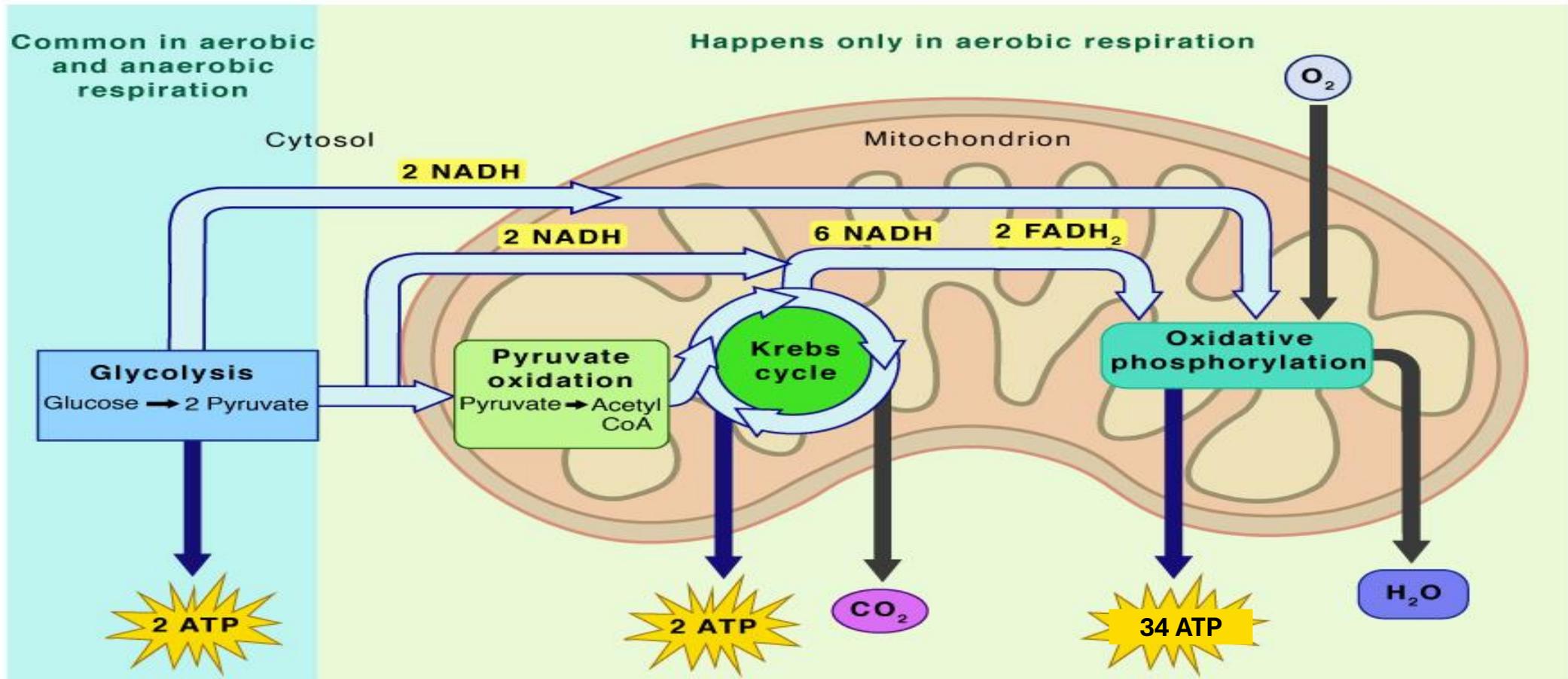
Total ATP production in aerobic respiration

| Cellular Respiration Step | Energy Molecules Produced | ATP Totals |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Glycolysis | 2 ATP 2 NADH | 2 ATP 6 ATP |
| Oxidative Decarboxylation | 2 NADH | 6 ATP |
| Krebs Cycle | 6 NADH 2 FADH ₂ 2 ATP | 18 ATP 4 ATP 2 ATP |
| TOTAL | | 38 ATP |

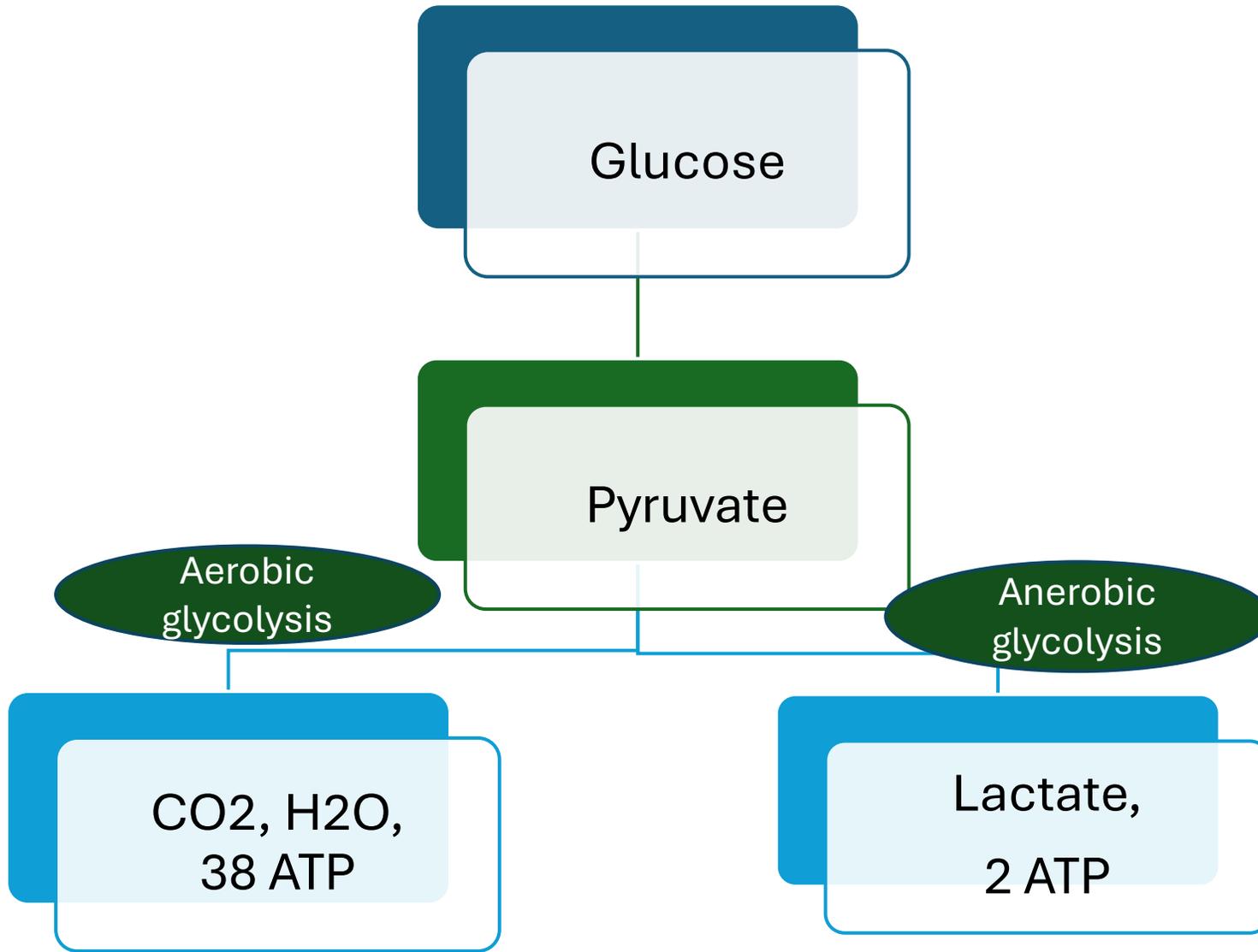
Total ATP production in aerobic respiration

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Energy from Aerobic & Anaerobic respiration



**Aerobic
respiration**

**Anaerobic
respiration**

In presence of
oxygen

In absence of
oxygen (as in
muscular
exercise)

Releases 38
ATP molecules

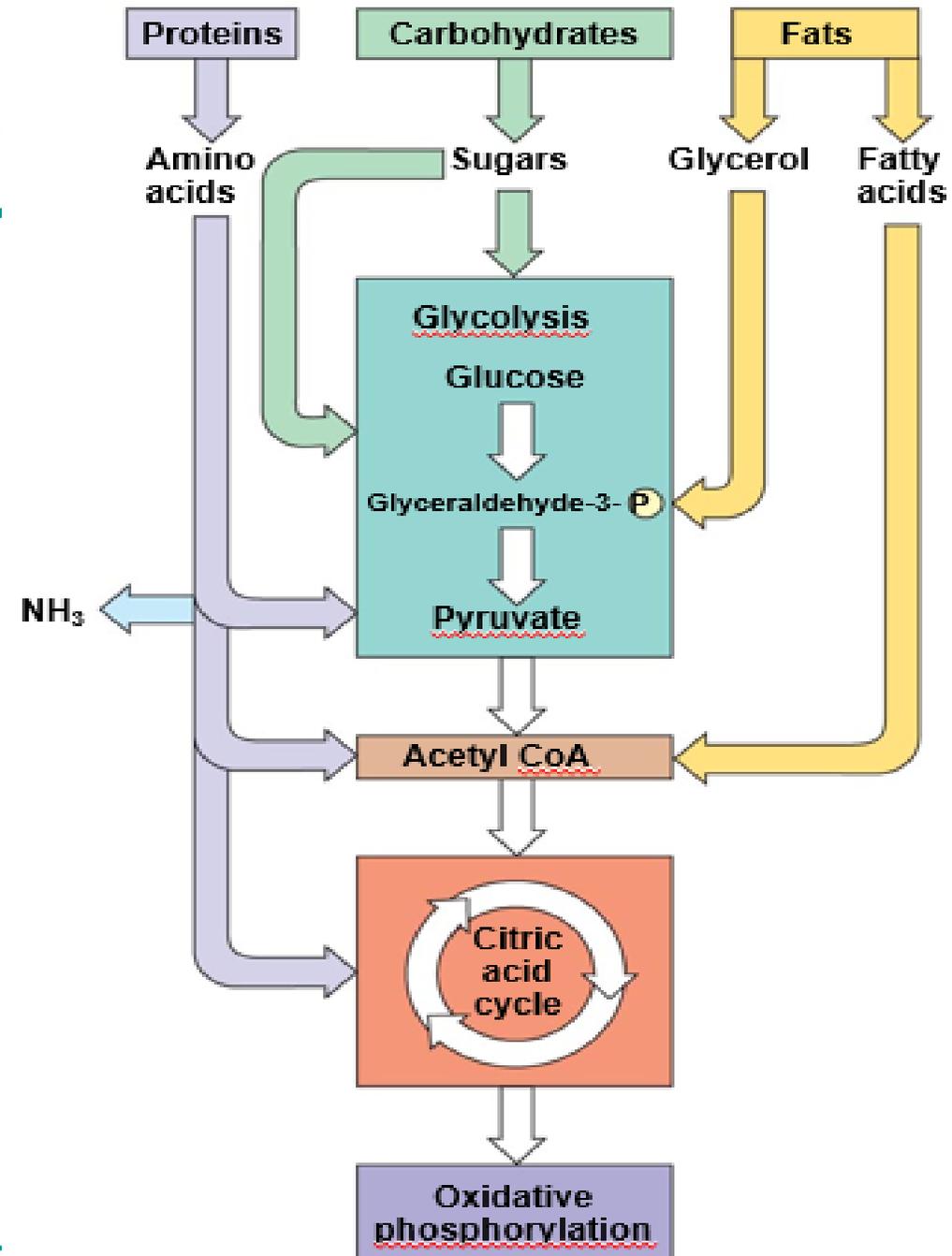
Releases only
2 ATP
molecules

More efficient

Less efficient

Glycolysis and the citric acid cycle connect to many other metabolic pathways

- Glycolysis and the citric acid cycle are major intersections to various catabolic and anabolic pathways
- Catabolic pathways funnel electrons from many kinds of organic molecules into cellular respiration



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