

Oxidative phosphorylation

ETS is a process by which $NADH$ and $FADH_2$ are oxidized and proton gradient is formed.

~~Oxidative~~ phosphorylation is a process of making ATP by using the proton gradient generated by the ETC.

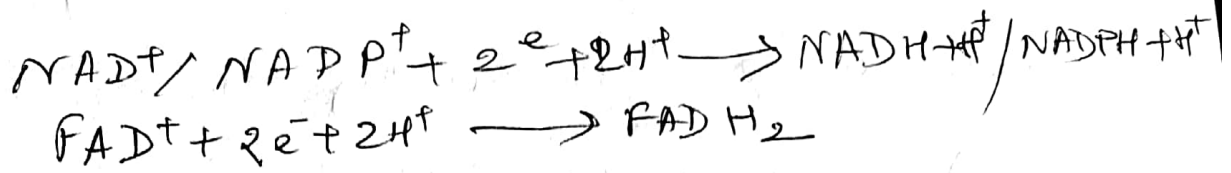
Oxidative Phosphorylation is a biochemical process that involves the addition of phosphate to an organic compound. Examples include the addition of phosphate to Adenosine diphosphate (ADP) to form adenosine triphosphate (ATP).

Phosphorylation is three types:-

1. Photo-Phosphorylation - ATP formed through a series of sunlight-driven reactions in photosynthetic organisms.
2. Oxidative phosphorylation:- ATP formed a series of redox reactions occurring during the final phase of the respiratory pathway.
3. Substrate level phosphorylation:- Transfer of phosphate molecule directly from the substrate.

oxidative phosphorylation is oxygen dependent phosphorylation. The site of oxidative phosphorylation is Mitochondria. The elements involved in this process are embedded in the inner Mitochondrial membrane. Actually several redox reaction take place during diff metabolic path way inside the cell and those processes there is always an electron donor molecule and one electron acceptor molecule. Sometime the electron are donated by diff^t substrate (during their oxidation) and in those cases diff^t ~~o~~ electron carriers (such as $\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADP}^+$ or FAD^+) become reduced and they play the role of electron acceptor. They convert into²

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Now, they have to be oxidized again so that they can serve the purpose of electron acceptor in diff^t metabolic pathways. So that the pathway may remain operative. This oxidation takes place inside the mitochondria with the help of oxygen.

There are five diff^t protein complexes involved in oxidative phosphorylation. Four out of five components (complex I-IV) are involved in transfer of protons (H^+) from the matrix side to the inner membrane space.

This transfer is against the concentration gradient.

In this process, we have diff^t electron carriers. These electrons

carriers are basically iron sulphur (Fe-S). Some are cytochrome (cyt. a, cyt. b, cyt. c) which are iron containing prosthetic group. Complex IV has two copper ~~from~~. They are more energy efficient.

There is a mobile electron carrier in this process known as co-enzyme. (Ubiquinone. The complex I and complex II are convert Q. (Ubiquinone).

Complex I: NADH dehydrogenase - $\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$ donates its ~~extra~~ electron to this complex. Protons of NADH are released in the matrix, while electron are accepted by Flavin adenine mononucleotide. These electron are transferred to ubiquinone. Energy is released. The electron are accepted by Q and it take ~~two~~ two protons from the matrix and it convert into QH_2 . From Q electron travels to complex III.

Complex II Succinate dehydrogenase -

This is embedded on the matrix side. No pumping. Less energy release hence unable to transport proton. but it receive electron from FADH_2 and convert Q into QH_2 . Electrons are come from β oxidation (TCA cycle).

Complex III: Ubiquinone (Q)

Cytochrome c oxidoreductase /
cytochrome bc_1 complex -

It is the centre of recycling of Ubiquinone. It consist of Cyt. b , Cyt. c and Cyt. c_1 . It has also two iron sulphur. In this complex electron are come from the Ubiquinone and II complex.

Complex IV - This complex consist of two cytochrome cyt. a or Cyt. a_3 and two copper (Cu a or Cu b). The two electron gain by Cyt. c (by complex III) is transferred to Cu a then it reaches

to use. Cus through Cyt. a and Cyt. a₃. ~~Being~~
~~the flow of electron energy is released~~
The required energy comes from the
energy released during the flow
of electron.

Complex V: ATP synthase complex:-

It is made up of 22 diff^t
units of protein. As inner membrane
of mitochondria is completely imper-
meable for protons (H⁺), hence the protons
are accumulated in the IMS and they
create an electrochemical ~~environment~~
~~in the intermembrane space~~ gradient.

There are three type of gradient.

1. Electrical gradient - As protons have
positive charge. While matrix
negative charge.

2. Chemical gradient - the presence of protons make the environment acidic.

3. Osmotic gradient:- Protons are transferred from matrix to IMS.

The gradient generates a force which is experienced by ~~the~~ inner mitochondrial membrane. But the protons have only one way back, i.e., ATP synthase complex. Now, the proton motive force exerted by the flow of proton provides the required energy for the association of ADP and P_i to form ATP.

The protons accumulated in IMS acts like water behind dam and the ATP synthase complex acts like turbine. As the water flows from the channels through the turbine, it rotates and generates

electricity. (Hydro electric power plant)
 Similarly the flow of Proton through
 the ATP synthase complex make its
 rotation and during rotation a con-
 formational change take place in
 the β -Protein of the ATP synthase
 complex. This is the basic concept
 of Oxidative phosphorylation.

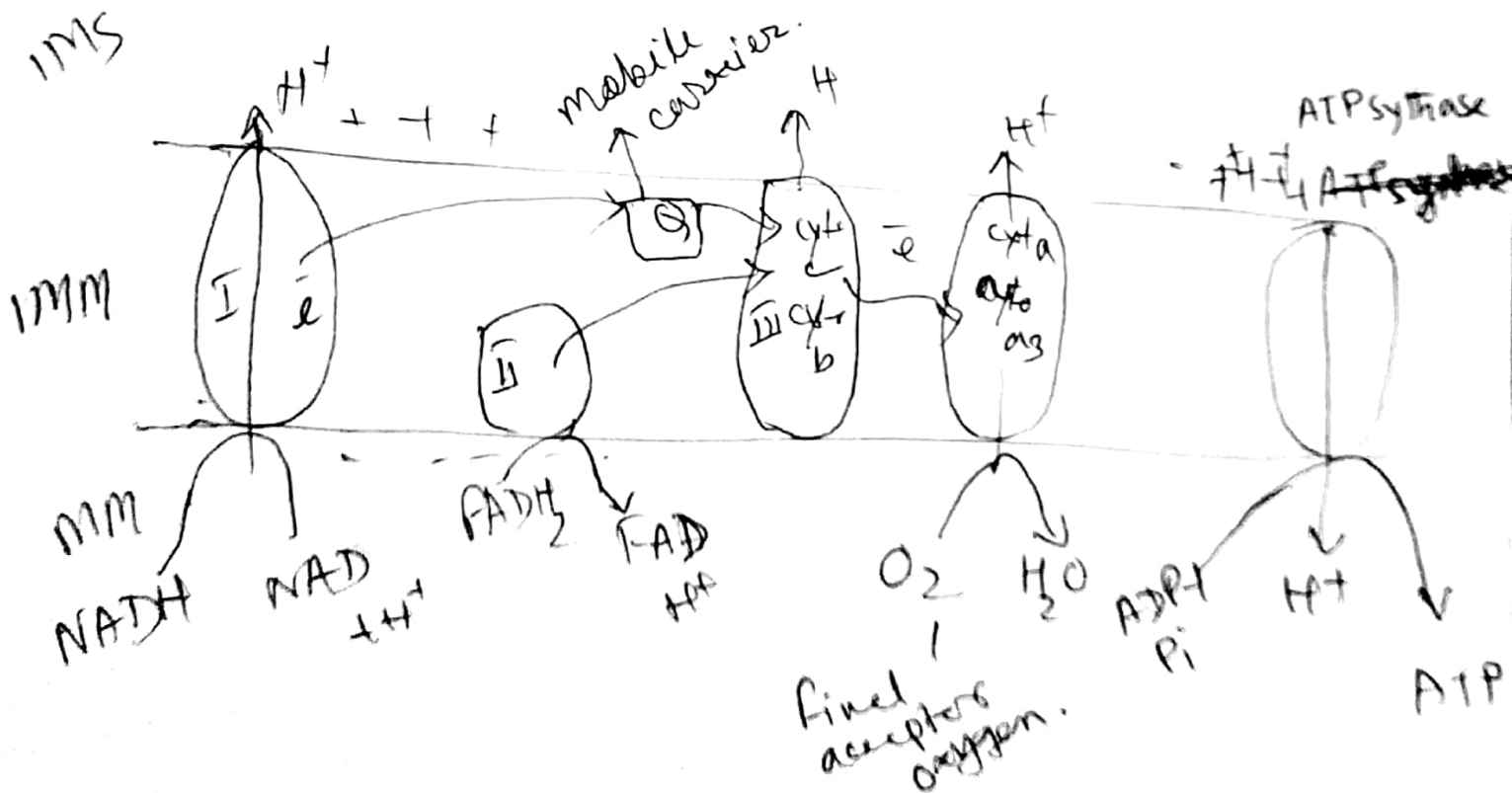


Fig- Oxidative phosphorylation