

Chapter 5-I:
Electron Transport and Oxidative
Phosphorylation

A resting human body consumes 420 kJ/h (~ 100 J/sec)

Electrochemical events in mitochondria

0.2 V, 500 Amp (=100 W = 100 J/sec)

equivalent to $\sim 3 \times 10^{21}$ protons/sec

Mitochondrial electron-transport chain

Electron transfer to O_2
 Regeneration of NAD^+ & FAD
 Proton transfer
 Electrochemical gradient
 Oxidative phosphorylation

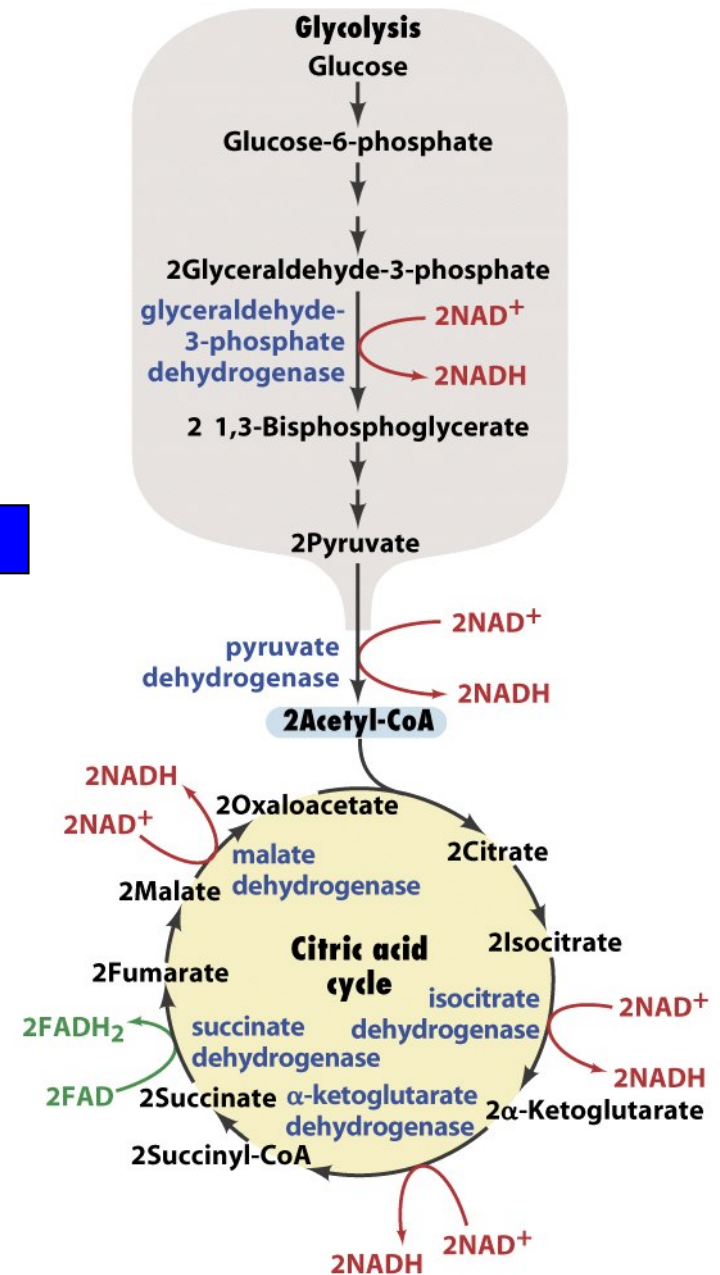
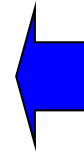


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The mitochondrion: bacterial size, variable shapes, ~2000/cell

Anatomy

Outer membrane: porins (free diffusion of molecules up to 10 kD),

Inner membrane: ~75% protein by mass, freely permeable only to O₂, CO₂, H₂O
numerous transport proteins (ATP, ADP, pyruvate, Ca²⁺, phosphate)

Intermembrane space: equivalent to cytosol

Matrix: enzymes, DNA, RNA, ribosomes

Cristae: form microenvironments, local concentration of chemicals

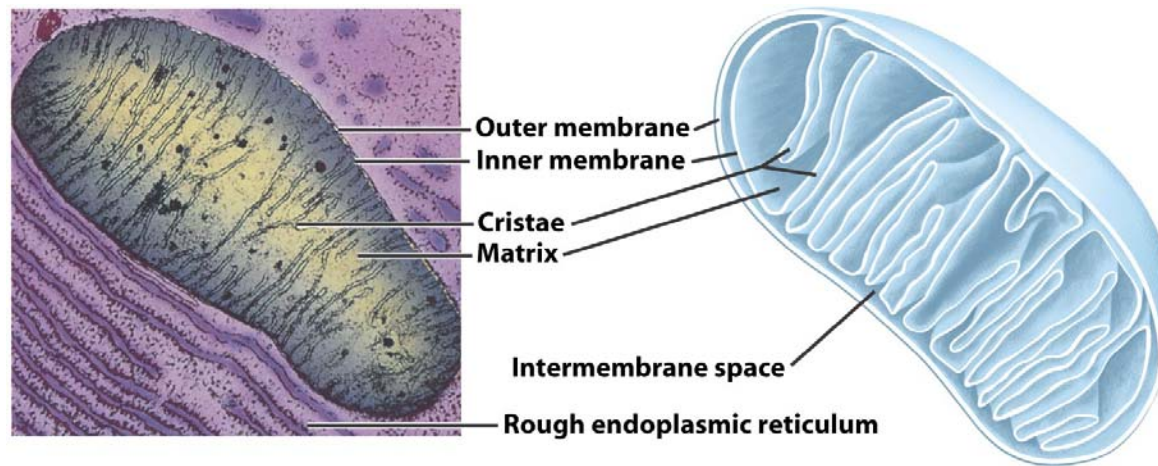


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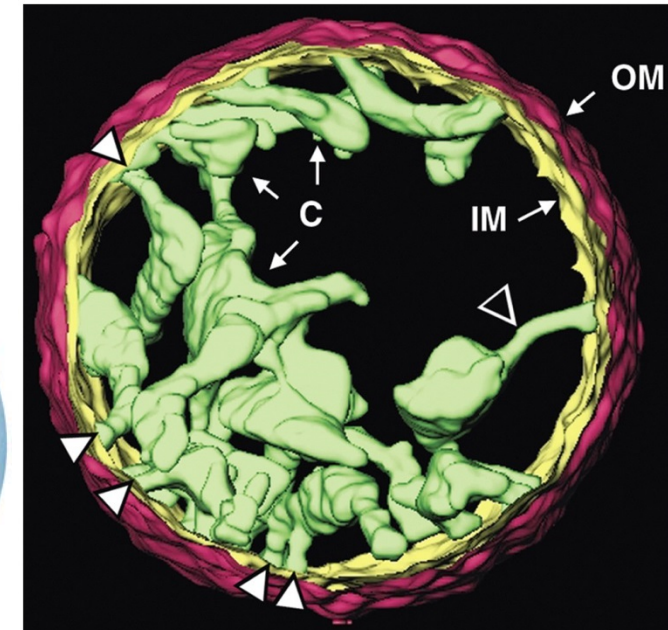


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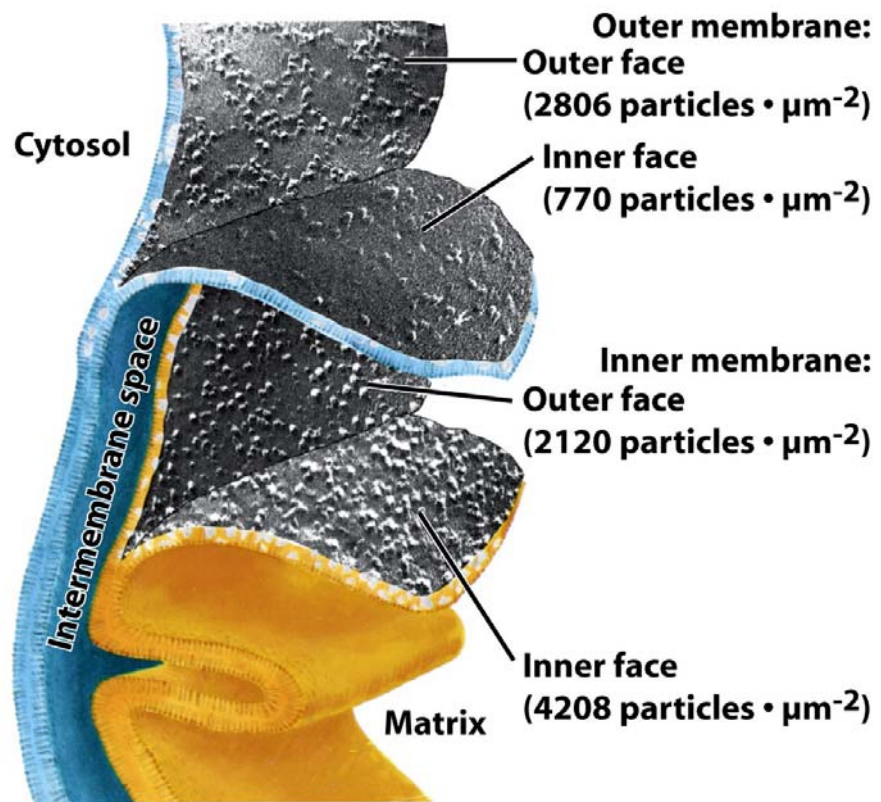


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Neurospora sp. mitochondrial structure

Mitochondrial transport system

Inner membrane proteins

1. Transport of cytosolic reducing equivalents
 - Malate-aspartate shuttle (page 504)
 - Glycerophosphate shuttle: in insect flight muscle
2. ADP-ATP transport
 - Translocator (adenine nucleotide translocase)
 - Electrogenic antiport: export of ATP & import of ADP resulting in export of one negative charge driven by membrane potential difference
3. Phosphate transport
 - Phosphate carrier: Pi return to mitochondria
 - ATP synthesis in mitochondria, utilization in cytosol
 - Electroneutral Pi-H symport driven by ΔpH

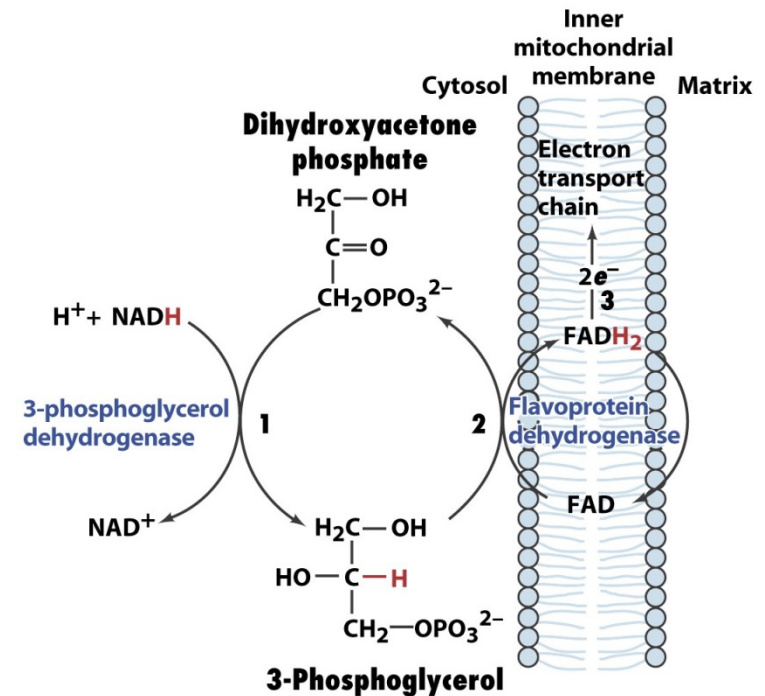


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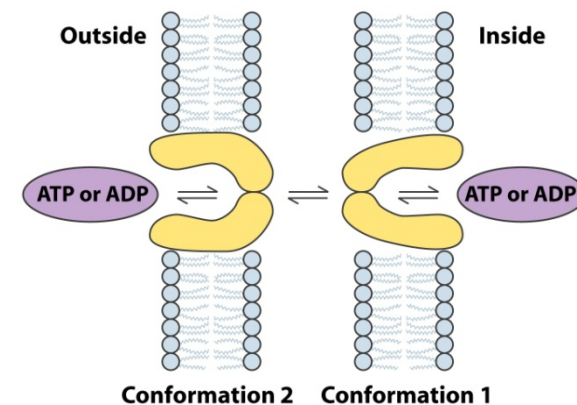


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Electron transport

Electron transport chain (ETC) depending on reduction potentials

$$\Delta G^{\circ'} = -nF\Delta E^{\circ'}$$

1 mol of NADH oxidation: -218 kJ/mol

1 mol of ATP synthesis: 30.5 kJ/mol

Thermodynamic efficiency: $30.5 \times 3 \times 100 / 218 = 42\%$ under standard conditions

It is ~70% under physiological conditions

The sequence of ETC

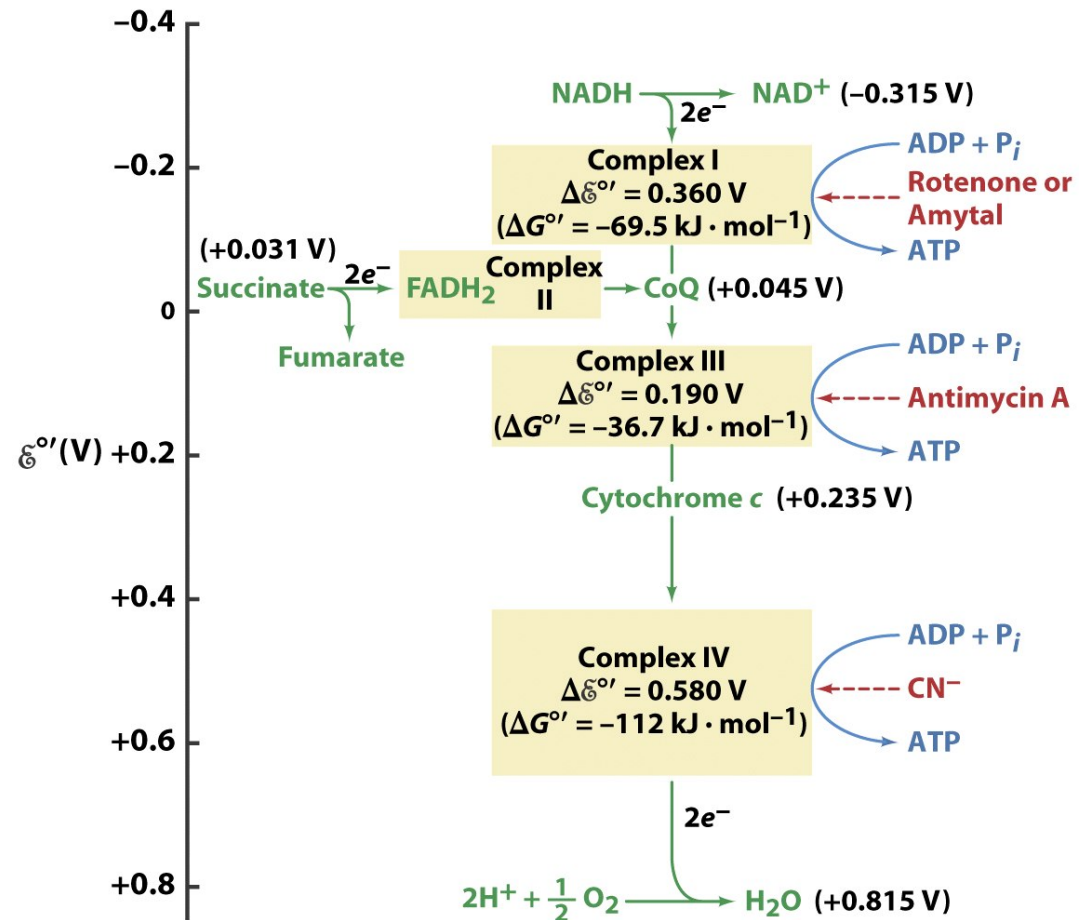


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Table 13-3 Standard Reduction Potentials of Some Biochemically Important Half-Reactions

Half-Reaction	$\mathcal{E}^{\circ'}$ (V)
$\frac{1}{2} \text{O}_2 + 2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.815
$\text{SO}_4^{2-} + 2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{SO}_3^{2-} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.48
$\text{NO}_3^- + 2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{NO}_2^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.42
Cytochrome a_3 (Fe^{3+}) + $e^- \rightleftharpoons$ cytochrome a_3 (Fe^{2+})	0.385
$\text{O}_2(\text{g}) + 2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	0.295
Cytochrome a (Fe^{3+}) + $e^- \rightleftharpoons$ cytochrome a (Fe^{2+})	0.29
Cytochrome c (Fe^{3+}) + $e^- \rightleftharpoons$ cytochrome c (Fe^{2+})	0.235
Cytochrome c_1 (Fe^{3+}) + $e^- \rightleftharpoons$ cytochrome c_1 (Fe^{2+})	0.22
Cytochrome b (Fe^{3+}) + $e^- \rightleftharpoons$ cytochrome b (Fe^{2+}) (<i>mitochondrial</i>)	0.077
Ubiquinone + $2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons$ ubiquinol	0.045
Fumarate $^-$ + $2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons$ succinate $^-$	0.031
$\text{FAD} + 2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{FADH}_2$ (<i>in flavoproteins</i>)	~0.
Oxaloacetate $^-$ + $2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons$ malate $^-$	-0.166
Pyruvate $^-$ + $2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons$ lactate $^-$	-0.185
Acetaldehyde + $2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons$ ethanol	-0.197
$\text{FAD} + 2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{FADH}_2$ (<i>free coenzyme</i>)	-0.219
$\text{S} + 2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{S}$	-0.23
Lipoic acid + $2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons$ dihydrolipoic acid	-0.29
$\text{NAD}^+ + \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{NADH}$	-0.315
$\text{NADP}^+ + \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{NADPH}$	-0.320
Cystine + $2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons$ 2 cysteine	-0.340
Acetoacetate $^-$ + $2 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons$ β -hydroxybutyrate $^-$	-0.346
$\text{H}^+ + e^- \rightleftharpoons \frac{1}{2} \text{H}_2$	-0.421
Acetate $^-$ + $3 \text{H}^+ + 2 e^- \rightleftharpoons$ acetaldehyde + H_2O	-0.581

Source: Mostly from Loach, P.A., In Fasman, G.D. (Ed.), *Handbook of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* (3rd ed.), Physical and Chemical Data, Vol. I, pp. 123–130, CRC Press (1976).

ETC inhibitors

Measuring the effect on O₂ consumption

Restoration of ETC by addition of intermediates

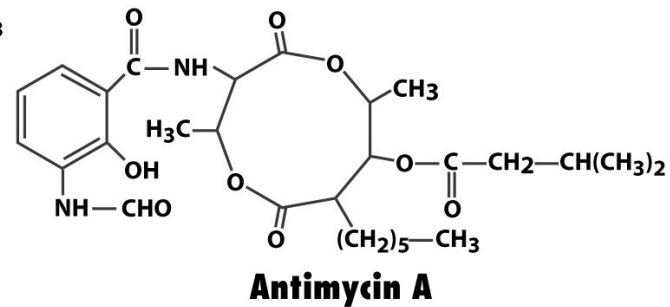
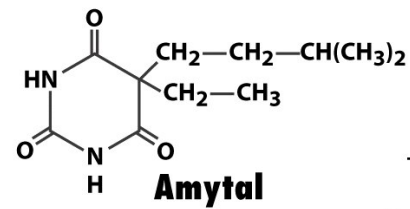
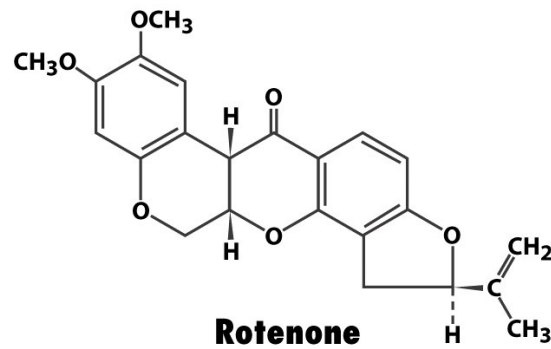


Table 17-1 Reduction Potentials of Electron-Transport Chain Components in Resting Mitochondria

Component	$\mathcal{E}'$ (V)
NADH	−0.315
Complex I (NADH–CoQ oxidoreductase; ~900 kD, 43 subunits):	
FMN	?
(Fe–S)N-1a	−0.380
(Fe–S)N-1b	−0.250
(Fe–S)N-2	−0.030
(Fe–S)N-3,4	−0.245
(Fe–S)N-5,6	−0.270
Succinate	0.031
Complex II (succinate–CoQ oxidoreductase; ~120 kD, 4 subunits):	
FAD	−0.040
[2Fe–2S]	−0.030
[4Fe–4S]	−0.245
[3Fe–4S]	0.060
Heme b_{560}	−0.080
Coenzyme Q	0.045
Complex III (CoQ–cytochrome c oxidoreductase; ~240 kD, 9–11 subunits):	
Heme b_H (b_{562})	0.030
Heme b_L (b_{566})	−0.030
[2Fe–2S]	0.280
Heme c_1	0.215
Cytochrome c	0.235
Complex IV (cytochrome c oxidase; ~205 kD, 8–13 subunits):	
Heme a	0.210
Cu _A	0.245
Cu _B	0.340
Heme a_3	0.385
O ₂	0.815

Source: Mainly Wilson, D.F., Erecinska, M., and Dutton, P.L., *Annu. Rev. Biophys. Bioeng.* **3**, 205 and 208 (1974); and Wilson, D.F., in Bittar, E.E. (Ed.), *Membrane Structure and Function*, Vol. 1, p. 160, Wiley (1980).

ETC proteins

Not associated

Not in equimolar amounts

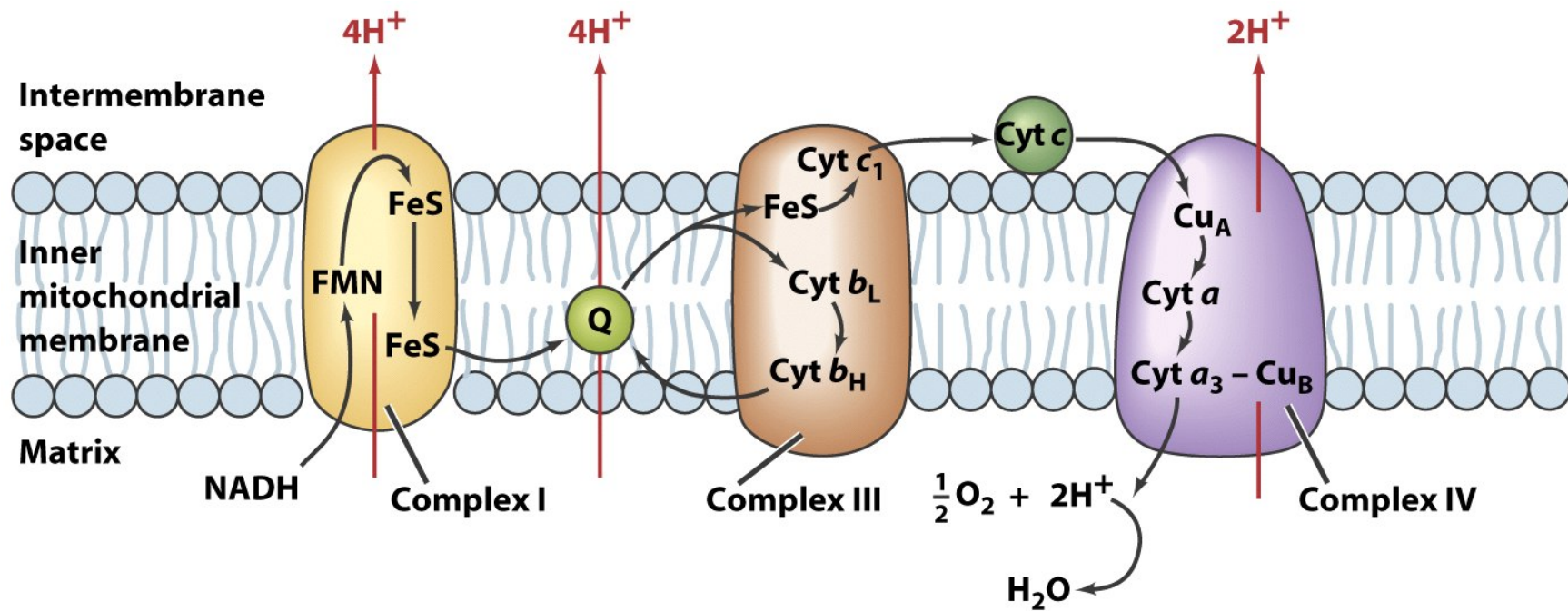


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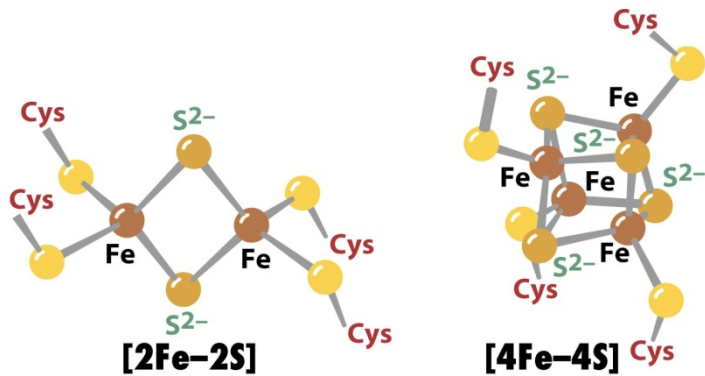
Complex I

NADH-CoQ oxidoreductase

43 subunits in mammals

1 FMN

6~7 iron-sulfur clusters



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Iron-sulfur clusters
Reduction & oxidation of one-electron

Bacterial ferredoxin

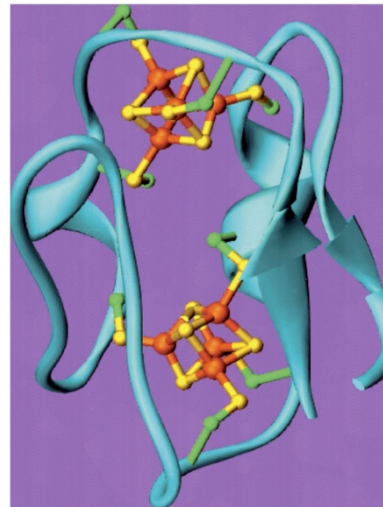


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EM at 22 Å

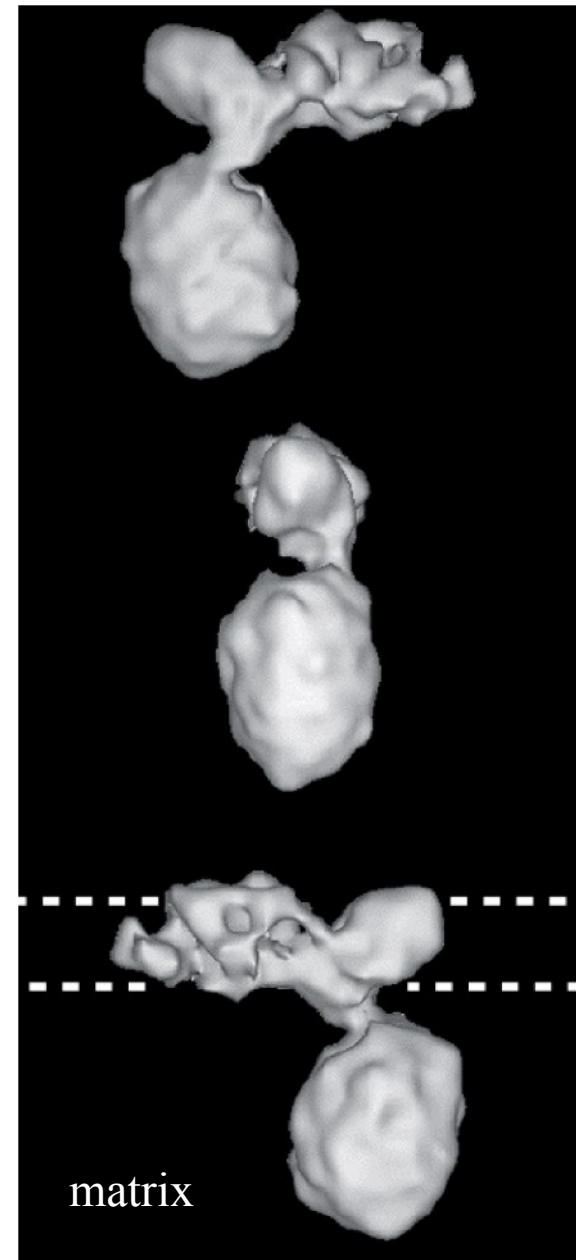
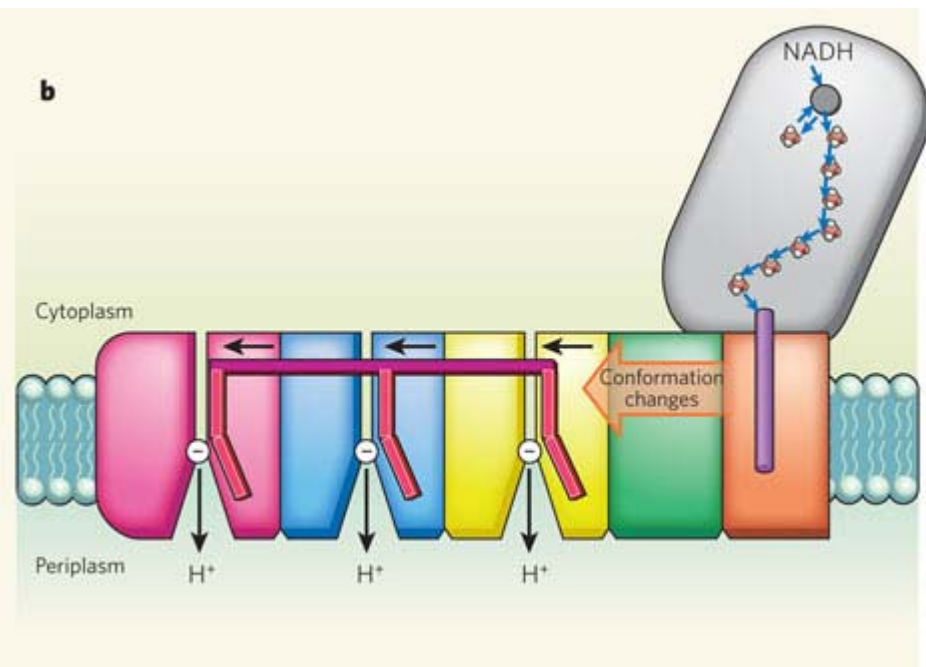
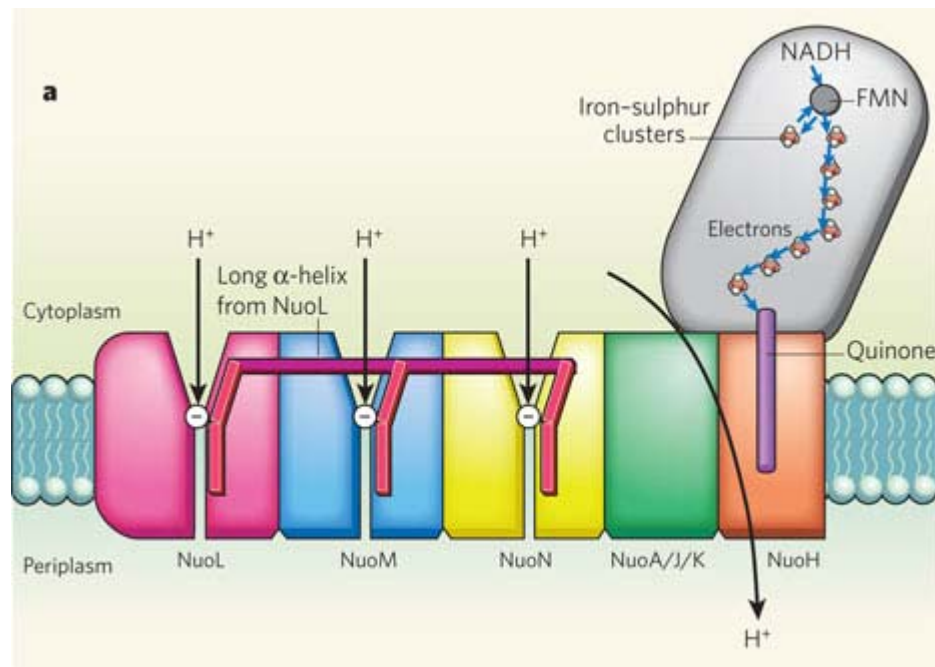


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Mediate one-electron transfer

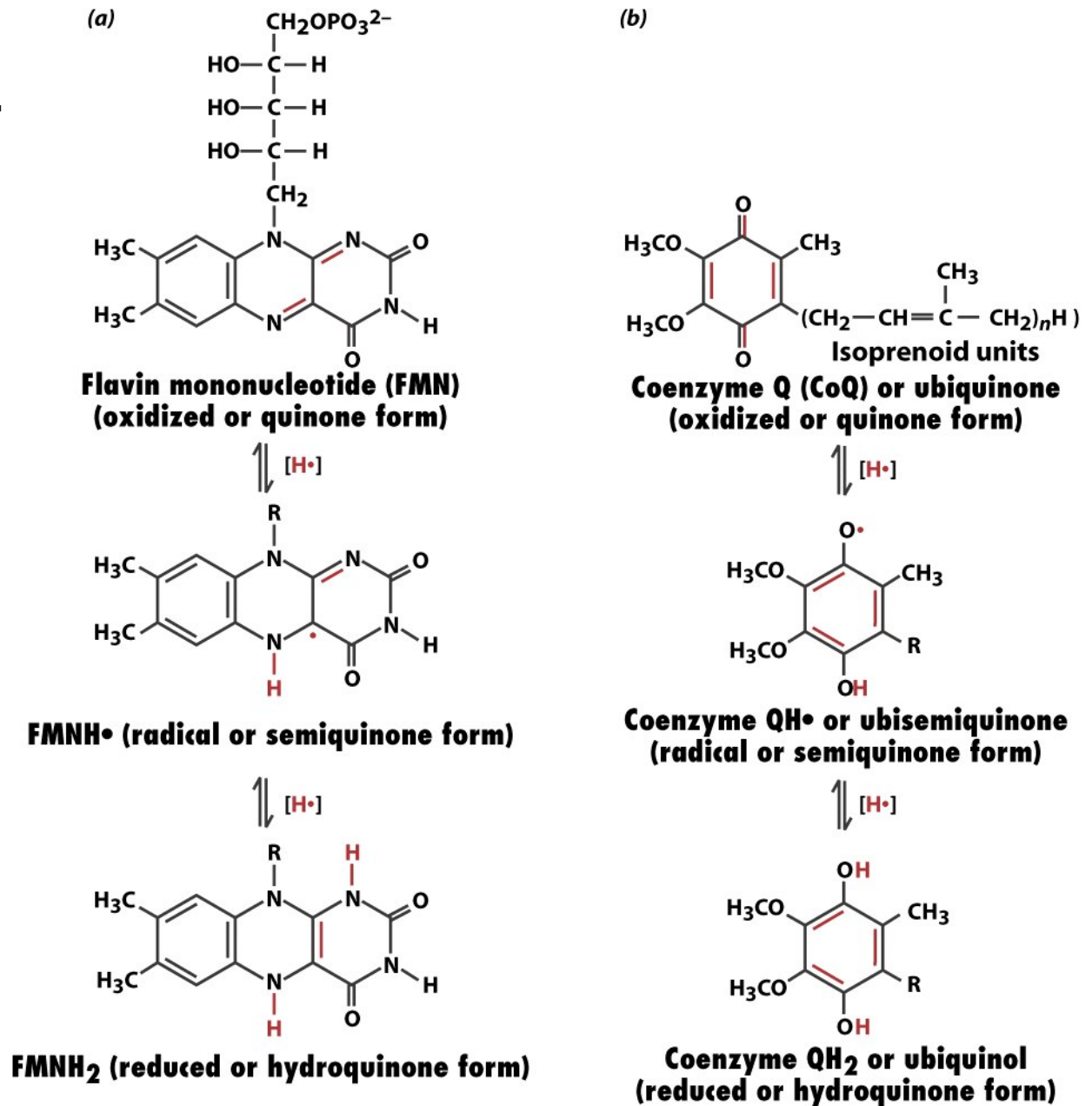
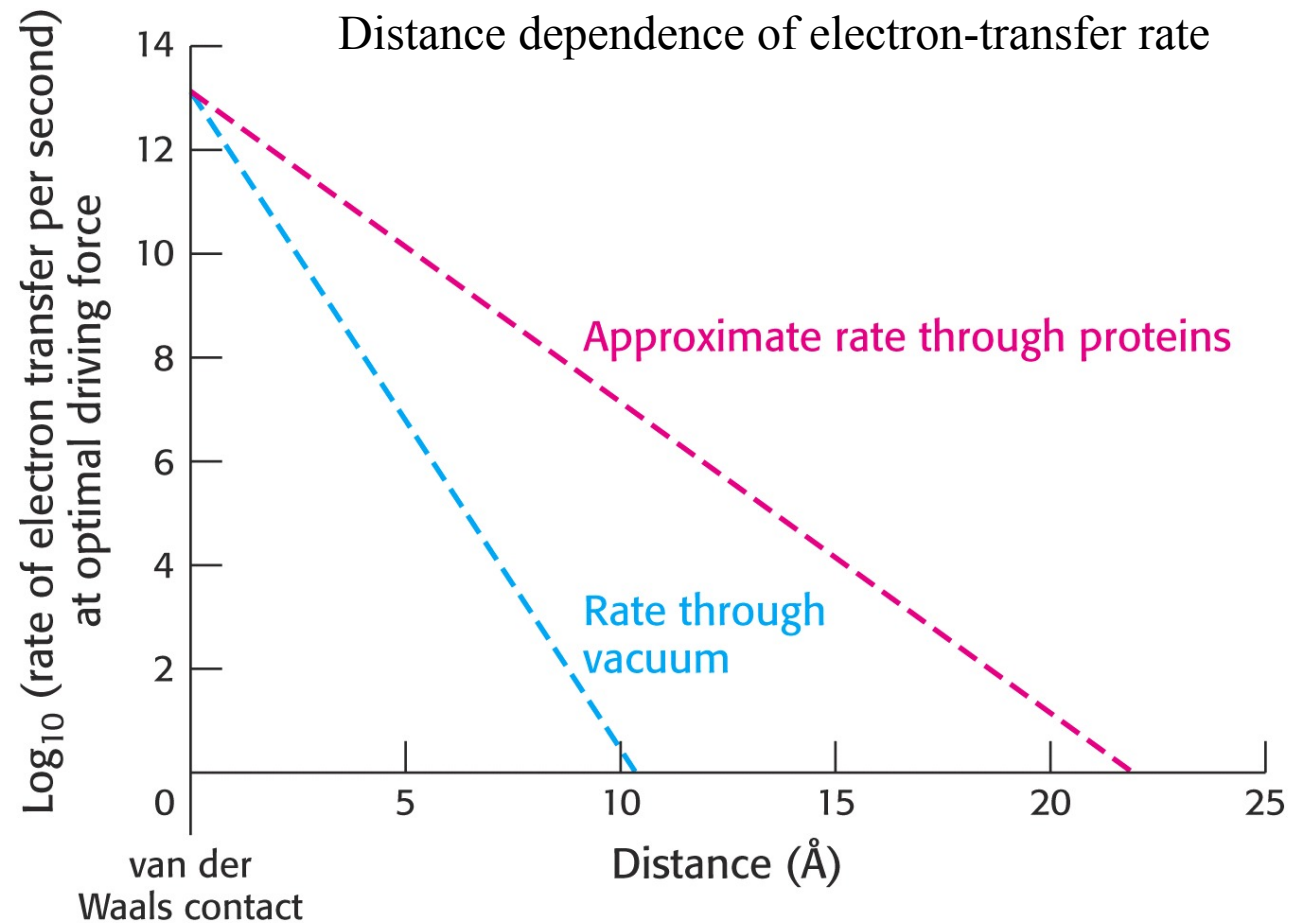


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Electron transfer

Jumping between protein-embedded redox groups separated by $<14 \text{ \AA}$
~10 fold decrease in ET rates for each $1.7 \text{ \AA}$ increase in distance



Proton translocation

Transfer of 4 protons

Driven by **conformational changes** induced by redox state,
which **alter pK values** of ionizable side chains
probably via proton jumping (proton wire) including water

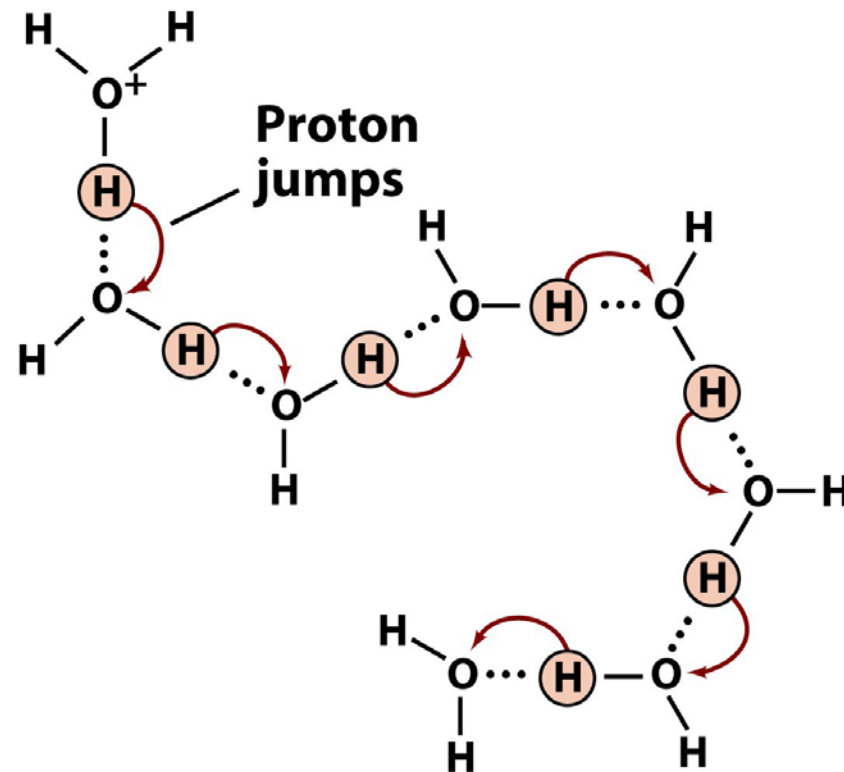
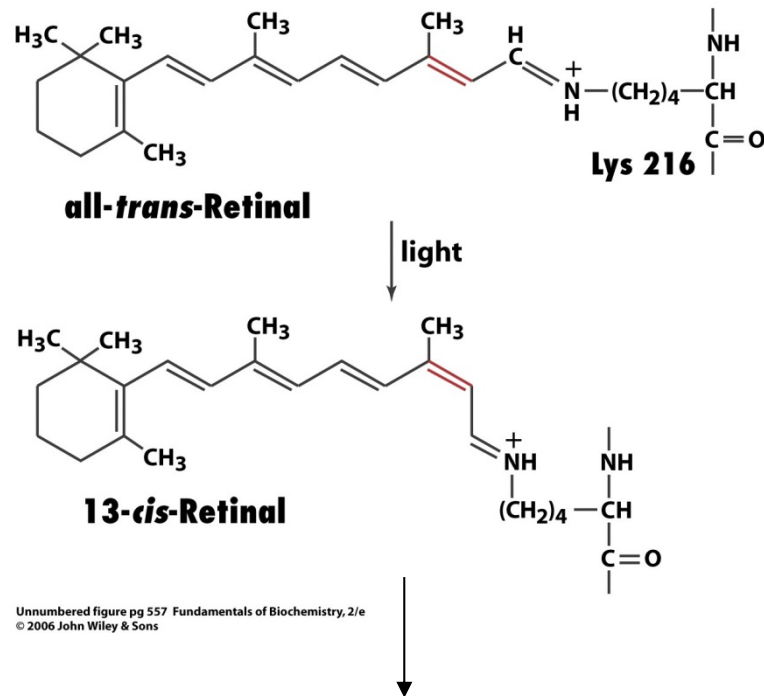


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Bacteriorhodopsin: a model proton pump

Light driven proton pump



A sequence of protein conformational adjustments ($\sim 1 \text{ \AA}$) that restore the system to its ground state over a period of $\sim 10 \text{ ms}$
Change pKs of several a.a. side chains

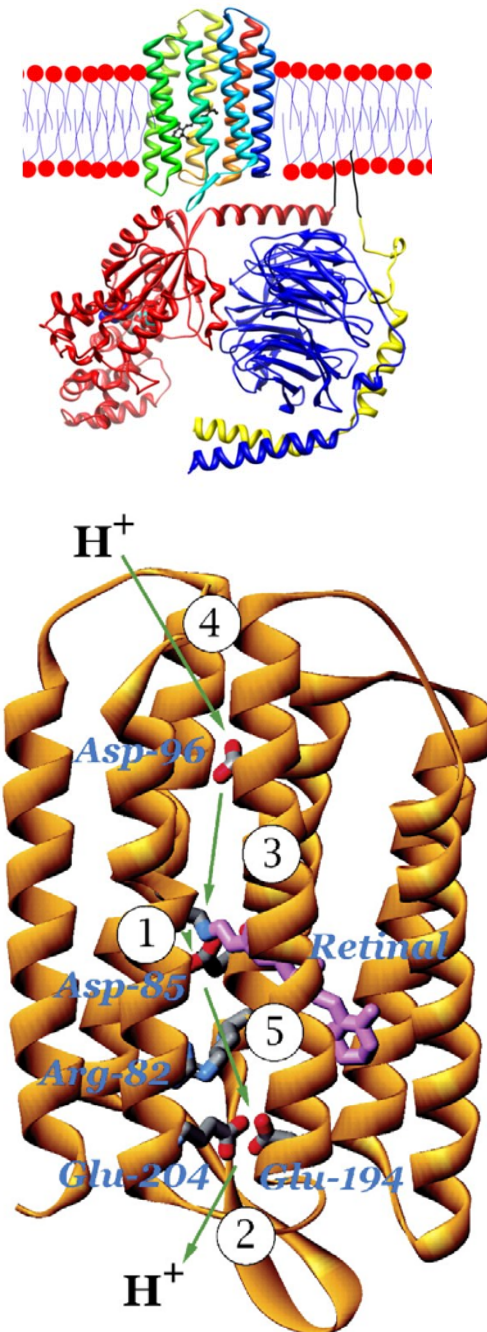
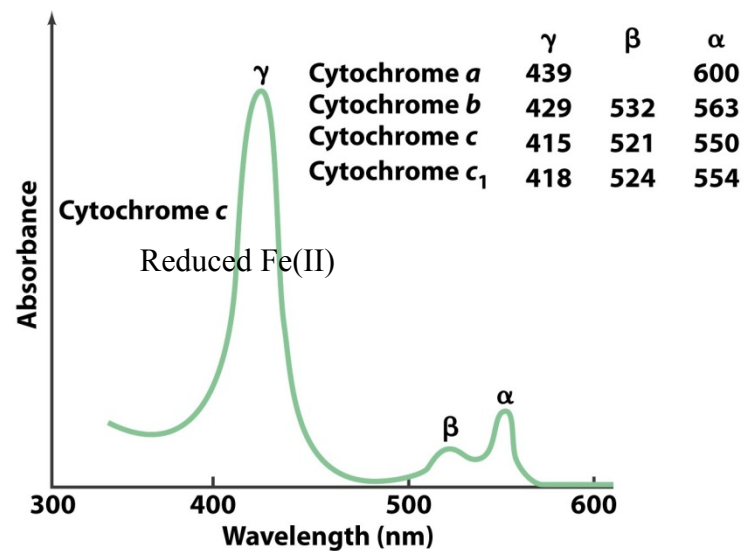


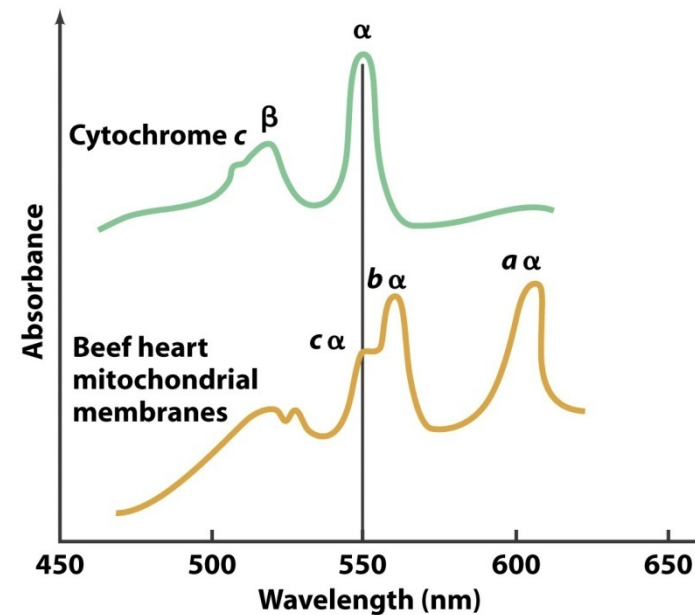
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Cytochromes: electron transfer heme proteins

Variable wavelength of α peak
b560: heme b with α band absorbance at 560 nm

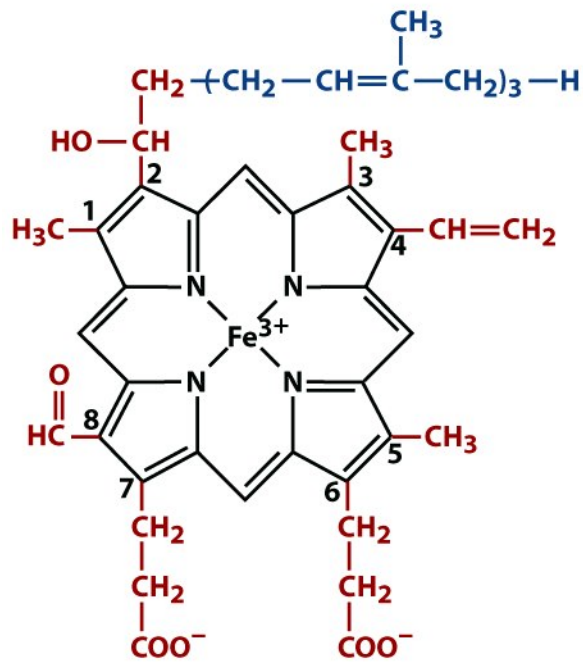


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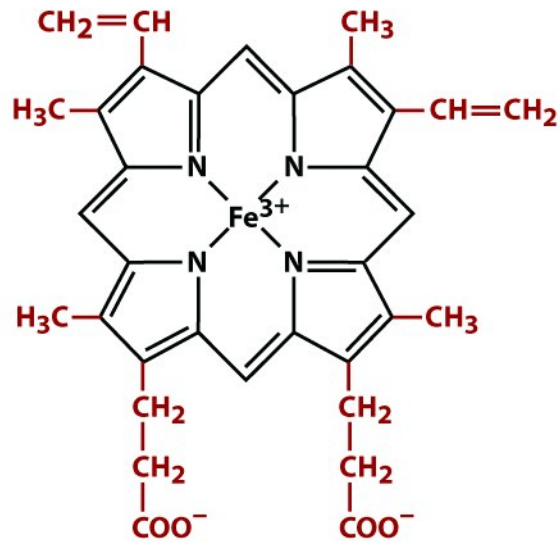


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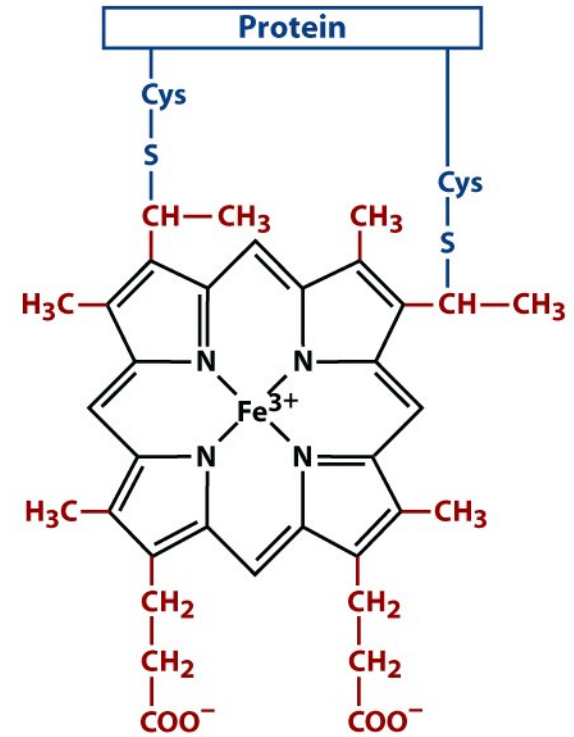
Different cytochromes with differently substituted heme group
 Different heme environment causes different α peak wavelengths



Heme a



Heme b
(iron-protoporphyrin IX)



Heme c

Complex II

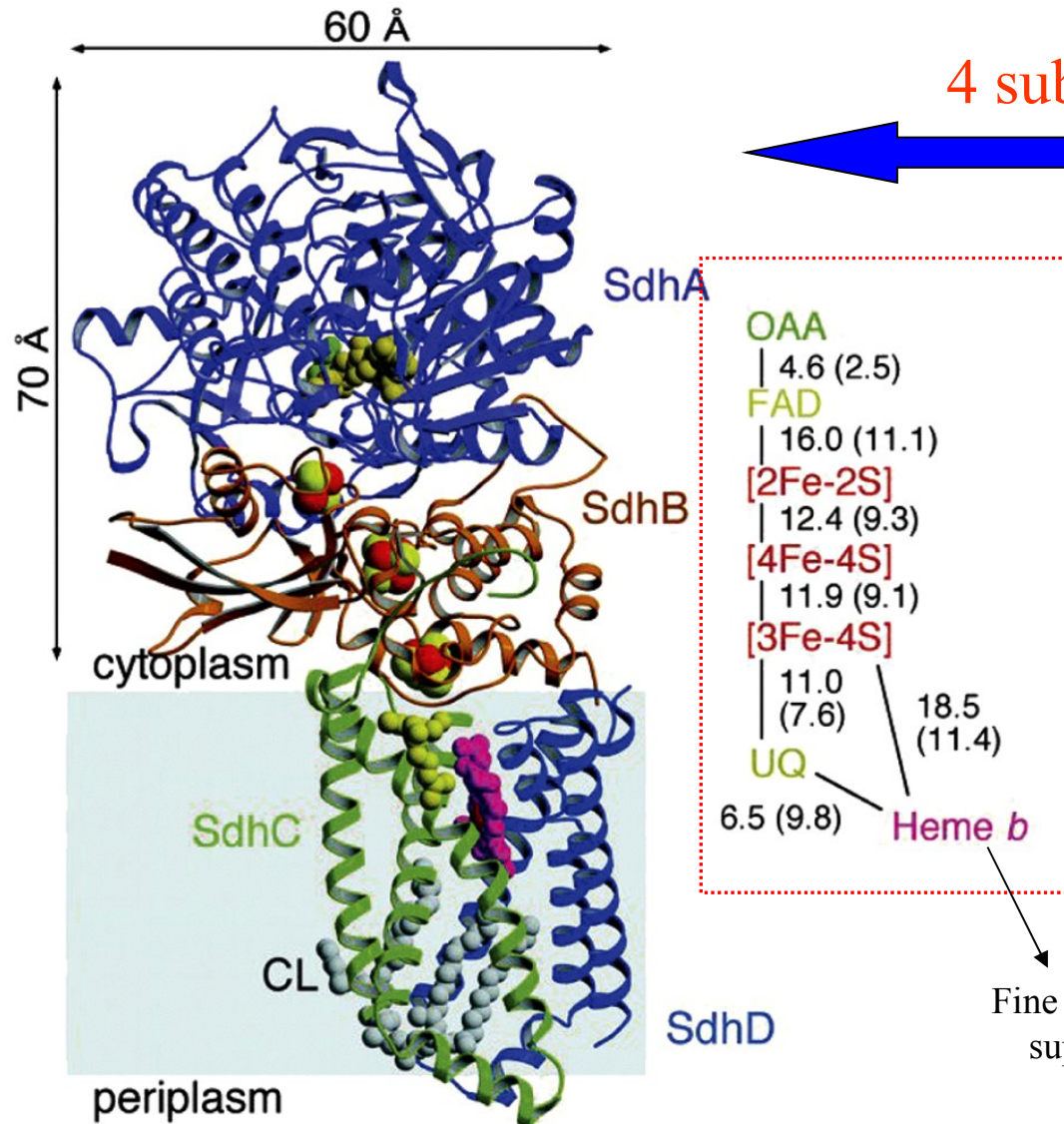


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E. coli Complex II

4 subunits

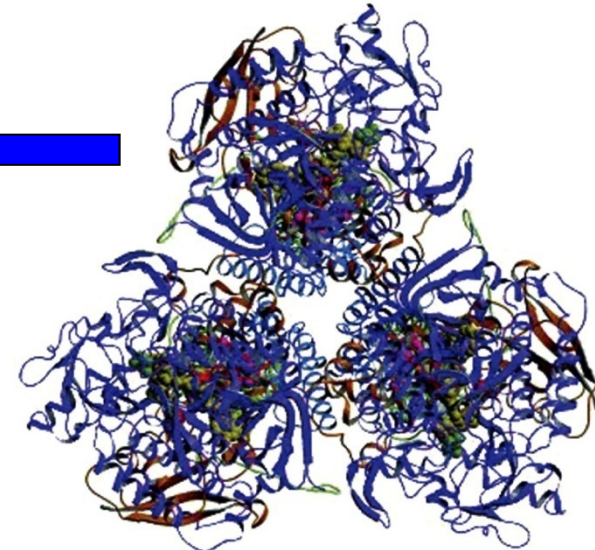


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Fine tuning the system's electronic properties to suppress side reaction: prevent ROS

Complex III (cytochrome bc1)

Two b type cytochrome: Heme b_L & b_H .

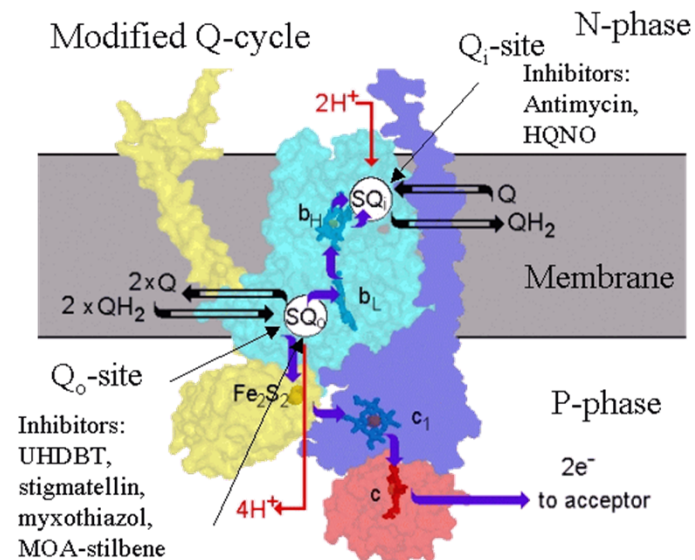
b562 (High potential)

b566 (Low potential)

One c_1 cyt.

One [2Fe-2S] cluster: Rieske center (ISP)

His instead of Cys



Yeast

Homodimer with 9 subunits

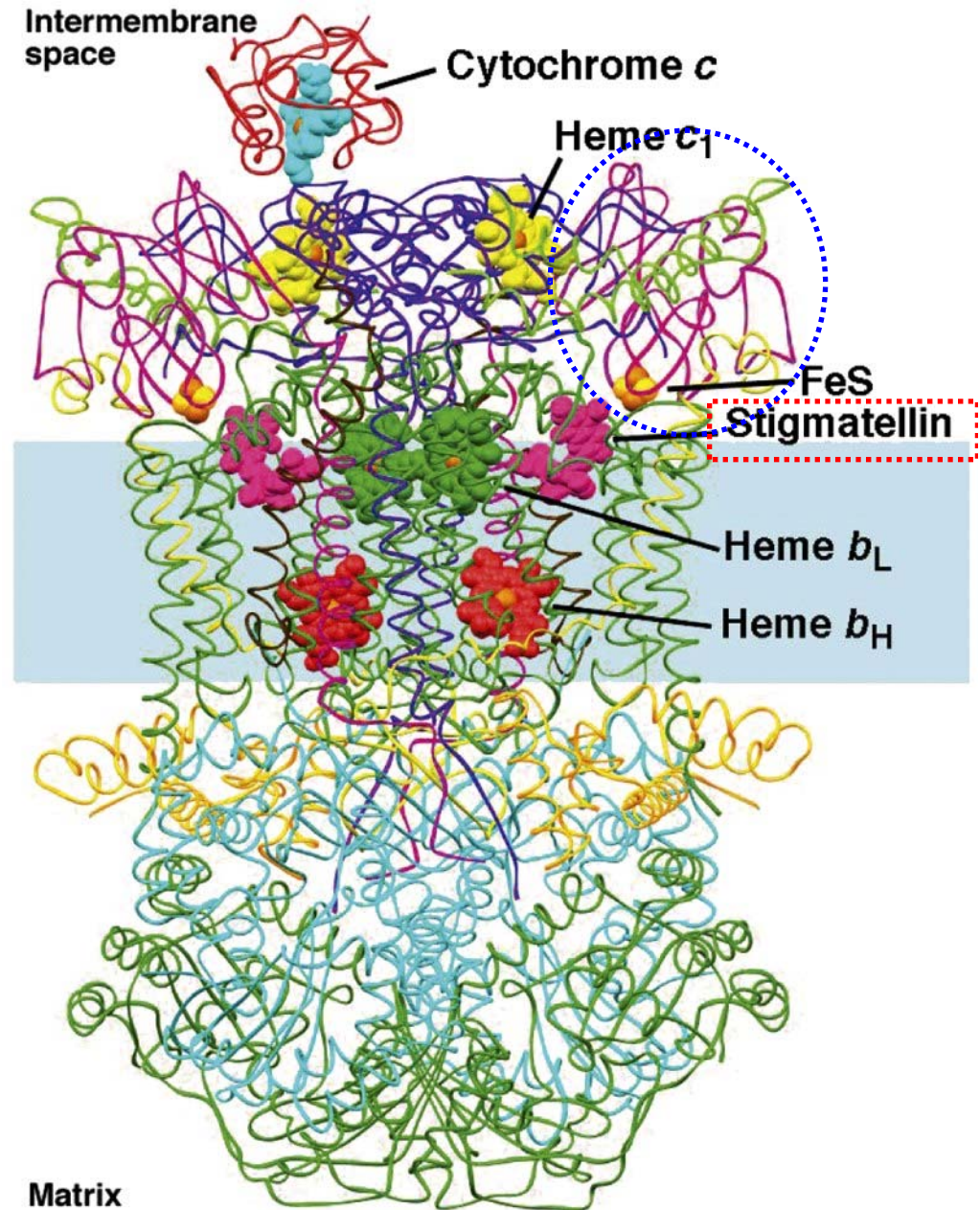


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The Q cycle

Transport of proton
driven by electron transport

Independent presence of Q_o & Q_i sites

Stigmatellin binds Q_o site, blocking steps 3&4

Antimycin A binds Q_i site, blocking steps 7&8

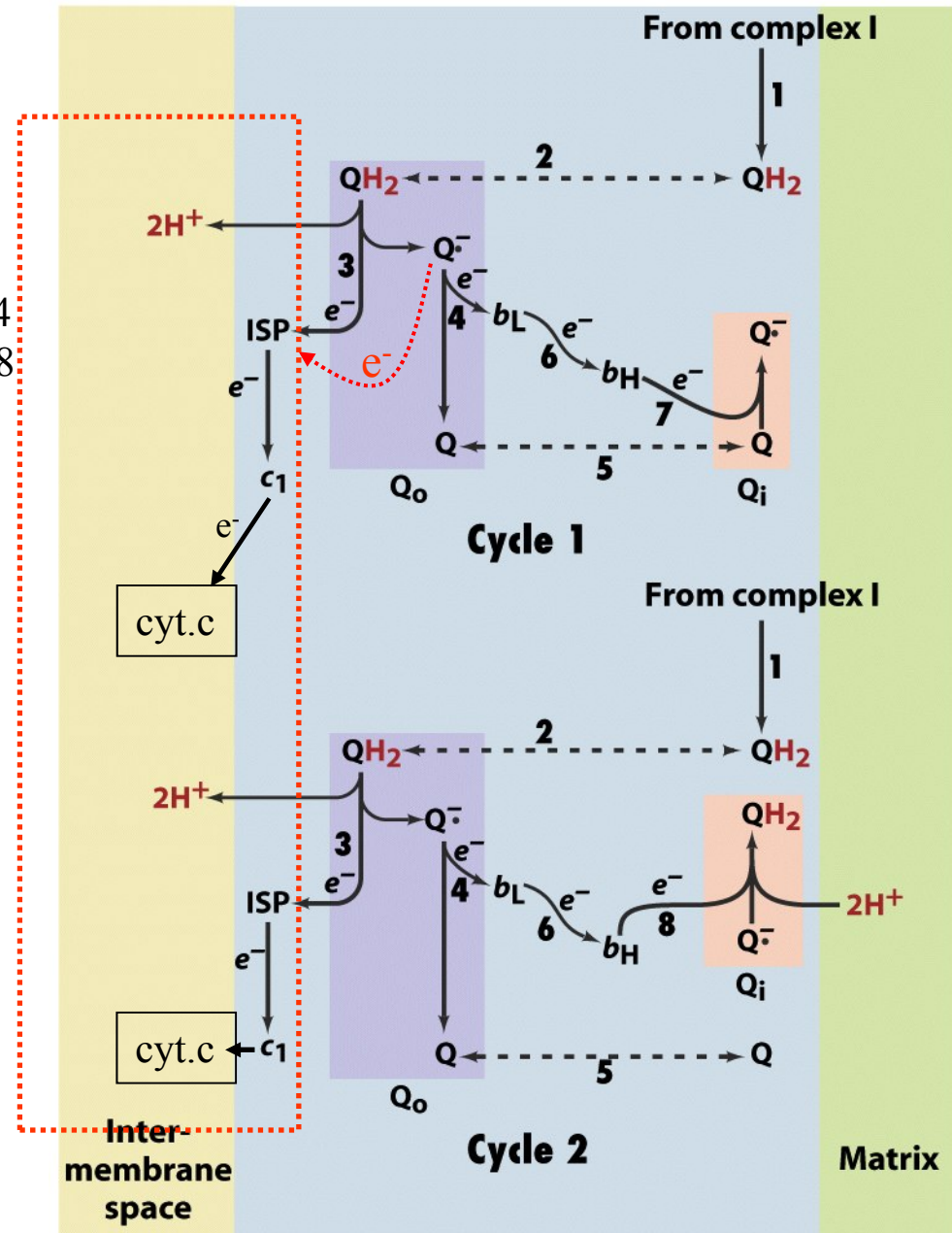
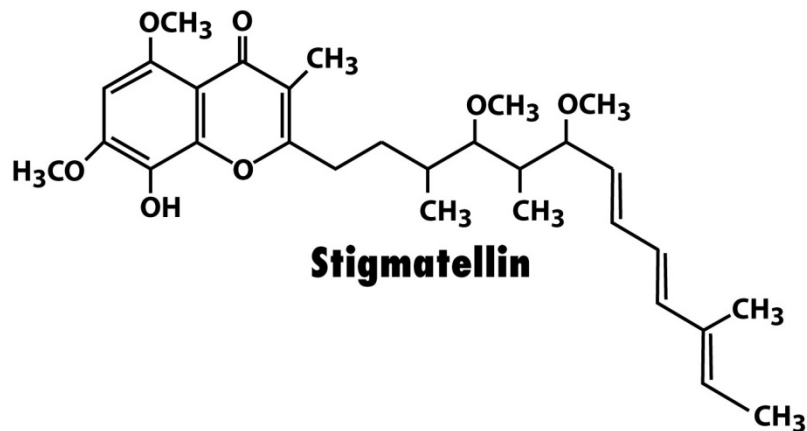


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Cyt.c: a soluble electron carrier

A peripheral membrane protein

Shuttle electrons between Complex III and IV

Conserved structure and invariant Lys residues

Differential labeling of ϵ -amino by acetylation

Complementary interaction with – charges

Binding to bc1 complex: Interfacial area: 880 Å²

Less tenuous than protein-protein interaction (<1600)

Fast binding & release

Lys protected from acetylation
when bound to bc1 or oxidase

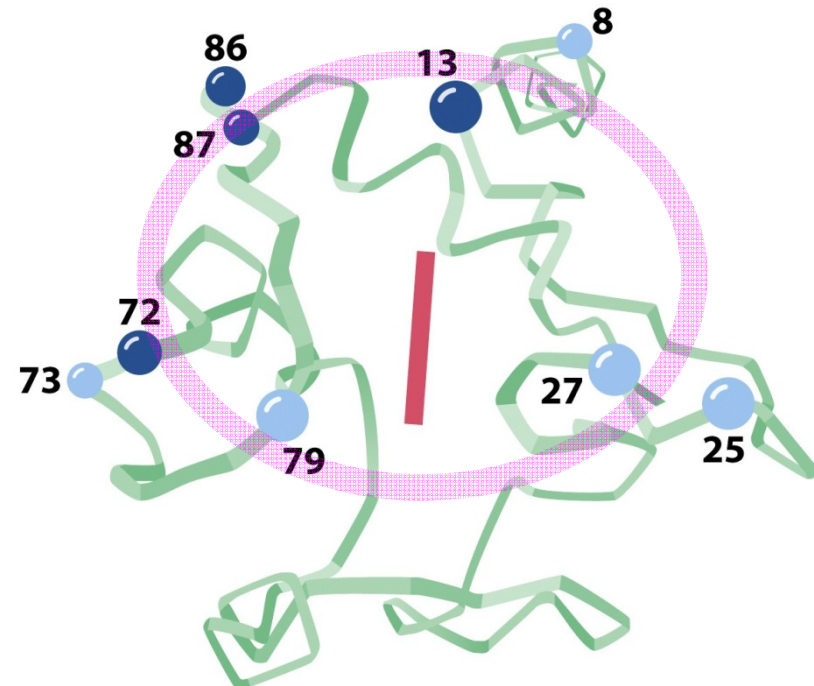
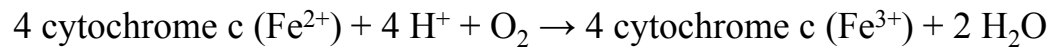


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Complex IV (cyt.c oxidase)



Encoded by mitochondrial (Subunit I, II, III) & nuclear DNAs

Four redox centers

Cytochrome a: Subunit I

Cytochrome a₃: Subunit I

Cu_B: Subunit I

Cu_A center: a pair of copper atoms, bridged by the sulfur atoms of Cys in Subunit II

Electron flow

Cytochrome c

Cu_A center

Heme a

Heme a₃

Cu_B

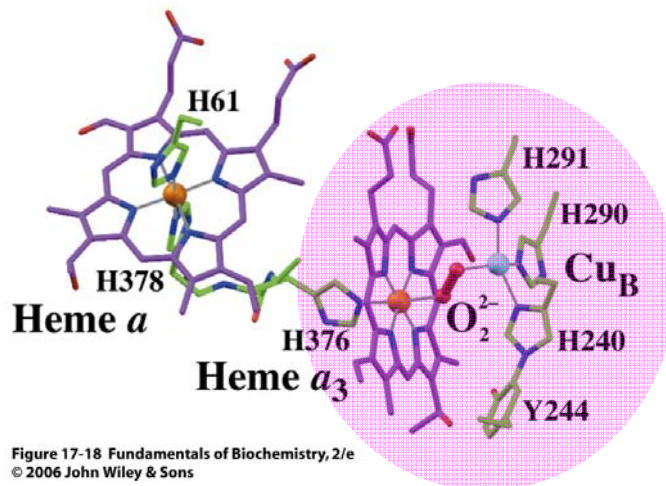
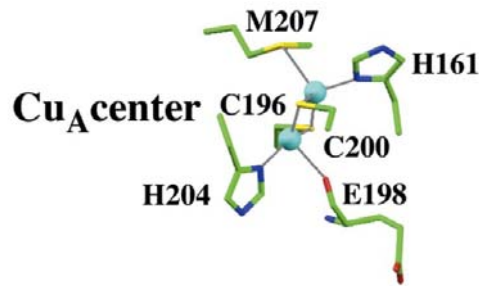


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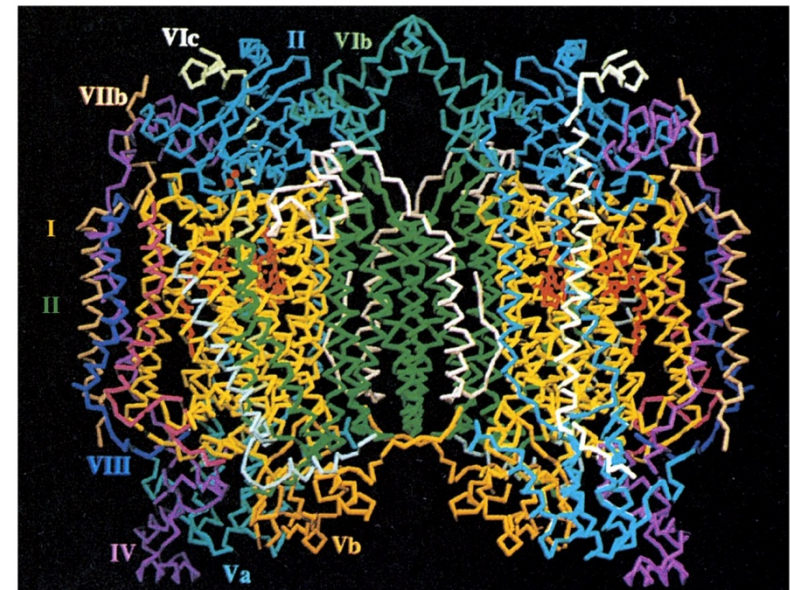
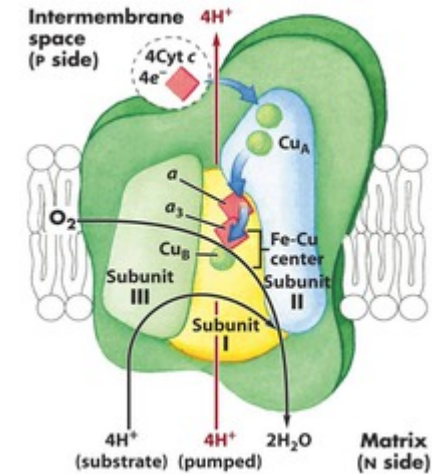


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Bovine heart complex (homodimer of 26 subunits)

Reduction of O₂ by complex IV

Take place at cytochrome a₃-CuB binuclear complex

Simultaneous input of 4 electrons

Fully reduced Fe(II)-Cu(I) provide only 3 electrons to O₂

Where comes the 4th? Tyr244 by forming a transient Tyr radical (TyrO[•])

(Tyr244: electron and proton donor)

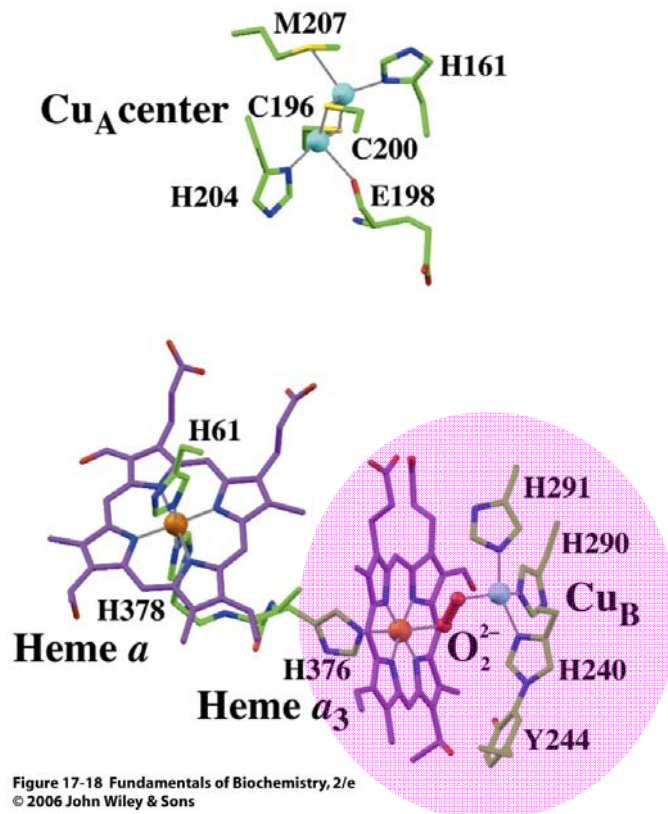


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Proposed reaction sequence

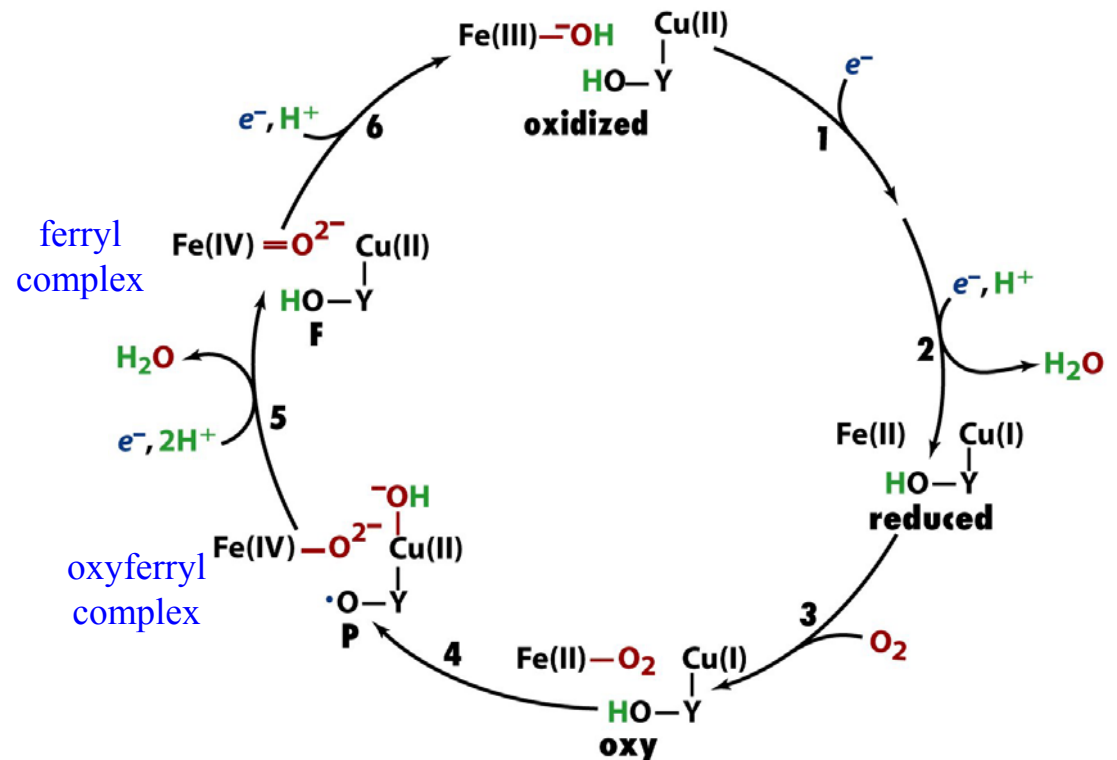
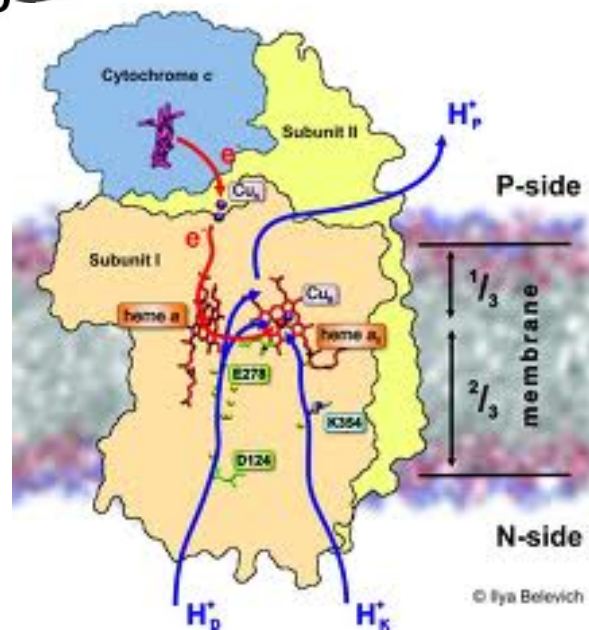
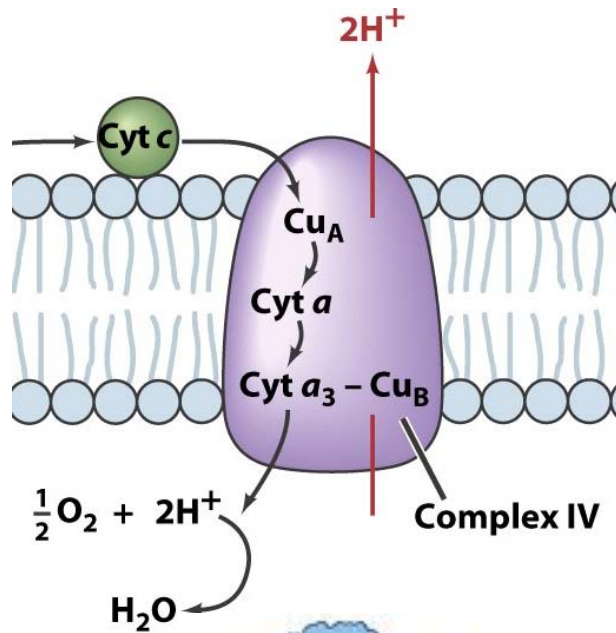


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Cytochrome c oxidase has two proton-translocating channels



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