Electron Transport and Oxidative Phosphorylation

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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 O₂

Regeneration of NAD⁺ & FAD Proton transfer Electrochemical gradient Oxidative phosphorylation

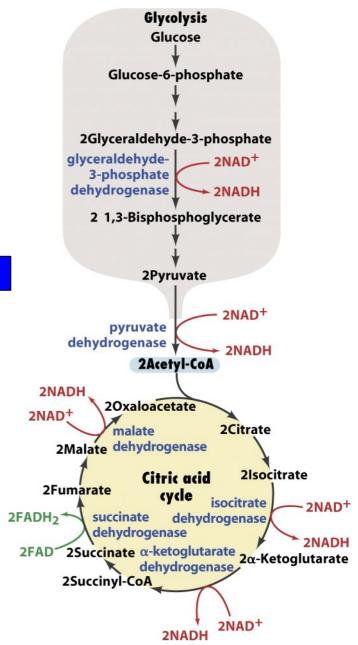


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The mitochondrion: bacterial size, variable shapes, ~2000/cell

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

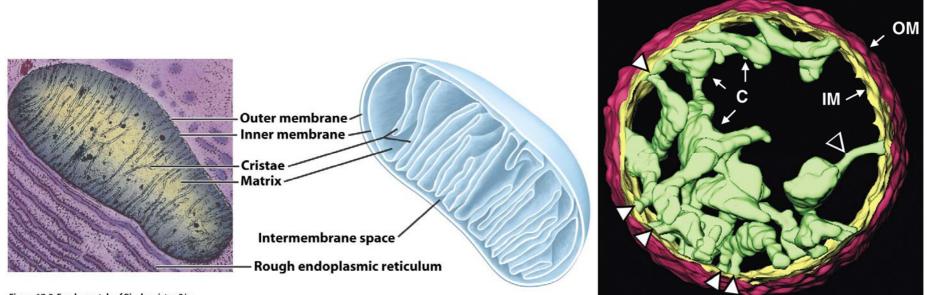


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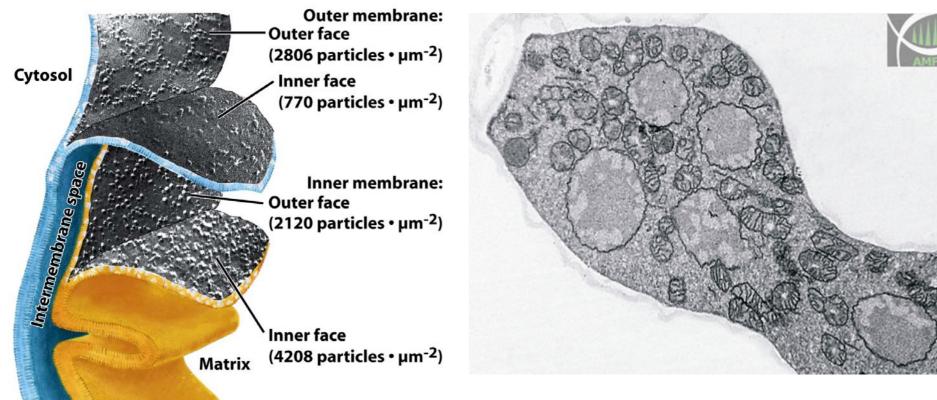


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Neurospora sp. mitochondrial structure

Mitochondrial transport system

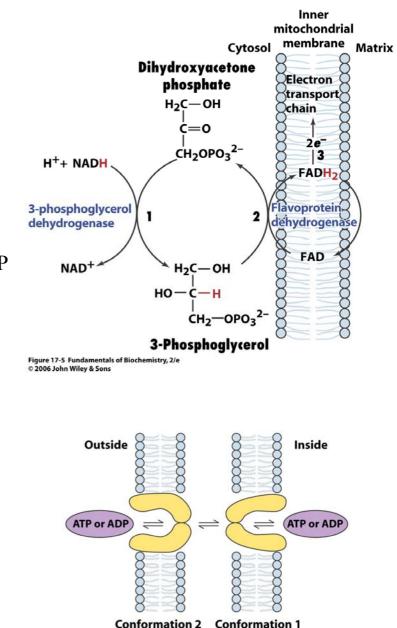
Inner membrane proteins

- 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 ∆pH



Electron transport

Electron transport chain (ETC) depending on reduction potentials $\Delta G^{o} = -nF\Delta E^{o}$

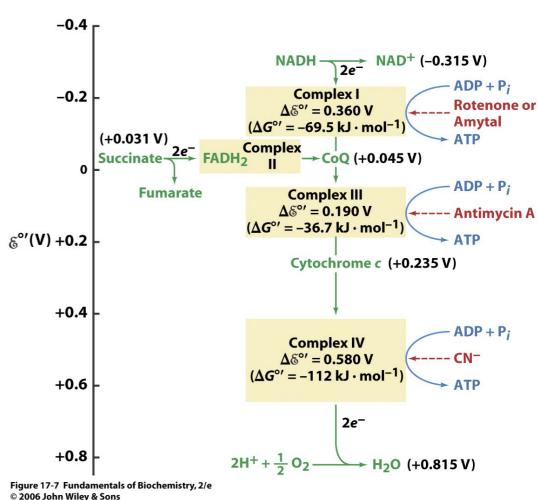
1 mol of NADH oxidation: -218 kJ/mol

1 mol of ATP synthesis: 30.5 kJ/mol

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

It is $\sim 70\%$ under physiological conditions

The sequence of ETC

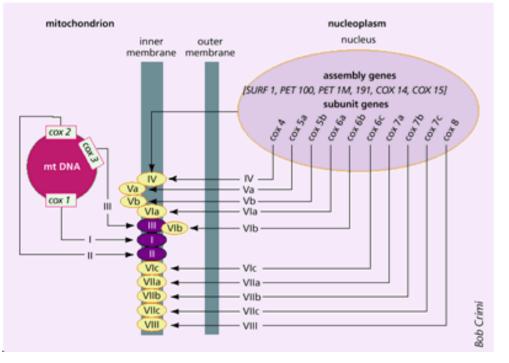


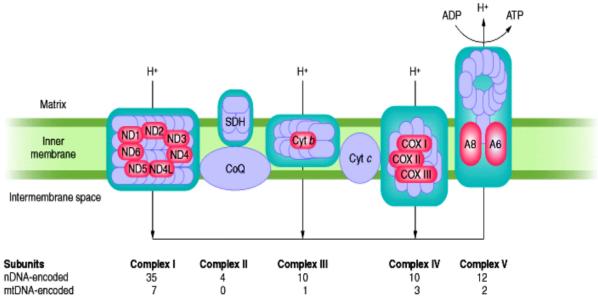
Component	$\mathscr{E}^{\circ\prime}\left(\mathrm{V} ight)$
NADH	-0.315
Complex I (NADH-CoQ oxidoreductase; ~900 kD, 43 subunits):	
FMN	?
(Fe–S)N-1a	-0.380
(Fe-S)N-1b	-0.250
(Fe-S)N-2	-0.030
(Fe-S)N-3,4	-0.245
(Fe-S)N-5,6	-0.270
Succinate	0.031
Complex II (succinate-CoQ oxidoreductase; ~120 kD, 4 subunits):	
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 $b_{\rm H}$ (b_{562})	0.030
Heme $b_{\rm L}$ (b_{566})	-0.030
[2Fe-2S]	0.280
Heme c_1	0.215
Cytochrome <i>c</i>	0.235
Complex IV (cytochrome c oxidase; \sim 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

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

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).

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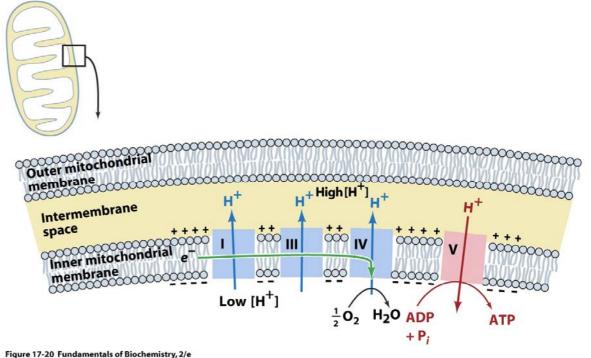


Oxidative phosphorylation

Energy coupling: electron transport & ATP synthesis

The chemiosmotic theory: 1961, Peter Mitchell key observation: page 568 Electron transport generates a proton gradient: electrochemical H⁺ gradient in IMS proton motif force $\Delta G = RT \ln([A]_{in}/[A]_{out}] + Z_A F \Delta \Psi \text{ (page 285)}$ pH (out) < pH (in) (chemical, 0.75 units higher)

 $\Delta \Psi > 0$ (from negative to positive) (electrical, 0.168 V)

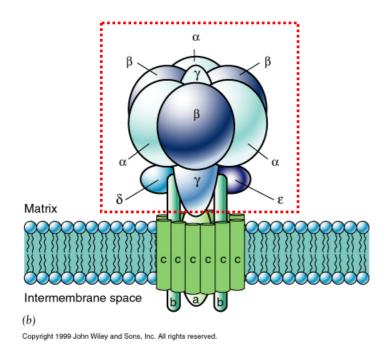


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EM of cristae

ATP synthase

- Proton-pumping ATP synthase, F_1F_0 -ATPase Composed of two functional units: F0, F1
- F0: a water insoluble transmembrane protein containing as many as 8 subunits a:b:c=1:2:9~12
- F1: a water soluble peripheral membrane protein composed of 5 types of subunits $\alpha 3\beta 3\gamma \delta \epsilon$, ATPase activity



EM of F_1F_0 -ATPase

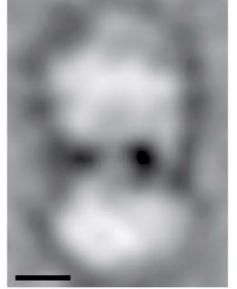




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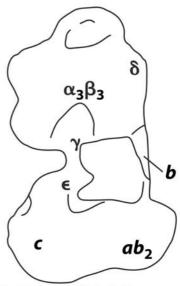


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F₁-ATPase from bovine heart mitochondria

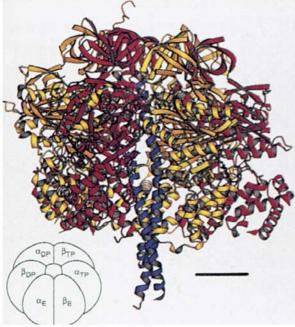
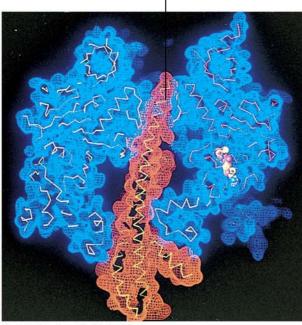


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Top view: $\alpha\beta$

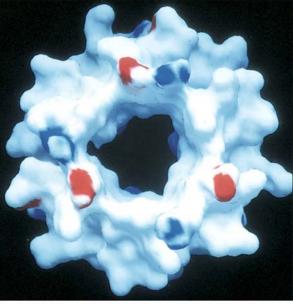


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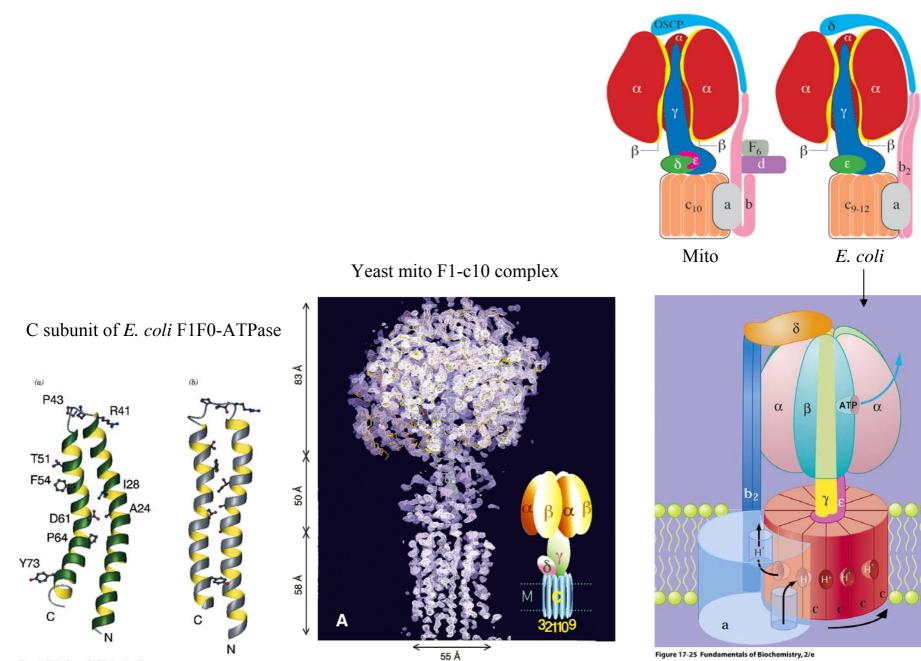


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Rotation of the C-ring

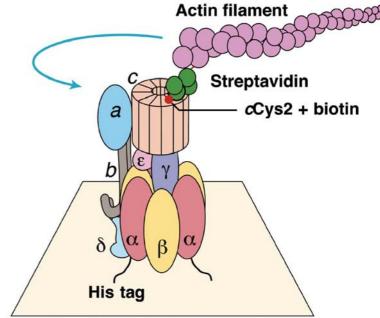


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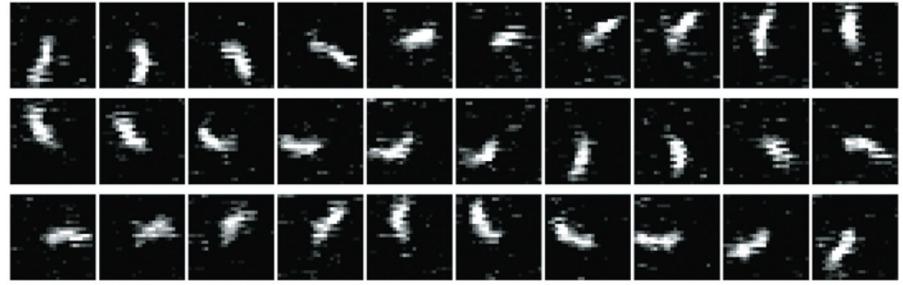


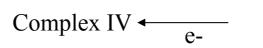
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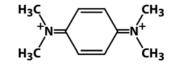
The P/O ratio

The amount of ATP synthesized to the amount of oxygen reduced

3 ATP from NADH
2 ATP from FADH2
1 ATP from tetramethyl-p-phenylenediamine
*** the actual P/O ratios may not be integral numbers

Transfer of two electrons 10 proton transport One complete turn of c subunits

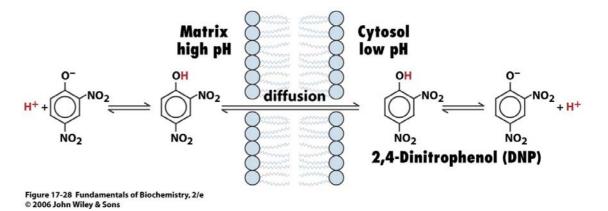






Uncoupling oxidative phosphorylation

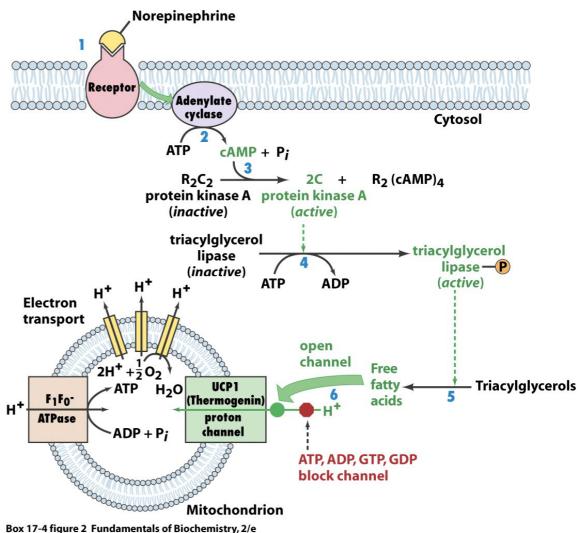
Protons are permeable only through F0 portion of ATP synthase Increased permeability via another route: dissipation of electrochemical gradient: Artificial uncoupler: 2,4-dinitrophenol (DNP), once used as a diet pill



Uncoupling in brown adipose tissue: heat generation

Nonshivering thermogenesis Uncoupling protein: UCP1, UCP2, UCP3

Affects metabolism rate & body temp





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Physiological implication of aerobic metabolism

High efficiency: 19 times more than anaerobic

When anaerobically growing yeast are exposed to oxygen, glucose consumption drops

Disadvantages

Oxygen deprivation Generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS)

Electrostatic effects in human Cu,Zn-SOD

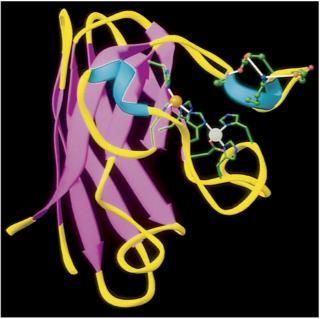




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Oxygen deprivation in heart attack and stroke

Myocardial infarction (heart attack)

Stroke (brain)

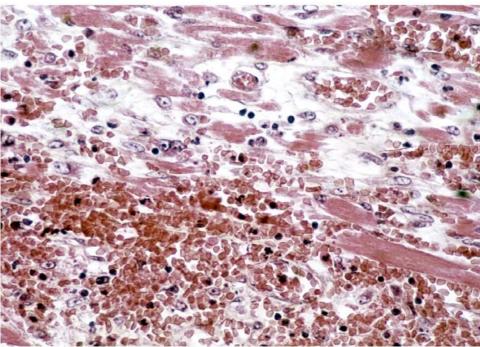
Failure in maintaining intracellular ion conc.

Increased membrane permeability

Increased anaerobic glycolysis: decreased pH to allow lysosomal enzyme active

Cell death

Necrotic tissue after a heart attack

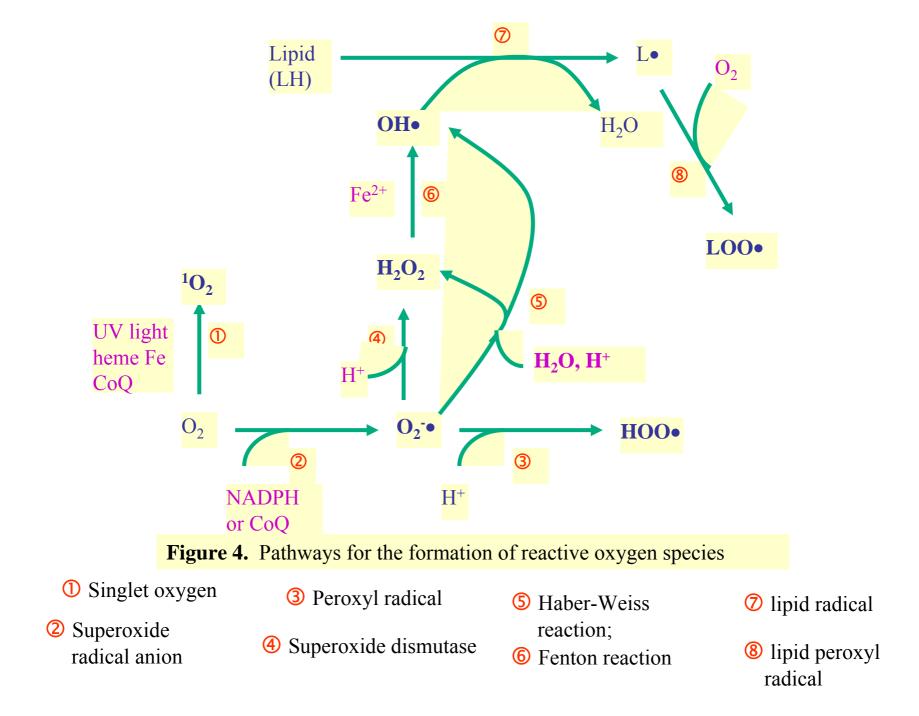


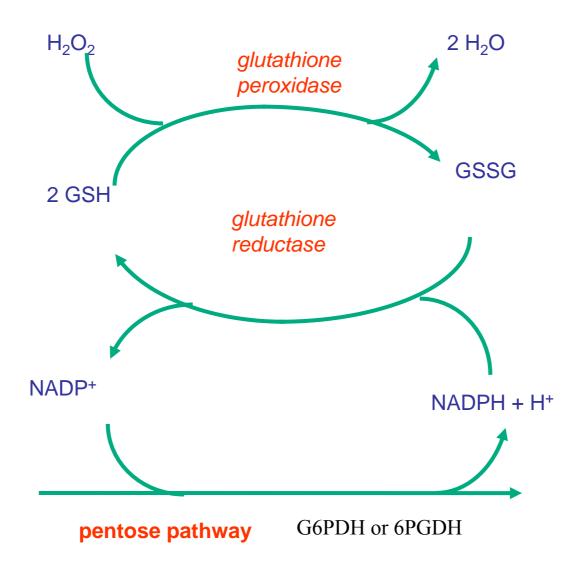
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Reactive oxygen species (ROS) resulting from partial reduction of oxygen

Extremely short-lived but readily extract electrons from other molecules, converting them to free radicals and thereby initiating a chain reaction Responsible for neurodegenerative diseases & aging process: oxidative damage

Reactive species	Antioxidant
Single oxygen ¹ O ₂	vitamin A, vitamin E
Superoxide radical O ₂ ⁻ •	superoxide dismutase, vitamin C
Hydrogen peroxide H ₂ O ₂	catalase, glutathione peroxidase
Peroxyl radical ROO•	vitamin C, vitamin E
Lipid peroxyl radical LOO•	vitamin E
Hydroxyl radical OH•	vitamin C





Metabolism of glutathione and its relationship to the pentose phosphate pathway

ANTI-OXIDANT ENZYMES

Superoxide dismutase (SOD): $2 O_2^{-\bullet} + 2H^+ \rightarrow H_2O_2 + O_2$

Mitochondrial & bacterial: Mn²⁺ cofactor

Cytoplasmic – Cu²⁺-Zn²⁺ cofactors; mutations associated with familial amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (FALS)

Catalase : 2 $H_2O_2 \rightarrow H_2O + O_2$

Glutathione peroxidase: $2 \text{ GSH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{GSSG} + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Uses selenium as a cofactor)

