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 In Glycolysis and the citric acid cycle, we've made a lot of reduced cofactors NADH and FADH<sub>2</sub>

- In oxidative phosphorylation, we use the energy generated by reoxidation of these cofactors to make ATP



- Reduction potential E° is a measure of how much a molecule likes to gain electrons.

- In a reaction 
$$\Delta E^{o} = E^{o}_{(acceptor)} - E^{o}_{(donor)}$$

- Thus:

NAD<sup>+</sup> + H<sup>+</sup> + 2e<sup>-</sup>  $\leftrightarrow$  NADH  $^{1}2O_{2} + 2H^{+} + 2e^{-} \leftrightarrow H_{2}O$ NADH + H<sup>+</sup> + 2e<sup>-</sup> +  $^{1}2O_{2} \leftrightarrow$  NAD<sup>+</sup> + H<sub>2</sub>O  $^{-}$  Converting to  $\Delta G$ :  $^{+}$   $e^{-}$   $^{-}$   $\Delta G = -nF(\Delta E^{\circ})$ Faraday's const: 96,485 C/mol

#### Reduction Potential and Oxidative Phosphorylation



## The Complexes: Pumping out protons



### Complex 1: NADH Co-Q Oxidoreductase



#### Complex 2: Succinate:Co-Q Oxidoreductase



#### Complex 3: Co-Q:Cytochrome c oxidoreductase







- This large complex uses the proton gradient to drive the phosphorylation of ADP.





## Summing up Oxidative Phosphorylation



- Oxidative phosphorylation is a target for many highly effective poisons, but is only weakly controlled metabolically.

- It is possible to 'uncouple' oxidative phosphorylation by making the inner mitchondrial membrane permeable (dinitrophenol and fatty acids in brown fat).

- Generally, control boils down to the strength of the matrix/ intermembrane space proton gradient. If it's too high, oxidative phosphorylation backs up at Complex I.

- Otherwise, control is via the presence or absence of NADH and/or ADP (acceptor control).

### Lipid Metabolism

- Lipids are loosely defined: Fat soluble (lipophilic) molecules



# Biological Roles of Lipids

- Lipids can do all kinds of stuff:

- Membranes (phospholipids)



- Energy Storage and Metabolism





- The primary long term energy storage molecules of the body are Triacylglycerols, e.g.



- Good for energy storage because:

- Carbons are in lower oxidation states
- Triacyclycerols exclude water (higher energy/weight)

Constituent	$\Delta H(kJ \cdot g^{-1} dry weight)$
Carbohydrate	16
Fat	37
Protein	17

Source: Newsholme, E.A. and Leech, A.R., *Biochemistry for the Medical Sciences*, p. 16, Wiley (1983).

# Triacylglycerols to Fatty Acids

- Breakdown of triacylglycerols to liberate fatty acids is by lipase enzymes, mostly in the pancreas

- Attacks  $C_1$  and  $C_3$  to form sequentially a 1,2diacylglycerol and a 2-acylglycerol

- Mechanism is like chymotrypsin: Activated Serine nucleophilic attack on a carbonyl carbon with oxianion hole stabilization of the tetrahedral intermediate and the transition state



#### Fatty Acids



# $\beta$ -Oxidation of Acyl-CoA

We can feed
both the citric
acid cycle and
oxidative
phosphorylation
with fatty acids:



#### Troubles With 'Different' Fatty Acids

 Most fatty acids are even numbered chains, but if they're odd numbered, then we end up with propionyl-CoA instead of Acetyl-CoA

- This problem is solved by conversion to succinyl-CoA, which we can also feed into the citric acid cycle



### Dealing with Double Bonds

- Cis double bonds can cause us all kinds of headaches





### Fatty Acid Synthesis

- So far, we've broken down fatty acids via  $\beta$ -oxidation to get energy. But what if we want to store our Acetyl-CoA?

- To start off, we need an acyl-CoA molecule with an activated cterminus in the form of a carboxylate group: Malonyl-CoA



(Acyl-CoA carboxylase)

# Fatty Acid Synthesis



#### Fatty Acid Synthesis, Steps 1 and 2:



Fatty Acid Synthesis, Steps 3 and 4:





- The end goal of the 'first stage' of cholesterol (isoprenoid) synthesis gets us to Farnesyl pyrophosphate:







## Cholesterol Biosynthesis

- Next step: Oxidize Squalene



- This will allow us to initiate a super-cool cyclation reaction



Lanosterol

# - It's a long trip from lanosterol to cholesterol

Cholesterol

Biosynthesis



# Cholesterol As a Precursor

- Cholesterol can be converted to many hormone signalling molecules including:
  - Progestins (female reproductive)
  - Androgens/Estrogens
  - Corticoids (general metabolism)



- Statins, like lipotor, zocor *etc.* are competitive HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors





Simvastatin (Zocor)

 $X = CH_3$   $R = CH_3$ 

HMG-CoA

HO

H<sub>3</sub>C<sup>--</sup>COO<sup>-</sup> OH

Mevalonate

- These inhibitors cause a sudden decrease in cholesterol concentration

- Cells respond by making more HMG-CoA reductase and low density lipoprotein (LDL) receptor

- Increased expression of HMG-CoA returns cholesterol levels to normal, but the extra LDL receptor causes above normal removal of LDL from the bloodstream!