

Metabolic Processes

Part B – The Big Question – Communication (10 marks), Application (15 marks)

There are a number of metabolic diseases that affect the specific function of the organelles. Most of these are due to genetic mutations that disrupt the formation or insertion of the membrane bound proteins. This often reduces the efficiency of the process but still allows the organism to survive.

Using the mechanics of the metabolic processes we studied as a framework, explain in detail how a disorder that reduces the efficiency of ATP synthase by 50% would affect a plant's production and consumption of glucose.

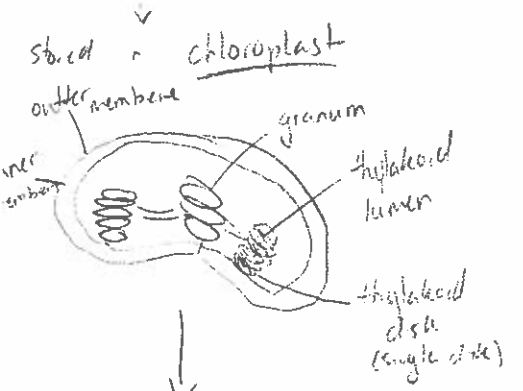
Criteria:

- You must clearly answer the question in the context of the metabolic processes studied in class.
- Discuss a combination of both photosynthesis and respiration.
- Do not state all the steps of the pathways, cycles, and electron transport involved.
- Your answer must include diagrams, including a labelled diagram of a mitochondrion and/or chloroplast.
- Your answer must have clear, HIGHLIGHTED, correct and effective use of most of the terms below.
- Your answer must fit on one sheet of ledger paper, but you may use both sides.

Terms:

ATP	FAD/FADH ₂	NAD/NADH/NADP/NADPH
ATP synthase	glycolysis	proton (H ⁺)
carbon dioxide	gradient	lumen
cristae	glucose	thylakoid
Co-enzyme A	inner/outer membrane	stroma
decarboxylation	inner membrane space	chemiosmosis
electron transport proteins	matrix	phosphorylation
light/dark reactions	Kreb's cycle	Calvin cycle

Energy stored in form of glucose



Light rxns
 → occur in the thylakoid membrane

Need 12 waters for phosphorylation to go thru cycle 12 times

Non cycle → 12 ATP & 12 NADPH produced

Cycle → 6 ATP produced = 18 ATP total

phosphorylation = the synthesis of ATP by adding a phosphate to ADP

ATP synthase is 50% efficient, a total of 9 ATP will be produced

In order to produce 18 ATP, double the water needs to be used

significance?

ATP production is very slow and there are can delay the upcoming processes (calvin cycle)

What is ATP? → ATP is a high energy molecule used in every cell for energy to perform their function

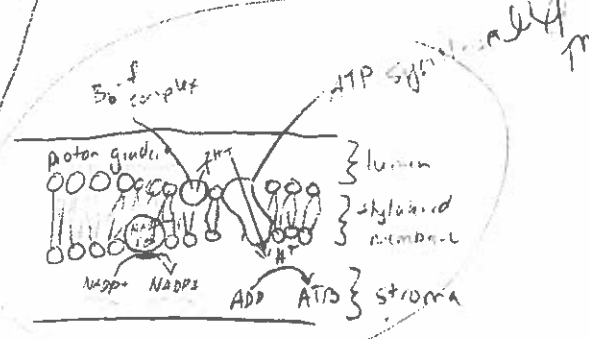
Calvin Cycle (dark rxn)

occurs in stroma where which steps?

Requires 18 ATP and 12 NADPH from light rxn to produce 6 GP → glucose

can be used for storage (as starch), for protection & structure (cellulose), and glucose for cellular respiration

since the ATP production is very slow, this affects the cycle's efficiency to produce 6 GP for glucose, which then delays the cellular respiration cycle (uses glucose)



Chemiosmosis in Chloroplast

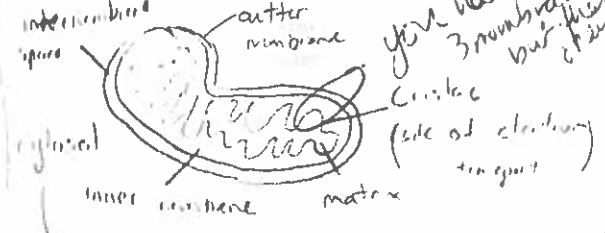
photons drive the phosphorylation process to create ATP from ADP & P.

photons excite electrons and push H+ into lumen from stroma to create H+ proton gradient here!

H+ then used by ATP synthase when it goes down concentration gradient then ADP + Pi = ATP

Cellular Respiration

occurs in Mitochondrion



Glycolysis

occurs in cytosol
 2 ATP produced, 2 NADH, and 2 pyruvate produced

Pyruvate Oxidation

occurs in mitochondrion
 pyruvate undergoes decarboxylation, releases carbon dioxide and then oxidizes itself with coenzyme A to produce 2 Acetyl-CoA & 2 NADH

Krebs Cycle

occurs in mito matrix
 produces 6 NADH, 2 FADH2, & 2 ATP

goes to ETC

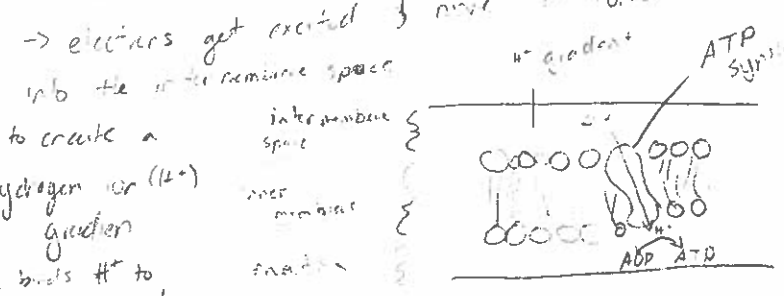
2 ATP required from light rxn are affected by the ATP synthase! (you have 3 membranes but they're not all there)

Oxidative Phosphorylation

ETC (electron transport chain)

if O2 present, made up of electron transport proteins binded to the inner membrane + connects with ATP synthase

NADH & FADH2 = electron carriers that get oxidized (lose e-) and become NAD+ & FAD



chemiosmosis (uses electrons instead of photons in mitochondria) same process

8 NADH from Krebs = 8 x 3 ATP = 24 ATP
 2 NADH from glycolysis = 2 x 2 ATP = 4 ATP
 2 FADH2 from Krebs = 2 x 2 ATP = 4 ATP
 Total = 32 ATP made directly

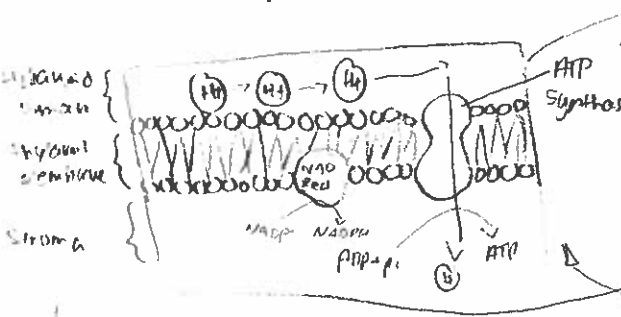
50% efficiency would cause the ATP synthase to produce half the ATP when possible (16) + 4 directly make ATP

In order to make 32 ATP, cells will have to do double the work

this can leave cells feeling stressed & could reduce the speed due to breathing twice as fast as they're supposed to

Synthesis
 ↳ occurs in plants
 ↳ when water and CO₂ and energy are used to produce glucose and O₂
 $6H_2O + 6CO_2 \xrightarrow{\text{energy}} C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2$

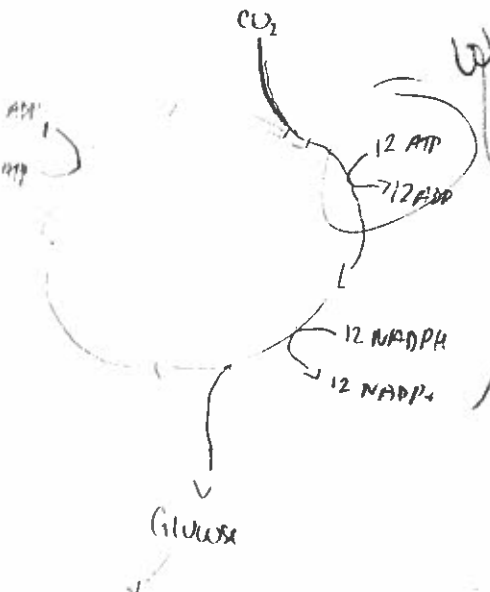
Light Reaction
 ↳ use of light energy to produce ATP and NADPH
 ↳ occurs in thylakoid membrane



Here e⁻ move w/ the help of electron transport proteins
 Normally a 100% working ATP synthase would produce 12 ATP from 12 waters (along w/ 12 NADPH) and 6 ATP from cyclic part
 - here protons H⁺ are being pumped into the thylakoid creating a gradient. We want to go back to stroma through ATP synthase.
 from which steps

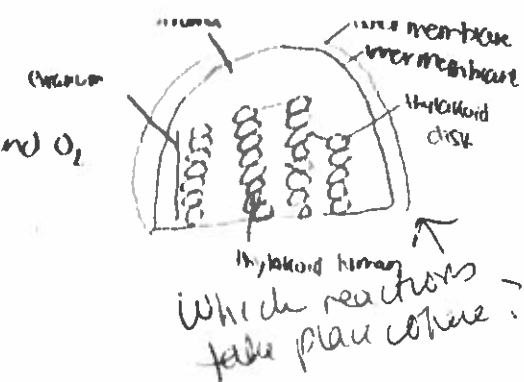
* All the energy produced during the light reaction (12 ATP + 6 ATP + 12 NADPH) are required to operate the next step, the dark reaction. However if the ATP synthase is only working 50% this may slow down the reaction as it has to wait for enough ATP to be produced in order to operate
 ↳ the rate of consumption of energy is about to be higher than rate of production, putting a strain on the plant

Dark Reaction (Calvin Cycle)
 ↳ occurs in stroma
 ↳ requires all energy that light reaction produced



All this energy is required from the light reaction in order to function. A 100% ATP synthase would produce enough, however since the ATP synthase only works 50% not enough energy is obtained in order to power Calvin cycle. This could slow down the process since the cell may wait for more energy to be produced from light and water

This glucose produced could be stored, however since the ATP synthase is not producing enough energy, the cell may decide to use the glucose through cellular respiration immediately to supply more energy.

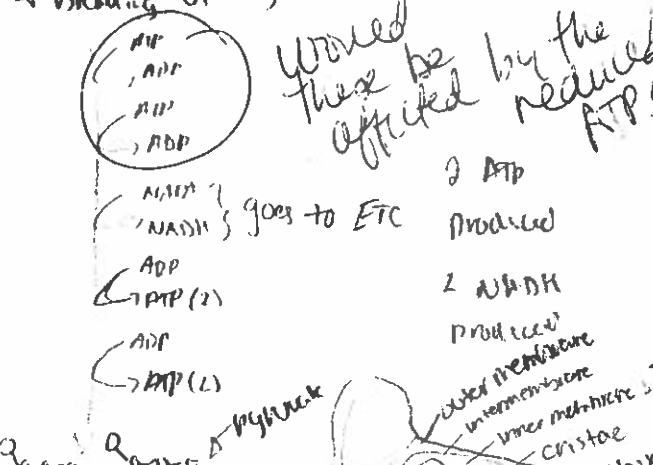


Cellular Respiration

↳ when glucose is broken down w/ the use of O₂ in order to produce useable energy in the form ATP + CO₂ + H₂O
 ↳ occurs in plants and animals

Glycolysis

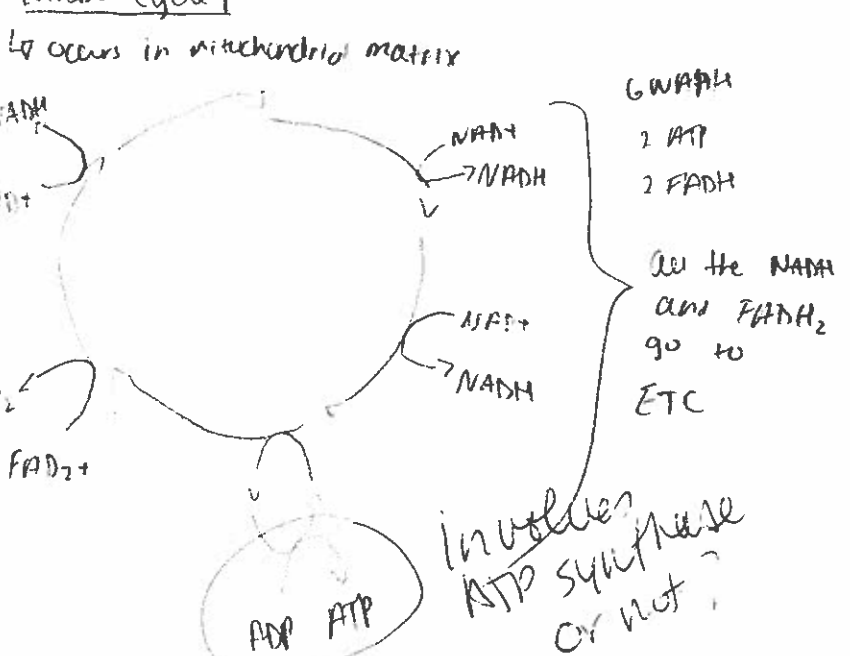
↳ occurs in cytoplasm
 ↳ breaking of sugar



Pyruvate oxidation

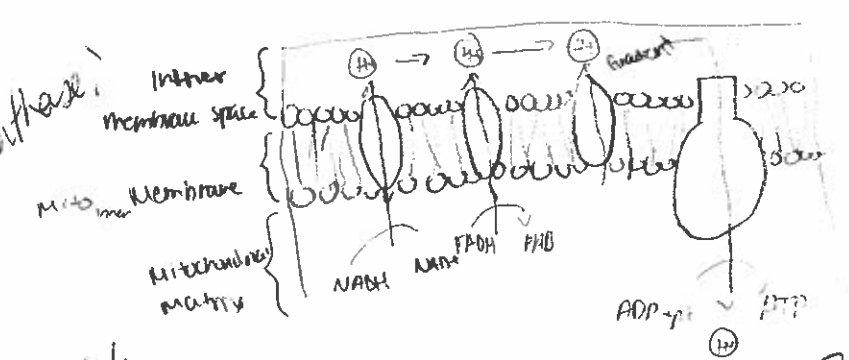
↳ occurs in mitochondrial matrix
 ↳ 1 carbon removed from pyruvates (crossed above) through decarboxylation
 ↳ the product forms w/ co-enzyme A to produce acetyl-CoA which then enters the Krebs cycle

Krebs Cycle



ETC

↳ ETC is connected to ATP synthase through proteins
 ↳ e⁻ are brought by NADH and FADH₂



Oxidative Phosphorylation

↳ protons H⁺ move from matrix to intermembrane space creating a gradient
 ↳ as e⁻ move along the membrane they give the protons energy to go across
 ↳ the H⁺ want to go back to matrix, the only path is through ATP synthase
 ↳ the energy released as e⁻ moves across gradient is used to power ATP synthase (chemiosmosis)
 ↳ as they move down, ATP synthase produces ATP

However

↳ Majority of energy produced by cellular respiration is by NADH and FADH₂ which need to go through ATP synthase
 ↳ if ATP synthase only working 50% then less than the usual 36 ATP will be produced
 ↳ cells need energy to do their jobs if they lack energy they may need to wait until they have enough to produce it