### **Oxidative Phosphorylation**

Electron pass through a series of membrane-bound carriers

3 types of electron transfers occurs in oxidative phosphorylation:

- 1. direct transfer of electrons, as in the reduction of Fe3+ or Fe2+
- 2. transfer as hydrogen atom (H++e-)
- 3. transfer as hydride ion (:H-), which bears two electrons

In addition to NAD and flavoproteins, three other types of electron-carrying molecules function in the respiratory chain; a hydrophobic quinone (ubiquinone) and two different types of iron-containing proteins (cytochromes and iron-sulfur proteins).



**Cytochromes** are proteins with characteristic strong absorption of visible light, due to their iron-containing heme prosthetic group

## **Iron-sulfur proteins**



The iron is present not in the heme but in association with inorganic sulfur atoms or with the sulfur atoms of Cys residues in the protein or both.

**Rieske iron-sulfur proteins** are variation, in which one Fe atom is coordinated to two His residues rather than two Cys residues



Enzyme complex	Mass (kDa)	Number of subunits*	Prosthetic group(s)
I NADH dehydrogenase	850	42 (14)	FMN, Fe-S
II Succinate dehydrogenase	140	5	FAD, Fe-S
III Ubiquinone: cytochrome <i>c</i> oxidoreductase	250	11	Hemes, Fe-S
Cytochrome $c^{\dagger}$	13	1	Heme
IV Cytochrome oxidase	160	13 (3–4)	Hemes; $Cu_A$ , $Cu_B$

Protein Components of the Mitochondrial Electron-Transfer Chain

\*Numbers of subunits in the bacterial equivalents in parentheses.

 $^{\dagger}$ Cytochrome *c* is not part of an enzyme complex; it moves between Complexes III and IV as a freely soluble protein.



#### **Complex I (NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase)**

Catalysis electron transfer to ubiquinone from NADH



#### **Complex II (Succinate dehydrogenase) – Succinate to Ubiquinone**



Complex III (Cytochrome bc1 complex or ubiquinone-cytochrome c oxidoreductase) – Ubiquinone to cytochrome c

 $QH_2 + 2 \operatorname{Cyt} c_1 (\operatorname{oxidized}) + 2H_N^+ \longrightarrow Q + 2 \operatorname{Cyt} c_1 (\operatorname{reduced}) + 4H_P^+$ 







## ATP Synthase – Chemiosmotic model



# ATP Yield from Complete Oxidation of Glucose

Process	Direct product	Final ATP
Glycolysis	2 NADH (cytosolic)	3 or 5*
	2 ATP	2
Pyruvate oxidation (two per glucose)	2 NADH (mitochondrial matrix)	5
Acetyl-CoA oxidation in citric acid cycle (two per glucose)	6 NADH (mitochondrial matrix)	15
	2 FADH <sub>2</sub>	3
	2 ATP or 2 GTP	2
Total yield per glucose		30 or 32

\*The number depends on which shuttle system transfers reducing equivalents into mitochondria.



## Organisation of photosystems in the thylakoid membrane





The absorption of a photon has caused separation of charge in the reaction center.



**Noncyclic Photophosphorylation** 





