

$$\Delta G^\circ = -nF\Delta\varepsilon'$$

$$F = 96 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{V}^{-1}$$

Location in ETC	oxidized form		reduced form	n	$\varepsilon'$ (V)
Metabolism	$NAD^+ + H^+ + 2e^-$	$\rightarrow$	$NADH$	2	-0.32
Complex I	$Q + 2H^+ + 2e^-$	$\rightarrow$	$QH_2$	2	0.04
Complex III	$\text{cytochrome } b \text{ (Fe}^{3+}) + e^-$	$\rightarrow$	$\text{cytochrome } b \text{ (Fe}^{2+})$	1	0.08
Cytochrome C	$\text{cytochrome } c \text{ (Fe}^{3+}) + e^-$	$\rightarrow$	$\text{cytochrome } c \text{ (Fe}^{2+})$	1	0.24
Complex IV	$\frac{1}{2}O_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^-$	$\rightarrow$	$H_2O$	2	0.82

1. What do you notice about  $\varepsilon'$  along the electron transport chain? Why do you think it is arranged this way?

INCREMENTAL INCREASE IN  $\varepsilon'$  GIVES DIRECTION OF FLOW. CONTROLLED RXN.

2. How, energetically, does pumping  $H^+$  across a bilayer “store” energy? Can you think of a macro-scale example that works this way?

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3. If you had to guess, which steps transport  $H^+$  across the bilayer? Why?

HIGHEST  $\Delta\varepsilon' \rightarrow$  MOST ENERGY TO DO WORK.

4. How much energy is released per pair of  $e^-$  (in  $\text{kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ ) in the oxidation of  $NAD^+$  by  $O_2$ ?

$$\Delta\varepsilon' = 0.815 - (-0.32) = 1.135 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta G = - (2)(96)(1.135) = -218 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

5. If it “costs”  $30.5 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  to catalyze  $ADP + P_i \rightarrow ATP$ , how many  $ATP$  could (theoretically) be produced by this oxidation?

$$218/30.5 \rightarrow 7.1 \text{ ATP/NADH}$$