



Unit-III **Kreb's Cycle**

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Glycolysis



Link
Reaction



Krebs
Cycle



Oxidative
Phosphorylation
(the Electron
Transport Chain)

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The Krebs Cycle is the Third Stage of Aerobic Respiration

Mitochondria Structural Features

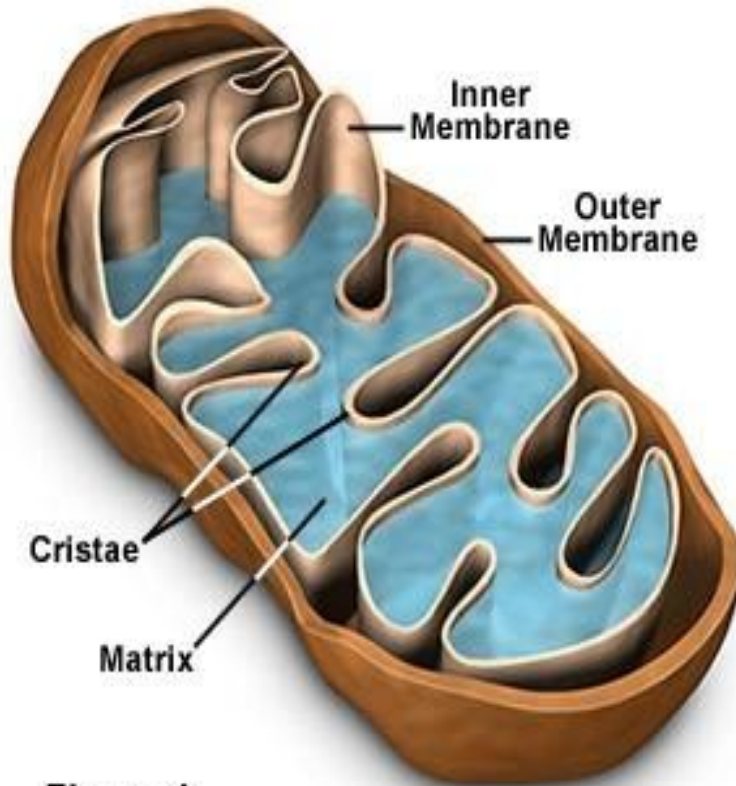
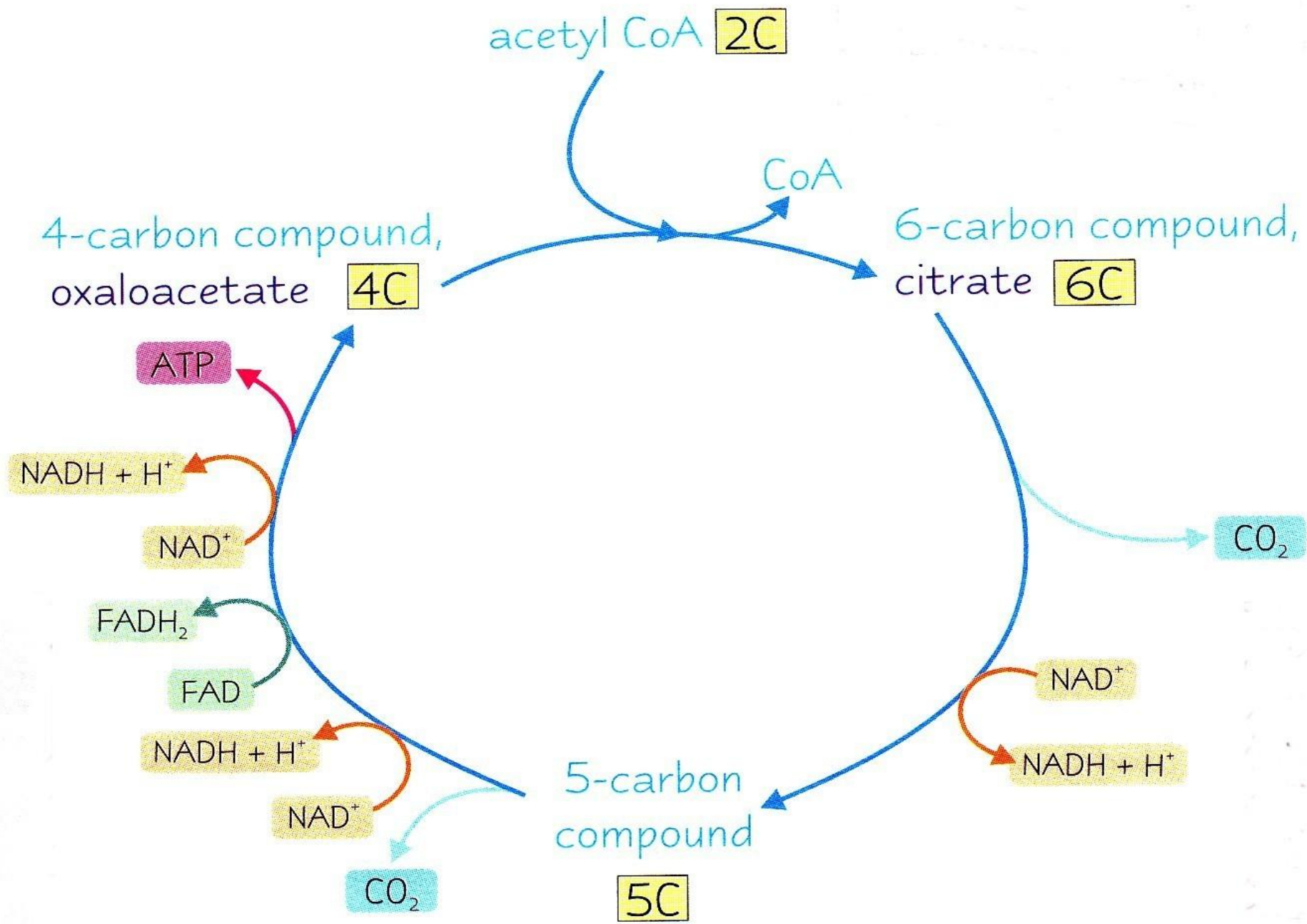


Figure 1

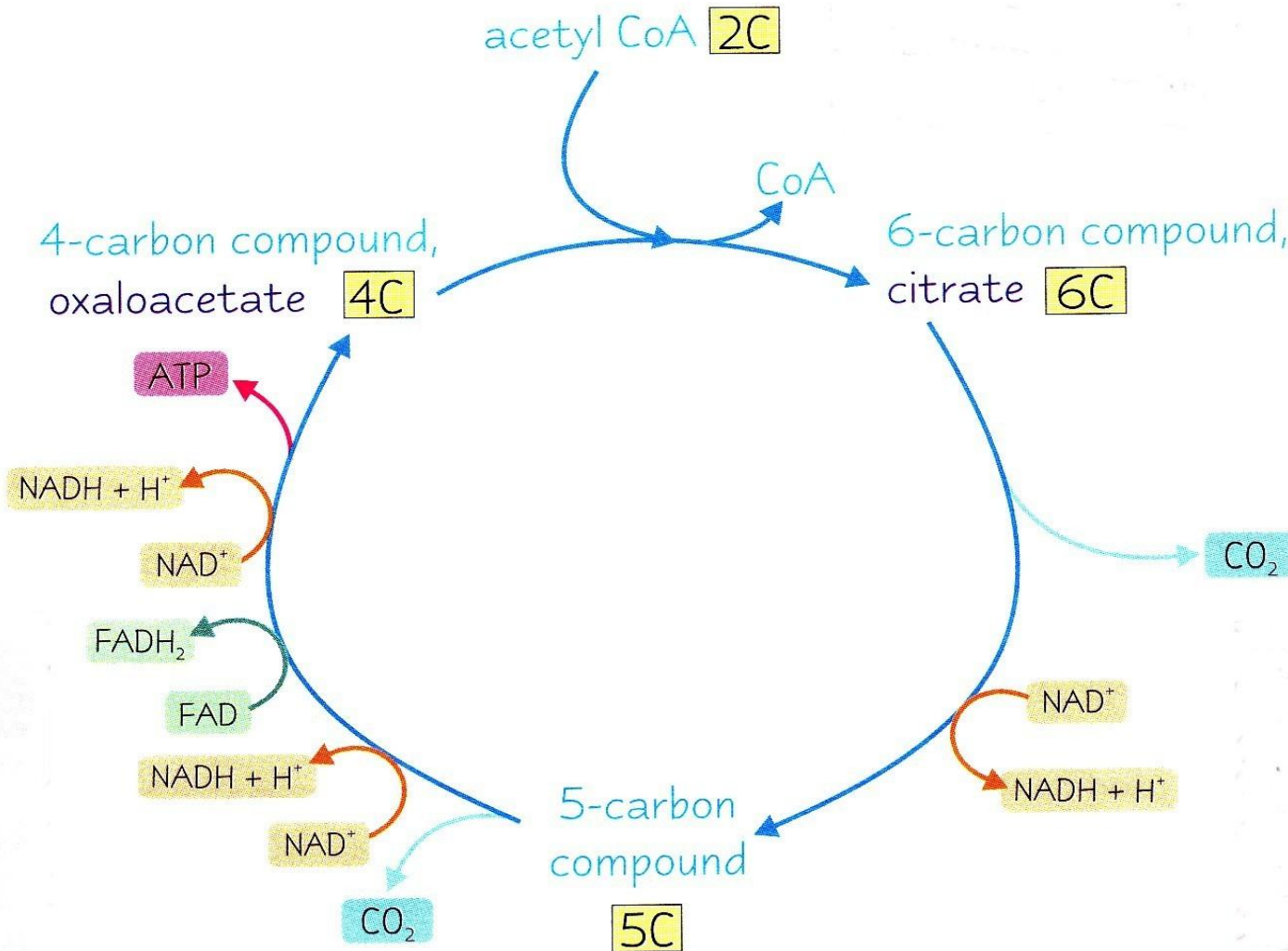
Takes place in the **matrix** of the mitochondria.

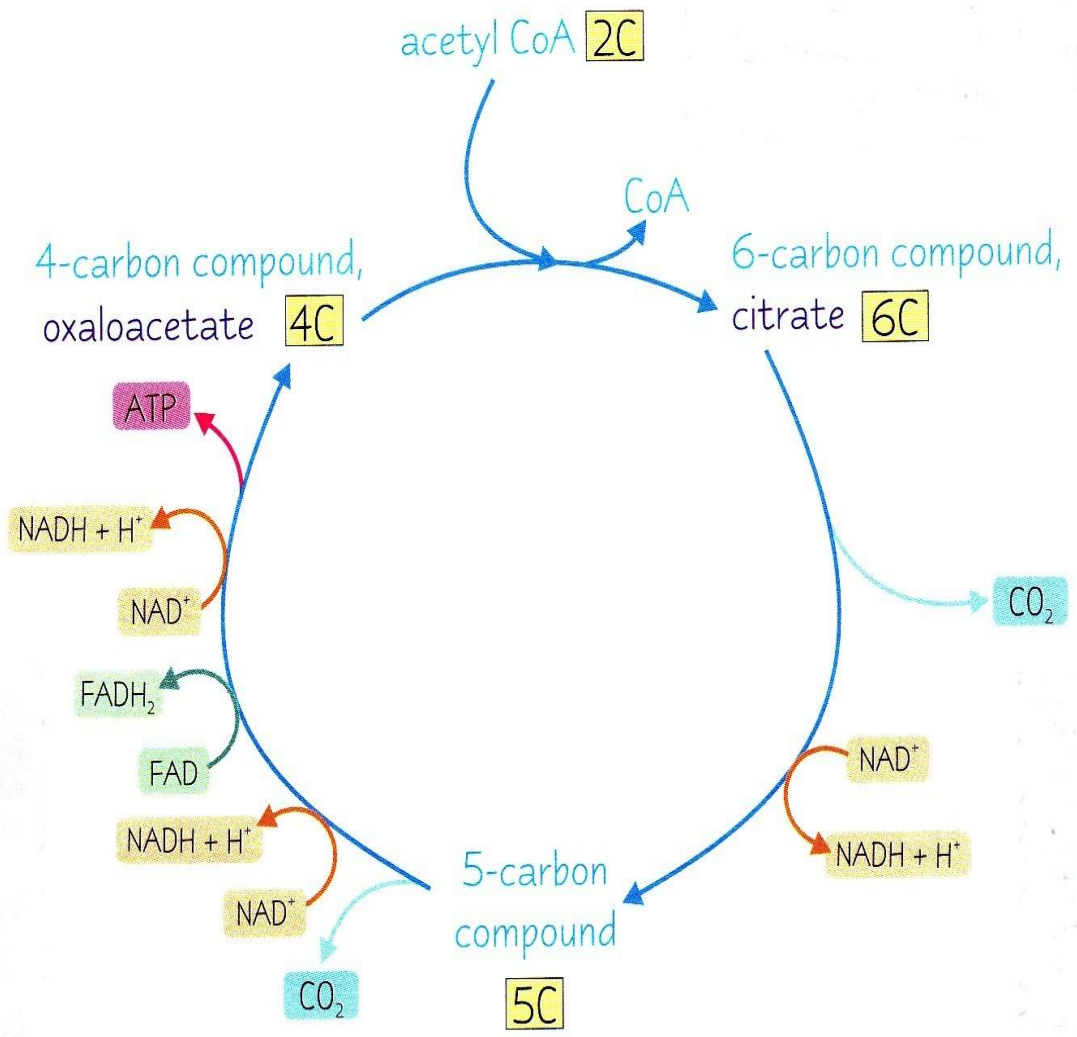
It happens once for every pyruvate molecule in glycolysis....

..and so it goes round twice for every glucose molecule that enters the respiration pathway.

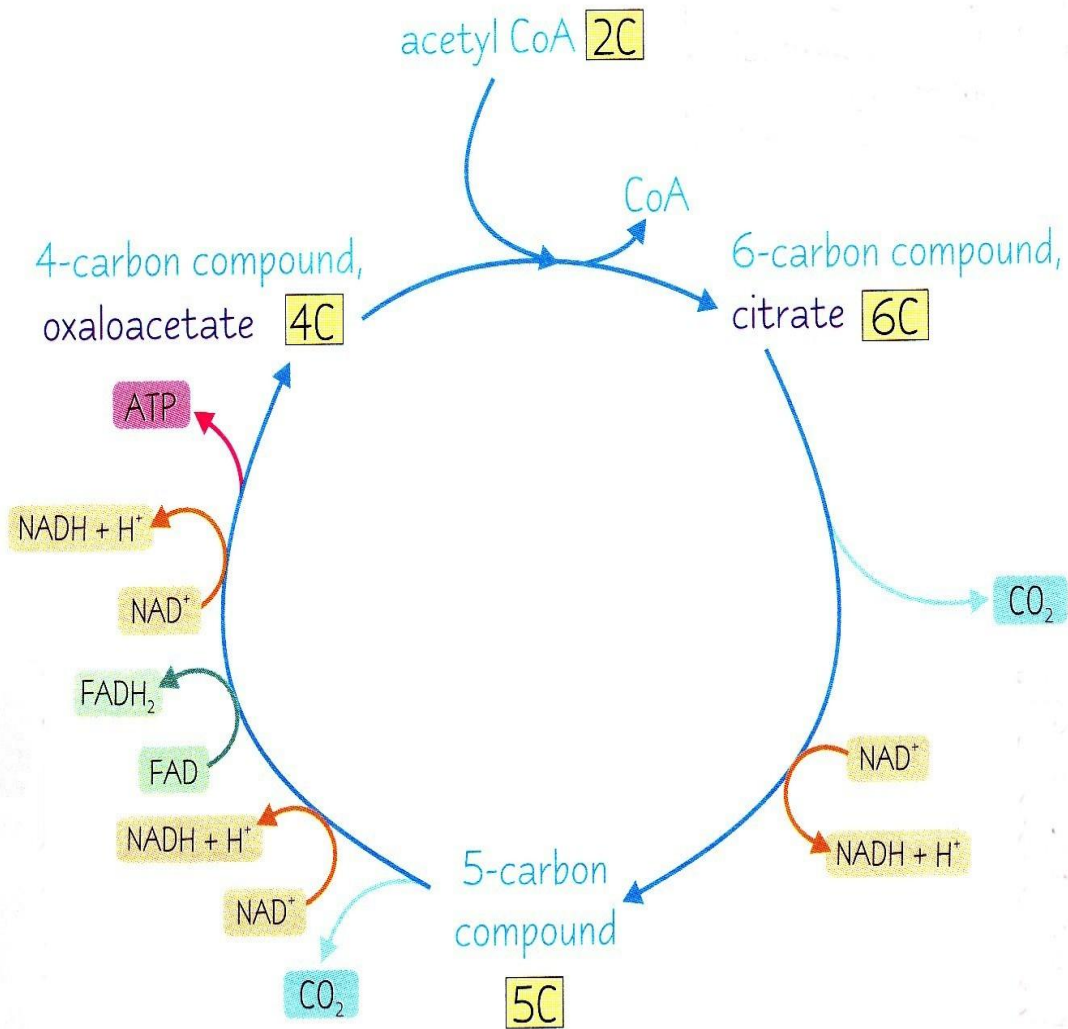


AcetylCoA (2C) from the link reaction combines with **oxaloacetate(4C)** to form citrate (6C). **CoA** is released back to the **link reaction** to be reused

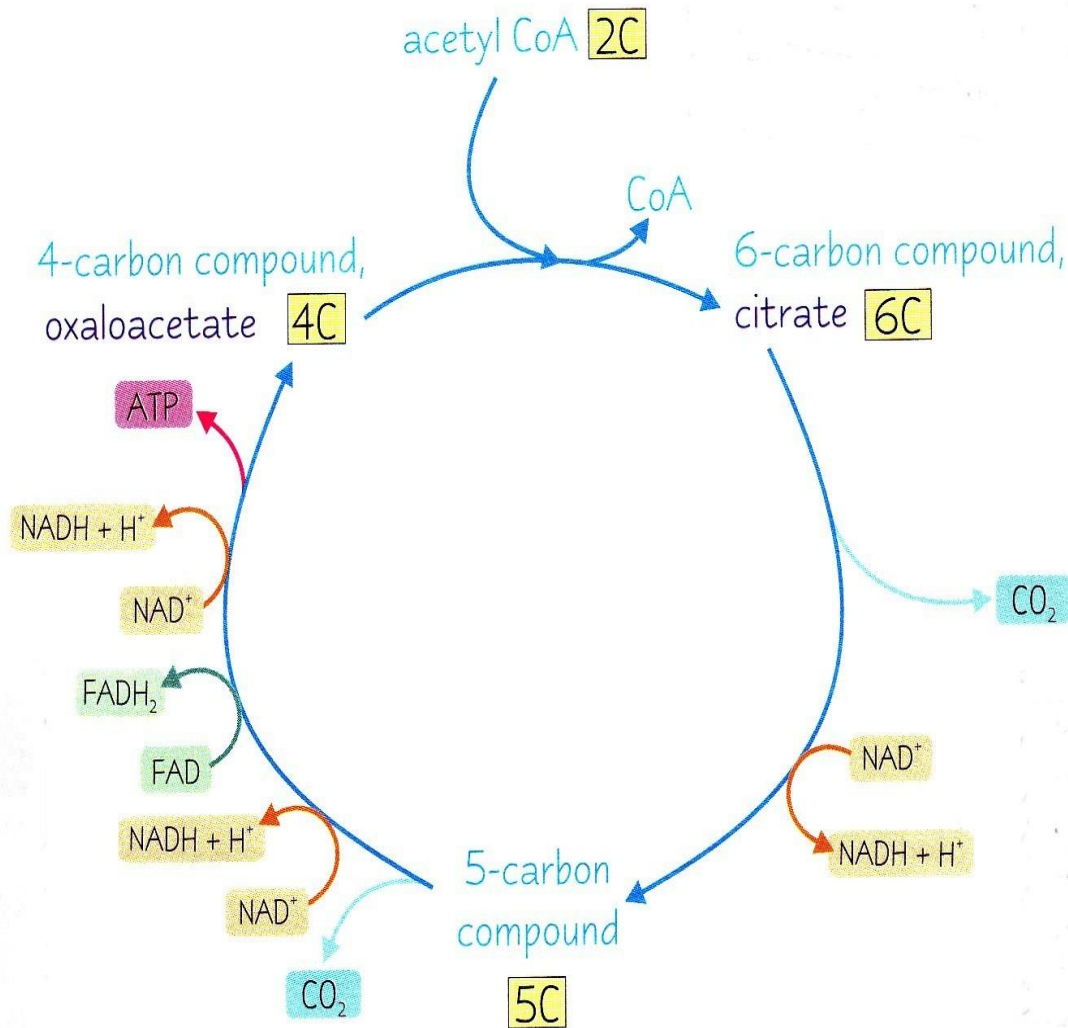




The **6-carbon citrate** is **decarboxylated** – loses **CO₂** – to give a **5-carbon molecule**

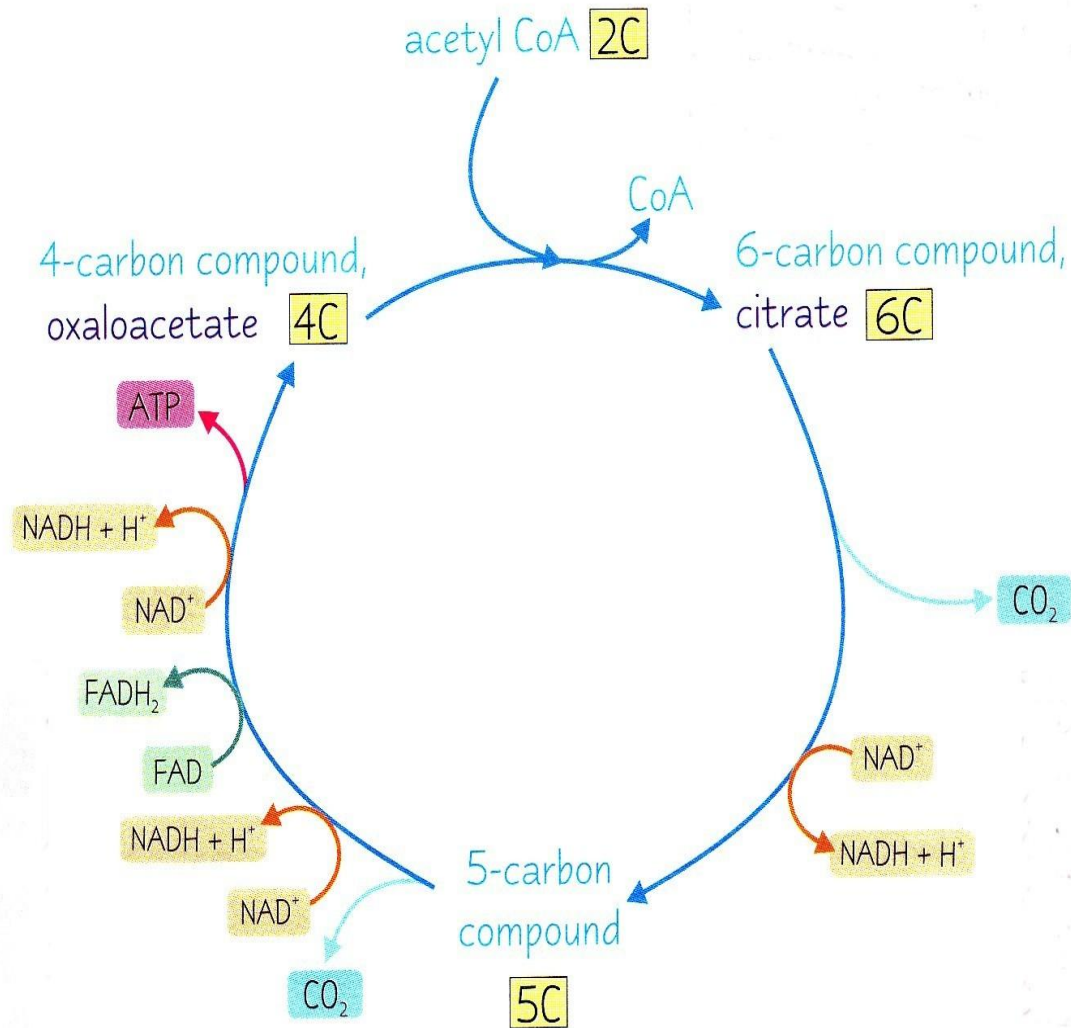


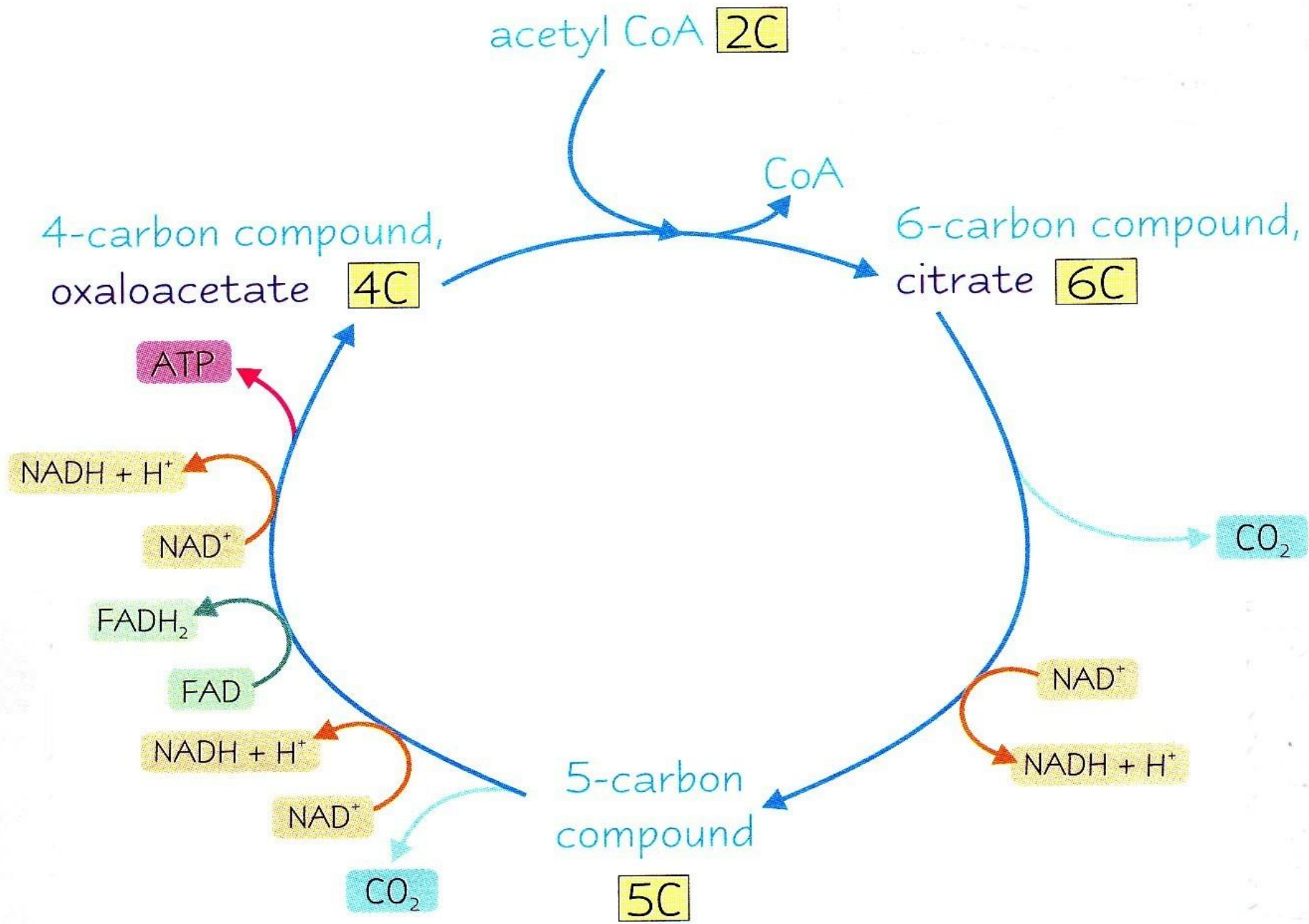
Both the citrate and the 5- carbon molecule formed from it are **dehydrogenated** (lose **hydrogen**) in the cycle to reduce the **coenzymes NAD and FAD**



Overall, 3 **reduced NAD⁺** and 1 **reduced FAD** are produced. These coenzymes not carry the **hydrogen** to the **electron transport chain** (etc)

The **5-carbon compound** is **decarboxylated** bringing you back to **4-carbon oxaloacetate**. **ATP** and **CO₂** are released.





Products of the **Krebs Cycle** enter the **Final Stage** of **Aerobic Respiration**

Some products are **reused**, some are **released** and others are used in the **final** stage, **oxidative phosphorylation**

- One **CoA** is reused in the next **link reaction**.
- **Oxaloacetate** is **regenerated** so it can be **reused** in the next **Krebs cycle**.

- Two **carbon dioxide** molecules are released as a **waste product** of respiration.
- One molecule of **ATP** is made per turn of the cycle – by **substrate level phosphorylation**.

- **Three reduced NAD** and **one reduced FAD** coenzymes are made and enter the **e.t.c.**

**Oxidative Phosphorylation happens
via the Electron Transport Chain.**

