

## BI/CH 422/622

### OUTLINE:

Glycogenolysis

Glycolysis

Other sugars

Pasteur: Anaerobic vs Aerobic

Fermentations

Pyruvate

pyruvate dehydrogenase

Krebs' Cycle

How did he figure it out?

Overview

8 Steps

Citrate Synthase

Aconitase

Isocitrate dehydrogenase

Ketoglutarate dehydrogenase

Succinyl-CoA synthetase

Succinate dehydrogenase

Fumarase

Malate dehydrogenase

Announcements:

Exam 1 is posted. Grades will

be done by Monday;

Gradescope has you ID#

so that you can look at

whole class on website.

You have one week from

return of grades, as usual. **Exam-1 material**

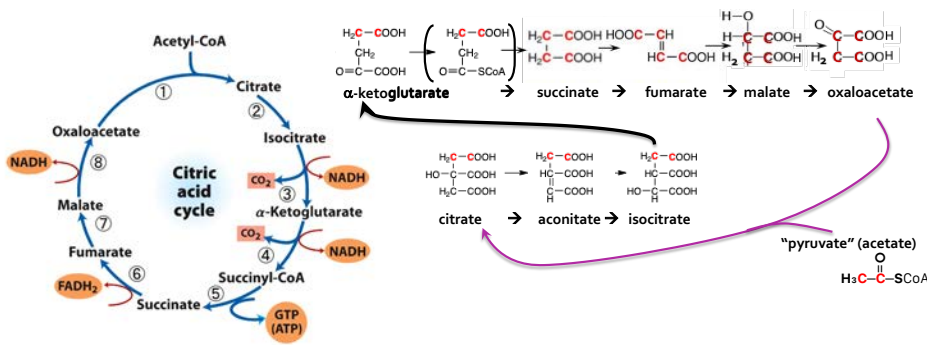
**Exam-2 material**

## The Citric Acid Cycle

Citrate Synthase

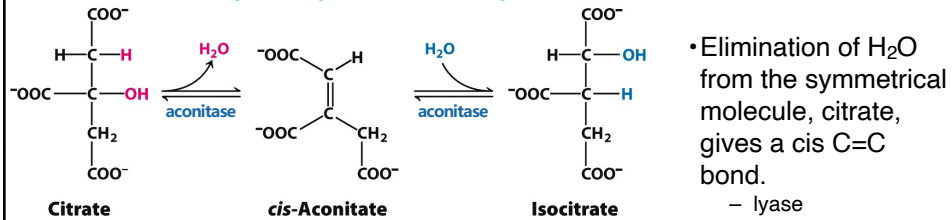


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# The Citric Acid Cycle: Aconitase

## Isomerization by Dehydration/Rehydration



### • Rationale:

- Citrate, a tertiary alcohol, is a poor substrate for oxidation.
- Isocitrate, a secondary alcohol, is a good substrate for oxidation.

### • Thermodynamically **unfavorable/reversible** ( $\Delta G^\circ = +3.2$ kcal/mol)

- product concentration kept low to pull forward; citrate tends to “pool” with higher conc.

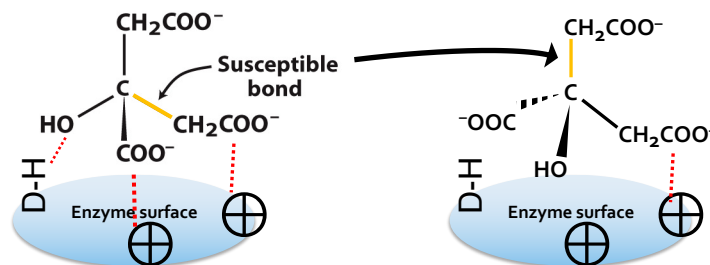
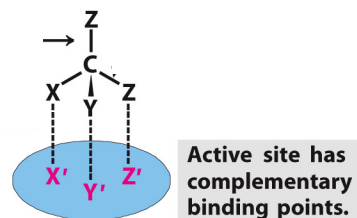
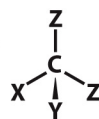
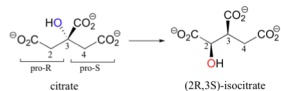
### • Dehydration & Addition of H<sub>2</sub>O to *cis*-aconitate is stereospecific.

- This was initially very confusing to bio/organic chemists
- Only R-isocitrate is produced by aconitase.
- A biochemist names A.G. Ogston clarified the situation by realizing that the enzyme spatially templates this symmetrical molecule by binding in only one way (e.g., clockwise or counter clockwise, not both)
- Distinguished by three-point attachment to the active site

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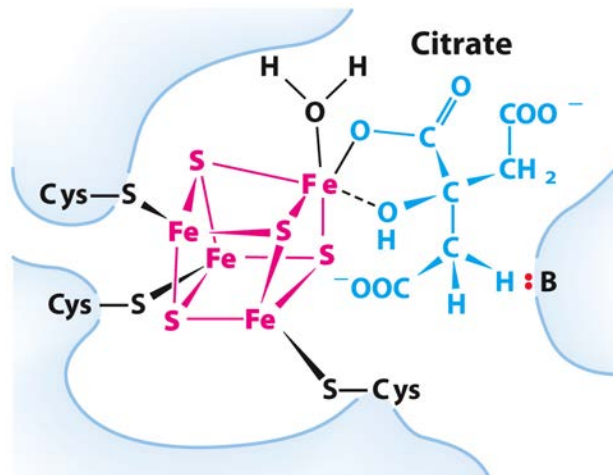
## 3-point attachment; prochirality

This binding protects the nascent acetate from chemistry



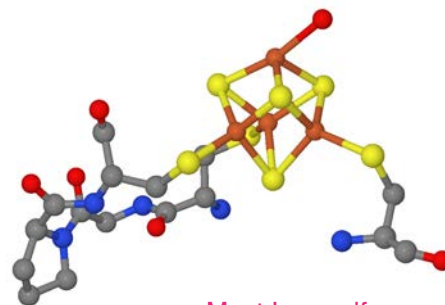
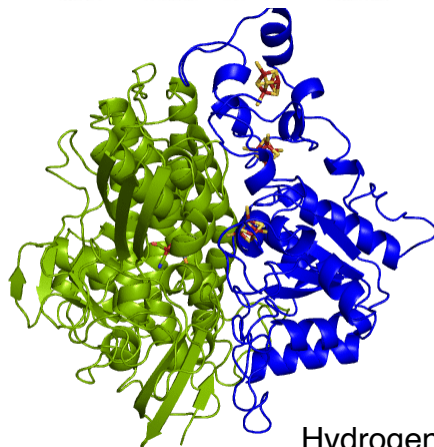
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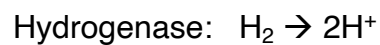


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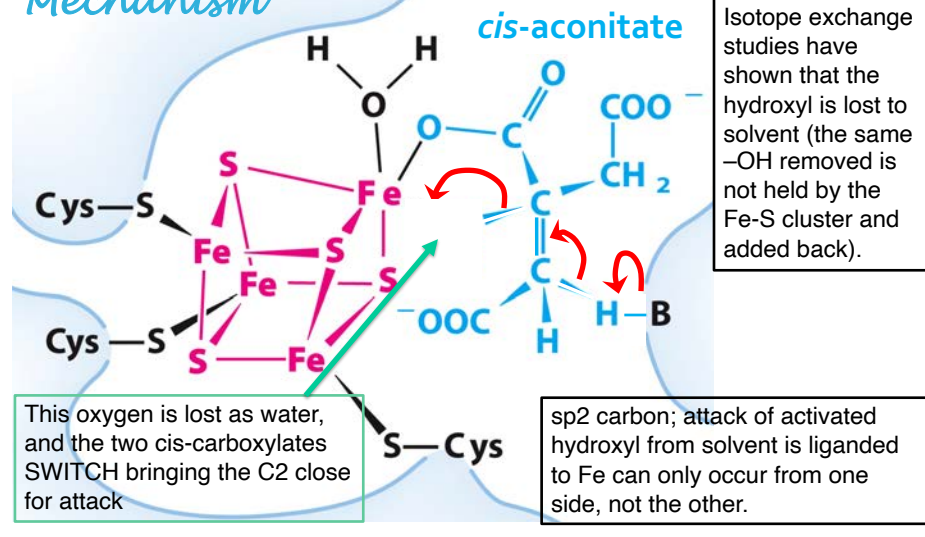
Most Iron-sulfur are involved in re-dox reactions (without proton transfers). In aconitase, the role is very different.



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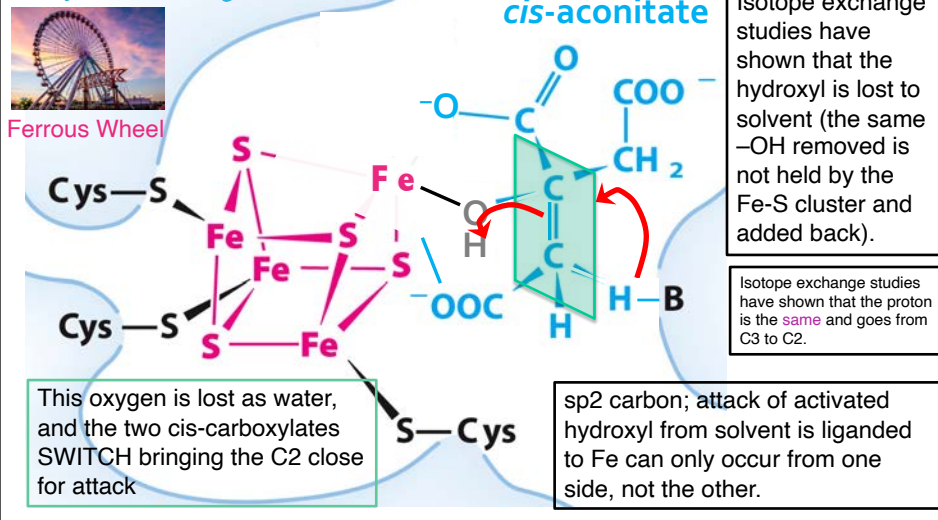
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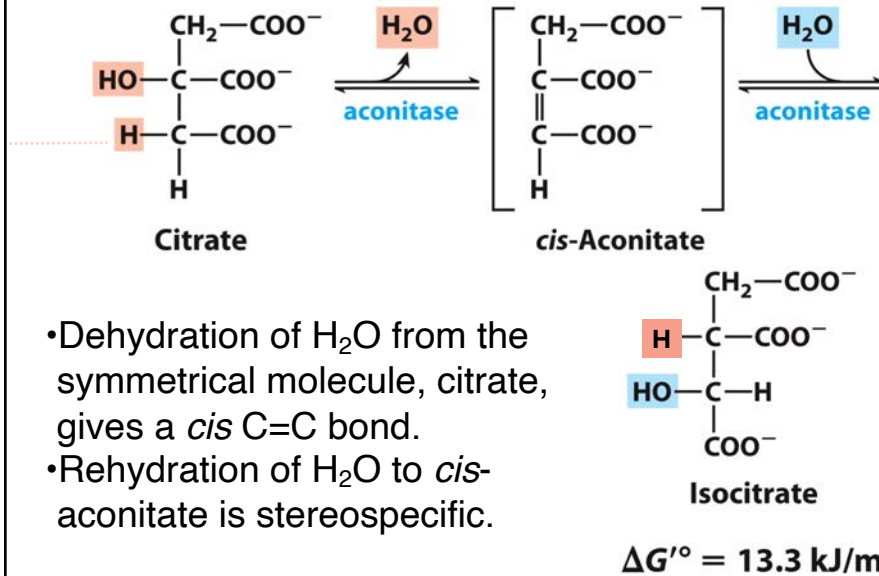
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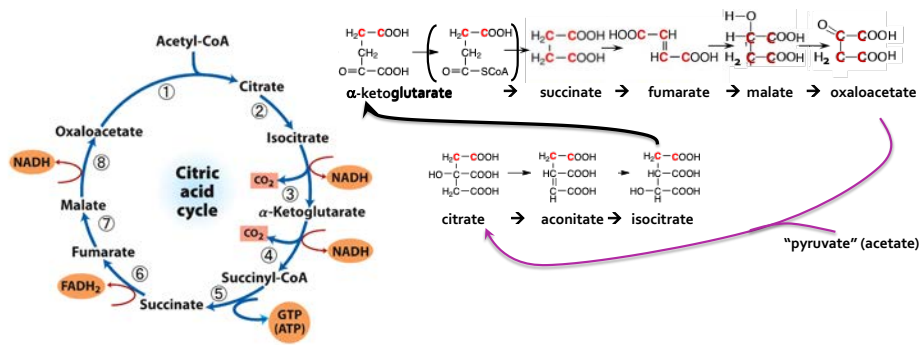
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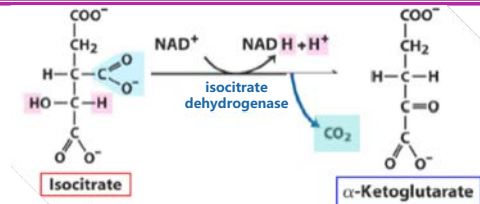
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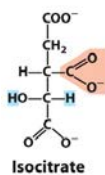
## The Citric Acid Cycle: Isocitrate dehydrogenase



- Converting the C2 hydroxyl to a keto destabilizes the C-C bond to the carboxylate at C3.
- This requires a 2-step process:
  - First perform an alcohol-to-keto dehydrogenation at C2 using  $\text{NAD}^+$
  - Second, allow for decarboxylation (the oxidation of the carboxylate to  $\text{CO}_2$ , with the reduction of C3).
  - C2 is oxidized, C3 is reduced, Carboxylate is oxidized: Net oxidation is  $2e^-$
- Isozymes are specific for  $\text{NADP}^+$  (cytosolic) or  $\text{NAD}^+$  (mitochondrial).
- Favorable but irreversible due to loss of  $\text{CO}_2$  ( $\Delta G^\circ = -2.0 \text{ kcal/mol}$ )
- Regulated by  $[\text{ATP}]$  (OMSGAP)

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Isocitrate is oxidized by hydride transfer to  $\text{NAD}^+$  or  $\text{NADP}^+$  (depending on the isocitrate dehydrogenase isozyme).

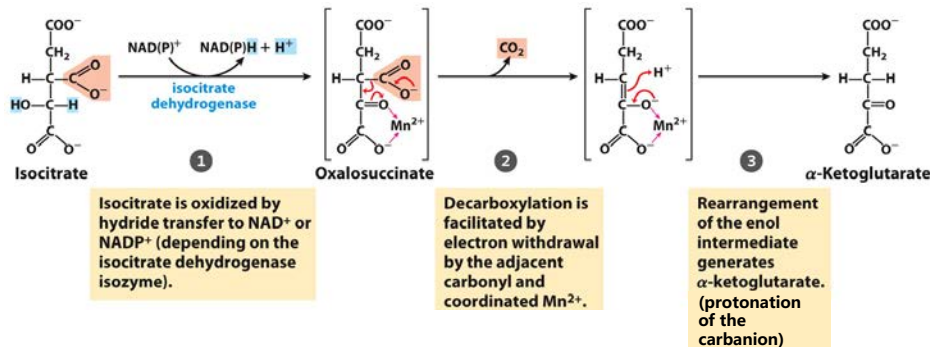
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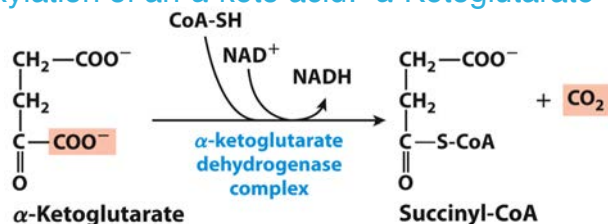
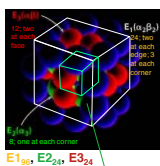
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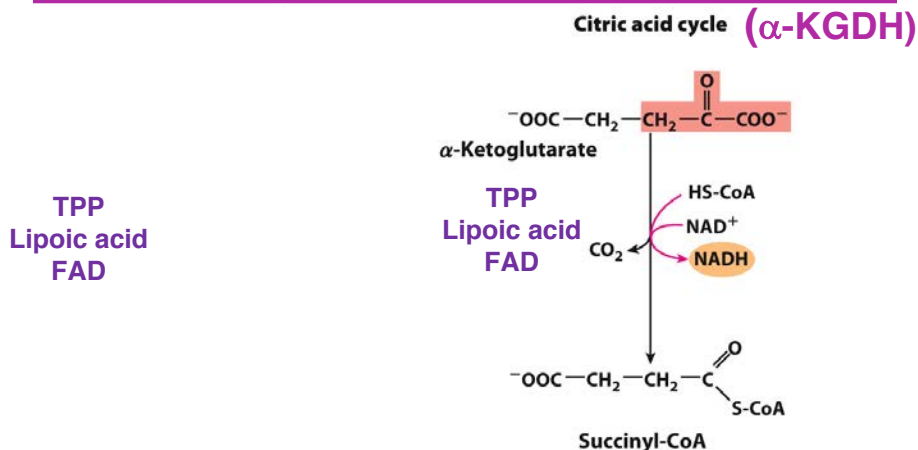


- Last oxidative decarboxylation in TCA cycle
  - full oxidation of all carbons of glucose:
    - Takes two turns of the cycle
    - The carbons oxidized are not directly from glucose because the carbons came from oxaloacetate, not acetyl-CoA
- Requires TPP, FAD, Lipoic acid cofactors
- Succinyl-CoA is another higher-energy thioester bond.
- Highly thermodynamically **favorable/irreversible** ( $\Delta G^\circ = -8.0 \text{ kcal/mol}$ )
  - regulated by product inhibition

Where have we seen this before?

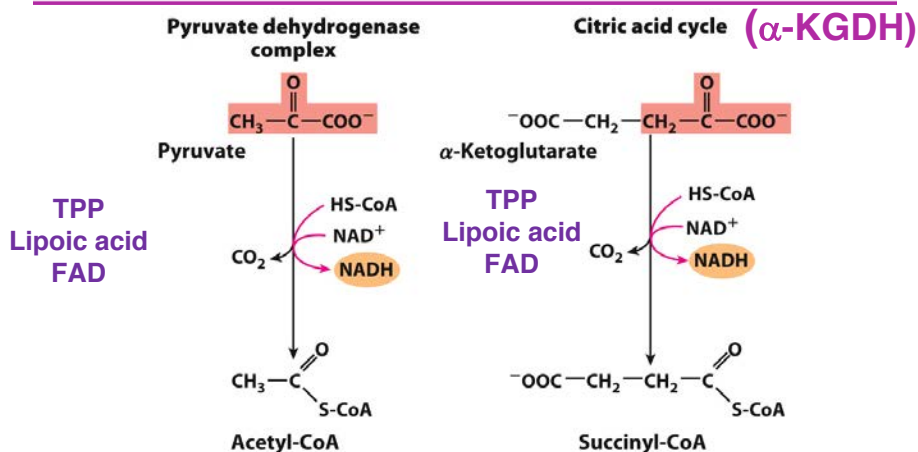


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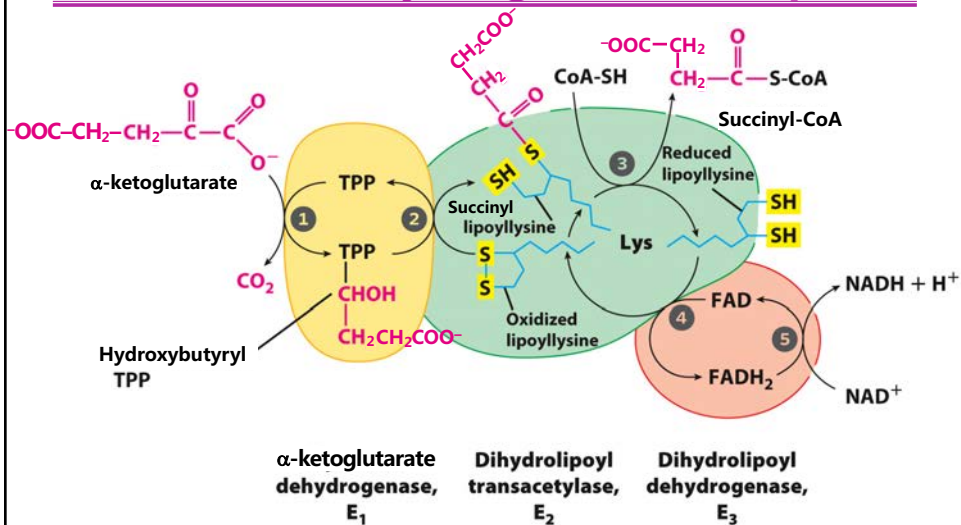
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