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ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY AND THERMODYNAMICS OF MITOCHONDRIA

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The research performed during the last 20 years lead inevitably to the formulation of the mitochondrial F_0F_1 -complex as coupled K^+/H_2O -pump (similar to the nAChR) with H^+/P_i -inducible ATPsynthase as well as to the respiratory chain substrate driven K^+/H^+ -antiport system. These systems are linked together in anticyclic energy driven K^+/H_2O , H^+/P_i -movements and oscillations (swelling plus contraction of the mitochondrial matrix space by osmotically active K^+ -ions), controlled by O_2 and the free Mg^{2+} - and Ca^{2+} -concentrations in the cytosol of the cells. The systems is responsible for the thermoregulation of our body. - The cyclic hydrolysis/synthesis of ATP and the concomitantly cyclic release/binding of Mg^{2+} in the "steady state flow system" releases heat (q) and the temperature (ΔT) is permanently raised. The released heat is constantly distributed throughout the entire body by the oscillating mitochondria, as well as the pumping heart, and is used up by the normal body functions. Disturbances of this system are normally compensated for by lower/higher respiration rates. The essentially by iron and its state of oxidation dependent H^+/e^- displacements, current (i), lead to high local voltages (ΔV) over the membrane with corresponding magnetic fields (H). The entire system is dependent on oxidized and reduced glutathione.

Starting point - to the results I am presenting today - was my appointment with Theodor Wieland at the MPI for medical research, Heidelberg, and his work on oxidative phosphorylation – model systems to the synthesis of ATP:

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Formation of Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP) from Adenosine Diphosphate (ADP) and Phosphate during Oxidation of Mercaptoacetate by Bromine (1)

By Th. Wieland and E. Bäuerlein(*)

We have converted oxidation energy into the energy of the "energy-rich" diphosphate bond, e.g., that in ATP, by oxidation of *S*-alkylmonothiohydroquinones^[2], *N*-acetylhomocysteine thiolactone^[3], thiazolidones^[4], monoacetyldurohydroquinone^[5], α -tocopherol^[6], and *S*-*p*-tolyl thioacetate^[6] by bromine in pyridine in the presence of ADP and phosphate (P). We have now found that under these conditions mercaptoacetate also gives ATP from the tetrabutylammonium (TBA) salts of ADP and P, and that yields exceed 30%. In several batches, 13.33 ml of 0.1 N (TBA)-OH solution in 2-propanol/methanol (Merck, Darmstadt) was treated with 0.67 ml of 1 N solution of ca. 90% phosphoric acid in dioxane; 0.107 g of $ADP \cdot H_3PO_4 \cdot 3H_2O$ (C. F. Boehringer und Soehne, Tutzing) was dissolved therein, and then 0.016 ml of freshly distilled mercaptoacetic acid was added. The solution was evaporated under vacuum, and the residue was dried over P_2O_5 for 20 min at 0.1 torr and then dissolved with stirring in 9 ml of anhydrous pyridine, whereupon a deep yellow color developed. (A solution of the TBA salt of mercaptoacetic acid in anhydrous pyridine is colorless.) The solution was then treated, by dropwise addition within a few minutes, with $\frac{5}{9}$ mmole (0.028 ml), $\frac{2}{9}$ mmole (0.011 ml), or 0.133 mmole ($\approx 1.2 \times \frac{1}{9}$ mmole) (0.007 ml) of bromine, each amount in 1 ml of anhydrous pyridine.

This caused a color change from deep yellow through deep red to pale yellow; a precipitate was formed after a few minutes. After 1 h each batch (several repeats) was worked up for determination of ATP (results in Table 1).

No more than conjectures can be made at present about the mechanism of this coupled reaction. It may be that a sulfonyl bromide is first formed by bromination of the thiol and then combines with the phosphate ion to give a mixed sulfenic phosphoric anhydride $R-S-O-PO_3H^-$, which is the actual phosphorylating agent.

Table 1. Yields of ATP (calc. on the 84% ADP used on simultaneous oxidation of equivalent amounts of $(TBA)_2HPO_4$, $(TBA)_2ADP$, and TBA mercaptoacetate by 1.2, 2.0, and 5.0 equivalents of bromine:

Br_2 (equiv)	1.2		2.0		5.0		0	
	with	with-	with	with-	with	with-	with	with-
Mercaptoacetate	out	out	out	out	out	out	out	out
Yield (%) of ATP	5.8	0	12.3	0	36.4	3.2	0	0
			10.0	0	37.6	1.6		
			11.2	0	37.0	2.4		
Net yield (%) of ATP	5.8		11.2		34.6		0	

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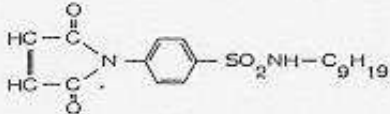
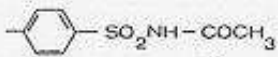
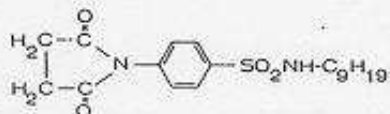
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The model, I will present today, arises out of experimental results – obtained by my groups - and known physical and biophysical basic (natural) laws: first published results during the year 1976 = effects of lipophilic maleimides, thiouracils and thioureas = lipophilic thiol – and sulfenylgroup reagents – on mitochondrial energy linked functions: incl. RCR (thesis, FEBS Letters 61, 68-71 and 72, 24-28):

Table 1
Effects of various N-substituted maleimides on the respiration of ox heart mitochondria with glutamate + malate as substrates

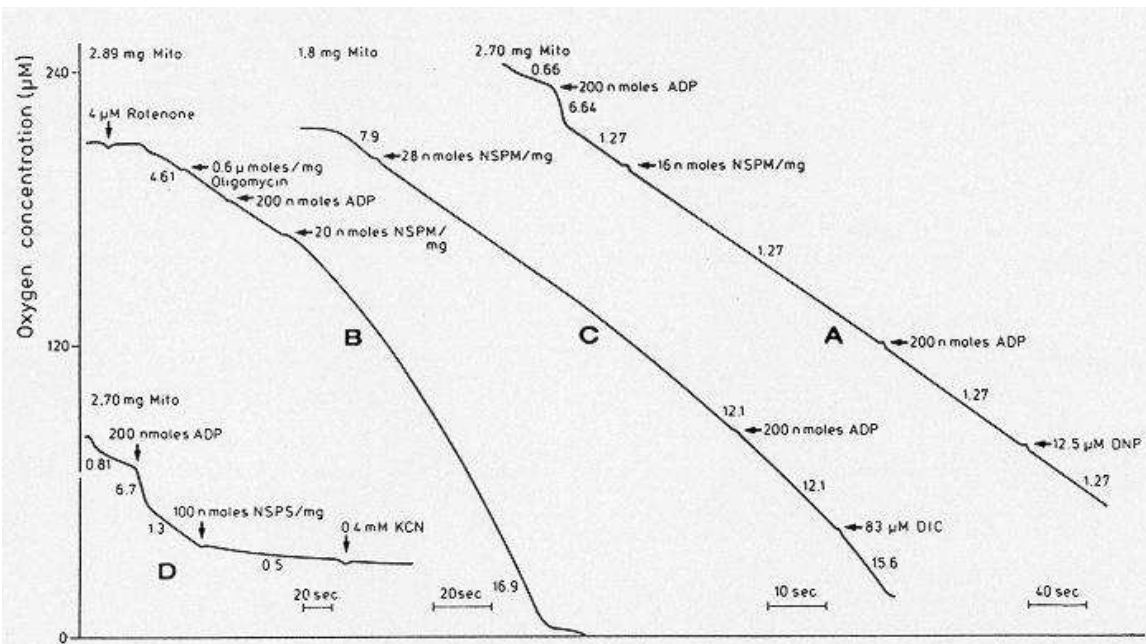
No.	Formula	Abbr.	Inhibition of state 4 + state 3 transition (nmoles/mg protein)	Respiration inhibition (nmoles/mg protein)
Ia		NSPM	12 - 16	90 - 110
Ib		ASPM	without effect up to 50	110 after addition of ADP
III	- C ₉ H ₁₉	NNM	60 +30 % stimulation of state 4 respiration	-
IV	- C ₂ H ₅	NEM	without effect up to 50	200 (50 %)
II		NSPS	without effect up to 50	120

The conditions are the same as described in fig.1 for the experiments A and D. The concentrations indicate maximal inhibition, unless otherwise indicated. Maximal inhibition of respiration means the same degree of inhibition as with 0.6 mM KCN.

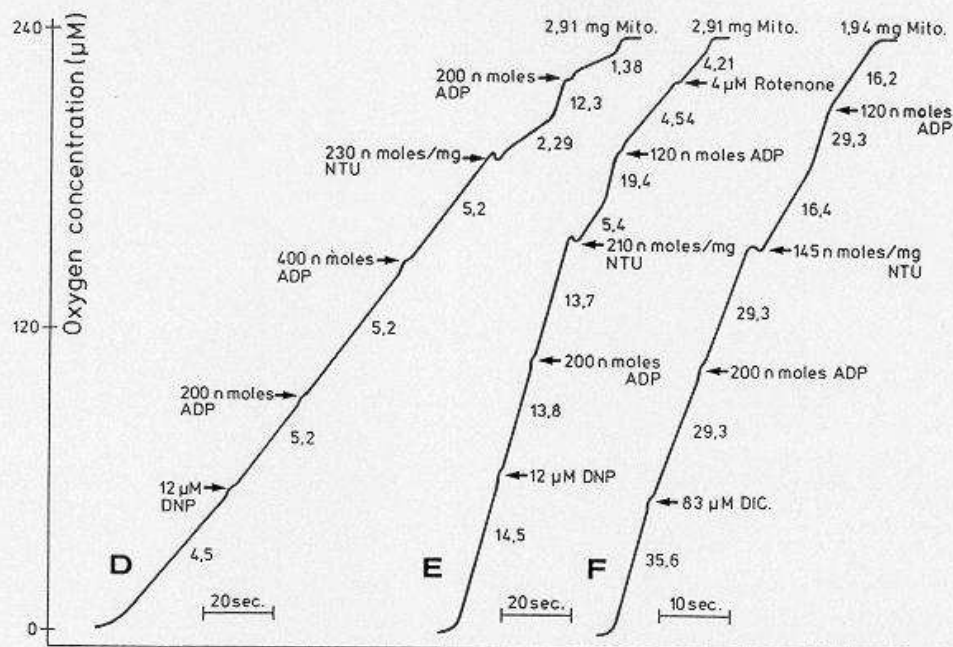
Table 2
Effects of various N-substituted maleimides on the respiration of ox heart mitochondria with succinate

No.	Abbreviation	uncoupling (nmoles/mg protein)	Inhibition of state 4 → state 3 transition (nmoles/mg protein)
Ia	NSPM	20-26	-
Ib	ASPM	no effect	110
III	NNM	120	-
IV	NEM	without effect up to 300	-
II	NSPS	no effect	170 +50% stimulation of state 4 respiration

The conditions are the same as described in fig.1 for experiment B. The concentrations indicate either maximal uncoupling, i.e. state 3 respiration, or maximal respiration inhibition, i.e. inhibition as with 0.6 mM KCN.



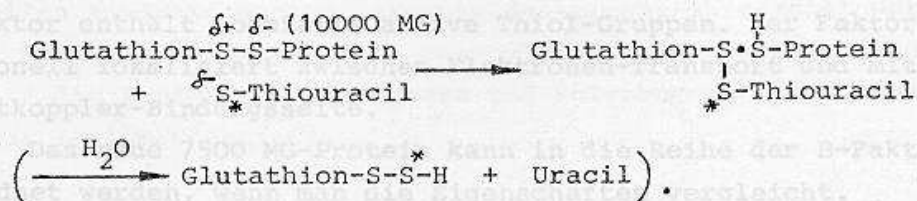
Effect of NSPM and the correlated succinimide NSPS, on the coupled respiration of ox heart mitochondria. The lines represent the output from an oxygen electrode. The numbers on the lines are respiration rates, $\mu\text{moles of oxygen mg}^{-1} \text{ protein h}^{-1}$ at 25°C . Experiment A and D: ox heart mitochondria (2.70 mg) were added to a reaction mixture consisting of 2.4 ml 0.25 M sucrose containing 2.5 mM glutamate, 2.5 mM D,L-malate, 5 mM malonate, 20 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl_2 , 10 mM phosphate and 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4. Experiment B: ox heart mitochondria (2.89 mg) were added to a reaction mixture consisting of 2.4 ml 0.25 M sucrose containing 10 mM succinate, 20 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl_2 , 10 mM phosphate and 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4. Experiment C: ox heart mitochondria (1.80 mg) were added to a reaction mixture consisting of 2.4 ml 0.25 M sucrose containing 2.5 mM ascorbate, 0.25 mM TTPD, 20 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl_2 , 10 mM phosphate and 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4.



Effect of NTU on the coupled respiration of mitochondria. The lines represent the output from an oxygen electrode. The numbers on the lines are respiration rates, $\mu\text{moles of oxygen mg}^{-1} \text{ protein h}^{-1}$ at 25°C . Experiment A: ox heart mitochondria (2.91 mg) were added to a reaction mixture consisting of 2.4 ml 0.25 M sucrose containing 2.5 mM glutamate, 2.5 mM D, L-malate, 5 mM malonate, 20 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl_2 , 10 mM phosphate and 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4. Experiment B: ox heart mitochondria (2.91 mg) were added to a reaction mixture consisting of 2.4 ml 0.25 M sucrose containing 10 mM succinate, 20 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl_2 , 10 mM phosphate and 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4. Experiment C: ox heart mitochondria (1.94 mg) were added to a reaction mixture consisting of 2.4 ml 0.25 M sucrose containing 2.5 mM ascorbate, 0.25 mM TTPD, 20 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl_2 , 10 mM phosphate and 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4.

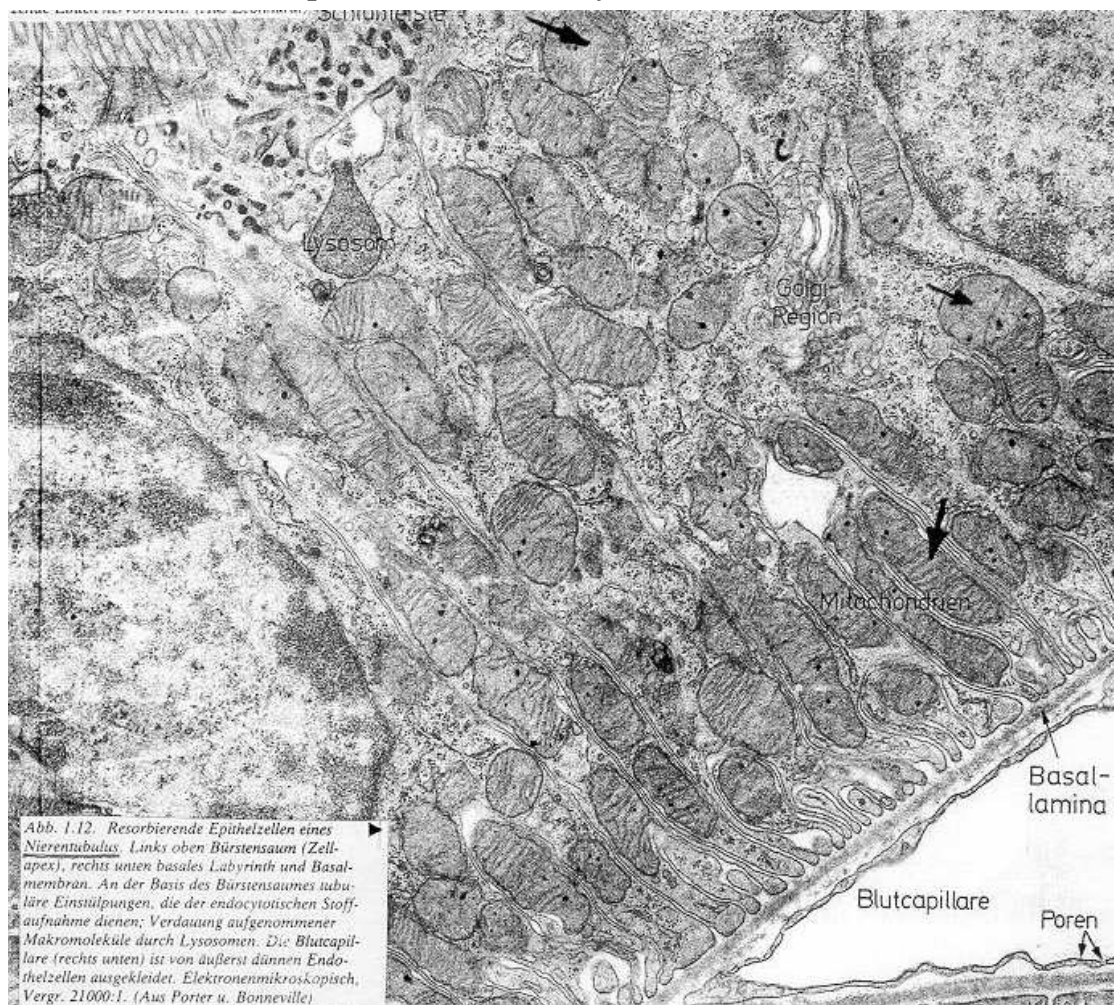
One result obtained – beside other results - was the finding of the involvement of glutathione in the energy transduction of mitochondria (thesis76):

Beim isolierten, verunreinigten Reaktionsprodukt handelt es sich wahrscheinlich um das gemischte Disulfid des Glutathions mit ^{35}S -NTU (nach Totalhydrolyse gespalten, S.56). Ähnlich wie die DCCD-Reaktionsprodukte findet man dieses NTU-Reaktionsprodukt bei MG 10000 (El., S.51). Dieses 10000 MG-Protein spielt wahrscheinlich eine zentrale Rolle bei der ATP-Synthese. Folgende Reaktionen sind denkbar (analog [59]):

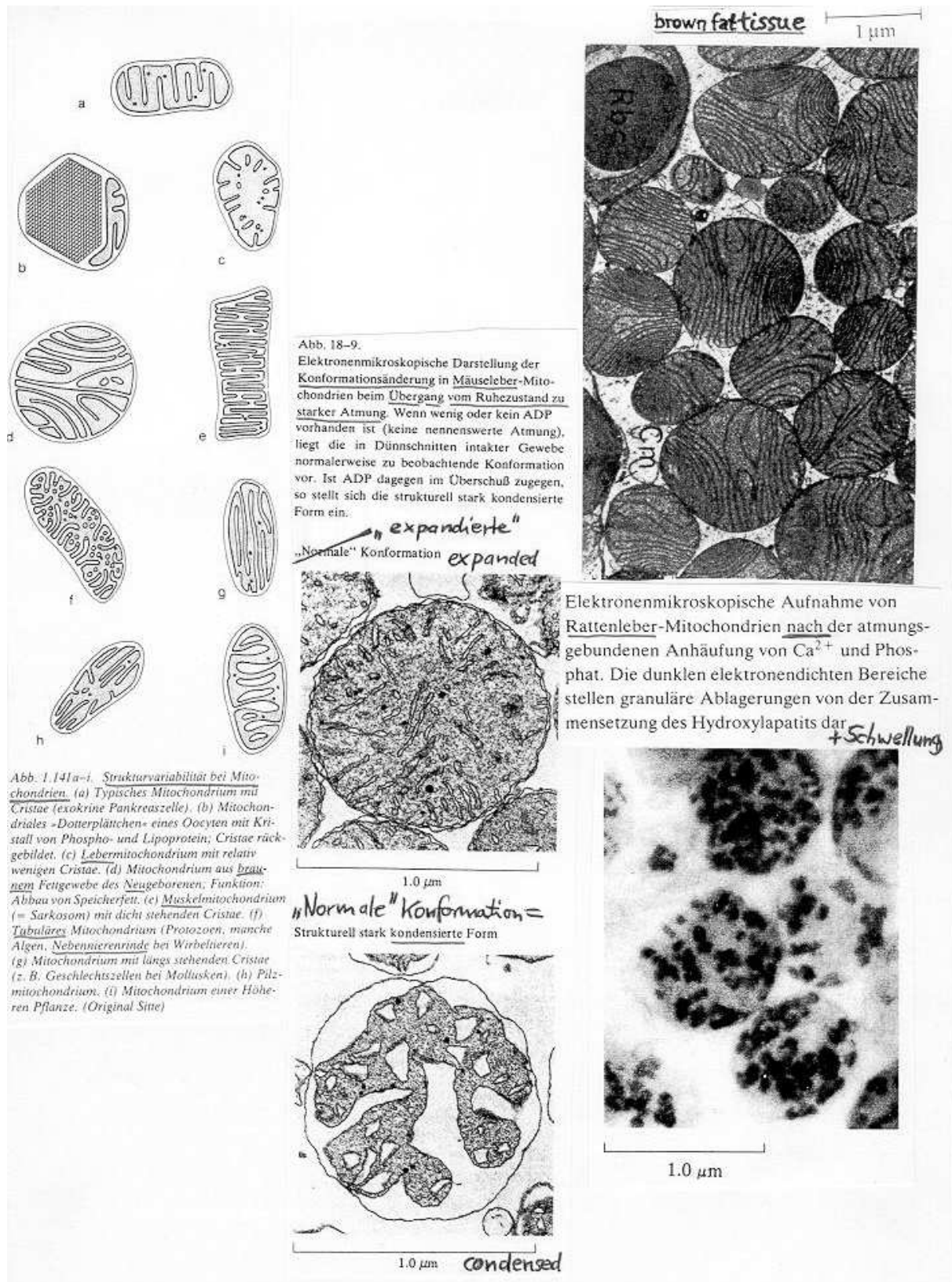


Now, I will show some morphological pictures of mitochondria – electron mikroskopische details – show the methods used in tables, present some few measurements, point to the optical probes used, ... and finally explain the model.

The next slide shows epithel cells of a kidney tubulus



Mitochondria with cristae (arrow), - partly damaged mitochondria: cristae/condensed plus extended – extended mitochondria; extended mitochondria – cristae parallel to the basal lamina – in heart muscle cells: parallel to the muscles



- liver mitochondria – expanded and condensed
- brown fat tissue mitochondria of the new born: burn of fat for the production of heat

- liver mitochondria, expanded - with heavy Ca (P_i) deposits/hydroxyapatite = swollen (extended)
- structur variation of mitochondria

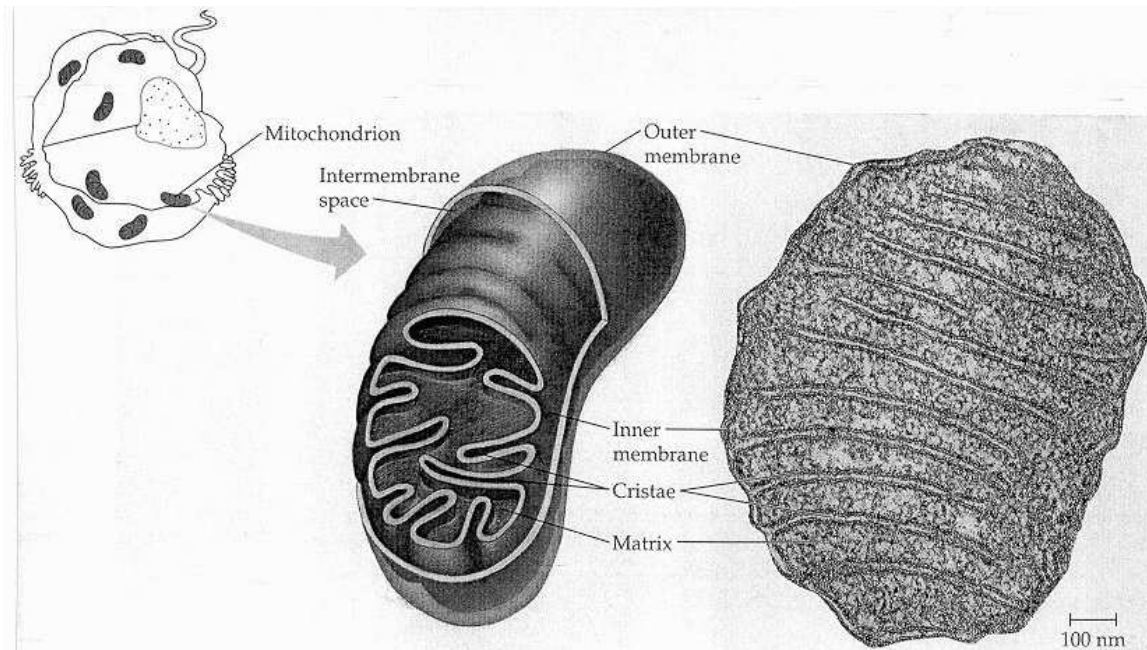
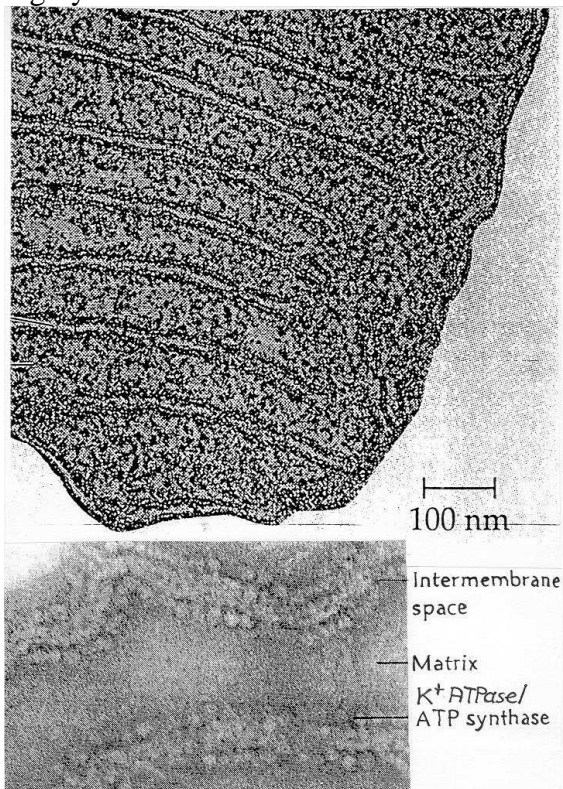


Figure 7.21

The mitochondrion. The double membrane of the mitochondrion is evident in the drawing and the micrograph (TEM). The cristae are infoldings of the inner membrane. The three-dimensional drawing emphasizes the relationships between the two membranes and the compartments they bound: the intermembrane space and the mitochondrial matrix.

Mitochondria with outer membrane and highly structured/folded inner membrane or cristae – highly oriented in one direction!



Magnified cristae: you can see the „knobs“ on the surface of the cristae –

Cristea further unlarged: double membrane with „knobs“ = the K⁺-ATPase/ATPsynthase – not in line, very dense packed → directly neighbored – physically in contact!

Methods employed: all methods possible on mitochondria, ^① particles, complex I-V, F_1 , incl.

Materials: rat liver mitochondria, beef heart mitochondria

Methods: • electron microscopy

- O_2 /RCR - Clark electrode
 - K^+ (Na^+) /ion movements - turbidity change / swelling exp. - 750nm
 - K^+ - transport - Beckmann K^+ - electrode (Kiehl; Hanstein)
 - Ca^{2+} - transport - atomic absorption / RCR - turbidity changes
 - Phosphate - transport - $^{33}P_i / P_i$
 - DNP - transport - $[^{14}C]$ DNP, binding (Kiehl)
 - NPA - transport / binding - $[^3H]$ NPA, competition exp. (Hanstein)
 - pH - jump / ΔpH - pH-electrode (P. Mitchell, incl.)
 - Picrate uptake / binding (Hanstein, Kiehl, BBR (1981))
 - Glutathione - (Ellmann 6, 1959; Tietze 7, 1969) (Kiehl)
 - Nucleotides / phosphate / ATPase - } (Kiehl, Schürmann, Hanstein, Biochem (Life Sci. Adv.) 1988, ultra fast)
 - $\Delta \psi$ - $[^{14}C]$ thiocyanate (SMP)
 - ΔpH - $[^{14}C]$ methylamine (SMP)
 - $\Delta \psi$ - DiS-C₃-(5) fluorescence - 667nm / exc. 622nm (mito)
 - ΔpH - 4-methylumbelliferone (4-MU) fluorescence - 450nm / exc. 356nm (mito)
 - $\Delta \psi$ - oxonol VI - absorbance increase - 630nm - 602nm,
 - ΔpH - 9-amino-6-chloro-2-methoxyacridine (ACMA) - 480nm / exc. 410nm,
- SMP and CV; conformational changes / ion channel: CV, F_1

(II.)

→ to methods:

----- $\Delta\psi$, ΔoxVI ; ΔpH , ACMA - SMP, CV, F_1 plus
change of conformation on K^+ , Na^+ , Nucleotides - appl.

(Kiehl, Hanstein, Vect. reactions on... 1981;

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- NTU, [^{14}C]NTU and [^{35}S]NTU - sulfonyl group reagent/
lipophilic membrane probes
- NSPM, [^{14}C]NSPM - thiol group reagent/lipophilic
membrane probes
- DCCD, [^{14}C]DCCD - carboxyl group reagent/lipophilic
membrane probes
- Picrylacetate (PA), [^3H]PA - membrane probes
- • • NTU, NSPM, DCCD, PA - probes for conformational changes,
incl.

Kiehl, Hatefi, Biochemistry 19, 1980;

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- • PAGE, pH 5.0, \pm DTE, and others,
2D • PAGE / proteomics; coop.: Hatefi,
D. Fayle (Australia), Hanstein (1977 - now)
- spez. extraction of radioactive trapped products / tlc -
amino acid analysis, incl.

Now some examples/a selection of results -

The distribution of some ions between plasma, cytosol and mitochondria:

Sodium- und potassium-gradients between plasma/ cytosol and mitochondria –

Table III. Distribution of various ions between plasma, cytosol, and mitochondria

Ion	Plasma/mM ^{a)}	Cytosol/mM ^{b)}	Mitochondria/mM ^{b)}
Na	150	10	< 0,1 - 10 ^{d)}
K	5	175	< 2 - 175
Mg	2	10 ^{c)}	> 10 ^{e)}
Ca	1 - 2	1 - 10 μ M	< 2 - > 30
P _i	1 - 2	5 - 10	< 2 - > 30
Cl	110	3	nd
SO ₄	0.5	10	nd
ADP	<< 0.1	0,7	6-8
ATP	<< 0.1	4,0	5-7
Glutathione red.	< 0.1	1- 10 ^{f)}	< 0.1 - 10
Glutathione ox.	nd	0,5	< 0.4 - > 2.1

a) clinic values. b) clinic values; own values; Elbers et al (1974) Hoppe-Seyler's Z. Physiol. Chemie 355: 378-393; Klingenberg and Heldt (1982) in Metabolic Compartmentation, Sies, Ed., Acad. Press, London, 101-122; Wahlländer et al (1979) FEBS Letters 97: 138-140. c) free plus bound. d) in the presence of K⁺ as calculated from the K⁺ values; the natural Na-reservoir in the cell is the nucleus. e) above ATP conc. f) Meister and Anderson (1983) Am Rev Biochem 52: 711-760.

^{14}C -DNP-accumulation in the presence of NSPM → inhibition by the lipophilic thiol reagent:

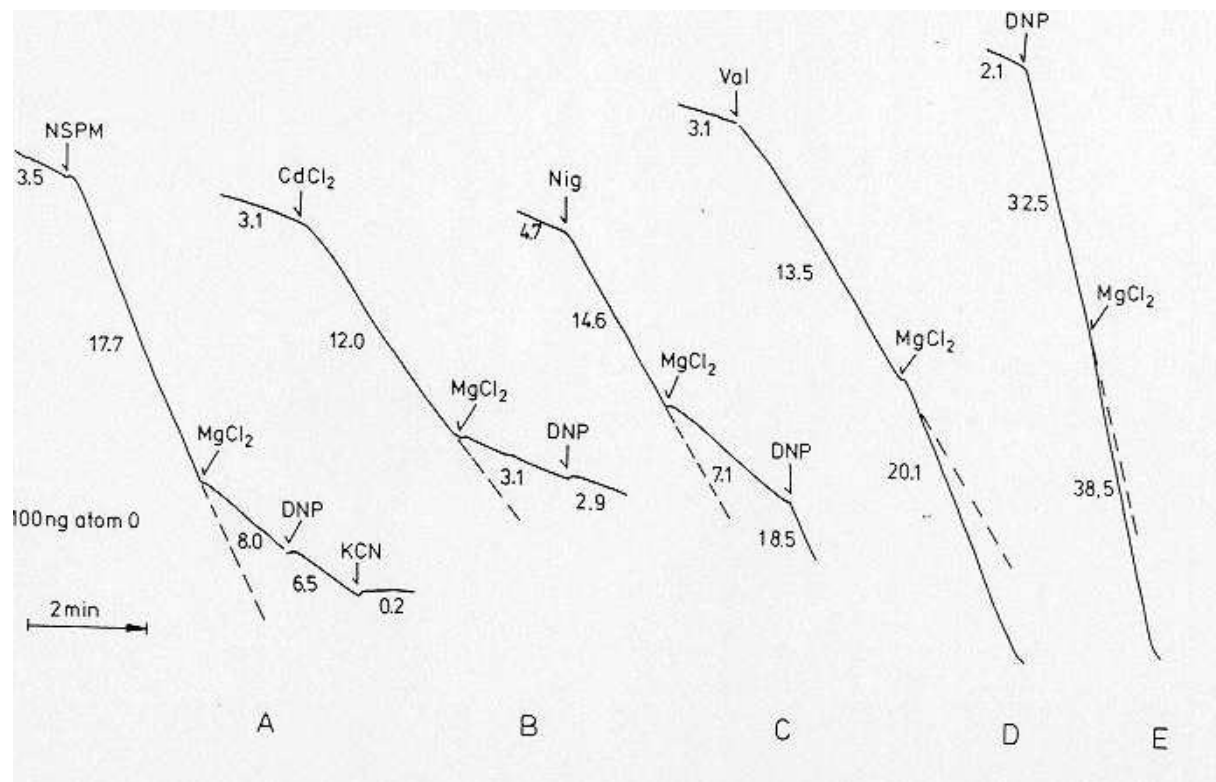
^{14}C -DNP-accumulation in the presence of NSPM

Conditions	^{14}C -DNP, Pellet nmol/mg	Accumulation nmol/mg %
95 μM 14C-DNP	13.30 ± 0.33 (3)	6.63 100
95 μM 14C-DNP, + 223 nmoles Triton X 100/mg ^{a)}	6.67 ± 0.10 (3)	0 0
95 μM 14C-DNP, + 20 nmoles NSPM/mg	8.75 ± 0.15 (3)	2.08 31.4
20 nmoles NSPM/mg, + 95 μM ^{14}C -DNP	11.60 ± 0.10 (3)	4.93 74.4

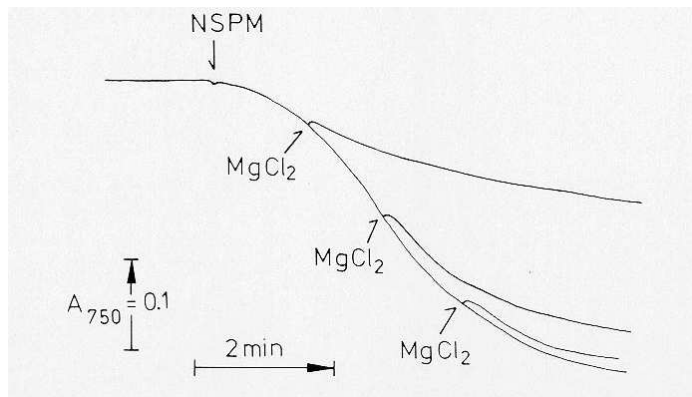
a) amount of Triton resulting in uncoupling; inhibition of RCR at 90 nmoles/mg

Effect of various uncouplers on the coupled respiration of rat liver mitochondria:

- Inhibition of the NSPM-, Cd^{2+} -, Nigericin-stimulation by Mg^{2+}
- Further stimulation of valinomycin- and DNP-stimulation by Mg^{2+} :

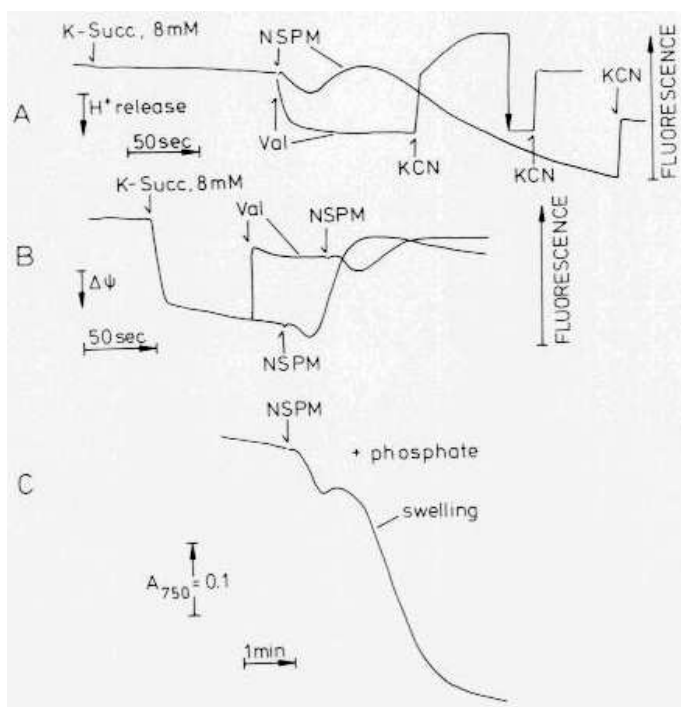


In correlation: inhibition of NSPM induced mitochondrial swelling (turbidity change = ion movement) by Mg^{2+} :



and

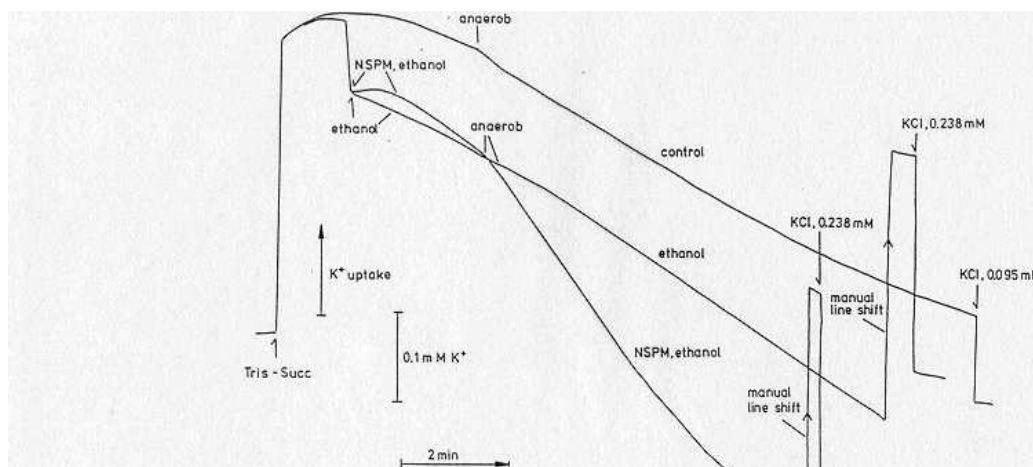
pH-gradient (4-MU), membrane potential (DiS-C₃-(S)) and swelling (turbidity change) of mitochondria in the presence of NSPM or valinomycin:



A) proton release

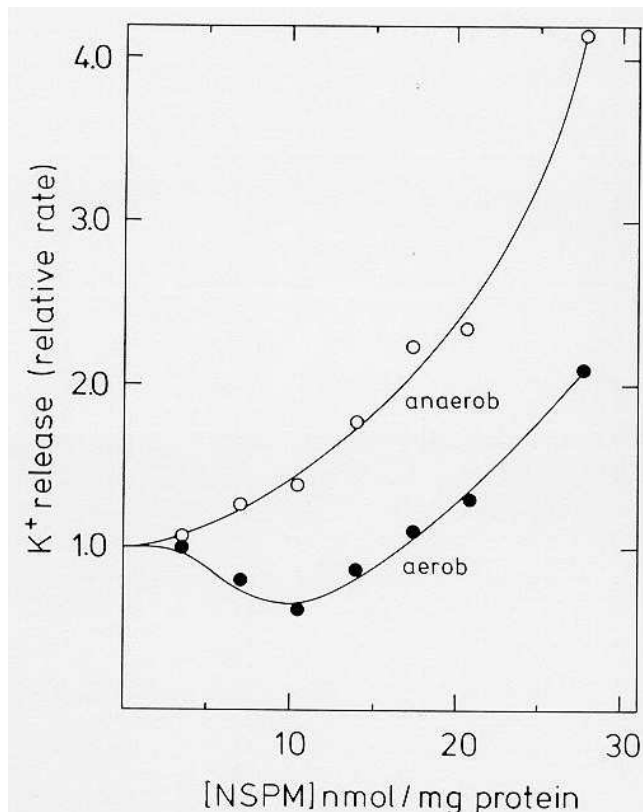
A) + B) potassium cycling across the K⁺/H⁺-exchange system induced by succinate oxidation and the activated K⁺-ATPase

C) in correlation: swelling – water uptake → oscillations by the counter-movement of ions



Reaction medium containing 0.22 M mannitol, 70 mM sucrose, 2 mM K-hepes, pH 7.4, 14.4 mg mitochondria, 10 μM rotenone, energization with 2 mM tris-succinate (Tris-Succ). Additions: 21 nmoles NSPM/mg protein with 1.4 % ethanol, 1.4 % ethanol. Anaerobiosis at the break of the release curve as calculated from oxygen uptake measurements.

Typical curves out of K⁺-transport-measurements with a K⁺-Beckmann-electrode +/- NSPM

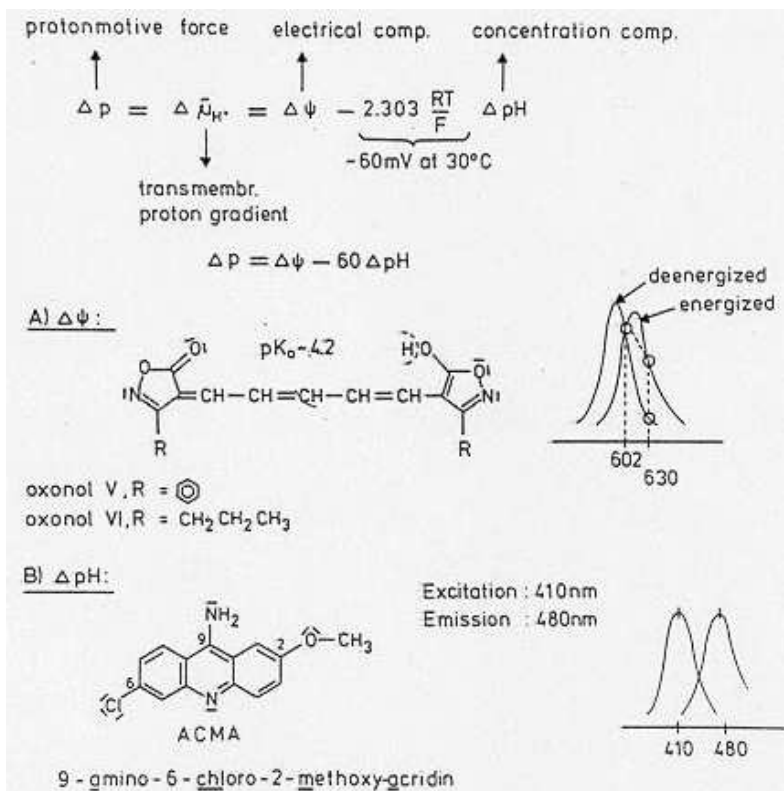


Summation of the results obtained with the K^+ -Beckmann-electrode:

Potassium release in the presence of NSPM ($-P_i$) +/- O_2 = aerob/anaerob

= uptake/release \rightarrow balance

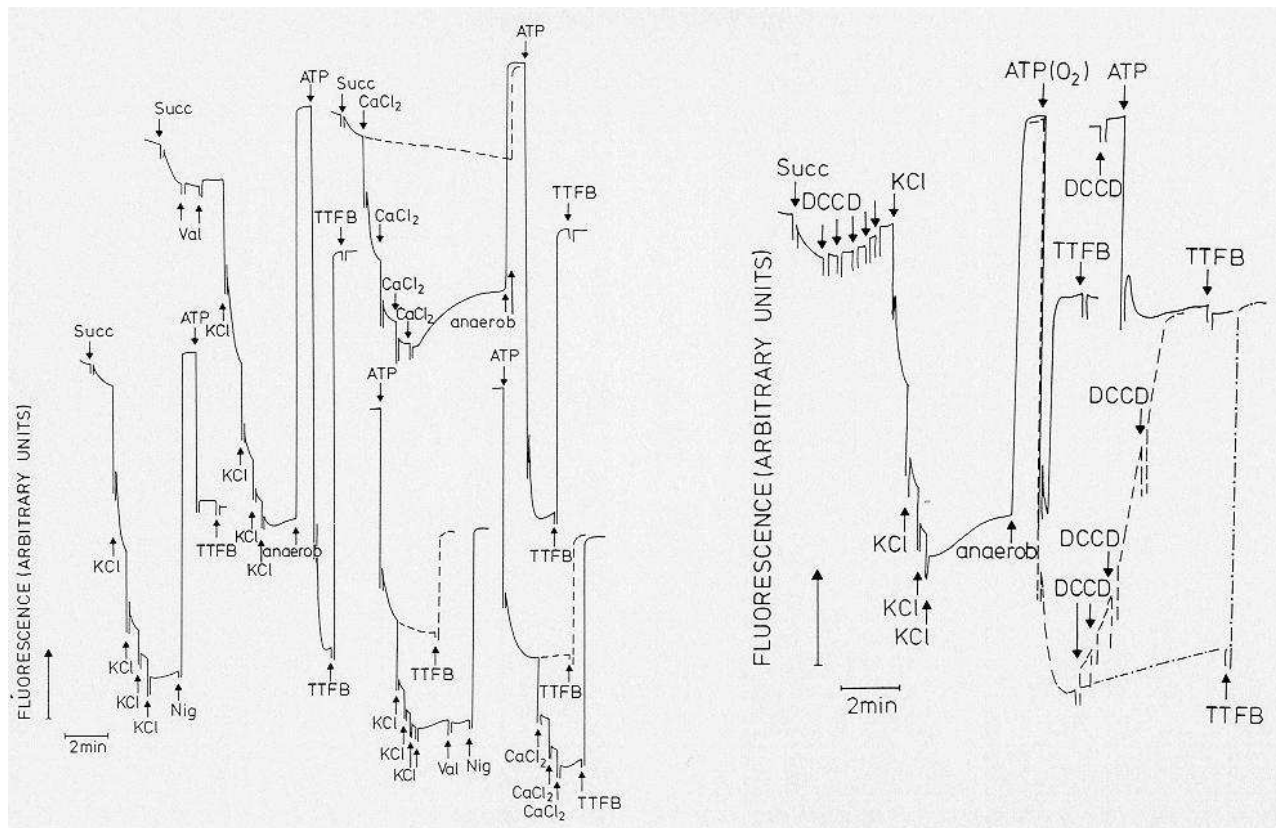
Two probes used for measurements on SMP, CV, F_1 :



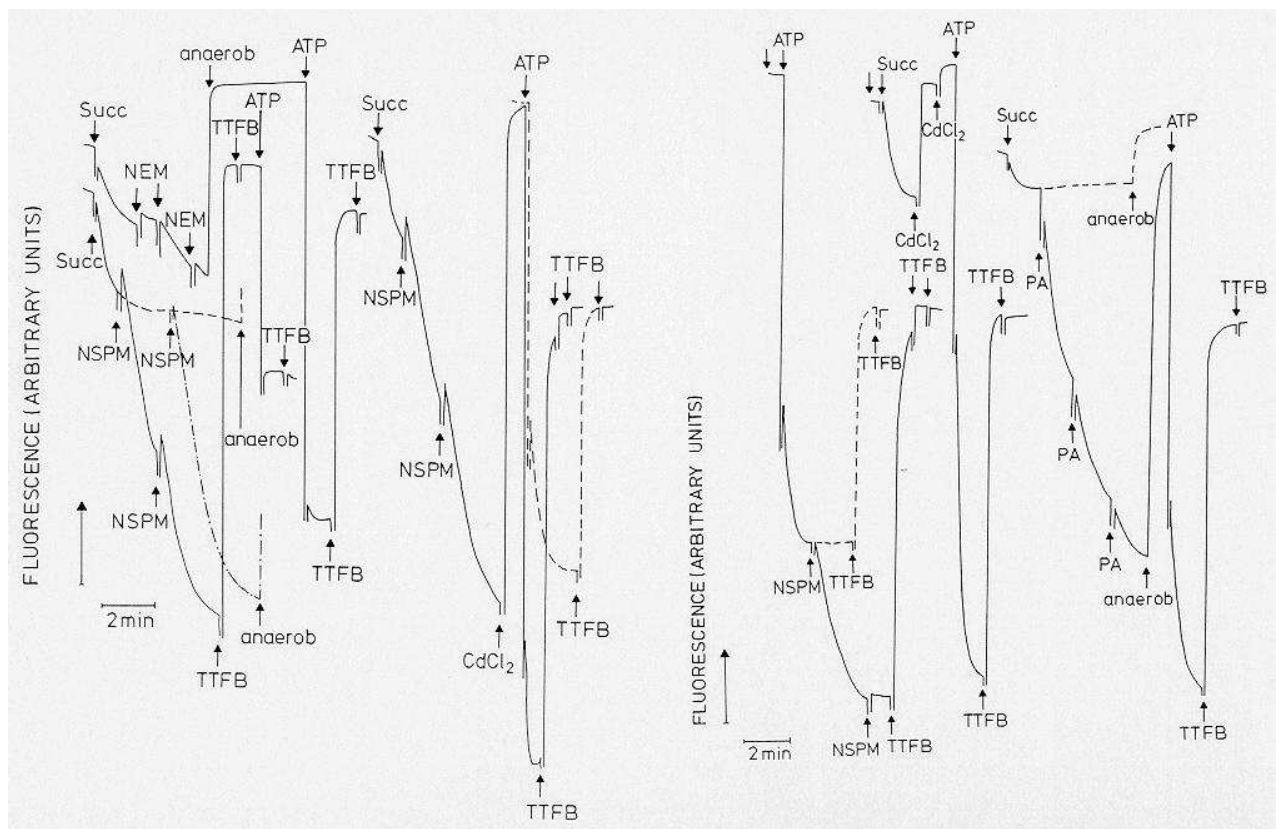
a) oxonol VI for effects on $\Delta \phi$ /conformation-
on energization shift of
absorption from 602 to 630 nm

b) ACMA for ΔpH -changes-
on energization fluorescence
change from 410 to 480 nm

Some measurements using the energy dep. fluorescence quenching of ACMA in SMP:

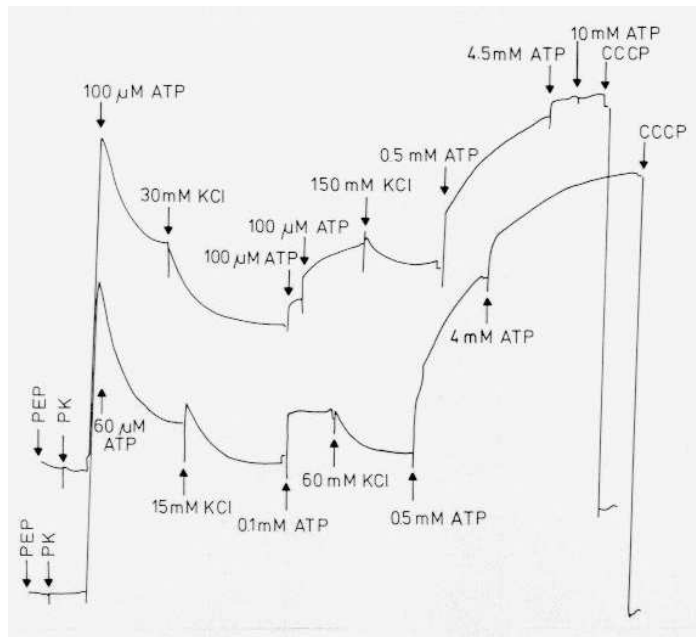


Effects of K^+ , Ca^{2+} (chlorids) and Nig/Val/TTFB: K^+ and Ca^{2+} show effects related to their osmotic activity relations = law of physics (osmotic activities)



.....of NSPM (similar to K^+ , Ca^{2+}), Cd^{2+} , NEM (without effect)...

ATP-dependent shift /response of oxonol VI in complex V with an ATP regenerating system:

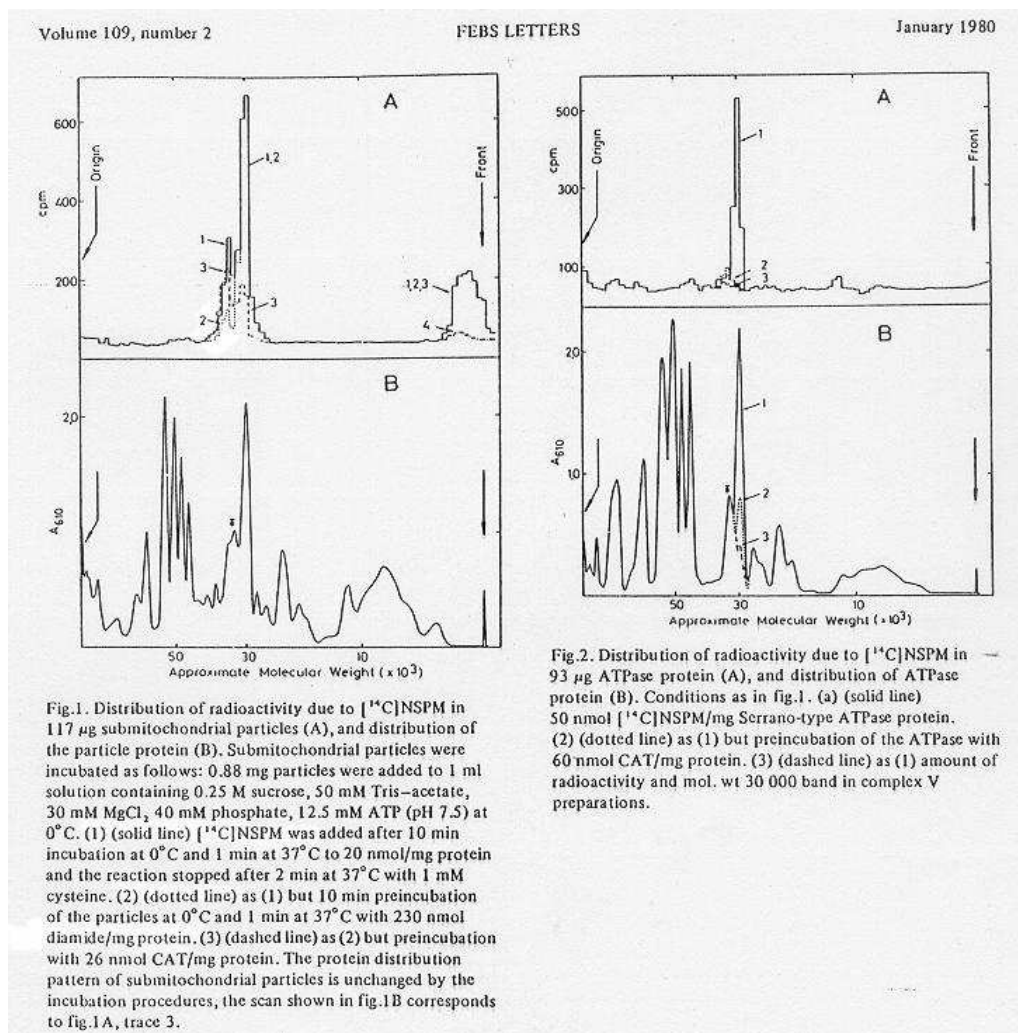


Effect of K^+ and ATP –

detection of conformational changes in CV (complex V):

ATP-dependent shift/response of OxVI in complex V using PEP/PK as ATP regenerating system

Labeling of SMP by [14 C]-NSPM in the presence of Diamide or CAT (=proteomics):



Summation of some measurements on the ATPase:

- neg.cooperativity in DCCD-binding
 - extrem neg.cooperativity in K^+ -binding/transport (3.EBEC)...

mit K^+ ATPase /ATPSynthase (mit $F_0F_1 = CV$) - stoichiometry

Mitochondria (SMP)	binding, nmoles/mg
^{14}C -DCCD, proteolipid	2.1 - 2.25
3H -Picrylacetate, proteolipid, 30 kDa	{ 0.4 - 0.6 (0.3 - 0.34) 2.1 - 2.2 (mean)
^{14}C -NSPM, 30 kDa + P_i -carrier	2.1 - 2.25 (max)
3H -NPA, 30 kDa	0.56 ± 0.13
3H -NEM, 30 kDa - P_i -carrier	0.45
Glutathione, P_i -sensitive	0.44 ± 0.14
Glutathione [30 kDa]	2.2 (+ >1 free)

mit F_0F_1 (Complex V)

	^{14}C -DCCD proteolipid/cv	Inhibition $ATP \leftarrow P_i$	ATPase
	1	100	<10
	2	(100)	100
	4	(100)	(100)
+ Diamide	2	0	0
+ CCCP (H^+)	3 (2.5)	100	<10
+ Val (K^+)	2	100	0
+ Rotamycin	2	100	100
+ Venturicidin	0	100	(68)

Complex V (in F_0F_1)	exchange, % ATP	Hydrolysis, % ATP	$O \times V_i$
ATP, 5 mM	100	100	100
GTP, 5 mM	< 10	150	50
GTP, 5 mM	< 5		50
UTP, 5 mM	~ 0		25
ATP, 160 μ M			50
AMP-PNP, 50 μ M, ATP, 5 mM	135	~ 50	50
DCCD	~ 60	100	0

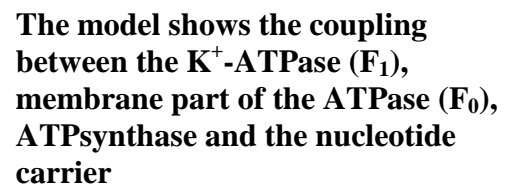
4 DCCD / 1 F_0F_1

2 DCCD / 1 ATP hydrolyzed $2H^+_{O \rightarrow i} / 1 ATP_i$ synthesized

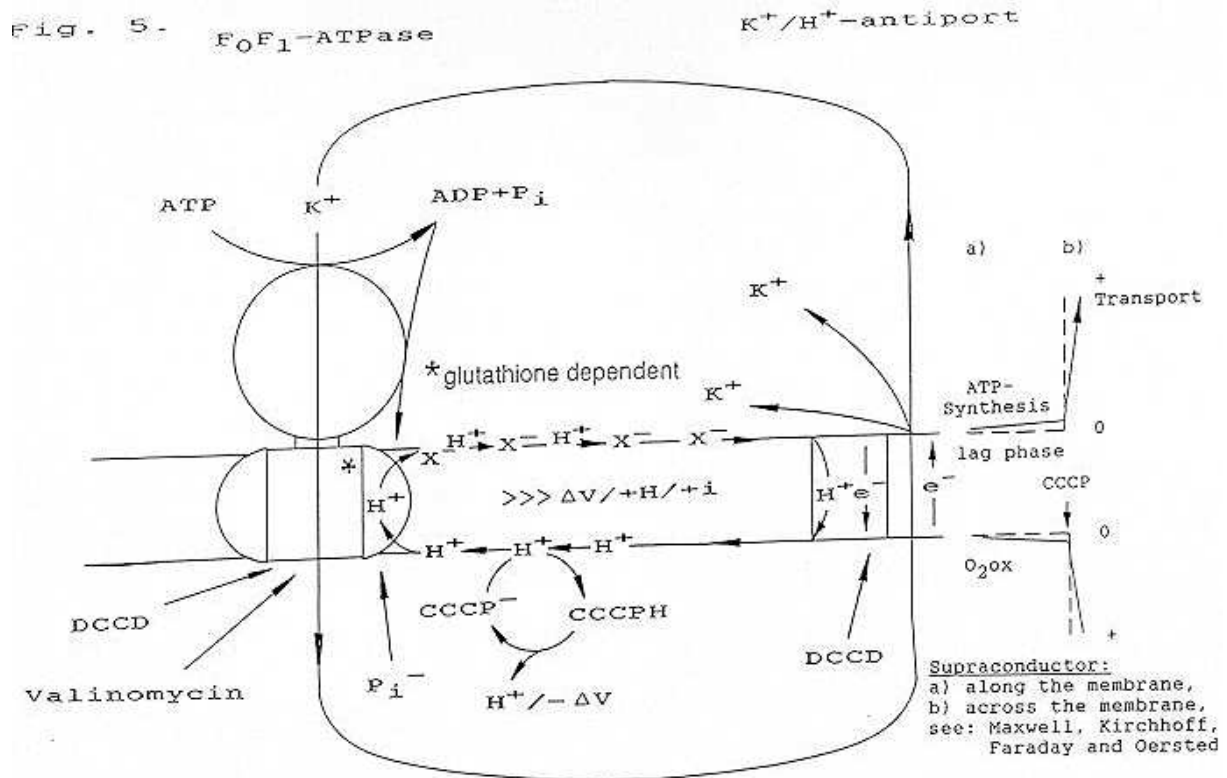
1 DCCD / $ATP \leftrightarrow P_i$ exchanged

- neg. cooperativity · DCCD-binding (glu/asp) -

extreme neg.cooperat. in K^+ -binding/transport
3.EBEC, 323-324 (1984)

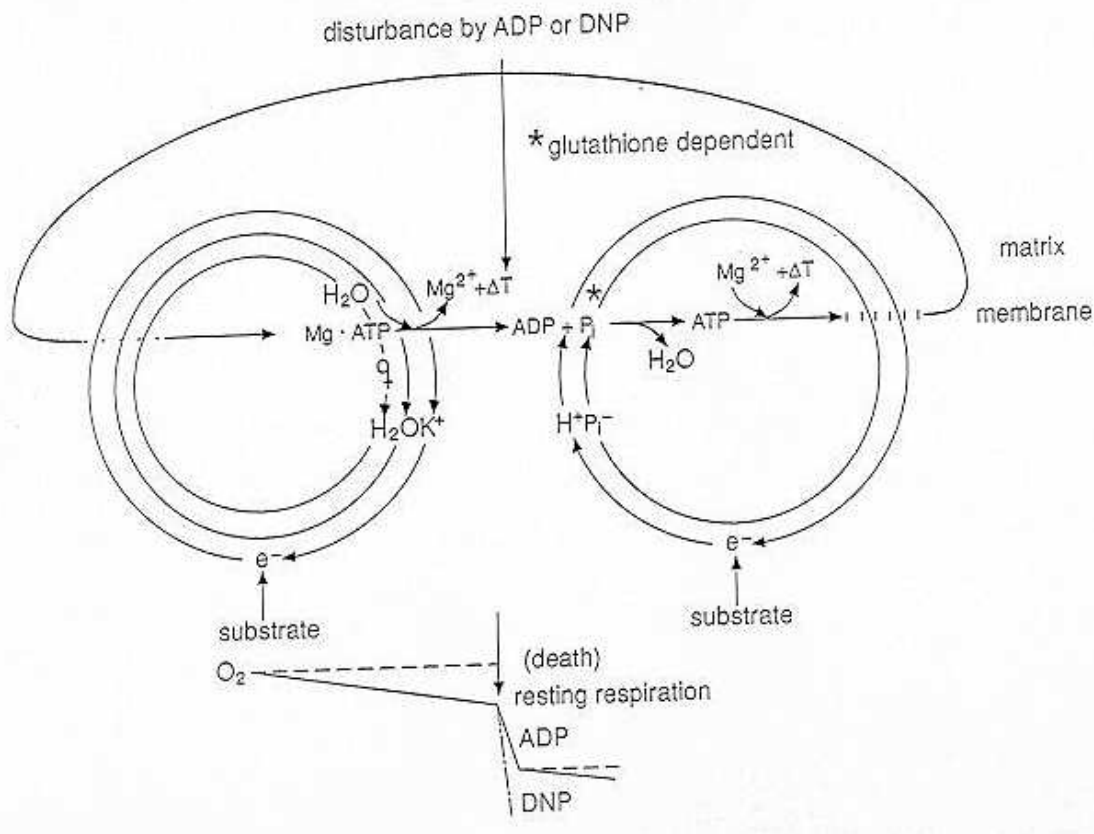
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Coupling between the K^+ -ATPase and the K^+/H^+ -antiport system: sensitivity of voltage/field/ current to for instance CCCP: → on mitochondria from the outside...

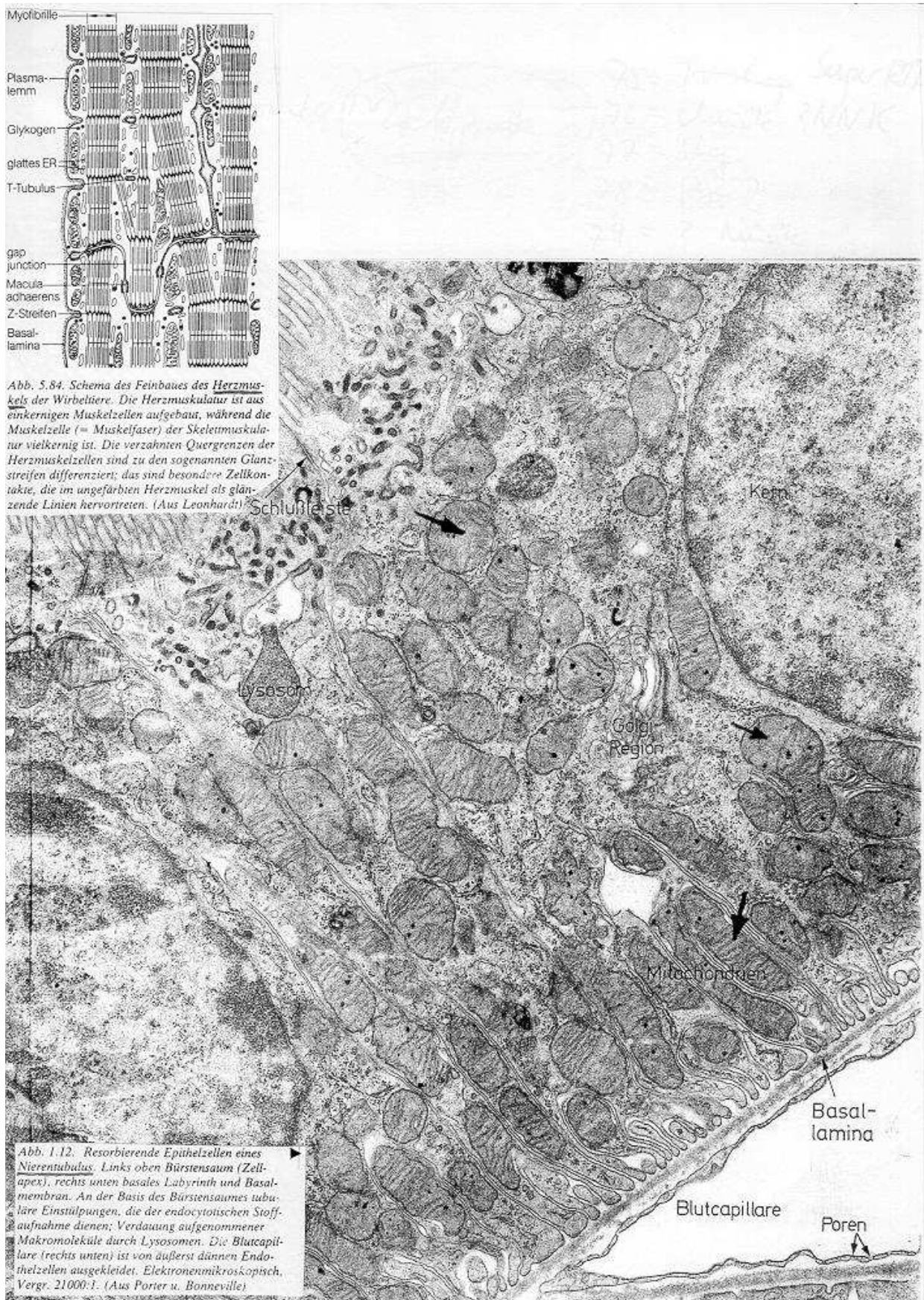


lag phase for synthesis of ATP or O_2 oxidation
depending on the concentrations of ADP or P_i present

Thermoregulation by mitochondria: heat exchange by the water pump/K-ATPase



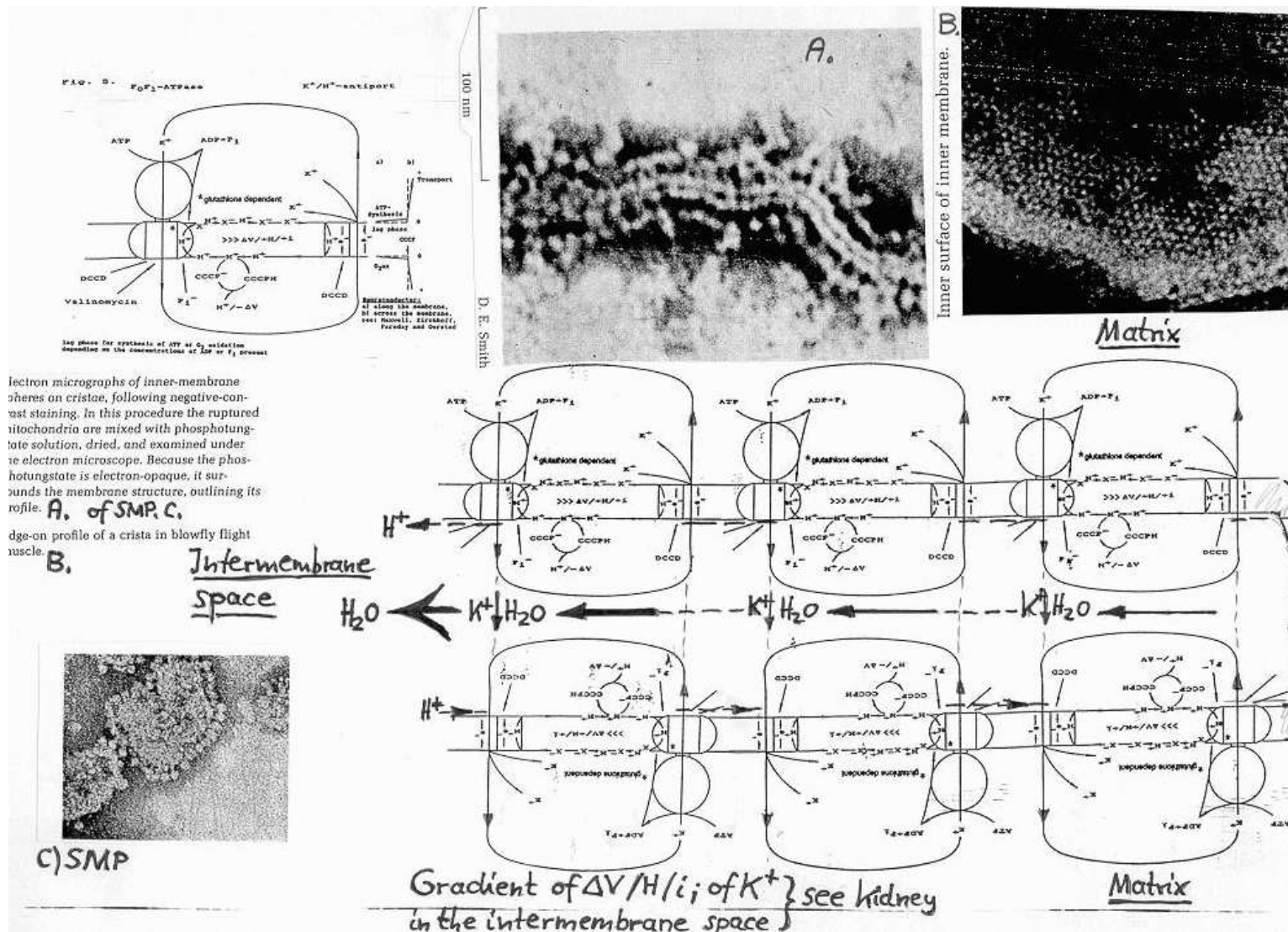
The kidney again: cristae oriented along/parallel to the basal lamina – heart muscle cells parallel to the muscles:



Summation of the results on these cristae:

Gradient of voltage, magnetic field, current and K^+ (and temperature) between and in the intermembrane space:

the result: ...pumping of water and heat out of this space...



I hope this overview gives you an impression of the complexity of the mitochondrial thermodynamics and electrophysiology and its involvement in the proper functions of the human body.

To this matter, see also the lecture given at the 23.Jahrest.DGZ 1999, 14.-18.3,Rostock, Eur.J.Cell.Biol.78 (Suppl.49), p.89, P 247 and the GBM-Tagung on BioMembranes, 8.-10.April 1999, Jena, Abstract at the end and at www.rki-i.com .



247 CNS / Psyche - Blood / Immune system / Cells - Acupuncture / Drugs - Electrophysiology and Thermodynamics: The redox potential / electron transfer is responsible for stress protein or O_2^- - synthesis / transport and proliferation
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