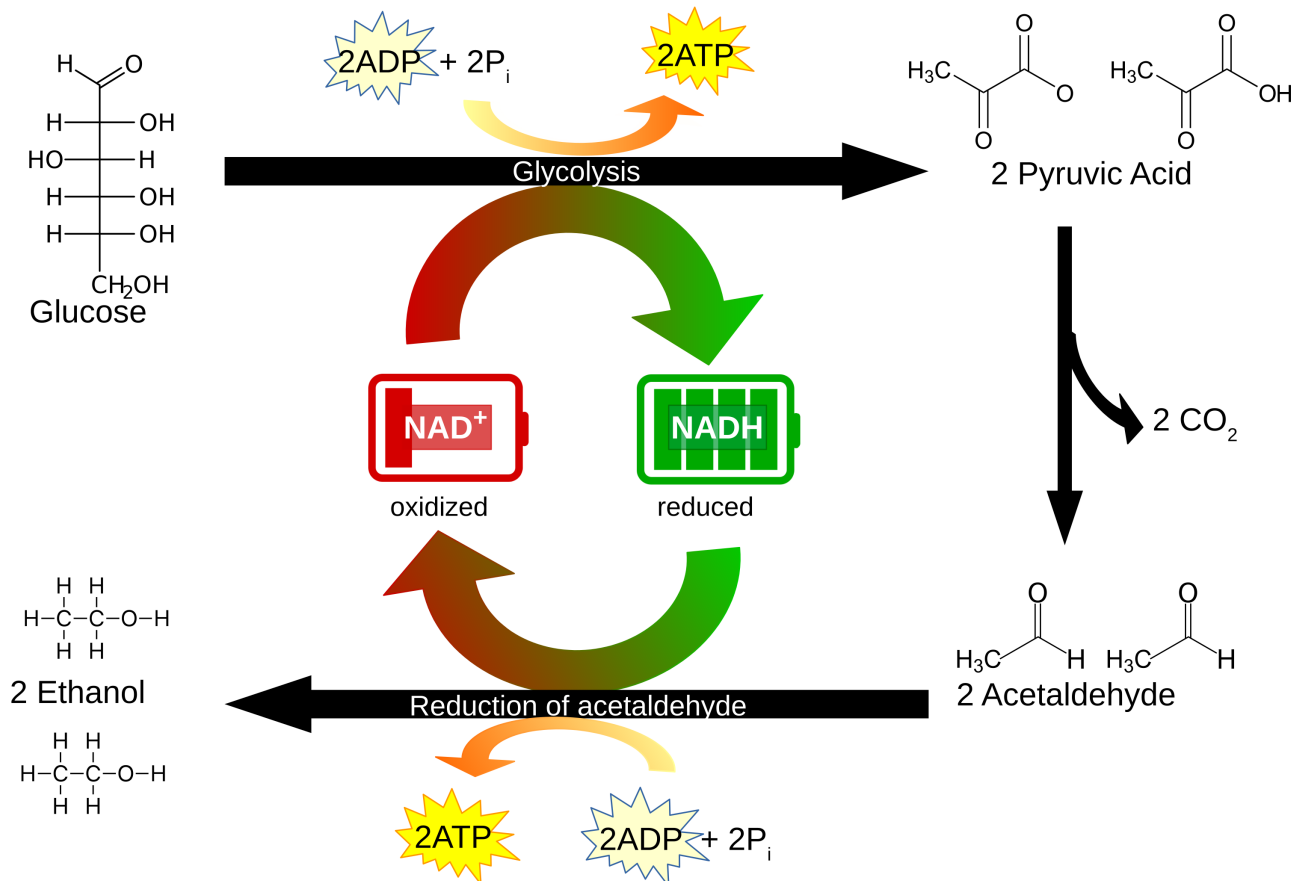


Yeast are single-celled fungi. The species called *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is commonly called Baker's or Brewer's yeast. Like other eukaryotes with mitochondria, yeast can use oxygen to generate ATP in the process of **oxidative phosphorylation**. These yeast are **facultative aerobes** which means they can also switch to an anaerobic mechanism of ATP production called fermentation. In all organisms, the process of glycolysis occurs anaerobically in the cytoplasm to produce two pyruvate molecules from a single glucose. This process produces 2 new ATP molecules and reduced nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NADH).

**Fermentation** is an anaerobic process that occurs in the cytoplasm and quickly generates an additional ATP through the reduction of pyruvate. NADH is the source of electrons in this process that is oxidized to  $\text{NAD}^+$ . Many organisms will ferment to generate lactic acid and  $\text{CO}_2$  from the pyruvate in order to generate ATP. Yeast fermentation produces **ethanol**.



## Ethanol Fermentation



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## Fermentation Set-up

1. Mix the solutions in the table below in a fermentation tube
2. Eliminate the air bubble in the sealed end of the fermentation tube
3. Place rubber stopper into the open end of the fermentation tube and place at the appropriate temperature for an hour



4. Predict the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> generated in the last column of the table using +, - or +++  
◦ after an hour, measure the head space created by the bubbles and compare with your predictions

TUBE	YEAST	SUGAR	ADDITIVE	TEMP.	Predicted CO <sub>2</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> generation
1	10 ml	None	20 ml H <sub>2</sub> O	25°C		
2	10 ml	10 ml glucose	10 ml H <sub>2</sub> O	25°C		
3	10 ml	10 ml glucose	10 ml H <sub>2</sub> O	37°C		
4	10 ml	10 ml lactose	10 ml H <sub>2</sub> O	37°C		
5	10 ml	10 ml sucrose	10 ml H <sub>2</sub> O	37°C		
6	10 ml	10 ml maltose	10 ml H <sub>2</sub> O	37°C		
7	10 ml	10 ml glucose	10 ml 0.1M MgSO <sub>4</sub>	37°C		
8	10 ml	10 ml glucose	10 ml 0.1 M NaF	37°C		
9	10 ml	10 ml lactose	10 ml H <sub>2</sub> O + Lactase	37°C		

## Questions to direct hypothesis formation

1. What is the preferred energy source of the all cells?
2. What types of sugars are being used in each tube (monosaccharide, disaccharide, etc)?
3. What effect should temperature have on the fermentation reactions?
4. What does CO<sub>2</sub> indicate in these tubes?
5. What do you think the additives do? What effect will they have?

## Yeast Fermentation Lab Demo