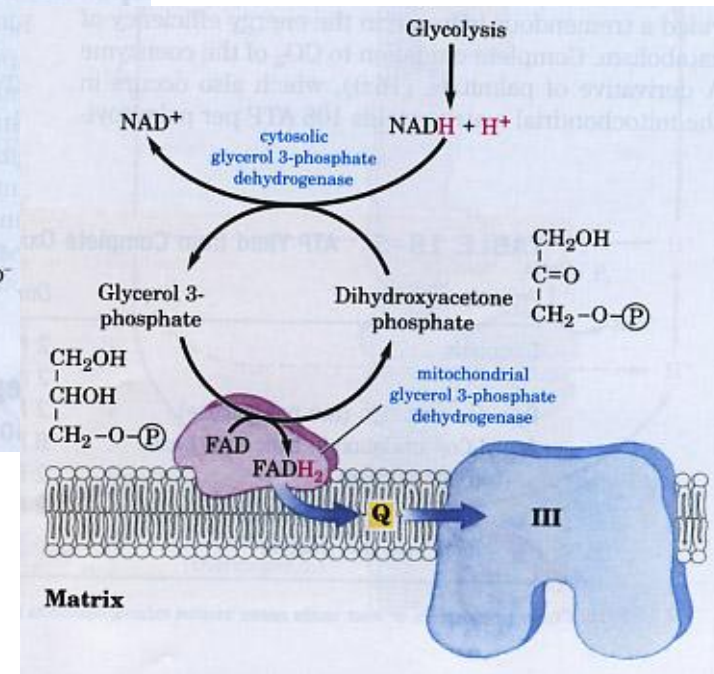
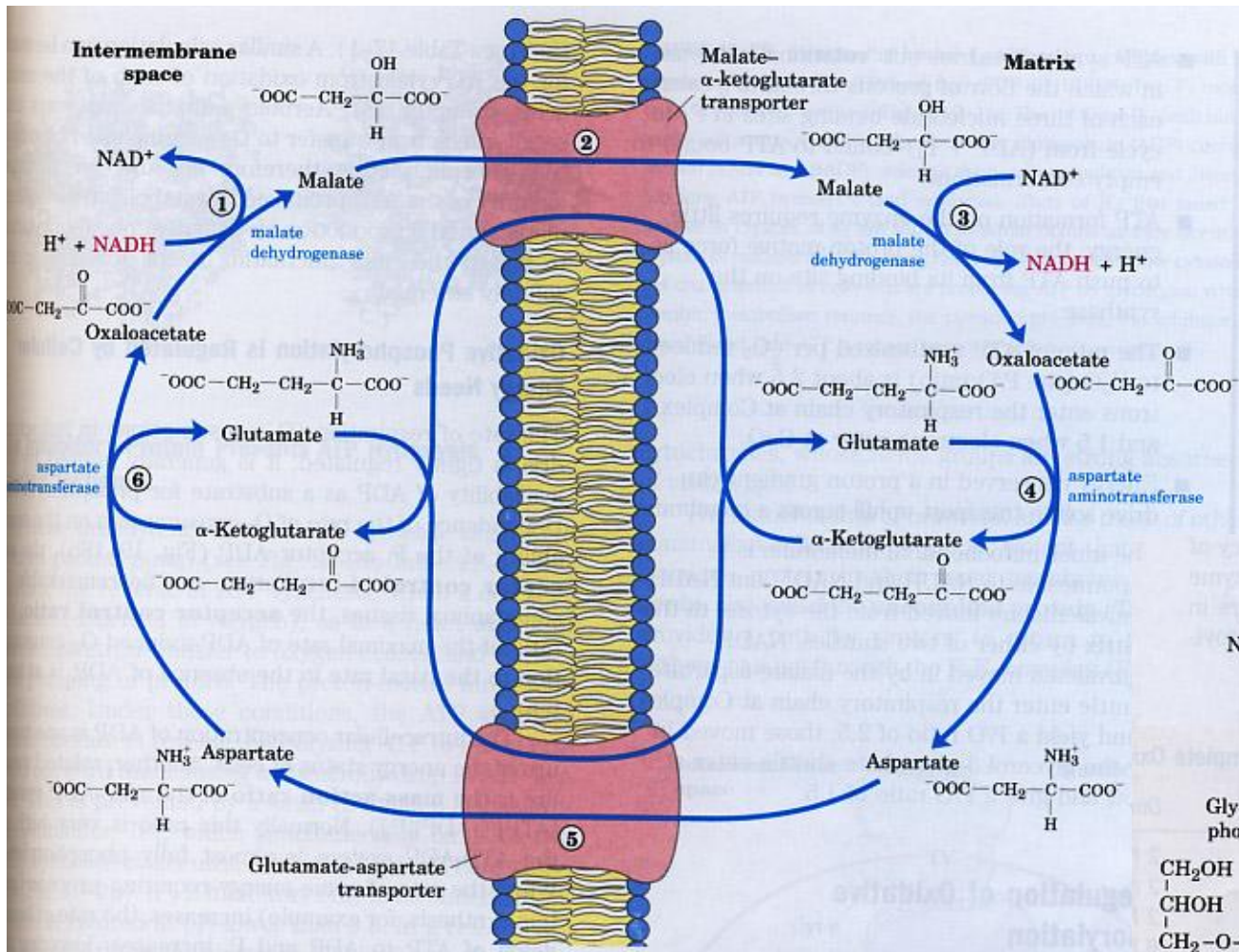


# The transport of the cytosolic NADH into the mitochondria



## Source of energy

**Phototroph:** an organism that obtains energy from sunlight for the synthesis of organic compounds (they convert the solar energy to chemical one)

**Chemotroph:** an organism that cannot harvest and convert the solar energy, instead of it take up organic compounds and oxydize them to gain energy.

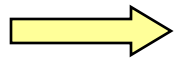
## Source of carbon

**Autotroph:** An organism capable of synthesizing its own food from inorganic substances, using light or chemical energy. Green plants, algae, and certain bacteria are autotrophs.

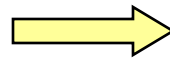
**Heterotroph:** An organism that cannot synthesize its own food and is dependent on complex organic substances for nutrition.



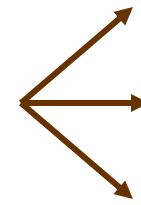
**Solar energy**



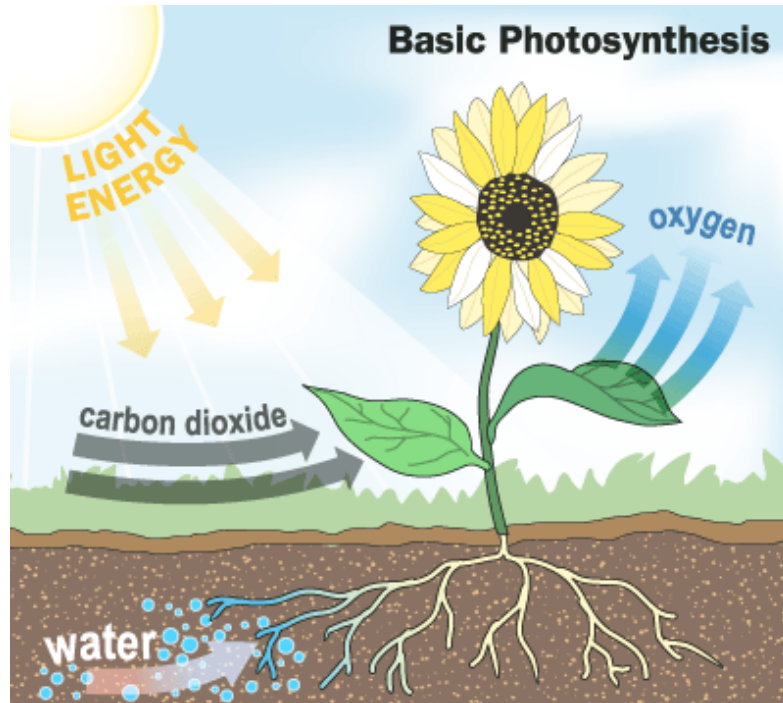
**Photosynthesis**



**Chemical energy**



**Contraction**  
**Transport**  
**Biosynthesis**



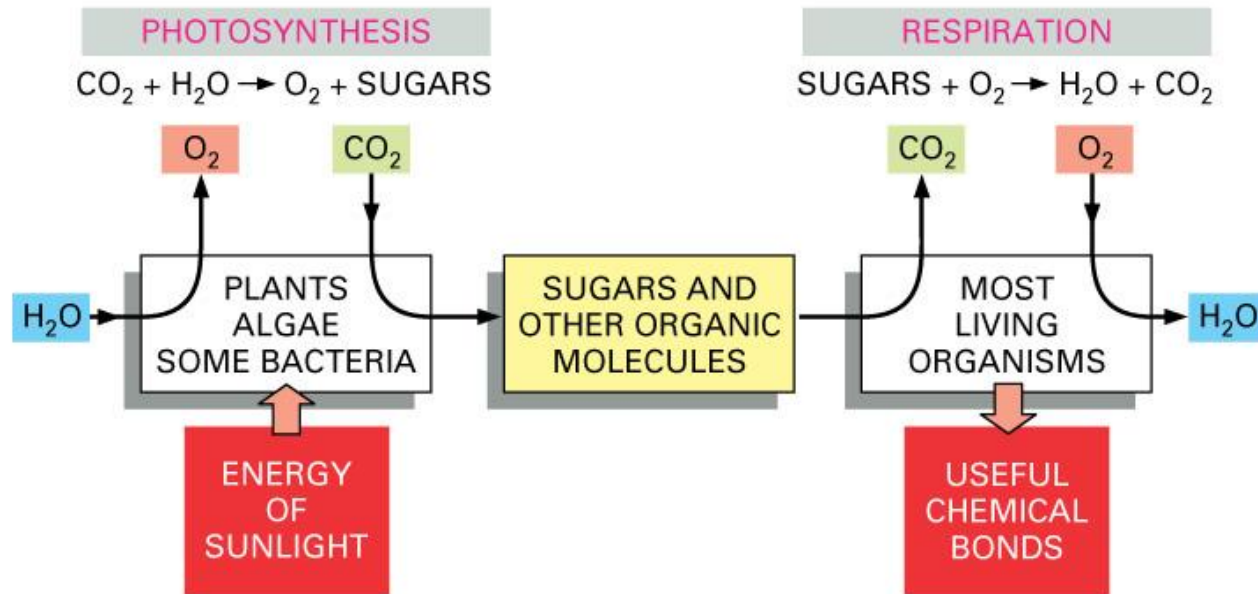
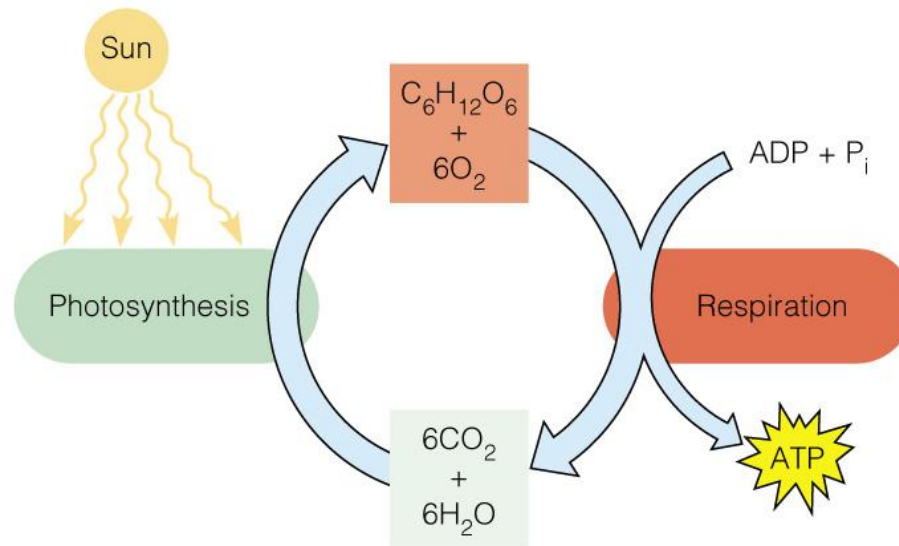


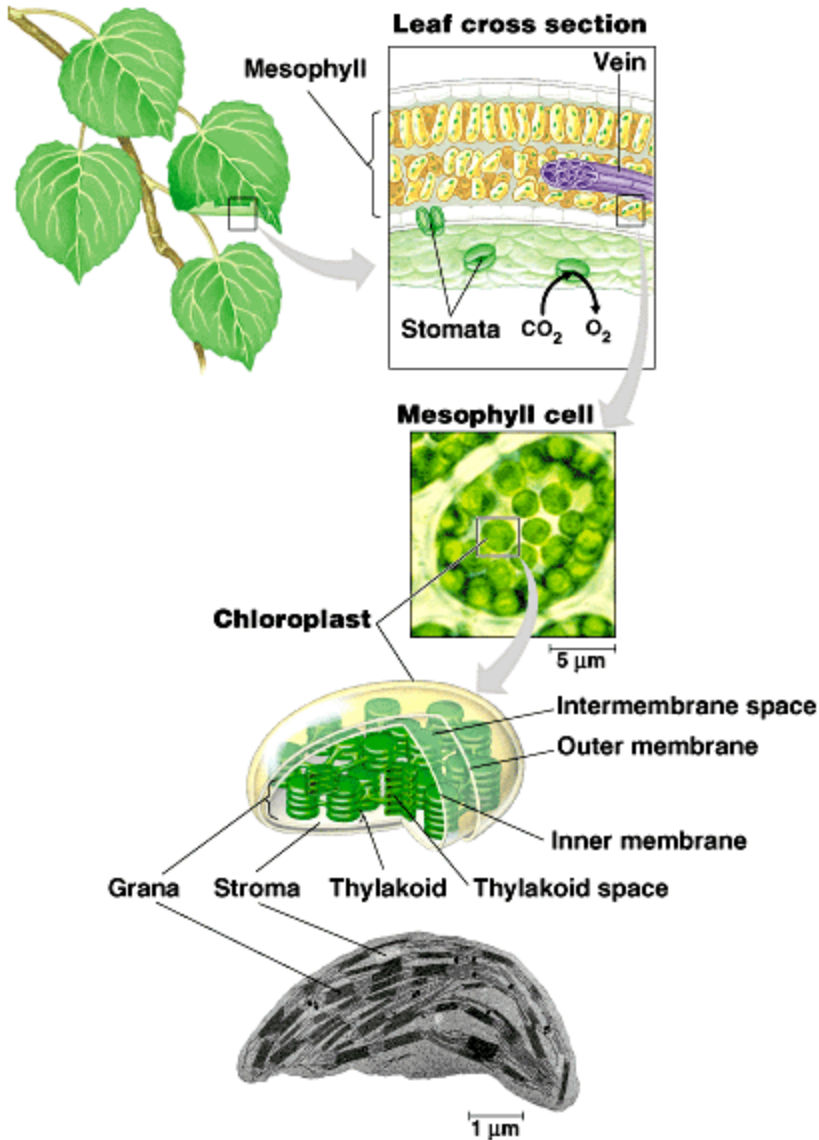
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# The recycling of carbon in the biosphere



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# The location of photosynthesis: chloroplast

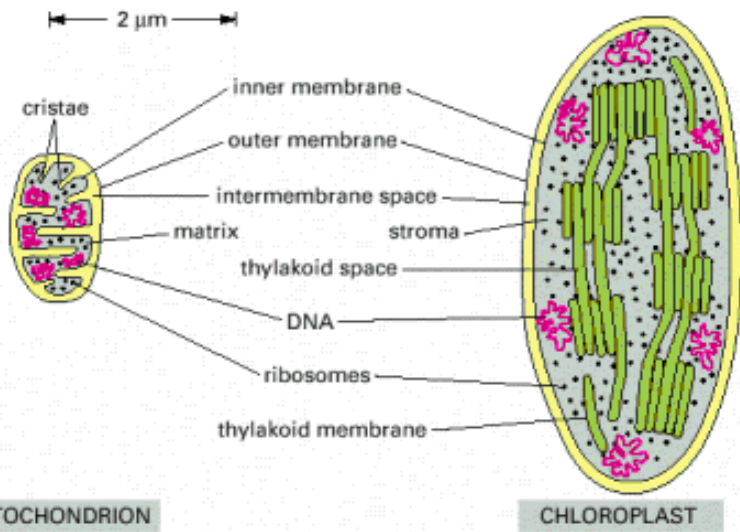


The cell organelle of plants algae

It belongs to the family of plastids

- small circular genome

- double membrane

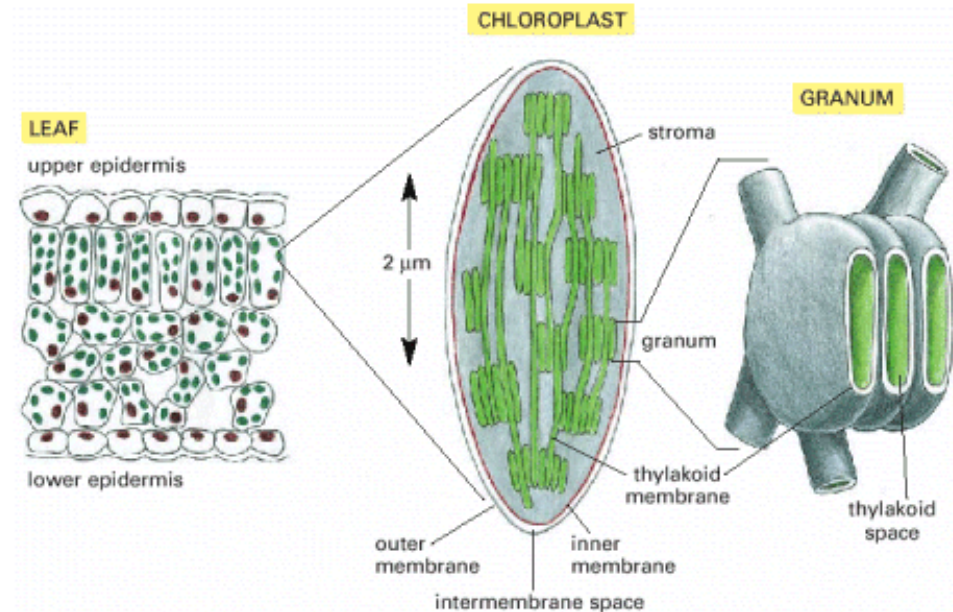


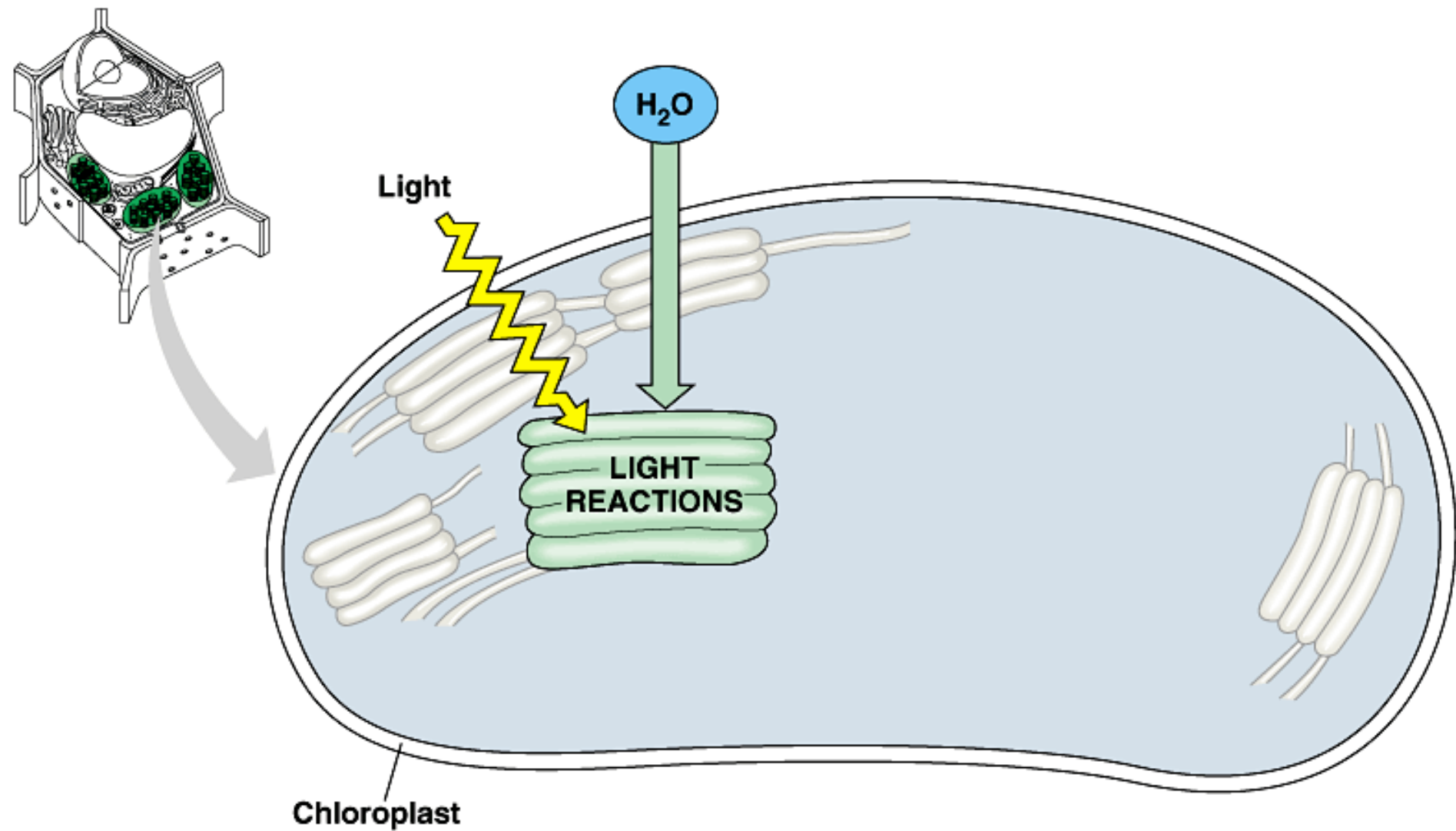
## Shared features with the mitochondrion

1. Permeable outer membrane
2. Non-permeable inner membrane with transport proteins
3. Intermembrane space between the two membranes
4. They have their own genome

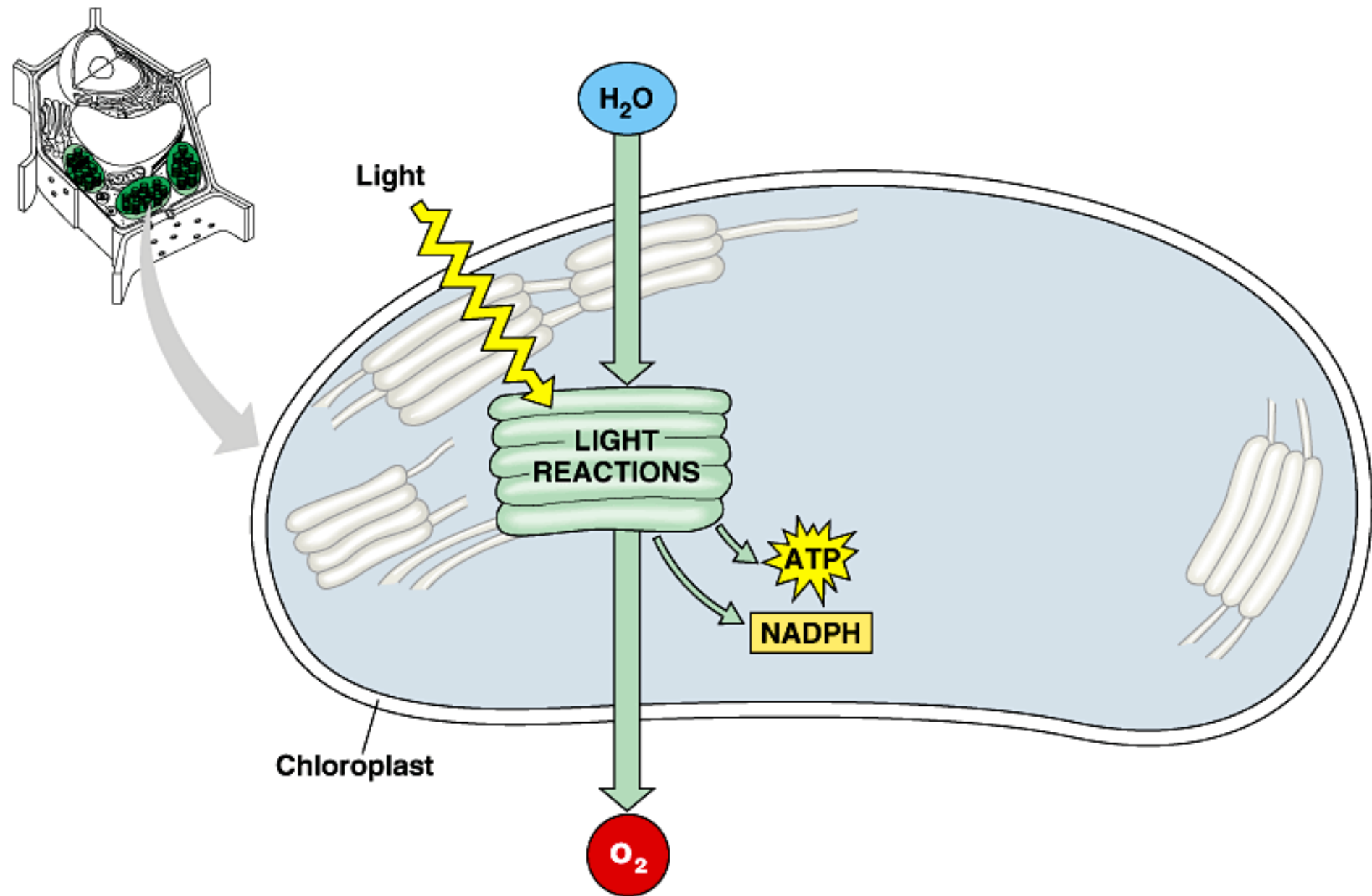
## Differences:

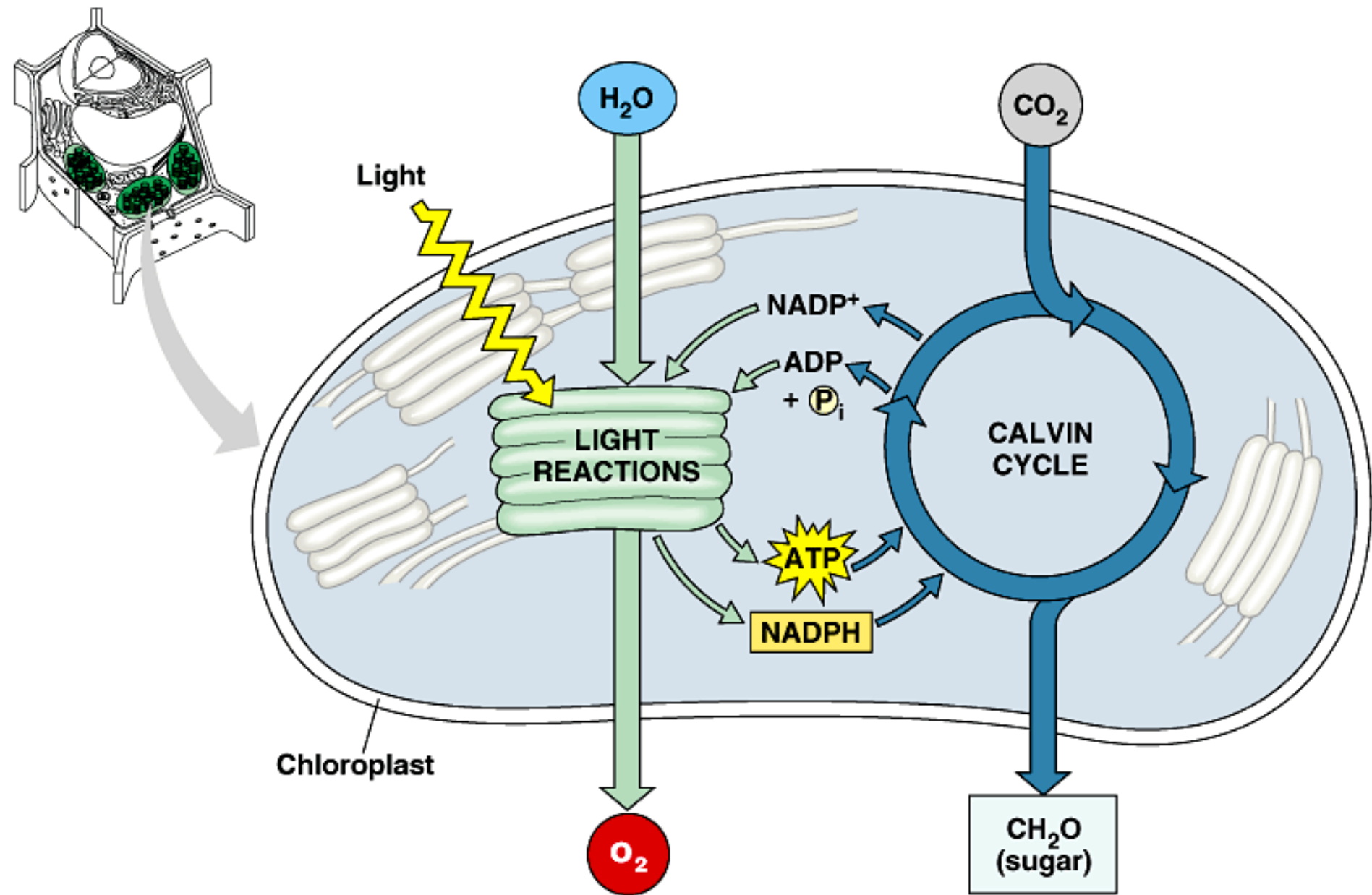
1. There are no cristae in the inner chloroplastic membrane
2. There is no electron transport chain in the inner chloroplastic membrane
3. There is a third membrane structure (thylakoid)
4. The electron transport chain and the light harvesting system can be found in the thylakoid membrane



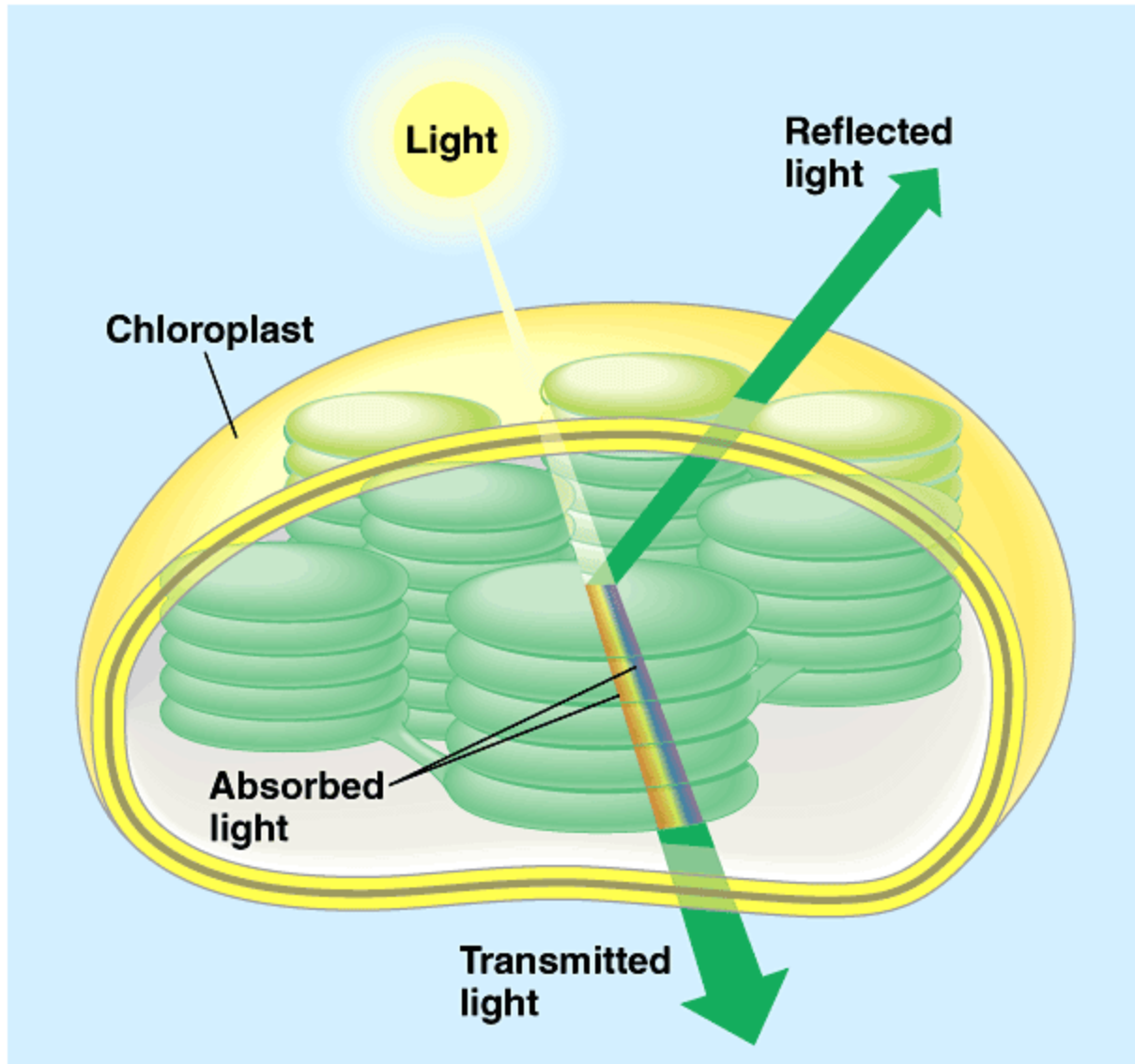






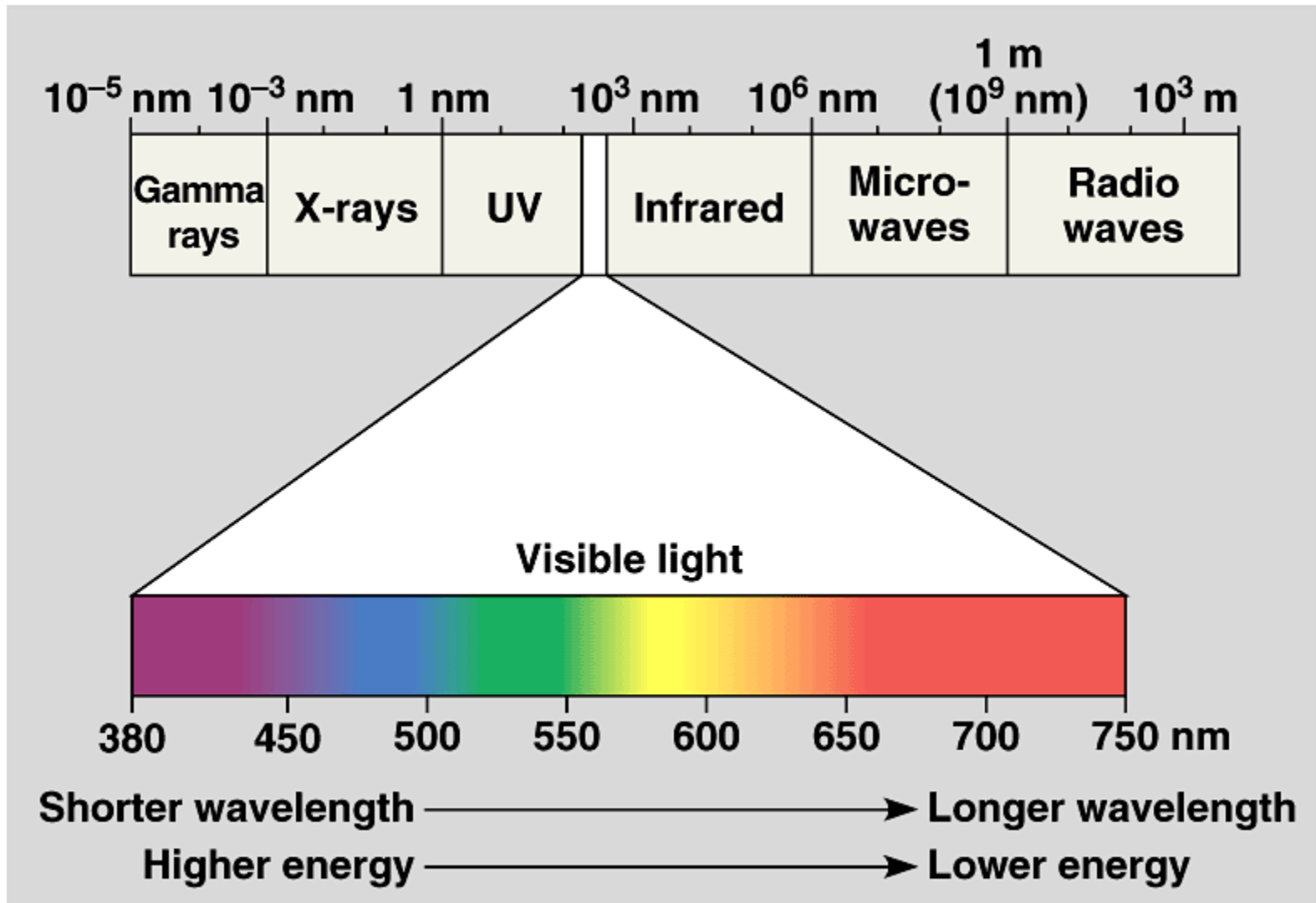


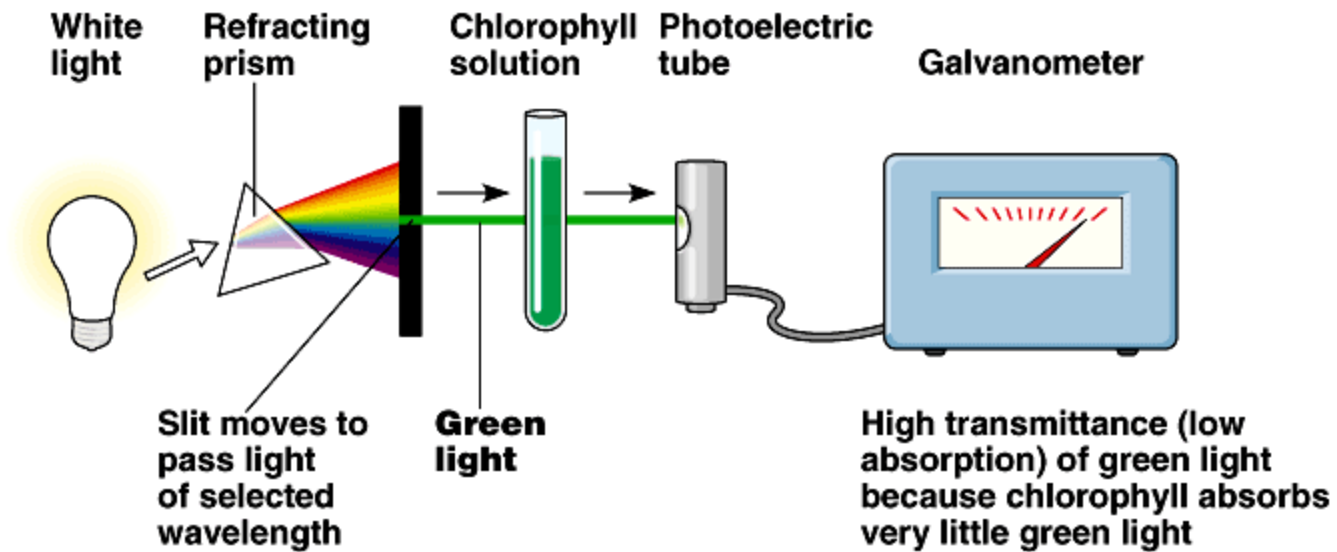
# The light reaction: the conversion of the energy of sunlight to chemical energy



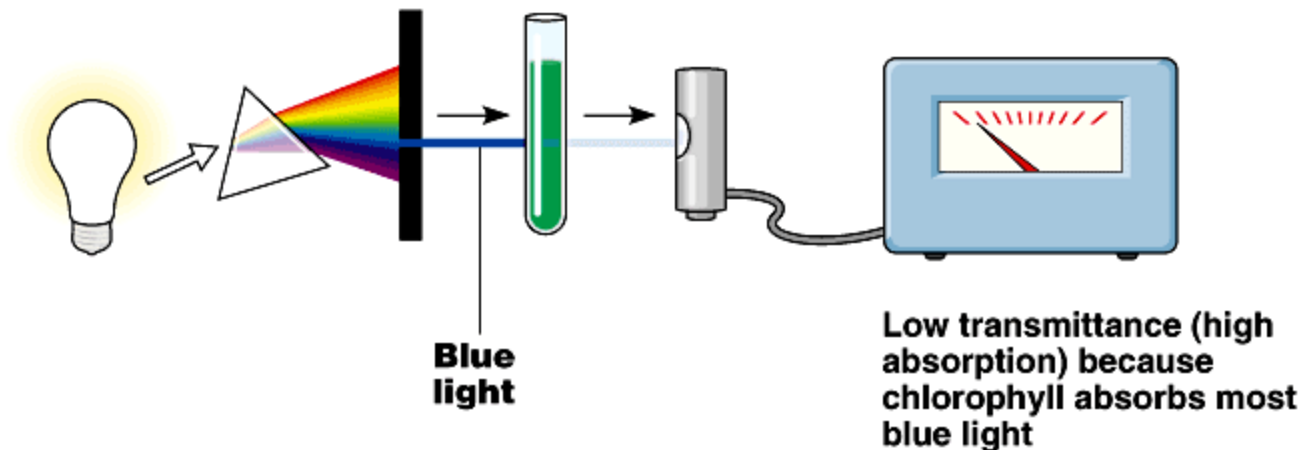


# The spectra of the visible light

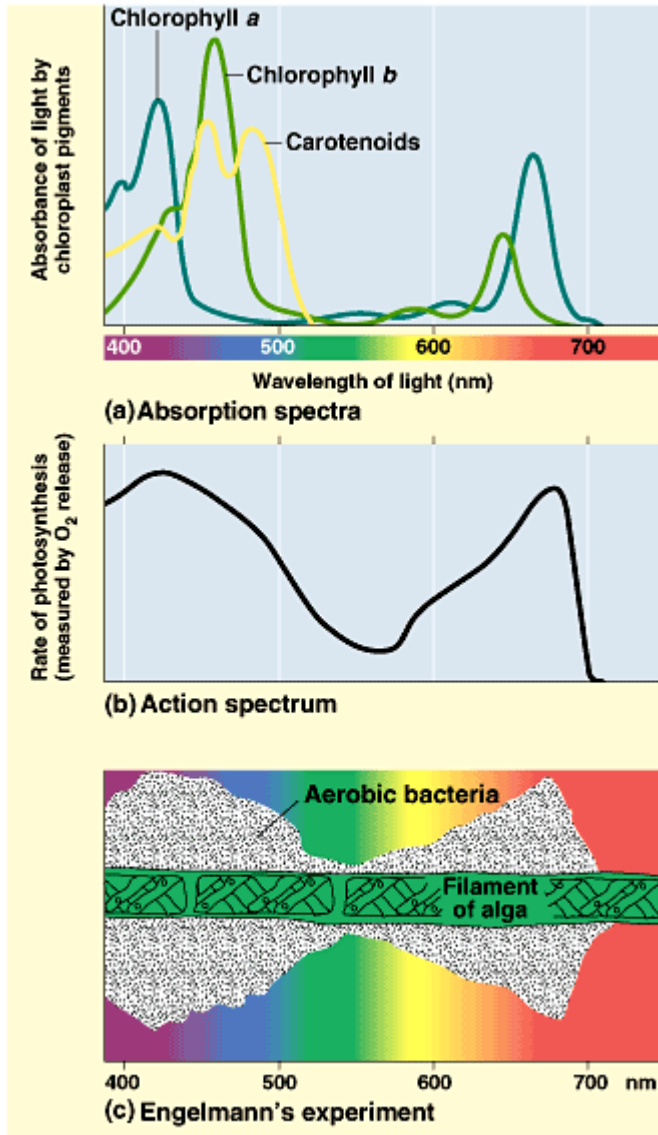


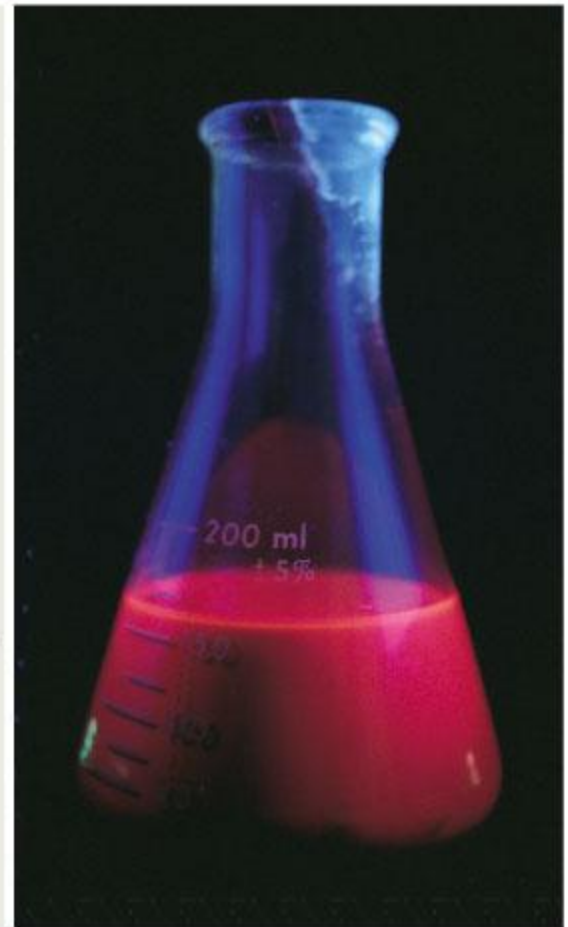
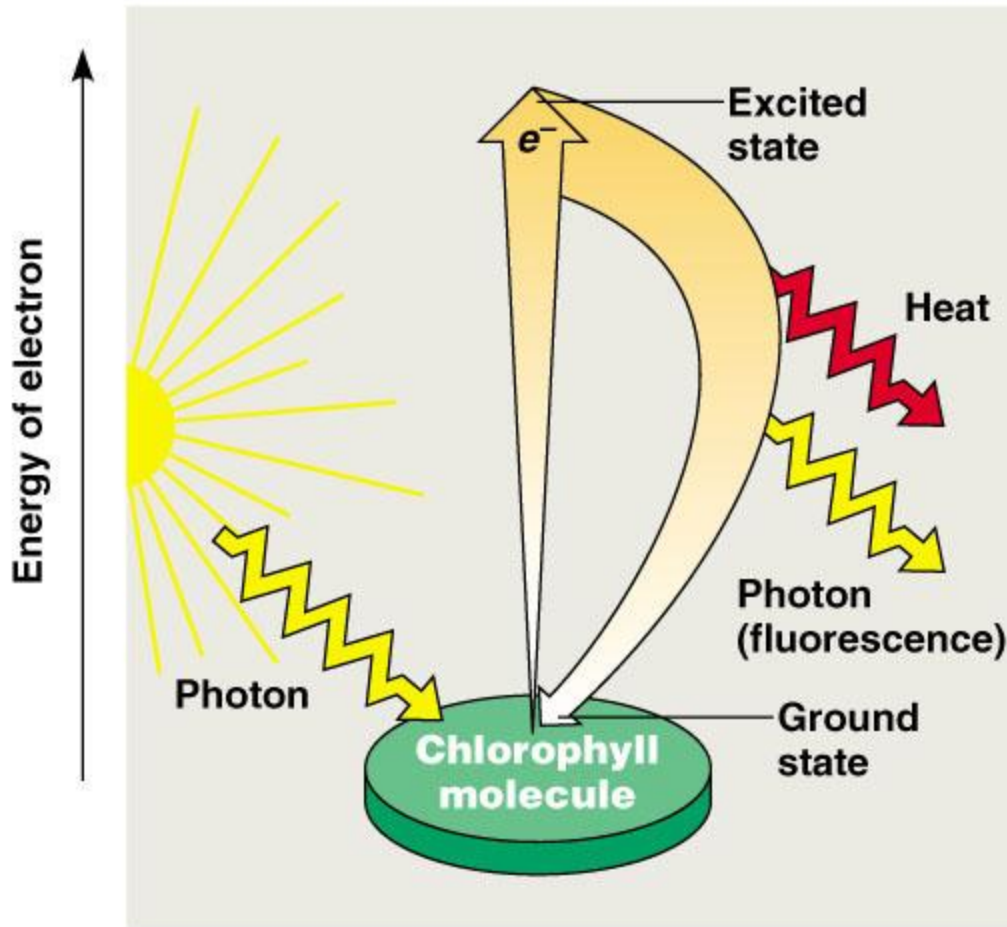


(a)



(b)

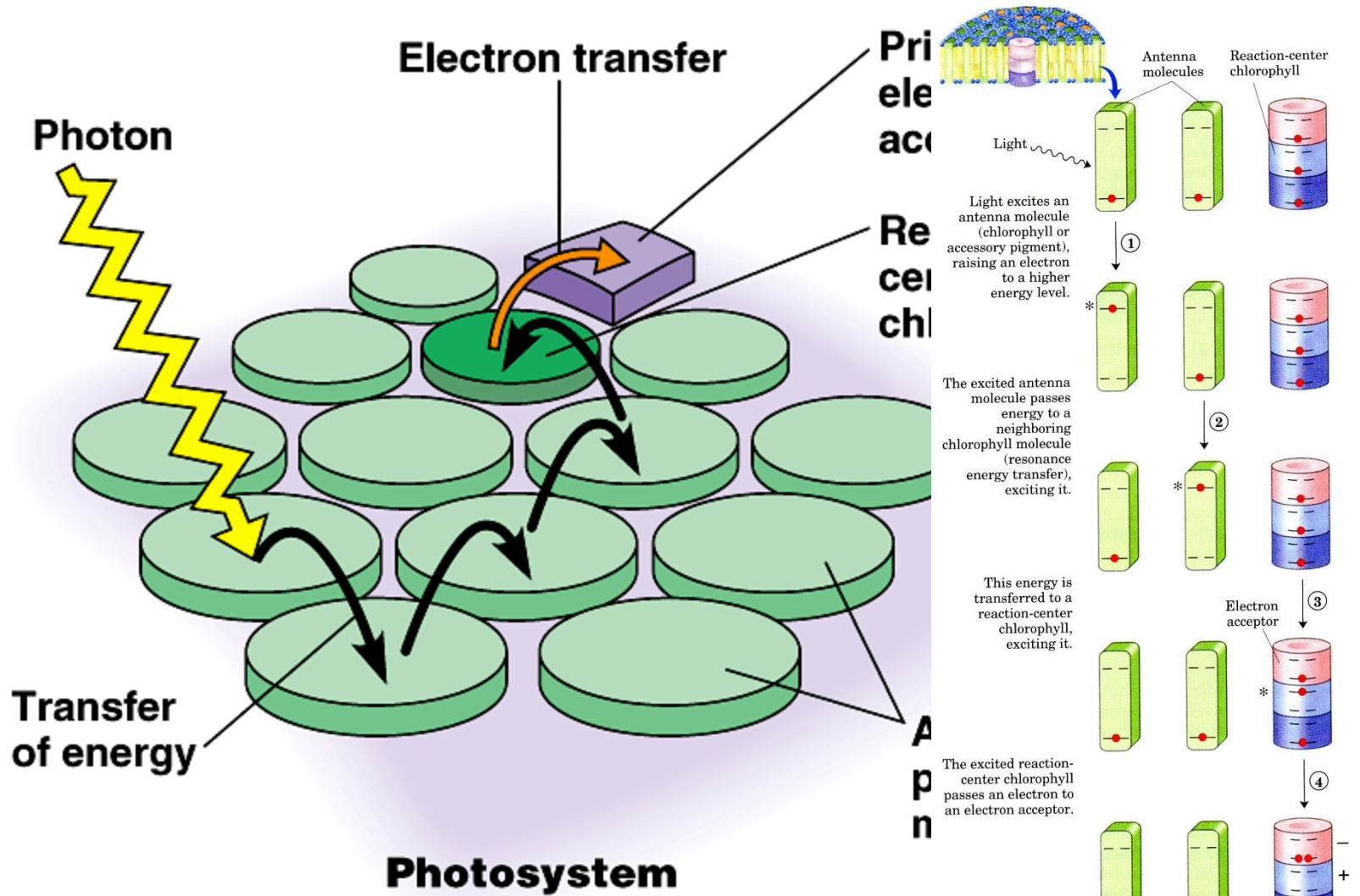




**(a) Excitation of isolated chlorophyll molecule**

**(b) Fluorescence**

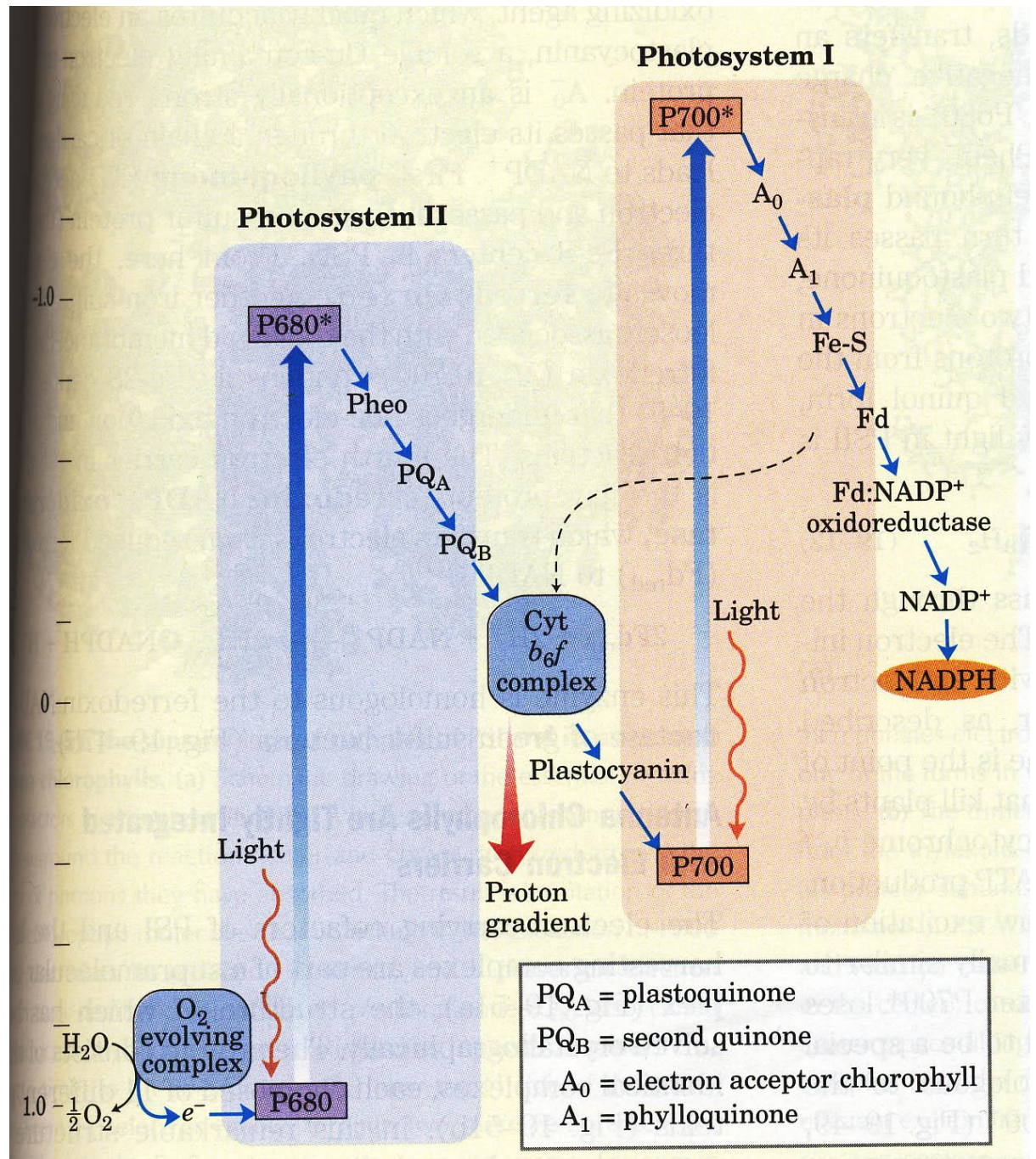


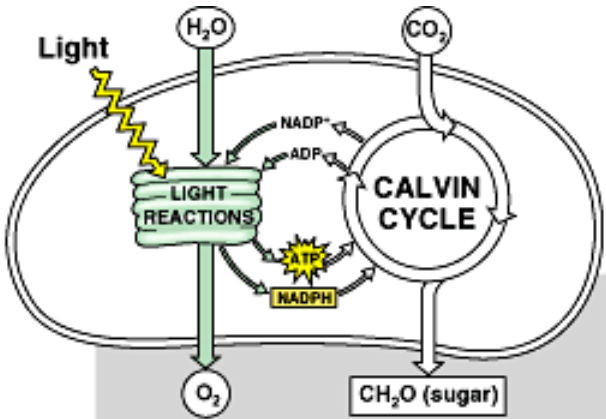


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Other molecules than chlorophylls can behave as  
e.g.: caroteneoids

# Z-scheme

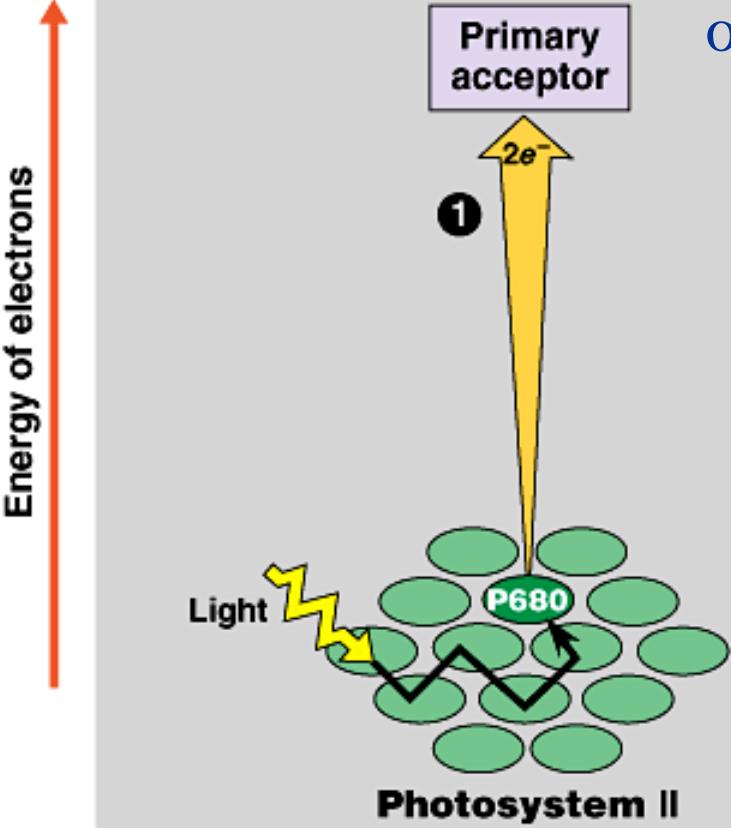


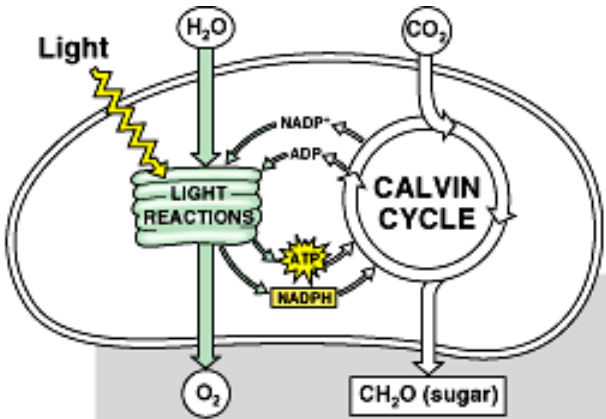


**Bacteria: single photosystem**

**Higher plants: two complimentary photosystems (with own reaction centre and antennamolecules)**

**Photosystem II: approx. Equal ammount of chlorofphyll a and b**





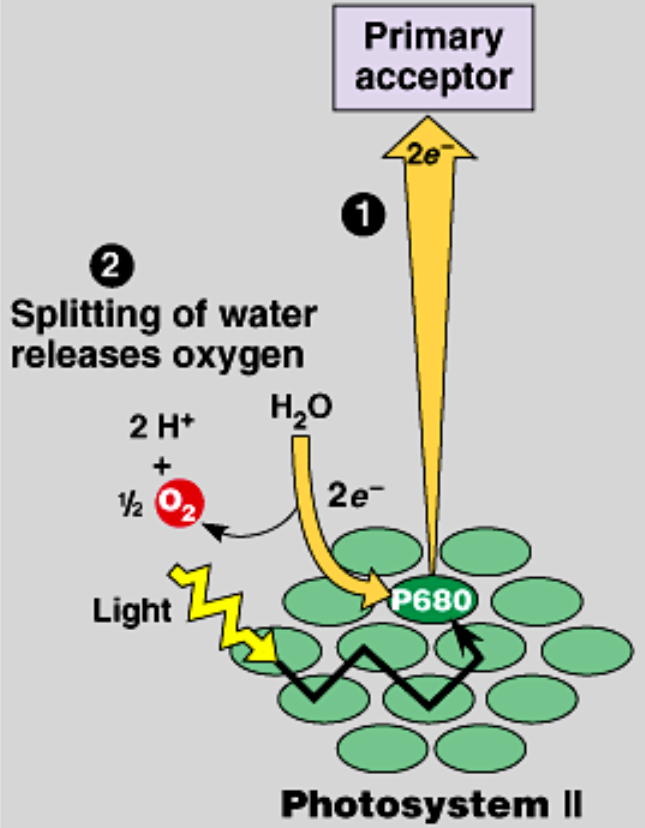
The released electrons from the reaction centre of photosystem II are refilled by the cleavage of water

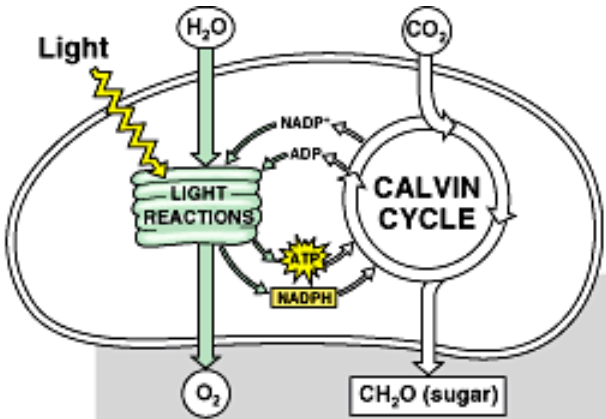


Generation of  $O_2$

The energy of 4 photons is required to the cleavage of 1 water molecule

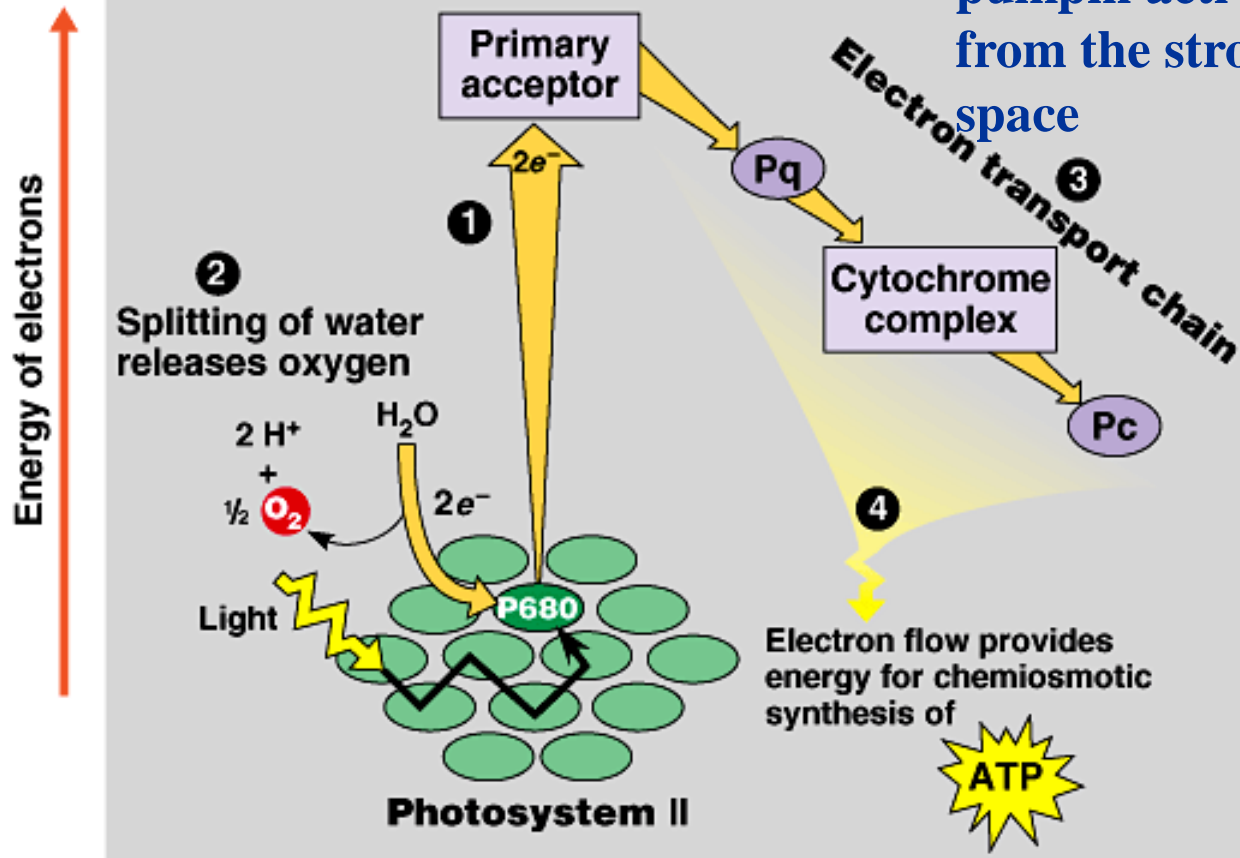
Energy of electrons





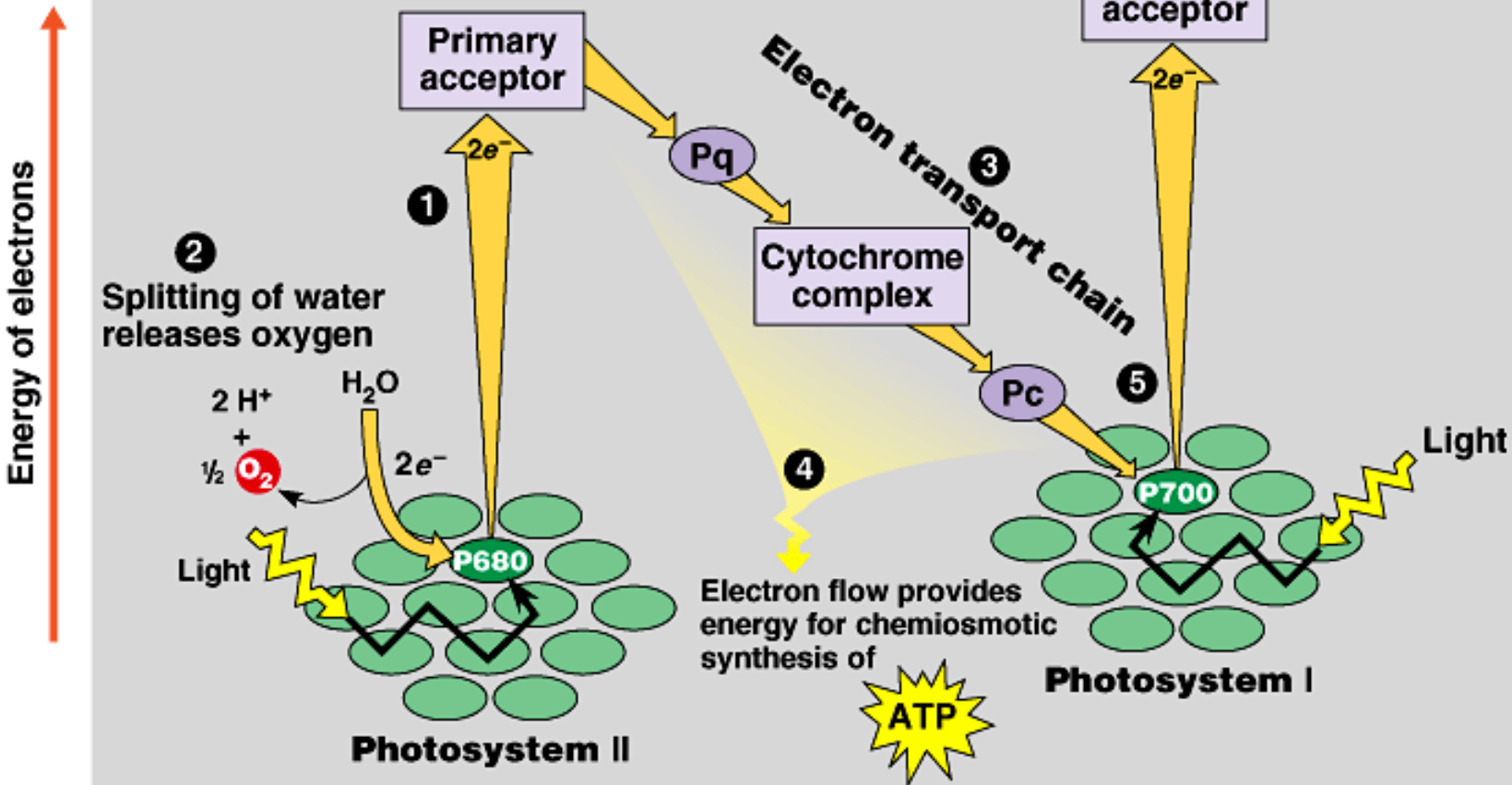
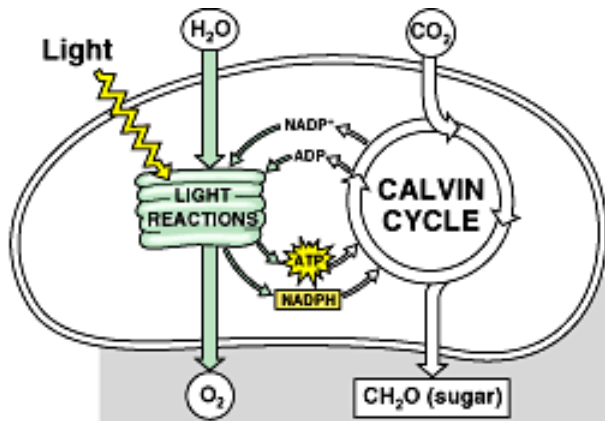
The electrons from the reaction centre of photosystem II are transferred by plastoquinone to the cytochrome  $b_6f$  complex, which mediates their transfer to plastocyanin.

The cytochrome complex has proton pump activity: it pumps protons from the stroma into the thylakoid space

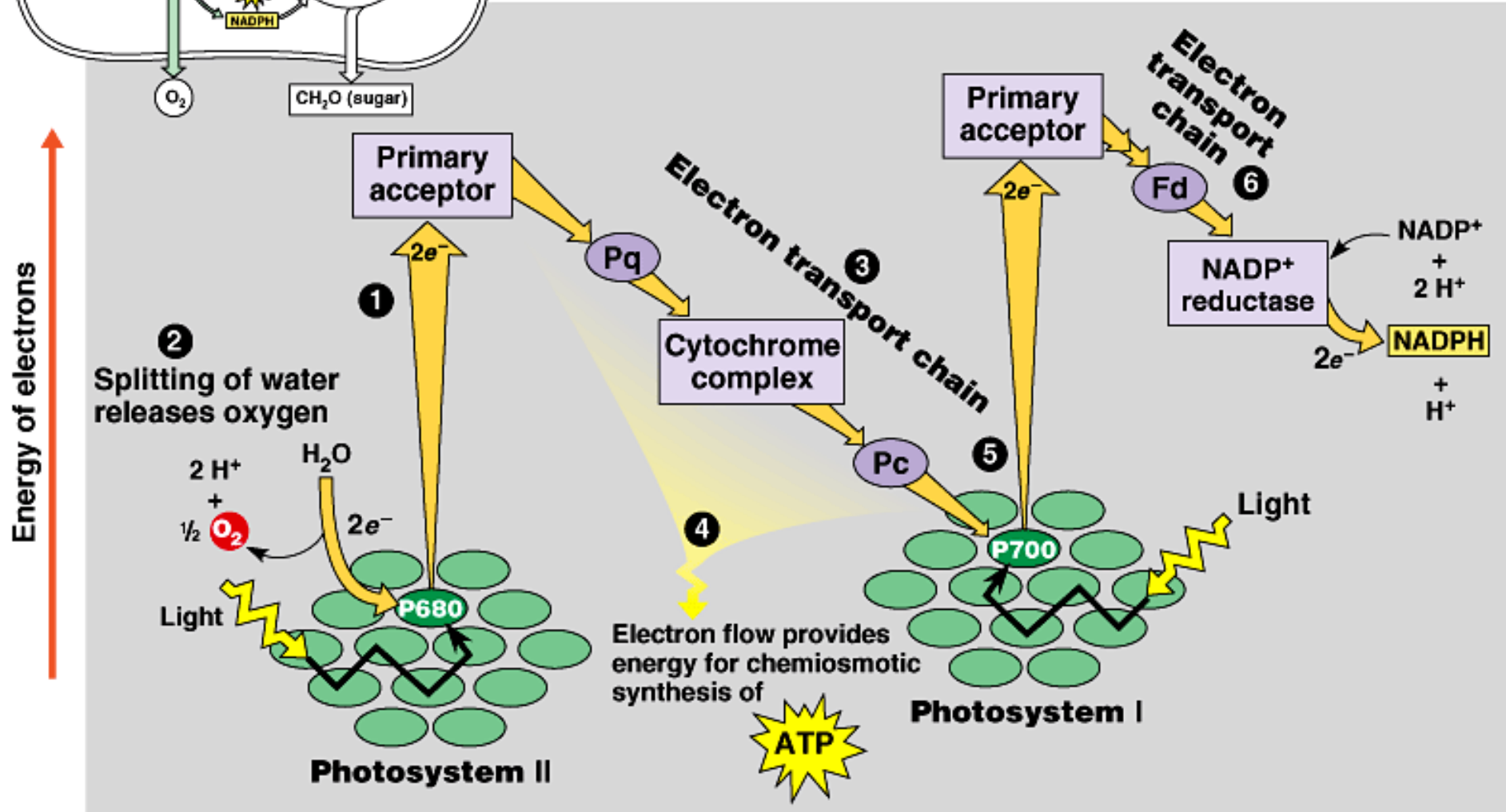
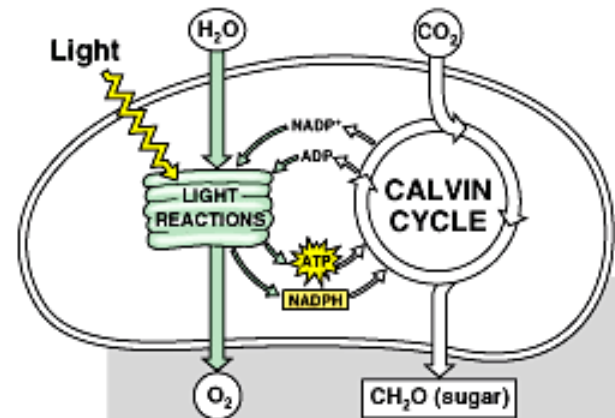


## Photosystem I: higher chlorophyll a ratio

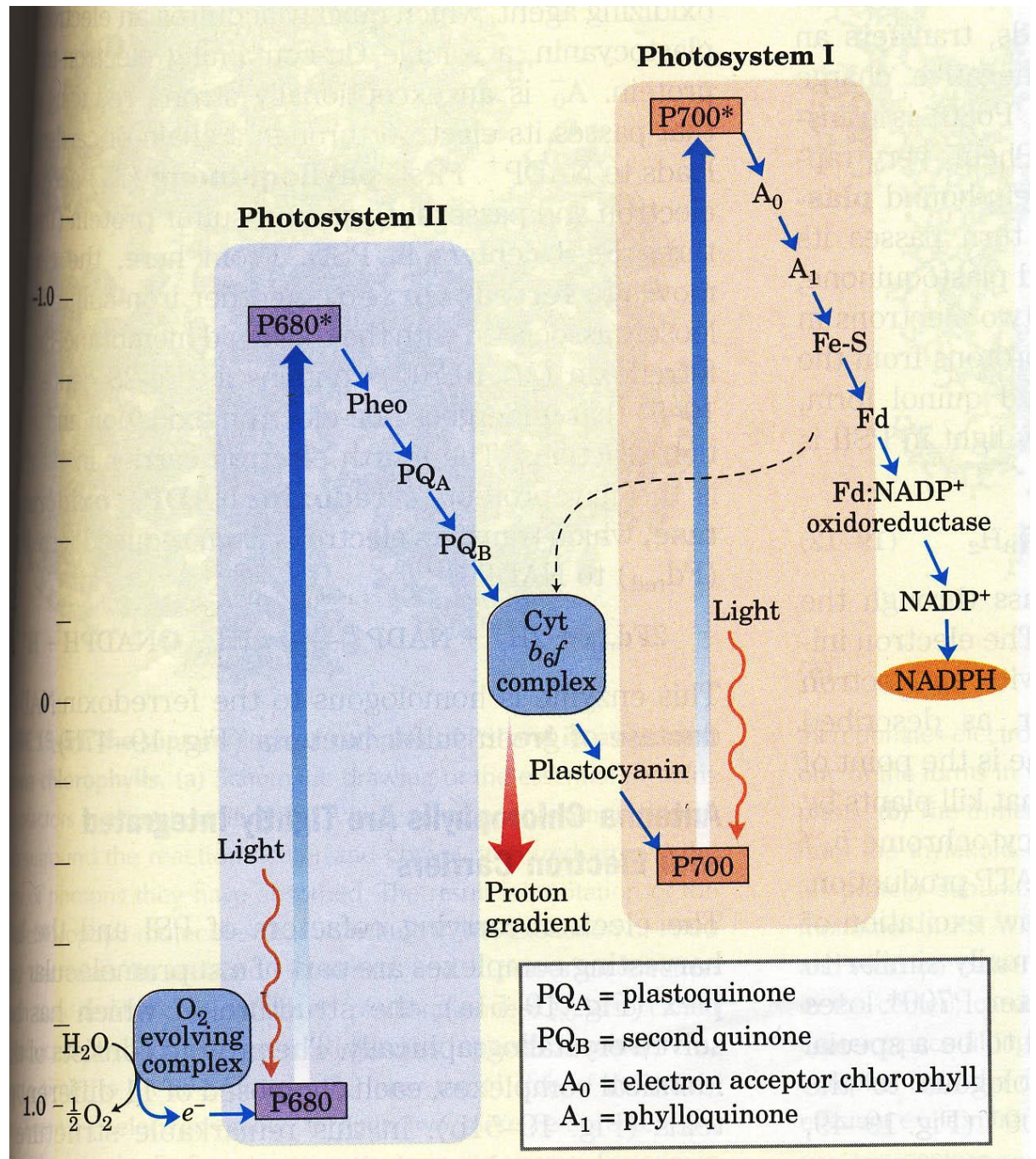
The electron hole generated by the excitation of photosystem I is refilled by the electrons coming from photosystem II via plastocyanin



# The electrons from the reaction centre of photosystem I are transferred to $\text{NADP}^+$ via ferredoxin



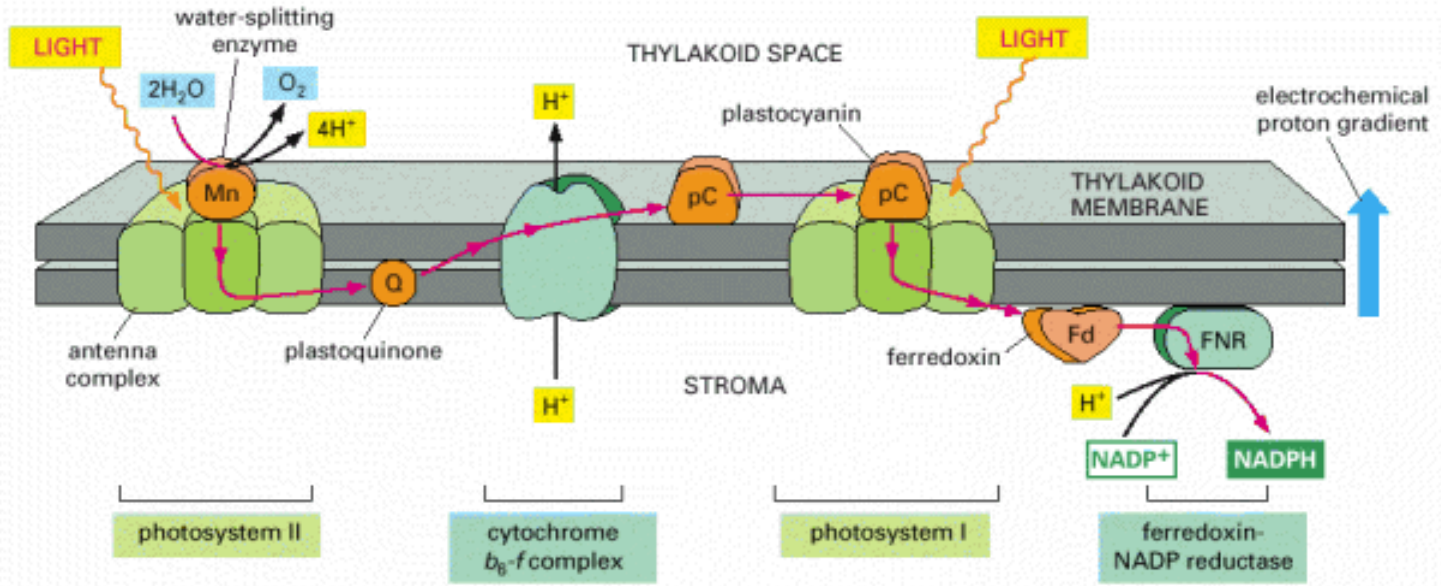
# Z-scheme





**pH=5**

**pH=8**



**The transfer of 1 electron through cytochrome  $b_6f$  complexen results in the transport of 4 protons into the thylakoid space.**

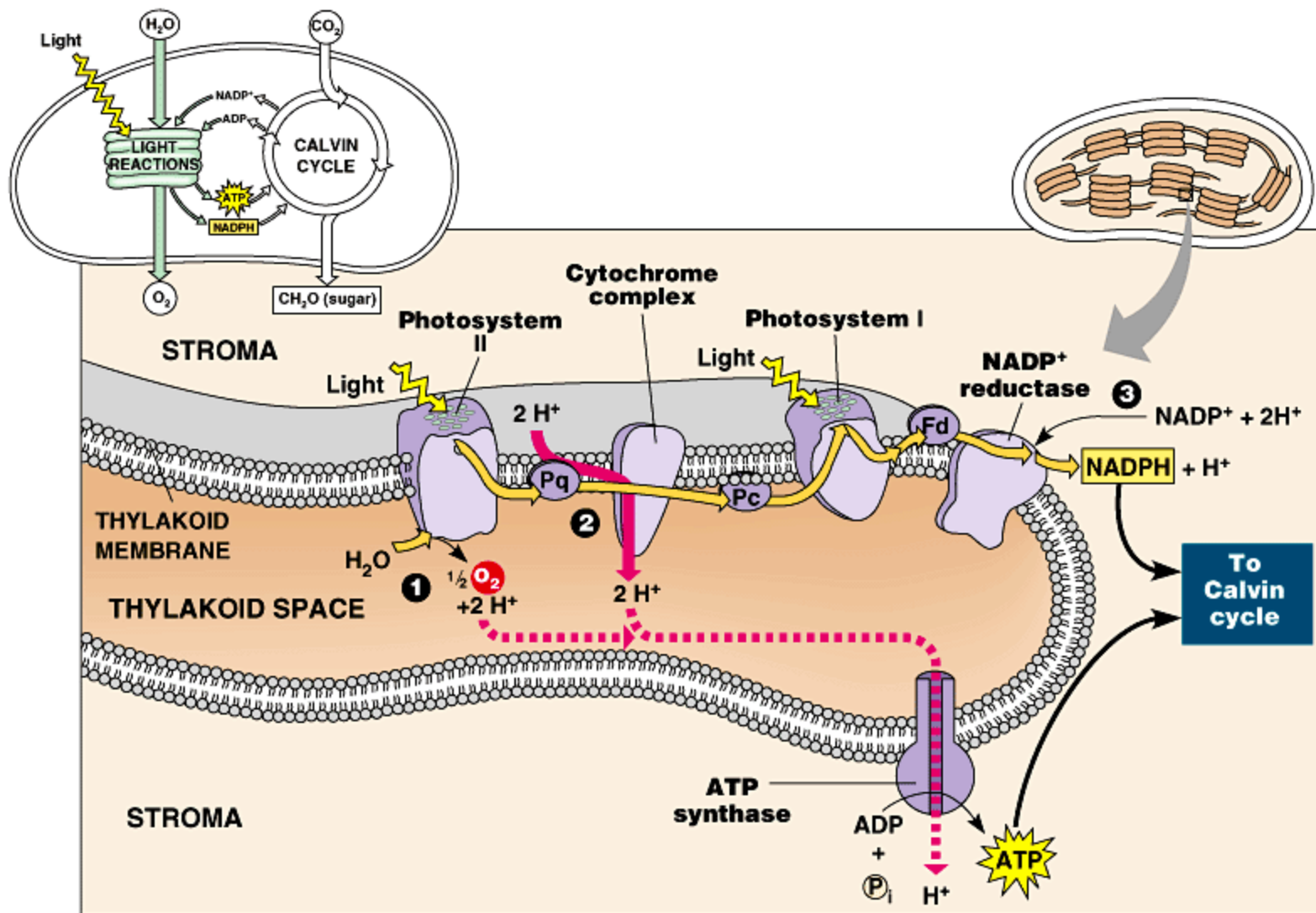
**1000 times difference in protonconcentration**

**ATP synthesis**

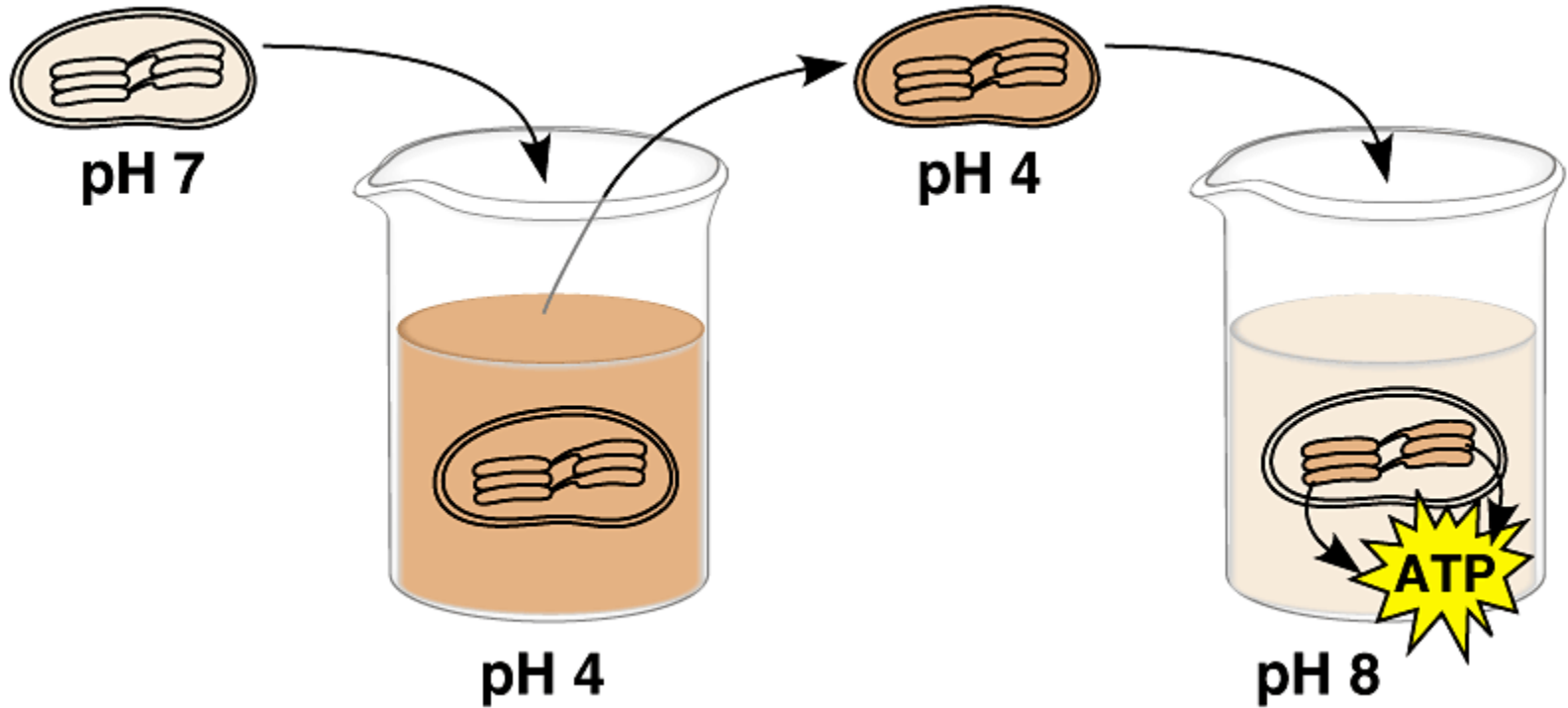
# **The generation of ATP in the chloroplast**

## **Similar to the generation of ATP in the mitochondria**

- 1. Protonimpermeable membrane, with protein complexes**
- 2. The electron transport and the phosphorylation can be uncoupled by uncoupling agents**
- 3. The ATP-synthetase of thylakoid sacks can be inhibited by the inhibitors of mitochondrial ATP-syntetase inhibitors**
- 4.  $F_0F_1$  complex is responsible for the ATP syntesis in the thylakoid membrane**



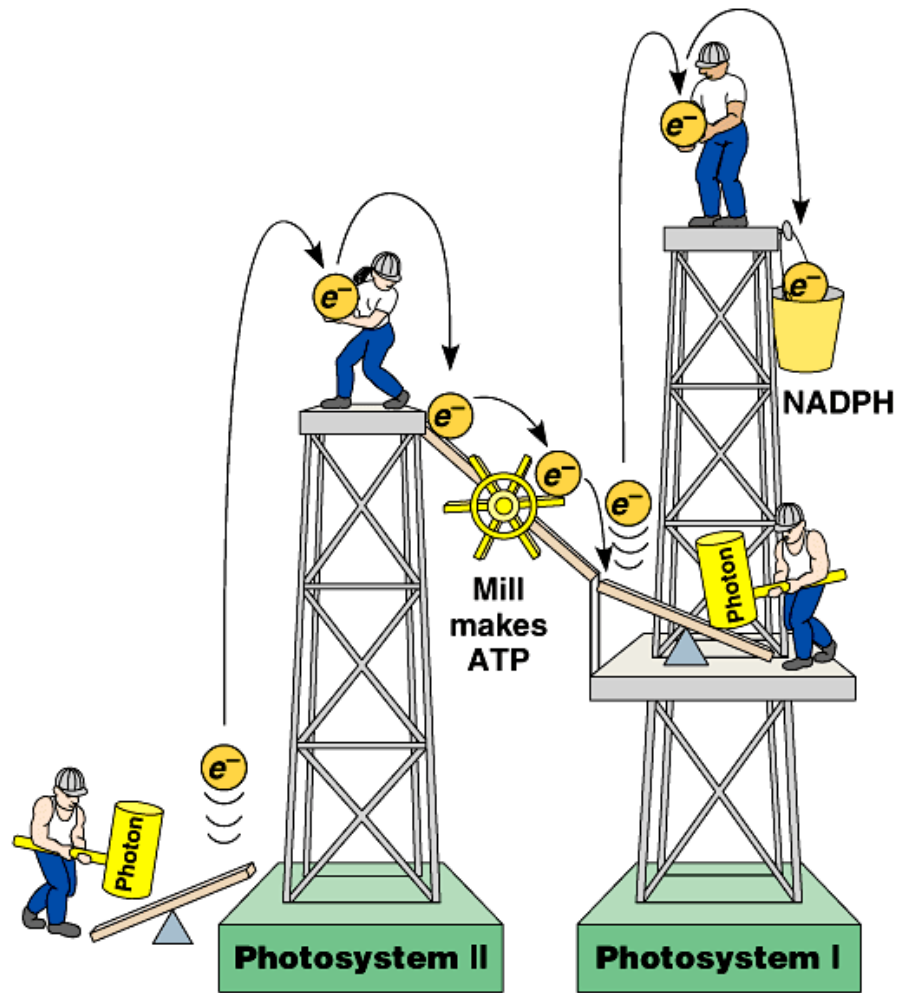
# Experiments proved the role of proton gradient in ATP synthesis



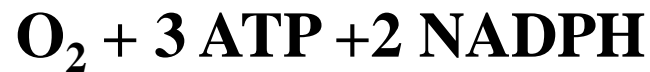
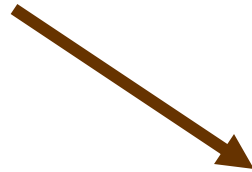
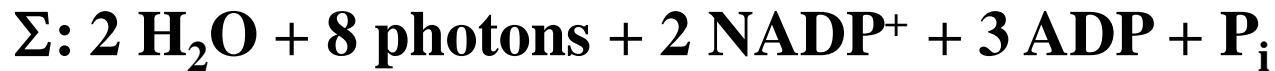
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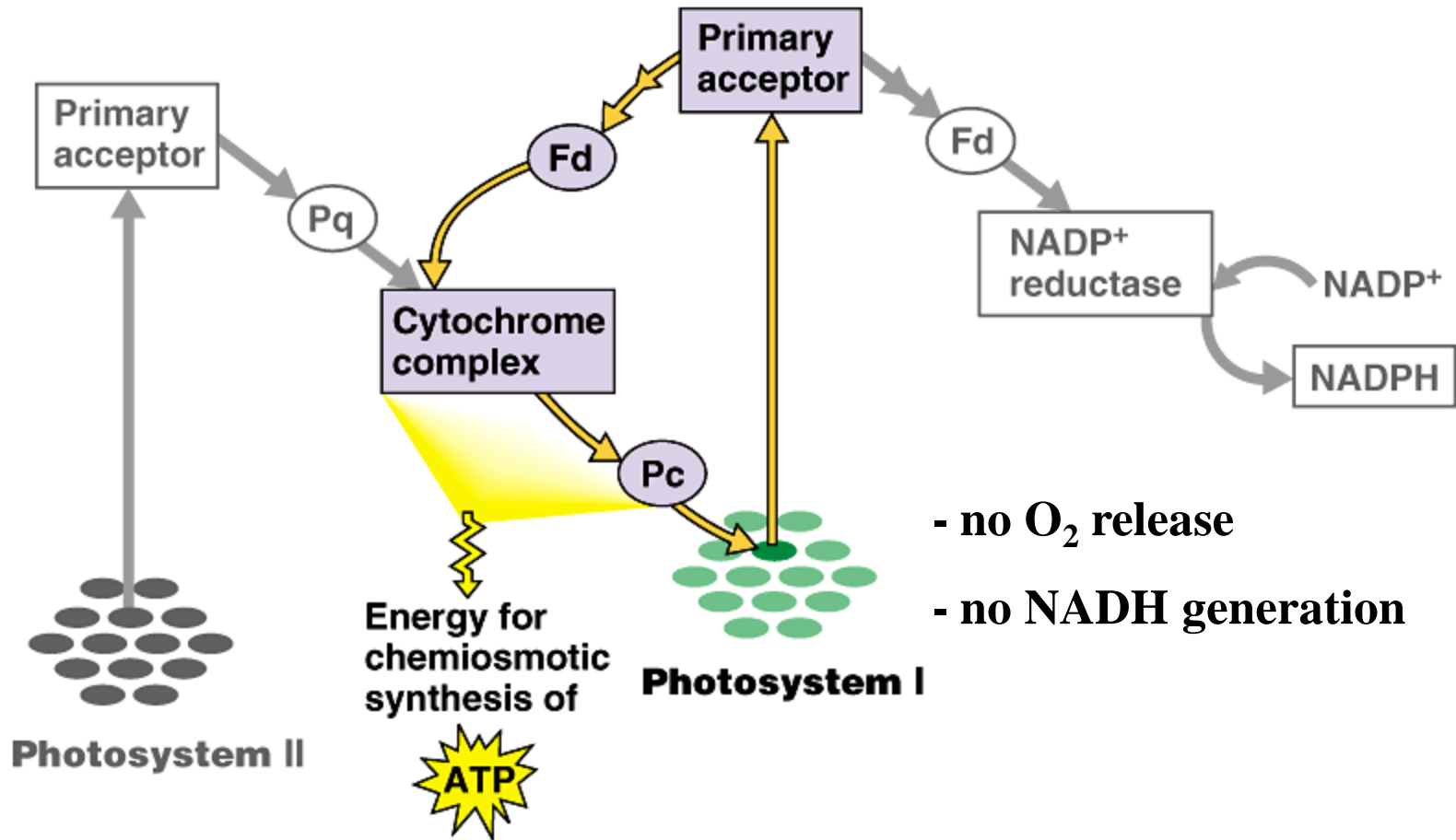
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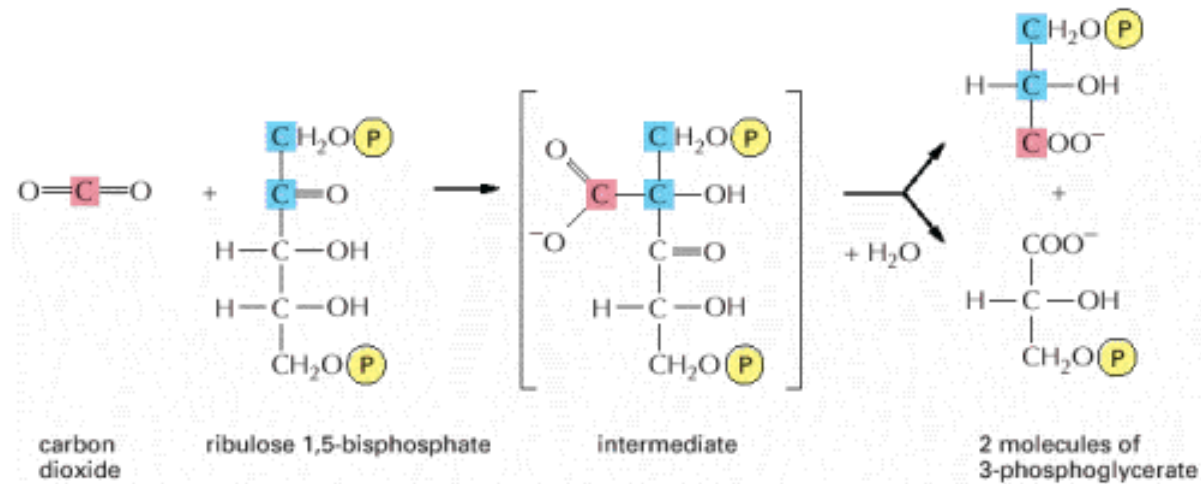
# The NADPH/ATP ratio is regulated



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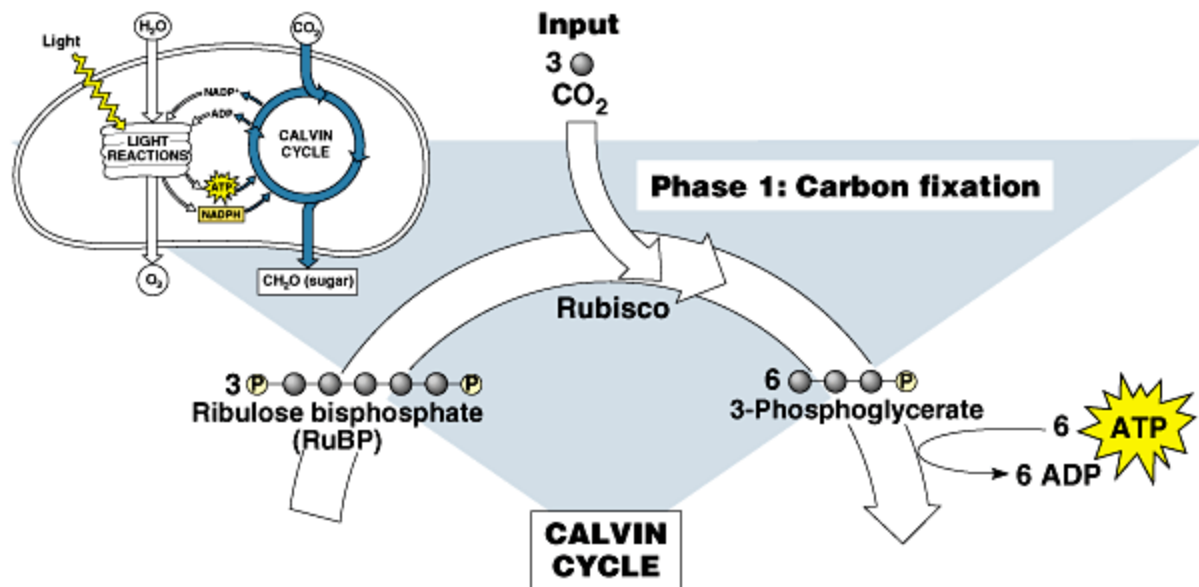
**Cyclic photophosphorylation:** the electrons are cycling only in photosystem I by the aid of a photon → proton gradient → ATP synthesis → higher ATP/NADPH ratio

# The fixation of CO<sub>2</sub>, Calvin cycle



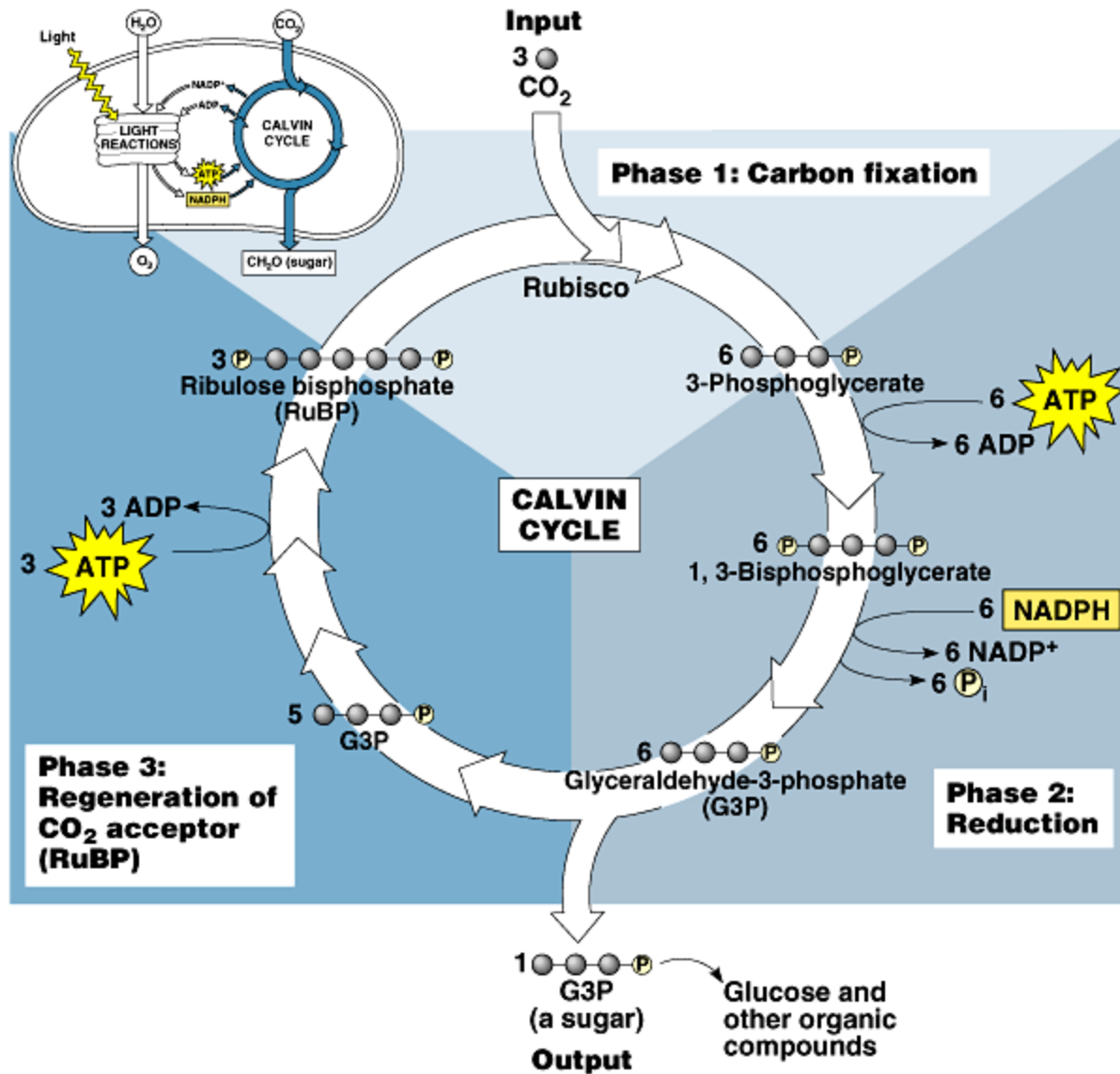
**Ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate has central role in the fixation of CO<sub>2</sub>**

**RUBISCO: ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase/oxygenase**



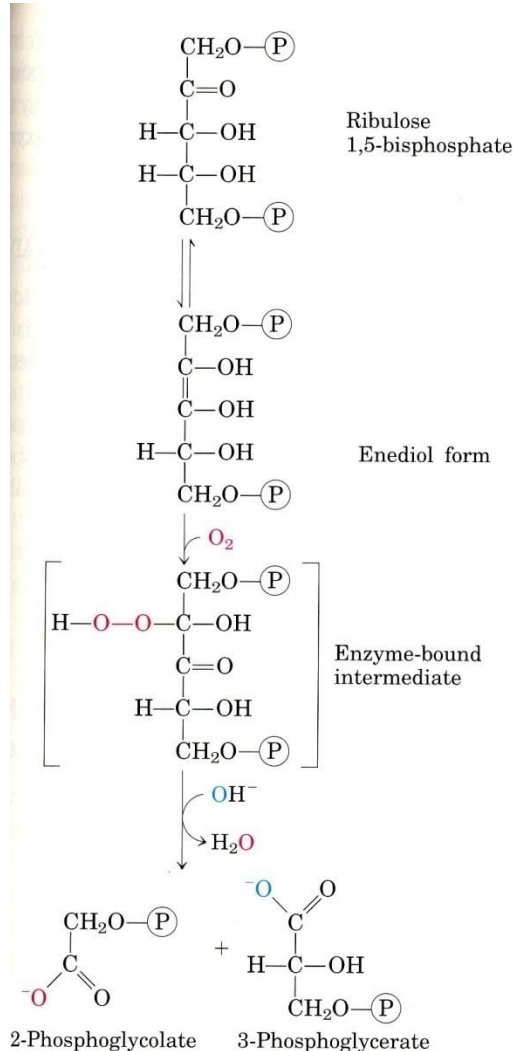






# Photorespiration

The specificity of RUBISCO is limited.



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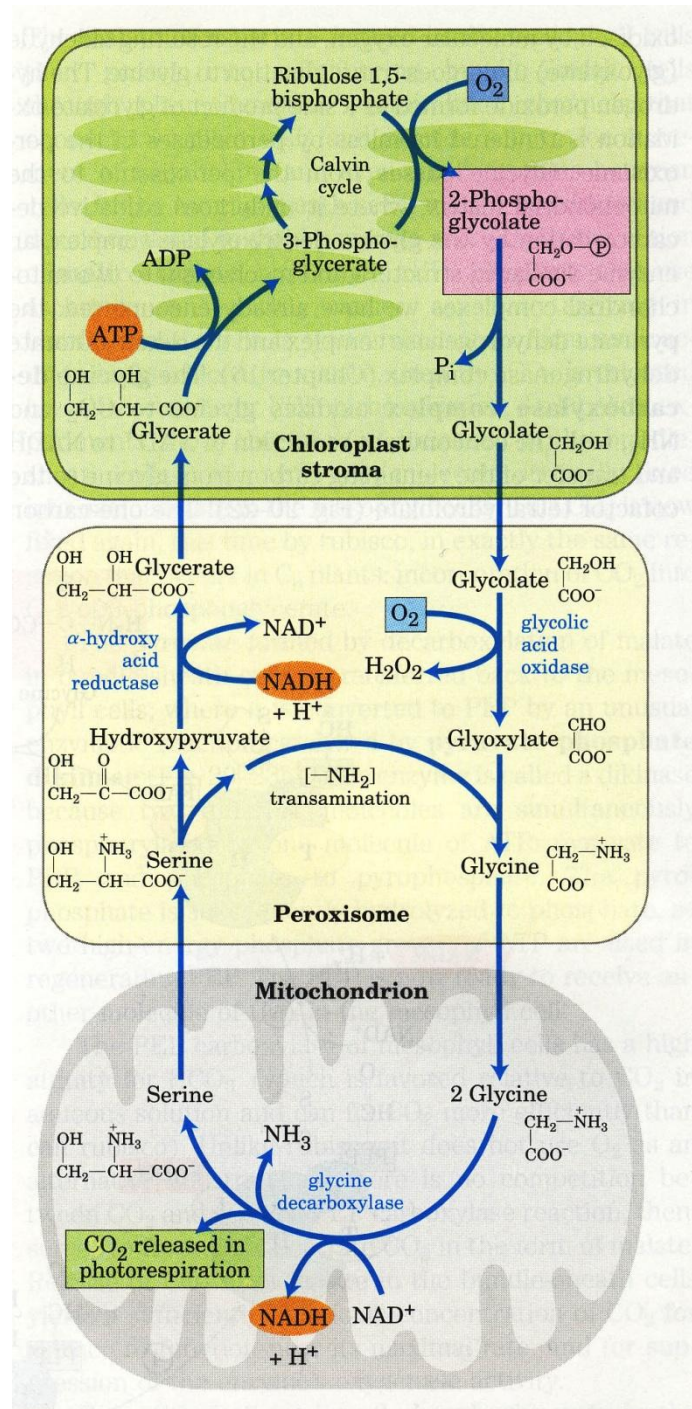
$$CO_2: K_M = 9 \mu M$$

The solvation ratio of  $O_2/CO_2$  become higher by the elevation of temperature

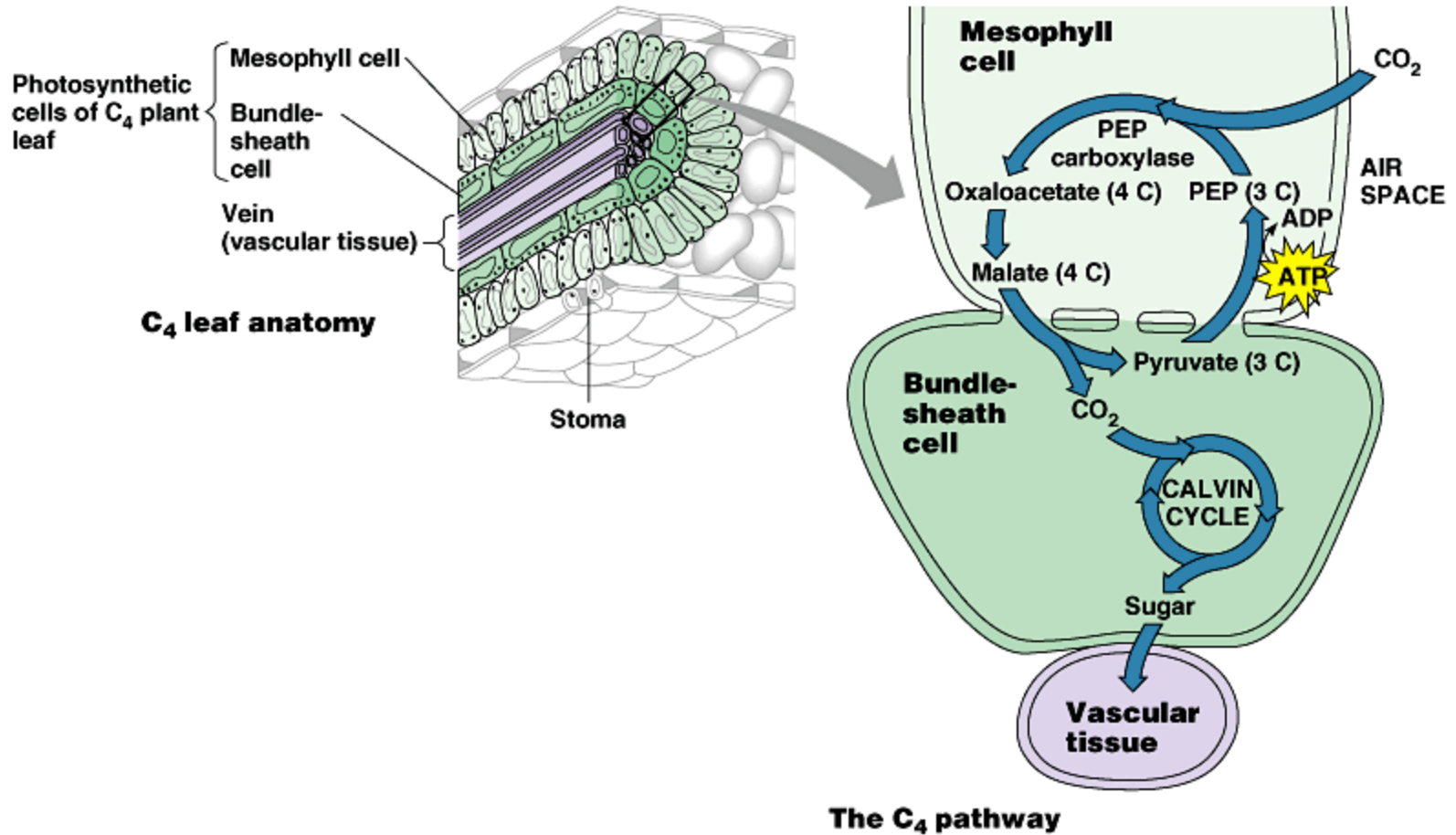


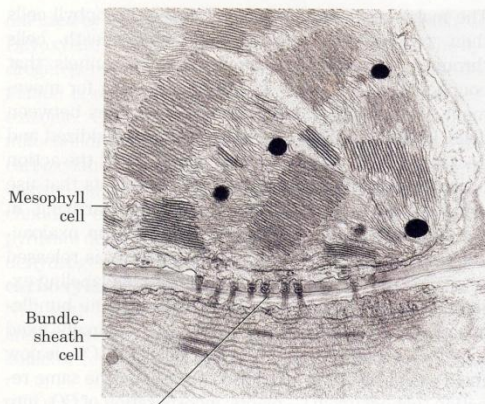
The significance of photorespiration become higher

# Glycolate pathway



# The plants of hot and dry climate fix the $\text{CO}_2$ by the $\text{C}_4$ pathway

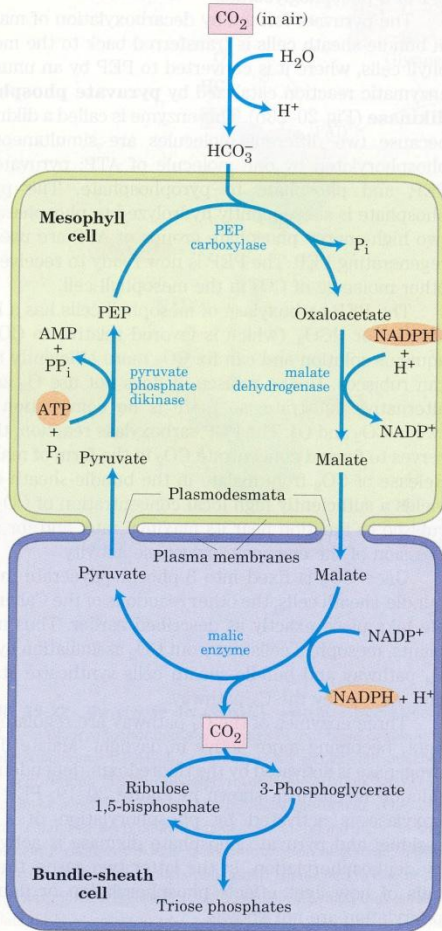




(a) Plasmodesmata

**The enzymes of C4 pathway are regulated by the light:**

- Malate DH
- PEP carboxylase
- Pyruvate-phosphate dikinase



(b)

The C4 pathway has higher energy requirement: 5 ATP vs. 3 ATP

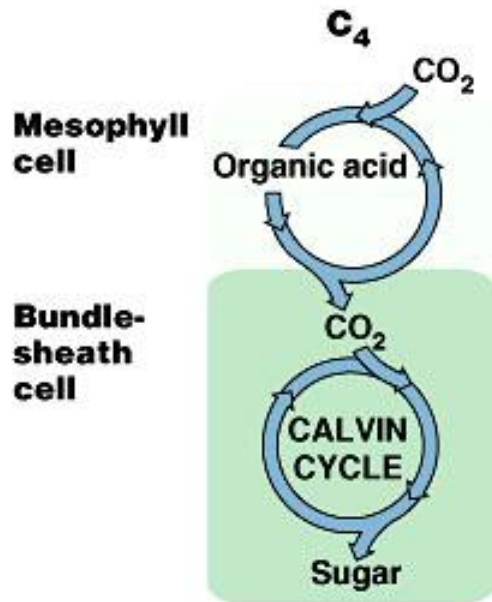
Above 28-30 °C



Sugarcane



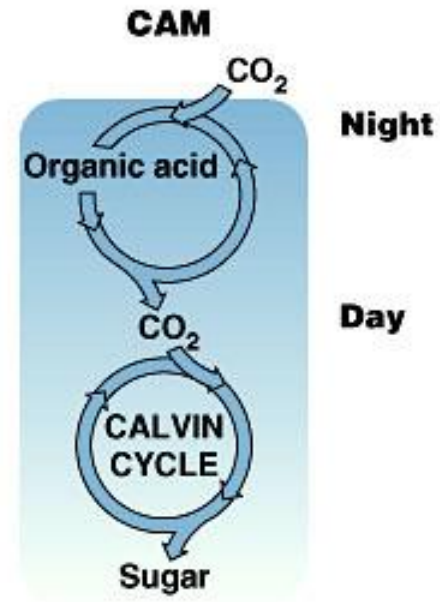
Pineapple



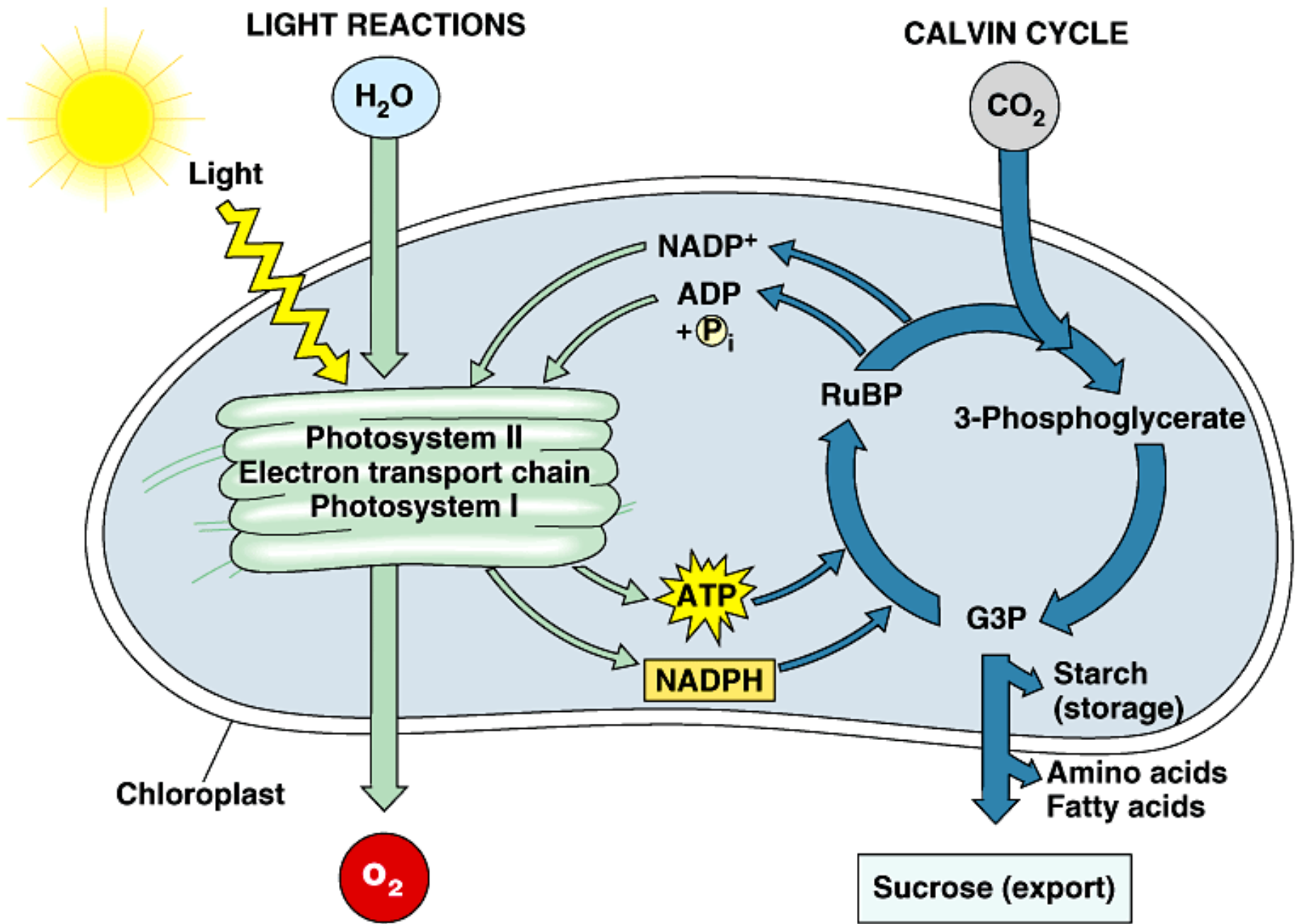
**1** CO<sub>2</sub> incorporated into four-carbon organic acids (carbon fixation)

**2** Organic acids release CO<sub>2</sub> to Calvin cycle

(a) Spatial separation of steps



(b) Temporal separation of steps





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