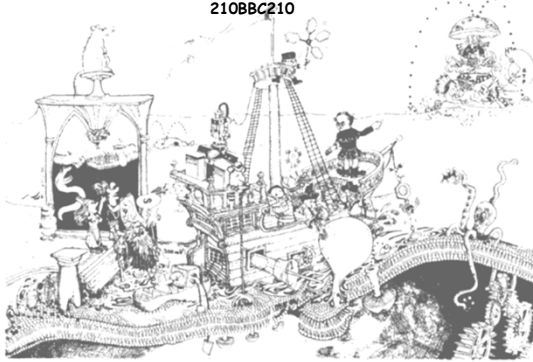


Microbial energy metabolism

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Mitchell sets sail for the Chemosynthetic New World, despite dire warnings that he will be consumed

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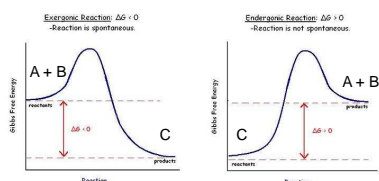
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A bit of chemistry Free energy change



Gibb's Free Energy change is a concept which allows to predict if a reaction is thermodynamically favorable

$A + B \leftrightarrow C$ $\Delta G < 0$ – spontaneous reaction \rightarrow , EXERgonic
 $\Delta G > 0$ – no reaction, ENDErgonic



Free energy change

ΔG° = change of free energy of reaction at standard state conditions at 1M concentration of reactants. But in reality concentrations may vary!

$A + B \leftrightarrow C$ $\Delta G^\circ > 0$ – no reaction if we mix A, B and C at concentrations of 1M ($[A]=[B]=[C]=1M$)

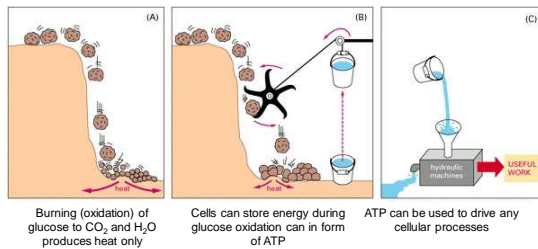
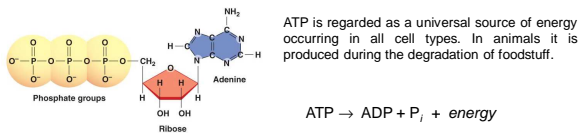
$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + \ln \frac{[C]}{[A] \times [B]}$ However, if $[A] \times [B] \gg [C]$, real $\Delta G < 0$ and reaction will go from left to right \rightarrow

In particular case of standard conditions $\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ$ because

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + \ln \frac{1}{1 \times 1} = \Delta G^\circ + 0$$

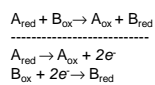
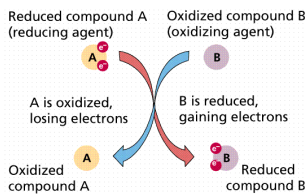
Enzymes accelerate the attainment of equilibrium, but not shift it or reverse reaction. Direction of the reaction is defined by ΔG . Some of the biological reactions have $\Delta G^\circ > 0$, but due to the concentration component (in logarithm) $\Delta G < 0$.

Adenosine triphosphate (ATP)



Redox reactions

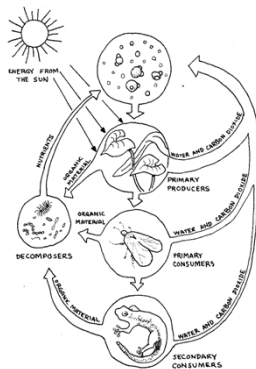
(reduction-oxidation reactions)



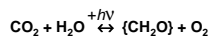
Midpoint redox potential (E°) is a tendency of A_{red} to donate electrons

Electrons transferred from A_{red} to B_{ox} if $E^\circ_{A_{red}/A_{ox}} < E^\circ_{B_{ox}/B_{red}}$

Photosynthesis and Respiration (energy conversion)

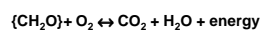


Reduction of oxygen



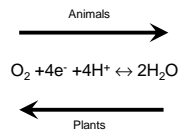
Photosynthetic organisms

Capture of solar energy to use it for reduction of carbon compounds



Animals or microorganisms

Oxidation of food to obtain energy



Oxidative phosphorylation

History

W. A. Engelhardt, 1936-39 - measured inorganic and organic phosphate content.
Definition of oxidative phosphorylation

Warburg vs Thunberg and Keilin - respiratory enzyme vs dehydrogenase

Albert Lehninger - 1948 - mitochondria are the site of energy metabolism

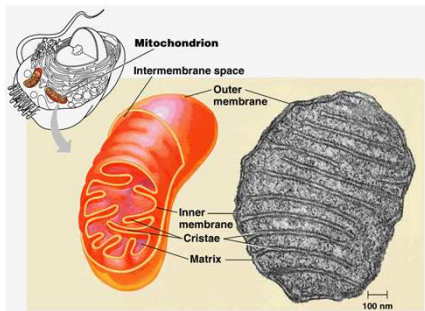
David Green - 50s, isolation and reconstitution of electron transport chain

Peter Mitchell - energy transduction in membranes Nobel Prize 1978

Hartmut Michel - structure of photosynthetic reaction centre Nobel Prize 1988

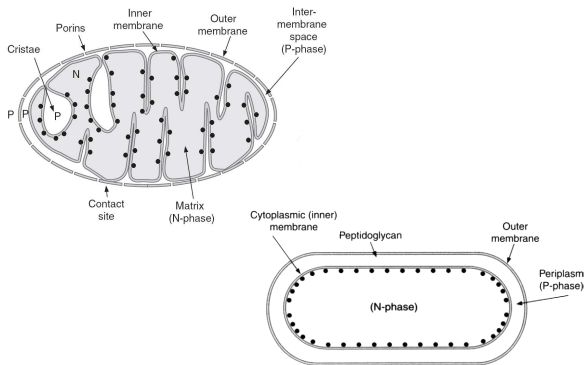
John Walker - structure of ATPase Nobel Prize 1997

Mitochondria – respiring organelle



Also contain its own DNA and its own transcription/translational system – they were prokaryotes long time ago

Membranes of mitochondria and bacteria

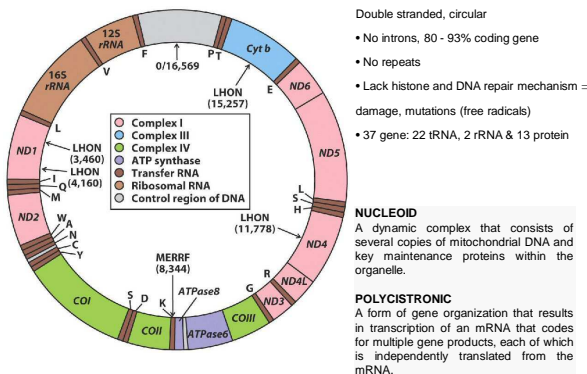


What are mitochondria?

- An intracellular organelle.
- There are 100 to 1000s of mitochondria/cell.
- All mitochondria come from the mother.
- Mitochondria have their own DNA.
- Major functions of mitochondria:
 - Makes energy in the form of ATP.

Endosymbiotic theory

Mitochondrial DNA

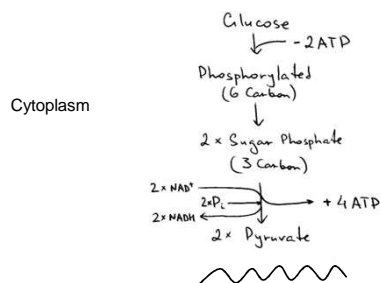


Locations

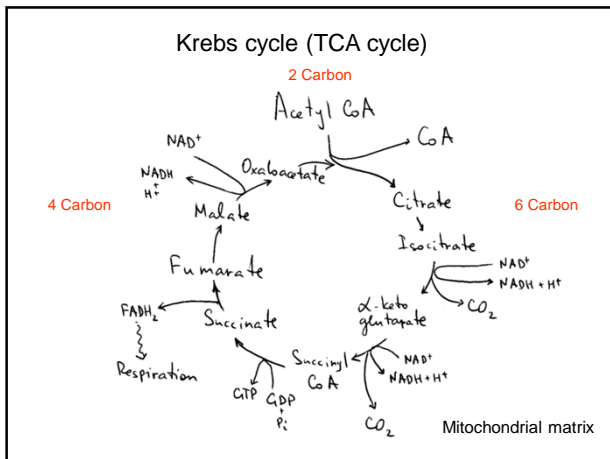
- Glycolysis
 - Cytoplasm
- Krebs' TCA
 - Mitochondrial matrix
- Oxidative phosphorylation
 - Inner mitochondrial membrane

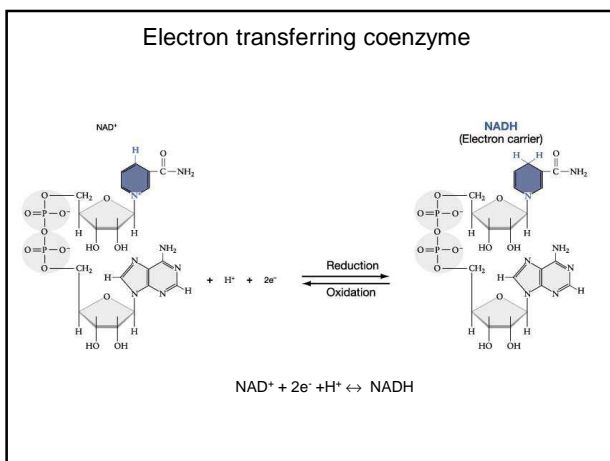
⇒ **Compartmentalisation**

Glycolysis



Mitochondrial matrix





After glycolysis and TCA cycle

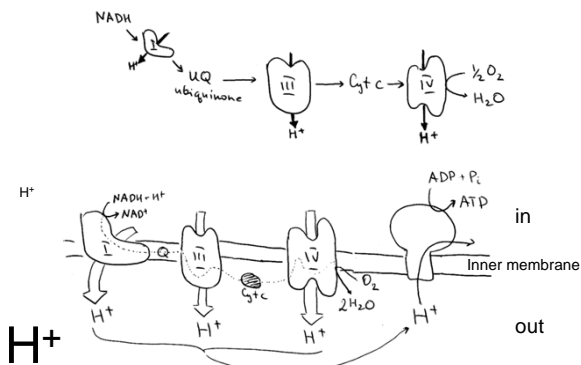
Not much ATP formed
 Lots of reduced coenzymes
 Per glucose molecule:
 10 NADH
 2 FADH₂ (!!!)

At the same time:

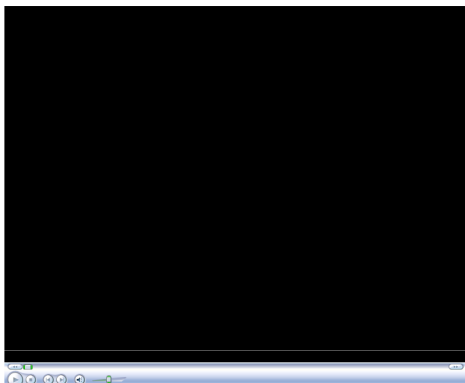
Reoxidation of NADH releases energy
 Requires oxygen as oxidant
 This energy can be used for ATP synthesis

Respiratory chain couples processes of oxidation and ATP synthesis

Electron transport chain and ATP synthase



Electron transport chain and ATP synthase

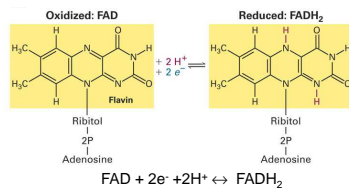


Redox centres

Flavin
Iron- sulphur centres (FeS-centres)
Ubiquinone
Cytochromes

Flavin

Complex I
Complex II = succinate dehydrogenase from Krebs cycle



Usually serves as intermediate of electron transfer between 2e⁻ donor and 1e⁻ acceptor

No free flavins in a cell !!!

FeS clusters

Complexes I, II, III

Always transfer one electron at the time
Electron is delocalised



Mixed clusters - Ni or Mo in microorganisms

Pyrite = fool's gold. Self assembly (Fe, -SH, S²⁻)

EPR - shows unpaired electrons

Ubiquinone

Q: Coenzyme Q = Ubiquinone

oxidized

partially reduced

fully reduced

2 electrons + 2H⁺

Membrane mobile redox carrier linking Complexes I and II with Complex III

Proton-translocating Q-cycle in complex III

Different *n* for different species (*n*=6-10)

Menaquinone and rhodoquinone in some bacteria and plastoquinone in chloroplasts

Ubiquinone has been discovered in studies on Vitamin A

Cytochromes

protein

Cytochrome *c*

Cyt *c* (Fe³⁺) + e⁻ ↔ Cyt *c* (Fe²⁺)

Protein part and haem part containing Fe ion
 Cytochromes *a*, *b*, *c* ... + number
 As separate single proteins (e.g. cytochrome *c*) or as subunits of enzymatic complexes (Complex II, III, IV)

Respiratory chain cytochromes

Reduced-oxidised spectra

--- a --- b --- c

Wavelength, nm

Reduced-oxidised spectra of mitochondrial membranes

λ (nm)

Easy to observe reduction/oxidation as change in optical spectra

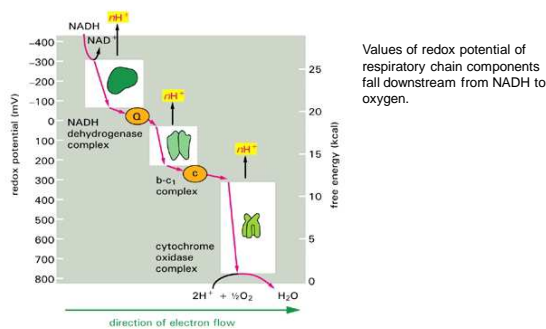


Otto Warburg Nobel Prize 1931
Nature and mode of action of the
respiratory enzymes

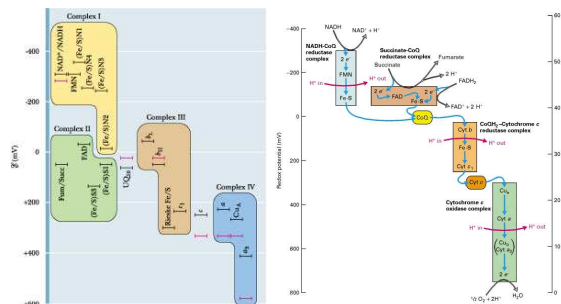


Hugo Theorell Nobel prize 1955
Redox enzymes and biological
oxidation

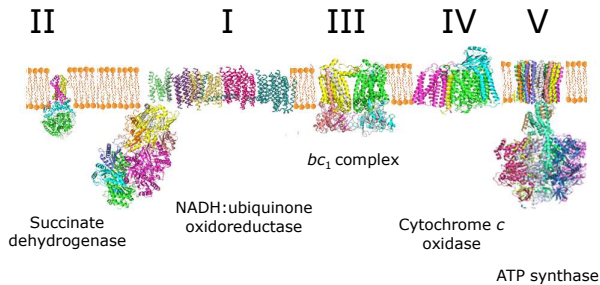
Electron transport chain



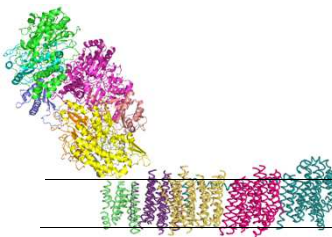
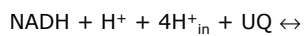
Electron transport chain



Structure of respiratory chain



Complex I (NADH:ubiquinone oxidoreductase)



Eukaryotic enzyme: 40-44 subunits

Bacterial enzyme: 14 subunits

Flavin = FMN

8 FeS clusters

Tightly-bound semiquinones as intermediates of electron transfer

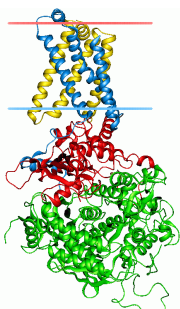
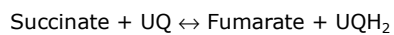
Classical inhibitors:

Rotenone, piericidine, MPP⁺

Thermus thermophilus structure (2013)

Complex II

Succinate dehydrogenase of TCA cycle



Eukaryotic enzyme: 4 subunits

Bacterial enzyme: 4 subunits

Flavin = FAD

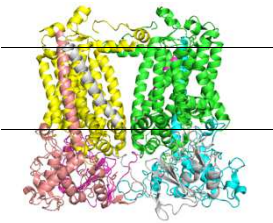
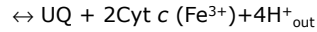
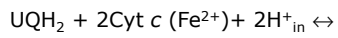
Cytochrome *b*

Three FeS clusters

Classical inhibitors:

Malonate, Oxaloacetate

Complex III *bc₁* complex

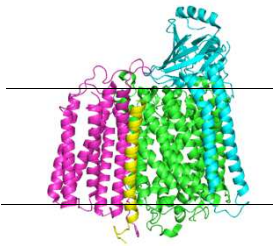
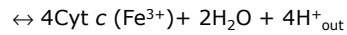
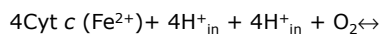


Eukaryotic enzyme: 11 subunits
Bacterial enzyme: 3 (+1) subunits

Cytochromes *c₁*, *b_L* and *b_H*
Rieske protein (2Fe2S cluster)
Tightly-bound semiquinones as intermediates of electron transfer

Classical inhibitors:
Antimycin A, myxothiazol

Complex IV Cytochrome *c* oxidase

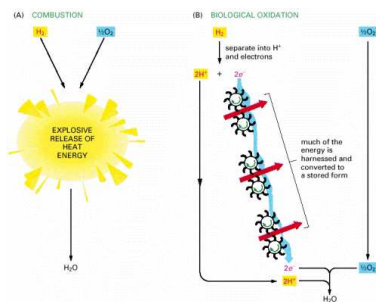


Eukaryotic enzyme: 13 subunits
Bacterial enzyme: 2-3 subunits

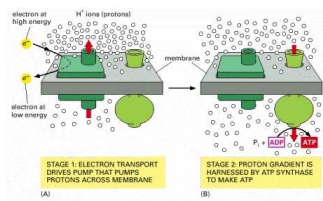
Cytochrome *a*, *a₃*,
Two copper *Cu_A* *Cu_B* centers

Classical inhibitors:
Cyanide, carbon monoxide, nitric oxide

Oxidative phosphorylation



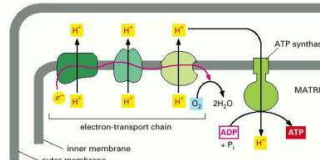
Chemiosmotic theory



Peter Mitchell, Nobel Prize 1978

Electron transfer along electron transport chain is coupled with proton translocation at complexes I, II and IV.

The difference in concentration of protons can drive special molecular motor – ATP synthase.



ATP synthase



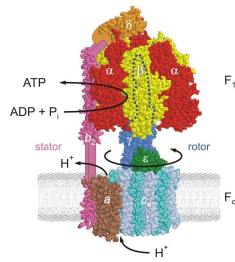
Nobel prize 1997 John Walker



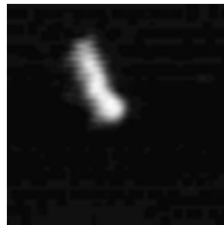
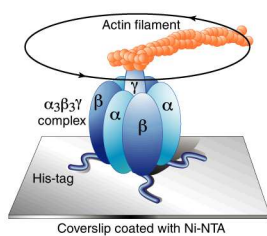
Bacterial enzyme: 8 subunits

Proton flow through F_o part is coupled with ATP synthesis in the F_1 part

~10H⁺ per 3 molecules of ATP



ATP synthase



Yoshida Lab
Kinosita Lab

<http://www.res.titech.ac.jp/~seibutu/>
<http://www.k2.phys.waseda.ac.jp/Movies.html>

ATP-synthase

The rotary catalytic mechanism of mitochondrial ATP synthase.

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ATP synthase

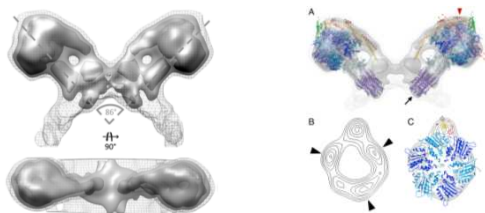
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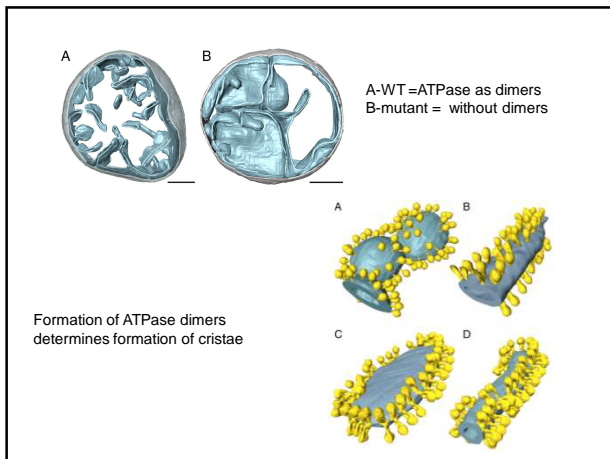
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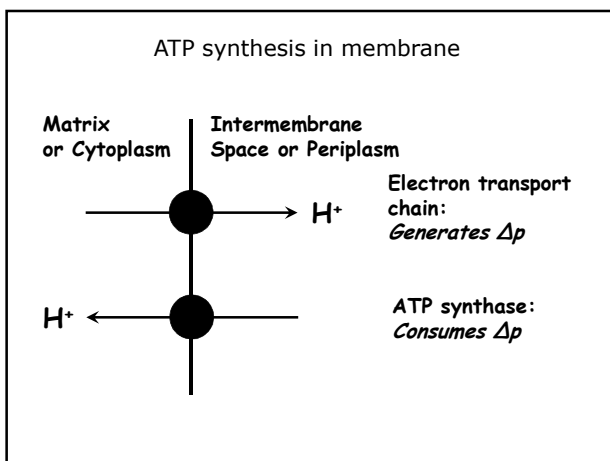
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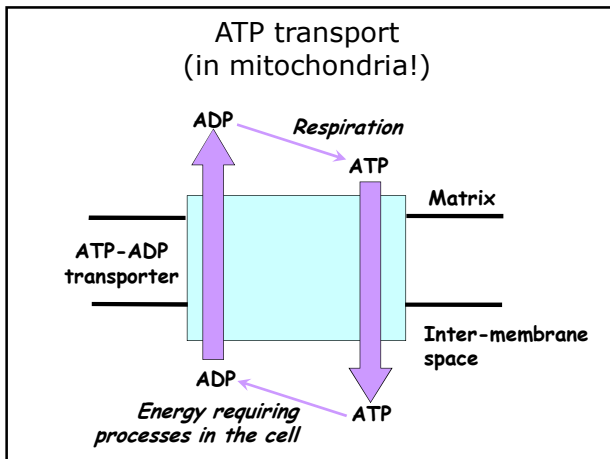






ATP synthesis

ATP synthesis in mitochondrial matrix
Needs to be transported out of mitochondria
Requires ATP-ADP transporter
Integral membrane protein
ATP and ADP transport coupled



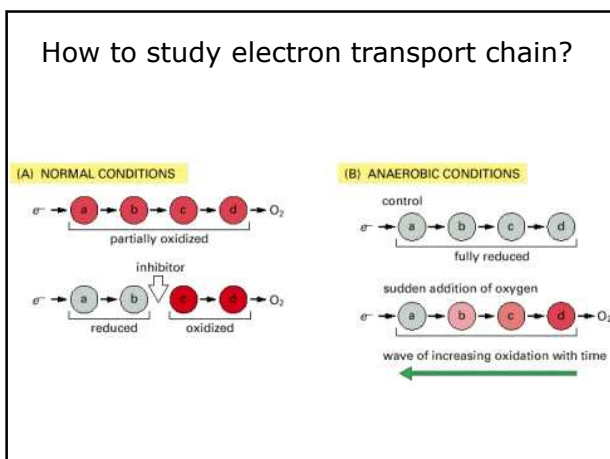
Mitochondrial respiration

History: Isolated mitochondria + substrates + oxygen

Some compounds block oxygen consumption – respiration inhibitors

Some compounds stop ATP synthesis but not respiration, they break the link between respiration and ATP synthesis – uncouplers

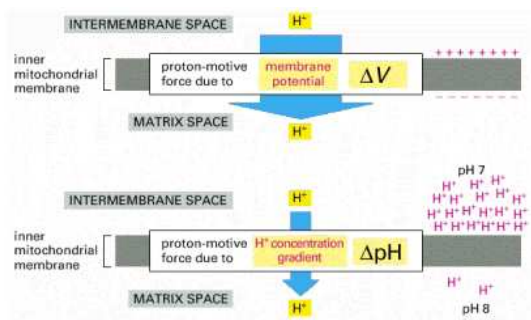
Classical experiments with mitochondria were repeated using bacterial systems: *Paracoccus denitrificans* or *E.coli*



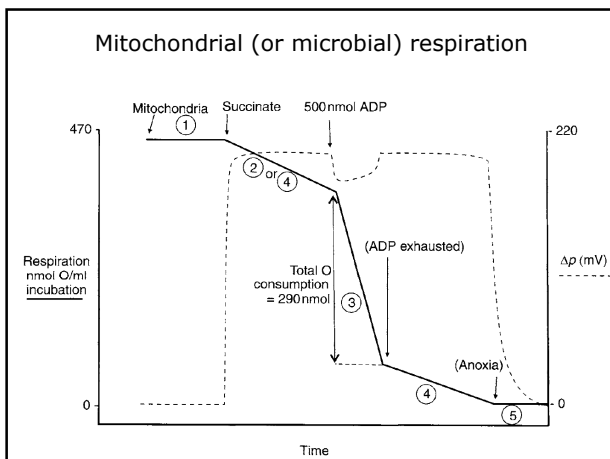
Oxidative phosphorylation inhibitors

- I – Rotenone, piericidine
 - Ubiquinone-like structure
- II – Oxaloacetate, malate
 - Succinate-like structure
- III - Antimycin A, myxothiazol
 - Similar to quinone-binding sites of C-III. Fungicide and insecticide
- IV - Cyanide (CN^-), azide (N_3^-), carbon monoxide (CO), nitric oxide (NO)
 - Similar structures to O_2

Protonmotive force



Mitochondrial (or microbial) respiration



Oxidative phosphorylation

Respiratory control ratio

H⁺/2e⁻ stoichiometry of respiratory chain complexes

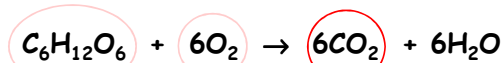
H⁺/ATP stoichiometry of ATP synthase

ADP/O ratio – how much ADP can be converted to ATP per molecule of oxygen

Reversibility of reactions = reverse electron transfer

Reactive oxygen species generation

Aerobic respiration

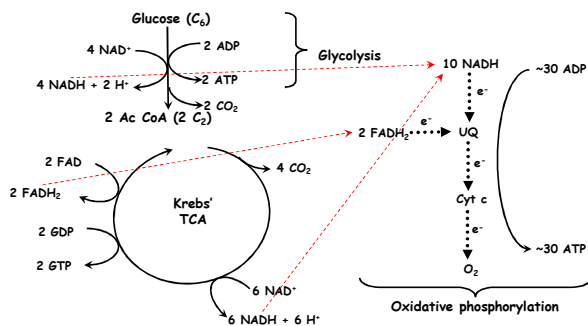


Carbon dioxide:
Released in Pyruvate → AcCoA
and Krebs' TCA

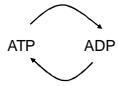
Oxygen:
Required at the end of
oxidative phosphorylation

Glucose:
Chemical energy from food

Aerobic respiration



Aerobic respiration (in mammals!)



Inner mitochondrial membrane $\sim 1400\text{m}^2$

We consume $\sim 380 \text{ l}$ of oxygen per day

ATP turnover $\sim 60 \text{ kg/day}$

$3 \times 10^{23} \text{ H}^+$ per second through ATP synthase

90% ATP is synthesised during oxidative phosphorylation

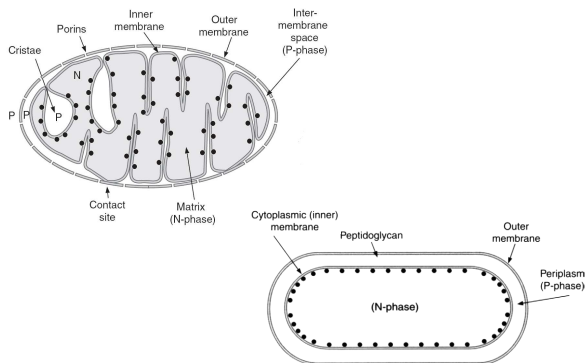
Bacterial energy metabolism

Live in various environment

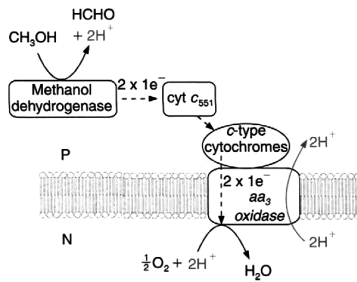
Able to metabolise different substrates

Can adapt to the changing environment

Membranes of mitochondria and bacteria



What to do if food is scarce?



Some bacteria can grow on low carbon substrates like methanol as its sole source of energy. In *P. denitrificans* methanol is oxidised in periplasm and electrons are transferred directly to cytochrome oxidase

Bacterial energy metabolism

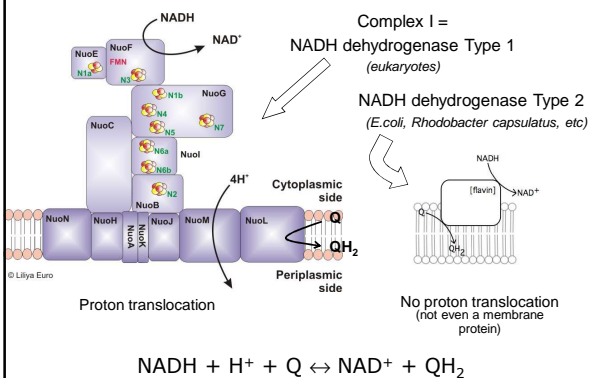
In many bacteria efficiency of respiration (ATP:O ratio) is lower than in mitochondria

More simple machinery of H⁺/e⁻ transport

Bypassing

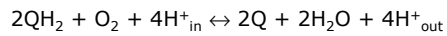
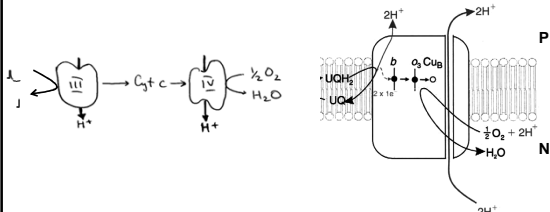
Shortening or branching of the chain

Simplification



Bypassing

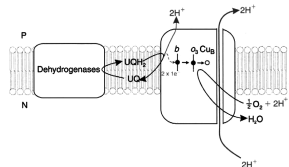
bc_1 (III) and cytochrome c oxidase (IV) together (in mitochondria) bo_3 oxidase (quinol oxidase) (*E. coli*, *Burkholderia phyatum*)



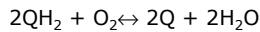
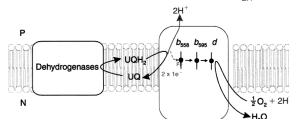
Direct oxidation of quinol by oxygen, bypassing bc_1 complex and cyt c + translocation of protons (but with lower efficiency)

Bypassing and simplification

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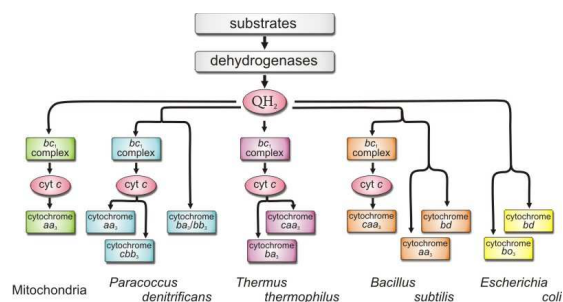


bd oxidase (quinol oxidase) (no H^+ translocation) (*E. coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*)



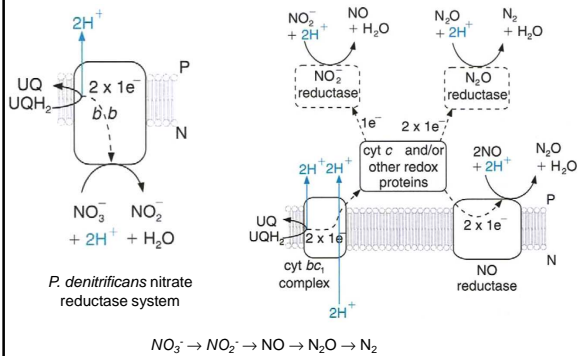
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Scheme of Respiratory Chains of mitochondria and bacteria



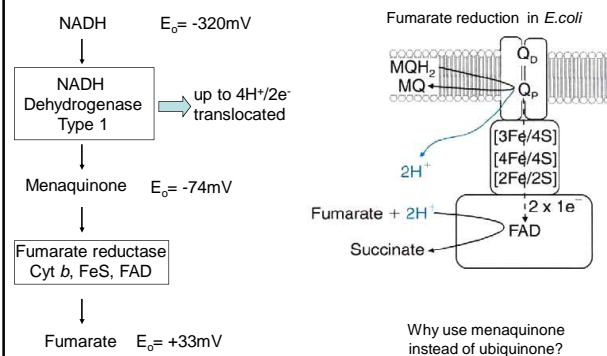
What to do if the oxygen is absent?

What would be the terminal electron acceptor or where electrons should end up?

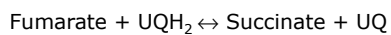


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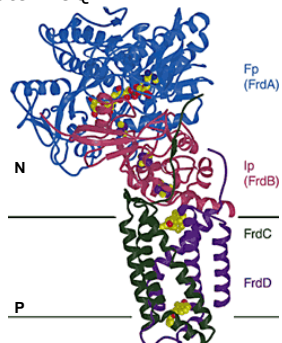
Fumarate reductase from E.coli



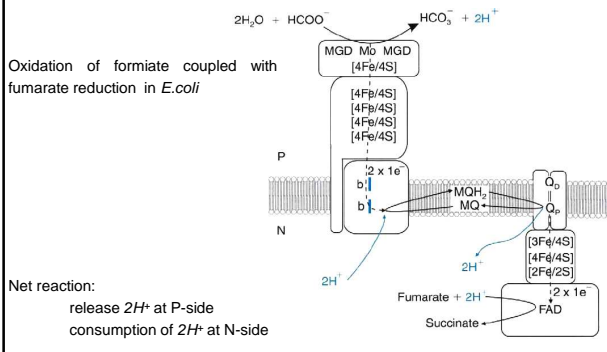
Very similar to mitochondrial succinate dehydrogenase

4 subunits

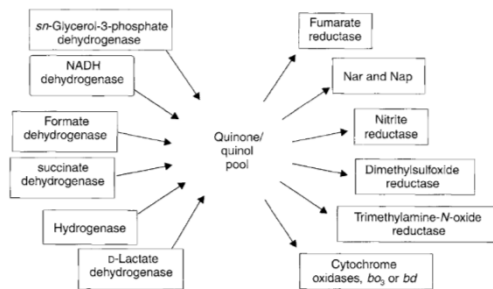
Flavin – FAD
3 FeS clusters



How to generate proton gradient without actual proton translocation?

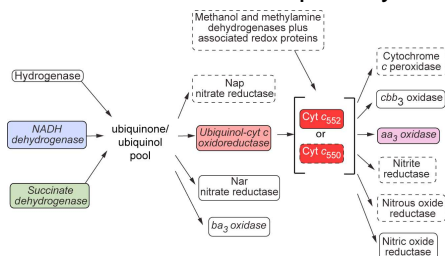


E. coli respiratory chain



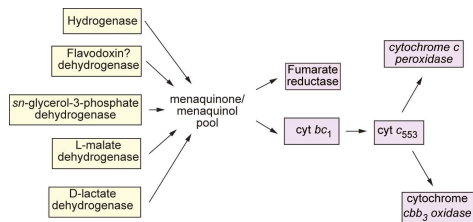
The components present depend on the growth conditions. Menaquinone replaces ubiquinone under anaerobic conditions. Many of the enzymes (e.g. nitrite reductase) have their active sites at the periplasm.

P. denitrificans respiratory chain



The components in *italics* are constitutive. The other components are induced at appropriate growth conditions and are unlikely to be all present at once. Continuous boxes indicate integral membrane components; dashed lines represent periplasmic components. NADH dehydrogenase, succinate dehydrogenase, ubiquinol cytochrome *c* oxidoreductase and *aa₃* oxidase correspond to mitochondrial complexes I-IV.

Helicobacter pylori respiratory chain

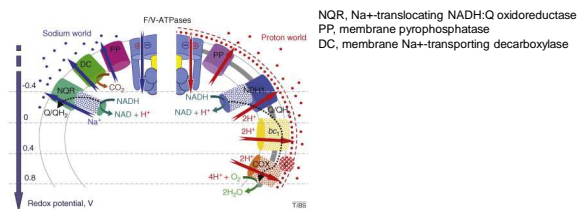


Helicobacter pylori grows at very low oxygen concentrations and has attracted attention as a cause of gastric ulcers and gastric cancer. It is an example of an organism for which more knowledge of its electron transport system has been gained from the sequencing of its genome than from biochemical analyses.

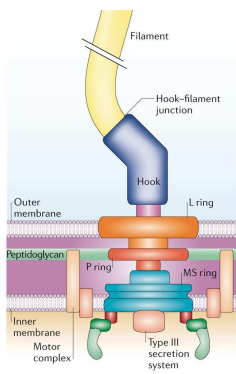
What to do if it is very alkaline outside

Ions other than H^+ can be used. In certain bacteria gradient of Na^+ is created by special enzymes and can be used by special Na^+ translocating ATP synthase for ATP synthesis.

Sodium bioenergetics: *Halophilic bacteria*, *Vibrio cholerae*, *Yersinia pestis*

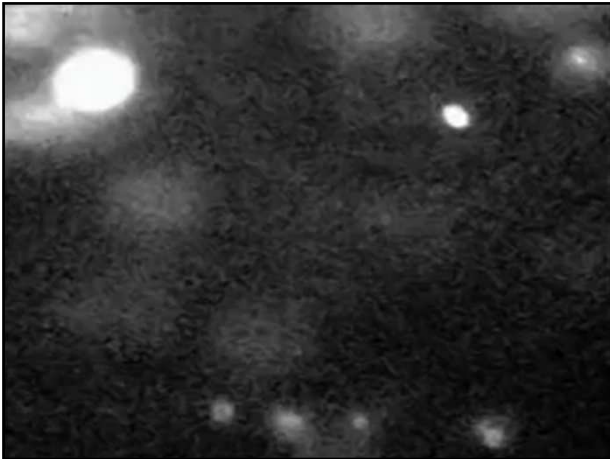


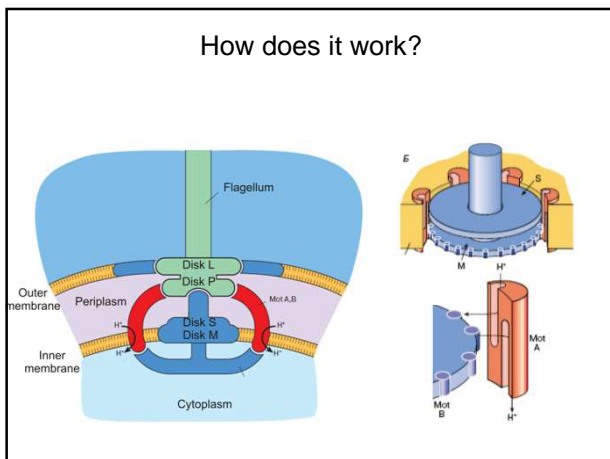
Flagellum = whip

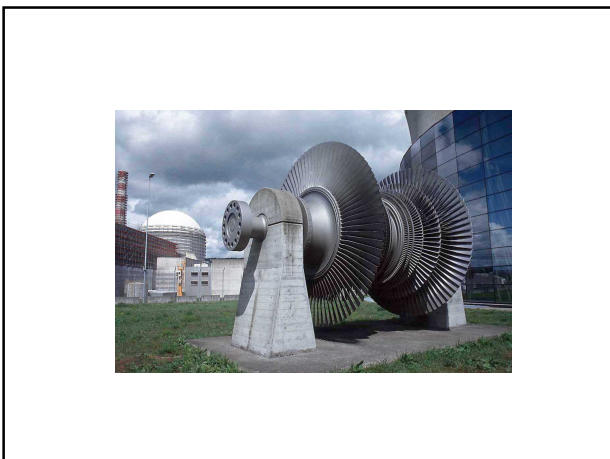


Energy of proton gradient can be converted in to mechanical movement (*E.coli*, *Helicobacter pylori*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Halobacterium*)
 $\sim 10^3$ rpm = 300 Hz = 300 revolutions per second





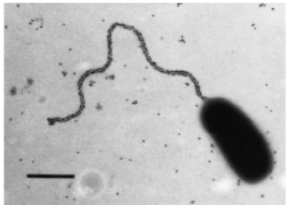




Using two fuels

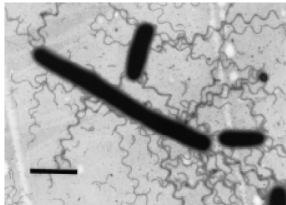
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Sodium motive force



A black and white micrograph showing a single, dark, oval-shaped bacterial cell (swimmer cell) with a long, thin, wavy flagellum extending from one end. A scale bar is visible in the bottom left corner.

Proton motive force

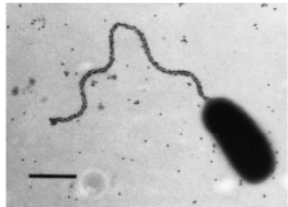


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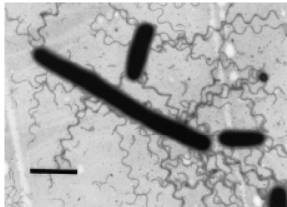
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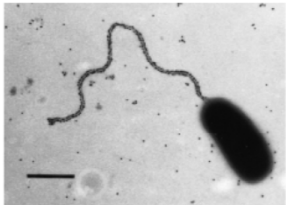


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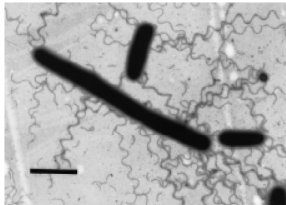
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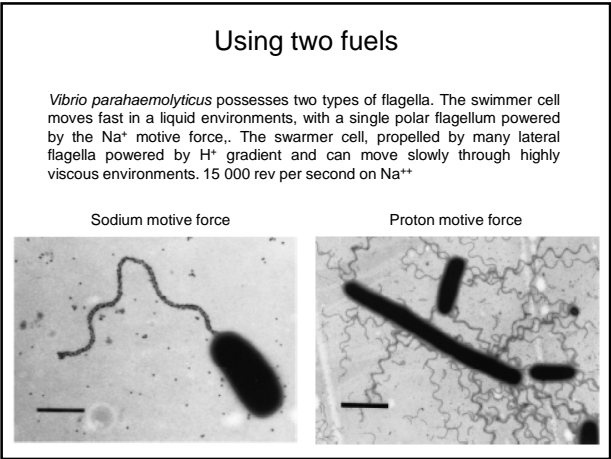


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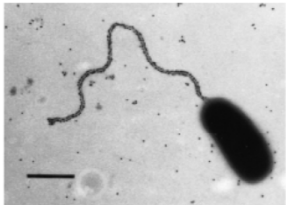
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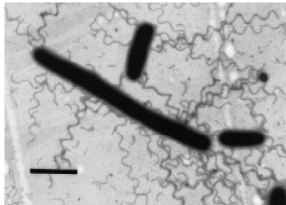
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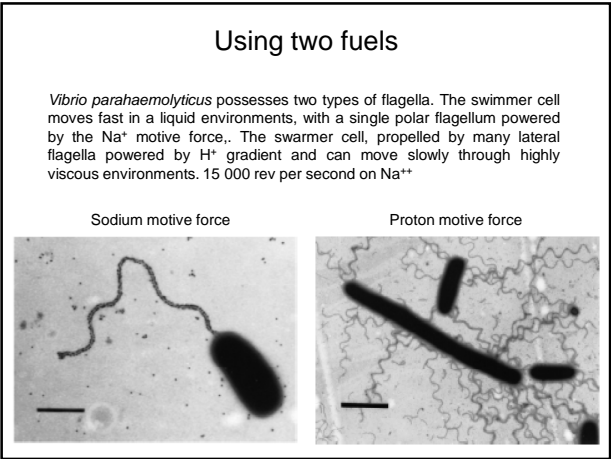


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Retinol (vitamin A)

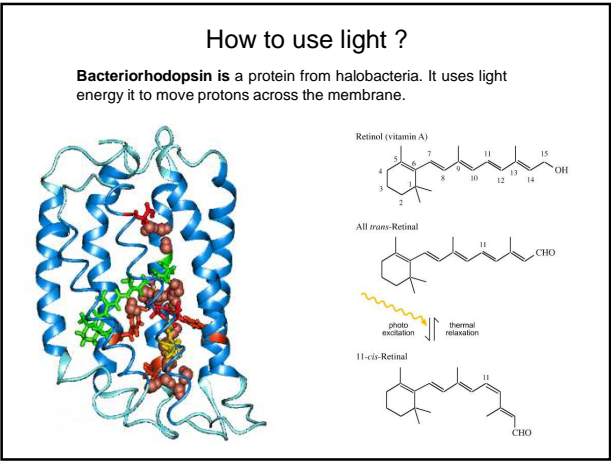
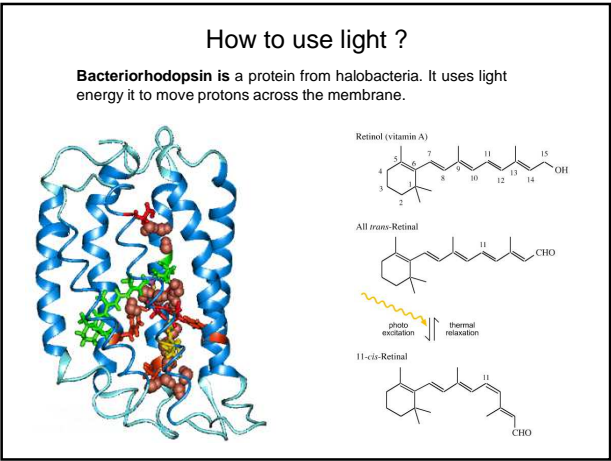
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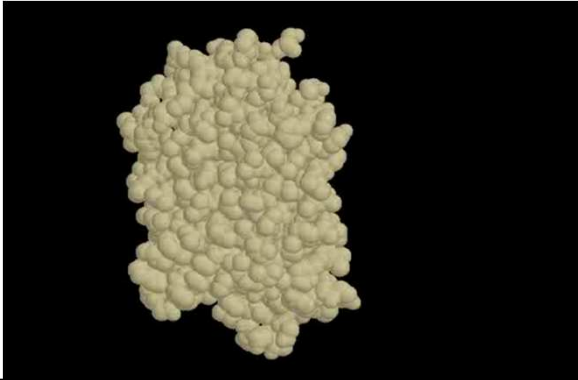
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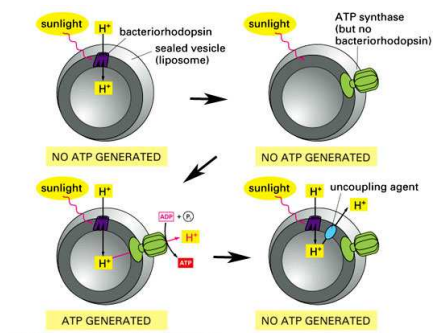
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Bacteriorhodopsin



Proof of chemiosmosis





Photosynthesis
in bacteria and
light phase in
chloroplasts

Photosynthesis in bacteria

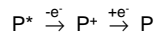
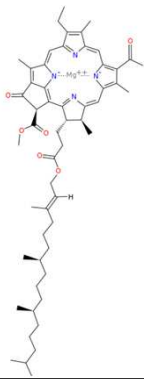
No mitochondria, no chloroplasts \Rightarrow everything is located in the same membrane!



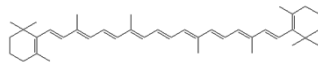
Hartmut Michel Nobel prize 1988
Structure of photosynthetic reaction centre

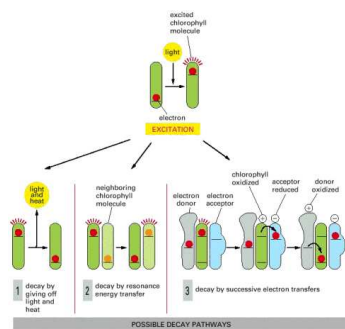


Bacteriochlorophyll and carotenoids (in light harvesting complexes)



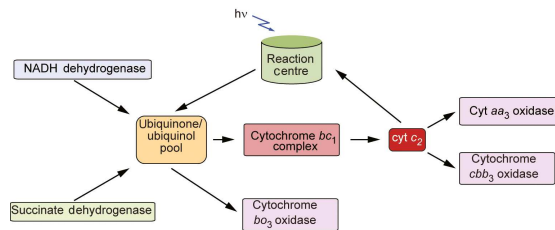
Carotenoids



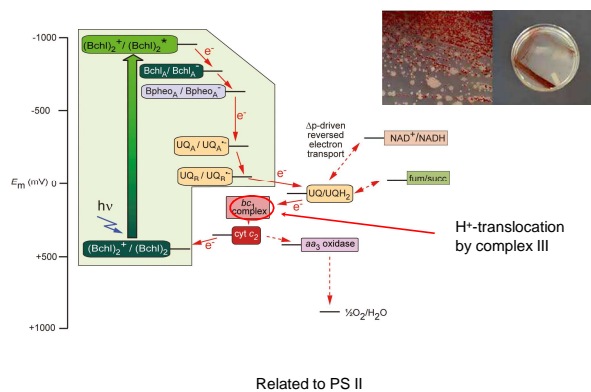


The light energy absorbed by an isolated pigment molecule is completely released as light and heat by process 1. In photosynthesis, by contrast, pigment undergo process 2 in the antenna complex and process 3 in the reaction center.

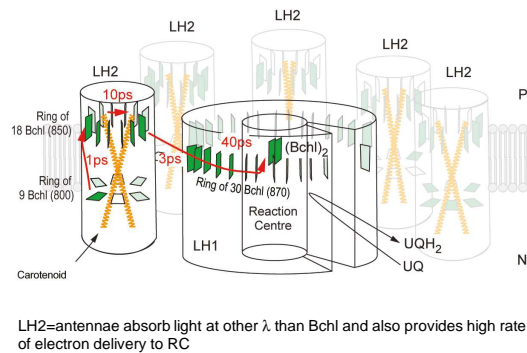
Light driven cyclic electron transfer (*Rh. Sphaeroides*)



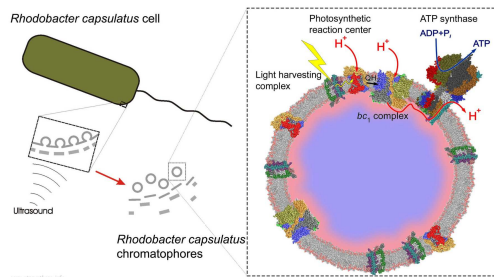
Electron transfer in *Rh. Sphaeroides*



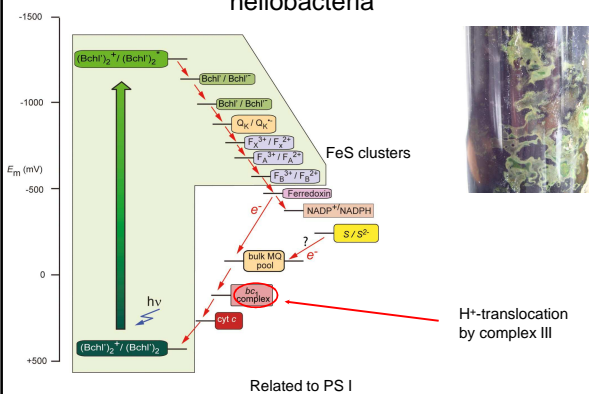
Organisation of light harvesting complexes



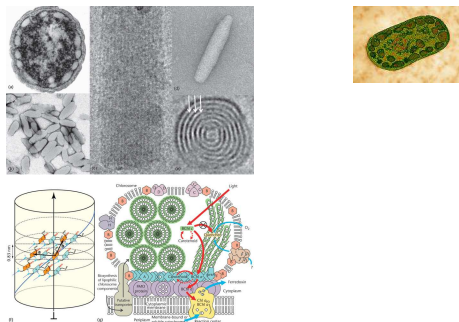
Light driven electron transfer takes place in chromatophores



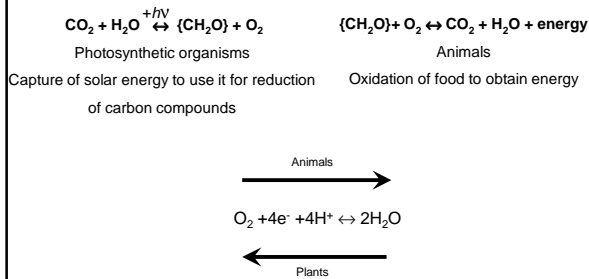
Electron transfer in green sulphur bacteria and heliobacteria



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Greenplants and algae Oxygen and carbohydrate formation



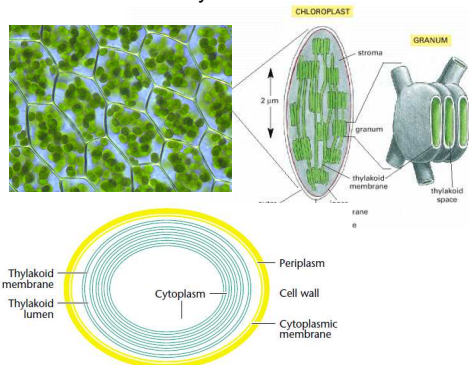
Photosynthesis

- Light reactions:
 - Need light to occur
 - Capture of light energy
 - Generation of pmf and reducing power (NADPH)
- **Dark reactions:**
 - Occur in light and dark
 - **Carbohydrate synthesis**

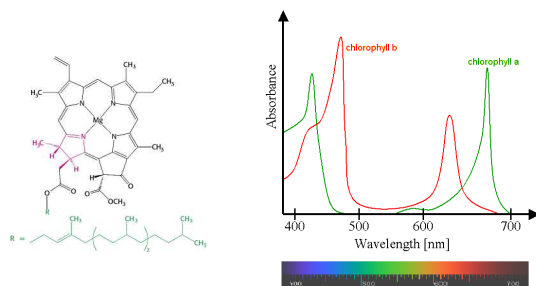
Photosynthesis

- $6\text{CO}_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + 6\text{O}_2$
- Occurs in specialised organelles – chloroplasts
- **Light captured by chlorophyll**
 - Porphyrin
 - Contains Mg^{2+}
 - **Green**

Photosynthesis takes place in chloroplasts or cyanobacteria



Chlorophyll

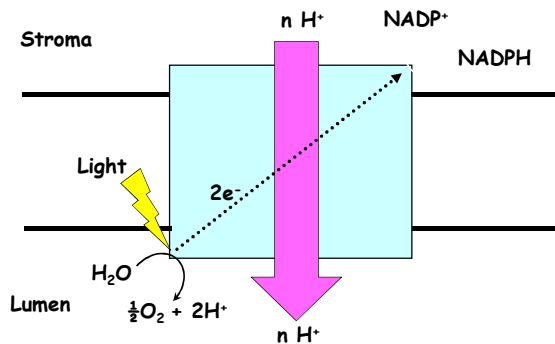


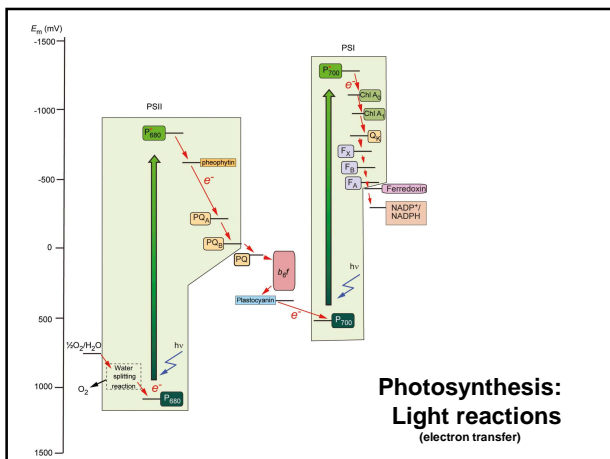
Like haeme, chlorophyll *a* is a cyclic tetrapyrrole. One of the pyrrole rings (shown in red) is reduced. A phytol chain (green) is connected by an ester linkage. Magnesium ion binds at the center of the structure.

Photosynthesis: Light reactions

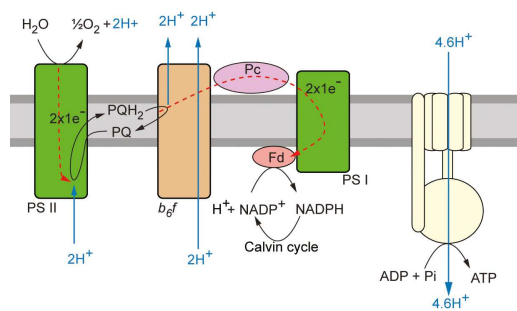
- Two light absorbing stages:
 - Photosystem II
 - Photosystem I
- Electron transport chains – several complexes of proteins
- **Soluble carriers:**
 - Plastoquinone (Q), lipid soluble
 - **Plastocyanin, water soluble**

Photosynthesis: Light reactions





Photosynthesis: Light reactions (proton translocation)



Photosynthesis: Light reactions

- **Products:**
 - Oxygen - released, essential for most life on earth
 - Proton motive force - used for ATP synthesis
 - **NADPH – used in biosynthesis, the Calvin cycle**

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