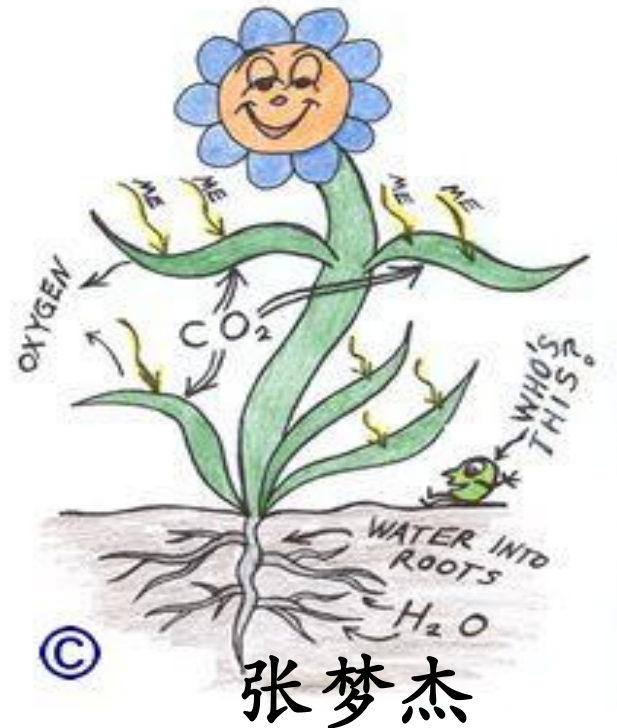


Lecture 6 Photosynthesis (光合作用)



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- **Photosynthesis**
 - **Photophosphorylation**（光合磷酸化）
 - **Carbon dioxide fixation**（CO₂固定）
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- **summary**

1.Introduction to Photosynthesis

Turning sunlight into reduced carbon

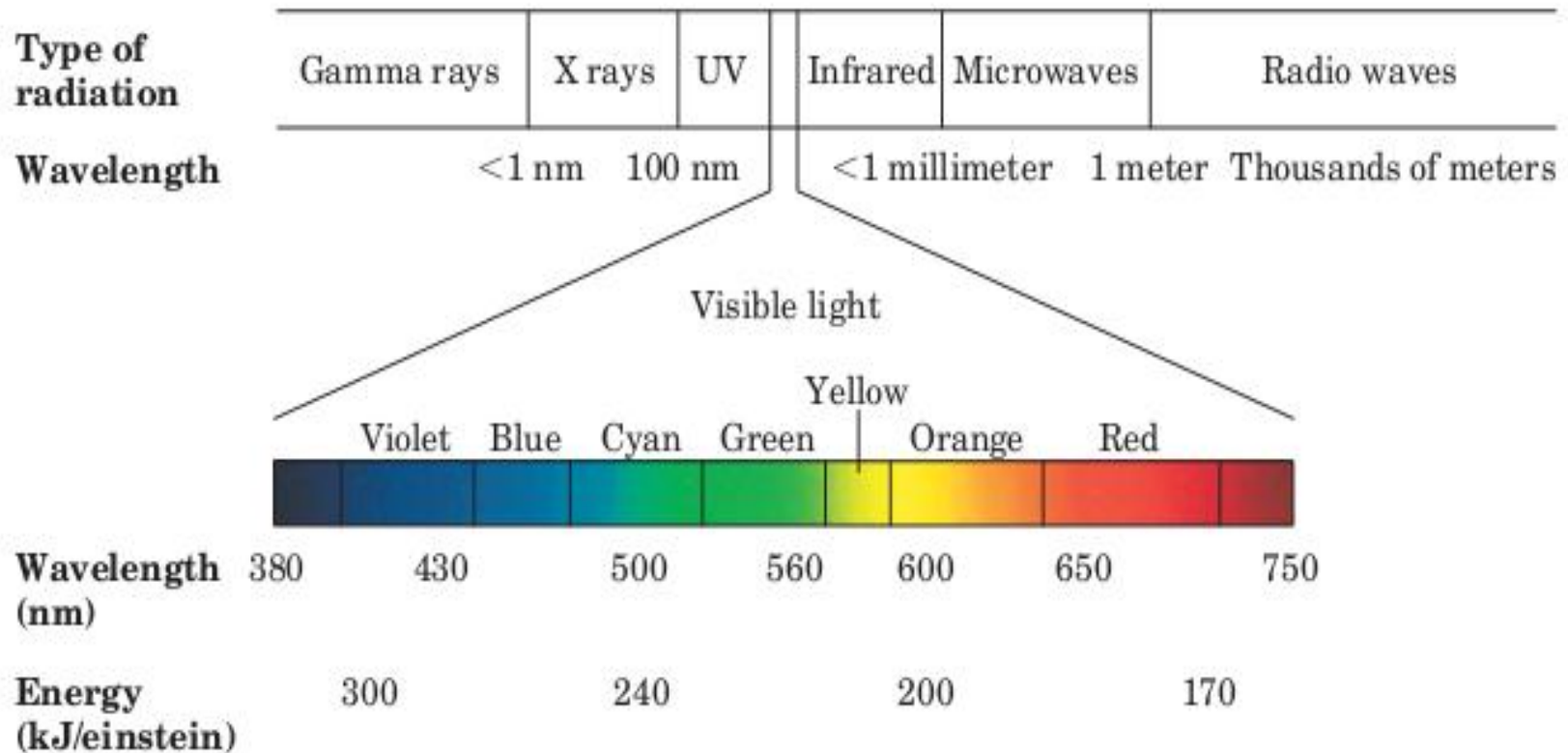
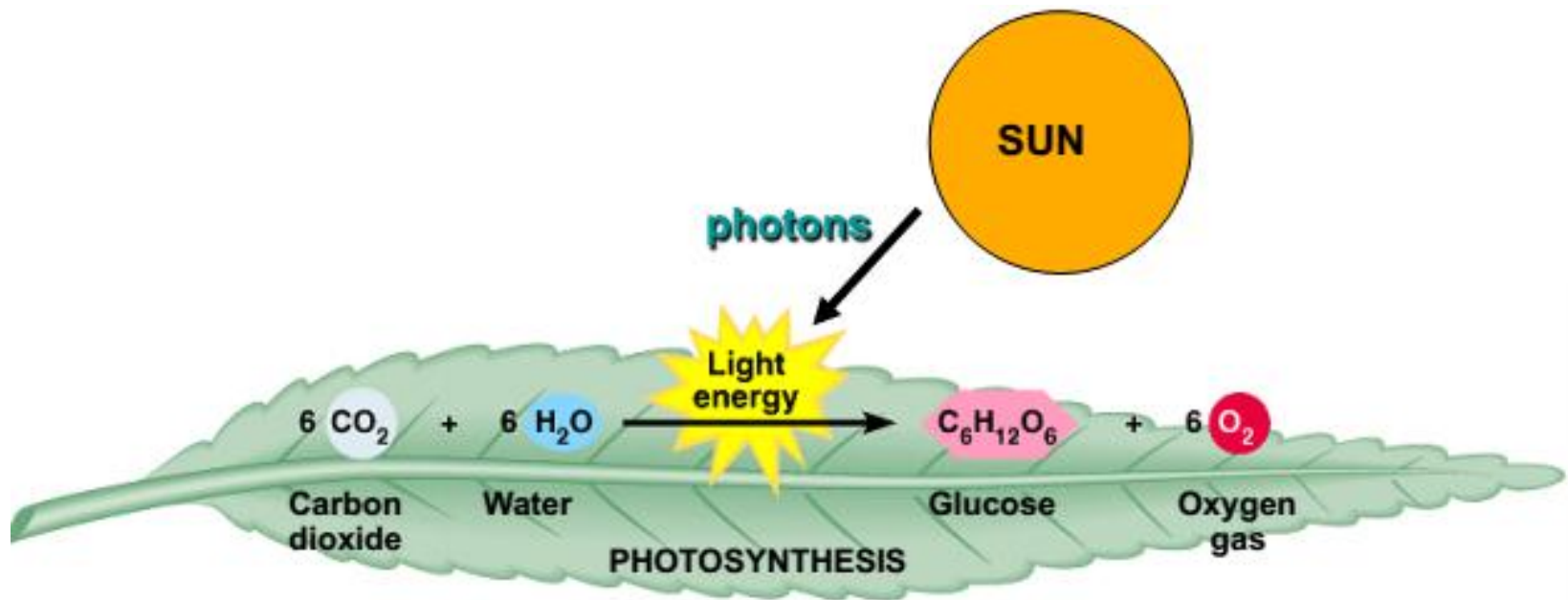
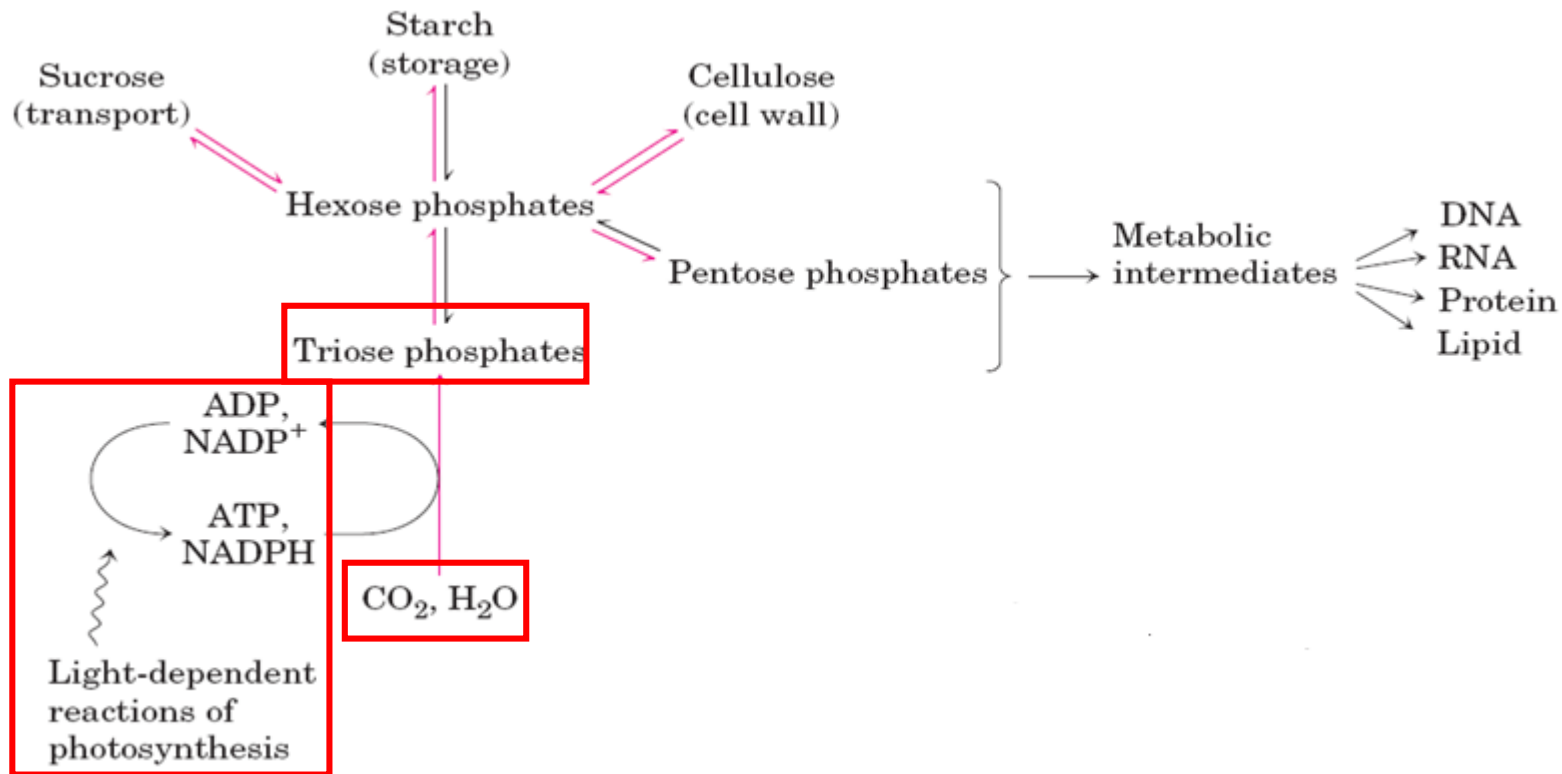


FIGURE 19-39 Electromagnetic radiation. The spectrum of electromagnetic radiation, and the energy of photons in the visible range of the spectrum. One einstein is 6×10^{23} photons.

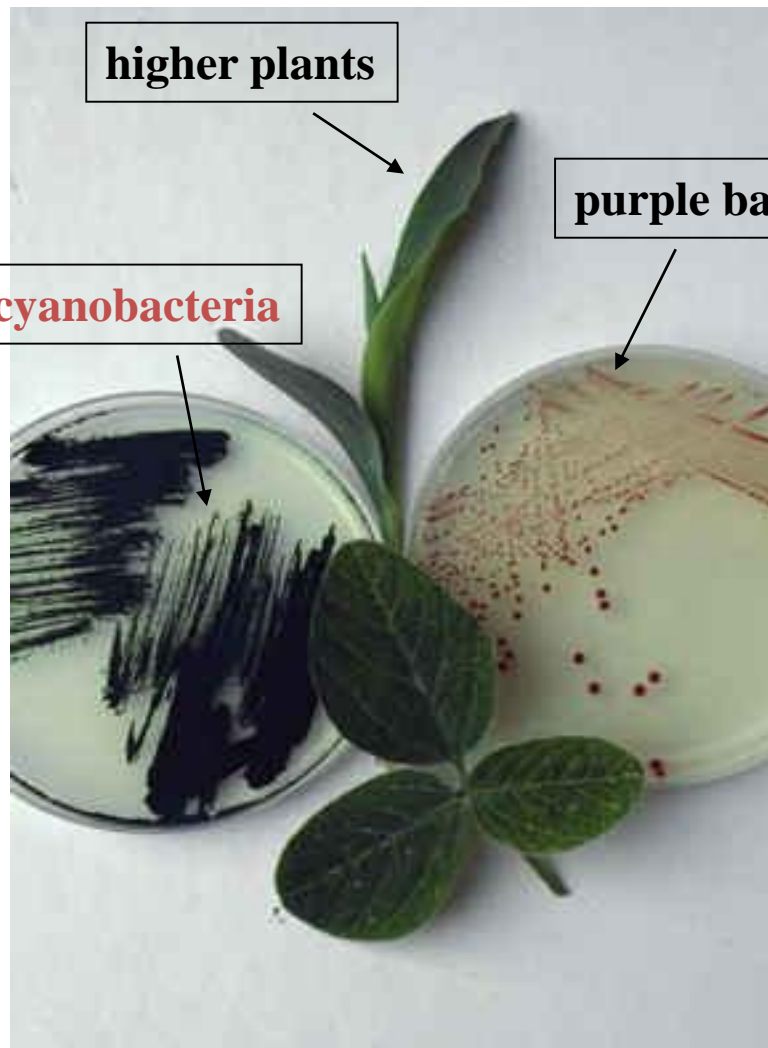
$$1 \text{ mol ATP} \approx 30 \text{ kJ}$$

- An **anabolic**, **endergonic**, CO_2 requiring process that uses **light energy** and H_2O to produce organic macromolecules (glucose)





Start point



■ 1931 C.B. Van Niel: equation for photosynthesis



History of Photosynthesis

- Does the increase in mass of a plant come from the air? The soil? The Water?
- **Early** research focused on the overall process
- **Later** researchers investigated the detailed chemical pathways

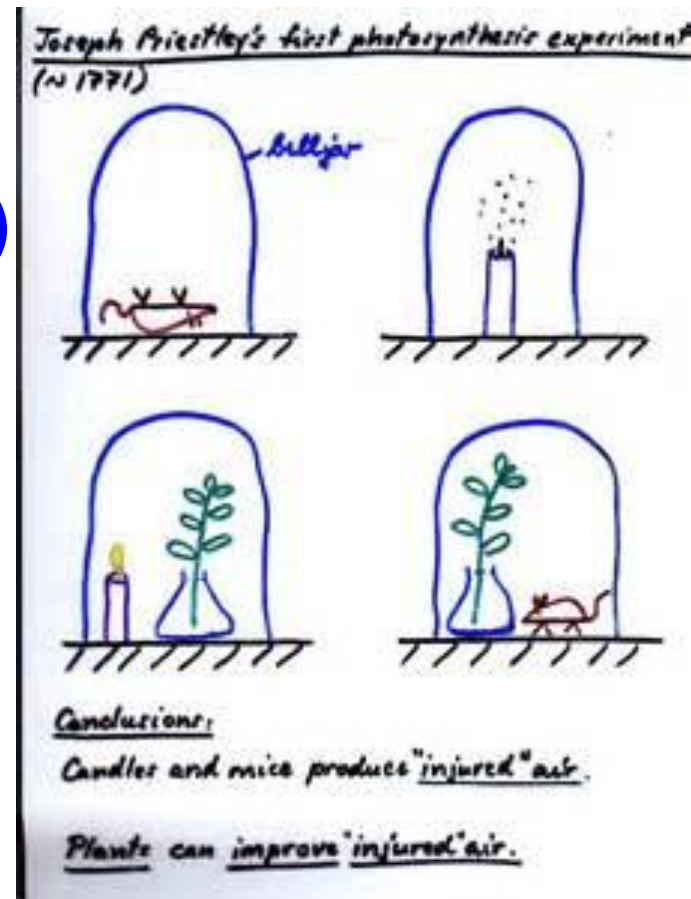
Van **Helmont**'s Experiment 1643

- Plant: 2.27kg → 75 kg in 5 years
- Soil: 90kg → 90 kg
- **Concluded mass came from water**

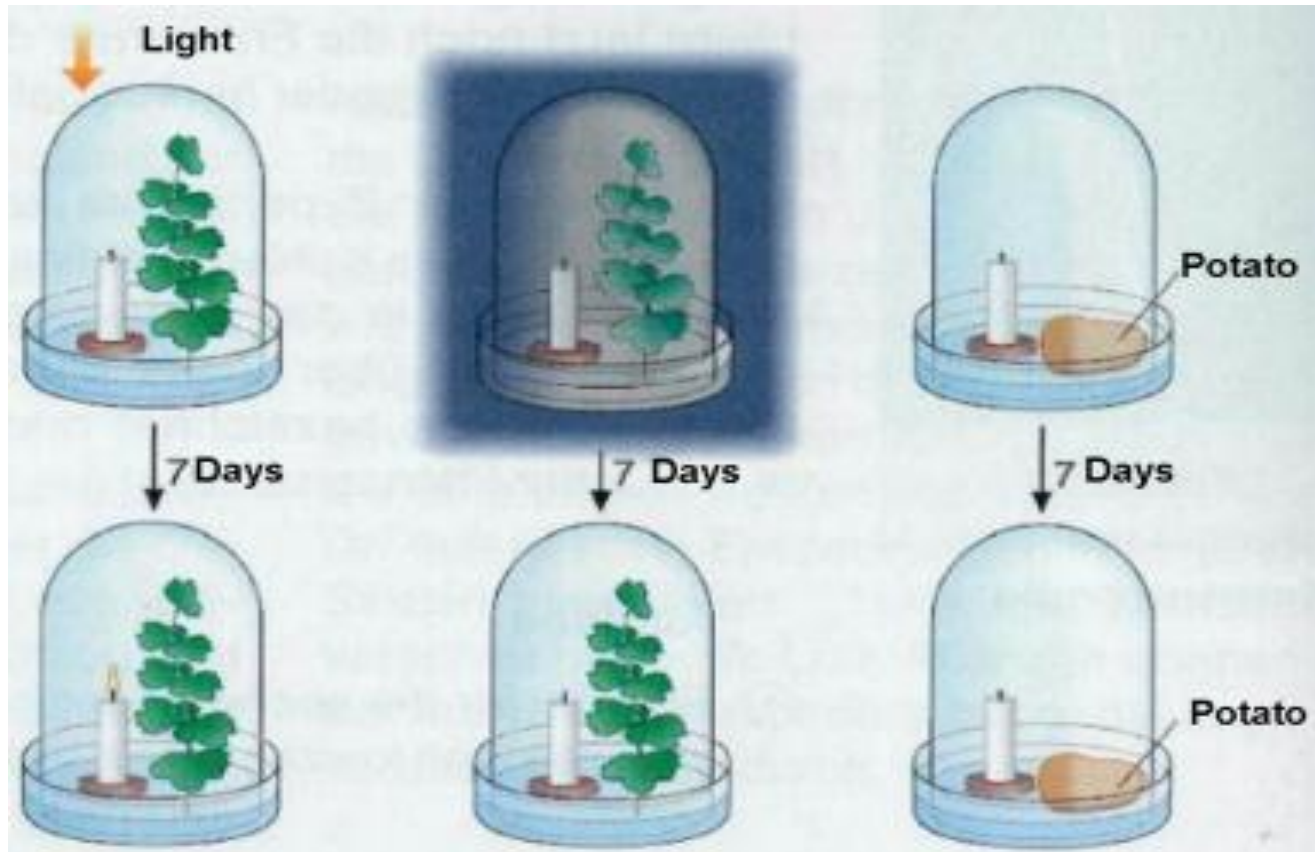


Priestley's Experiment 1771

- Burned candle in bell jar until it went out.
- Placed sprig of mint in bell jar for a few days.
- Candle could be relit and burn.
- Concluded plants released substance (O_2) necessary for burning.



Ingenhousz's Experiment 1779



- **Light** was necessary for plant to produce the “**burning gas**”

Julius Robert **Mayer** 1845

- Proposed that plant can convert **light energy** into **chemical energy**



Samuel **Rubin** & Martin **Kamen** 1941

- Used **isotopes** to determine that the **oxygen** comes from **water** in photosynthesis



RUBIN



KAMEN

Melvin Calvin 1948

- First to trace the path that $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{glucose}$
- Calvin Cycle or light independent reaction
or dark reaction

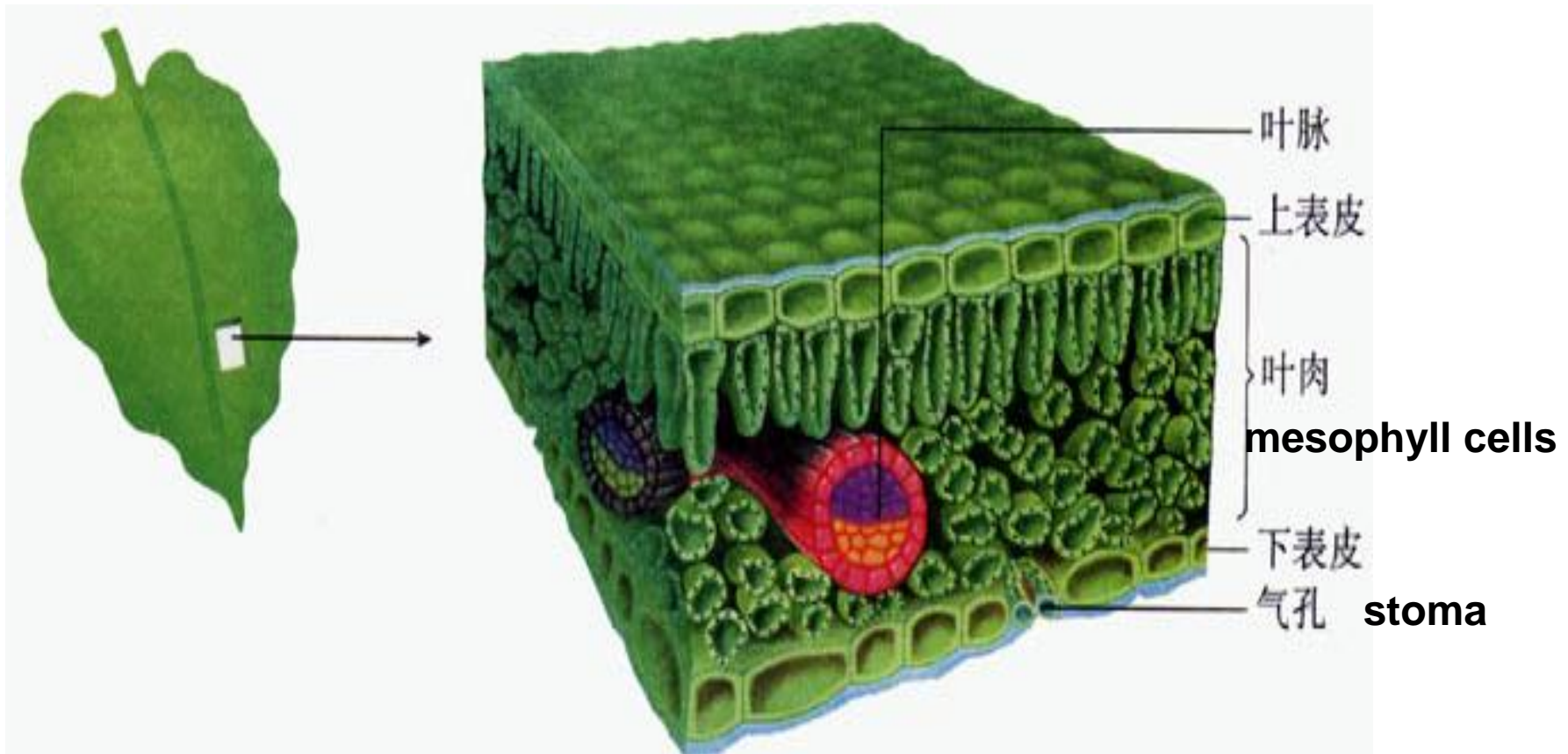


Rudolph Marcus (1992 Nobel)

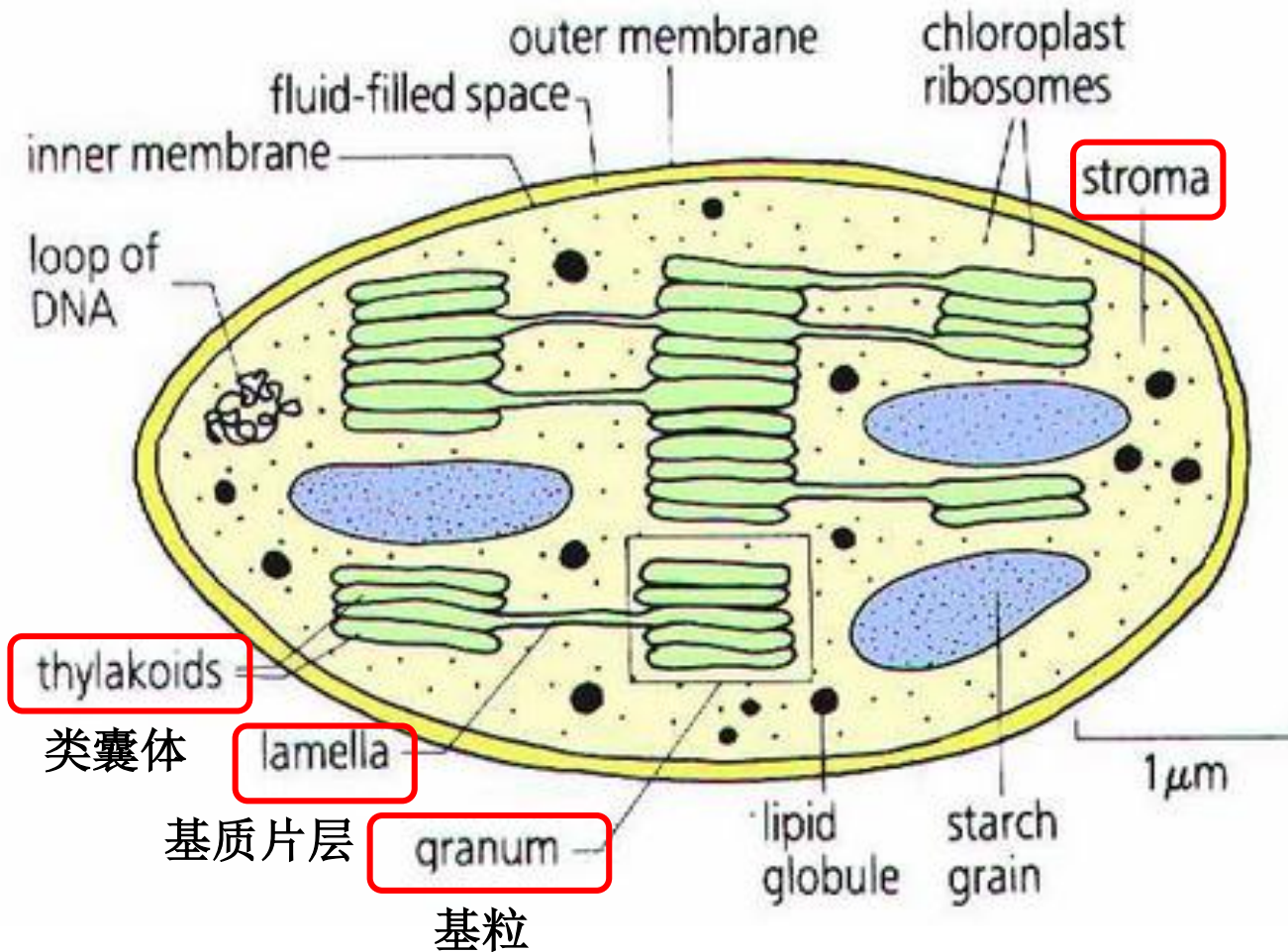
- First to describe the electron transport chain
- Marcus theory of electron transfer reactions in 1956



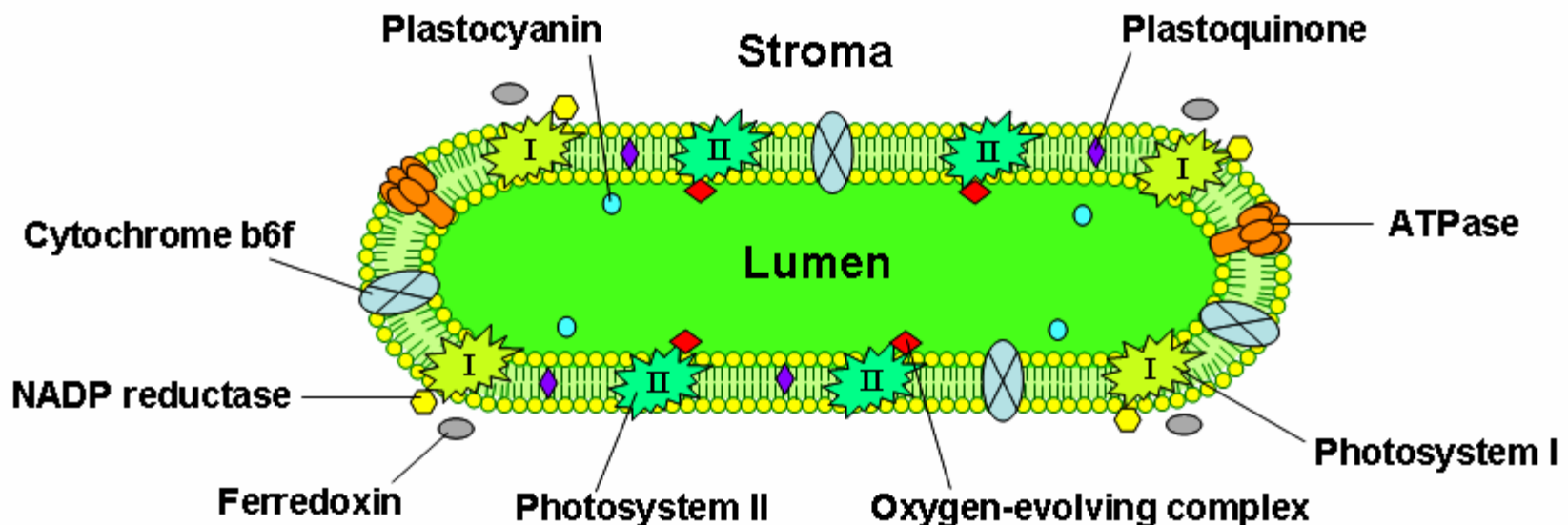
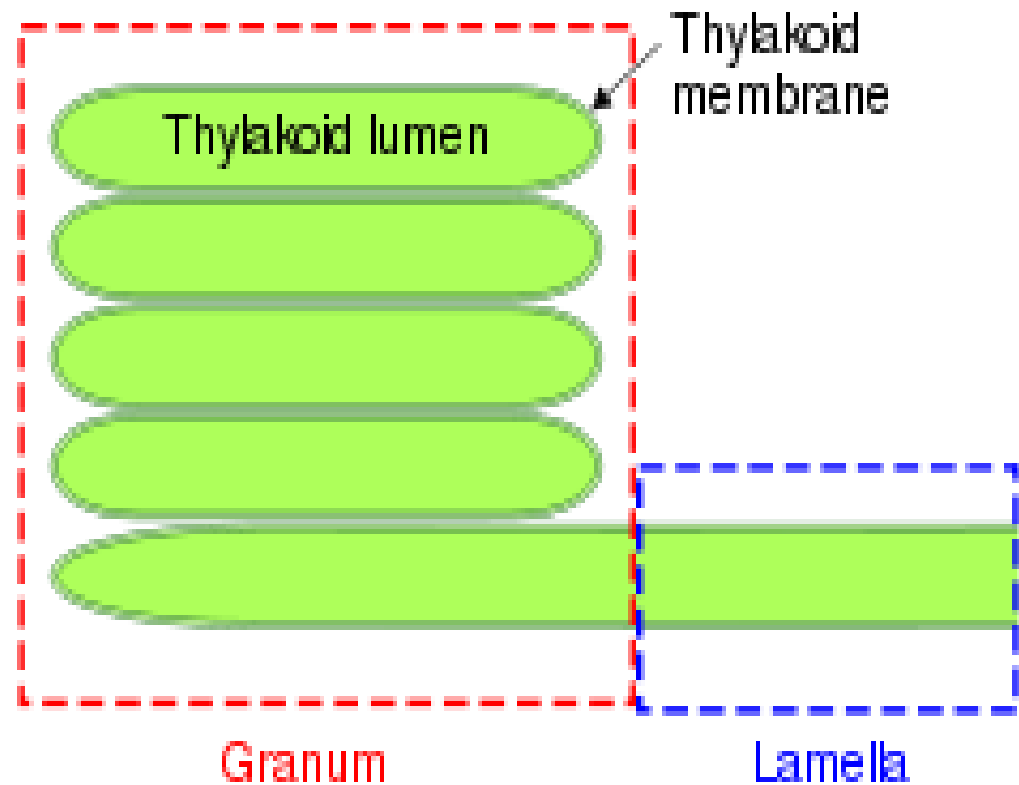
2. Where does photosynthesis take place?



Chloroplast (叶绿体)



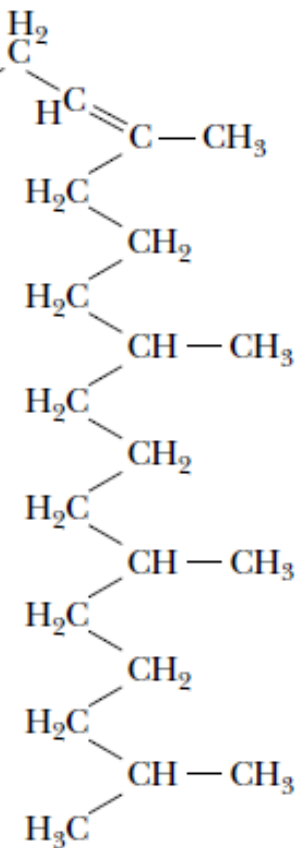
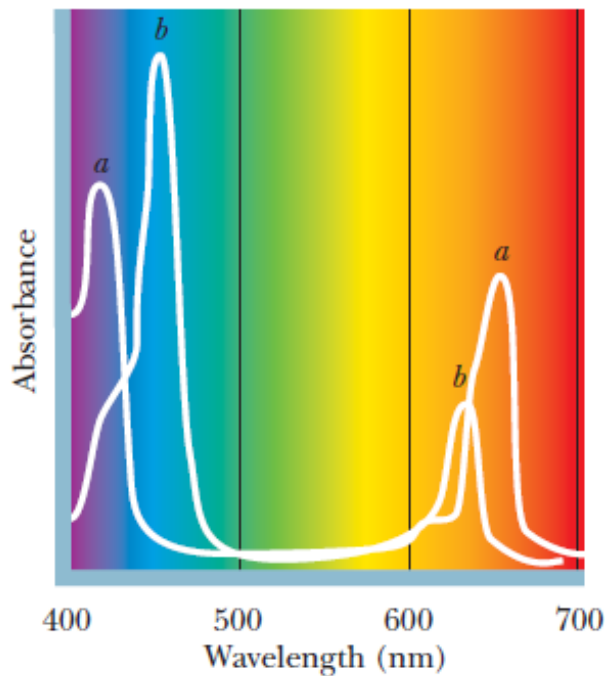
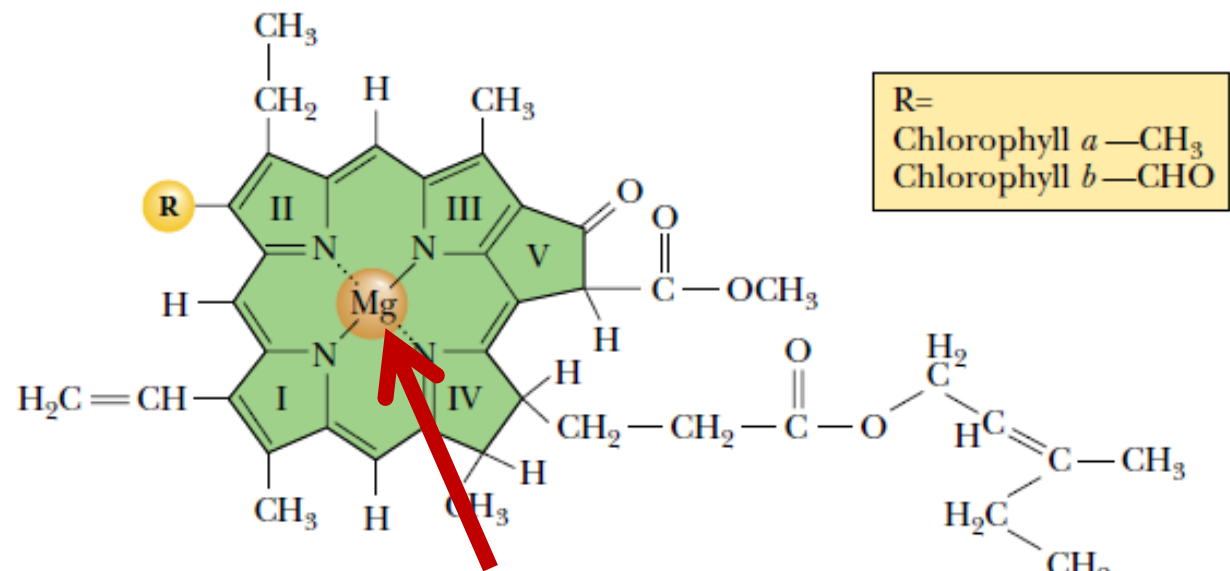
Thylakoid (类囊体)



Chloroplast Pigments

- Chlorophyll a
- Chlorophyll b
- Carotenoids (类胡萝卜素)
- Xanthophyll (叶黄素)





Hydrophobic phytol side chain

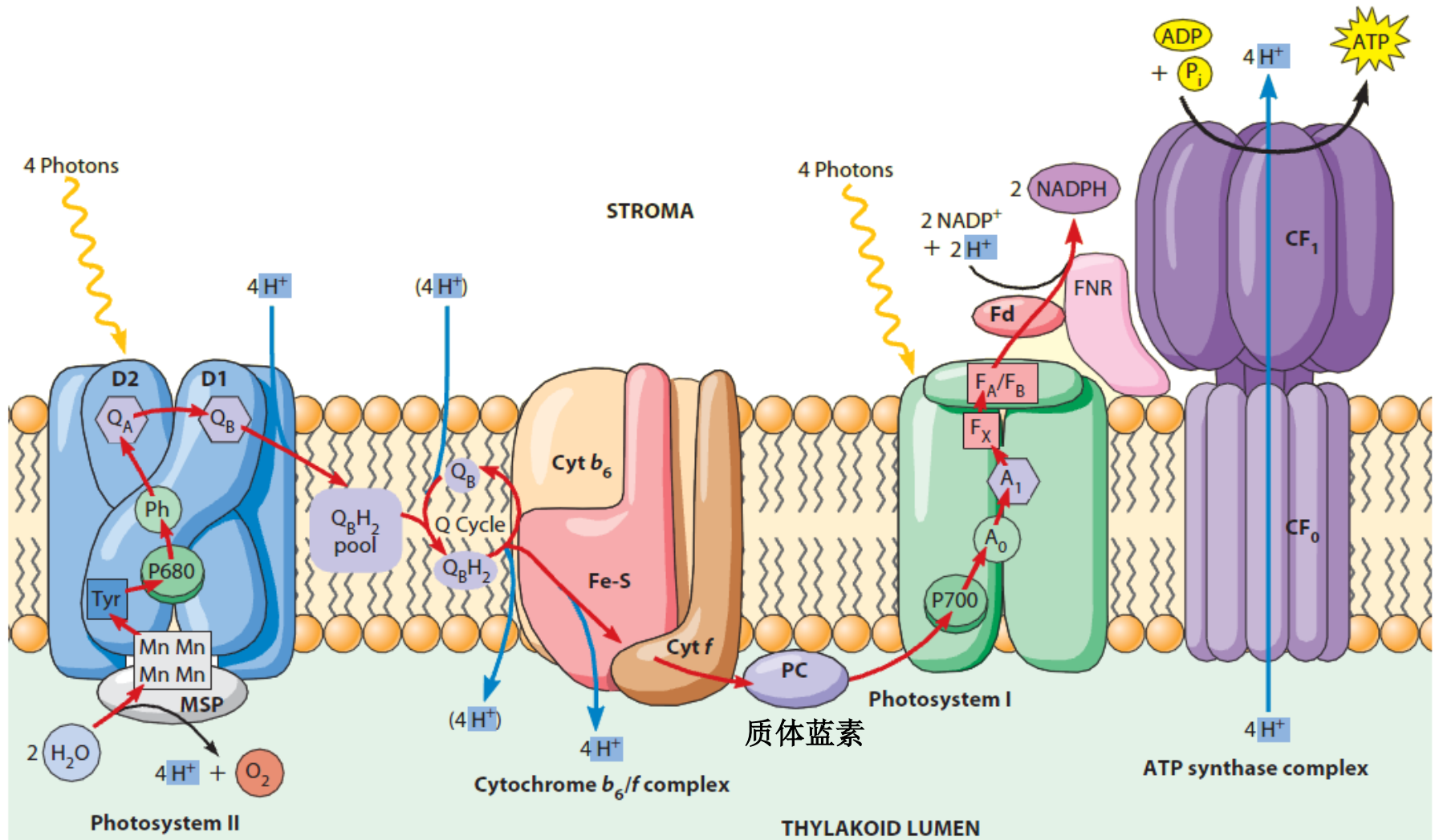
FIGURE 22.6 • Absorption spectra of chlorophylls *a* and *b*.

3. Photosynthesis

- The **light reactions** ---- **thylakoid (类囊体) membranes**
electrons from **H₂O** through a series of membrane-bound carriers, producing **NADPH** and **ATP**. (**light dependent reaction**)

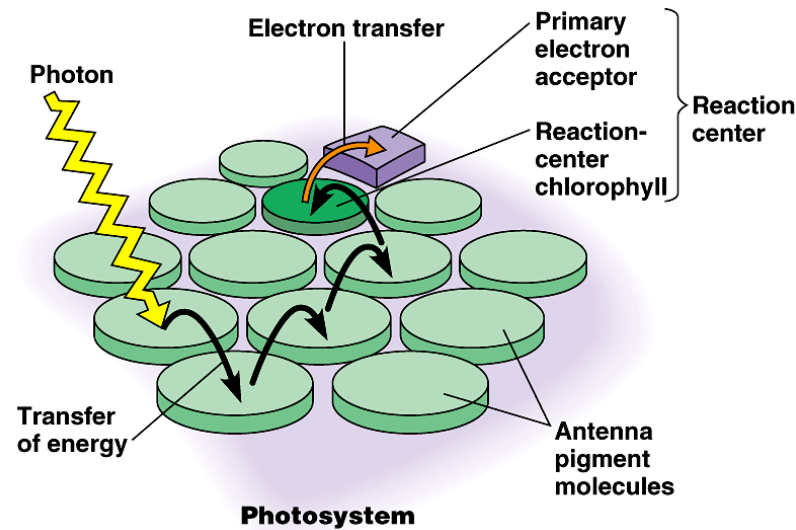
- The **carbon-assimilation reactions** ---- **Chl stroma (基质)**
reduce CO₂ with NADPH and ATP. (dark reaction, **light independent reaction**)

3.1 Light reactions



Photosystem I

- ❁ >200 **chlorophyll a**, little **chlorophyll b**
- ❁ Carotenoid (类胡萝卜素) with protein
- ❁ A pair of special **chlorophyll a** called **P700**
- ❁ Primary electron acceptor called **A₀**



Photosystem II

- ❁ **Chlorophyll a**, small amount of **chlorophyll b**
- ❁ β -carotene with protein
- ❁ A pair of special **chlorophyll a** called **P680**
- ❁ Primary electron acceptor called **pheophytin** (褐藻素)

The Structure of PS II

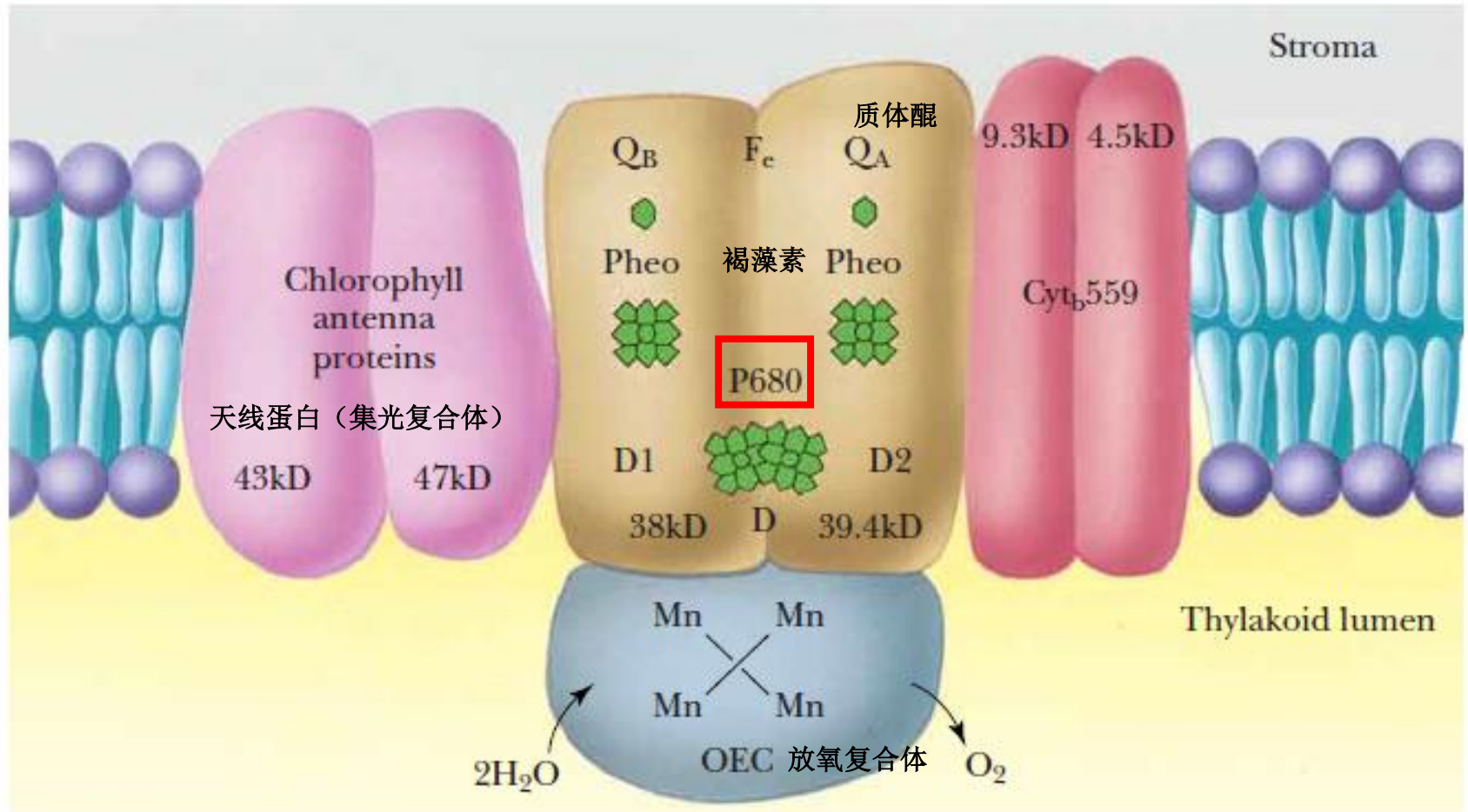
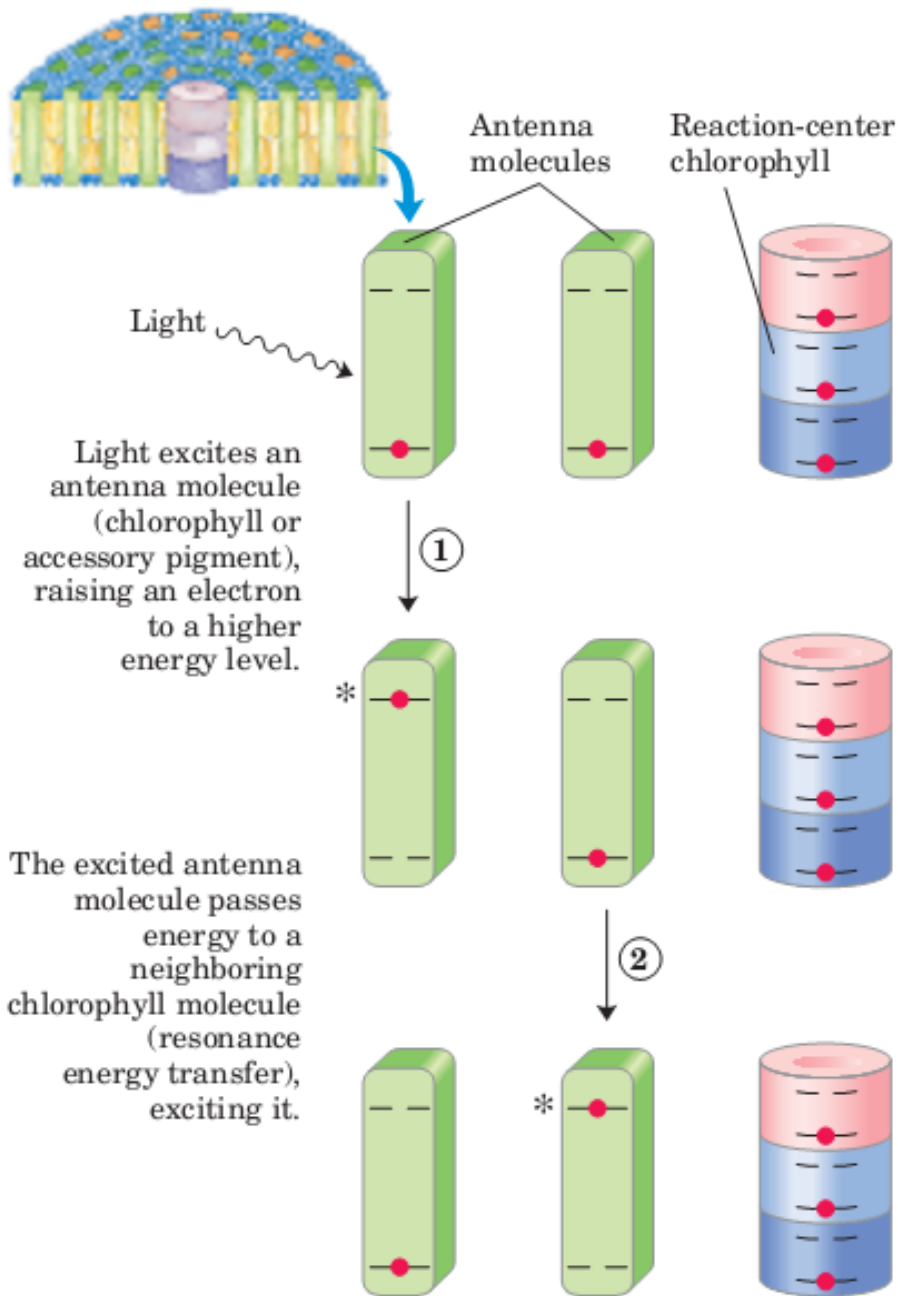


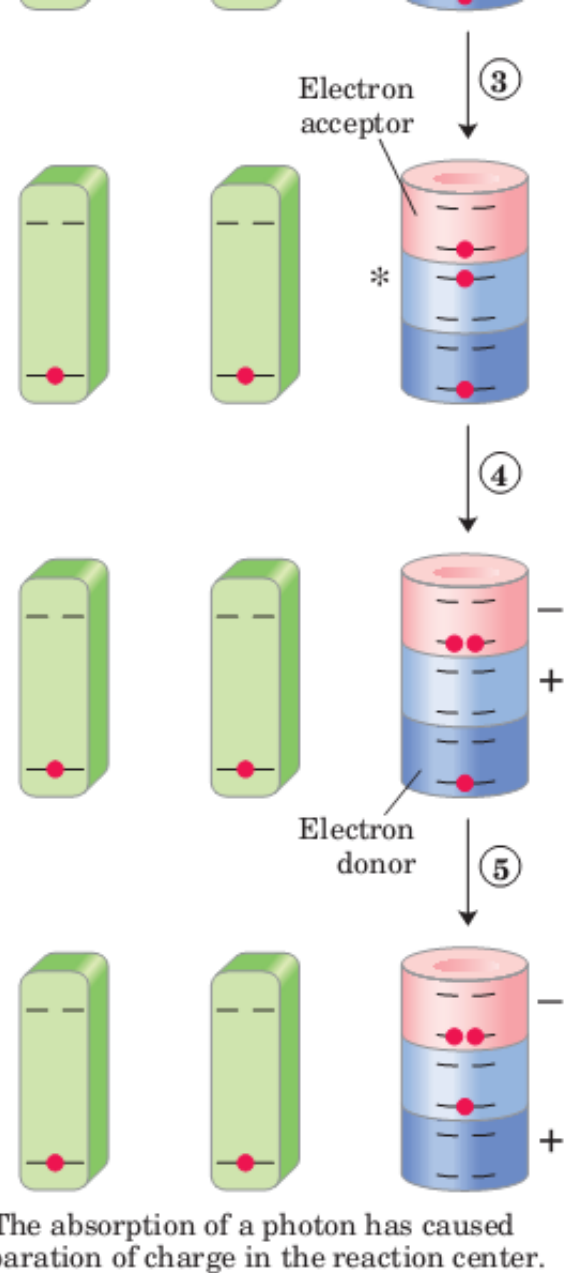
FIGURE 22.19 • The molecular architecture of PSII. The core of the PSII complex consists of the two polypeptides (D1 and D2) that bind P680, pheophytin (Pheo), and the quinones, Q_A and Q_B . Additional components of this complex include cytochrome b_{559} , two additional intrinsic proteins (47 and 43 kD) that serve an accessory light-harvesting function, and an extrinsic protein complex that is essential to O_2 evolution.



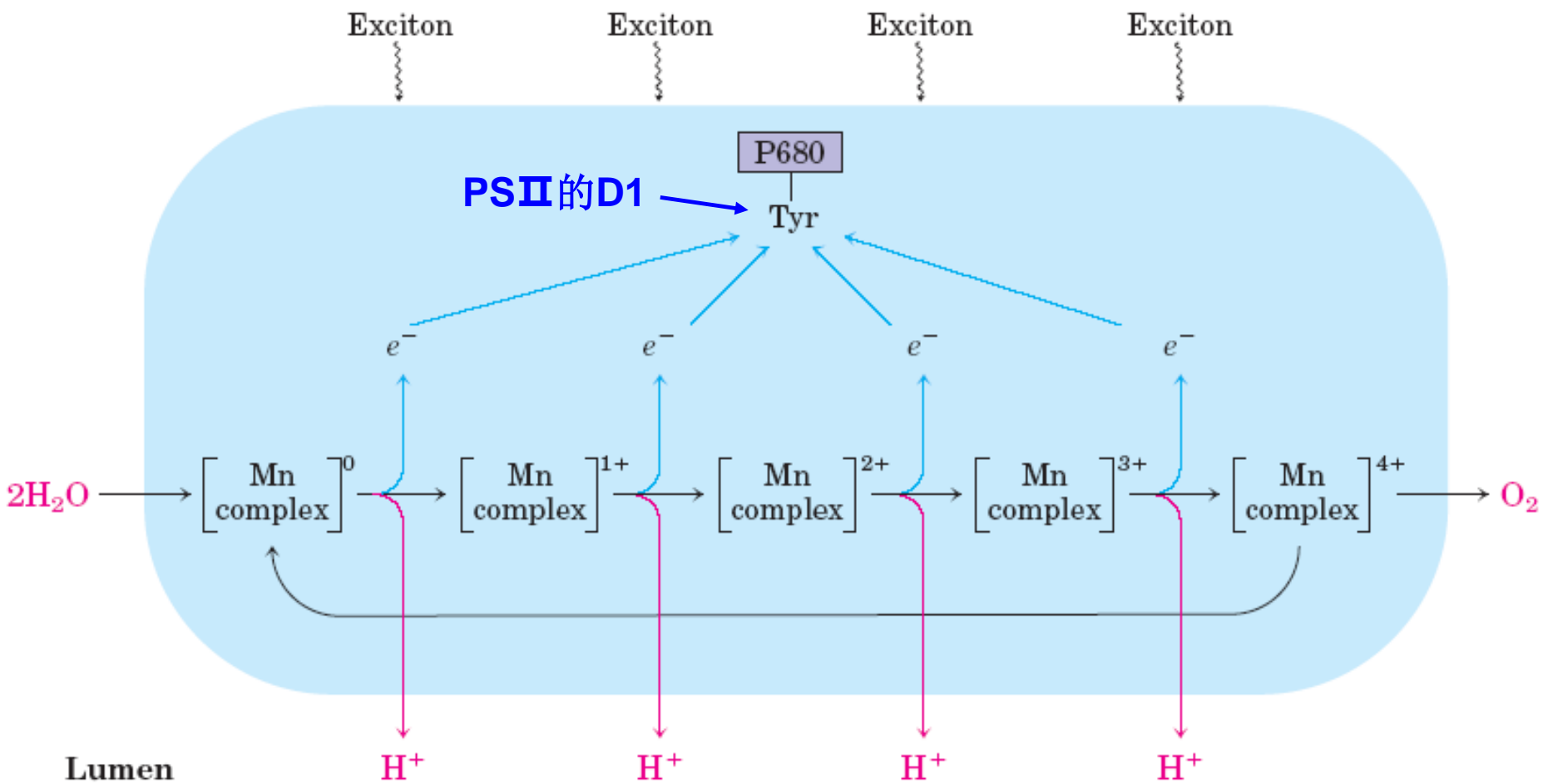
This energy is transferred to a reaction-center chlorophyll, exciting it.

The excited reaction-center chlorophyll passes an electron to an electron acceptor.

The electron hole in the reaction center is filled by an electron from an electron donor.

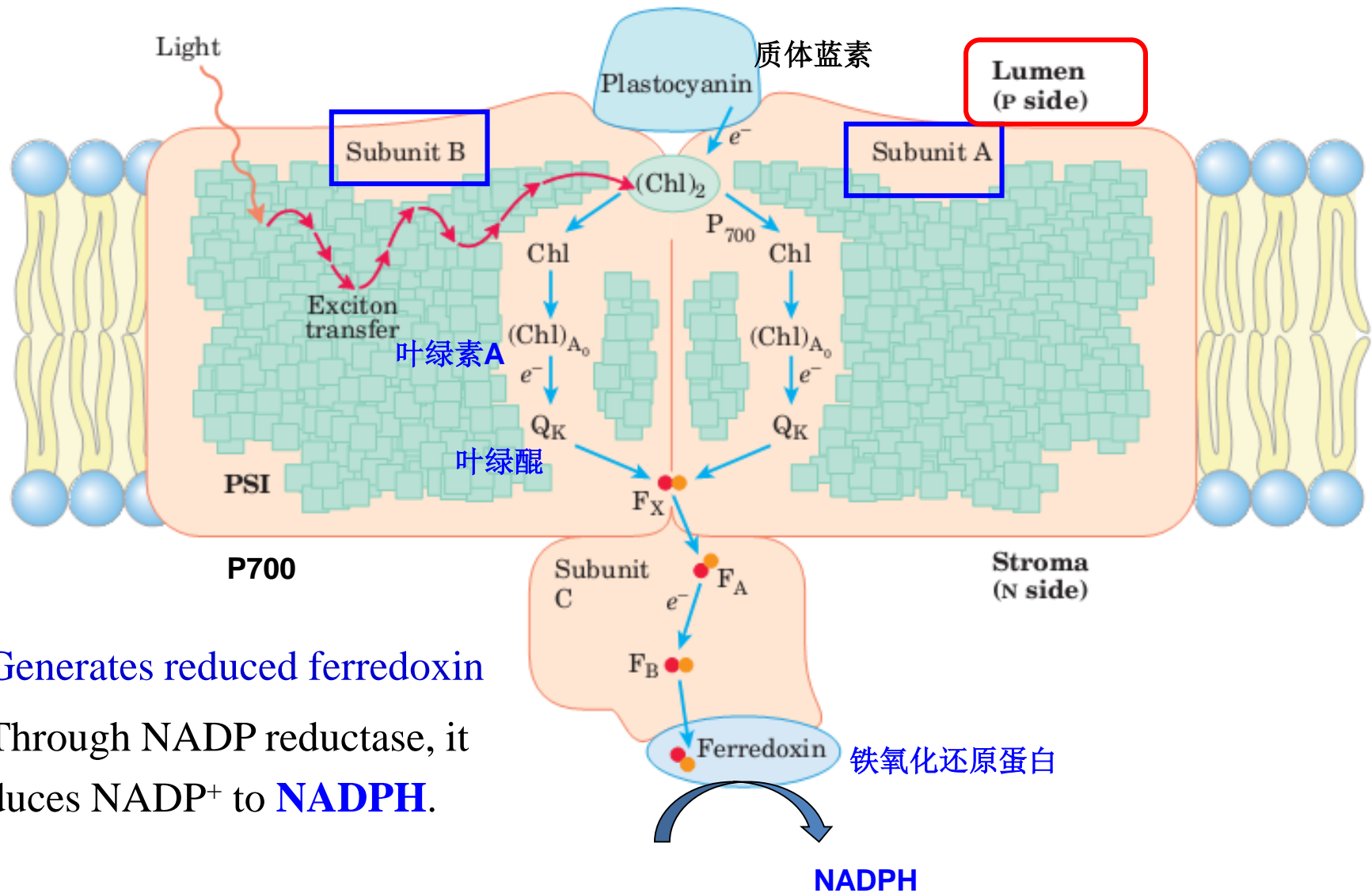


initiates an oxidation-reduction chain



Oxygen-evolving complex （放氧复合体）

The Structure of PS I



➤ Generates reduced ferredoxin

➤ Through NADP reductase, it reduces NADP⁺ to **NADPH**.

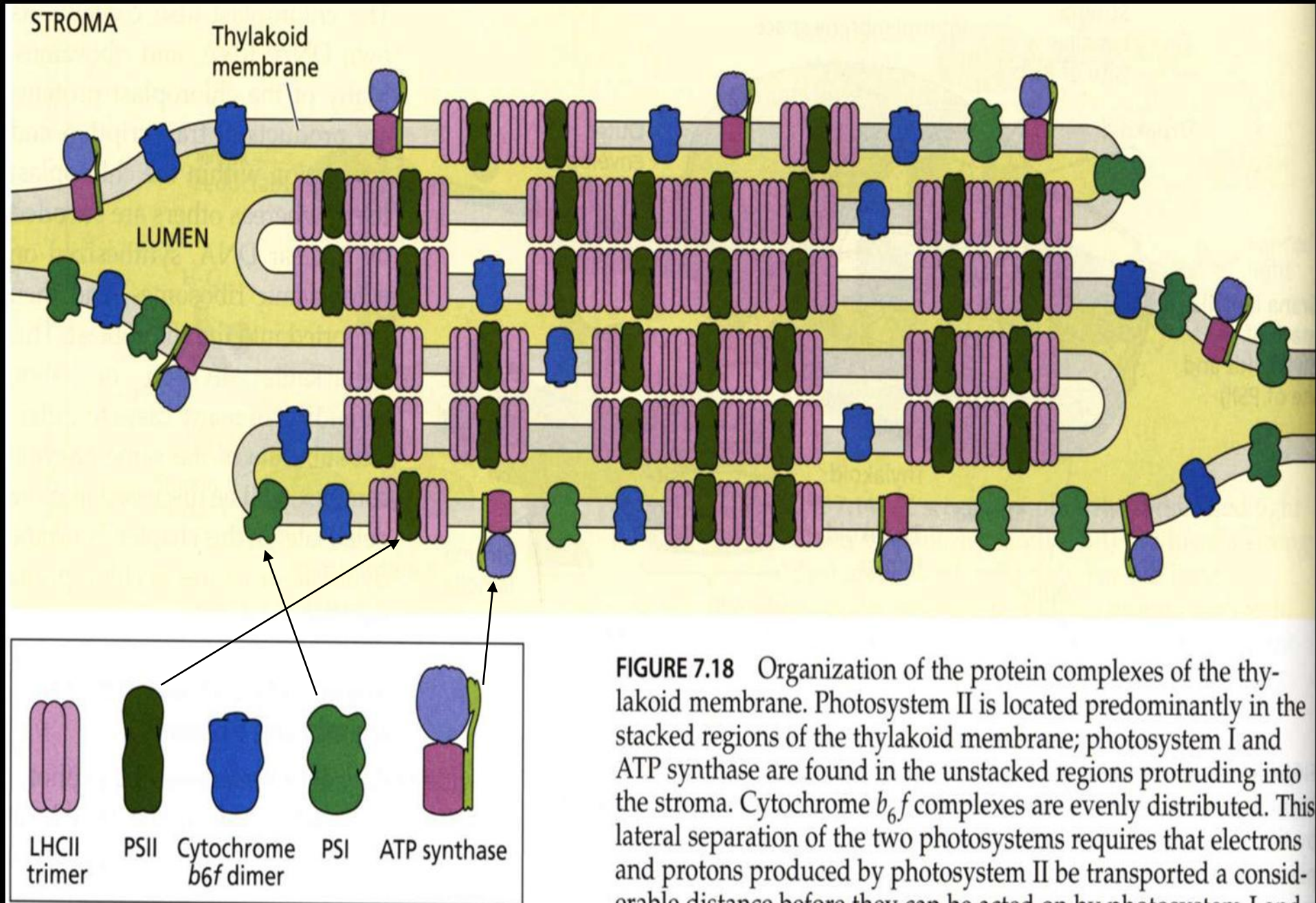
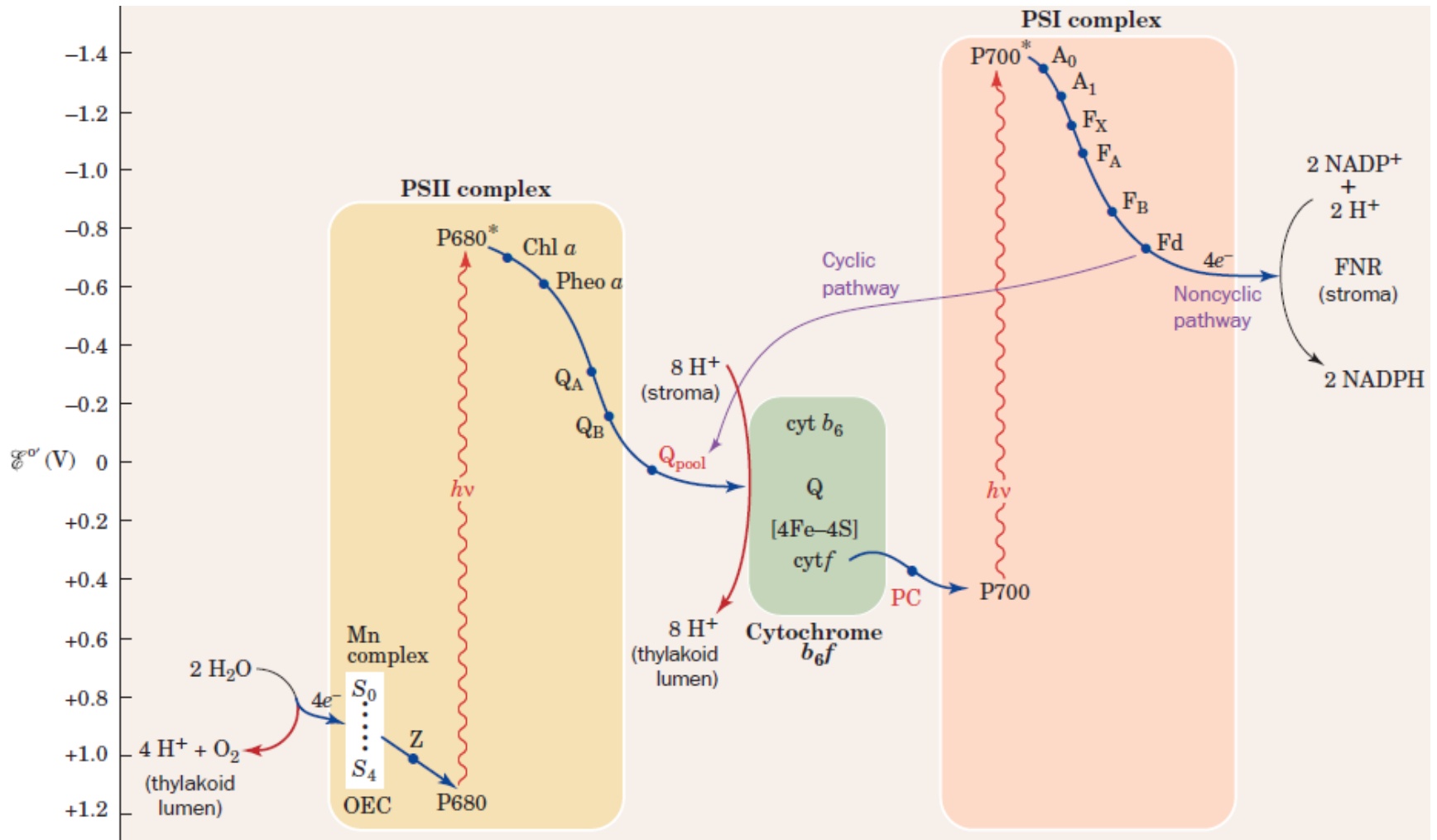


FIGURE 7.18 Organization of the protein complexes of the thylakoid membrane. Photosystem II is located predominantly in the stacked regions of the thylakoid membrane; photosystem I and ATP synthase are found in the unstacked regions protruding into the stroma. Cytochrome b_6f complexes are evenly distributed. This lateral separation of the two photosystems requires that electrons and protons produced by photosystem II be transported a considerable distance before they can be acted on by photosystem I and the ATP-coupling enzyme. (After Allen and Forsberg 2001.)

Plant “z-scheme” photosystems I and II



Photophosphorylation

light

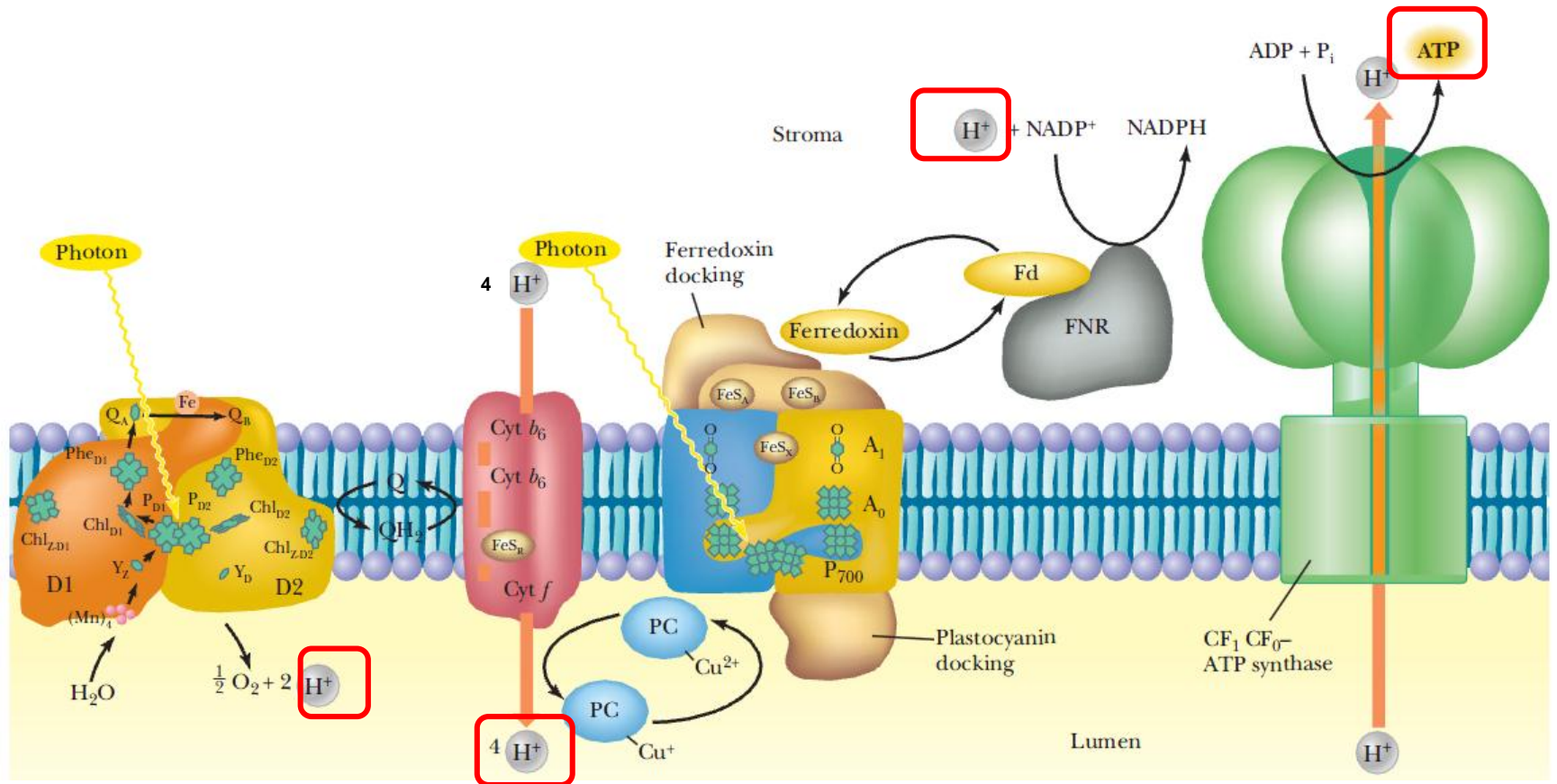


★ Non-cyclic & cyclic photophosphorylation

★ The mechanism is similar to that of oxidative phosphorylation

How the Light Reactions Generate ATP and NADPH?

Noncyclic Photophosphorylation (非环式光合磷酸化)



- Photoexcitation of PS I and PS II leads $Q \rightarrow QH_2$
- H_2O splitting by PS II
- oxidation of QH_2 by the *cytb6f* leads to H^+ across the membrane

Cyclic Photophosphorylation (环式光合磷酸化)

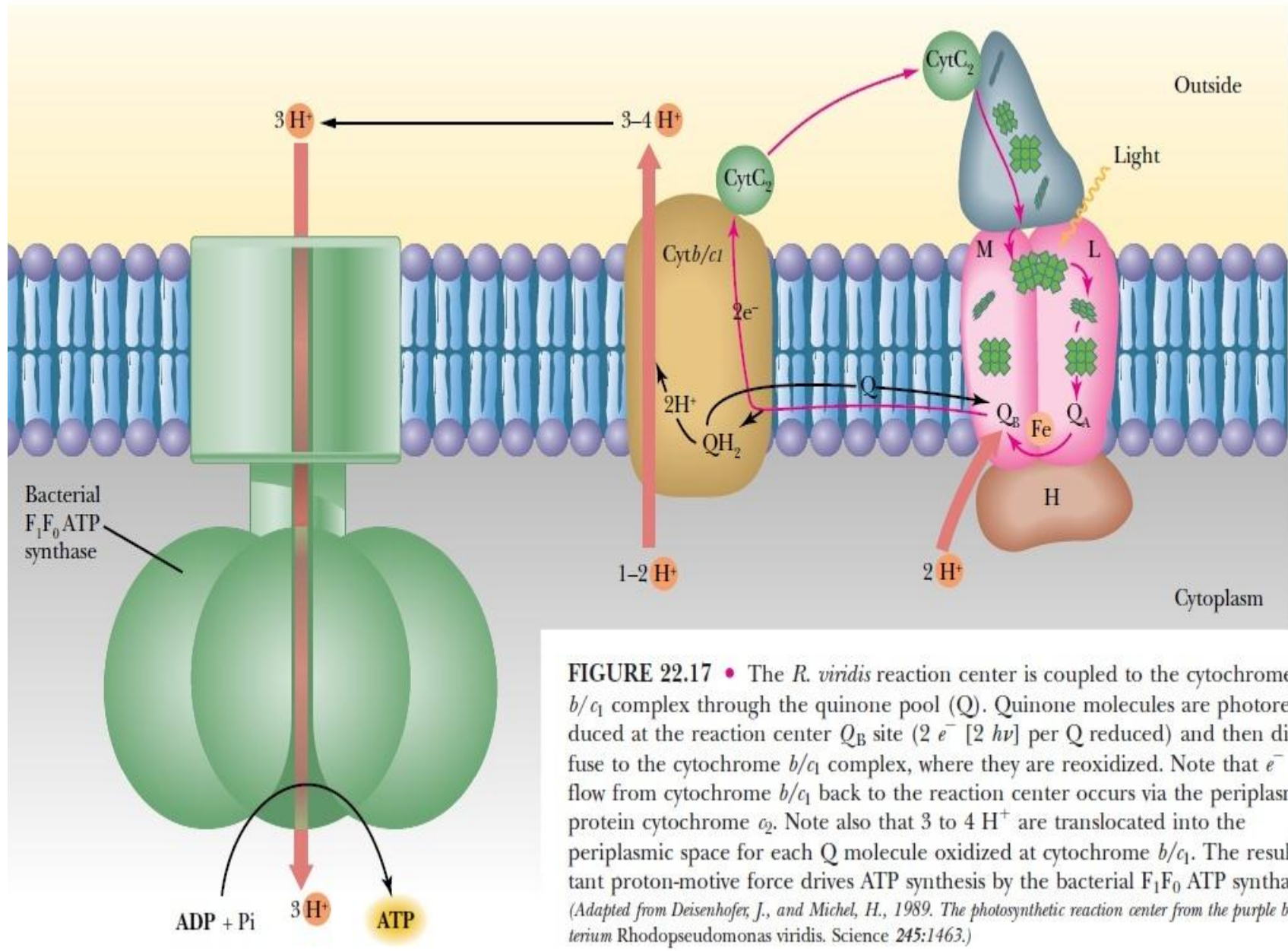
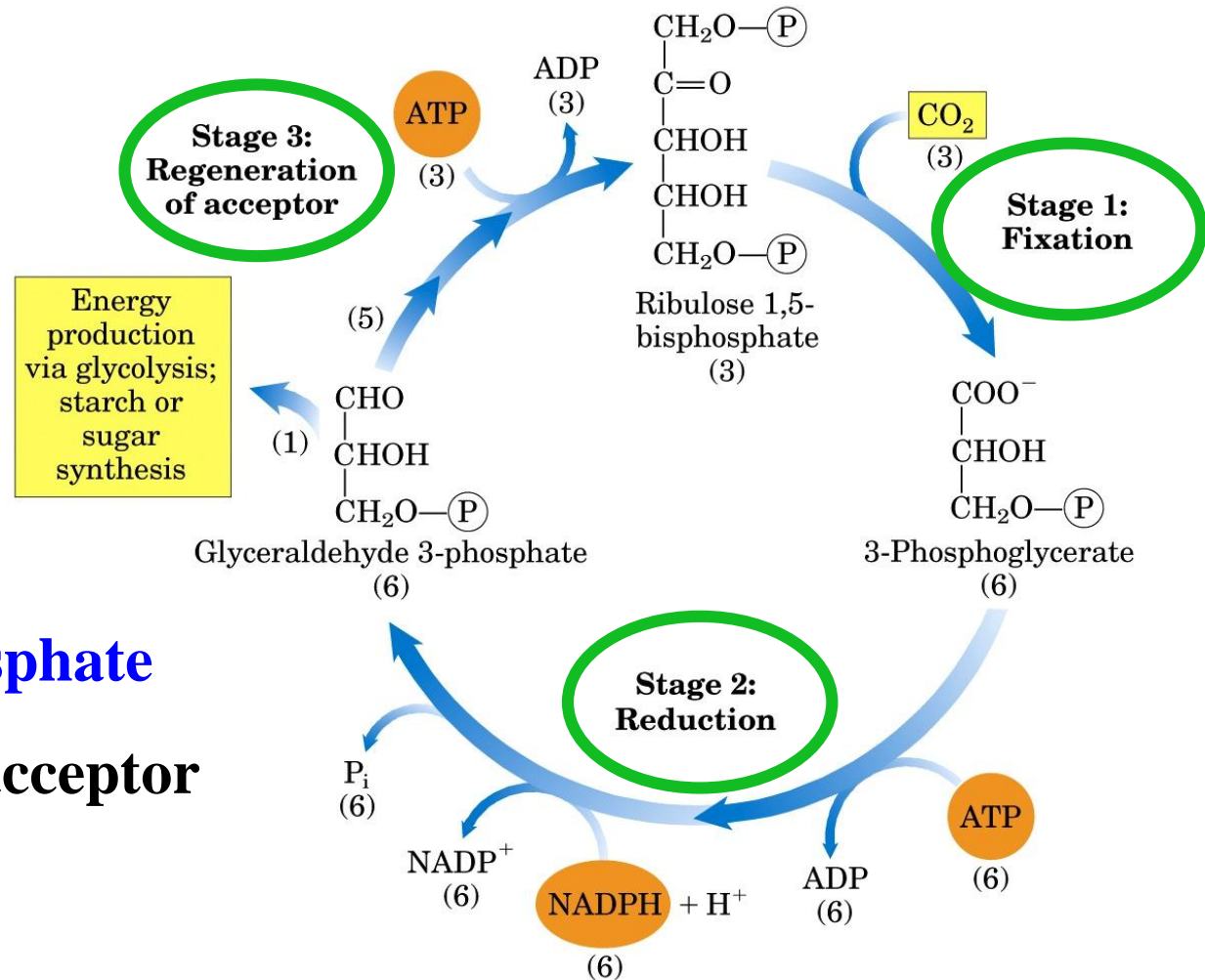


FIGURE 22.17 • The *R. viridis* reaction center is coupled to the cytochrome b/c_1 complex through the quinone pool (Q). Quinone molecules are photoreduced at the reaction center Q_B site ($2e^-$ [$2h\nu$] per Q reduced) and then diffuse to the cytochrome b/c_1 complex, where they are reoxidized. Note that e^- flow from cytochrome b/c_1 back to the reaction center occurs via the periplasmic protein cytochrome c_2 . Note also that 3 to 4 H^+ are translocated into the periplasmic space for each Q molecule oxidized at cytochrome b/c_1 . The resultant proton-motive force drives ATP synthesis by the bacterial F_1F_0 ATP synthase. (Adapted from Deisenhofer, J., and Michel, H., 1989. The photosynthetic reaction center from the purple bacterium *Rhodospirillum rubrum*. *Science* 245:1463.)

3.2 Carbon dioxide fixation

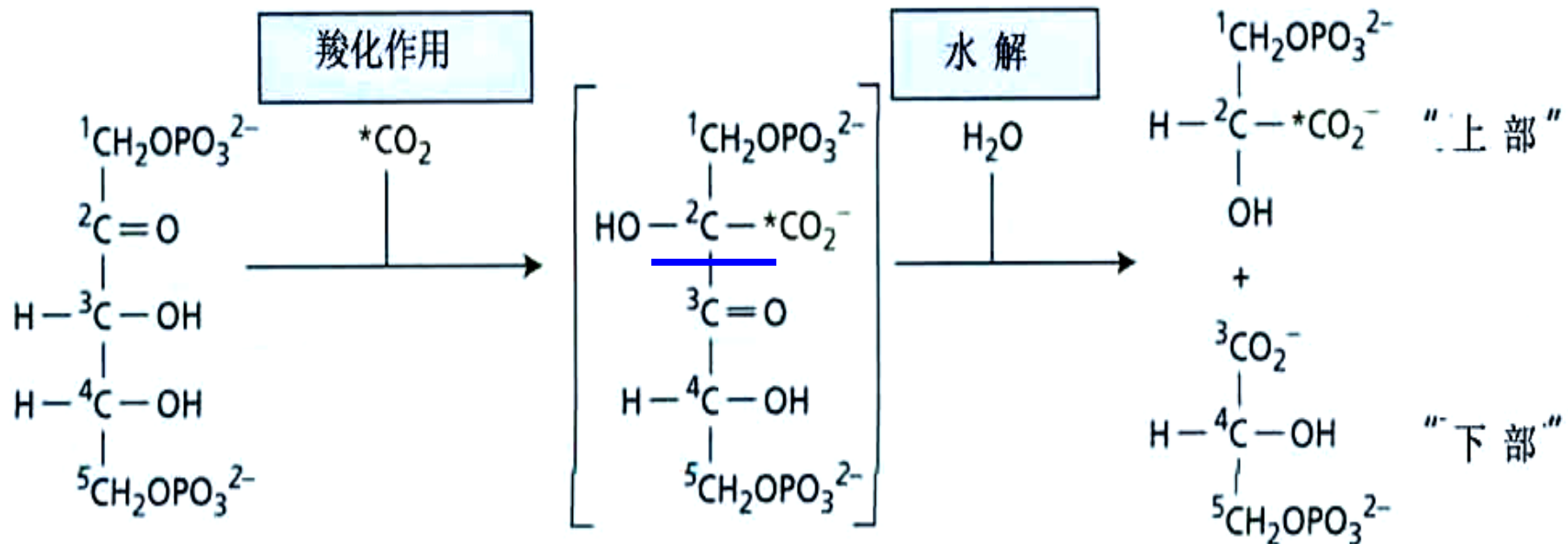
■ In C3 plants, all processes occur in the **mesophyll cells**.



■ **Ribulose-1,5-Bisphosphate**
(RuBP) is the CO₂ acceptor

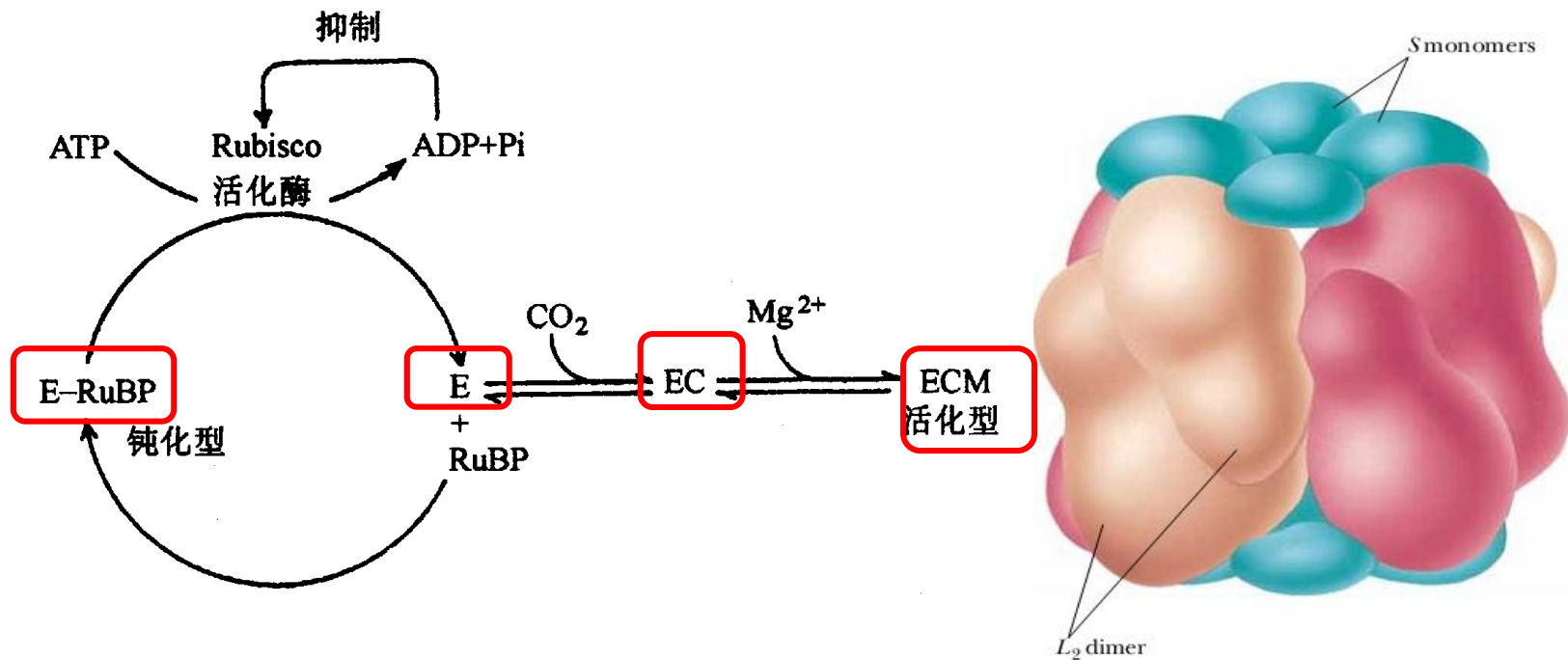
(1) carboxylation phase (羧化阶段)

Ribulose-1,5-Bisphosphate Carboxylase/Oxygenase (Rubisco)



1, 5- 二磷酸 - 核酮糖 2- 羧基 -3- 酮基阿拉糖醇 -1, 5- 二磷酸
(是一种暂时的与酶结合不稳定的中间产物)

3, 磷酸甘油酸



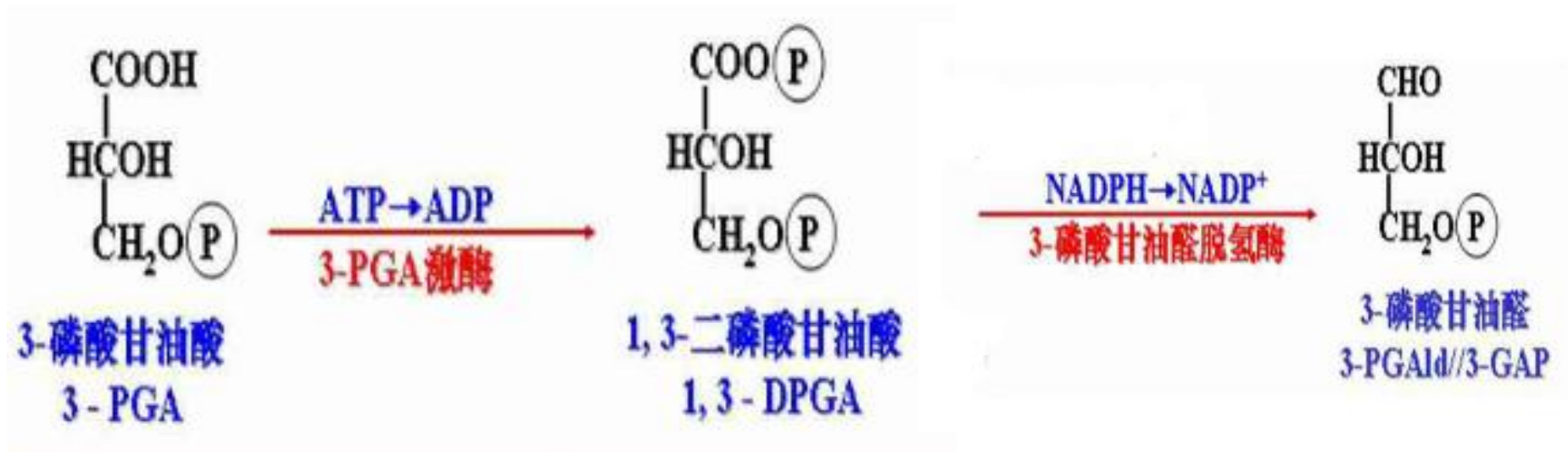
Ribulose-1,5-Bisphosphate Carboxylase (8L+8S subunits)

(2) reduction phase (还原阶段)



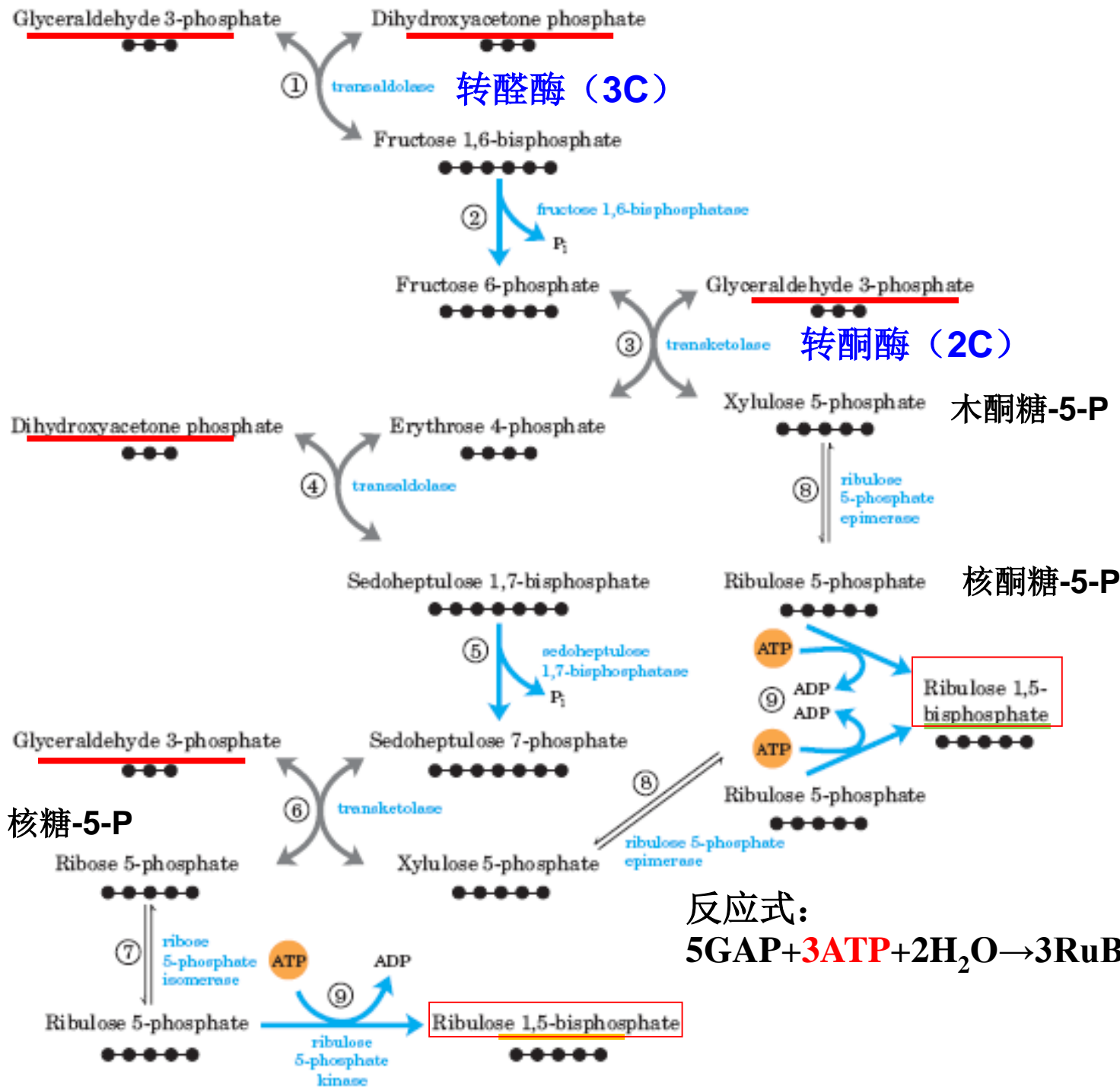
3-磷酸甘油酸

甘油醛-3-磷酸



(3) regeneration phase (再生阶段)





反应式:

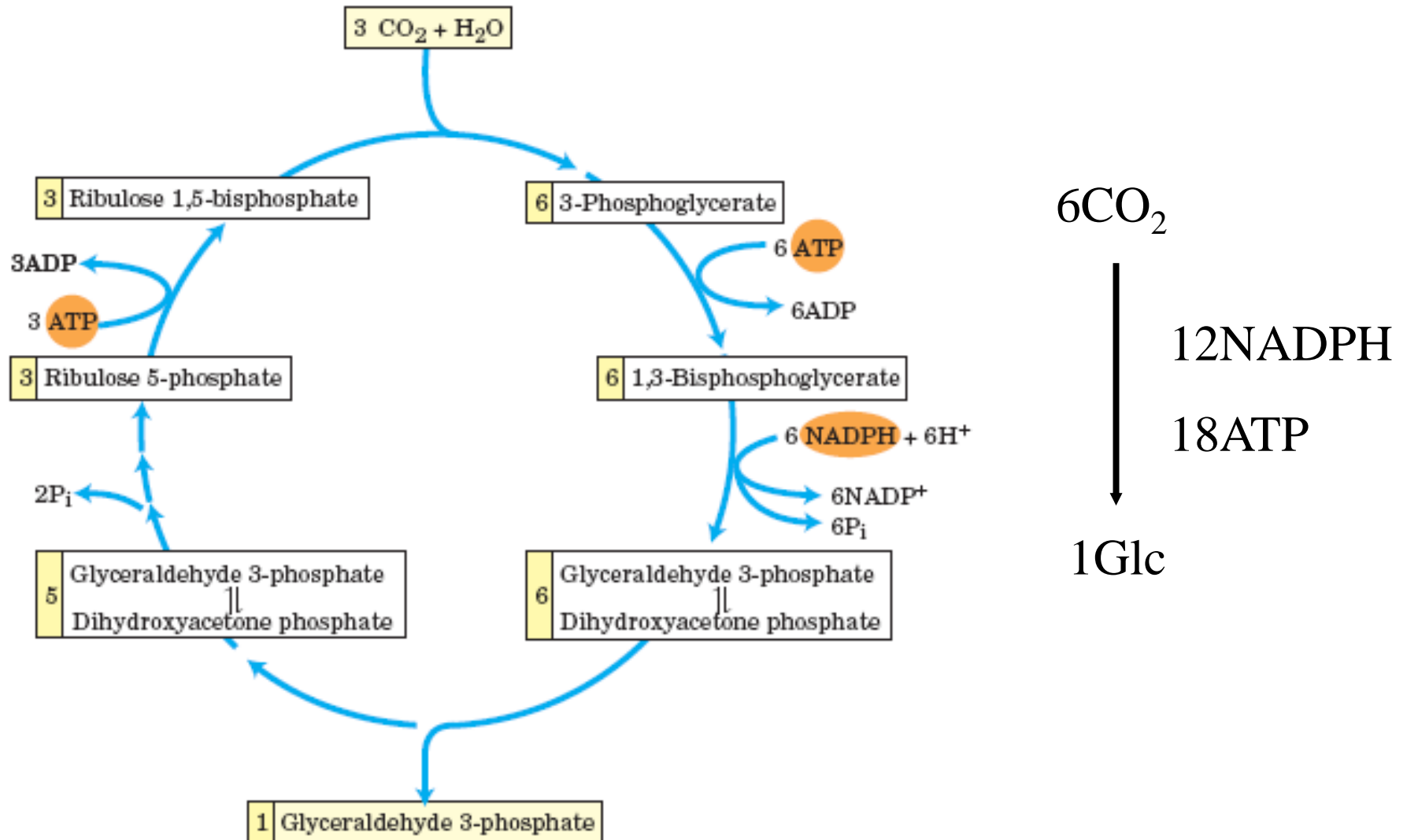


The Calvin Cycle Series of Reactions

Reactions 1 through 15 constitute the cycle that leads to the formation of one equivalent of glucose. The enzyme catalyzing each step, a concise reaction, and the overall carbon balance is given. Numbers in parentheses show the numbers of carbon atoms in the substrate and product molecules. Prefix numbers indicate in a stoichiometric fashion how many times each step is carried out in order to provide a balanced net reaction.

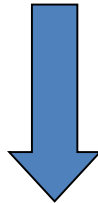
1. Ribulose biphosphate carboxylase: $6 \text{ CO}_2 + 6 \text{ H}_2\text{O} + 6 \text{ RuBP} \longrightarrow 12 \text{ 3-PG}$	$6(1) + 6(5) \longrightarrow 12(3)$
2. 3-Phosphoglycerate kinase: $12 \text{ 3-PG} + 12 \text{ ATP} \longrightarrow 12 \text{ 1,3-BPG} + 12 \text{ ADP}$	$12(3) \longrightarrow 12(3)$
3. NADP^+ -glyceraldehyde-3-P dehydrogenase: $12 \text{ 1,3-BPG} + 12 \text{ NADPH} \longrightarrow 12 \text{ NADP}^+ + 12 \text{ G3P} + 12 \text{ P}_i$	$12(3) \longrightarrow 12(3)$
4. Triose-P isomerase: $5 \text{ G3P} \longrightarrow 5 \text{ DHAP}$	$5(3) \longrightarrow 5(3)$
5. Aldolase: $3 \text{ G3P} + 3 \text{ DHAP} \longrightarrow 3 \text{ FBP}$	$3(3) + 3(3) \longrightarrow 3(6)$
6. Fructose biphosphatase: $3 \text{ FBP} + 3 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 3 \text{ F6P} + 3 \text{ P}_i$	$3(6) \longrightarrow 3(6)$
7. Phosphoglucisomerase: $1 \text{ F6P} \longrightarrow 1 \text{ G6P}$	$1(6) \longrightarrow 1(6)$
8. Glucose phosphatase: $1 \text{ G6P} + 1 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 1 \text{ GLUCOSE} + 1 \text{ P}_i$	$1(6) \longrightarrow 1(6)$
The remainder of the pathway involves regenerating six RuBP acceptors (= 30 C) from the leftover two F6P (12 C), four G3P (12 C), and two DHAP (6 C).	
9. Transketolase: $2 \text{ F6P} + 2 \text{ G3P} \longrightarrow 2 \text{ Xu5P} + 2 \text{ E4P}$	$2(6) + 2(3) \longrightarrow 2(5) + 2(4)$
10. Aldolase: $2 \text{ E4P} + 2 \text{ DHAP} \longrightarrow 2 \text{ sedoheptulose-1,7-bisphosphate (SBP)}$	$2(4) + 2(3) \longrightarrow 2(7)$
11. Sedoheptulose biphosphatase: $2 \text{ SBP} + 2 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 2 \text{ S7P} + 2 \text{ P}_i$	$2(7) \longrightarrow 2(7)$
12. Transketolase: $2 \text{ S7P} + 2 \text{ G3P} \longrightarrow 2 \text{ Xu5P} + 2 \text{ R5P}$	$2(7) + 2(3) \longrightarrow 4(5)$
13. Phosphopentose epimerase: $4 \text{ Xu5P} \longrightarrow 4 \text{ Ru5P}$	$4(5) \longrightarrow 4(5)$
14. Phosphopentose isomerase: $2 \text{ R5P} \longrightarrow 2 \text{ Ru5P}$	$2(5) \longrightarrow 2(5)$
15. Phosphoribulose kinase: $6 \text{ Ru5P} + 6 \text{ ATP} \longrightarrow 6 \text{ RuBP} + 6 \text{ ADP}$	$6(5) \longrightarrow 6(5)$
Net: $6 \text{ CO}_2 + 18 \text{ ATP} + 12 \text{ NADPH} + 12 \text{ H}^+ + 12 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow$ glucose + 18 ADP + 18 P_i + 12 NADP^+	$6(1) \longrightarrow 1(6)$

Stoichiometry of CO₂ assimilation in the Calvin cycle

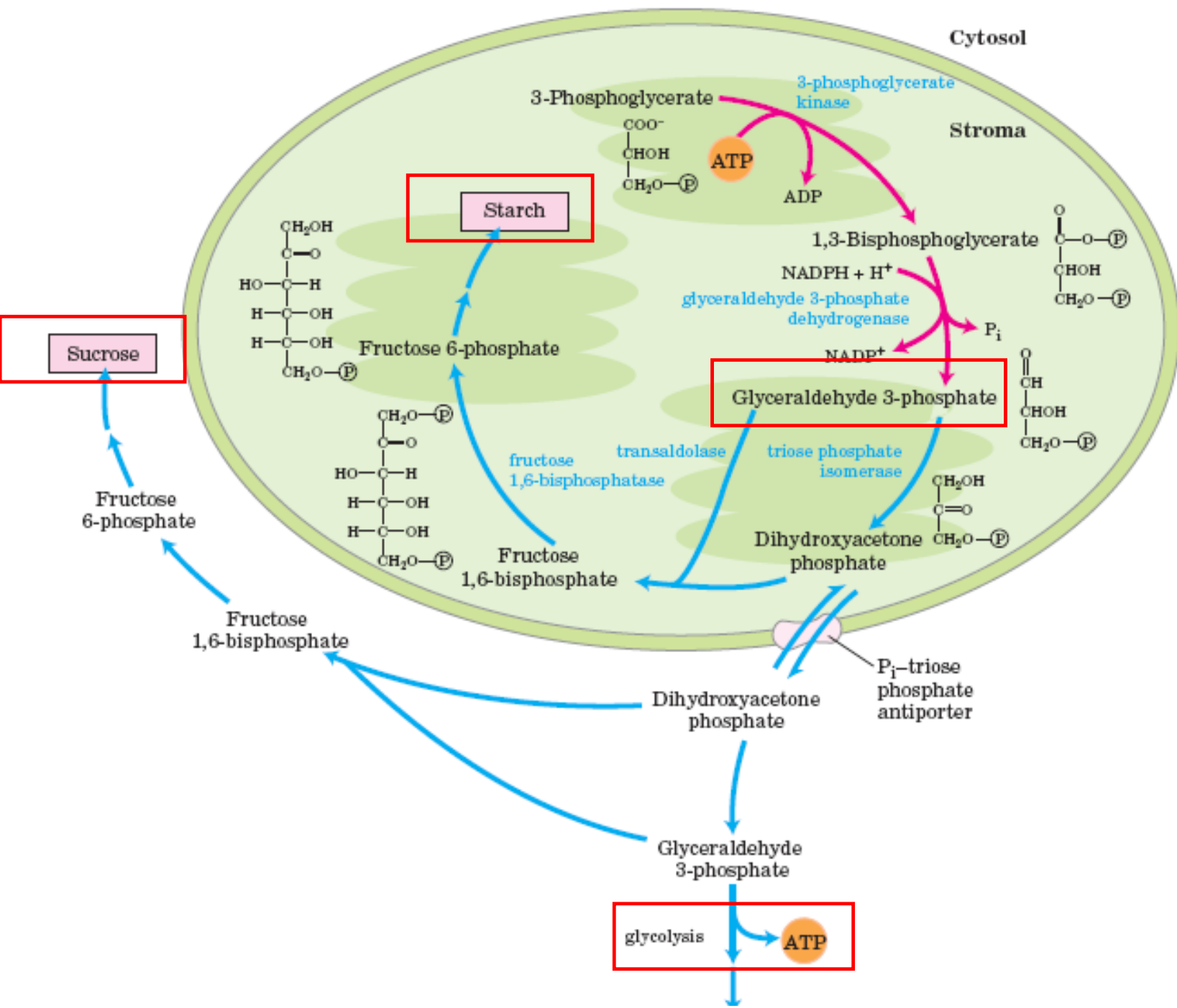


fates of glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate (3-P-甘油醛)

- The most is recycled to ribulose 1,5-bisphosphate
- “extra” glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate



- As a source of energy
- Be converted to sucrose (蔗糖) for transport
- Be stored in the chloroplast as starch



4. Photorespiration (光呼吸)

■ **mitochondrial respiration**, substrates \rightarrow $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$.

■ **photorespiration** (in plants)

- consumes O_2 and produces CO_2

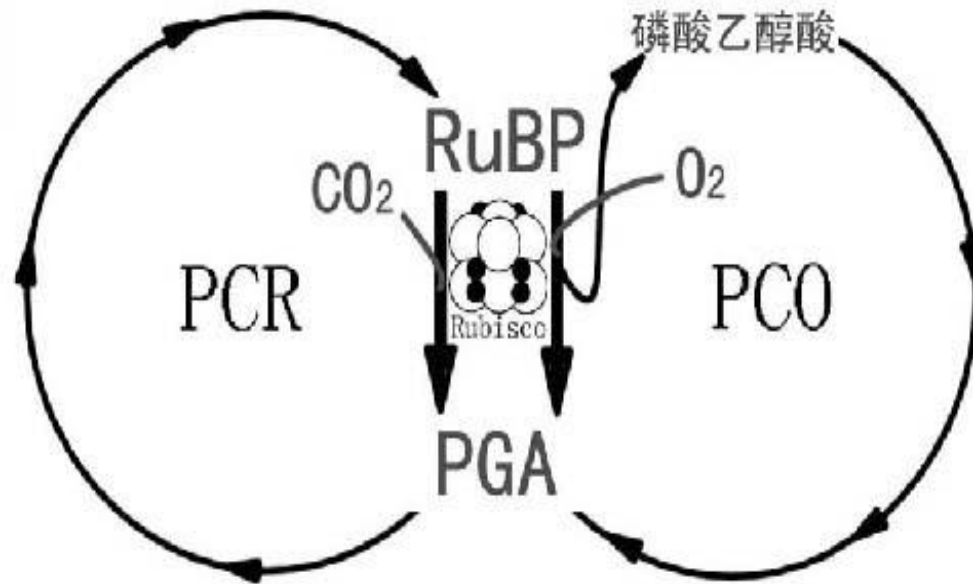
- is driven by light.

-- Reason: Rubisco catalyzes the reaction between ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate with O_2 instead of CO_2

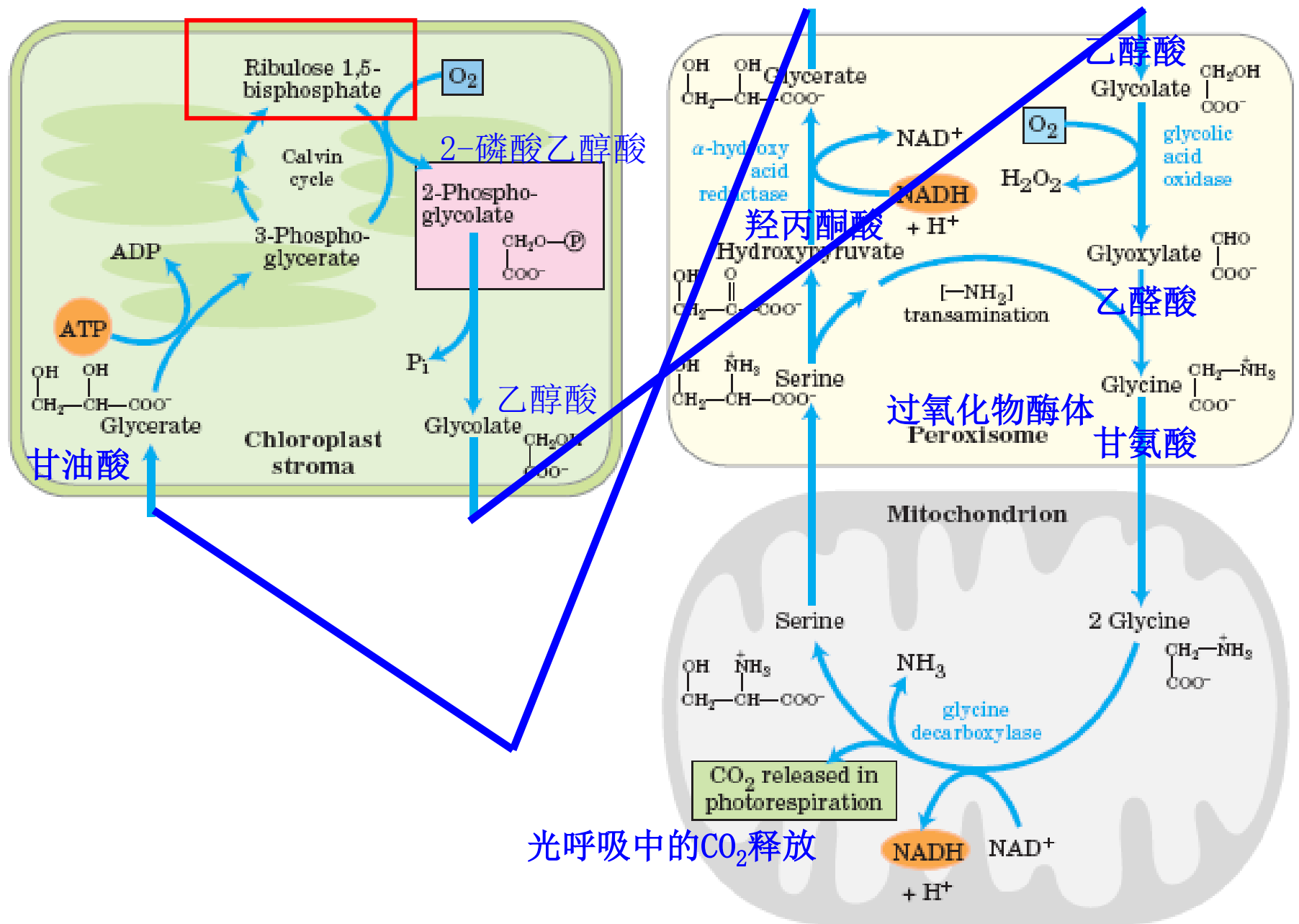
Photorespiration

- Occurs under
 - Intense Light
 - high O₂ concentrations
 - High heat
- Reduces photosynthetic efficiency by 25%
- protect against reactive O₂

ribulose 1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase/oxygenase (Rubisco)



- Rubisco add O_2 to RuBP → loss of RuBP (CO_2 acceptor during CO_2 fixation)
- salvaging the carbons from 2-phosphoglycolate (2-磷酸乙醇酸)



The oxygenase reaction of rubisco-乙醇酸途径

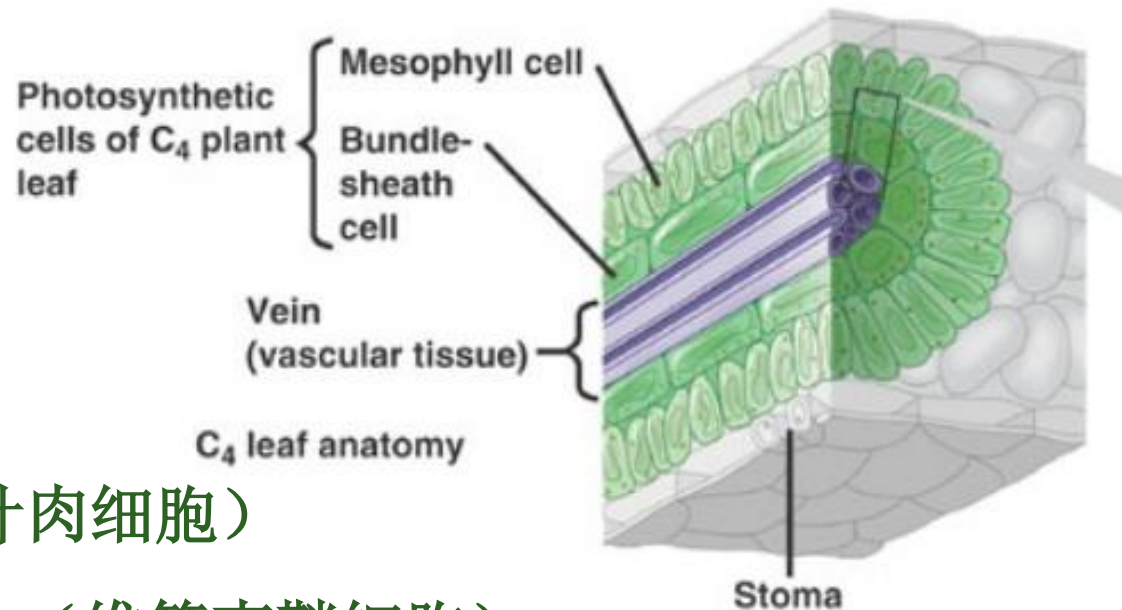
C4 Photosynthesis

** Both convert CO_2 into a 4 carbon intermediate*

- Plants have developed ways to limit the photorespiration
 - C4 Pathway*
 - CAM Pathway*

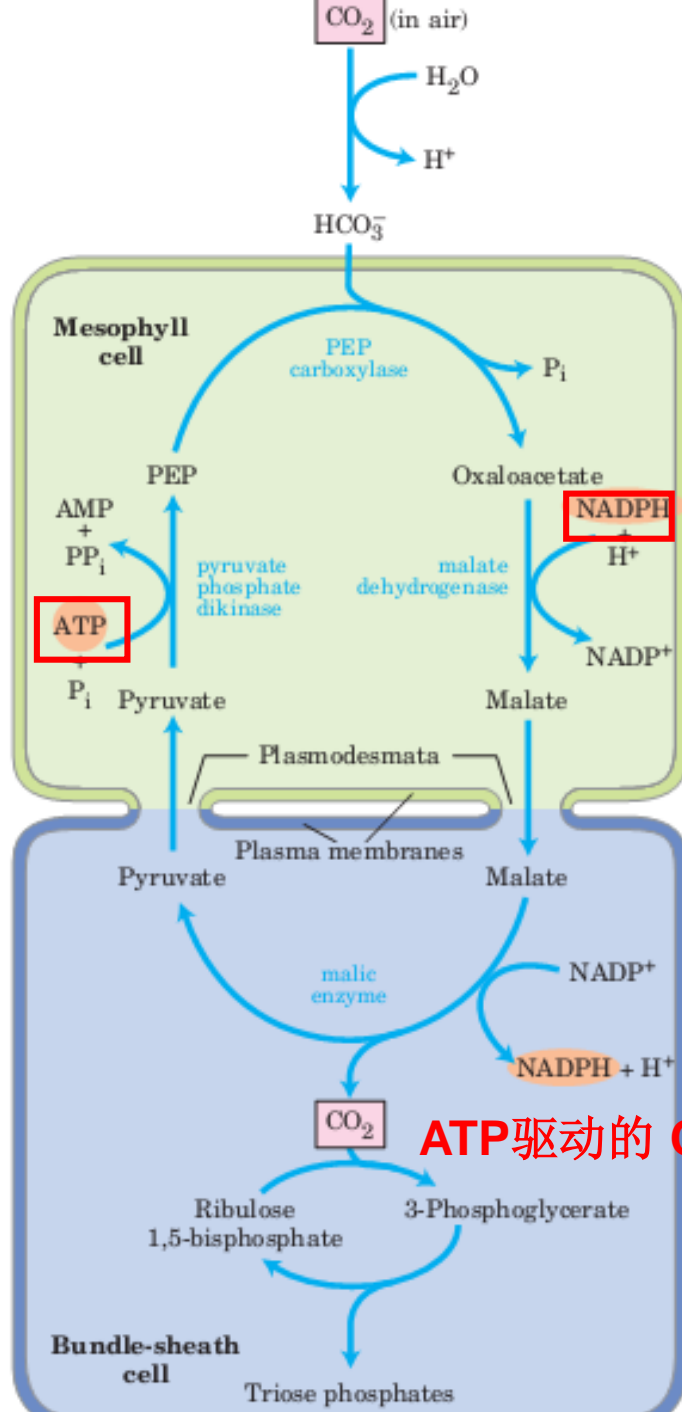
Carbon assimilation (碳同化) in C₄ plants

■ many plants in the tropics, such as maize 玉米, sugarcane 甘蔗, and sorghum 高粱



{ mesophyll cells (叶肉细胞)
bundle-sheath cells (维管束鞘细胞)

■ C₄ Plants, CO₂ Fixation and Rubisco Activity Are Spatially Separated



PEP carboxylase（磷酸烯醇式丙酮酸羧化酶，PEPC）以及与C₄二羧酸生成有关的酶

mesophyll cell（叶肉细胞）

Rubisco等参与C₃途径的酶、乙醇酸氧化酶以及脱羧酶

ATP驱动的 CO₂泵

BSC（维管束鞘细胞）

How does the C4 Pathway limit photorespiration?

- **Bundle sheath cells** are far from the surface – less O_2
- **PEP Carboxylase** doesn't have an affinity for O_2 → allows plant to collect a lot of CO_2 and concentrate it in the bundle sheath cells (**Rubisco**)

Crassulaceanacid metabolism (CAM) Pathway



剑麻



龙舌兰



落地生根



芦荟



绯牡丹

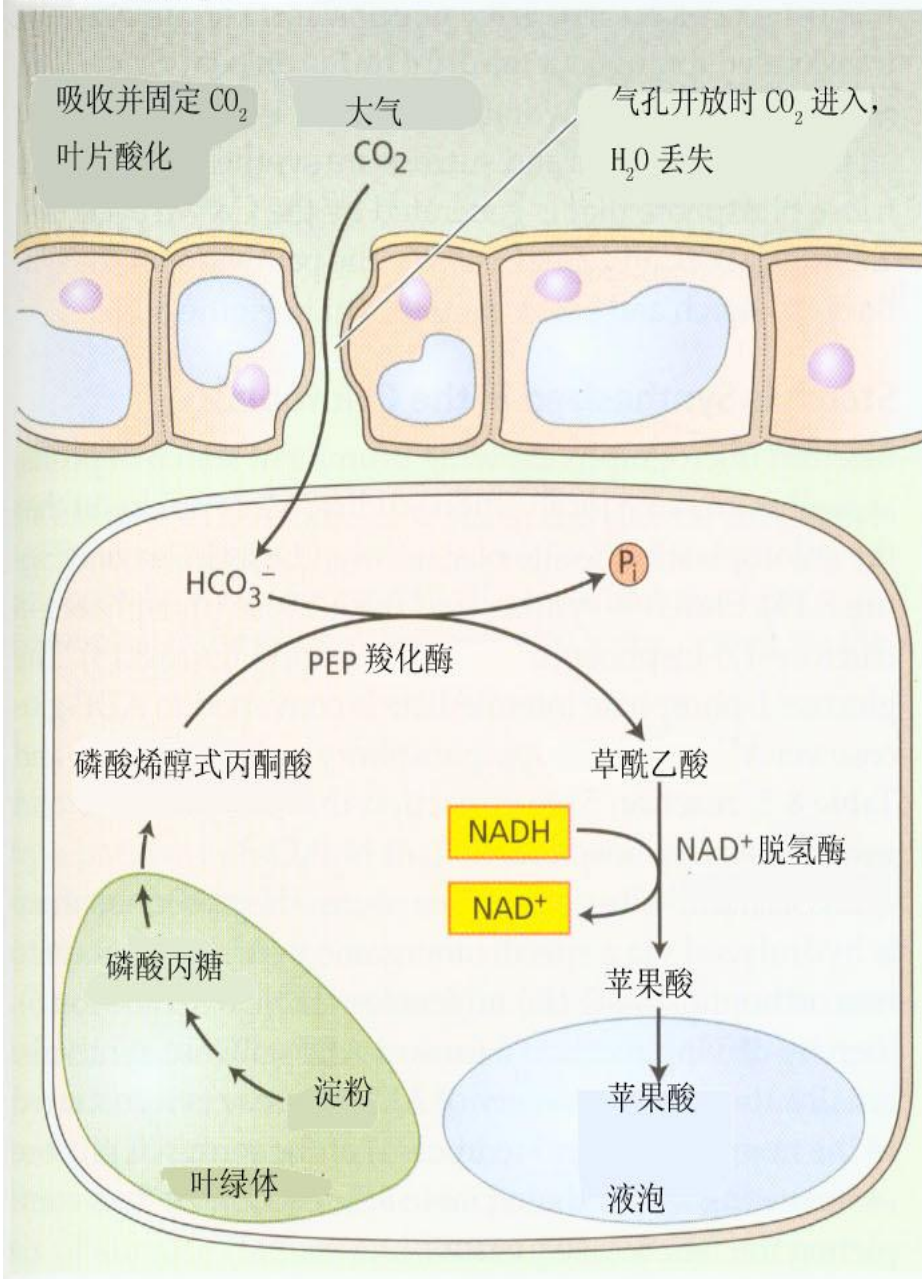


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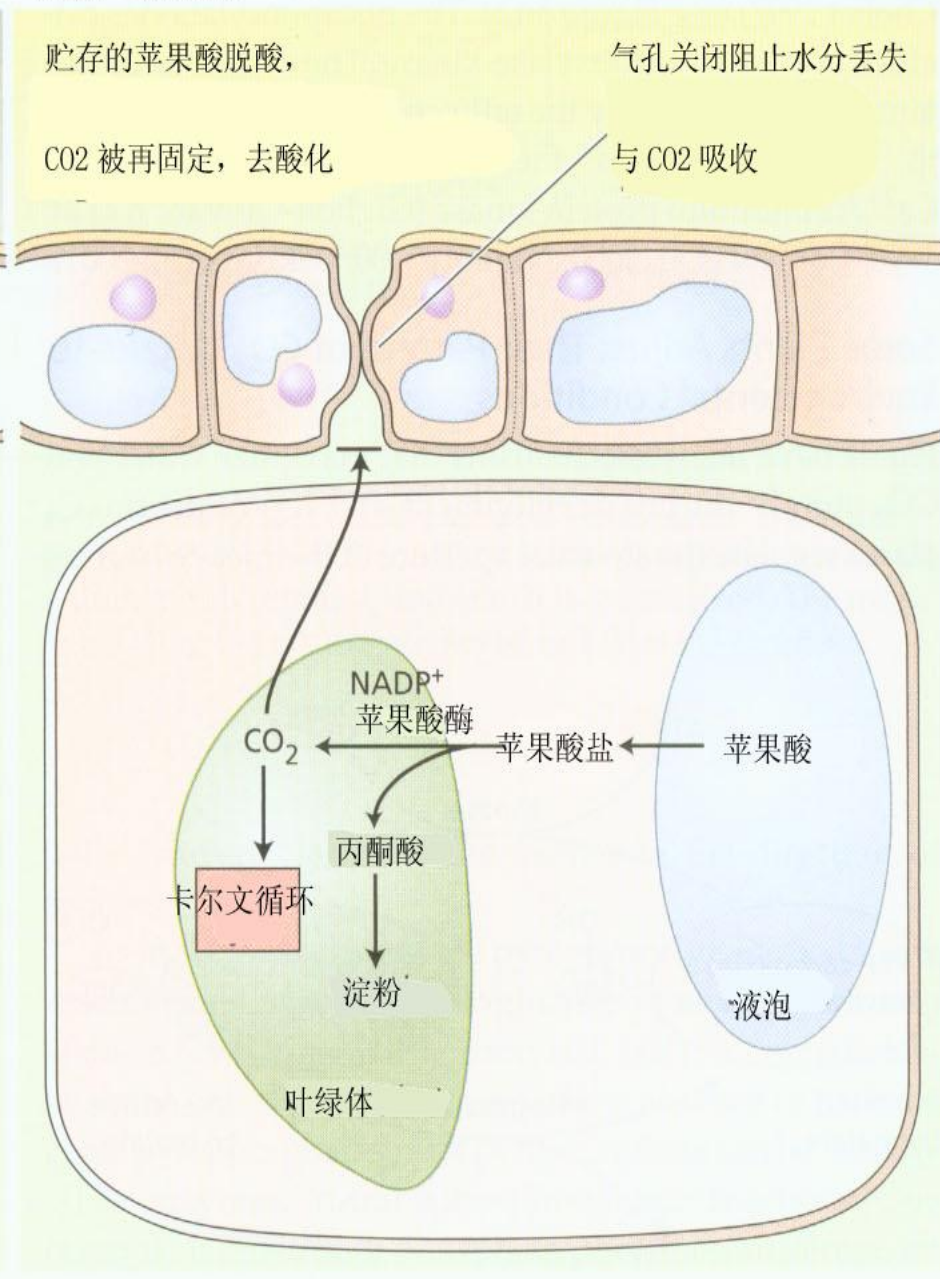


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夜间：气孔张开



白天：气孔关闭



summary

- **Photosynthesis in chloroplasts**
 - **Photophosphorylation (光合磷酸化)**
 - **Carbon dioxide fixation (CO₂固定)**
- **Photorespiration (光呼吸)**
 - **C4**
 - **CAM**

思考题

- 什么是光合磷酸化？有哪两种形式？
- 什么是卡尔文循环？每固定1分子葡萄糖需要几分子的ATP和NADPH？
- 热带植物和沙漠植物为了适应环境而特有的CO₂固定方式是什么？
- 什么是光呼吸？
- Where does photosynthesis take place?
- Why would CAM plants close their stomates during the day?