

Putting together membranes, reactions, and capturing energy

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Which will move through a pure lipid membrane (no carriers, channels, sym-/anti-porters or pumps) faster?

O₂

H⁺

H₂O

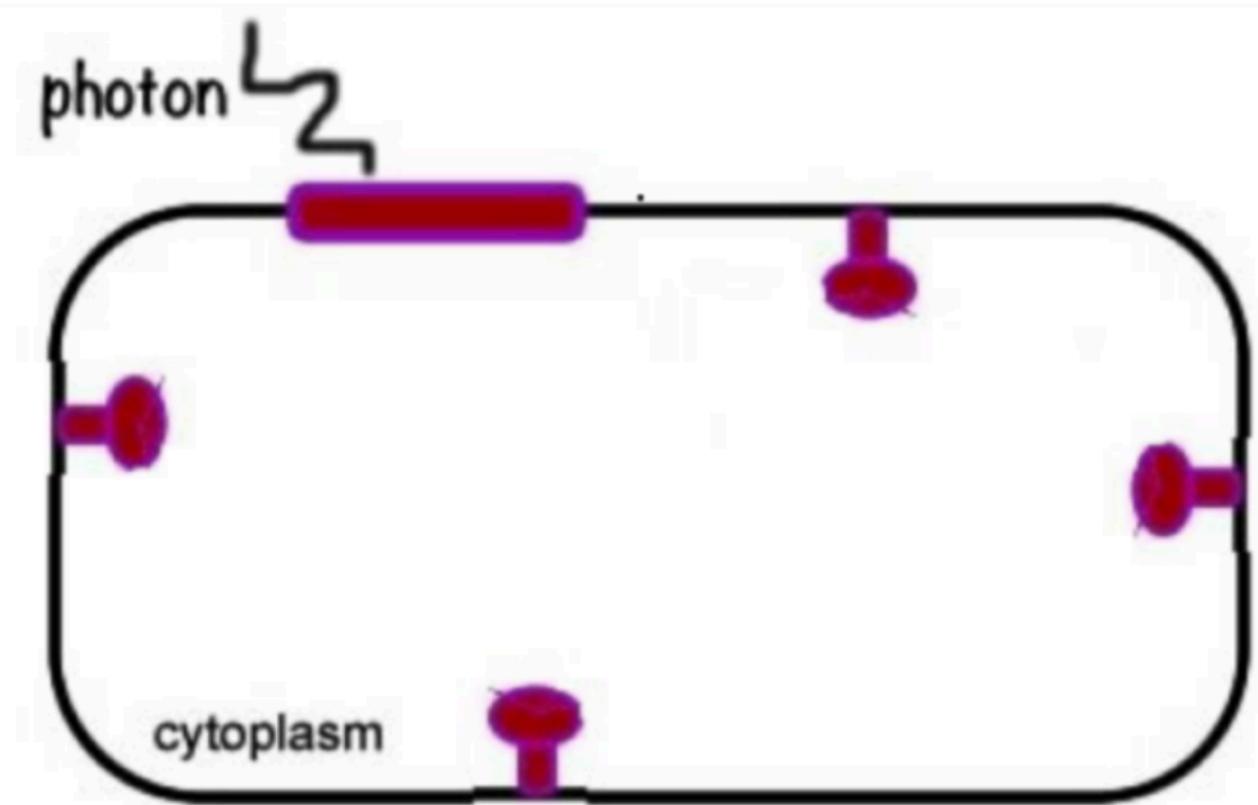
explain why

critical point: different ions have different diameters, water-shells, so that channels/carriers/pumps can be specific in which ions/molecules they transport.

Group (discuss and draw on the white board)

How does Halobium capture (eat) light, and what does it do with it? Include all of the key components and what they do (exactly).

Here is a schematic of a Halobium, which absorbs light and uses the energy to generate a $[H^+]$ gradient across its plasma membrane. The energy stored in that gradient drives ATP synthesis. As the sun rises, indicate which directions H^+ s are moving and where ATP is synthesized



explain your logic

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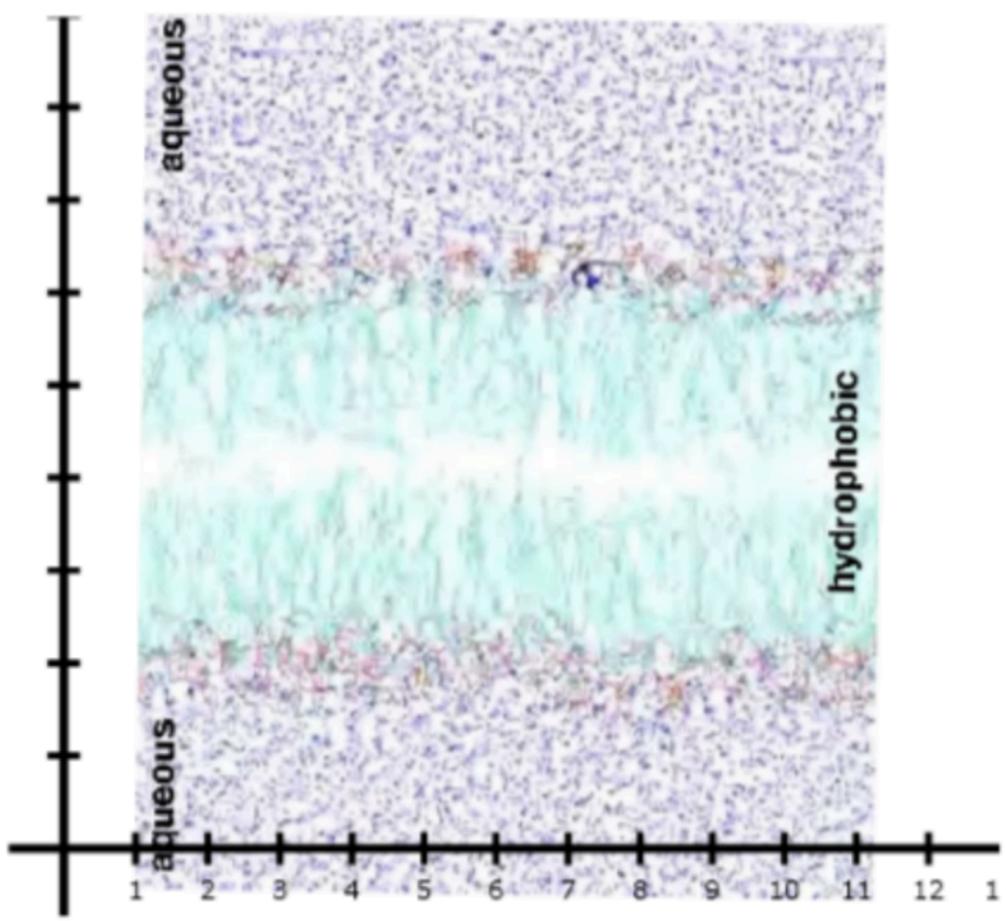
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In the Halobium (purple) membrane, the light turns on at time = 2, indicate on the graph the size of the $[H^+]$ concentration gradient.

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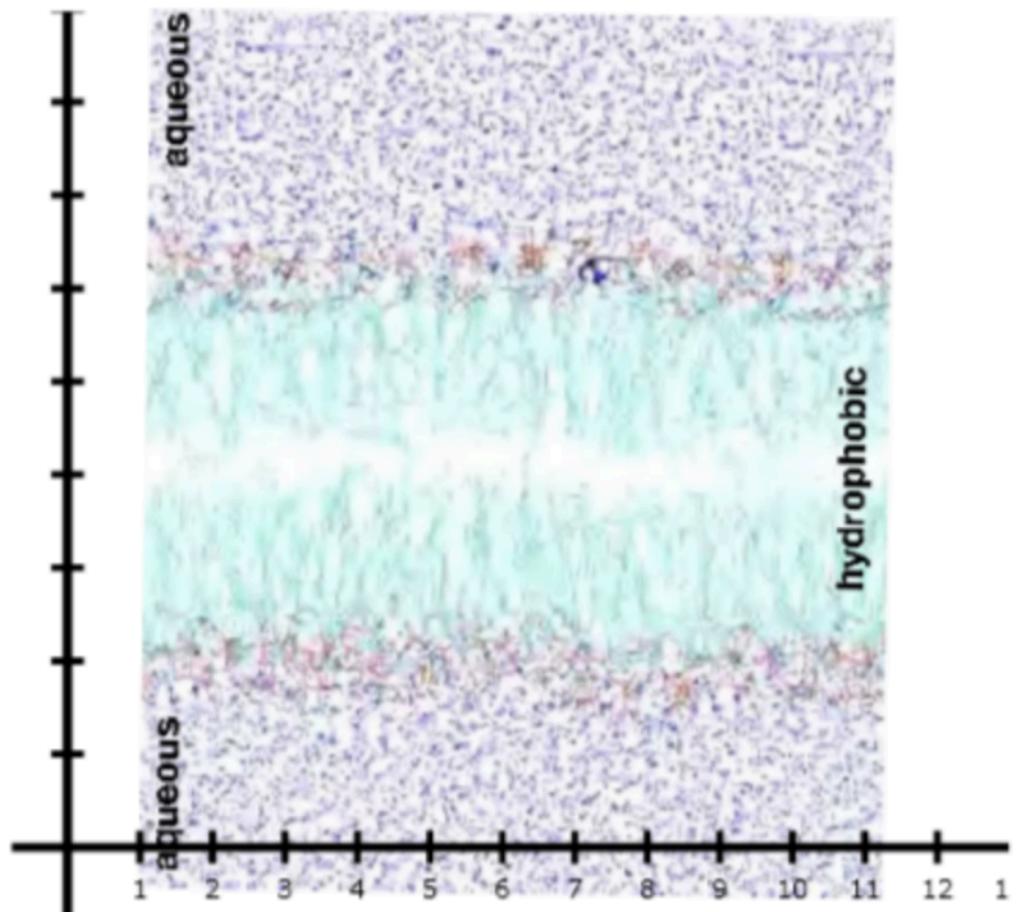
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Explain your logic - what factors will act to limit the maximum size of the concentration gradient

The light turned on at time = 2; now assume the light goes off at t = 8. Indicate how that influences the $[H^+]$ concentration gradient.

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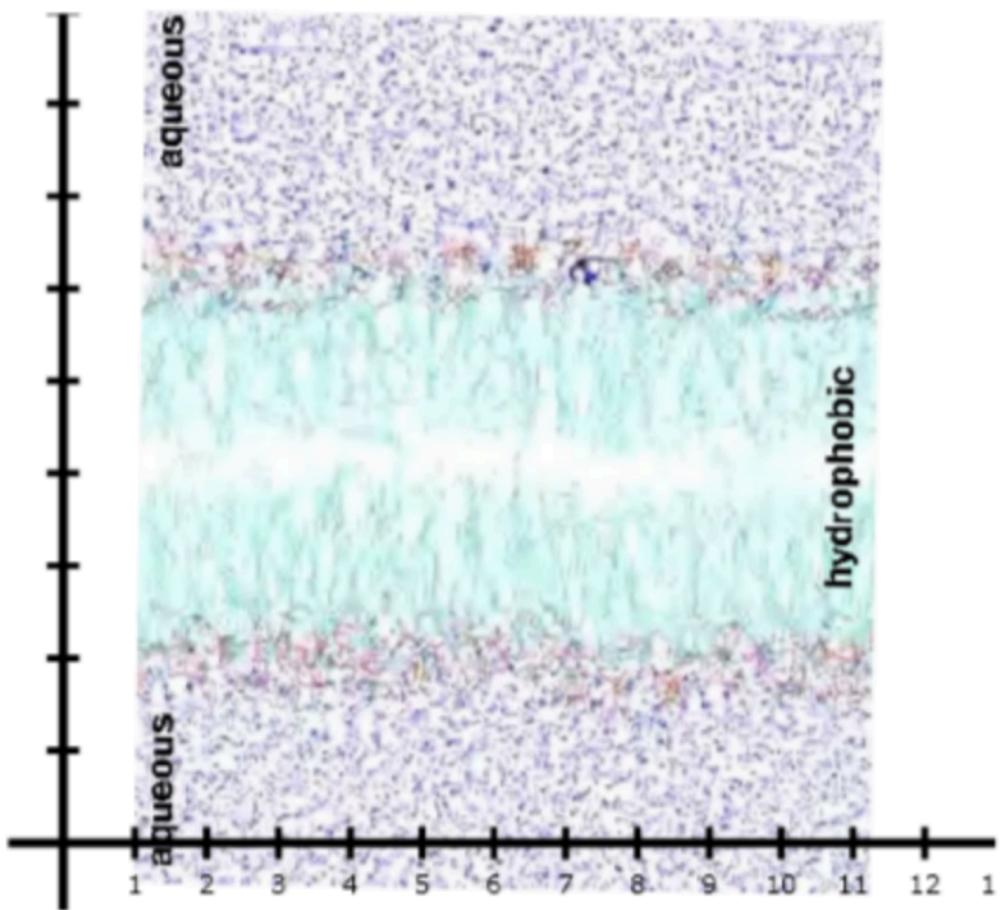
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Explain your logic

On your graph light on at 2 and off at 8) indicate the rate of ATP synthesis as a function of time.

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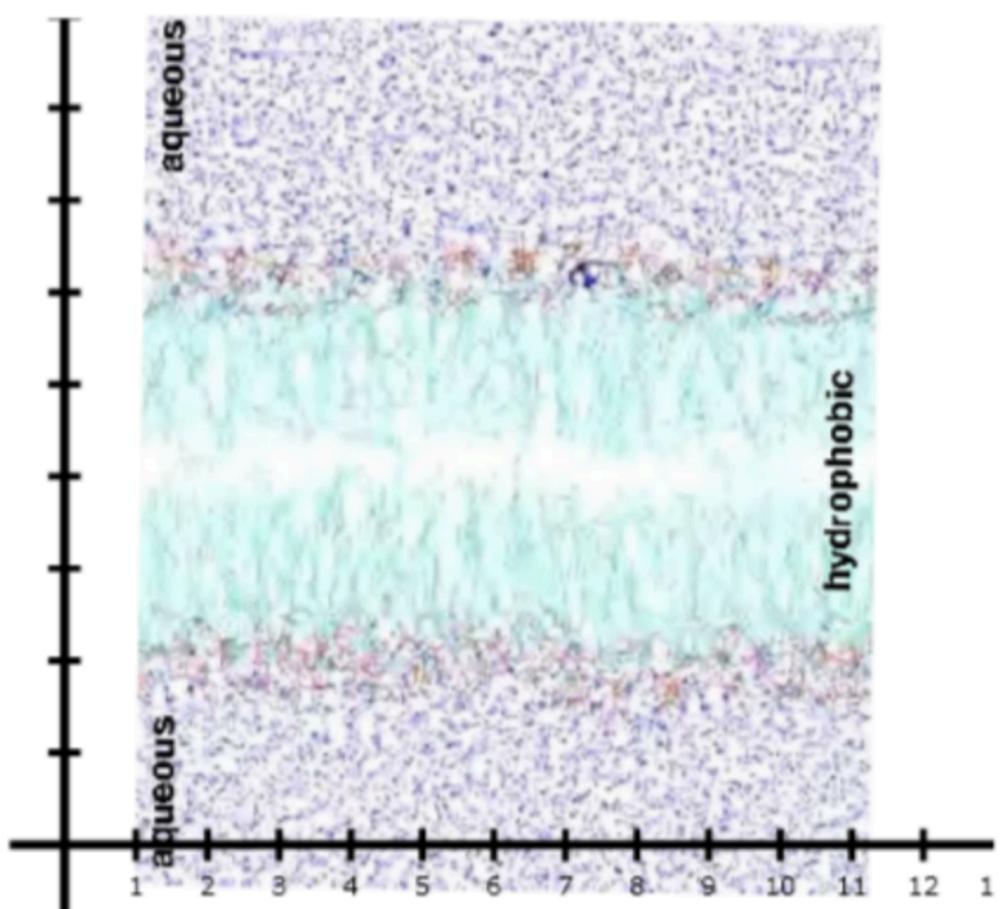
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Now at time equal 6, a nasty competitor microbe releases a H⁺ channel molecule. Indicate how that influences ATP production by the Halobium.

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Explain your logic



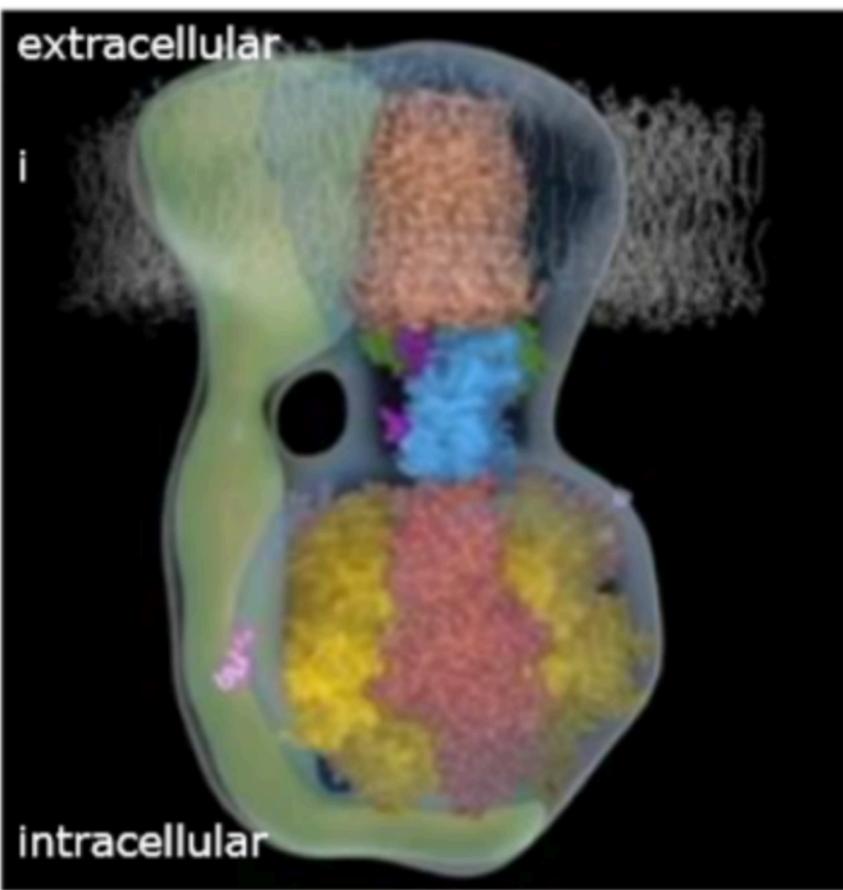
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here is a model of the ATP synthase that couples to the H⁺ gradient to drive ATP synthesis. Indicate what motions occur during this reaction.

Generate a model for how such a system might be used to drive cellular movement.

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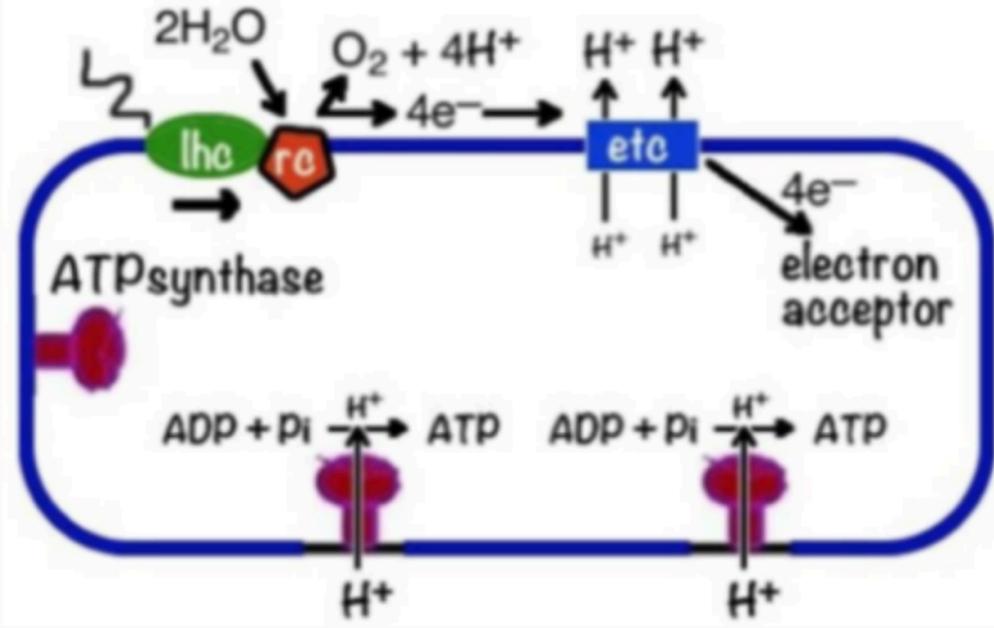
What are the key components of oxygenic photosynthesis, what do they do, and how does lead to the storage of energy?

Why (mechanistically) is water broken into O₂ and 4H?

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A major breakthrough in the evolution of life on Earth was oxygenic photosynthesis, which appears to have first appeared in cyanobacteria.

In the drawing indicate the inside, the boundary, and the outside of the cell.



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What other types of molecules does a photosynthetic organism need to "eat" in addition to light?

What are the waste products of such a photosynthetic system; how are they different from the waste products of a non-photosynthetic organisms?

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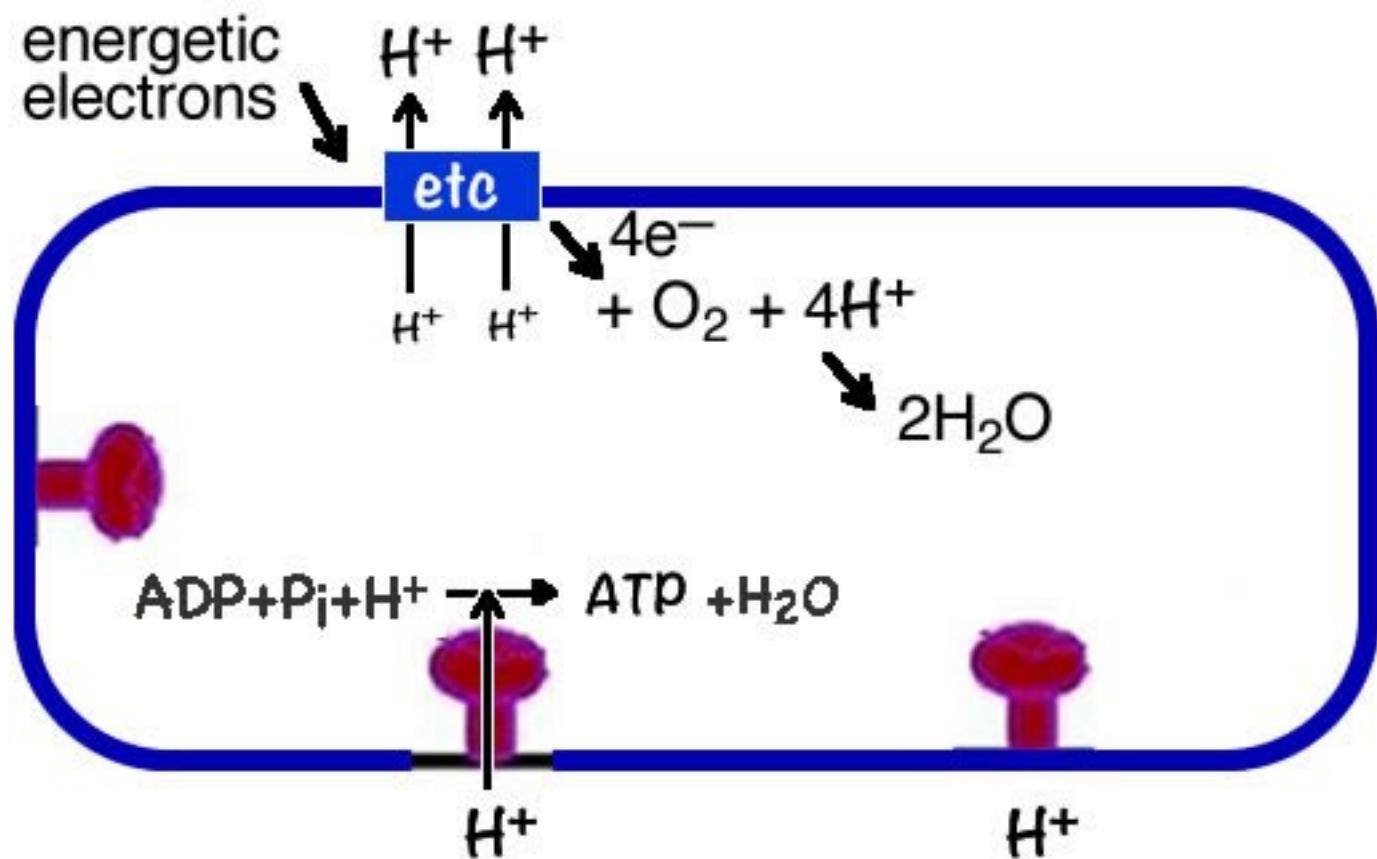
Are the Halobium system and the photosynthesis systems evolutionary homologous or analogous? what is your answer based on?

Group (discuss and draw on the white board)

Which parts of these systems might be homologous and how would you tell?

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What are the key components of aerobic respiration, what do they do, and how does lead to the storage of energy?



If someone asked you to explain why it is that O₂ can be reduced by (accept) lower energy electrons compared to most other electron acceptors, you woul have to say it is because ...

explain the logic of your answer

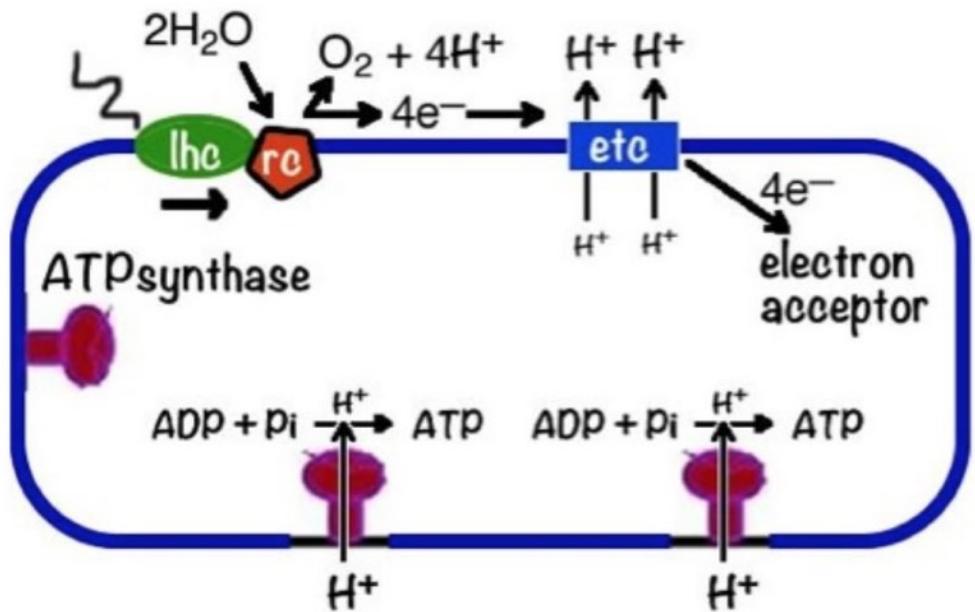
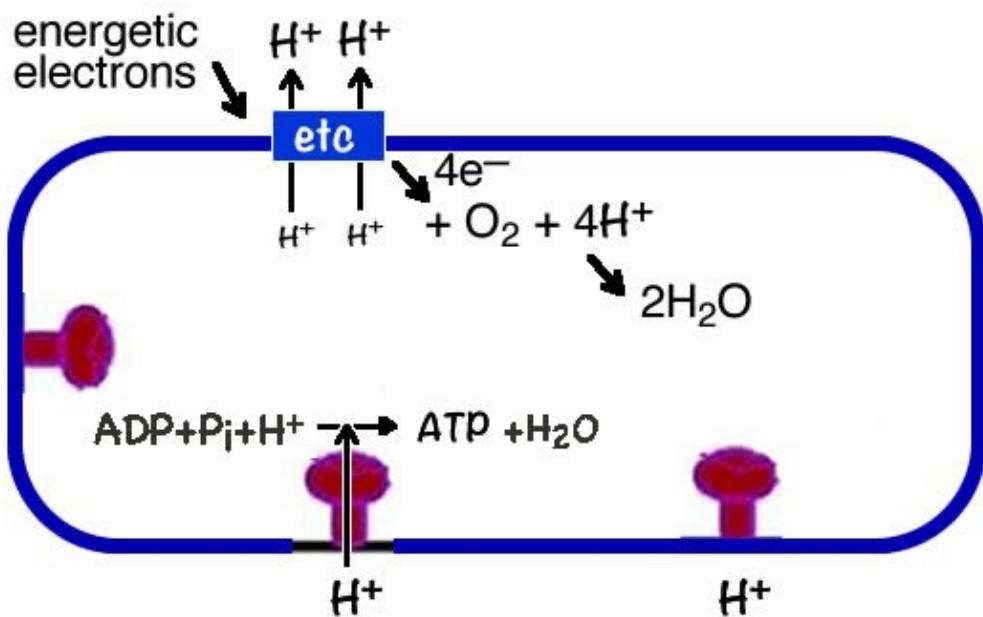
- O₂ is plenty and natural
- O₂ is produced by photosynthesis so it contains more energy
- quantum mechanical factors influencing orbital energies
- reducing O₂ produce water
- no idea, and I know it

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what might be the evolutionary advantage of using O₂ as an electron acceptor?

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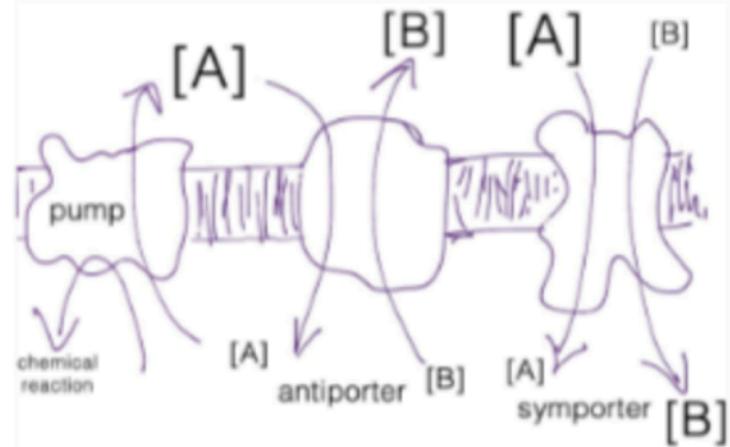


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Once a renewable ATP synthesis is present, produce a model for how it could be used to generate one or more concentration gradients across a cellular membrane.

In addition to directly driving the synthesis of ATP (through coupled reactions), membrane gradients can be used to move molecules (say A and B) into and out of cells (and into and out of intracellular membrane-bounded compartments).

What determines the direction of the net flux of these molecules across the membrane?



How might you use such a system to synthesize ATP?

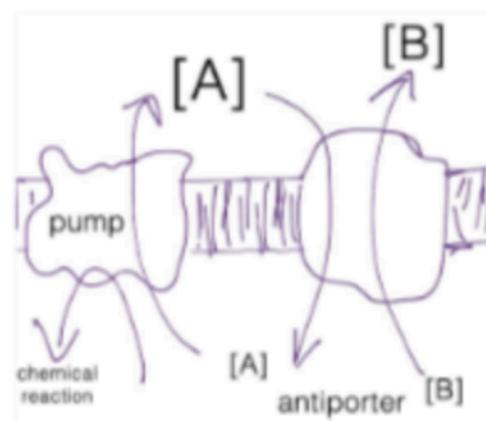
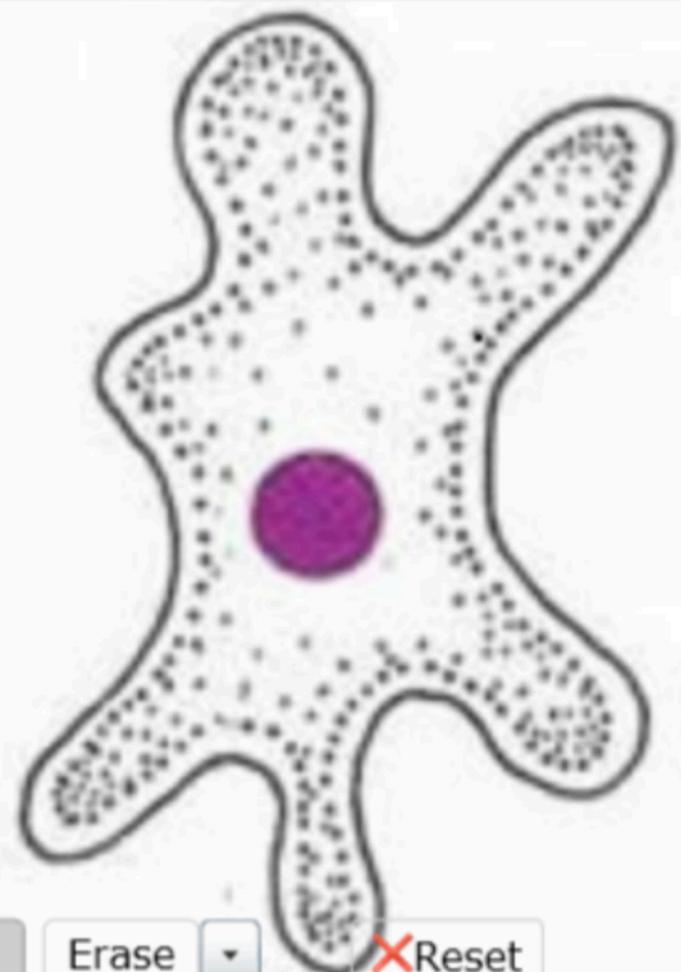
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how are symporters and antiporters the same, how are they different?

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How would a cellular system use a anti-porter/symporter to concentrate a nutrient molecule with a cell?

This cell's membrane contains a molecular pump running on chemical energy (the ATP hydrolysis reaction). It also contains A+B antiporters. Remembering that chemical reactions occur within the cytoplasm, indicate (below) the net direction B will move as long as there is chemical energy and both A and B are present in the system.



Predict (and explain) what would happen to the movement of A if B were absent from the system? And under what conditions could ATP be synthesized?

In the typical energy capturing reaction, H⁺ ions move through the ATP synthase to generate ATP from ADP and phosphate. Draw and label a cartoon of what happens if the reaction runs backward? Include all necessary components.

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First I Know It Now exam (at the final) = 30 possible points

Monday
16 Oct. Chapter 6.3 Membranes and capturing energy 139-144 Complete beSocratic #18

Wed.
18 Oct. Chapter 6.4 Membranes and capturing energy 144-150 Complete beSocratic #19

Friday
20 Oct. **REVIEW for midterm #2** previous midterm

Monday
23 Oct. **second midterm exam** exam answers