

QUESTION

Statement I: In C₃ plants, some O₂ binds to RuBisCO, hence CO₂ fixation is decreased.

+ RUBP

Photorespiration

Statement II: In C₄ plants, mesophyll cells show very little photorespiration while bundle sheath cells do not show photorespiration.

In the light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below:

[2024]

- 1** Both Statement I and Statement II are true
- 2** Both Statement I and Statement II are false
- 3** Statement I is true but Statement II is false
- 4** Statement I is false but Statement II is true

QUESTION

How many molecules of ATP and NADPH are required for **every molecule of CO_2 fixed in the Calvin cycle?** [2024]

- 1** 2 molecules of ATP and 3 molecules of NADPH
- 2** 2 molecules of ATP and 2 molecules of NADPH
- 3** 3 molecules of ATP and 3 molecules of NADPH
- 4** 3 molecules of ATP and 2 molecules of NADPH

$(\text{CO}_2 \Rightarrow 3\text{ATP}, 2\text{NADPH})$

QUESTION

Which of the following are required for the dark reaction of photosynthesis?

- A. Light X
- B. Chlorophyll X
- C. CO₂ ✓
- D. ATP ✓
- E. NADPH ✓

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

[2024]

- 1 A, B and C only
- 2 B, C and D only
- 3 C, D and E only
- 4 D and E only

QUESTION

(2023)

The reaction center in PS II has an absorption maxima at

- 1** 700 nm
- 2** 660 nm
- 3** 780 nm
- 4** 680 nm

Chla

QUESTION

(2023)

Which of the following combinations is required for chemiosmosis?

- 1 membrane, proton pump, proton gradient, NADP synthase
- 2 proton pump, electron gradient, ATP synthase
- 3 proton pump, electron gradient, NADP synthase
- 4 Thylakoid membrane, proton pump, proton gradient, ATP synthase

QUESTION

Which one of the following is **not true** regarding the release of energy during ATP synthesis through chemiosmosis? It involves: (2022)

- 1 Reduction of NADP to NADPH_2 on the stroma side of the membrane C
- 2 Breakdown of proton gradient — C ATP
- 3 Breakdown of electron gradient
- 4 Movement of protons across the membrane to the stroma (Lumen \rightarrow stroma)

QUESTION

What is the role of large bundle sheath cells found around the vascular bundles in C₄ plants? (2022)

- 1** To protect the vascular tissue from high light intensity X
- 2** To provide the site for photorespiratory pathway X
- 3** To increase the number of chloroplast for the operation of Calvin cycle ✓
- 4** To enable the plant to tolerate high temperature

QUESTION

Given below are two statements:

(2022)

Statement I: The primary CO_2 acceptor in C_4 plants is phosphoenolpyruvate and is found in the mesophyll cells.

C

Statement II: Mesophyll cells of C_4 plants lack RuBisCO enzyme

C

In the light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below.

- 1** Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct
- 2** Both Statement I and Statement II are correct
- 3** Both statement I and statement II are incorrect
- 4** Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect

QUESTION

(2021)

Which of the following statements is incorrect?

- 1 Stroma lamellae have PS I only and lack NADP reductase. C
- 2 Grana lamellae have both PS I and PS II. C
- 3 Cyclic photophosphorylation involves both PS I and PS II. X
- 4 Both ATP and NADPH + H⁺ are synthesized during noncyclic photophosphorylation. C

QUESTION

The first stable product of CO_2 fixation in *Sorghum* is:

(2021)

- 1** Oxaloacetic acid ✓
- 2** Succinic acid
- 3** Phosphoglyceric acid
- 4** Pyruvic acid

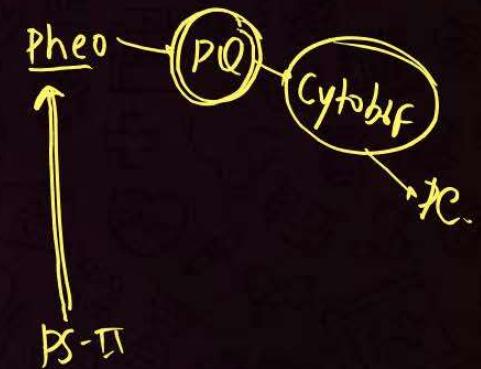
(C-4).

QUESTION

In light reaction, plastoquinone facilitates the transfer of electrons from:

(2020)

- 1** Cytb₆f complex to PS-I
- 2** PS-I to NADP⁺
- 3** PS-I to ATP synthase
- 4** PS-II to Cytb₆f complex



QUESTION

The oxygenation activity of RuBisCo enzyme in photorespiration leads to the formation of:

(2020)

- 1** 1 molecule of 3-C compound (PCA) ✓
- 2** 1 molecule of 6-C compound X
- 3** 1 molecule of ^{34}C compound and 1 molecule of 2-C compound ✓
- 4** 2 molecules of 3-C compound X

QUESTION

During non-cyclic photophosphorylation, when electrons are lost from the reaction centre at PS II, what is the source which replaces these electrons? (2020-Covid)

- 1** Water ✓
- 2** Carbon dioxide
- 3** Light
- 4** Oxygen

QUESTION

Which of the following statements is incorrect?

(2020-Covid)

- 1 In C₄ plants, the site of RuBisCO activity is mesophyll cell *B.S.*
- 2 The substrate molecule for RuBisCO activity is a 5-carbon compound *RUBP C.*
- 3 RuBisCO action requires ATP and NADPH *dark rxn* *(S)*
- 4 RuBisCO is a bifunctional enzyme *(C)*

QUESTION

Which of the following is **not** a product of light reaction of photosynthesis?

(2018)

- 1** ATP C
- 2** NADH ✓
- 3** NADPH C
- 4** Oxygen C.

QUESTION

Phosphoenol pyruvate (PEP) is the primary CO_2 acceptor in:

(2017-Delhi)

- 1** C₃ plants
- 2** C₄ plants
- 3** C₂ plants
- 4** C₃ and C₄ plants

QUESTION

With reference to factors affecting the rate of photosynthesis, which of the following statements is **not** correct? (2017-Delhi)

- 1** Light saturation for CO_2 fixation occurs at 10% of full sunlight
- 2** Increasing atmospheric CO_2 concentration upto 0.05% can enhance CO_2 fixation rate
- 3** C_3 plants responds to higher temperatures with enhanced photosynthesis while C_4 plants have much lower temperature optimum
- 4** Tomato is a greenhouse crop which can be grown in CO_2^- enriched atmosphere for higher yield

QUESTION

In a chloroplast the highest number of protons are found in:

(2016 - I)

- 1** Stroma
- 2** Lumen of thylakoid
- 3** Inter membranal space
- 4** Antennae complex

QUESTION

The process which makes major difference between C₃ and C₄ plants is:

(2016 - II)

- 1** Photorespiration ✓
- 2** Respiration
- 3** Glycolysis
- 4** Calvin cycle

QUESTION

A plant in your garden avoids photorespiratory losses, has improved water use efficiency, shows high rates of photosynthesis at high temperatures and has improved efficiency of nitrogen utilisation. In which of the following physiological groups would you assign this plant?

(2016 - I)

- 1** C₃
- 2** C₄
- 3** CAM
- 4** Nitrogen fixer

QUESTION

In photosynthesis, the light-independent reactions take place at:

(2015 Re)

- 1** Photosystem-I
- 2** Photosystem-II
- 3** Stromal matrix
- 4** Thylakoid lumen

dark rxn

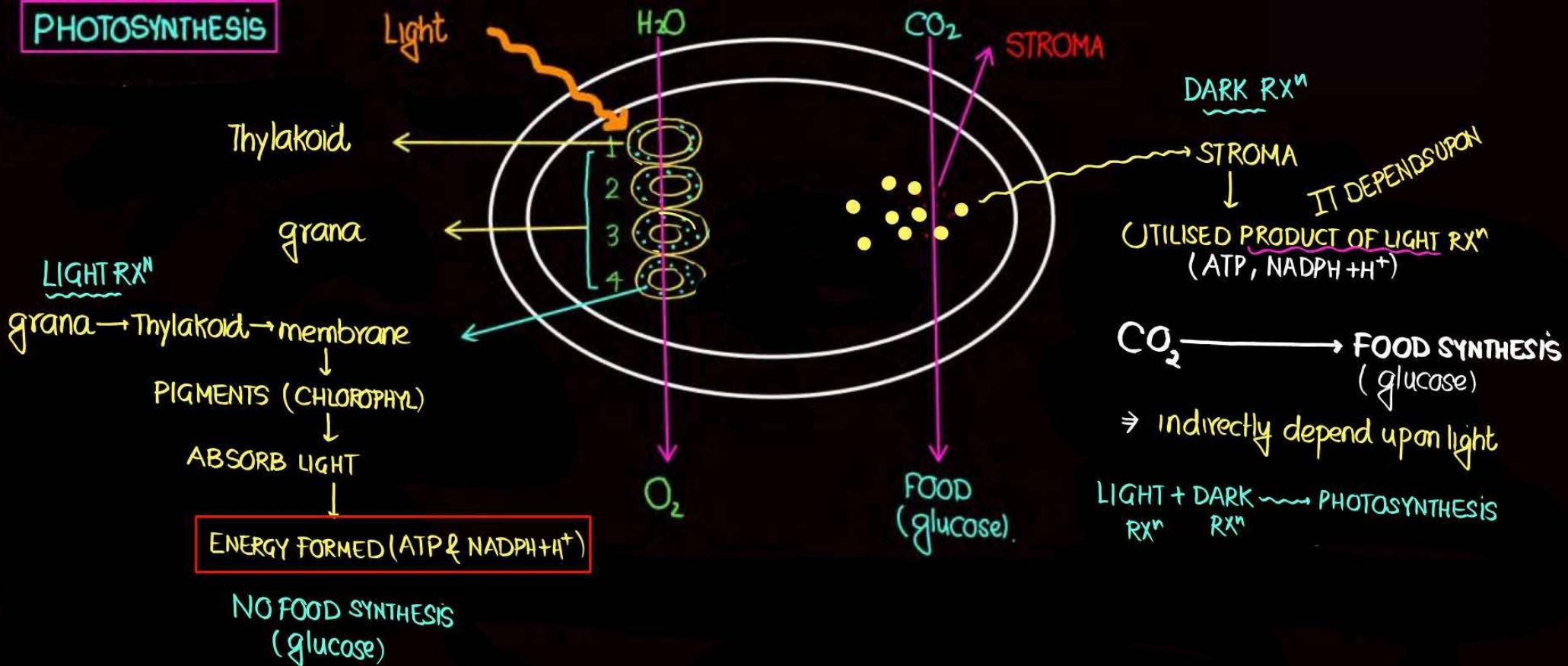
QUESTION

[OS] (2014)

Anoxygenic photosynthesis is characteristic of:

- 1 *Ulva* E
- 2 *Rhodospirillum* (BACTERIA) H₂S → S
- 3 *Spirogyra* E
- 4 *Chlamydomonas* E

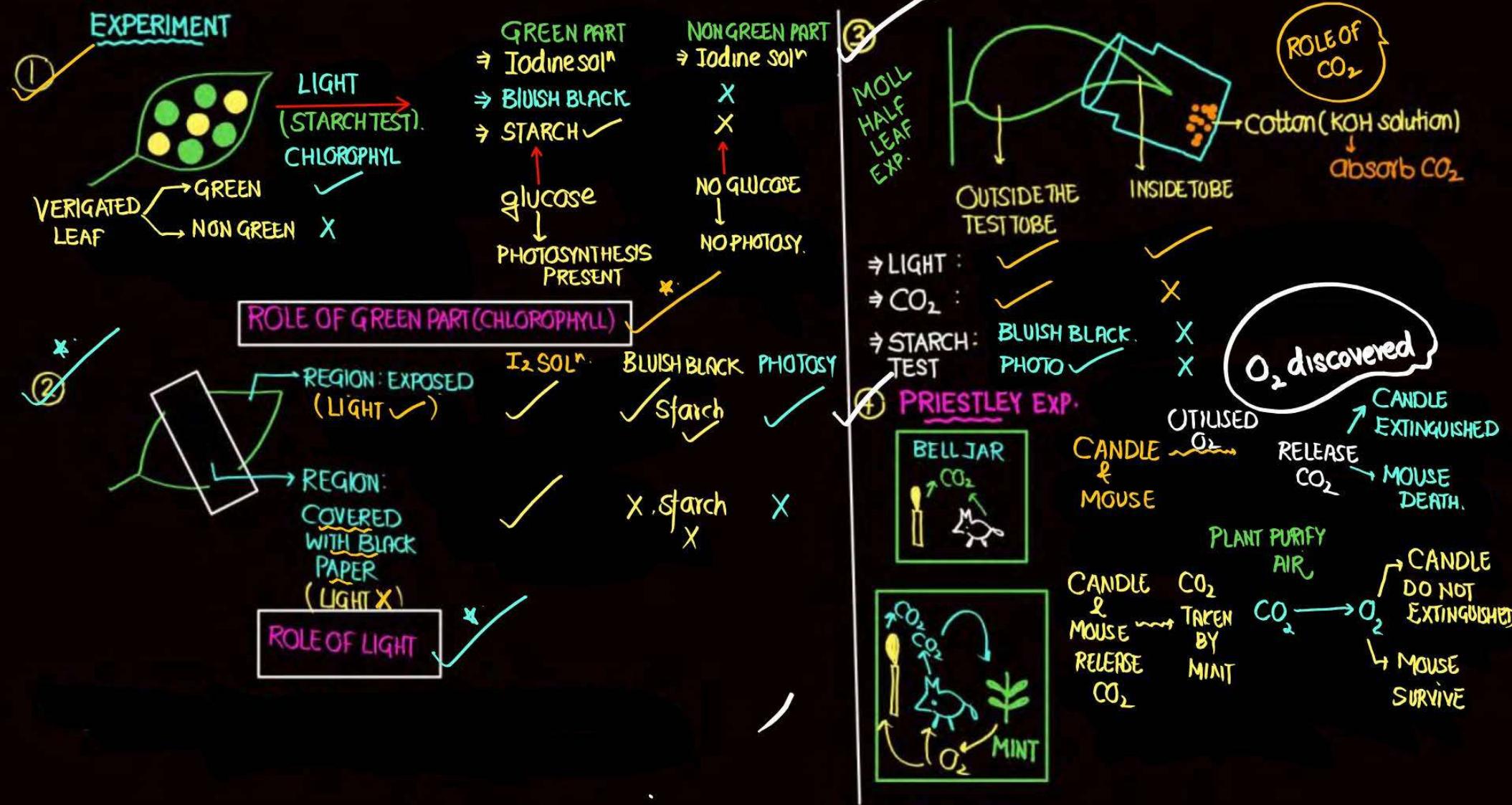
PHOTOSYNTHESIS



* Definition:

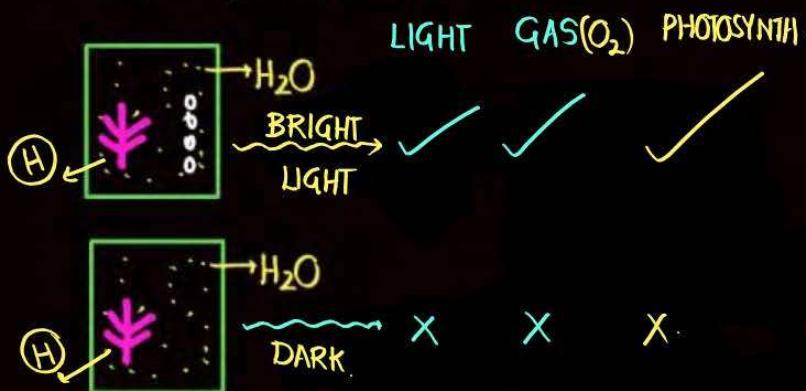
LIGHT ENERGY CONVERT
CHEMICAL ENERGY OF
FOOD.





⑤ Ingenhousz

→ Exp: aquatic plant (Hydrilla)



⑥ VON SACH

AS PLANT GROW → glucose accumulation increase

glucose synthesis ~ green part (chlorophyll)

glucose stored → starch

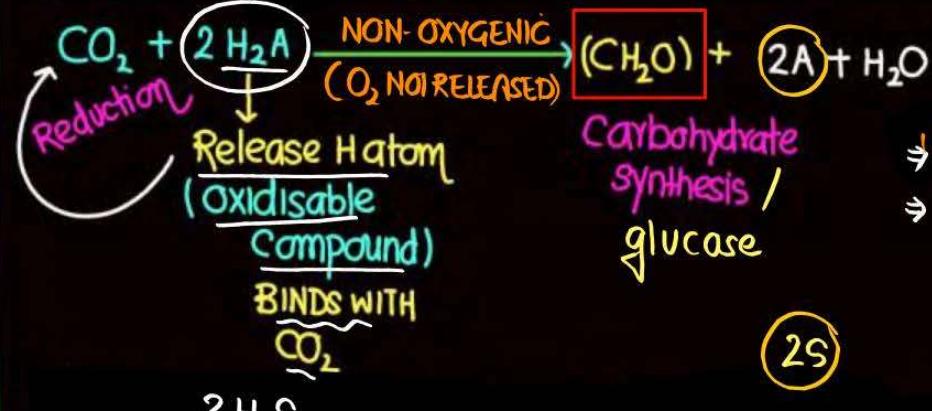
green pigment
Chlorophyll

NOTE: By 19th century.



⑦ VAN NIEL

PHOTOSYNTHETIC
PURPLE SULPHUR
GREEN SULPHUR



PLANTS

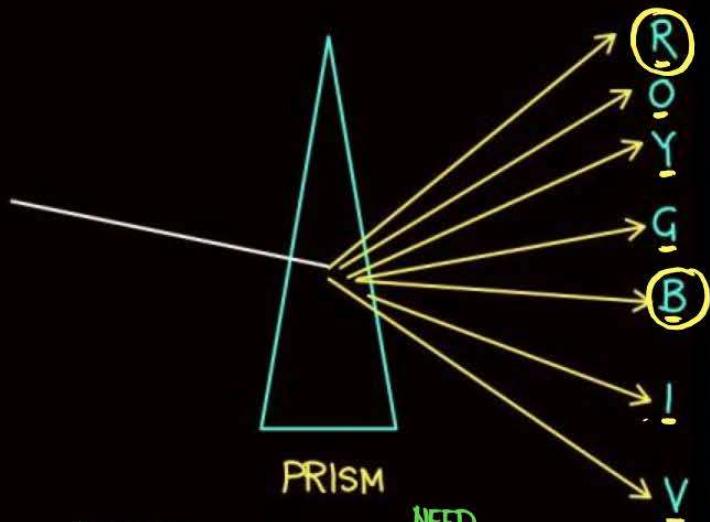
BUT DIDN'T PROOF.
→ $H_2O \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}O_2$
→ O_2 COMES FROM H_2O NOT CO_2 .

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⑧ RUBAN, KAMAN

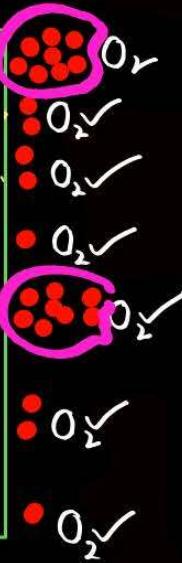


Engelmann experiment



AEROBIC BACT.

PHOTOSYNTHESIS



CLADOPHORA
(GREEN ALGAE)

ACTION SPECTRUM

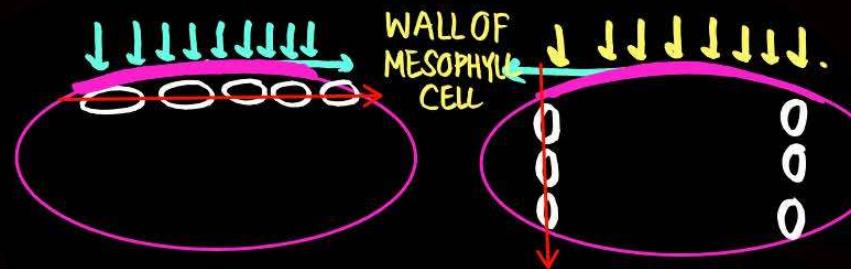
1st.

WHERE DOES PHOTOSYNTHESIS TAKES PLACE

Concept:

Low light intensity.

High intensity



CHLOROPLAST: LIGHT BETTER UTILISE
Arrangement
Parallel to Wall of Mesophyll Cell.

perpendicular to Wall of Mesop cell.

HOW MANY TYPES OF PIGMENT

PAPER CHROMATOGRAPHY



PIGMENTS OF LEAF COMES ON PAPER.

Chlorophyll a / main / universal → BLUISH GREEN

Chlorophyll b : YELLOWISH GREEN / OLIVE GREEN.

Carotene + Xanthophyll → YELLOW/YELLOW TO ORANGE

↓
Carotenoids

ABSORPTION SPECTRUM.

ACTION SPECTRUM:

If we compare absorption spectrum of Chla with action spectrum.
SO IT OVERLAP AT SOME REGION BUT NOT OVERLAP COMPLETELY.

DURING PHOTOSYNTHESIS LIGHT ALSO ABSORB BY

Chl b, Carotenoid → accessory pigments.



also participate in
PHOTOSYNTHESIS
(INDIRECTLY)



Chl a
(main pigment)
(DIRECTLY
PARTICIPATE)



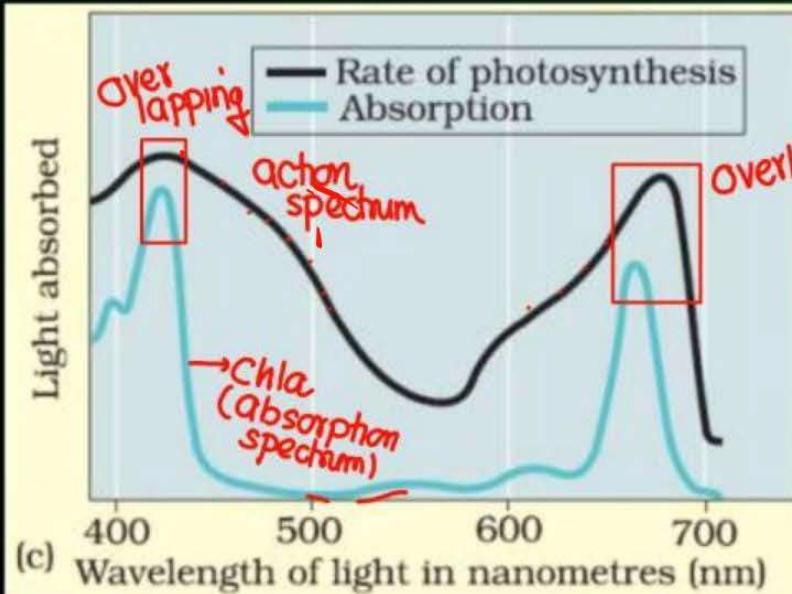
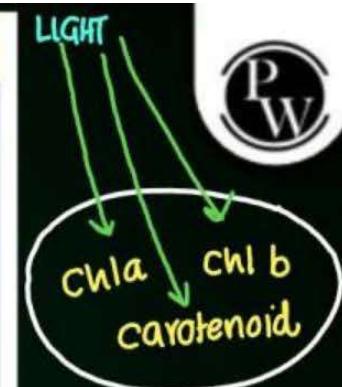
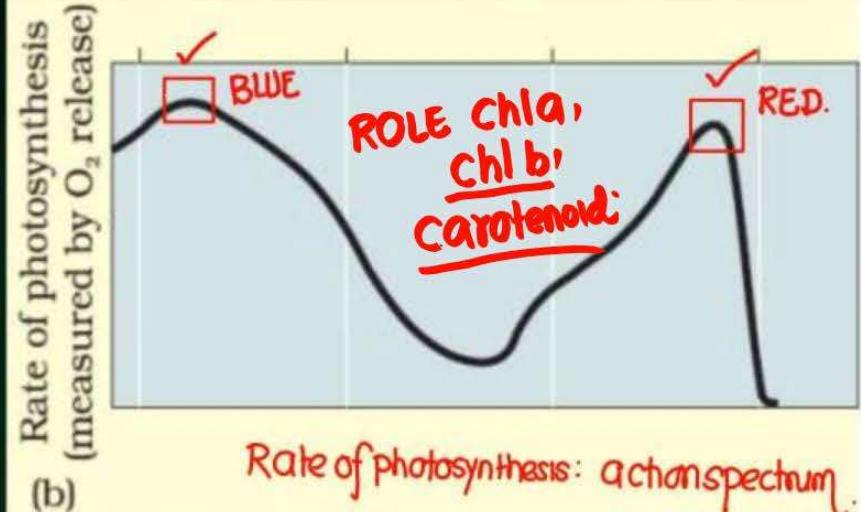
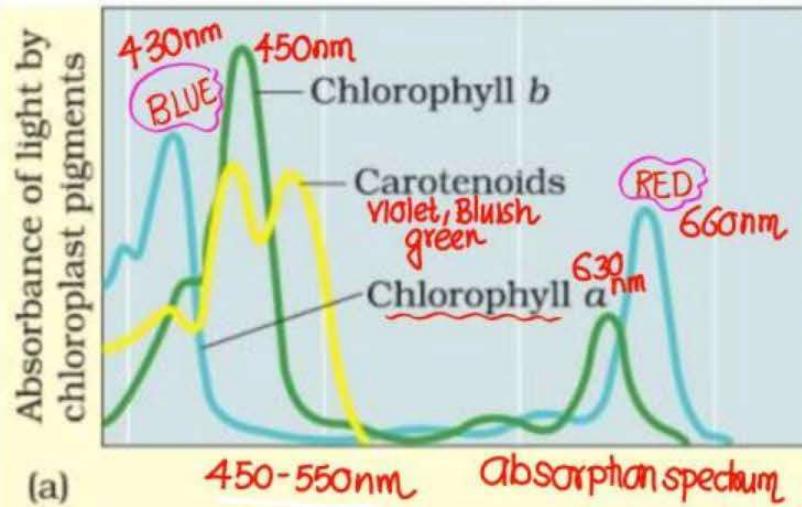
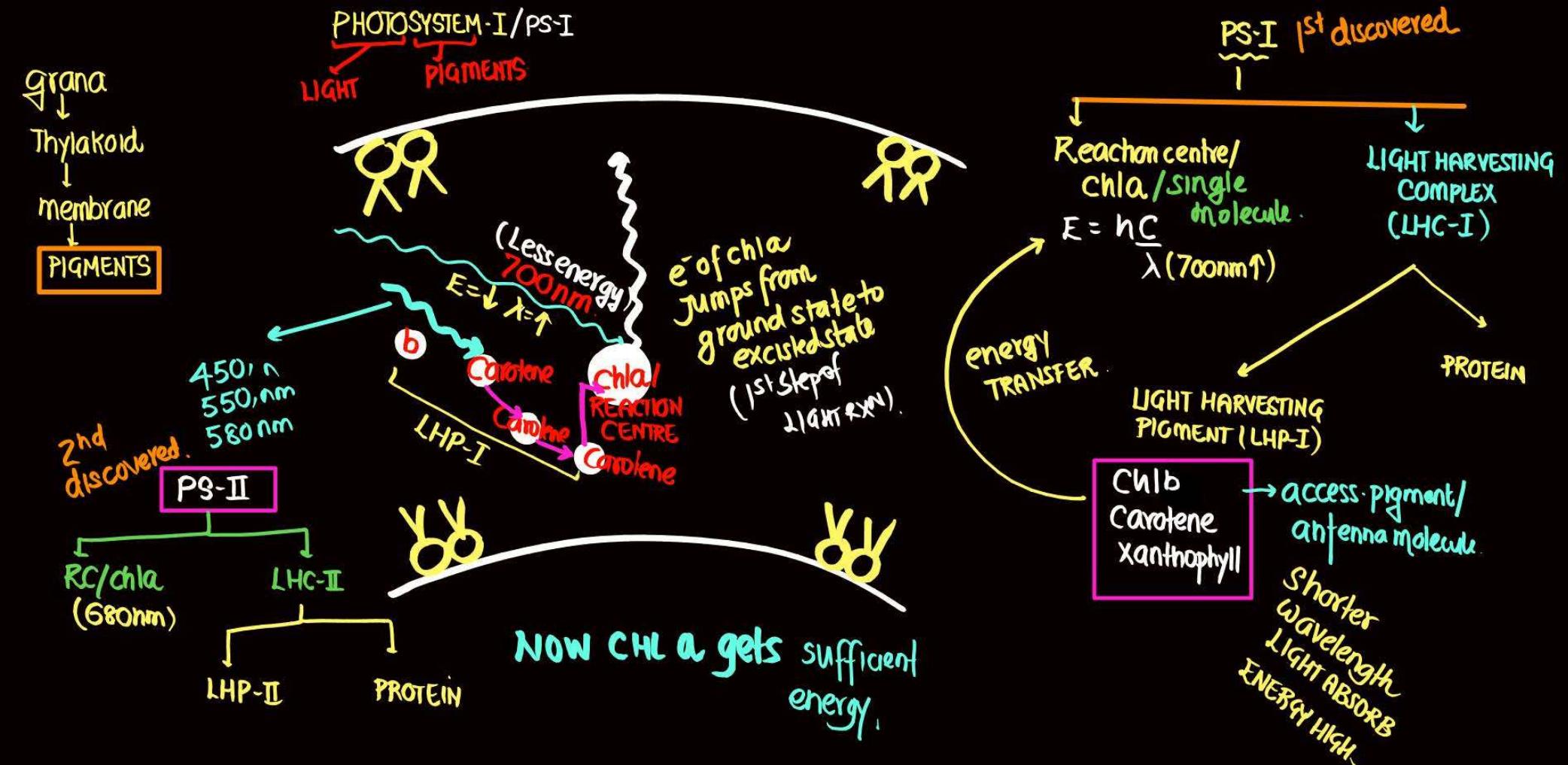


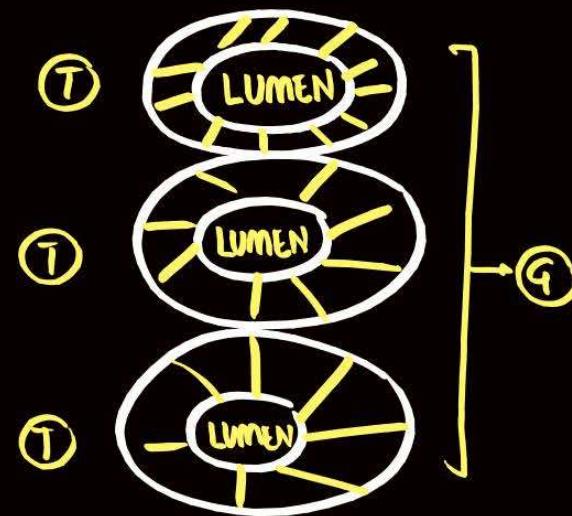
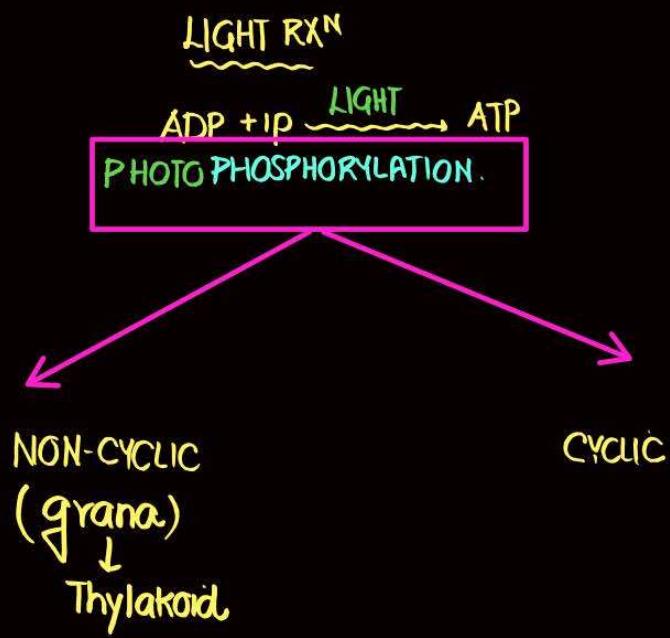
Figure 11.3a Graph showing the **absorption spectrum** of chlorophyll *a*, *b* and the carotenoids

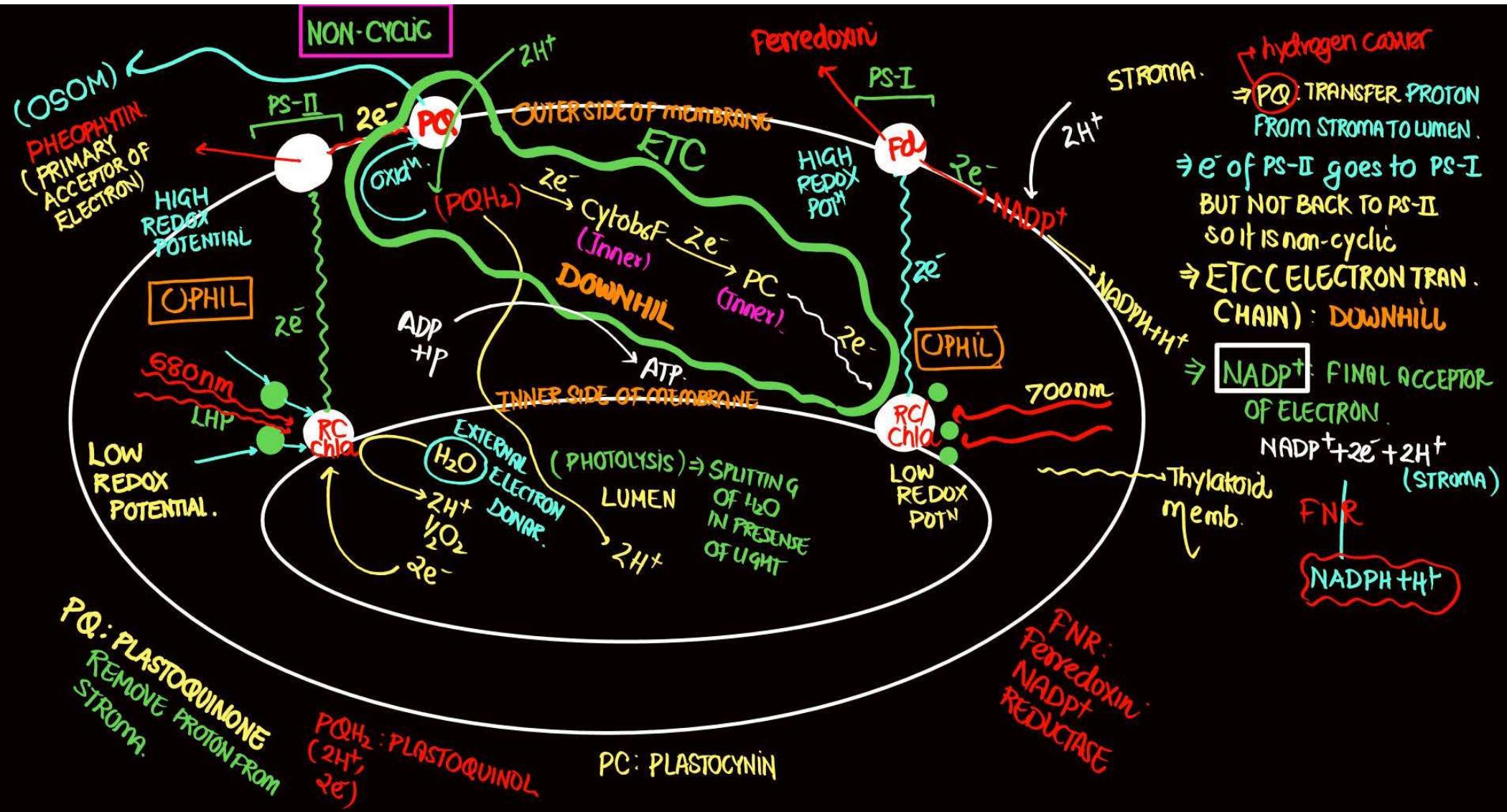
Figure 11.3b Graph showing **action spectrum** of photosynthesis

Figure 11.3c Graph showing **action spectrum** of photosynthesis superimposed on absorption spectrum of chlorophyll *a*

Chloroplast
↓
Rate of photosy.
(CO_2 Fixⁿ)
or
 O_2 evolution
↓
Check.
(action)
spectrum







Non-cyclic

* SITE: GRANA

* Flow of e^- : PS-II to PS-I

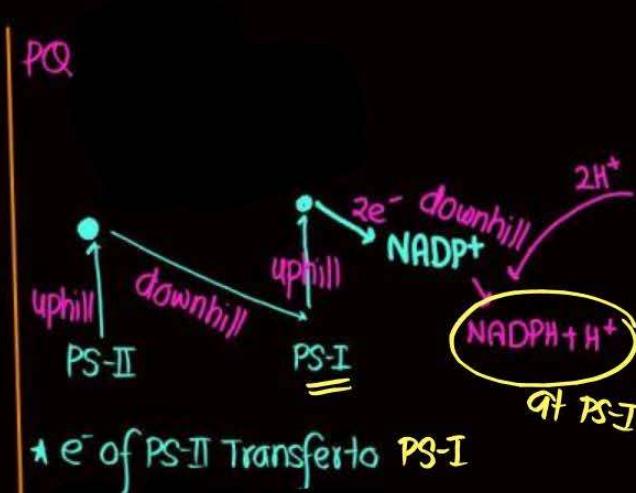
* Primary acceptor: PHEOPHYTIN

* External donor: H_2O

* H_2O splitting: LUMEN

* PQ remove $2H^+$ from stroma,
TRANSFER TO LUMEN

* O_2 evolution. (H_2O splitting) at PS-II
Photolysis?



* Final acceptor of e^- : $NADP^+$

* e^- of PS-II Transfer to PS-I

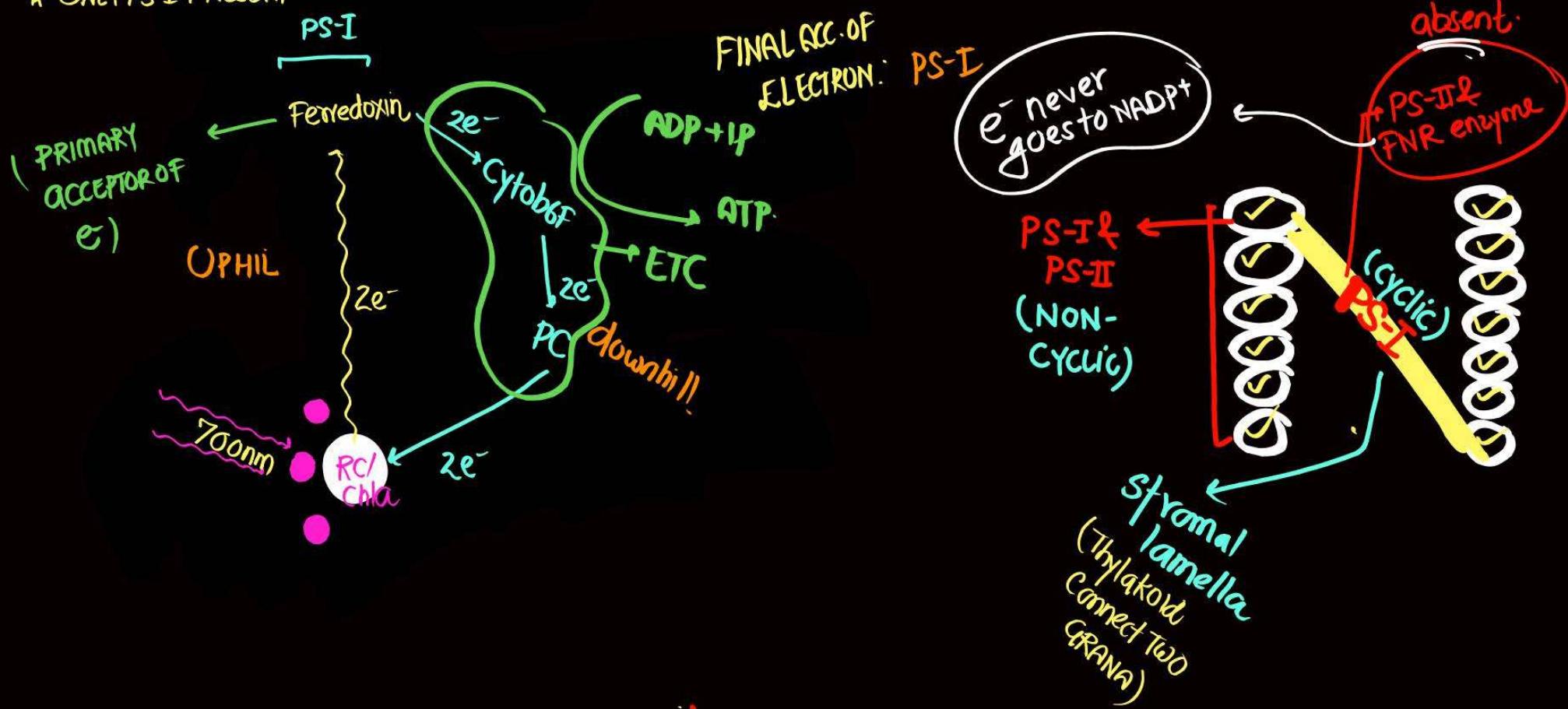
* Cytob6F, PC: Inn. side of
membrane

* $NADP^+$ Reductase enzyme (FNR),
PQ, Phaeophytin, $NADP^+$:
OSOThyl. membrane.

CYCLIC PHOTOPHOSPHORYLATION

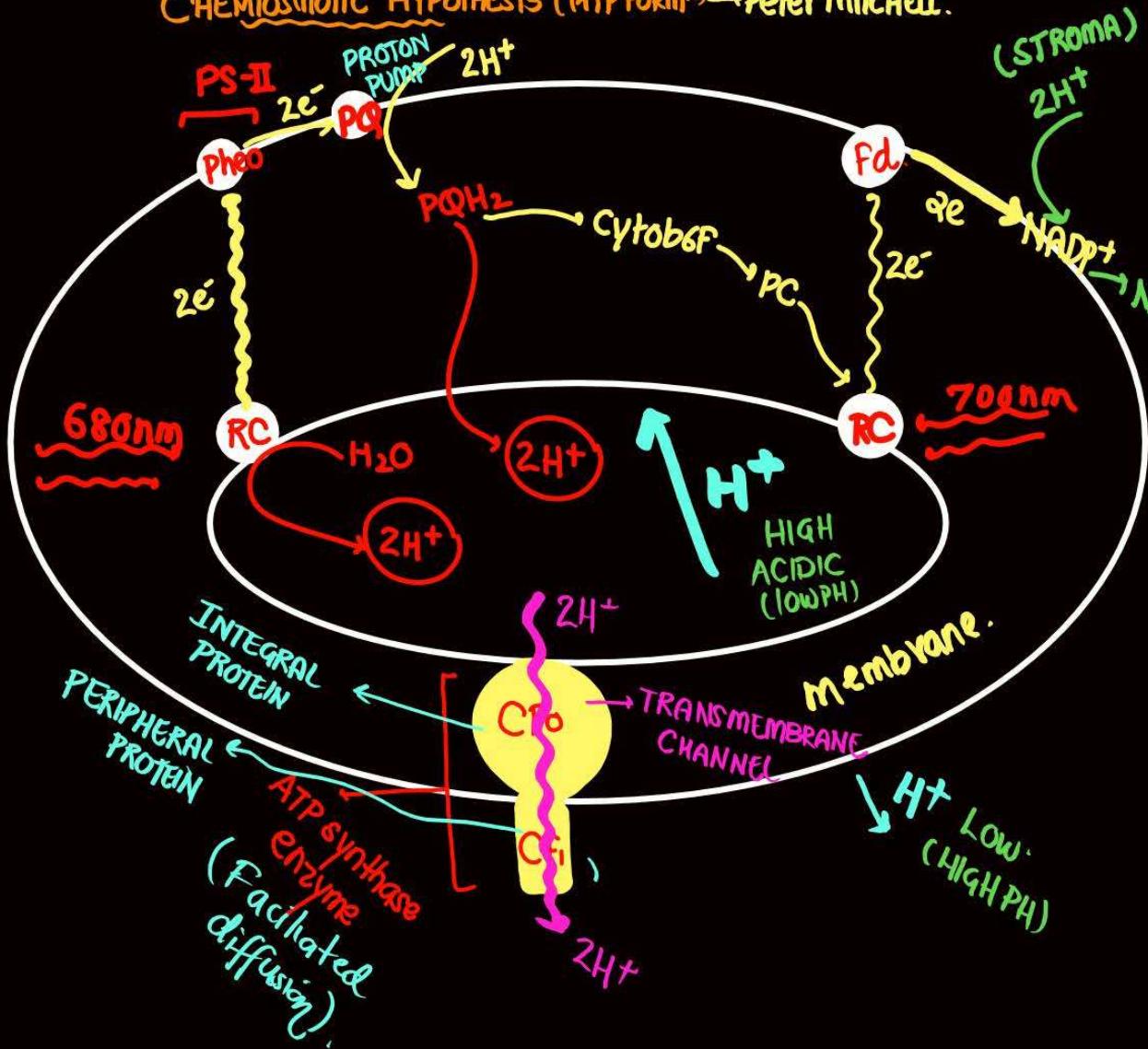
* SITE: STROMAL LAMELLA.

* ONLY PS-I PRESENT



	NON-CYCLIC	CYCLIC
SITE		
PHOTOSYSTEM	GRANA PS-II & PS-I	STROMAL LAMELLA PS-I
External electron donor (H_2O)	PRESENT	ABSENT (move of e ⁻ is cyclic)
FINAL Electron acceptor	$NADP^+$	
PHOTOLYSIS / O_2 evol ⁿ		
$NADPH + H^+$	✓	X
ATP synthesis	yes	X
Primary acceptor of e ⁻	yes (ETC)	NO
Z-scheme	Pheophytin	yes (ETC)
Ferredoxin. NADP Reductase (FNR)	yes	ferredoxin
	PRESENT	NO
		ABSENT

CHEMIOSMOTIC HYPOTHESIS (ATP FORM^N) → Peter Mitchell.



PROTON ACCUMULATION IN LUMEN
INCREASE COMPARE TO STROMA.



PQ TRANSFER PROTON FROM STROMA TO LUMEN.

NADP⁺ REMOVE PROTON FROM STROMA.

PROTON GRADIENT FORMED ACROSS MEMBRANE

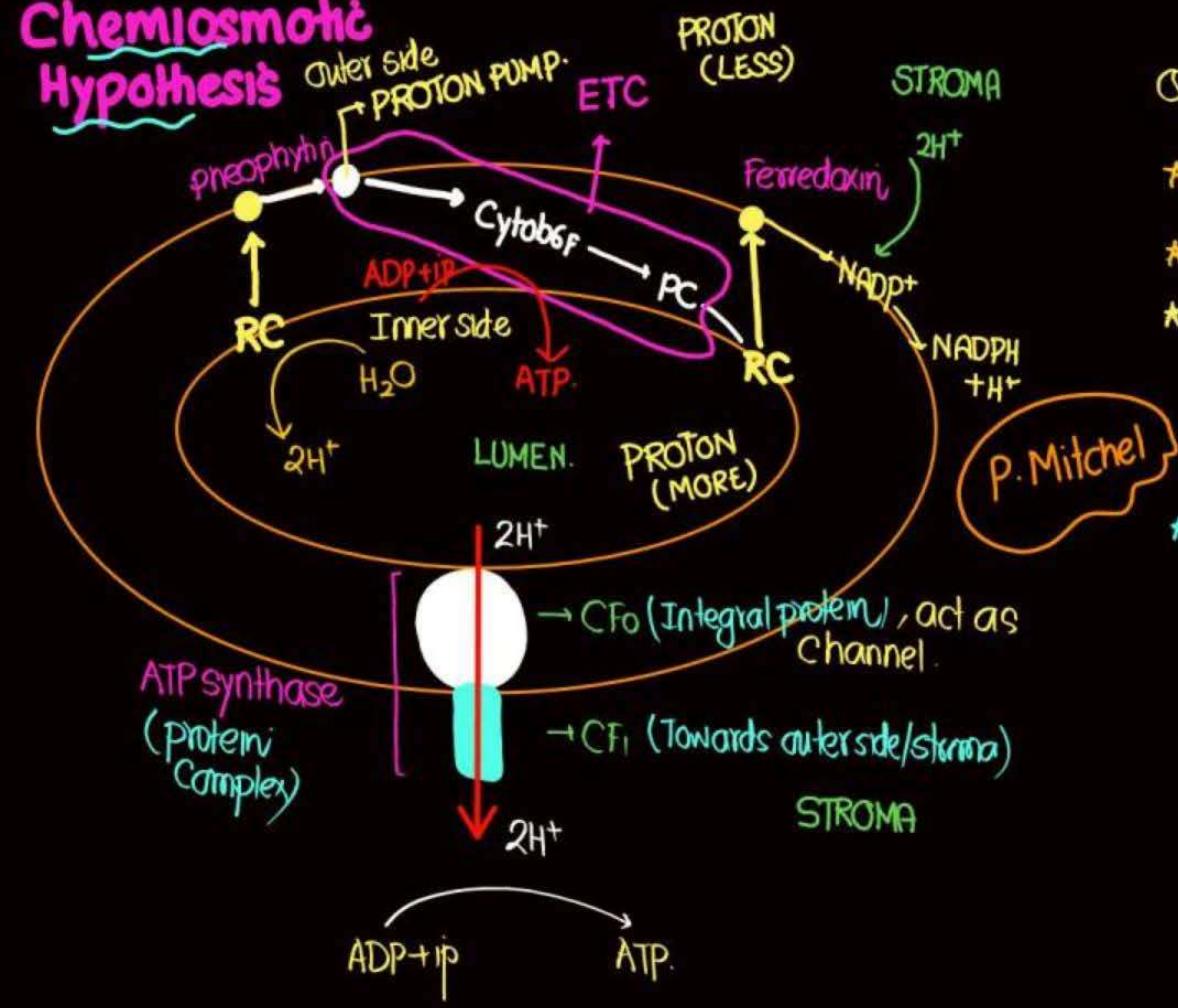
NOW NEED TO BREAK PROTON GRADIENT (LUMEN TO STROMA)

HIGH TO LOW (DOWNHILL)
(ALONG CONN: PASSIVE TRANSPORT)

* AS PROTON MOVE THROUGH ATP synthase (from stroma to LUMEN)
there is conformational change in CF₁ part



Chemiosmotic Hypothesis

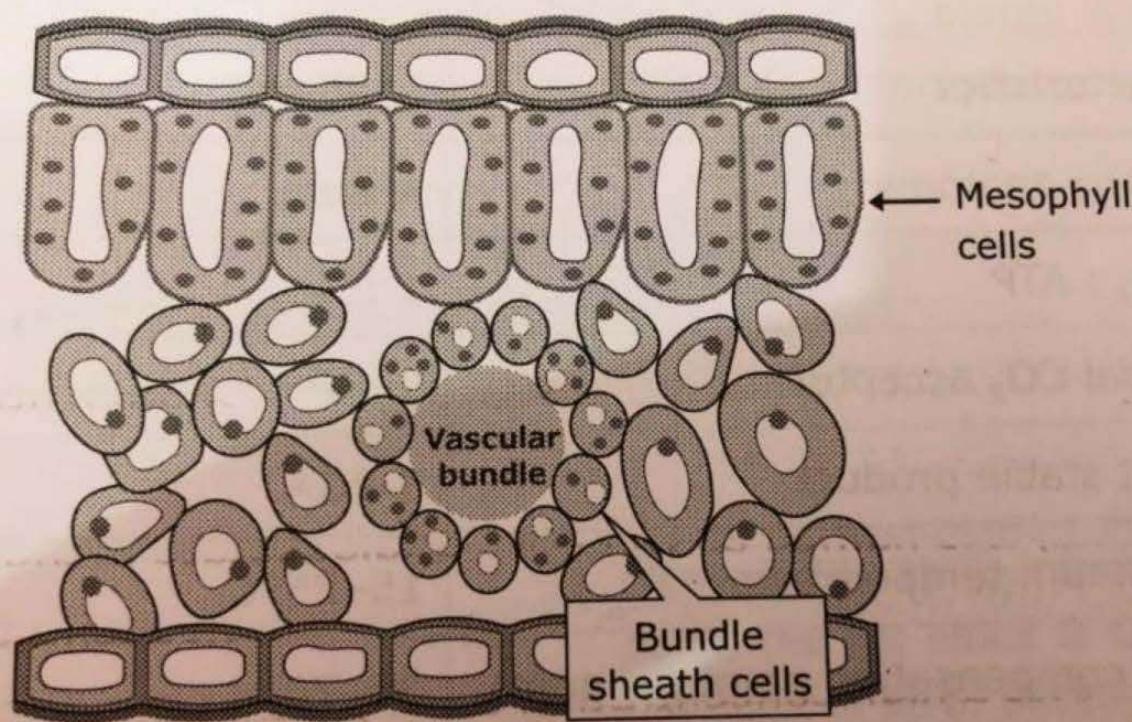


Reason

- Q Proton accumulation increase in Lumen of Thylakoid compare to stroma
- * $H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{PHOTOLYSIS}} 2H^+$
- * PQ Transfer H^+ from stroma into LUMEN.
- * H^+ of stroma Bind with $NADP^+$ to form $NADPH + H^+$ so H^+ conⁿ decrease in stroma.

PROTON GRADIENT FORMED ACROSS THYLAKOID MEMBRANE

- * LUMEN: PH: LOW, H^+ more & STROMA: PH: HIGH: H^+ less.
- * YOU HAVE TO BREAK PROTON GRADIENT so proton moves from LUMEN TO STROMA. (HIGH TO LOW conⁿ, PASSIVE TRANSPORT)
- * CF: Coupling factor.
- * AS proton pass through this Complex, there is Conformational change in Cf₁ (Catalytic site) & energy of proton utilised in synthesis of ATP from ADP & IP. (Photophosphorylation)



PRODUCT OF LIGHT RXN

O_2 , ATP, NADPH FORMED.

18ATP, 12NADPH.

6 TURN OF
C₃ cycle

6CO₂ (Fixⁿ)

DARK RXN.

One mole of glucose.

1CO₂ (Fix^m)
(1 TURN OF
C₃ cycle)

DARK RXN.

3ATP, 2NADPH CONSUMED.

CALVIN CYCLE (FOOD SYNTHESIS)

Earlier it was
Believed

CO₂ + PRIMARY ACCEPTOR
1C
2C compound
WRONG.

RUBISCO

FIRST PRODUCT

3-PHOSPHOGLYCERIC
ACID (C-3)

RIGHT
CONCEPT

1C

(RIBULOSE 1,5 BISPHOSPHATE
RUBP

CO₂ +

5C ketose sugar

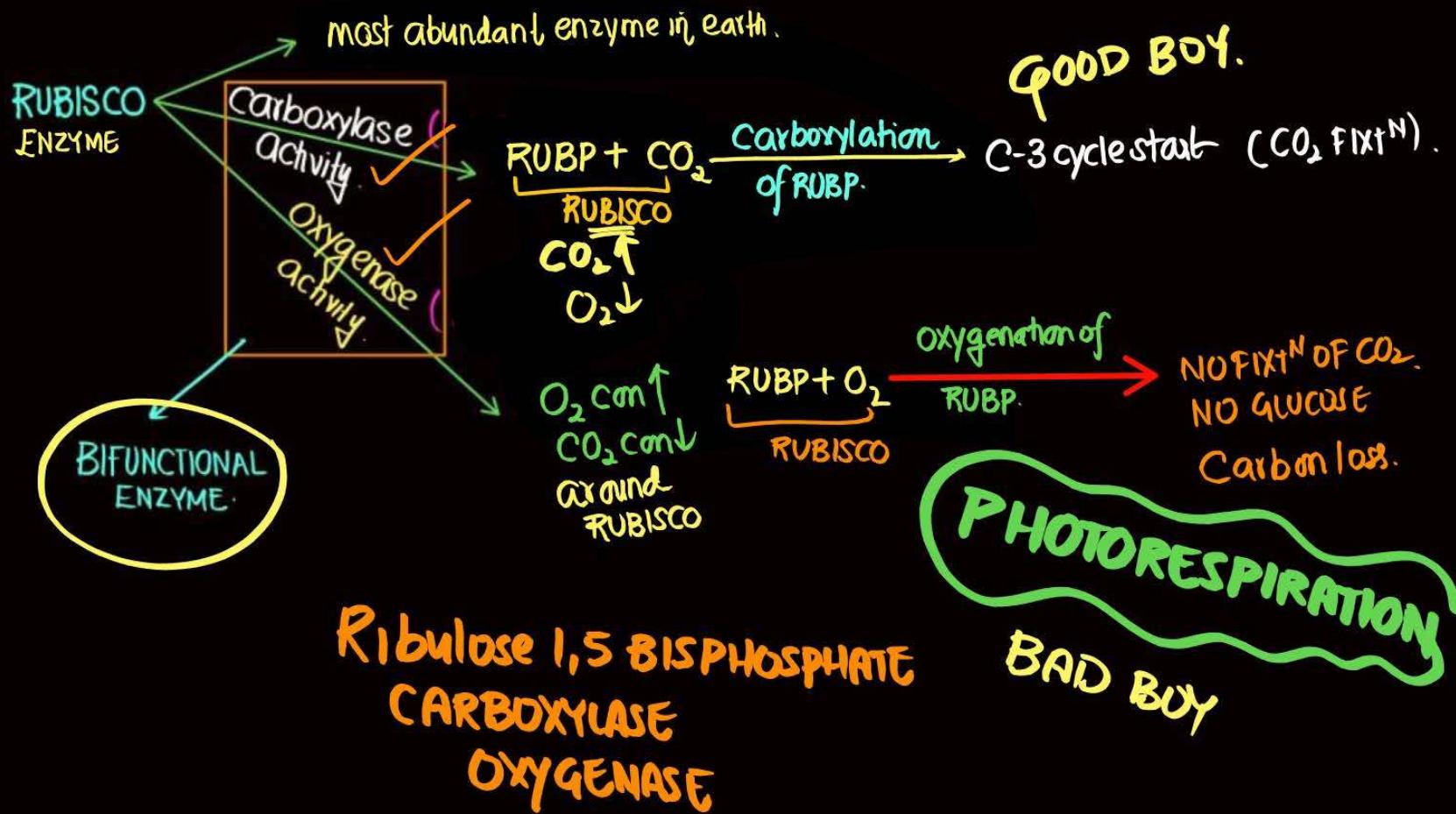
RUBISCO

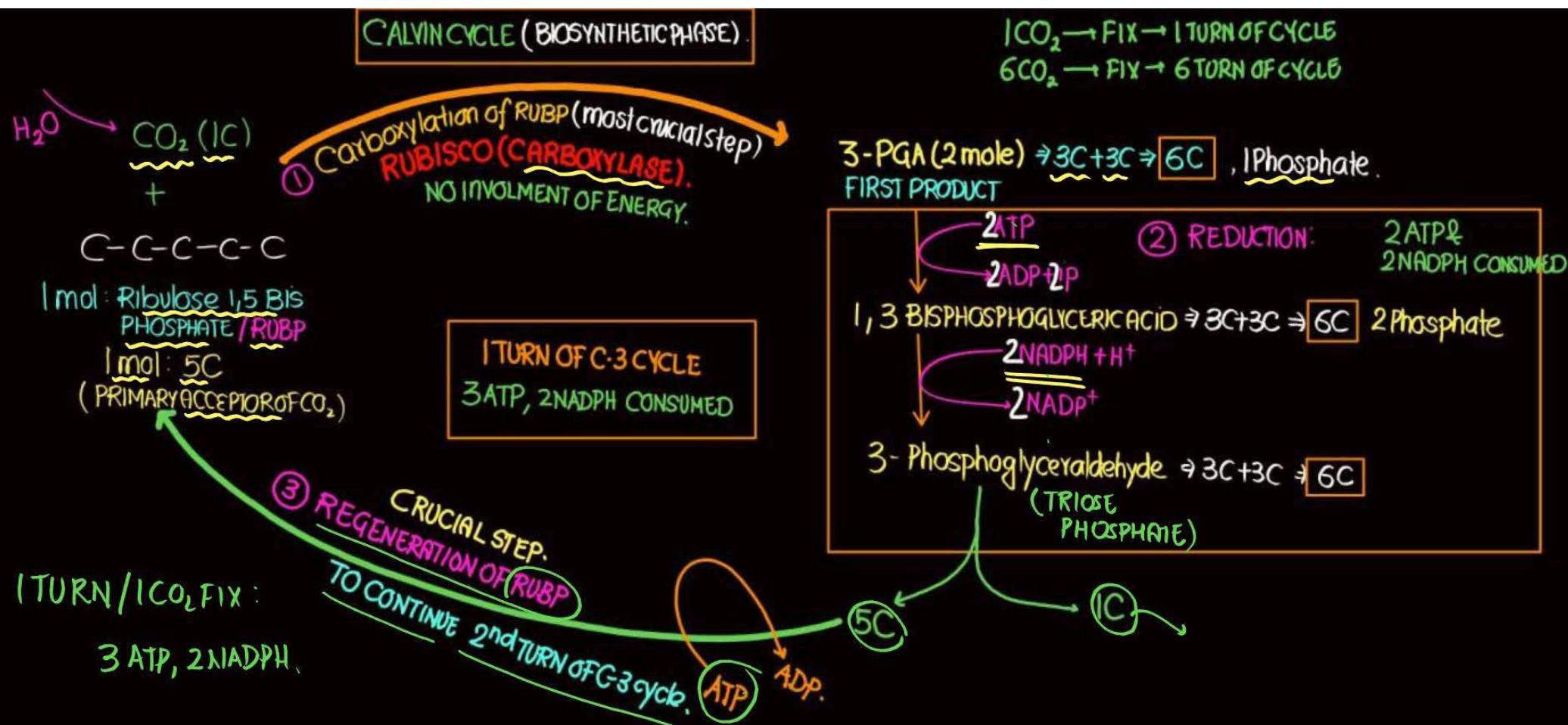
2 molecule
3-PHOSPHOGLYCERIC (C3)

3C + 3C → 6C

DARK RXN.
CALVIN CYCLE/C₃ cycle : FOOD SYNTHESIS
(glucose)

1CO₂ + 2C compound
RUBISCO
1st product
(PGA)
C-3.





CALCULATION

1 CO_2 FIX / 1 TURN OF CYCLE : Redⁿ : 2 ATP, 2 NADPH

$$\text{Regn} : \frac{1 \text{ ATP}}{3 \text{ ATP}, 2 \text{ NADPH}}$$

6 CO_2 / 6 TURNS OF C-3 CYCLE : Redⁿ : $6 \times 2 = 12 \text{ ATP}$, $6 \times 2 = 12 \text{ NADPH}$

$$\text{Regn} : \frac{6 \times 1 = 6 \text{ ATP}}{18 \text{ ATP}, 12 \text{ NADPH}}$$

1 TURN / 1 CO_2 FIX \longrightarrow 1C

6 TURN / 6 CO_2 FIX \longrightarrow 1C + 1C + 1C + 1C + 1C + 1C \longrightarrow One
1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th molecule
of glucose.

C₄ cycle / Hatch & Slack pathway

FOOD SYNTHESIS (THROUGH CALVIN CYCLE)

- * Earlier Believed 1st product during food synthesis: 3-PGA (C₃)
- * BUT ONE DAY: SUGARCANE, MAIZE, 1st PRODUCT: OAA (C₄), OXALOACETIC ACID NOT 3-PGA.
- * We Found alternate pathway: C₄ cycle / C₄ plants
- * Dry Tropical Region / High light intensity / High Temperature adapted, 30-40°C. → PHOTOSYNTHESIS HIGH.

C₄ plant:

KRANZ ANATOMY (LEAF): SPECIAL TYPE OF ANATOMY.

German word → WREATH / ARRANGEMENT OF

Arrangement of BUNDLE SHEATH CELL AROUND VASCULAR BUNDLE.

DIMORPHIC CHLOROPLAST.

Mesophyll cell

BUNDLE SHEATH CELL

Chloroplast:
(size, number)

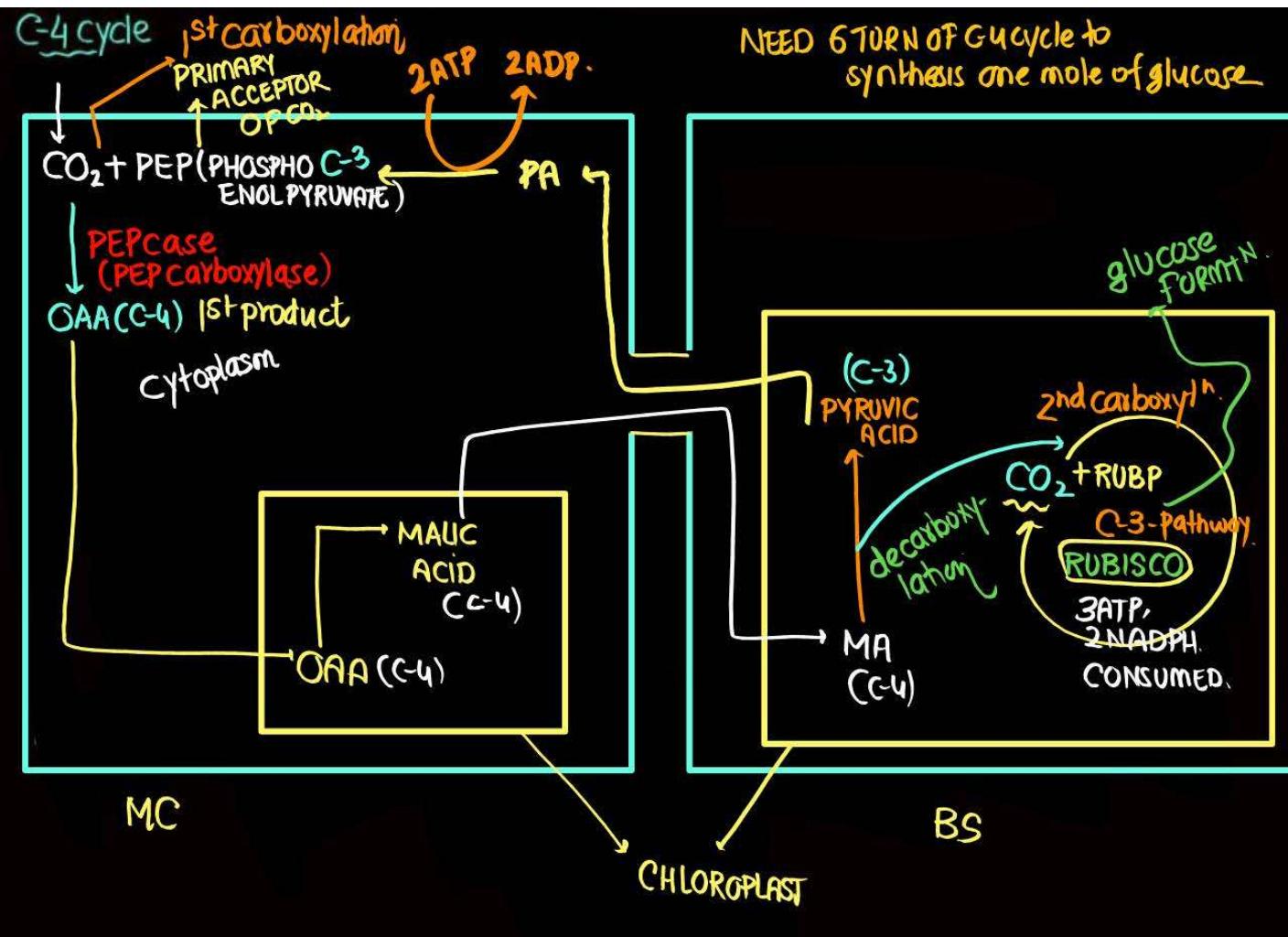
Small,
less in
number

LARGE IN NO.
LARGE IN SIZE

NOTE: C₃, chloroplast (Mesophyll cell) MONOMORPHIC

BUNDLE
SHEATH
CELL

several layers around Vascular BUNDLE
Intercellular space absent
THICK CELL WALL (IMPERMEABLE TO GASE)



1 TURN OF C₄ cycle: MC & BS
(1 CO₂ FIX)
2 ATP 3ATP, 2NADPH
5 ATP, 2NADPH.

1 TURN OF C₃ cycle: 3ATP, 2NADPH

	C-3 Plant	C-4 Plant
RUBISCO	Mesophyll cell	BUNDLE SHEATH
CARBOXYLATION	1st (Mesophyll cell)	1st: MC 2nd: BS.
MAIN ENZYME	RUBISCO	PEPcase
1st product	3PGA, C-3	OAA, C-4
Primary acceptor	RUBP, C-5	PEP, C-3
6 TURN/6CO ₂ FIX	18ATP 12NADPH NEED	30ATP, 12NADPH NEED.

- * Sorghum, sugarcane, maize (monocot)
BUT also in DICOT: C₄ cycle.
 - * Wheat, Rice: C₃ plant → C₃ cycle.
 - * C₃ plant: C₃ cycle ✓
 - * C₄ plant: C₃ pathway present.
 - * C₃ pathway part of C₄ cycle. TRUE
 - * 6 TURN OF C₄ cycle need to FIX 6 CO₂ & FORM one molecule of glucose.
- All photosynthetic plant have C₃ pathway

C₄ Better than C₃ plant

* PHOTORESPIRATION ABSENT IN C₄ PLANT / NO LOSS OF CO₂.
HIGH YIELD/ PRODUCTIVITY PRESENT.

* C₄: INTRACELLULAR CO₂ CONCENTRATING MECHANISM
affinity of PEPcase > RUBISCO
FOR CO₂.

PA → CO₂
 con" always HIGH AROUND RUBISCO
 SO IT ALWAYS BEHAVE AS CARBOXYLASE NOT OXYGENASE.

Q. Total No. of ATP Require for formation of 2 Maltose through C₄ cycle.

1 MALTOSE : 2 GLUCOSE

2 MALTOSE : 4 GLUCOSE

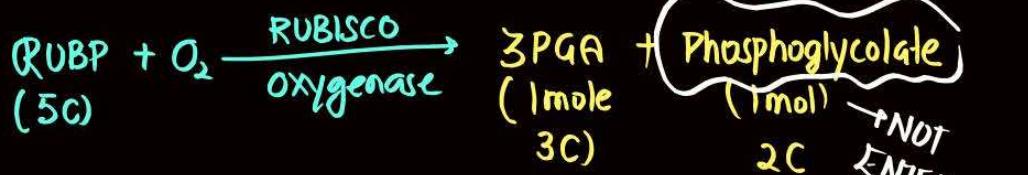
1 GLUCOSE : 30ATP, 12NADPH NEED.

= 4 × 30 = 120ATP

= 4 × 12 = 48 NADPH,

PHOTORESPIRATION.

- ⇒ LIGHT PRESENCE (DAY TIME)
- ⇒ GREEN CELLS.
- ⇒ $O_2 \uparrow$ $CO_2 \downarrow$ RUBISCO → act as oxygenase

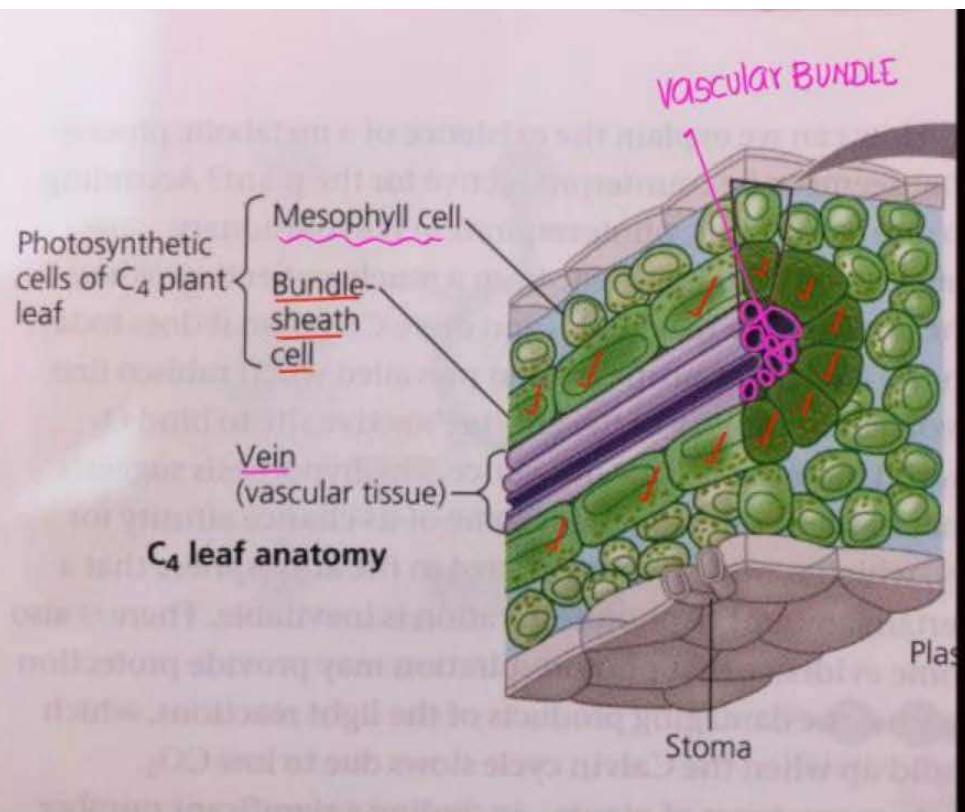


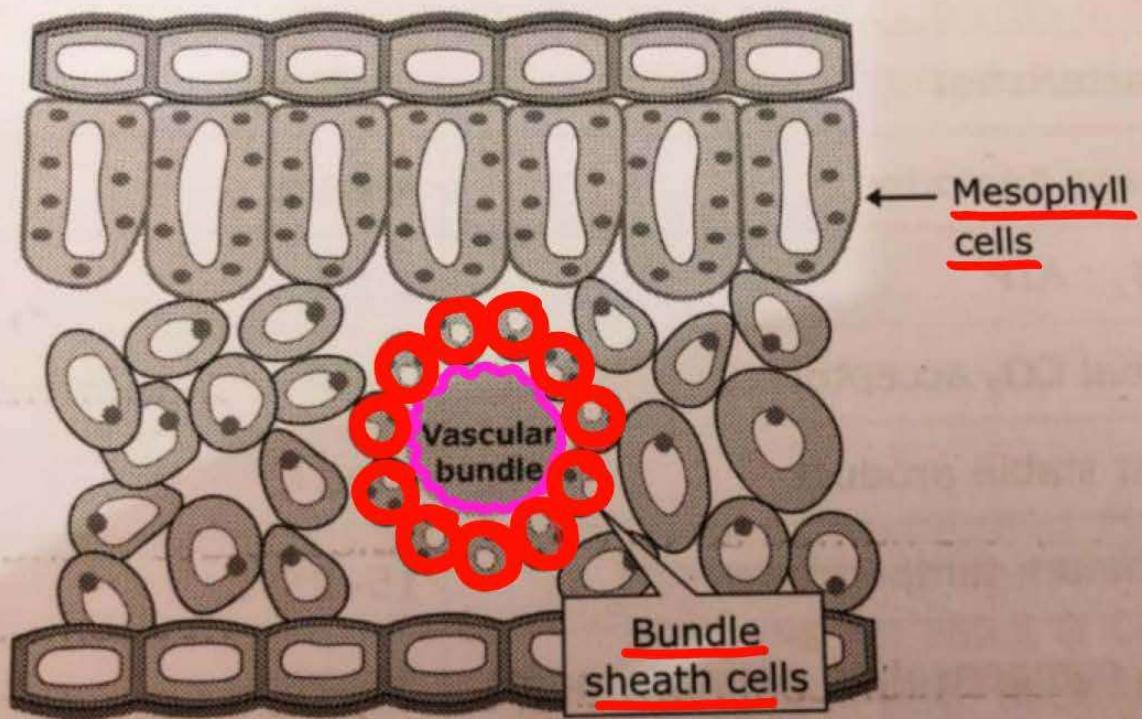
- ⇒ NO FIXⁿ OF CO_2
- ⇒ CARBON LOSS
- ⇒ NO SUGAR SYNTHESIS
- ⇒ ATP, NADPH (ENERGY CONSUMED)
- ⇒ WASTEFUL PROCESS.
- ⇒ CO_2, NH_3 Released.

Intake of O_2 .

Chloroplast
peroxisome
mitochondria

HIGH TEMP /
HIGH LIGHT INTENSITY,
 $O_2 \uparrow$ $CO_2 \downarrow$
C-3 plant
(PHOTORESPIRATION)





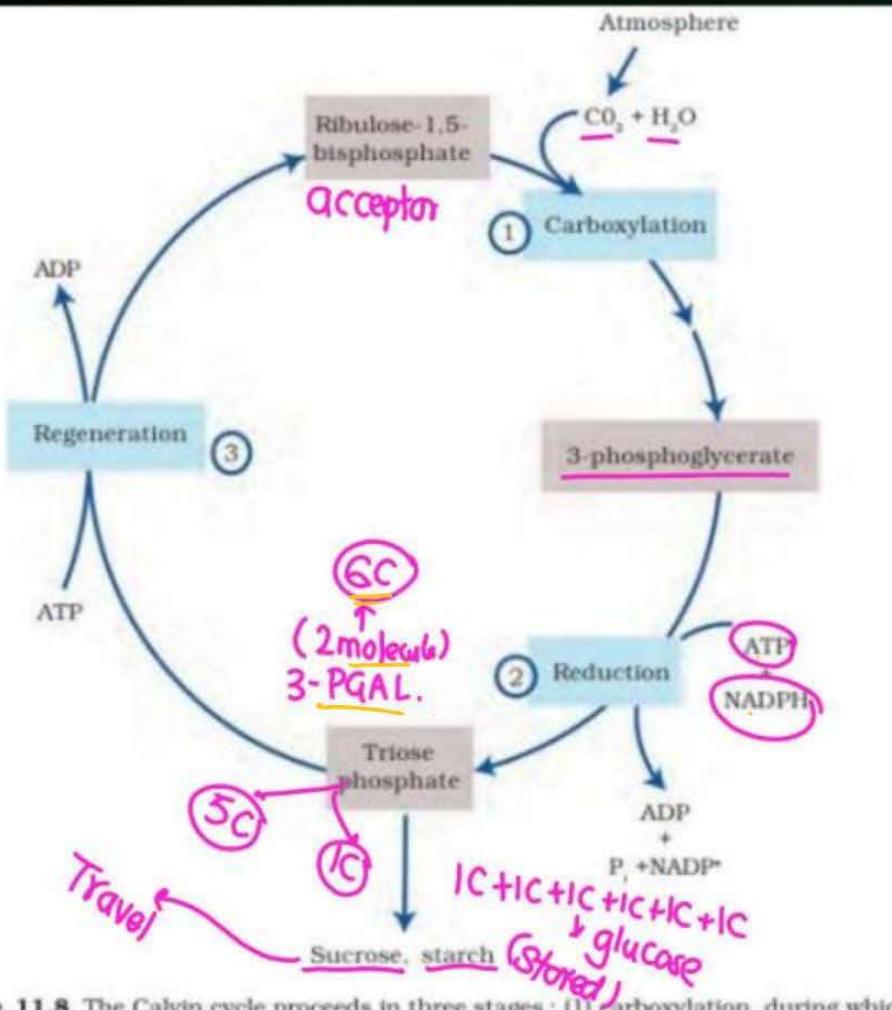


Figure 11.8 The Calvin cycle proceeds in three stages : (1) carboxylation, during which CO₂ combines with ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate; (2) reduction, during which carbohydrate is formed at the expense of the photochemically made ATP and NADPH; and (3) regeneration during which the CO₂ acceptor ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate is formed again so that the cycle continues

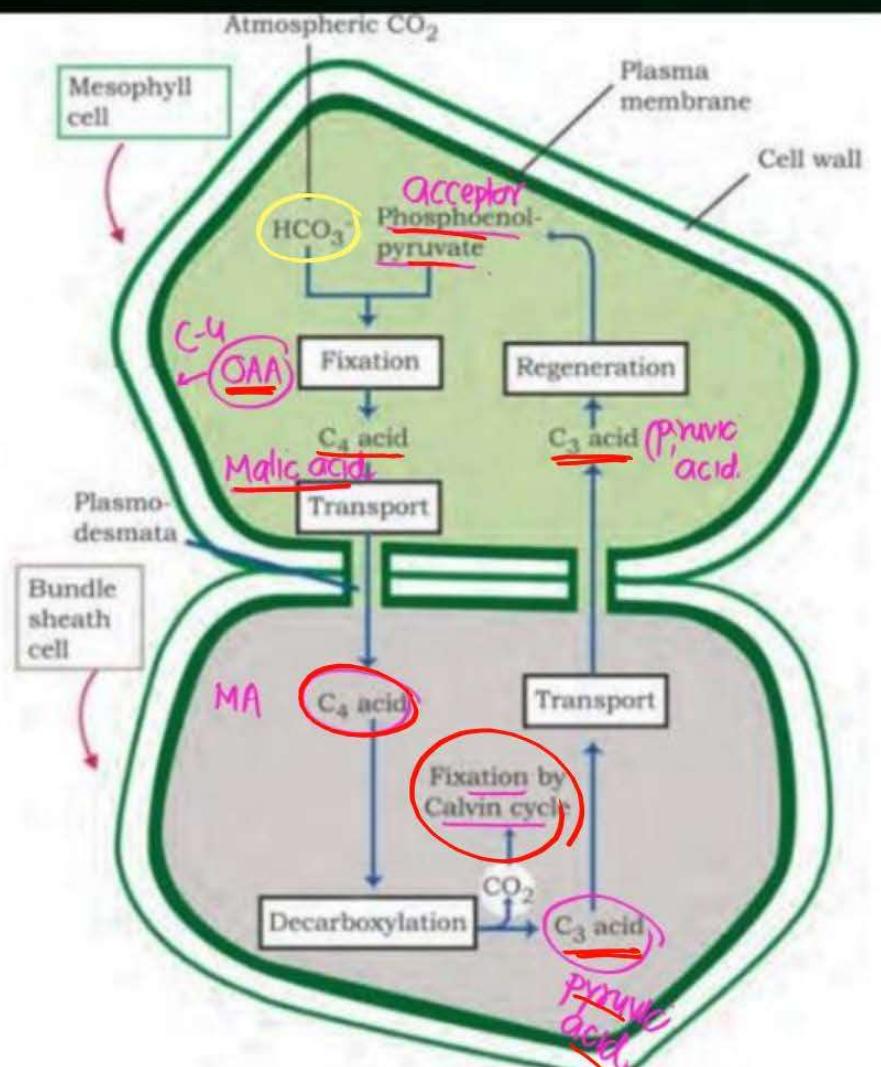


Figure 11.9 Diagrammatic representation of the Hatch and Slack Pathway

11.10 FACTORS AFFECTING PHOTOSYNTHESIS

Rate↑: yield↑
Rate↓: yield↓

An understanding of the factors that affect photosynthesis is necessary.

The rate of photosynthesis is very important in determining the yield of plants including crop plants. Photosynthesis is under the influence of several factors, both internal (plant) and external. The plant factors include the number, size, age and orientation of leaves, mesophyll cells and chloroplasts, internal CO₂ concentration and the amount of chlorophyll. The plant or internal factors are dependent on the genetic predisposition and the growth of the plant. \Rightarrow good productivity

Leaf No↑
size↑ } \rightarrow chloroplast Number↑ \rightarrow Photosynthesis↑

High
 \rightarrow Photosyn↑

age / Leaf old / mature \rightarrow photosy↑

age: More: Leaf very old: Senescence Start (chlorophyll destruction) \Rightarrow death of leaf

To get proper sunlight
genetic makeup of Plant (DNA/chromosome)
 \rightarrow Photosyn↑

The external factors would include the availability of sunlight, temperature, CO_2 concentration and water. As a plant photosynthesises, all these factors will simultaneously affect its rate. Hence, though several factors interact and simultaneously affect photosynthesis or CO_2 fixation, usually one factor is the major cause or is the one that limits the rate. Hence, at any point the rate will be determined by the factor available at sub-optimal levels.

Below expectation

Limiting

Rate of Rxn.

↑
determine
↑

Limiting

पानी

Milk

पर्णी

अदरक

Sugar X

(minimum)

Water ✓
 CO_2 ✓
Chlorophyll ✓
Cloudy day (Light) X

Rate of photosy: determine By Limiting
factor: Light ✓

You need optimal level
You do not need sub-optimal level

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When several factors affect any [bio] chemical process, Blackman's (1905) **Law of Limiting Factors** comes into effect. This states the following:

If a chemical process is affected by more than one factor, then its rate will be determined by the factor which is nearest to its minimal value: it is the factor which directly affects the process if its quantity is changed.

light
Temp
 CO_2
 H_2O X
Chlorophyll

H_2O

Sub-optimum level/
Limiting.

∫ You supply $\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow$ Things will Be fine/ok.

This too shall pass

chlorophyll↑

For example, despite the presence of a green leaf and optimal light and CO₂ conditions, the plant may not photosynthesise if the temperature is very low. This leaf, if given the optimal temperature, will start photosynthesising.

11.10.1 Light

We need to distinguish between light quality, light intensity and the duration of exposure to light, while discussing light as a factor that affects photosynthesis. There is a linear relationship between incident light and CO_2 fixation rates at low light intensities. At higher light intensities, gradually the rate does not show further increase as other factors become limiting (Figure 11.10).

What is interesting to note is that light saturation occurs at 10 per cent of the full sunlight. Hence, except for plants in shade or in dense forests, light is rarely a limiting factor in nature. Increase in incident light beyond a point causes the breakdown of chlorophyll and a decrease in photosynthesis.

H_2O ,
Chl^op,
 CO_2

→ 400-700nm (PAR: Photosynthetic Active Radiation)
(Blue, Red)

→ Rate of photosynthesis

(Photo-oxidation).

Maximum intensity
of light
↓
Chlorophyll
destruction

dark Region
grow
(Sciophytes)

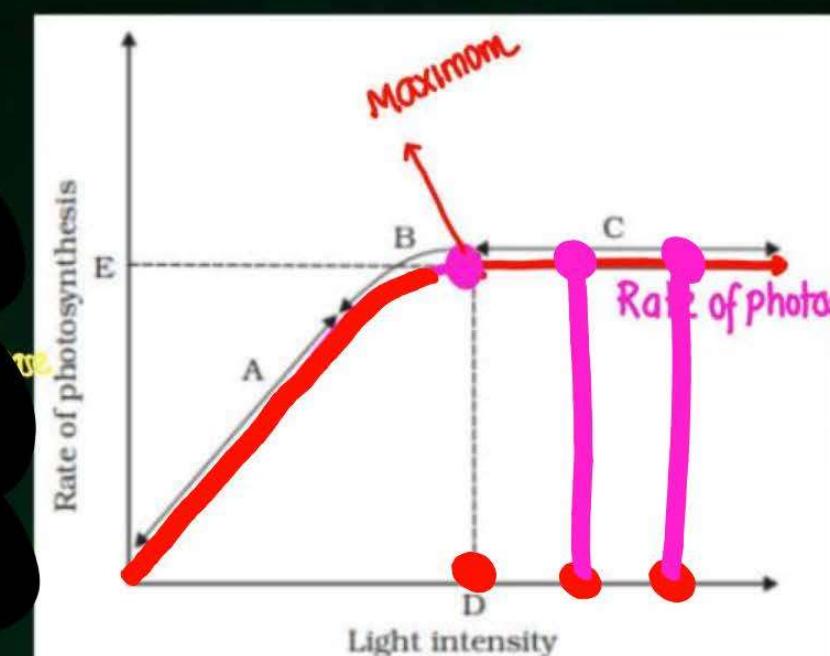


Figure 11.10 Graph of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis

If you increase more intensity of light, other factors become limiting.

11.10.2 Carbon dioxide Concentration

Carbon dioxide is the major limiting factor for photosynthesis. The concentration of CO₂ is very low in the atmosphere (between 0.03 and 0.04 per cent). Increase in concentration upto 0.05 per cent can cause an increase in CO₂ fixation rates; beyond this the levels can become damaging over longer periods.

CO₂↑ (more increase)
Other factors Become
limiting.
Rate of
Photosyn ↑

The C₃ and C₄ plants respond differently to CO₂ concentrations. At low light conditions neither group responds to high CO₂ conditions. At high light intensities, both C₃ and C₄ plants show increase in the rates of photosynthesis. What is important to note is that the C₄ plants show saturation at about 360 μL^{-1} while C₃ responds to increased CO₂ concentration and saturation is seen only beyond 450 μL^{-1} . Thus, current availability of CO₂ levels is limiting to the C₃ plants. Not for C₄ plant

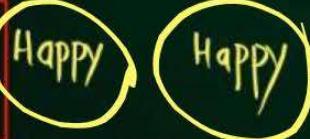
low light intensity
CO₂ High

C-3
NO
(SAD)

C₄
NO
(SAD)

C-4: 360, Can Respond at low CO₂
C-3: 450, Respond at High CO₂

Light intensity(High)
CO₂ can High



The fact that C₃ plants respond to higher CO₂ concentration by showing increased rates of photosynthesis leading to higher productivity has been used for some greenhouse crops such as tomatoes and bell pepper. They are allowed to grow in carbon dioxide enriched atmosphere that leads to higher yields.

→ grow in high CO₂ conⁿ
Rate of photosynthesis

No Need for C₄ plant.
CO₂ not limiting.

11.10.3 Temperature

C₃cycle/C₄cycle

Temp↑ : enzyme inactive

The dark reactions being enzymatic are temperature controlled. Though the light reactions are also temperature sensitive they are affected to a much lesser extent. The C₄ plants respond to higher temperatures and show higher rate of photosynthesis while C₃ plants have a much lower temperature optimum.

30-40°C.

The temperature optimum for photosynthesis of different plants also depends on the habitat that they are adapted to. Tropical plants have a higher temperature optimum than the plants adapted to temperate climates.

C₄ 30-40°C.

Temp effect
↓
dark rxn
Light rxn
enzymatic controlled.

11.10.4 Water

Even though water is one of the reactants in the light reaction, the effect of water as a factor is more through its effect on the plant, rather than directly on photosynthesis. Water stress causes the stomata to close hence reducing the CO_2 availability. Besides, water stress also makes leaves **wilt**, thus, reducing the surface area of the leaves and their metabolic activity as well.

dry

Water: indirectly Control

