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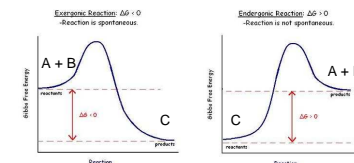
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A bit of chemistry Free energy change



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 ($[A]=[B]=[C]=1M$)

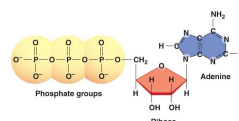
$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + \ln \frac{[C]}{[A][B]}$ However, if $[A][B] \gg [C]$, real $\Delta G < 0$ and reaction will go from left to right \rightarrow

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

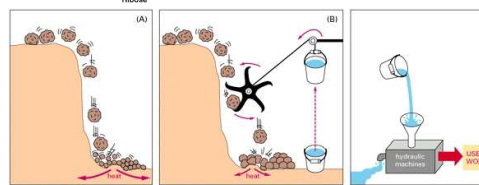
$$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + \ln \frac{1}{1 \times 1} = \Delta G^\circ + 0$$

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)



ATP is regarded as a universal source of energy occurring in all cell types. In animals it is produced during the degradation of foodstuff.



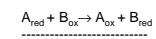
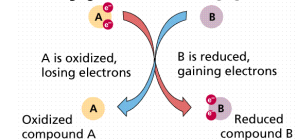
Burning (oxidation) of glucose to CO_2 and H_2O produces heat only

Cells can store energy during glucose oxidation can in form of ATP

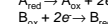
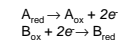
ATP can be used to drive any cellular processes

Redox reactions (reduction-oxidation reactions)

Reduced compound A (reducing agent) Oxidized compound B (oxidizing agent)

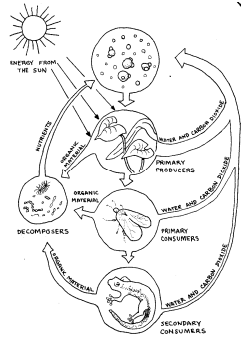


Midpoint redox potential (E°) is a tendency of A_{red} to donate electrons

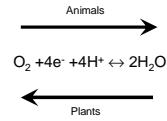
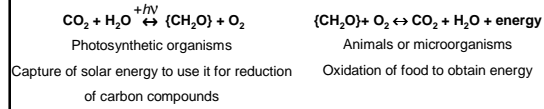


Electrons transferred from A_{red} to B_{ox} if $E^\circ_{A_{red}/A_{ox}} < E^\circ_{B_{ox}/B_{red}}$

Photosynthesis and Respiration (energy conversion)



Reduction of oxygen



Oxidative phosphorylation

History

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

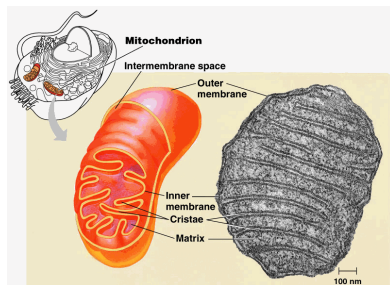
Warburg vs Thunberg and Keilin - respiratory enzyme vs dehydrogenase

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

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

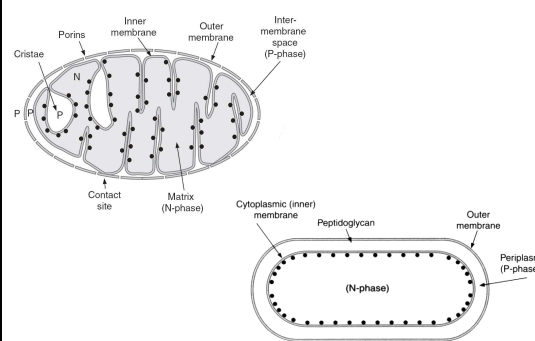
Peter Mitchell - energy transduction in membranes Nobel Prize 1978

Mitochondria – respiring organelle



Also contain its own DNA and its own transcription/translational system

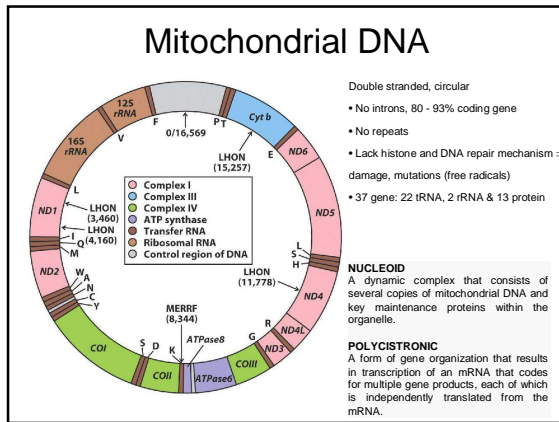
Membranes of mitochondria and bacteria



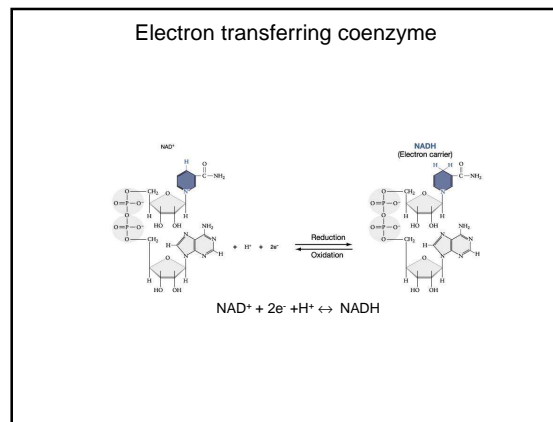
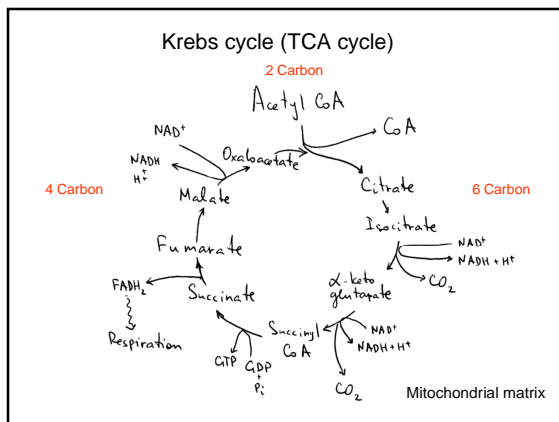
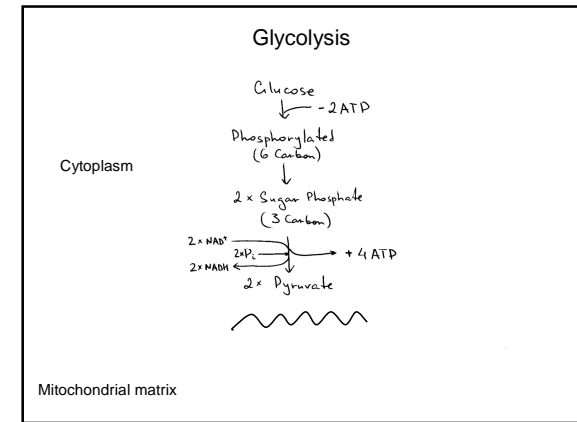
What are mitochondria?

- 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



- ### Locations
- Glycolysis
 - Cytoplasm
 - Krebs' TCA
 - Mitochondrial matrix
 - Oxidative phosphorylation
 - Inner mitochondrial membrane
- ⇒ **Compartmentalisation**



After glycolysis and TCA cycle

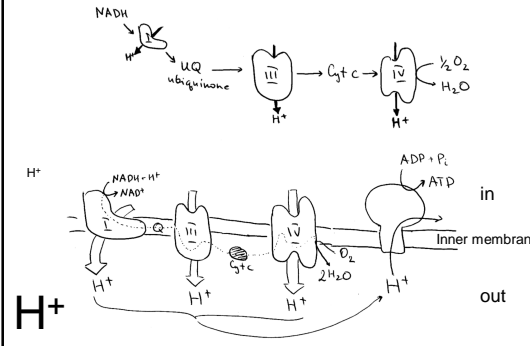
Not much ATP formed
Lots of reduced coenzymes

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

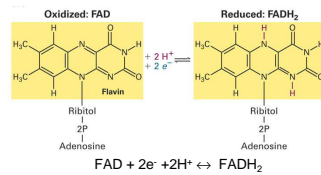


Redox centres

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 !!!

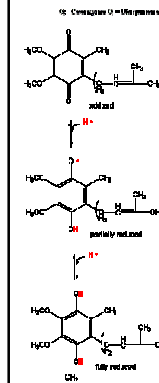
FeS clusters

Complex I
Complex II = succinate dehydrogenase from Krebs cycle
Complex III = bc1 complex

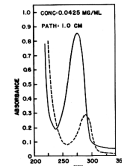


Always transfer one electron at a time
Electron is delocalised

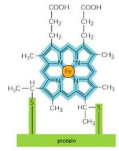
Ubiquinone



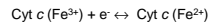
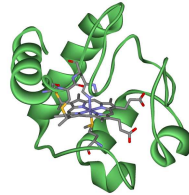
2 electrons + 2H⁺
Membrane mobile redox carrier linking Complexes I and II with Complex III
Proton-translocating Q-cycle in complex III
Different n for different species (n=6-10)
Menquinone and rholoquinone in some bacteria and plastoquinone in chloroplasts



Cytochromes

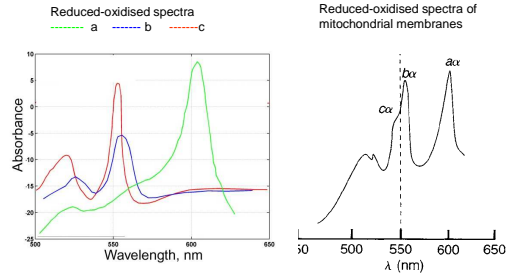


Cytochrome c



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

Respiratory chain cytochromes



Easy to observe reduction/oxidation as change in optical spectra

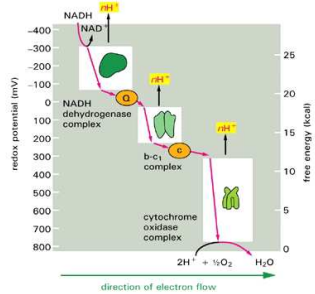


Otto Warburg Nobel Prize 1931
 Nature and mode of action of the respiratory enzymes



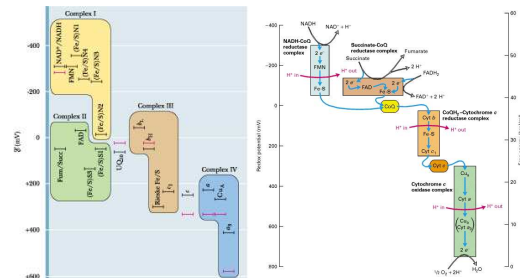
Hugo Theorell Nobel prize 1955
 Redox enzymes and biological oxidation

Electron transport chain

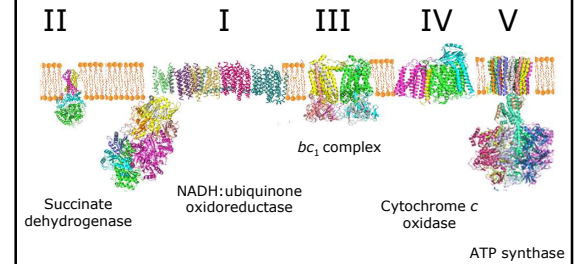


Values of redox potential of respiratory chain components fall downstream from NADH to oxygen.

Electron transport chain

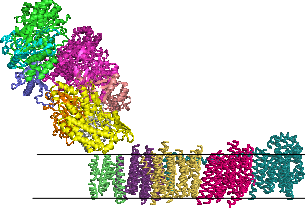


Structure of respiratory chain



Complex I (NADH:ubiquinone oxidoreductase)

$\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+ + 4\text{H}^+_{\text{in}} + \text{UQ} \leftrightarrow \text{NAD}^+ + \text{UQH}_2 + 4\text{H}^+_{\text{out}}$

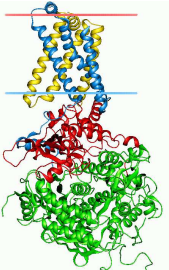


Mammalian enzyme: 45 subunits
Bacterial enzyme: 14 subunits
 Flavin = FMN
 8 FeS clusters
 Tightly-bound semiquinones as intermediates of electron transfer

Classical inhibitors:
 Rotenone, piericidine, MPP⁺

Complex II Succinate dehydrogenase of TCA cycle

$\text{Succinate} + \text{UQ} \leftrightarrow \text{Fumarate} + \text{UQH}_2$

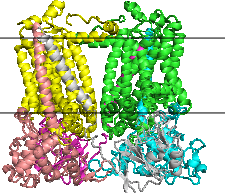


Mammalian enzyme: 4 subunits
Bacterial enzyme: 4 subunits
 Flavin = FAD
 Cytochrome b
 Three FeS clusters

Classical inhibitors:
 Malonate, Oxaloacetate

Complex III *bc₁* complex

$\text{UQH}_2 + 2\text{Cyt } c (\text{Fe}^{2+}) + 2\text{H}^+_{\text{in}} \leftrightarrow \text{UQ} + 2\text{Cyt } c (\text{Fe}^{3+}) + 4\text{H}^+_{\text{out}}$



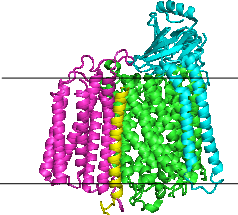
Mammalian enzyme: 11 subunits
Bacterial enzyme: 3 (+1) subunits

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

$4\text{Cyt } c (\text{Fe}^{3+}) + 4\text{H}^+_{\text{in}} + 4\text{H}^+_{\text{in}} + \text{O}_2 \leftrightarrow 2\text{Cyt } c (\text{Fe}^{2+}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 4\text{H}^+_{\text{out}}$

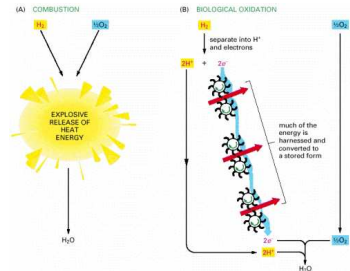


Mammalian enzyme: 13 subunits
Bacterial enzyme: 2-3 subunits

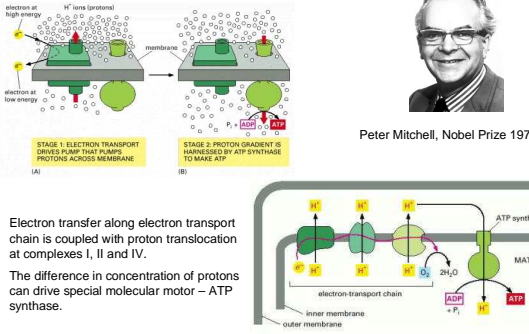
Cytochrome *a*, *a₃*,
 Two copper *Cu_A* *Cu_B* centers

Classical inhibitors:
 Cyanide, carbon monoxide, nitric oxide

Oxidative phosphorylation



Chemiosmotic theory



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

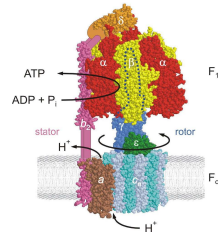
The difference in concentration of protons can drive special molecular motor – ATP synthase.

Peter Mitchell, Nobel Prize 1978

ATP synthase



Nobel prize 1997 John Walker

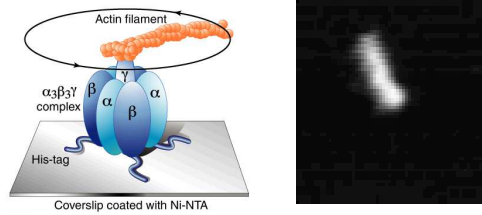


Bacterial enzyme: 8 subunits

Proton flow through F_0 part is coupled with ATP synthesis in the F_1 part

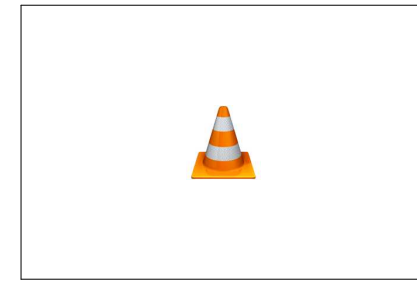
~10H⁺ per 3 molecules of ATP

ATP synthase

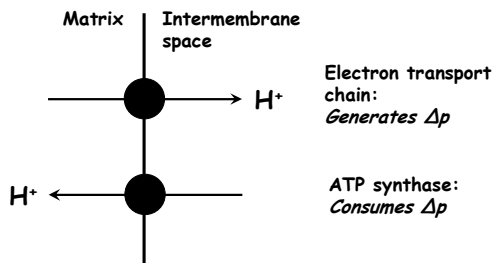


Yoshida Lab <http://www.res.titech.ac.jp/~seibutu/>
Kinosita Lab <http://www.k2.phys.waseda.ac.jp/Movies.html>

ATP-synthase



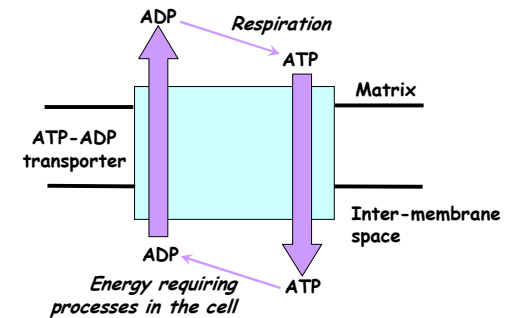
ATP synthesis in mitochondria



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

ATP transport (in mitochondria!)



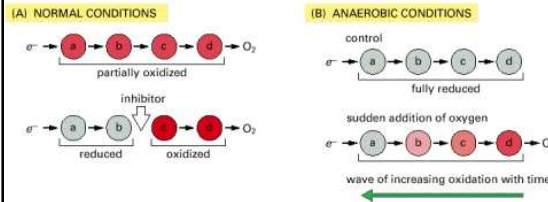
Mitochondrial respiration

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

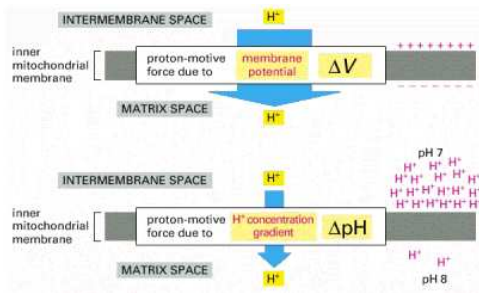
How to study electron transport chain?



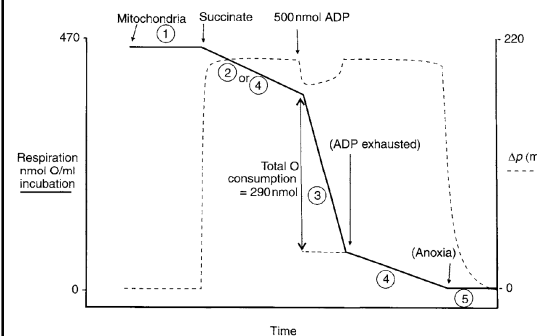
Oxidative phosphorylation inhibitors

- I – Rotenone
 - Ubiquinone-like structure
- II – Oxaloacetate
 - Succinate-like structure
- III - Antimycin A
 - Fungicide and insecticide
- IV - Cyanide (CN^-), azide (N_3^-), carbon monoxide (CO), nitric oxide (NO)
 - Similar electronic structures to O_2

Protonmotive force

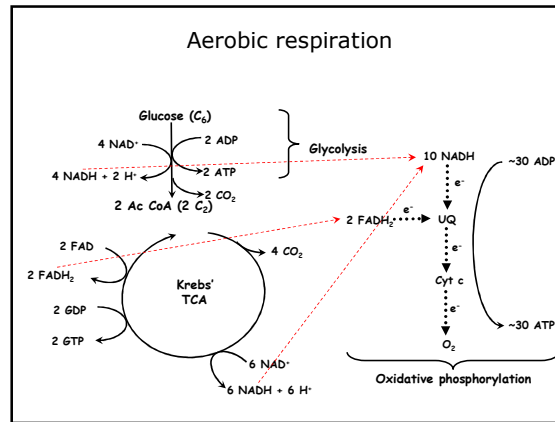
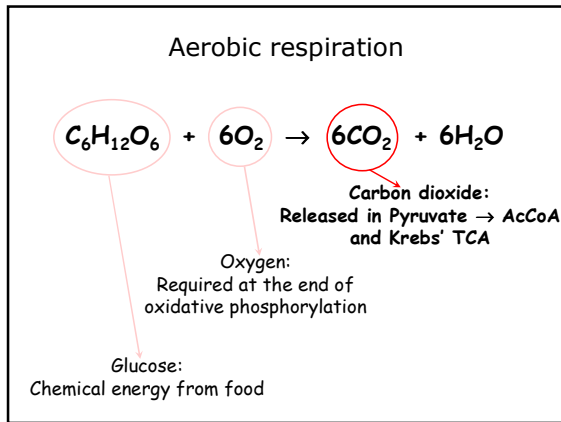


Mitochondrial respiration



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

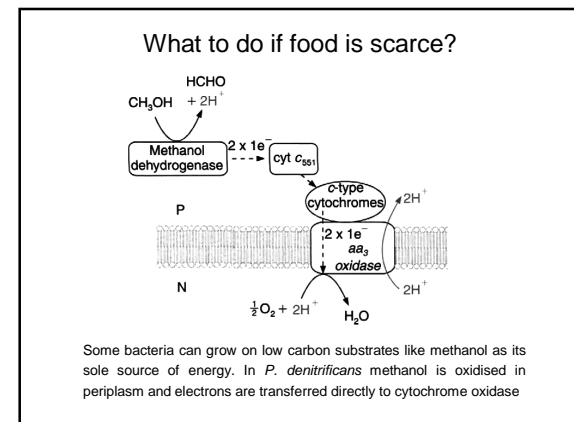
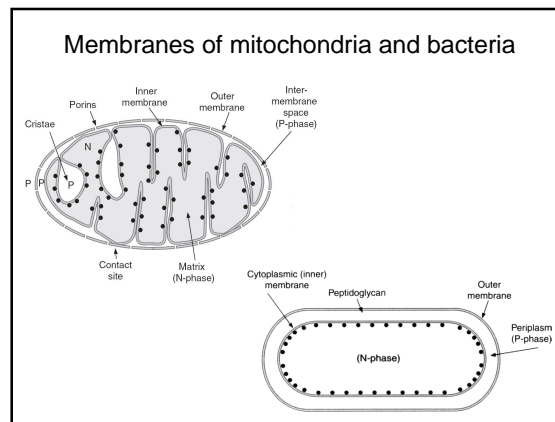


Aerobic respiration (in mammals!)

Inner mitochondrial membrane ~1400m²
 We consume ~380 l of oxygen per day
 ATP turnover ~60 kg/day
 3 × 10²³ 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



Bacterial energy metabolism

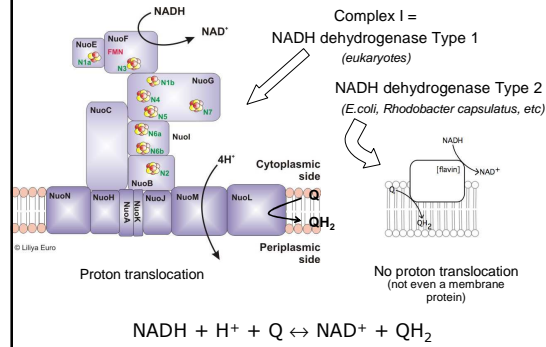
In many bacteria efficiency of respiration (ATP:O ratio) is lower than in mitochondria

More simple machinery of H⁺/e⁻ transport

Bypassing

Shortening or branching of the chain

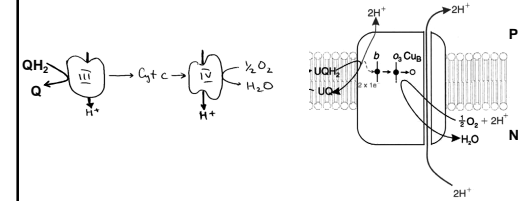
Simplification



Bypassing

bc₁ (III) and cytochrome *c* oxidase (IV) together (in mitochondria)

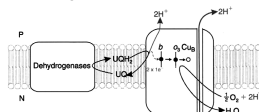
bo₃ oxidase (quinol oxidase) (*E. coli*, *Burkholderia phyatum*)



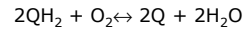
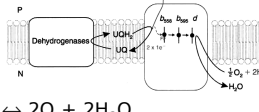
Direct oxidation of quinol by oxygen, bypassing *bc₁* complex and *cyt c* + translocation of protons (but with lower efficiency)

Bypassing and simplification

bo₃ oxidase (quinol oxidase) (*E. coli*, *Burkholderia phyatum*)

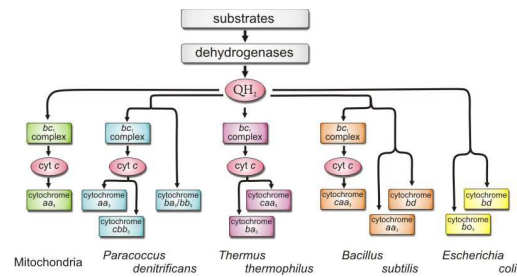


bd oxidase (quinol oxidase) (no H⁺ translocation) (*E. coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*)



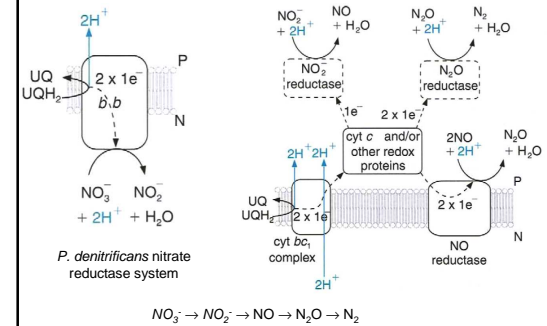
Direct oxidation of quinol by oxygen, bypassing *bc₁* complex and *cyt c* + but **no** (!!!) translocation of protons

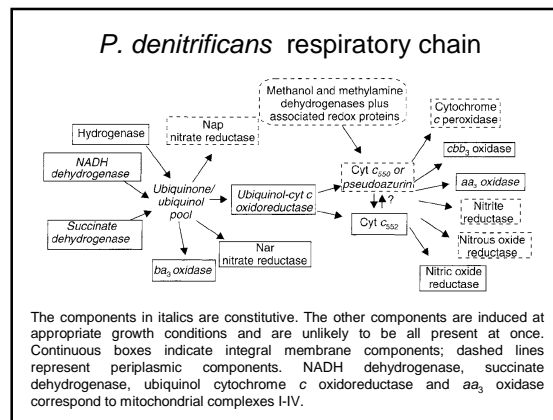
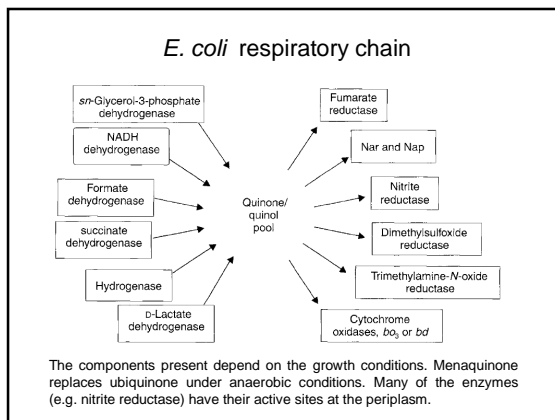
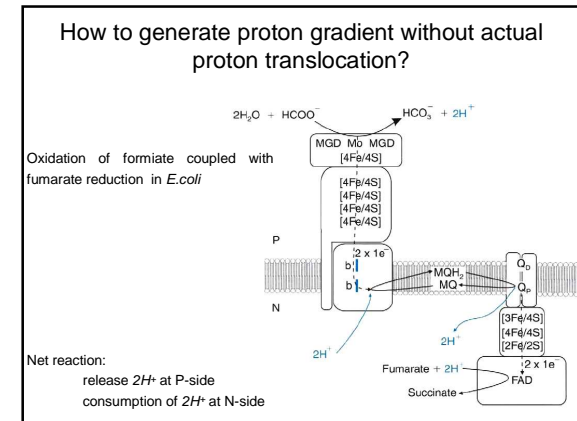
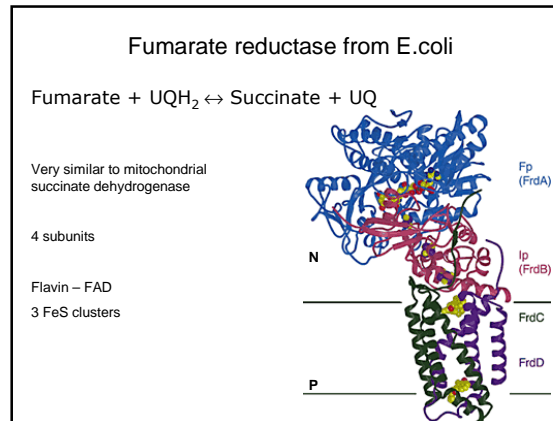
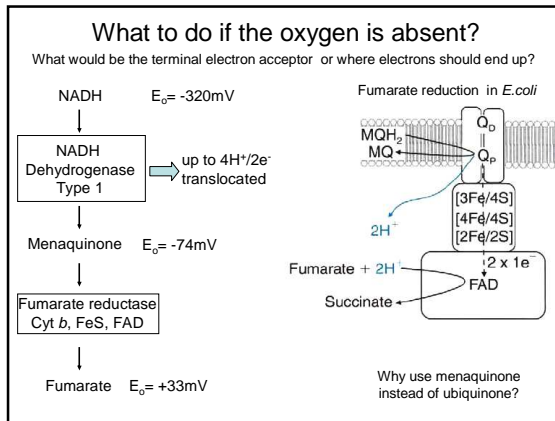
Scheme of Respiratory Chains of mitochondria and bacteria



What to do if the oxygen is absent?

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



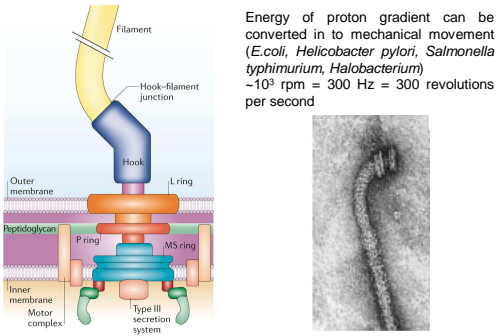


What to do if it is very alkaline outside or too much salt?

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*

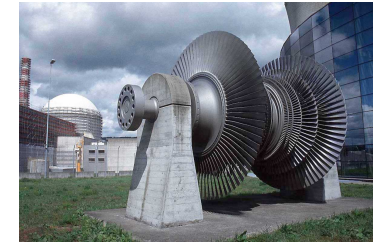
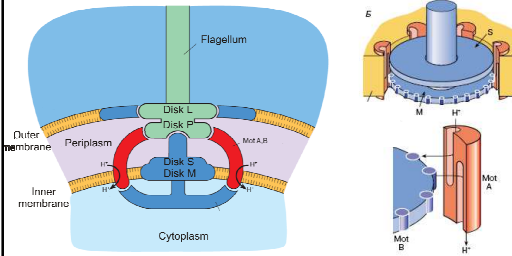
Flagellum = whip



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



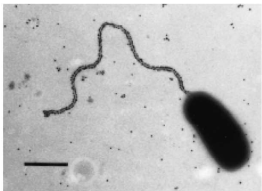
How does it work?



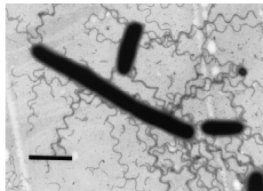
Using two fuels

Vibrio parahaemolyticus possesses two types of flagella. The swimmer cell moves fast in a liquid environment, with a single polar flagellum powered by the Na^+ motive force. The swarmer cell, propelled by many lateral flagella powered by H^+ gradient and can move slowly through highly viscous environments. 15 000 rev per second on Na^+

Sodium motive force

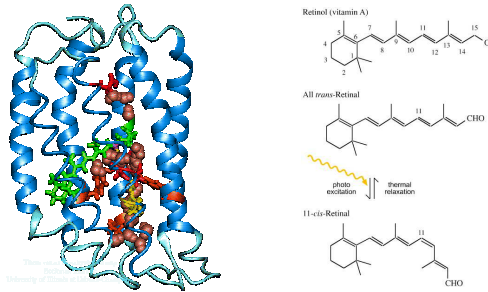


Proton motive force



How to use light ?

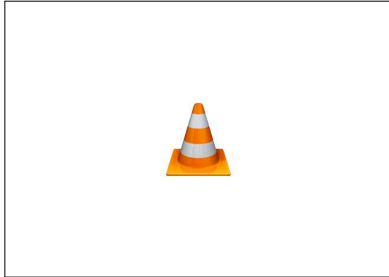
Bacteriorhodopsin is a protein from halobacteria. It uses light energy to move protons across the membrane.



Bacteriorhodopsin



Bacteriorhodopsin



Proof of chemiosmosis

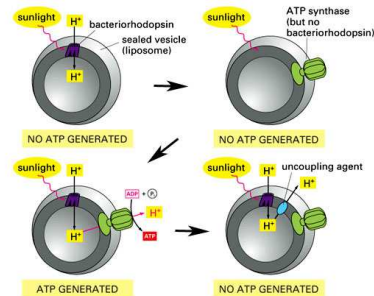
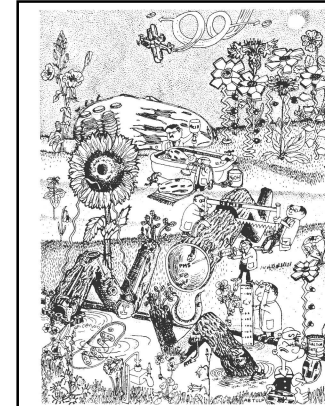


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Photosynthesis in bacteria and light phase in chloroplasts

Photosynthesis in bacteria

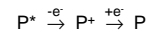
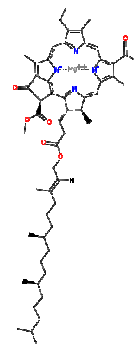
No mitochondria, no chloroplasts ⇒ everything is located in the same membrane!



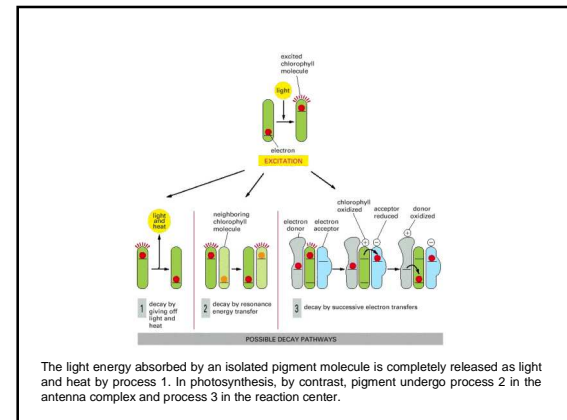
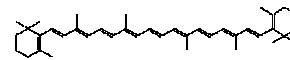
Hartmut Michel Nobel prize 1988
Structure of photosynthetic reaction centre



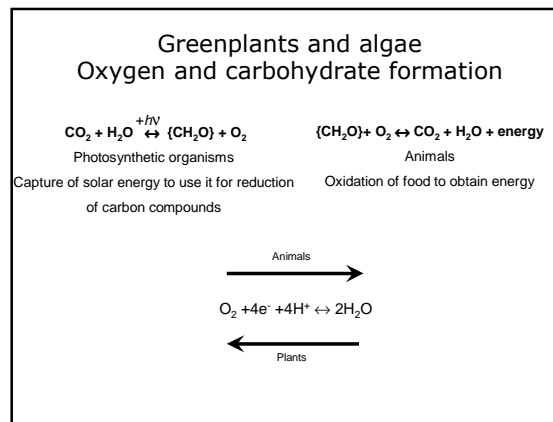
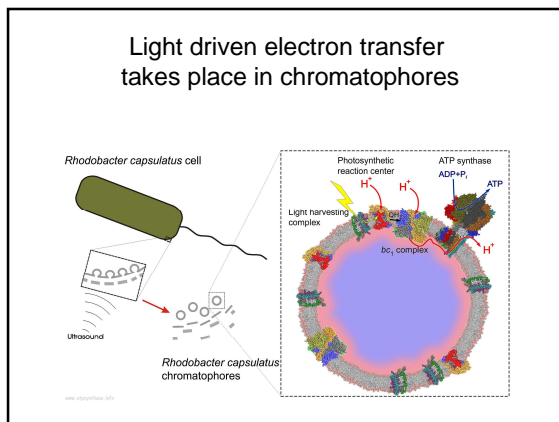
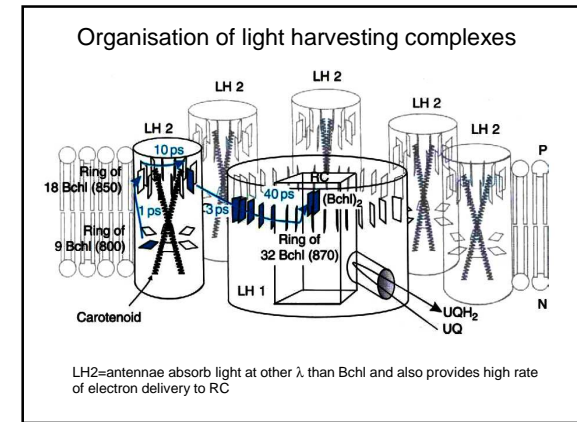
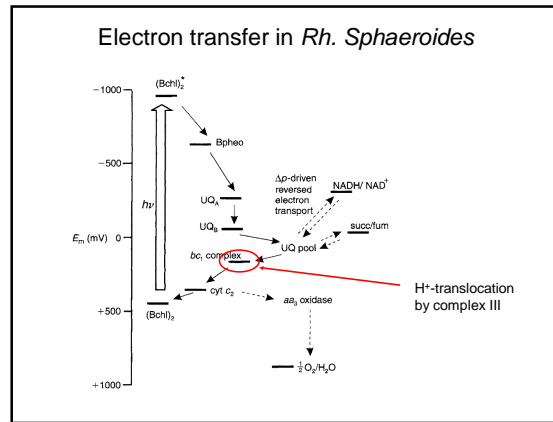
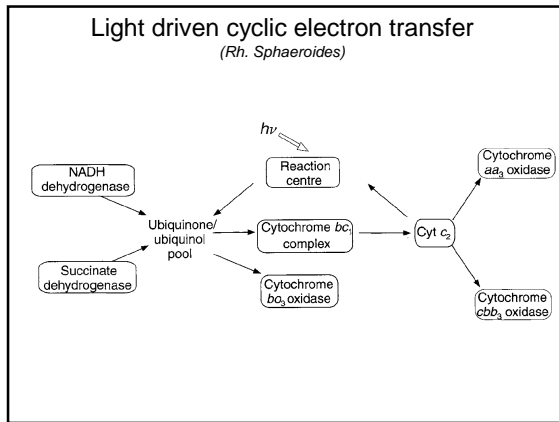
Bacteriochlorophyll and carotenoids (in light harvesting complexes)



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.

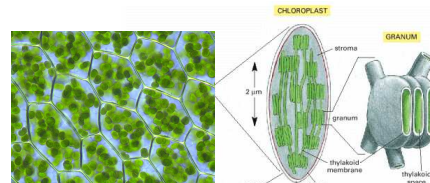


- ### Photosynthesis
- Light reactions:
 - Need light to occur
 - Capture of light energy
 - Generation of pmf and reducing power (NADPH)
 - Dark reactions:
 - Occur in light and dark
 - **Carbohydrate synthesis**

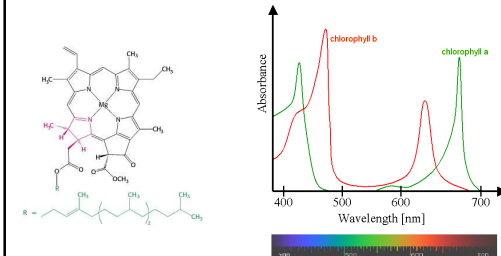
Photosynthesis

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

Photosynthesis takes place in chloroplasts



Chlorophyll

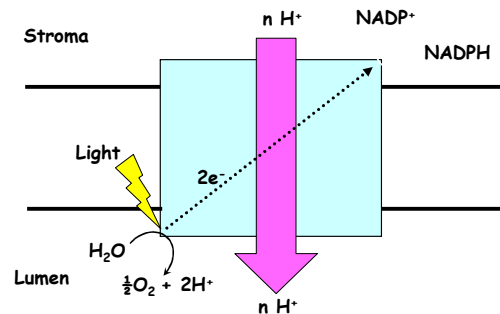


Like heme, chlorophyll a is a cyclic tetrapyrrole. One of the pyrrole rings (shown in red) is reduced. A phytol chain (green) is connected by an ester linkage. Magnesium ion binds at the center of the structure.

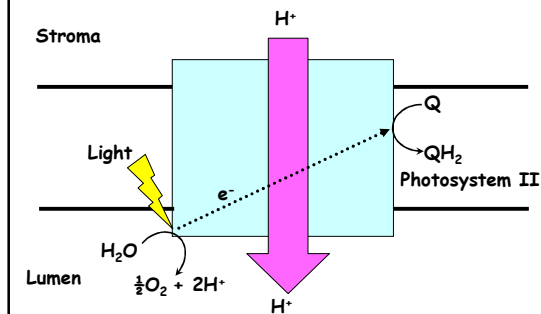
Photosynthesis: Light reactions

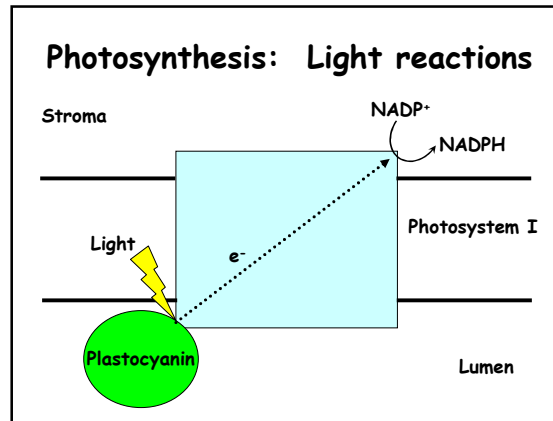
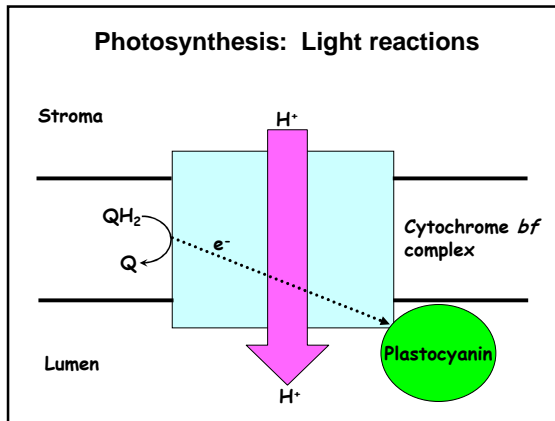
- Two light absorbing stages:
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 - Photosystem I
- Electron transport chains – several complexes of proteins
- **Soluble carriers:**
 - Plastoquinone (Q), lipid soluble
 - **Plastocyanin, water soluble**

Photosynthesis: Light reactions



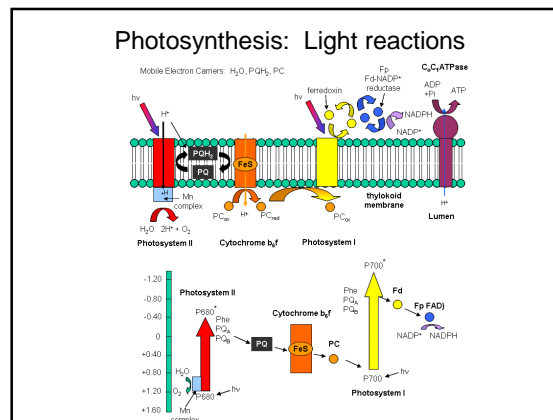
Photosynthesis: Light reactions





- ### 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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Mitochondria related websites:

- [Mitochondria Research](http://www.mitochondrial.net/)
- [Complex I home page](http://www.scripps.edu/mem/c/i/)
- [Joel Weiner Complex II related webpage](http://www.biochem.uaberja.ca/weinerlab/FrdABCD.htm)
- [The bc1 complex home page](http://www.life.illinois.edu/crofts/bc-complex_site/)
- [The Cytochrome Oxidase home page](http://www-bioc.rice.edu/~graham/CcO.html)
- [Boris Feniouk ATP synthase home page](http://www.atpsynthase.info/)
- [Antony Crofts bioenergetics course](http://www.life.illinois.edu/crofts/bioph354/)
- [Bioenergetics course Leeds University](http://www.bmb.leeds.ac.uk/illingworth/oxphos/)

Some of the earlier figures in the history of oxidative phosphorylation in action. Bacter assemble the soluble F₁-ATP synthase (negatively stained with phosphotungstate), while Mitchell suggests proton and oxygen atoms to pump the elusive margin (the non-ionic chemical intermediate that was anticipated before the advent of the chemiosmotic theory), and finally produce a conformational strain which has proved to be more important in the ATP synthase itself rather than in coupling electron transport to ATP synthesis.