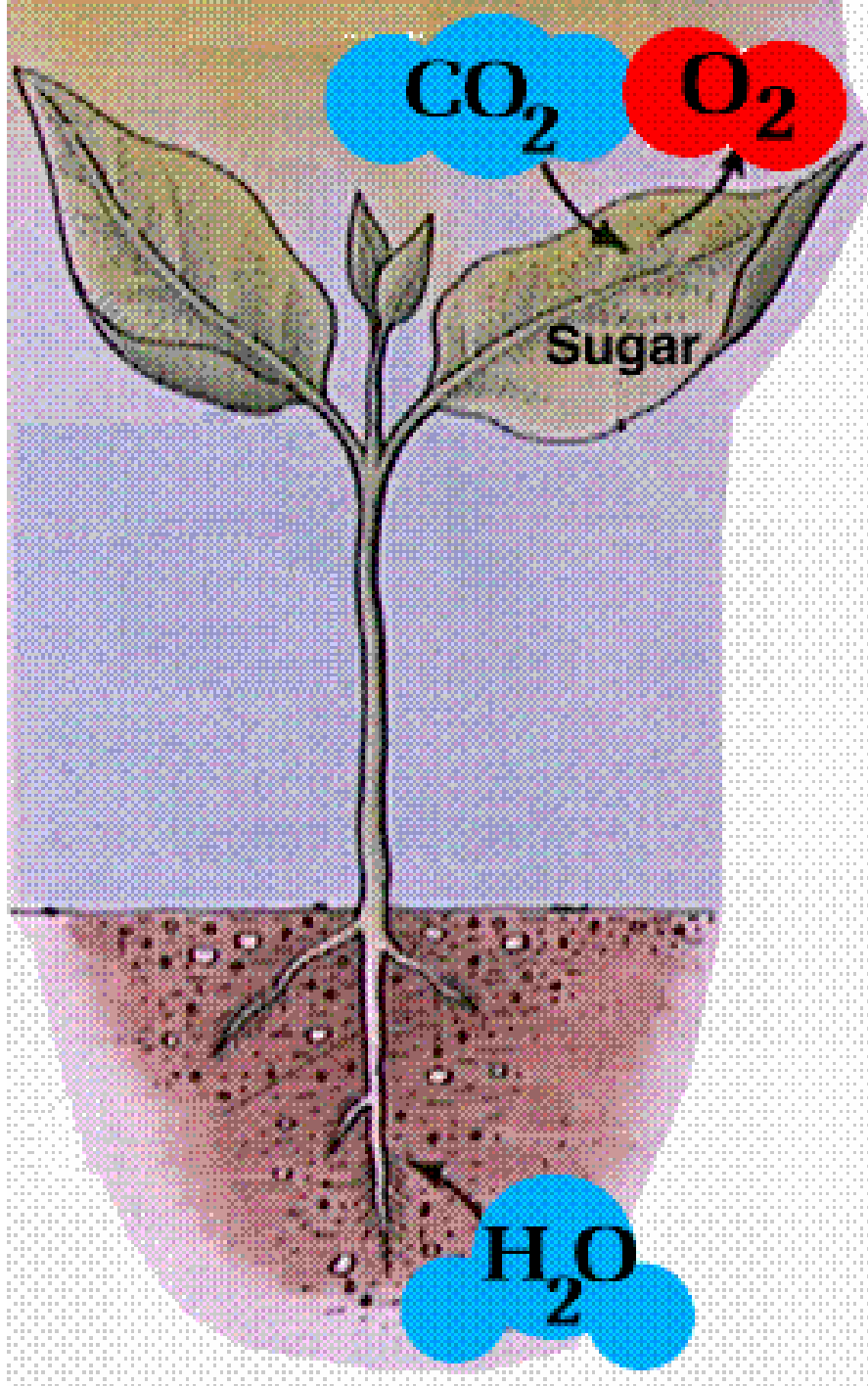


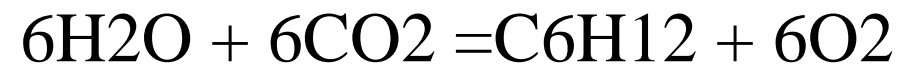
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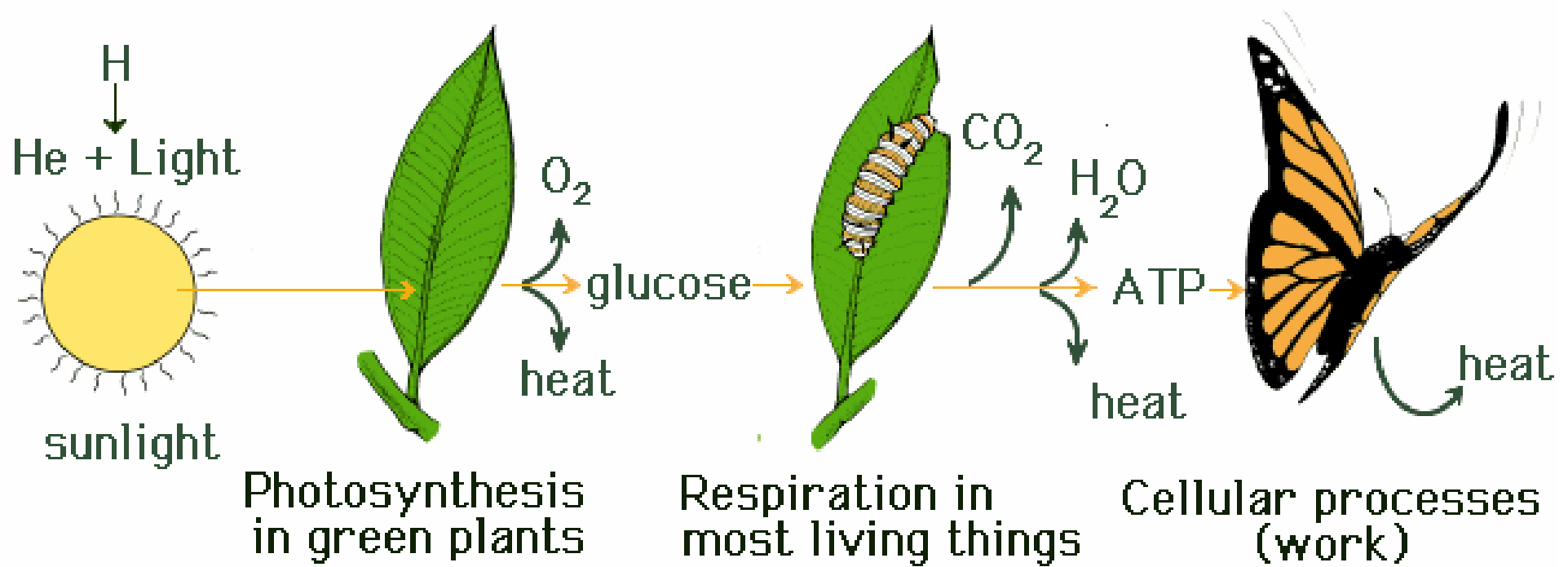


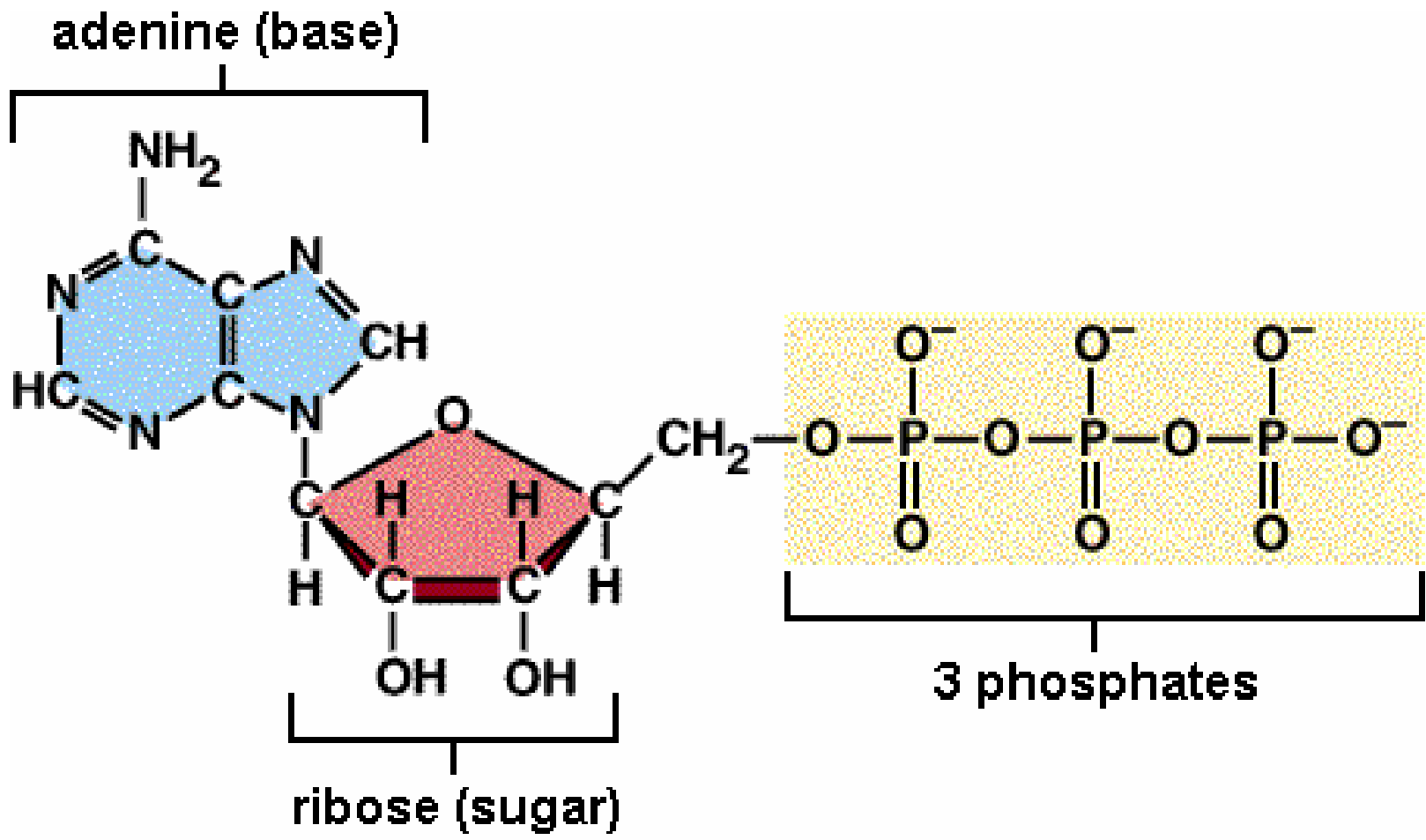


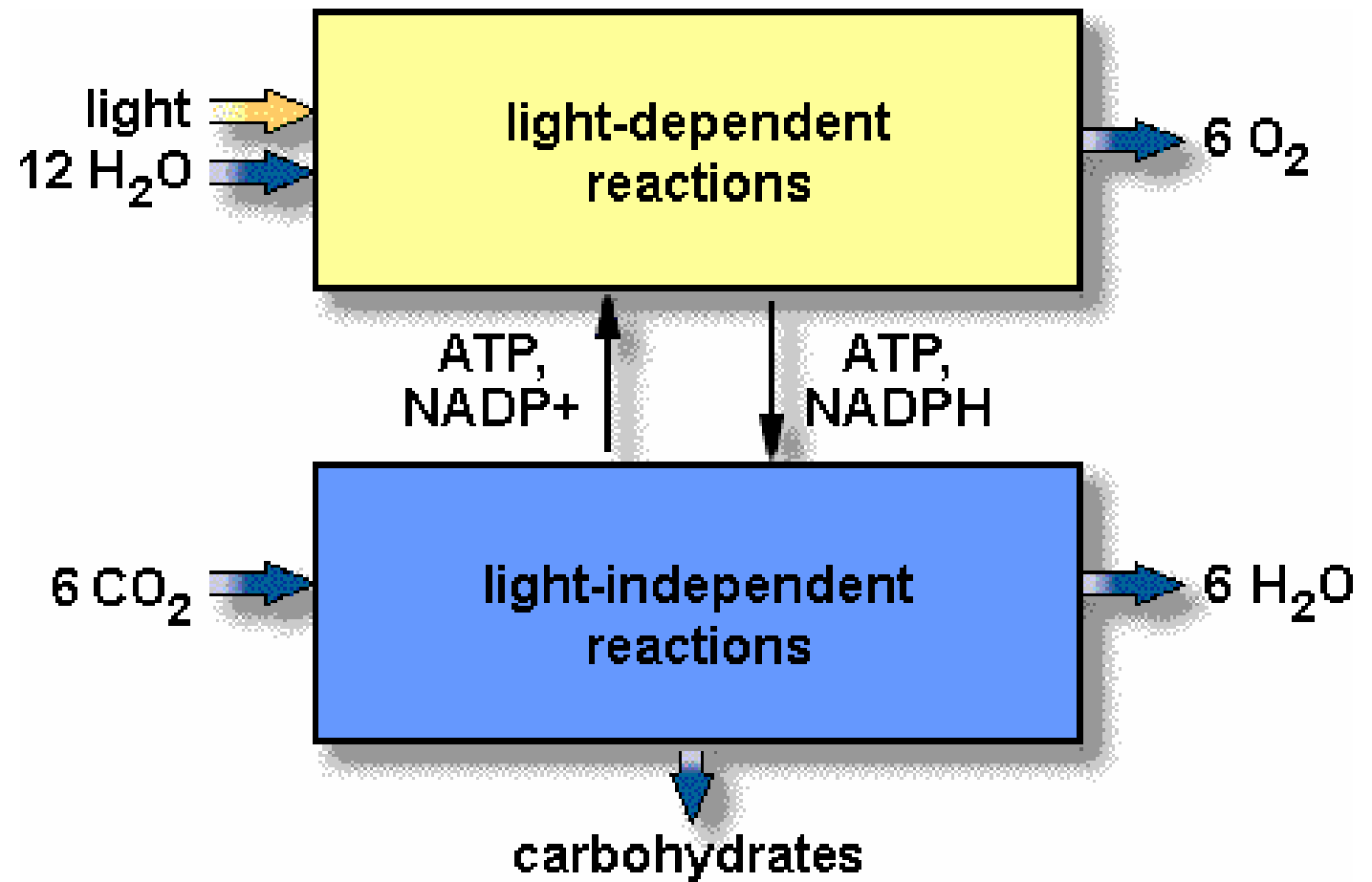
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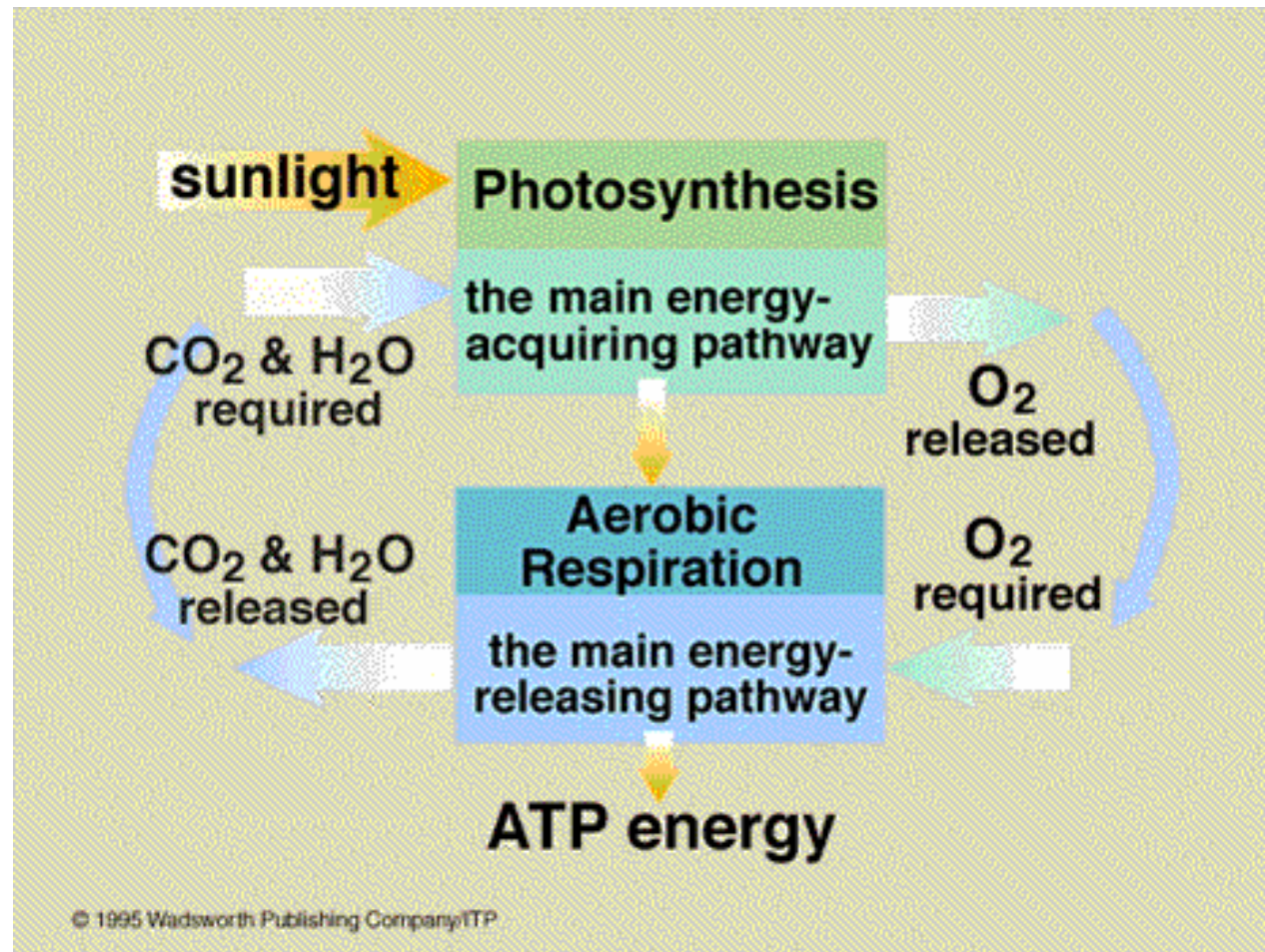
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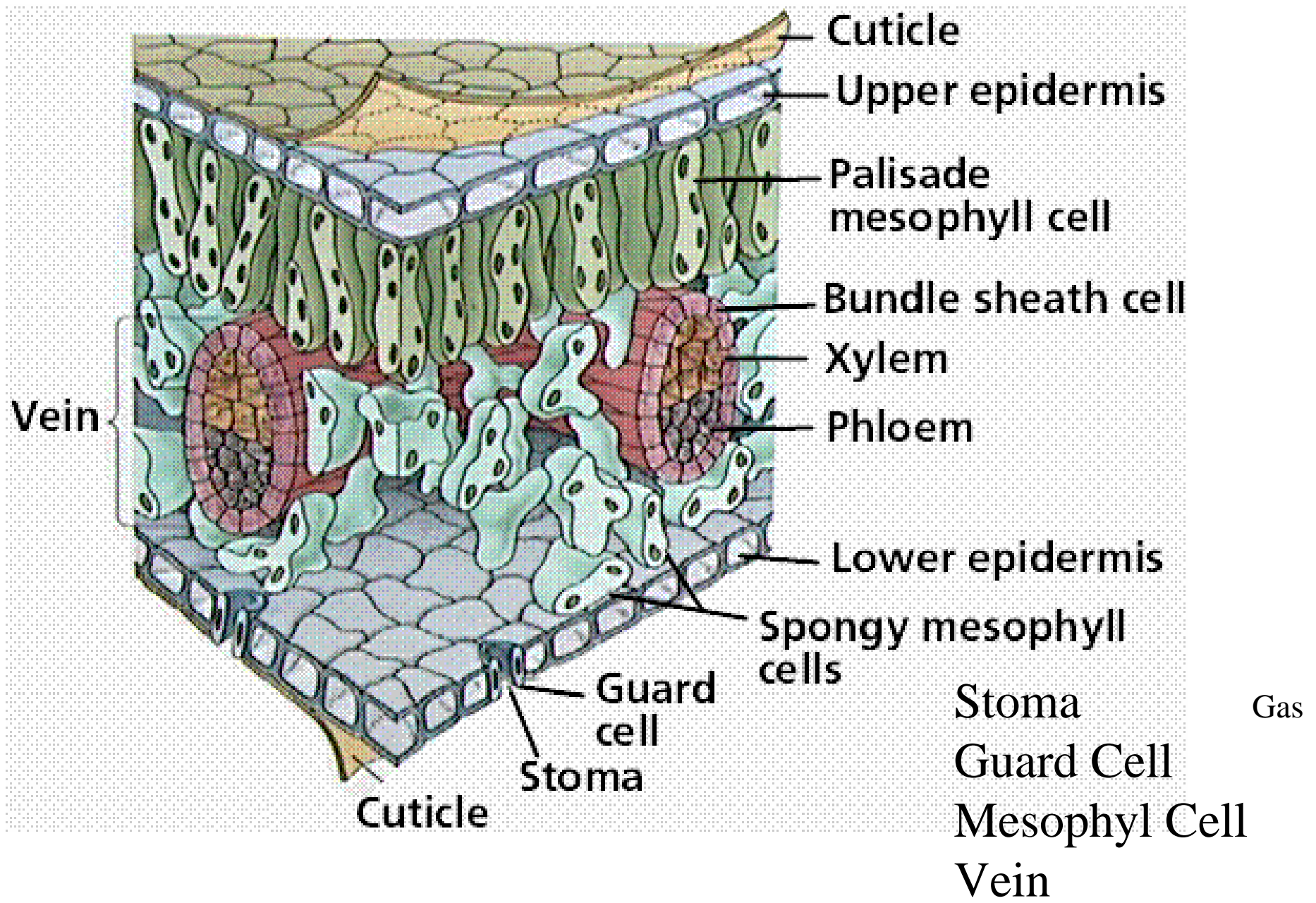




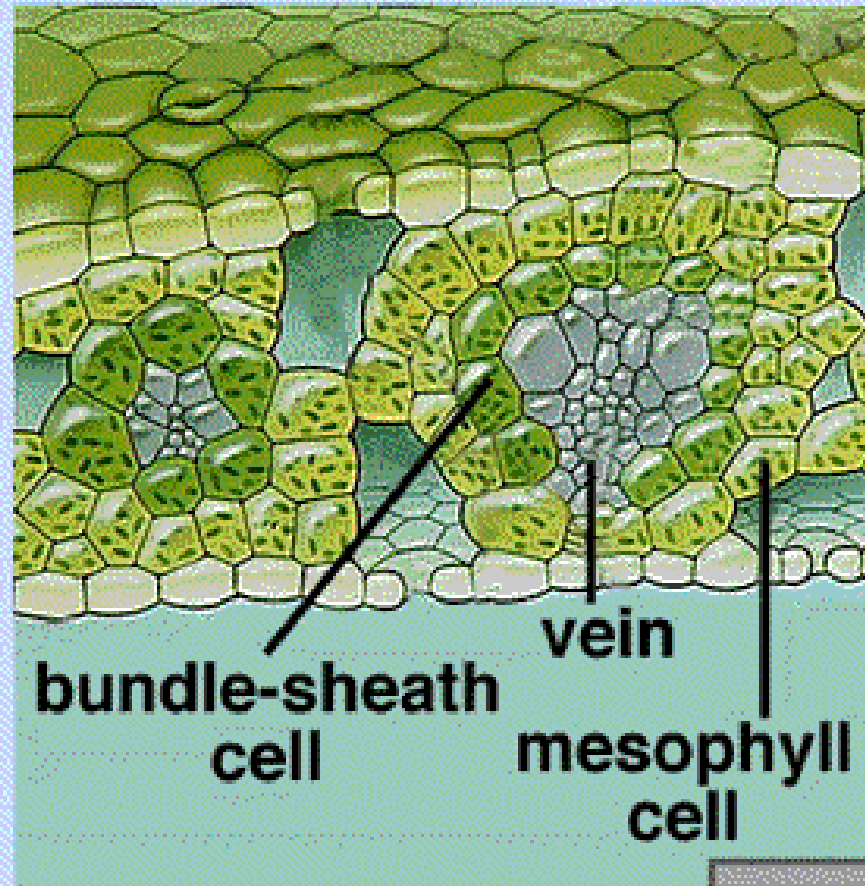




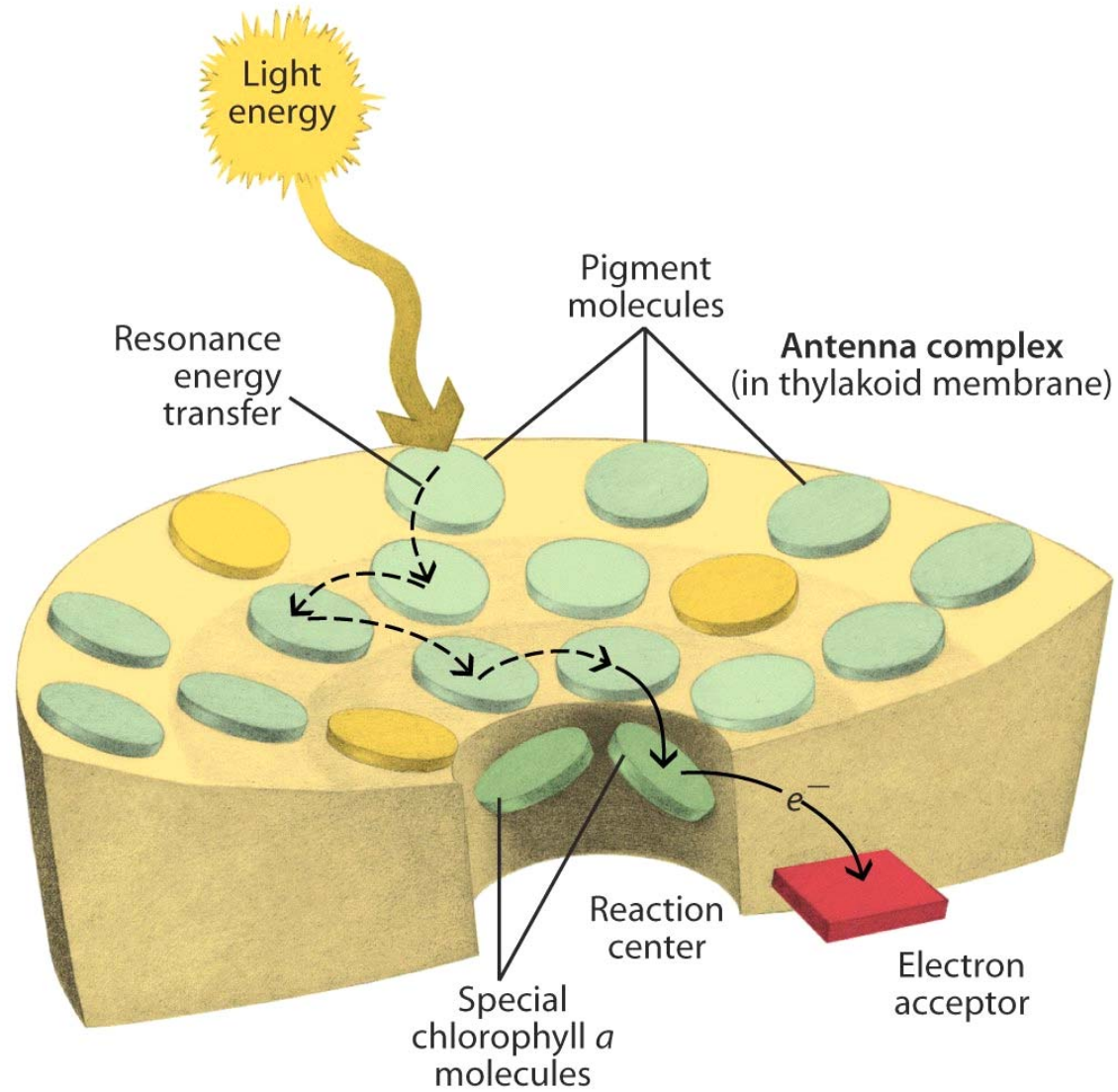


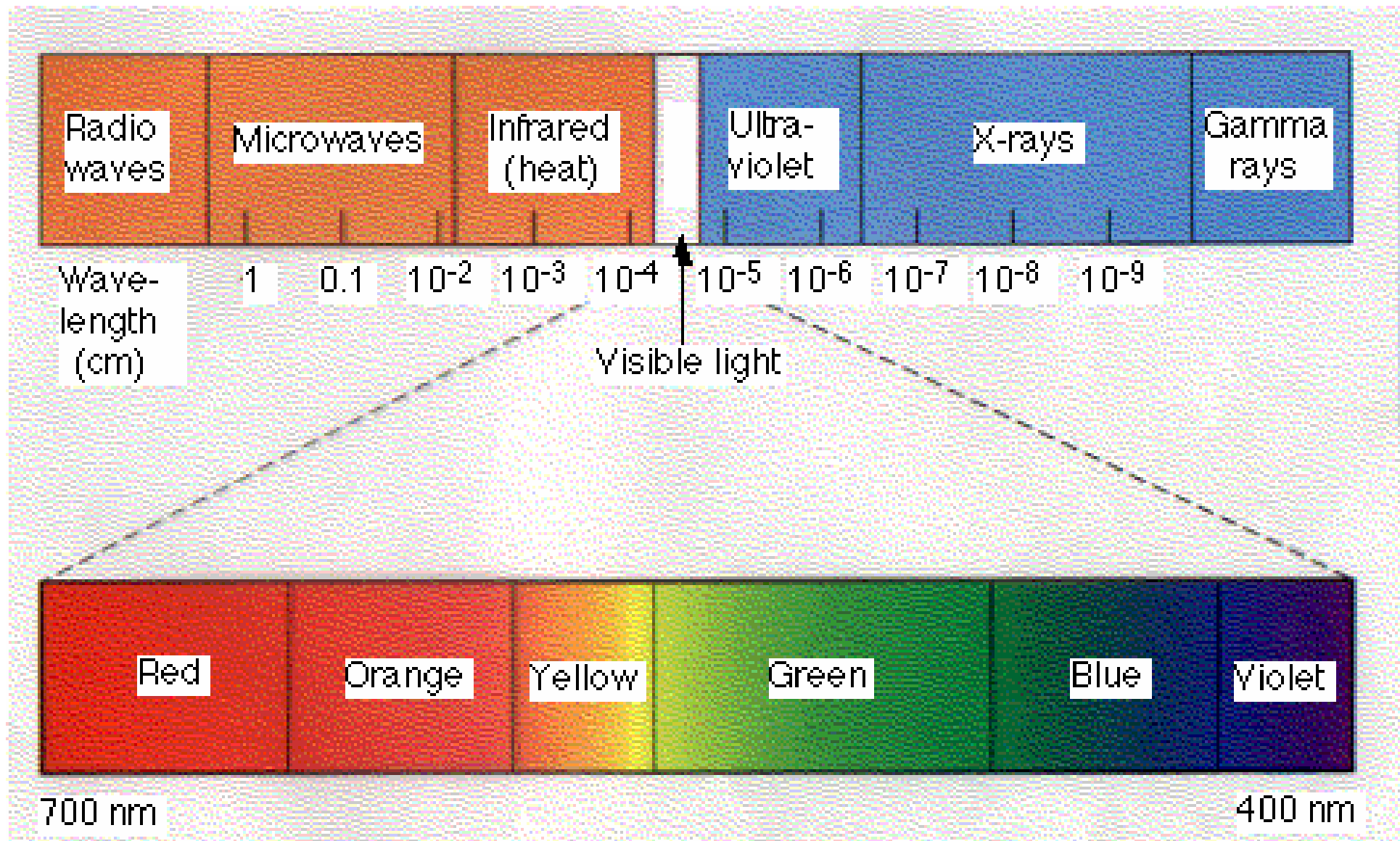


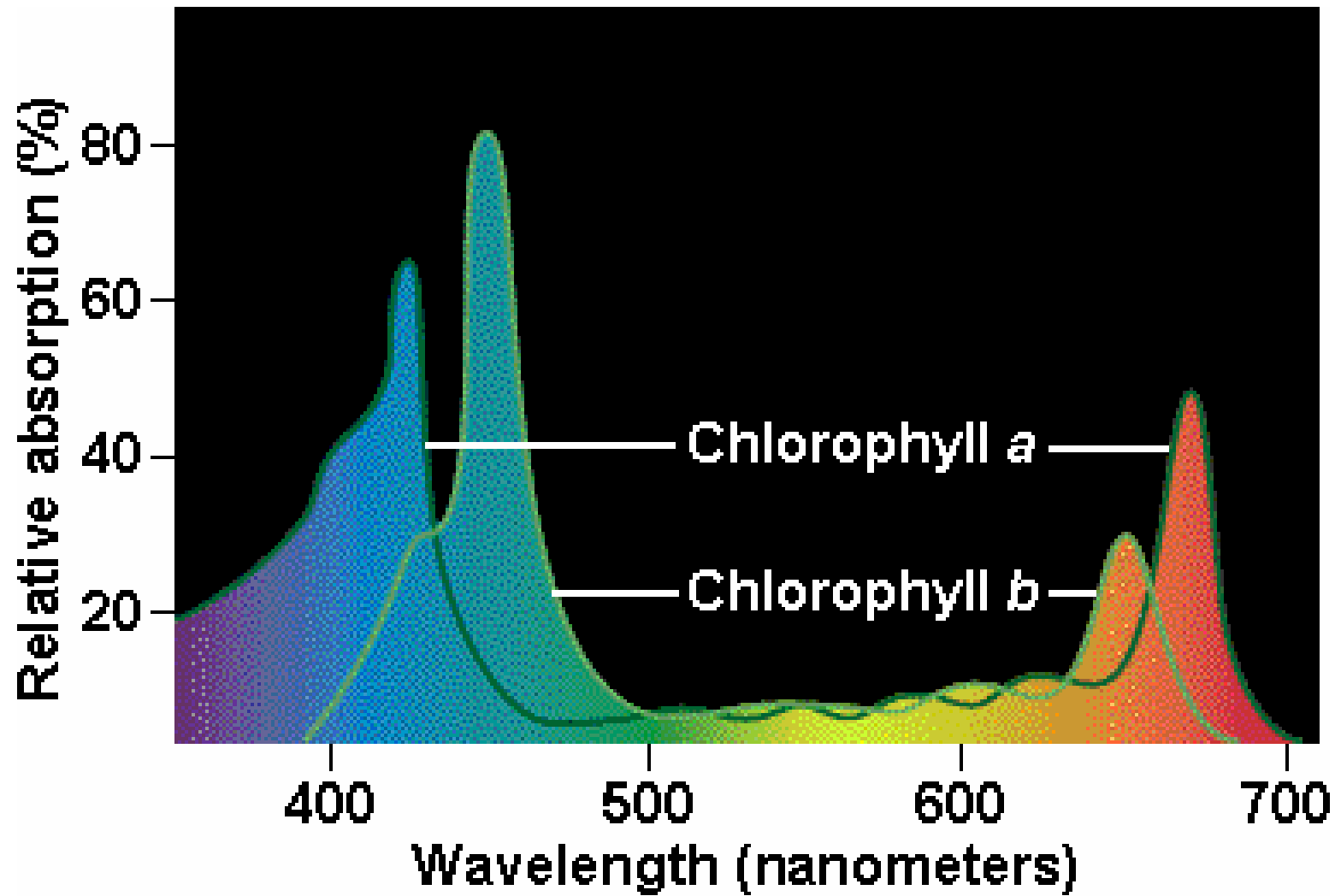
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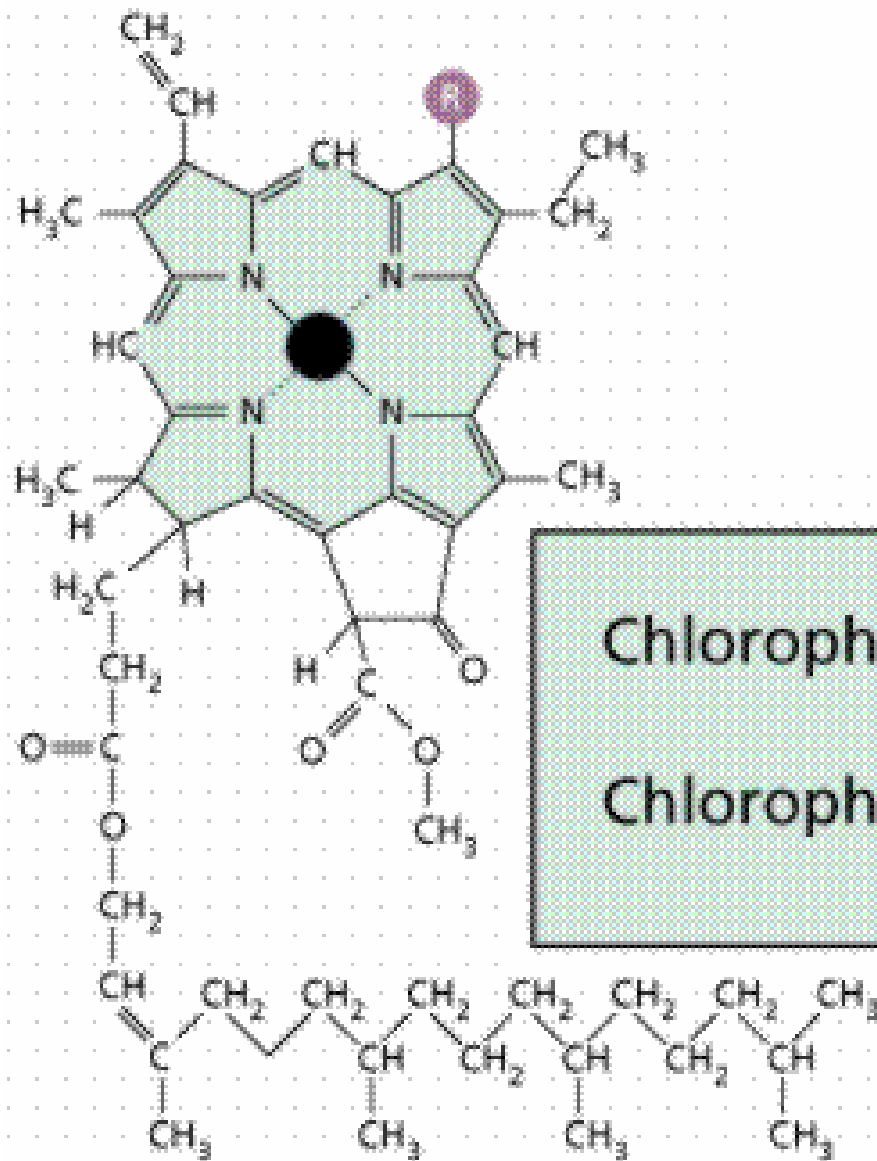
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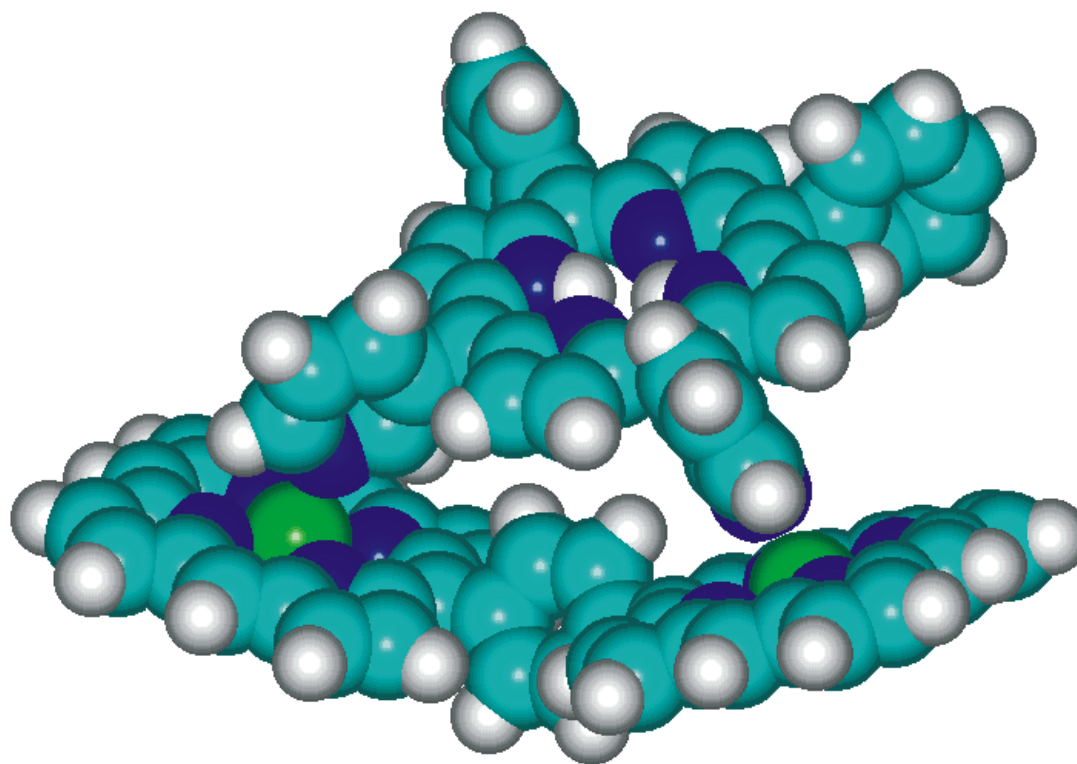
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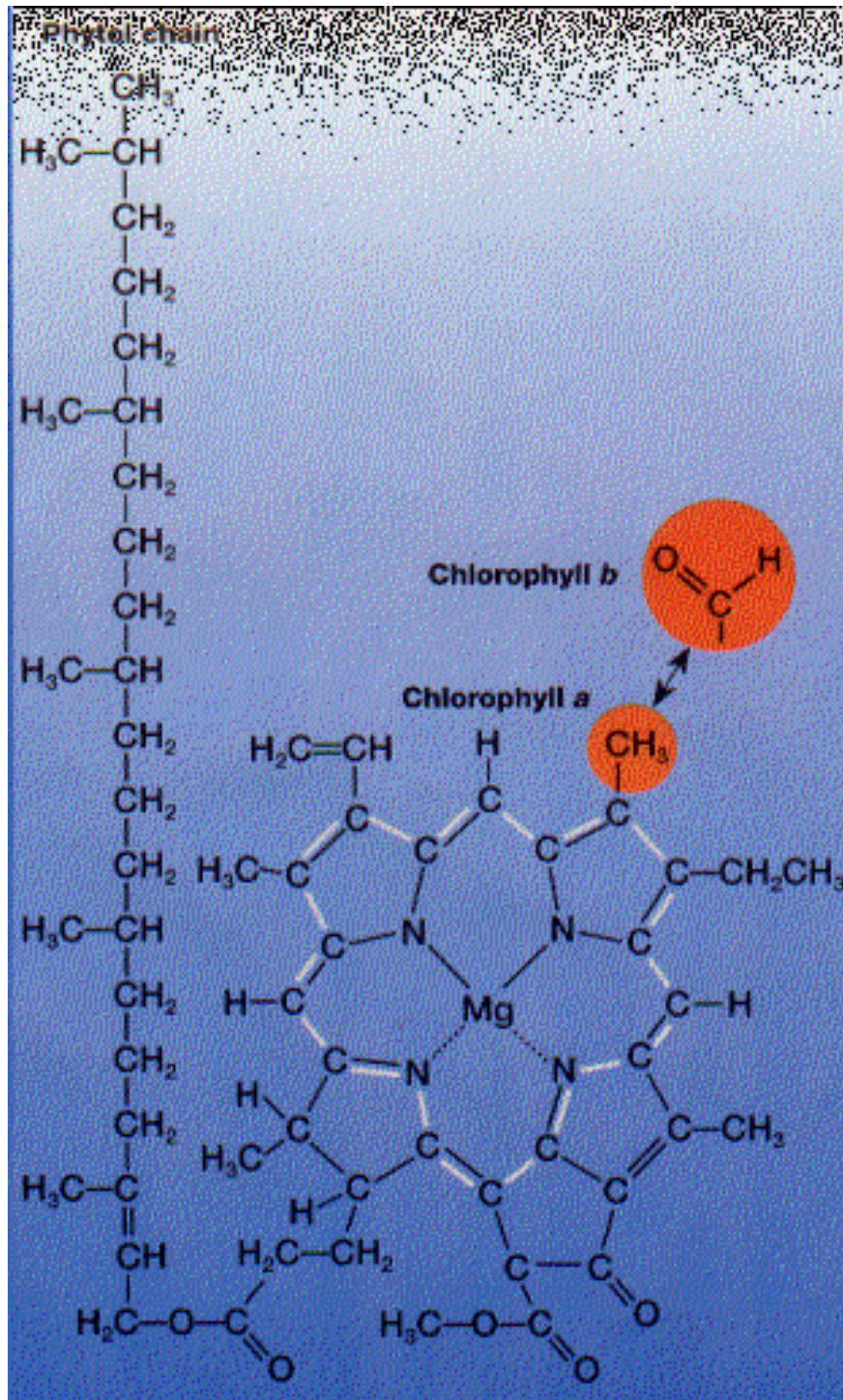


Chlorophyll *a*: $\text{R} = \text{—CH}_3$

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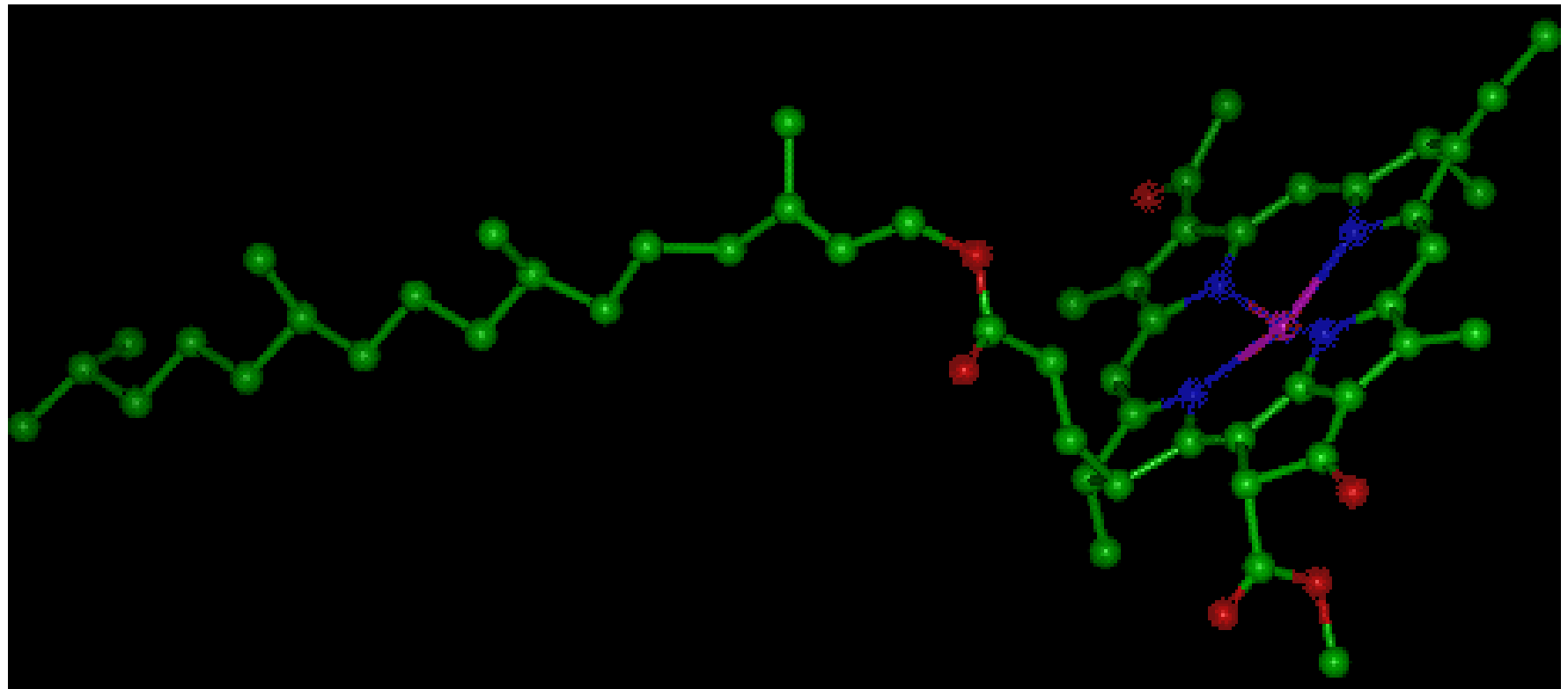
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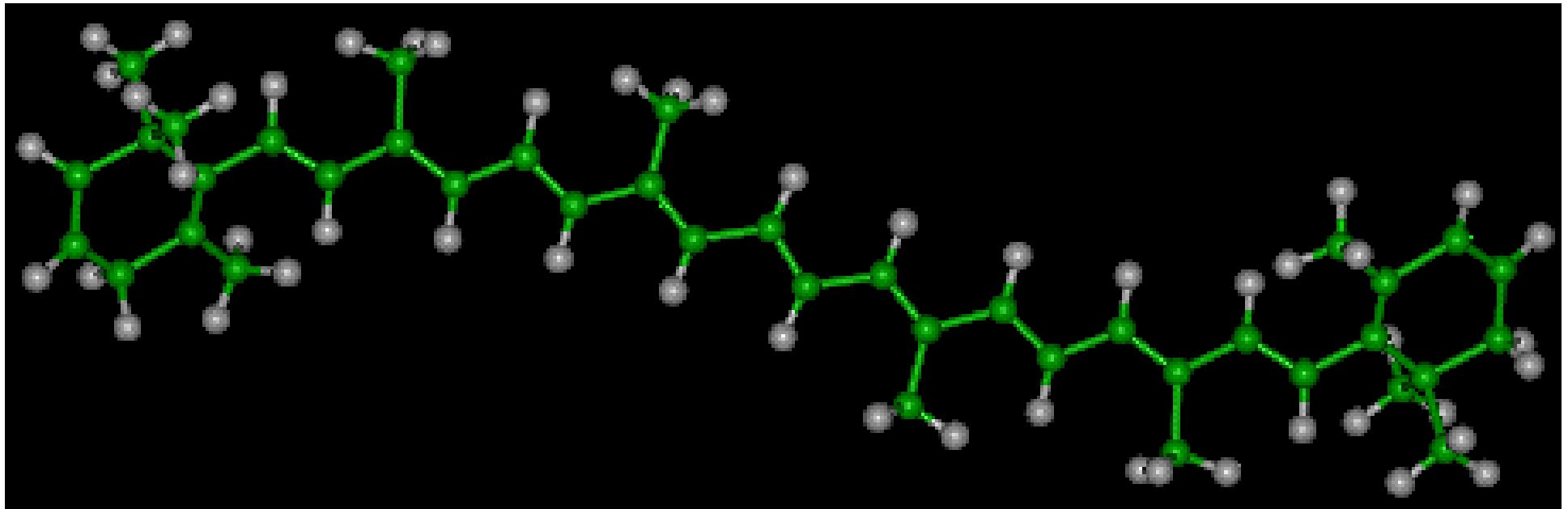
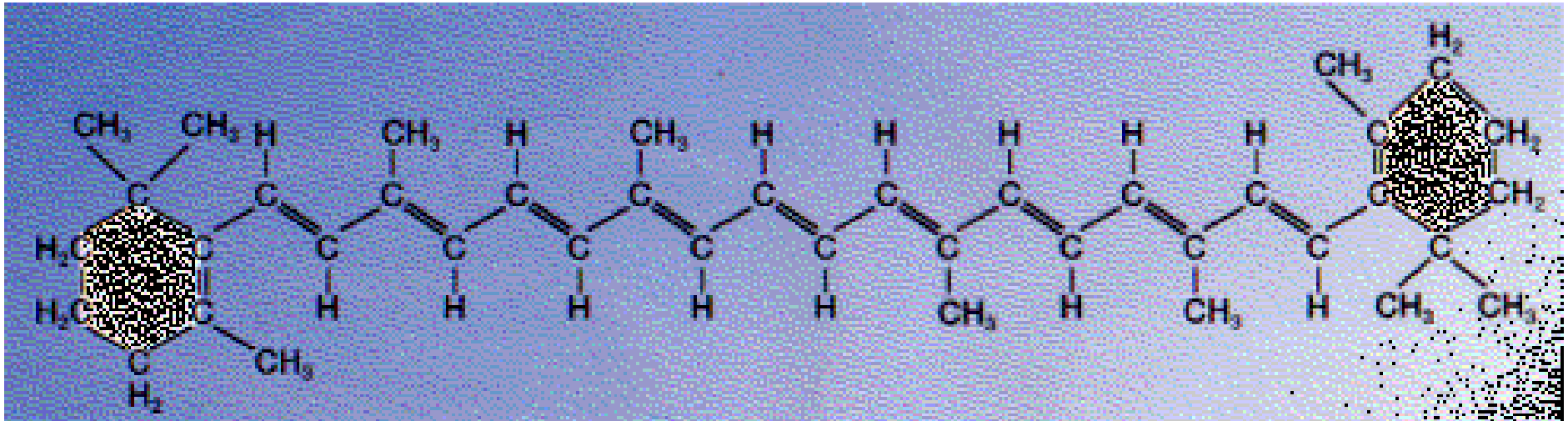


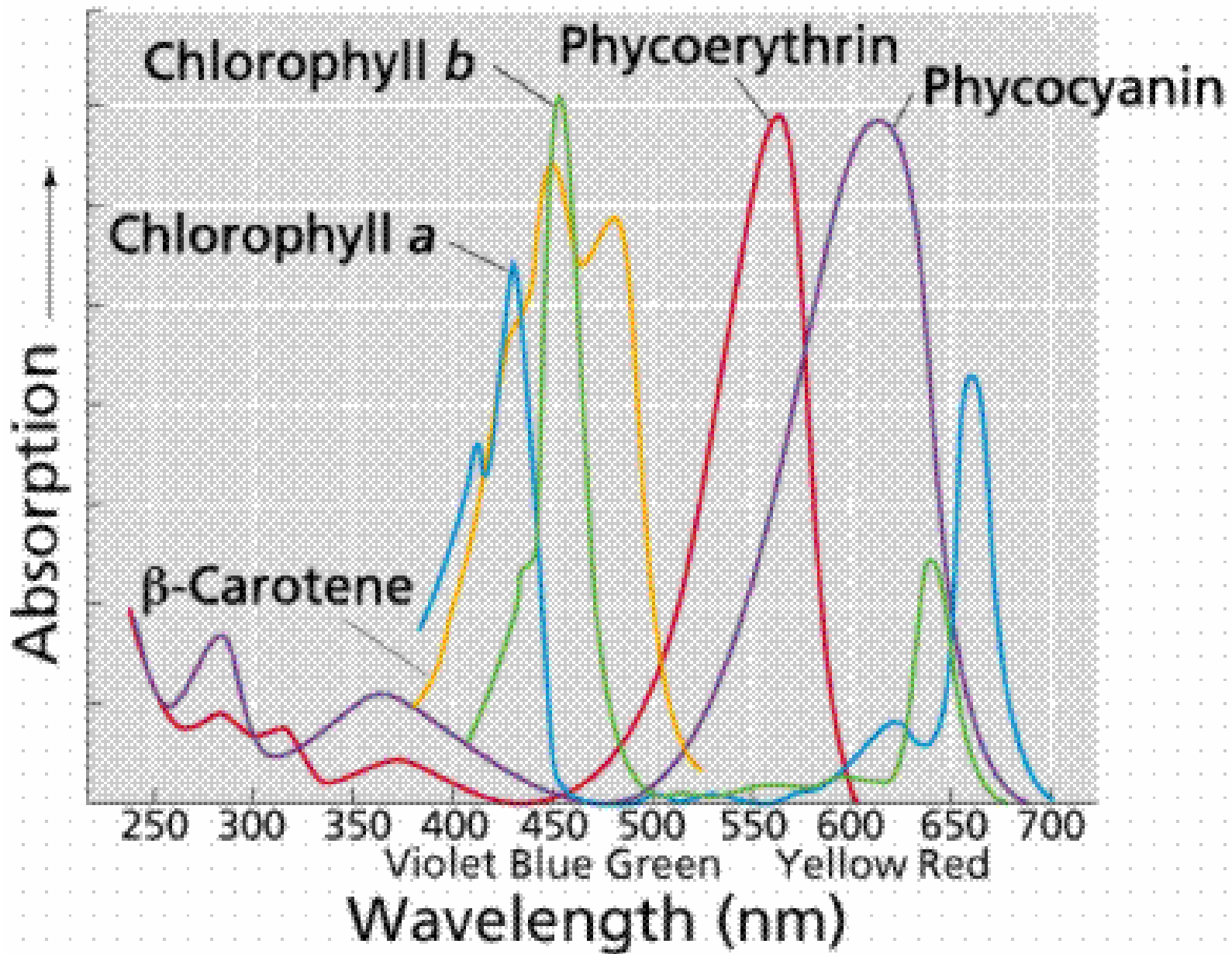
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Chlorophyll

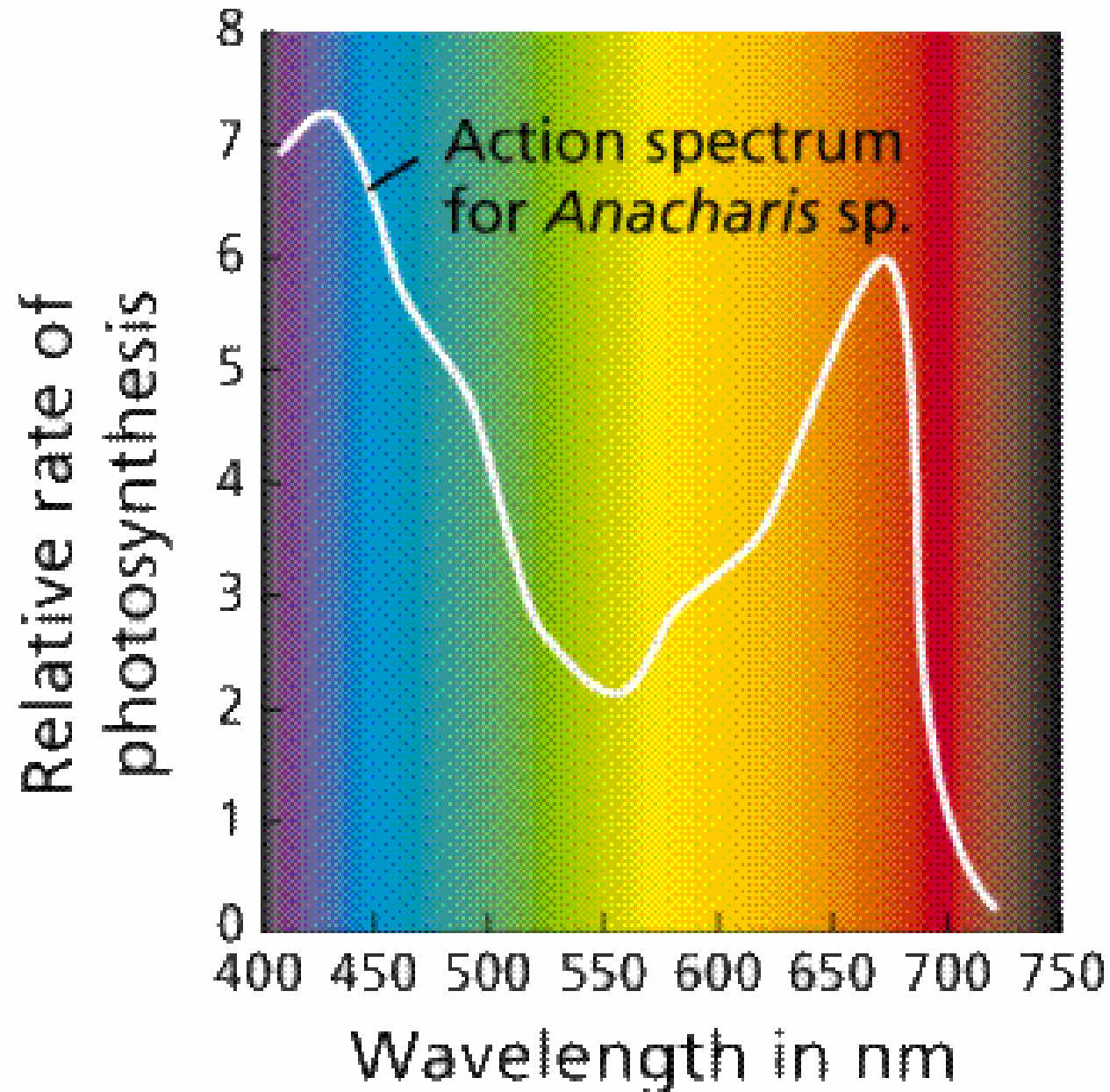


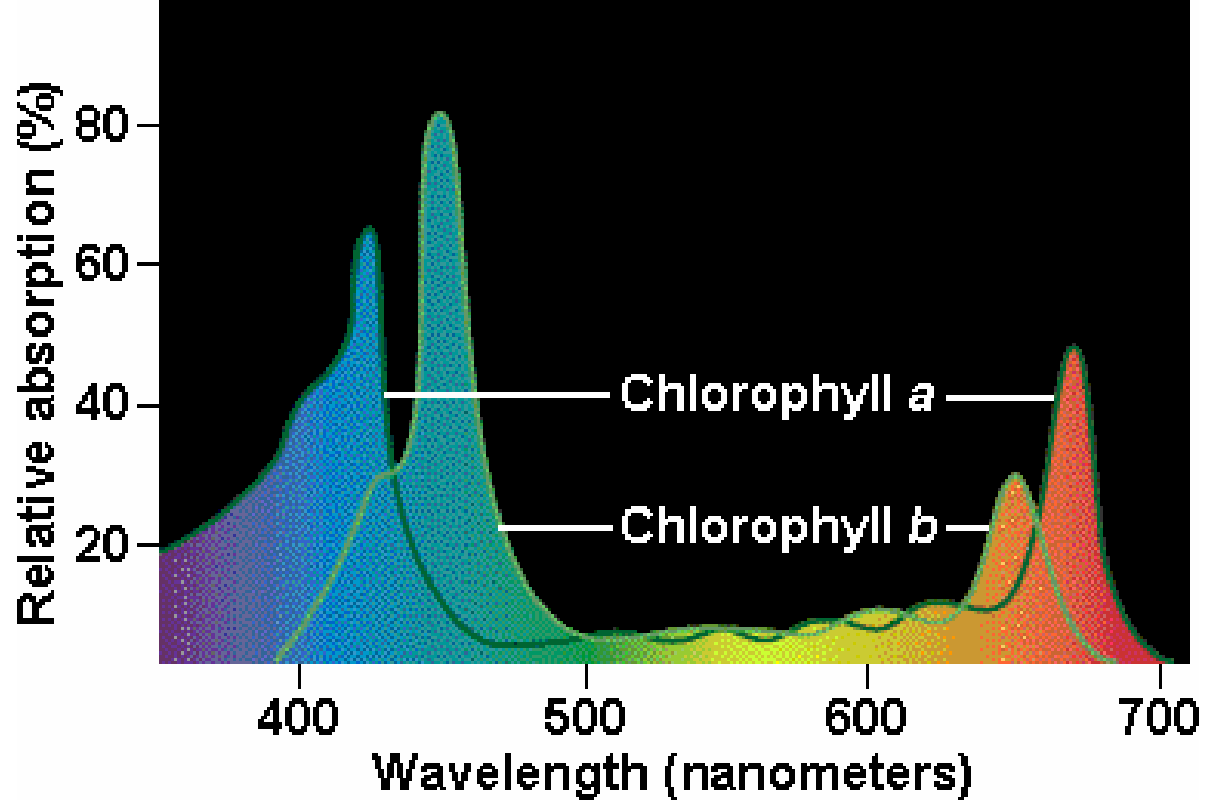
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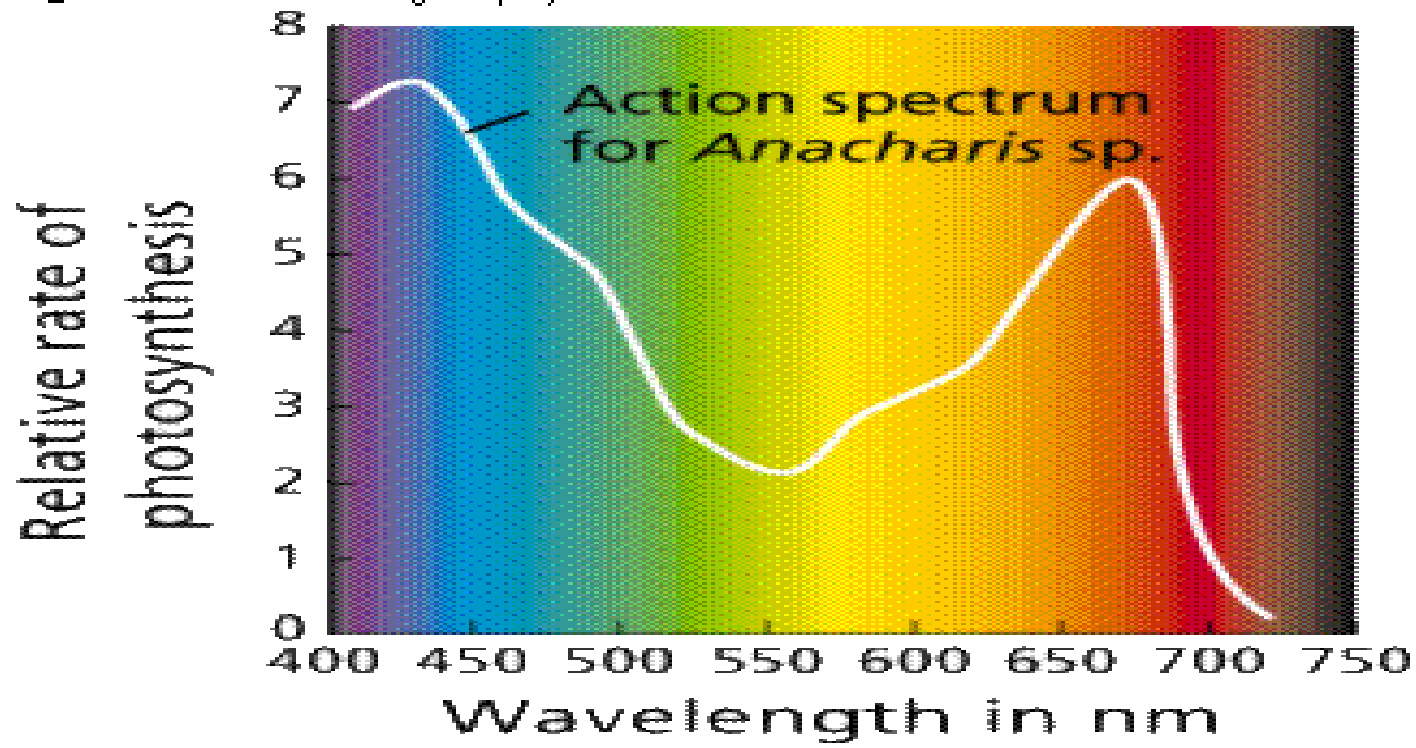


Aktionsspektrum der Photosynthese





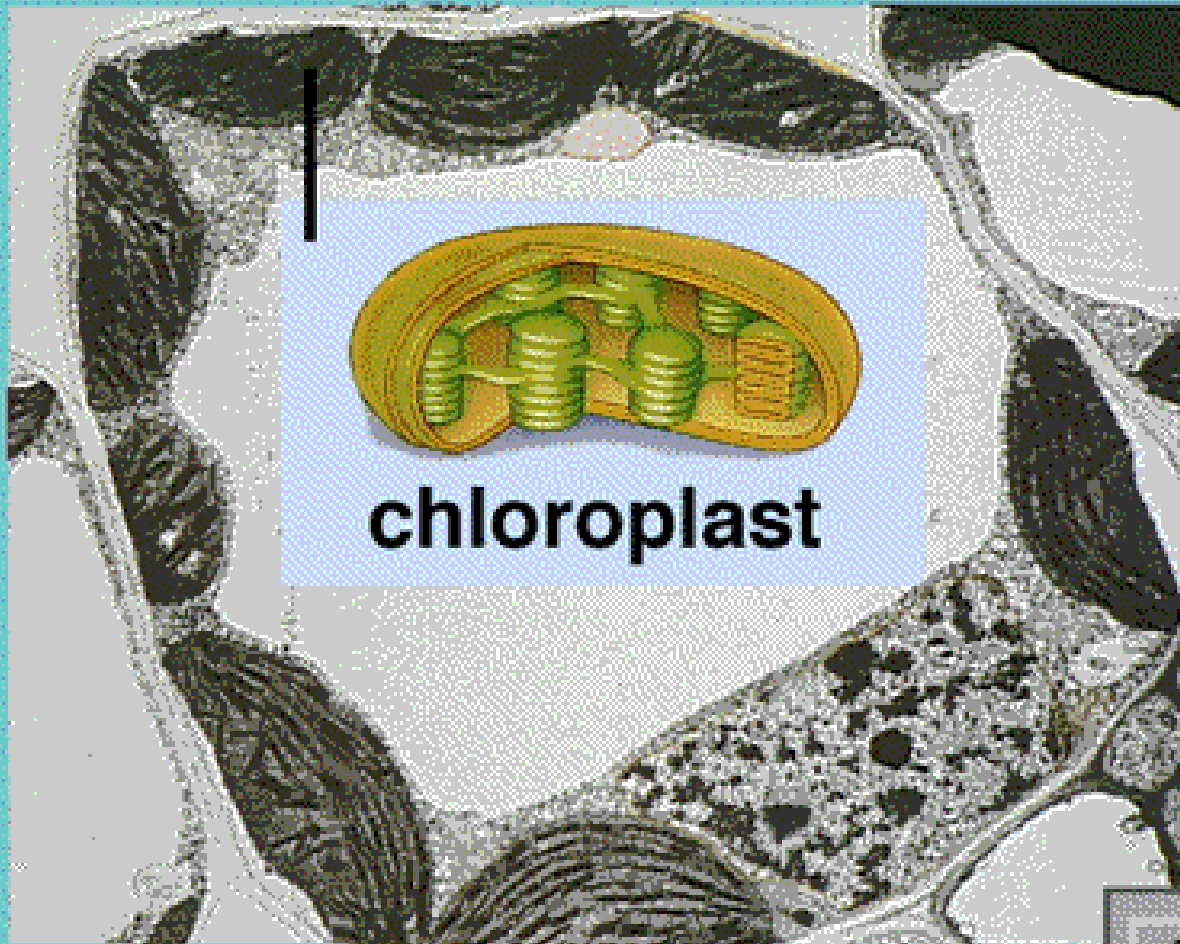
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Zelle einer Alge

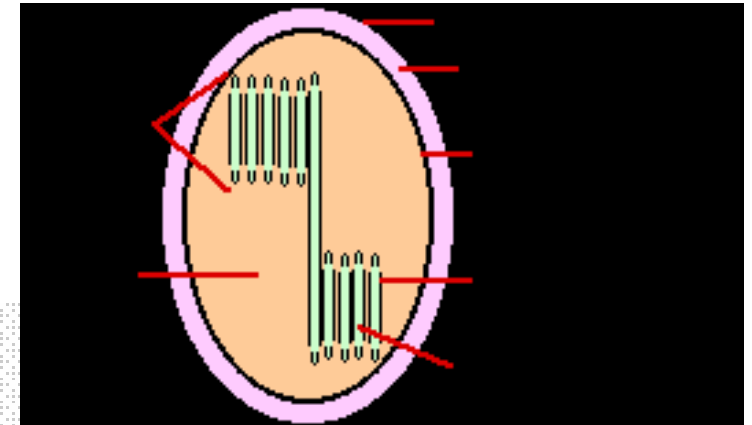
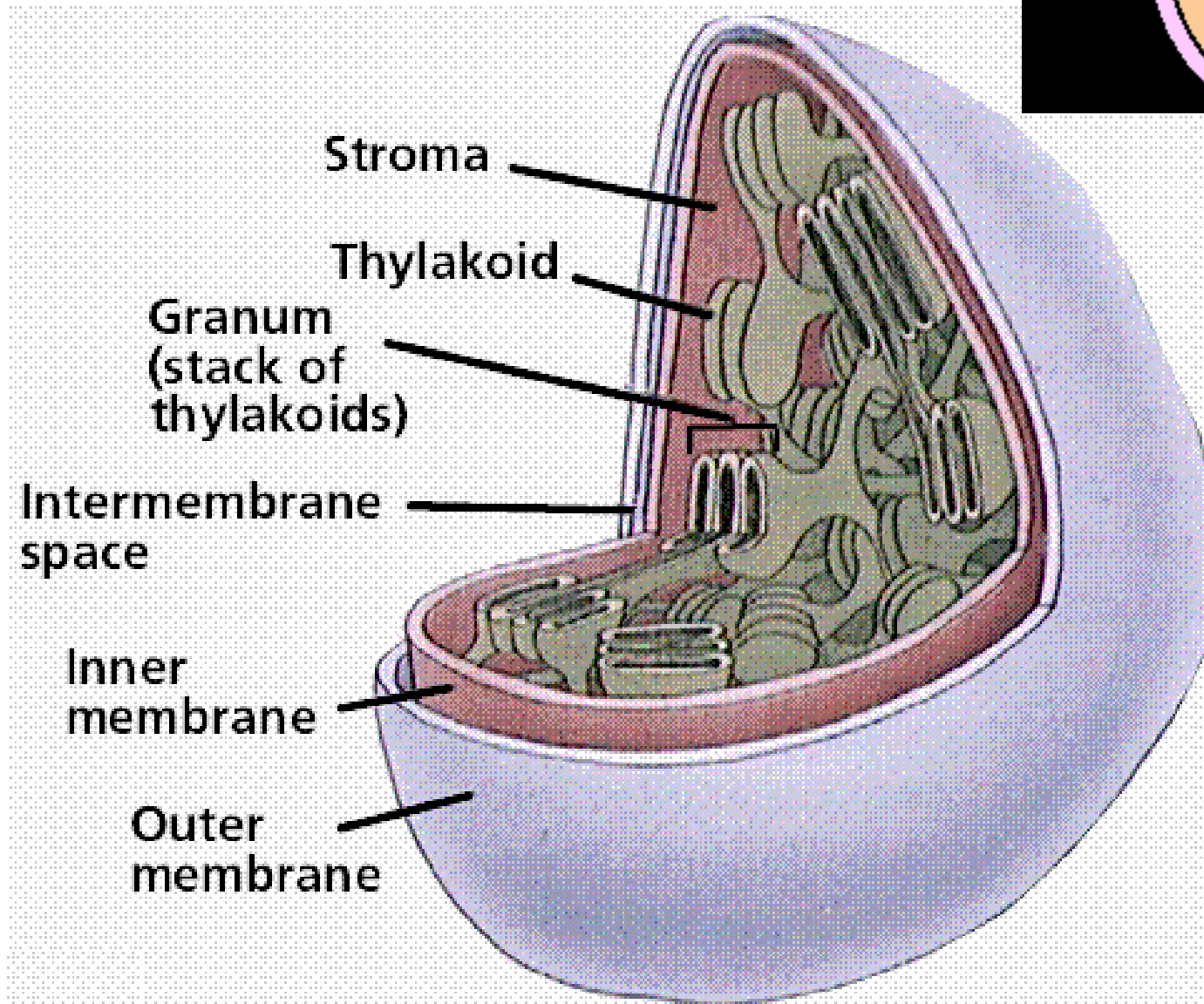
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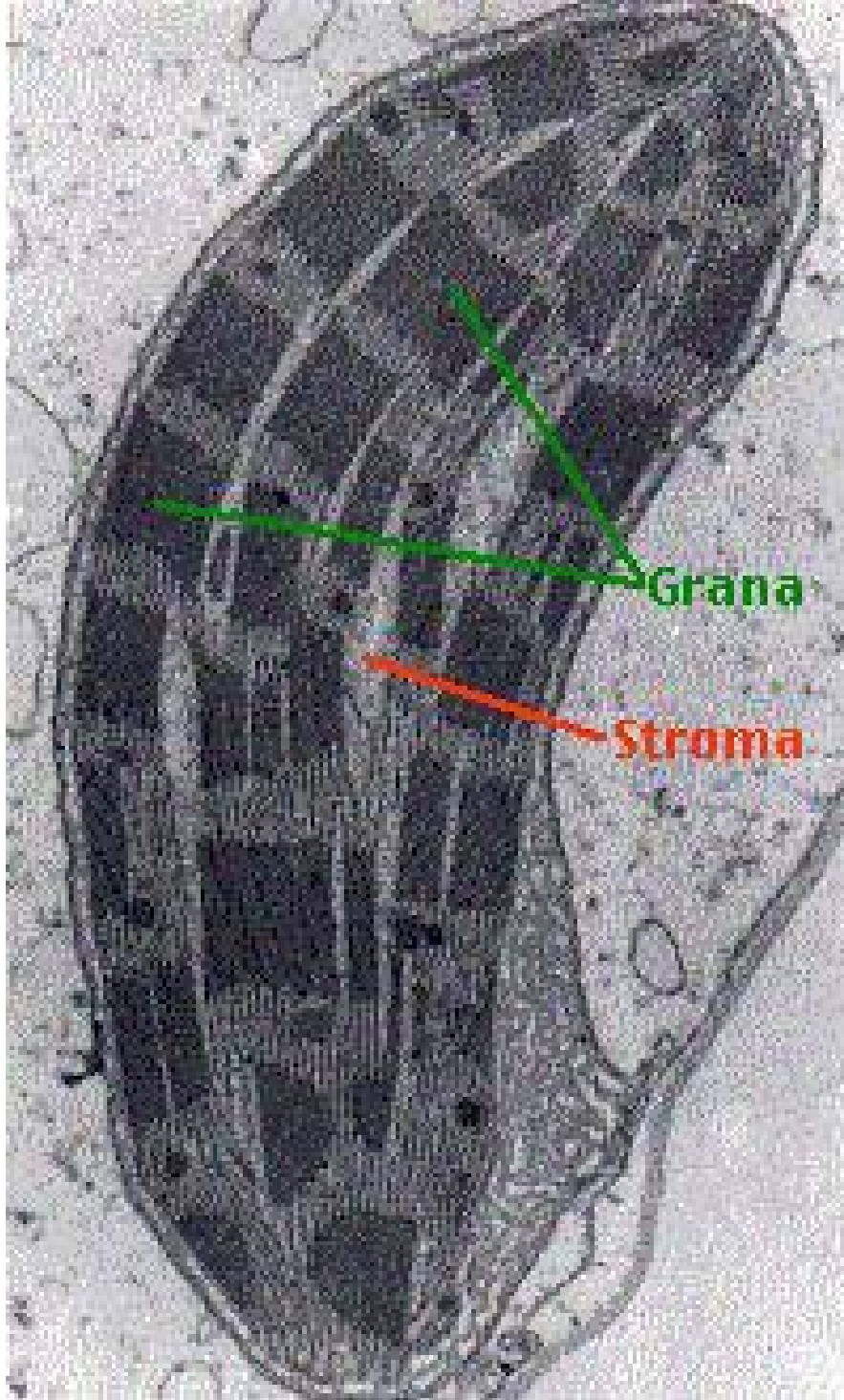




Chloroplast

Thalakoid = Funktionseinheit der Photosynthese





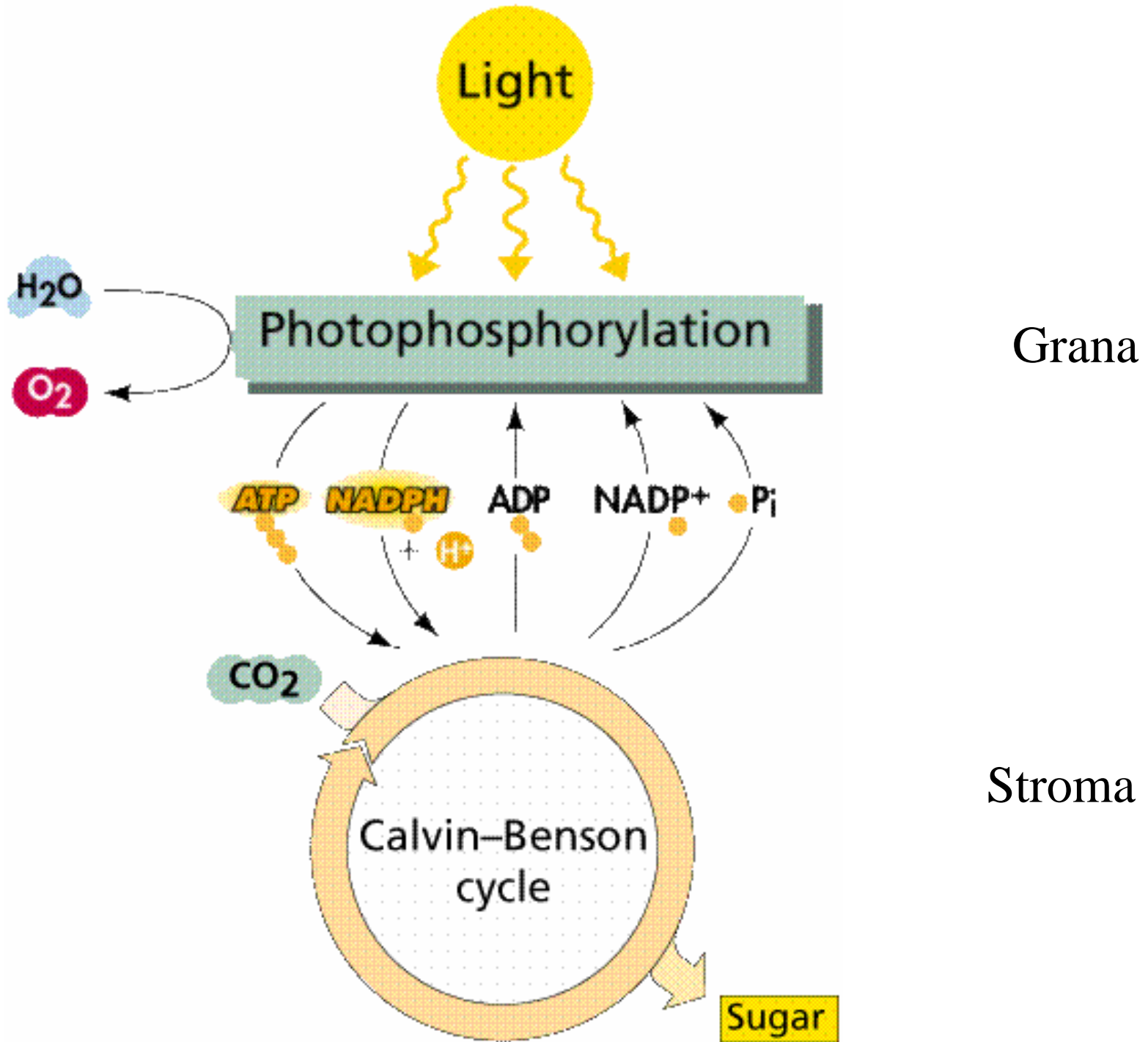
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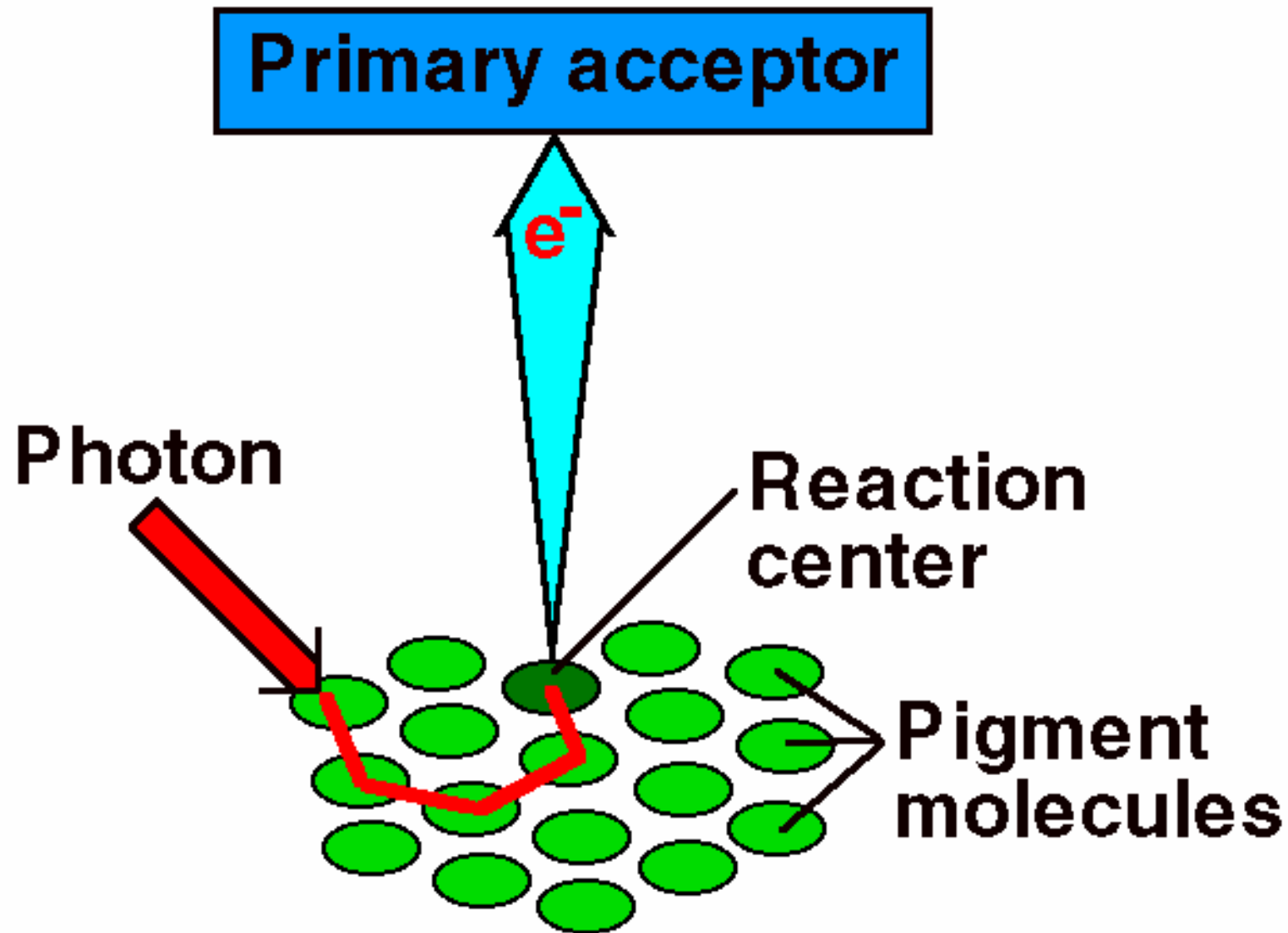
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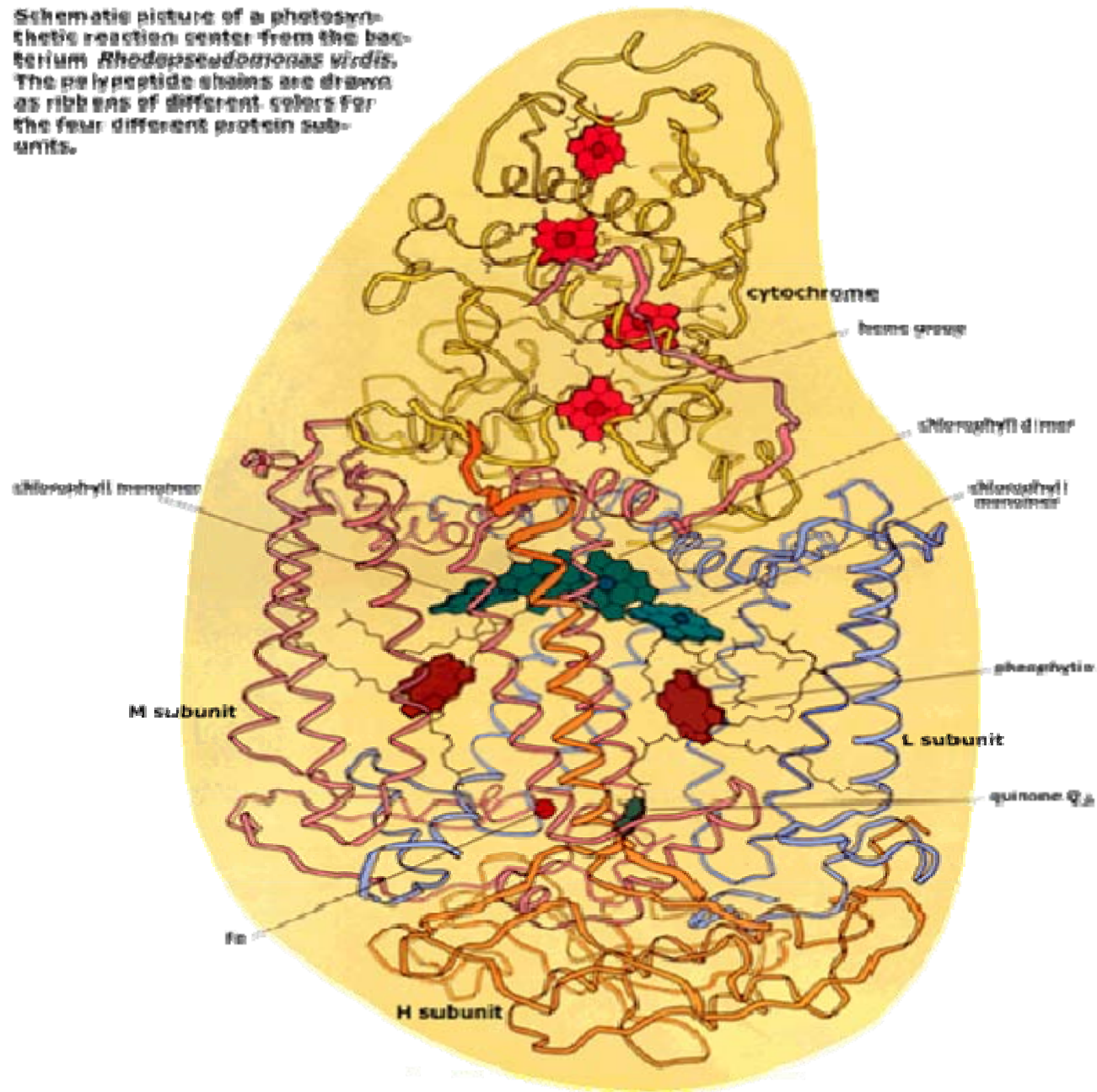




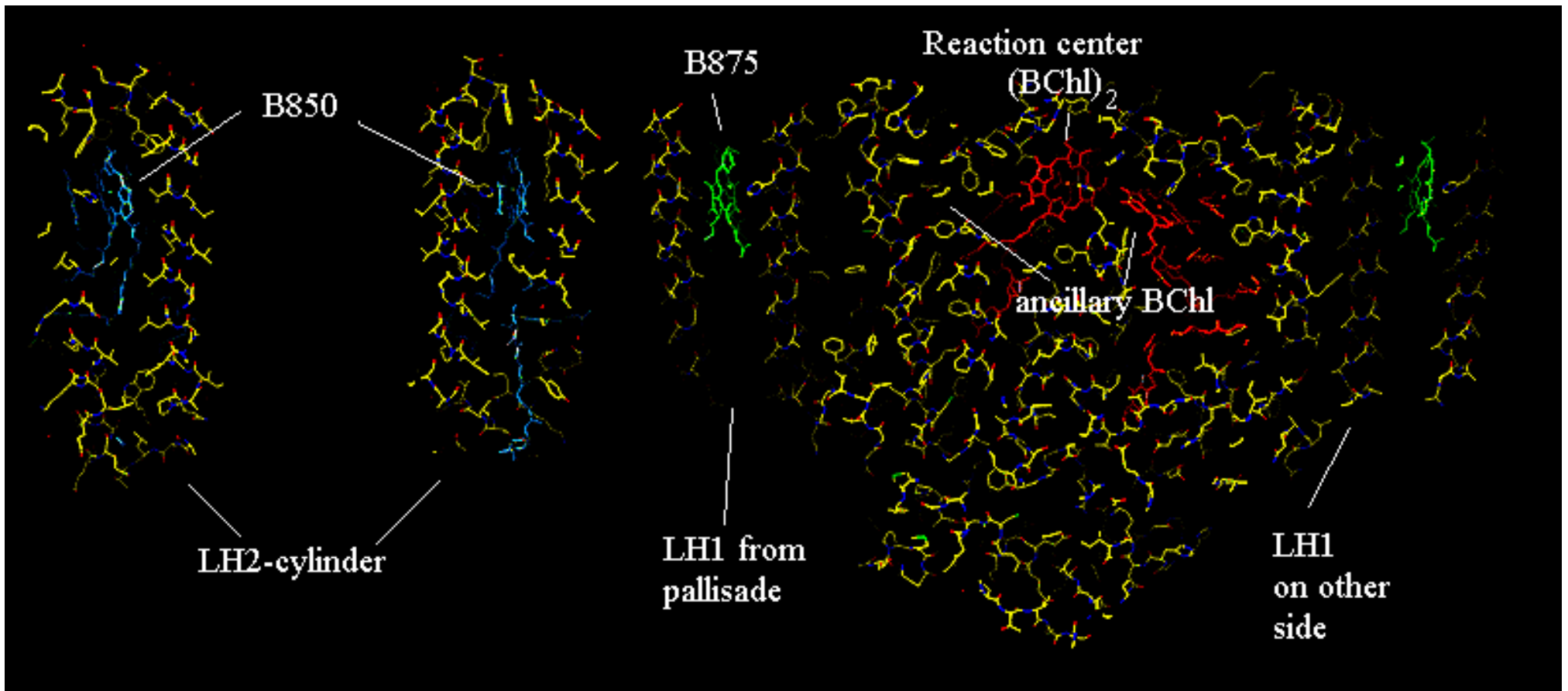


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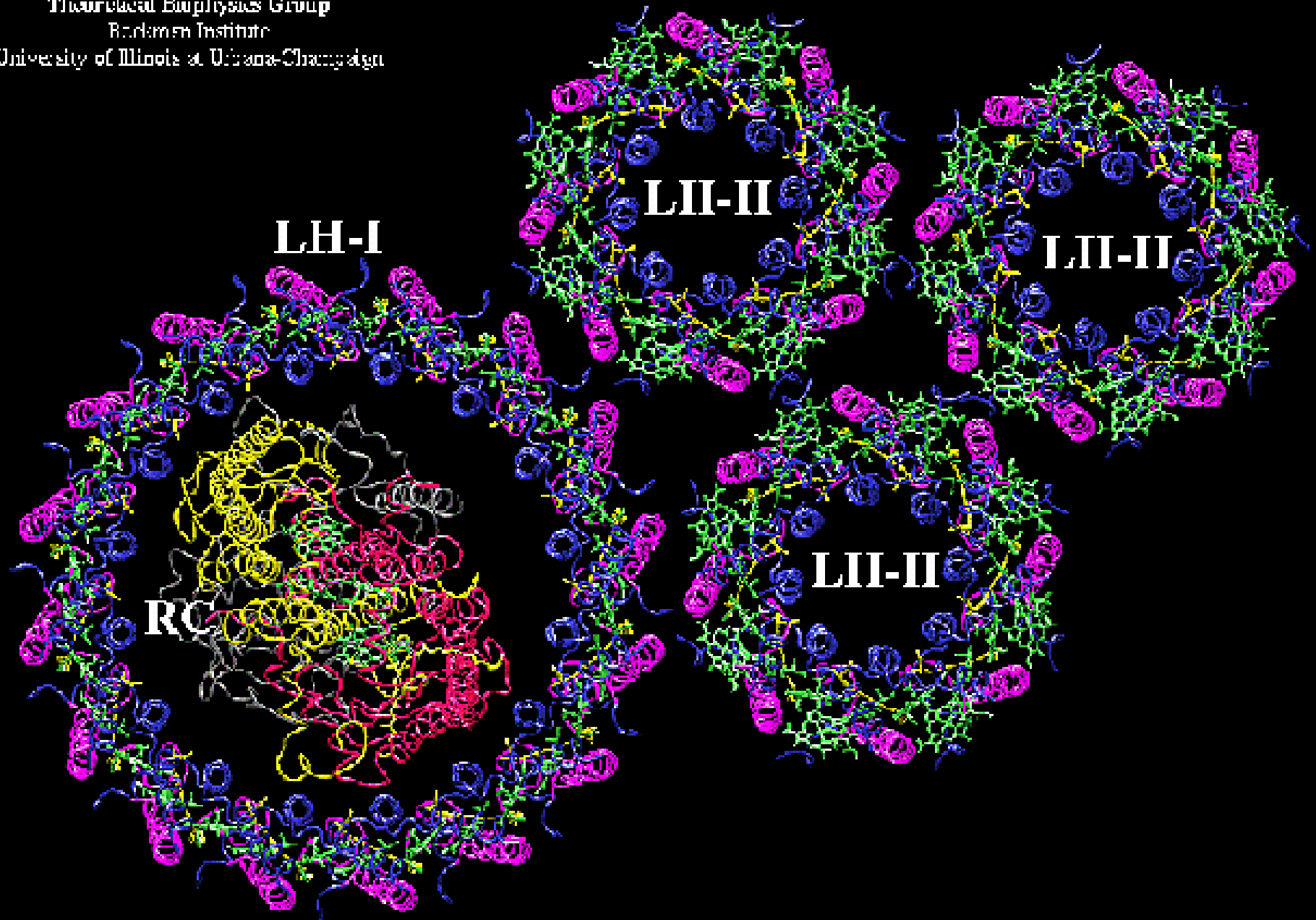
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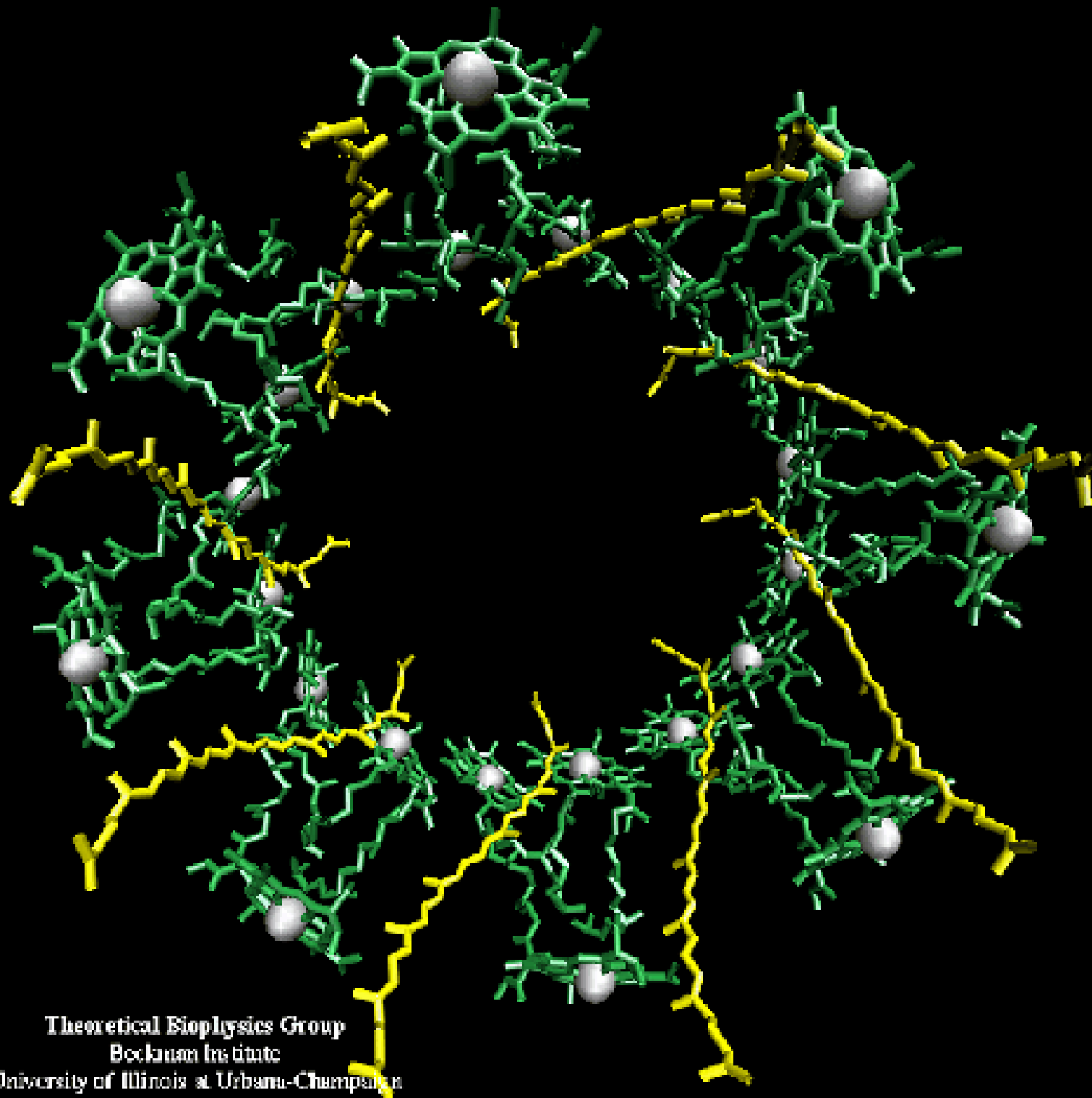


Struktur der Light-Harvestingkomplexe und des Primären Reaktionszentrums

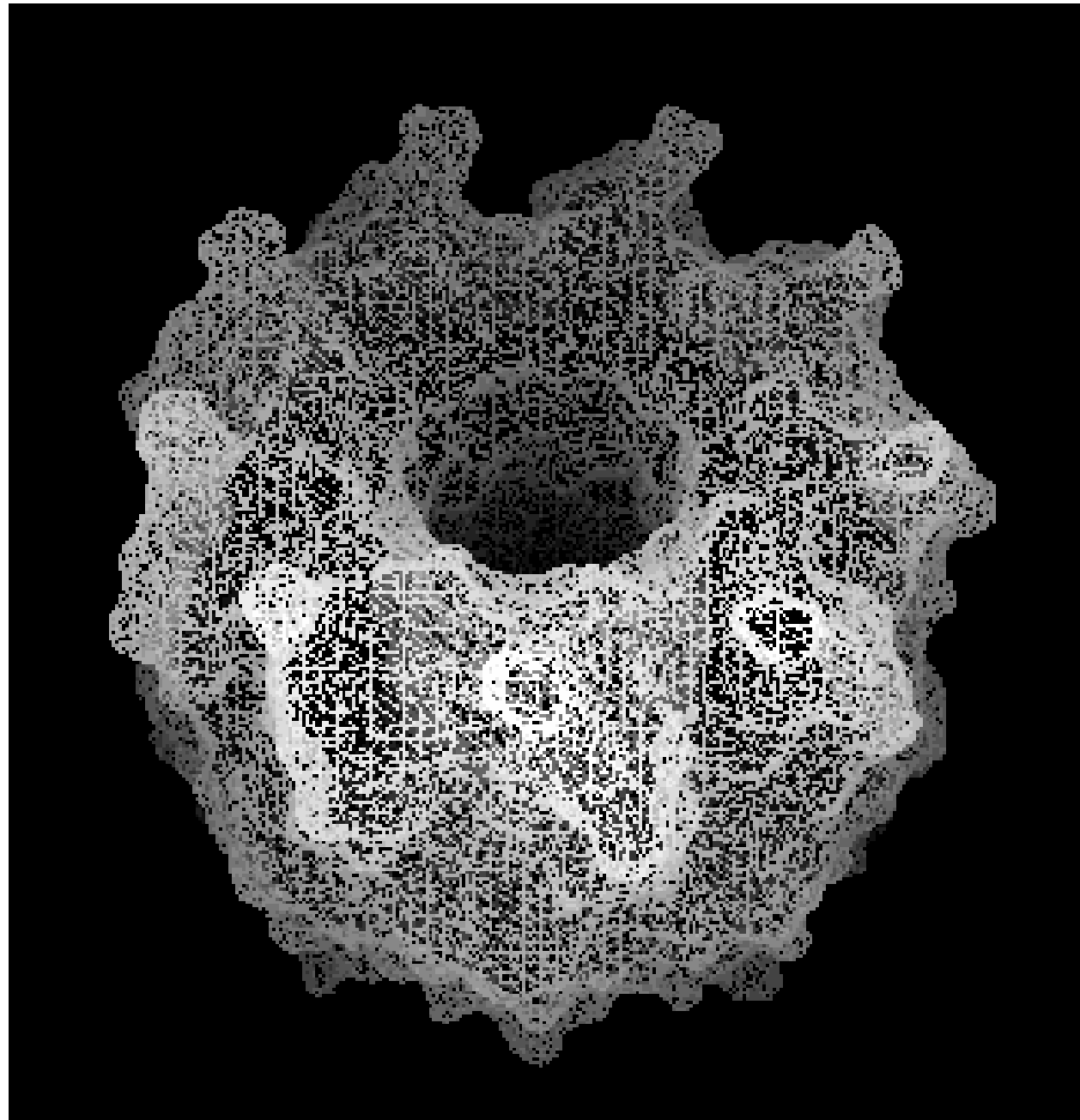


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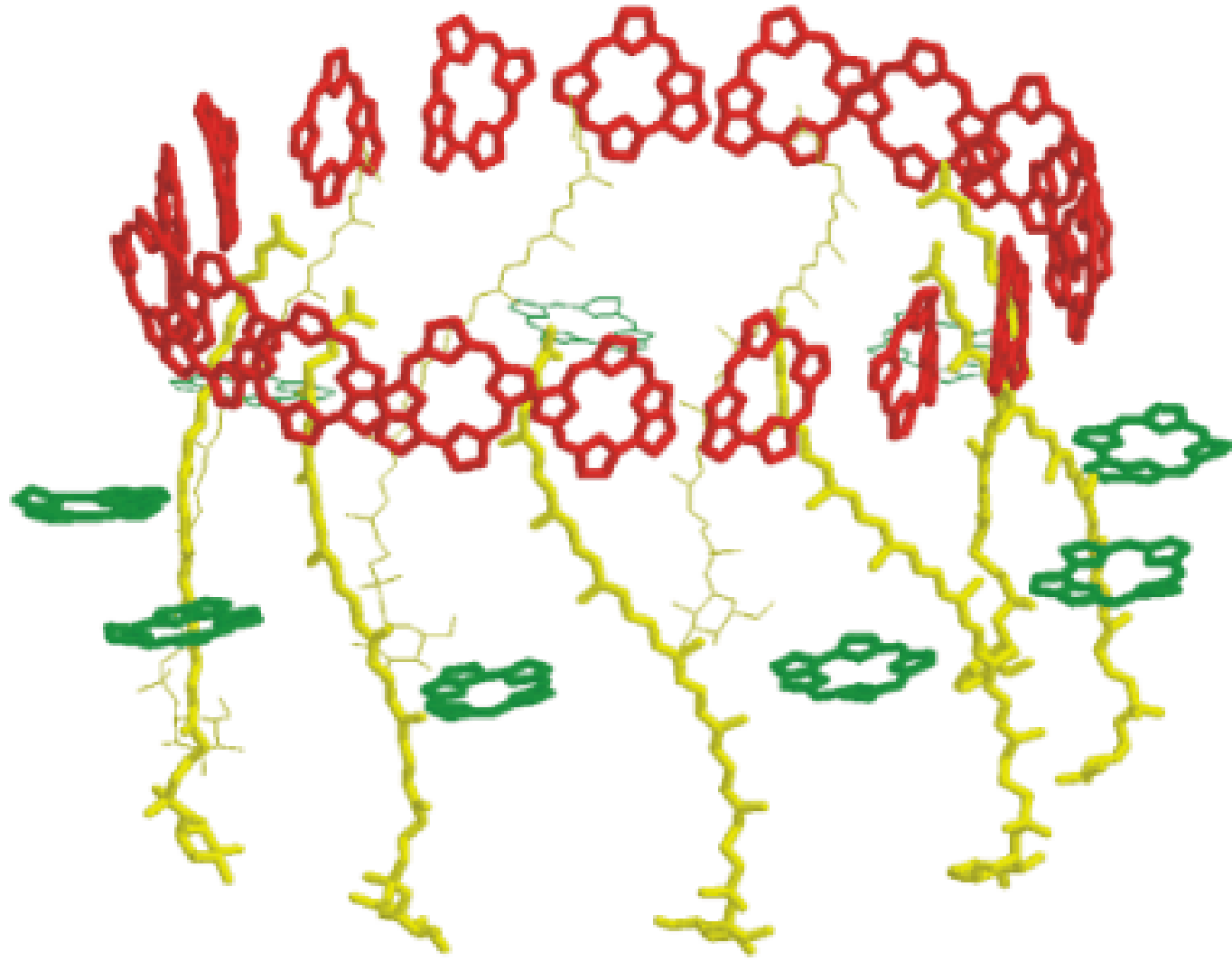


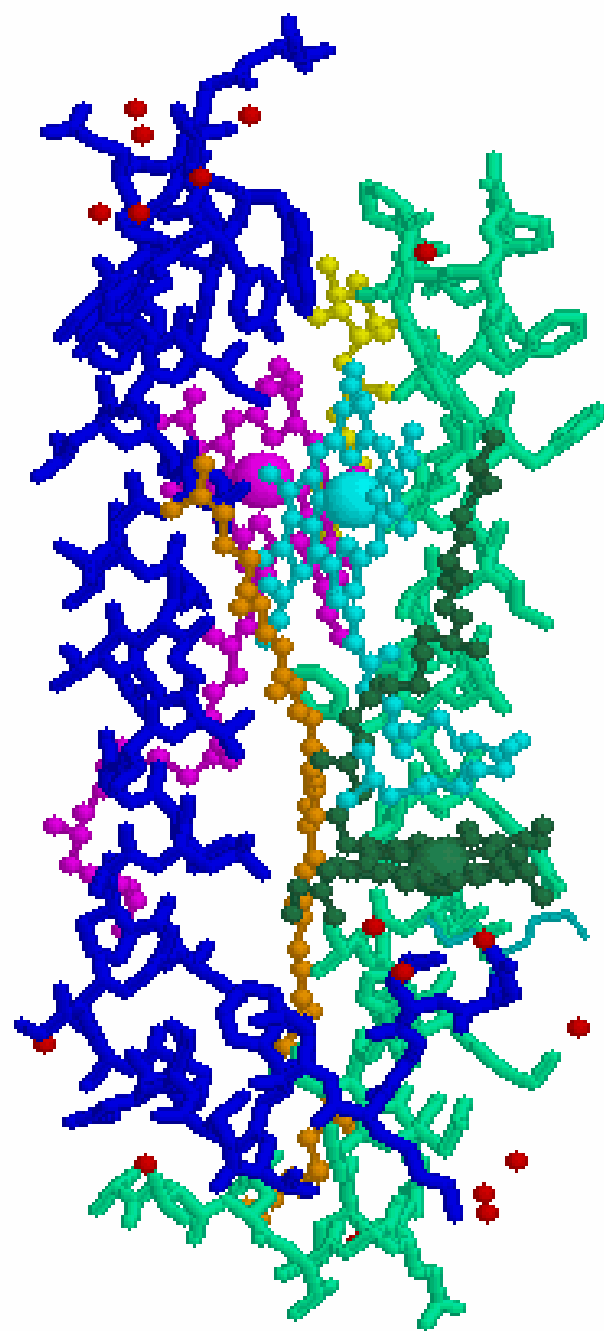
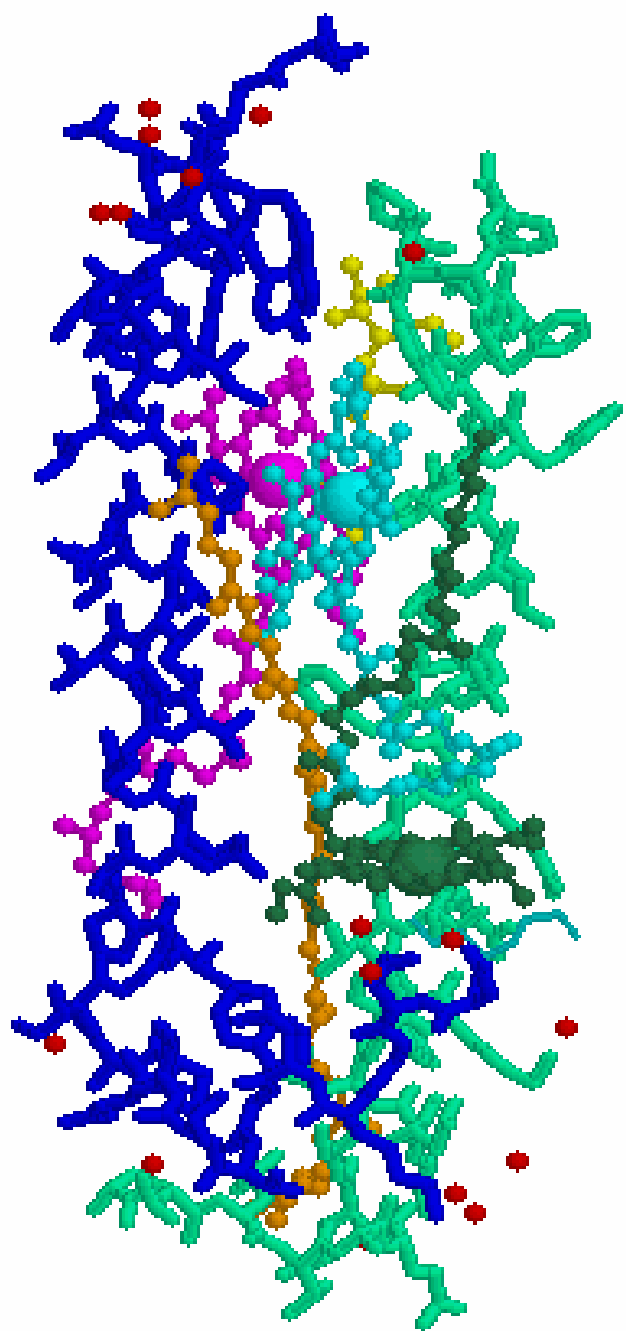
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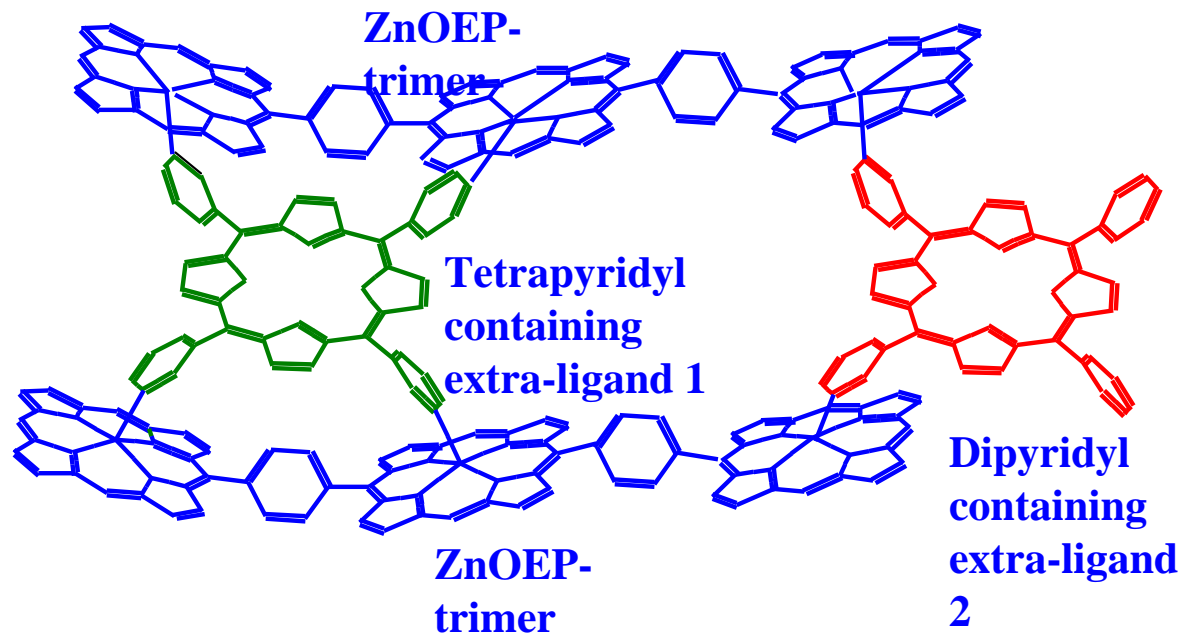
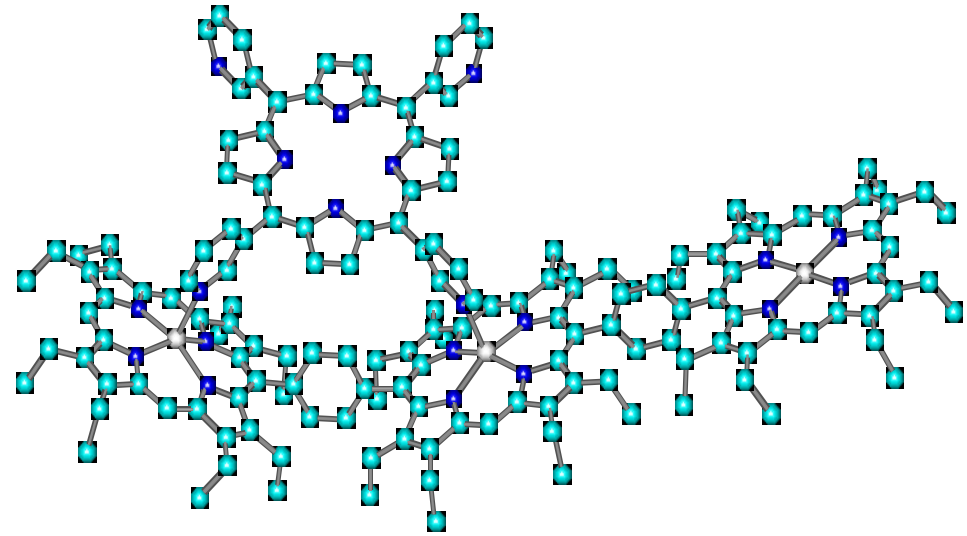
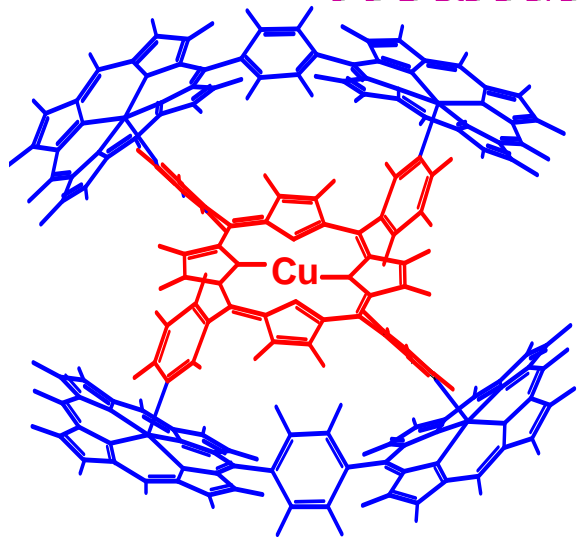
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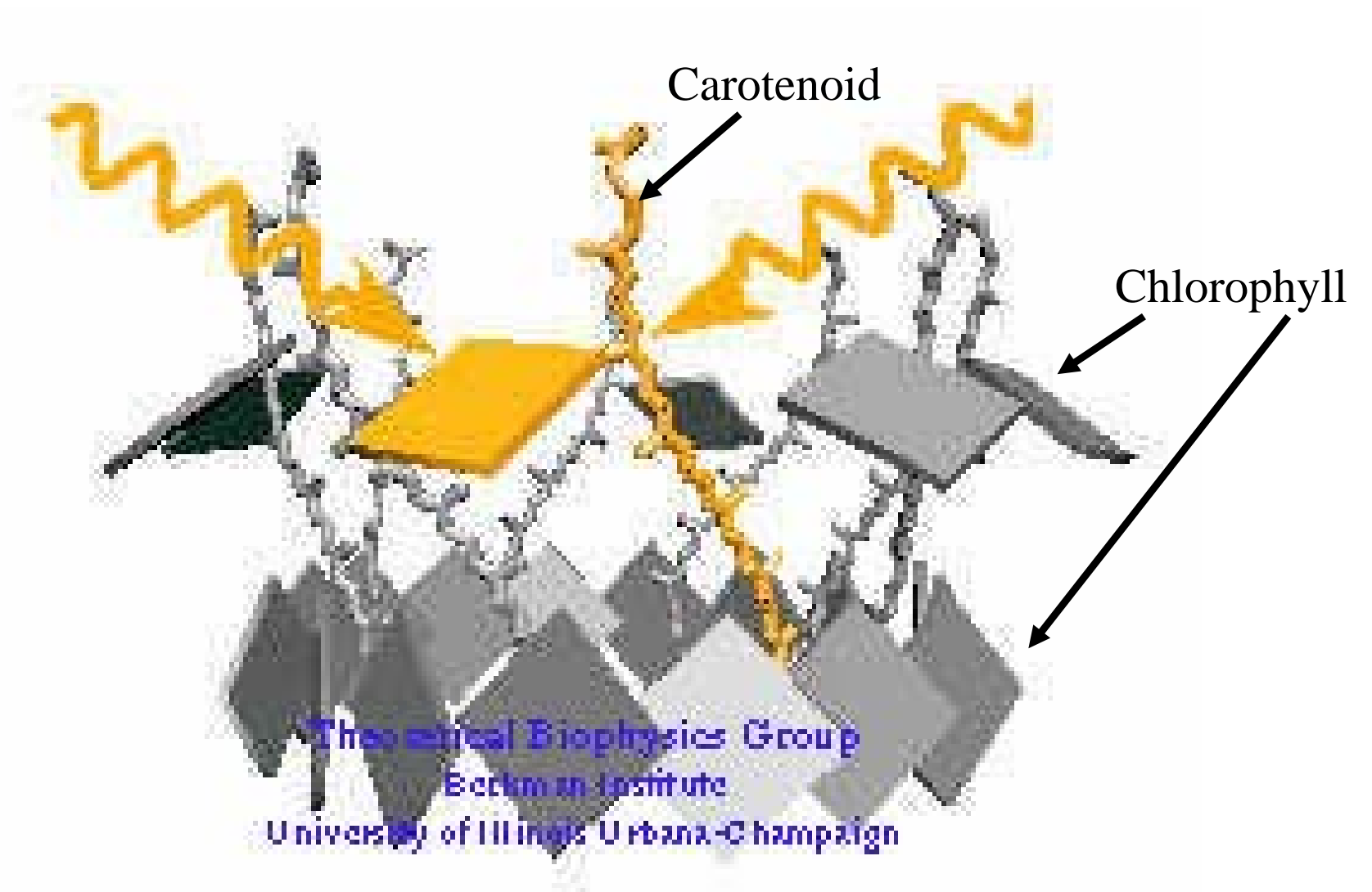
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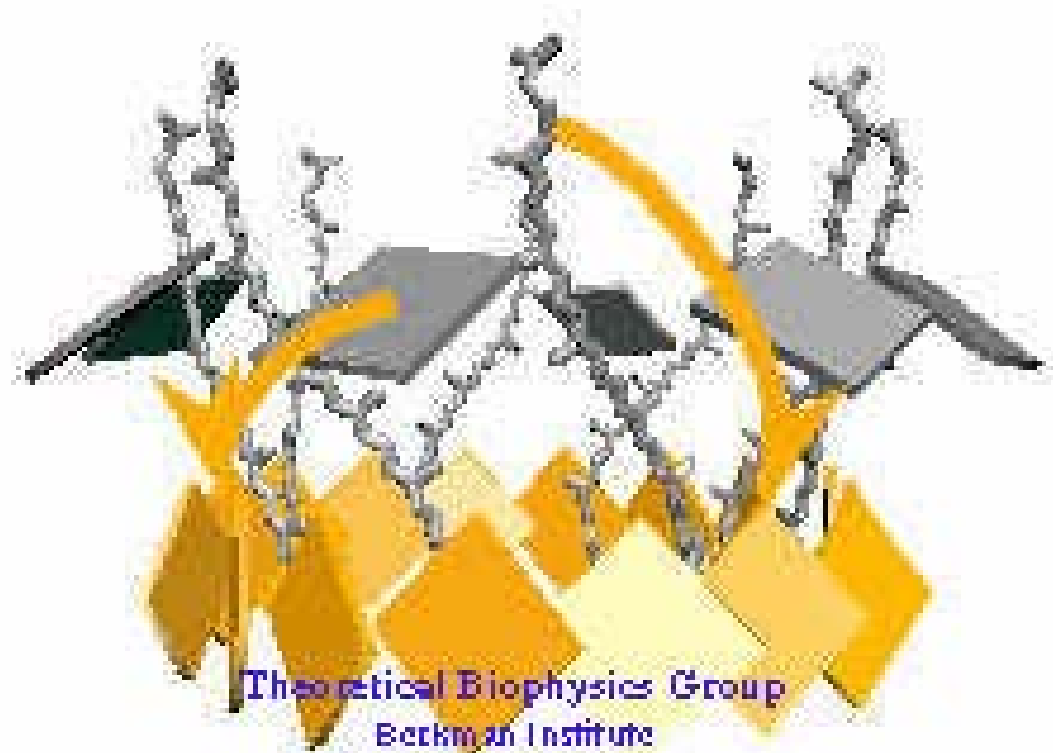




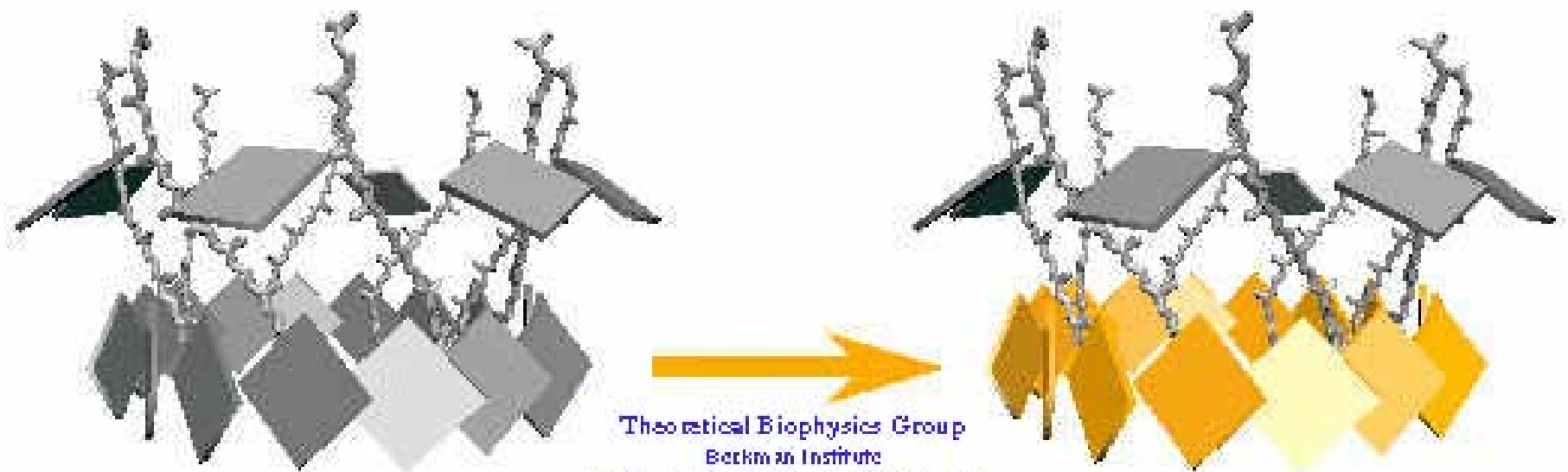
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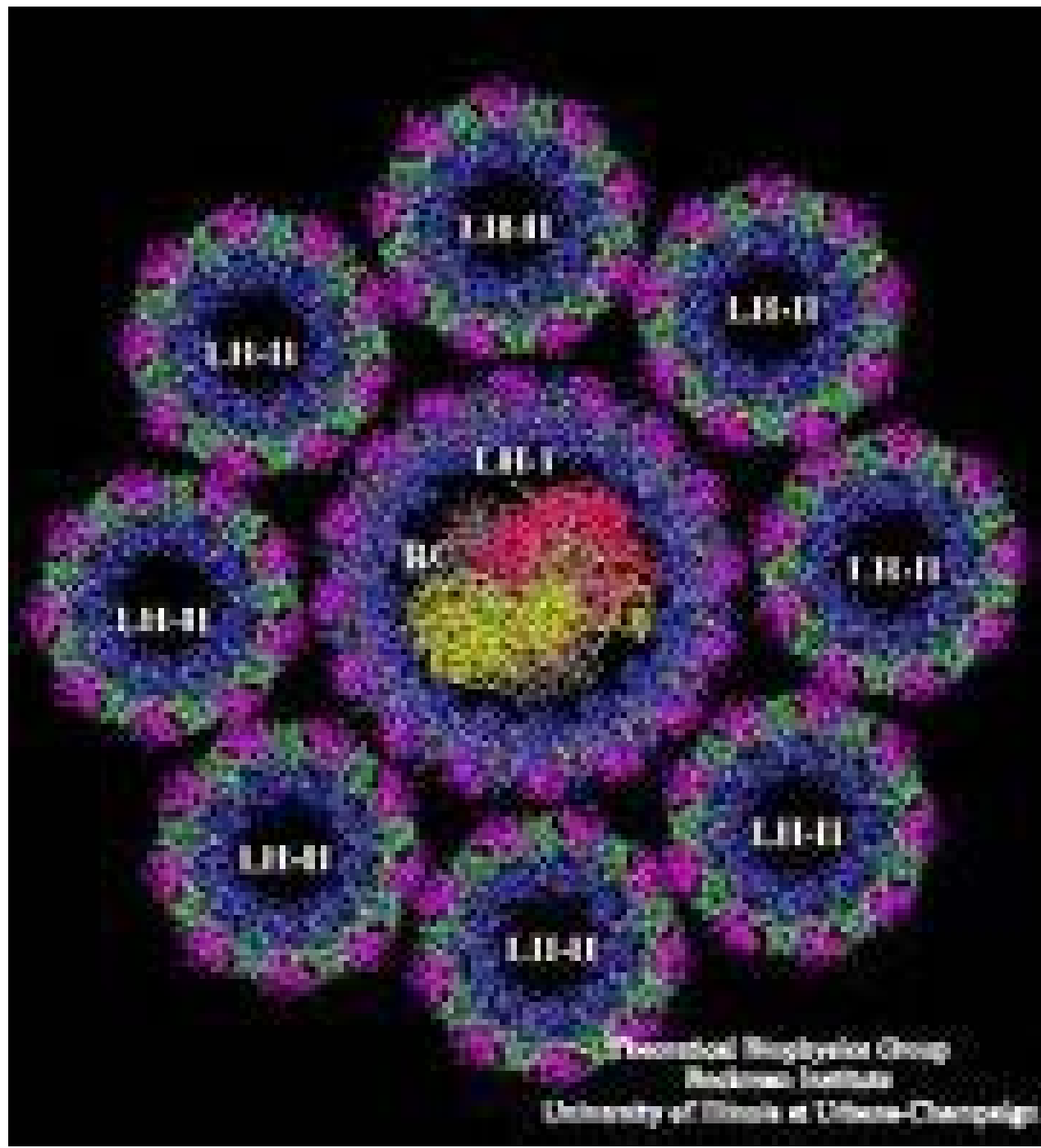


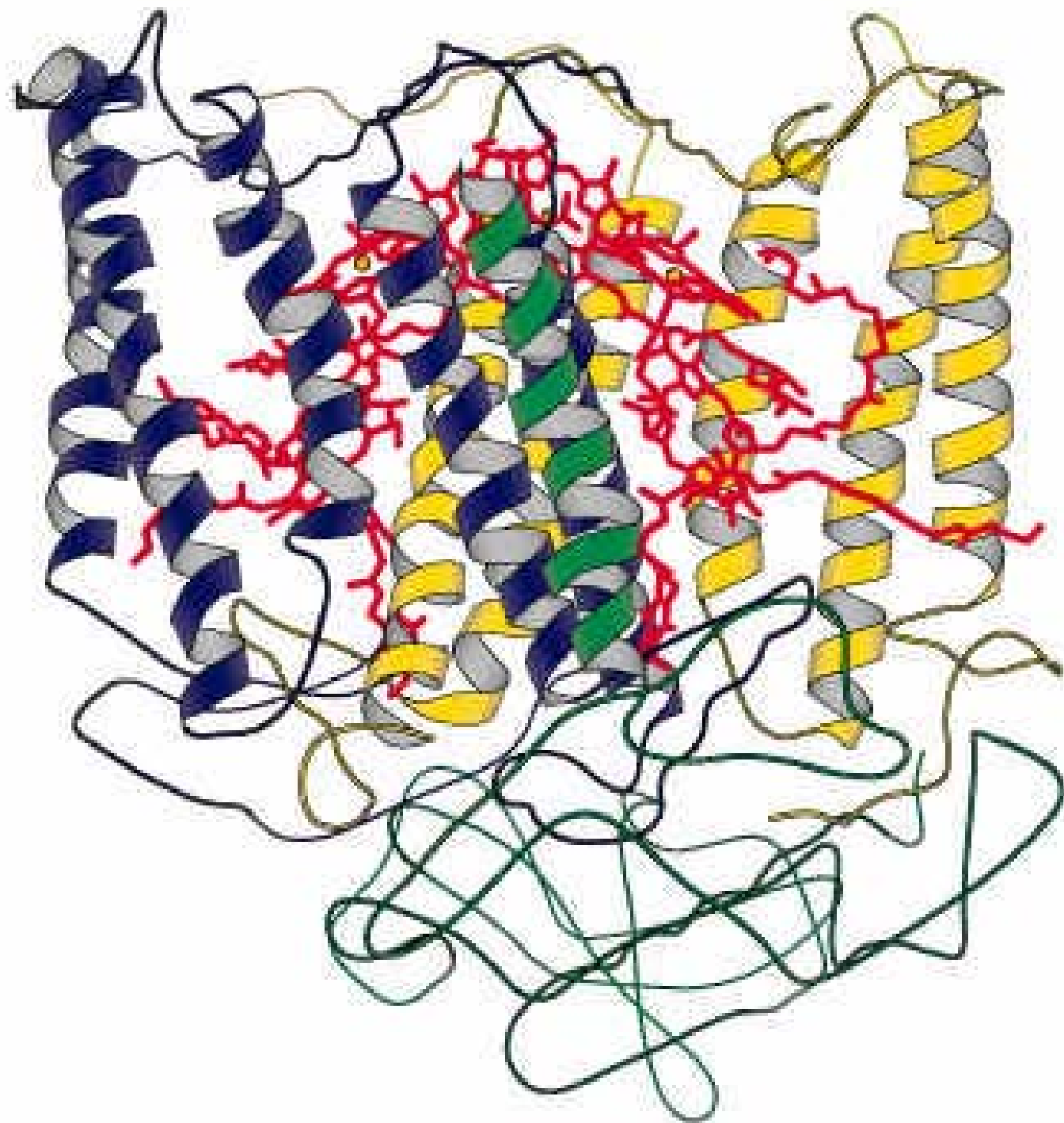


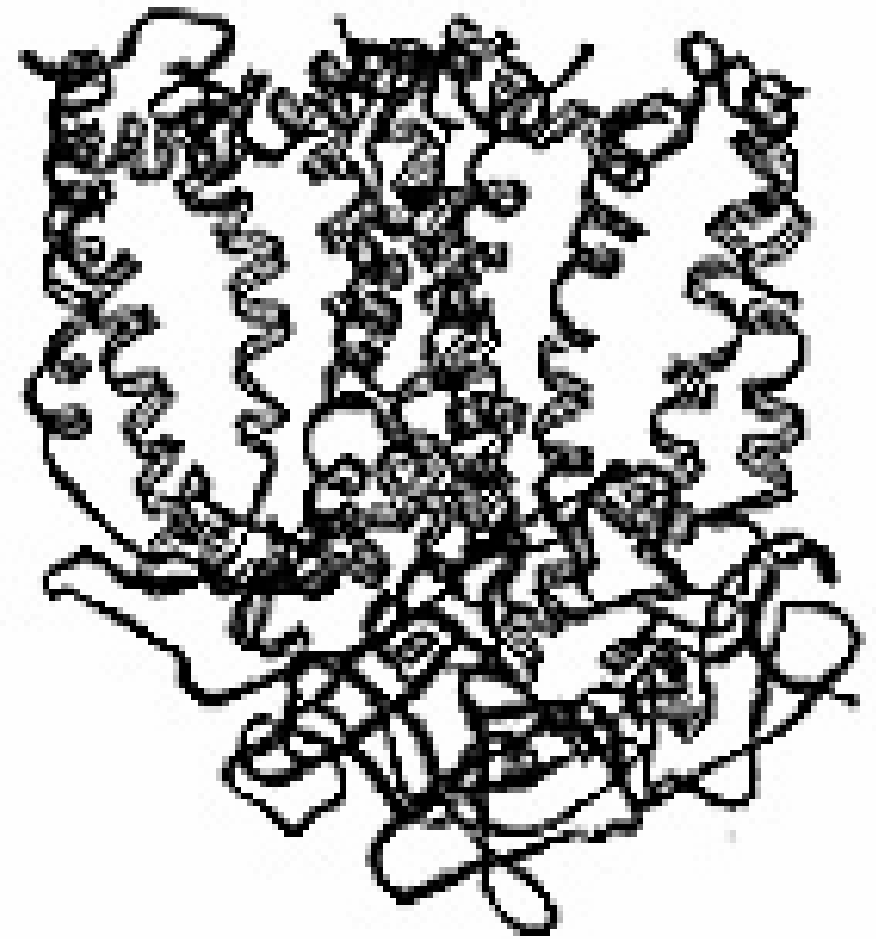
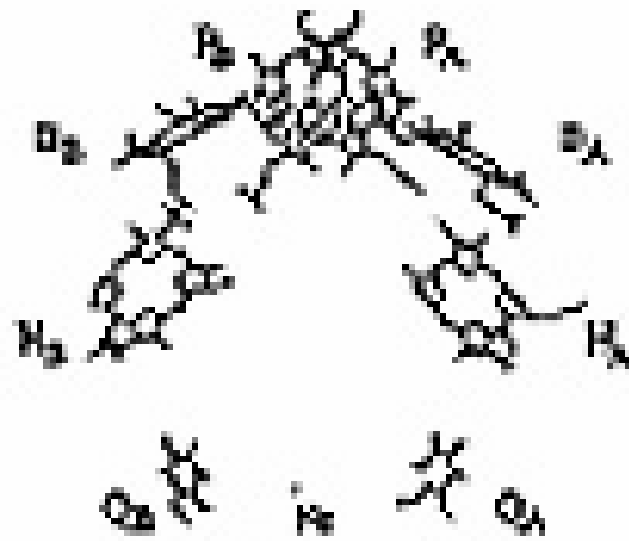
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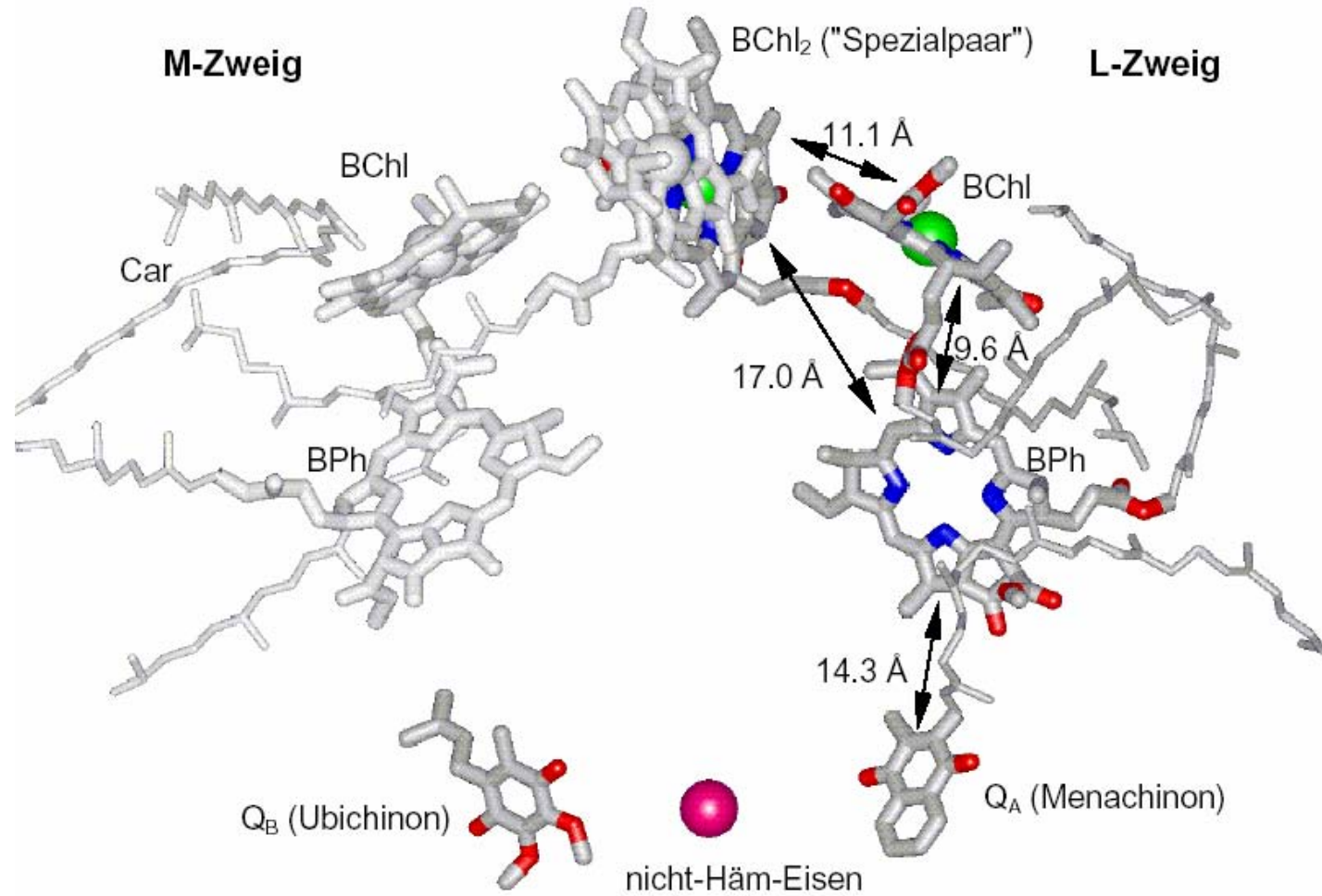
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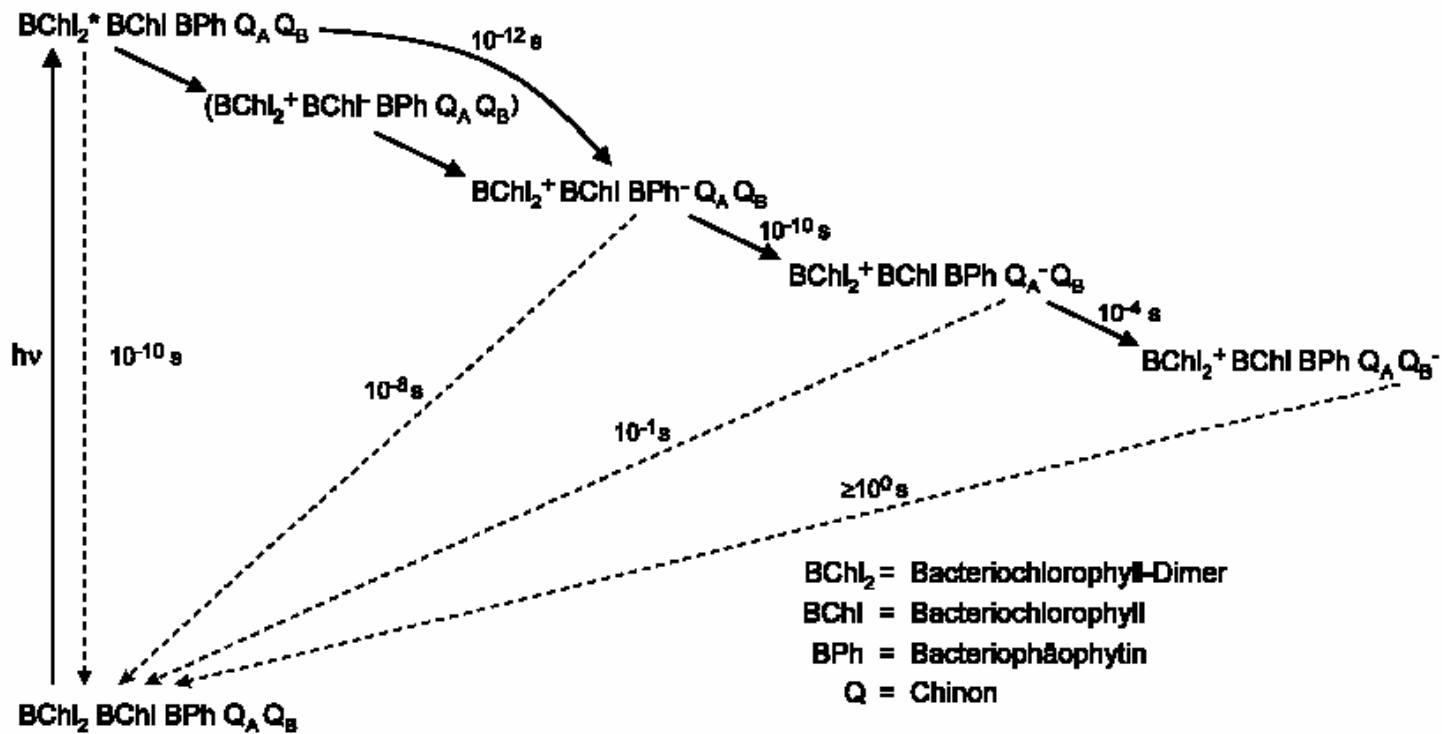


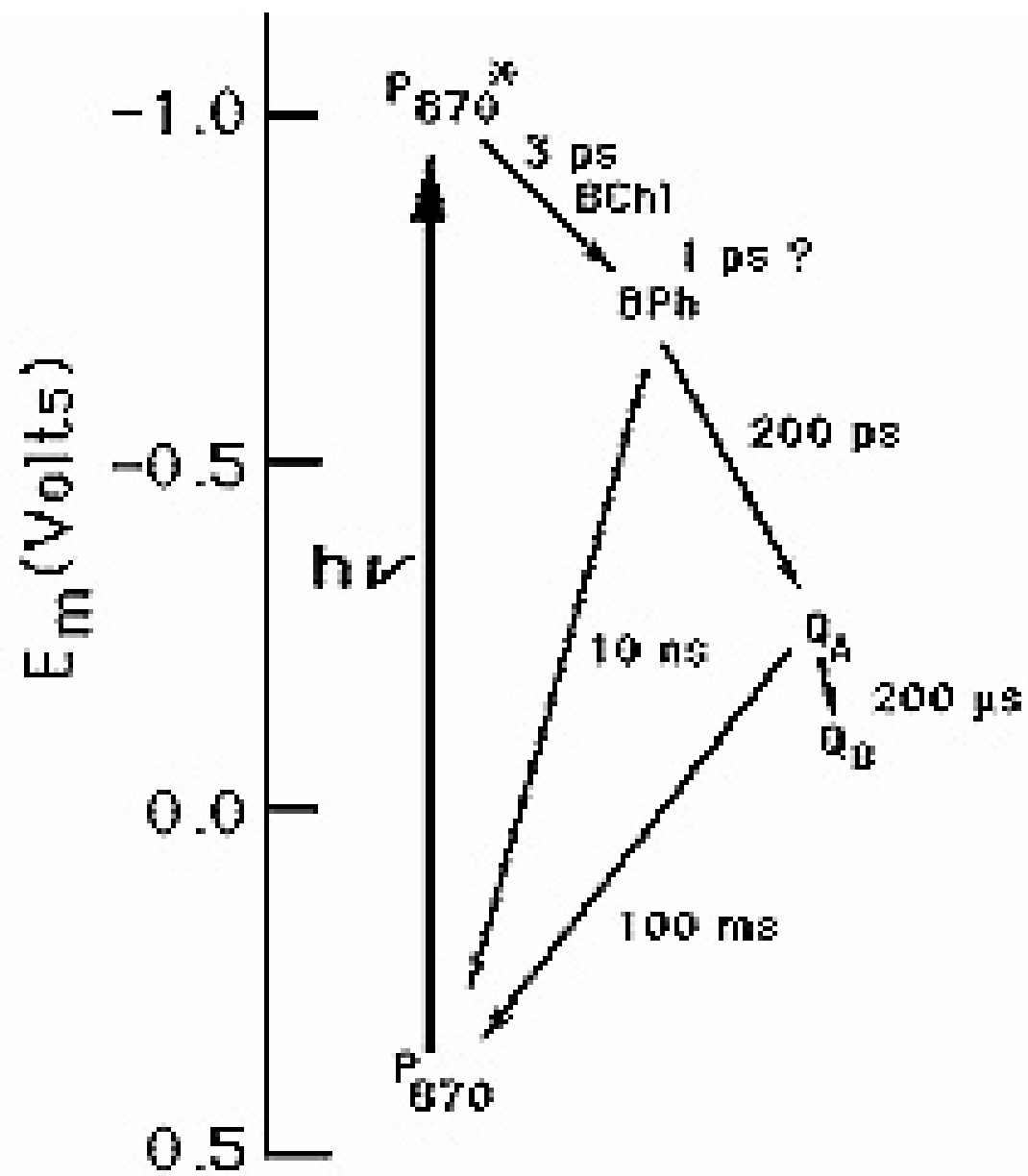


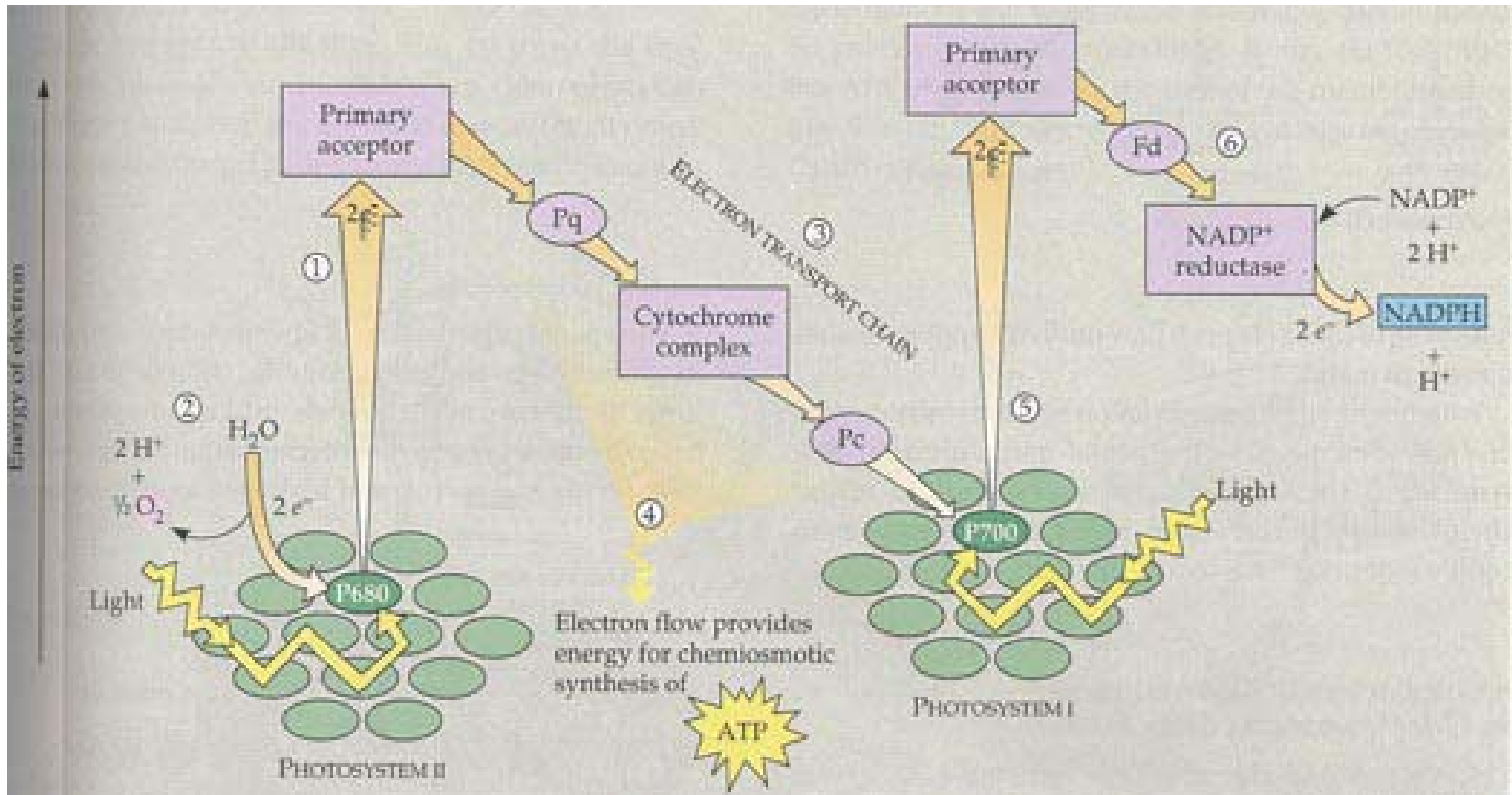
Primäres Reaktionszentrum

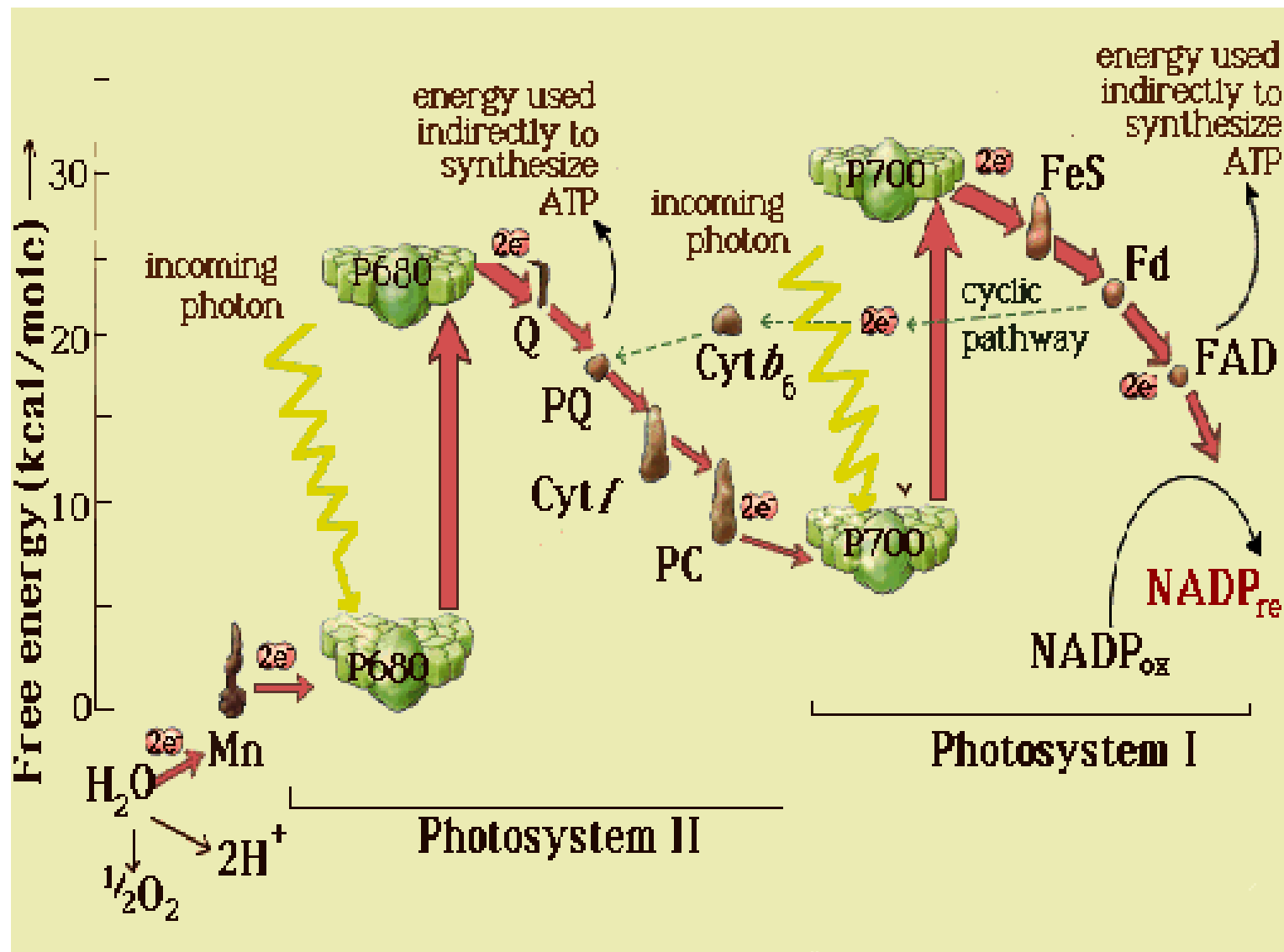


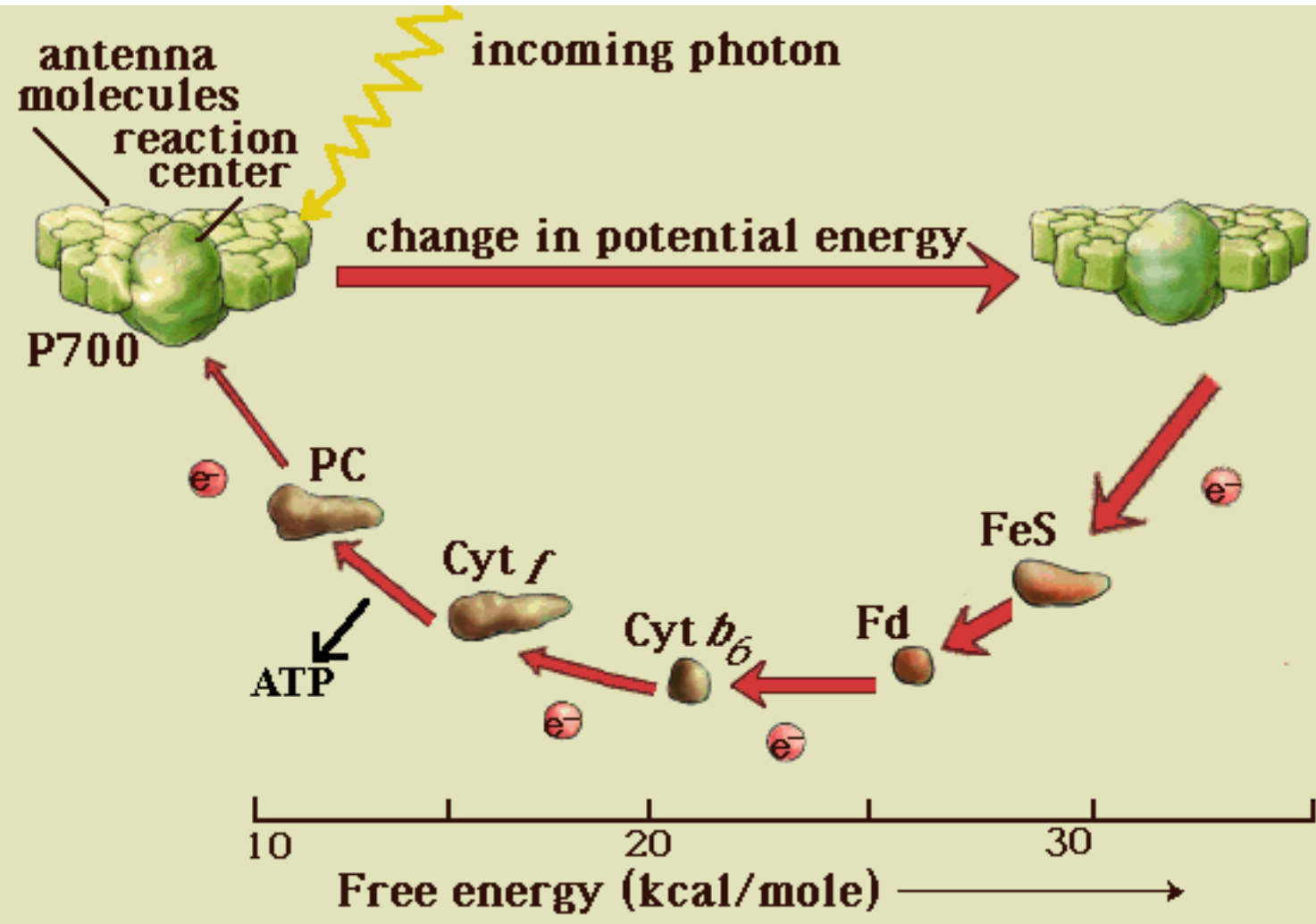
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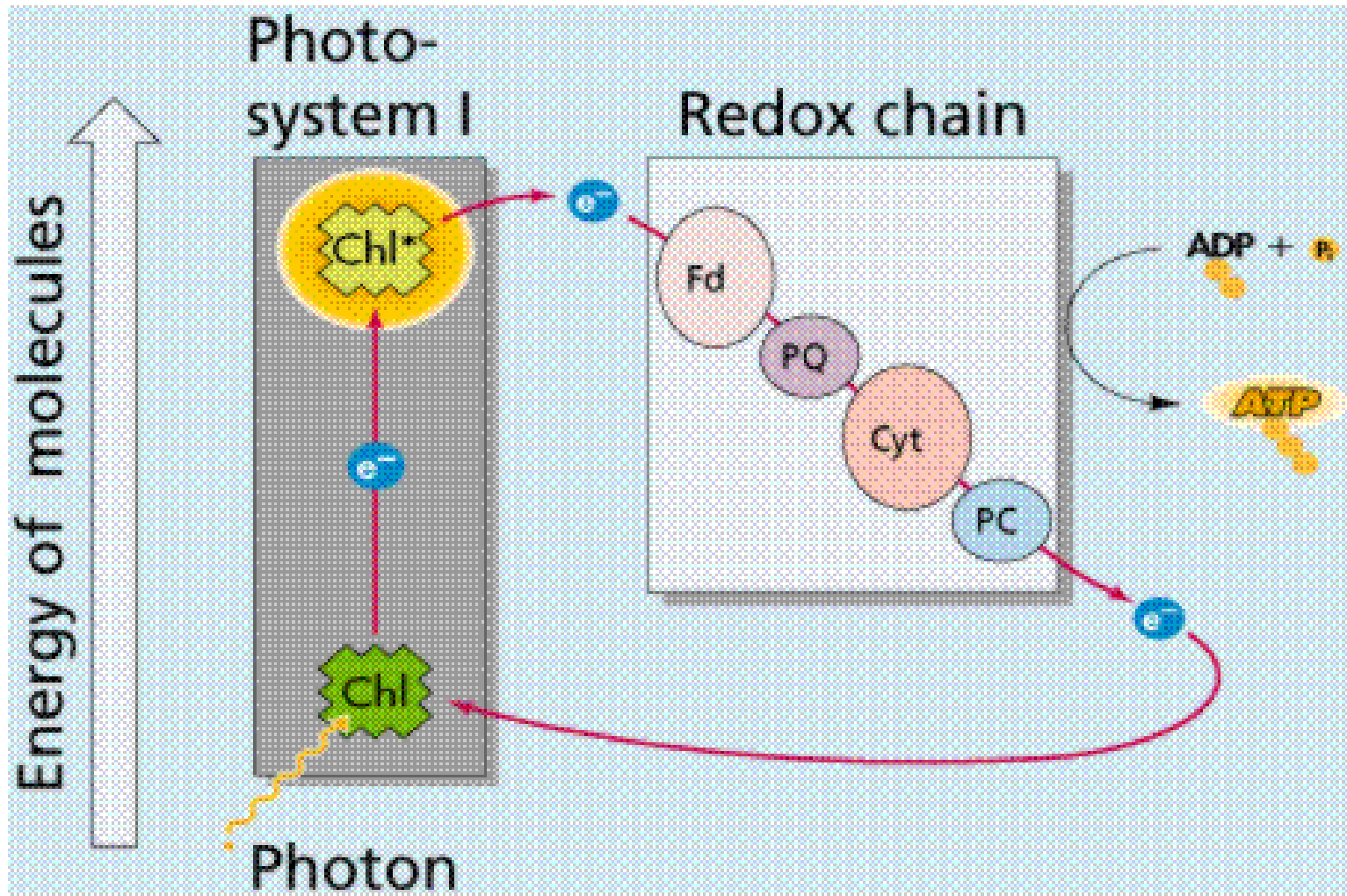




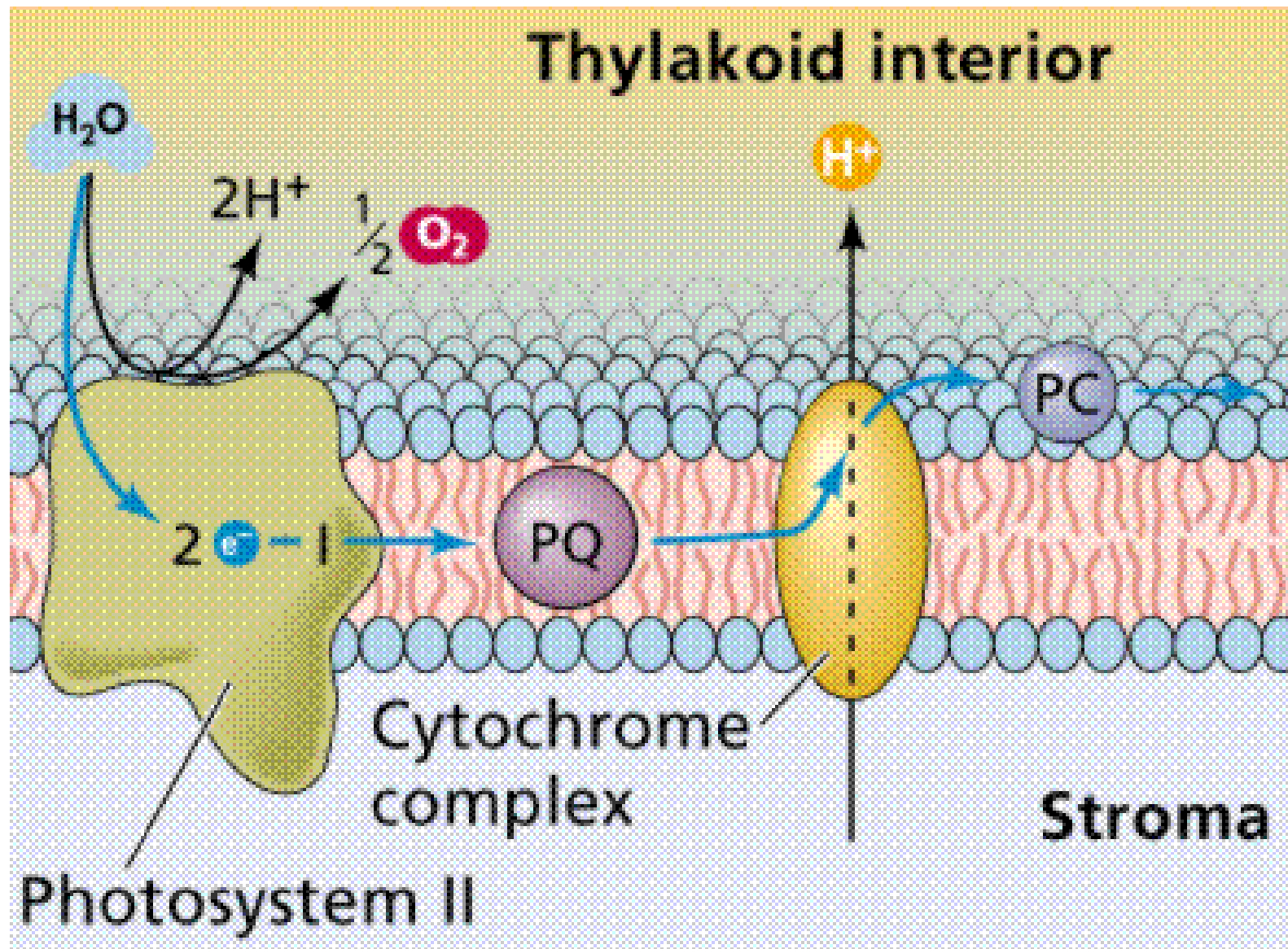


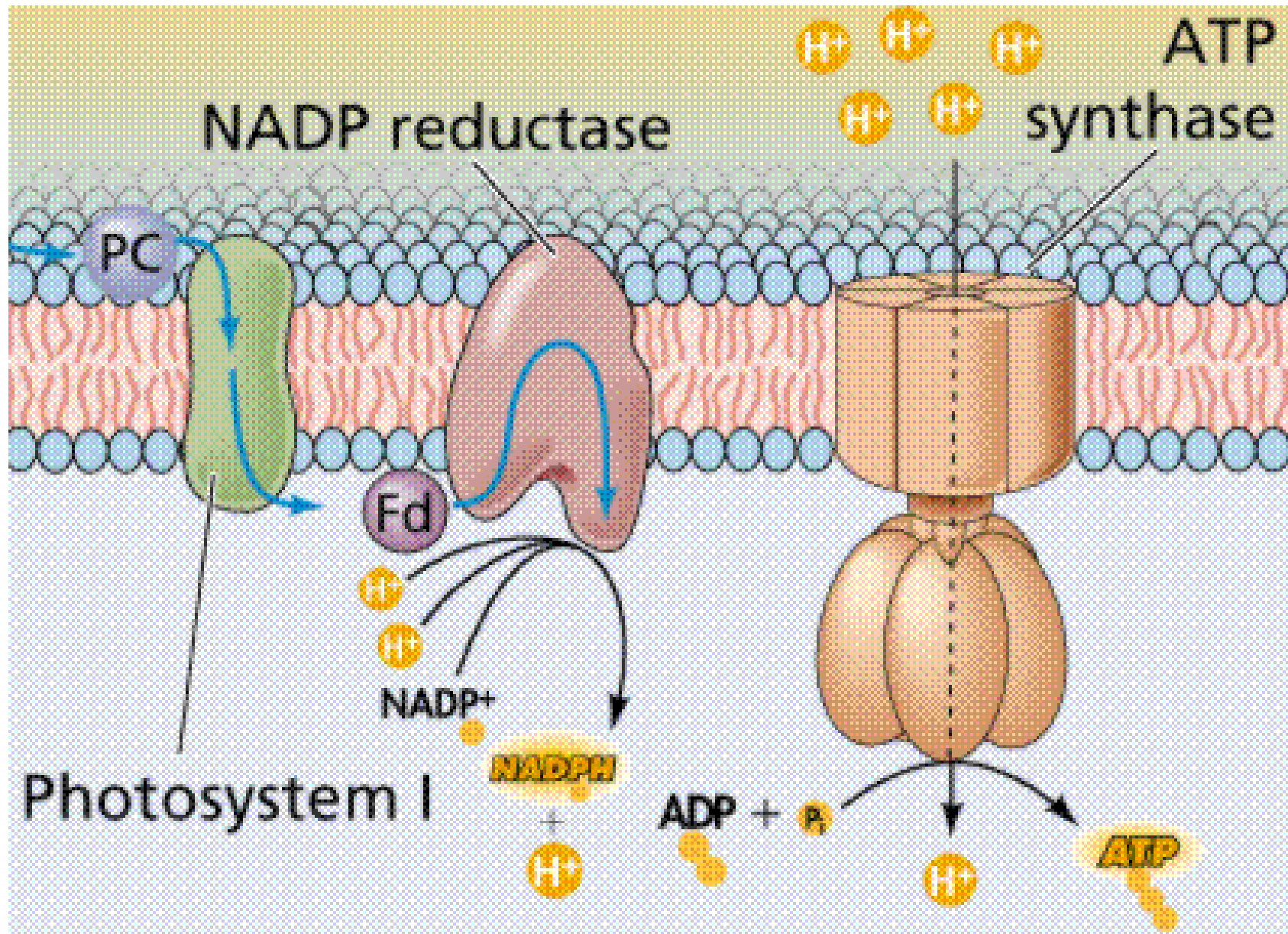


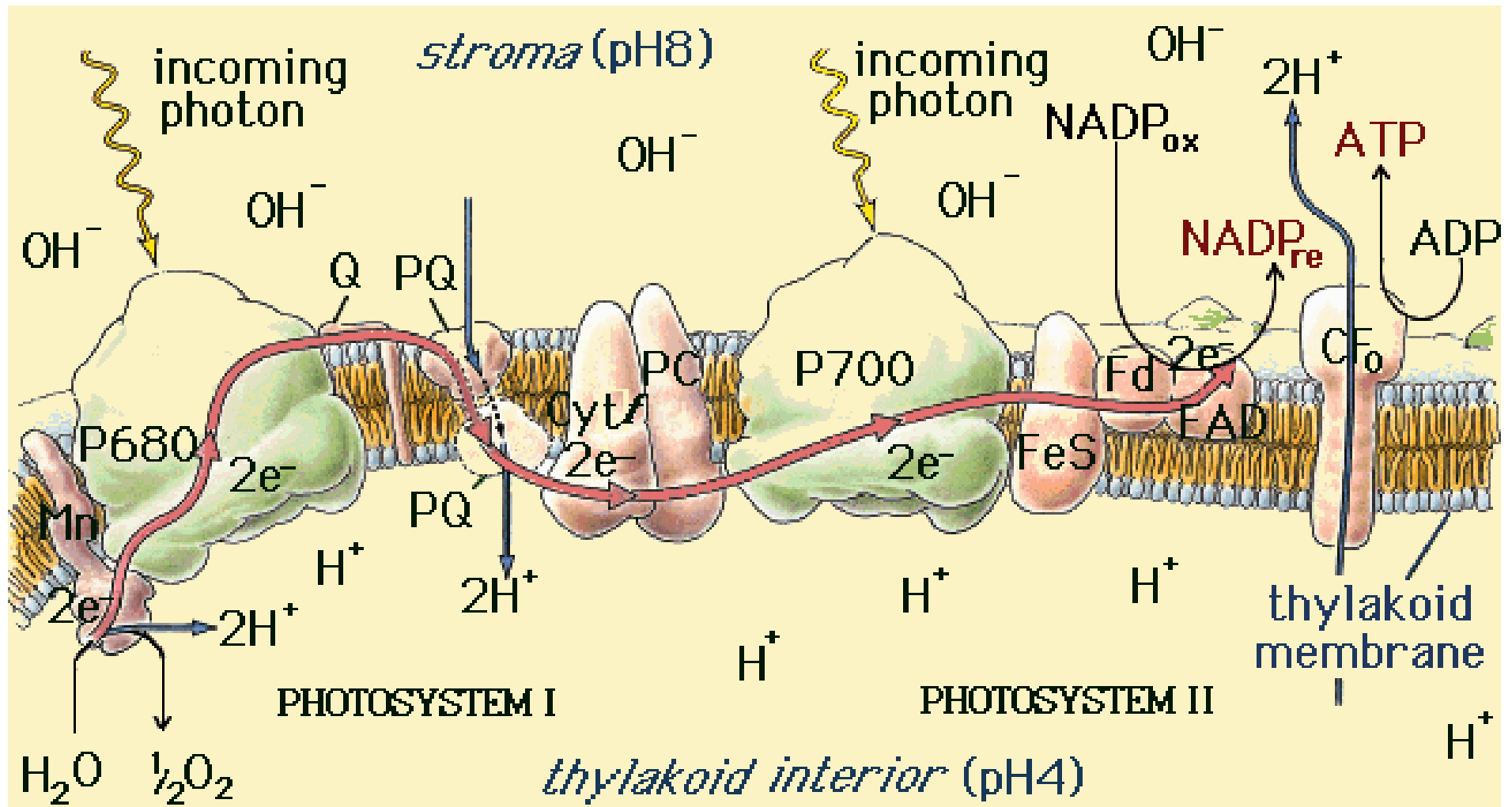


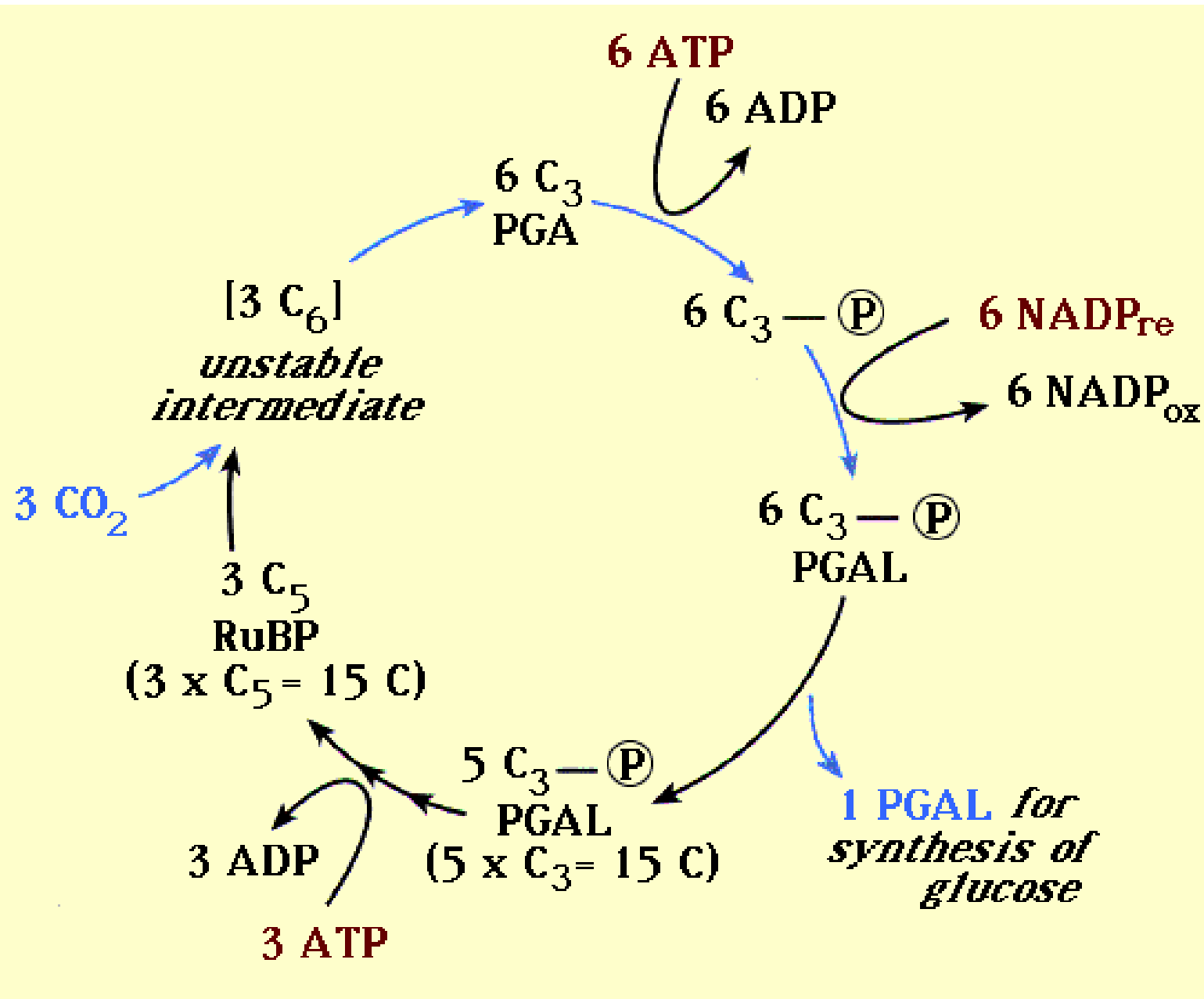


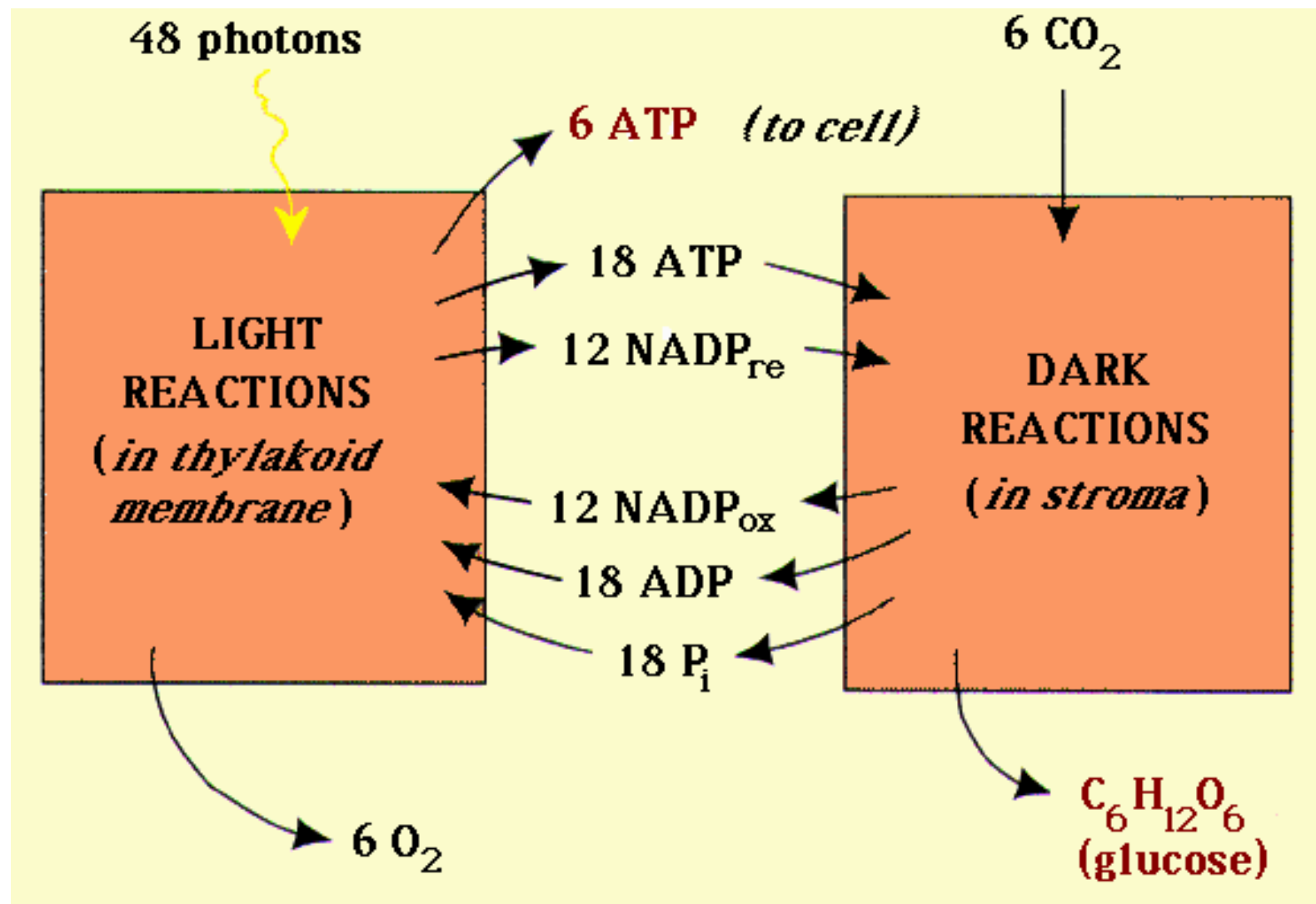
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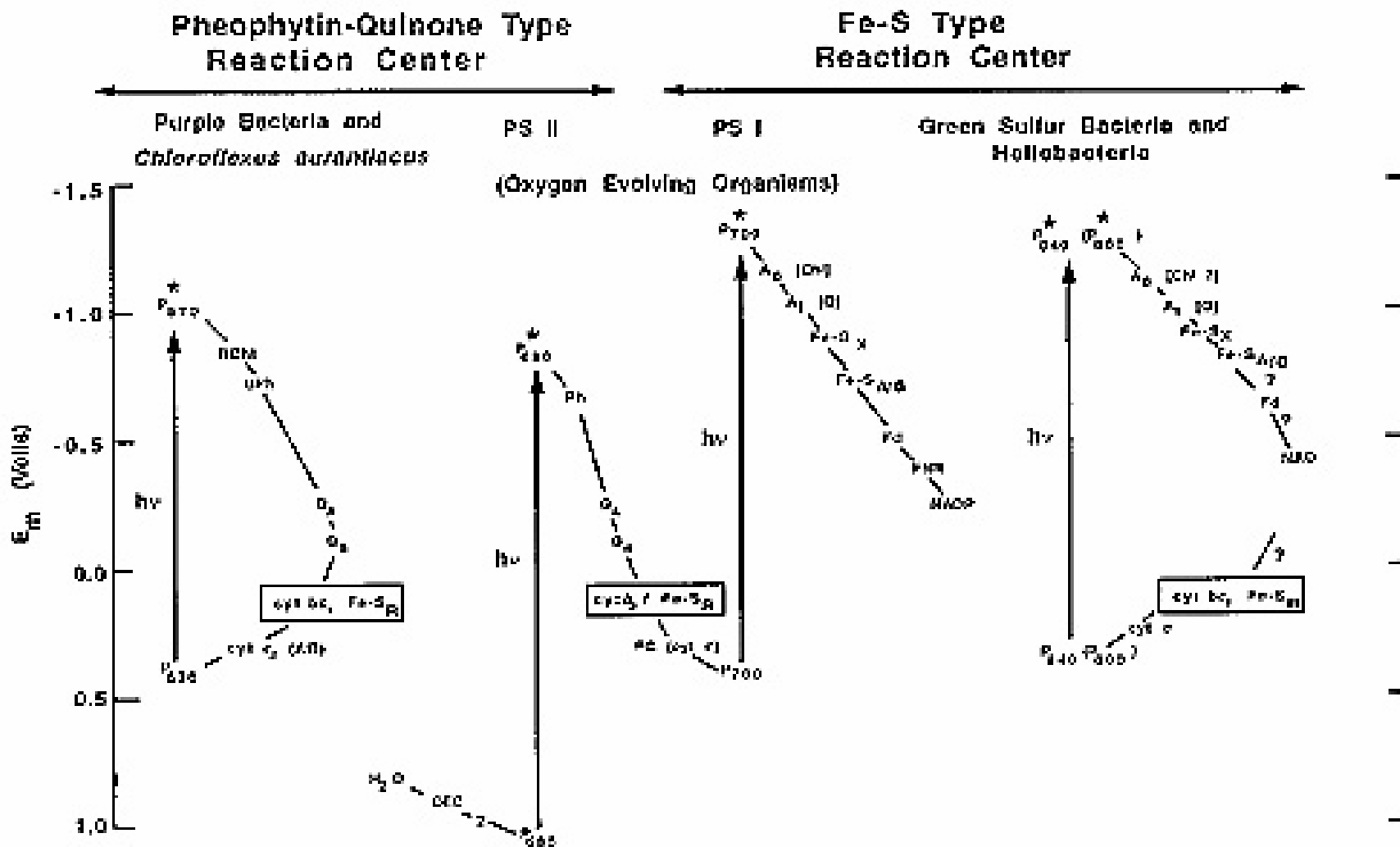












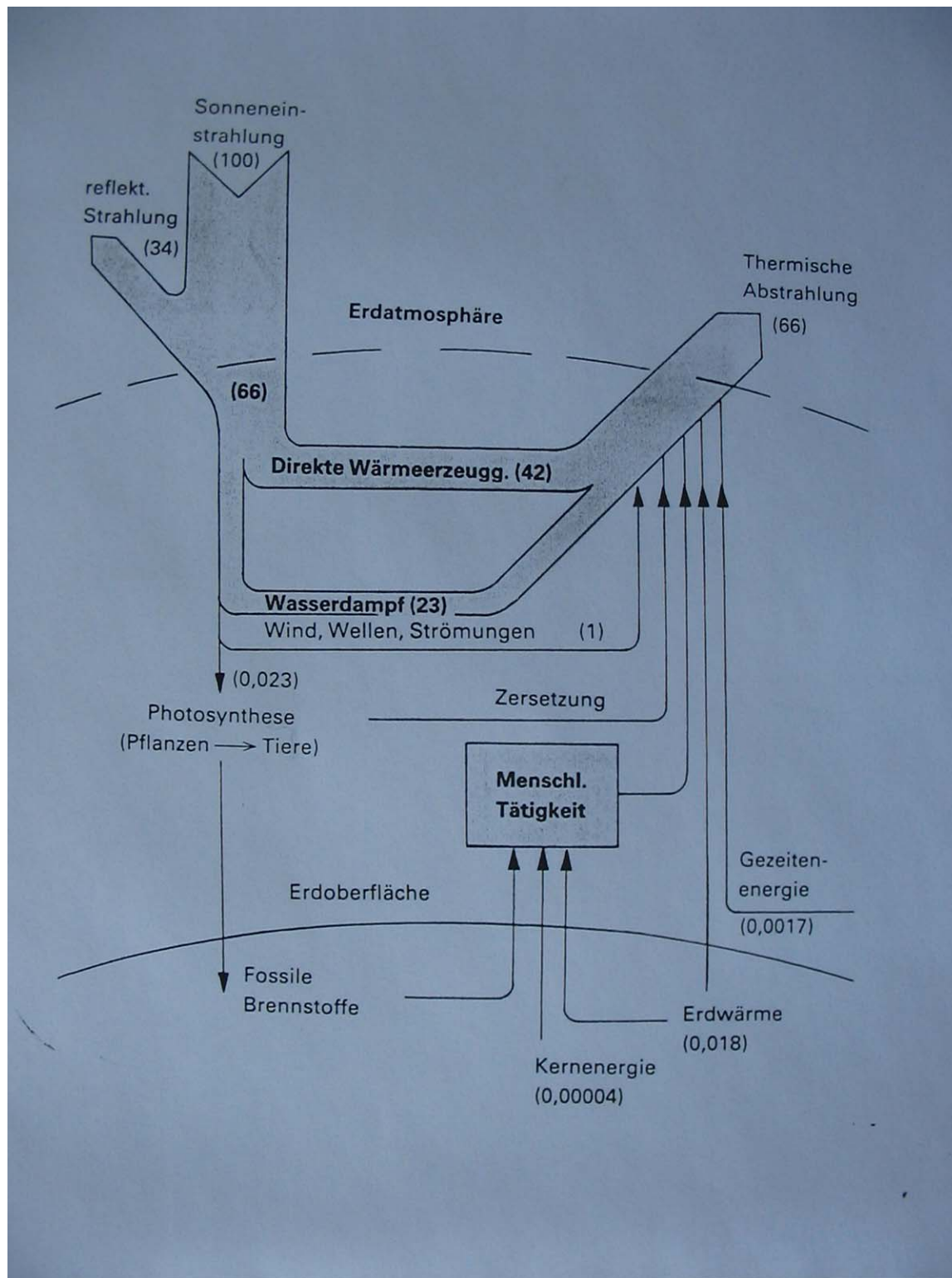
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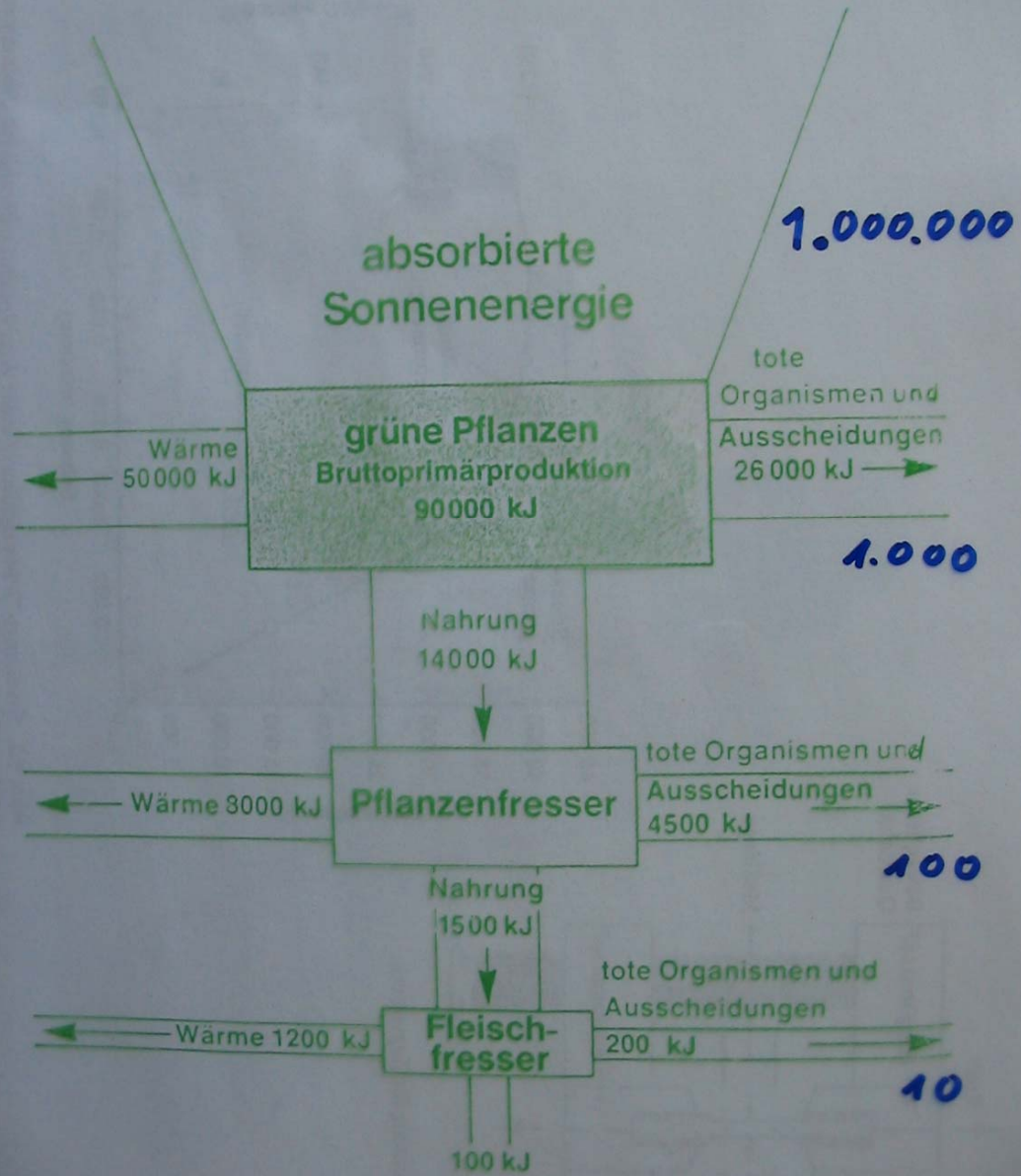


Nobel Prize Winners in Photosynthesis Research

(For more info on all the nobel laureates, click here).

- Paul D. Boyer and John E. Walker (1997, Chemistry): Elucidation of enzymatic mechanism underlying the synthesis of adenosine triphosphate (ATP).
- Rudolph Marcus (1992, Chemistry): Electron transfer theory; included application to photosynthesis. [He was at UIUC, Urbana; had attended my course in "Bioenergetics in Photosynthesis"; is currently at Cal Tech in Pasadena, CA.]
- Hartmut Michel; Robert Huber; and Johannes Deisenhofer (1988, Chemistry): X-ray structure of bacterial reaction center. [Michel has visited Urbana several times and I have had many conversations with him before and after his prize; I have casually met Deisenhofer, but never Huber. The work was done at Munich, Germany.]
- Peter Mitchell (1978, Chemistry ..to check): Oxidative and photosynthetic phosphorylation: chemi-osmotic theory. [The work was done in England, UK]
- Robert Burns Woodward (1965, Chemistry): Total synthesis of chlorophyll, vitamin B12, and other natural products [He was at Harvard University]
- Melvin Calvin (1961, Chemistry): Carbon-di oxide assimilation in photosynthesis. [The work was done at Berkeley; Professor Calvin is known to me as he has visited UIUC, and, he is one of the two professors I had applied to do PhD with; the person who discovered ^{14}C (Martin Kamen), that was crucial for Calvin's experiments, is known to me personally.]
- Richard Kuhn (1938, Chemistry): carotenoids; vitamins [Germany]
- Paul Karrer (1937, Chemistry): Carotenoid structure; flavins; vitamin B2 [Germany]
- Hans Fischer (1930, Chemistry): Chlorophyll chemistry; hemin synthesis [Germany]
- Richard Martin Wilstätter (1915, Chemistry): Chlorophyll purification and structure, carotenoids, etc. [Germany]





**Globale tägliche
Sonnenenergiezufuhr** $6.7 \cdot 10^{18}$ kJ

**Chemische Energie
durch Photosynthese** 0.12 %

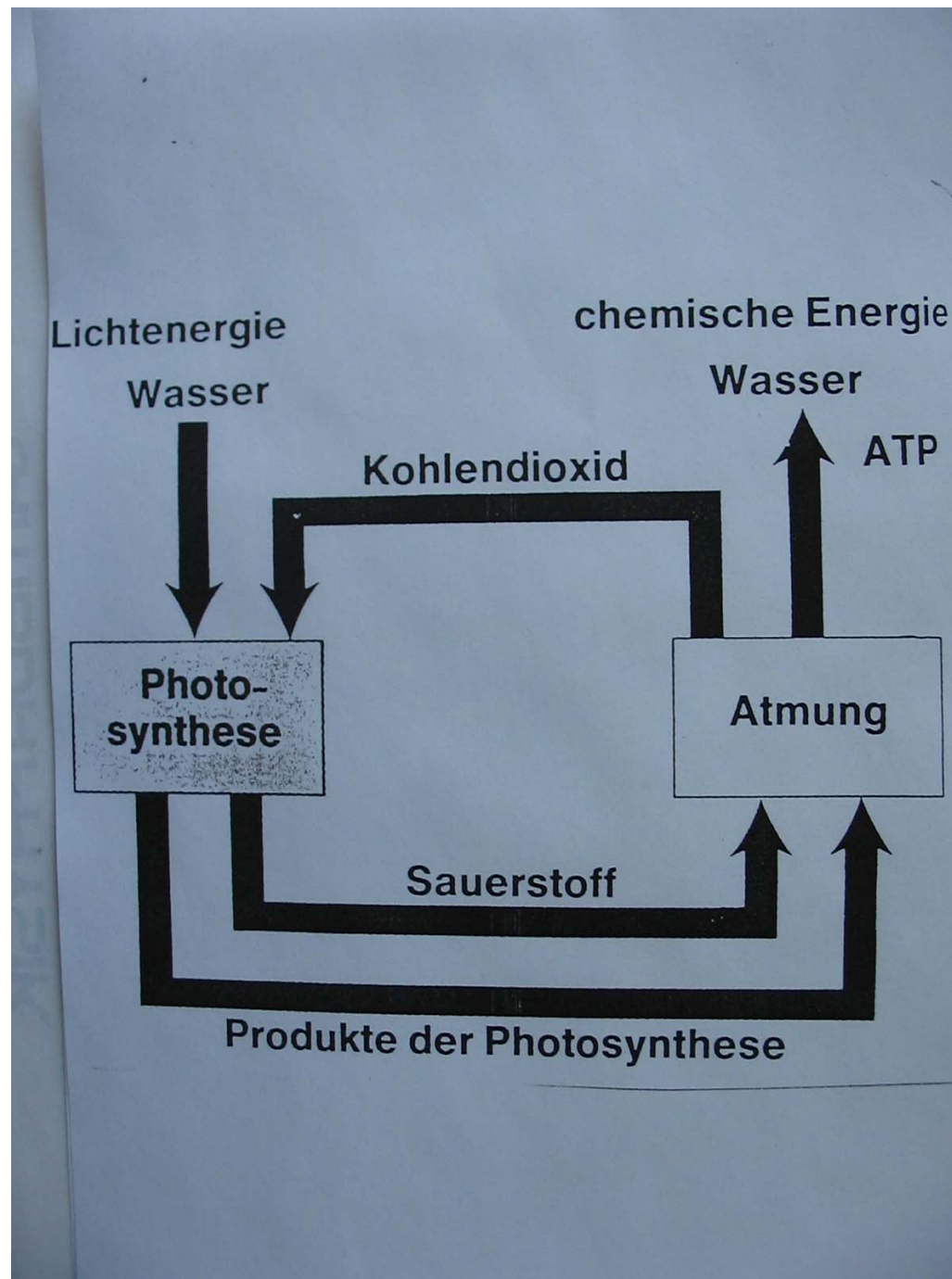
**Globale tägliche
Pflanzenproduktion** $4.5 \cdot 10^8$ t
(netto Trockensubstanz)

Pflanzliche Nahrungsmittel 1 %

**Täglicher Energieverbrauch
eines Menschen**

— **Nahrung** $1 \cdot 10^4$ kJ

— **Energie** $1,4 \cdot 10^5$ kJ



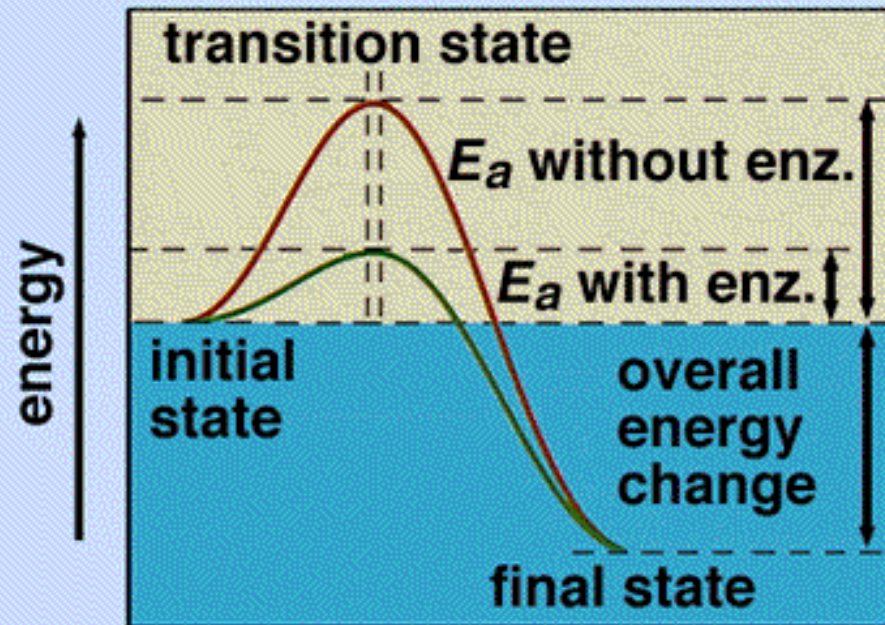
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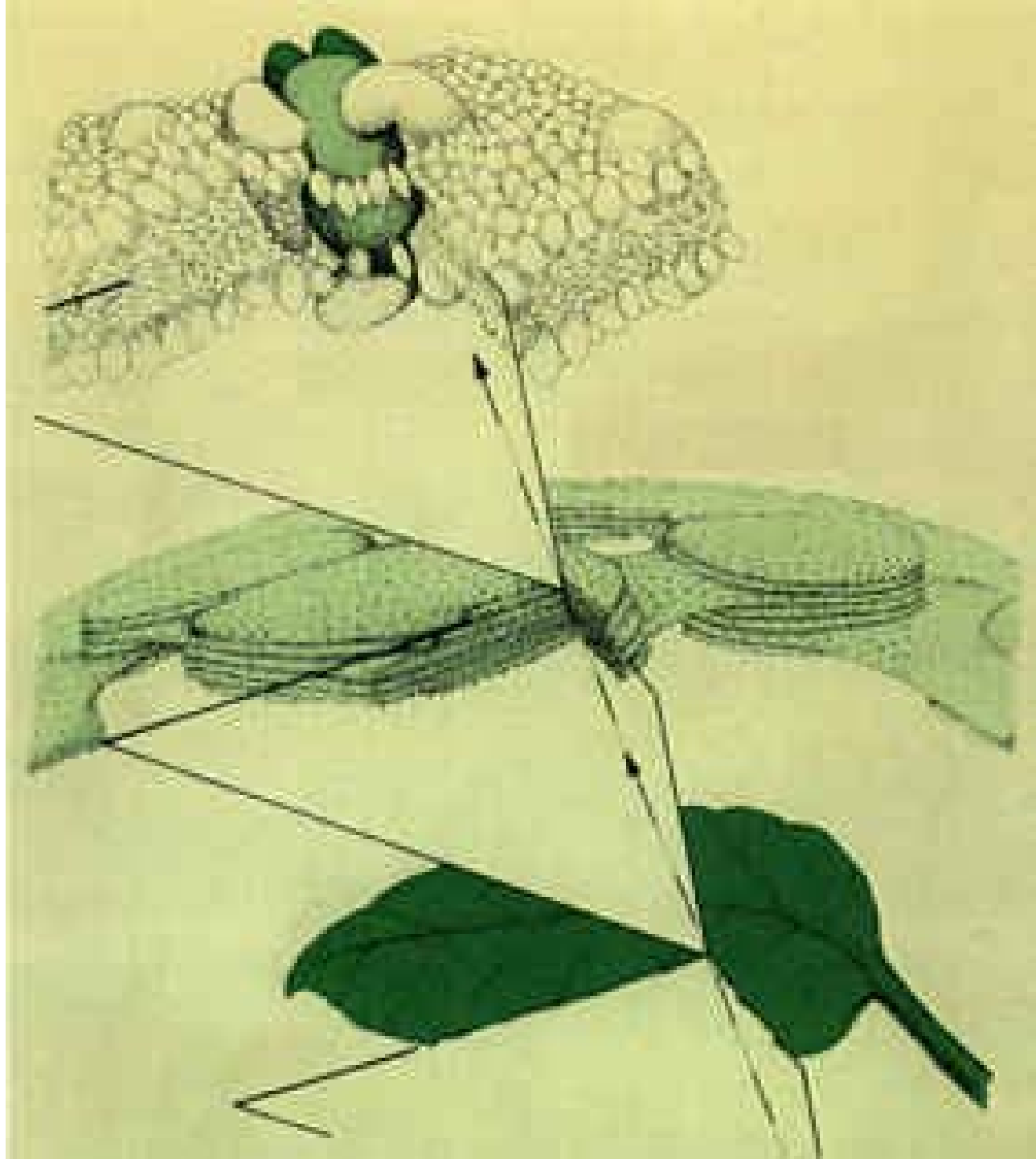
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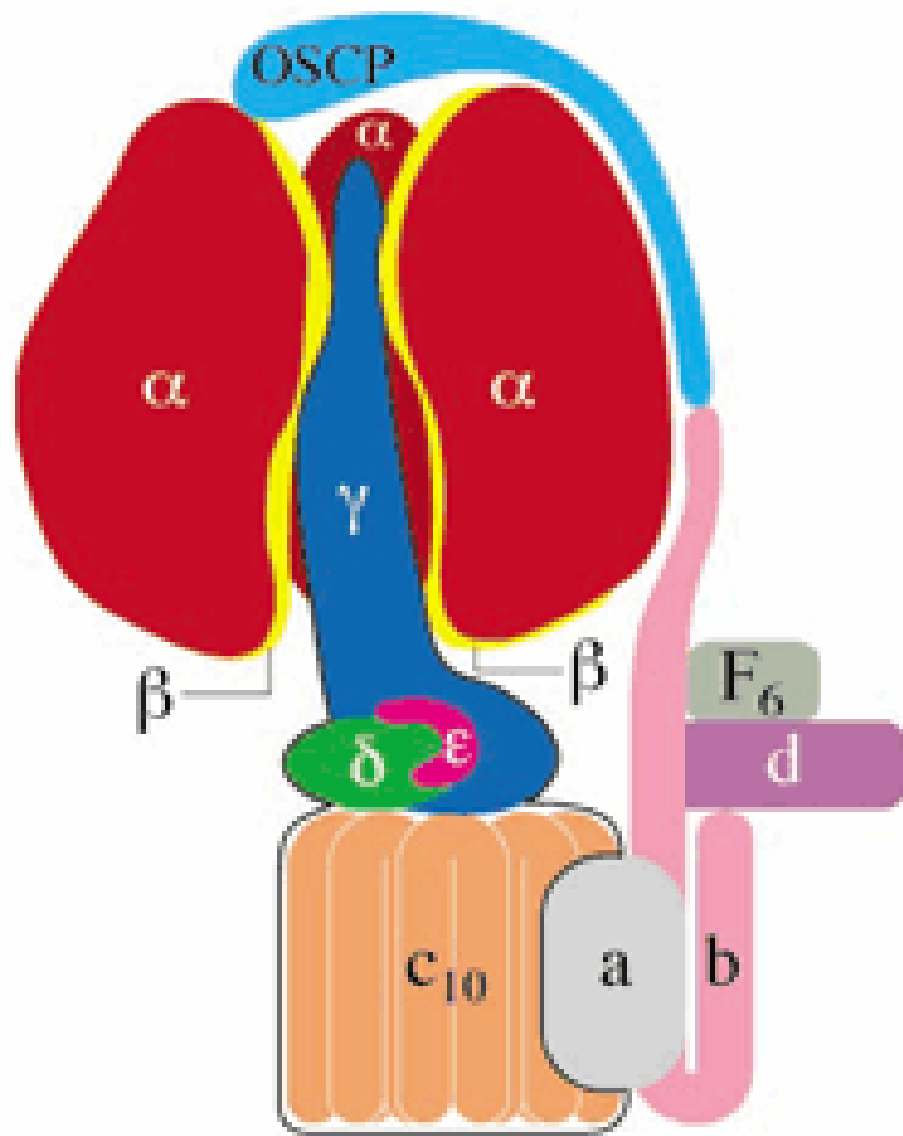
MOTIVATION

- **Formation of well-defined artificial supramolecular systems of nanoscale size with controllable number and photophysical properties of porphyrinic subunits** *using the combination of two fundamentally different approaches: 1) chemical synthesis of covalently linked Zn-porphyrin dimers and trimers with or without additional electron acceptors; 2) self-assembly non-covalent interactions with pyridyl substituted tetrapyrrole extra-ligands (two-fold extra-ligation effect with “key-hole” principle)*
- **Experimental verification of the non-radiative energy migration and photoinduced charge separation processes** *for the systems of interest upon variation of the solvent polarity and temperature (77-350 K)*
- **Specificity of self-assembly interactions between CdSe/ZnS nanocrystals and tetrapyrrolic compounds** *using the tunability of the nanoparticle band gap via size variation and chemical engineering of functionalized organic molecules*
- **Elucidation of the energetic pathways and possible mechanisms of the electronic energy deactivation in supramolecular arrays** *based on experimental data and theoretical considerations*

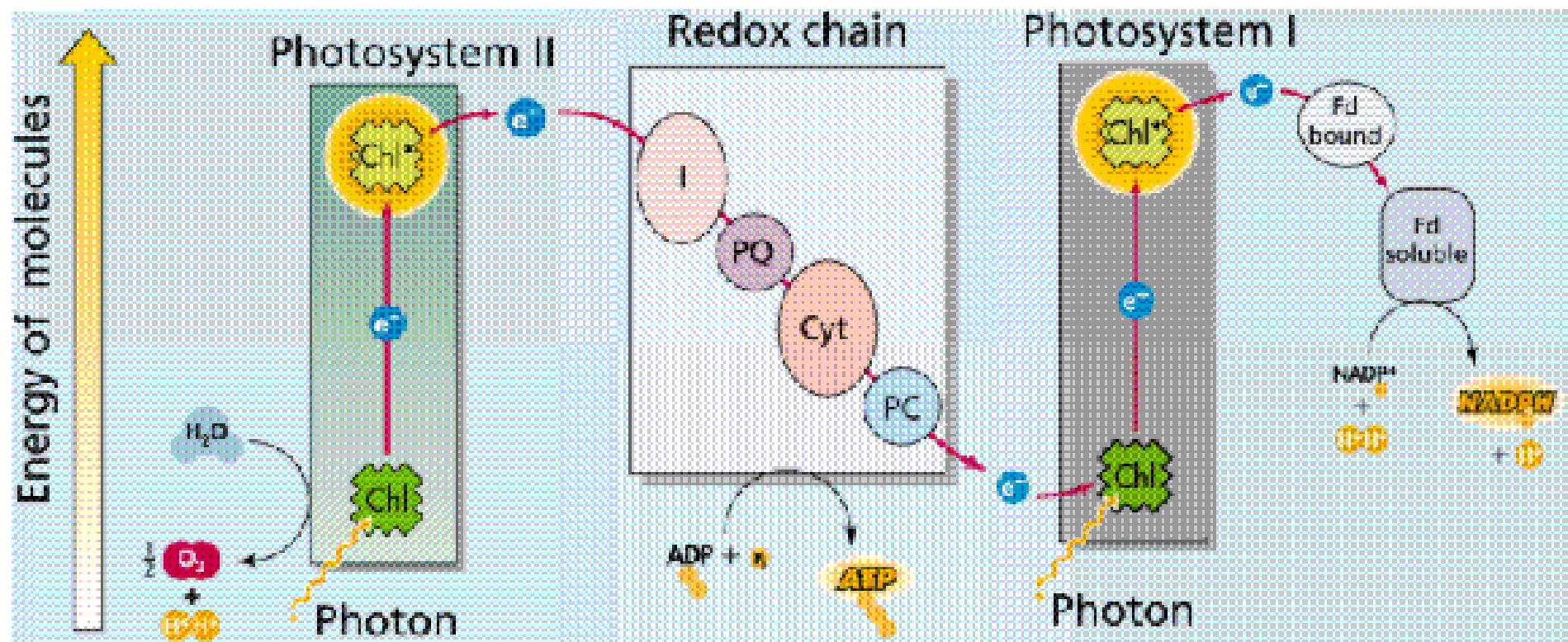
Energy Hill Diagram



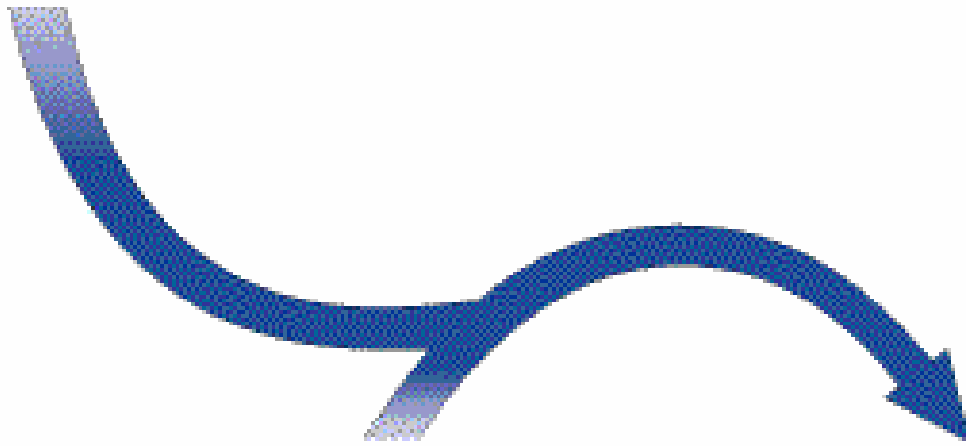




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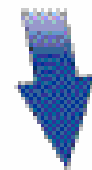


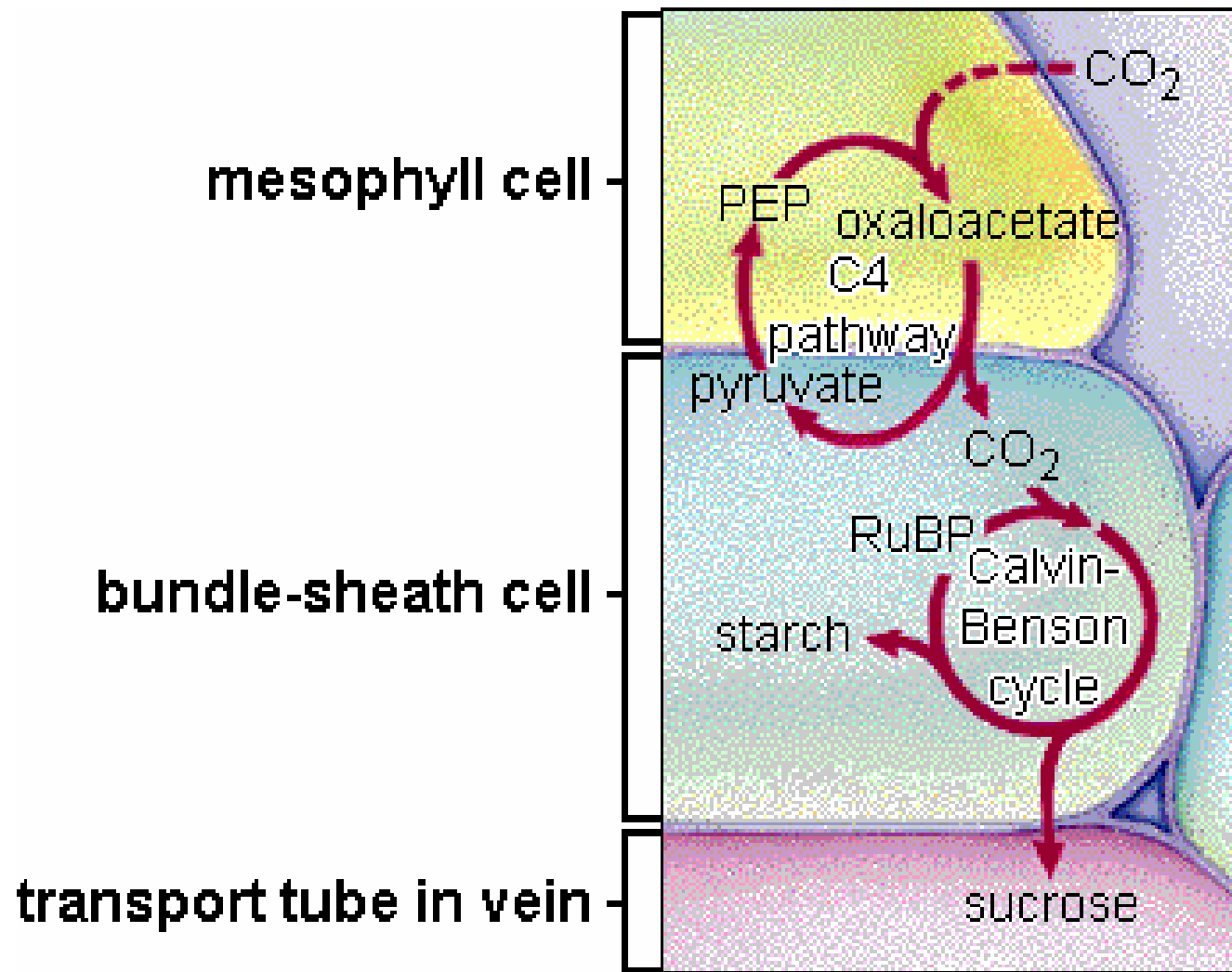
6 ● (CO₂ from the air)

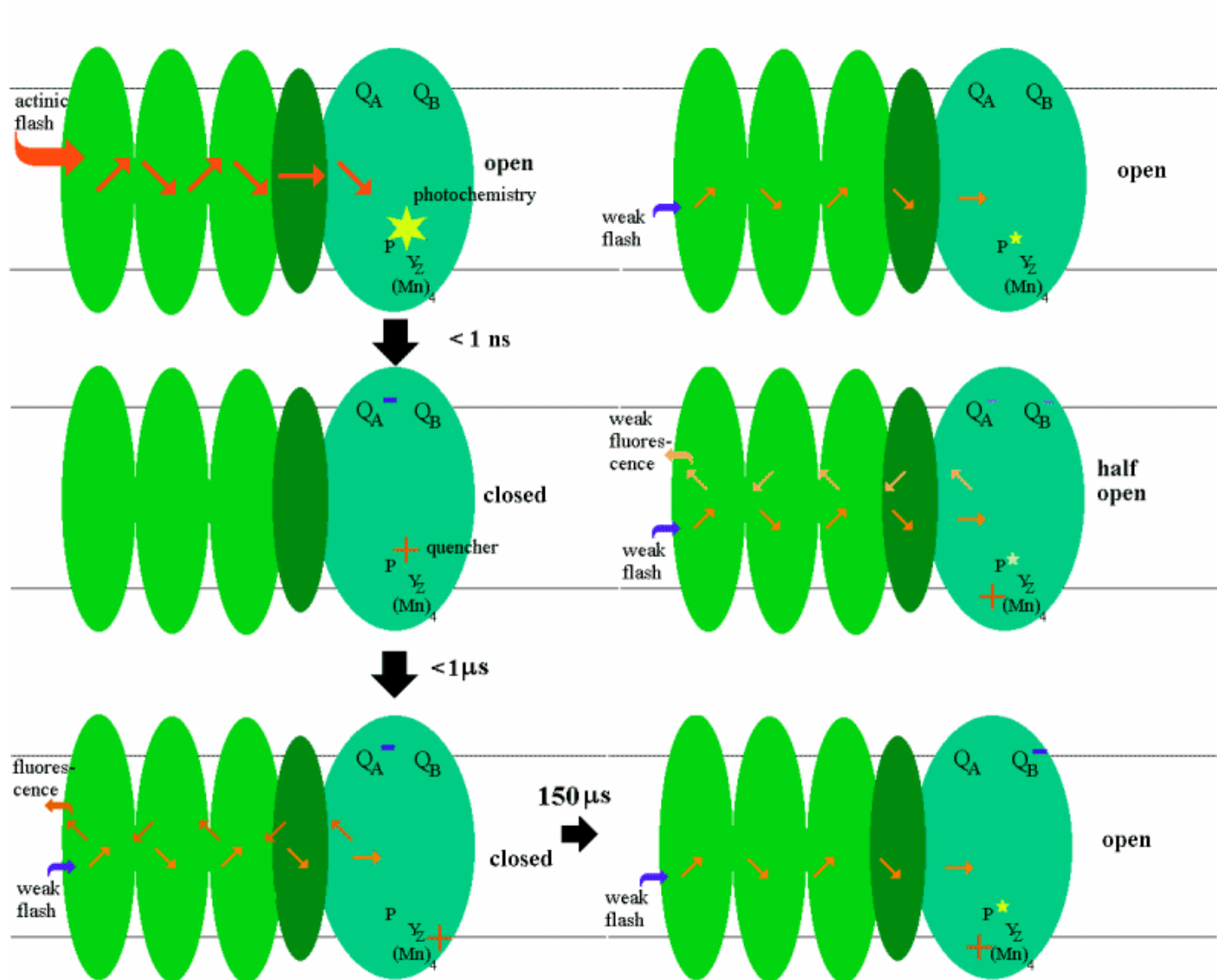


6 ●●●●●●
(RuBP)

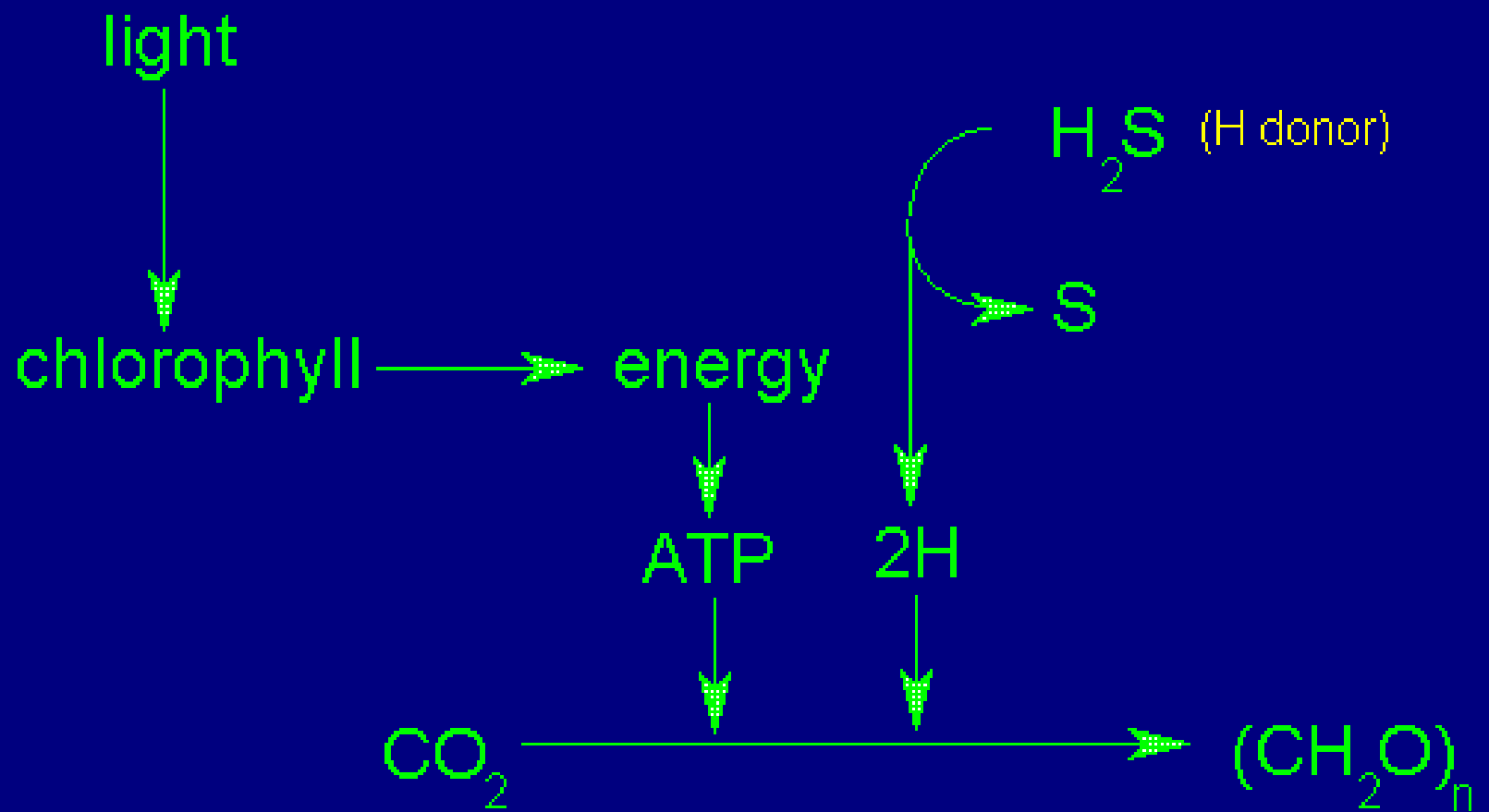
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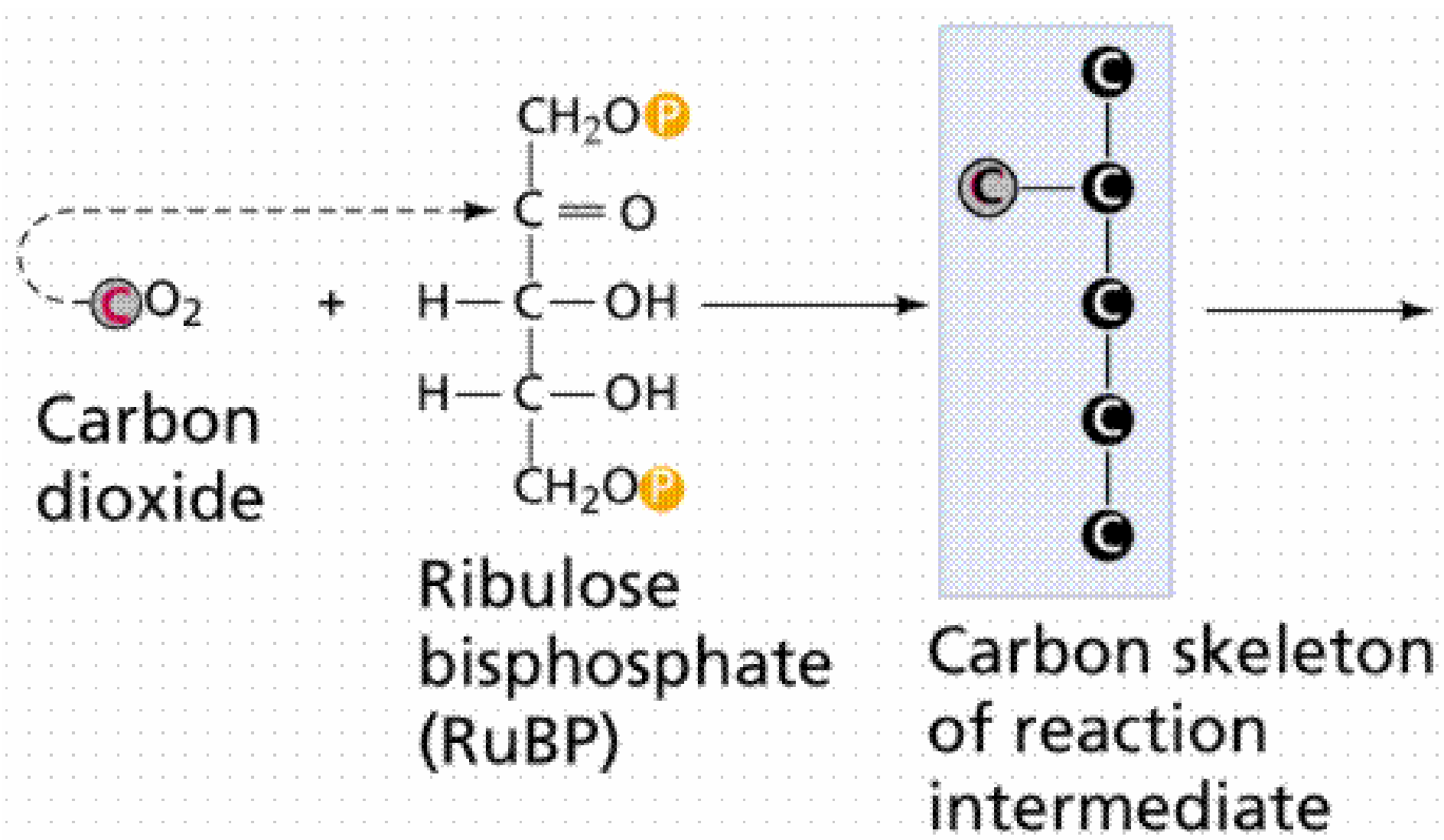


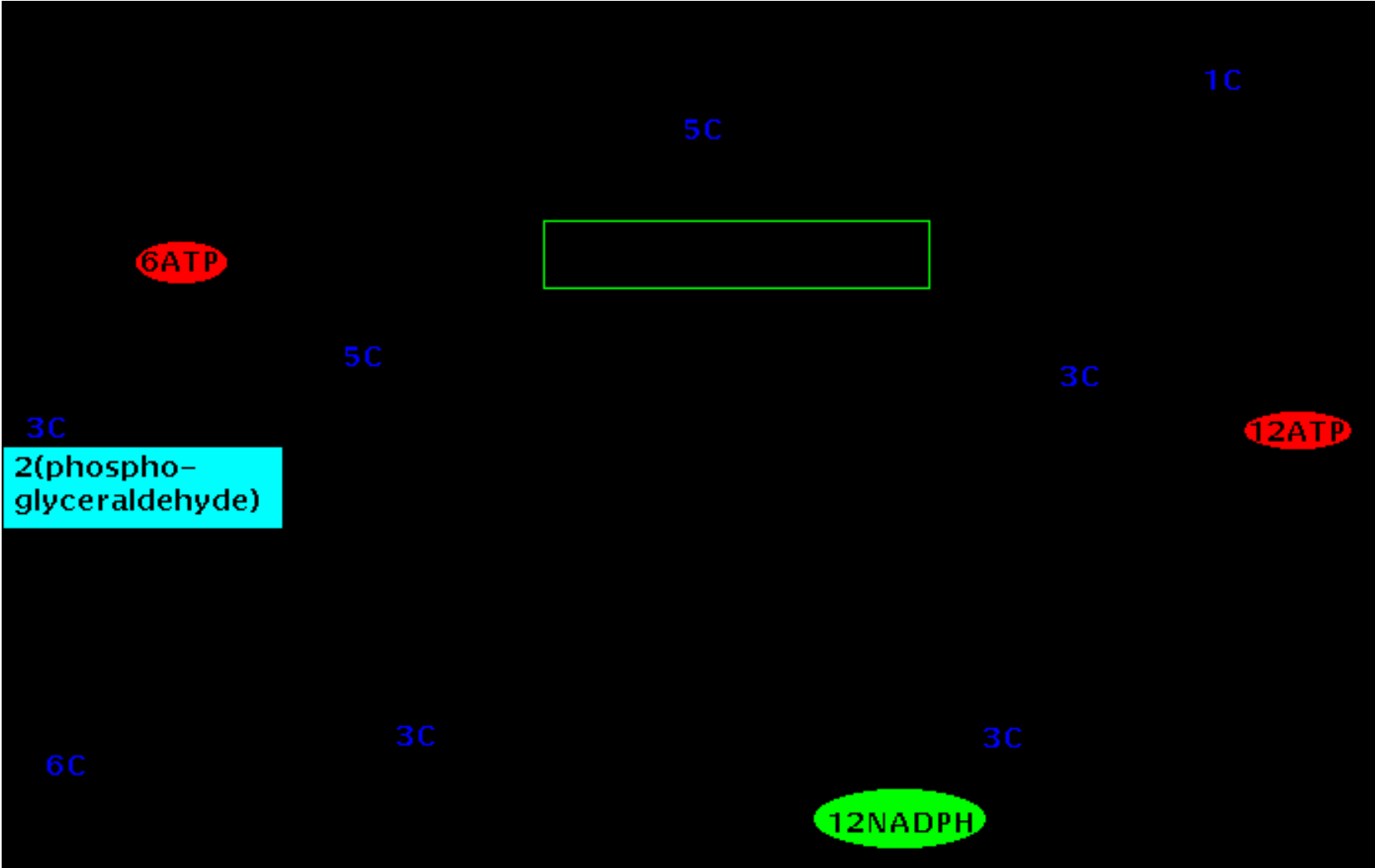


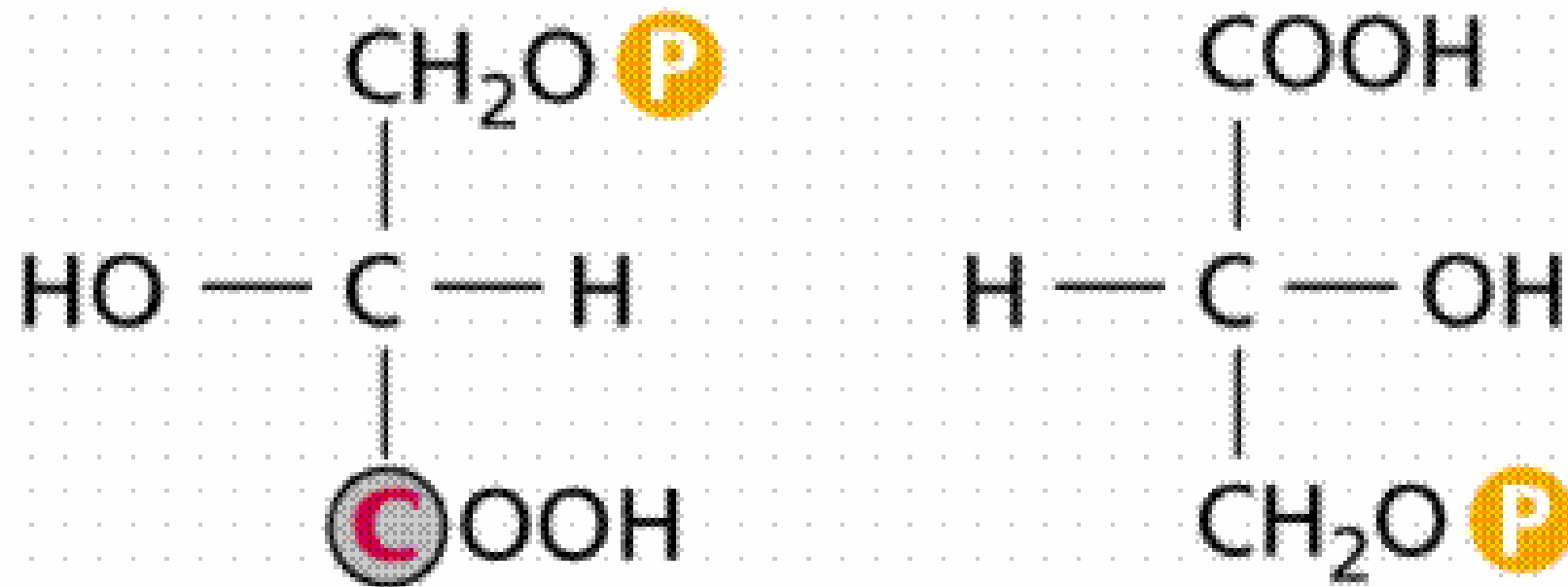


Certain photosynthetic bacteria

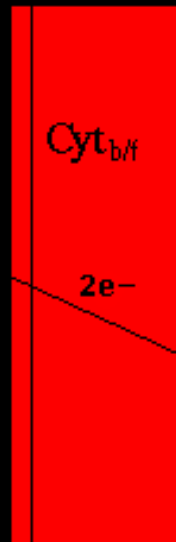




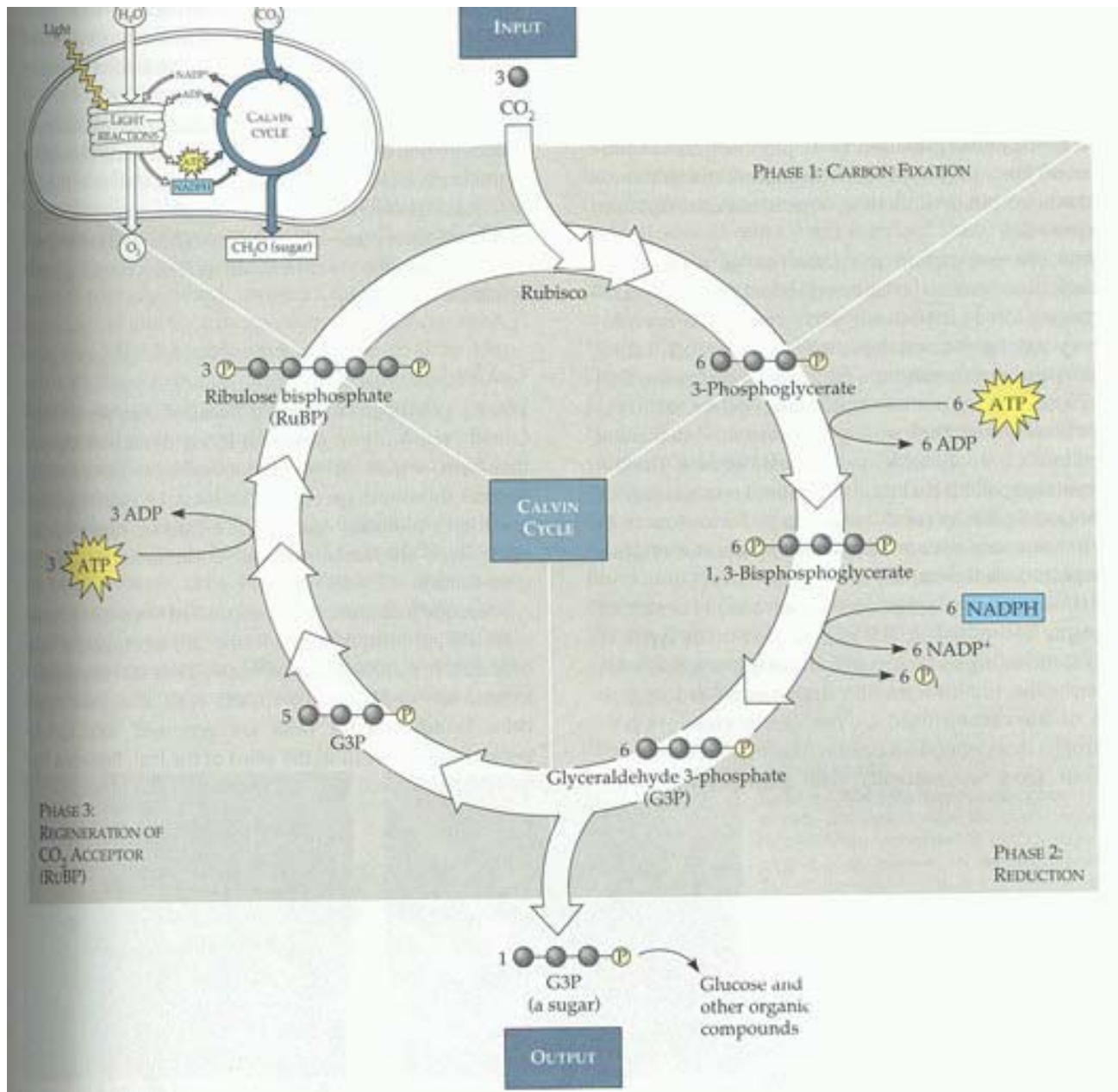




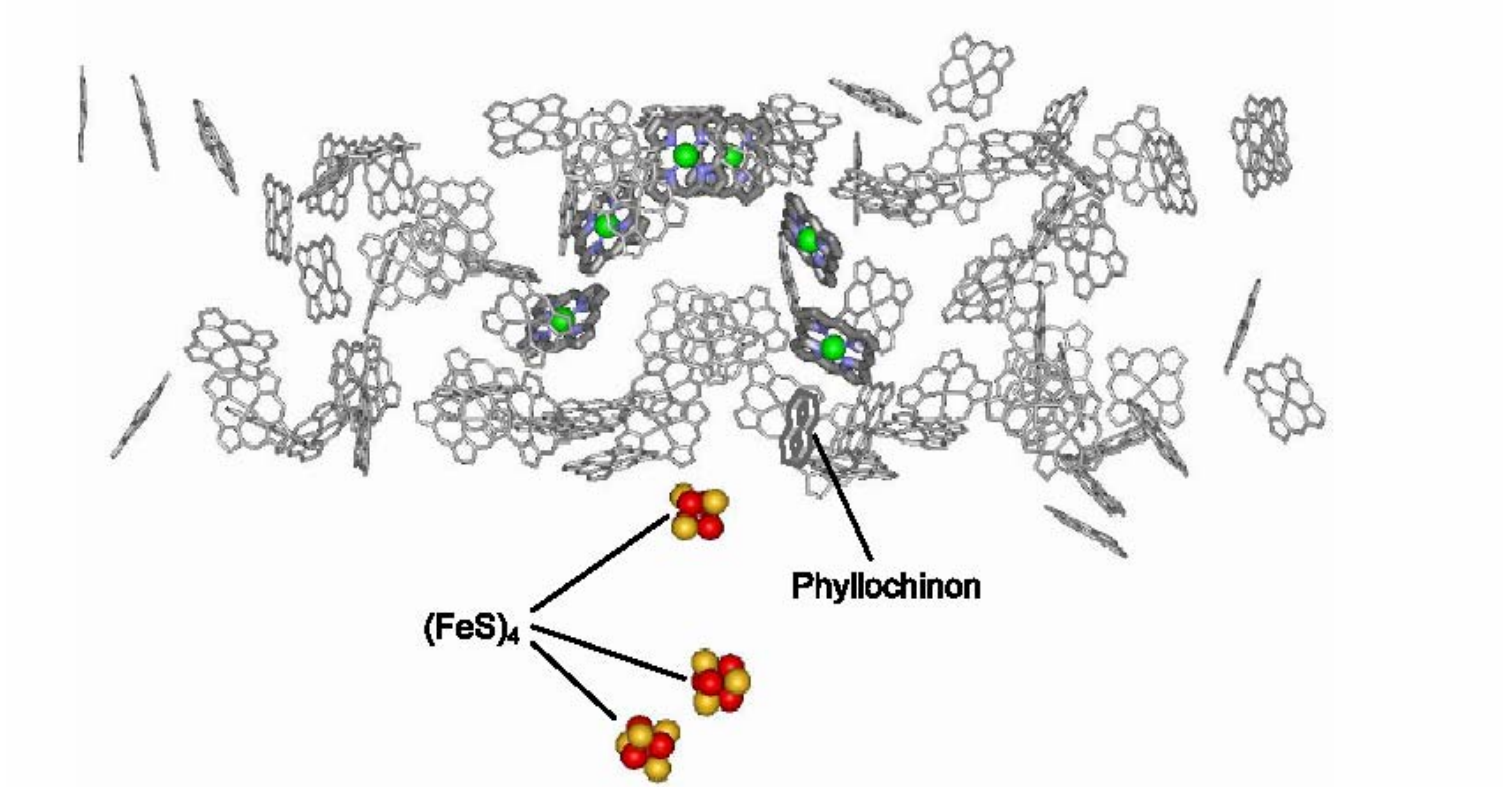
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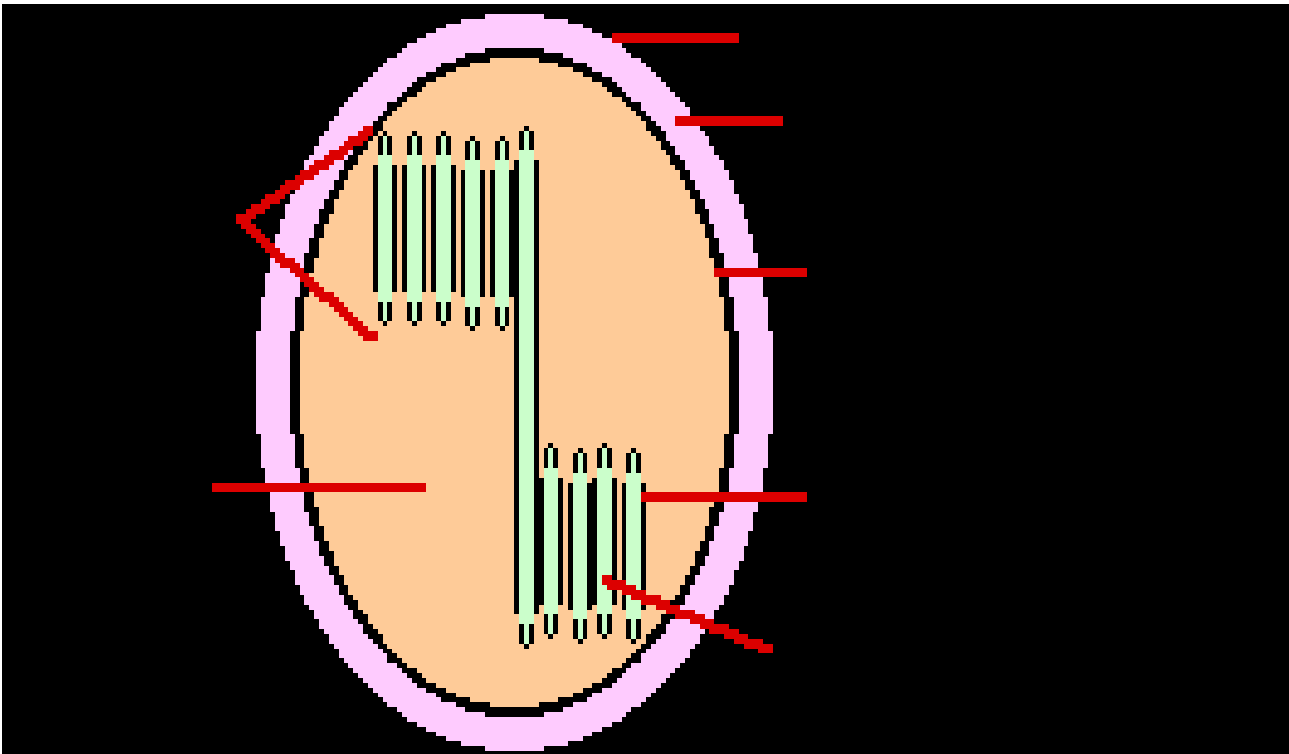


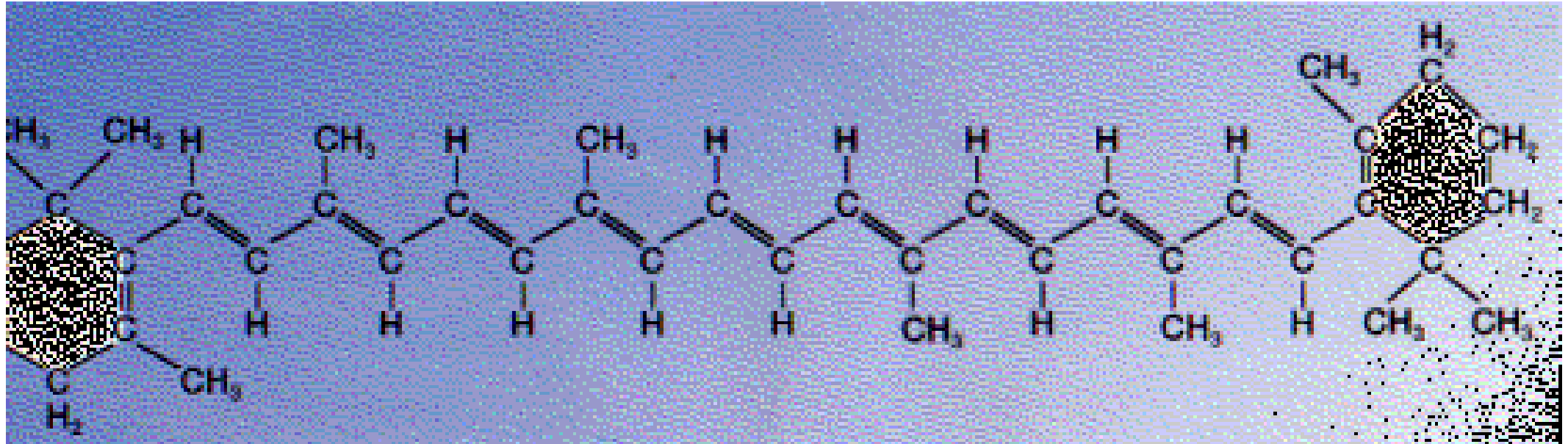
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Synthase





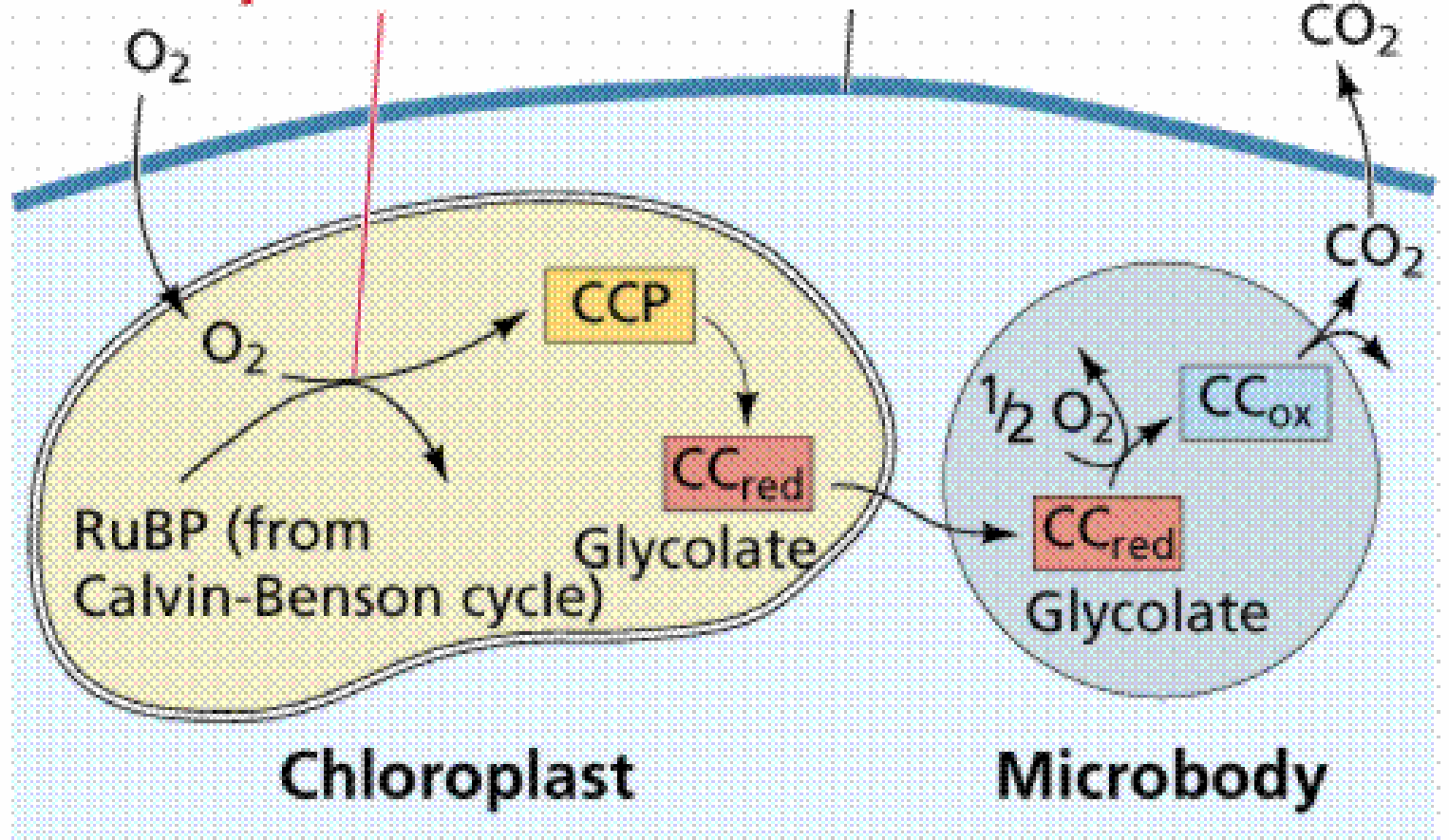






Reaction catalyzed
by rubisco

Plasma membrane



RuBP (from
Calvin-Benson cycle)

CCP

CC_{red}

Glycolate

Chloroplast

$1/2 O_2$

CC_{ox}

CC_{red}

Glycolate

Microbody