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## **UNIT – I**

**Introduction to Bioinorganic Chemistry; Bioenergetics and ATP cycle**

## **UNIT-II**

**Electron Transfer in Biology; Heme and non-Heme proteins**

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UNITS I and II

**CHE621CC - Bioinorganic Chemistry**

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## Unit - I

### **Introduction to bioinorganic chemistry**

Metallobimolecules and its classification – Essential and trace elements in biology, Biological Ligands (Porphyrins, corrin and chlorin). Organic electron carrier couples- NADH, NADPH, FMNH<sub>2</sub>, FADH, Quinones and ubiquinone.

Transport across the membrane-Active and passive transport, Ionophores, sodium/potassium pump (Na/K ATPase enzyme mechanism), Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> – Structural features, Chemistry of cobalamins, Co-C bond cleavage, isomerase reactions and bioalkylation (synthesis of methionine).

### **Bioenergetics and ATP Cycle**

Features of ATP, phosphate group transfer potential of various phosphate compounds, glycolysis (glucose to pyruvate conversion) and glucose storage as glycogen. Photosynthesis: structural features of chlorophylls, role of Mg(II), Pigments involved in Photosystems I and II (PS I and II), cleavage of water using PSI and PS II in photosynthesis (Z-scheme), Oxygen evolving complex (OEC) and its involvement in oxidation of water to O<sub>2</sub>

## UNIT II

### **Electron Transfer in Biology**

Iron-sulphur proteins-Ferredoxins, Rubredoxins, Rieske's protein

Cytochromes-classifications, structural features, O<sub>2</sub> activation using CytC oxidase, oxidative phosphorylation, and respiratory chain (ATP synthesis and blocking of respiratory chain), CN poisoning.

Blue copper proteins: classification (type 1, 2 and 3) with examples (azurin and plastocyanin), Function of Cu, Zn-Superoxide dismutase

### **Heme and Non-heme Proteins**

Oxygen transport and storage: heme-dioxygen bonding, Structural features of heme group in hemoglobin (Hb) and myoglobin (Mb), O<sub>2</sub> transport mechanism, Allosteric effect, cooperative effect, Bohr effect, role of 2,3-bisphosphoglycerate (BPG), irreversible oxidation of heme, -Hematin formation, CO poisoning, Hb in acid-base balance and CO<sub>2</sub> transport, Structure and functions of Hemerythrin and hemocyanin.

## UNIT III

### **Nickel and Molybdenum containing Enzymes**

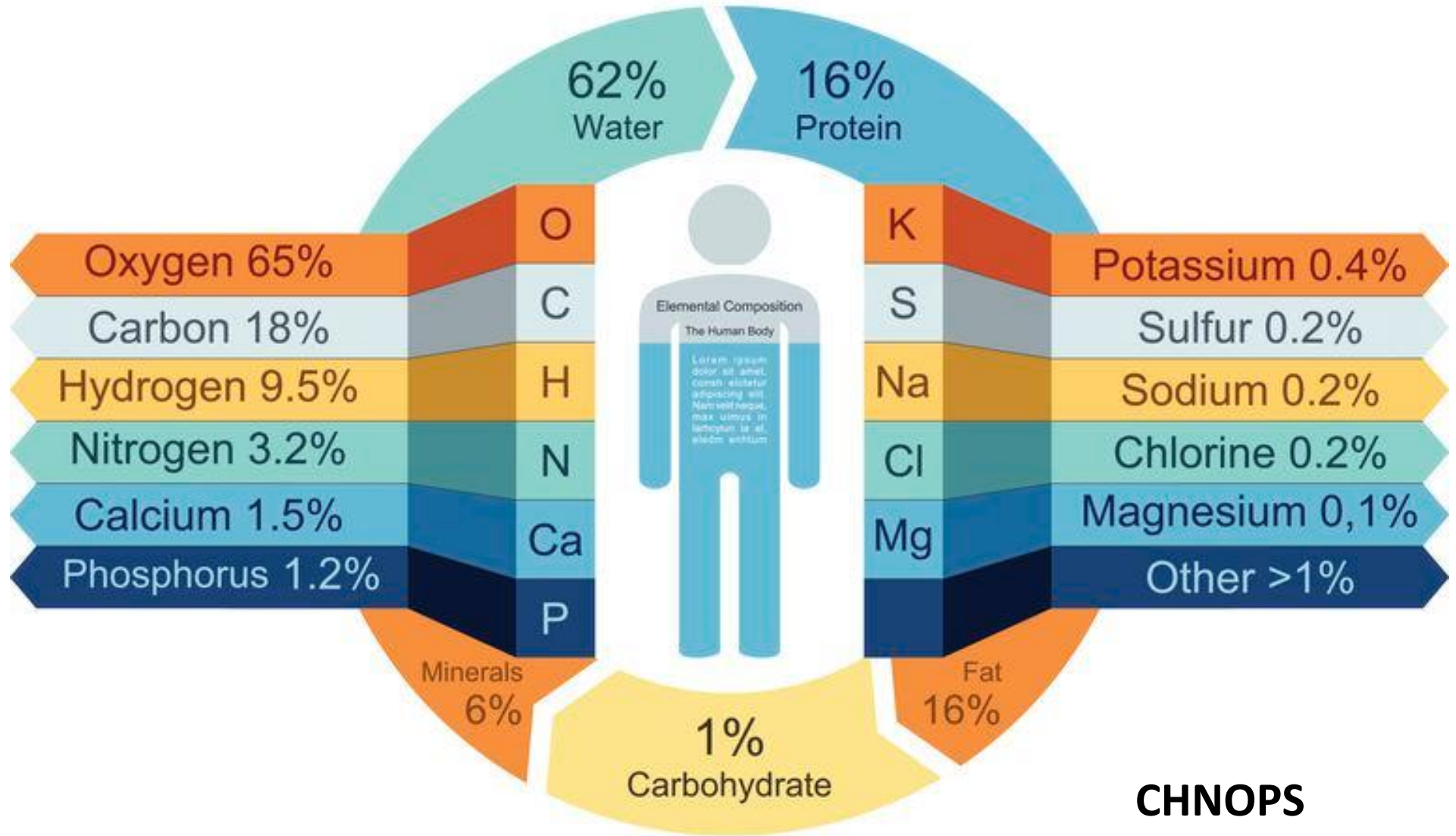
Structure and functions of Urease, Hydrogenases, biological nitrogen fixation using molybdenum nitrogenase - spectroscopic and other evidences, other nitrogenase model systems.

**Metals in Medicine:** cis-platin and its mode of action, side effects, Gold containing drugs as anti-rheumatic agents and their mode of action - Lithium in psychopharmacological drugs. Copper, Zinc deficiency and its treatment, Wilson disease, Menke's disease, Arsenic, Mercury poisoning and chelating drugs used for detoxification.

# BASICS – Chapter 1 of Unit I



# ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE HUMAN BODY



ELEMENTAL COMPOSITION



# Trace Elements: Cr, Mn, Fe, Cu, Zn, Se, Mo, I

TE	Physiological function(s)	Symptoms of dietary deficiency	Symptoms in patients on long-term PN without added TE or inadequate provision of TE
Selenium (Se)	Component of >25 selenoproteins representing the functional form of selenium and involved in redox signalling, the antioxidant defence system (glutathione peroxidase), thyroid hormone metabolism and immune response	Cardiomyopathy, chronic osteoarthritis, poor immune function, cognitive decline, increased risk of autoimmune thyroid disease, impaired reproductive capacity In the acute-phase of critical illness: oxidative stress, infectious complications, worsening organ failure, higher mortality rates	Nail and hair changes in children, skeletal muscle myopathy, cardiomyopathy
Zinc (Zn)	As a component of >300 zinc enzymes: essential for health and well-being, has an important role in wound healing, required for the structural integrity of proteins regulating gene expression and nuclear binding proteins acting as transcription factors	Growth retardation, delay in sexual maturation, diarrhoea, increased susceptibility to infections, dermatitis, the appearance of behavioural change, alopecia, delayed wound healing, impaired resistance to infection, reduced growth rate	Eczematous rash, nail changes, alopecia, mental apathy and depression, visual dysfunction, impaired immune function
Copper (Cu)	Component of copper metalloenzymes (cuproenzymes) required for normal function of the haematologic, vascular, skeletal, antioxidant and neurologic systems	Anaemia, leukopenia, bone abnormalities, decreased pigmentation of skin and hair, neurological derangements	Anaemia, pancytopenia, neutropenia
Manganese (Mn)	Cofactor for the activity of many metalloenzymes involved in antioxidant protection and amino acid, lipid, protein, and carbohydrate metabolism	A specific deficiency syndrome has not been described in humans.	No cases in adults, one isolated case of a paediatric patient with manganese deficiency (short stature, low serum levels, depletion of bone manganese levels)
Chromium (Cr)	Required for normal glucose tolerance and lipid metabolism (promotion of insulin action in peripheral tissues)	Postulated as a contributing factor to the development of type II diabetes.	Syndrome of glucose intolerance similar to diabetes
Iron (Fe)	Major component of several important classes of functional proteins (haeme-proteins, enzymes, storage and transport proteins) involved in O <sub>2</sub> and electron transport	Anaemia, reduced resistance to infection; in clinical setting: adverse effects on outcome parameters	Iron deficiency anaemia
Molybdenum (Mo)	Part of the molybdenum co-factor (molybdopterin) of several flavo- and haeme enzymes involved in oxidation-reduction reactions, amino acid and purine metabolism	A dietary deficiency of molybdenum has never been reported in humans	One isolated case reported (progressive tachycardia, tachypnoea, neurological and visual changes, and coma), associated with increased excretion of sulphite, hypoxanthine and xanthine, and reduced excretion of uric acid and sulphate.
Iodine (I)	Major component of the thyroid hormones,	Iodine deficiency disorders: goitre,	Not yet reported in patients on PN due

- ❖ **Carbon** is found in proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, and nucleic acids. It's also found in carbon dioxide
- ❖ **Hydrogen** much of the hydrogen exists in water, functions to transport nutrients, remove wastes, lubricate organs and joints, and regulate body temperature. Hydrogen is also important in energy production and use. The H<sup>+</sup> ion can be used as a hydrogen ion or proton pump to produce ATP and regulate numerous chemical reactions
- ❖ **Nitrogen** is found in amino acid that make up the proteins and nucleic acids that make up the DNA.
- ❖ **Calcium** is used to build bones and teeth, plus it's important for muscle contraction
- ❖ **Phosphorus** found in nucleic acids; most of them are in the bones and teeth; primary energy molecule ATP in the body
- ❖ **Potassium** (charge carrier) electrolyte and is used in nerve conduction. It helps to regulate the heart beat and vital for electrical signalling in nerves.
- ❖ **Sulfur** is found in some amino acids and proteins; present in keratin which form skin, hair and nails



- ❖ **Water:** Water is the most abundant chemical compound in living human cells, accounting for **65 percent to 90 percent** of each cell. It's also present between cells. For example, blood and cerebrospinal fluid are mostly water.
- ❖ **Fat:** The percentage of fat varies from person to person, but even an obese person has more water than fat.
- ❖ **Protein:** In a lean male, the percentages of protein and water are comparable. It's about **16 percent by mass**. Muscles, including the heart, contain a lot of muscle. Hair and fingernails are protein. Skin contains a large amount of protein
- ❖ **Minerals:** Minerals account for about 6 percent of the body. They include salts and metals. Common minerals include sodium, chlorine, calcium, potassium, and iron.
- ❖ **Carbohydrates:** Although humans use the sugar glucose as an energy source, there isn't that much of it free in the bloodstream at any given time. Sugar and other carbohydrates only account for about 1% of body mass

- ❖ **Sodium** helps regulate fluid volume, temperature and blood pressure, the electrolyte balance in the body and maintain homeostasis with respect to the volume of water in the blood and cells
- ❖ **Magnesium** helps to regulate the heart beat, blood pressure, and blood glucose levels. It is used in protein synthesis and metabolism. It is needed to support proper immune system, muscle, and nerve function and essential for more than 300 metabolic reactions
- ❖ **Iron** (0.006%) is a key element in the metabolism of almost all living organisms. It is also found in hemoglobin, which is the oxygen carrier in red blood cells.
- ❖ **Fluorine** (0.0037%) is found in teeth and bones. Outside of preventing tooth decay, it does not appear to have any importance to bodily health.
- ❖ **Zinc** (0.0032%) is an essential trace element for all forms of life. Several proteins contain structures called "zinc fingers" help to regulate genes. Zinc deficiency has been known to lead to dwarfism in developing countries.
- ❖ **Copper** (0.0001%) is important as an electron donor in various biological reactions. Without enough copper, iron won't work properly in the body

- ❖ **Iodine** (0.000016%) is required for making of thyroid hormones, which regulate metabolic rate and other cellular functions. Iodine deficiency, which can lead to goiter and brain damage, is an important health problem throughout much of the world
- ❖ **Selenium** (0.000019%) is essential for certain enzymes, including several anti-oxidants. Unlike animals, plants do not appear to require selenium for survival, but they do absorb it, so there are several cases of selenium poisoning from eating plants grown in selenium-rich soils
- ❖ **Chromium** (0.0000024%) helps regulate sugar levels by interacting with insulin, but the exact mechanism is still not completely understood
- ❖ **Manganese** (0.000017%) is essential for certain enzymes, in particular those that protect mitochondria — the place where usable energy is generated inside cells — from dangerous oxidants
- ❖ **Molybdenum** (0.000013%) is essential to virtually all life forms. In humans, it is important for transforming sulfur into a usable form. In nitrogen-fixing bacteria, it is important for transforming nitrogen into a usable form
- ❖ **Cobalt** (0.0000021%) is contained in vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, which is important in protein formation and DNA regulation



# Occurrence and Availability of Inorganic Elements in Organism

Some biological essential elements with their functions:

Charge balance and electrolytic conductivity: **Na, K, Cl**

Structure and templating: **Ca, Zn, Si, S, Mo, Ni**

Signaling: **Ca, B, N, O**

Brønstead Acid-Base Buffering: **P, Si, C**

Lewis Acid-Base Catalysis: **Zn, Fe, Ni, Mn**

Electron Transfer: **Fe, Cu,**

Group Transfer (e.g.  $\text{CH}_3$ , O, S): **V, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Mo, W**

Redox Catalysis: **V, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, W, S, Se**

Energy Storage: **H, P, S, Na, K, Fe**

Biomineralization: **Ca, Mg, Fe, Si, Sr, Cu, P**

Energy generation: **Ca, Mg**

# Elemental composition of a human body of 70 kg

<b>Oxygen</b>	43 kg (61%, 2700 mol)
<b>Carbon</b>	16 kg (23%, 1300 mol)
<b>Hydrogen</b>	7 kg (10%, 6900 mol)
<b>Nitrogen</b>	1.8 kg (2.5%, 129 mol)
<b>Calcium</b>	1.0 kg (1.4%, 25 mol)
<b>Phosphorus</b>	780 g (1.1%, 25 mol)
<b>Potassium</b>	140 g (0.20%, 3.6 mol)
<b>Sulfur</b>	140 g (0.20%, 4.4 mol)
<b>Sodium</b>	100 g (0.14%, 4.3 mol)
<b>Chlorine</b>	95 g (0.14%, 2.7 mol)
<b>Magnesium</b>	19 g (0.03%, 0.78 mol)
<b>Iron</b>	4.2 g
<b>Fluorine</b>	2.6 g
<b>Zinc</b>	2.3 g
Silicon	1.0 g
Rubidium	0.68 g
Strontium	0.32 g

Bromine	0.26 g
Lead	0.12 g
<b>Copper</b>	72 mg
Aluminum	60 mg
Cadmium	50 mg
Cerium	40 mg
Barium	22 mg
<b>Iodine</b>	20 mg
Tin	20 mg
Boron	18 mg
Nickel	15 mg
Selenium	15 mg
Chromium	14 mg
<b>Manganese</b>	12 mg
Arsenic	7 mg
Lithium	7 mg
<b>Molybdenum</b>	6 mg
<b>Cobalt</b>	6 mg

## What Is the Function of Water in the Body?

- ❖ Water acts as an insulator, regulating internal body temperature. This is partly because water has a high specific heat, plus the body uses perspiration and respiration to regulate temperature
- ❖ Water is needed to metabolize proteins and carbohydrates used as food. It is the primary component of saliva, used to digest carbohydrates and aid in swallowing food
- ❖ The compound lubricates joints
- ❖ Water insulates the brain, spinal cord, organs, and fetus. It acts as a shock absorber
- ❖ Water is used to flush waste and toxins from the body via urine
- ❖ Water is the principal solvent in the body. It dissolves minerals, soluble vitamins, and certain nutrients



# How Much Water is in Your Body

- ❖ Infants typically has 75-78% dropping to 65% by one year of age
- ❖ Babies and children > Adult men > Adult women > Obese men and women

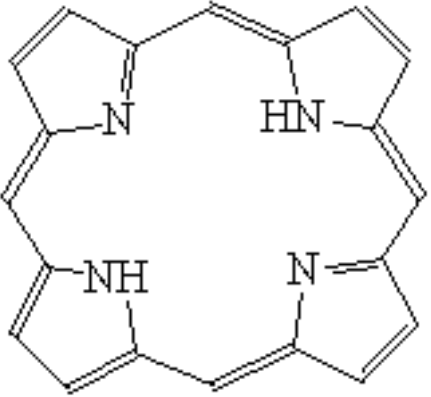
- Heart and brain - 73%
- Lungs 83%
- Muscles and kidneys 79%
- Skin 64%
- Bones 31%



# How Much Water is in Your Body

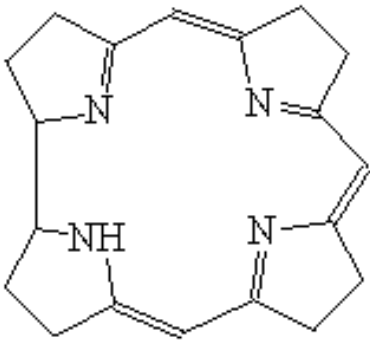


# Porphyrin, Corrin and Chlorin Ring System



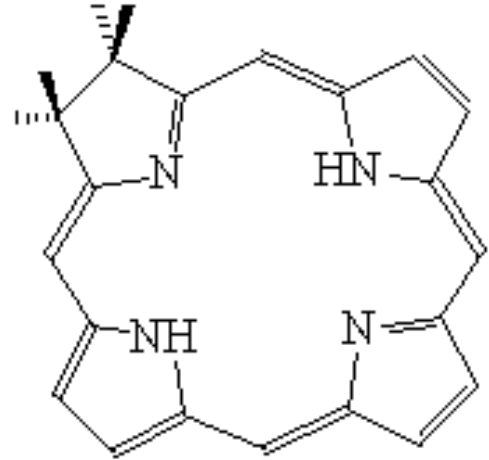
All Heme proteins contains porphyrin ring system  
– e.g. Hemoglobin, myoglobin,  
Cytochromes (a, b and c)

Porphyrin



Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> contains corrin ring

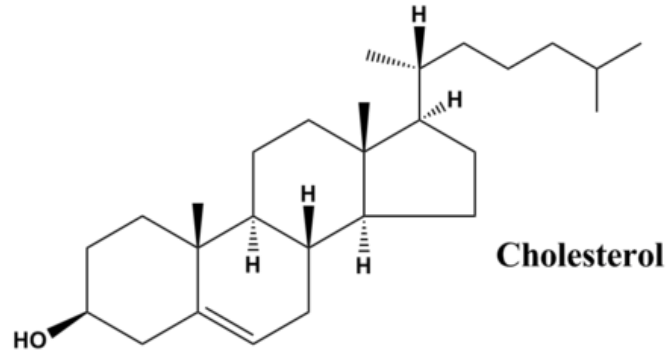
Corrin



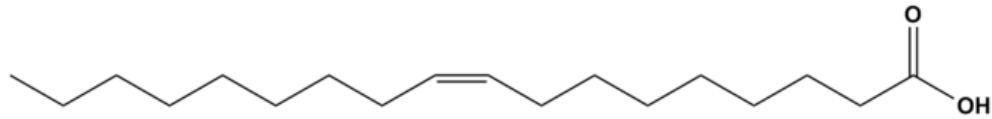
Chlorin

Chlorophyll contains chlorin ring

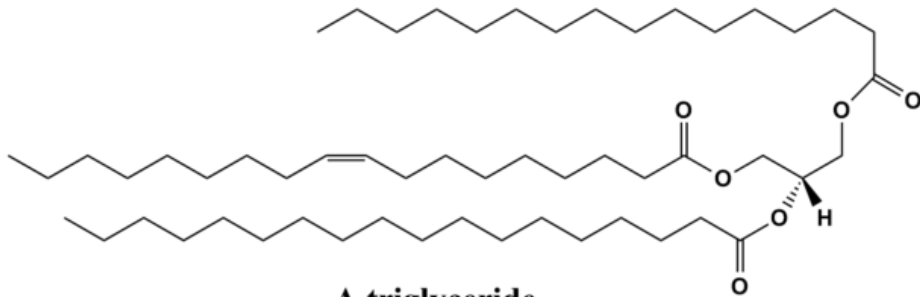
# Biomolecules: Lipids *Greek lipos (fat)*



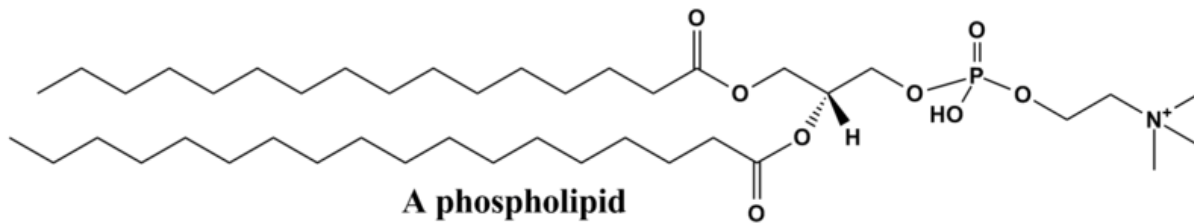
Cholesterol



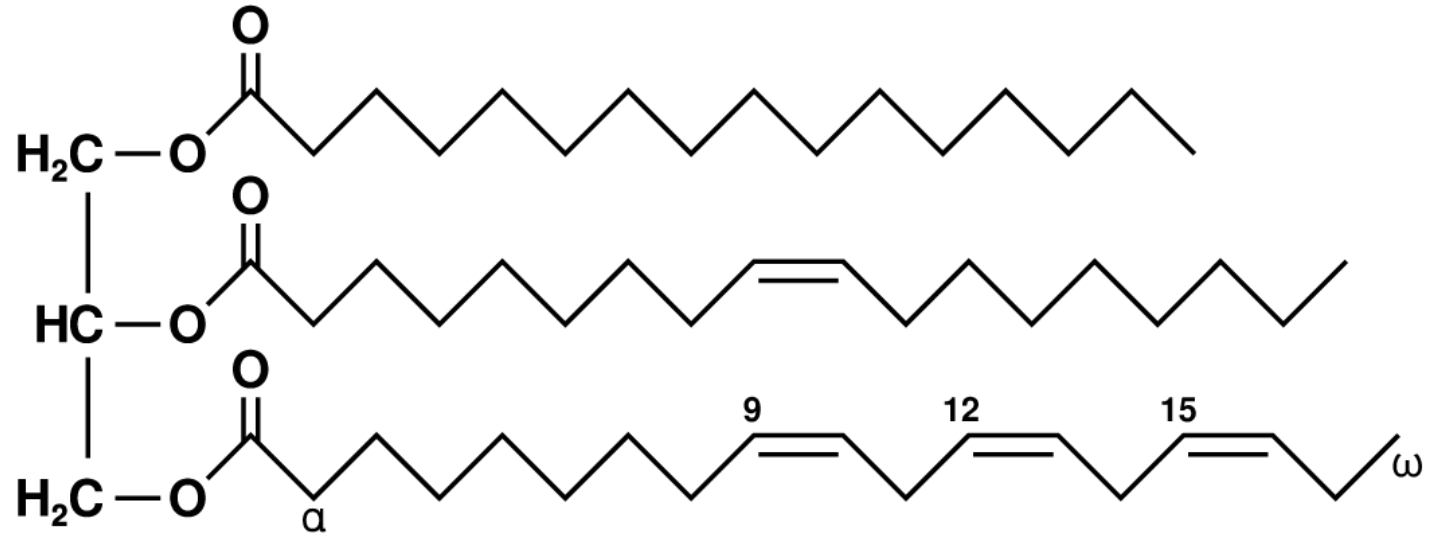
A free fatty acid



A triglyceride



A phospholipid

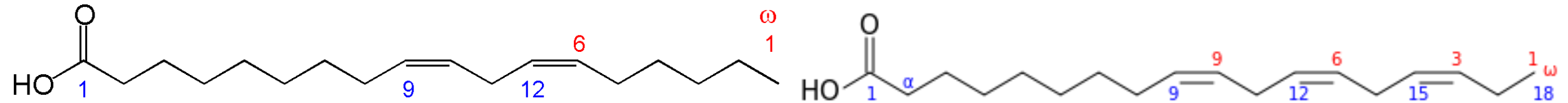


palmitic acid, oleic acid, alpha-linolenic acid.

# Biomolecules: Lipids Greek *lipos* (fat)

The major dietary lipids for humans and other animals are animal and plant triglycerides, sterols, and membrane phospholipids

Humans and other mammals have a dietary requirement for certain essential fatty acids, such as **linoleic acid (an omega-6 fatty acid)** and **alpha-linolenic acid (an omega-3 fatty acid)** because they cannot be synthesized from simple precursors in the diet



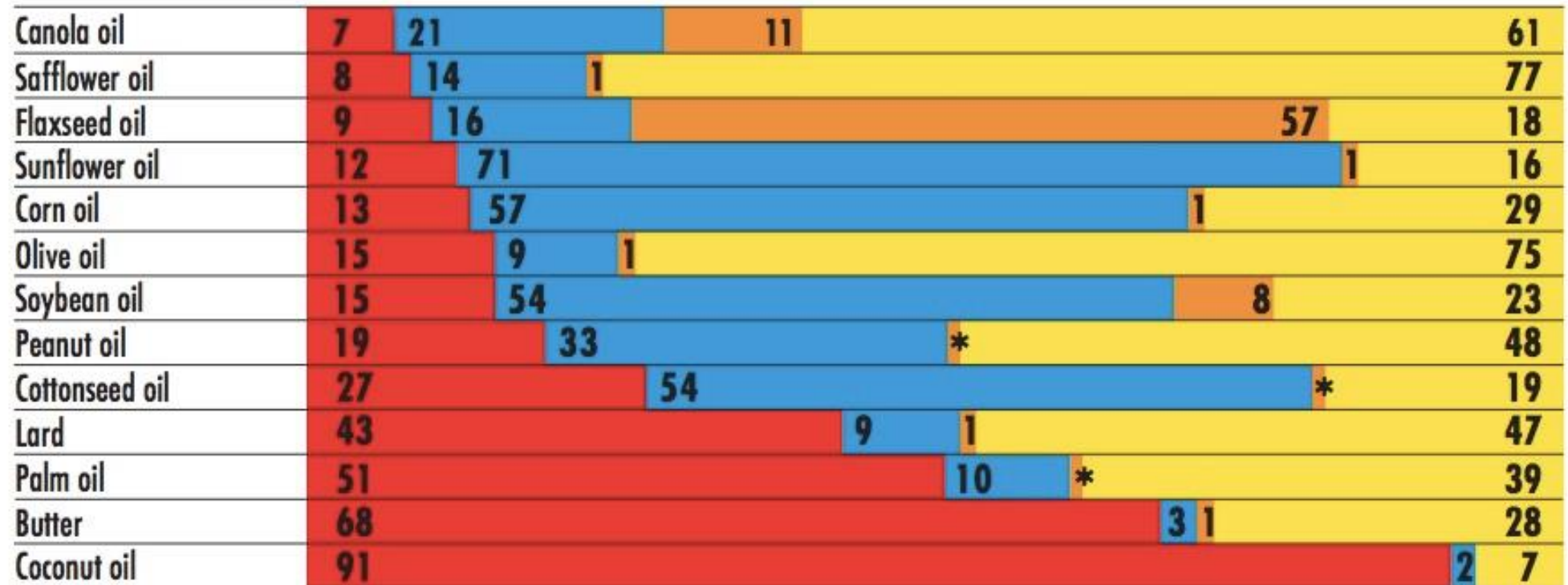
Triglycerides, stored in adipose tissue, are a major form of energy storage both in animals and plants. In comparison to glycogen which would contribute only half of the energy per its pure mass, carbohydrate carbons are all bounded to hydrogens unlike in carbohydrates.

The complete oxidation of fatty acids provides high caloric content, about **38 kJ/g (9 kcal/g)**, compared with 17 kJ/g (4 kcal/g) for the breakdown of carbohydrates and proteins. Migratory birds that must fly long distances without eating use stored energy of triglycerides to fuel their flights.



# Comparison of Dietary Fats

## DIETARY FAT



SOURCE: POS PILOT PLANT CORPORATION

### SATURATED FAT



### POLYUNSATURATED FAT



linoleic acid  
(an omega-6 fatty acid)



alpha-linolenic acid  
(an omega-3 fatty acid)

### MONOUNSATURATED FAT

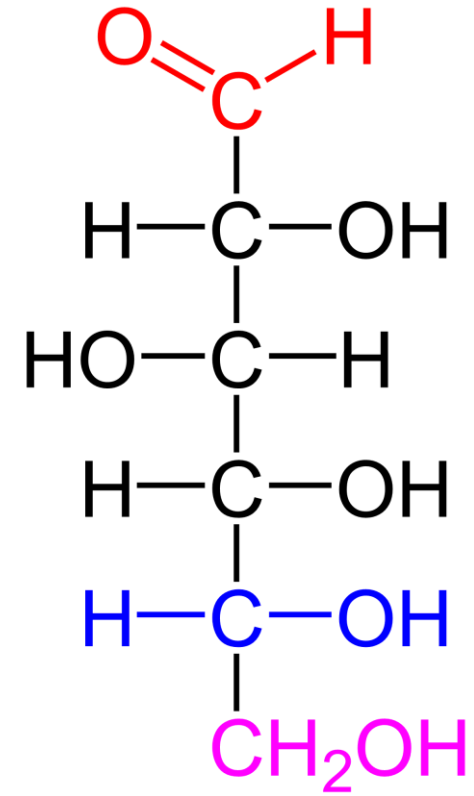


oleic acid  
(an omega-9 fatty acid)

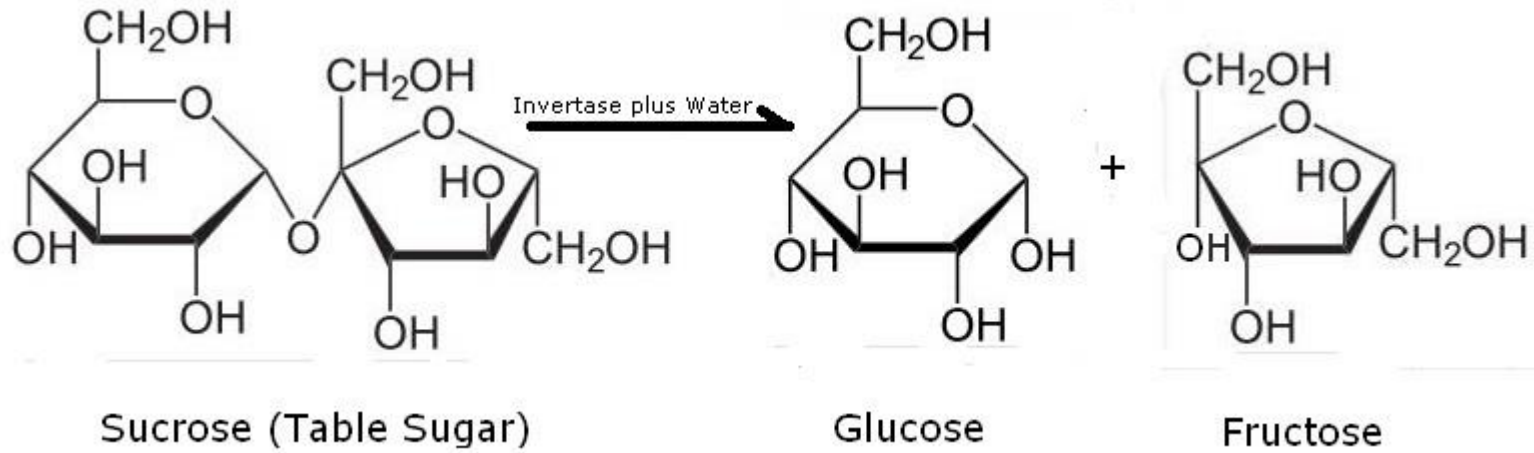
\*Trace

Fatty acid content normalized to 100%

# Biomolecules: Carbohydrates



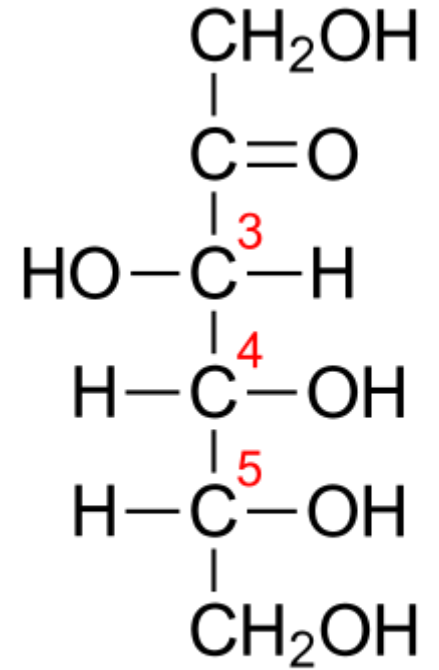
D-glucose



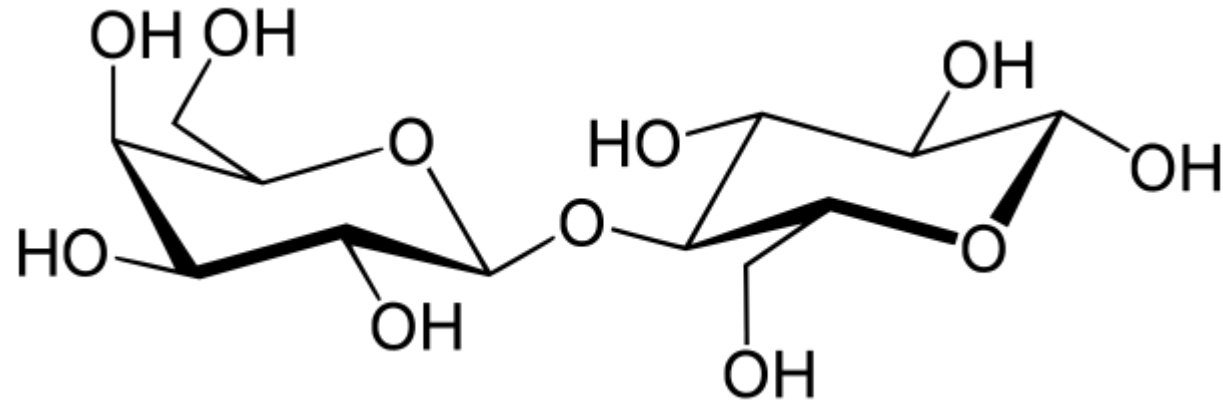
Sucrose (Table Sugar)

Glucose

Fructose



D-Fructose



Lactose

LivingHealthyMom.com	Sucanat	White Sugar
-Notice how almost all the nutrients have been removed from white sugar during processing, leaving it as "empty calories."		
Calories	570	770
Carbs	135g	199g
Fat	0	0
Sodium	.5mg	0
Potassium	1125mg	4mg
Vitamin A	1600IU	0
thiamin (B1)	.21mg	0
riboflavin (B2)	.21mg	0.038
niacin	.20mg	0
calcium	165mg	2mg
iron	6.5mg	0.10mg
vitamin B6	.60mg	0
magnesium	127mg	0.008mg
zinc	2.3mg	0.02mg
copper	.3mg	0.014
pantothenic acid	1.8mg	0
chromium	40mcg	unknown
phosphorus	48mg	0
According to the USDA National Database		

# BENEFITS OF JAGGERY



**Aids in digestion and reduces constipation**



**Natural sweetener and rich in nutrients**



**Controls body temperature**



**Helps in skin problems**



**Rich in iron content**



**Improves vision**



[www.LiveALittleLonger.com](http://www.LiveALittleLonger.com)





## Nutritional Value of Jaggery & Sugar



383 Kcal	—	<b>Calories</b>	—	387 Kcal
80 mg	—	<b>Calcium</b>	—	1 mg
280 mg	—	<b>Protein</b>	—	0 mg
98.96 g	—	<b>Carbs</b>	—	100 g

***Jaggery = sucrose (70%) + Glucose & Fructose (15%) + Fats (0.1%) + Proteins (0.4%) + Minerals (2%) + Water (10%) + Ash (1%)***

***Sugar = 99% Sucrose + 1% water***

### JAGGERY



V/S

### SUGAR



- It is far complex than sugar.
- It is digested slower than sugar & releases energy slowly.
- It is rather a tastemaker & colour maker
- It contains iron, calcium, potassium, phosphorus
- Jaggery helps in calcium absorption
- Jaggery is ecofriendly
- Jaggery aids in digestion, as jaggery breaks & becomes alkaline in the digestive system

- It is simplest available forms of sucrose.
- It is instantly absorbed in blood & releases a burst of energy.
- It is just a sweetener
- It is source of empty calories
- Sugar interferes with absorption of calcium & magnesium
- Sugar industry pollutes air, water & soil.
- Sugar becomes acidic.

<https://www.quora.com/Why-is-jaggery-considered-more-healthy-than-white-sugar>

<https://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/doi/10.1289/ehp.94102s5211>

According to one source, 100 grams (half a cup) of jaggery may contain (4):

- Calories:** 383.
- Sucrose:** 65–85 grams.
- Fructose and glucose:** 10–15 grams.
- Protein:** 0.4 grams.
- Fat:** 0.1 grams.
- Iron:** 11 mg, or 61% of the RDI.
- Magnesium:** 70-90 mg, or about 20% of the RDI.
- Potassium:** 1050 mg, or 30% of the RDI.
- Manganese:** 0.2–0.5 mg, or 10–20% of the RDI.

<https://www.walshmedicalmedia.com/open-access/review-on-recent-advances-in-value-addition-of-jaggery-based-products-2157-7110-1000440.pdf>

[https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/jaggery#TOC\\_TITLE\\_HDR\\_4](https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/jaggery#TOC_TITLE_HDR_4)



# Glycemic Index

Low GI (<55), Medium GI (56-69) and High GI (70>)

Grains / Starches		Vegetables		Fruits		Dairy		Proteins	
Rice Bran	27	Asparagus	15	Grapefruit	25	Low-Fat Yogurt	14	Peanuts	21
Bran Cereal	42	Broccoli	15	Apple	38	Plain Yogurt	14	Beans, Dried	40
Spaghetti	42	Celery	15	Peach	42	Whole Milk	27	Lentils	41
Corn, sweet	54	Cucumber	15	Orange	44	Soy Milk	30	Kidney Beans	41
Wild Rice	57	Lettuce	15	Grape	46	Fat-Free Milk	32	Split Peas	45
Sweet Potatoes	61	Peppers	15	Banana	54	Skim Milk	32	Lima Beans	46
White Rice	64	Spinach	15	Mango	56	Chocolate Milk	35	Chickpeas	47
Cous Cous	65	Tomatoes	15	Pineapple	66	Fruit Yogurt	36	Pinto Beans	55
Whole Wheat Bread	71	Chickpeas	33	Watermelon	72	Ice Cream	61	Black-Eyed Beans	59
Muesli	80	Cooked Carrots	39						
Baked Potatoes	85								
Oatmeal	87								
Taco Shells	97								
White Bread	100								
Bagel, White	103								



GLYCEMIC INDEX CHART									
Low Glycemic (55 or Below)				High Glycemic (70 or Higher)					
SNACKS	G.I.	STARCH	G.I.	VEGETABLES	G.I.	FRUITS	G.I.	DAIRY	G.I.
Pizza	33	Bagel, Plain	33	Broccoli	10	Cherries	22	Yogurt, Plain	14
Chocolate Bar	49	White Rice	38	Pepper	10	Apple	38	Yogurt, Low Fat	14
Pound Cake	54	White Spaghetti	38	Lettuce	10	Orange	43	Whole Milk	30
Popcorn	55	Sweet Potato	44	Mushrooms	10	Grapes	46	Soy Milk	31
Energy Bar	58	White Bread	49	Onions	10	Kiwi	52	Skim Milk	32
Soda	72	Brown Rice	55	Green Peas	48	Banana	56	Chocolate Milk	35
Doughnut	76	Pancakes	67	Carrots	49	Pineapple	66	Yogurt, Fruit	36
Jelly Beans	80	Wheat Bread	80	Beets	64	Watermelon	72	Custard	43
Pretzels	83	Baked Potato	85	Onions	75	Dates	103	Ice Cream	60

Glycemic Index values obtained from www.healthyjournal.com, www.nutritiondata.com and www.diabetes.com



**Food Item  
Low GI(0-55)**

<b>Apple 39</b>	
<b>Wheat Cereal 31</b>	
<b>Soybean 18</b>	
<b>Cashews 21</b>	
<b>Grapes 46</b>	
<b>Honey 55</b>	
<b>Brown Rice 55</b>	

**Food Item  
Medium GI(56-69)**

<b>Sugar 65</b>	
<b>Raisins 64</b>	
<b>Cheese Pizza 60</b>	
<b>Pineapple 66</b>	
<b>Wheat Thins 67</b>	

**Food Item  
High GI(70-100)**

<b>Corn Chips 72</b>	
<b>Gatorade 78</b>	
<b>Pumpkin 75</b>	
<b>Pretzels 83</b>	
<b>White Rice 89</b>	



# Target Blood Sugar Levels for Diabetes

## Age 20+

Fasting	less than	<b>100</b>
Before Meal		<b>70-130</b>
After Meal (1-2hrs)	less than	<b>180</b>
Before Exercise	if taking insulin, at least	<b>100</b>
Bedtime		<b>100-140</b>

Amounts shown above **mg/dL**

A1c	less than or around	<b>7.0%</b>
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These are general medical guidelines.  
Please follow your doctor's instructions.

WebMD



<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/diabetes/symptoms-causes/syc-20371444>

# Target Blood Sugar Levels for Diabetes

## Age 6-12

Fasting	<b>80-180</b>
Before Meal	<b>90-180</b>
Before Exercise	at least <b>150</b> <small>(depends on intensity and duration)</small>
Bedtime	<b>100-180</b>

Amounts shown above **mg/dL**

A1c	less than or around	<b>8.0%</b>
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## Age 13-19

Fasting	<b>70-150</b>
Before Meal	<b>90-130</b>
Before Exercise	at least <b>150</b> <small>(depends on intensity and duration)</small>
Bedtime	<b>90-150</b>

A1c	less than or around	<b>7.5%</b>
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<https://www.webmd.com/diabetes/guide/normal-blood-sugar-levels-chart-adults>



# The Benefits of *Raw Honey*

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Raw, unprocessed honey is much better as a sweetener than white sugar

Because it is not pasteurized, it still has the natural enzymes in it

Honey naturally contains vitamins B2, B3, B5, B6 & C  
Minerals that can be found in honey, include: potassium, magnesium, zinc and iron

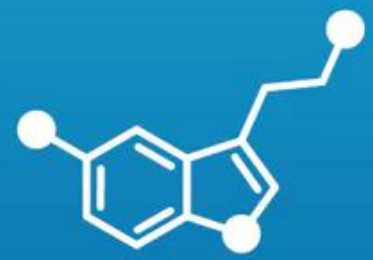
Honey helps fight indigestion and can soothe a sore throat

Honey has antimicrobial & antifungal benefits because it contains: propolis, something the bees use to protect their hives from unwanted organisms



Light

Hypothalamus



Serotonin is produced, causing us to feel energized.



Dark

Suprachiasmatic Nucleus (SCN)

Melatonin is produced, causing us to feel sleepy.

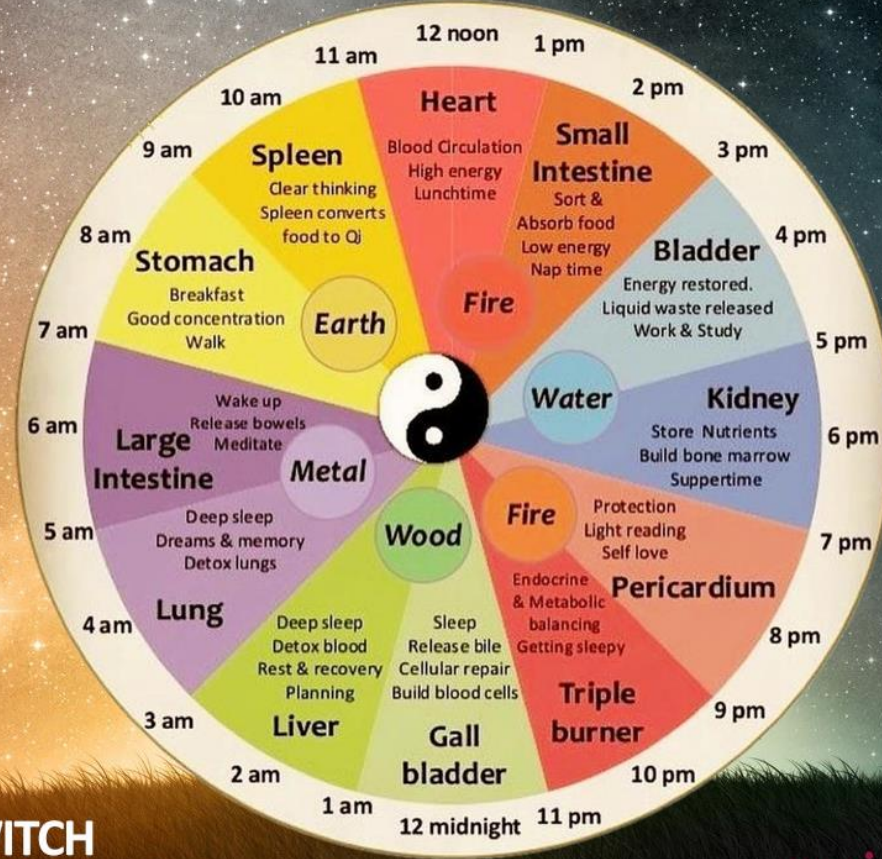




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# Top 10 Sources of Veggie Protein

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## Where do you get your protein?

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**Spinach**  
49% protein



**Kale**  
45% protein



**Broccoli**  
45% protein



**Cauliflower**  
40% protein



**Mushrooms**  
38% protein



**Parsley**  
34% protein



**Cucumbers**  
24% protein



**Green Pepper**  
22% protein



**Cabbage**  
22% protein



**Tomatoes**  
18% protein

## Protein in Meat:



**Beef**  
25.8% protein



**Chicken**  
23% protein



**Eggs**  
12% protein

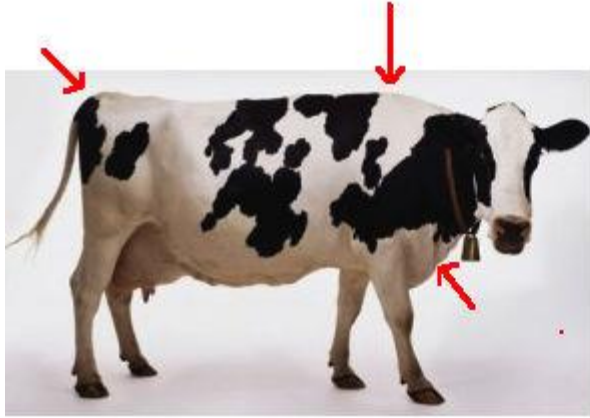


# Importance of amino acid

Protein chain showing amino acids in A1 and A2 beta-casein



One amino acid difference at position 67 in the protein chain



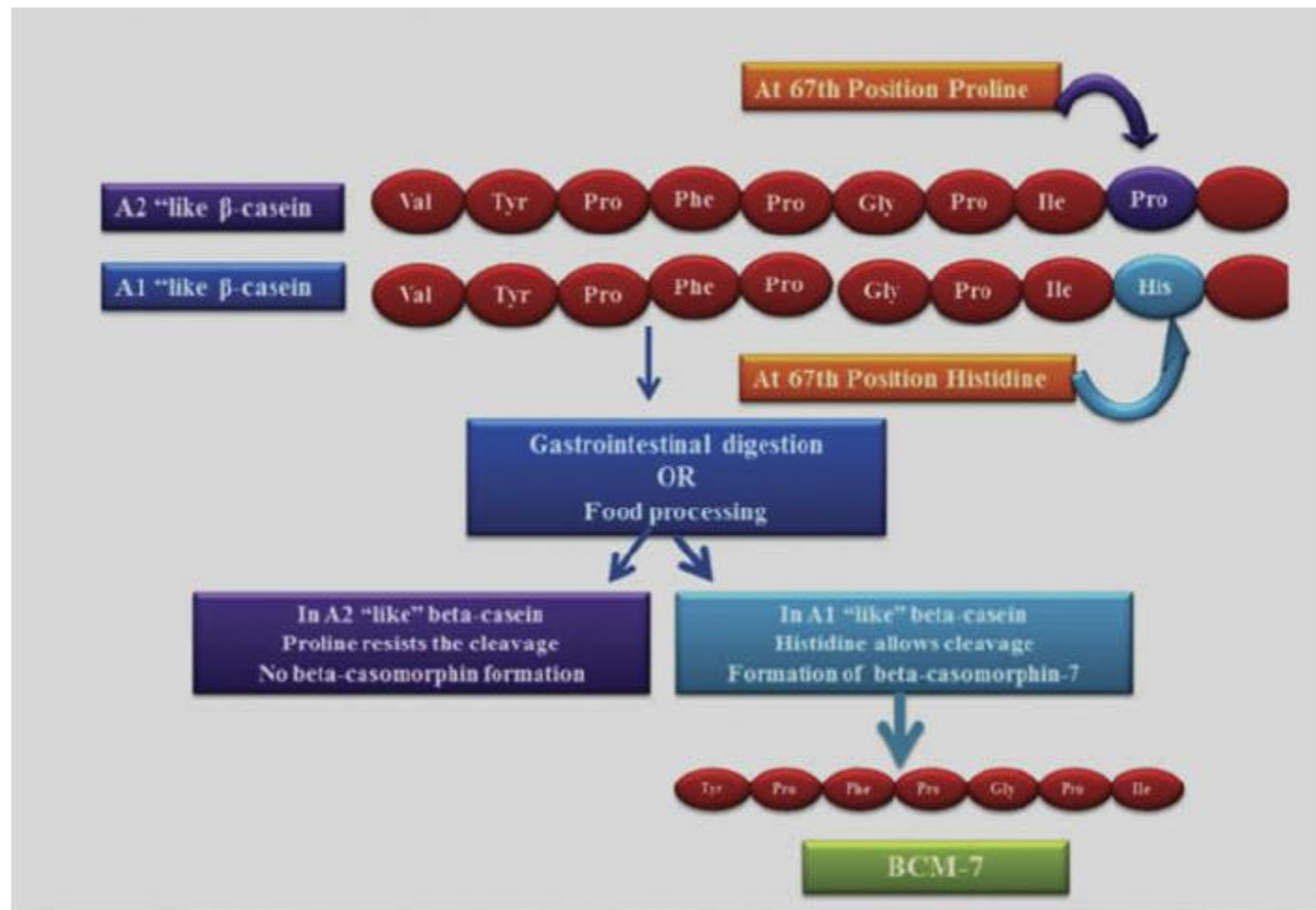
ஹைப்ரிட்  
பசு



இந்திய  
பசு!

A1 beta-casein comes from the most common cow breed that originated in Australia, United States, and Northern Europe. Holstein, Friesian, Ayrshire, and British Shorthorn features A1 beta-casein genetic material. A1 beta-casein can be found on all commercially-prepared milk

BCM7 Beta-casomorphin-7 an opioid peptide in A1 beta-casein is produced as a result of the breaking off of histidine in the number 67 amino acid chain during digestion found in A1 milk is known to have opioid or narcotic side effects and is identified to be the culprit of lactose intolerance in 1 out of 4 Americans. The absorption of BCM7 into the bloodstream leads to the high incidence of autism, schizophrenia, and other neurological disorders



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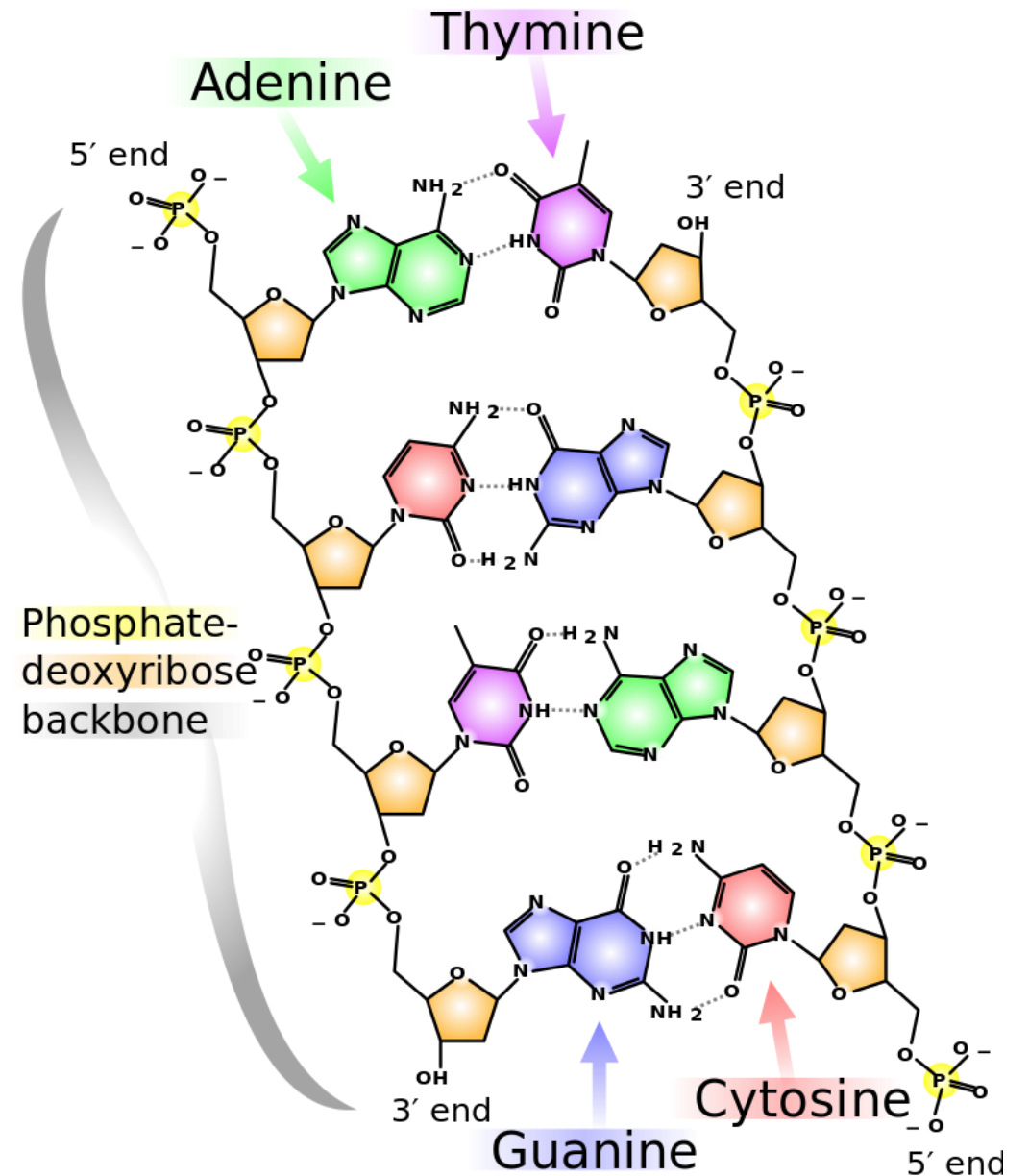
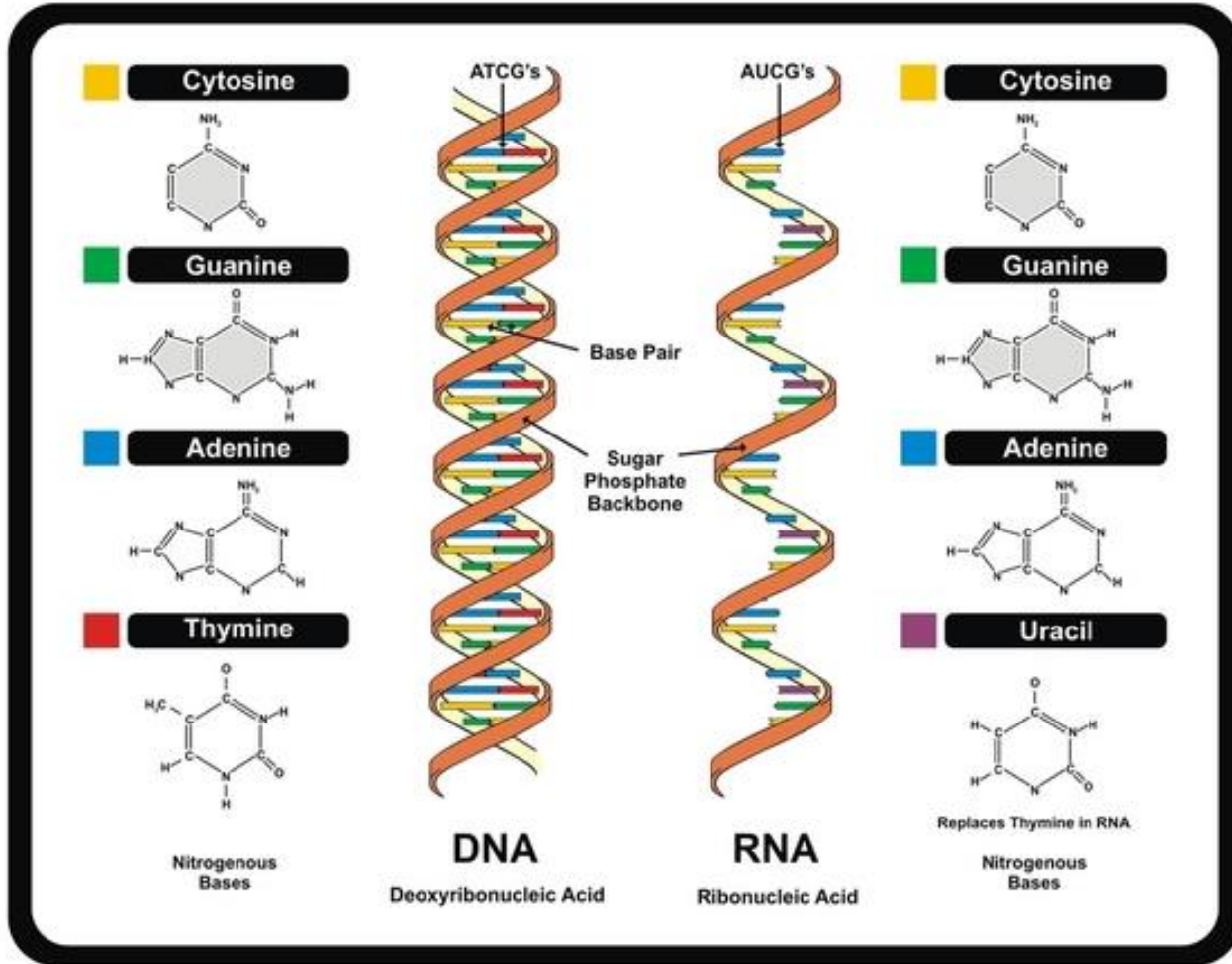
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Desi Cow milk	Ordinary milk
Indian Desi cows produce A2 milk which contains A2 Beta casein.	Jersey cow produce A1 milk which contains A1 Beta casein.
Desi cow milk only contains the A2 protein and no A1.	All ordinary milk has a mixture of A1 and A2 proteins.
High level of Omega 3 that cleans the cholesterol deposits of blood vessels	Harmful to human body.
Cerebrosides present in A2 milk increases brain power.	Autism, Schizophrenia, Stomach Ulcer, Type 1 diabetes and cardiac disease
Strontium of A2 milk enhances the body immunity and protects from harmful radiation.	Holsteins and Friesians are not native breeds of India.

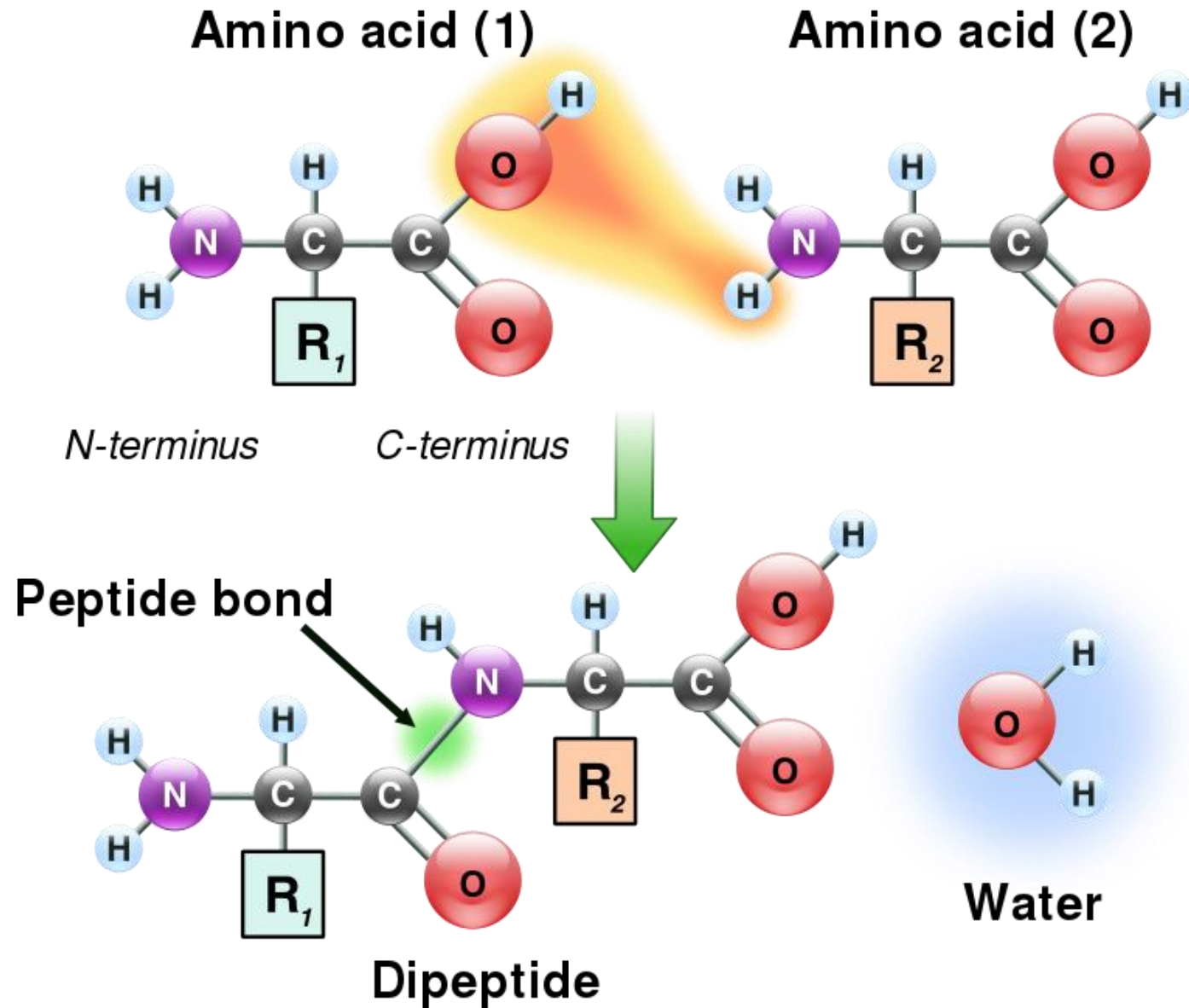


# Biomolecules: Nucleic Acid

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TACGCGAAC

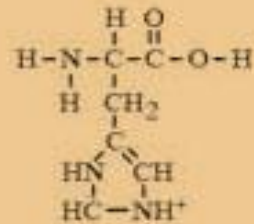


# Biomolecules: Proteins

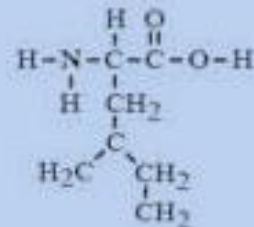


# THE ESSENTIAL AMINO ACIDS

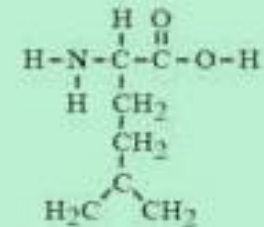
(WHICH OUR BODIES CANNOT MAKE) :



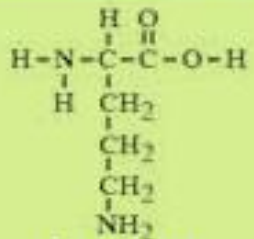
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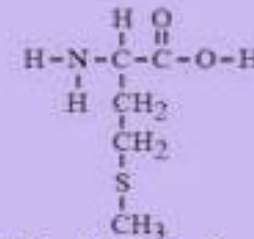
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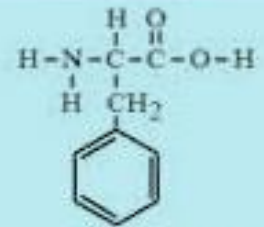
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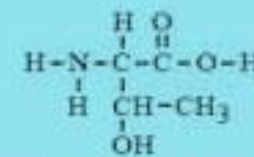
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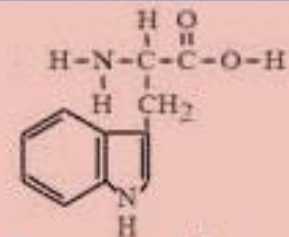
**Methionine**



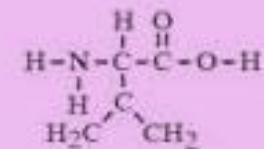
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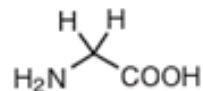
**Threonine**



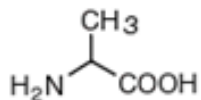
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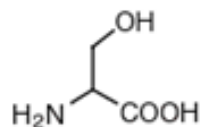
**Valine**

**Small**

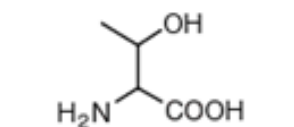
Glycine (Gly, G)  
MW: 57.05



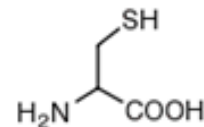
Alanine (Ala, A)  
MW: 71.09



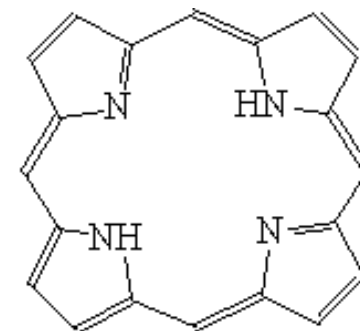
Serine (Ser, S)  
MW: 87.08, pK<sub>a</sub> ~ 16



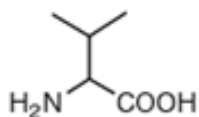
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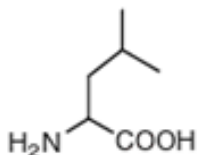
Cysteine (Cys, C)  
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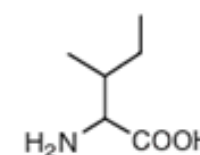
Porphyrin

**Hydrophobic**

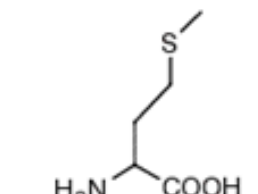
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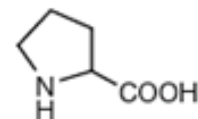
Leucine (Leu, L)  
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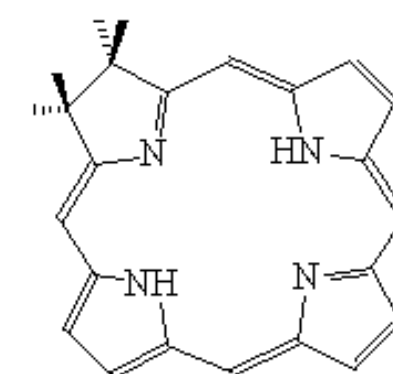
Isoleucine (Ile, I)  
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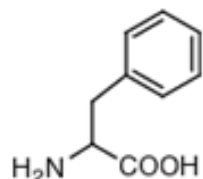
Methionine (Met, M)  
MW: 131.19



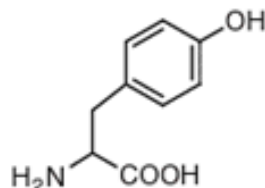
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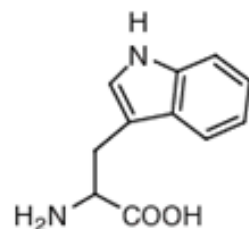
Chlorin

**Aromatic**

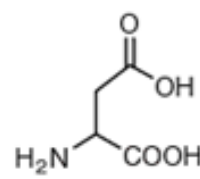
Phenylalanine (Phe, F)  
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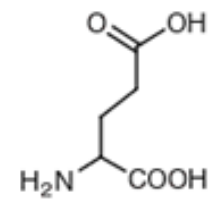
Tyrosine (Tyr, Y)  
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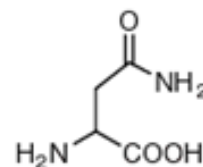
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**Acidic**

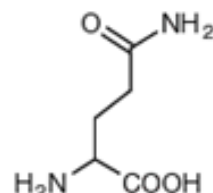
Aspartic Acid (Asp, D)  
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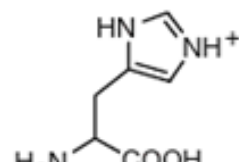
Glutamic Acid (Glu, E)  
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**Amide**

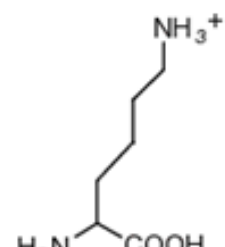
Asparagine (Asn, N)  
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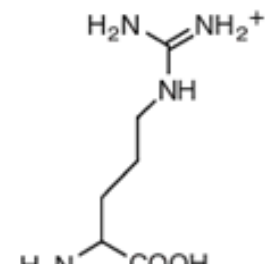
Glutamine (Gln, Q)  
MW: 128.14

**Basic**

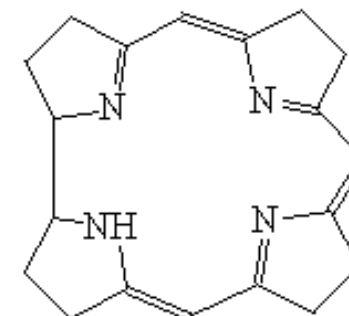
Histidine (His, H)  
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Lysine (Lys, K)  
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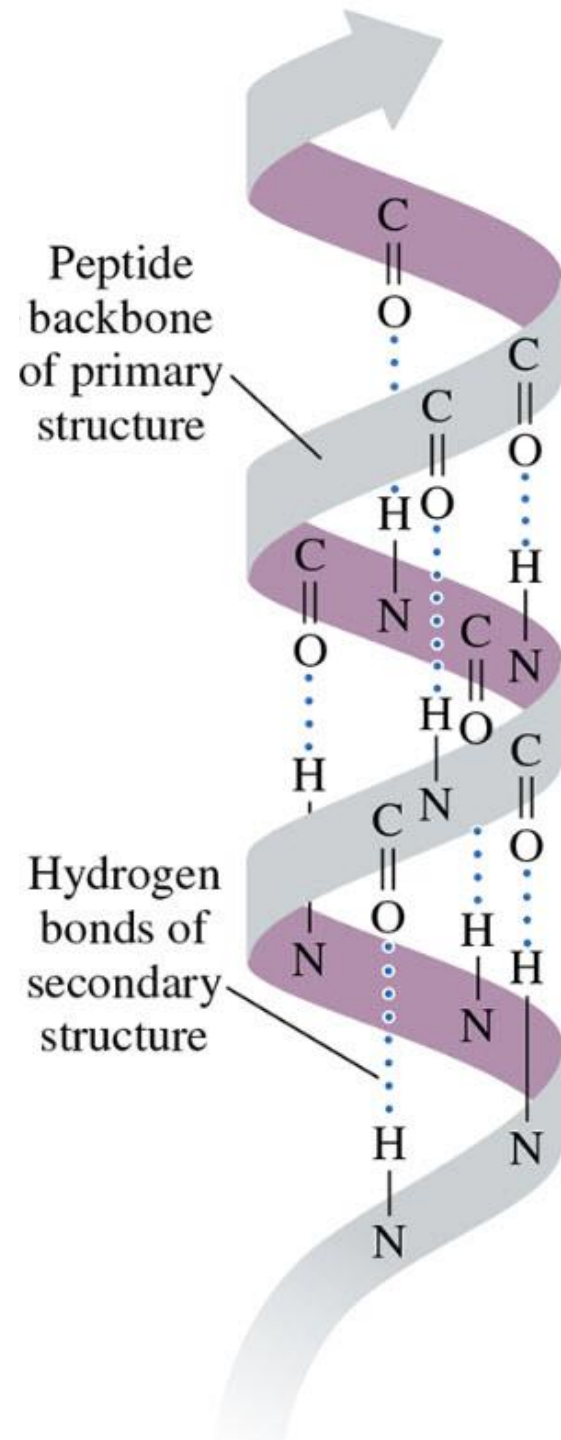
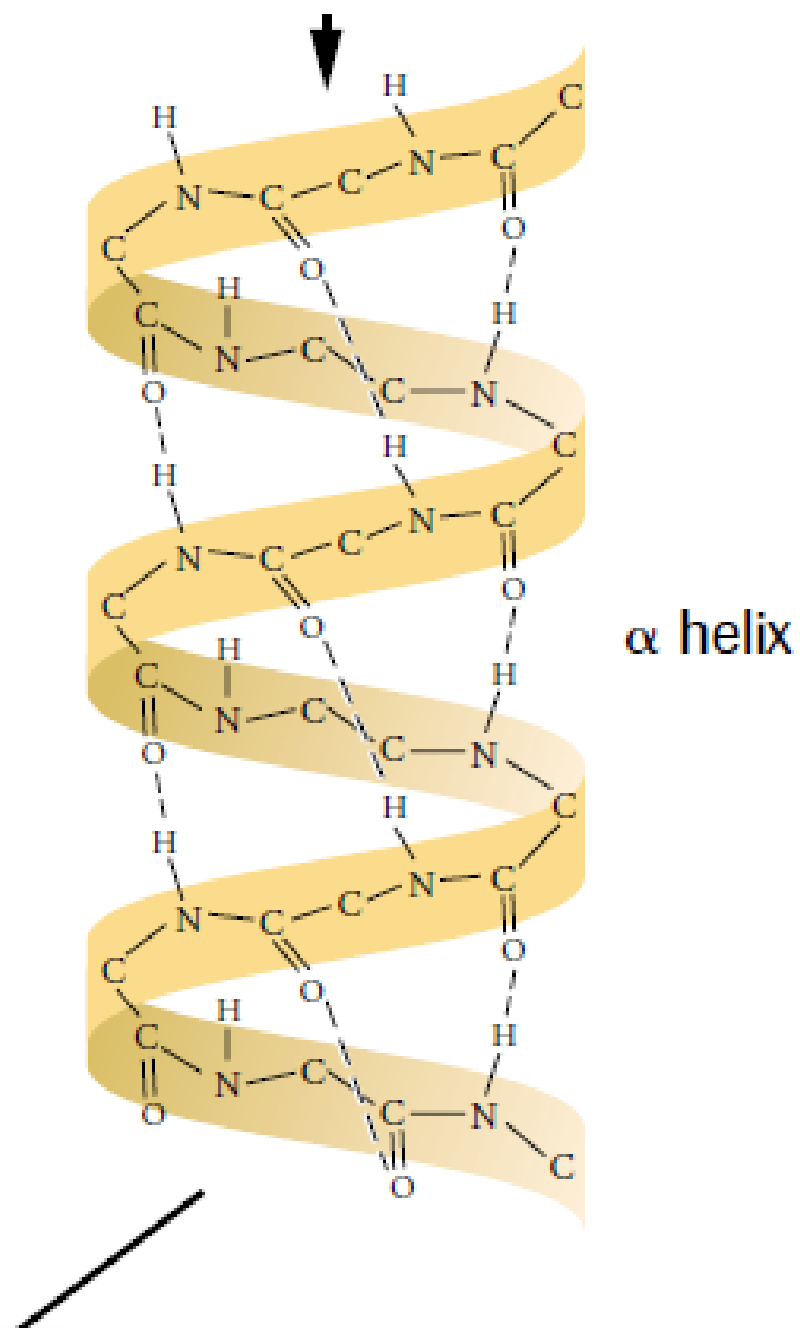
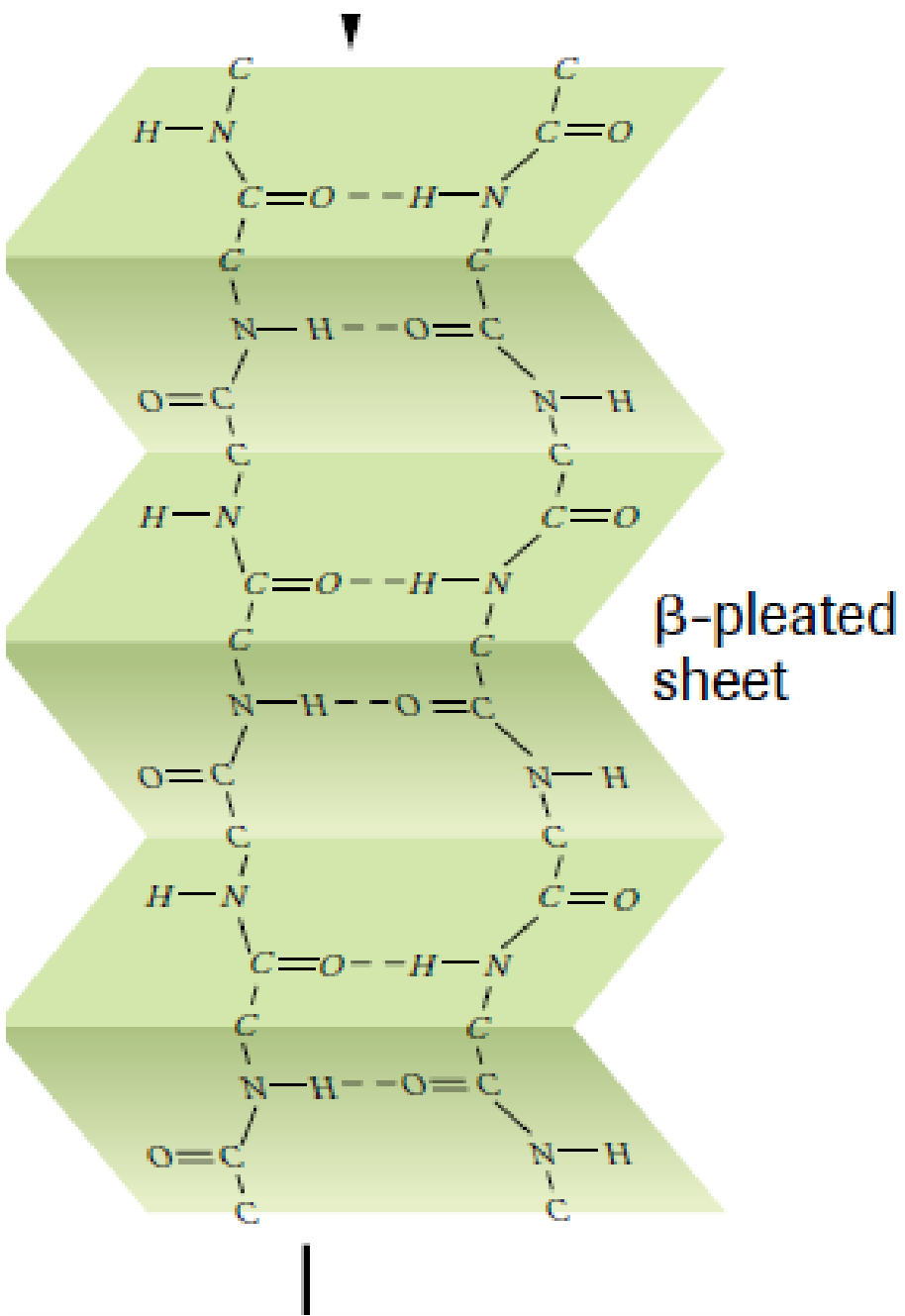


Arginine (Arg, R)  
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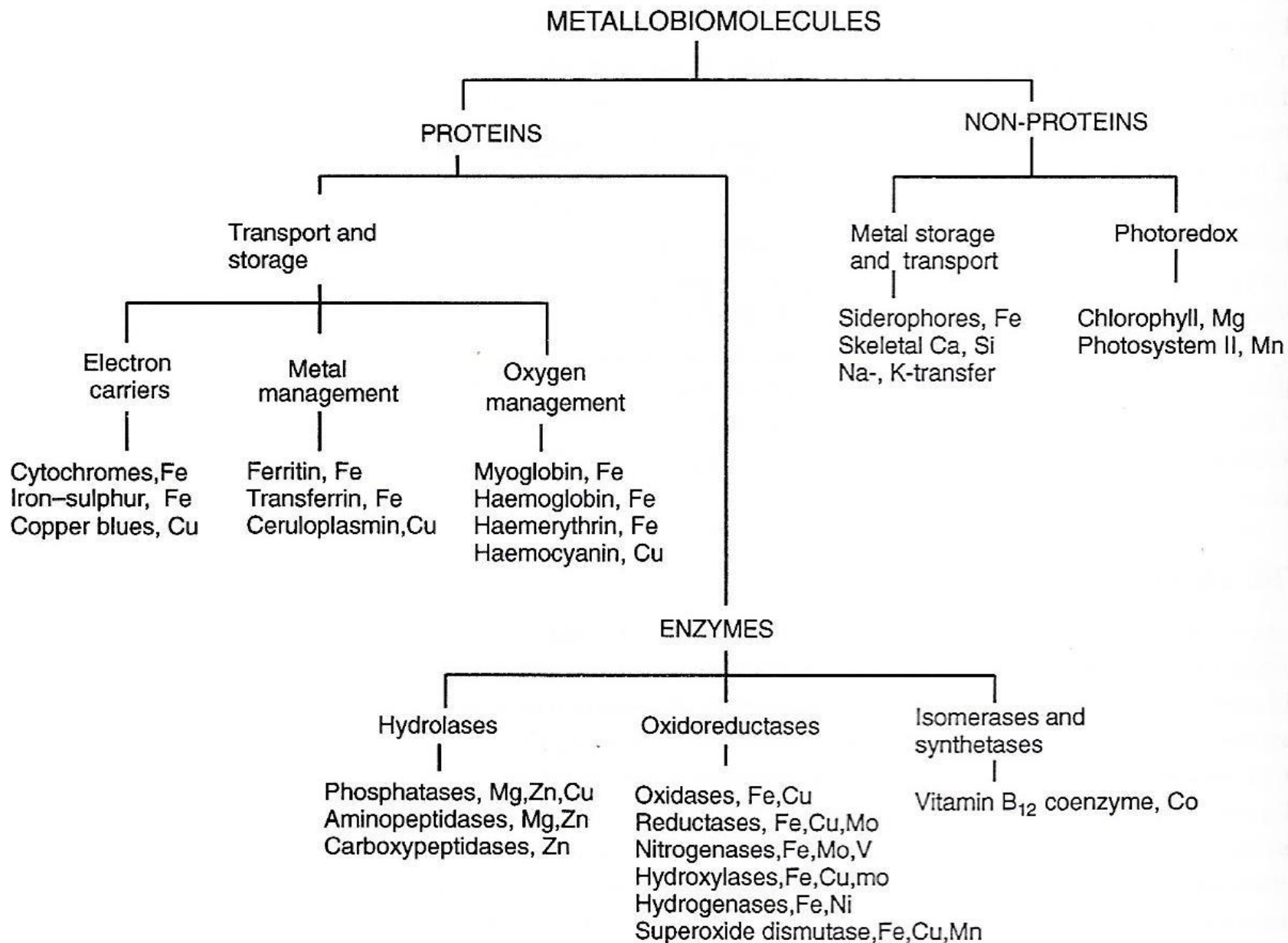


Corrin





# **Metallobiomolecules**



**Fig 1.2.** A classification of metallobiomolecules.

**Enzyme:** A biologically active compound containing one or more polypeptide units that are folded in a globular or fibrous form and catalyzes chemical reactions is called enzyme.

**Apoenzyme:** Many enzymes required an additional molecule to catalyze the particular chemical reaction. The small molecule is known as cofactor. It could be metal ion(s) or non-protein organic molecules. An enzyme without a cofactor is called apoenzyme.

**Holoenzyme:** An enzyme with a complete complement of cofactors is known as a holoenzyme.

So it can be written; Holoenzyme = Apoenzyme + coenzyme

**Metalloenzyme:** Enzyme that contains metal ion(s) in its active site and metal ion(s) participate(s) in the biological transformation.



Enzymes are biological catalysts that increase the rate of reaction without affecting the equilibrium of the reaction. All chemical reactions within a biological cells are catalyzed by enzymes.

They work by lowering the activation energy ( $E_a$ ) for a reaction, thereby increasing the reaction rate leading to faster formation of products and rapid achievement of the equilibrium state

### **Cofactors :**

Many enzymes require an additional small molecule, known as a cofactor to aid the catalytic activity. A cofactor is usually a non-protein molecule; it can be either inorganic molecules (metals) or small organic molecules (coenzymes). For example  $Zn^{2+}$  serves as cofactor for carbonic anhydrase and alcoholdehydrogenase,  $Fe^+/Fe^{3+}$  act as cofactor for ferredoxin, hemoglobin and cytochrome

### **Coenzymes :**

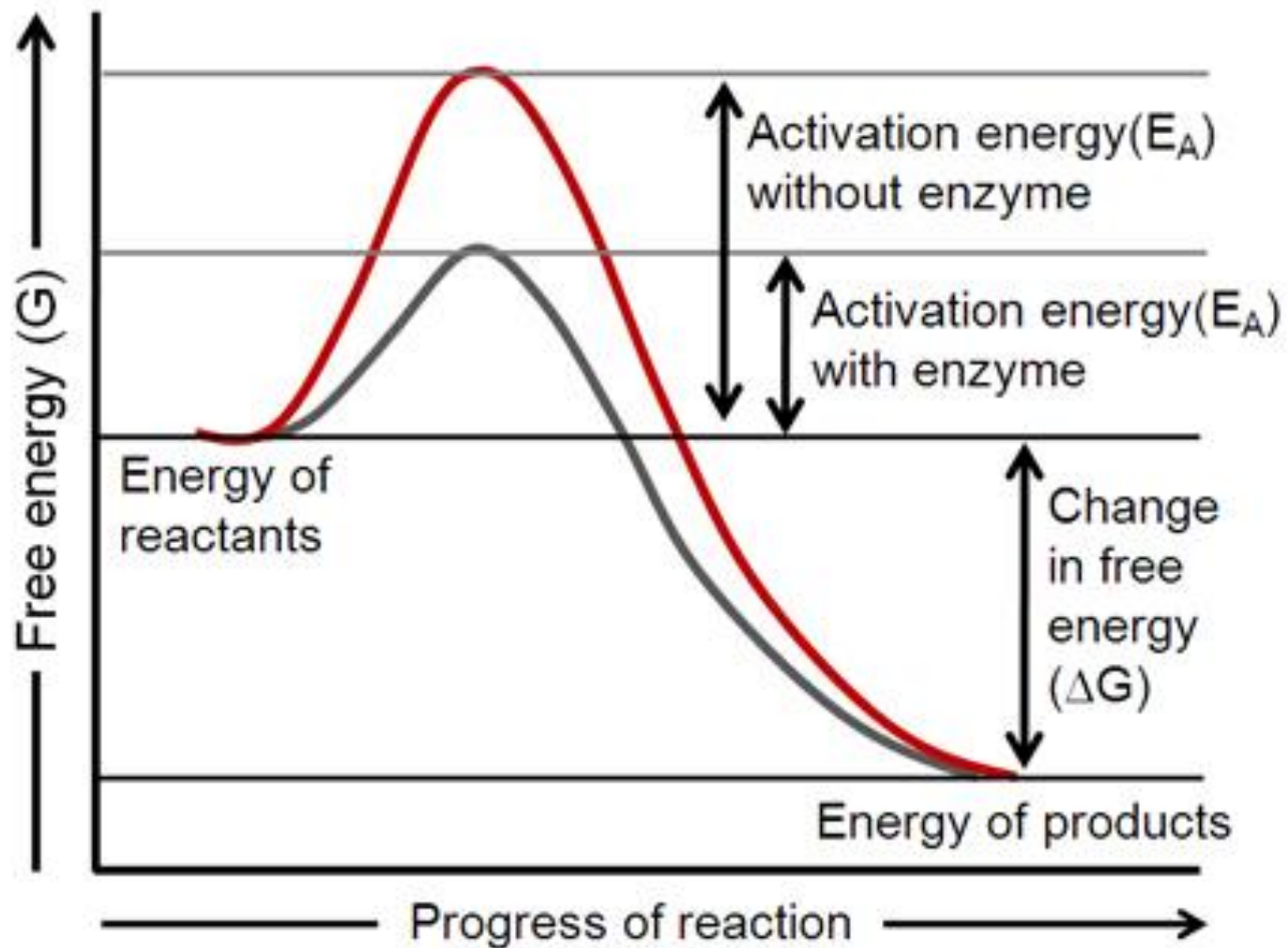
Coenzymes are organic nonprotein molecules that are mostly derivatives of water soluble vitamins soluble; they bind an apoenzyme protein molecule to produce an active holoenzyme

### **Apoenzyme :**

An apoenzyme is an inactive enzyme, activation of which occurs upon the binding of an organic or inorganic cofactor  
Apoenzyme + cofactor = holoenzyme

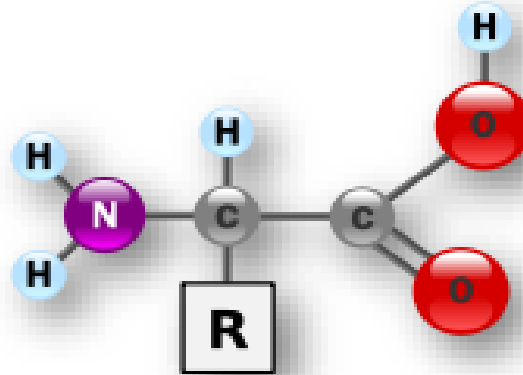
### **Holoenzyme :**

An apoenzyme together with its cofactor leads to formation of a catalytically active holoenzyme. Most cofactors are not covalently bound but instead are tightly bound. However, organic prosthetic groups such as an iron ion or a vitamin may also be covalently bound



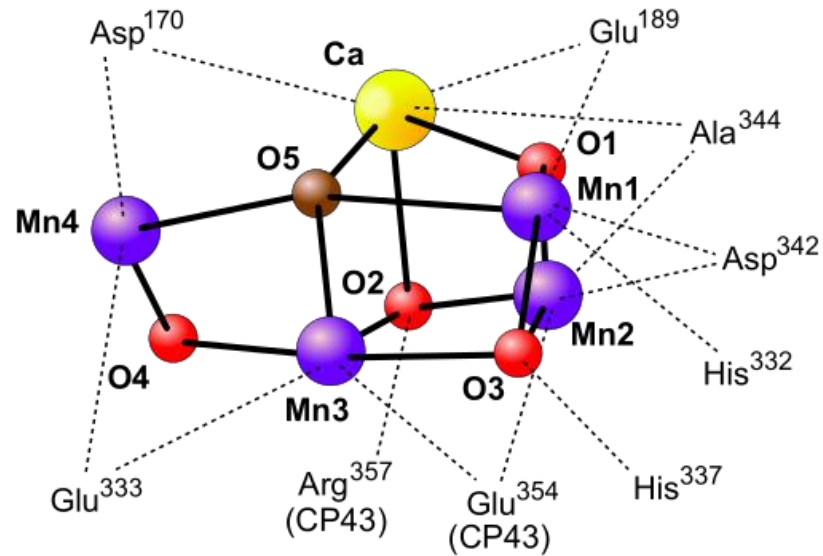
# Metalloproteins:

- About 20% of the human body is made up of proteins. **Aminoacids** are the **building blocks** of proteins and plays a vital role in biological processes

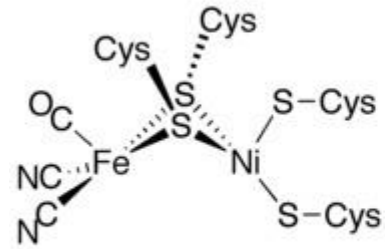


- Proteins that contains metal ion as co factor is called metalloproteins. It is co-ordinated through N, O and S atom of the amino acid side chain and forms a stable five membered chelate ring

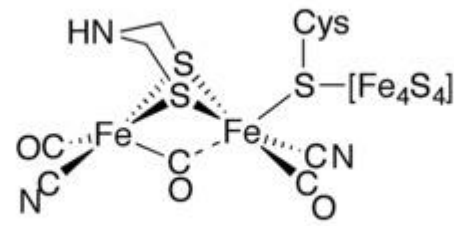
# Importance of metal – amino acid complexes



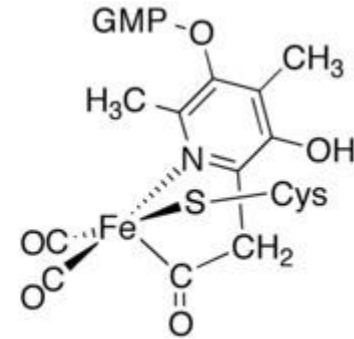
## Oxygen Evolving Complex



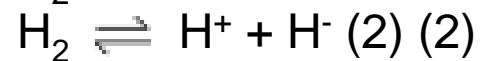
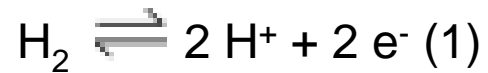
[NiFe]H<sub>2</sub>ase



[FeFe]H<sub>2</sub>ase

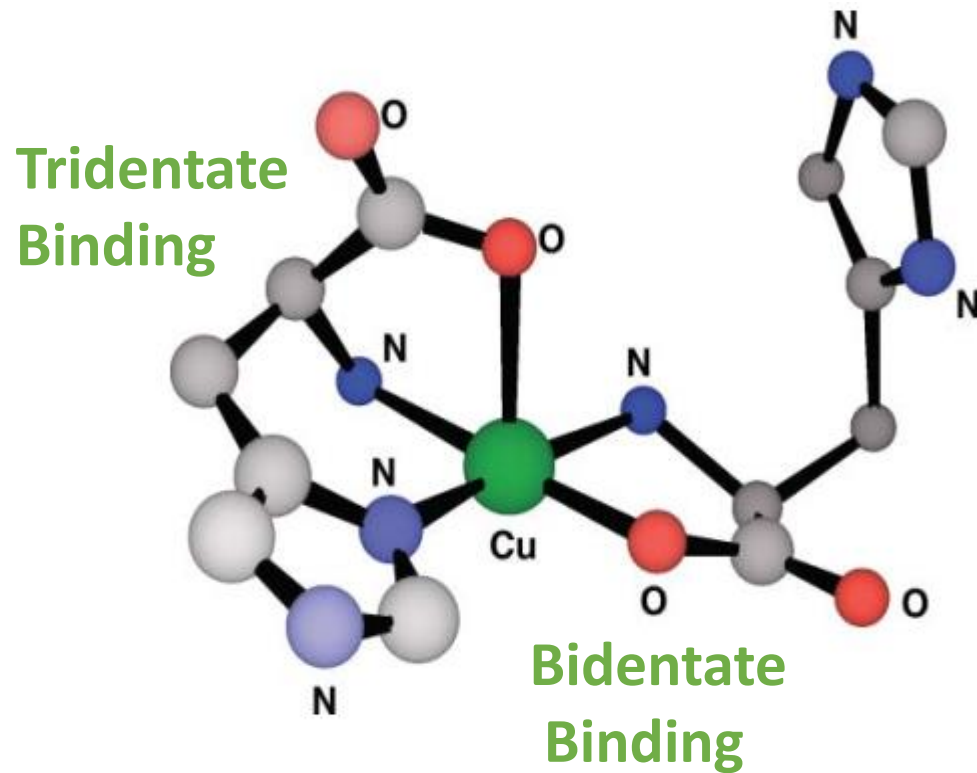


[Fe]H<sub>2</sub>ase





# Medicinal Use of Metal Amino acids complexes



Imidazole  
side chain

➤ One of the imidazole ring remains uncoordinated and both the imidazole rings coordinated.  
 $\text{Cu}[(\text{L-His})(\text{D-His})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ .

➤ The unique structure of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{His})_2]$  Copper Bis-Histidine which has been used for the treatment of “[Menkes disease](#)” was determined by Sarkar.

Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> – Cobalt containing protein

# Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Anti-pernicious anaemia factor

Structural features of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>

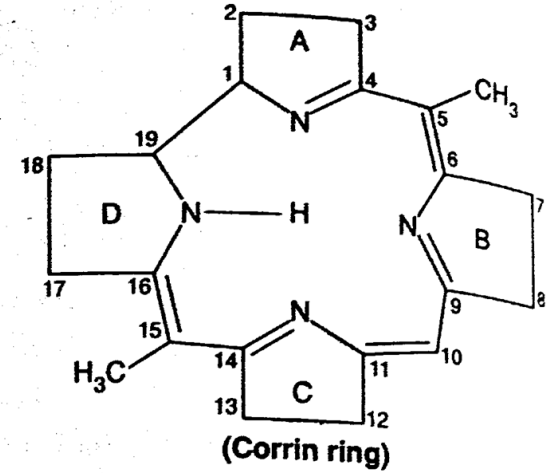
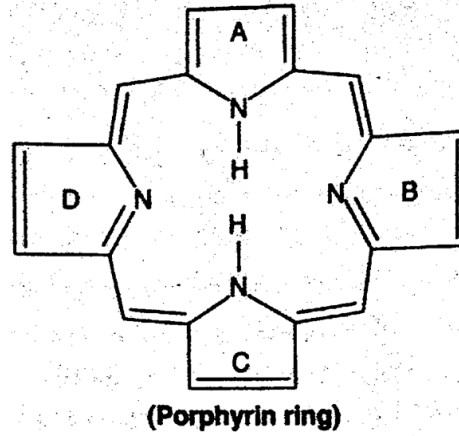
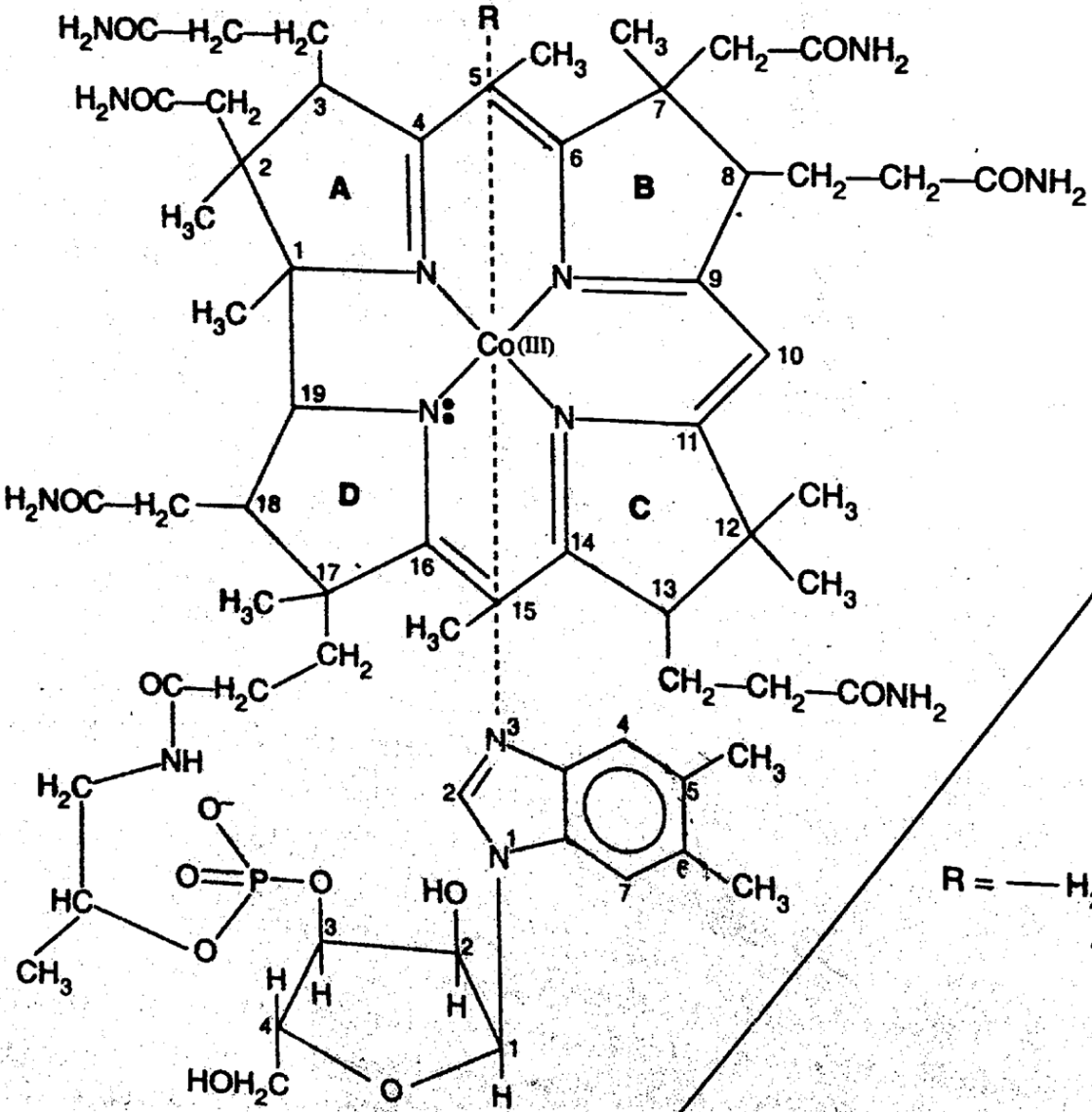


Figure 10.1.1.1: Structural representation of porphyrin and corrin ring.

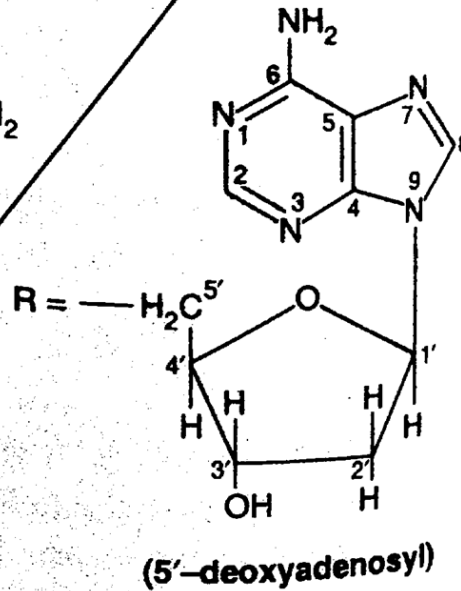
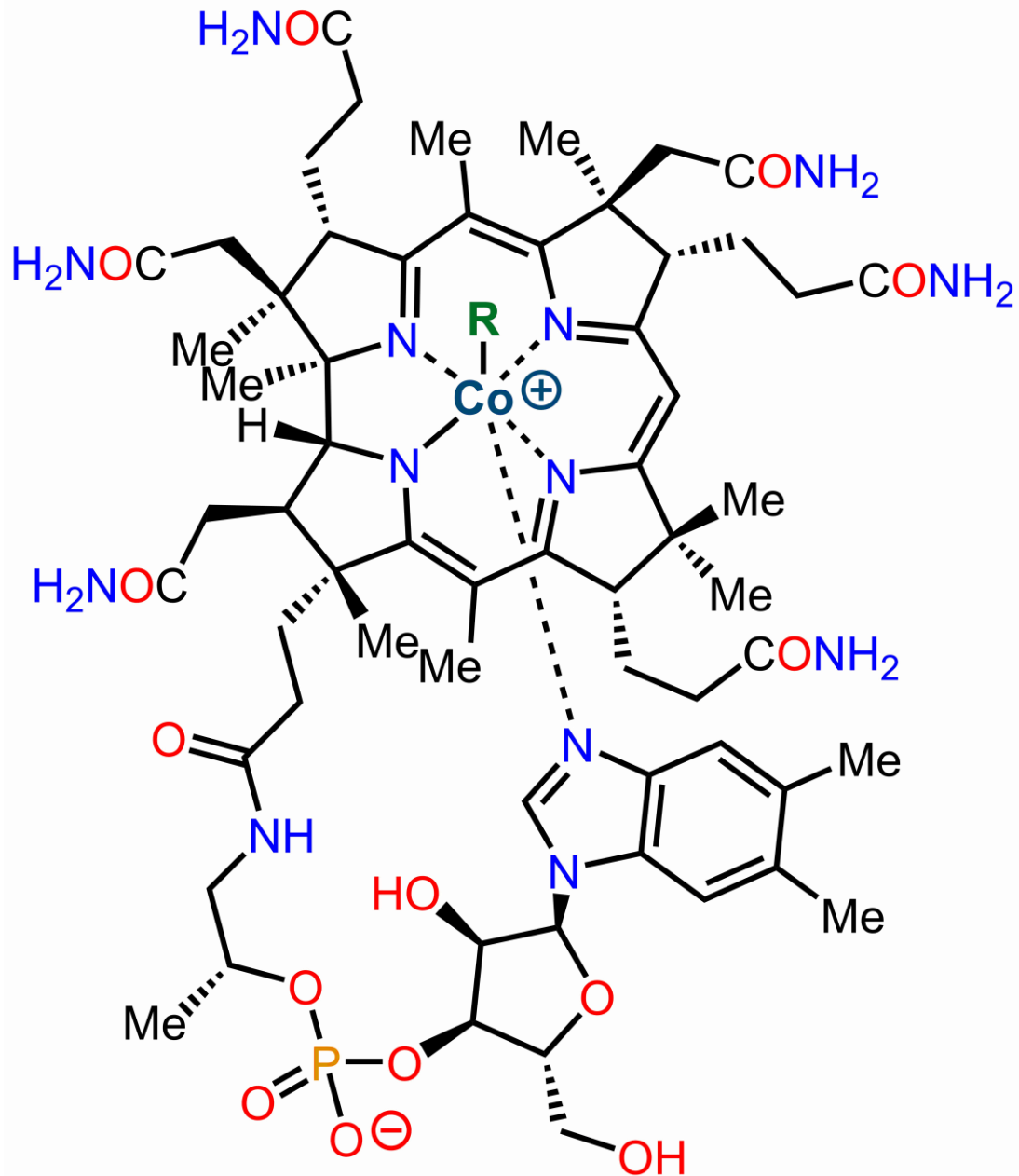


Figure 10.1.1.2: Structural representation of 5'-deoxyadenosylcobalamin.

# Cobalt containing protein: Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, B<sub>12r</sub> and B<sub>12s</sub>



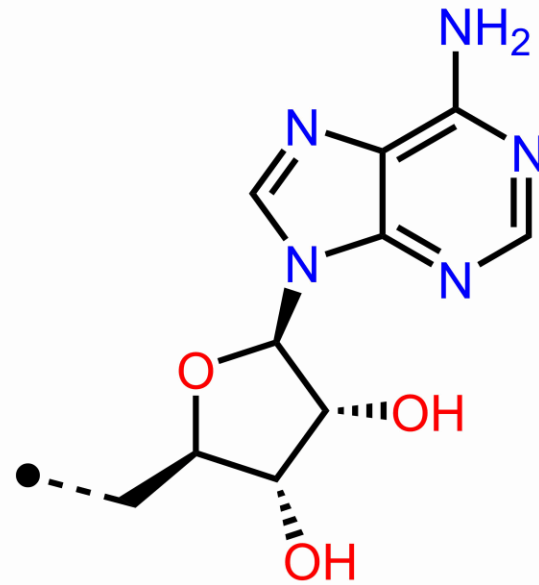
R group:

CN: cyanocobalamin

OH: hydroxocobalamin  
(vitamin B<sub>12a</sub>)

Me: methylcobalamin (MeCbl)

Ado: adenosylcobalamin  
(coenzyme B<sub>12</sub>, AdoCbl)



Ado = 5'-deoxyadenosyl



## Cobalt containing protein: Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, B<sub>12r</sub> and B<sub>12s</sub>

Isolation - 1958 by Barker; Structural Elucidation by Crowfoot - Hodgkin in 1961; B12 is cyanocobalamin and adenosyl cobalamin is coenzyme B12.

pernicious anemia (PA) is a disease in which not enough red blood cells are produced due to a deficiency of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and the **The term "pernicious" means "deadly"**

**Vit B12 is required for the synthesis of Succinyl coA which in turn needed for the synthesis of porphyrin**

Deficiency of vitamin B-12 lead to anemia, fatigue, mania, and depression, while a long term deficiency can cause permanent damage to the brain and central nervous system

cobalt normally exists as Co(III); under reducing conditions, it reduced to Co(II) or even Co(I), usually **denoted as B<sub>12r</sub> and B<sub>12s</sub>**, for reduced and super reduced, respectively

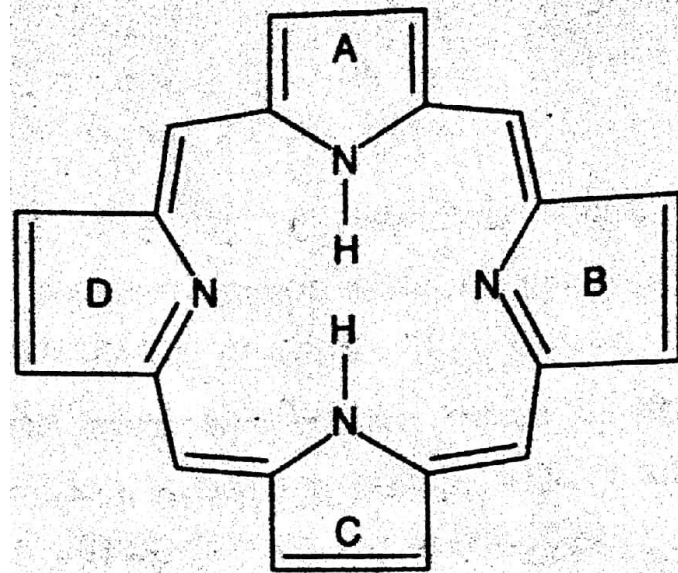
B<sub>12r</sub> (Co<sup>2+</sup>) and B<sub>12s</sub> (Co<sup>+</sup>) can be prepared from cyanocobalamin by controlled potential reduction, or chemical reduction using **sodium borohydride in alkaline solution, zinc in acetic acid**, or by the action of thiols. In biological system done by FAD.

Both B<sub>12r</sub> and B<sub>12s</sub> are stable indefinitely under oxygen-free conditions. **B<sub>12r</sub> appears orange-brown in solution**, while B<sub>12s</sub> appears **bluish-green under natural daylight**, and purple under artificial light

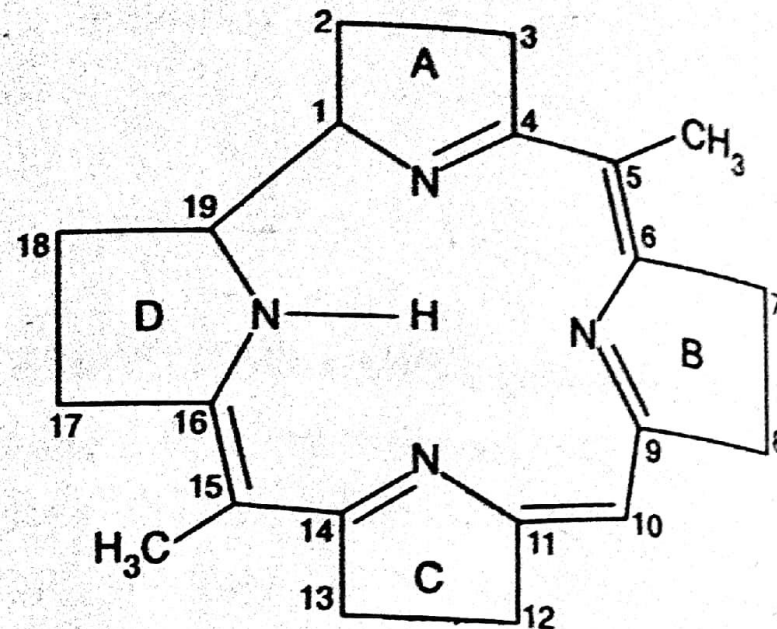
### 10.1.6 Special Characteristics of B<sub>12</sub> Coenzyme

The special properties of cobalamins have been already discussed in Sec. 10.1.3. Here the characteristic properties of B<sub>12</sub> coenzyme are summarised below to understand why nature has selected cobalt for vitamin B<sub>12</sub>.

- (i) Labilisation of 'Co—C' bond is greatly influenced by the protein chain. The *trans*-axial ligand also influences the Co—C bond strength.
- (ii) The cobalt centre can have the oxidation states, +1 (*d*<sup>8</sup>) or +2 (*d*<sup>7</sup>) or +3 (*d*<sup>6</sup>). Cob(III)alamin can easily dissociate (*effect of the strain in corrin ring, cf. Sec. 10.1.3*) the weakly bound sixth ligand to generate the 5-coordinate intermediate which can act as a **good electrophile**. In the +1 state (*i.e.* B<sub>12s</sub>), it acts as a *strong nucleophile*. The 6-coordinate Co(III) (*d*<sup>6</sup>) can experience **reductive elimination** while the 4-coordinate B<sub>12s</sub> can experience **oxidative addition**. In fact, *d*<sup>8</sup> (16*e*) system is the ideal centre for oxidative addition and *d*<sup>6</sup> (18*e*) is the ideal centre for *reductive elimination*.
- (iii) The flexibility of the corrin ring allows it to attain different conformations. This change in conformation can change the lability of the Co—C bond.
- (iv) It may be noted that cobalt-porphyrin analogues of B<sub>12</sub> cannot be reduced to Co(I) in aqueous solution. But the presence of corrin ring in cobalamin makes the process possible.
- (v) From methylcobalamine, the methyl group can be released as <sup>+</sup>CH<sub>3</sub> or <sup>•</sup>CH<sub>3</sub> or <sup>-</sup>CH<sub>3</sub> depending upon the situation.

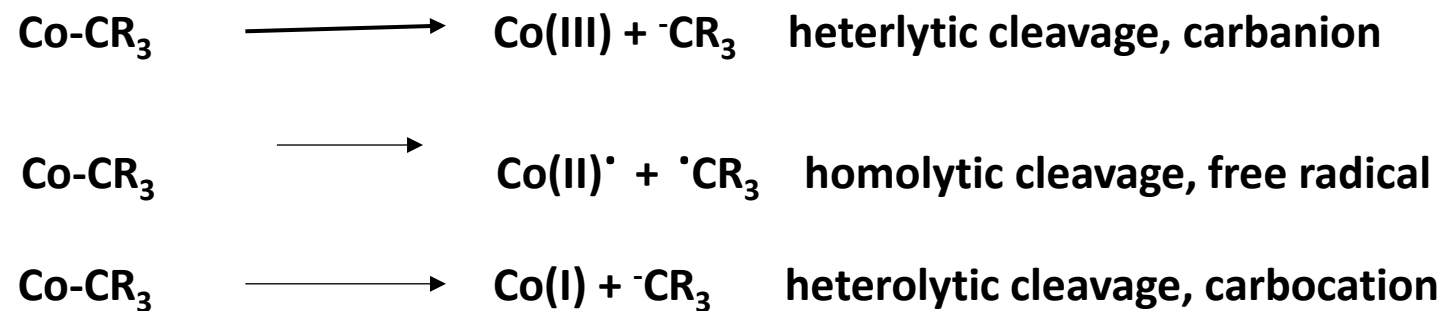


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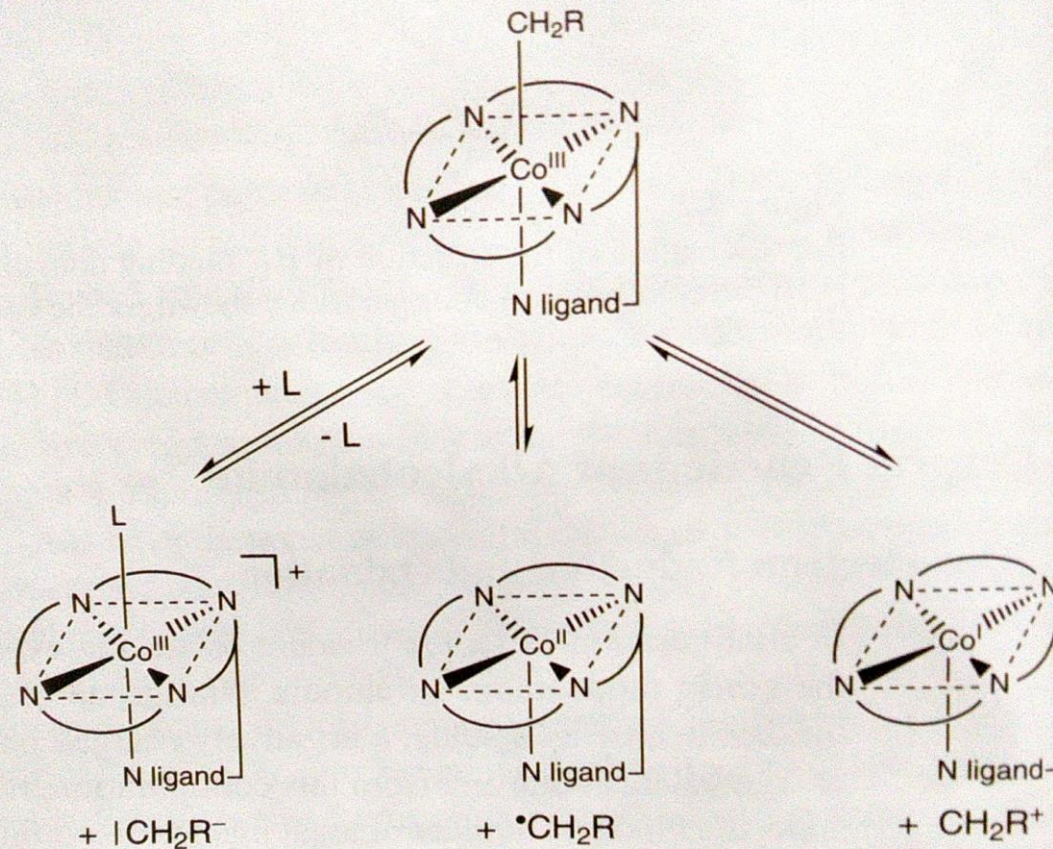
(Corrin ring)

**Figure 10.1.1.1:** Structural representation of porphyrin and corrin ring.





# Co-C bond Cleavage



type of reaction:

heterolysis

homolysis

heterolysis

metal configuration  
in the product

d<sup>6</sup> low-spin,  
stable, inert

d<sup>7</sup> low-spin,  
1 unpaired electron  
(d<sub>z<sup>2</sup></sub>)<sup>1</sup>

d<sup>8</sup>, "super-  
nucleophilic"  
(d<sub>z<sup>2</sup></sub>)<sup>2</sup>

alkyl ligand,  
eliminated as:

"carbanion",  
nucleophilic

primary alkyl radical,  
very reactive

"carbocation",  
electrophilic

app. electrochemical  
potential equivalent<sup>a</sup>:

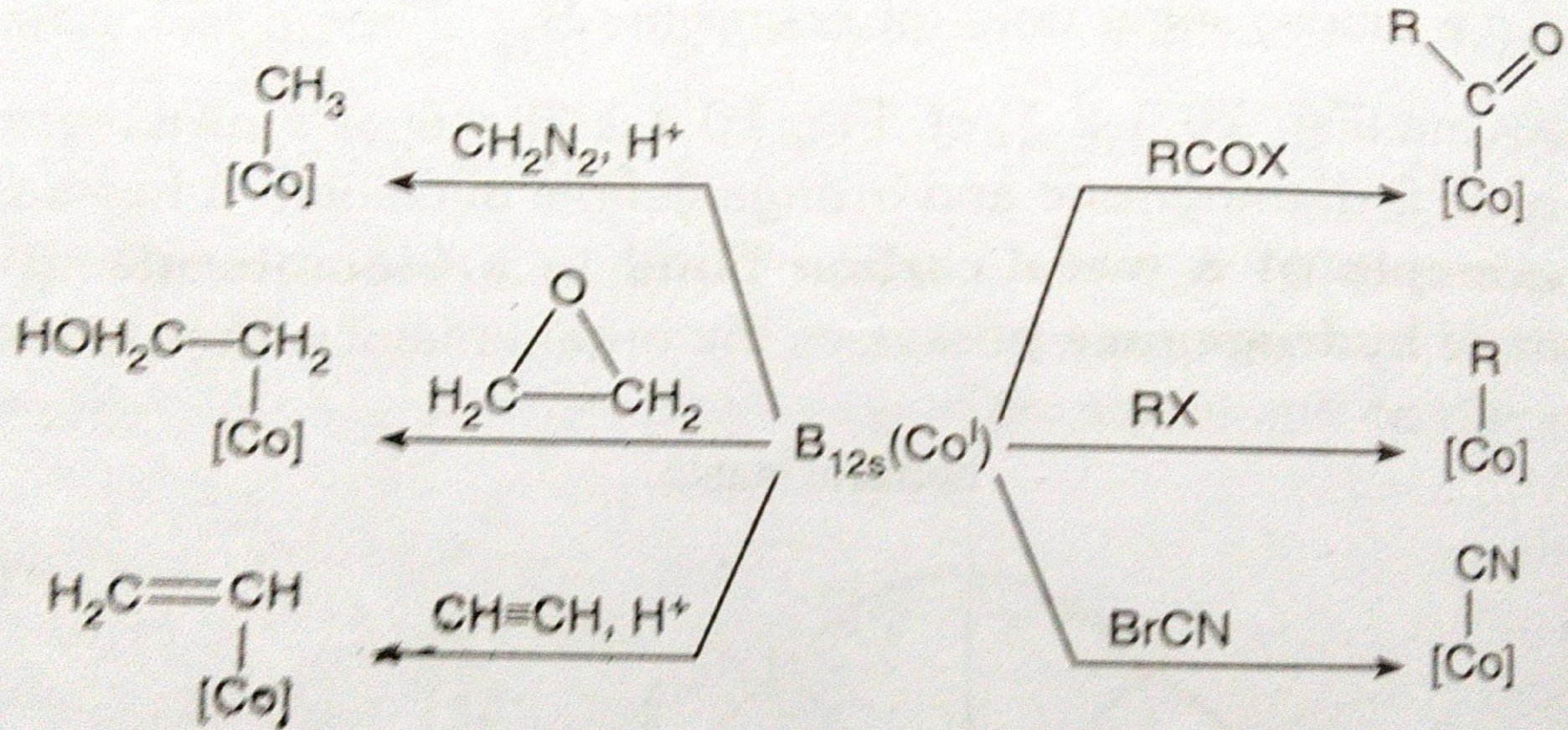
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0 to -0.4 V

< -0.9 V



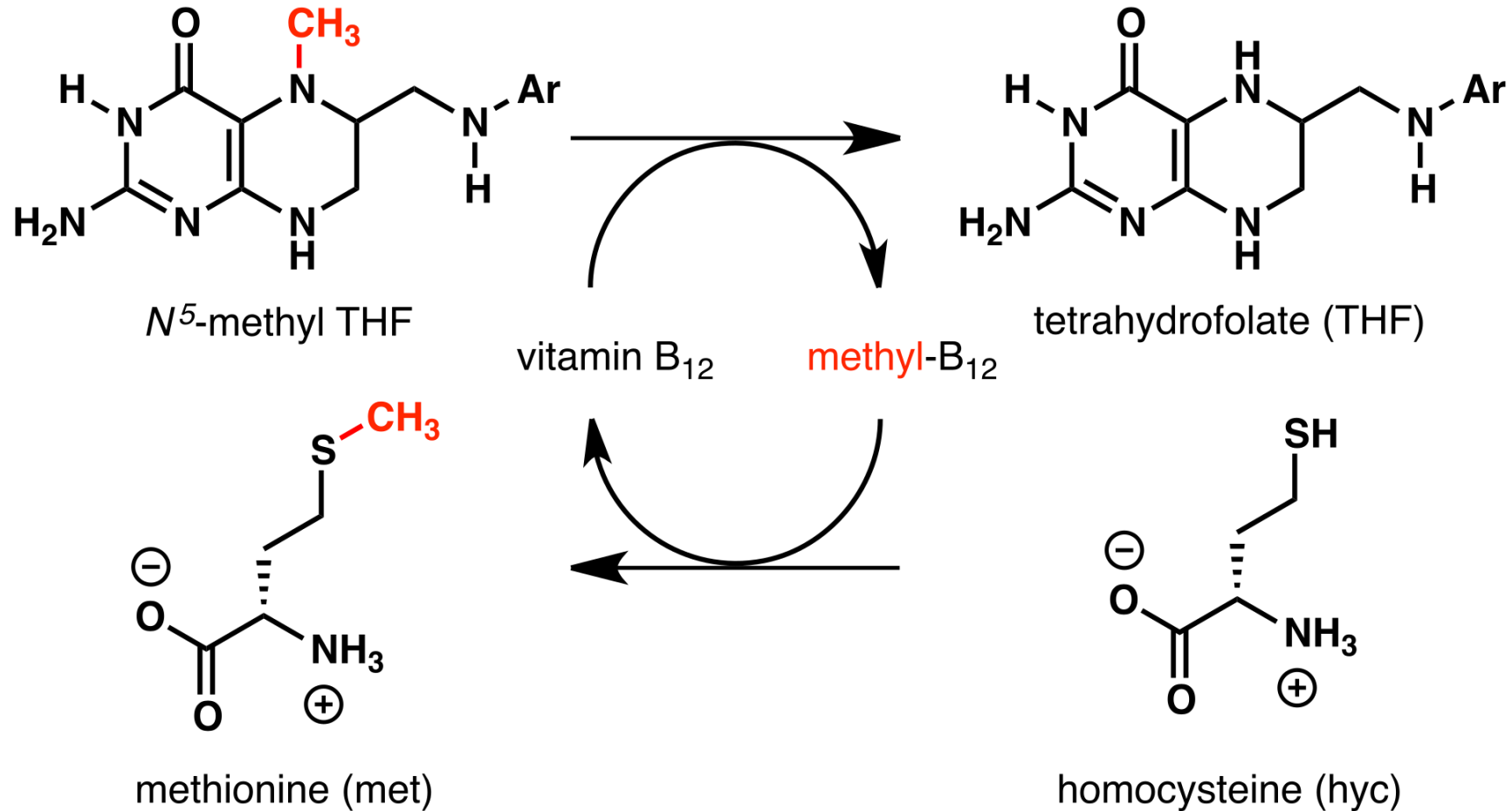
## Reactions of Co(I) B<sub>12</sub><sub>s</sub>



*Scheme 10.1.2.1 : Synthesis of various types of cobalamin derivatives from  $B_{12s}(Co^I)$*



# Alkylation Reactions of vit-B12

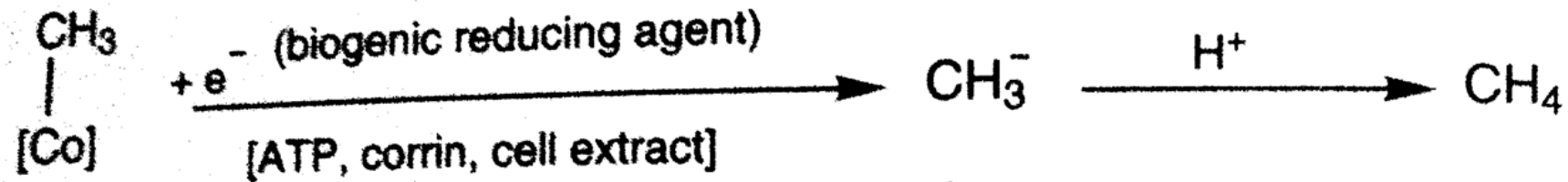


This reaction is catalyzed by the **enzyme methionine synthase with B<sub>12</sub> as an essential cofactor**

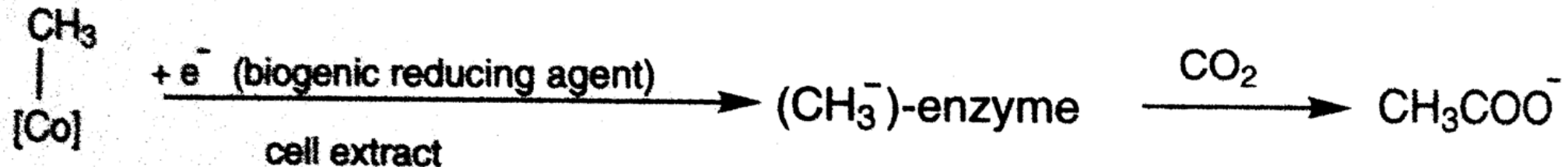
During B<sub>12</sub> deficiency, this reaction cannot proceed, **which leads to the accumulation of 5-methyltetrahydrofolate.**

# Alkylation Reactions of vit-B12

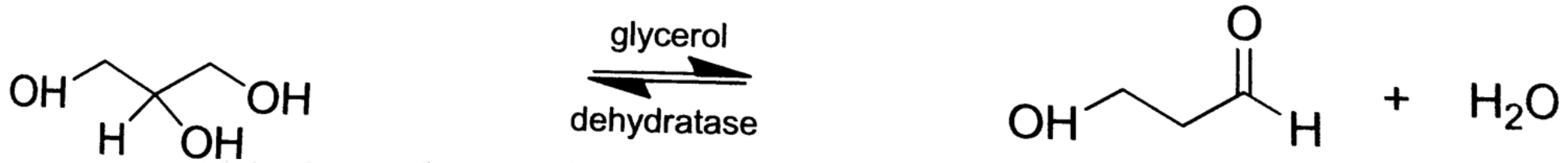
## (b) Synthesis of methane



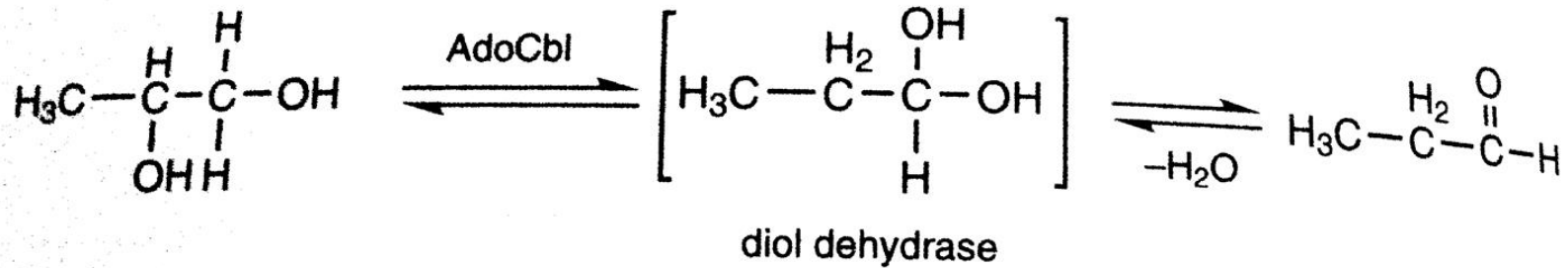
## (c) Synthesis of acetate



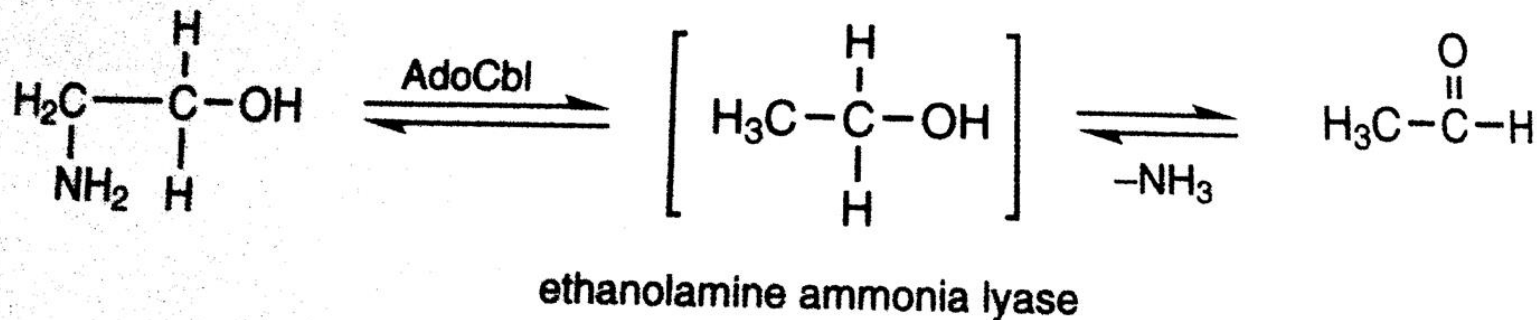
# Isomerisation Reactions



(ii) *Reactions which require AdoCbl*  
(d) Diol dehydrase



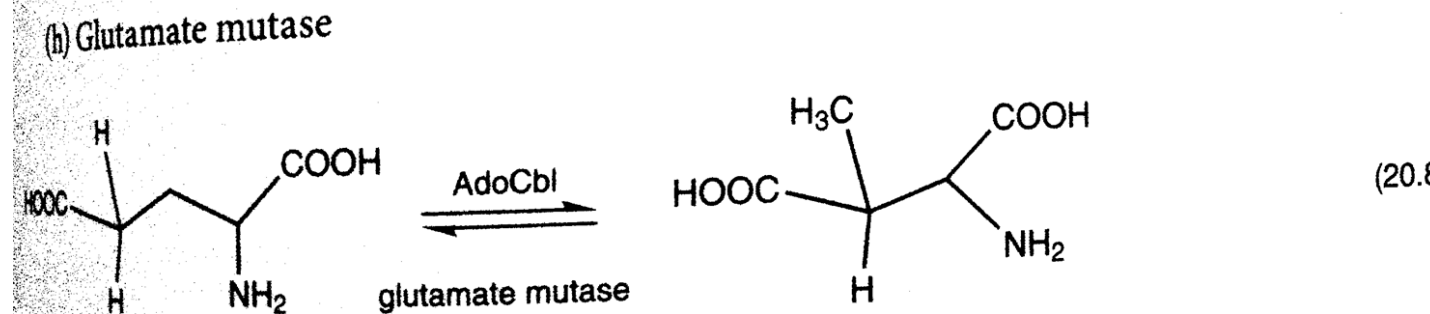
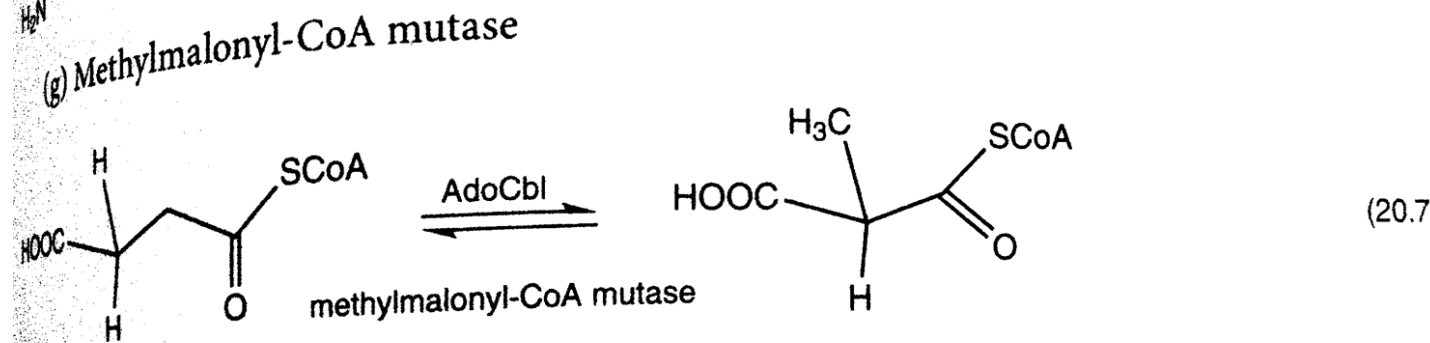
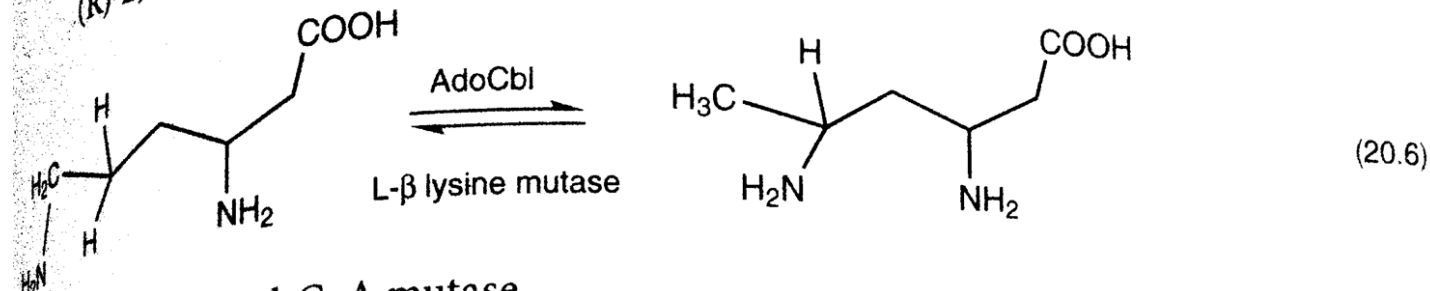
(e) Ethanolamine ammonia lyase



# Isomerisation Reactions

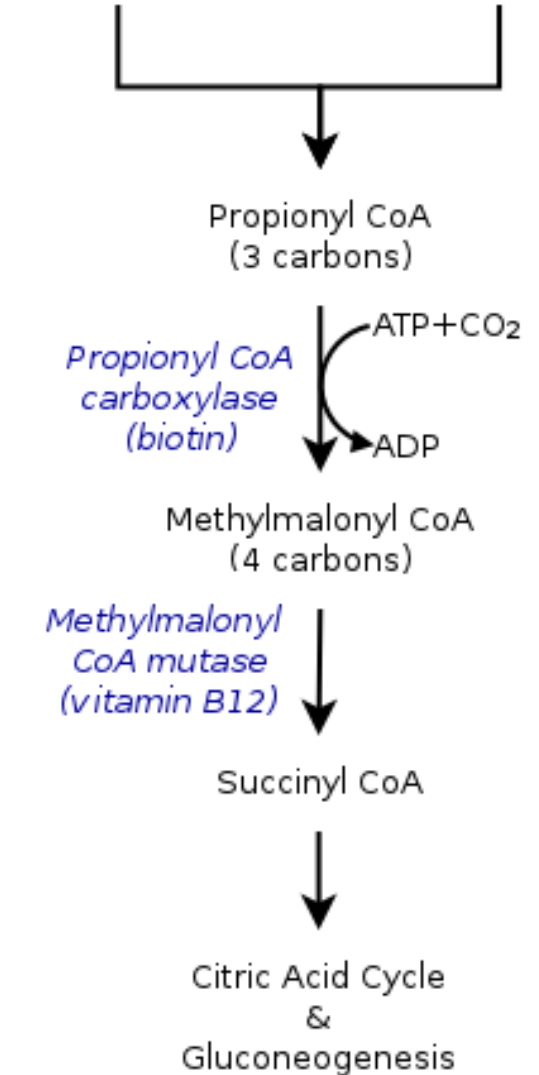
Several mutases in which hydrogen and another group on an adjacent carbon exchange places are shown below.

(f) Aminomutase utilising (S)-3,6-diaminohexonoate, (R)-2,6-diaminohexonoate, (R)-2,5-diaminopentanoate or  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ -leucine.



Odd-chain fatty acids  
Cholesterol

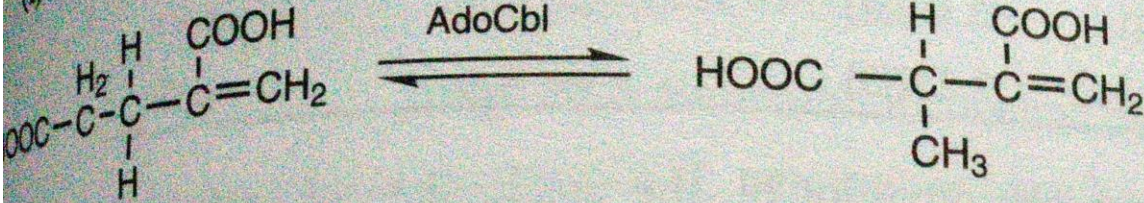
Methionine  
Threonine  
Isoleucine  
Valine





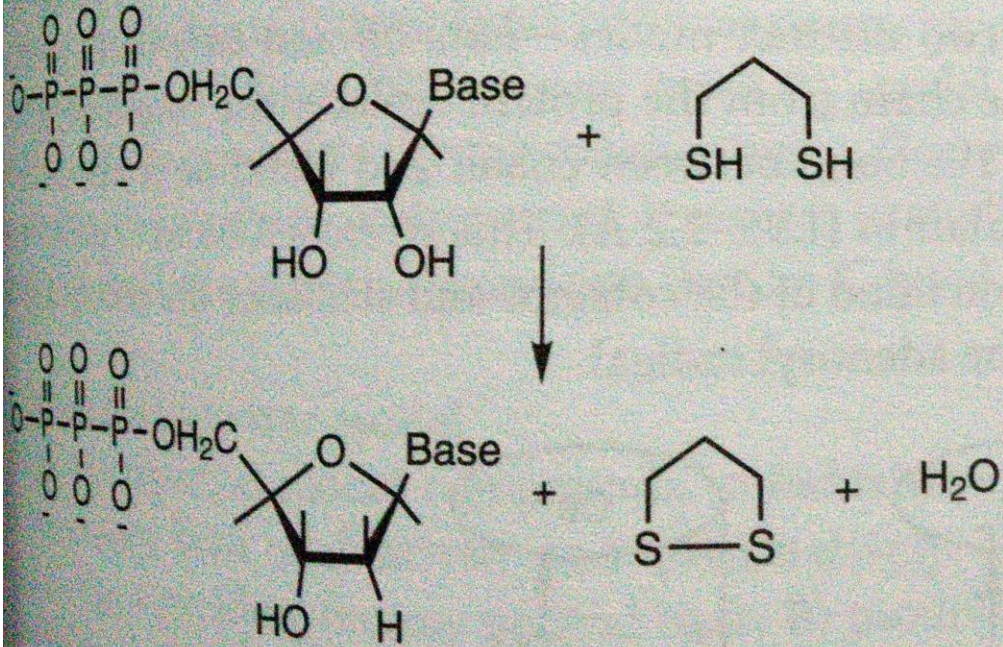
# Mechanism of Isomerisation Reactions

(i)  $\alpha$ -Methyleneglutarate mutase



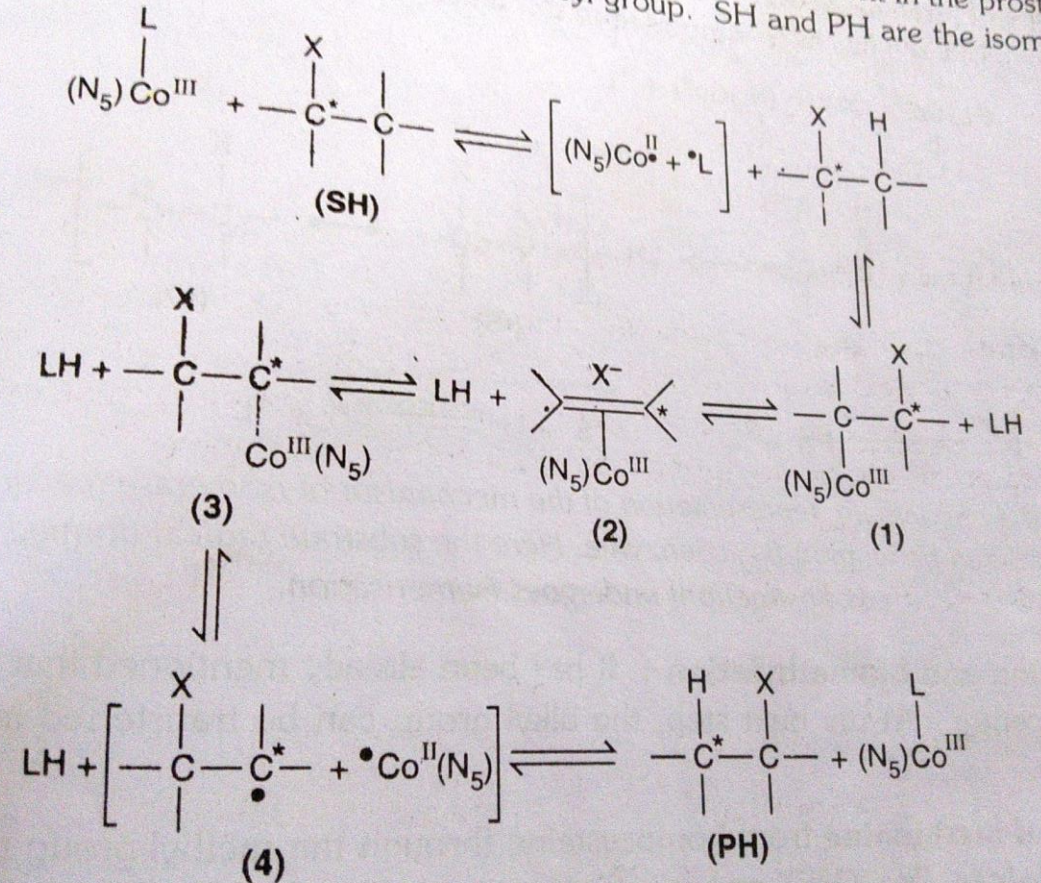
(ii) Ribonucleotide reductase

Here ribose is reduced to deoxyribose.

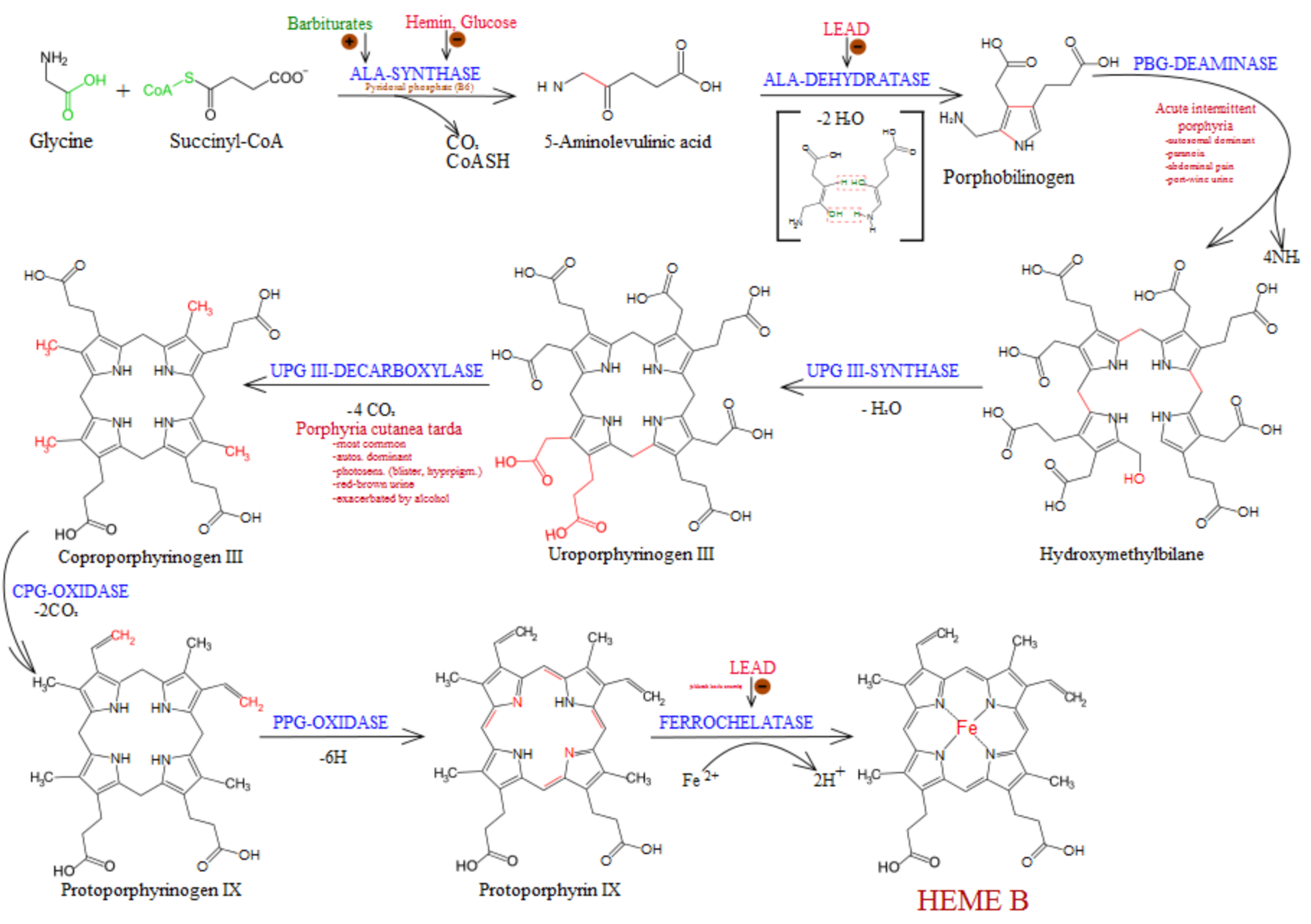


ribonucleotide reductase

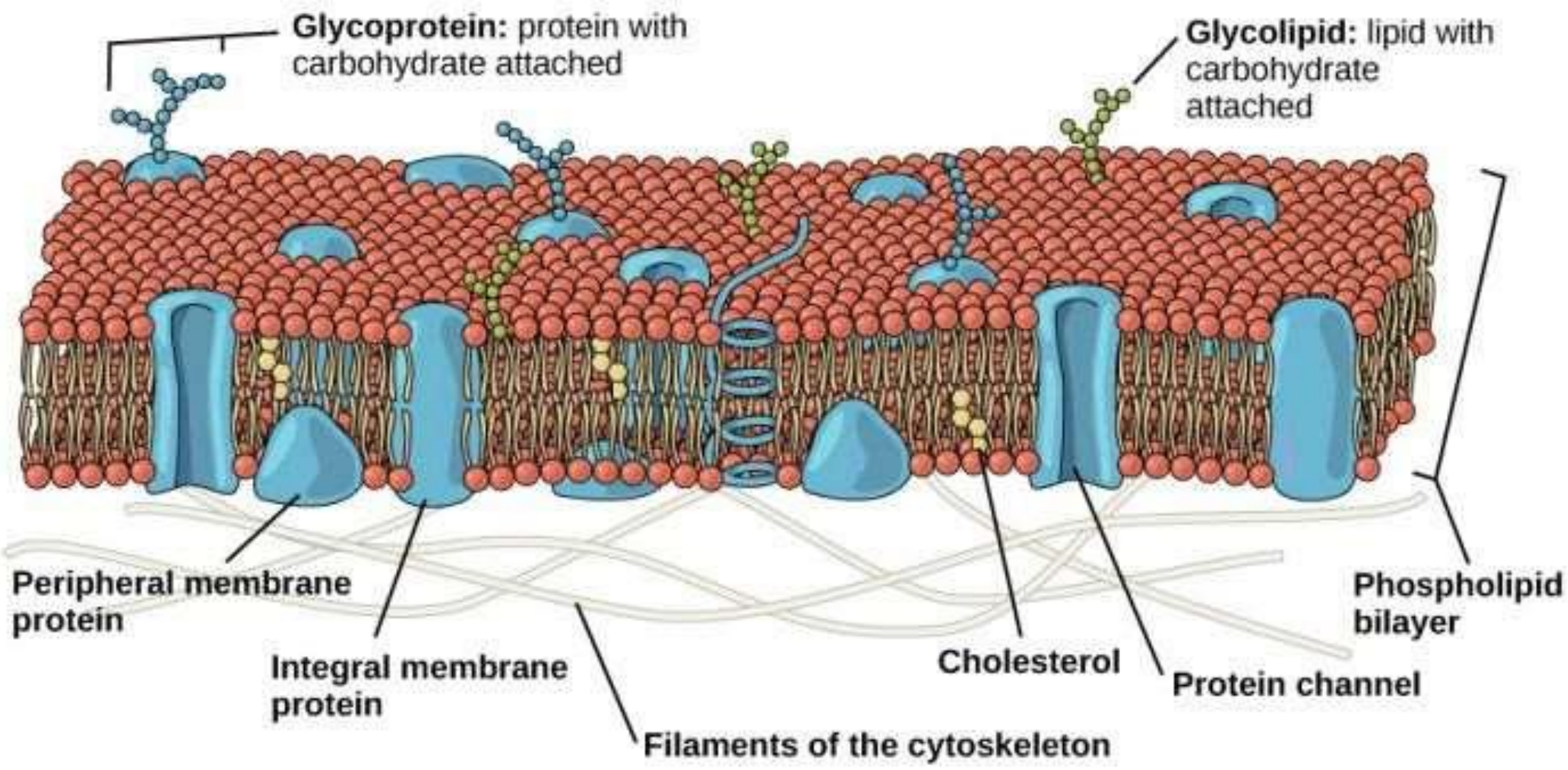
**Mechanism of isomerase reaction:** The mechanism of isomerisation can be outlined as in Scheme 10.1.4.3 where  $(N_5)Co^{III}-L$  stands for the  $B_{12}$  coenzyme present in the prosthetic group of the isomerase enzyme. Here, L = 5'-deoxyadenosyl group. SH and PH are the isomeric substrates in Scheme 10.1.4.3.

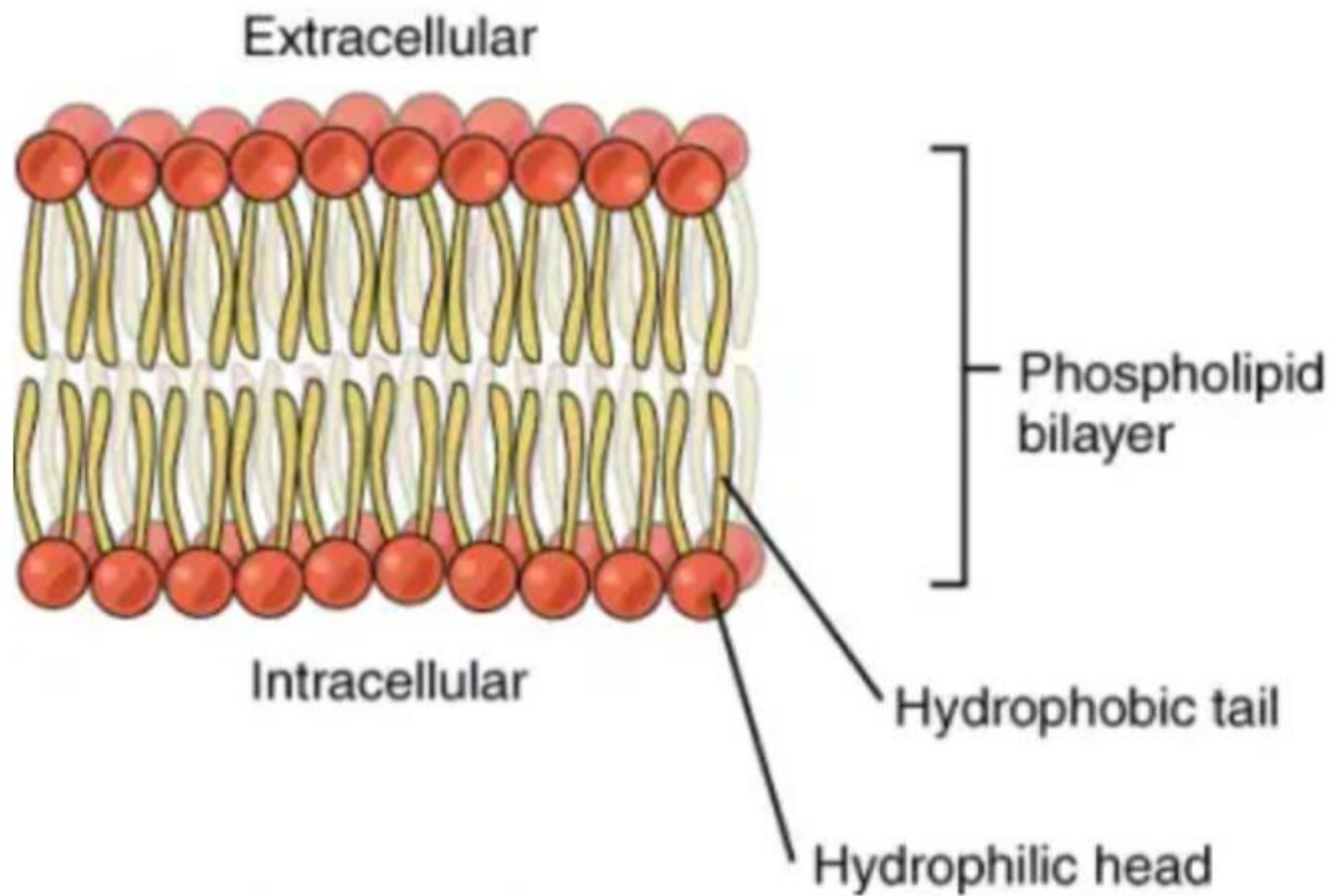






lonophores







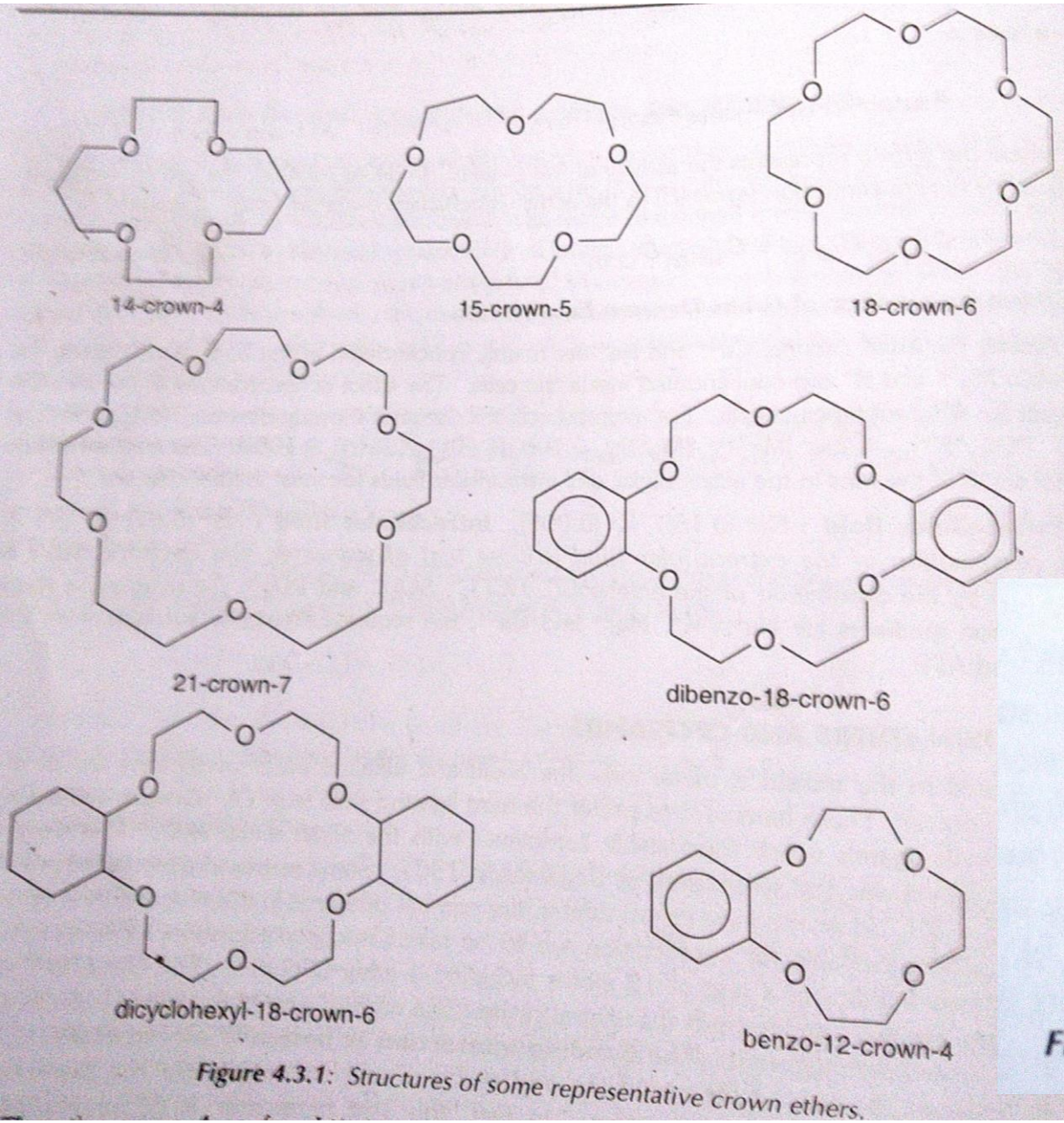
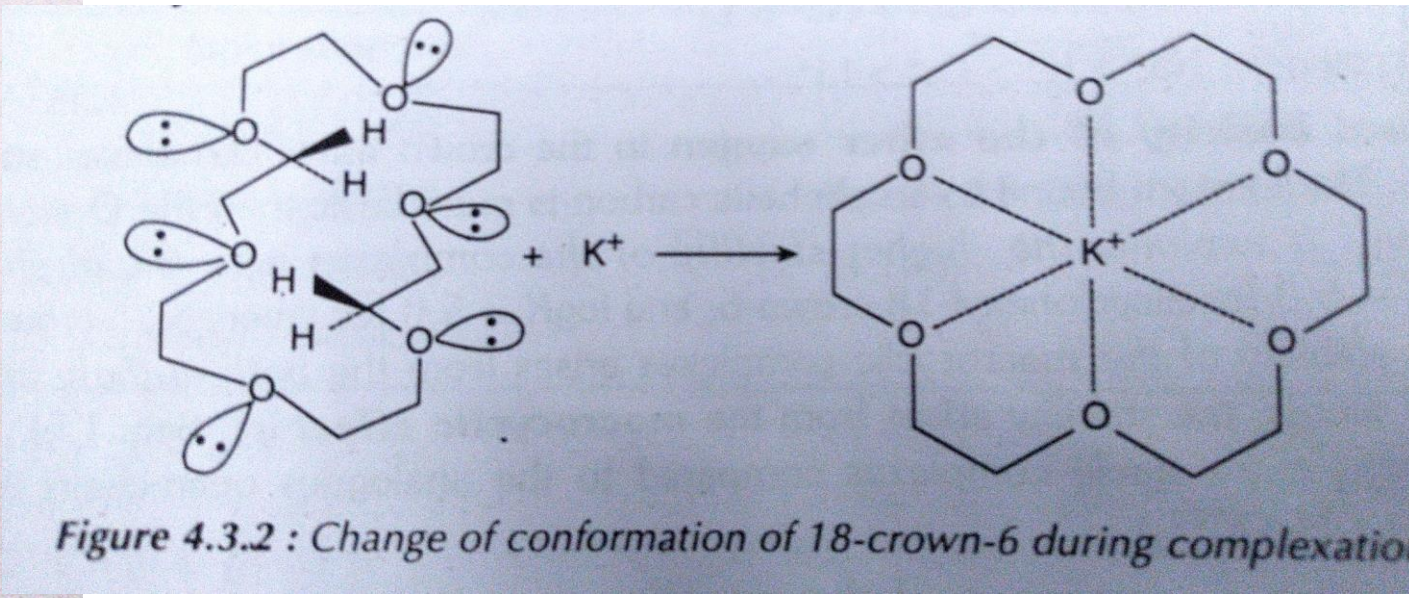


Figure 4.3.1: Structures of some representative crown ethers.

**Table 4.3.1**  
Diameters (in pm) of crown ether cavity and metal ions.

Crown ether	Metal ions
14-crown-4 (120-150)	Li <sup>+</sup> (140), Na <sup>+</sup> (190), Ca <sup>2+</sup> (200)
15-crown-5 (180-220)	K <sup>+</sup> (270), Ba <sup>2+</sup> (270), Rb <sup>+</sup> (300)
18-crown-6 (260-320)	Cs <sup>+</sup> (330)
21-crown-7 (340-430)	





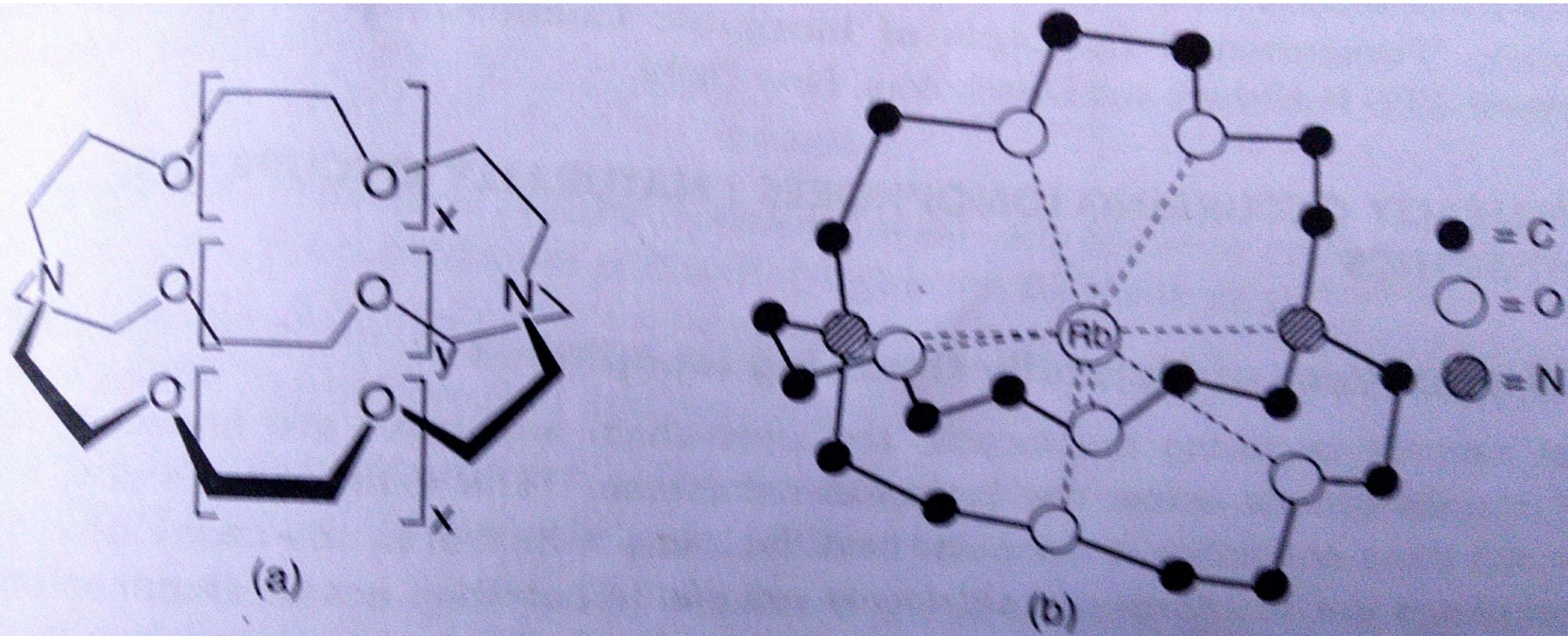
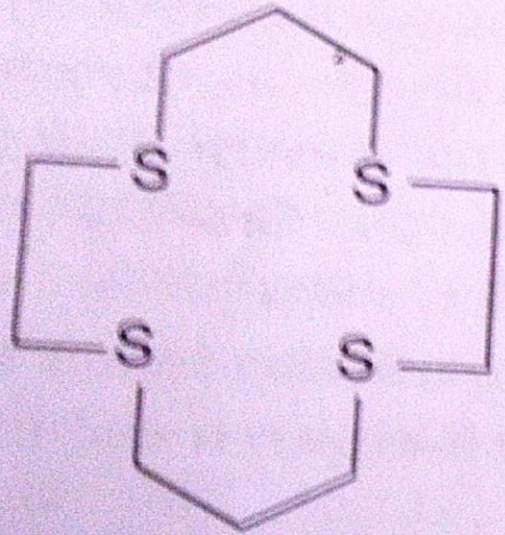
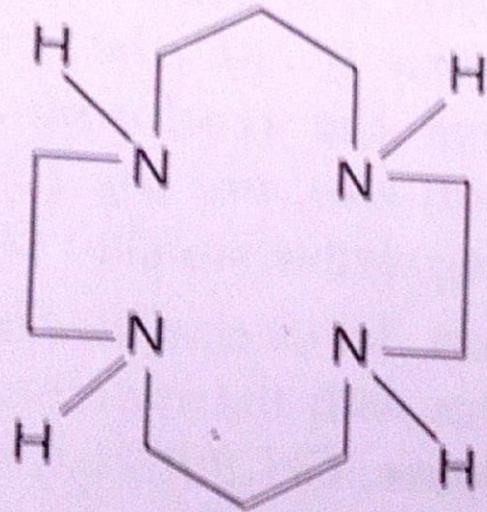


Figure 4.3.4 : Structures of macrobicyclic cryptand (a) and [RbC222]<sup>+</sup> (b).

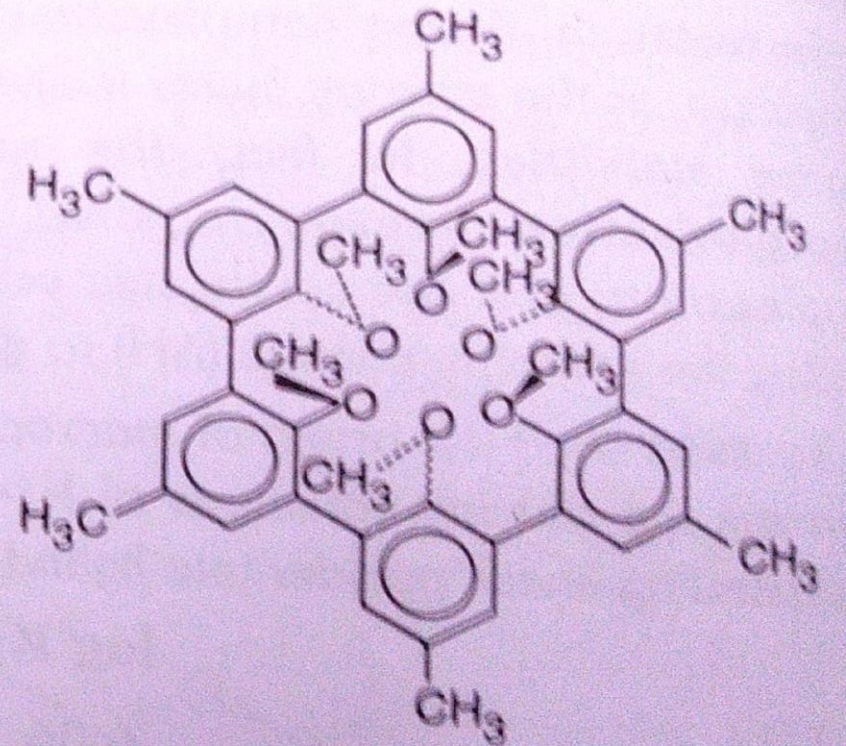




**Thiocrown**  
(a)



**Cyclam**  
(b)



**Spherand (methoxytoluene based)**  
(c)

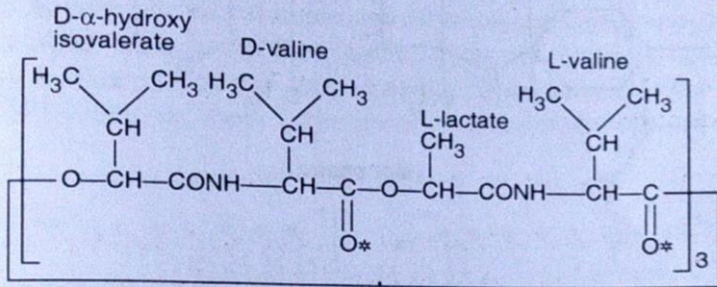
**Figure 4.3.3 :** Structures of (a) thiocrown; (b) cyclam and (c) spherand, a typical example.  
(a) 1,4,8,11-tetrathiacyclotetradecane. (b) 1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane



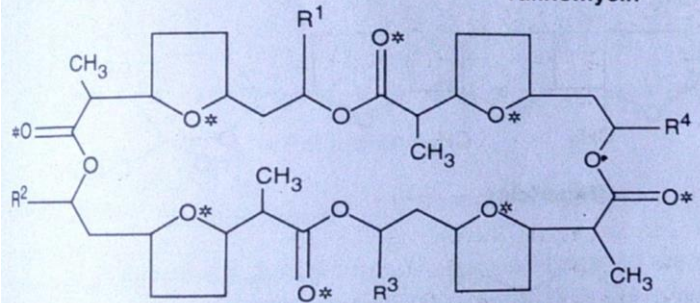
Based on their structural properties, they are classified into two classes.

(i) **Class I** : These are cyclic ionophores (Fig. 4.4.1.1) and are neutral at physiological pH. Thus their metal complexes are cationic in nature. This group is subdivided into **macrotetrolides** (e.g. **actins** like nonactin, monactin, dinactin, trinactin, tetranactin) and **cyclodepsipeptides** (condensation products of amino acids and carboxylic acids, e.g. valinomycin, enniatin A, enniatin B)

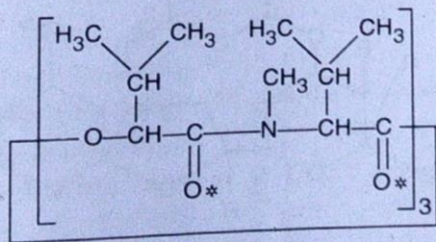
(ii) **Class II** : These are open-chain carboxylic acid ionophores (Fig. 4.4.1.2). These can cyclize through hydrogen bonding. They form neutral complexes (e.g.  $\text{RCO}_2^- \text{Na}^+$ ) after deprotonation of the  $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$  group. The examples are : monensin, nigericin, dianemycin.



Valinomycin

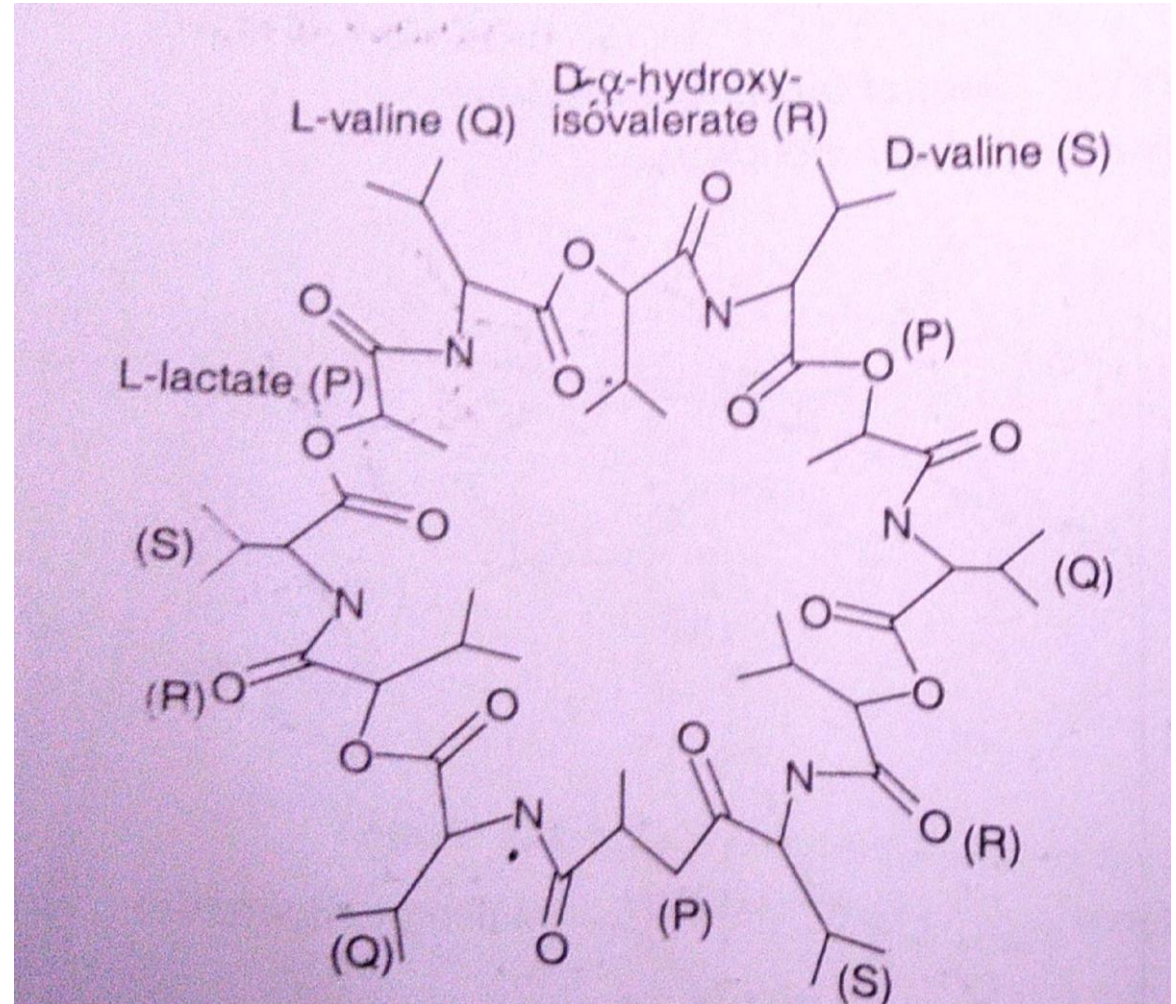


$R^1 = R^2 = R^3 = R^4 = \text{CH}_3$ , Nonactin,  
 $R^1 = R^2 = R^3 = \text{CH}_3$  and  $R^4 = \text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ , Monactin  
 $R^1 = R^3 = \text{CH}_3$  and  $R^2 = R^4 = \text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ , Dinactin  
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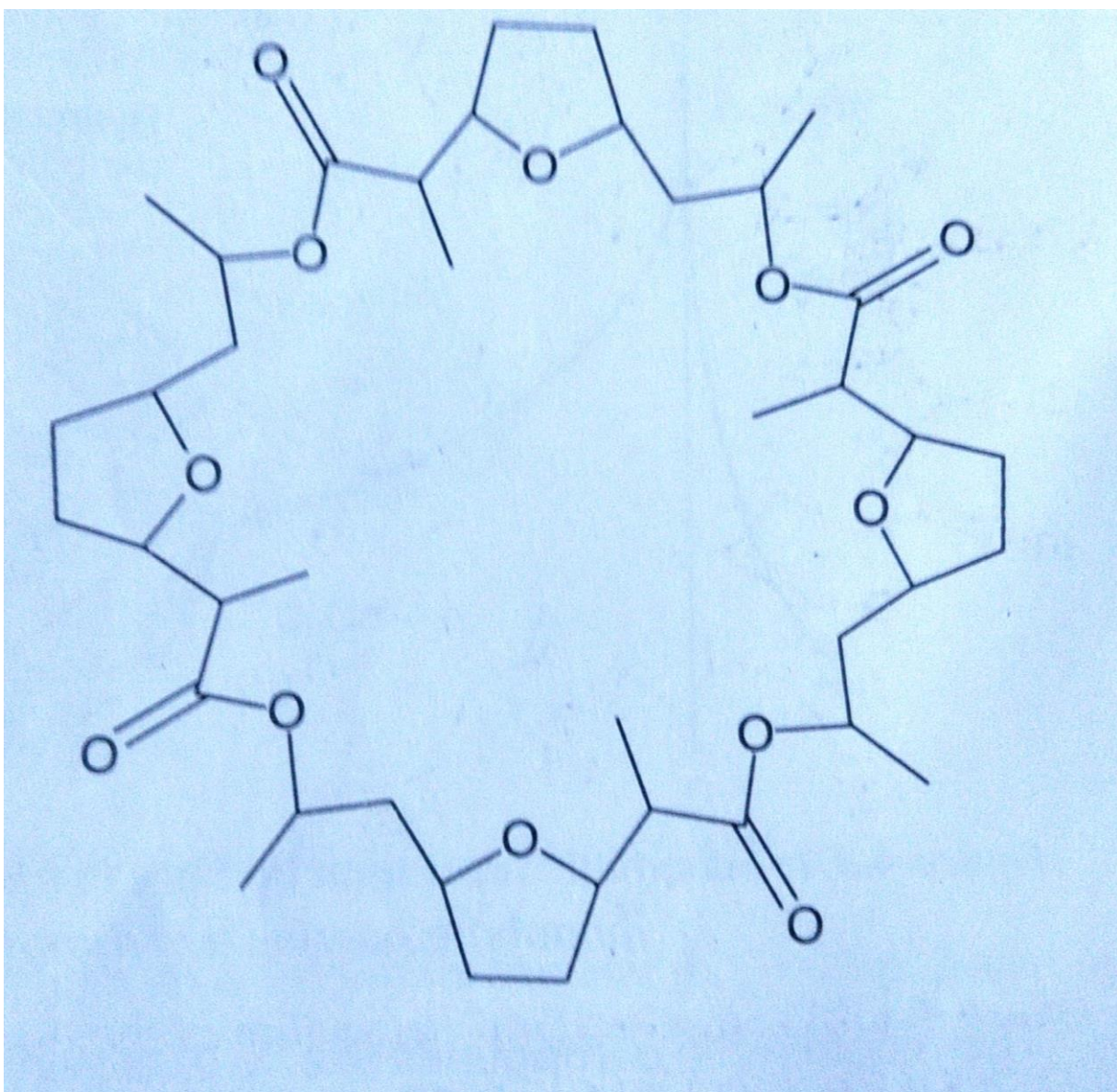
Enniatin B

Figure 4.4.1.1: Structures of some representative naturally occurring cyclic ionophores, i.e. antibiotics of Class I. (\* Represents the donor sites).



Valinomycin – binds  $\text{K}^+$  more tightly than  $\text{Na}^+$



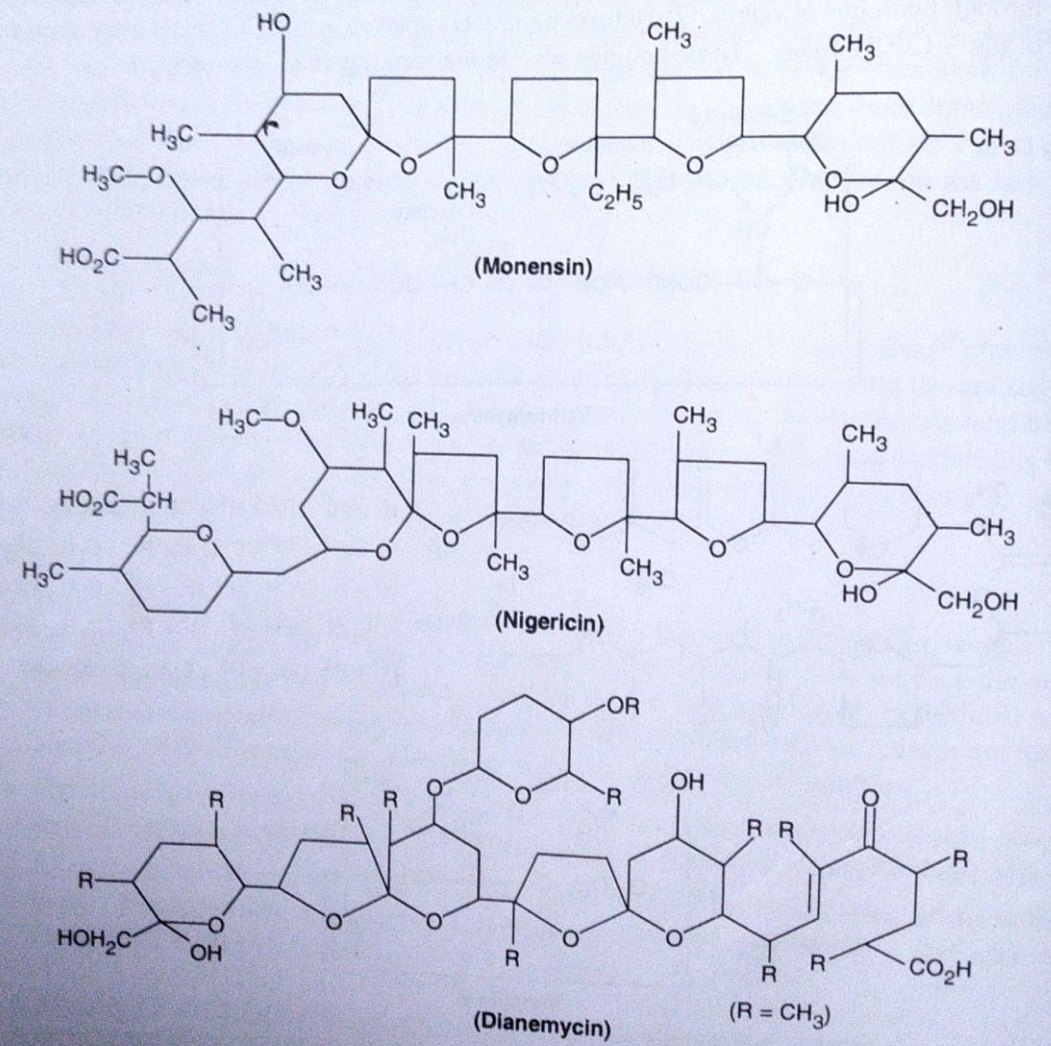


**Figure 4.4.4.1:** Structural representation of the macrocyclic ionophore, nonactin (cf. Fig. 4.4.1.1).

Selectivity sequence of the naturally occurring antibiotics is shown below.

*Valinomycin*:  $Rb^+ > K^+ > Cs^+ > Na^+$ ; *Actins*:  $K^+ > Rb^+ > Cs^+ > Na^+ > Li^+$ ; *Nigericin*:  $K^+ > Rb^+ > Na^+ > Li^+$ ; *Monensin*:  $Na^+ > K^+ > Rb^+$ ; *Dianemycin*:  $Na^+, K^+, Rb^+ > Li^+$ .

*Valinomycin* and *nonactin* are very much selective towards  $K^+$  compared to  $Na^+$ . In fact, based on this property, these antibiotics have been used in the development of *metal selective membrane electrodes* which may be used to estimate  $K^+$  in the presence of  $Na^+$ . On the other hand, the antibiotic *actinomycin* binds  $Na^+$  preferably compared to  $K^+$ .



**Figure 4.4.1.2:** Structures of some representative open-chain naturally occurring carboxylic acid ionophores, i.e. antibiotics of Class II.



# Mechanism of Channel forming (class II) and Carrier (Class I) Ionophore

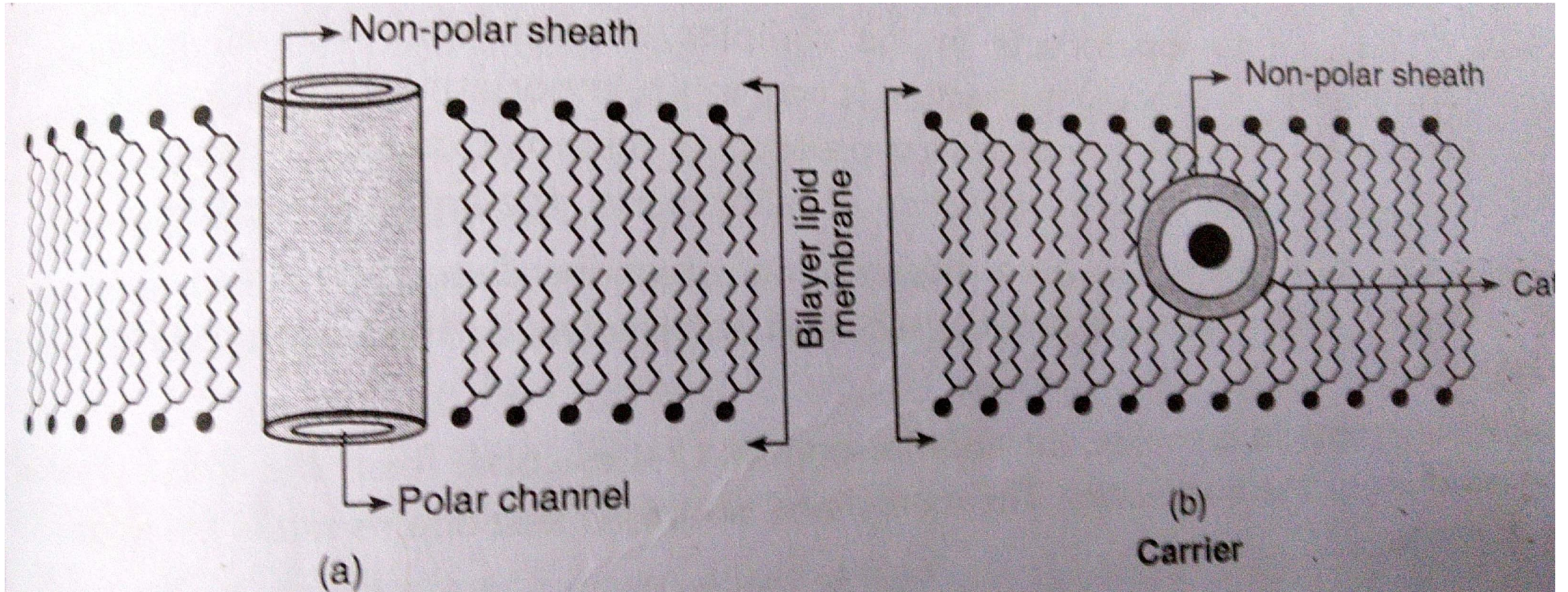


Figure 4.4.2.1: Schematic representation of the channel forming ionophore (a) and carrier ionophore (b) in the bilayer lipid membrane.



# Na/K Transfer across the membrane – Na/K ATPase

- Active – against concentration gradient; and passive transport – Higher end to lower end – spontaneous process –ve deltaG
- 0.6 mmol of electrons/sec = 60 ampere of current in resting human
- Extracellular fluid: Na (0.15) and K (0.005) - Ca and Na in mol/dm<sup>3</sup>
- Intracellular fluid: Na (0.01) and K (0.15) – Mg and K mol/dm<sup>3</sup>
- $\text{Na}_{\text{out}}/\text{Na}_{\text{in}} = 15$ ;  $\text{Ca}_{\text{out}}/\text{Ca}_{\text{in}} = 1000$ ;  $\text{K}_{\text{in}}/\text{K}_{\text{out}} = 25$  and  $\text{Mg}_{\text{in}}/\text{Mg}_{\text{out}} = 100$

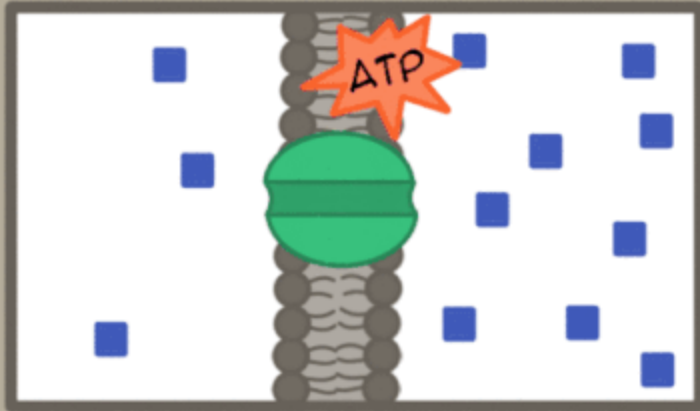


# CELL TRANSPORT

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Requires Energy

Active Transport

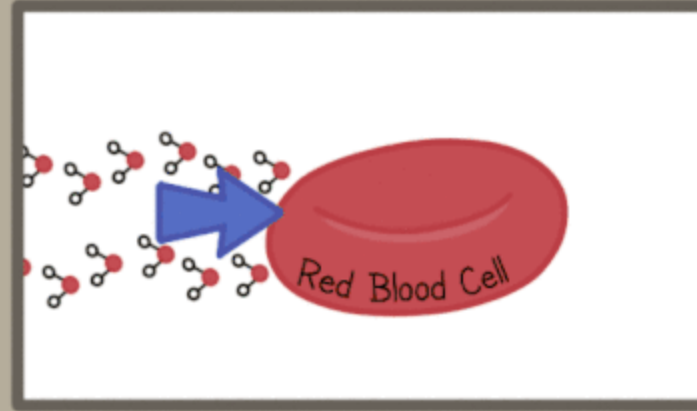


Bulk Transport (ex: Endocytosis)

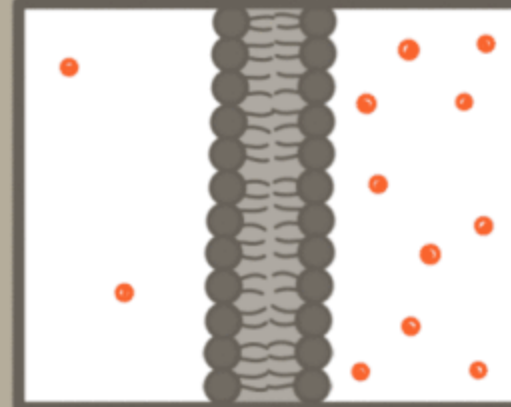


Does Not Require Energy  
(Passive Transport)

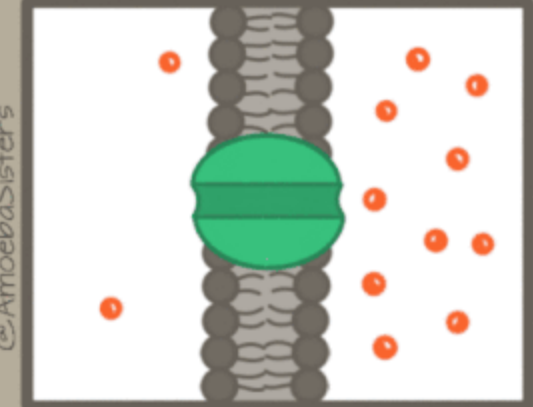
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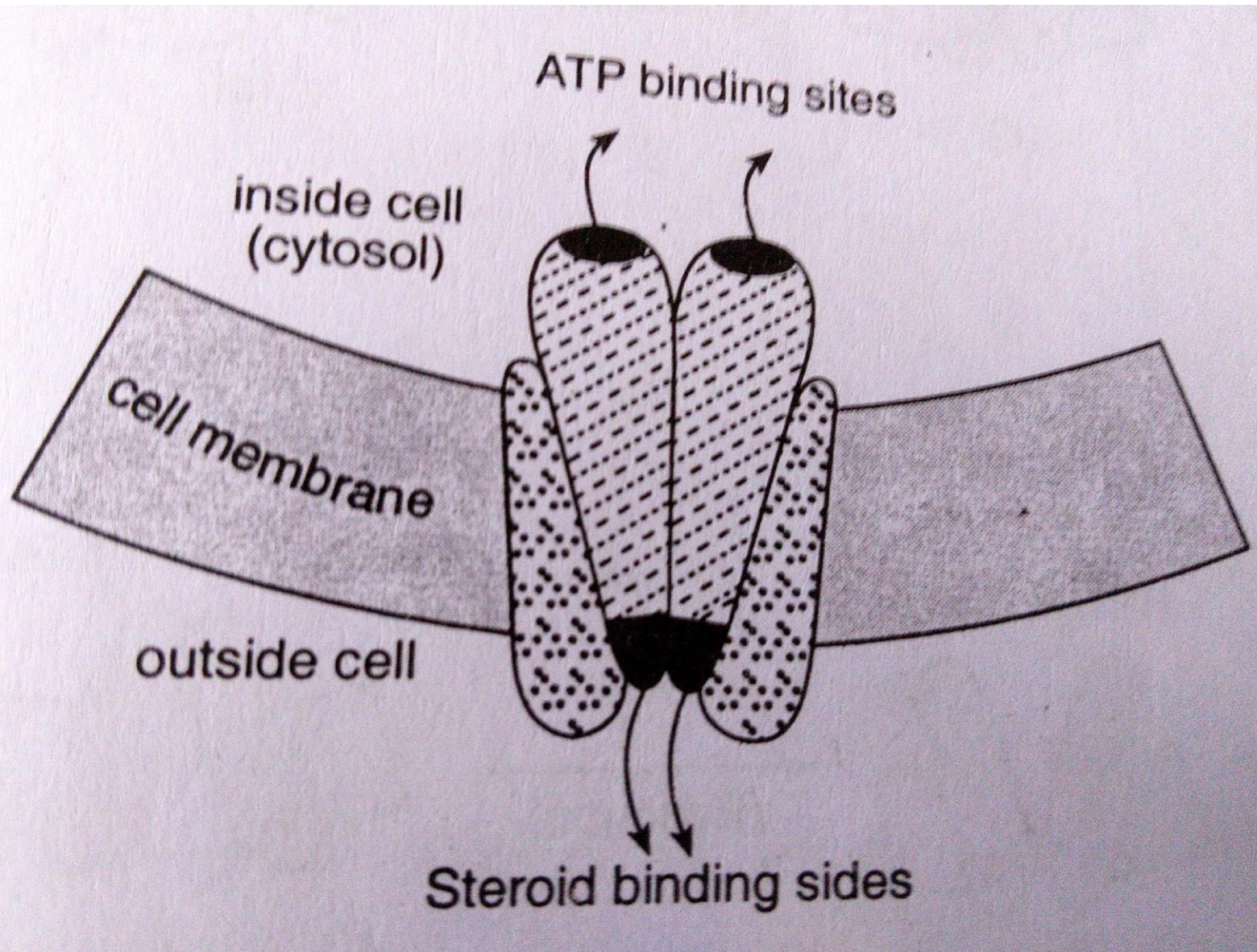
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Facilitated Diffusion

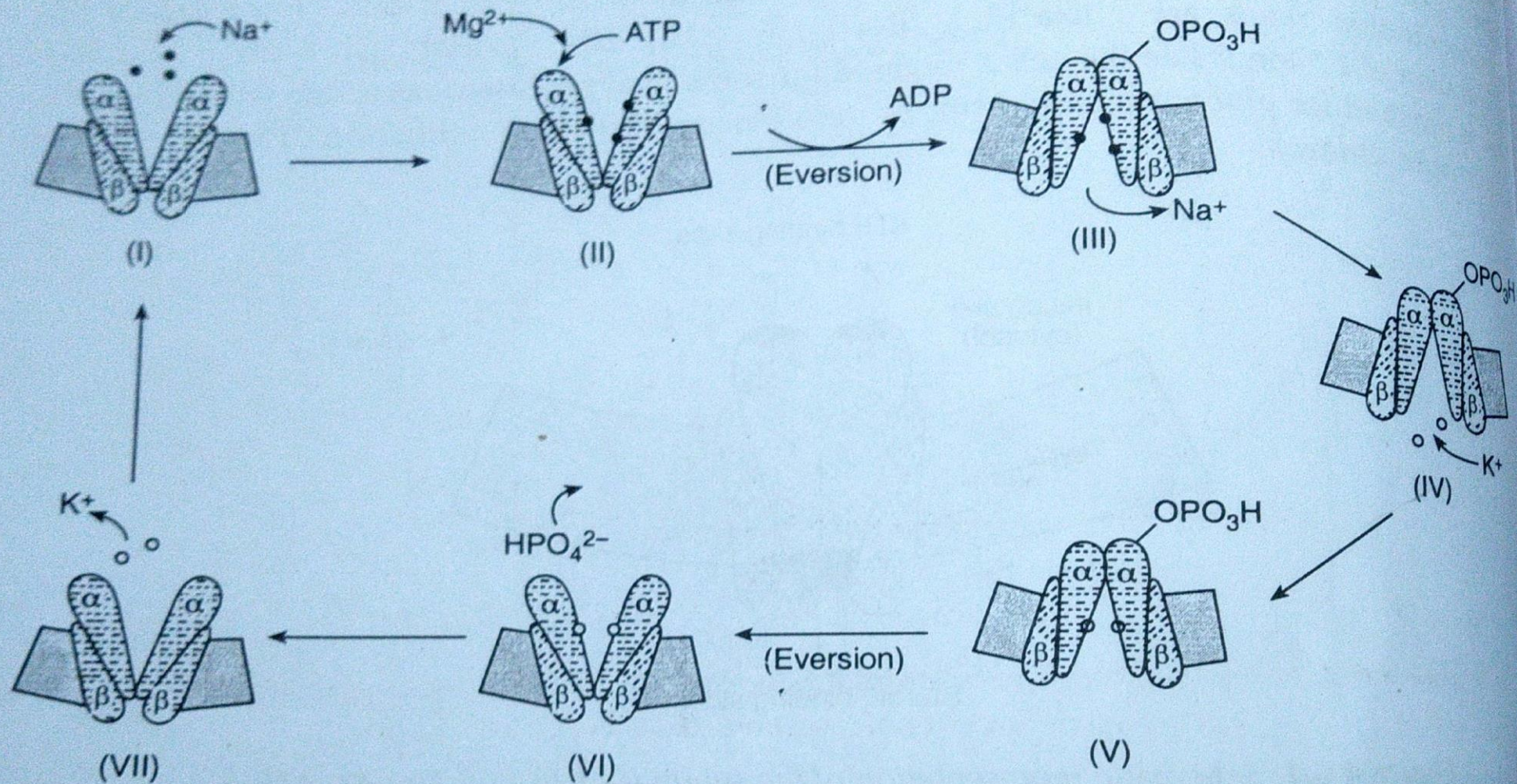


# Na/K ATPase



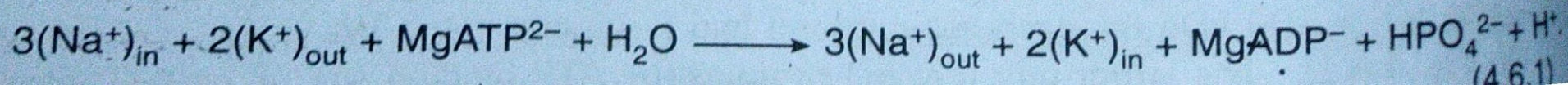
Mol wt 280 kDa  
 $\alpha_2\beta_2$  tetramer  
 $\alpha$  unit – 100 kDa  
 $\beta$  unit – 80 kDa





**Figure 4.6.2** : Schematic representation of the functioning of Na<sup>+</sup>-K<sup>+</sup>-pump.

The overall process is :





**The Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> - ATPase enzyme** is a tetrameric protein with two  $\alpha$ - subunits and two  $\beta$ - subunits.

The  $\alpha$ - sub units are close and contact to each other, while  $\beta$ - subunits are situated apart from each other (Figure). The ions exchange proceeds via following steps;

**Step 1.** Inside the cell **three Na<sup>+</sup> ions bind to the  $\alpha$ - subunits** of the enzyme which is consisting of six oxide units as binding site.

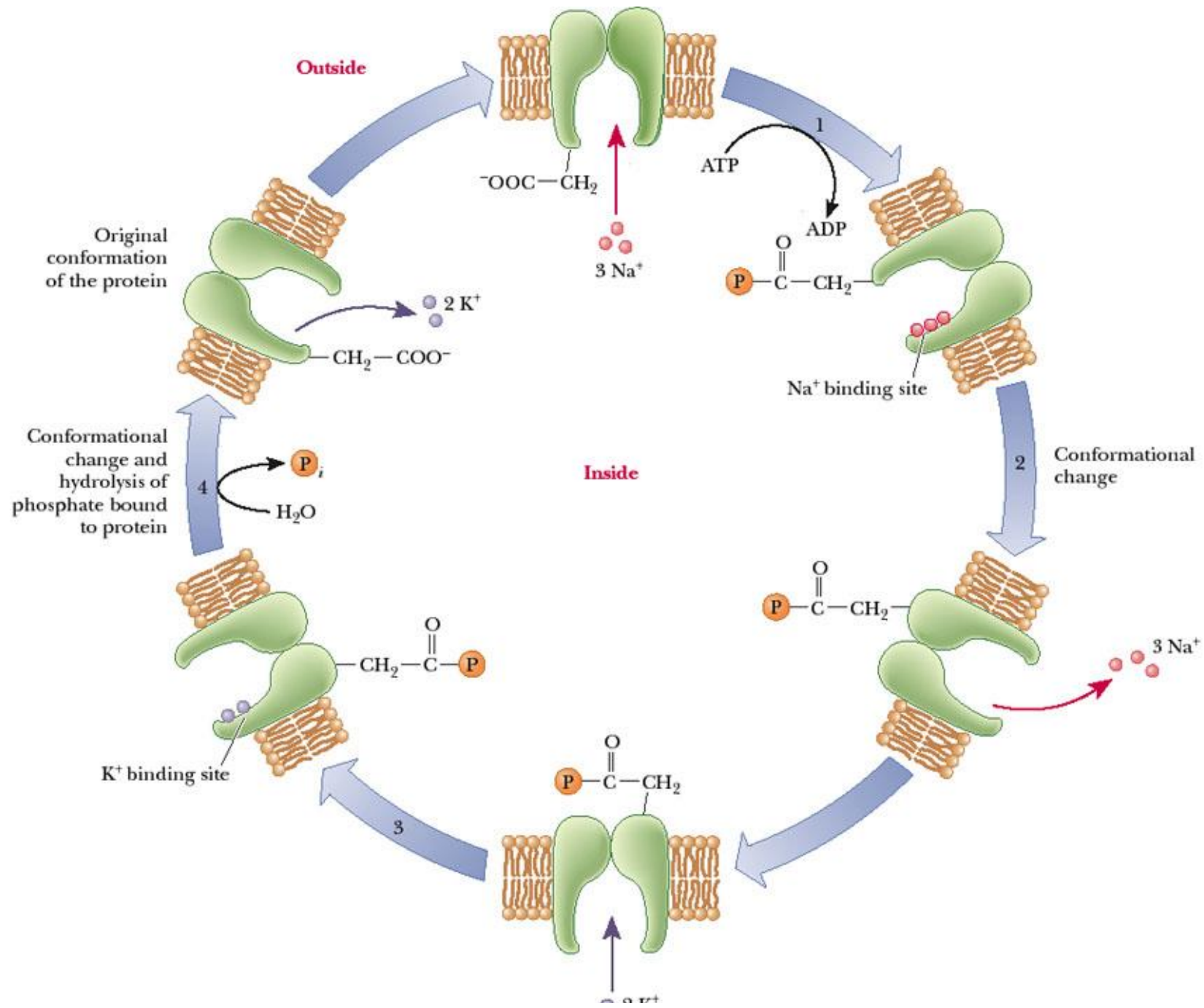
**Step 2.** The attachment of Na<sup>+</sup> ions to the  $\alpha$ - subunits **changes the local polarity that helps an ATP to bind with a  $\alpha$ - subunit.** The bound ATP is hydrolyzed to ADP and covalently bound with a phosphate ester (P). Due to this phosphorylation a conformation change (the inside cavity is closed and outside cavity is opened) took place in the  $\alpha$ - subunit.

**Step 3.** The weakly bound three Na<sup>+</sup> ions are released outside the cell.

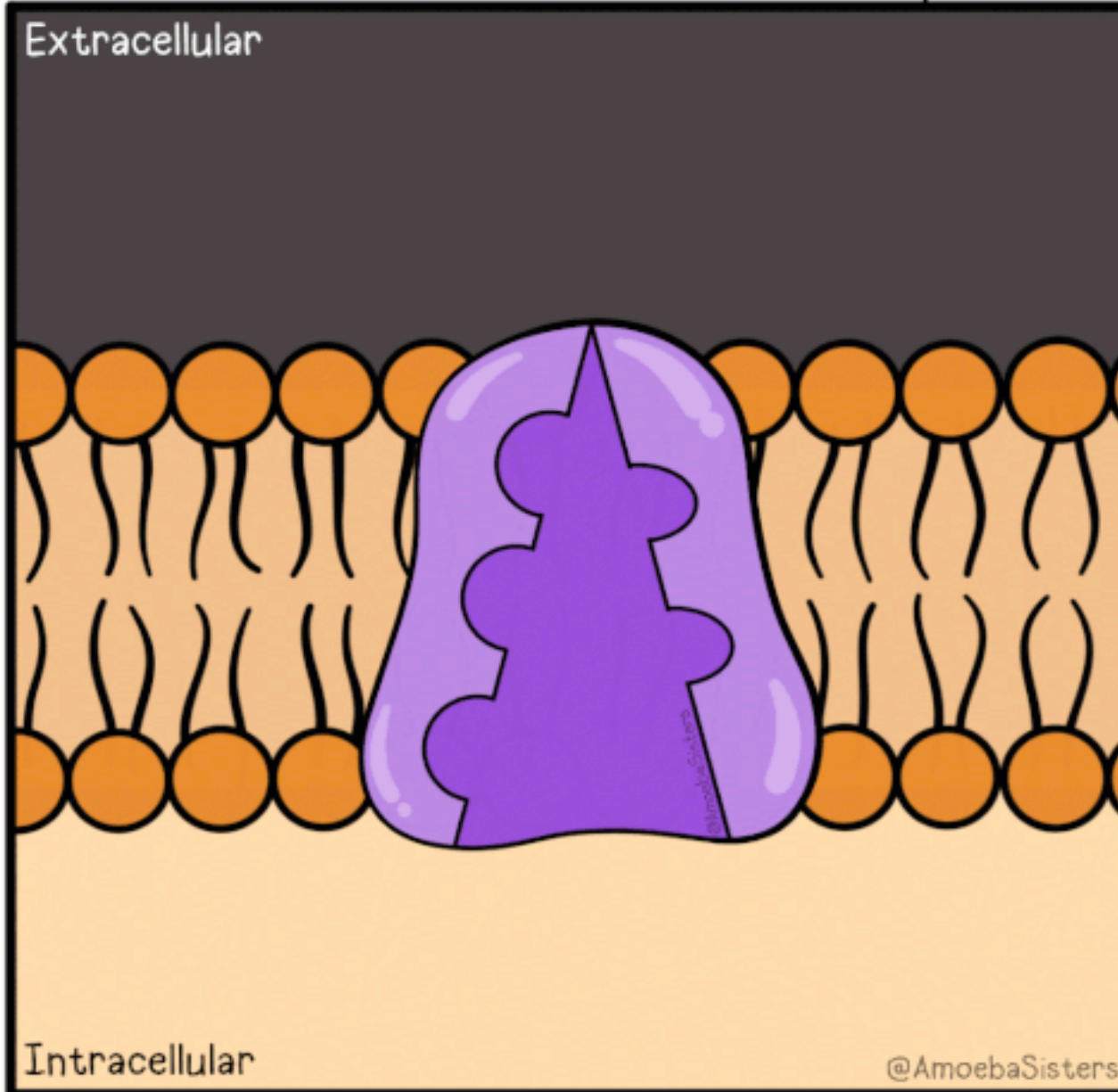
**Step 4 and Step 5.** Two K<sup>+</sup> ions outside the cell bind to the open cell cavity and simultaneously dephosphorylation takes place. Because of this a configurational change happens and two K<sup>+</sup> ions move inside the cell with the help of  $\alpha$  - subunits.

**Step 6.** The bound two K<sup>+</sup> ions are released inside the cell and initial configuration is achieved by the enzyme.

**Use:** In the pumping process three positively charged Na<sup>+</sup> ions are released from the cell and two positively charged K<sup>+</sup> ions are accepted inside the cell. Hence, a charge difference is produced by the process. This charge difference creates potential gradient across the cell. For good example, signal transmission across neuron cells.



# The Sodium Potassium Pump



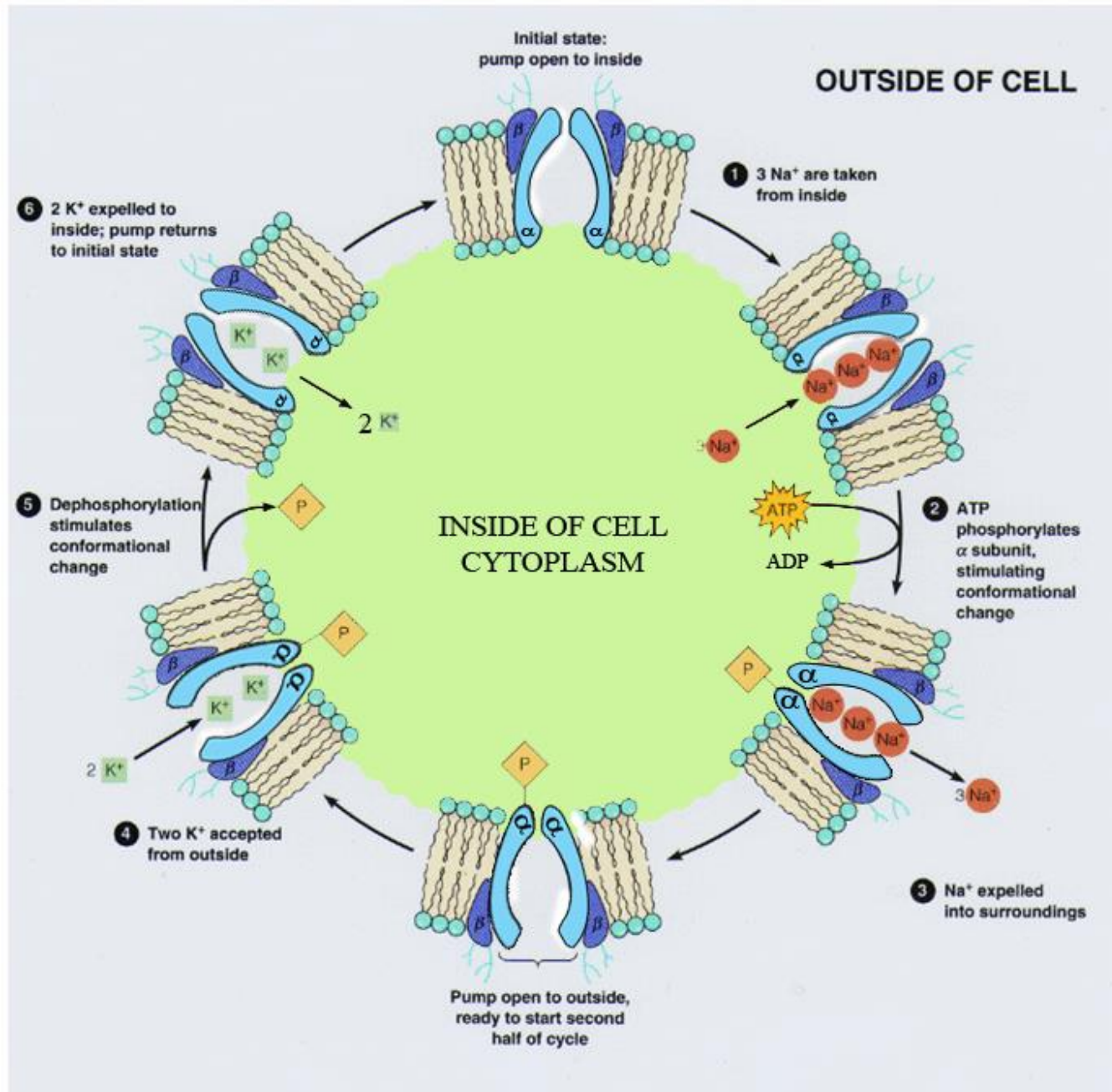
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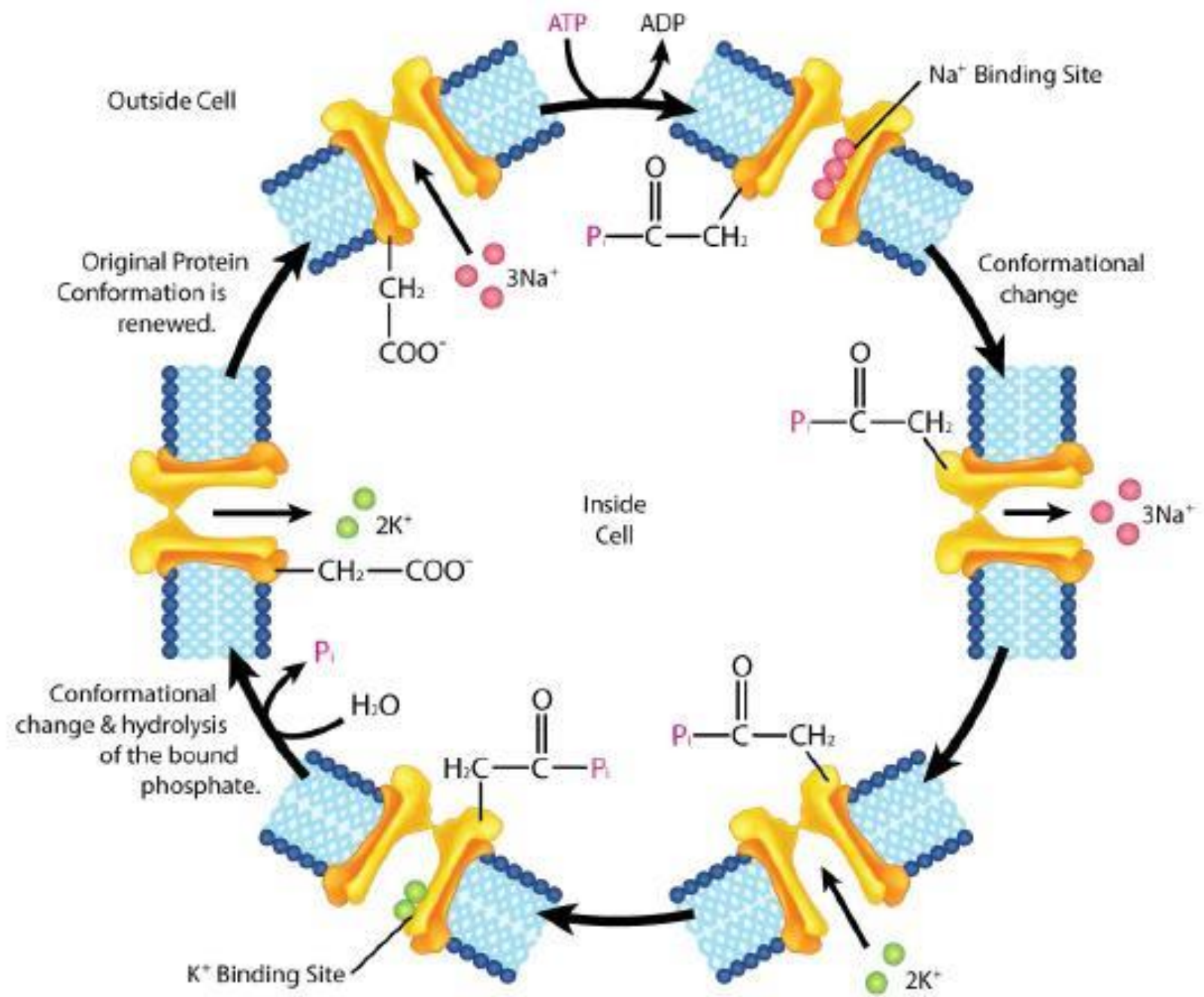
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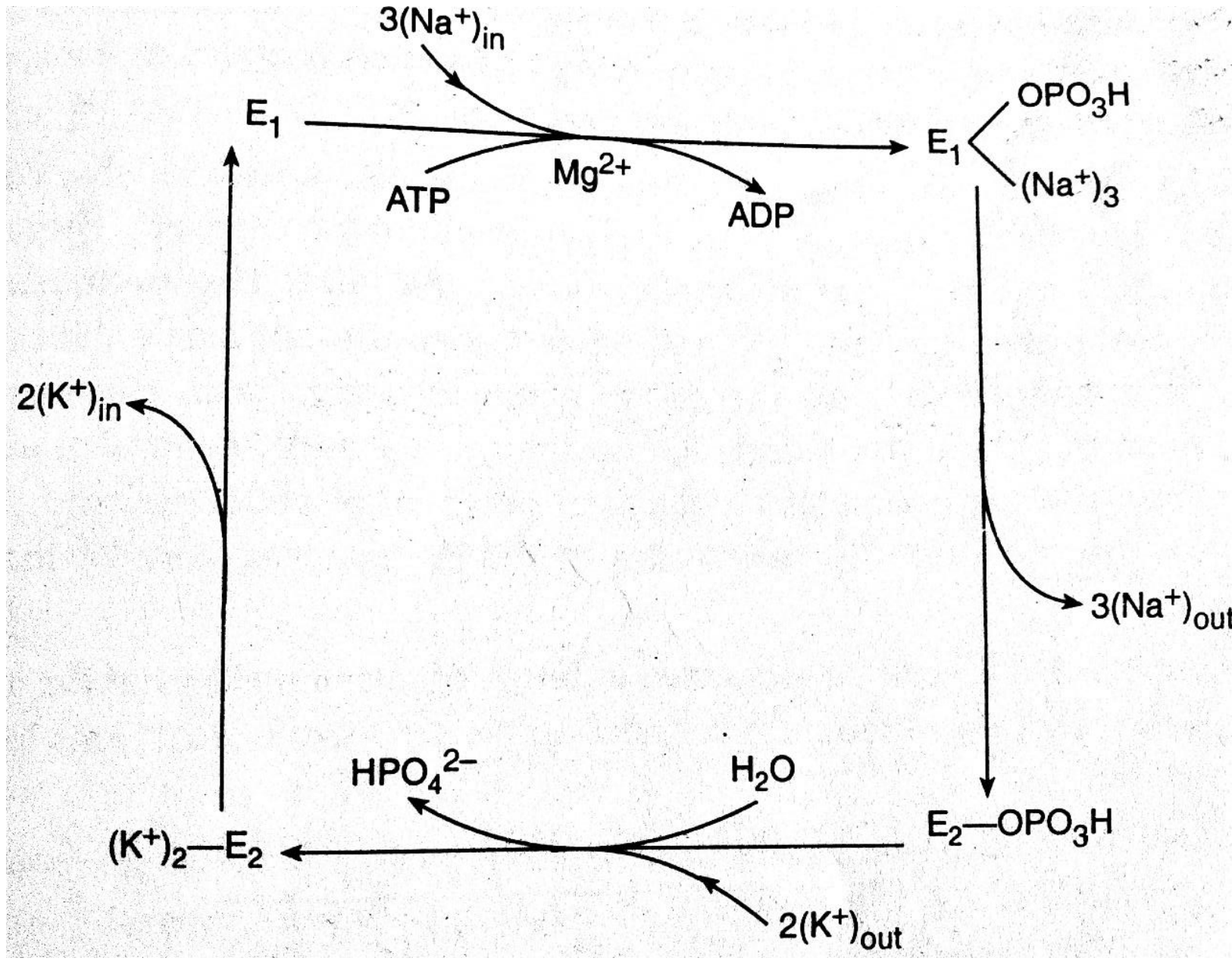


# The $\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+$ pump:

The  $\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+$  pumping between inside and outside a cell is assisted by a membrane-bound  **$\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+$  - ATPase** enzyme that catalyzes the movement of ions in the both direction across a cell. Through this pumping process the concentration difference of the ions inside and outside a cell is maintained and hence, a constant cell potential achieved.









## 4.7 ACTIVE TRANSPORT OF Na<sup>+</sup> AND K<sup>+</sup> IONS AND NERVE IMPULSE: Na<sup>+</sup> - AND K<sup>+</sup>- CHANNELS

A nerve cell, *neuron*, is star-shaped with a number of finger-like extensions (called *dendrites*). The cell body is associated with a long tube called *axon*. The axon is ended at the *synapse* through which it is connected with the dendrites of the next nerve cell.

At the resting condition, like other cells, the neuron has also a much higher concentration of K<sup>+</sup> ions inside the cell, while Na<sup>+</sup> ions are more concentrated outside the cell. These concentration gradients are maintained at the cost of metabolic energy. **At rest, the membrane is rather permeable to K<sup>+</sup> compared to Na<sup>+</sup>.** Cl<sup>-</sup> and other anions present inside the cell maintain the electroneutrality. K<sup>+</sup> ions tend to leave the cell to attain the equilibrium concentration, but this leaves behind an excess of anions. It prevents the tendency towards concentration equilibration. At rest, the concentration gradient generates an electrical potential of about -60 mV. The potentials can be measured by inserting the microelectrodes in the giant nerve fibre of the *squid* having diameter about 1 mm.

The electrical potential (E) can be expressed in terms of permeabilities of the involved ions by **Goldman - Hodgkin - Katz equation**. By considering the K<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup> ions to be involved in the process, E is given by :

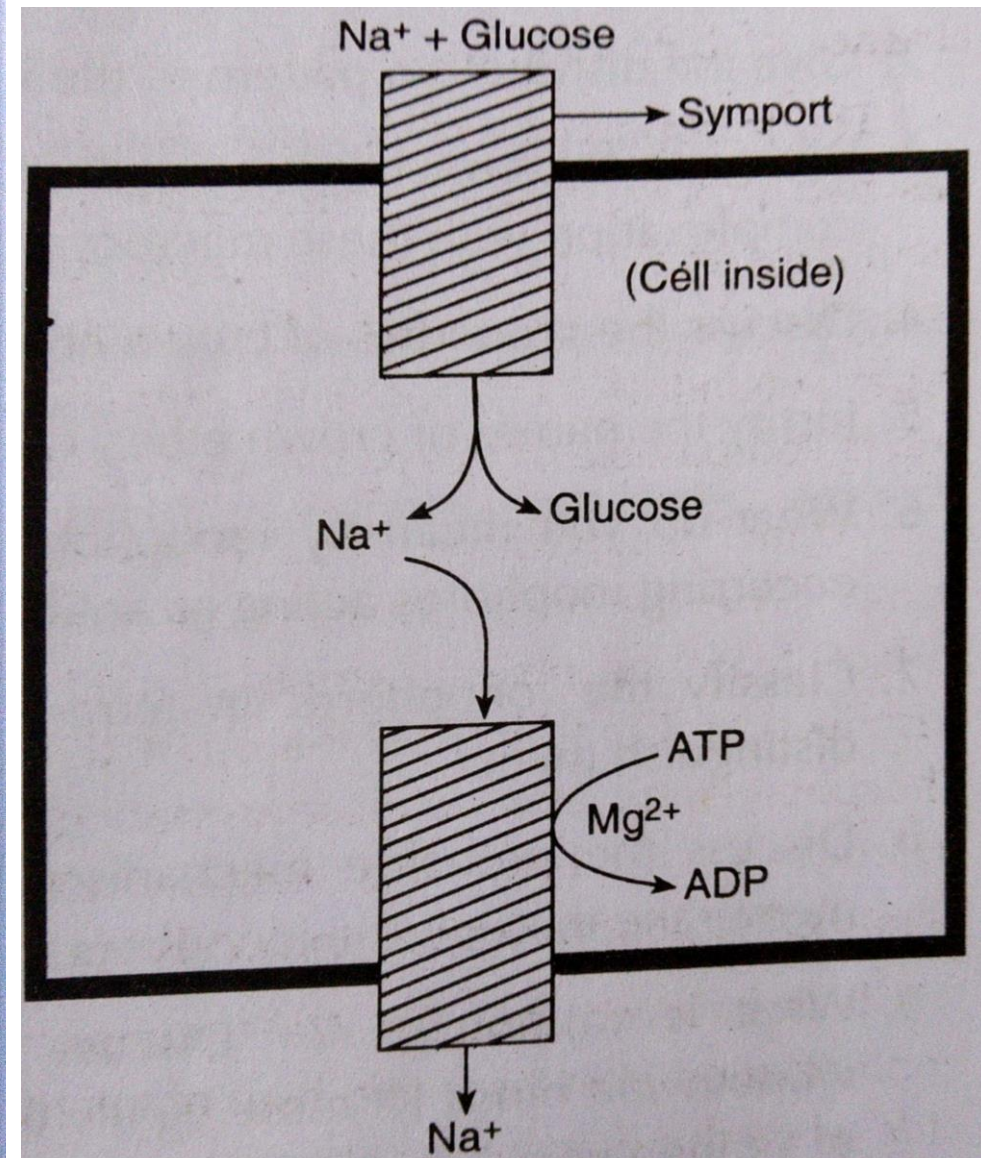
$$E = \frac{RT}{F} \ln \frac{P_K [K^+]_{out} + P_{Na} [Na^+]_{out} + P_{Cl} [Cl^-]_{in}}{P_K [K^+]_{in} + P_{Na} [Na^+]_{in} + P_{Cl} [Cl^-]_{out}}$$

where P gives the permeability. The permeability changes on excitation as follows :

$$P_K : P_{Na} : P_{Cl} \approx 1 : 0.04 : 0.45, \text{ (at resting state)}$$

$$\text{and, } P_K : P_{Na} : P_{Cl} \approx 1 : 20 : 0.45, \text{ (at excited state)}$$

Thus at rest the potential arises mainly due to the permeability of K<sup>+</sup> while at the excited state it is due to the permeability of Na<sup>+</sup>. This is why, **resting potential** (-60 mV) is called **K<sup>+</sup>-potential** while the potential at the excited state is called the **Na<sup>+</sup>-potential** (+30 mV). Since the concentration gradient of Na<sup>+</sup> is opposite to that of K<sup>+</sup>, the K<sup>+</sup>-potential and Na<sup>+</sup>-potential are opposite in nature. Thus, on excitation there is a swing from K<sup>+</sup>-potential to Na<sup>+</sup>-potential.

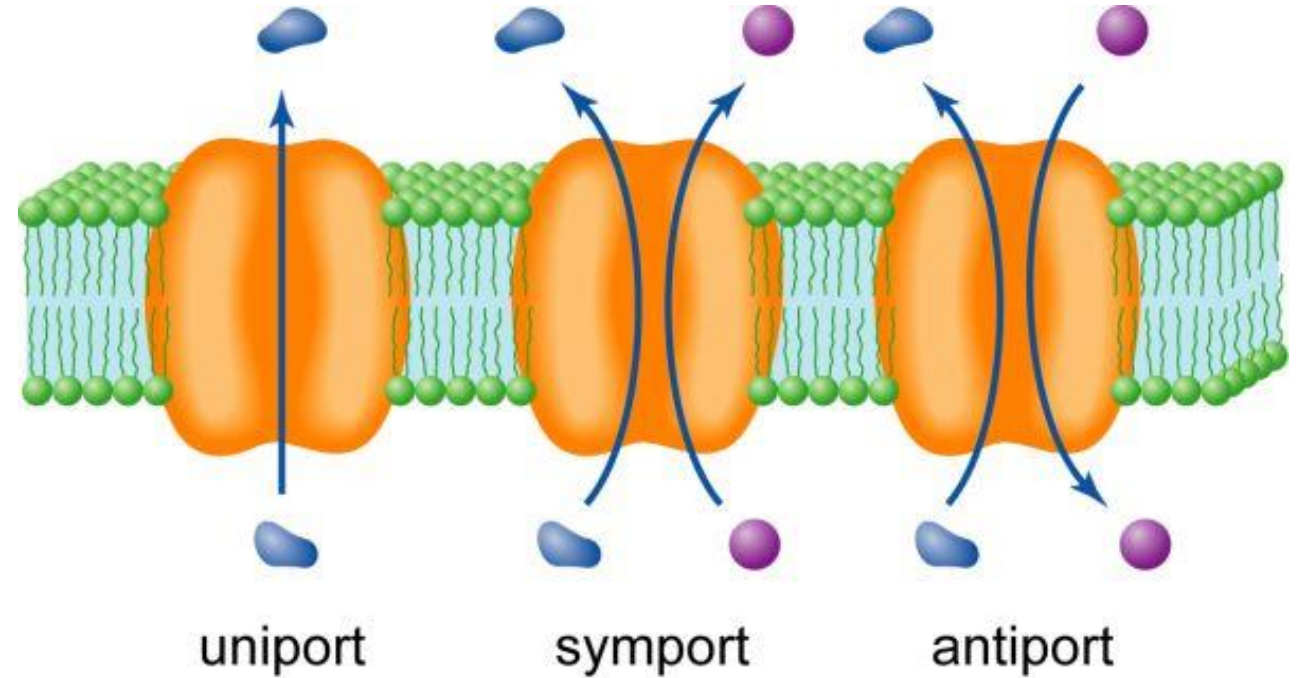


**Figure 4.9.1:** Schematic representation of cotransport of glucose driven by Na<sup>+</sup>-inflow.



# UNIORT VS SYMPORT VS ANTIORT

UNIORT	SYMPORT	ANTIORT
An integral membrane protein, which transports a single type of substrate species across the cell membrane	Another integral membrane protein involved in the transport of two different molecules in the same direction through the cell membrane	The third type of integral membrane protein involved in the secondary active transport of two different molecules in opposite directions
Types of molecules: One	Types of Molecules: Two	Types of Molecules: Two
Direction of Transport: Single	Direction of Transport: Single	Direction of Transport: Both
Transporter Proteins: Carrier proteins	Transporter Proteins: Cotransporters	Transporter Proteins: Cotransporters
Uses primary active transport	Uses secondary active transport	Uses secondary active transport
Driving Force: ATP	Driving Force: Electrochemical gradient	Driving Force: Electrochemical gradient
Examples: Channel proteins	Examples: Na/glucose symporter	Examples: Na/H antiporter



## **2. Bioenergetics and ATP Cycle**

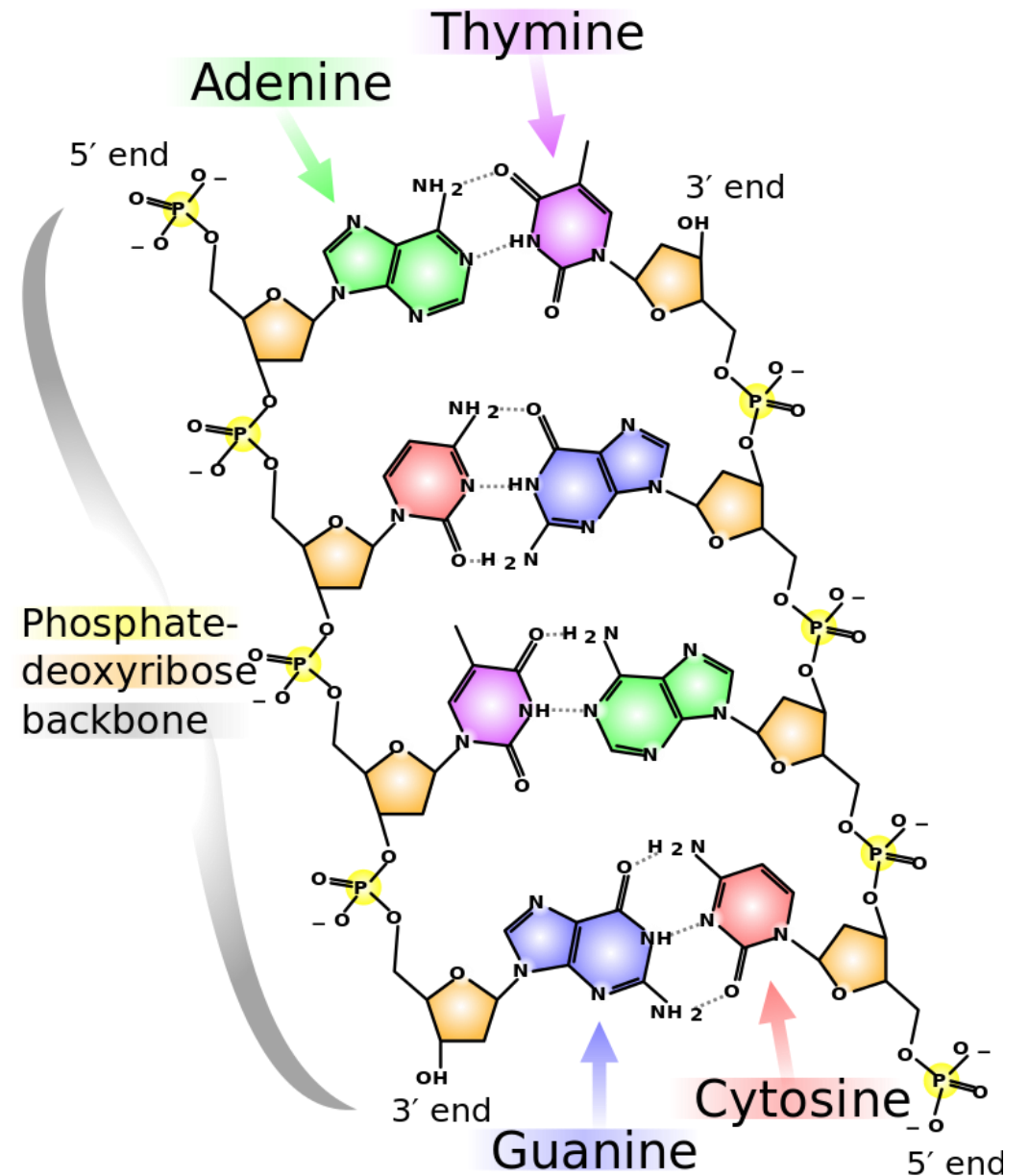
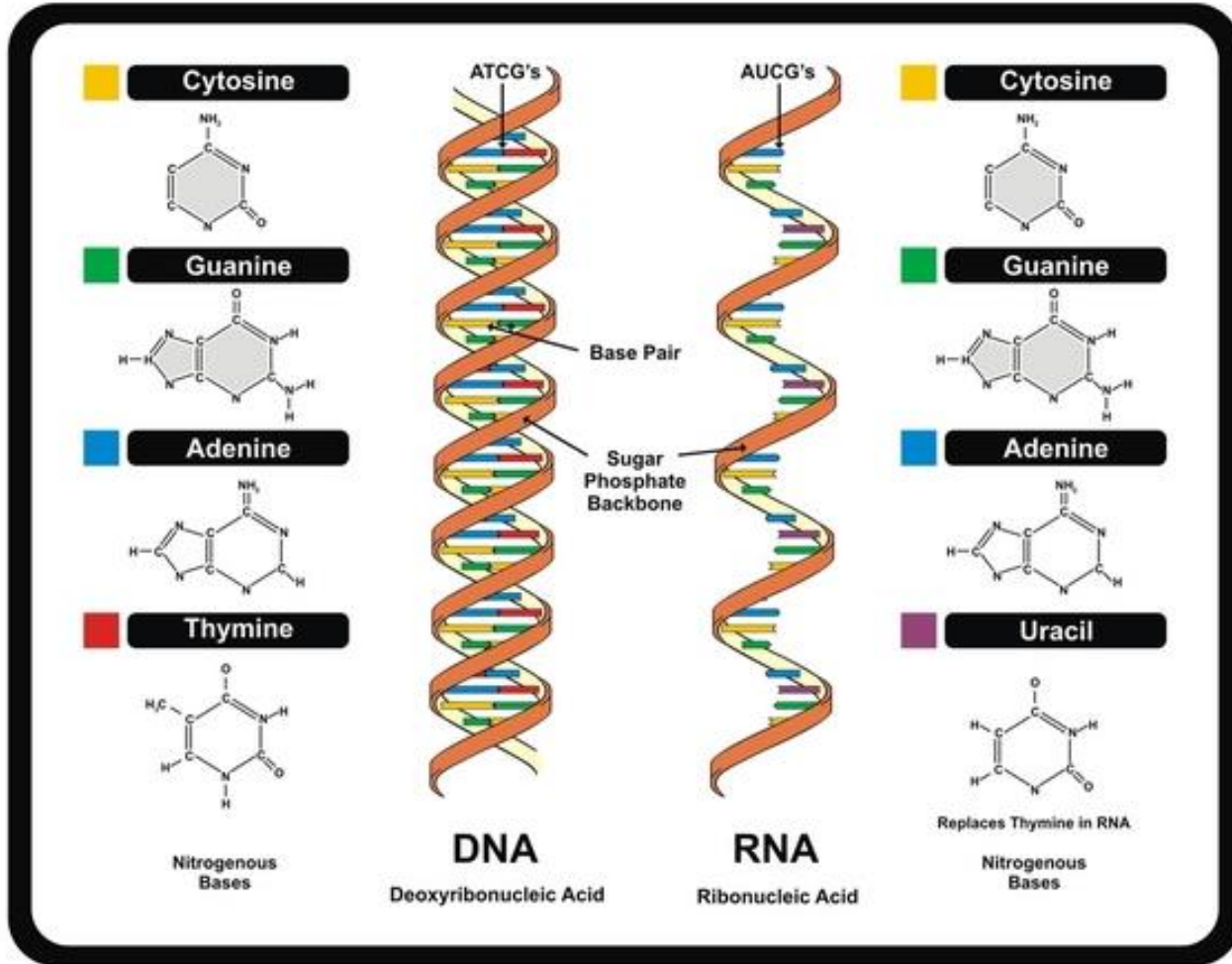


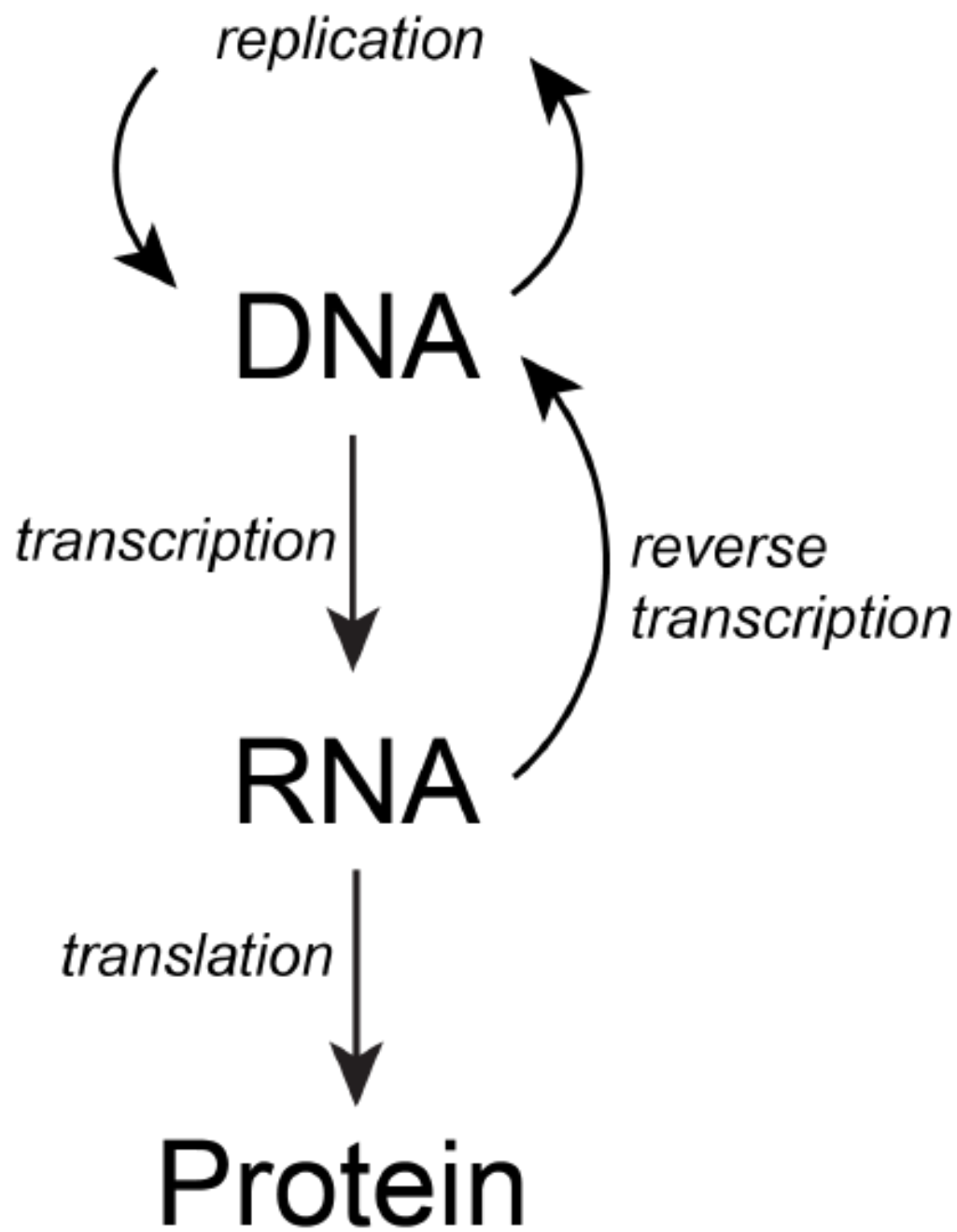
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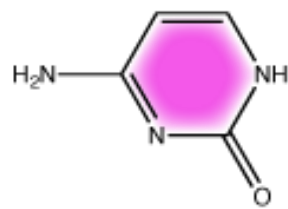
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TACGCGAAC

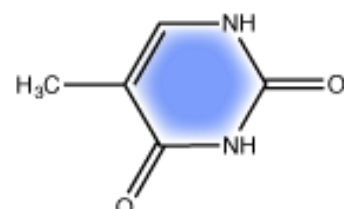




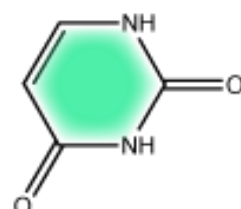
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Cytosine

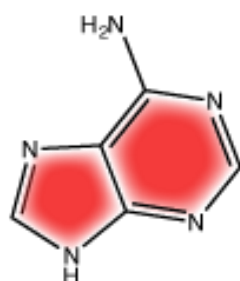


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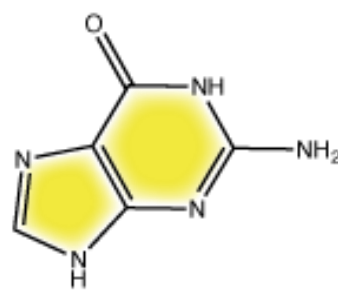


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### Purines

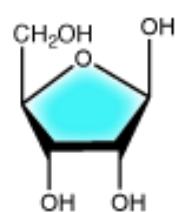


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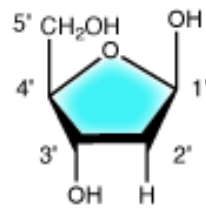


Guanine

### Sugars

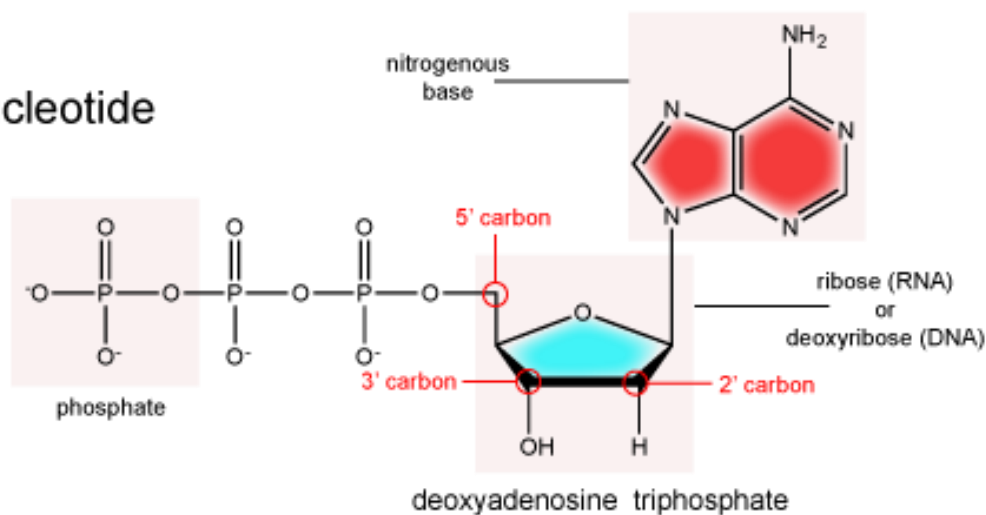


Ribose  
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Deoxyribose  
(in DNA)

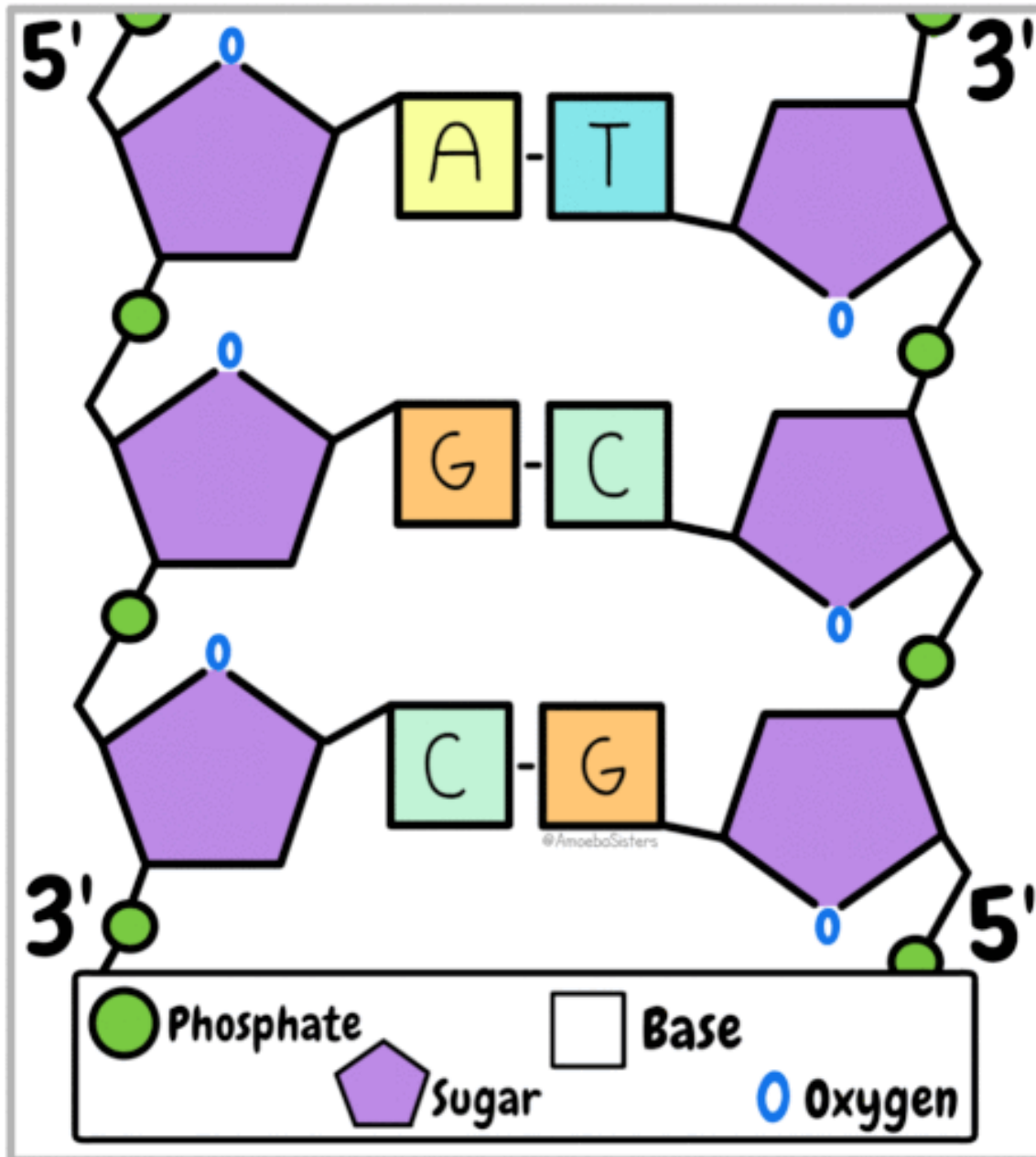
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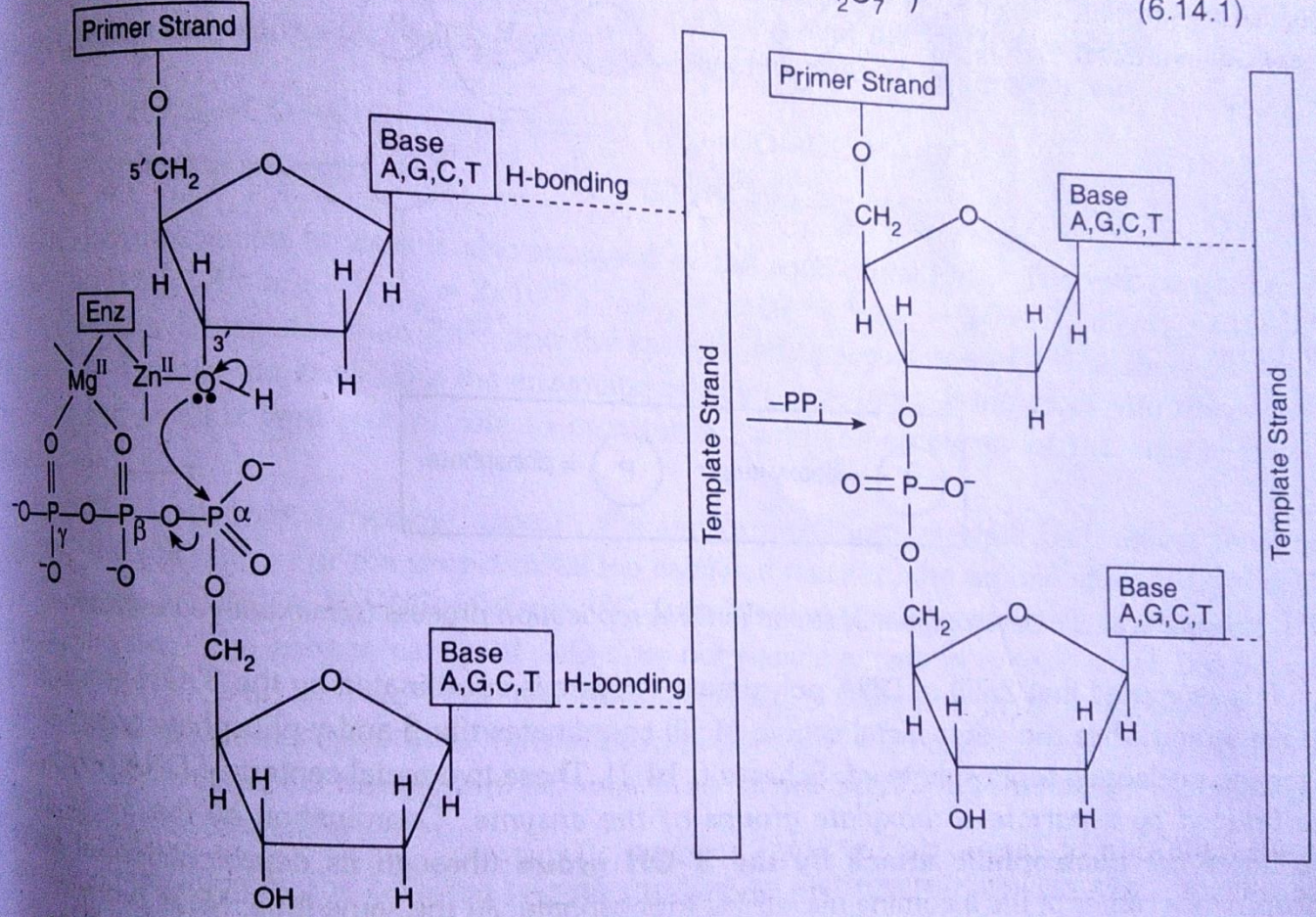
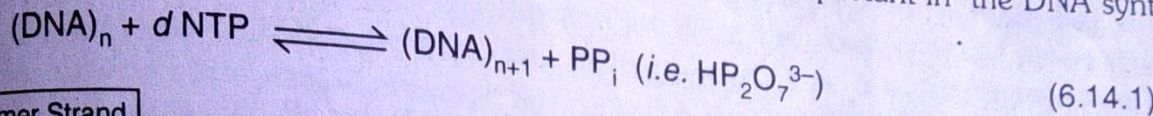
# 5' to 3' and 3' to 5' in DNA

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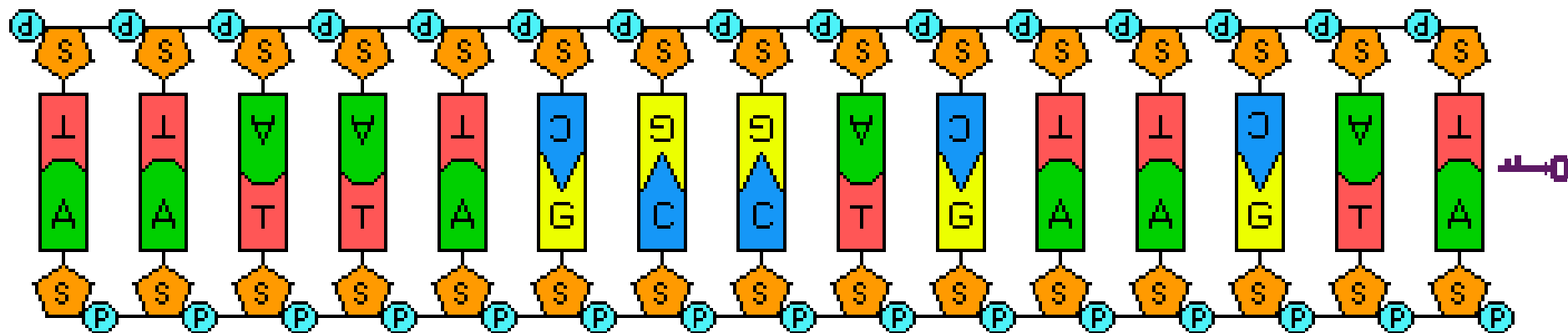


### 6.14 DNA POLYMERASE : STRUCTURE AND REACTIVITY

DNA polymerase enzyme is responsible for the synthesis of new DNA molecules having the same nucleotide sequence of the parent DNA. Thus the enzyme is important in the DNA synthesis process denoted by the following reaction.



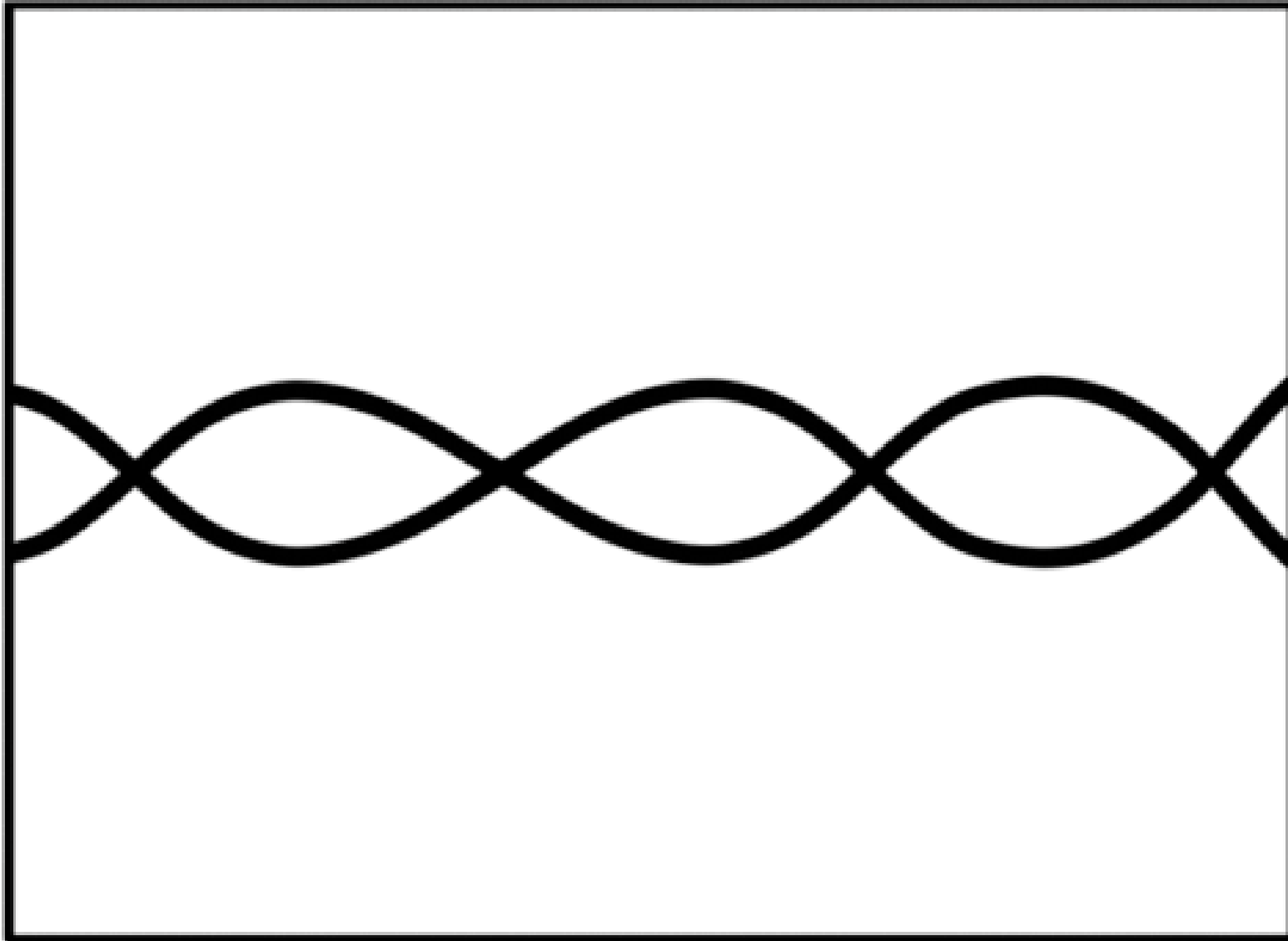
Scheme 6.14.1 : Schematic representation of DNA polymerase activity in DNA chain elongation process.





# Leading and Lagging Strand in DNA Replication

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- In DNA replication
  - The parent molecule unwinds, and two new daughter strands are built based on base-pairing rules

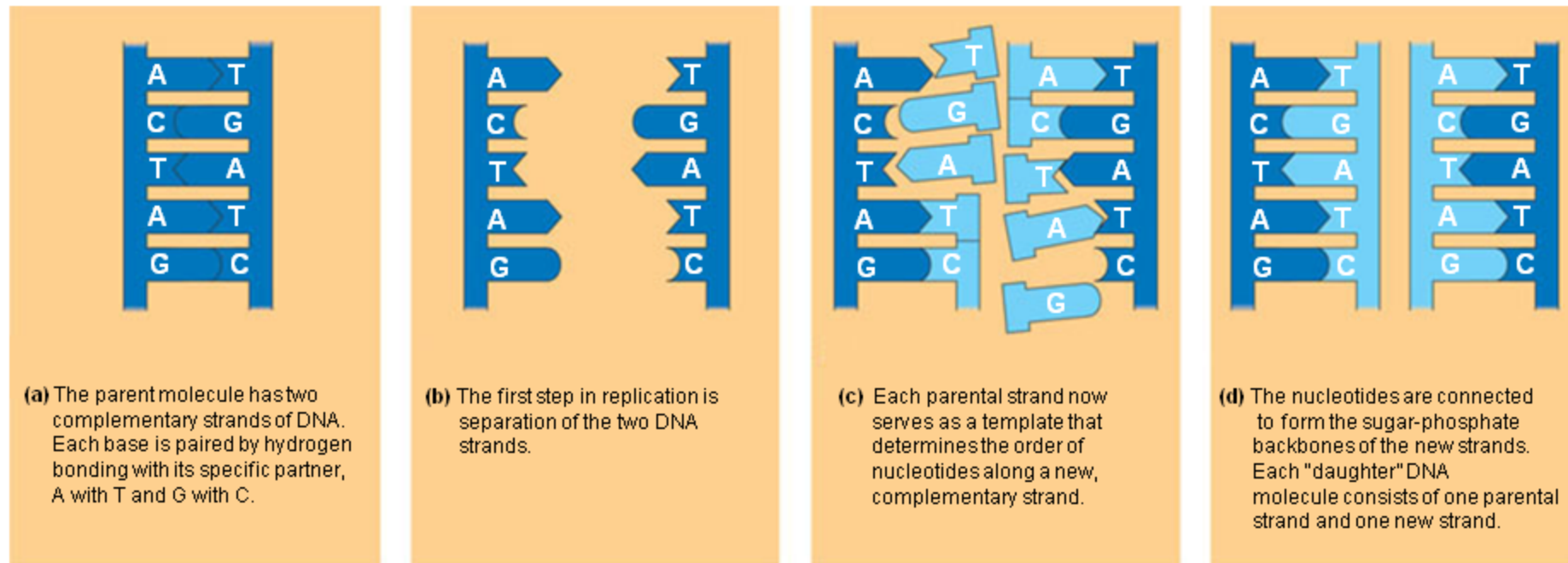
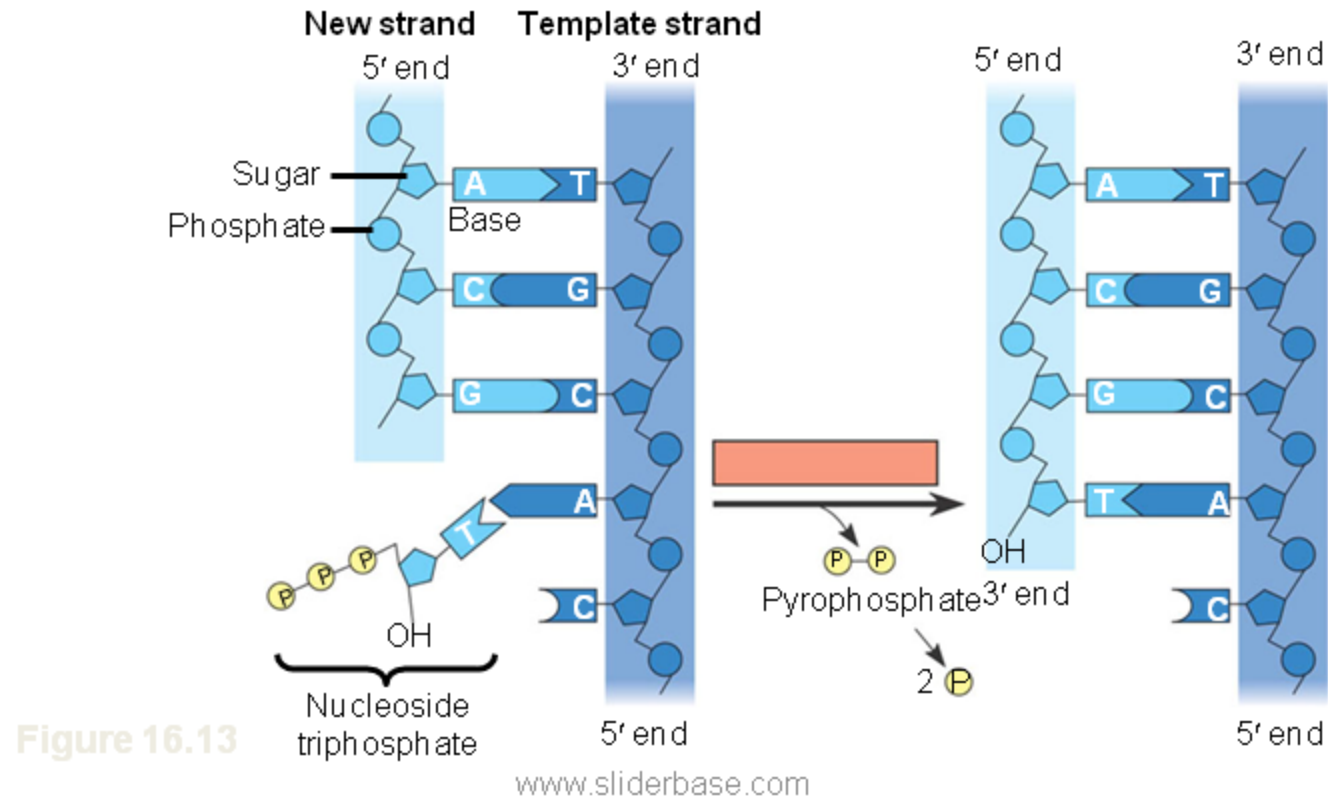


Figure 16.9 a–d

# Elongation of DNA

- Is catalyzed by enzymes called DNA polymerases, which add nucleotides to the 3' end of a growing strand





- A summary of DNA replication

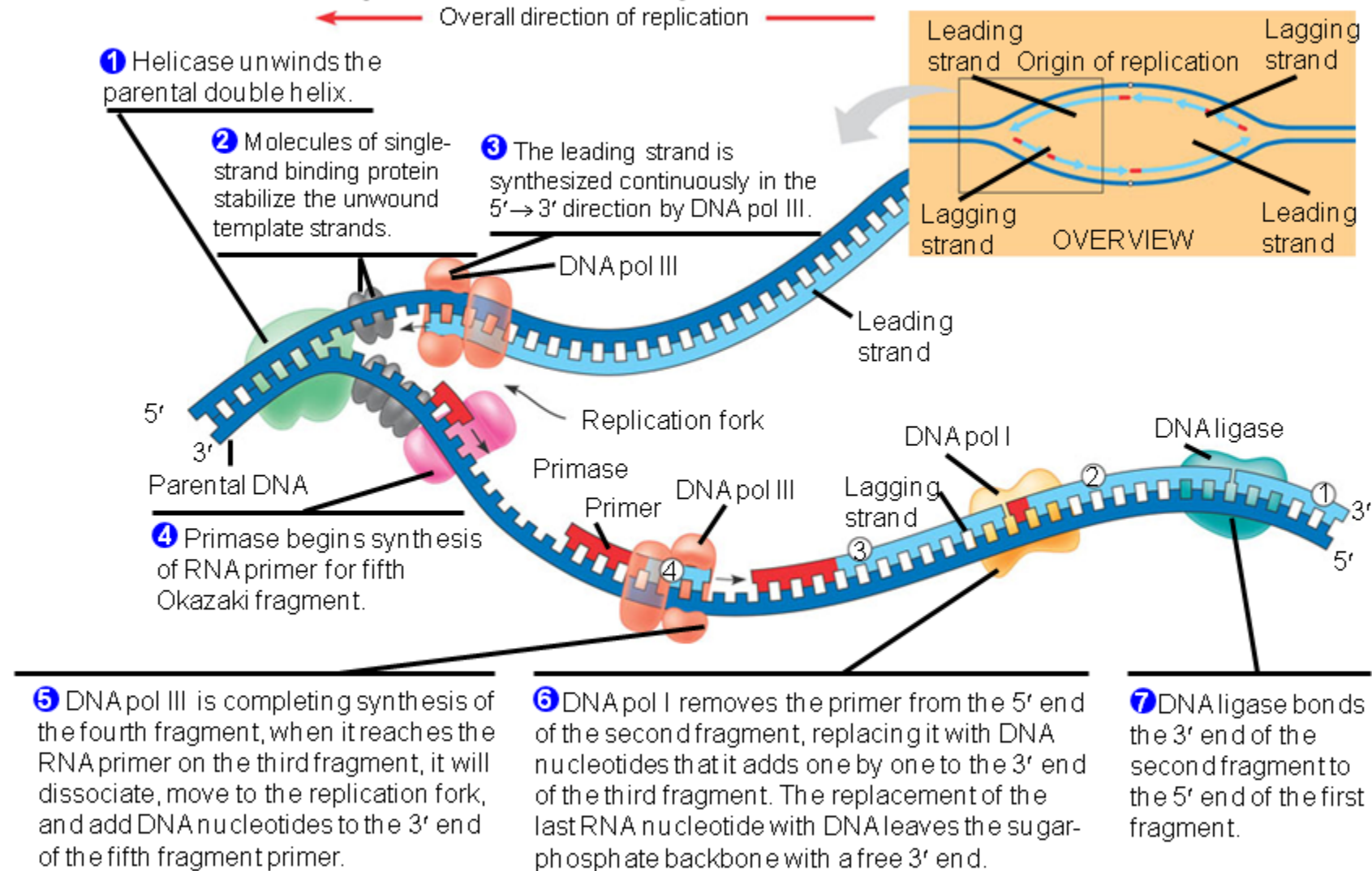
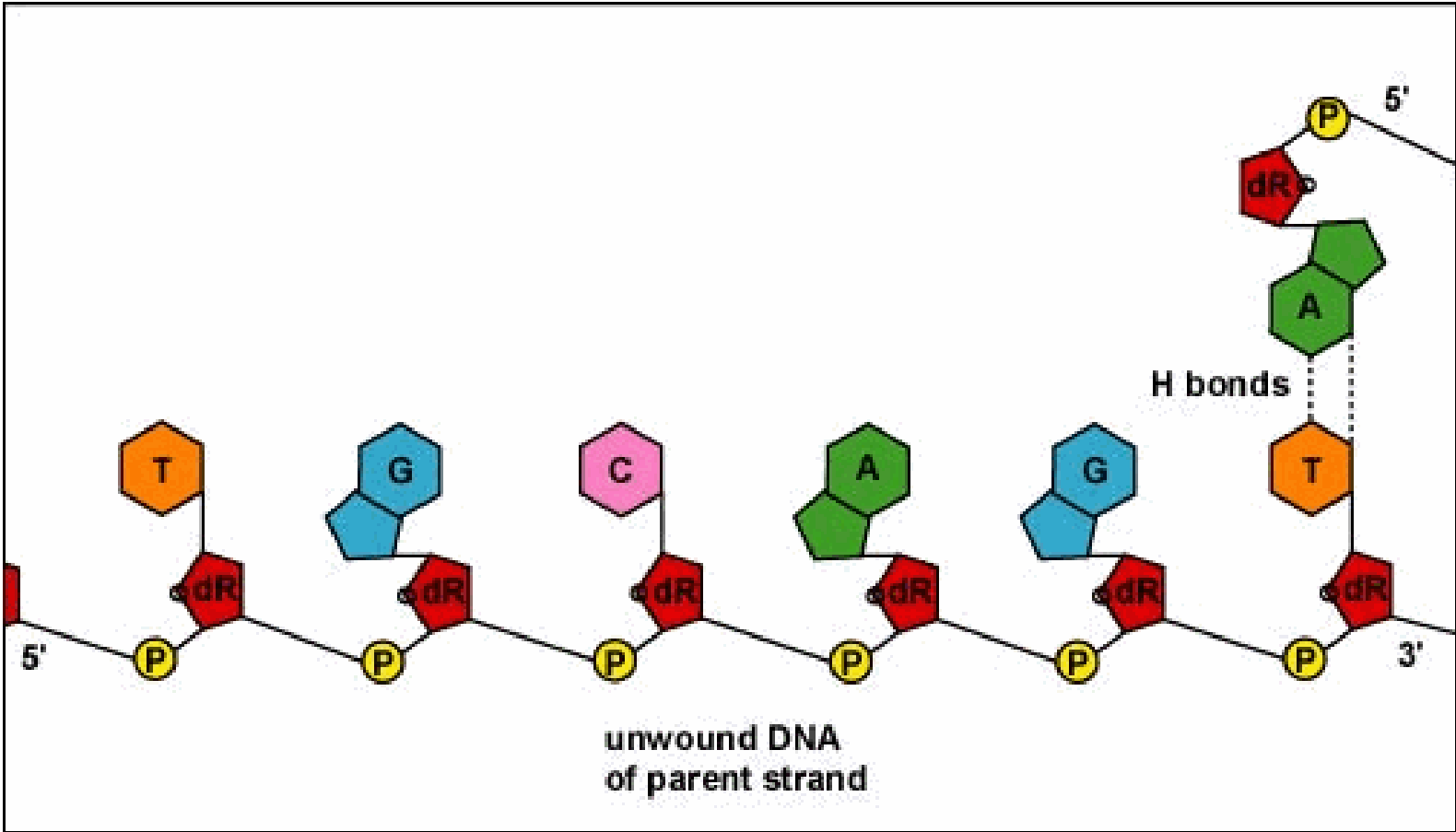


Figure 16.16

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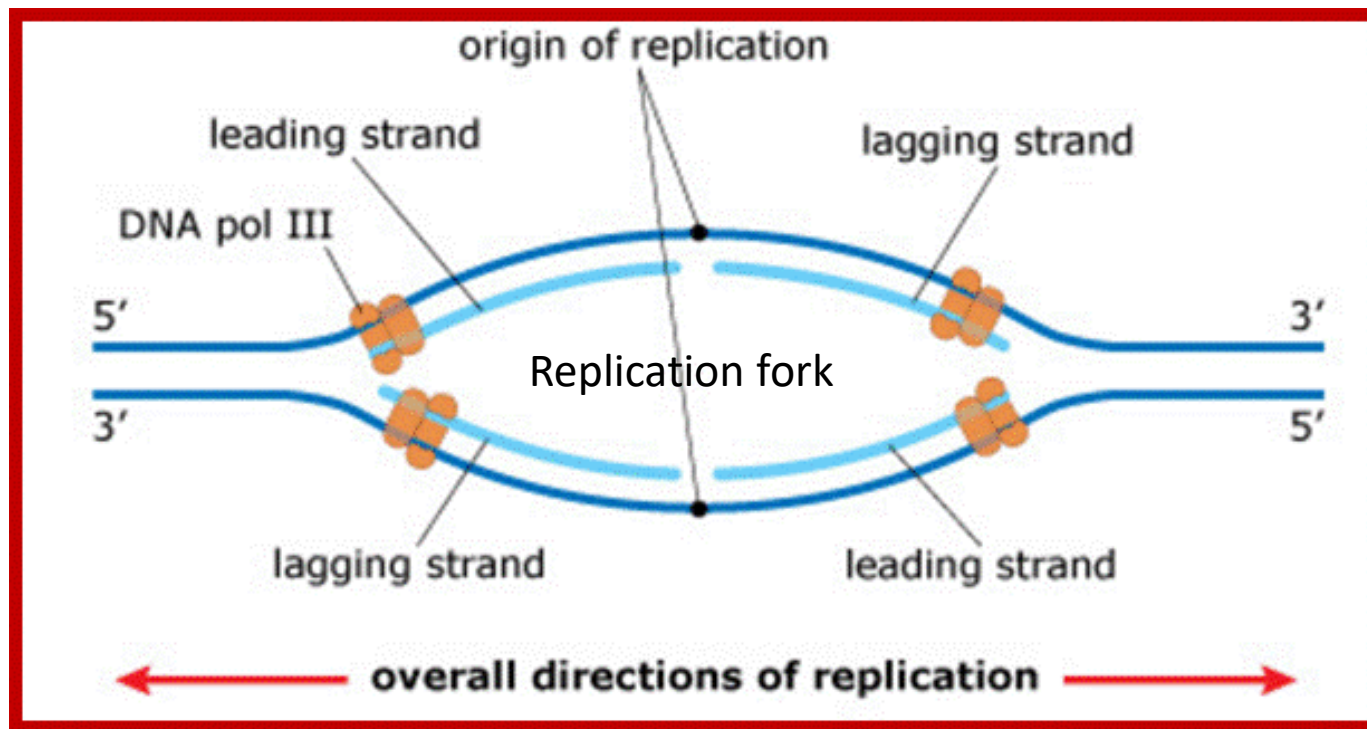
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**Table 1. The Molecular Machinery Involved in Bacterial DNA Replication**

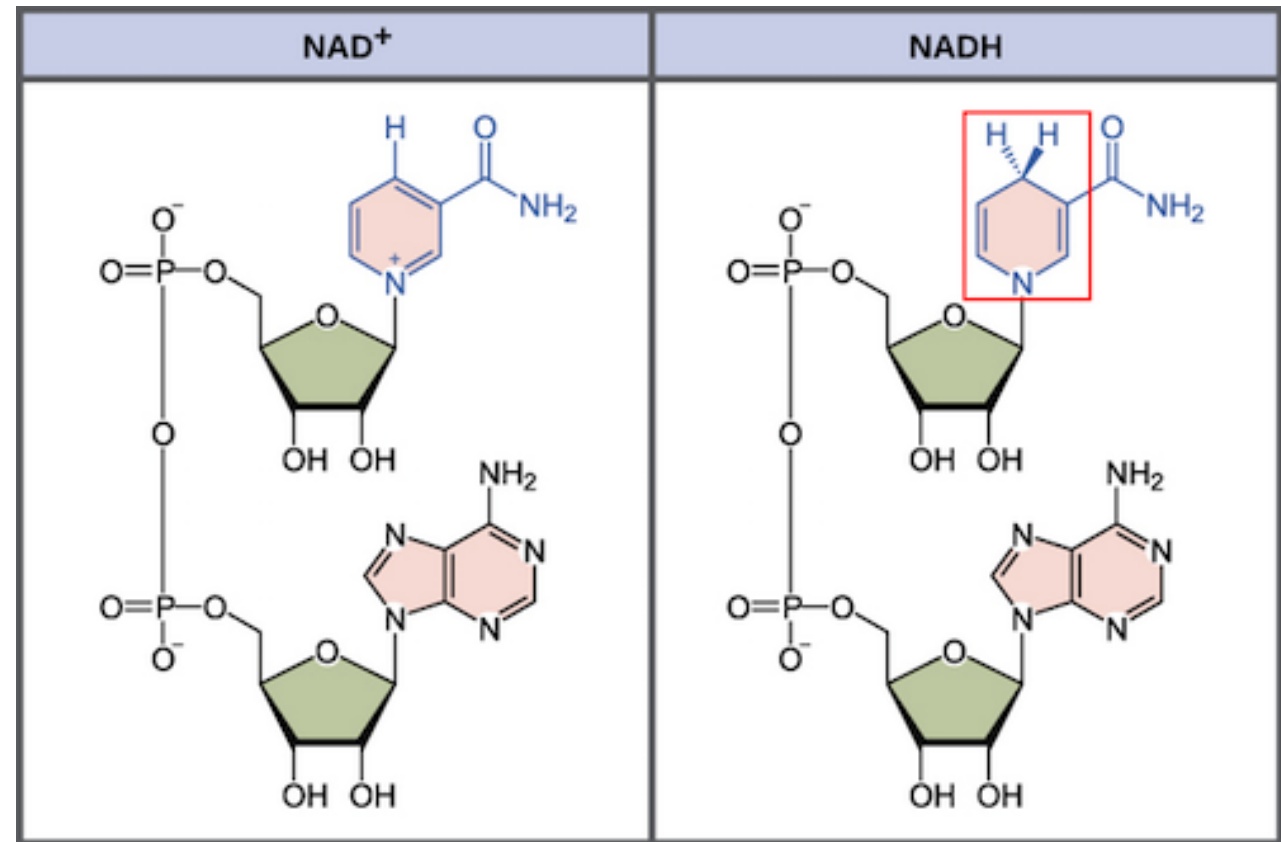
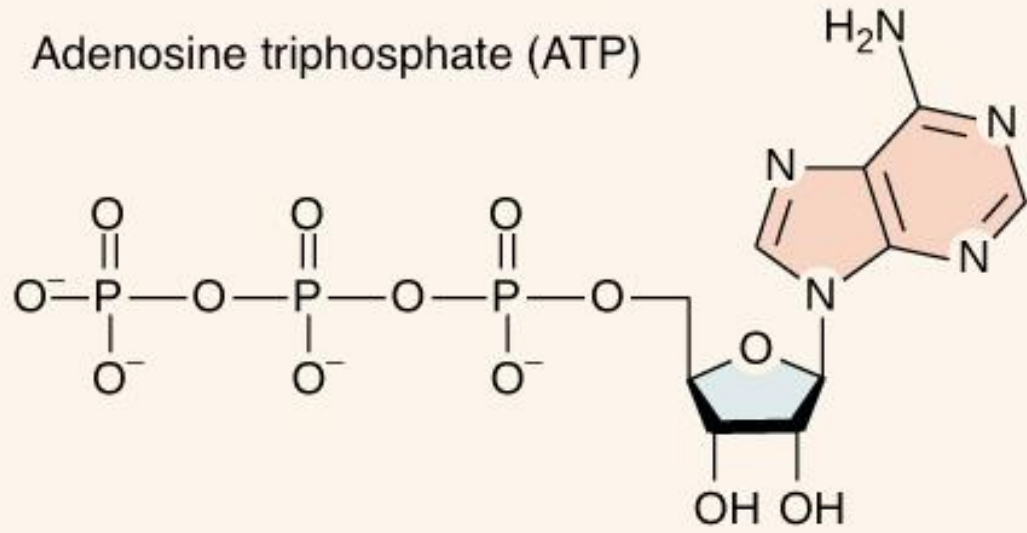
<b>Enzyme or Factor</b>	<b>Function</b>
DNA pol I	Exonuclease activity removes RNA primer and replaces it with newly synthesized DNA
DNA pol III	Main enzyme that adds nucleotides in the 5' to 3' direction
Helicase	Opens the DNA helix by breaking hydrogen bonds between the nitrogenous bases
Ligase	Seals the gaps between the Okazaki fragments on the lagging strand to create one continuous DNA strand
Primase	Synthesizes RNA primers needed to start replication
Single-stranded binding proteins	Bind to single-stranded DNA to prevent hydrogen bonding between DNA strands, reforming double-stranded DNA
Sliding clamp	Helps hold DNA pol III in place when nucleotides are being added
Topoisomerase II (DNA gyrase)	Relaxes supercoiled chromosome to make DNA more accessible for the initiation of replication; helps relieve the stress on DNA when unwinding, by causing breaks and then resealing the DNA
Topoisomerase IV	Introduces single-stranded break into concatenated chromosomes to release them from each other, and then reseals the DNA





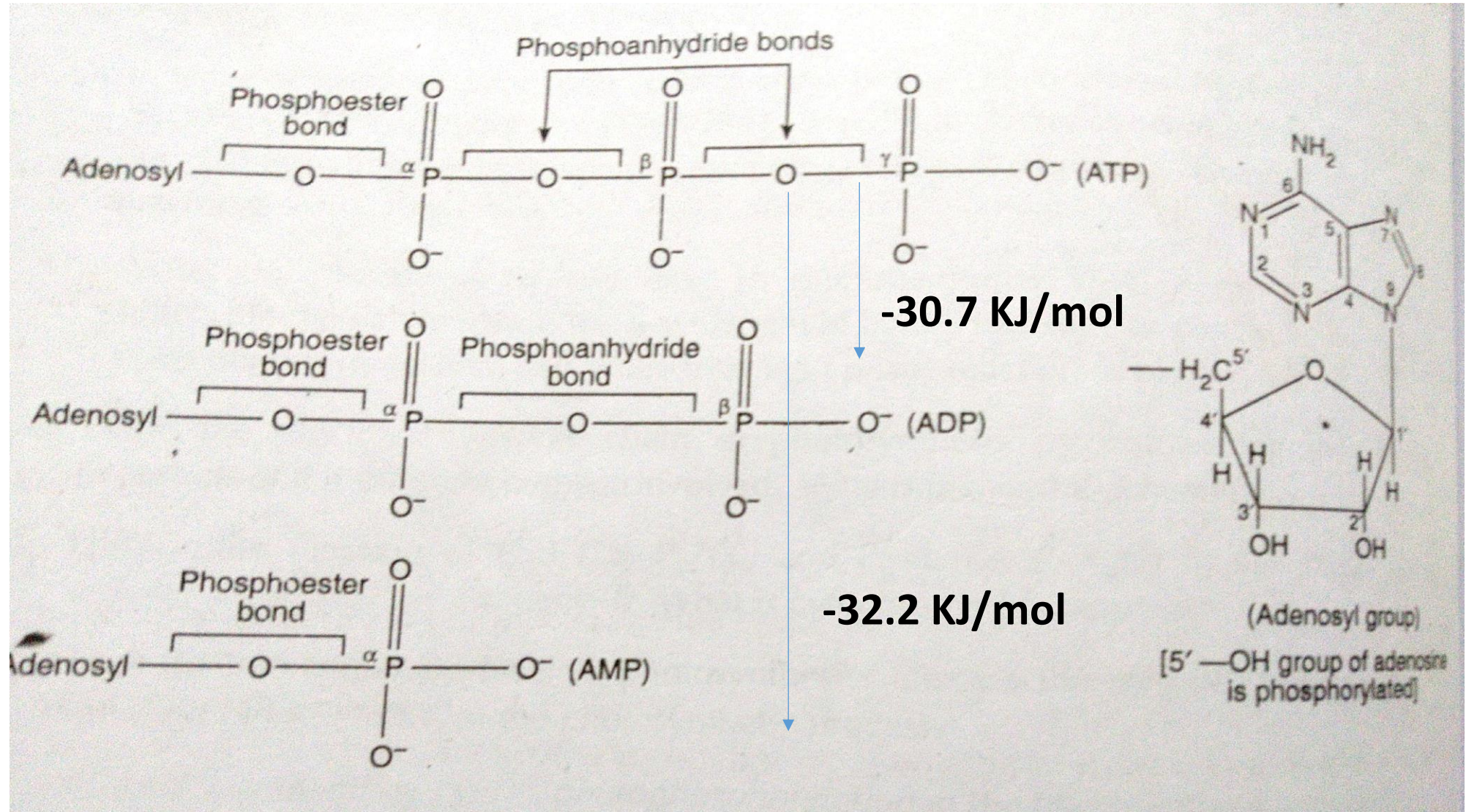
# Glycolysis

Adenosine triphosphate (ATP)



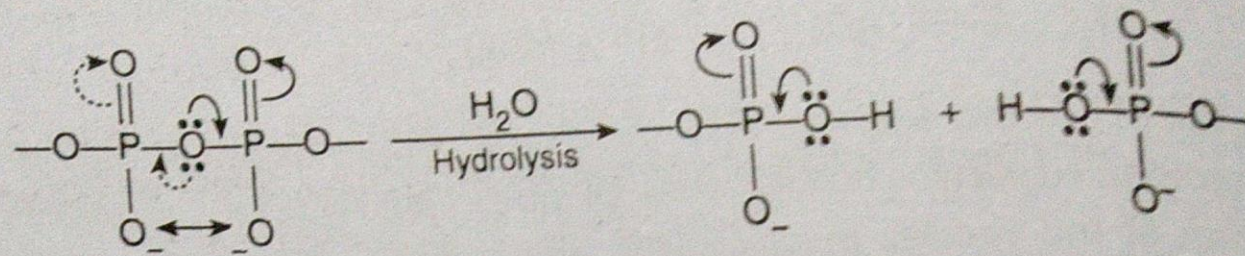


# Energy Rich Phosphoanhydride Bond

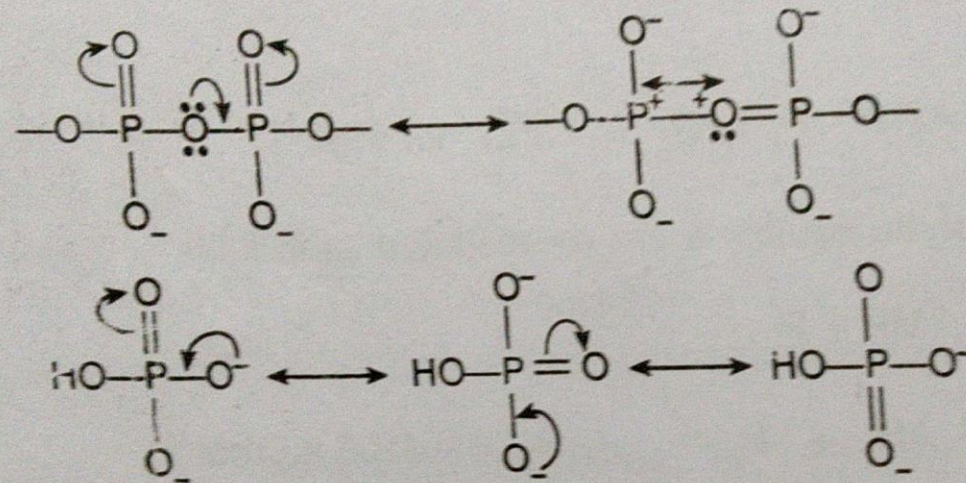


**Figure 9.1.1 :** Structural representation of ATP, ADP and AMP (cf. Fig. 1.4.5.3).  
These ribonucleotides are actually rATP, rADP and rAMP respectively.





(a)



(b)

**Figure 9.1.2 :** (a) Electrostatic repulsion (denoted by  $\leftrightarrow$ ) between the adjacent phosphoryl groups and competing resonance between the phosphoryl groups of a phosphoanhydride segment contribute to destabilise it with respect to its hydrolysed products. (b) An important resonating structure of a phosphoanhydride segment destabilises the system due to an electrostatic repulsion (denoted by  $\leftrightarrow$ ) between the positive charges developed on the adjacent atoms; no such destabilising resonating structure exists for the hydrolysed product orthophosphate.



# Phosphate Group Transfer Potential

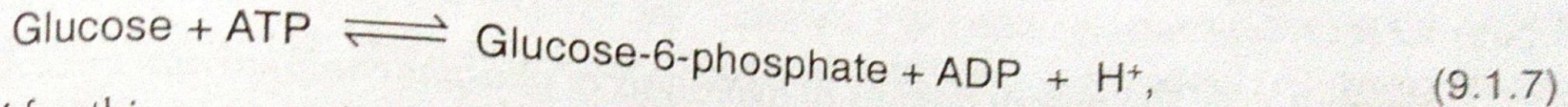
**Table 9.1.1**

Free energies ( $\Delta G_0'$  at pH  $\approx$  7.0, 25°C) of hydrolysis of some phosphorylated compounds.

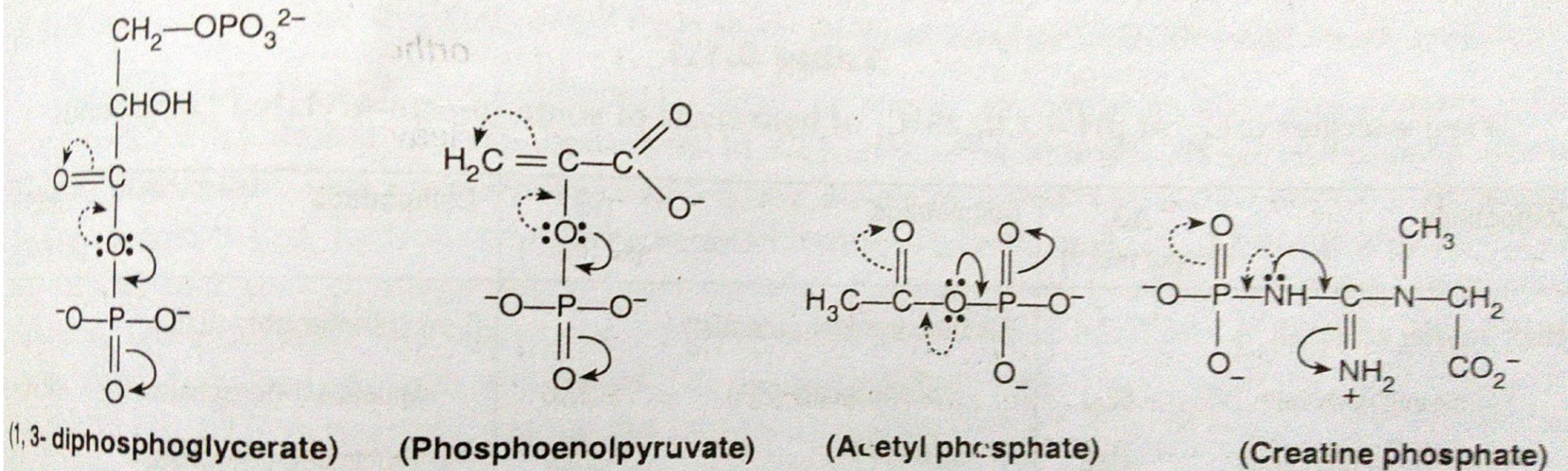
Compounds	$\Delta G_0'$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Compounds	$\Delta G_0'$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Compounds	$\Delta G_0'$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )
<i>(High transfer potential)</i>		<i>(Medium transfer potential)</i>		<i>(Low transfer potential)</i>	
Phosphoenolpyruvate	- 62.0	Pyrophosphate (PP <sub>i</sub> )	- 33.6	Glucose-1-phosphate	- 21.0
1,3-Diphosphoglycerate	- 49.6	ATP to PP <sub>i</sub>	- 32.2	Fructose-6-phosphate	- 13.8
Acetyl phosphate	- 43.3	ATP (to ADP)	- 30.7	Glucose-6-phosphate	- 13.9
Creatine phosphate	- 43.3			Glycerol-3-phosphate	- 9.2



# High Phosphate Group Transfer Potential

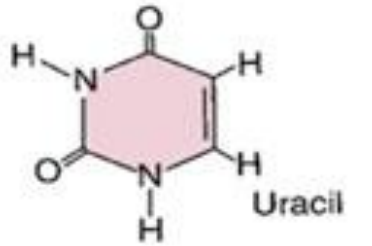
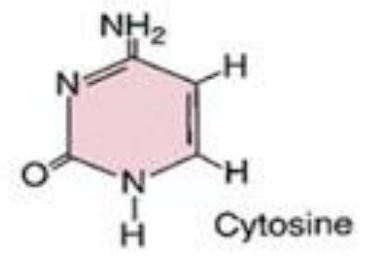
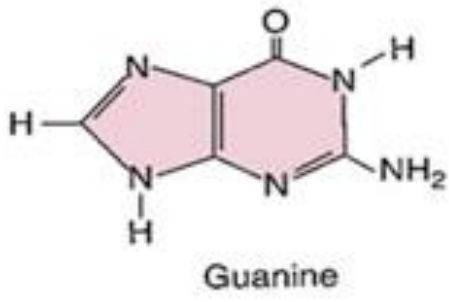
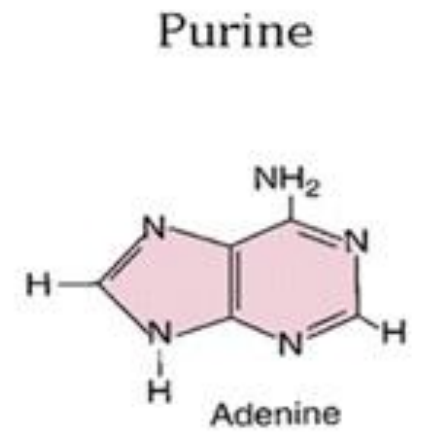
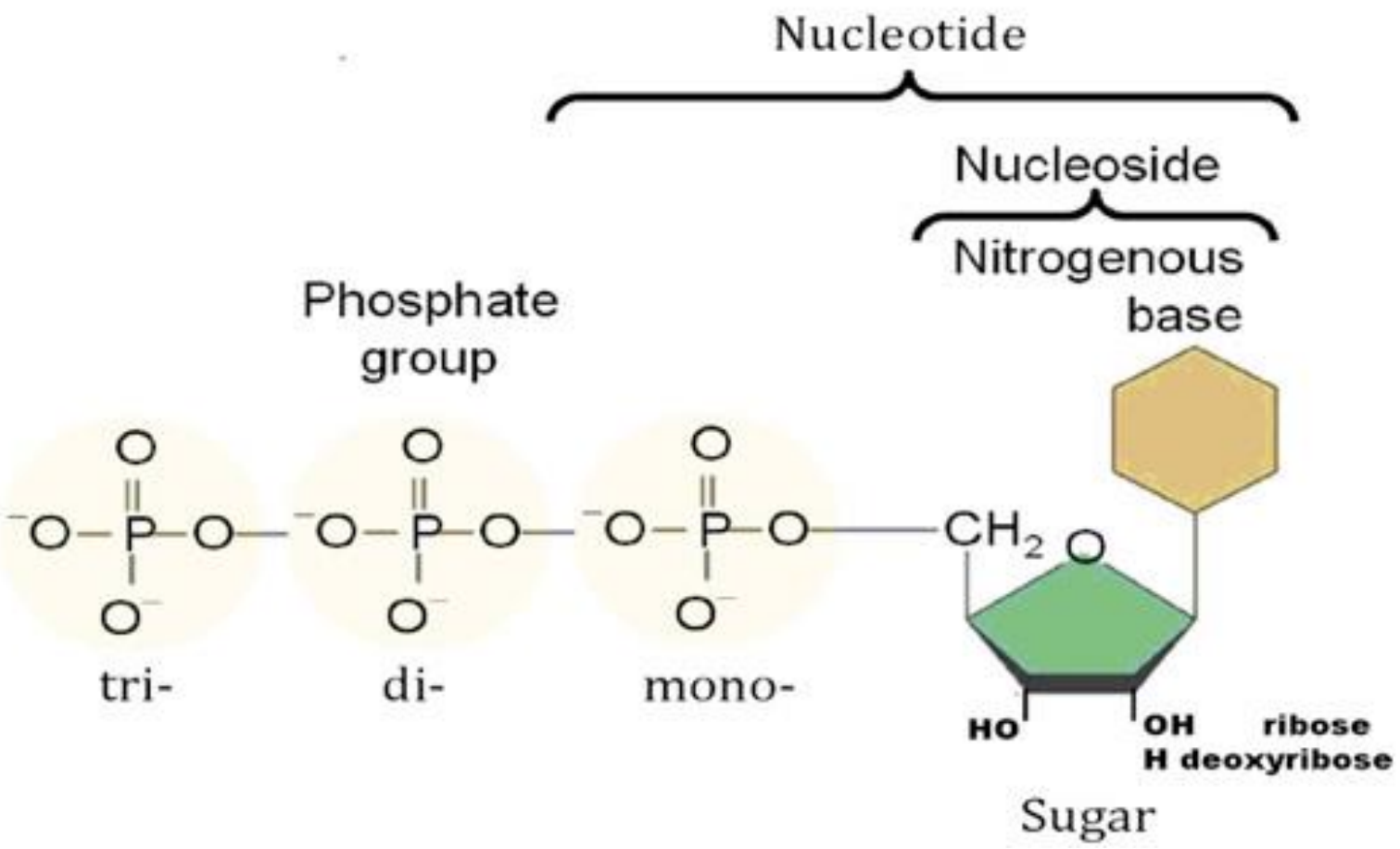


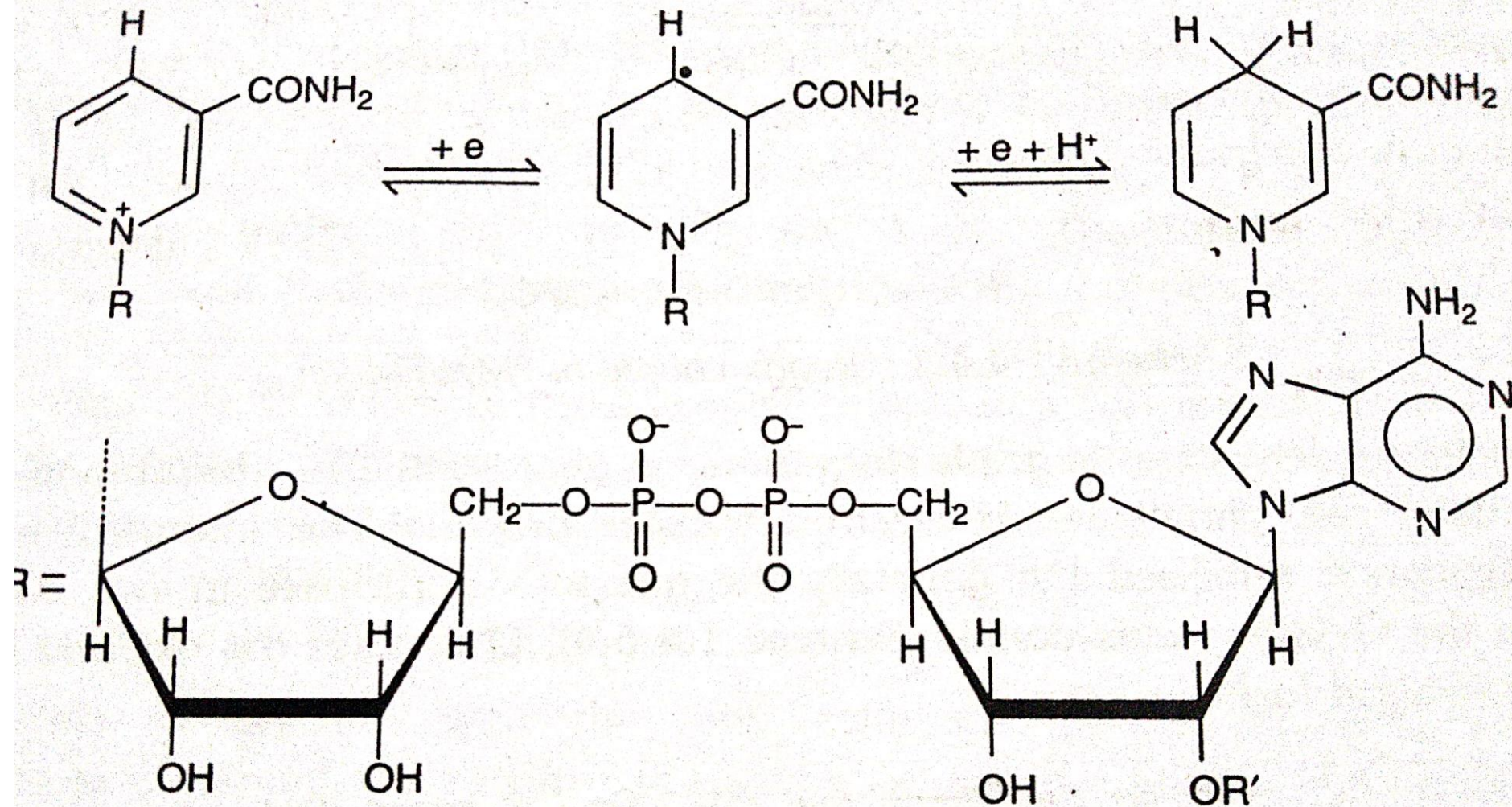
The  $\Delta G_0'$  for this process is given by :  $-(30.7 - 13.9) = -16.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ .



**Figure 9.1.3** : Structural representation of some compounds having **high phosphate group transfer potentials**. Competing resonance to destabilise (with respect to the hydrolysed products) the compounds is schematically shown.





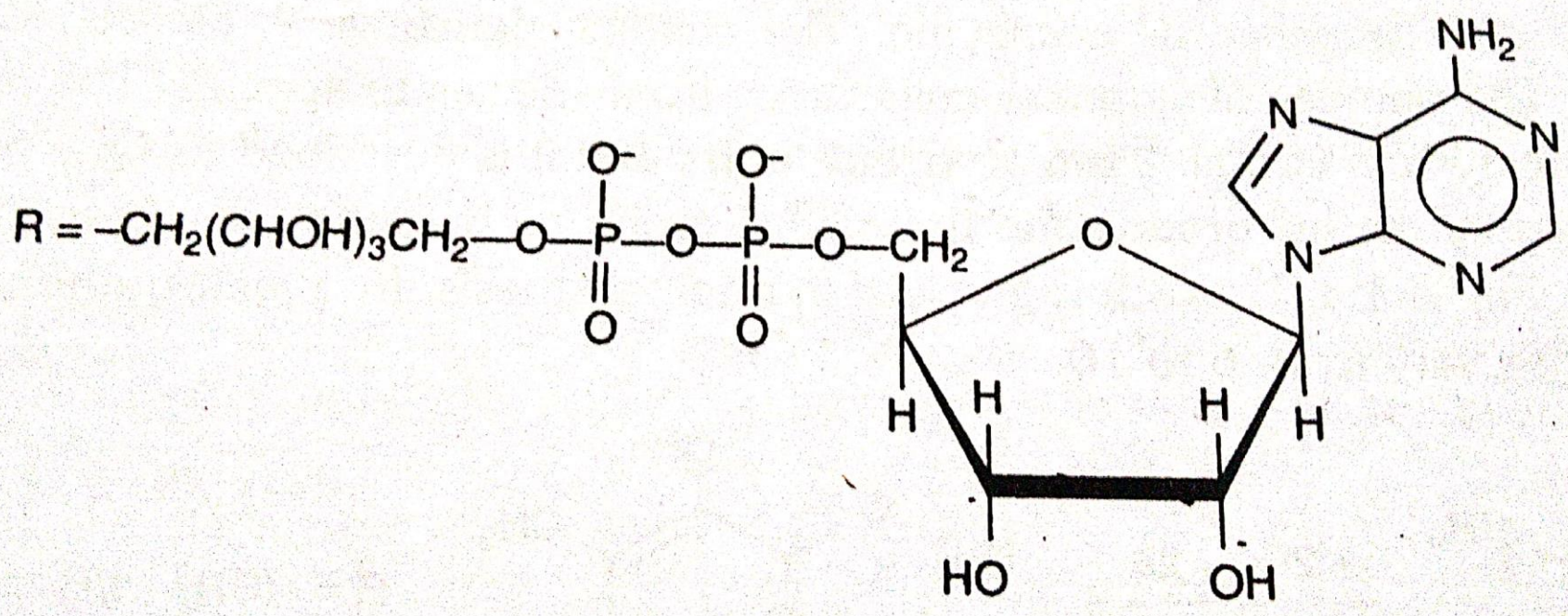
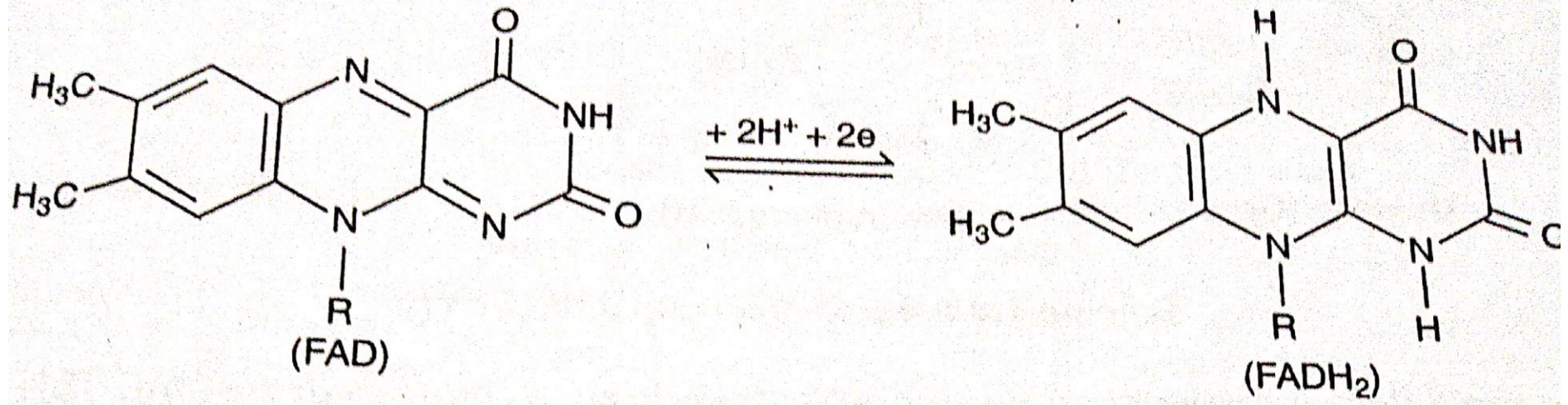


R' = H (For NAD<sup>+</sup> and NADH),

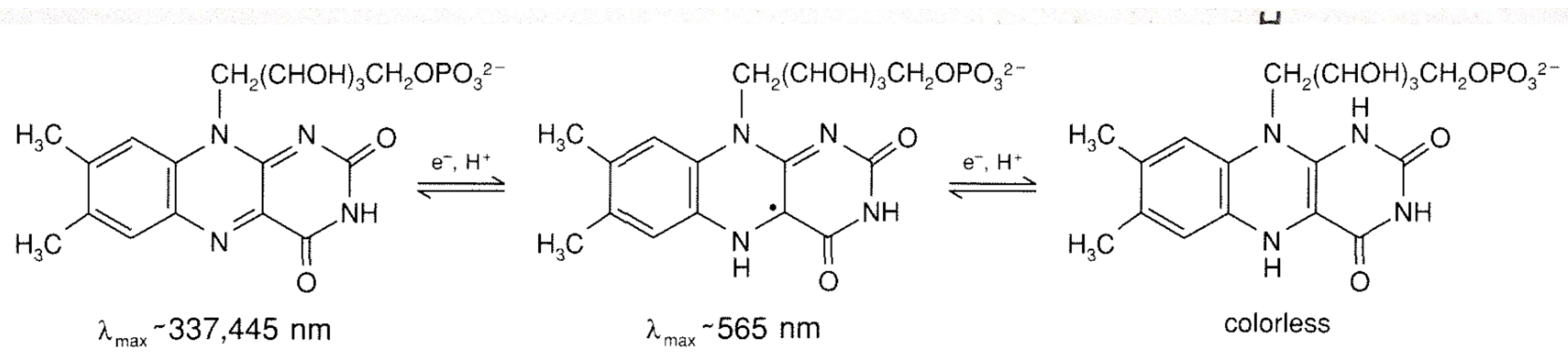
R' = PO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> (for NADP<sup>+</sup> and NADPH)

**Scheme 1.4.6.1** : Redox couples of NAD<sup>+</sup>/NADH and NADP<sup>+</sup>/NADPH.



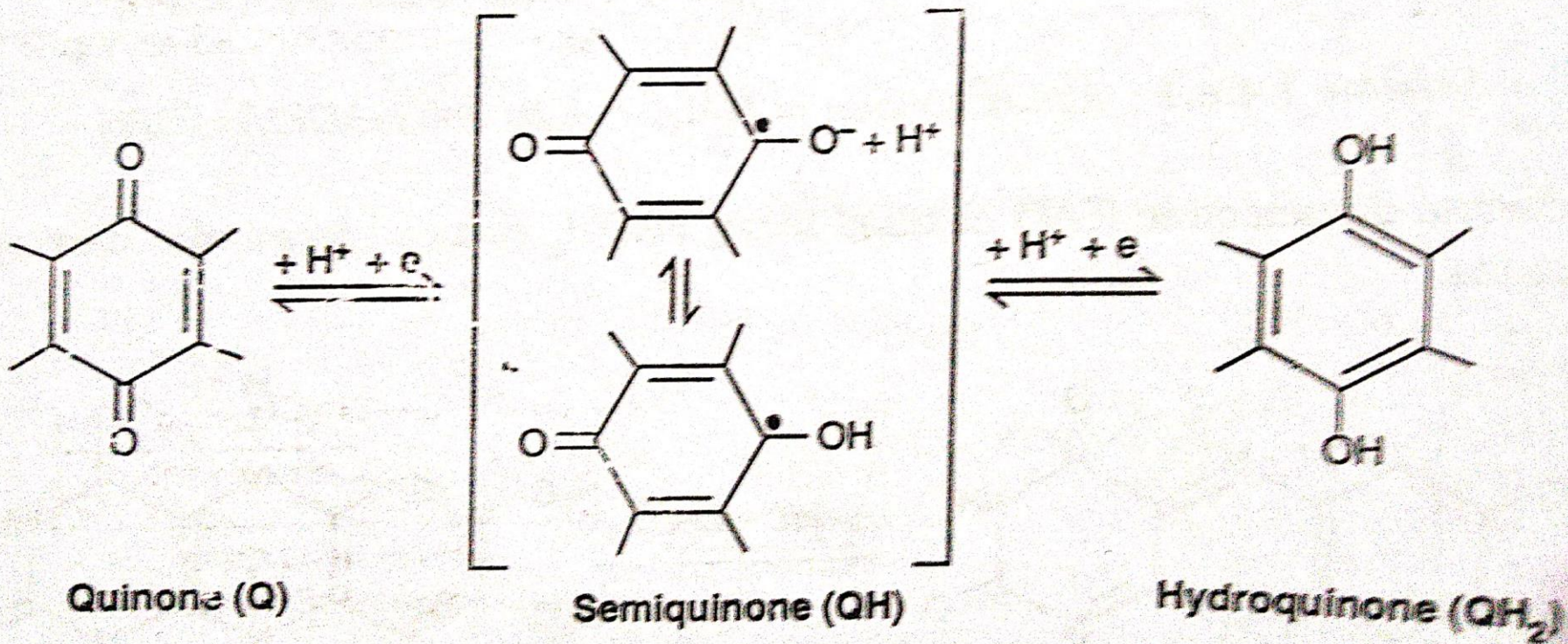
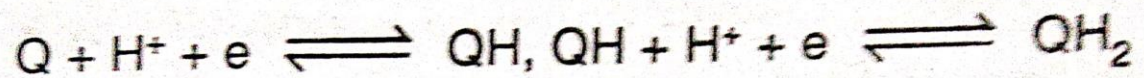


**Scheme 1.4.6.2:** Redox couple of FAD/FADH<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure 6.3**  
 Reduction of FMN.



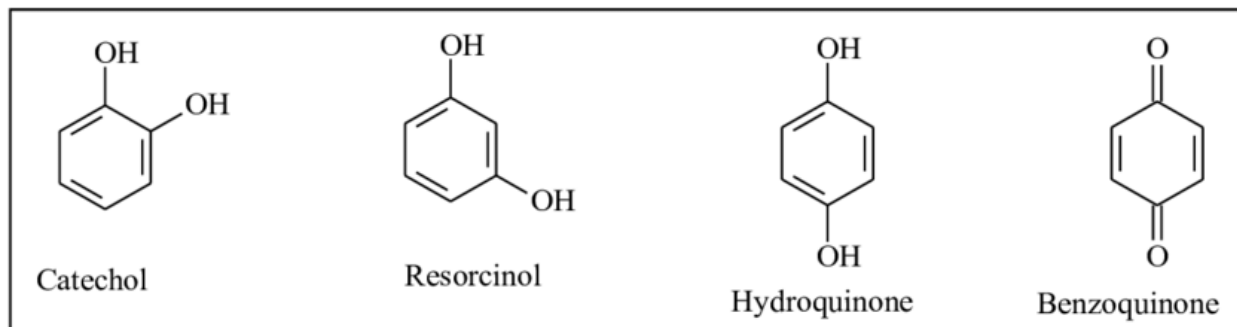


Quinone (Q)

Semiquinone (QH)

Hydroquinone (QH<sub>2</sub>)

*Scheme 1.4.6.4 : Redox couple of Q/QH<sub>2</sub>*





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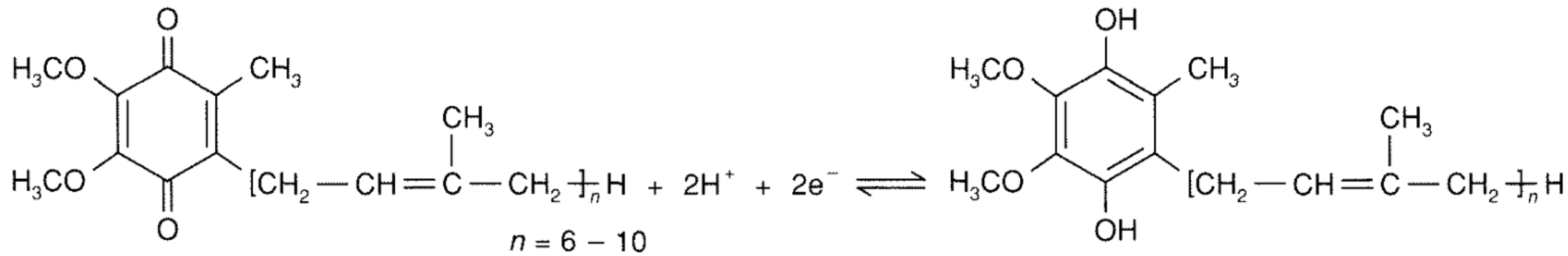


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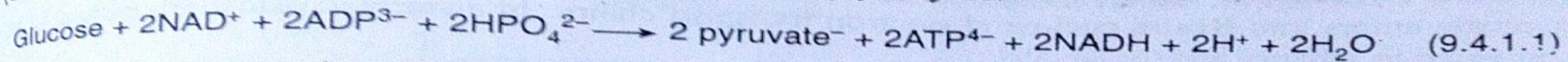
Reduction of coenzyme Q (ubiquinone) to ubiquinol.



## 9.4 ROLE OF PHOSPHATE IN GLUCOSE OXIDATION : GLYCOLYSIS AND CITRIC ACID CYCLE

### 9.4.1 Glycolysis

Metabolic oxidation of glucose is an important phenomenon. It occurs in two stages. The first stage involves the oxidative breakdown of glucose (6-C skeleton) into two molecules of pyruvic acid (3-C skeleton) through a series of reactions known as **glycolysis**.



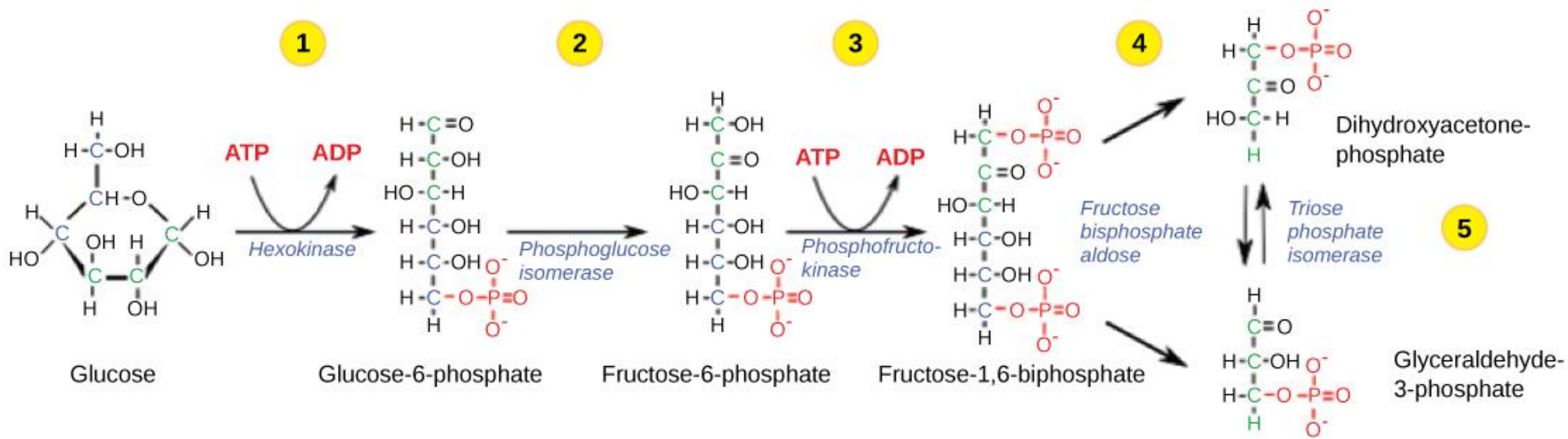
In the first stage, glucose is activated to glucose-6-phosphate through phosphorylation by ATP. Hexokinase enzyme catalyses the process (*cf.* Scheme 9.3.4). Insertion of a phosphoryl group ( $\text{PO}_3^-$ ) into the skeleton of glucose makes it *chemically reactive due to the unfavourable electrostatic strain* originated from the negative charge of the phosphate group. At different steps of glycolytic pathway, phosphorylation and dephosphorylation reactions occur. These are catalysed by different enzymes. In phosphorylation process, phosphoryl group is transferred from a compound having higher phosphate group transfer potential

In the glycolytic pathway (called **Embden-Meyerhof-Parnas pathway**), there are three irreversible steps catalysed by *hexokinase* (conversion of glucose to glucose-6-phosphate, *cf.* Scheme 9.3.4), *phosphofructokinase* (conversion of fructose-6-phosphate to fructose-1,6-diphosphate) and *pyruvate kinase* (conversion of phosphoenolpyruvate to pyruvate, *cf.* Scheme 9.3.5).

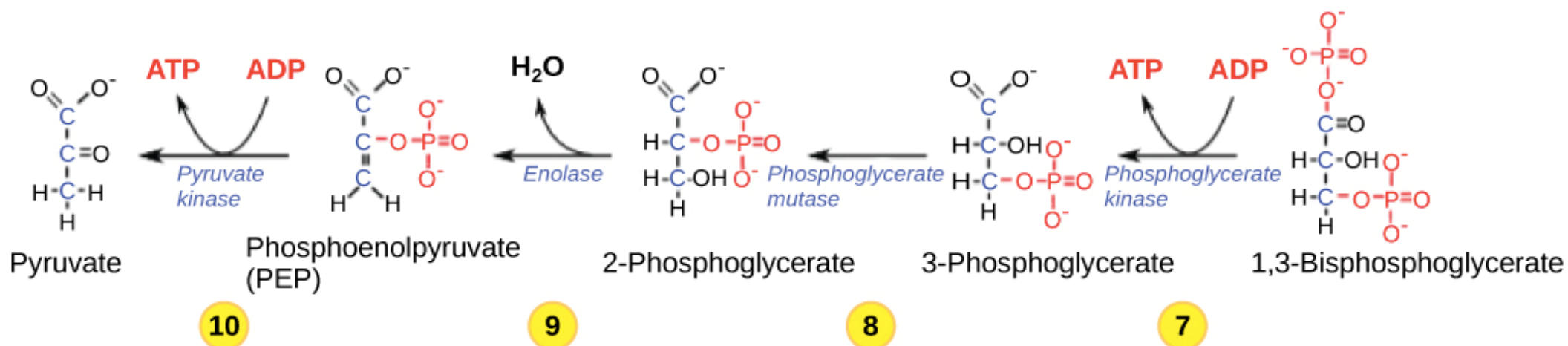
**Reactions in glycolysis :** (i) The first stage converts glucose to fructose-1,6-diphosphate by three successive reactions: phosphorylation, isomerisation and a second phosphorylation. This stage consumes 2 molecules of ATP per molecule of glucose. (ii) The second stage involves the cleavage of fructose-1,6-diphosphate (6-C skeleton) by aldolase into glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate (3-C skeleton) and dihydroxyacetone phosphate (3-C skeleton) which are mutually interconvertible. The active compound, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate is converted to 1,3-diphosphoglycerate (1,3-DPG) through oxidation and phosphorylation. 1,3-diphosphoglycerate having a high *phosphate group transfer potential* can generate ATP from ADP and it is itself converted into 3-phosphoglycerate which isomerises to 2-phosphoglycerate. (iii) At the last stage, phosphoenolpyruvate is formed from 3-phosphoglycerate through a phosphoryl shift followed by dehydration. Phosphoenolpyruvate finally converts ADP to ATP and it is itself converted to pyruvate which can act as a **building block for the biosynthesis of different cellular components**.

**Consumption and generation of ATP in glycolysis :** The phosphorylation and dephosphorylation reactions are controlled by the **phosphate group transfer potential**. A compound having a higher phosphate group transfer potential can phosphorylate a compound having a lower phosphate group transfer potential. The following reactions involve ATP. ATP can

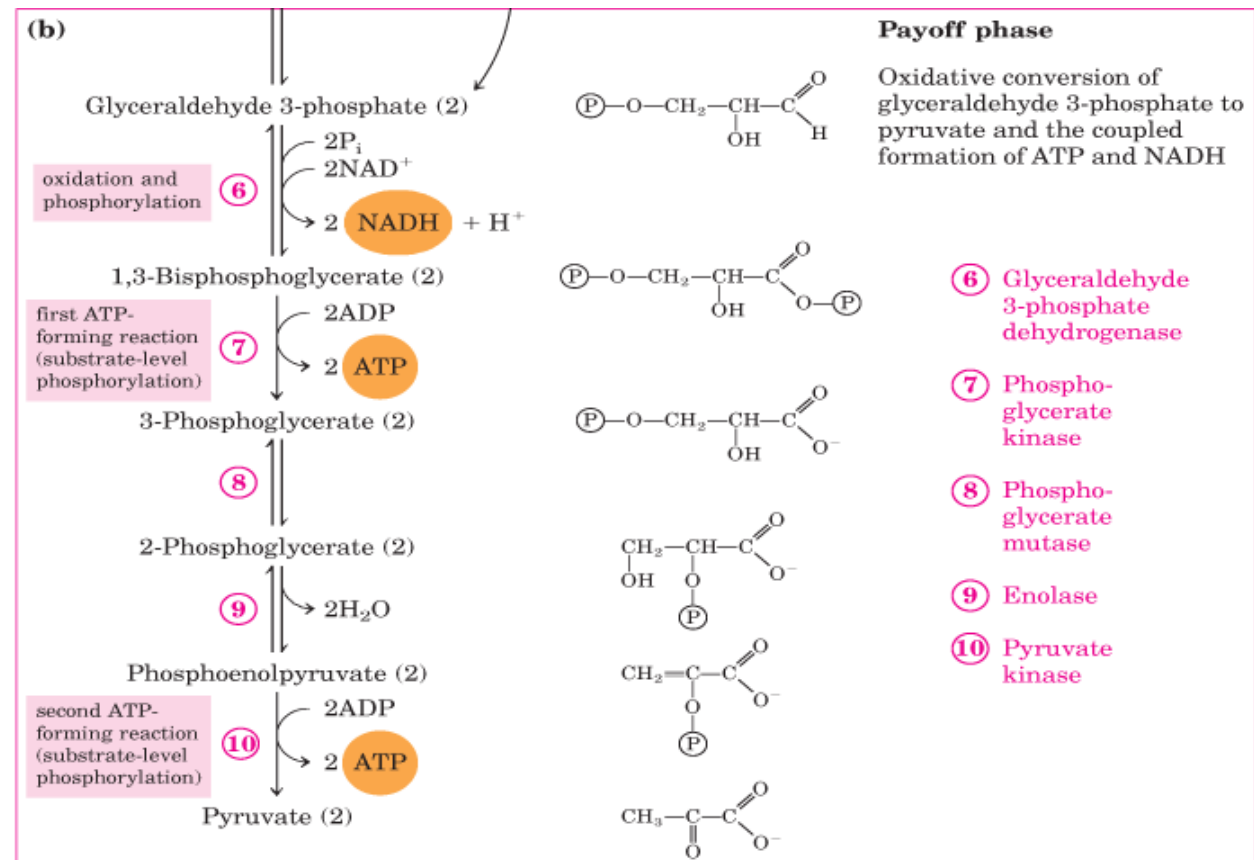
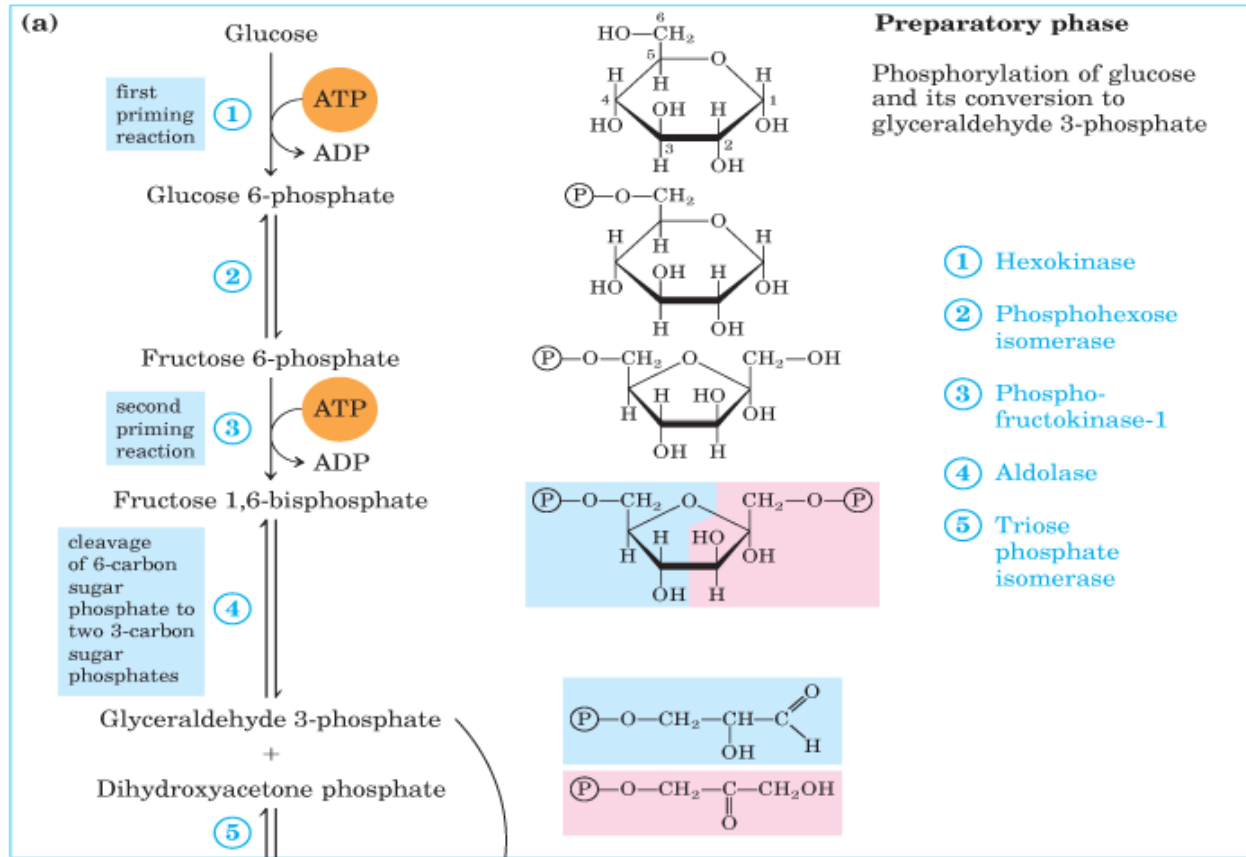




## Glycolysis pathway: Embden-Meyerhof-Parnas Pathway







**1.The first step** in glycolysis is the conversion of D-glucose into glucose-6-phosphate. The enzyme that catalyzes this reaction is hexokinase.

**2.The second** reaction of glycolysis is the rearrangement of glucose 6-phosphate (G6P) into fructose 6-phosphate (F6P) by glucose phosphate isomerase (Phosphoglucose Isomerase).

3.Phosphofructokinase, with magnesium as a cofactor, changes fructose 6-phosphate into fructose 1,6-bisphosphate.

4.The enzyme Aldolase splits fructose 1, 6-bisphosphate into two sugars that are isomers of each other. These two sugars are dihydroxyacetone phosphate (DHAP) and glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate (GAP).

5.The enzyme triphosphate isomerase rapidly inter- converts the molecules dihydroxyacetone phosphate (DHAP) and glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate (GAP). Glyceraldehyde phosphate is removed / used in next step of Glycolysis.

6.Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH) dehydrogenates and adds an inorganic phosphate to glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate, producing 1,3-bisphosphoglycerate.

7.Phosphoglycerate kinase transfers a phosphate group from 1,3-bisphosphoglycerate to ADP to form ATP and 3-phosphoglycerate.

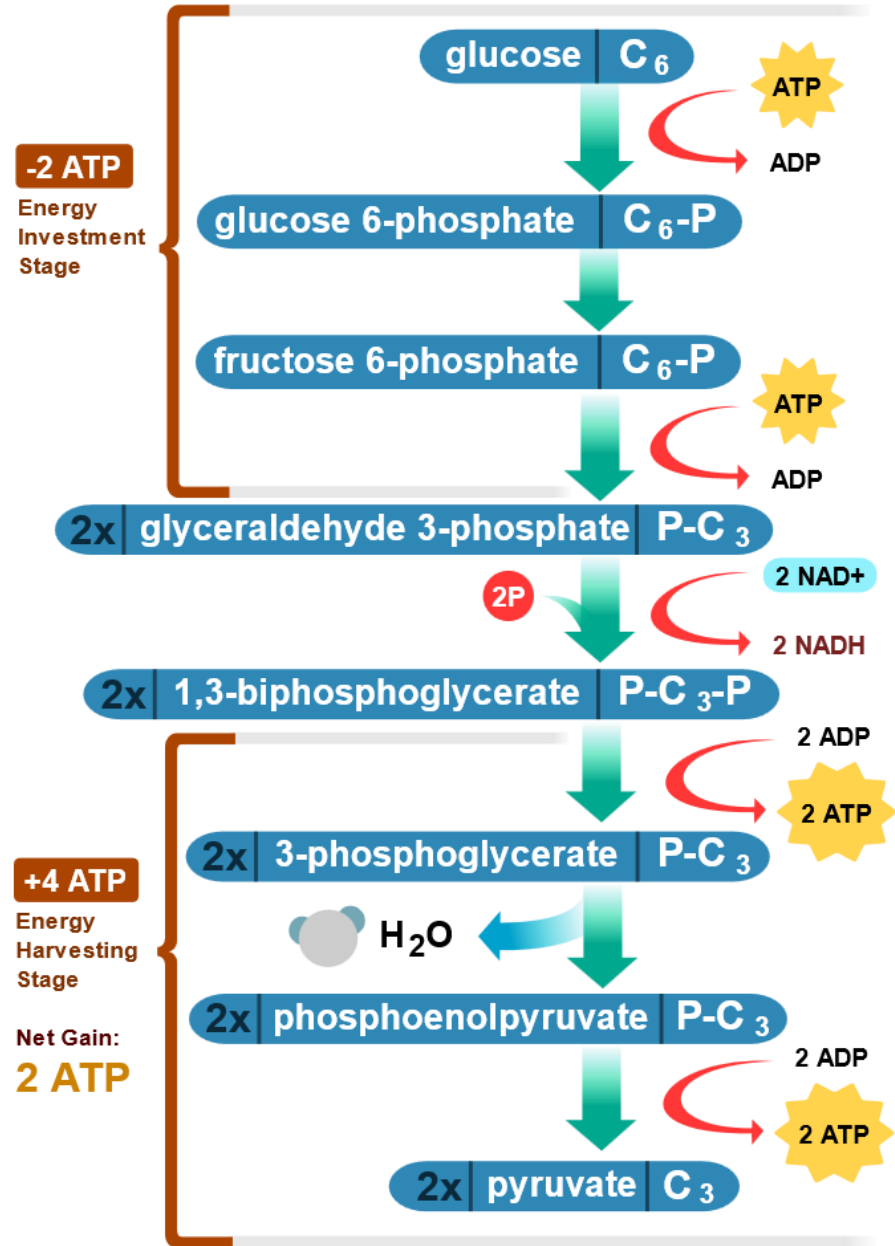
8.The enzyme phosphoglycerate mutase relocates the P from 3- phosphoglycerate from the 3rd carbon to the 2nd carbon to form 2-phosphoglycerate.

9.The enzyme enolase removes a molecule of water from 2-phosphoglycerate to form phosphoenolpyruvic acid (PEP).

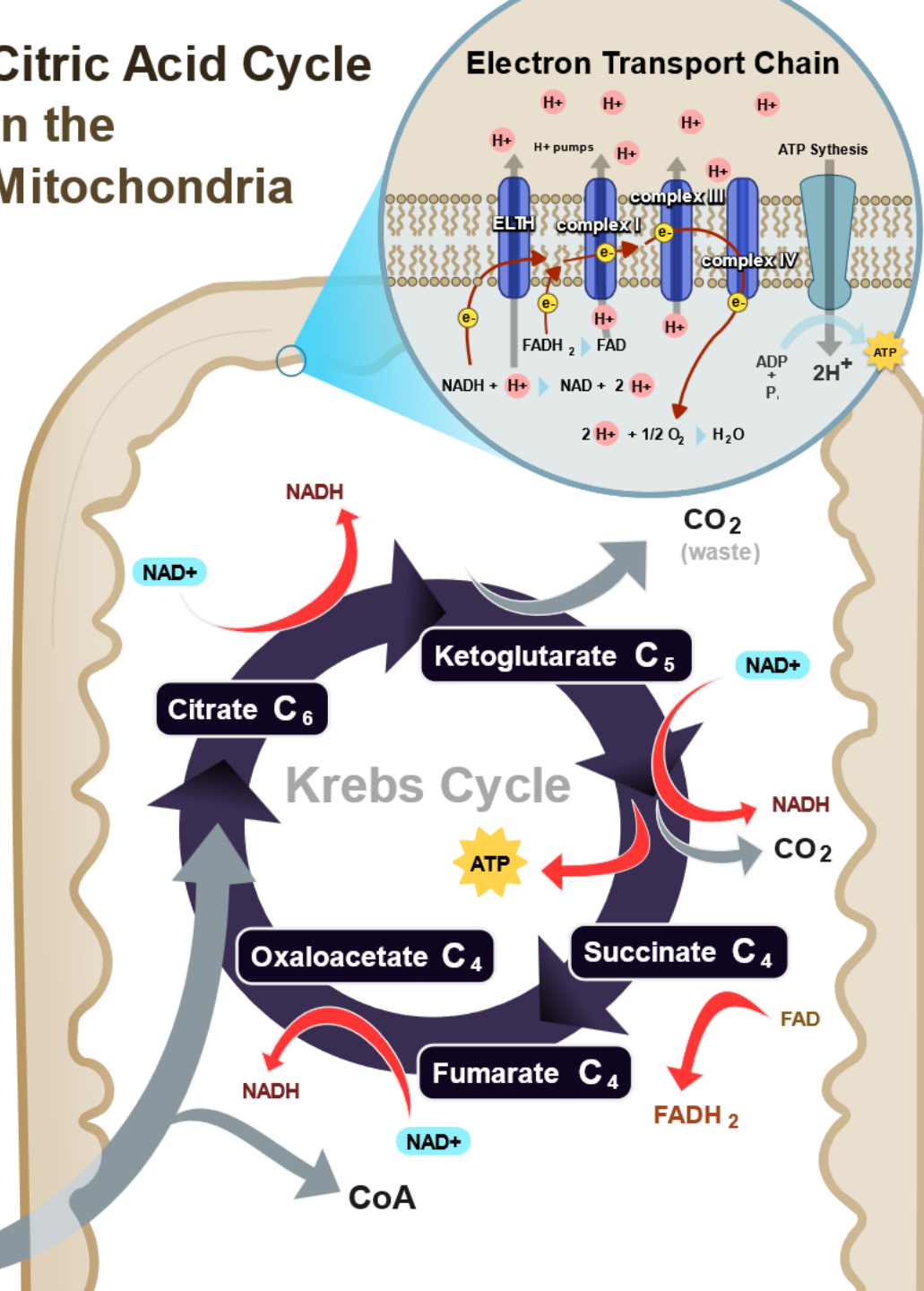
10.The enzyme pyruvate kinase transfers a P from phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) to ADP to form pyruvic acid and ATP Result in step 10.

11.Although 2 ATP molecules are used in steps 1-3, 2 ATP molecules are generated in step 7 and 2 more in step 10. This gives a total of 4 ATP molecules produced. If you subtract the 2 ATP molecules used in steps 1-3 from the 4 generated at the end of step 10, you end up with a net total of 2 ATP molecules produced.

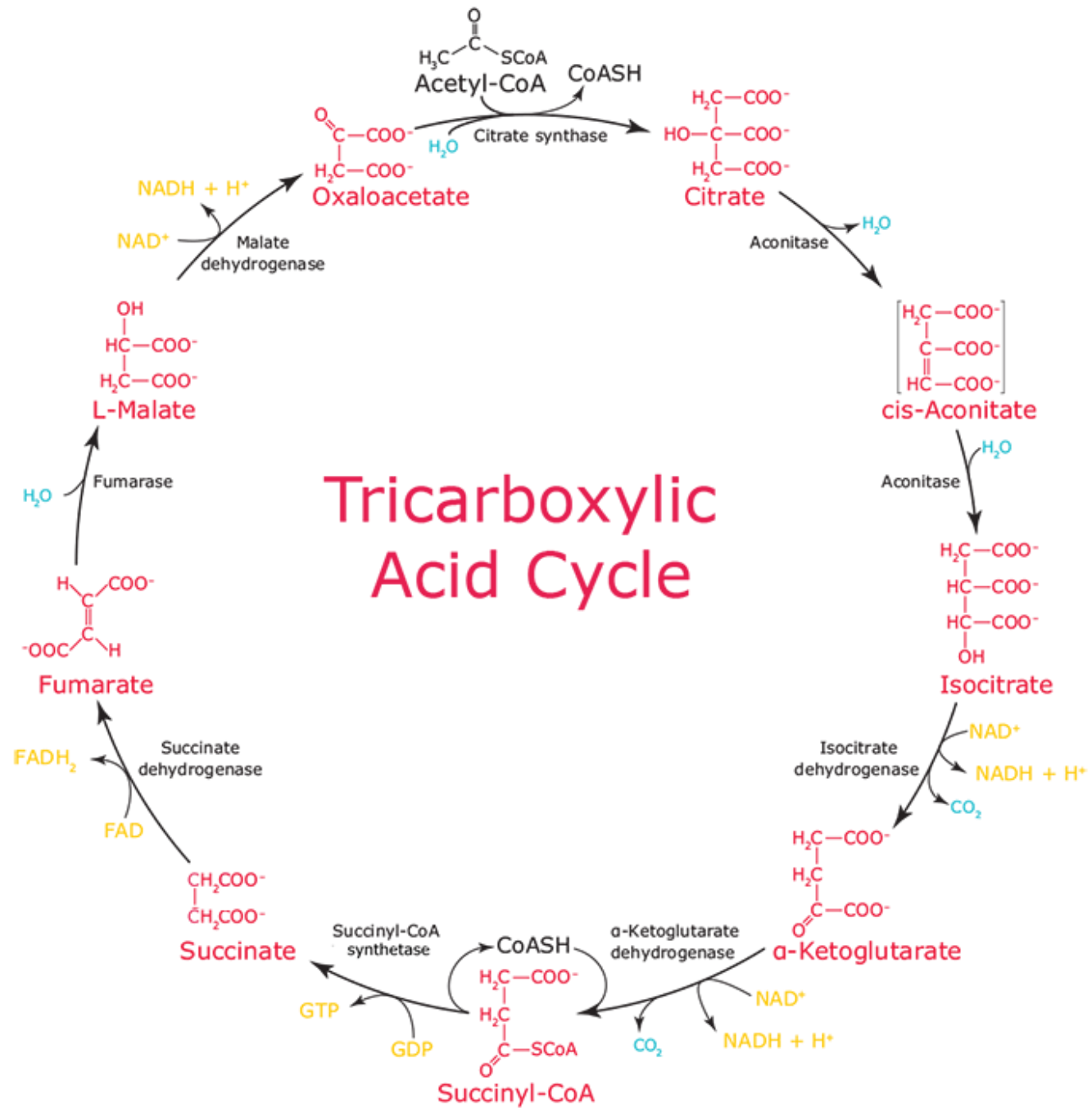
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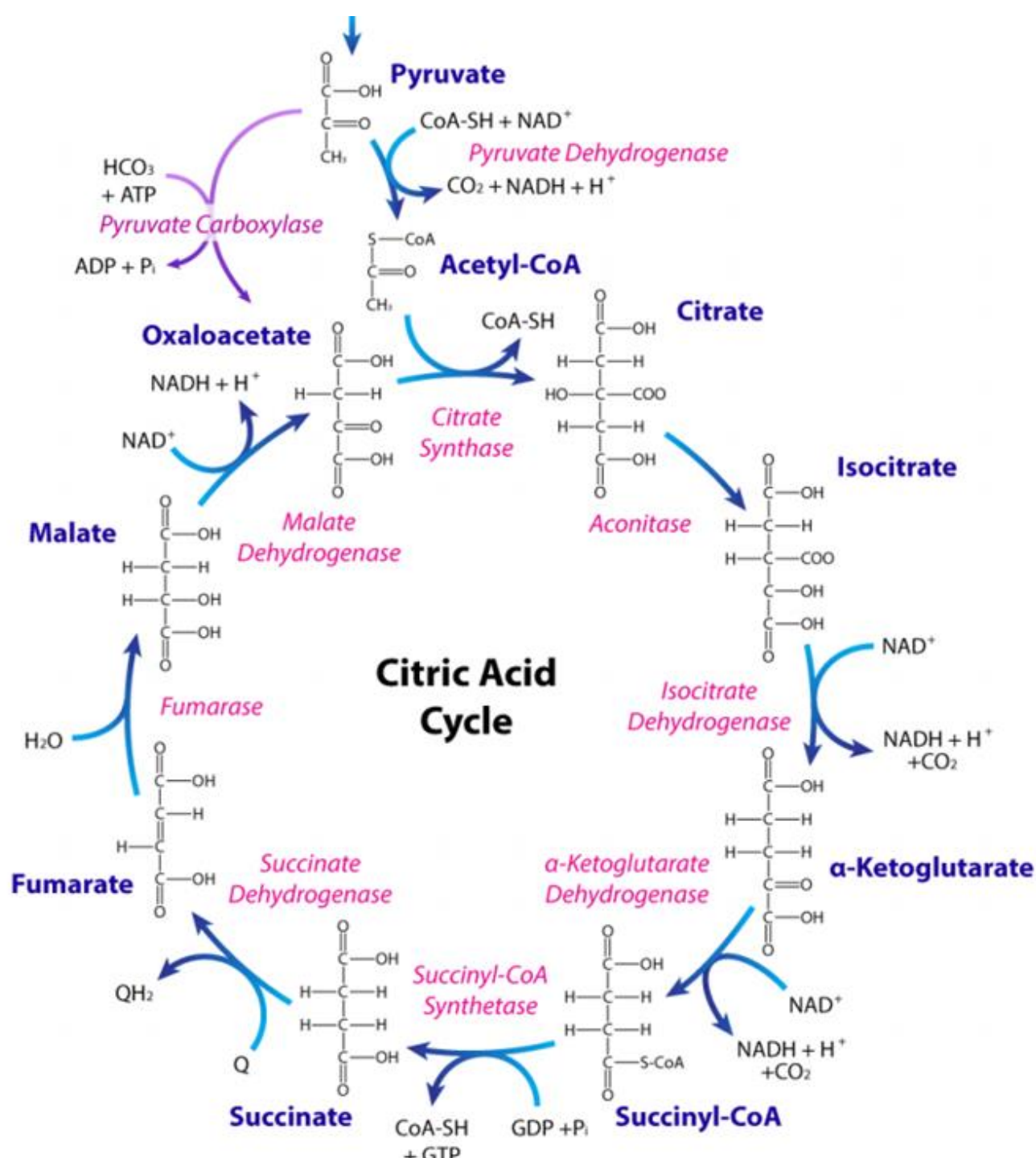


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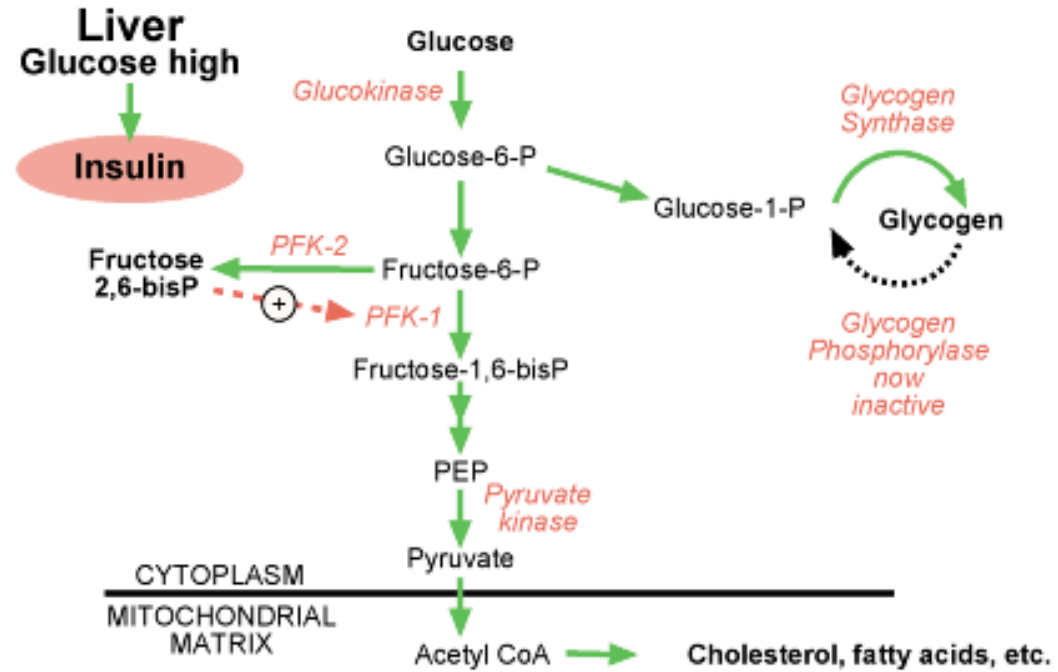








## The Metabolism of Glucose





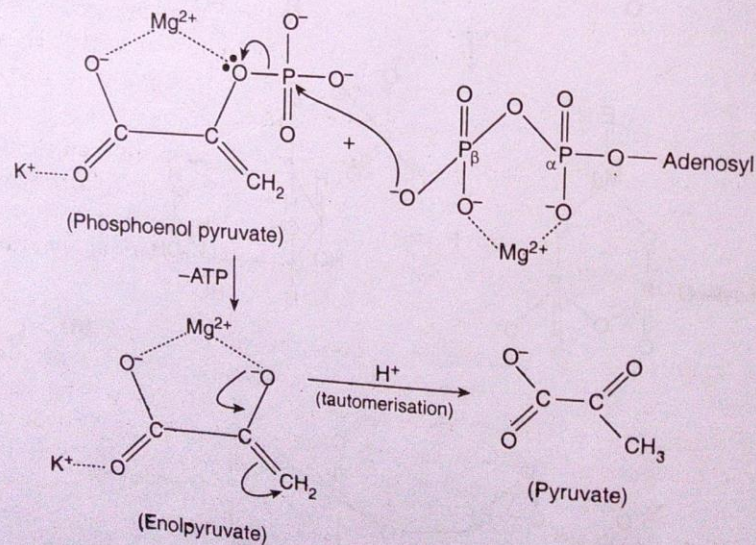
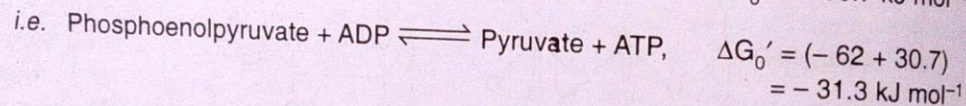
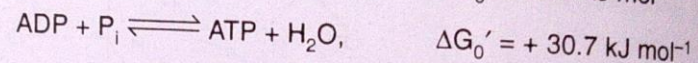
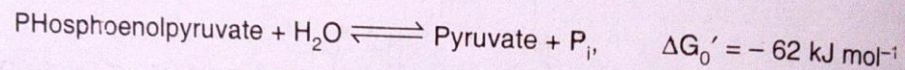




• **Phosphoglycerate kinase** catalyses (Scheme 9.3.4b) the conversion of 1,3-phosphoglycerate into 3-phosphoglycerate. In the activity of phosphoglycerate kinase,  $Mg^{2+}$  probably plays the similar role as in the case of hexokinase. Here, a  $\beta$ -phosphoryl oxygen of  $Mg^{2+}$ -ADP complex makes a nucleophilic attack on the P-atom of 1,3-diphosphoglycerate to displace the  $Mg^{2+}$ -phosphoryl group giving rise to  $Mg$ -ATP complex and 3-phosphoglycerate.

• **Pyruvate kinase** catalyses (Scheme 9.3.5) the conversion of phosphoenolpyruvate to pyruvate. It requires  $Mg^{2+}/Mn^{2+}$  for activity. It is also suggested that in addition to the divalent metal ion, the monovalent cation  $K^+$  also participates in controlling the enzymatic activity of pyruvate kinase. Here, the transfer of a phosphoryl group from phosphoenolpyruvate to  $Mg$ -ADP complex occurs in the same way as in the case of phosphoglycerate kinase catalysed conversion of 1,3-phosphoglycerate to 3-phosphoglycerate. At the next step, enolpyruvate tautomerises to pyruvate. This step is thermodynamically highly favoured ( $\Delta G_0' = -31.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ).

The  $\Delta G_0'$  ( $= -31.3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) of the overall process is obtained as follows :



**Scheme 9.3.5 :** Mechanistic steps of **pyruvate kinase** ( $Mg^{2+}$ -dependant) catalysed conversion of phosphoenolpyruvate to enolpyruvate and then thermodynamically favoured tautomerisation to pyruvate.

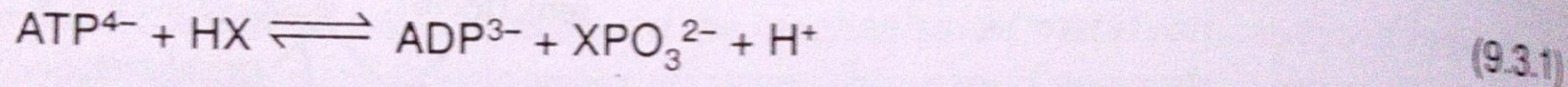
• **Adenylate kinase**



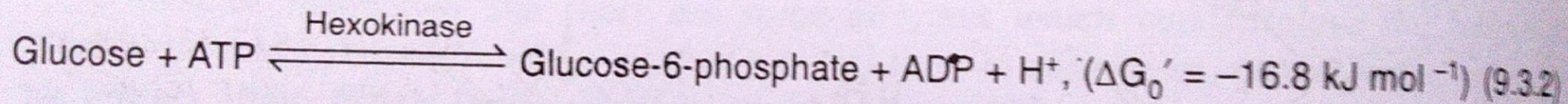
### 9.3 MECHANISM OF HYDROLYSIS OF ATP AND PHOSPHATE GROUP TRANSFER FROM ATP : ATP-ASE AND KINASE ENZYMES

#### (a) Kinase Enzyme Activity

In biological system, the *terminal phosphoryl group* of ATP is very often transferred to the receptor substrate having a lower phosphate group transfer potential compared to that of ATP.



As for example :



This type of reaction is catalysed by the enzymes called *kinase* which requires the bivalent metal ions (generally  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  or  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ) for its activity. Several kinase enzymes are involved in glycolysis (Sec 9.4). The hydrolysis of ATP to ADP is catalysed by ATP-ase.

**Kinases are actually transferase enzymes.** In some kinases (e.g. nucleoside diphosphate kinase) phosphoryl group transfer occurs to a group belonging to the enzyme itself. It also happens so in alkaline phosphatase (Sec. 6.9). In other kinases, the phosphoryl group transfer occurs directly from the donor to the acceptor through the formation of a *ternary complex*.



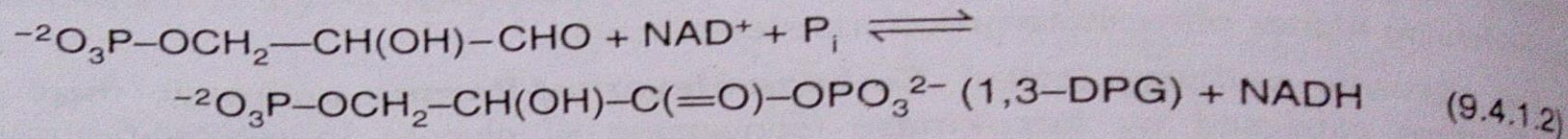
be generated if the released free energy ( $\Delta G^\circ$ ) is at least  $30.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ . There are two such generating reactions in the total glycolytic path. Glycolysis also produces 2 molecules of NADH which can be oxidized (in respiratory electron transport chain) back to  $\text{NAD}^+$  to produce 6 molecules of ATP. Thus in glycolysis, 1 molecule glucose  $\equiv 2\text{NADH} + 2\text{ATP}$  (cf. citric acid cycle).

Reaction	ATP changes per molecule of glucose
Glucose $\rightarrow$ Glucose-6-phosphate	- 1 ( <i>i.e.</i> consumption)
Fructose-6-phosphate $\rightarrow$ Fructose-1,6-diphosphate	- 1 ( <i>i.e.</i> consumption)
2 (1,3-Diphosphoglycerate $\rightarrow$ 3-Phosphoglycerate)	+ 2 ( <i>i.e.</i> generation)
2 (Phosphoenolpyruvate $\rightarrow$ Pyruvate)	+ 2 ( <i>i.e.</i> generation)
<b>Total</b>	<b>+ 2 (<i>i.e.</i> generation)</b>

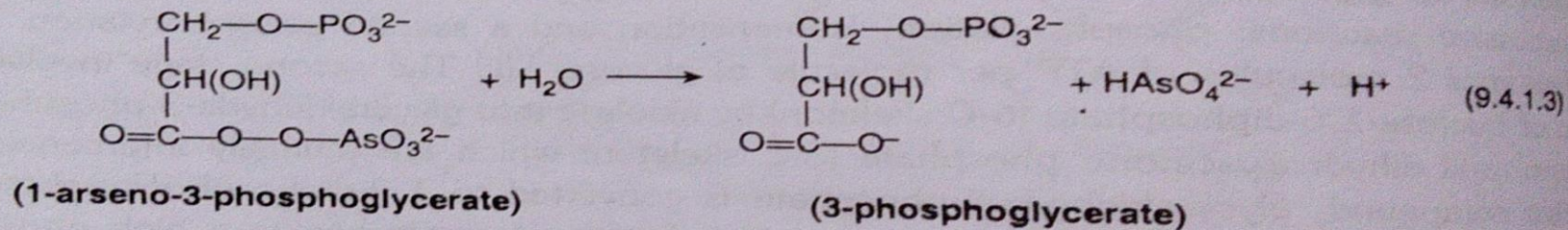
The glycolysis performs three roles : generation of ATP, NADH (2 per glucose molecule) and pyruvate. **Pyruvate is used as a building block in different biosynthesis.** In aerobic oxidation, pyruvate enters into **Krebs cycle** and electron transport chain. In anaerobic oxidation, pyruvate is converted to ethanol and/or lactate.



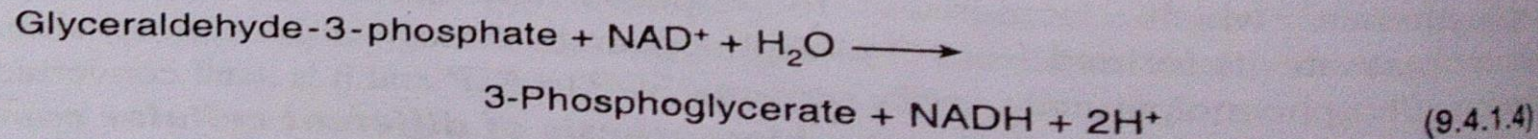
**Arsenate ( $\text{AsO}_4^{3-}$ ) acts as an uncoupler in glycolysis :** Arsenate ( $\text{AsO}_4^{3-}$ ) resembles phosphate ( $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ ) in structure and reactivity. In the presence of  $\text{AsO}_4^{3-}$ , it can enter into the glycolytic path by replacing  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ . During glycolysis, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate is converted into 1,3-diphosphoglycerate (1,3-DPG) or 1,3-bisphosphoglycerate (1,3-BPG) through oxidation coupled by phosphorylation. 1,3-DPG is a high-energy phosphate compound which can produce ATP.



In the presence of  $\text{AsO}_4^{3-}$ , the above reaction produces 1-arseno-3-phosphoglycerate,  $^{-2}\text{O}_3\text{P}-\text{OCH}_2-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{OAsO}_3^{2-}$ , instead of 1,3-DPG. This arseno-compound is **kinetically unstable** (i.e. kinetically labile) and it is rapidly hydrolysed to 3-phosphoglycerate.



Thus in the presence of  $\text{AsO}_4^{3-}$ , the net reaction is :



In normal glycolytic path, during the conversion of glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate to 3-phosphoglycerate via 1,3-DPG, ATP is generated. **But, in the presence of arsenate, this ATP generation does not occur.** In the presence of phosphate, oxidation being coupled by phosphorylation produces the high-energy phosphate compound, 1,3-DPG, but arsenate uncouples the reaction and only the oxidation product, 3-phosphoglycerate is produced.



**Glycolysis** is the metabolic process that serves as the foundation for both aerobic and anaerobic cellular respiration. In glycolysis, glucose is converted into pyruvate. Glucose is a six-membered ring molecule found in the blood and is usually a result of the breakdown of carbohydrates into sugars. It enters cells through specific transporter proteins that move it from outside the cell into the cell's cytosol. All of the glycolytic enzymes are found in the cytosol.



The simplified reaction is as follows:

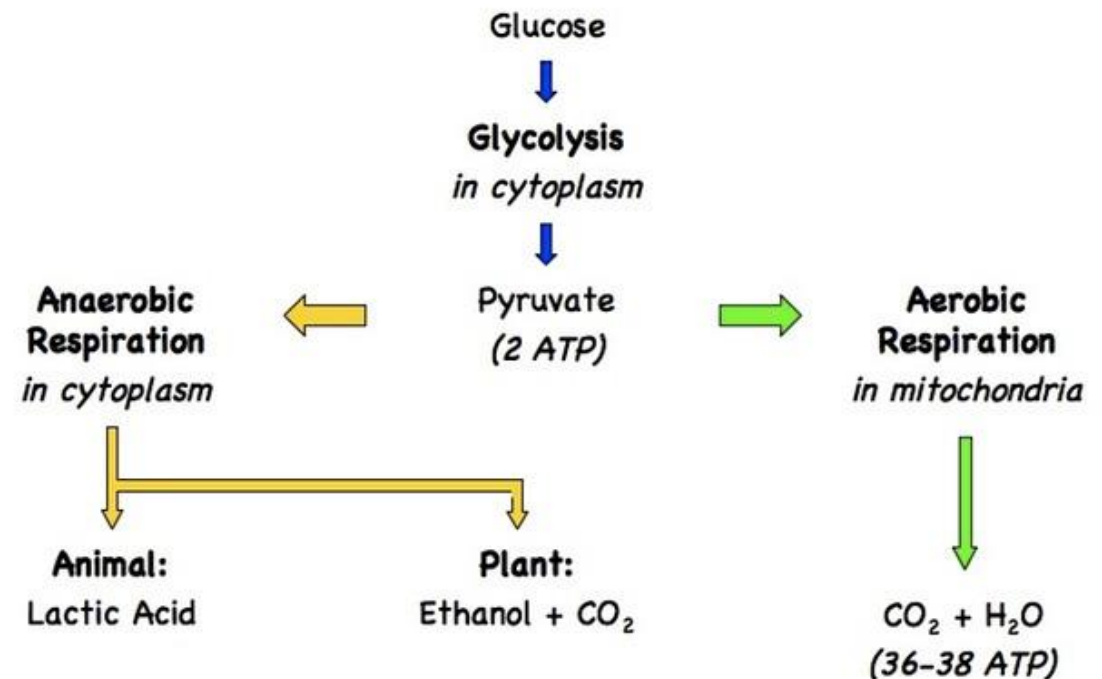


A negative  $\Delta G$  indicates that the reaction can occur spontaneously.

•The steps of glycolysis remain the same till the formation of pyruvate in both aerobic and anaerobic modes of respiration. **After pyruvate formation, depending on the availability of oxygen the pyruvate will have different fates in different organisms.**

•In animals, where there is sufficient oxygen supply **pyruvate enters the mitochondria and is completely oxidized to carbon dioxide.** In the absence of oxygen, it enters the anaerobic respiration where it is converted to lactate.

•So, Under aerobic conditions, the net formation of ATP until the formation of pyruvate is **2 ATP + (1 NADH = 3 ATP) = 5 ATP.** However, under anaerobic conditions, **the NADH is not converted to ATP;** therefore, the net production of ATP is only 2 ATP.





one molecule of glucose oxidized by aerobic respiration in prokaryotes yields the following:

Glycolysis

**2 net ATP from substrate-level phosphorylation**

**2 NADH yields 6 ATP (assuming 3 ATP per NADH) by oxidative phosphorylation**

Transition Reaction

**2 NADH yields 6 ATP (assuming 3 ATP per NADH) by oxidative phosphorylation**

Citric Acid Cycle

**2 ATP from substrate-level phosphorylation**

**6 NADH yields 18 ATP (assuming 3 ATP per NADH) by oxidative phosphorylation**

**2 FADH<sub>2</sub> yields 4 ATP (assuming 2 ATP per FADH<sub>2</sub>) by oxidative phosphorylation**

Total Theoretical Maximum Number of ATP Generated per Glucose in Prokaryotes

38 ATP: 4 from substrate-level phosphorylation; 34 from oxidative phosphorylation.

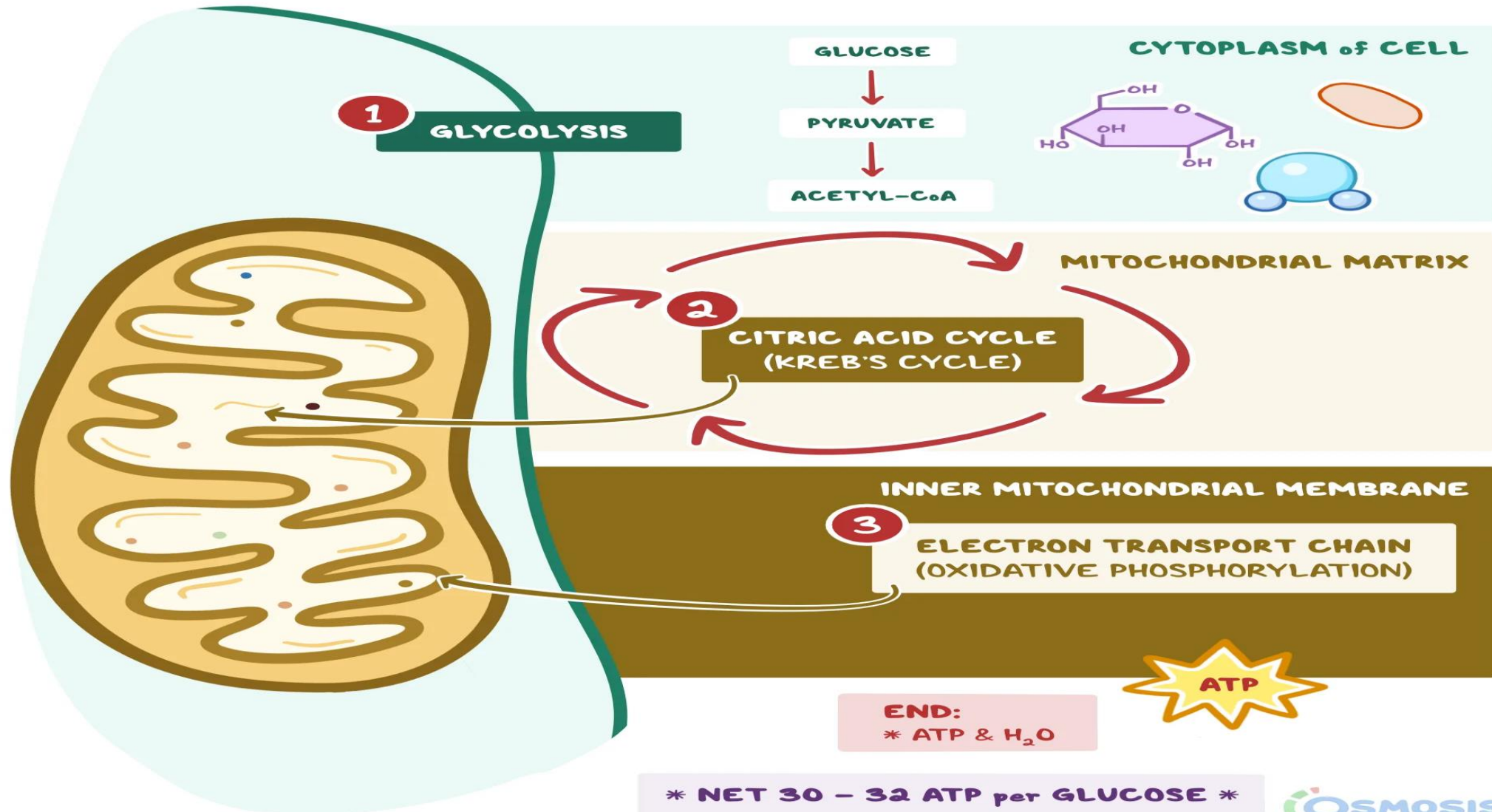
In eukaryotic cells, the theoretical maximum yield of ATP generated per glucose is 36 to 38, depending on how the 2 NADH generated in the cytoplasm during glycolysis enter the mitochondria and whether the resulting yield is 2 or 3 ATP per NADH.

## BACKGROUND

- \* METABOLIC PATHWAY
- ~ USES GLUCOSE to PRODUCE ATP
- \* ATP REQUIRED for MANY REACTIONS in BODY

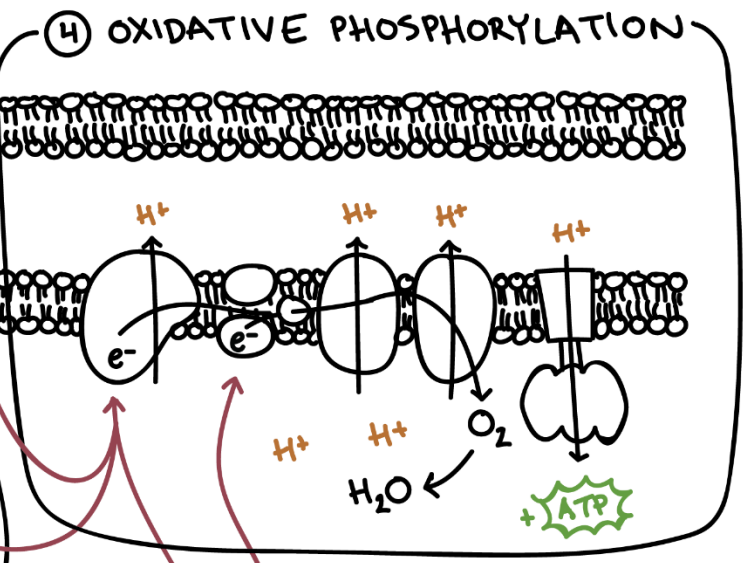
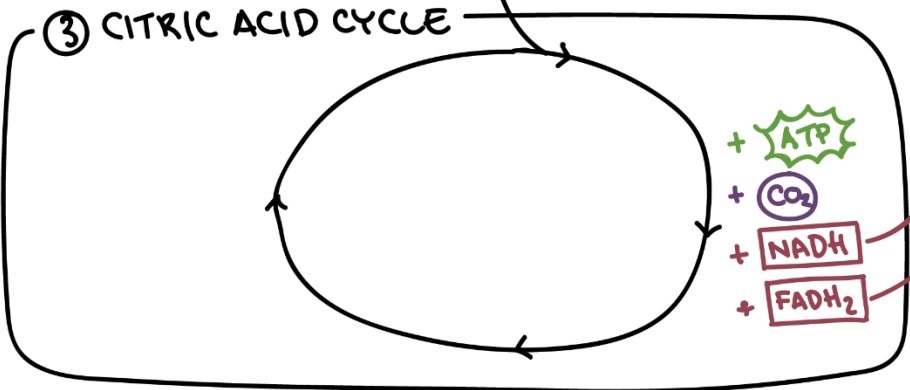
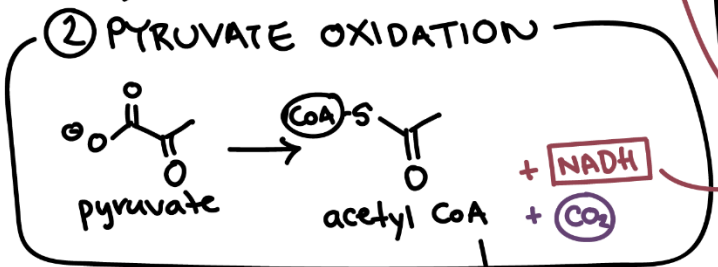
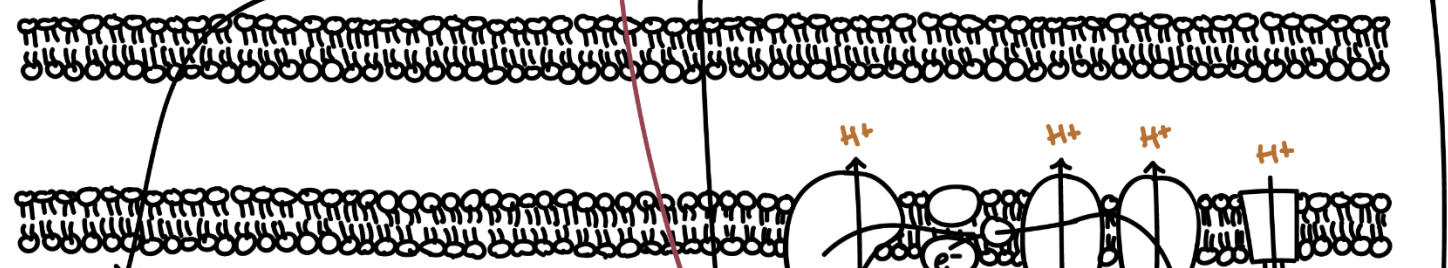
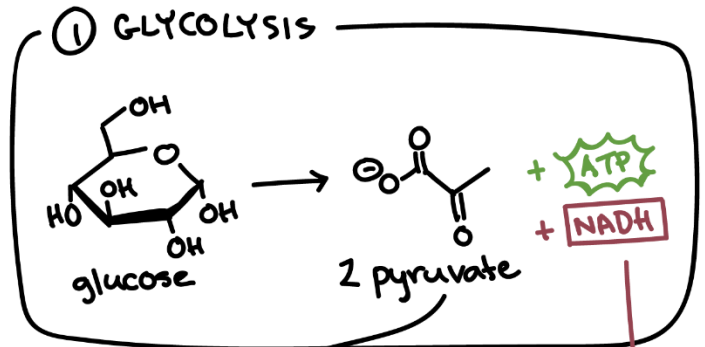
## START:

- \* GLUCOSE, ATP, & NAD<sup>+</sup>

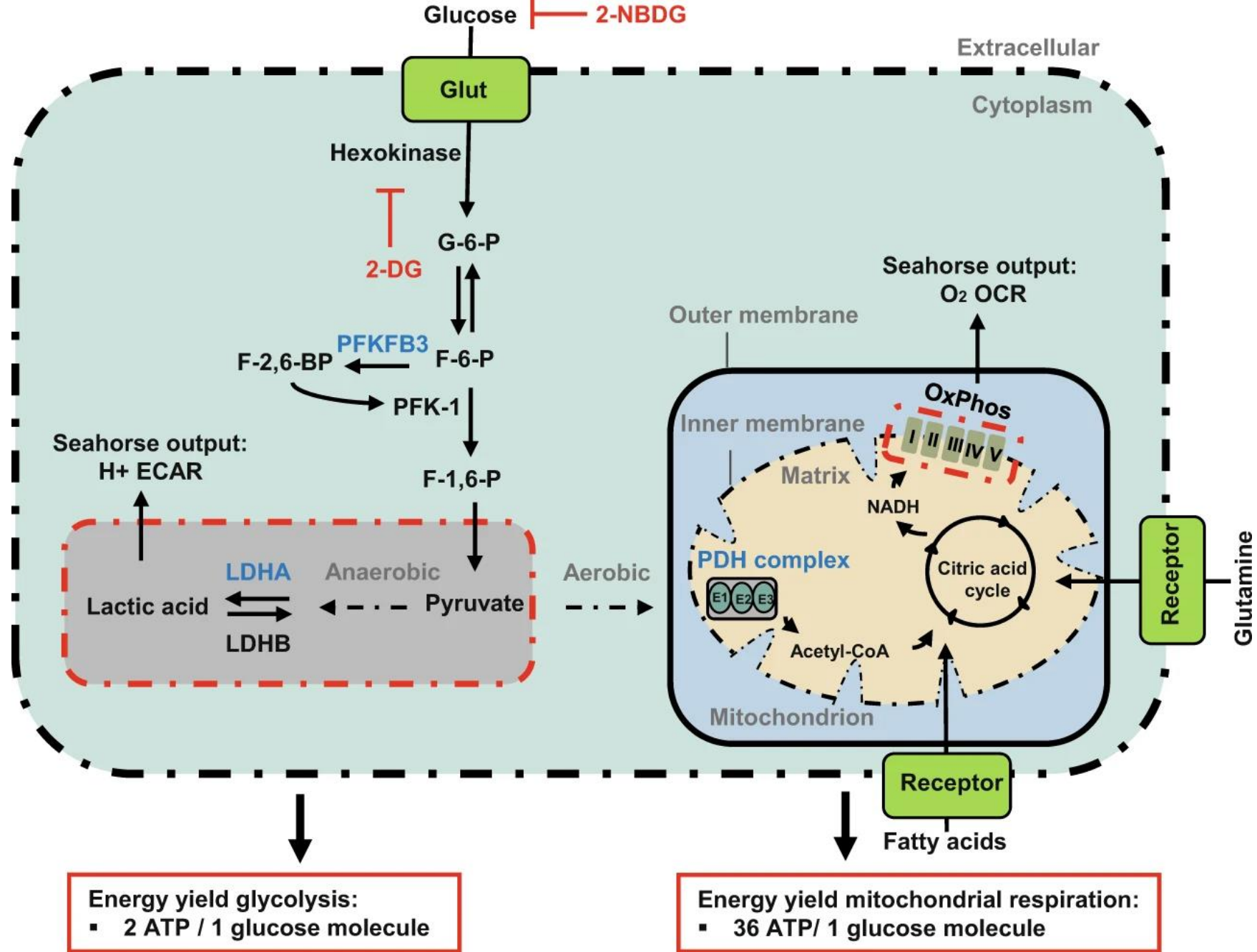




cytosol



mitochondrial matrix

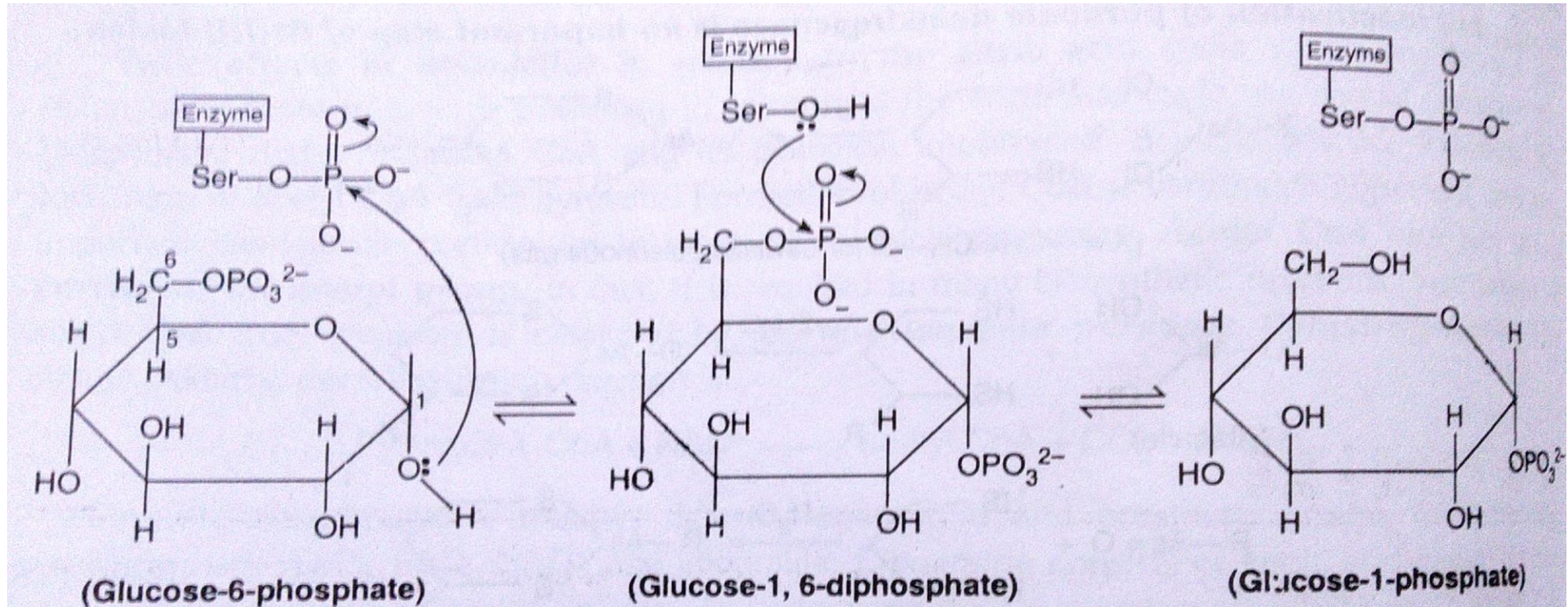




## Glucose storage as Glycogen

- ❖ Although glucose is the primary fuel for cells, **it is not an efficient molecule for long-term storage in complex** (i.e. greater than single-celled) organisms. Therefore, in both plants and animals, the glucose molecules are linked together to form **polysaccharides known as glucans**
- ❖ **In animals, the glucan formed is glycogen**, which consists of glucose molecules linked by  $\alpha(1\rightarrow4)$  glycosidic bonds, and branching  $\alpha(1\rightarrow6)$  bonds approximately between 8 to 14 residues apart. The average size of a glycogen unit is a cytoplasmic granule containing over 100000 glucose molecules
- ❖ **Glycogen synthesis begins with UDP-glucose phosphorylase**, which combines the nucleotide uridine triphosphate (UTP) with glucose-1-phosphate to release pyrophosphate ( $PP_i$ ) and form UDP-glucose
- ❖ **In the next step, glycogen synthase attaches the UDP-glucose to the pre-existing glycogen chain with an  $\alpha(1\rightarrow4)$  linkage.**  
It cannot join two individual glucoses together, only add to a pre-existing chain
- ❖ **Similarly, in plants, the major disaccharide is sucrose**, formed by the linkage of UDP-glucose and fructose-6-phosphate. This results in sucrose-6-phosphate, which is then readily dephosphorylated to sucrose

## Glycogenesis - Glucose storage as Glycogen

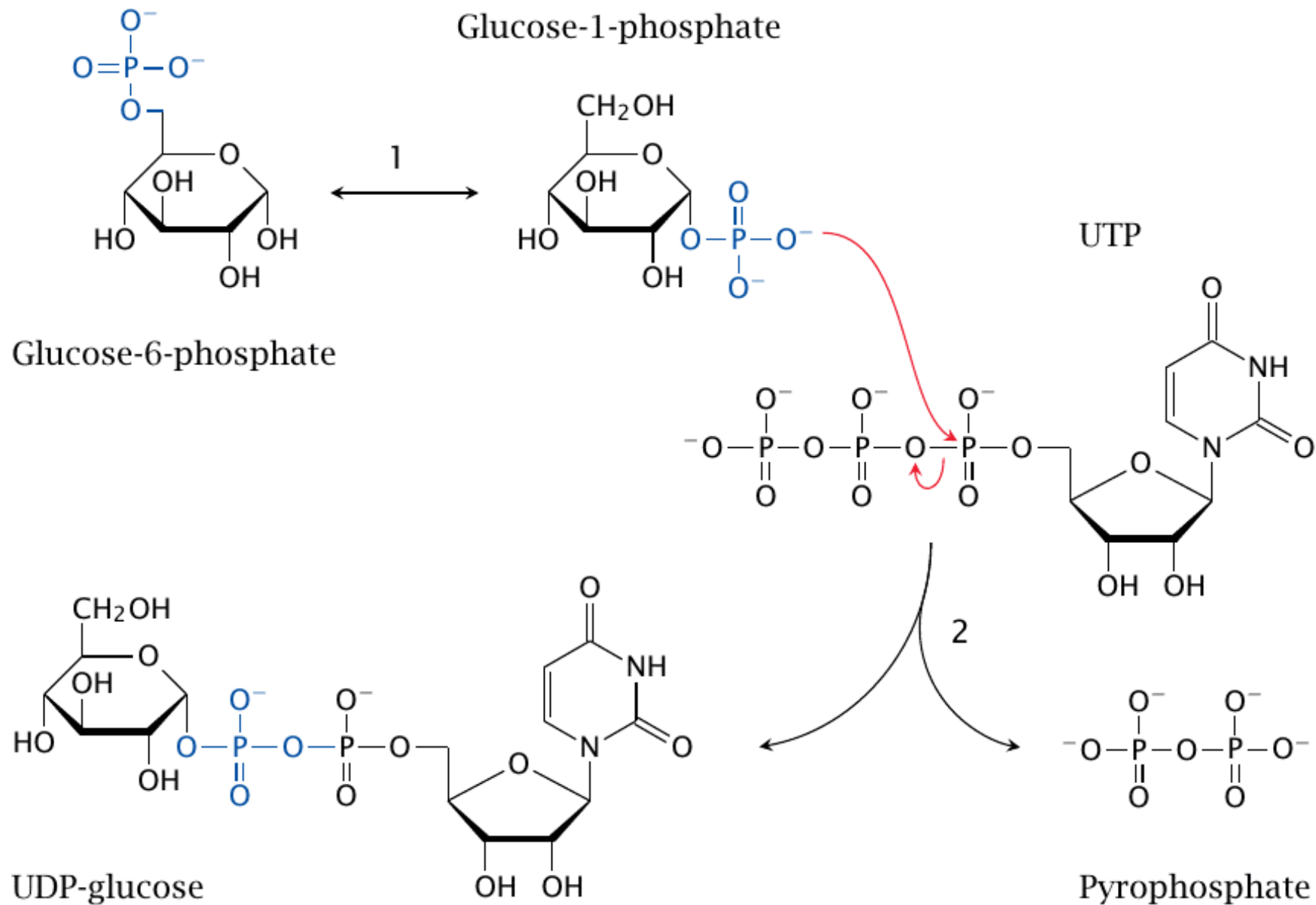


**Scheme 9.4.4.2** : Mechanistic steps of phosphoglucomutase catalysed interconversion of glucose-6-phosphate to glucose-1-phosphate. Binding of the substrate by the C<sub>3</sub>-OH group with the Mg(II) center of the enzyme is not shown here.

Thus the seryl-phosphate group transits between the 1- and 6-positions of glucose. Rotation of glucose-1,6-diphosphate around the Mg(II)—OH bond (using the C<sub>3</sub>-OH group) leads to the



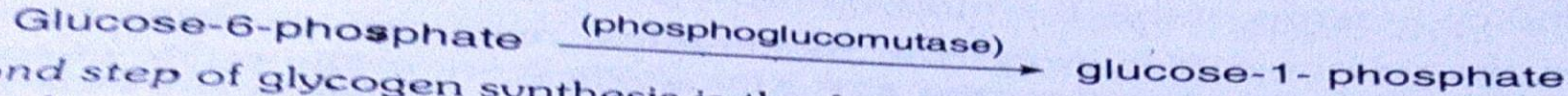
# Glucose storage as Glycogen



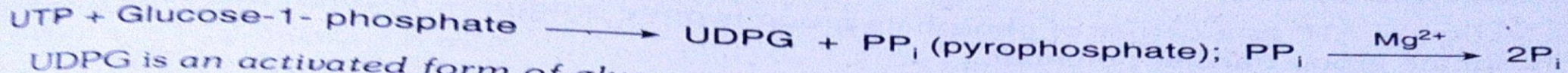


# Glucose storage as Glycogen

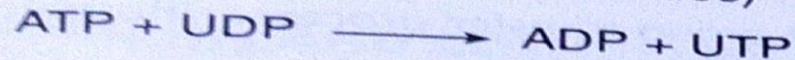
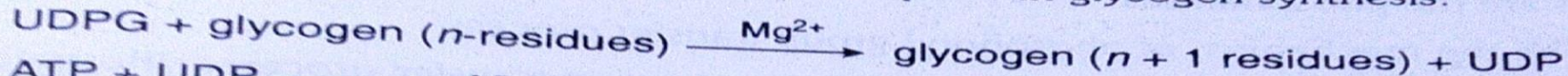
required protein conformation change and then the C<sub>6</sub>-phosphate is transferred to the serine —OH group. Thus the *first step* of glycogen synthesis is:



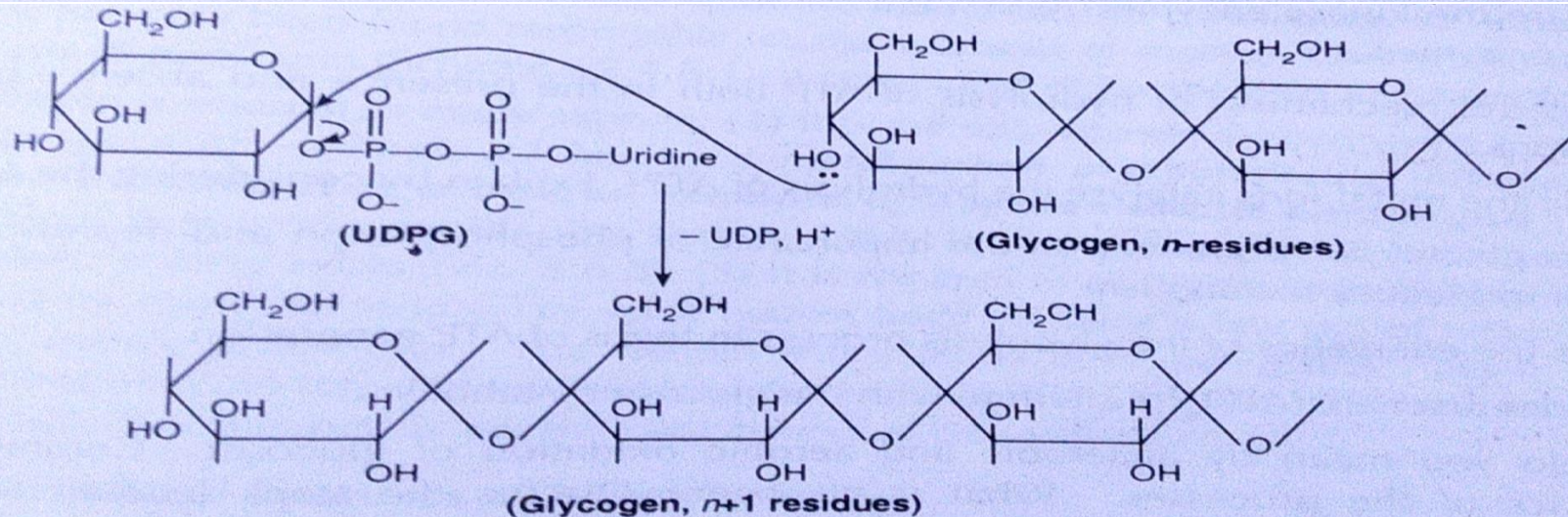
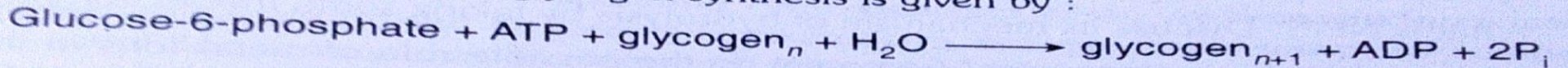
The *second step* of glycogen synthesis is the formation of UDPG (uridine diphosphate glucose) from UTP (uridine triphosphate).



UDPG is an activated form of glucose and it participates in glycogen synthesis.

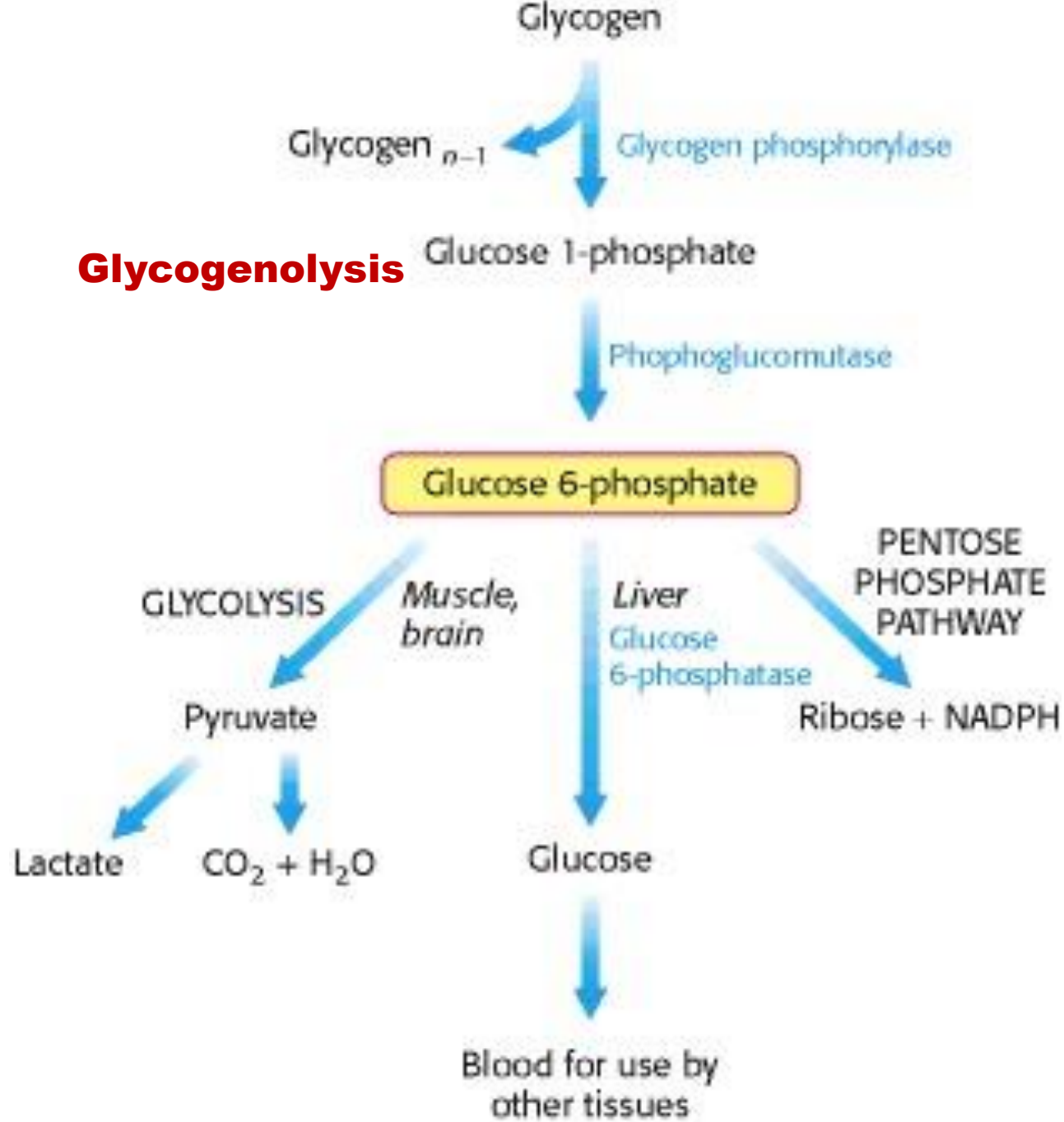


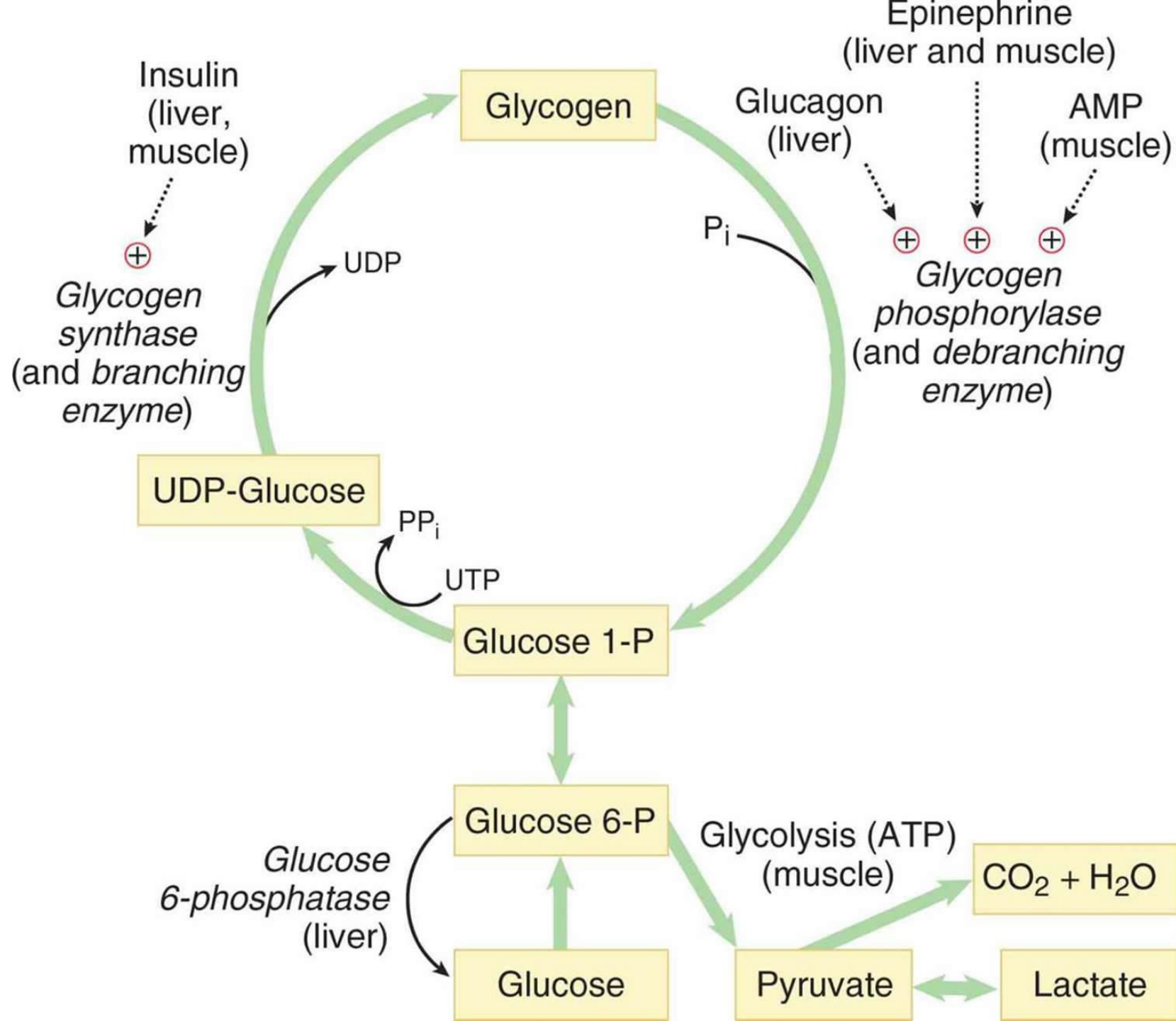
Thus the net reaction leading to glycogen synthesis is given by :



Scheme 9.4.4.3 : Glycogen synthase catalysed glycogen synthesis. The intermediate carbonium ion is stabilised by the lone pair of cyclic oxygen giving rise to glucosyl oxonium ion.









# Glycogenesis

Utilized

(Liver, muscle)

Yielded

Glucose

ATP

Liver glucokinase, muscle hexokinase,  $Mg^{2+}$

S: Insulin, AMP, ADP

I: ATP, G6P, LCFA

G6P

Phosphoglucomutase

G1P

UTP

Uridyl transferase  
(Pyrophosphorylase)

PPi

↑

UTP + ADP

↑

UDPG

ATP + UDP

Glycogen synthase

S: Insulin, high glucose, G6P, ATP

Glycogen (n)

$\alpha$ -1,4 Glycogen (n+1)

Trans glycosidase

$\alpha$ -1,6 Glycogen

# Glycogenolysis

Utilized (Liver, muscle) Yielded

Glycogen (n)

Pi

Phosphorylase

Glycogen (n-1)

S: Adrenaline, glucagon

I: Insulin, ATP, G6P

G1P

Phosphoglucomutase

G6P

Phosphatase

Glucose

(Liver, kidney)

Phosphohexose  
isomerase

F6P

Glycolysis

(Skeletal muscle)

## Reactions Of Glycogenesis

1. Glucose is phosphorylated to glucose-6-phosphate catalyzed by glucokinase (in liver) and hexokinase (in muscle).
2. Glucose-6-phosphate is converted to glucose-1-phosphate by phospho-gluco-mutase.
3. Glucose-1-phosphate reacts with UTP to form UDP-glucose and releases pyrophosphate. This reaction is catalyzed by UDP-glucose pyrophosphorylase enzyme.
4. Now the glycogen synthase enzyme transfers the glucose monomer from UDP-glucose to the 4th position of glycogen primer to form alpha-1,4 glycosidic linkage.
5. The step 4 continues up to the chain elongated to minimum of 2nd monomer. after that the second enzyme known as branching enzyme transfers a portion of 1,4 chain to a near by branch to form 1,6 glycosidic linkage.
5. The branch again grow with 1,4 linkage using UDP-glucose and then further branching by 1,6 glycosidic linkage.

<https://gpatindia.com/glycogen-metabolism-glycogenesis-and-mcqs-for-gpat-neet-csir-net-ssc/>



## **Regulation of Glycogenesis**

The principal enzyme for controlling the glycogenesis is the glycogen synthase enzyme. This enzyme is regulated by several allosteric effectors like hormone and cyclic AMP.

Enzymes like epinephrine and glucagon inhibits the glycogenesis. Insulin inhibits the cAMP which further inhibits the glycogen synthase.

High concentration of Glucose-6-phosphate stimulates the synthesis of new glycogen.

### **Significance of Glycogenesis**

- 1.It removes the excess glucose from the circulation and store it in form of glucose.
- 2.Keep blood glucose level normal
- 3.Remove lactate from skeletal muscles and RBCs.
- 4.Supply glucose at active skeletal muscle
- 5.Replenish the liver glycogen
- 6.Regulates acid base balance

# Photosynthesis

**J. Deisenhofer and R. Huber, H. Michel, Nobel Prize - 1988** - Structural elucidation of a bacterial photosynthetic reaction center

**R. A. Marcus, Nobel Prize - 1992** - theoretical description of the underlying electron - transfer process

In plants the primary photosynthesis events take place in the highly folded disk-shaped thylakoid membrane vesicles inside of chloroplasts and even in simple bacteria the process is membrane spanning.

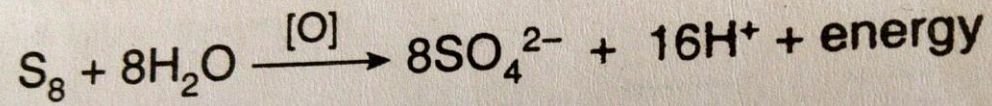
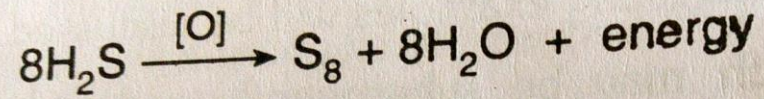
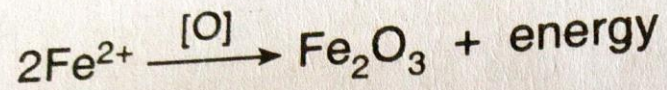
Since immobilization and a defined orientation of pigments and of reaction centers are crucial for the success of photosynthesis, all chlorophyll molecules feature a long aliphatic phytyl side chain by which they anchor these pigments in the hydrophobic phospholipid membrane, which has a thickness of about 5 nm.

**Photosynthetic output of green plants in normal sunlight is usually assumed to be about 1g of glucose per hour per 1m<sup>2</sup> of leaf surface area.**

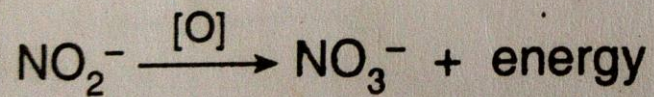
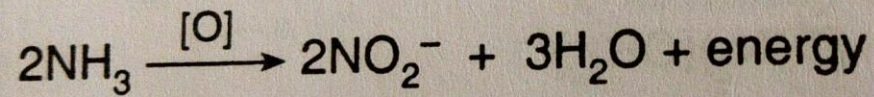
The photosynthetically active algae phytoplankton also play an important role on a global scale, since the water coverage of the earth is about 71%.

**About 200 billion tonnes of carbohydrate equivalents are produced from CO<sub>2</sub> each year.**





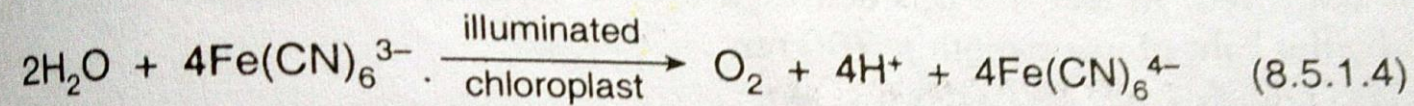
**Nitrifying bacteria** utilise the following reactions for energy.



## Chemolithotropic bacteria

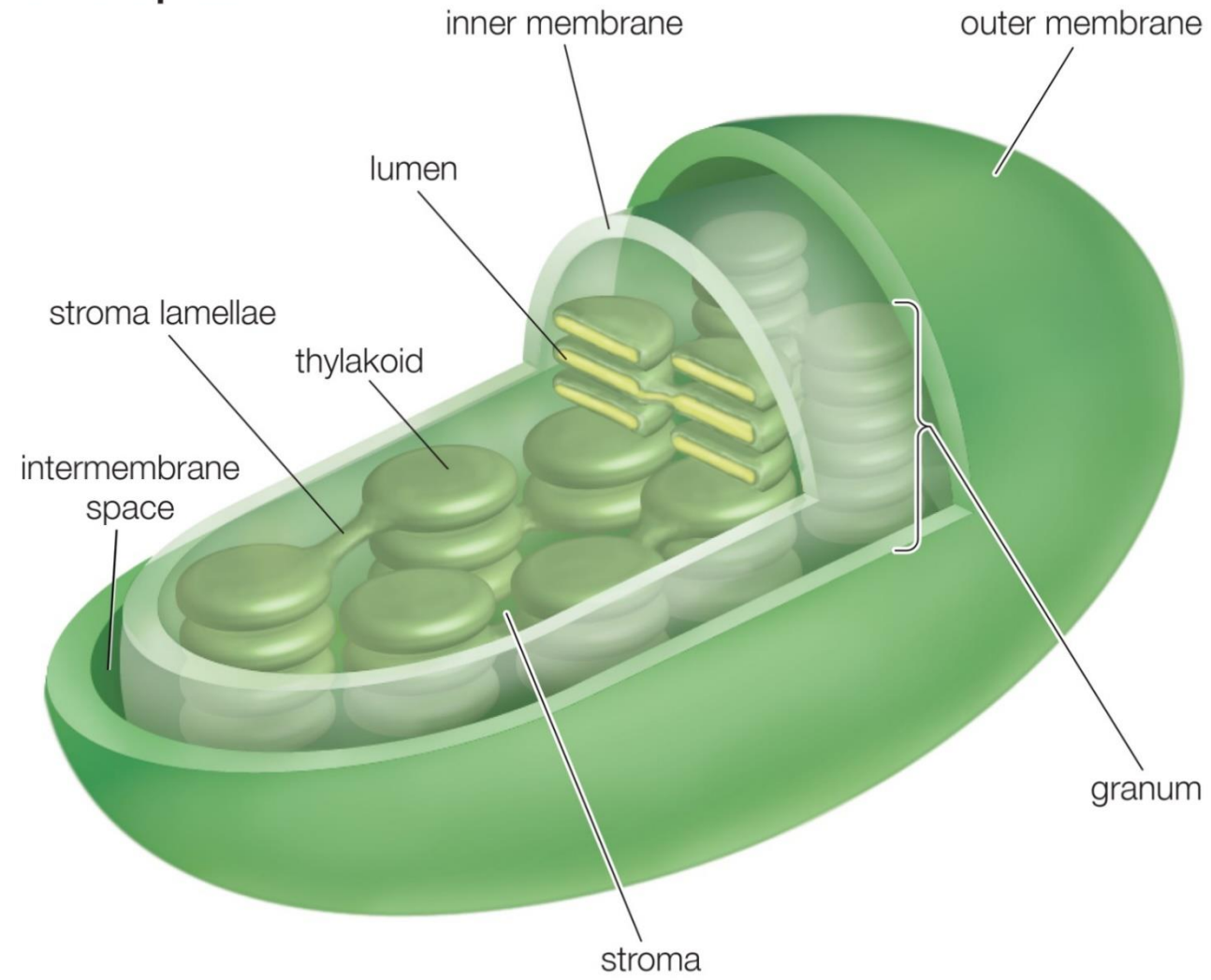
Some bacteria called sulfate reducers can transfer electrons to sulfate ( $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ) reducing it to  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ . Other bacteria, called nitrate reducers, can transfer electrons to nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ) reducing it to nitrite ( $\text{NO}_2^-$ ). Other nitrate reducers can reduce nitrate even further to nitrous oxide (NO) or nitrogen gas ( $\text{N}_2$ ).

In fact, in the photosynthetic redox reaction, different electron donors (e.g.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ , etc.) and different electron acceptors (e.g.  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ , etc.) may be used. But, commonly, the photosynthesis reaction means the involvement of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  as an electron donor and  $\text{CO}_2$  as an electron acceptor. Robert Hill showed that the isolated chloroplasts on being illuminated can evolve  $\text{O}_2$  and reduce an artificial electron acceptor like  $\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{3-}$ .

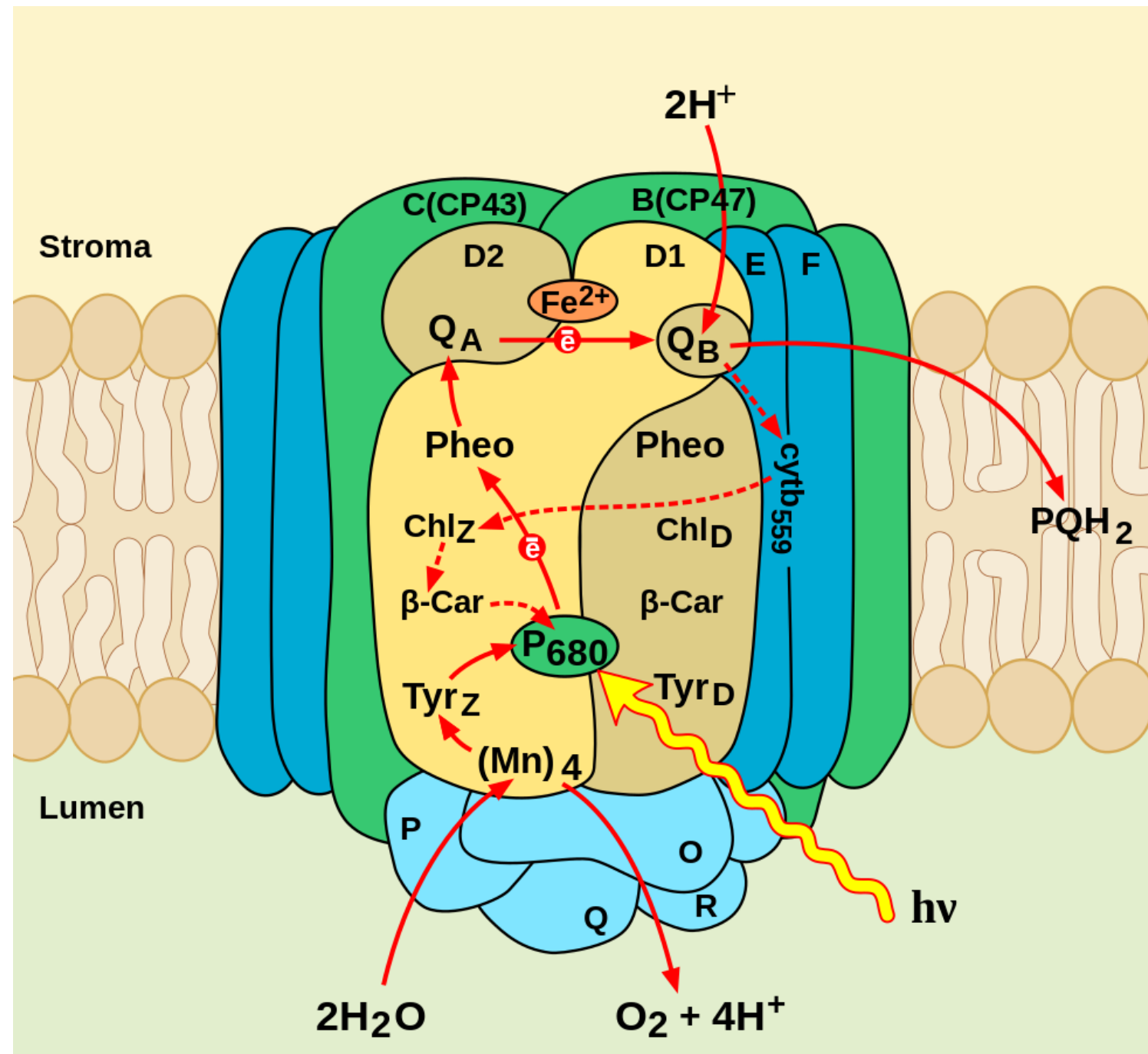


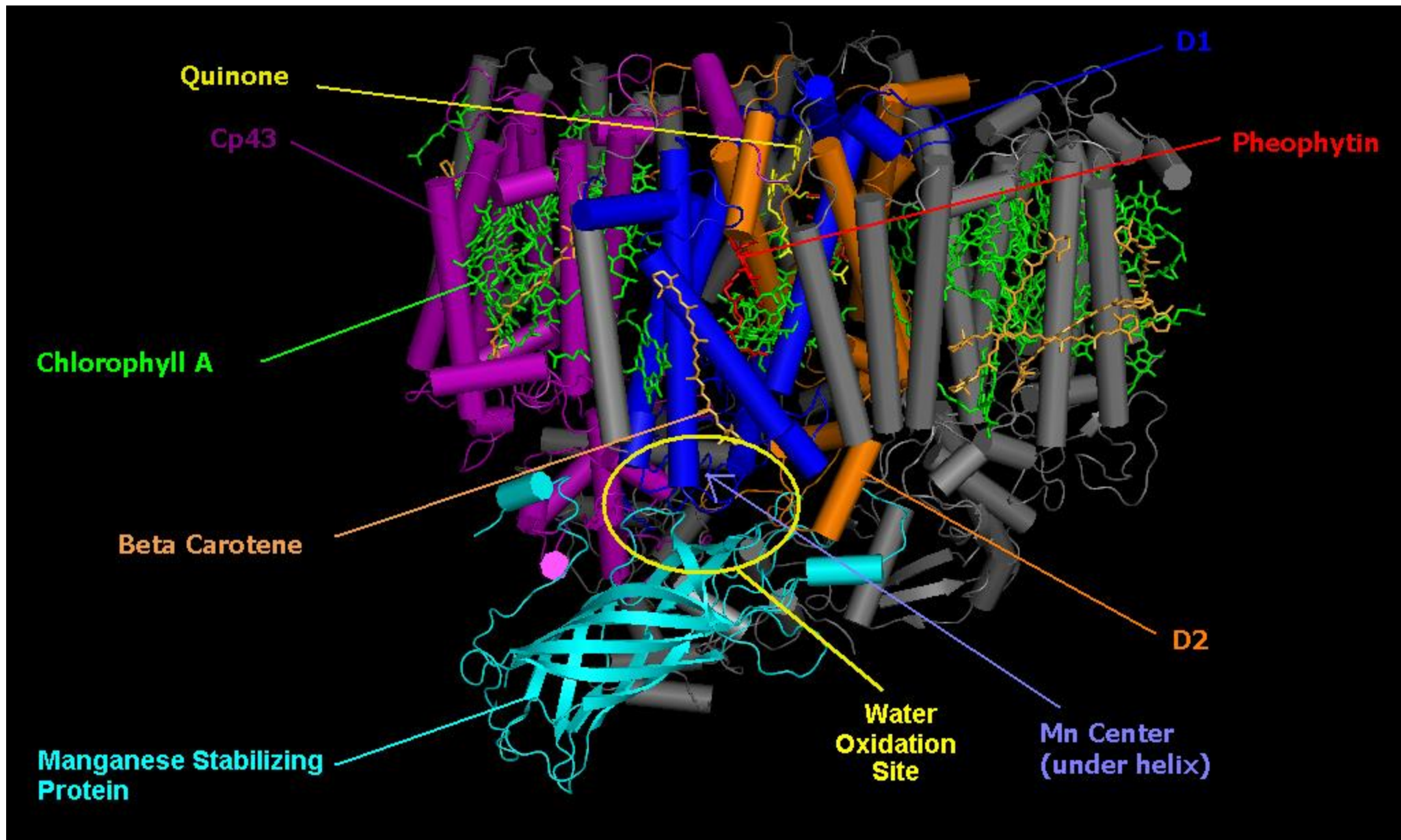
This **Hill reaction** proves that  $\text{O}_2$  evolution can occur even in the absence of  $\text{CO}_2$  and an artificial electron acceptor can substitute  $\text{CO}_2$ .

# Chloroplast





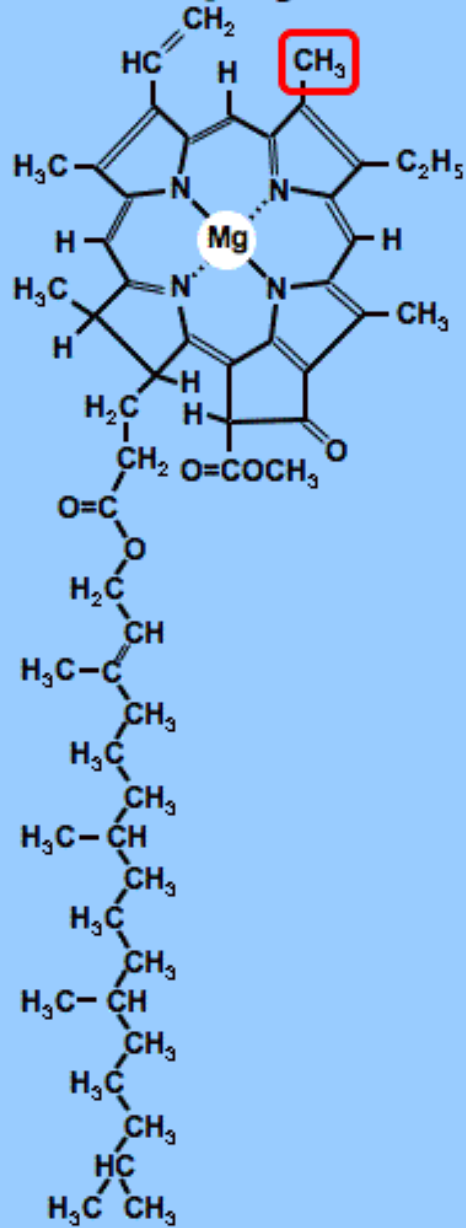




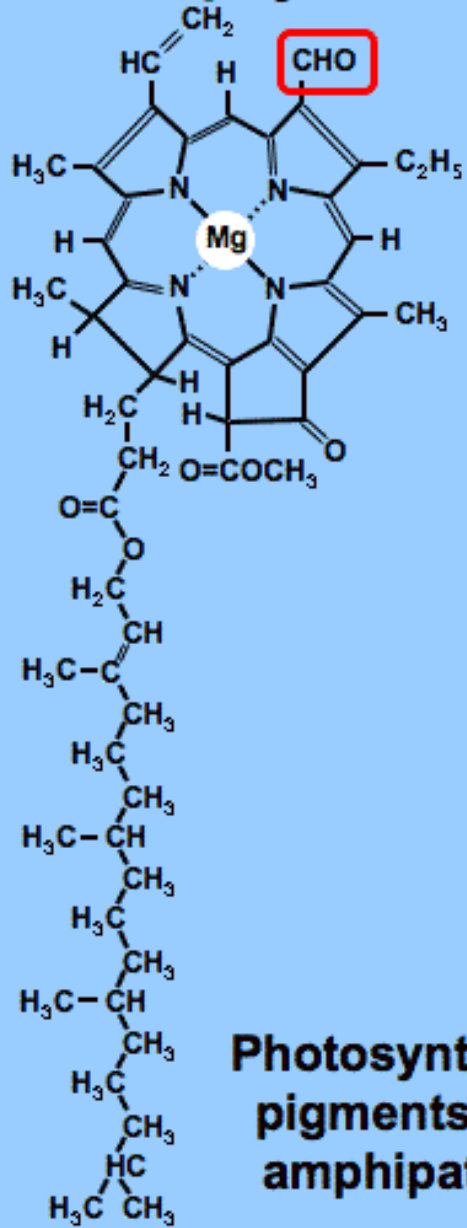
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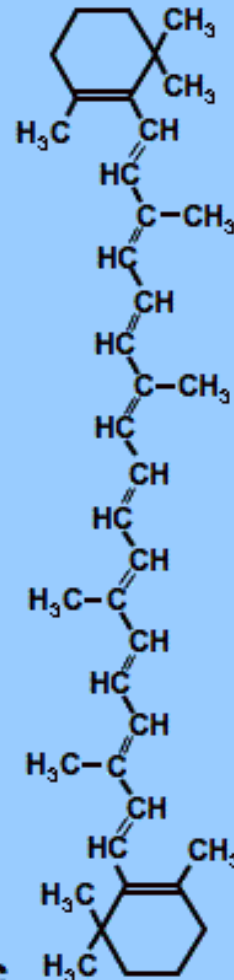
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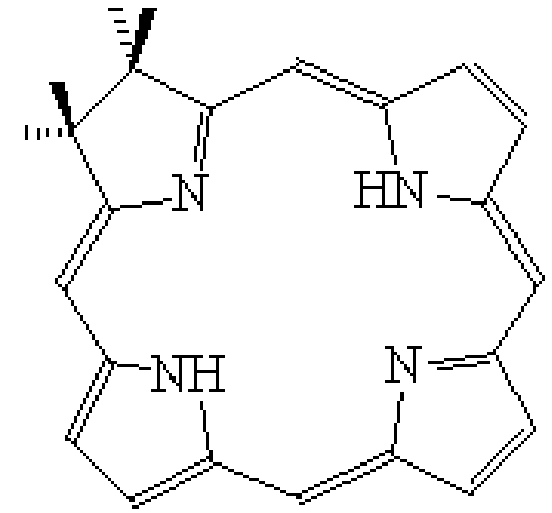
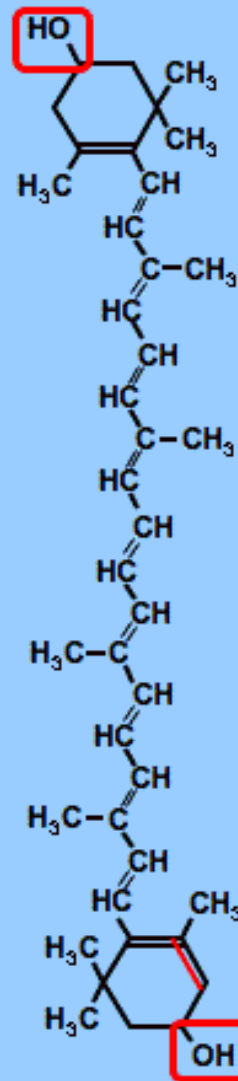
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## β-Carotene



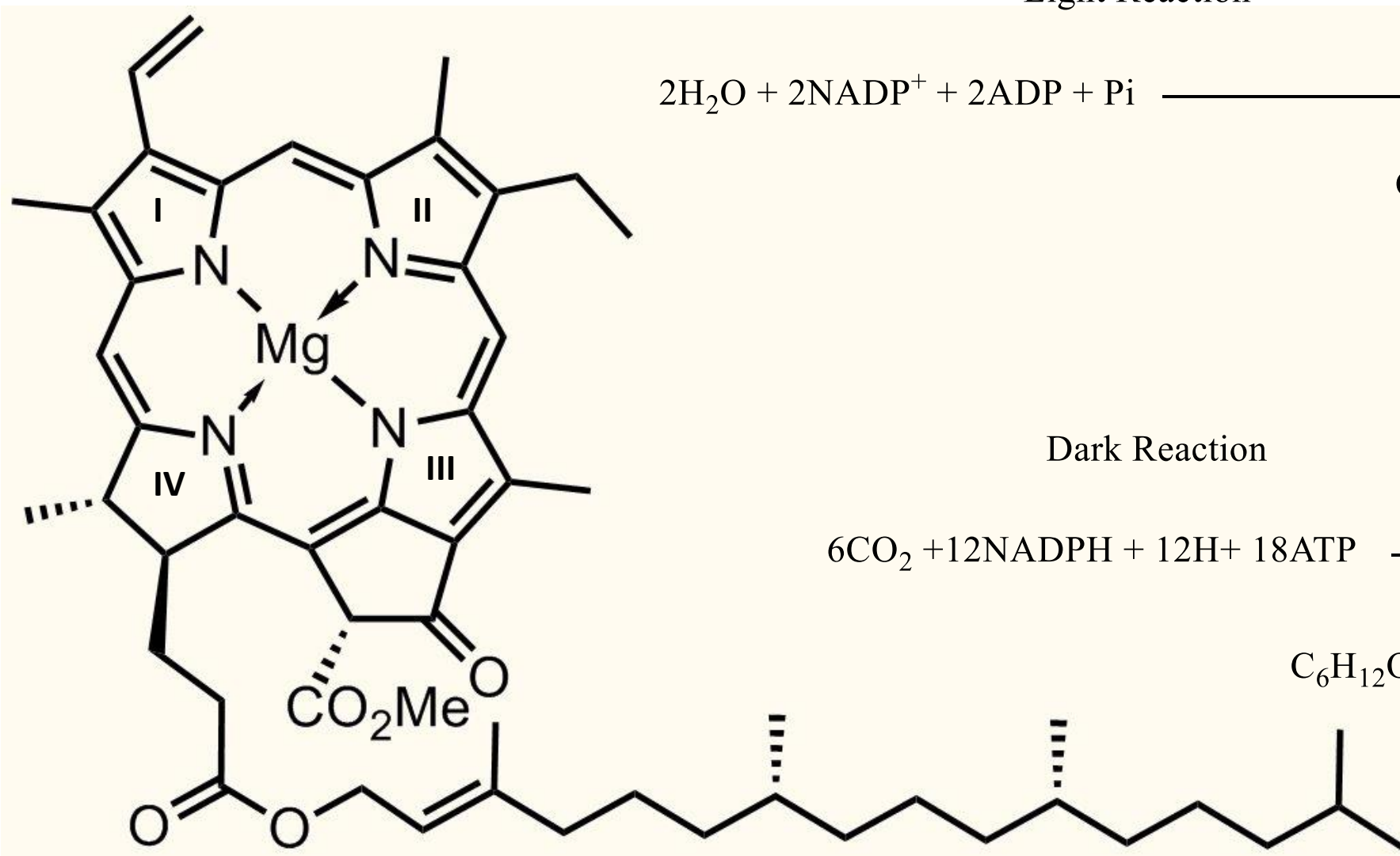
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Chlorin

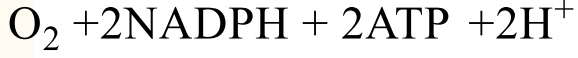
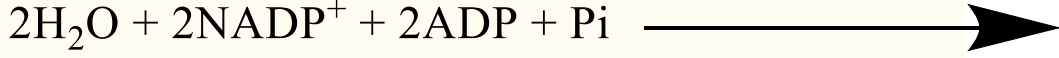
**Photosynthetic pigments are amphipathic**

**Lutein**

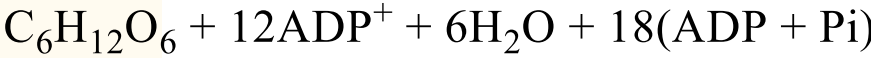
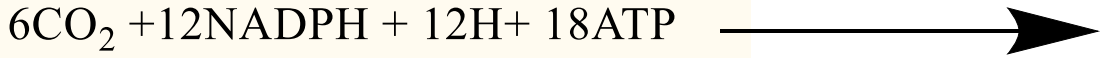


**Chlorophyll a**

Light Reaction



Dark Reaction





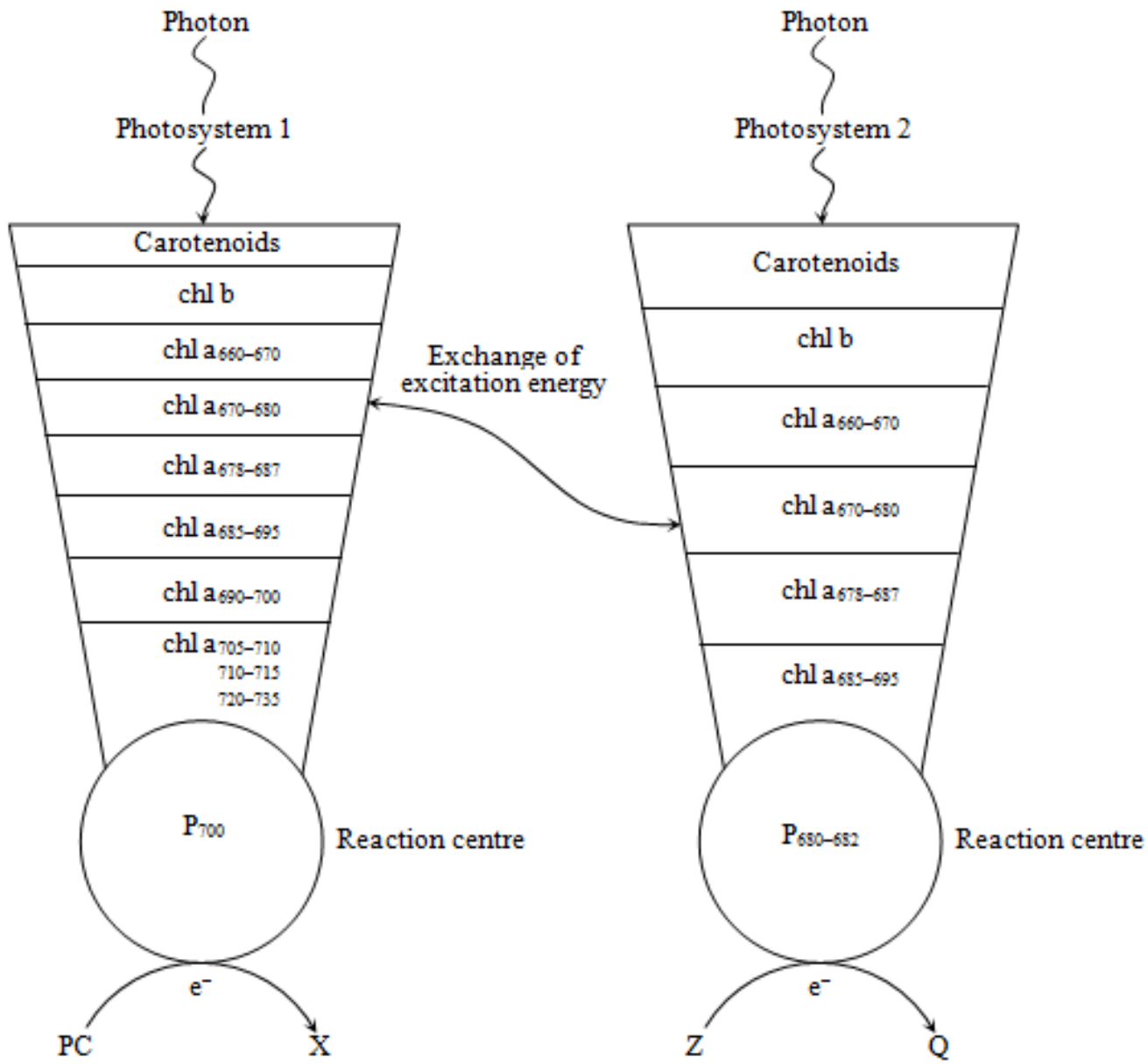


Fig : Distribution of pigments in the two photosystems or pigment systems

Number	Component
<b>photosystem I</b> (including cytochrome <i>b/f</i> complex)	
~200	antenna chlorophylls
~50	carotenoids
1	reaction center P <sub>700</sub>
1	chlorophyll <i>a</i> (primary acceptor A <sub>0</sub> )
1	vitamin K <sub>1</sub> (secondary acceptor A <sub>1</sub> )
3	Fe/S-clusters (FeS)
1	bound ferredoxin (Fd)
1	soluble ferredoxin (Fp)
1	plastocyanin (PC, primary donor)
1	Rieske Fe/S center
1	cytochrome <i>f</i> (cyt <i>f</i> )
2	cytochromes <i>b</i> <sub>6</sub> (cyt <i>b</i> <sub>6</sub> )
<b>photosystem II</b> (including oxygen-evolving complex, OEC)	
~200	antenna chlorophylls
~50	carotenoids
1	reaction center P <sub>680</sub>
2	chlorophylls
2	pheophytins (primary acceptor) <sup>a</sup>
2	plastoquinones (PQ)
2	tyrosine residues (primary donor) <sup>b</sup>
4	manganese centers
1	calcium ion Ca <sup>2+</sup>
several	chloride ions Cl <sup>-</sup>
1	cytochrome <i>b</i> <sub>559</sub>

In plants, light-dependent reactions occur in the thylakoid membranes of the chloroplasts where they drive the synthesis of ATP and NADPH.

**How many pigments are involved in Photosynthesis?**

“Pigments are the substances that possess the ability to absorb light at specific wavelength.” Leaves of plants have four types of pigments, i.e. **Chlorophyll a (bright or blue green** in chromatogram), **Chlorophyll b (yellow green)**, **Carotenoids (yellow to yellow – orange)** and **Xanthophylls (yellow)**. **Photosynthesis takes place in red and blue regions of spectrum** and some photosynthesis also takes place at other wavelengths. **Chlorophyll is the major pigment that traps the light energy and other pigments are referred as accessory pigment which traps light and transfer the energy to chlorophyll a.**

## **Types of Photosynthetic Reactions**

Photosynthetic Reactions are of two types, i.e.

**Light Dependent Reaction** – *In these reactions, the energy from sunlight is absorbed by chlorophyll and transformed into chemical energy in the form of ATP and NADPH (electron carrier molecule).*

**Light Independent Reaction or Dark Reaction** – This reaction is also referred as **Calvin Cycle**. In this reaction, the **energized electron from light dependent reactions provides energy to form carbohydrates from CO<sub>2</sub> molecules**



## Quantum Yield

(i) Rate or yield of photosynthesis is measured in terms of quantum yield or O<sub>2</sub> evolution, which may be defined as, "Number of O<sub>2</sub> molecules evolved per quantum of light absorbed in photosynthesis."

(ii) **Quantum requirement in photosynthesis = 8, i.e., 8 quanta of light are required to evolve one mol. of O<sub>2</sub>.**

(iii) **Hence quantum yield =  $1/8 = 0.125$  (i.e., a fraction of 1) as 12%.**

**Emerson effect and Red drop:** R. Emerson and C.M. Lewis (1943) observed that the quantum yield of photosynthesis decreases towards the far red end of the spectrum (680nm or longer). Quantum yield is the number of oxygen molecules evolved per light quantum absorbed. **Since this decrease in quantum yield is observed at the far region or beyond red region of spectrum is called red drop.**

Emerson et al. (1957) further observed that **photosynthetic efficiency of light of 680nm or longer is increased if light of shorter wavelengths (Less than 680nm) is supplied simultaneously.** When both short and long wavelengths were given together the **quantum-yield of photosynthesis was greater than the total effect when both the wavelengths were given separately.** This increase in photosynthetic efficiency (or quantum yield) **is known as Emerson effect or Emerson enhancement effect.**

(i) Pigment system I or Photosystem I: The important pigments of this system are **chlorophyll a 670, chlorophyll a 683, chlorophyll a 695, P700'** Some physiologists also include carotenes and chlorophyll b in pigment system I. P700 acts as the reaction centre. Thus, **this system absorbs both wavelengths shorter and longer than 680nm.**

(ii) Pigment system II or photosystem II: **The main pigments of this system are chlorophyll a 673, P680, chlorophyll b and phycobilins.** This pigment system absorbs wavelengths shorter than 680nm only. P680 acts as the reaction centre

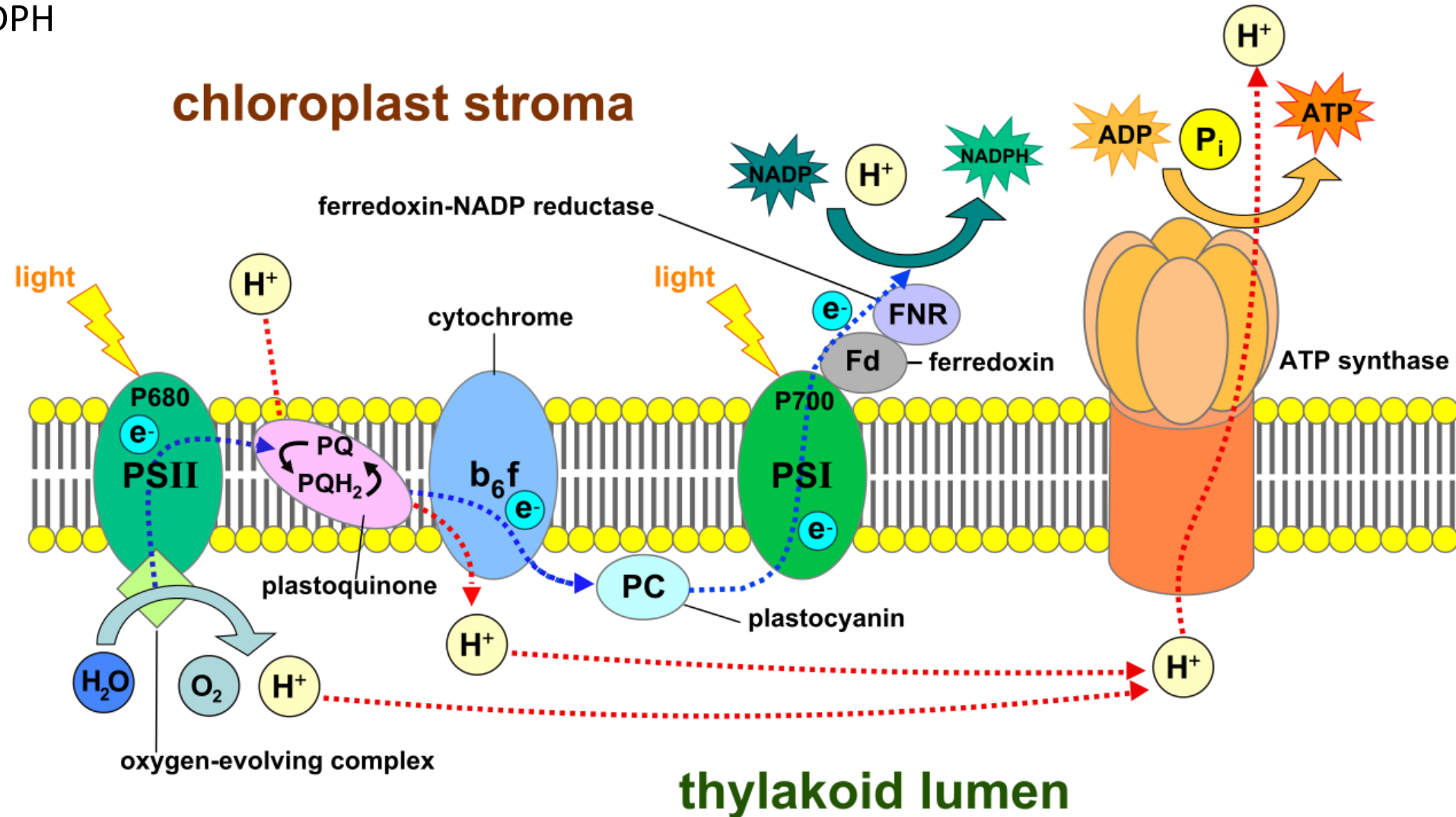
**Photosystem II light-harvesting proteins** are the intrinsic [transmembrane proteins](#) CP43 (PsbC) and CP47 (PsbB) occurring in the reaction centre of [photosystem II](#). These polypeptides bind to chlorophyll a and beta-carotene and pass the excitation energy on to the reaction centre.<sup>[1]</sup> This family also includes the iron-stress induced chlorophyll-binding protein CP43' (IsiA,CP43'), which evolved in cyanobacteria from a PSII protein to cope with light limitations and stress conditions. Under iron-deficient growth conditions, CP43' associates with [photosystem I](#) to form a complex that consists of a ring of 18 or more CP43' molecules around a PSI trimer, which significantly increases the light-harvesting system of PSI. IsiA can also provide photoprotection for PSII.<sup>[2]</sup>

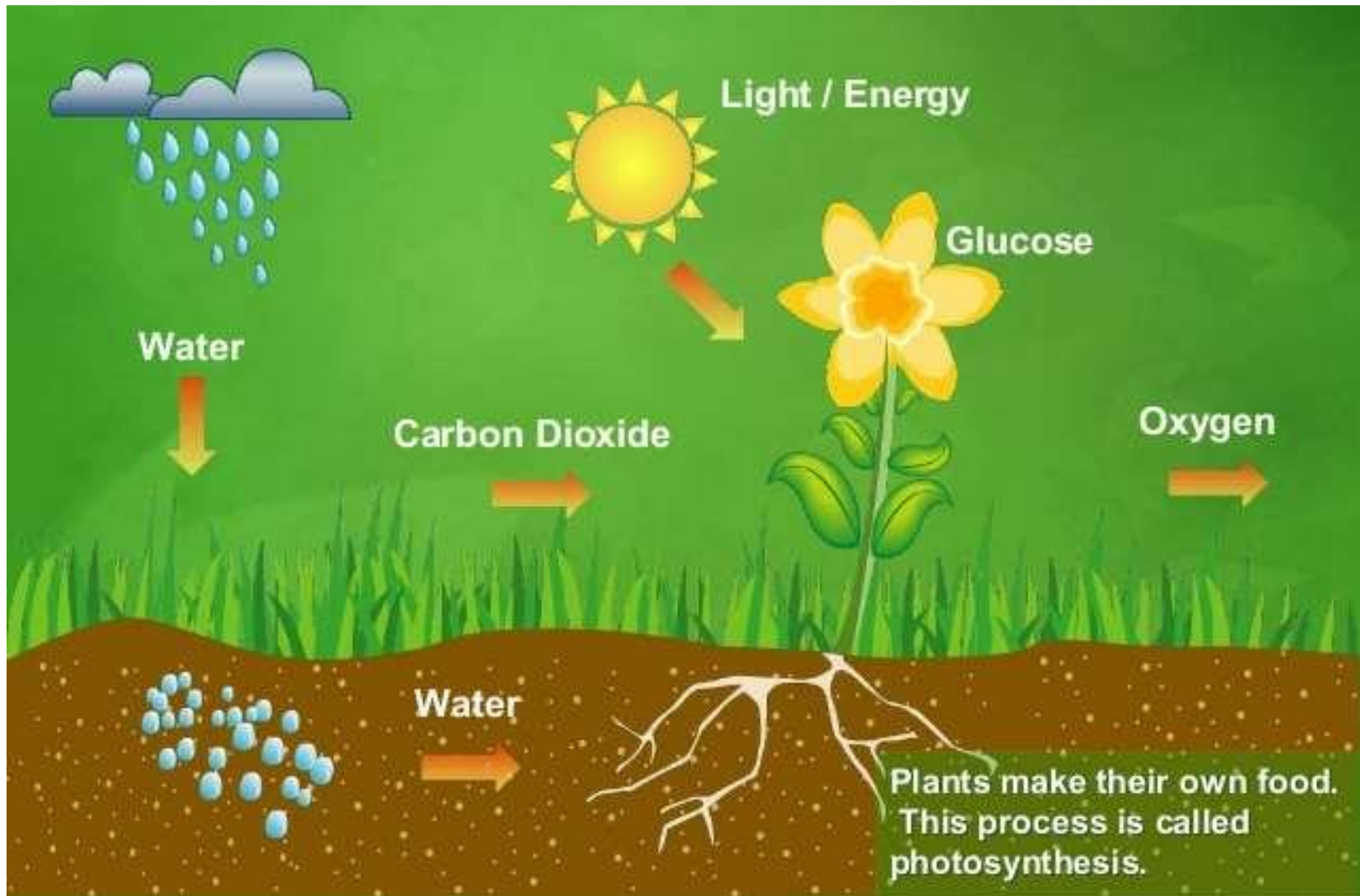
Plants, algae and some bacteria use two photosystems, PSI with P700 and PSII with P680. Using light energy, PSII acts first to channel an electron through a series of acceptors that drive a proton pump to generate ATP, before passing the electron on to PSI. Once the electron reaches PSI it has used most of its energy in producing ATP, but a second photon of light captured by P700 provides the required energy to channel the electron to ferredoxin, generating reducing power in the form of NADPH. The ATP and NADPH produced by PSII and PSI, respectively, are used in the light-independent reactions for the formation of organic compounds. This process is non-cyclic, because the electron from PSII is lost and is only replenished through the oxidation of water. Hence, there is a constant flow of electrons and associated hydrogens from water for the formation of organic compounds. It is this stripping of hydrogens from water that produces the oxygen we breathe.

IsiA has an inverse relationship with the [Iron stress repressed RNA](#) (IsrR). IsrR is an [antisense](#) RNA that acts as a reversible switch that responds to changes in environmental conditions to modulate the expression of IsiA.

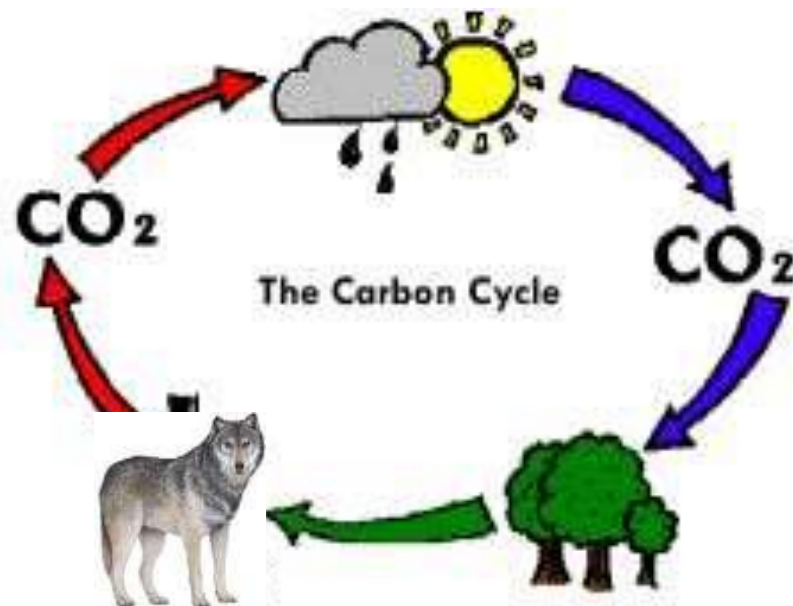
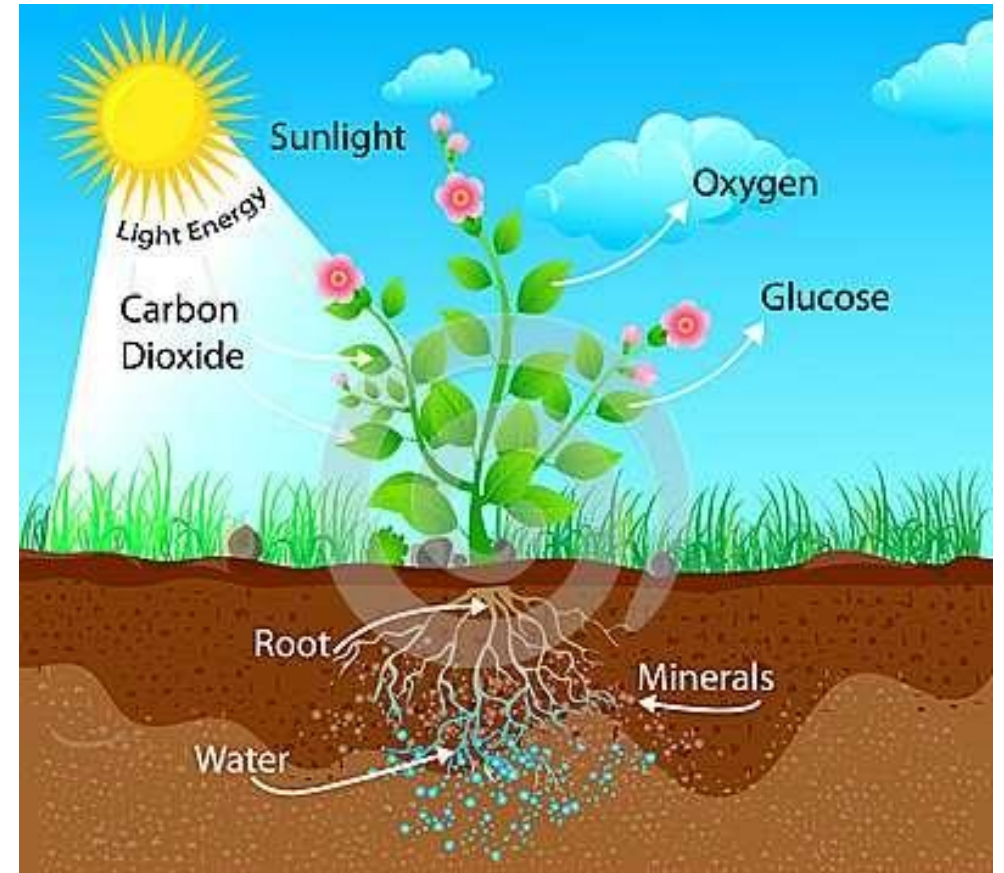
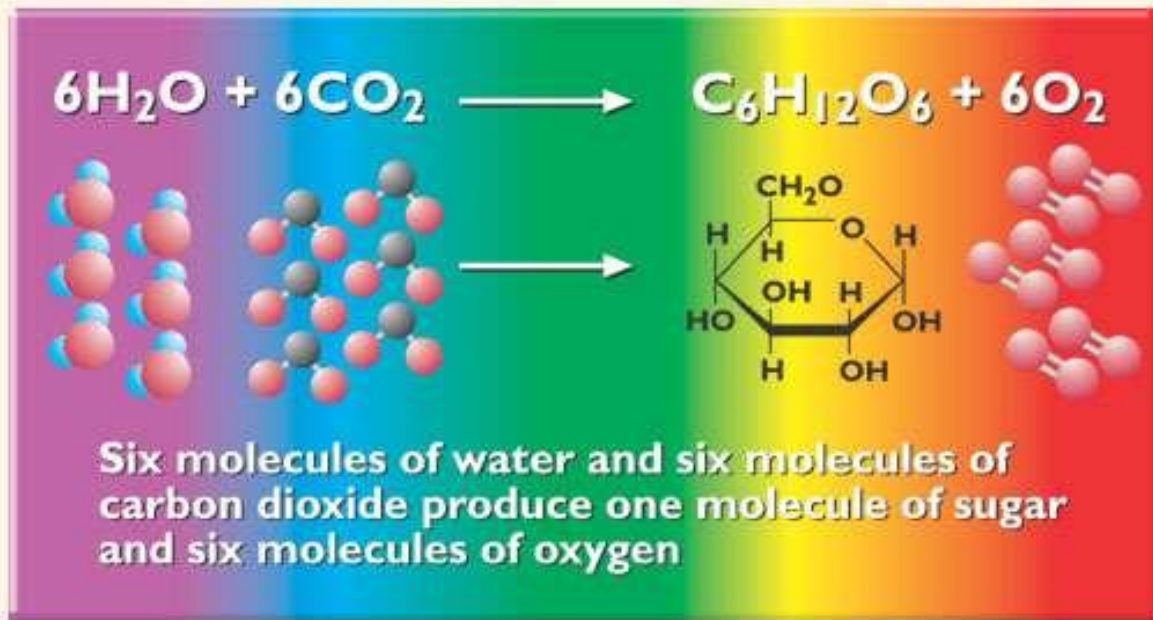


- In photosynthesis, the **light-dependent** reactions take place on the thylakoid membranes. The inside of the thylakoid membrane is called the lumen, and outside the thylakoid membrane is the stroma, where the light-independent reactions take place
- There are four major protein complexes in the thylakoid membrane: Photosystem II (PSII), Cytochrome b6f complex, Photosystem I (PSI), and ATP synthase. These four complexes work together to ultimately create the products ATP and NADPH



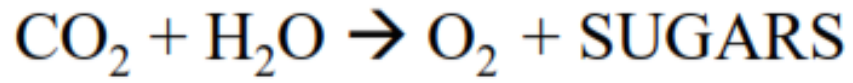




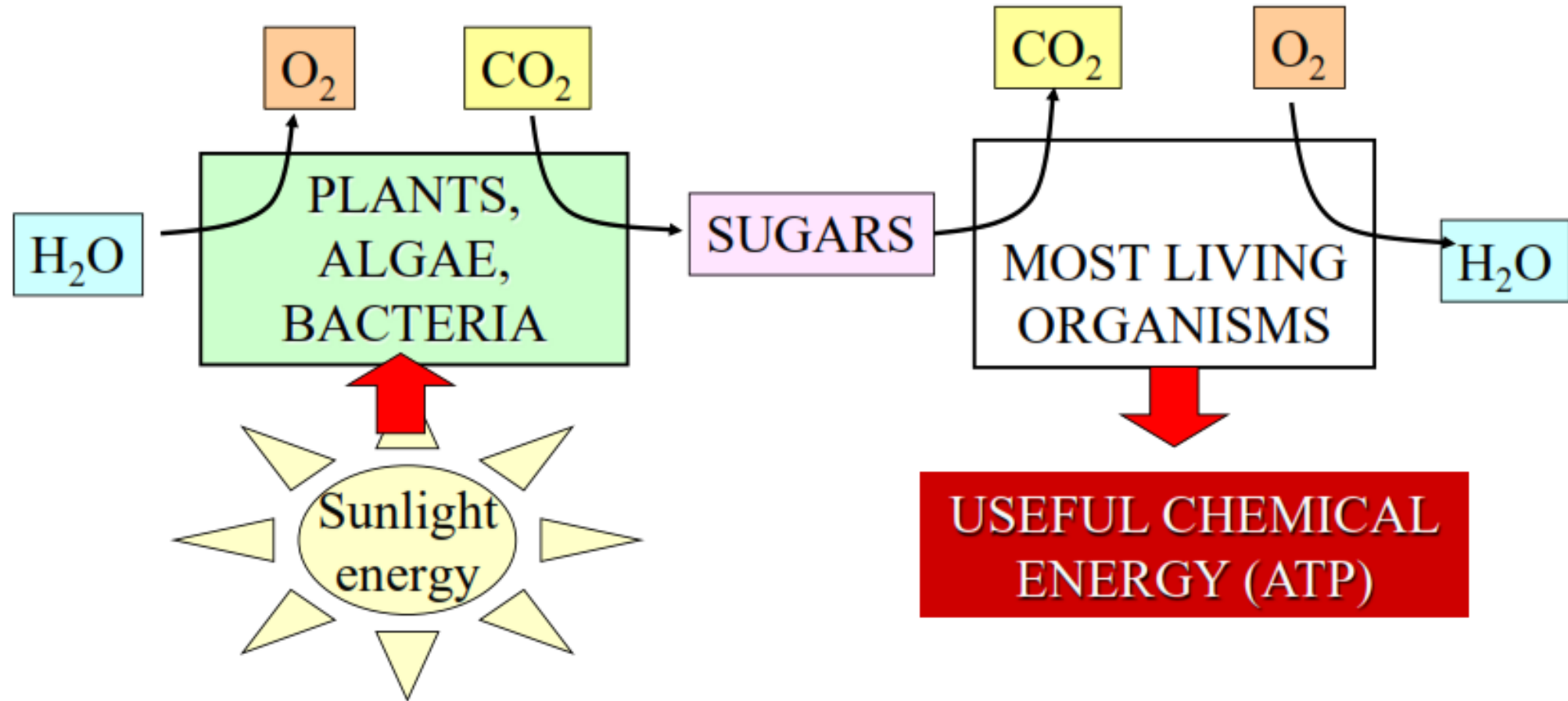
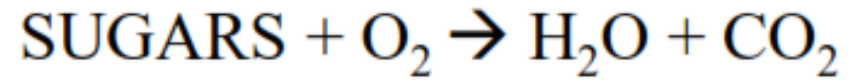


Carbon moves from atmosphere to plants to animals and back to atmosphere

# PHOTOSYNTHESIS



# RESPIRATION



# Summary of Photosynthesis:

1. Light energy absorbed by *chlorophyll a* drives the reactions of photosynthesis.
2. Converts light energy into chemical energy to make organic compounds.
3.  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  used to produce  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$  (glucose) and  $\text{O}_2$  (gas).



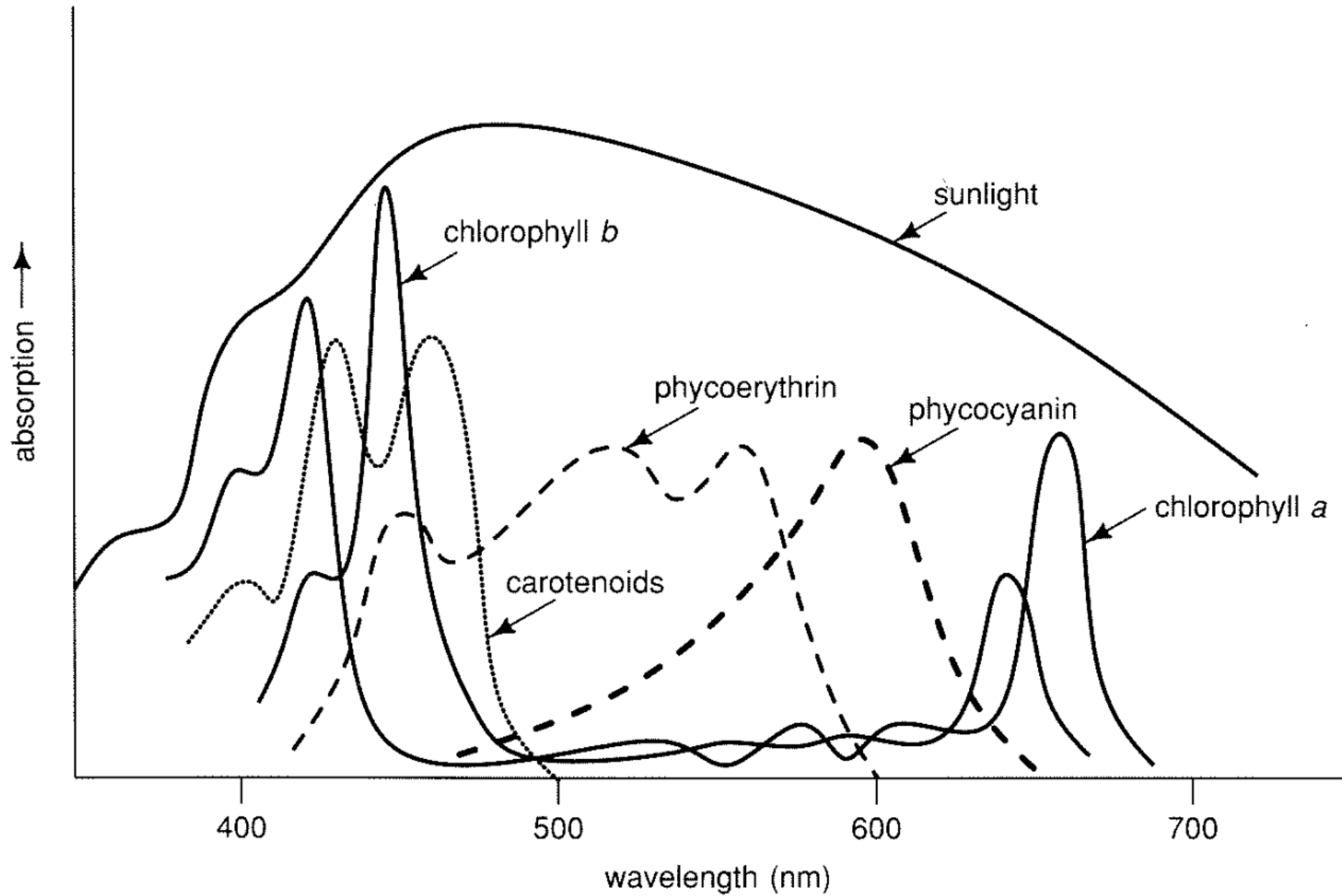
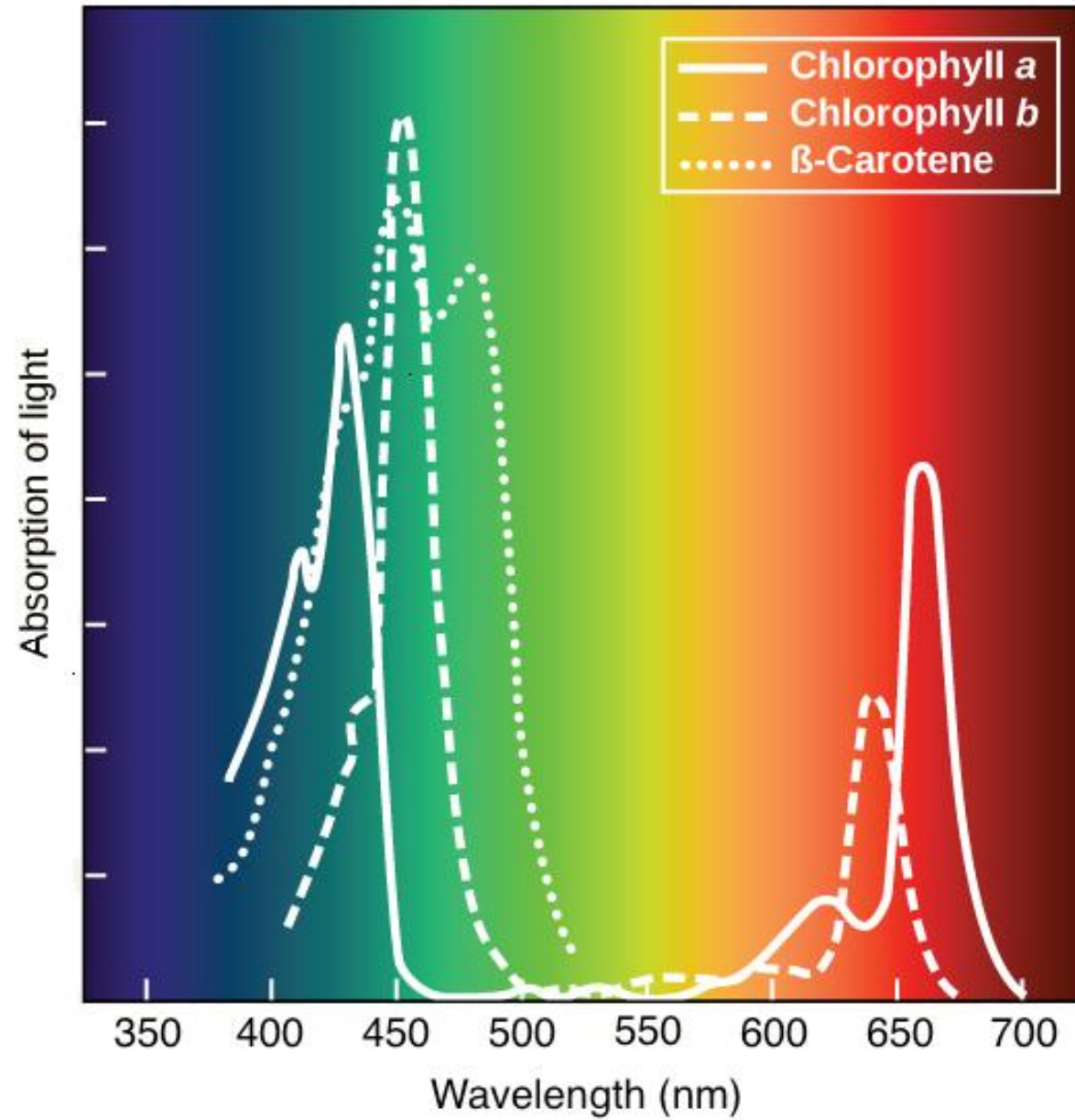
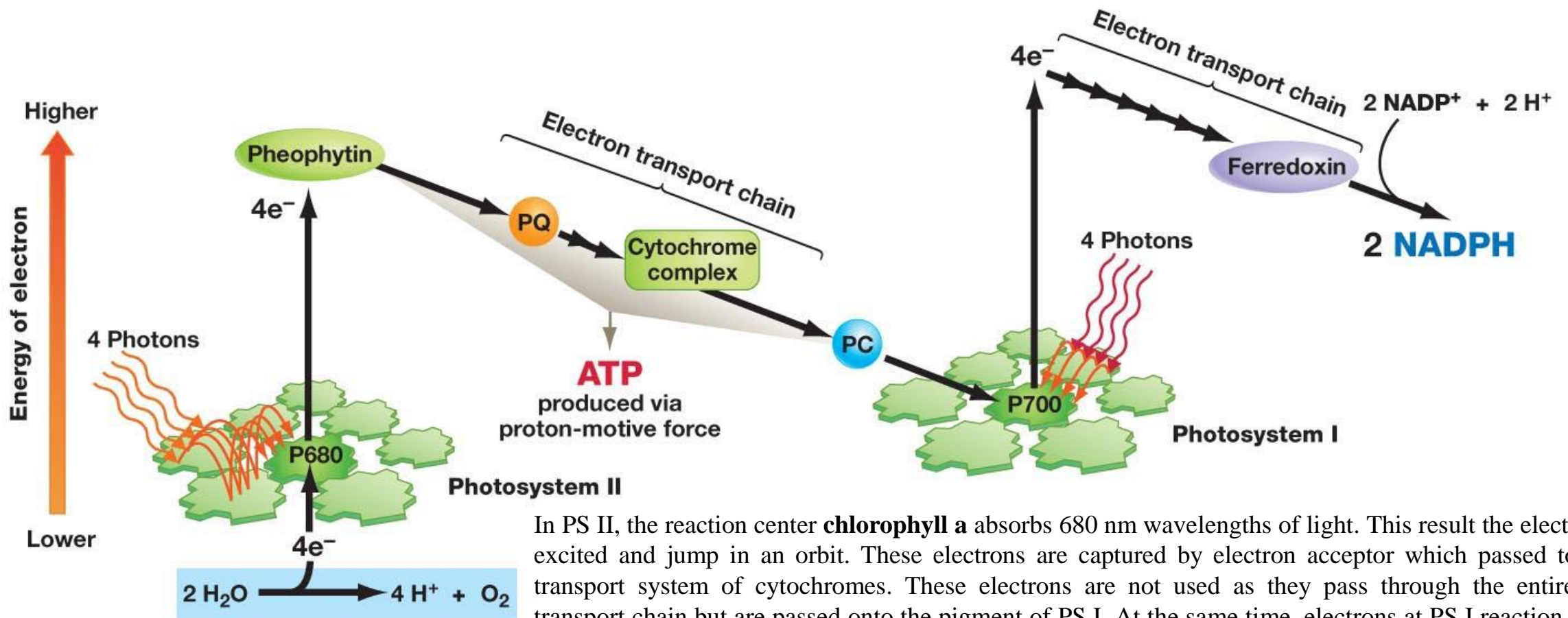


Figure 6.13  
Absorption spectra of the photosystem pigments.

## Absorption Spectra of Pigments

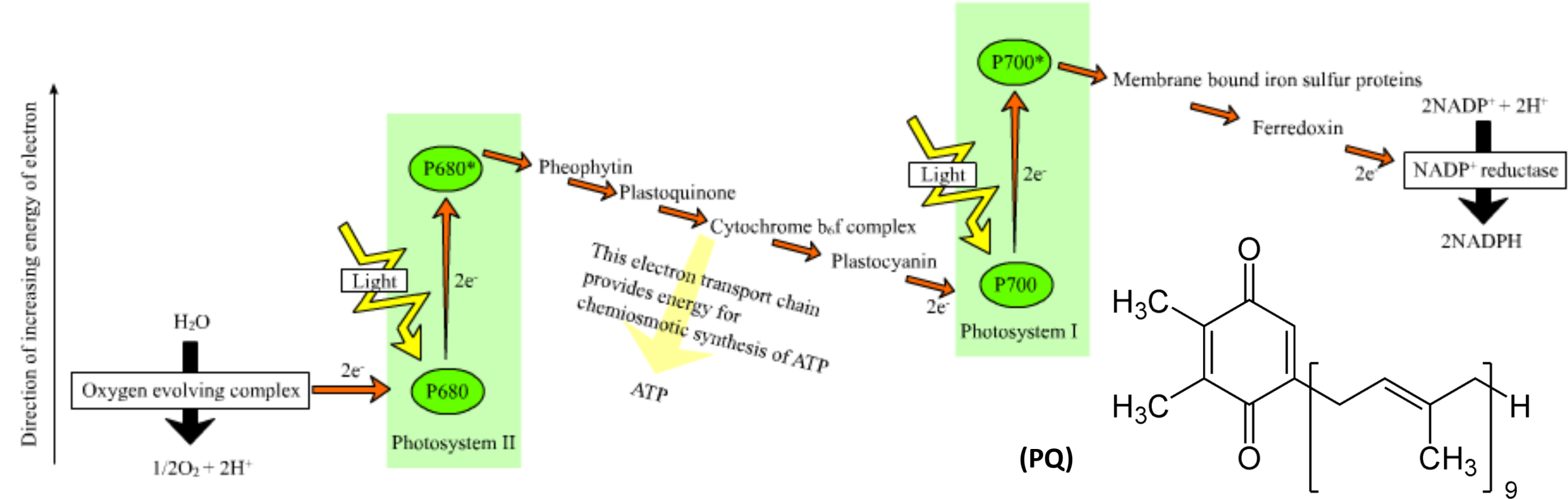




In PS II, the reaction center **chlorophyll a** absorbs 680 nm wavelengths of light. This results in the electrons being excited and jumping to a higher energy level. These electrons are captured by an electron acceptor and passed to the electron transport system of cytochromes. These electrons are not used as they pass through the entire electron transport chain but are passed onto the pigment of PS I. At the same time, electrons at the PS I reaction center are also excited when they receive red light of wavelength 700 nm. These electrons are transferred to another acceptor molecule with a greater redox potential. In this electron transport chain, electrons are not used; rather, they are passed to the pigments of PS II. At the same time, electrons present in the reaction center of PS I also get excited after receiving red light of wavelength 700 nm. Then, these electrons are transferred to another acceptor molecule with a greater redox potential. These electrons, then, move downhill and this time to an energy-rich molecule, i.e., NADP<sup>+</sup>, whose addition reduces NADP<sup>+</sup> to NADPH + H<sup>+</sup>.

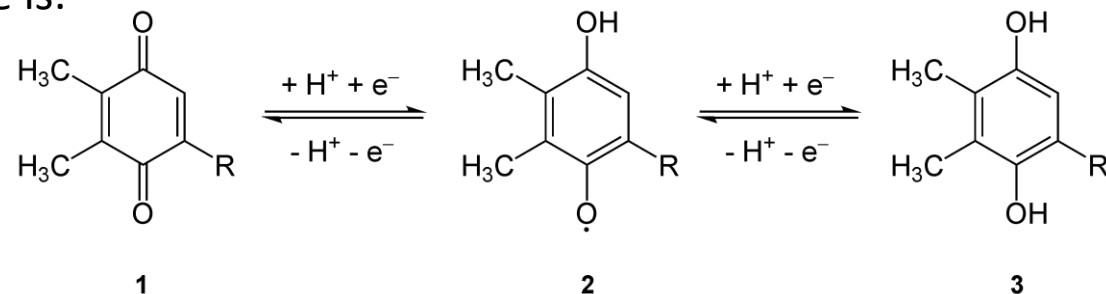
This entire scheme of transfer of electrons starting from PS II to uphill then down the electron chain to PS I, excitation of electrons, transferring to another acceptor and ultimately downhill to NADP<sup>+</sup> resulting in the formation of NADPH + H<sup>+</sup> is referred to as the Z-scheme.



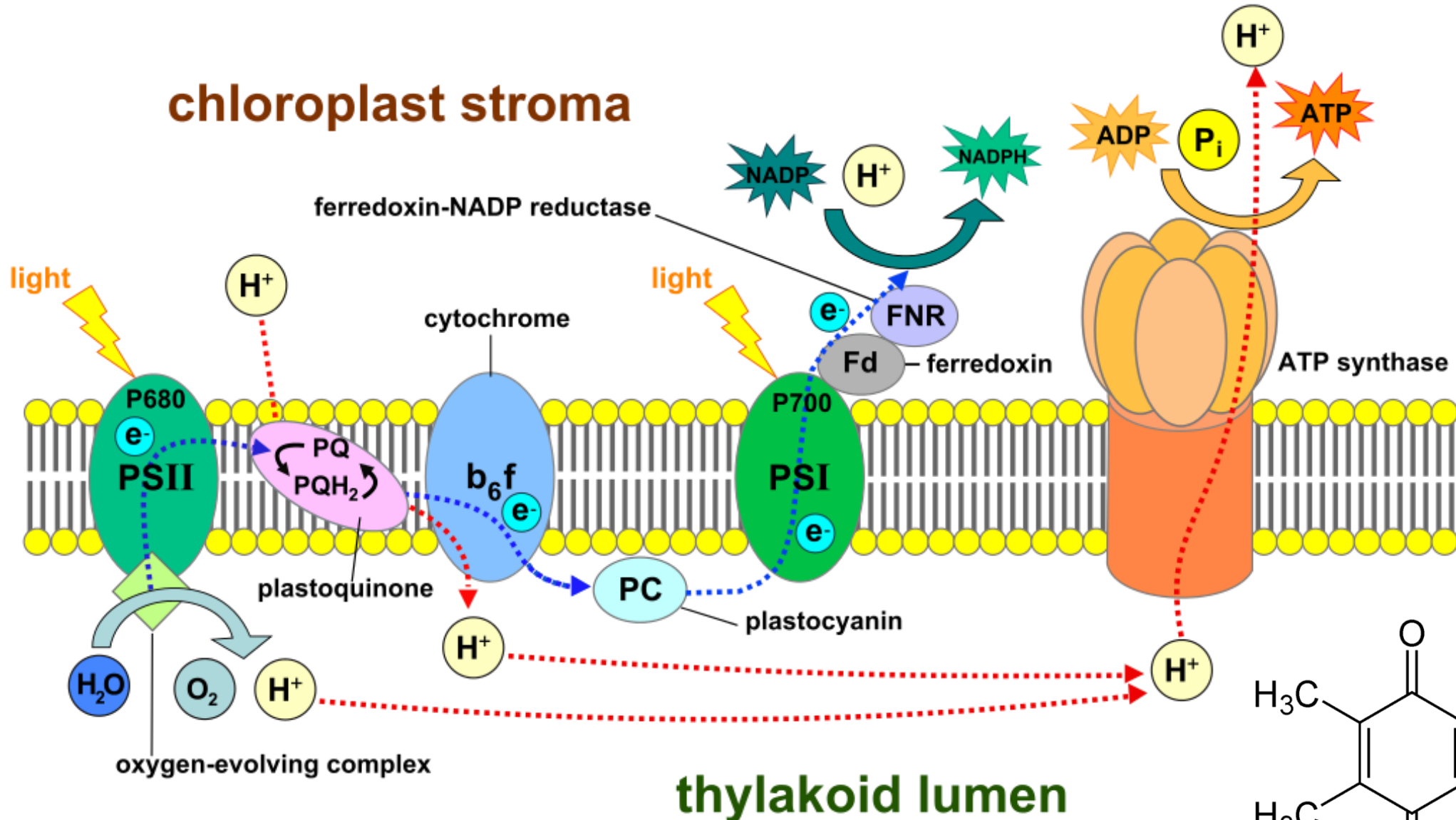


In photosystem II, pheophytin plays a very similar role. It again acts as the first electron carrier intermediate in the photosystem. After P680 becomes excited to P680\*, it transfers an electron to pheophytin, which converts the molecule into a negatively charged radical. The negatively charged pheophytin radical quickly passes its extra electron to two consecutive plastoquinone molecules. Eventually, the electrons pass through the cytochrome *b<sub>6</sub>f* molecule and leaves photosystem II. The reactions outlined above in the section concerning purple bacteria give a general illustration of the actual movement of the electrons through pheophytin and the photosystem. The overall scheme is:

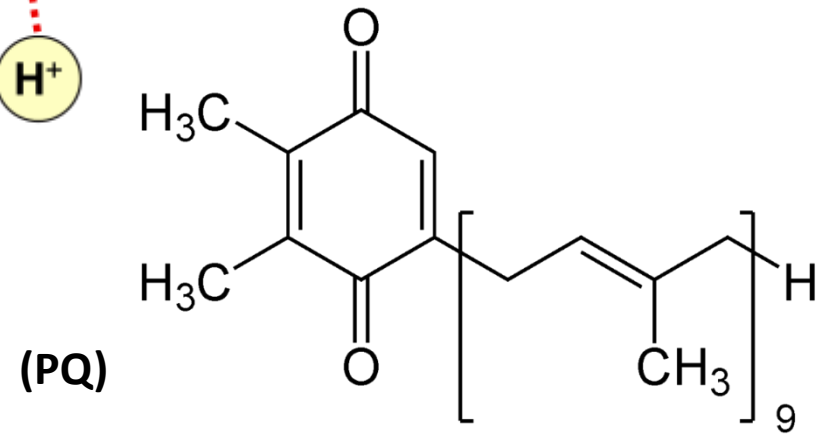
1. Excitation
2. Charge separation
3. Plastoquinone reduction
4. Regeneration of substrates



# chloroplast stroma



# thylakoid lumen



## Reaction in Photosystem II

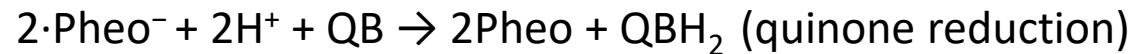
Pheophytin is the first electron carrier intermediate in the photoreaction center (RC P870) of purple bacteria. Its involvement in this system can be broken down into 5 basic steps. The first step is excitation of the bacteriochlorophylls (Chl)<sub>2</sub> or the special pair of chlorophylls. This can be seen in the following reaction.



The second step involves the (Chl)<sub>2</sub> passing an electron to pheophytin, producing a negatively charged radical (the pheophytin) and a positively charged radical (the special pair of chlorophylls), which results in a charge separation.

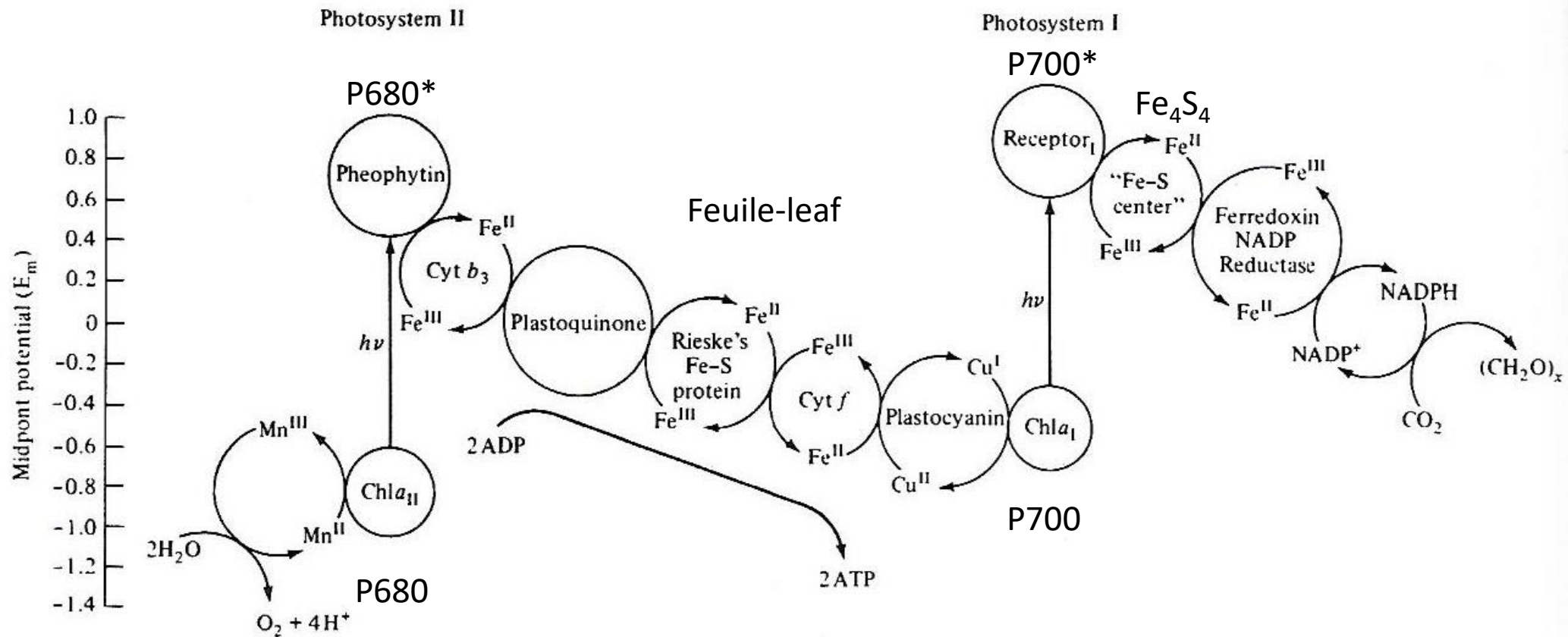


The third step is the rapid electron movement to the tightly bound menaquinone, QA, which immediately donates the electrons to a second, loosely bound quinone (QB). Two electron transfers convert QB to its reduced form (QBH<sub>2</sub>).



The fifth and final step involves the filling of the “hole” in the special pair by an electron from a heme in cytochrome c. This regenerates the substrates and completes the cycle, allowing for subsequent reactions to take place.



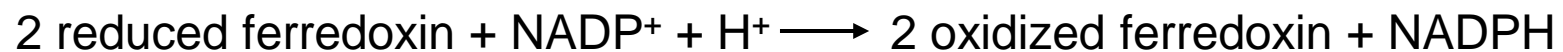


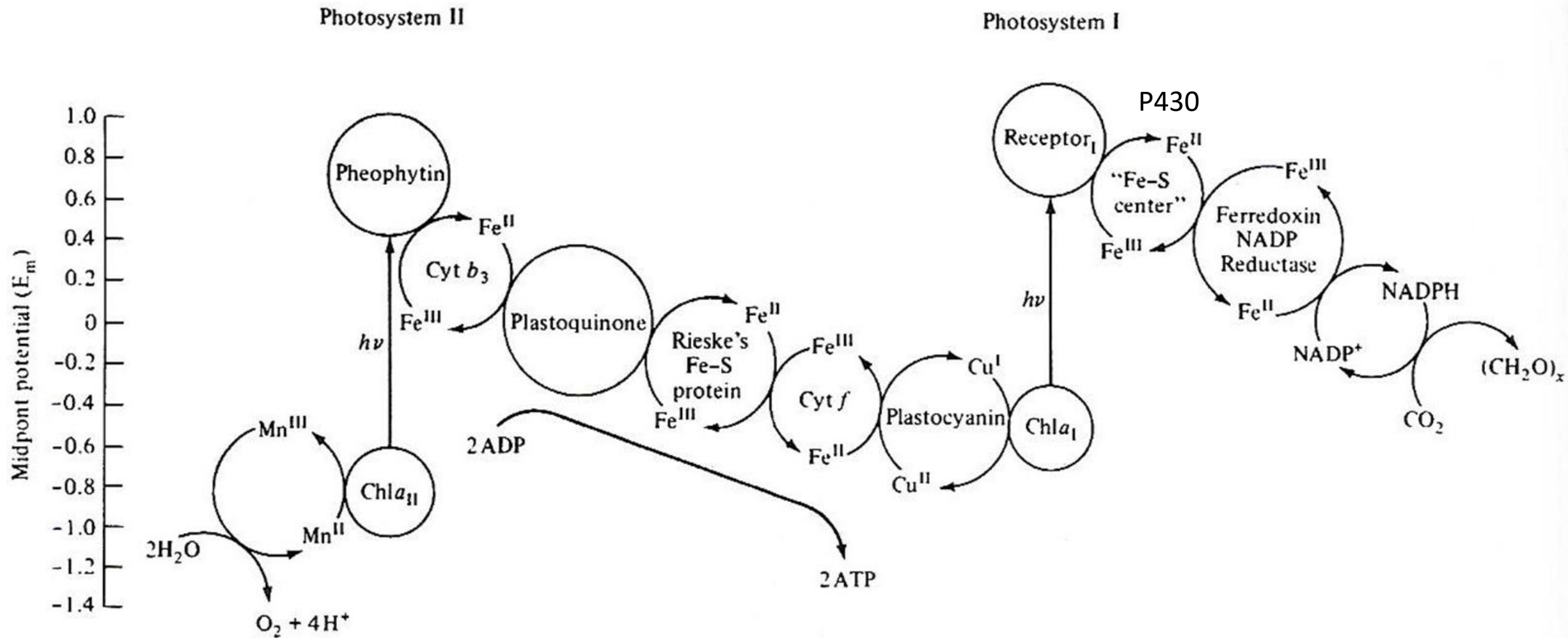
**Fig. 4.13.** Electron flow in photosystems I and II ('Z'-scheme). The vertical axis gives mid-point redox potential with reducing species (top) and oxidizing species (bottom). Reproduced with permission from Harper Collins.

**PS-II (P-680)** consists of Chl-a-660, Chl-a-673, Chl-a-680, Chla-690, Chl-b, or Chl-c or Chl-d, carotenoids & phycobilins. Phycobilins present only in PS II

**PS-I (P-700)** consists of Chl-'a' 670, Chl-a-683, Chl-'a'-695, carotenoids, some molecules of chl- 'b' & reaction centre Chl-'a'-700/P-700

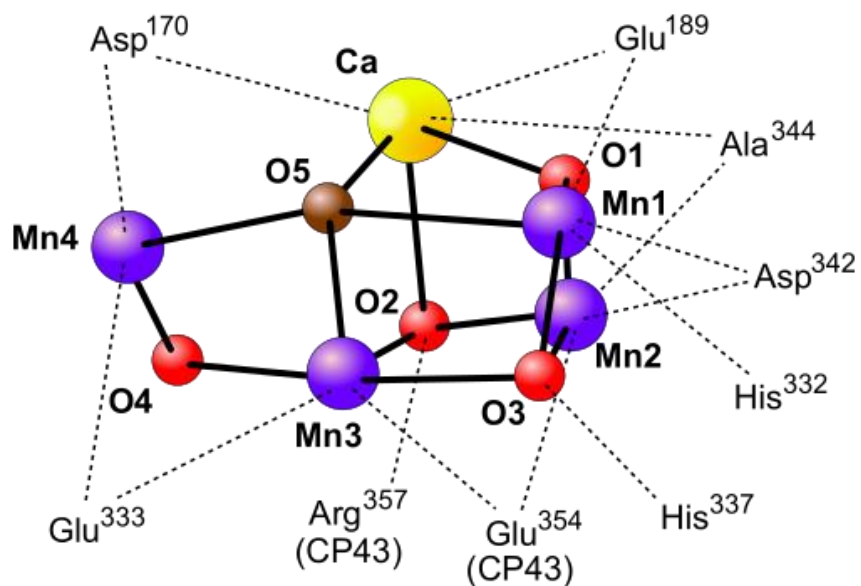
### ferredoxin-NADP<sup>+</sup> reductase





**Fig. 4.13.** Electron flow in photosystems I and II ('Z'-scheme). The vertical axis gives mid-point redox potential with reducing species (top) and oxidizing species (bottom). Reproduced with permission from Harper Collins.

# Oxygen-evolving complex (OEC)



KOK Cycle

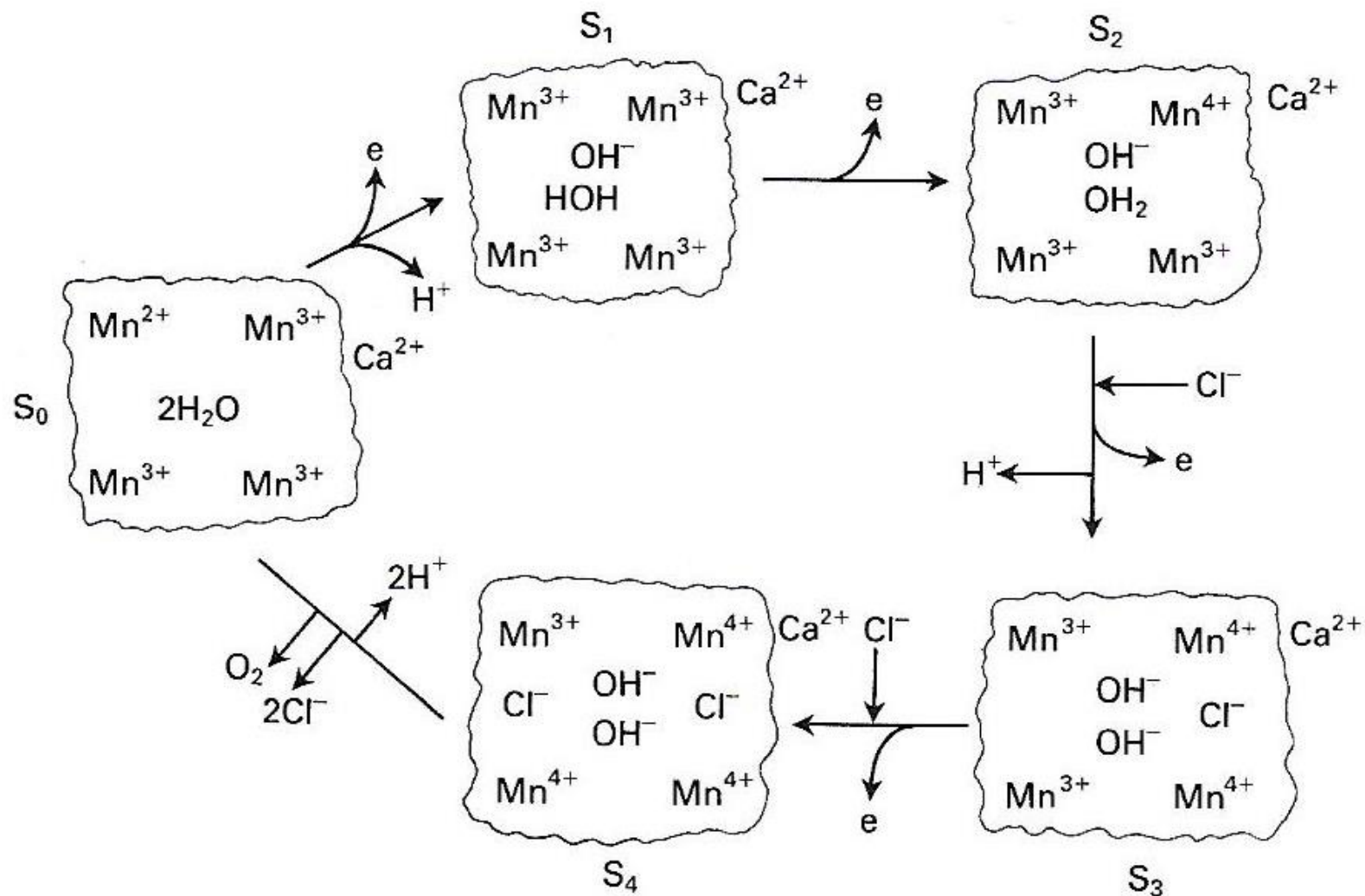
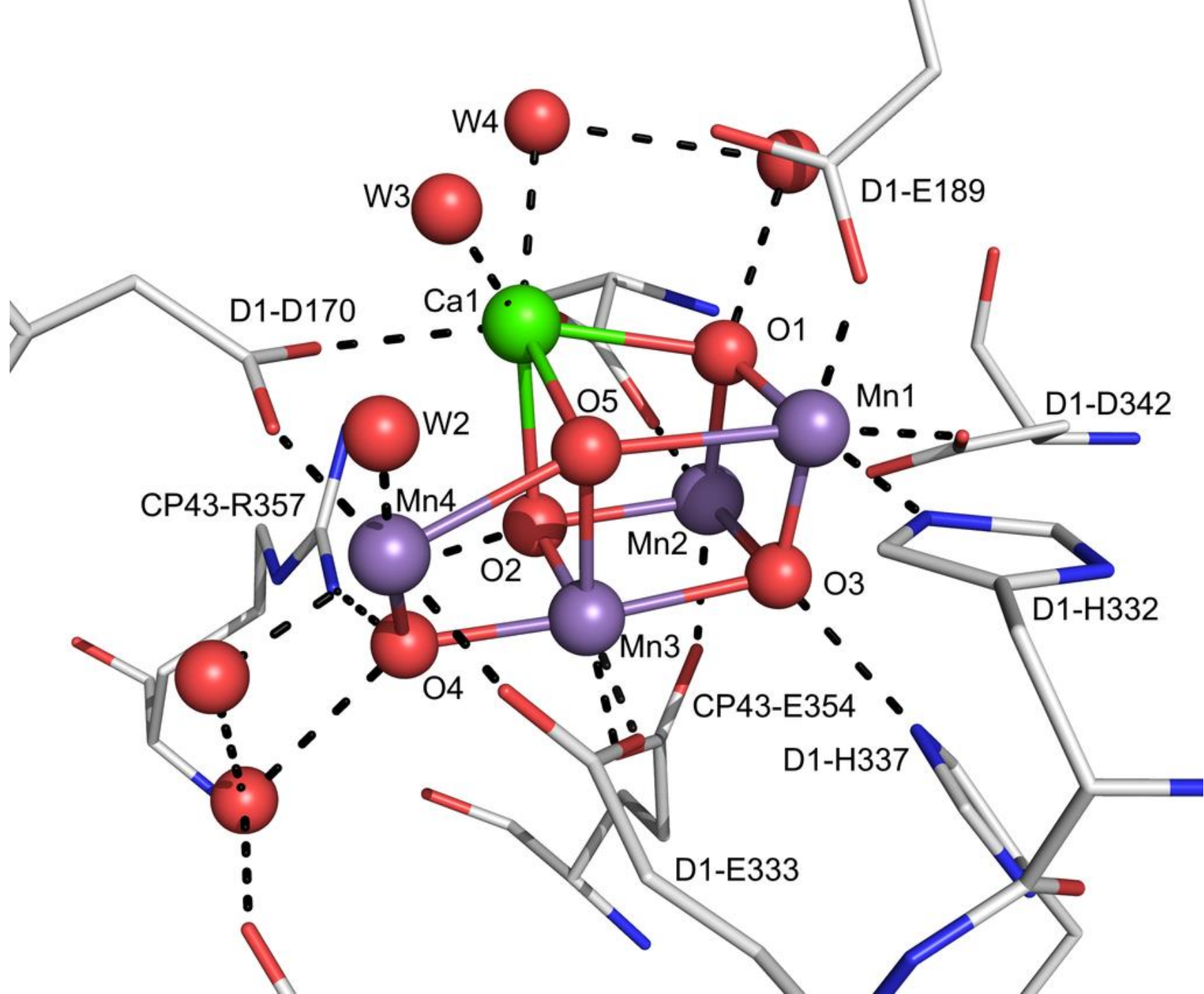
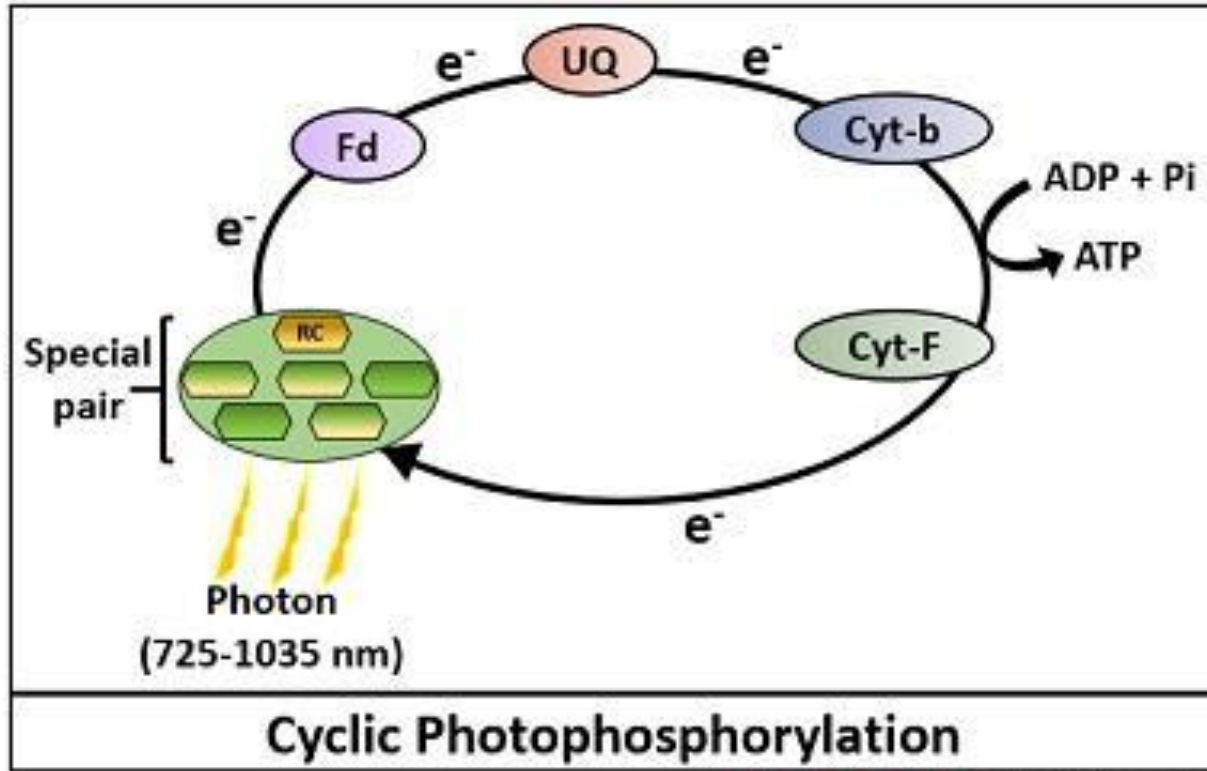


Fig. 4.15. A chemical scheme for  $O_2$  production at a four-manganese cluster involving also  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $Cl^-$  (reproduced with permission from Oxford University Press).

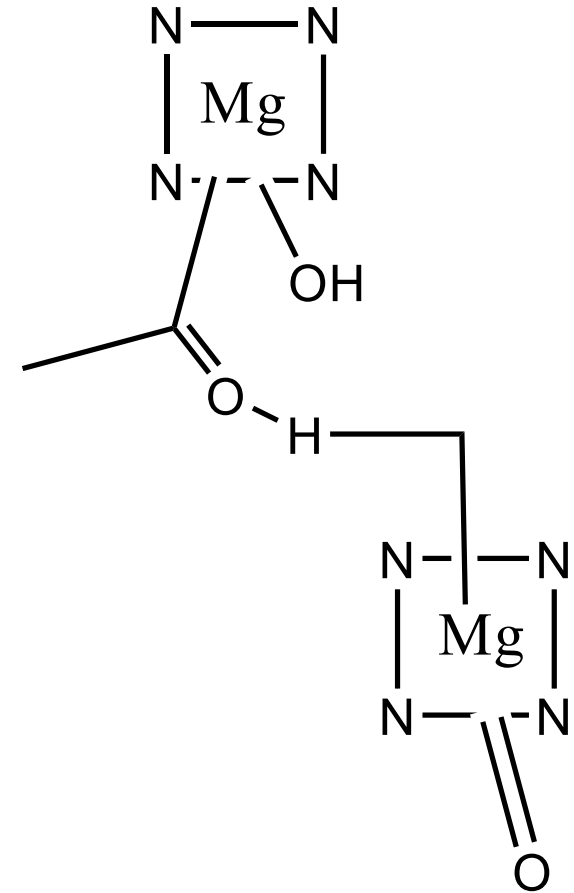
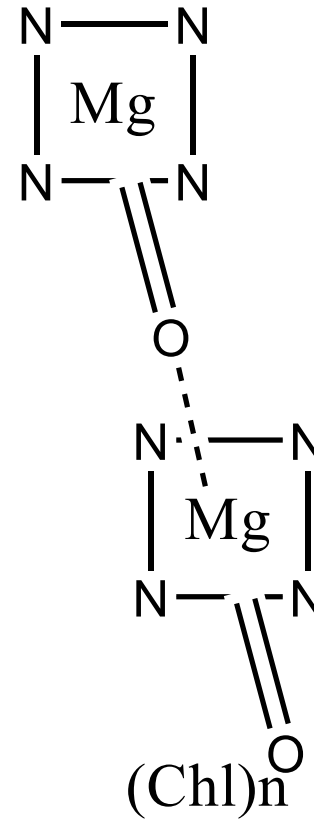
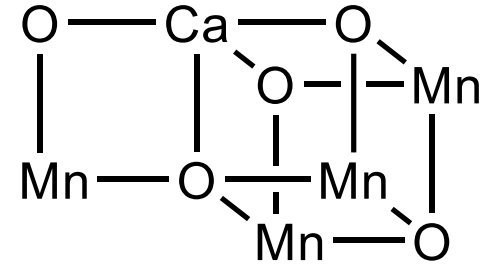


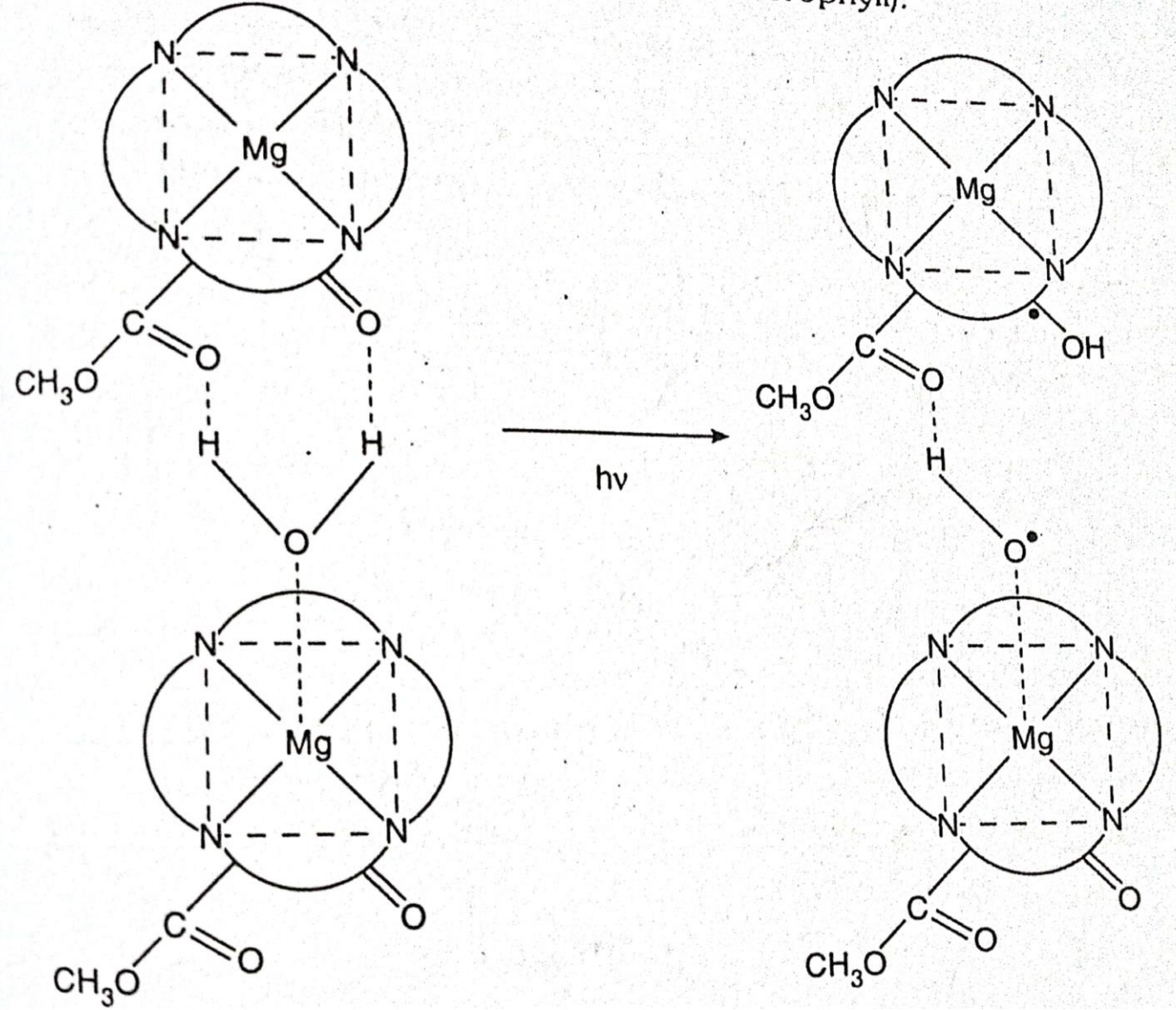
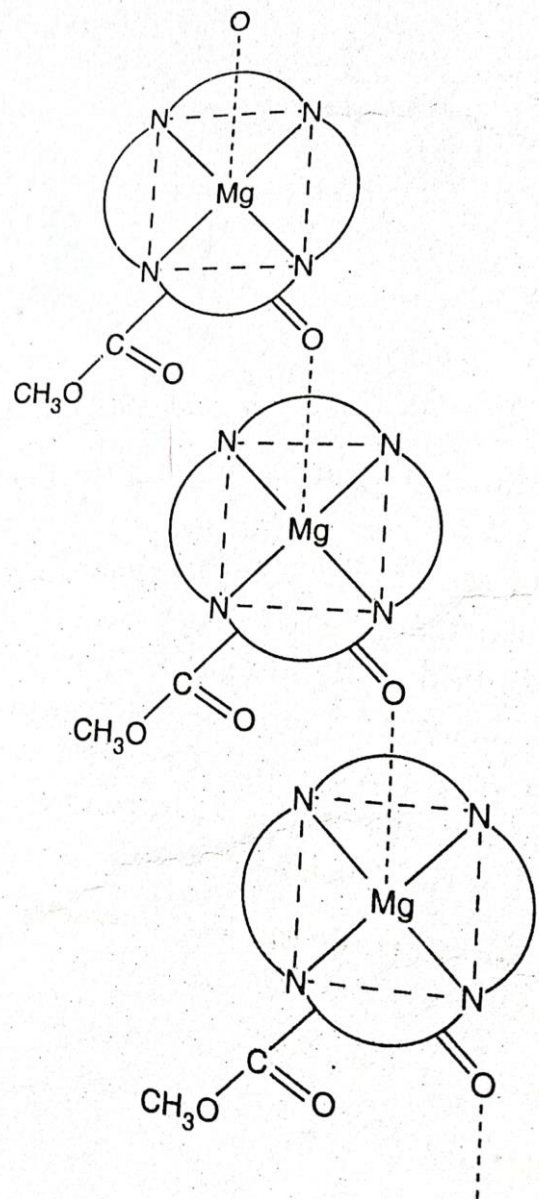


# Antenna Chlorophyll



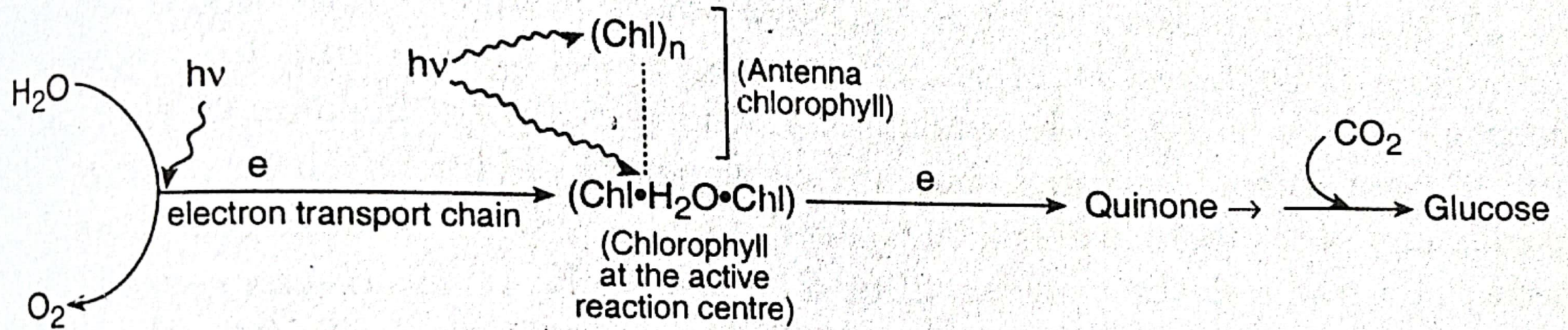
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The total electron transport system leading to reduction of  $\text{CO}_2$  in photosynthesis schematically represented in Scheme 8.5.6.1.



Scheme 8.5.6.1 : Schematic representation of photoelectron transfer process in photosynthesis.

We now turn to the molecular mechanism of [DNA](#) replication. The full replication machinery in cells comprises more than 20 proteins engaged in intricate and coordinated interplay. In 1958, Arthur Kornberg and his colleagues isolated the first known of the enzymes, called DNA polymerases, that promote the formation of the bonds joining units of the DNA backbone.

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# Iron Containing Proteins

## Chapter 3. Heme and Non-heme Proteins



- Brief introduction to proteins
  - Difference between A1 and A2 milk; sickle cell anemia due to valine
- Structure of porphyrin (drawing and numbering scheme)
  - Substituents (PIX), tetranionic nature
  - How Fe(II) binds with PIX, coordination sphere, geometry of T and R state
  - Proximal and distal histidine
- Fe-O bonding – Fe<sup>2+</sup> HS to Fe<sup>3+</sup> LS
  - Nature: whether Fe(III)-O-O<sup>-</sup> or Fe(II)-O=O, the evidence from FT-IR
  - Inertness of triplet O<sub>2</sub> and mode of binding of O<sub>2</sub>
  - Importance of globular protein surrounding the heme
  - Eight possible salt bridge interactions
  - The presence of bisphosphoglycerate (BPG) and its uses
  - P(O<sub>2</sub>) vs % oxygenation-effect of pH, CO<sub>2</sub>, allosteric interactions, Hill equation and coefficient
- Importance of heme group

- How DPG helps to feed O<sub>2</sub> to fetus from mother
- Bohr and Haldane effect
- Allosteric interaction
- Hill equation and coefficient
- Other storage and transport proteins

## Iron Proteins

Iron containing proteins are mainly belonging to four categories.

**A. Iron-porphyrin proteins:** hemoglobin, myoglobin, cytochrome P450, etc; all of them contains one or more iron-porphyrin units. They are mainly involved in oxygen transfer, oxygen storage, and electron transfer.

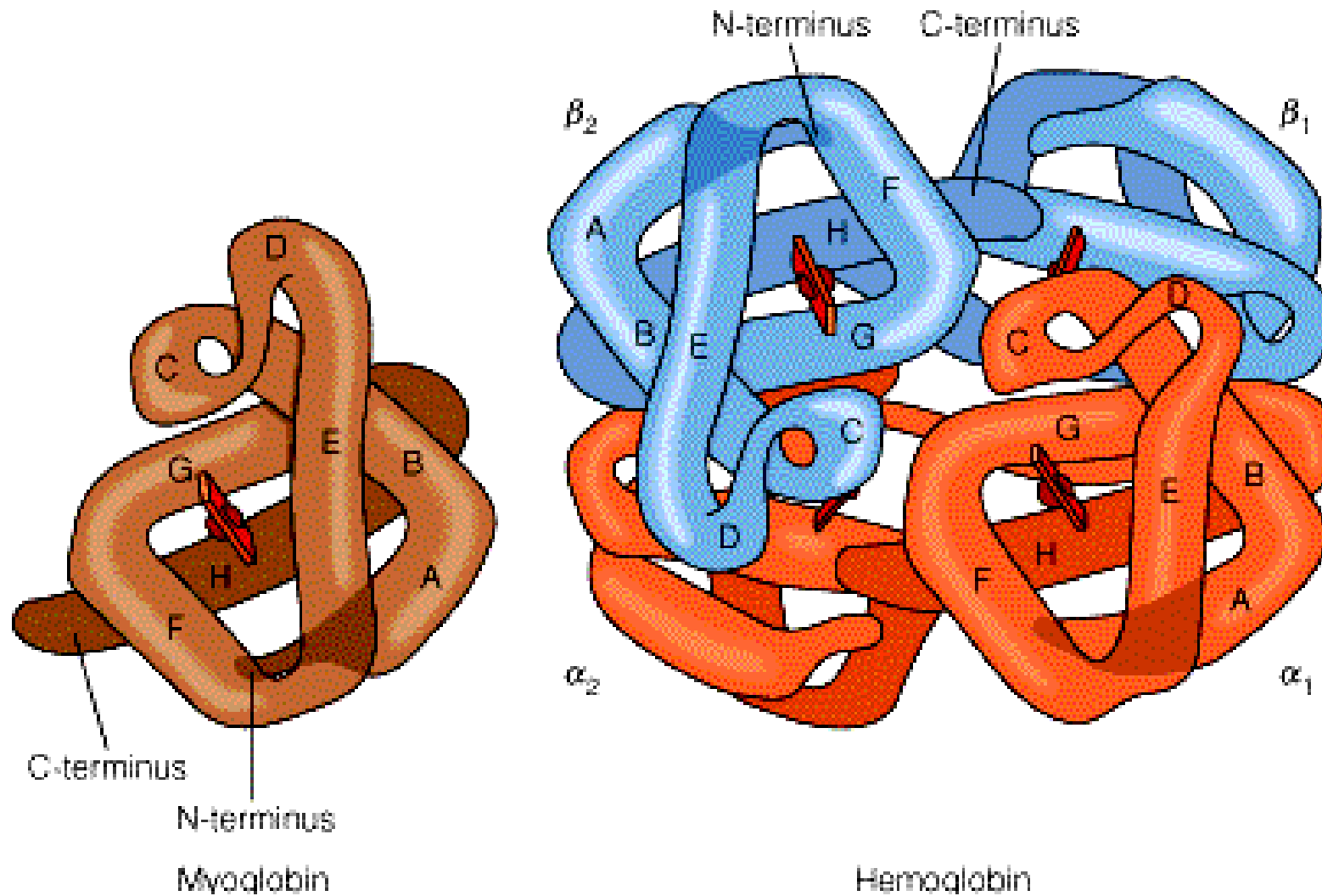
**B. Non-heme iron proteins:** ferritin, transferrin, hemosiderin, etc; they are mostly involved in iron storage and transport

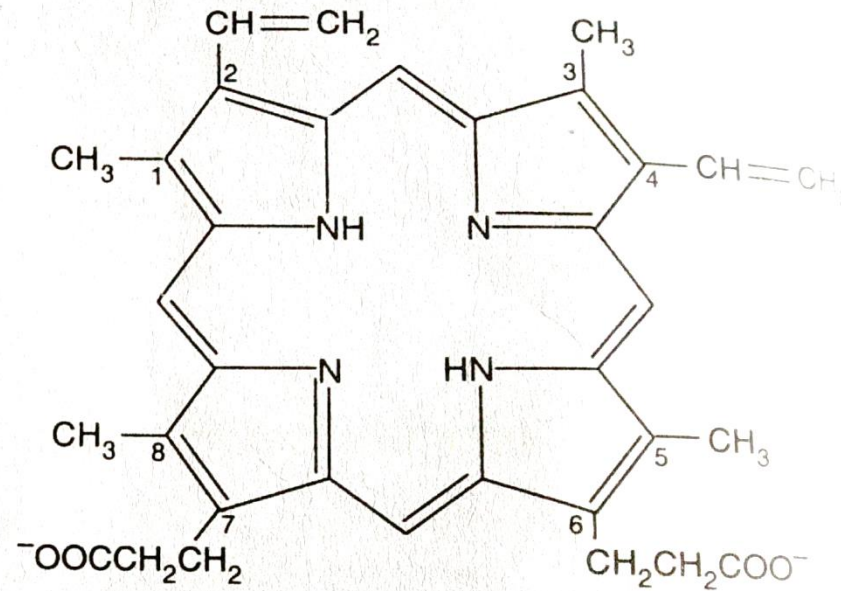
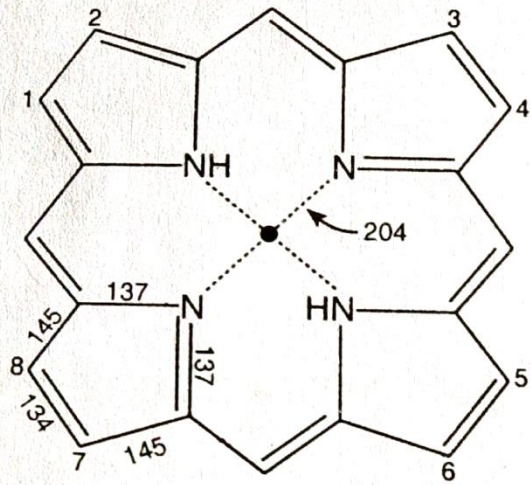
**C. Non-heme diiron oxo-bridged species:** ribonucleotide reductase, hemerythrin, methane monooxygenase, etc.

**D. Non-heme iron-sulfur cluster proteins:** nitrogenase, ferredoxins, rubredoxins. They are mainly involved in biological electron transfer reactions.

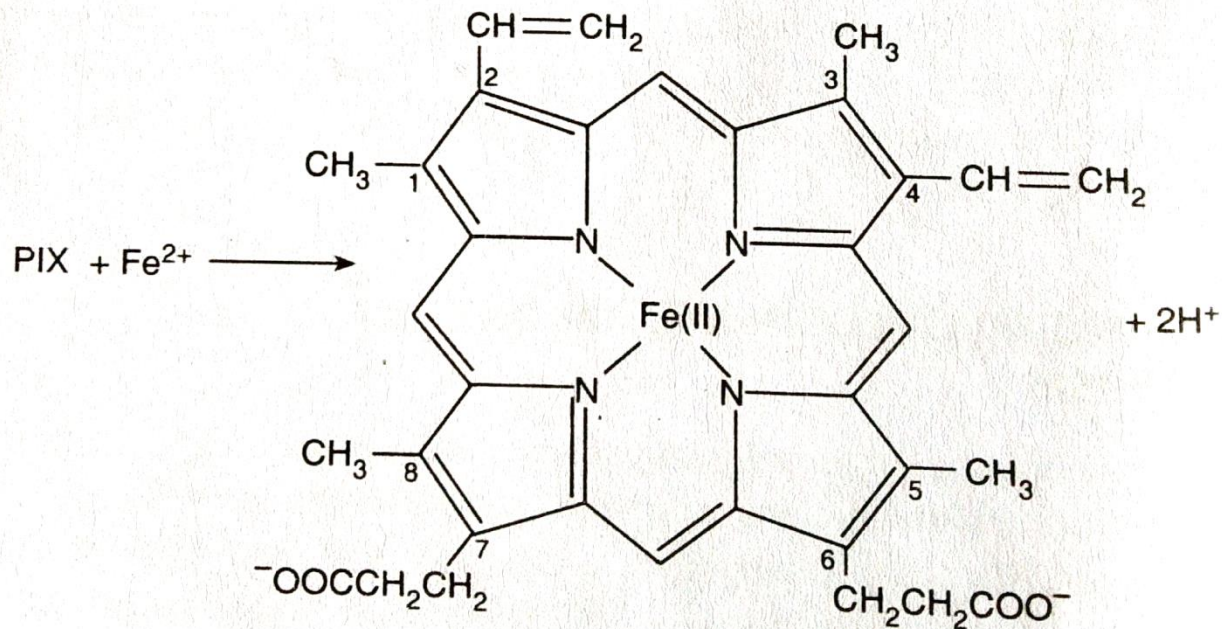


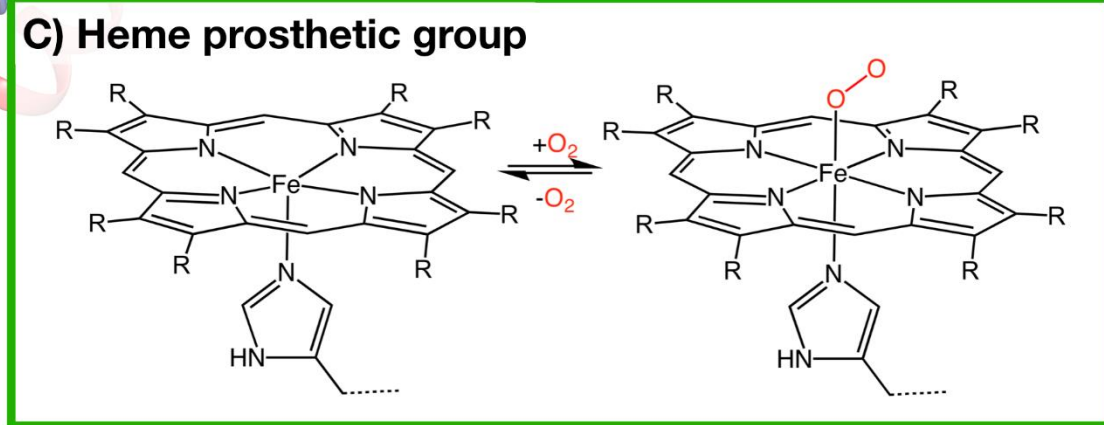
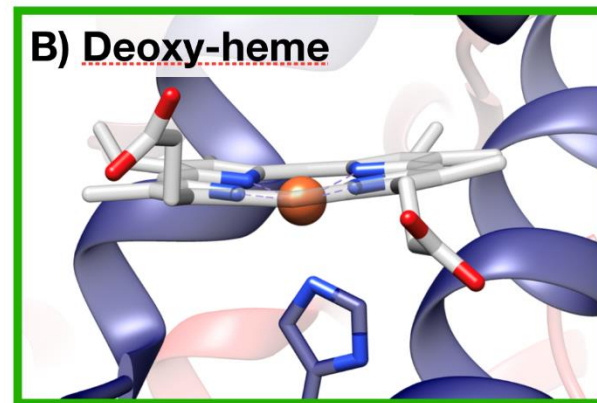
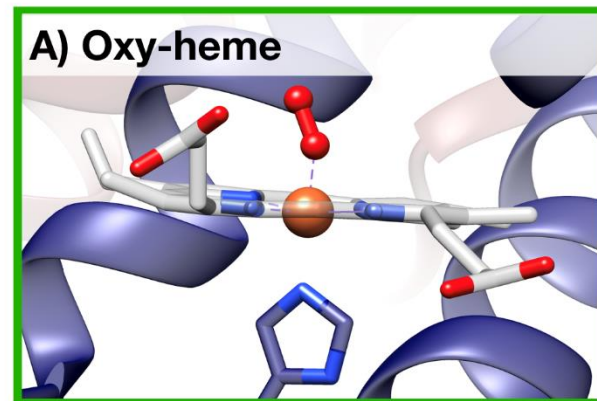
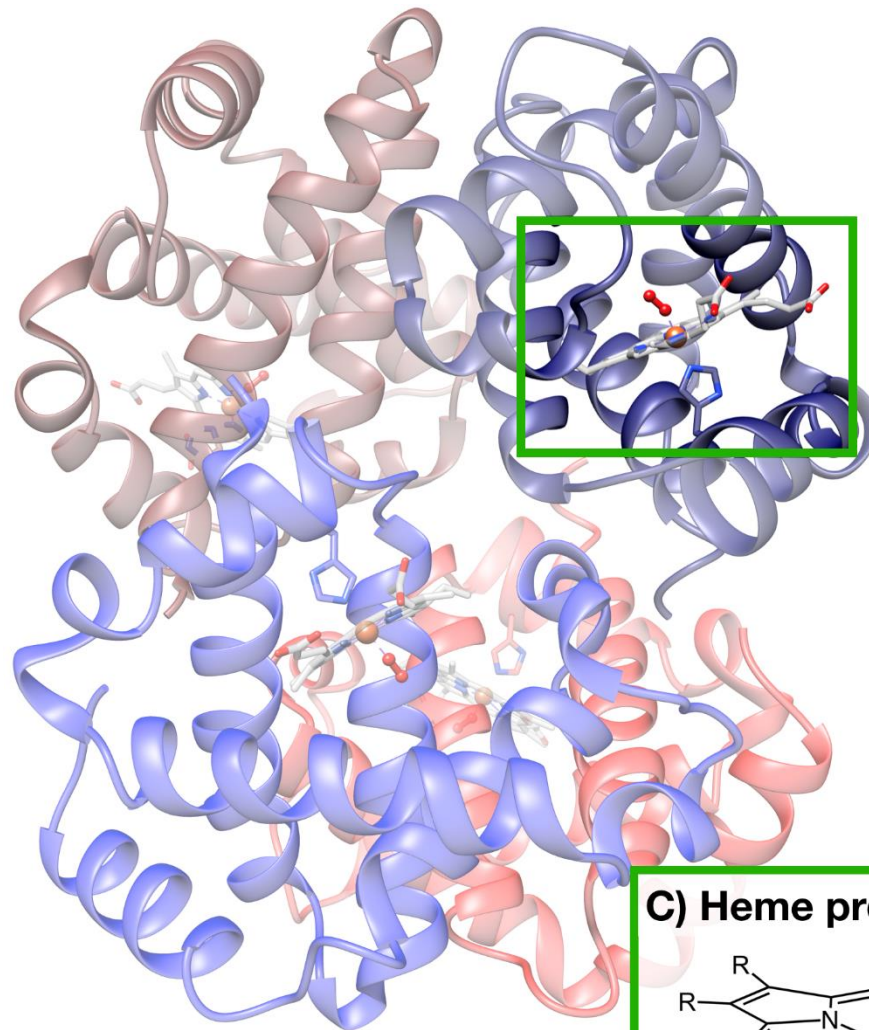
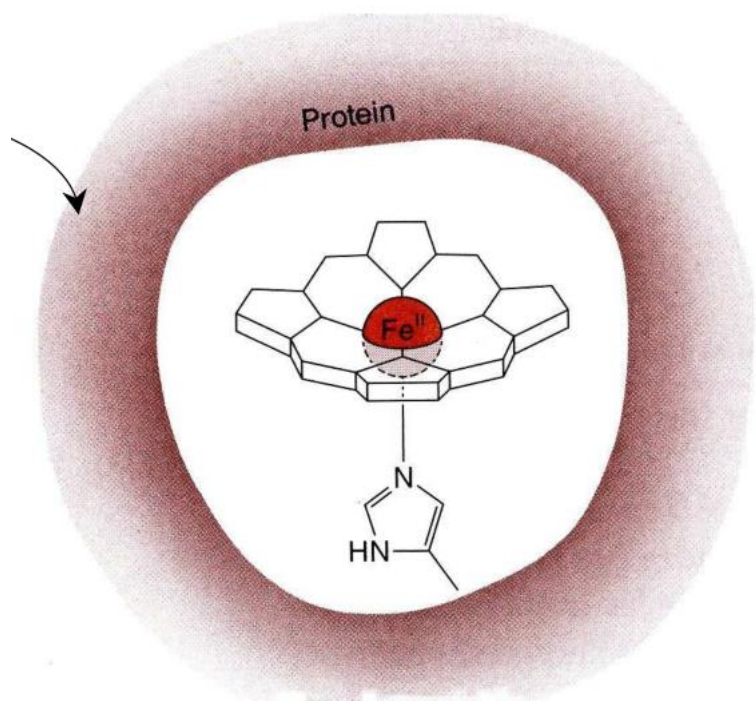
## Heme Proteins - Hemoglobin and Myoglobin





## Protoporphyrin – IX (PIX)

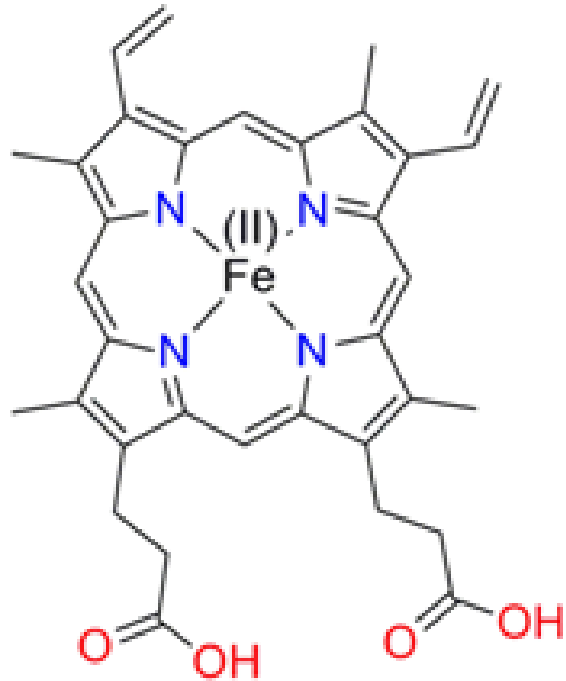




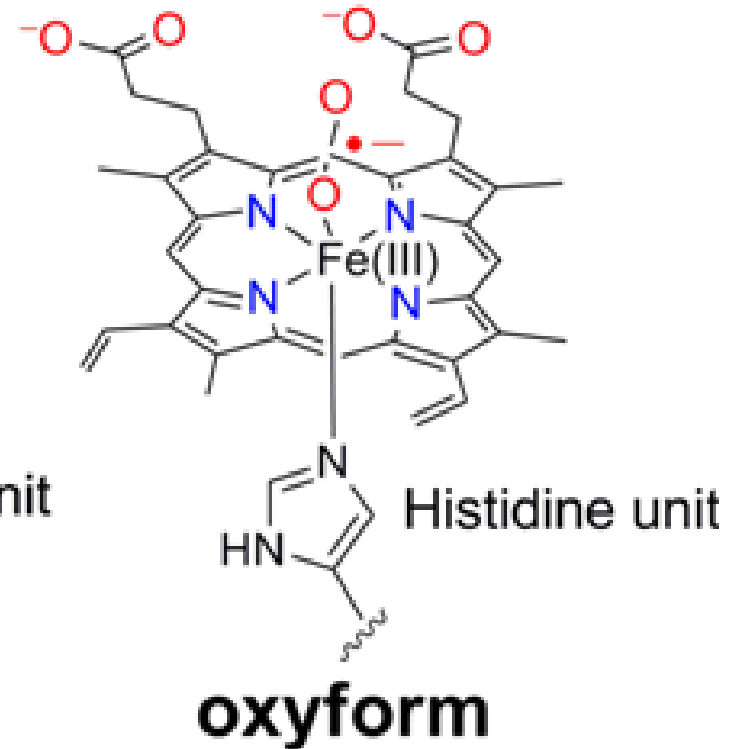
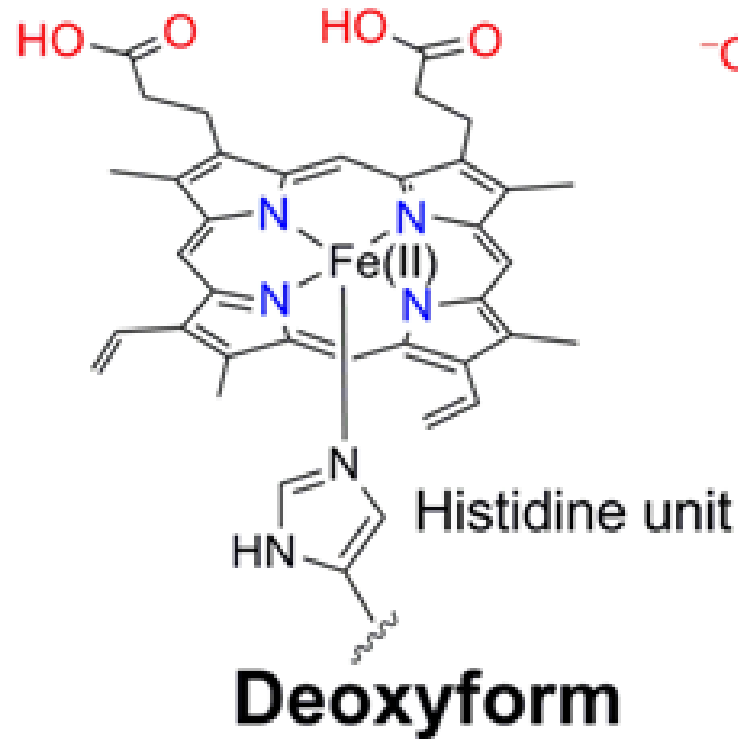


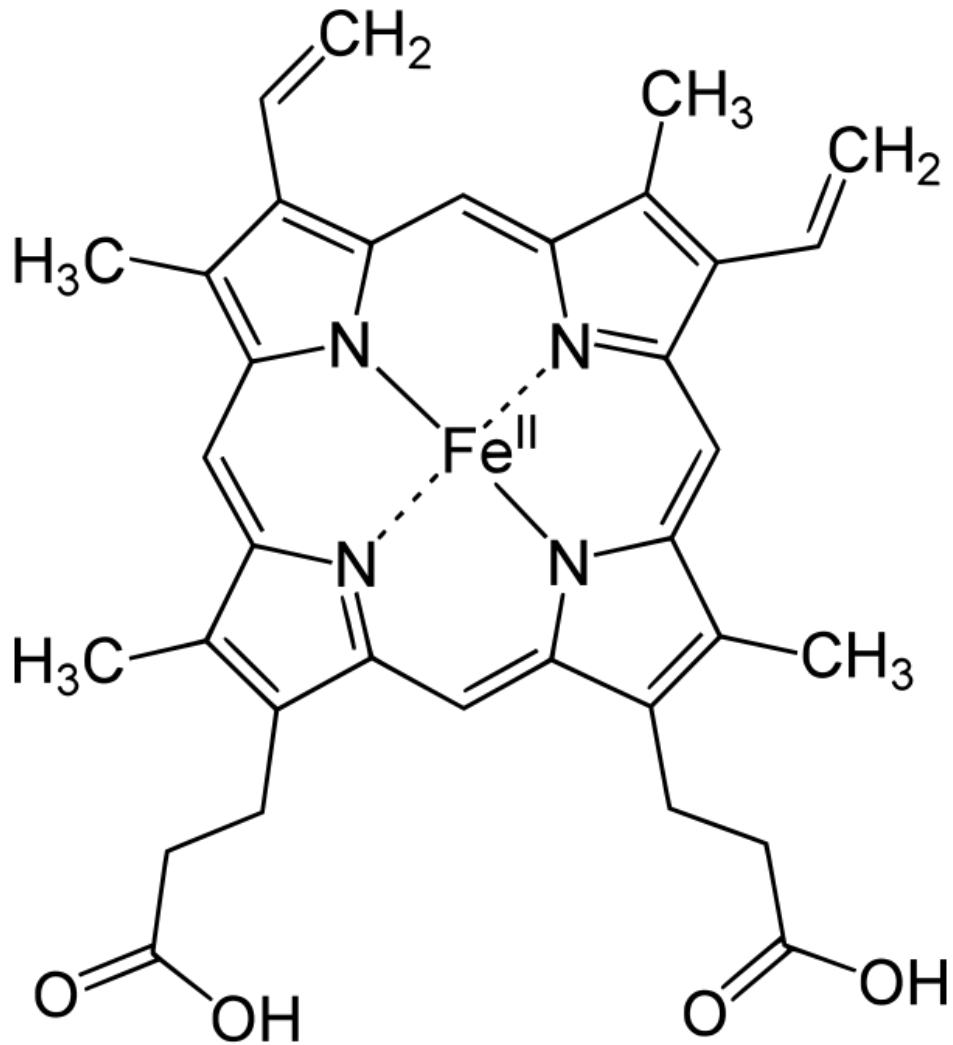
## Hemoglobin and Myoglobin:

**Hemoglobin** is an essential iron protein for **molecular oxygen (dioxygen)** transport and found in red blood cells. Both are globular proteins; **myoglobin** is engaged in **storage of molecular oxygen in muscle tissues** and controlled transport of molecular oxygen for the oxidative reactions.



**Hemoglobin**





- ❖ Supply of oxygen to tissues (bound to hemoglobin, which is carried in red cells)
- ❖ Supply of nutrients such as [glucose](#), [amino acids](#), and [fatty acids](#) (dissolved in the blood or bound to [plasma proteins](#) (e.g., [blood lipids](#)))
- ❖ Removal of waste such as [carbon dioxide](#), [urea](#), and [lactic acid](#)
- ❖ Immunological functions, including circulation of [white blood cells](#) and detection of foreign material by [antibodies](#)
- ❖ [Coagulation](#) the response to a broken blood vessel, the conversion of blood from a liquid to a semi-solid gel to stop bleeding.
- ❖ Messenger functions, including the transport of [hormones](#) and the signaling of [tissue](#) damage
- ❖ Regulation of body [pH](#)
- ❖ Regulation of core [body temperature](#)
- ❖ [Hydraulic](#) functions

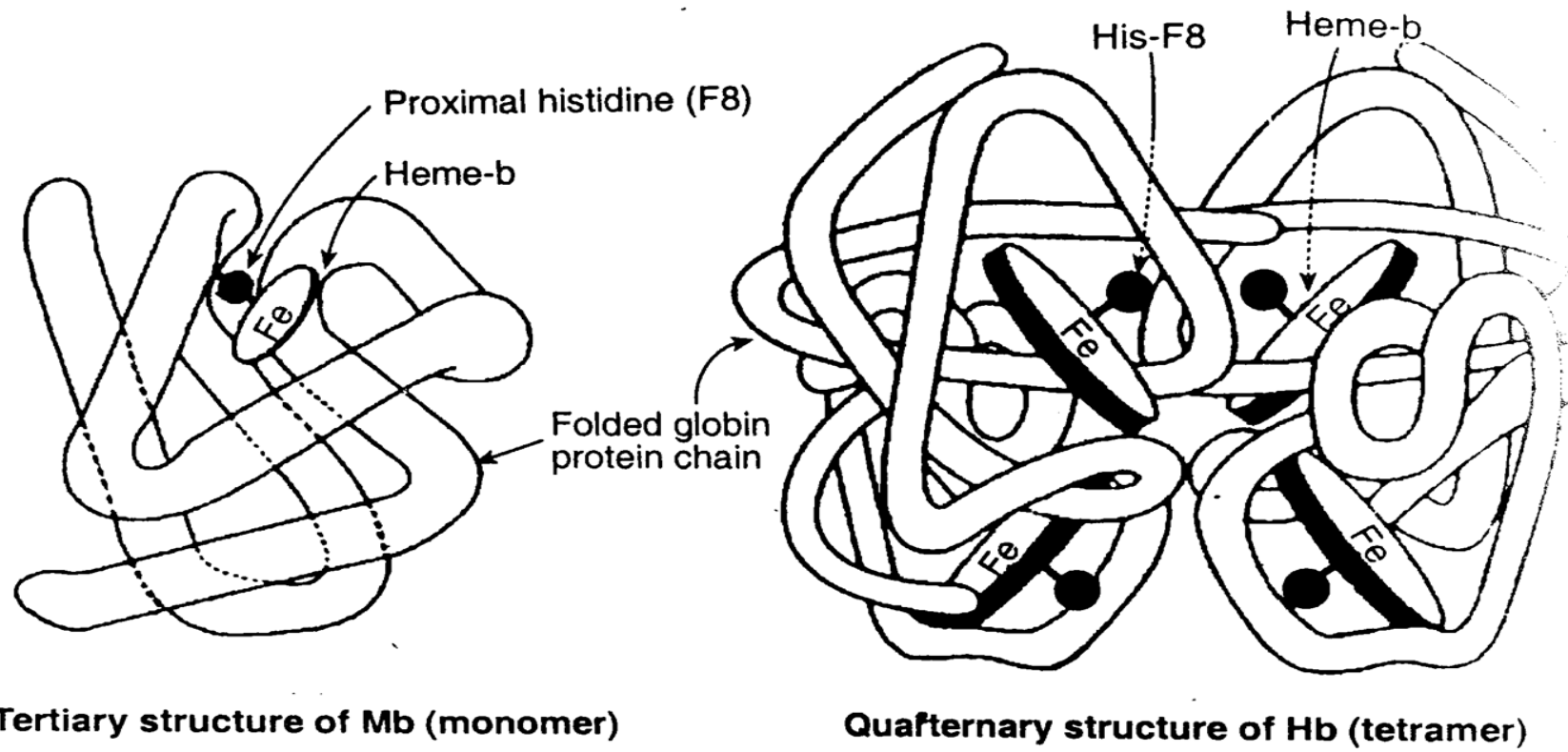
A hemoglobin unit is composed of has **four protein** chains each of which contains one porphyrin ring coordinated to iron (known as heme) packed in a roughly tetrahedral  $\alpha_2\beta_2$  cluster. The  $\alpha$  unit contains 141 amino acids residue and the  $\beta$  unit contains 146 amino acids residue.

In hemoglobin, a high-spin Fe(II) is coordinated to four N atoms of porphyrin ring. The fifth coordination site is occupied by a histidine group. In this condition the protein containing four heme compartments is in strain condition **and called tense (T)** state. After binding to molecular oxygen **high-spin Fe(II) changes to low-spin Fe(III)** and molecular oxygen is transferred to superoxide. Covalent radii of Fe(II) is too large to fit into the cavity created by four N atoms of the porphyrin ring. Formation of low-spin Fe(III), the radii of iron decreases. Moreover, transformation of square pyramidal deoxy form to octahedral oxy form leads iron center closer to heme cavity. The protein is now in comparatively less strain relaxed form (R). In this was all the four iron centers in hemoglobin are transferred to oxo-hemoglobin forms.

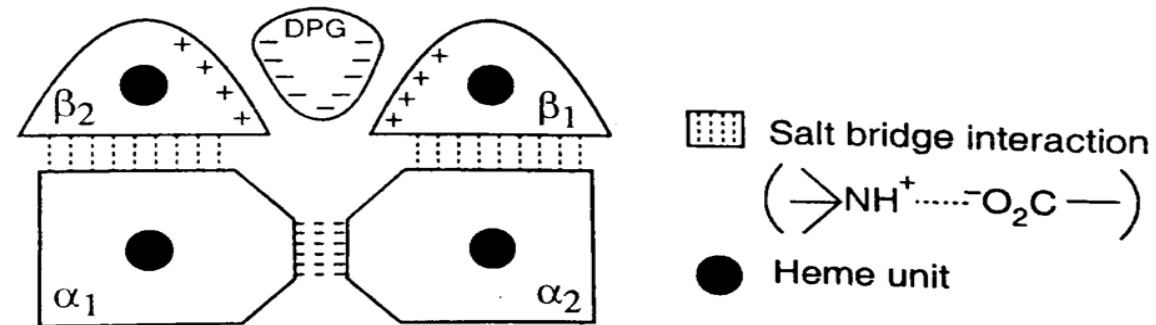
Binding of molecular oxygen to the iron center of the hemoglobin tetramer causes **release of protons from the acid units which minimize the pH**. This lowering of pH favours molecular oxygen release to tissues and conversion of Fe(III) to Fe(II). This deoxyhemoglobin picks up 2 protons and 2 molecules of  $\text{CO}_2$  from tissues and carried to the lungs, where the  $\text{CO}_2$  is released. After that, deoxyhemoglobin which further binds to molecular oxygen and the  $\text{O}_2$  carrying and  $\text{CO}_2$  returning processes from tissues continues.

Myoglobin is a single chain heme protein containing 154 amino acids and it contains several region of  $\alpha$ -helix. The structure of the active site (where the reaction occurs) and the oxygen carrying mechanism is same as hemoglobin. The oxygen uptake capacity of myoglobin is thermodynamically more when compared to hemoglobin and hence, oxygen uptake in myoglobin is more than that of hemoglobin.

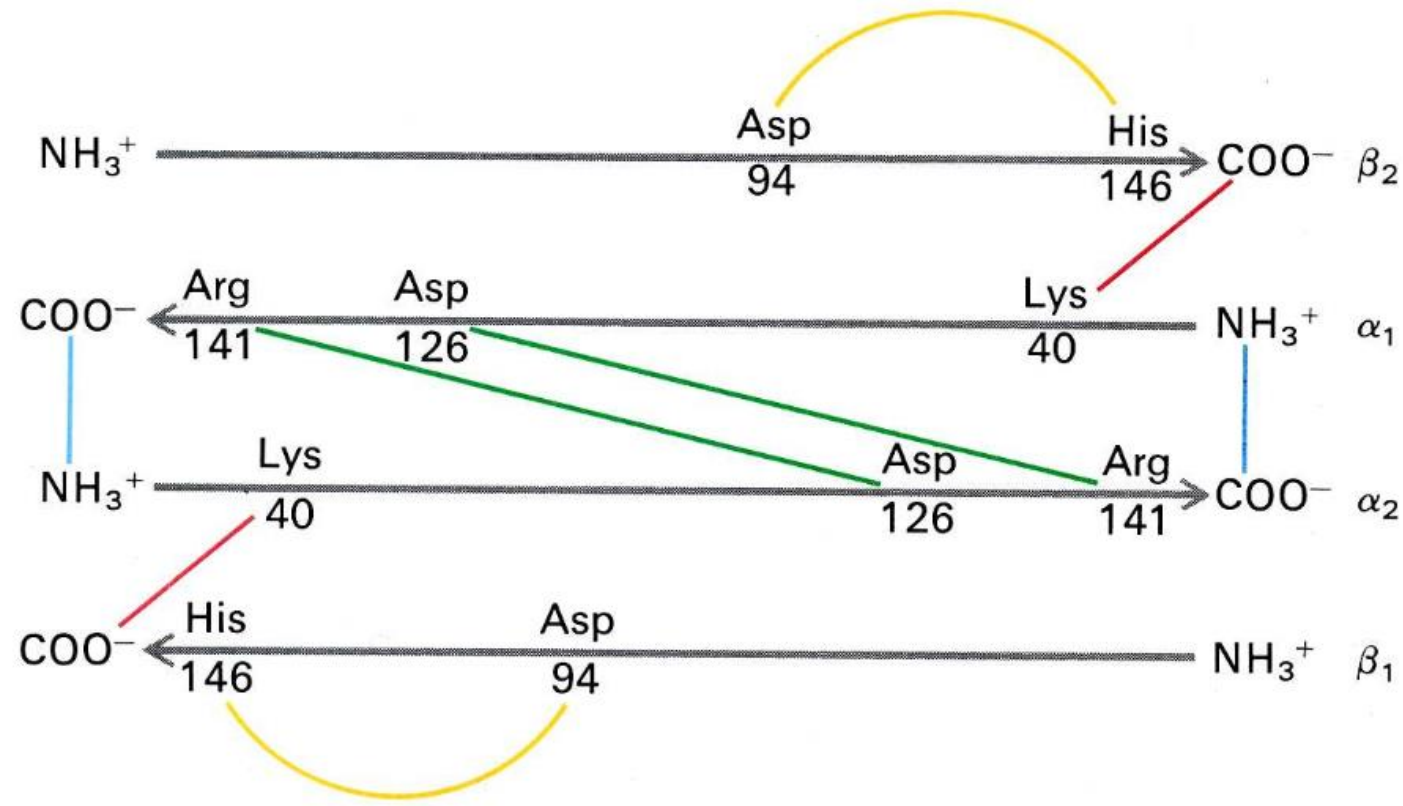




*Figure 5.5.1.3 : Structure of myoglobin (Mb) and Hemoglobin (Hb) with the globin protein chain*

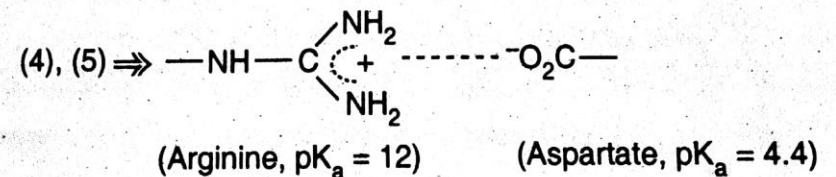
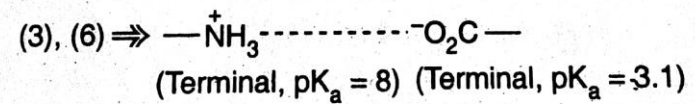
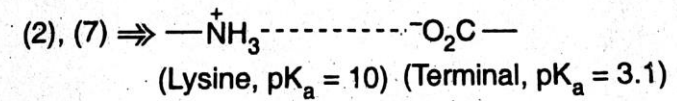
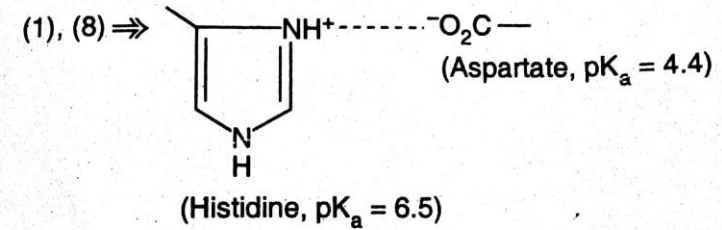
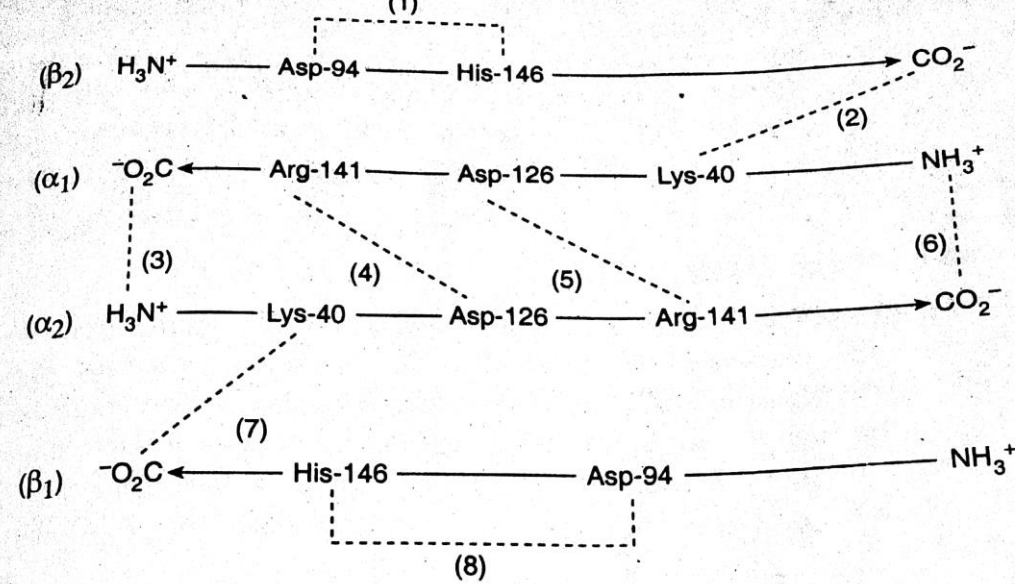


*Figure 5.5.1.4 : Schematic representation of tetrameric hemoglobin (Hb-A)*



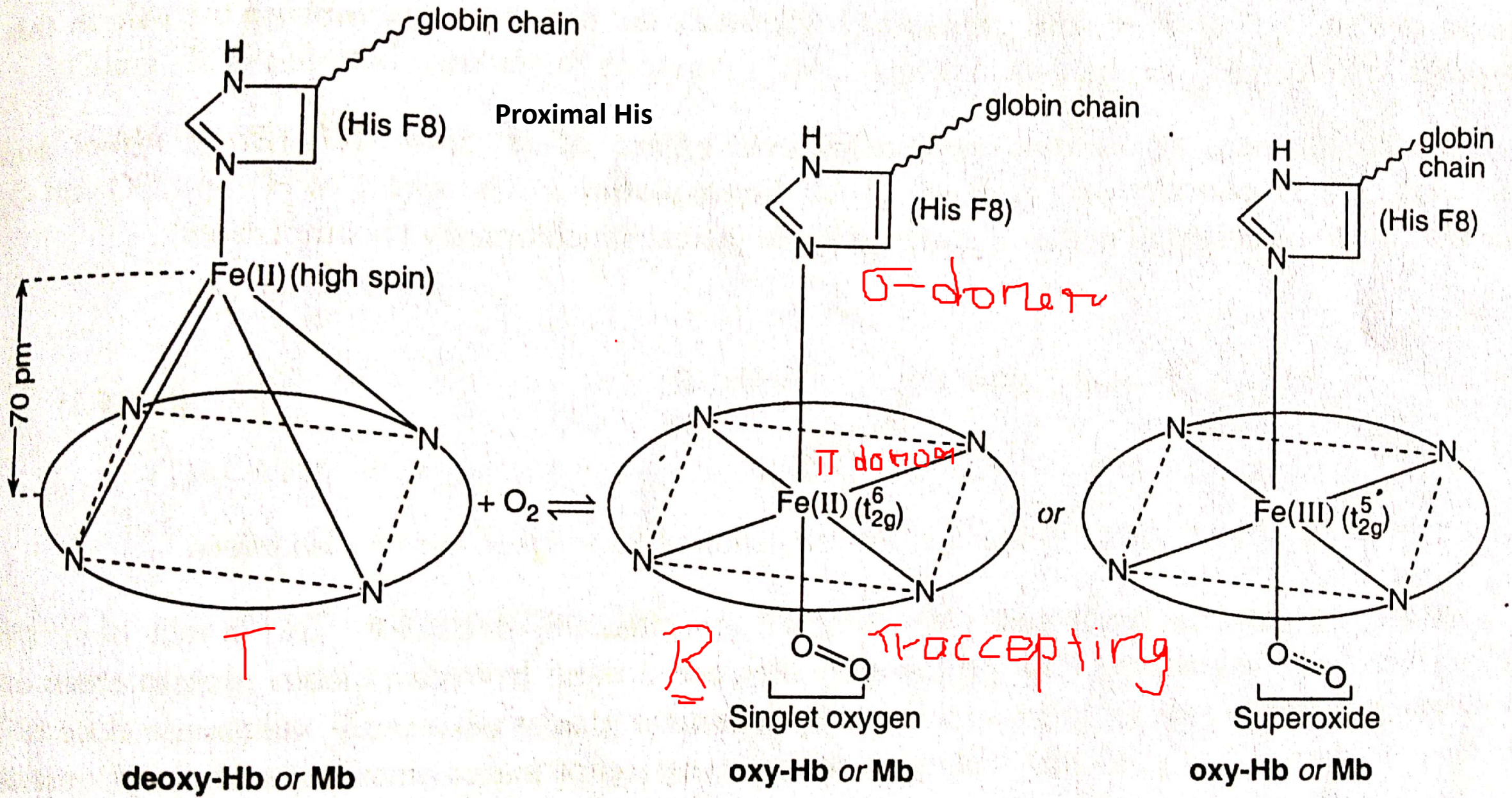
- Asp<sup>-</sup> ... His<sup>+</sup>
- terminal-COO<sup>-</sup> ... Lys<sup>+</sup>
- Asp<sup>-</sup> ... Arg<sup>+</sup>
- terminal-COO<sup>-</sup> ... NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>-terminal

Salt links between different subunits in deoxyhemoglobin. These noncovalent, electrostatic cross-links are disrupted on oxygenation.



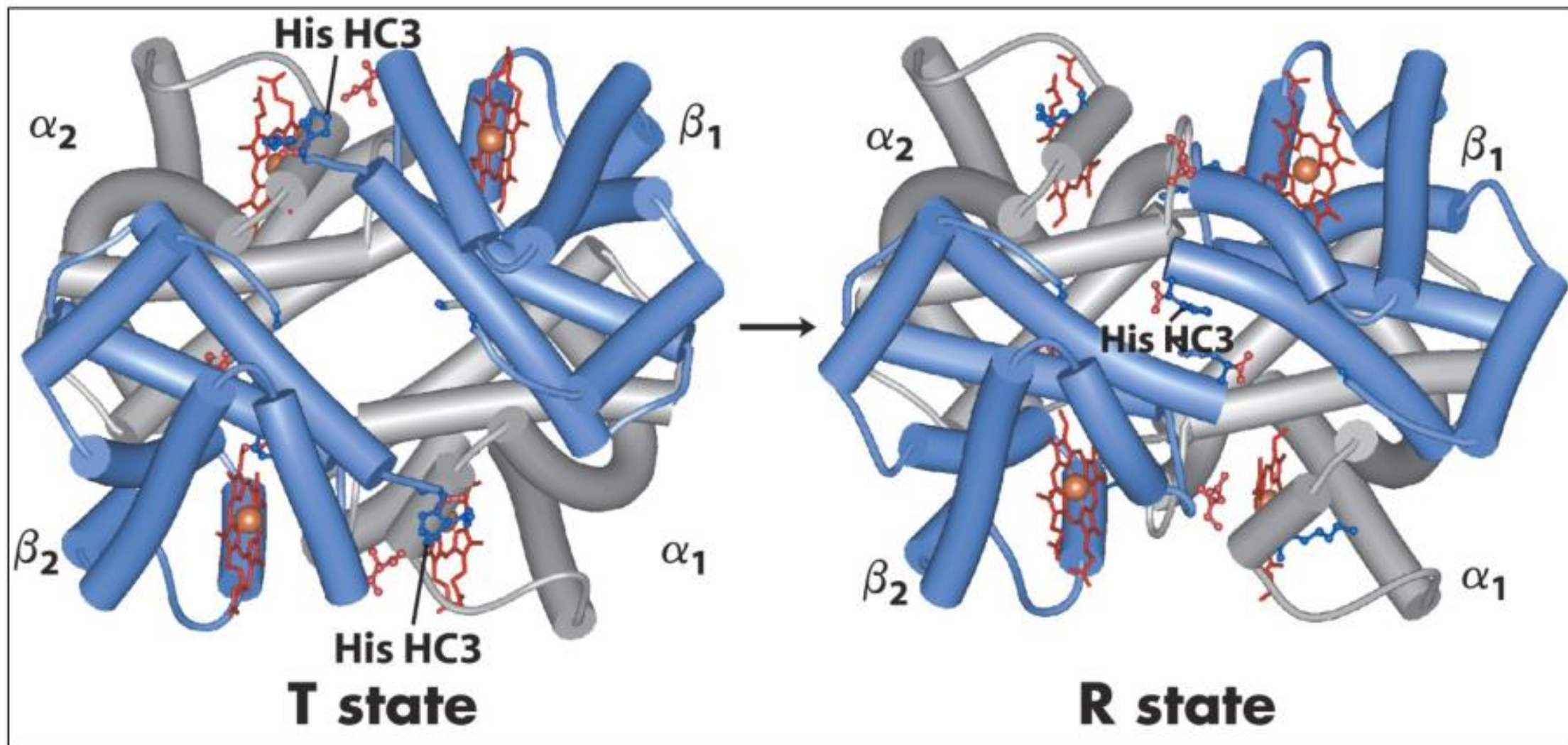
**Figure 5.5.1.5** : Salt-bridge interactions in Hb-A ( $\alpha_2\beta_2$ ). Given  $pK_A$  values correspond to the respective conjugate acids.



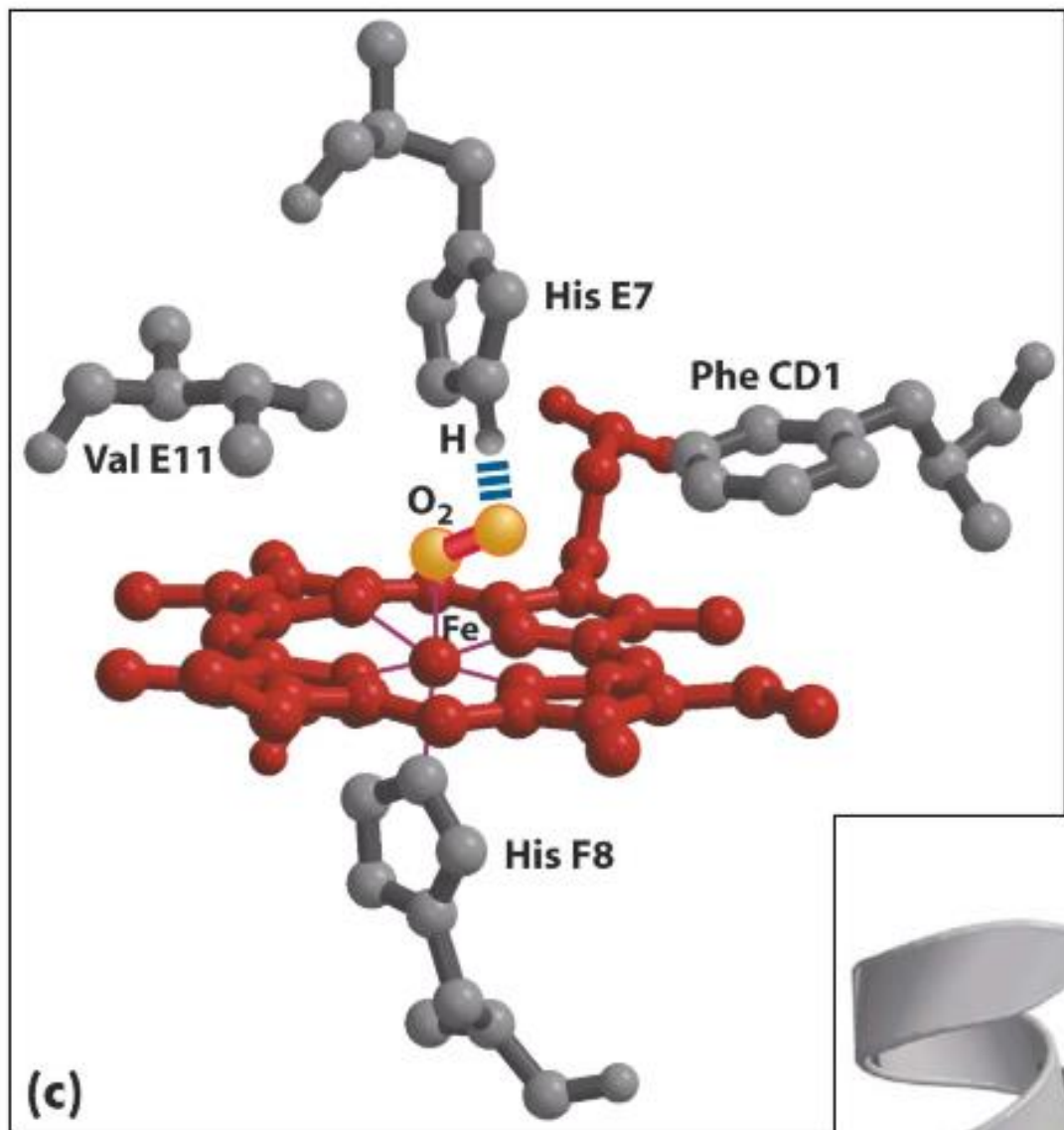


**Figure 5.5.4.1:** Change of coordination sphere of  $\text{Fe(II)}$  in Hb or Mb during oxygenation.

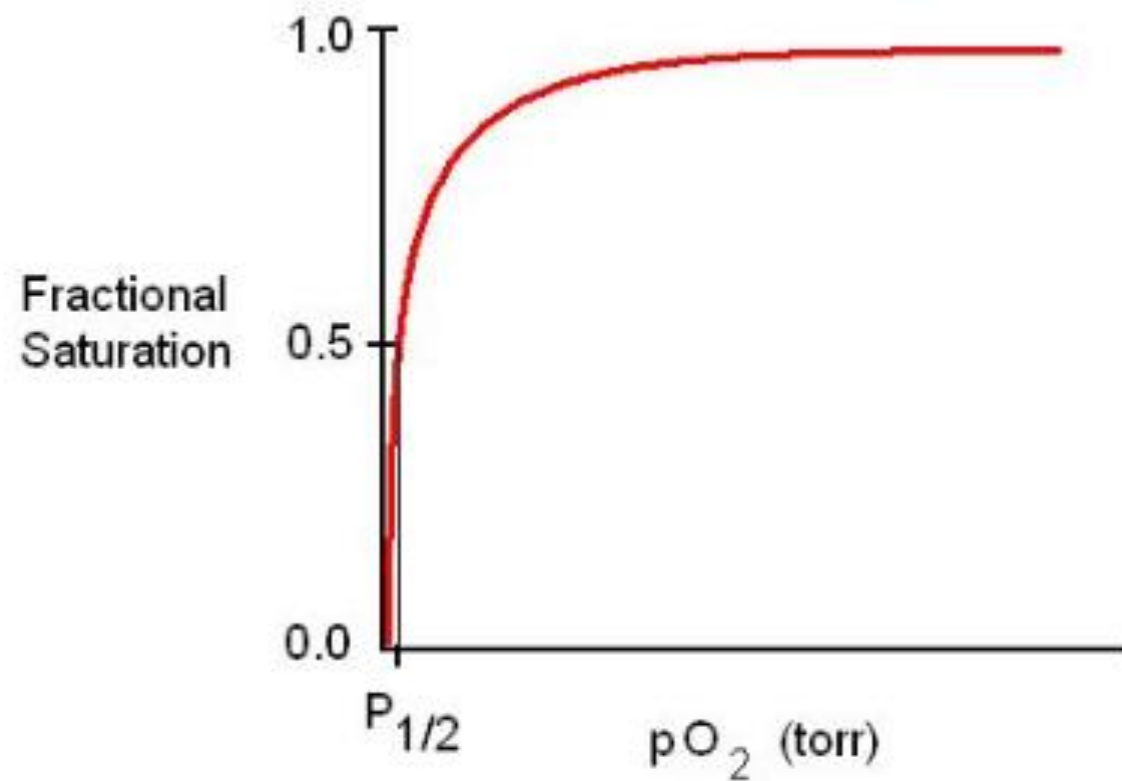




### Distal histidine



### Oxygen binding by Myoglobin



## Vibrational and geometrical properties of dioxygen species

Species	$\nu_{\text{O-O}}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$d_{\text{O-O}}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )
$\text{O}_2^+$	1,905	1.12
$\text{O}_2$	1,580	1.21
$\text{O}_2^-$	1,097	1.33
$\text{O}_2^{2-}$	802	1.49

Oxy-Myoglobin

$$\nu_{\text{O-O}}: 1105 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\nu_{\text{Fe-O}}: 572 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

Oxy-porphyrin  $\text{Fe}^{(\text{II})}\text{O}_2$

$$\nu_{^{16}\text{O}-^{16}\text{O}}: 1139 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\nu_{^{18}\text{O}-^{18}\text{O}}: 1076 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

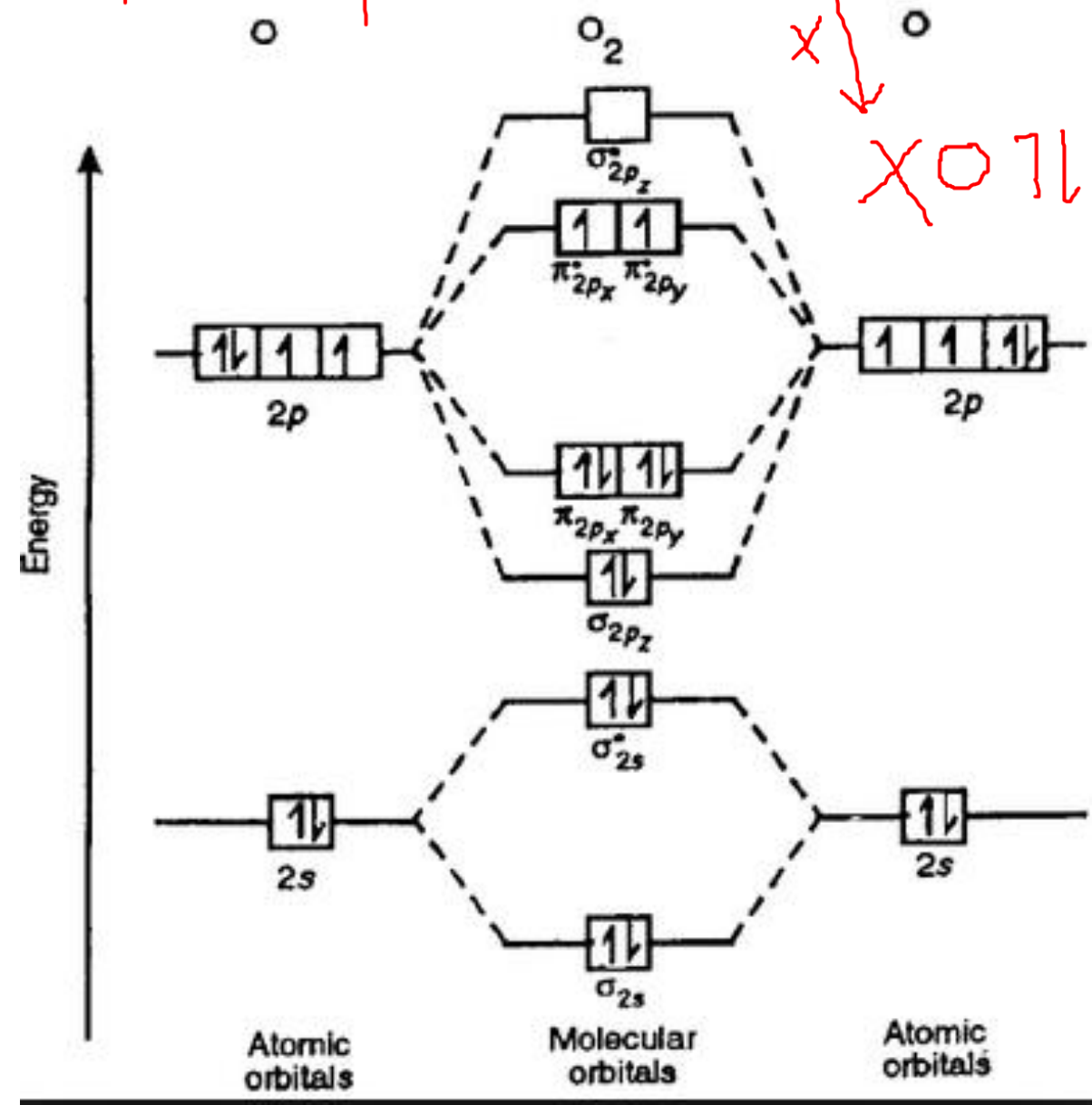
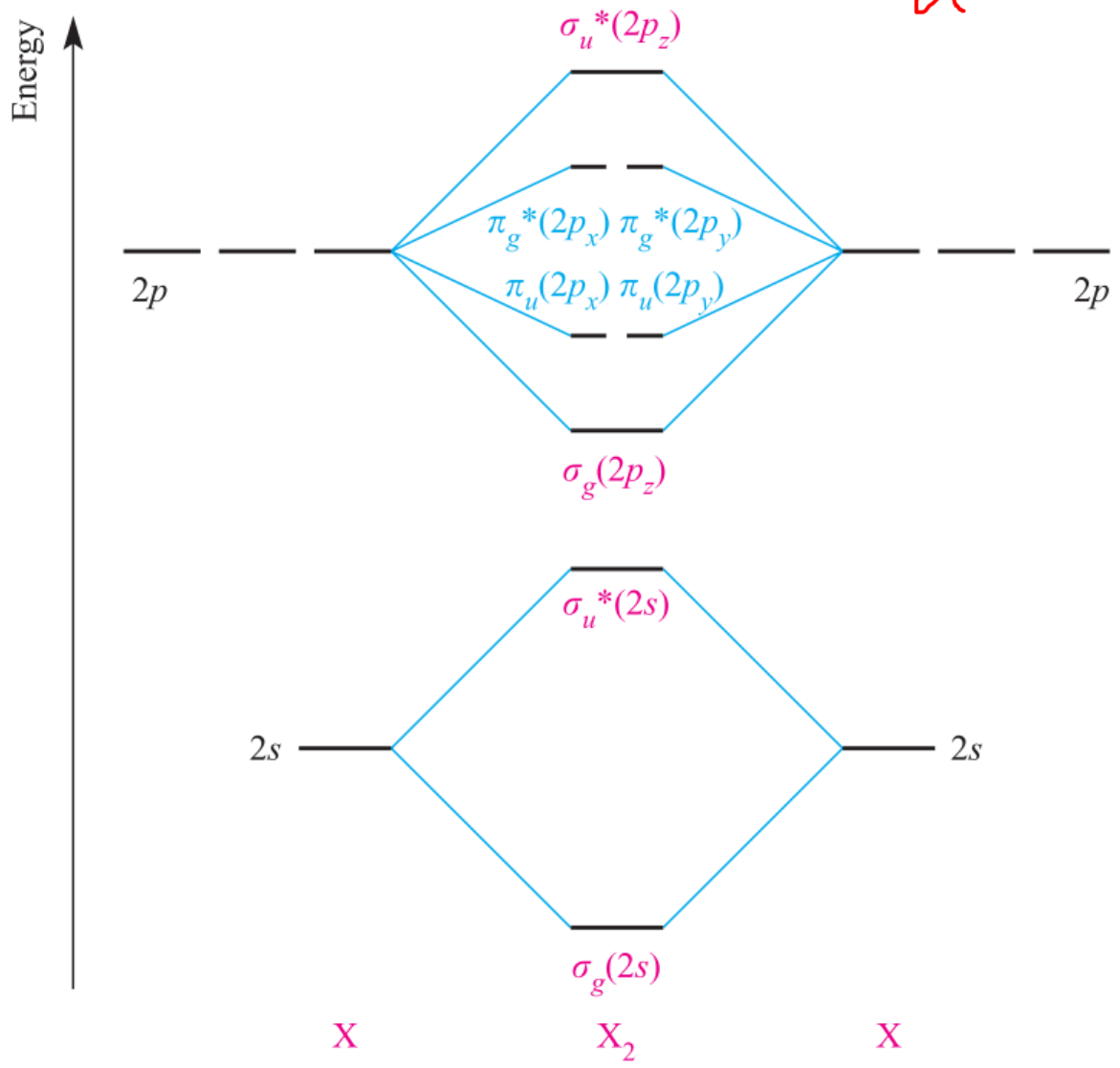
$$\nu_{\text{Fe-O}}: 568 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

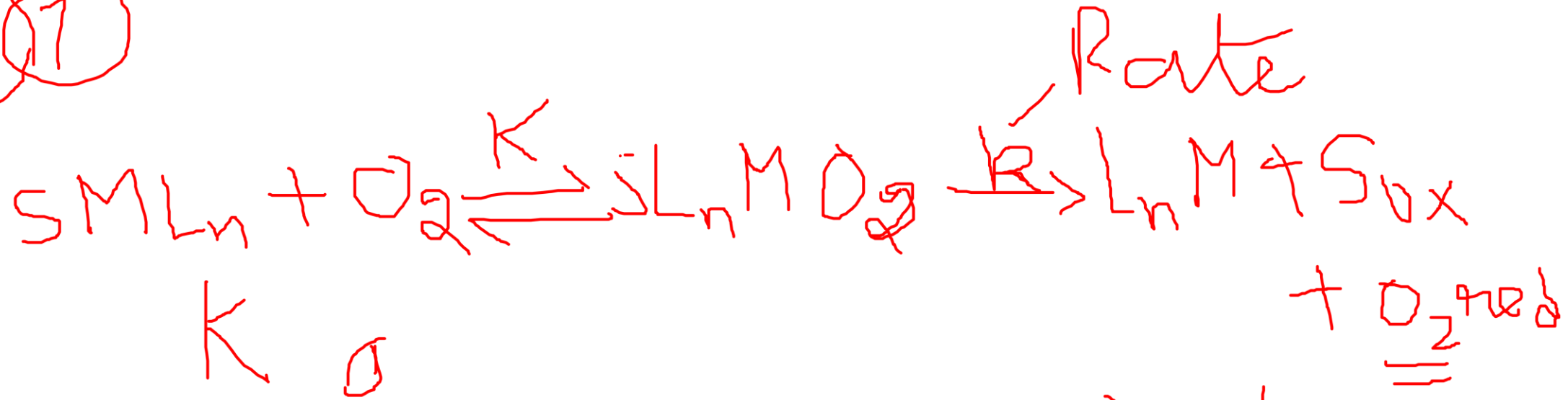
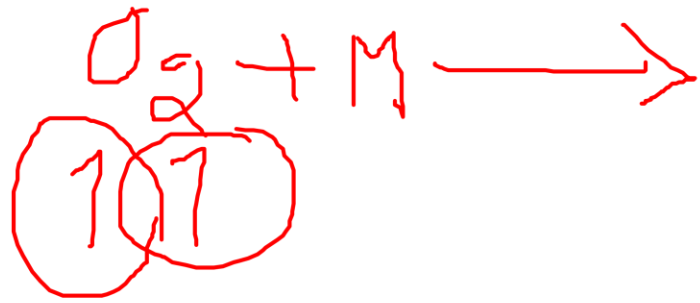
Oxy-hemerythrin (peroxide)

$$\nu_{\text{O-O}}: 844 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\nu_{\text{Fe-O}}: 503 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$







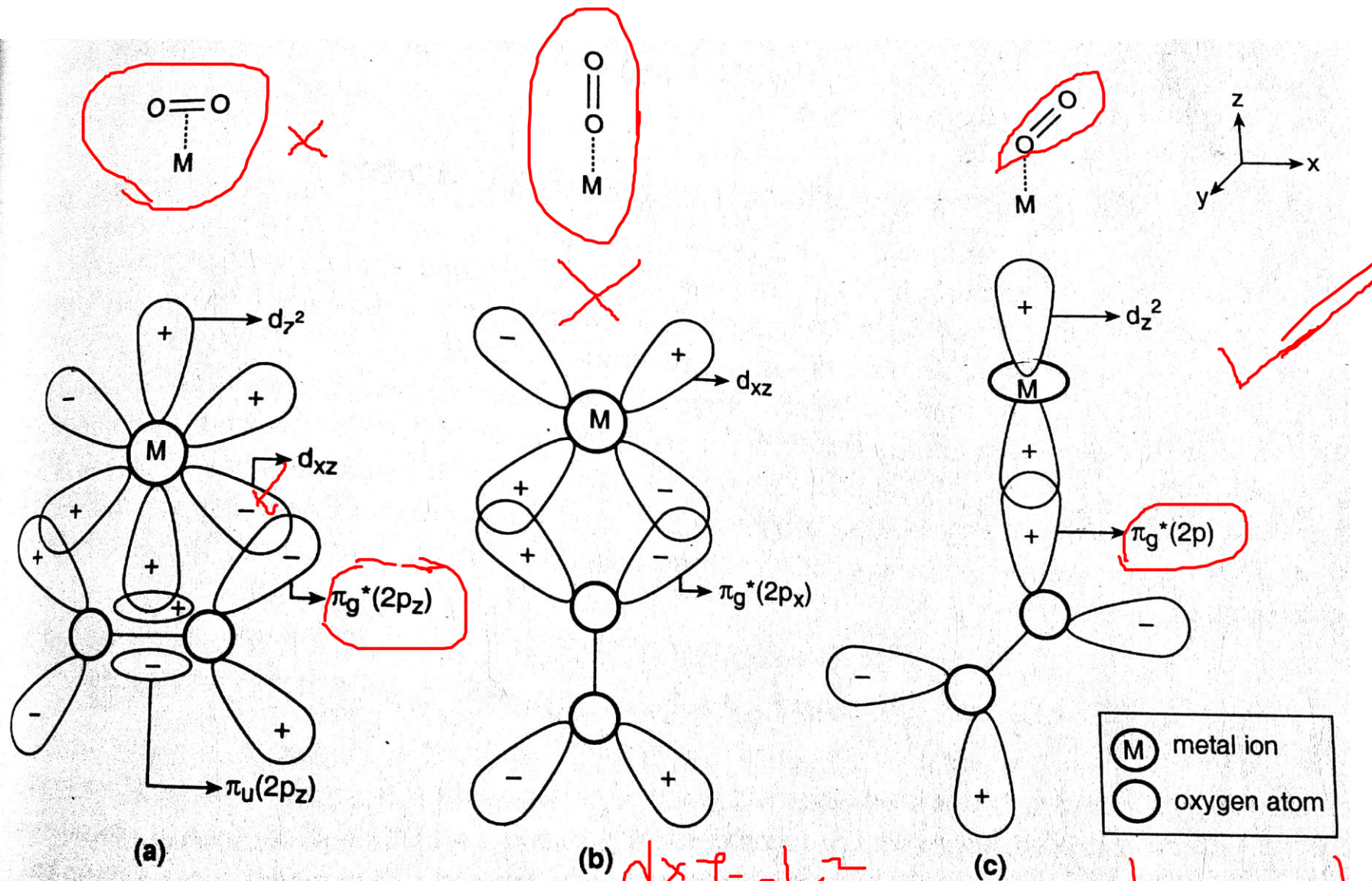
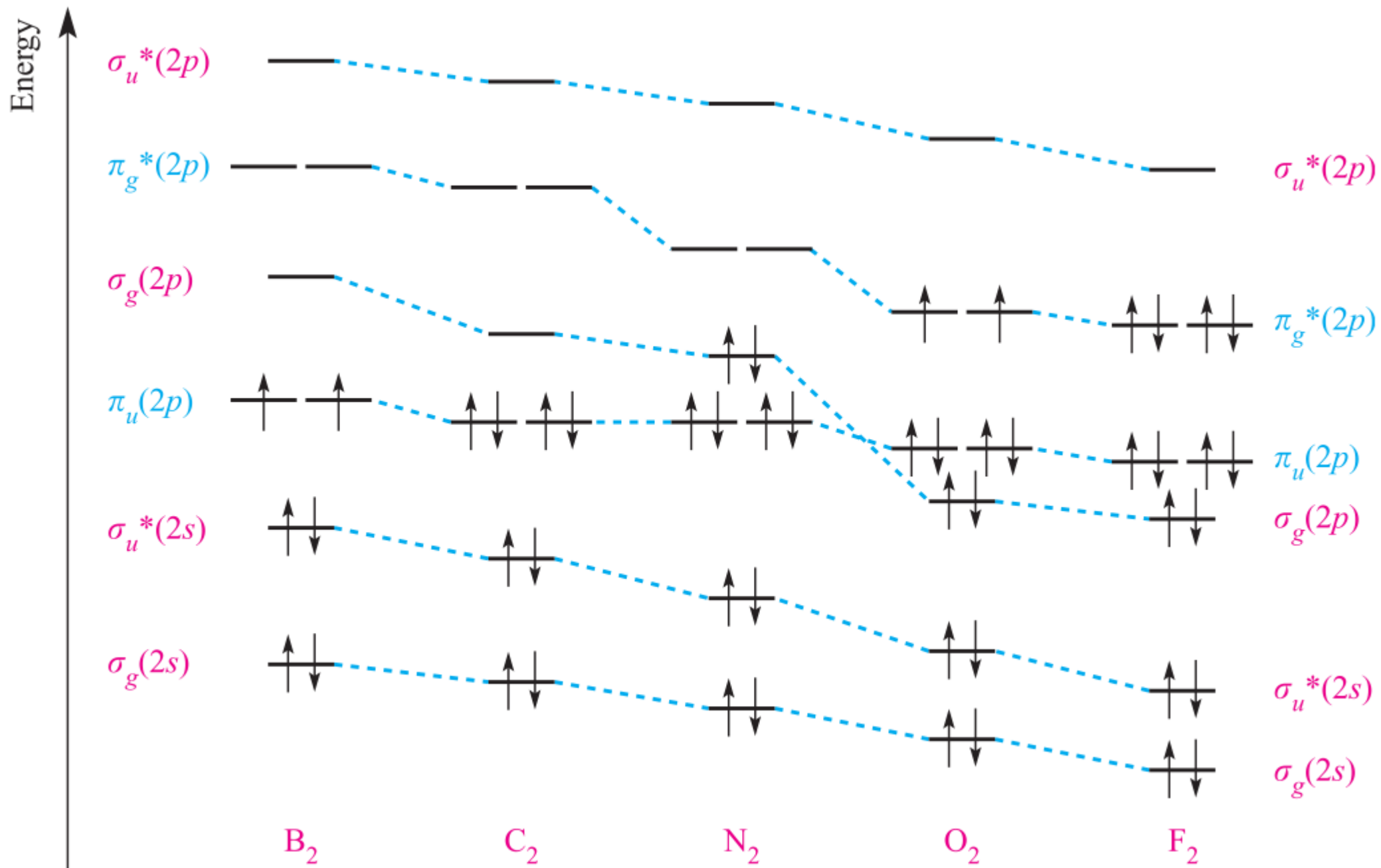


Figure 5.1.2.1: Different modes of bonding in  $M - O_2$  complexes. (a) Perpendicular mode (edge-on overlap); (b) Linear mode (end-on overlap); (c) Bent end-on overlap.





### 5.5.3 Characteristics of O<sub>2</sub>-Binding Interaction with Hb and Mb

The relative O<sub>2</sub> affinity of Hb can be explained by different types of **allosteric interactions** by O<sub>2</sub>, H<sup>+</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sup>-</sup> and 2,3-diphosphoglycerate (DPG) towards O<sub>2</sub>-binding with Hb. These allosteric effects are absent in Mb. These effects will be discussed in the following sections.

**(1) Cooperativity, Hill-plot, and allosteric effect :** The O<sub>2</sub>-binding curves (Fig. 5.5.2.1) can be explained by considering the **cooperative interaction** among the four heme units of Hb and **noncooperative** O<sub>2</sub>-binding with the heme unit of Mb. For Mb, the curve is **hyperbolic** while for Hb it is **sigmoidal (S shaped)** in nature. The O<sub>2</sub> affinity can be measured by p<sub>50</sub> which gives the partial pressure [p(O<sub>2</sub>)] of O<sub>2</sub>, at which 50% of oxygenation is attained. For Mb, p<sub>50</sub> is ~1.0 Torr while for Hb, p<sub>50</sub> is ~26 Torr. Mb has only one O<sub>2</sub>-binding site and the following equilibrium is relevant.



The parameter  $f_M$  (fraction of total Mb bearing O<sub>2</sub>) is :

$$f_M = \frac{[\text{MbO}_2]}{[\text{Mb}] + [\text{MbO}_2]} \quad (5.5.3.2)$$

$K_M$  can be expressed in terms of  $f_M$ .

$$K_M = \frac{f_M}{(1 - f_M)\{p(\text{O}_2)\}} = \frac{1}{p_{50}} \quad (5.5.3.3)$$

$$\text{or, } f_M = K_M p(\text{O}_2) / \{1 + K_M p(\text{O}_2)\} \quad (5.5.3.4)$$

At the value of  $f_M = 0.5$  (i.e. 50% of total Mb is oxygenated), the corresponding  $p(\text{O}_2)$  is denoted by  $p_{50}$  and it leads to  $1/K_M = p_{50}$ . The corresponding **Hill equation** is :

$$\log\left(\frac{f_M}{1-f_M}\right) = \log\{p(\text{O}_2)\} + \log K_M = \log\{p(\text{O}_2)\} - \log(p_{50}) \quad (5.5.3.5)$$

In the case of Hb, the corresponding expressions are complicated and the results are empirically formulated as follows for the process :  $\text{Hb} + n\text{O}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{Hb}(\text{O}_2)_n$

$$K_H = \frac{[\text{Hb}(\text{O}_2)_n]}{[\text{Hb}]\{p(\text{O}_2)\}^n} = \frac{f_H}{(1-f_H)\{p(\text{O}_2)\}^n} = \frac{1}{(p_{50})^n} ; f_H = K_H \{p(\text{O}_2)\}^n / [1 + K_H \{p(\text{O}_2)\}^n] \quad (5.5.3.6)$$

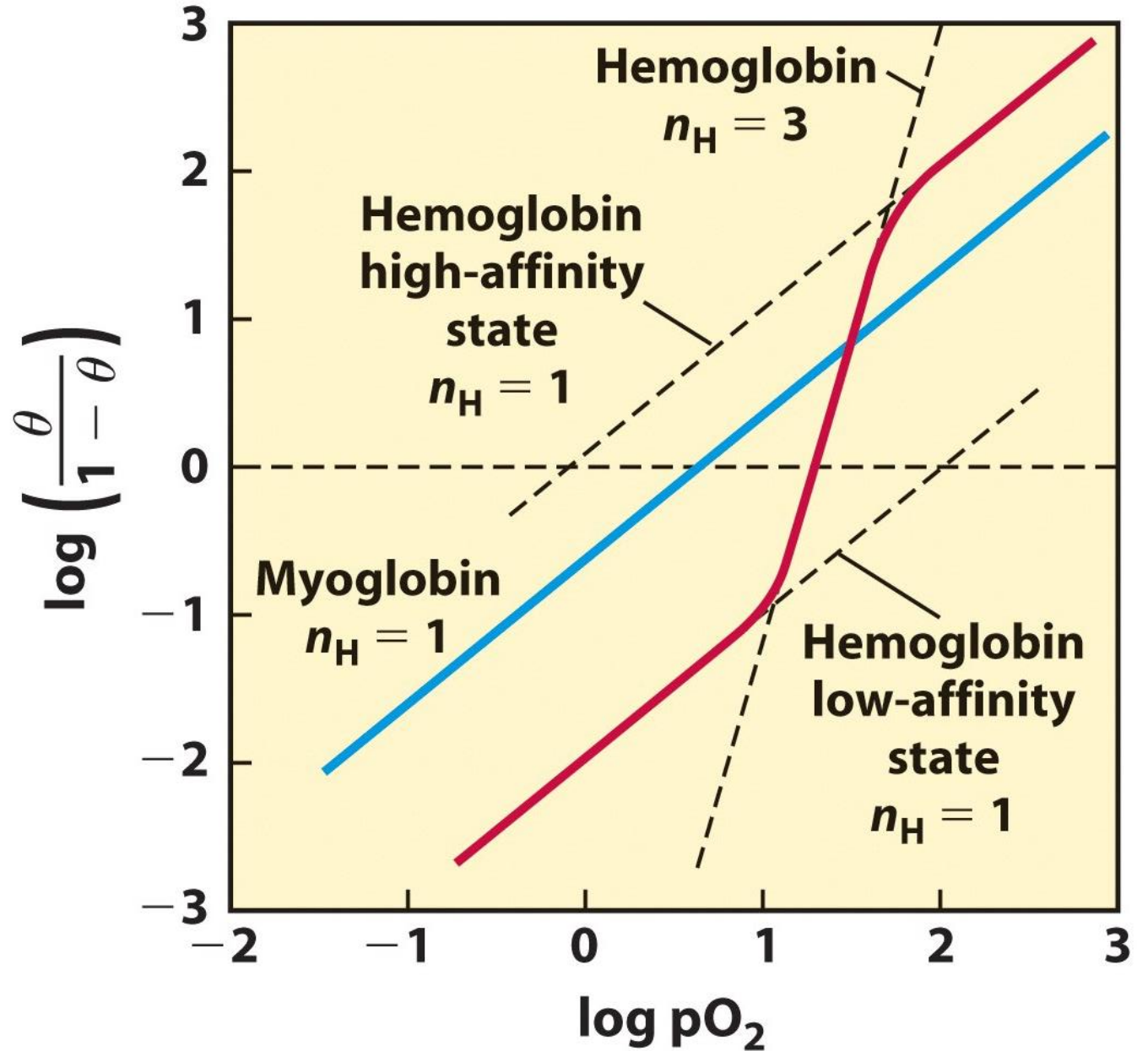
$$\log\left(\frac{f_H}{1-f_H}\right) = n \log\{p(\text{O}_2)\} + \log K_H = n \log\{p(\text{O}_2)\} - n \log(p_{50}) \quad (5.5.3.7)$$

For Hb, the exponent  $n$  ( $= 2.8$ ) referred to as **Hill coefficient** is obtained from Hill equation (Eqn. 5.5.3.7). In fact, for Mb,  $n = 1$ . For Hb,  $n > 1$ , and it indicates that  $\text{O}_2$ -binding in the subunits of Hb is *interdependent* and it suggests **positive cooperativity** among the heme units due to *heme-heme interaction*.

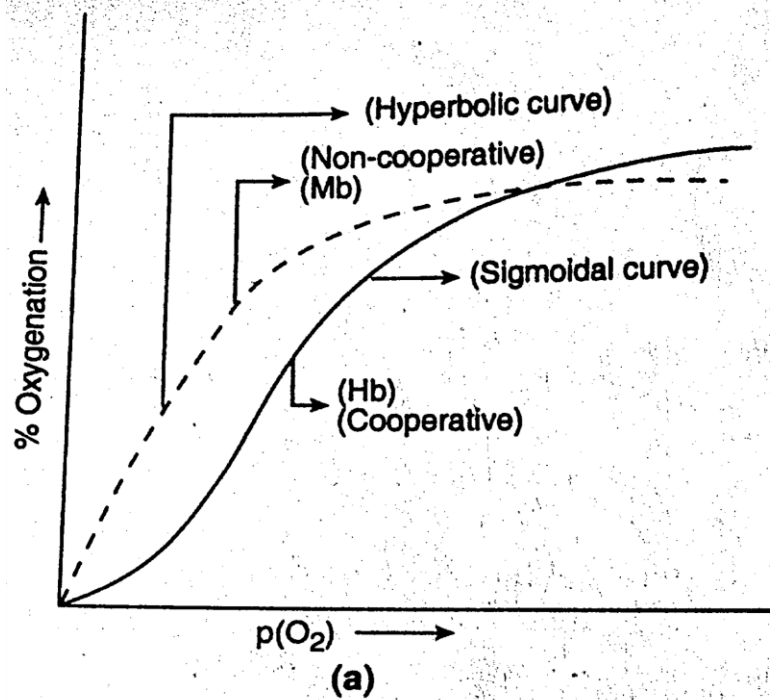


# Hills Plot

- ❖ Hill co-efficient value  $n$ :  
For  $O_2$  Storage protein  $n = 1$   
e.g. Myoglobin, Hemerythrin
- ❖ For  $O_2$  Transport proteins
  - ✓ Hemoglobin  $n = 3$
  - ✓ Hemocyanin  $n = 9$

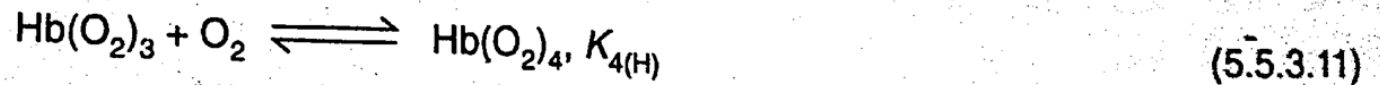
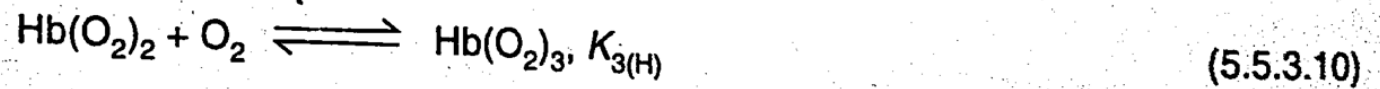
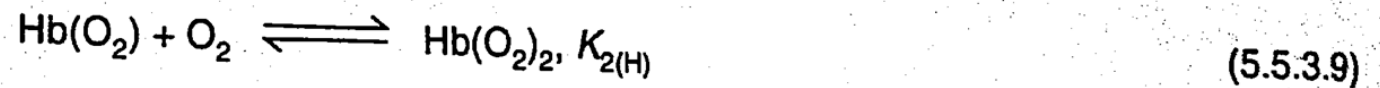


## Allosteric Interaction – Effect of Cooperative effect on Hemoglobin



The phenomena of cooperativity and noncooperativity can be explained by the Hill plot,  $\log \{f/(1-f)\}$  versus  $\log \{p(O_2)\}$  (Fig. 5.5.3.1). The linear Hill plot with a slope of unity indicates noncooperativity (as for Mb), while the slope greater than unity suggests positive cooperativity. To characterise the cooperativity for Hb, the  $O_2$ -binding data at intermediate saturation (i.e.  $0.2 < f < 0.8$ ) yield a straight line in Hill plot with a slope close to 3. It is worth noting that at low values of  $f$  ( $< 0.2$ ) and high values of  $f$  ( $> 0.8$ ) for Hb, **no cooperativity (i.e.  $n = 1$ )** is noticed from the corresponding Hill plot. For hemocyanine (Hc), the cooperativity is very high and the Hill coefficient is as high as 9. For hemerythrin (Hr), the Hill coefficient is close to unity. Generally, **cooperativity ( $n > 1$ )** is noted for the oxygen transport proteins (e.g. Hb, Hc) while **noncooperativity ( $n = 1$ )** is noted for the oxygen storage proteins (e.g. Mb, Hr).

The phenomenon of cooperativity in Hb can also be explained by considering the corresponding step-wise  $O_2$ -binding constants.



Due to the positive cooperativity among the subunits of Hb, the successive  $O_2$ -binding constants increase, (i.e.  $K_{1(H)} < K_{2(H)} < K_{3(H)} < K_{4(H)}$ ) against the **normal statistical order**  $K_{1(H)} > K_{2(H)} > K_{3(H)} > K_{4(H)}$ .

The cooperative interaction where the binding of one molecule of a substance (e.g. binding of  $O_2$  in Hb) influences the binding of next molecules of the same kind is described to as a **homotropic allosteric interaction**. Similarly, a **heterotropic allosteric interaction** involves



the cooperative interaction among the different types of substances binding with the target protein. All these allosteric interactions are absent in Mb.

**(2) Effect of  $H^+$ ,  $CO_2$  and  $Cl^-$  on  $O_2$ -binding interaction with Hb :** Both  $H^+$  and  $CO_2$  show a heterotropic allosteric interaction due to which increasing concentration of these species reduces the affinity of deoxy-Hb towards  $O_2$ . In the working tissues,  $CO_2$  and lactic acid are produced. Lactic acid is produced from the incomplete oxidation of glucose due to insufficient supply of  $O_2$ . Thus in the working tissues, the lower pH stimulates the release of  $O_2$  from oxy-Hb. The effect of pH on  $O_2$  affinity of Hb is described as **Bohr effect** (Fig. 5.5.2.1b) (named after the discoverer, Christian Bohr, father of physicist Niels Bohr). A very large Bohr effect leading to a sharp decrease of  $O_2$  affinity with decreasing pH is known as **Root effect** which is important for some kinds of fish, probably in maintaining proper buoyancy.

In the alveolar capillaries of the lungs, the high concentration of  $O_2$  unloads  $H^+$  and  $CO_2$  from hemoglobin through oxygenation. This effect is described as **Haldane effect**, a reciprocal Bohr effect (due to which high concentration of  $H^+$  and  $CO_2$  in the active tissues removes off  $O_2$  from oxy-Hb).  $Cl^-$  binds more strongly with the deoxy-Hb and thus  $O_2$ -affinity of Hb decreases with the increase of  $Cl^-$  concentration.



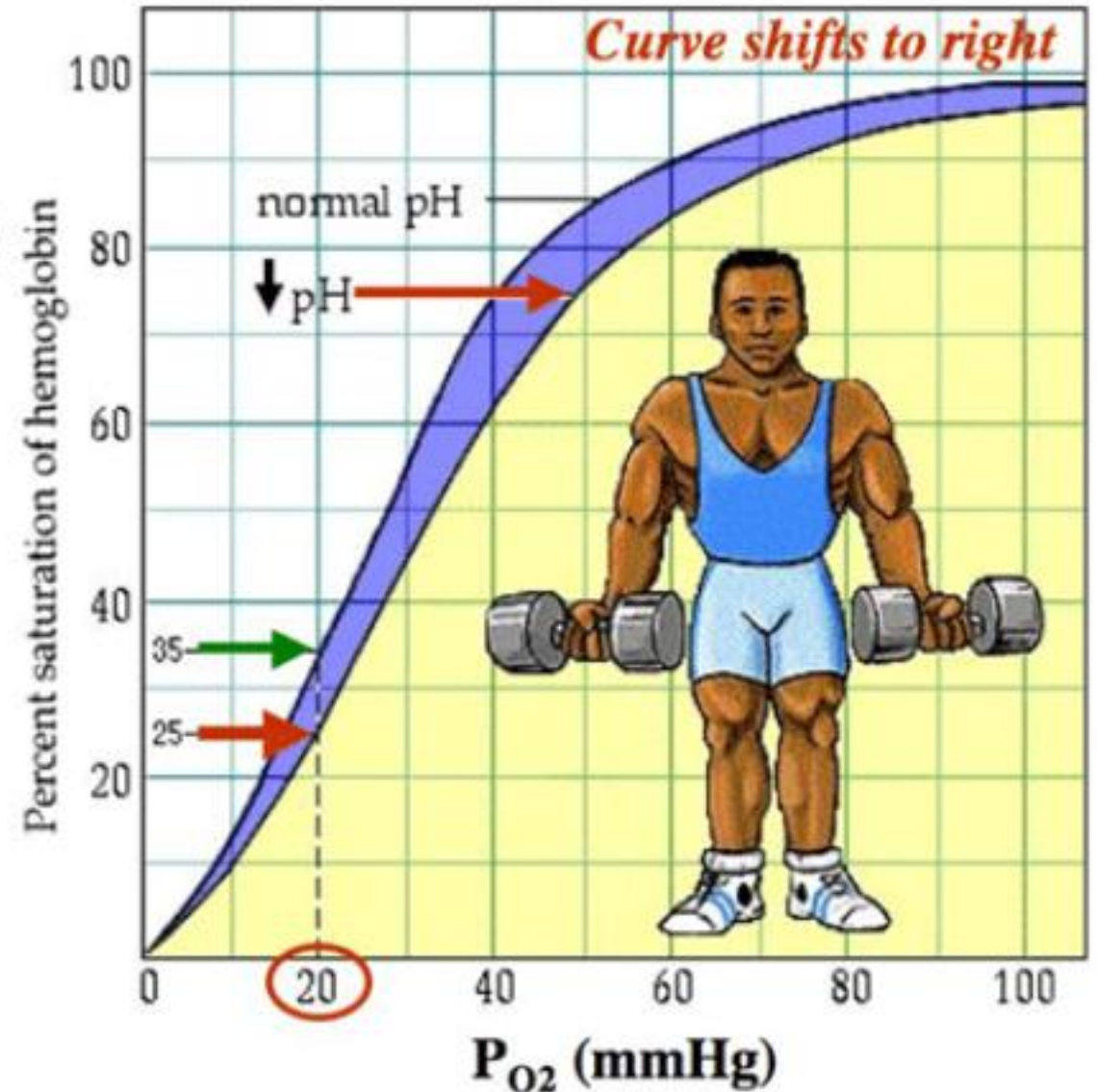
# Oxygen-hemoglobin Dissociation: Exercise

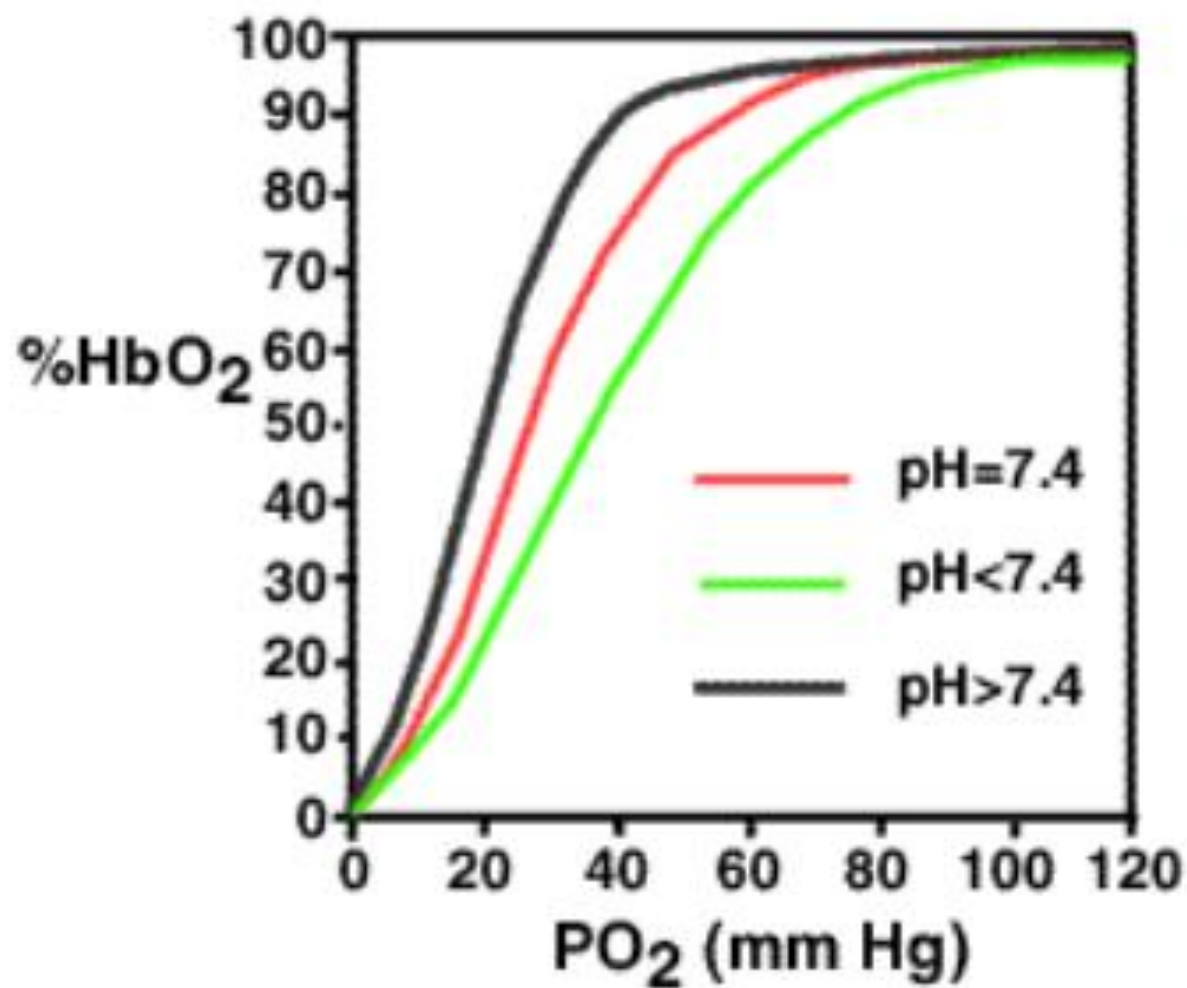
## Bohr Effect

### Factors shifting curve to **right**

- ↓ pH (more acidic)
- ↑ Temperature
- ↑  $P_{CO_2}$
- ↑ 2,3-BPG

Called  
**Bohr effect**





The **red** line on the graph represents the dissociation curve at a normal pH (pH = 7.4).

The **green** line represents the curve in the blood of exercising tissues, shifted to the right of the normal curve.

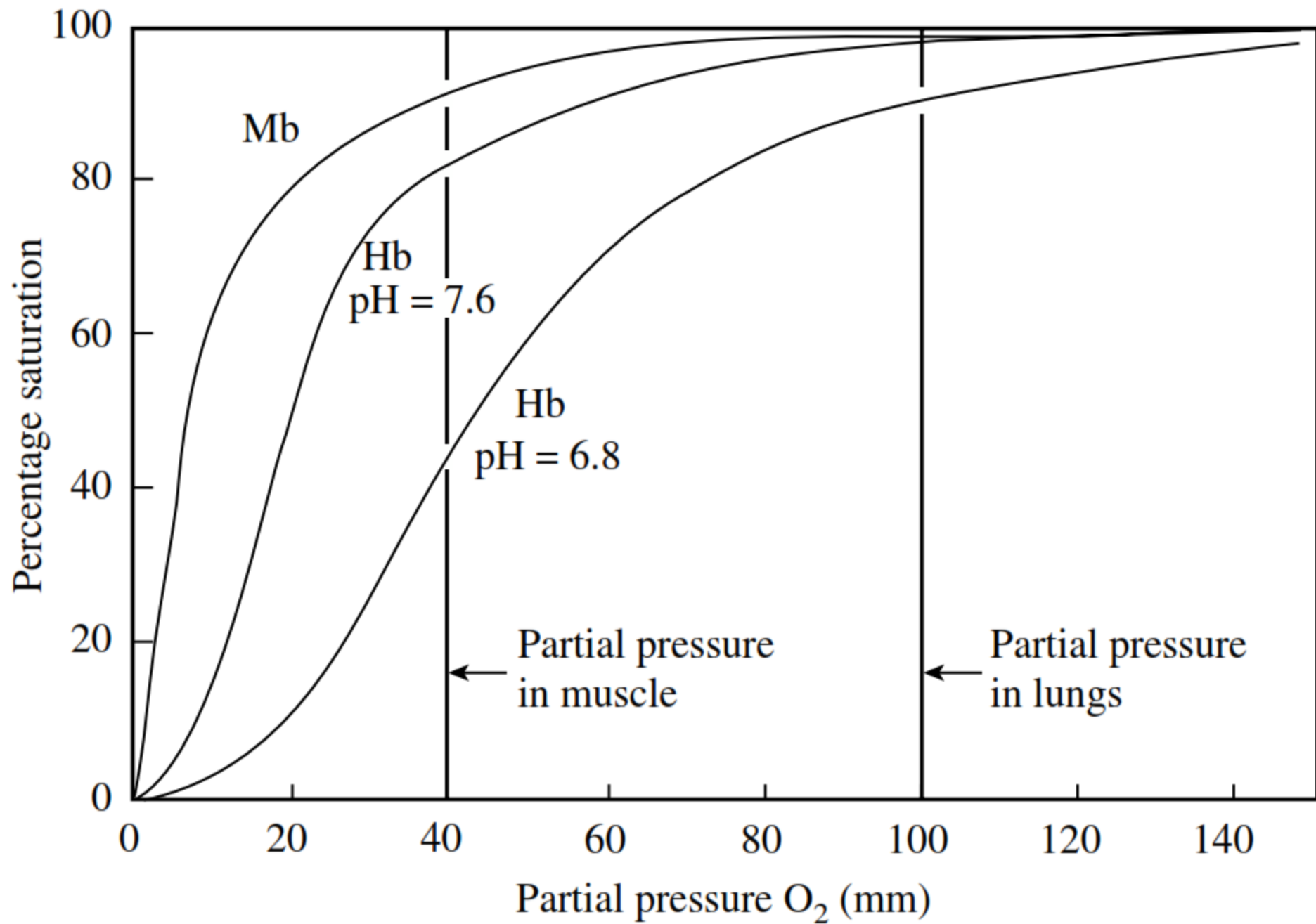
The **black** line represents the curve in the blood at the lungs, shifted to the left of the normal curve.

Higher  $\text{PCO}_2$  = Higher  $[\text{H}^+]$  = Lower pH = Shift to the **RIGHT**

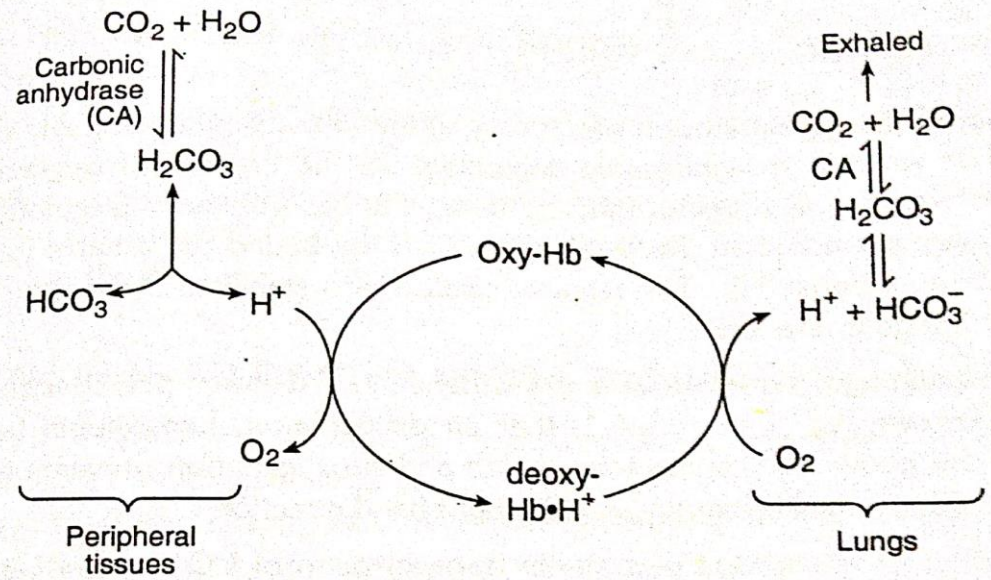
Lower  $\text{PCO}_2$  = Lower  $[\text{H}^+]$  = Higher pH = Shift to the **LEFT**

- Increased temperature, such as in exercising tissues, shifts the curve to the right releasing oxygen.
- Decreased temperature shifts the curve to the left, enhancing oxygen uptake.

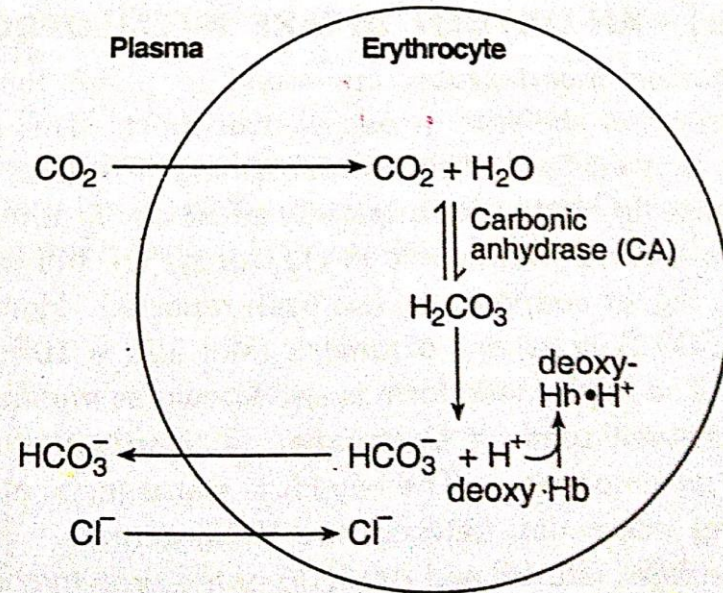




# Transport of CO<sub>2</sub> through Hemoglobin

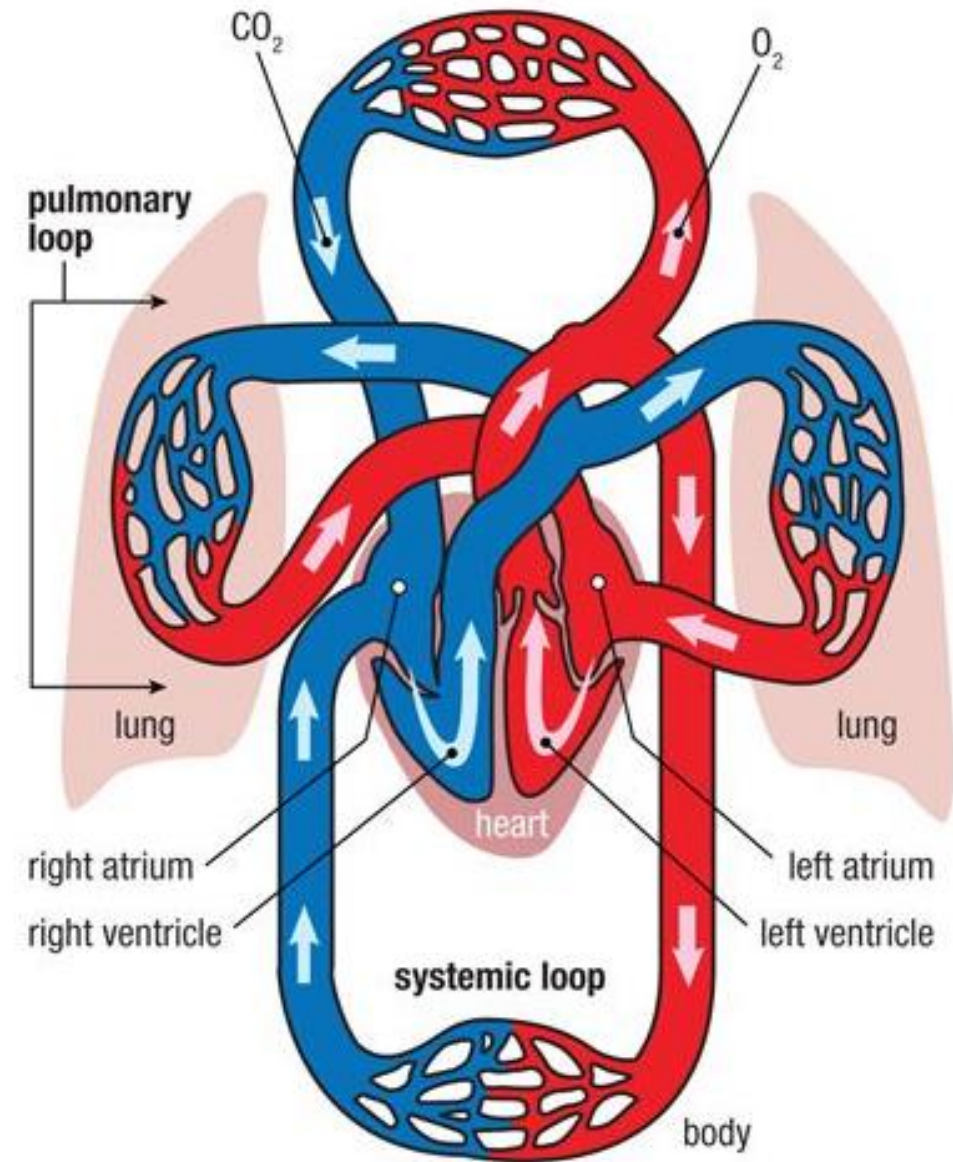
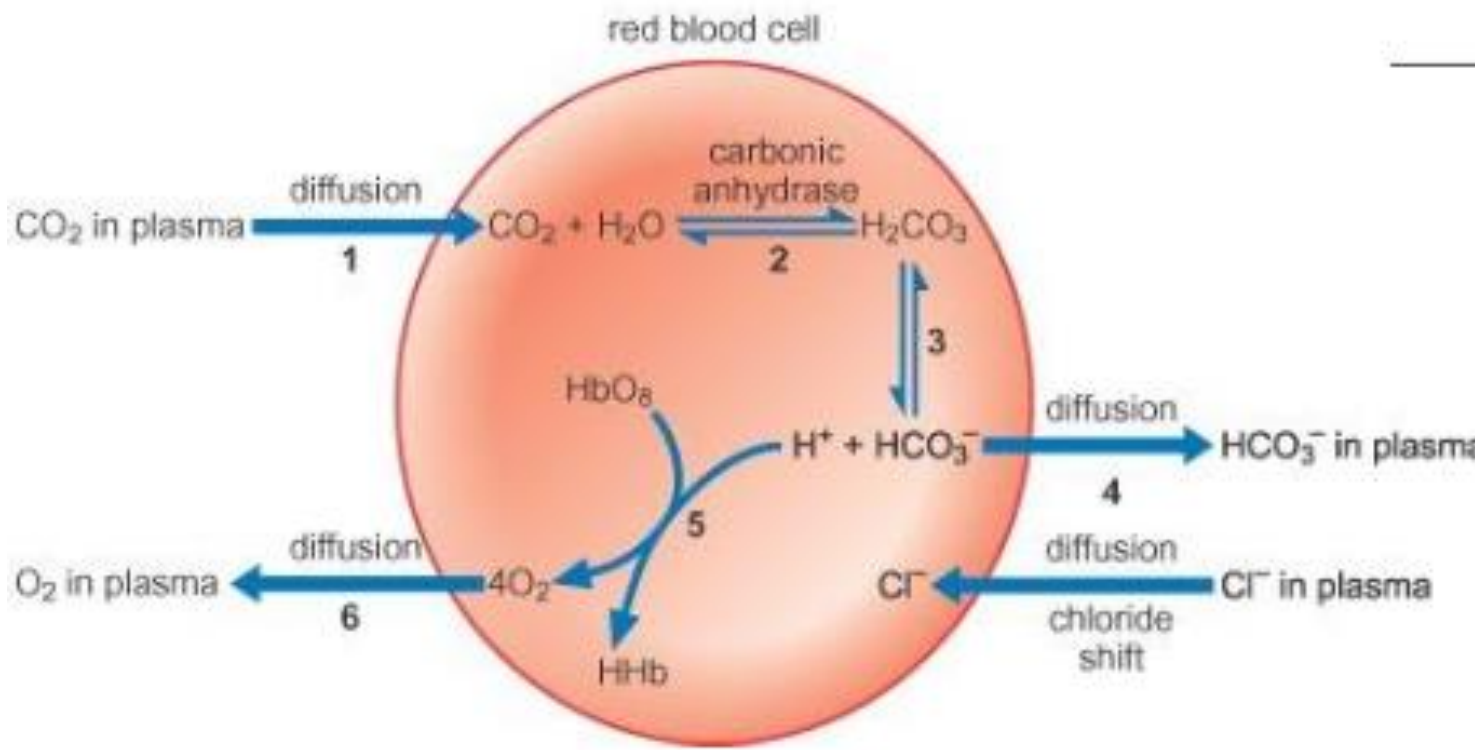


Scheme 5.6.1: Transport of CO<sub>2</sub> through the mediation of hemoglobin.



Scheme 5.6.2: Generation of bicarbonate by the erythrocyte and the chloride shift phenomenon

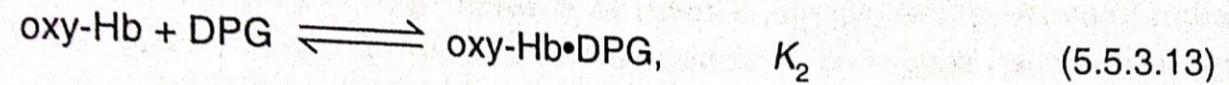
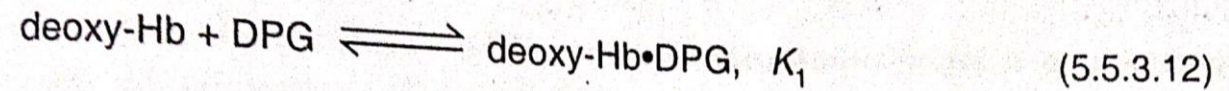




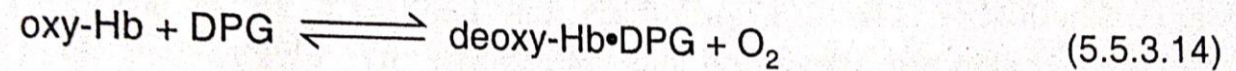


## Importance of 2,3-diphosphoglycerate

(3) **Effect of 2,3-diphosphoglycerate (DPG) (presently described as 2,3-bisphosphoglycerate, i.e. 2,3-BPG) on  $O_2$  affinity of Hb** : DPG shows a heterotropic allosteric effect due to which  $O_2$  affinity of Hb decreases with the increase of DPG concentration. In the active tissues, the higher concentration of DPG stimulates the release of  $O_2$  from oxy-Hb. In human red cells, DPG is present at about the same molar concentration as Hb. In the absence of DPG,  $p_{50}$  is ~1 Torr like that of Mb while in the presence of DPG, normal blood cells show  $p_{50} \approx 26$  Torr for Hb. In fact, DPG binds with Hb in 1 : 1 molar complex with the binding constants ( $K_1 \gg K_2$ ) in the following equilibria.



It leads to favour the following equilibrium,



In fact, this function of DPG as a sensitive control to release  $O_2$  from oxy-Hb has been exploited in adaptation to **hypoxia** (when there is a disorder in  $O_2$  delivery in active tissues). The DPG concentration also *increases at higher altitudes and helps to release more oxygen from oxy-Hb at a given pressure of oxygen*. In anemic condition, the DPG concentration also increases to cope with the oxygen demand of the body. The effect of DPG on  $O_2$  affinity of Hb is shown in Fig. 5.5.3.2.

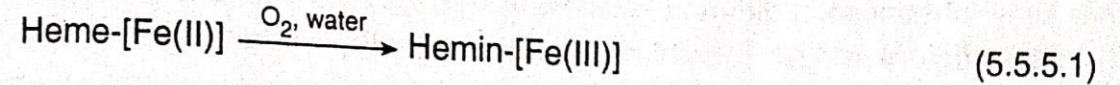
Another interesting example involving the allosteric effect of DPG explains the mechanism of transfer of  $O_2$  from mother to developing fetus across the placenta. It has been found that the DPG binds more strongly to adult **Hb-A** ( $\alpha_2\beta_2$ ) than to **fetal Hb-F** ( $\alpha_2\gamma_2$ ). Consequently, fetal Hb-F has a high  $O_2$  affinity compared to that of mother's adult Hb-A and this enables the transfer of  $O_2$  from mother to fetus.



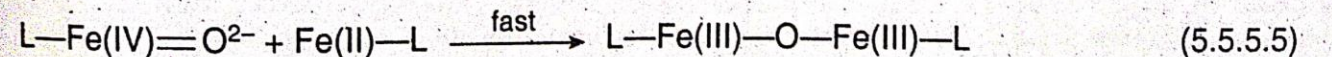
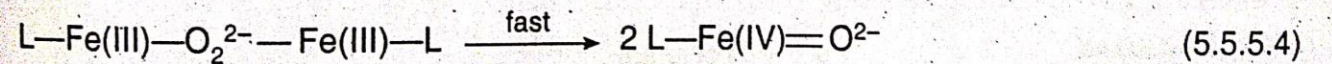
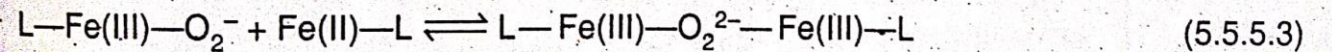
## Fe(II)/Fe(III) Irreversible Oxidation – Hematin Formation

### 5.5.5 Chemical and Steric Protection of Heme from its Irreversible Oxidation

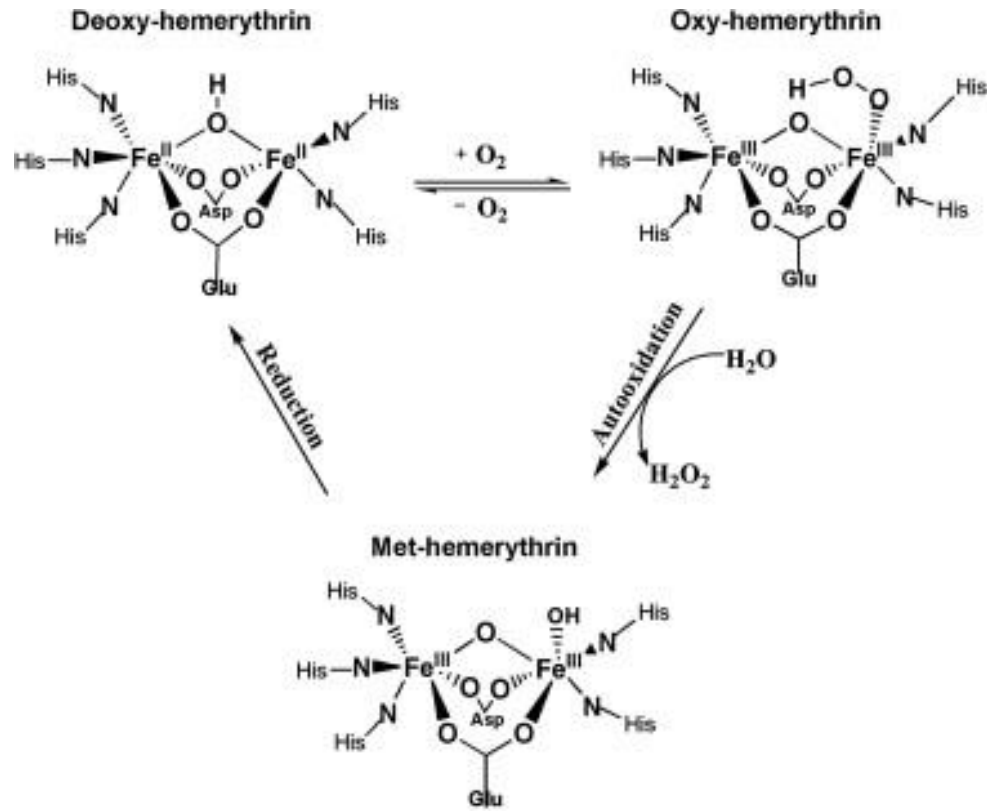
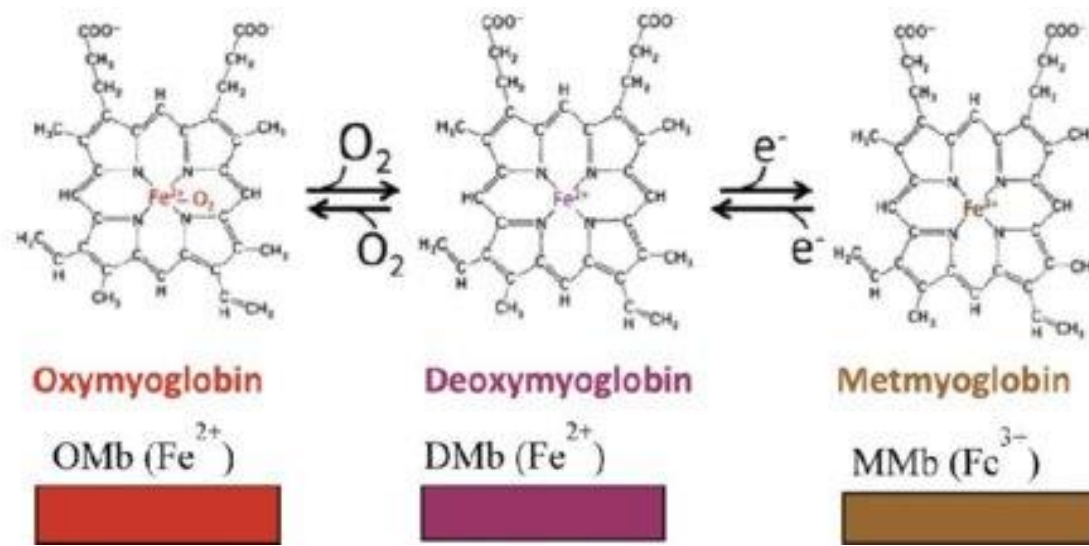
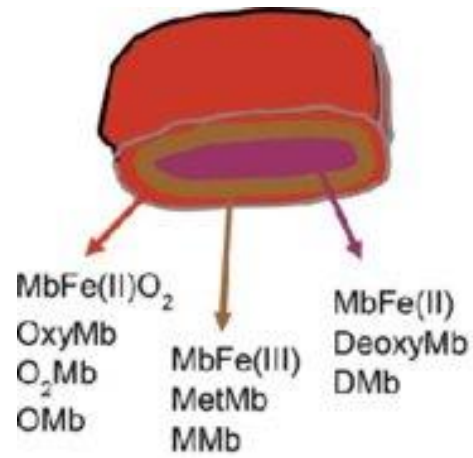
In hemoglobin and myoglobin, iron is present as  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in deoxy-forms. At biological pH ( $\sim 7.0$ ), free heme-group (without the globin protein) gets irreversibly oxidised by air (i.e.  $\text{O}_2$ ) in aqueous media to give **hemin or hematin** consisting of Fe(III).



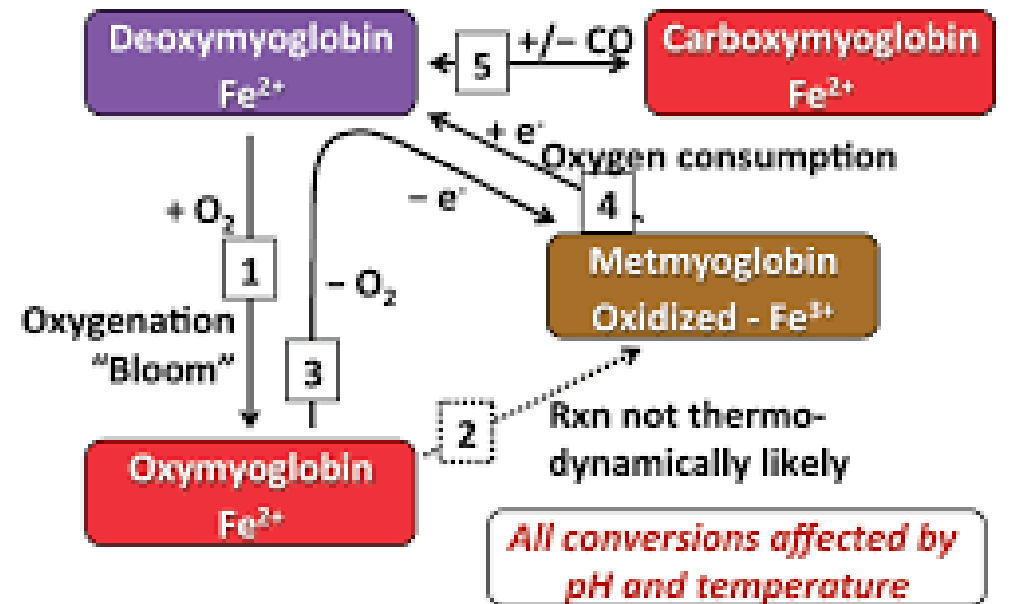
The oxidised forms containing Fe(III) of hemoglobin and myoglobin are described as **methemoglobin** (Met-Hb) and **metmyoglobin** (Met-Mb) respectively. These irreversibly oxidised forms are of no use from the standpoint of oxygen transport. It is the basic requirement of an oxygen carrier to deliver the bound  $\text{O}_2$  unchanged. There are some evidences to support the fact that in oxy-Hb, iron remains as Fe(III) and  $\text{O}_2$  remains as  $\text{O}_2^-$  (superoxide), i.e. a redox reaction has occurred upon oxygenation (all these facts will be discussed in dealing with the bonding mechanism cf. Sec. 5.5.9 and Fig. 5.5.9.2). Obviously, to act as an oxygen carrier, oxy-Hb must be able to reverse the reaction rapidly at the cell where the  $\text{O}_2$  is to be delivered. In fact, this condition of reversibility is attained only when the heme unit is folded by the globin protein. **Without this globin protein, Fe(II) will be irreversibly oxidised.** Before to understand how the globin protein prevents this irreversible oxidation, it is important to discuss the mechanism of irreversible oxidation of Fe(II)—L. These are shown in the following reactions.



**Nature protects heme-[Fe(II)] as follows :** (i) Thus the irreversible oxidation passes through the formation of peroxo- and oxo-bridged binuclear complexes. Formation of this type of binuclear



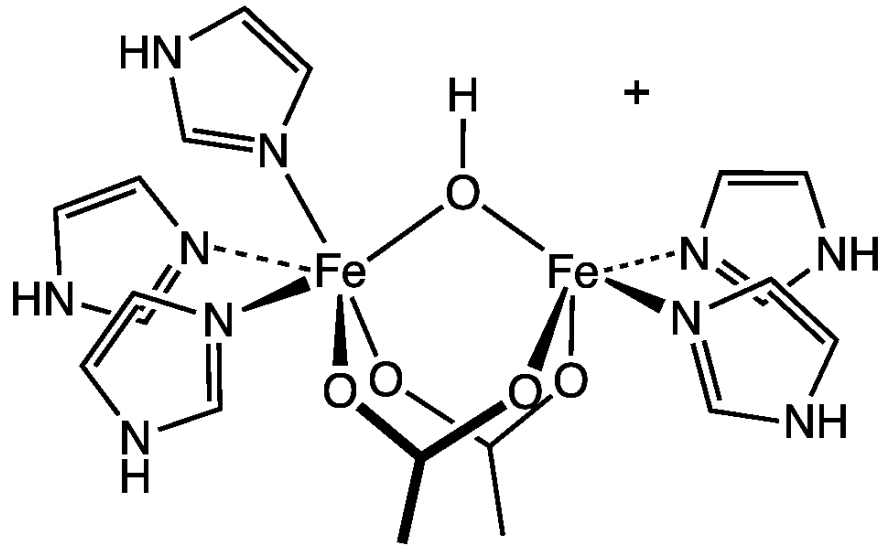
### Chemistry of the Fresh Meat Color Triangle



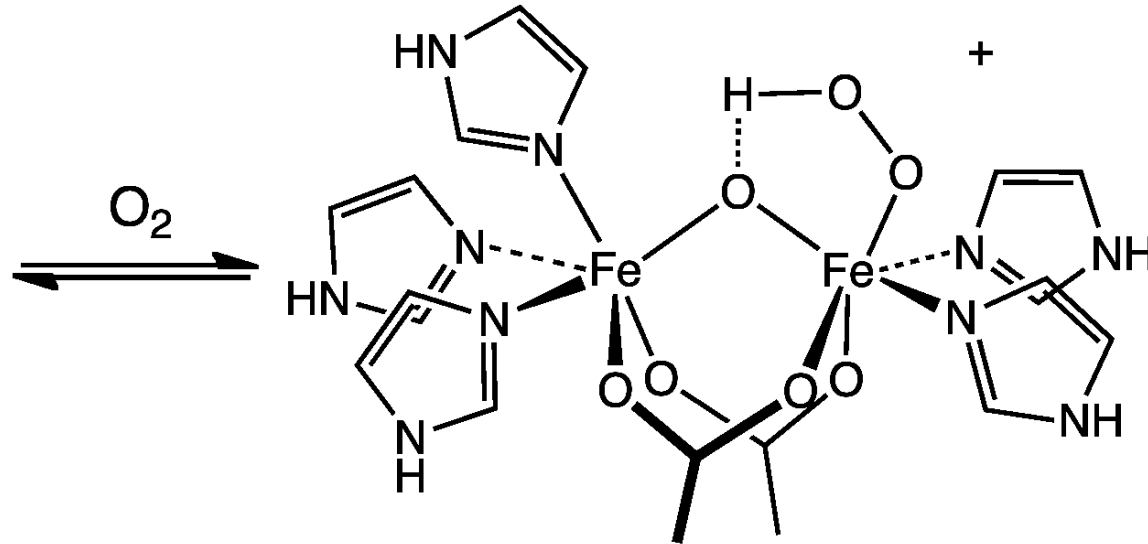


# Hemerythrin

Deoxy form (Colourless)



oxy form (Violet)- 360nm absorption



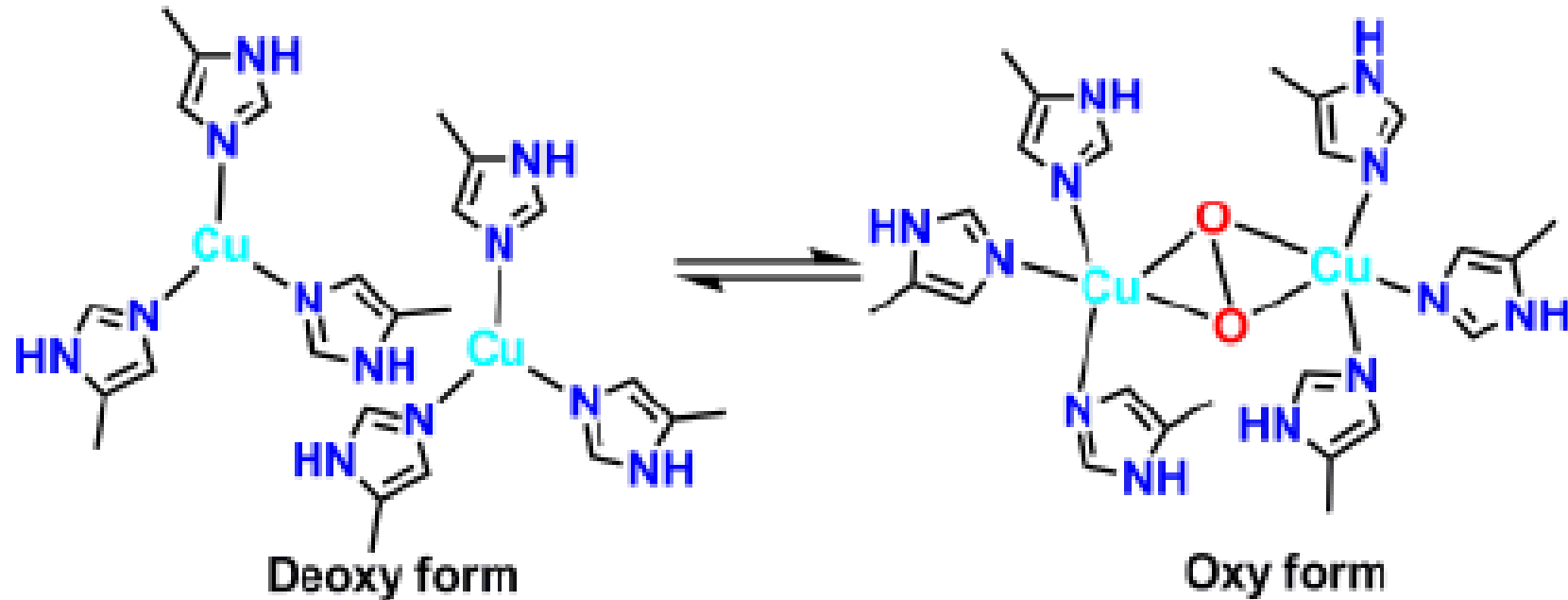
Marine invertebrates; **monomeric - 13500 Da and octameric - 108,000 Da Hill coefficient of 1.2 to 1.4;** The uptake of  $O_2$  by hemerythrin is accompanied by two-electron oxidation of the diferrous centre (Glu58 and Asp106) to produce a diferric hydroperoxide ( $OOH^-$ ) complex FT-IR  $\nu_{O-O} = 844\text{ cm}^{-1}$

Deoxyhemerythrin contains two high-spin ferrous ions bridged by hydroxyl group. One iron is hexacoordinate and another is pentacoordinate. A hydroxyl group serves as a bridging ligand but also functions as a proton donor to the  $O_2$  substrate. This proton-transfer result in the formation of a single oxygen atom ( $\mu$ -oxo) bridge in oxy-hemerythrin (diamagnetic, Fe(III)-Fe(III))

$O_2$  binds to the pentacoordinate  $Fe^{2+}$  centre at the vacant coordination site. Then electrons are transferred from the ferrous ions to generate the binuclear ferric ( $Fe^{3+}, Fe^{3+}$ ) centre with bound peroxide.

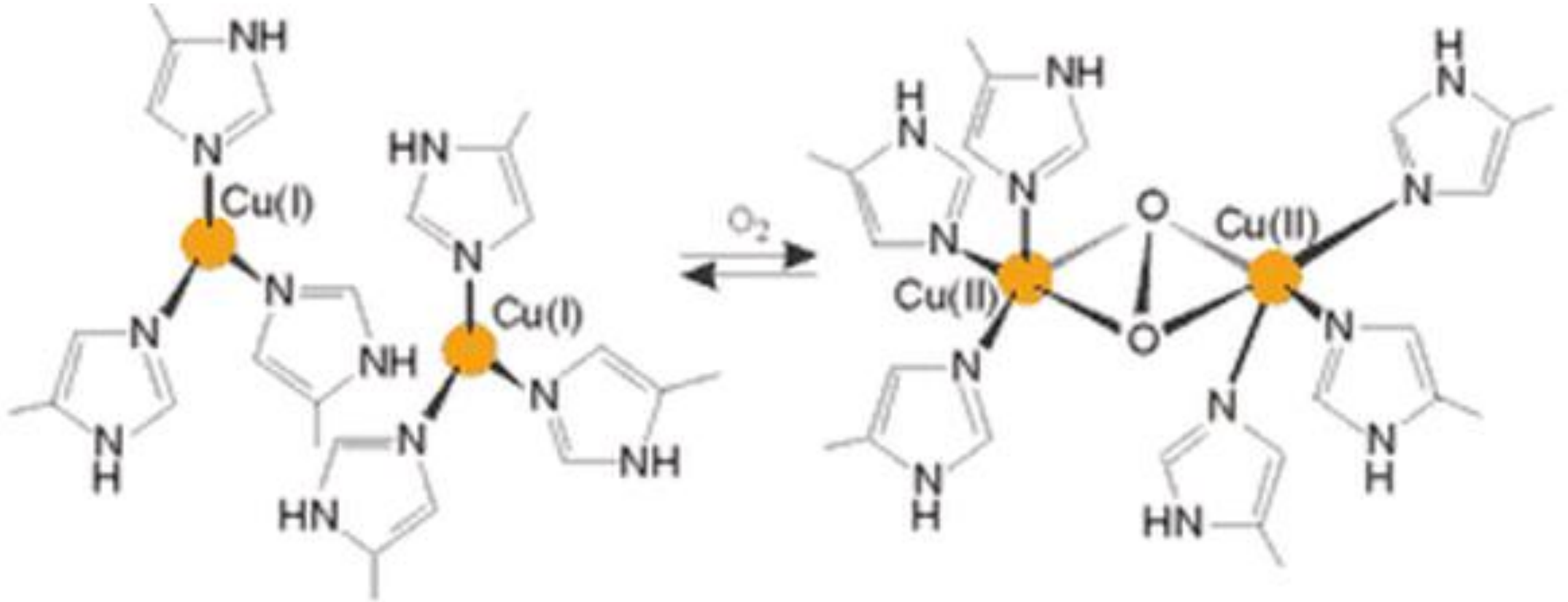
## Hemocyanine:

In many organisms, like arthropods (lobster, scorpion 77,000 D) and molluscs (snail, octopi etc 53000 D), oxygen is transported by Cu - containing haemocyanin protein. HC are polymeric of 6, 12, 24, 48 subunits and no monomer is found. These metalloproteins contain two copper atoms that reversibly bind a single oxygen molecule ( $O_2$ ) Hill co eff - 9



The deoxy form of the protein contains Cu(I) colorless and diamagnetic that undergoes oxidation to Cu(II) in its oxy form, peroxo-bridged dicopper(II) species, intense blue ( $\lambda = 580 \text{ nm}$   $\epsilon = 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). In the deoxy form each copper center is tri-coordinated by three histidine units. The distance between the two copper centers is 4.60 Å. This shows no direct interactions between the two atoms. The deoxy form is colorless. Upon coordination with oxygen copper centers undergo to Cu(II) from Cu(I) and hence, a blue color appears due to peroxo-to-Cu(II) charge transfer FT-IR  $\nu_{\text{o-o}} = 744 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

# Hemocyanine





## Summary of O<sub>2</sub> storage and Transport Proteins

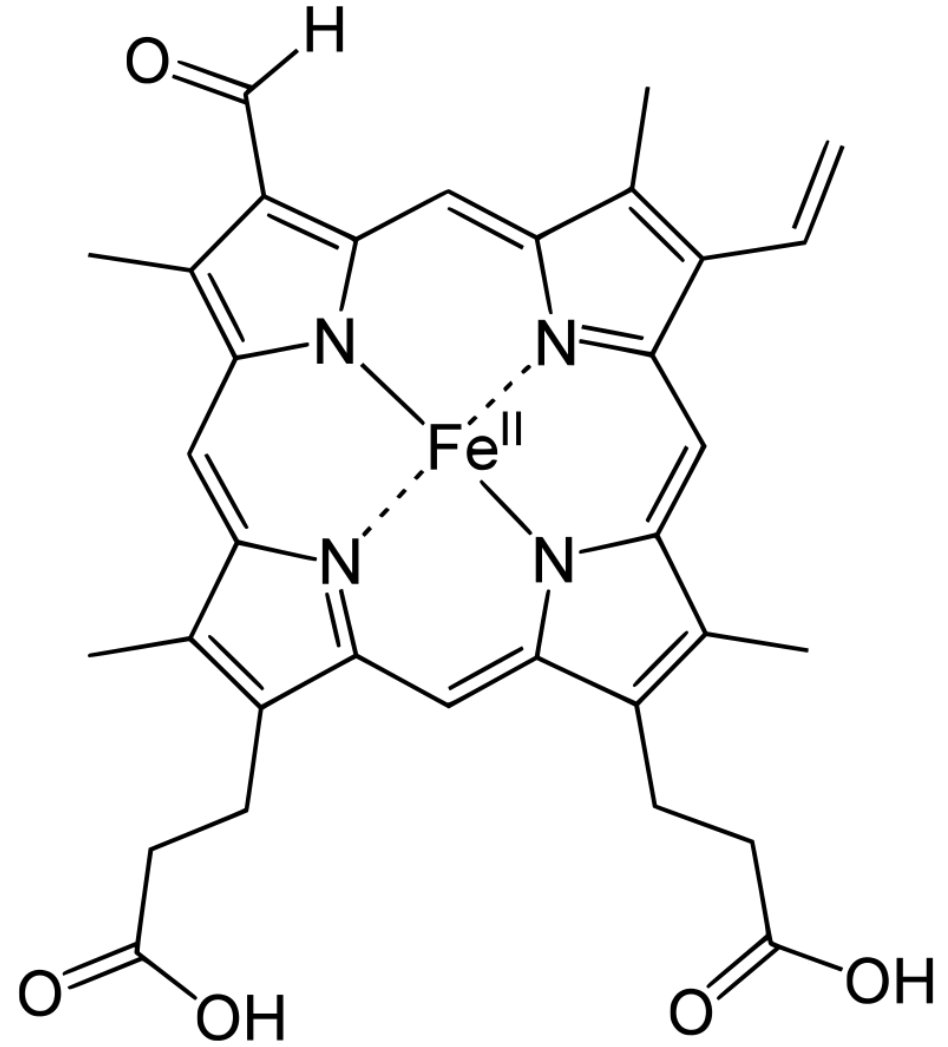
Table 6.1. Comparison of some properties of respiratory pigments

S. No.	Property	Myoglobin	Hemoglobin	Hemerythrin	Hemocyanin
1	Metal	Iron	Iron	Iron	Copper
2	Metal : O <sub>2</sub>	Fe : O <sub>2</sub>	[Fe:O <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>4</sub>	2Fe:O <sub>2</sub>	2Cu:O <sub>2</sub>
3	Oxidation state of metal	Fe(II)	Fe(II)	Fe(II)	Cu(I)
4	Ligand unit	Prophyrin	Prophyrin	Protein side chains	Protein side chains
5	Number of subunits present	1	4	8	Variable
6	Molecular weight	17,000	65,000	1,08,000	4 to 90 lakhs
7	Colour				
	Oxy form:	Red	Red	Violet pink	Blue
	Deoxy form:	Red-blue	Red-blue	colourless	colourless

**Table 4.1 Some Properties of Oxygen Transport Proteins**

O <sub>2</sub> carrier:	Myoglobin	Hemoglobin	Hemerythrin	Hemocyanin
Source:	Higher animals, some invertebrates	Higher animals, some invertebrates	invertebrates	Arthropods, mollusks
Metal:	Fe	Fe	Fe	Cu
Metal:bound O <sub>2</sub> stoichiometry (ligands):	Fe:O <sub>2</sub> (heme, histidine)	Fe:O <sub>2</sub> (heme, histidine)	2 Fe:O <sub>2</sub> (nonheme, protein side chains)	2 Cu:O <sub>2</sub> (nonheme, protein side chains)
Metal ox state in deoxy form/ <i>d</i> electrons (color):	II/ <i>d</i> <sup>6</sup> (red-purple, violet)	II/ <i>d</i> <sup>6</sup> (red-purple, violet)	II/ <i>d</i> <sup>6</sup> (colorless)	I/ <i>d</i> <sup>10</sup> (colorless)
Metal ox state in oxy form/ <i>d</i> electrons (color):	II/ <i>d</i> <sup>6</sup> -O <sub>2</sub> or III/ <i>d</i> <sup>5</sup> -O <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> (red)	II/ <i>d</i> <sup>6</sup> -O <sub>2</sub> or III/ <i>d</i> <sup>5</sup> -O <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> (red)	III/ <i>d</i> <sup>5</sup> (burgundy)	II/ <i>d</i> <sup>9</sup> (blue)
Approximate molecular weight (kDa):	17	65	108	400 to 2 × 10 <sup>4</sup>
Number of subunits:	1	4 (some species have up to 10)	8	Many

Pigment	Colour	Metal element	Animal
hemoglobin	red	iron	Mammals Birds Reptiles Amphibians Fishes
hemocyanin	blue	Copper	Molluscs
Chlorocruorin	Green	Iron	Some annelids
hemoerythrin	red	Iron	Some annelids



**Chlorocruorin**



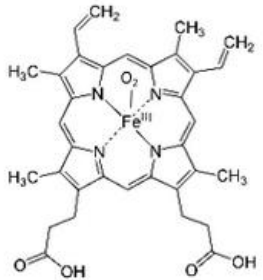


## RED

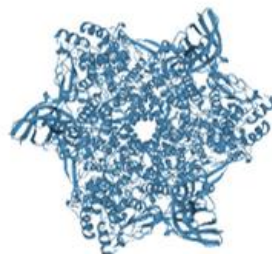
Humans and the majority of other vertebrates

Iron

## HEMOGLOBIN



**Heme B**  
(oxygenated form)

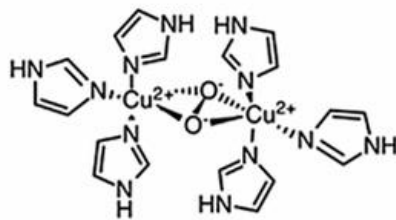


## BLUE

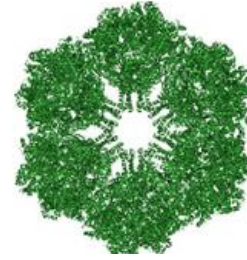
Spiders, crustaceans, some molluscs, octopuses and squids

Copper

## HEMOCYANIN



(oxygenated form)

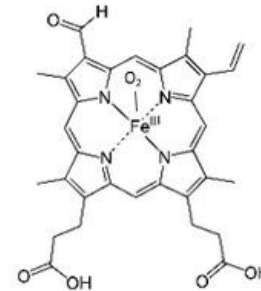


## GREEN

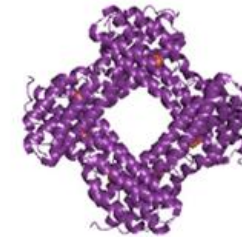
Some segmented worms, some leeches, and some marine worms

Iron

## CHLOROCRUORIN



(oxygenated form)

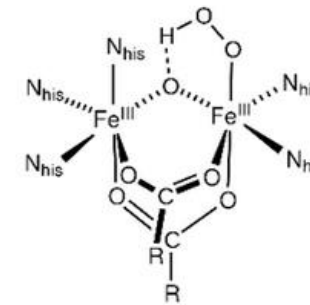


## VIOLET

Marine worms including peanut worms, penis worms and brachiopods

Iron

## HEMERYTHRIN



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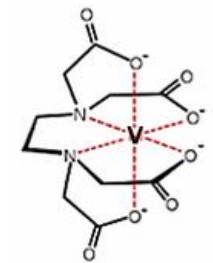


## YELLOW

Beetles, sea squirts, sea cucumber

Vanadium

## VANABIN



(oxygenated form)



**Table 3.1.1.2**  
Average Fe distribution in a normal adult

Protein	Mol. Wt. (kDa)*	Function	Oxidation state	Amount (g) (% total Fe)	Coordination sphere (No. of Fe-sites per molecule)
Hemoglobin (Hb)	64.5	O <sub>2</sub> transport in plasma	II	2.6 (65)	Heme (4 Fe)
Myoglobin (Mb)	17	O <sub>2</sub> storage in muscle	II	0.13 (6)	Heme (1 Fe)
Transferrin	76	Fe transport in plasma	III	0.007 (0.2)	Non-heme (2 Fe)
Ferritin	444	Fe storage in cells	III	0.52 (13)	Non-heme (approx. 4500 Fe)
Hemosiderin	-	Fe storage in cells	III	0.48 (12)	Non-heme (approx. 5000 Fe)
Catalase	280	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> metabolism	III/IV/V	0.004 (0.1)	Heme (1 Fe)
Cytochrome c	12.5	Electron transport	II/III	0.004 (0.1)	Heme (1 Fe)
Peroxidase	44	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> metabolism	III/IV/V	-	Heme (1 Fe)
Cytochromes and oxidase**	-	Oxidation	II/III	0.02 (< 0.5)	Heme

\* 1 Dalton (Da) = 1amu = 1u =  $1.66 \times 10^{-27}$  g, e.g H<sub>2</sub> is a two Dalton molecule.

\*\* Cytochrome P-450 involves the oxidation states III/IV/V.

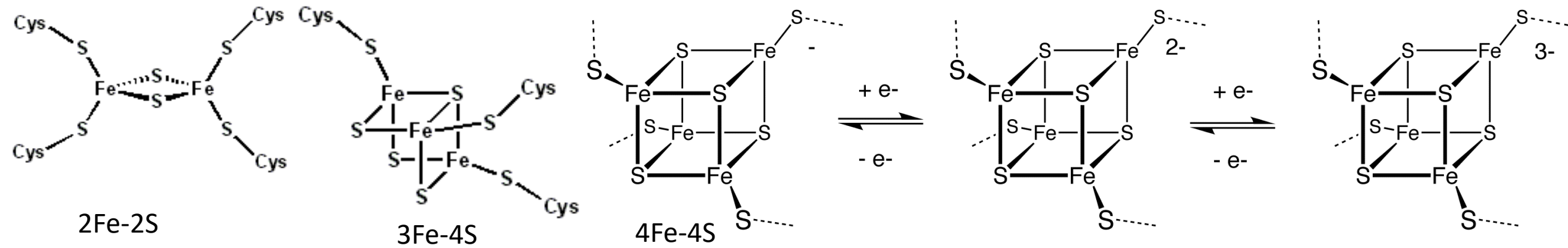
Table 1.3  
Average human Fe distribution.

Protein	Function	Oxidation state of Fe	Amount of Fe (g)	Percent of total
Hemoglobin	Plasma O <sub>2</sub> transport	2	2.6	65
Myoglobin	Muscle O <sub>2</sub> storage	2	0.13	6
Transferrin	Plasma Fe transport	3	0.007	0.2
Ferritin	Cell Fe storage	3	0.52	13
Hemosiderin	Cell Fe storage	3	0.48	12
Catalase	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> metabolism	2	0.004	0.1
Cytochrome <i>c</i>	Electron transport	$\frac{2}{3}$	0.004	0.1
Other	Oxidases, other enzymes, etc.		0.14	3.6



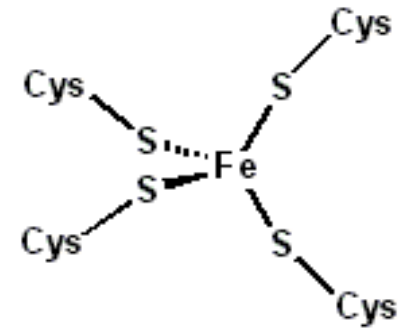
# Chapter 4. Electron Transfer in Biology

# Fe-S proteins: Rubredoxin and Ferredoxin

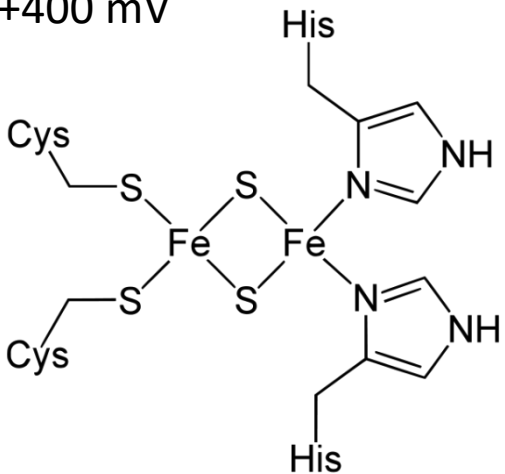


The formal oxidation numbers of the iron ions can be  $[2\text{Fe}^{3+}, 2\text{Fe}^{2+}]$  or  $[1\text{Fe}^{3+}, 3\text{Fe}^{2+}]$  in low-potential ferredoxins. The oxidation numbers of the iron ions in high-potential ferredoxins can be  $[3\text{Fe}^{3+}, 1\text{Fe}^{2+}]$  or  $[2\text{Fe}^{3+}, 2\text{Fe}^{2+}]$

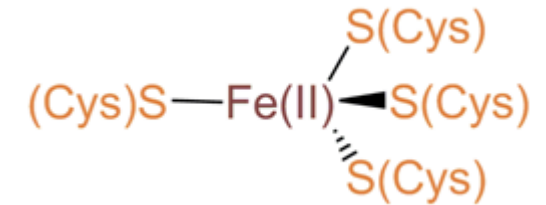
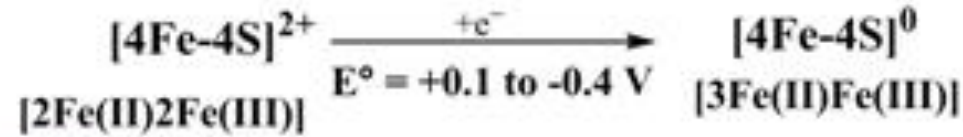
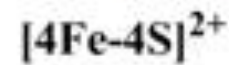
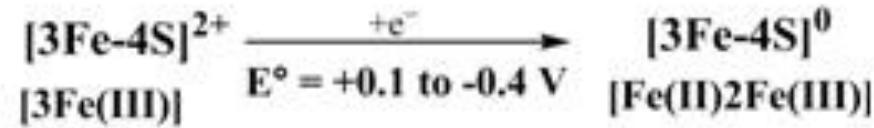
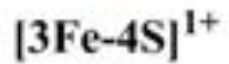
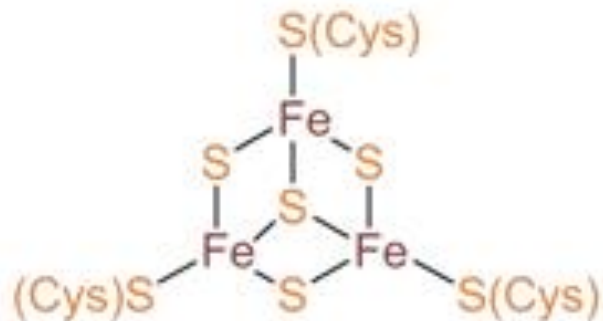
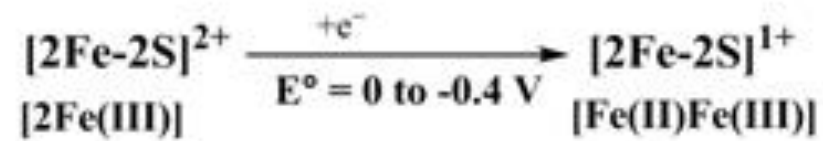
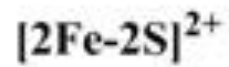
**Rieske proteins:** It is a unique  $[2\text{Fe}-2\text{S}]$  cluster in that one of the two Fe atoms is coordinated by two histidine residues rather than two cysteine residues. They have since been found in plants, animals, and bacteria with widely ranging electron reduction potentials from -150 to +400 mV



Rubredoxin: 1Fe-0S proteins



This iron-sulphur protein is an electron carrier, and it is easy to distinguish its metallic centre changes: the oxidized state is reddish (due to a ligand metal charge transfer), while the reduced state is colourless (because the electron transition has an energy of the infrared level, which is imperceptible for the human eye).



Rubredoxin: 1Fe-0S proteins



### **Iron-sulfur proteins:**

The iron-sulfur proteins occurs extensively in all living organisms and take part in a wide range of electron-transfer processes, either as redox centers ( e . g . ferredoxins, rubredoxins) or as catalysts ( e . g . hydrogenase, nitrogenase, etc).

### **[1Fe-0S] proteins:**

Iron-sulfur proteins with no bridging sulfur (0S) or sulfide atom is known as rubredoxins. It is mainly found in bacteria and acts as one electron donor-acceptor. The arrangement around the iron center is tetrahedral and the Fe(II) center is surrounded by four sulfur atoms from four cystine (Cys) moieties .

Ferredoxins are most important family of iron-sulfur proteins. Three major categories of ferredoxins are, [2Fe-2S], [3Fe-4S], and [4Fe-4S]. The [4Fe-4S] is most important.

**[2Fe-2S]:** Isolated from mammals, plants, and bacteria. Both the iron centers are in tetrahedral coordination environment and linked by two inorganic sulfide bridges. Both Fe(III) centers are antiferromagnetically coupled to each other. Hence, a diamagnetic ground state results. After accepting a electron one center becomes Fe(II) and the other is Fe(III). After antiferromagnetic coupling between the  $S = \frac{1}{2}$  ground state appeared.

**[3Fe-4S]:** Found in *Azobacter vinlandii* , and *Desulfovibrio gigas* and also in pig heart. All the iron centers are in tetrahedral coordination environment and linked with each other by two inorganic sulfide bridges.

**[3Fe-4S]:** It is found is several iron containing metalloenzymes like nitrogenase, hydrogenase, etc. The structure is a distorted cubic core. The alternative corners of the cube are occupied by iron and inorganic sulfide. Irons are connected to each other via two sulfide bridges. All the iron centers are tetrahedral.

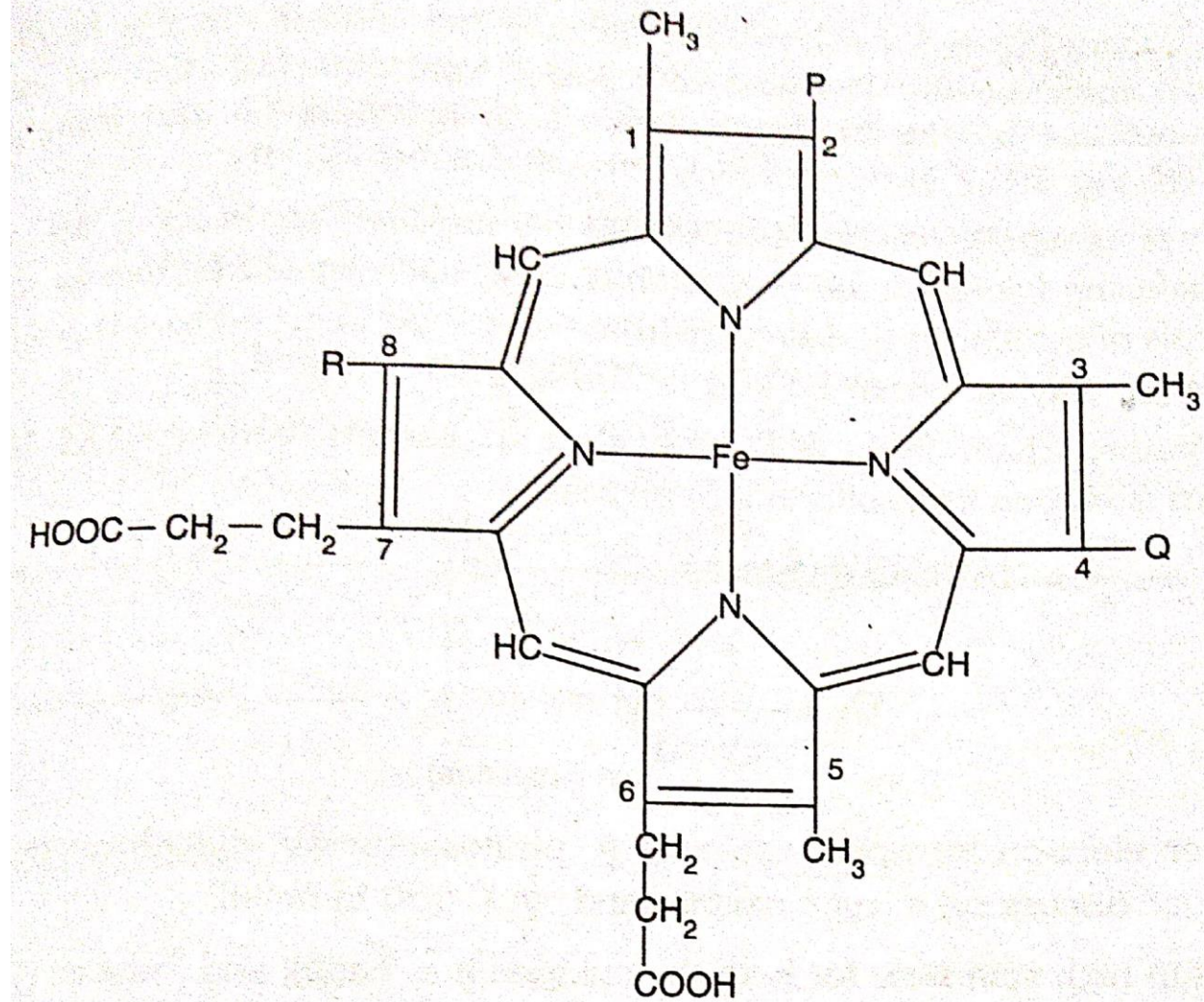
# Cytochromes

- **Cytochromes** are iron containing heme proteins central to which are heme groups that are primarily responsible for the generation of ATP via electron transport
- On the basis of the position of their lowest energy absorption band in the reduced state, named as **cytochromes a (605 nm), b (565 nm), and c (550 nm)**
- Cytochromes are, capable of performing **oxidation and reduction**. Because the cytochromes (as well as other complexes) are held within membranes in an organized way, the redox reactions are carried out in the proper sequence for maximum efficiency

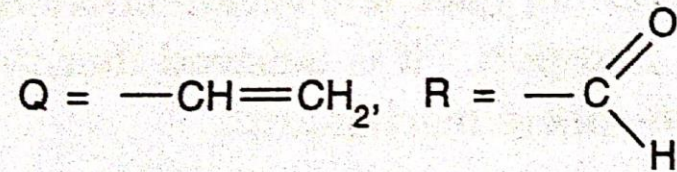
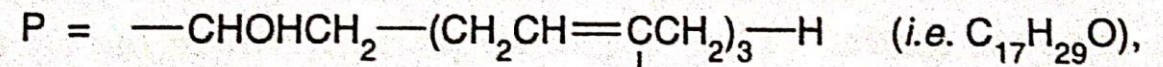
# Cytochrome C

- ❖ The polypeptide chain contains amino acids ranging from 103 (in some fishes) to 112 (in terrestrial vertebrates). A **N** atom from **histidine** and **S** atom from **methionine** are present in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> position
- ❖ So it reacts indirectly by electron transfer mechanism - reduce dioxygen and transmit its oxidizing power towards burning of food and release of energy in respiration
- ❖ Responsible for unusually severe and rapid toxicity of CN<sup>-</sup> poisoning which binds the 6<sup>th</sup> position and stabilizes the Fe(III) to such an extent that it can no longer be reduced and take part in the electron shuttle.

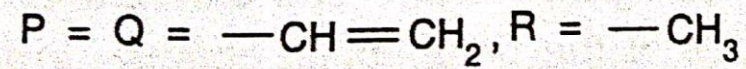




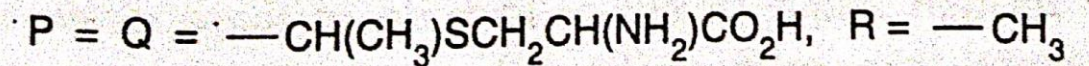
### Heme a



### Heme b (i.e. protoheme or protoporphyrin IX)

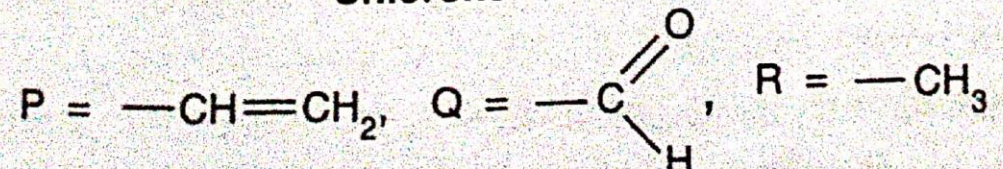


### Heme c



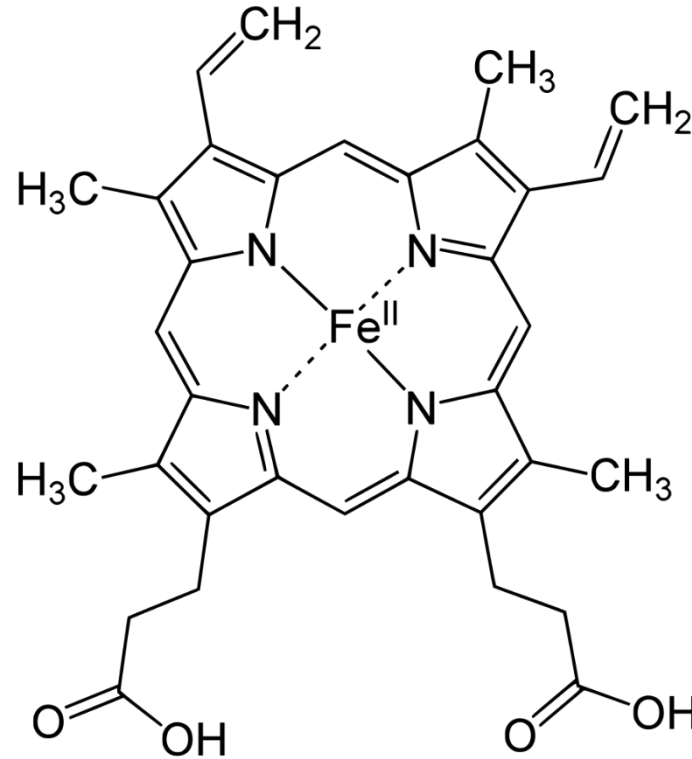
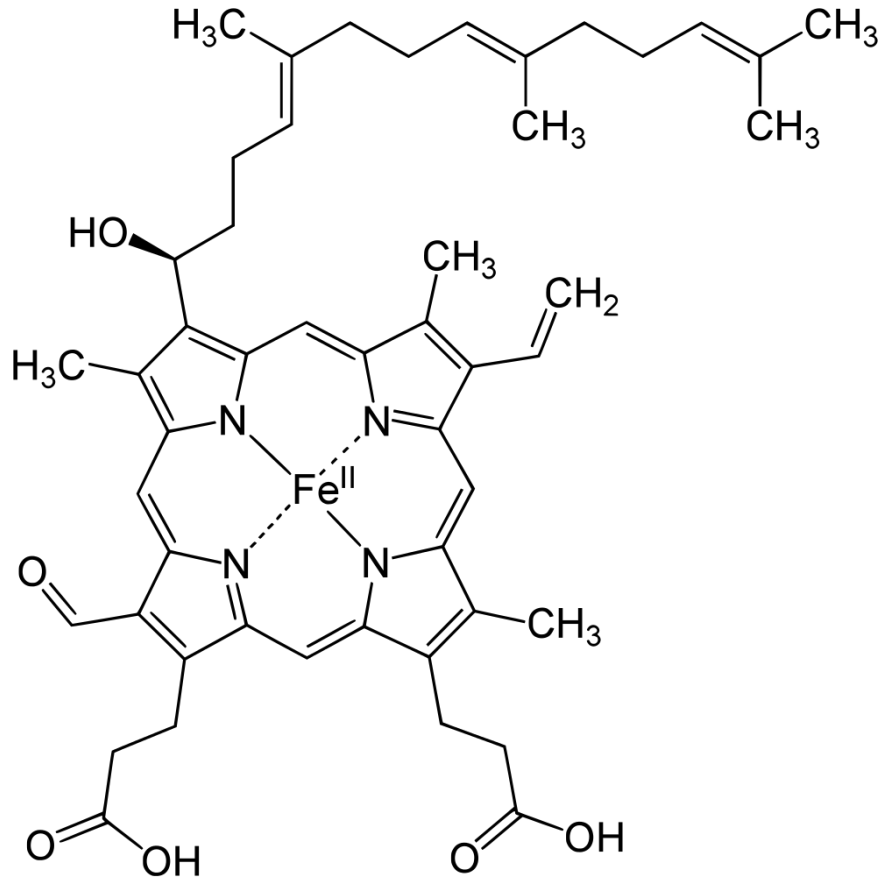
**Note :** The P and Q moieties are linked covalently to the protein chain through cystein residues.

### Chloroheme





**Type A: cytochromes a**      **cytochromes a** (605 nm), **b** ( $\approx$ 565 nm), and **c** (550 nm)



Soret Band

Phytyl chain

**Type B: Hemoglobin, myoglobin, peroxidase and cytochromes b**

**Type C: R1 = R2 = CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)S-protein; cytochrome C**

**R1 = C(H)=O R2 = CH=CH<sub>2</sub> called chloroheme found in chlorocruorin**

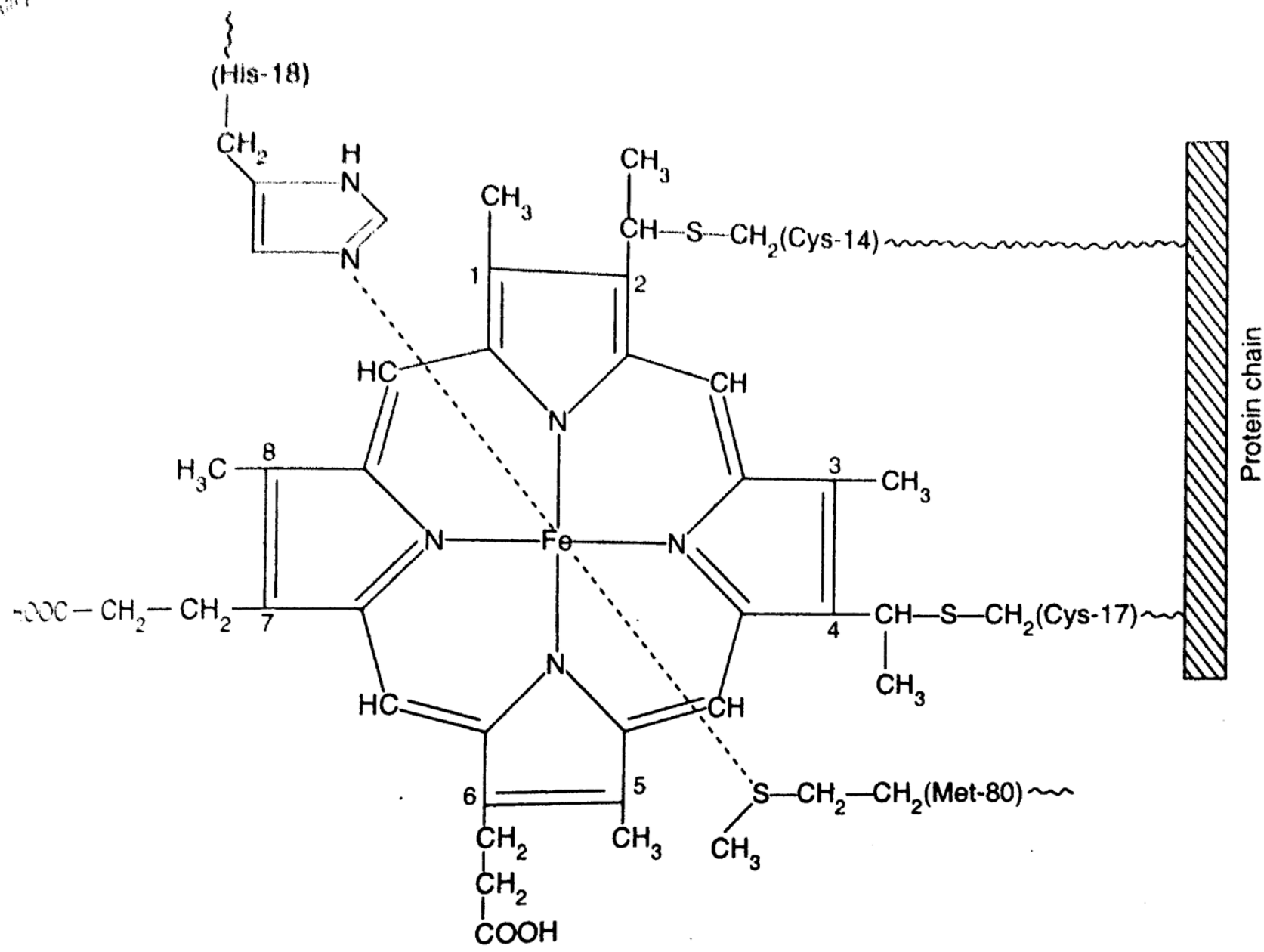
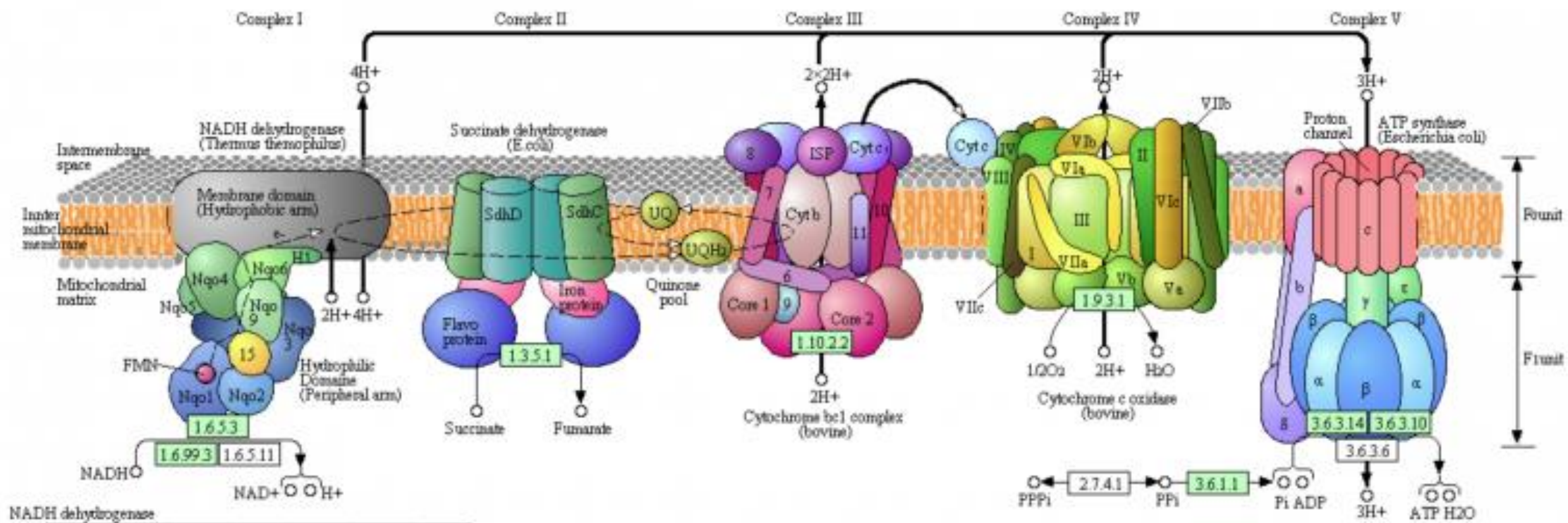


Figure 7.5.2.1: Structural representation of the active site of cyt c where the heme group is covalently bonded with the protein chain through two cysteine side chains at the 2 and 4 positions.



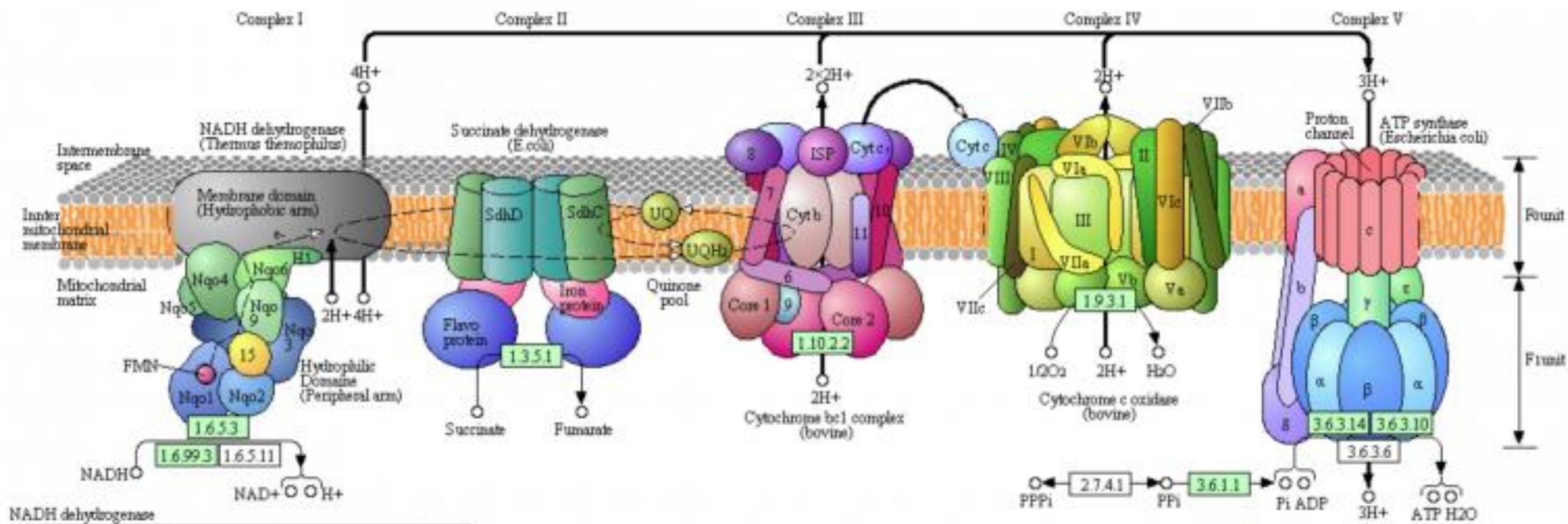
# OXIDATIVE PHOSPHORYLATION



# Respiratory Chain ( $O_2$ reduction)

- ❖ The electron flow is from cyt b - cyt c - cyt a -  $O_2$  at least some of the cyt a binds  $O_2$  and to reduce them.
- ❖ It means that cyt a is the last link of the food processing chain - it must be five coordinated in absence of  $O_2$ .

# OXIDATIVE PHOSPHORYLATION

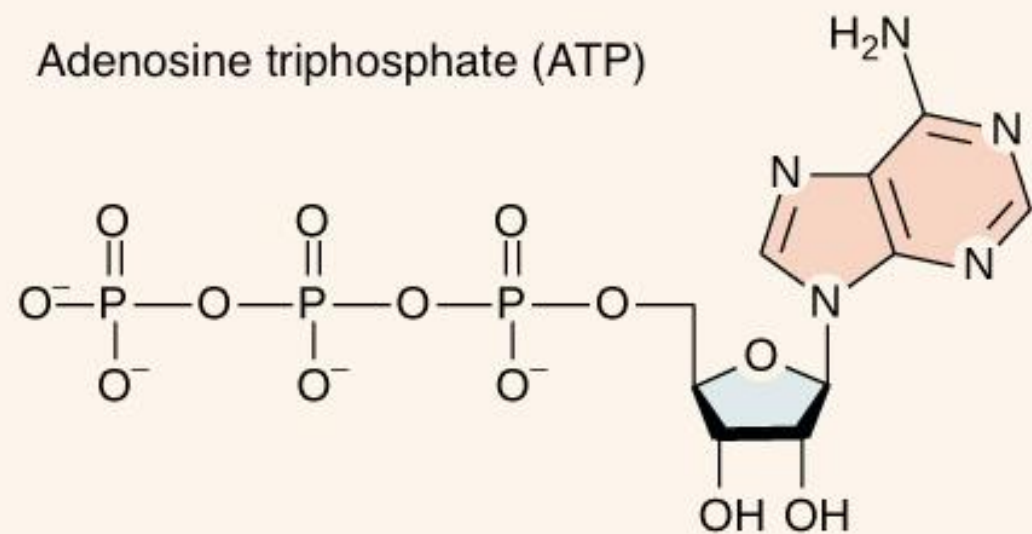
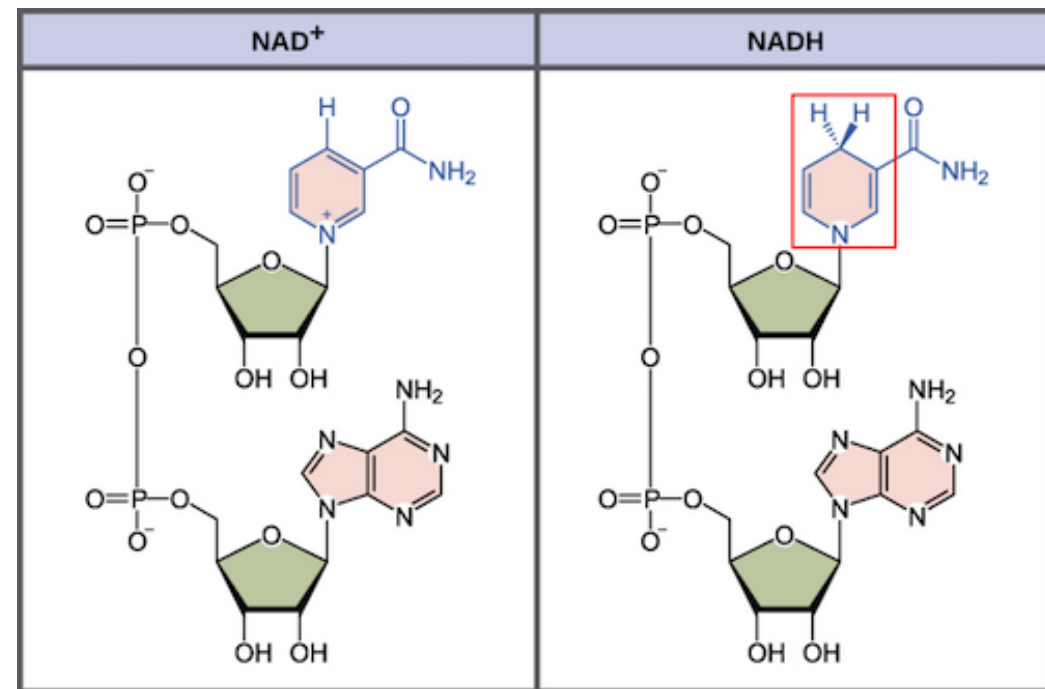


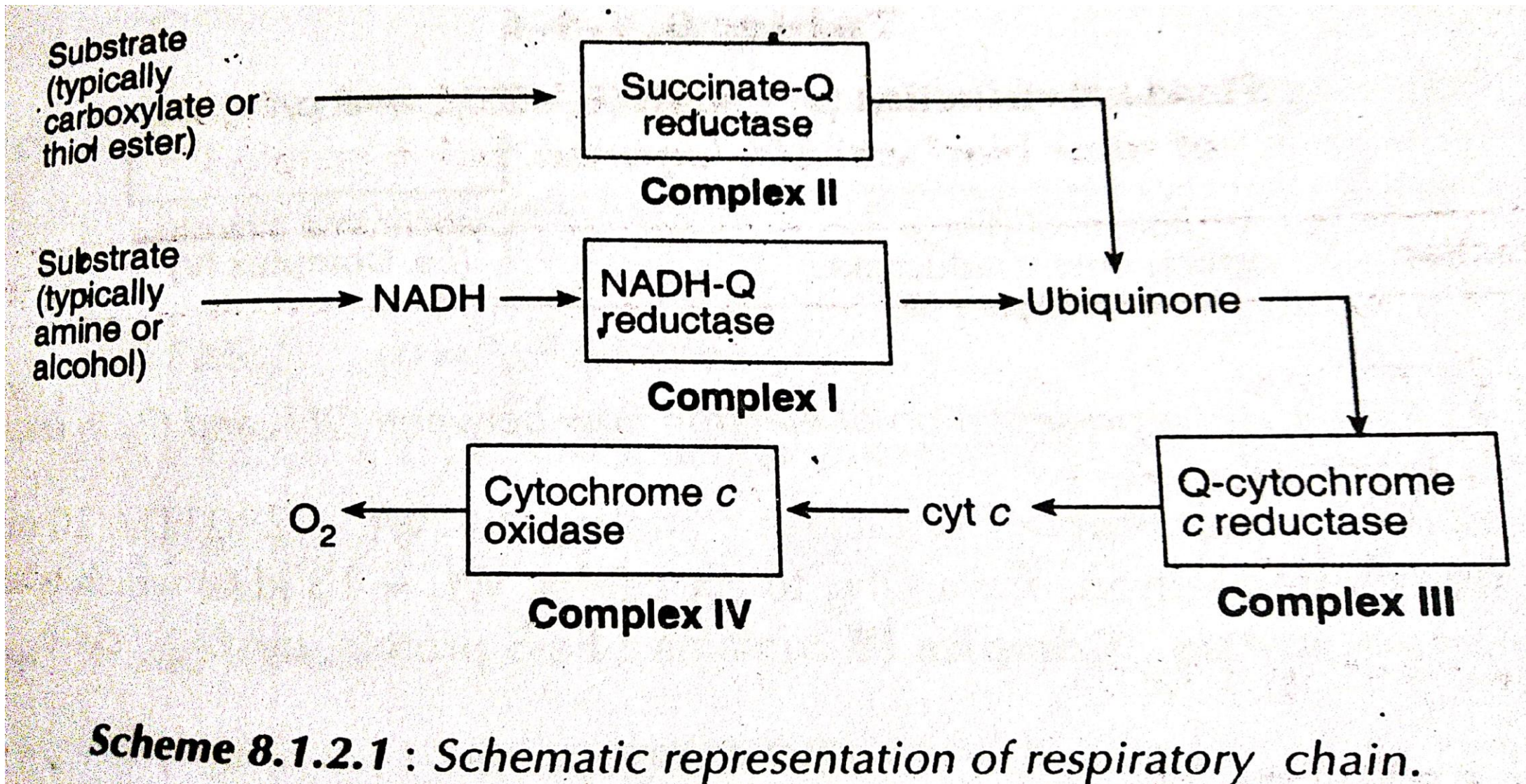


**Table: 8.1.1.1**

Standard reduction potentials ( $E_0'$ , 25°C and pH 7.0)  
of some biochemically important redox couples

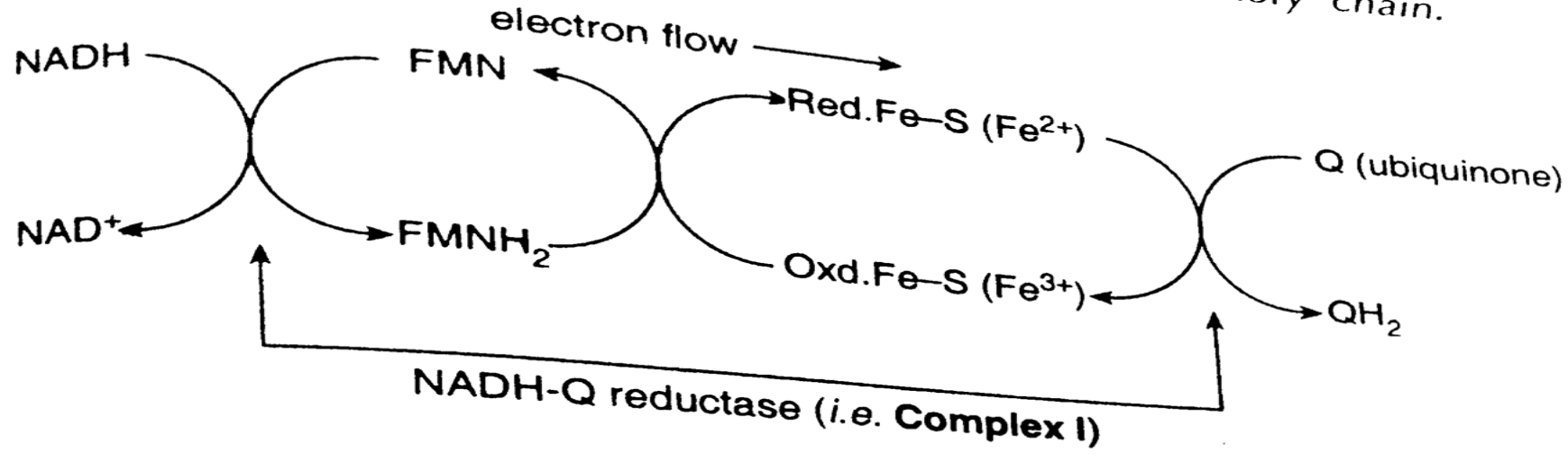
Half Reaction	$E_0'$ (V)
$O_2 + 2H^+ + 2e \rightleftharpoons H_2O$	+ 0.82
$cyt\ a_3\ (Fe^{3+}) + e \rightleftharpoons cyt\ a_3\ (Fe^{2+})$	+ 0.39
$O_2 + 2H^+ + 2e \rightleftharpoons H_2O_2$	+ 0.30
$cyt\ a\ (Fe^{3+}) + e \rightleftharpoons cyt\ a\ (Fe^{2+})$	+ 0.29
$cyt\ c\ (Fe^{3+}) + e \rightleftharpoons cyt\ c\ (Fe^{2+})$	+ 0.24
$cyt\ b\ (Fe^{3+}) + e \rightleftharpoons cyt\ b\ (Fe^{2+})$	+ 0.06
Ubiquinone + $2H^+ + 2e \rightleftharpoons$ Ubiquinol	+ 0.05
Fumarate + $2H^+ + 2e \rightleftharpoons$ Succinate	+ 0.03
FAD + $2H^+ + 2e \rightleftharpoons$ FADH <sub>2</sub>	0.0 (in flavoproteins) . - 0.22 (in free coenzyme)
Pyruvate + $2H^+ + 2e \rightleftharpoons$ Lactate	- 0.19
Acetaldehyde + $2H^+ + 2e \rightleftharpoons$ Ethanol	- 0.20
NAD <sup>+</sup> + $H^+ + 2e \rightleftharpoons$ NADH	- 0.32
NADP <sup>+</sup> + $H^+ + 2e \rightleftharpoons$ NADPH	- 0.32
Cystine + $2H^+ + 2e \rightleftharpoons$ 2 Cysteine	- 0.34
$H^+ + e \rightleftharpoons \frac{1}{2} H_2$	- 0.42
$Fd_{ox}\ (Fe^{3+}) + e \rightleftharpoons Fd_{red}\ (Fe^{2+})$	- 0.45
Acetate + $3H^+ + 2e \rightleftharpoons$ Acetaldehyde + H <sub>2</sub> O	- 0.58



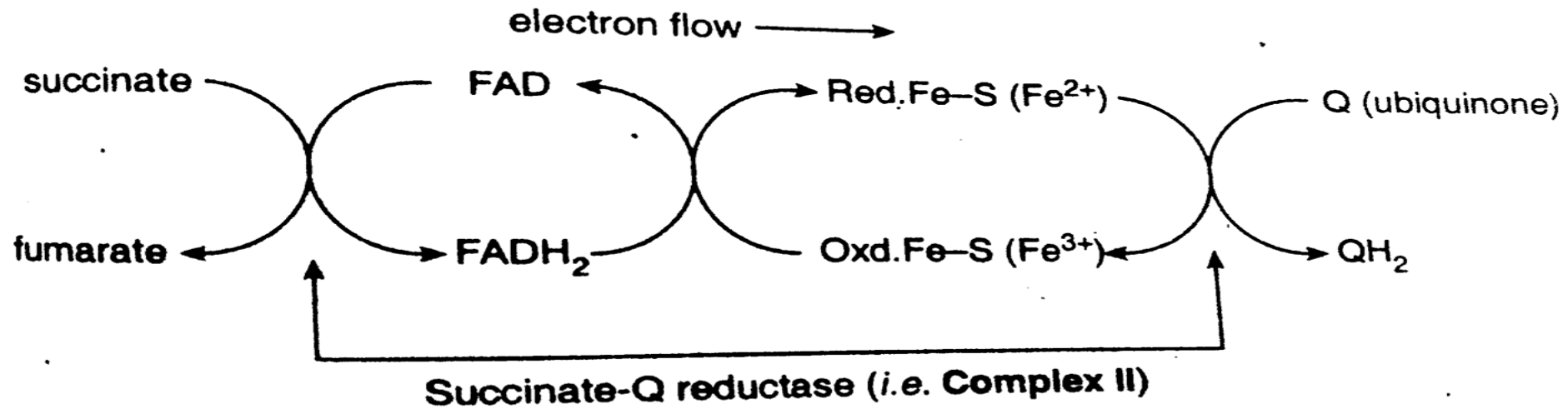


Coenzyme Q is the only electron carrier which is not covalently bound with the protein chain in the respiratory system. Thus it functions as a mobile carrier of electrons.



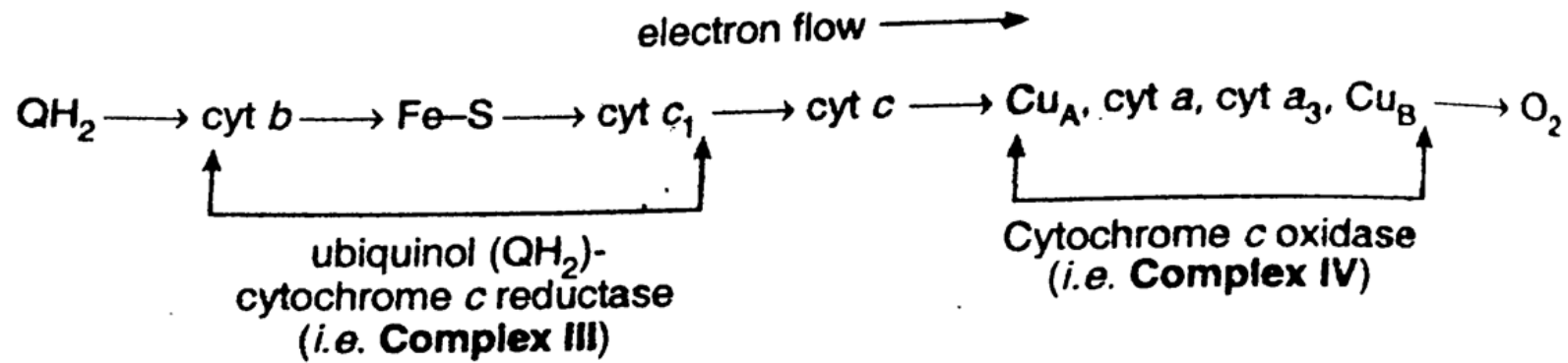


**Scheme 8.1.2.2** : Schematic representation of electron flow in NADH-Q reductase (i.e. Complex I) of respiratory chain.



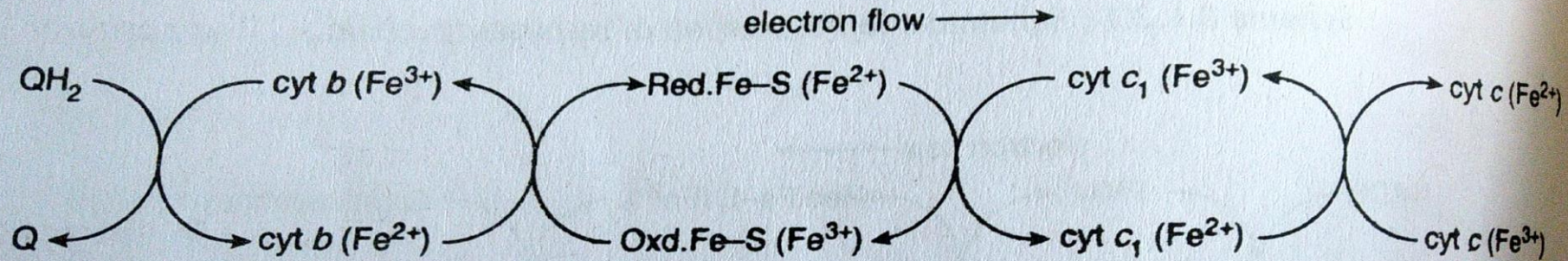
**Scheme 8.1.2.3** : Schematic representation of electron flow in succinate-Q reductase (i.e. Complex II) of respiratory chain.





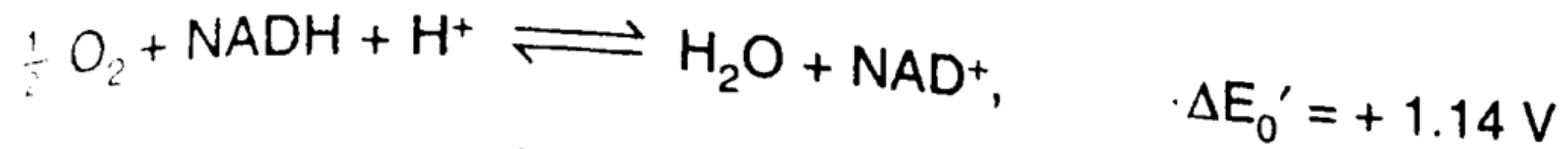
**Scheme 8.1.2.4** : Schematic representation of electron flow between  $QH_2$  and  $O_2$  in respiratory chain.

The ubiquinol ( $QH_2$ )-cytochrome  $c$  reductase complex (Mol. Wt.  $\sim$  280 kDa, 10 subunits), known as **complex III** transports electrons from  $QH_2$  to cyt  $c$  (Mol. Wt. = 13 kDa) which is a water soluble peripheral membrane protein. **Complex III** contains a Fe-S protein, cyt  $b_{562}$ , cyt  $b_{566}$  and cyt  $c_1$ .



**Scheme 8.1.2.5** : Schematic representation of electron flow in  $QH_2$ -cytochrome  $c$  reductase (i.e. complex III) of respiratory chain.

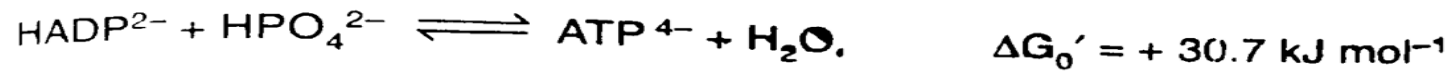
Then the overall reaction is :



The net reaction, i.e. oxidation of one mole of NADH, involves the Gibbs free change ( $\Delta G_0'$ ) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G_0' &= -n F \Delta E_0', \quad (n = 2, F = \text{faraday}) \\ &= -2 \times 96500 \times 1.14 \text{ volt} \times \text{coulomb} \times \text{mol}^{-1}, \quad (1 F = 96,500 \text{ C mol}^{-1}) \\ &= -2 \times 96500 \times 1.14 \text{ J mol}^{-1}, \quad (1 \text{ volt} \times 1 \text{ coulomb} = 1 \text{ Joule}) \\ &\approx -220 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

The free energy change in the synthesis of ATP from ADP by mitochondrial ATP-ase enzyme is given below.



The above process is very often represented simply as:  $\text{ADP} + \text{P}_i \rightleftharpoons \text{ATP}$  where  $\text{P}_i$  denotes the inorganic *ortho*-phosphate moiety. The free energy change in the above mentioned process depends on many factors (cf. Sec. 9.1). The above value is generally considered for calculation in biological conditions. Thus, if the total energy ( $220 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) released for oxidation of 1 mole of NADH (i.e. transfer of 2 mole of electrons) by  $\text{O}_2$  is available for ATP synthesis, then it will yield about 7 moles of ATP. But, in reality, it cannot produce 7 moles of ATP. This is because, the difference of reduction potential ( $\Delta E_0'$ ) between the adjacent couples must be sufficiently high to release  $30.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ . The minimum value of required  $\Delta E_0'$  for the synthesis of one mole of ATP is given by :

$$\Delta E_0' = -\Delta G_0' / n F = (30.7 \times 1000 / 2 \times 96,500) \text{ V} = 0.16 \text{ V}.$$

In the respiratory chain, there are three sites (cf. Fig. 8.1.3.1) where  $\Delta E_0'$  value between the adjacent redox couples exceeds 0.16 V. The ATP generating sites are :

Site I : Complex I (i.e. NADH-Q reductase) catalysed oxidation of NADH by Q.



$$E_0'(\text{Q}) = + 0.045 \text{ V}, E_0'(\text{NAD}^+) = - 0.32 \text{ V}, \Delta E_0' = 0.365 \text{ V}, \Delta G_0' = -nF\Delta E_0' = -70.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \quad (n = 2, F = 96500 \text{ C mol}^{-1})$$

Site II : Complex III (i.e.  $\text{QH}_2$ -cytochrome c reductase) catalysed oxidation of  $\text{QH}_2$  by cyt c (oxidised form).



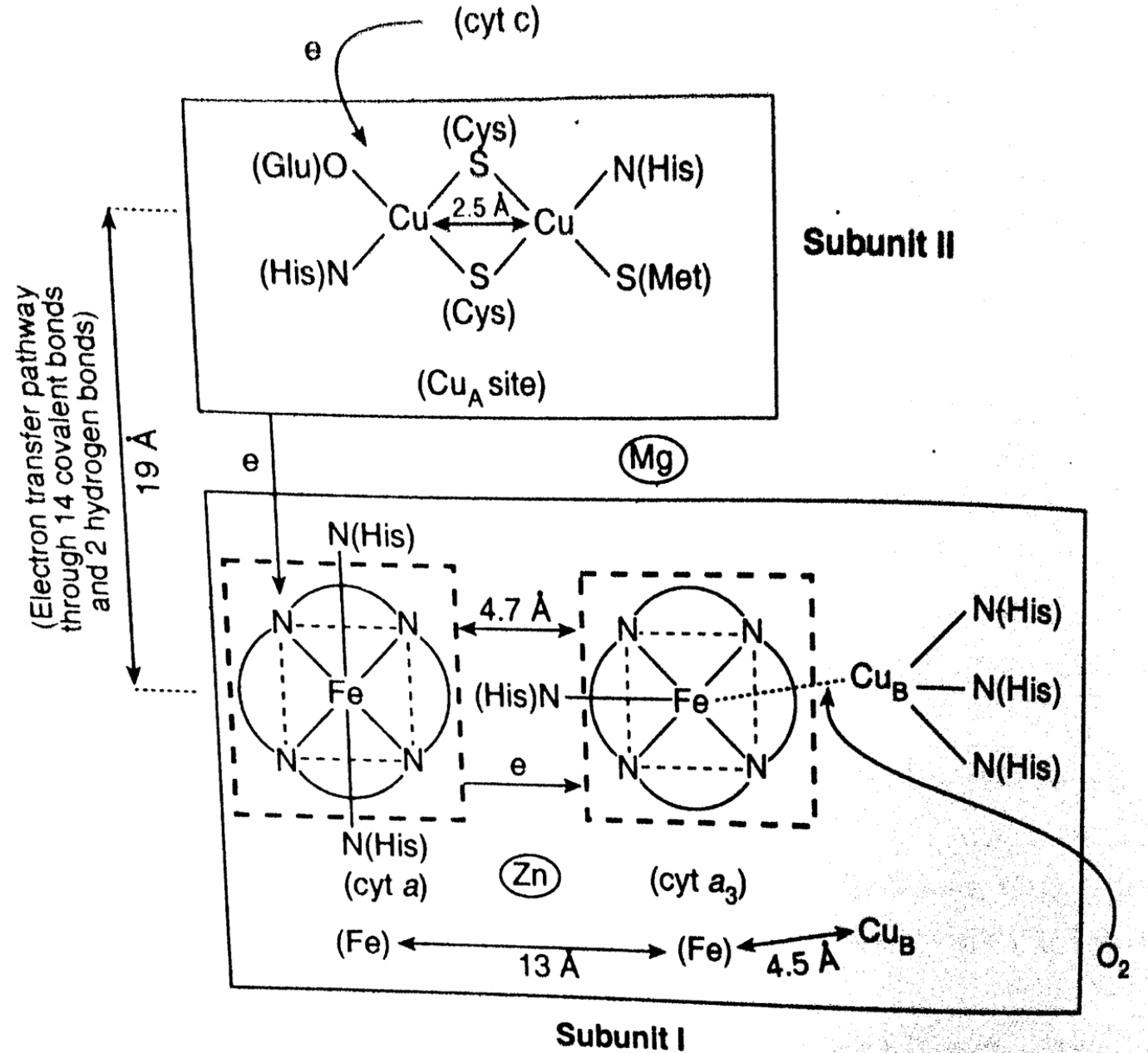
$$E_0'(\text{cyt c}) = + 0.235 \text{ V}, E_0'(\text{Q}) = + 0.045 \text{ V}, \Delta E_0' = 0.19 \text{ V}, \Delta G_0' = -36.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Site III : Complex IV (i.e. cytochrome c oxidase) catalysed oxidation of cyt c (reduced form)



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**Figure 7.6.1.1:** Schematic representation of the position of different components in cytochrome c oxidase and activity of cytochrome c oxidase.

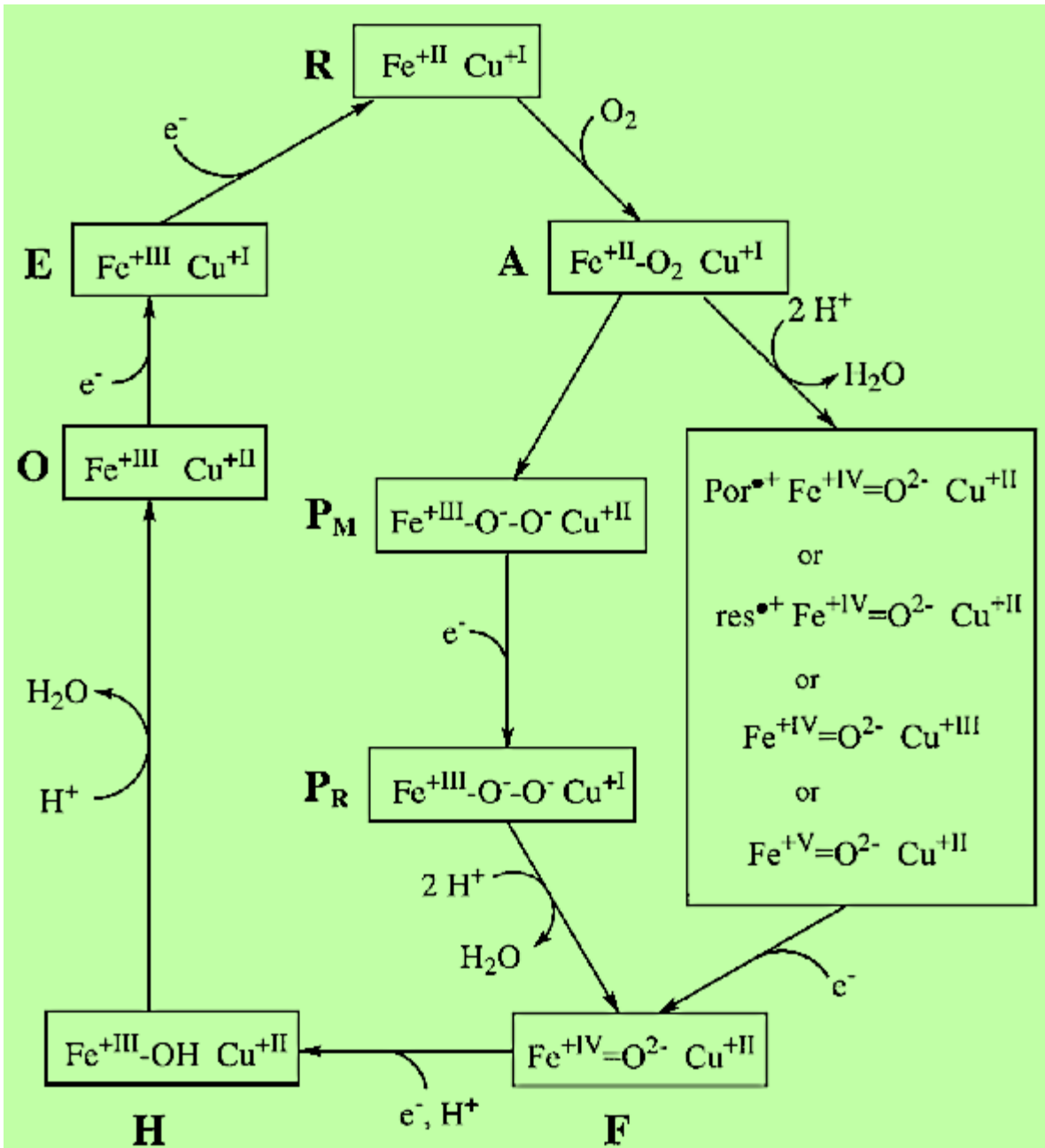
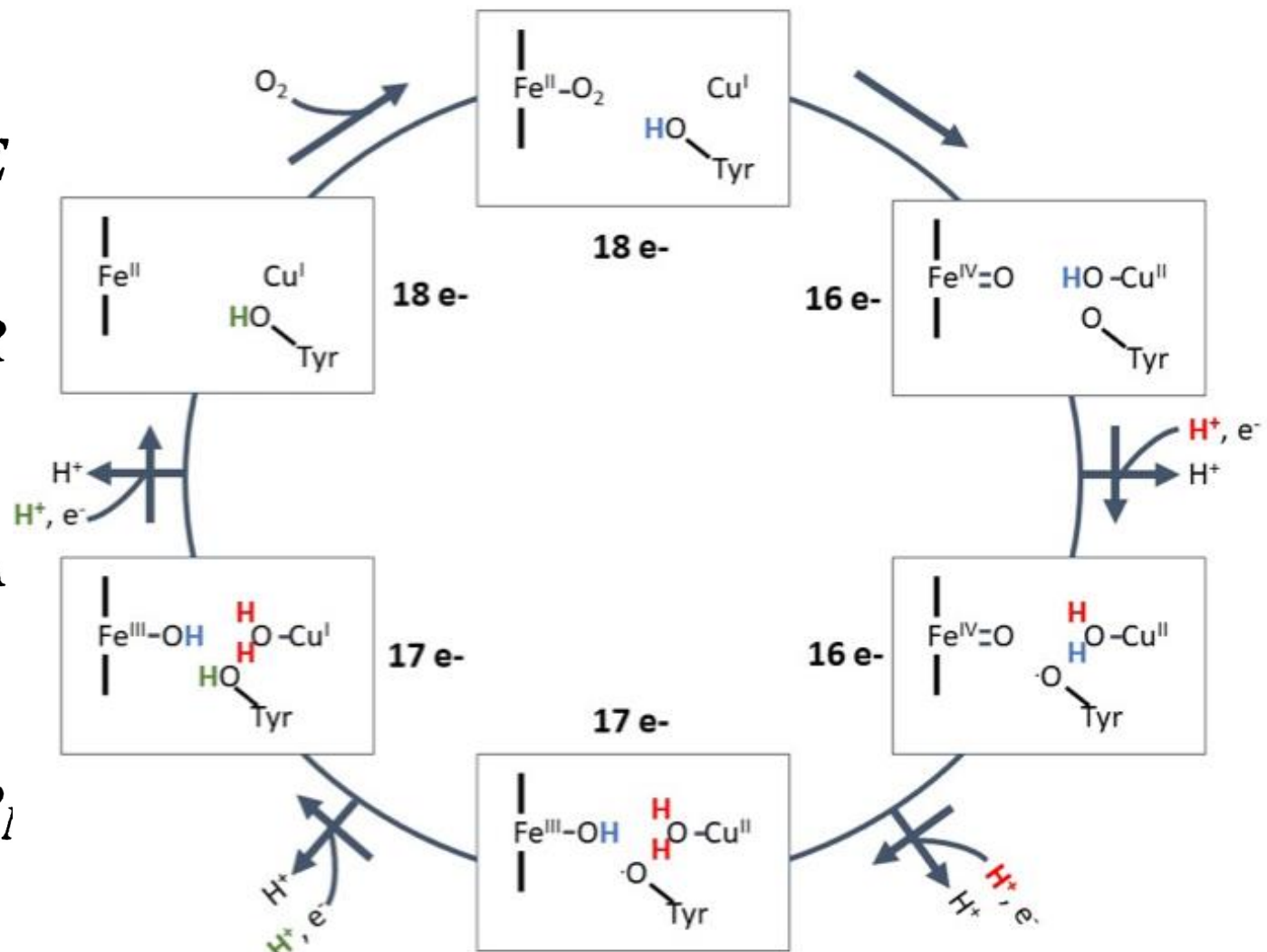
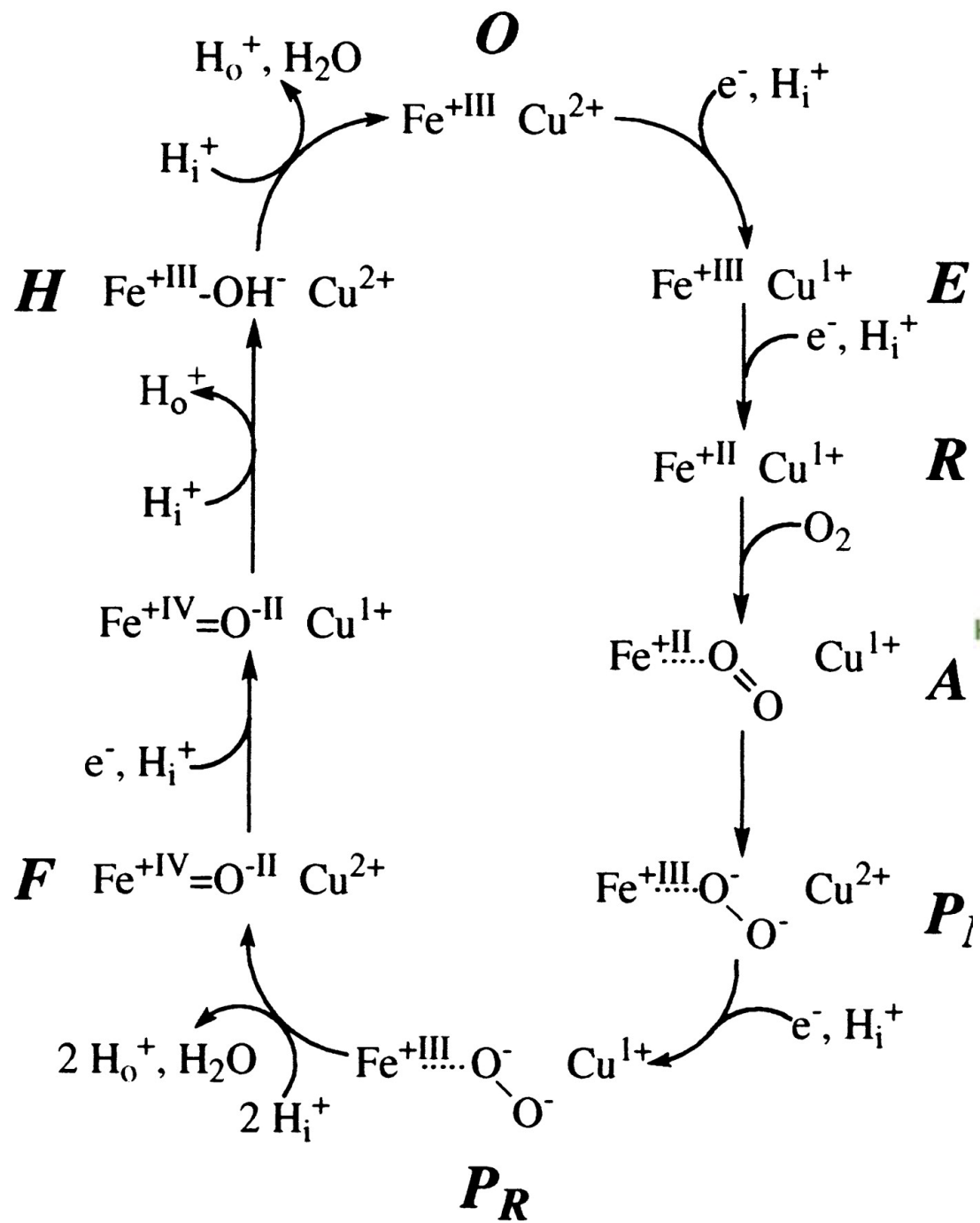
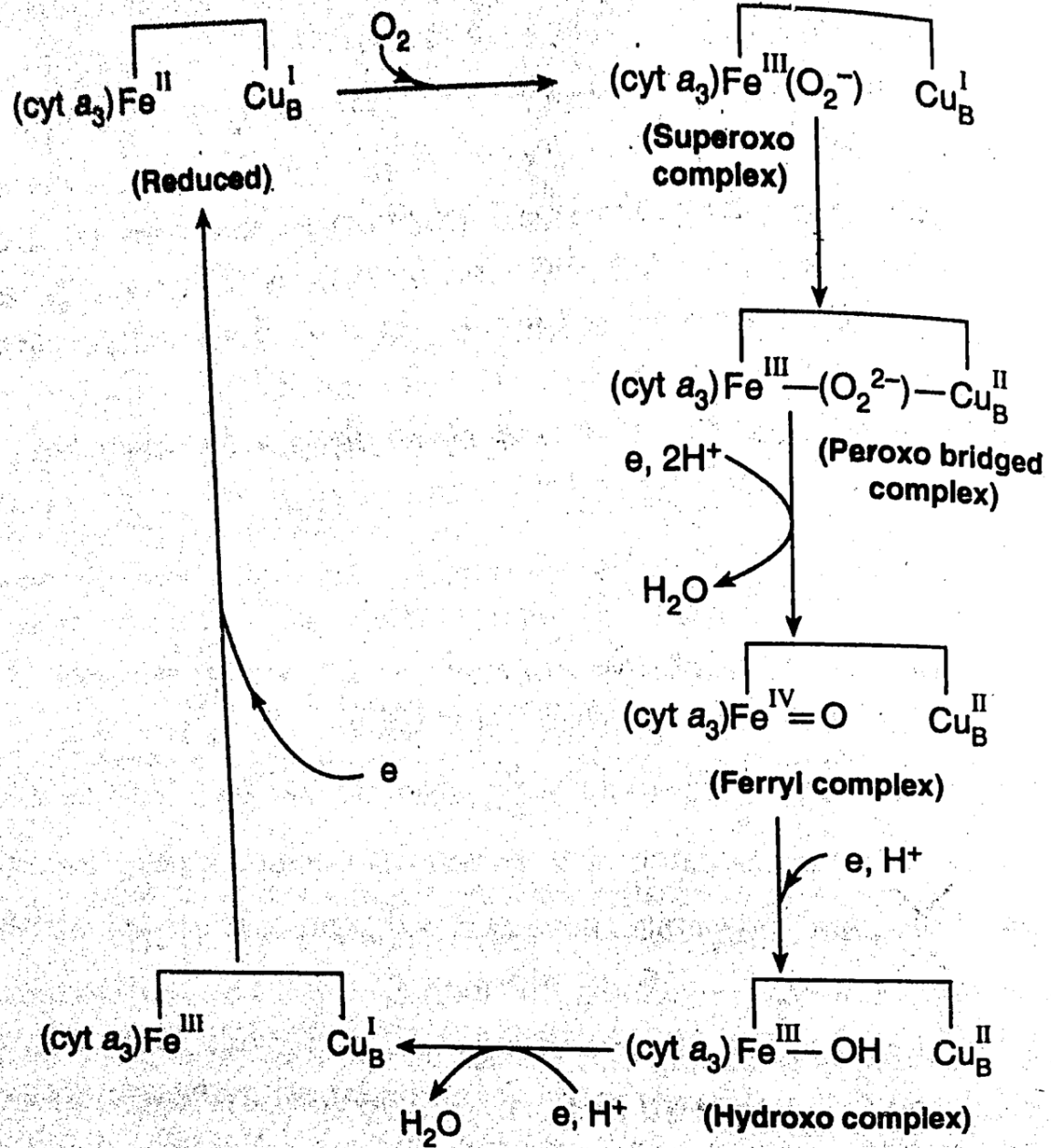


Figure 4 The catalytic cycle of cytochrome *c* oxidase as derived from optical and resonance Raman spectroscopy (23, 49). Starting from the oxidized form (*O*), the one-electron reduced form (*E*) and then the doubly reduced form (*R*) are generated. Upon oxygen binding compound *A* is observed. Next the peroxy-intermediates *P<sub>M</sub>*, *P<sub>R</sub>* are formed (see also text). Alternative structures are presented on the *right*, based on the proposal that the O-O bond is already split in these states. However, one electron is missing, which could be provided by a porphyrin-ring system (*por*), an amino acid residue (*res*), *Cu<sub>B</sub>* (leading to a  $\text{Cu}^{3+}$ -state), or the heme *a<sub>3</sub>*-Fe. There is general agreement about the structure of the oxoferryl-state (*F*) and a hydroxy-state (*H*) formed after protonation of the iron-bound oxygen atom. After water formation and release, the *O*-state is regenerated.

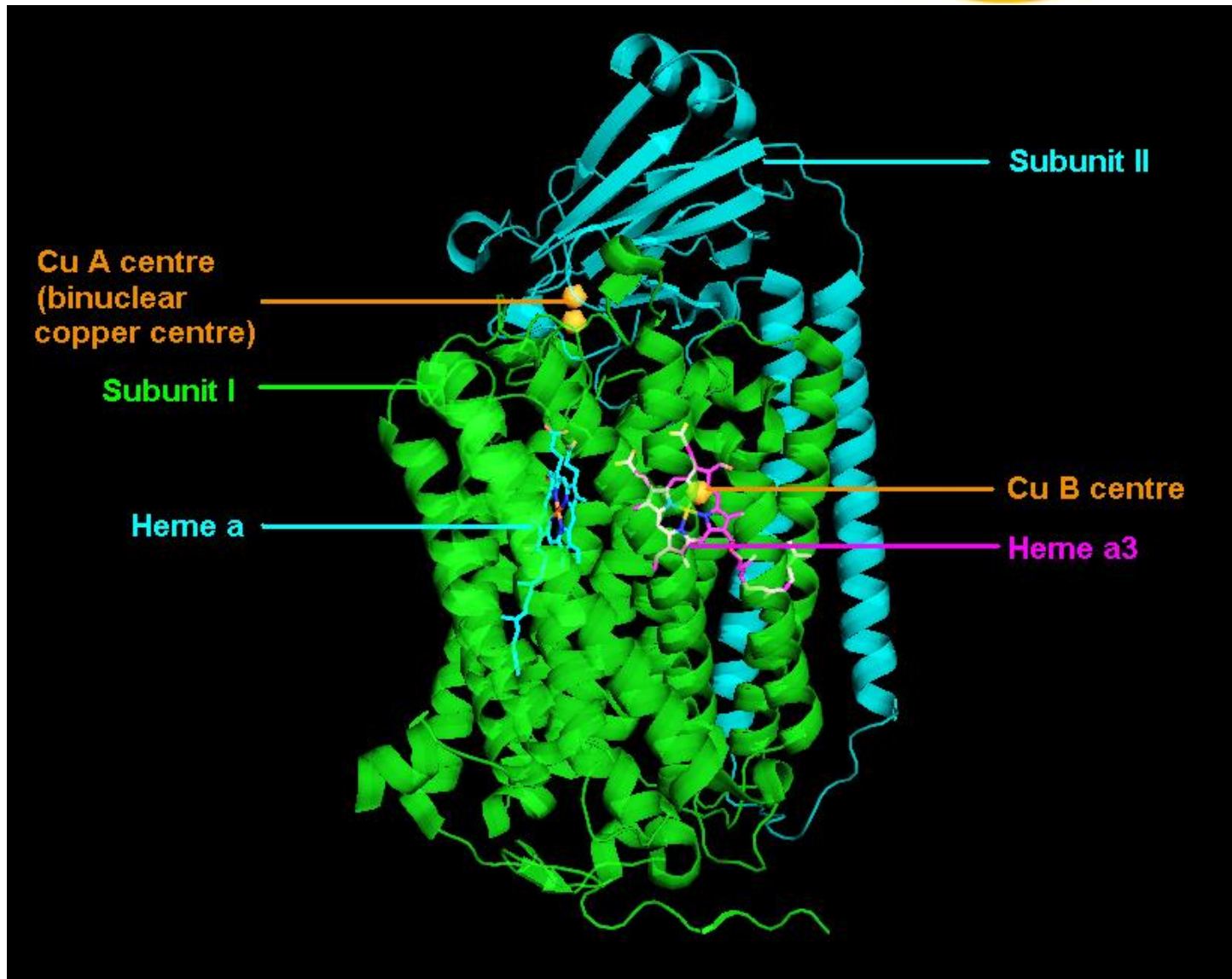




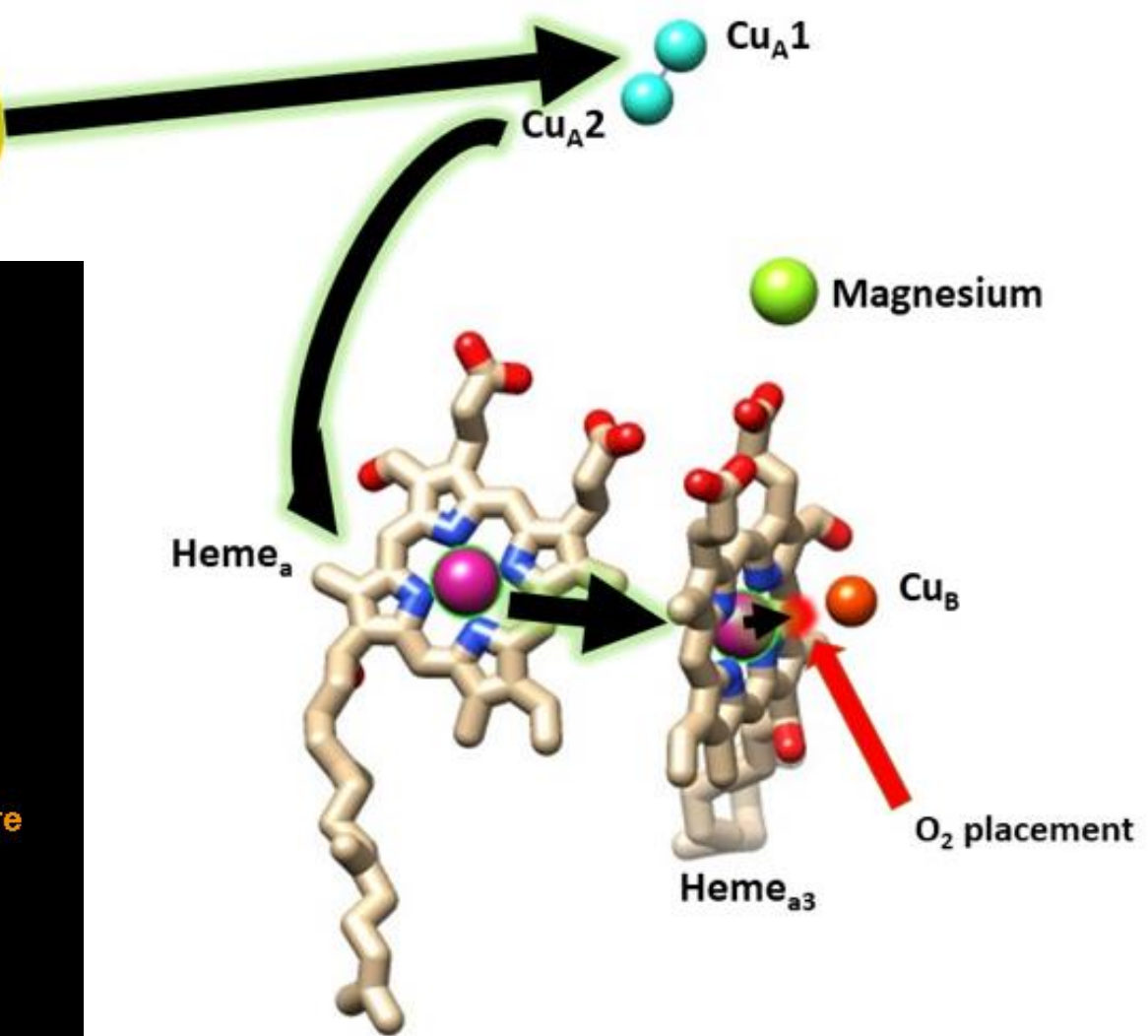




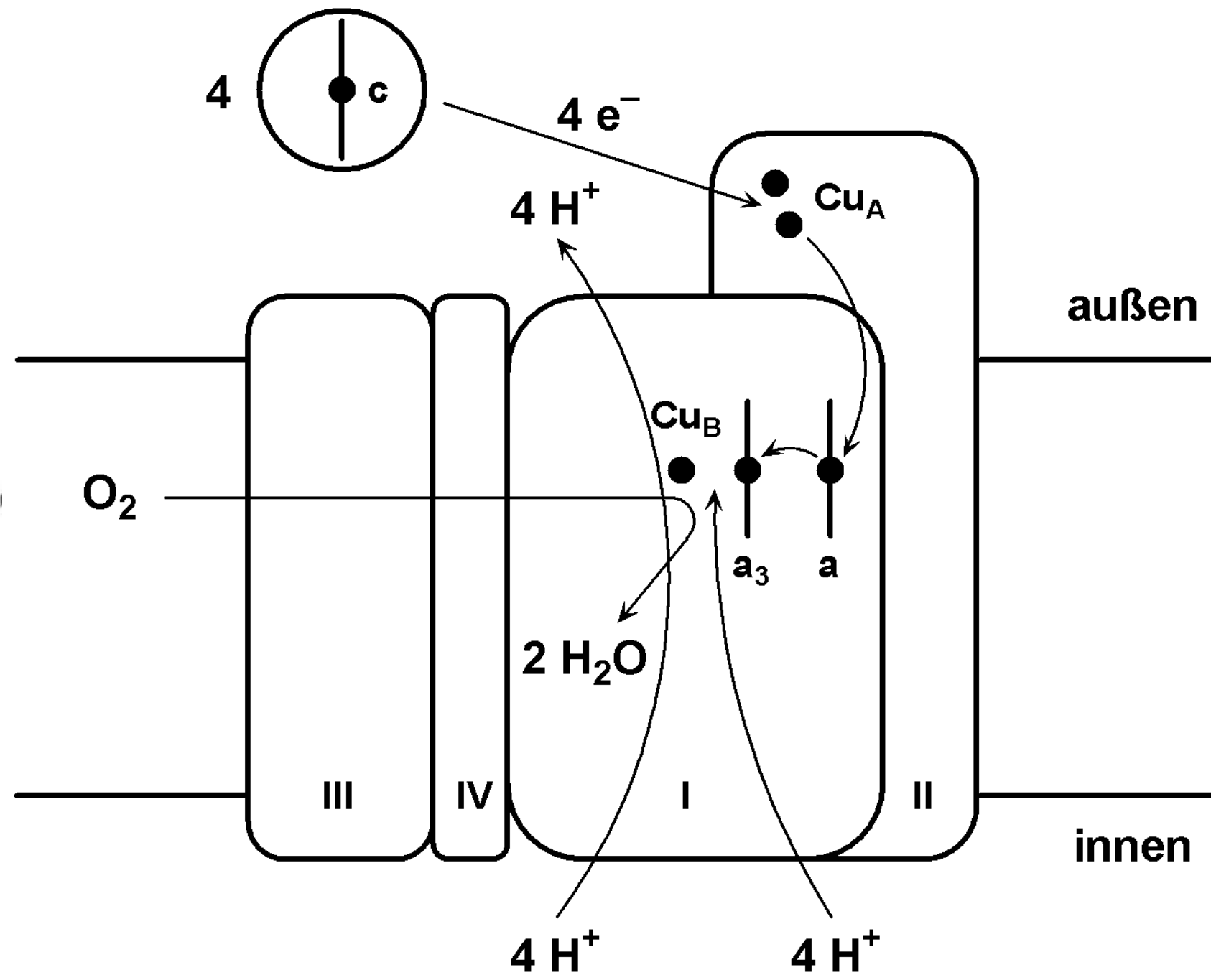
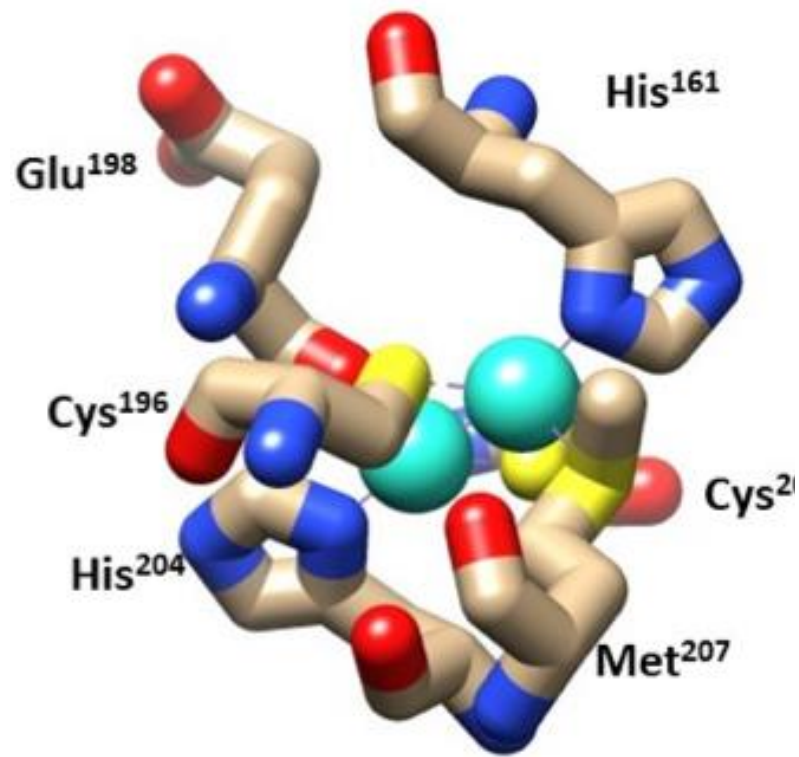
**Scheme 7.6.2.1** : Schematic representation of the mechanism of reduction of  $\text{O}_2$  catalysed by cytochrome c oxidase.

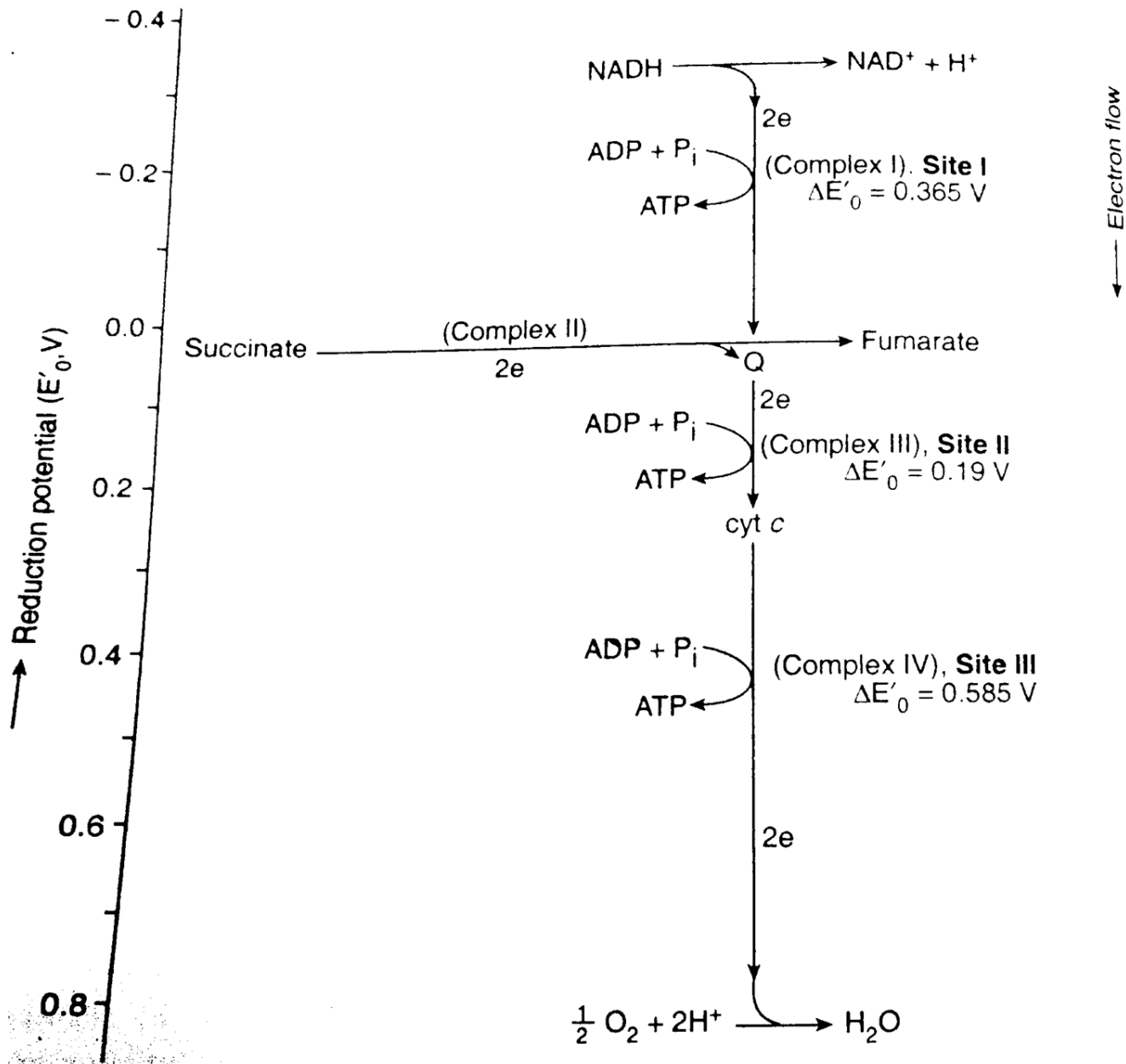


Cytochrome c









**3.1** : Mitochondrial respiratory chain representing the ATP generating sites. Reduction potentials ( $E'_0$  at pH  $\approx$  7, 25 °C) of the redox couples are shown.

### 8.1.4 Blocking of the Respiratory Chain and Inhibition of the Electron Flow

If the ATP generating sites (i.e. site I, II and III) are blocked then ATP synthesis will be prevented and it will inhibit the electron flow to end the life process. *Rotenone* (a plant toxin) and *amytal* (a barbiturate) specifically inhibit the activity of NADH-Q reductase to block the **site I**. It is important to note that this blocking cannot stop the electron flow from oxidation of succinate (cf. succinate enters into the respiratory chain via **complex II**), as in this route electrons enter in the respiratory chain beyond the **site I** at ubiquinone (cf. Scheme 8.1.2.1). *Antimycin A* (an antibiotic) can block the **site II**. This blocking can be bypassed by the addition of ascorbate which directly can reduce cyt *c* to keep alive the **site III**. The **site III** is blocked by the ligands like CO,  $\text{CN}^-$ ,  $\text{N}_3^-$ , etc. In cyt *c* oxidase (Sec. 7.6), cyt  $a_3$  (5 coordinate Fe) and  $\text{Cu}_B$  are coordinatively unsaturated and the ligands may occupy the vacant site of either Fe or Cu or both. CO is believed to complex with the Fe(II) state of cyt  $a_3$  and it stabilises the Fe(II) state and prevents its reoxidation to the Fe(III) state.  $\text{N}_3^-$  is expected to stabilise the Fe(III) state of cyt  $a_3$ . The deadly toxic effect of  $\text{CN}^-$  is due to its complexation with iron [cyt  $a_3$ ] or copper [ $\text{Cu}_B$ ] at the vacant coordination site.  $\text{CN}^-$  preferably stabilises Fe(III) in Fe(III)/Fe(II) couple while it stabilises preferably Cu(I) in Cu(II)/Cu(I) couple. Consequently, regeneration of Cu(II) and Fe(II) by the adjacent redox couples is not possible. To remove this blocking at site III,  $\text{CN}^-$  is to be removed from cytochrome *c* oxidase. Fe(III) in met-Hb and met-Mb can thermodynamically and kinetically snatch the bound  $\text{CN}^-$  from the **site III**. Probably, due to the positive charge on  $(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-heme})^+$  present in **met-Hb** or **met-Mb**, it binds  $\text{CN}^-$  more strongly than either cyt *c* oxidase or hemoglobin/myoglobin. This charge neutralization gives also an **entropic favour** due to relaxation of electrorestriction over the surroundings. This is why, in the treatment of  $\text{CN}^-$  poisoning, met-Hb is to be produced by the injection of  $\text{NaNO}_2$  solution or inhalation of the amyl nitrite vapour, which can oxidise some of the hemoglobins [Fe(II)-heme] to met-Hb. Then the met-Hb bound  $\text{CN}^-$  is destroyed in spleen. Presently, Co(II)-edta complex is administered to detoxify  $\text{CN}^-$  toxicity as this complex binds  $\text{CN}^-$  very strongly and it snatches away  $\text{CN}^-$  from cytochrome *c* oxidase.

## CN Poisoning and blocking of Respiratory Chain



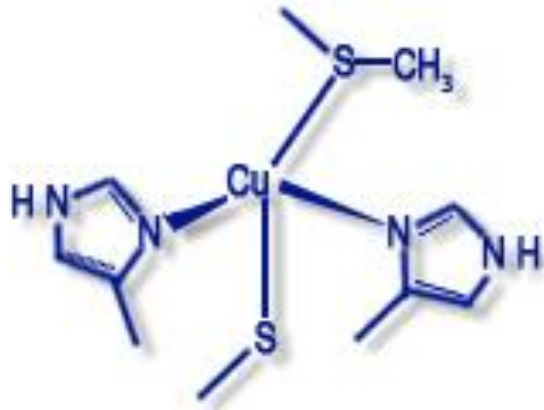
## Classification of Biological Copper Centers

	Mononuclear		Dinuclear		Tetranuclear
Type	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Cu <sub>A</sub>	Cu <sub>Z</sub>
UV-vis Spectrum	Strong absorption ~ 600 nm and (in some proteins) 450 nm	Weak absorption ~ 700 nm	Weak absorption ~ 700 nm	Strong absorption ~ 480 and 530 nm	Strong absorption ~ 640 nm
EPR spectrum	4-line (A <sub>  </sub> < 80 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	4-line (A <sub>  </sub> ~ (130-180) x 10 <sup>-4</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	non-detectable	7-line (A <sub>  </sub> ~ 30-40 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	2x4-line (A <sub>  </sub> ~ 61 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> & A <sub>⊥</sub> ~ 24 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )
Common ligands	His, Cys, (Met)	His, Asp, (Tyr)	His, (Tyr)	His, Cys, (Met)	His, S <sup>2-</sup>
Active site geometry	Distorted tetrahedral	Distorted tetragonal	Tetragonal	Trigonal planar	m <sub>4</sub> -S <sup>2-</sup> tetracopper cluster
Examples	Azurin Plastocyanin Stellacyanin Nitrite reductase Laccase	Superoxide dismutase Galactose oxidase Amine oxidase Nitrite reductase Laccase	Hemocyanin Tyrosinase Catechol oxidase Laccase	Cyt c oxidase N <sub>2</sub> O reductase Menaquinol NO-reductase	N <sub>2</sub> O reductase

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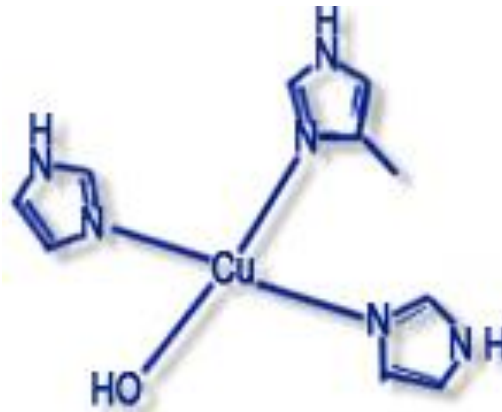
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### Type I ("blue" copper proteins)

- Strongly distorted coordination sphere (3 + 1) comprised of 2x histidine, 1x methionine, 1x cysteine
- Absorption at ca. 600 nm (blue)
- EPR spectrum with small Cu coupling and g-value anisotropy:

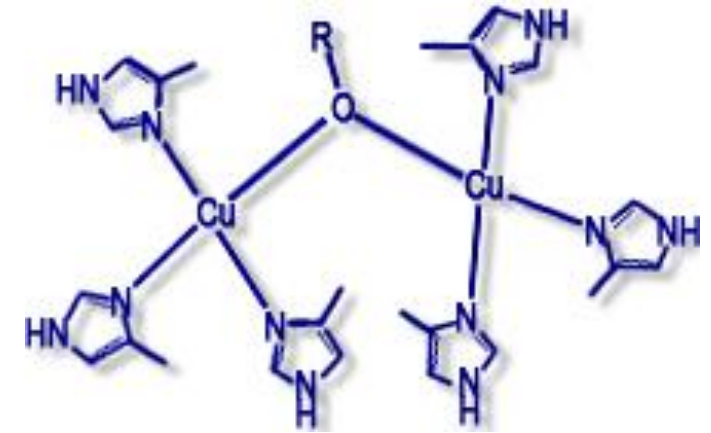
**Examples:** [plastocyanin](#), [azurin](#), nitrite reductase



### Type II ("non-blue" copper proteins)

- Essentially planar coordination sphere with 3x histidine und 1x H<sub>2</sub>O or substrate molecule
- Weak absorption in the visible region
- EPR spectrum with axial symmetry ("normal" EPR spectrum):

**Examples:** galactose oxidase, amine oxidase, dopamine monooxidase



### Type III (dimers)

- Oxygen bridged dimer with a Cu-Cu distance of ca. 360 pm
- After oxygen uptake shows intense absorptions at 350 nm and 600 nm
- EPR silent; antiferromagnetically coupled d<sup>9</sup> centers:

**Examples:** [haemocyanin](#), tyrosinase

There are three classes of copper centres in blue copper proteins:

- A Type 1 centre is characterized by an intense absorption in the electronic spectrum with  $\lambda_{\max} \approx 600 \text{ nm}$ , and  $\epsilon_{\max} \approx 100$  times greater than that of aqueous  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ . The absorption is assigned to charge transfer from a cysteine ligand to  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ . In the EPR spectrum ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  has one unpaired electron), narrow hyperfine splitting is observed (see Section 4.9).
- A Type 2 centre exhibits electronic spectroscopic characteristics typical of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ , and the EPR spectrum is typical of a  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  centre in a simple coordination complex.
- A Type 3 centre exhibits an absorption with  $\lambda_{\max} \approx 330 \text{ nm}$  and exists as a pair of Cu(II) centres which are antiferromagnetically coupled to give a diamagnetic system. Hence, there is no EPR spectroscopic signature. The  $\text{Cu}_2$ -unit can function as a 2-electron transfer centre and is involved in the reduction of  $\text{O}_2$ .

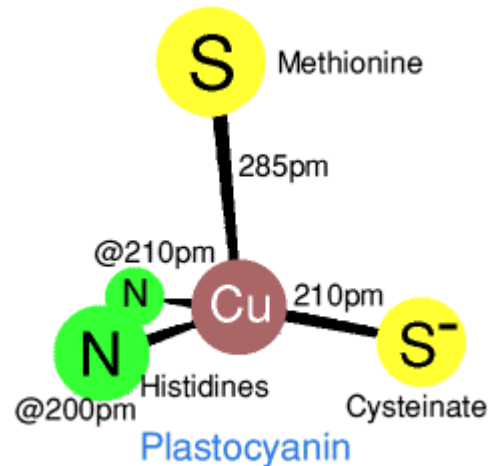
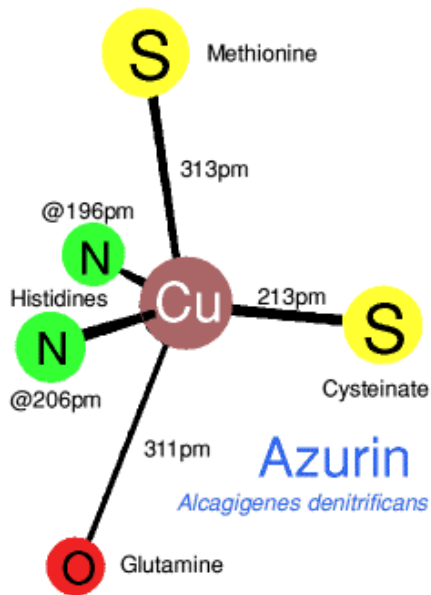


## "Classical" Copper Centers in Proteins

Copper participates in many biological processes involving electron transfer reactions. Its roles are as widely varied as simple electron transfer, oxygen activation, and oxygen transport.

In this sense, the copper proteins often have functions which can be carried out by iron centers. This is an indication that natural evolution was "success-oriented" and not "structure-oriented." A good example of this is the enzyme nitrite reductase. Its active site can be either an iron haem center or a type I copper complex.

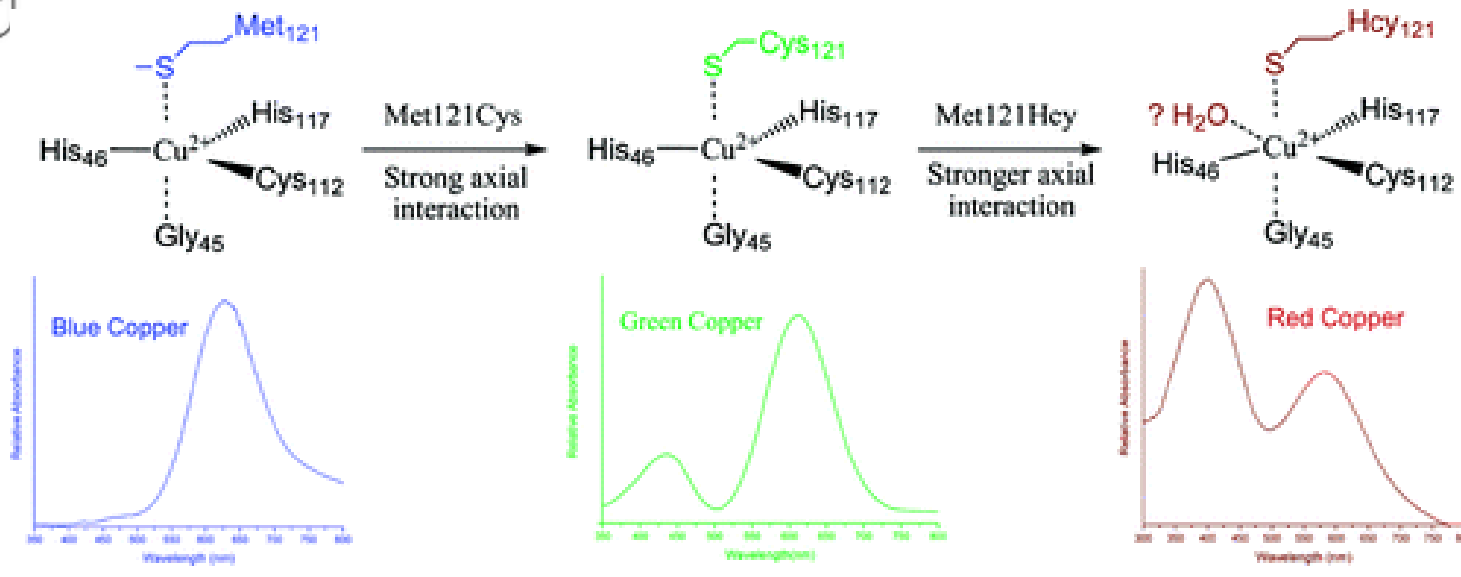
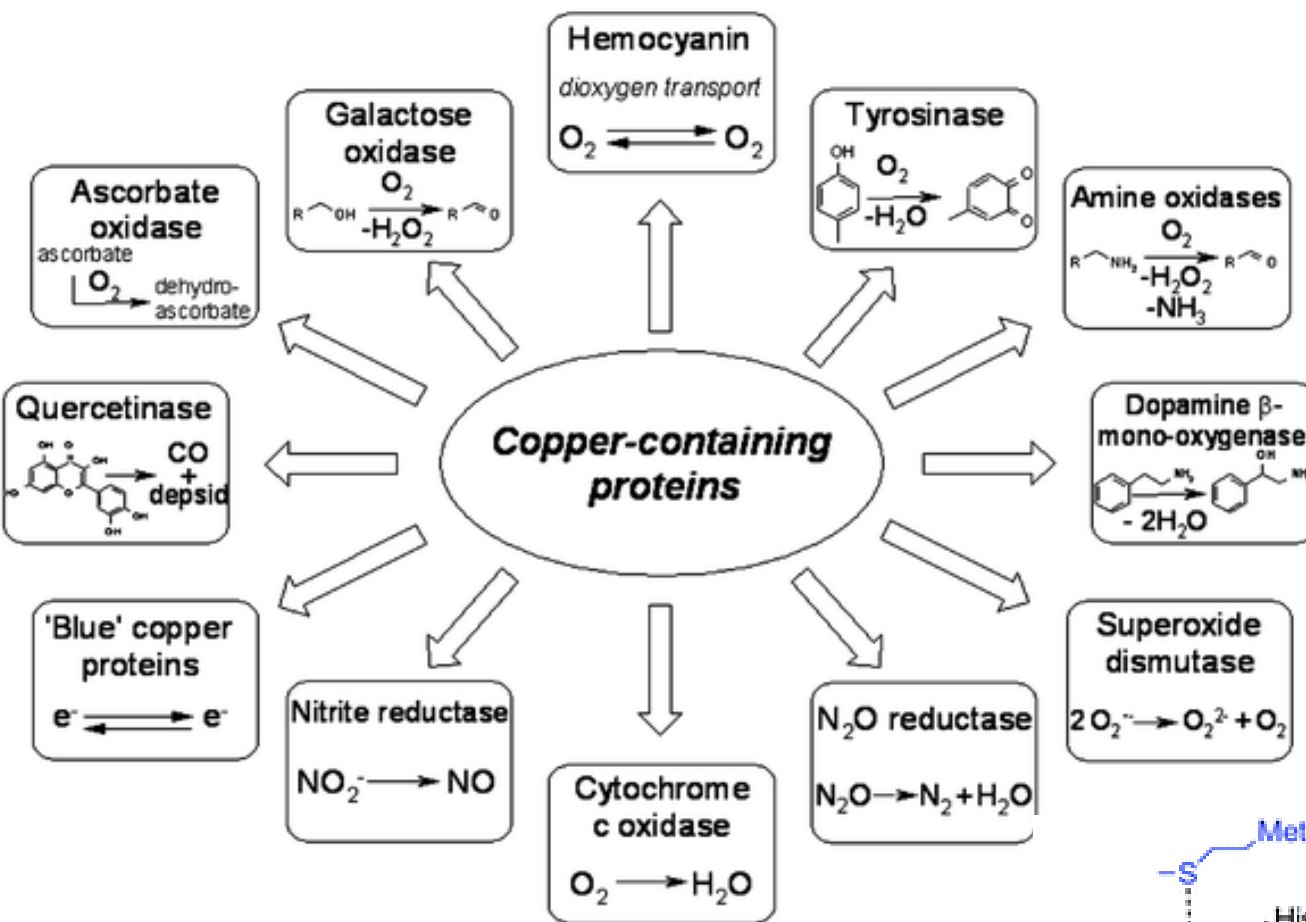
Copper proteins are often classified as type I, type II, or type III centers, depending on the environment of the metal ion and spectroscopic characteristics (EPR spectrum, color, etc).



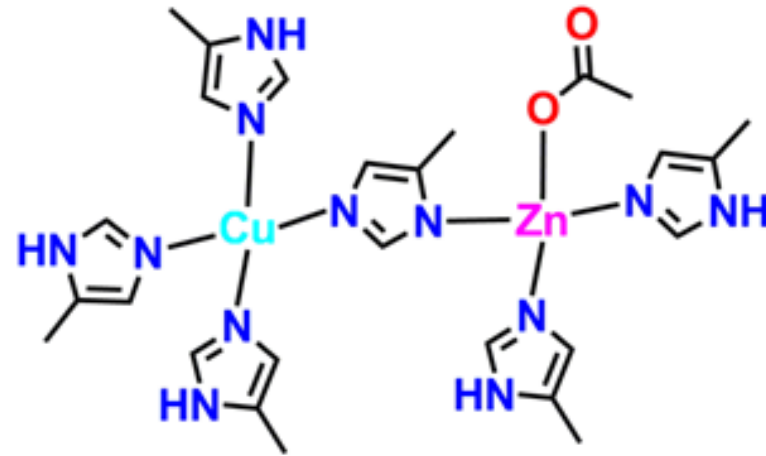
Type I or blue – intense UV-Vis absorption at 600 nm  $\epsilon > 3000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  arising from cys to Cu(II)

Plastocyanin: found in higher plants – involved in the electron transfer between PSI and PSII

Azurin: found in denitrifying bacteria – involved in the respiratory chain where the role is to transfer electron between cyt c551 to cytochrome oxidase



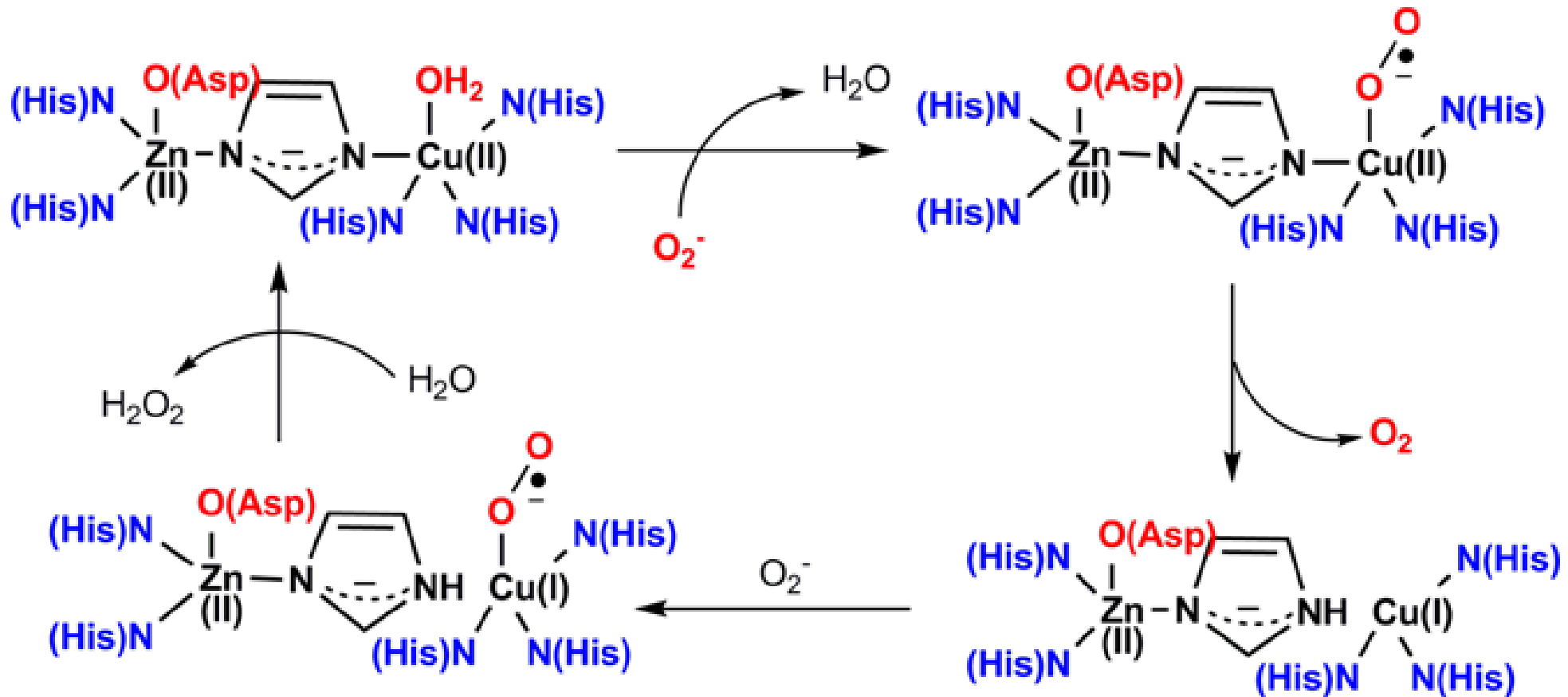
**Cu-Zn Superoxide dismutase:** Type 2 protein – non-blue type  
Superoxide dismutase catalyses the following dismutation reaction



The active site of this enzyme is dinuclear and contains copper and zinc atom. The copper center is surrounded by three histidine units, one bridging histidine residue and one axial weakly bound solvent (water) molecule. The zinc center is tetradentate and surrounded by two histidine residues, one bridging histidine, and one Asp acid units. Copper and zinc centers are in +II oxidation state and about 6.0 Å apart from each other.



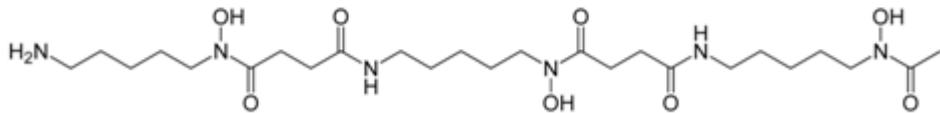
The active form of Cu/Zn-SOD enzyme contains one Zn and one Cu atoms and both are in +II oxidation state. Zn(II) center does not participate in the catalysis process, rather, its presence in the active site controls the reactivity shown by the Cu(II) center. One superoxide molecule, initially, binds to the Cu(II) centers and then homolytic cleavage of the Cu-O bond reduces Cu(II) to Cu(I) and superoxide oxidizes to molecular oxygen. A vital structural change occurs upon transformation of Cu(II) to Cu(I). The Cu-N bond from the bridging histidine unit breaks. The second molecule of superoxide binds to Cu(I) and consequently, reduced to peroxide by Cu(I) that reoxidized to Cu(II). The labile peroxide is replaced by solvent water molecule (**Ping-pong** mechanism)



**Siderophores:** It means **iron carriers in greek** are small, high-affinity iron-chelating compounds secreted by microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi and grasses. Siderophores are amongst the strongest soluble Fe<sup>3+</sup> binding agents known

### Hydroxamate siderophores:

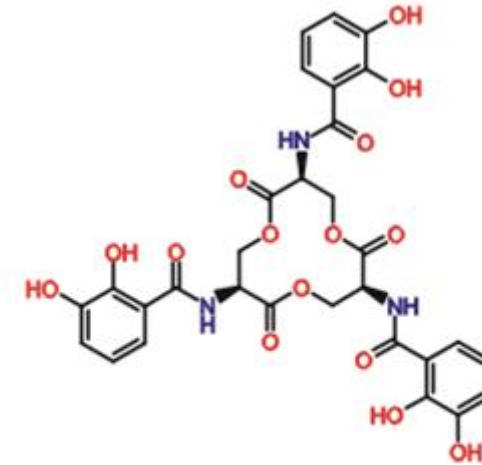
Siderophore	Organism
Ferrochrome	<i>Ustilago sphaerogena</i>
Desferrioxamine B	<i>Streptomyces pilosus</i>
(Deferoxamine)	<i>Streptomyces coelicolor</i>
Desferrioxamine E	<i>Streptomyces coelicolor</i>
Fusarinine C	<i>Fusarium roseum</i>
Ornibactin	<i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>



Desferrioxamine B

### Catecholate siderophores:

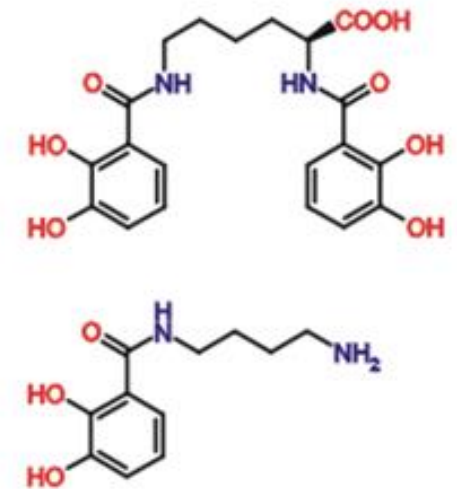
Siderophore	Organism
Enterobactin	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
	enteric bacteria
Bacillibactin	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>
	<i>Bacillus anthracis</i>
Vibriobactin	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>



enterobactin of *E. coli*

### Mixed ligands:

Siderophore	Organism
azotobactin	<i>Azotobacter vinelandii</i>
pyoverdine	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
yersiniabactin	<i>Yersinia pestis</i>



azotochelin (top) and aminochelin (bottom) of *A. vinelandii*

**Ionophores are lipid soluble molecules.** They transport ions across the lipid bilayers of a cell membrane. Example: Synthetic ionophores are **crown ethers, cryptands, calixarenes,** etc.

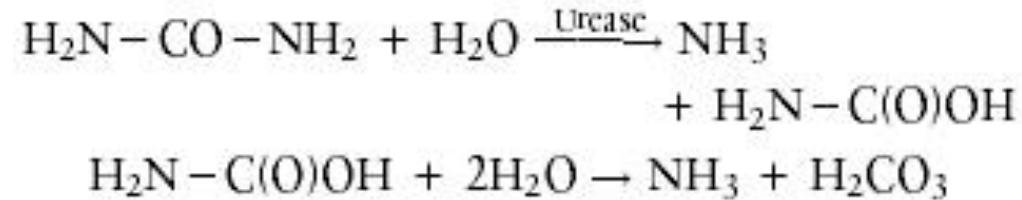
# Nickel containing Protein: Urease

- Urease are found in numerous bacteria, fungi, algae, plants and some invertebrates, as well as in soils, as a soil enzyme
- In 1926, James B. Sumner showed that urease is a protein by examining its crystallized form and awarded Nobel prize in chemistry in 1946
- They are nickel-containing metalloenzymes of high molecular weight
- It is a bis- $\mu$ -hydroxo dimeric nickel center, with an interatomic distance of  $\sim 3.5 \text{ \AA}$  octahedrally coordinated Ni(II) ions are high spin and weakly antiferromagnetically coupled
- Jack bean meal, watermelon seeds, and pea seeds have all proven useful sources of urease

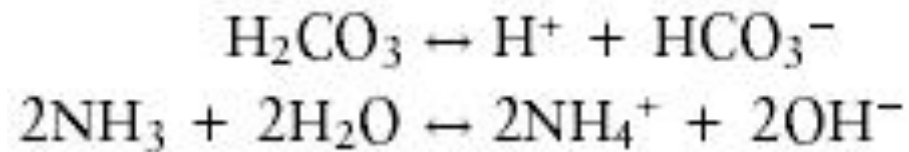


# Urease

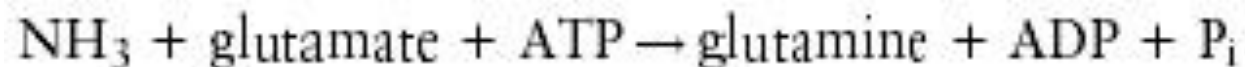
Urease (urea amidohydrolase: EC 3.5.1.5) catalyzes the hydrolysis of urea to yield ammonia and carbamate. The latter compound spontaneously decomposes to yield another molecule of ammonia and carbonic acid



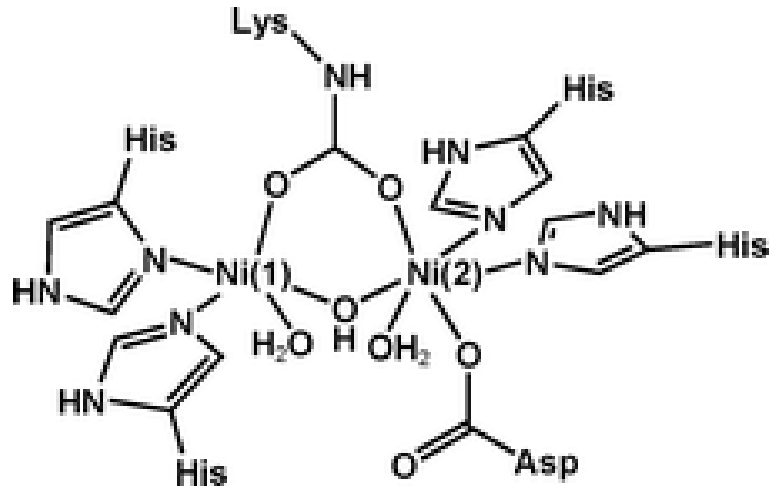
In aqueous solutions, the released carbonic acid and the two molecules of ammonia are in equilibrium with their deprotonated and protonated forms, respectively. The net effect of these reactions is an increase in pH.



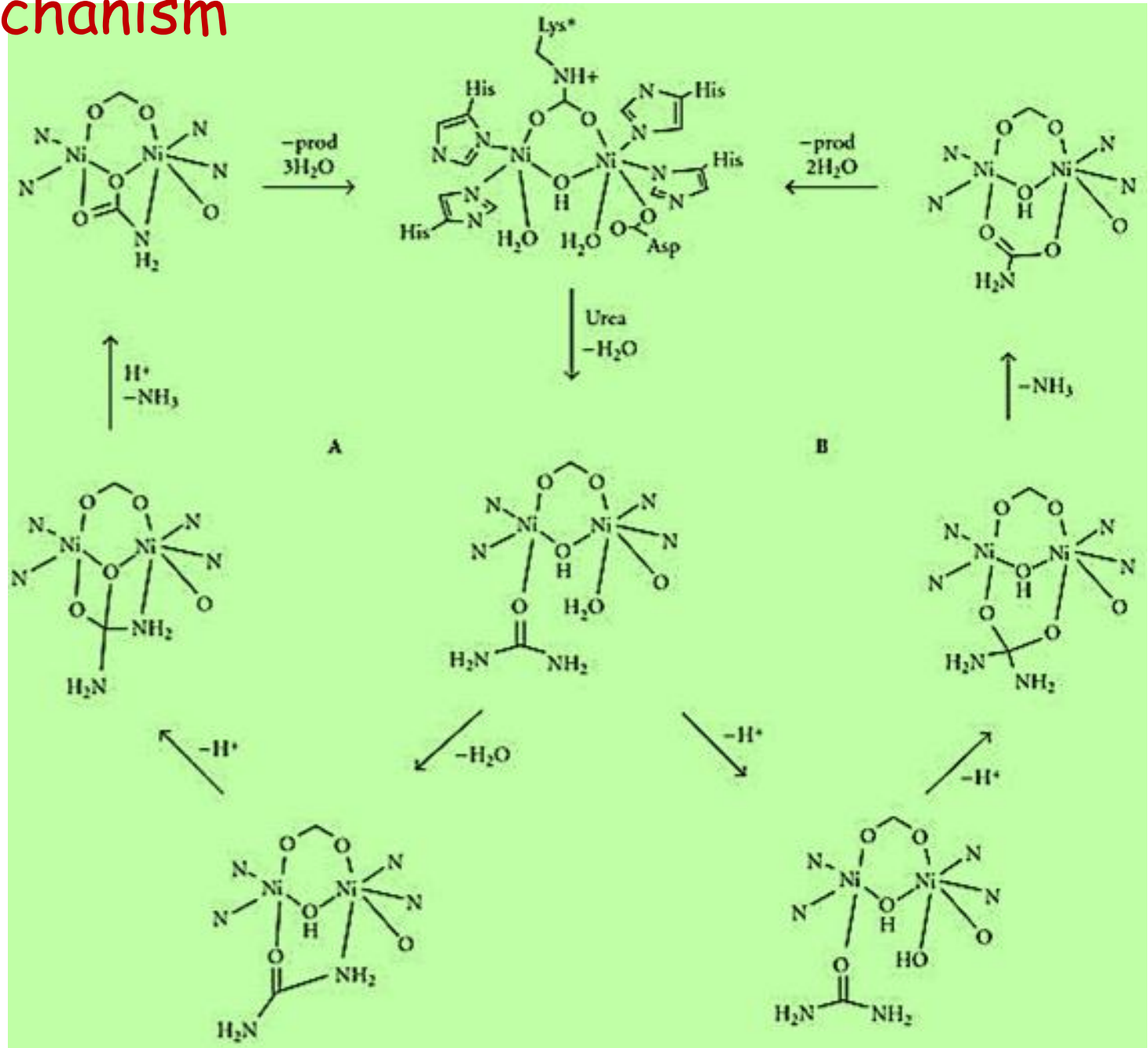
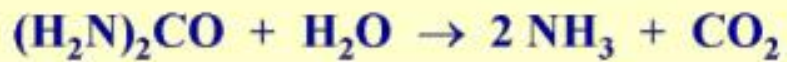
Ammonia, a preferred nitrogen source for bacteria and the product of urea hydrolysis, is assimilated into protein and other nitrogenous compounds in bacteria by a single pathway. Glutamine synthetase (EC 6.3.1.2) catalyzes the reaction:

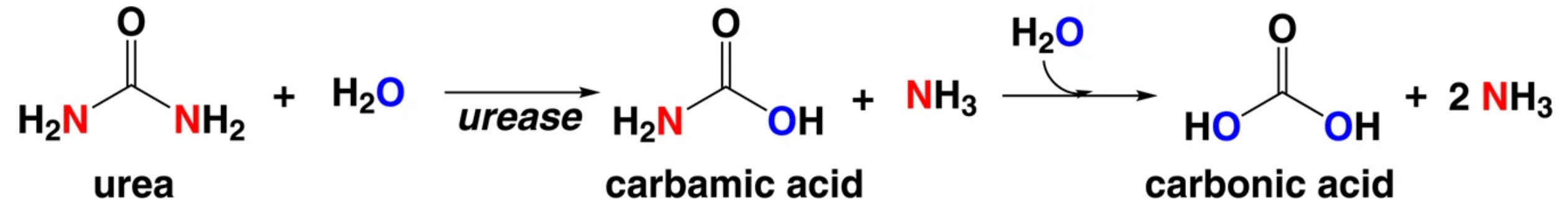


# Urease - mechanism

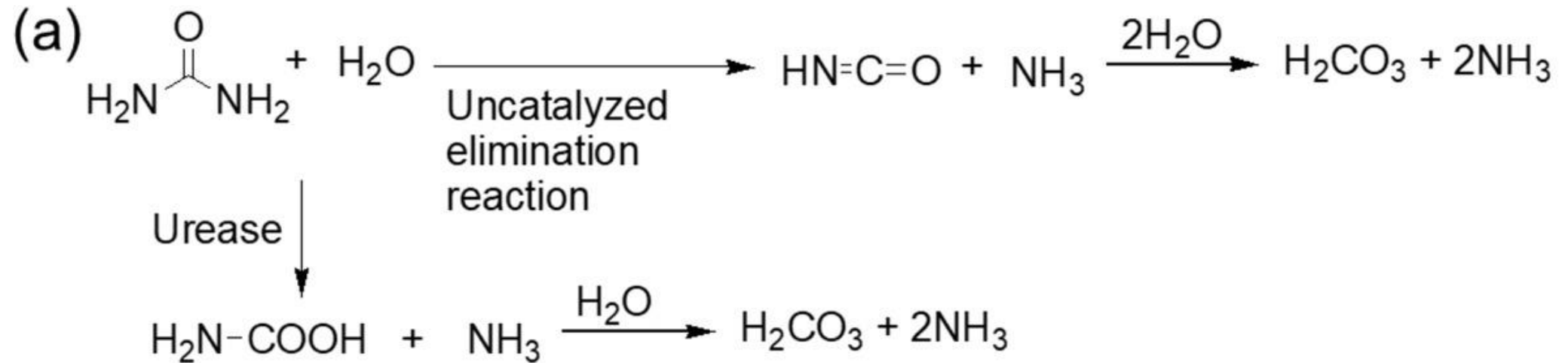


## Urease Active Site

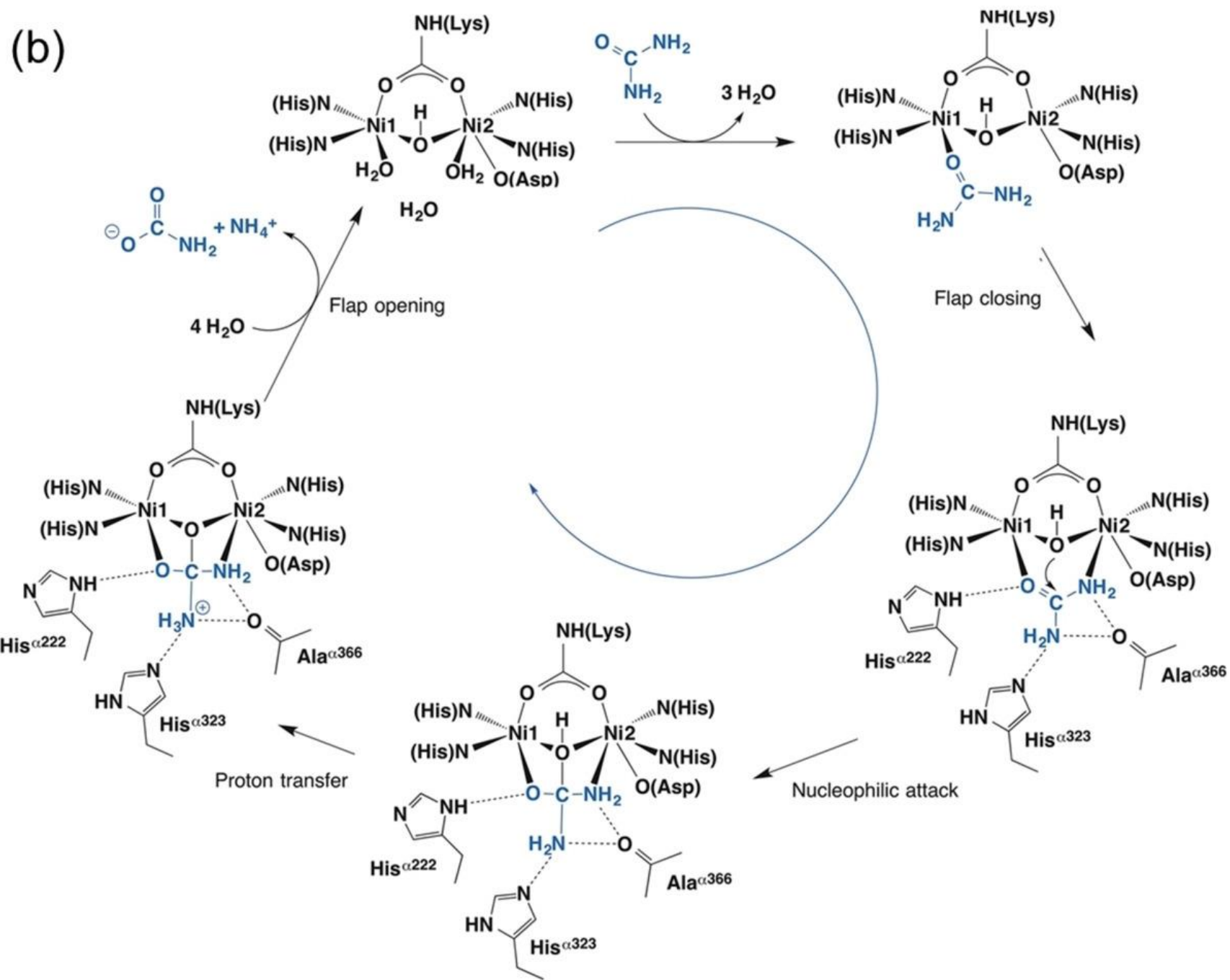


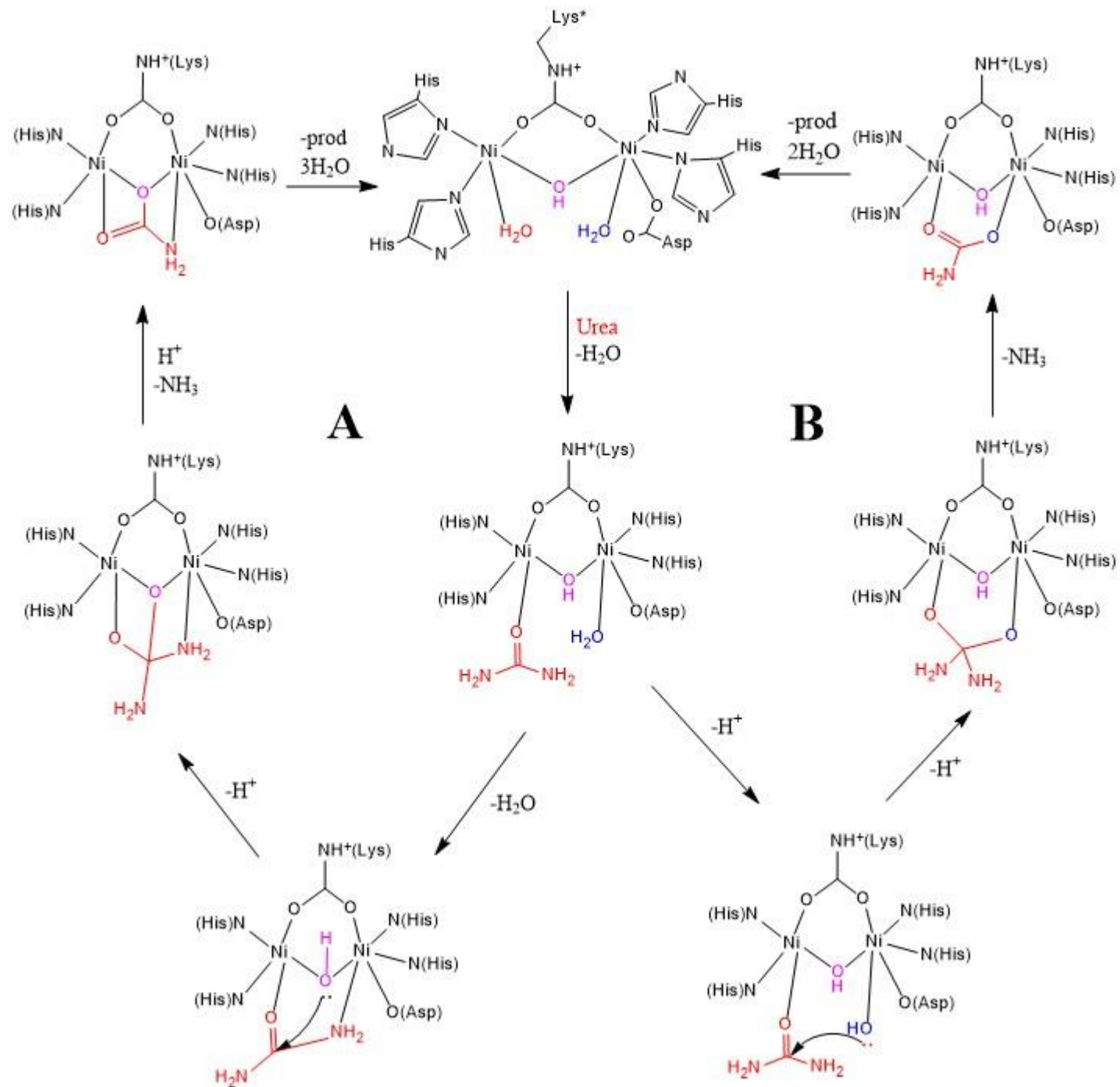


M.Wt 600 kDa, six subunits – each subunits contain two nickel (II) centres and are 3.5 Å apart.

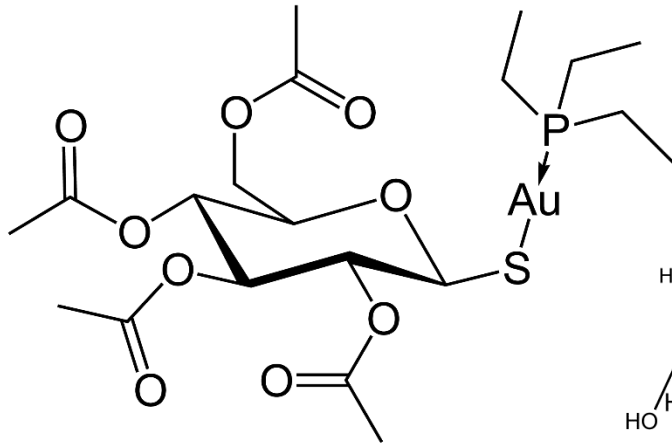




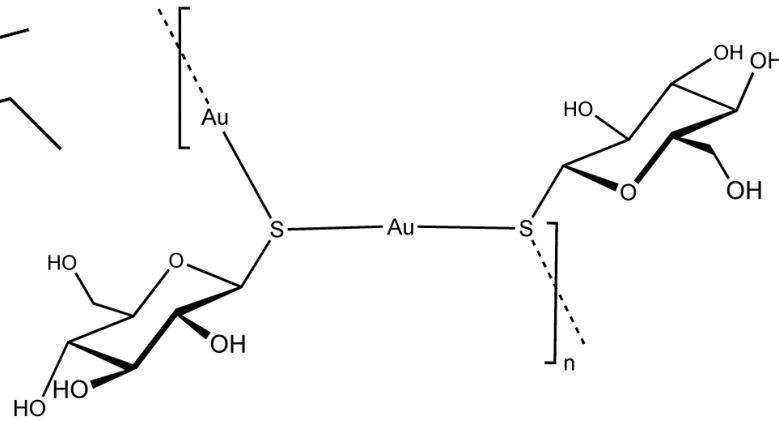




## Gold drugs in rheumatoid arthritis



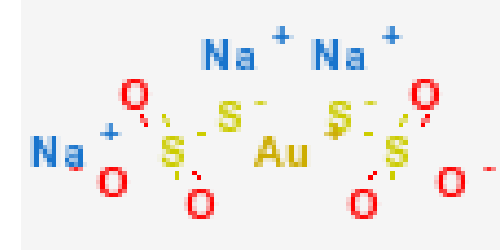
**Auranofin**



**Solganol (gold thioglucose)**



**Myochrysine (gold disodium thiomalate)**



**sanocrysin (gold trisodium thiosulphate)**

The use of gold salts in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis is known as **chrysotherapy**. Except Auranofin other three of the above mentioned drugs administered intramuscularly while Auranofin can be administered orally.

**Lithium drugs:** lithium carbonate – are primarily used as a psychiatric medication for psychiatric mind disorder and schizophrenic symptoms. This includes the treatment of major depressive disorder that does not improve following the use of other antidepressants, and bipolar disorder. In these disorders, it reduces the risk of suicide. Lithium is taken by mouth.

Common side effects include increased urination, shakiness of the hands, and increased thirst. Serious side effects include hypothyroidism, diabetes, and lithium toxicity. Blood level monitoring is recommended to decrease the risk of potential toxicity. If levels become too high, diarrhea, vomiting, poor coordination, sleepiness, and ringing in the ears may occur. If used during pregnancy, lithium can cause problems in the baby. It appears to be safe to use while breastfeeding. Lithium salts are classified as mood stabilizers. How lithium works is not specifically known.

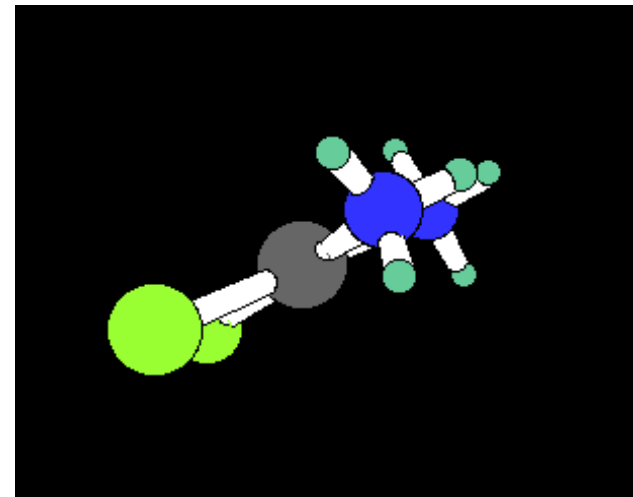


# Cis- Platin

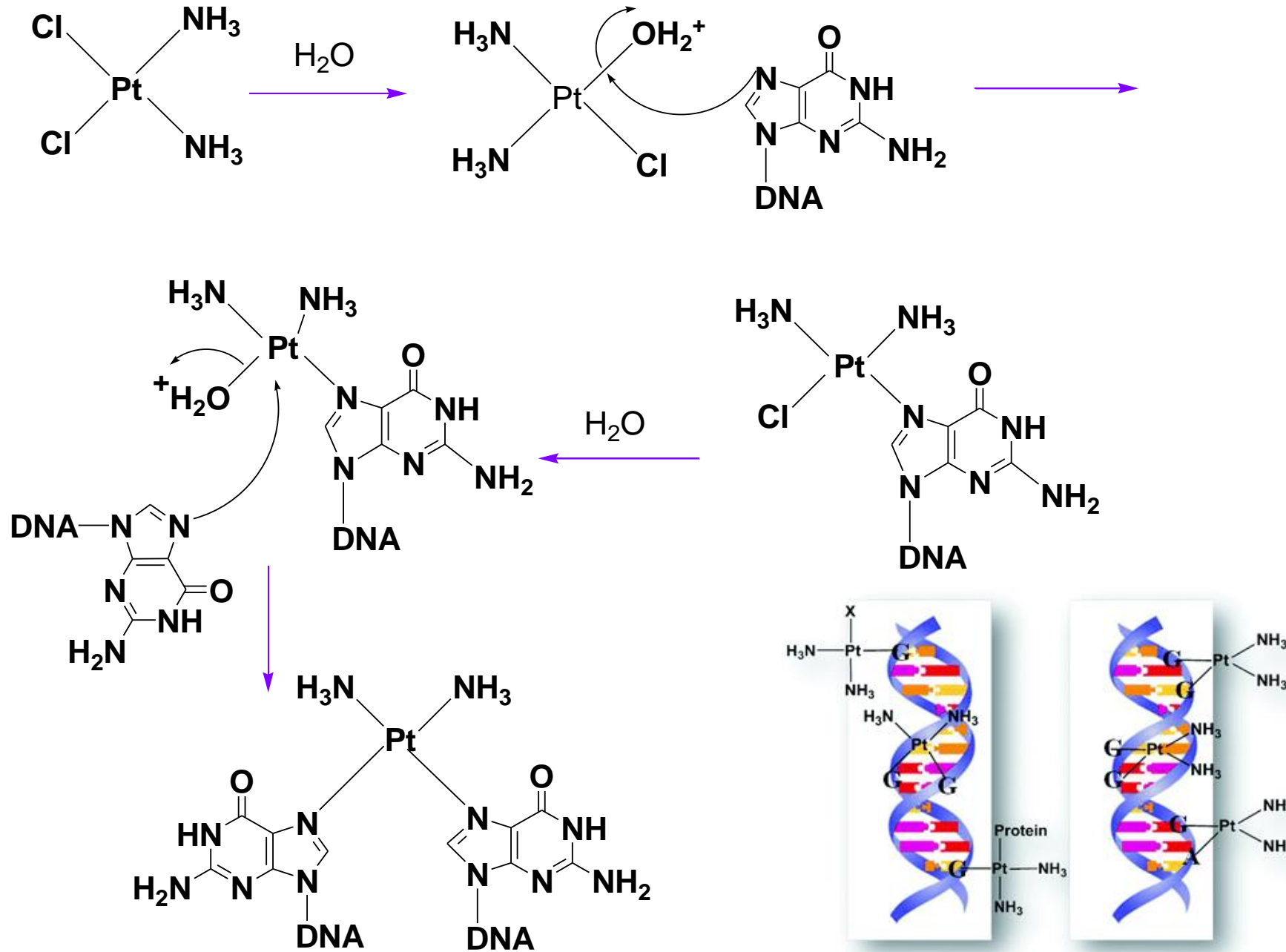
- Barnett Rosenberg in 1965 accidentally discover cis platin. It is a **chemotherapy** agent. In addition it is also used for **Auger therapy** (low energy radiation therapy).
- It is used to treat various types of **cancers** but particularly effective against **testicular cancer**.

## Side effects:

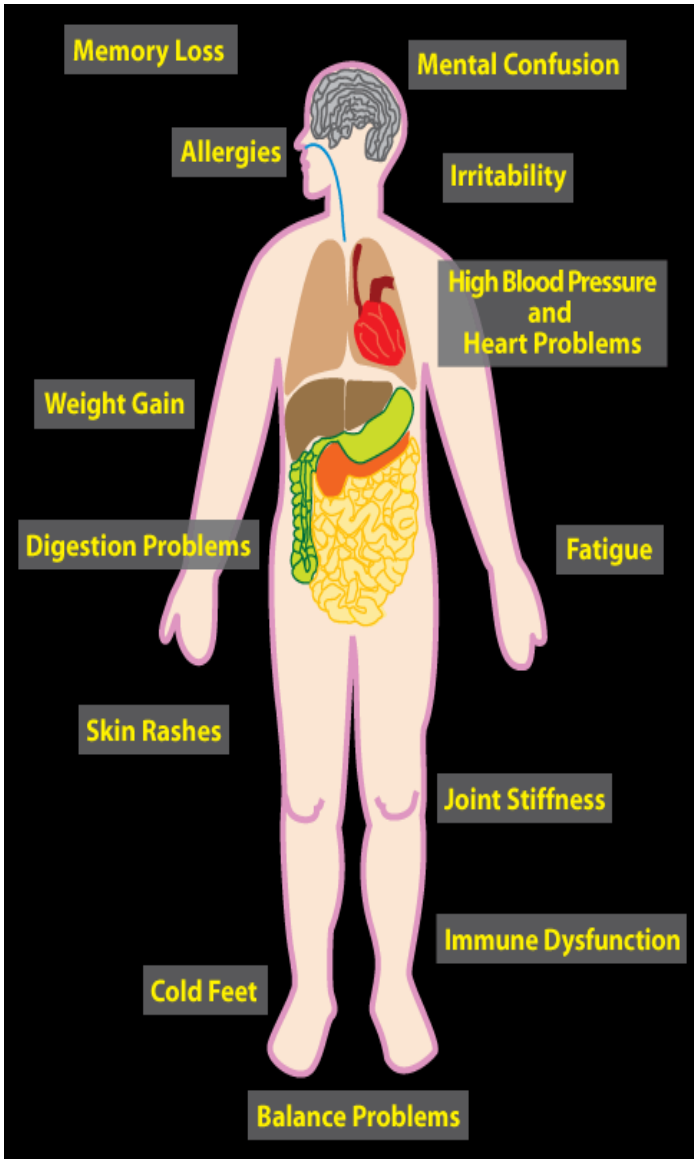
- ✓ **Nephrotoxicity** (kidney damage)
- ✓ **Neurotoxicity** (nerve damage)
- ✓ **Ototoxicity** (hearing loss)
- ✓ **Nausea** and **vomitting**



# Mechanism of cisplatin :



## Mercury Poisoning

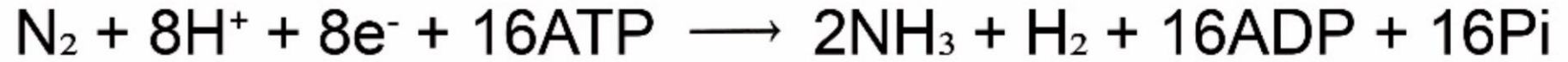


Its toxic effects can cause damage to the brain, kidneys, and lungs with symptoms including sensory impairment (vision, hearing, speech); lack of coordination; loss of hair, teeth, and nails; memory impairment; and insomnia

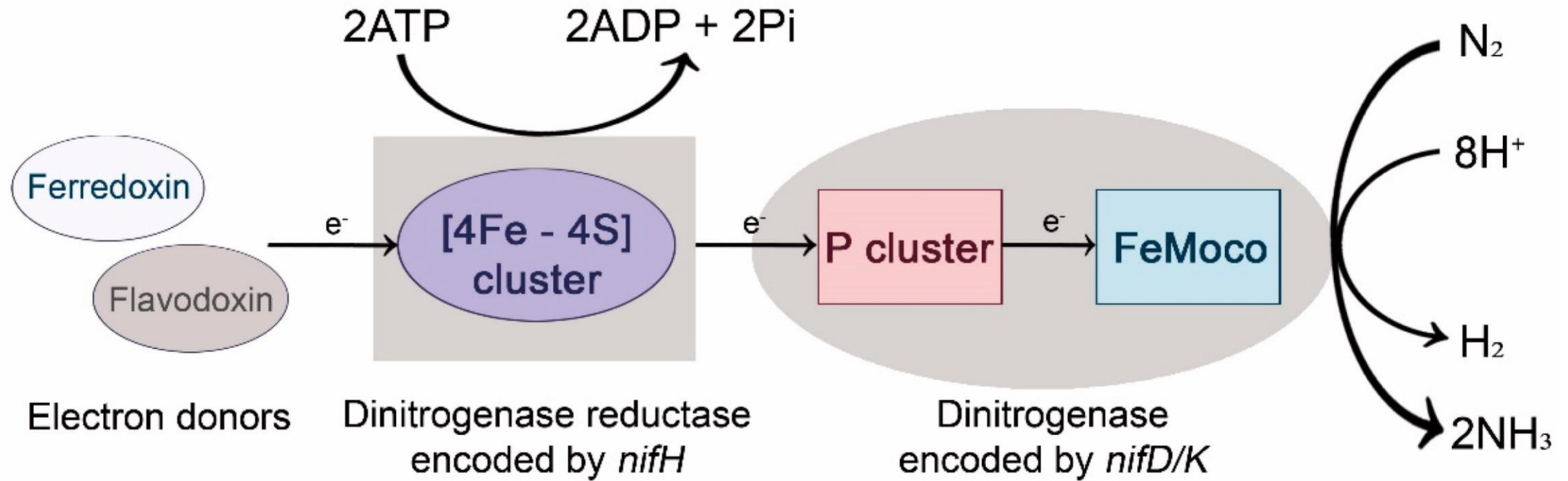


# Nitrogenase and Hydrogenase

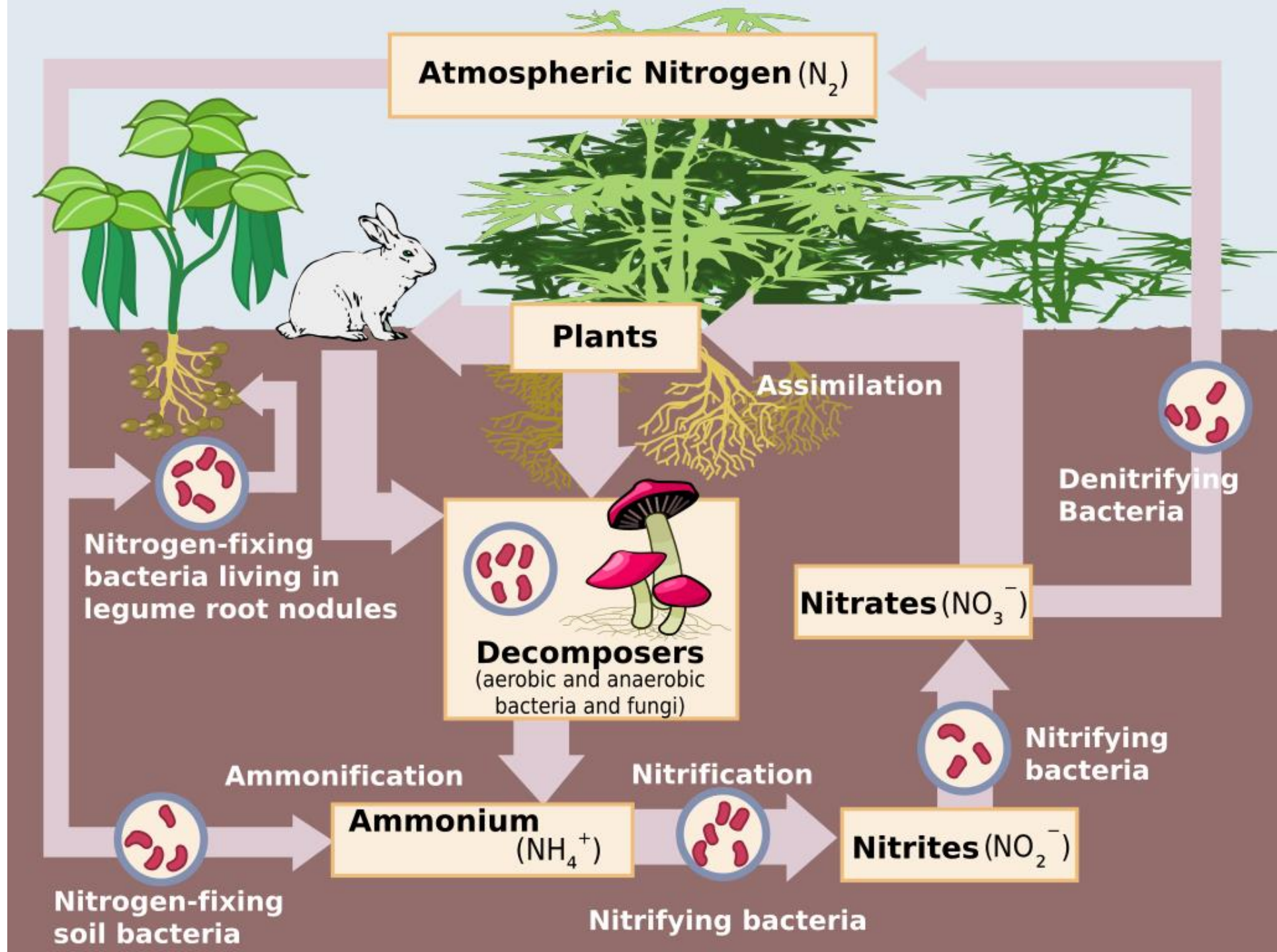
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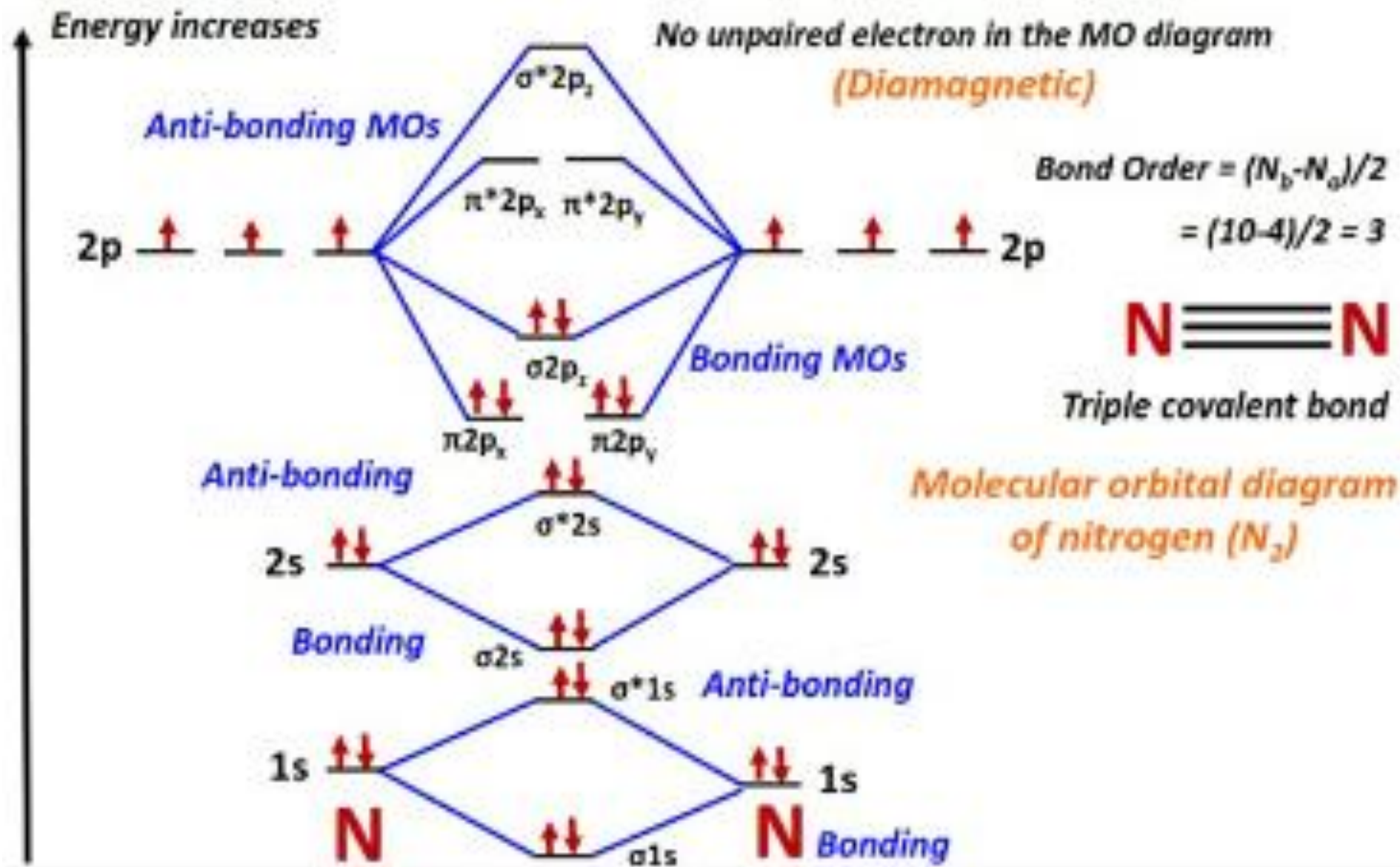


B



8× per  $\text{N}_2$  reduced





HOMO = -15.6 eV  
LUMO = -7.0 eV



## For Nitrogenase Reading:

1. <https://pdb101.rcsb.org/motm/26>; 2. <https://www.rcsb.org/structure/1n2c>;
3. <https://www.nature.com/articles/387370a0>. Structure of ADP·AlF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>-stabilized nitrogenase complex and its implications for signal transduction
4. <https://www.nature.com/articles/s42004-023-01046-6> Fe protein docking transduces conformational changes to MoFe nitrogenase active site in a nucleotide-dependent manner and references therein
5. <https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.accounts.8b00112> Energy Transduction in Nitrogenase
6. Nitrogenase assembly

There are two types of bacteria that synthesize nitrogenase and are required for nitrogen fixation. These are:

- Free-living bacteria (non-symbiotic), examples include:
  - [Cyanobacteria](#) (blue-green algae)
  - [Green sulfur bacteria](#)
  - [Azotobacter](#)
- Mutualistic bacteria (symbiotic), examples include:
  - [Rhizobium](#), associated with [leguminous](#) plants
  - [Spirillum](#), associated with [cereal](#) grasses
  - [Frankia](#)



**Table 9.2. Properties of nitrogenase proteins**

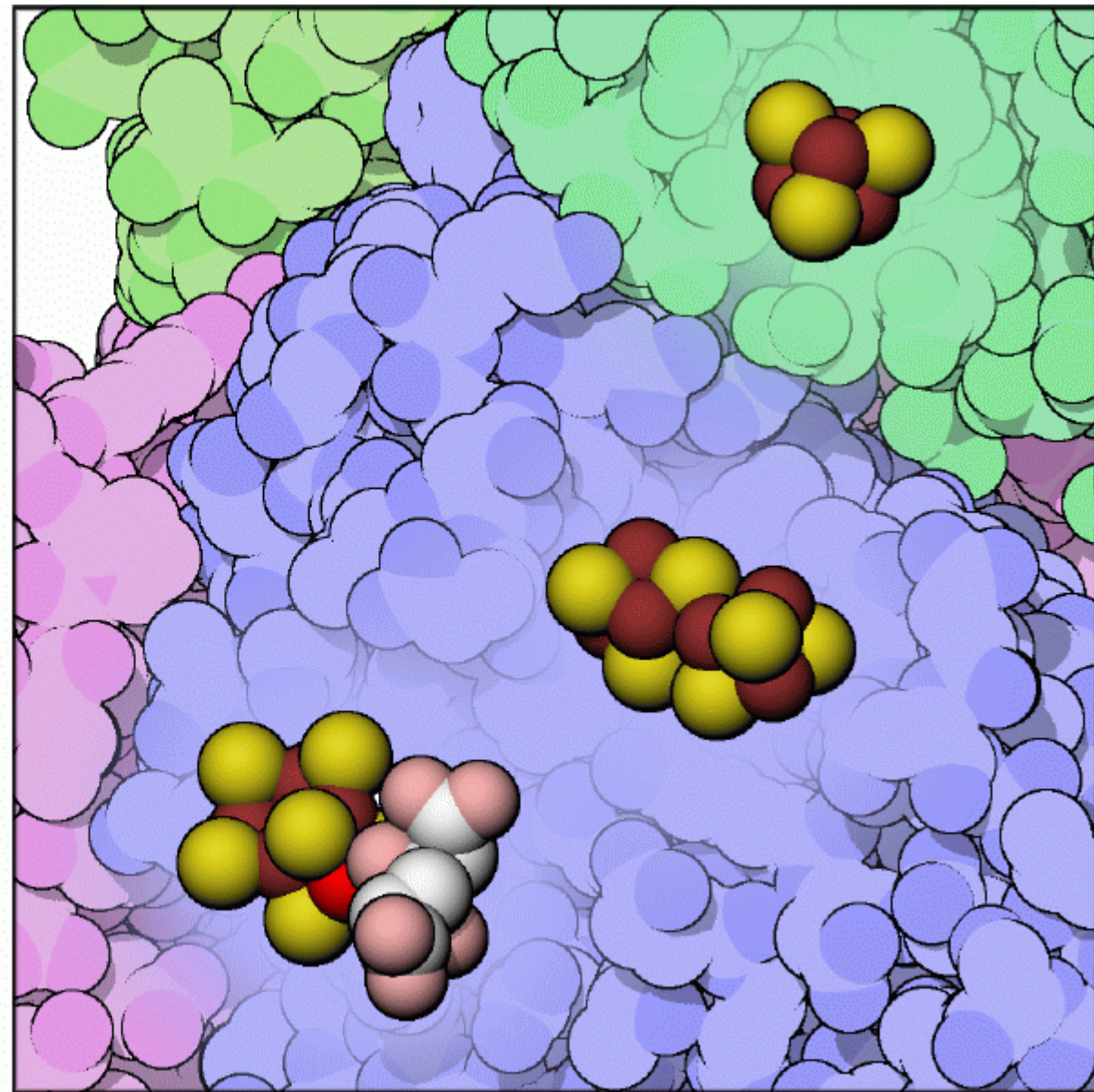
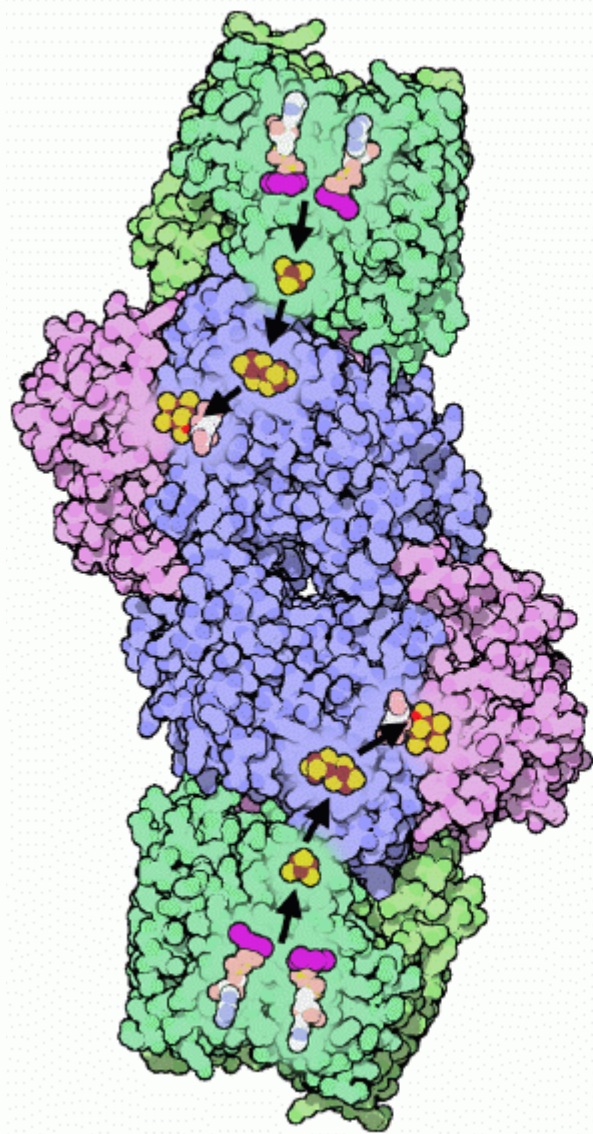
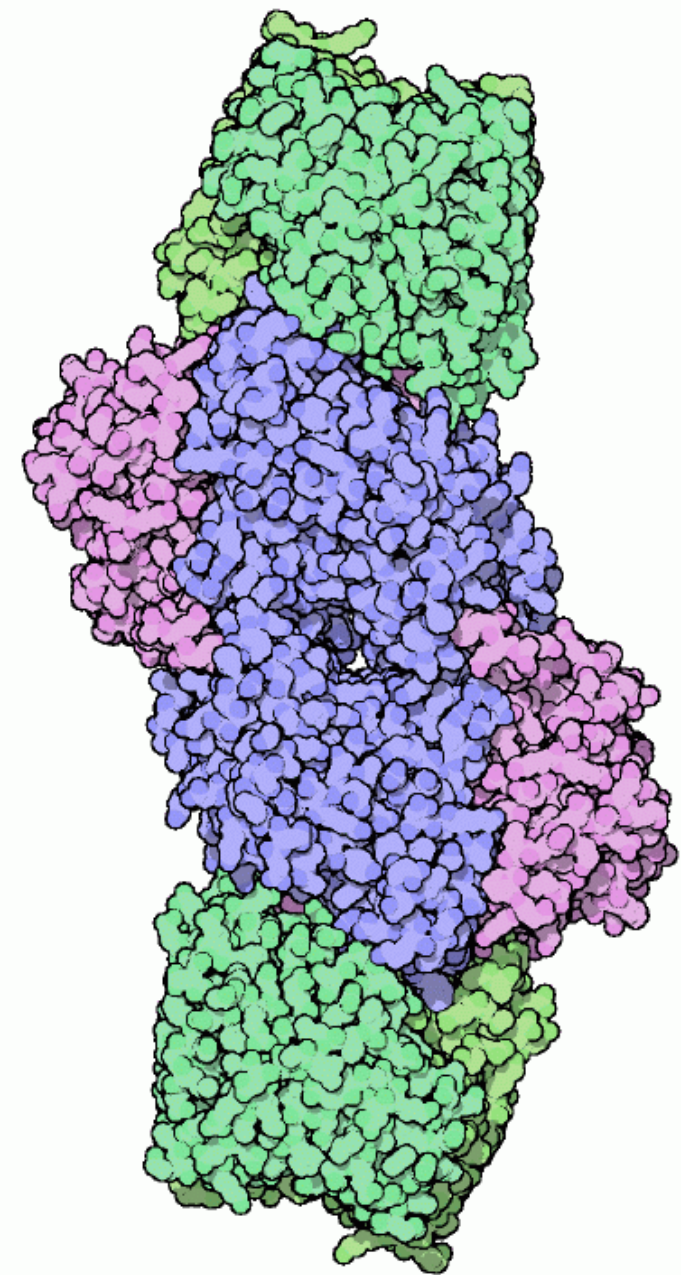
Sl. No.	Property	Fe-protein	Mo-Fe protein
1	Colour	Yellow	Brown
2	Molecular weight	65,000	2,00,000-2,22,000
3	Number of metal atoms per molecule	4 Fe atoms	2 Mo atoms* 24 Fe atoms**
4	Number of sulphur atoms	4	24
5	Structure	Monomer	Tetramer
6	Sensitivity to oxygen	Irreversibly sensitive to even by the brief exposure to air.	Reversibly sensitive to oxygen. It can withstand for brief exposure to oxygen.
7	Specific activity† (N <sub>2</sub> reduced/min. mg/protein)	460-530 n moles	350 n moles

\* 1.3-1.8 Mo atoms reported.

\*\* 18-35 Fe atoms reported.

† The activity of N<sub>2</sub>ase is mainly due to the combined effect contributed by both proteins.







reductase

nitrogenase

ATP

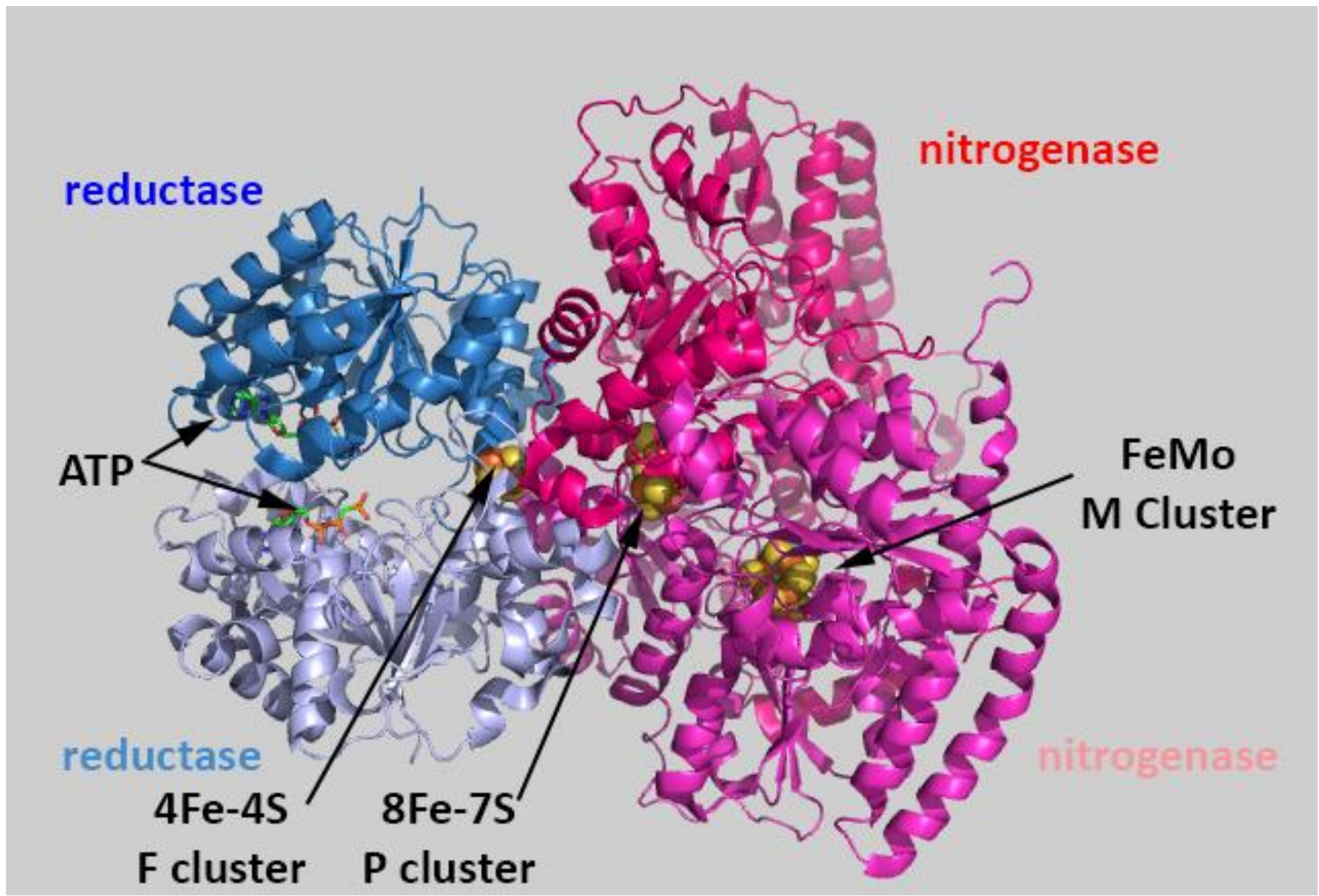
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M Cluster

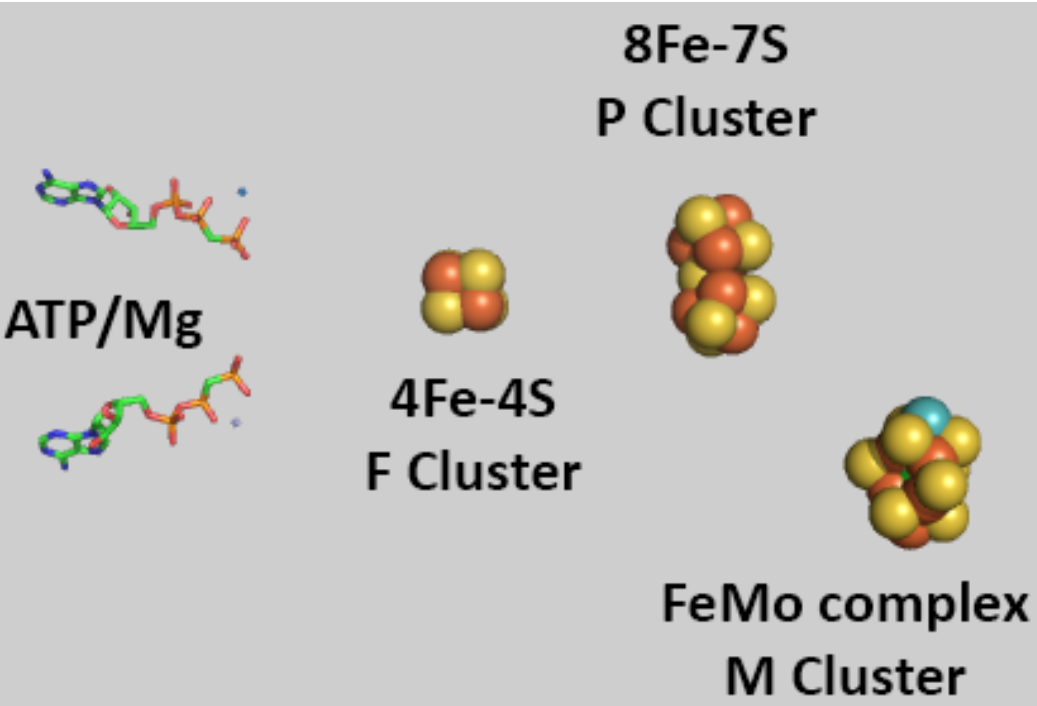
reductase

nitrogenase

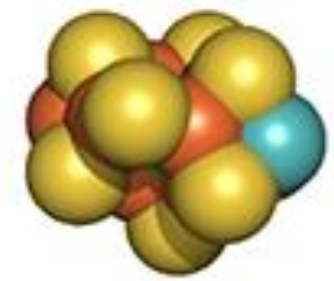
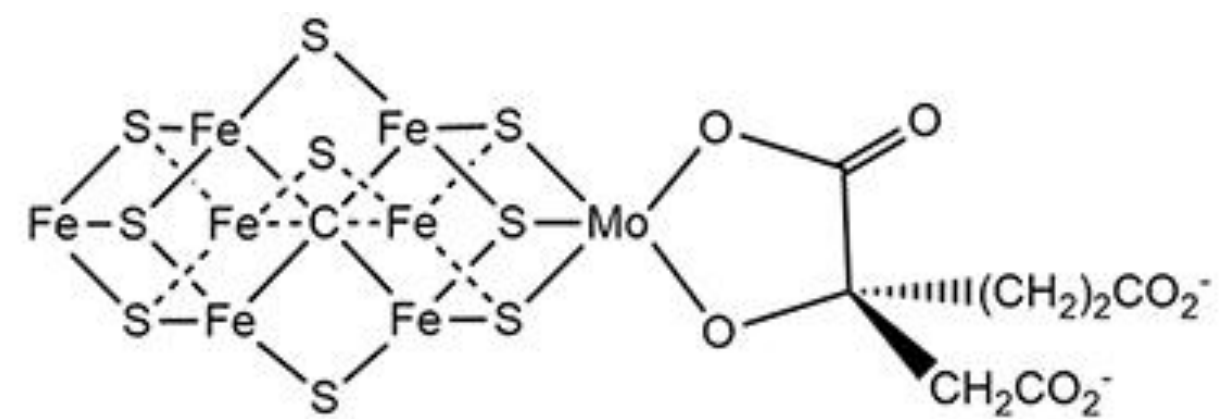
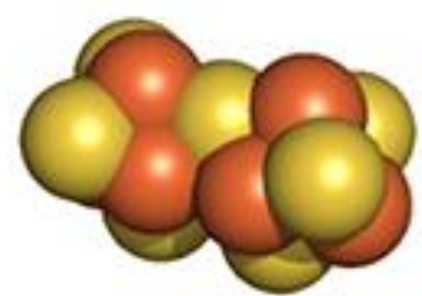
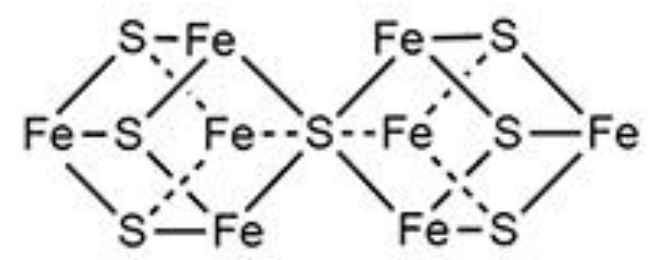
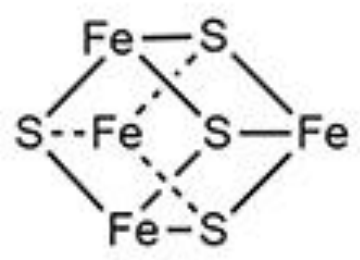
4Fe-4S  
F cluster

8Fe-7S  
P cluster

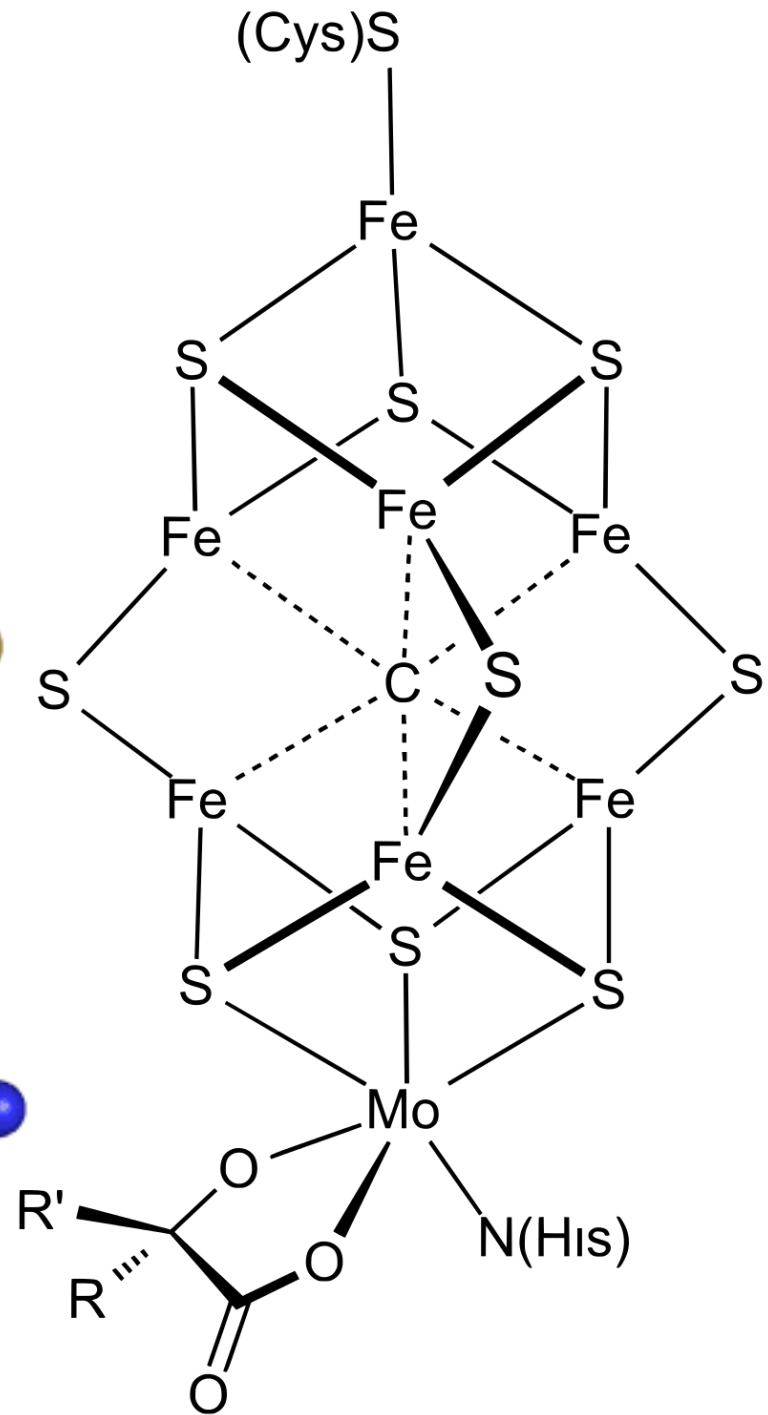
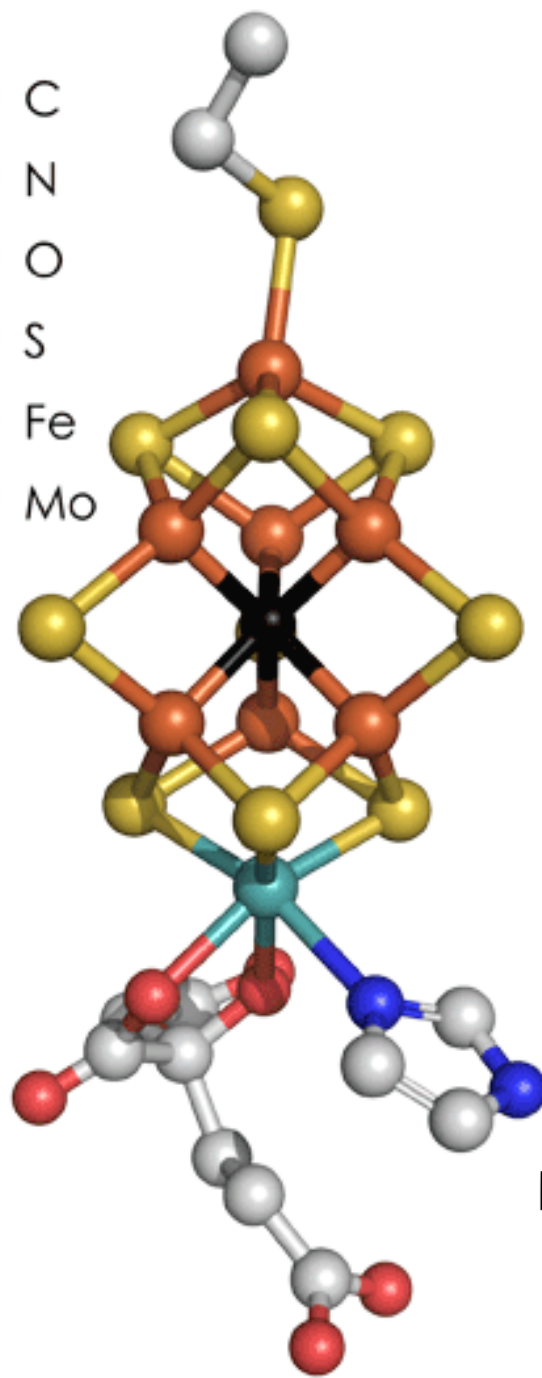
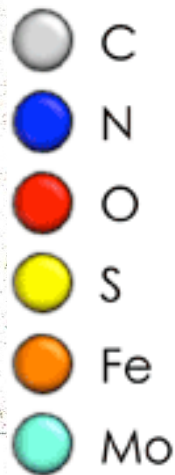
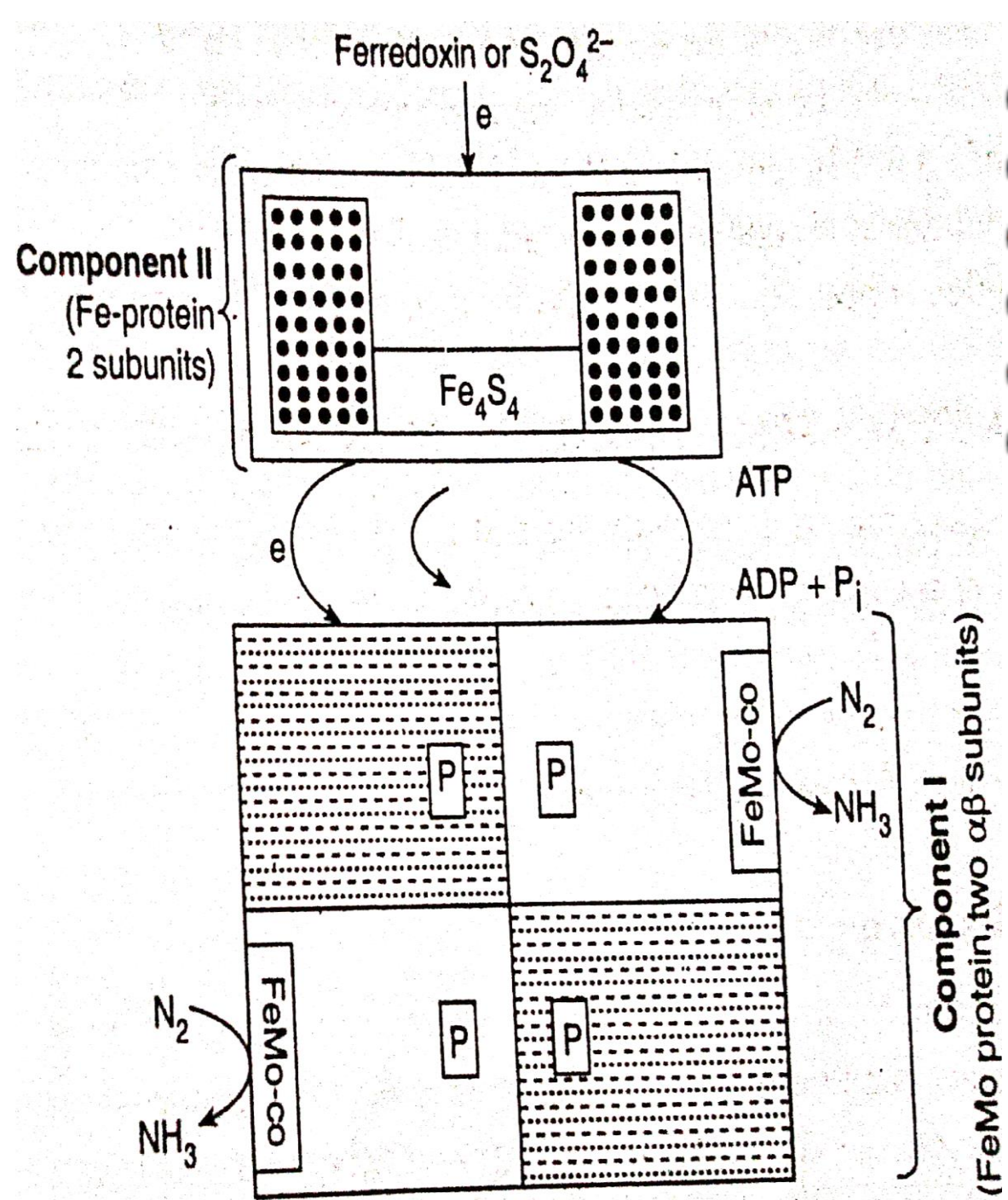




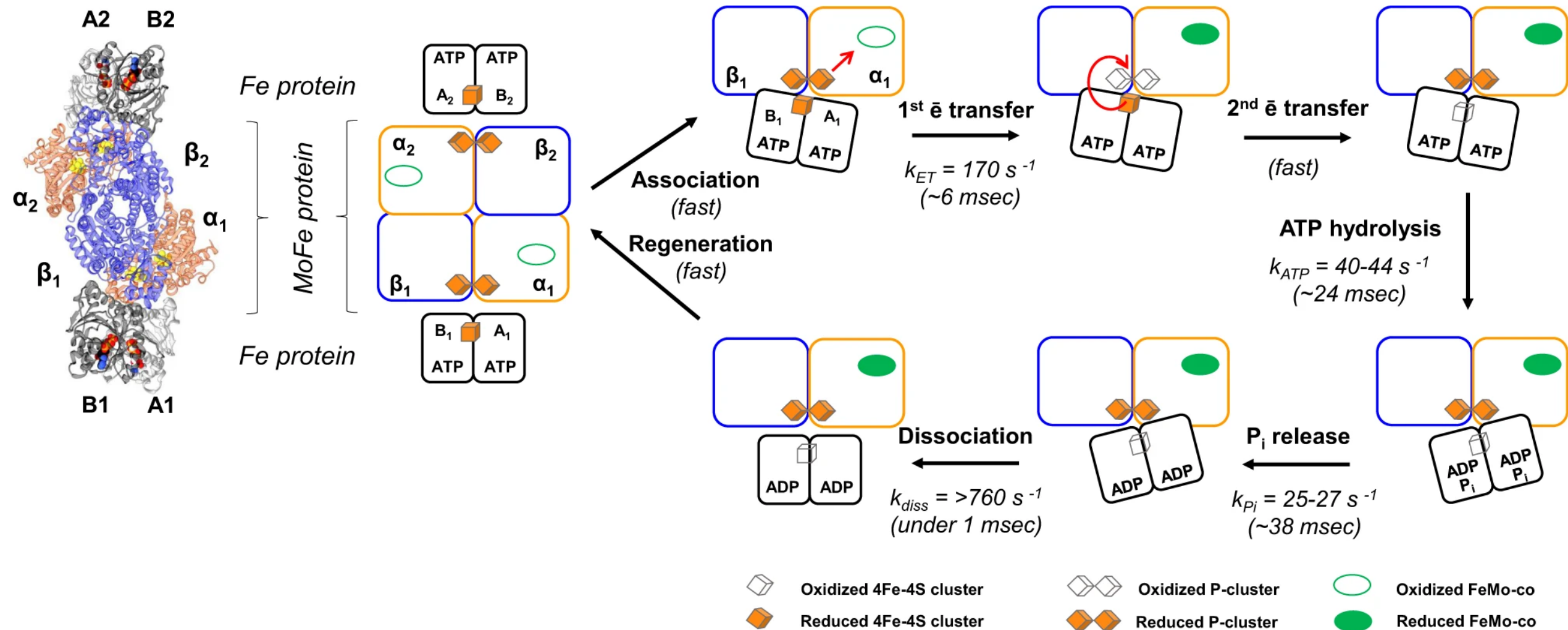
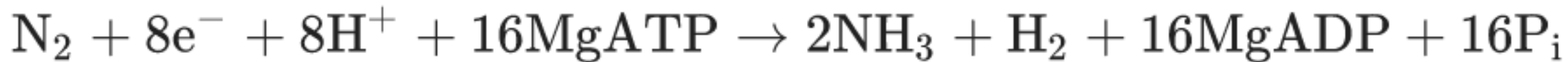
→ 2 Mo, 30 Fe and Sulphide, 40 cys units













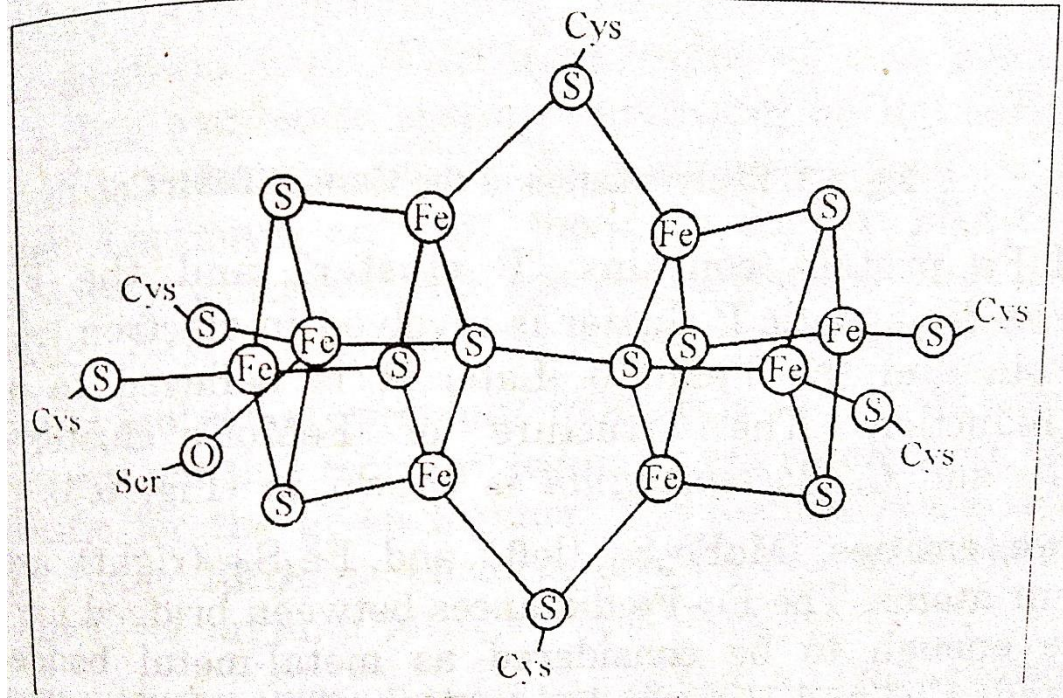


Fig. 6.2. Model for the structure of the P cluster in nitrogenase.

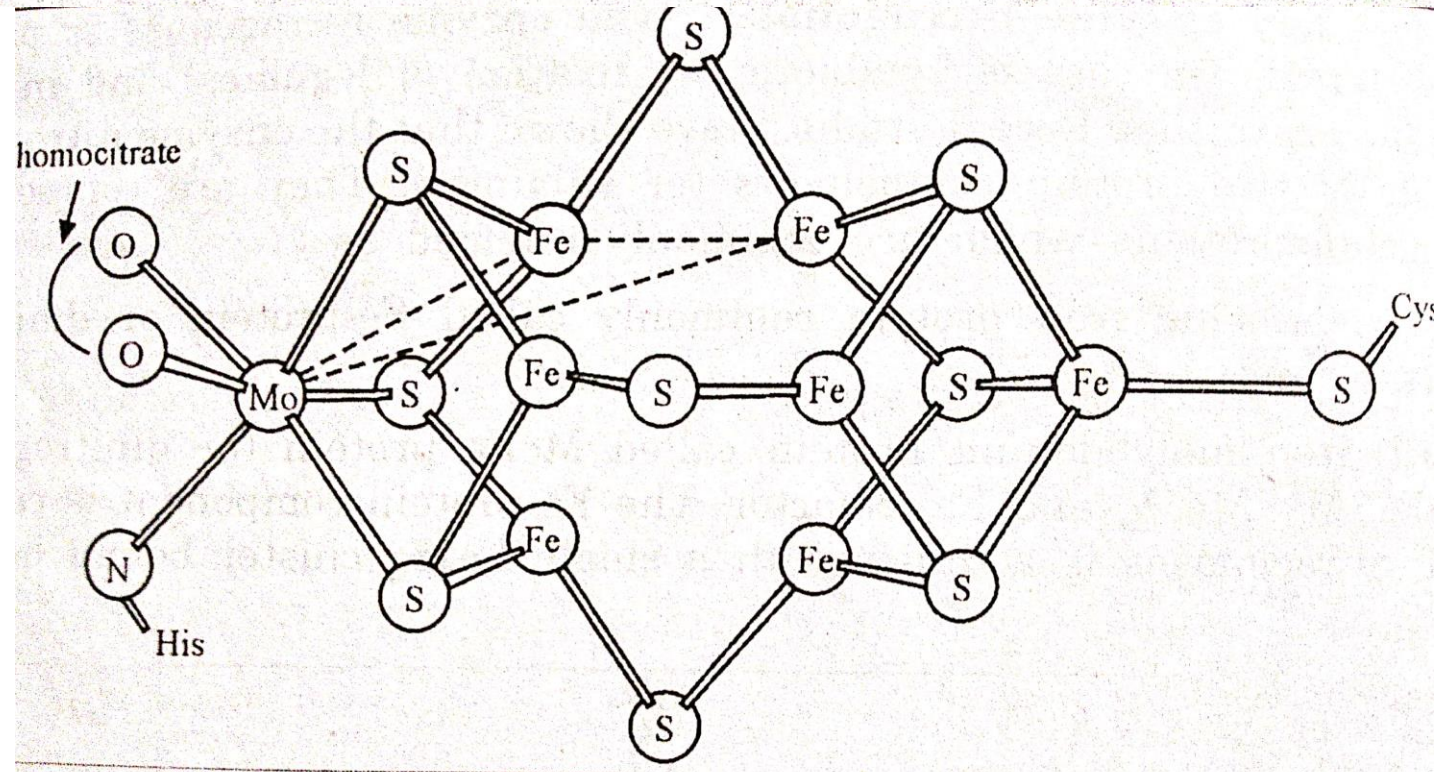
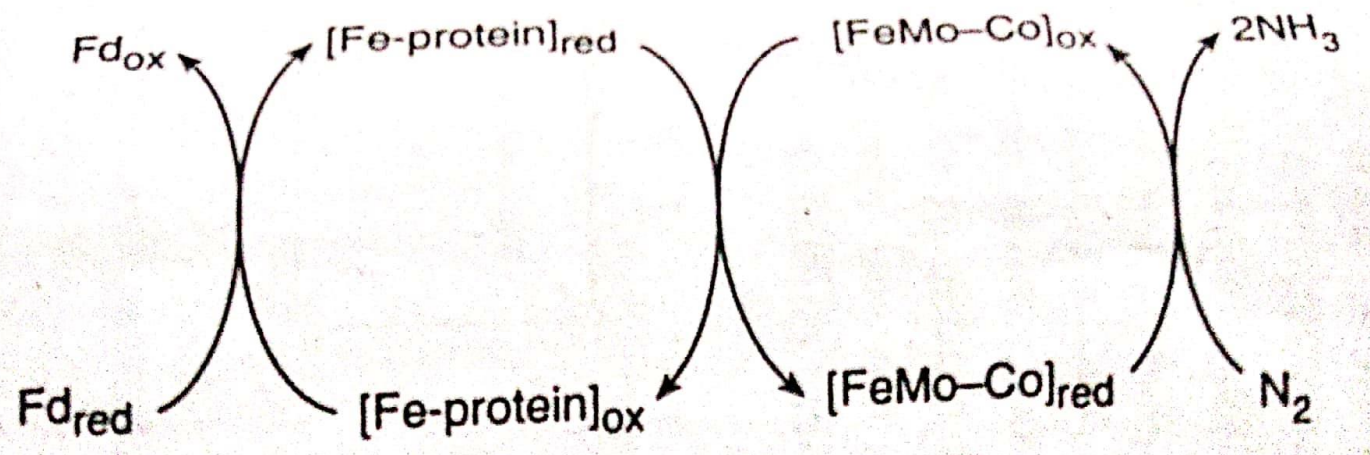
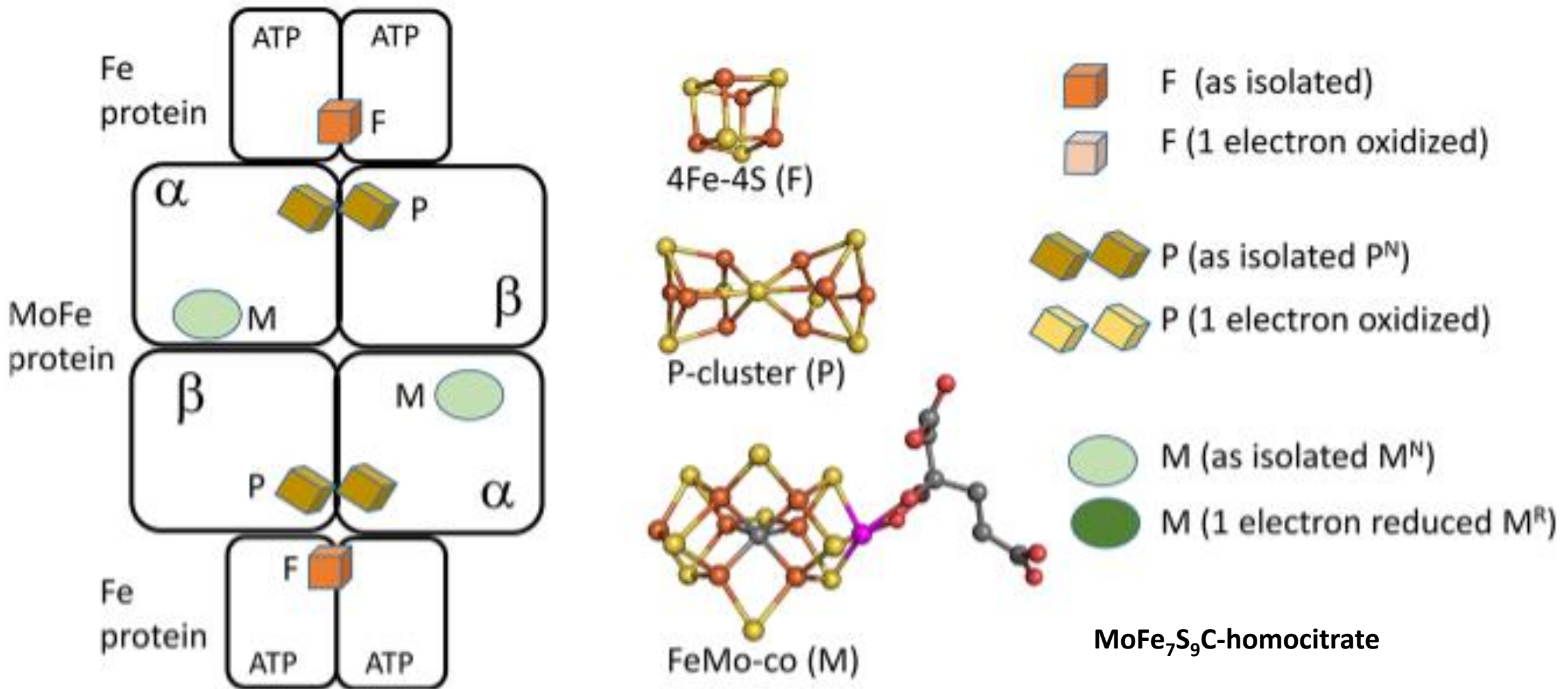


Fig. 6.3. Representation of the Core of FeMoCo.



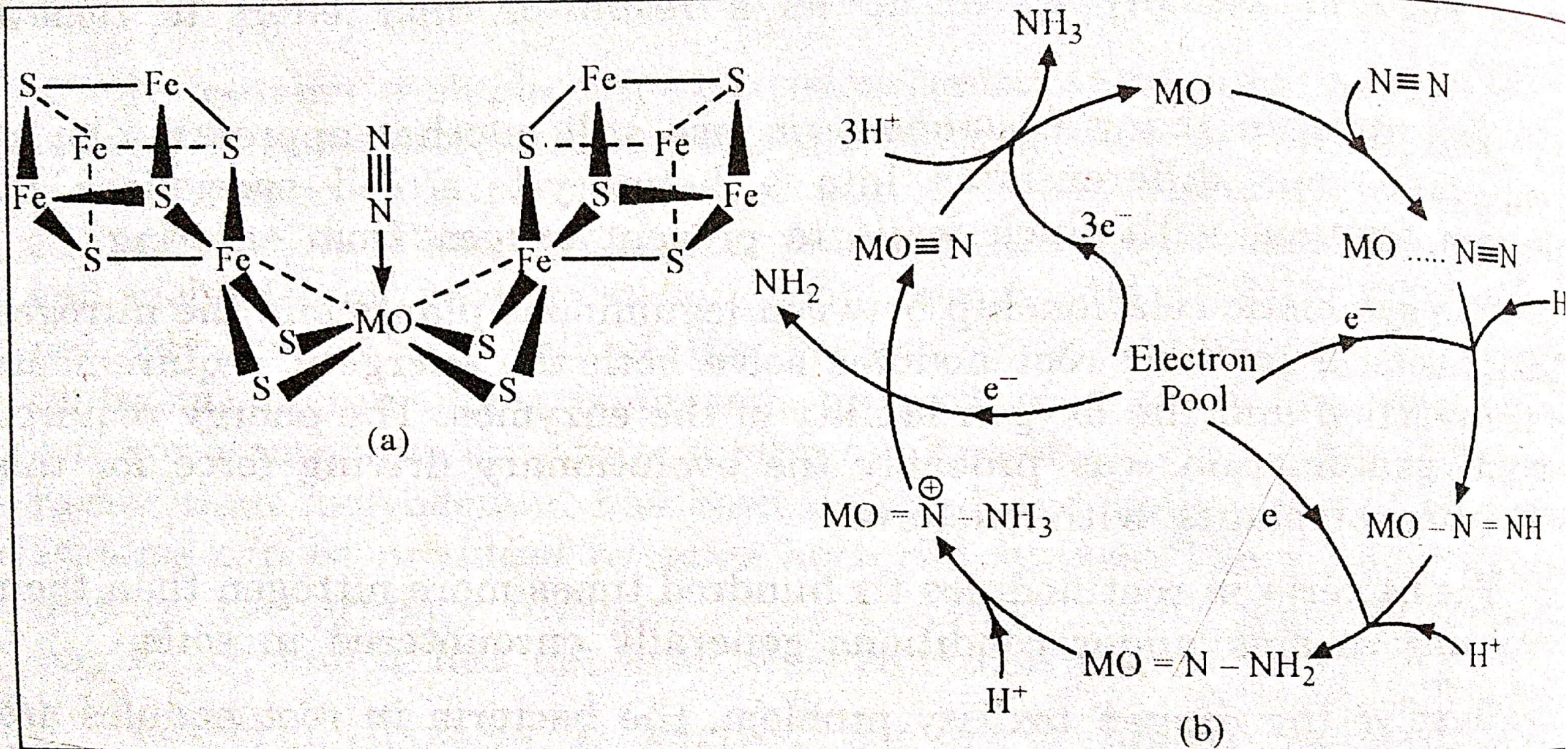


**Figure 1.** Diagram of the nitrogenase proteins and the metal-containing cofactors. (left) Schematic representation of the Fe protein component and the MoFe protein component with metal cofactors. (center) Structures of the 4Fe–4S cluster (F), the P-cluster (P), and the FeMo cofactor (M). Structures are from PDB entry 4WZA. (right) Legend showing representations of the metal clusters and oxidation states.





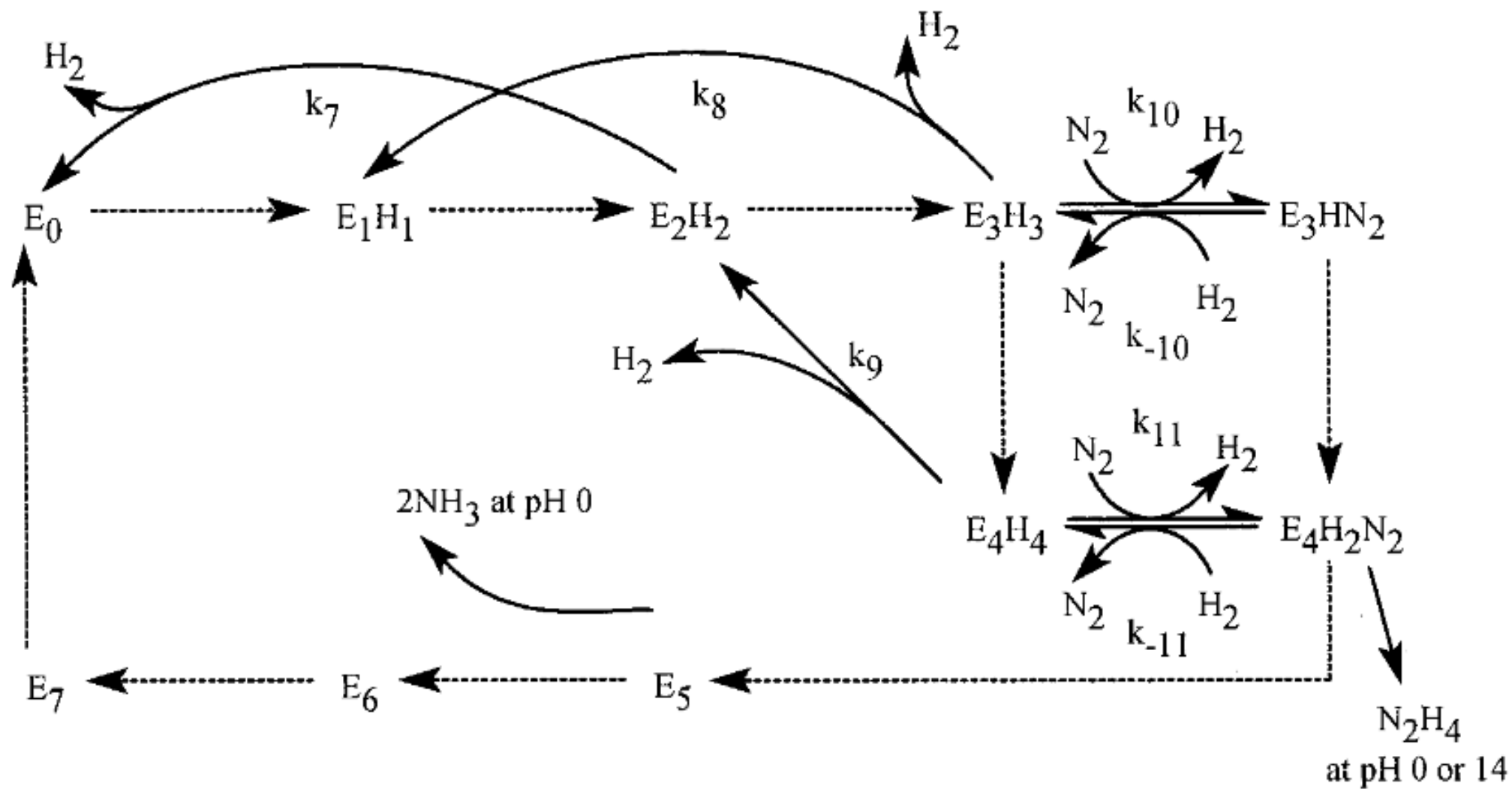




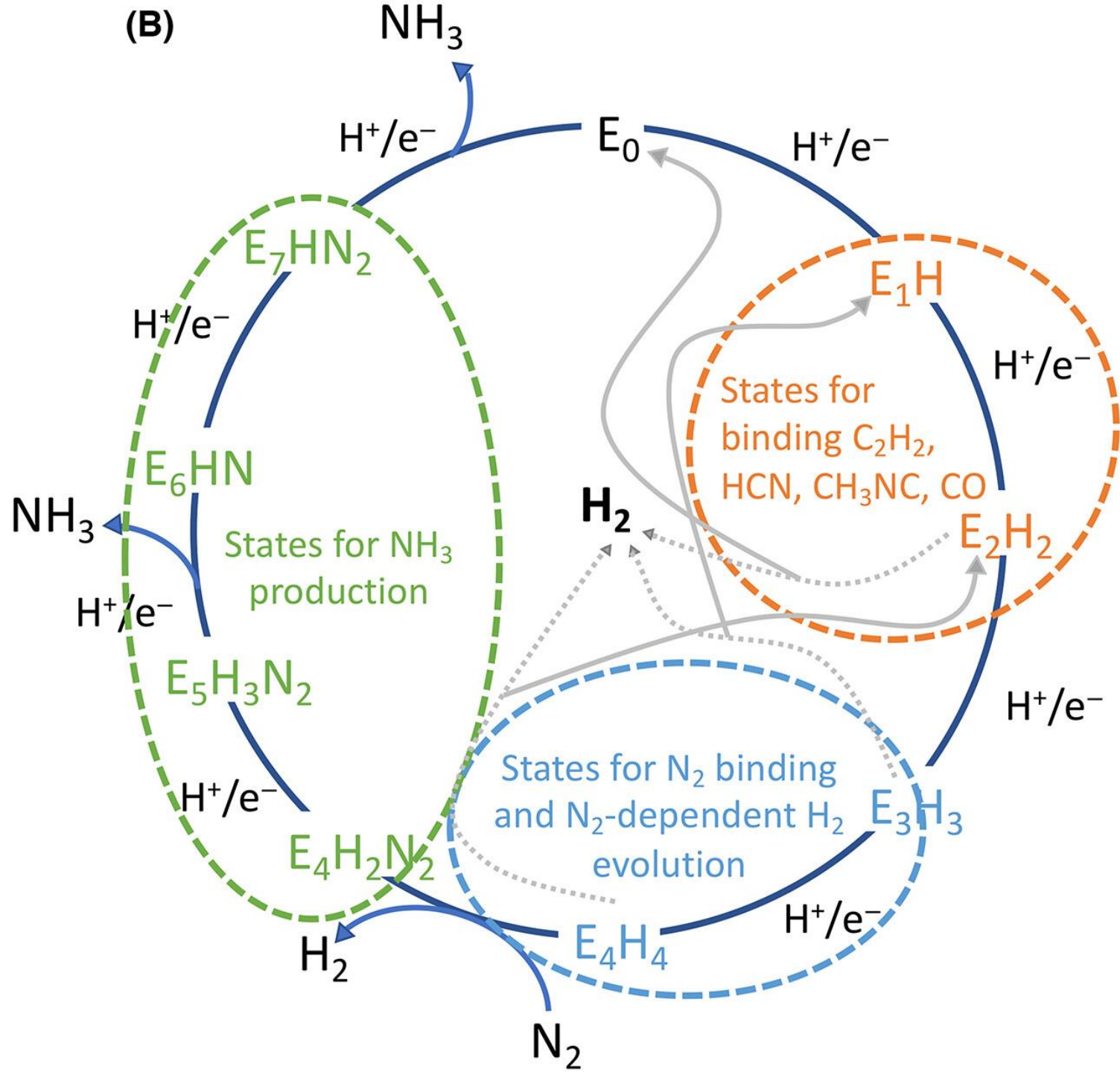
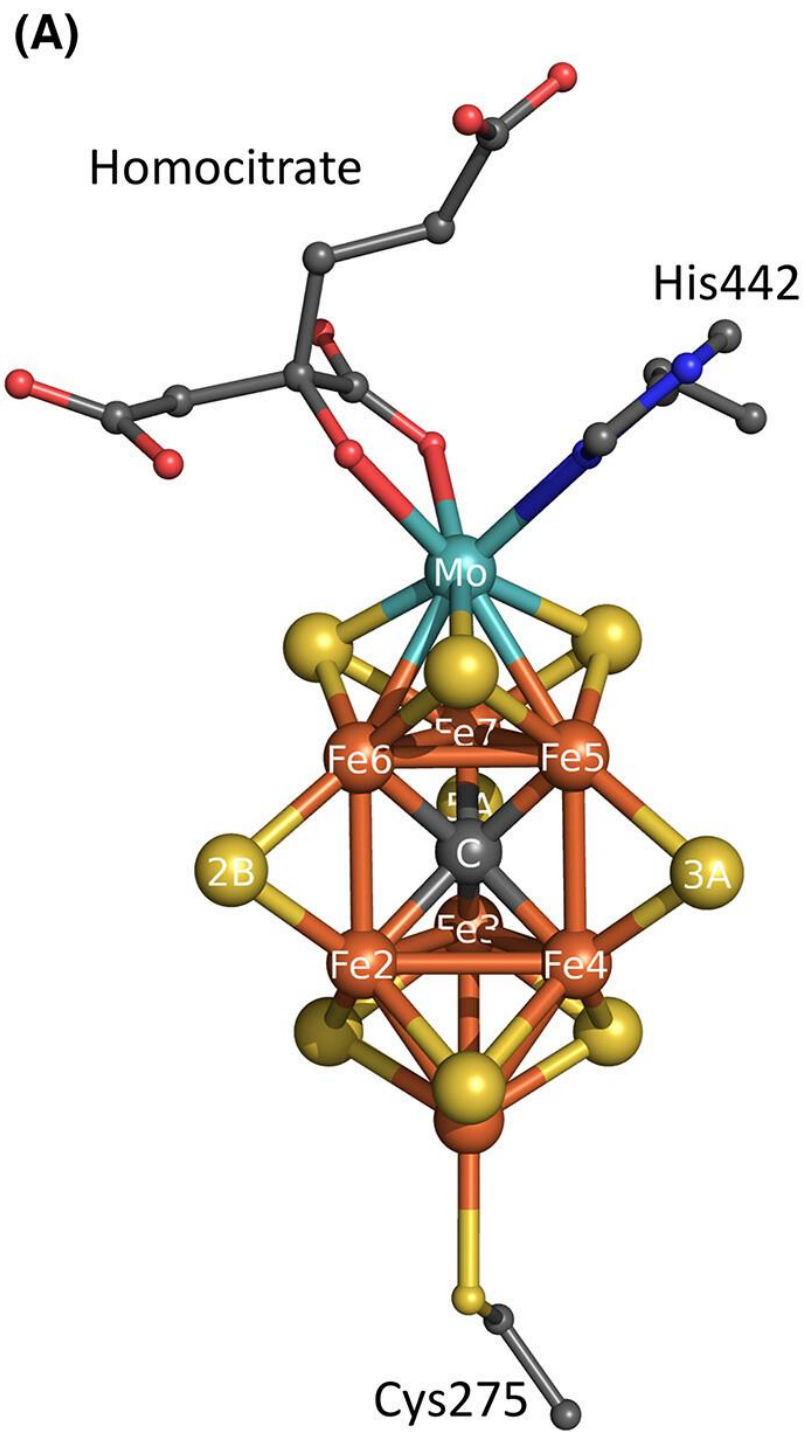
**Fig. 6.6. (a) Proposed arrangement of Mo, S and Fe in the active site of nitrogenase. (b) Proposed catalytic cycle of nitrogen fixation and conversion.**



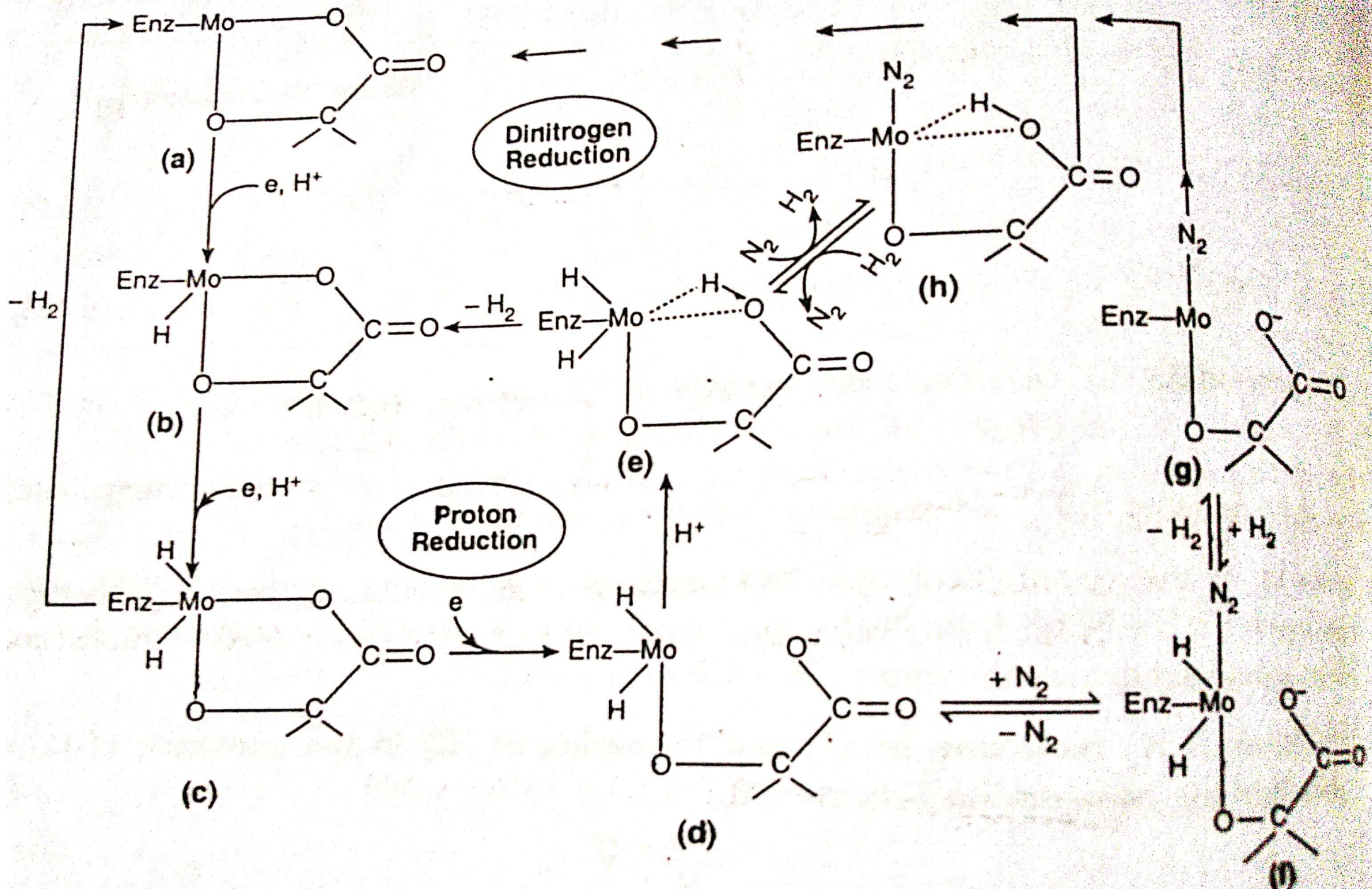
**Scheme 2. The MoFe Protein Cycle of Nitrogenase<sup>a</sup>**











**Table 8. Rate Constants of the Reactions in Schemes 1 and 2<sup>a</sup>**

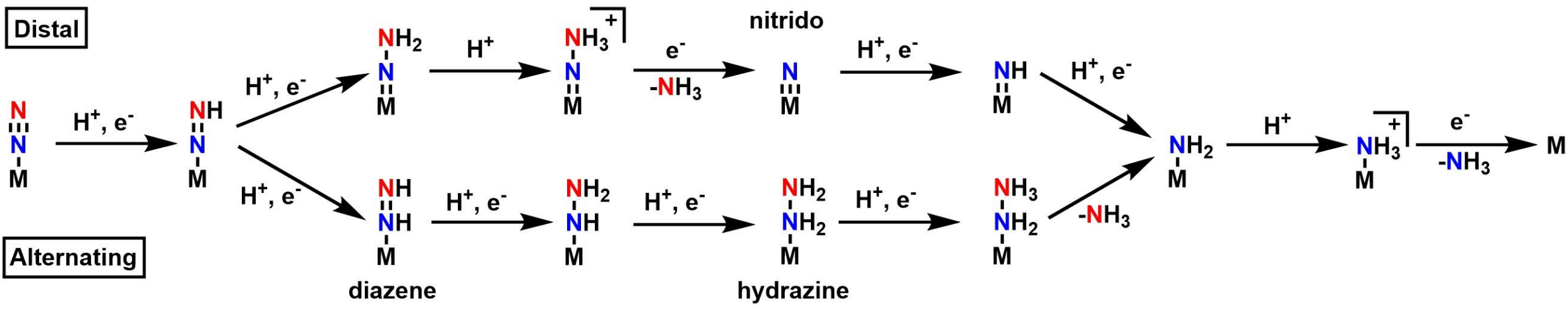
rate constant	value	comment
$k_1$	$5 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	responsible for lower activity at low protein concentrations
$k_{-1}$	$15 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$k_2$	$200 \text{ s}^{-1}$	electron transfer from FeP to MoFeP
$k_3$	$4.4 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	responsible for lower activity at high protein concentrations
$k_{-3}$	$6.4 \text{ s}^{-1}$	rate-limiting step when substrates and FeP are saturating
$k_4$	$3 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	rate of reduction of FeP(MgADP) <sub>2</sub> complex
$k_6$	$1.2 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	rate of dissociation of S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> into 2SO <sub>2</sub> <sup>•-</sup>
$k_{-6}$	$1.75 \text{ s}^{-1}$	rate of association of 2SO <sub>2</sub> <sup>•-</sup> to S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
$k_7$	$250 \text{ s}^{-1}$	gives increased H <sub>2</sub> evolution at low electron flux
$k_8$	$8 \text{ s}^{-1}$	slow to maximize E <sub>3</sub> concentration and hence N <sub>2</sub> binding
$k_9$	$400 \text{ s}^{-1}$	rapid H <sub>2</sub> evolution from most reduced hydridic species
$k_{10}$	$4 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	determine $K_m^{\text{N}_2}$ and $K_I^{\text{H}_2}$ at low electron flux
$k_{-10}$	$8 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$k_{11}$	$2.2 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	determine $K_m^{\text{N}_2}$ and $K_I^{\text{H}_2}$ at high electron flux
$k_{-11}$	$3 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	

<sup>a</sup> The values are for *K. pneumoniae* nitrogenase at 23 °C, pH 7.4.<sup>13</sup>

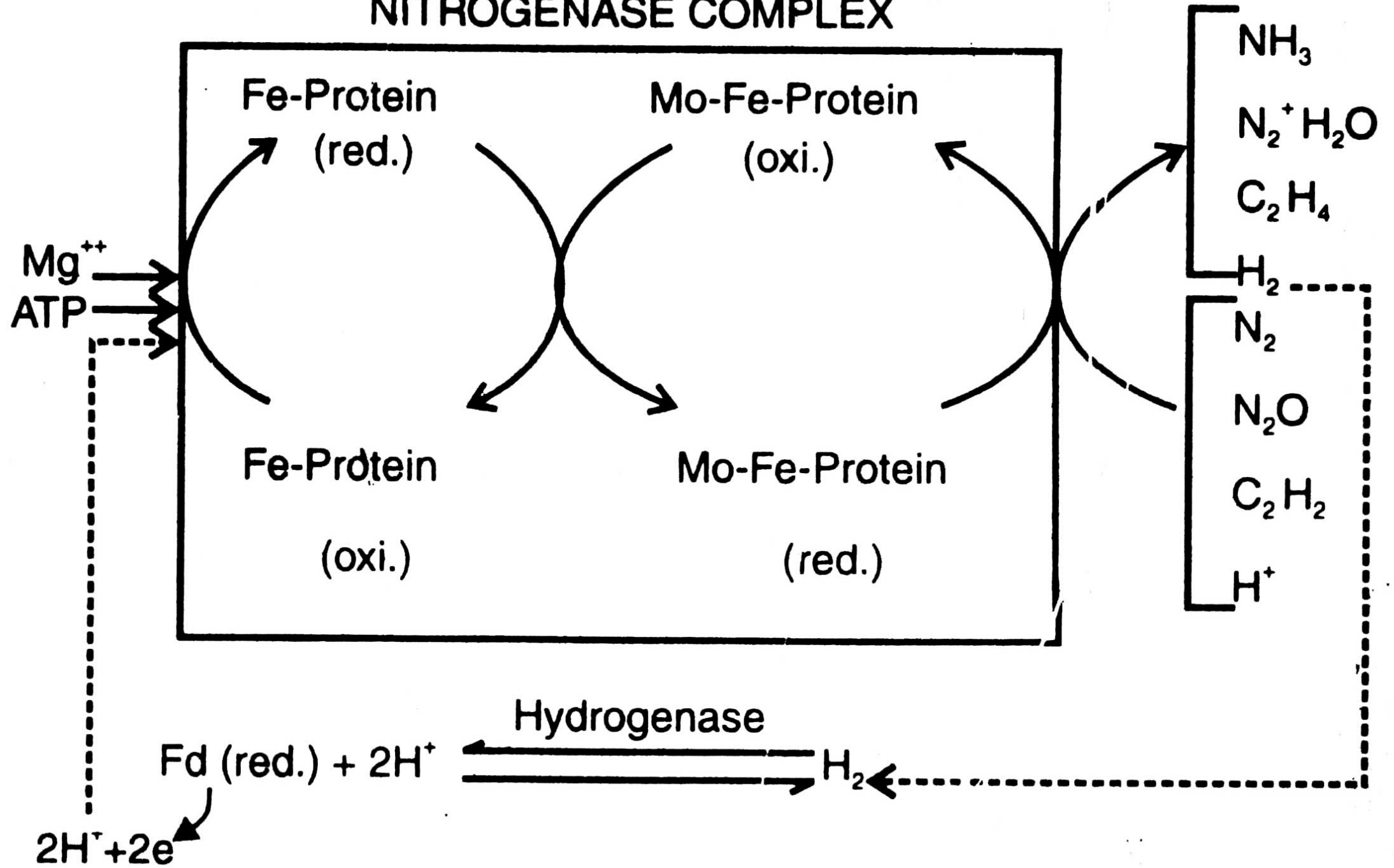


Distal

Alternating



# NITROGENASE COMPLEX



## The MoFe protein can reduce many substances

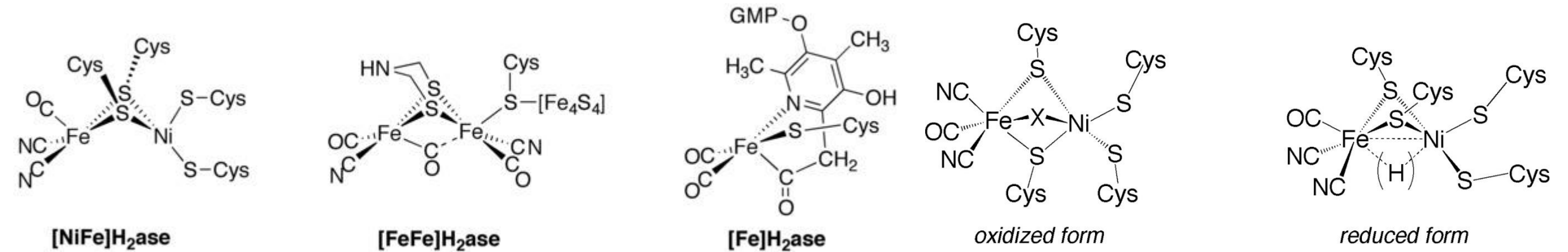
- The MoFe protein can reduce many substrates
- Although under natural conditions the MoFe only reacts with  $N_2$  and  $H^+$ .

**TABLE 12.4**  
Reactions catalyzed by nitrogenase

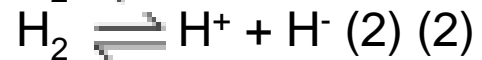
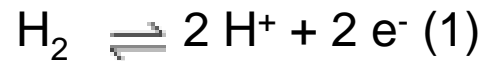
$N_2 \rightarrow NH_3$	Molecular nitrogen fixation
$N_2O \rightarrow N_2 + H_2O$	Nitrous oxide reduction
$N_3^- \rightarrow N_2 + NH_3$	Azide reduction
$C_2H_2 \rightarrow C_2H_4$	Acetylene reduction
$2 H^+ \rightarrow H_2$	$H_2$ production
$ATP \rightarrow ADP + P_i$	ATP hydrolytic activity



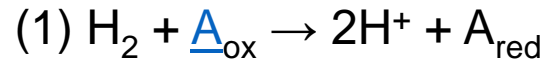
# Hydrogenase

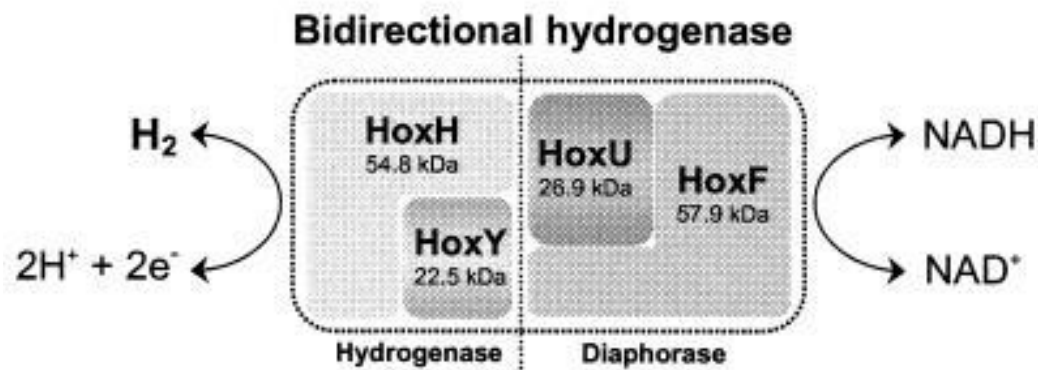
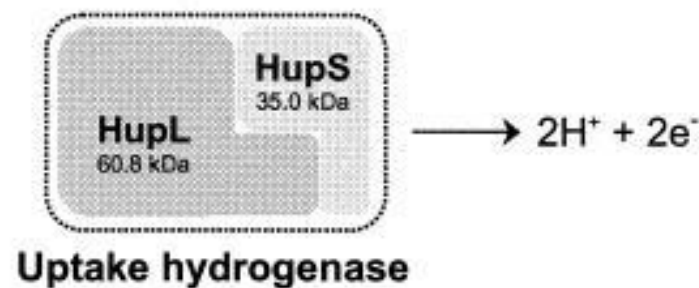
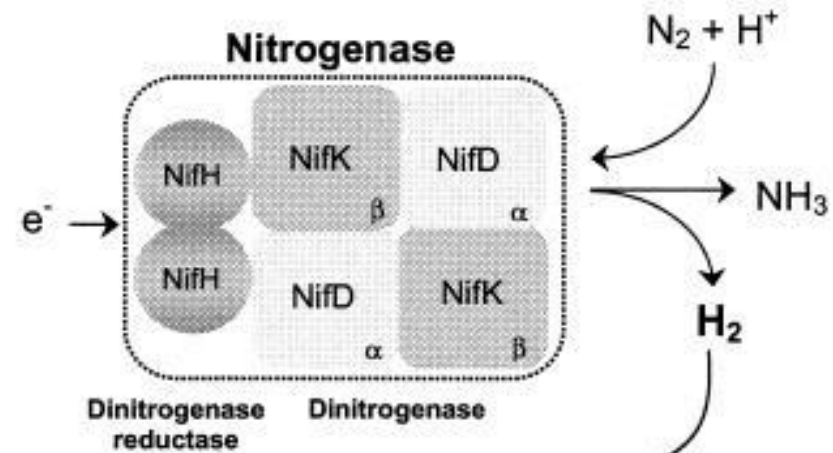
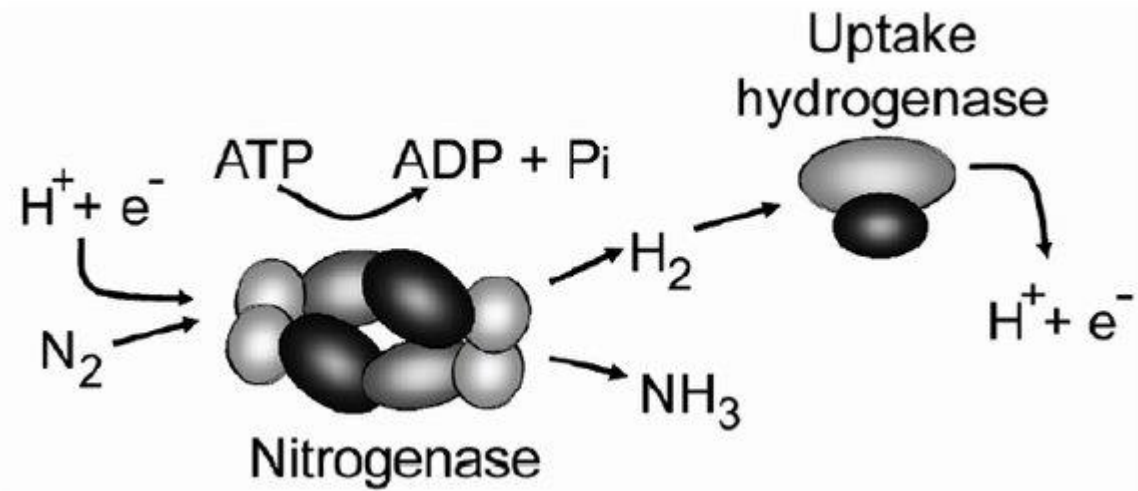


the [FeFe] and [NiFe] hydrogenases are true redox catalysts, driving H<sub>2</sub> oxidation and proton (H<sup>+</sup>) reduction (equation 1) while the [Fe] hydrogenases catalyze the reversible heterolytic cleavage of H<sub>2</sub> shown by reaction (2)



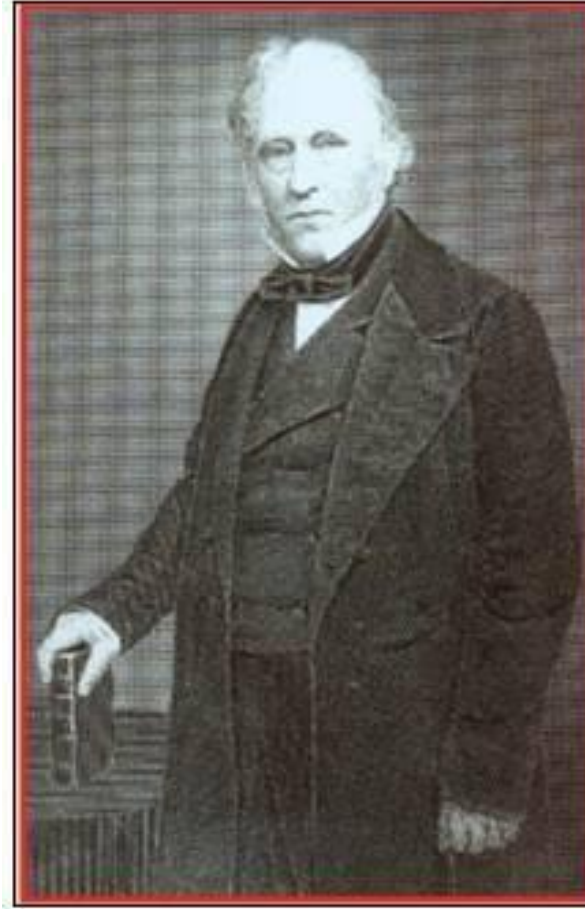
A **hydrogenase** is an enzyme that catalyzes the reversible oxidation of molecular hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>), as shown below:





- 1835 Dominance of English language as a medium of employment and education
- Establishment of teacher-training schools for all levels of instruction.
- led towards the nationalization of many universities
- Many advantages but one biggest loss :

Education lost its own esteem, and Indian touch



இத்தருணத்தில், சுமார் 170 ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்பு பிரிட்டிஷ் நாடாளுமன்றத்தின் பிரபல உறுப்பினரும், பிரிட்டிஷ் அரசாங்கத்தில் பல முக்கியப் பதவிகளை வகித்தவரும், 1834-ம் ஆண்டு பிரிட்டிஷ் அரசு அமைத்த 'சுப்ரீம் கவுன்ஸில் ஆஃப் இந்தியா' என்ற அமைப்பின் முக்கிய உறுப்பினருமான மெக்காலே பிரபு நான்காண்டுகள் நமது நாட்டைச் சுற்றிப்பார்த்துவிட்டு ஆங்கிலேய அரசுக்கு எழுதியதைக் கீழே தந்துள்ளோம்.

LORD MACAULAY'S ADDRESS TO THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT 2 FEBRUARY, 1835

"I have travelled across the length and breadth of India and I have not seen one person who is a beggar, who is a thief. such wealth I have seen in this country, such high moral values, people of such caliber, that I do not think we would ever conquer this country, unless we break the very backbone of this nation, which

is her spiritual and cultural heritage, and, therefore, I propose that we replace her old and ancient education system, her culture, for if the Indians think that all that is foreign and English is good and greater than their own, they will lose their selfesteem, their native culture and they will become what we want them, a truly dominated nation."