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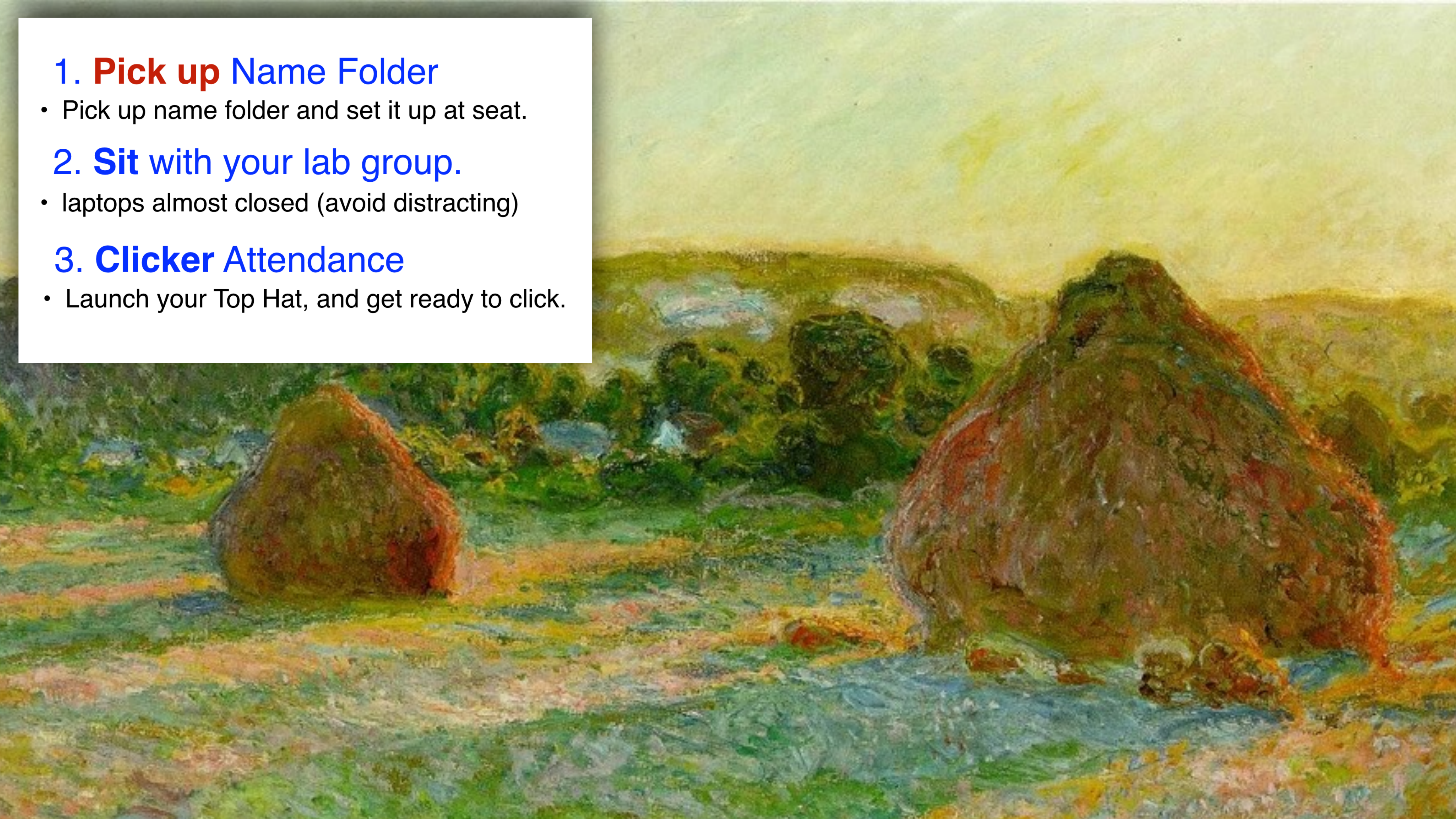
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2. **Sit** with your lab group.

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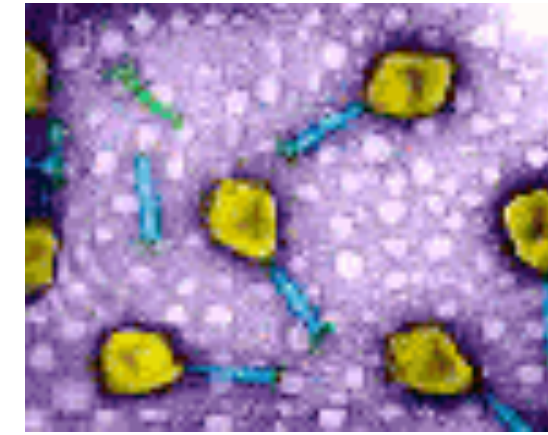
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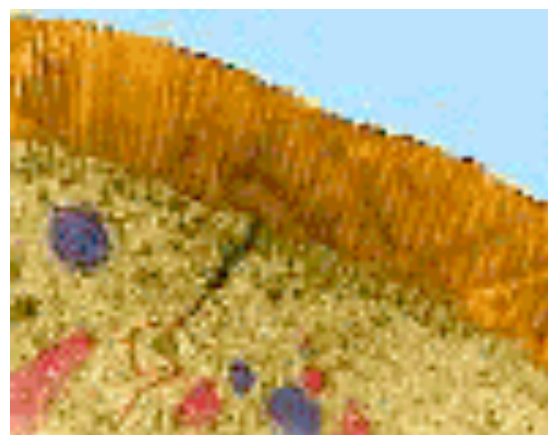
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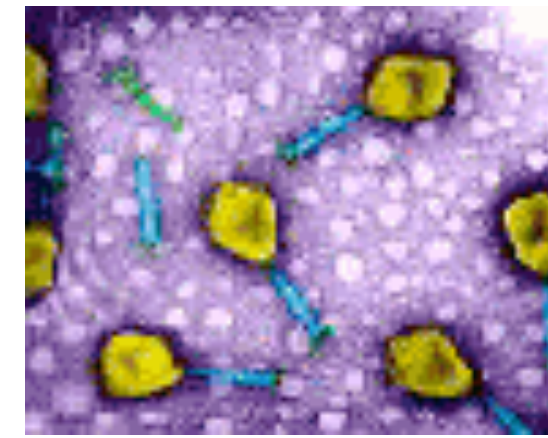
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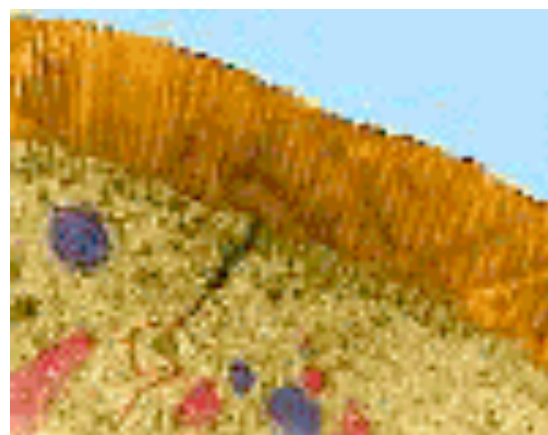


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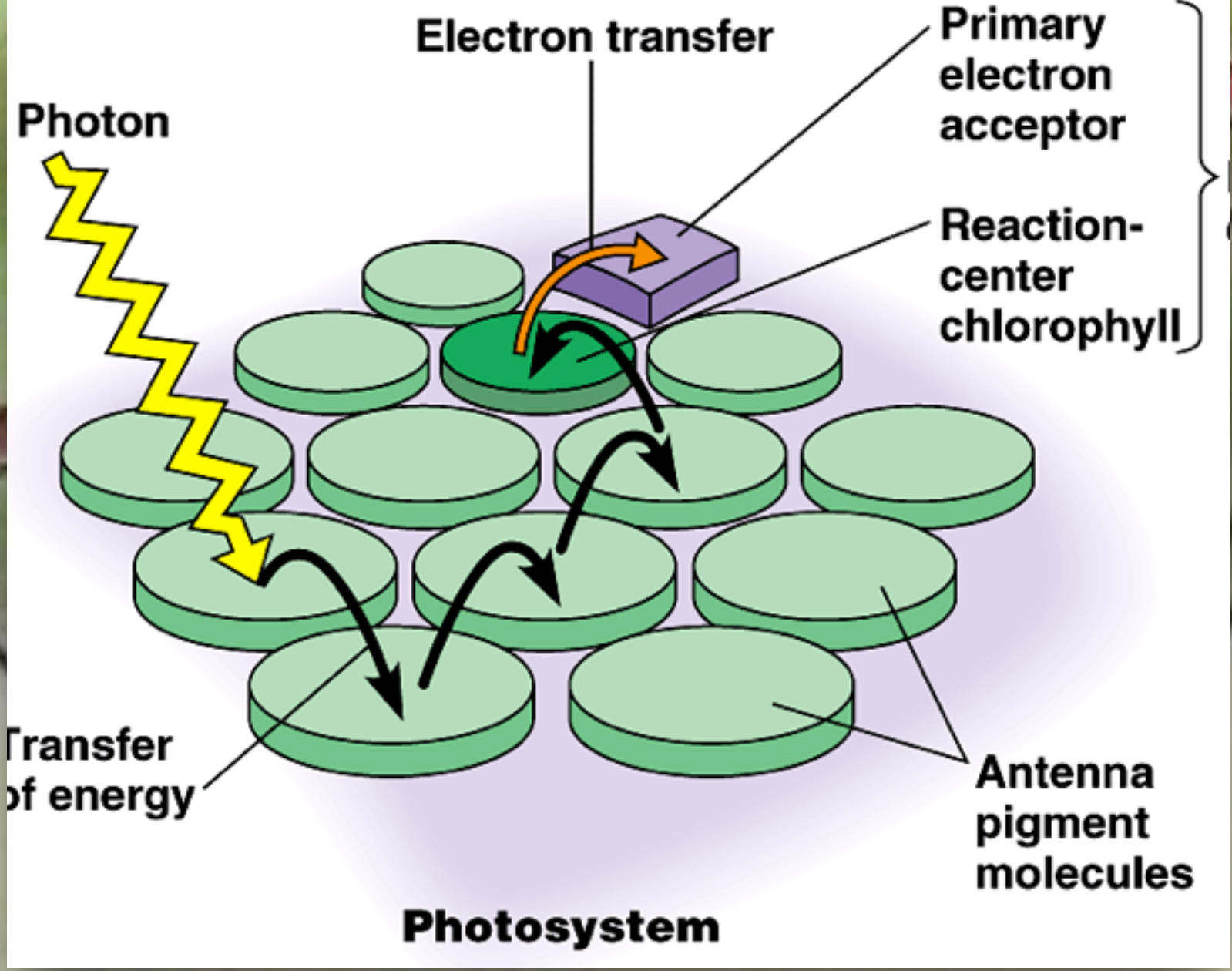
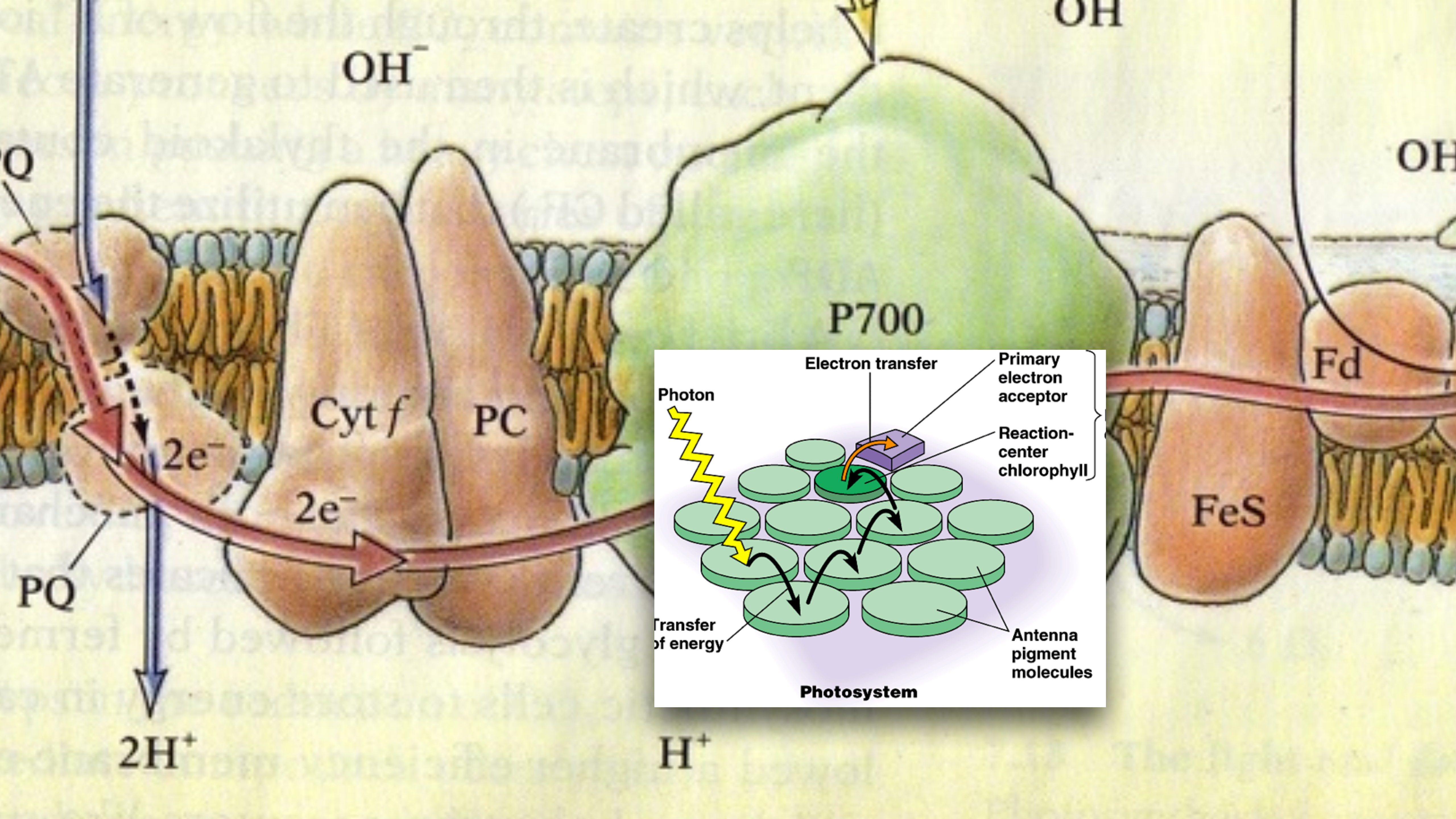


(the “verbal” final)





The verbal final



The background is an abstract painting with a rich, textured surface. It features a color gradient from a pale yellow at the top to a deep purple at the bottom. A dark, textured shape, possibly representing a mountain or a large rock, is positioned on the right side. The overall style is expressive and painterly.

The verbal final

4.4 Can non-living objects harvest and store energy?



- Context: Life consumes energy, and the first cells would need an abiotic way to harvest and store energy.
- Major theme: The origin of living systems occurred by natural processes, and life continues to evolve within a changing environment; organisms can be linked by lines of descent from common ancestry.
- Bottom line: Nonliving vesicles can accumulate energy in the form of a pH gradient.

Biology Learning Objectives

- Use evidence to support the scientific understanding that life evolved from abiotic forces and phenomenon.
- Discuss how vesicles can grow, compete, *and store energy*.
- Illustrate how abiotic structures exhibit dynamic and competitive behaviors.

In Section 4.2, you saw RNA molecules function as RNA polymerases. In Section 4.3, you saw RNA molecules become entrapped inside abiotic vesicles and produce osmotic pressure to out-compete relaxed vesicles for lipids. Life also requires energy, and so far you have not seen any data indicating that these primitive cells could harvest or store energy. Is it possible for primitive, abiotic cells to store energy in an abiotic world? Could growing vesicles sequester energy that could be used to do work at a later time? You will analyze published data that will help you determine if energy storage is possible in an abiotic world.

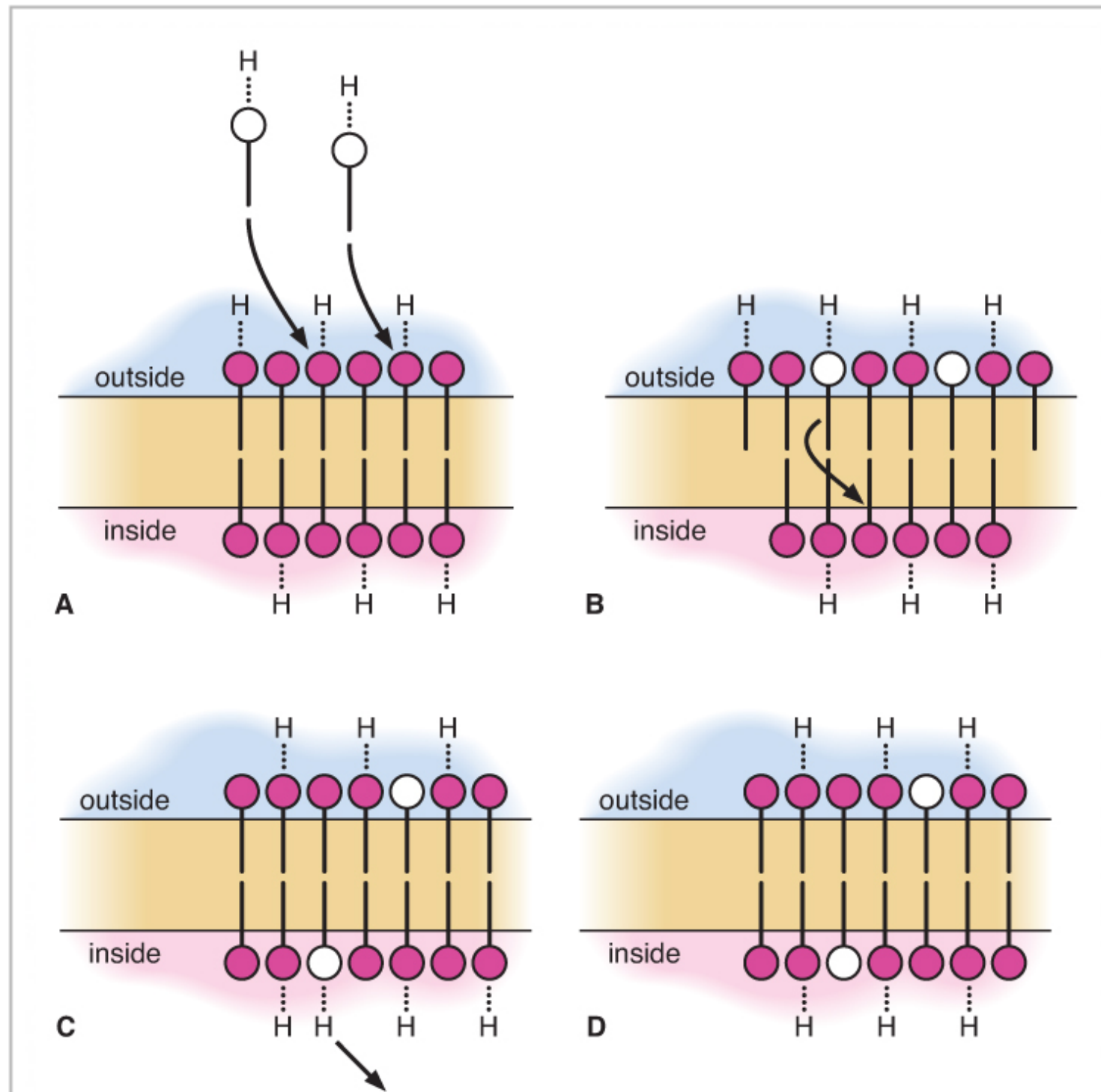


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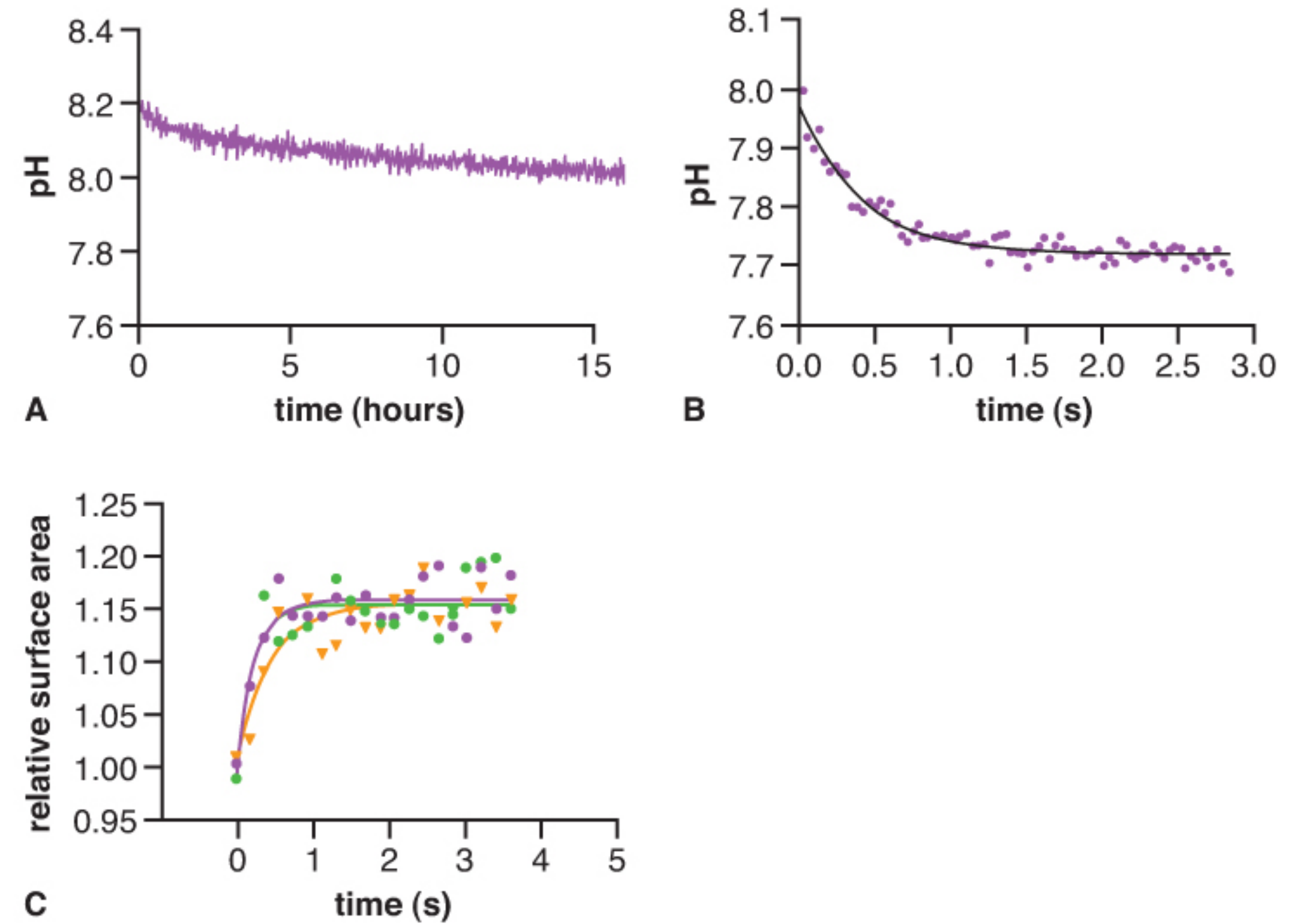


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So a drawing of the mechanism is the WHAT?

Hypothesis

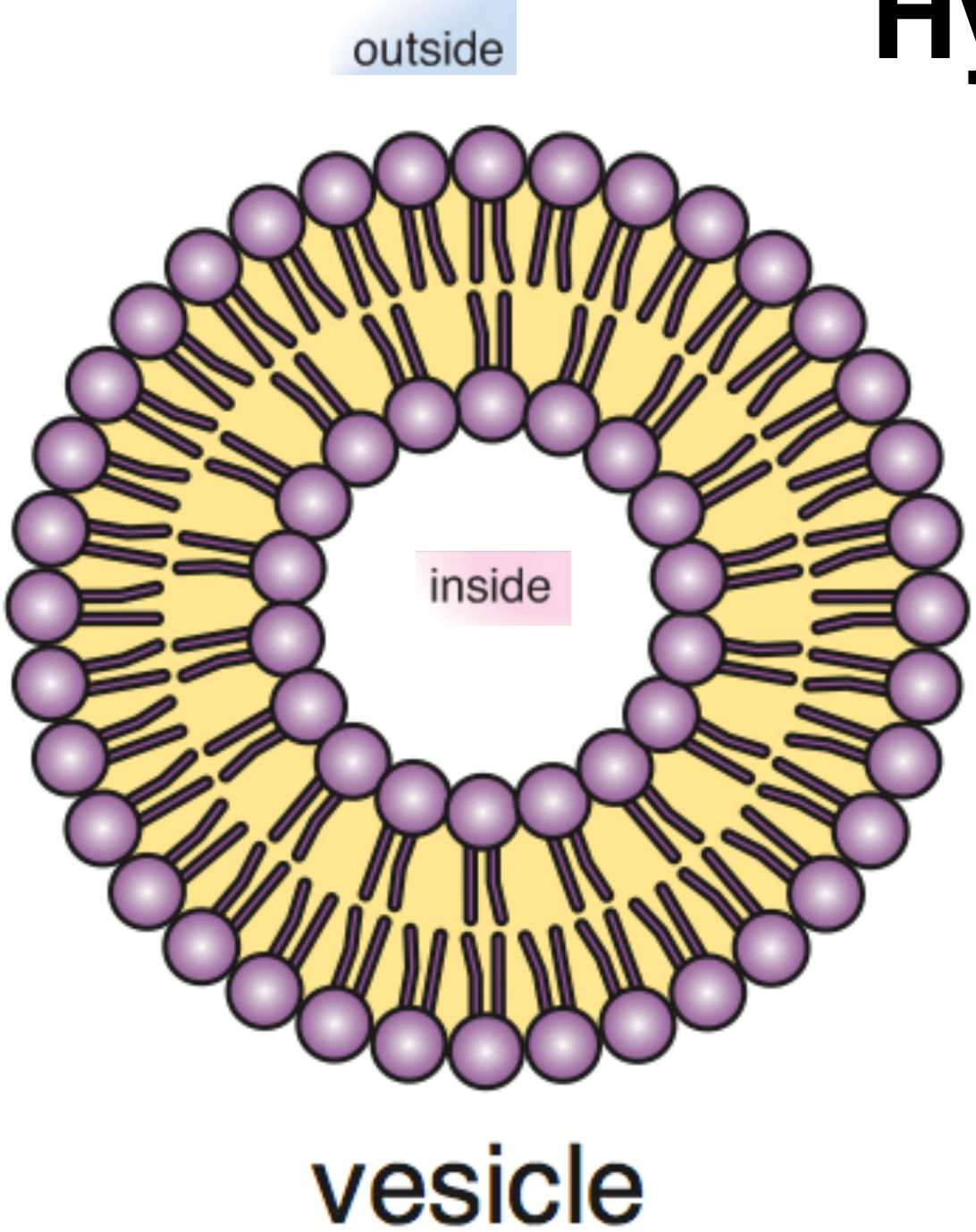
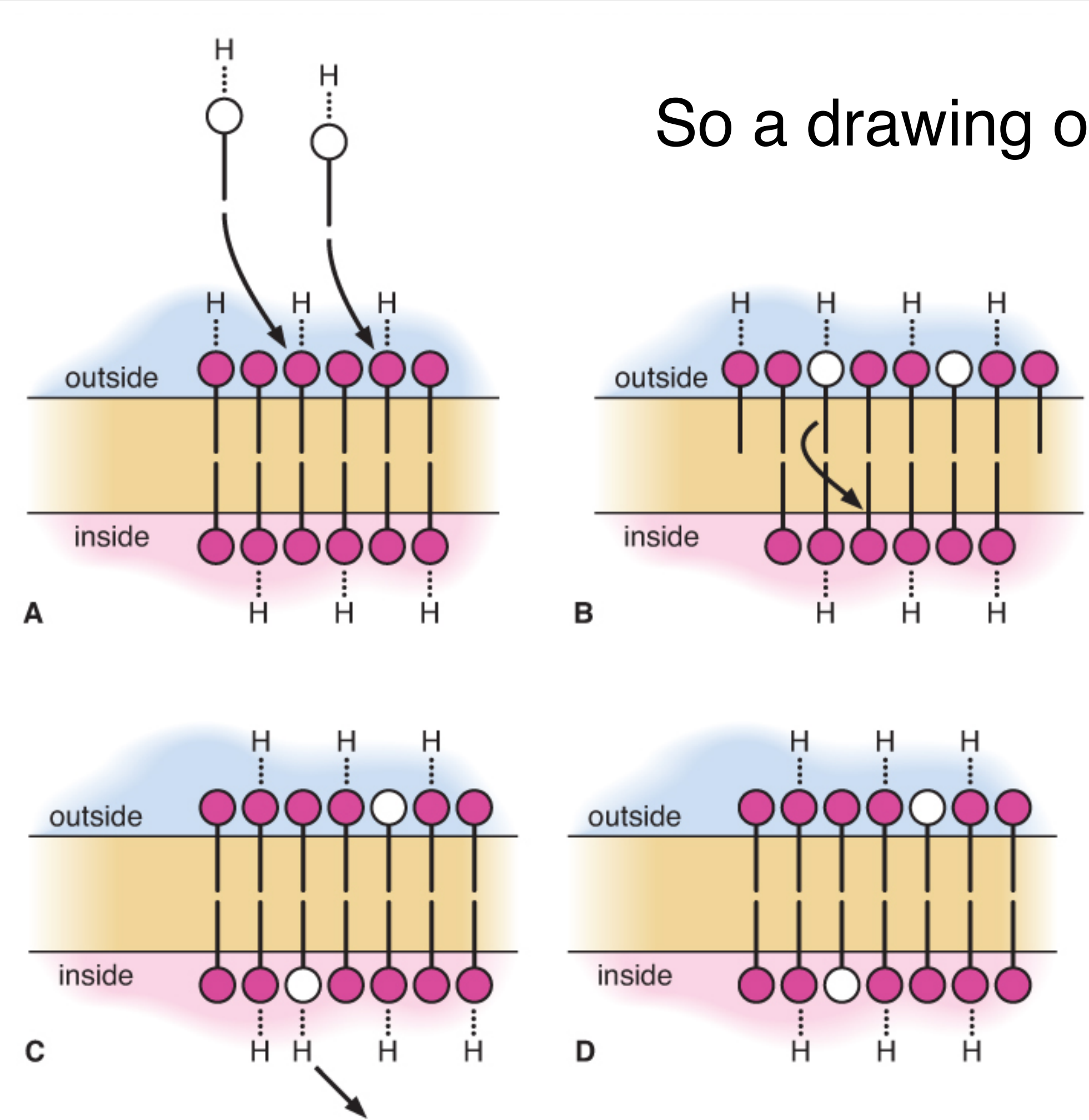
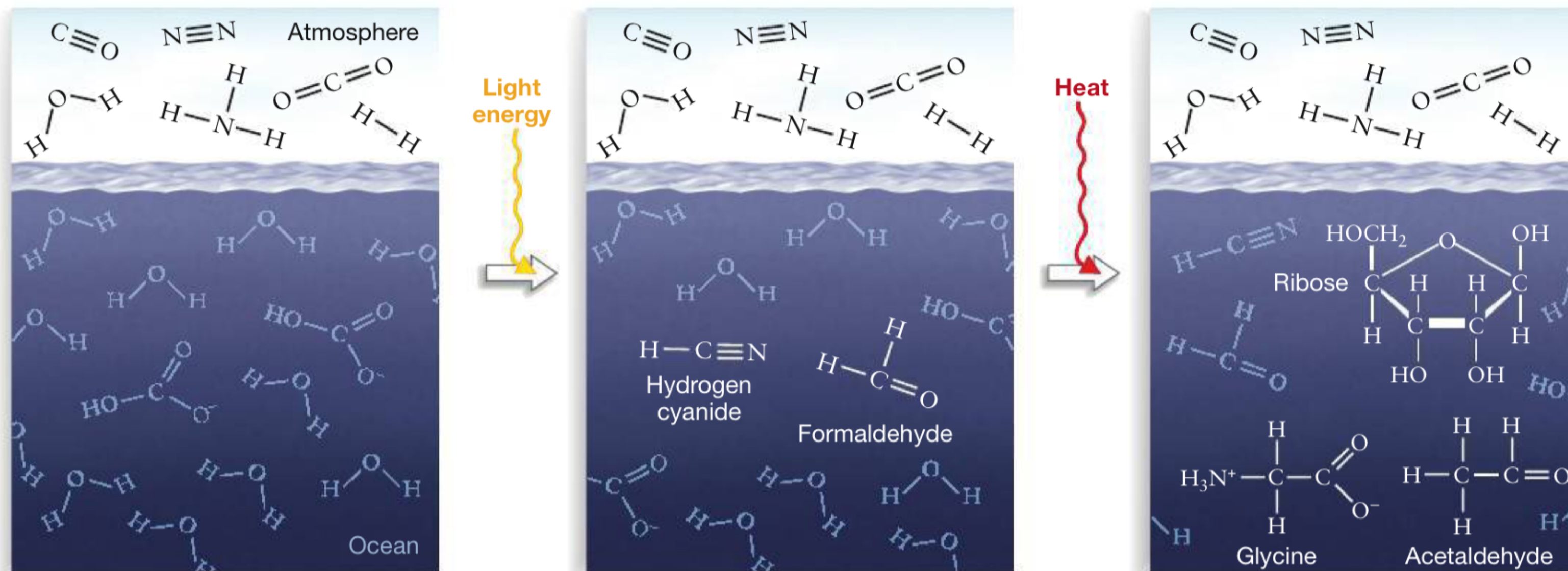


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(a) **PROCESS: PREBIOTIC SOUP MODEL OF CHEMICAL EVOLUTION**



1. Simple molecules were present in the atmosphere of ancient Earth.

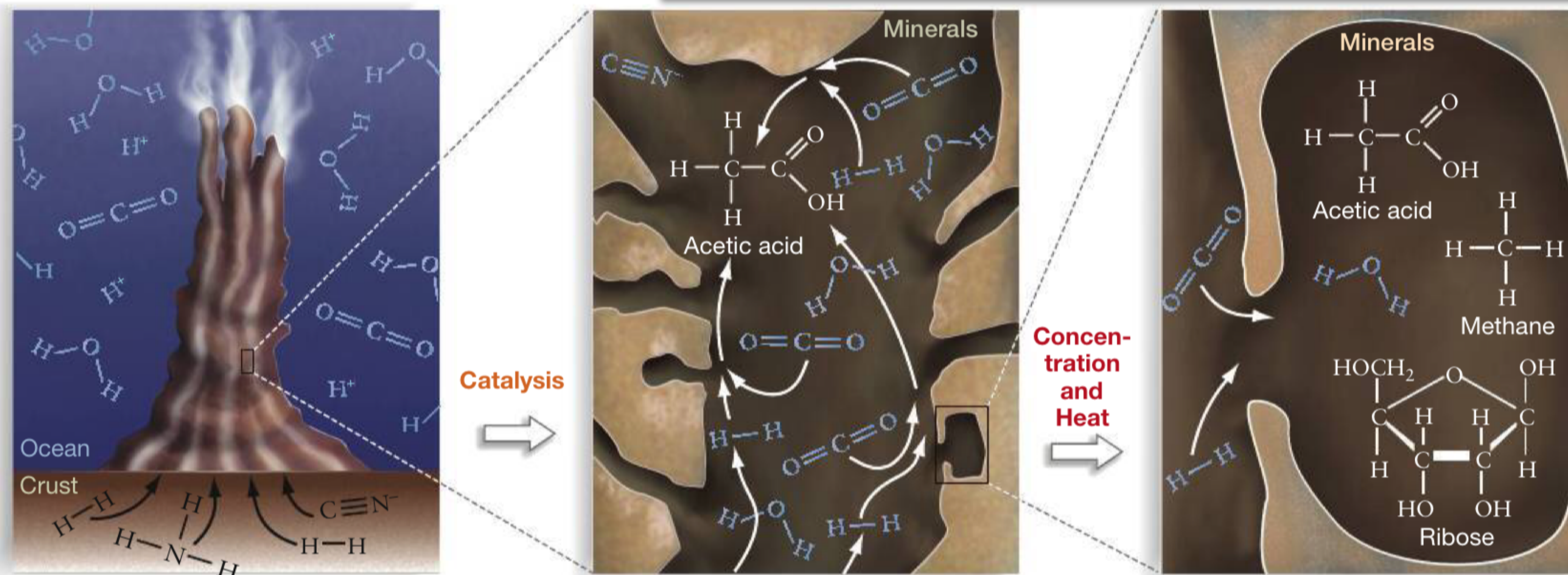
2. Energy in sunlight drove reactions among the simple molecules.

3. Stimulated by heat, the products formed more complex molecules.

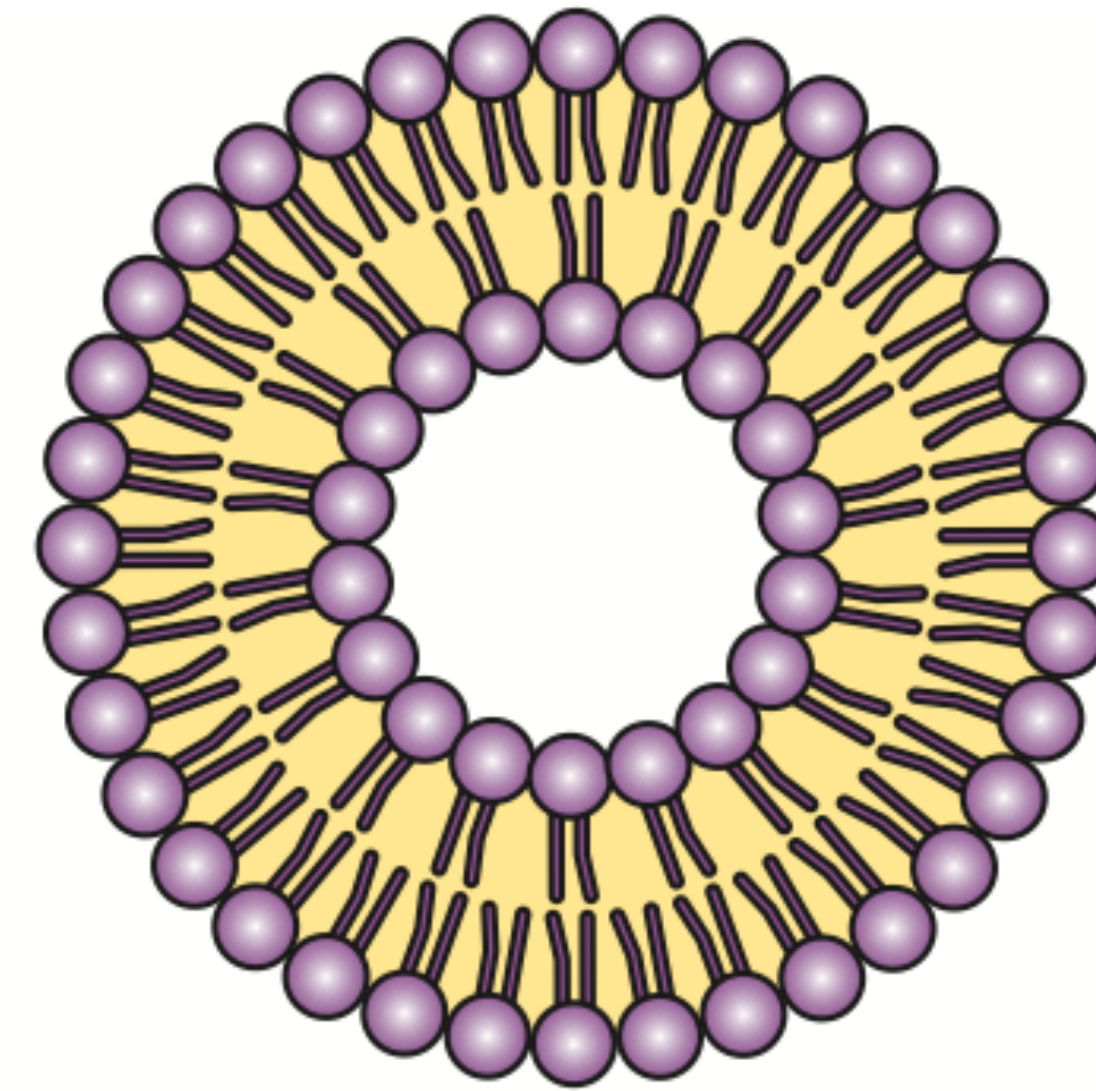
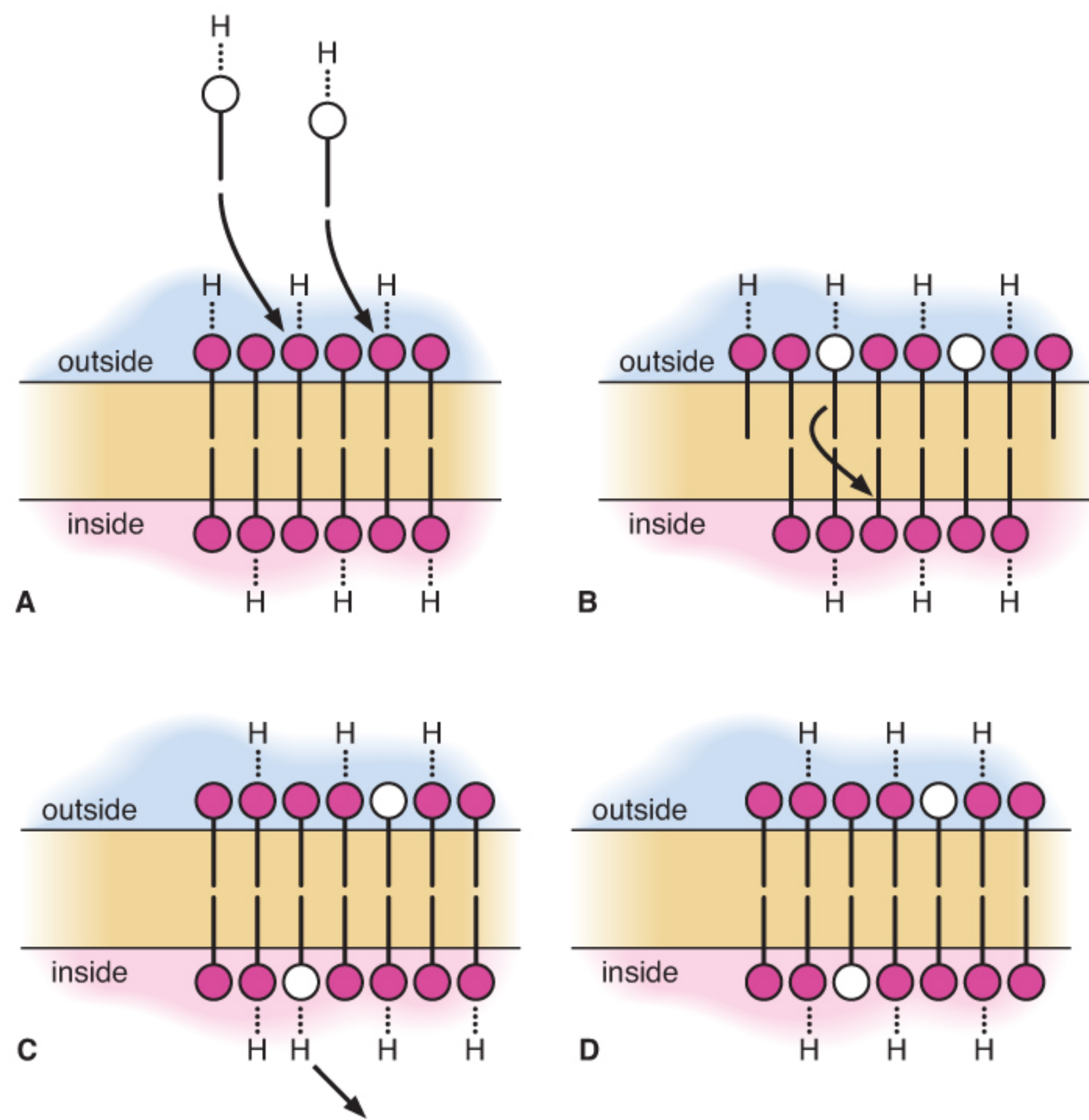
Hypothesis

So these drawings of mechanisms are the WHAT?

(b) **PROCESS: SURFACE METABOLISM MODEL OF CHEMICAL EVOLUTION**



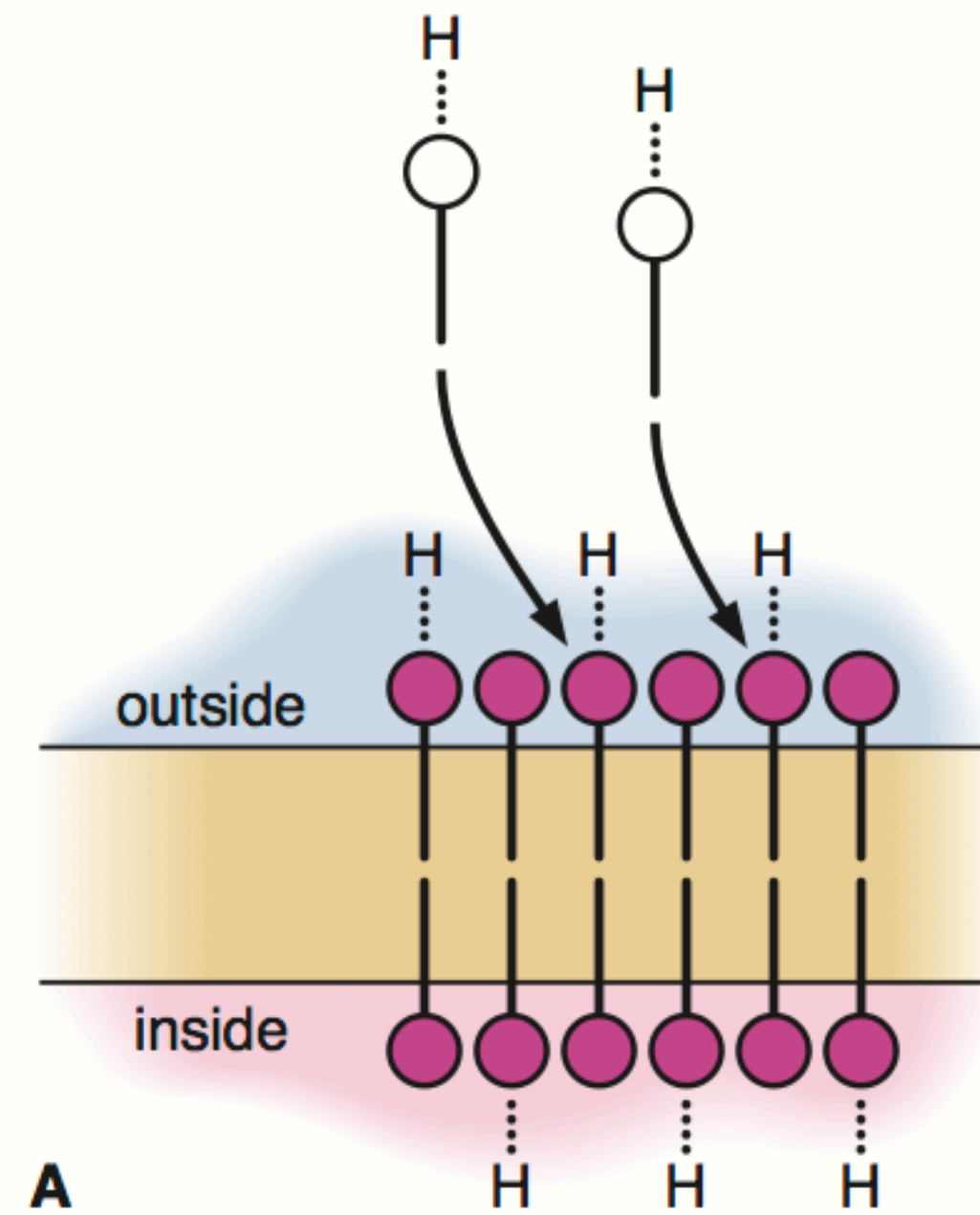
Hypothesis



vesicle

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Model of pH Gradient Production



new lipids fuse
with outer layer

Fig. 4.16

Model of pH Gradient Production

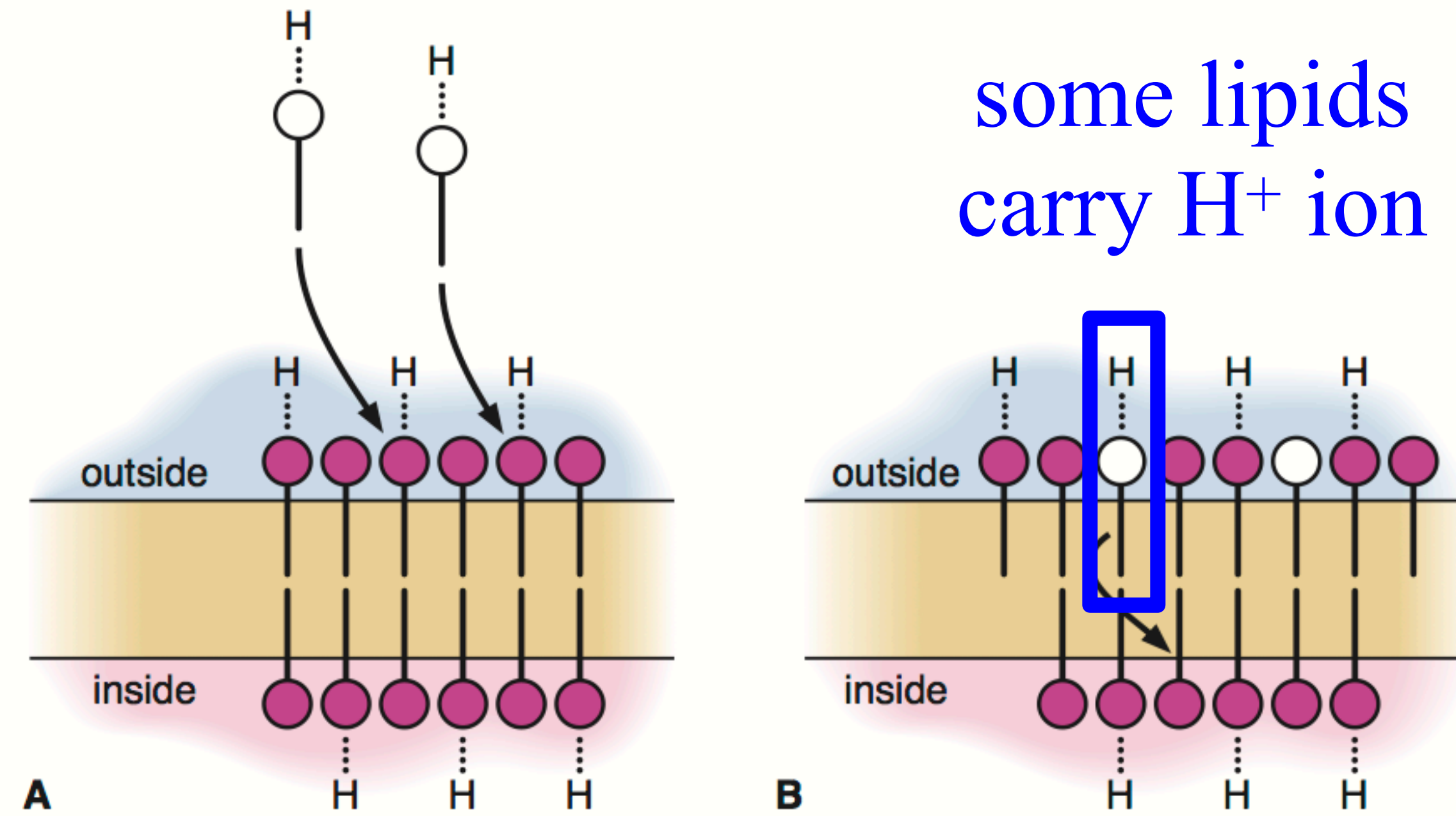
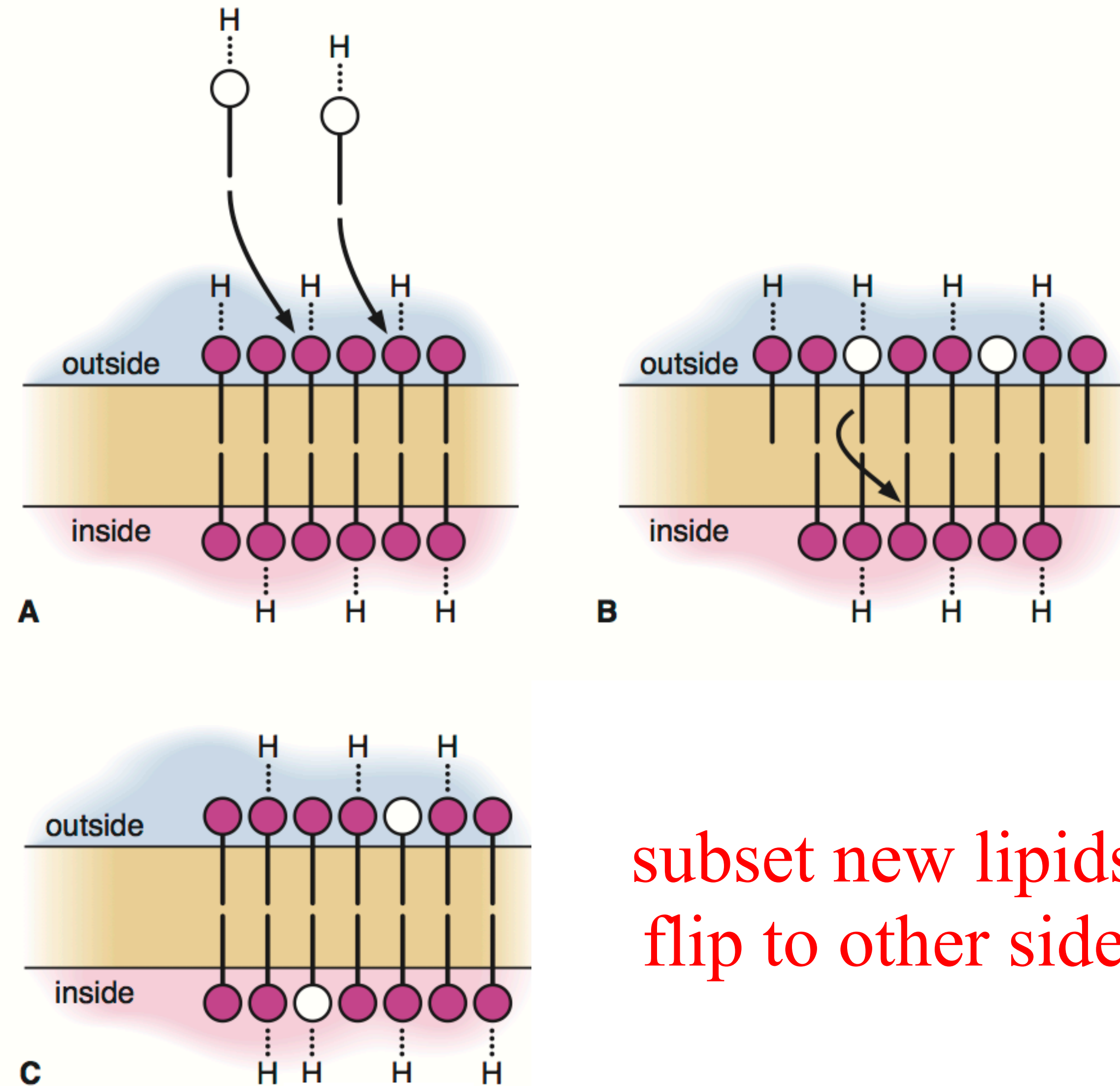


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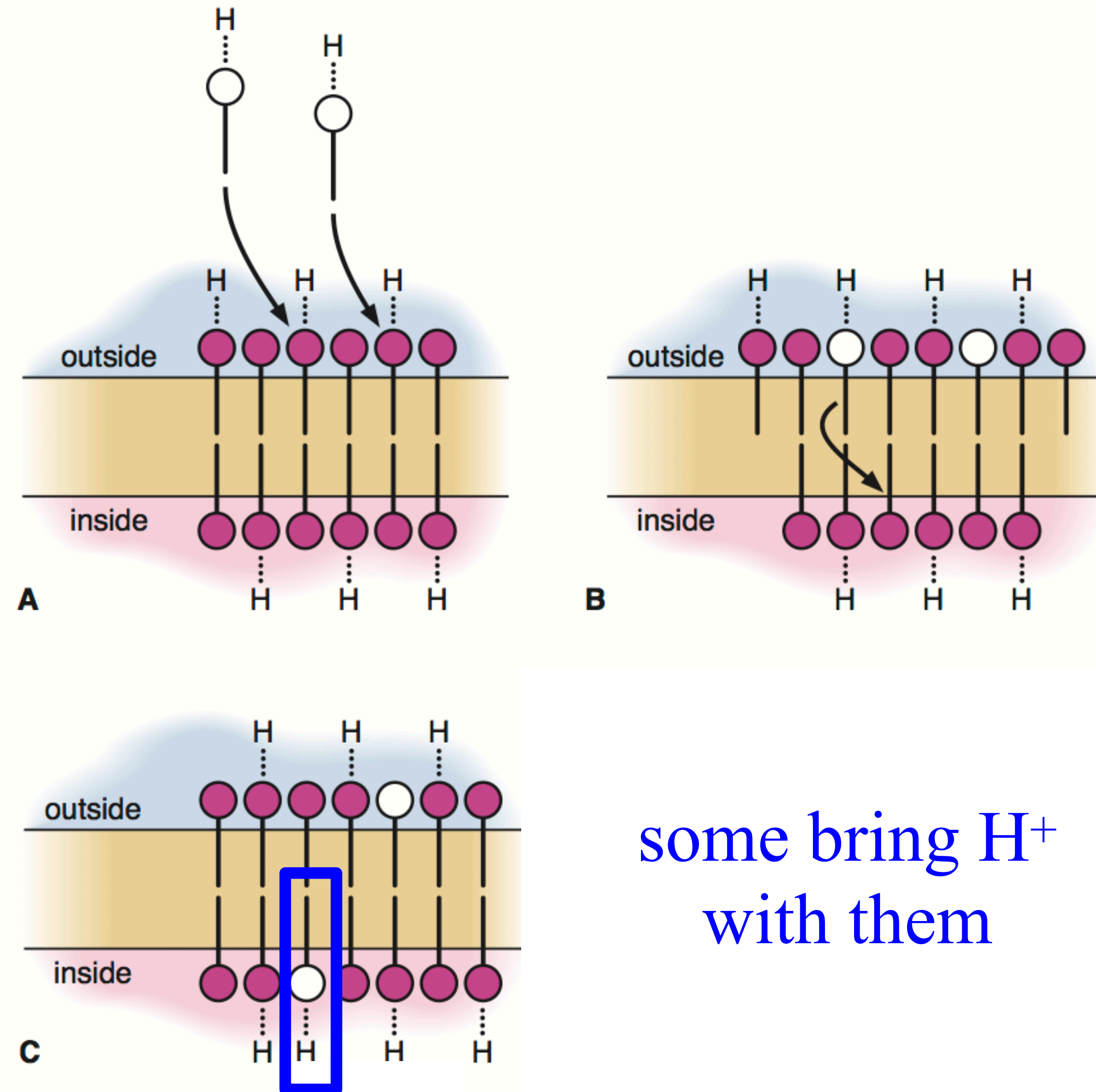
Model of pH Gradient Production



subset new lipids
flip to other side

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Model of pH Gradient Production



some bring H⁺
with them

Fig. 4.16

Model of pH Gradient Production



subset of new charges diffuse inside vesicle

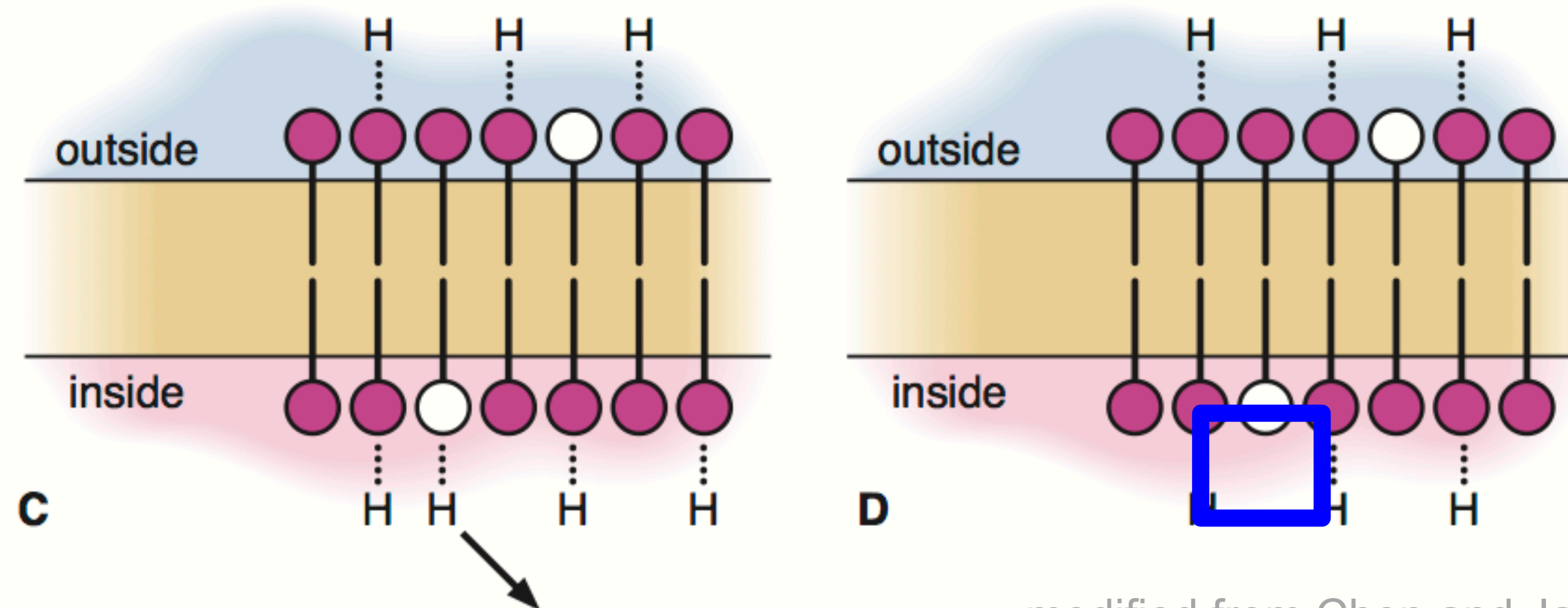
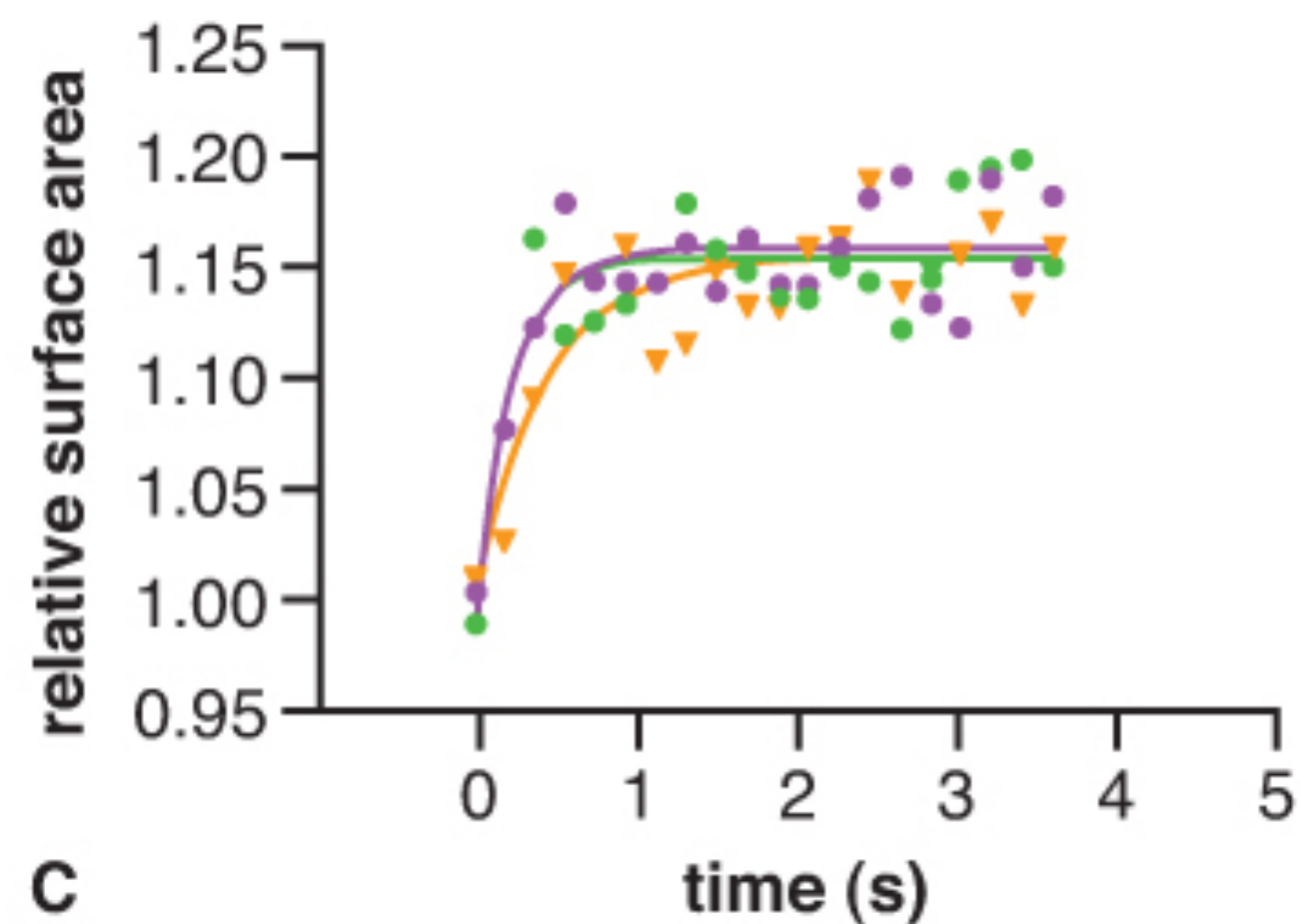
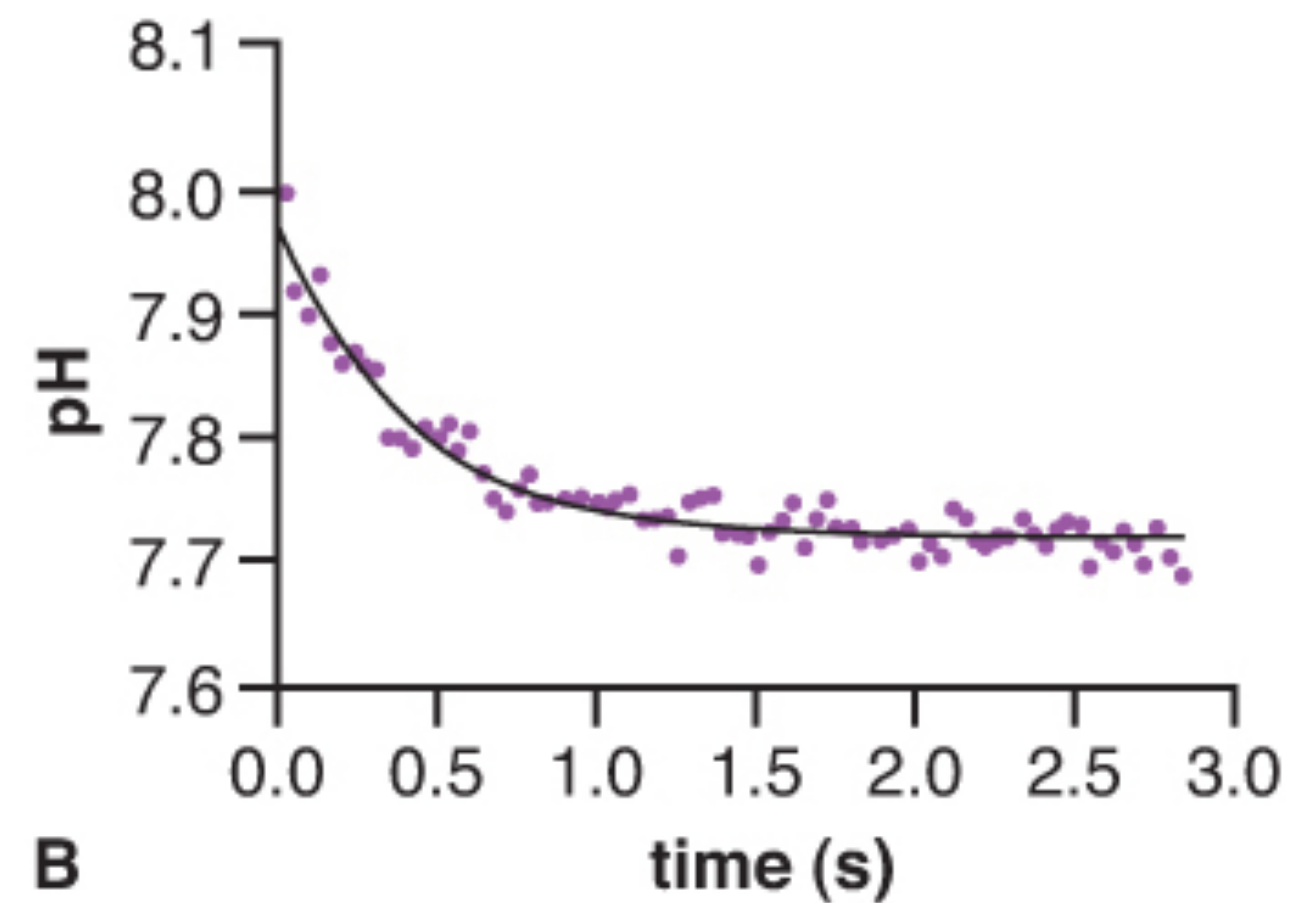
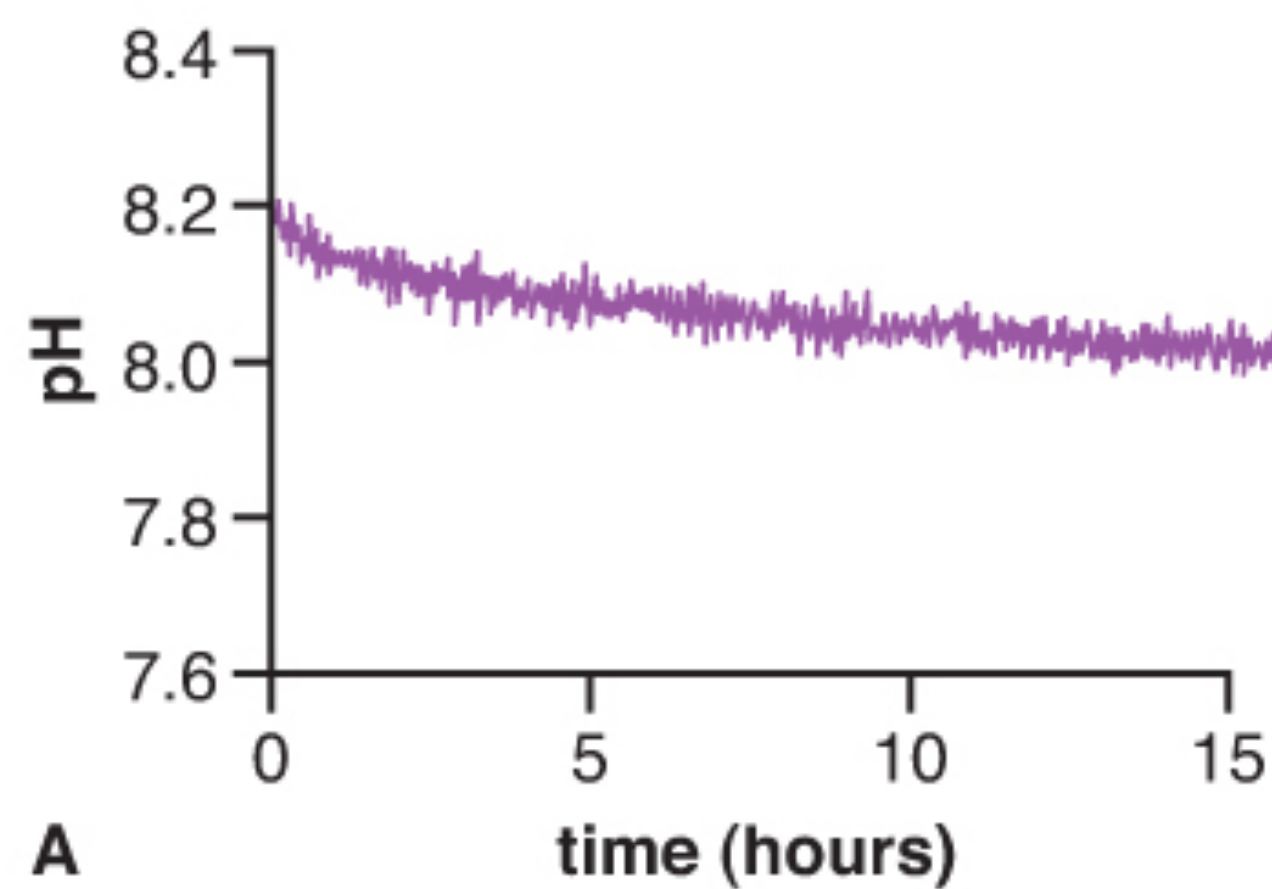


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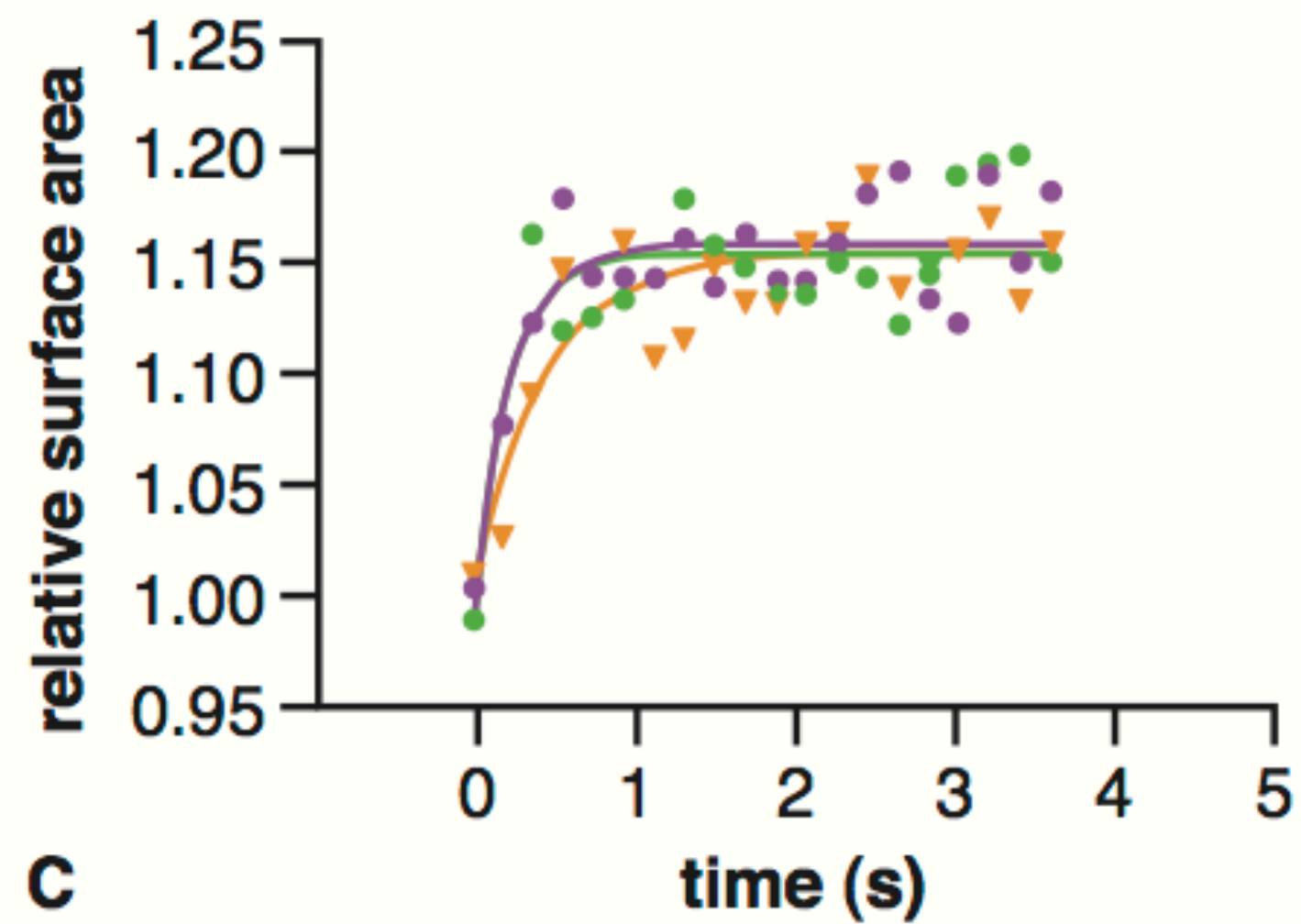
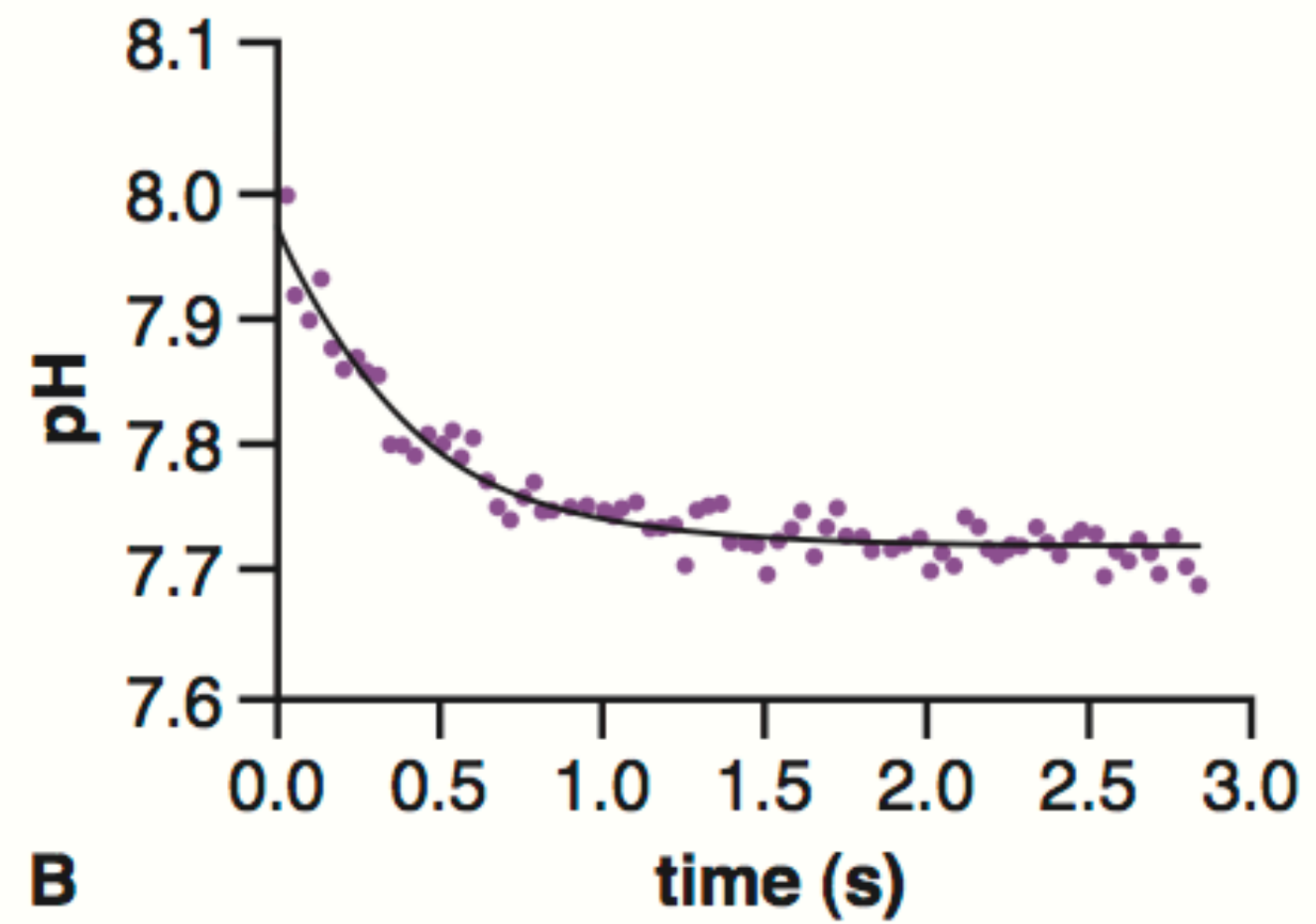
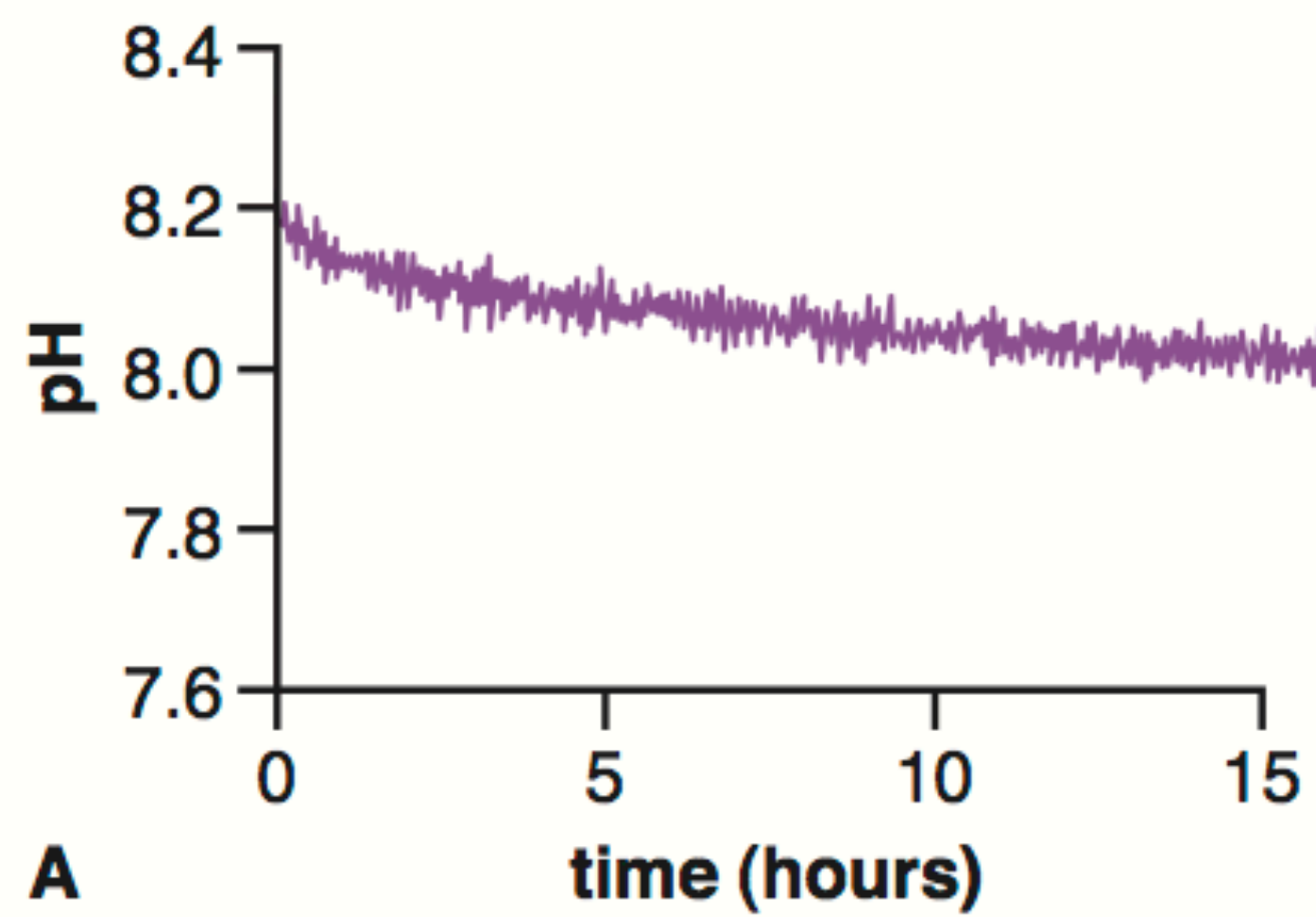


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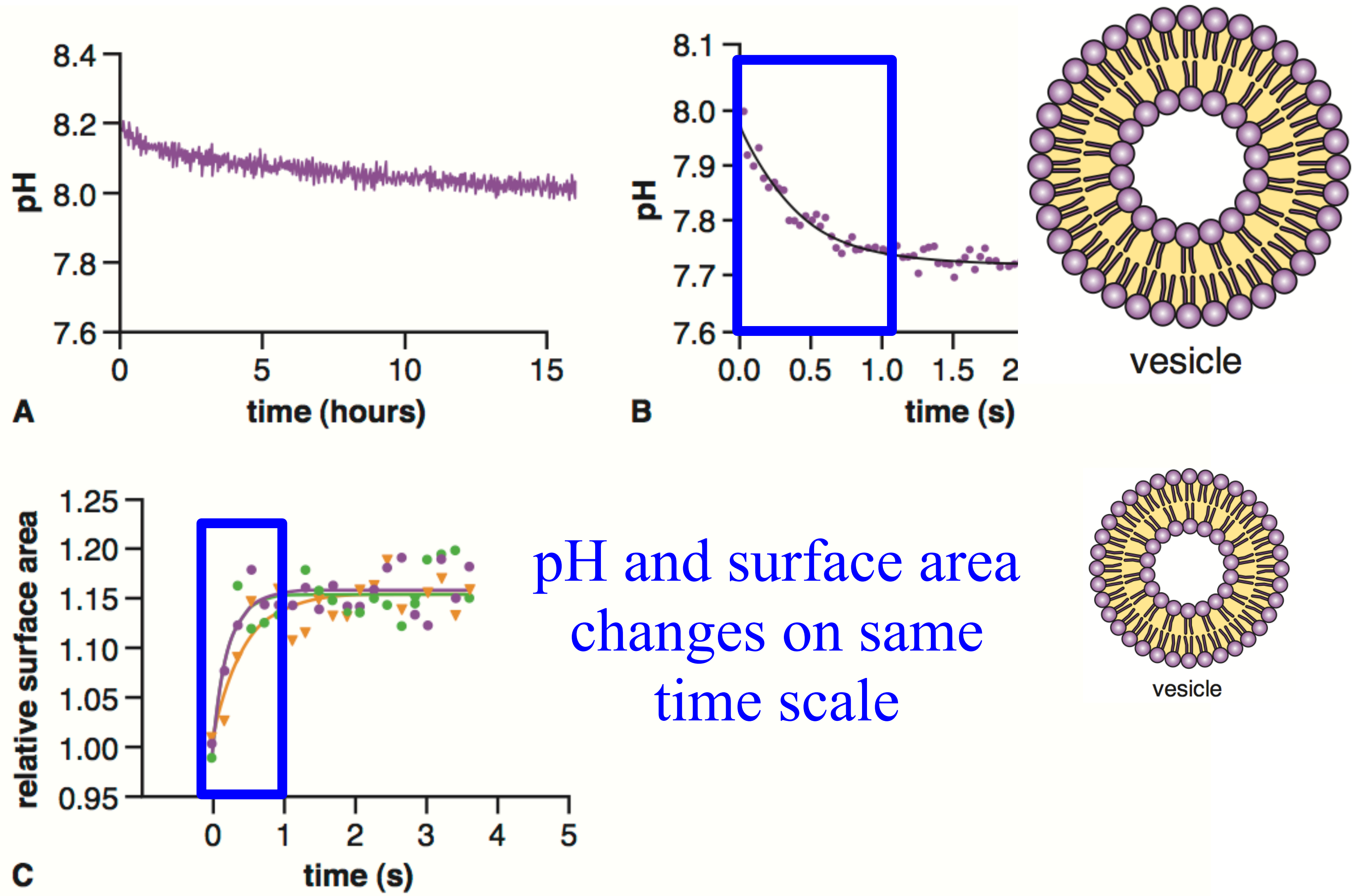
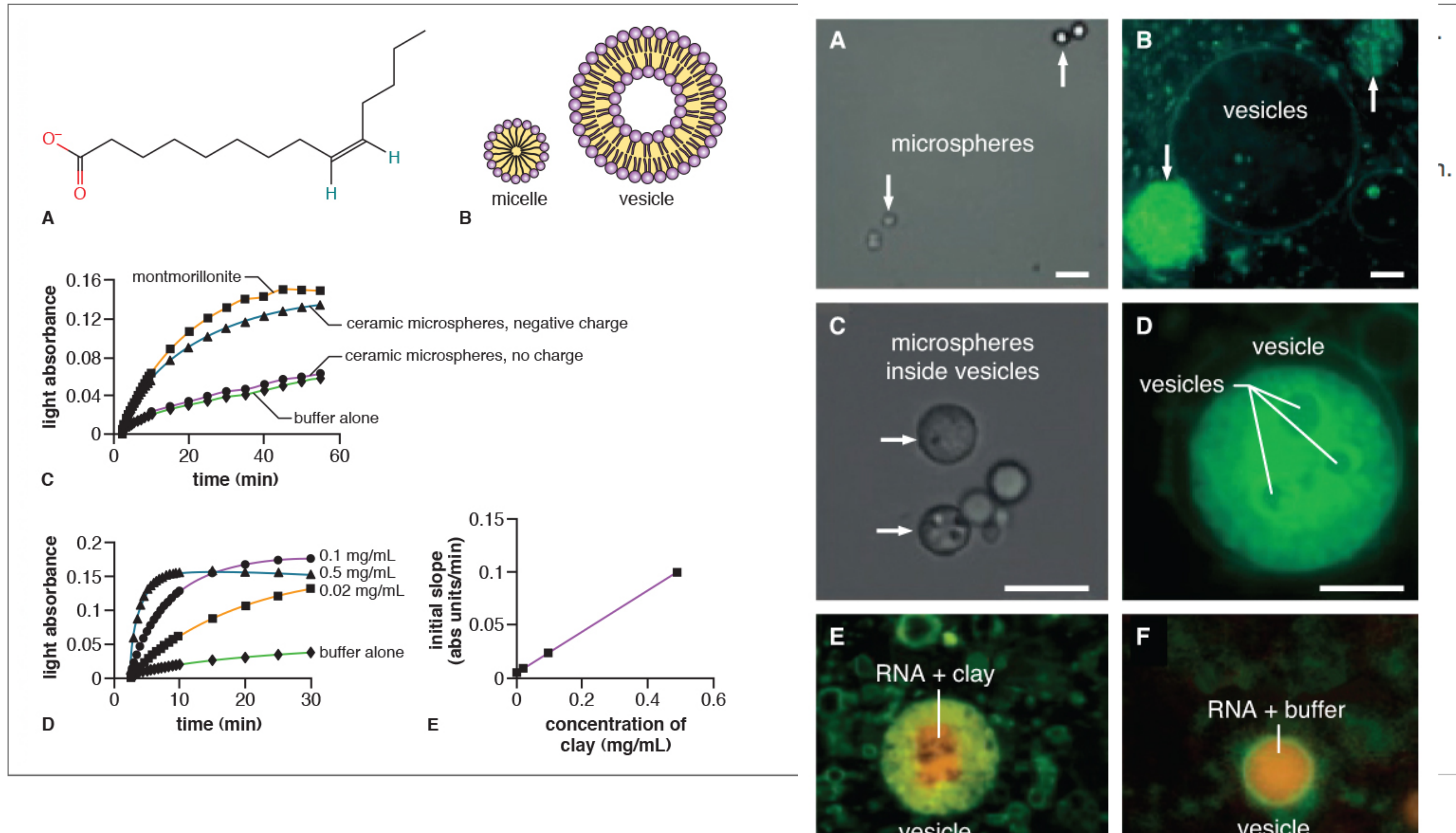


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Clay: lipids can gather together and form abiotic “cells” with RNA inside



Growth, Reproduction, Storage of energy (H⁺s)

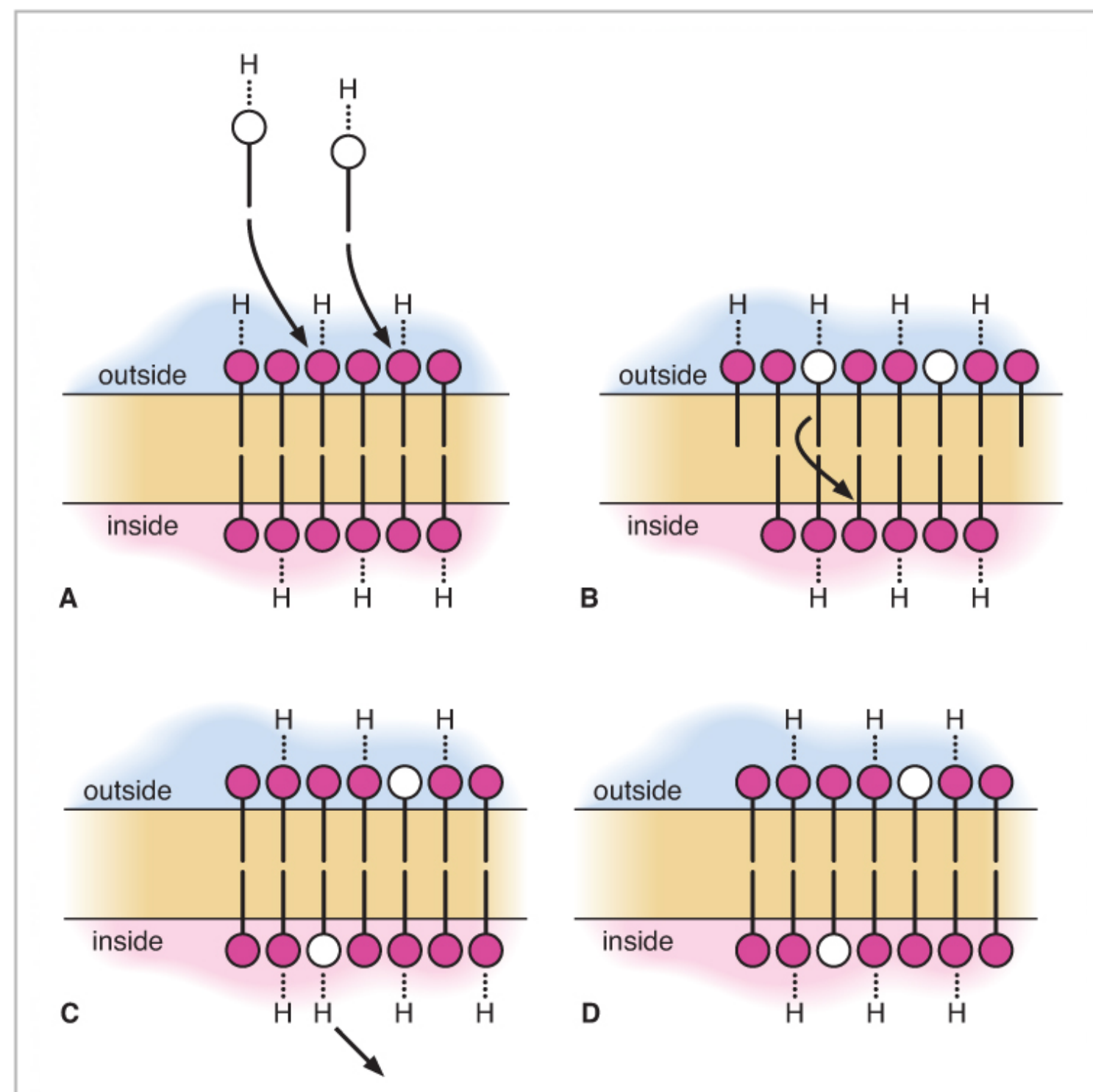
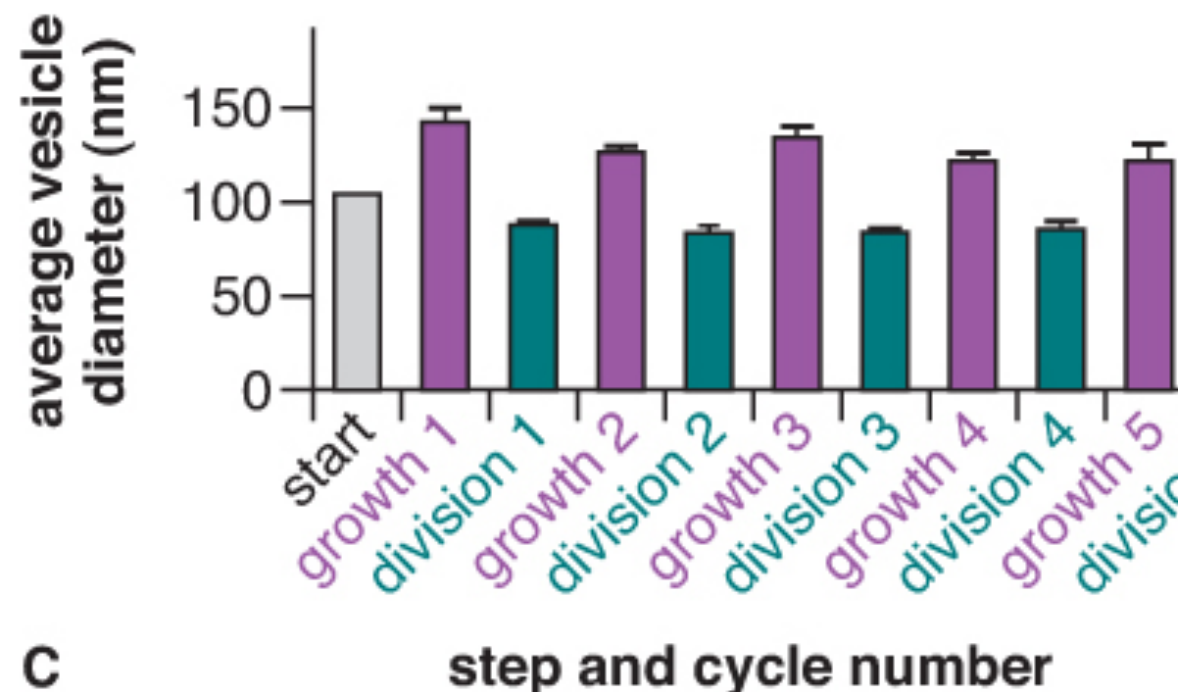
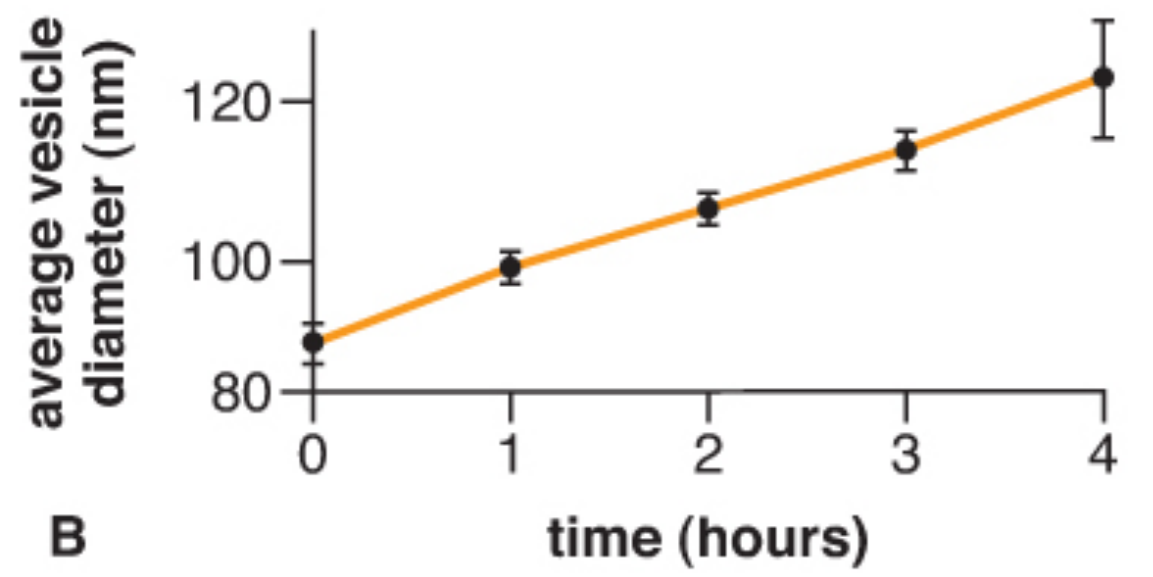
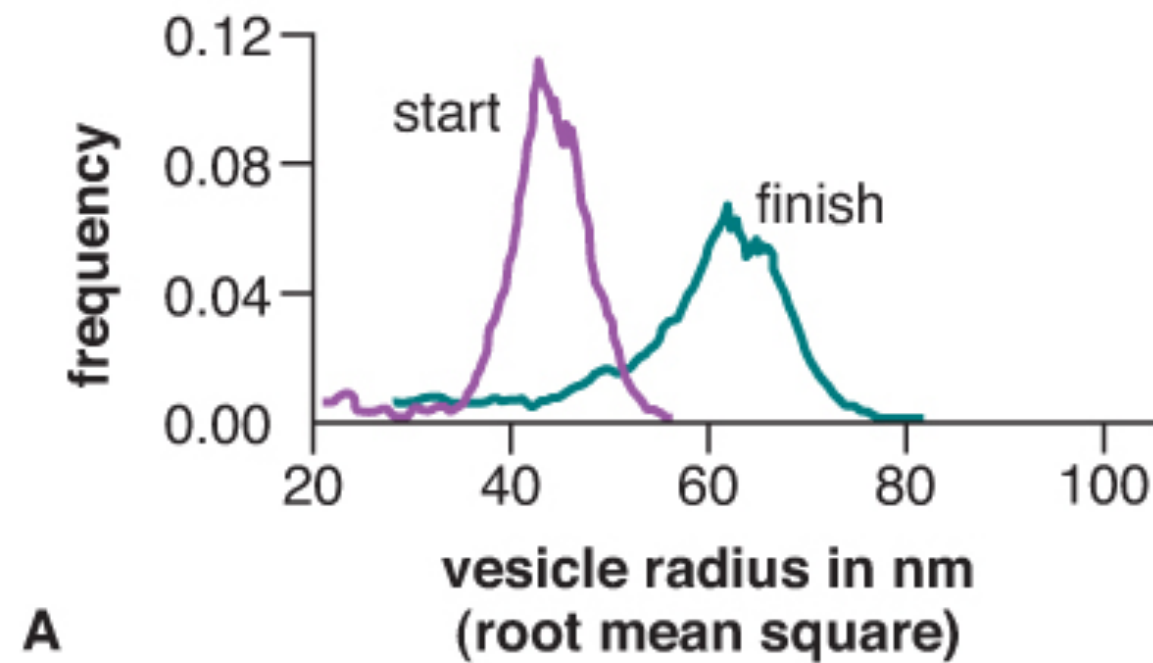


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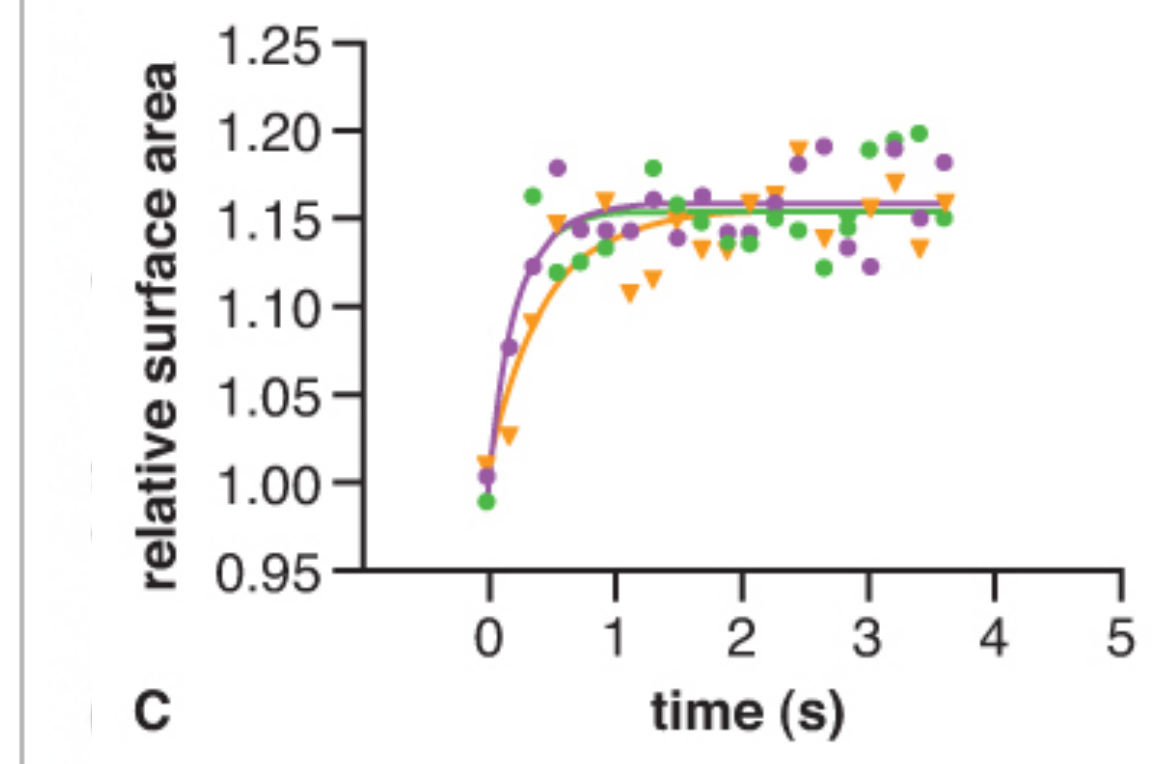
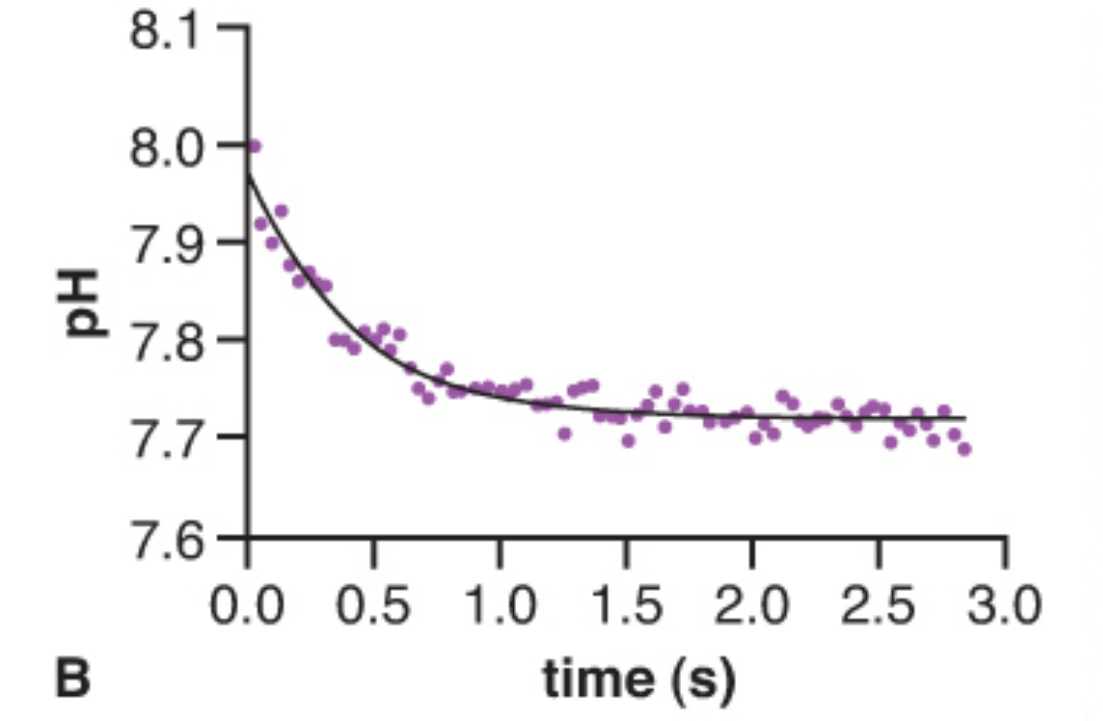
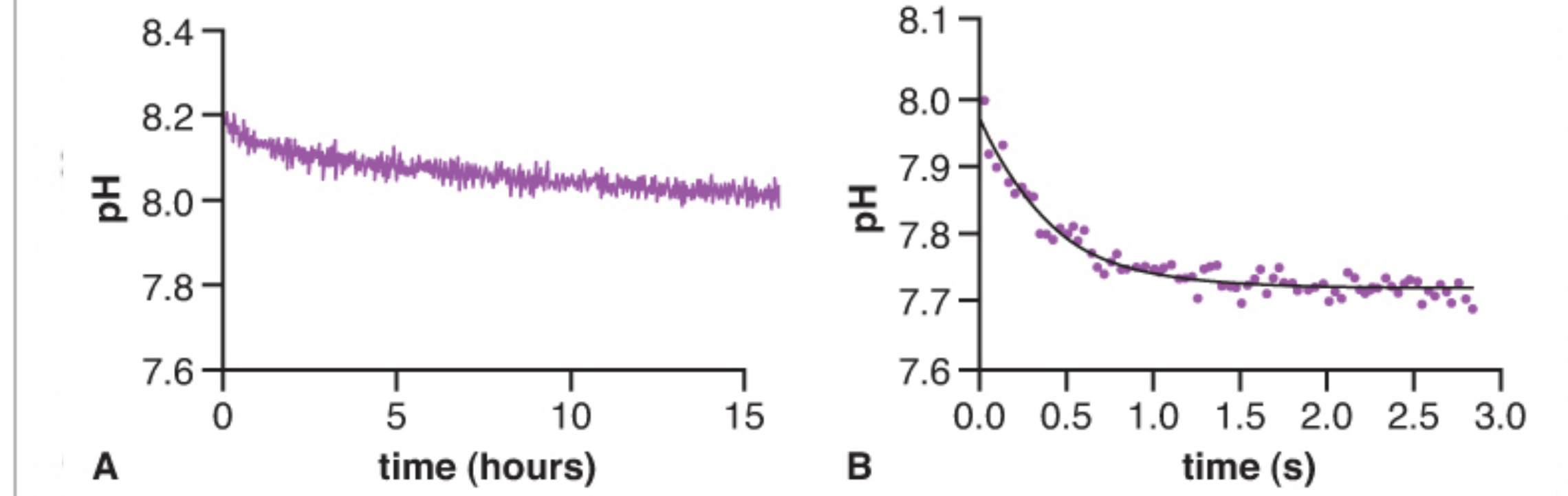


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Materials and Methods

Tables S1 to S7

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Experimental Models of Primitive Cellular Compartments: Encapsulation, Growth, and Division

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The clay montmorillonite is known to catalyze the polymerization of RNA from activated ribonucleotides. Here we report that montmorillonite accelerates the spontaneous conversion of fatty acid micelles into vesicles. Clay particles often become encapsulated in these vesicles, thus providing a pathway for the prebiotic encapsulation of catalytically active surfaces within membrane vesicles. In addition, RNA adsorbed to clay can be encapsulated within vesicles. Once formed, such vesicles can grow by incorporating fatty acid supplied as micelles and can divide without dilution of their contents by extrusion through small pores. These processes mediate vesicle replication through cycles of growth and division. The formation, growth, and division of the earliest cells may have

involved mineral particles and inputs

of the vesicle. Furthermore, compartmentalization of replicating nucleic acids (or some other form of localization) is required to enable Darwinian evolution by preventing the random mixing of genetic polymers, thus coupling genotype and phenotype (13). If primordial nucleic acids assembled on mineral surfaces (14–17), the question arises as to how they eventually came to reside within membrane vesicles. Although dissociation from the mineral surface followed by encapsulation within newly forming vesicles (perhaps in a different location under different environmental conditions) is certainly a possibility, a direct route would be more satisfying and perhaps more efficient. The unexpected interaction between mineral surfaces and membrane-forming amphiphiles described here could provide such a pathway.

In the course of exploring the autocatalytic assembly of myristoleate (C14) vesicles from myristoleate micelles (18), we examined the effect of other negatively charged surfaces on vesicle assembly. We found that the addition of small quantities of montmorillonite to the reaction mixture resulted in an increase in the initial rate of the vesicle assembly reaction by a factor of 100 (19) (Fig.

<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Jack-Szostak-2/>

The bilayer membranes that surround all present-day cells and act as boundaries are thought to have originated in the spontaneous self-assembly of amphiphilic molecules into membrane vesicles (1–5). Simple amphiphilic molecules have been found in meteorites

fatty alcohol mixtures with carbon chain lengths as short as 9 can form vesicles capable of retaining ionic fluorescent dyes, DNA, and proteins (4).

Vesicles consisting of simple amphiphilic molecules could have existed under plausible

If it looks like a cell, and acts like a cell...?

- Lipids can form through abiotic mechanisms.
- Abiotic vesicles can form spontaneously.
- Abiotic vesicles can trap RNA inside them.
- RNA ribozymes can polymerize RNA molecules.
- Abiotic vesicles can grow by consuming additional lipids.
- Abiotic vesicles can compete against each other for lipids.
- Abiotic vesicles can divide and leak their RNA cargo with each division.
- Abiotic vesicles with RNA inside can outcompete vesicles lacking RNA inside.



The momentous transition to multicellular life may not have been so hard after all

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What is our next question of EvoLife?

How did mitochondria and chloroplasts originate?

Biology Learning Objective

- Assemble evidence that demonstrates the evolutionary origin of mitochondria and chloroplasts.

(Preparing for) **Wednesday's lecture:**

Budgeting homework time (60 min): In the Chapter **Photosynthesis (OSB)** has quite a few figures. This should take 8 minutes if you just read it. But w pause to review figures and take good notes, this assignment should take y Give yourself at least 10 more minutes to google and read about Lynn Marg

1. _____ **For Wednesday's lecture, first google "Lynn Margulis" to fir** notes on, the *endosymbiotic hypothesis*. Then in the chapter **Photosy** 8.1 "Overview of Photosynthesis" and take handwritten notes.
2. _____ (Tip): Prepare to explain (aloud) the anatomy of a chloropl
3. _____ **Advanced:** Take a peek at section 8.2, in particular study Fig process in class.

What is OSB? Q? 1-25-23 (Wed class) OSB Photosynthesis

Summary Section 8.1 - Overview of Photosynthesis - (OSB)

- Explain relevance of PHS to other living things
- Describe main structures involved
- ID substrates + products
- Summarize the process

Talk about VF → What do bunnies eat? Cows? Plants?

Star beams = "sun light"

PHS is essential to all. $\text{O}=\text{C}=\text{O}$ → scores food/bricks (stored in covalent bonds) (oil / coal / salads)

Photoautotrophs: self feed light
Plants, algae + cyanobacteria can do the PHS dance magic. ☺
the rest of us sad sacks are heterotrophs that parasite off of them... ☹
they die → we die exception → at bottom of ocean - chemoautotrophs do chemistry → food like bacteria thermophiles

Figure 1: photographs organisms that can self-feed we make ATP from stolen C10s via Respiration (electrons gained)

Photosynthesis - can convert light to scores AND store that E longterm (light rxns) (synthesis rxns)

eg. Wolf (predator) → eats deer (prey) → eats grass → eats light beams + air (CO₂) ← Star beams/sun

Figure 2: deer running

Main structures + Summary of Photosynthesis ($6\text{CO}_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \Rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + 6\text{O}_2$)
(G3P) glucose (6C's) = 2 G3P's (3C's each)

Sunlight + CO₂ + water ⇒ O₂ + sugar/wood
(waste product)

where? → leaves of plants mostly → inside leaf in mesophyll cells → inside chloroplast

holes = stoma/stomata - let CO₂ inside leaf can open/close

holes found underside / bottom of leaf = stomata (mouth)

H₂O from ground → H₂O exits escapes → CO₂ (gas) enters inside thylakoid lumen

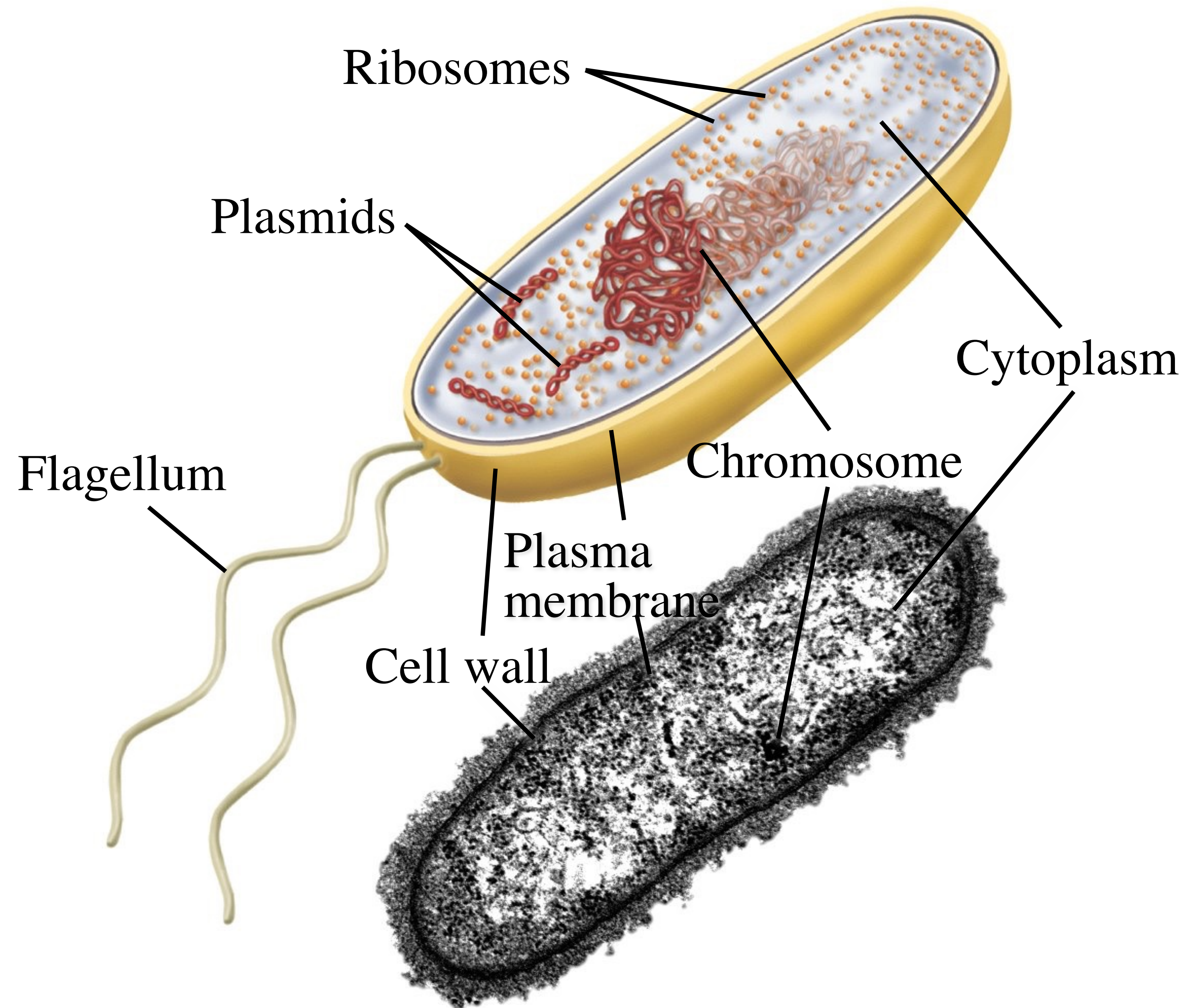
green color = (paint) because lot of green pigments = chlorophyll

stack called "granum" → thylakoid mem. → outer mem. → inner mem. → inner mem. space

region call "stroma" aqueous/watery fluids = "bed"

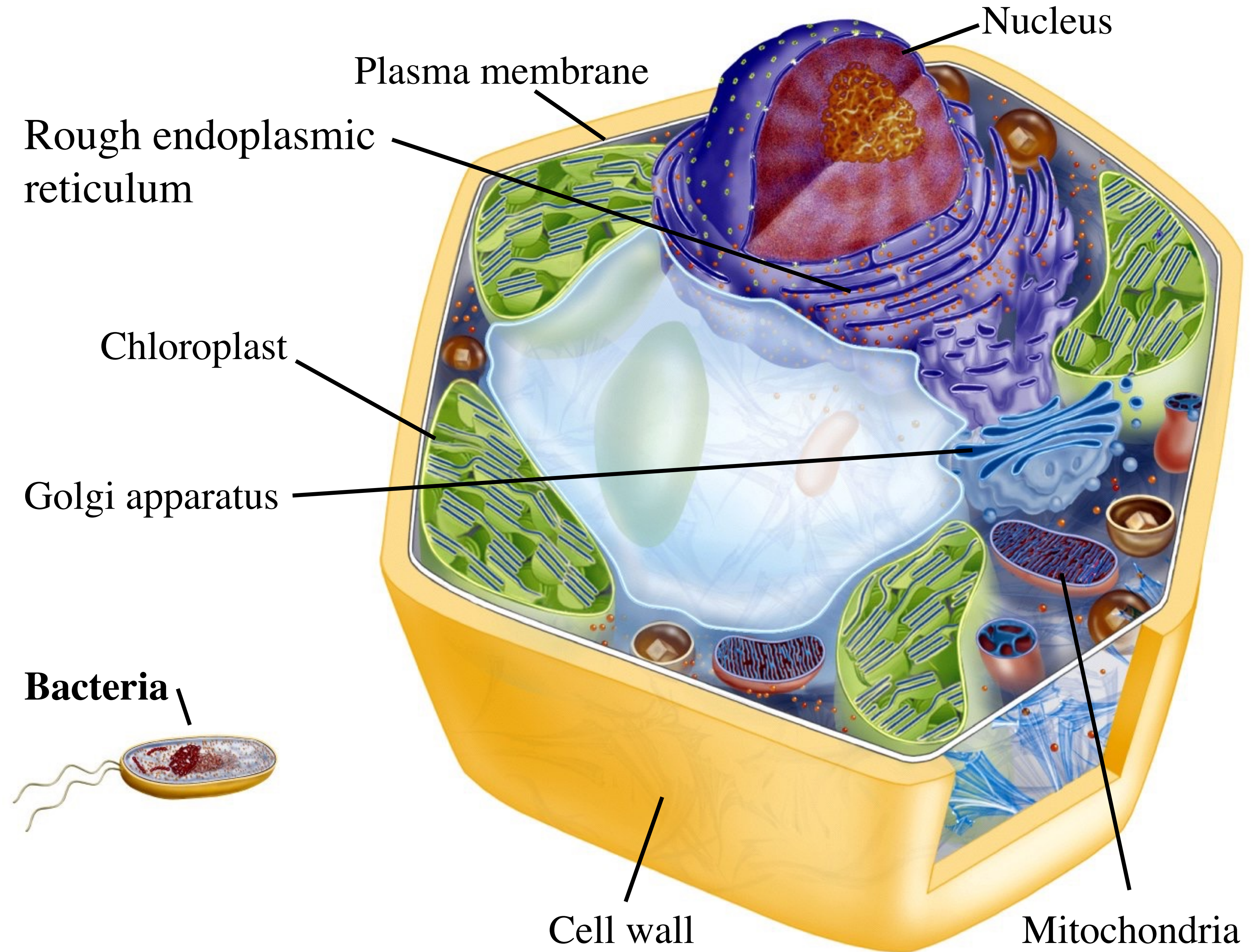
Two Parts to Photosynthesis

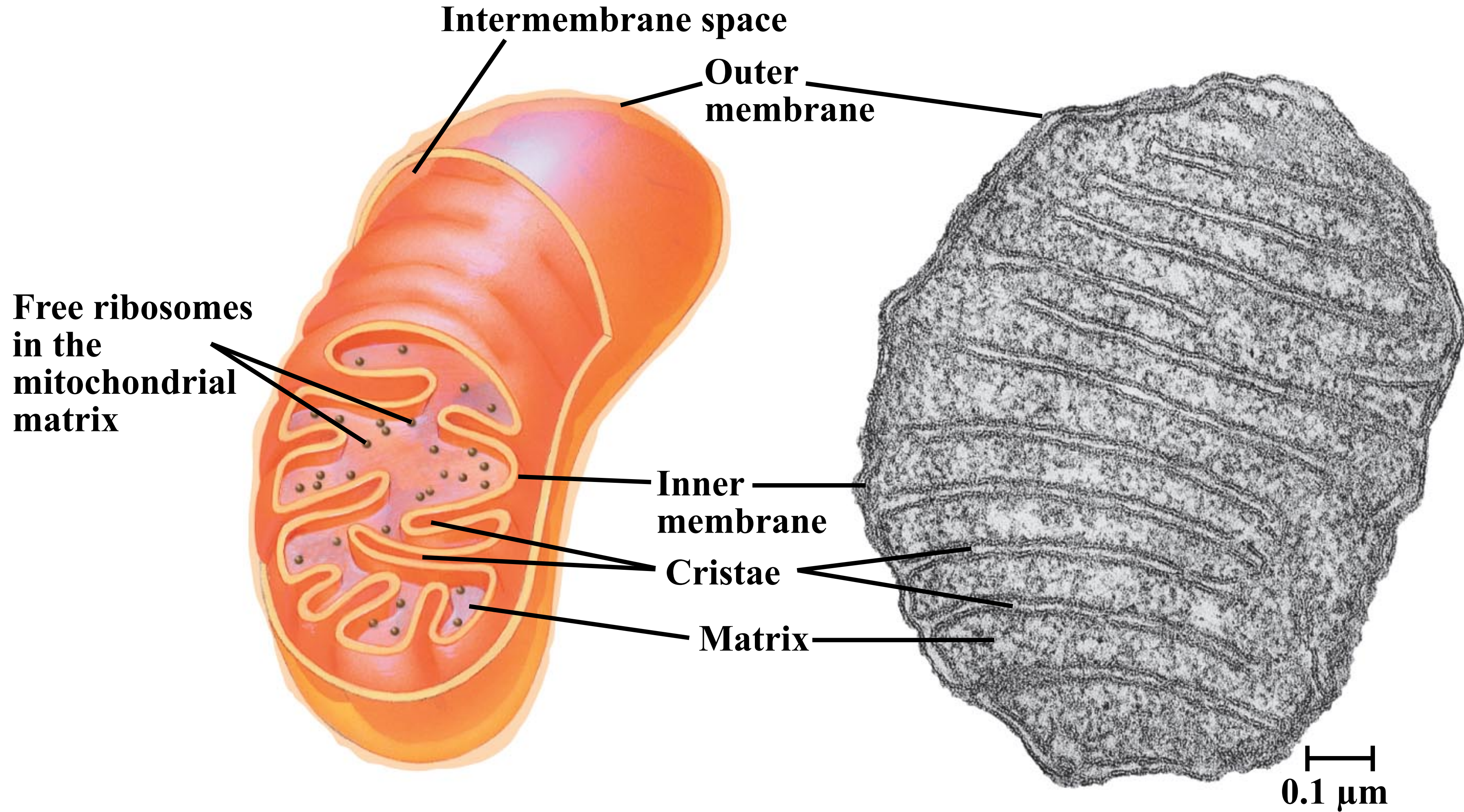
photo (light reactions) + synthesis (light-independent reactions) → sugar/wood
dependent → O₂ (waste) → Calvin Cycle
Sunlight → NADPH → ATP



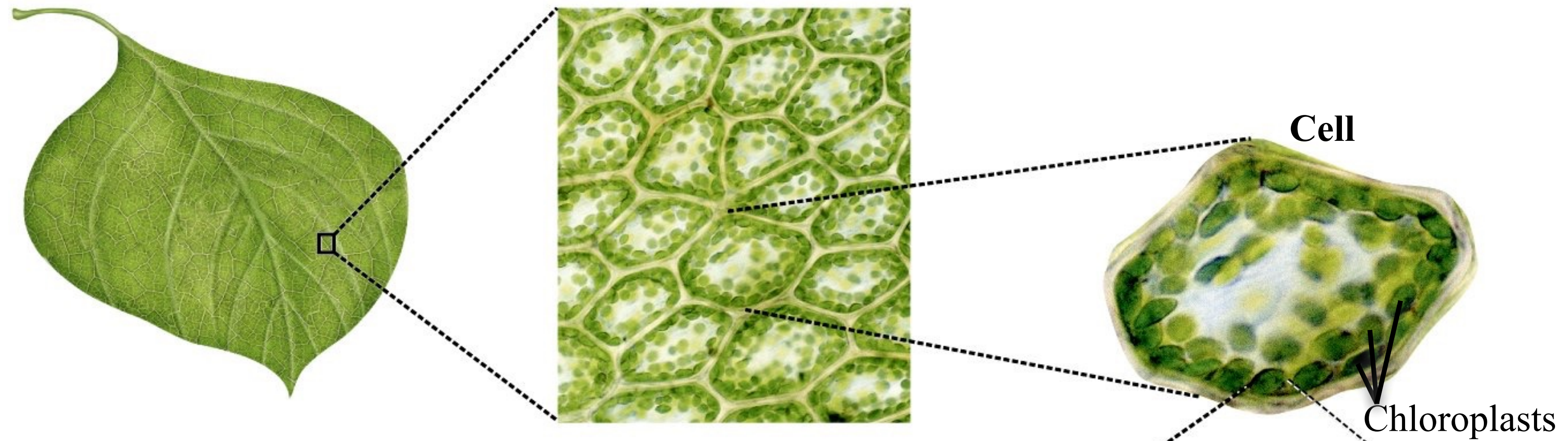
So what does a bacteria cell have?

What eukaryotic cell has that prok. doesn't?

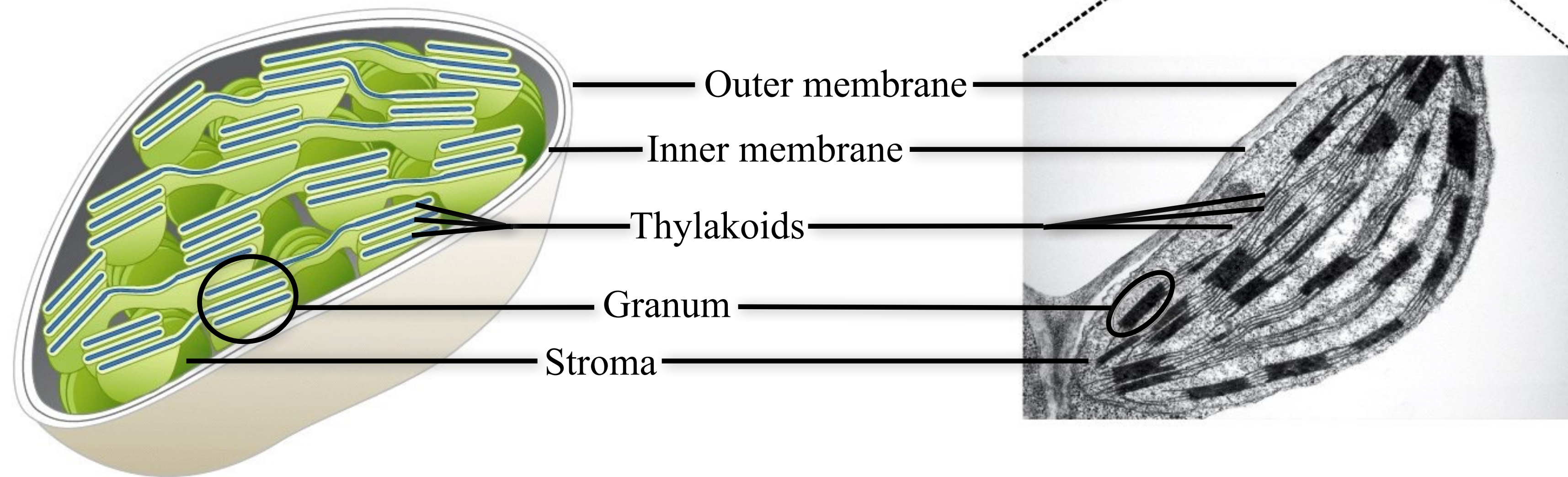


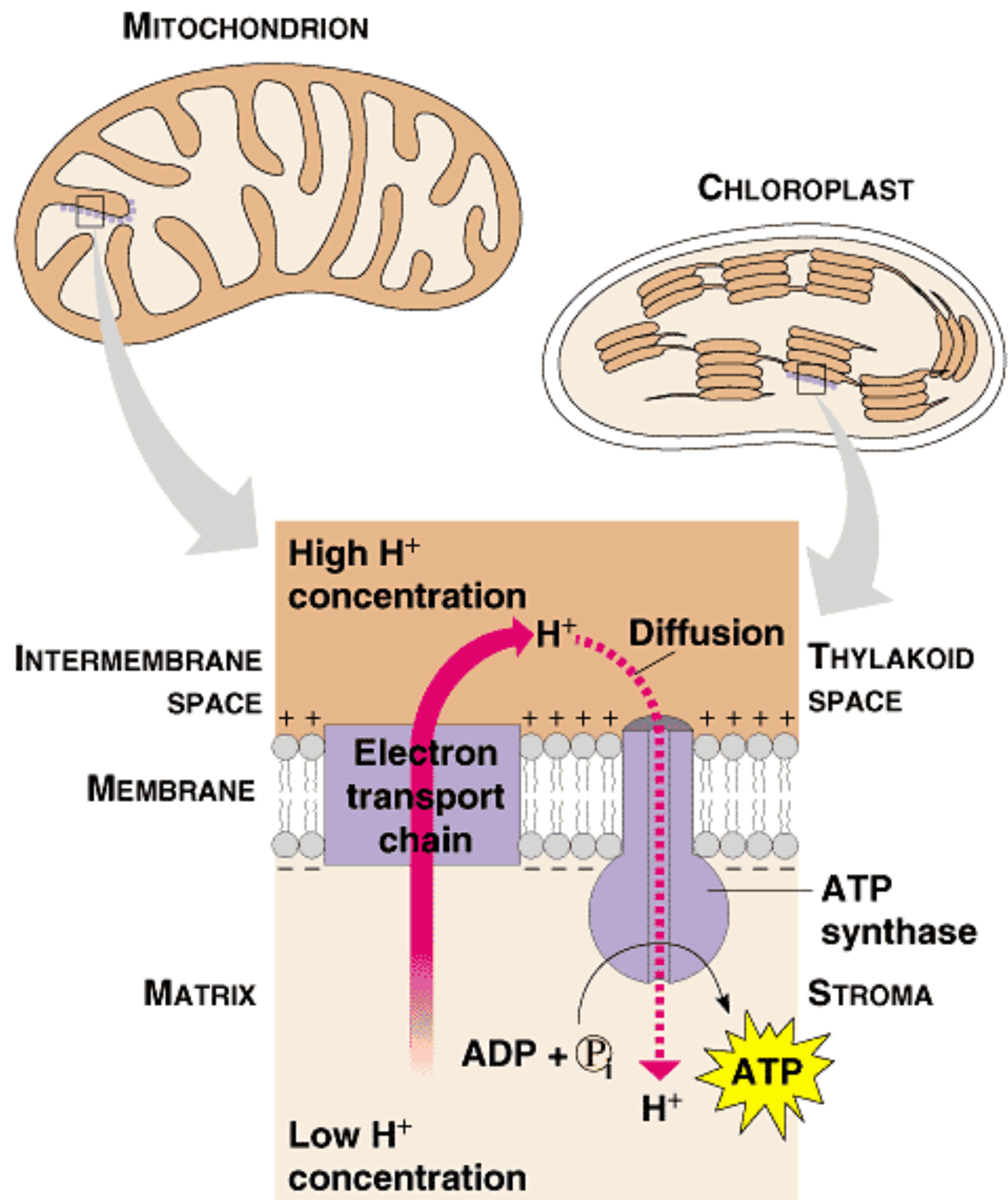


Leaves contain millions of chloroplasts.



Chloroplasts are highly structured, membrane-rich organelles.





So where did my organelles come from?



What does *endosymbiosis* suggest is the evolutionary origin of the chloroplast?



Lynn Margulis as a young woman.

- a. nuclear envelope
- b. invagination of membrane
- c. golgi apparatus
- d. endocytosis of bacterium
- e. infection of virus

Plasma membrane

Cytoplasm

**Ancestral
prokaryote**

DNA

Invagination

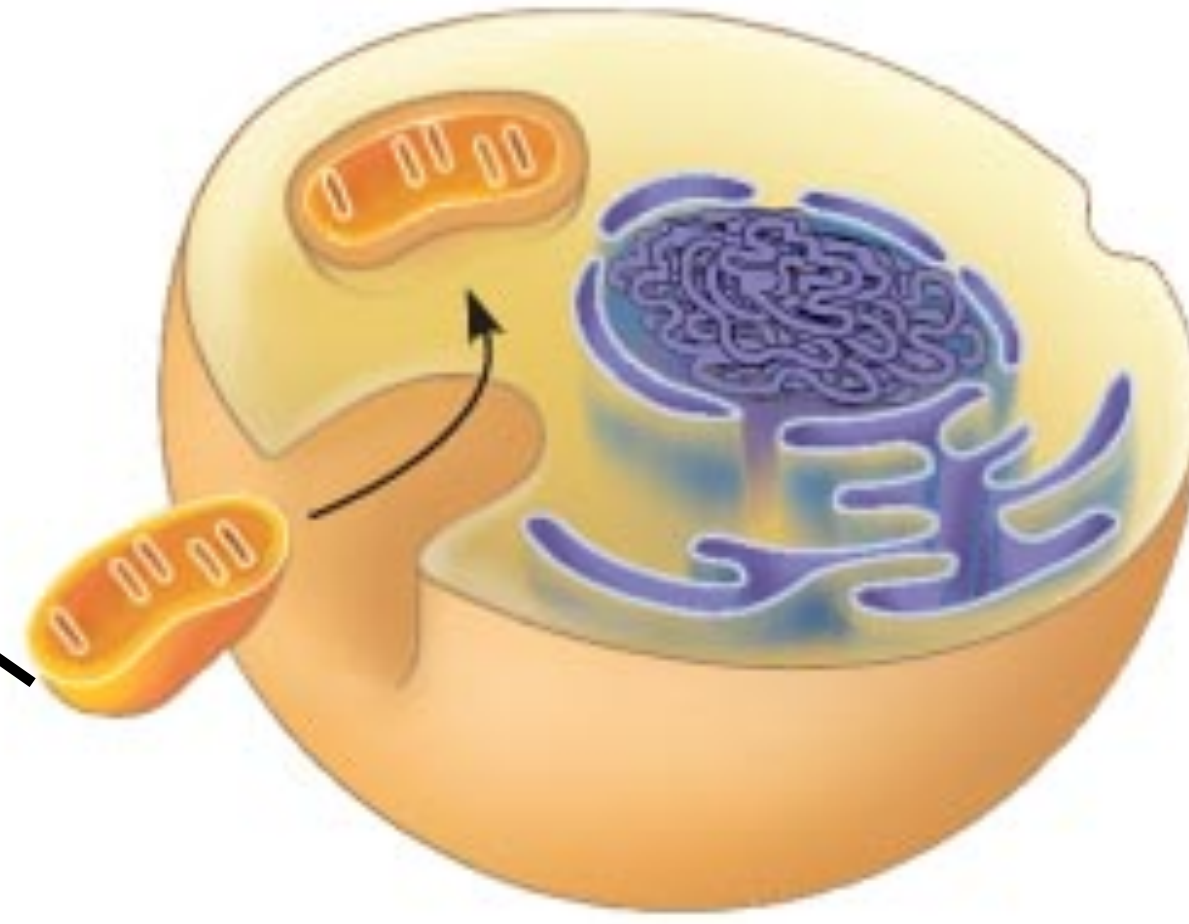
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Nucleus

Nuclear envelope

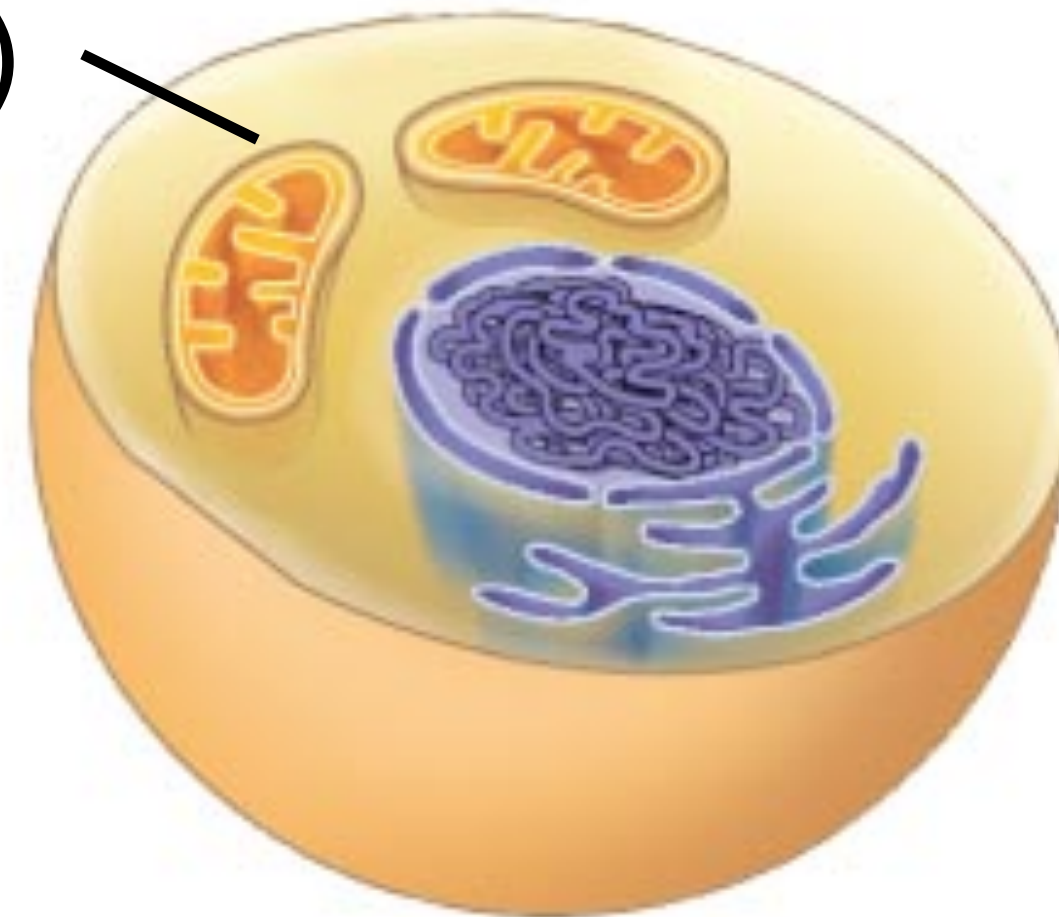


**Aerobic
heterotrophic
prokaryote**



Endocytosis

**Mitochondrion
(with extra mem)**



How do chloroplasts function? (a deep dive into one organelle)

Biology Learning Objective

- Build knowledge of the processes used by chloroplasts when functioning (photosynthesis).
- How do photons that depart the sun and strike the earth get converted to chemical energy (ATP, CHO) that is the source of all life.

5. Photosynthesis

The Light-Dependent Reactions of Photosynthesis



Summary: By the end of this section, you will be able to:

- Explain how plants absorb energy from sunlight
- Describe short and long wavelengths of light
- Describe how and where photosynthesis takes place within a plant

How can light be used to make food? When a person turns on a lamp, electrical energy becomes light energy. Like all other forms of kinetic energy, light can travel, change form, and be harnessed to do work. In the case of photosynthesis, light energy is converted into chemical energy, which photoautotrophs use to build carbohydrate molecules (**Figure 1**). However, autotrophs only use a few specific components of sunlight.

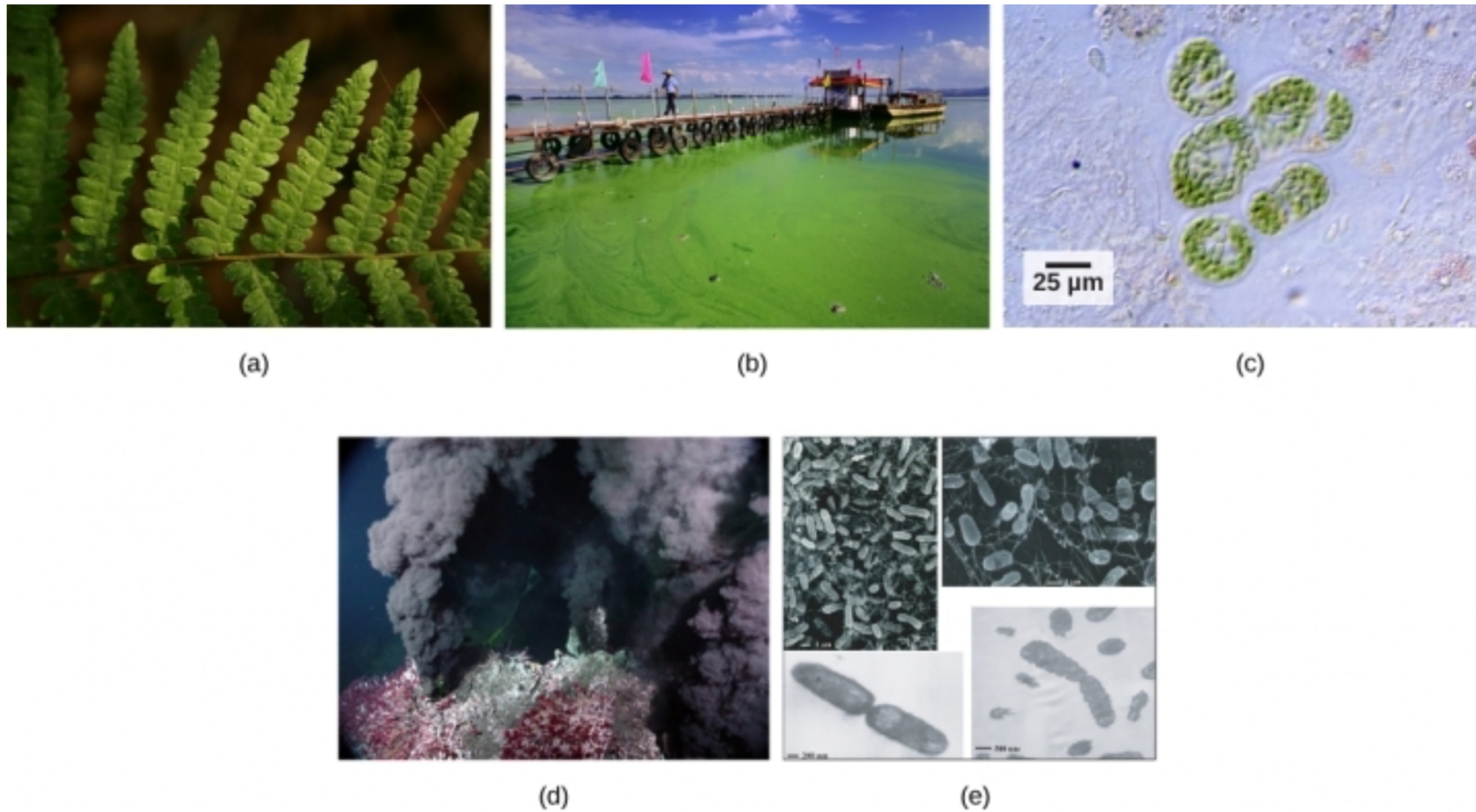
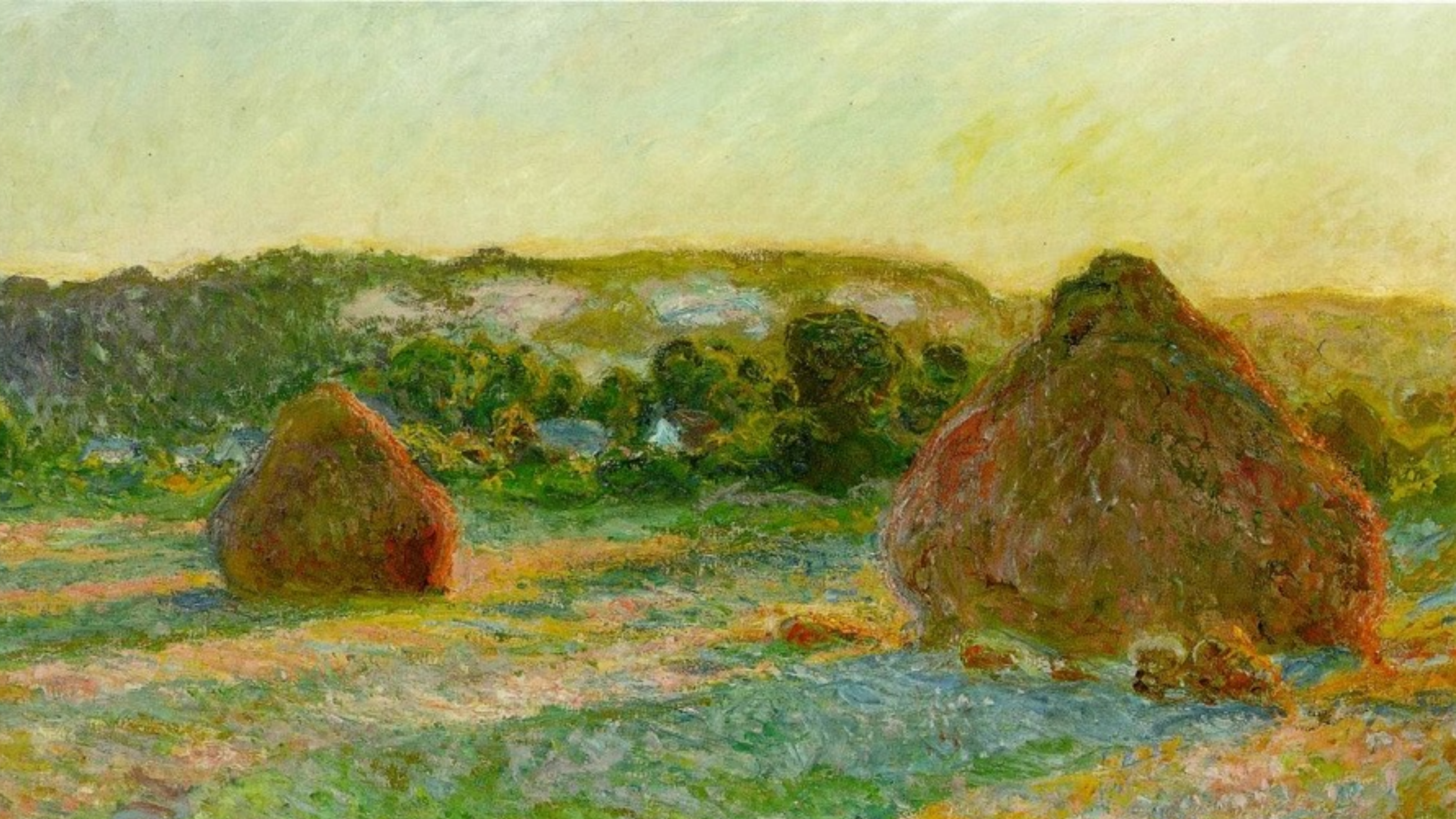
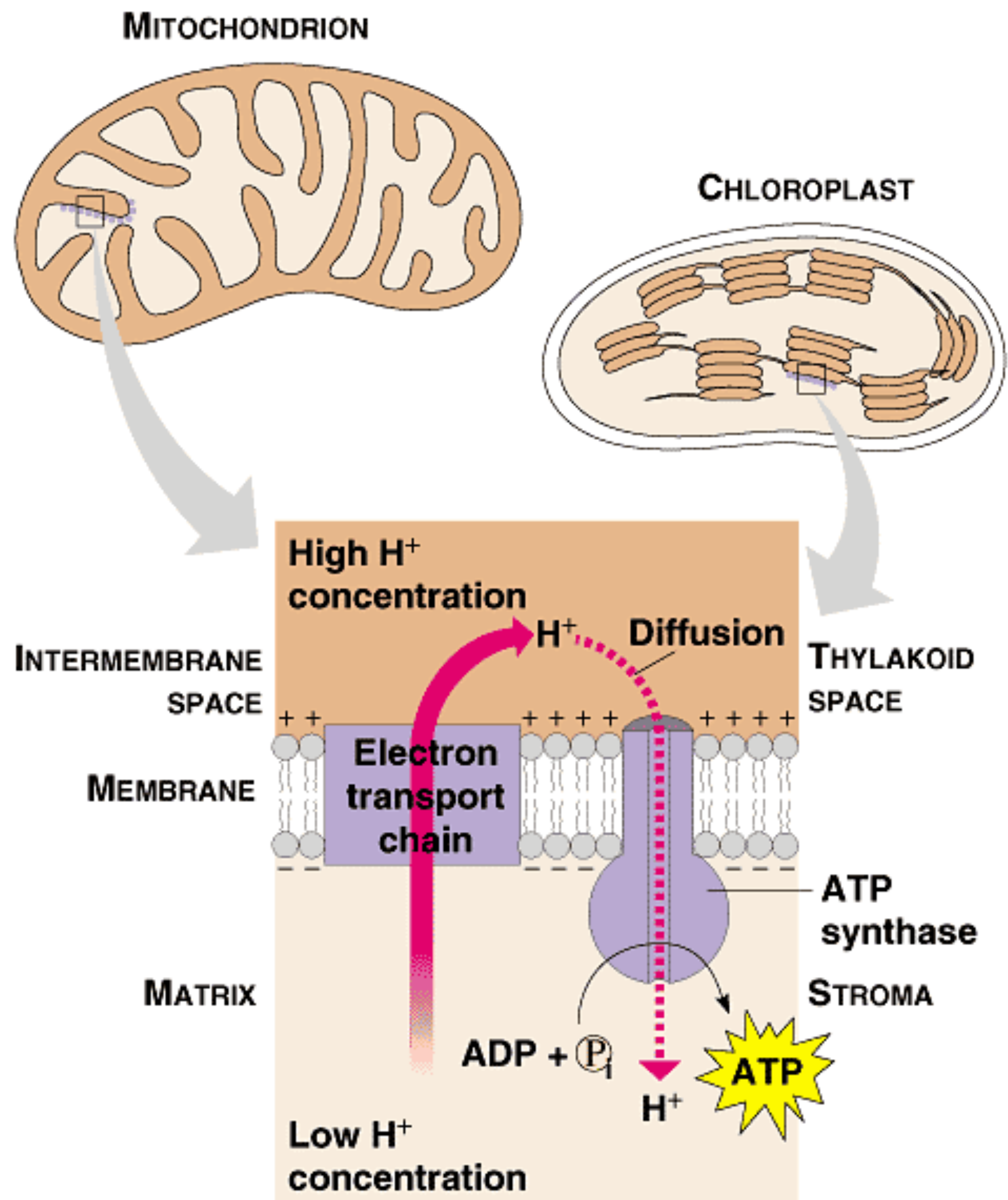
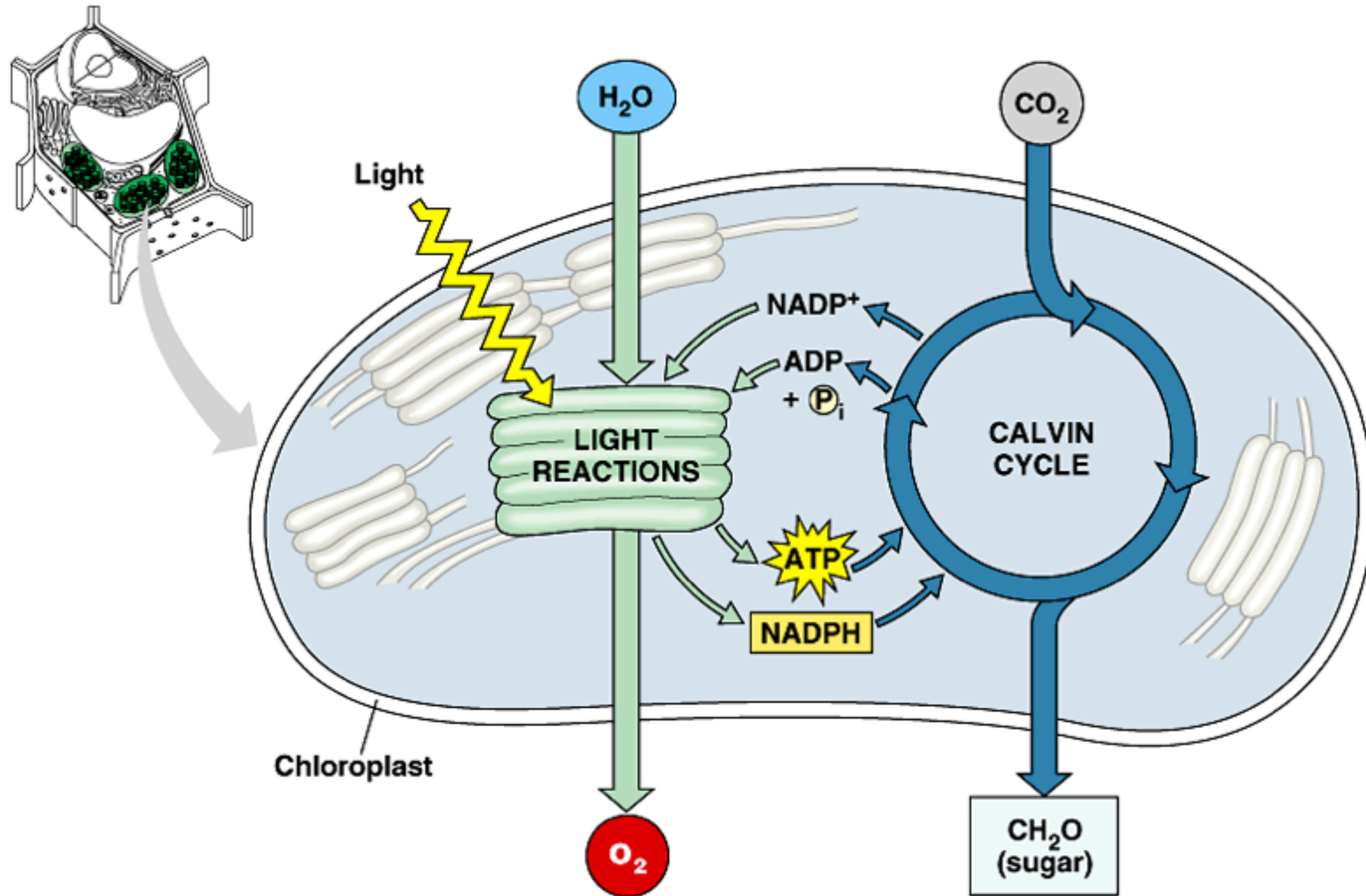
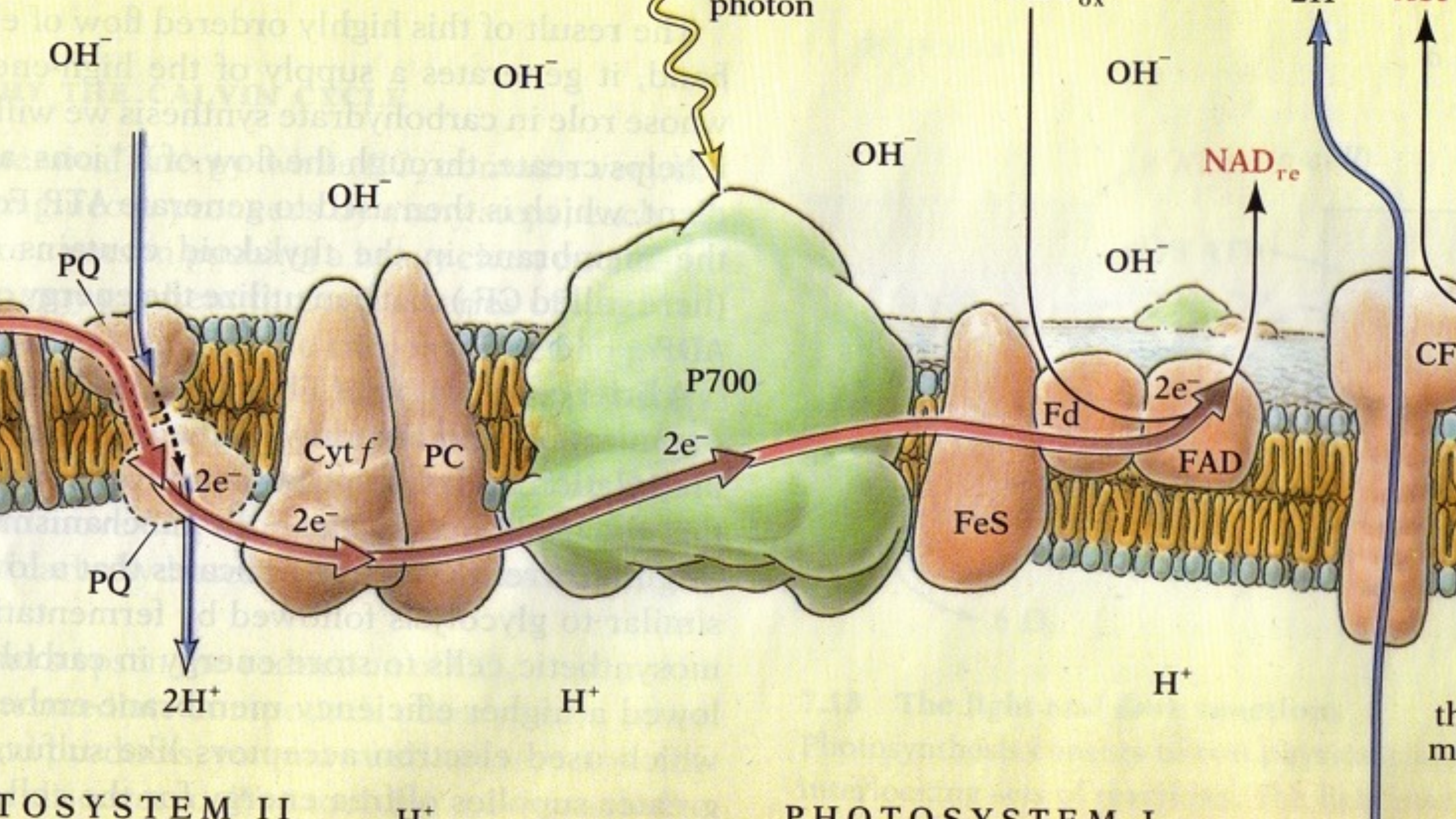


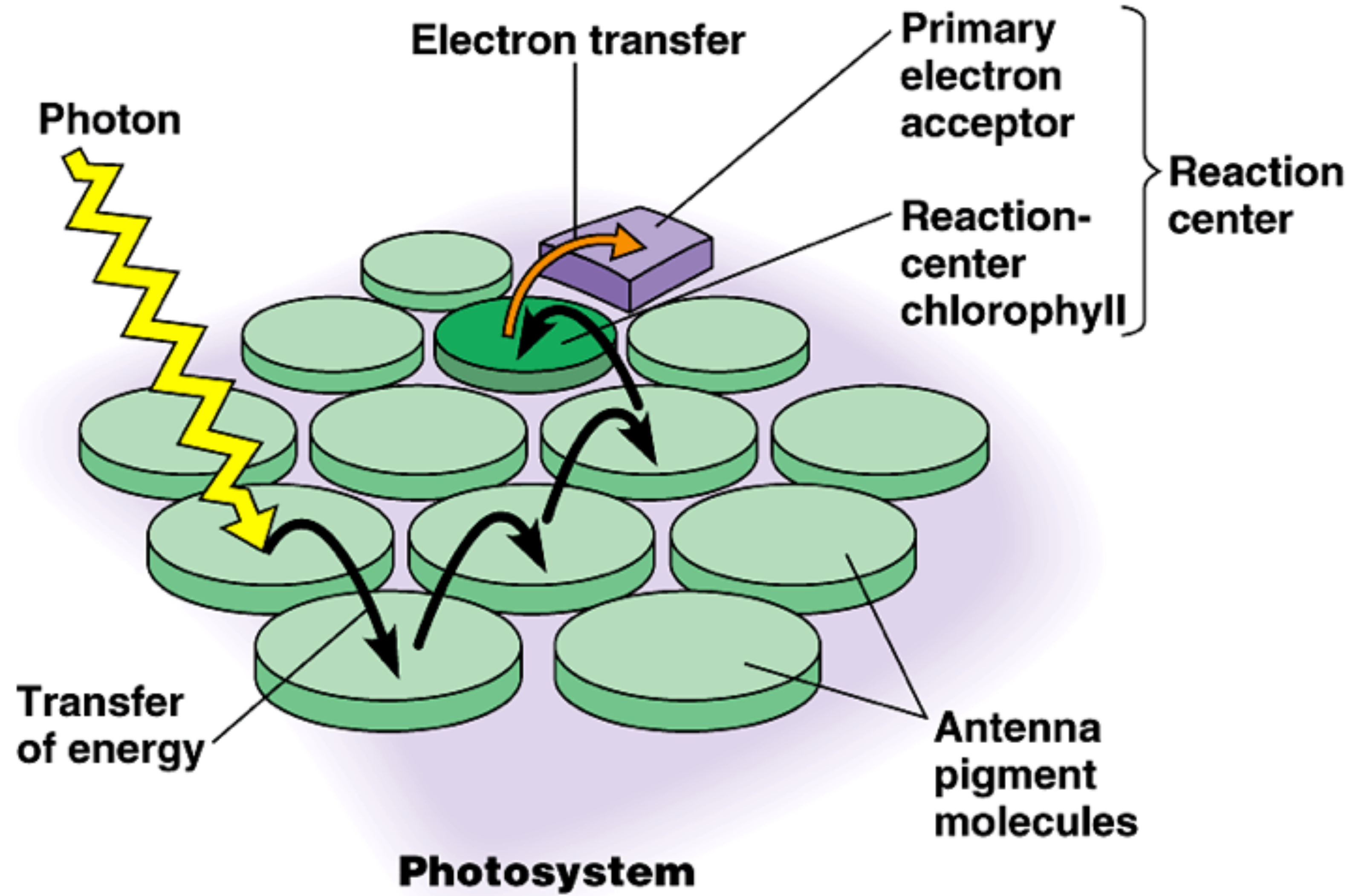
Figure 1: Photoautotrophs including (a) plants, (b) algae, and (c) cyanobacteria synthesize their organic compounds via photosynthesis using sunlight as an energy source. Cyanobacteria and planktonic algae can grow over enormous areas in water, at times completely covering the surface. In a (d) deep sea vent, chemoautotrophs, such as these (e) thermophilic bacteria, capture energy from inorganic compounds to produce organic compounds. The ecosystem surrounding the vents has a diverse array of animals, such as tubeworms, crustaceans, and octopi that derive energy from the bacteria. (credit a: modification of work by Steve Hillebrand, U.S. Fish and Wildlife



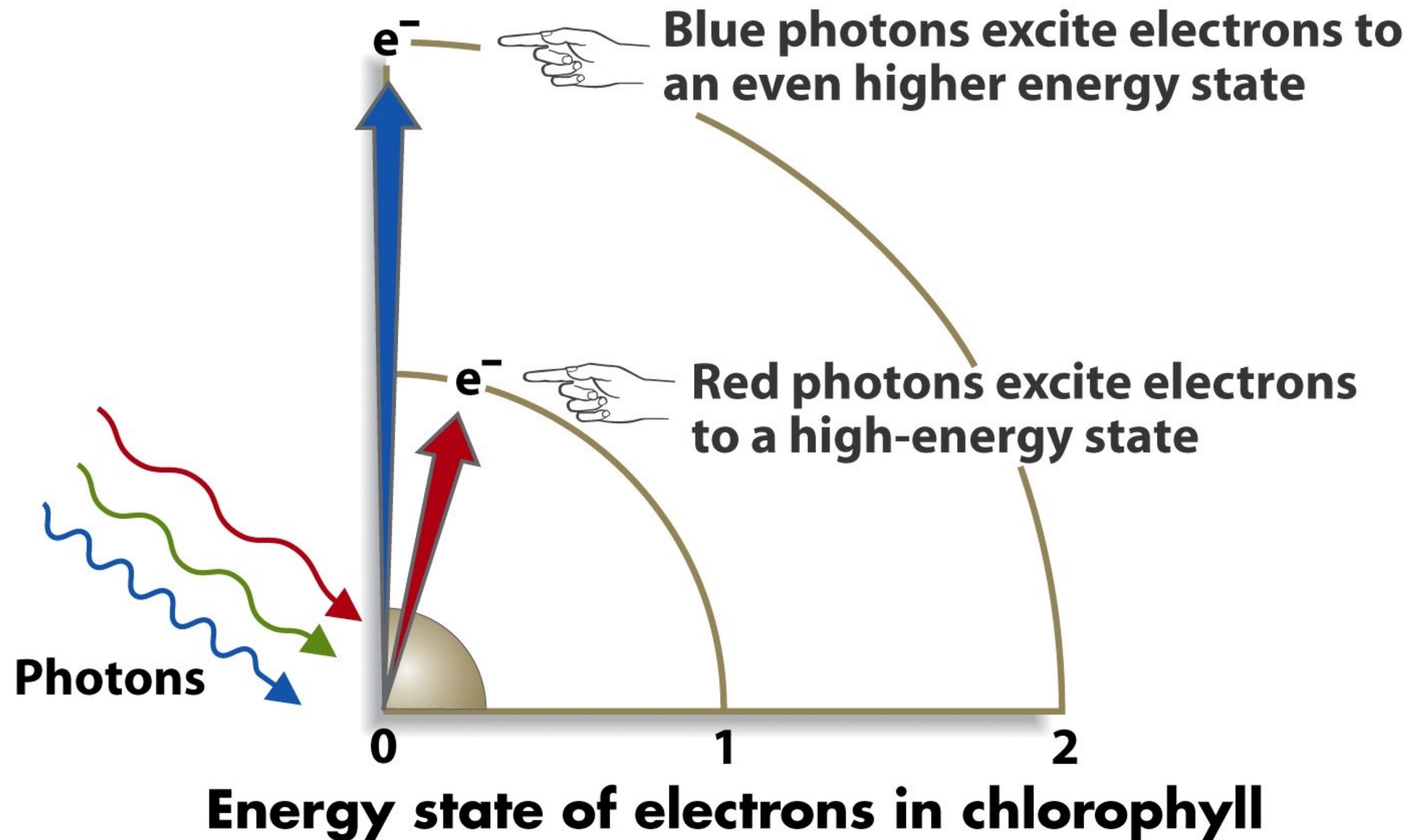








When Light Is Absorbed, Electrons Enter an Excited State



Time to capture photons (photosystem football)

