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ANABOLISM I: Carbohydrates**PHOTOSYNTHESIS:**

Overview of Photosynthesis

Key experiments:

Light Reactions

energy in a photon

pigments

HOW

Light absorbing complexes- "red-drop expt"

Reaction center

Photosystems (PS)

PSII - oxygen from water splitting

PSI - NADPH

Proton Motive Force - ATP

Carbon Assimilation - Calvin Cycle

Stage One - Rubisco

Stage Two - making sugar

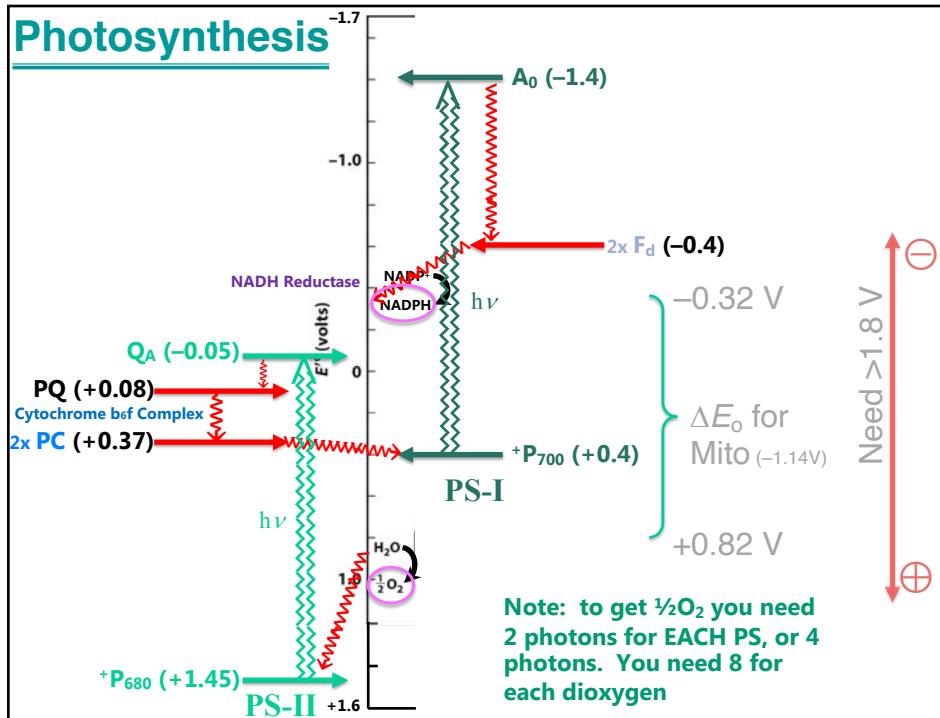
Stage Three - remaking Ru 1,5P₂

Overview and regulation

Calvin cycle connections to biosynthesis

C4 versus C3 plants

Kornberg cycle - glyoxylate

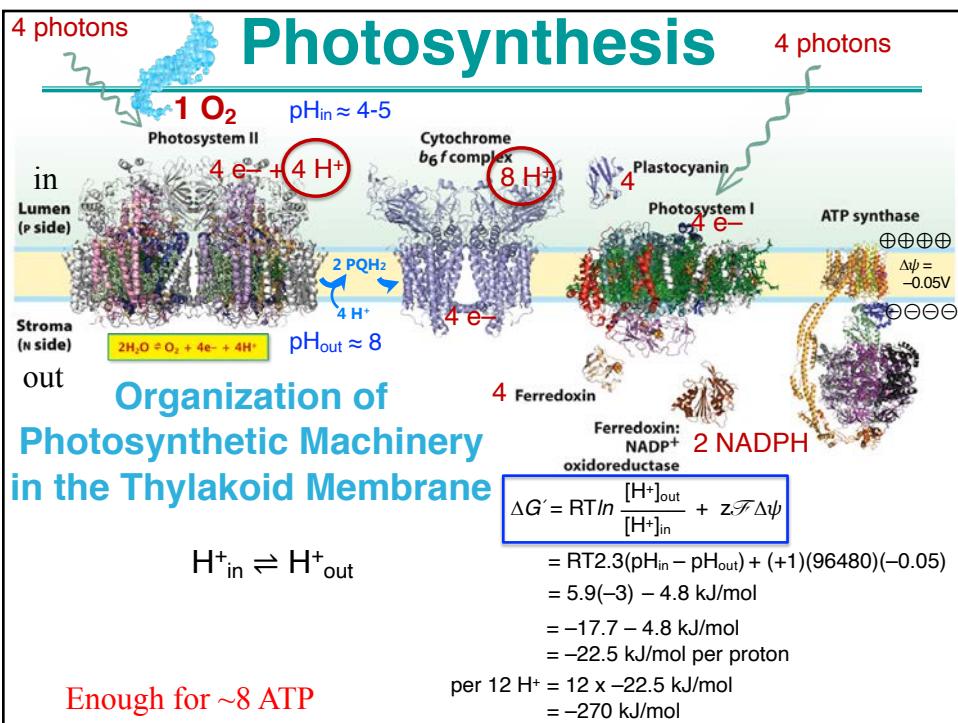
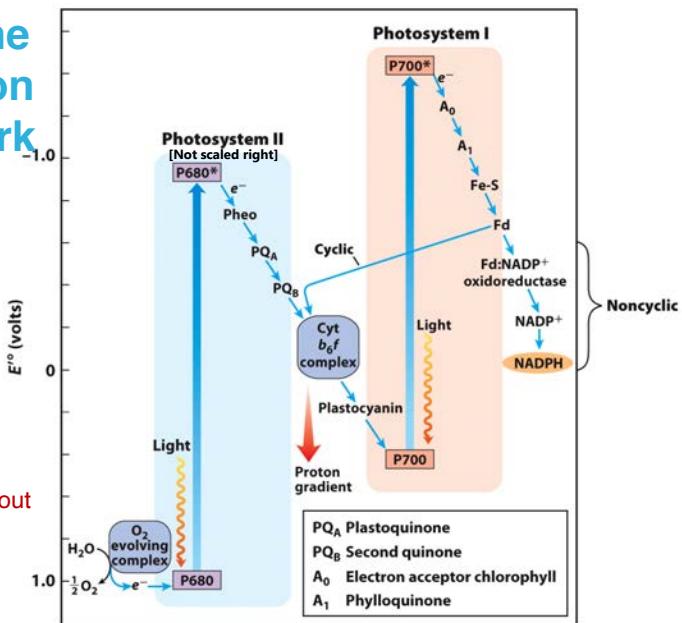
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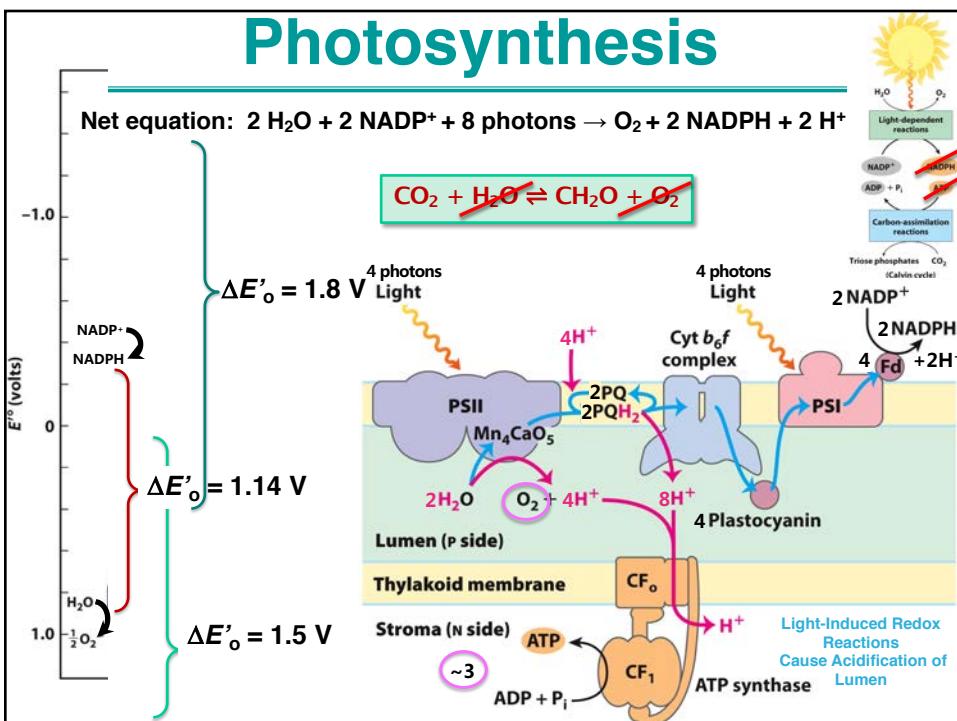
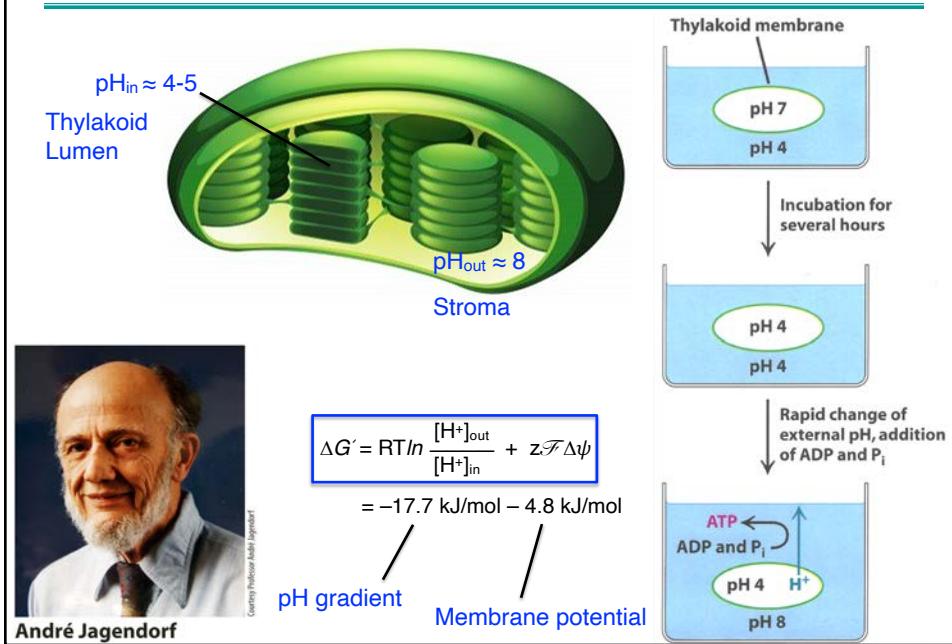
In Plants, the Two Reaction Centers Work Together

Cyclic Photosynthesis
Can Be Utilized to
Generate Excess ATP

This explains the
energetics, but what about
the stoichiometry?



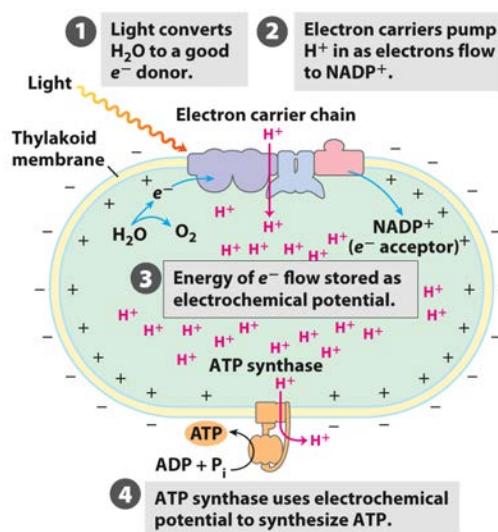
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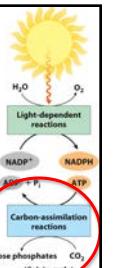
Photosynthesis

Light Energy is Converted to ATP

Chloroplast



- In contrast to oxidative phosphorylation, protons are pumped into the lumen, building up a large concentration gradient quickly in the small space.
- The proton-motive force across the thylakoid membrane drives the synthesis of ATP.
- The number of c subunits in F_0 -rings is larger in chloroplasts (~12-14), so synthesis of ATP costs more H^+ per ATP (~4-5) than in oxidative phosphorylation.
- For the same light, the ratio of ATP-to-NADPH synthesized is 3:2



Photosynthesis

Summary of light reactions:

- Photosynthetic organisms capture energy from light at a variety of wavelengths using accessory pigments and funnel it via excitons to **reaction centers: P680 & P700**.
- In plants, electrons are freed from H_2O , which generates O_2 and H^+ . The electrons popping out of the reaction centers reduce PQ , which moves them through the photosynthetic **electron-transport chain (cytb₆f)**.
- Per oxygen (O_2) produced from 4 photons in PS-II, 12 H^+ are mobilized into the lumen from the $2H_2O$ and $cytb_6f$ (Q-cycle). This produces a proton-motive force sufficient for 3 ATPs
- The final electron acceptor for linear photosynthesis is $NADP^+$, which requires two electrons for conversion to $NADPH$. Per 8 photons (4 each to PS-I & PS-II), 2 NADPH are produced.
- When ATP stores are low, the electrons can be transported to cytochrome b_6f and cycled through the second half of photosynthesis. This **cyclic photosynthesis** resulting in an increased proton gradient and more ATP.

ANABOLISM I

Carbohydrates

Photosynthesis and Carbohydrate Synthesis in Plants

Photosynthesis

Assimilation of CO₂ by Plants

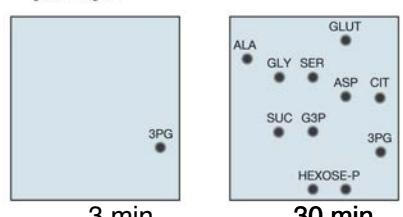
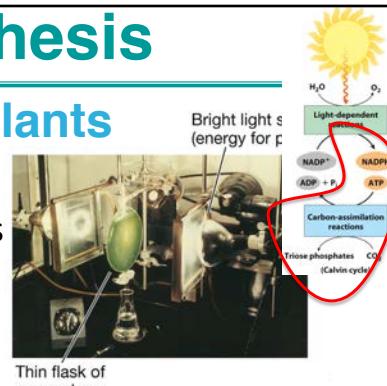
- Taking CO₂ into biological, more reduced, carbon intermediates is **CO₂ assimilation**.
- Question was: What is the first compound made by plants when they assimilated CO₂?



Melvin Calvin, 1911-1997

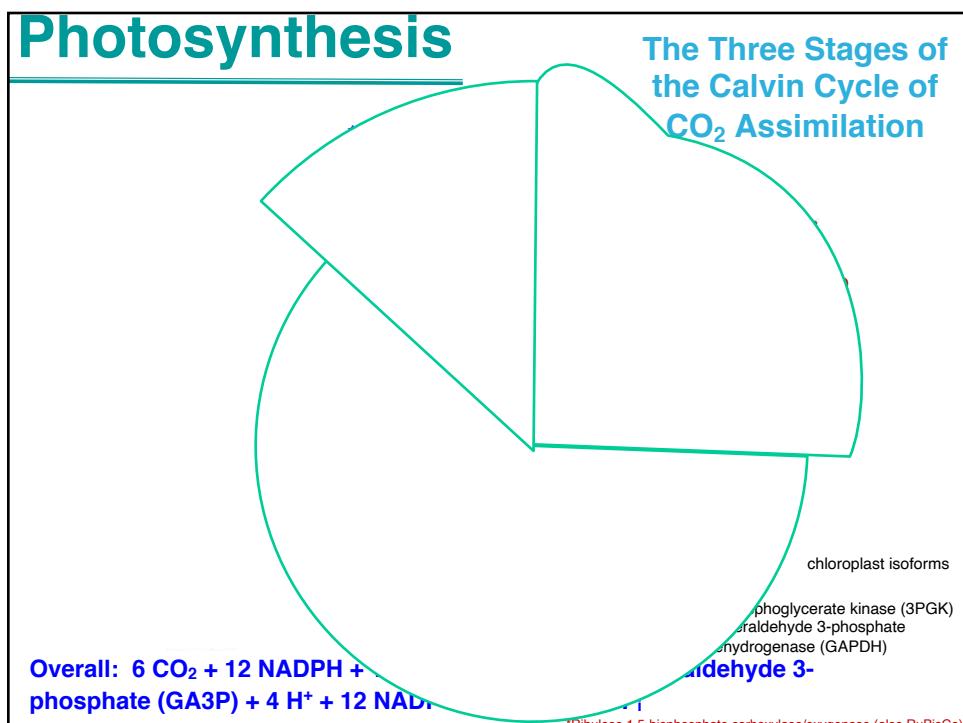
Calvin and Benson used the ¹⁴C radioisotope to determine the sequence of reactions in CO₂ fixation.

They exposed *Chlorella* to ¹⁴CO₂, then extracted the organic compounds and separated them by paper chromatography.



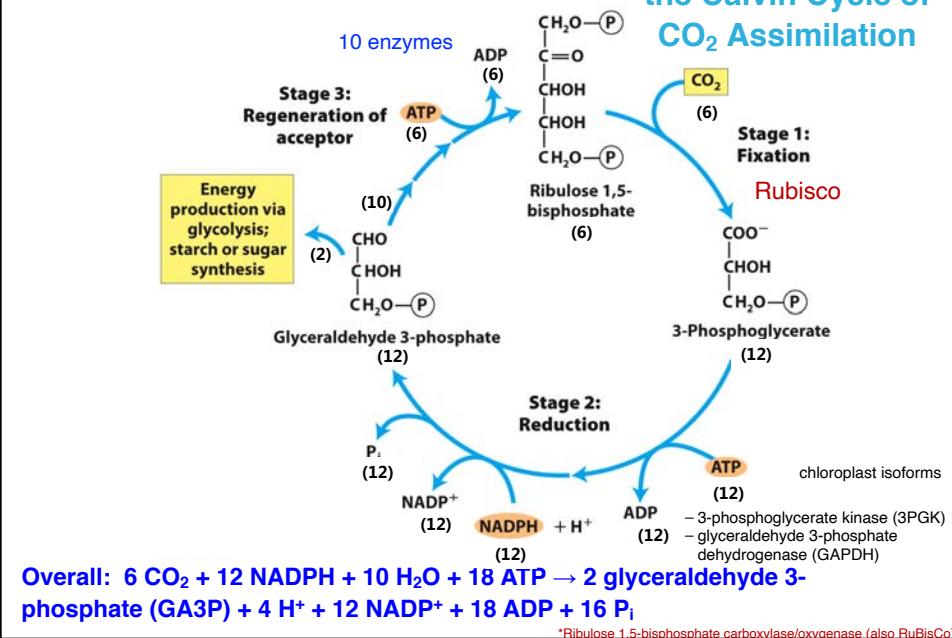
Photosynthesis

- Plant cells: can also *make* 3-C intermediates for further synthesis
 - made from CO_2 , H_2O , plus ATP and NADPH from photosynthesis
- It occurs in the **stroma of chloroplasts** via a cyclic process known as the **Calvin cycle**.
- Key intermediate **ribulose 1,5-bisphosphate** is constantly regenerated using **energy of ATP**.
- It produces **3-phosphoglycerate**, which is rapidly converted to **glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate** (GA3P) & **dihydroxyacetone phosphate** (DHAP), which are important intermediates for all other compounds.
- The net result is the **reduction of CO_2 with the NADPH** that was generated in the light reactions of photosynthesis.

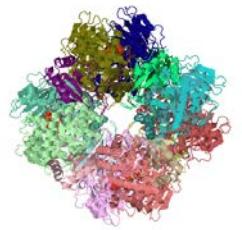


Photosynthesis

The Three Stages of the Calvin Cycle of CO₂ Assimilation



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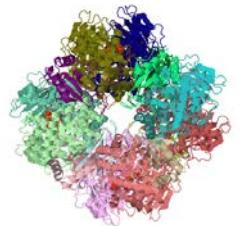
RUBISCO

Photosynthesis

First Stage of Calvin Cycle

CO₂ Fixation Is Catalyzed by Rubisco

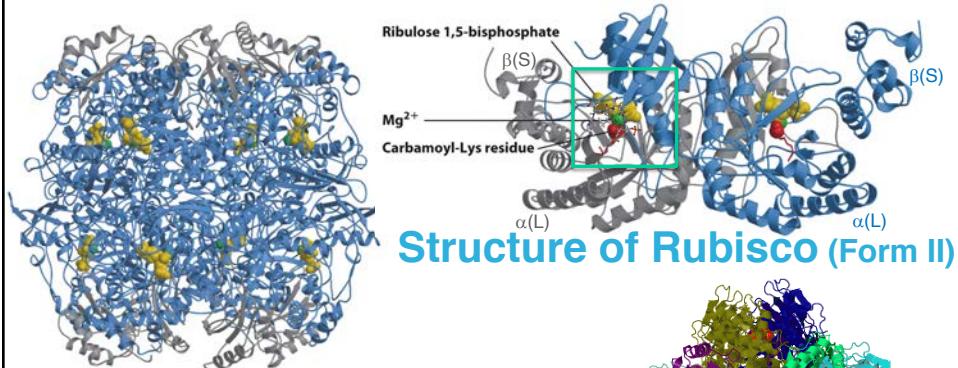
- Most plentiful, most important, enzyme on Earth (4 tons/yr)
 - Low turnover # of $k_{cat} = 3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 25 °C
 - means a LOT of the enzyme needed!
 - 50% of plant enzymes are rubisco.
- Large (560 KDa; $\alpha_8\beta_8$)(L=56 kDa, S=14 kDa); Mg²⁺– dependent enzyme; activated by CO₂ carbamylation
- pH dependence is sharp, optimal activity at pH=8
- Catalyzes the reaction:
 - ribulose 1,5-bisphosphate + CO₂ → 2 3-phosphoglycerate
 - $\Delta G^\circ = -35.1 \text{ kcal/mol}$



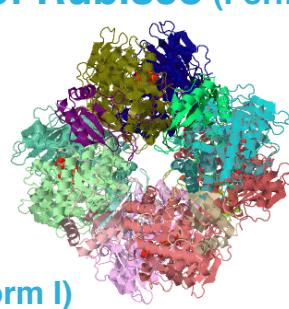
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Photosynthesis

First Stage of Calvin Cycle



There are two distinct forms of rubisco. Form I is found in vascular plants, algae, and cyanobacteria; Form II is confined to certain photosynthetic bacteria.

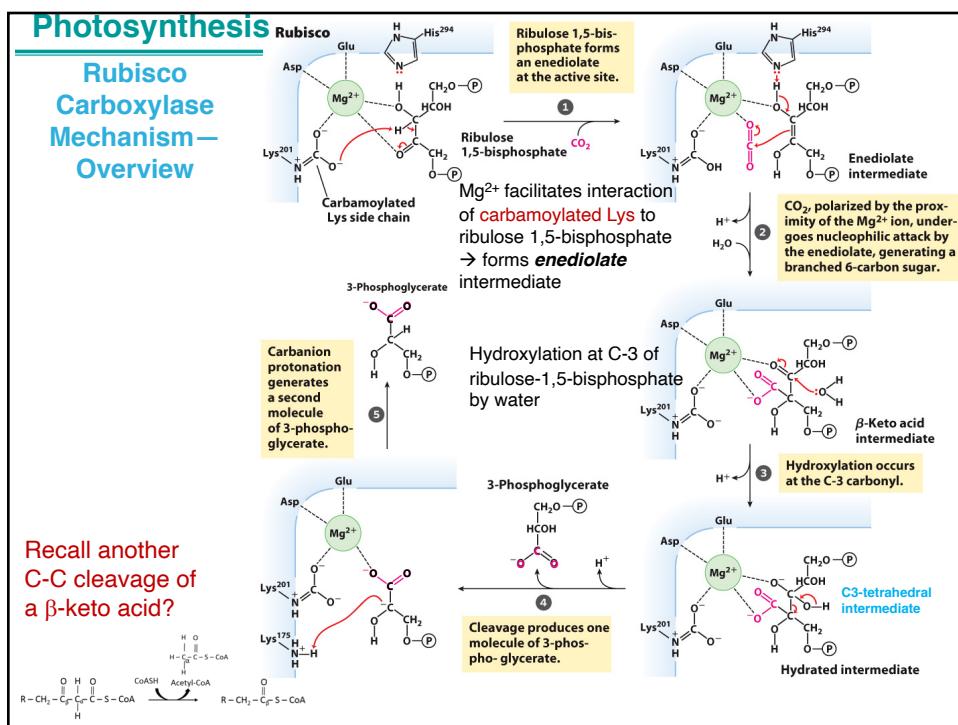
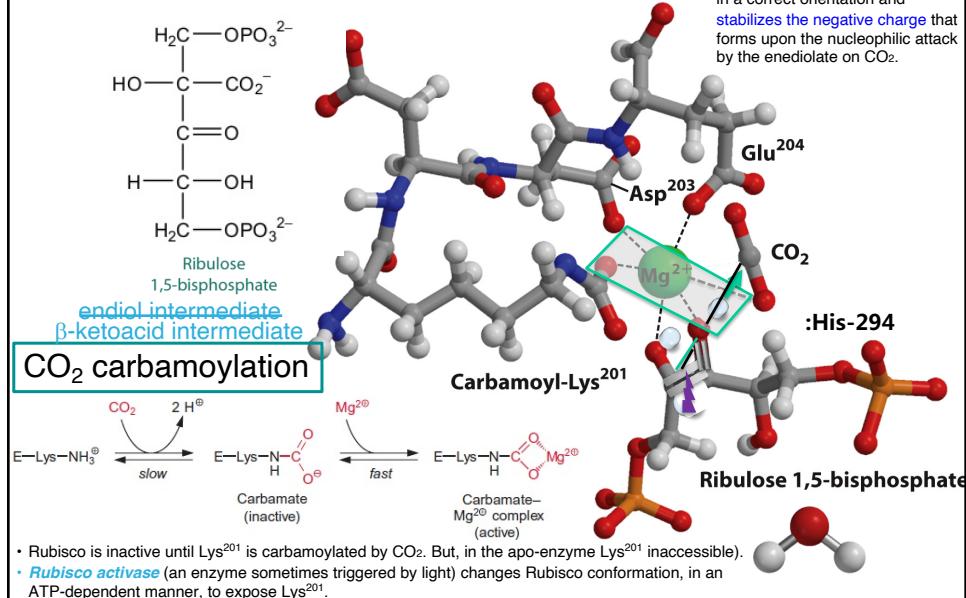


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Structure of Rubisco (Form I)

Photosynthesis

First Stage of Calvin Cycle



Photosynthesis

First Stage of Calvin Cycle

Oxygenase Activity of Rubisco

- O_2 competes with CO_2 for the active site.
~1 in every 3 or 4 turnovers, O_2 binds
- The reactive nucleophile in the rubisco reaction is the electron-rich enediol form of ribulose 1,5-bisphosphate.
- The nucleophile adds to O_2 to form 3-phosphoglycerate (same as in Calvin cycle) and **2-phosphoglycolate (2-PG)**.
–2-PG is metabolically difficult.
–Salvaging its Carbons requires energy
–As it is produced in appreciable amounts, an elaborate pathway has been cobbled together.

This process is called PHOTO-RESPIRATION

