

# Cellular Energetics

Photosynthesis, Cellular Respiration and  
Fermentation

# TEKS

B.4 Science concepts. The student knows that cells are the basic structures of all living things with specialized parts that perform specific functions and that viruses are different from cells. The student is expected to:

B.4B **investigate and explain cellular processes, including** homeostasis, **energy conversions**, transport of molecules, **and synthesis of new molecules**

B.9 Science concepts. The student knows the significance of various molecules involved in metabolic processes and energy conversions that occur in living organisms. The student is expected to:

B.9B **compare the reactants and products of photosynthesis and cellular respiration in terms of energy and matter;**

# Vocabulary

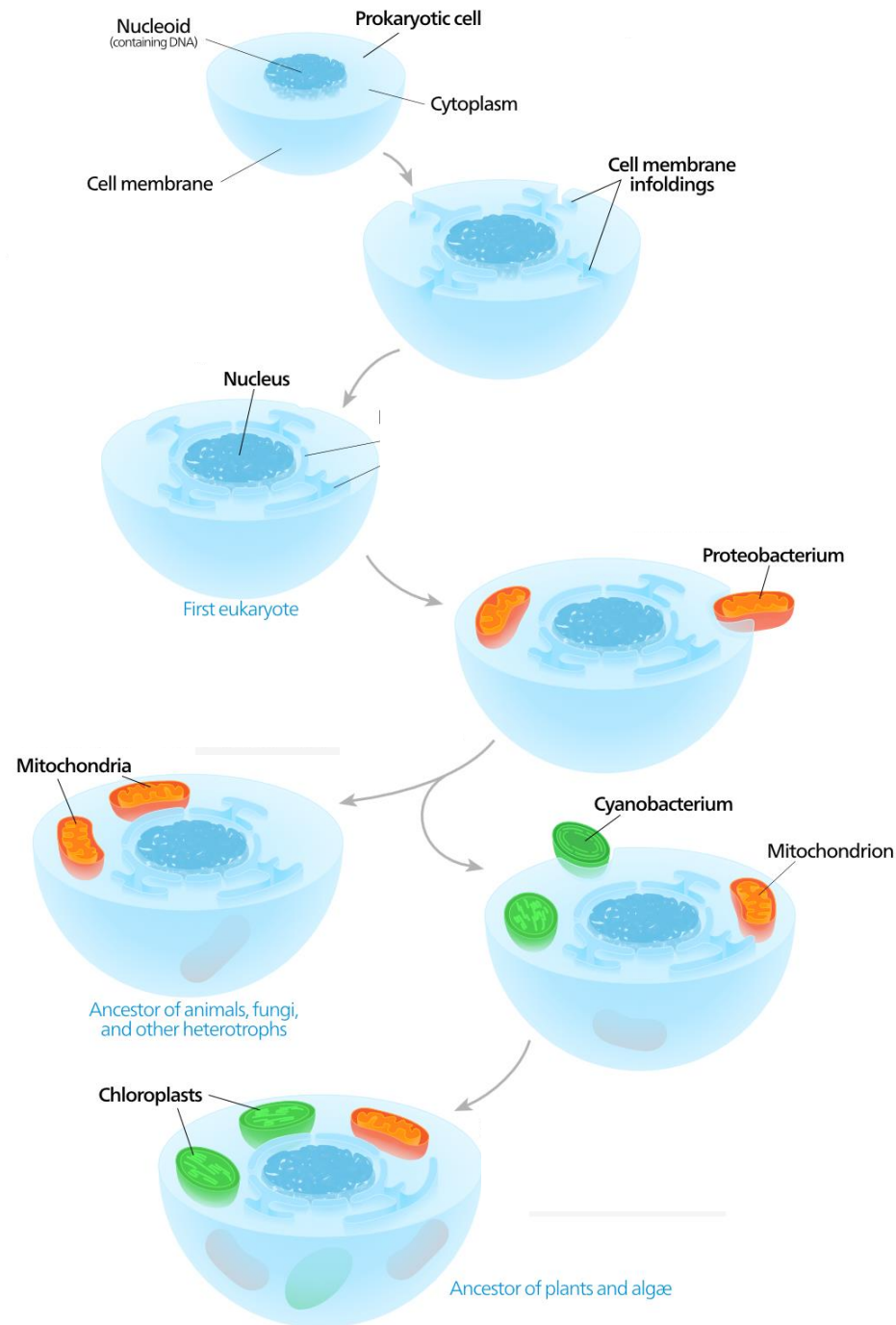
- Chemical Reaction
- Reactant
- Product
- Photosynthesis
- Autotroph
- Producer
- Chloroplast
- Light Dependent Reaction
- Calvin Cycle
- Cellular Respiration
- Heterotroph
- Consumer
- Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP)
- Mitochondria
- Glycolysis
- Krebs/Citric Acid cycle
- ETC (Oxydative Phosphorylation)
- Fermentation
- Endosymbiotic Theory

# Essential Question

- How do energy and matter flow through the processes of photosynthesis and cellular respiration?

# How organisms get energy

1. **Autotrophs**: able to produce their own glucose
  - Ex: plants, algae, cyanobacteria
  - Also called: **producers**
2. **Heterotrophs**: must take in glucose from outside source
  - Ex: animals, fungus, most bacteria, protozoans
  - Also called: **consumers**

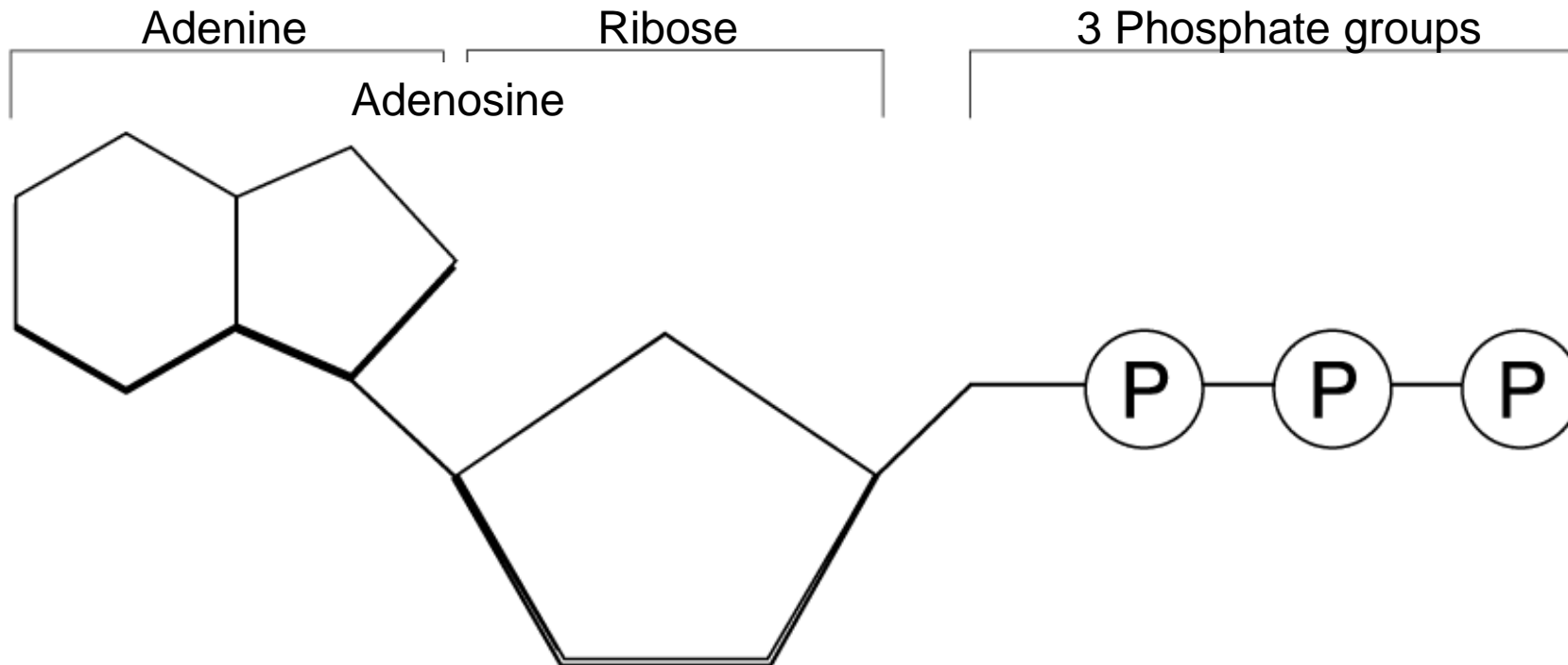


# Endosymbiotic Theory

- **Lynn Margulis** proposed that certain organelles evolved from a symbiotic relationship between a host cell and early prokaryotes. This is supported by observation & data.
- **Mitochondria** were chemosynthetic aerobic prokaryotes
- **Chloroplasts** were photosynthetic prokaryotes

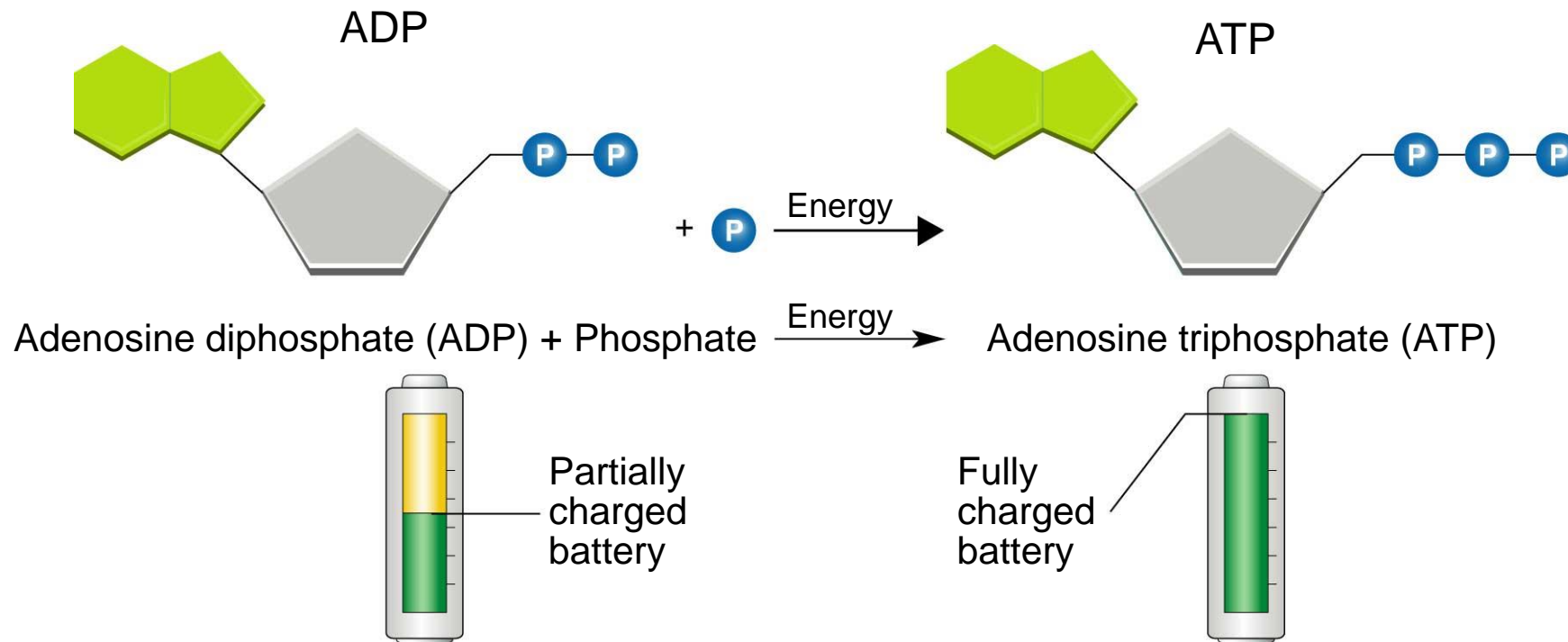
# Why is food so important?

- The energy from carbon based molecules (food) is needed to re-charge **ADP** (adenosine di-phosphate) to **ATP** (adenosine tri-phosphate) molecules
- **ATP** provides energy for **ALL** metabolic reactions.



# ADP and ATP

- To get energy out of ATP, the bond between the last two phosphate groups is broken.





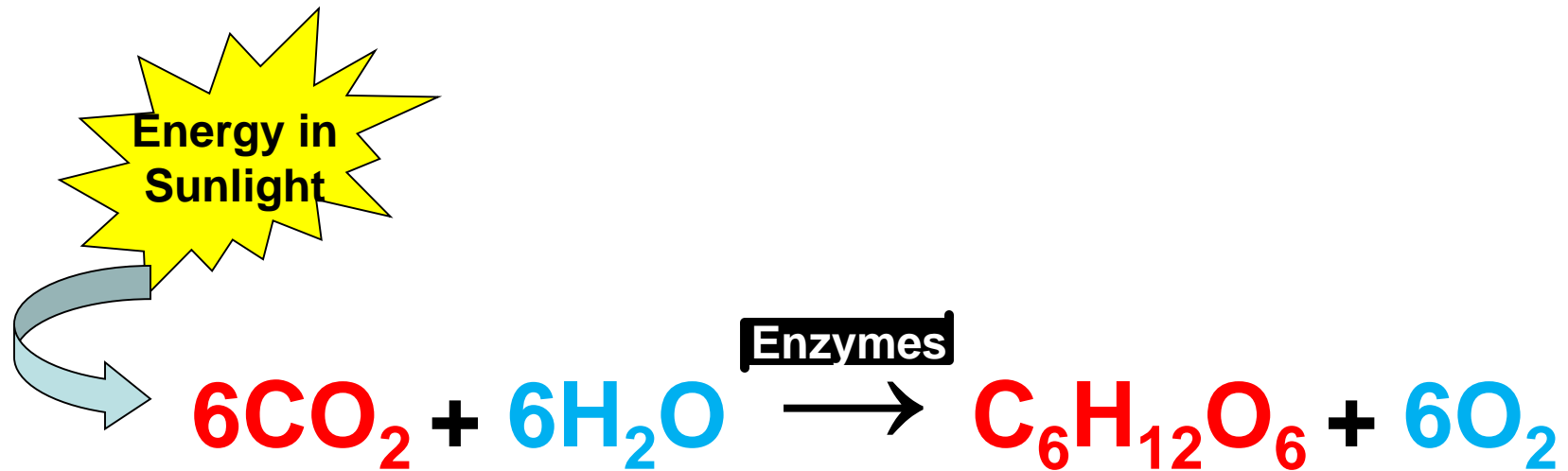
# Importance of energy

- Cells need energy to be able to carry out important metabolic functions to sustain life.
  - Ex: Active transport, cell division, movement of flagella or cilia, plus the production, transport, and storage of proteins

# Photosynthesis

- The process autotrophs use to make **sugars** (ex: **Glucose**) from **carbon dioxide** ( $\text{CO}_2$ ), **water** ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), and light energy

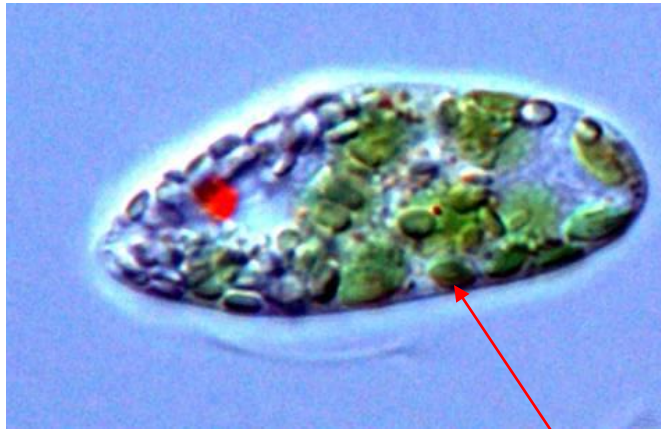
# Photosynthesis



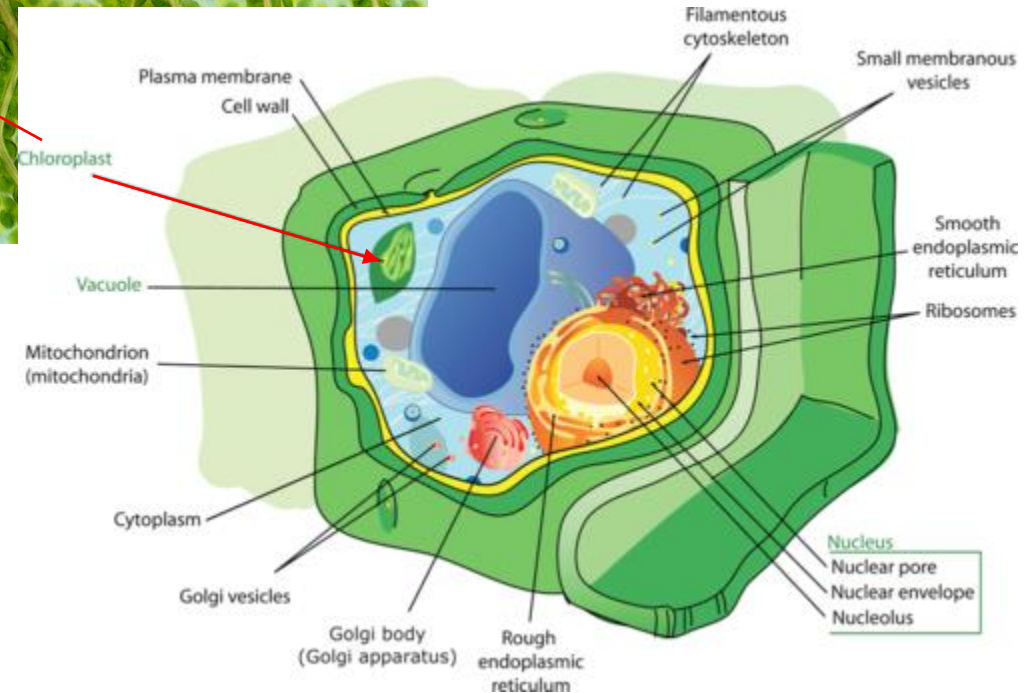
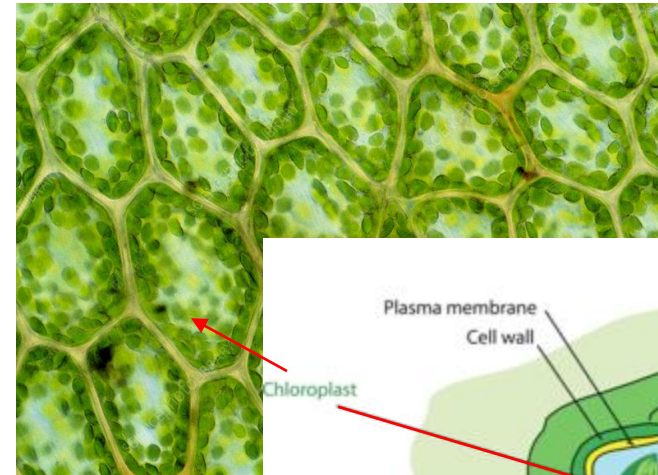
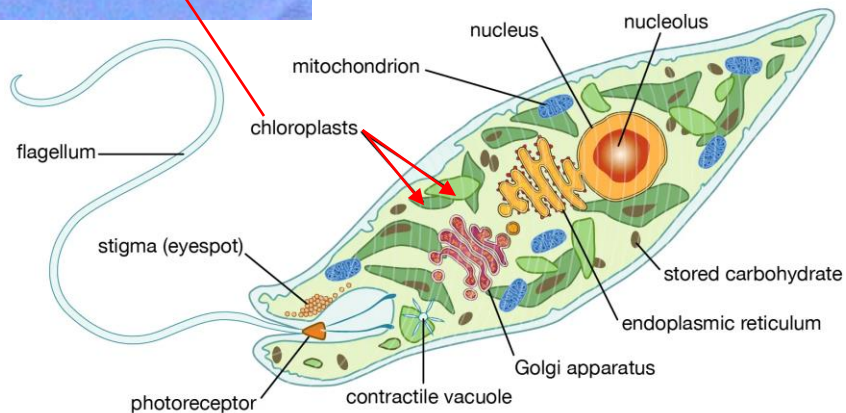
Carbon dioxide and water are used in chemical reactions to make sugars (glucose) and oxygen gas

# Photosynthetic Organelle

- In Eukaryotes, photosynthesis takes place in the **Chloroplast**.



Euglena

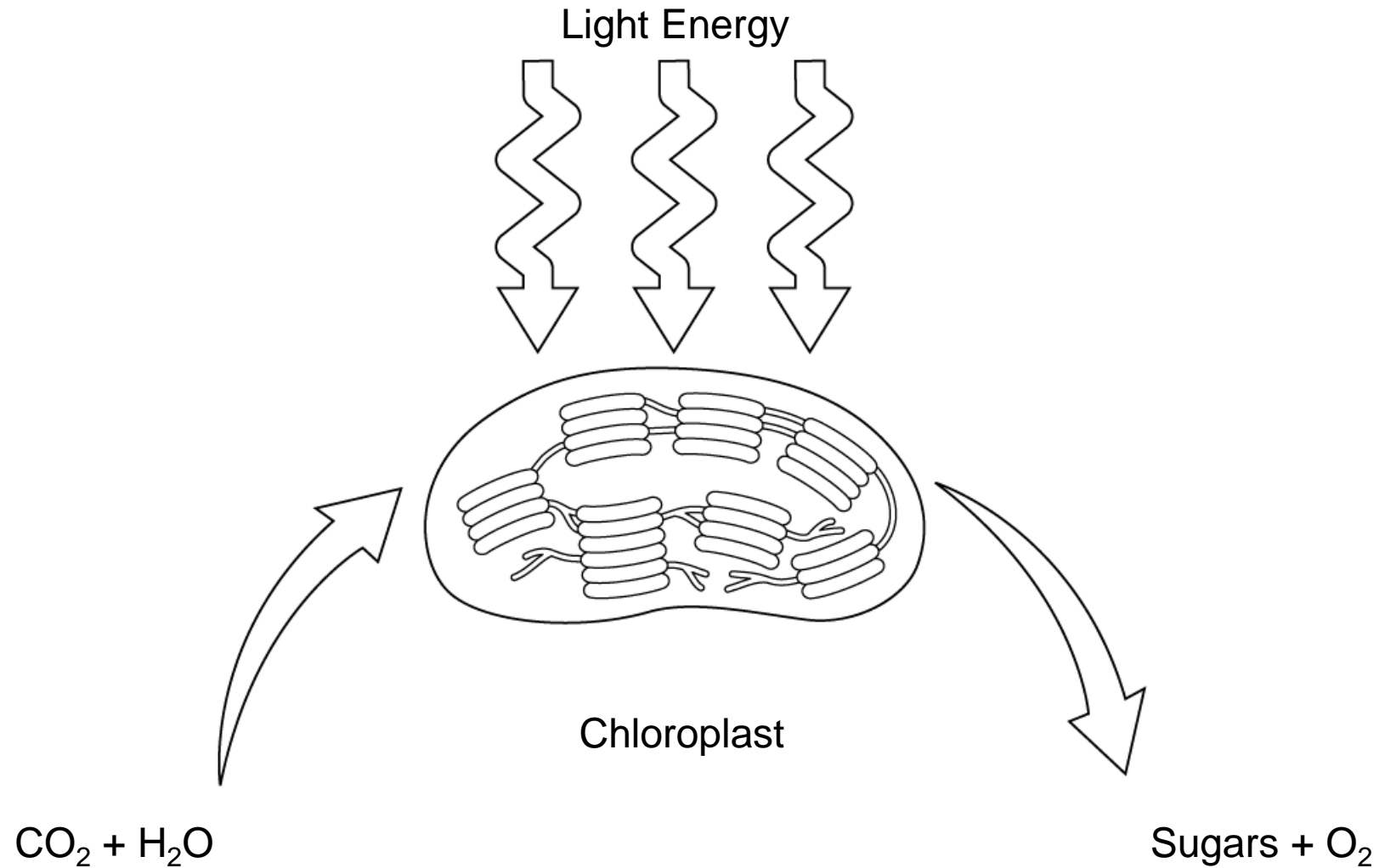


# Who has a Chloroplast?

Not all eukaryotes have a chloroplast.

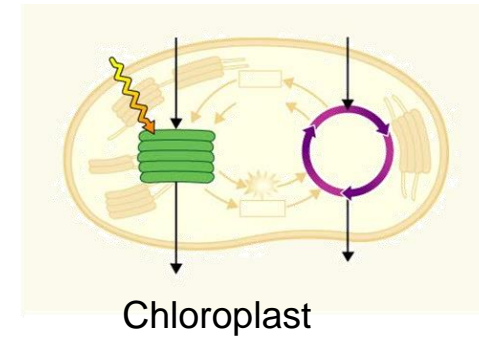
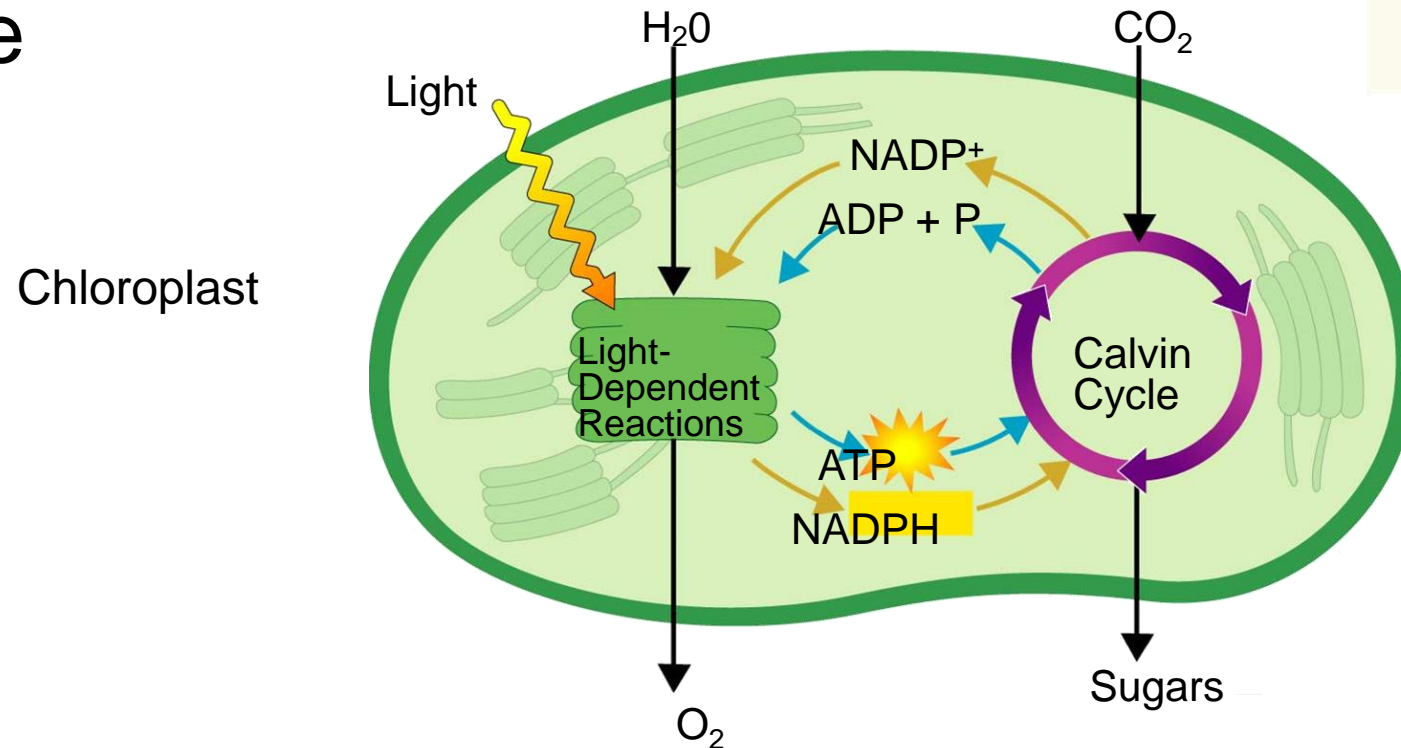
- All plants
- Some protists (ex: Euglena)

# Where and how are sugars made?



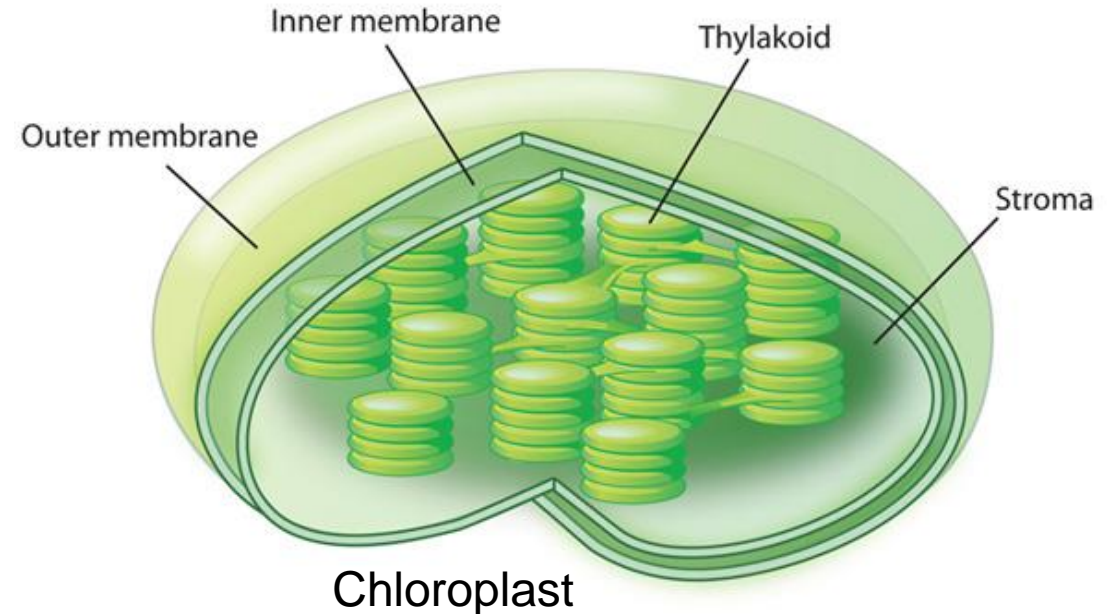
# Photosynthesis is an endergonic reaction ... "energy in"

1. Light dependent reaction
2. Calvin cycle



# Step 1: Light Dependent Reaction -- LDR

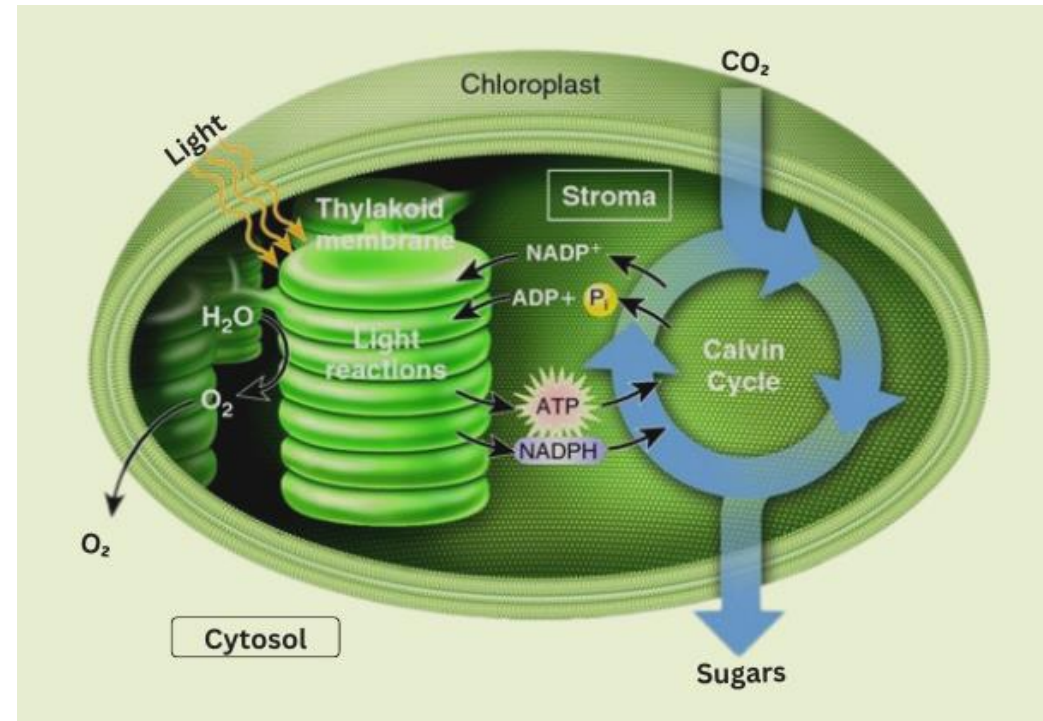
- Pigments (**chlorophyll**) inside of the **Chloroplasts** are in the membranes of the **Thylakoids**
- Chlorophyll absorb sunlight.
- Light Dependent Reactions makes energy molecules (ATP) to power the Calvin Cycle
- Turns **Water** ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) into **Oxygen** gas ( $\text{O}_2$ )





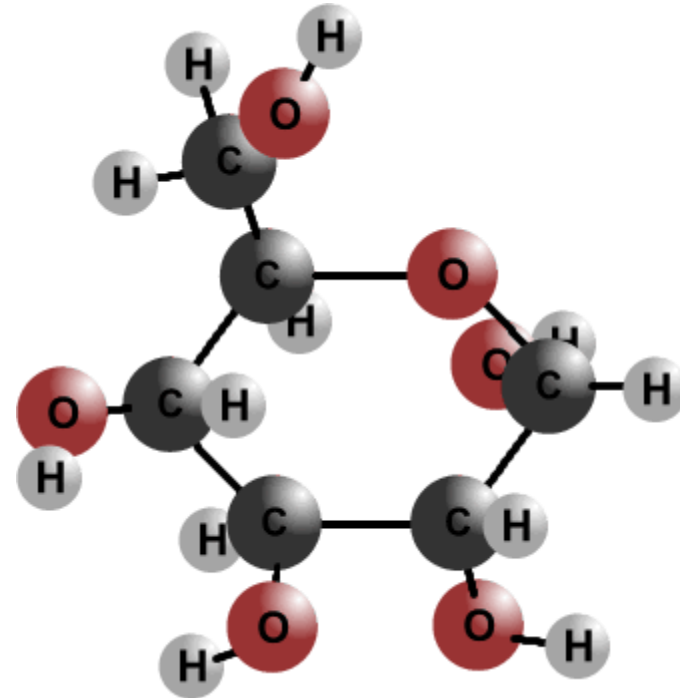
# Step 2: Calvin cycle

- Energy from LDR is moved to the **Stroma** (it is like cytosol in the Chloroplast)
- Chemical reactions in the Stroma use the energy to convert **CO<sub>2</sub>** (carbon dioxide) into **sugars (Glucose)**

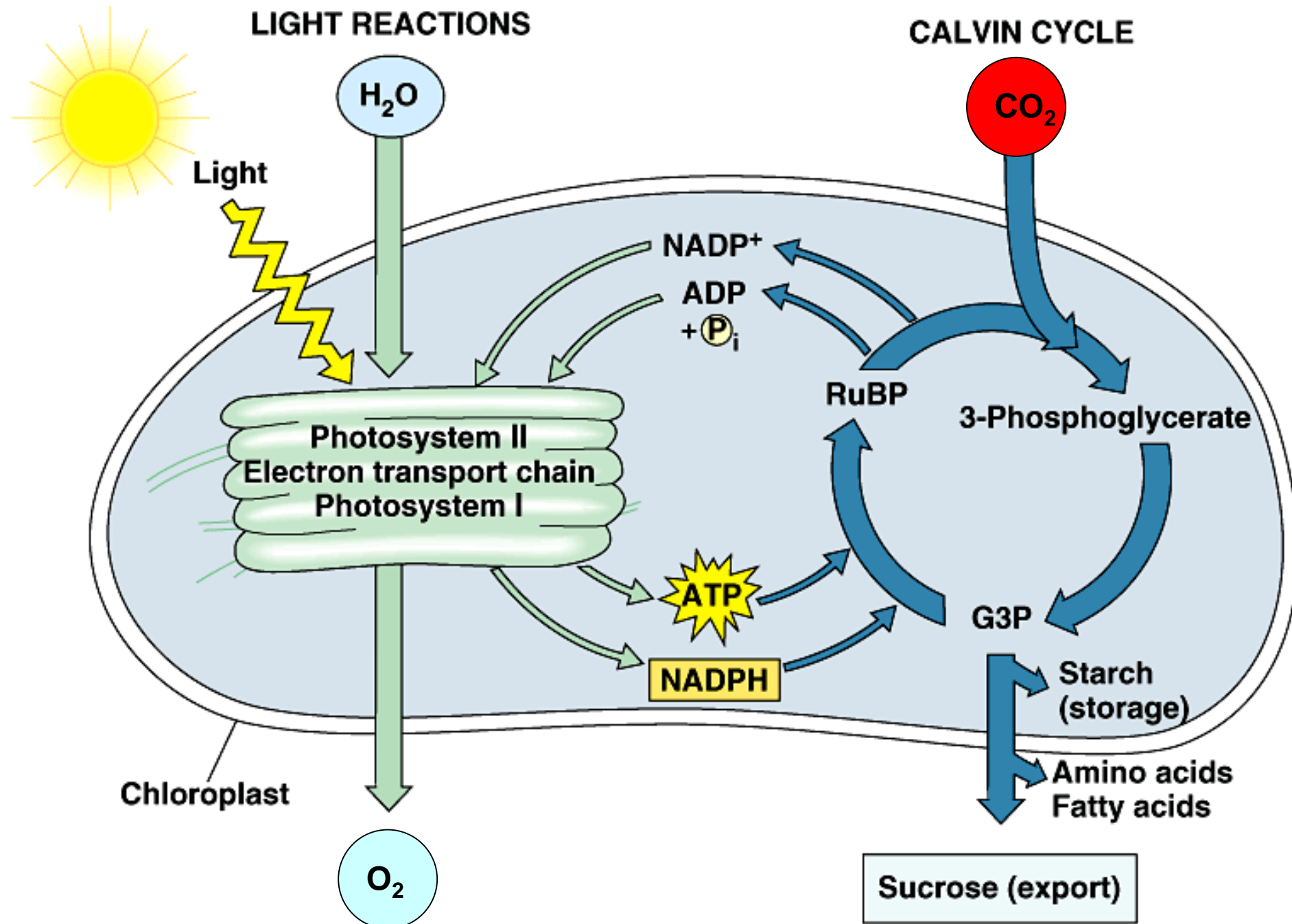


# Sugars are produced in Photosynthesis

- Energy molecules (like ATP) are created on the Thylakoid membranes to power the Calvin Cycle which turns  $\text{CO}_2$  into **Glucose**.
- The autotroph used the **Glucose** for food.



glucose



# What happens to the sugar?

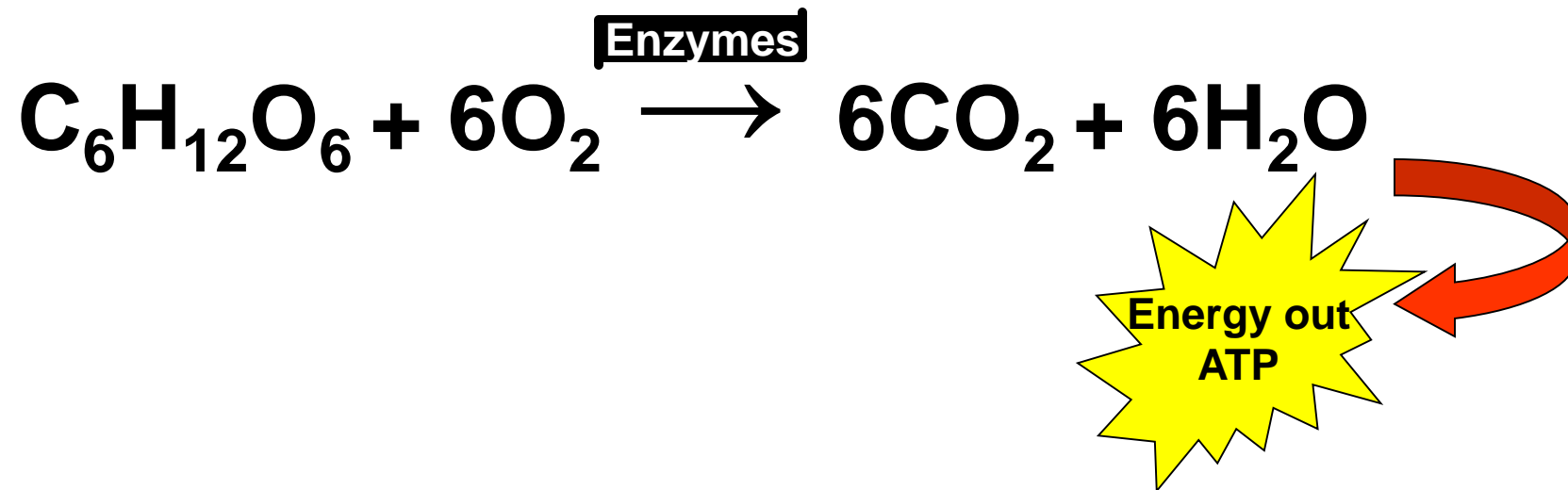
- Plants can store the sugar in roots or stems (ex: potatoes, turnips, carrots, sugar cane)
- Heterotrophs such as humans must eat or consume foods (ex. Carrots, potatoes, etc.) in order to make ATP by cellular respiration.
- Sugars & starches are used to make ATP by cellular respiration as needed.

- ALL living organisms need and use energy.
- Therefore ALL organisms need ATP
- ALL organisms (plants and animals, fungi, bacteria and protists) re-charge their ADP into ATP through respiration

# Cellular Respiration

- The process autotrophs and heterotrophs use to break down **glucose** (energetic molecules) to make ATP

# Photosynthesis and Respiration are complementary cycles



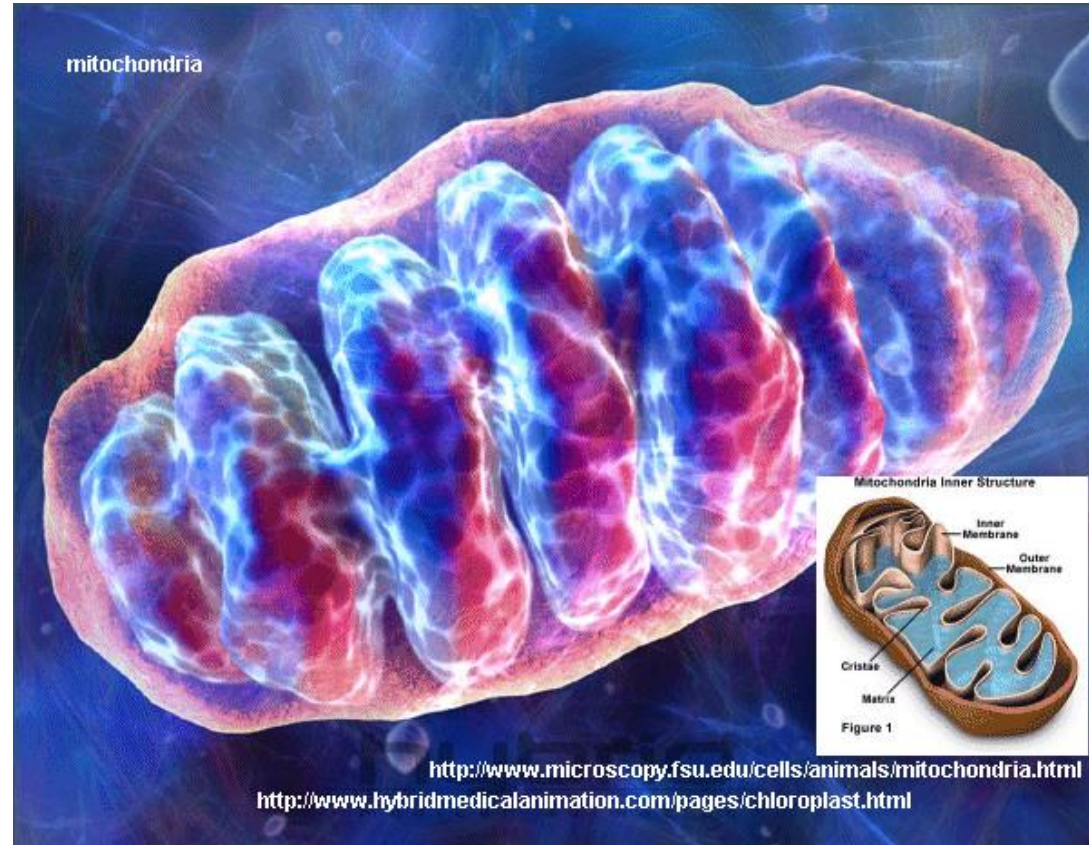
# Two types of respiration

- **Aerobic respiration**: Organisms that **require oxygen** use aerobic respiration to make ATP but switch to **fermentation** when oxygen is not available.
- **Anaerobic respiration**: Organisms that live **without oxygen** use anaerobic respiration to make ATP and die in the presence of oxygen.



# Where cell respiration takes place

- **Prokaryotes**: cell membrane  
(don't have mitochondria)
- **Eukaryotes**: mitochondria organelle



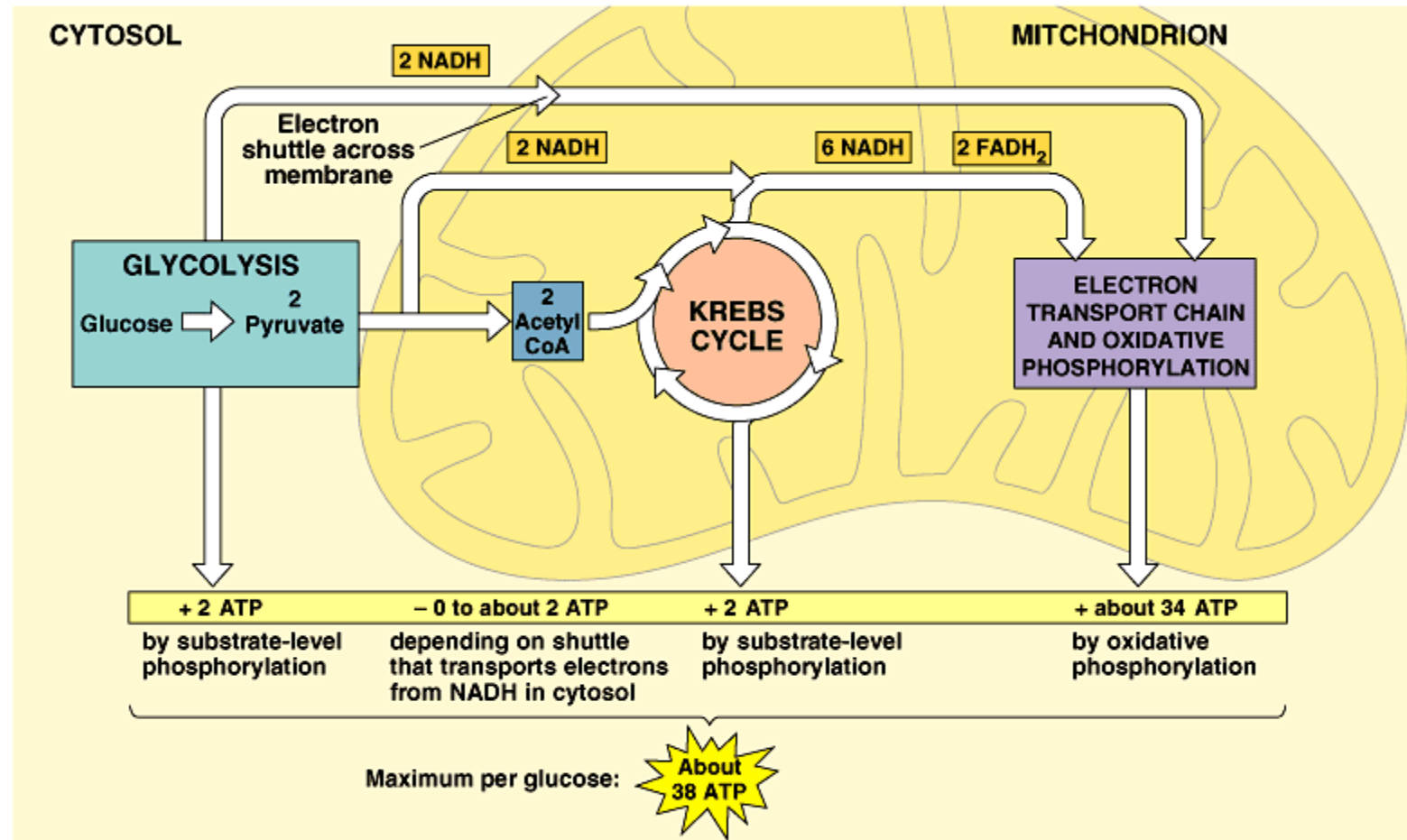
# Who has a Mitochondria?

**ALL** eukaryotes have a mitochondria:

- Plants
- Animals
- Fungi
- Protists

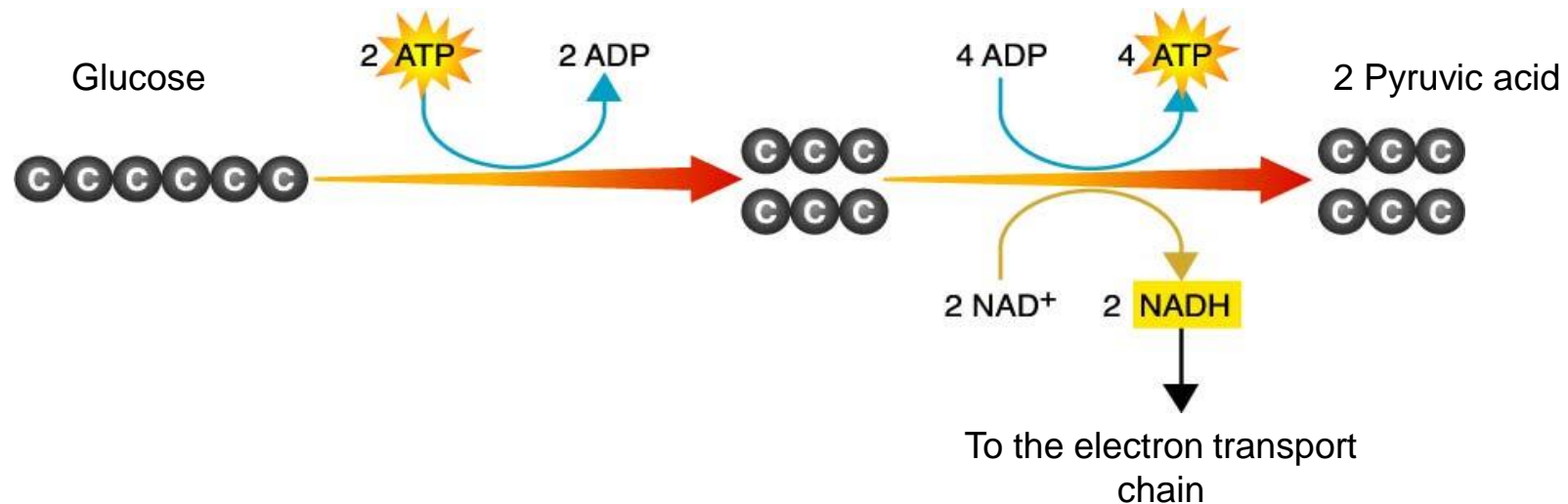
# Steps of aerobic respiration

1. Glycolysis
2. Krebs cycle
- 3.1 Electron transport chain
- 3.2 ATP synthase (Oxidative Phosphorylation)



# Step 1: Glycolysis

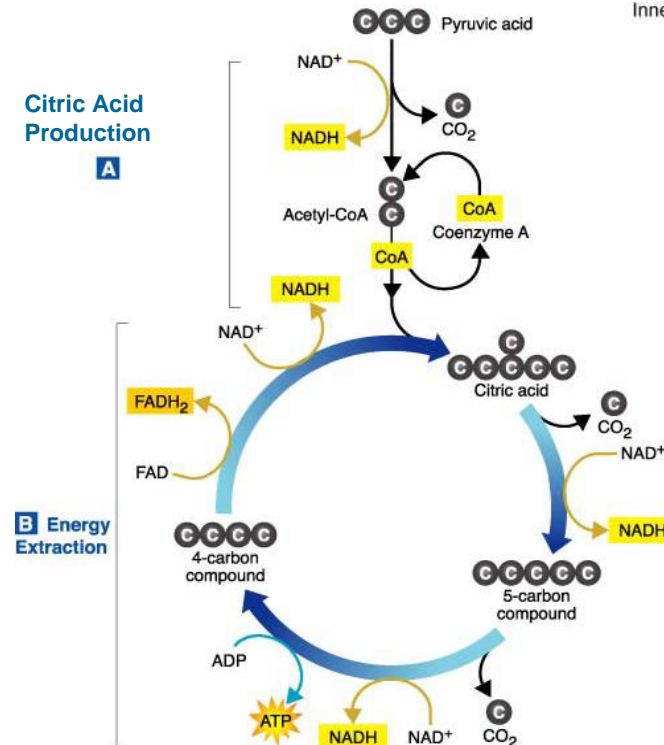
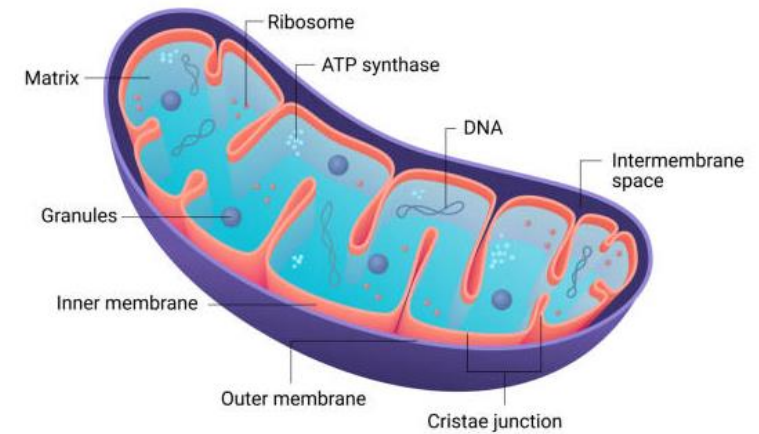
- **Glucose** molecules are broken down into two smaller **carbohydrate** molecules in the Cytosol/Cytoplasm
- Energy is released when you break molecules.



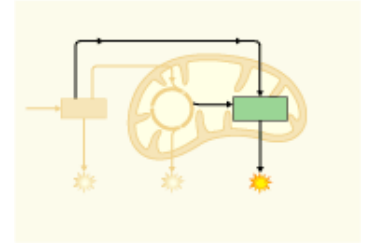
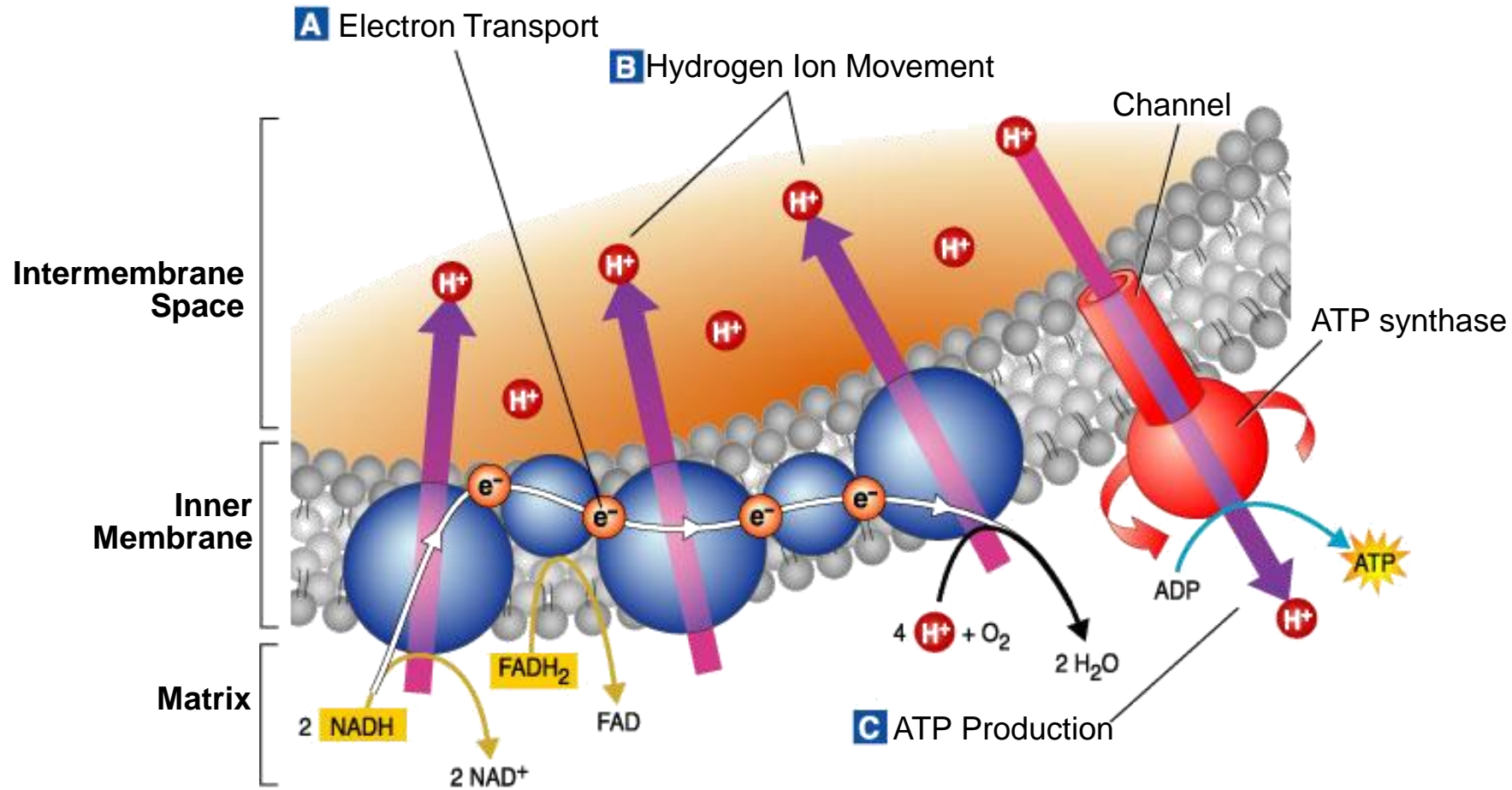
# Step 2: Krebs or Citric Acid cycle

- Small **carbohydrates** from Glycolysis are broken into even smaller molecules inside the Mitochondria
- **CO<sub>2</sub>** is created here from the carbohydrates
- Energy is created when carbohydrates are broken down into **CO<sub>2</sub>**

## MITOCHONDRIA



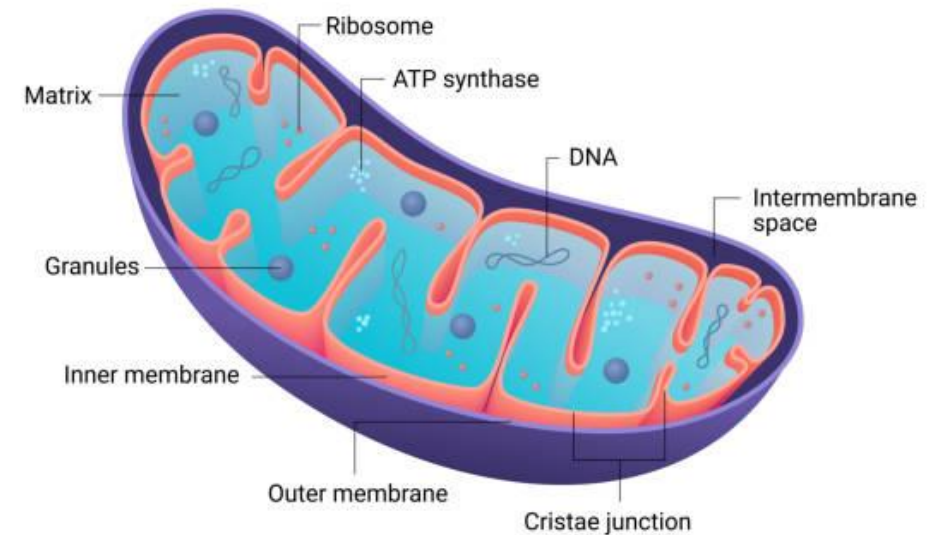
# Step 3: ATP production (oxidative phosphorylation)



# Electron transport chain (ETC) & Oxidative Phosphorylation

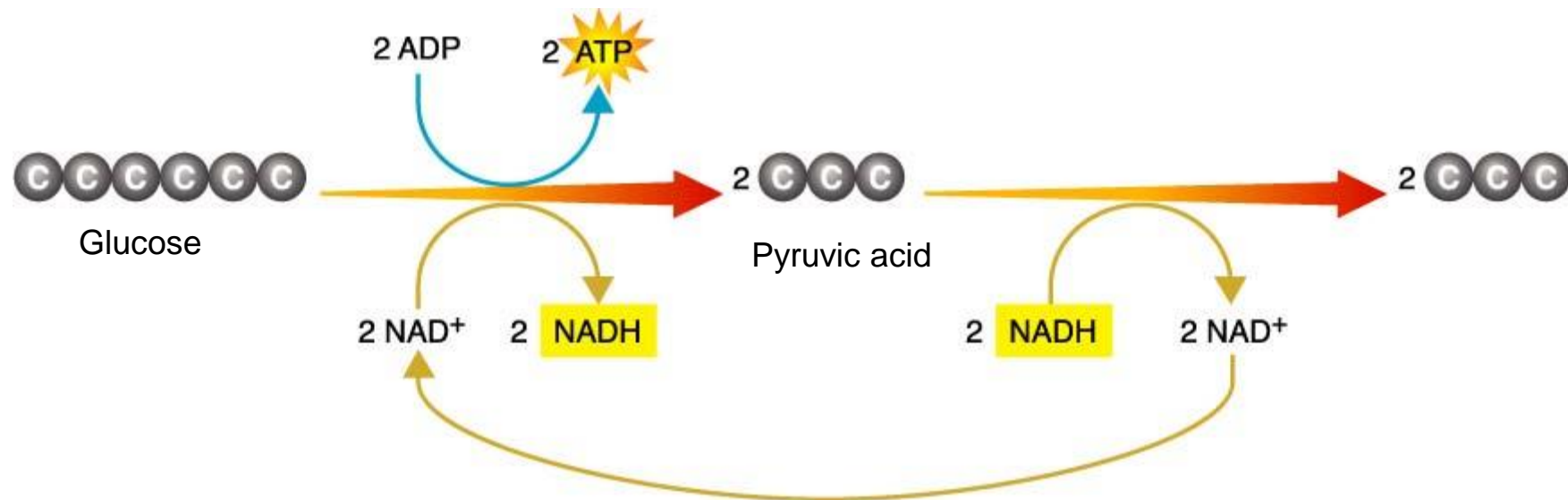
- **Location:** Inner Mitochondria Membrane
- Energy from Glycolysis and Krebs Cycle power the creation of ATP
- **Oxygen** ( $O_2$ ) is used and turned into **Water** ( $H_2O$ )

## MITOCHONDRIA



# What happens if there is no oxygen available and the organism is aerobic?

1. Glycolysis
2. Fermentation: lactic acid or alcohol

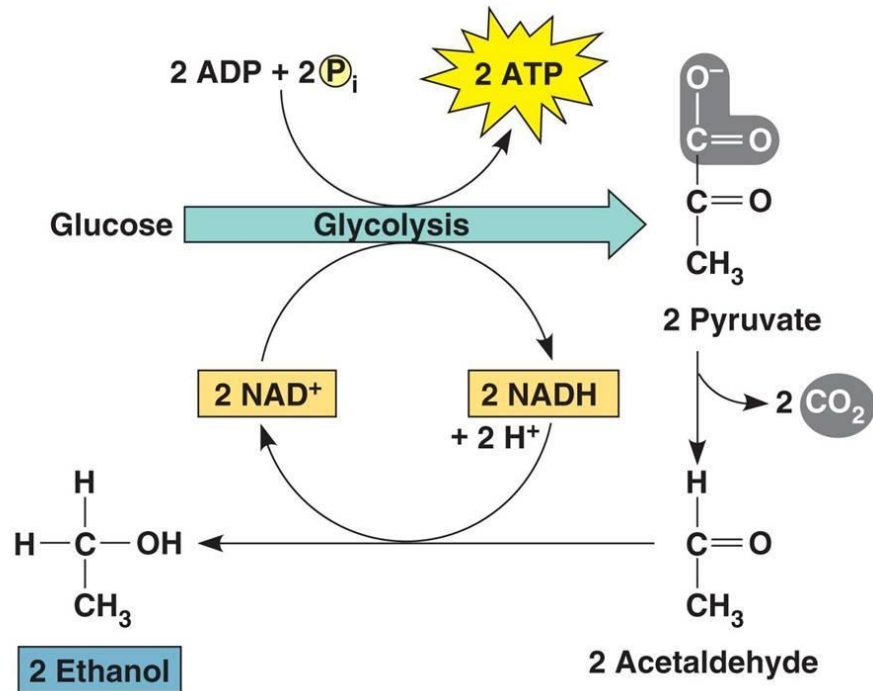




# Fermentation

- The process of making a little ATP **without Oxygen** in the cytosol/cytoplasm

# Alcoholic Fermentation (anaerobic respiration)



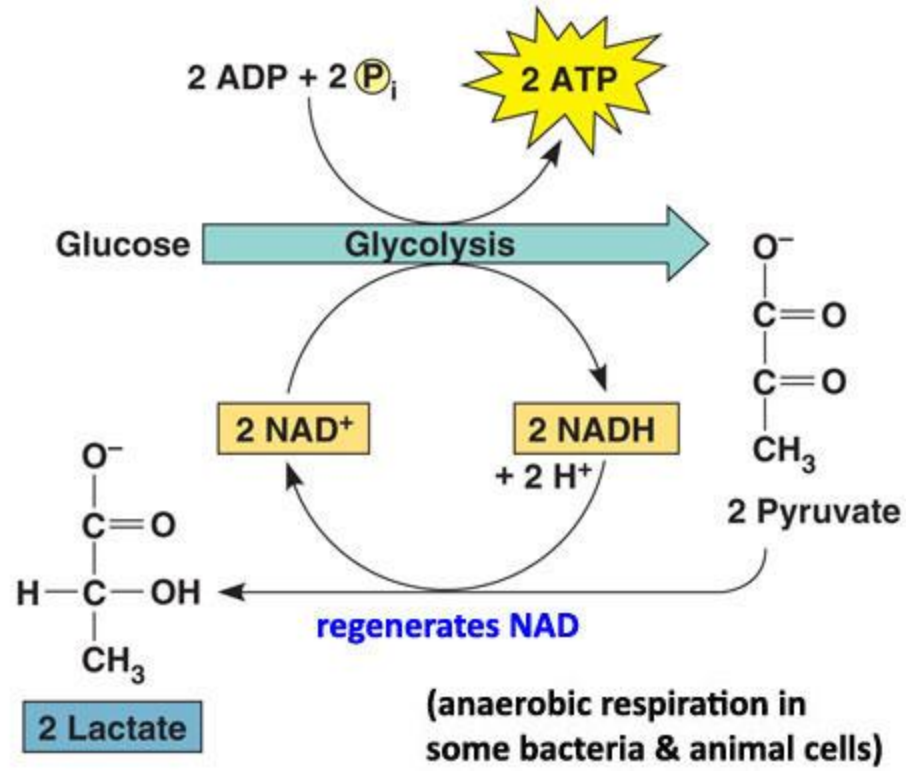
- Without enough oxygen present, an “alternate route” is taken, producing other products & ***much less*** ATP
- **In yeast: Alcohol and  $\text{CO}_2$  are produced**
- Ex: in bread-making & the alcohol industry

# Alcohol industry



- Yeast undergo alcohol fermentation when they do not have oxygen to make ATP.
- The alcohol industry uses specific yeast to convert fruit sugars into alcohol.

# Lactic Acid Fermentation (anaerobic respiration)



- Without enough oxygen present, an “alternate route” is taken, producing other products & ***much less*** ATP
- **In muscles: lactate is produced**
- Causes sore muscles

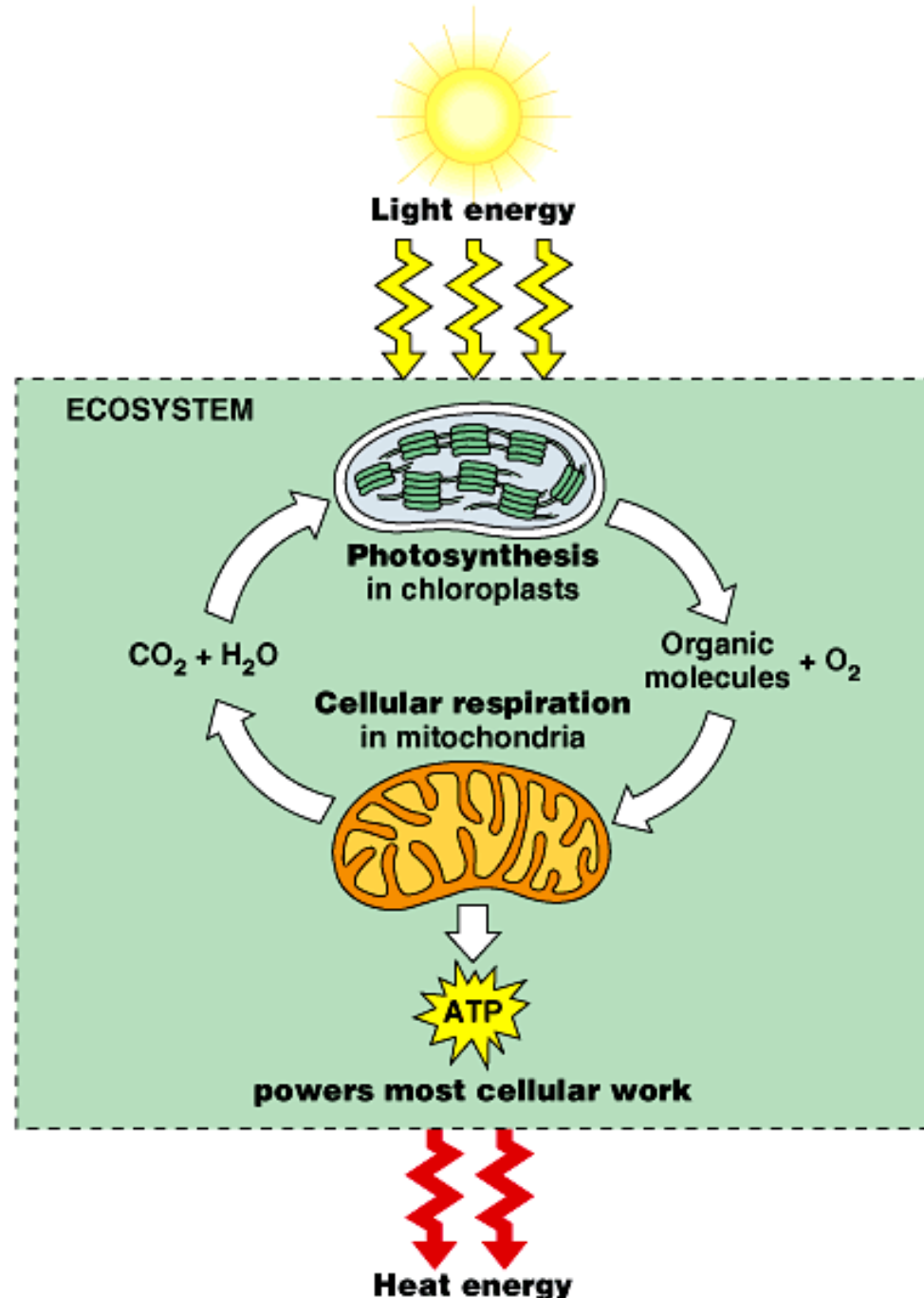
# Sore muscles

- When a person exercises, the muscle cells use up oxygen faster than a person can breathe in.
- The muscle cells need  $O_2$  to make ATP.
- The cells perform lactic acid fermentation instead producing lactic acid in the cells and when in higher concentrations, makes muscles feel sore.

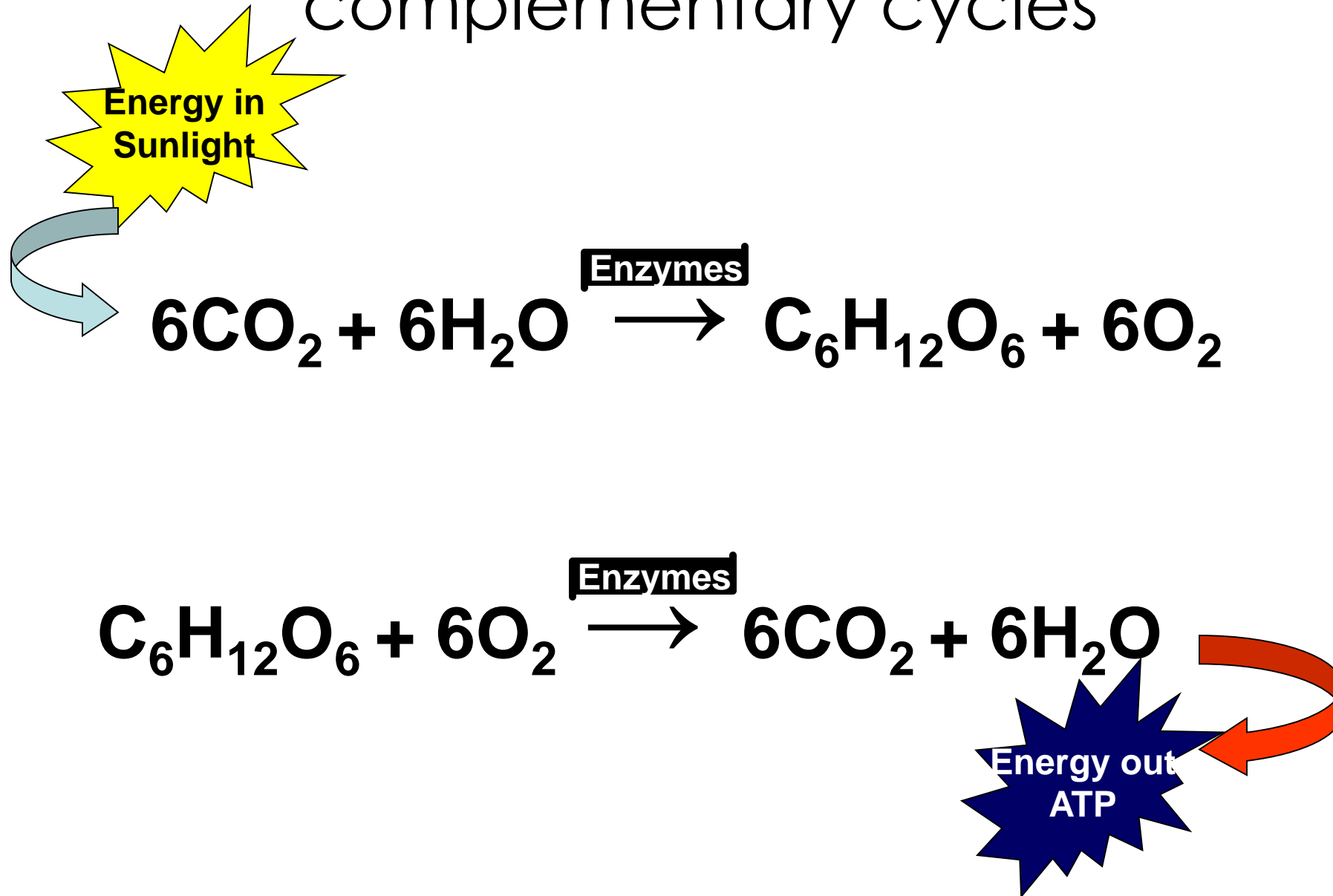


US Swim Team members 2004



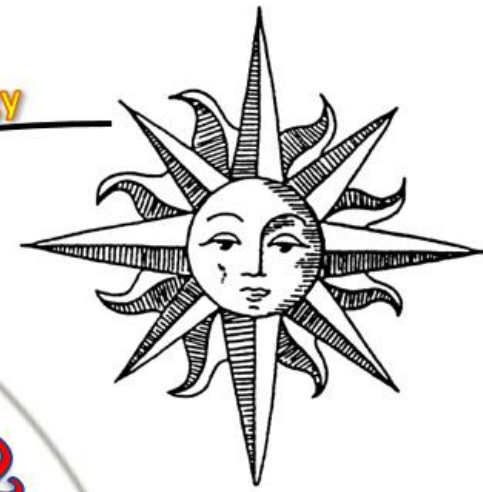


# Photosynthesis and Respiration are complementary cycles





Solar Energy



### 1. Glycolysis

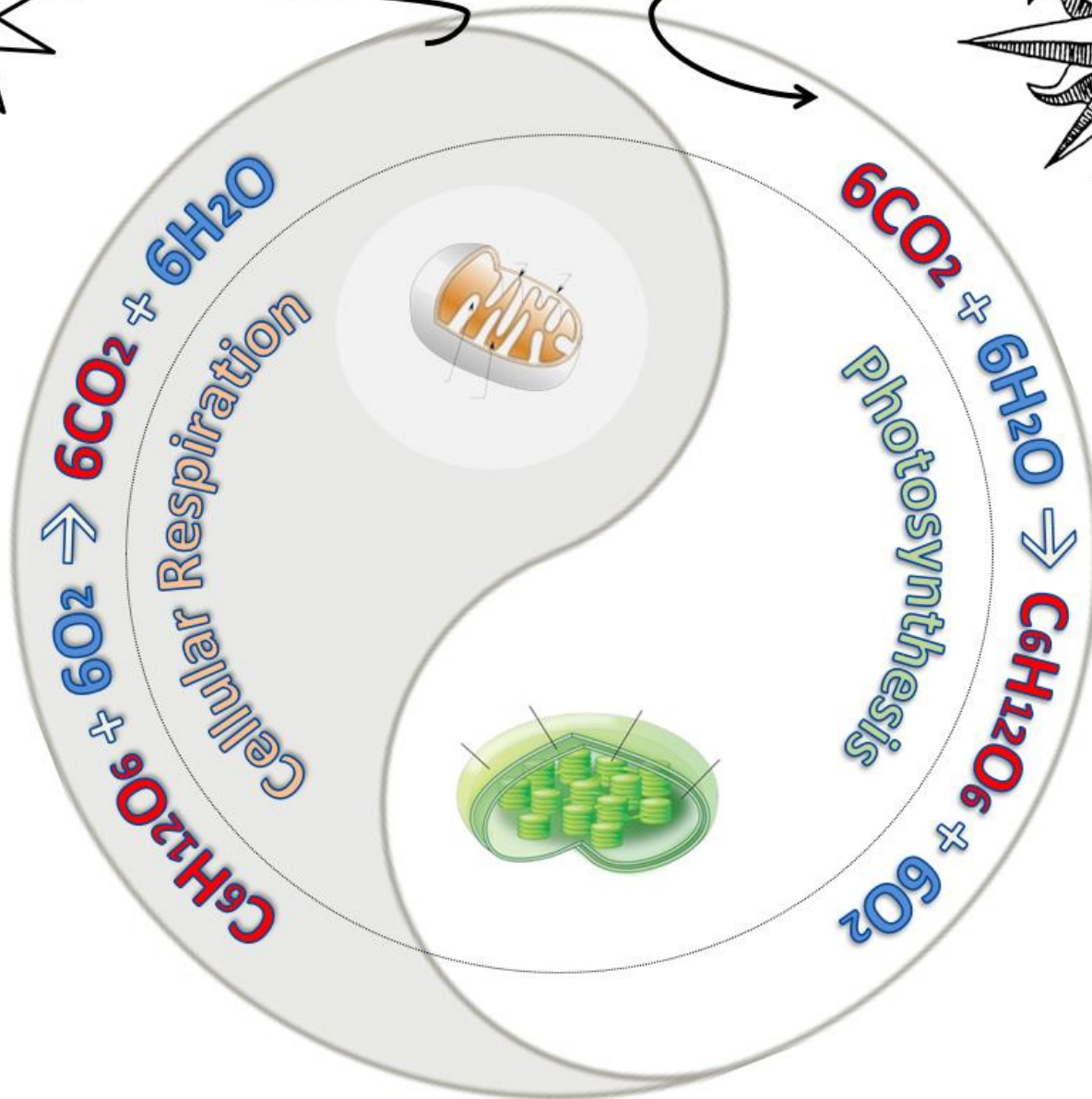
- Takes place in the cytosol,  $C_6H_{12}O_6$  broke into 2 pyruvates (makes some NADH and ATP)
- Pyruvates sent into mitochondria matrix

### 2. Krebs/Citric Acid cycle

- Pyruvates broken down further to make more NADH and some  $FADH_2$
- $CO_2$  given off as a waste product from breaking pyruvates

### 3. Electron Transport Chain (ETC)

- NADH and  $FADH_2$  from Glycolysis and Krebs used to power the enzymes to make A LOT of ATP
- $O_2$  broken by adding  $e^-$ , attracts  $H^+$  and  $H_2O$  is created



### 1. Light Dependant Reaction

- Takes place in the thylakoid membrane
- $H_2O$  converted to  $O_2$  ( $e^-$  taken from Hydrogens)
- ATP and NADPH created (sent to Calvin Cycle)

### 2. Calvin Cycle

- ATP and NADPH (from LDR) use to power chemical reactions
- $CO_2$  converted to  $C_6H_{12}O_6$  in chemical reactions (carbon fixation)