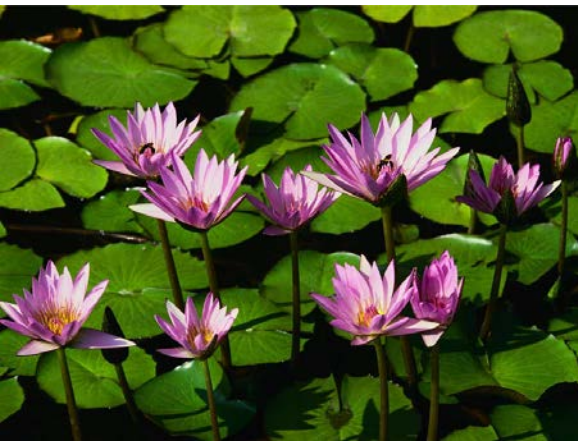


Kinetic and multi-particle computer models of the processes in photosynthetic membrane



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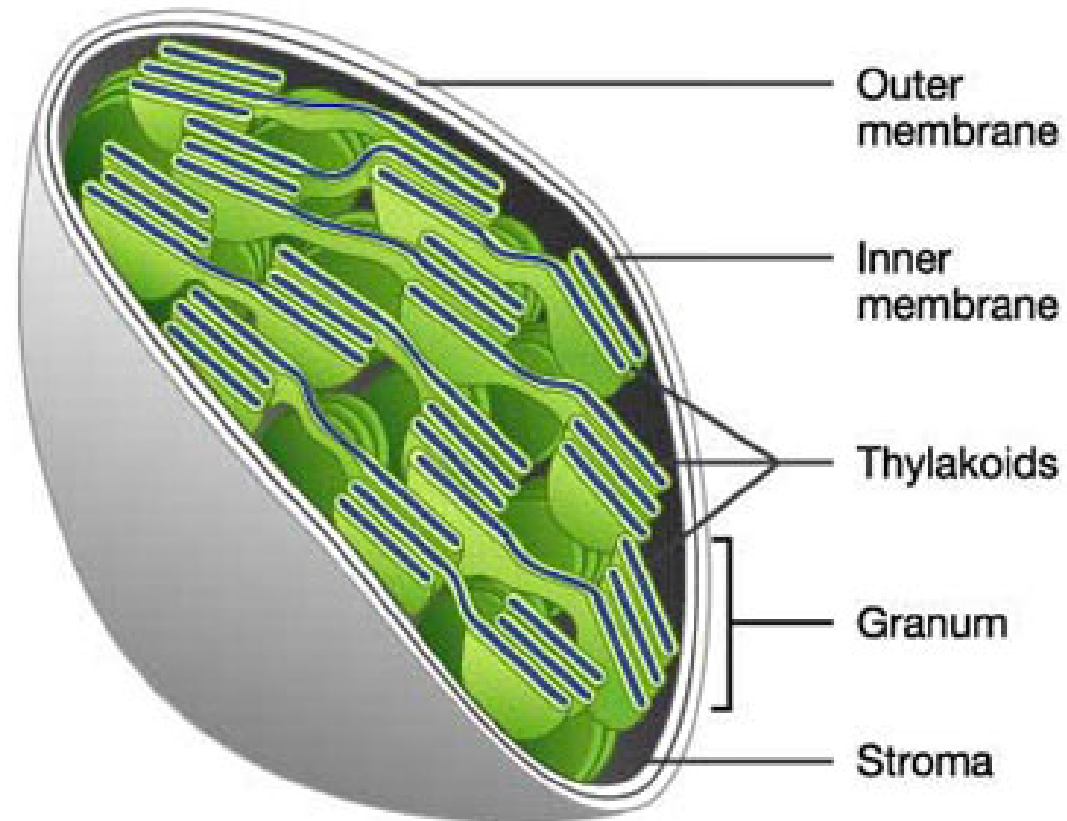
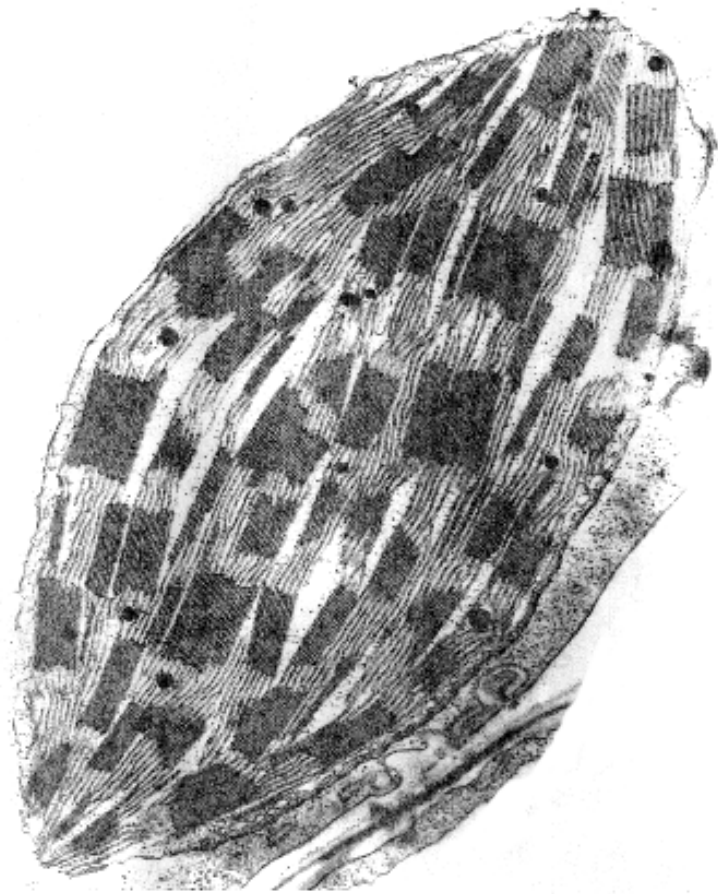
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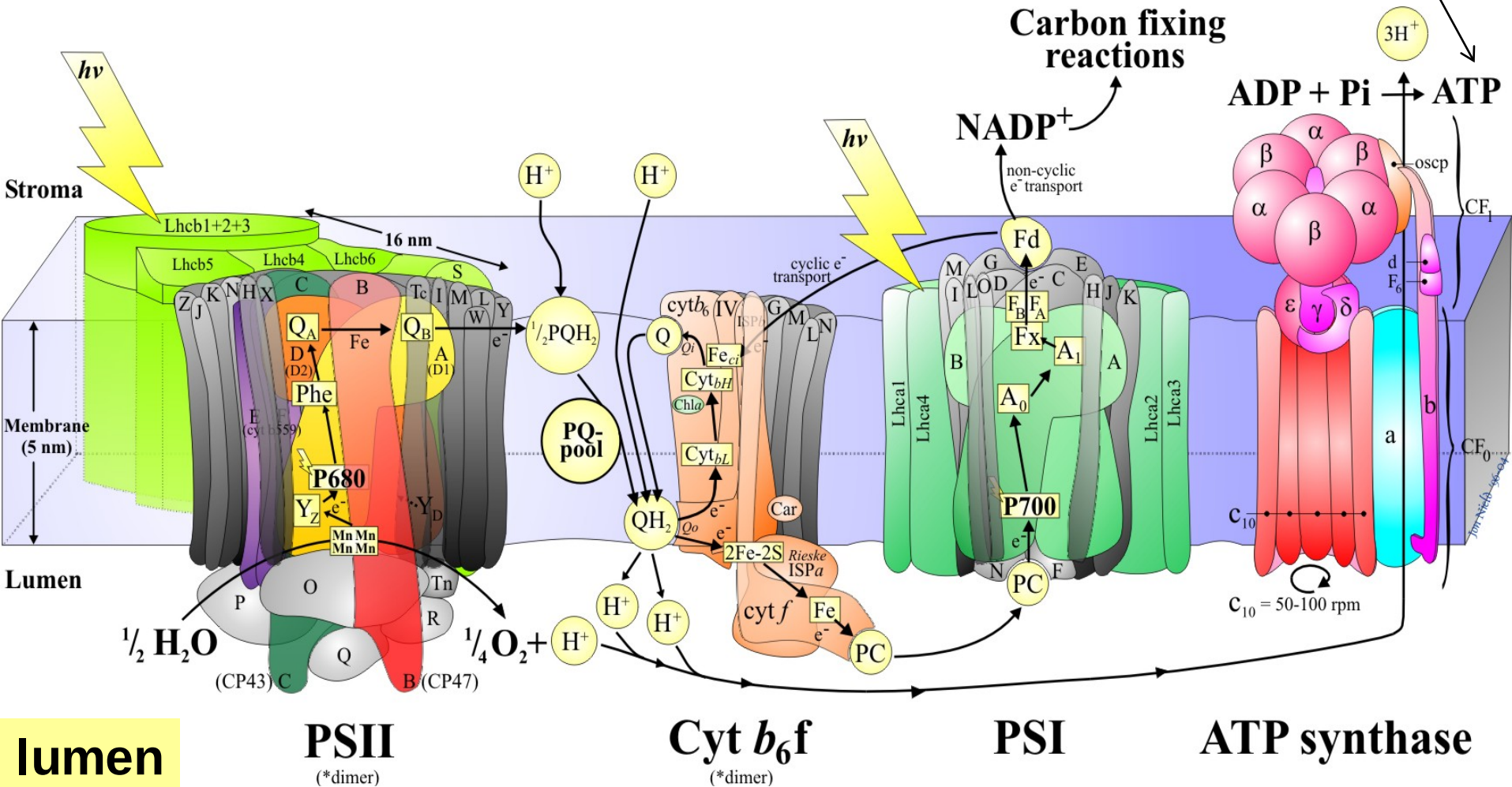
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Chloroplast. Microphoto and Scheme

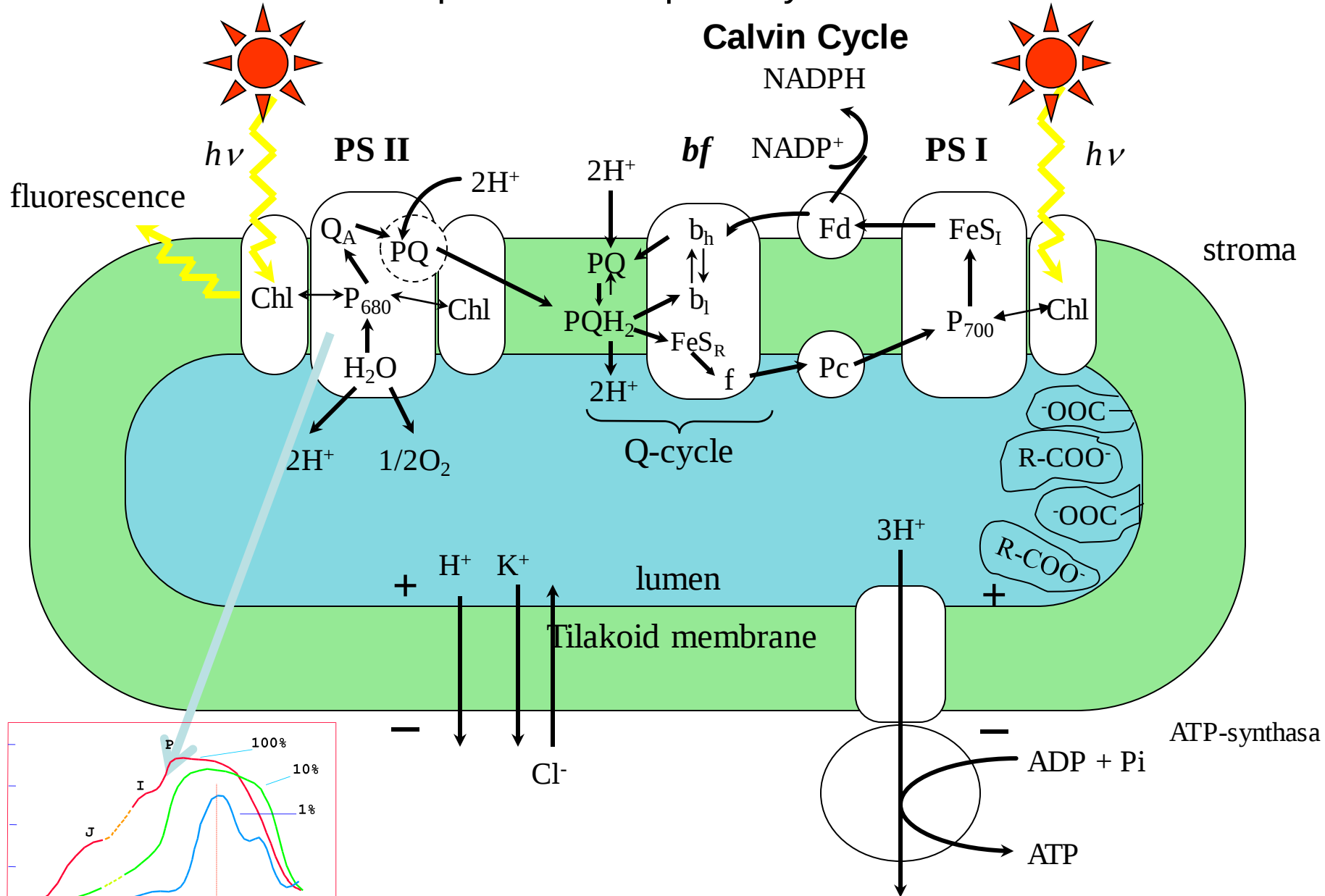


Multi-enzyme complexes in photosynthetic membrane



2- protons are released in lumen per 1 electron carried along linear electron transport chain

Scheme of the processes in photosynthetic membrane

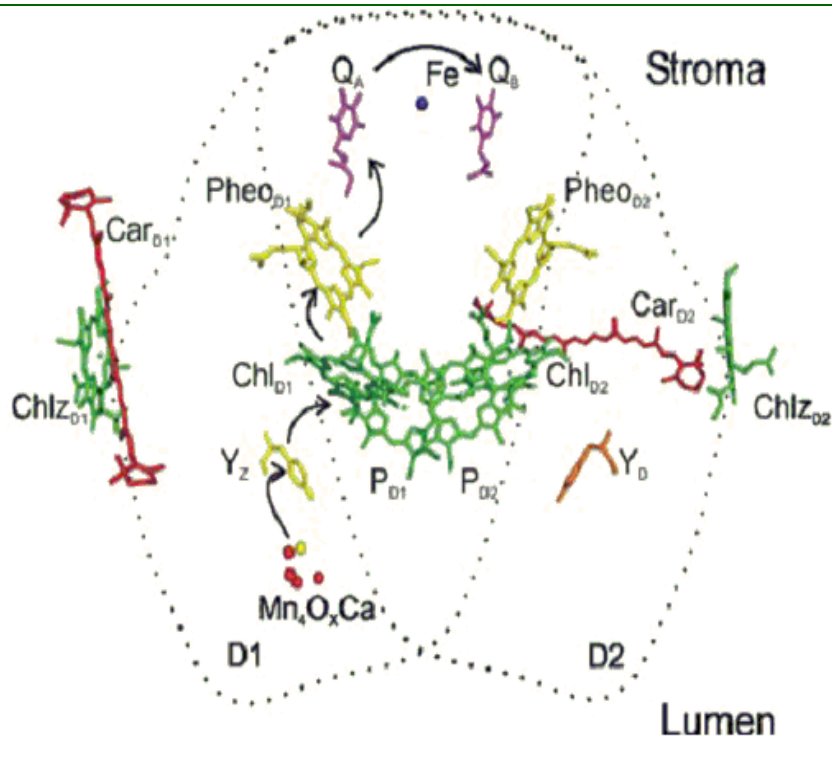
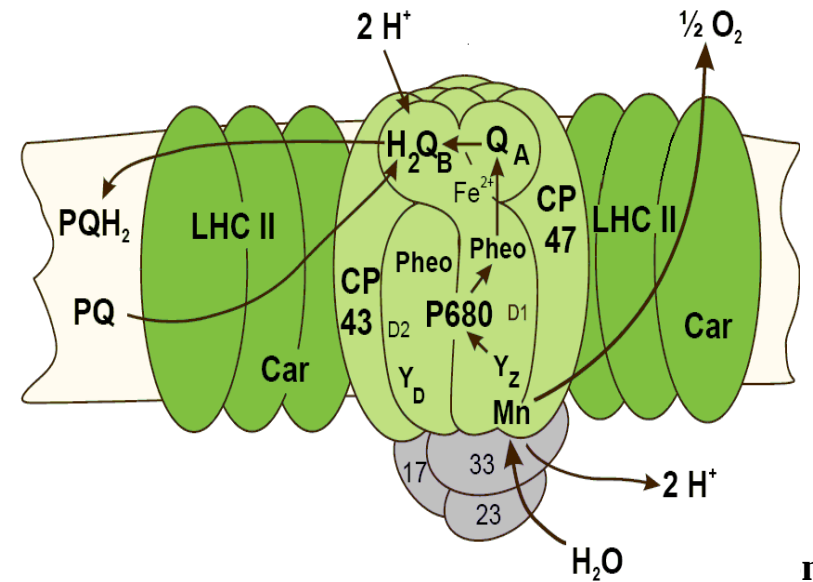


Red light (650 nm) Intensity 600 (100%), 60 (10%) and 6 (1%) W·m⁻². Strasser R.J., Srivastava A., Govindjee // Photochemistry and Photobiology. 1995.

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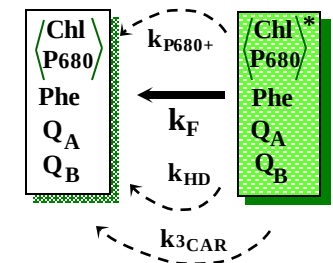
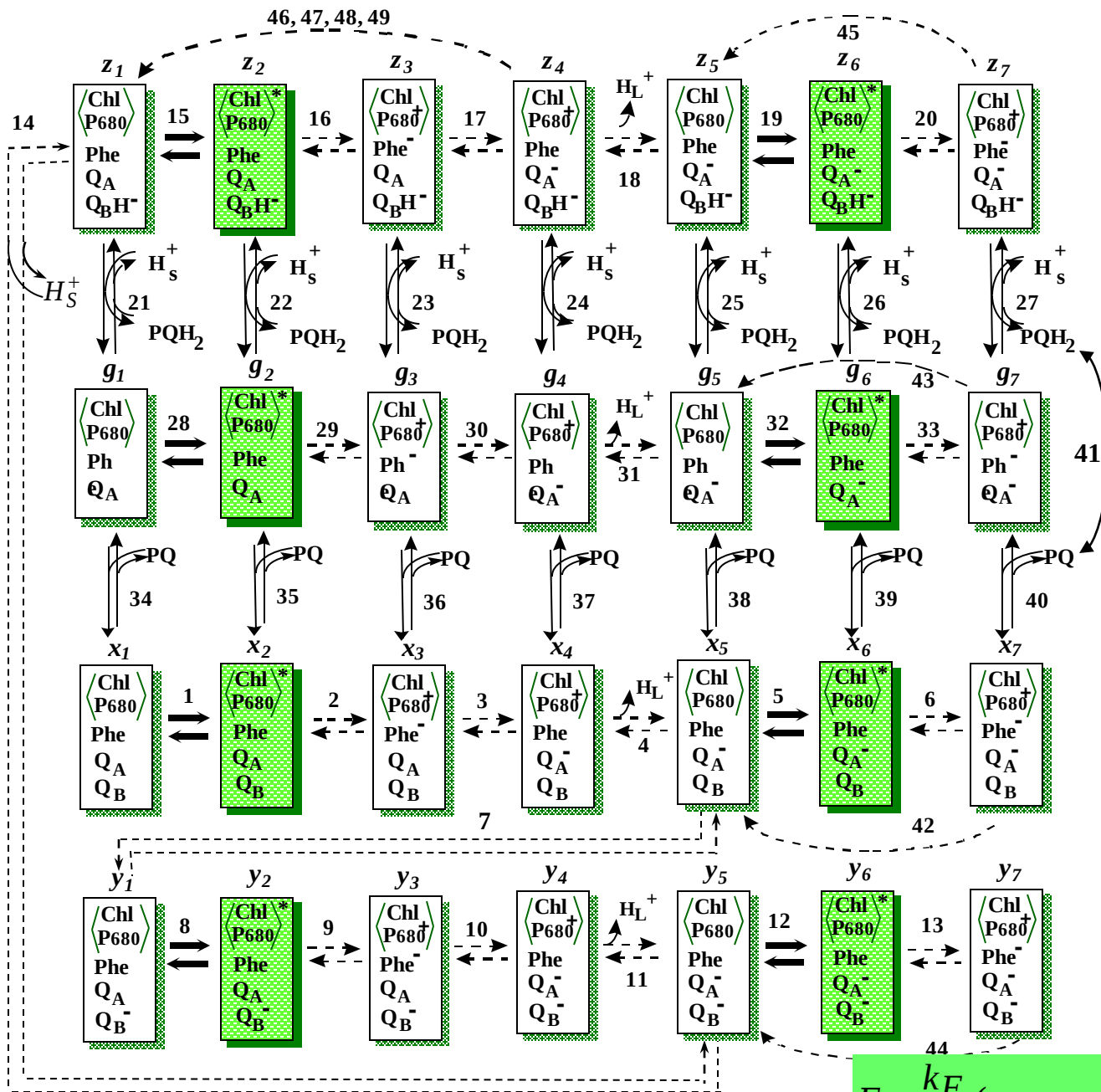
Photosystem II

– the source of fluorescence



Chl, PSII chlorophyll, P680 - photoactive pigments; Phe, pheophytin; Q_A and Q_B, primary and secondary quinone acceptors; PQ, plastoquinone; PQH₂, plastoquinol; H_L⁺ and H_s⁺ protons in lumen and stroma,

Scheme of PSII states

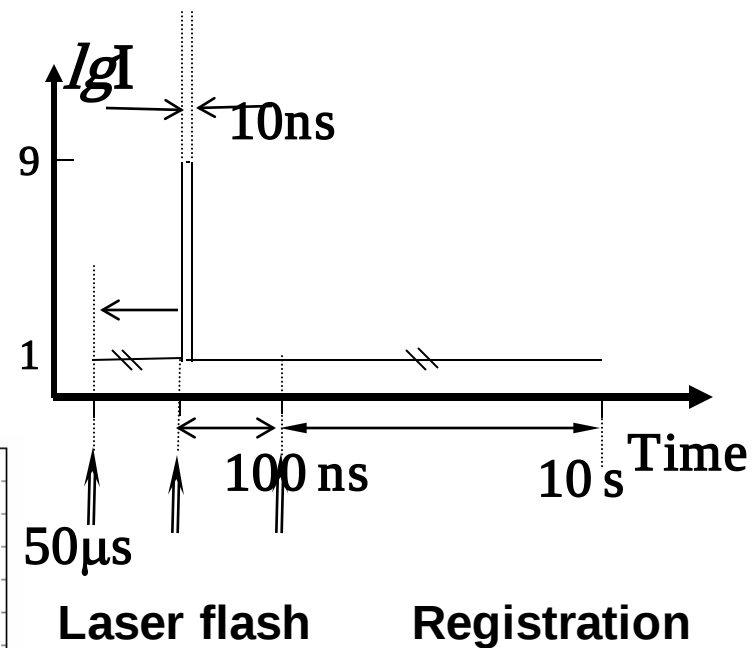
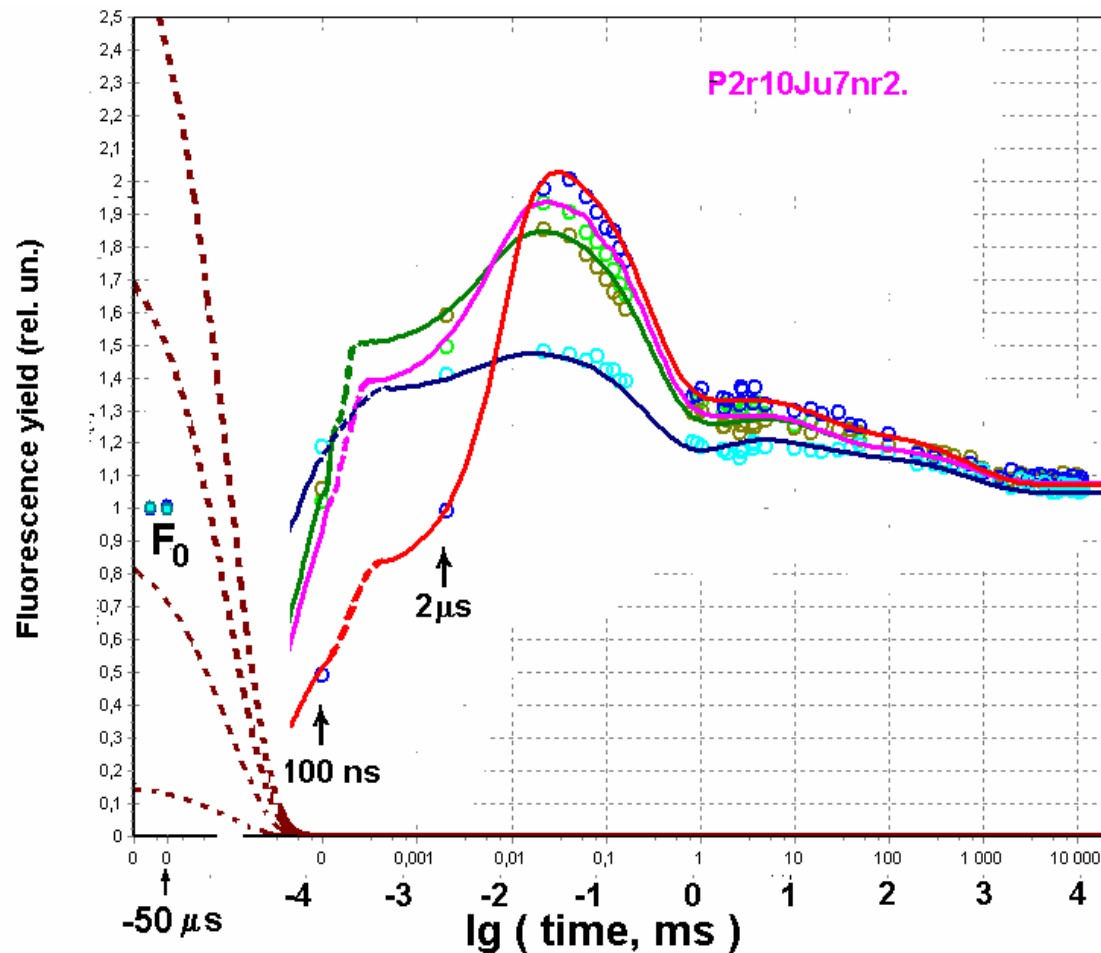


Energy relaxation processes

Fluorescence yield

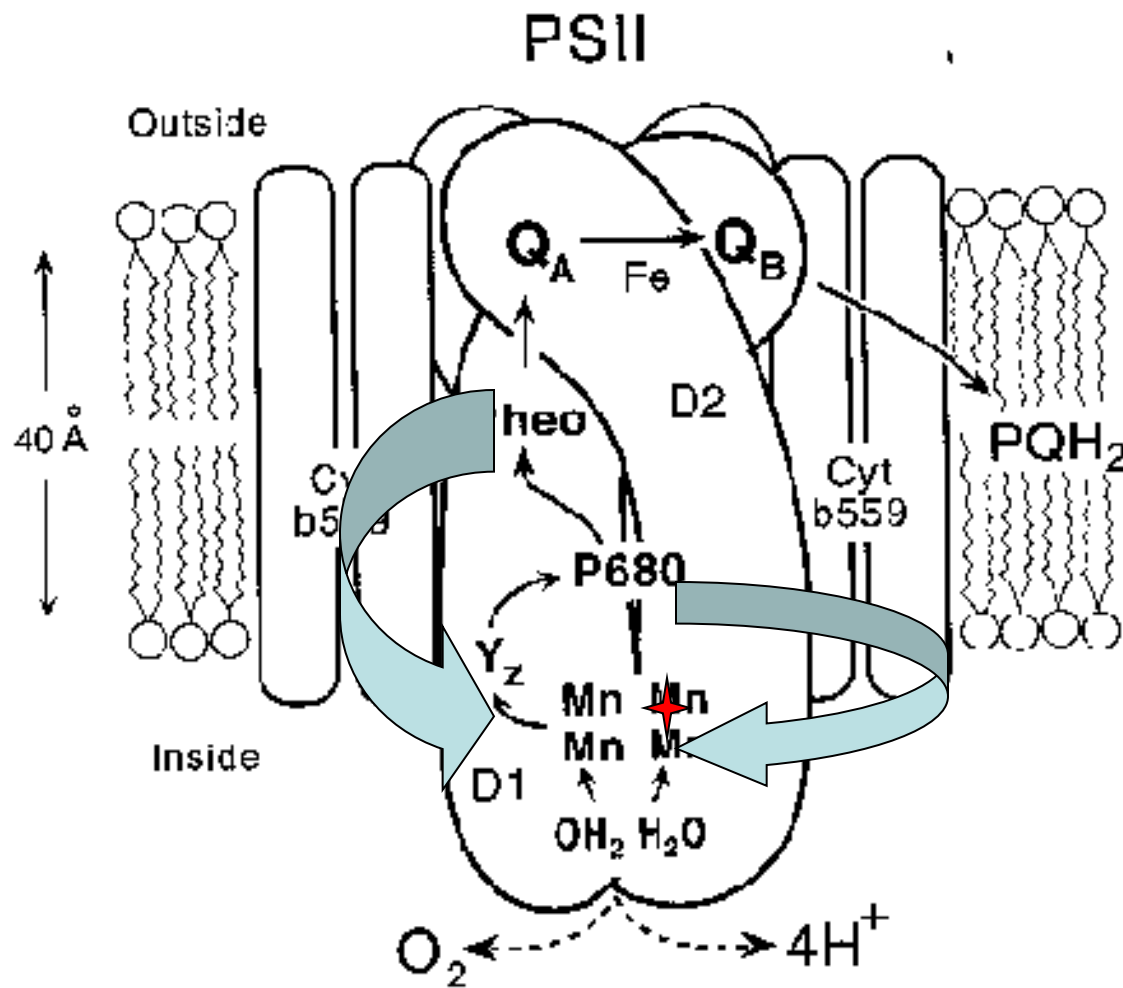
$$F = \frac{k_F}{k_L} (x_2 + y_2 + z_2 + g_2 + x_6 + y_6 + z_6 + g_6)$$

Experiment (dots, lab. Prof. G.Renger, Berlin) and simulation (solid lines). Fluorescence induction curves after the saturating 10 ns laser flash, cells of thermophilic *Chlorella pyrenoidosa* Chick.



Scheme of experiment

Beljaeva, Renger et al.,
2014, Photosyn. Res.



Electron transport in PSII

Arrows – the
processes of non-
radiation
relaxation

Rate constants of this
processes can be
evaluated only by
simulation
(not directly in
experiment)

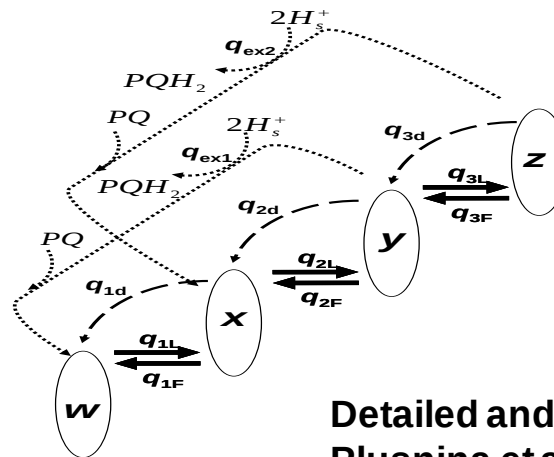
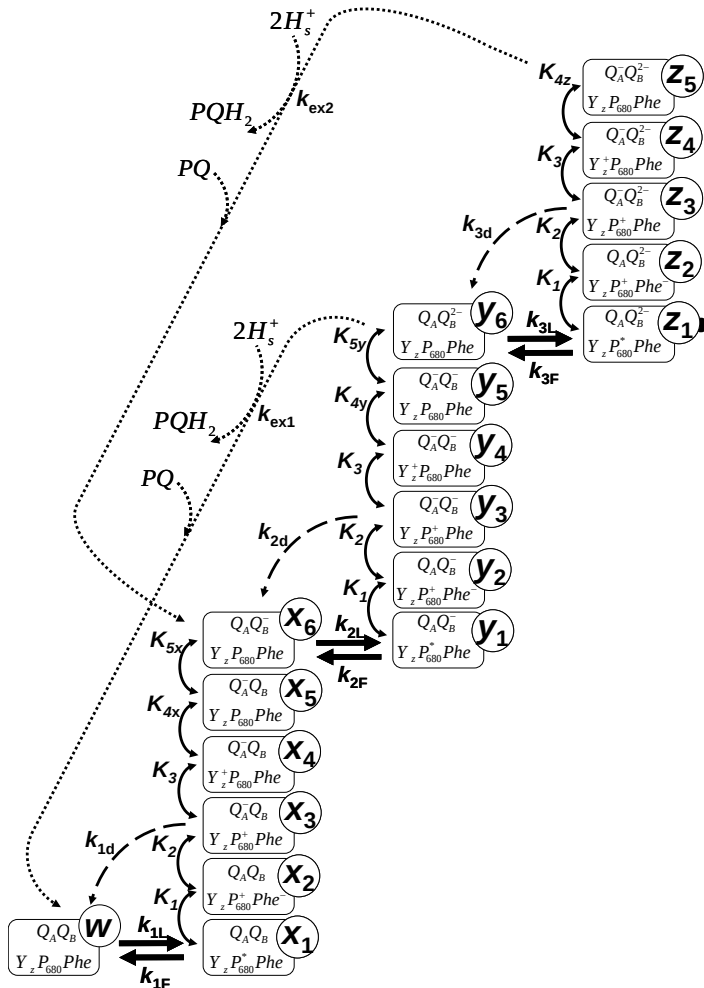
(2008) PSII model-based simulations of single turnover flash-induced transients of fluorescence yield monitored within the time domain of 100ns-10 s on dark-adapted *Chlorella pyrenoidosa* cells. *Photosyn Res* 98:105-119.

(2011) PS II model based analysis of transient fluorescence yield measured on whole leaves of *Arabidopsis thaliana* after excitation with light flashes of different energies. *BioSystems* 103(2):188-195

How to use kinetic models?

- Fitting the results of experiments with ns pulses helps to evaluate the rate constants of the reactions of non-radiative dissipation processes etc. which can not be registered straight in experiment

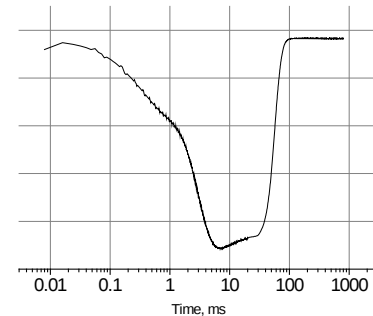
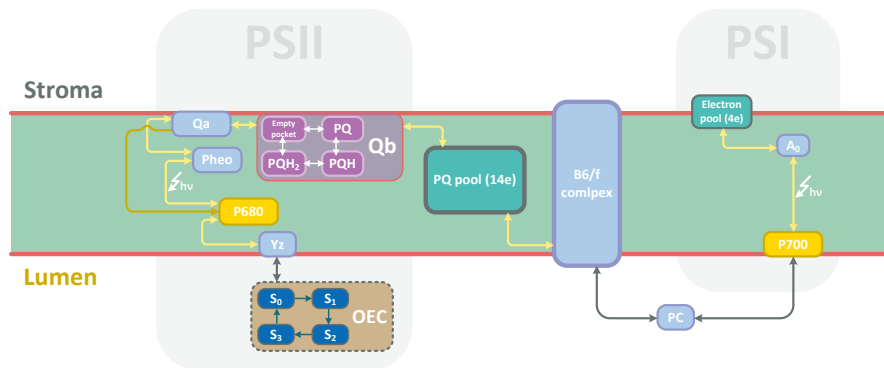
We use kinetic models to analyze the difference in parameters of photo reactions in different species (plants, algae) at different conditions (regimes of illumination, stresses of starvation and heat)



Detailed and simplified PSII model
Plusnina et al., 2013. CRM (Rus)

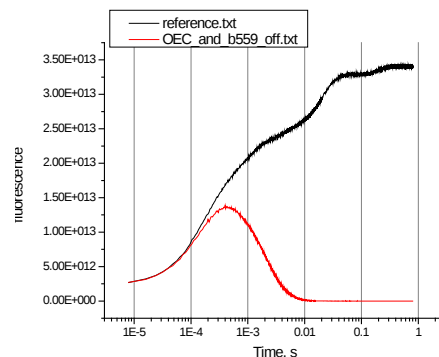
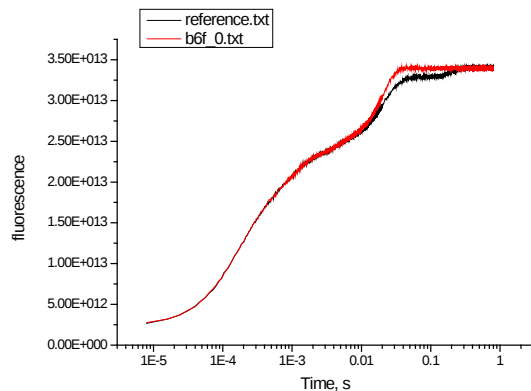
Monte-Carlo model

P700 redox transformations

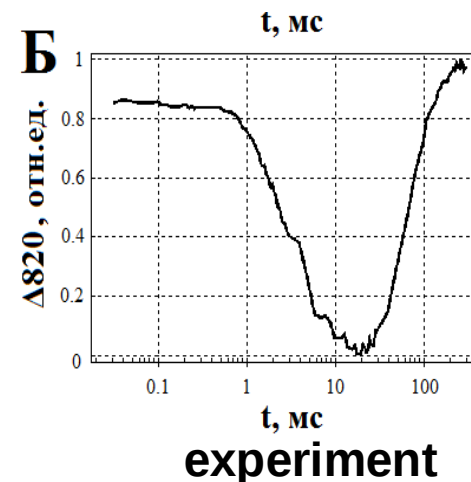


simulation

- light dependent electron carrier
- electron carrier
- electron pool



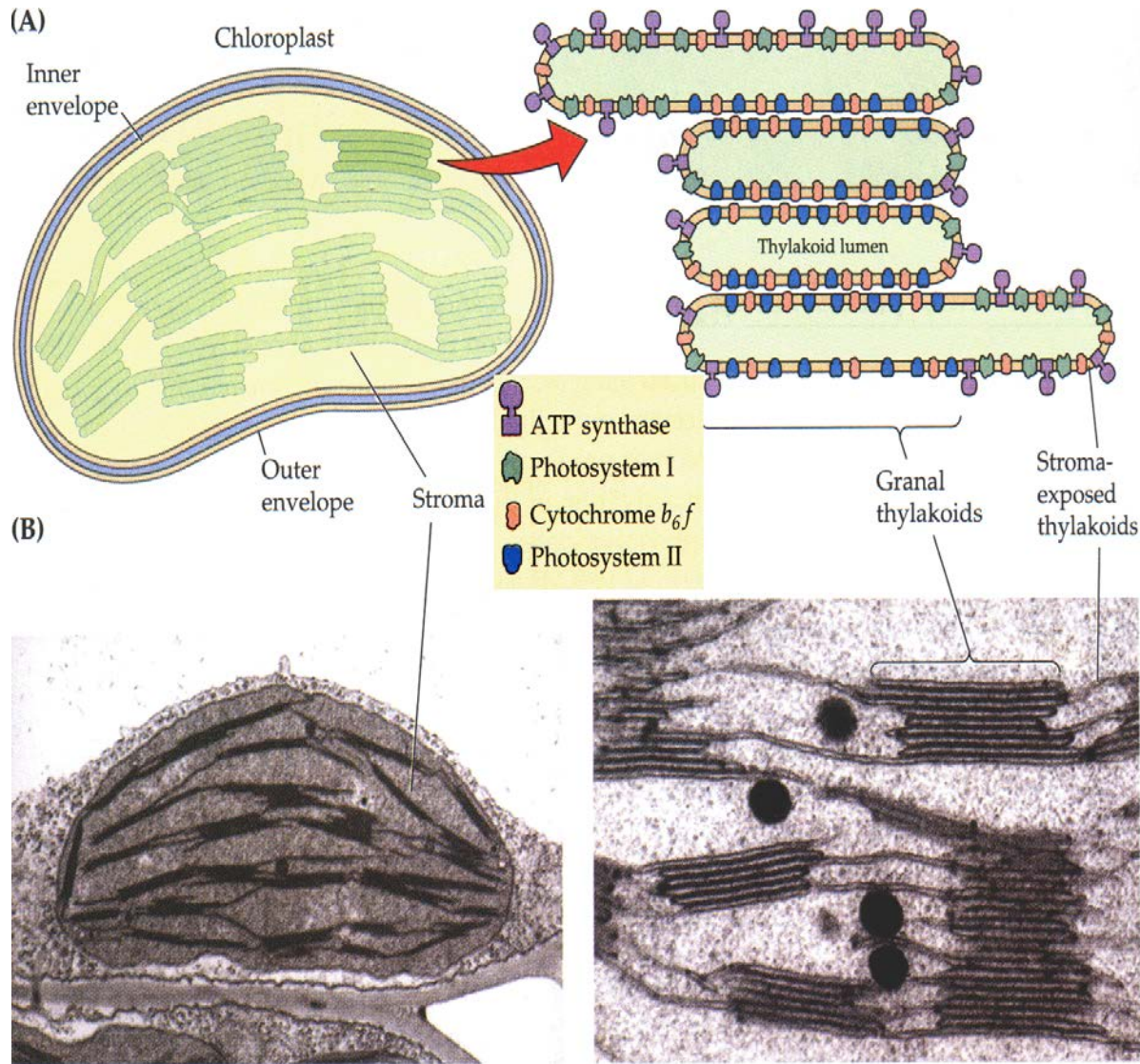
Fluorescence, red – heat stress



experiment

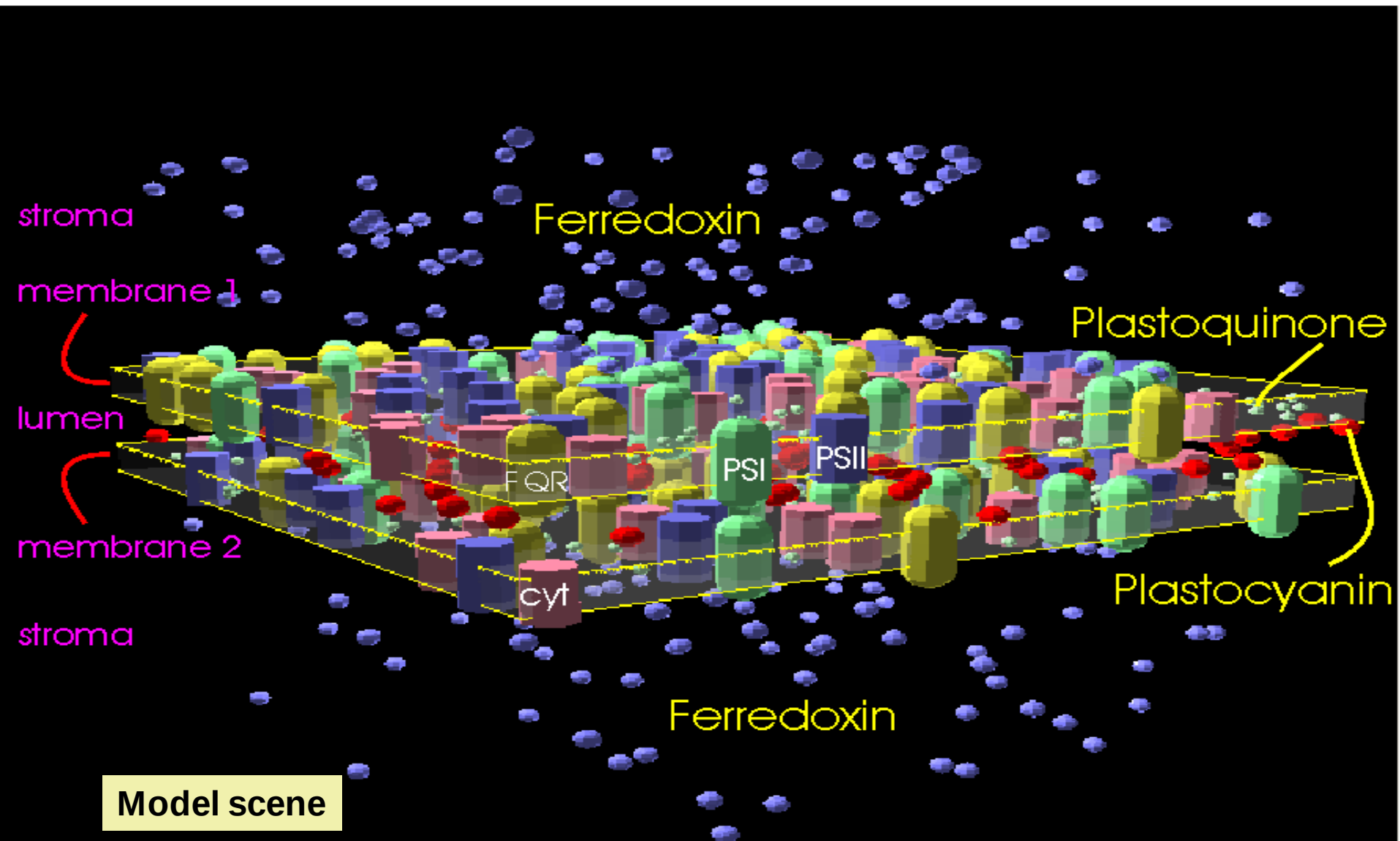
Fluorescence, red - DCMU

Chloroplast. Image and scheme



Kinetic models can't explicitly describe dependence of the observed rate of the processes on the structural properties of proteins and geometrical heterogeneity of the reaction volume of lumen and stroma

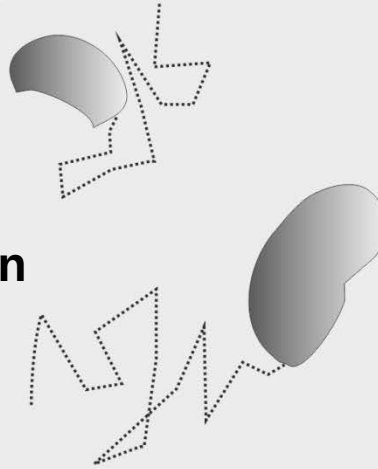
Direct multiparticle modeling method. Kovalenko et al., 2006-2017, Physical biology; Biophysika, Bioystems, Photosynthesis. Res., Dyakonova et al., 2016, Phys. Biol, Biophys., Rubin, Riznichenko, in: Photosynthesis in Silico, Springer, 2009; Mathematical biophysics, Springer, 2014



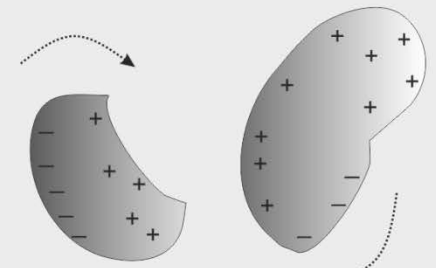
Protein-protein interaction

diffusion

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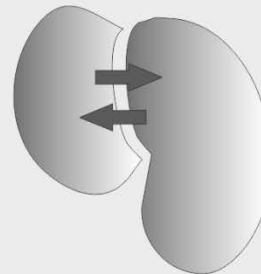


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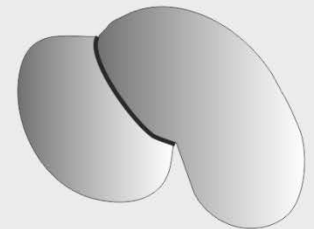
**Brownian movement
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interaction. Mutual
orientation**

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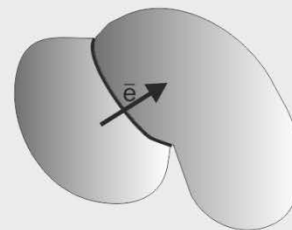
Preliminary complex

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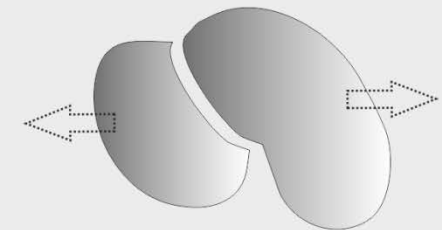
Conformation changes.
Final complex

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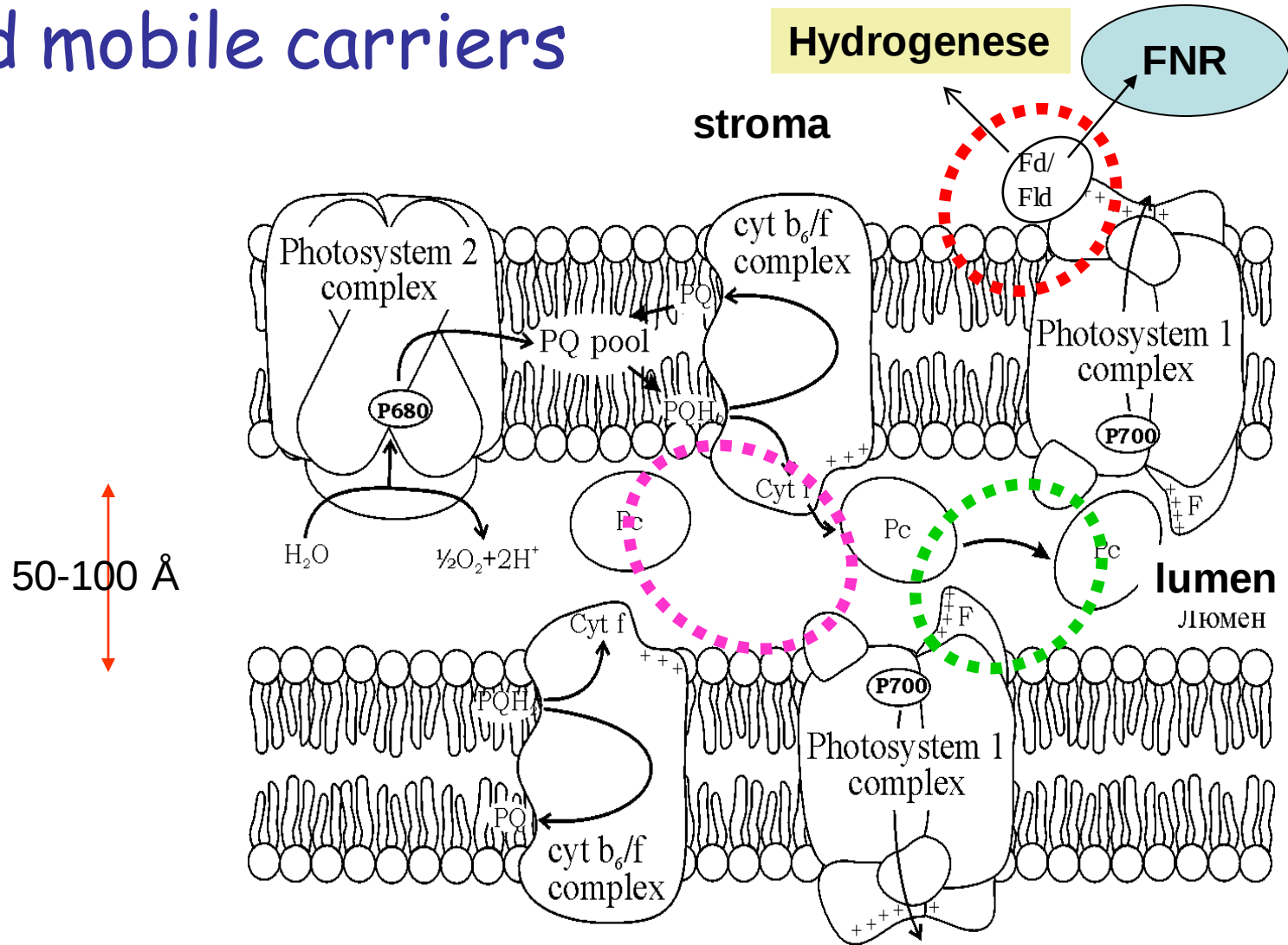
Reaction. Charge exchange

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Complex dissociation

Photosynthetic electron transport. Complexes and mobile carriers



Thylakoid membrane fragment

Brownian motion

Langevin equation for Brownian motion of charged particles

Translational motion

$$\xi_t^x \frac{dx}{dt} = f_x(t) + F_x \quad \langle f_x(t) \rangle = 0 \quad \langle f_x(t)^2 \rangle = \frac{2kT\xi_t^x}{\Delta t}$$

k – Boltzmann constant,

T – temperature

$f_x(t)$ – random force

ξ_r^x – viscous friction coefficient

$F_x = -q \cdot \frac{d\varphi}{dx}$ – electrostatic force

φ – electrostatic potential

Rotational motion

$$\xi_r^x \frac{d\varphi}{dt} = m_x(t) + M_x \quad \langle m_x(t) \rangle = 0 \quad \langle m_x(t)^2 \rangle = \frac{2kT\xi_r^x}{\Delta t}$$

φ – angle of rotation

ξ_r^x – viscous friction coefficient

$m_x(t)$ – moment of the random force

M_x – moment of the electrostatic force

Electrostatic interactions

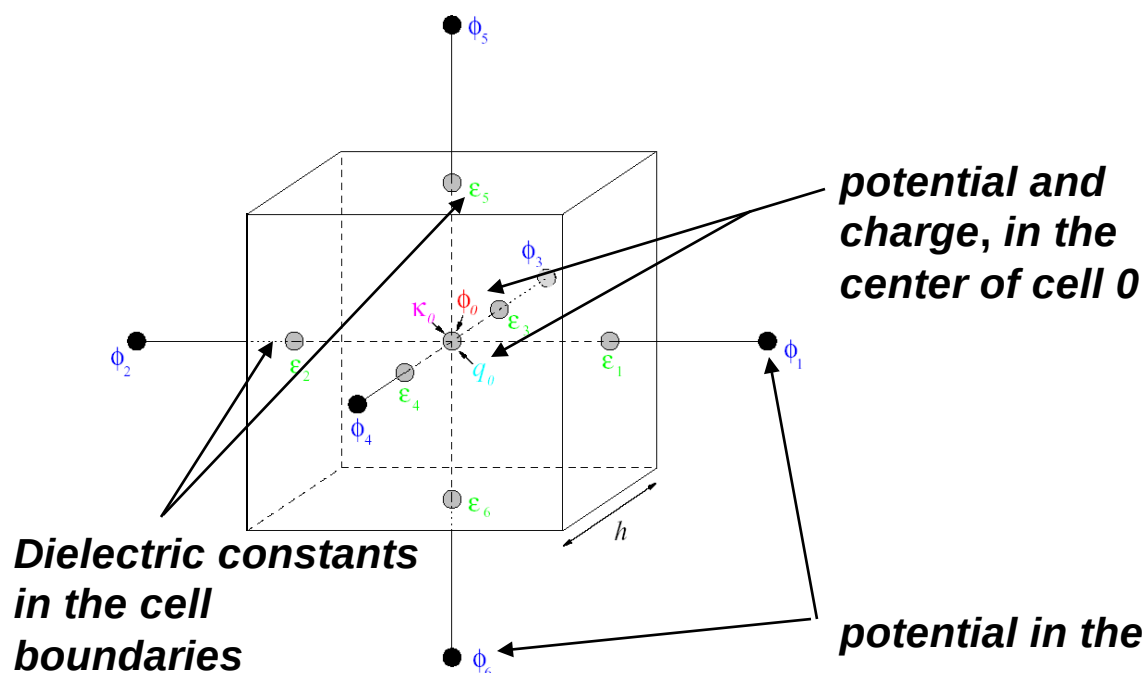
The Poisson-Boltzmann Equation for a Macromolecule

$$\nabla [\varepsilon(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \phi(\mathbf{r})] = -4\pi \left(\rho_{\text{prot}}(\mathbf{r}) + \sum_{i=1}^K c_i^{\text{bulk}} Z_i e_0 \exp \left(\frac{-Z_i e_0 \phi(\mathbf{r})}{RT} \right) \right)$$

ϕ – potential, ε – permittivity, ρ_{prot} – charge density in protein, c_i^{bulk} – concentration of i -th ion in solution, Z_i – charge of i -ion, e_0 – electron charge, R – gas constant, T – temperature

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^K c_i^{\text{bulk}} Z_i^2; \quad \bar{\kappa}^2 = \frac{8\pi N_A e_0^2 I}{k_B T}$$

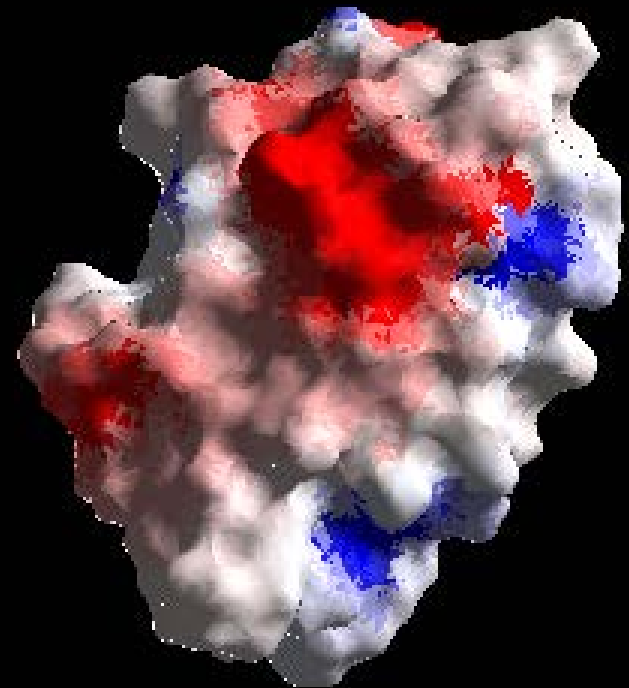
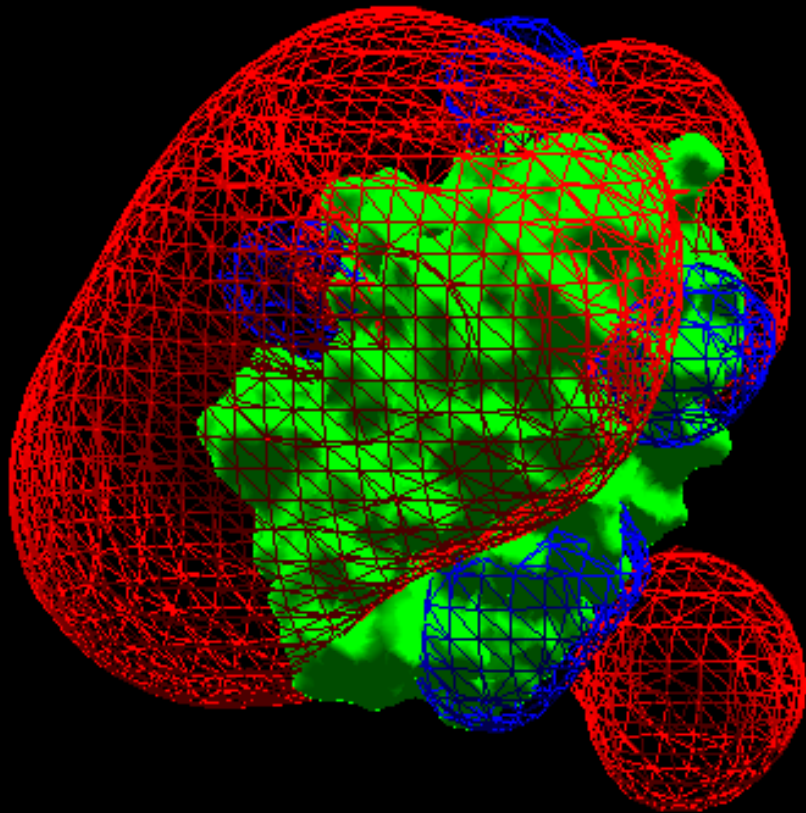
I – ionic strength



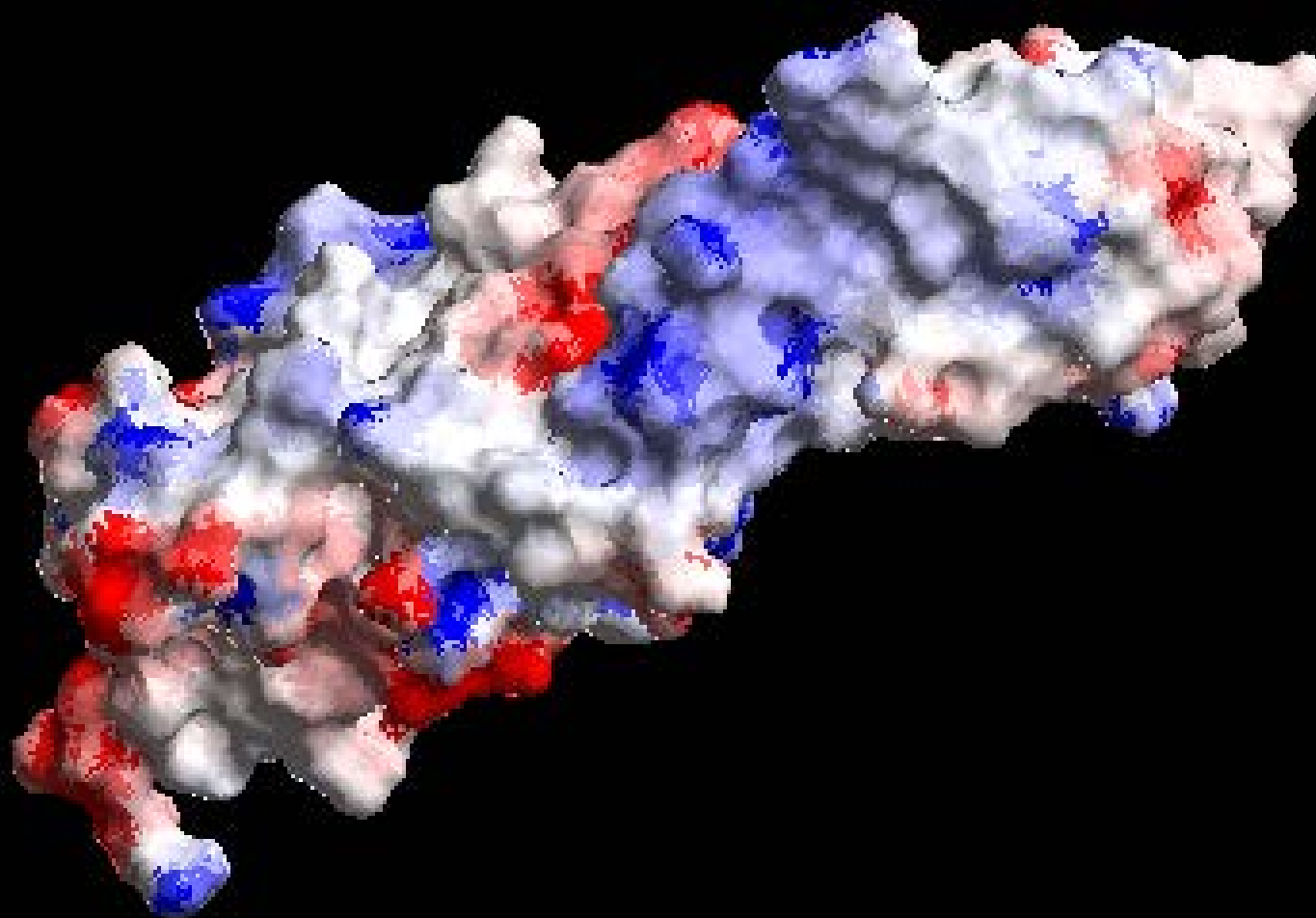
$$\phi_0 = \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^6 h \varepsilon_i \phi_i \right) + 4\pi q_0}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^6 h \varepsilon_i \right) + h^3 \bar{\kappa}_0^2}$$

from G. M. Ullmann (2004)

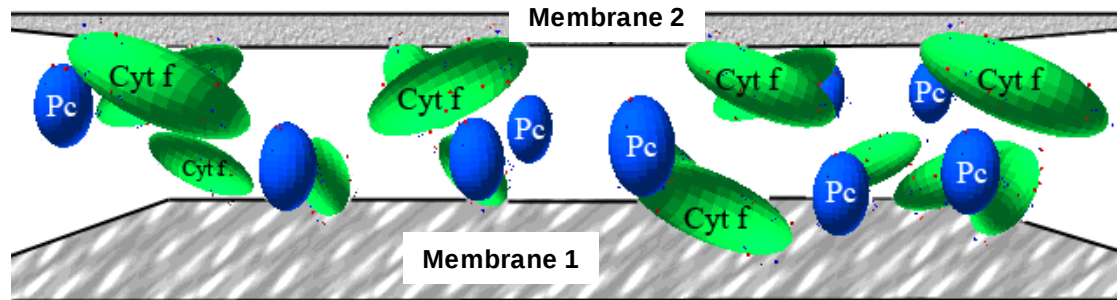
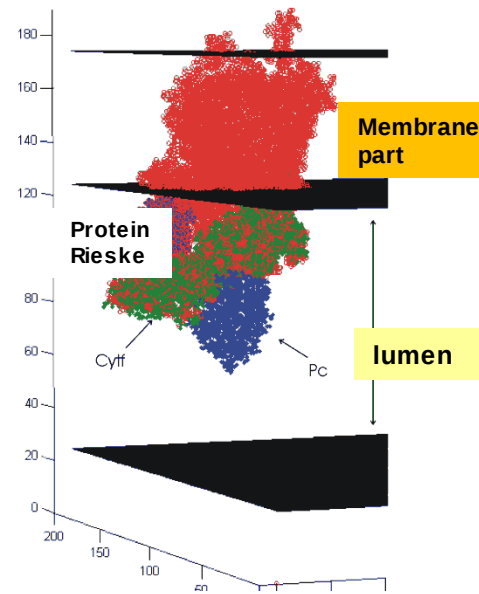
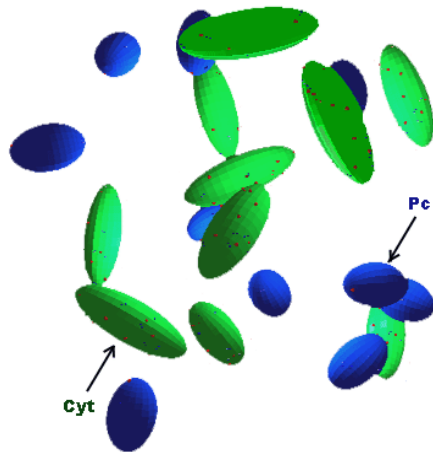
Equipotential surfaces (left) (-10mB, +10mB) and surface electrostatic potential (right) of plastocyanin, $pH=7$, $I=100 \text{ M/M}^3$



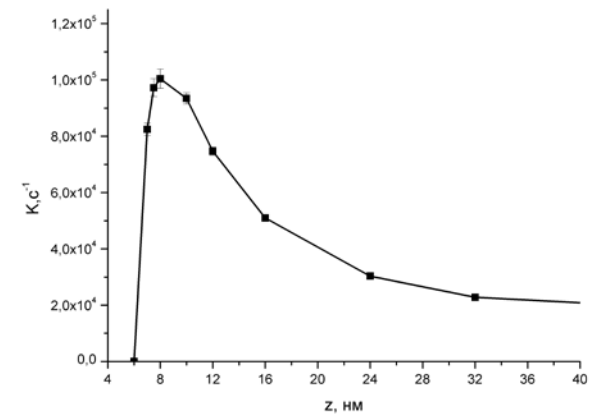
Electrostatic surface potential of Cyt f, $pH=7$,
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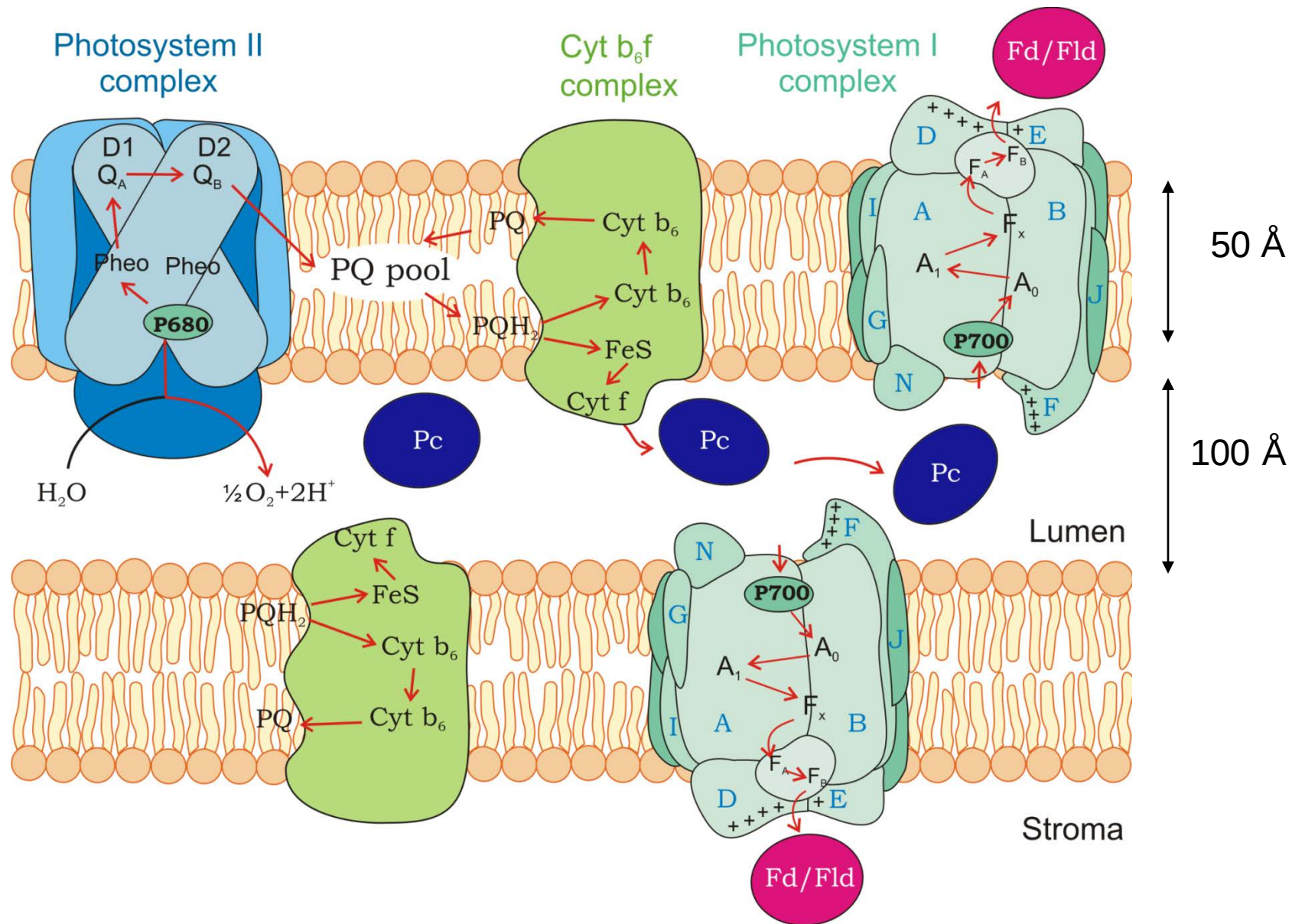
Simulation of Pc-cyt *f* interactions in solution and in lumen



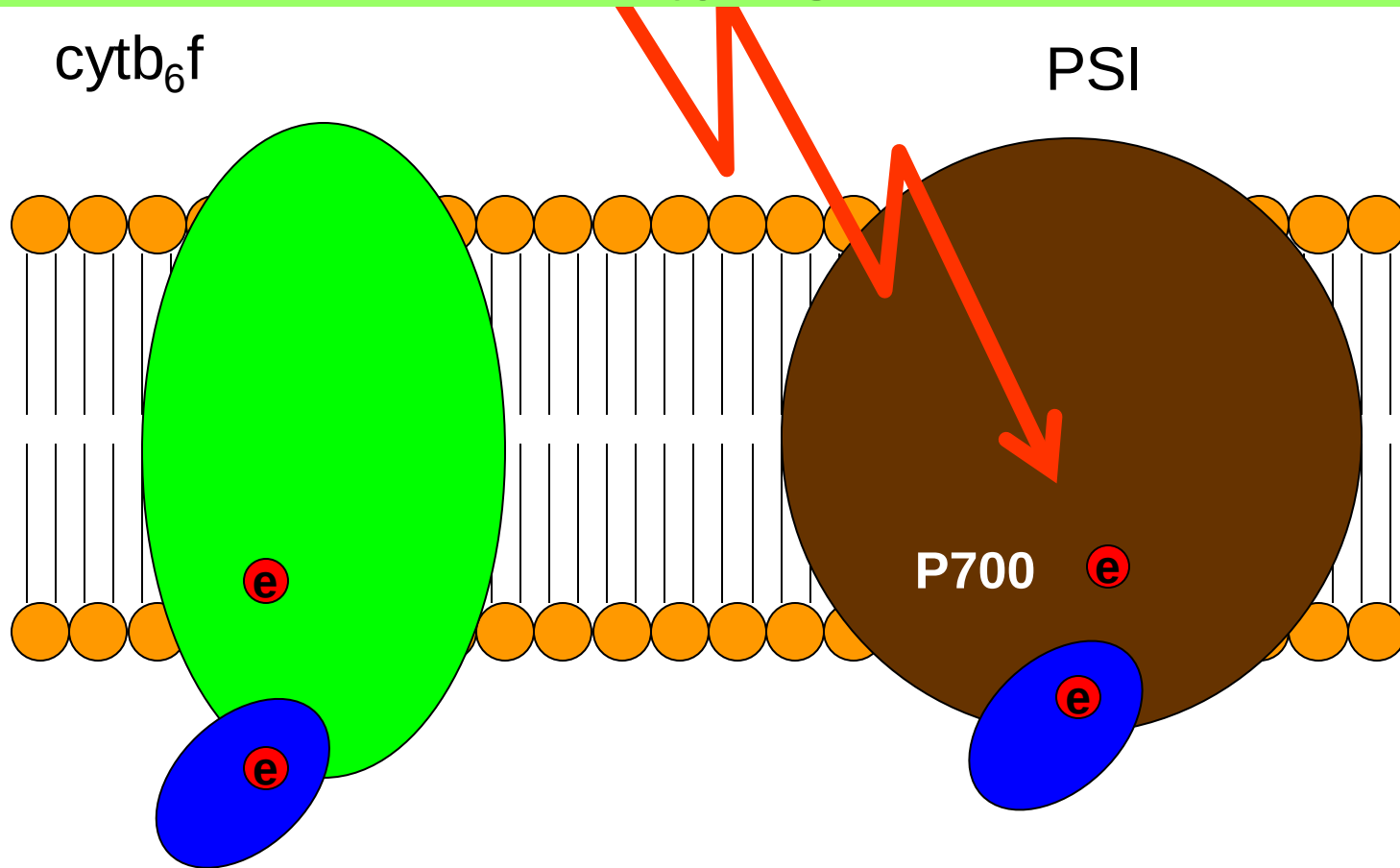
Rate constant of the reaction of complex Pc-Cyt *f* formation in thylakoid lumen as a function on the distance z between the membranes



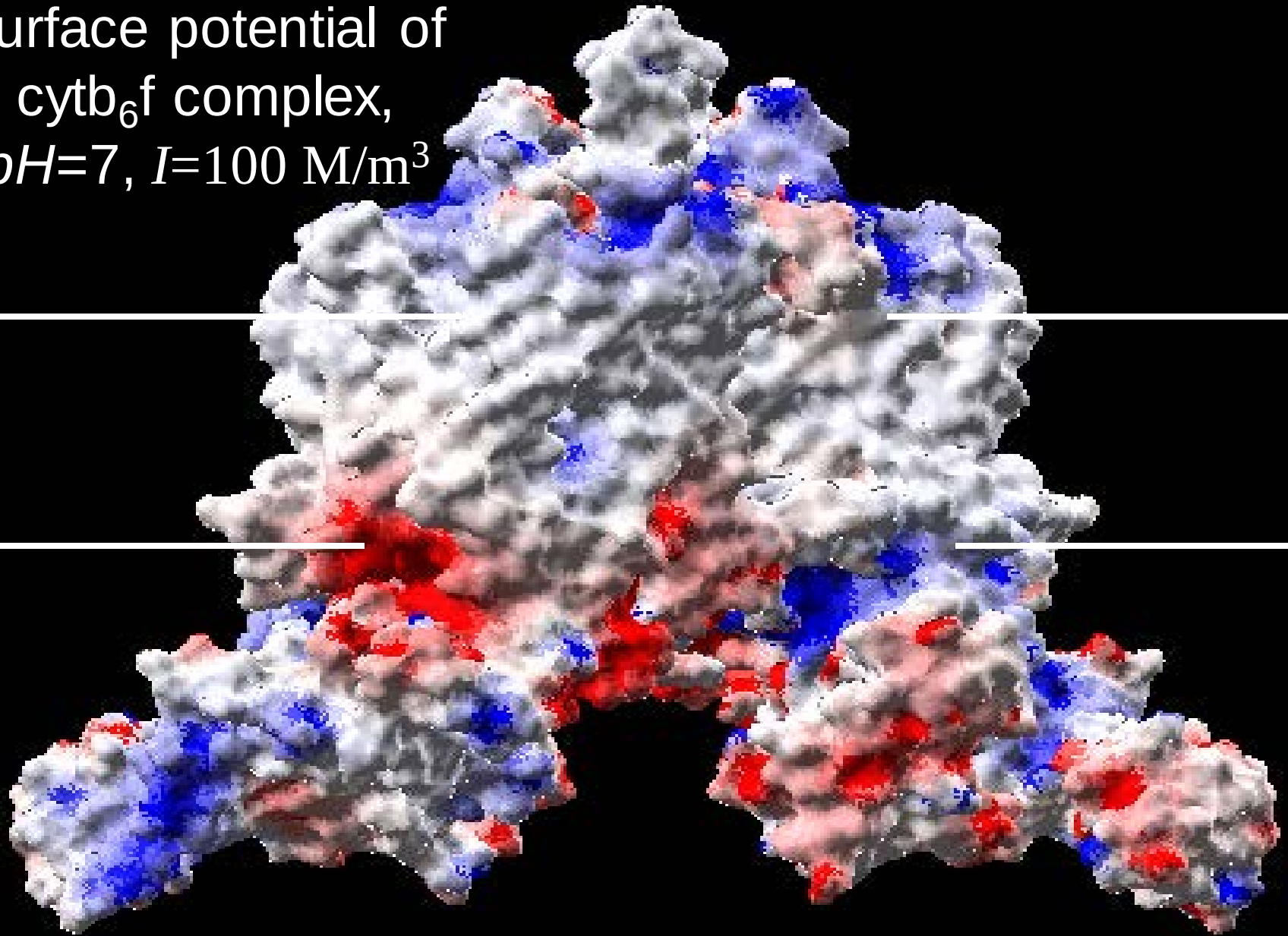
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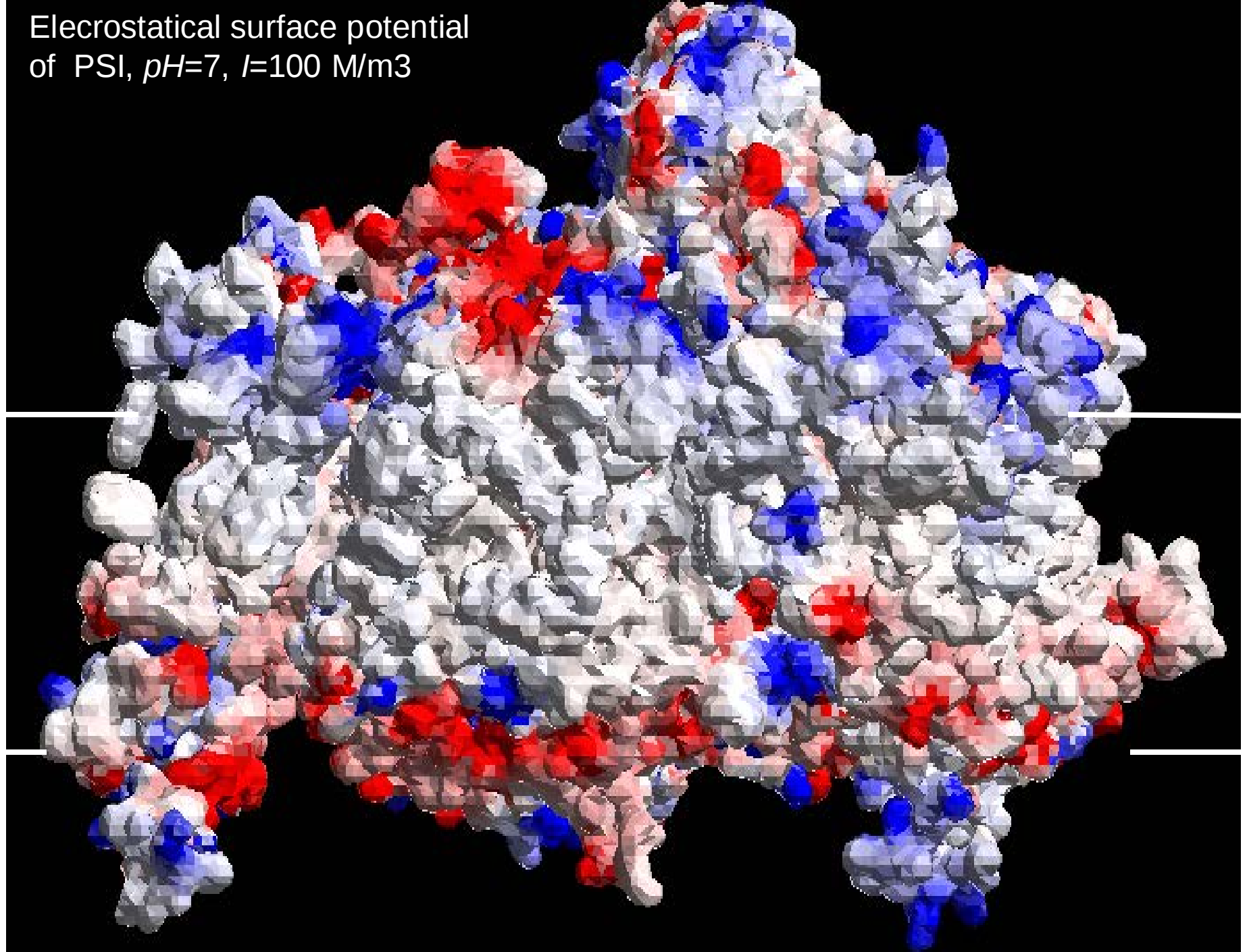
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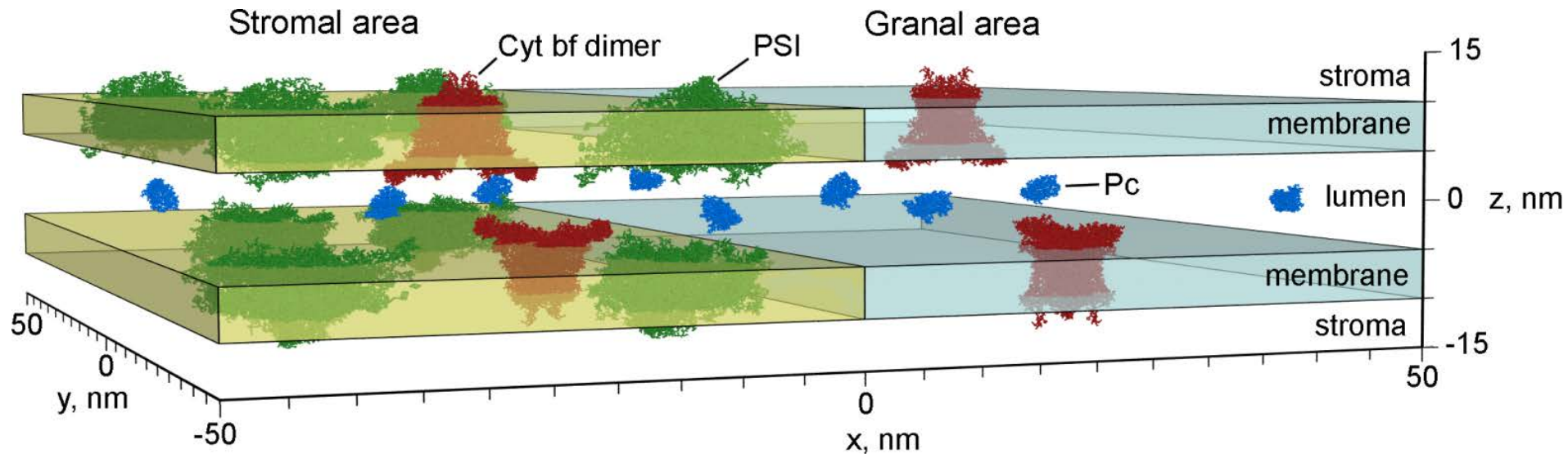
Electrostatical
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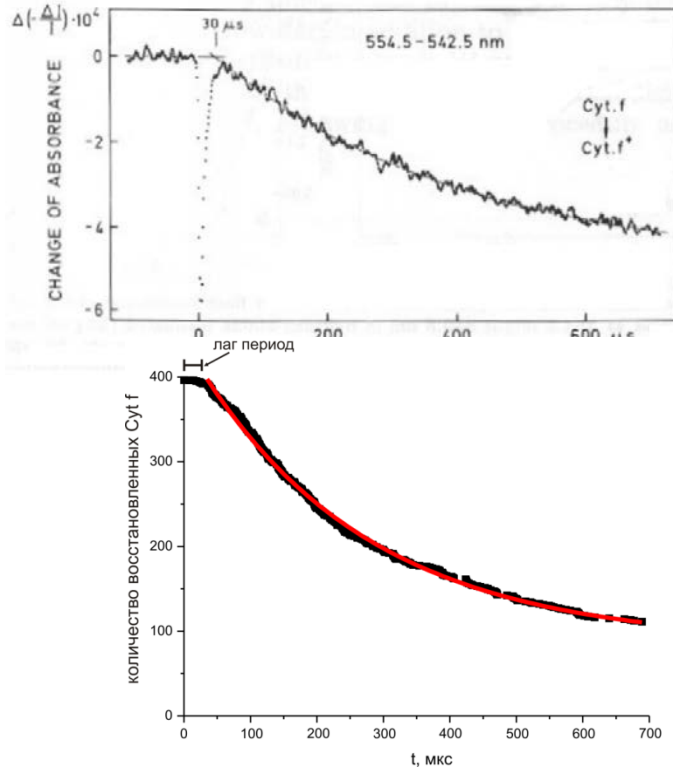
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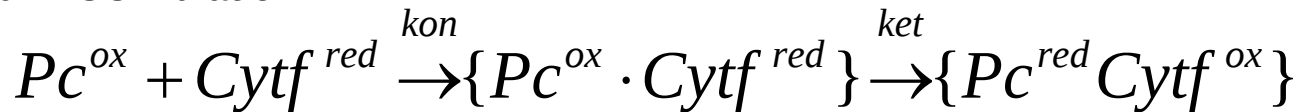
The model scheme: thylakoid membranes and luminal space



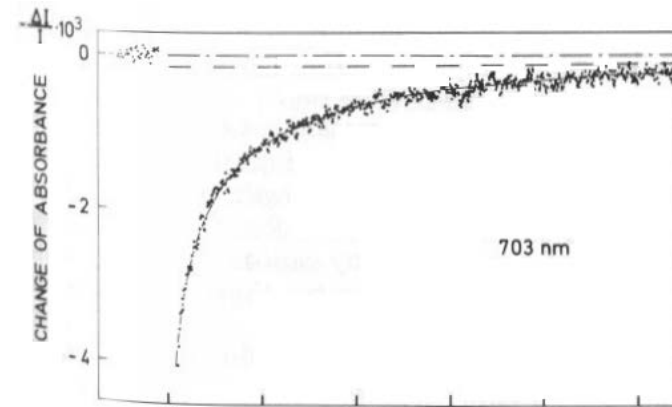
Cytochrome f oxidation and reduction of Photosystem I after the shot light pulse



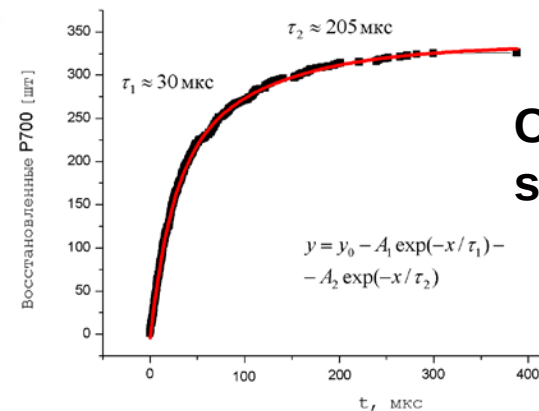
$\tau_1 \sim 101-190$ mks, $\tau_2 \sim 635-1240$ mks,
Lag-period 30-50 mks (Haehnel 1980)
 $\tau_1 \sim 241$ mks, $\tau_2 \sim 1030$ mks Lag-period
25-30 mks simulation



Kovalenko, Knyazeva et al. 2014



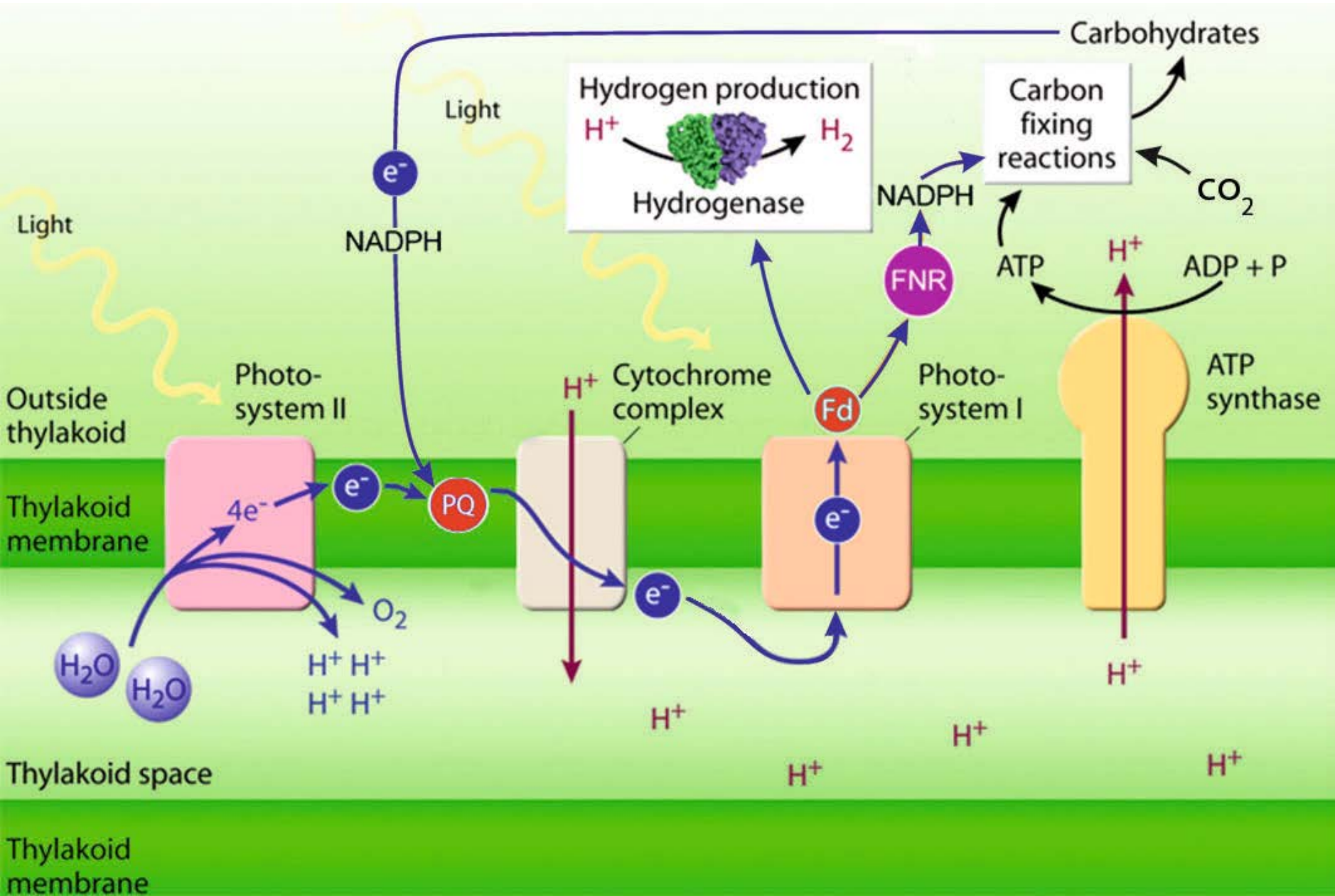
experiment



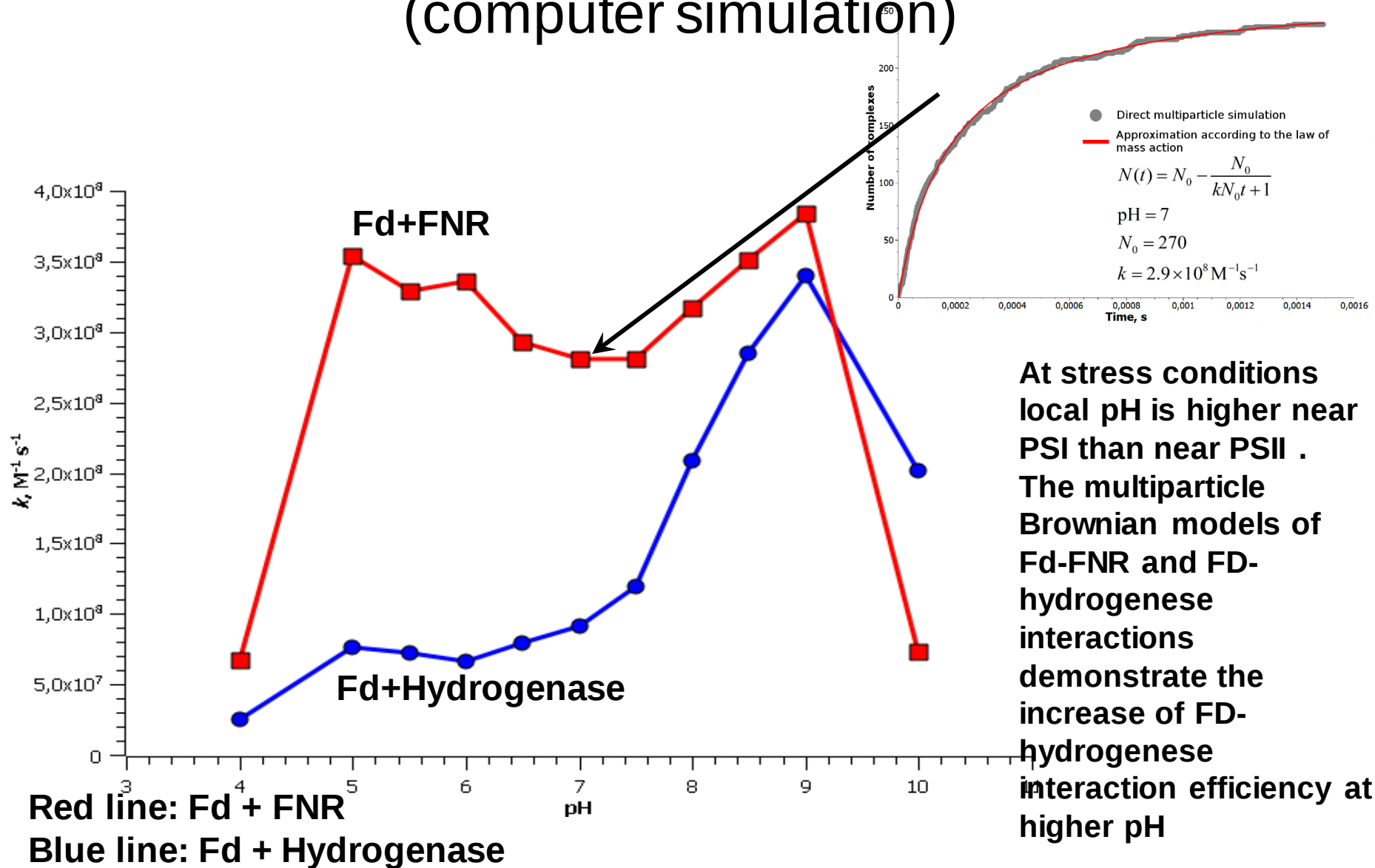
Corresponding
simulation

$\tau_1 \sim 25-33$ μ s, $\tau_2 \sim 202-332$ μ s (Haehnel)
 $\tau_1 \sim 30$ μ s, $\tau_2 \sim 410$ μ s
computer experiment

Photosynthetic electron transport chain



Rate constant dependence on pH for ferredoxin-FNR and ferredoxin-hydrogenase interactions (computer simulation)



FNR

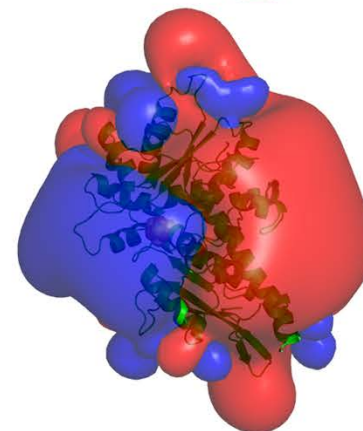
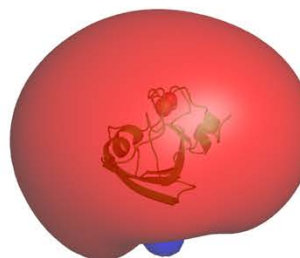
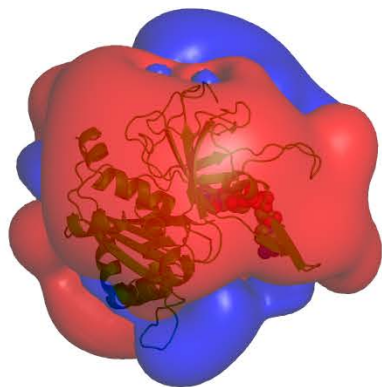
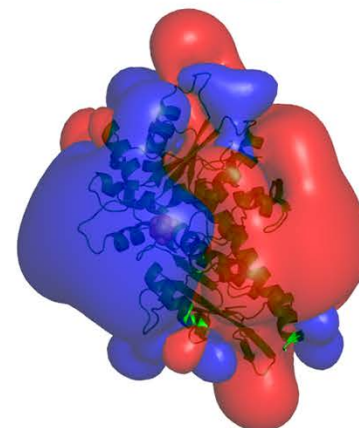
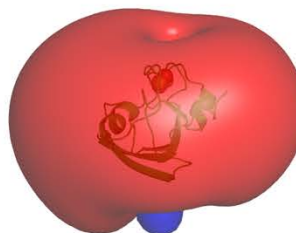
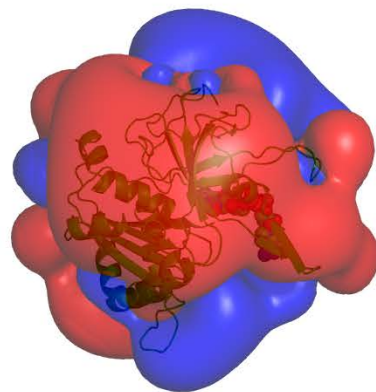
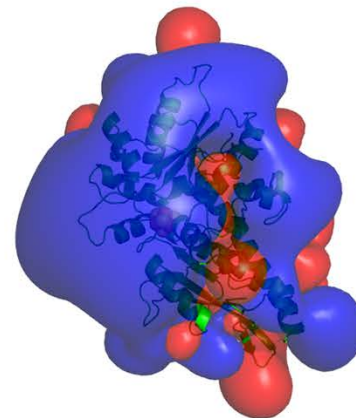
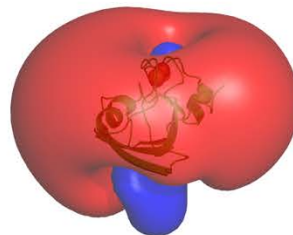
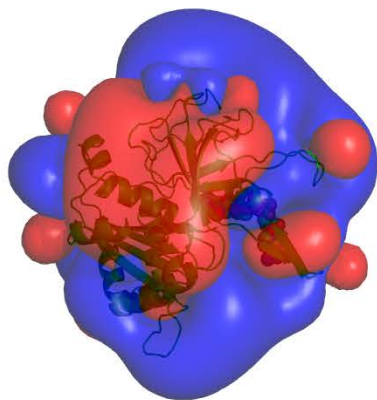
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Hydrogenase

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pH = 7

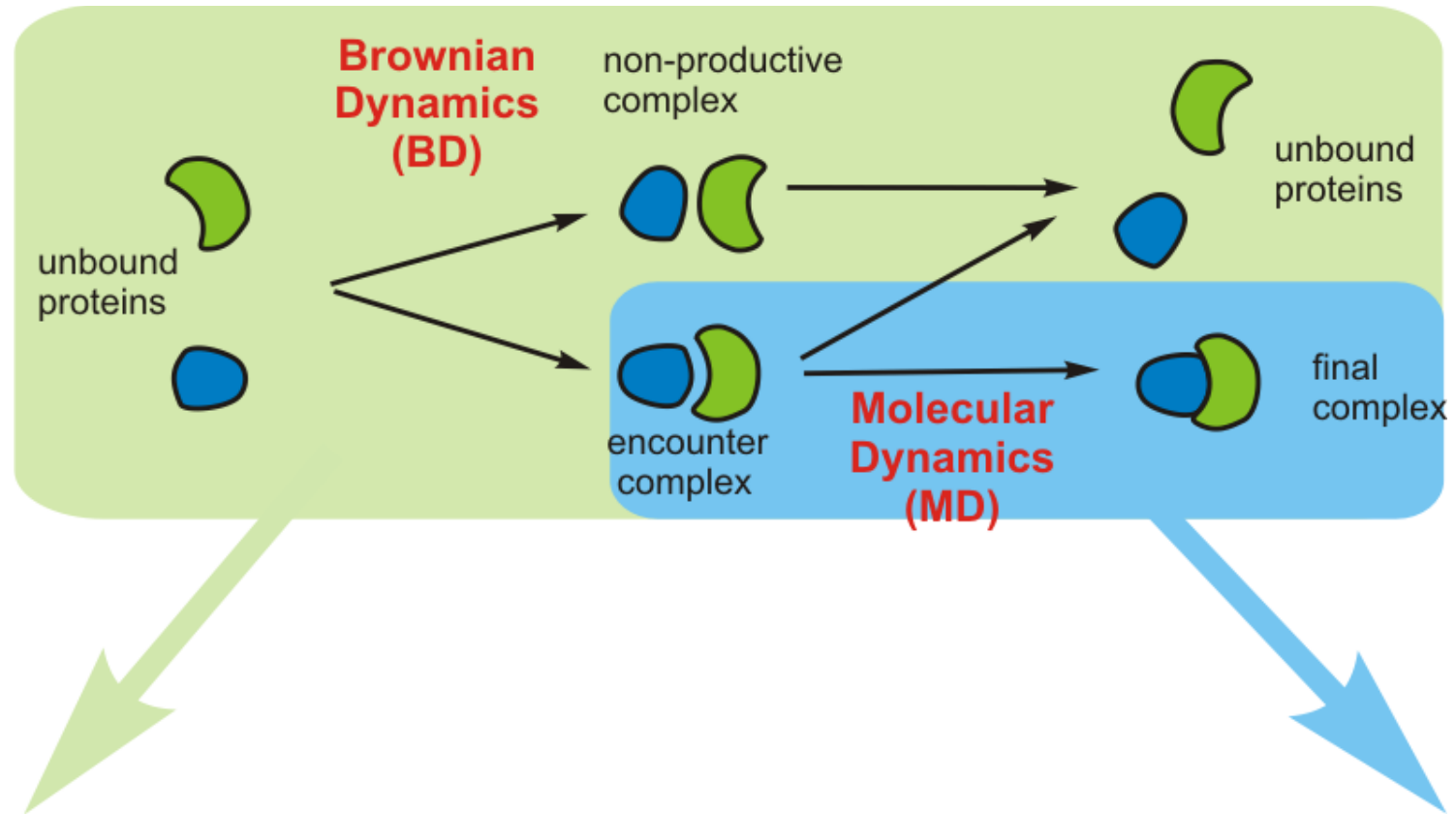
pH = 9



Multiparticle modeling

- Simulation of the processes by means of multiparticle 3D computer models helps to understand how "elementary" physical interactions (Brownian force, electrostatic interaction) between the components provide a "biologically meaningful" result (directed flow of electrons, "switching" the electron flows)

Protein-protein complex formation

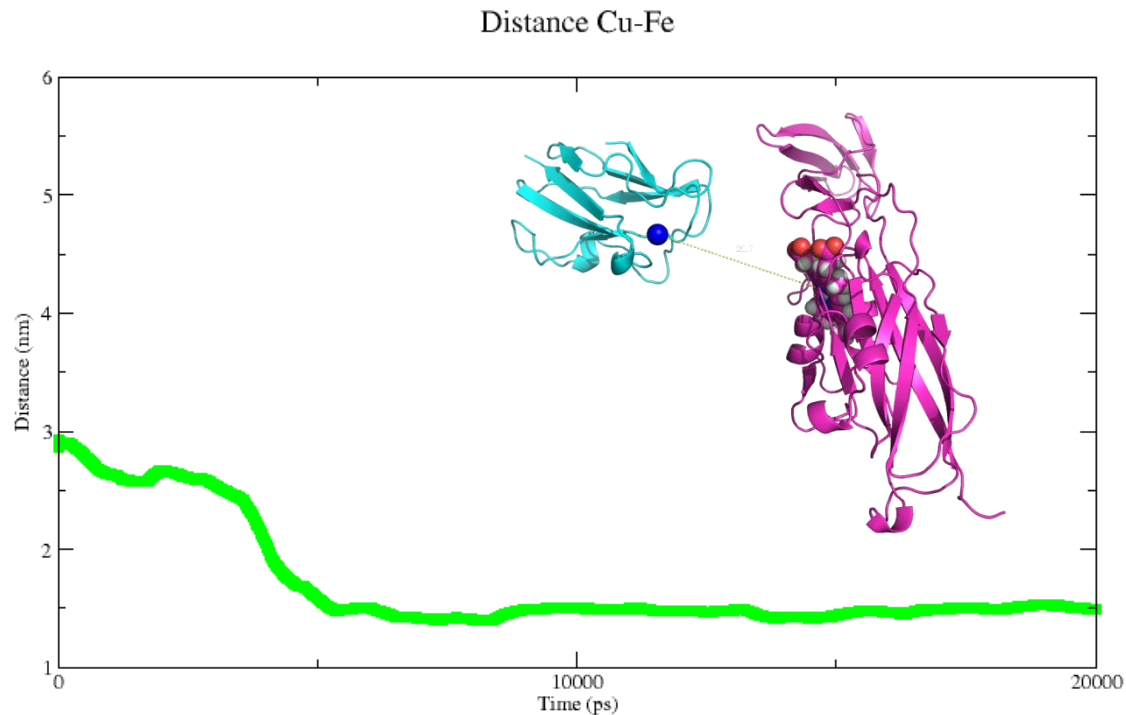


**Encounter complex
simulation by
Brownian Dynamics**

**Final complex simulation by
Molecular Dynamics**

Protein-protein complex formation

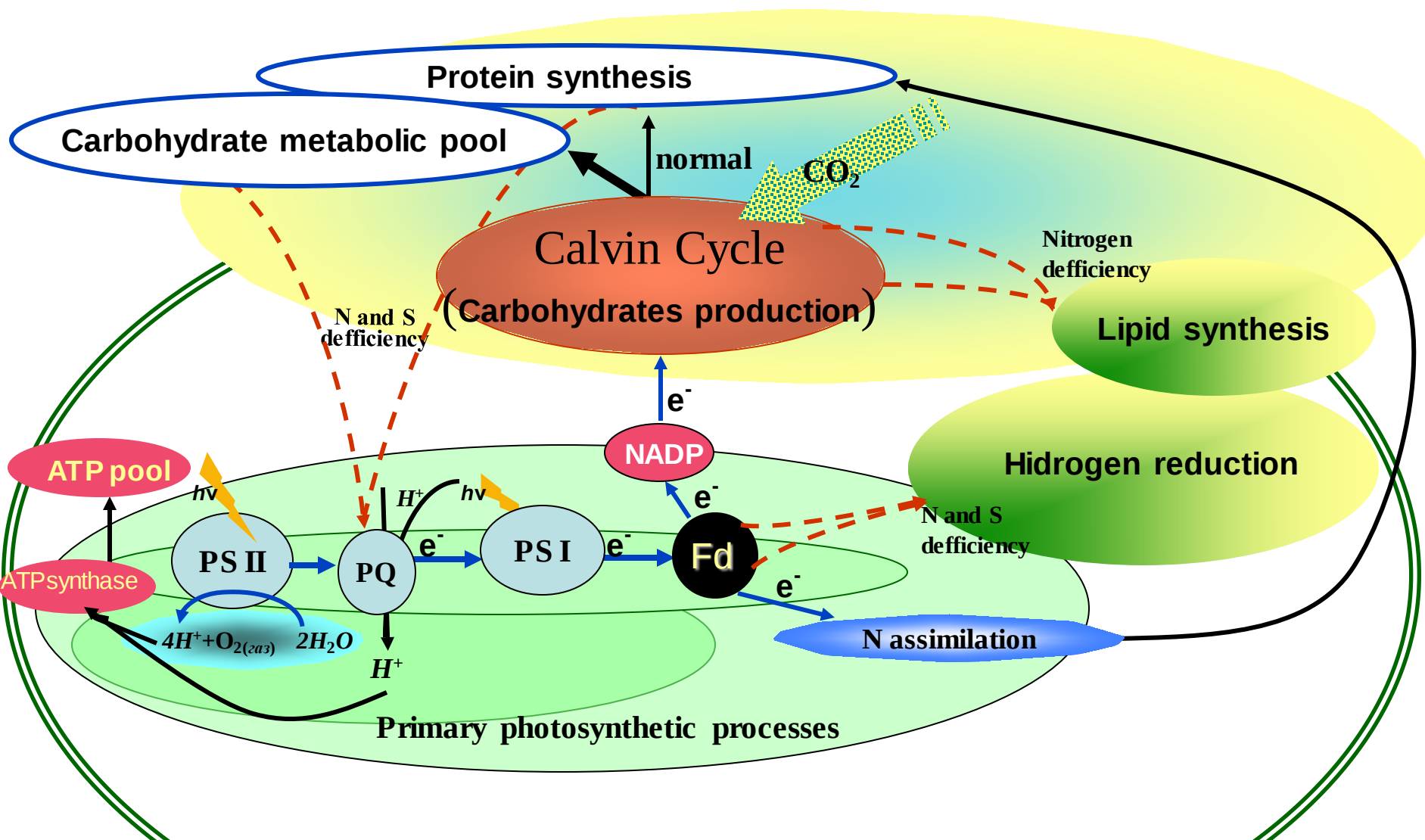
Plastocyanin and cytochrome f



Distance (nm) between Cu on
plastocyanin and Fe on cytochrome f vs
time (ps)



Supercomputer «Lomonosov» Moscow State University



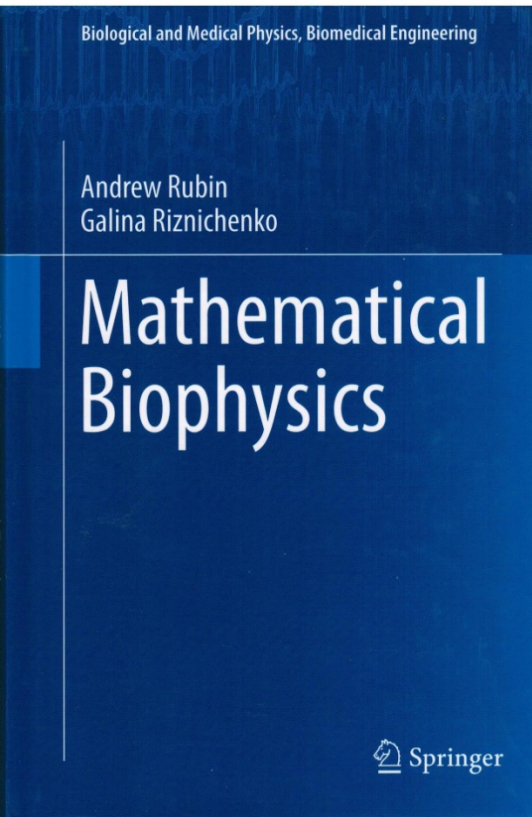
General Scheme of photosynthesis and connected processes

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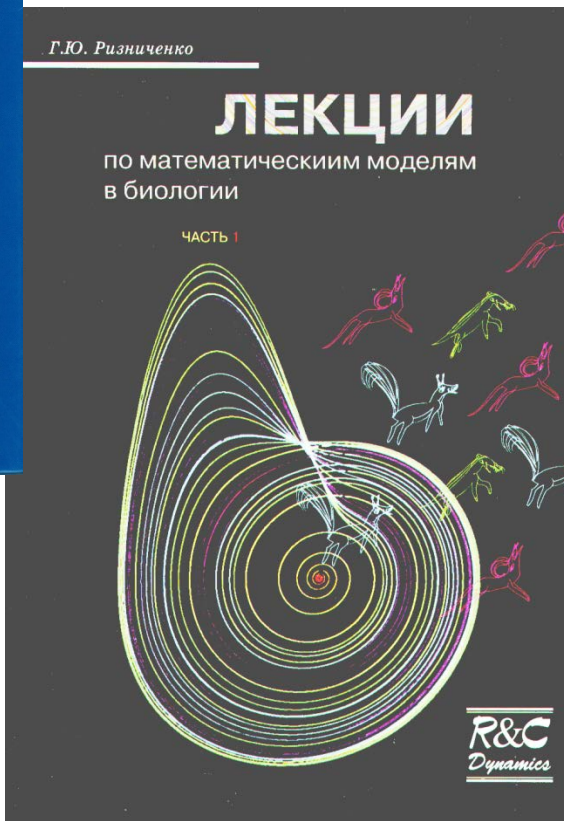
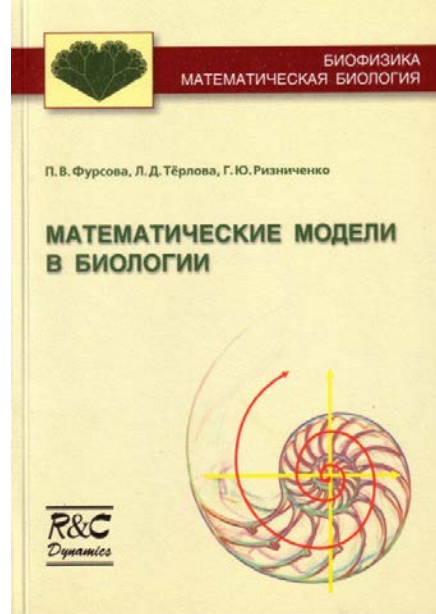


Textbooks

RCD 2011



Springer 2014





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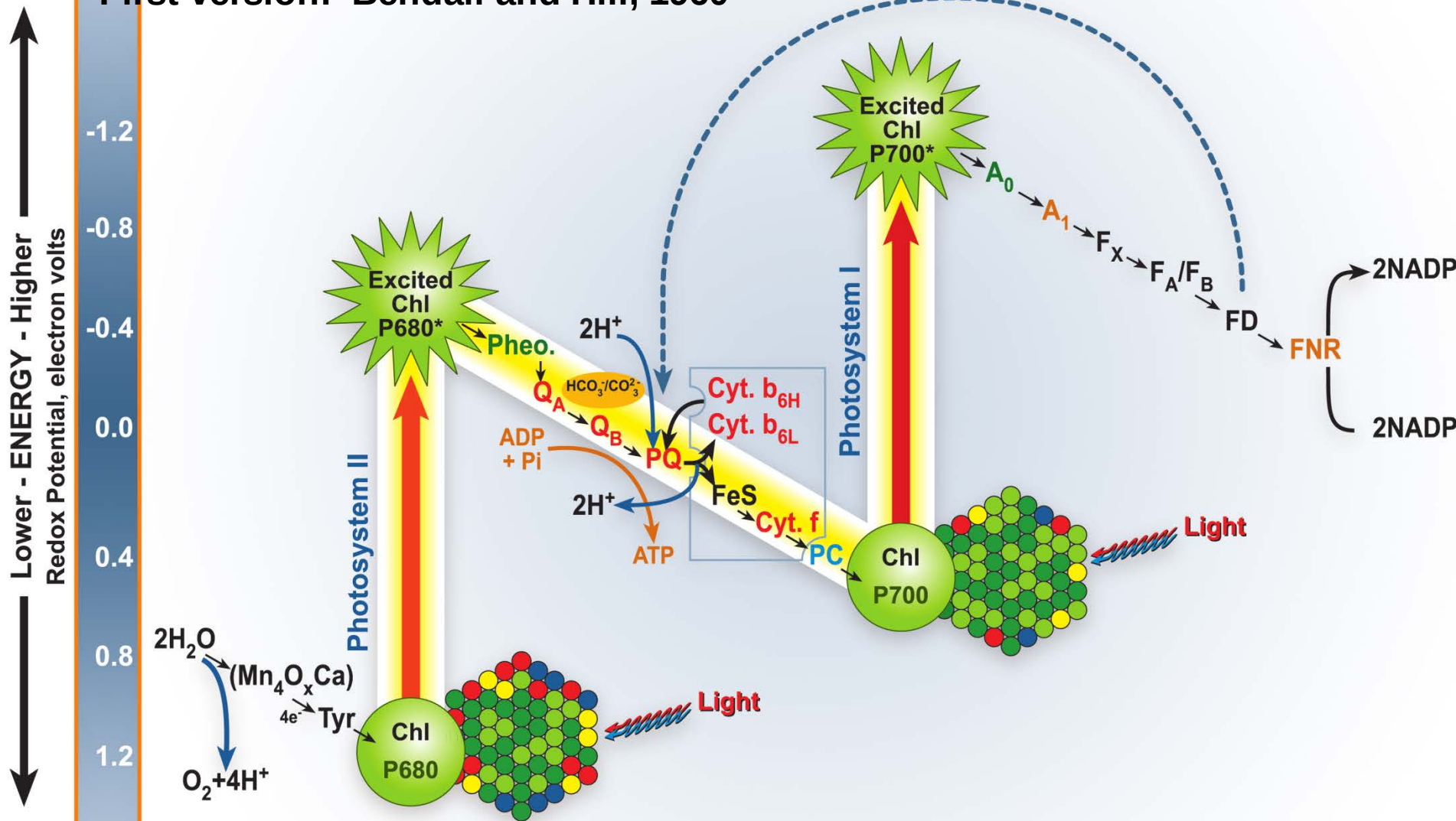
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Z-Scheme of Electron Transport in Photosynthesis

First version: Bendall and Hill, 1960

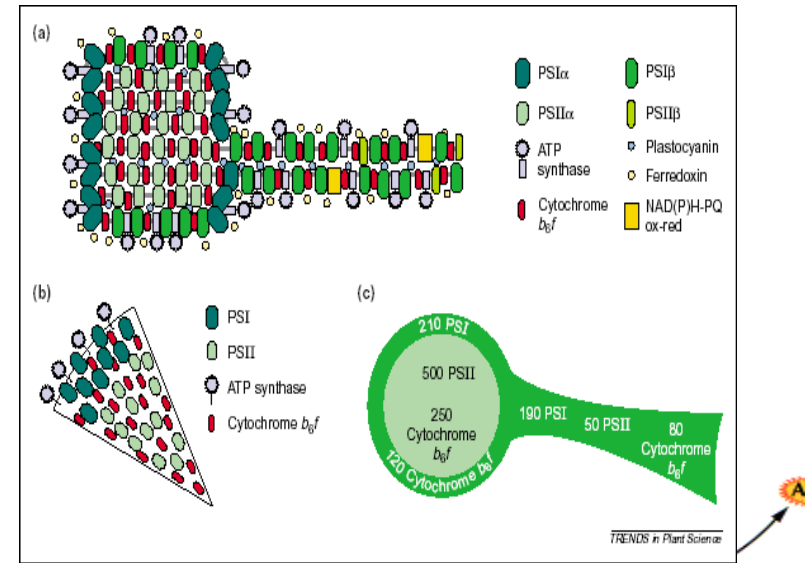
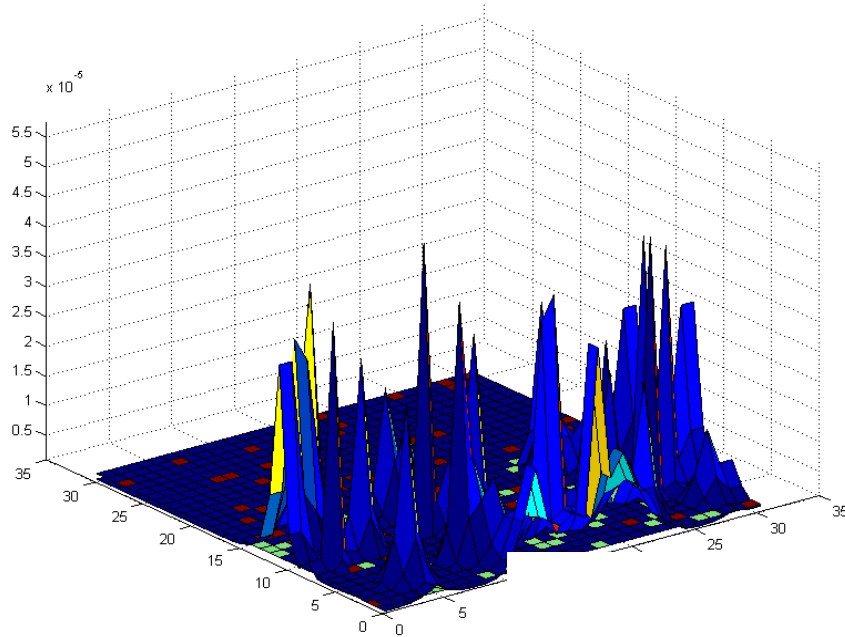


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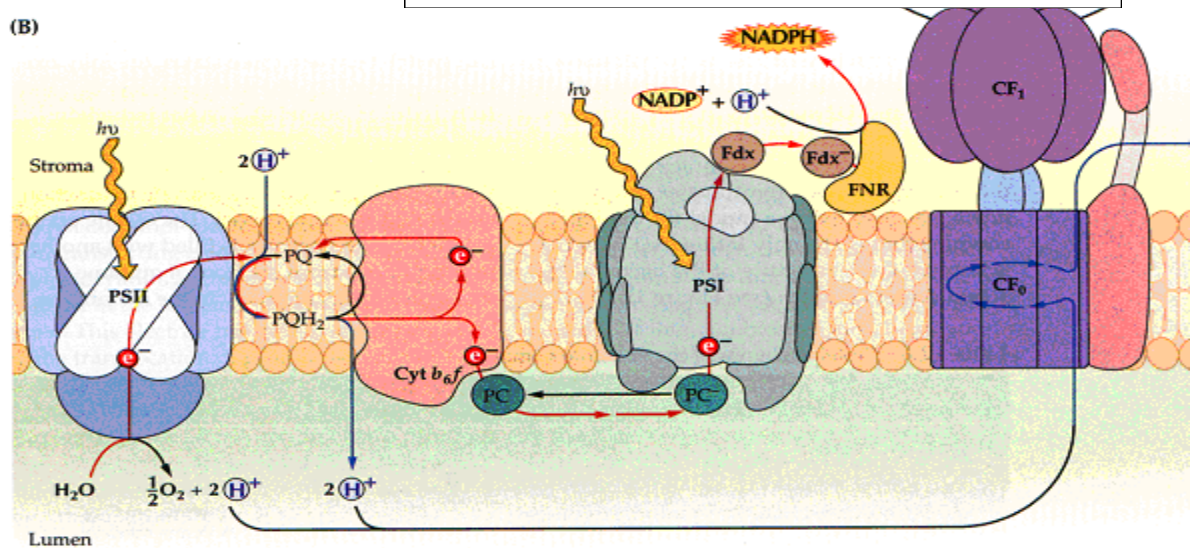
Govindjee & Wilbert Veit (2010)

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Proton concentration profile in the plane of the lumen (Ustinin et al., 2013)



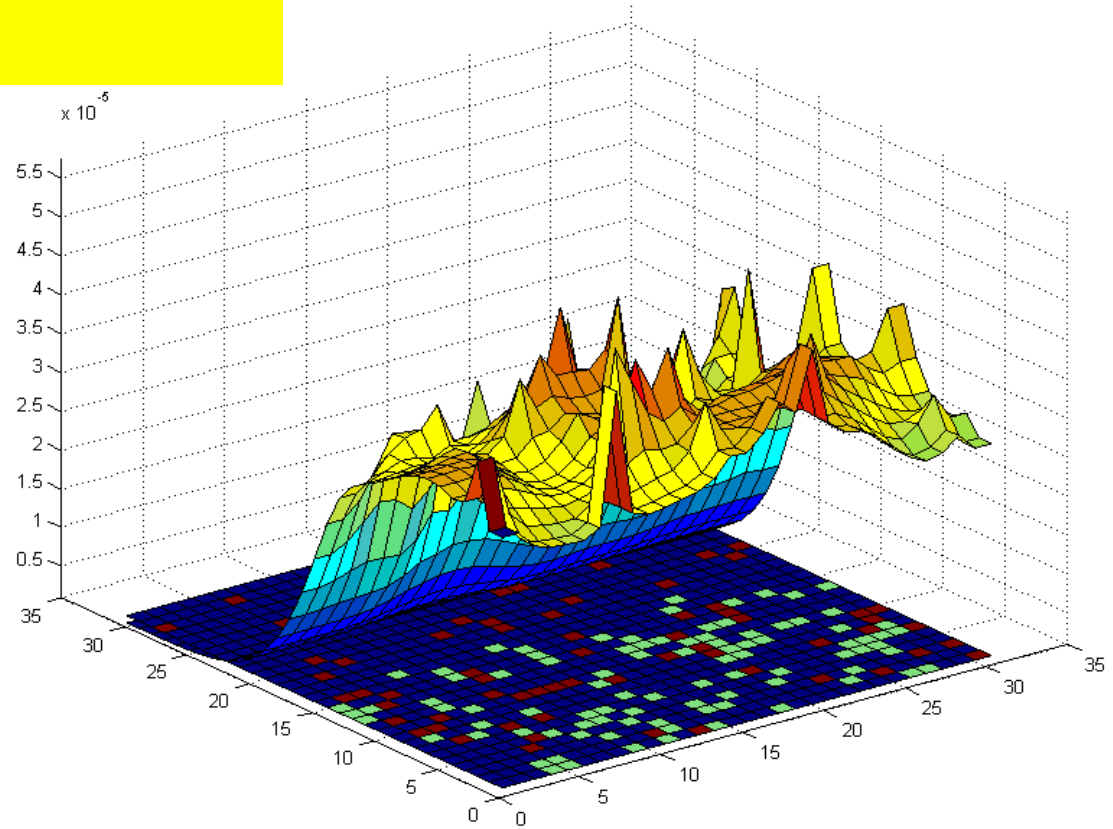
(B)



$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = D_H \nabla^2 H - k_1 H (B_0 - c) + k_2 c + J$$
$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = k_1 H (B_0 - c) - k_2 c$$

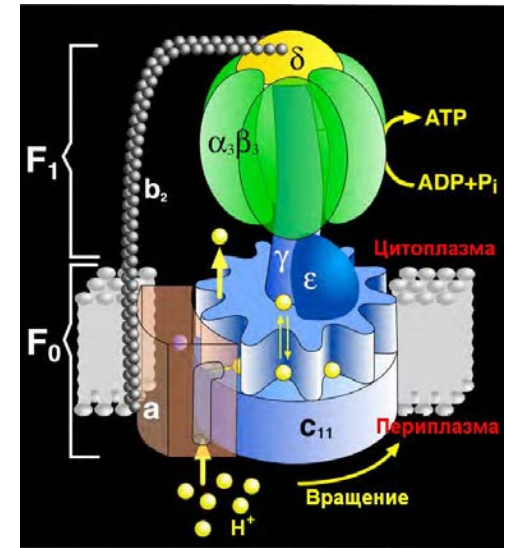
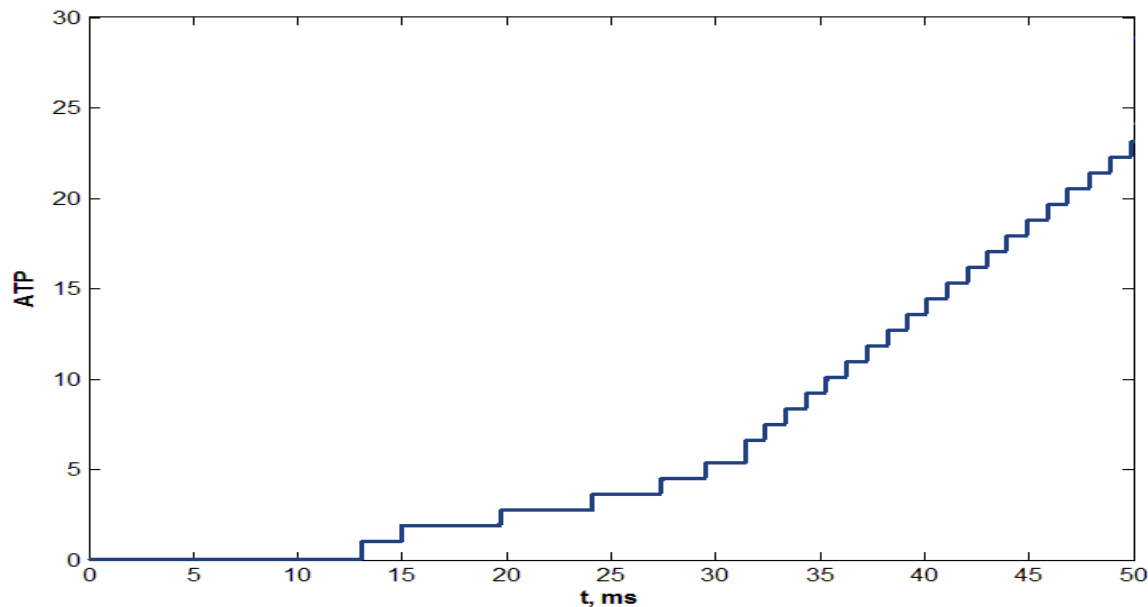
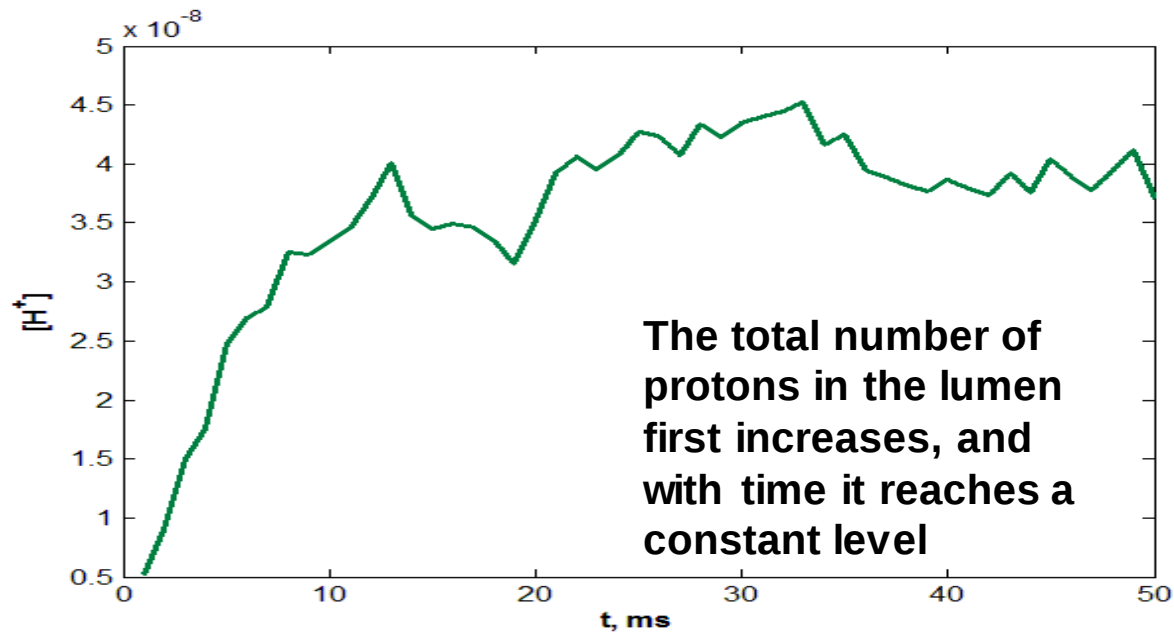
H – proton
concentration

C – concentration of
buffer groups



**Proton concentration profile in the plane of the membrane lumen
25 ms after the beginning of illumination**

Proton concentration in lumen and ATP formation



As soon as pH in the stroma reaches the definite level, ATP synthase begins to produce ATP. First, the synthesis rate is limited with the number of available protons, and then - with the time of rotations of ATP subunits