



# Critical role of oxygen photoreduction downstream of photosystem I : *photoprotection, energetic adjustment and ROS production in Symbiodinium*

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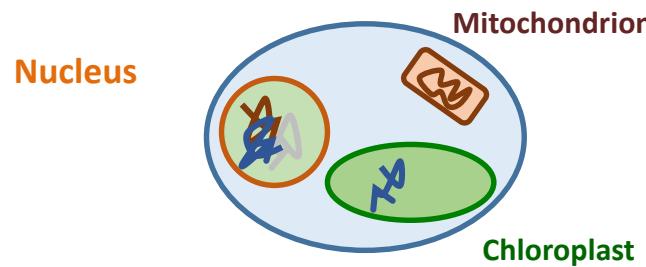
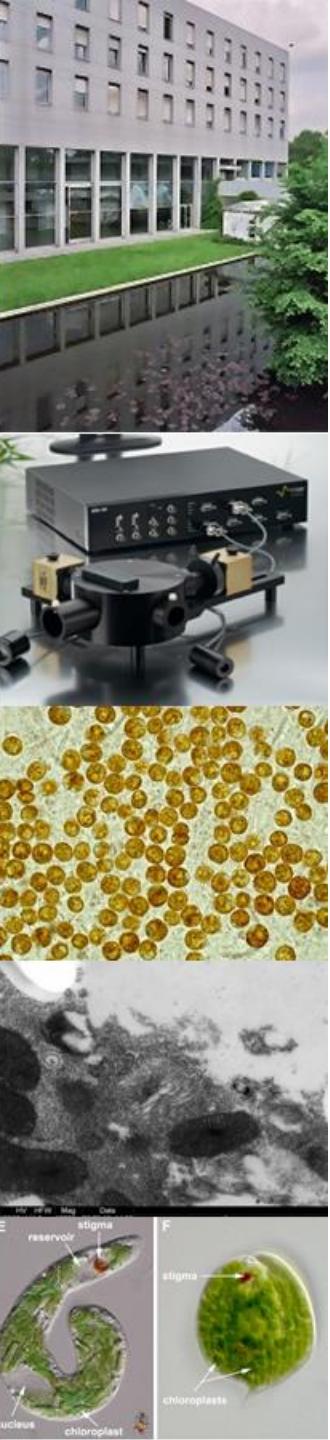
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# Bioenergetics in microalgae

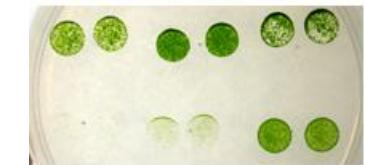


## Mitochondrial respiration



Versus

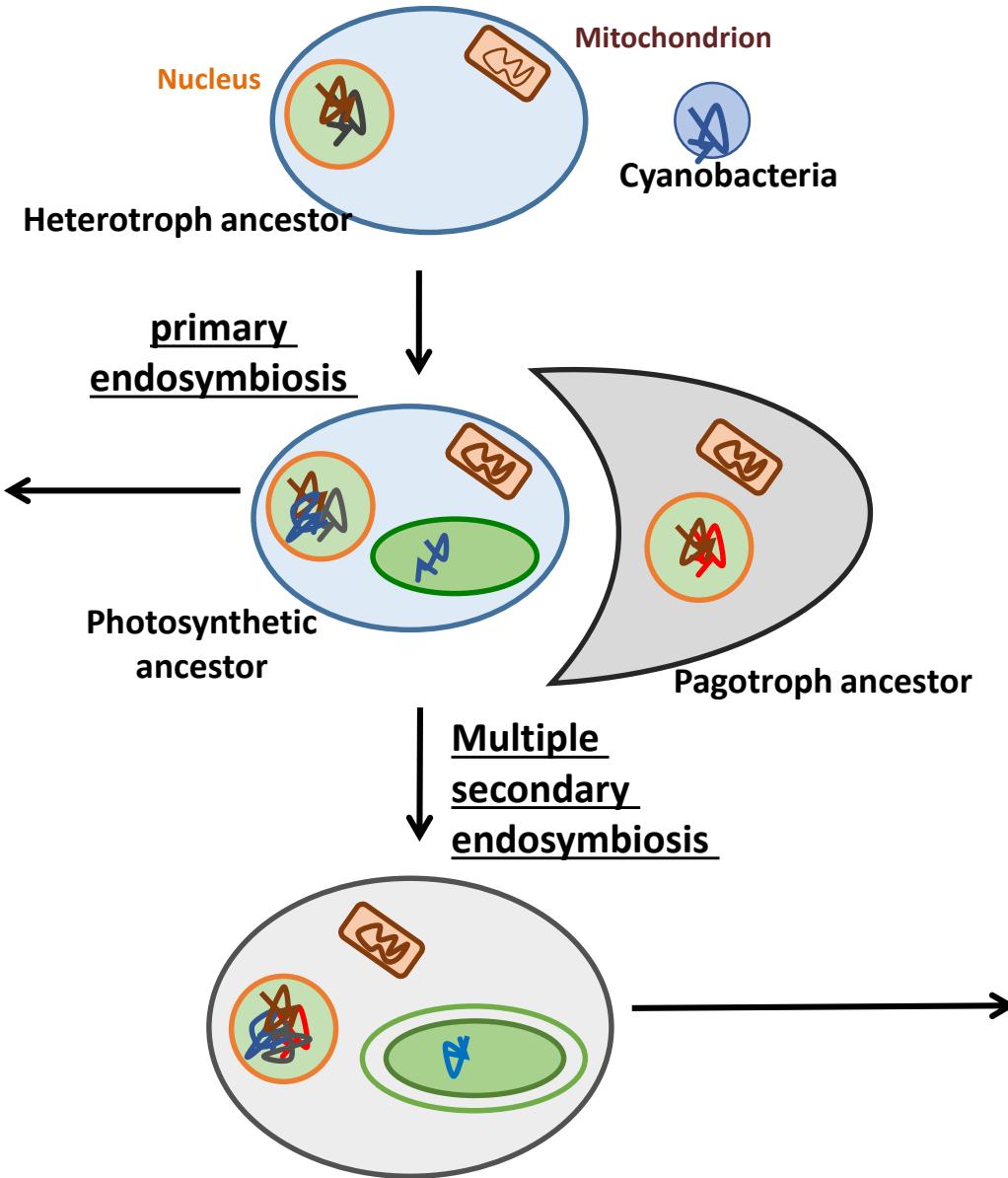
## Chloroplastic photosynthesis



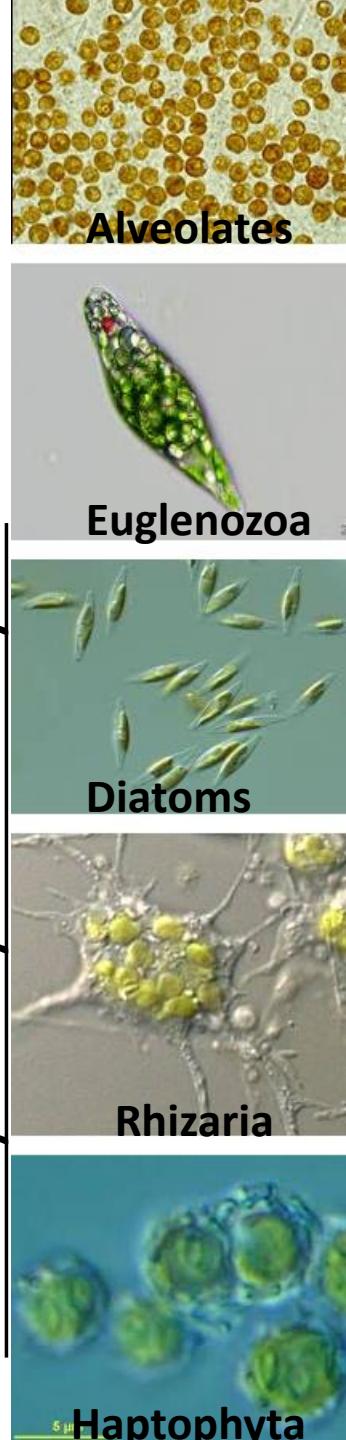
# Diversity of photosynthetic microalgae



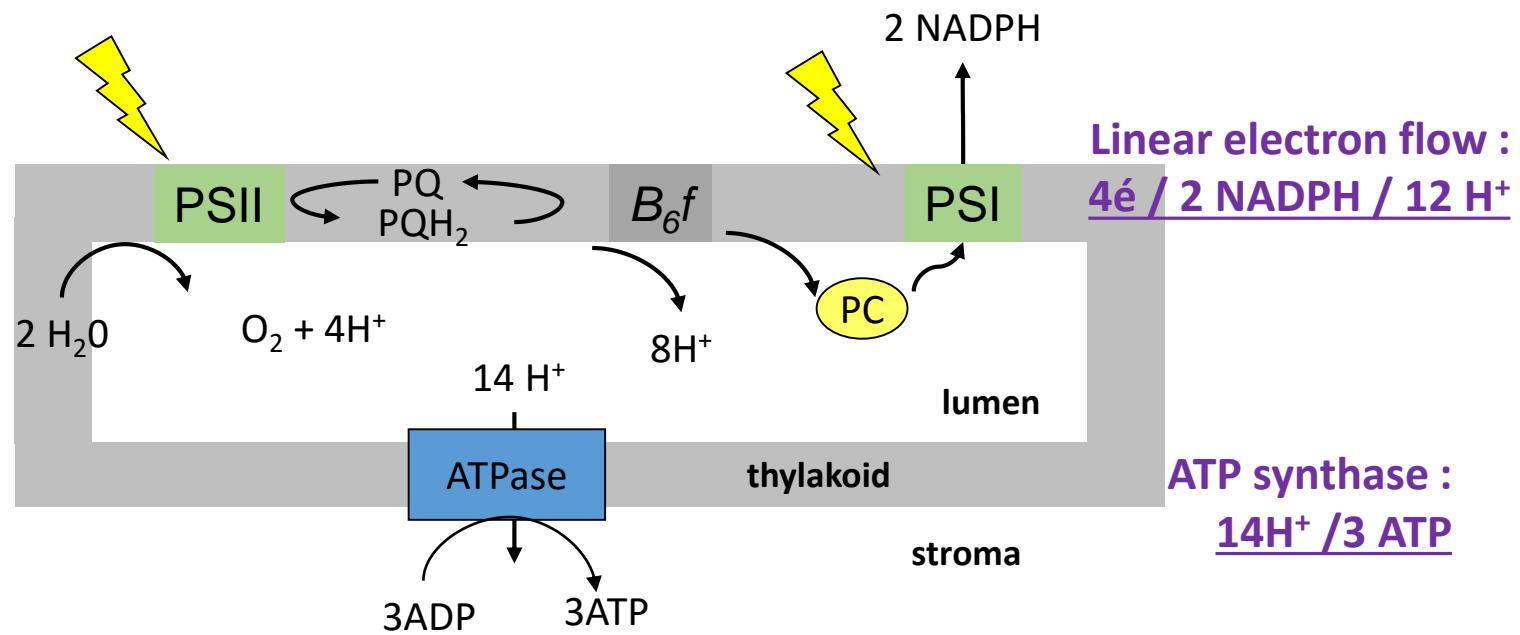
## Primary Photosynthetic eukaryotes



## Secondary Photosynthetic eukaryotes



# Adjustment of photoproduced NADPH/ATP



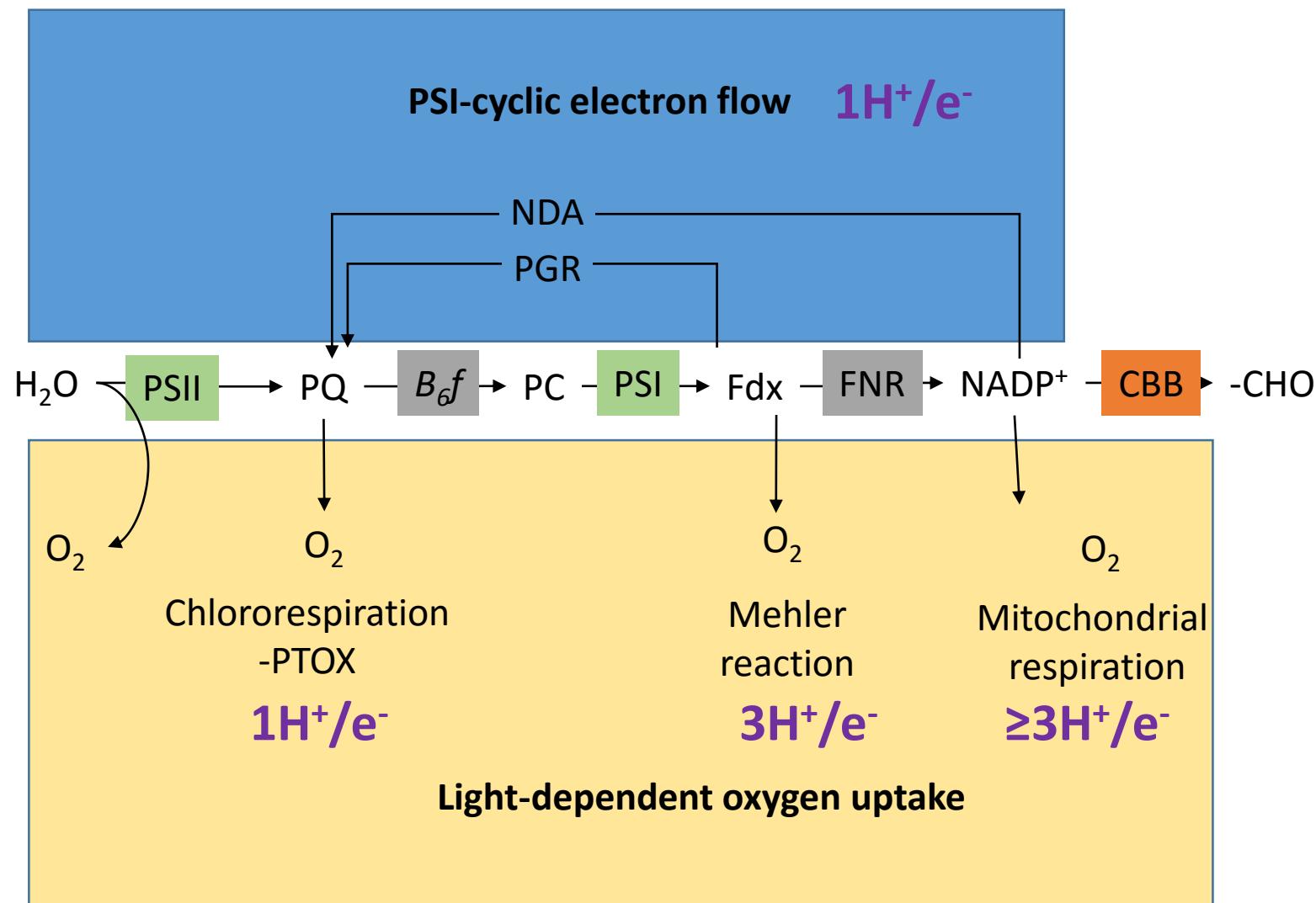
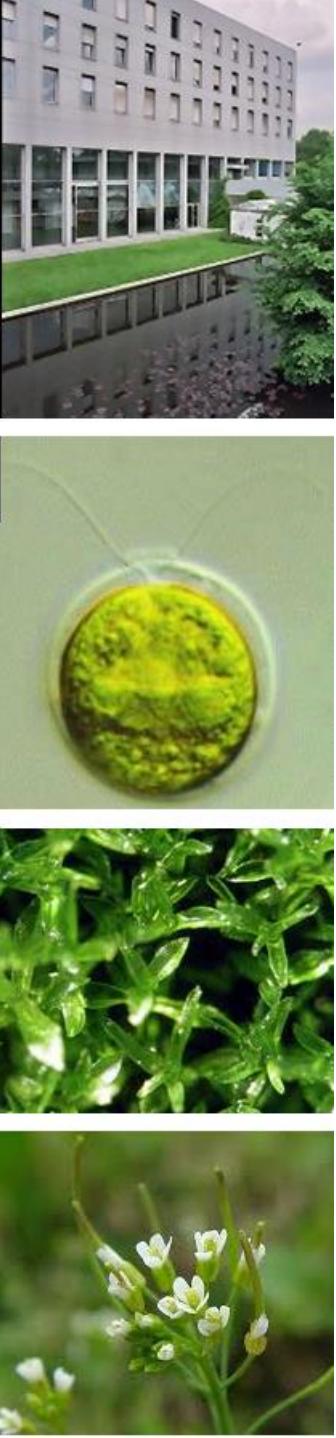
Electron transport chain : 2 NADPH / 2.6 ATP

CO<sub>2</sub> fixation (CBB cycle) : 2 NADPH / 3 ATP

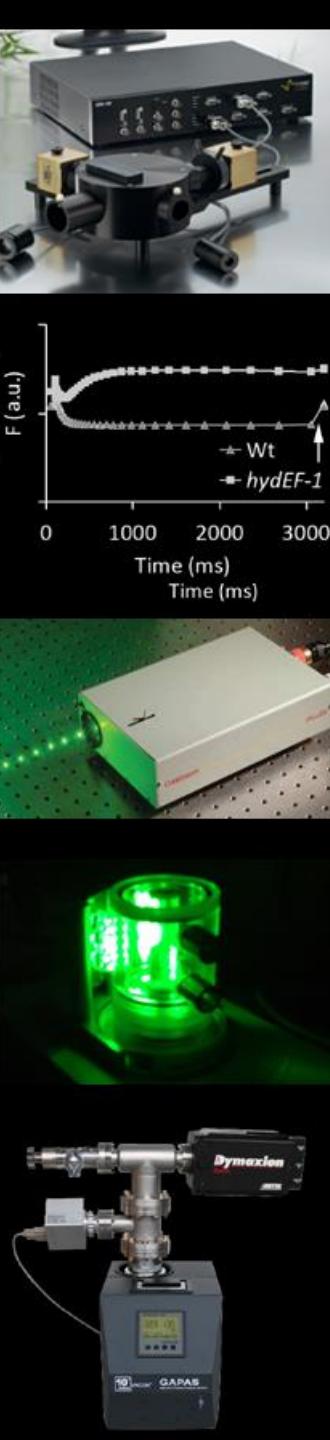
→ Regulatory mechanisms

- to consume NADPH in excess
- to produce extra ATP

# Alternative electron flows

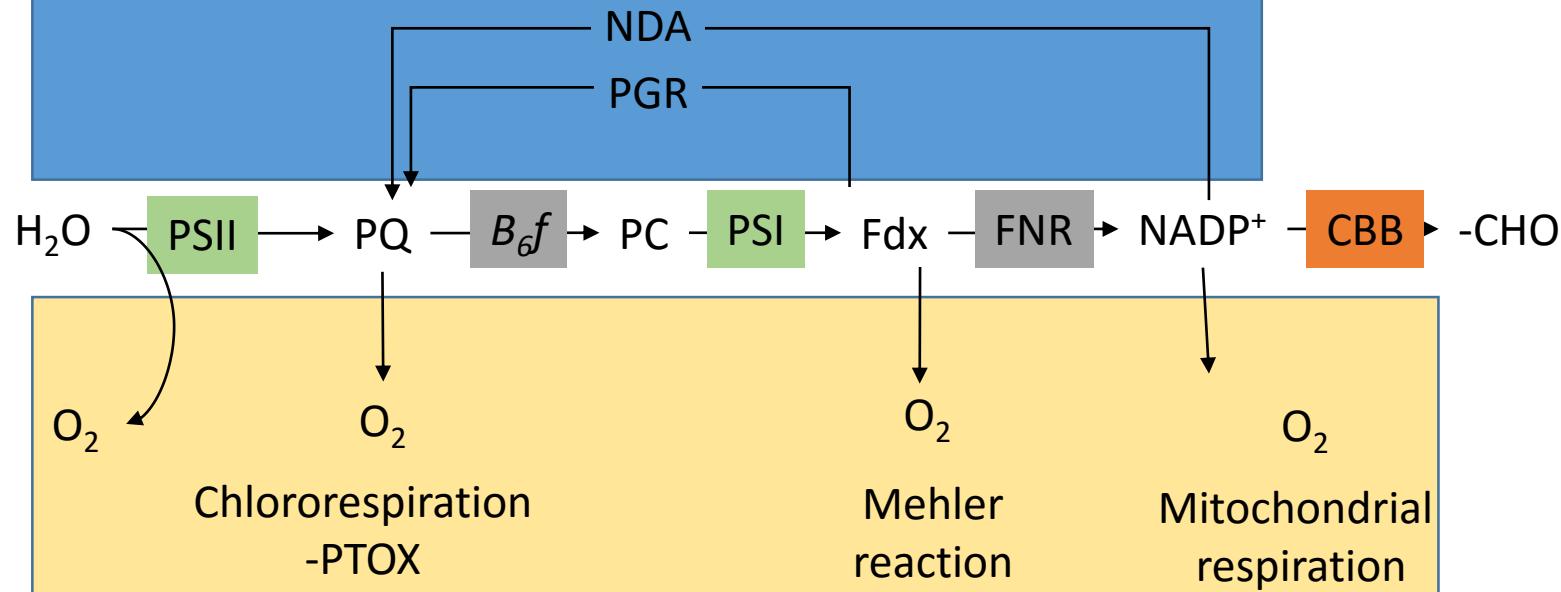


# Alternative electron flows : Biophysical tools



## PSI-cyclic electron flow : comparison of PSI and PSII rates

$$ETR_{PS} = \Psi_{PS} \cdot I \cdot \sigma_{PS} \cdot n_{PS}$$



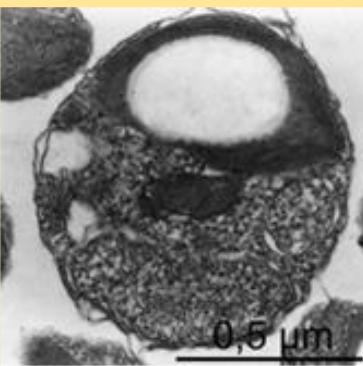
## Light-dependent oxygen uptake ( $O_{UL}$ ) : comparison of PSII and $O_2$ exchange rate

$$ETR_{PSII} = O_2 \text{ (gross)}$$

$$VO_2 = O_2 \text{ (gross)} - O_{UL}$$



# Diversity of photosynthetic regulations



**Ostreococcus sp.**  
(Prasinophyte,  
Archaeplastida)  
(Cardol et al., 2008, PNAS)

Chlororespiration  
-PTOX



PSII

PQ

B<sub>6</sub>f

PC

PSI

Fdx

FNR

NADP<sup>+</sup>

CBB

-CHO



O<sub>2</sub>

Mehler  
reaction

O<sub>2</sub>

Mitochondrial  
respiration



**Phaeodactylum  
tricornutum**  
(diatom, stramenopile)  
(Bailleul et al, 2015, Nature)

PSI-cyclic electron flow

***Chlamydomonas reinhardtii***

(Chlorophyte, Archaeplastida)

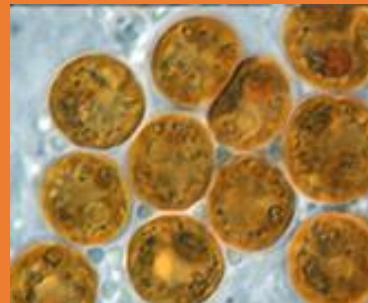
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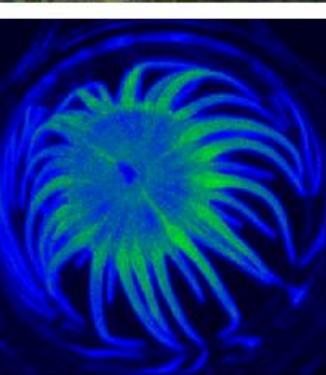
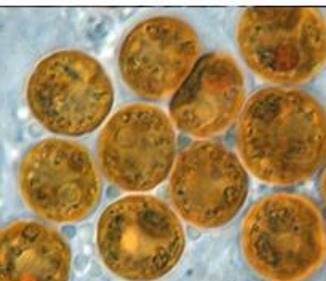


***Symbiodinium (Alveolata)***  
Light-dependent O<sub>2</sub> uptake ( $U_{OL}$ )  
capacity up to 45% of ETR<sub>PSII</sub>

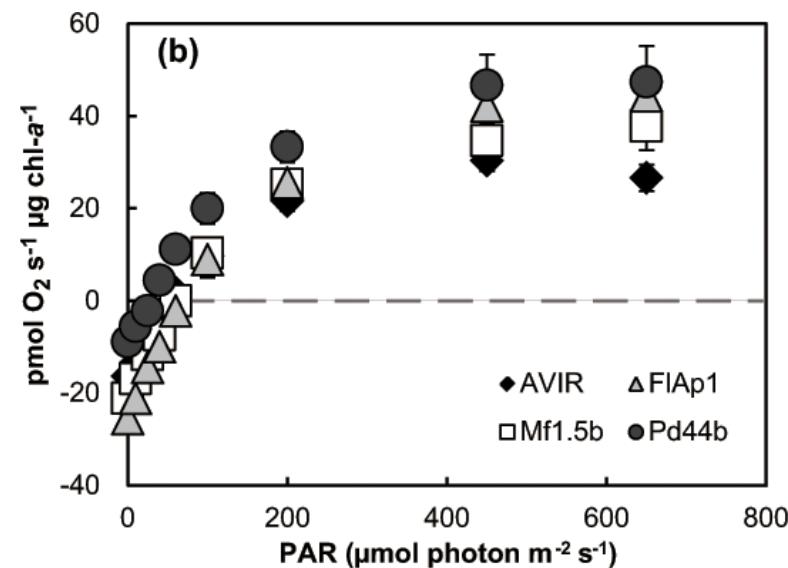
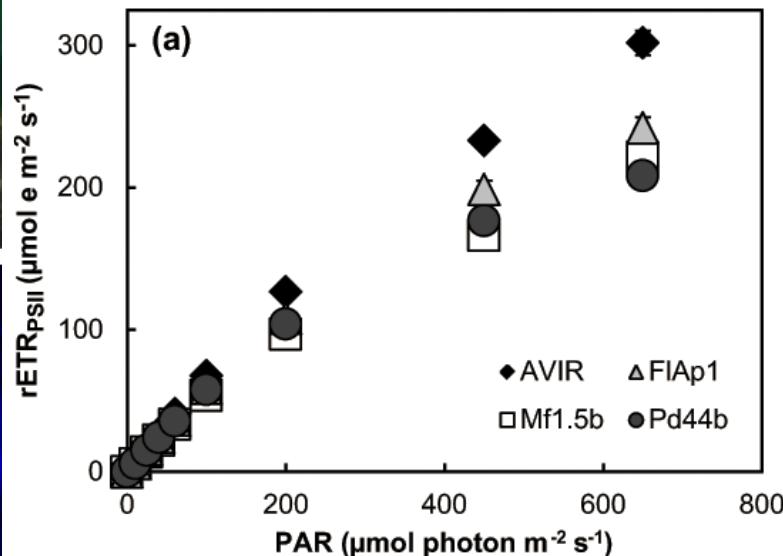
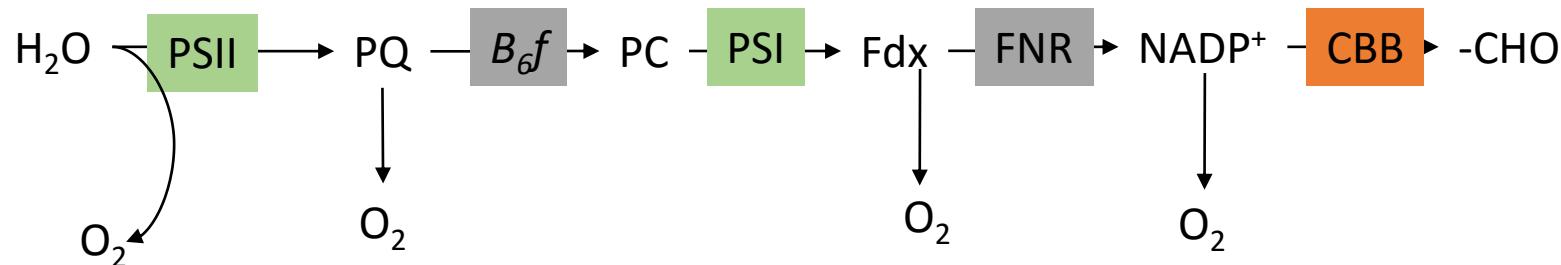


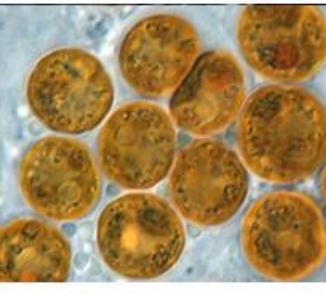
(Jones et al., 1998;  
Leggat et al., 1999;  
Badger et al., 2000).

# Light-oxygen uptake in Symbiodinium (*Roberty et al., 2014, New Phytol.*)



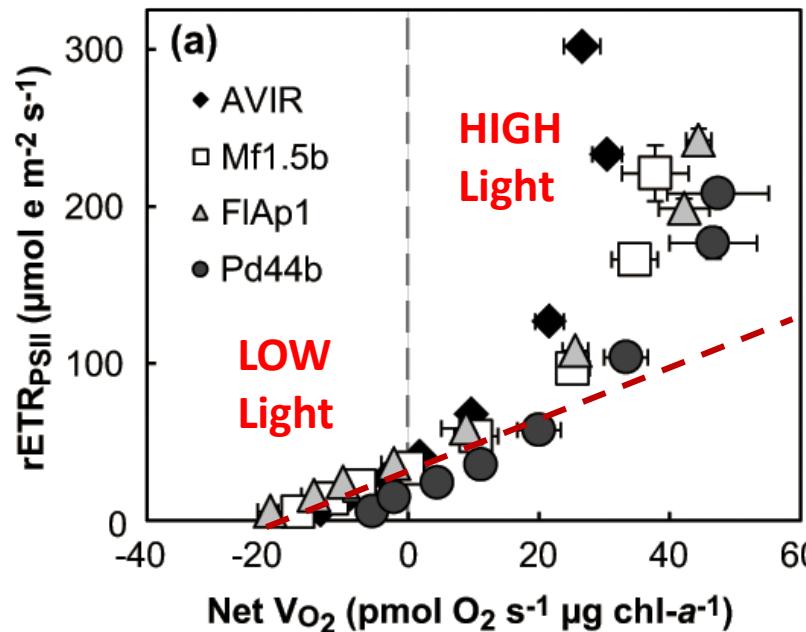
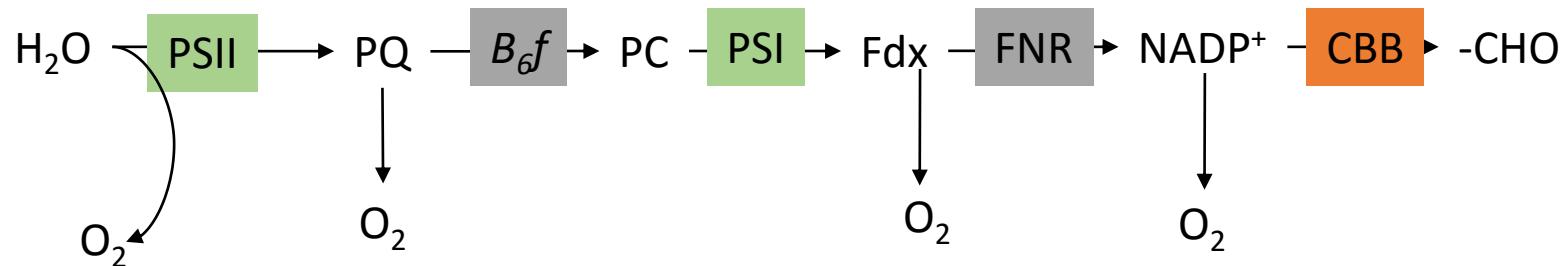
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Avir	<i>Anemonia viridis</i>	Villefranche-sur-Mer	France	Mediterranean Sea	N.D.	A1
FIAp1	<i>Aiptasia pallida</i>	Florida Keys	USA	Caribbean Sea	B184	B1
Mf1.5b	<i>Montastrea faveolata</i>	Florida Keys	USA	Caribbean Sea	B184	B1
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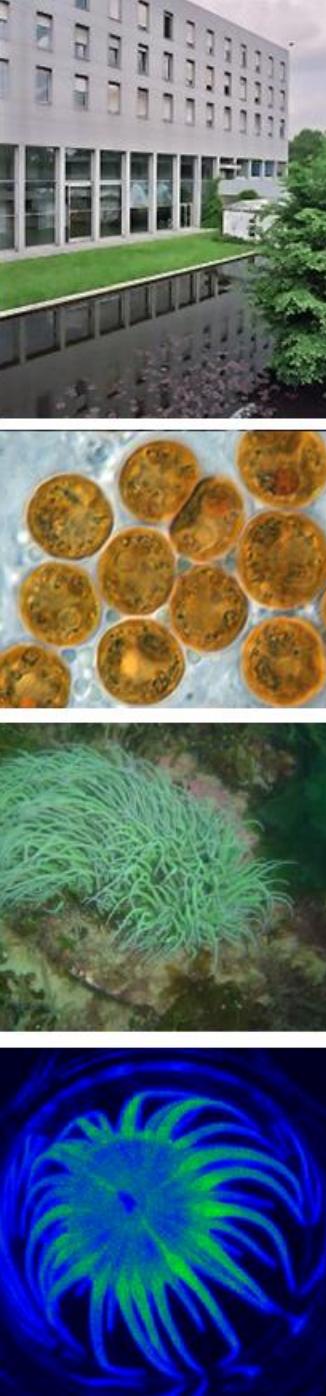




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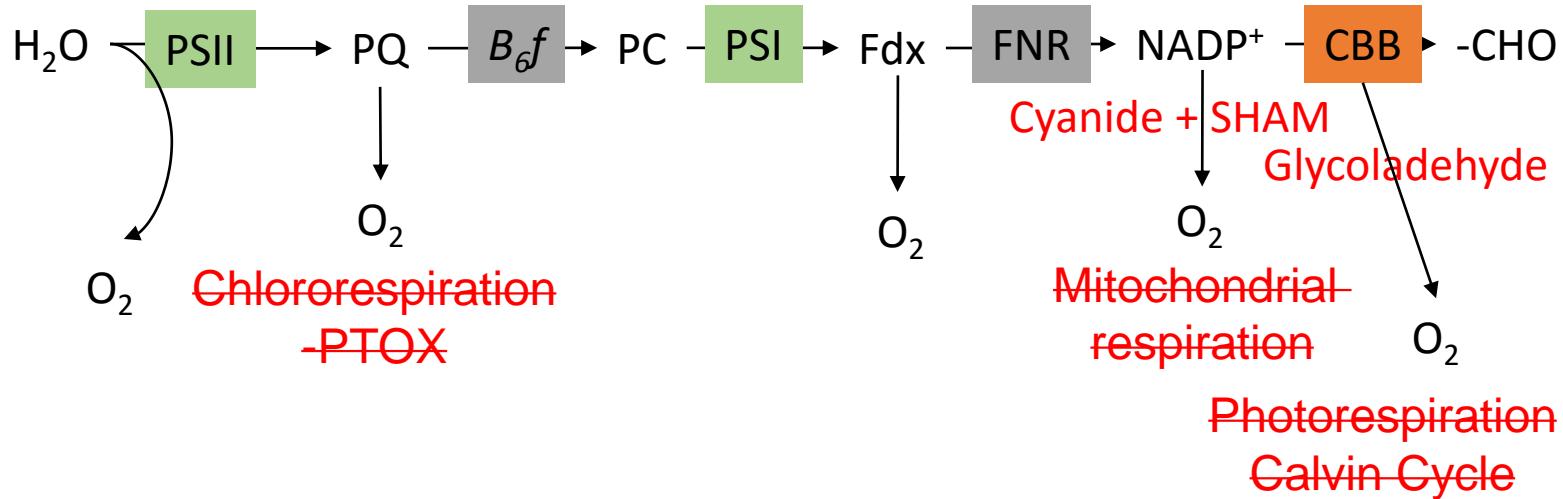
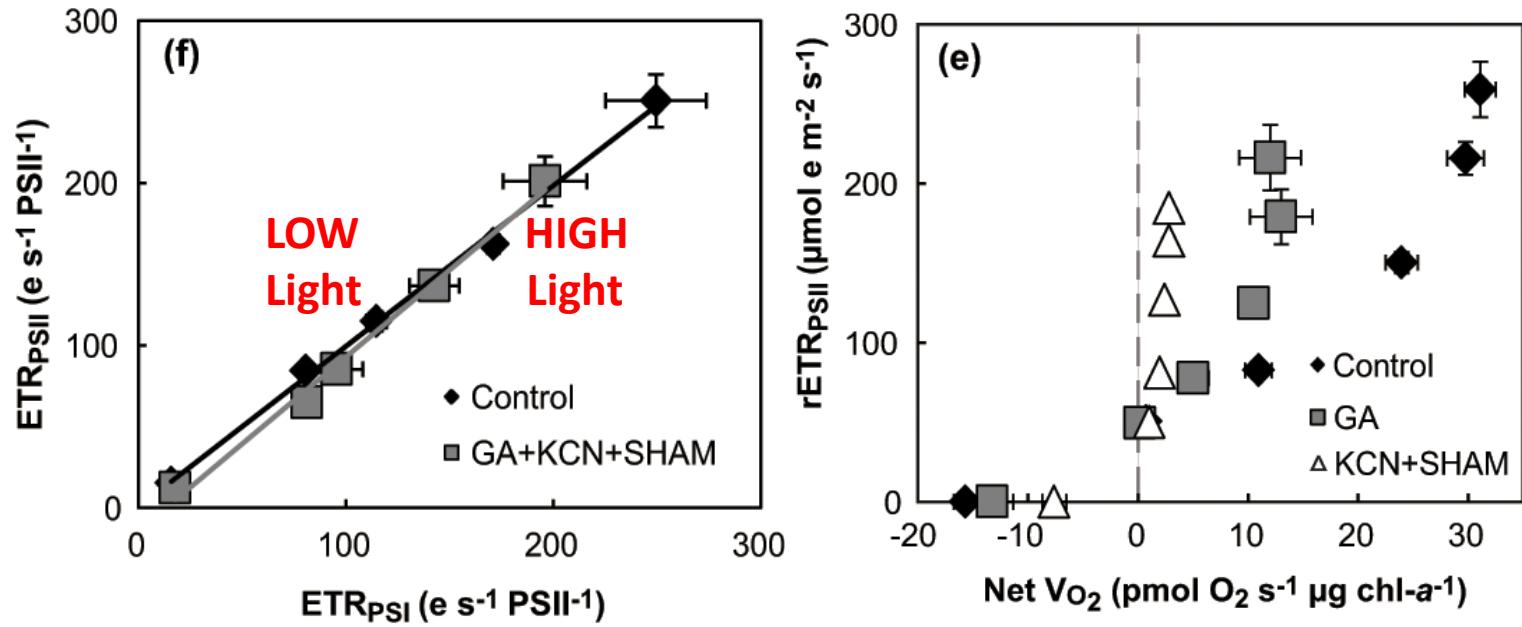
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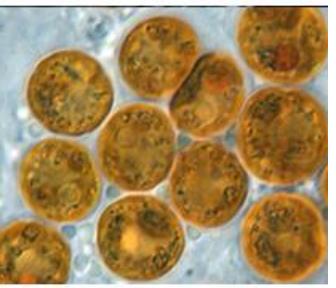
# Relationship between PSII and PSI

(Roberty et al., 2014, New Phytol.)

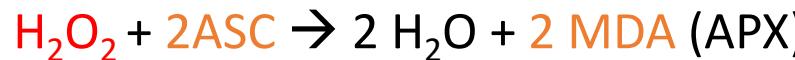




# Roles of Mehler reaction in Symbiodinium



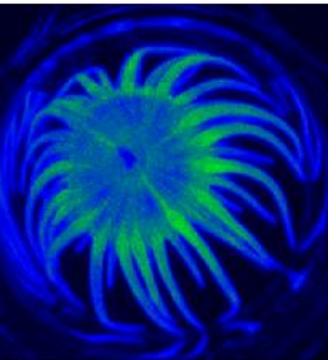
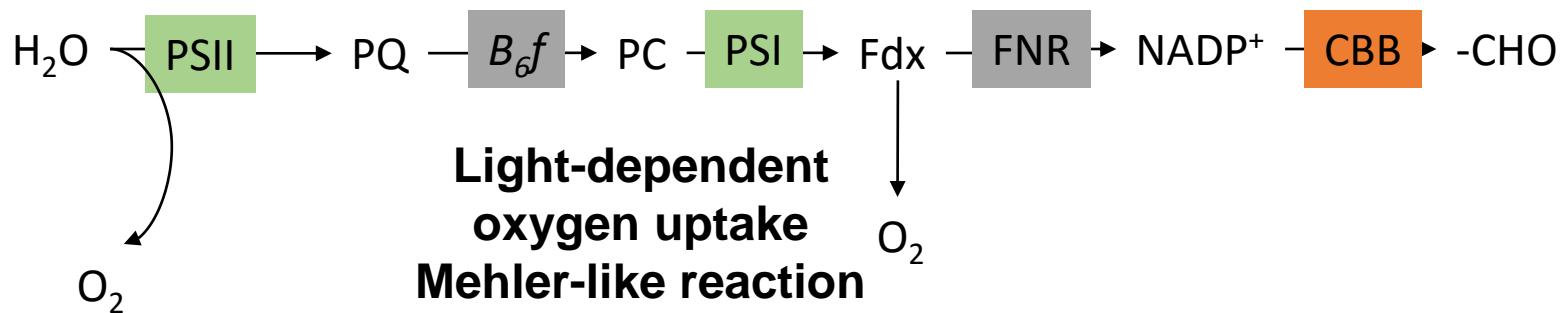
Acts a valve for excess electrons in high light

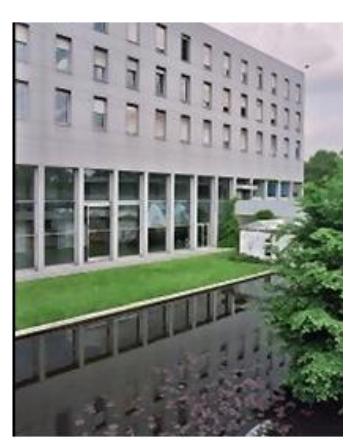


(Mehler, 1951; Asada et al., 1999)



Photoprotective role as long as ROS detoxification occurs

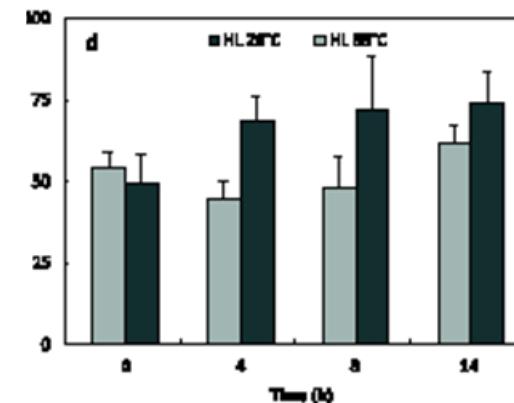




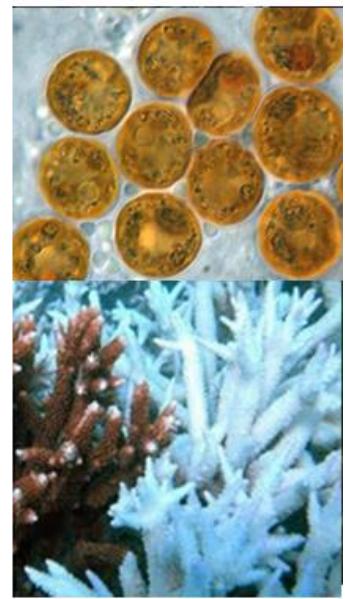
# Mehler and ROS detoxification capacity (26°C vs 33°C in High Light)



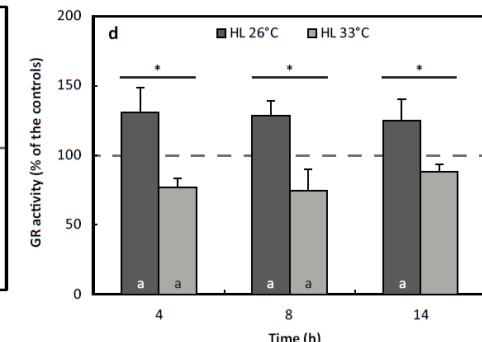
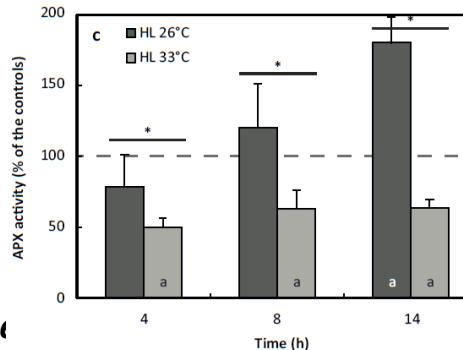
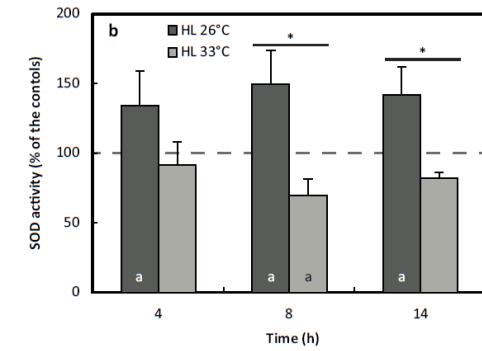
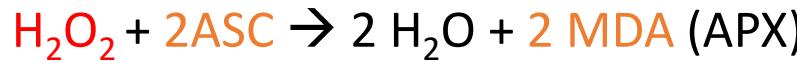
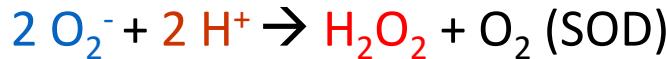
Increase of ETR towards O<sub>2</sub>



Imbalance might participate to coral bleaching under high light and high temperature

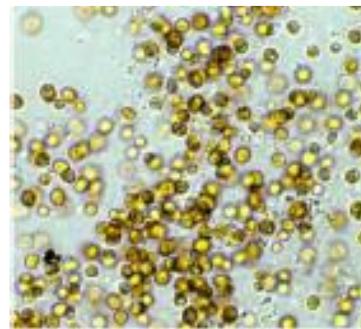
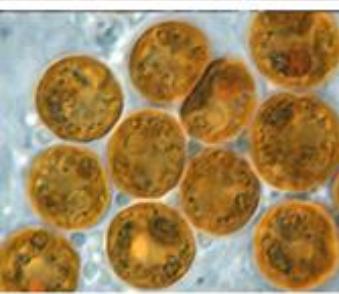


## Decrease of ROS scavenging capacity

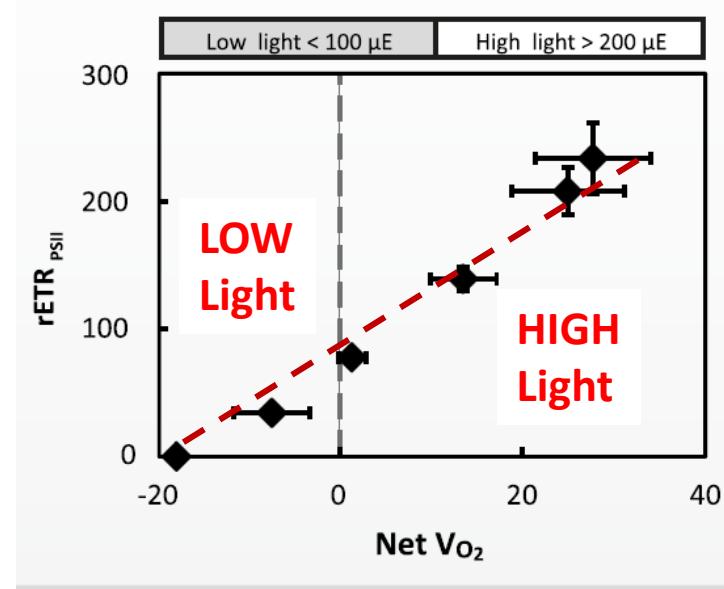
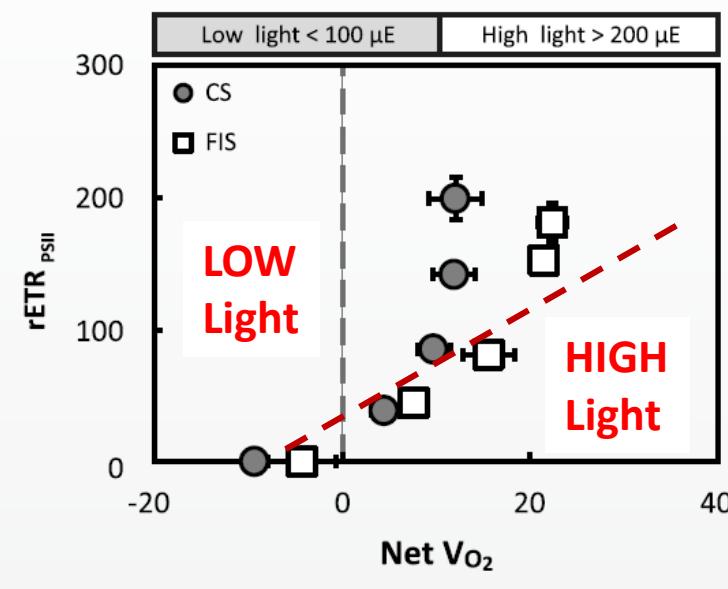


(Roberty et al., 2015, Coral Reefs)

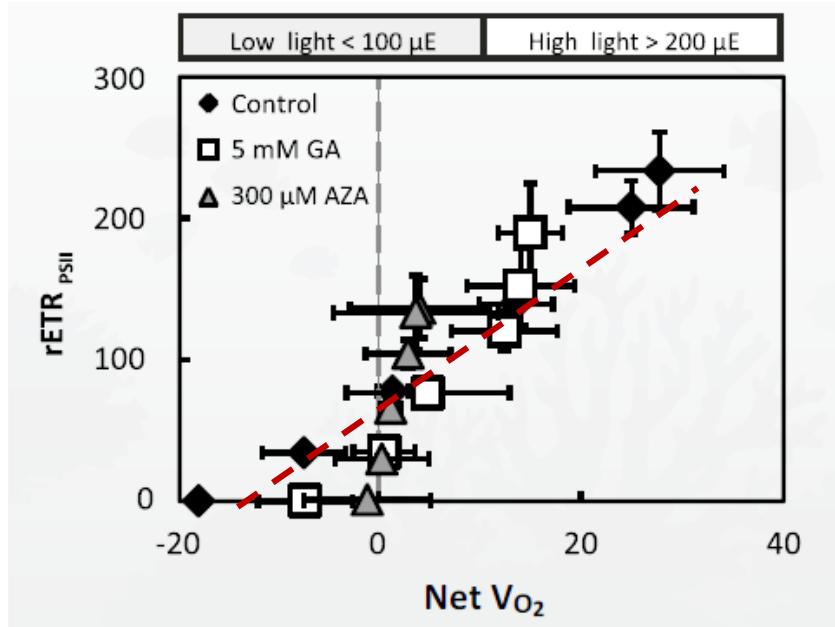
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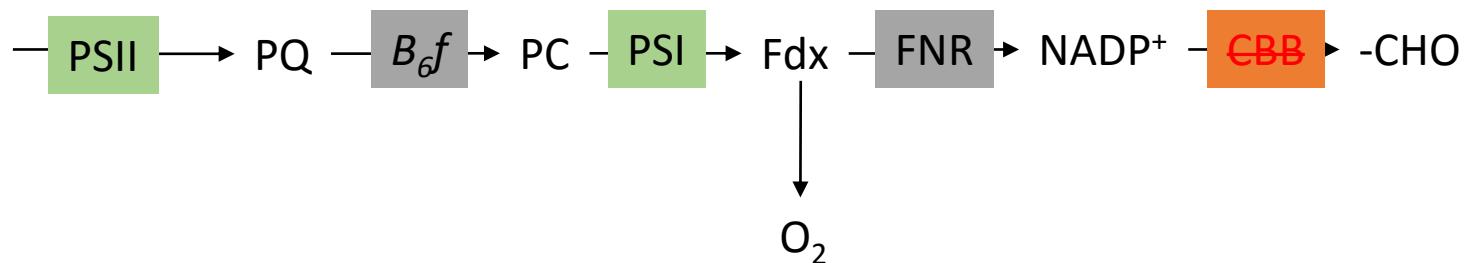
isolated *Symbiodinium* / *Stylophora pistillata*

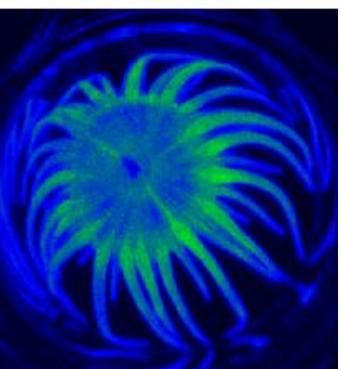
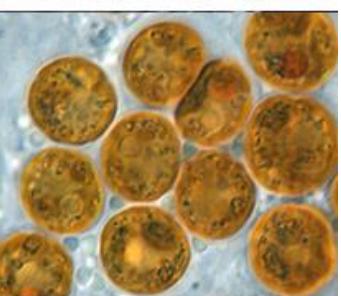


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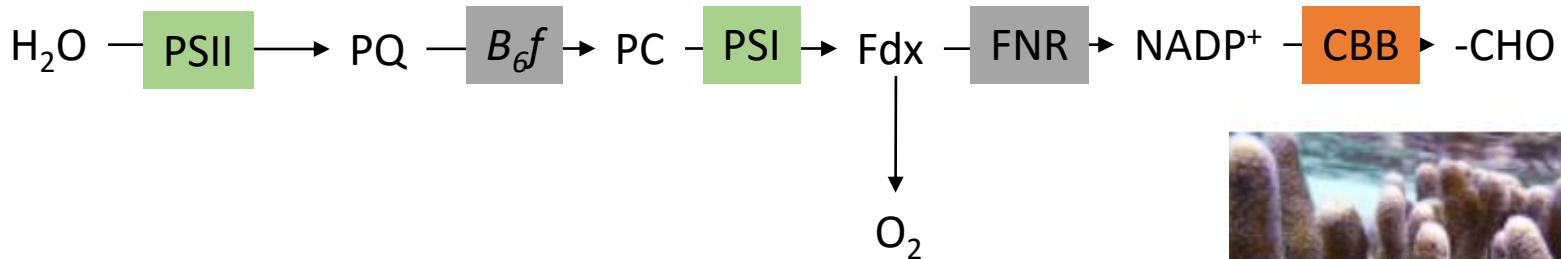
Glycolaldehyde  
Acetazolamide





## Conclusions :

### PSI-dependent Mehler reaction in Symbiodinium



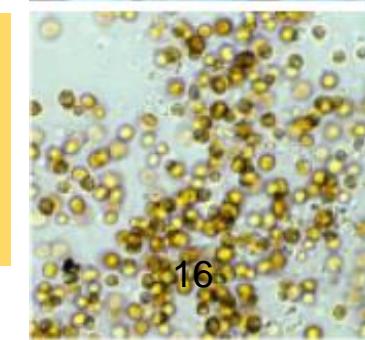
The main light-dependent oxygen uptake in isolated Symbiodinium (up to 50% of ETR)



Provides extra ATP for cellular needs



Photoprotection mechanism as long as ROS detoxification occurs



Does not occur under controlled laboratory conditions in *S. pistillata* unless carbon fixation capacity is compromised