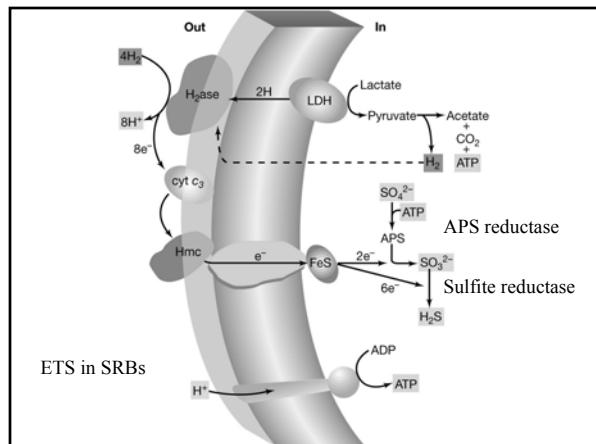
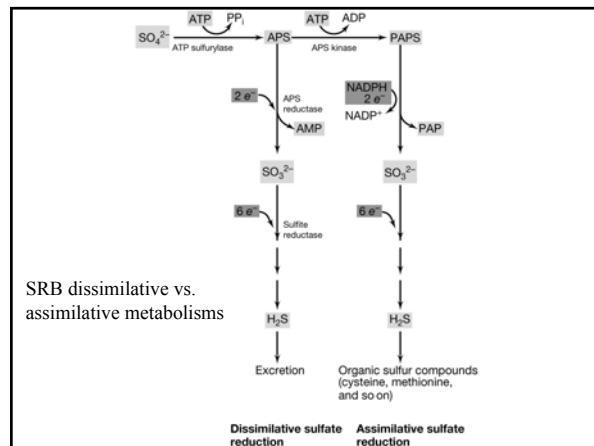
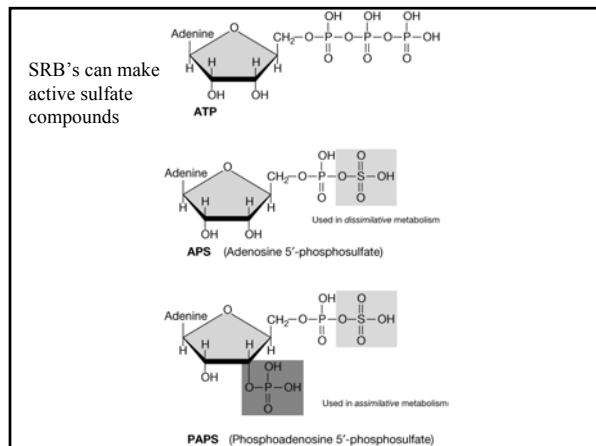
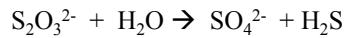


TABLE 17.3 Sulfur compounds and electron donors for sulfate reduction

Compound	Oxidation state
Oxidation states of key sulfur compounds	
Organic S (R—SH)	-2
Sulfide (H_2S)	-2
Elemental sulfur (S^0)	0
Thiosulfate ($\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$)	+2 (average per S)
Sulfur dioxide (SO_2)	+4
Sulfite (SO_3^{2-})	+4
Sulfate (SO_4^{2-})	+6
Some electron donors used for sulfate reduction	
H_2	Acetate
Lactate	Propionate
Pyruvate	Butyrate
Ethanol and other alcohols	Long-chain fatty acids
Fumarate	Benzoate
Malate	Indole
Choline	Hexadecane

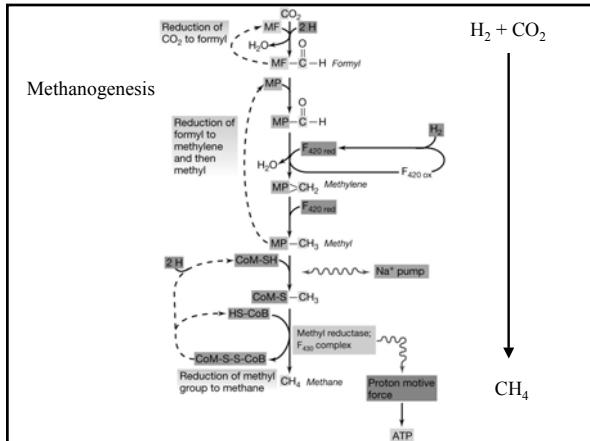
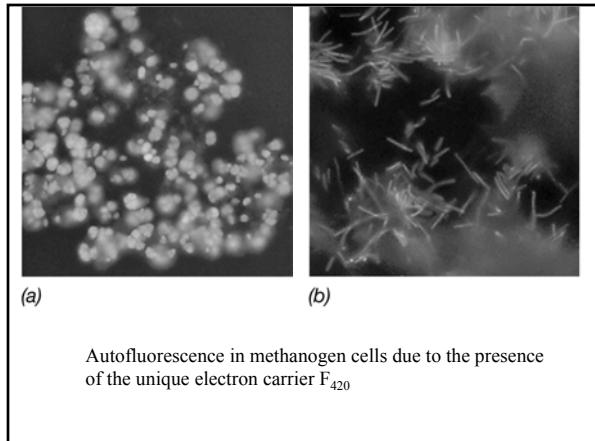
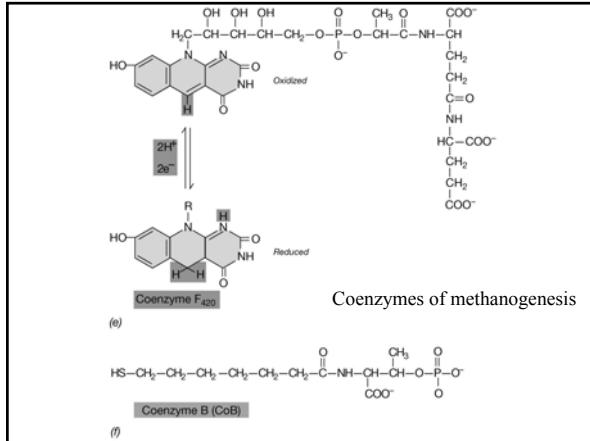
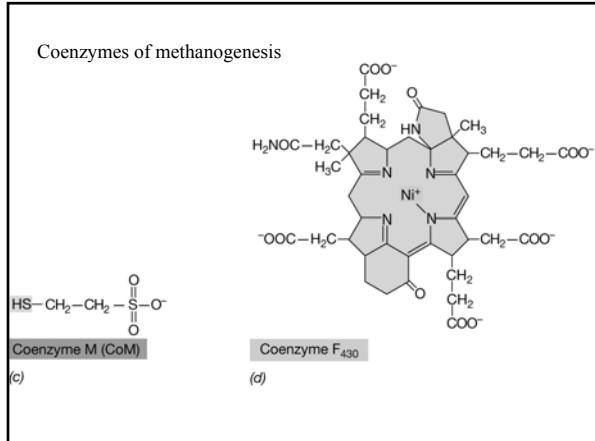
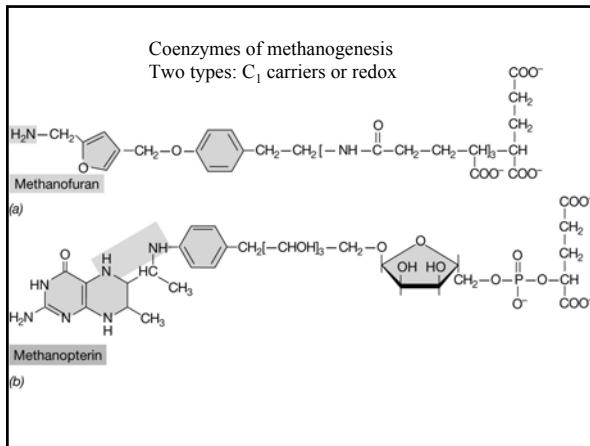


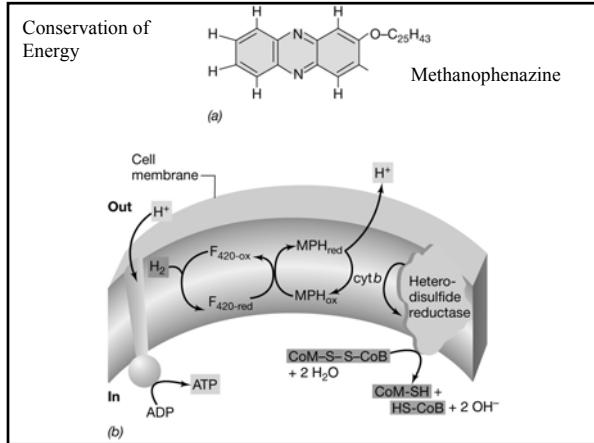
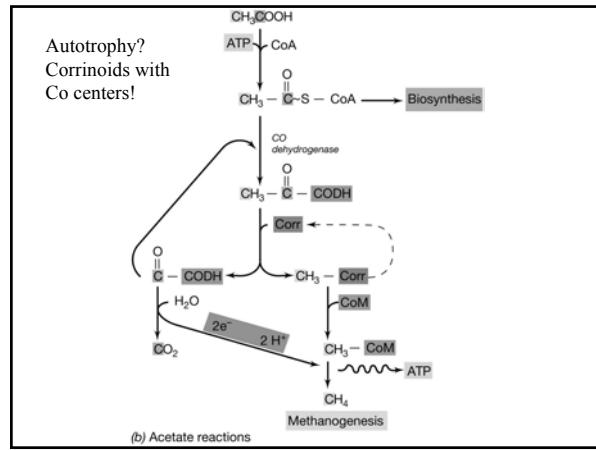
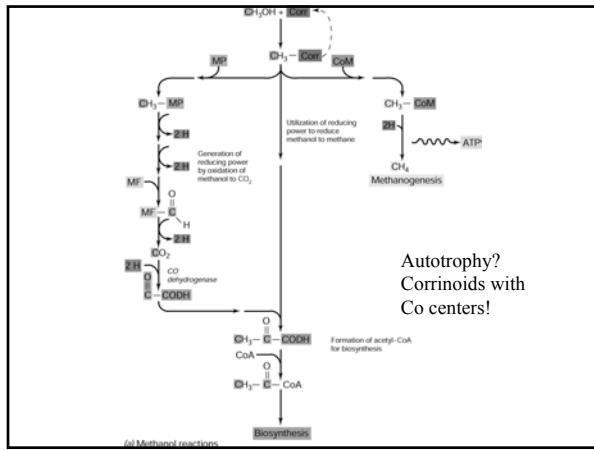
Sulfur Disproportionation



$$\Delta G^0 = -21.9 \text{ kJ/rxn}$$

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Methanogenesis

Chemoautotrophs:
 $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_4 + \text{Org. C}$
 H_2 as electron donor

Chemoorganotrophs:
 $\text{Acetate}/\text{MeOH} \rightarrow \text{CH}_4 + \text{CO}_2$
 Org. C as electron donor

Global Biogenic Methane Production:
1/3 Chemoautotrophs
2/3 Chemoorganotrophs