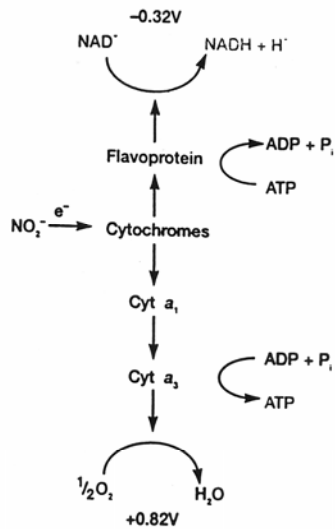


**Fig. 4-21 Hydrogenase and Chemolithotrophic Metabolism.** Hydrogenase splits hydrogen into protons and electrons that are transported via a membrane-bound electron transport system. This transport establishes a proton gradient.

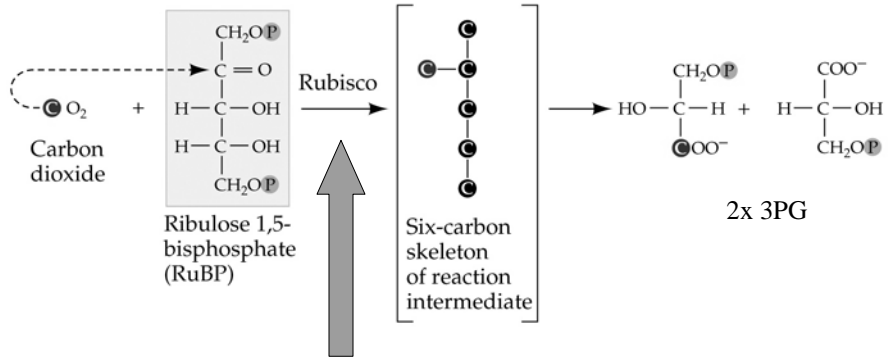


**Figure 9.20 Reversed Electron Flow.** The flow of electrons in the transport chain of *Nitrobacter*. Electrons flowing from nitrite to oxygen (down the reduction potential gradient) will release energy. It requires protonmotive force or ATP energy to force electrons to flow in the reverse direction from nitrite to  $\text{NAD}^+$ .

## Making Sugar from $\text{CO}_2$ : The Calvin–Benson Cycle

- The Calvin–Benson cycle has three phases:
- Fixation of  $\text{CO}_2$
- Reduction (and carbohydrate production)
- Regeneration of RuBP.
- RuBP is the initial  $\text{CO}_2$  acceptor, 3PG is the first stable product of  $\text{CO}_2$  fixation. Rubisco catalyzes the reaction of  $\text{CO}_2$  and RuBP to form 3PG.

### RuBP is the CO<sub>2</sub> Acceptor

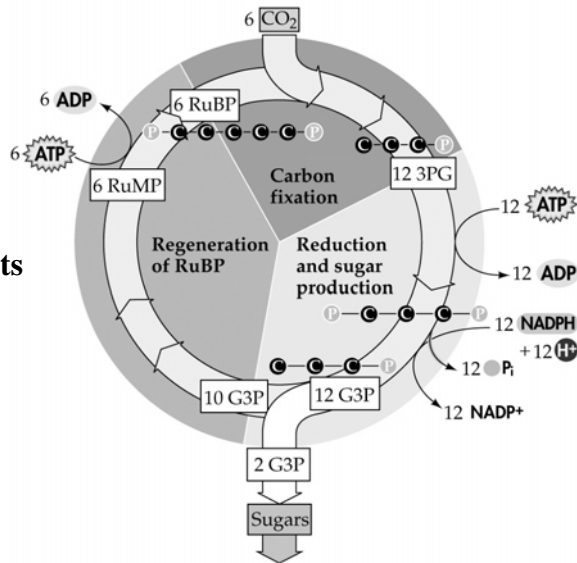


**World's Most Abundant Protein!**

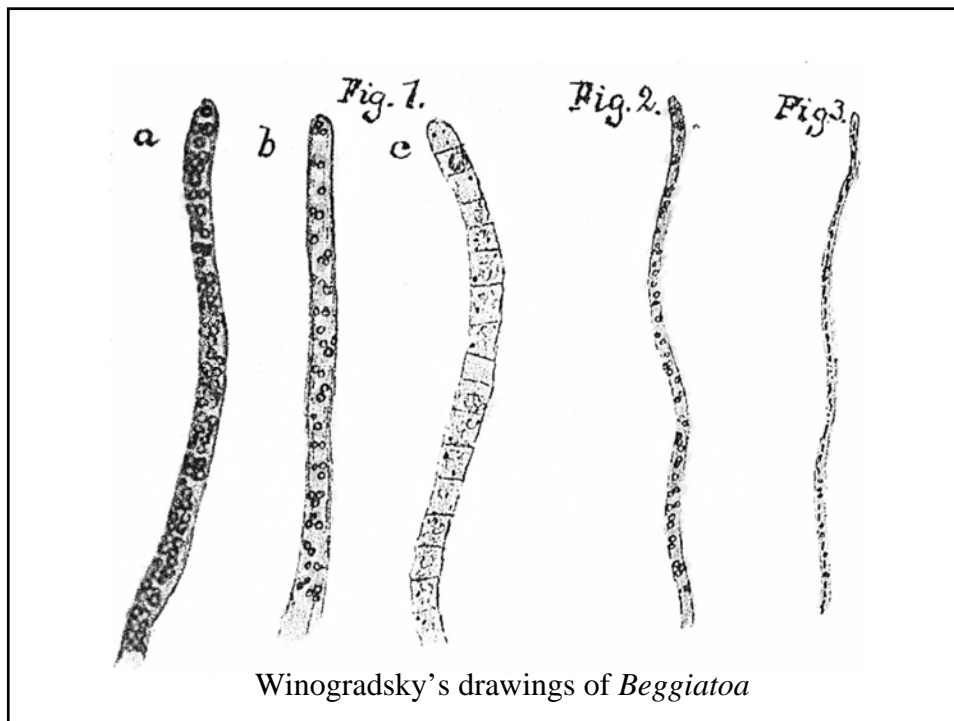
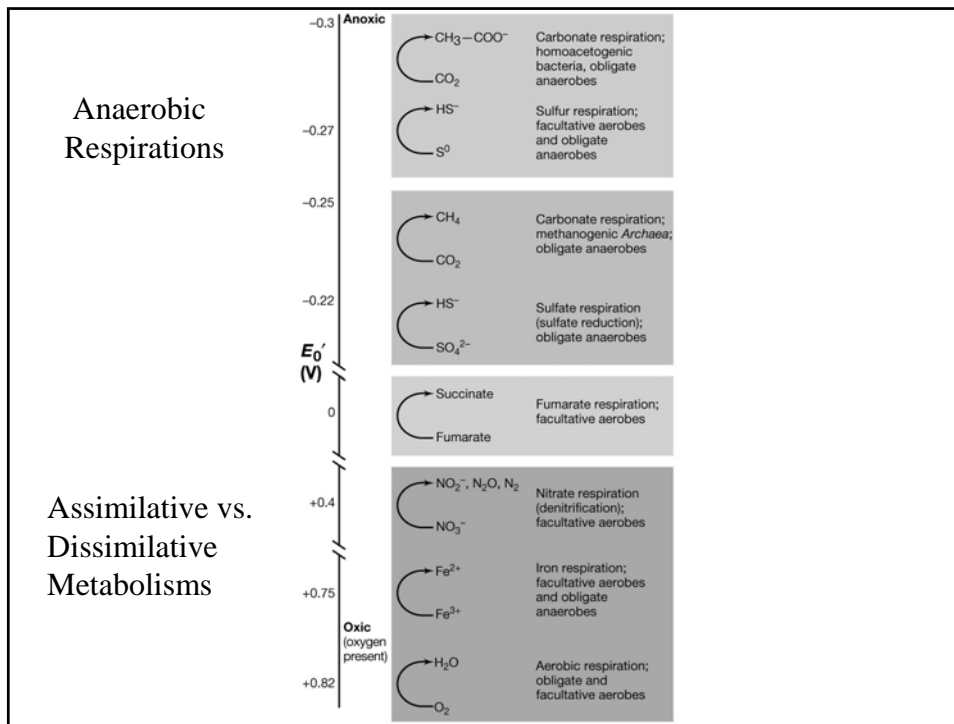
18 ATP  
12 NADH+H<sup>+</sup>



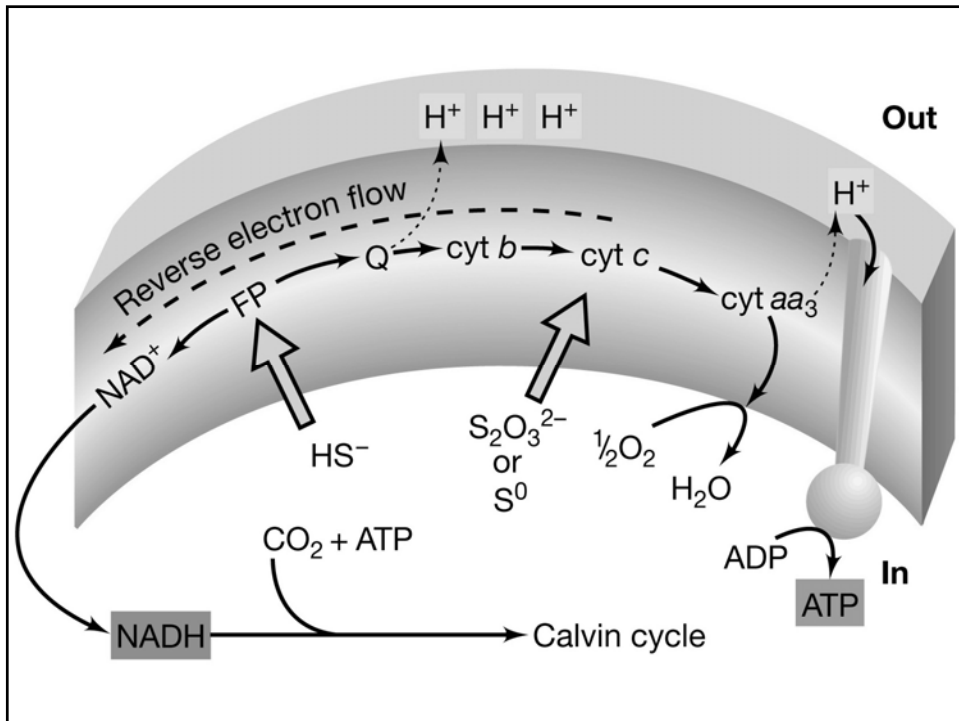
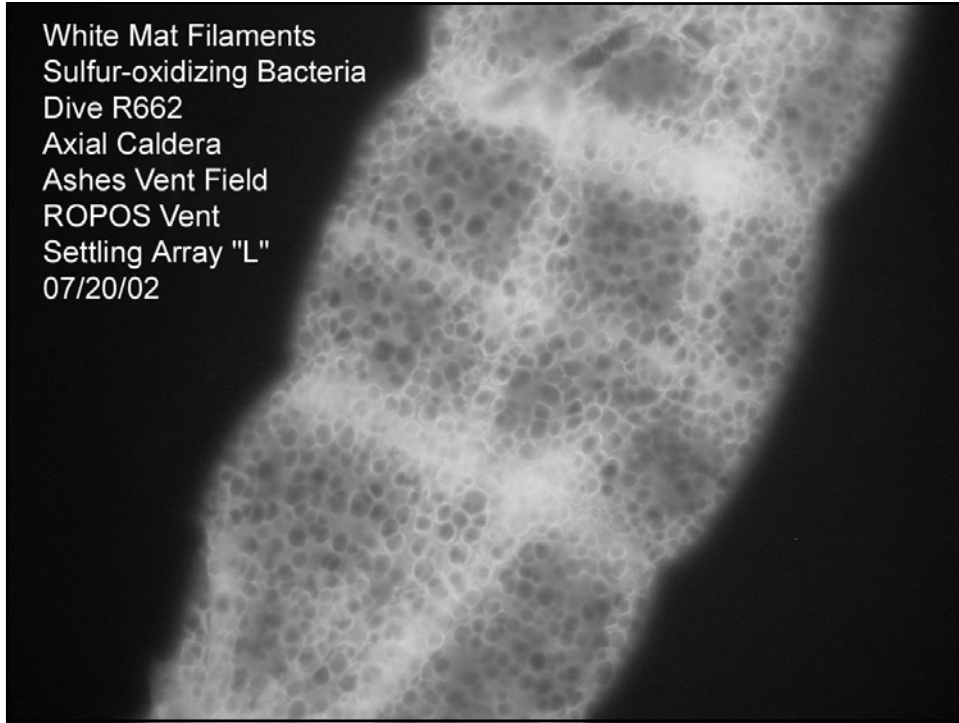
1 Glucose for  
**54 ATP equivalents**



**Organic Carbon Compounds**



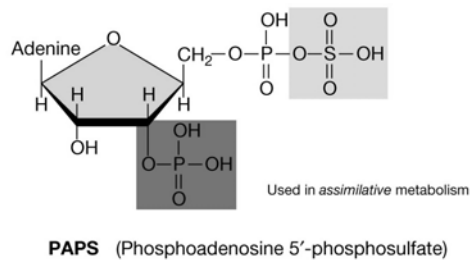
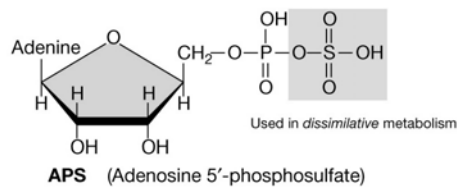
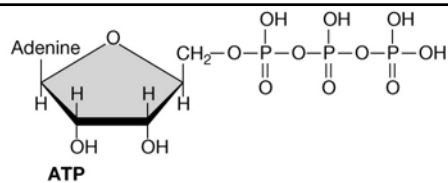
White Mat Filaments  
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ROPOS Vent  
Settling Array "L"  
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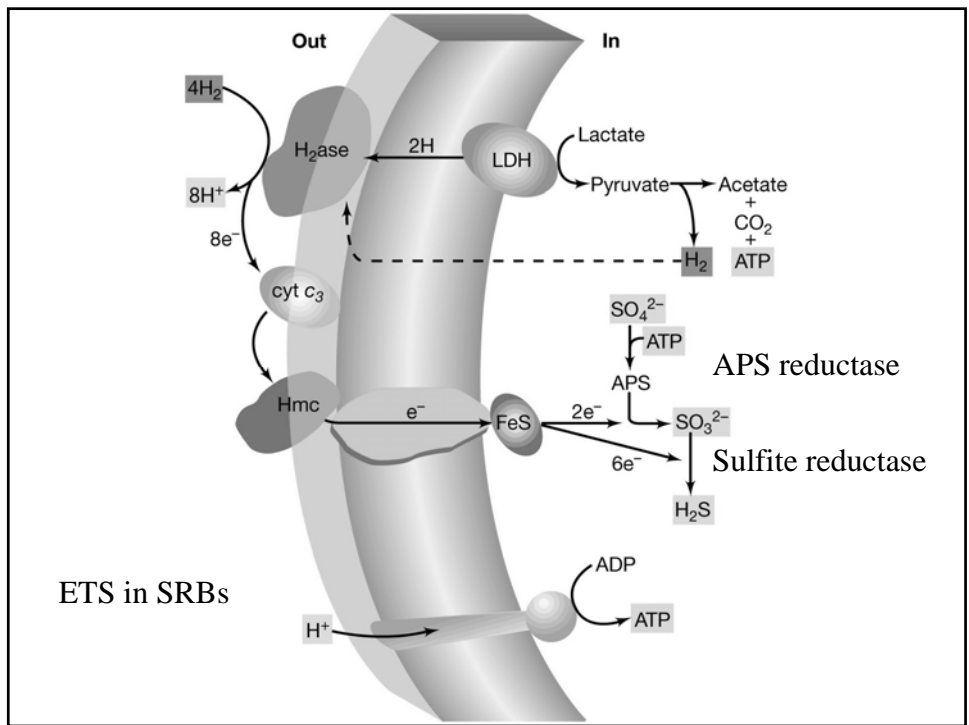
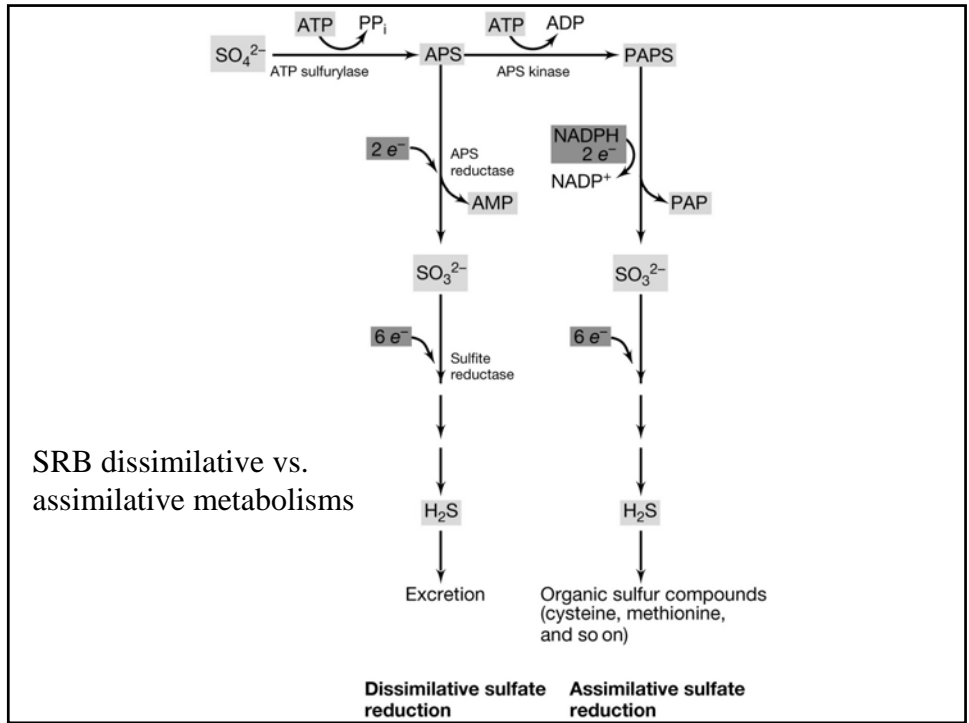


**TABLE 17.3** Sulfur compounds and electron donors for sulfate reduction

| Compound   | Oxidation state        |
|--|------------------------|
| <b>Oxidation states of key sulfur compounds</b>            |                        |
| Organic S (R—SH)   | -2                     |
| Sulfide (H <sub>2</sub> S)                                 | -2                     |
| Elemental sulfur (S <sup>0</sup> )                         | 0                      |
| Thiosulfate (S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ) | +2 (average per S)     |
| Sulfur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )                          | +4                     |
| Sulfite (SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> )                   | +4                     |
| Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> )                   | +6                     |
| <b>Some electron donors used for sulfate reduction</b>     |                        |
| H <sub>2</sub>   | Acetate                |
| Lactate  | Propionate             |
| Pyruvate   | Butyrate               |
| Ethanol and other alcohols                                 | Long-chain fatty acids |
| Fumarate   | Benzoate               |
| Malate   | Indole                 |
| Choline  | Hexadecane             |

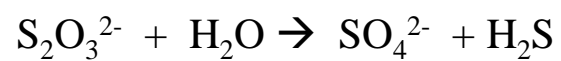
SRB's can make active sulfate compounds







## Sulfur Disproportionation



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

Get your cake and eat it too!



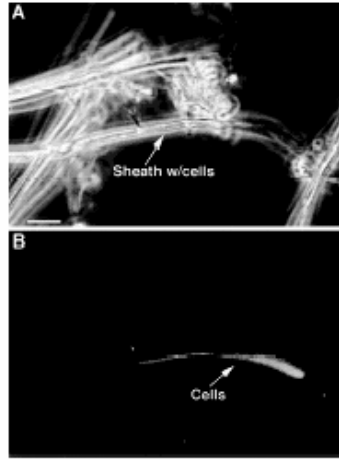
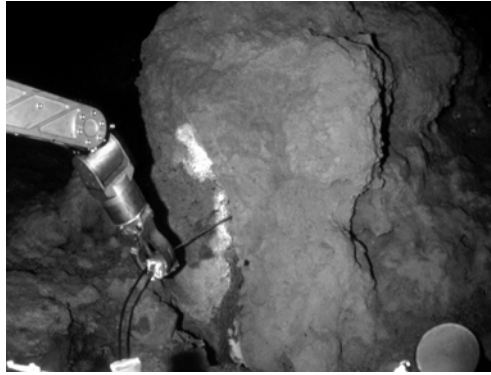


FIG. 3. *L. ochraceus*-like sheaths collected at the Pohaku vents near marker 27. The sample has been stained with Syto. Panel A is the same image as in panel A but viewed by epifluorescence to reveal a filament of cells inside the iron-encrusted sheath. The cells are only visible when stained; most of the sheaths are empty. Bar, 5  $\mu$ m.

### Neutrophilic Fe-Oxidizing Bacteria

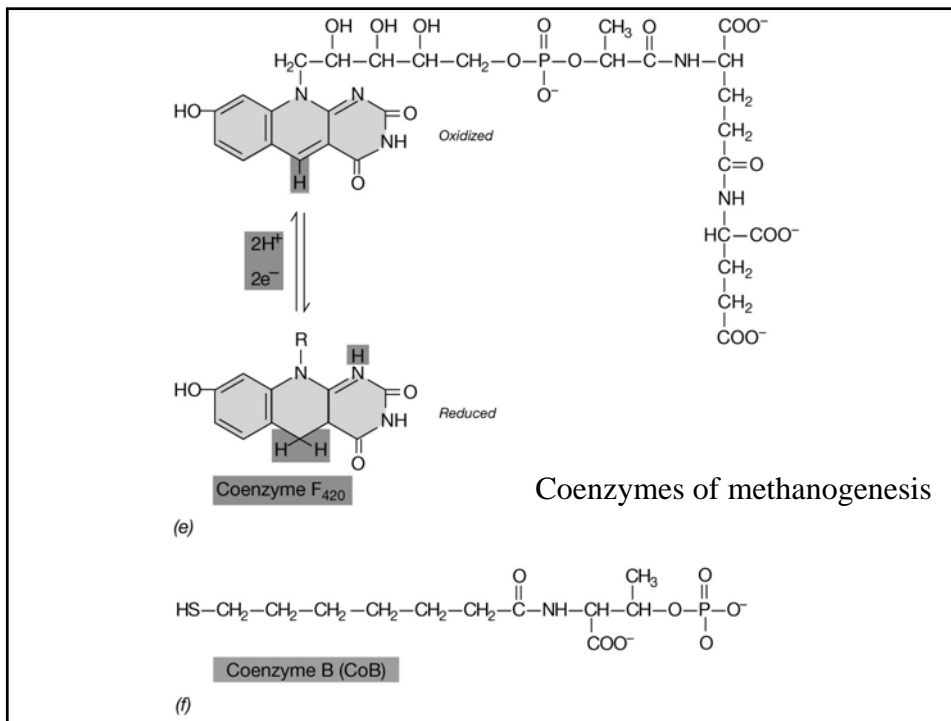
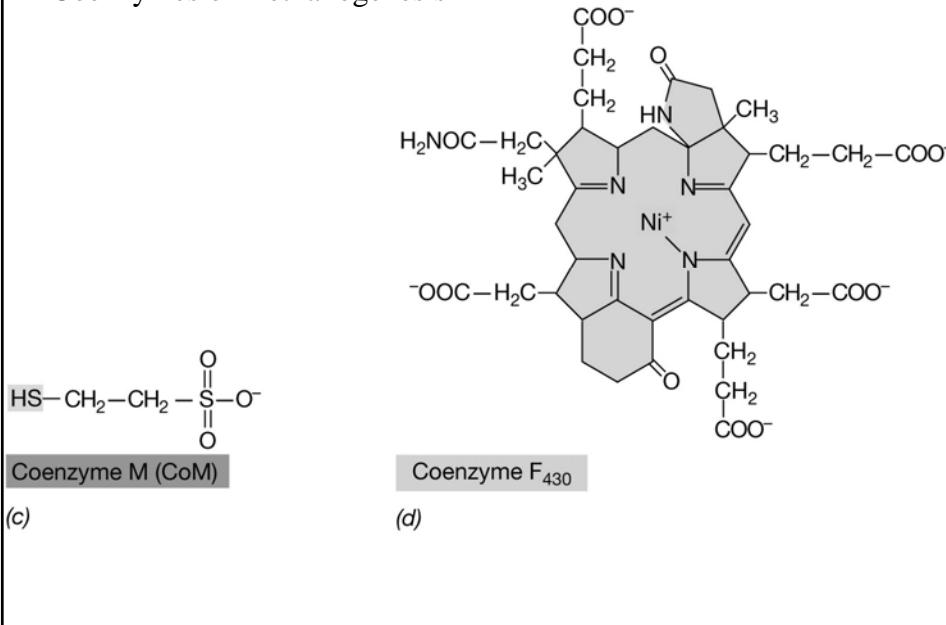
Bog in  
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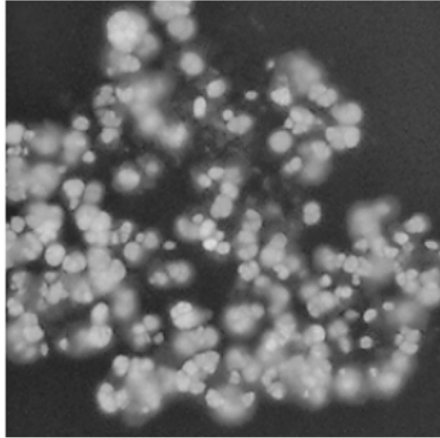


Fe-Oxidizers

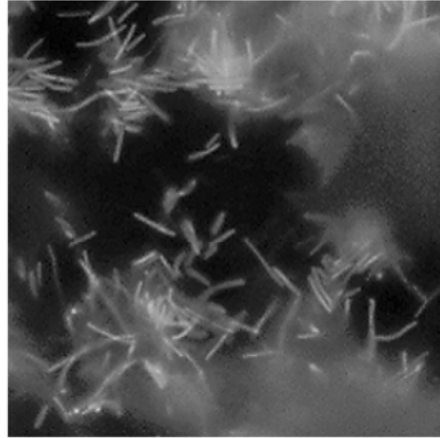


Coenzymes of methanogenesis



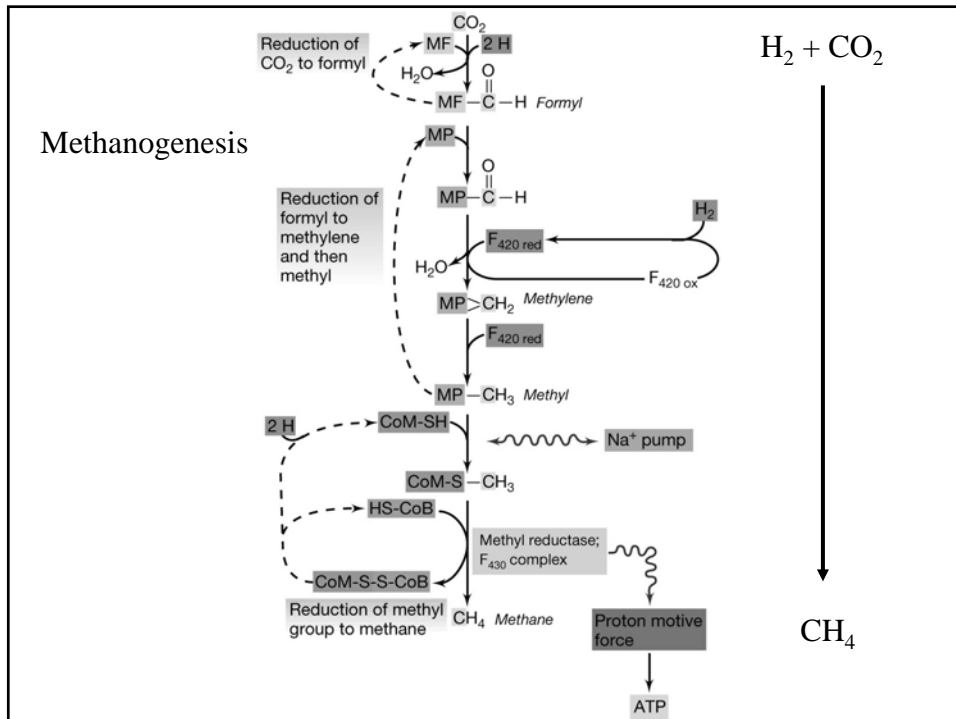


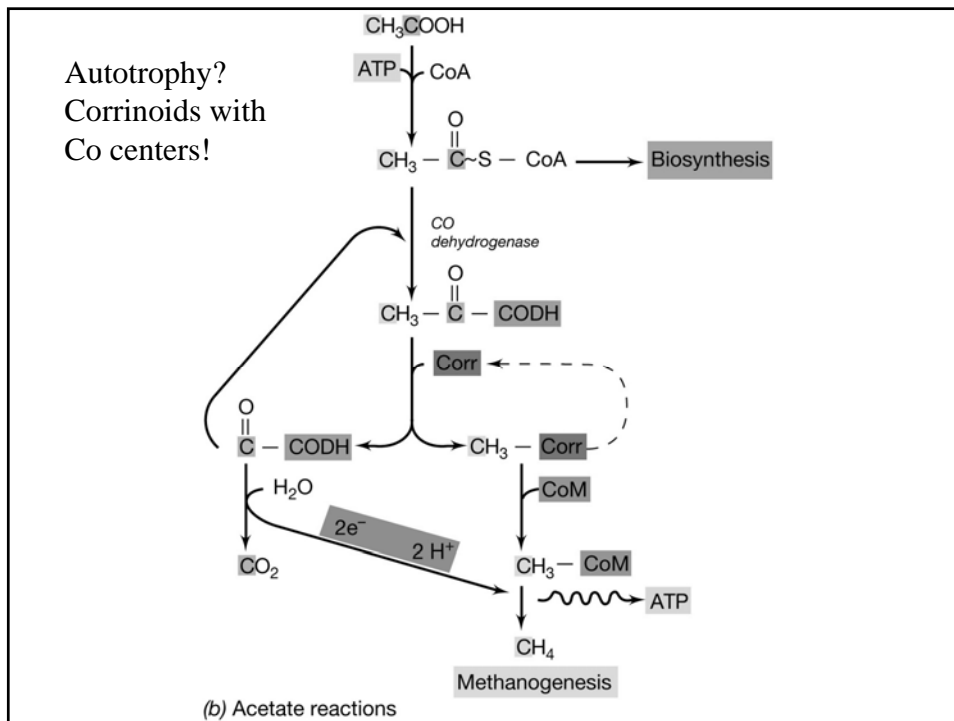
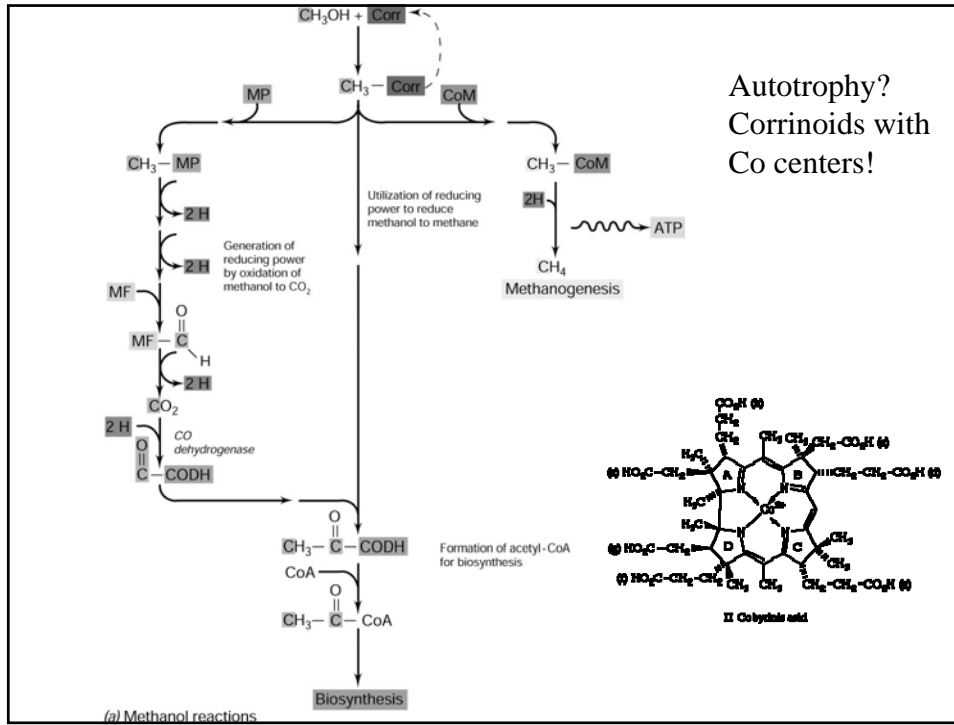
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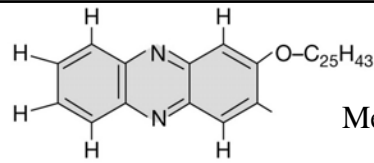
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Autofluorescence in methanogen cells due to the presence of the unique electron carrier  $F_{420}$



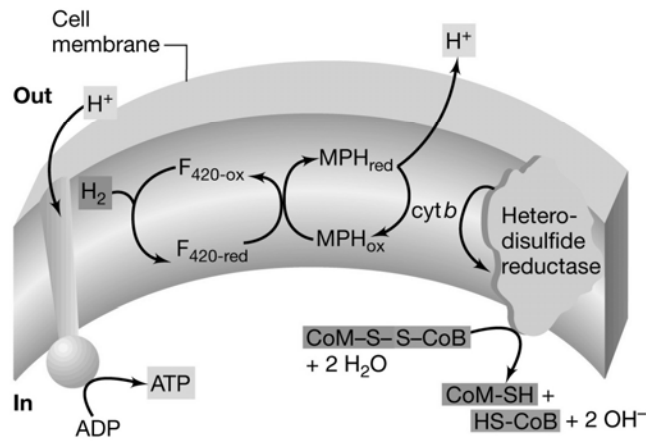


Conservation of Energy



Methanophenazine

(a)



(b)

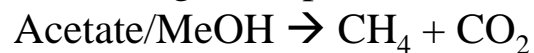
## Methanogenesis

Chemoautotrophs:



H<sub>2</sub> as electron donor

Chemoorganotrophs:



Org. C as electron donor

Global Biogenic Methane Production:

1/3 Chemoautotrophs

2/3 Chemoorganotrophs