

*C4 PLANTS*

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*C4 PATHWAY*

&

*C3 PATHWAY*

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A lush green cornfield with tall stalks and developing ears of corn. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the text.

*C4 PLANTS*



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*C4 PATHWAY*

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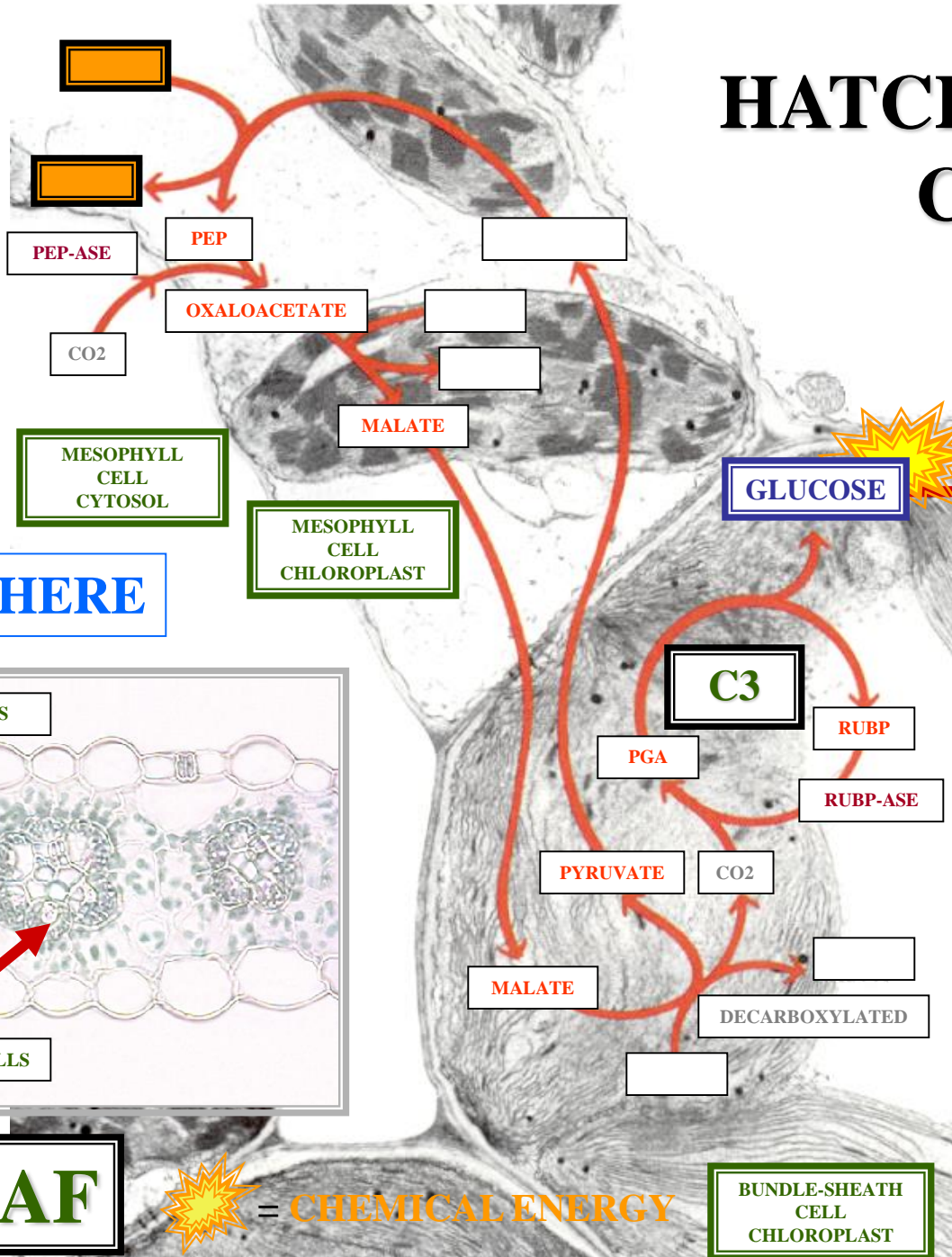
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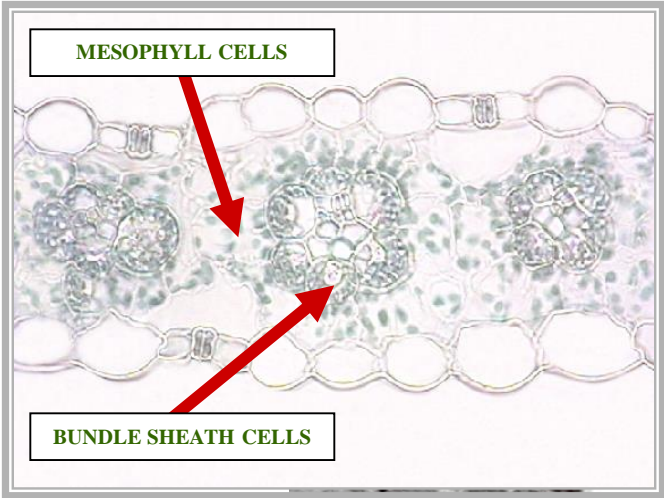
# HATCH & SLACK CYCLE



**CORN**



**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**

**C4**

**BUNDLE-SHEATH CELL CHLOROPLAST**



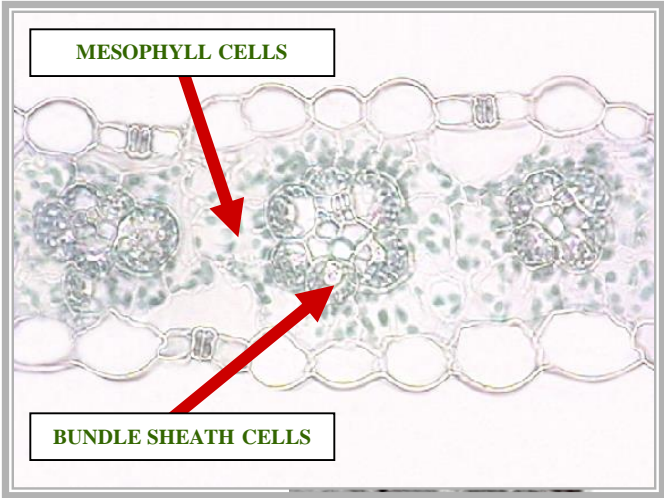
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# HATCH & SLACK CYCLE

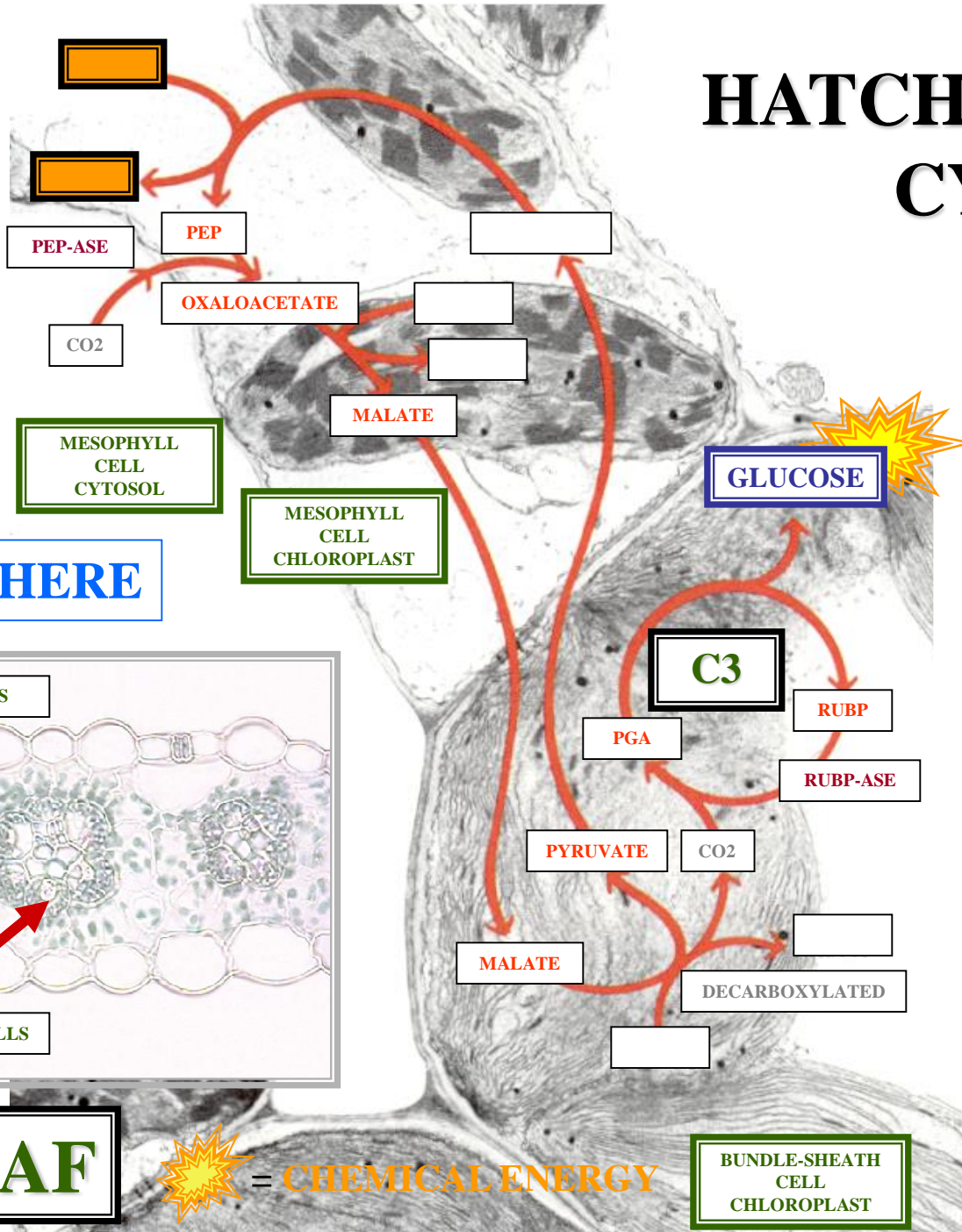


**CORN**

**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**



**ALL RXTS REQUIRE A SPECIFIC ENZYME**

**C4**

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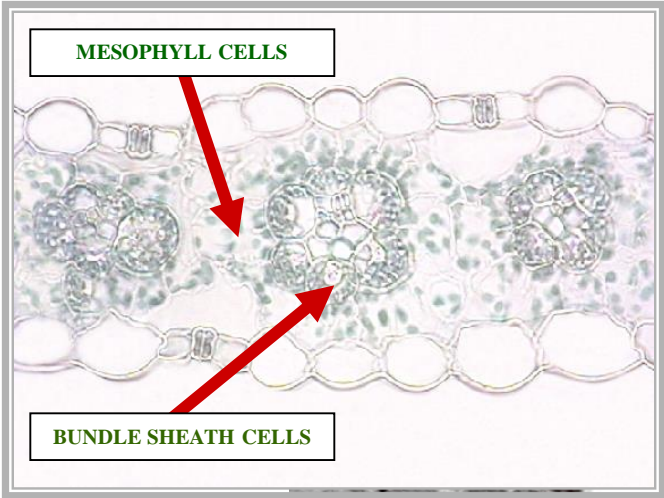


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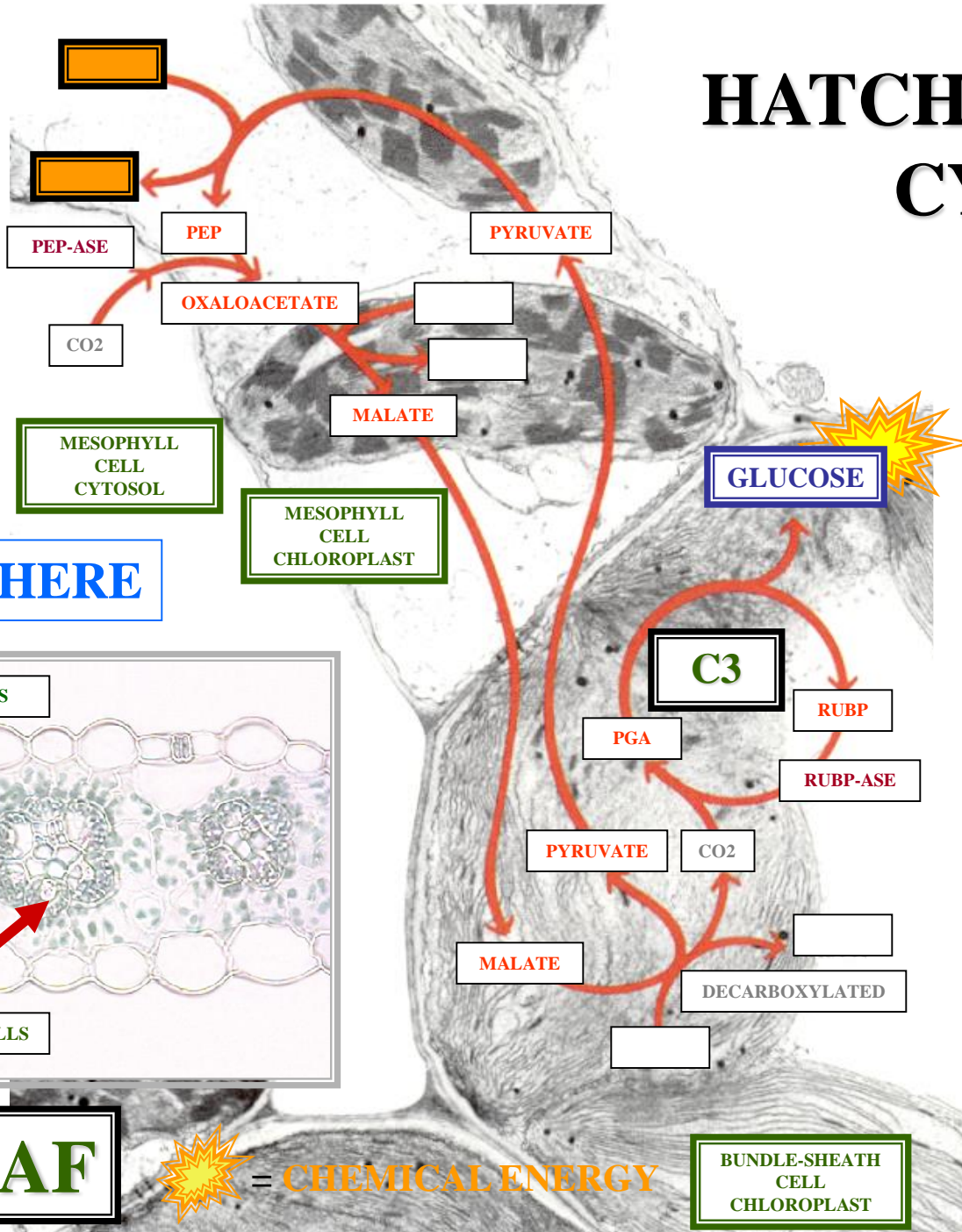


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**ATMOSPHERE**



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**C<sub>4</sub>**





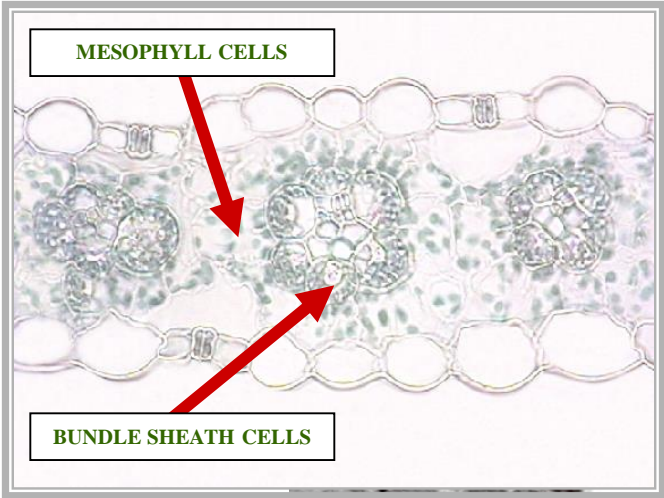
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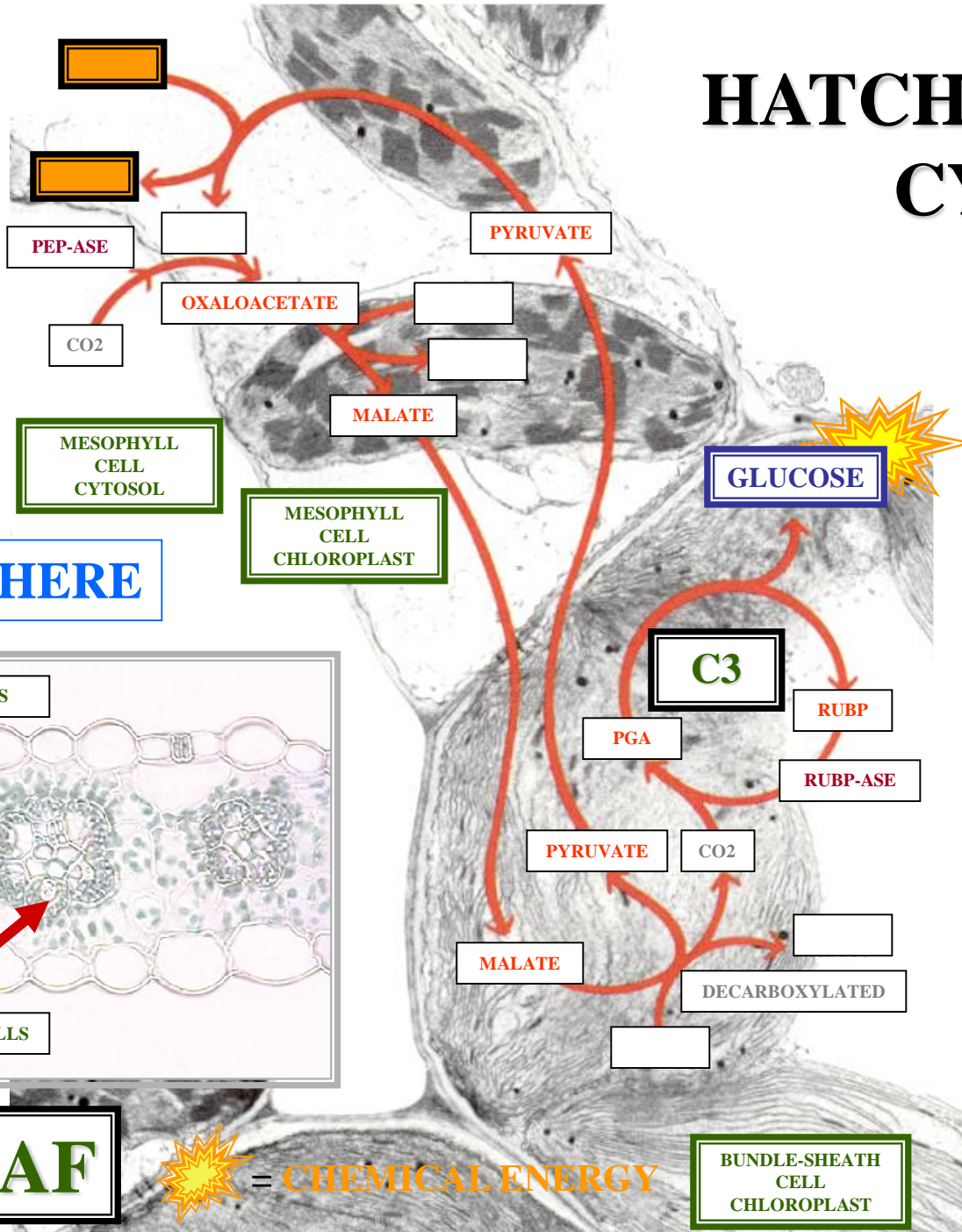


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**C4**

**BUNDLE-SHEATH CELL CHLOROPLAST**

**PEP**

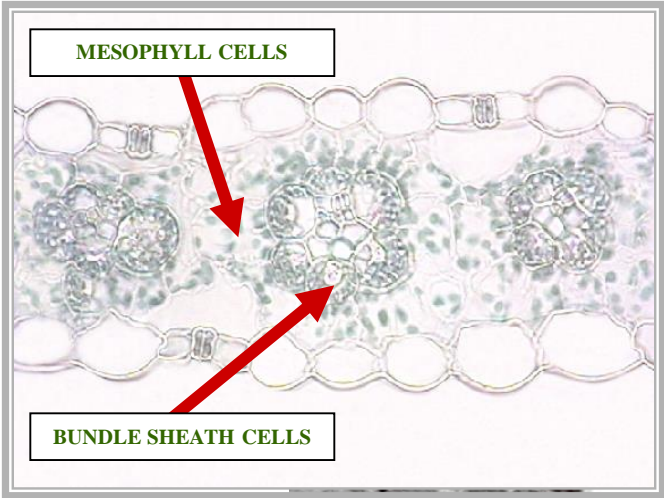


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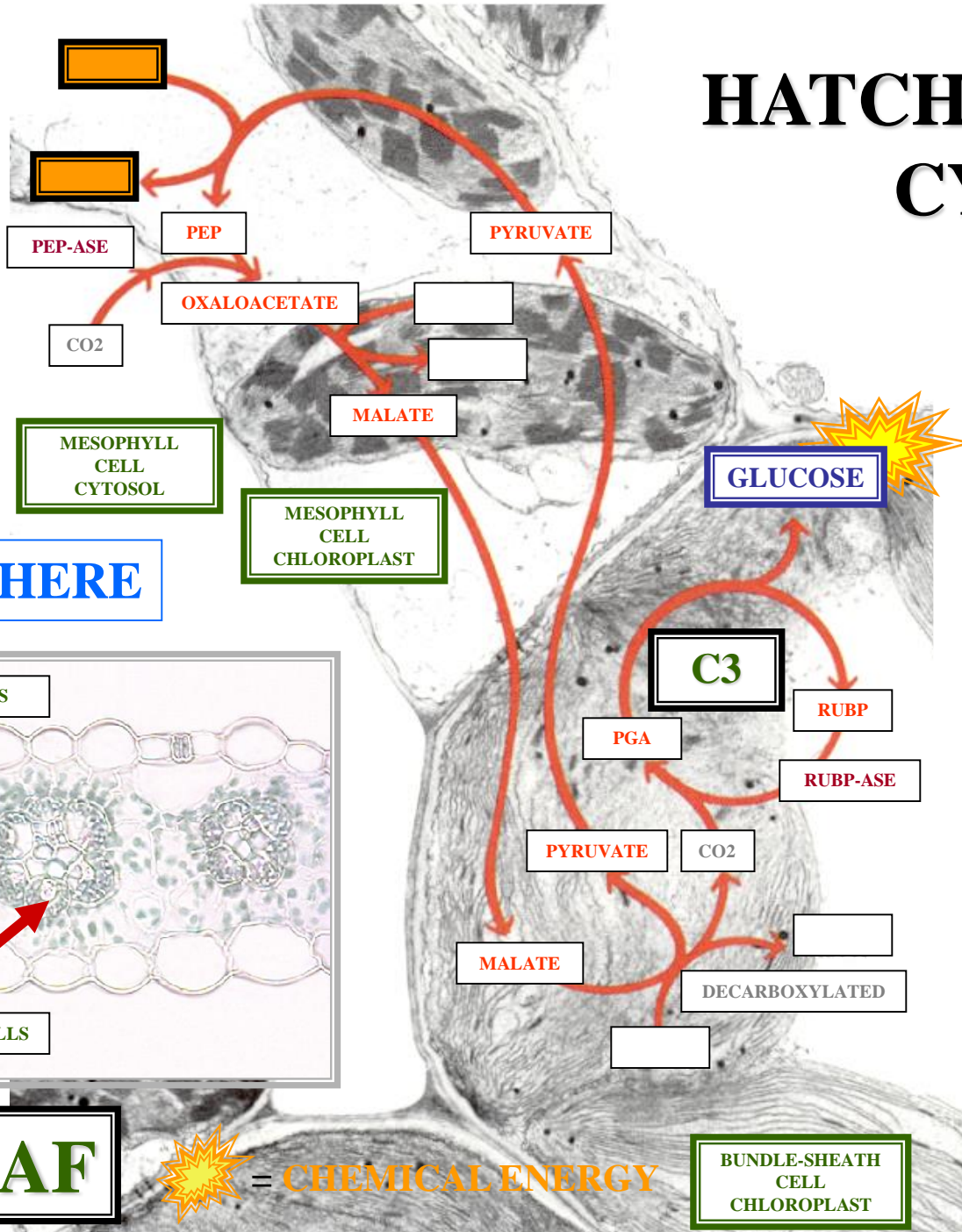


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**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**



**ALL RXTS REQUIRE A SPECIFIC ENZYME**

**C<sub>4</sub>**

**ATP = CHEMICAL ENERGY**

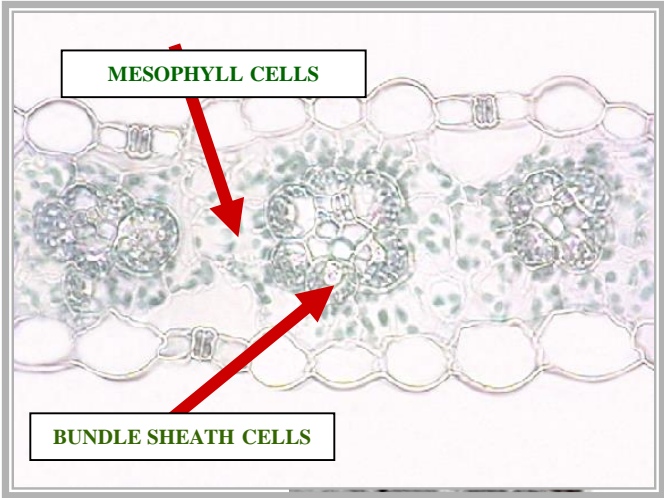


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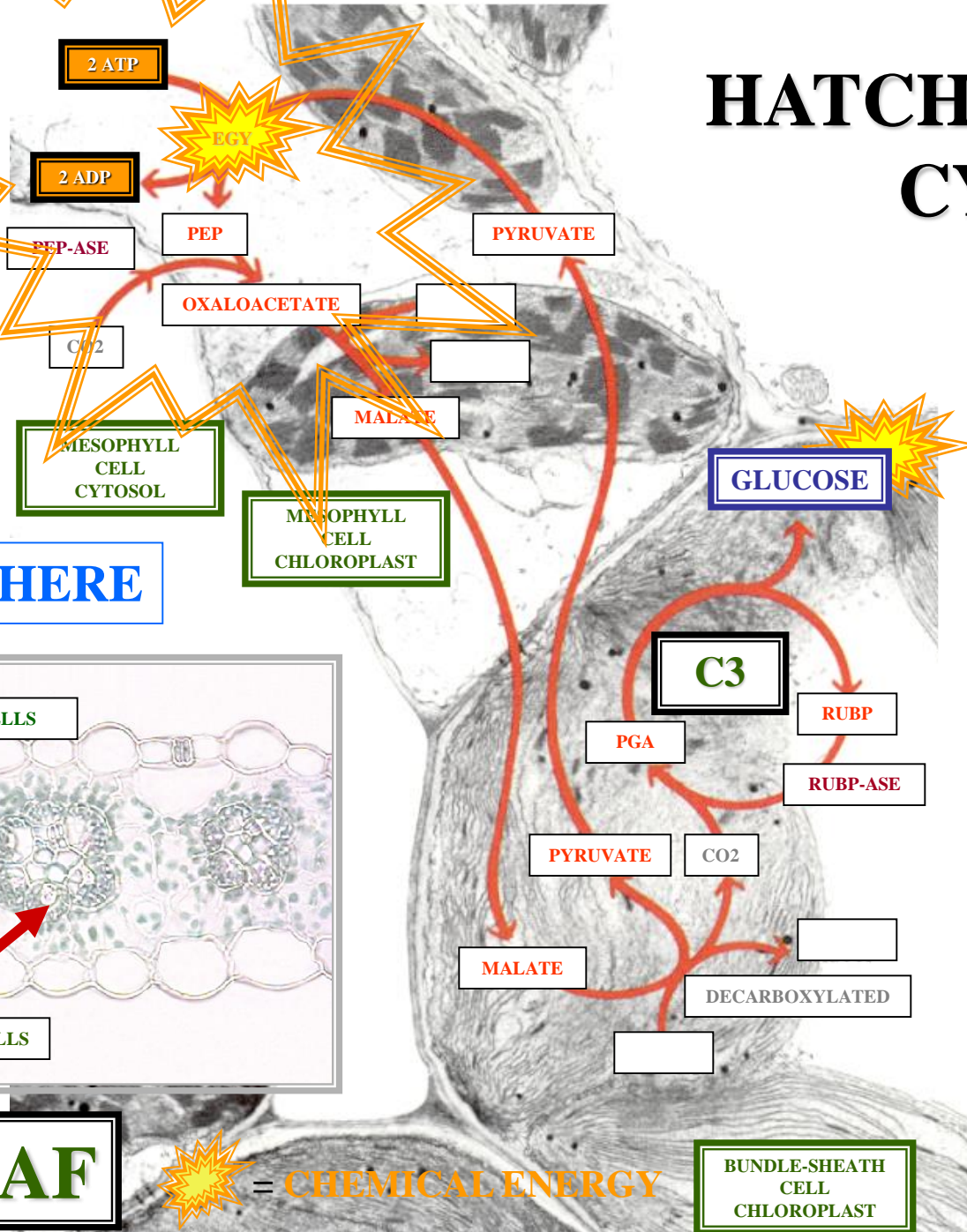


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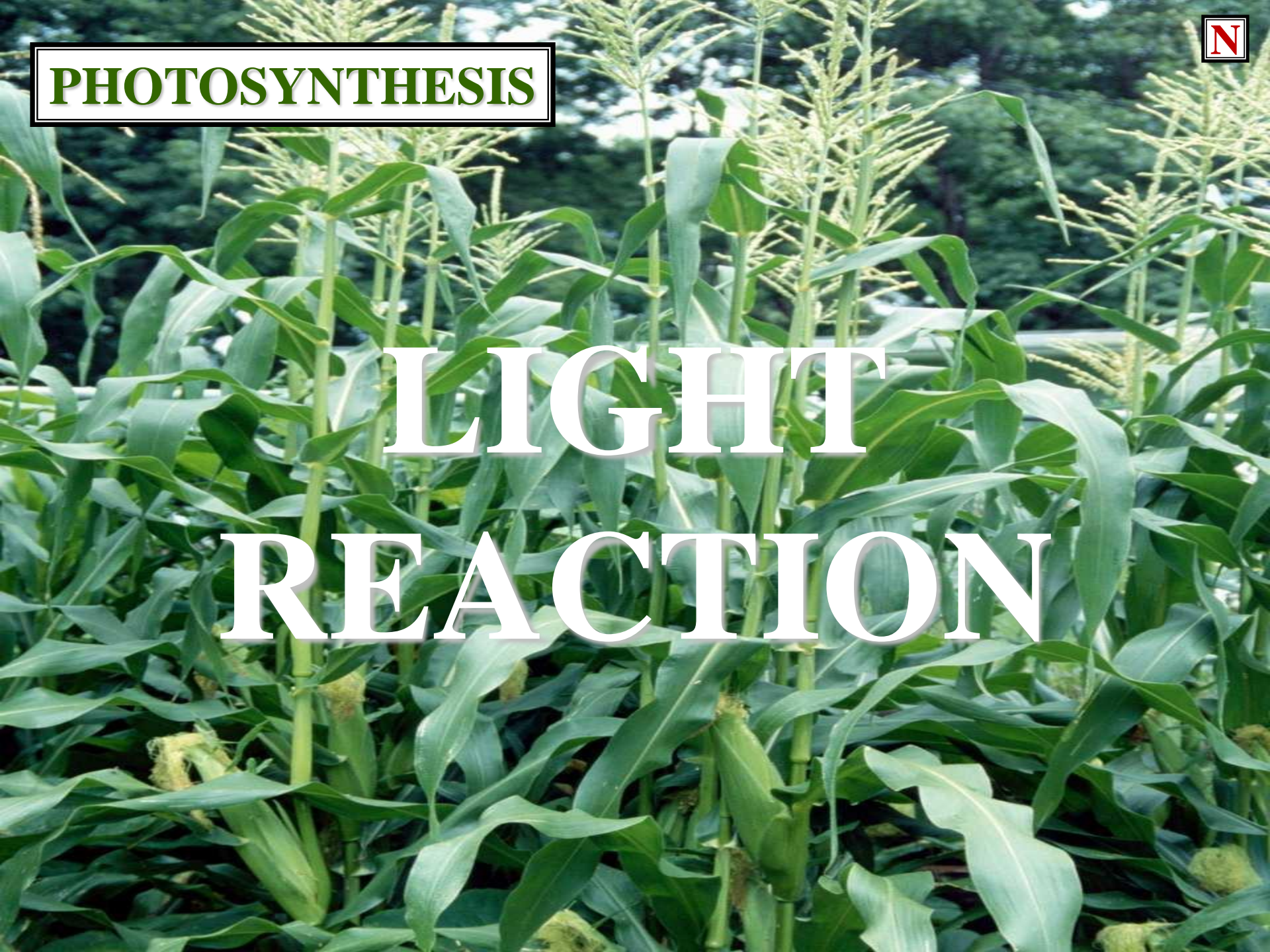
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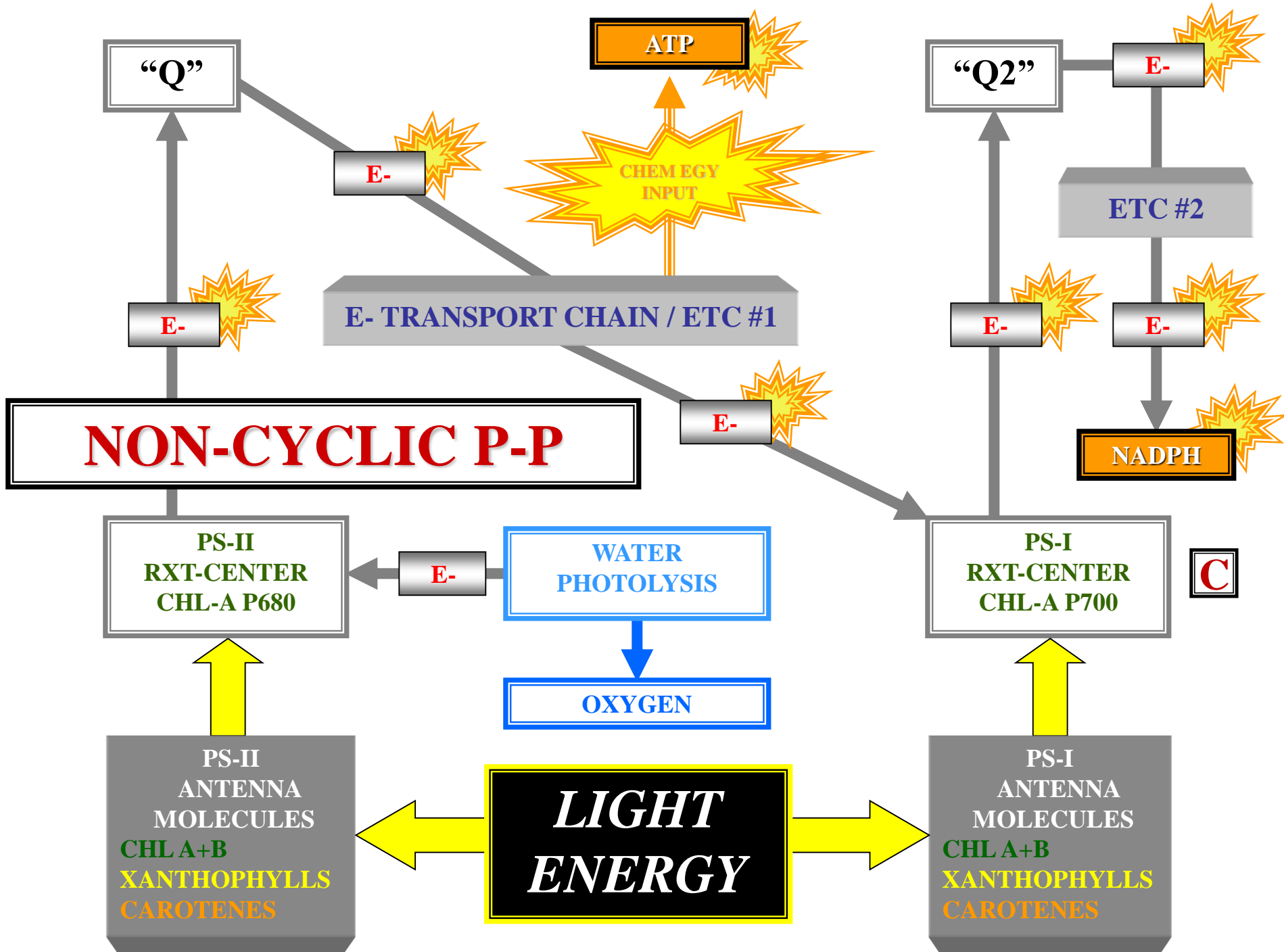
**BUNDLE-SHEATH CELL CHLOROPLAST**



**PHOTOSYNTHESIS**

**LIGHT  
REACTION**





# CYCLIC P-P

“Q2”

E-

ETC #3

CHEM  
EGY  
INPUT

ATP

E-

E-

E- = RECYCLED

PS-I  
RXT-CENTER  
CHL-A P700

LIGHT  
ENERGY

PS-I  
ANTENNA  
MOLECULES  
CHL A+B  
XANTHOPHYLLS  
CAROTENES

LIGHT  
ENERGY

PEP

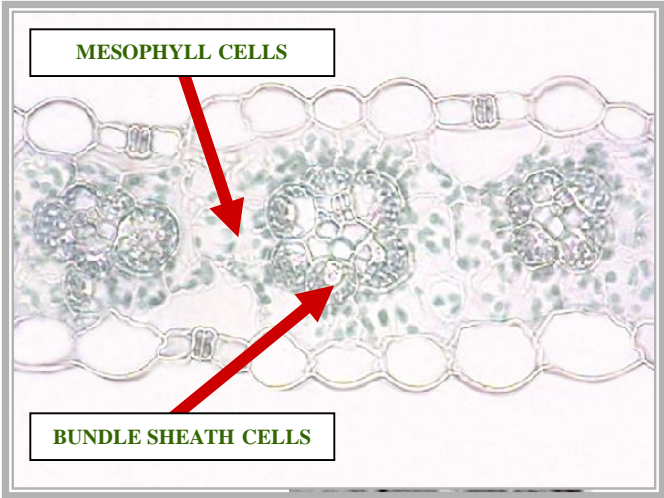
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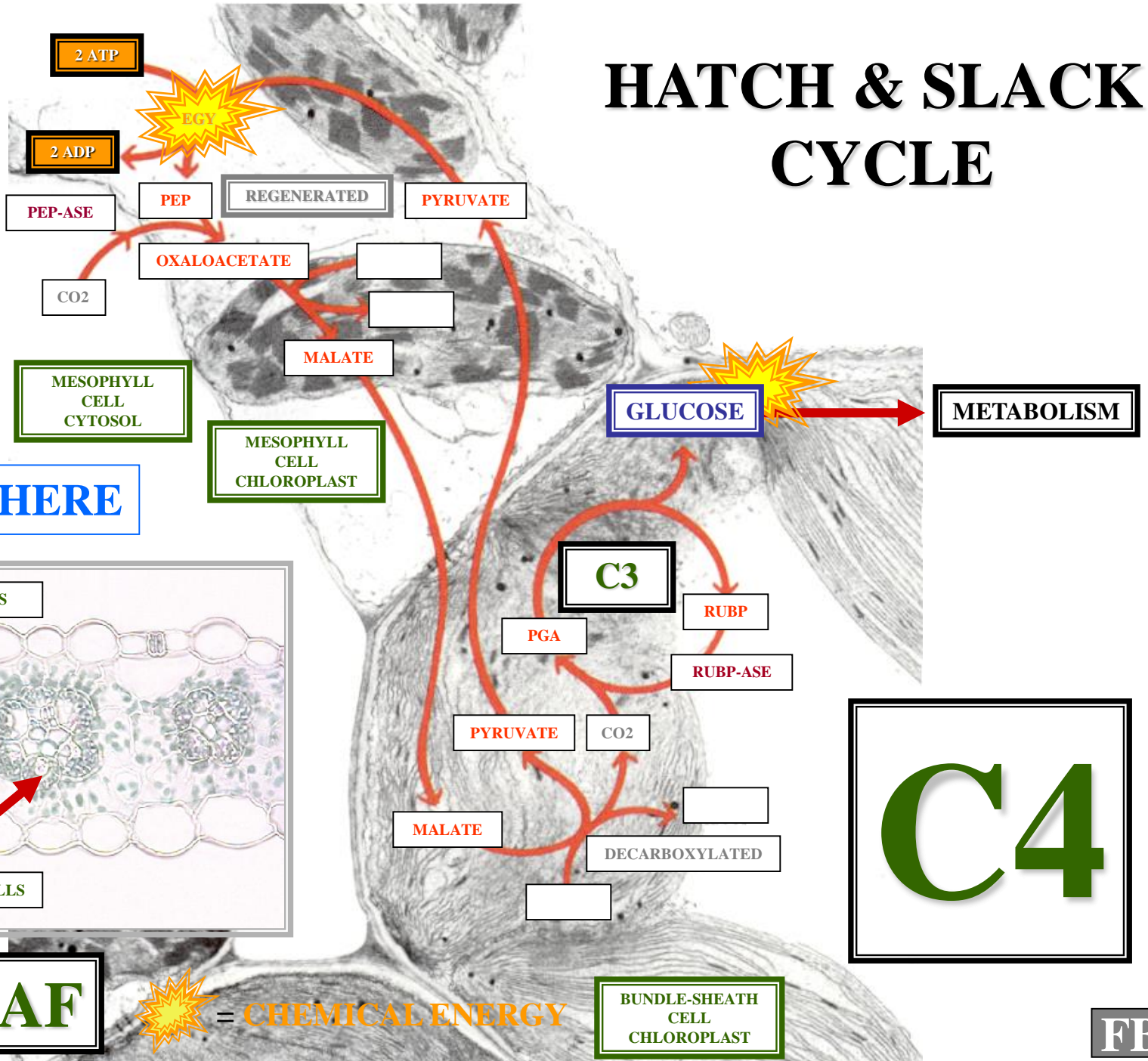


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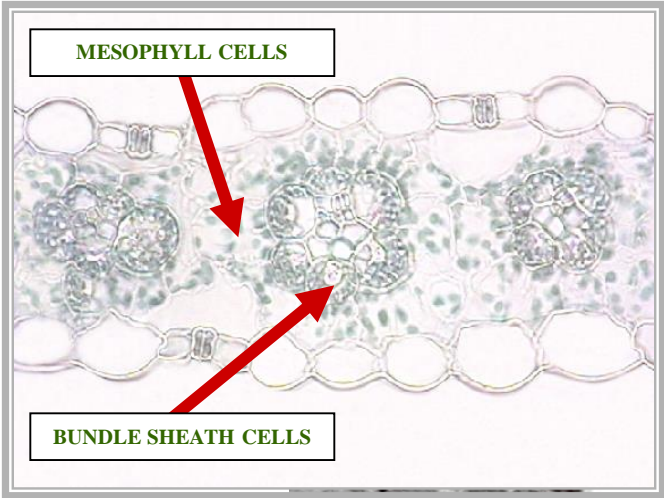
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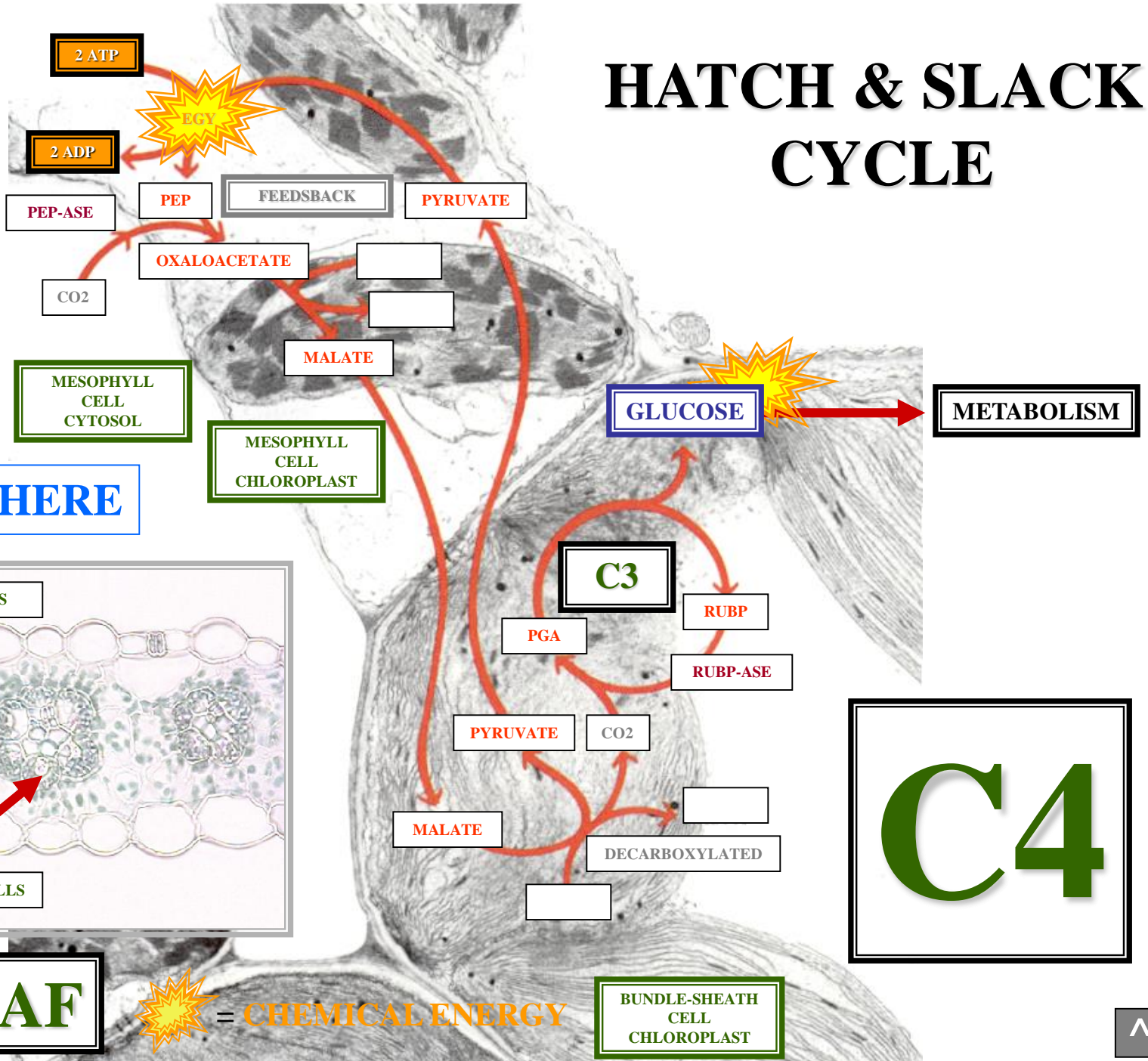


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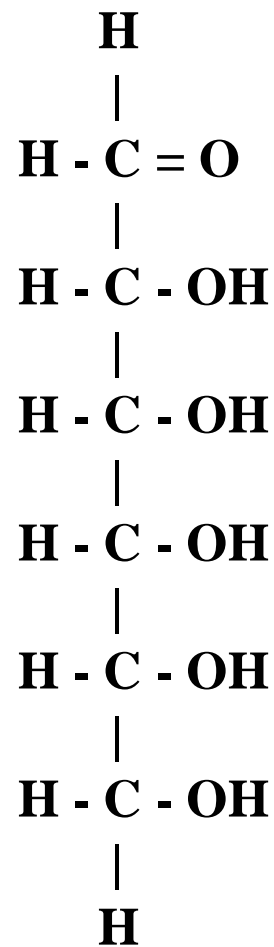
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**C4**  
**PATHWAY**  
**ENERGY COST**



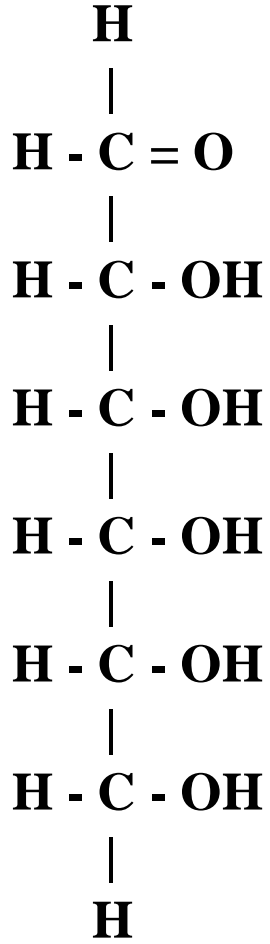
# GLUCOSE





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**GLUCOSE**  
**6C**  
**SUGAR**



**GLUCOSE**  
**6C**  
**SUGAR**



# QUESTION



WHAT COMPOUND  
CONTRIBUTES C ATOMS  
TO THE SYNTHESIS OF  
GLUCOSE?

# QUESTION

# PHOTOSYNTHESIS



WATER

CO<sub>2</sub>



**LIGHT ENERGY**

**PHOTO**

ATMOSPHERE

E-

PHOTOLYSIS



LT RXT

THYLAKOID  
GRANUM

CHEMICAL  
ENERGY

DK RXT

STROMA

CHLOROPLAST

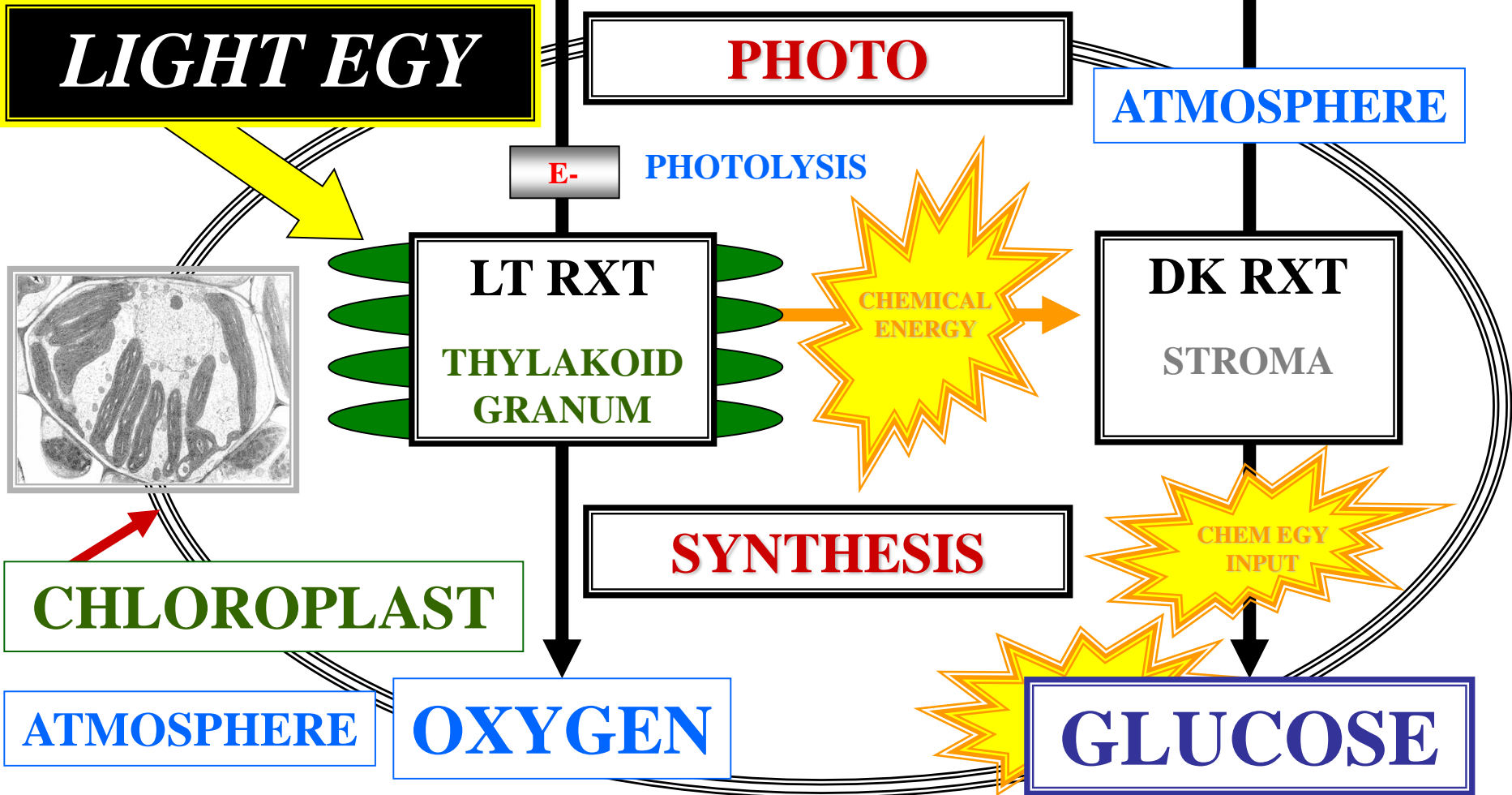
**SYNTHESIS**

CHEMICAL  
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INPUT

ATMOSPHERE

OXYGEN

GLUCOSE

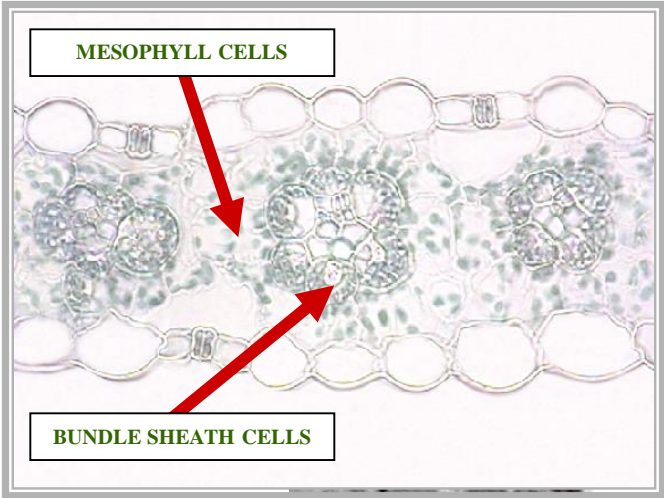


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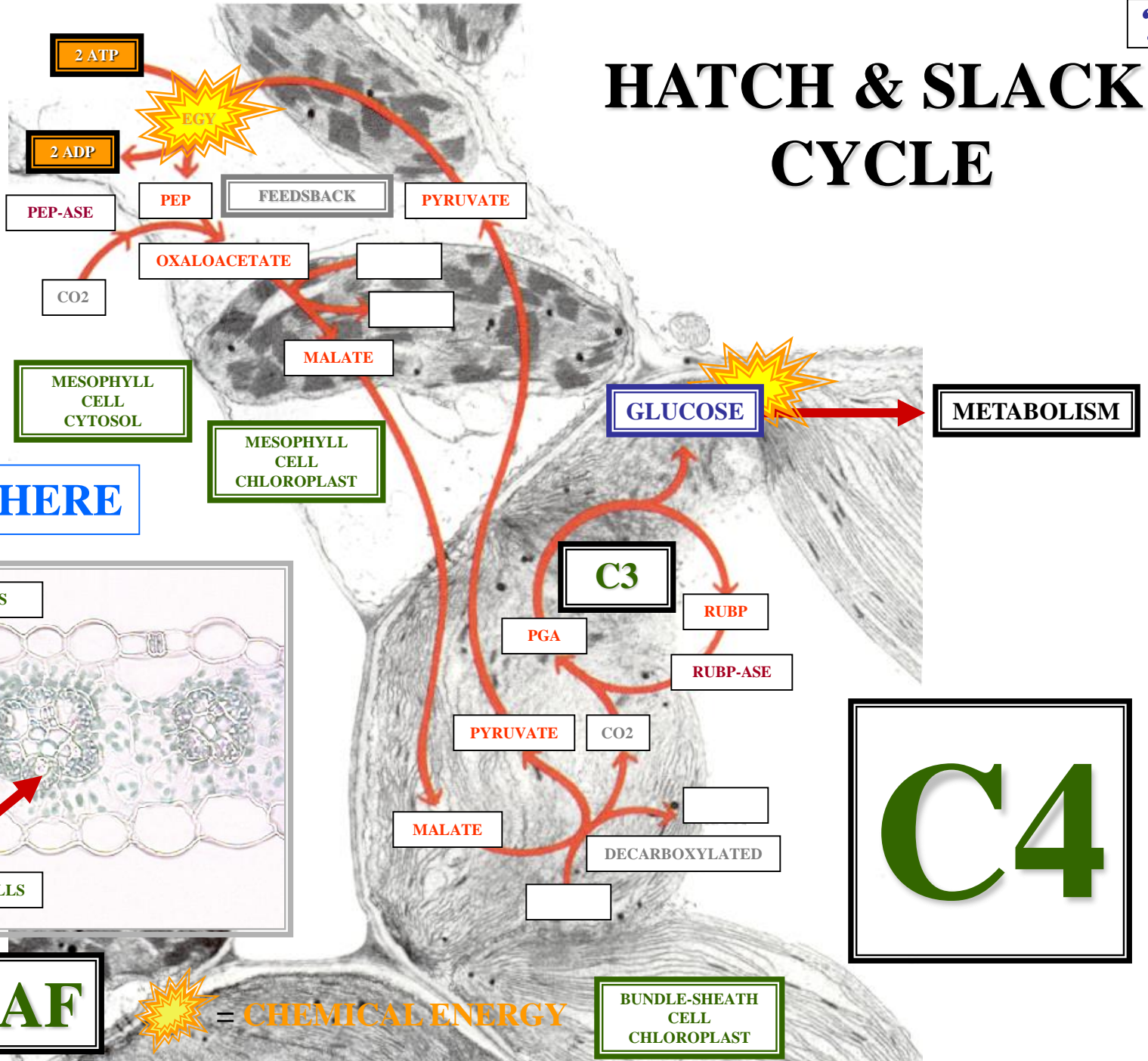


CORN

ATMOSPHERE



C4 LEAF



= CHEMICAL ENERGY

C4

# QUESTION

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# QUESTION



**ANSWER**

**CO2**

**ANSWER**



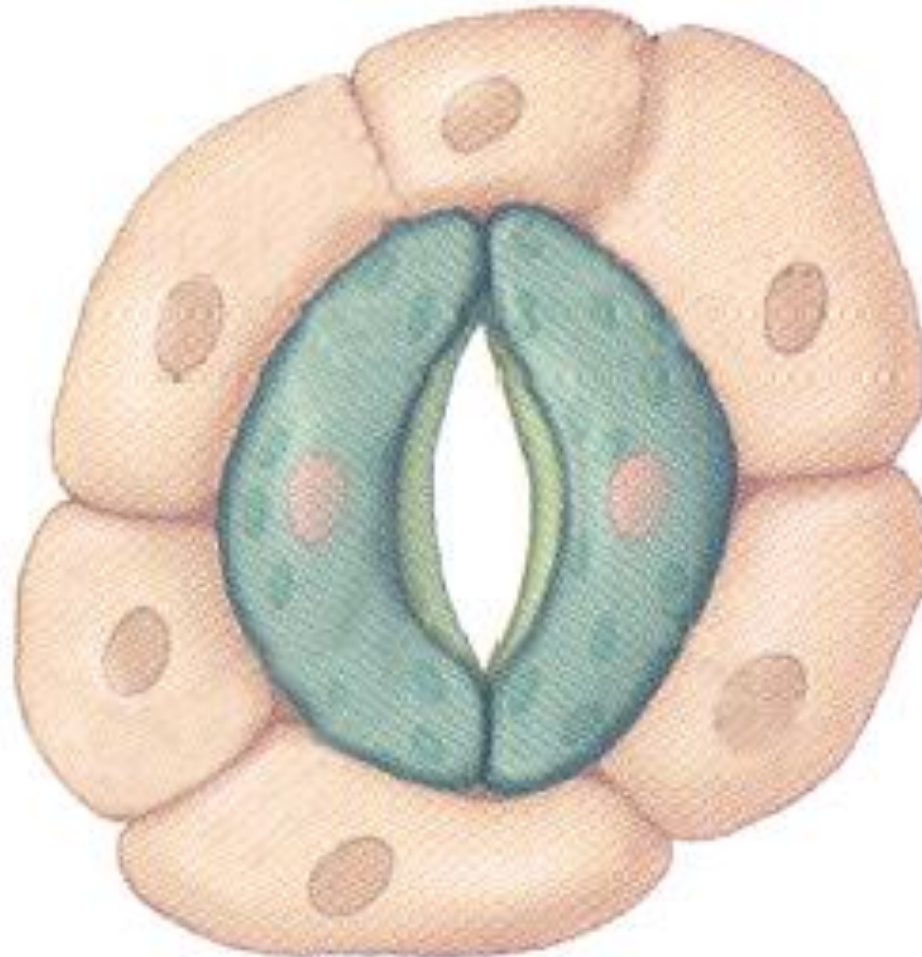
**ATMOSPHERE**

# LEAF STOMATE

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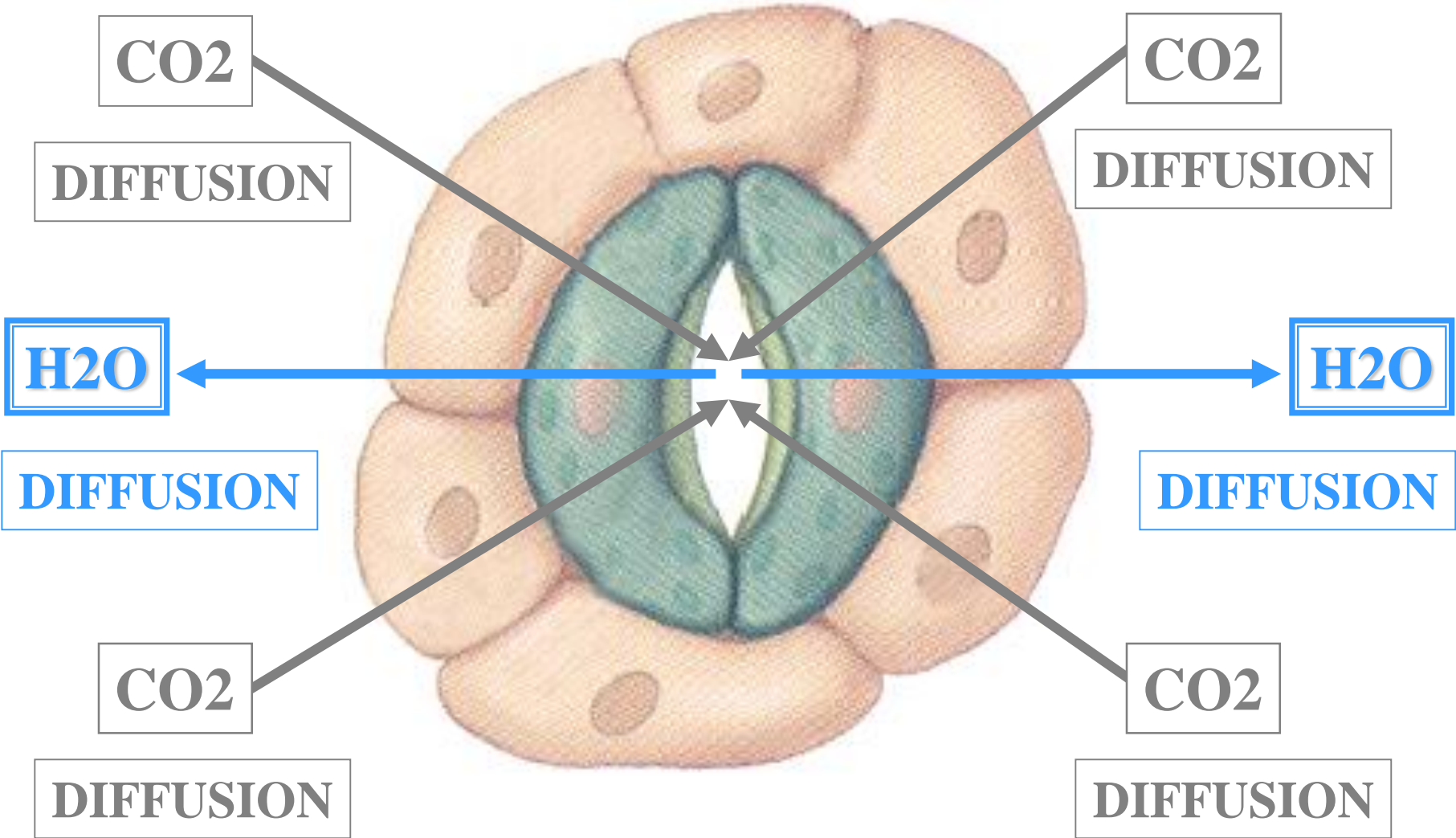


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CO<sub>2</sub>

# LEAF STOMATE

ATMOSPHERE

ATMOSPHERE



CO<sub>2</sub>

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DIFFUSION

DIFFUSION

H<sub>2</sub>O

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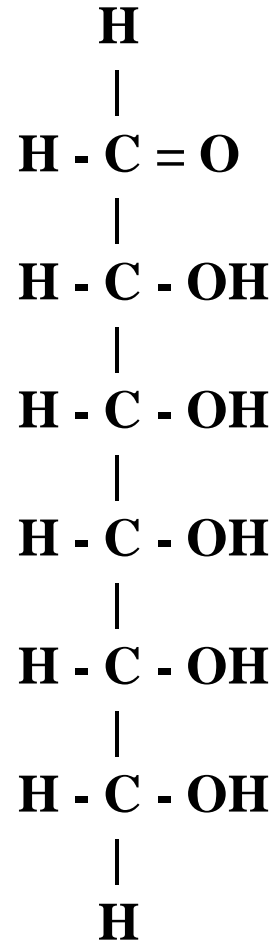
# PHOTOSYNTHESIS



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SYNTHESIZE



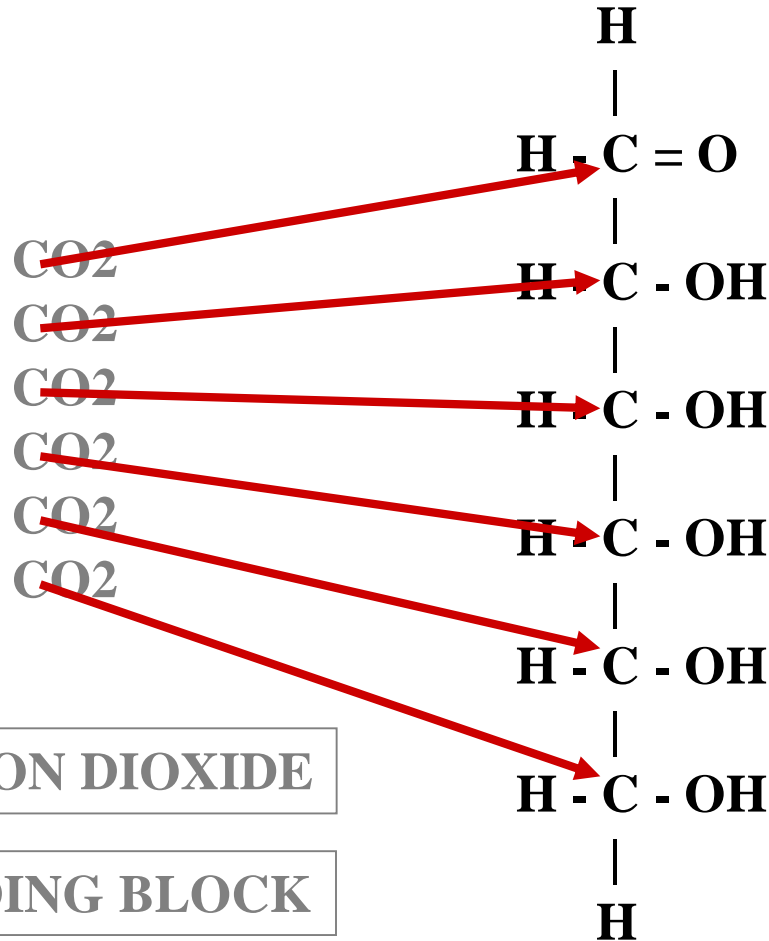
CARBON DIOXIDE

BUILDING BLOCK

C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

GLUCOSE

# PHOTOSYNTHESIS



CARBON DIOXIDE

BUILDING BLOCK



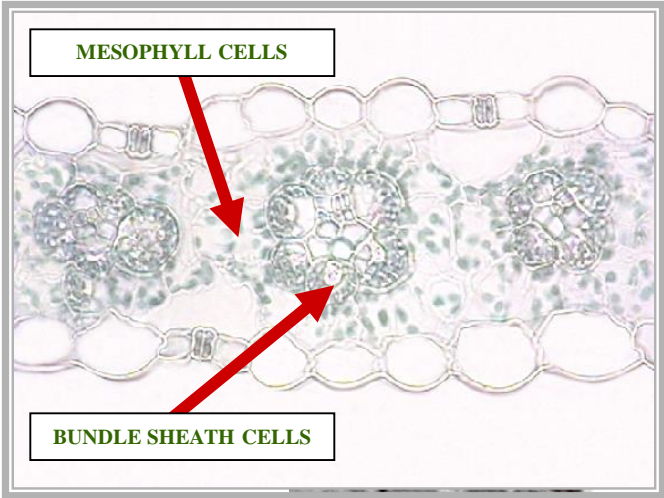
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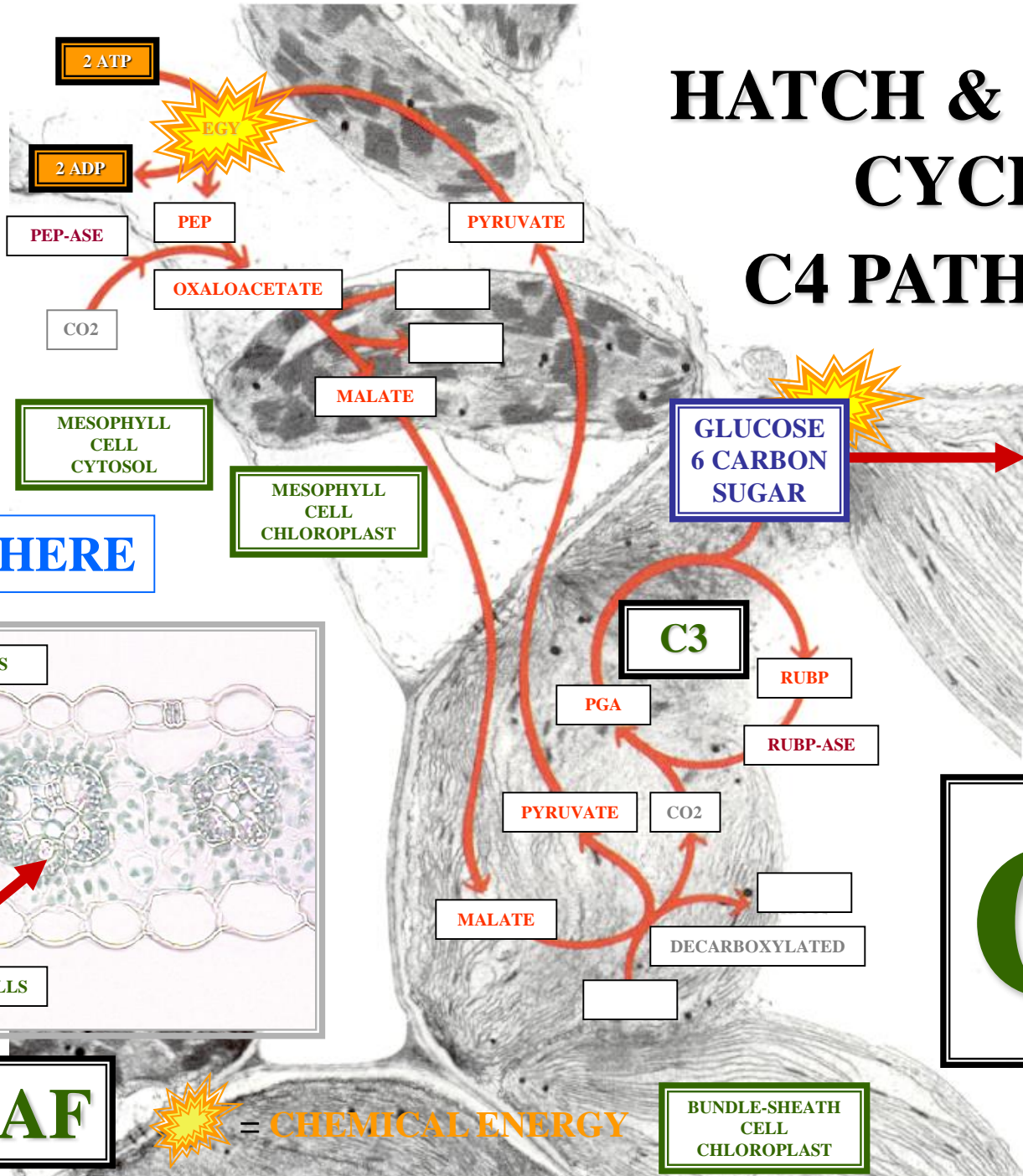


**CORN**

**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**



= CHEMICAL ENERGY

**METABOLISM**

**C4**

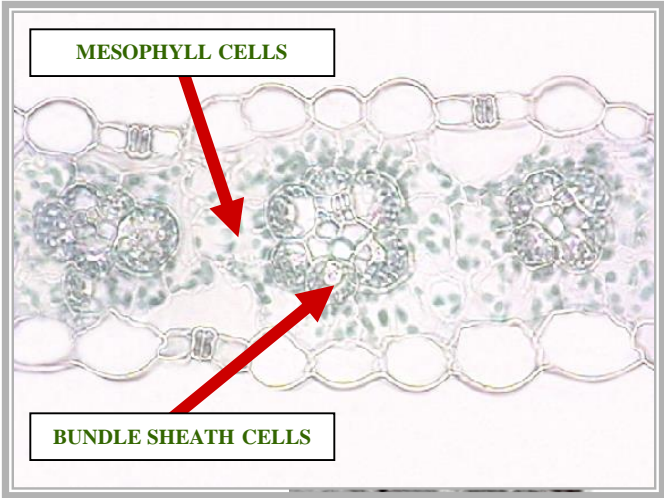
**BUNDLE-SHEATH  
CELL  
CHLOROPLAST**

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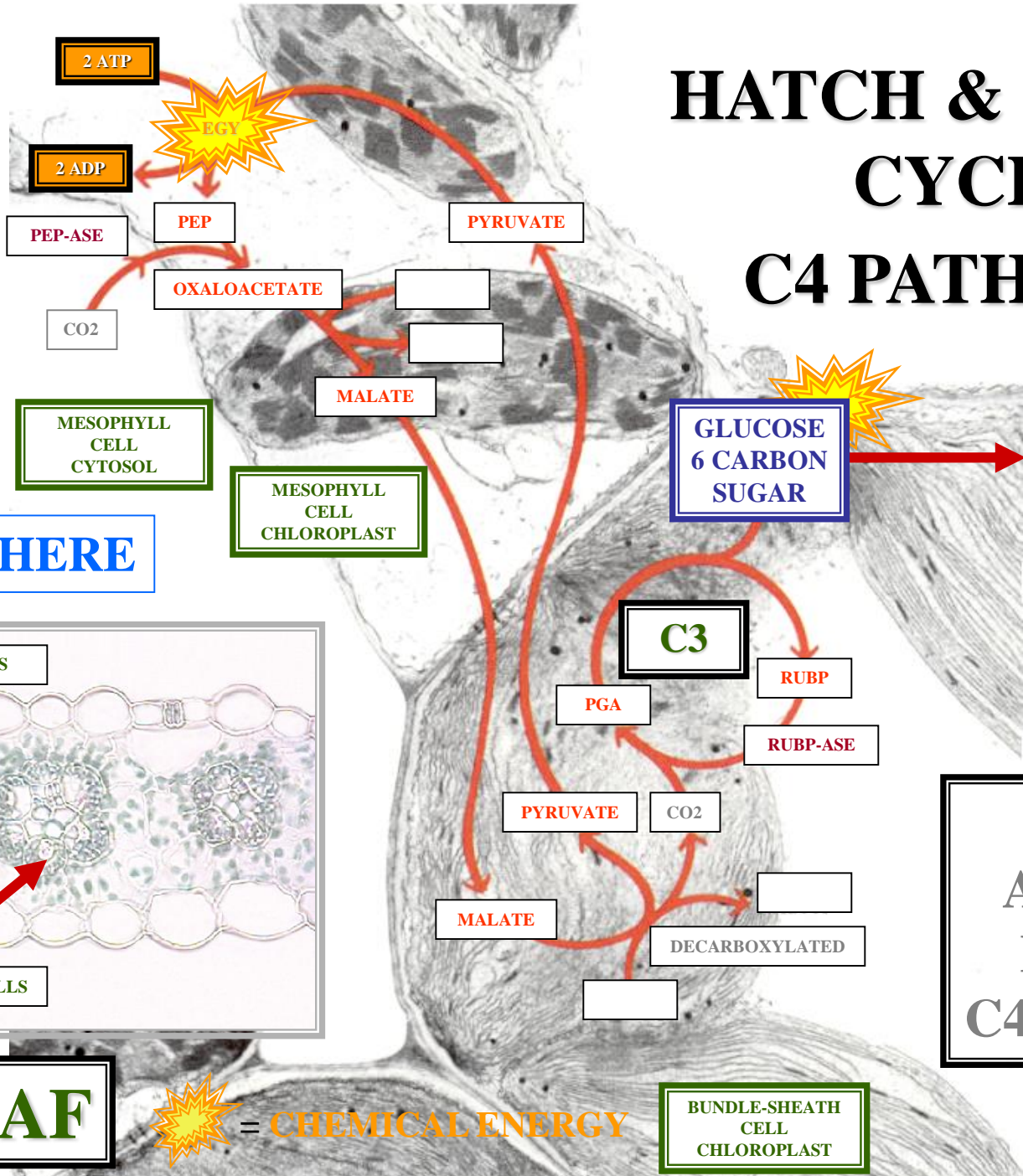


**CORN**

**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**



2 ATP

2 ADP



PEP

PEP-ASE

PYRUVATE

OXALOACETATE

CO2

MESOPHYLL  
CELL  
CYTOSOL

MESOPHYLL  
CELL  
CHLOROPLAST

MALATE

GLUCOSE  
6 CARBON  
SUGAR

METABOLISM

C3

RUBP

PGA

RUBP-ASE

PYRUVATE

CO2

MALATE

DECARBOXYLATED

1 CO2  
ADDED  
EACH  
C4 CYCLE



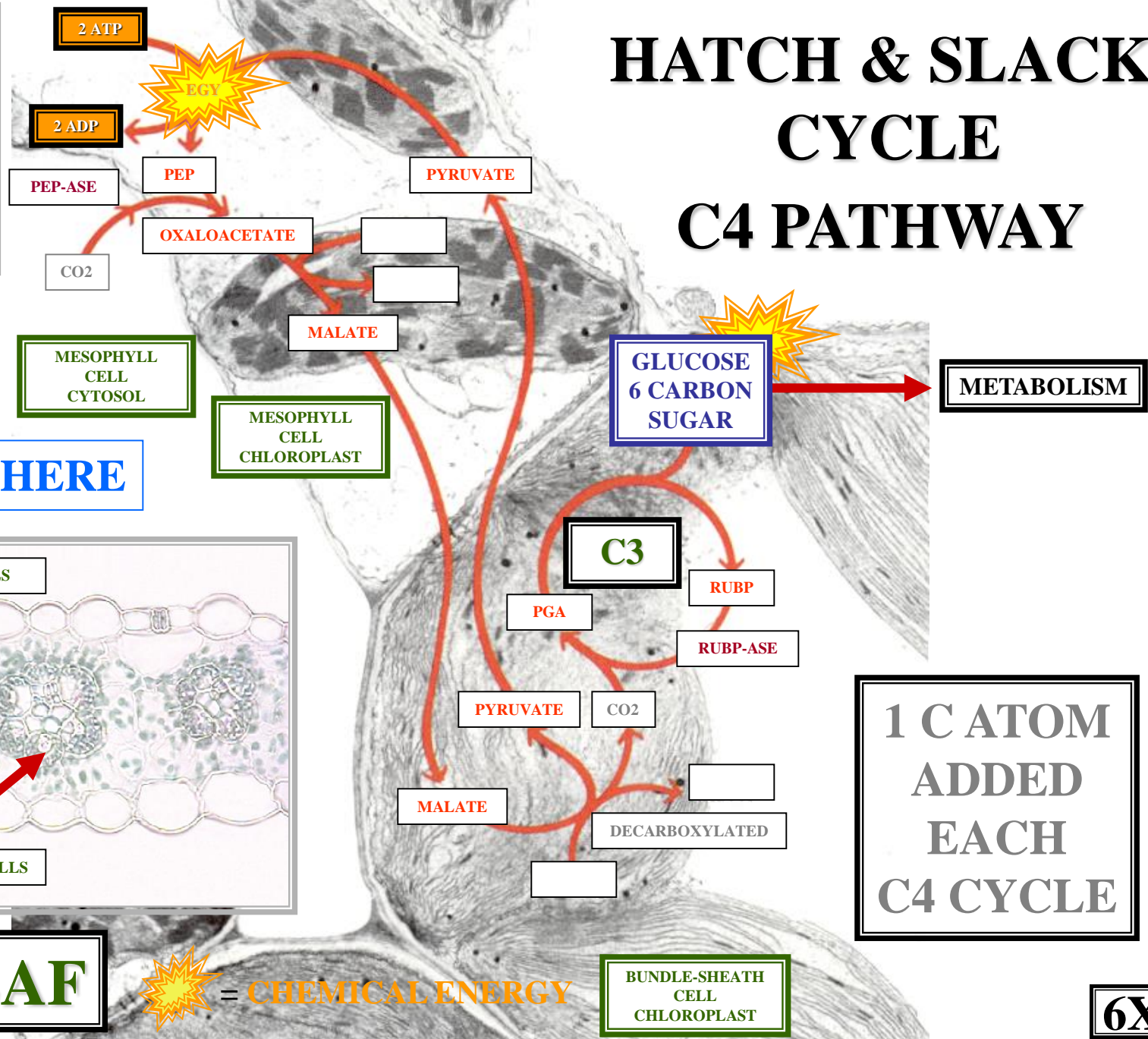
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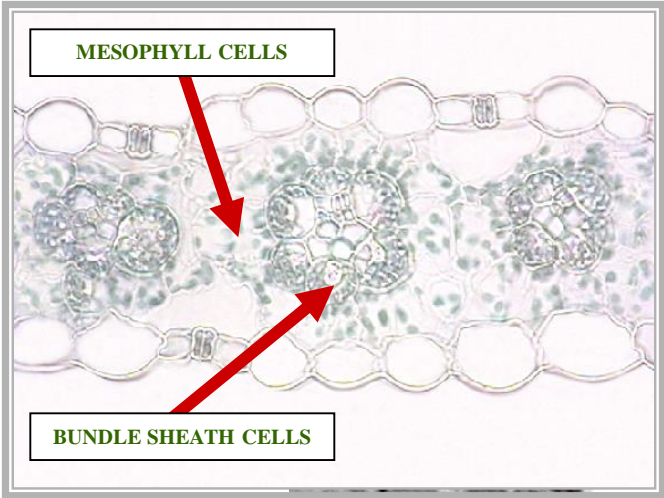


**CORN**

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**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**

**EGY = CHEMICAL ENERGY**

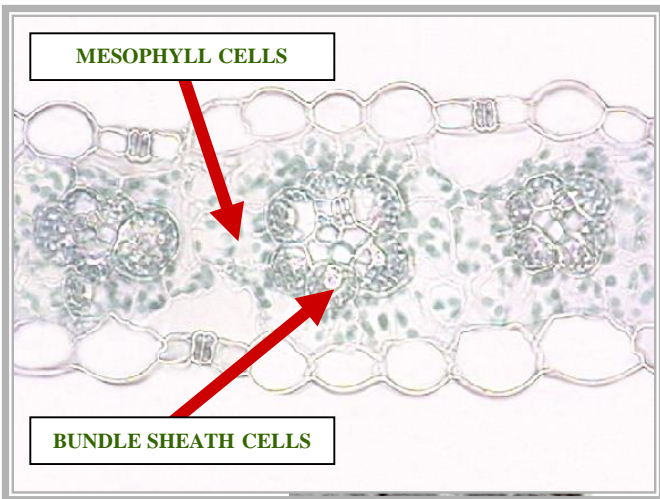
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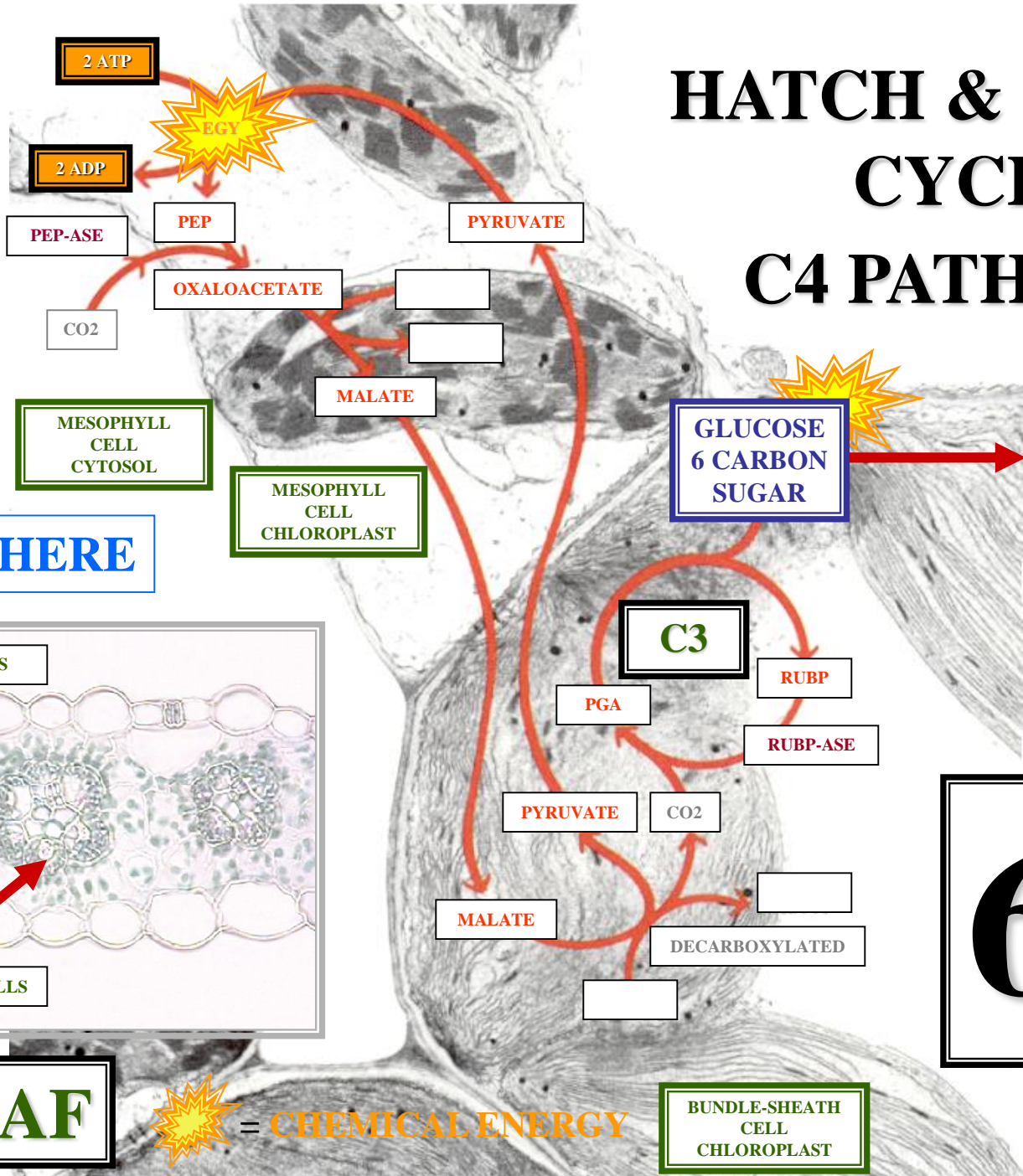


**CORN**

**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**



**METABOLISM**

**6X**

**EGY = CHEMICAL ENERGY**

**BUNDLE-SHEATH CELL CHLOROPLAST**



# QUESTION

DOES A C4 PLANT  
ALSO CONDUCT C3?

# QUESTION





**ANSWER**

**YES**

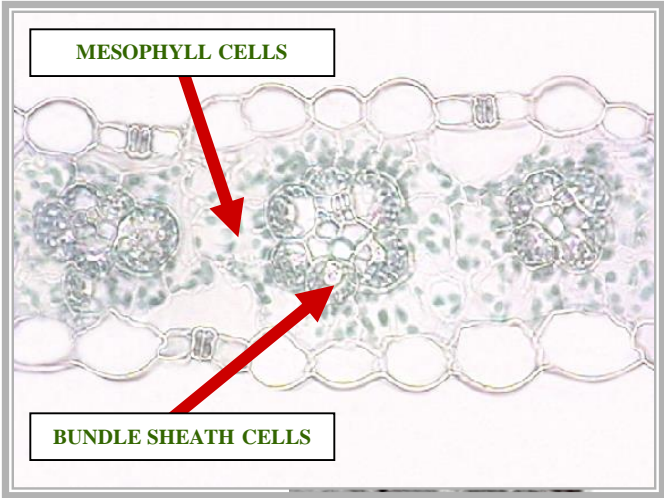
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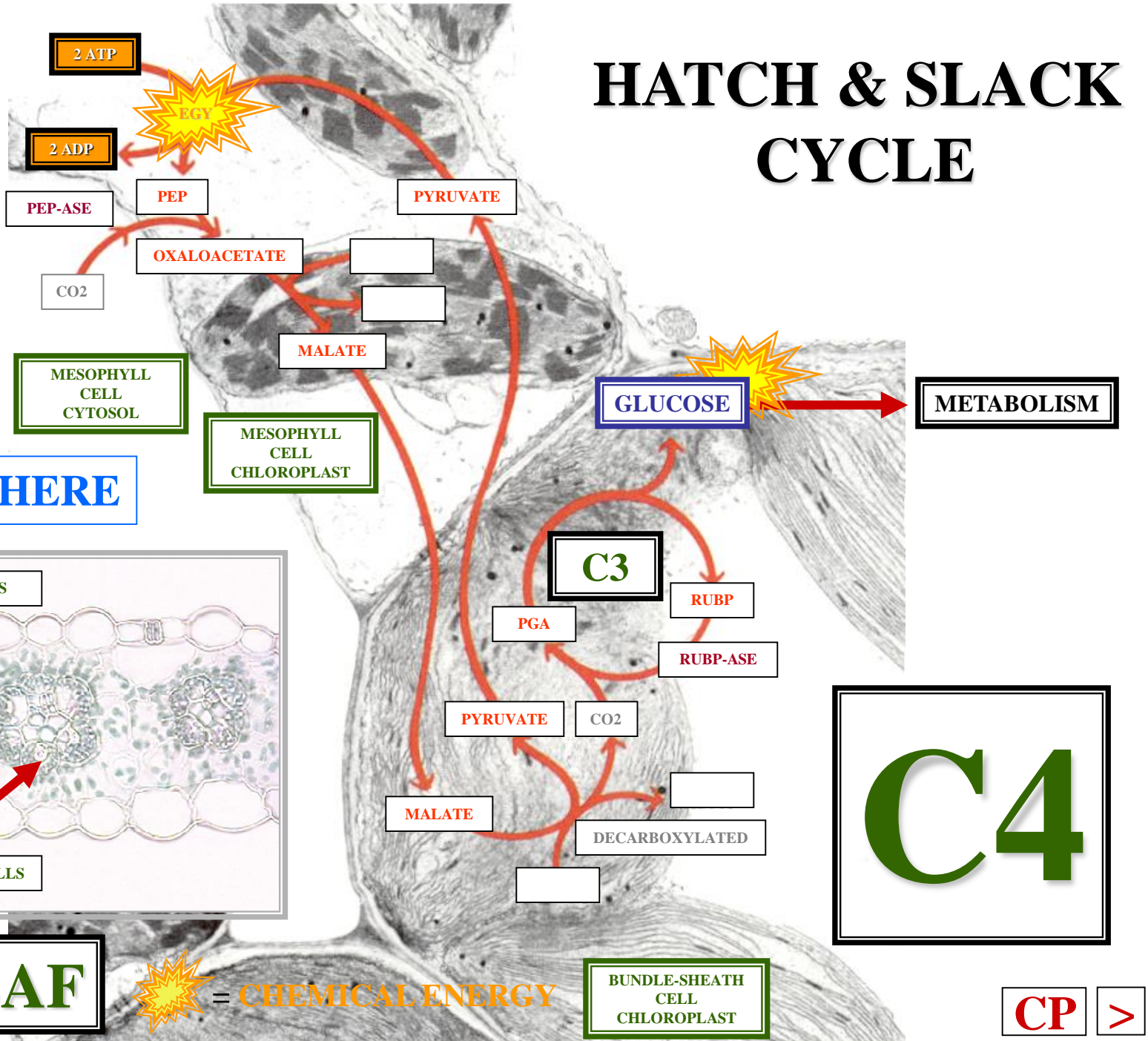


**CORN**

**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**



**C4**

**CP** >



*C4 PLANTS*

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*C4 PATHWAY*

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*C3 PATHWAY*

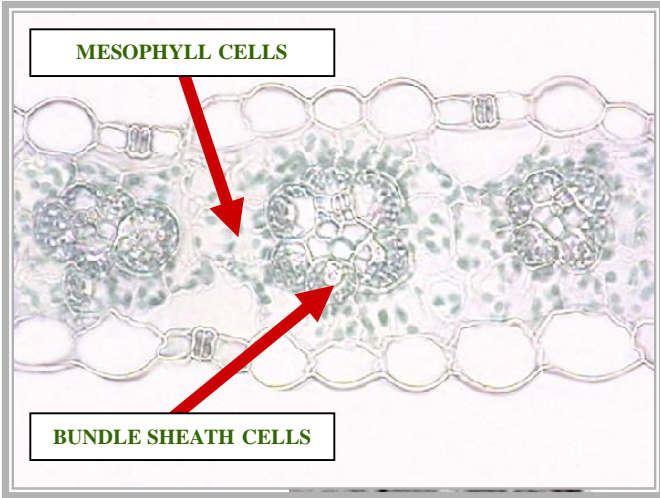
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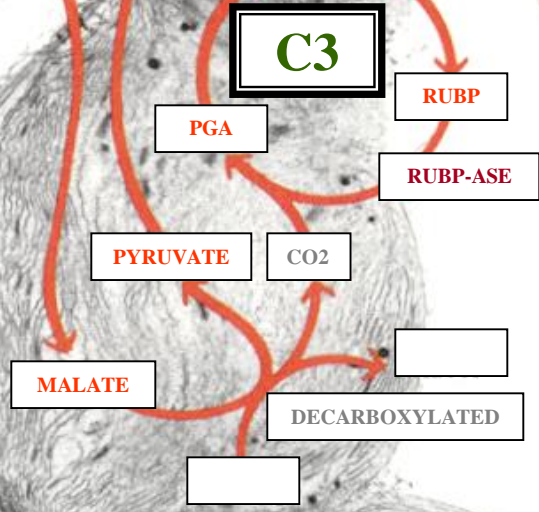
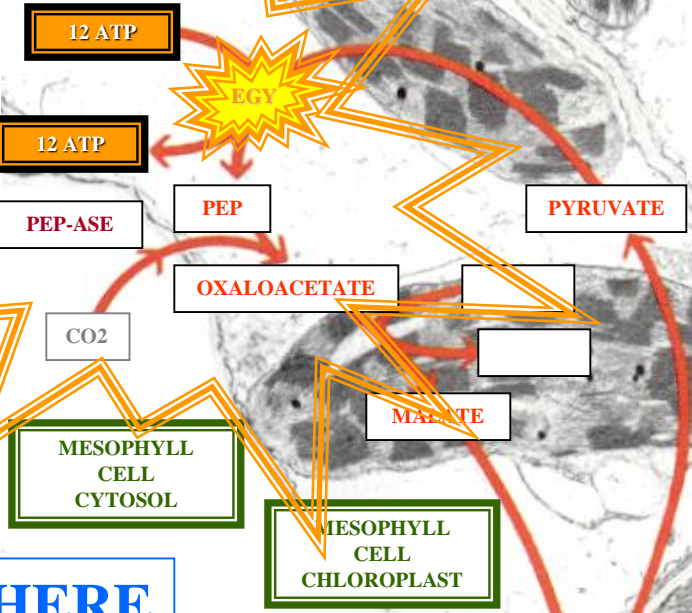


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**C4 LEAF**



**C4**

= CHEMICAL ENERGY

**BUNDLE-SHEATH CELL CHLOROPLAST**

**C3**



**CORN**

CO<sub>2</sub> + **RIBULOSE BISPHOEPHATE / (RUBP)**

**FEEDBACK**

**RIBULOSE BISPHOEPHATE  
CARBOXYLASE  
(RUBP-CARBOXYLASE)**

**UNSTABLE 6C COMPOUND**

**PHOSPHOGLYCERATE / (PGA)**

**PHOSPHOGLYCERATE / (PGA)**

**ATP**

**ATP**

**BISPHOGLYCERATE / (BIPGA)**

**BISPHOGLYCERATE / (BIPGA)**

**NADPH**

**NADPH**

**PHOSPHOGLYCERALDEHYDE / (PGAL)**

**PHOSPHOGLYCERALDEHYDE / (PGAL)**

**COMPLEX SERIES  
CHEMICAL RXTS  
(CSCR)**

**COMPLEX SERIES  
CHEMICAL RXTS  
(CSCR)**

**C<sub>3</sub>**

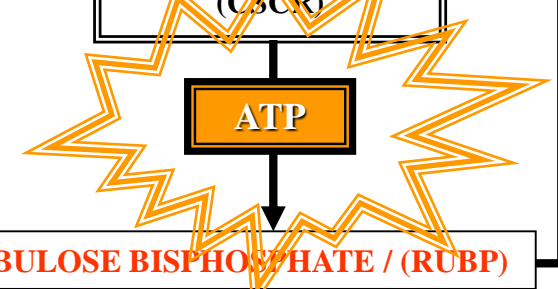
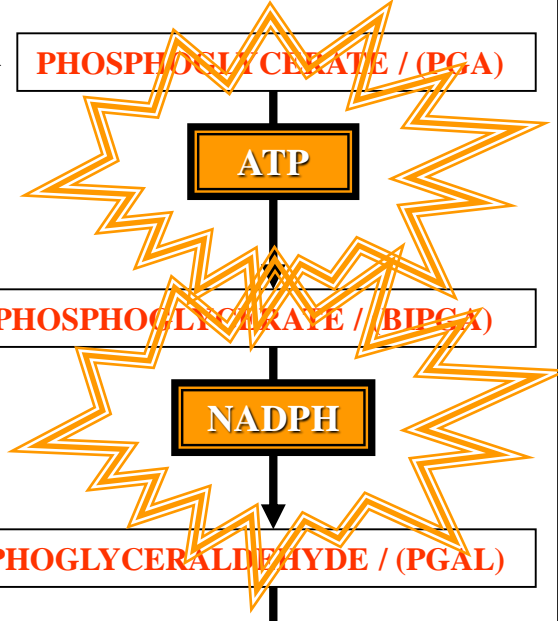
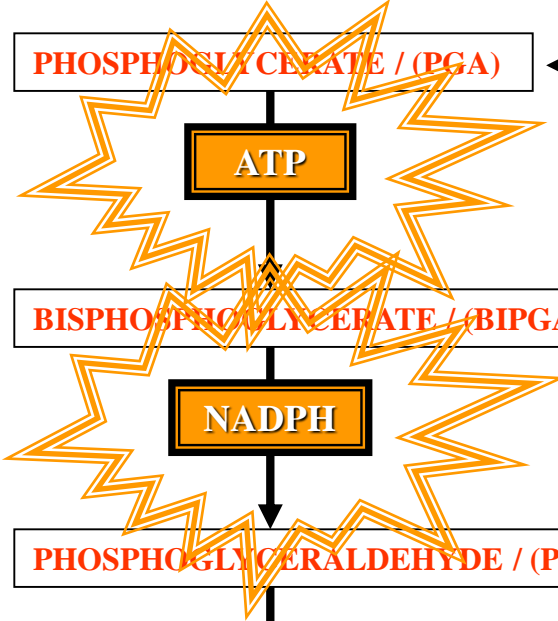
**C<sub>3</sub> PATHWAY**

**CALVIN CYCLE**

**GLUCOSE  
6 CARBON  
SUGAR**

**RIBULOSE BISPHOEPHATE / (RUBP)**

**= CHEMICAL ENERGY**





# ENERGY EXPENSE

# PHOTOSYNTHESIS



A

WATER

**LIGHT ENERGY**

E-

PHOTOLYSIS

LT RXT

THYLAKOID  
GRANUM

DK RXT

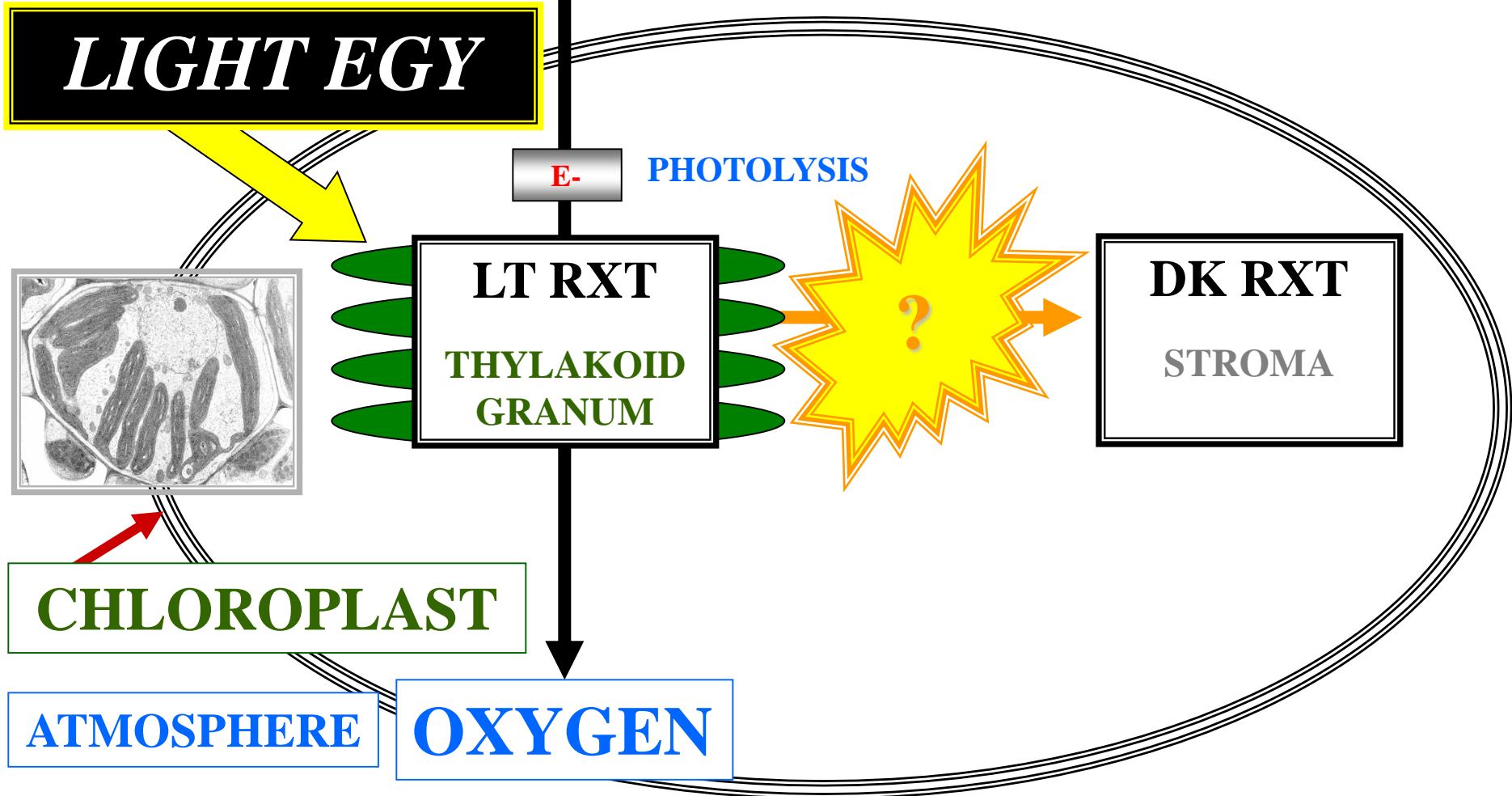
STROMA



CHLOROPLAST

ATMOSPHERE

OXYGEN



# PHOTOSYNTHESIS

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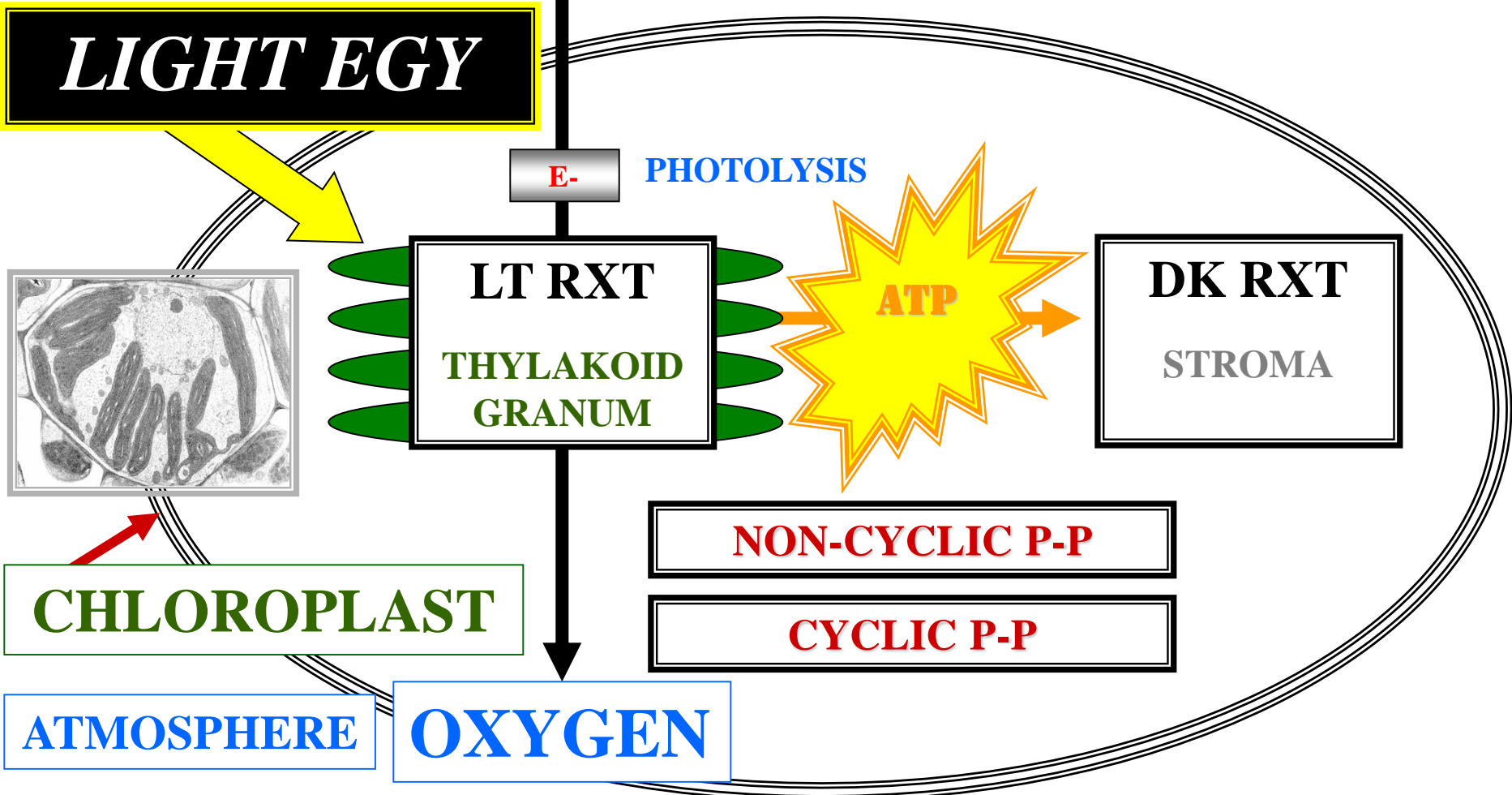
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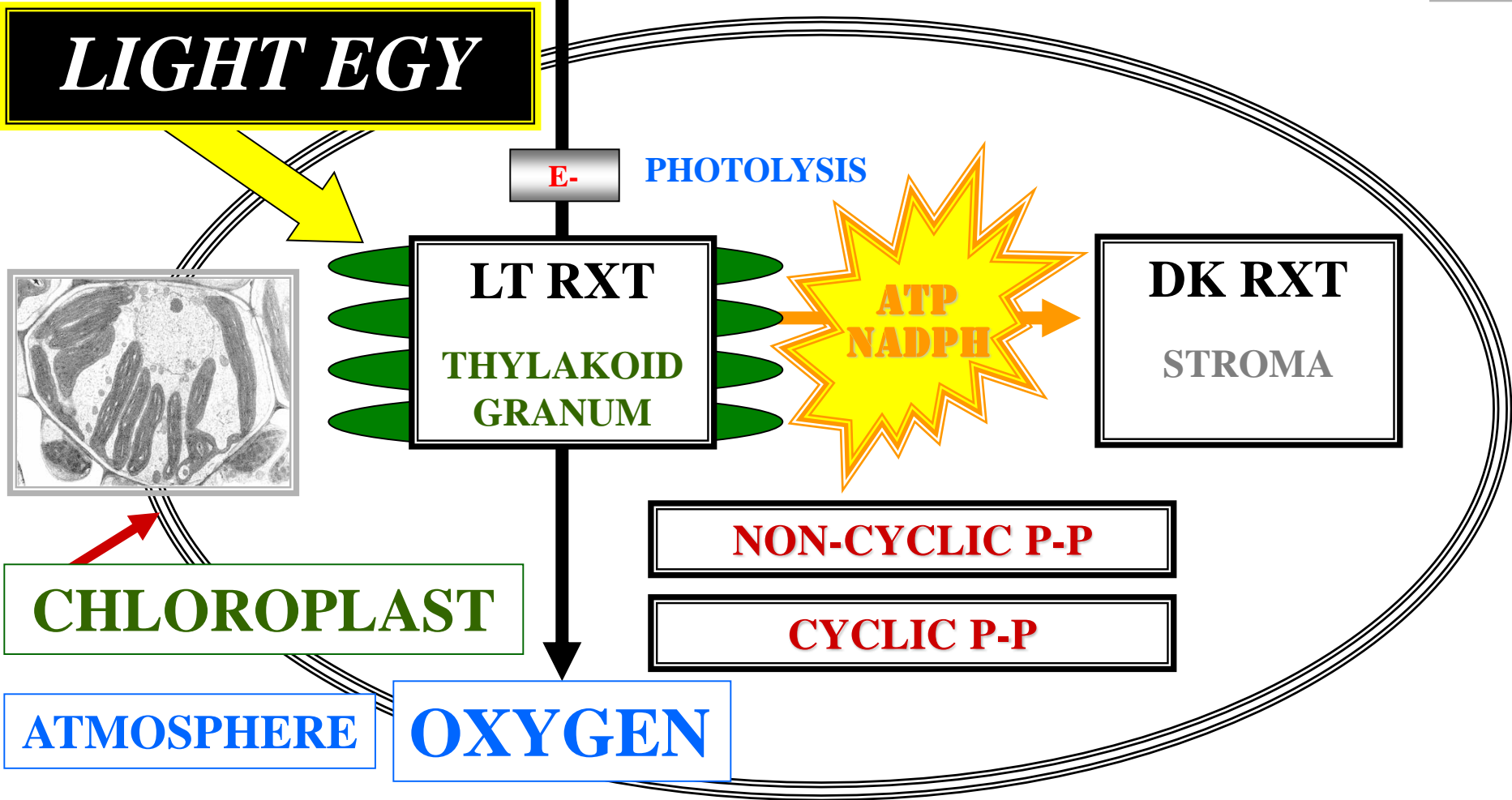
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ATP

ENERGY EXPENSE

C4

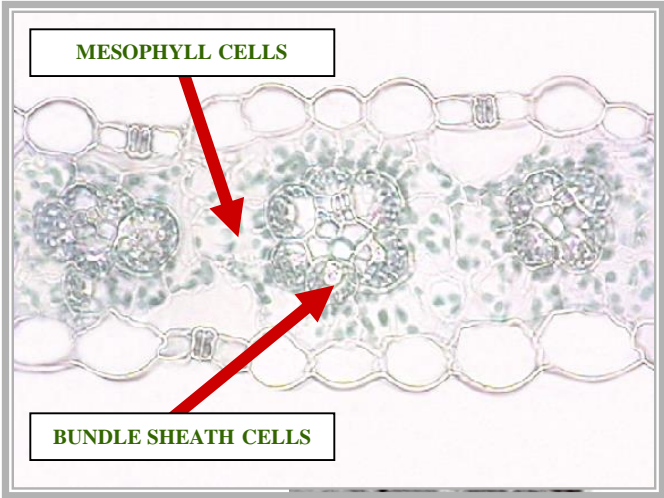
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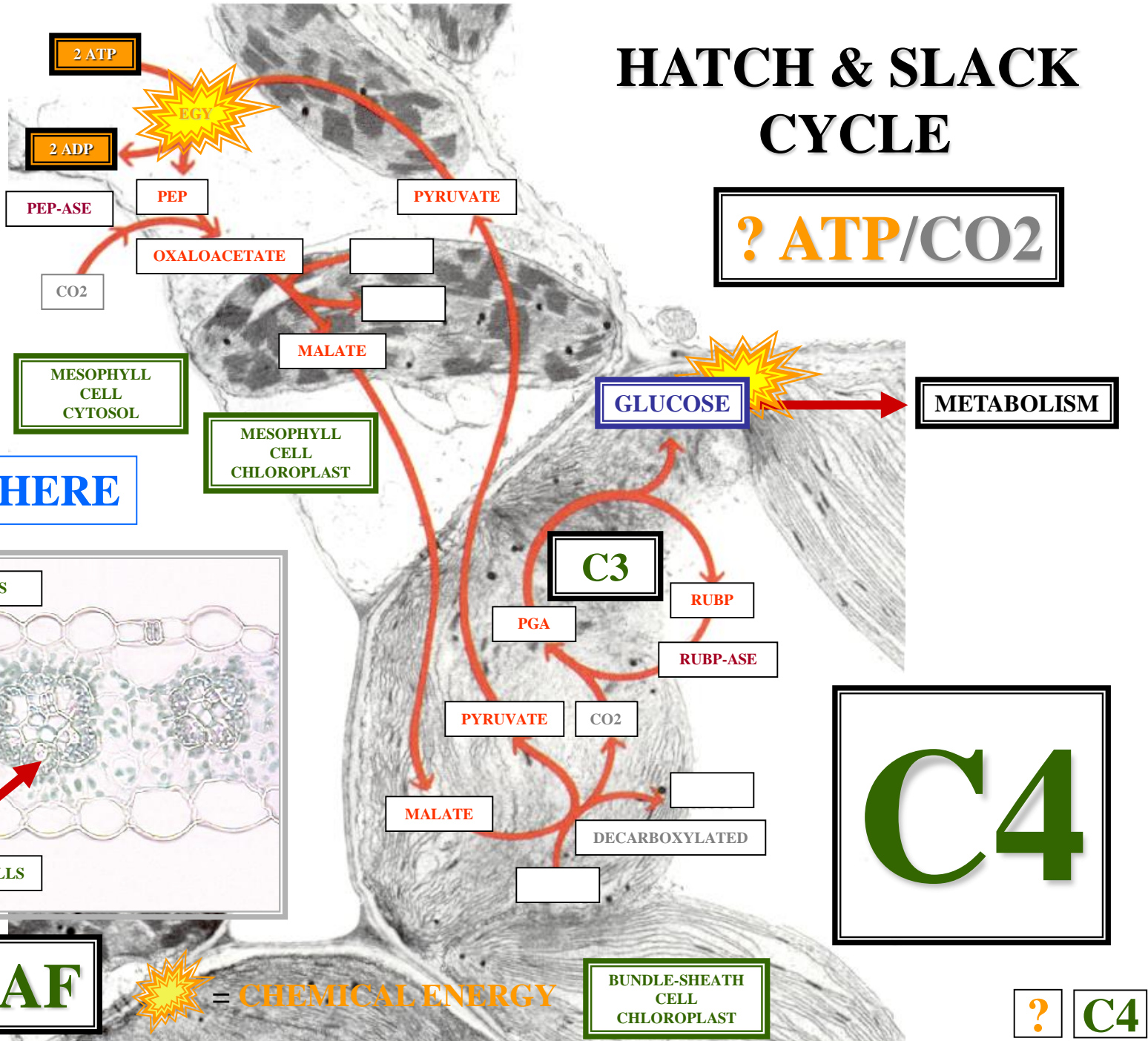


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**C4 LEAF**

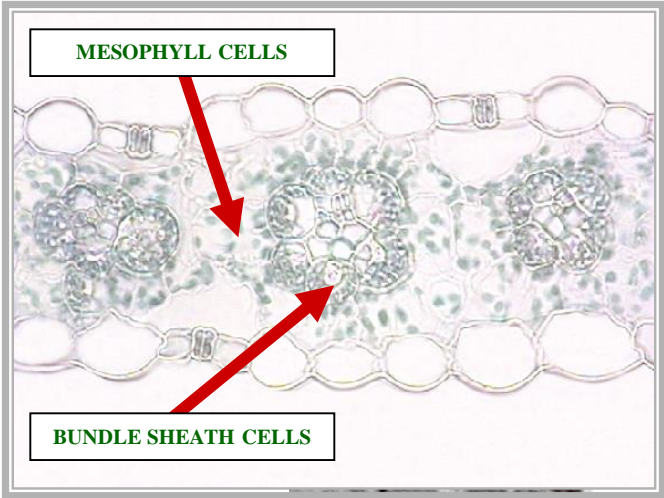


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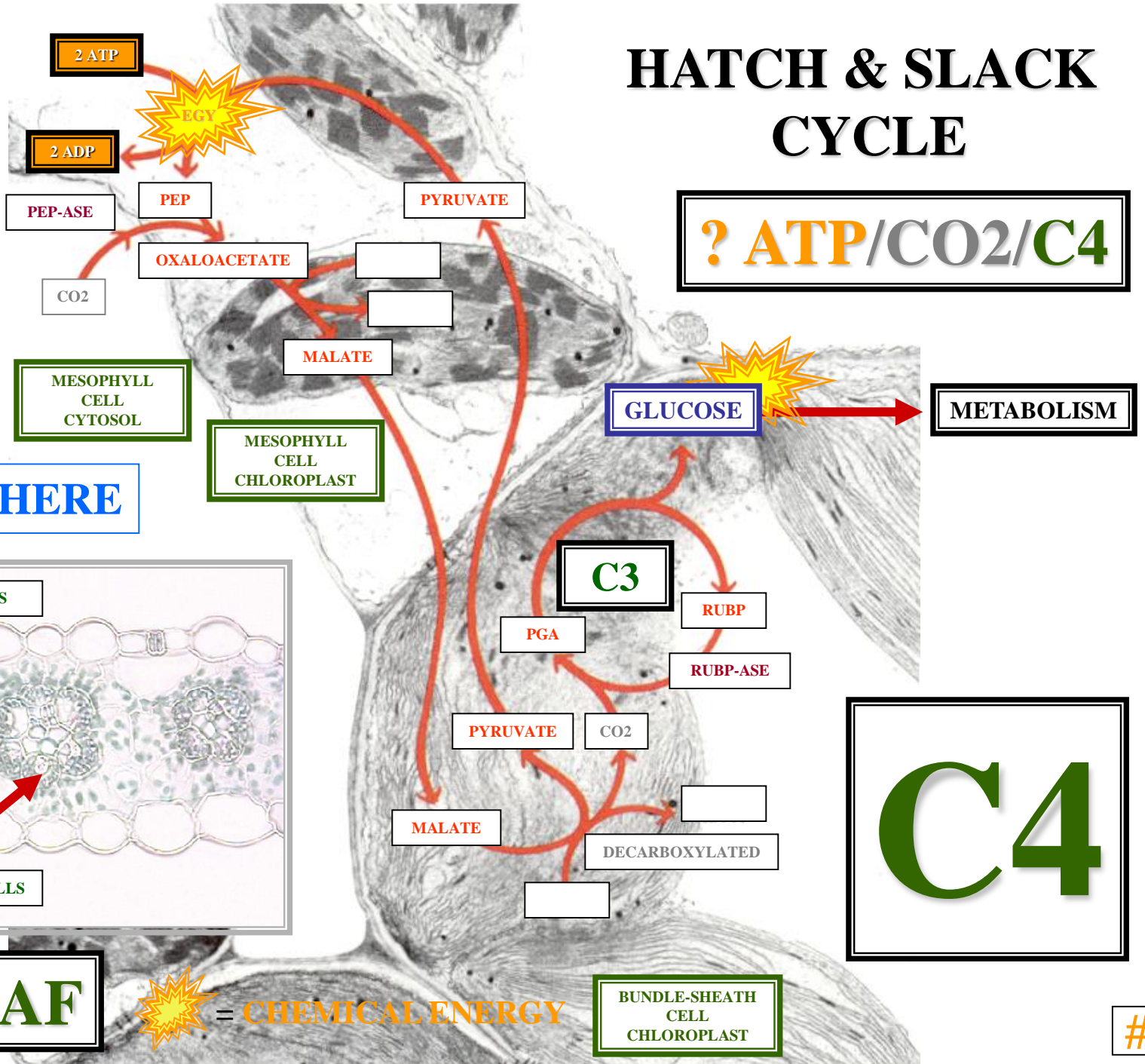


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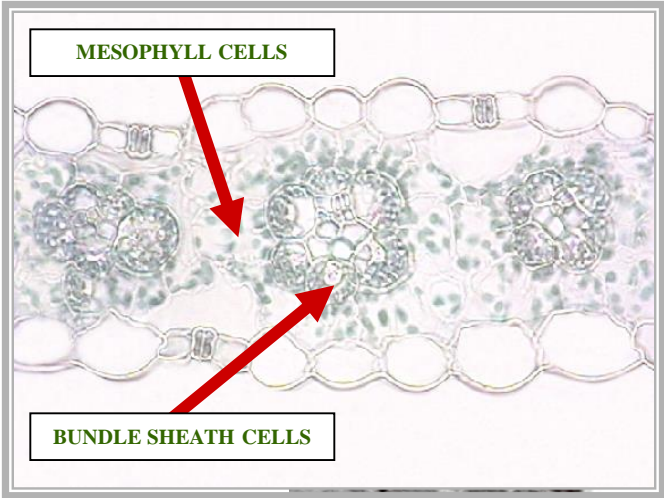
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**2 ATP/CO<sub>2</sub>/C<sub>4</sub>**

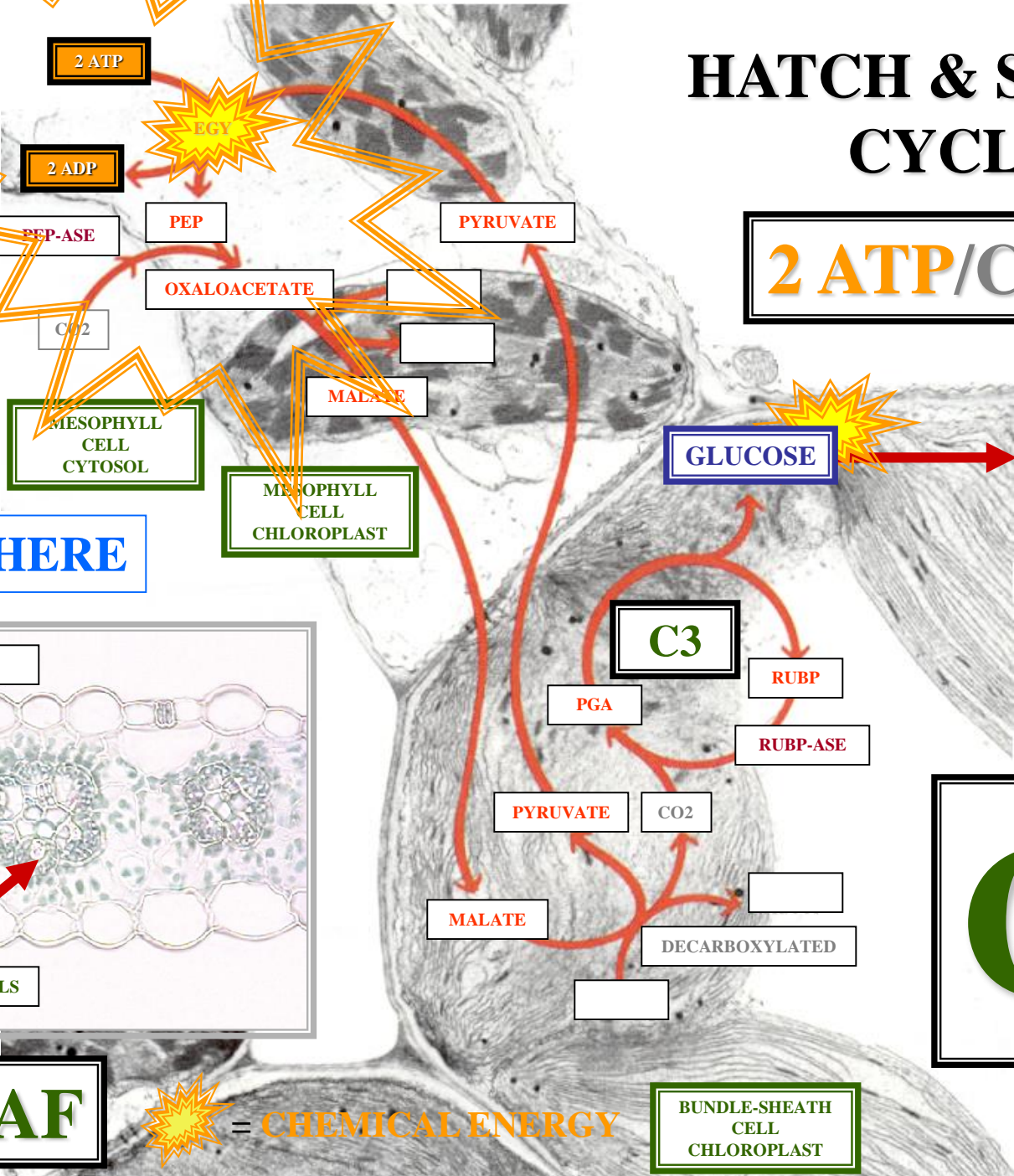


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MESOPHYLL CELL CYTOSOL

MESOPHYLL CELL CHLOROPLAST

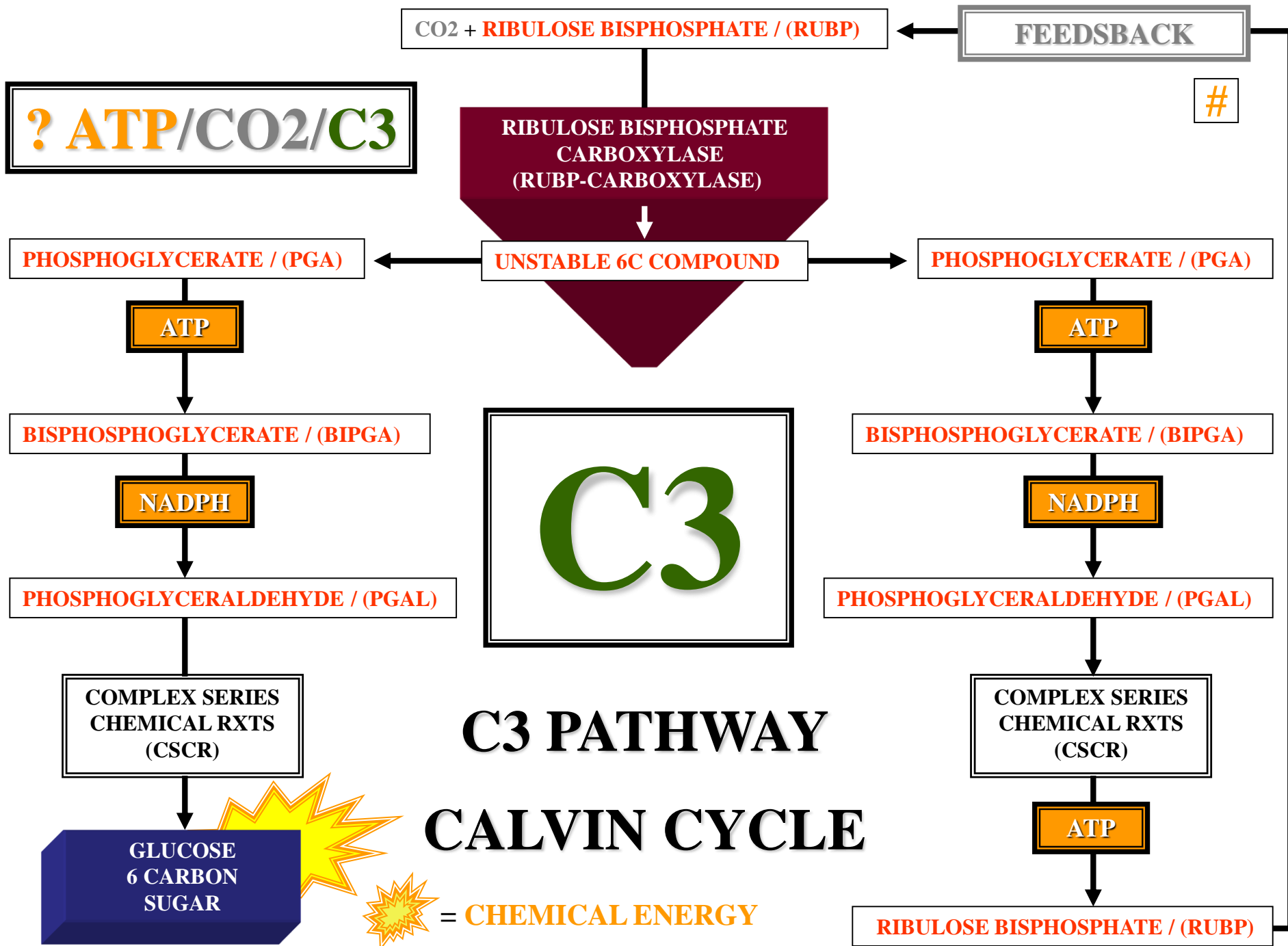
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BUNDLE-SHEATH CELL CHLOROPLAST

? C<sub>3</sub>

**EGY = CHEMICAL ENERGY**



? ATP/CO<sub>2</sub>/C<sub>3</sub>

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FEEDBACK

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RIBULOSE BISPHOSEPHATE CARBOXYLASE (RUBP-CARBOXYLASE)

PHOSPHOGLYCERATE / (PGA)

UNSTABLE 6C COMPOUND

PHOSPHOGLYCERATE / (PGA)

ATP

ATP

BISPHOSPHOGLYCERATE / (BIPGA)

BISPHOSPHOGLYCERATE / (BIPGA)

NADPH

NADPH

PHOSPHOGLYCERALDEHYDE / (PGAL)

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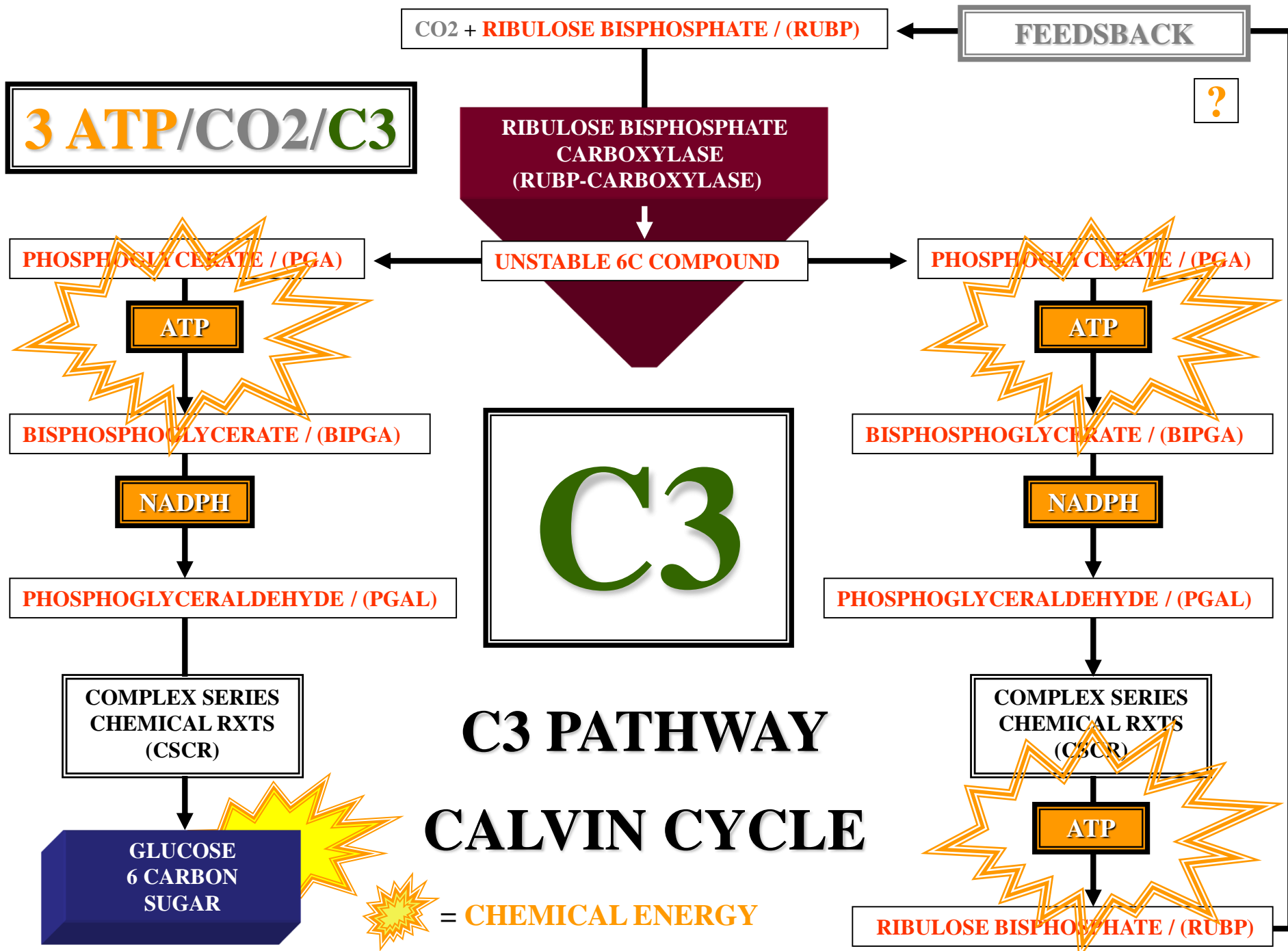
GLUCOSE 6 CARBON SUGAR

ATP

RIBULOSE BISPHOSEPHATE / (RUBP)

C<sub>3</sub> PATHWAY  
CALVIN CYCLE

= CHEMICAL ENERGY

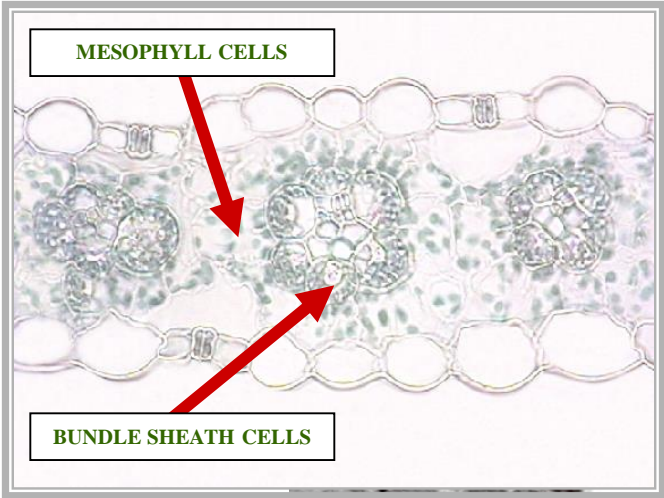


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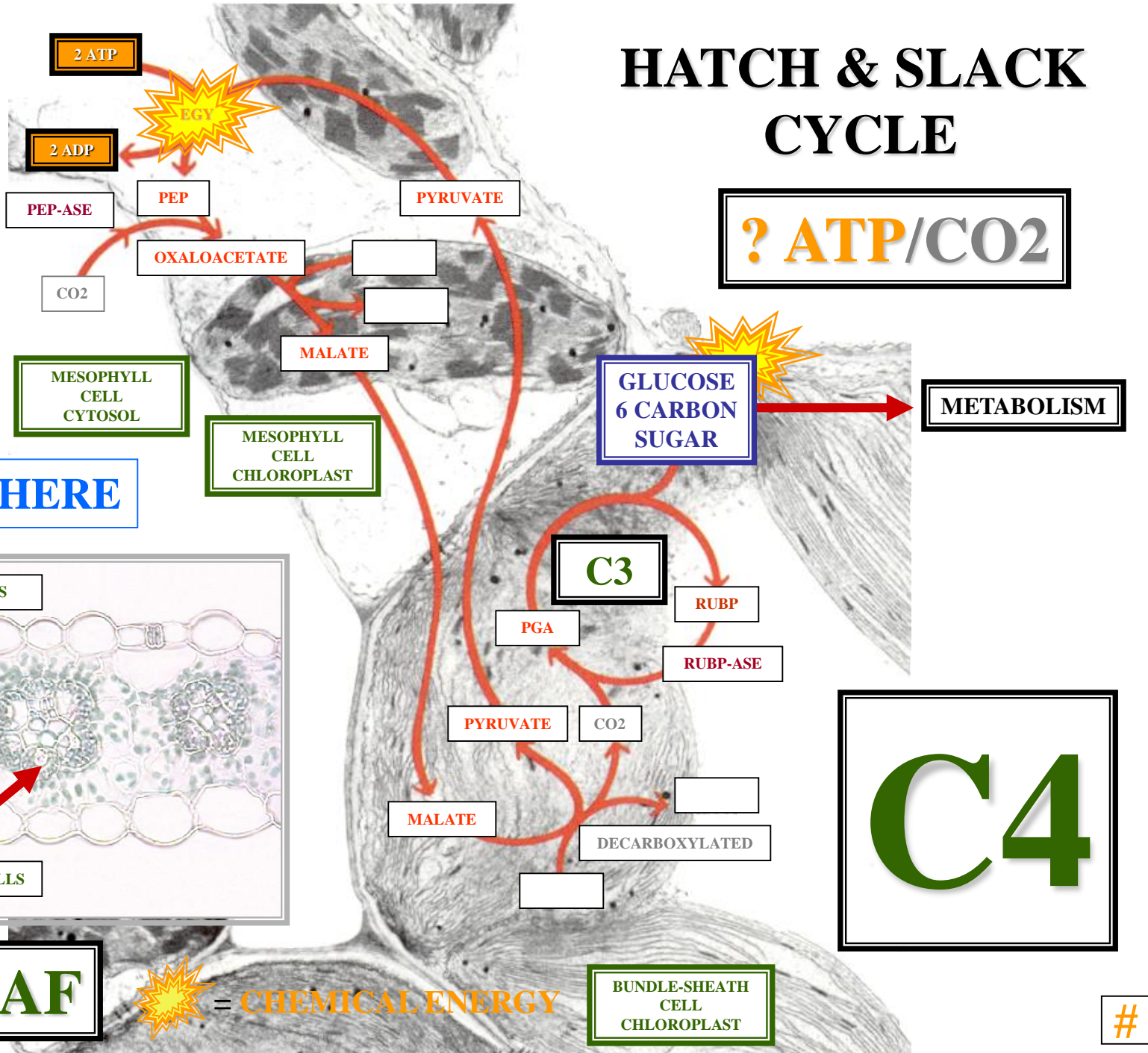


**CORN**

**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**



**EGY** = **CHEMICAL ENERGY**

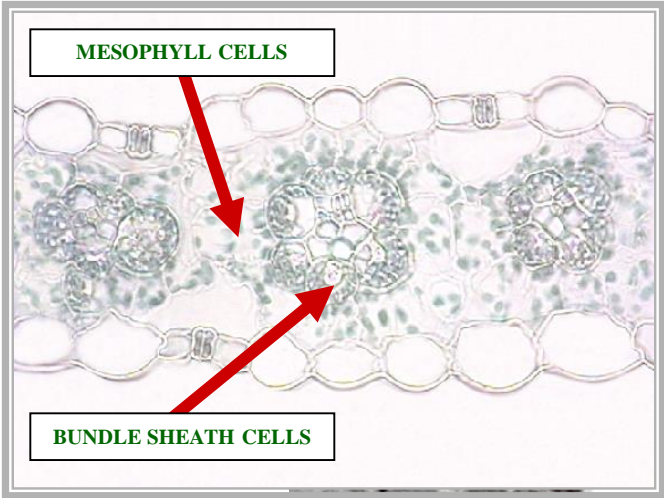


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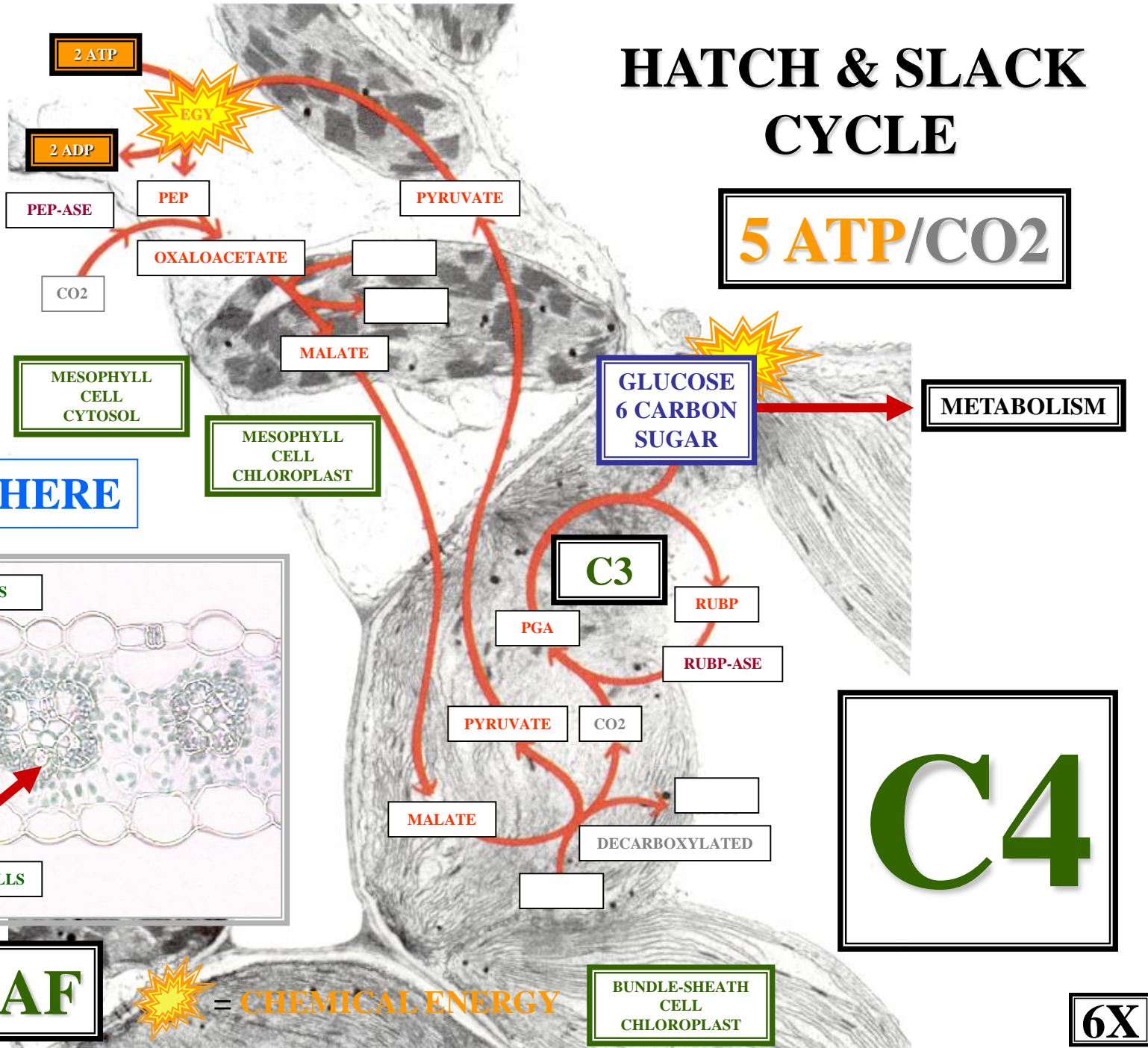


**CORN**

**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**



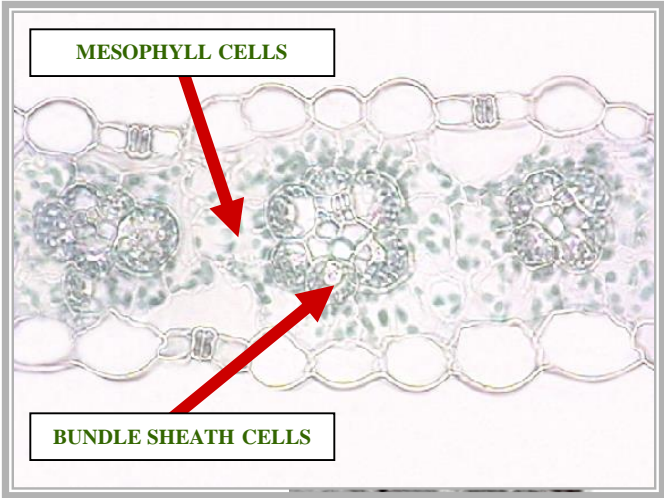
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**CORN**

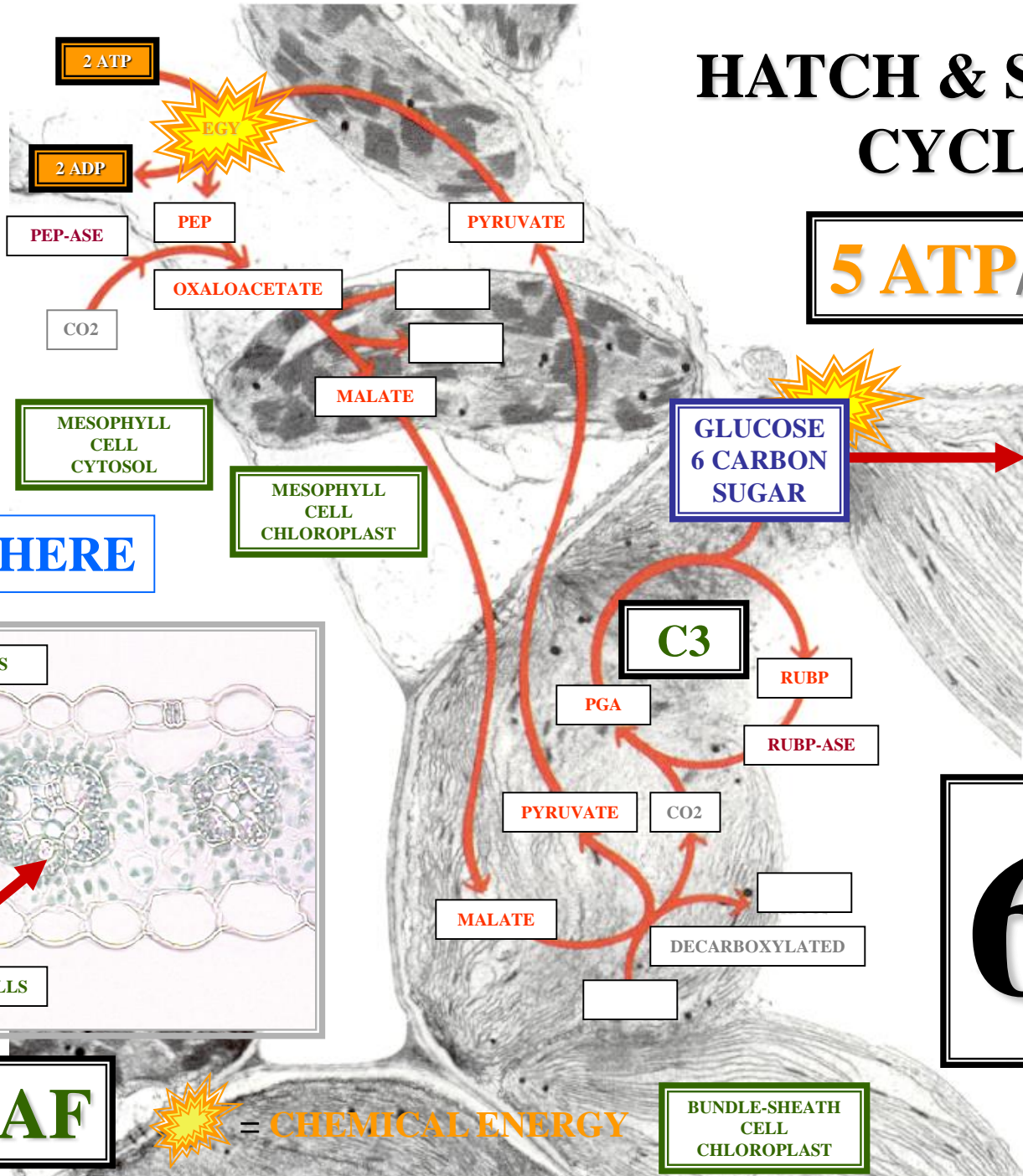
**5 ATP/CO<sub>2</sub>**

**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**

**EGY = CHEMICAL ENERGY**



**METABOLISM**

**GLUCOSE  
6 CARBON  
SUGAR**

**6X**

**BUNDLE-SHEATH  
CELL  
CHLOROPLAST**



#

# PHOTOSYNTHESIS

LR



ATP  
ENERGY EXPENSE

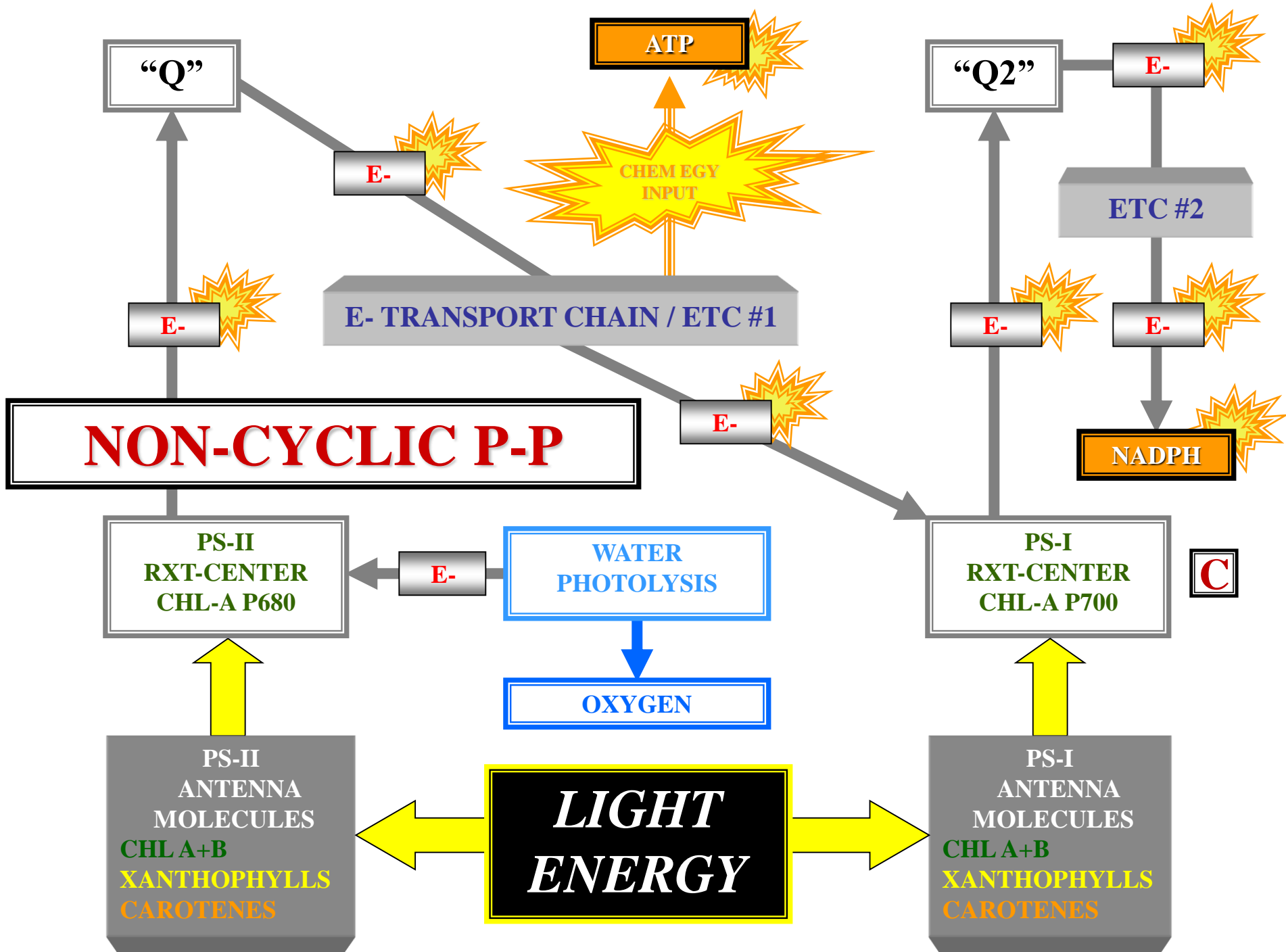
30 ATP

C4

CORN



# LIGHT REACTION



**CYCLIC P-P**

“Q2”

E-

ETC #3

CHEM  
EGY  
INPUT

ATP

E-

E-

E- = RECYCLED

PS-I  
RXT-CENTER  
CHL-A P700

**LIGHT  
ENERGY**

PS-I  
ANTENNA  
MOLECULES  
CHL A+B  
XANTHOPHYLLS  
CAROTENES

**LIGHT  
ENERGY**

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**NADPH**

**ENERGY EXPENSE**

**C4**

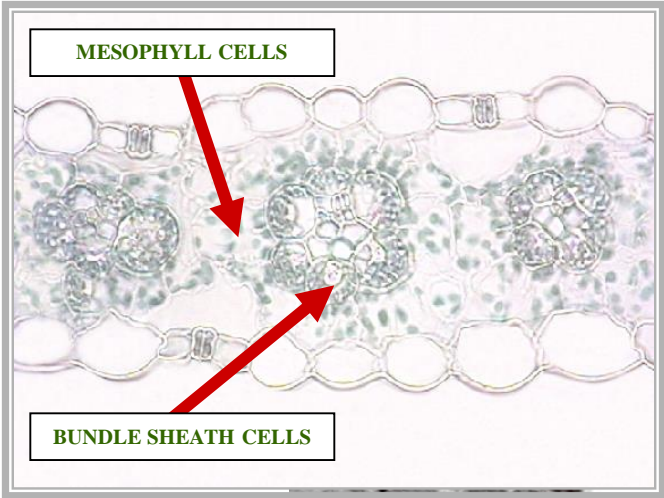
**CORN**

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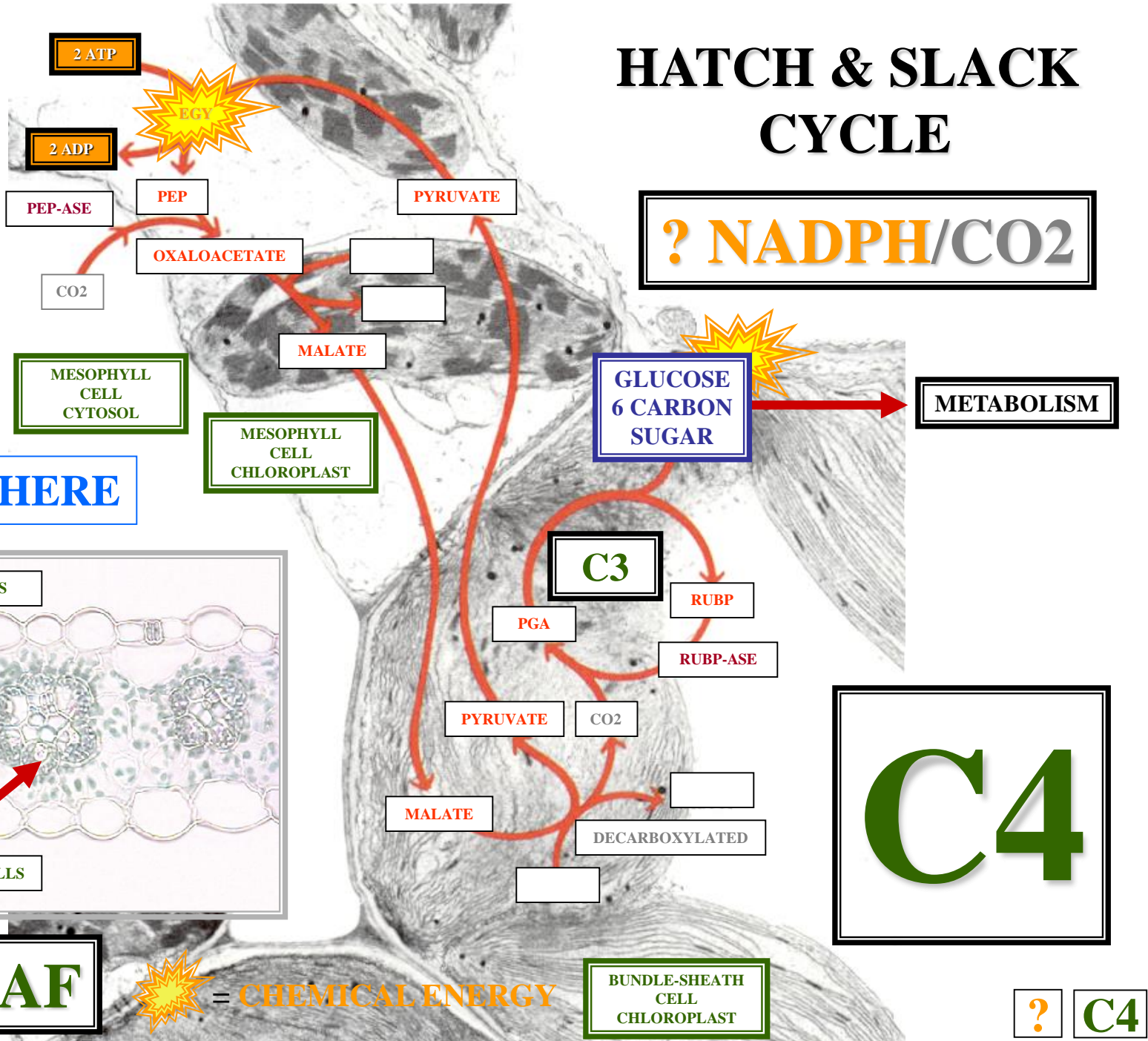


**CORN**

**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**



**EGY = CHEMICAL ENERGY**

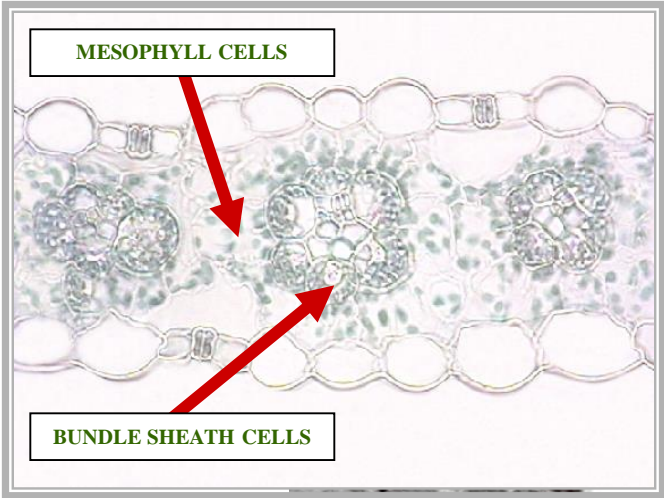


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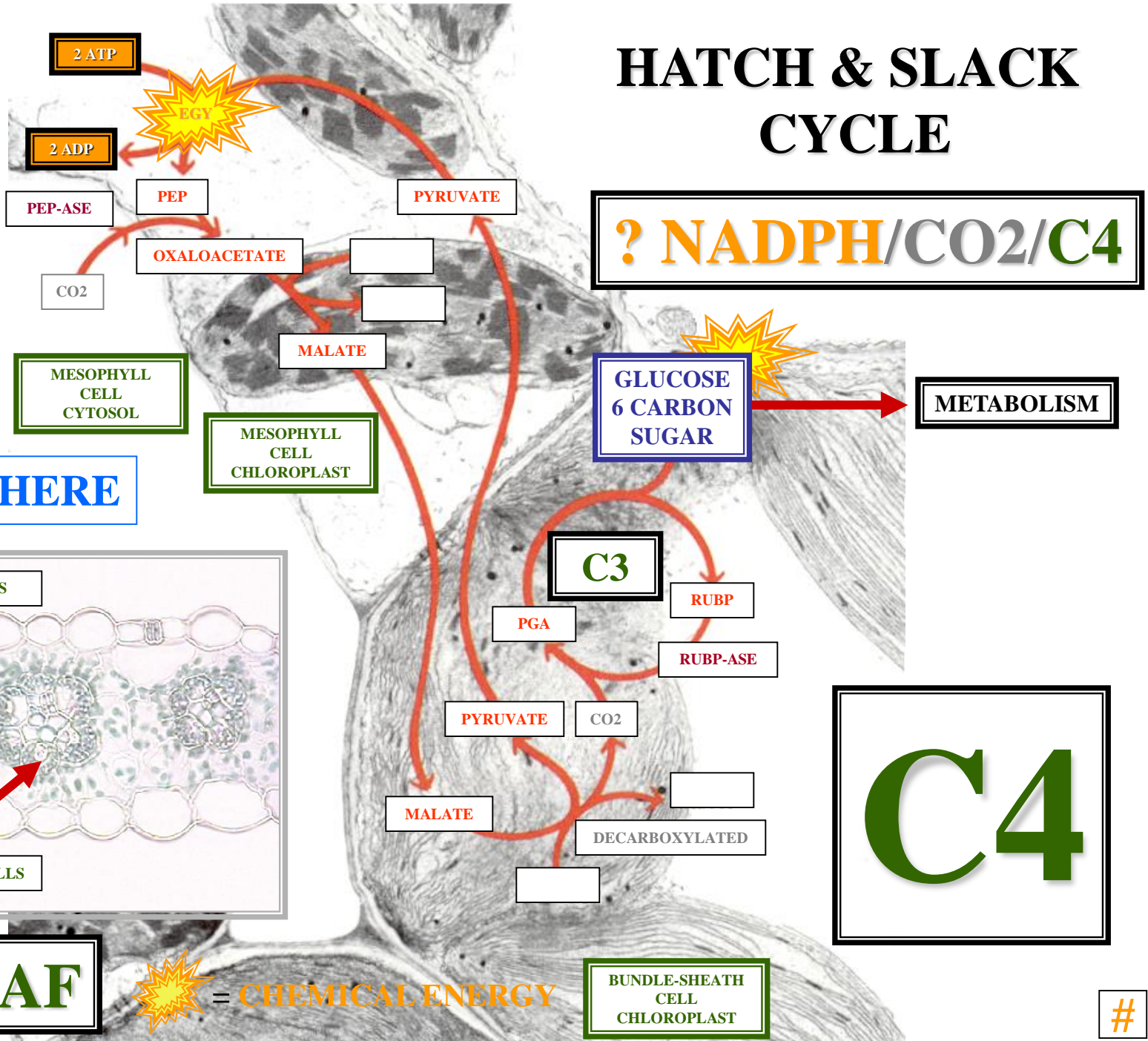


**CORN**

**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**

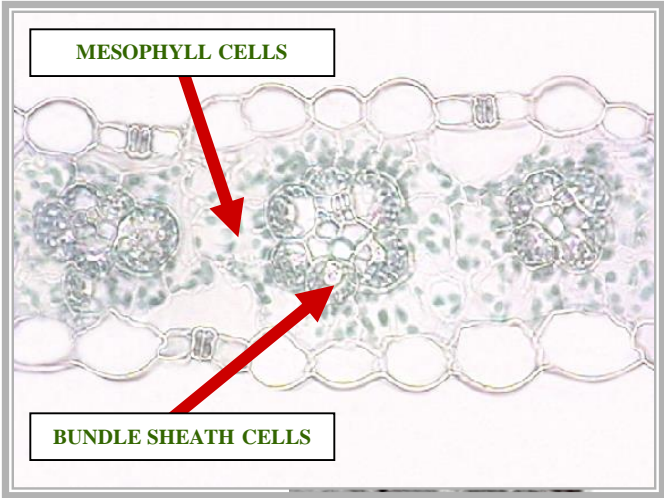


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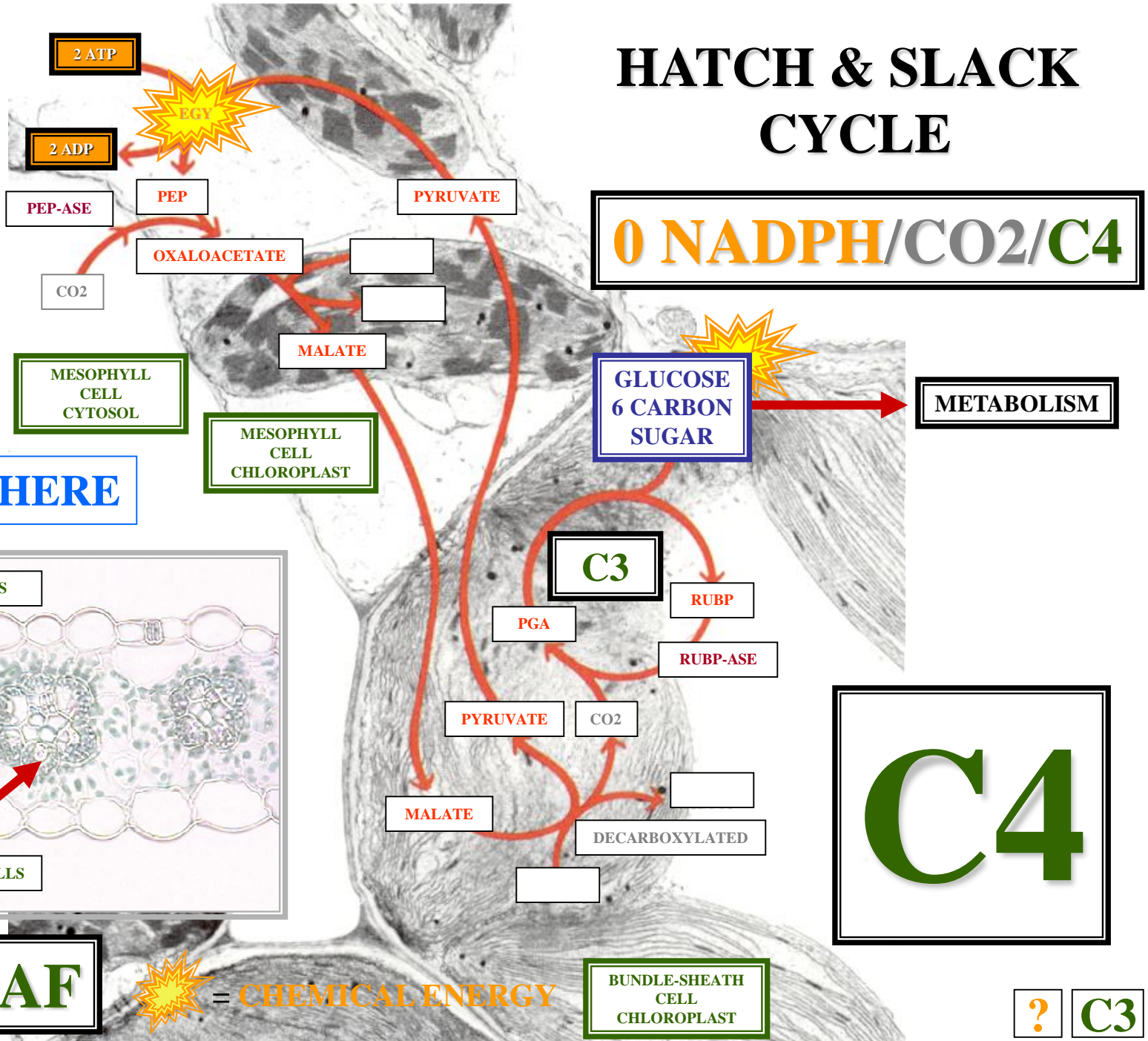


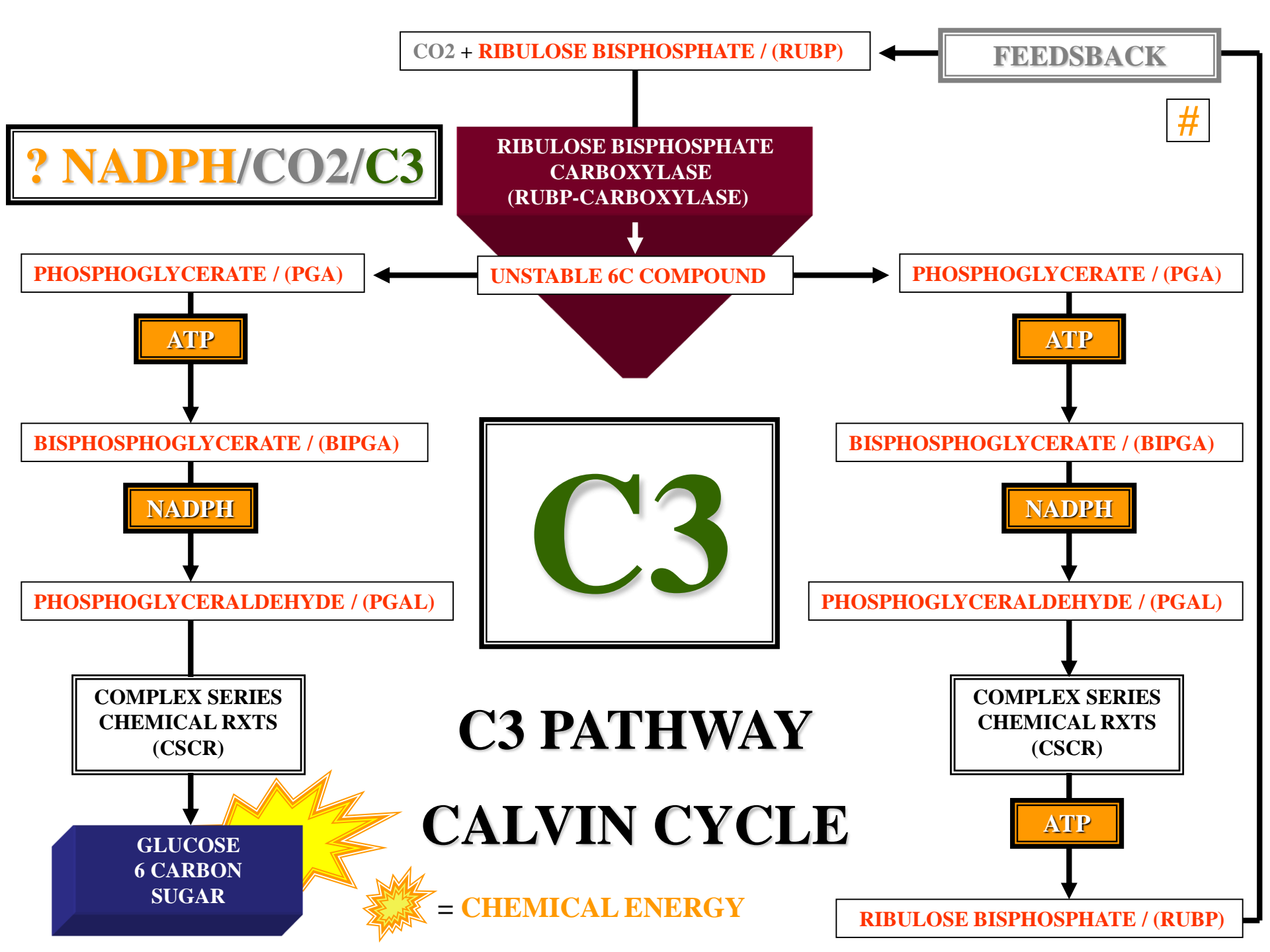
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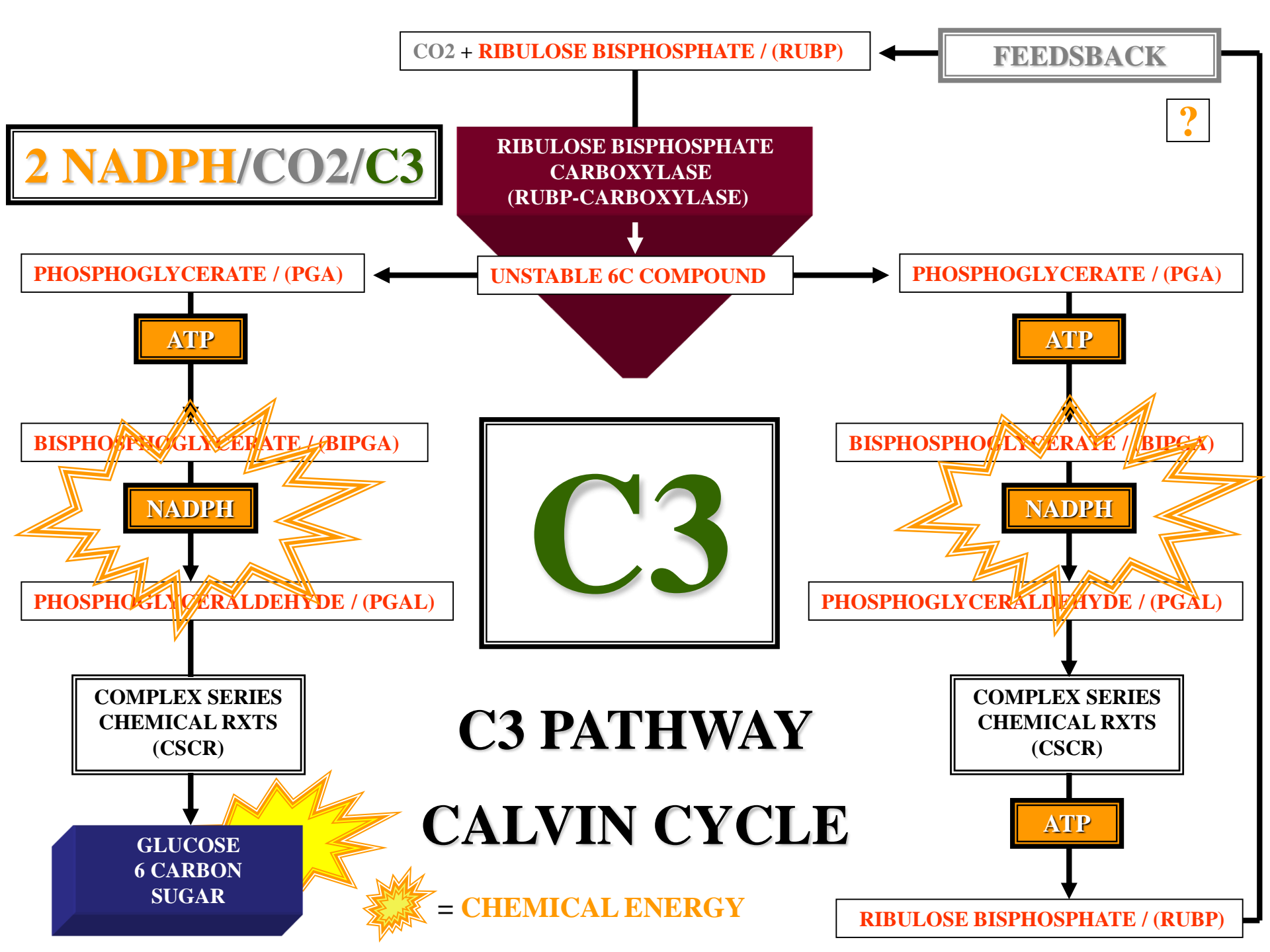
**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**





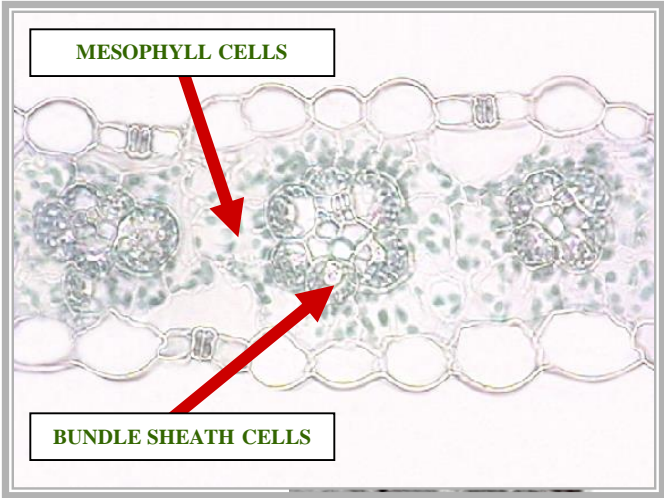


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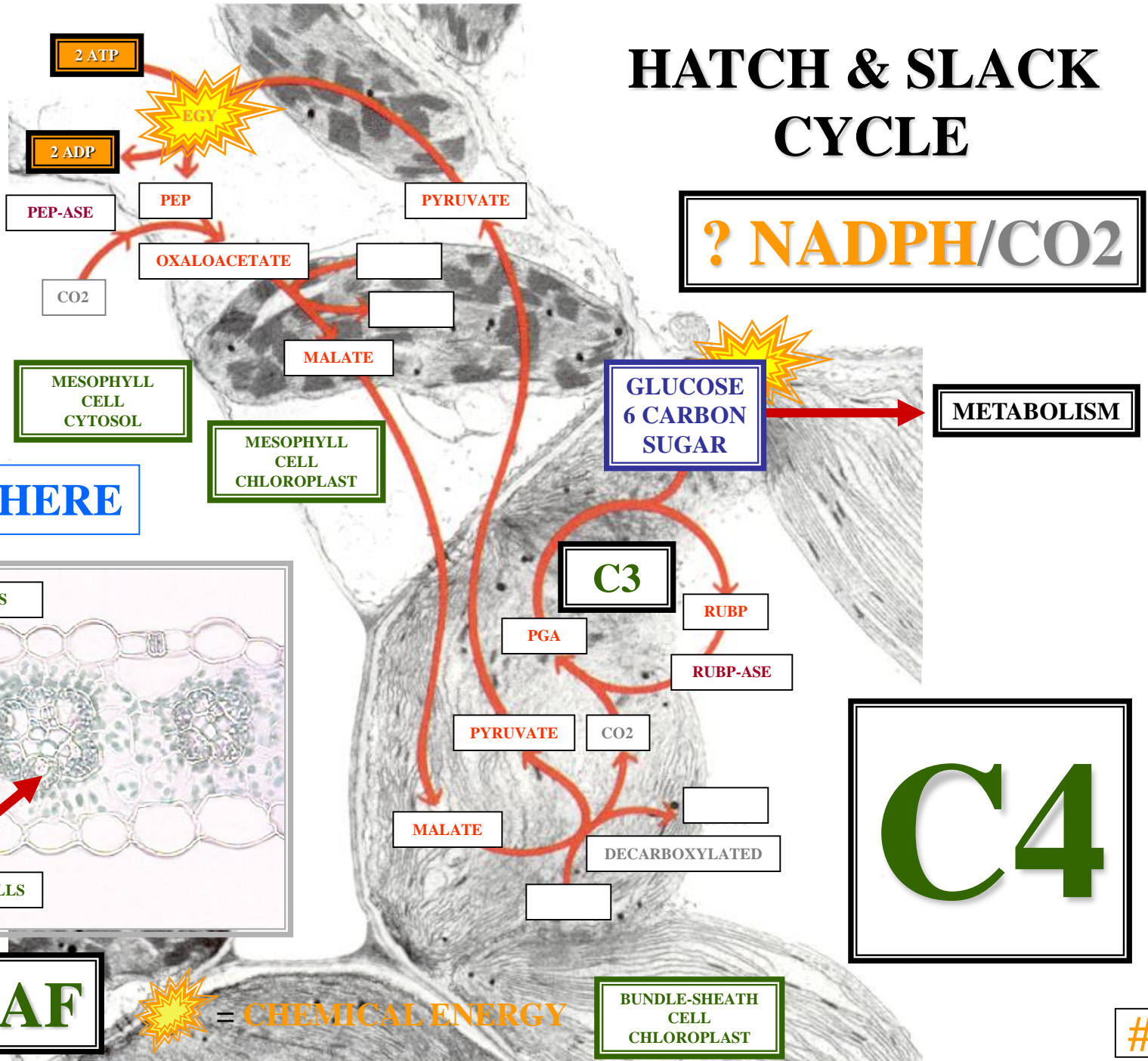


**CORN**

**ATMOSPHERE**



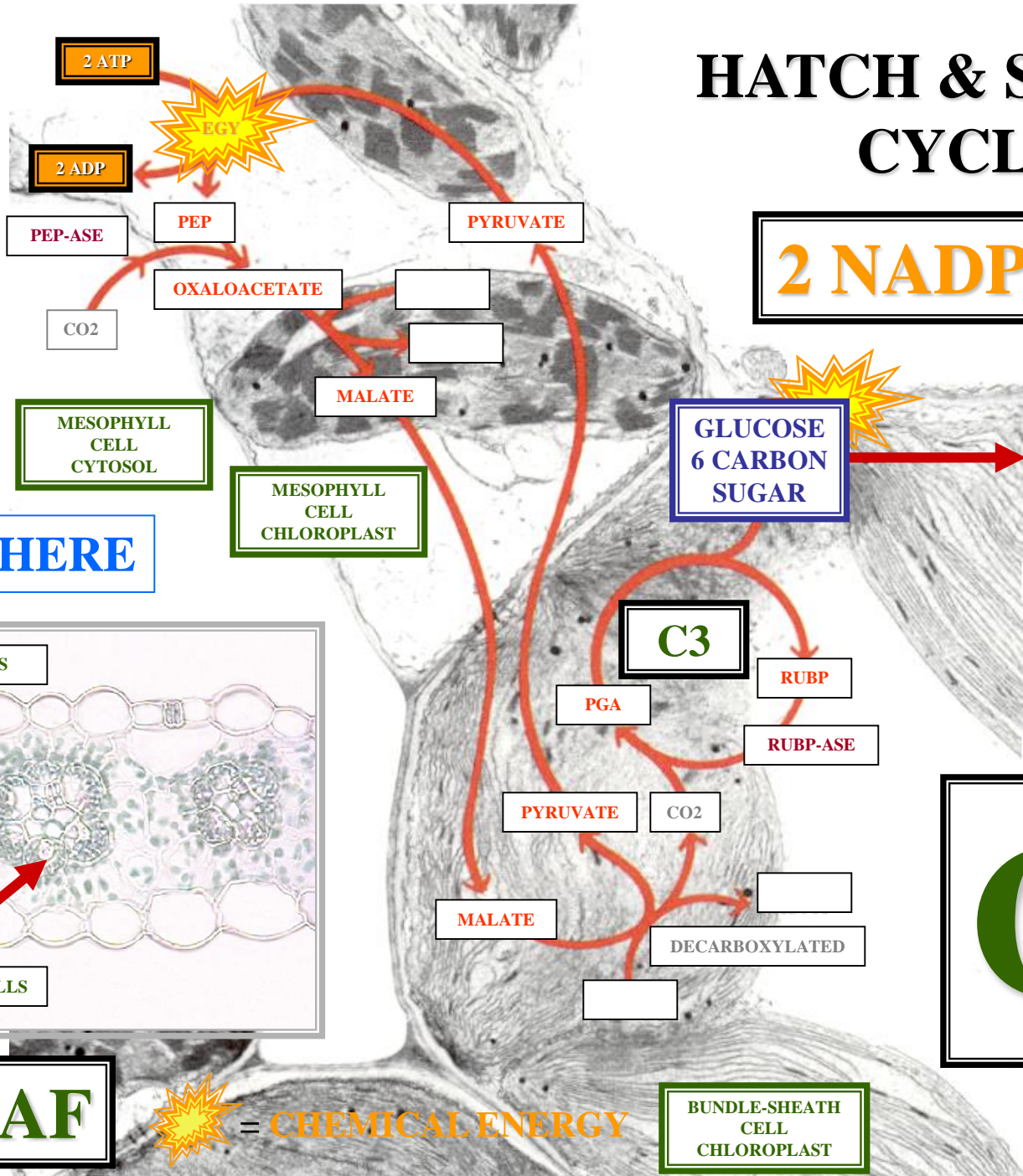
**C4 LEAF**



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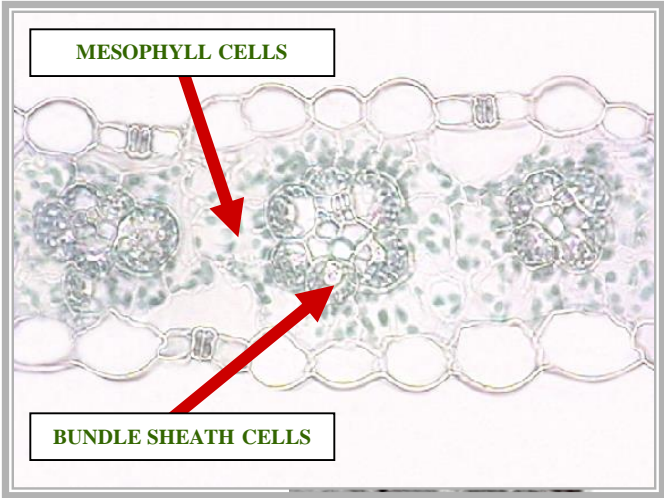


CORN



2 NADPH/CO<sub>2</sub>

ATMOSPHERE



C4 LEAF

= CHEMICAL ENERGY

BUNDLE-SHEATH CELL CHLOROPLAST

C<sub>4</sub>

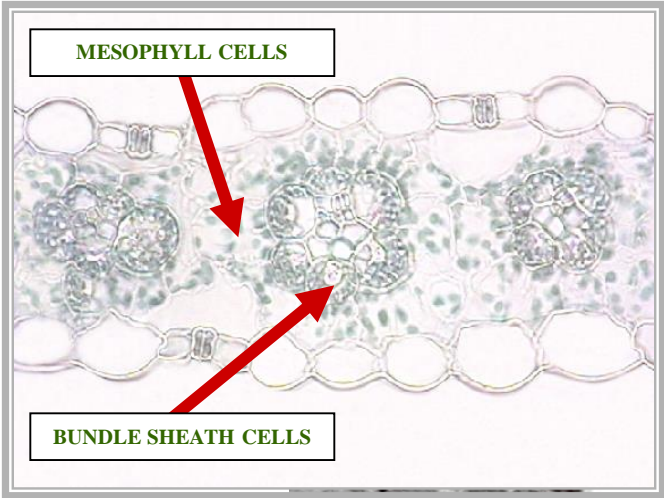
6X

# HATCH & SLACK CYCLE

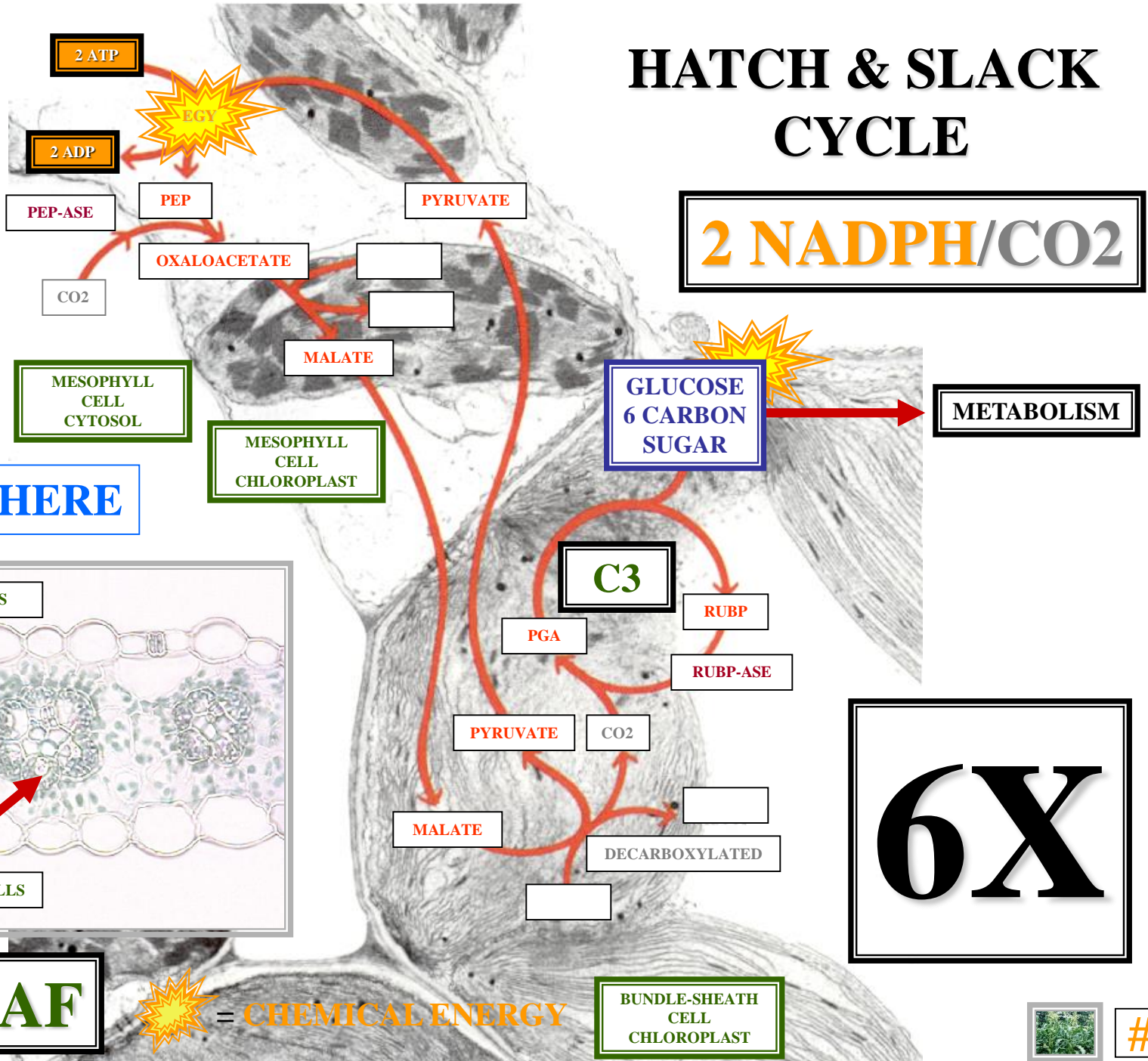


**CORN**

**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**



**6X**





**NADPH**  
**ENERGY EXPENSE**  
**12 NADPH**

**C4**

**CORN**



# PHOTOSYNTHESIS

A photograph of a cornfield with several stalks of corn in the foreground and middle ground. The leaves are green and the tassels are visible at the top of the stalks. The background is a dense line of trees.

# LIGHT REACTION

# CYCLIC P-P

“Q2”

E-

ETC #3

CHEM  
EGY  
INPUT

ATP

E-

E-

E- = RECYCLED

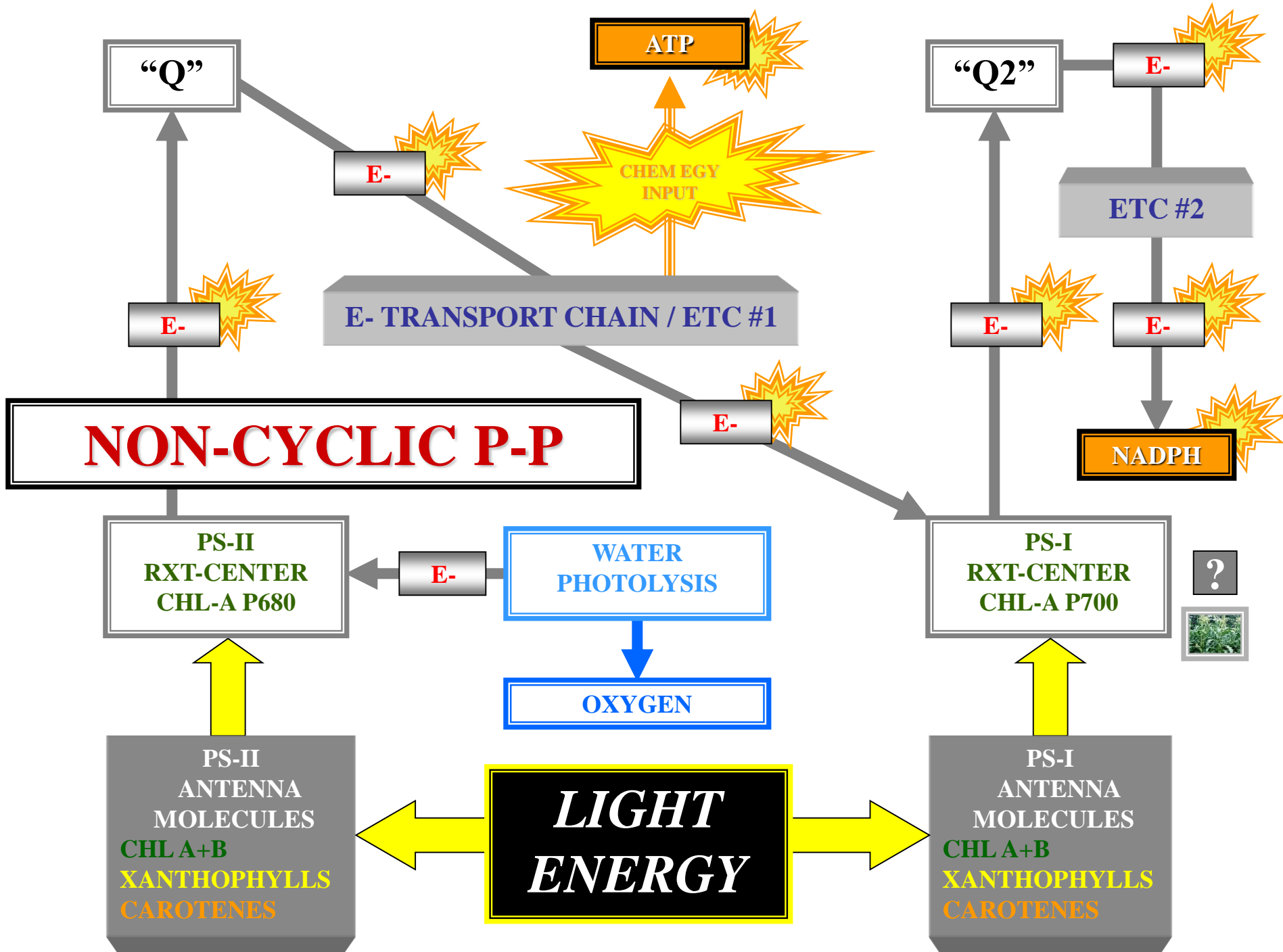
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LIGHT  
ENERGY

PS-I  
ANTENNA  
MOLECULES  
CHL A+B  
XANTHOPHYLLS  
CAROTENES

LIGHT  
ENERGY

N



*C4 PLANTS  
REQUIRE  
MORE OR LESS  
ATP  
THAN C3 PLANTS?*



C3



*C4 PLANTS  
REQUIRE  
MORE  
ATP  
THAN C3 PLANTS*

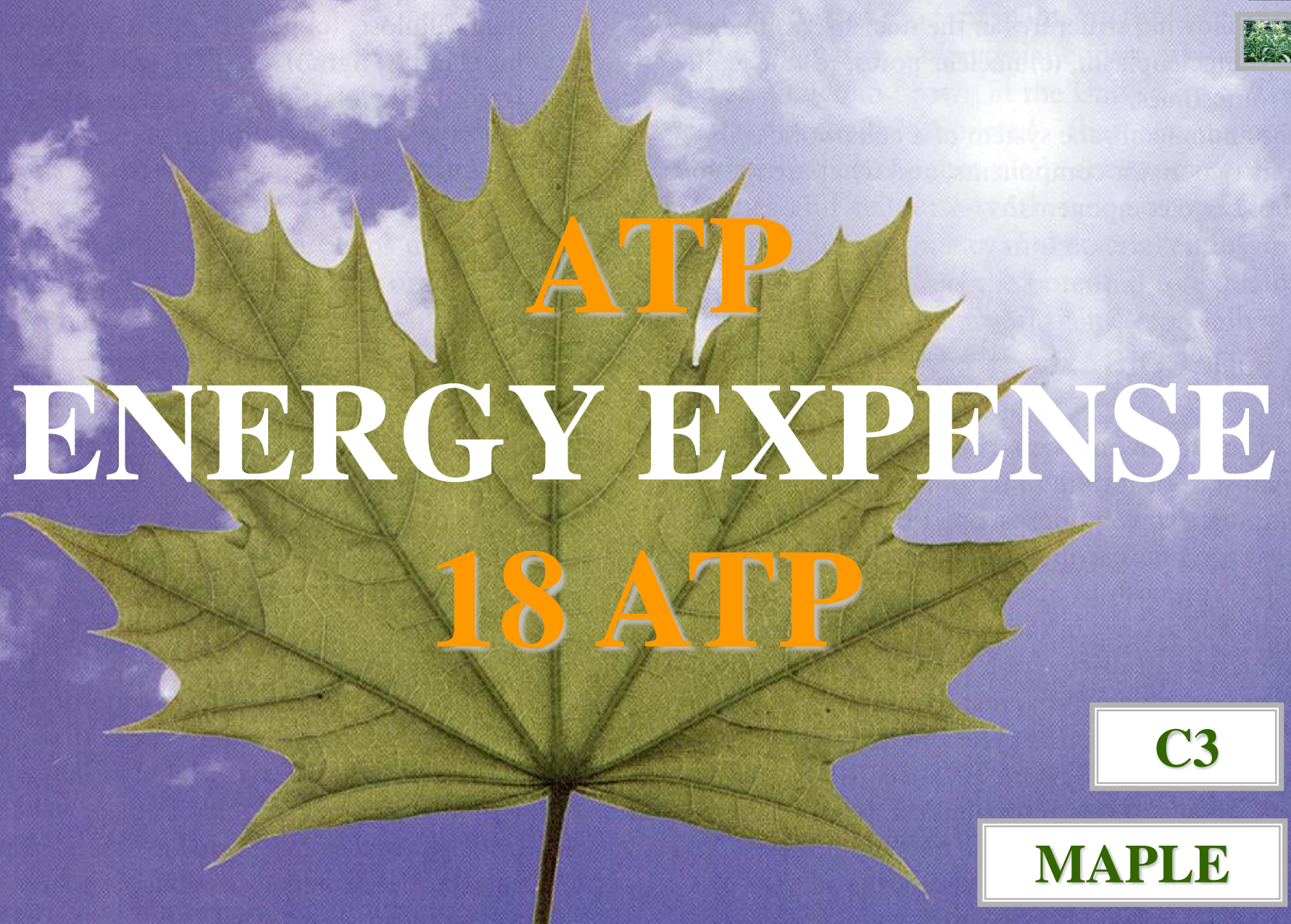


# ATP ENERGY EXPENSE

?

C3

MAPLE



**ATP**  
**ENERGY EXPENSE**  
**18 ATP**

**C3**

**MAPLE**

**ATP**  
**ENERGY EXPENSE**

**30 ATP**

**C4**

**CORN**



*C4 PLANTS  
REQUIRE  
12 ATP  
MORE  
THAN C3 PLANTS*



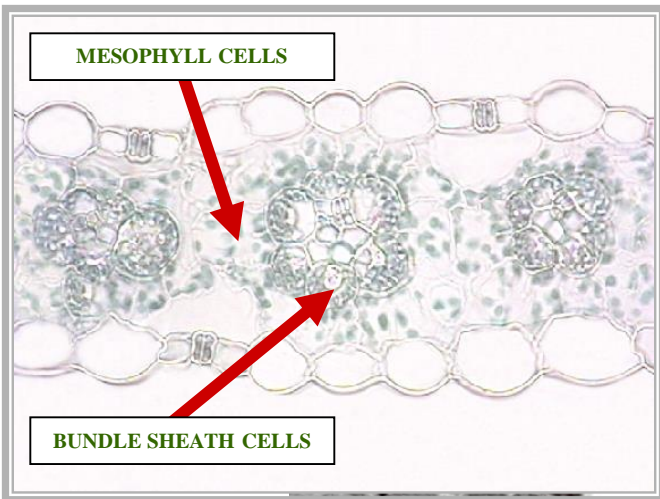
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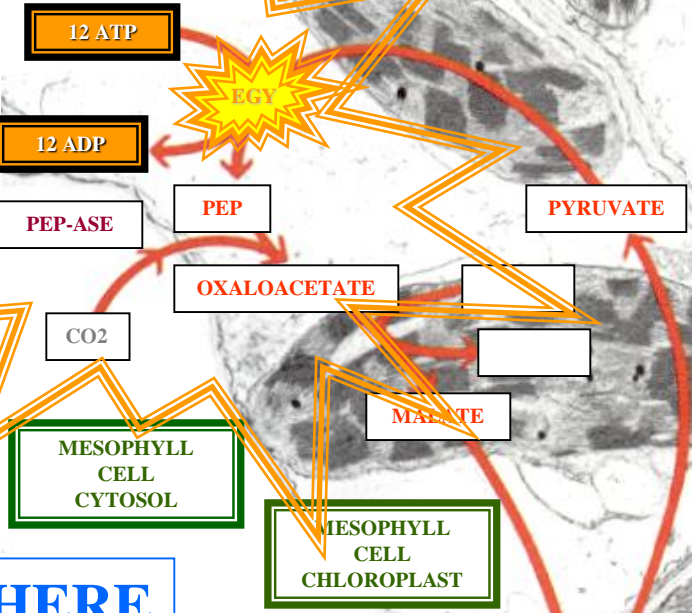


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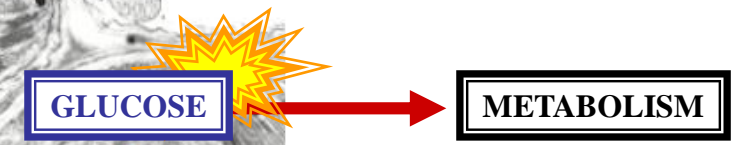
**ATMOSPHERE**



**C4 LEAF**



= CHEMICAL ENERGY



**C4**

**BUNDLE-SHEATH CELL CHLOROPLAST**



# QUESTION

WHAT WOULD THE  
PLANT PREFER  
C3 OR C4?

# QUESTION

**ANSWER**

**PLANT WOULD  
PREFER  
C3**

**ANSWER**



**ENERGY**

**C4**  
**PATHWAY**  
**ADVANTAGE**

**ENZYME**



**PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE  
CARBOXYLASE  
(PEP-ASE)**

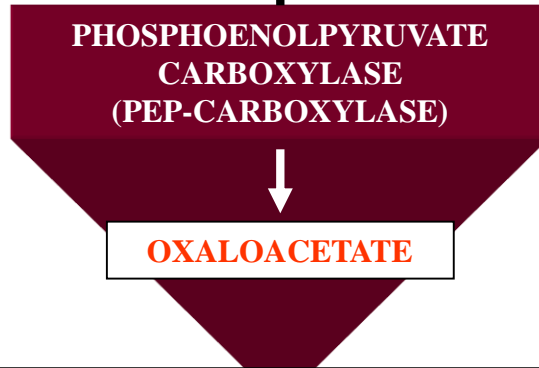
**ENZYME**

**C4**

CO<sub>2</sub>  
ENTERS  
MESOPHYLL CYTOSOL



CO<sub>2</sub> + PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE / (PEP)



**E**

OXALOACETATE

?

**ENZYME**

**C4 CO<sub>2</sub> FIXATION ENZYME**



# C4

CO<sub>2</sub>  
ENTERS  
MESOPHYLL CYTOSOL

CO<sub>2</sub> + PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE / (PEP)

PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE  
CARBOXYLASE  
(PEP-CARBOXYLASE)

OXALOACETATE



# EFFICIENT ENZYME

# C4 CO<sub>2</sub> FIXATION ENZYME



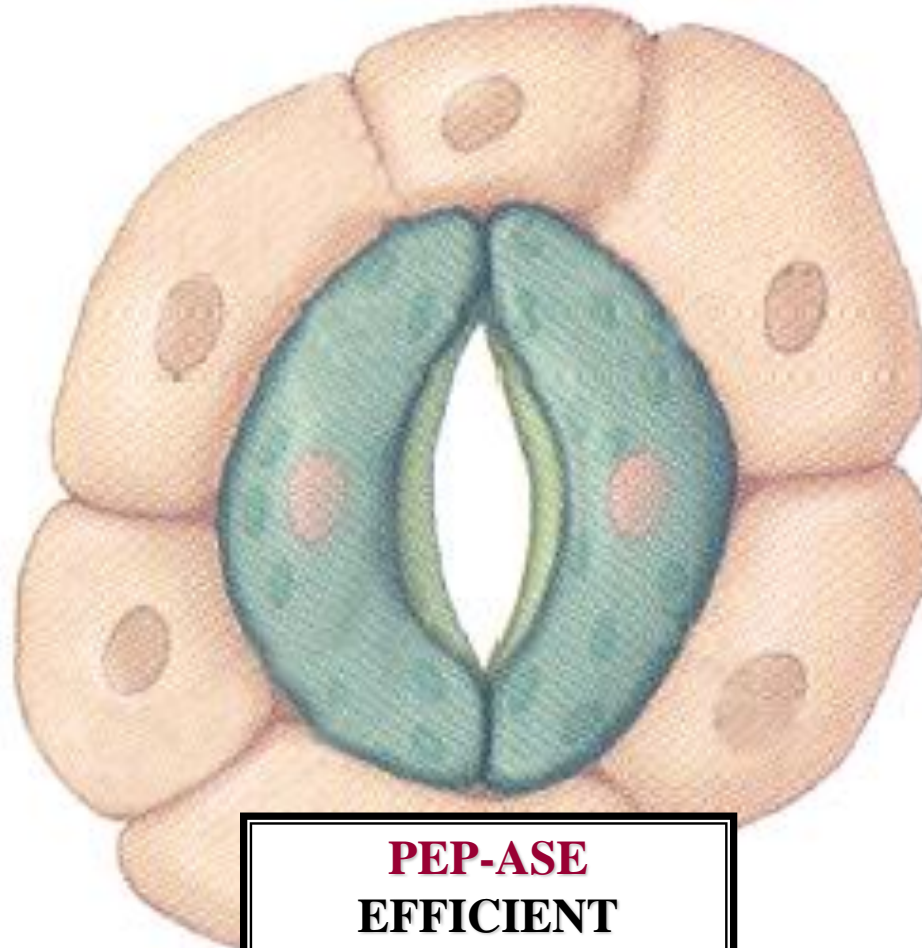
ATMOSPHERE

# LEAF STOMATE

ATMOSPHERE

CO<sub>2</sub>

CO<sub>2</sub>



CO<sub>2</sub>

CO<sub>2</sub>

**PEP-ASE**  
**EFFICIENT**  
**ENZYME**



# LEAF STOMATE

ATMOSPHERE

ATMOSPHERE

CO<sub>2</sub>

CO<sub>2</sub>

DIFFUSION

DIFFUSION

H<sub>2</sub>O

H<sub>2</sub>O

DIFFUSION

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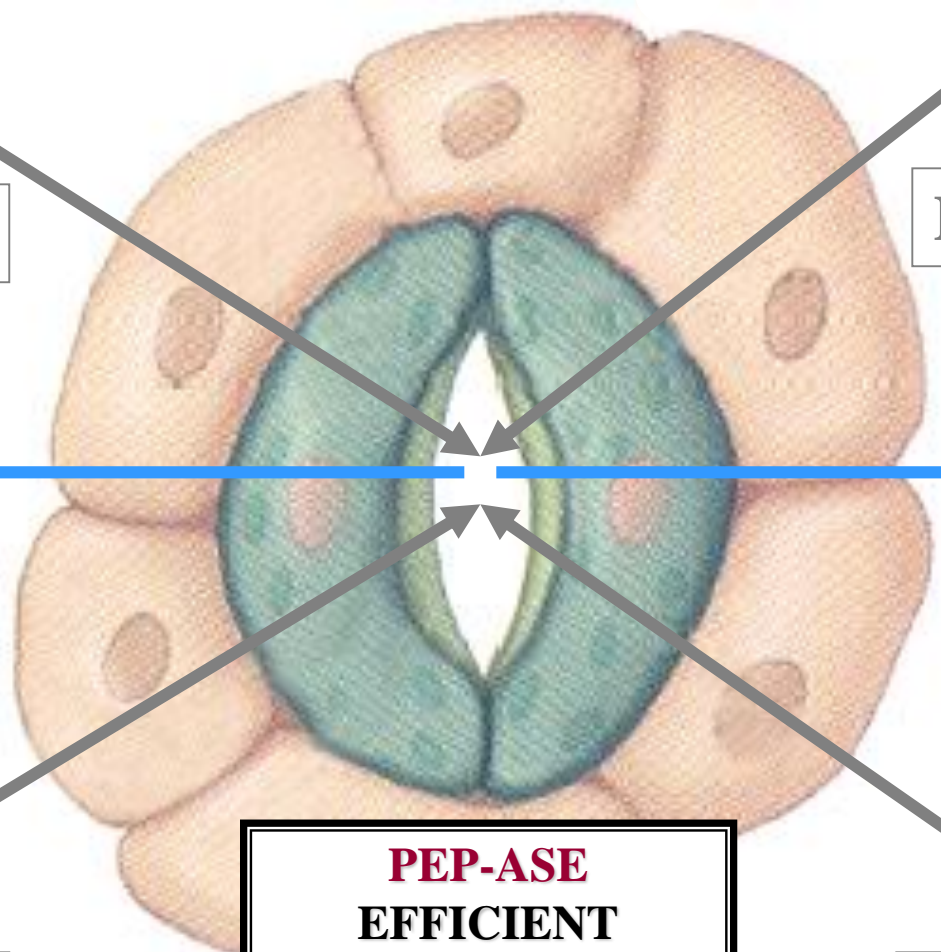
CO<sub>2</sub>

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DIFFUSION

DIFFUSION

**PEP-ASE**  
EFFICIENT  
ENZYME



# LEAF STOMATE

ATMOSPHERE

ATMOSPHERE



CO<sub>2</sub>

CO<sub>2</sub>

DIFFUSION

DIFFUSION

H<sub>2</sub>O

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DIFFUSION

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CO<sub>2</sub>

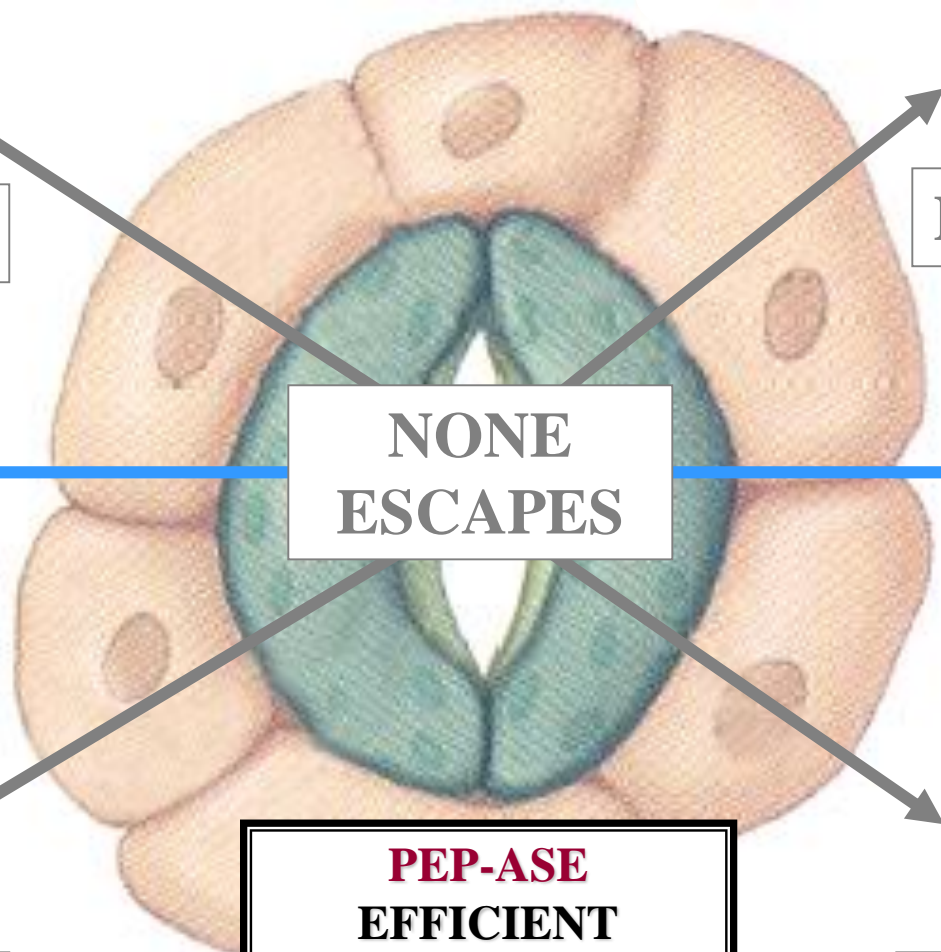
CO<sub>2</sub>

DIFFUSION

DIFFUSION

NONE  
ESCAPES

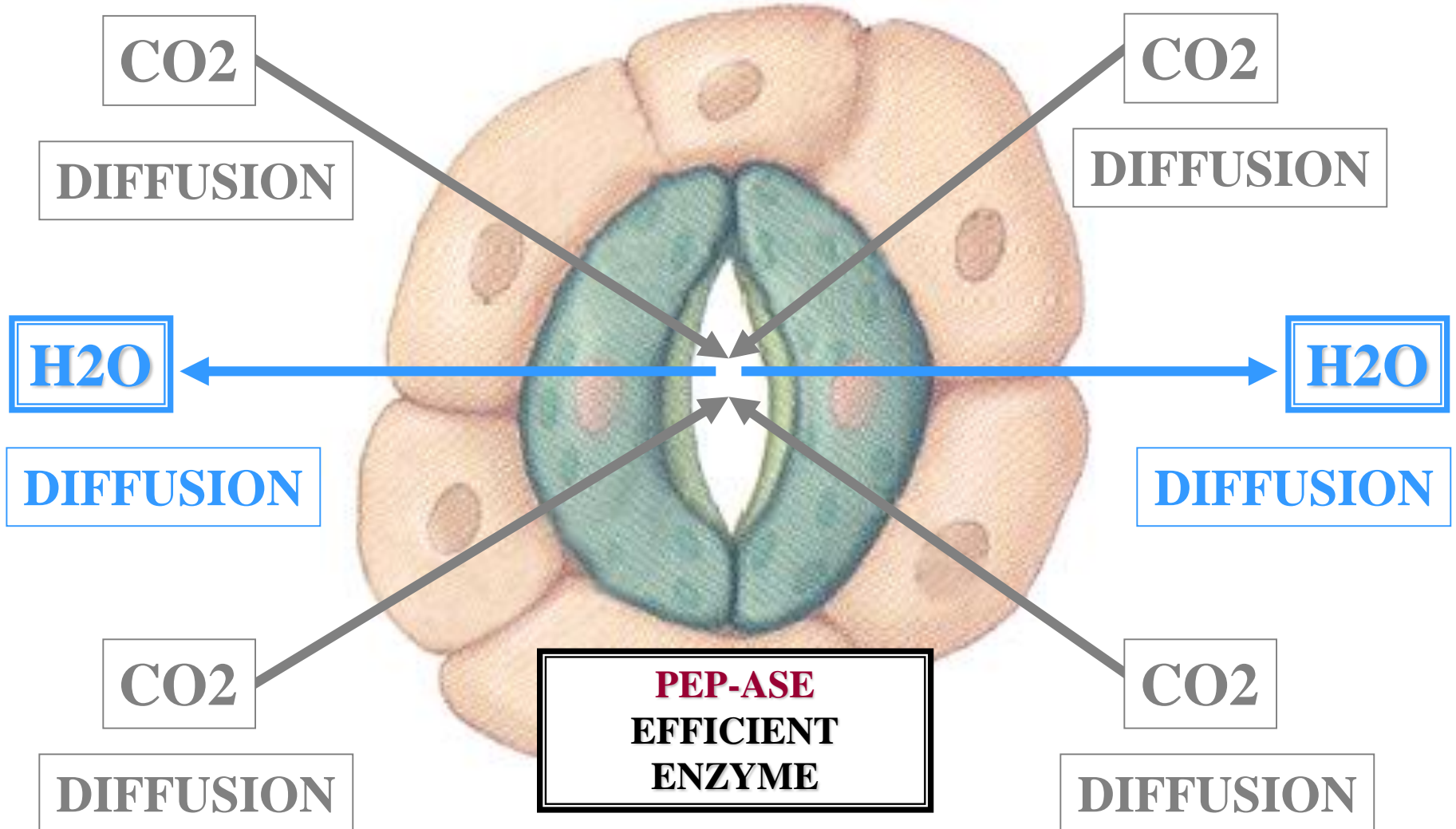
**PEP-ASE**  
EFFICIENT  
ENZYME



# LEAF STOMATE

ATMOSPHERE

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# LEAF STOMATE

CO<sub>2</sub>

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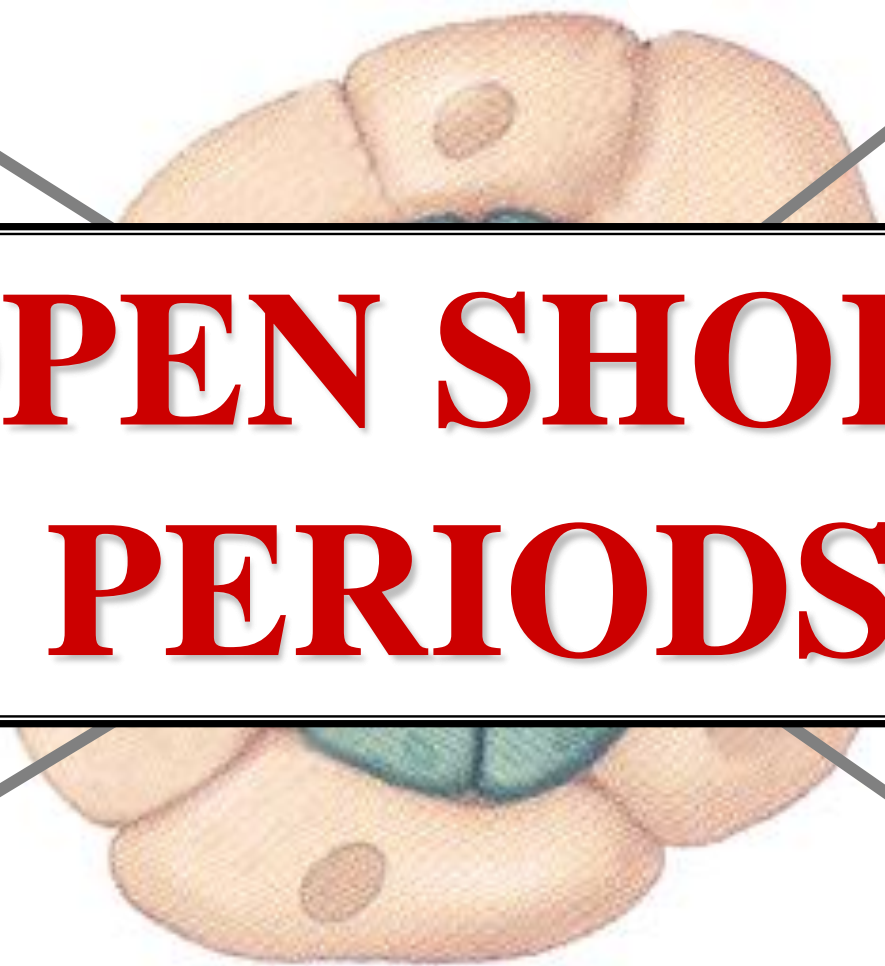
**OPEN SHORT PERIODS**

C<sub>4</sub>

C<sub>4</sub>

CO<sub>2</sub>

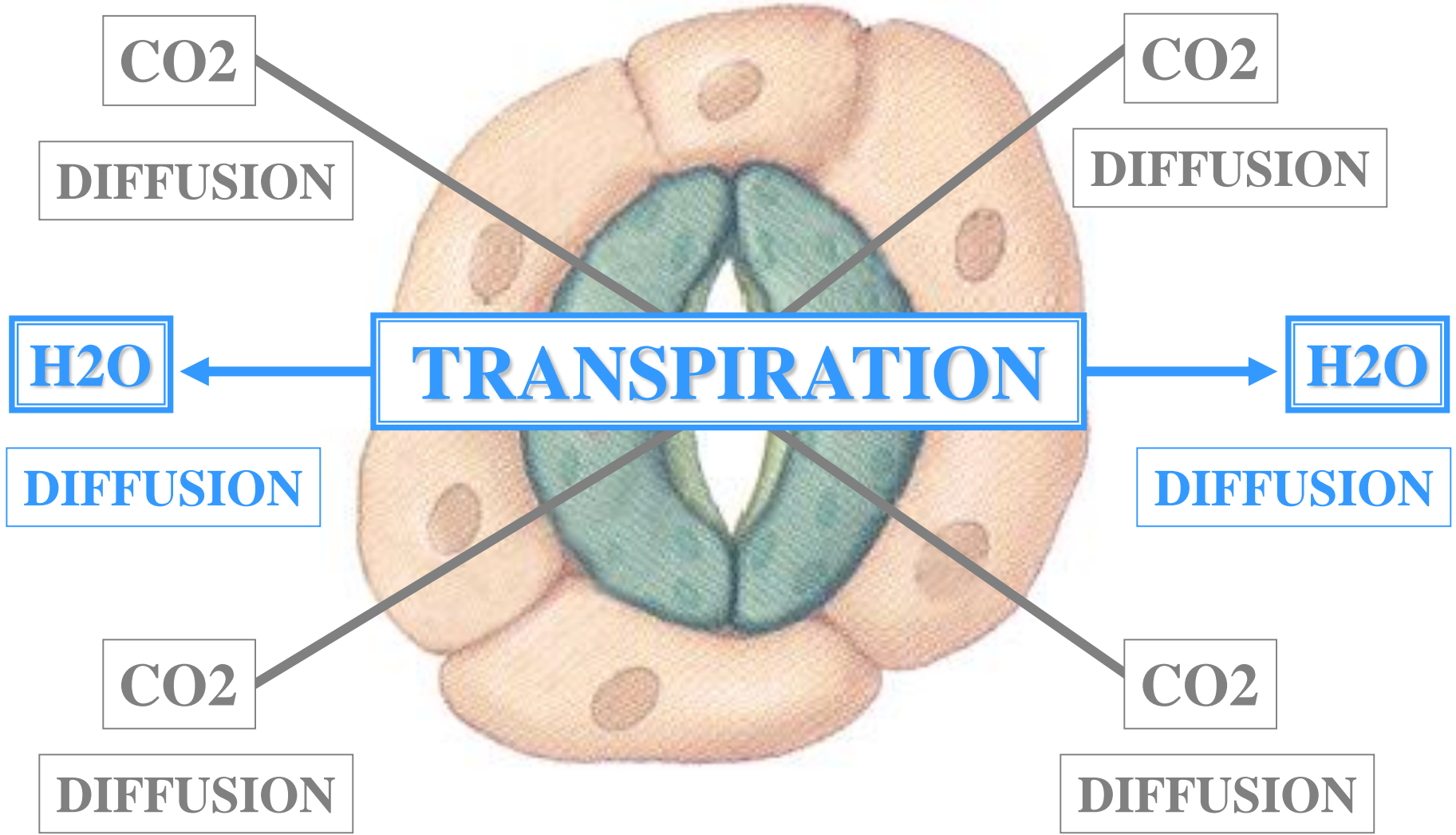
CO<sub>2</sub>



# LEAF STOMATE

ATMOSPHERE

ATMOSPHERE



CO<sub>2</sub>

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DIFFUSION

DIFFUSION

H<sub>2</sub>O

TRANSPIRATION

H<sub>2</sub>O

DIFFUSION

DIFFUSION

CO<sub>2</sub>

CO<sub>2</sub>

DIFFUSION

DIFFUSION



ATMOSPHERE

# LEAF STOMATE

ATMOSPHERE

CO<sub>2</sub>

CO<sub>2</sub>

C<sub>4</sub>

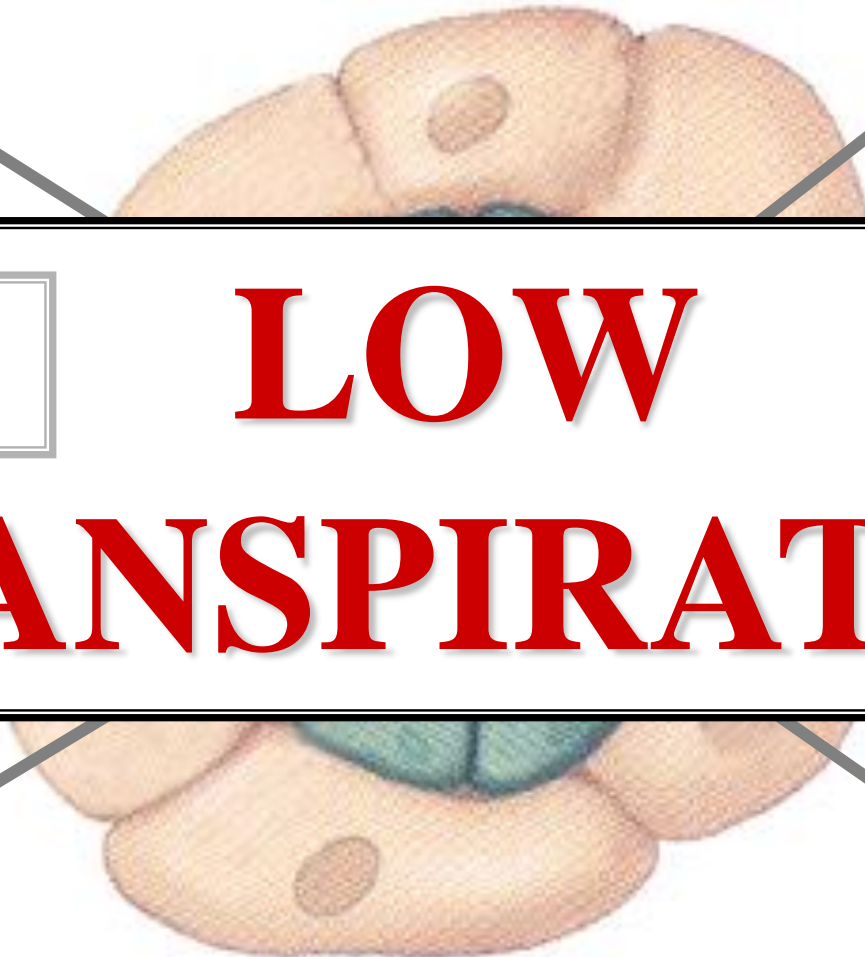
LOW

C<sub>4</sub>

TRANSPIRATION

CO<sub>2</sub>

CO<sub>2</sub>





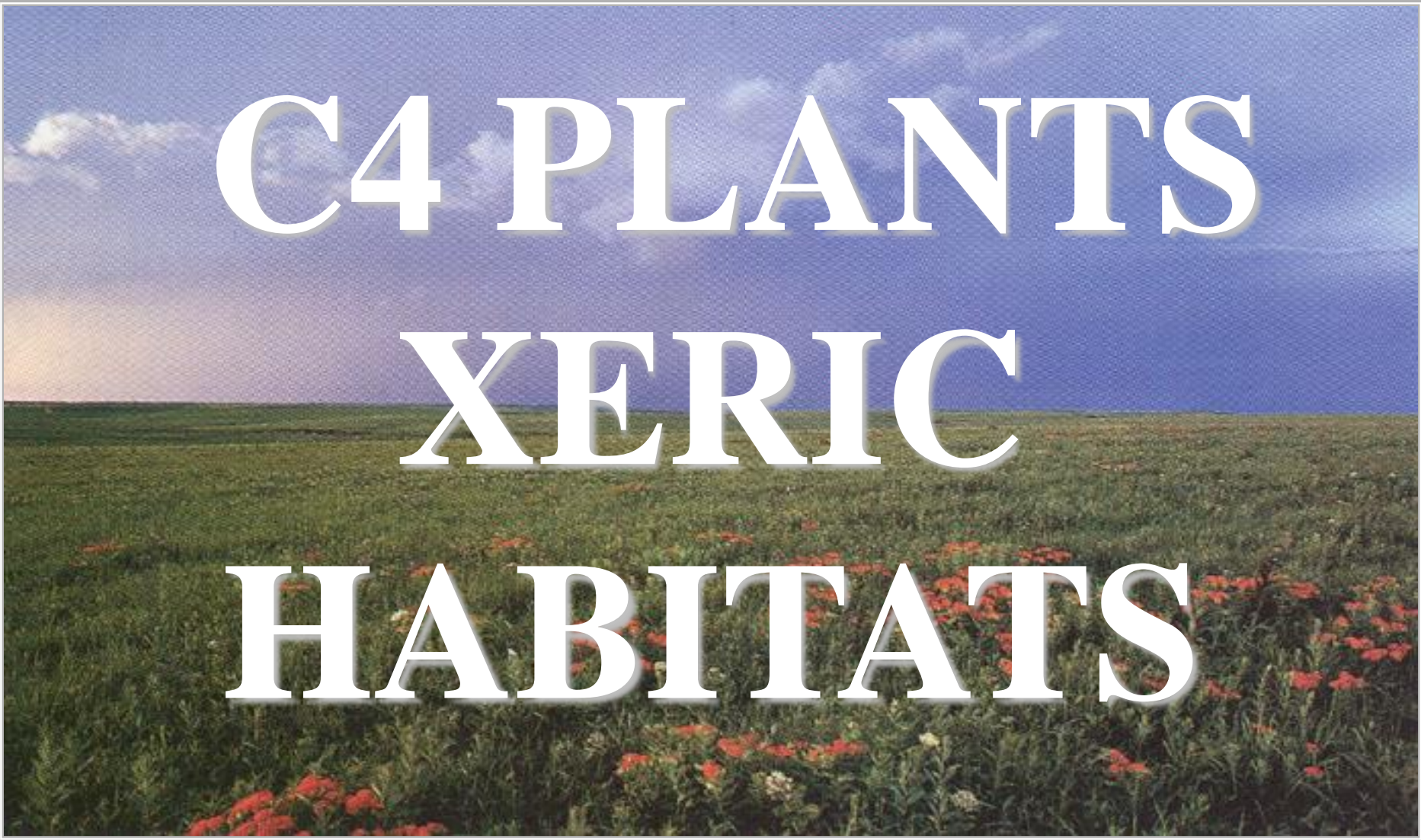


*C4 ADVANTAGE  
LESS  
TRANSPIRATION  
PER GLUCOSE  
THAN C3*



# C4 PATHWAY ECOLOGY

# C4 ECOLOGY

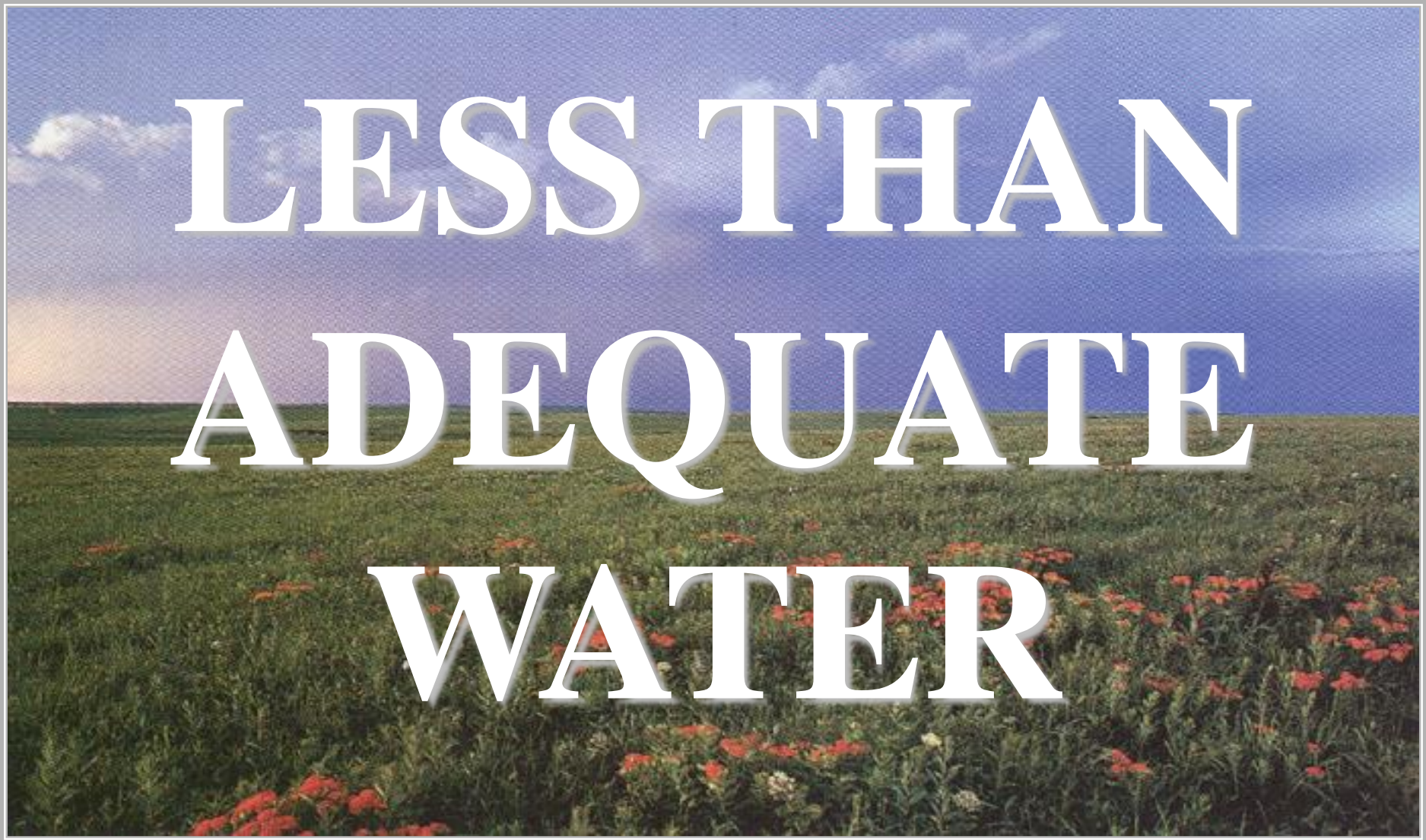


C4 PLANTS  
XERIC  
HABITATS

**XERIC HABITATS**

# C4 ECOLOGY

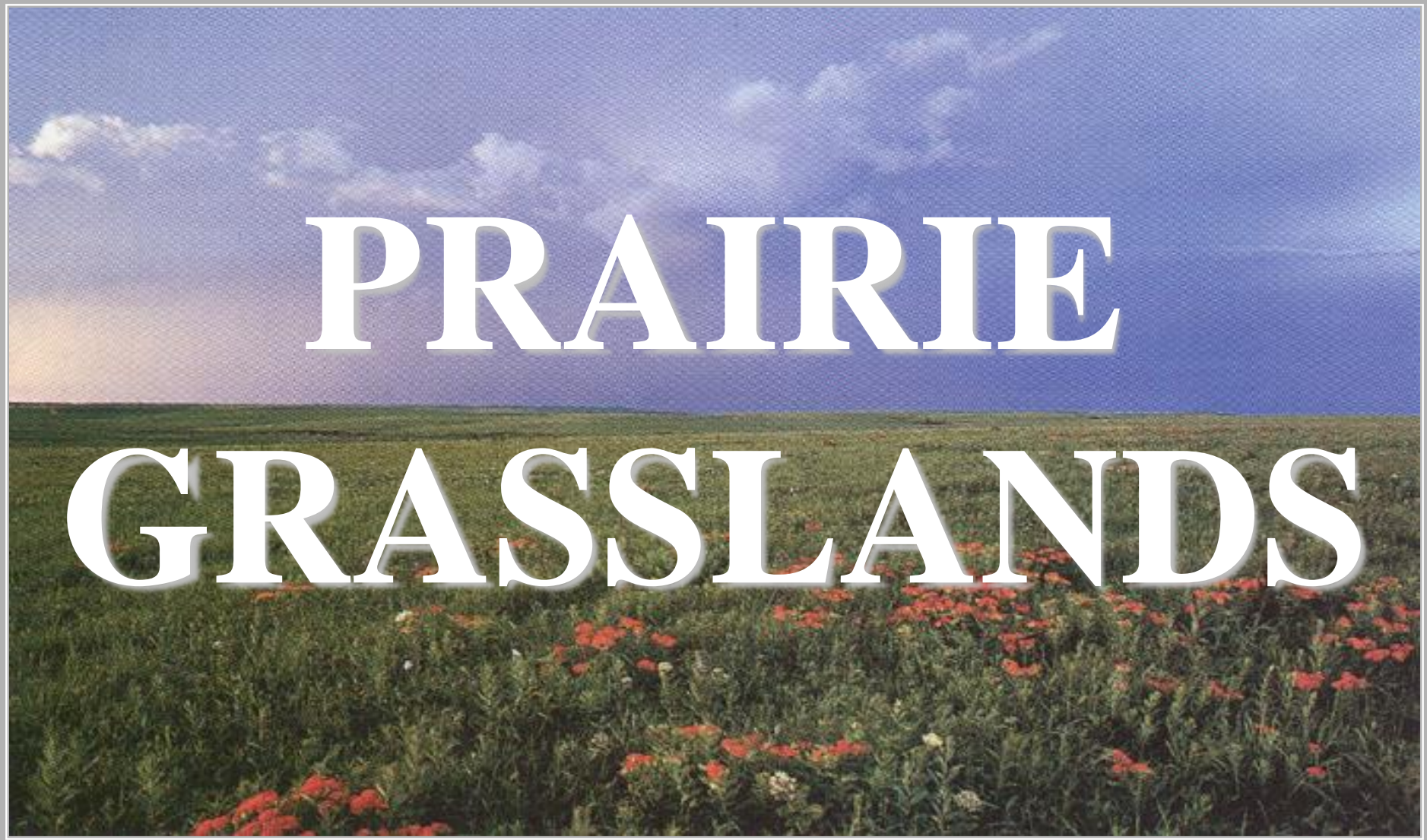
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LESS THAN  
ADEQUATE  
WATER

**XERIC HABITATS**

# C4 ECOLOGY



**XERIC HABITATS**



**DARK REACTION**

**---**

**CRASSULACEAN**

**ACID METABOLISM**



**CRASSULACEAN  
ACID MMETABOLISM**

**SYNONYMOUS**

**CAM PATHWAY**



**CRASSULACEAN  
PLANT FAMILY**





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# CRASSULACEAN PLANT FAMILY

ELICITATED CAM PATHWAY

**CAM PLANT  
VERY  
EFFICIENT  
CO<sub>2</sub>  
FIXATION**



**CAM PLANT  
VERY LOW  
TRANSPIRATION**



# CAM PLANT DESERT PLANT