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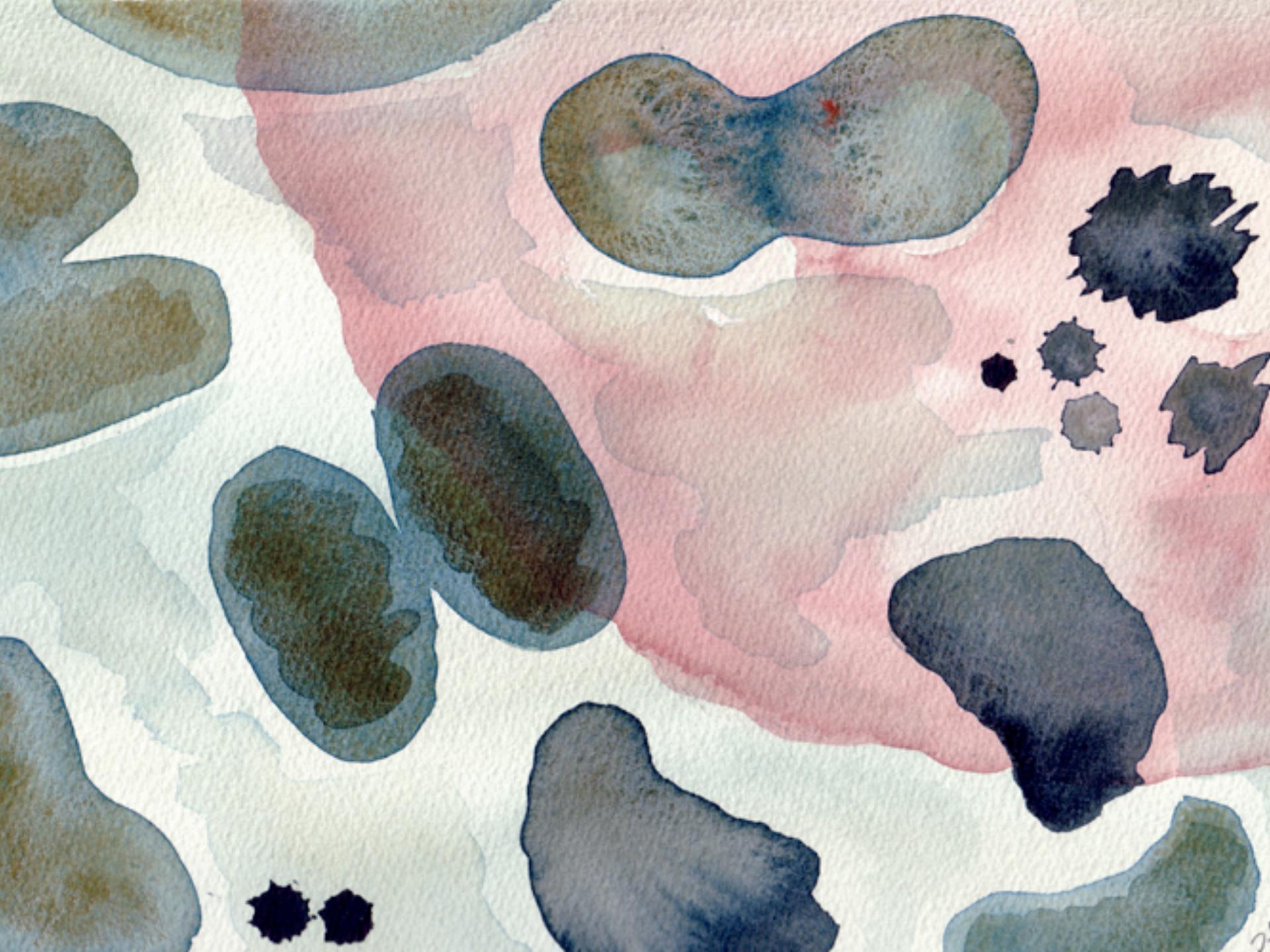
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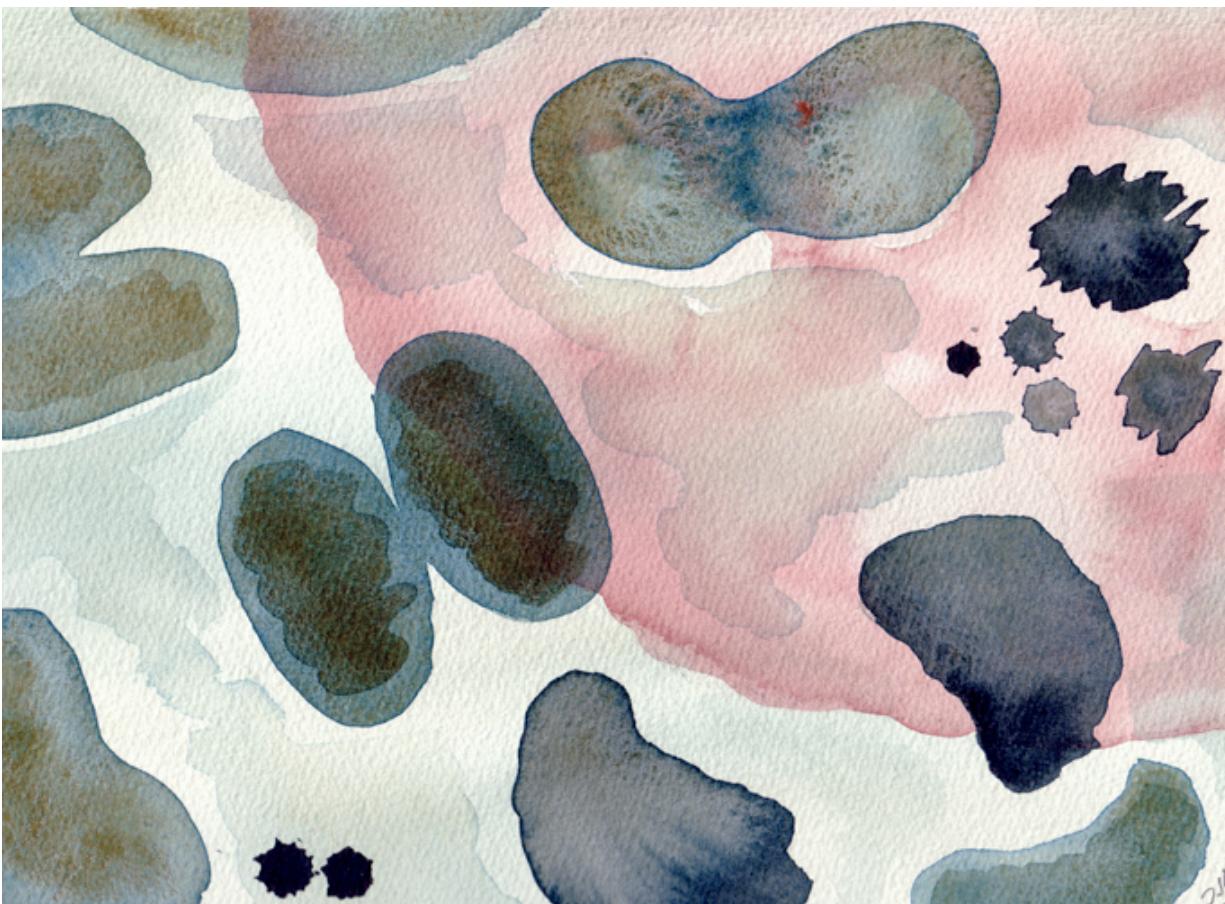
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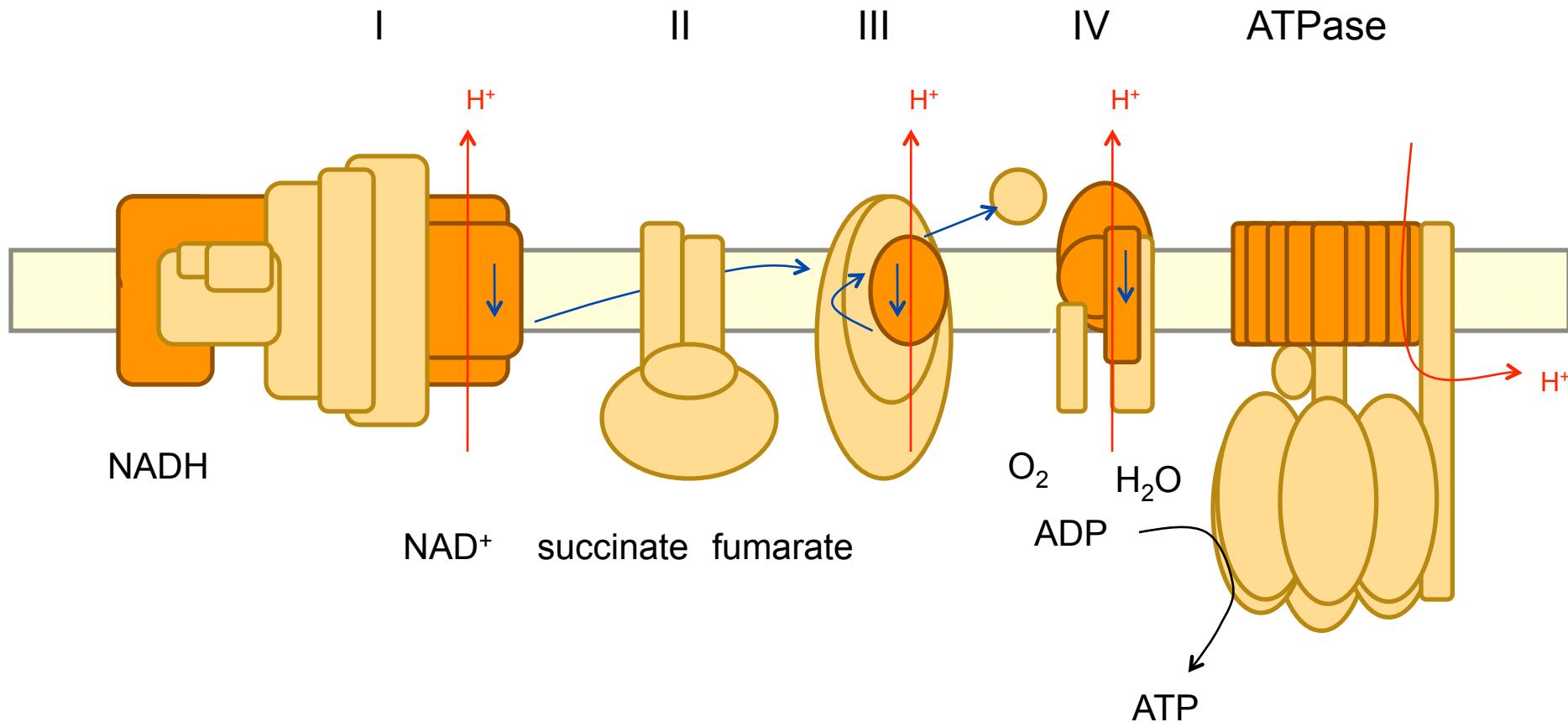
Ageing and death—mitochondria divide or die, depending on their interactions with the nucleus

Animals with a fast metabolic rate tend to age quickly and succumb to degenerative diseases such as cancer. Birds are an exception because they combine a fast metabolic rate with a long lifespan, and a low risk of disease. They achieve this by leaking fewer free radicals from their mitochondria. But why does free-radical leakage affect our vulnerability to degenerative diseases that on the face of it have little to do with mitochondria? A dynamic new picture is emerging, in which signalling between damaged mitochondria and the nucleus plays a pivotal role in the cell's fate, and our own.

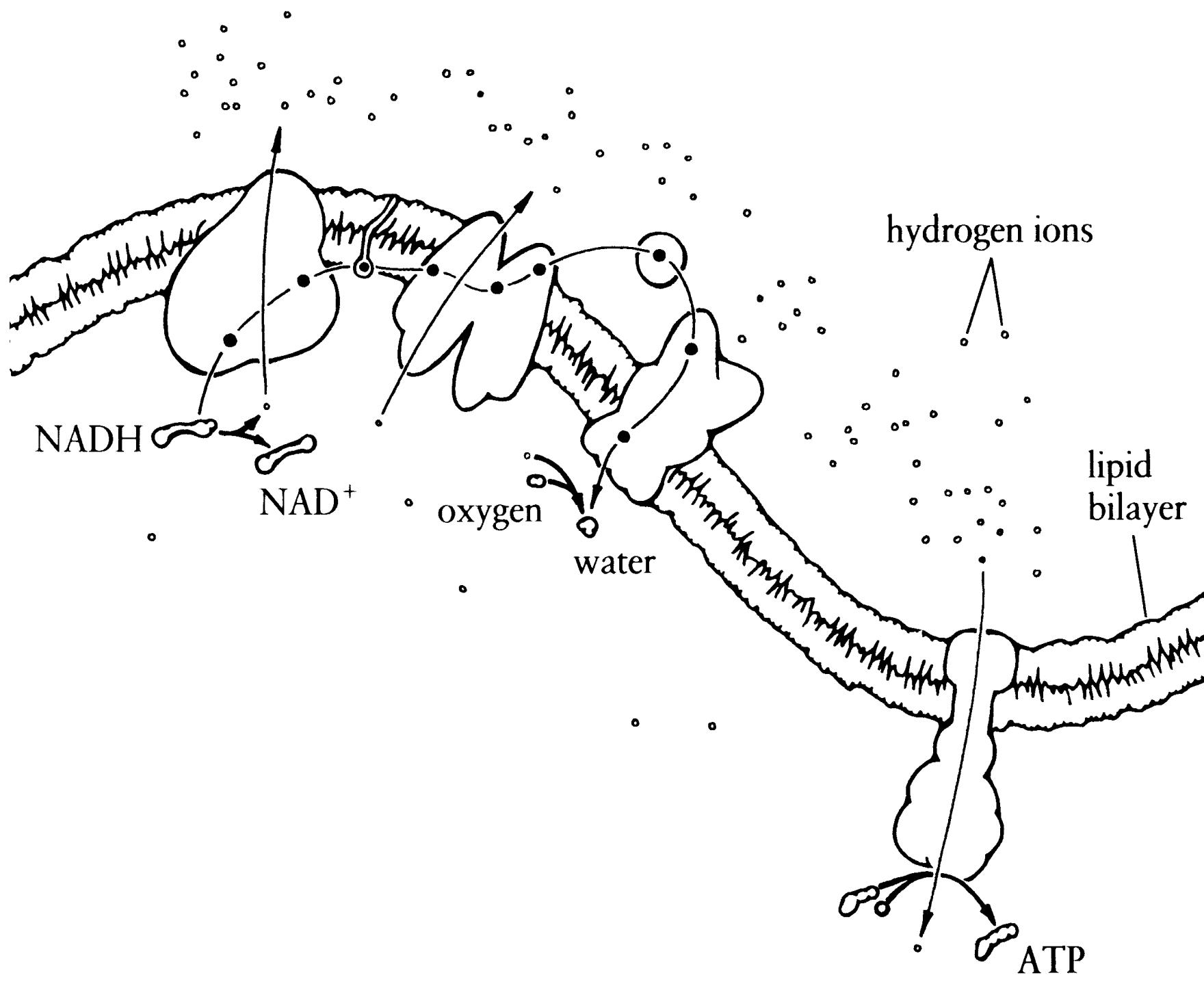
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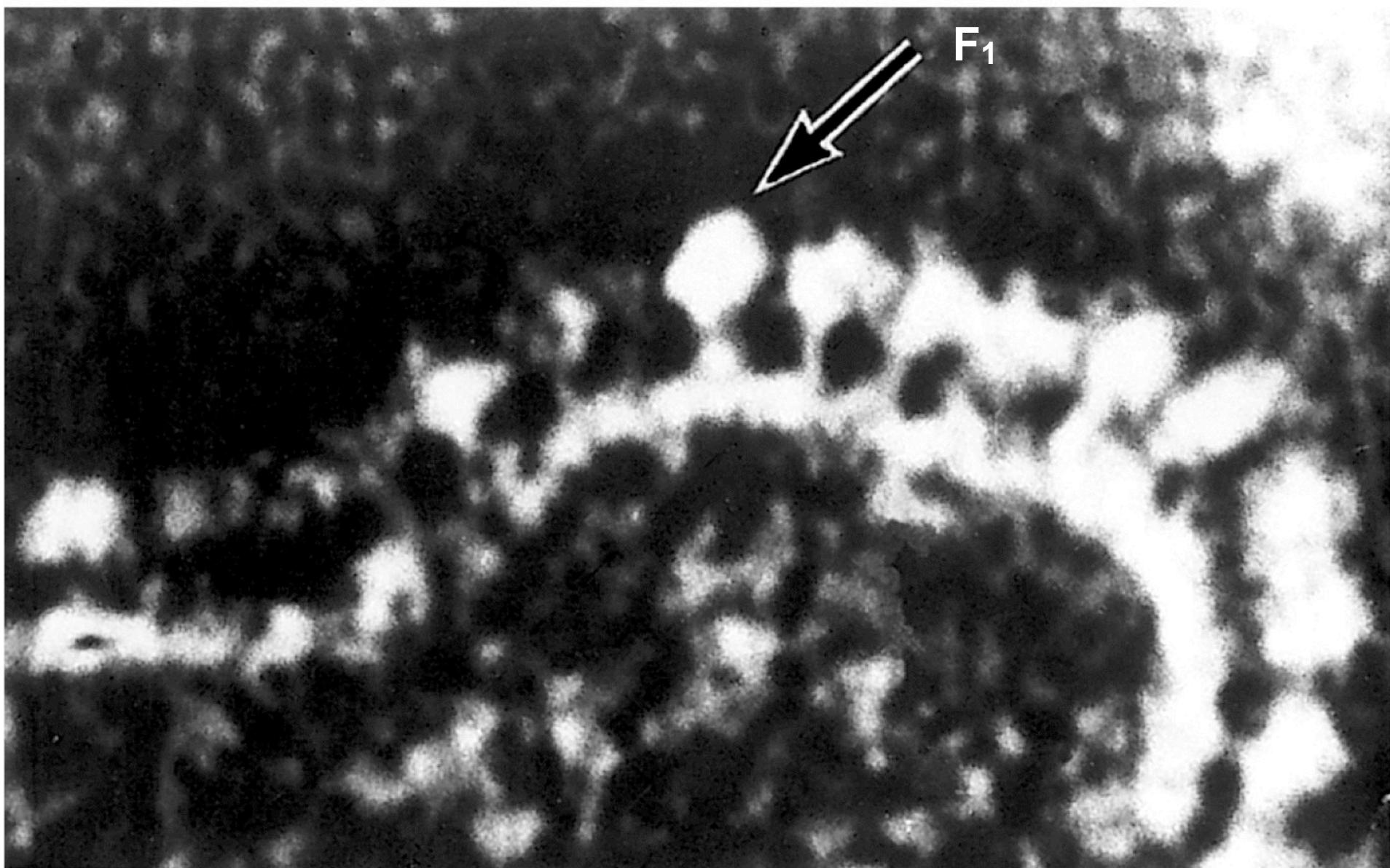
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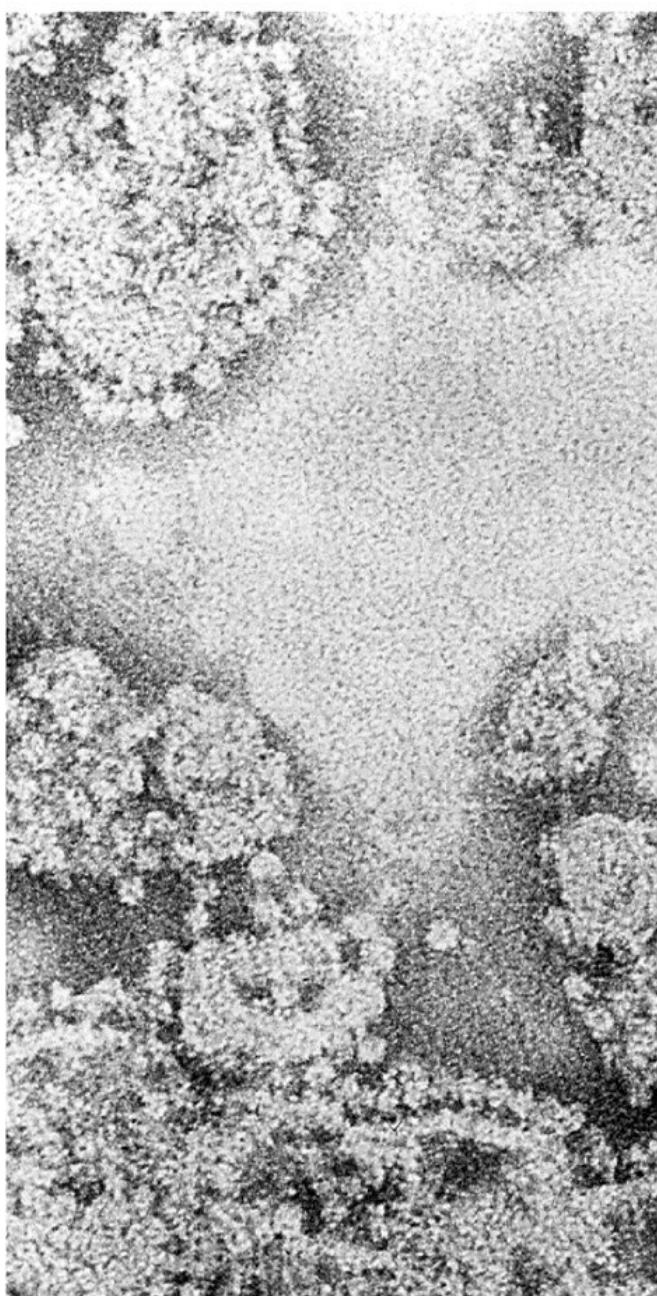
Mitochondrial matrix





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1/4 of the prize

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Los Angeles, CA, USA

b. 1918

**John E. Walker**

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MRC Laboratory of  
Molecular Biology  
Cambridge, United  
Kingdom

b. 1941

"for the first discovery of an ion-transporting enzyme,  $\text{Na}^+, \text{K}^+$  - ATPase"

**Jens C. Skou**

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Denmark

Aarhus University  
Aarhus, Denmark

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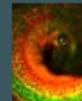
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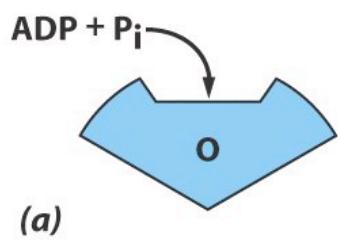


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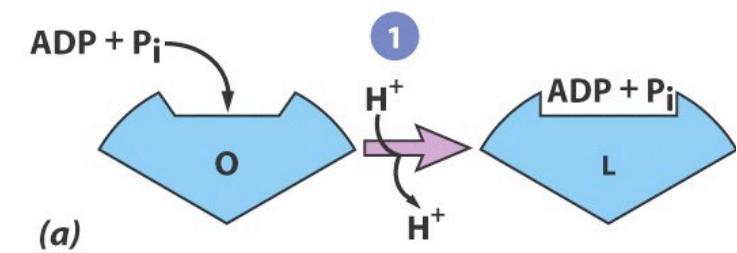


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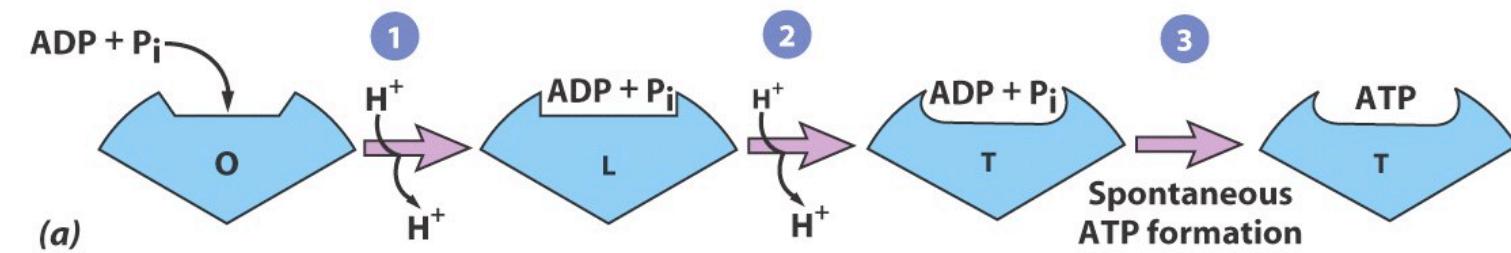


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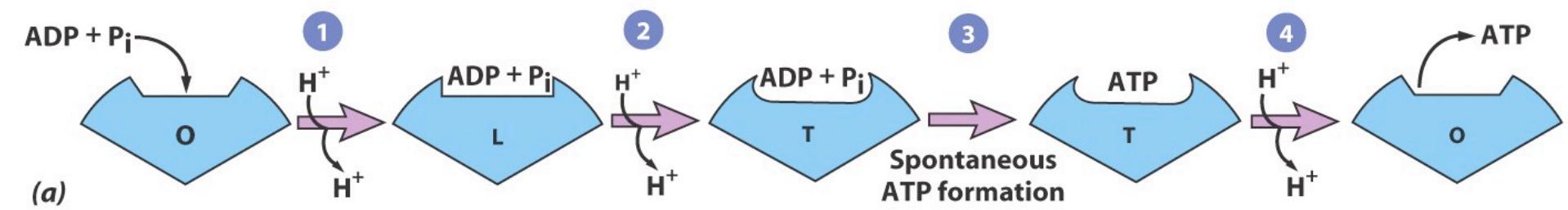


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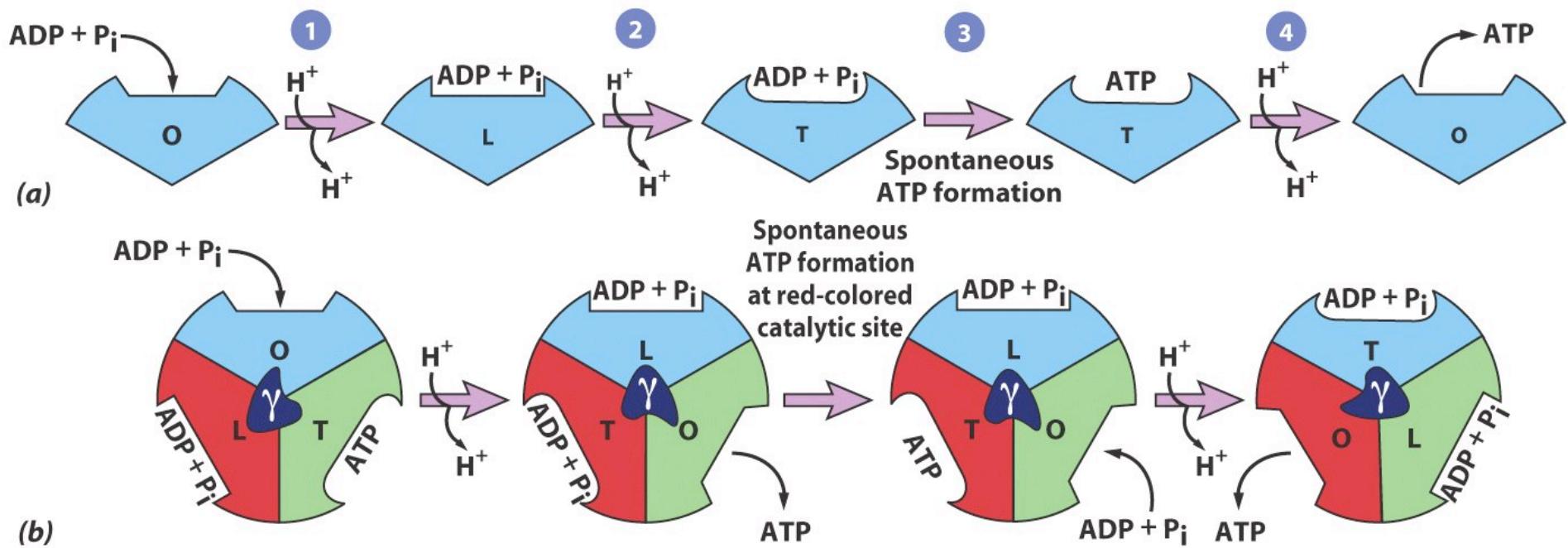


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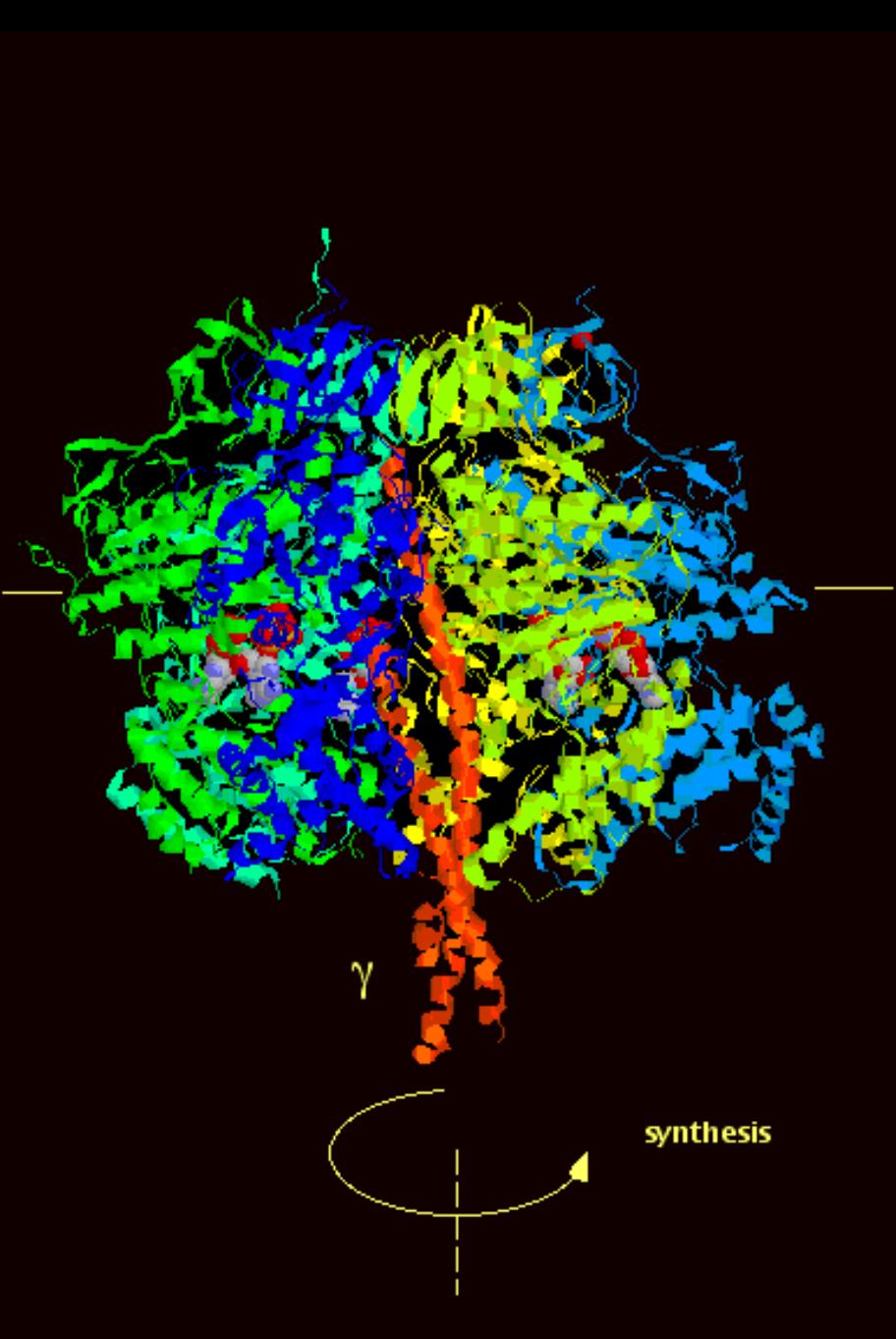


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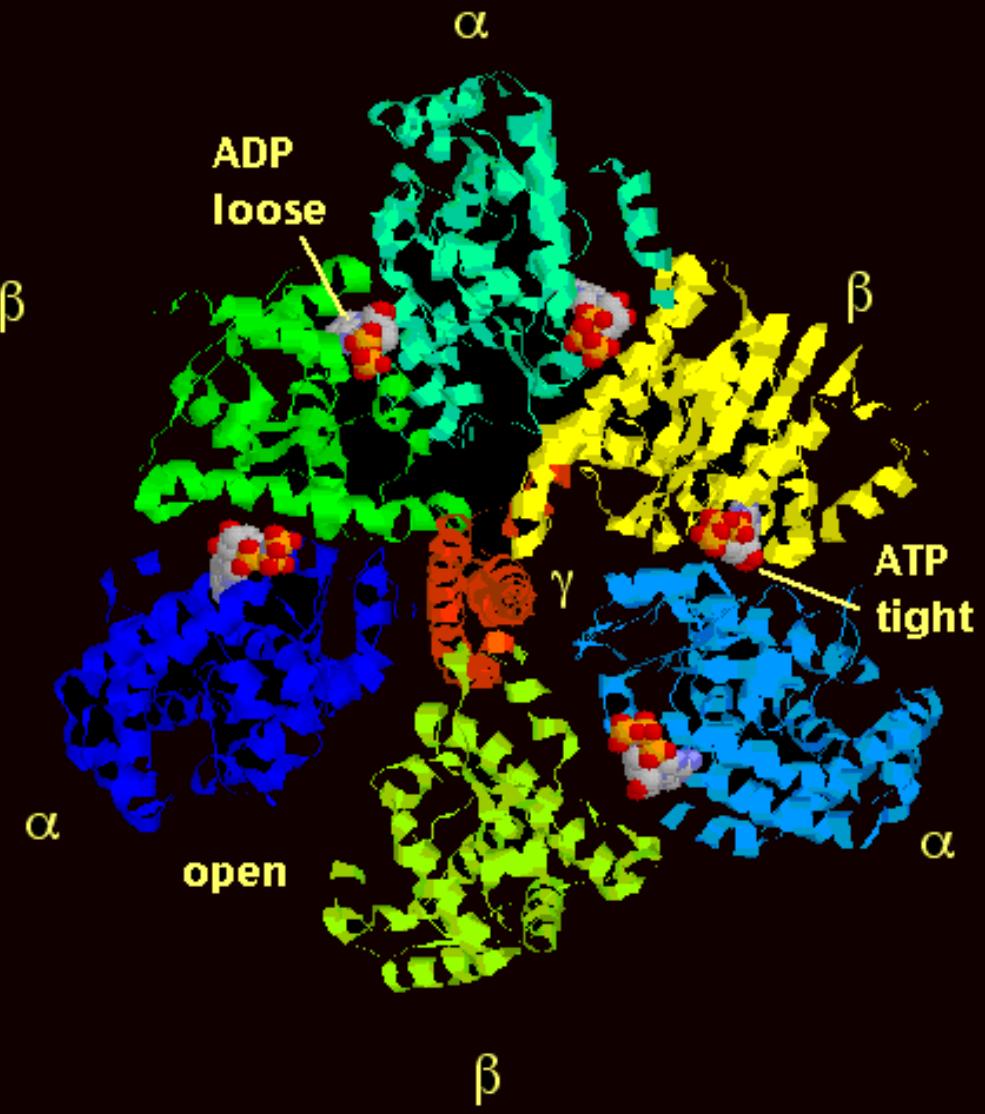
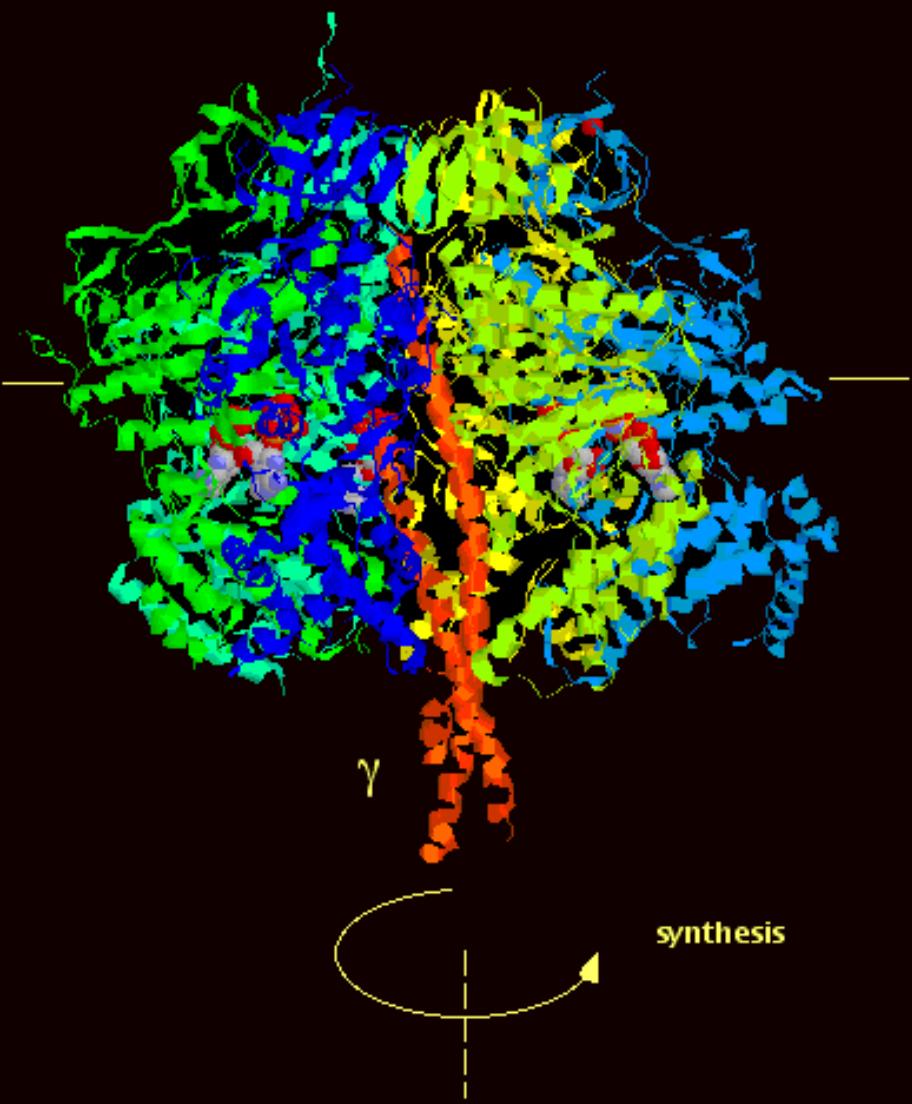


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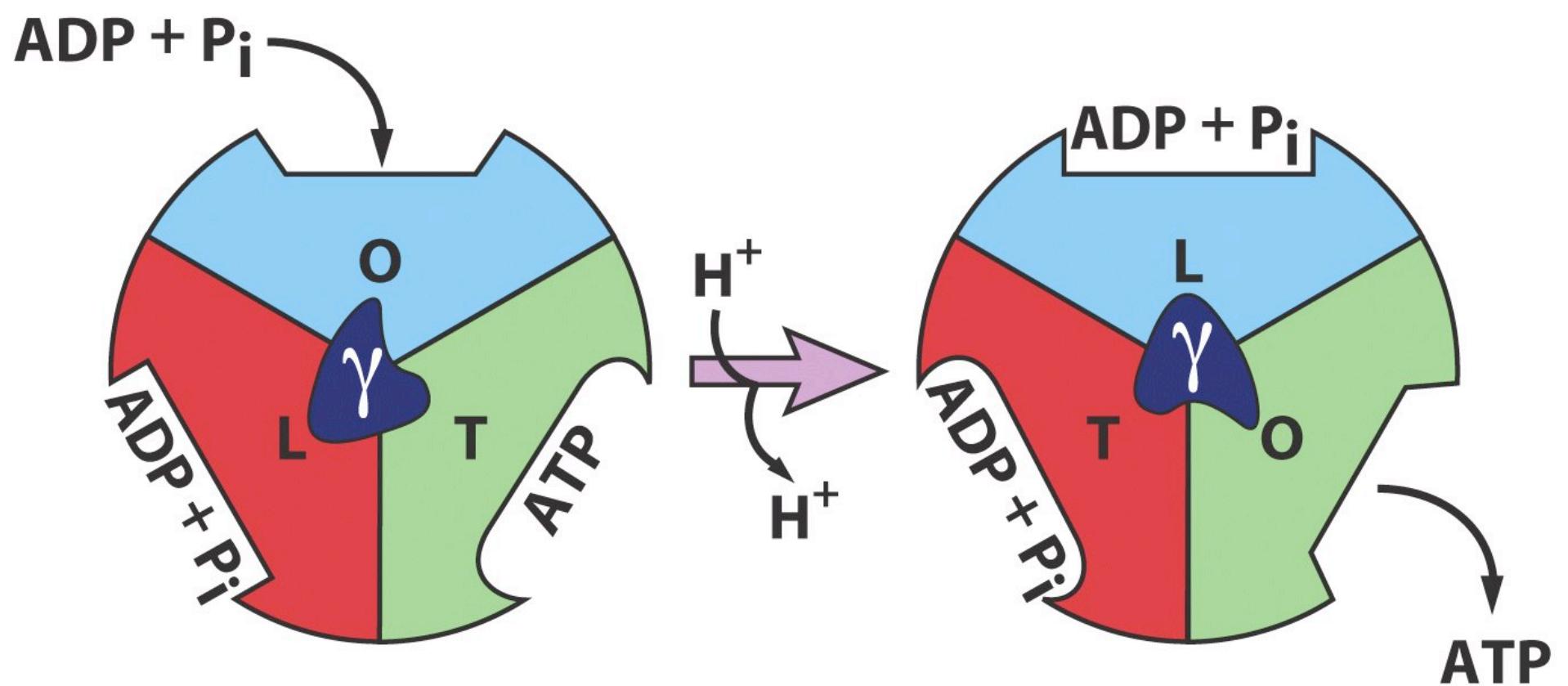


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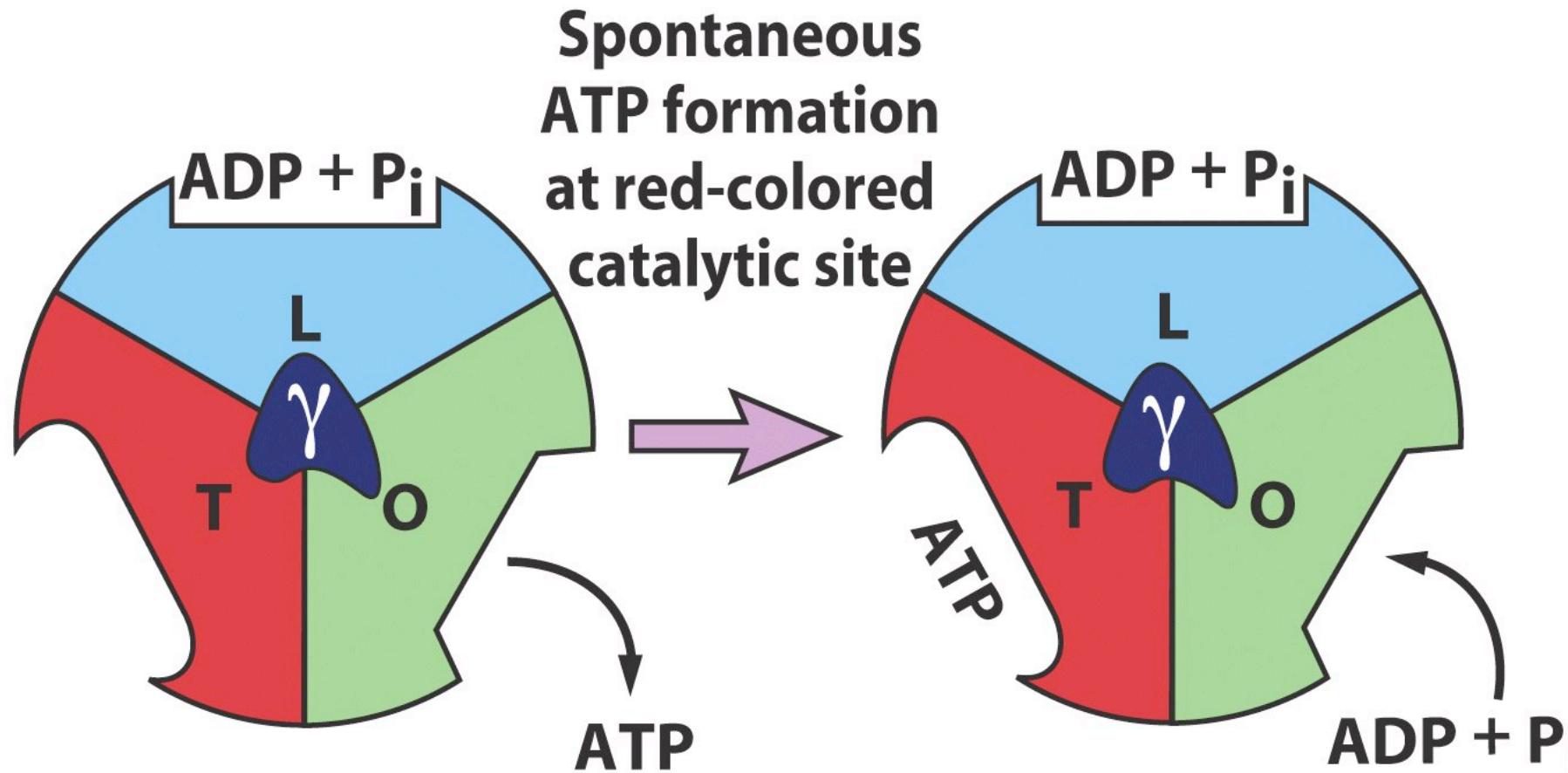


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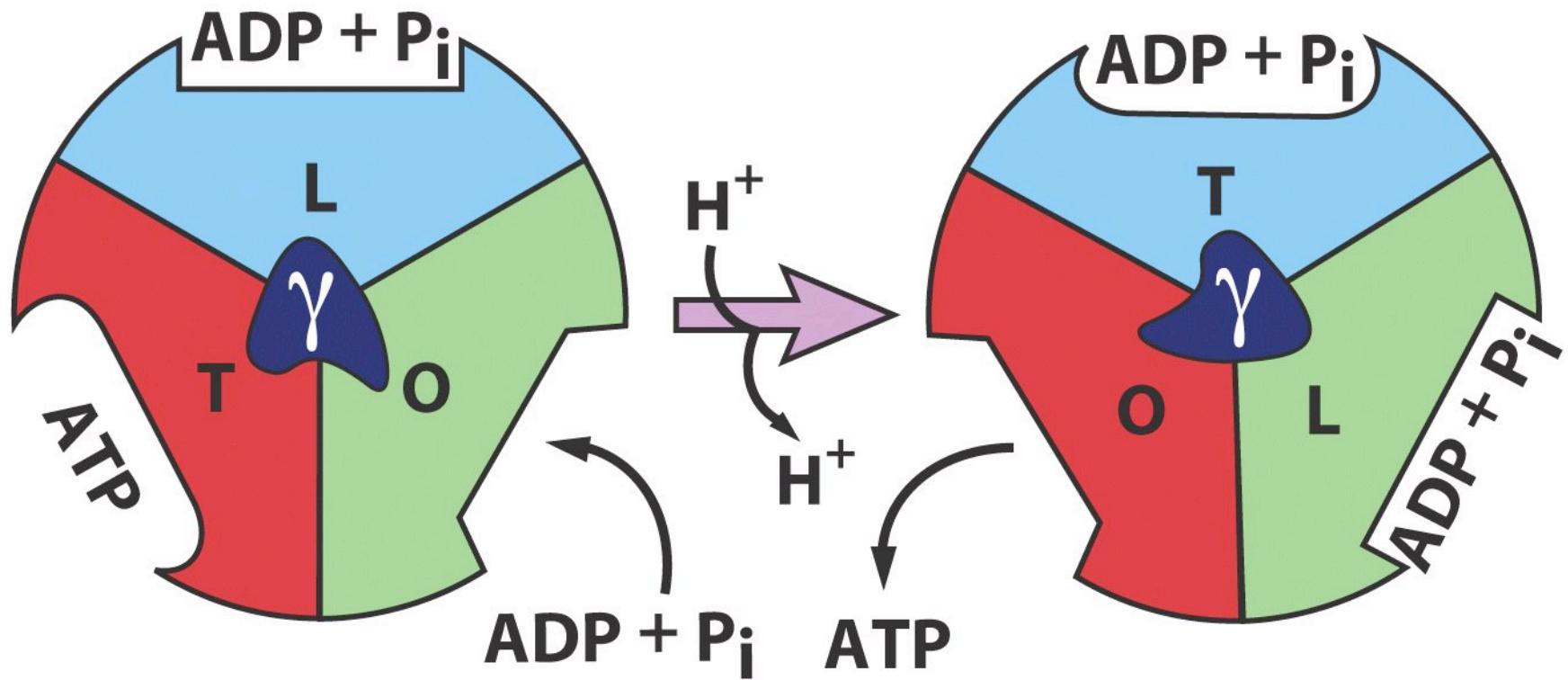


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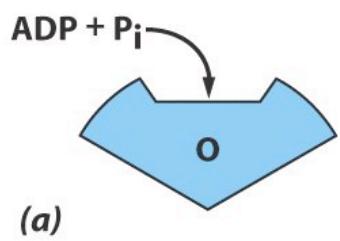


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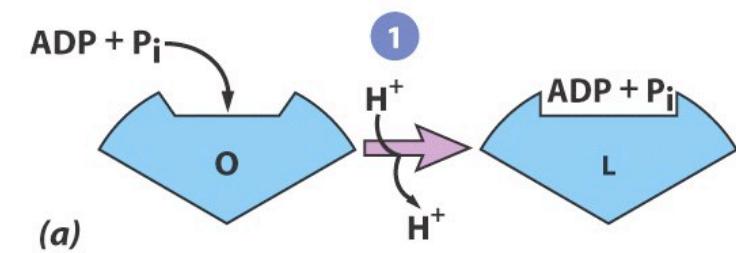


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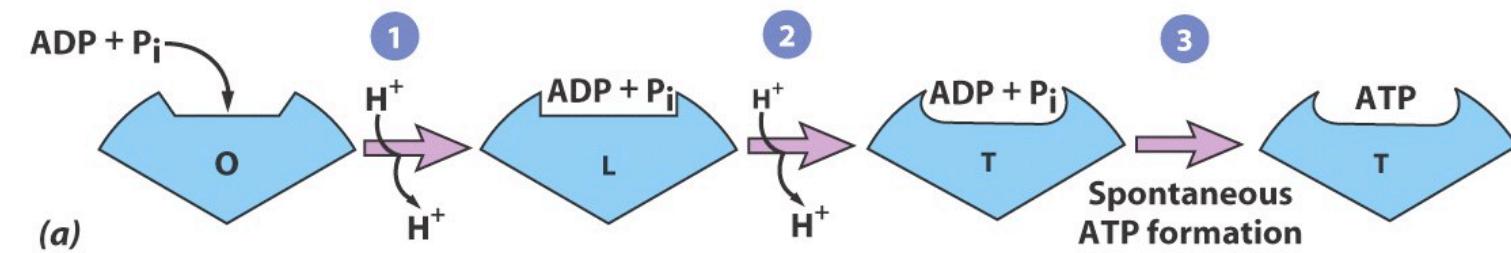


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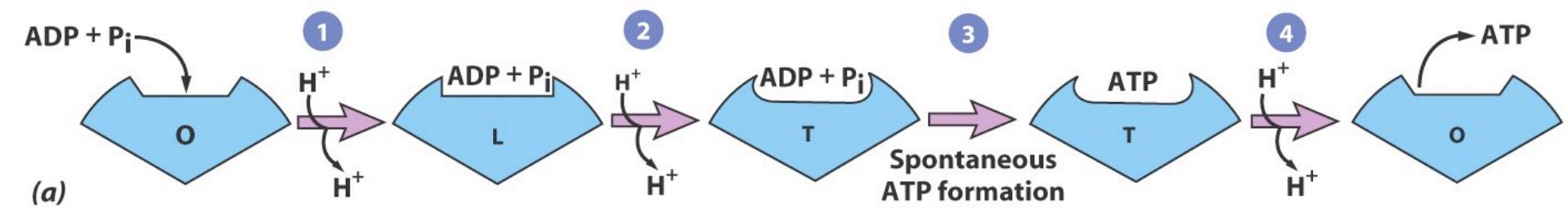


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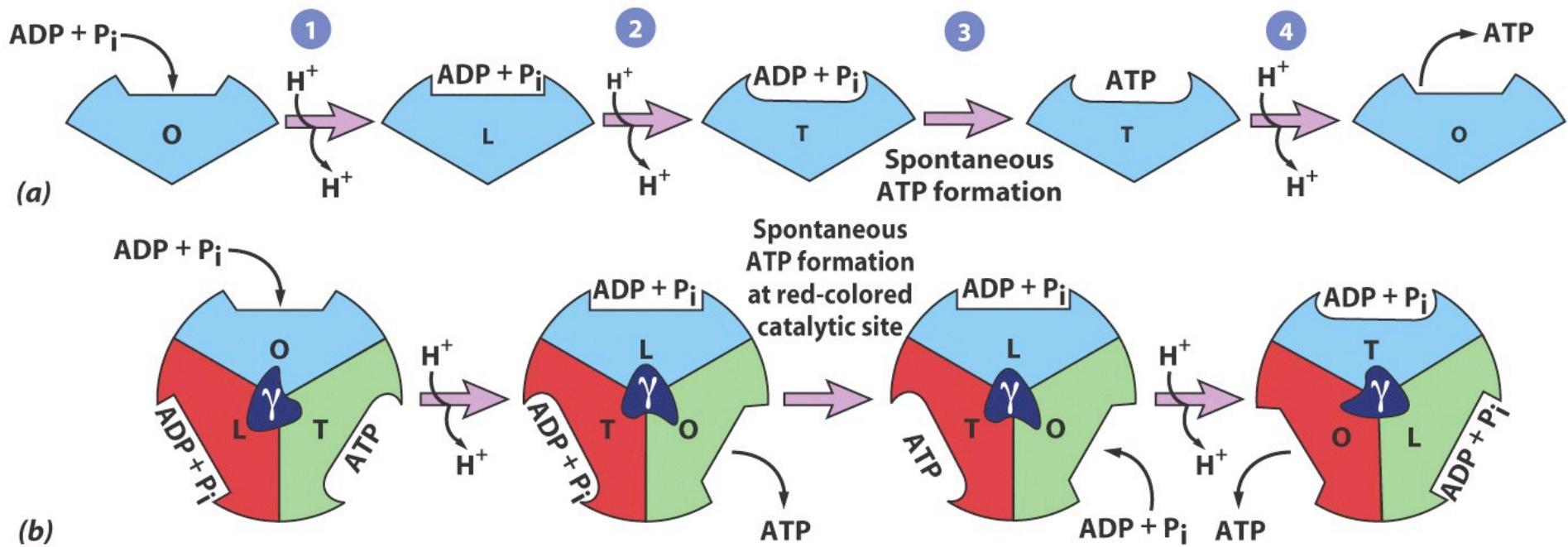
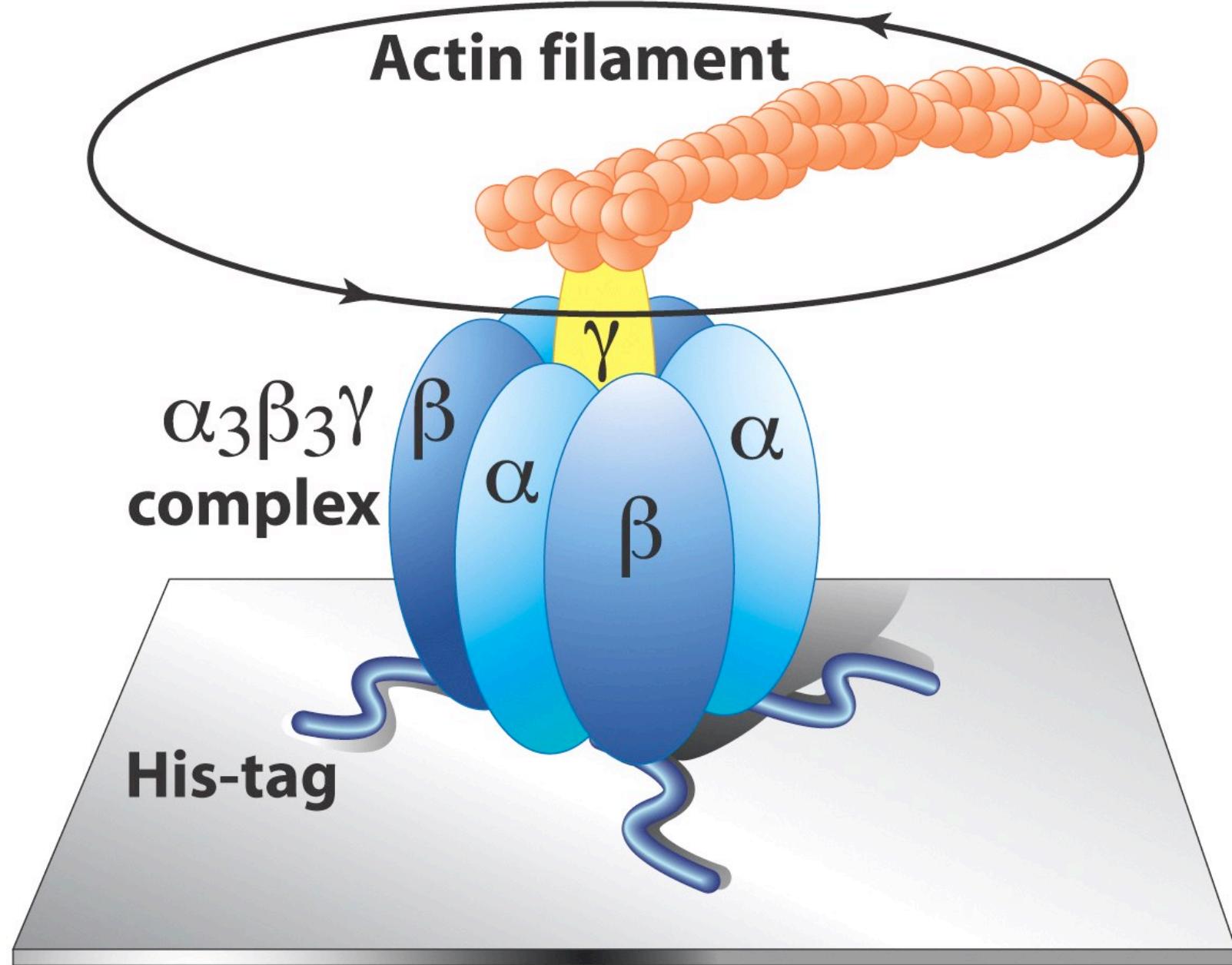


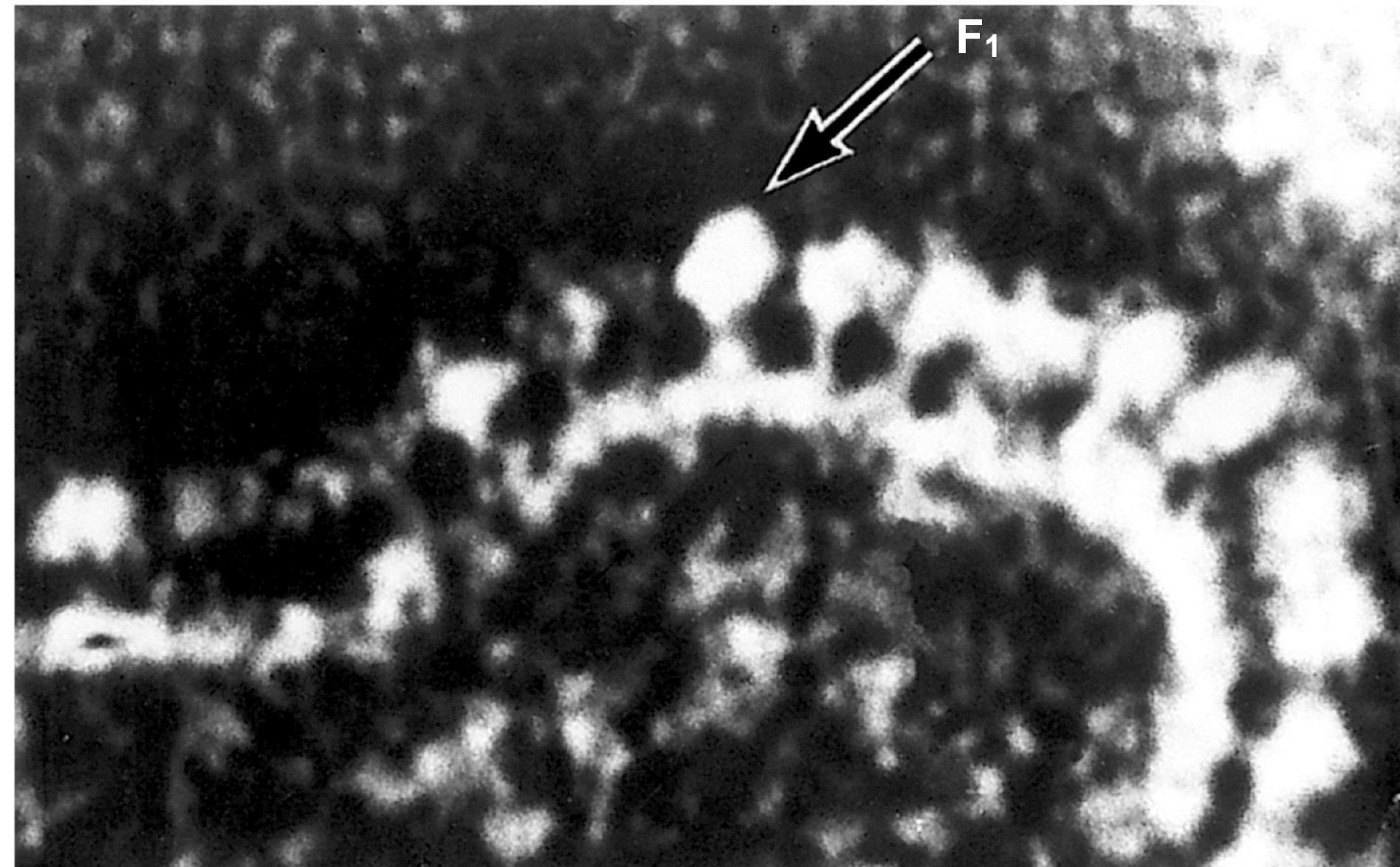
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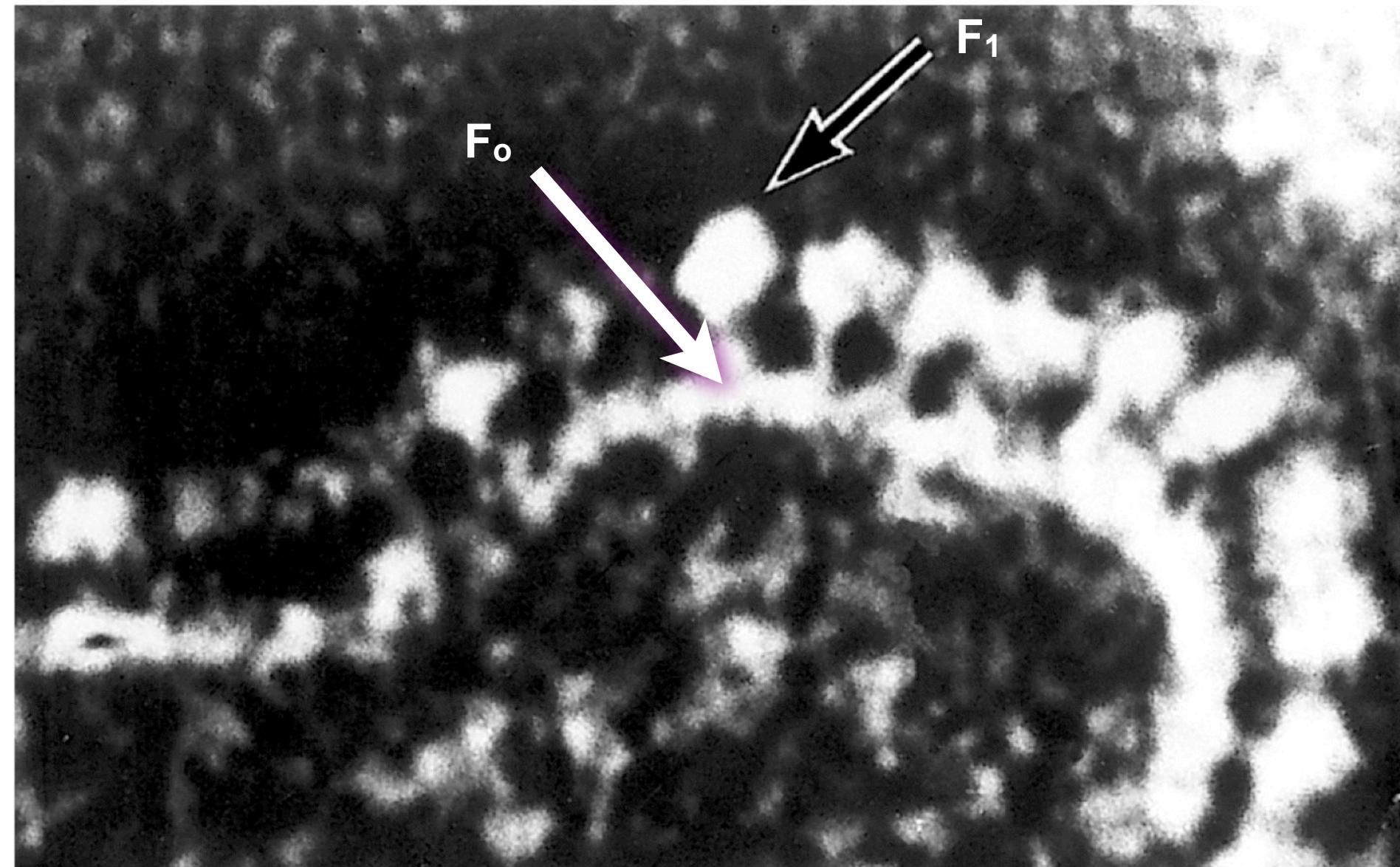






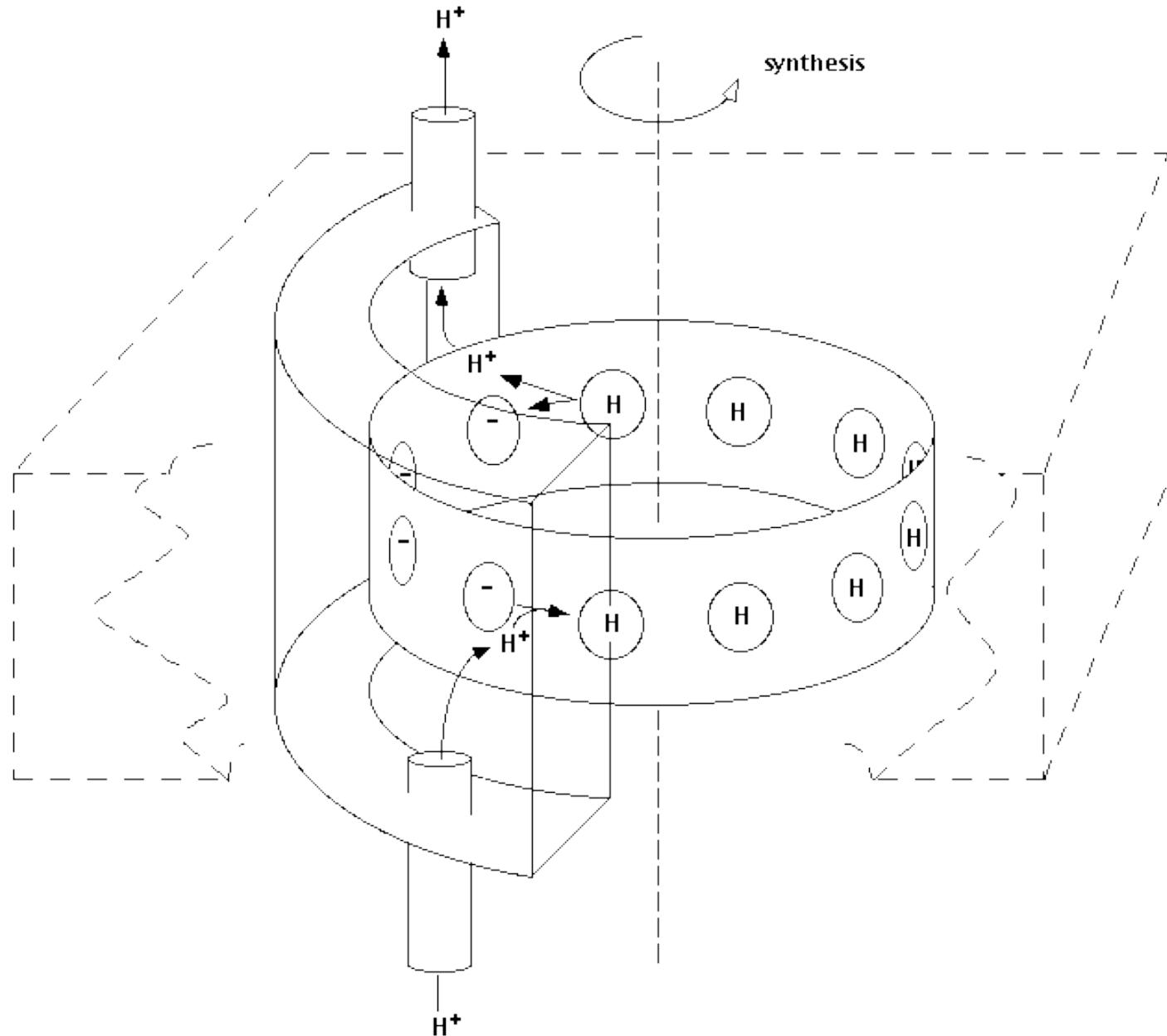
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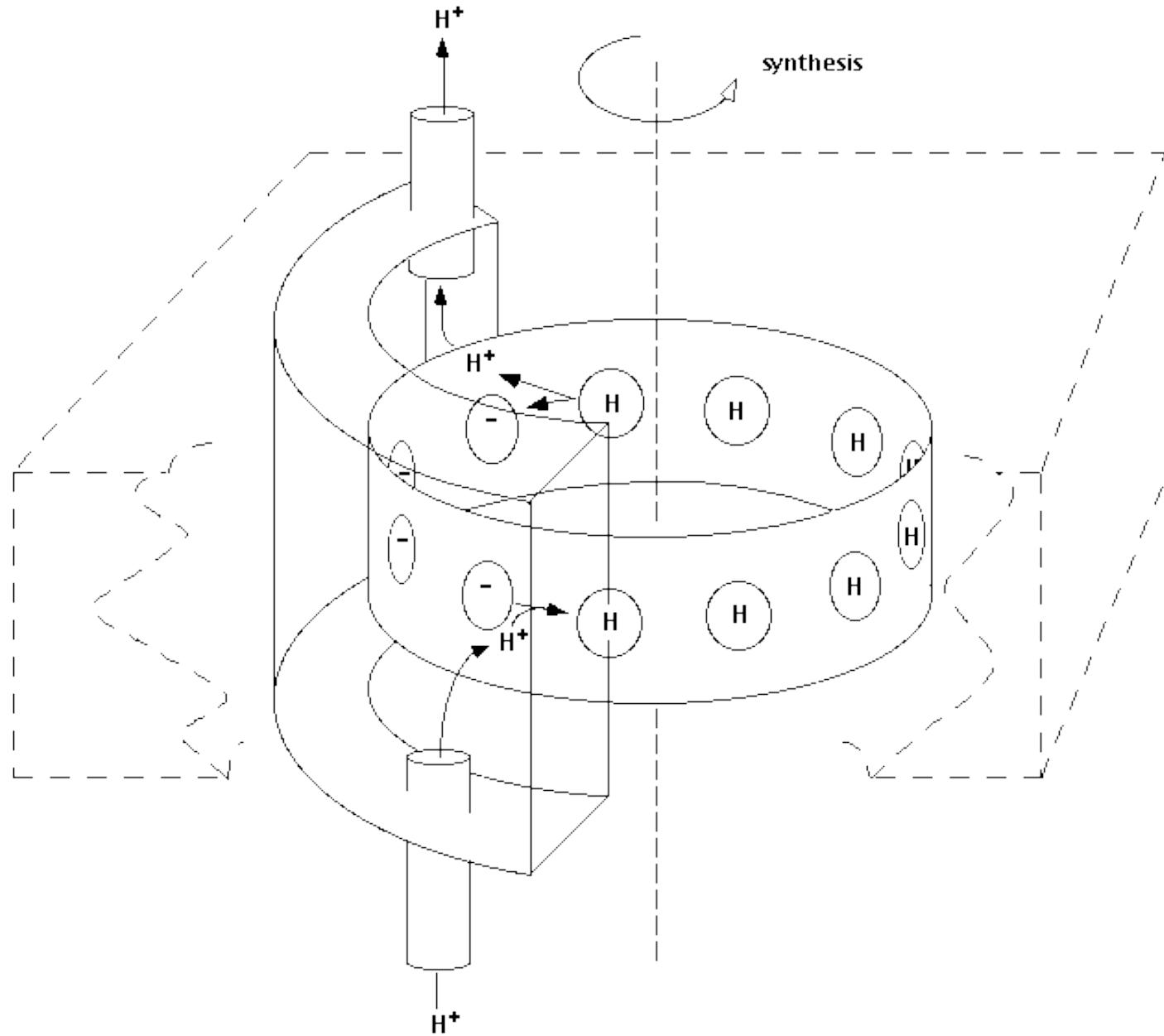


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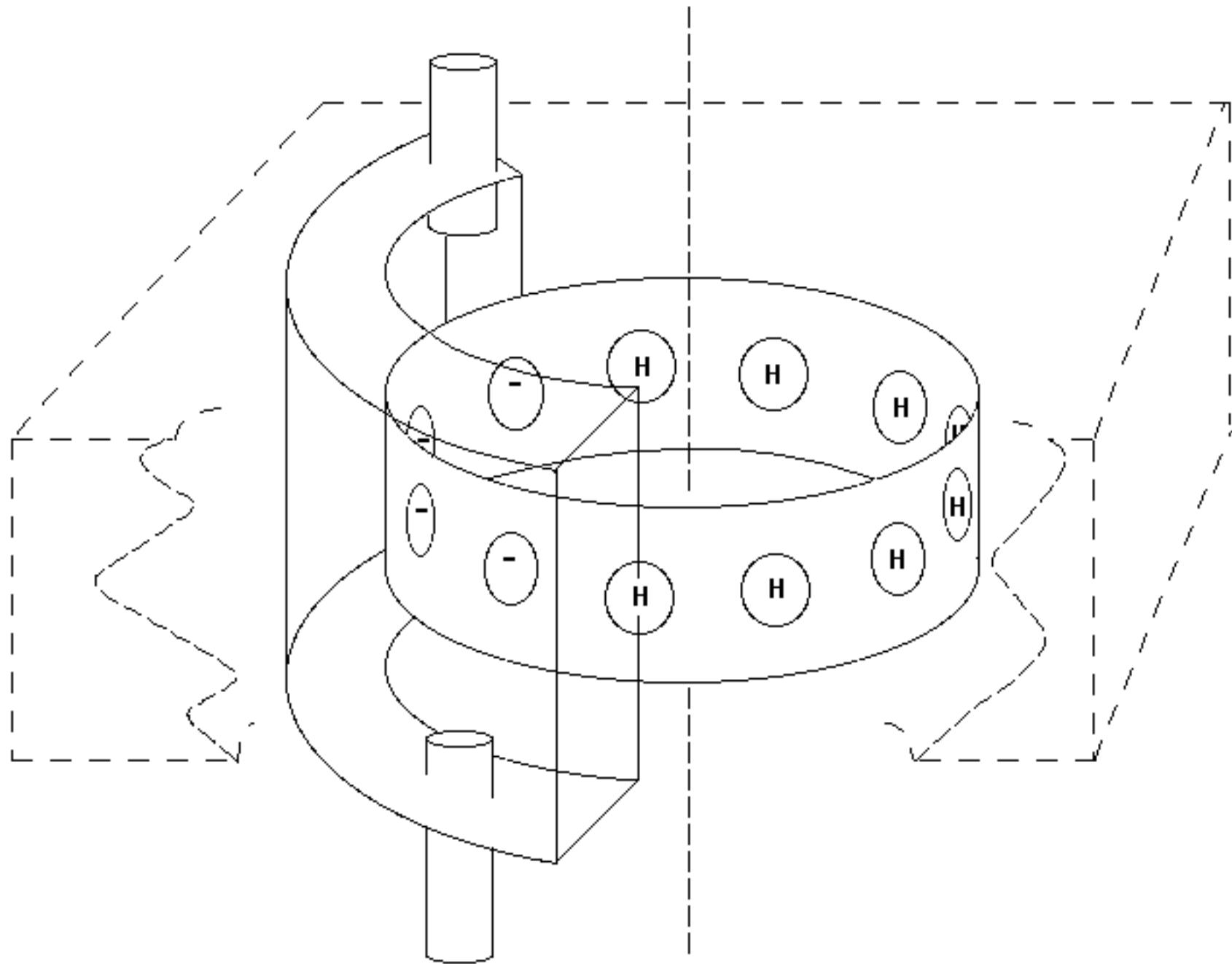


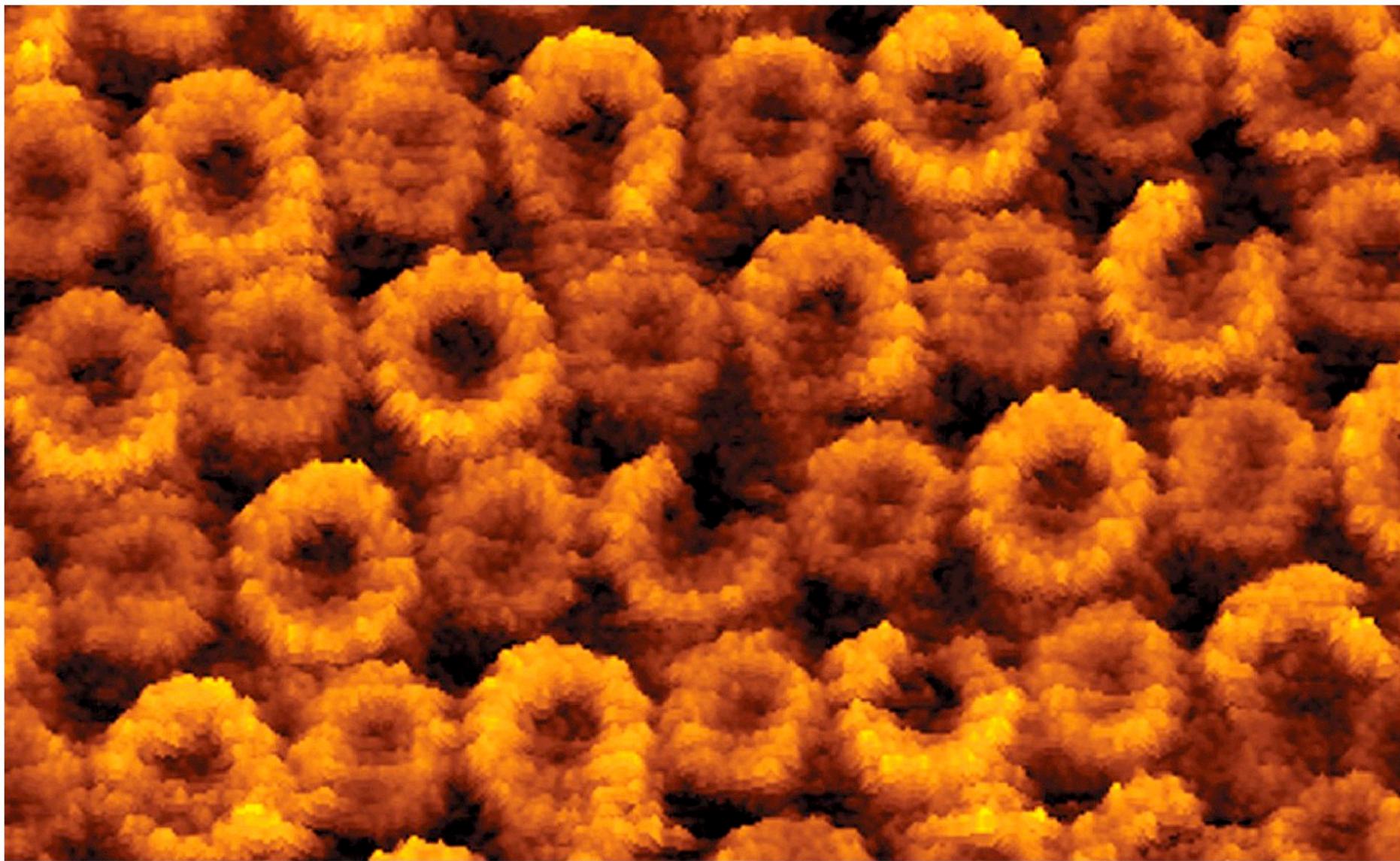
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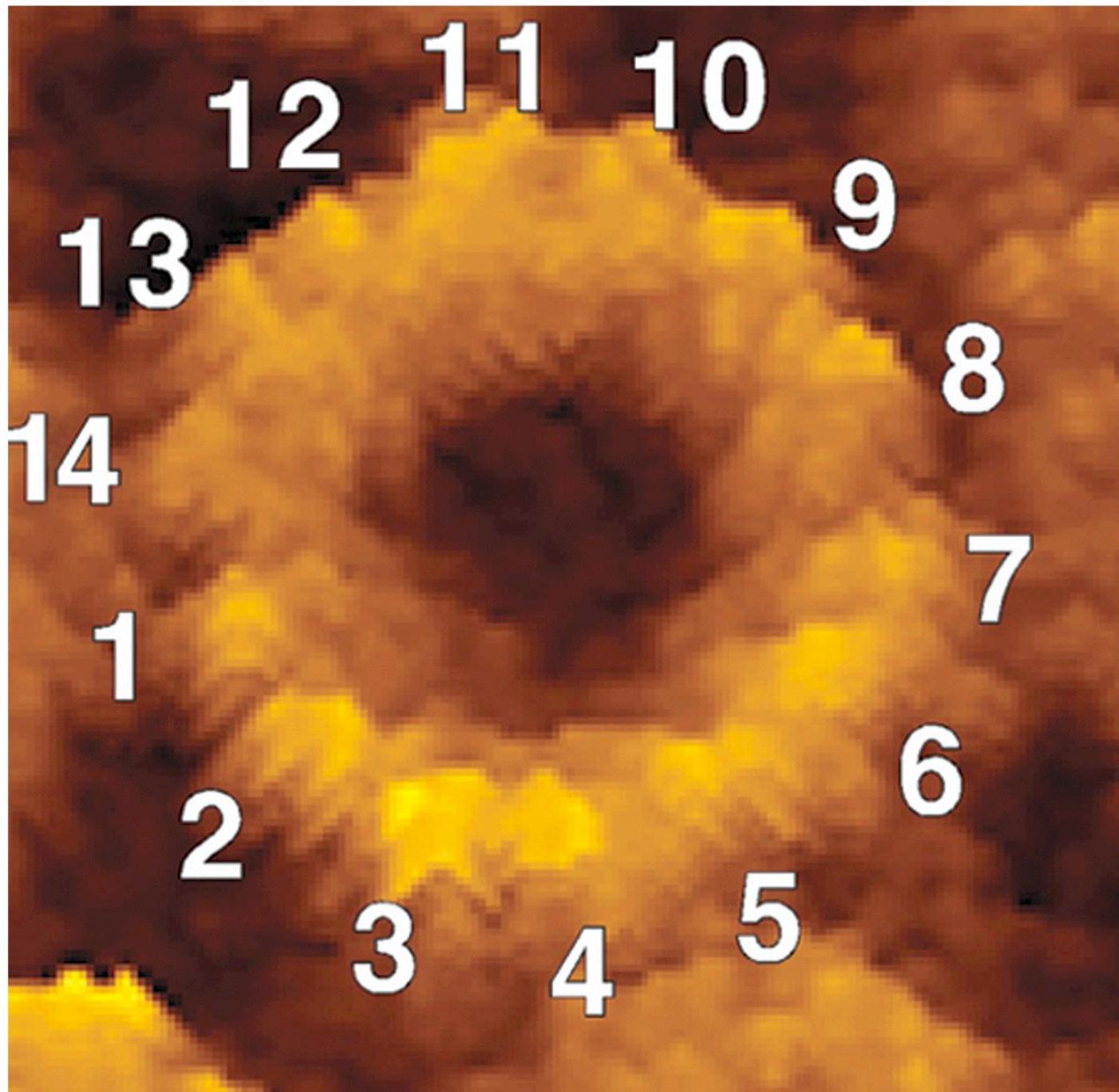


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# The F<sub>1</sub>-F<sub>0</sub> ATPase

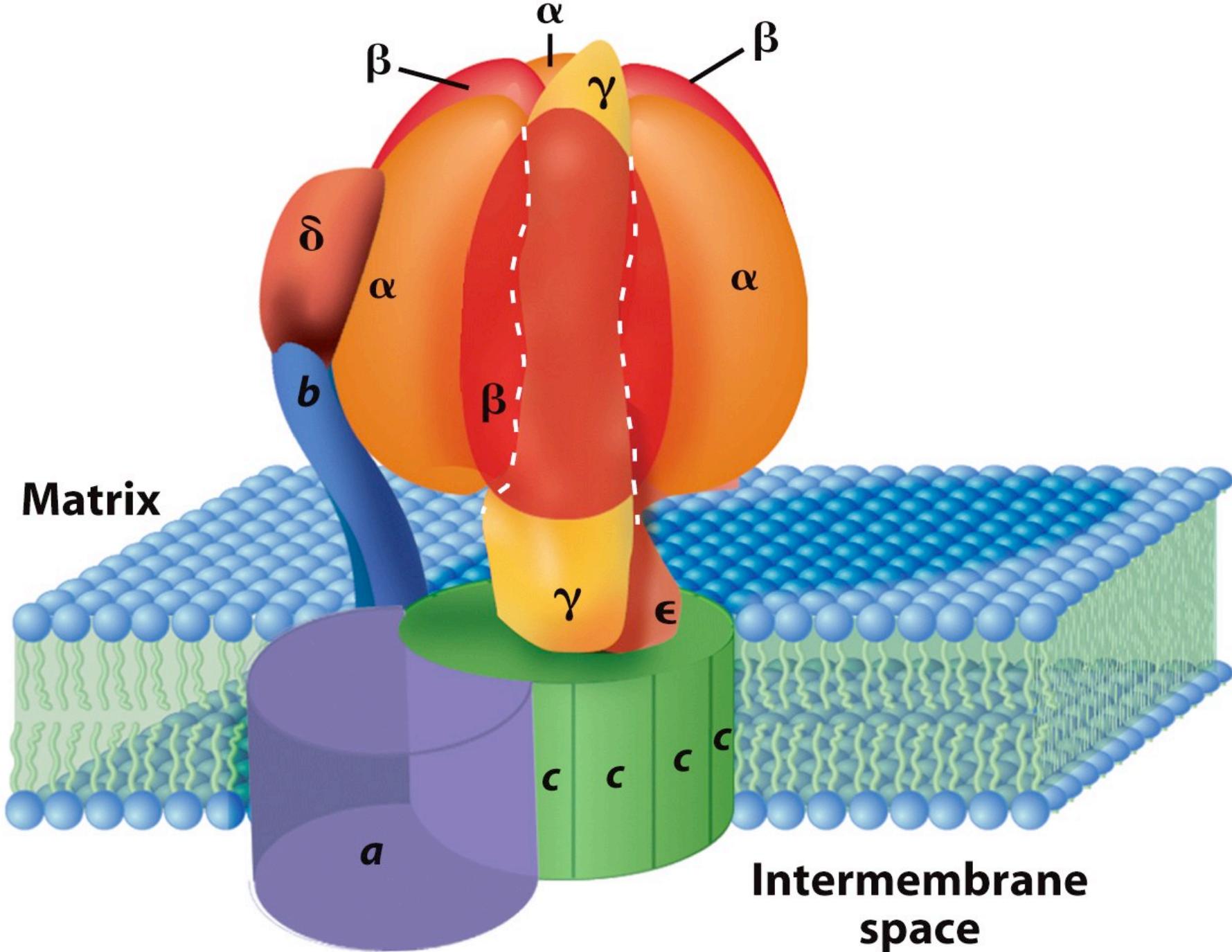


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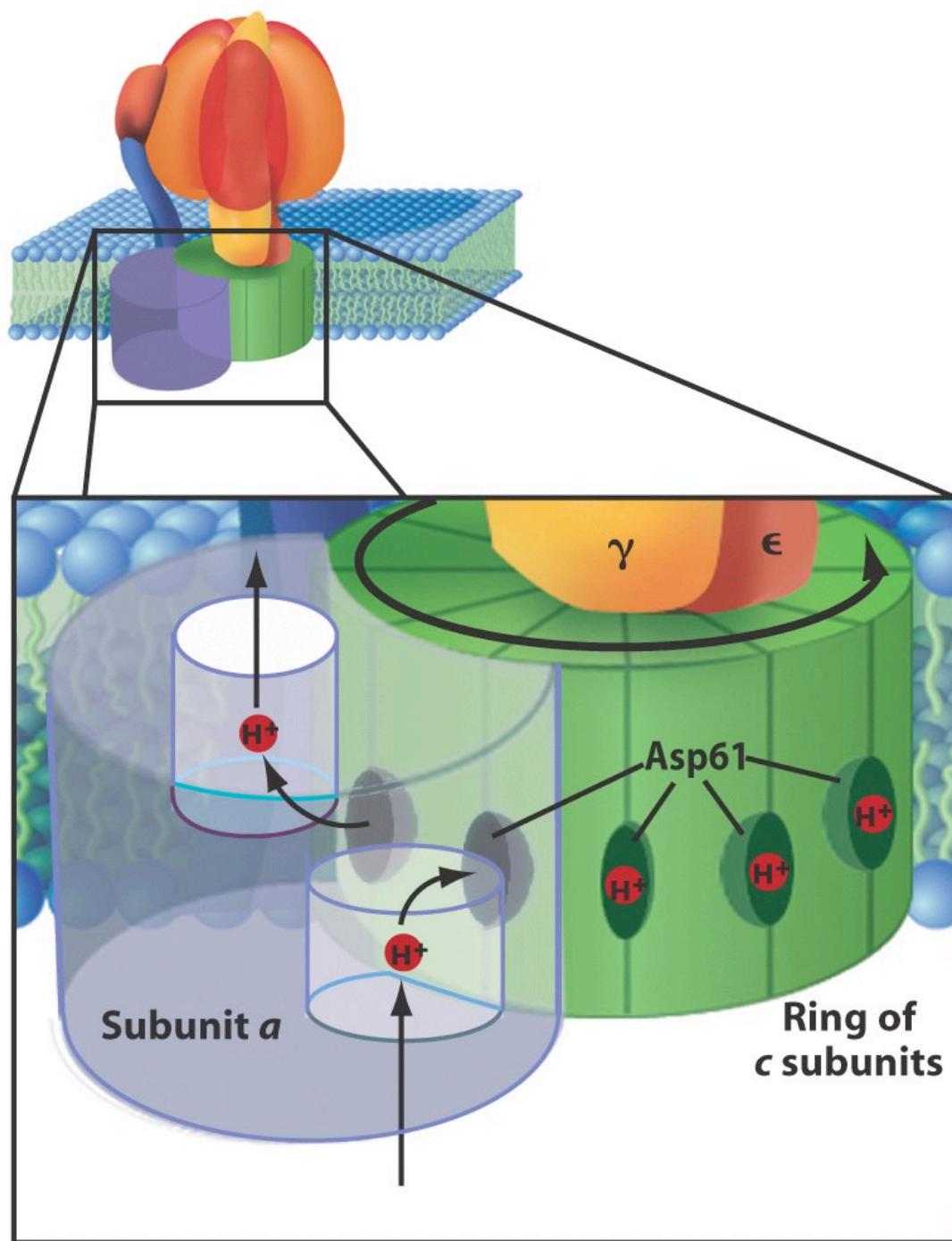
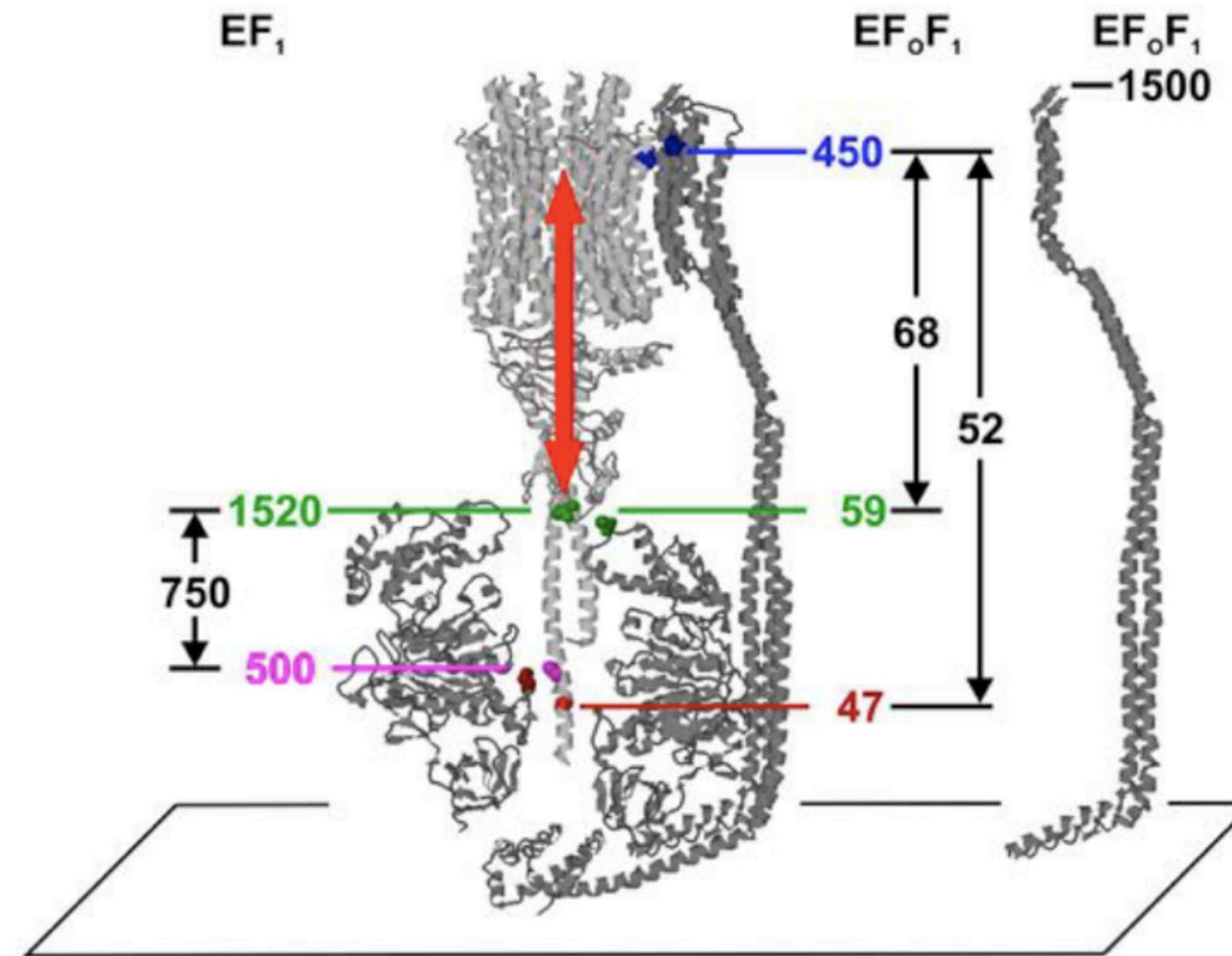
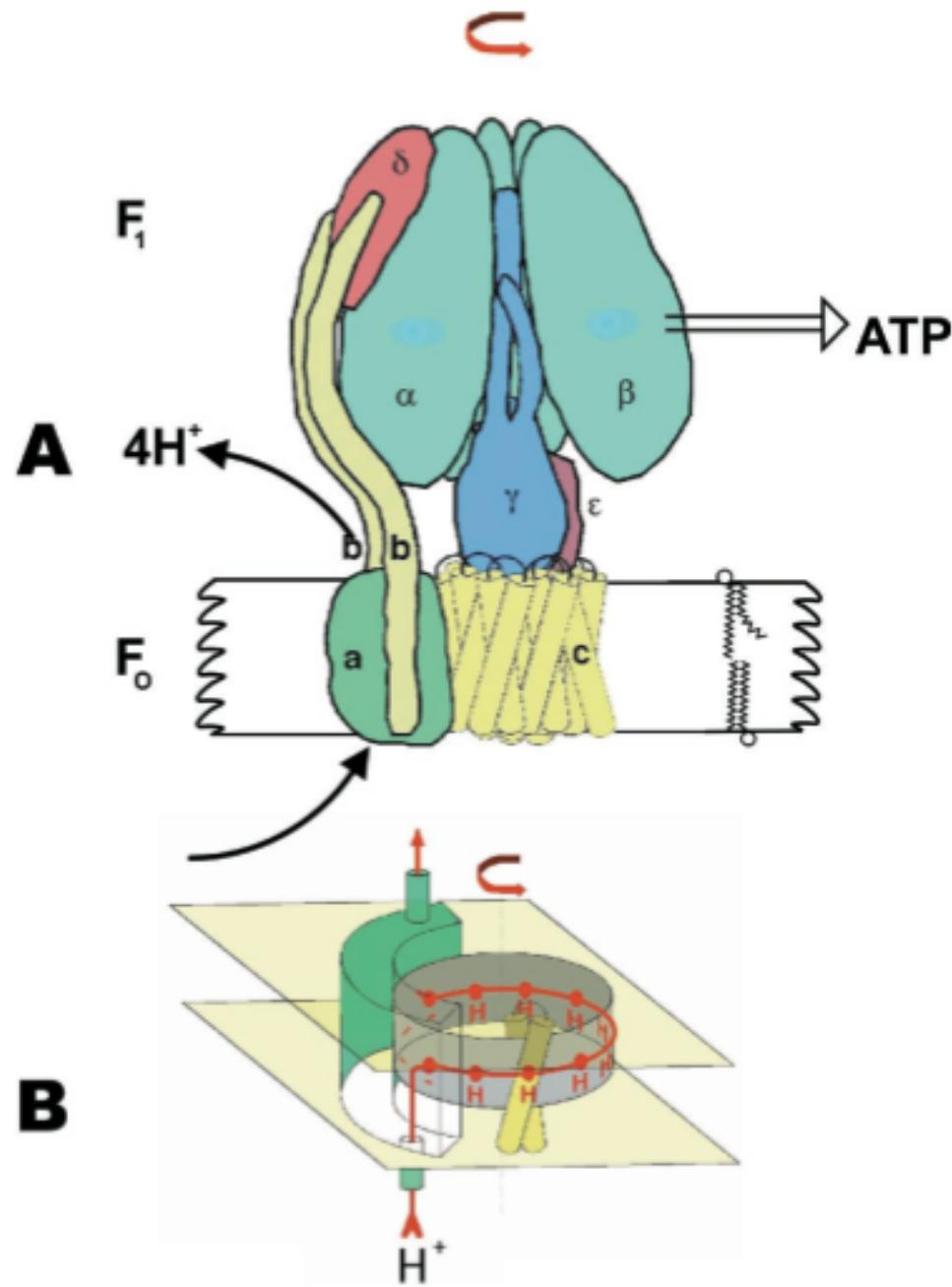


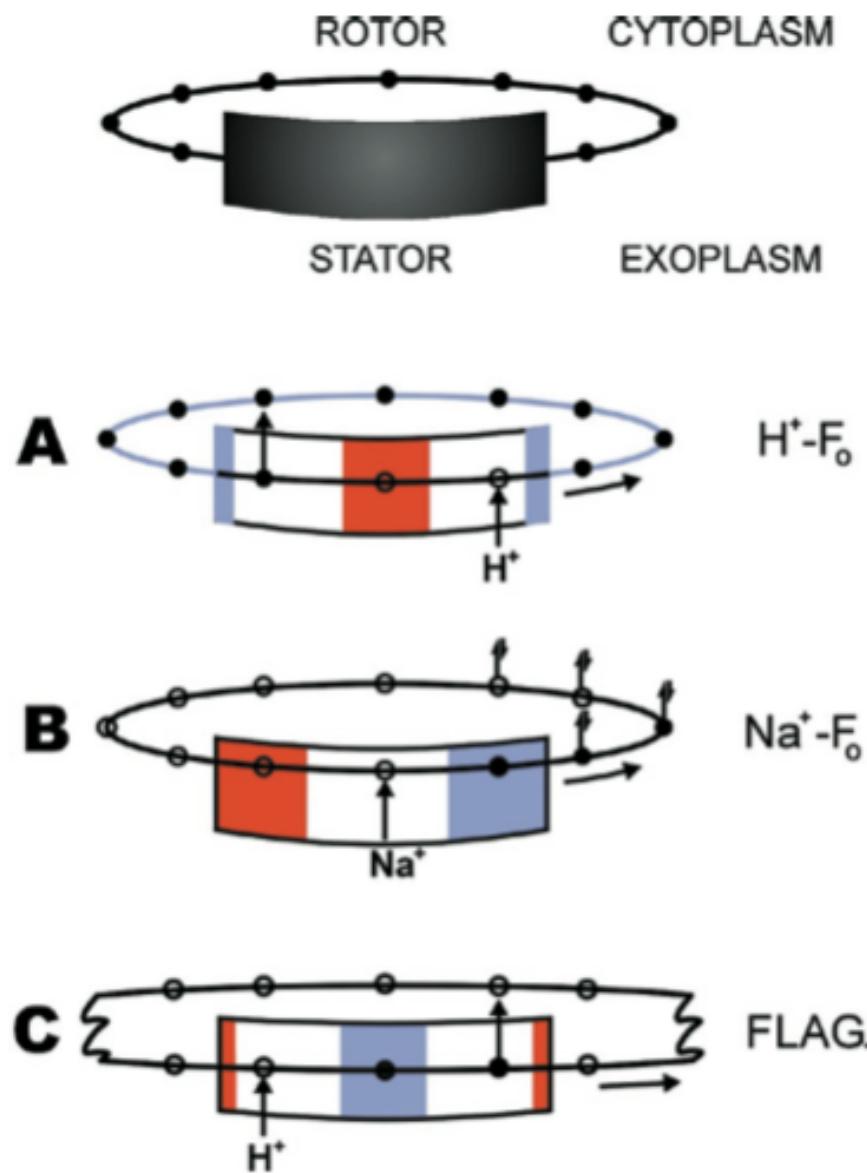
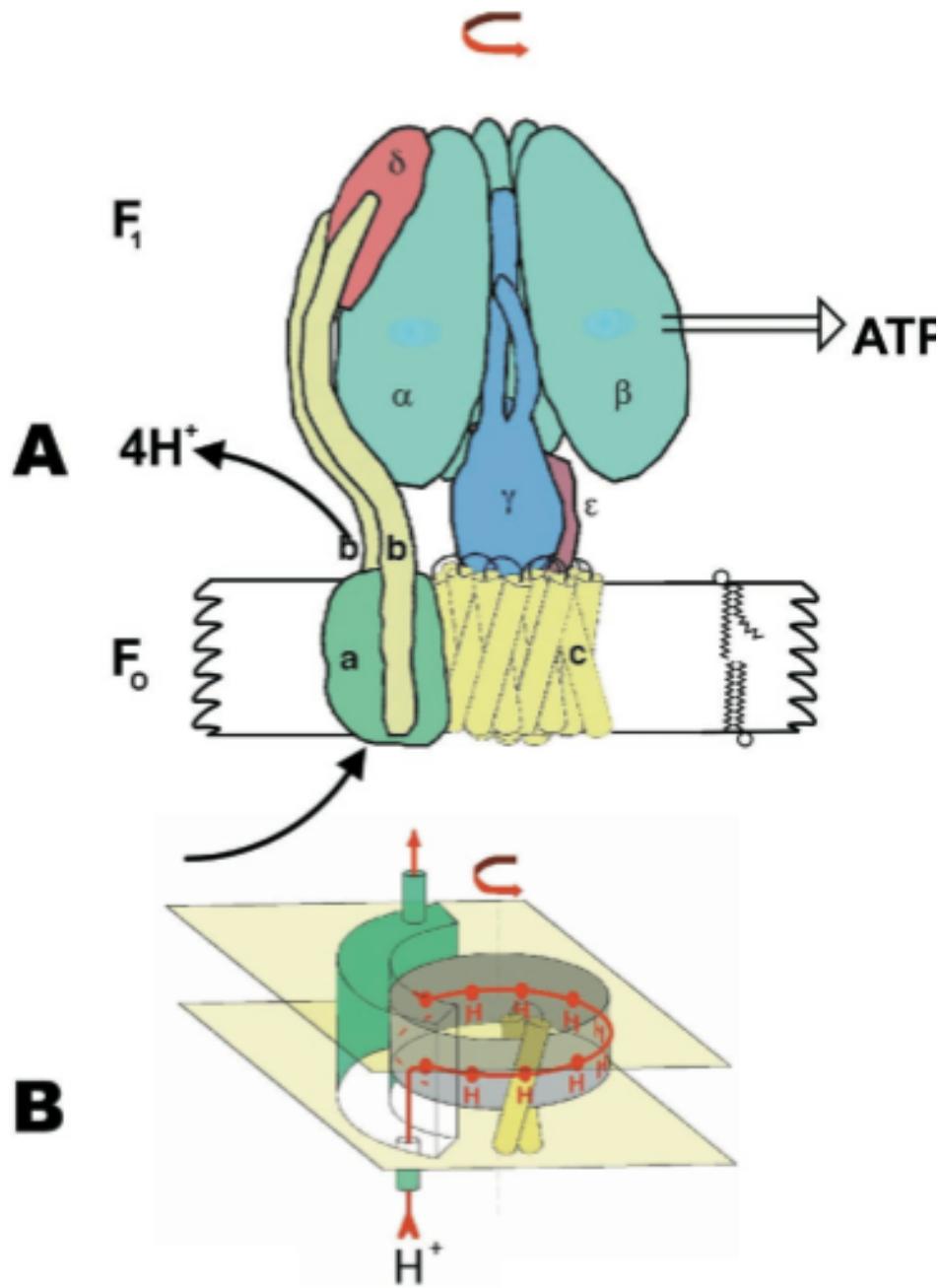
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Structural model of EFoF1 (stator subunits in dark gray, rotor in light gray), and, at the very right side, of the homodimer of subunit **b**, and numbers for the torsional stiffness of various domains. Numbers given on the left side resulted from data obtained with EF1 in the set-up shown in Fig. 1A, those in the right side from EFoF1 as in Fig. 2A, and the one at the very right from EFoF1 as in Fig. 4A. The stiffness comes in units of pNnm. Numbers associated with horizontal colored lines denote the resulting stiffness *result* (see Eq. 3) as observed when the respective disulfide cross link (its two cysteines shown in the same hue, dark on the stator or light on the rotor) was closed. The numbers between the black vertical arrows denote the stiffnesses of the rotor domain lying between the respective pairs of cross link positions. The red arrow marks the region of greatest compliance in EFoF1, the dominant elastic buffer which is responsible for an elastic power transmission between Fo and F1.



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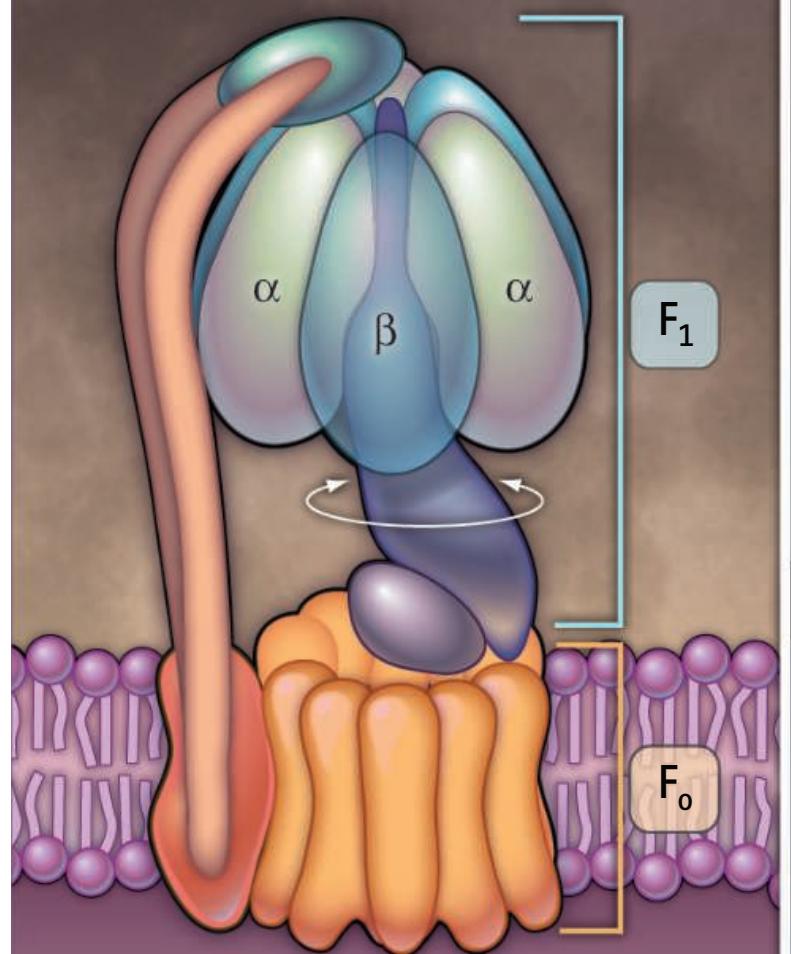
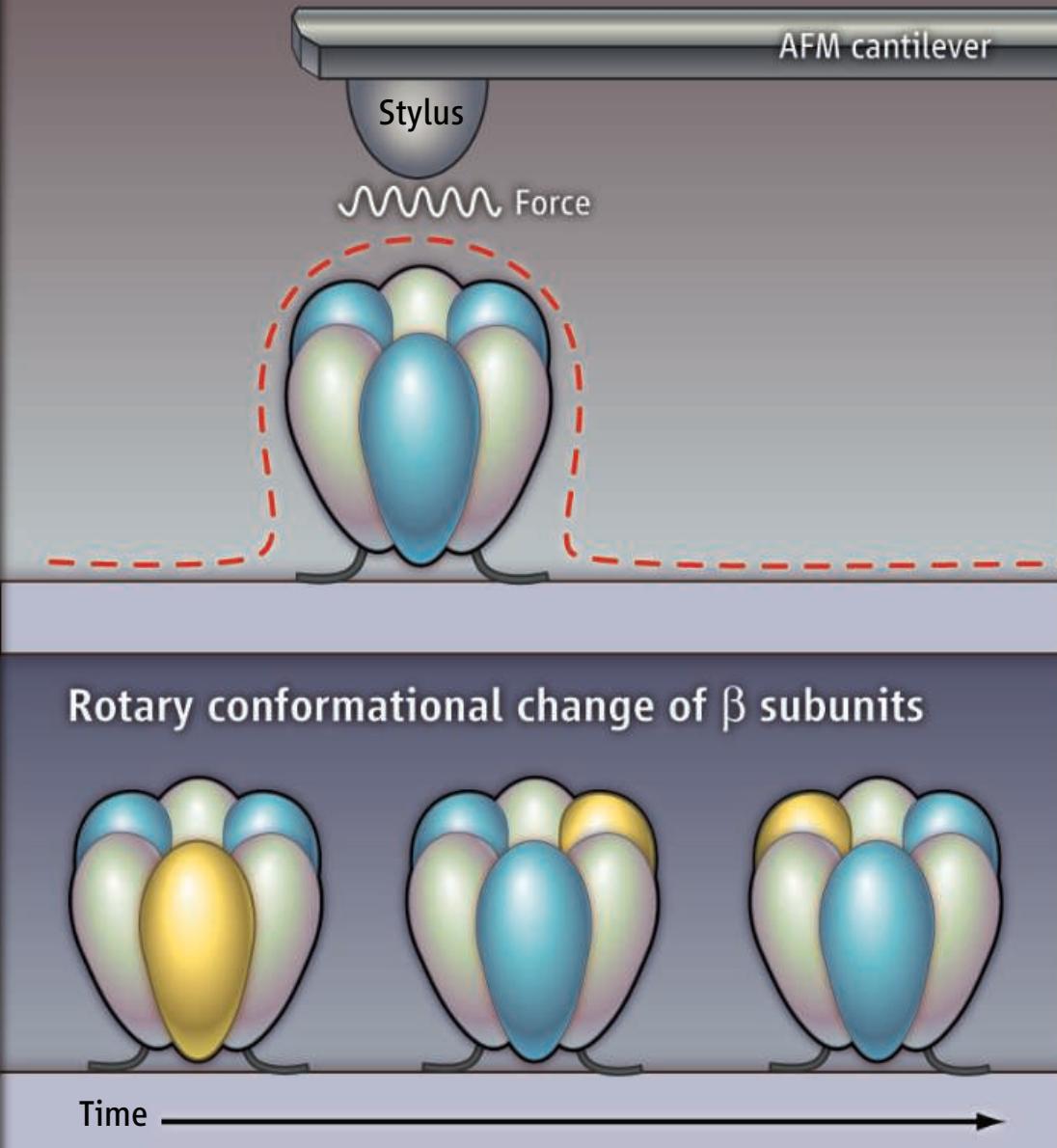


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Table 1. Comparison of molecular motors

Motor	Drive	Molecular mass,		Max. speed		Step size		Stall load	
		$10^5$ Da	Processivity, %	nm/s	rev/s	nm	deg	pN	pN·nm
Kinesin	ATP	1	100	800		8		6	
Myosin	ATP	5	1	8,000		15		4	
RNAP	NTP	7	100			0.35		30	
$F_1$	ATP	4	100		100		120		40
$F_O$	PMF	1.5	100	1,500	100	(1.00)	30	(16)	(40)
Flag	PMF	≈100	100	45,000	300	(<0.4)	<1	(300)	4,800

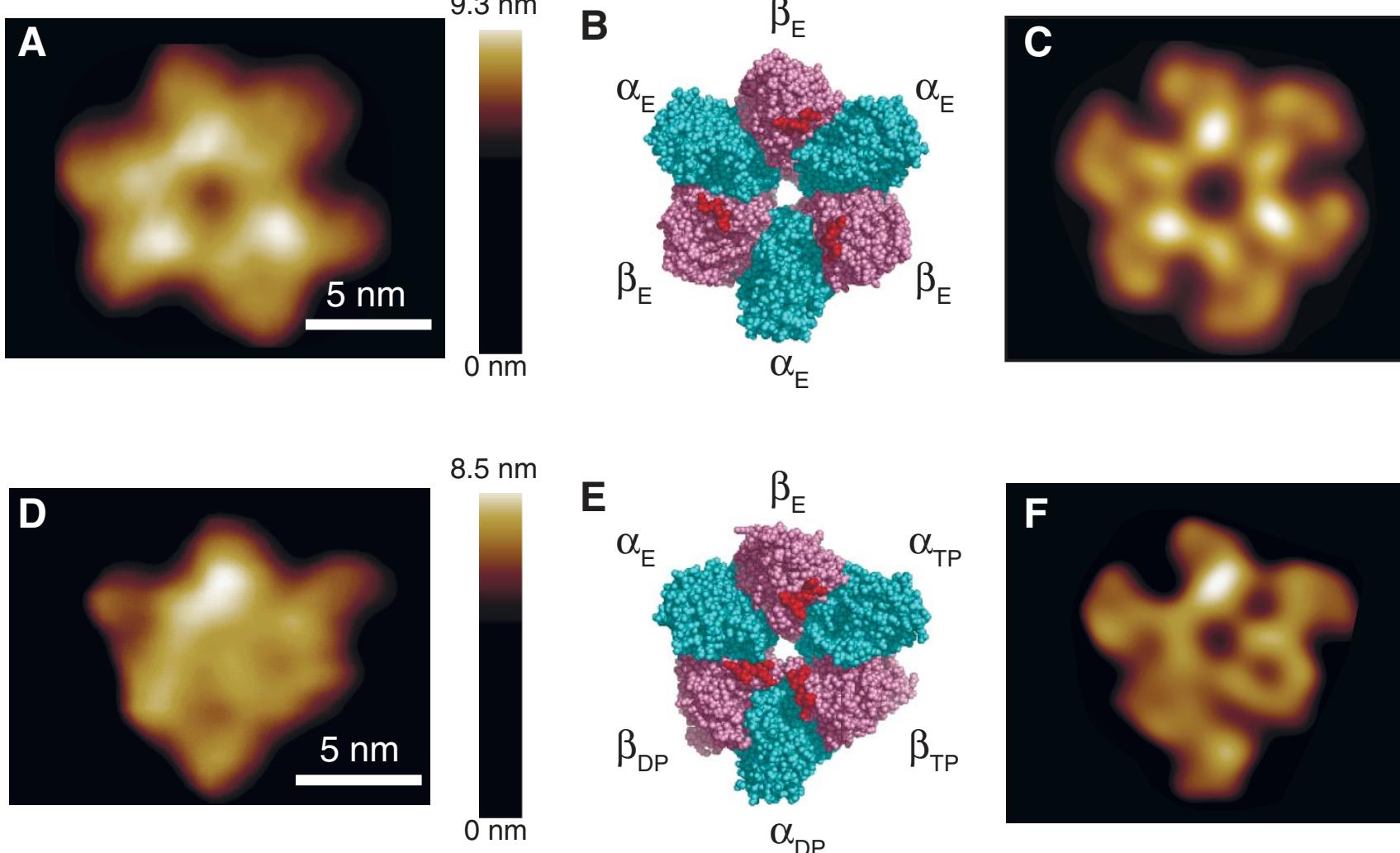
Myosin, kinesin, RNA polymerase (RNAP), the two drives of ATP synthase ( $F_O$ ,  $F_1$ ), and the flagellar motor (Flag) are driven by nucleotide triphosphates (ATP, NTP) or by an electrochemical potential difference [here named protonmotive force, (PMF)]. The processivity is almost perfect in all motors except myosin. The data for the linear motors are taken from refs. 54–57, those for the flagellar motor from refs. 35, 42, the stall load of  $F_1$  from ref. 18, the maximum speed of  $F_1$  from ref. 39, and the data for  $F_O$  were assumed to match those of  $F_1$  when operating in the holoenzyme.

**A****F<sub>o</sub>F<sub>1</sub>-ATPase****B****High-speed AFM scan****Seeing a Molecular Motor at Work**

# High-Speed Atomic Force Microscopy Reveals Rotary Catalysis of Rotorless $F_1$ -ATPase

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$F_1$  is an adenosine triphosphate (ATP)–driven motor in which three torque-generating  $\beta$  subunits in the  $\alpha_3\beta_3$  stator ring sequentially undergo conformational changes upon ATP hydrolysis to rotate the central shaft  $\gamma$  unidirectionally. Although extensive experimental and theoretical work has been done, the structural basis of cooperative torque generation to realize the unidirectional rotation remains elusive. We used high-speed atomic force microscopy to show that the rotorless  $F_1$  still “rotates”; in the isolated  $\alpha_3\beta_3$  stator ring, the three  $\beta$  subunits cyclically propagate conformational states in the counterclockwise direction, similar to the rotary shaft rotation in  $F_1$ . The structural basis of unidirectionality is programmed in the stator ring. These findings have implications for cooperative interplay between subunits in other hexameric ATPases.



**Fig. 1.** **(A)** Averaged AFM image of C-terminal side of the  $\alpha_3\beta_3$  subcomplex without nucleotide (movie S1). **(B)** C-terminal side of the crystal structure of the nucleotide-free  $\alpha_3\beta_3$  subcomplex [Protein Data Bank (PDB) code 1SKY] (21). The  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  subunits are colored in cyan and pink, respectively. The C-terminal DELSEED motif of  $\beta$  corresponding to the high protruding portions is highlighted in red. **(C)** Simulated AFM image of the  $\alpha_3\beta_3$  subcomplex constructed from the structure in **(B)**. **(D)** Averaged AFM image of C-terminal side of the  $\alpha_3\beta_3$  subcomplex in 1 mM AMPPNP. **(E)** Atomic structure of the  $\alpha_3\beta_3$  subcomplex with bound nucleotides. This structure is obtained by removing  $\gamma$  from the crystal structure of  $F_1$  (PDB code 1BMF) (4). **(F)** Simulated AFM image constructed from the structure in **(E)**. The brightness of all AFM images in this paper represents the sample height but is not linearly set to highlight the top surface structure (fig. S4).

Movie S1

AFM movie of the C-terminal side of  $\alpha_3\beta_3$  without nucleotide. Scan area, 18 x 15 nm<sup>2</sup>; frame rate, 10 fps

$\alpha_3\beta_3$  C-terminus  
-ATP

area: 18 x 15 nm<sup>2</sup>  
frame rate: 10 fps

Movie S1

AFM movie of the C-terminal side of  $\alpha_3\beta_3$  without nucleotide. Scan area, 18 x 15 nm<sup>2</sup>; frame rate, 10 fps

Movie S3

AFM movie of the C-terminal side of  $\alpha_3\beta_3$  in 2  $\mu\text{M}$  ATP. Scan area, 17 x 13  $\text{nm}^2$ ; frame rate, 12.5 fps.

$\alpha_3\beta_3$  C-terminus  
2  $\mu$ M - ATP

area: 17 x 13 nm<sup>2</sup>  
frame rate: 12.5 fps

Movie S3

AFM movie of the C-terminal side of  $\alpha_3\beta_3$  in 2  $\mu$ M ATP. Scan area, 17 x 13 nm<sup>2</sup>; frame rate, 12.5 fps.

### Movie S6

AFM movie of the C-terminal side of  $\alpha_3\beta_3$  in 2  $\mu\text{M}$  ATP. Scan area, 21 x 14  $\text{nm}^2$ ; frame rate, 12.5 fps. The pixel with the highest (brightest) position in each image is indicated by the blue circle. The center used for calculating the rotational angle is indicated by the cross mark.

# Unidirectional conformational change

2 $\mu$ M -ATP

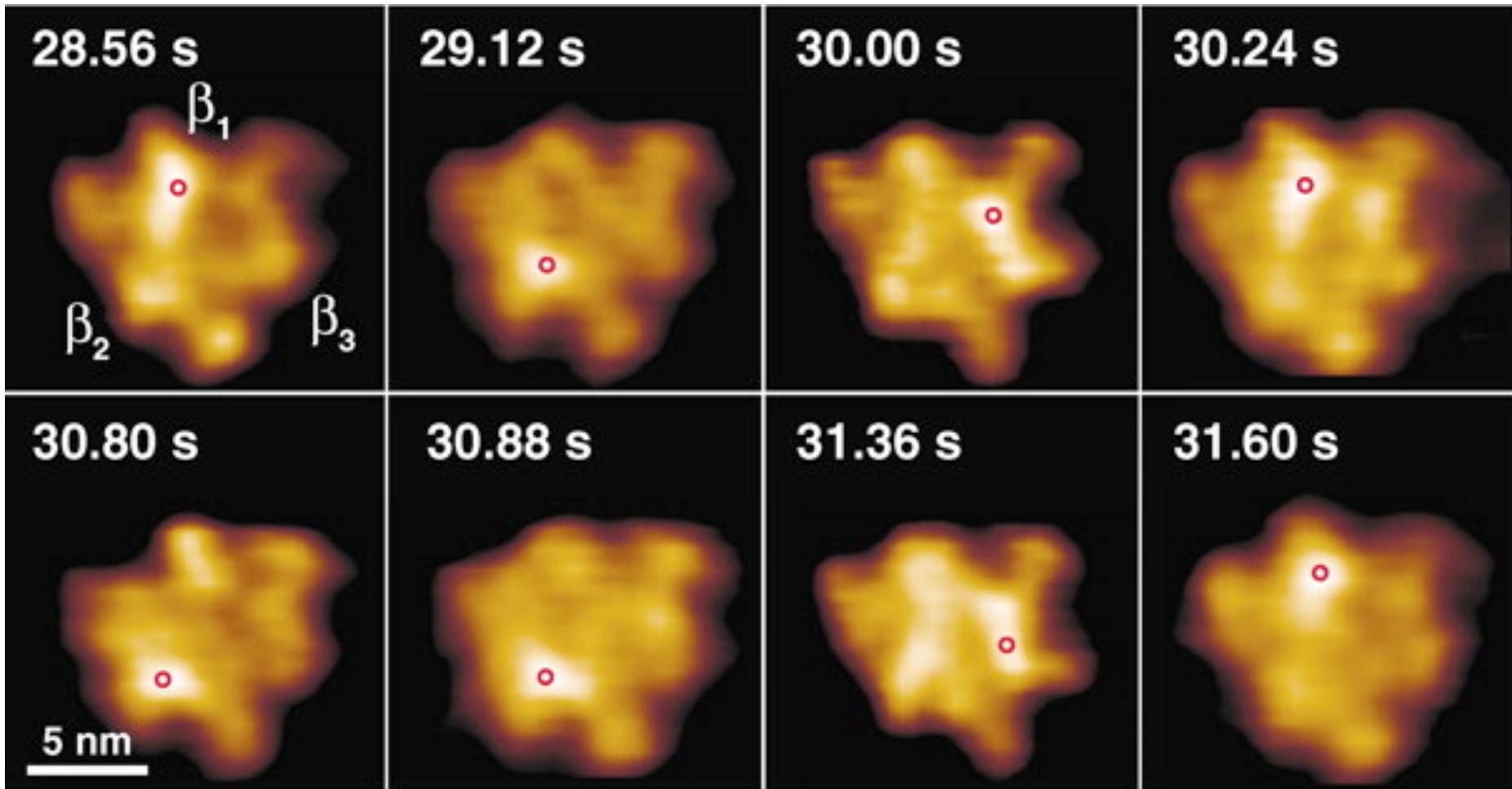
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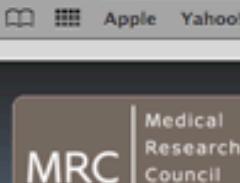
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Successive AFM images showing the conformational change of  $\beta$ 's in 2  $\mu$ M ATP (movie S3). The highest pixel in each image is indicated by the red circle. Frame rate, 12.5 frames/s.

The present results prove that the stator  $\alpha_3\beta_3$  ring alone possesses high cooperativity for sequential power stroking among three catalytic  $\beta$ 's. This was also indicated by the observations that the occasional subunit dissociation completely stopped the rotary propagation of the conformational state (fig. S12). Thus, the “ $\gamma$ -dictator” model (13), which proposes that only the interaction with  $\gamma$  determines the conformational and catalytic states of  $\beta$ 's (23, 24), is not valid. On the other hand, the ATP-binding rate and the efficiency of unidirectionality of the  $\alpha_3\beta_3$  subcomplex are distinctly lower than those of  $F_1$  (Fig. 3 and fig. S11). Thus, the interaction with  $\gamma$  is dispensable but still important for the rapid and precise rotary catalysis. Our findings are not inconsistent with the observations that the rates and equilibria of the catalytic reactions are apparently under the control of the rotary angle of  $\gamma$  (10–12). The intrinsic interplay among  $\beta$ 's would reinforce catalytic control by  $\gamma$ ; even if  $\gamma$  tightly interacts with only one  $\beta$ , it still can act on all  $\beta$ 's through  $\beta$ - $\beta$  interplay.



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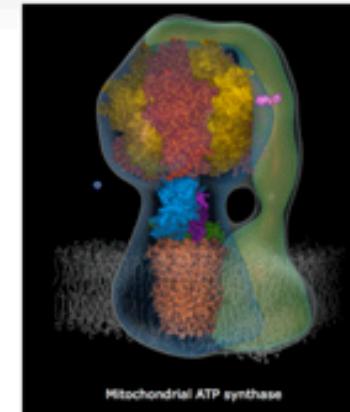
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## ATP synthase

**Research area:** Understanding the molecular mechanism of how ATP is made.

**Group leader:** [John Walker](#)

In eubacteria, chloroplasts and mitochondria, the synthesis of ATP is carried out by a highly complex molecular machine known as ATP synthase. Our aim is to understand how this machine works. We are concentrating mainly on the enzyme from mitochondria which has many features in common with the bacterial and chloroplast enzymes. It sits in the inner membranes of the organelle, where it uses the transmembrane proton motive force (pmf) generated by the oxidation of nutrients as a source of energy for making ATP. The pmf across the inner membrane of the organelle is coupled to the chemical synthesis of ATP from ADP and phosphate by a rotary mechanism illustrated in the Figure. During ATP synthesis, the central rotor turns in the direction shown about 150 times every second. In order to provide energy to sustain our lives, every day, each one us produces a quantity of ATP by this mechanism that is approximately equal to our body weights.



View from above and then below the  $F_1$  domain along the rotating  $\gamma$ -subunit.

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# How the rotating $\gamma$ -subunit imposes conformational states on a $\beta$ -subunit required for substrate binding, ATP formation and ATP release.

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# Three conformations of a catalytic $\beta$ -subunit produced by $120^\circ$ rotations of the central $\gamma$ -subunit

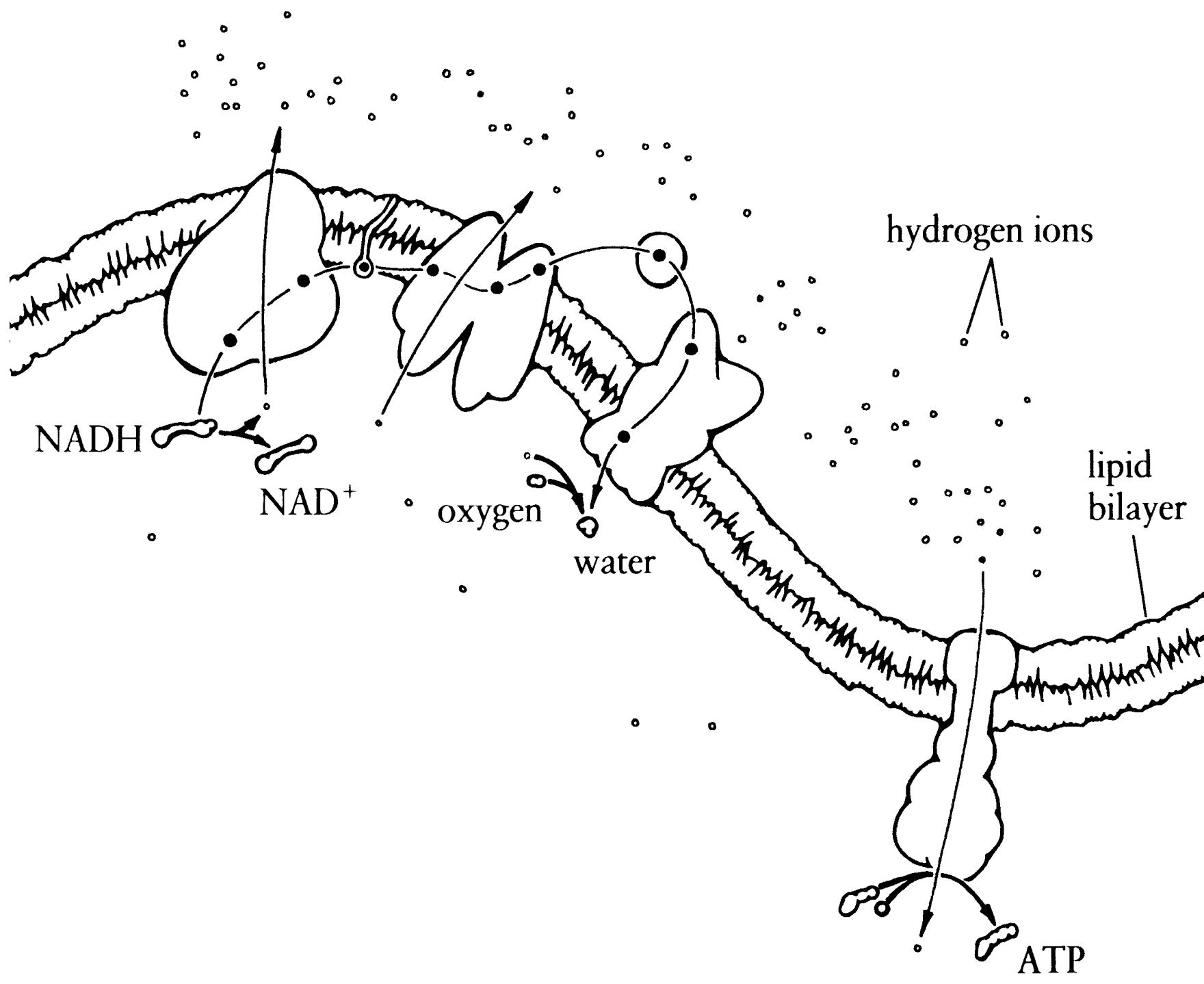
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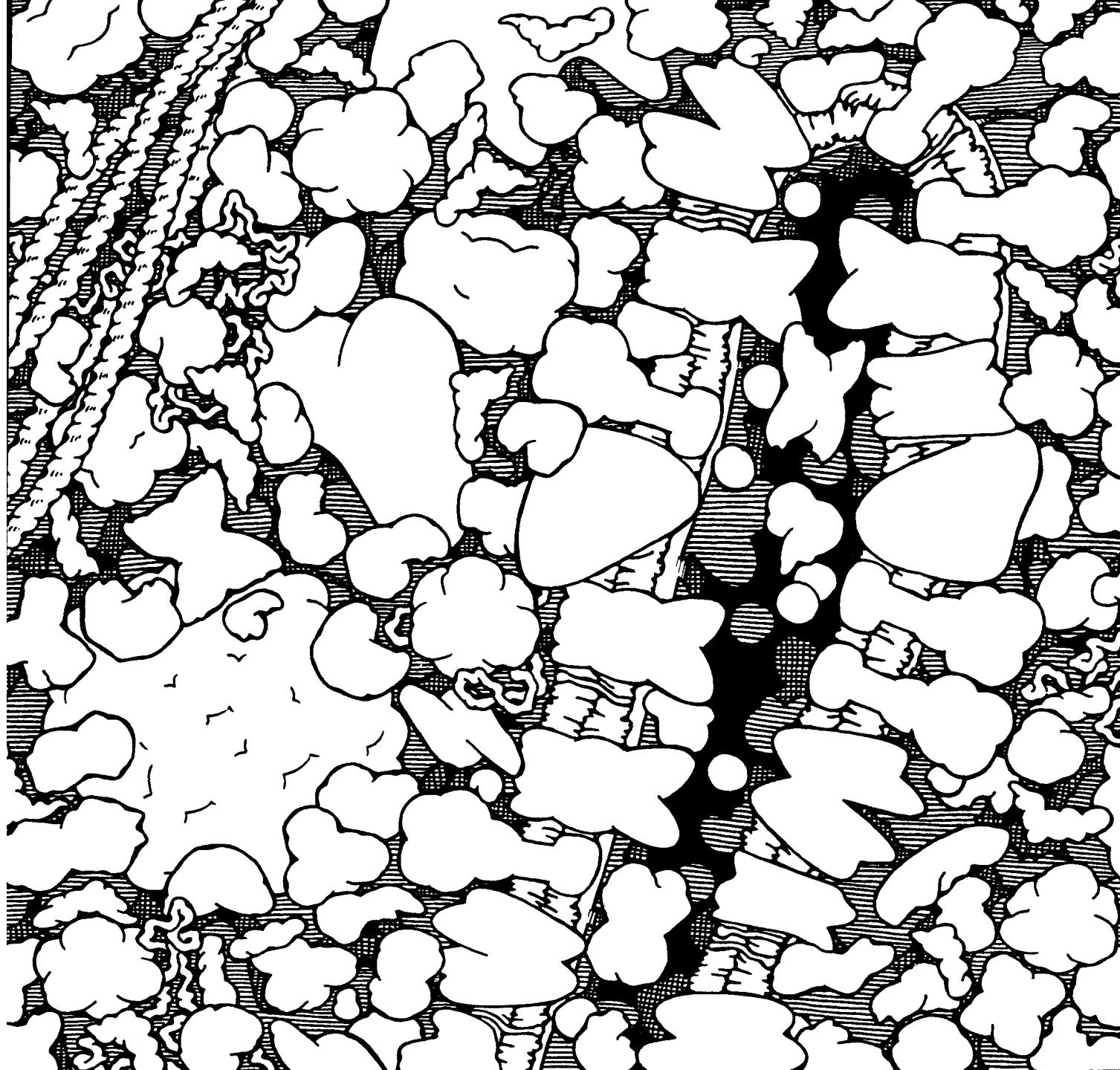


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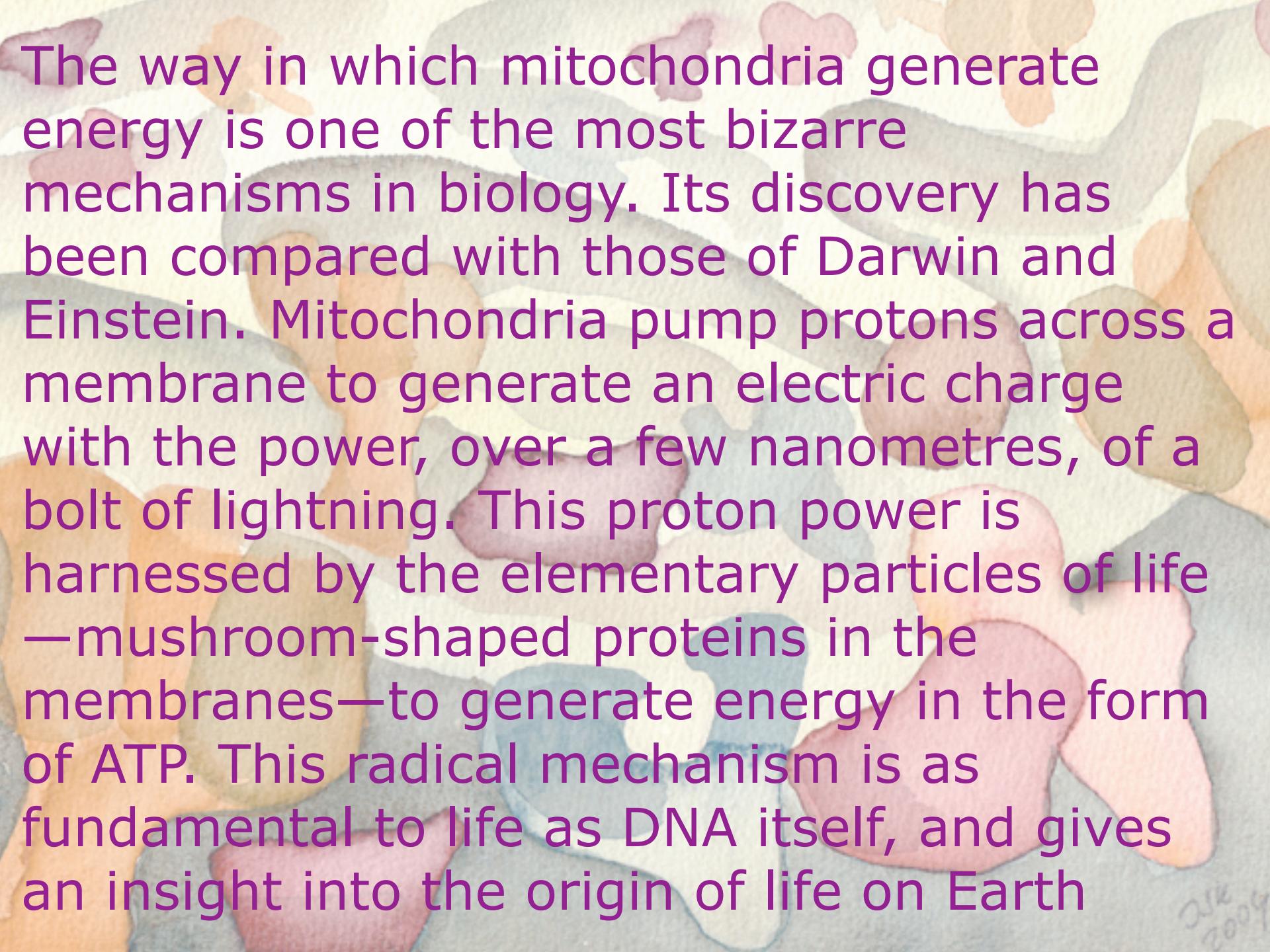




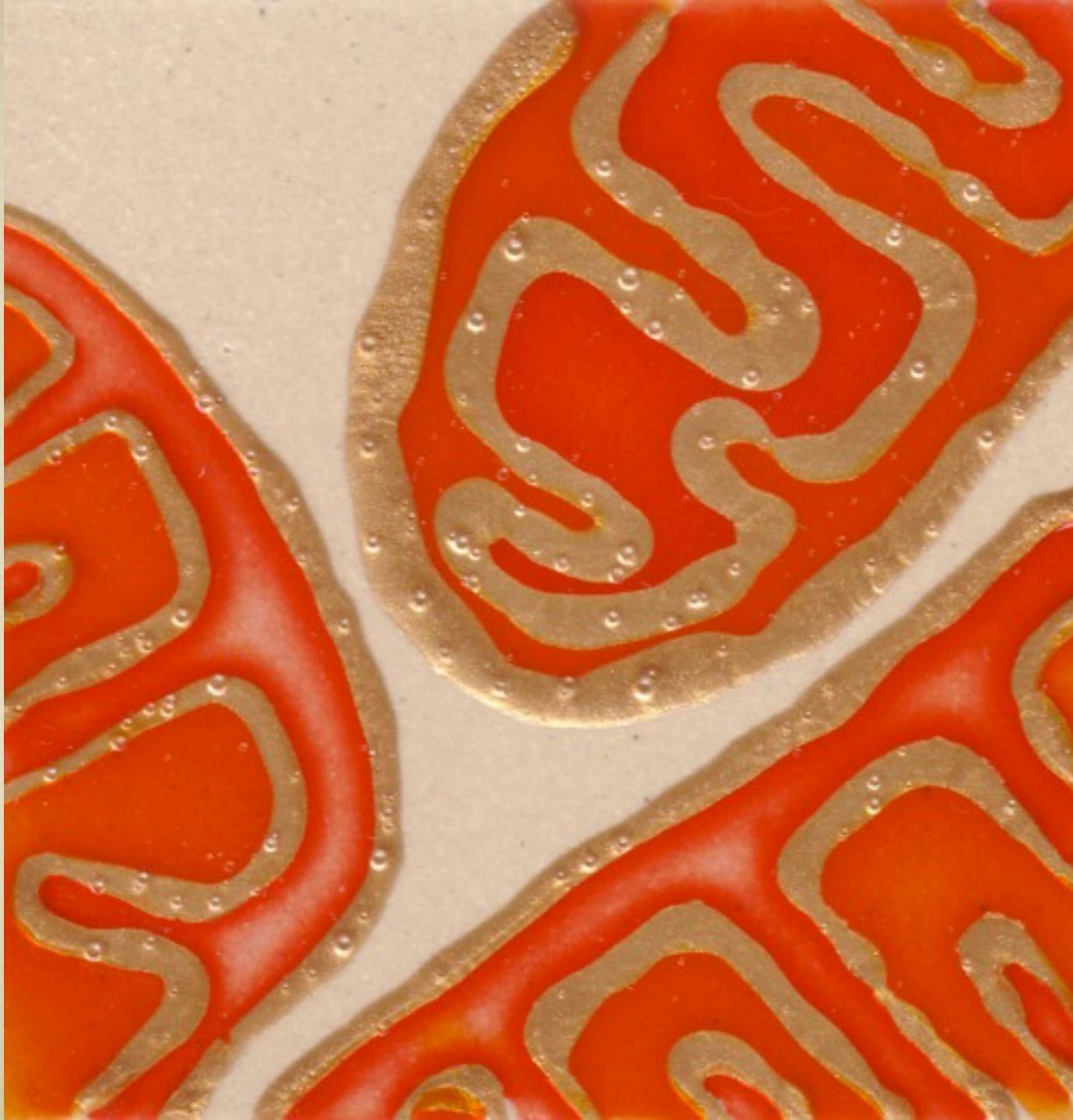


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