

Fig. 1. Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> has been increasing.

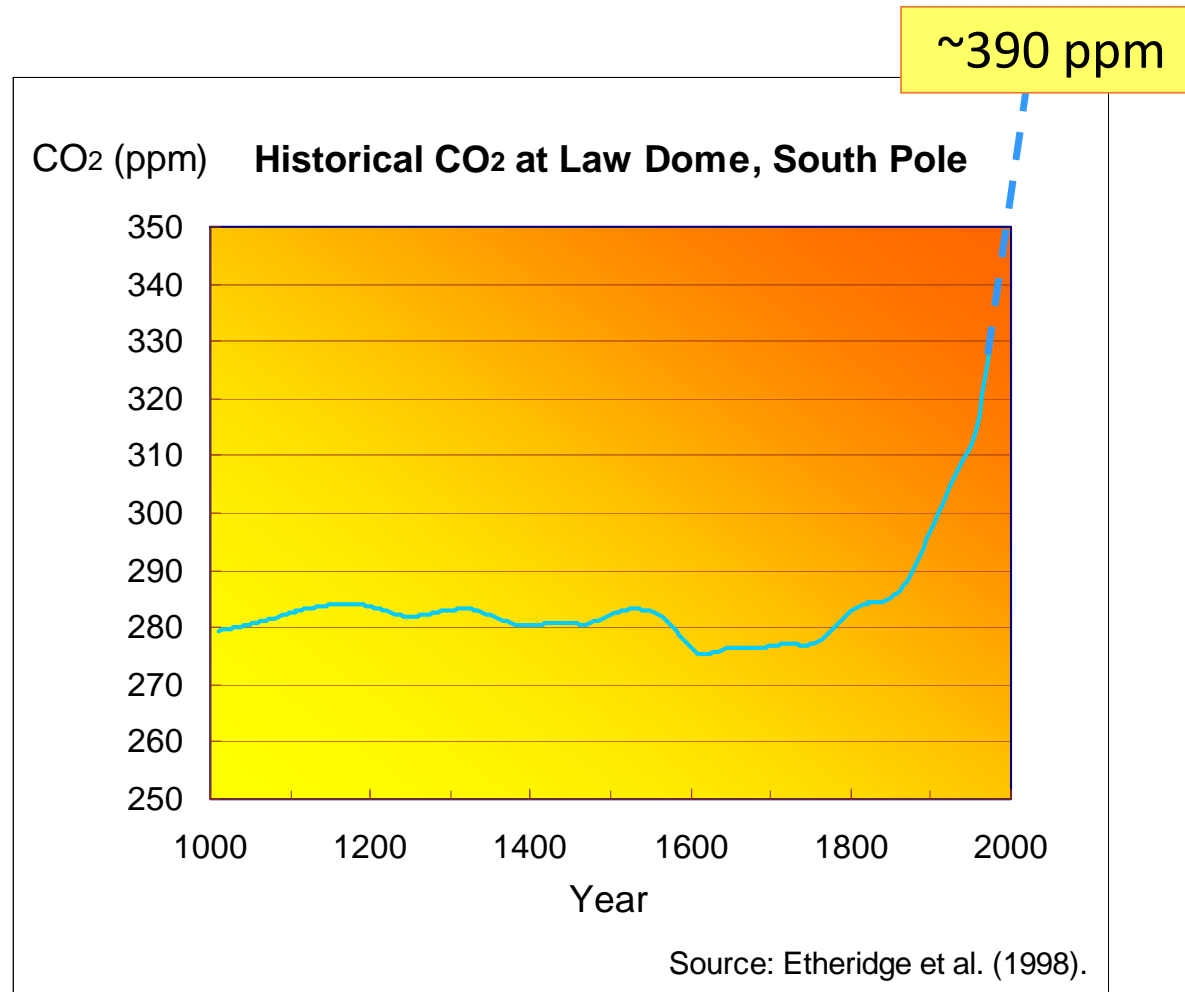
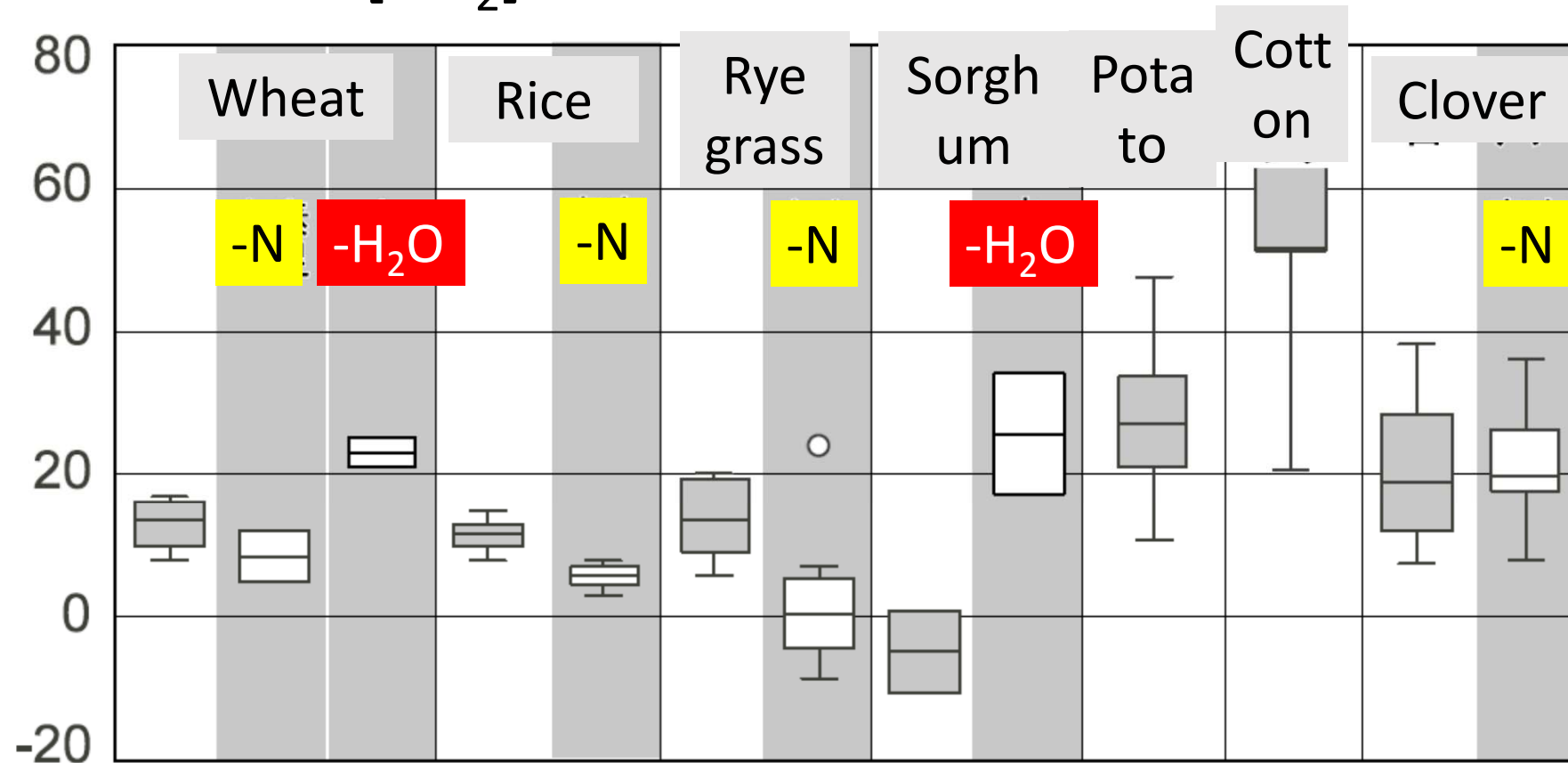
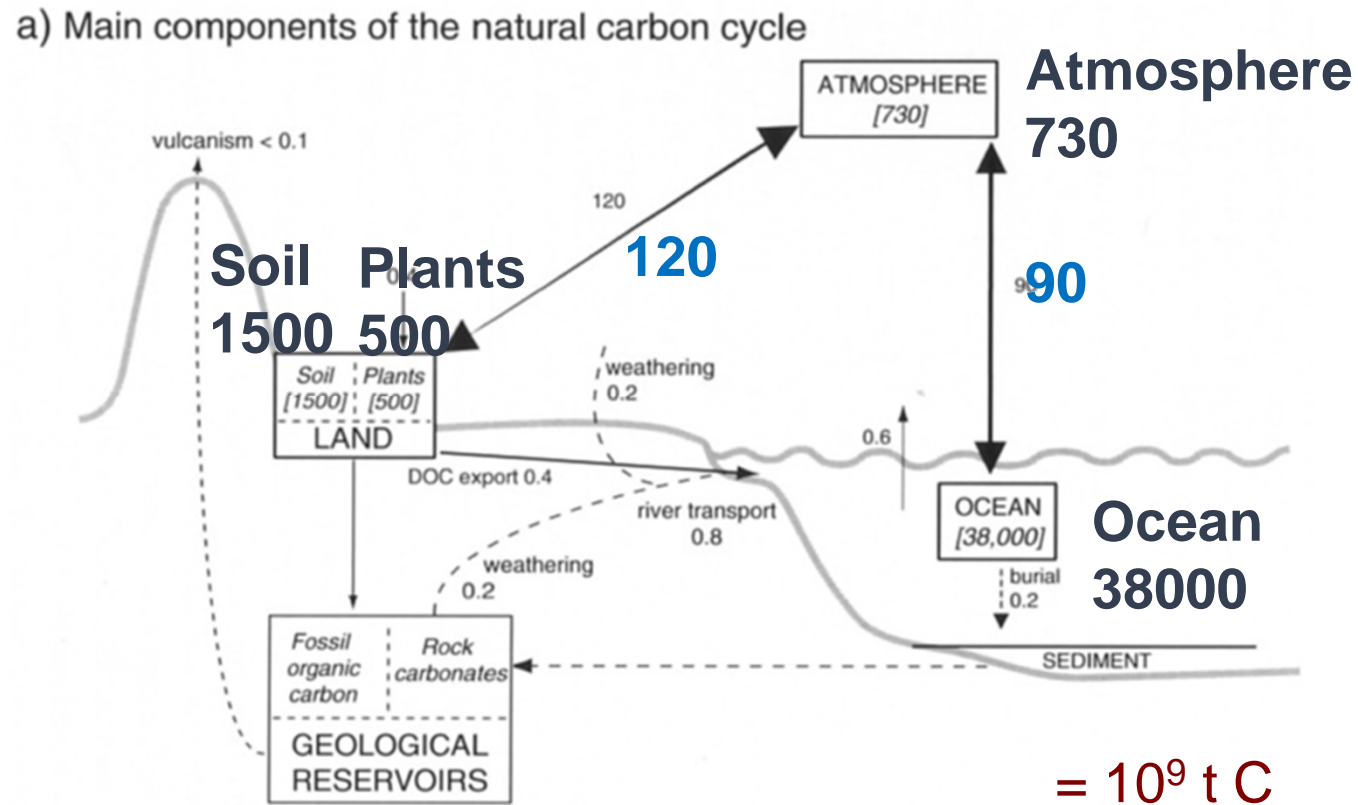


Fig. 2. Increase (%) of crop yields by a 200 ppm increase of [CO<sub>2</sub>].



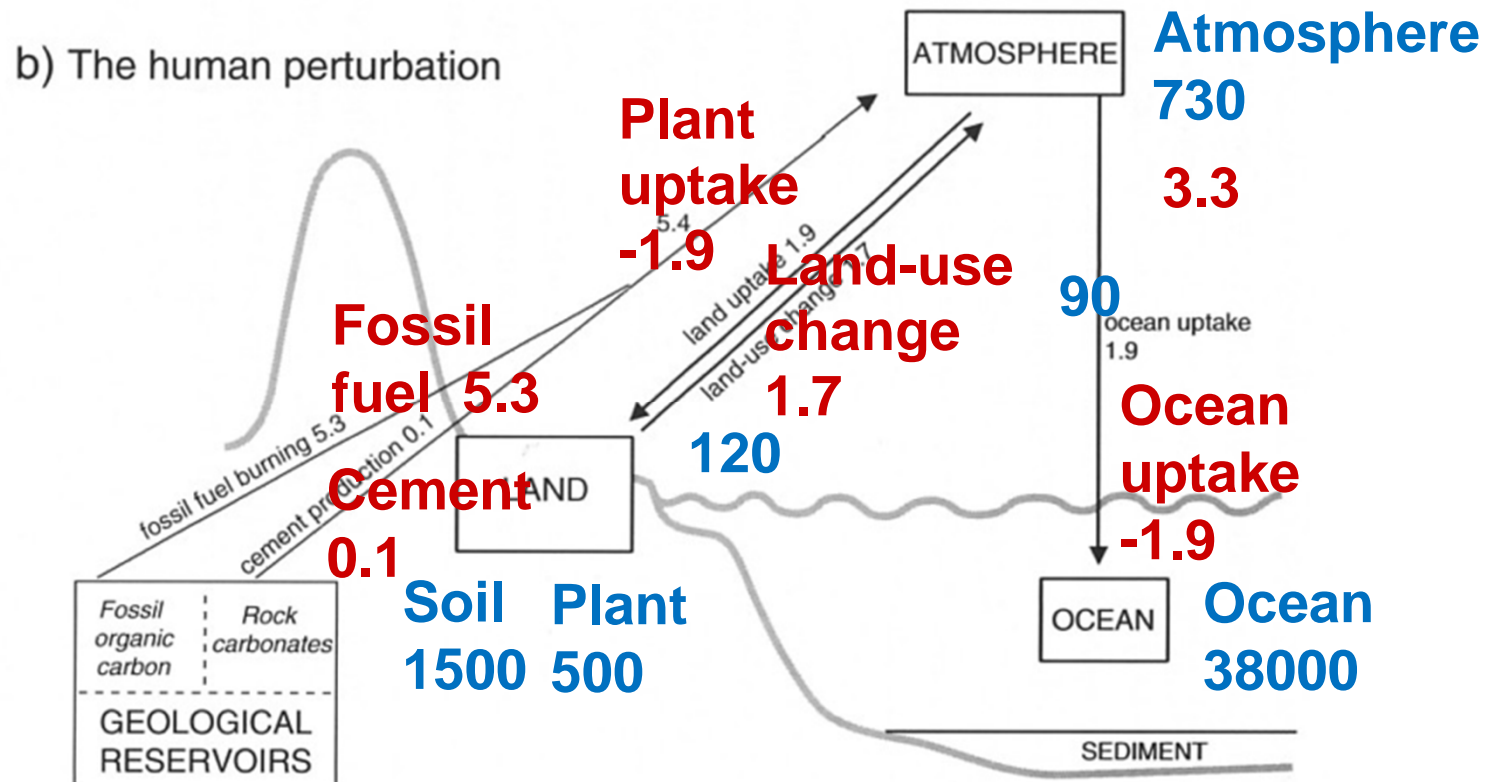
Source: B.A. Kimball et al. (2002) *Advances in Agronomy* 77, 293-368 and H.Y. Kim et al. (2003) *Field Crops Research* 83, 261-270.

# Fig. 4a. The earth's carbon cycle: without human disturbances



Source: Climate Change 2001: The Scientific Basis. John Houghton et al. eds. CUP, Cambridge, UK. 2001.

# Fig. 4b. The earth's carbon cycle: with human disturbances



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# Fig. 3. Predicted effects of temperature rise and CO<sub>2</sub> increase on rice yield: model estimates

**TABLE 2**  
 Mean Predicted Changes (%) in Potential Yields Under the 'Fixed' Temperature and CO<sub>2</sub> Scenarios. Temperature Increments are Above the Current Mean Temperatures at Each Site. Changes are Averaged Across all Sites and all Available Years

	<i>Temperature increments</i>				
	<b>Present</b>	+0°C	+1°C	+2°C	+4°C
<b>ORYZA1</b>					
340 ppm	0.0	-7.3	-14.2	-31.0	
1.5 × CO <sub>2</sub>	23.3	14.3	5.6	-15.7	
2 × CO <sub>2</sub>	36.4	26.4	16.8	-7.0	
<b>SIMRIW</b>					
340 ppm	0.0	-4.6	-9.8	-26.2	
1.5 × CO <sub>2</sub>	13.0	7.8	1.9	-16.6	
2 × CO <sub>2</sub>	23.9	18.2	11.7	-8.5	

Matthews et al. (1997)

Fig. 5. Photosynthesis: energy capture and CO<sub>2</sub> fixation

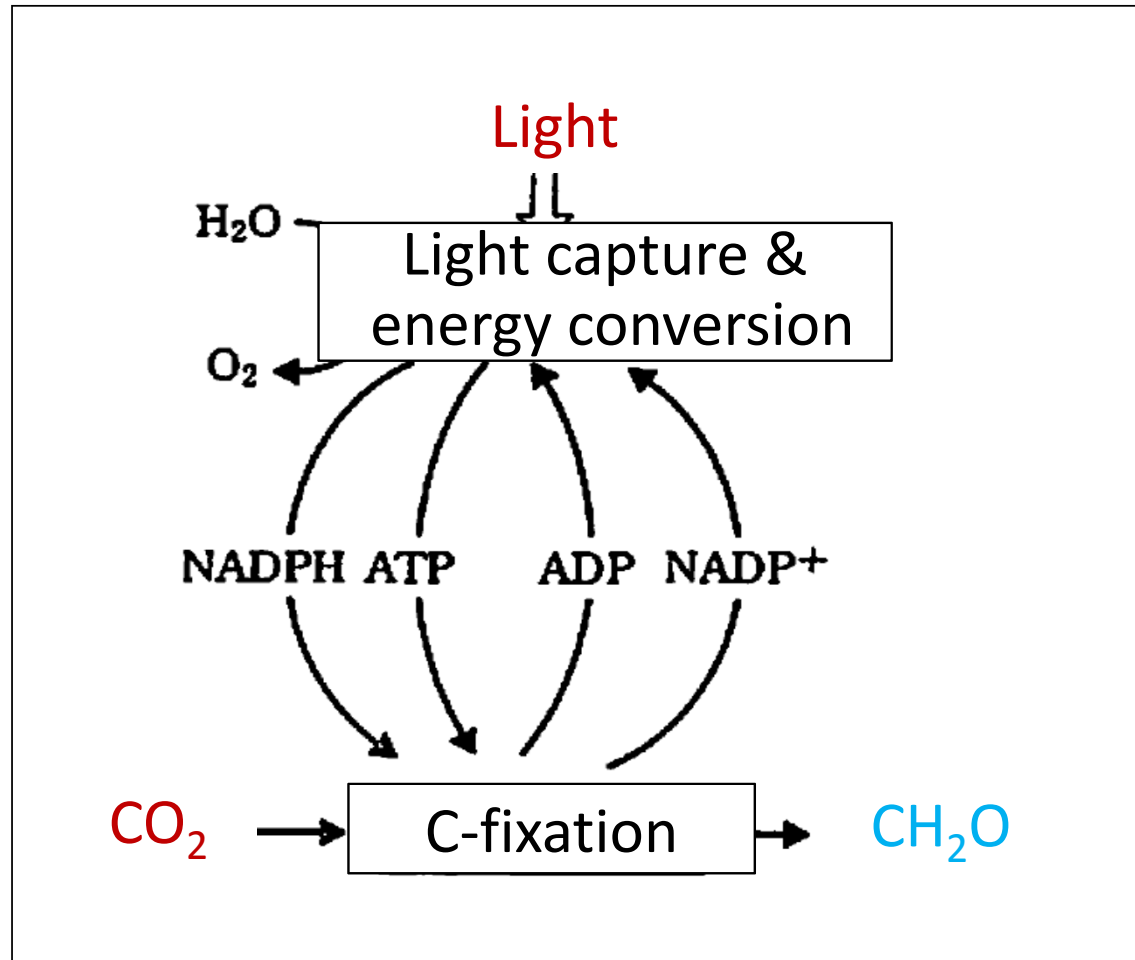


Fig. 6. Transport of  $\text{CO}_2$  into plant interior and chloroplasts

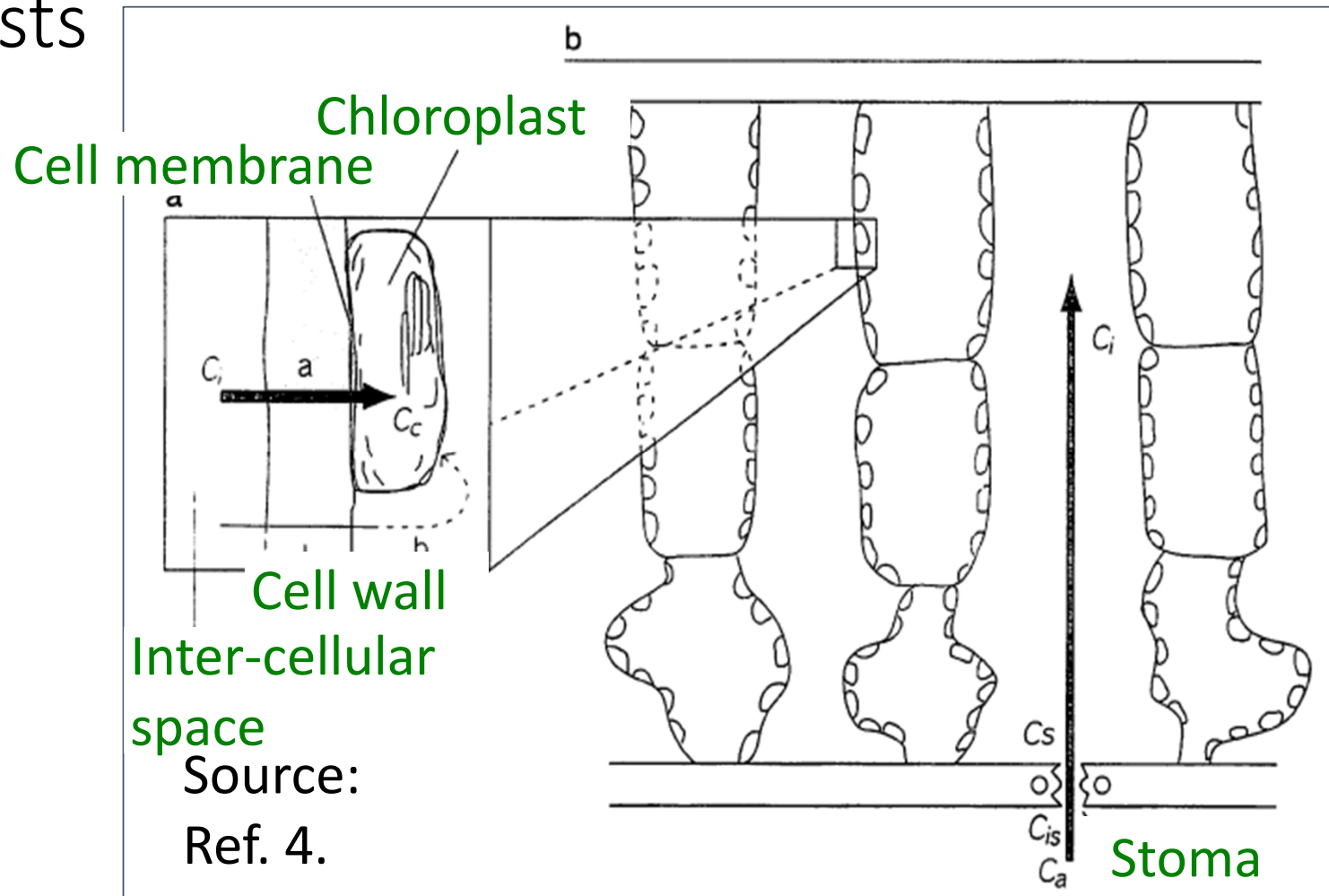
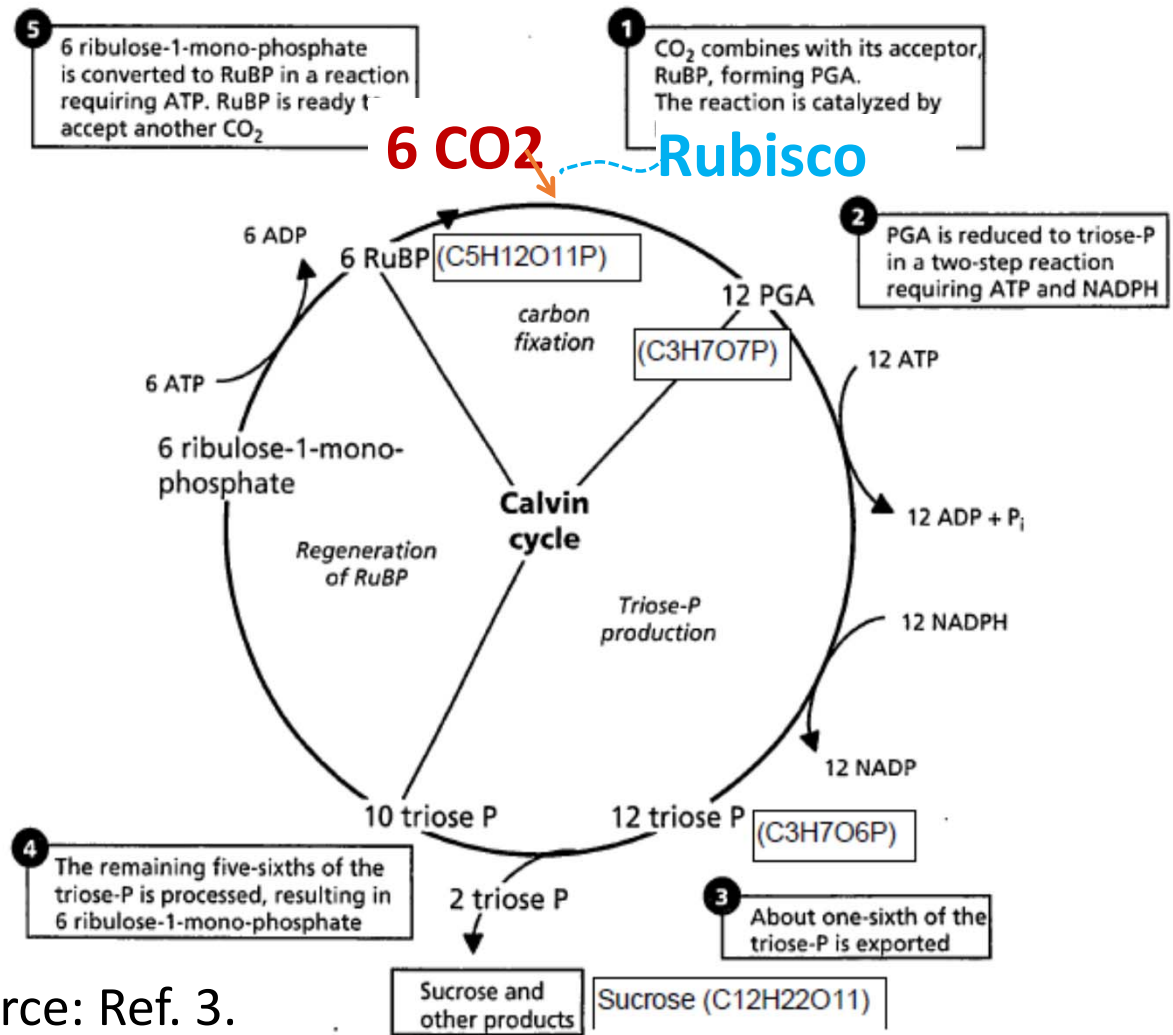


Fig. 7. Calvin-Benson Cycle.



Source: Ref. 3.



Fig. 8. A 'cartoon' of photosynthesis.

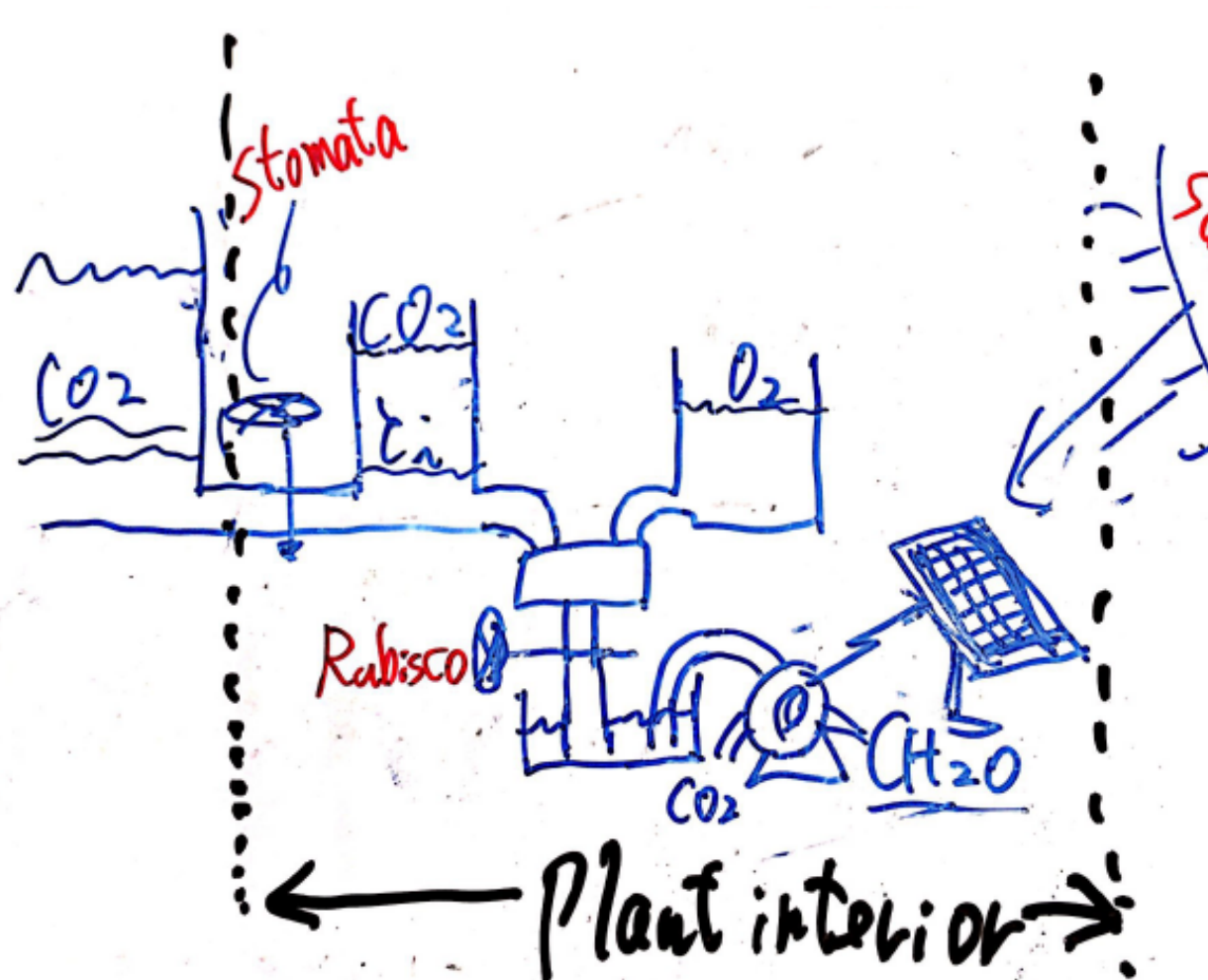
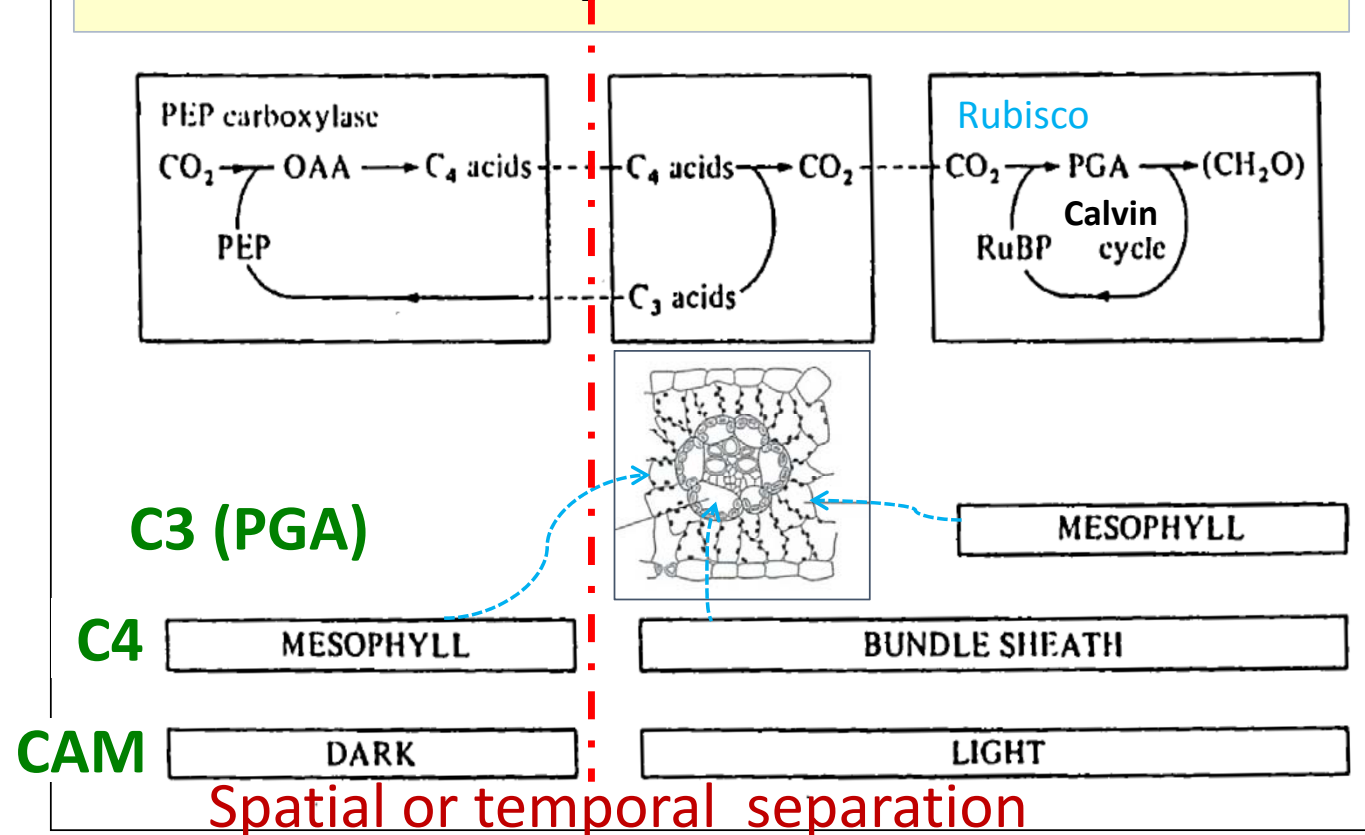


Fig. 9.  
Extra  
pathways  
for higher  
efficiency  
of carbon  
fixation by  
Rubisco.

Rubisco *oxygenates* 2 out of 10 molecules of RuBP, a process called photorespiration, which lowers the already low efficiency of carbon fixation by Rubisco and spends extra. To fix this shortcoming of Rubisco, some plant species have invented extra pathways to condense  $\text{CO}_2$  concentration at Rubisco.



Source: Ref. 2.

Fig. 10. A 'cartoon' of  $C_4$  photosynthesis.

