

- 1  **Metabolic Diversity: Phototrophy, Autotrophy, Chemolithotrophy, and Nitrogen Fixation**  
Chapter 20
- 2  **20.1 Photosynthesis**
  - *Phototrophs*
    - Most are *autotrophs*
  - *Chlorophyll*
    - light-sensitive pigments
  - oxygenic photosynthesis
  - anoxygenic photosynthesis
- 3  **20.2 Chlorophylls and Bacteriochlorophylls**
  - must produce chlorophyll (oxygenic) or bacteriochlorophyll (anoxygenic)
  - Chlorophyll is a porphyrin
    - Different chlorophylls have different absorption spectra
- 4  **20.3 Carotenoids and Phycobilins**
  - accessory pigments
    - *Carotenoids*
      - yellow, red, brown, or green
    - *Phycobiliproteins*
      - cyanobacteria and red algae
- 5  **20.4 Anoxygenic Photosynthesis**
  - *Anoxygenic photosynthesis*
    - four phyla of *Bacteria*
  - Reducing power for CO<sub>2</sub> fixation comes from reductants present in the environment
    - H<sub>2</sub>S, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, or NO<sup>2-</sup>
    - Requires reverse electron transport
      - NADH production in purple phototrophs
- 6  **20.5 Oxygenic Photosynthesis**
  - light generates ATP and NADPH
  - *photosystem I* & *photosystem II*
  - "*Z scheme*"
    - Photosystem II transfers energy to photosystem I
- 7  **20.6 The Calvin Cycle**
  - Discovered by Melvin Calvin
    - Fixes CO<sub>2</sub> into cellular material for autotrophic growth
    - Requires *NADPH*, *ATP*, *ribulose biphosphate carboxylase (RubisCO)*, and *phosphoribulokinase*
    - 6 molecules of CO<sub>2</sub> are required to make 1 molecule of glucose
- 8  **20.8 The Energetics of Chemolithotrophy**
  - *Chemolithotrophs*
    - obtain energy from the oxidation of inorganic compounds
    - *Mixotrophs* are chemolithotrophs that require organic carbon as a carbon source
- 9  **20.10 Oxidation of Reduced Sulfur Compounds**
  - reduced sulfur compounds are used as electron donors
  - Discovered by *Sergei Winogradsky*
  - H<sub>2</sub>S, S<sup>0</sup>, S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> are commonly used
  - Usually aerobic, some can use nitrate as electron acceptor
- 10  **20.11 Iron Oxidation**
  - Ferrous iron (Fe<sup>2+</sup>) oxidized to ferric iron (Fe<sup>3+</sup>)
  - Ferric hydroxide precipitates in water

- Many Fe oxidizers can grow at pH <1
  - associated with acidic pollution from coal mining

11  **20.12 Nitrification**

- NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> are oxidized by *nitrifying bacteria* during the process of *nitrification*
- Ecological roles in soil & water column
  - Ammonia to nitrate (plant nutrient)
  - Sewage & wastewater treatment
  - Removing toxic amines & ammonia

12  **20.14 Nitrogenase and Nitrogen Fixation**

- Only certain prokaryotes can fix nitrogen
- Some are free living others are symbiotic
- Reaction catalyzed by *nitrogenase*