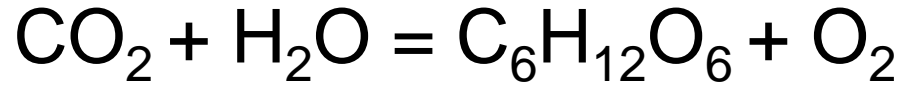
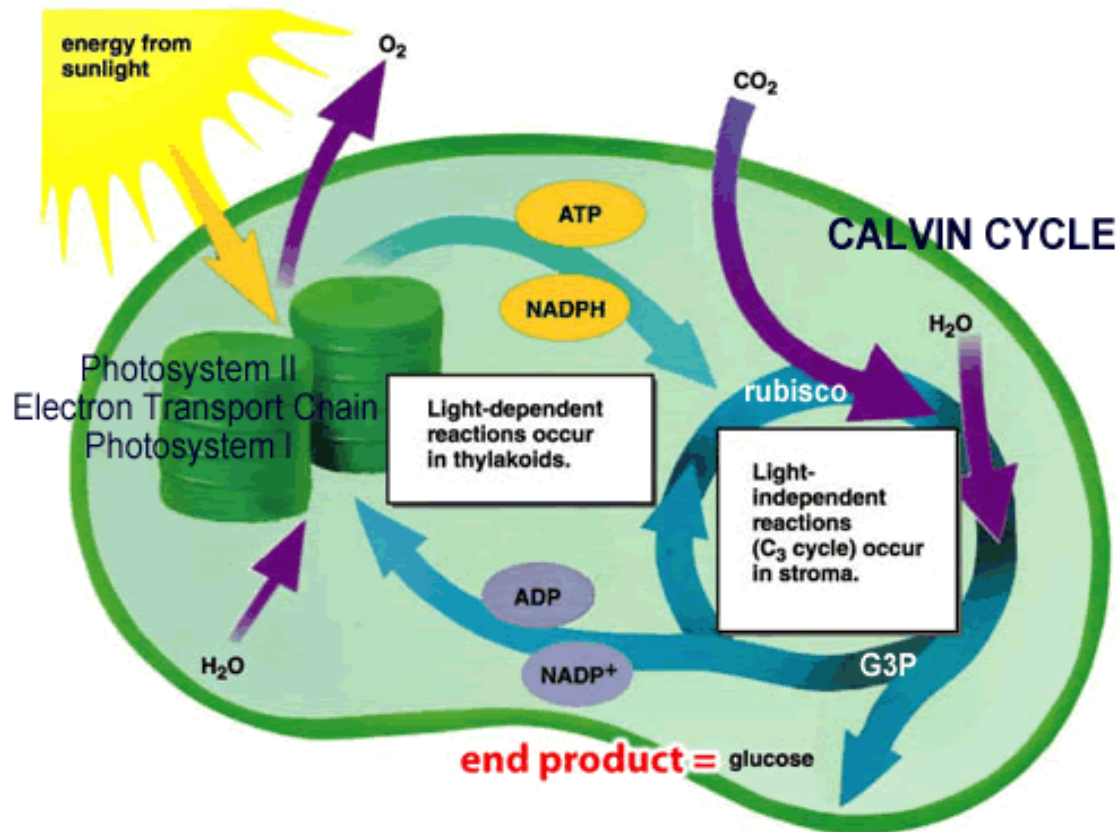


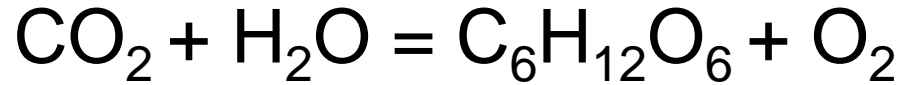
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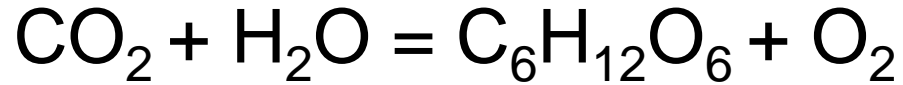
We have established that the mole ratio of CO₂ to H₂O
is 1:1. Now, we need to determine which pressure is
the smallest to find the limiting reagent. We can
use ppm to calculate mole fraction.

$$x_{\text{CO}_2} = 380 \times 10^{-6} = 3.8 \times 10^{-4}$$

and Dalton's law to obtain the pressure:

$$P_{\text{CO}_2} = x_{\text{CO}_2} P_{\text{total}} = (3.80 \times 10^{-4})(1 \text{ atm})$$

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Hence, CO₂ is the limiting reagent.

Dalton's law

Dalton's law states that the partial pressure of a gas in a mixture is equal to its mole fraction times the total pressure.

$$P_i = x_i P_{total}$$

For example, we know that the atmosphere is 20% O₂. This is the same thing as saying that the mole fraction of O₂ is 0.2. Since the total pressure of the atmosphere is 1 atm at sea level, we conclude that

$$P_{O_2} = 0.2 \text{ atm}$$