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- Formation of singlet oxygen, in bacterial reaction centers is magnetic field dependent. *Chapter 2, This thesis.*
- 2. Singlet oxygen is generated under conditions of photoinhibition in cyanobacteria. *Chapter 4, This thesis.*
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