

# Photosynthesis

Photosynthesis is a process by which green plants and certain bacteria use the energy from the Sun to convert carbon dioxide and water into the simple sugar **glucose** ( $C_6H_{12}O_6$ ) and **oxygen**. Plants and animals use glucose as a source of **energy** for all life processes.

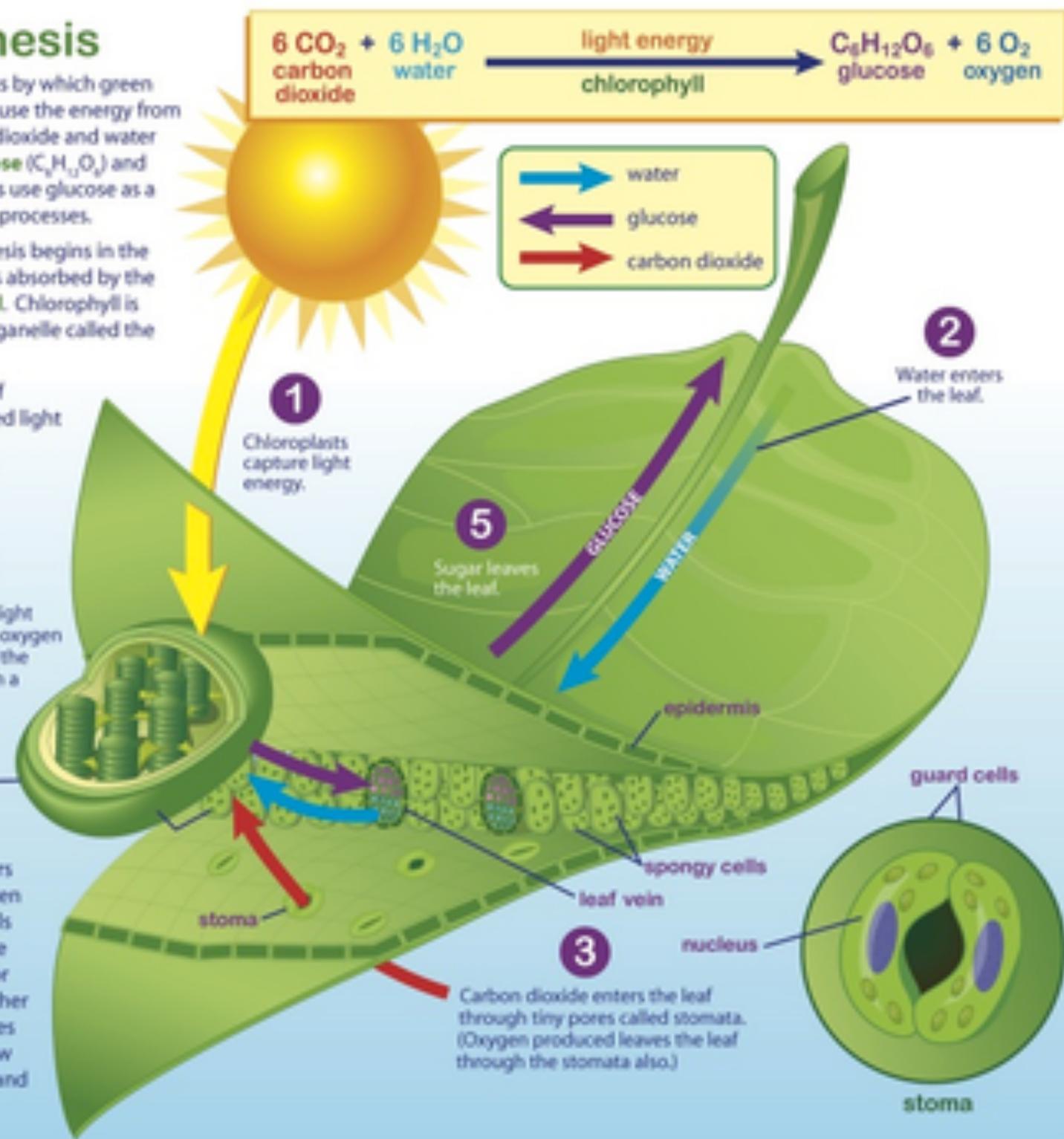
The process of photosynthesis begins in the leaves where light energy is absorbed by the green pigment **chlorophyll**. Chlorophyll is found within a plant cell organelle called the **chloroplast**.

During the **second stage** of photosynthesis, the captured light energy is used to convert **carbon dioxide** and **water** into **glucose** and **oxygen**.

Using the captured light energy, glucose and oxygen are produced inside the chloroplasts through a complex series of chemical reactions.

## Leaves

A leaf is made of many layers that are sandwiched between two layers of tough skin cells called the **epidermis**. These layers provide protection for the leaf from insects and other pests. Leaves have tiny pores called **stomata** which allow water and gases to pass in and out of the plant.



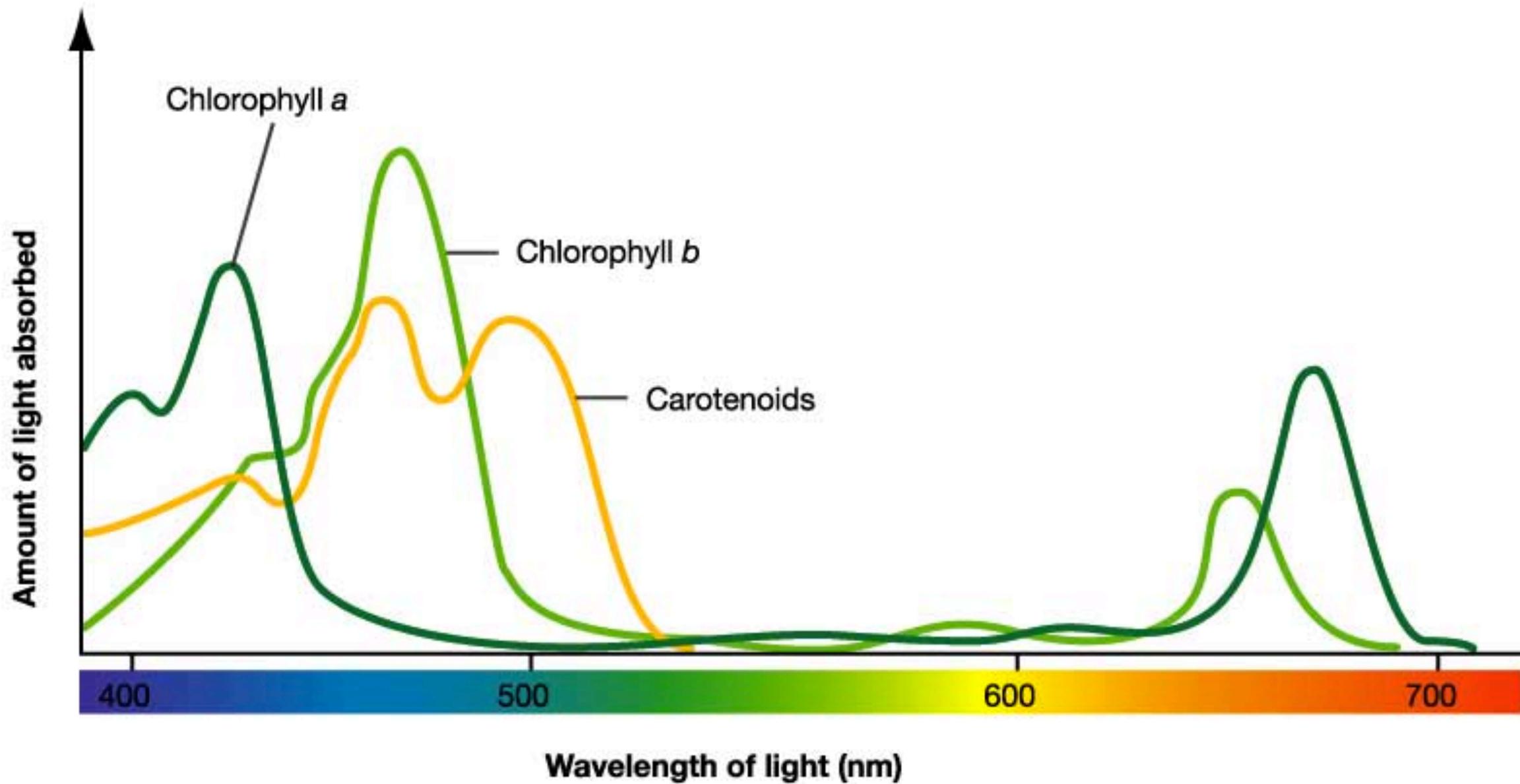
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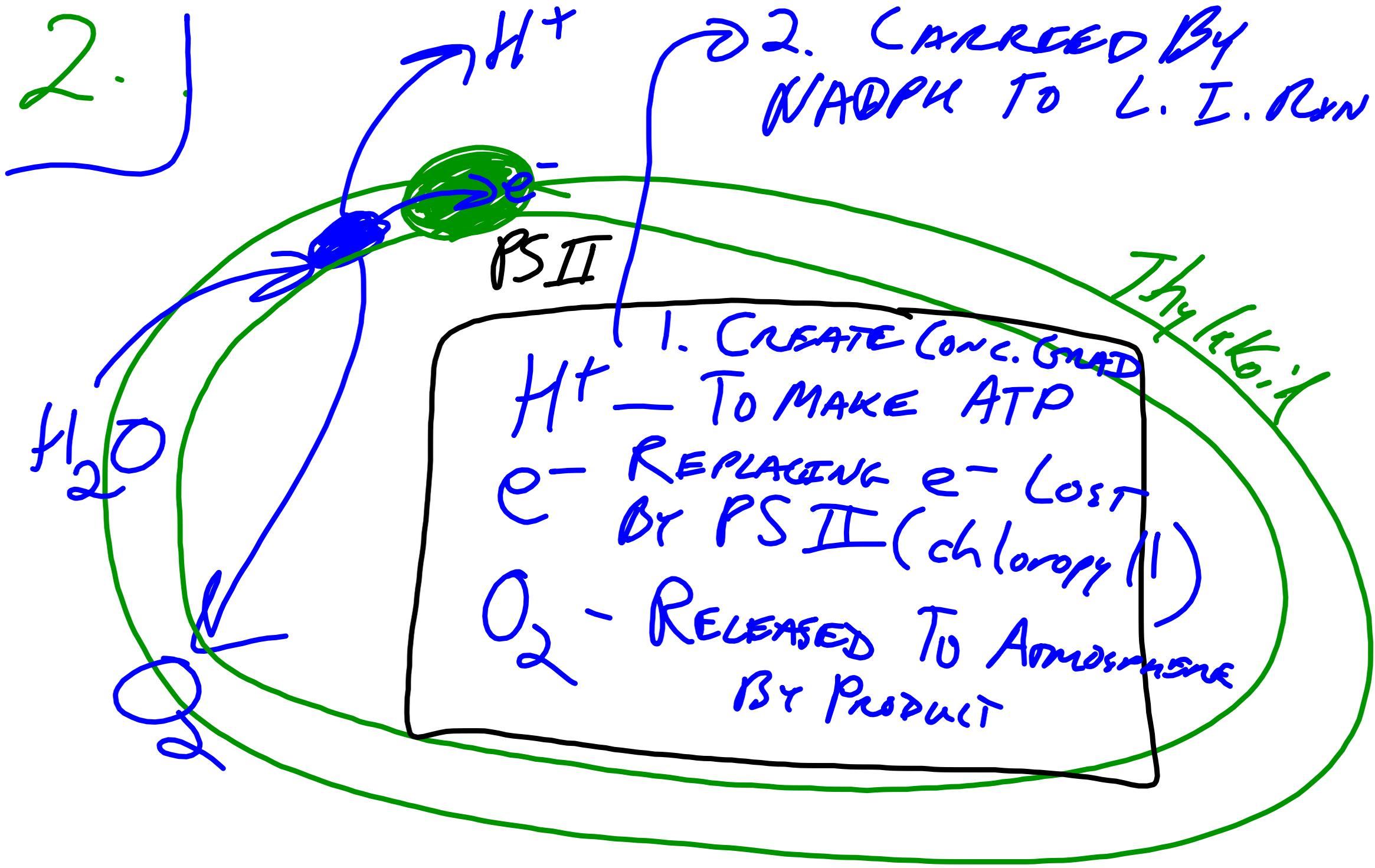
Chlorophyll can absorb very  
well in R, O, Y, BV

Chlorophyll a + b → reflects green

Beta carotene & XANTHOPHYLLS / Saponin

Carotenoids



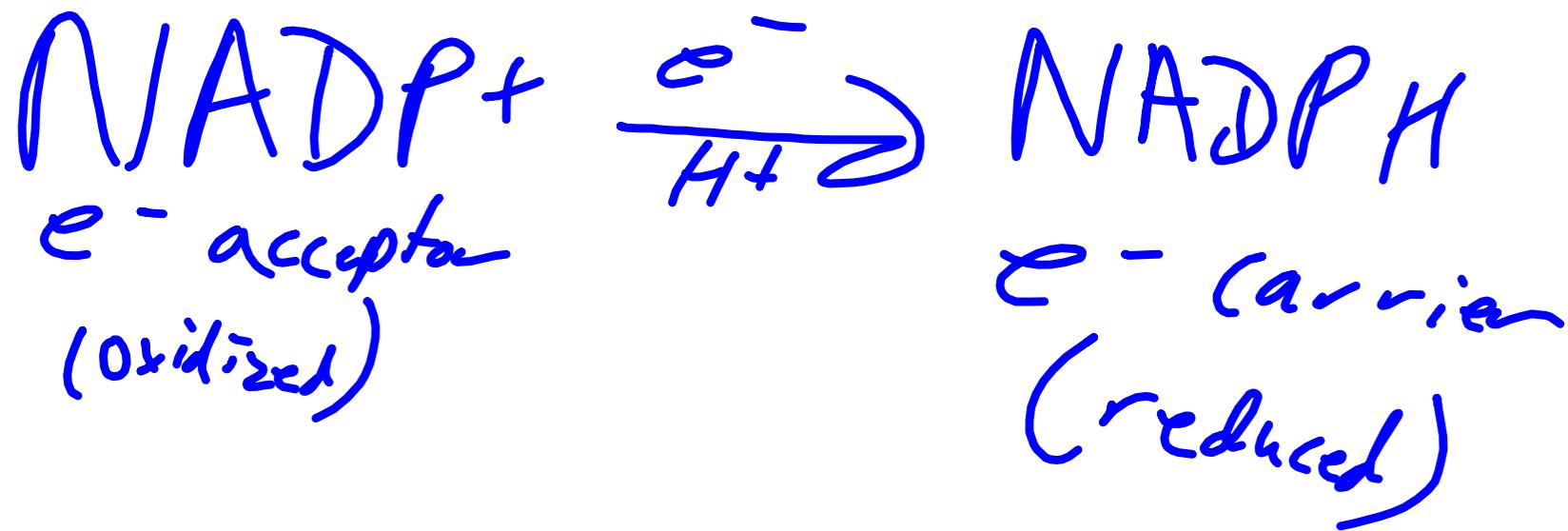


4] E.T.C. SERIES OF PROTEIN  
THAT CARRY  $e^-$  ALONG THYLAKOID  
MEMBRANE.

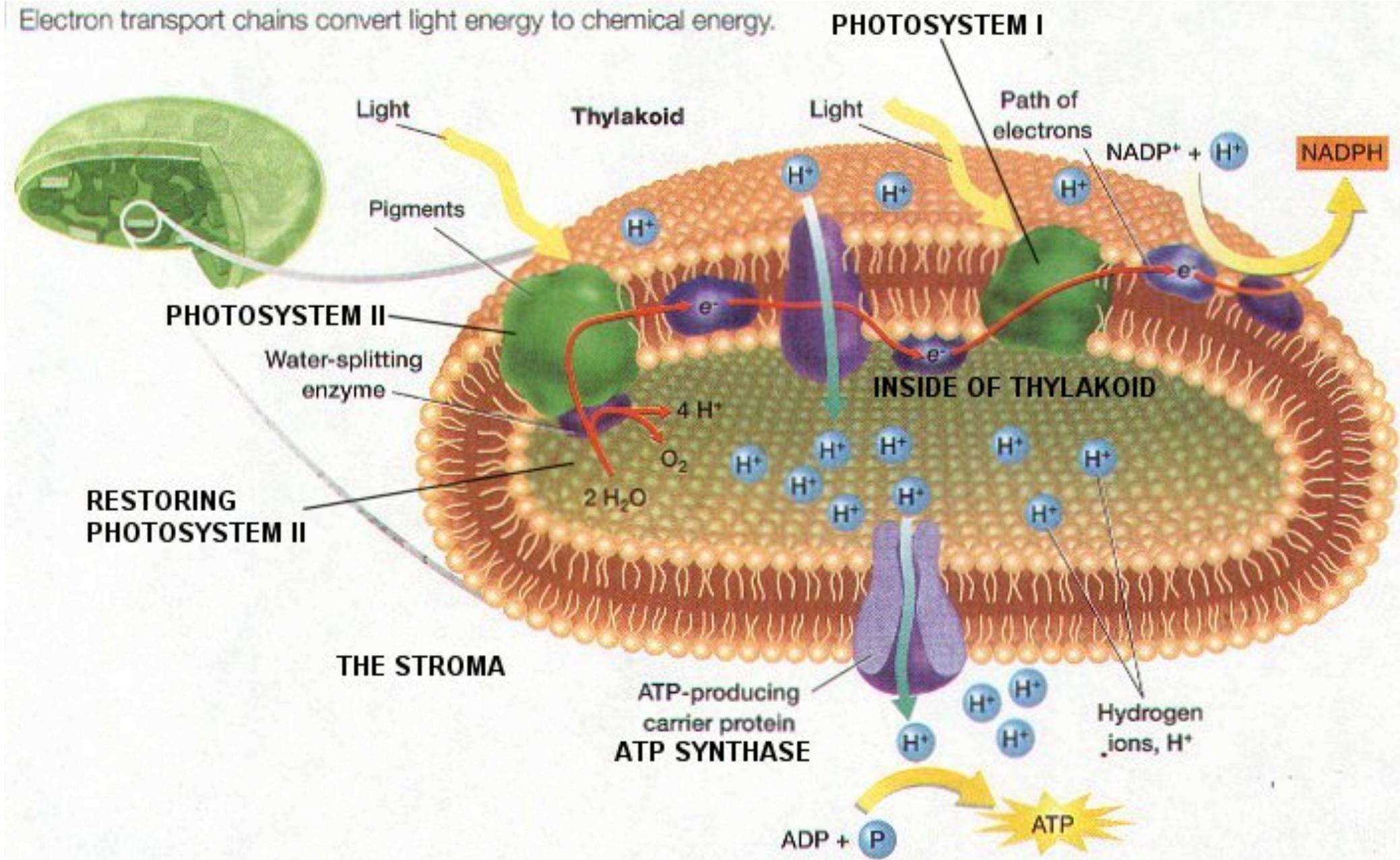
- PROVIDE ENERGY TO BUILD CONC.  
OF  $H^+$  (TO MAKE ATP)

5)  $e^-$  From E.T.C. Will  
BE PICKED UP BY  $\text{NADP}^+$

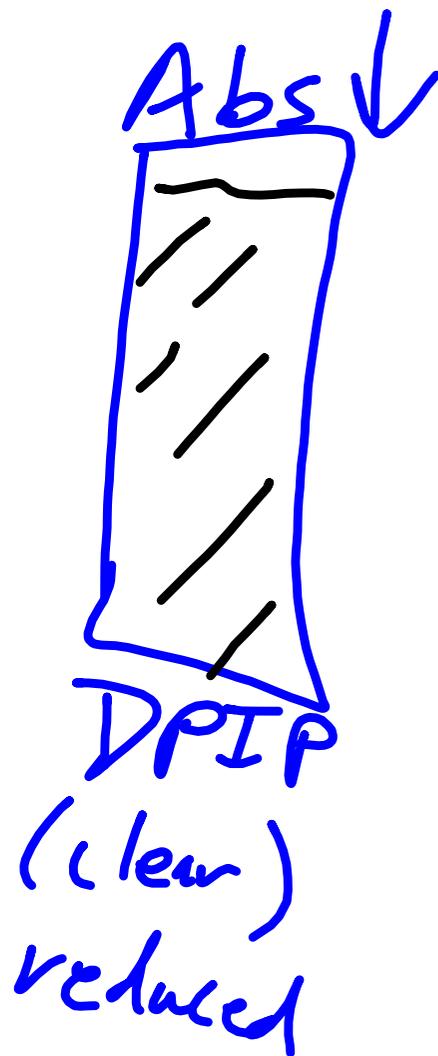
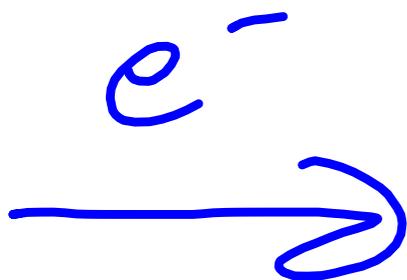
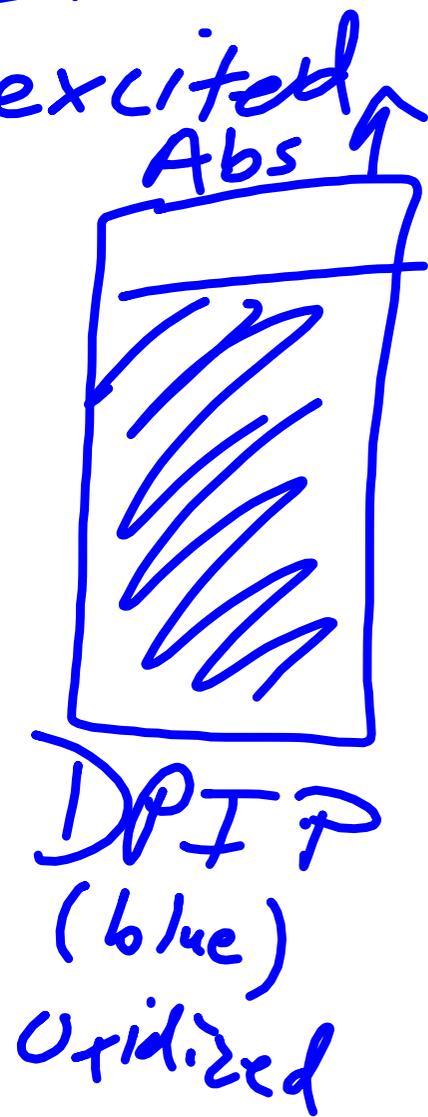
$\text{NADPH}$  DELIVERS  $\text{H}^+$  &  $e^-$   
TO L.I. RW.

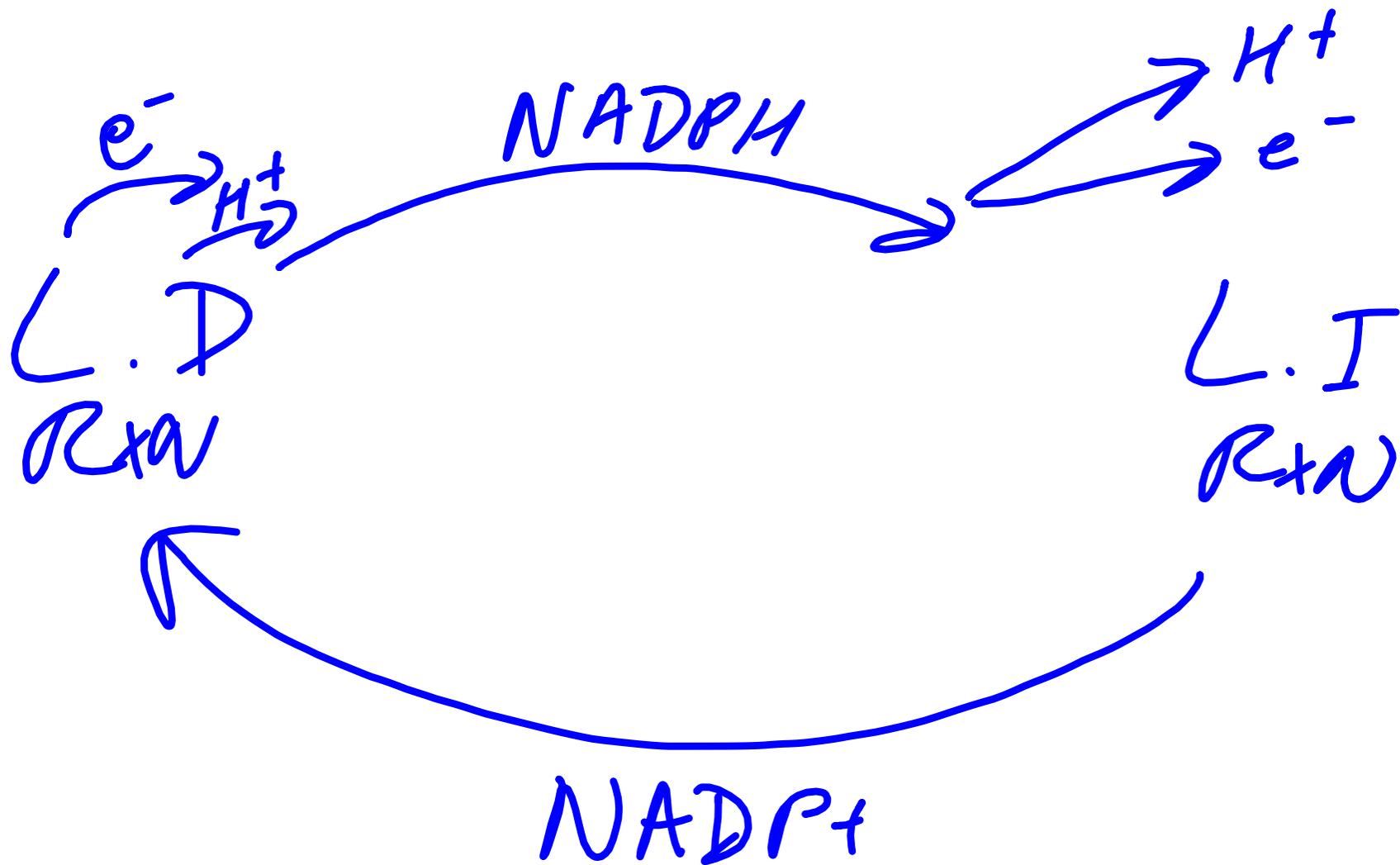


Electron transport chains convert light energy to chemical energy.



DPIP TURNED  
CLEAR AS  $e^-$   
WERE EXCITED





DPIP PLAYED THE  
ROLE OF NADP<sup>+</sup>  
IN THAS LAB

SO WE COULD MONITOR RATE  
OF PHOTOSYN.

# PREDICT BEST RATE

- .049 <sup>lb/min</sup> **WHITE** - 3 → Small green light was reflected
- .0513 <sup>abs/min</sup> **BLUE** - 2 **RANK**
- .0548 <sup>abs/min</sup> **Red** - 1
- .0418 <sup>abs/min</sup> **Green** - 4 → Chlorophyll reflect green light; other pigments.
- .001 <sup>abs/min</sup> **Ambient**  
↓  
**Dark**

As  $e^-$  were excited DPIP  
Accepted  $e^-$ . The More  $e^-$   
DPIP picked up, the clearer  
the solution. As the DPIP  
TURNED FROM BLUE to clear  
the absorbance readings decreased.

THE GREATER DECREASE IN  
ABSORBANCE; THE GREATER  
THE RATE OF PHOTOSYNTHESIS.