

## 4.3 Photosynthesis in Detail

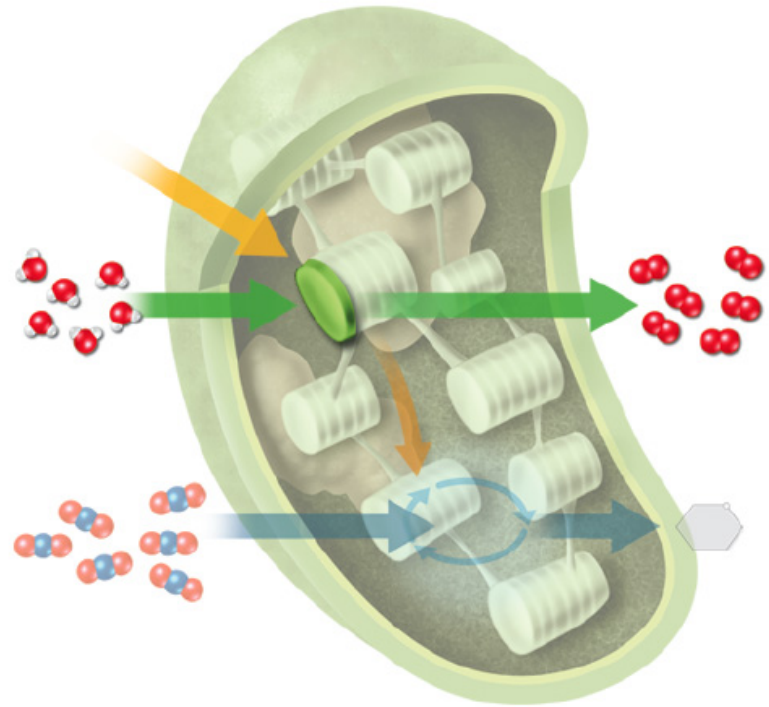
### KEY CONCEPT

**Photosynthesis requires a series of chemical reactions.**



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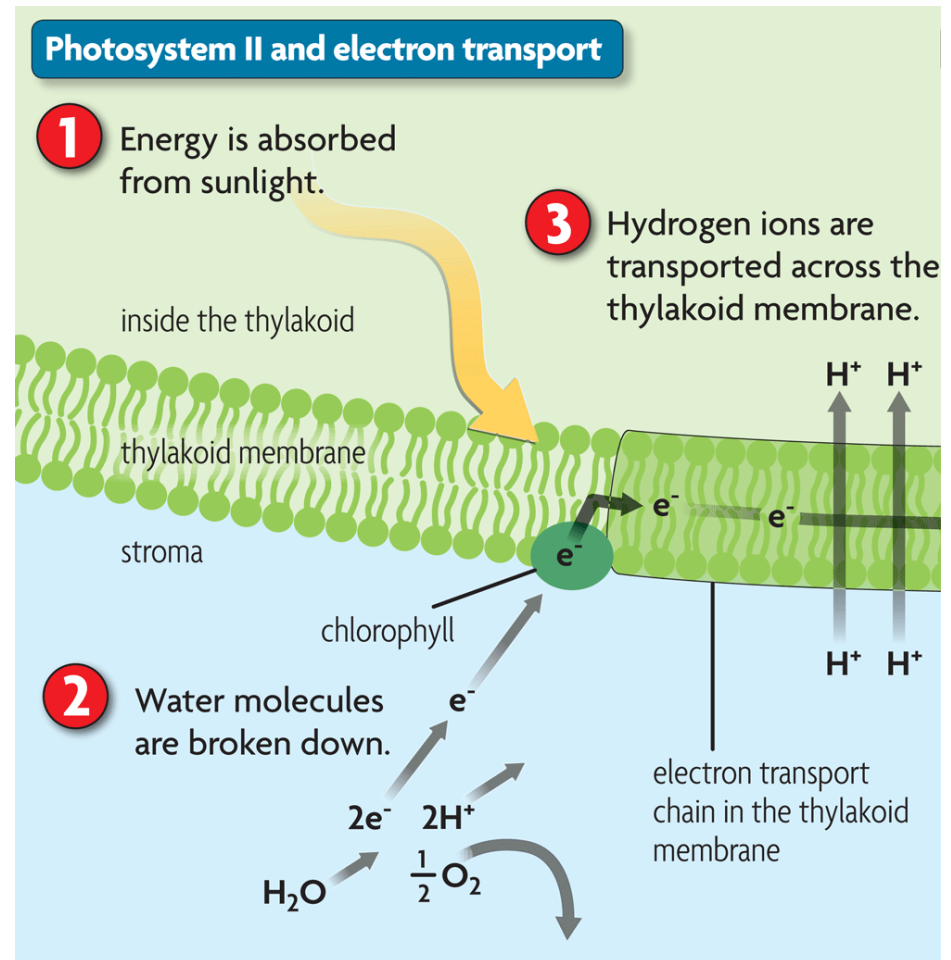
- ▶ **The first stage of photosynthesis captures and transfers energy.**
  - The light-dependent reactions include groups of molecules called photosystems.



Light-dependent reactions take place in and across the thylakoid membrane.

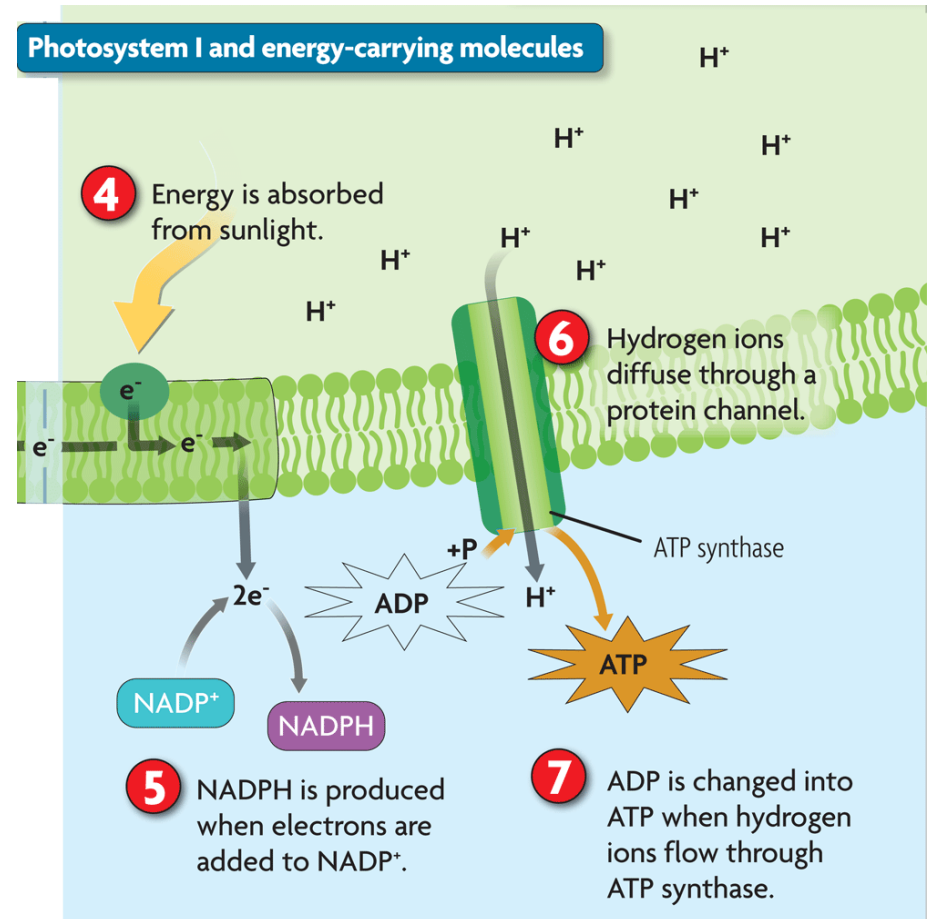
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- Photosystem II captures and transfers energy.
  - chlorophyll absorbs energy from sunlight
  - energized electrons enter electron transport chain
  - water molecules are split
  - oxygen is released as waste
  - hydrogen ions are transported across thylakoid membrane



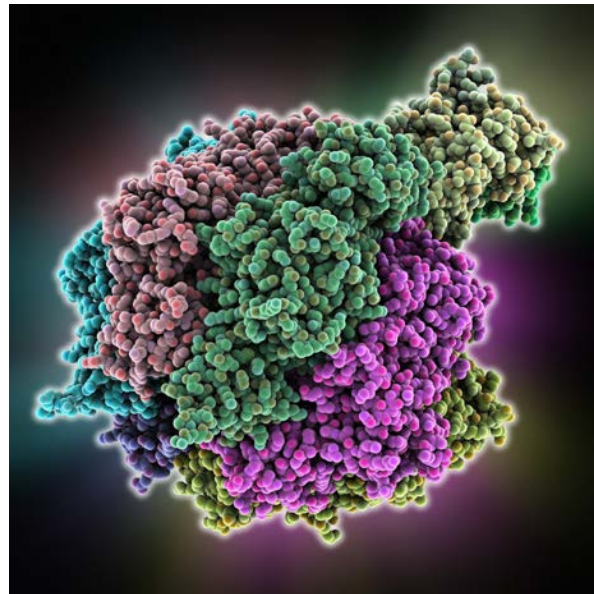
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- Photosystem I captures energy and produces energy-carrying molecules.
  - chlorophyll absorbs energy from sunlight
  - energized electrons are used to make NADPH
  - NADPH is transferred to light-independent reactions



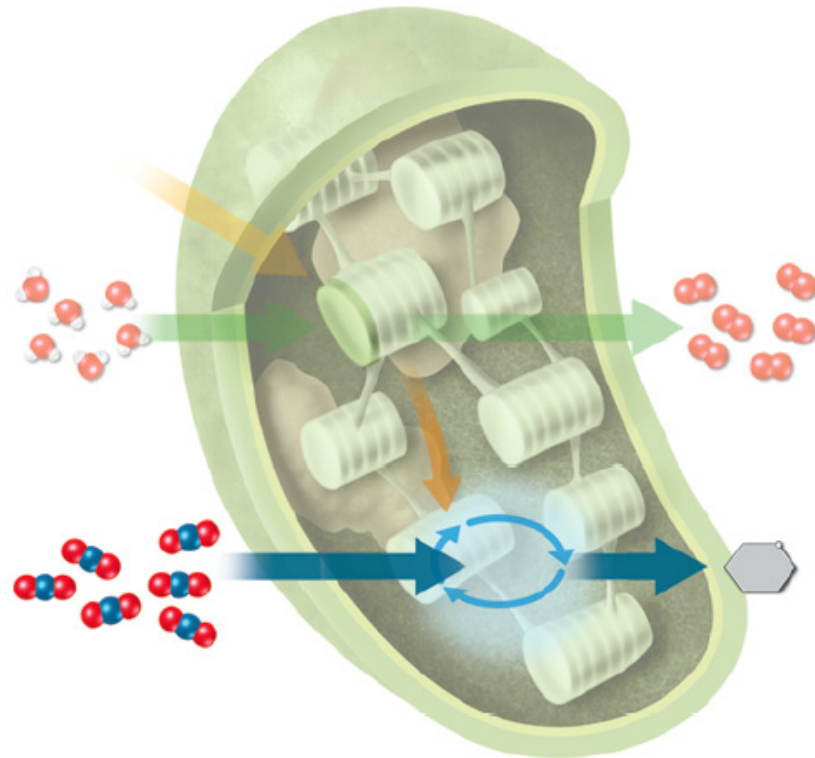
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- The light-dependent reactions produce ATP.
  - hydrogen ions flow through a channel in the thylakoid membrane
  - ATP synthase attached to the channel makes ATP



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- ▶ **The second stage of photosynthesis uses energy from the first stage to make sugars.**
- Light-independent reactions occur in the stroma and use  $\text{CO}_2$  molecules.



Light-independent reactions take place in the stroma.



