

# Light Dependent Reactions

Location: Thylakoid Membrane of the Chloroplast

## Inputs (Reactants)

- Light Energy (Photons)
  - Water ( $H_2O$ )
  - NADP<sup>+</sup>
  - ADP + Pi
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## Outputs (Products)

- Oxygen ( $O_2$ ) - *Byproduct*
  - ATP
  - NADPH
  - Protons ( $H^+$ )
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### Photoexcitation

Chlorophyll in PSII absorbs light, exciting electrons.

### Photolysis

$H_2O$  is split into  $1/2 O_2$ ,  $2H^+$ , and  $2e^-$  to replace lost electrons.

### Electron Transport Chain

Electrons move through Cytochrome b6f, pumping  $H^+$  into lumen.

### Photophosphorylation

Chemiosmotic gradient drives ATP Synthase to produce ATP.

### Reduction

NADP<sup>+</sup> Reductase transfers electrons to form NADPH.

## Diagram Notes