# **Chapter 6-I:** Photosynthesis





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#### Chloroplasts 1~1000 per cell Evolved from photosynthetic bacteria



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#### Light-absorbing pigments Plant & cyanobacteria: Chl a, Chl b Photosynthetic bacteria: BChl a, BChl b



Geranylgeranyl side chain

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Absorption spectra of various photosynthetic pigments



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Transfer of energy From Light-harvesting complex (LHC): antenna chlorophylls, accessory pigments To Photosynthetic reaction center (RC) Occurs in  $<10^{-10}$  s with an efficiency of >90%

Flow of energy through a photosynthetic antenna complex



HaC CH<sub>3</sub> CH3 CH3 ĊH3 CH<sub>3</sub> CH<sub>3</sub> CHa **β-Carotene** Unnumbered figure pg 594 Fundamentals of Bioch © 2006 John Wiley & Sons ethyl in phycocyanobilin -00C **COO**<sup>-</sup> ĊH<sub>2</sub> ĊH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>3</sub> CH CH<sub>3</sub> CH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>3</sub> CH<sub>3</sub> CH3 dehydrogenated in phycocyanobilin **Phycoerythrobilin and Phycocyanobilin** 

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### The light reactions

Conversion of electronic E to chemical E

 $E = hv = hc/\lambda$ h: Plank's constant v: frequency of radiation c: light speed  $\lambda$ : wavelength

Excitation & dissipation Internal conversion Fluorescence Exciton transfer (resonance E transfer) photooxidation





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Excitation energy trapping by the photosynthetic reaction center



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### Electron transport in photosynthetic bacteria



RC from *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* 





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## Two-center electron transfer PSII PSI



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Oxygen evolving center: water splitting enzyme 4 light-dependent reactions before releasing O2





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