

Cell Biology (BI2213)

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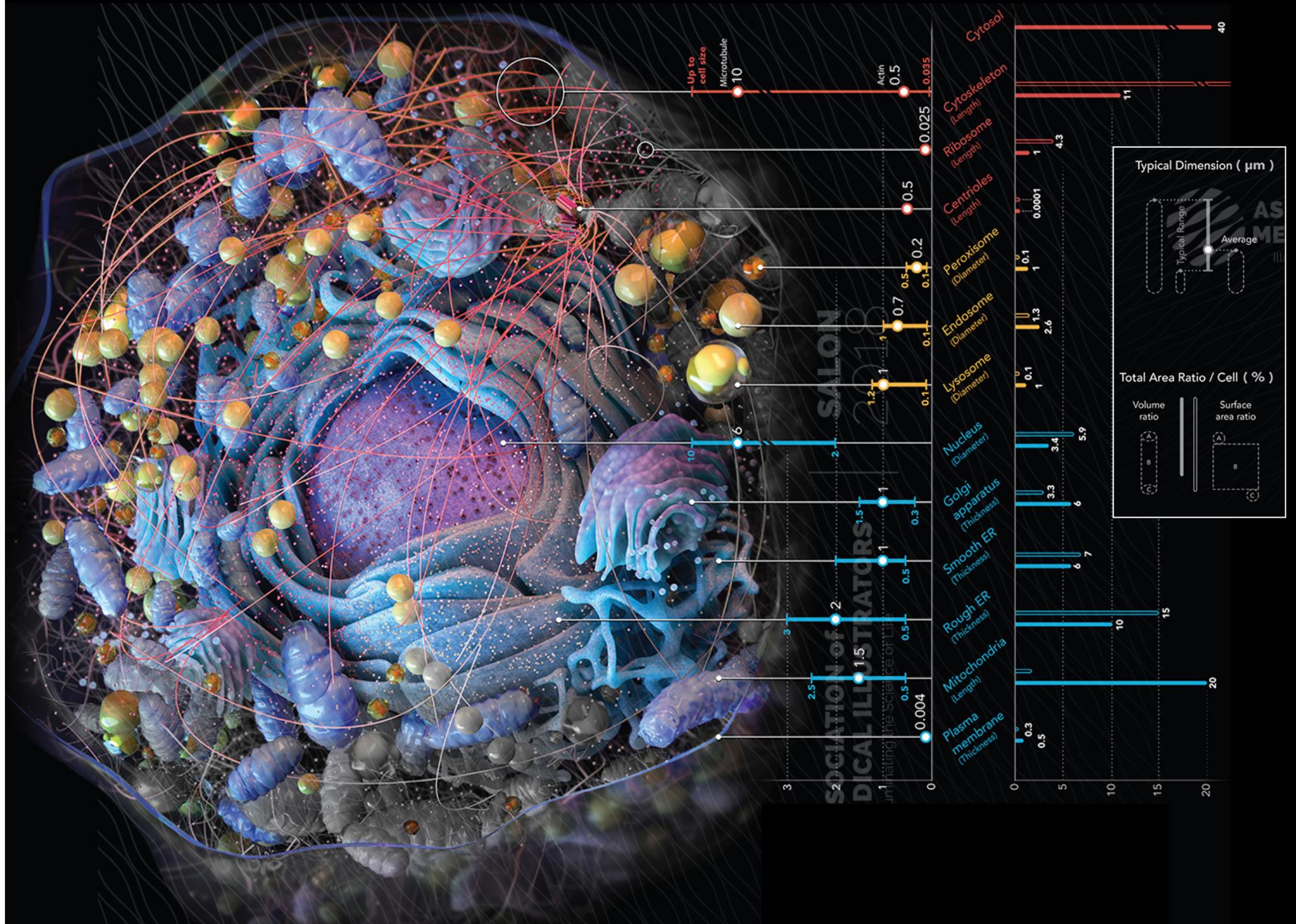
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Intracellular compartmentalisation into organelles

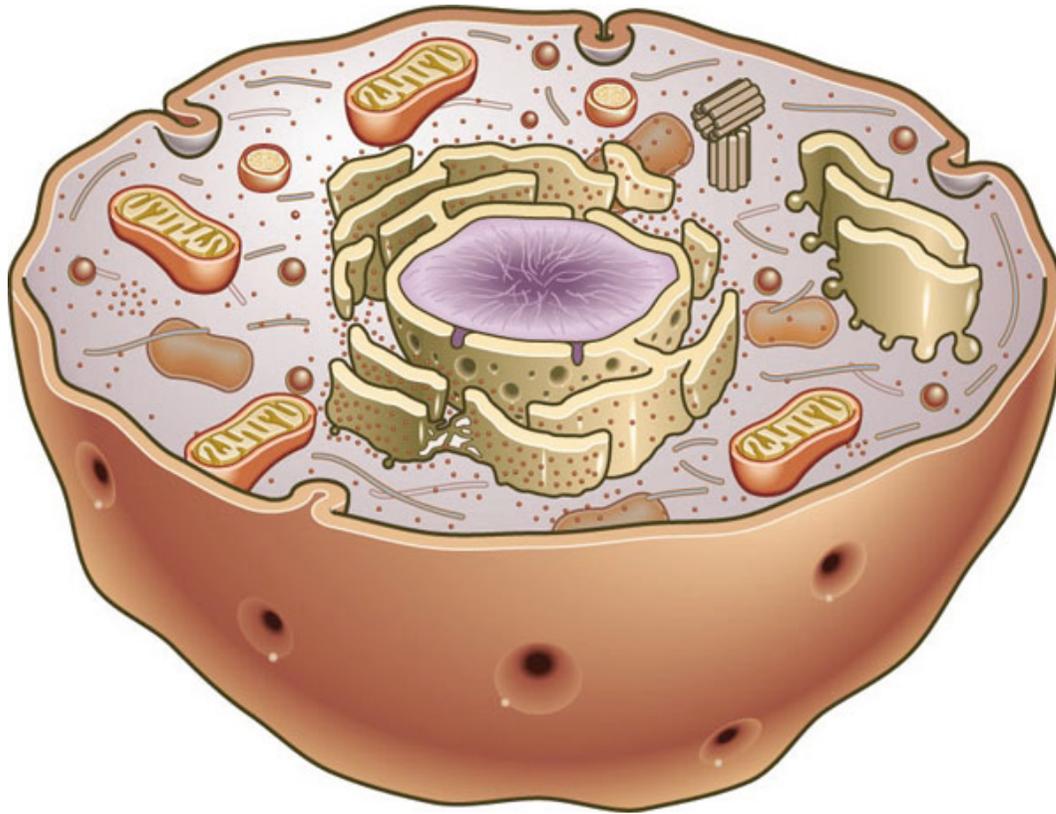
Organelle Structure

How they are formed?

Organelle function in protein sorting



Most organelles are membrane-bound structures that compartmentalise the cytoplasm

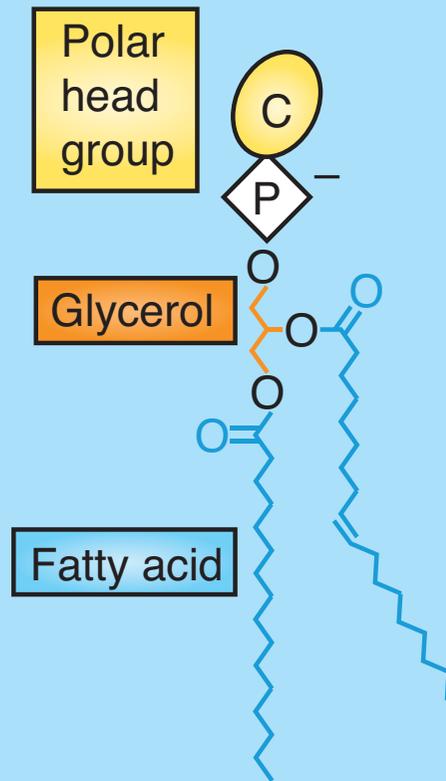


- Very thin, quasi two-dimensional film of lipids and proteins
- Held together by non-covalent interactions
- Membranes are fluid and dynamic
- Enzymes that build and modify lipids are genetically encoded but lipid composition of biomembranes is also dependent on the food we consume

Composition of mammalian lipids

Glycerolipids

PC, PE, PS, PI

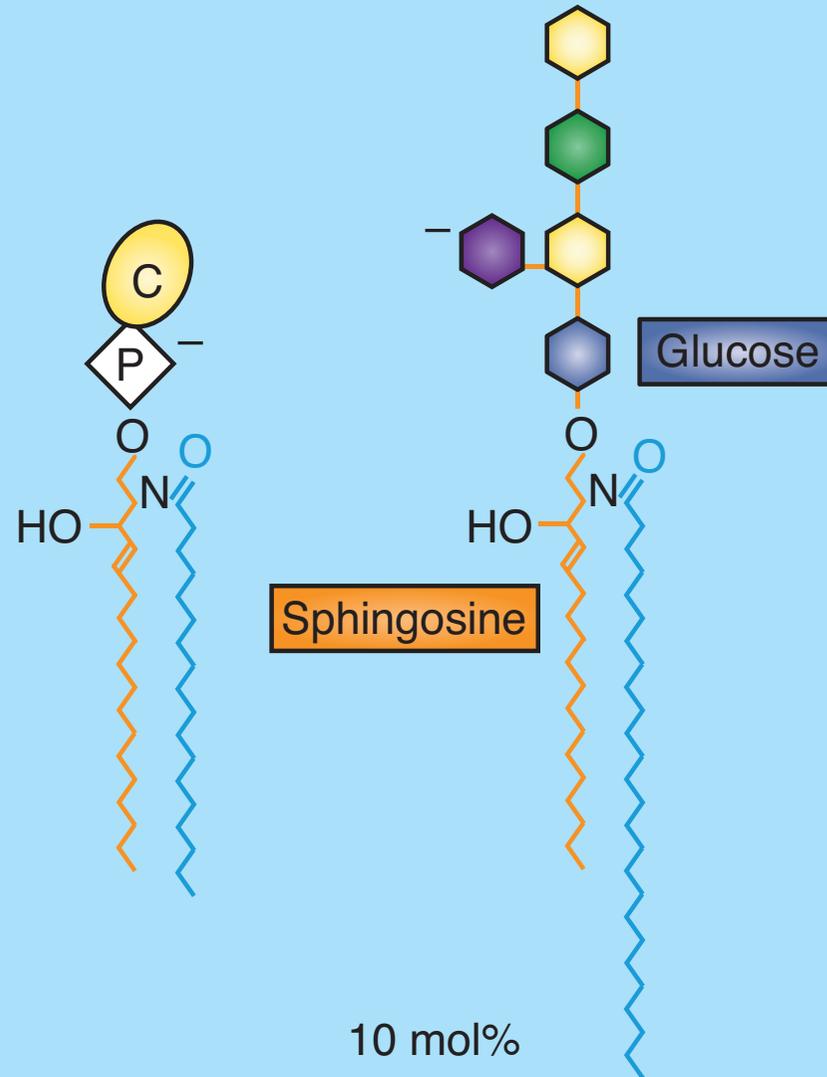


65 mol%

Sphingolipids

Sphingomyelin

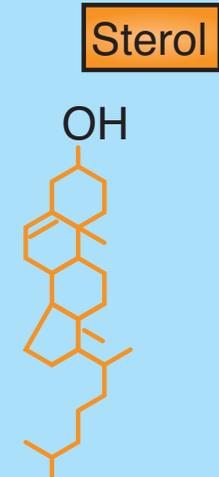
Glycosphingolipids



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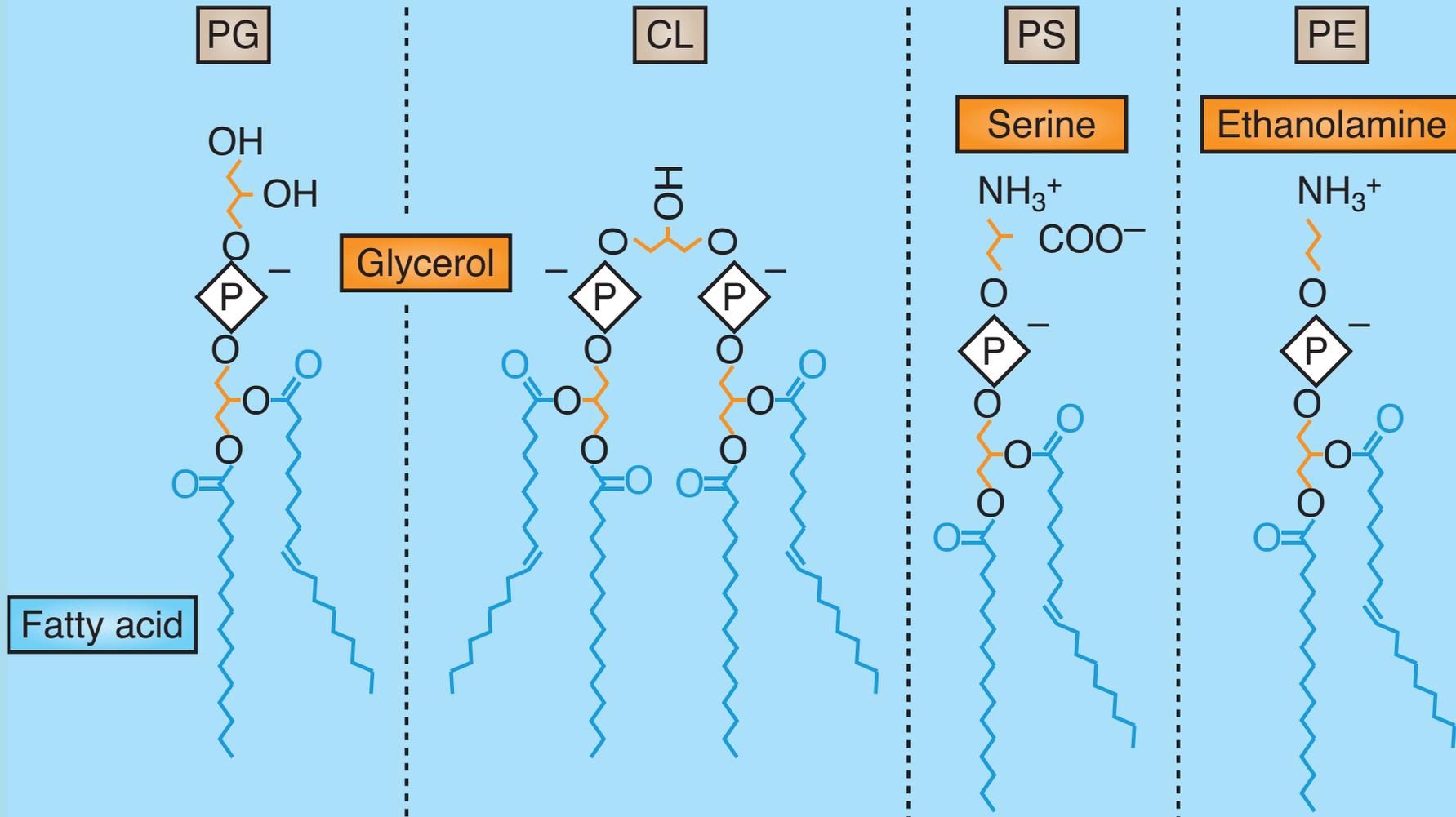
Sterols

Cholesterol



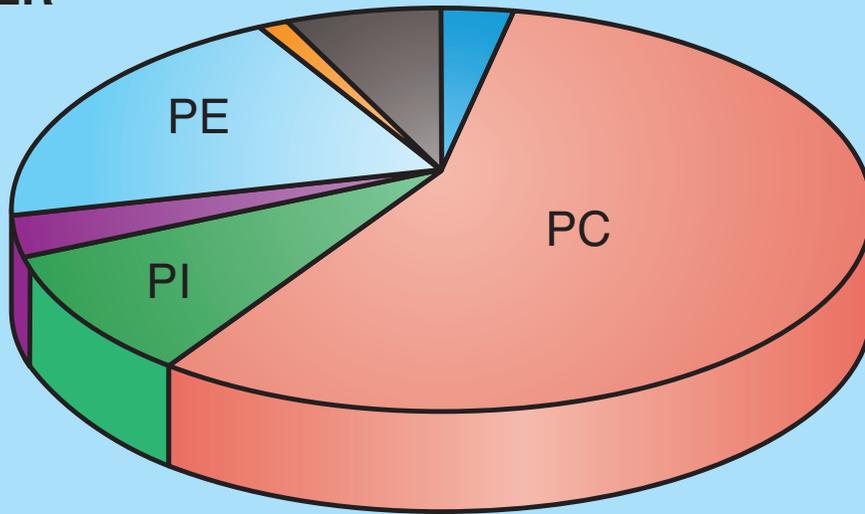
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Mitochondrial glycerolipids of bacterial origin

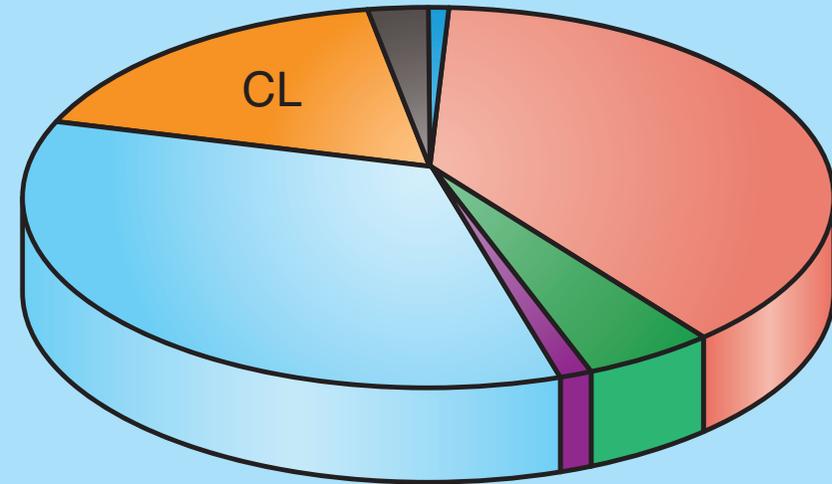


Organelle distribution of phospholipids and cholesterol

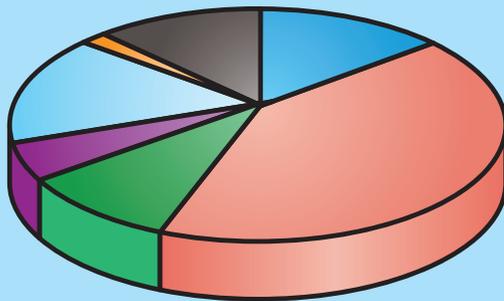
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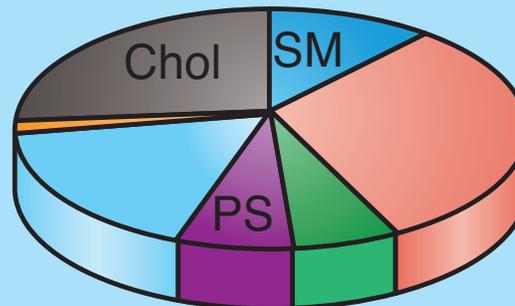
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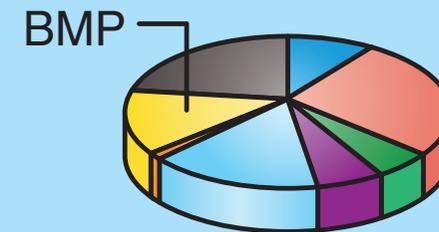
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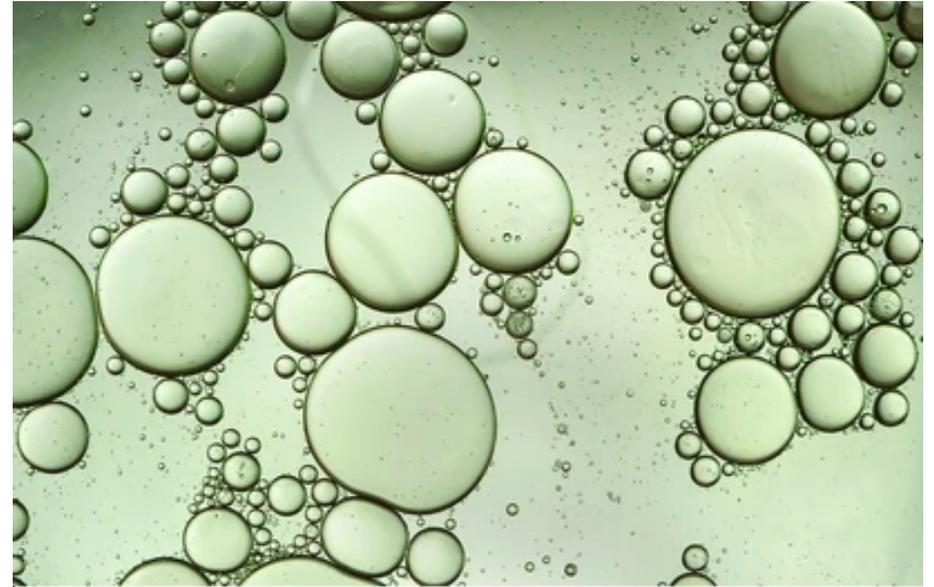
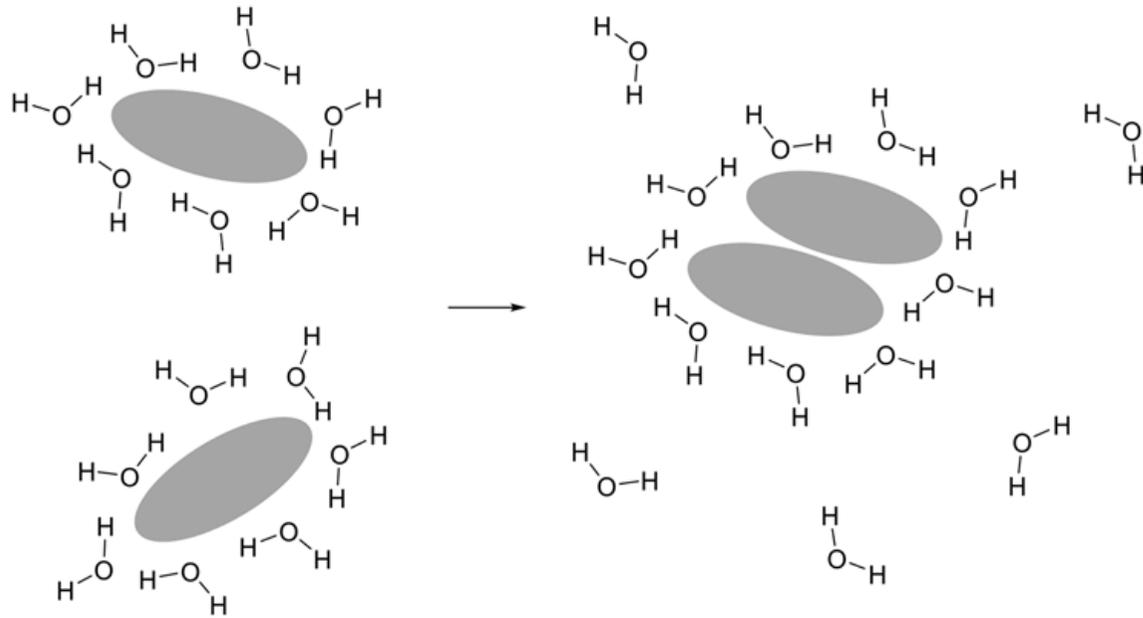
Plasma membrane



Endosomes and lysosomes



The hydrophobic effect



The hydrophobic effect

- Lipid molecules disperse in the solution; nonpolar tail of each lipid molecule is **surrounded by ordered water** molecules
- Lipid aggregates – Water released, surface area reduced

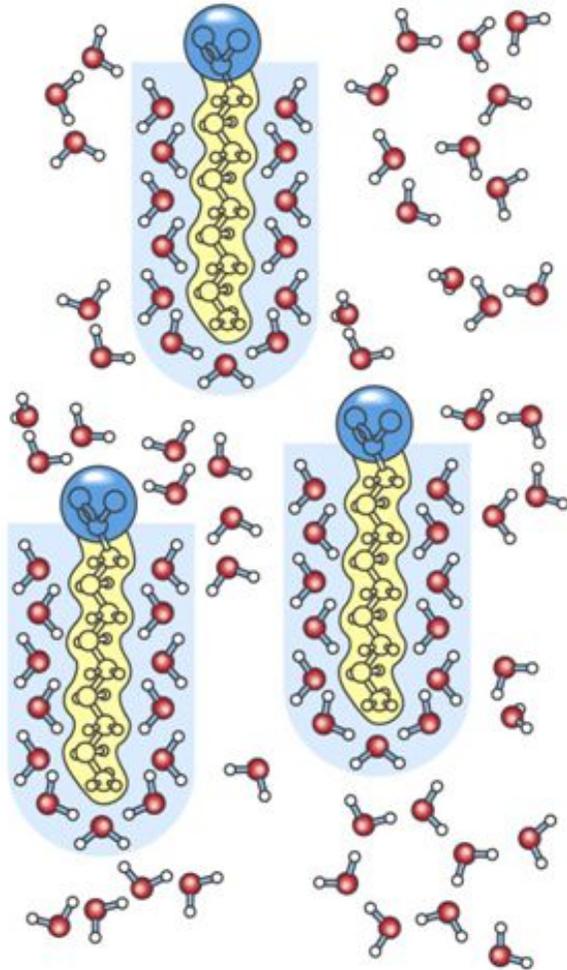


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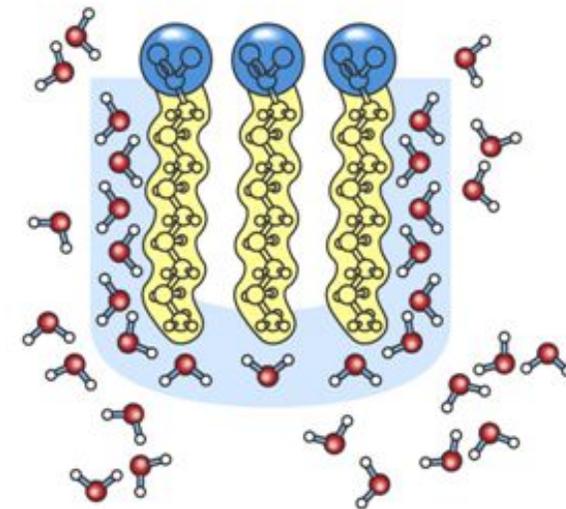
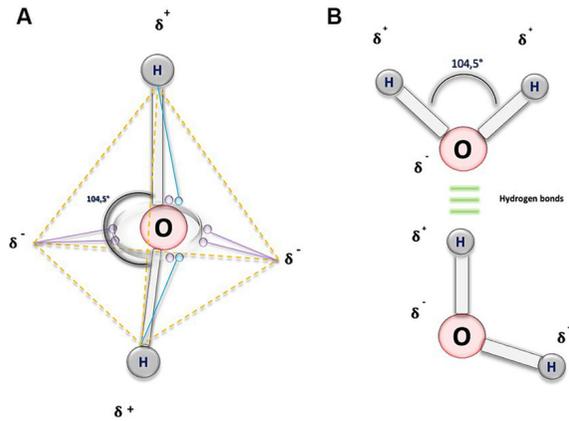
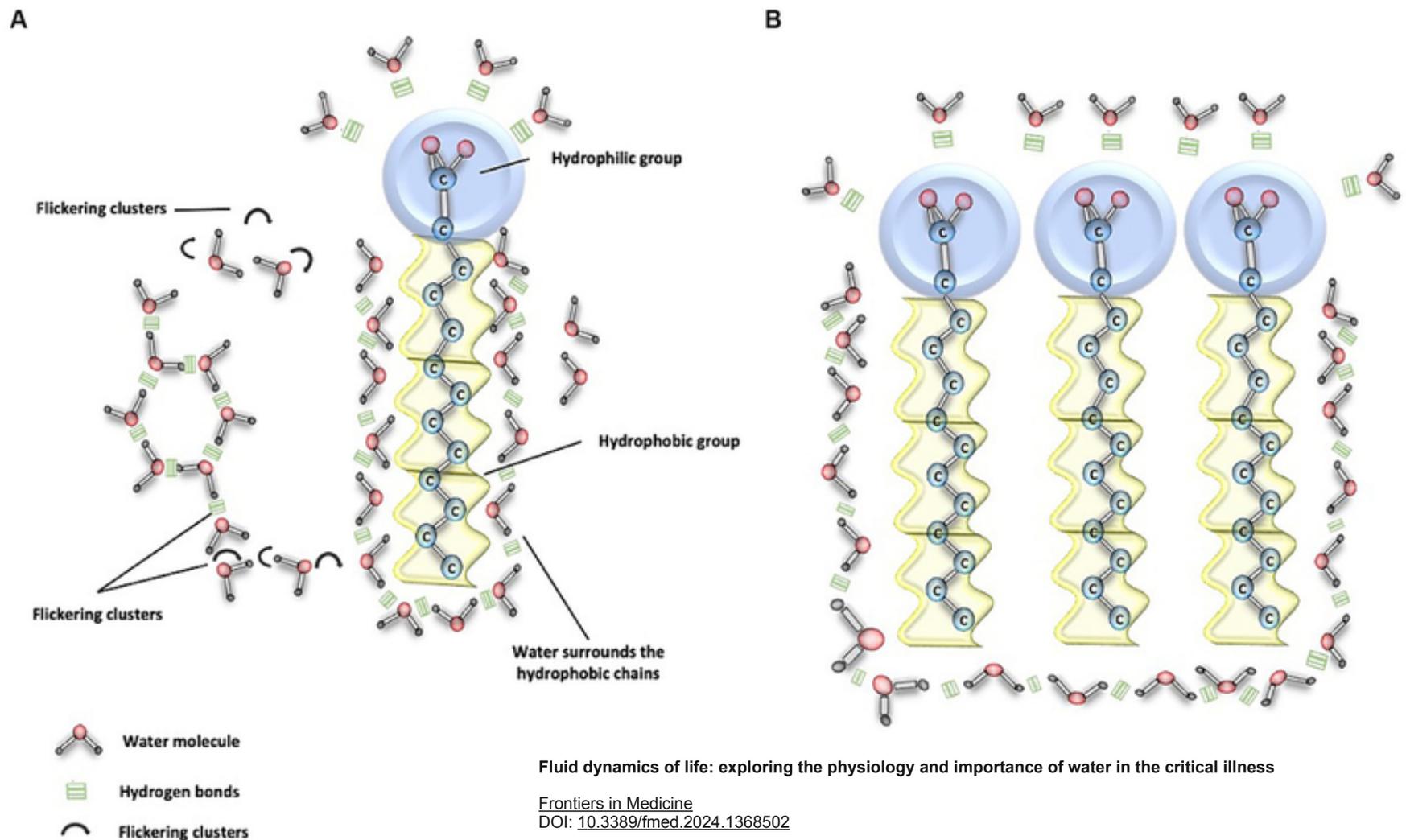


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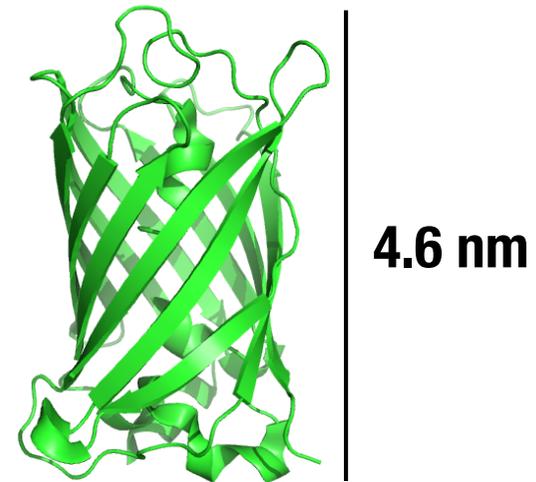
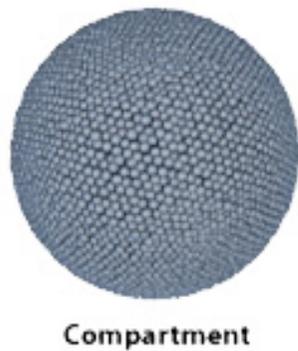
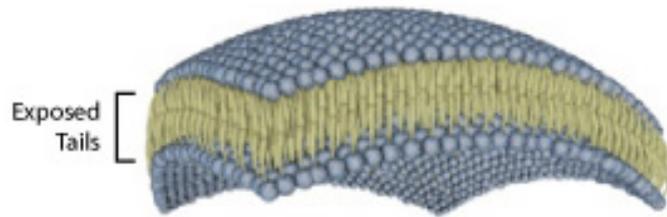
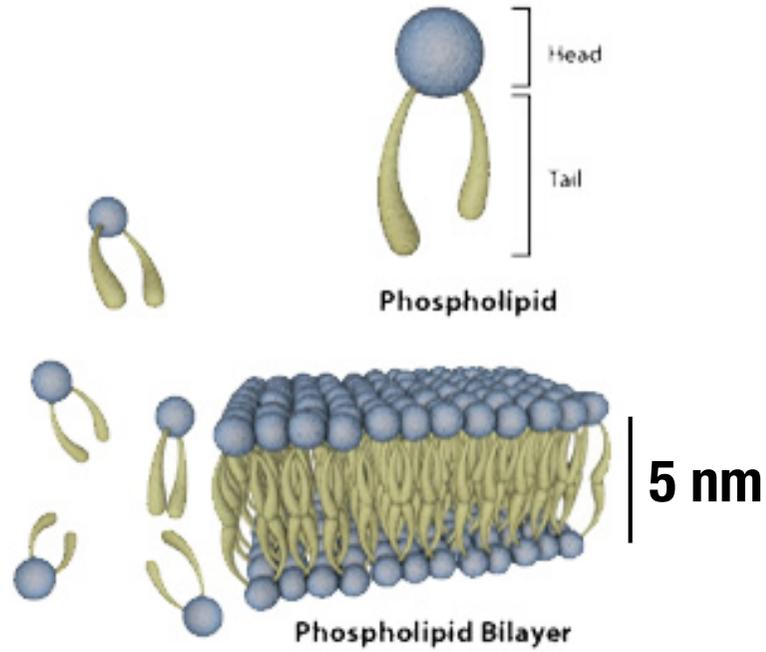
How do lipids come together to form membranes?



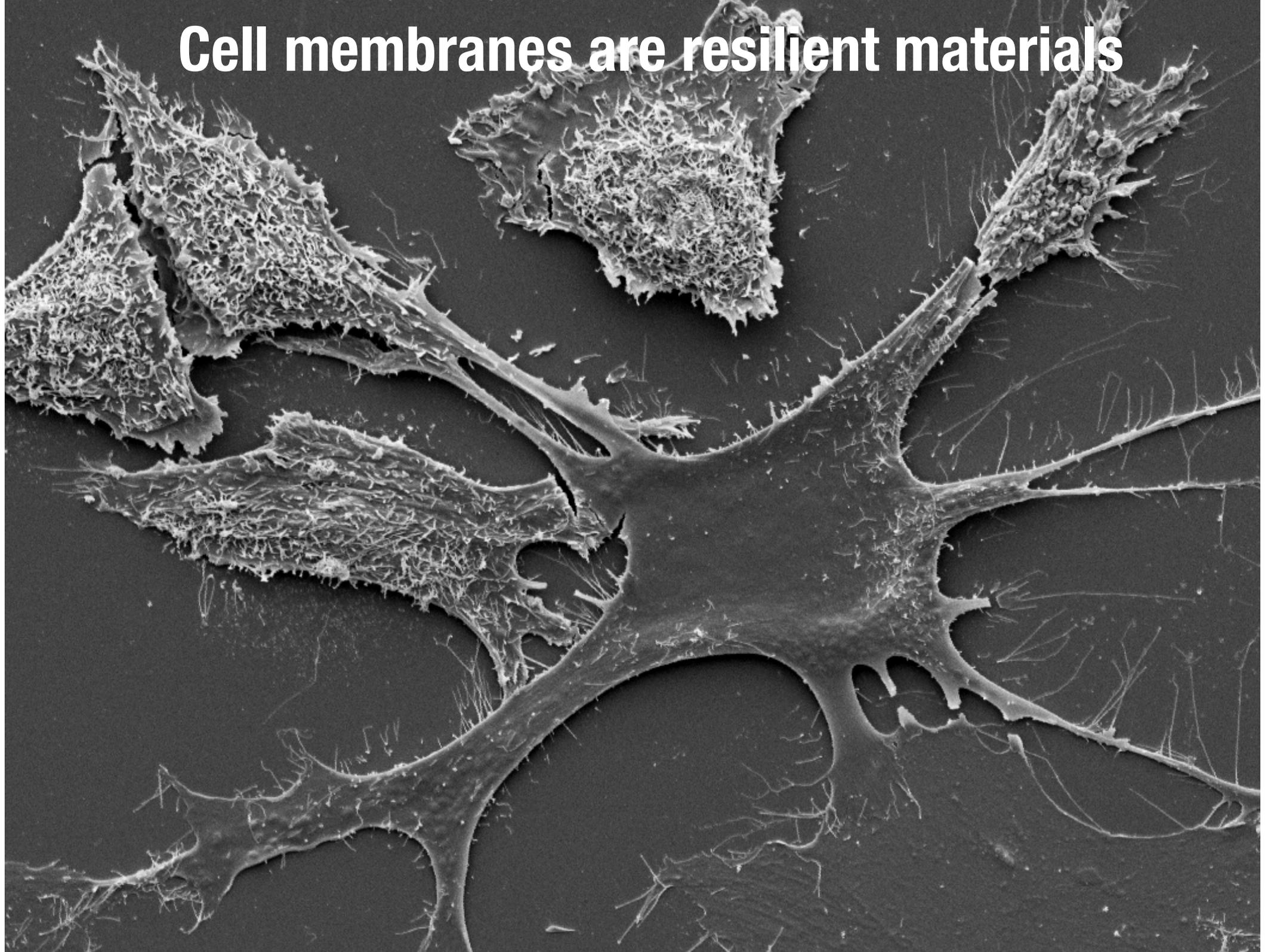
Fluid dynamics of life: exploring the physiology and importance of water in the critical illness

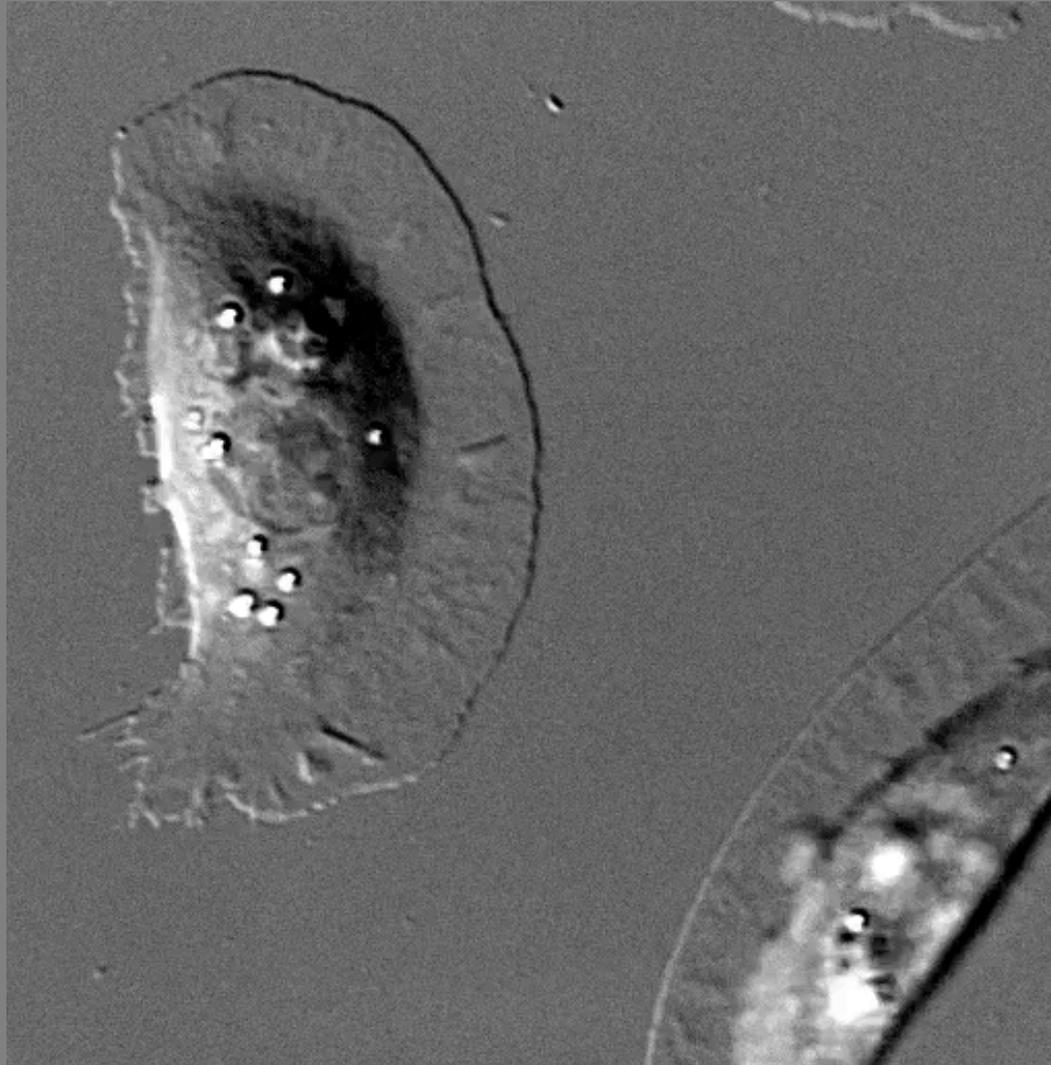
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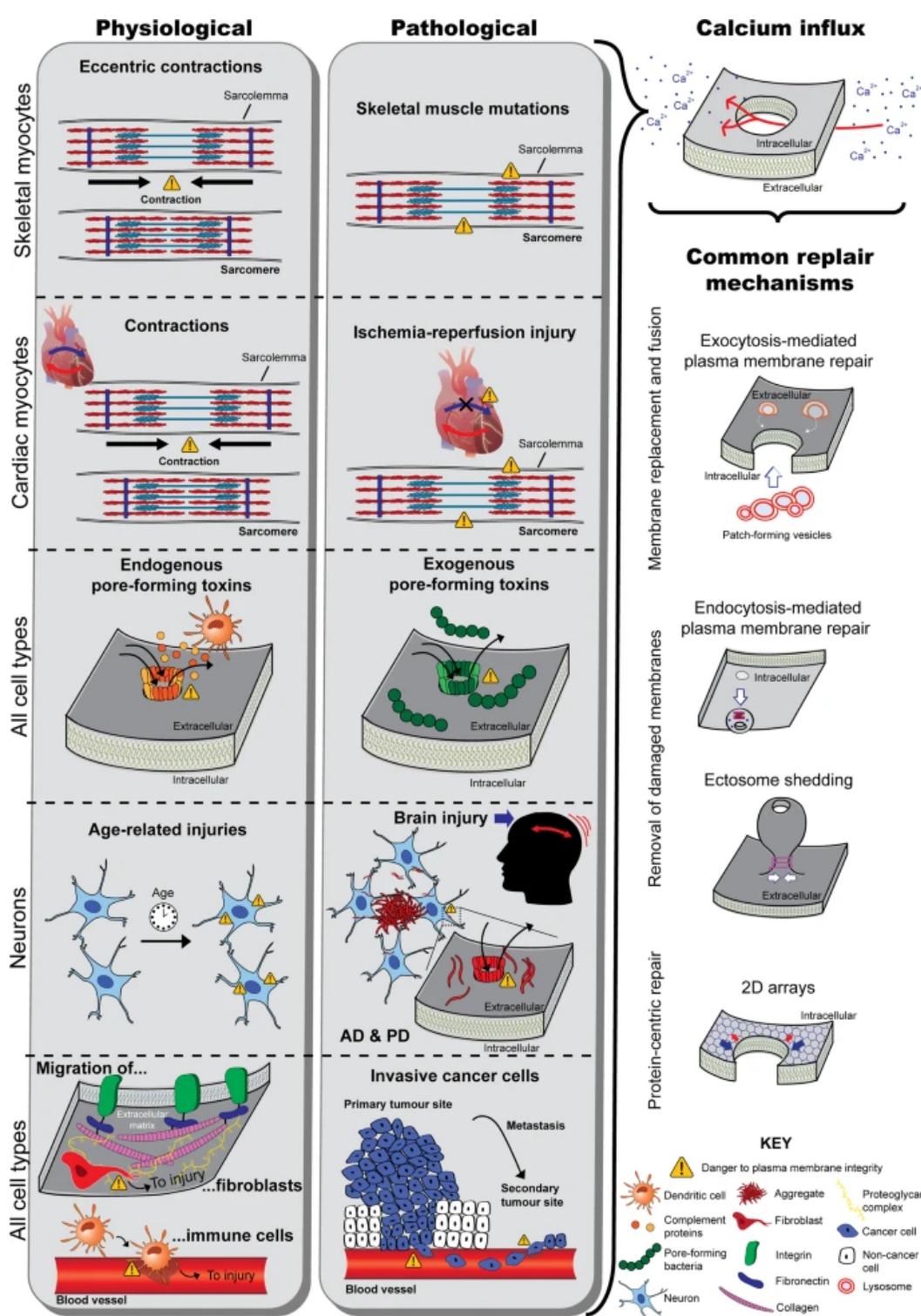


Cell membranes are resilient materials



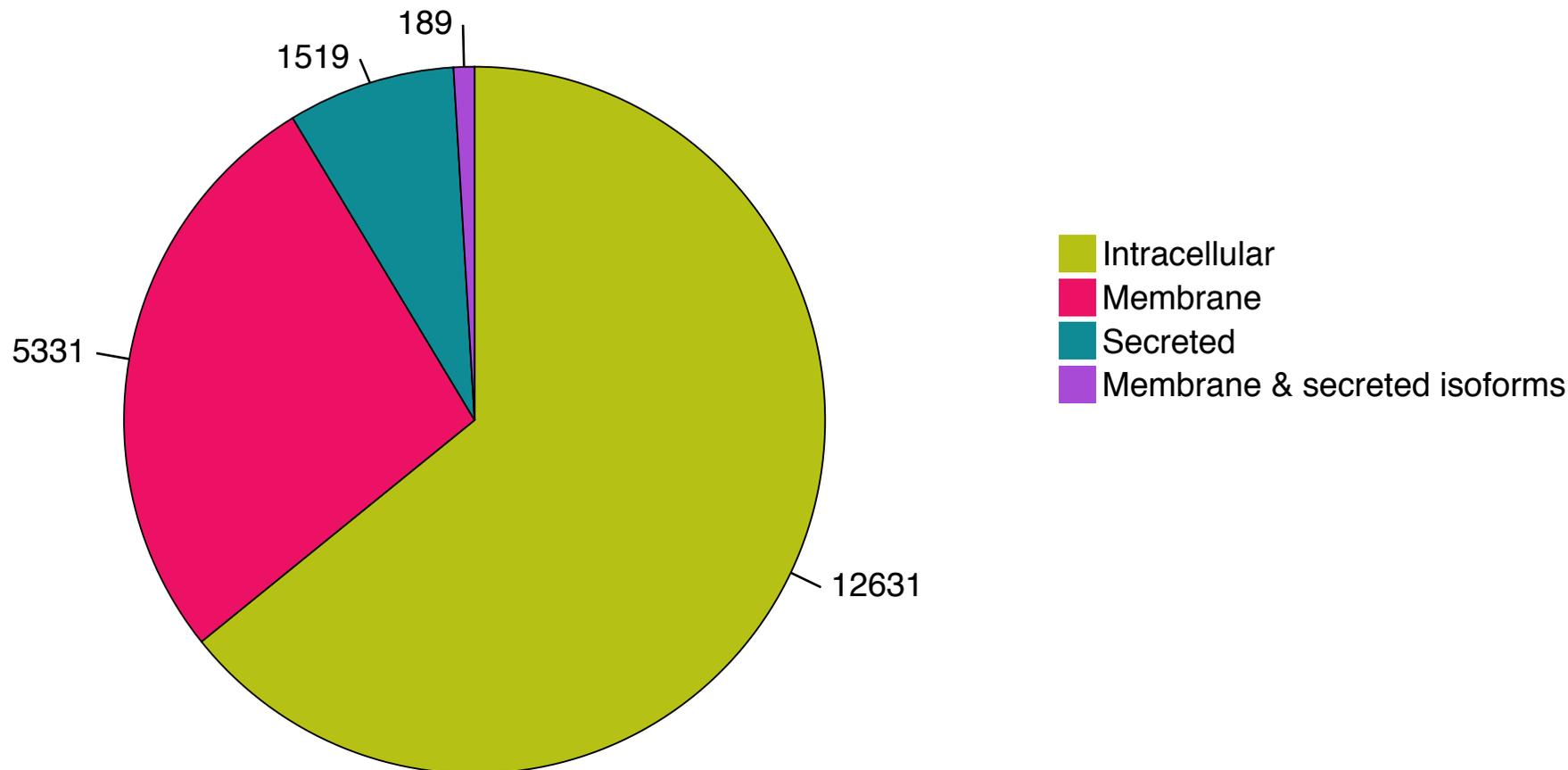


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Membranes are resilient materials and their tearing is energetically expensive

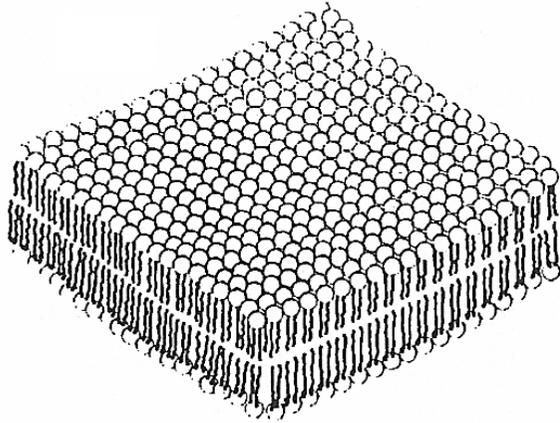
Protein classes



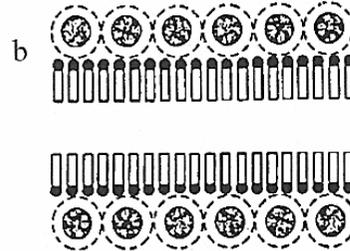
- 19670 human protein-coding genes
- 12631 (64%) genes are predicted to be intracellular
- 5520 (28%) are predicted to have at least one membrane-bound protein product
- 1708 genes (9%) are predicted to have at least one secreted protein product
- 189 genes (1%) have both secreted and membrane-bound isoforms

Models of biological membranes

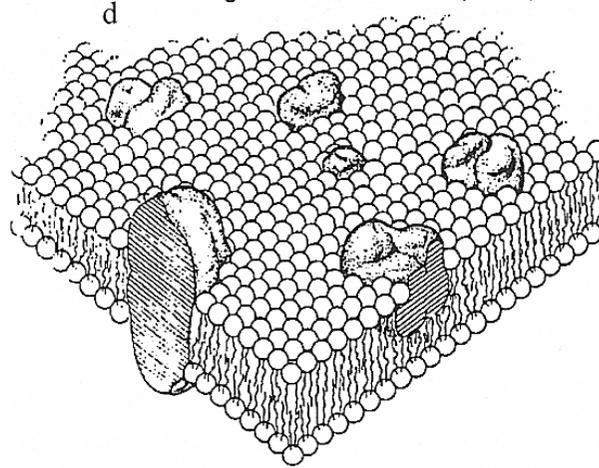
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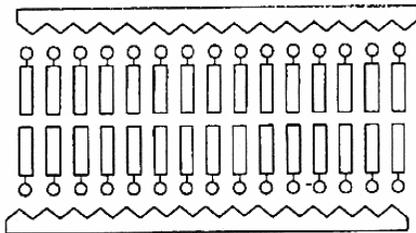
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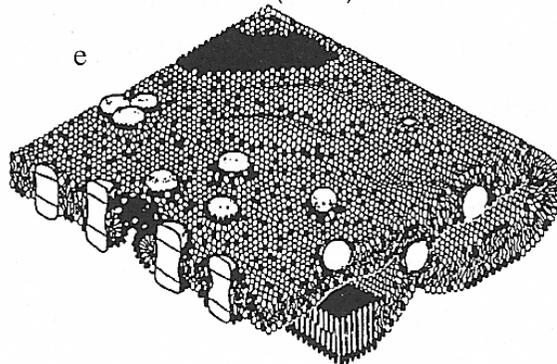
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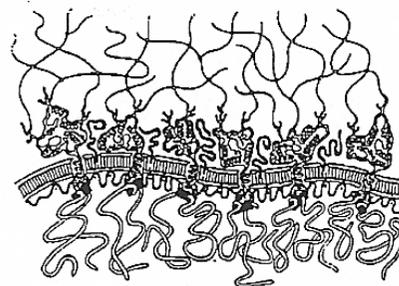
Robertson (1966)



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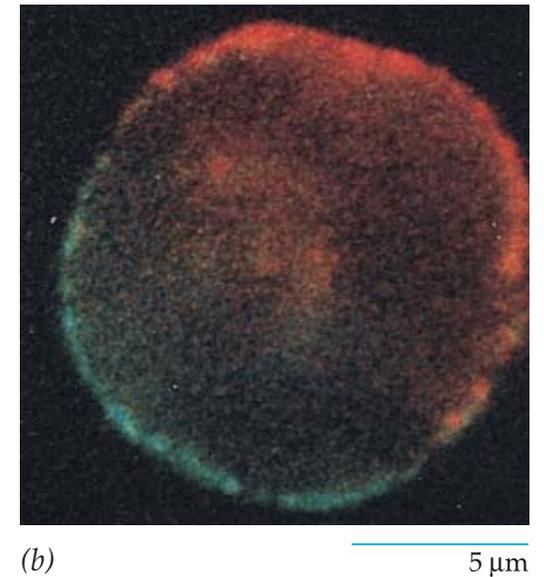
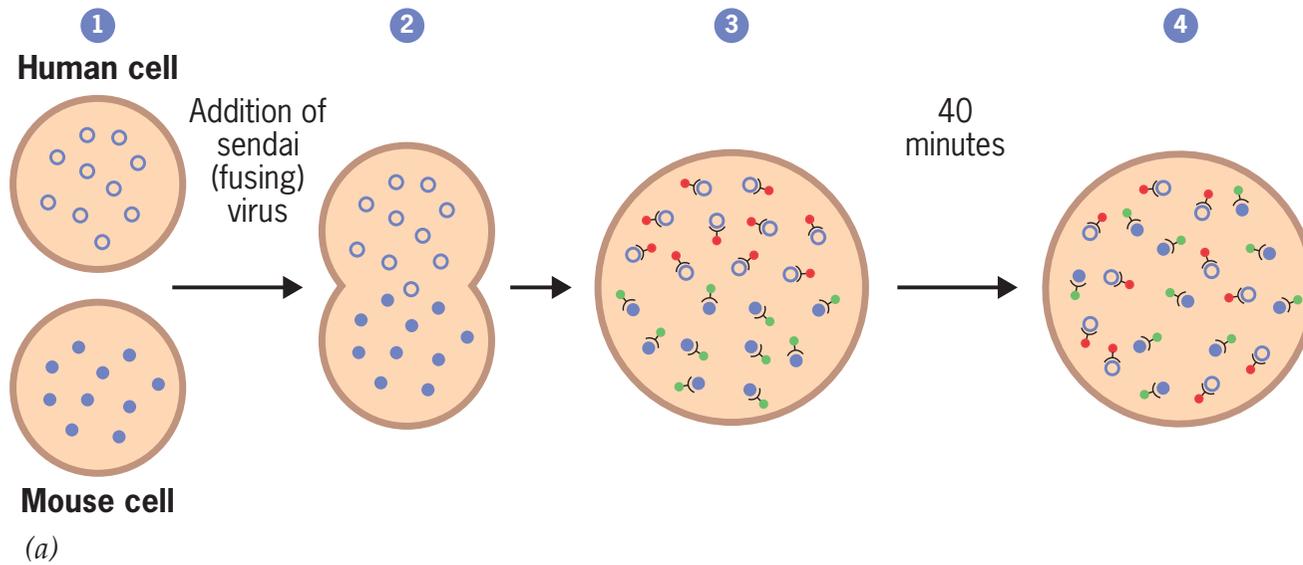
Sackmann (1995)



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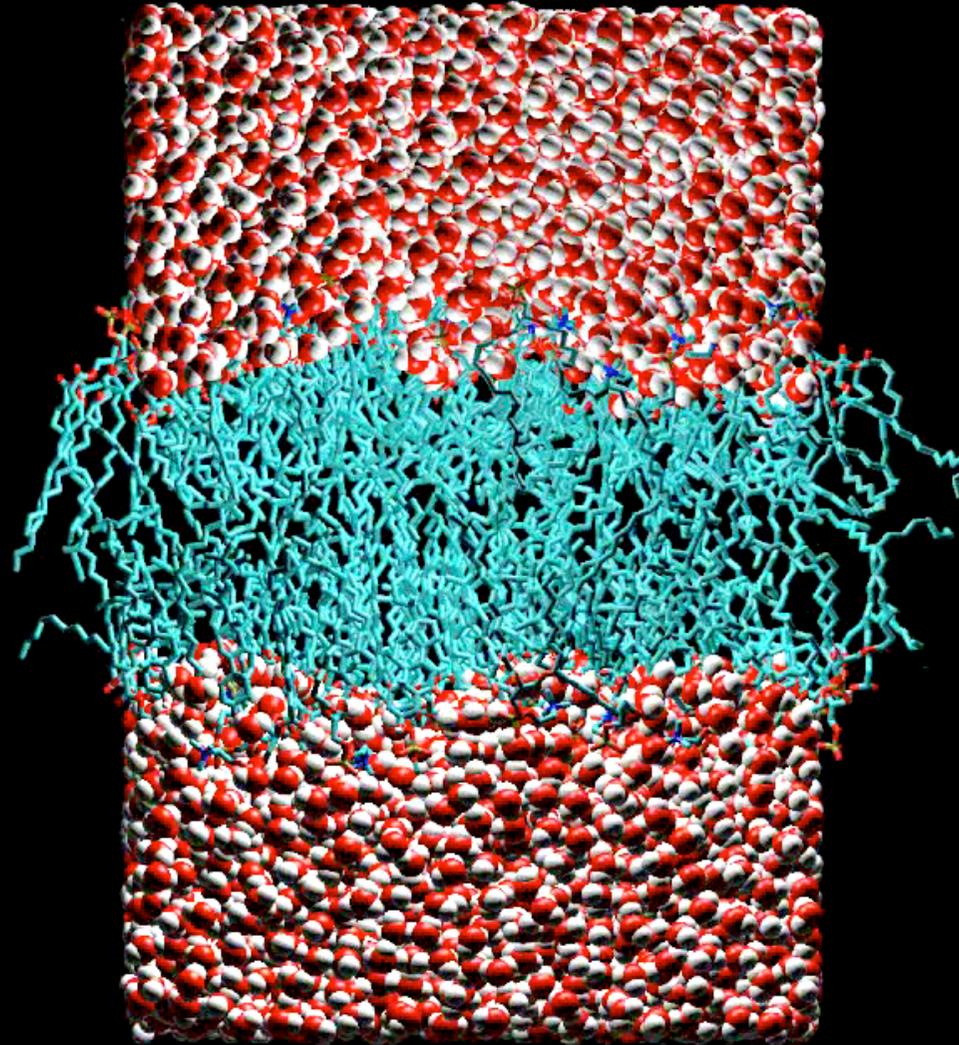
- Experimentally investigated the surface area of lipids
- Extracted lipids from red blood cells of man, dog, rabbit, sheep, guinea pig, and goat in acetone
- Spread on a water surface and the area was measured using a Langmuir film balance
- Measured the surface area of the red blood cells from the microscopic images.
- Found that the surface area of the monofilms was within error exactly two times that of the cells
- Concluded that cell membranes are made of two opposing thin molecular layers
- Proposed that two lipid layers form a bilayer with the polar head groups pointing toward the aqueous environment

Models of biological membranes



Frye and Edidin (1970)

How is the lipid bilayer organised?

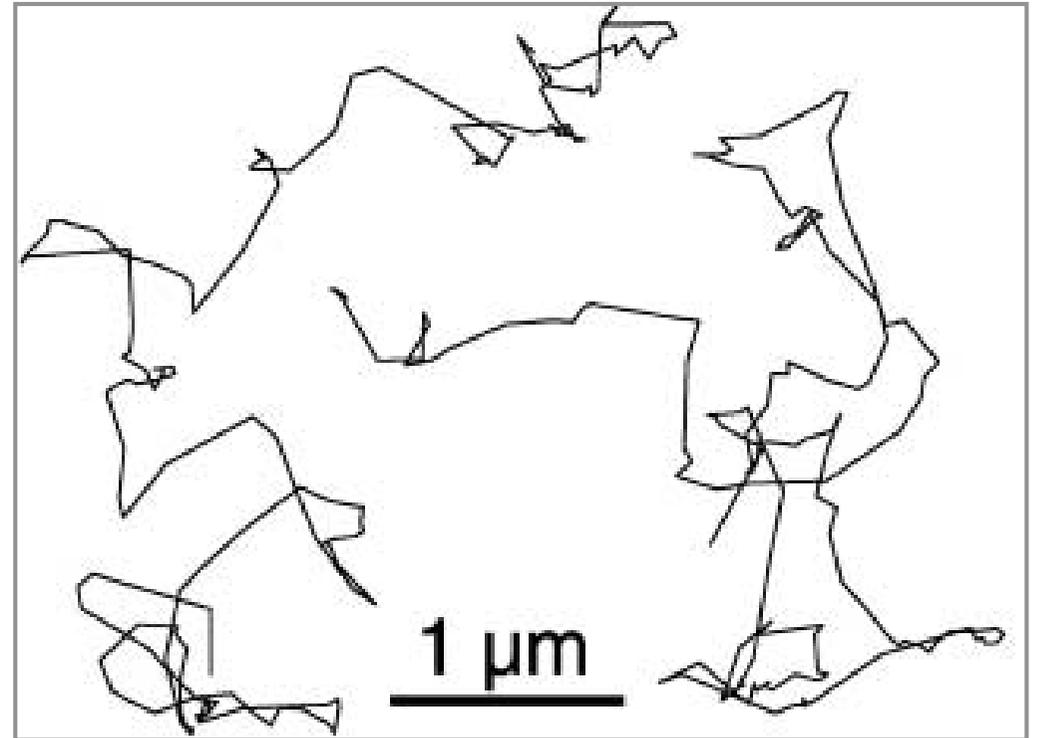


Membrane Organization analyzed by Single Particle Tracking (SPT)

Cy3-DOPE on NRK cell

Real time

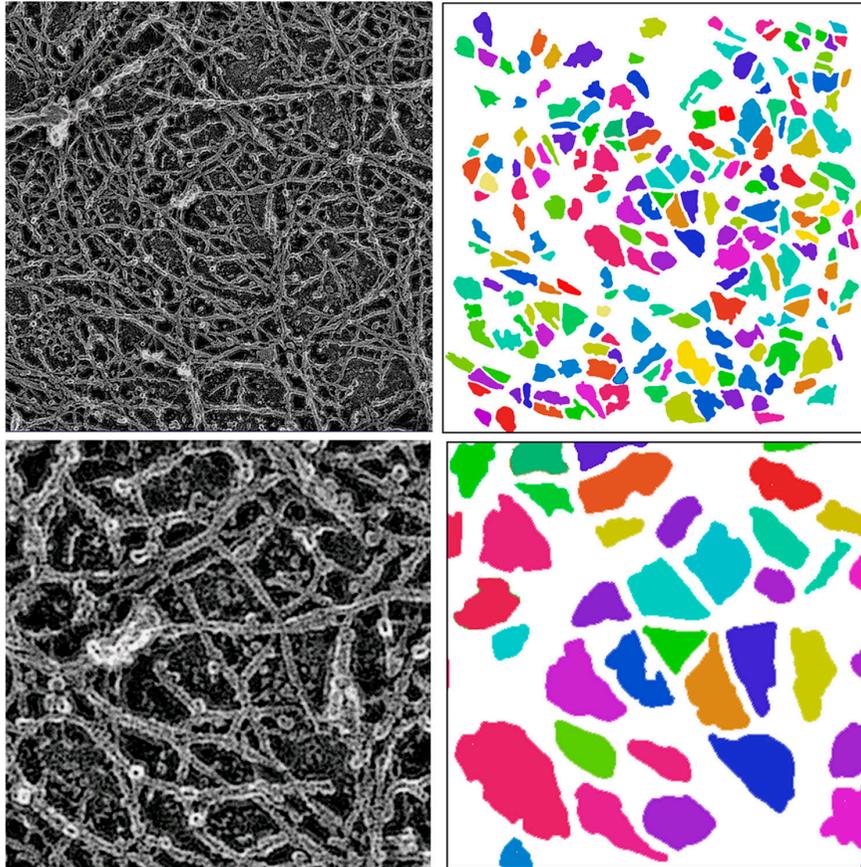
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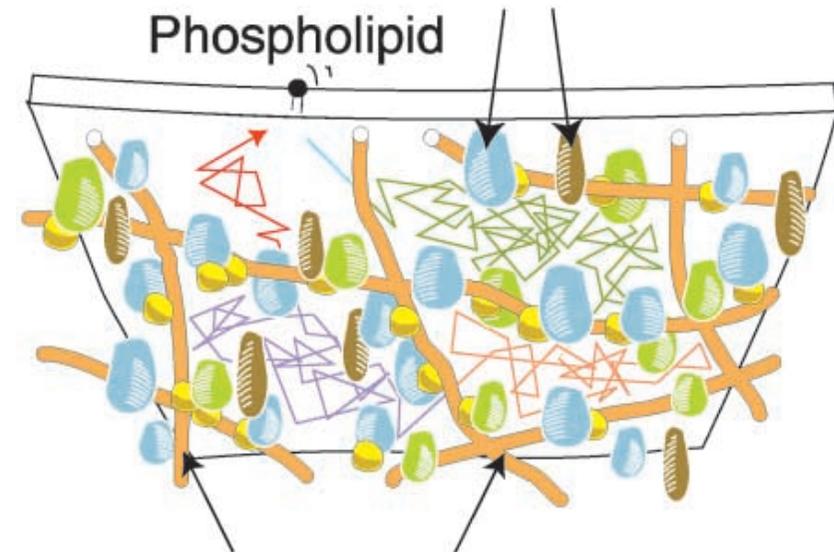
Cy3-DOPE = fluorescent lipid
G40-DOPE = gold particle tagged DOPE

Fujiwara et al. (2002) J. Cell Biol. 157:1071-1081.

Contemporary model of cell membranes



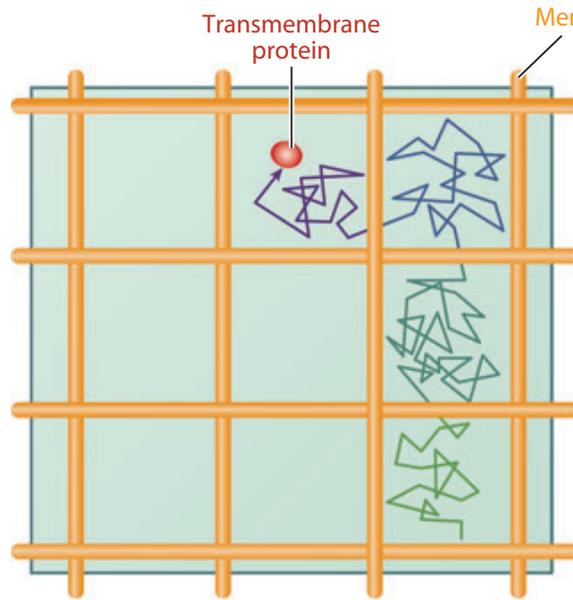
Transmembrane proteins
anchored to the membrane skeleton



Membrane skeleton
Anchored-protein picket model

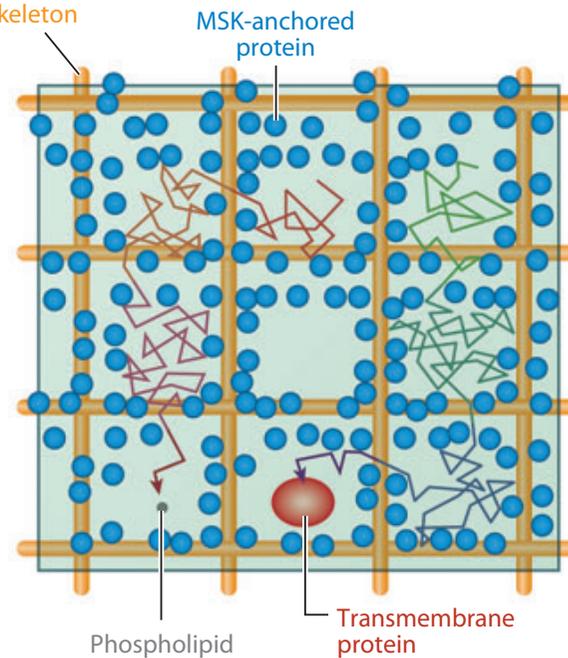
Contemporary model of cell membranes

b Membrane-skeleton “fence”



Bottom view
(from inside the cell; anchored proteins are hidden for clarity)

c Anchored-protein “picket”



Top view
(from outside the cell)

- Phospholipids undergo hop diffusion within 230 nm confined regions in cell membranes
- As a consequence, long range diffusion is a reflection of diffusion within the confined regions and their tendency to hop across these regions

Endomembrane system

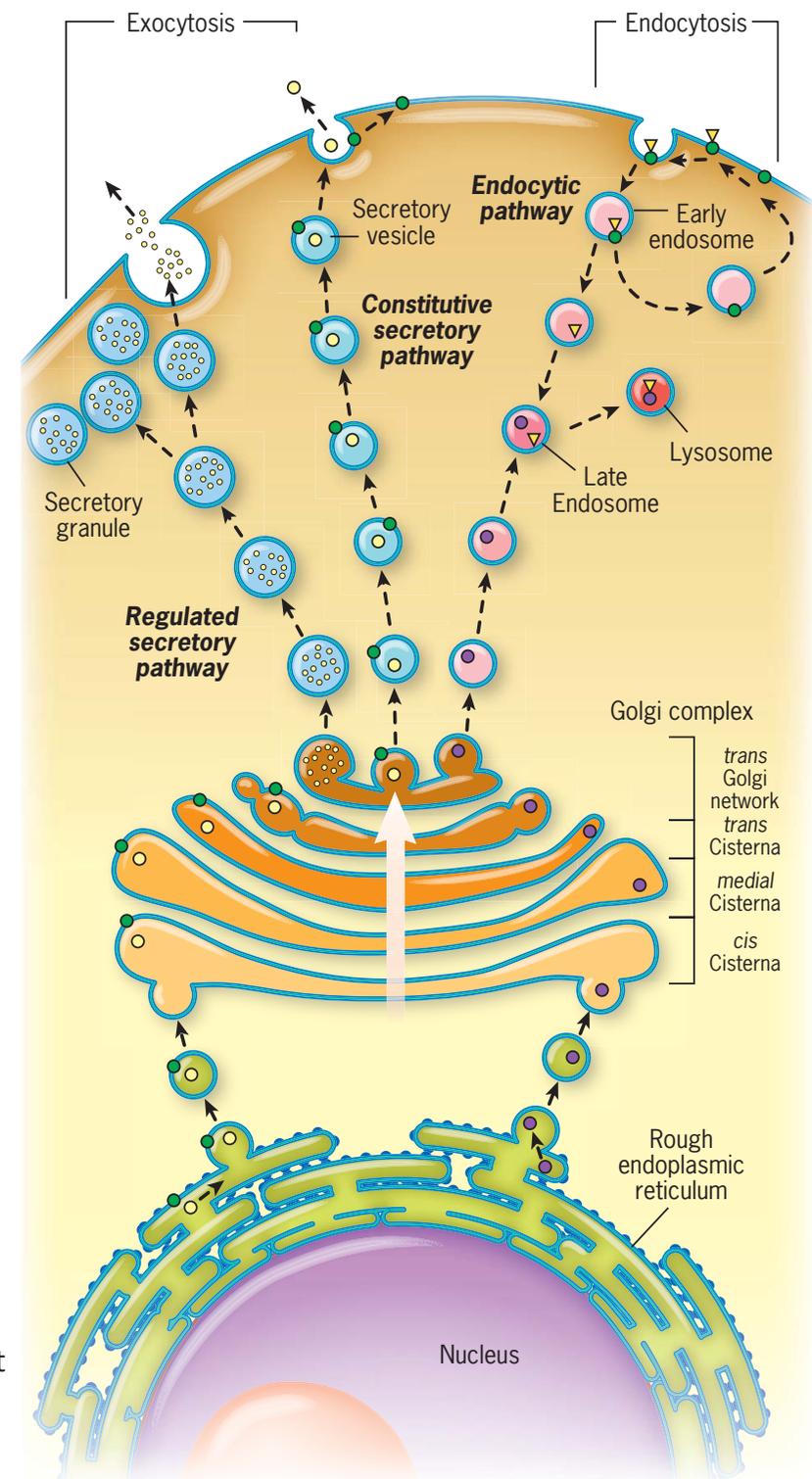
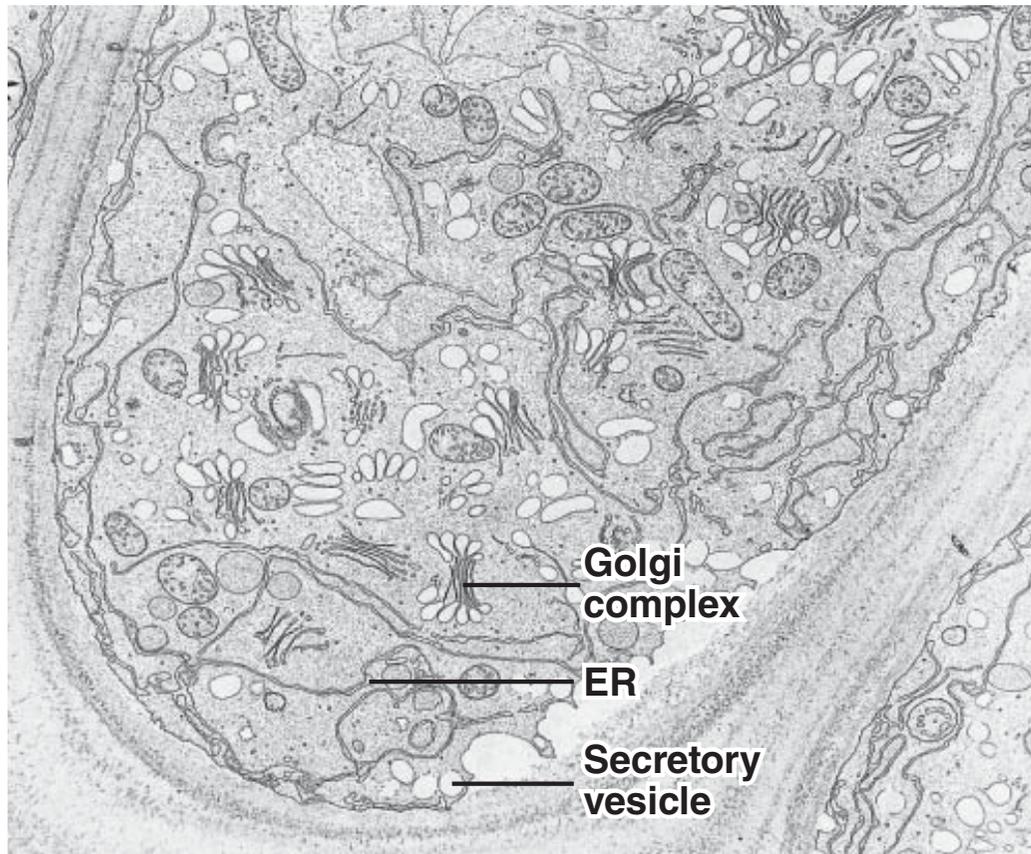
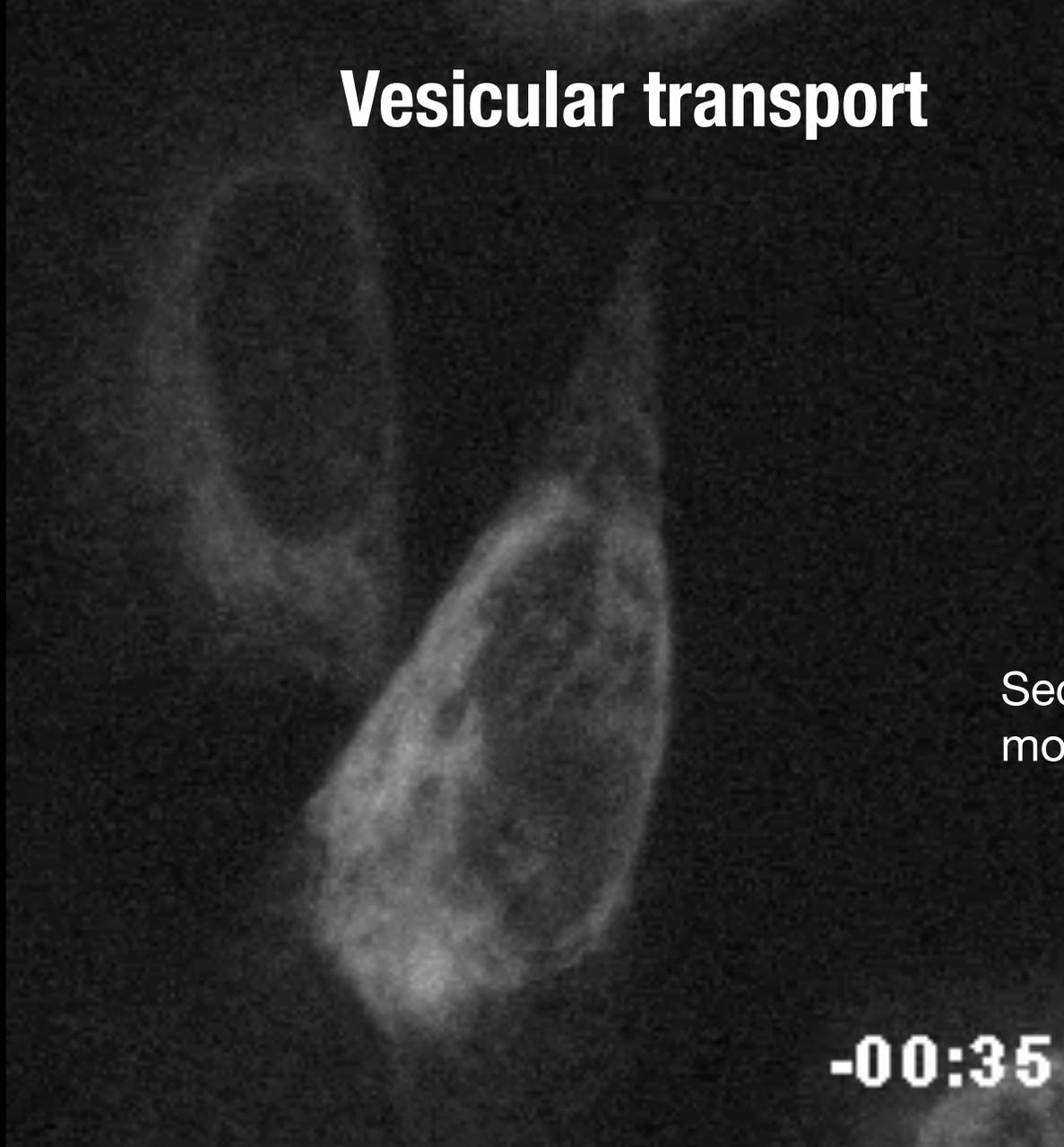


FIGURE 8.1 Membrane-bound compartments of the cytoplasm. The cytoplasm of this root cap cell of a maize plant contains an array of membrane-bound organelles whose structure and function will be examined in this chapter. As is evident in this micrograph, the combined surface area of the cytoplasmic membranes is many times greater than that of the surrounding plasma membrane.

SOURCE: Courtesy of Hilton H. Mollenhauer.

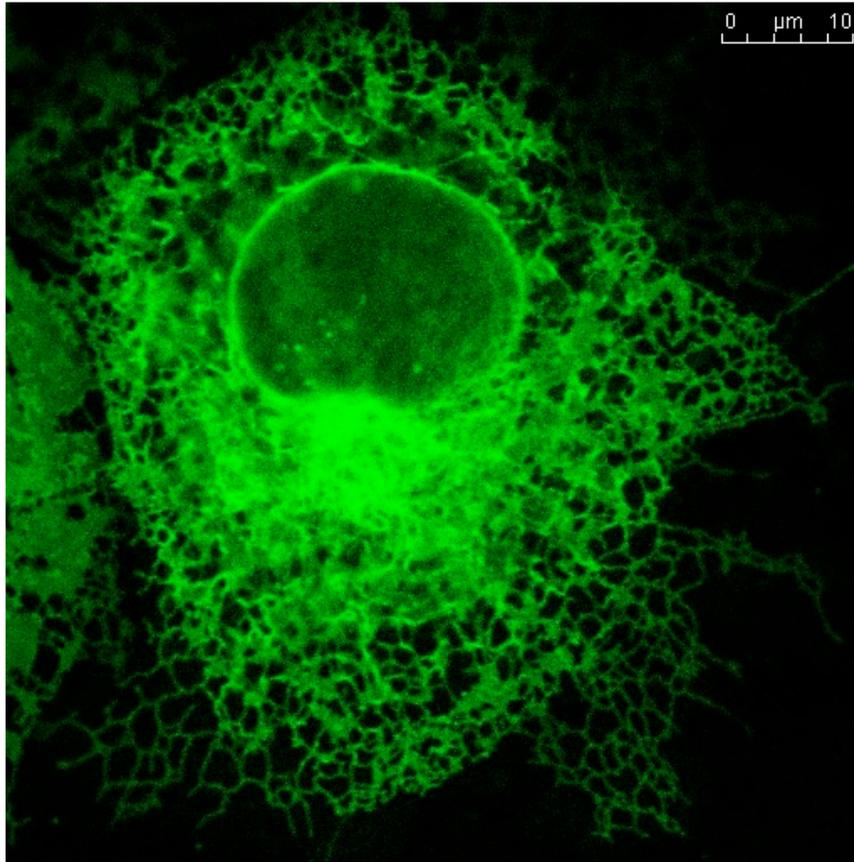
Vesicular transport



Secretory traffic
monitored in HeLa cells

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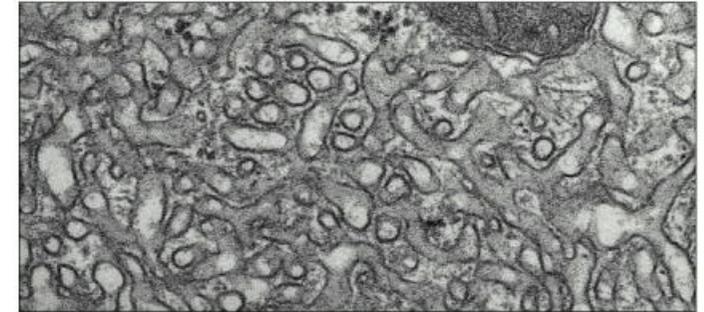
Endoplasmic Reticulum



http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/math/research/events/2009_2010/symposium/netwks/

- Constitutes more than half of the total membranes of the cell
- Composed of a network of branching tubules and flattened sacs
- ER membrane connected to the nuclear membrane and lumen connected to extracellular space
- ER membrane is the site of most lipid and membrane protein synthesis in the cell

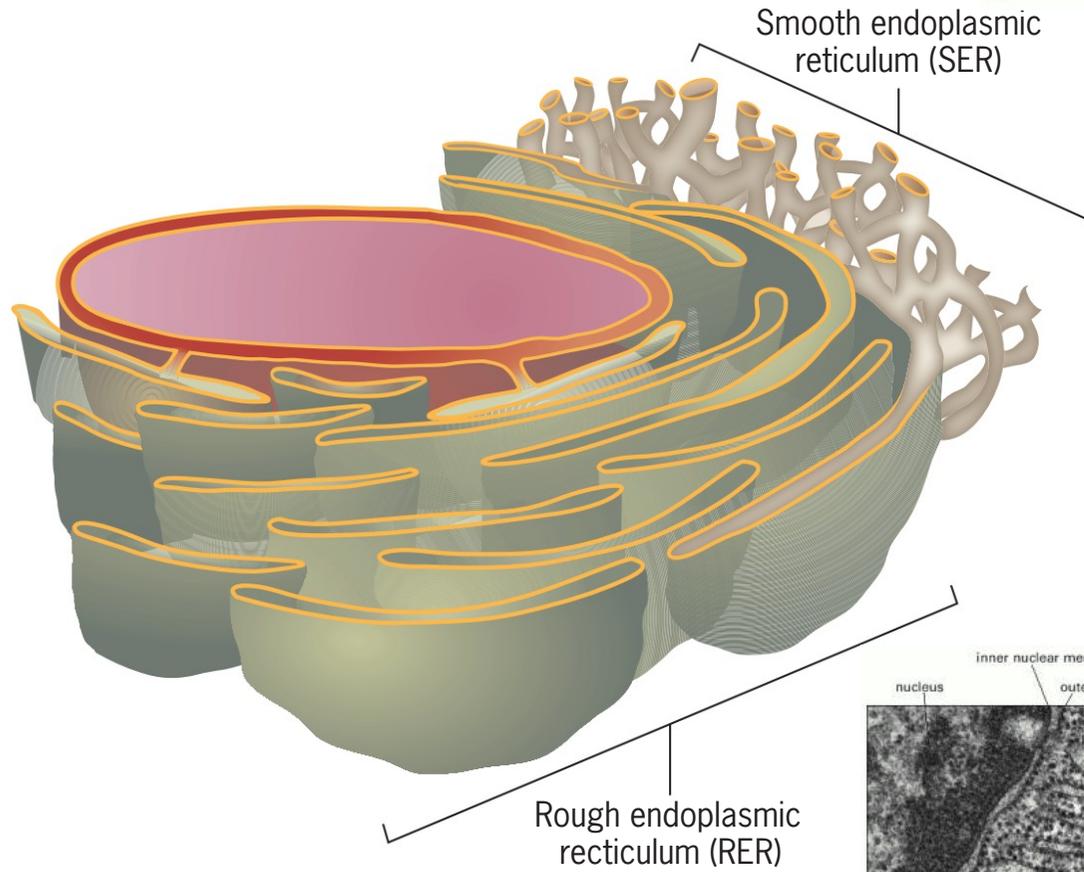
Morphologically divided into two classes



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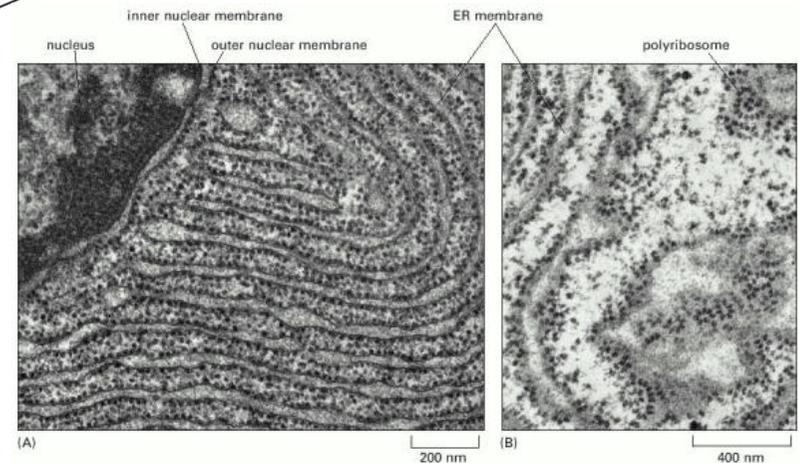
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Smooth ER



Rough ER

(a)



nucleus inner nuclear membrane outer nuclear membrane ER membrane polyribosome

(A)

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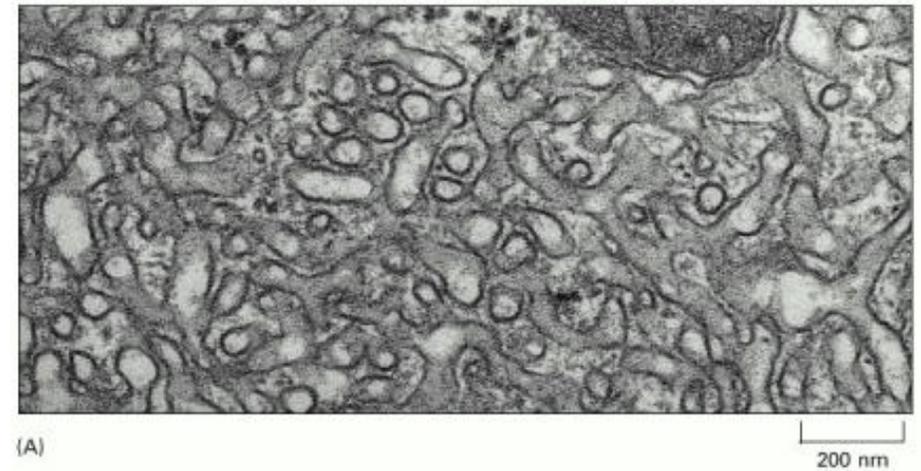
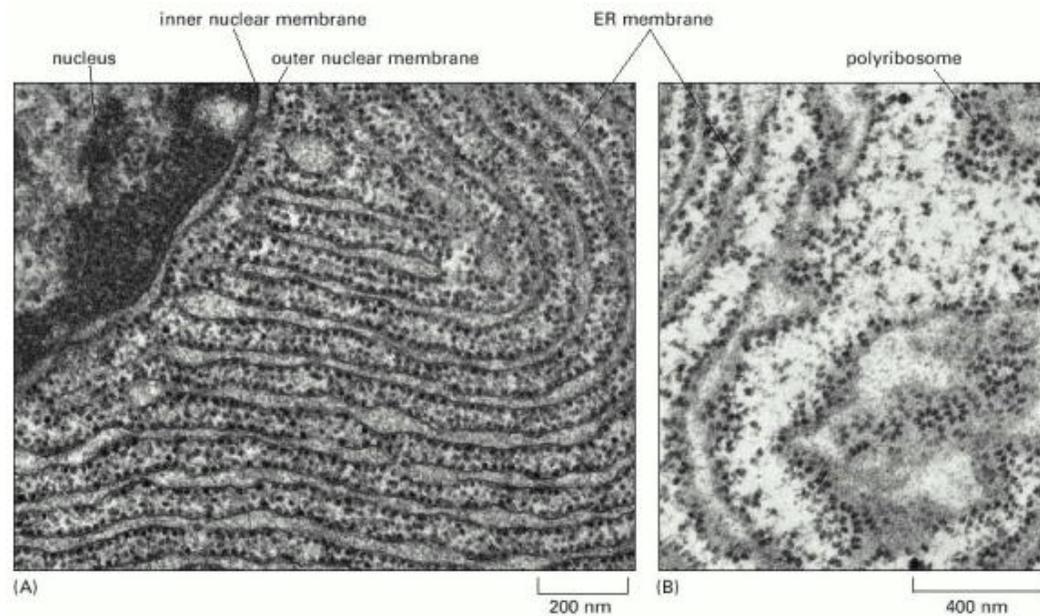
(B)

400 nm

Morphologically divided into two classes

Rough ER

Smooth ER

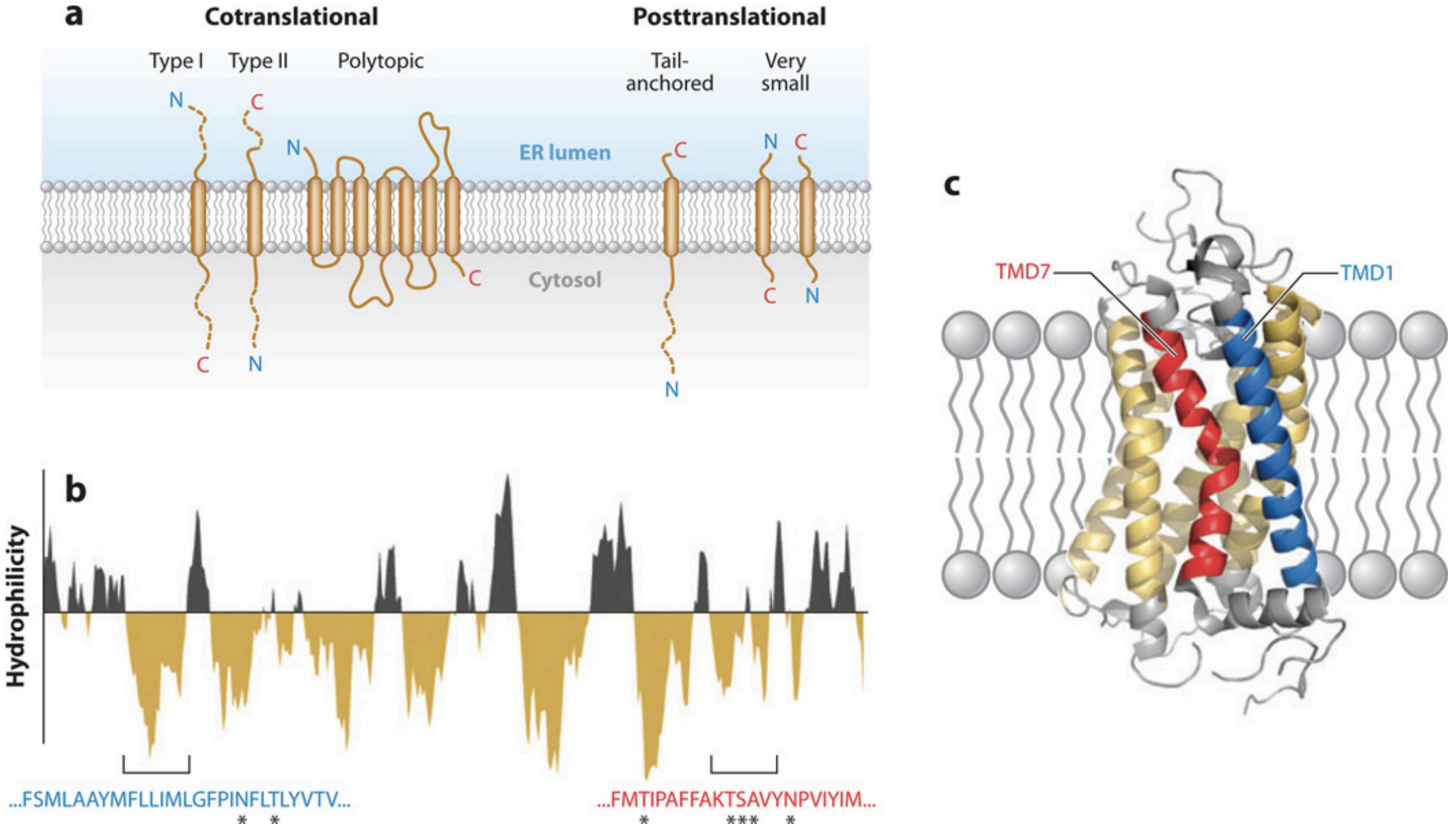


- Termed rough ER because of bound polyribosomes present on the cytosolic side
- Membrane and secreted protein synthesis
- Exocrine cells have a large fraction of rough ER

- Termed smooth ER because they are devoid of bound ribosomes
- Steroid hormone synthesis, detoxification

- SER is extensively developed in a number of cell types, skeletal muscle, kidney tubules, and steroid-producing endocrine glands.
- Synthesis of steroid hormones in the endocrine cells of the gonad and adrenal cortex
- Detoxification of organic compounds carried out by the ER-localized collection of oxygen-transferring enzymes (oxygenases), including the *cytochrome P450* family. They lack substrate specificity and can oxidize thousands of different hydrophobic compounds and convert them into more hydrophilic entities that can be easily excreted.
- Sequestering calcium ions within the cytoplasm of cells. The regulated release of Ca^{2+} from the SER of skeletal and cardiac muscle cells (known as the *sarcoplasmic reticulum* in muscle cells) triggers contraction.

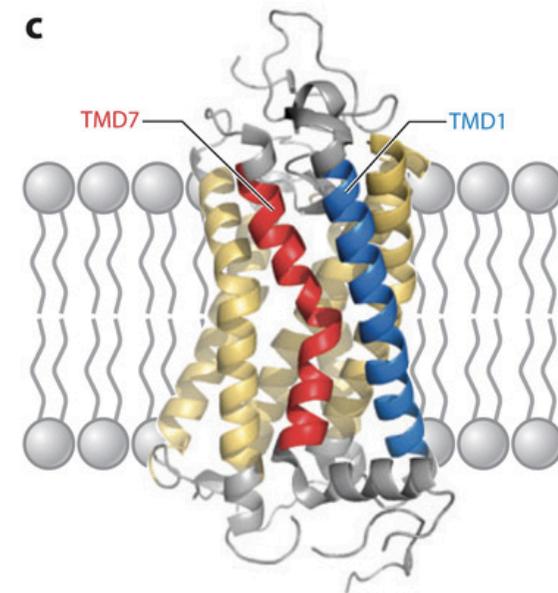
Integral membrane protein (IMP) biogenesis



Membrane Protein Insertion at the Endoplasmic Reticulum
 Shao and Hegde (2011) Annu. Rev. Cell Dev. Biol.

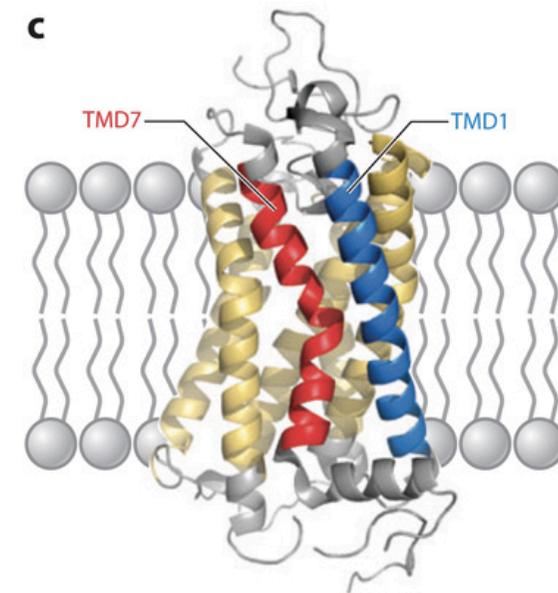
Integral membrane protein (IMP) biogenesis

- IMPs make up 20–30% of the eukaryotic proteome
- Diverse proteins - signaling receptors, mediate intracellular trafficking, facilitate organelle biogenesis, and transport a variety of molecules across cellular membranes
- IMPs range from having a single transmembrane domain (TMD) that simply anchors a soluble domain to the membrane to having tightly packed bundles containing more than 20 TMDs.
- All IMPs are translated at the ribosome and most IMPs are initially assembled at the endoplasmic reticulum (ER)
- IMP's TMD(s) are integrated into the membrane, final topology is determined, and tertiary and quaternary structures are achieved
- If these steps in IMP biogenesis are successful, the IMP is subsequently sorted to its final location of function
- Otherwise, one of several quality-control pathways routes the IMP for degradation



Integral membrane protein (IMP) biogenesis

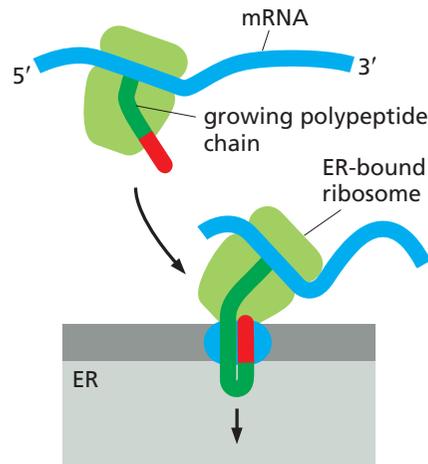
- IMPs destined to be inserted into the ER face a set of challenges
- The hydrophobic TMDs of IMPs must be continuously shielded from the aqueous cytosol (shielding is essential because the tremendously crowded cytosolic environment (~300 mg/ml protein) would promote potentially toxic aggregation)
- TMDs need to be recognized as they emerge from the ribosome by the targeting machinery.
- IMPs must be targeted to the appropriate organelle, which requires the cytosolic targeting factors to interface with specific membrane receptors.
- TMDs need a route of transport past the highly polar surface of the membrane into the hydrophobic core of the lipid bilayer.
- TMD insertion must be asymmetric, with the final orientation consistent with the IMP's final folded state.
- This means that the insertion machinery must recognize, orient, and provide a potential path into the membrane for a wide range of sequences.



Integral membrane protein (IMP) biogenesis

Co-translational

- Co-translational synthesis (translation and insertion are sequential processes)

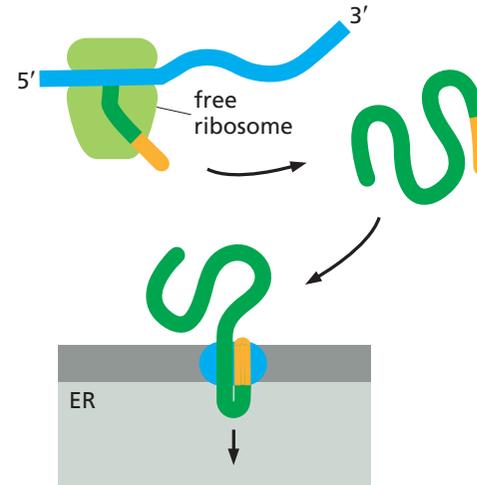


(A) CO-TRANSLATIONAL TRANSLOCATION

- Constitutes bulk of the membrane proteins
- Synthesized and assembled at the ER
- Involves the translocon apparatus
- No chaperones necessary for folding

Post-translational

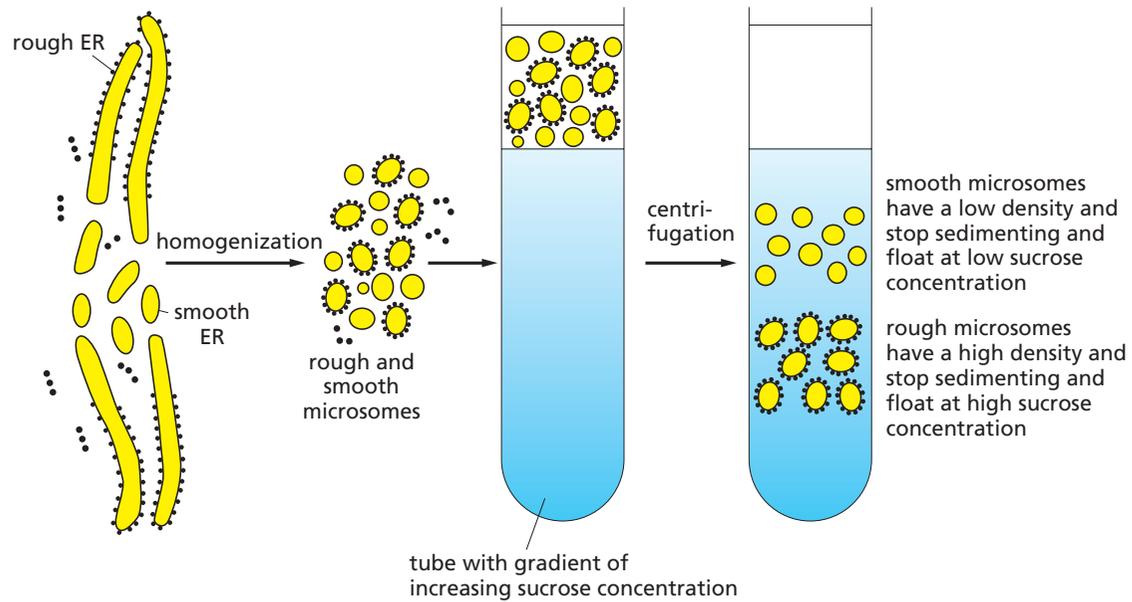
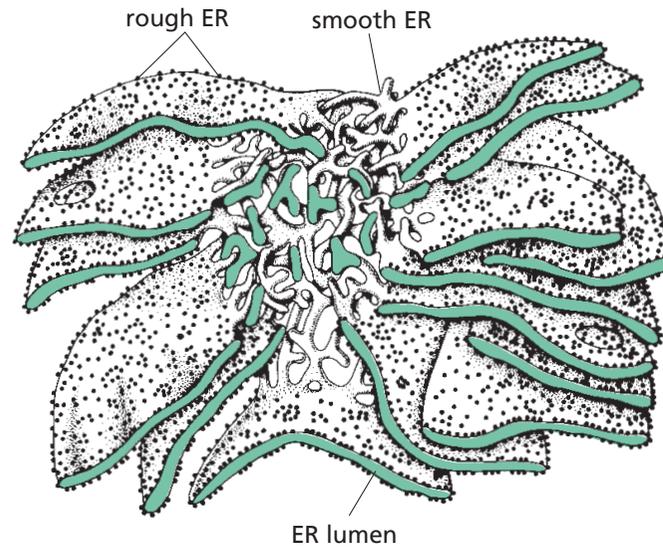
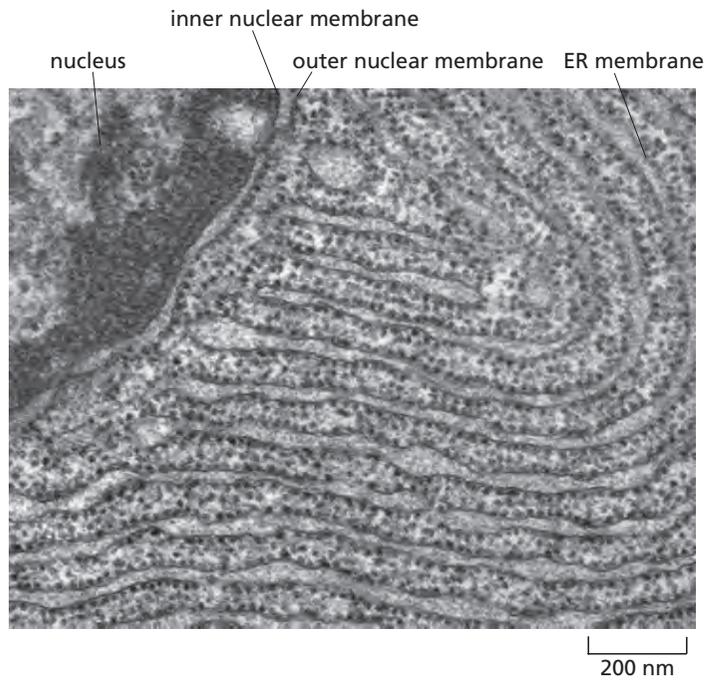
- Post-translational synthesis (translation and insertion are temporally distinct processes)



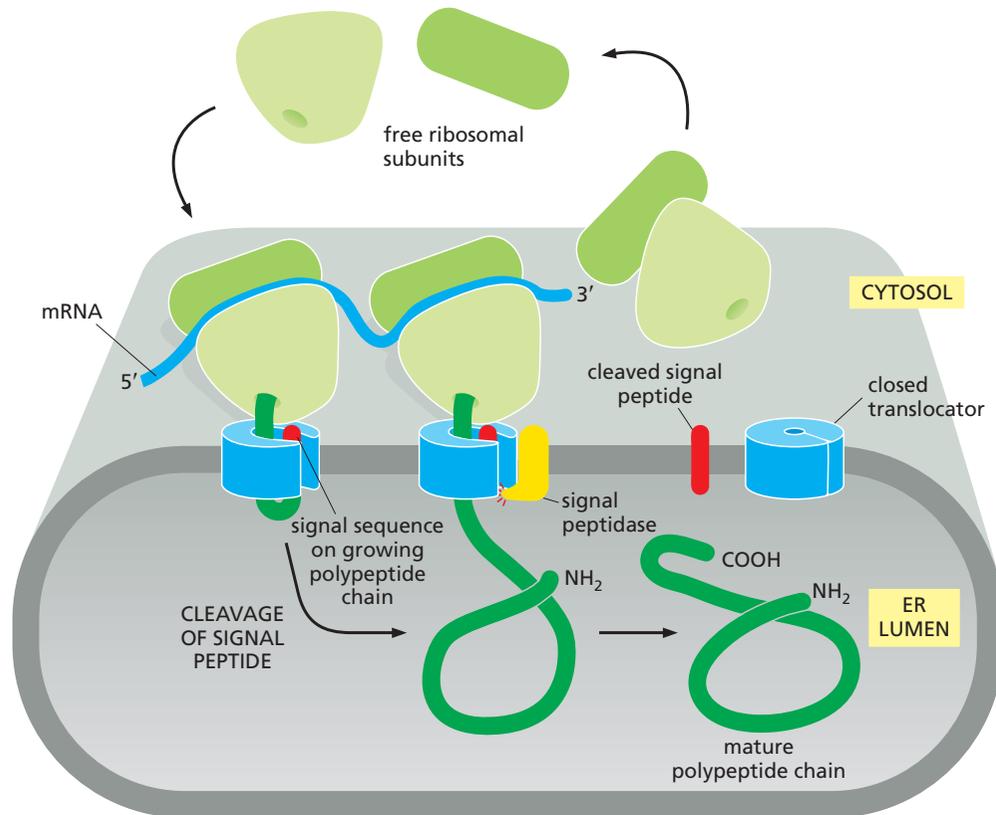
(B) POST-TRANSLATIONAL TRANSLOCATION

- Constitutes membrane proteins of mitochondria and chloroplast, nuclei and peroxisome and some bacterial toxins for e.g., alpha hemolysin, colicin, melittin and C-terminally anchored proteins found in synaptic vesicles
- Assisted (not involving the translocon apparatus)/spontaneous insertion into membranes
- Chaperones necessary to maintain solubility in the cytosol

How to study IMP synthesis?

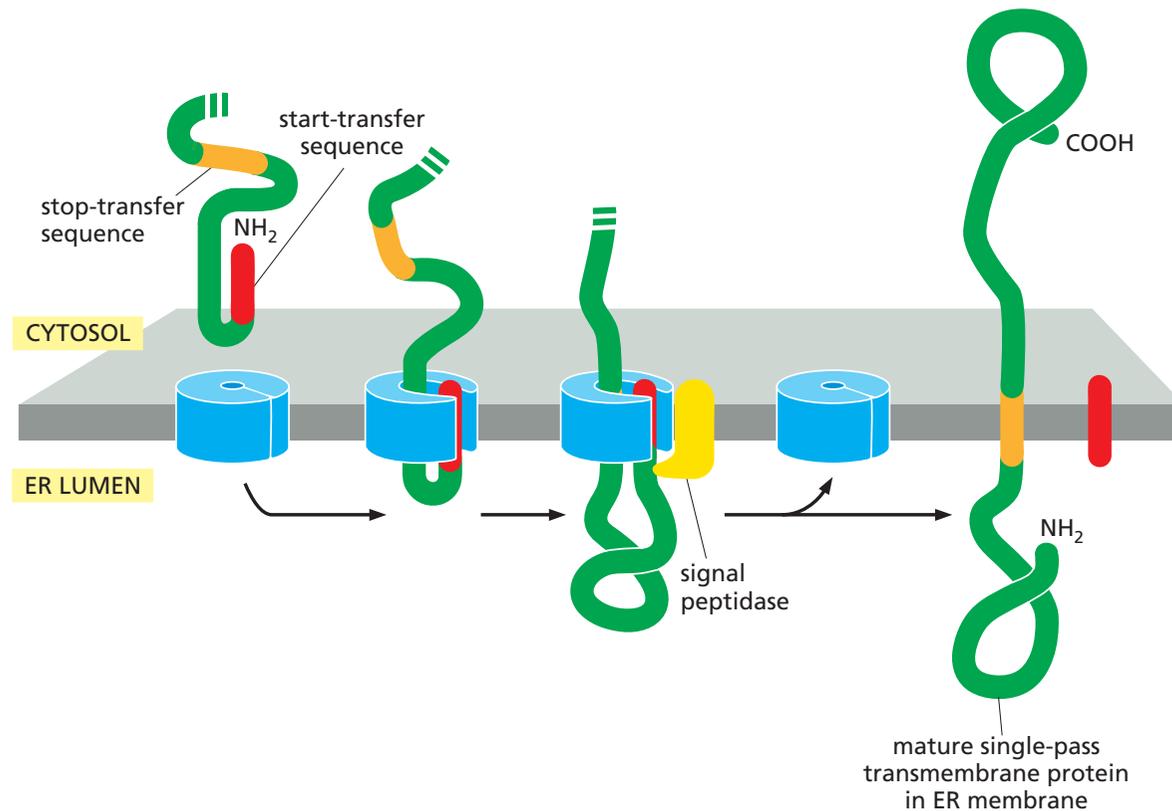


Secretory Protein Biogenesis and the Signal hypothesis



- Secreted proteins contain a ~8 amino acids long hydrophobic segment at the N terminus called the ER signal sequence
- ER signal sequences emerge from the soluble pool of ribosomes
- Signal sequence directs the ribosome to the translocon in the ER membrane
- Protein synthesis and translocation occurs sequentially
- Signal sequence is cleaved off
- Protein is retained in the ER lumen

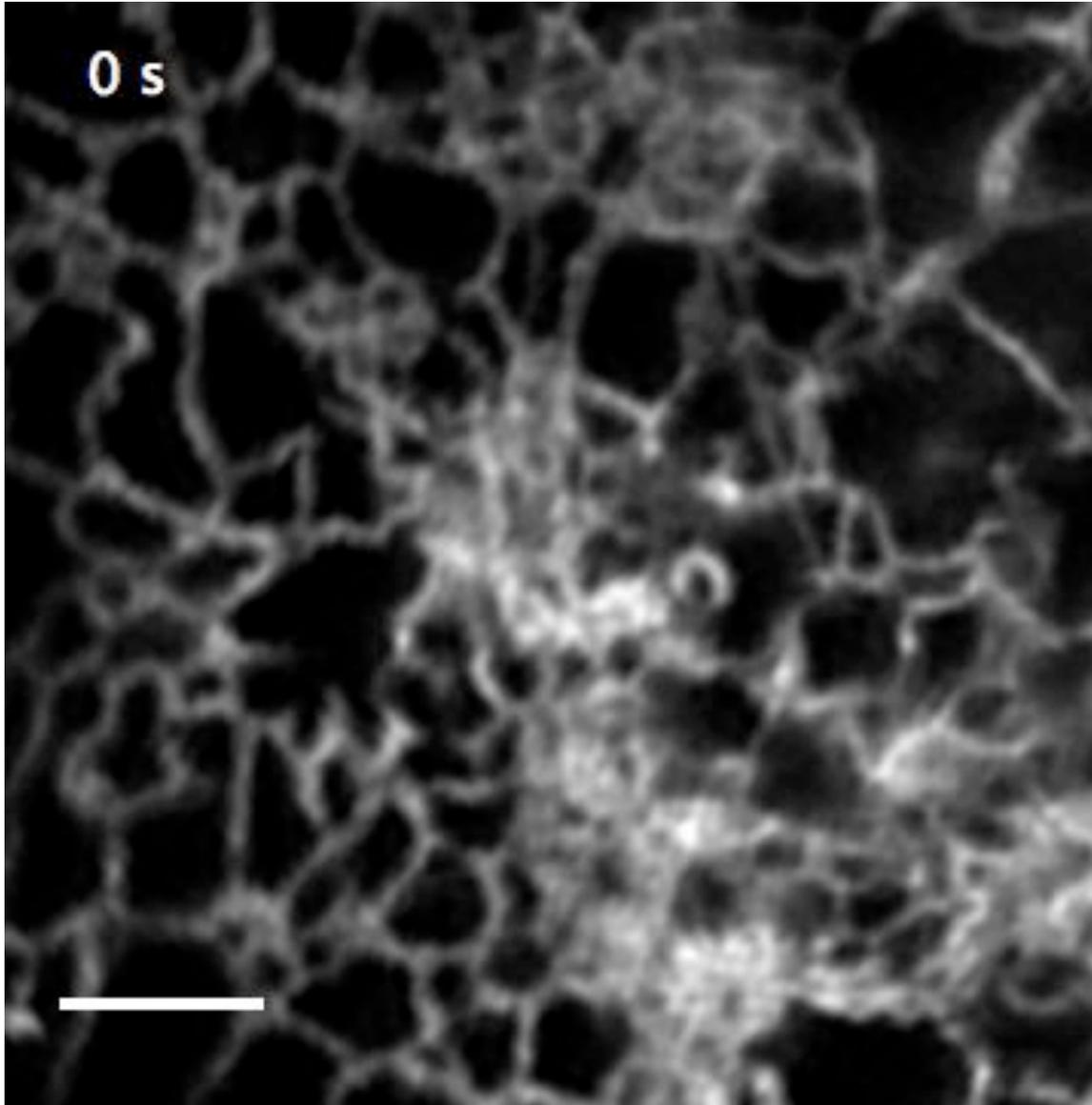
Co-translational protein synthesis and insertion into membranes



- Events start off like for soluble proteins
- Translocon encounters a stop-transfer hydrophobic segment
- Rest of the protein is translated
- Translocon releases the stop transfer hydrophobic segment into the lipid bilayer (mechanism ?)

Recent Insights into Endoplasmic Reticulum Organization

Ref: Jonathon Nixon-Abell et al. Science (2016)



ER organization during cell division

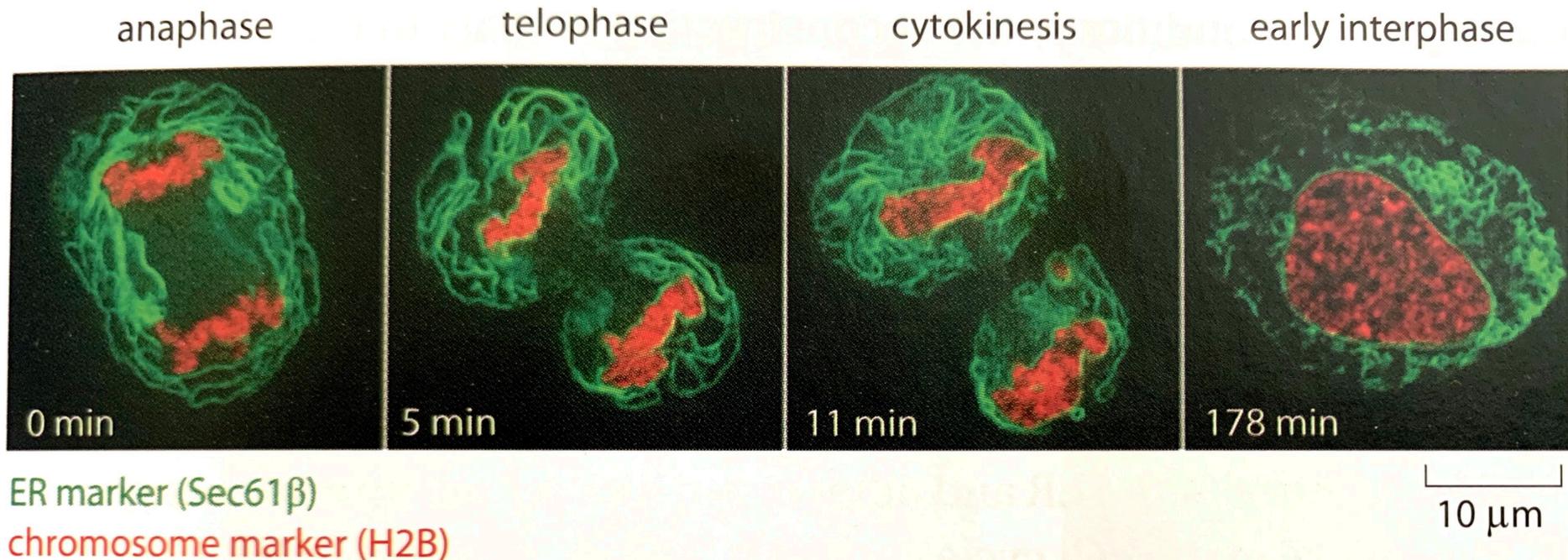
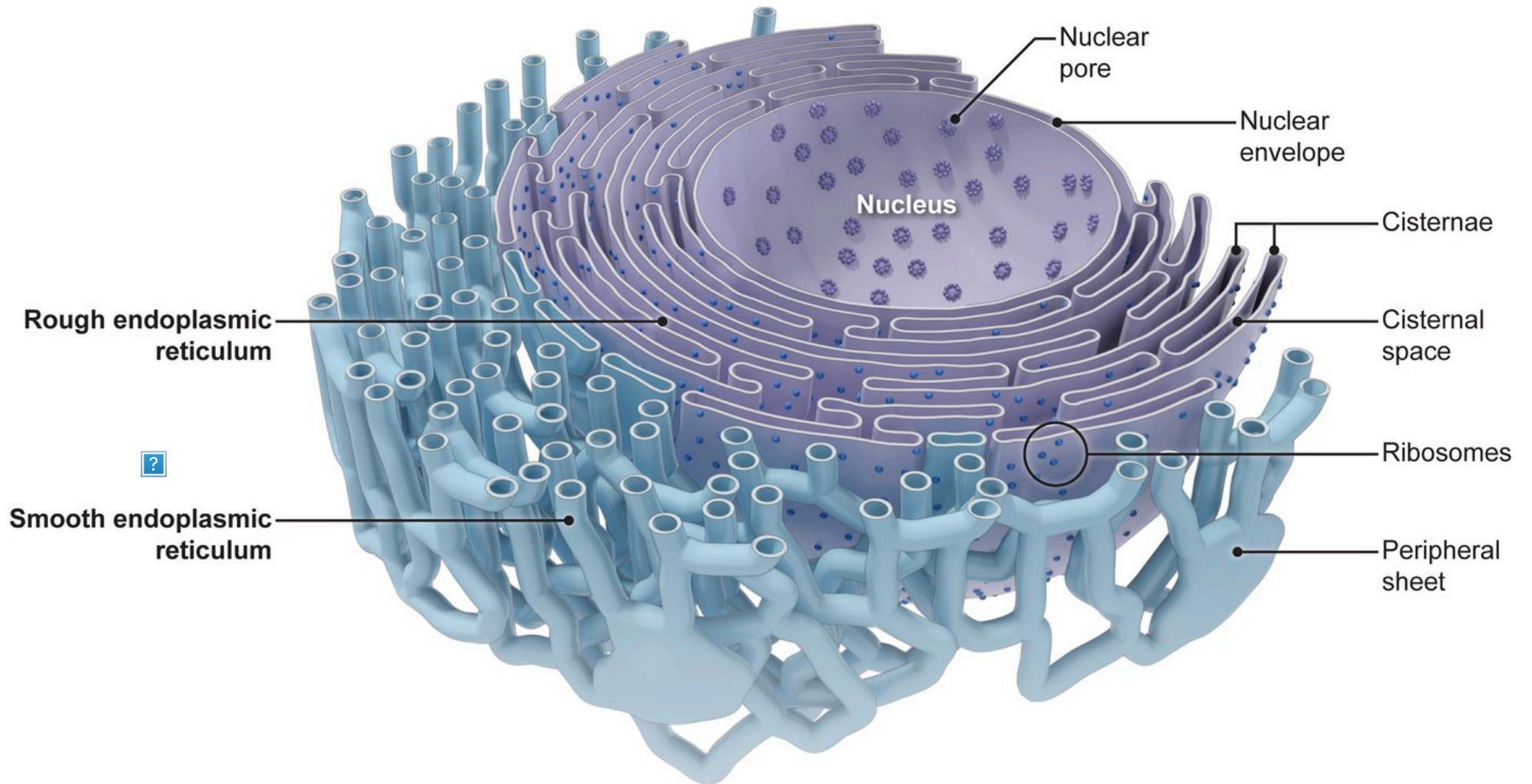
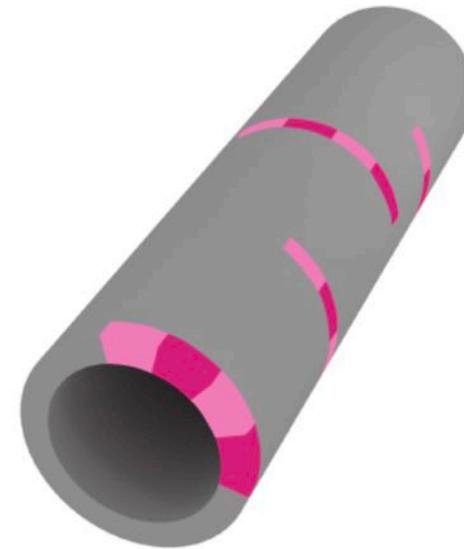
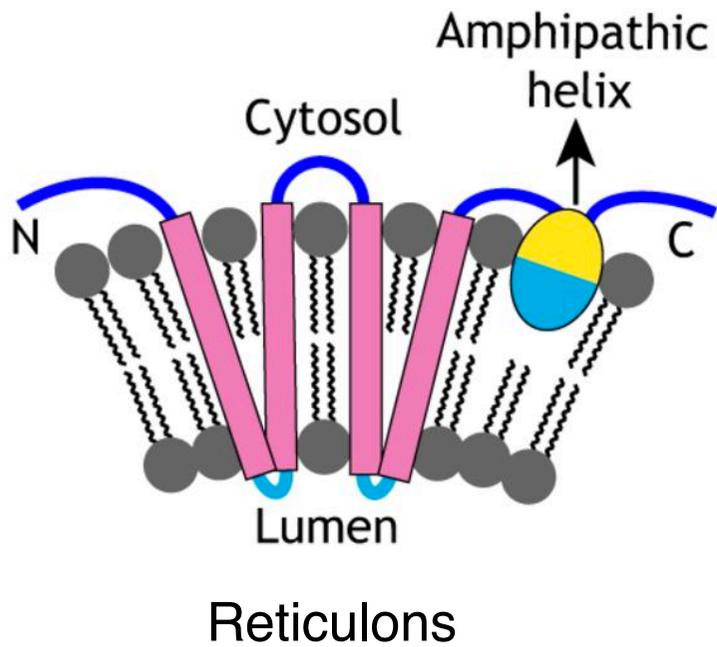


Figure 1-23 Structural dynamics of the endoplasmic reticulum during the cell cycle. Confocal images of HeLa cells. The chromosomes are labeled in red using a fusion of a fluorescent protein with histone H2B. The ER is labeled in green by virtue of a fusion of a fluorescent protein to a molecular member of the ER segregation apparatus (Sec61 β -GFP). The sequence of images shows the changes in ER morphology as a function of time during the cell cycle. (Adapted from Lu L, Ladinsky MS & Kirchhausen T [2009] *Mol Biol Cell* 20:3471–3480.)

How is the ER made?

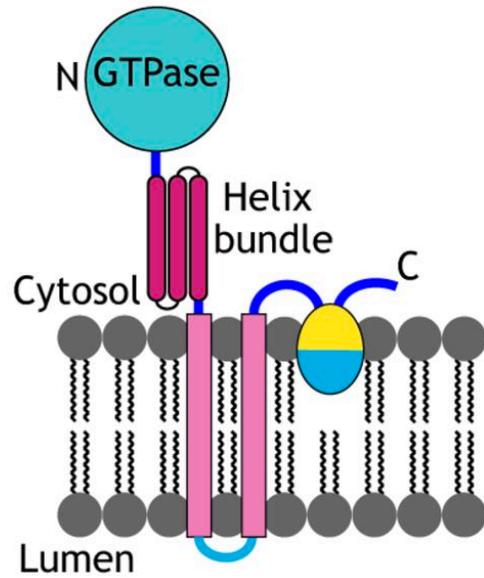


Membrane tubulation



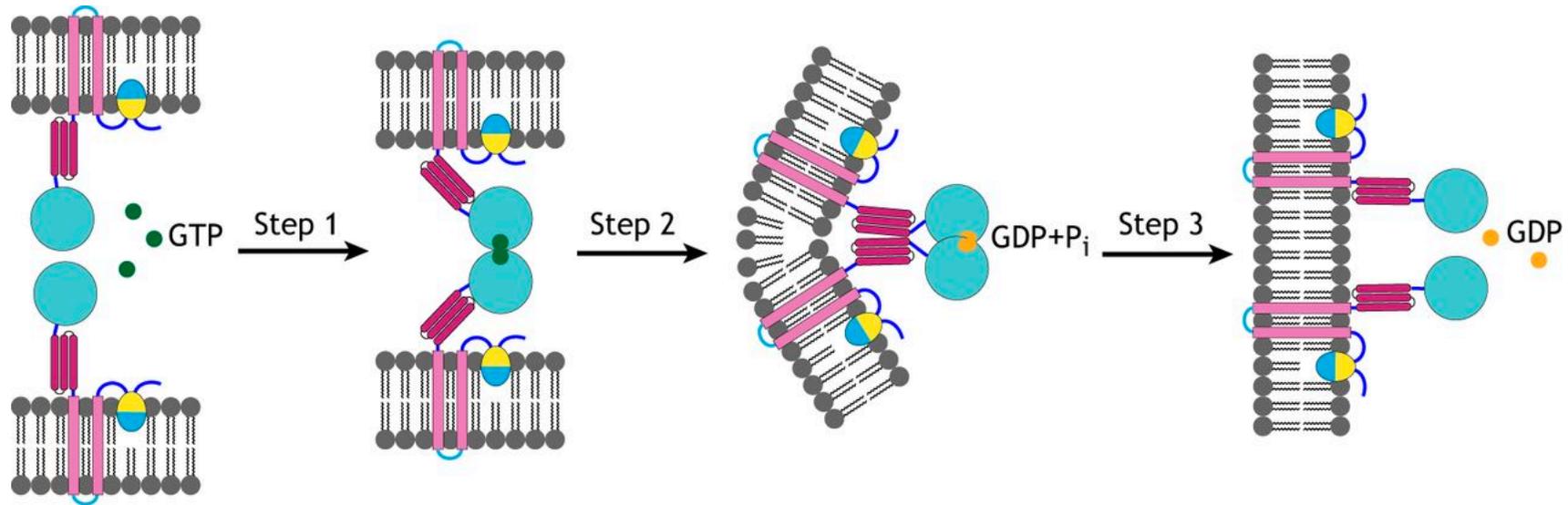
Reticulons decide the shape of the ER membrane

Membrane fusion

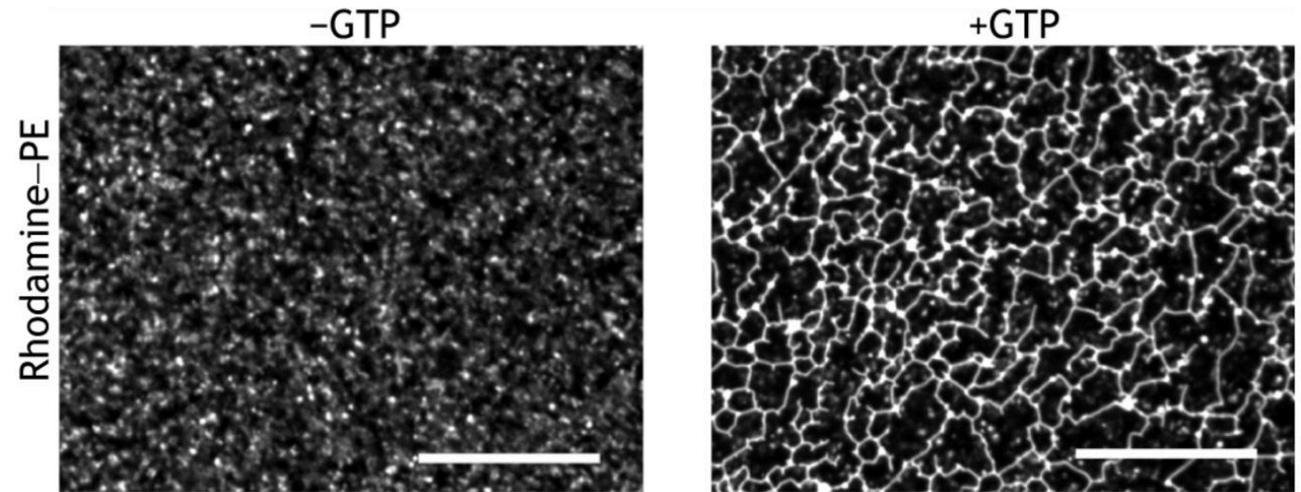
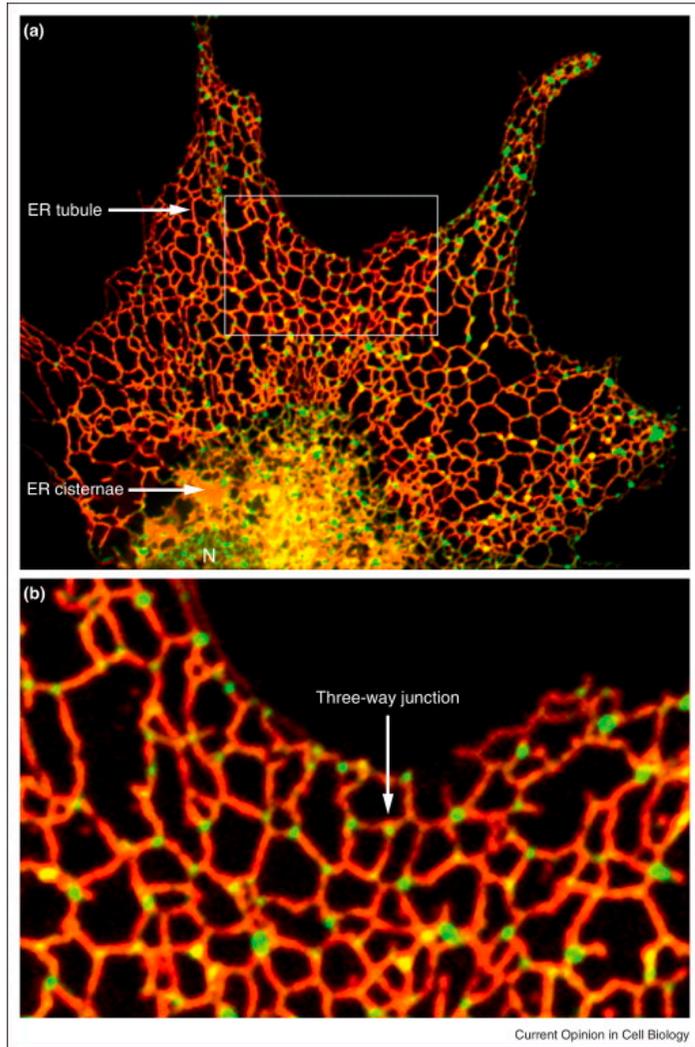


Atlastin

Atlastins fuse membranes



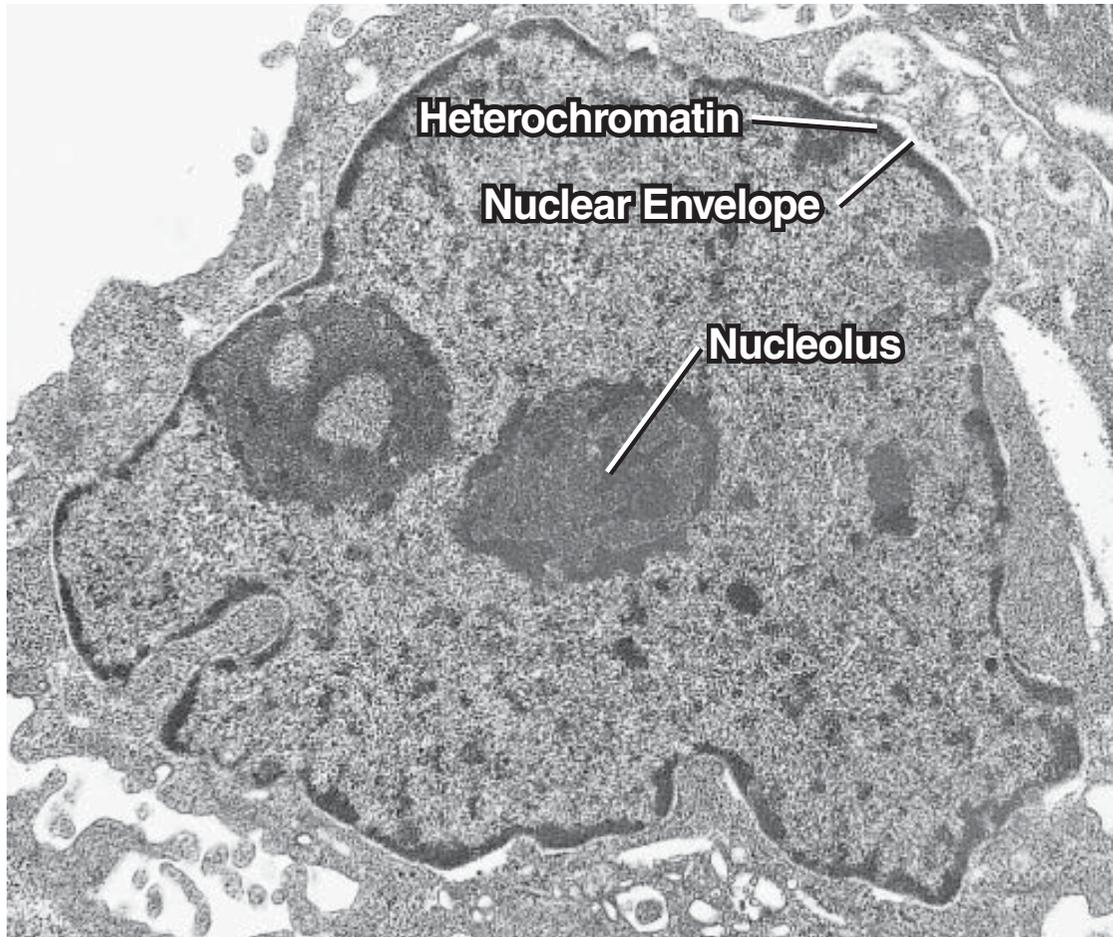
Proof-of-concept



Structure of the ER in cells

Reconstituting the reticular ER network – mechanistic implications and open questions Wang and Rapoport (2019) J. Cell Sci.

Nucleus



Separation of a cell's genetic material from the surrounding cytoplasm may be the single most important feature that distinguishes eukaryotes from prokaryotes

Makes the appearance of the nuclear envelope a landmark in biological evolution

The nucleus of a typical interphase (i.e., nonmitotic) cell contains

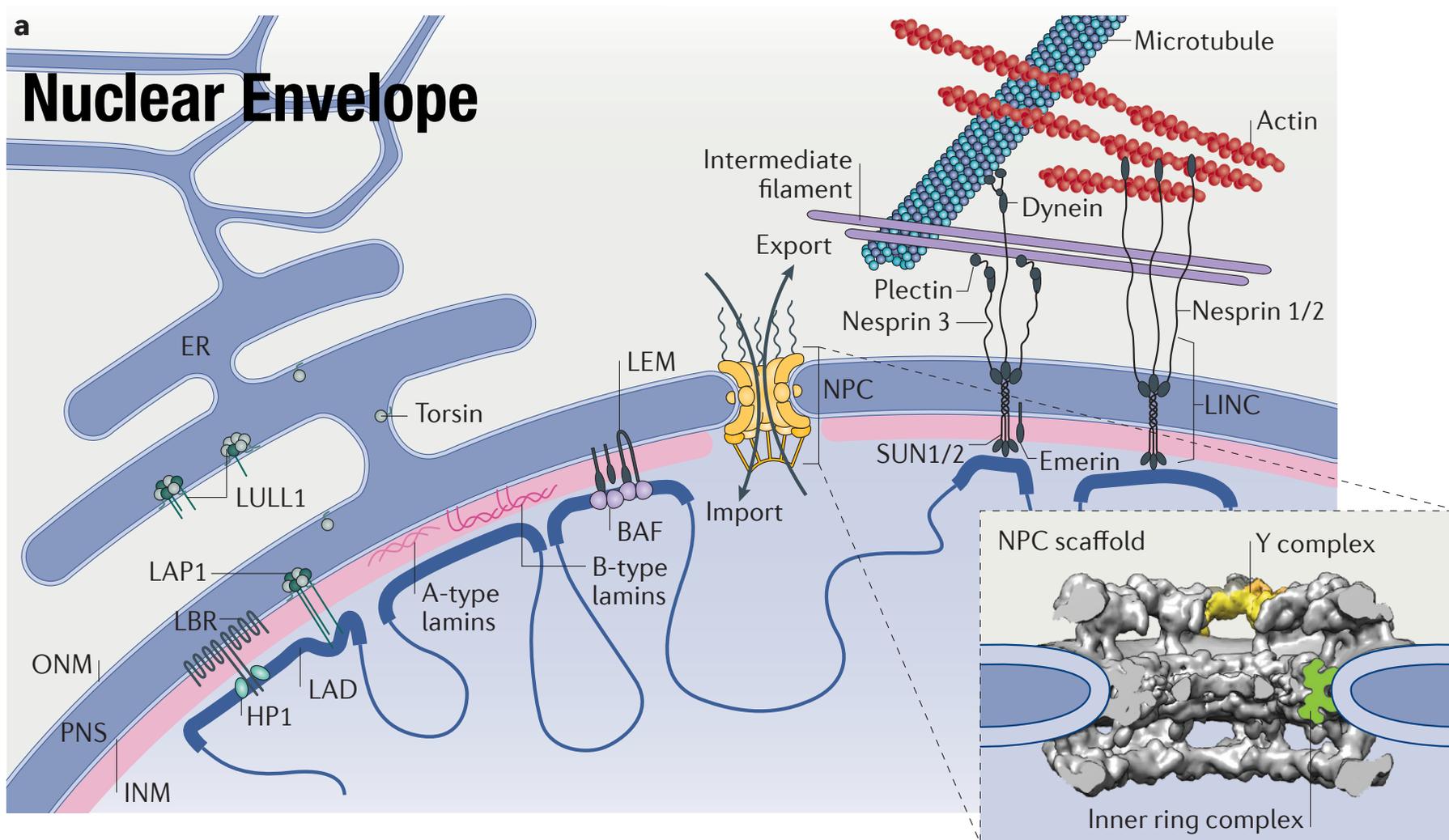
- (1) Chromosomes, which are present as highly extended nucleoprotein fibers, termed *chromatin*
- (2) One or more *nucleoli*, which are irregularly shaped electron-dense structures that function in the synthesis of ribosomal RNA and the assembly of ribosomes
- (3) The *nucleoplasm*, the fluid substance in which the solutes of the nucleus are dissolved.

Contents of the nucleus are present as a viscous, amorphous mass of material enclosed by a complex *nuclear envelope*

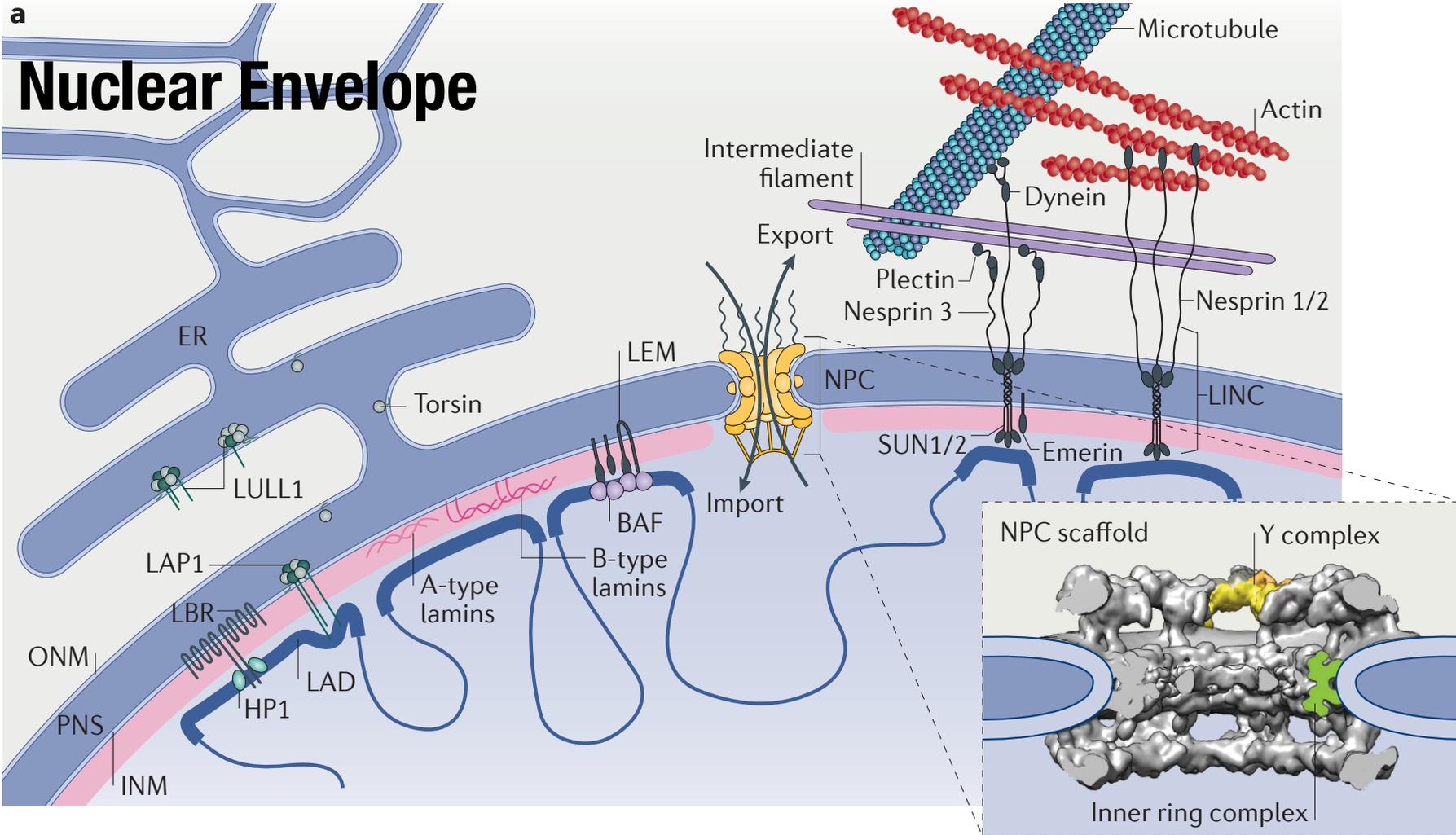
This envelope forms a boundary between the nucleus and cytoplasm.

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Nuclear Envelope



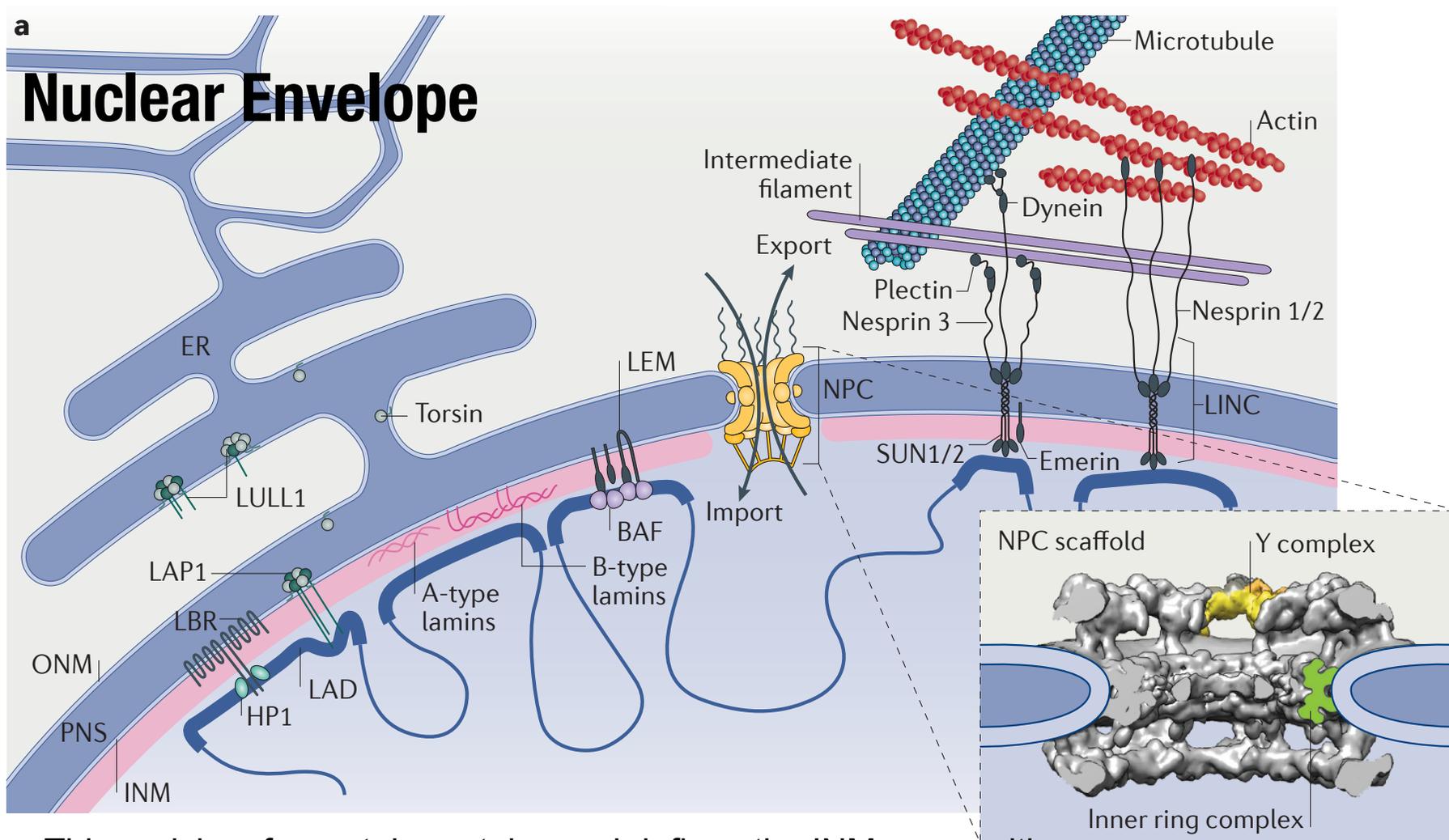
- NE defines the nuclear compartment
- NE is comprised of two concentric membranes - Outer nuclear membrane (ONM) and Inner nuclear membrane (INM)
- ONM and INM are separated by a distance of 10-50 nm
- NE contains about 60 integral membrane proteins
- NE is penetrated by nuclear pore complexes
- ONM and INM are continuous but maintain distinct protein compositions
- INM contains proteins that bind chromatin and nuclear lamina
- ONM is continuous with the ER membrane



- NE incorporates new components during growth and to replace defective parts
- Adapts to mechanical challenges
- During open mitosis in higher eukaryotes, NE disassembles completely and then reforms
- Integral membrane proteins are co-translationally inserted into the ER network and distribute to the ONM and INM by diffusion
- Some of these proteins are retained by binding to chromatin and/or the nuclear lamina

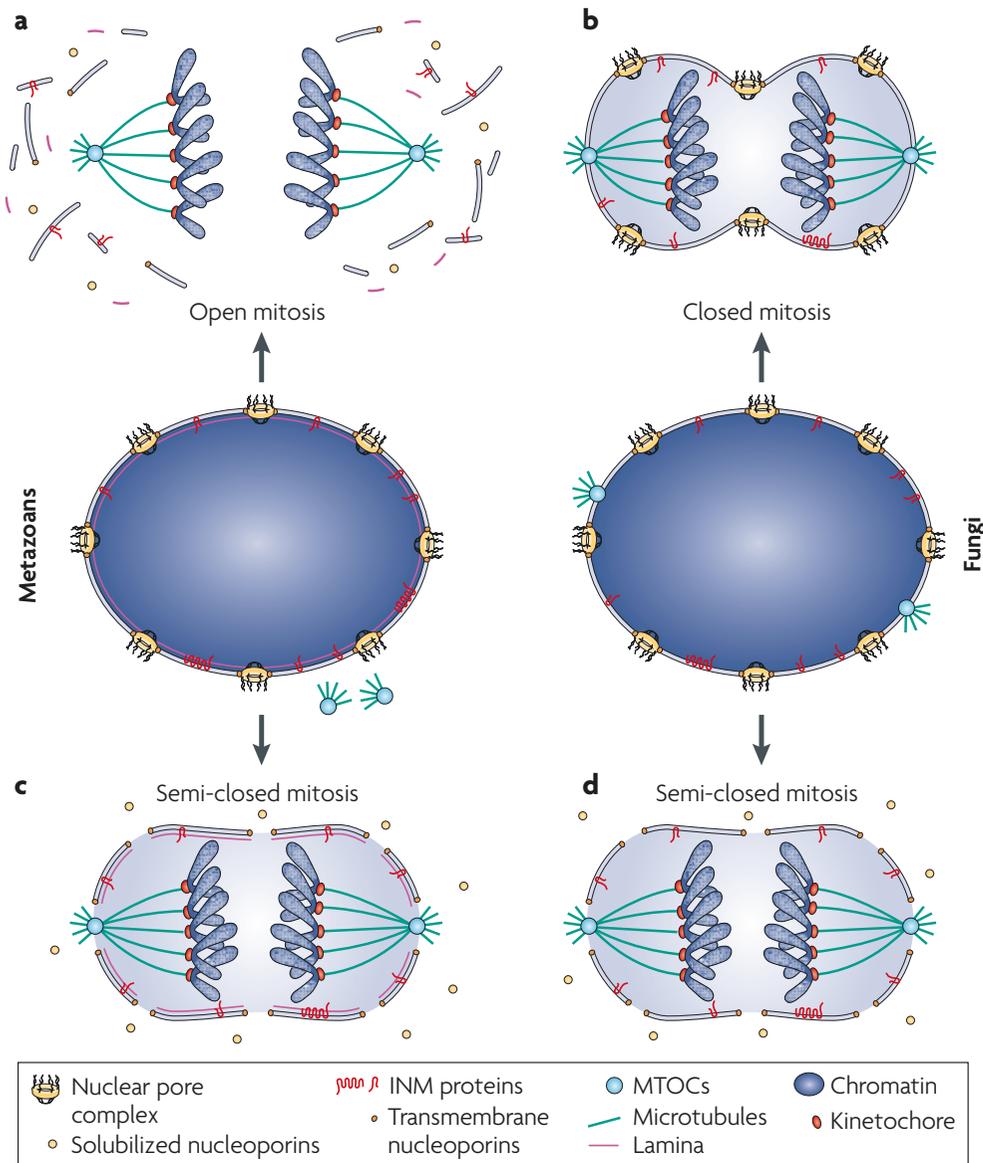
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Nuclear Envelope

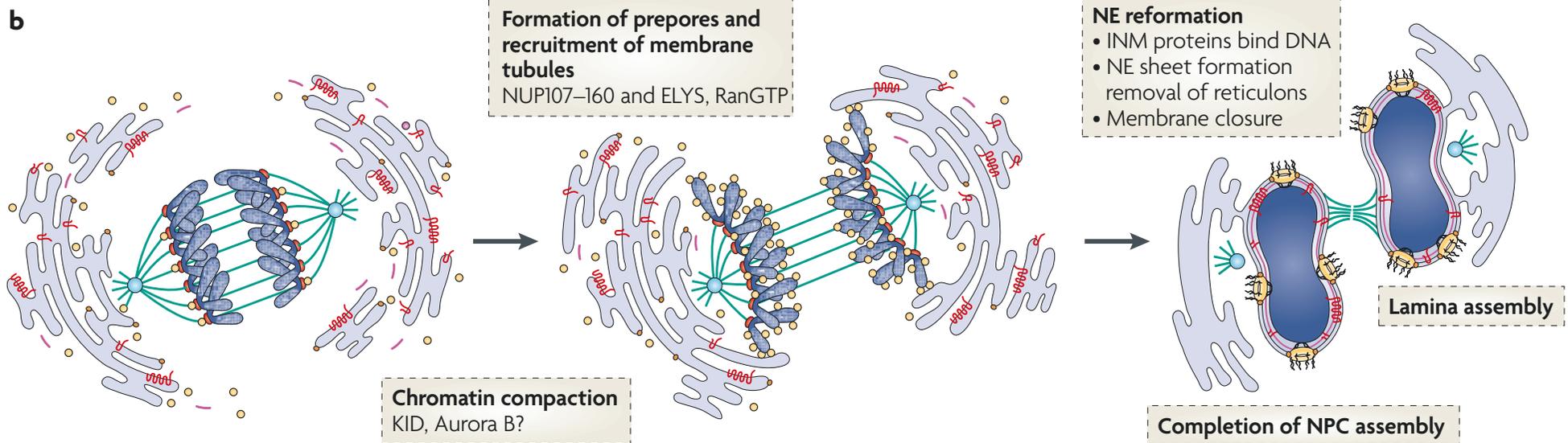
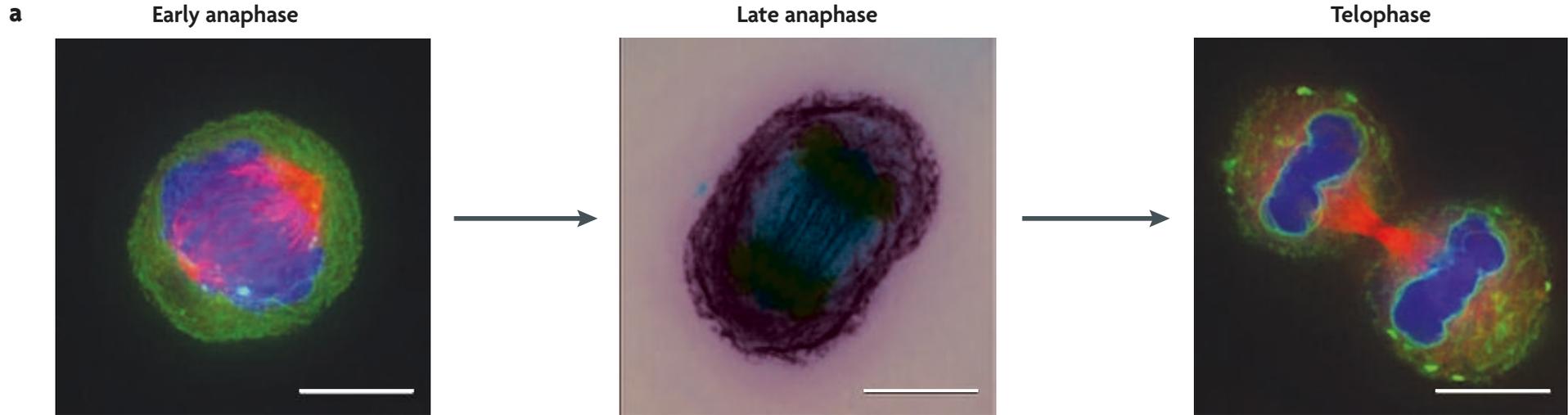


- This enriches for certain proteins and defines the INM composition
- Nuclear pore complexes (NPC) puncture the ONM and the INM
- NPCs restricts free diffusion and prevents the passage of membrane proteins with extraluminal domains larger than approximately 60 kDa to the INM.
- This NPC-based size restriction dictates which proteins can reach the INM. *Thus, the INM can in principle be 'sampled' by ER membrane proteins that fulfill the NPC-based size criterion.*
- However, only proteins that bind efficiently to nuclear components will become enriched in the INM. Thus, the protein composition of the INM is determined by a passive sorting mechanism

Open vs Closed Mitosis and the Nuclear Envelope



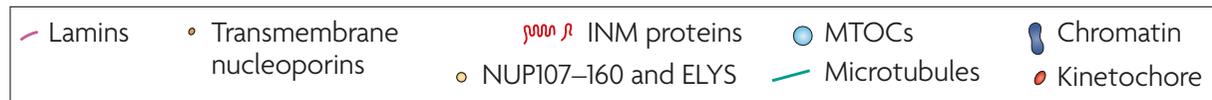
Reformation of the Nuclear Envelope



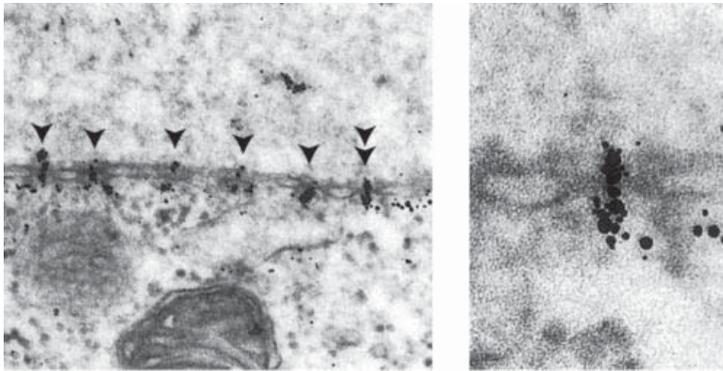
Green - INM (lamin)

Blue - DNA

Red - microtubules

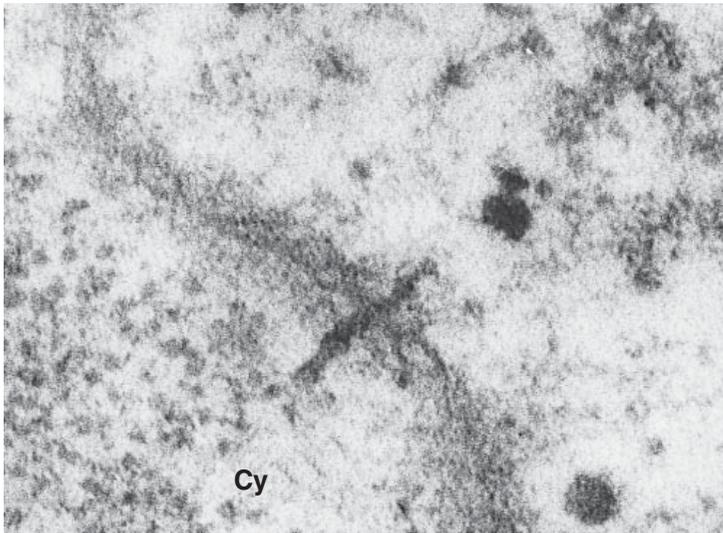


Nuclear Transport



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(b)



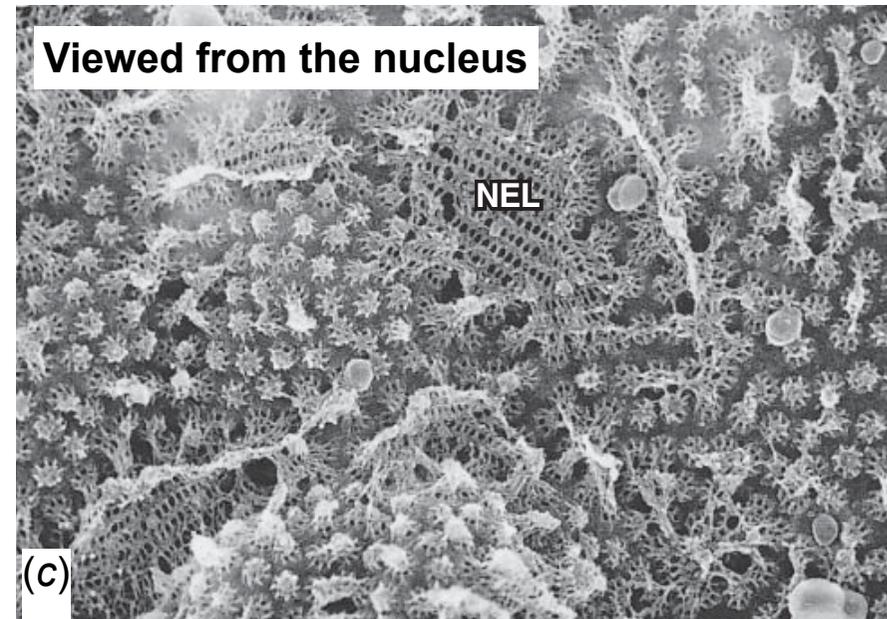
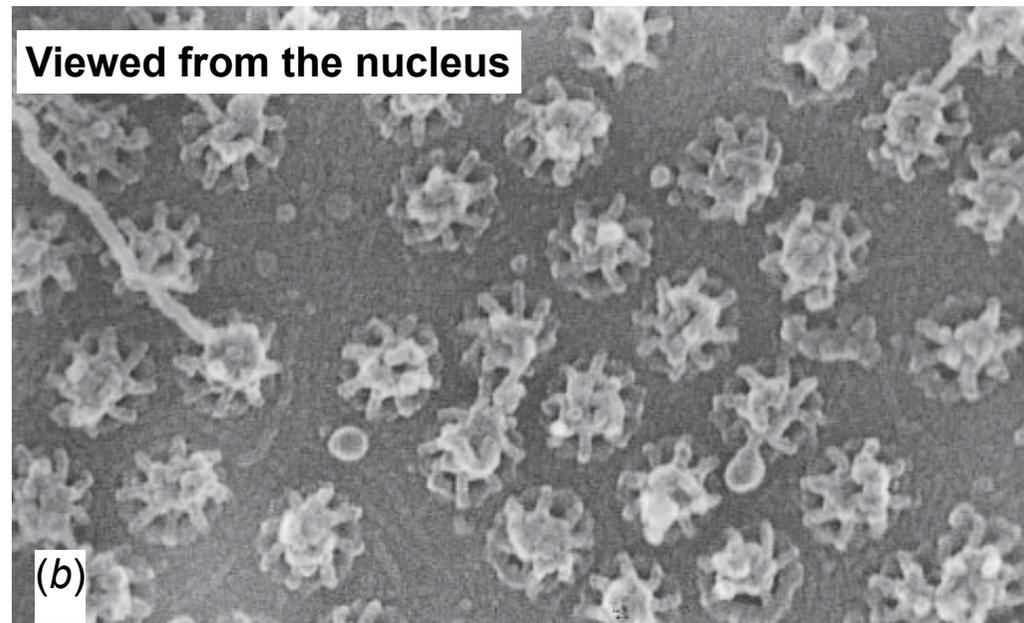
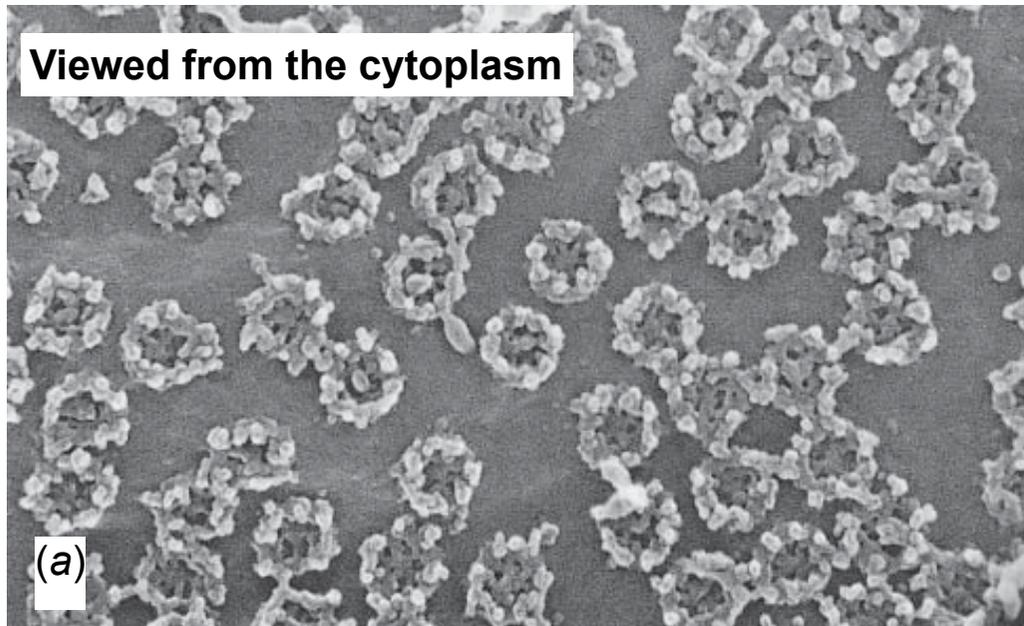
(c)

0.1 μm

The movement of materials through the nuclear pore. (a) Electron micrograph of the nuclear–cytoplasmic border of a frog oocyte taken minutes after injection with gold particles that had been coated with a protein normally found in the nucleus. These particles pass through the center of the nuclear pores (arrows) on their way from the cytoplasm to the nucleus. (b) At higher magnification, the gold particles are seen to be clustered in a linear array within each pore. (c) Electron micrograph of a section through the nuclear envelope of an insect cell showing the movement of granular material (presumed to be a ribosomal subunit) through a nuclear pore. Karp et al.

“To support growth, a single nucleus must import approximately 560,000 ribosomal proteins and export approximately 14,000 ribosomal subunits every minute.”

Nuclear pore complex (NPC)



nuclear pore complex from isolated
nuclear envelopes of an amphibian oocyte.

(a) The cytoplasmic face of the nuclear envelope showing the peripheral cytoplasmic ring of the nuclear pore complex. (b) The nuclear face of the nuclear envelope showing the basket-like appearance of the inner portion of the complex. (c) The nuclear face of the envelope showing the distribution of the NPCs and places where intact patches of the nuclear lamina (NEL) are retained. In all of these micrographs, isolated nuclear envelopes were fixed, dehydrated, dried, and metal-coated.

Nuclear pore complex (NPC)

Huge, supramolecular complex - 15 to 30 times the mass of a ribosome (2.7 MDa)

Exhibits octagonal symmetry

Can rearrange to change diameter of the opening from about 20 to 40 nm.

Contain only about 30 different proteins (*nucleoporins*), which are largely conserved between yeast and vertebrates.

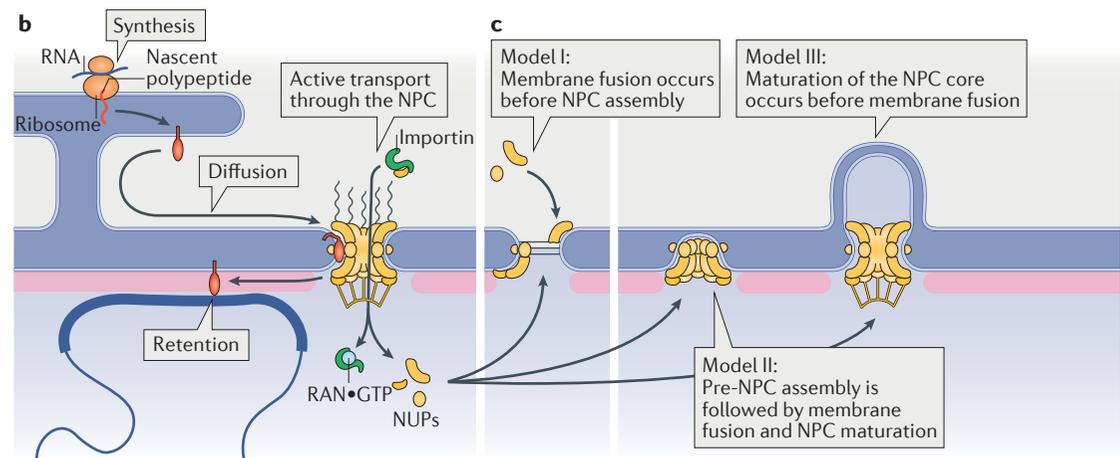
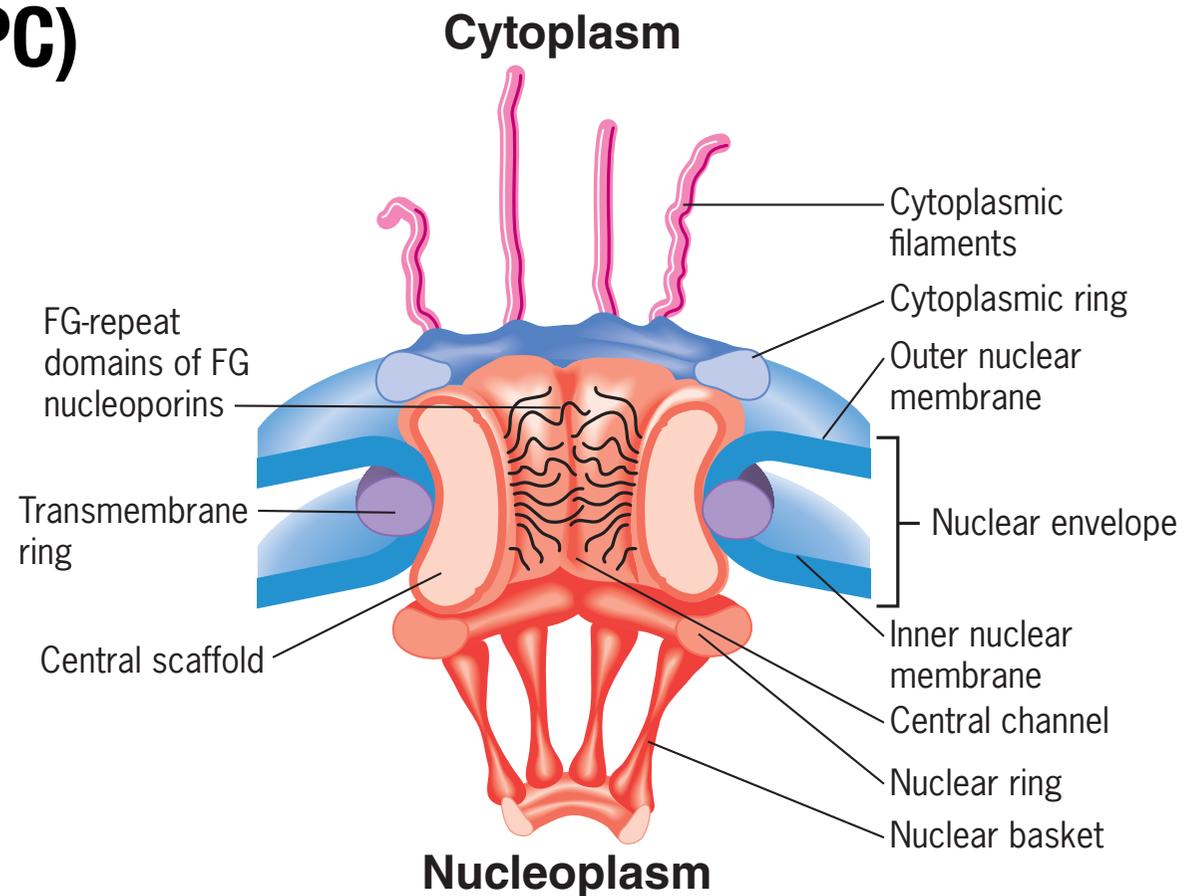
Nucleoporins lining the inner cavity contain stretches of Phe-Gly (FG) repeats

Clustered in a particular region of each nucleoporin to form the FG domain.

Possess a disordered structure that gives them an extended and flexible organization.

The FG domains form a hydrophobic meshwork or sieve that blocks the free diffusion of larger macromolecules (greater than about 40,000 Daltons) between the nucleus and cytoplasm.

Density of nuclear pore complexes correlates with nuclear activity - typical cells contain 3000–4000 complexes



Nuclear Localization Signals (NLSs)

- **Function:** Tag proteins for import from the cytoplasm into the nucleus.
- **Composition:** Often contain one or more short stretches of basic (positively charged) amino acids (e.g., Lys-Lys-Lys-Arg-Lys).

Nucleoplasmin KRPAATKKAGQAKKKK
SV50 T antigen PKKKRKV

- **Mechanism:** Recognized by Nuclear Import Receptors or adaptor proteins (like importin-alpha)

Nuclear Export Signals (NESs)

- **Function:** Tag proteins for export from the nucleus to the cytoplasm.
- **Composition:** Short, hydrophobic sequences, often 10-13 amino acids long, with specific hydrophobic residues.

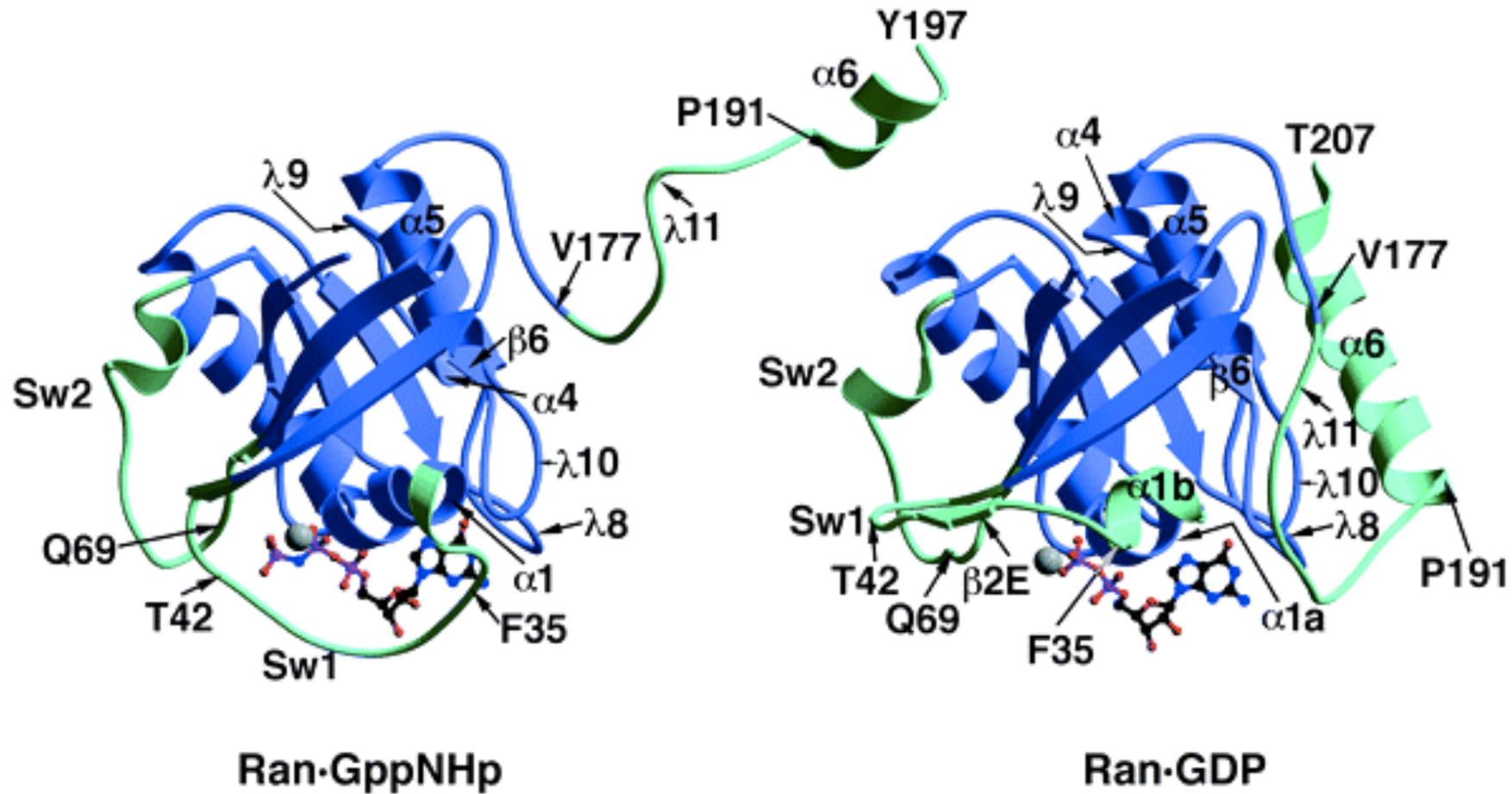
Rev LPPLERLTL
PKI LALKLAGLDI

- **Mechanism:** Bind to Nuclear Export Receptors or adaptor proteins (like CRM1)

Key Differences & Regulation

- **Charge:** NLSs are positive; NESs are hydrophobic.
- **Receptors:** Importins for NLSs; Exportins for NESs.

Nuclear localisation relies on the gradient of the small G-protein Ran



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Ran's intrinsic rates of nucleotide exchange and hydrolysis are slow

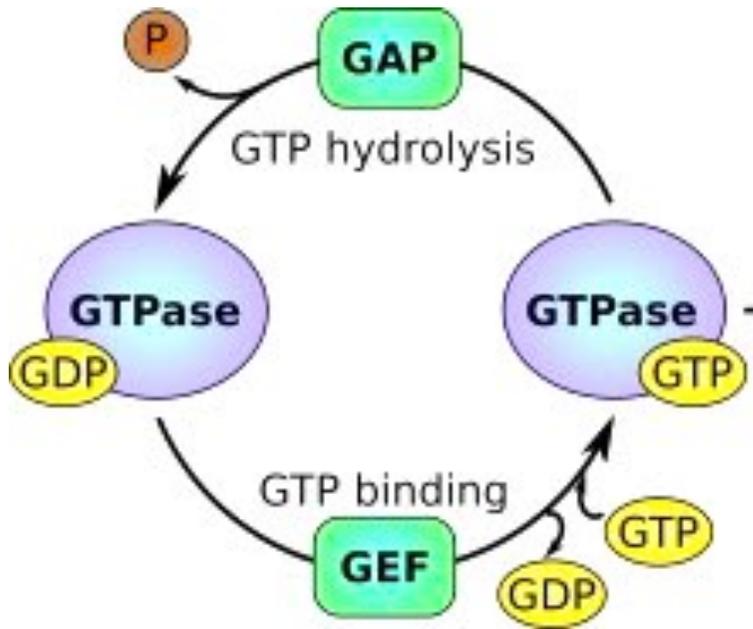
These reactions require a nucleotide exchange factor GEF and a GTPase activating protein (GAP)

Ran-GAP is cytosolic and binds to Ran-GTP with high affinity and increases GTP hydrolysis

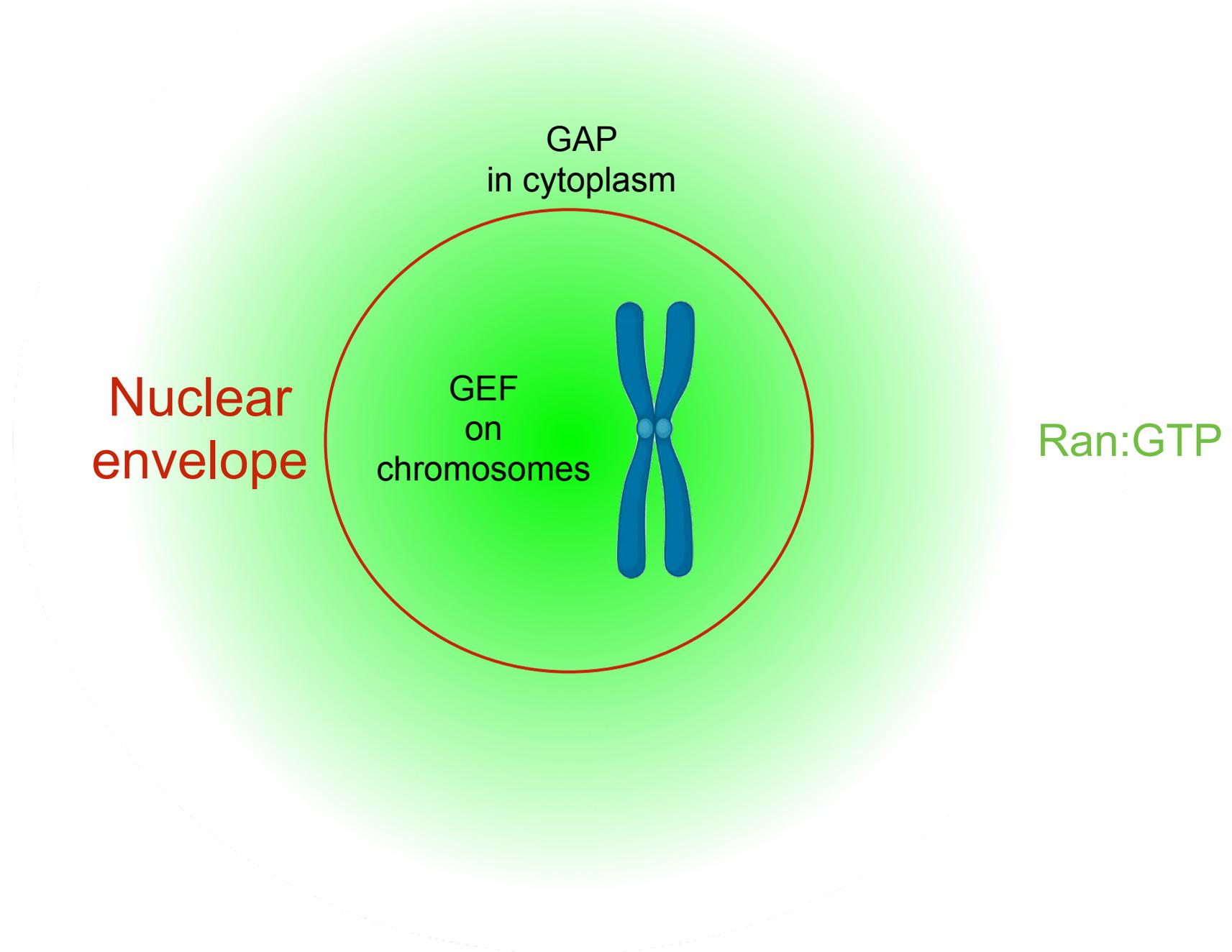
Ran-GEF is a chromatin-associated nuclear protein and facilitates exchange of GDP for GTP

This asymmetric distribution of nucleotide exchange and hydrolysis enzymes across the nuclear envelope predicts that Ran-GTP should be largely nuclear and Ran-GDP should be largely cytosolic.

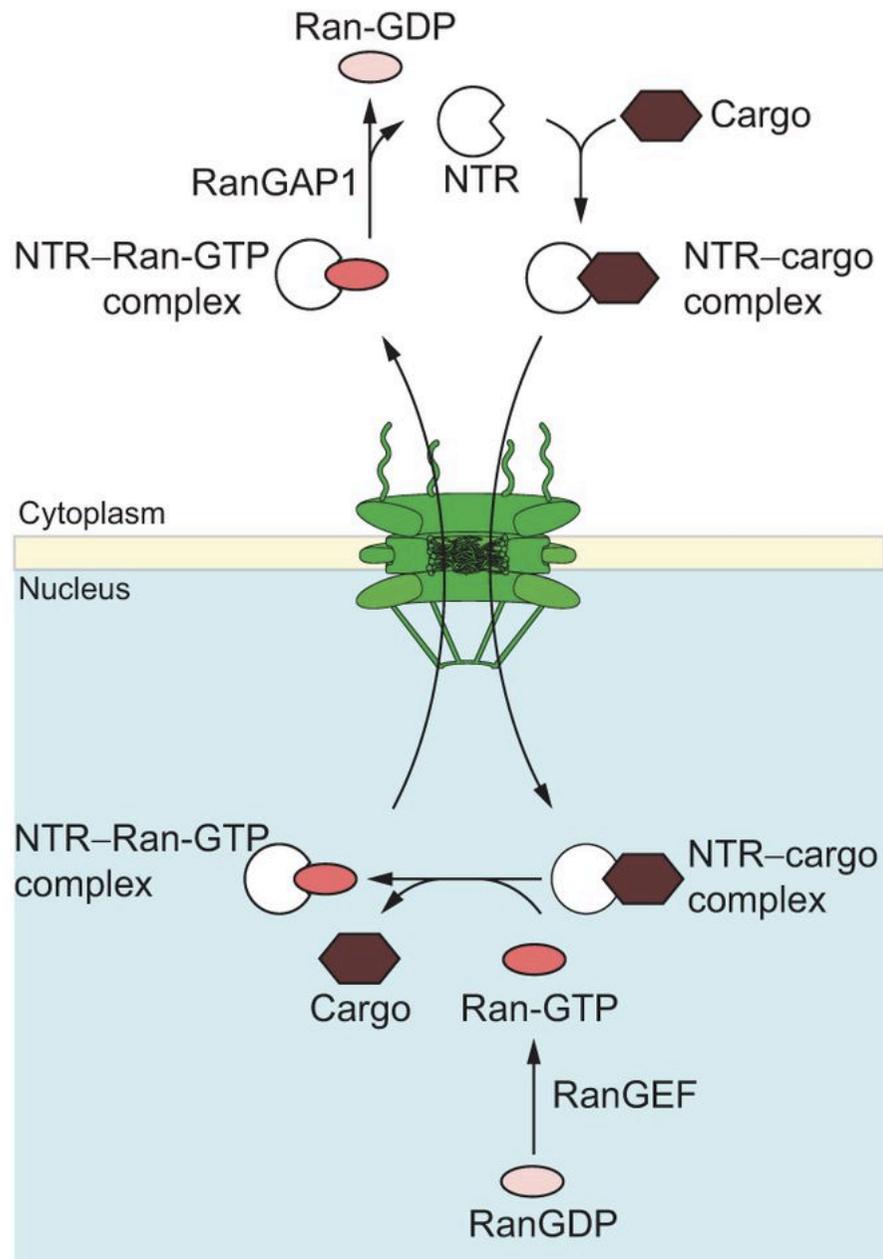
This distribution plays a key role in determining the directionality of nuclear transport.



Nuclear localisation relies on the gradient of the small G-protein Ran

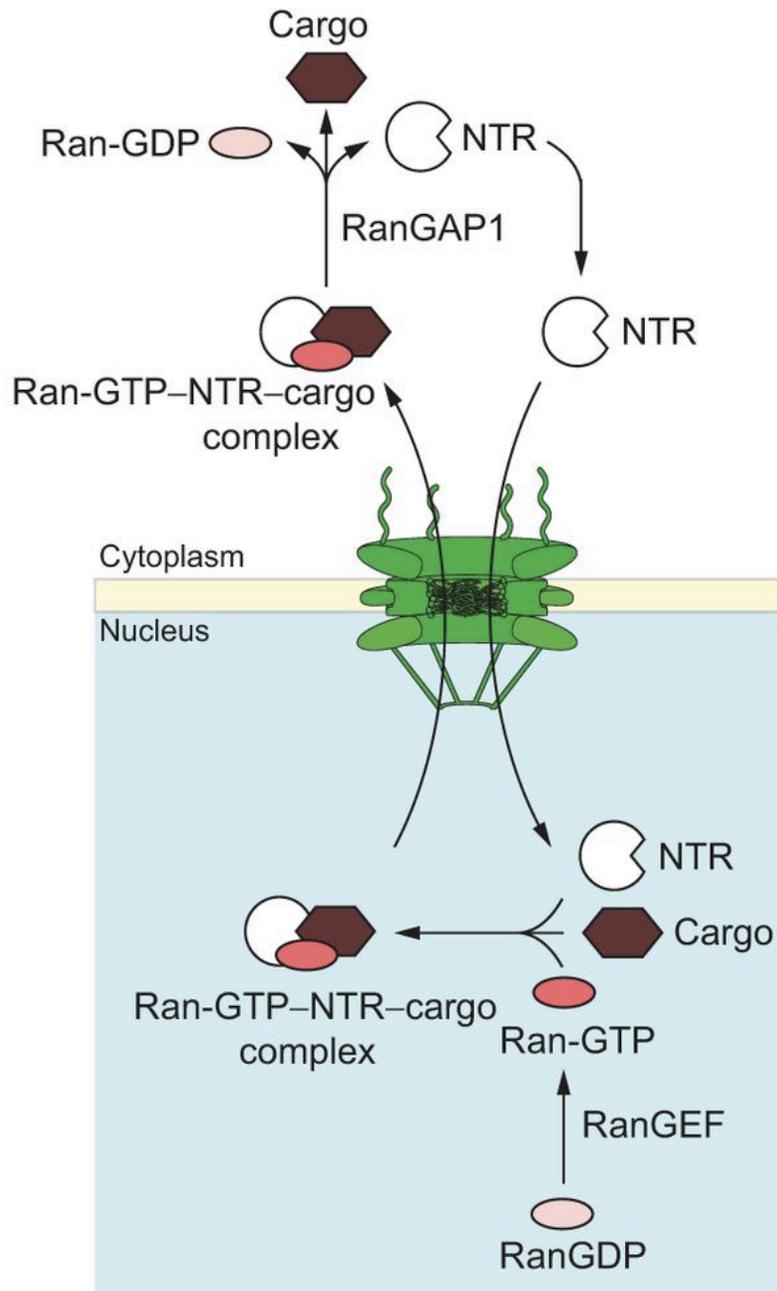


Nuclear Import Cycle



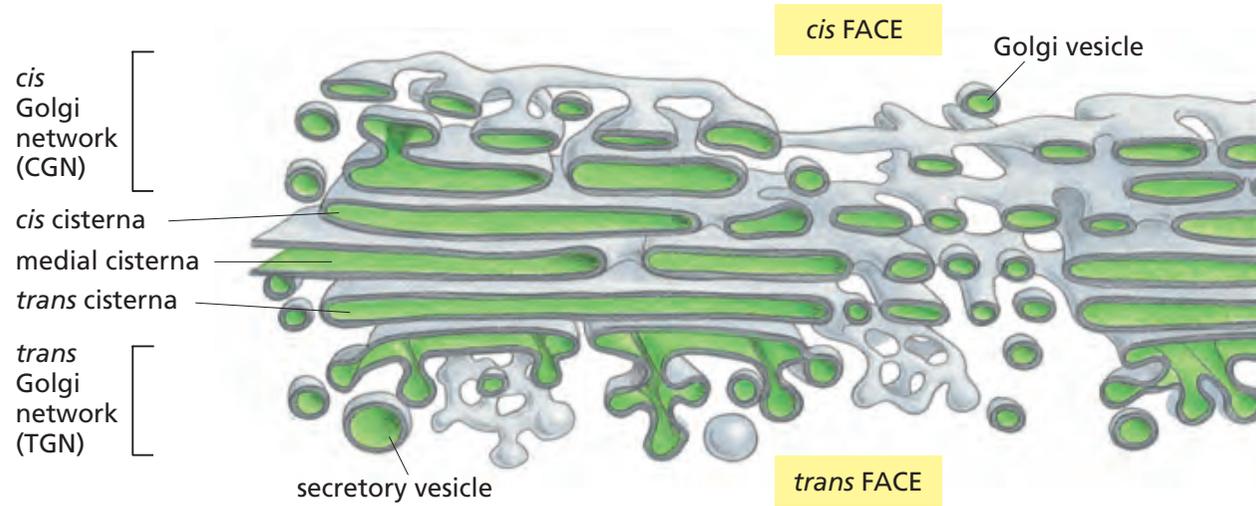
- NLS-bearing cargo binds the nuclear transport receptor (NTR) in the cytoplasm
- This complex binds FG repeats in the NPC and enters into the nucleus
- After reaching the nucleus, Ran-GTP displaces the cargo from the NTR
- NTR-Ran-GTP complex returns to the cytoplasm through the NPC
- RanGAP in the cytosol stimulates GTP hydrolysis on Ran-GTP
- Releases NTR for another import cycle

Nuclear Export Cycle

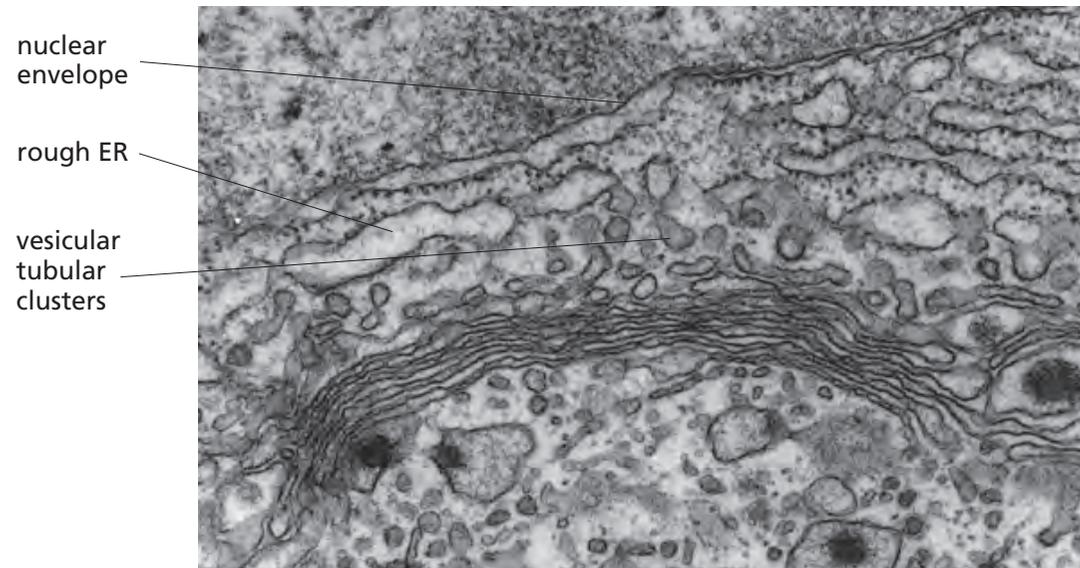


- NES-bearing cargo forms a trimeric complex with NTR and Ran-GTP in the nucleus
- This complex leaves the nucleus and reaches the cytoplasm
- Ran-GTP hydrolysis causes release of the cargo
- Releases NTR for another export cycle

The Golgi Apparatus



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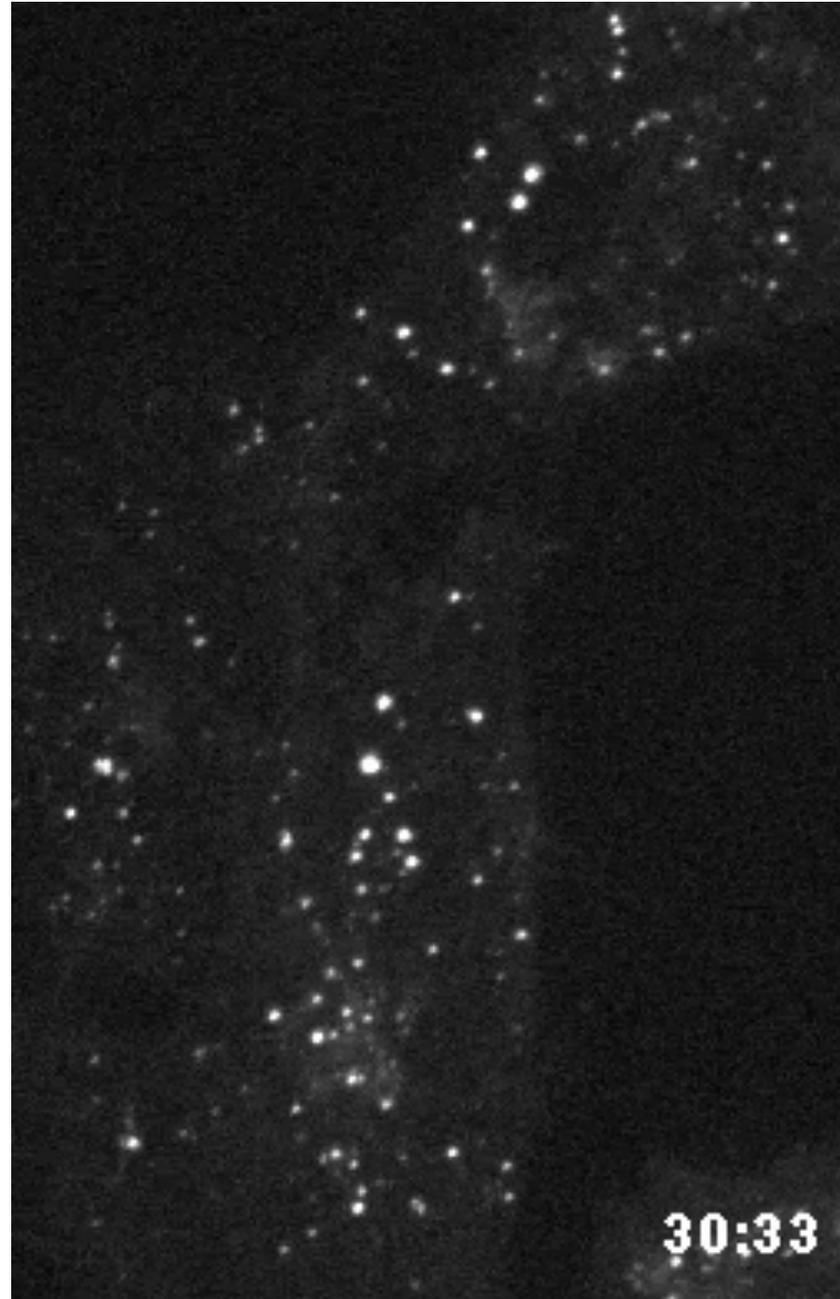


(B)

A. Three-dimensional reconstruction from electron micrographs of the golgi apparatus in a secretory animal cell. The cis face of the golgi stack is that closest to the er.

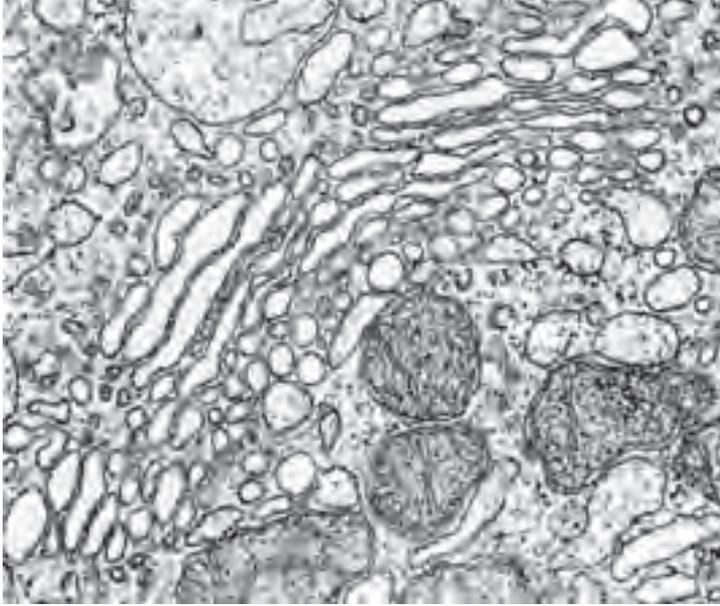
B. A thin-section electron micrograph of an animal cell. In plant cells, the golgi apparatus is generally more distinct and more clearly separated from other intracellular membranes than in animal cells.

Proteins traffic through the Golgi compartment

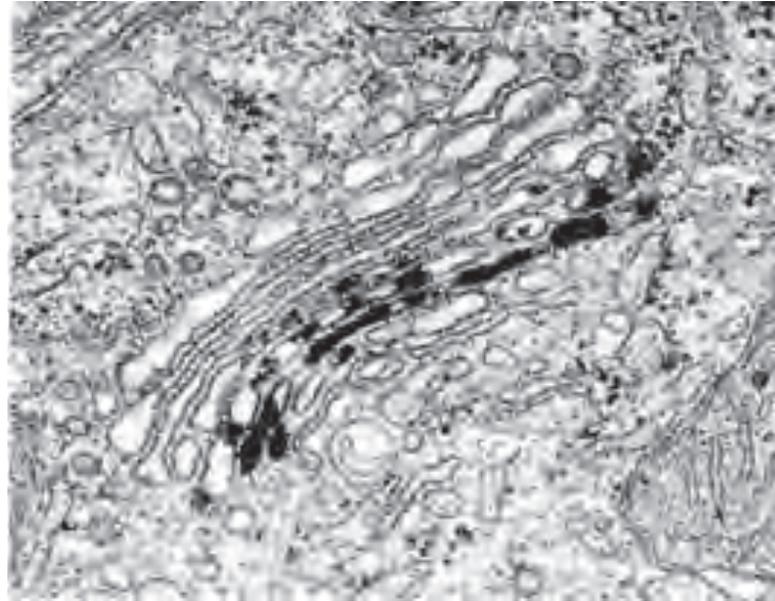


Molecular compartmentalization of the Golgi apparatus

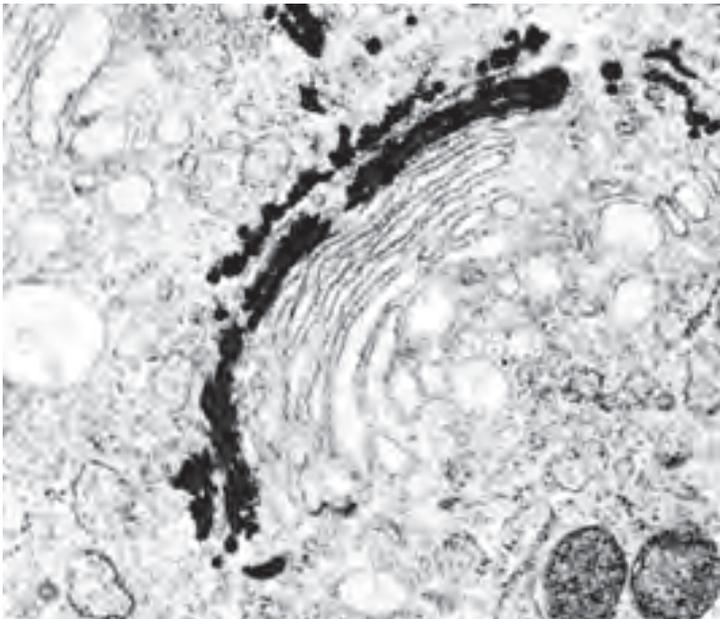
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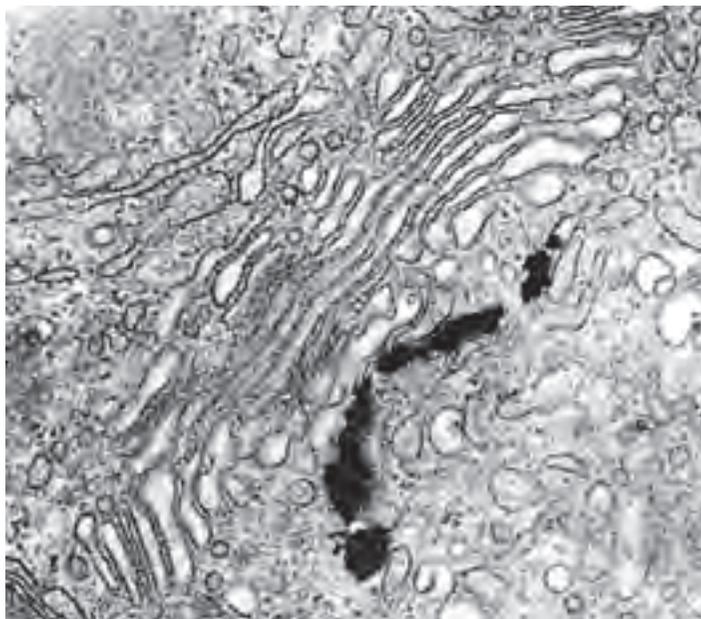
Nucleoside diphosphatase



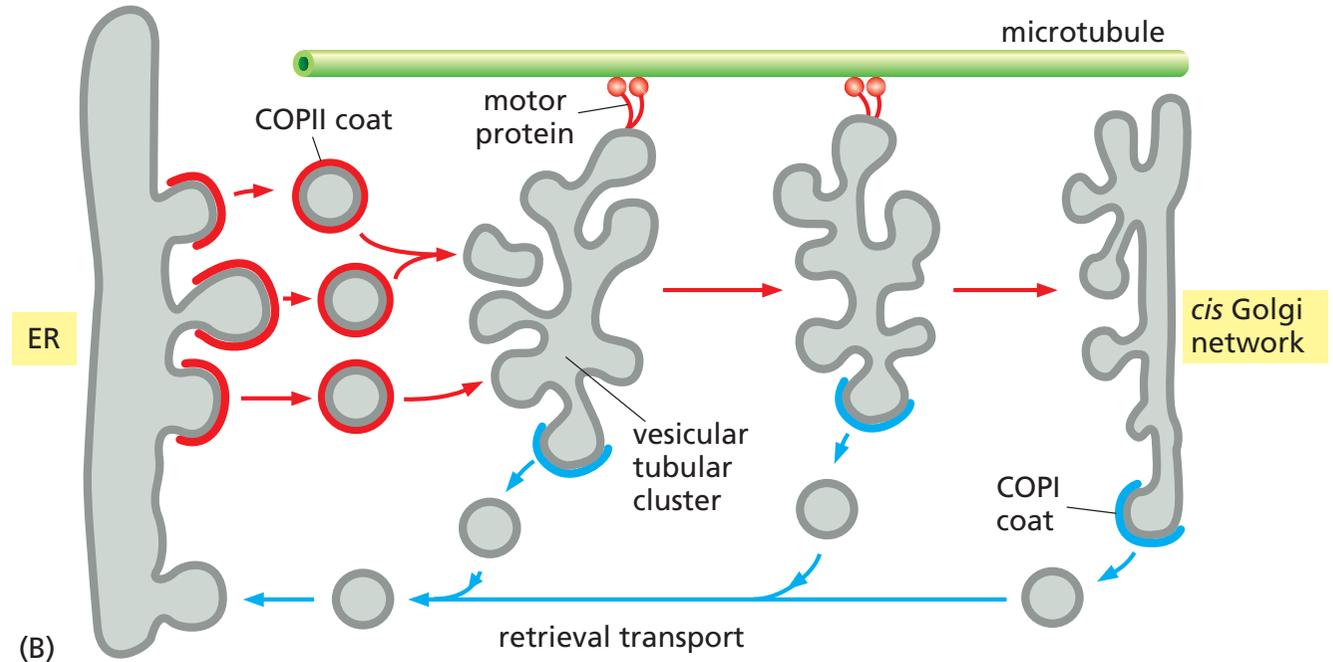
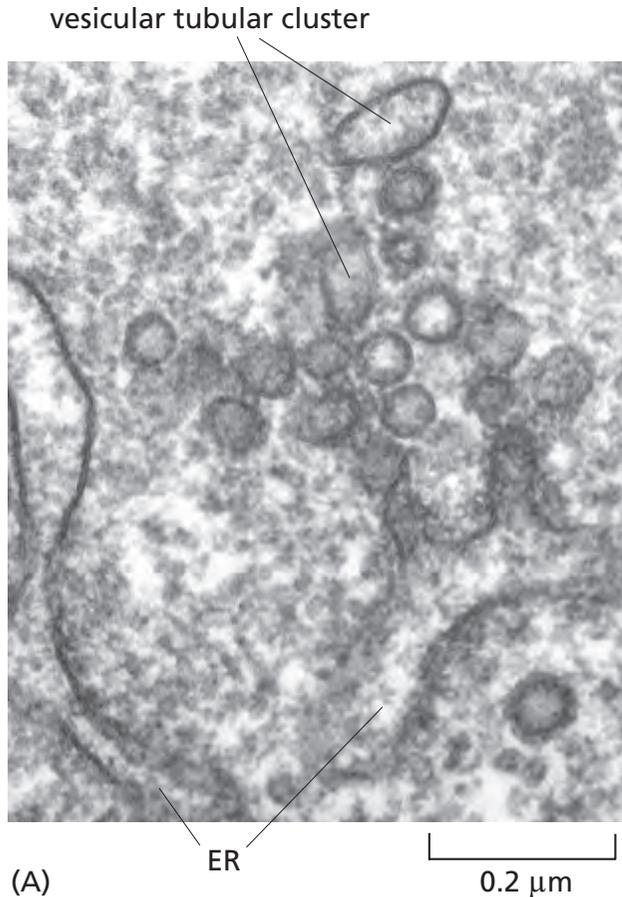
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Acid phosphatase

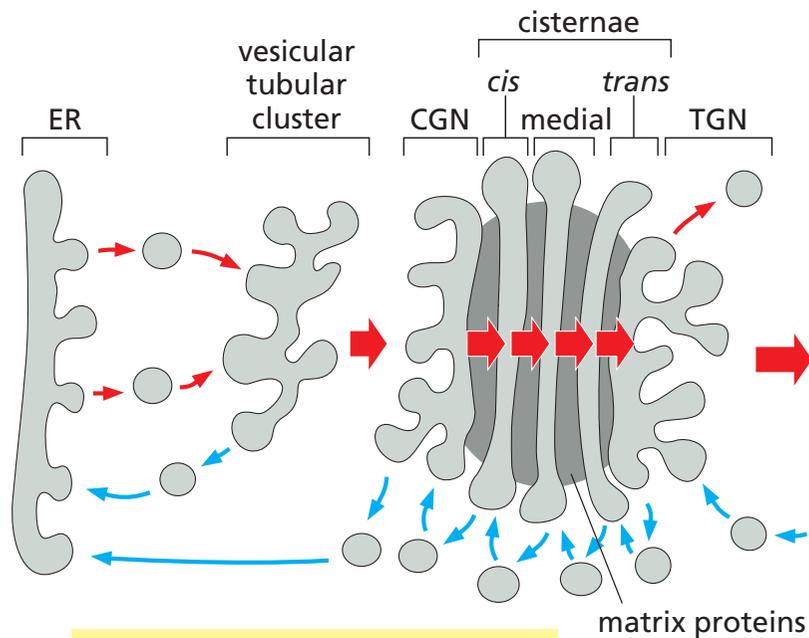


Birth and Maintenance of the Golgi Apparatus

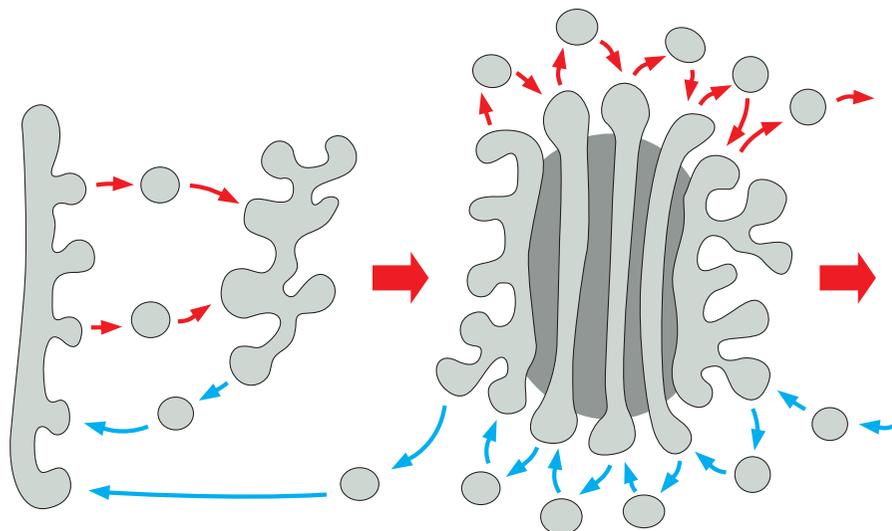


(A) An electron micrograph of vesicular tubular clusters forming around the ER exit sites. (B) vesicular tubular clusters move along microtubules to carry proteins from the ER to the Golgi apparatus. COPI-coated vesicles mediate the budding of vesicles that return to the ER from these clusters and from the Golgi apparatus.

Two Models for Compartmentalisation



(A) CISTERNAL MATURATION MODEL



(B) VESICLE TRANSPORT MODEL

Cisternal Maturation Model

Cisternae mature in composition as they move along microtubules

Golgi resident proteins that are carried forward in a maturing cisterna are retrieved to an earlier compartment in COPI-coated vesicles.

When a newly formed cisterna moves to a medial position, for example, “leftover” cis golgi enzymes would be extracted and transported retrogradely to a new cis cisterna behind.

Likewise, the medial enzymes would be received by retrograde transport from the cisternae just ahead.

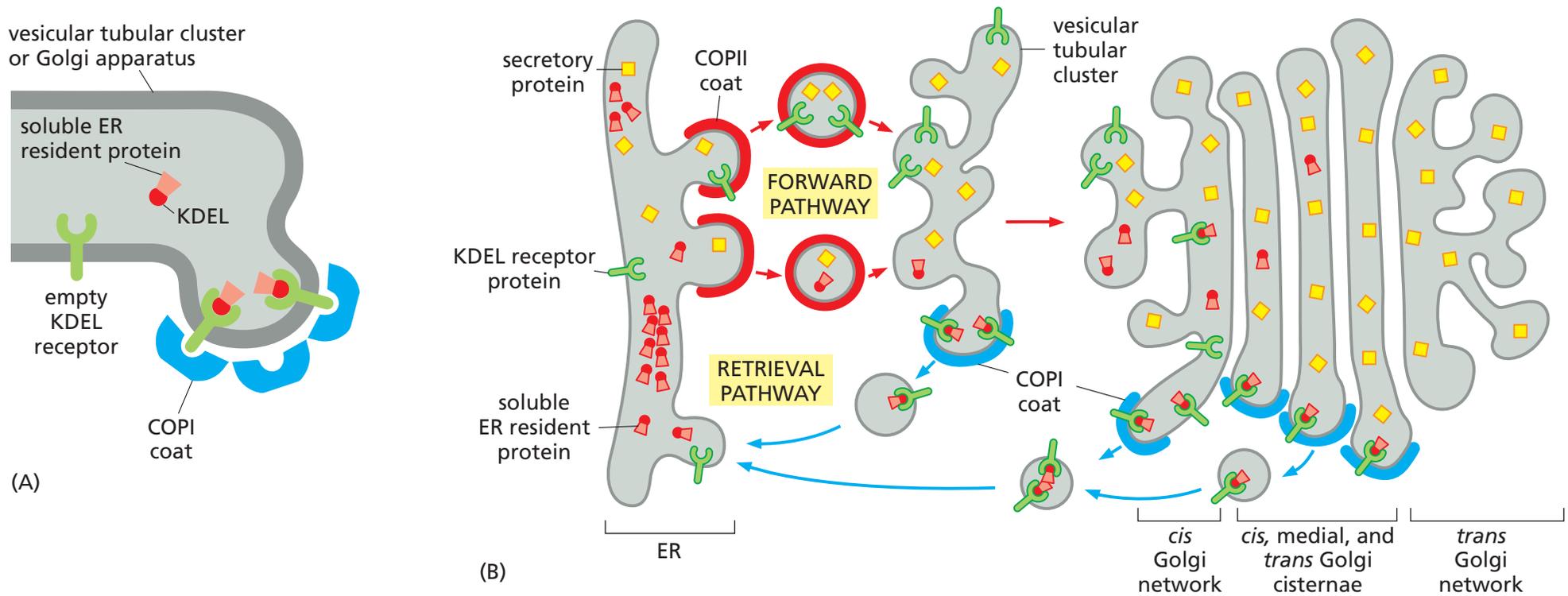
In this way, a cis cisterna would mature to a medial and then trans cisterna as it moves outward.

Vesicle Transport Model

Cisternae are static compartments, which contain a characteristic set of resident proteins and enzymes.

The passing of molecules from cis to trans through the golgi is accomplished by forward-moving transport vesicles, which bud from one cisterna and fuse with the next in a cis-to-trans direction.

How do proteins sort between the ER and the Golgi apparatus?

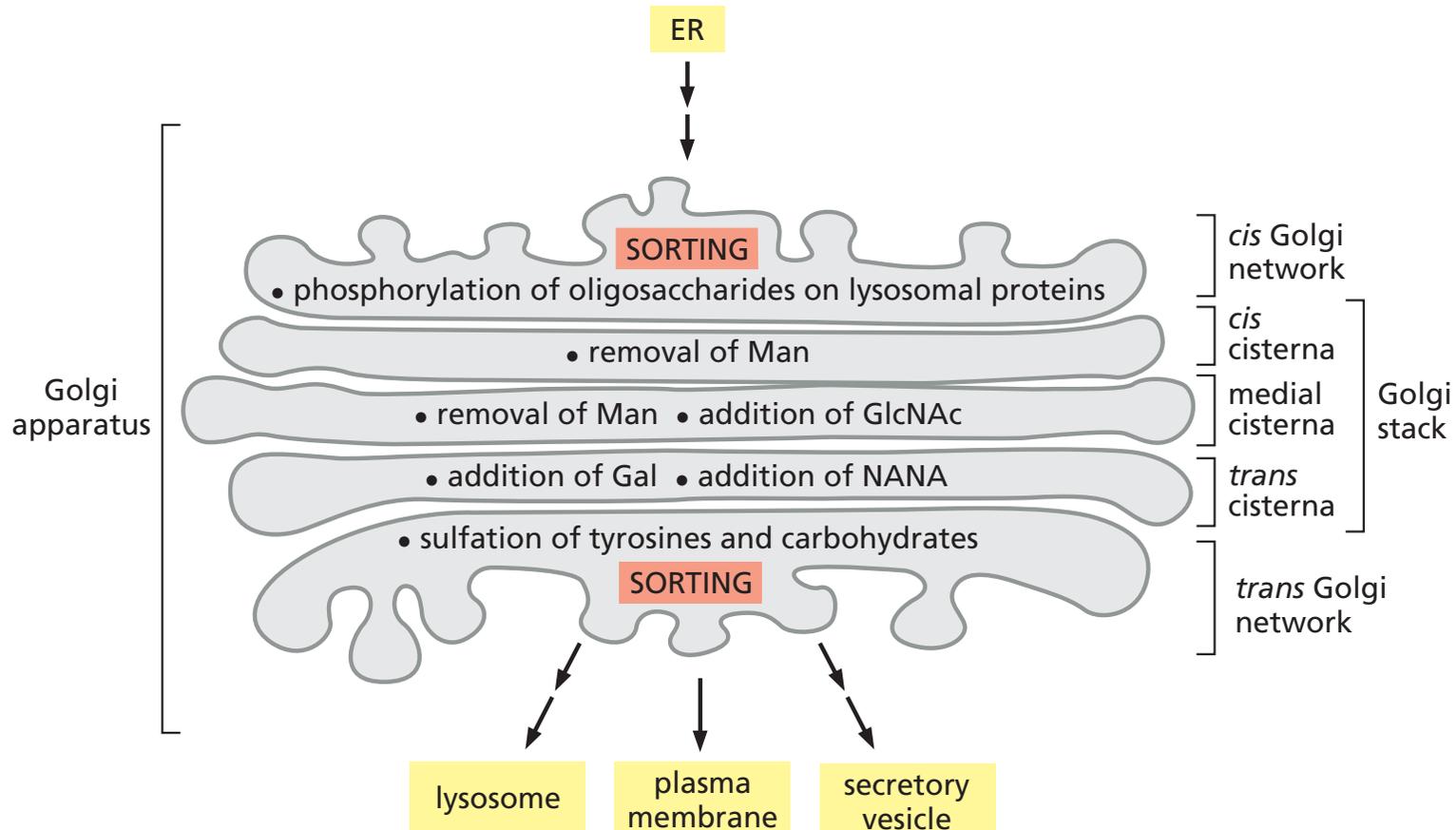


Retrieval of soluble ER resident proteins

ER resident proteins that escape from the ER are returned by vesicle transport

The KDEL receptor present in both vesicular tubular clusters and the Golgi apparatus captures the soluble ER resident proteins and carries them in COPI-coated transport vesicles back to the ER

Golgi apparatus functions in glycosylation



The localization of each processing step shown was determined by a combination of techniques, including biochemical subfractionation of the golgi apparatus membranes and electron microscopy after staining with antibodies specific for some of the processing enzymes. processing enzymes are not restricted to a particular cisterna; instead, their distribution is graded across the stack, such that early-acting enzymes are present mostly in the cis golgi cisternae and later-acting enzymes are mostly in the trans golgi cisternae.

Man - Mannose

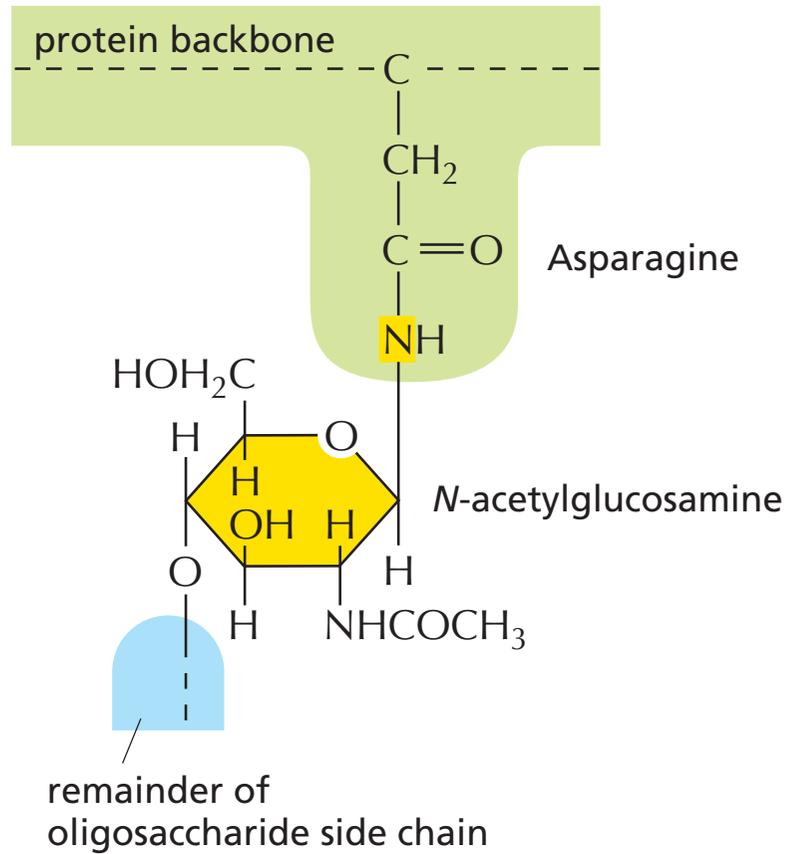
GlcNAc - N-Acetylglucosamine

Gal - Galactose

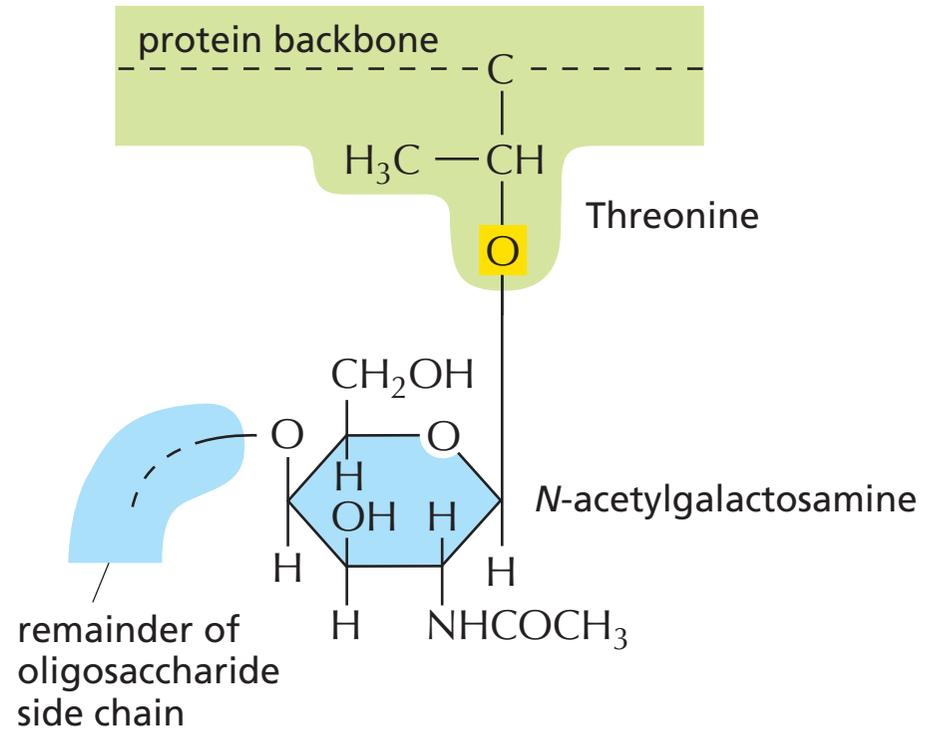
NANA - N-Acetylneuraminic acid (sialic acid)

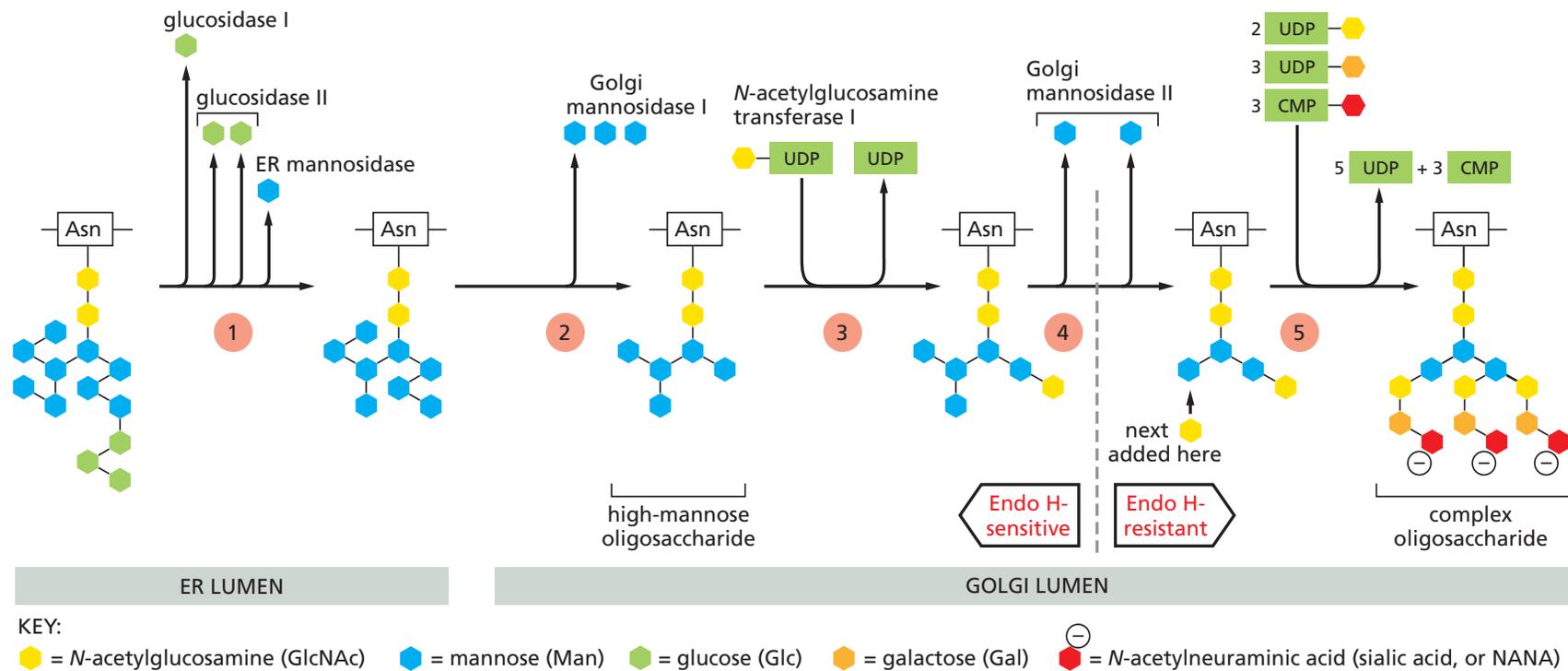
Two types of glycosylation

N-LINKED GLYCOSYLATION



O-LINKED GLYCOSYLATION





Oligosaccharide processing in the ER and the Golgi apparatus.

The processing pathway is highly ordered, so that each step shown depends on the previous one.

Step 1: processing begins in the ER with the removal of the glucose residues from the oligosaccharide initially transferred to the protein. Then a mannosidase in the ER membrane removes a specific mannose. The remaining steps occur in the Golgi stack.

Step 2: Golgi mannosidase I removes three more mannose residues.

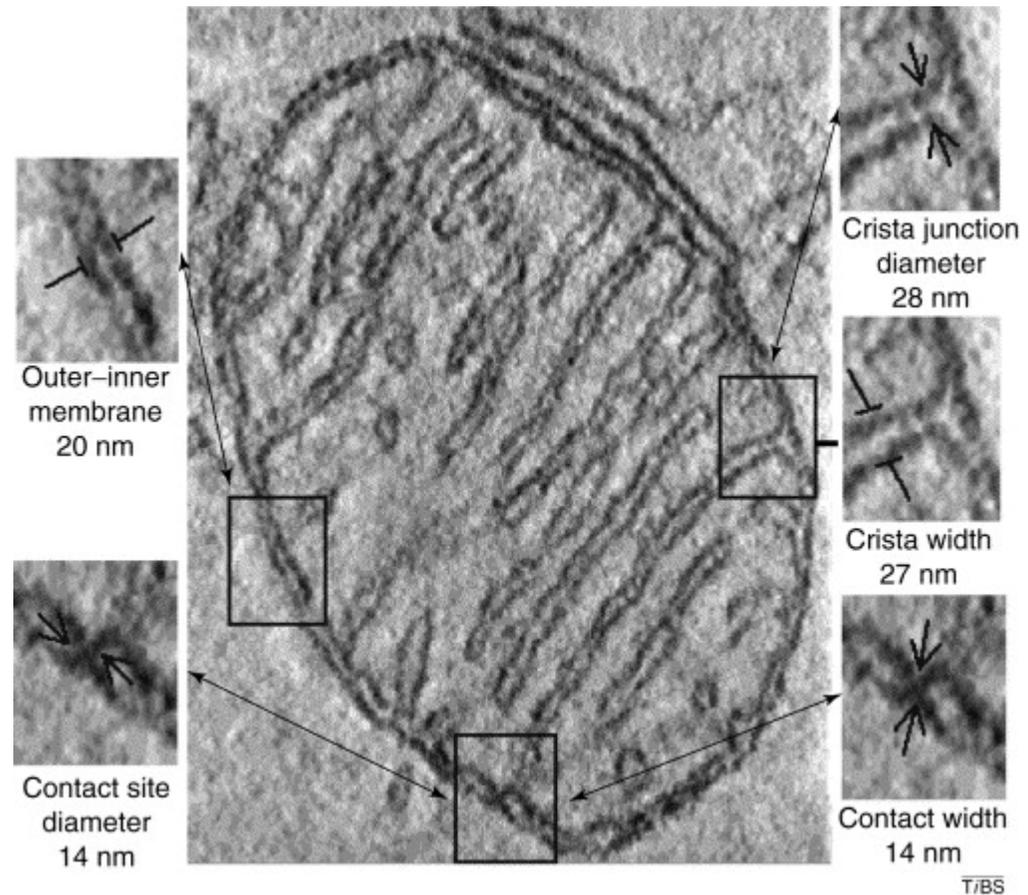
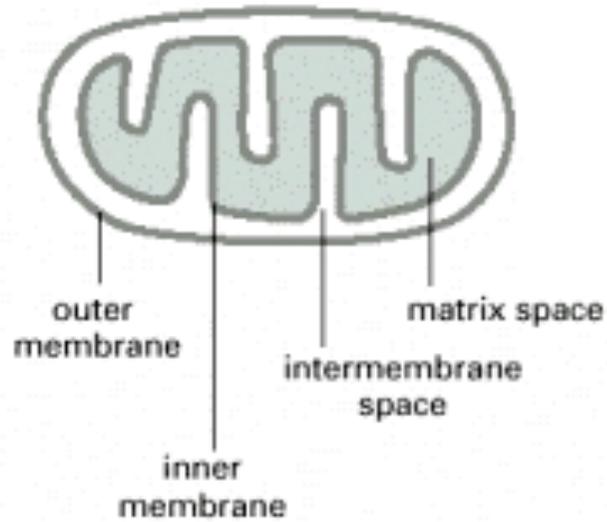
Step 3: N-Acetylglucosamine transferase I then adds an N-Acetylglucosamine.

Step 4: Mannosidase II then removes two additional mannose residues. This yields the final core of three mannose residues that is present in a complex oligosaccharide.

Step 5: Additional N-Acetylglucosamines, galactoses, and sialic acids are added. These final steps in the synthesis of a complex oligosaccharide occur in the cisternal compartments of the Golgi apparatus. Three types of glycosyl transferase enzymes act sequentially, using sugar substrates that have been activated by linkage to the indicated nucleotide; the membranes of the Golgi cisternae contain specific carrier proteins that allow each sugar nucleotide to enter in exchange for the nucleoside phosphates that are released after the sugar is attached to the protein on the luminal face.

Mitochondria and Chloroplast

(A) MITOCHONDRION

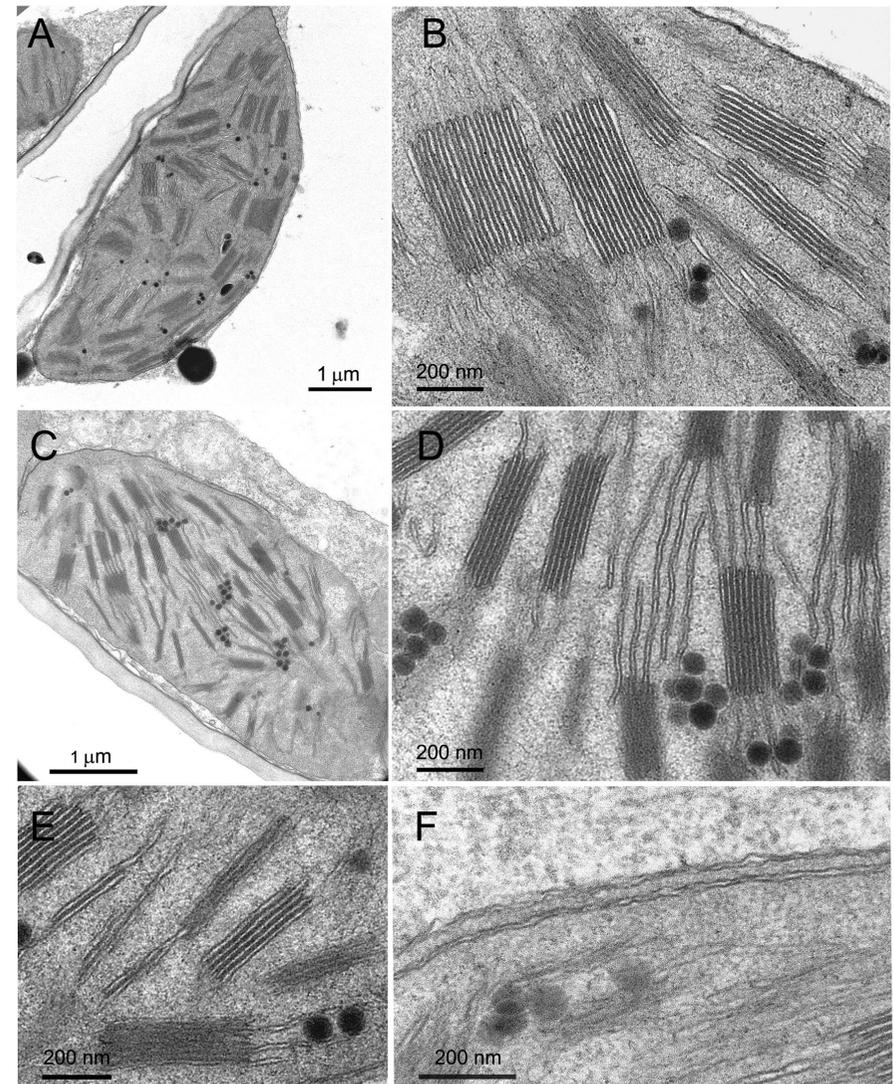
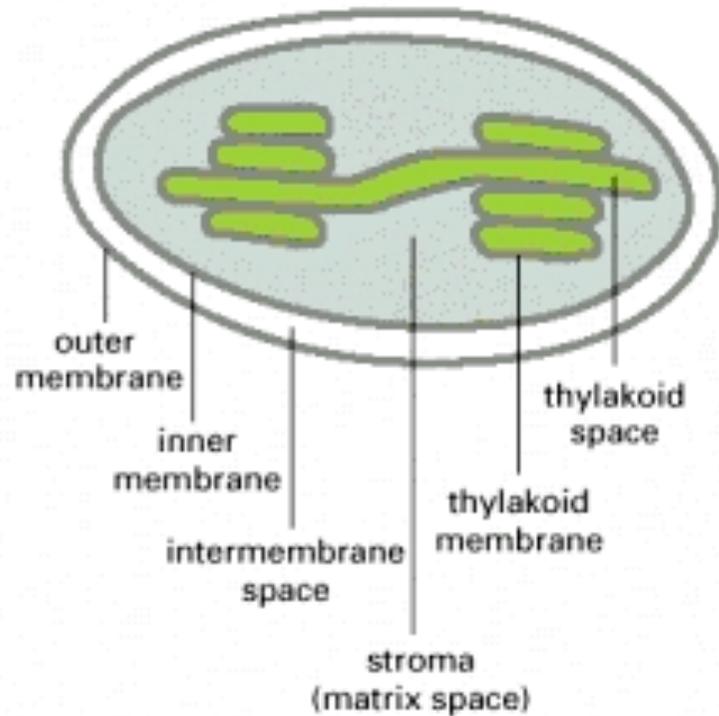


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- 2 compartments enclosed within 2 membranes

Chloroplast

(B) CHLOROPLAST



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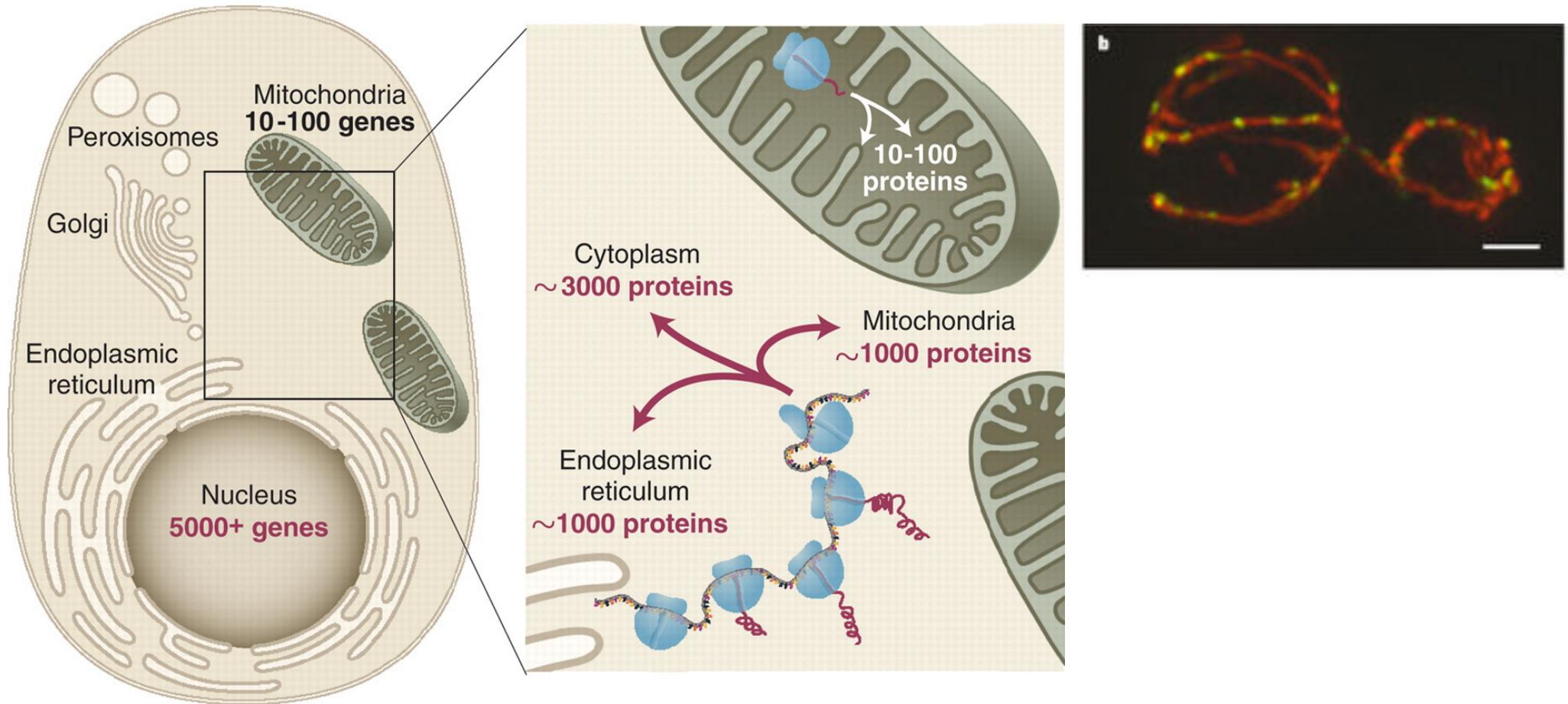
Thylakoid ultrastructural variations in chlorophyll-deficient wheat: aberrations or structural acclimation?

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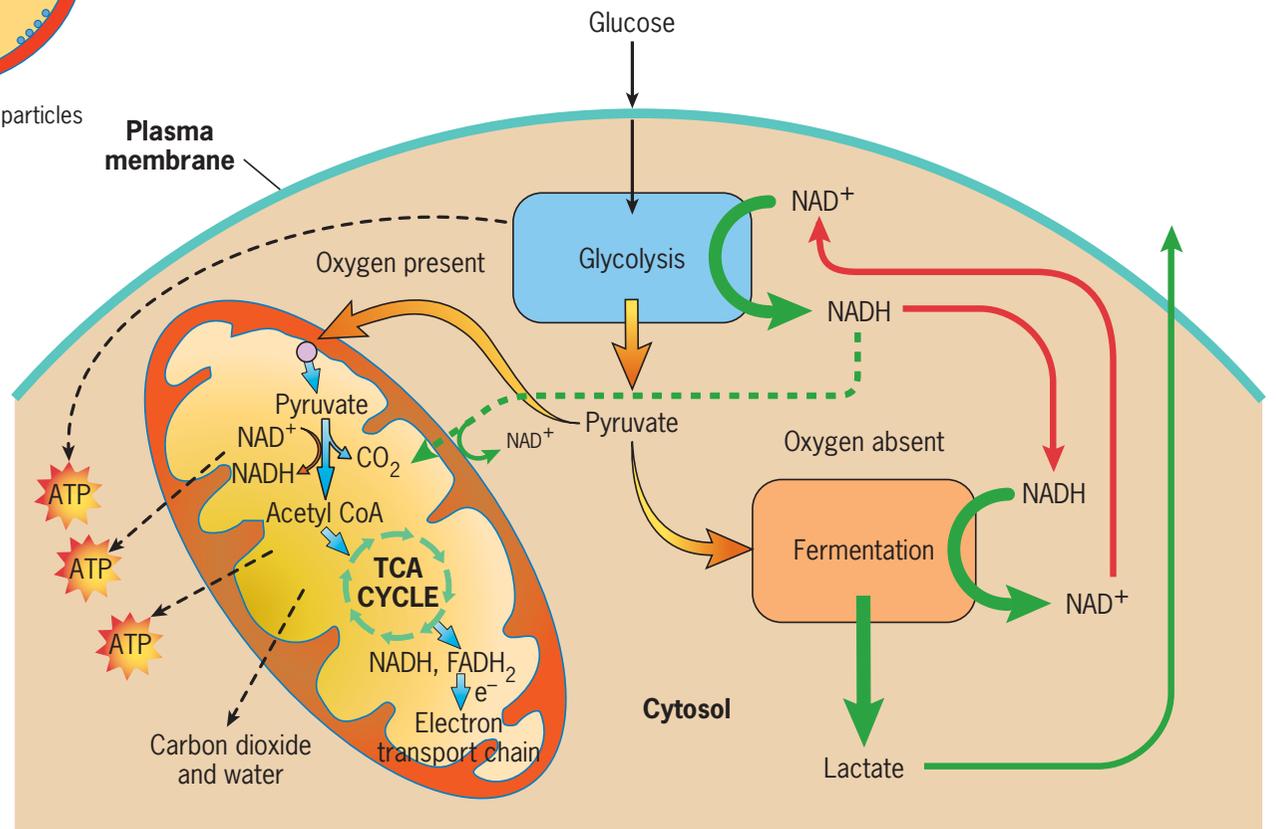
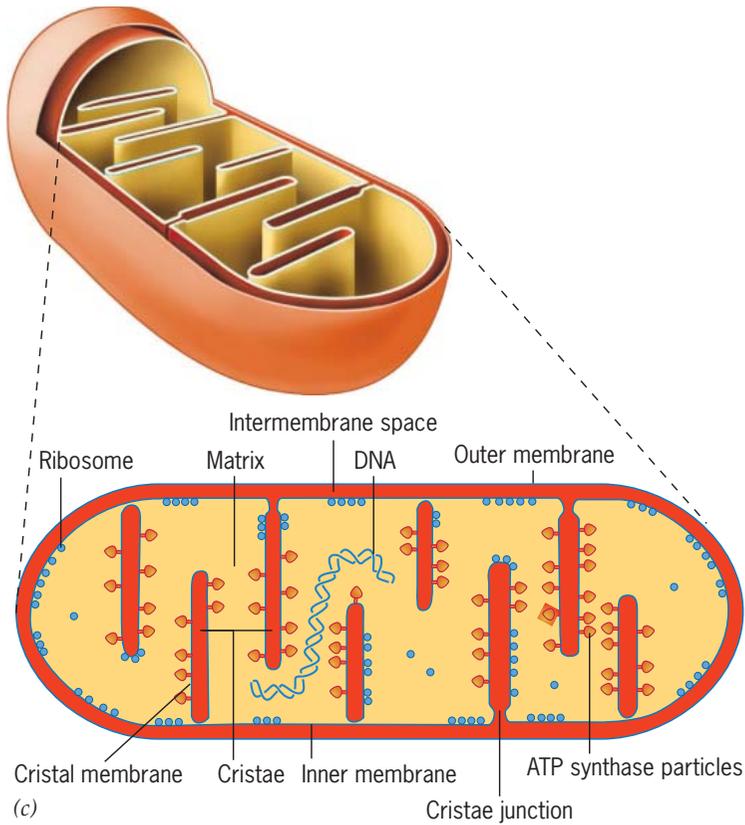
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- 3 compartments enclosed within 3 membranes

Unique attributes of the mitochondria

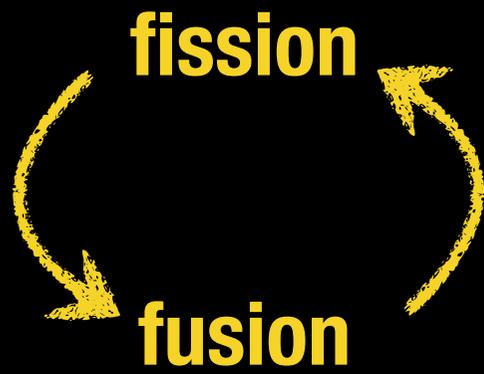
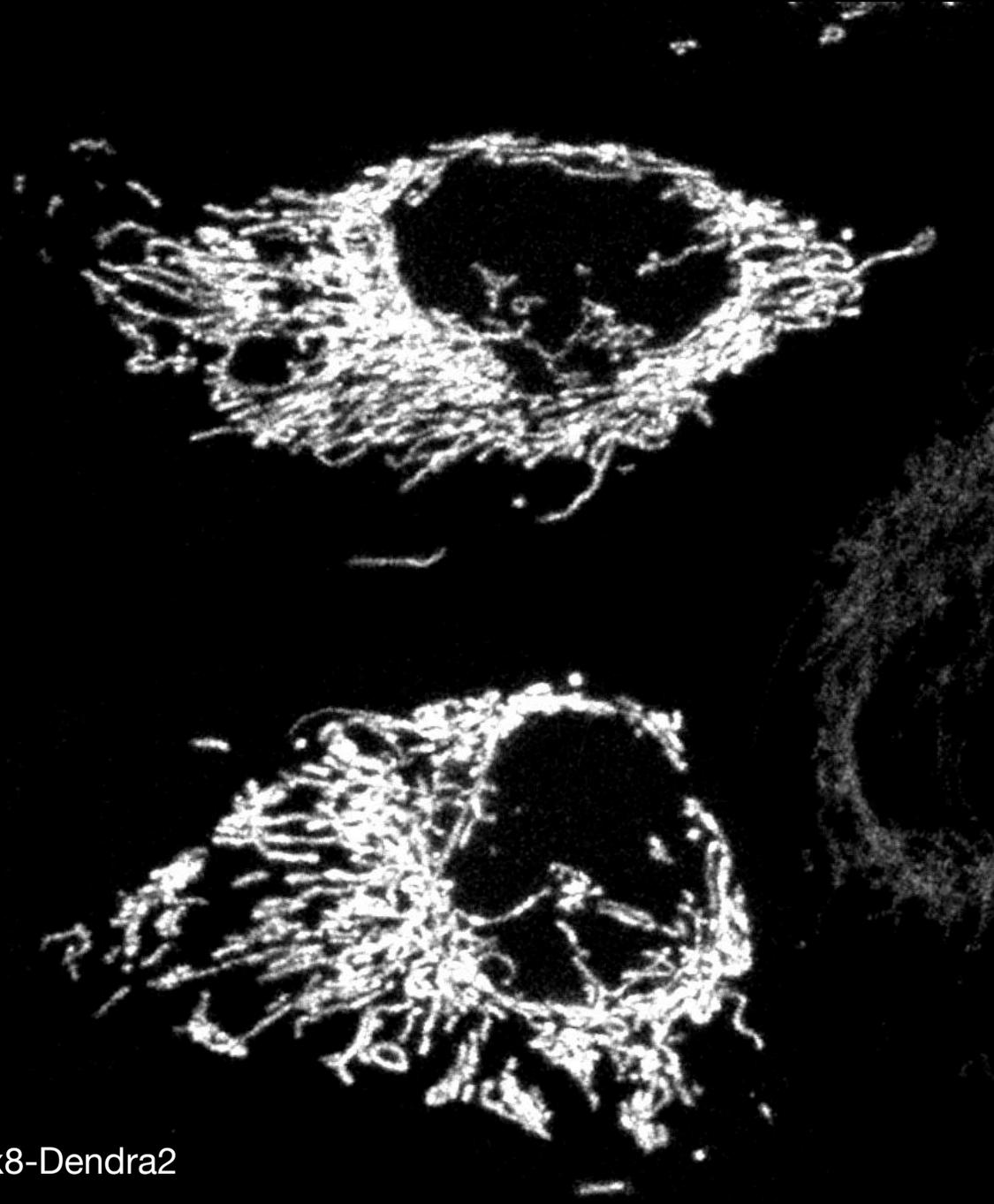


- Arose ~2 billion years ago from the engulfment of an α -proteobacterium by an Asgard archaea
- Maintained core functions of ATP production
- Contains a 16 kilobase, circular genome, which is present in cells in a vast excess of copies relative to nuclear chromosomes
- Nucleus-encoded proteins make up most of the mitochondrial proteome
- Translated on cytosolic ribosomes and actively imported and sorted into mitochondrial sub-compartments by outer and inner membrane translocase machines



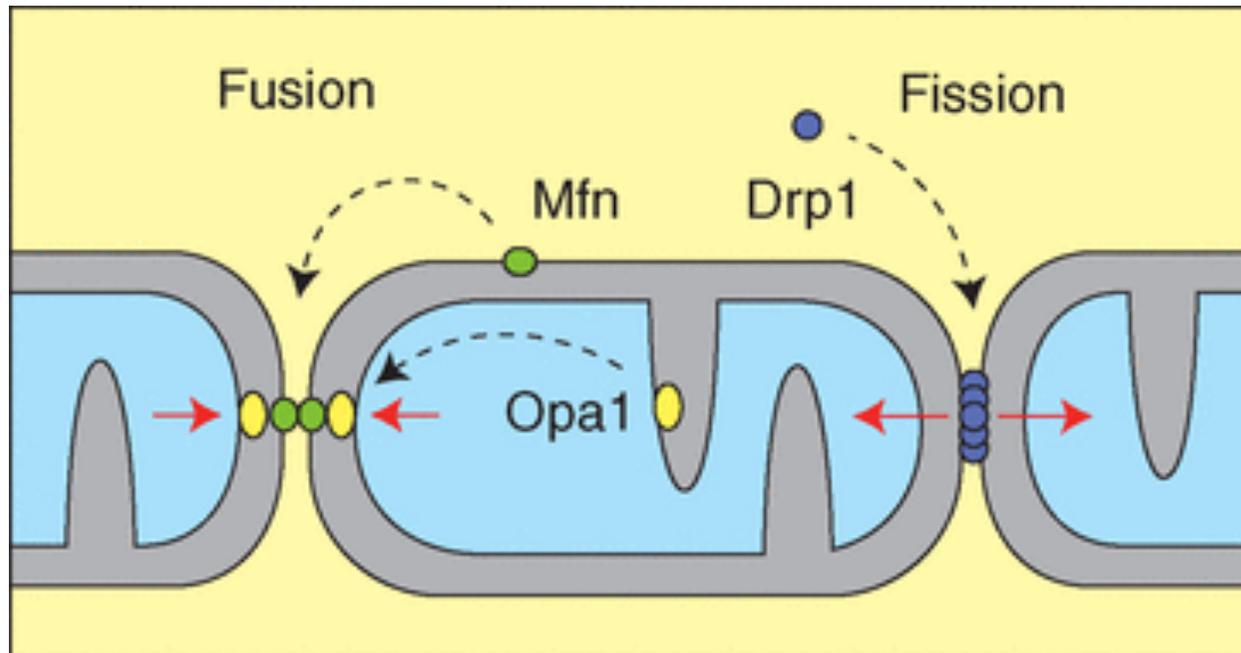
Mitochondrial form and dynamics

fission
fusion

A diagram consisting of two yellow curved arrows forming a circle. The top arrow points from left to right and is labeled 'fission'. The bottom arrow points from right to left and is labeled 'fusion'.

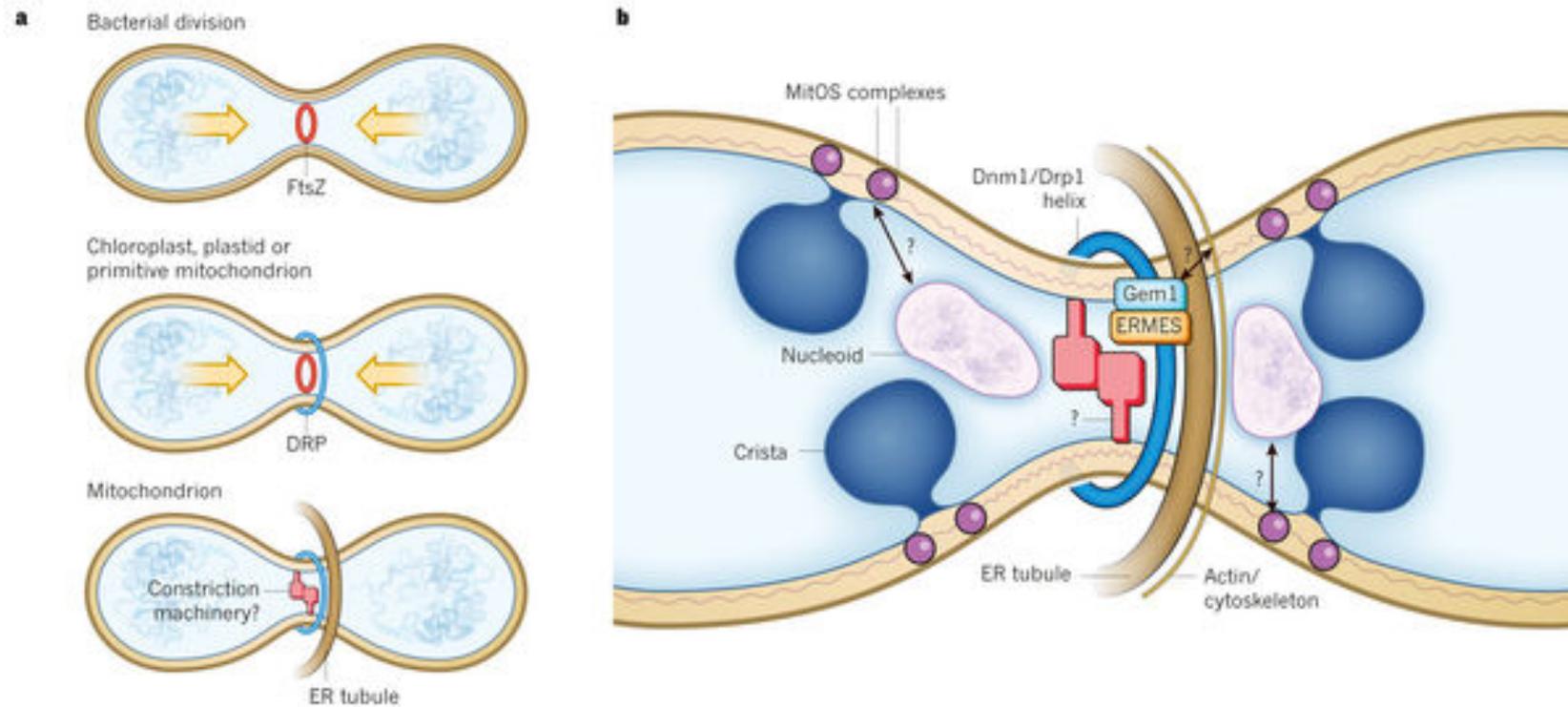
Mitochondrial labeled with Cox8-Dendra2

Mitochondrial dynamics



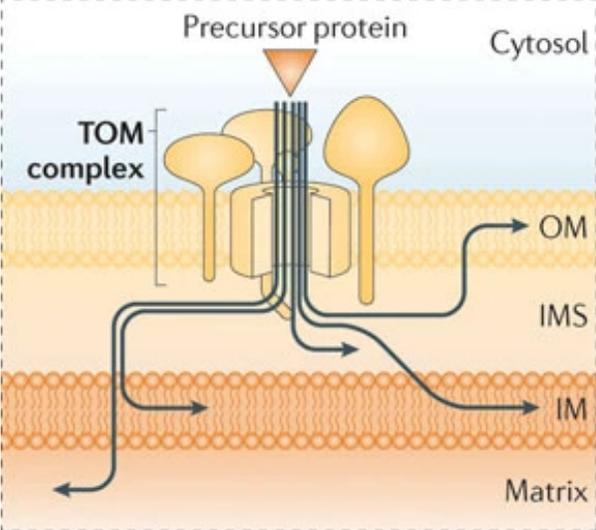
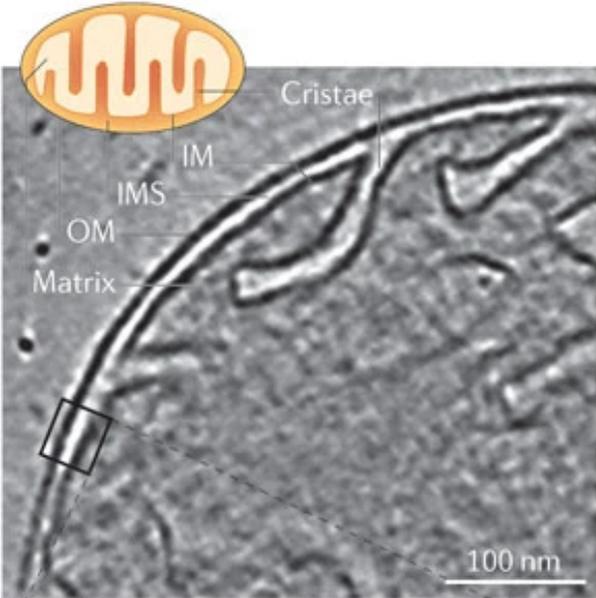
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Opa1 mediates mitochondrial inner membrane fusion
Drp1 mediates mitochondrial fission

Mitochondrial dynamics

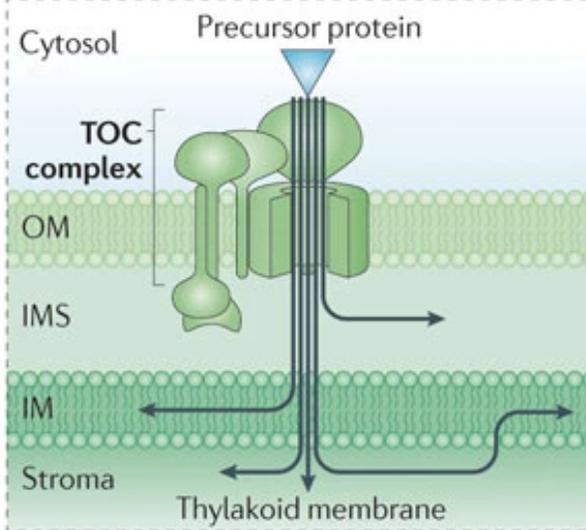
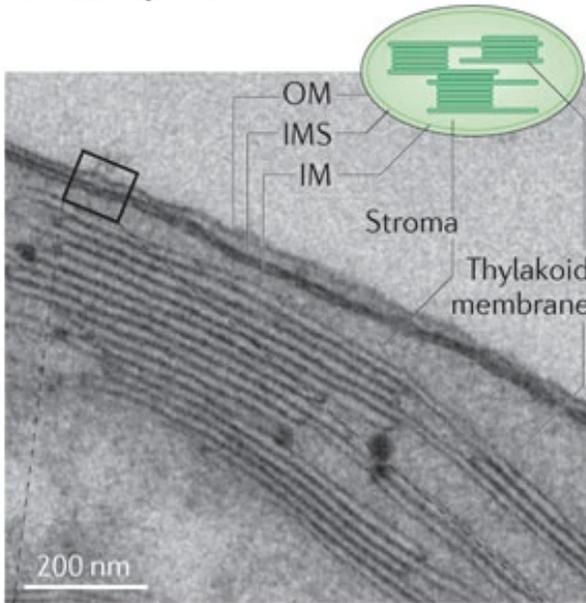


- Algal mitochondria and chloroplasts utilize FtsZ ring for constriction and division of the inner compartment
- FtsZ-dependent placement (indicated by arrows) and division mechanisms on the inside of the organelle have been retained during evolution
- Mammals don't have the FtsZ ring and rely entirely on dynamin-related proteins for division

a Mitochondria



b Chloroplasts

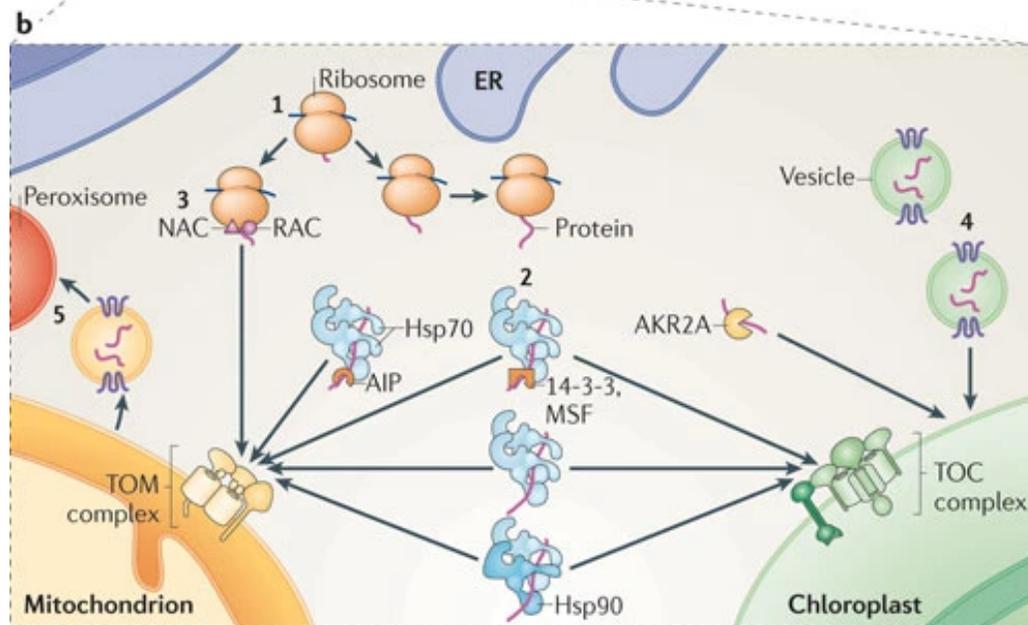
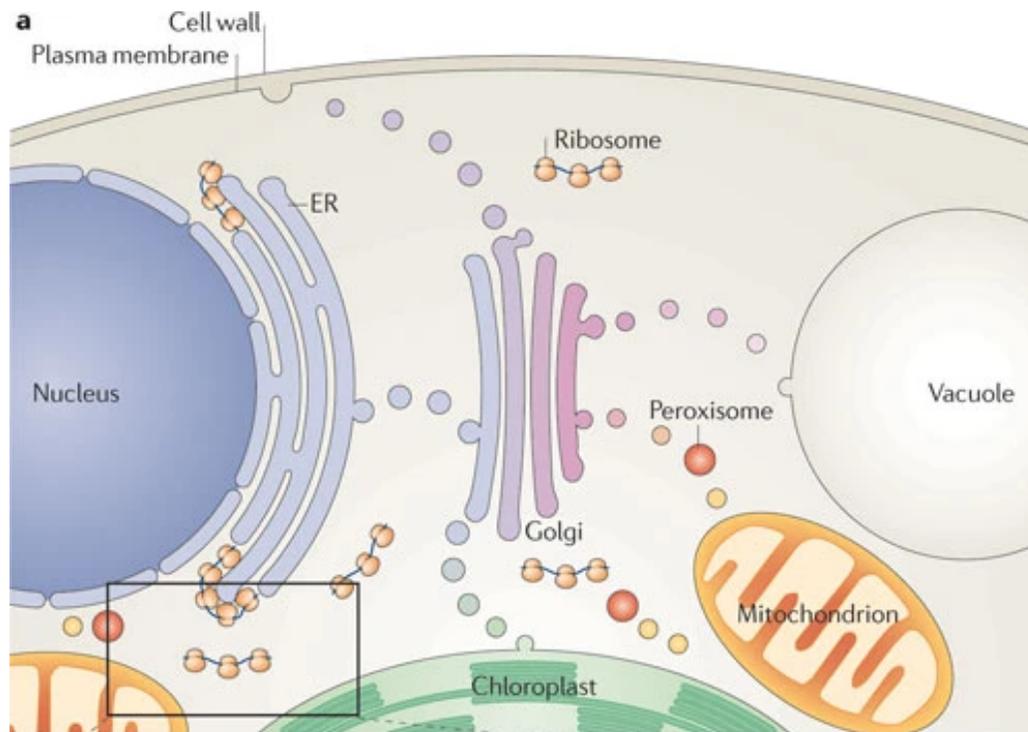


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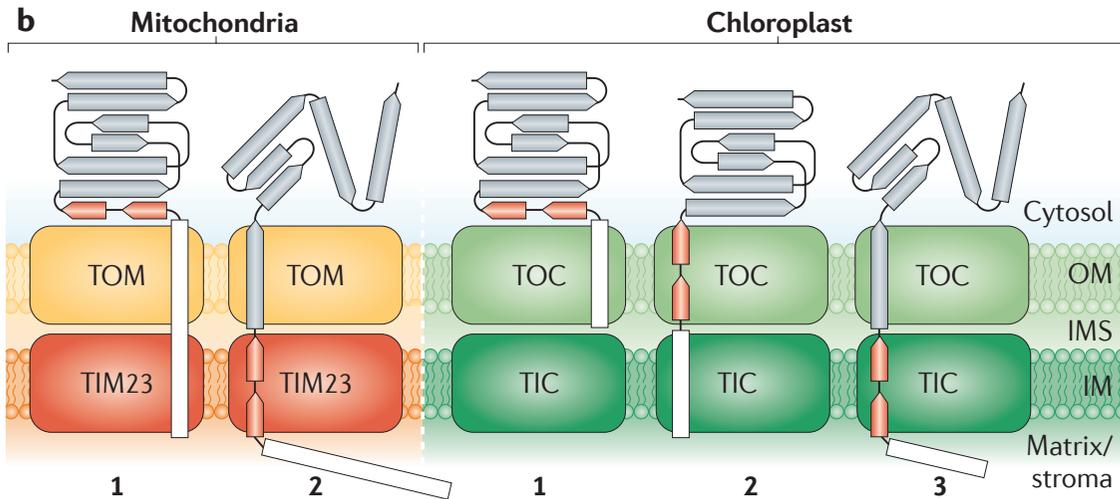
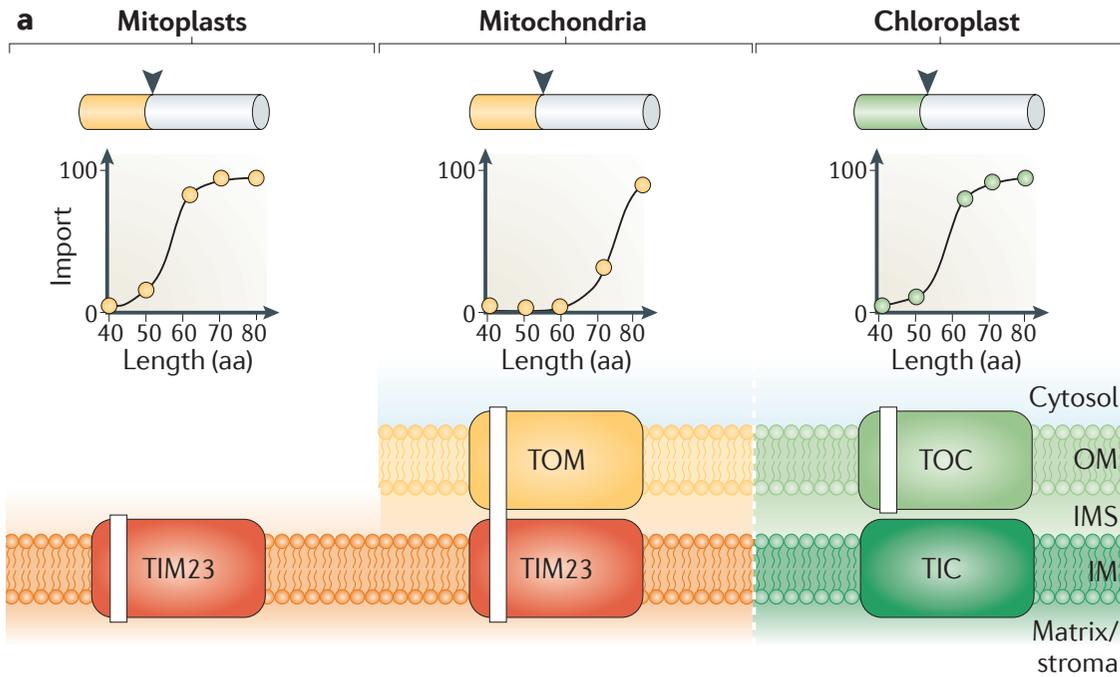
Table 1 | **The import signals of mitochondrial and chloroplast proteins**

Mitochondria	Chloroplasts	Signal	Destination
<i>Cleavable signal sequences</i>			
		Classic presequence	Mitochondrial matrix or chloroplast stroma
		Presequence and non-cleavable hydrophobic sorting signal	Mitochondrial or chloroplast inner membrane
		Presequence and cleavable hydrophobic sorting signal	Mitochondrial intermembrane space or chloroplast thylakoid lumen
<i>Non-cleavable signal sequences</i>			
		Outer-membrane protein (OMP) with signal anchor	Mitochondrial or chloroplast outer membrane
		OMP with internal anchor	Mitochondrial or chloroplast outer membrane
		OMP with carboxy-terminal anchor	Mitochondrial or chloroplast outer membrane
		OMP with multiple anchors	Mitochondrial or chloroplast outer membrane
		β -barrel OMP with β -signal	Mitochondrial or chloroplast outer membrane
		Inner membrane carrier with multiple signals	Mitochondrial inner membrane
		Inner membrane protein with internal presequence-like signal	Mitochondrial inner membrane
		Intermembrane-space protein with Cys-rich motif	Mitochondrial inner membrane
		Signal for intermembrane-space targeting	Chloroplast intermembrane space

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