

Membranes and proteins

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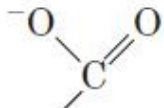
Lipids

TABLE 10-1 Some Naturally Occurring Fatty Acids: Structure, Properties, and Nomenclature

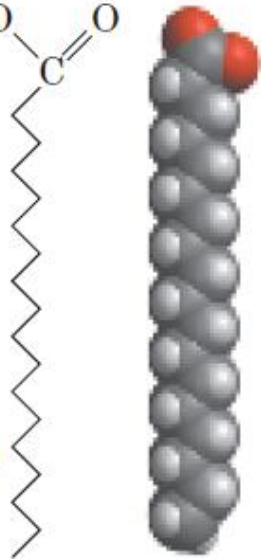
Carbon skeleton	Structure*	Systematic name [†]	Common name (derivation)	Melting point (°C)	Solubility at 30 °C (mg/g solvent)	
					Water	Benzene
12:0	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₀ COOH	<i>n</i> -Dodecanoic acid	Lauric acid (Latin <i>laurus</i> , "laurel plant")	44.2	0.063	2,600
14:0	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₂ COOH	<i>n</i> -Tetradecanoic acid	Myristic acid (Latin <i>Myristica</i> , nutmeg genus)	53.9	0.024	874
16:0	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₄ COOH	<i>n</i> -Hexadecanoic acid	Palmitic acid (Latin <i>palma</i> , "palm tree")	63.1	0.0083	348
18:0	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₆ COOH	<i>n</i> -Octadecanoic acid	Stearic acid (Greek <i>stear</i> , "hard fat")	69.6	0.0034	124
20:0	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₈ COOH	<i>n</i> -Eicosanoic acid	Arachidic acid (Latin <i>Arachis</i> , legume genus)	76.5		
24:0	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₂ COOH	<i>n</i> -Tetracosanoic acid	Lignoceric acid (Latin <i>lignum</i> , "wood" + <i>cera</i> , "wax")	86.0		

Fatty acids

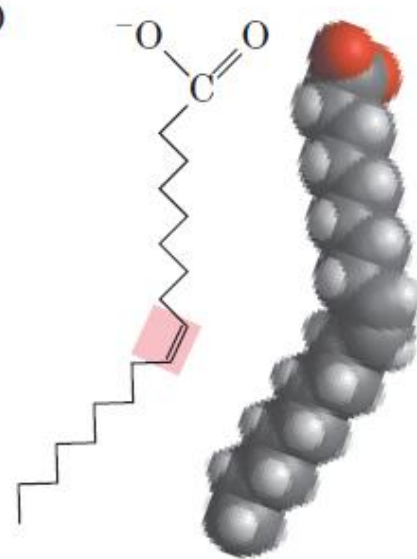
(a) Carboxyl group



Hydrocarbon chain



(b)

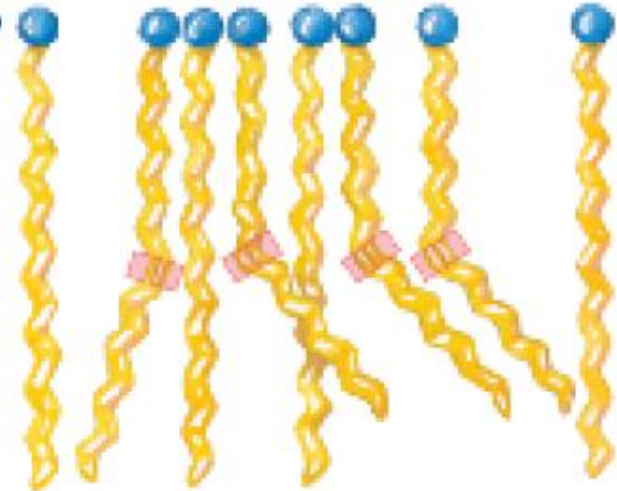


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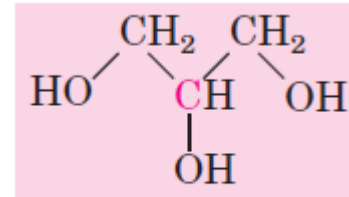
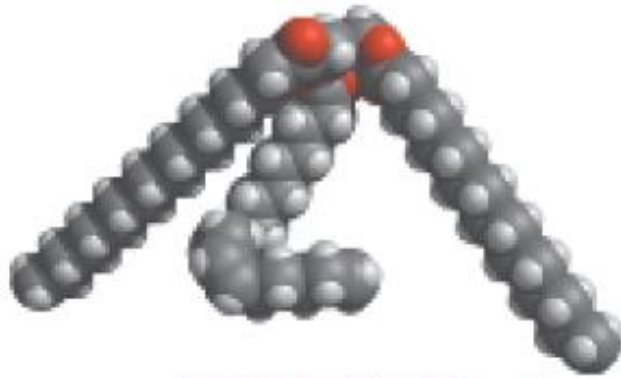
Saturated fatty acids

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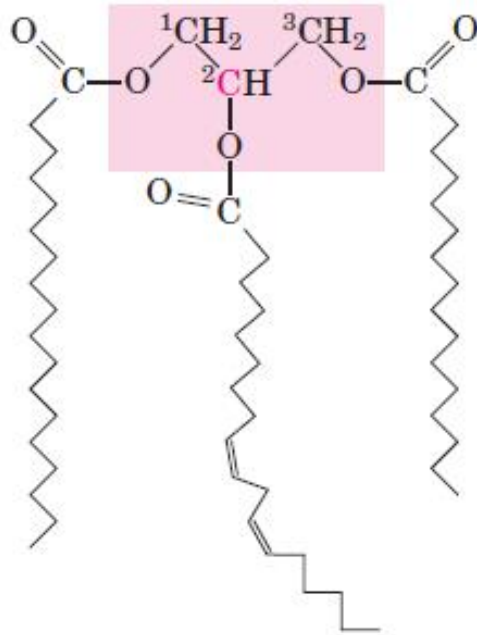


Mixture of saturated and unsaturated fatty acids

Glycerol and triacylglycerol

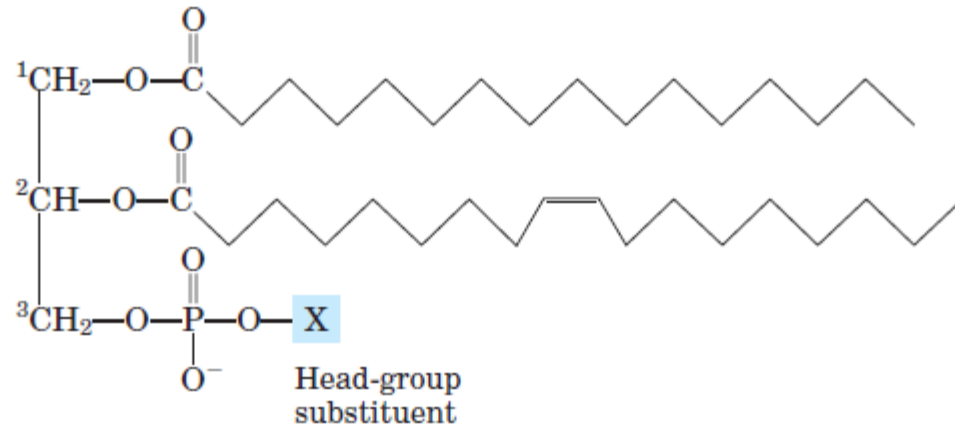


Glycerol



1-Stearoyl, 2-linoleoyl, 3-palmitoyl glycerol,
a mixed triacylglycerol

Glycerophospholipid
(general structure)



Phosphatidylipids

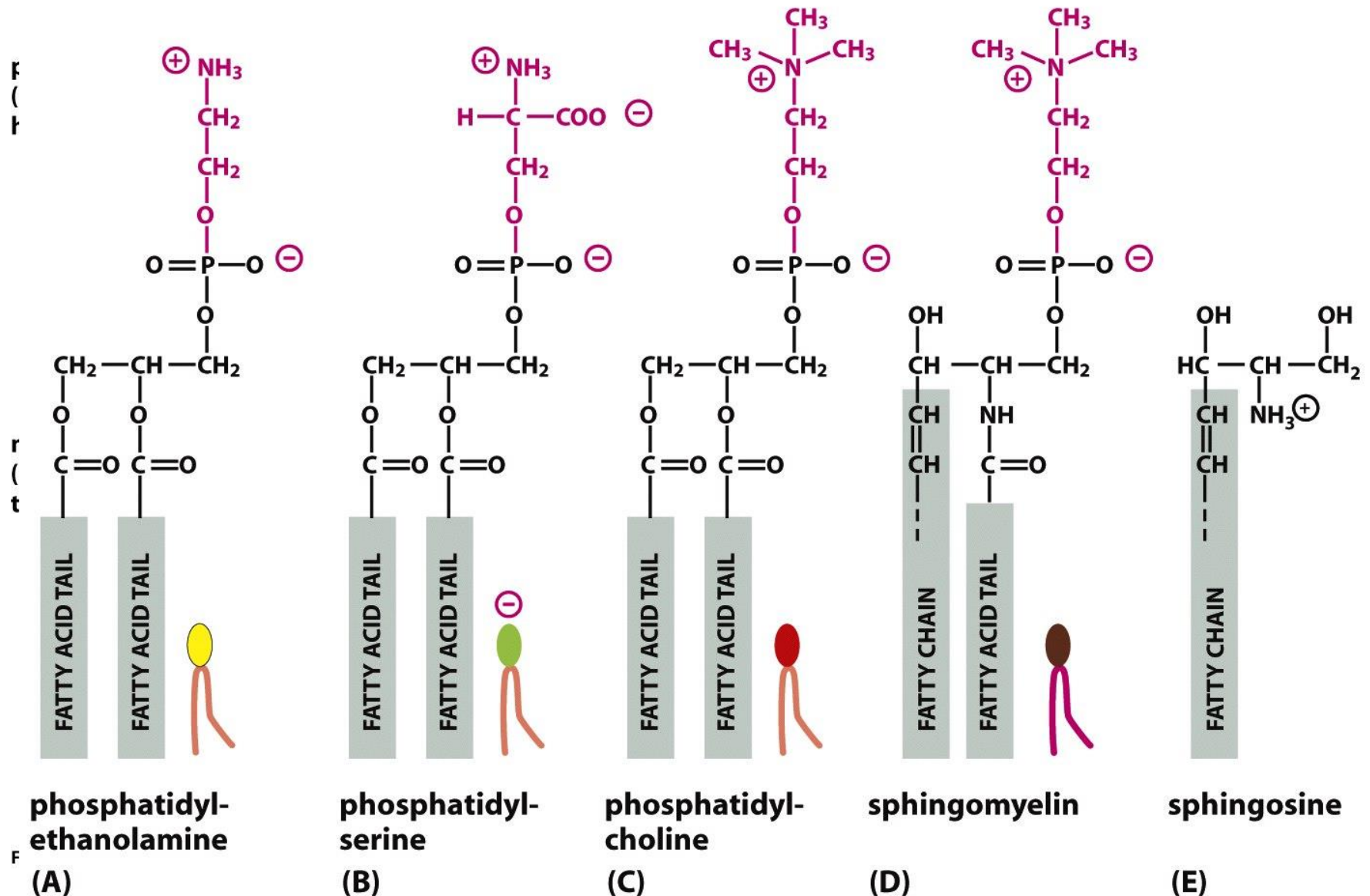
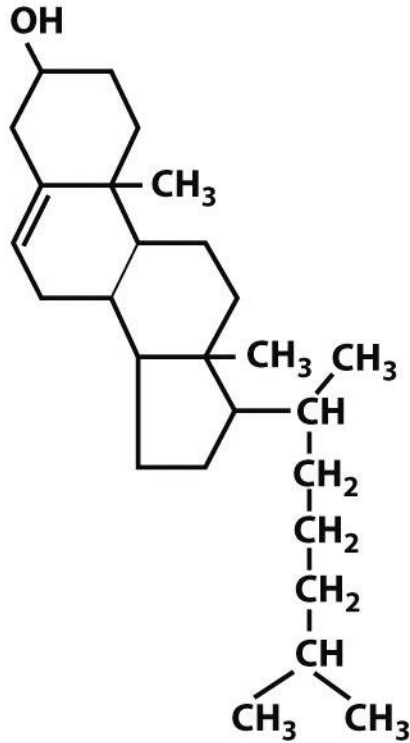


Figure 10-3 Molecular Biology of the Cell 5/e (© Garland Science 2008)

Cholesterol



(A)

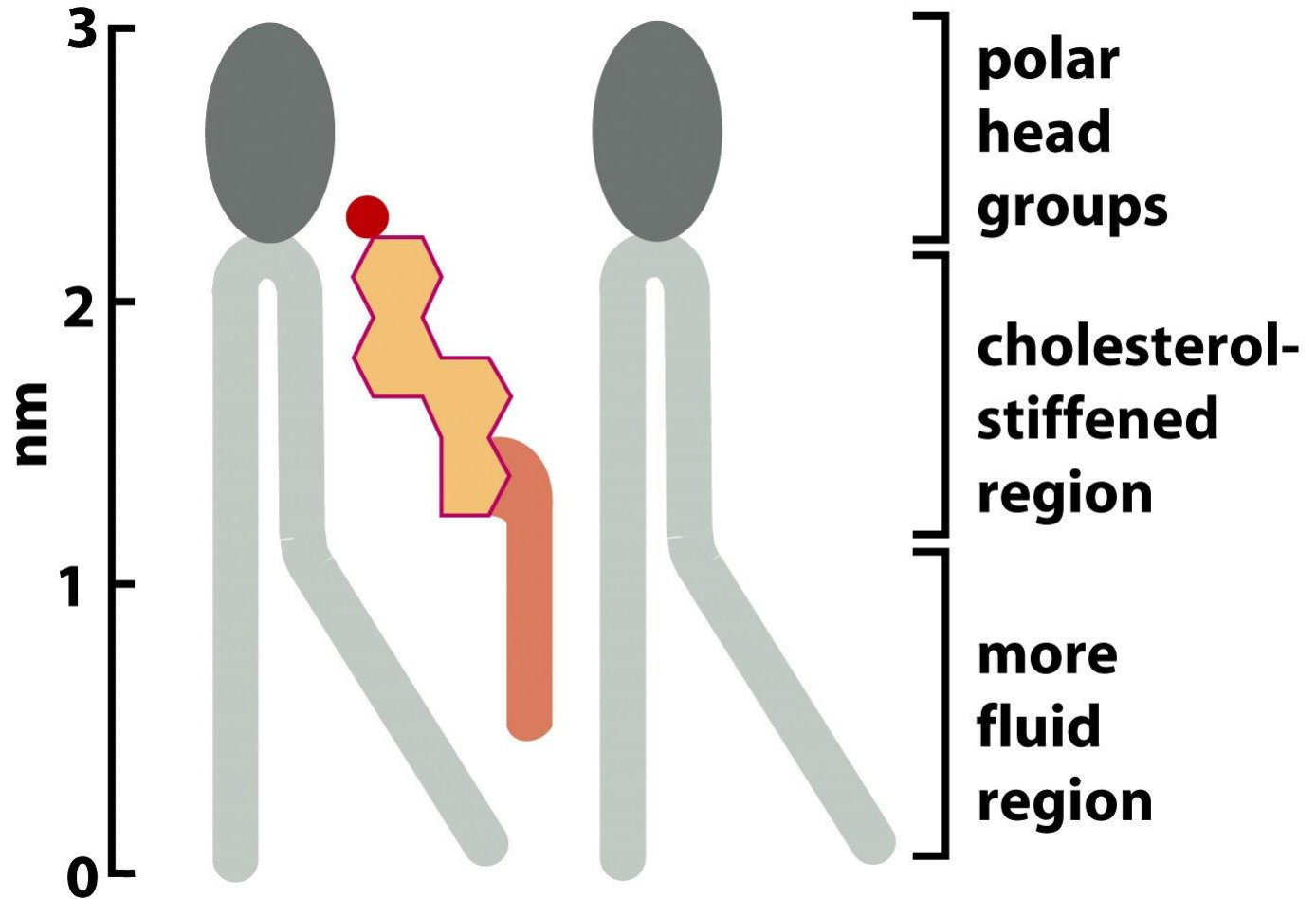
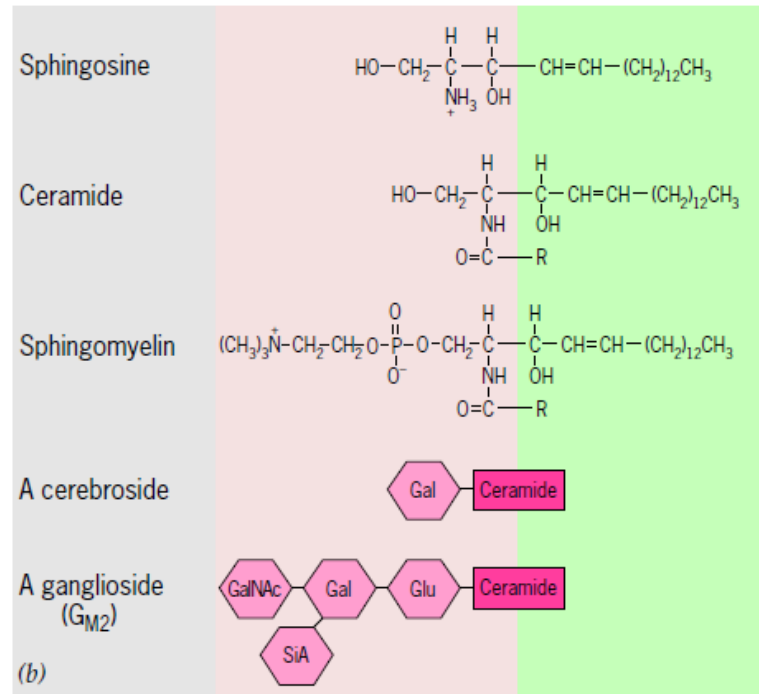
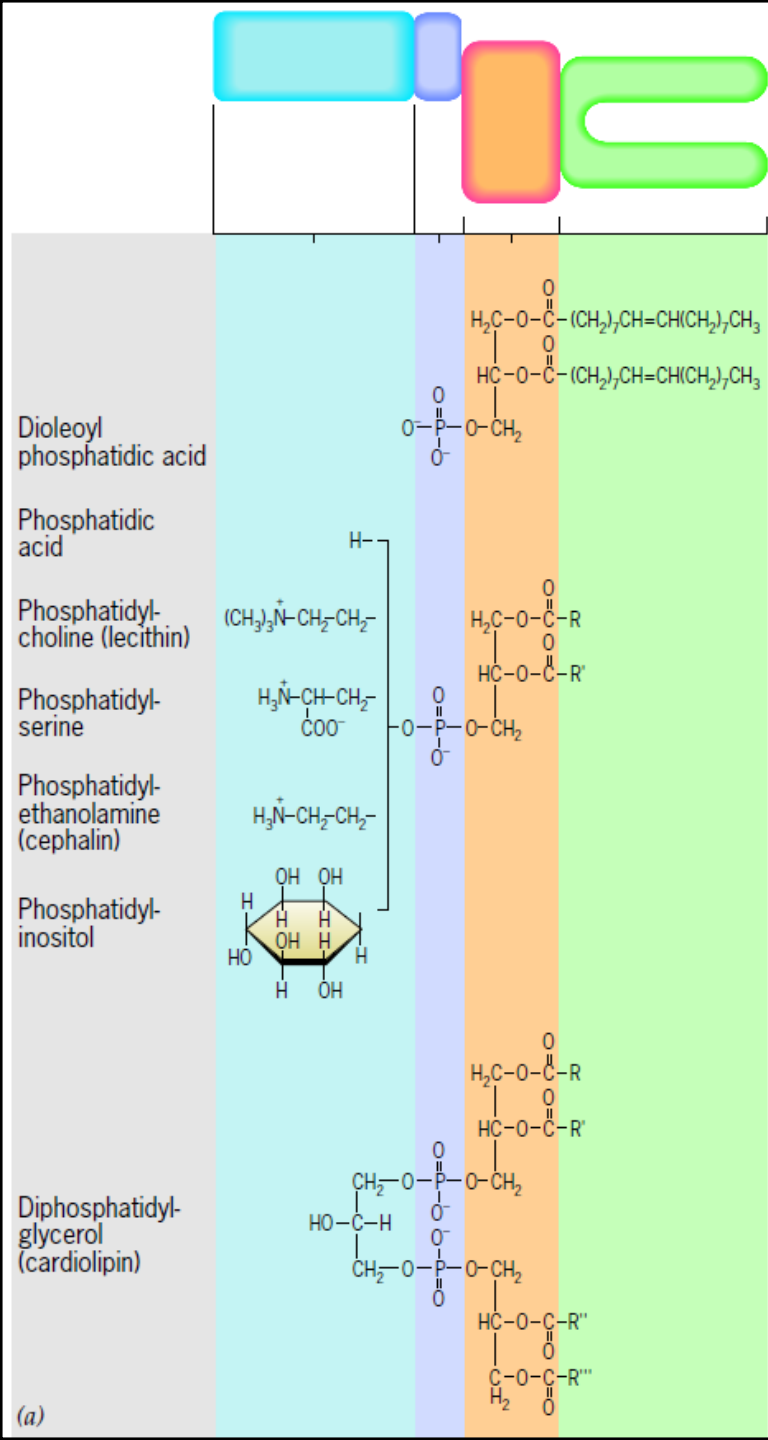


Figure 10-4 Molecular Biology of the Cell 5/e (© Garland Science 2008)

Lipids



Composition of cell membranes

Table 10–1 Approximate Lipid Compositions of Different Cell Membranes

LIPID	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL LIPID BY WEIGHT					
	LIVER CELL PLASMA MEMBRANE	RED BLOOD CELL PLASMA MEMBRANE	MYELIN	MITOCHONDRION (INNER AND OUTER MEMBRANES)	ENDOPLASMIC RETICULUM	<i>E. COLI</i> BACTERIUM
Cholesterol	17	23	22	3	6	0
Phosphatidylethanolamine	7	18	15	28	17	70
Phosphatidylserine	4	7	9	2	5	trace
Phosphatidylcholine	24	17	10	44	40	0
Sphingomyelin	19	18	8	0	5	0
Glycolipids	7	3	28	trace	trace	0
Others	22	13	8	23	27	30

Go figure...

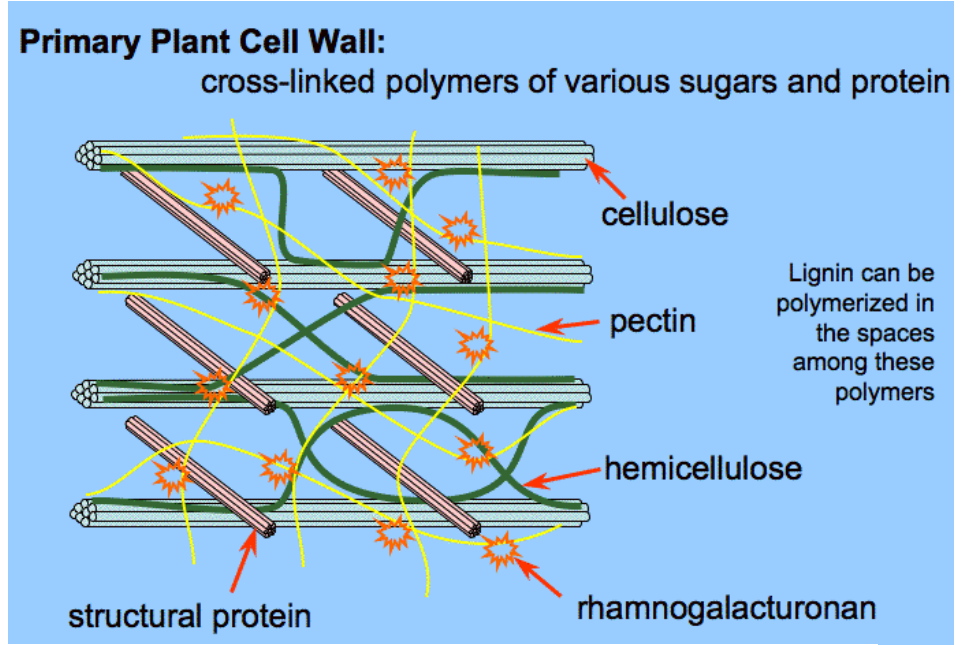
Hooke's "cell" image

Is there any error? **Yes!**

It is not a cell...

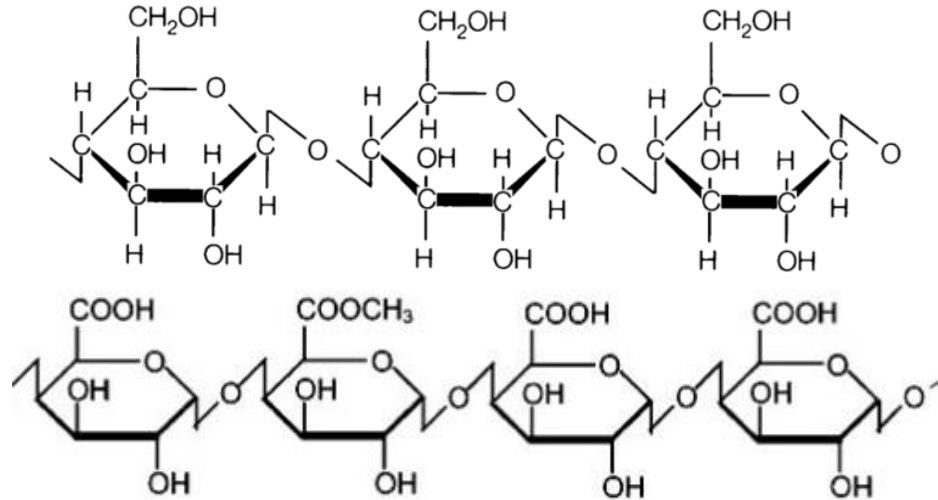
It is a cell wall of a vegetable

It is not made with lipids...
but saccharides



http://plantphys.info/plant_physiology/basiccytology1.shtml

<http://www.intechopen.com/books/biodegradation-life-of-science/biodegradable-polymers>



Low methoxyl pectin

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Plasma membrane

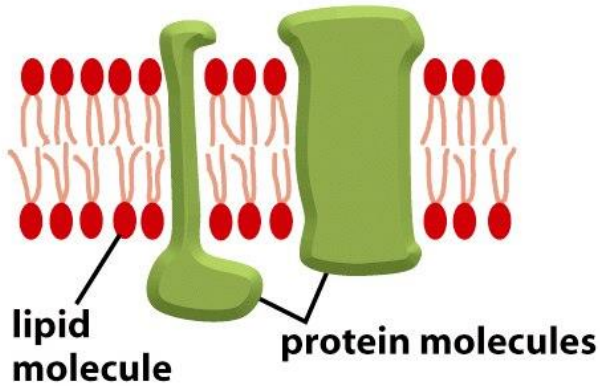
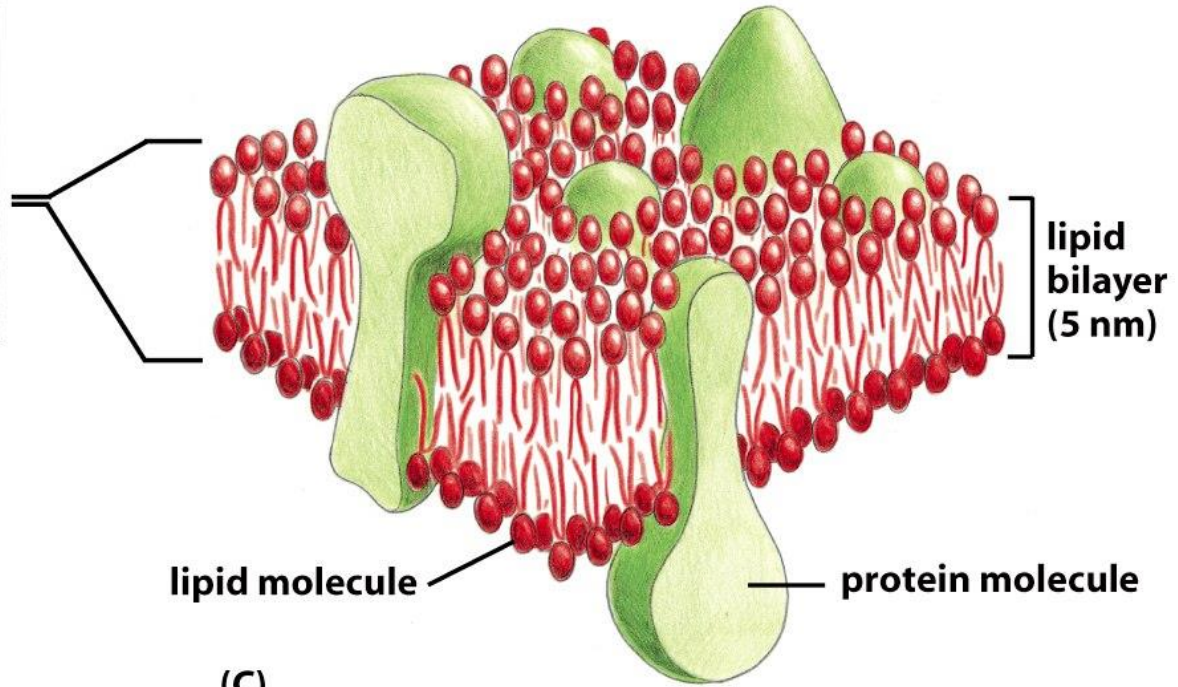
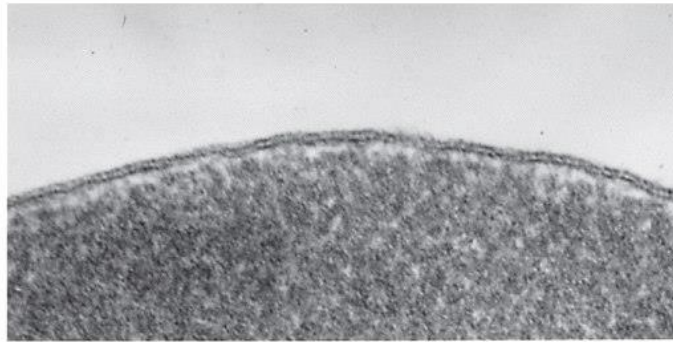
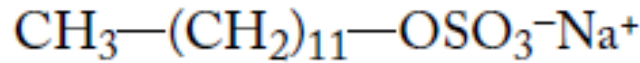


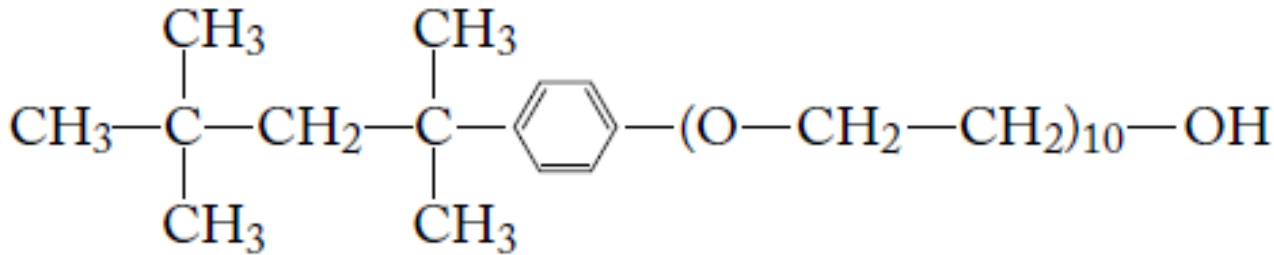
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Micelle and bilayer

shape of molecule



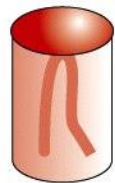
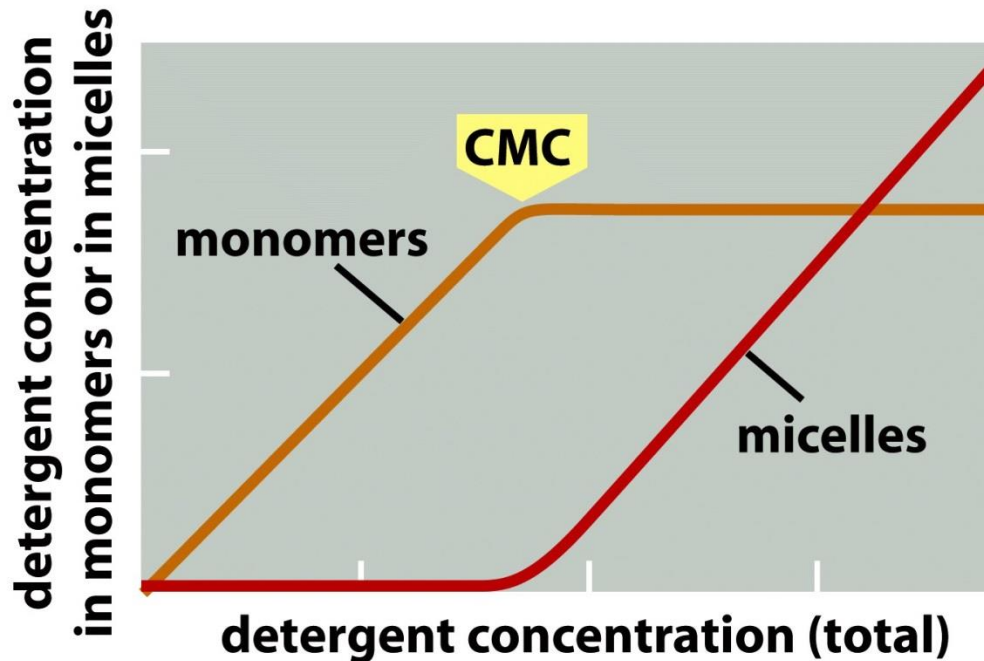
Sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS)



Triton X-100

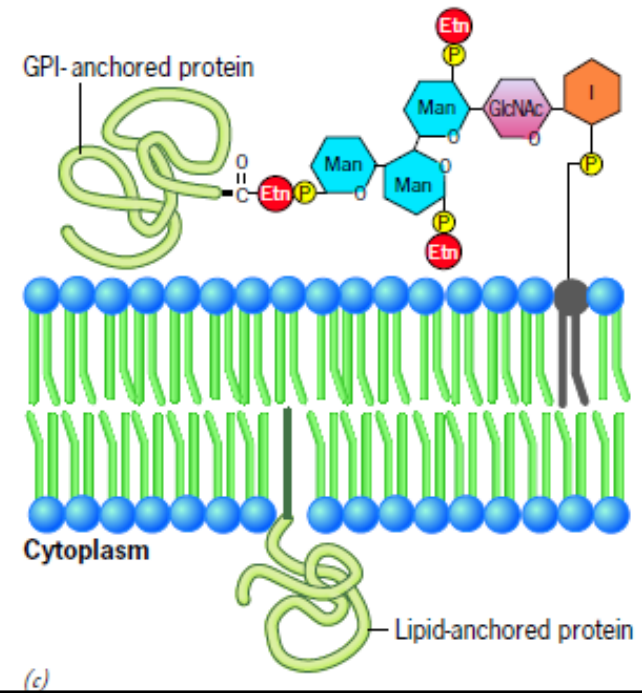
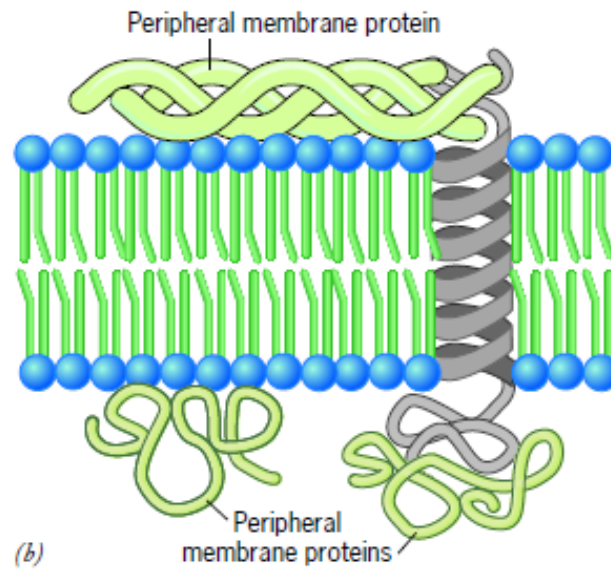
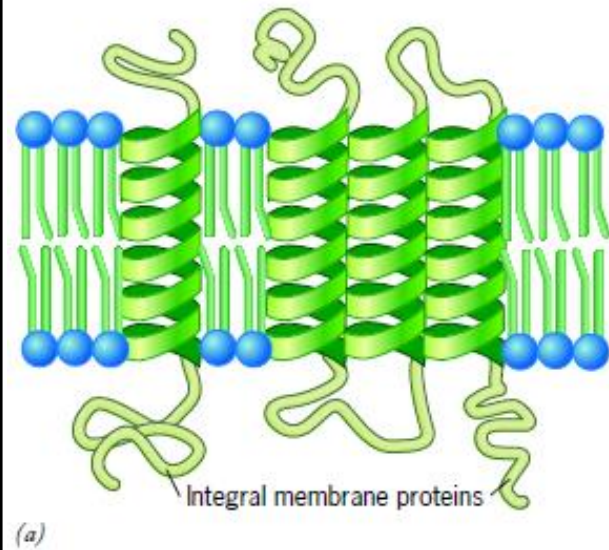
lipid micelle

lipid bilayer

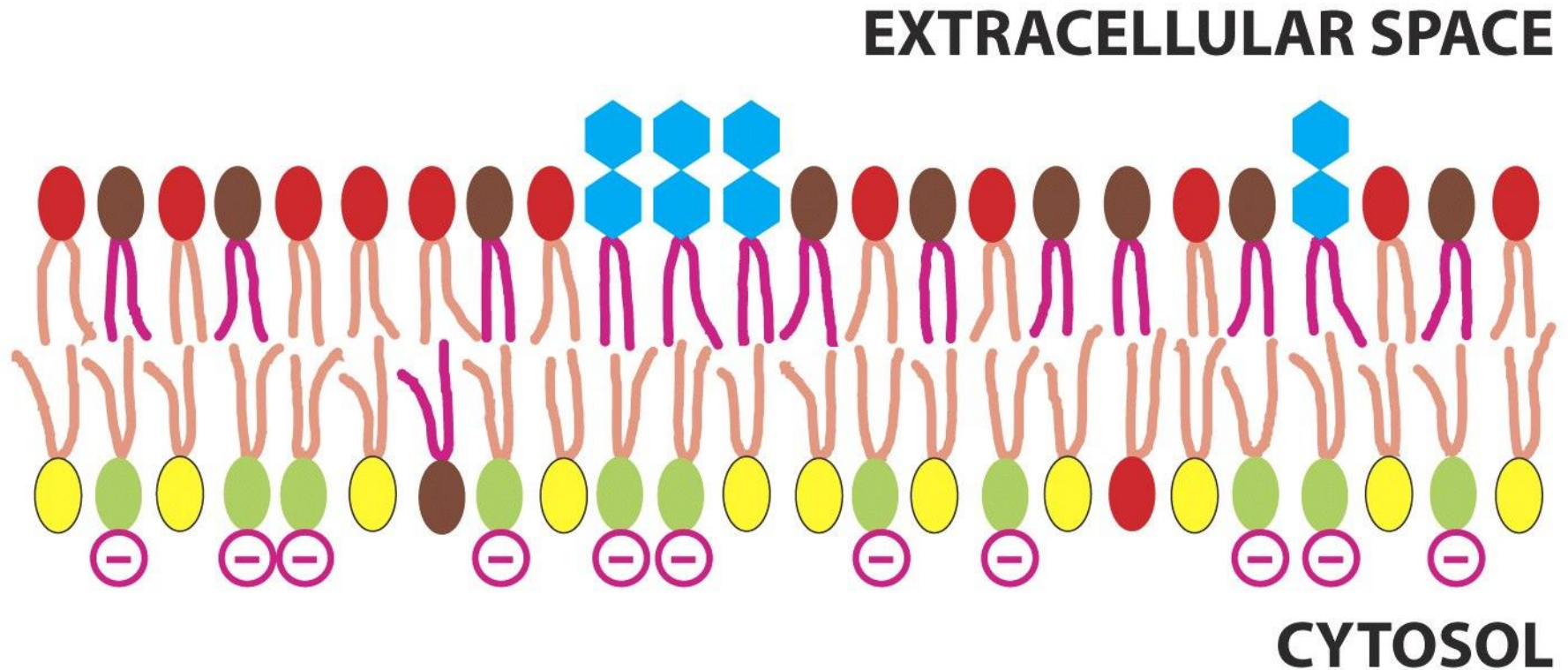


(A)

Types of membrane proteins



Asymmetry of membrane



Asymmetry of membrane

Apical plasma membrane

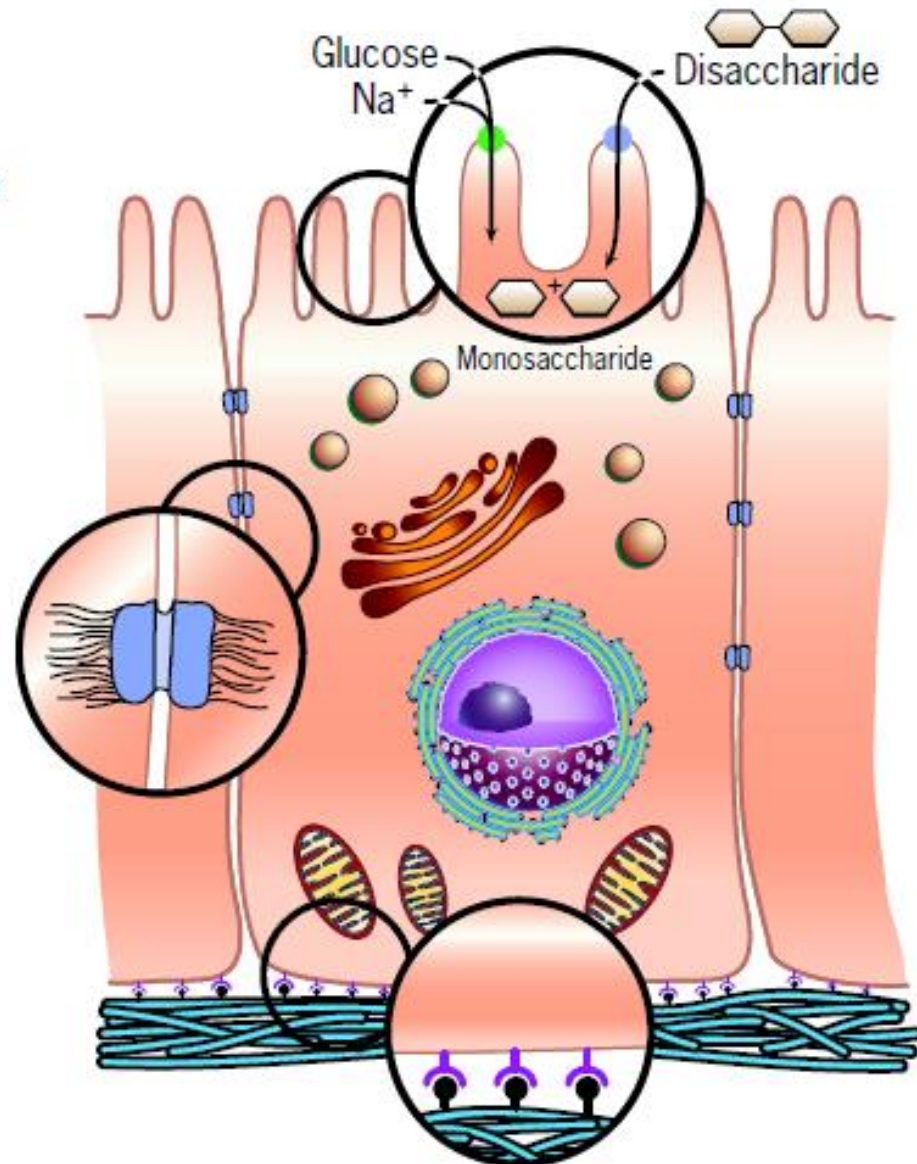
- regulation of nutrient and water intake
- regulated secretion
- protection

Lateral plasma membrane

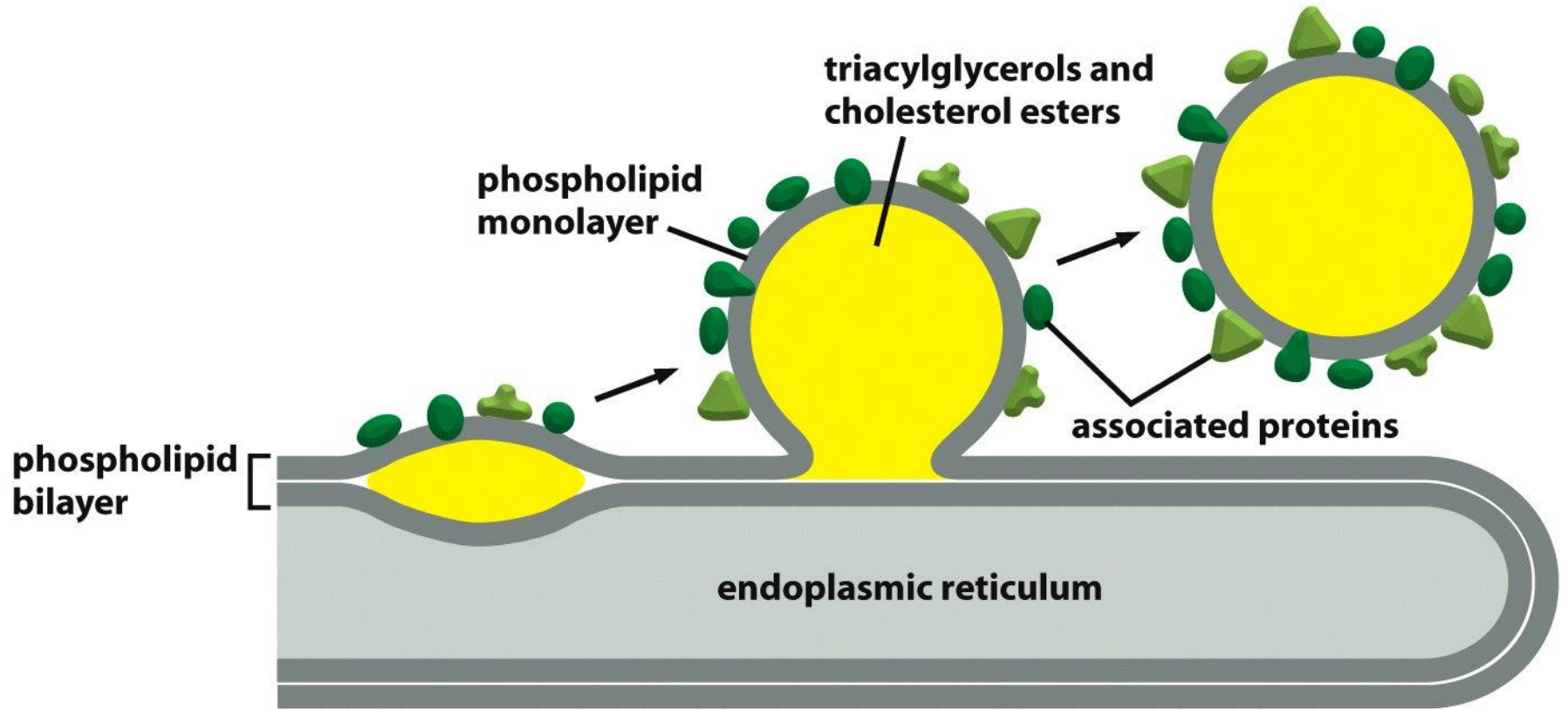
- cell contact and adhesion
- cell communication

Basal membrane

- cell-substratum contact
- generation of ion gradients



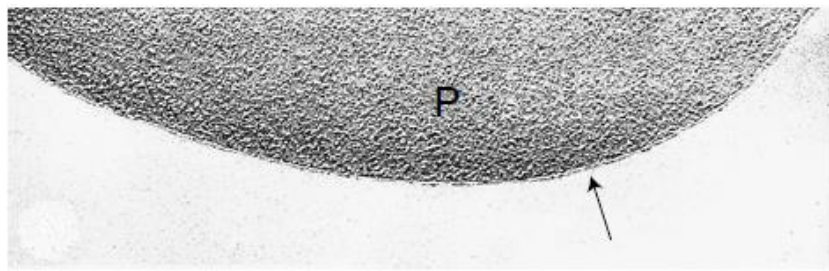
Lipid droplets



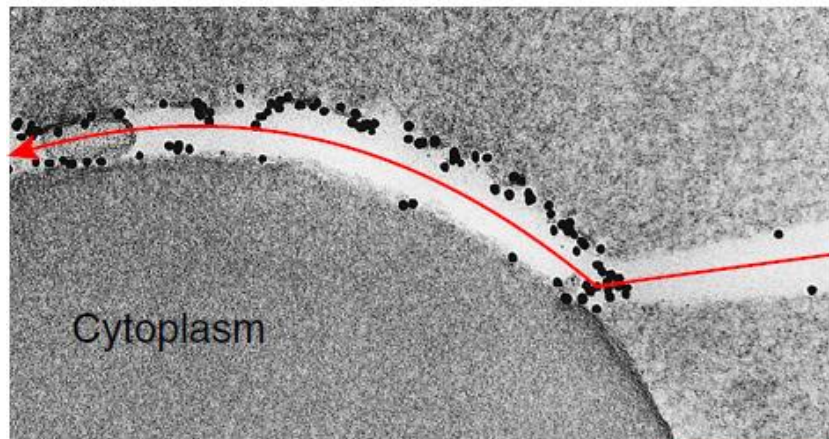
Distribution of integral proteins

Freeze fracture: a technique for investigating cell membrane structure

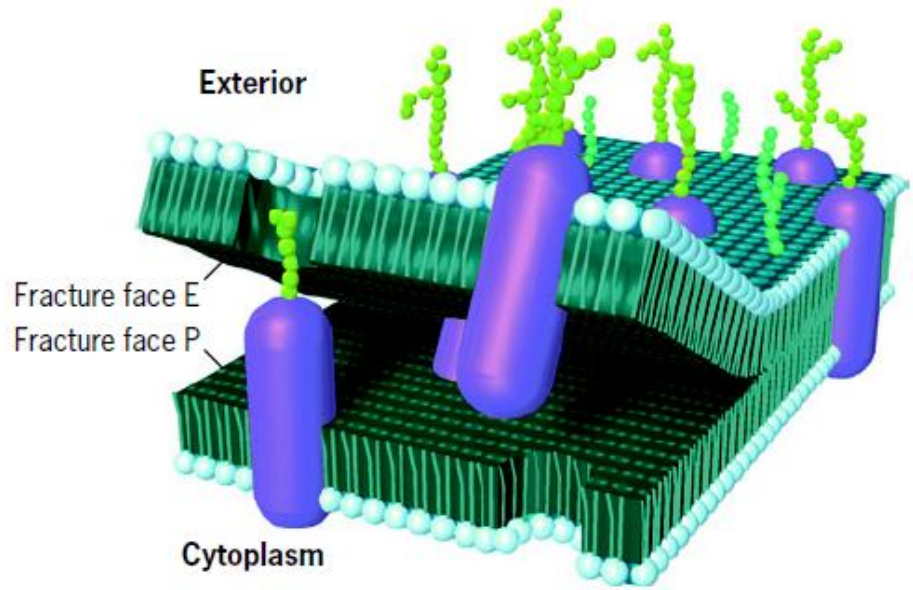
E: ectoplasmic face
P: protoplasmic face



(b) 0.2 μm



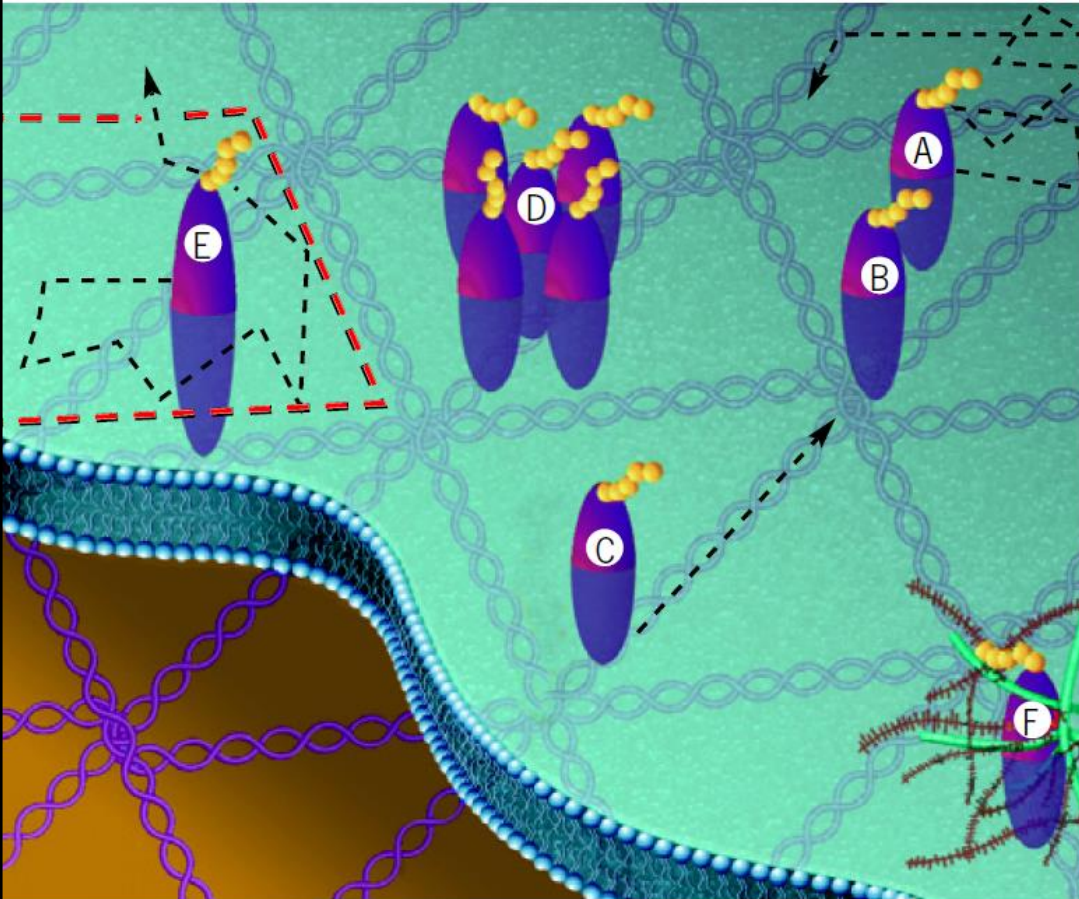
(c) 0.3 μm



Surface of an erythrocyte

Karp, G. "Cell and Molecular Biology-Concepts and Experiments"
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Integral protein movement is not all random



Protein A is capable of diffusing randomly throughout the membrane, though its rate of movement may be limited.

Protein B is immobilized. It interacts with the underlying membrane skeleton.

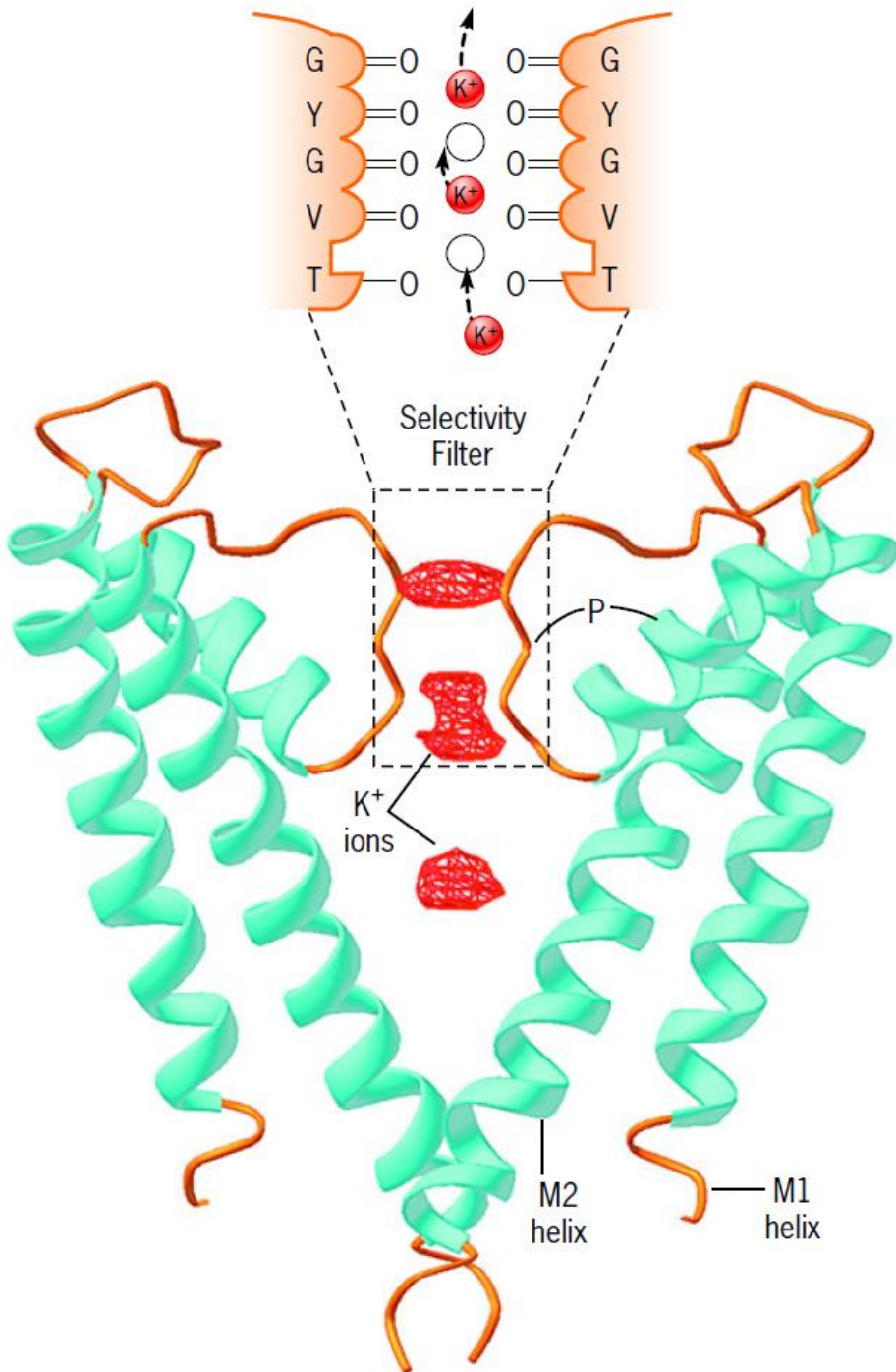
Protein C moves in a particular direction. It interacts with a motor protein at the cytoplasmic surface of the membrane.

Protein D is restricted by other integral proteins of the membrane.

Protein E is restricted by fences formed by proteins of the membrane skeleton, but it can hop into adjacent compartments through transient openings in a fence.

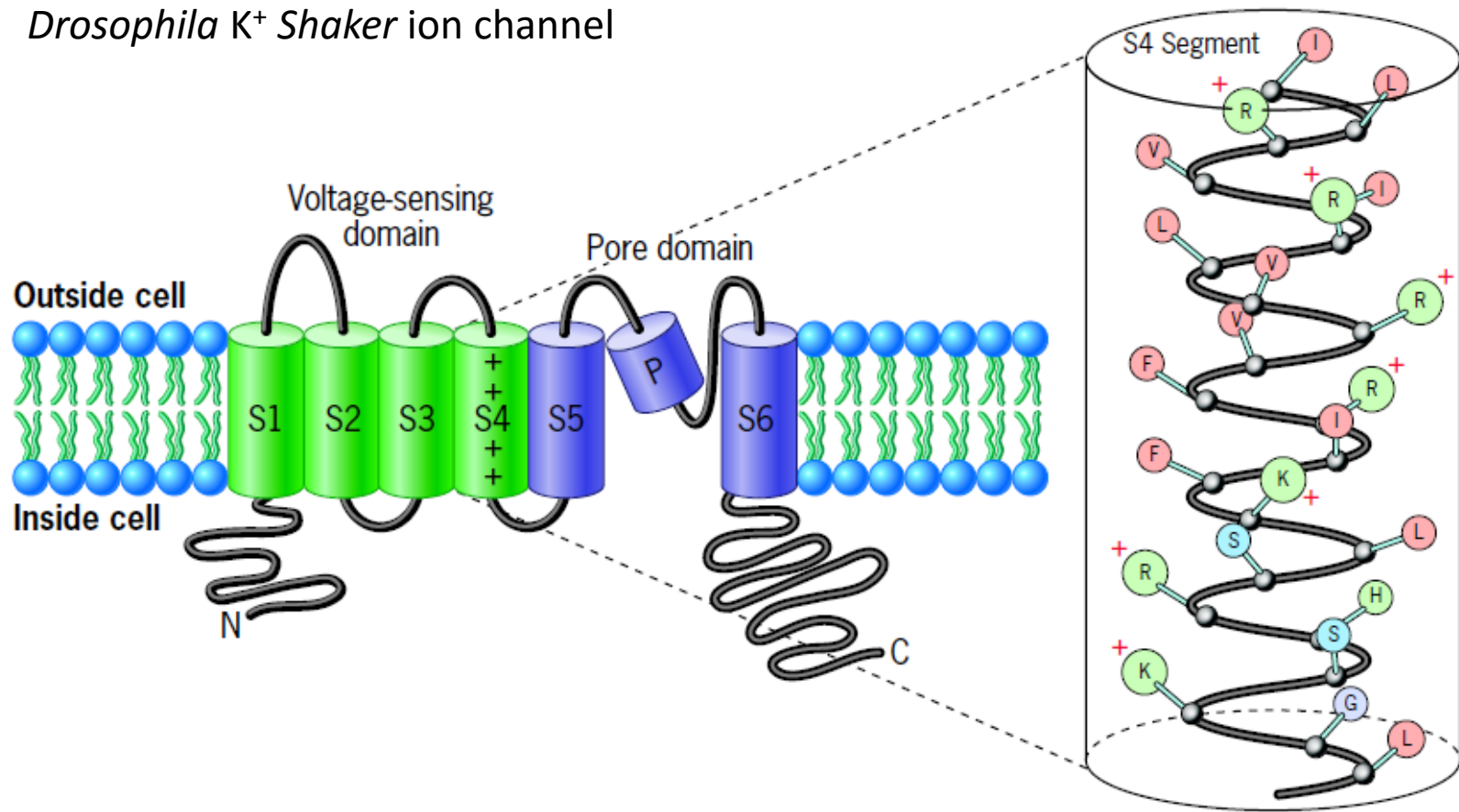
Protein F is restrained by extracellular materials.

Potassium channel



Voltage-gated K⁺ channel

Drosophila K⁺ Shaker ion channel



Voltage-gated K⁺ channel

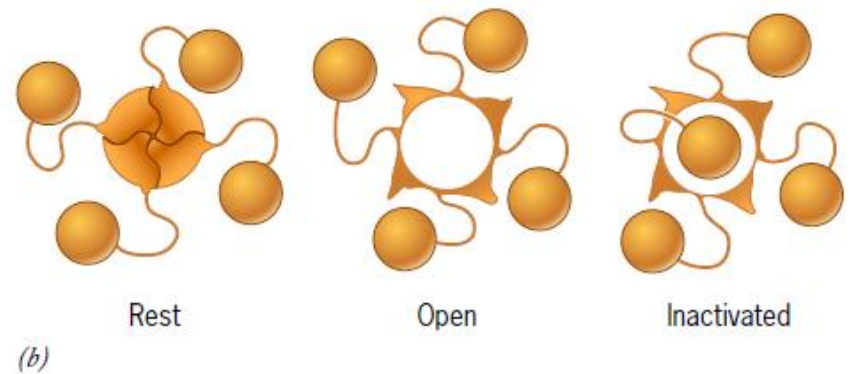
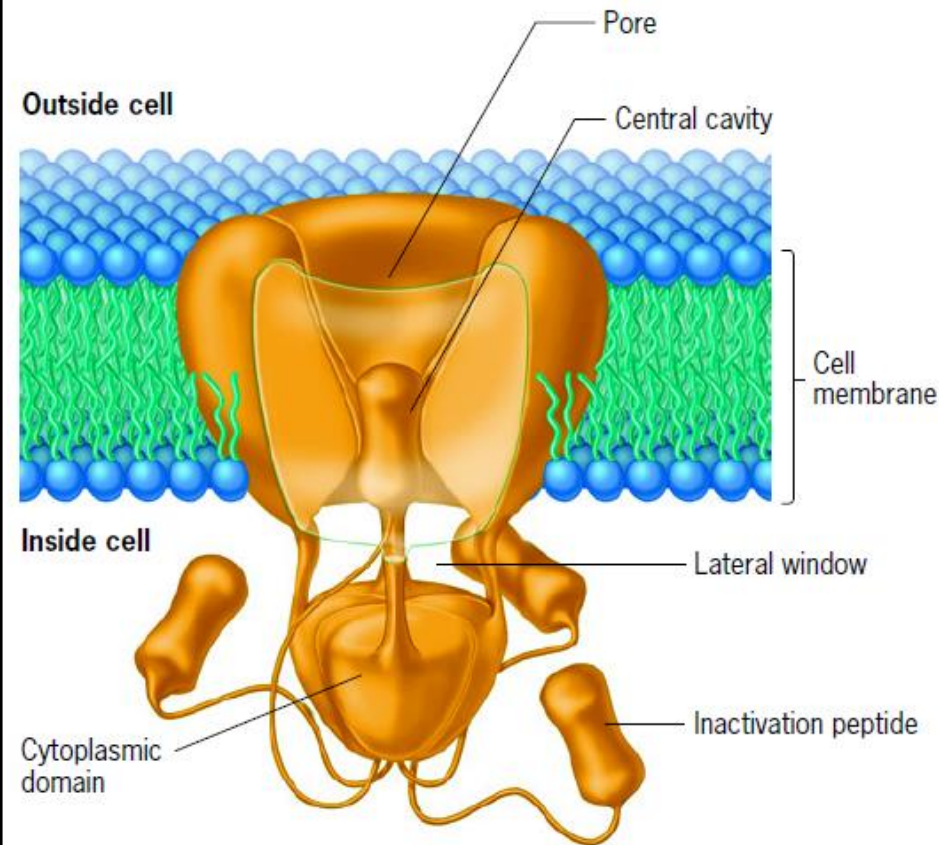
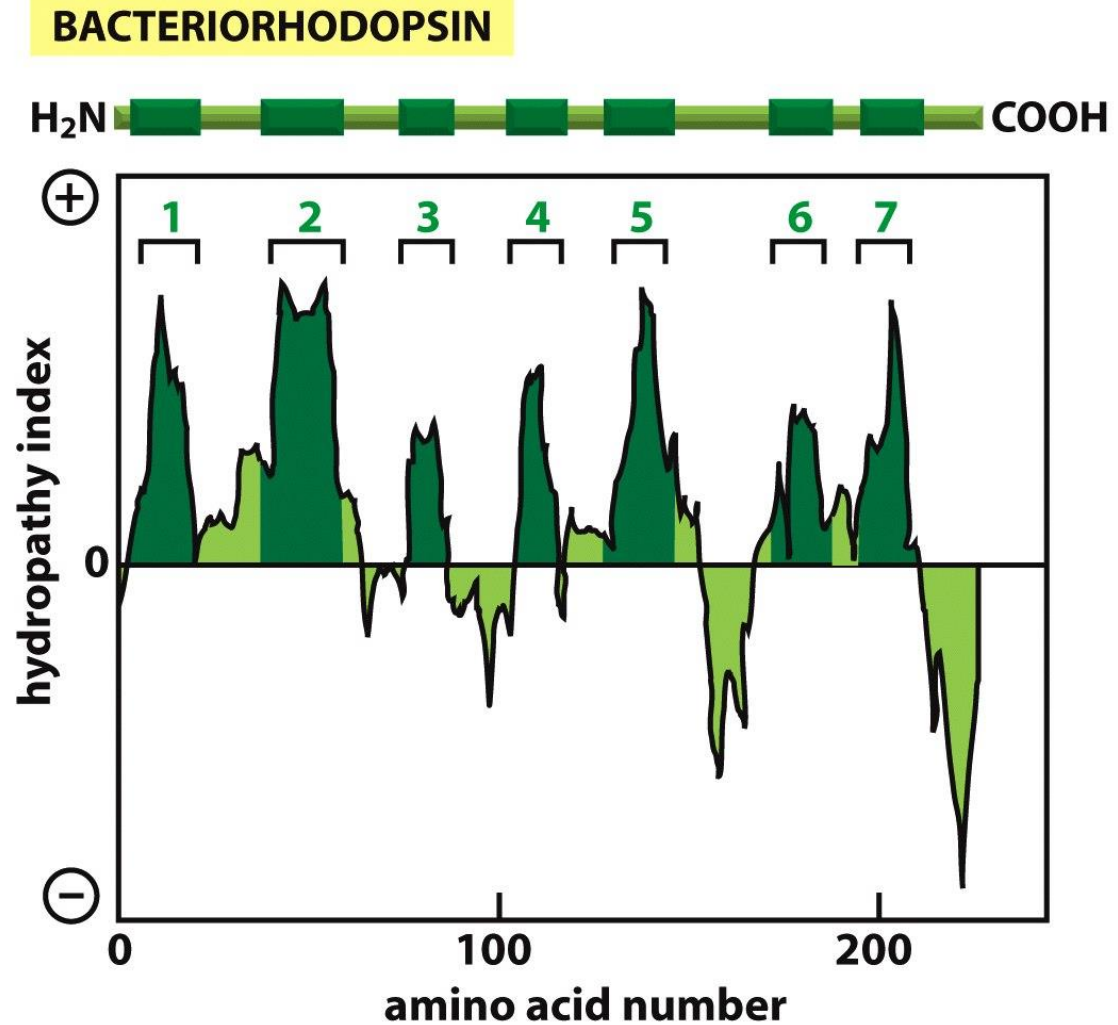
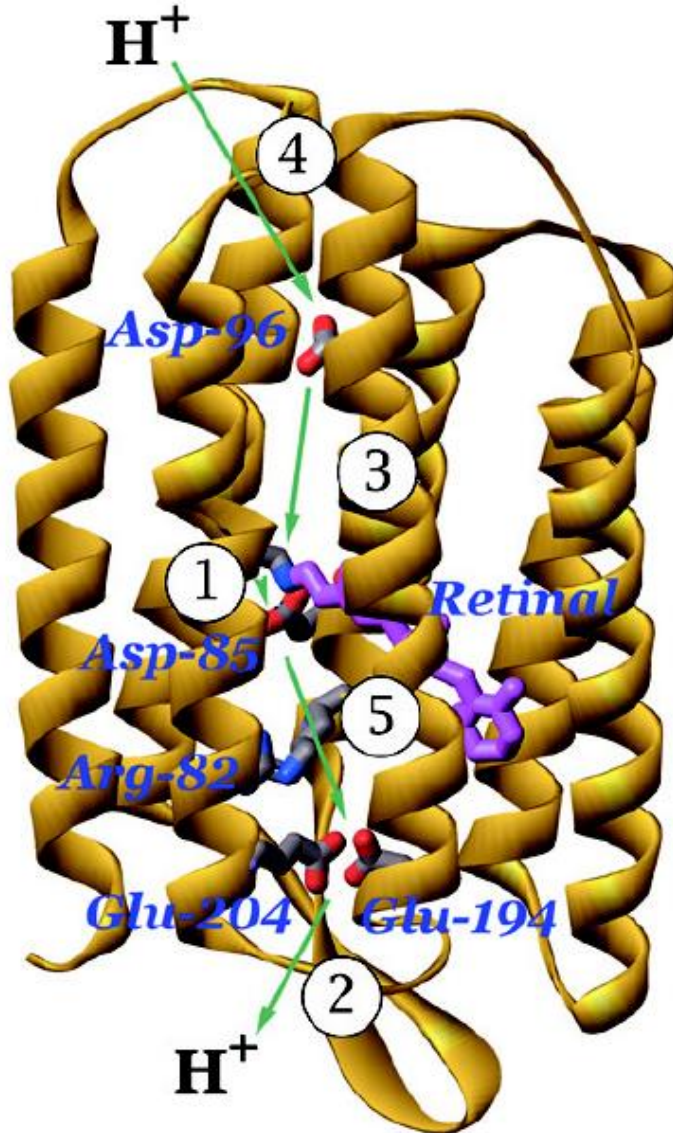
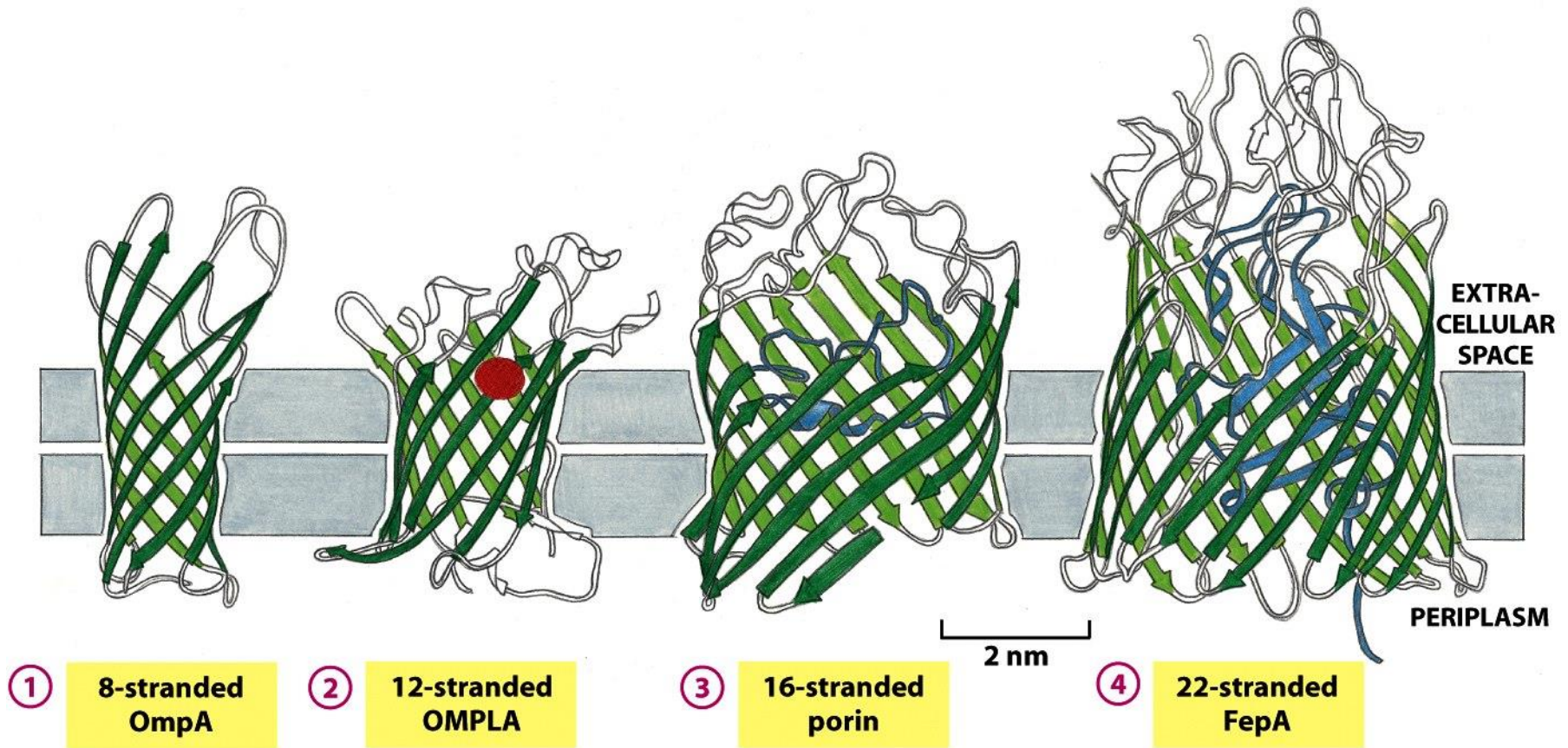


Figure 4.43 Conformational states of a voltage-gated K⁺ ion channel. (a) Three-dimensional model of a eukaryotic K⁺ ion channel. Inactivation of channel activity occurs as one of the inactivation peptides, which dangle from the cytoplasmic portion of the complex, fits into the cytoplasmic opening of the channel. (b) Schematic representation of a view into a K⁺ ion channel, perpendicular to the membrane from the cytoplasmic side, showing the channel in the closed (resting), open, and inactivated state. (B: REPRINTED FROM NEURON, VOL. 20, C. M. ARMSTRONG AND B. HILLE, VOLTAGE-GATED ION CHANNELS AND ELECTRICAL ESCITABILITY, P. 377; COPYRIGHT 1998, WITH PERMISSION FROM ELSEVIER SCIENCE.)

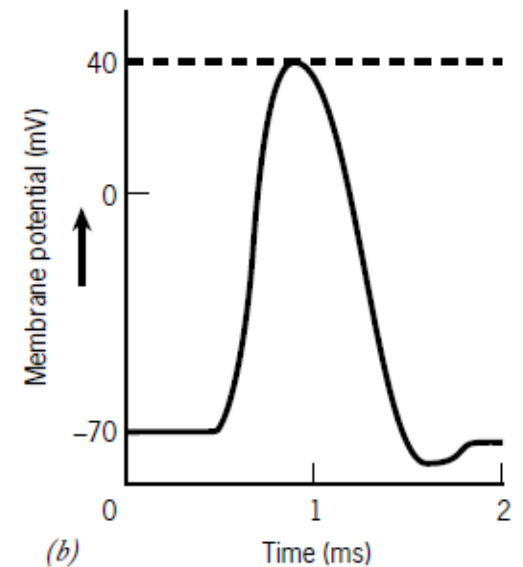
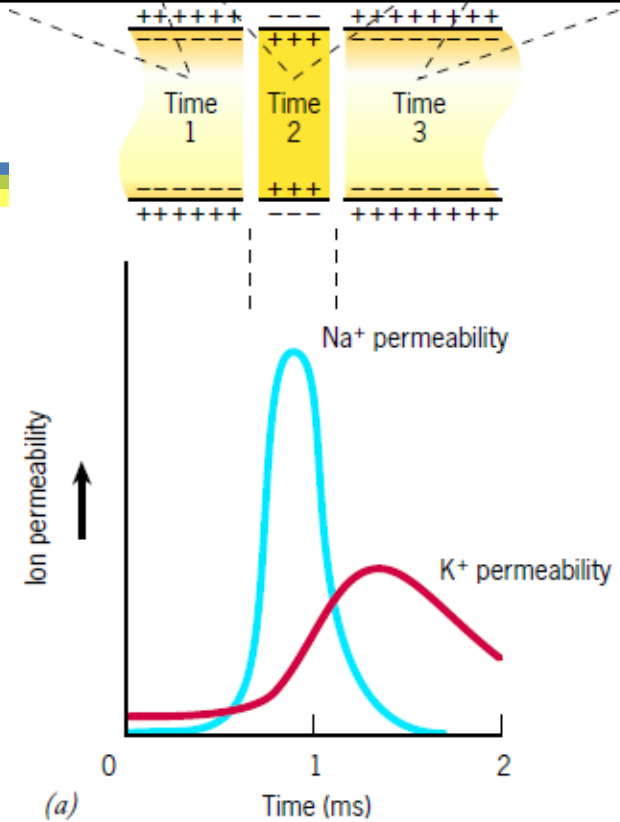
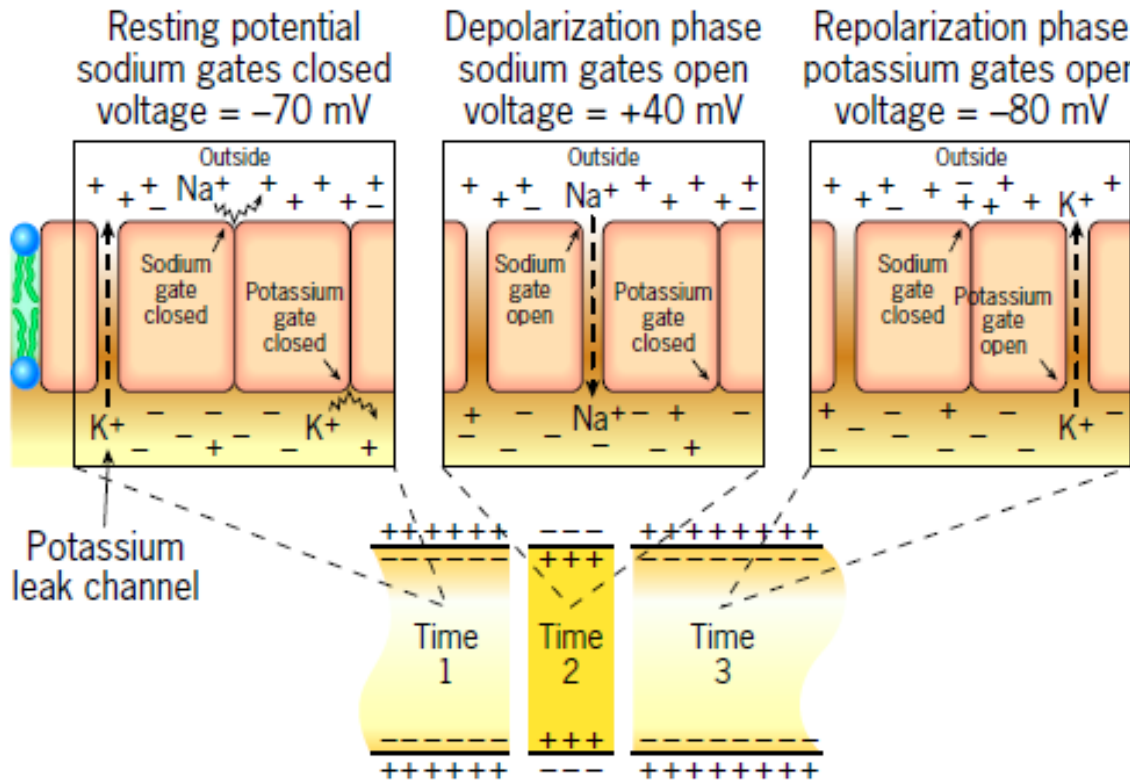
Bacteriorhodopsin: light-driven proton-pump



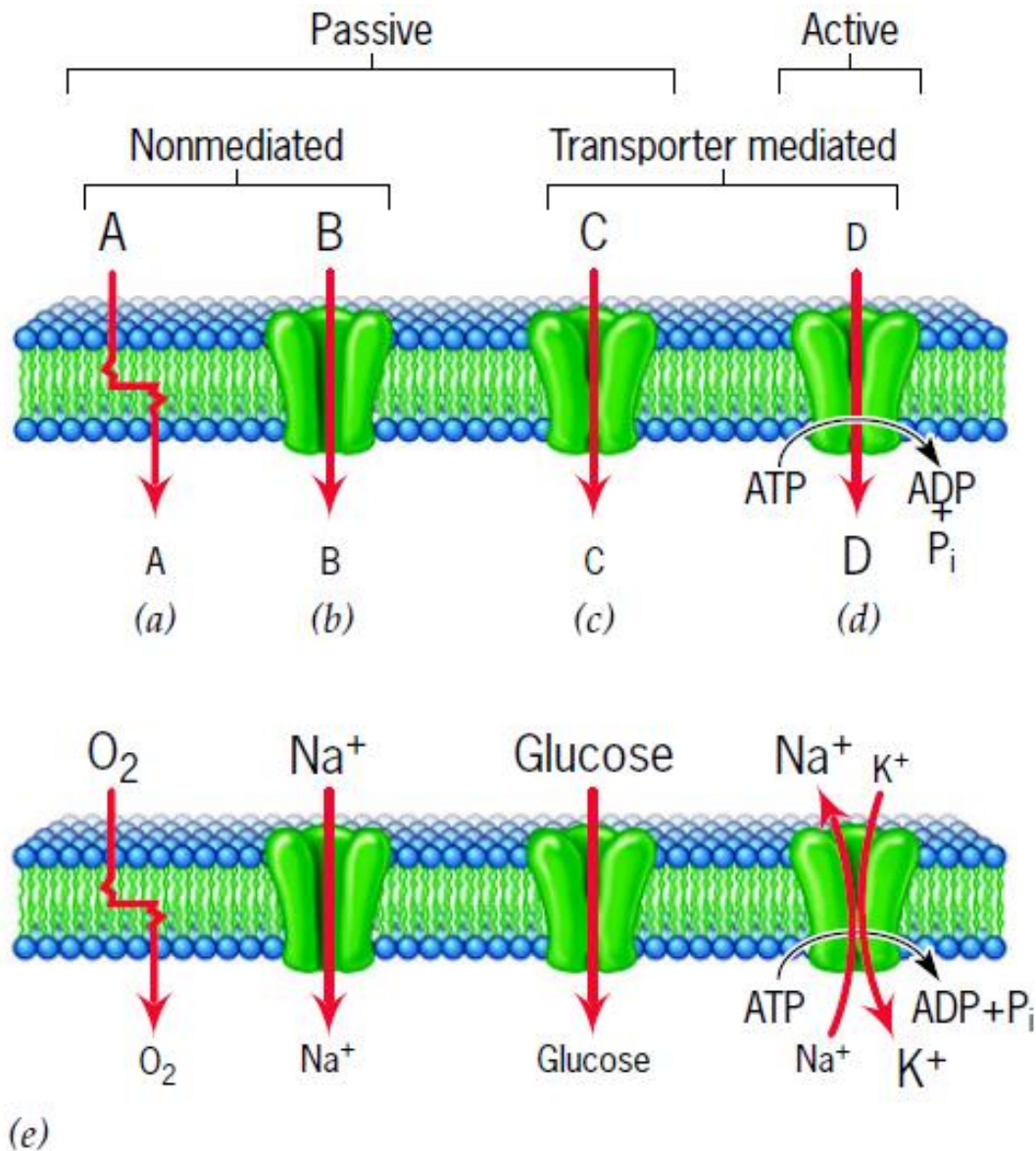
β -barrel transmembrane proteins



Membrane potential



Basic mechanisms by which solute molecules move across membranes



(a) Simple diffusion.

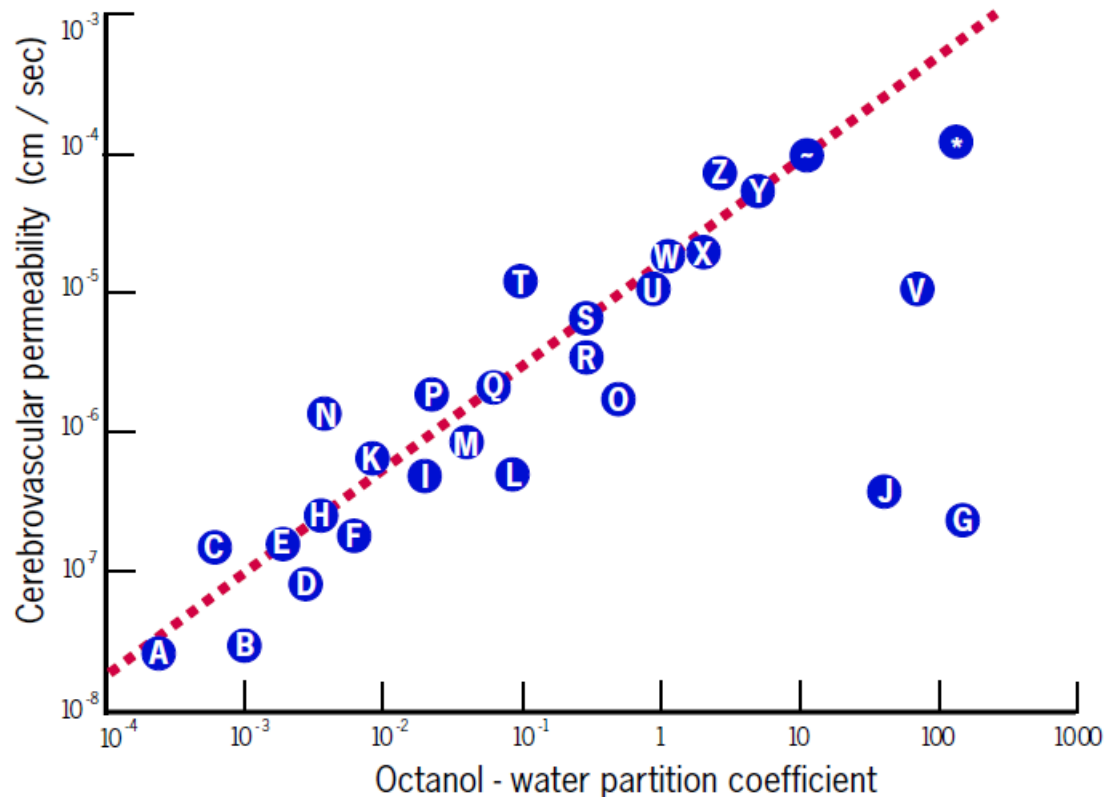
(b) Simple diffusion through an aqueous channel.

(c) Facilitated diffusion.

(d) Active transport.

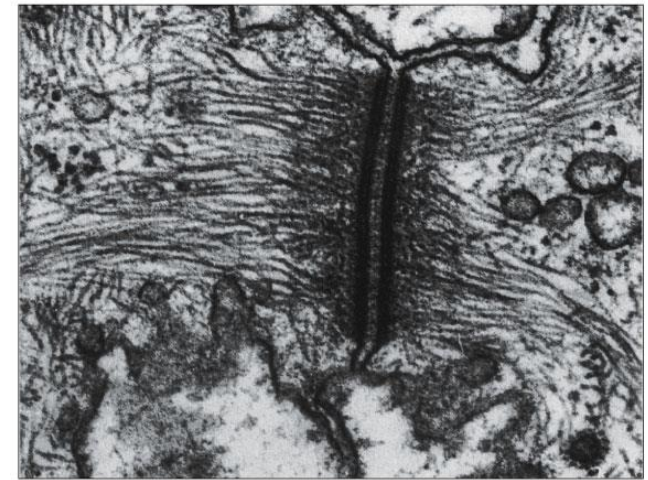
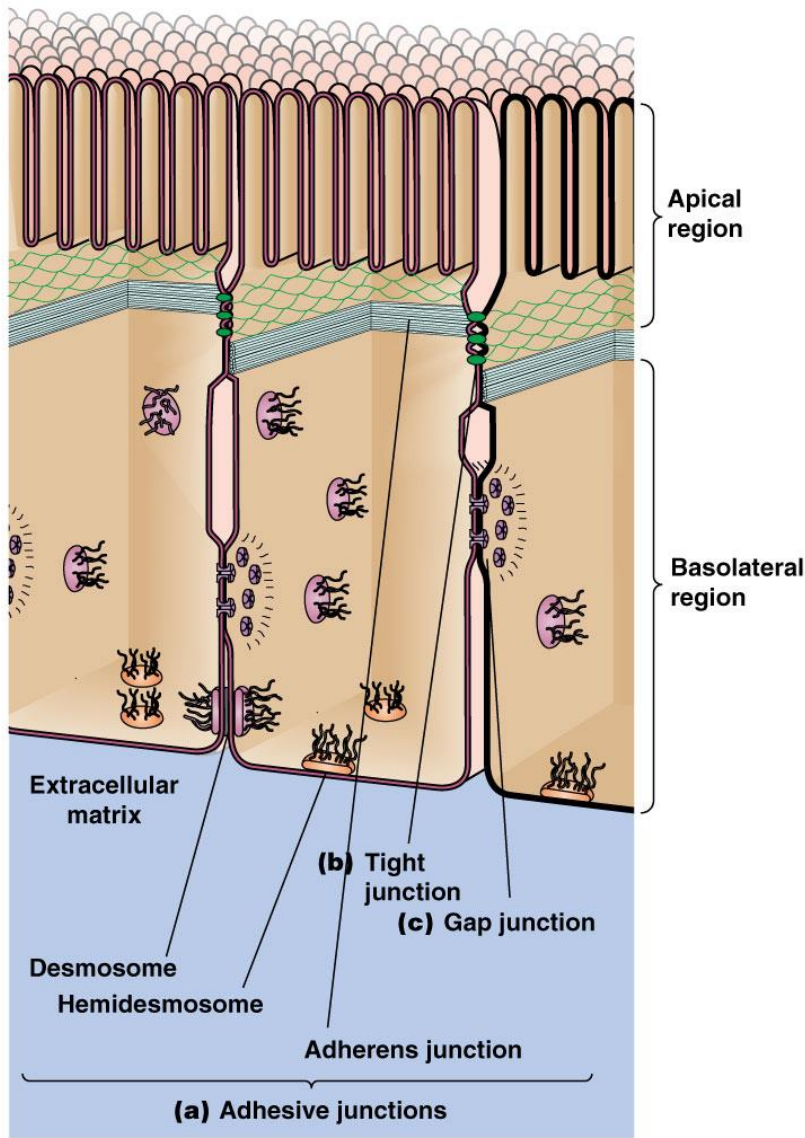
(e) Different mechanisms with examples.

Permeability vs. partition

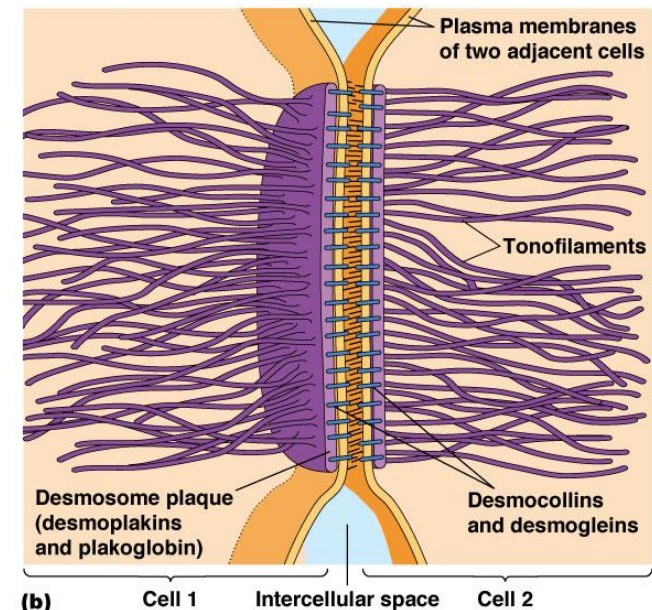


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|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. Sucrose | J. Vinblastine | S. Misonidazole |
| B. Epipodophyllotoxin | K. Curare | T. Propylene glycol |
| C. Mannitol | L. Thiourea | U. Metronidazole |
| D. Arabinose | M. Dianhydrogalacticol | V. Spirohydantoin mustard |
| E. <i>N</i> -methyl nicotinamide | N. Glycerol | W. Procarbazine |
| F. Methotrexate | O. 5-FU | X. PCNU |
| G. Vincristine | P. Ethylene glycol | Y. Antipyrine |
| H. Urea | Q. Acetamide | Z. Caffeine |
| I. Formamide | R. Ftorafur | ~. BCNU |
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Intercellular interactions

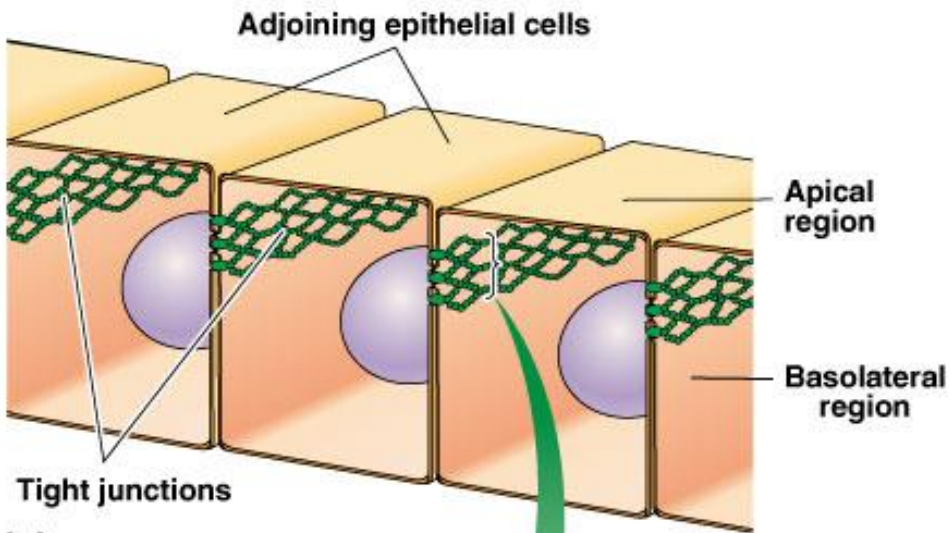


(a) 0.5 μm



(b) Cell 1 Intercellular space Cell 2

Intercellular interactions

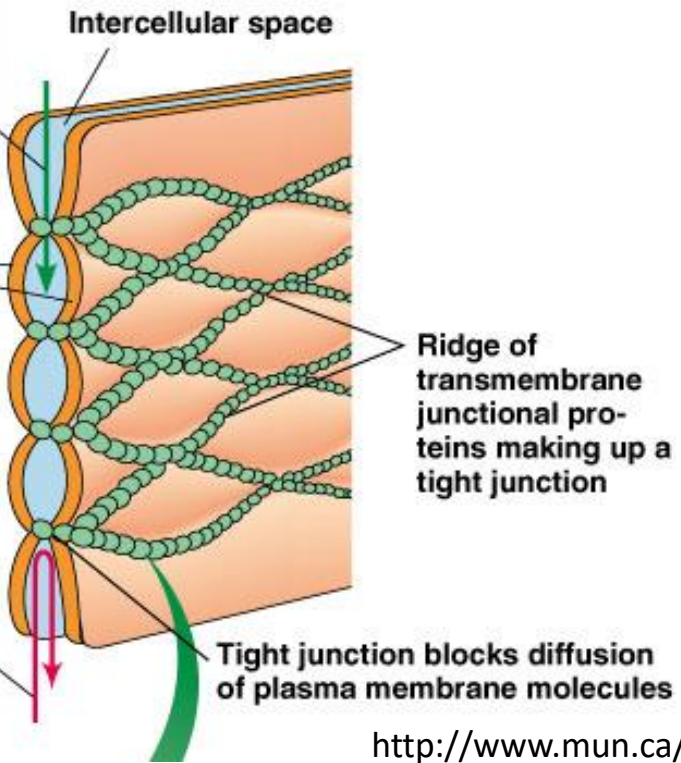


(a)

Paracellular transport:
Junction allows passage of other molecules from extracellular fluid

Plasma membranes of two adjoining cells

Paracellular barrier:
Junction blocks passage of other molecules in extracellular fluid



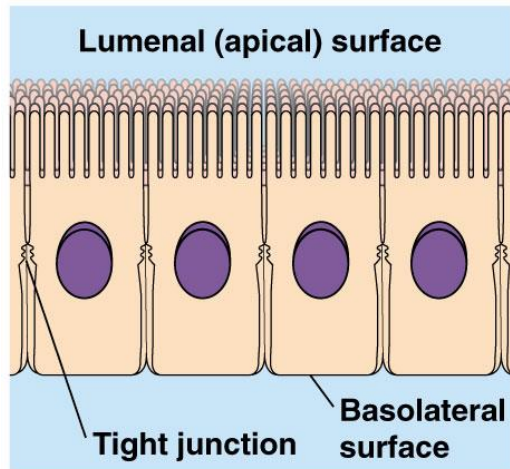
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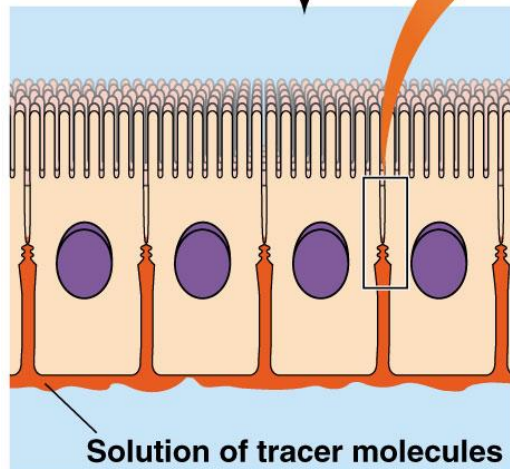
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Intercellular interactions

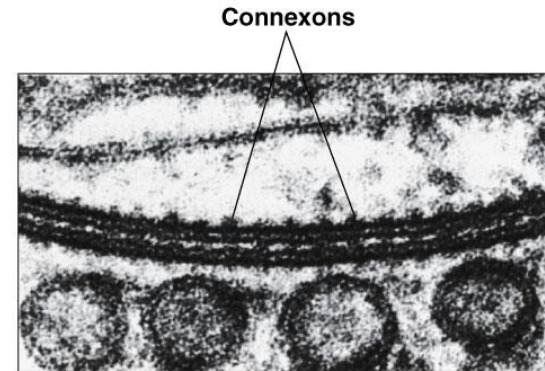
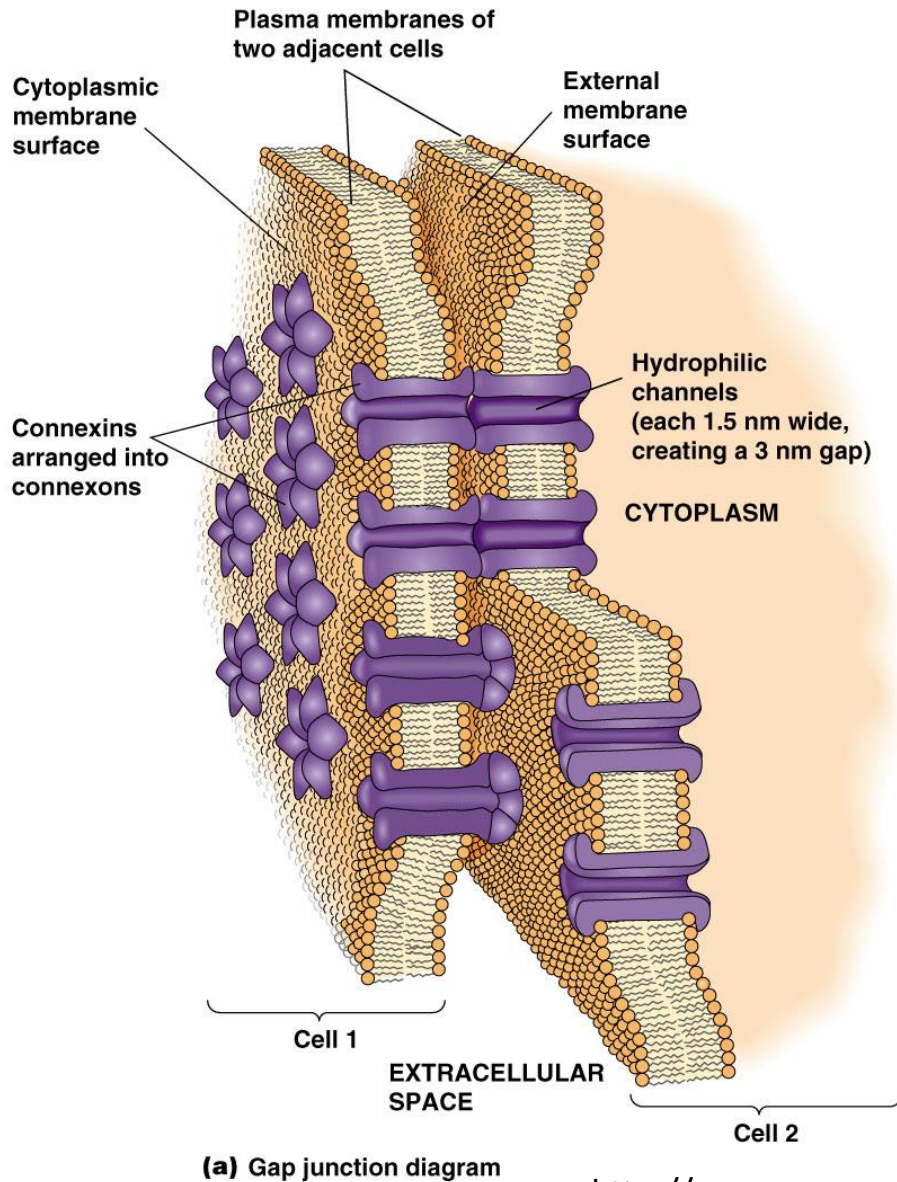


Electron-opaque tracer added to one side of cell layer

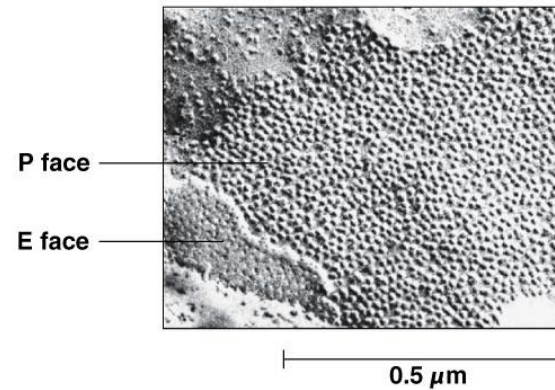


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Intercellular interactions



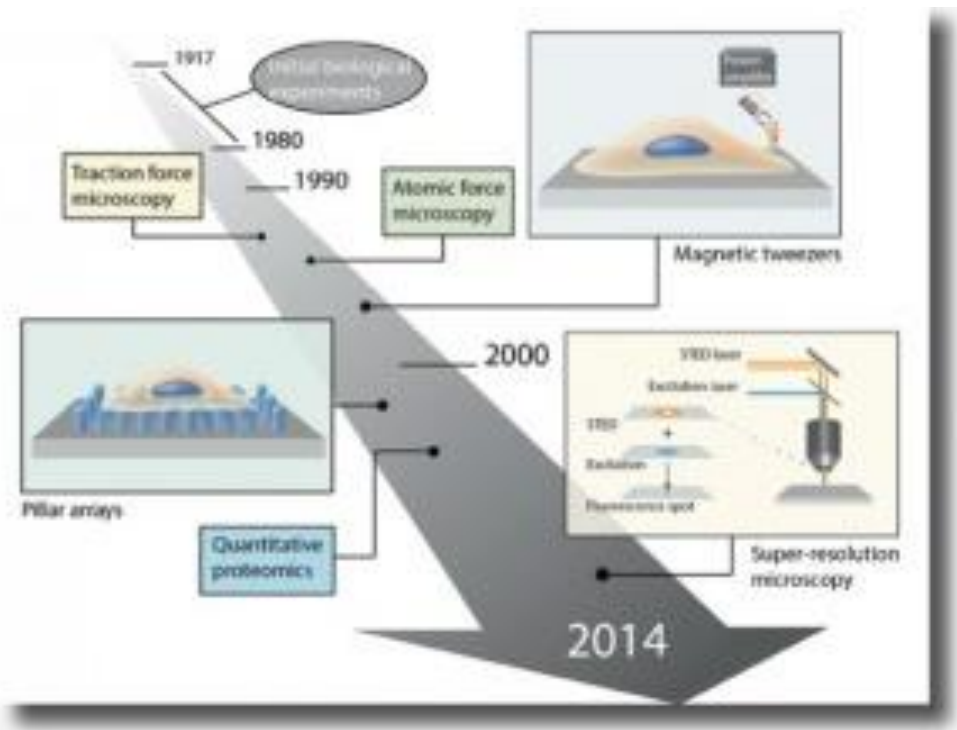
(b) Electron micrograph of a gap junction



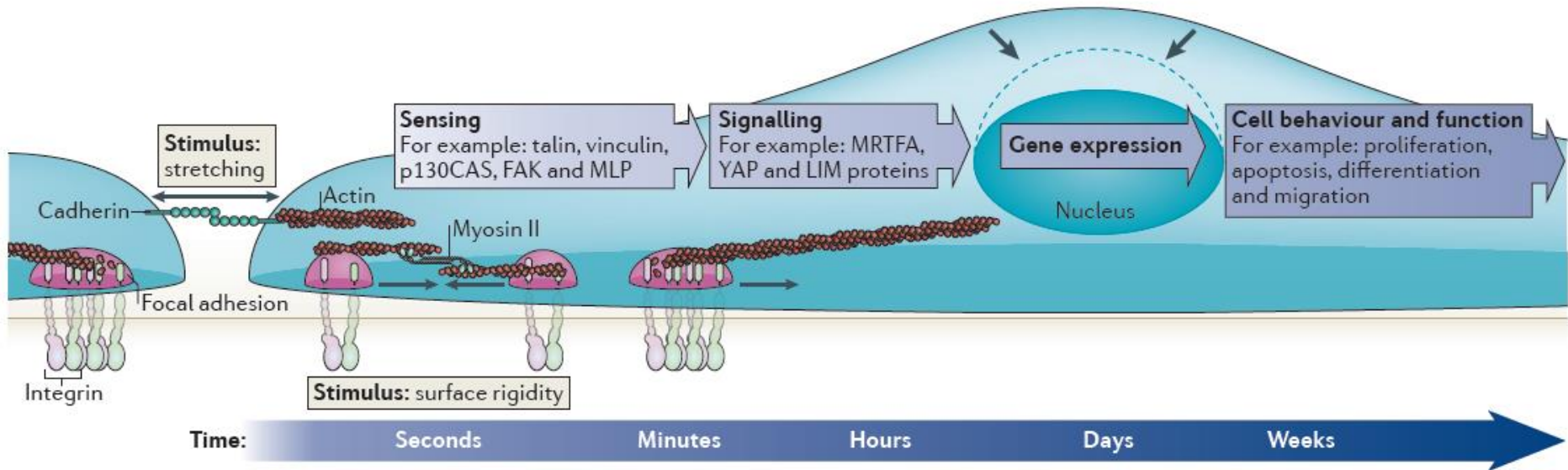
(c) Freeze-fracture of a gap junction

Mechanobiology

- Mechanobiology is the study of the interrelationship of force and biology.
<http://www.bioe.psu.edu/mechlab/>
- Mechanisms of force sensation and transduction that control cell behavior in health and disease.
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