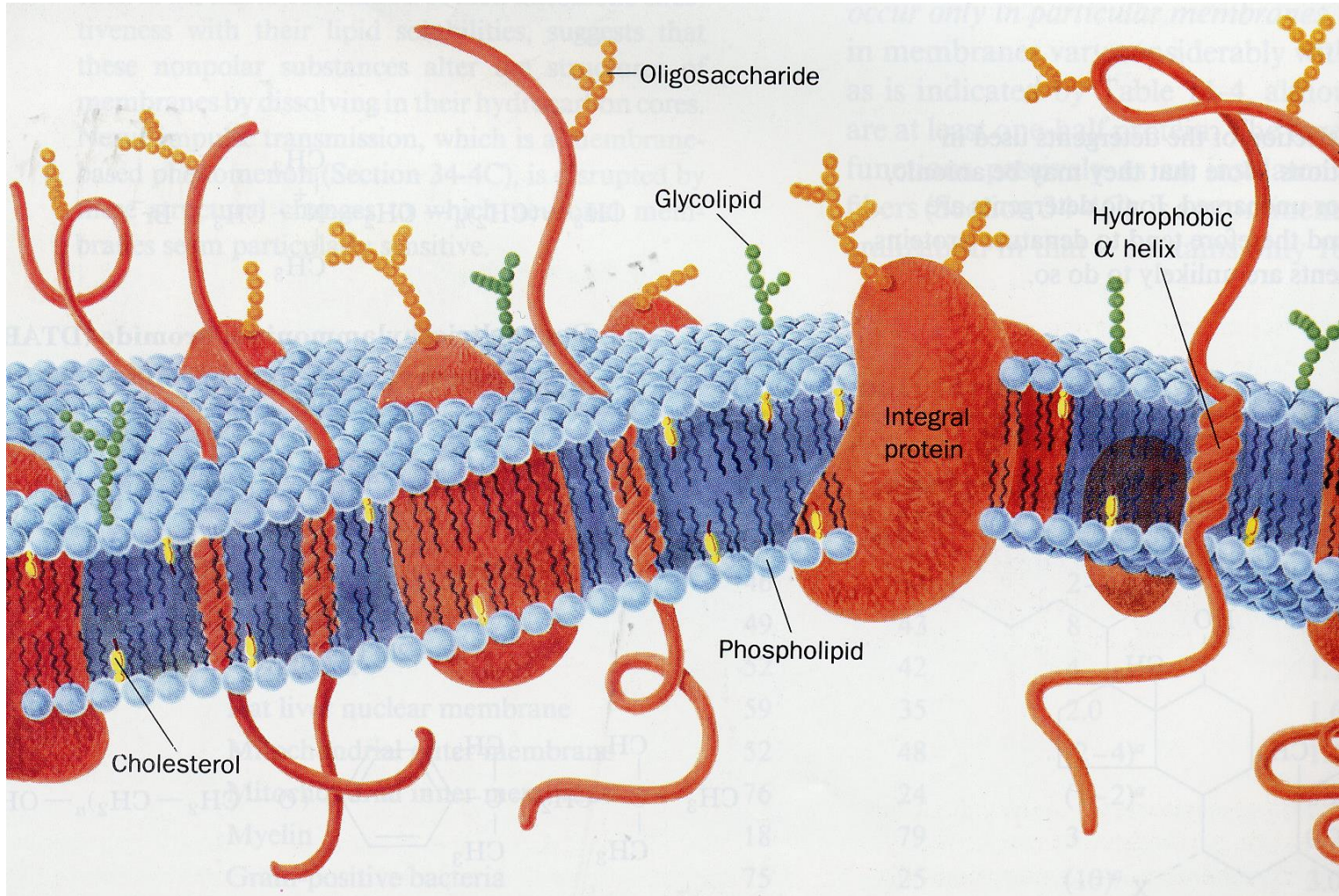


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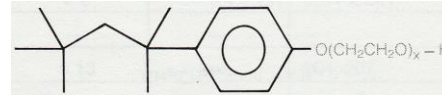
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Singer-Nicholson fluid mosaic model of a biological membrane organization (1972)

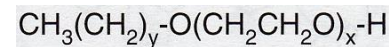


Only **part** of biological membranes is **solubilized** after treatment at low T ($\leq 4^{\circ}\text{C}$) with:

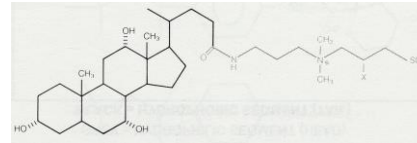
Triton X-100 (NP-40)



Brij-58

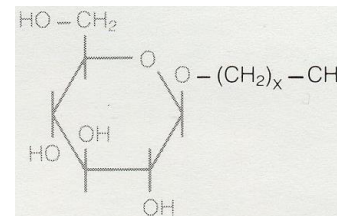


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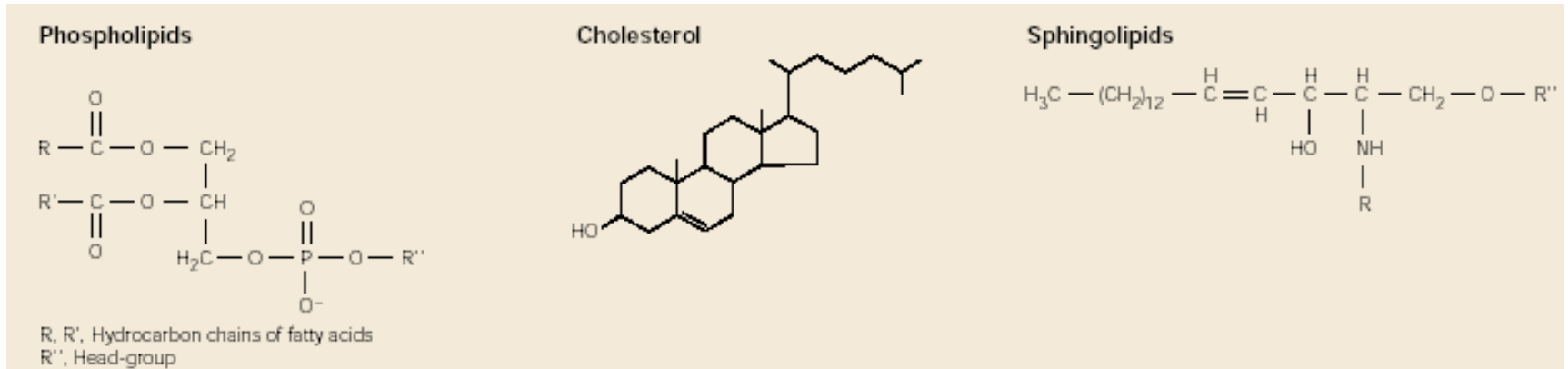
The remaining membranes are soluble in:

octyl glucoside



above mentioned detergents at higher T

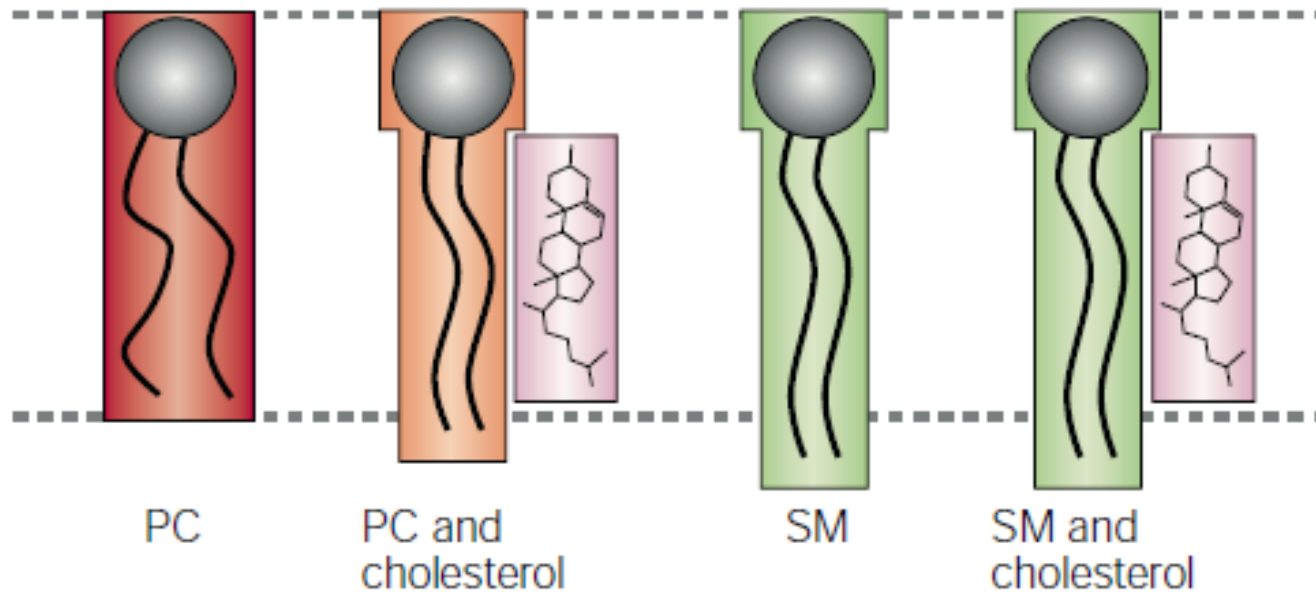
Basic lipid structures in Eukaryotic membranes



Lipids exist in:

- gel state (semi-frozen)
- **liquid-ordered state**
- liquid-disordered state (fluid mosaic)

Cholesterol can induce fluid-fluid immiscibility



Sprong et al. (2001) Nat. Rev. Mol. Cell. Biol. 2, 504-513.

Manipulation of raft lipid constituents

Cholesterol sequestration

- Antibiotics:

Filipin | Nystatin | Amphotericin

- Pore-forming agents:

Saponin | Digitonin | Streptolysin O

Cholesterol depletion

- Methyl- β -cyclodextrin

Inhibition of cholesterol biosynthesis

- Lovastatin

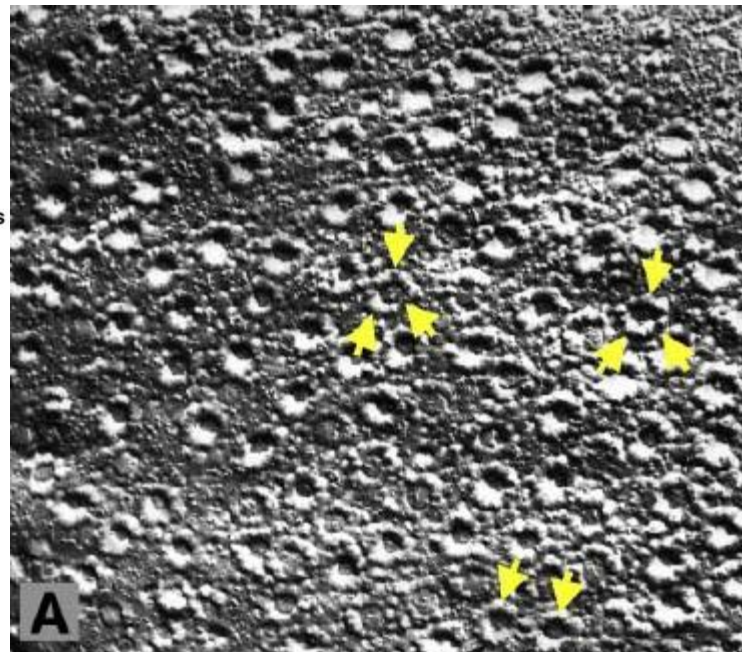
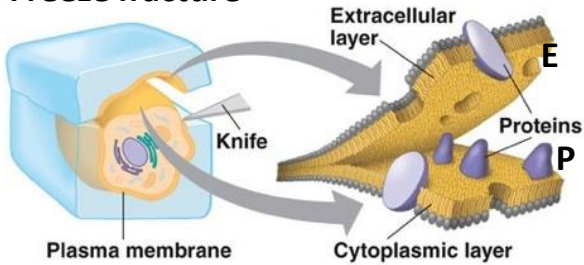
Perturbation of raft stability

- Exogenous cholesterol

- Exogenous gangliosides

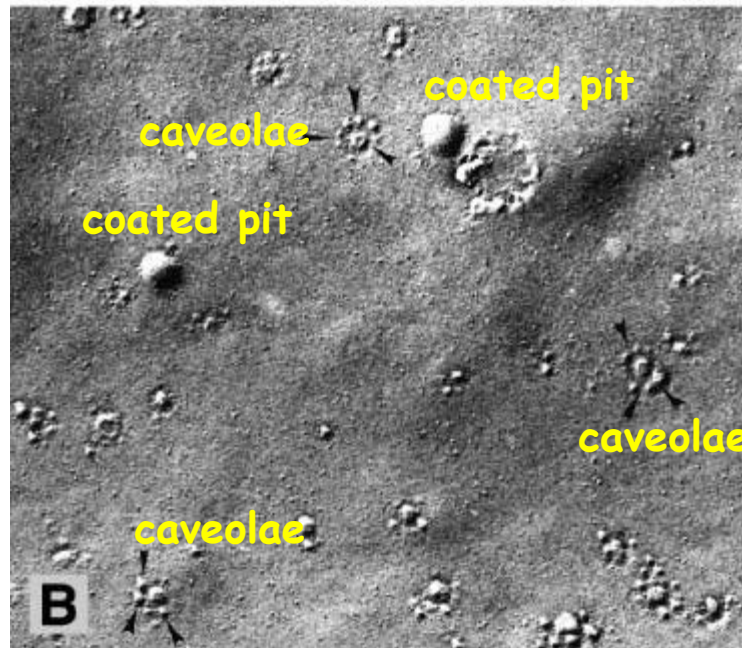
- Exogenous polyunsaturated fatty acids

Freeze fracture



Endothelial cell PM
P face

filipin-cholesterol
precipitate



Smooth muscle cell PM
E face

caveolae
coated pit

coated pit

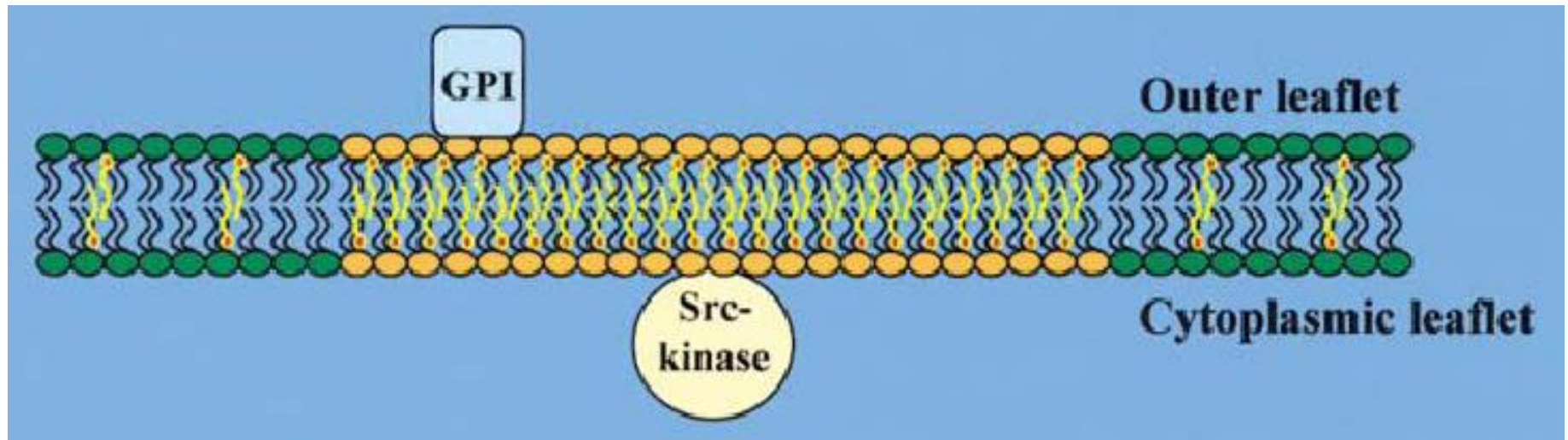
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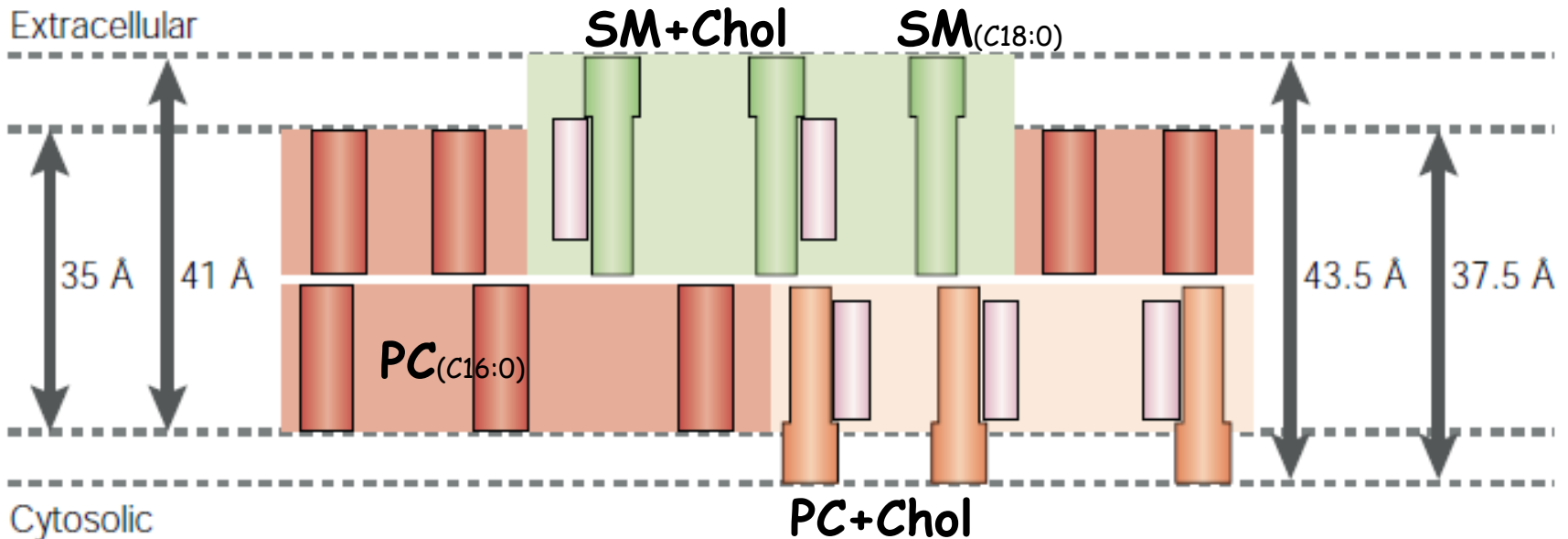
**Cholesterol is
concentrated in BM!**

Biological membranes possess an intrinsic order: raft concept

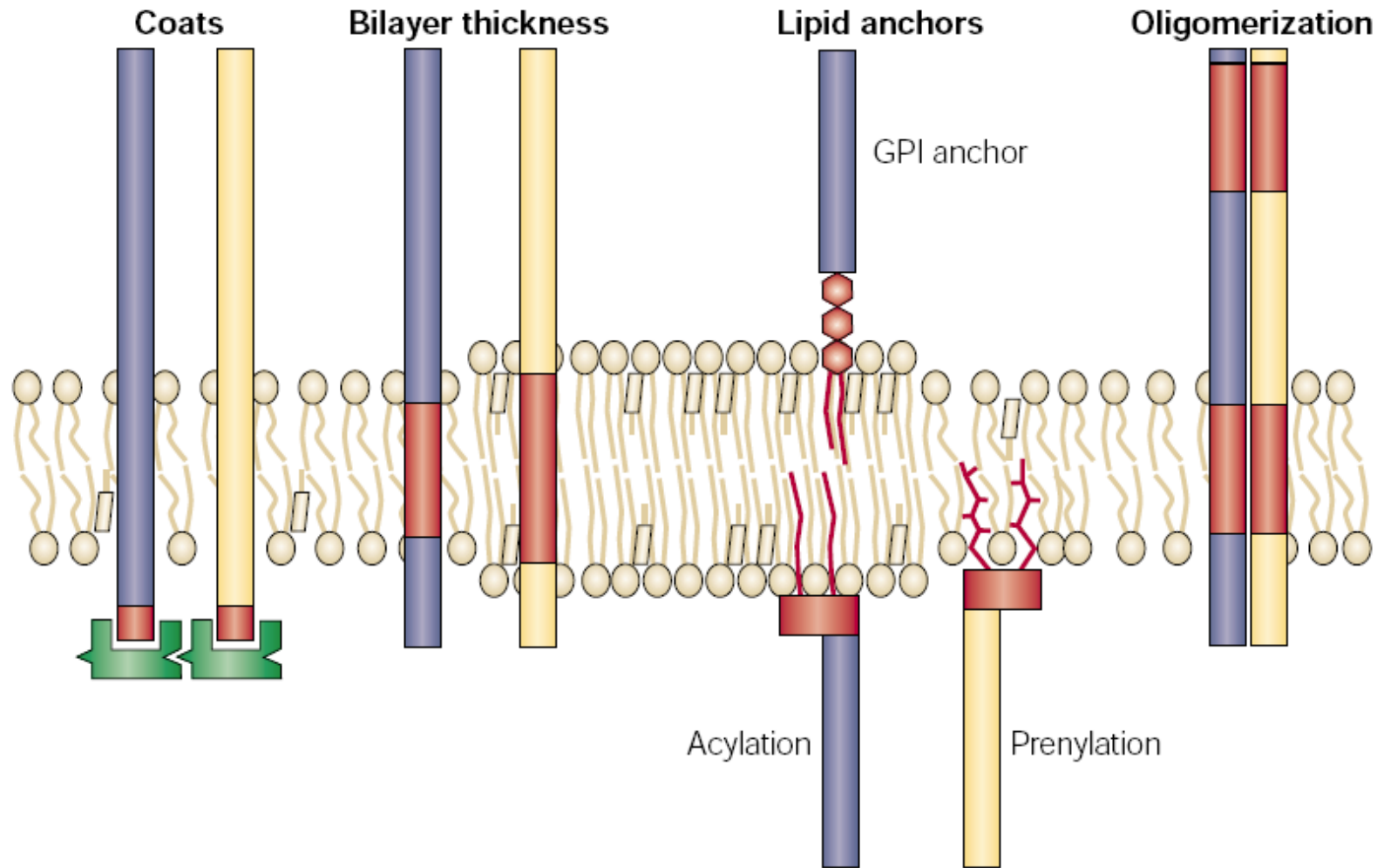


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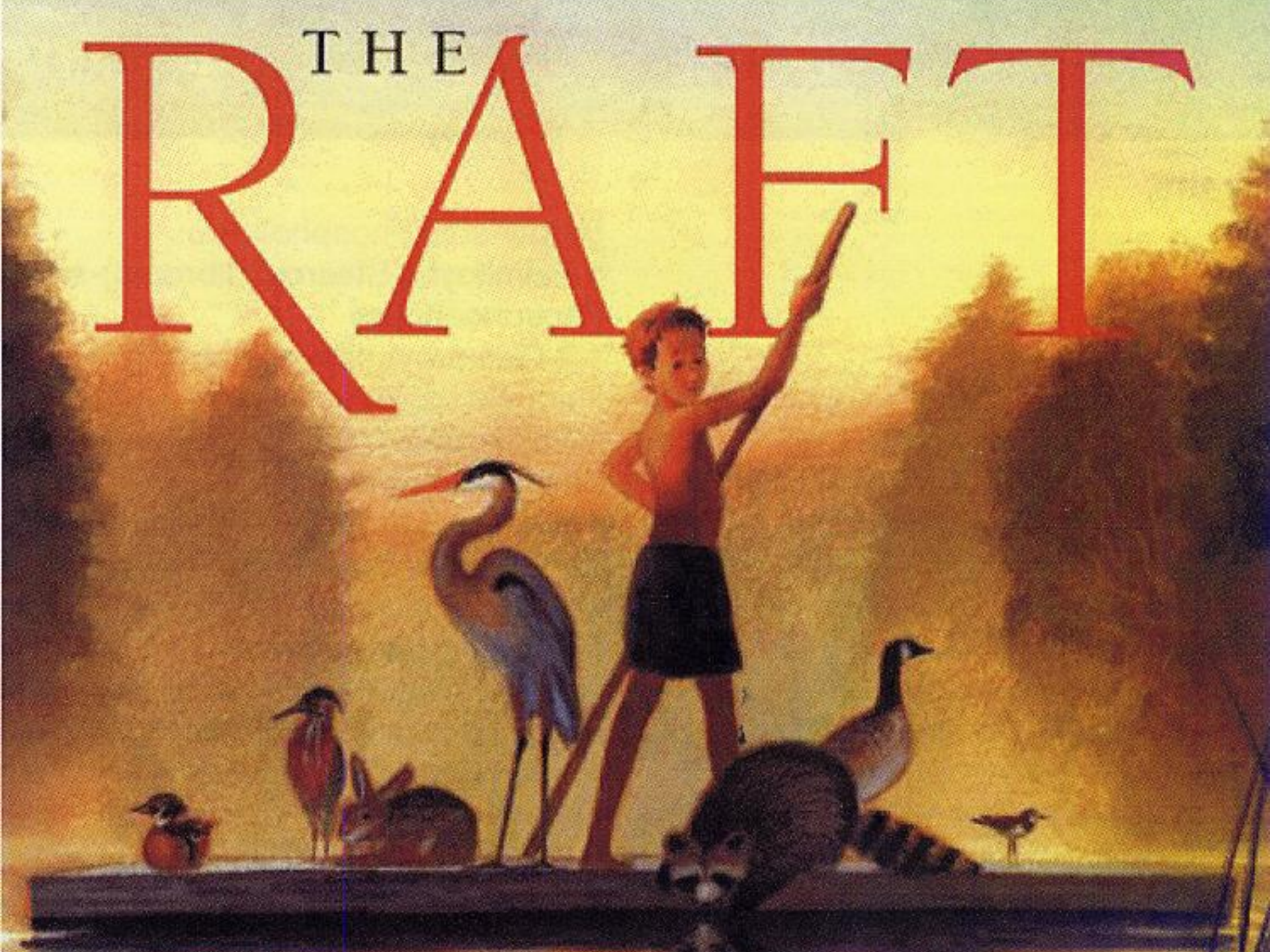
Membrane thickness depends on lipid composition



Lateral sorting of membrane proteins



THE RAFT



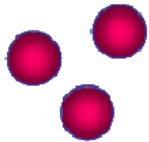
Techniques to study lipid rafts

Approach*	Information available	Live cells	Comments
Flotation of detergent-resistant membranes (DRMs)	Identifies putative raft association Identifies possible raft proteins	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to do • Most common approach for identifying putative proteins involved in signalling • Artefacts possible • Weak associations with rafts are difficult to detect
Antibody patching and immunofluorescence microscopy	Identifies putative raft association	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to do • Common approach • Better than flotation for detecting weak raft associations • Cell-cell variability makes quantification difficult
Immunoelectron microscopy	Determines location of raft components	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promising results • Requires technical expertise
Chemical crosslinking	Identifies native raft protein complexes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Straightforward • Choice of appropriate conditions and reagents is semi-empirical
Single fluorophore tracking microscopy	Monitors the diffusion and dynamics of individual raft proteins or lipids	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires highly specialized equipment and expertise
Photonic force microscopy	Determines the diffusion constant, size and dynamics of individual rafts	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very informative technique • Requires highly specialized equipment and technical expertise • Time-consuming acquisition and analysis
Fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET)	Detects whether two raft components are spatially close (for example, <10 nm)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerful approach • Choice of appropriate donor and acceptor probes is important

*The disruption of rafts by cholesterol depletion or sequestration is especially useful as a control for each of these approaches.

Flotation of detergent-resistant membranes

cells



Harvest and Lyse in
COLD non-ionic
detergent



Sucrose density
gradient



Ultracentrifugation



Lipid
rafts

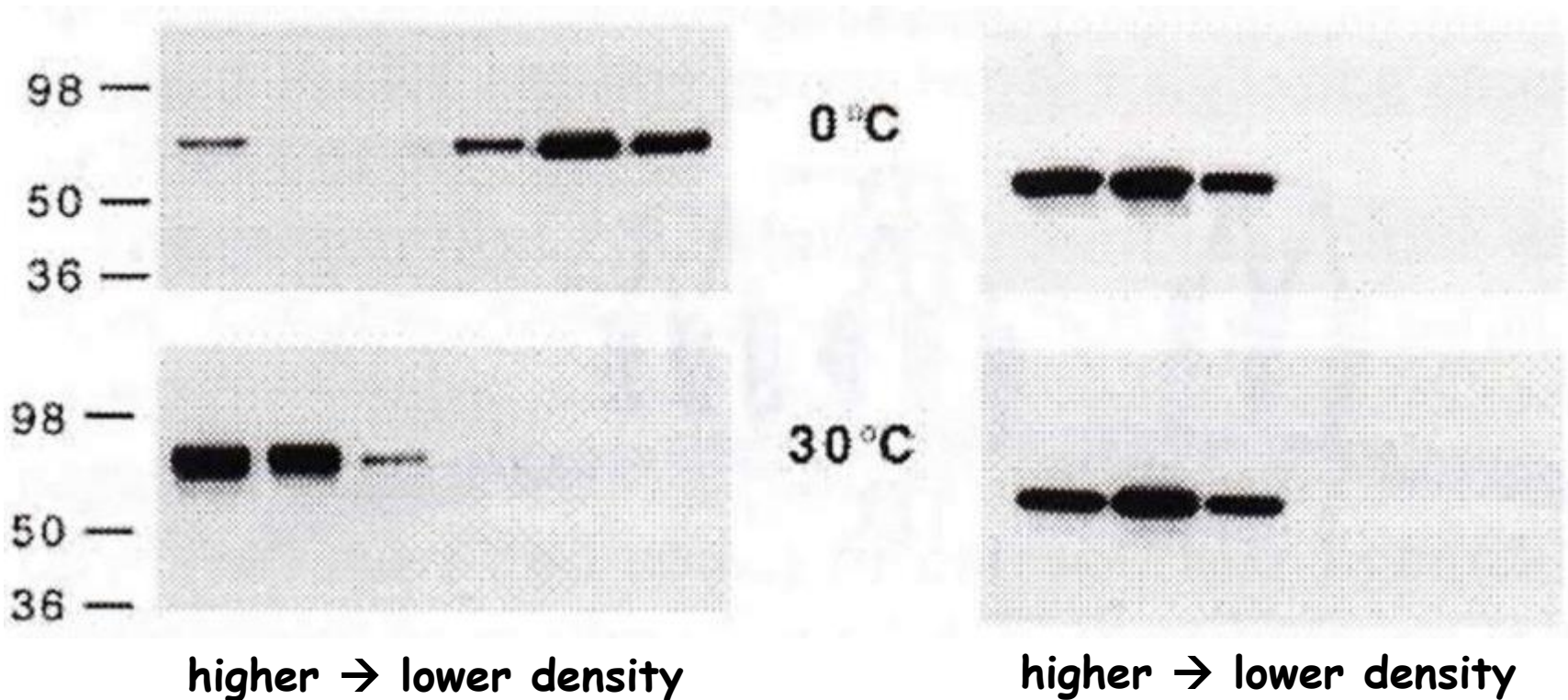


Soluble

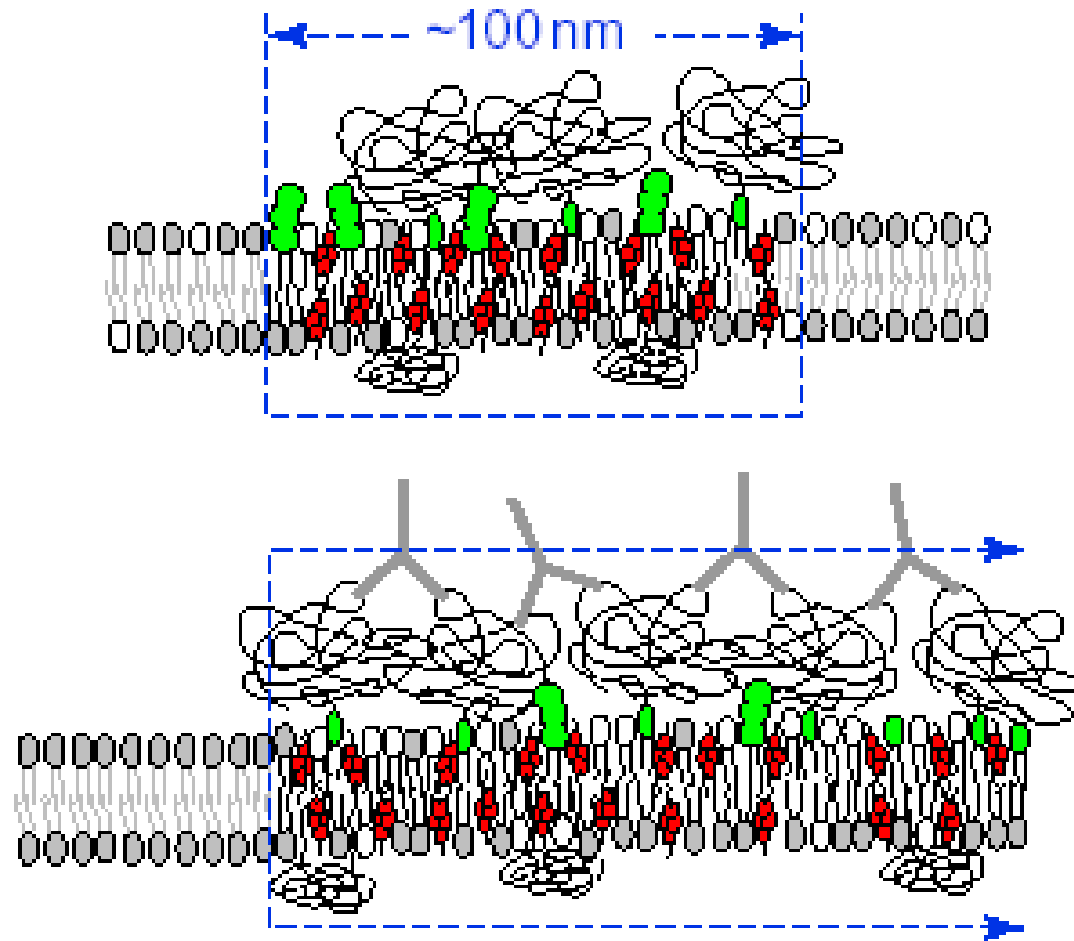
Solubilization of biological membranes in 2% (v/v) TR X-100 at 4°C or 30°C followed by sucrose gradient centrifugation (flotation) analysis.

PLAP (PLacental ALkaline PPhosphatase)

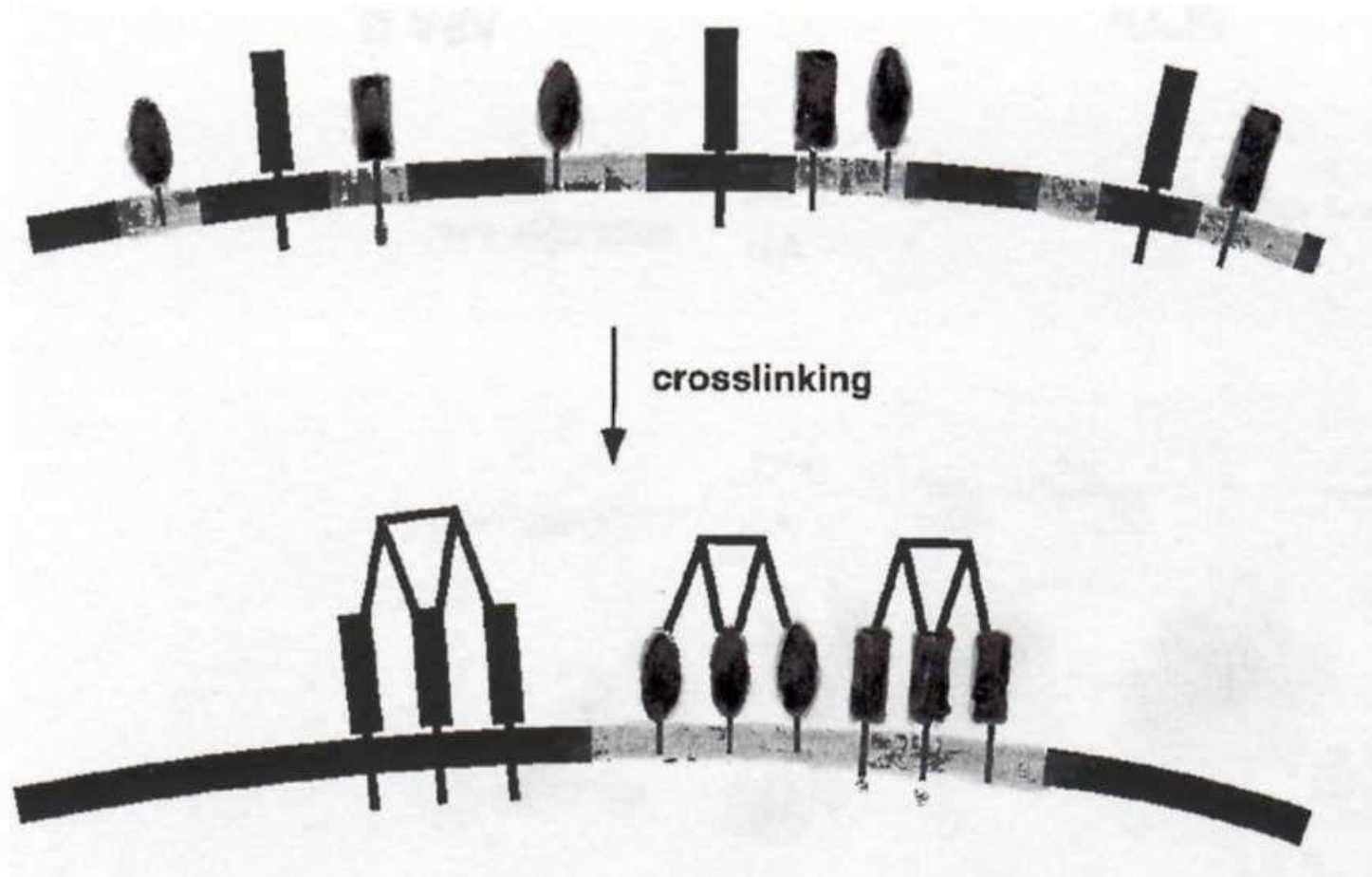
VSV-G (Vesicular Stomatitis Virus Glycoprotein)



Patching (clustering) of membrane components

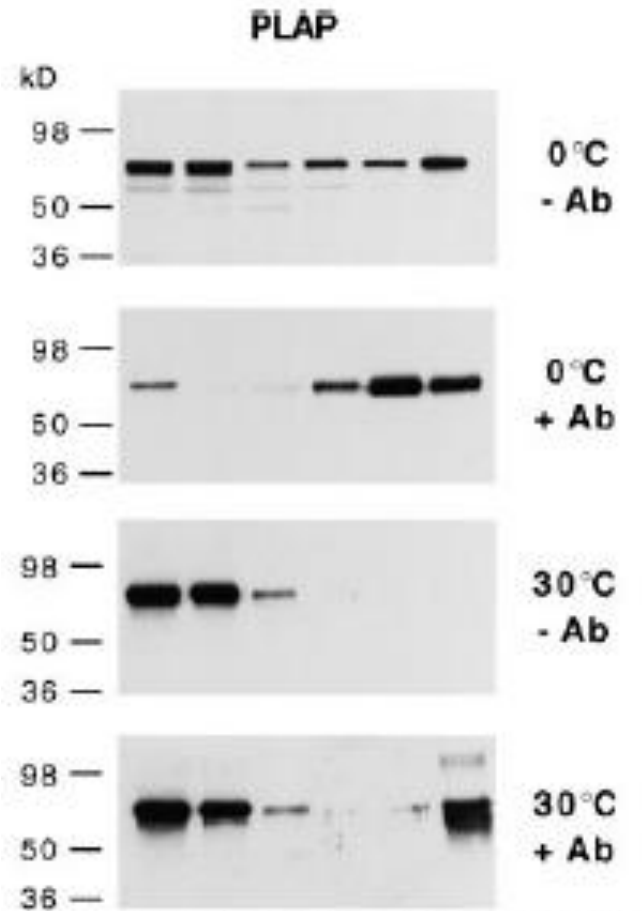


Bulk separation of membrane phases caused by clustering (patching) of membrane components



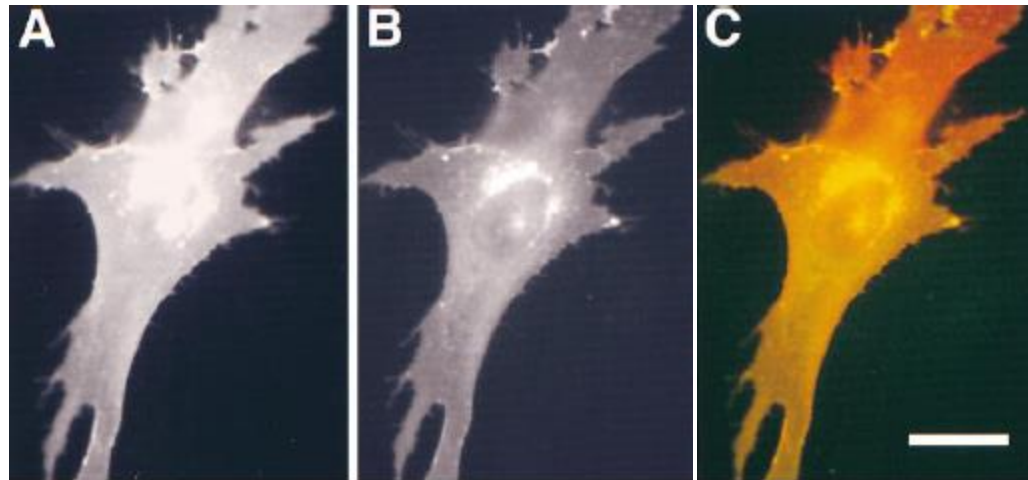
Harder et al. (1998) J. Cell Biol. 141, 929-942.

**Stabilization of membrane domains by Ab crosslinking of
a GPI-protein PLAP,
transiently expressed in nonpolarized fibroblastoid BHK-21 cells**

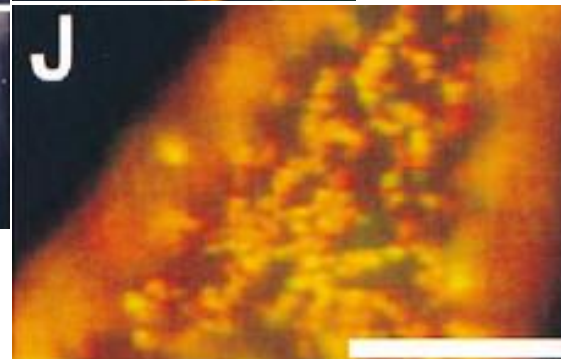
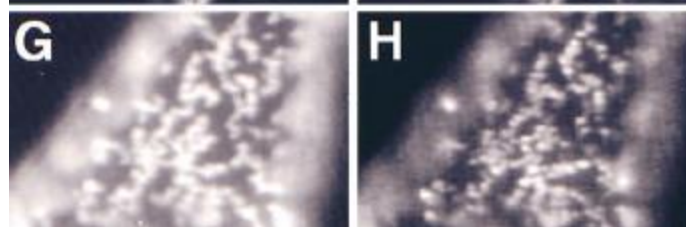
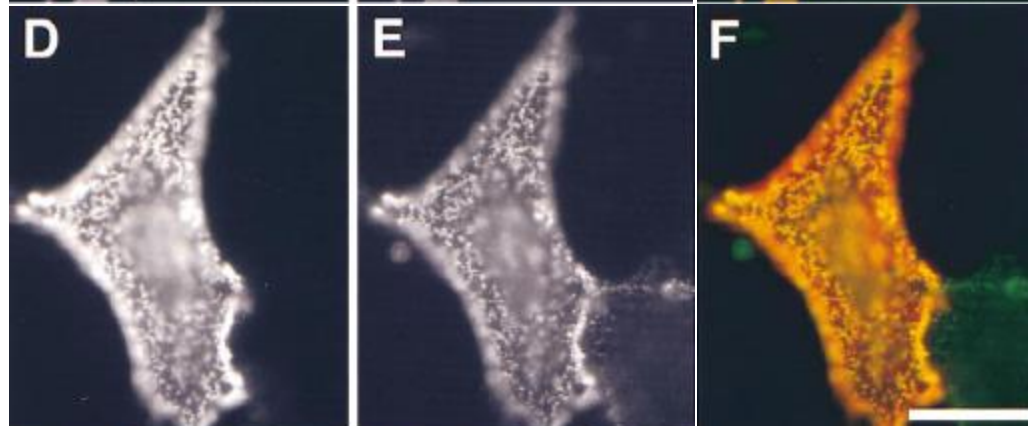


higher → lower density

**Patching of GPI-anchored PLAP (red) and influenza HA (green)
transiently coexpressed in nonpolarized BHK-21 cells**

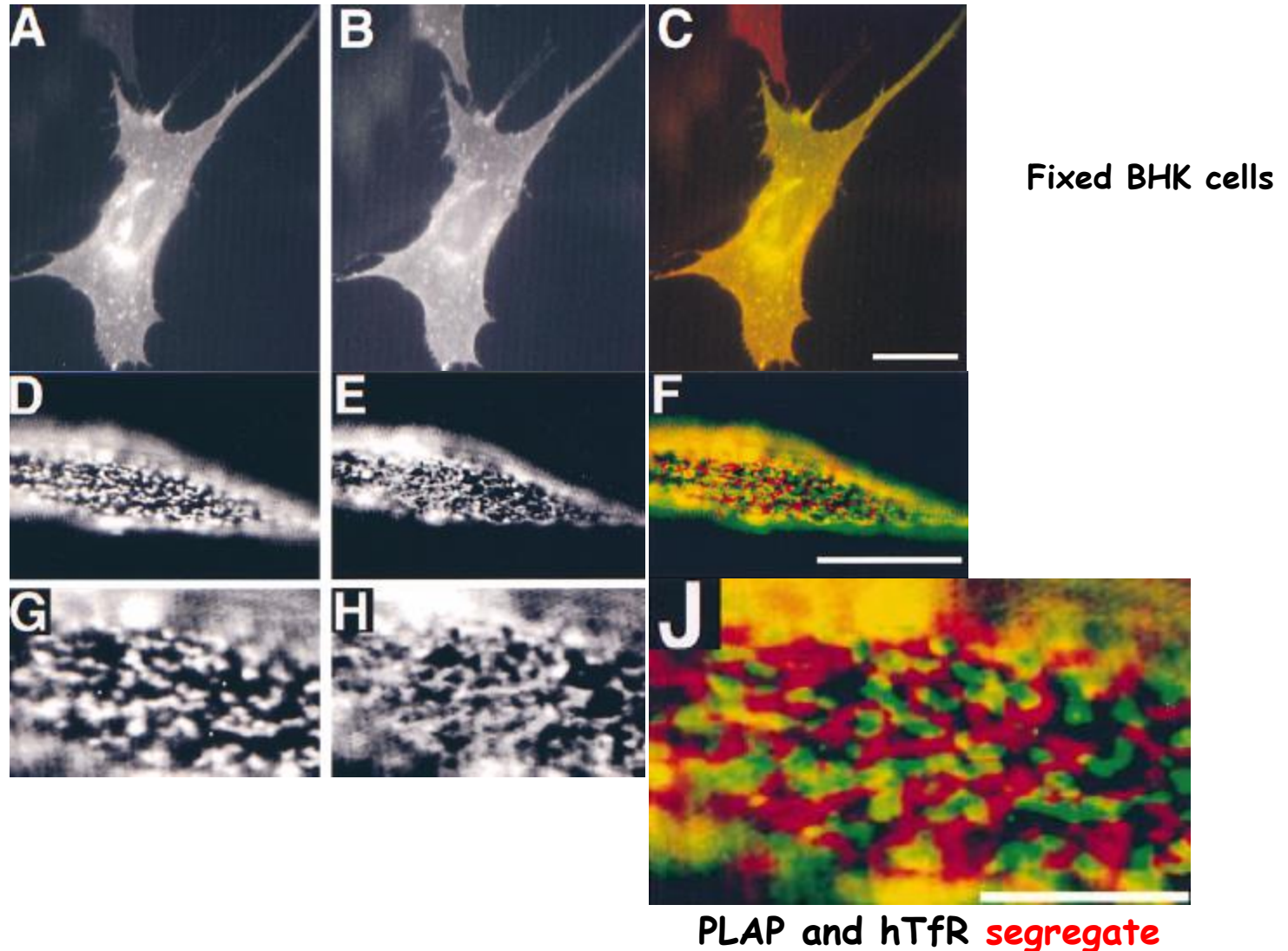


Fixed BHK cells



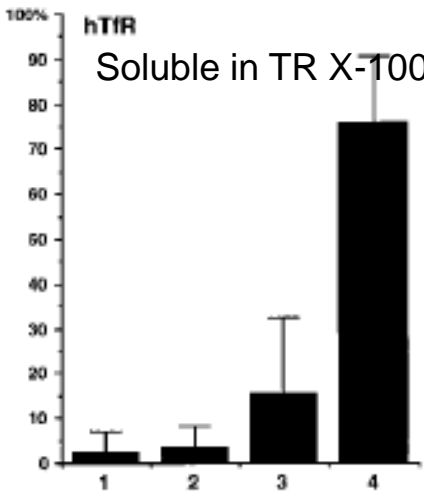
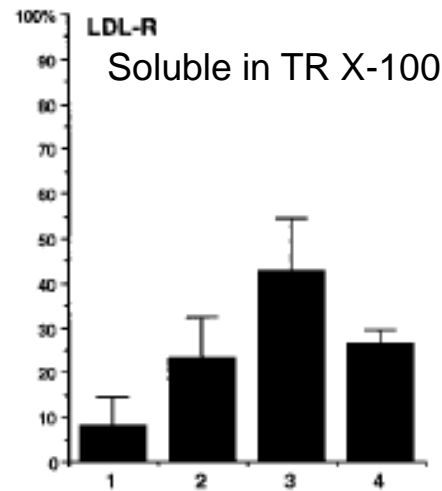
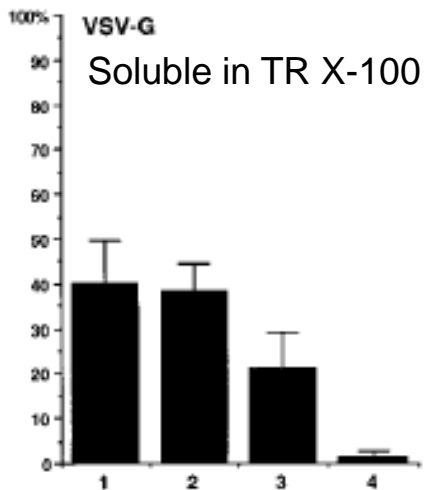
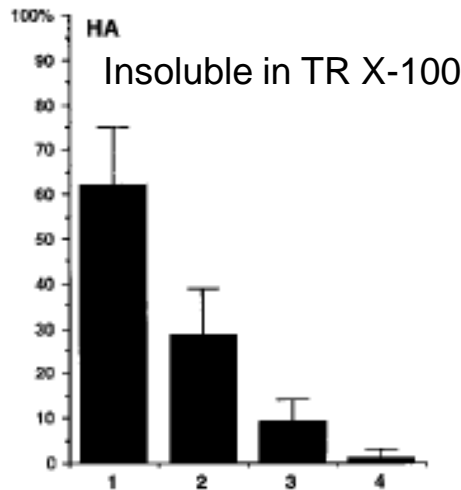
PLAP and HA
copatch

Patching of GPI-anchored PLAP (green) and hTfR (red)
transiently coexpressed in nonpolarized BHK-21 cells



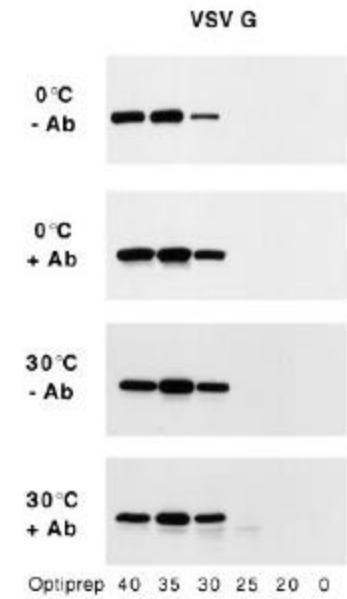
Certain proteins exhibit a weak but significant raft interaction which is not detectable by the TR X-100-solubility criterium

PLAP copatching

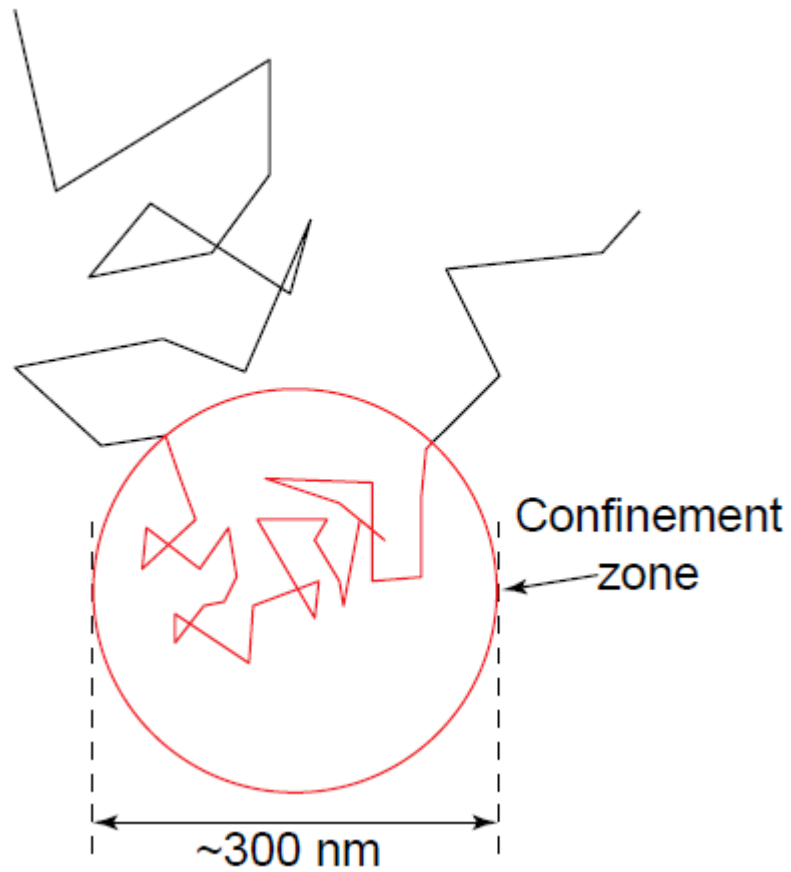


- (1) copatching (80% overlap)
- (2) partial copatching
- (3) random distribution
- (4) segregation

TR X-100 solubility



SPT



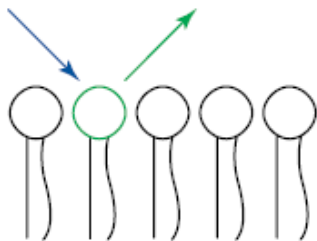
Jacobson & Dietrich (1999) Trends Cell Biol. 9, 87-91.

Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer

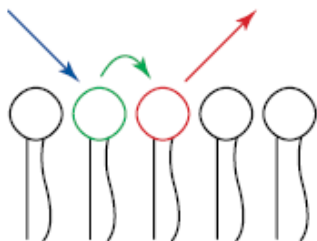
Conventional FRET

Excitation

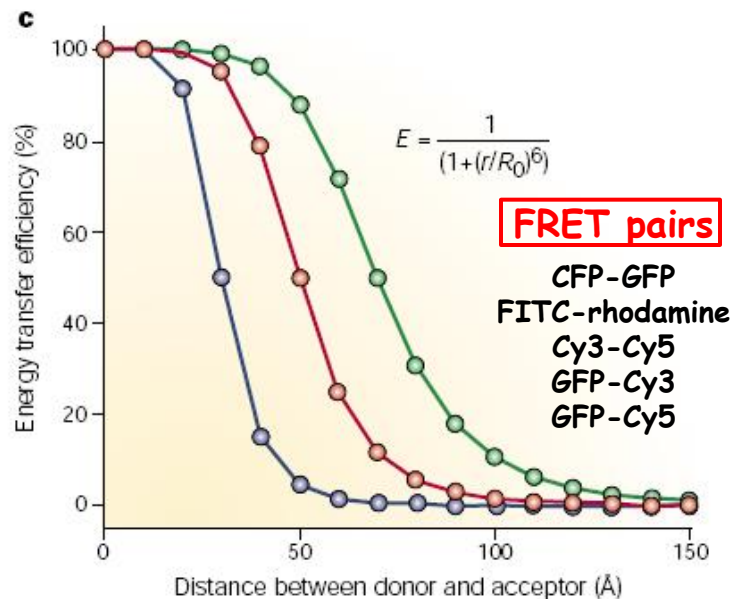
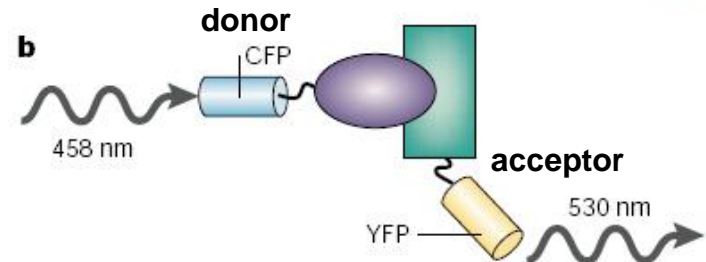
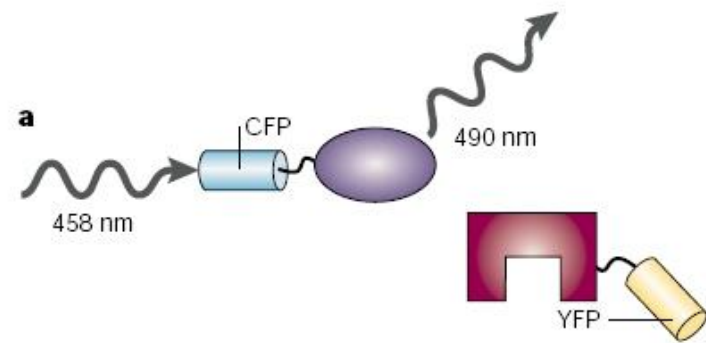
Emission



Normal donor emission in dilute solution

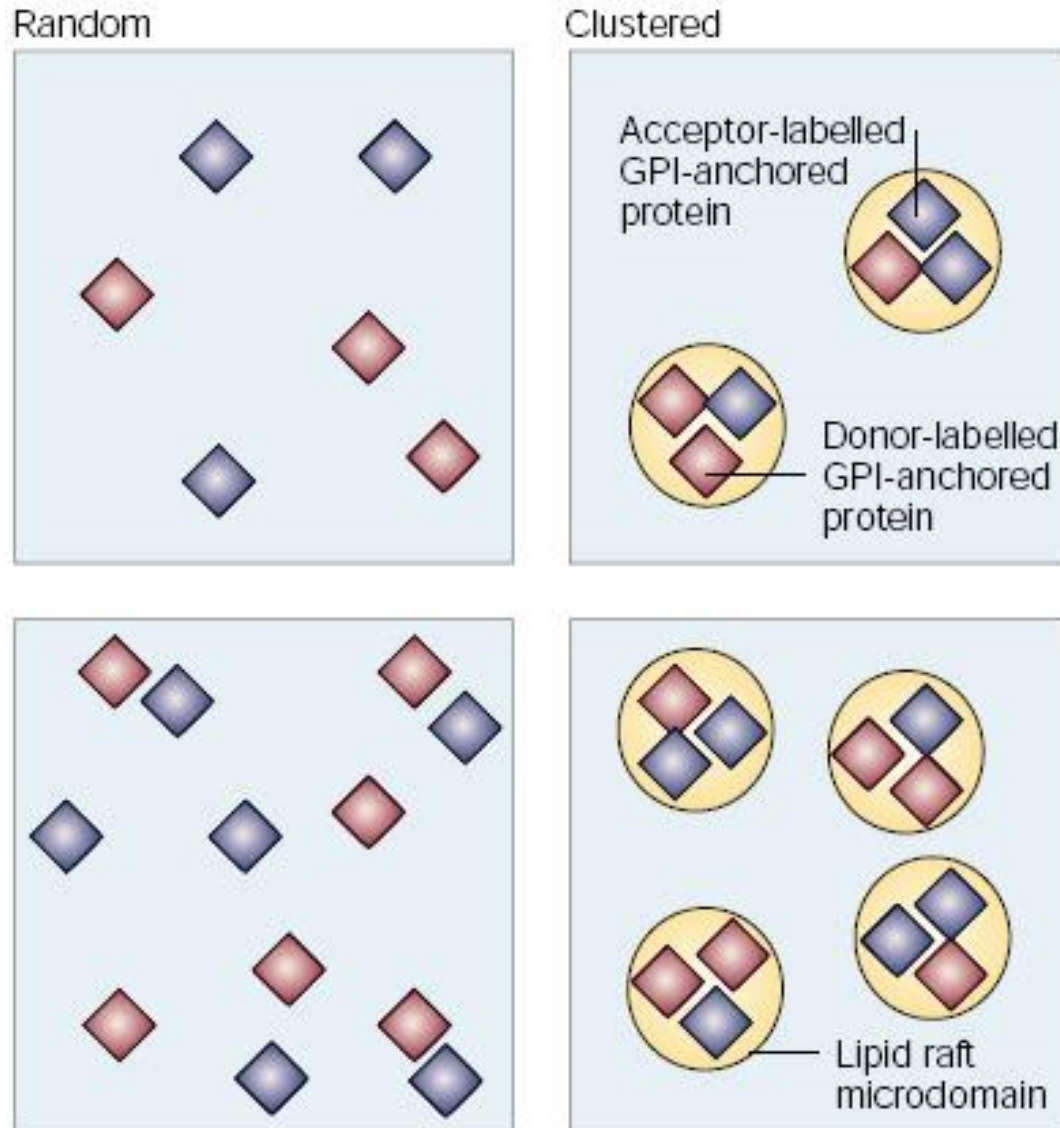


Red-shifted acceptor emission via donor-acceptor energy transfer in concentrated solution



FRET assay for detecting lipid rafts

FRET as a function of donor and acceptor surface density



Lipid and Protein Components of Lipid Rafts/Caveolae

Lipids

- Cholesterol
- Sphingo-myelin
- Glyco-sphingolipids (e.g., GM₁)
- PIP₂

Proteins

Integral/Structural

- Caveolins (Cav-1, -2, and -3)
- Flotillins (FLO-1 and -2; aka, Reggies or Cavatellins)
- LAT/PAG
- MAL/BENE
- Stomatins
- VIP36

Acylated

Exoplasmic

- GPI-linked proteins (e.g., Thy-1, alkaline phosphatase, folate receptor)

Cytoplasmic

- Src-family tyrosine kinases (NRTKs)
- G proteins
- eNOS
- H-Ras

Scavenger Receptors

- CD 36
- SRBI
- RAGE

Other receptors

- Receptors Tyrosine kinases (RTKs; e.g., EGF-R, PDGF-R, Insulin-R)
- Hepta-helical Receptors (e.g., Endothelin receptor)

Raft distribution and trafficking is cell type-dependent

Polarized epithelial cells (tight junctions)

- accumulated in apical PM

Neurons (cytoskeleton, extracellular matrix)

- accumulated in axonal PM

Osteoclasts (cytoskeleton, extracellular matrix)

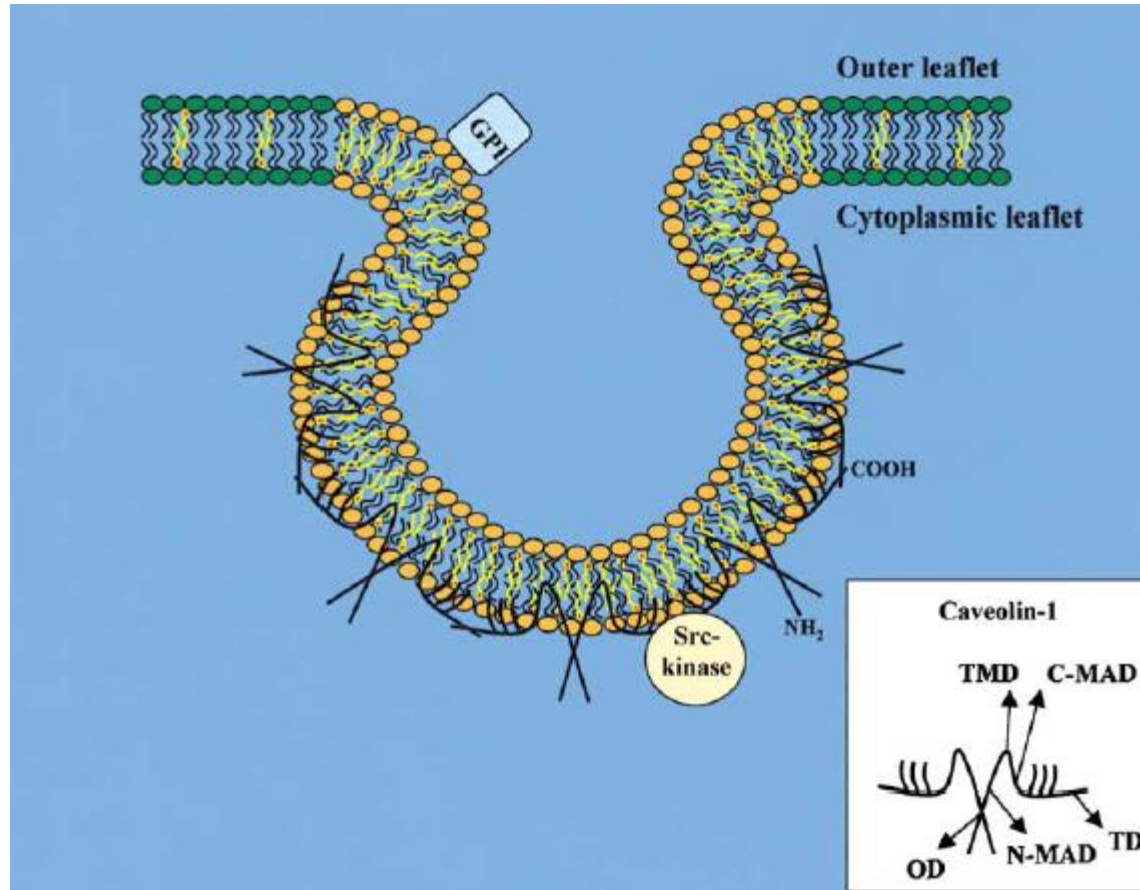
- asymmetric distribution in PM

Lymphocytes and fibroblasts

- uniform distribution

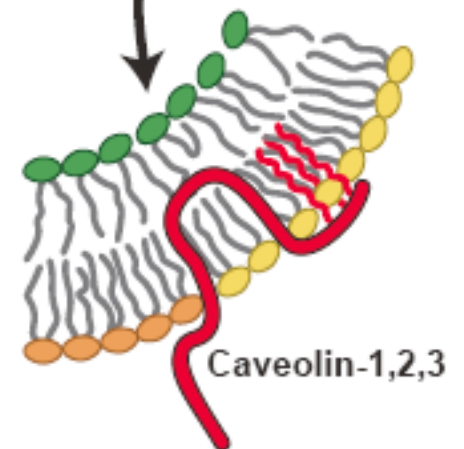
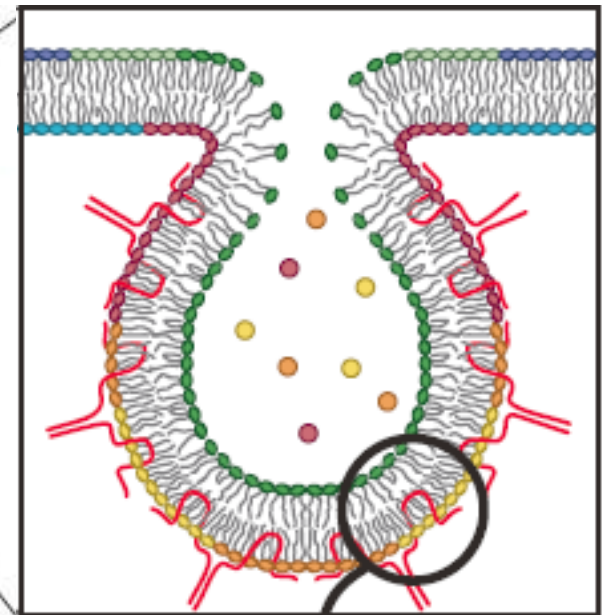
Caveolae

highly specialized raft subcategory



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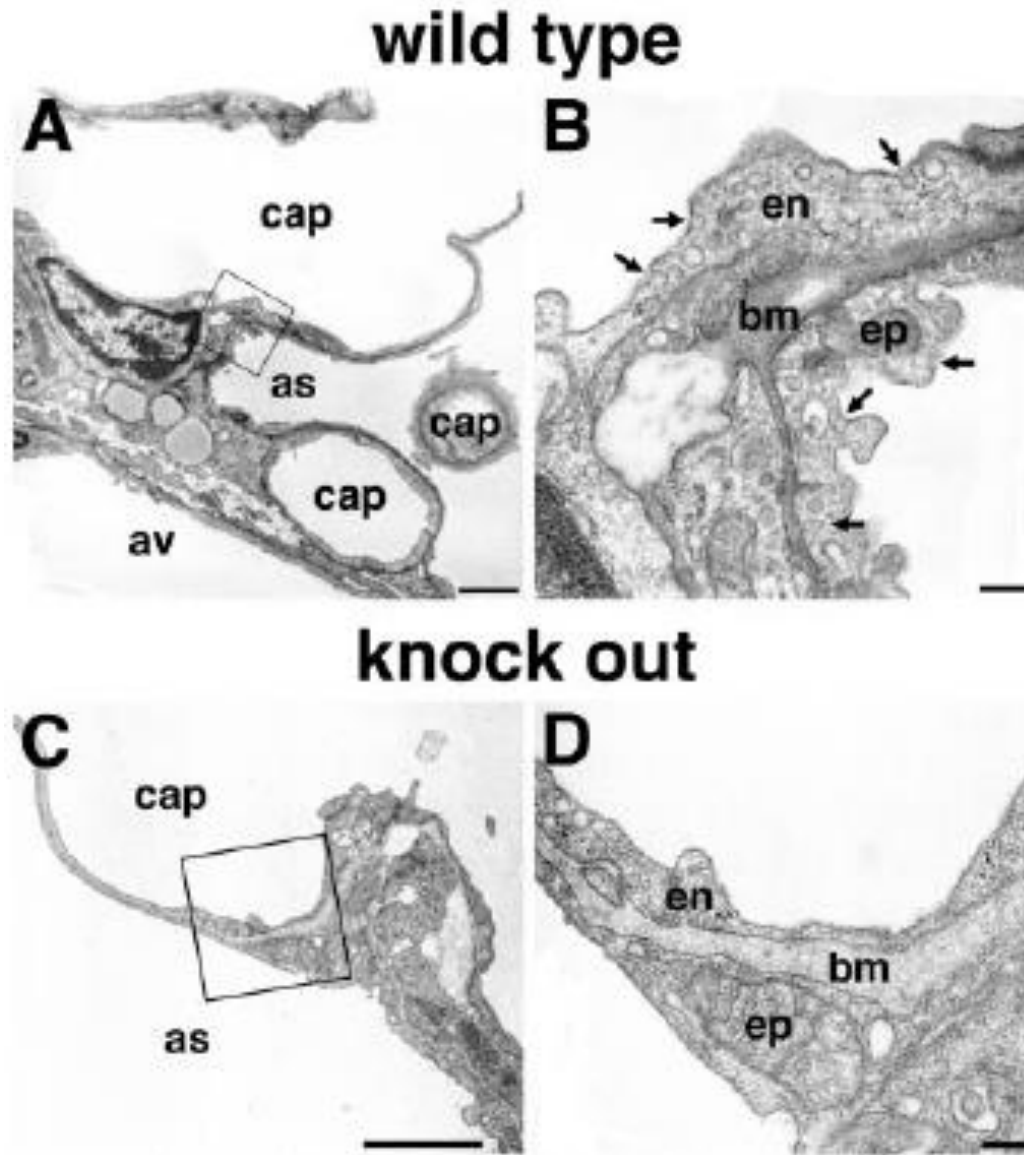
Hu fibroblast



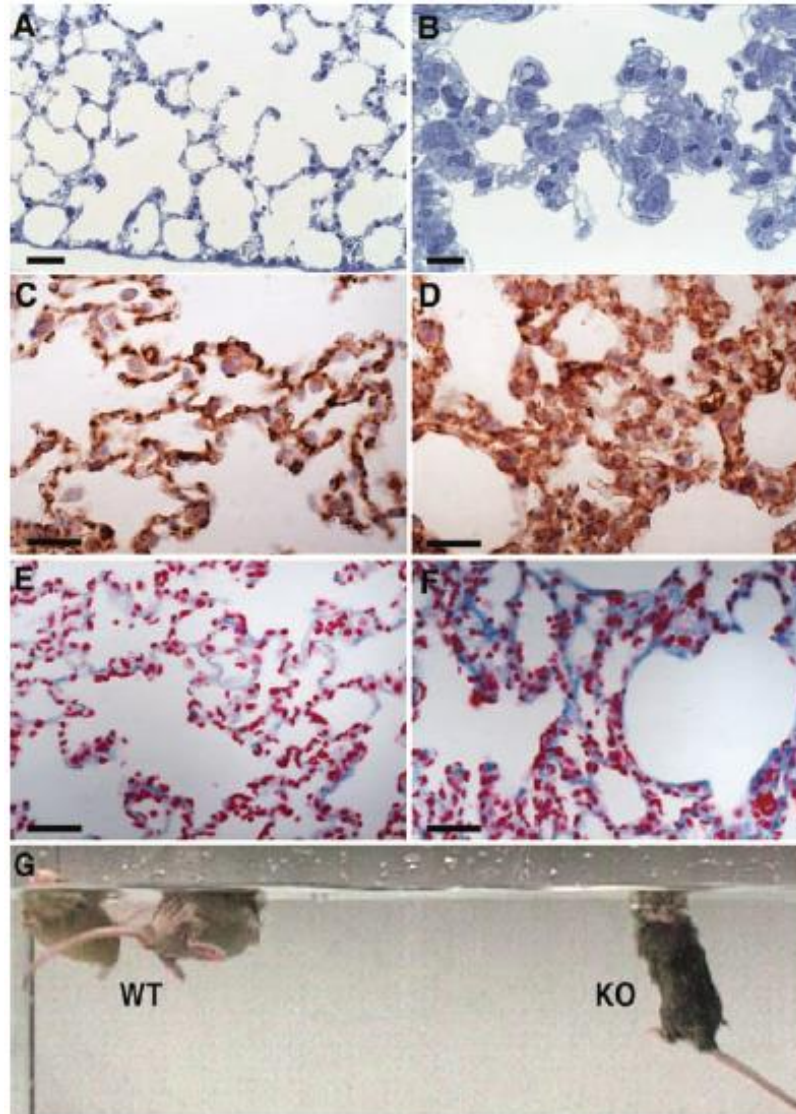
Caveolins (Cav)

- Essential for the formation of caveolae.
- Cav gene family structurally and functionally conserved from worms (*C. elegans*) to humans.
- Cav-1(α and β), -2 and -3 in mammals (21- to 25-kDa).
- Integral membrane proteins (tri-palmitoylated).
- Cav-1 and -2 are coexpressed, Cav-3 is muscle-specific.
- Polymerize (14-16) and shape up caveolae.
- Bind cholesterol, fatty acids and interact with the broad range of signal transducing molecules (*e.g.* Tyr kinase R, eNOS, heterotrimeric G proteins).
- Not present in lymphocytes and neurons.

Disappearance of caveolae from cells in cav-1 (-/-) mice



Patomorphological defects in lungs and physical disability of cav-1 (-/-) mice



**Thickening of
alveolar walls**

caused by:

- uncontrolled
endothelial cell
proliferation

- increased content of
extracellular fibrillar
matrix (fibrosis)

results in:

physical weakness.

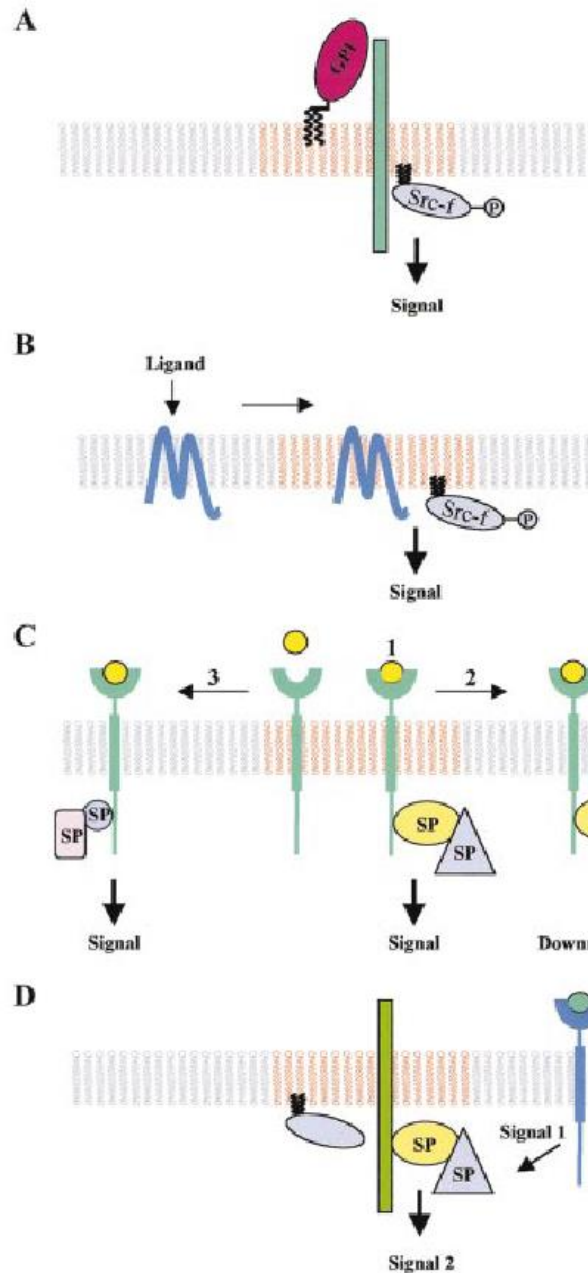
Cellular processes involving lipid rafts

- **Signal transduction**
- Protein and lipid trafficking and sorting
- Clathrin-independent endocytosis:
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Protein and lipid signalling molecules identified in lipid rafts

Protein/lipid
Transmembrane receptors
EGF receptor
Bradykinin B2 receptor
Eph family receptors
TCR
BCR
FcεRI
β1 integrins
Lipid signalling molecules
Sphingomyelin
Ceramide
Phosphoinositides
Diacylglycerol
GPI-linked proteins
CD59
uPAR
EphrinA5
Signalling effectors
G _{α1} , G _{α2} , G _{α3}
Src-family kinases
Ras
PKC α
Shc
Adenylate cyclase
eNOS
PLCγ
PI3K
SHIP
Cbp/PAG

Proposed modes of signal transduction via lipid rafts



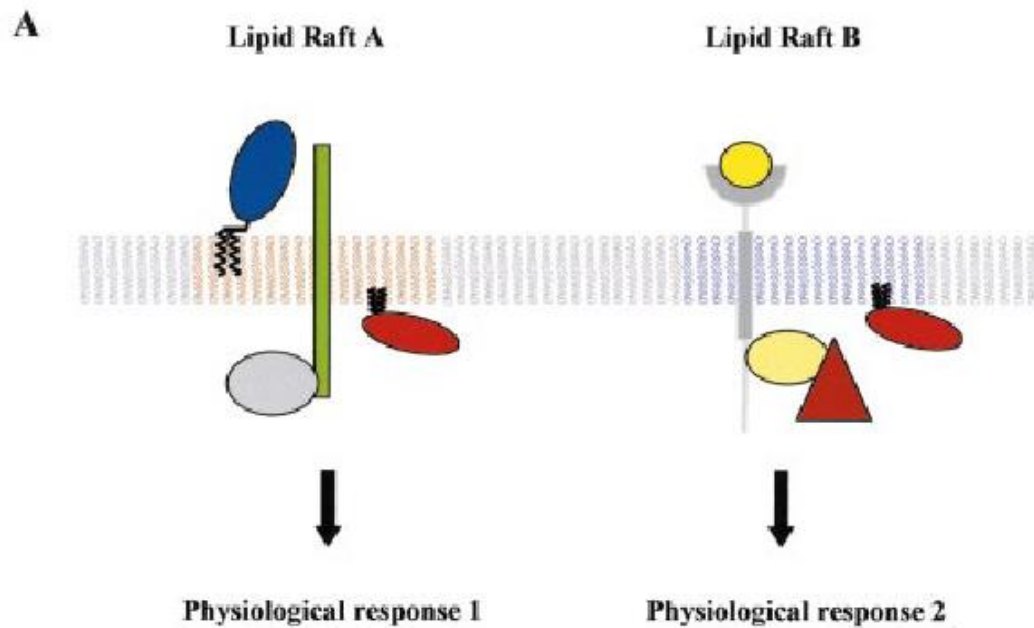
CD59, ephrin

CD20, FcεRI

(1,2) EGFR, PDGFR

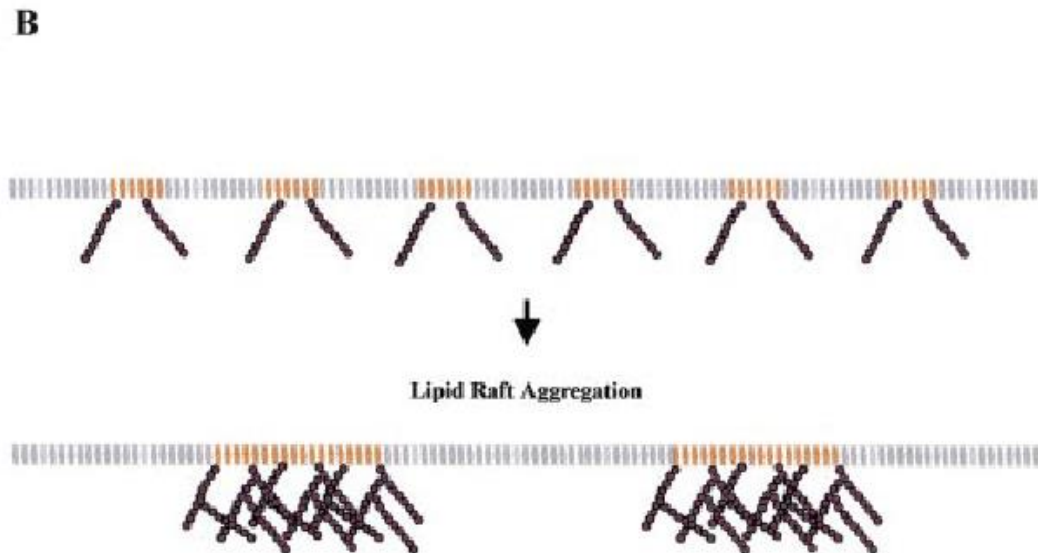
(3) IL-2R

Signalling specificity
by distinct subpopulations
of lipid rafts.

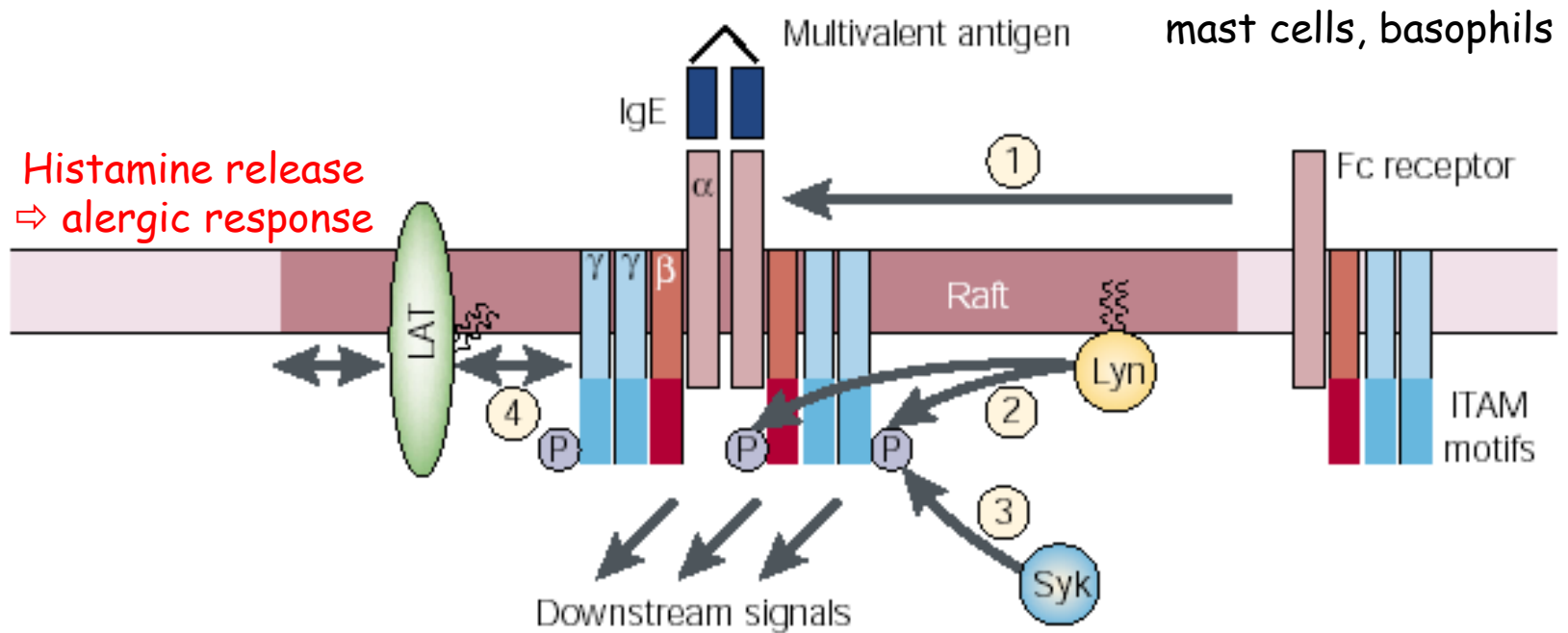


Formation of higher-
order signalling
complexes by clustering
of lipid rafts:

- signal amplification
- cross-talk
- spatial regulation



IgE receptor (Fc ϵ RI)-mediated signalling in allergic immune response

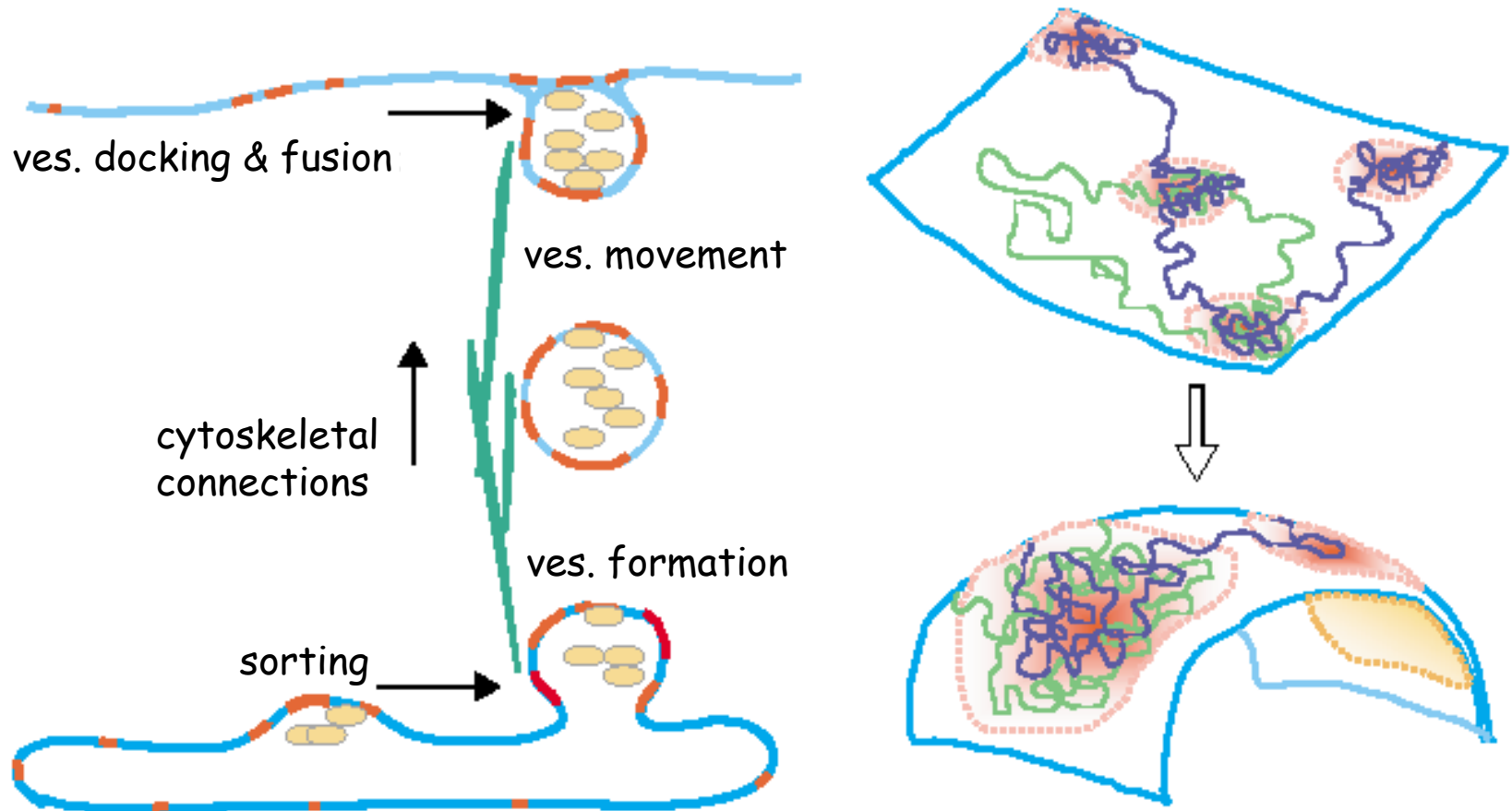


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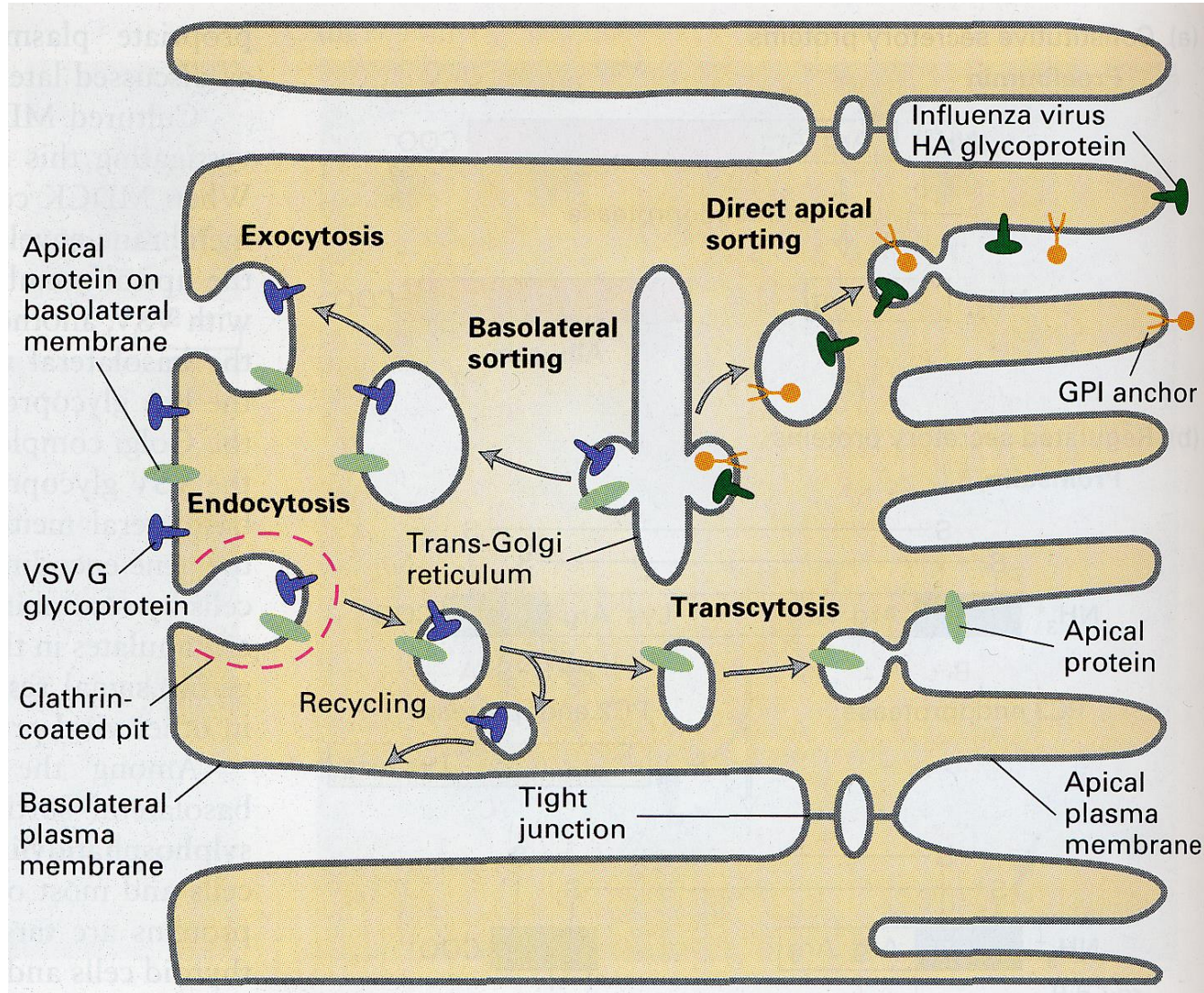
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Potential roles of lipid rafts in vesicular transport

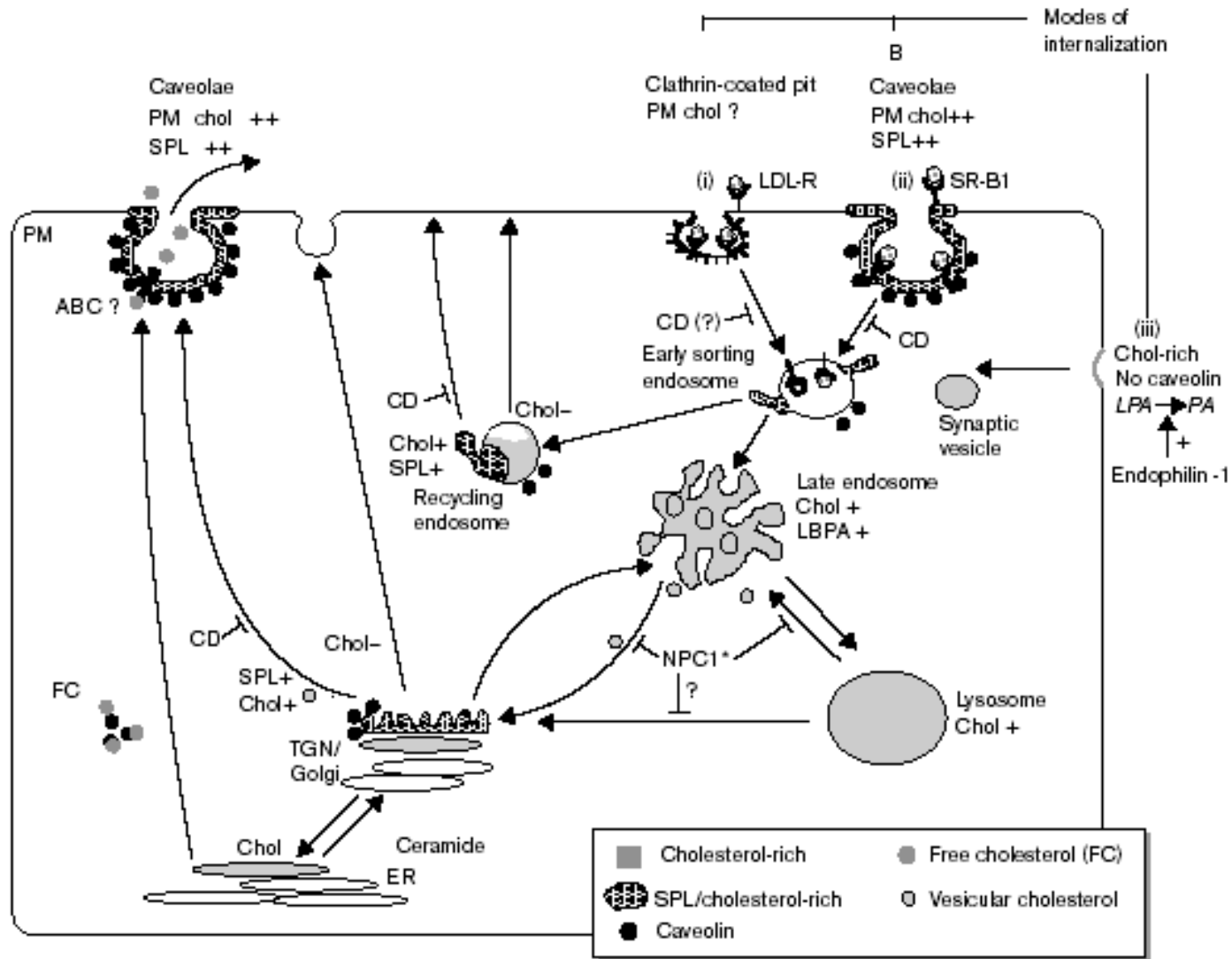


Ikonen (2001) *Curr. Opin. Cell Biol.* 13, 470-477.

The sorting of proteins in polarized cells (e.g. MDCK epithelial cell)



Lipid rafts are involved in cholesterol and sphingolipid traffic

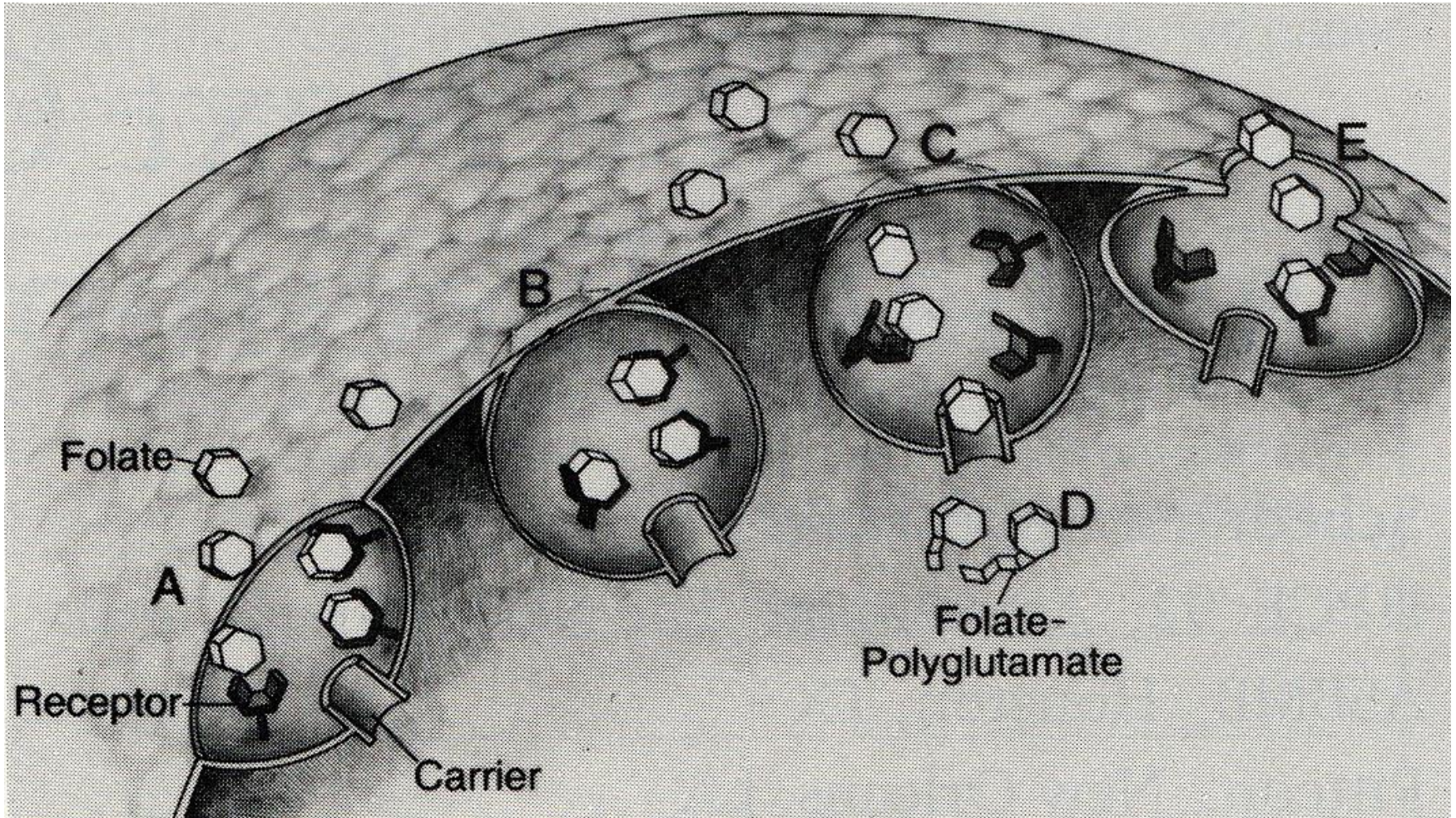


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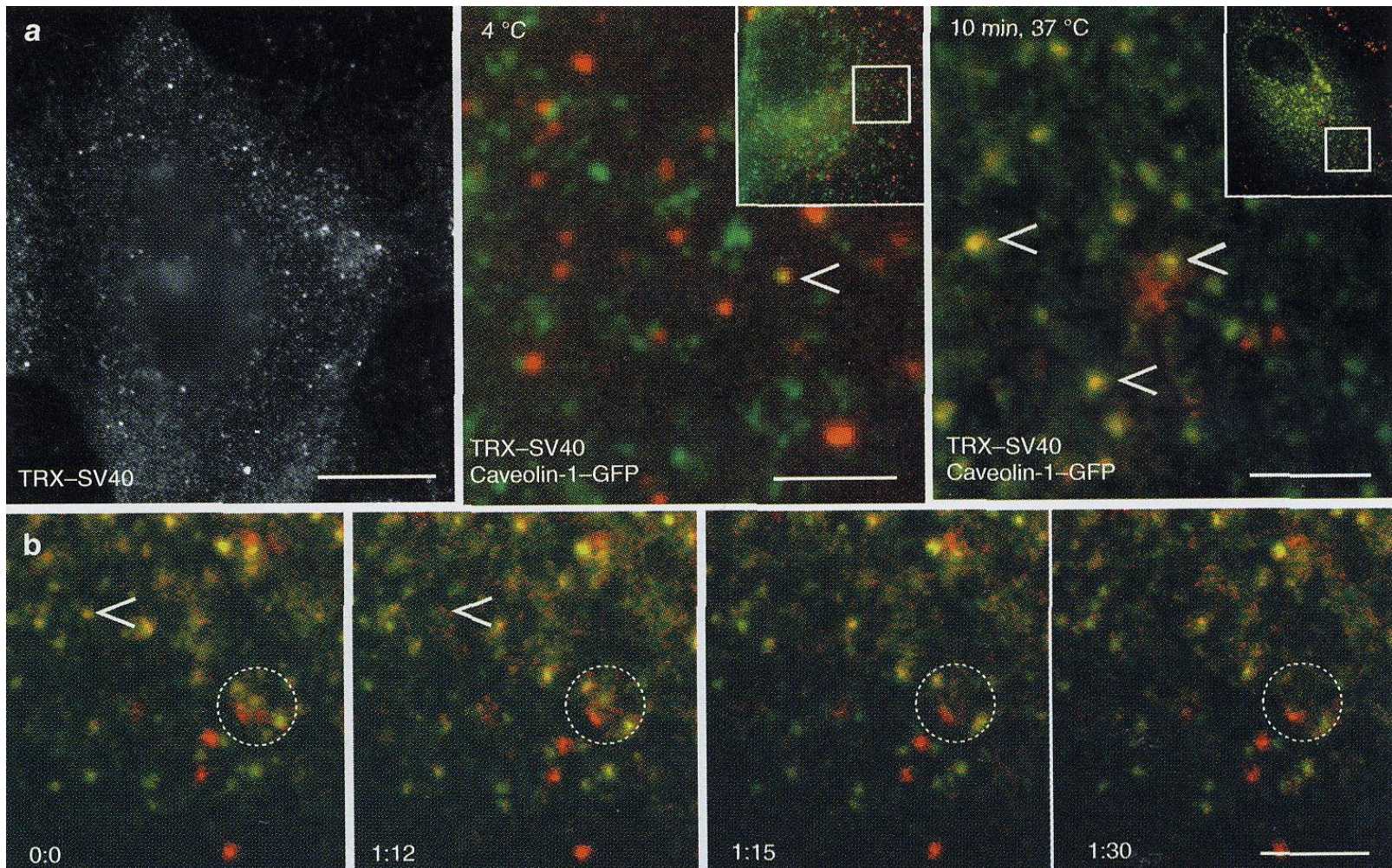
Potocytosis:

sequestration and internalization of molecules and ions by caveolae



Anderson et al. (1992) Science 255, 410-411.

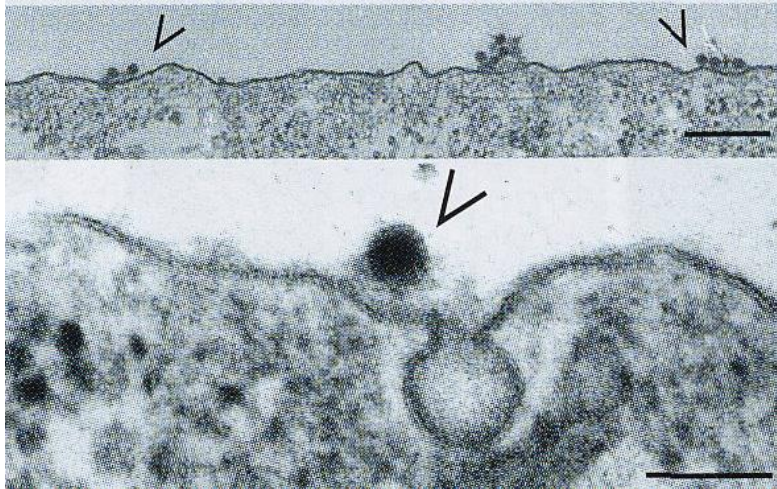
Caveolar endocytosis of simian virus 40 (SV40) by CV-1 cells



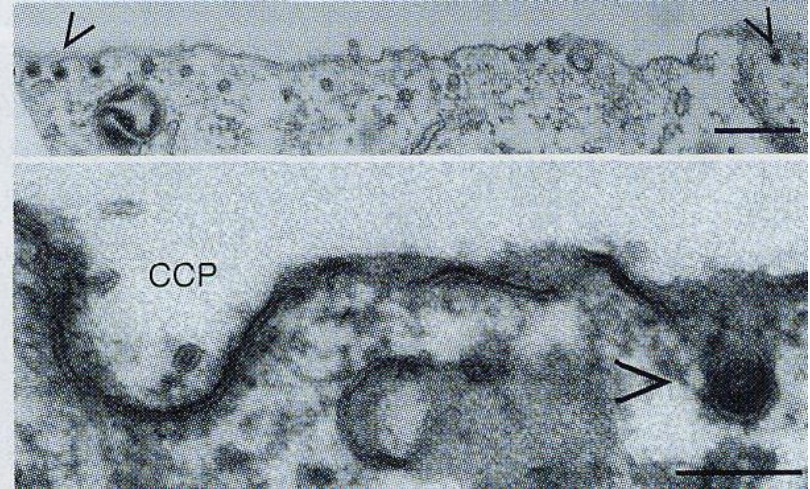
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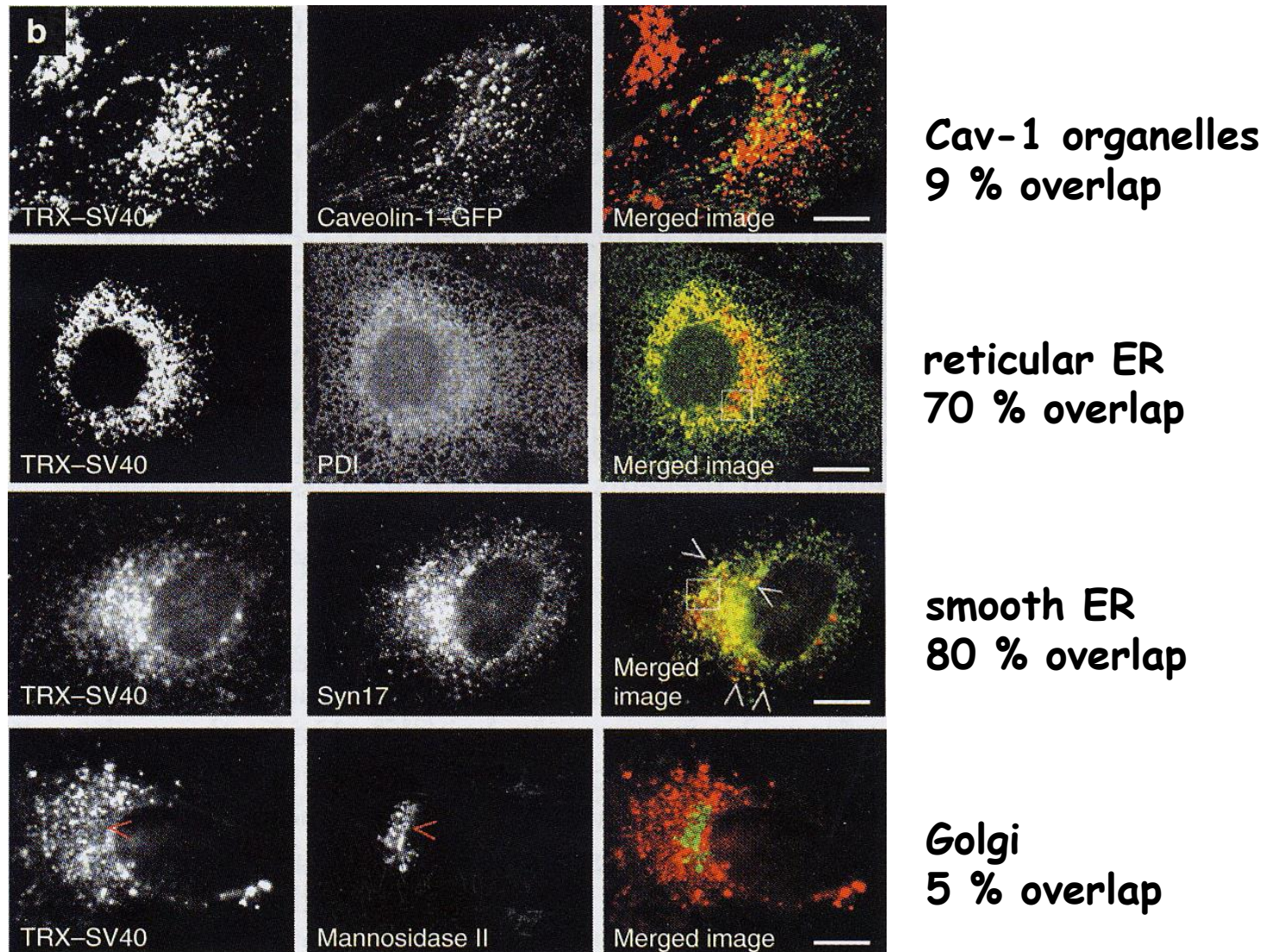
4°C



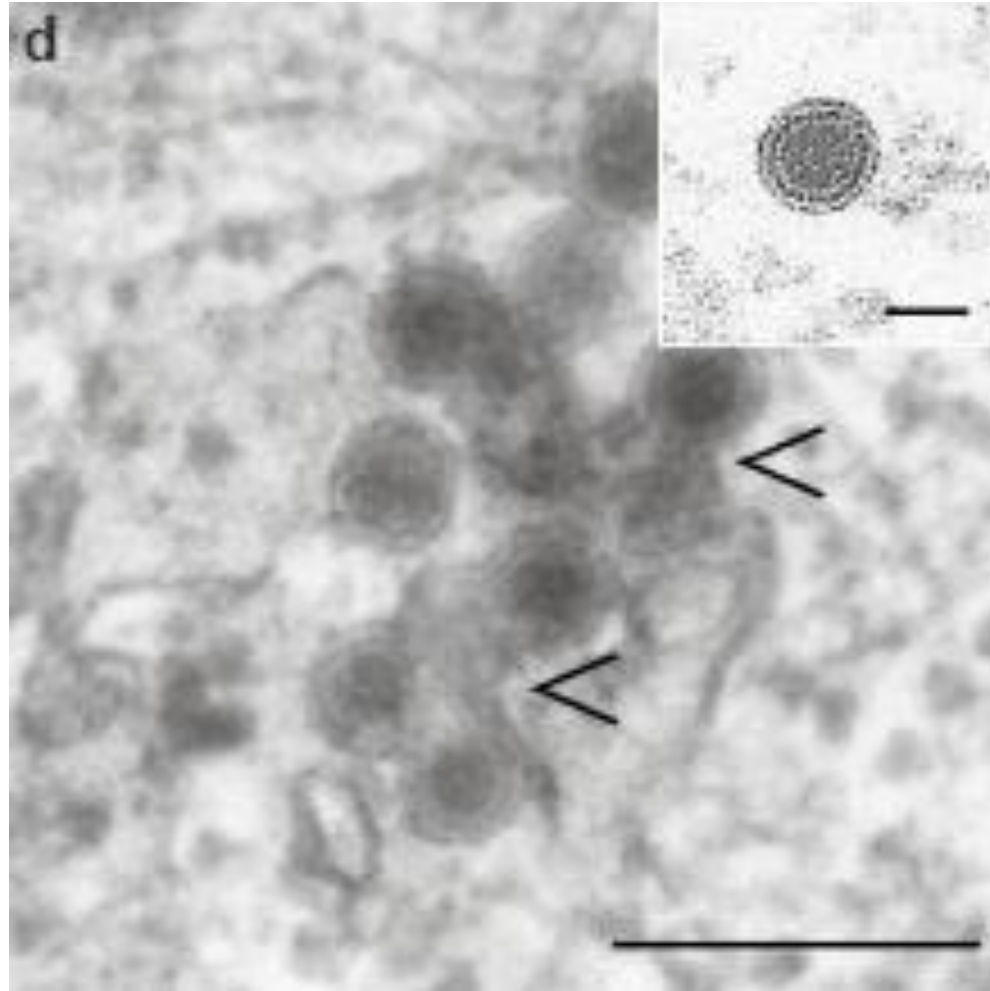
15 min, 37°C



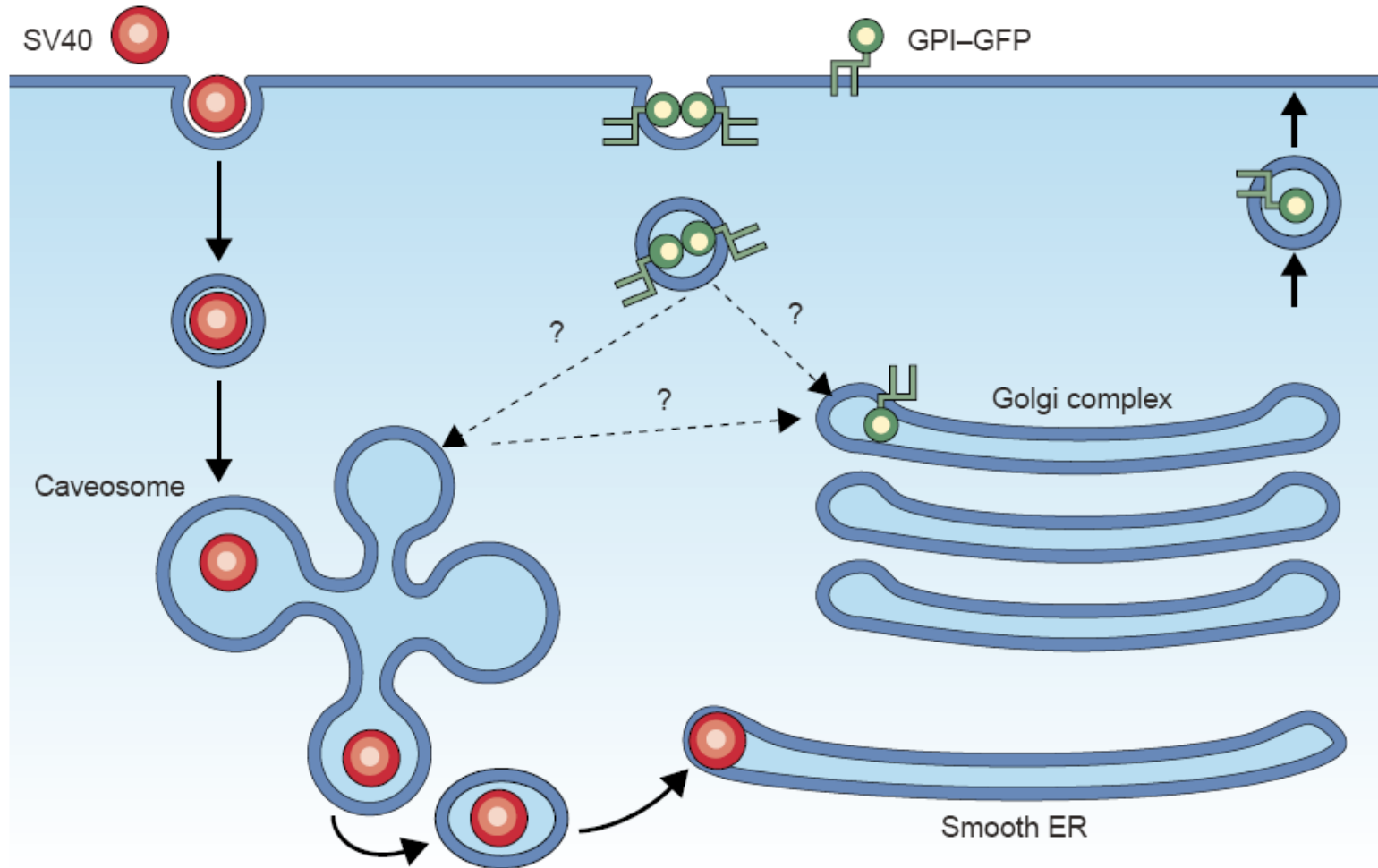
Intracellular localization of SV40 in CV-1 cells (16h at 37°C after virus binding)



**A two-step transport from PM caveolae to ER,
through an intermediate organelle - caveosome**



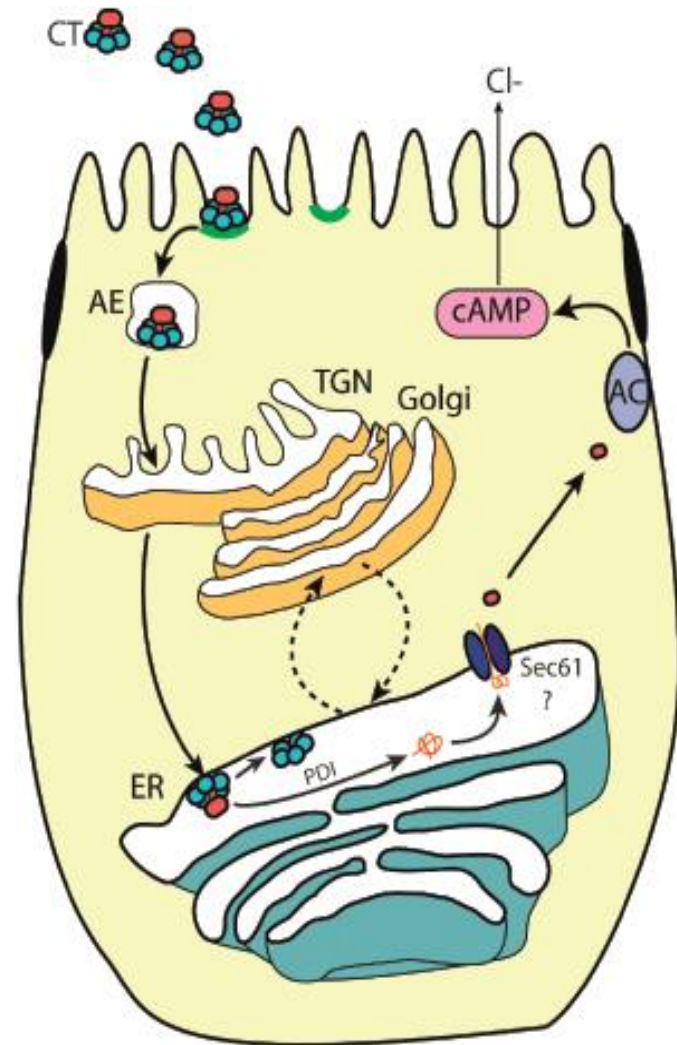
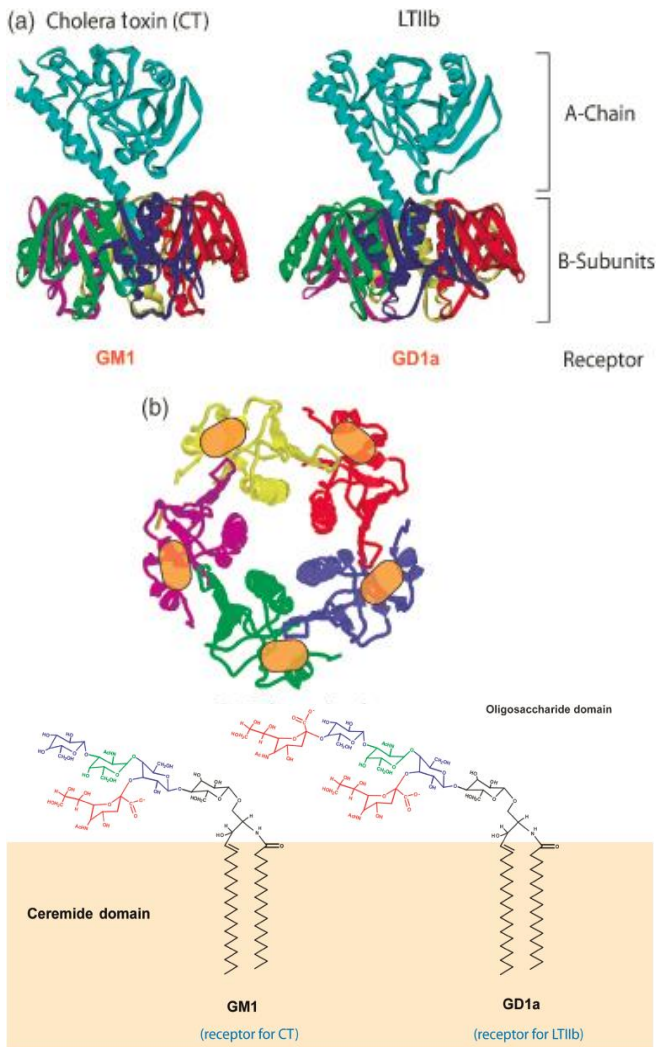
Endosome-independent routes for endocytic transport to the ER and Golgi



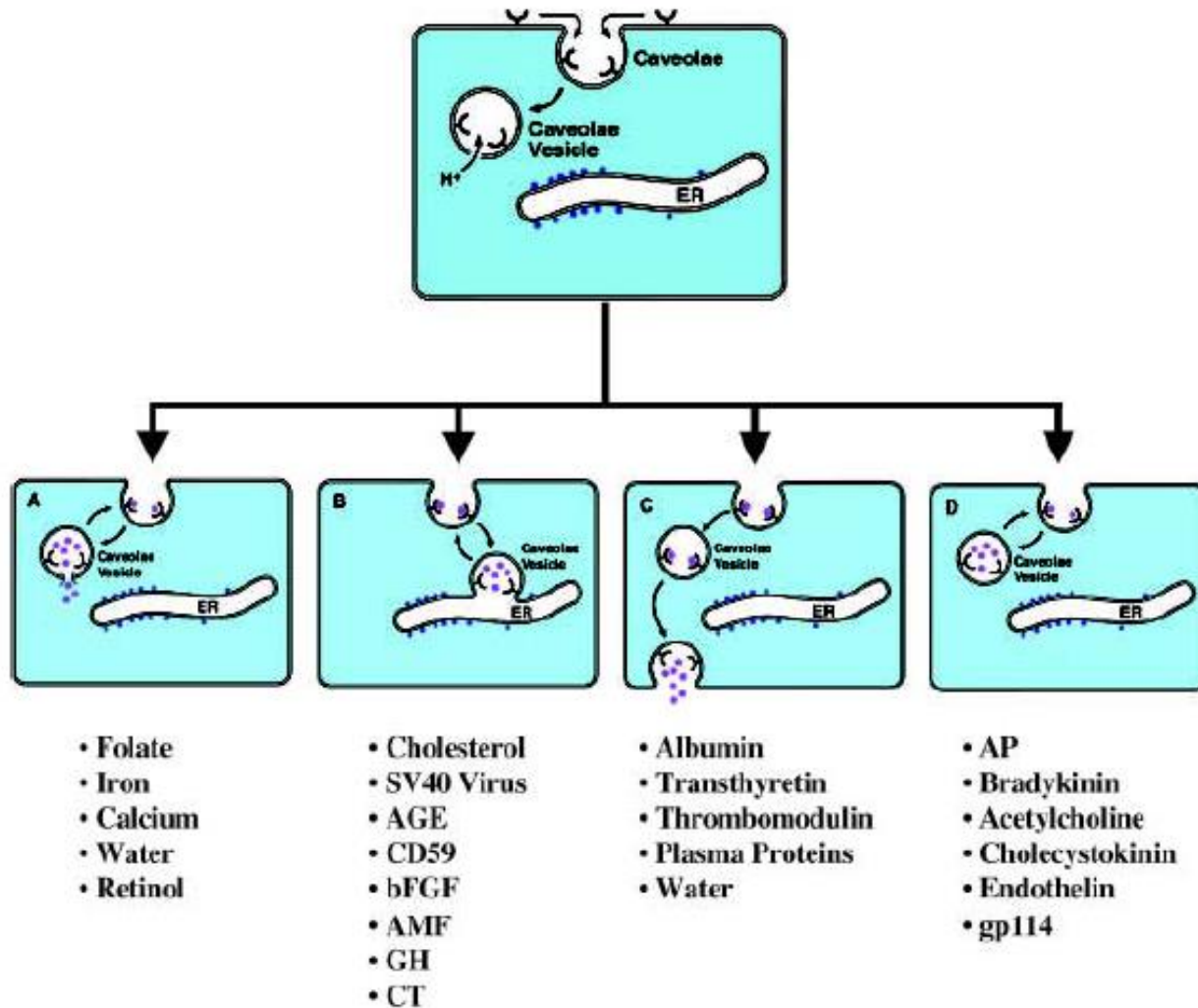
Caveosome

- does not acidify (neutral pH),
- caveolin-containing compartment,
- lacks coated pit-pathway markers (endosomal, lysosomal, ER or Golgi),
 - does not acquire ligands of clathrin-coated vesicle endocytosis.

Retrograde transport via caveolae



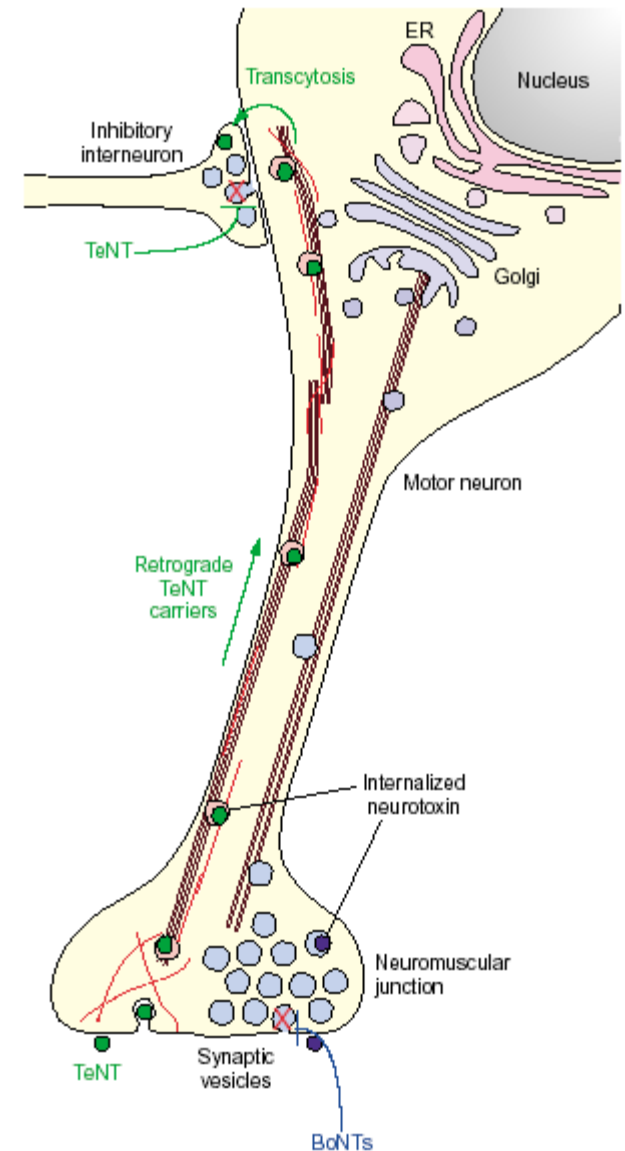
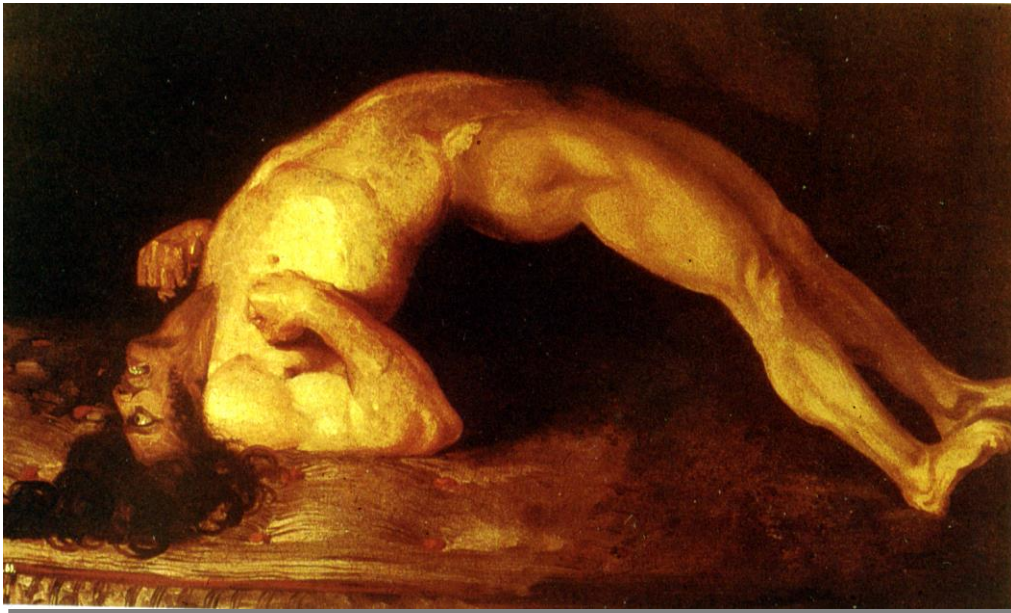
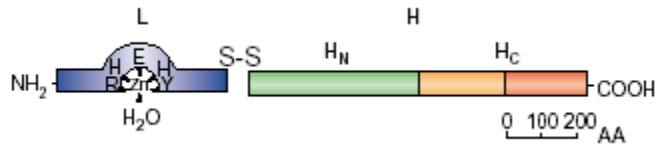
Four possible fates for molecules internalized by potocytosis



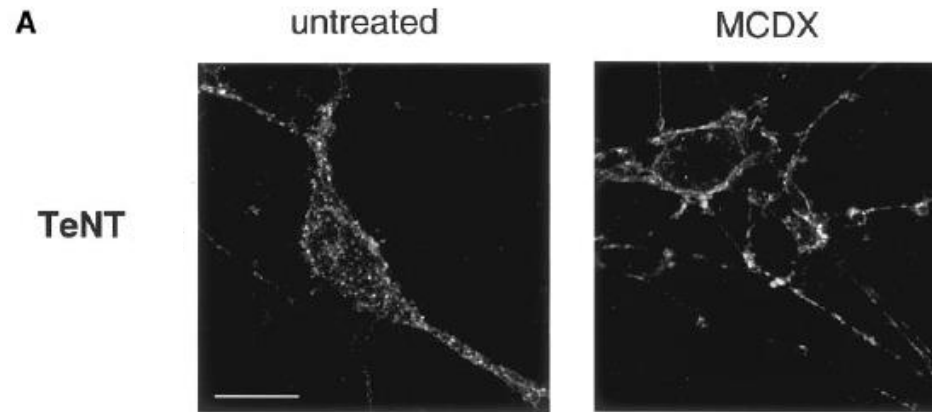
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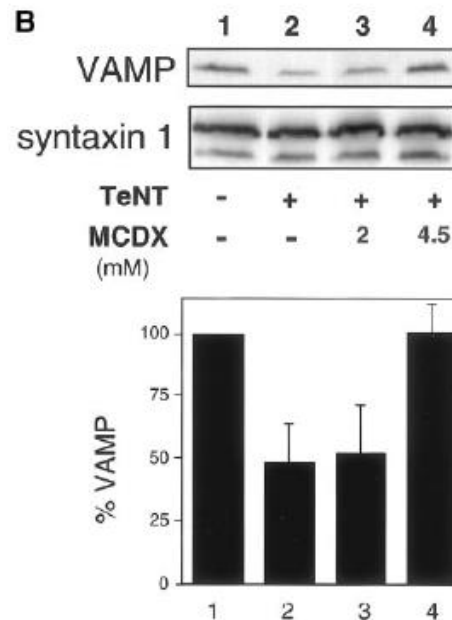
Clathrin-independent receptor-mediated endocytosis of TeNT



Cholesterol depletion (raft disruption) blocks the internalization and intracellular activity of TeNT

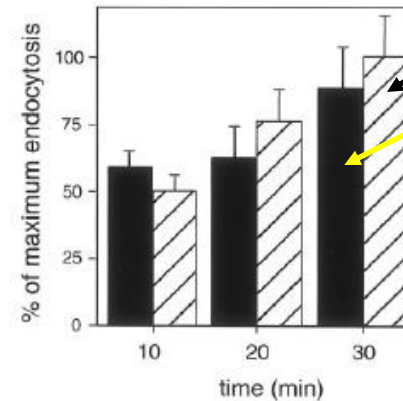


Spinal cord cells
(neurons lack caveolae)



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Endocytosis of 125 I-transferrin
(a clathrin-mediated process)



MCDX-treated
MCDX-untreated

TeNT receptor is
a GPI-protein Thy-1

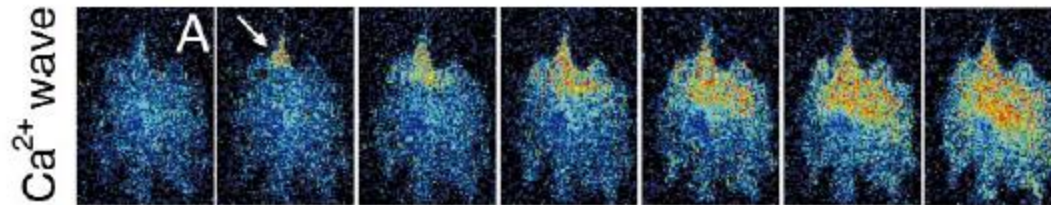
Cellular processes involving lipid rafts

- Signal transduction
- Protein and lipid trafficking and sorting
- Clathrin-independent endocytosis:
 - caveolin-dependent (potocytosis)
 - caveolin-independent
- Ca^{2+} homeostasis

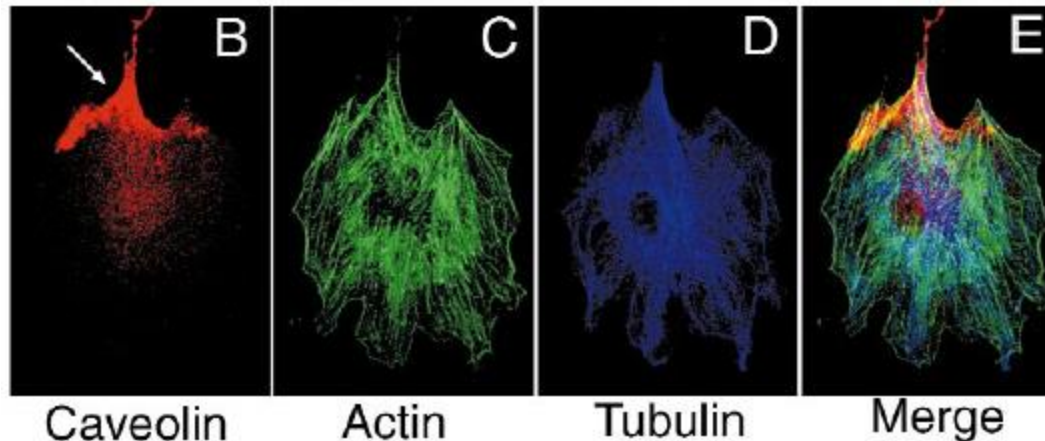
Ca^{2+} wave originates at the caveolin-rich cell edge

ATP stimulation \Rightarrow IP_3 mobilization

Indo-1 loaded
endothelial cell
(bovine aortic)



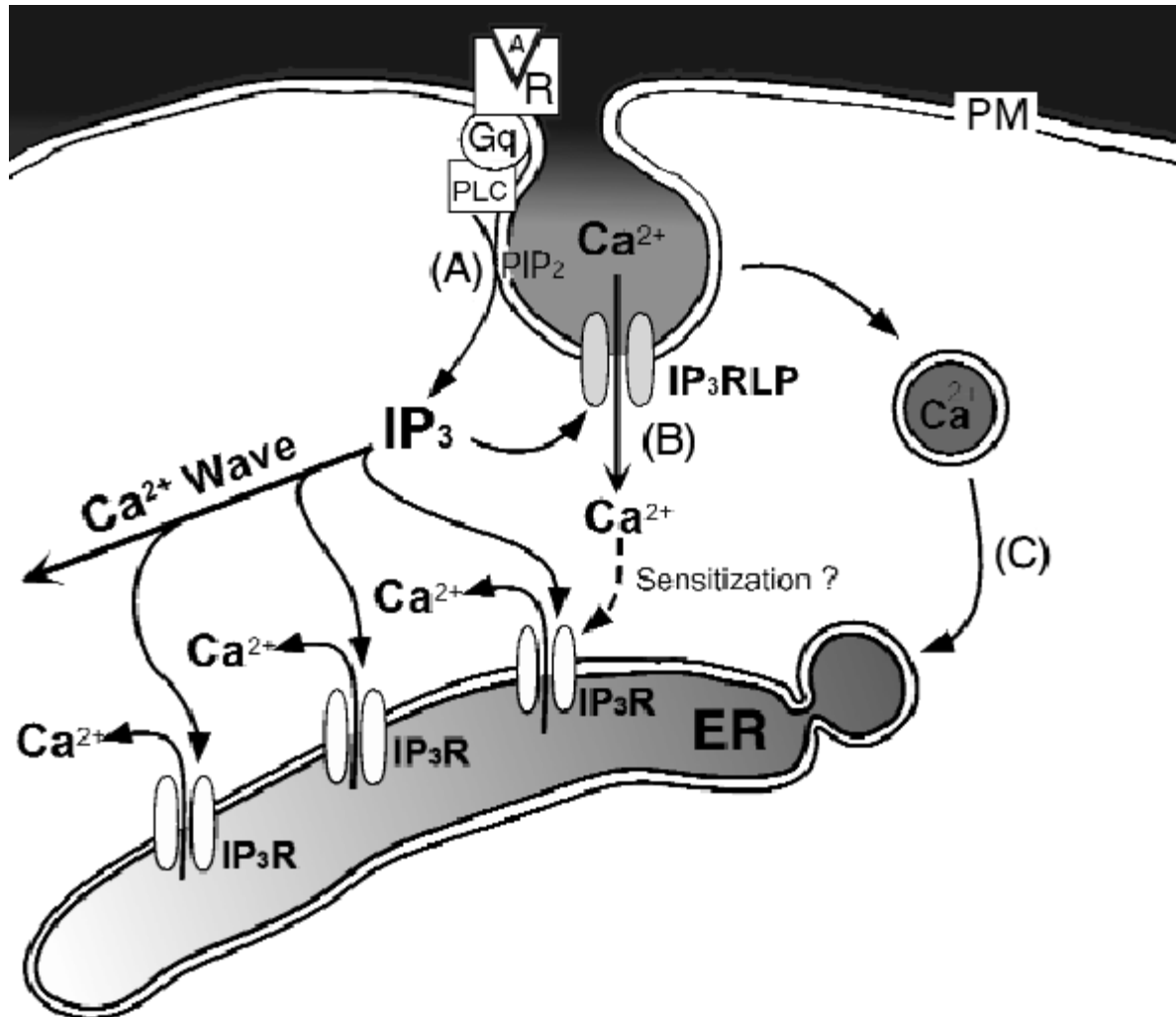
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Caveolae are enriched in molecules involved in Ca^{2+} regulation: IP_3R -like protein and Ca^{2+} -ATPase.

Three ways for how caveolae might regulate Ca^{2+} wave initiation



Key functions for caveolae in Ca^{2+} homeostasis

- regulation of the spatial organization of Ca^{2+} entry sites,
- control of the amount of Ca^{2+} that is delivered at these sites,
- initiation of Ca^{2+} wave formation,
- modulation of Ca^{2+} -dependent signalling cascades in caveolae (*e.g.* eNOS/ CaM^+ /caveolin⁻).

Lipid rafts and human disease

- Muscular dystrophy (cav-3 mutation)
- Alzheimer`s disease (generation of β -amyloid)
- Encephalopathies (a conversion of Pr^C to Pr^{Sc} in caveolae)
- Cancer (loss of caveolin-1, *i.e.* caveolae)
- Pathogens (cellular entrance point)
- Cardiovascular diseases

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