

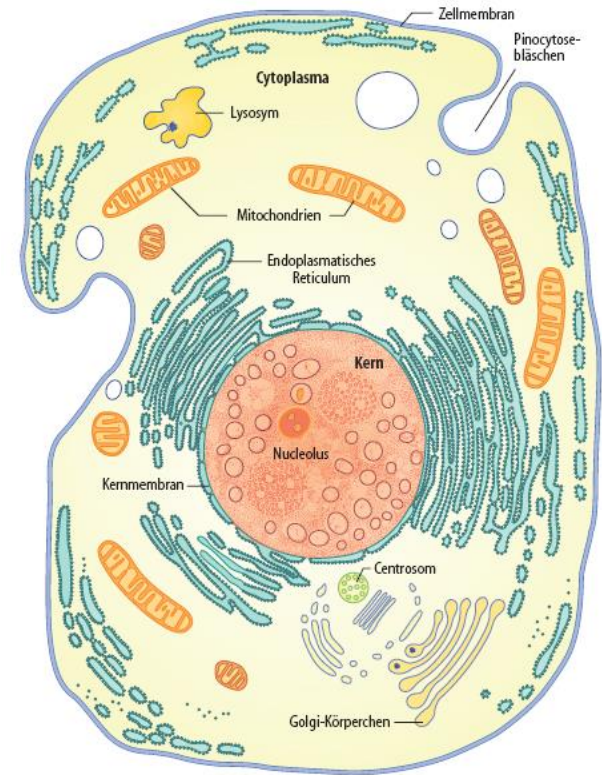
# Membranes and Signal transduction

## Importance of cell membranes:

- a) Border (outer – inner)
- b) Barrier (protection)
- c) Substance- and Information exchange
- d) Recognition
- e) Formation of tissues

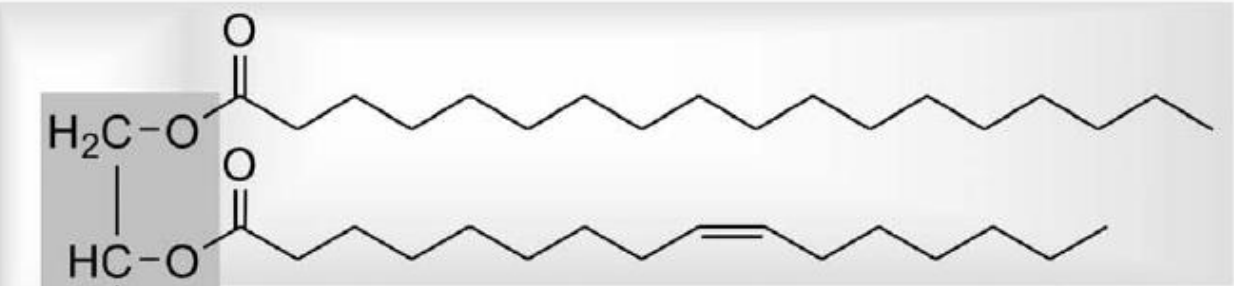
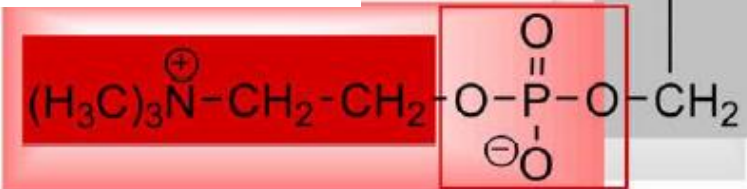
## Composition of Membranes:

- |   |      |
|---|------|
| a) Lipids (Phospholipids)                   | 79%  |
| b) Proteins                                 | 18%  |
| c) Carbohydrates (Lipid- and Protein-bound) | ~ 3% |



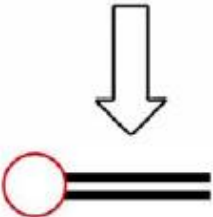
# Phosphatidylcholine

hydrophile

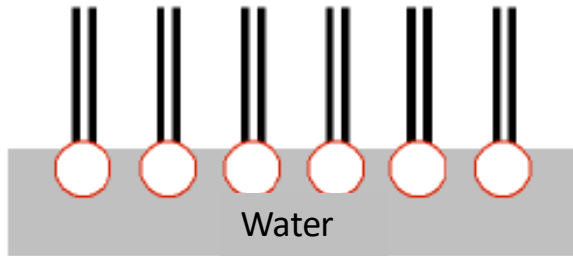


hydrophobe

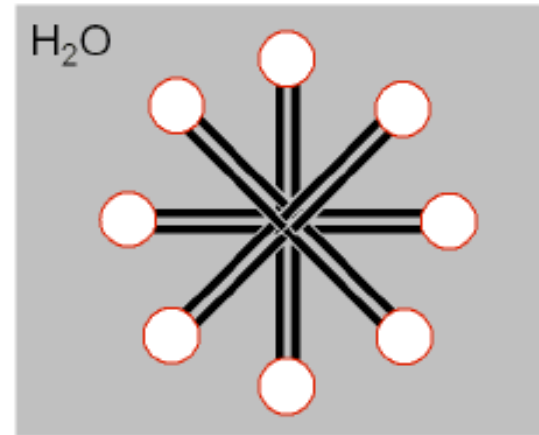
Schematic  
Presentation



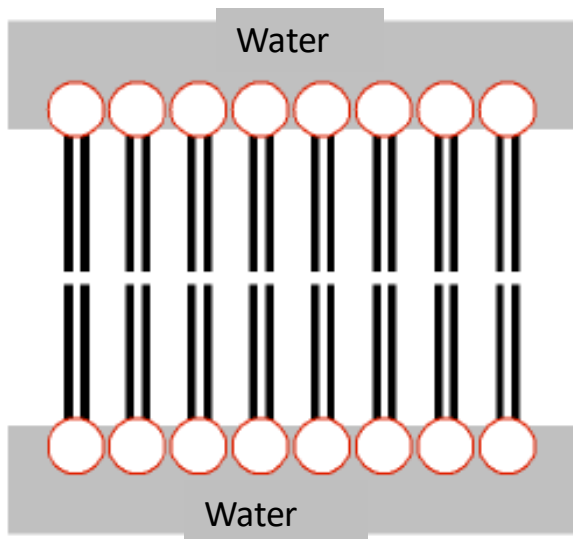
Monomolecular layer  
(Air or lipophilic phase)



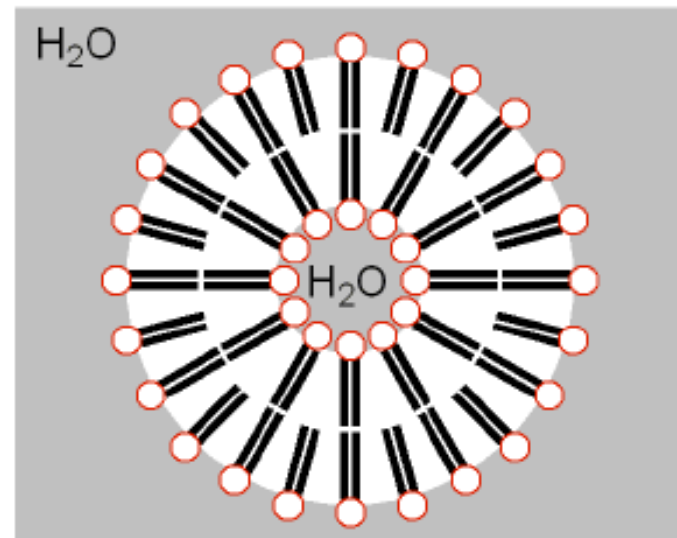
b) Micelle

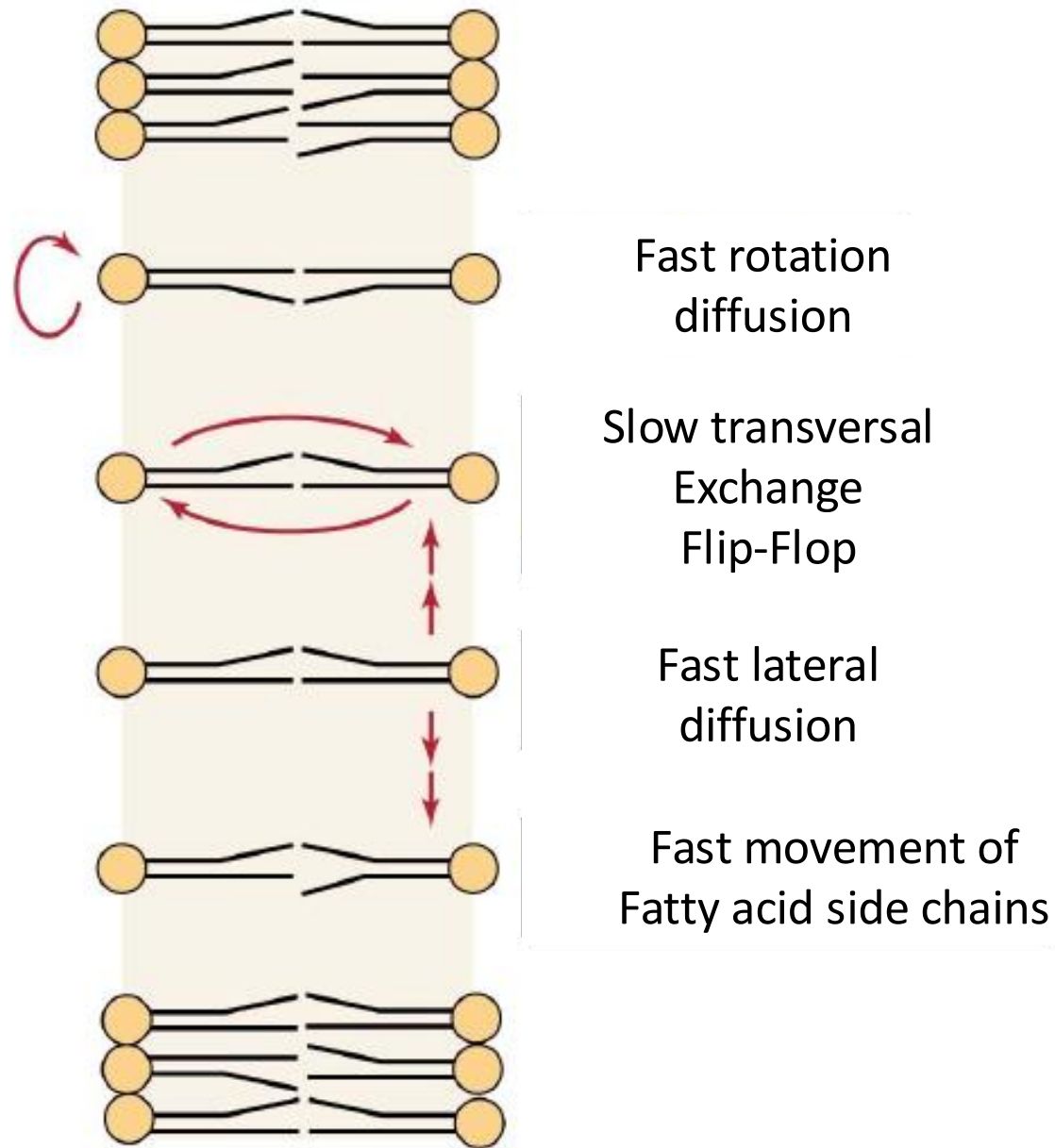


Double-molecular layer



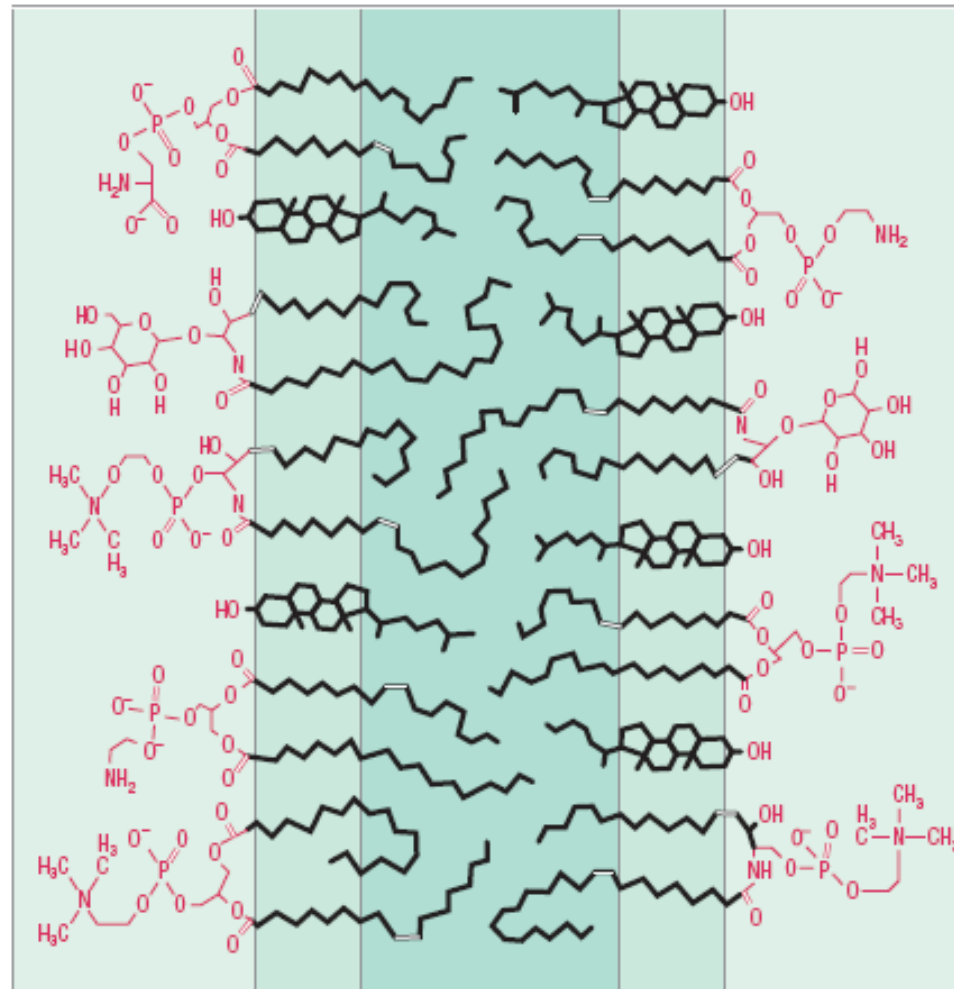
Liposome, Vesicle  
(classical cell membrane)





Mobility of membrane components

# The double membrane is not homogenous



Intracellular  
Water/Protein

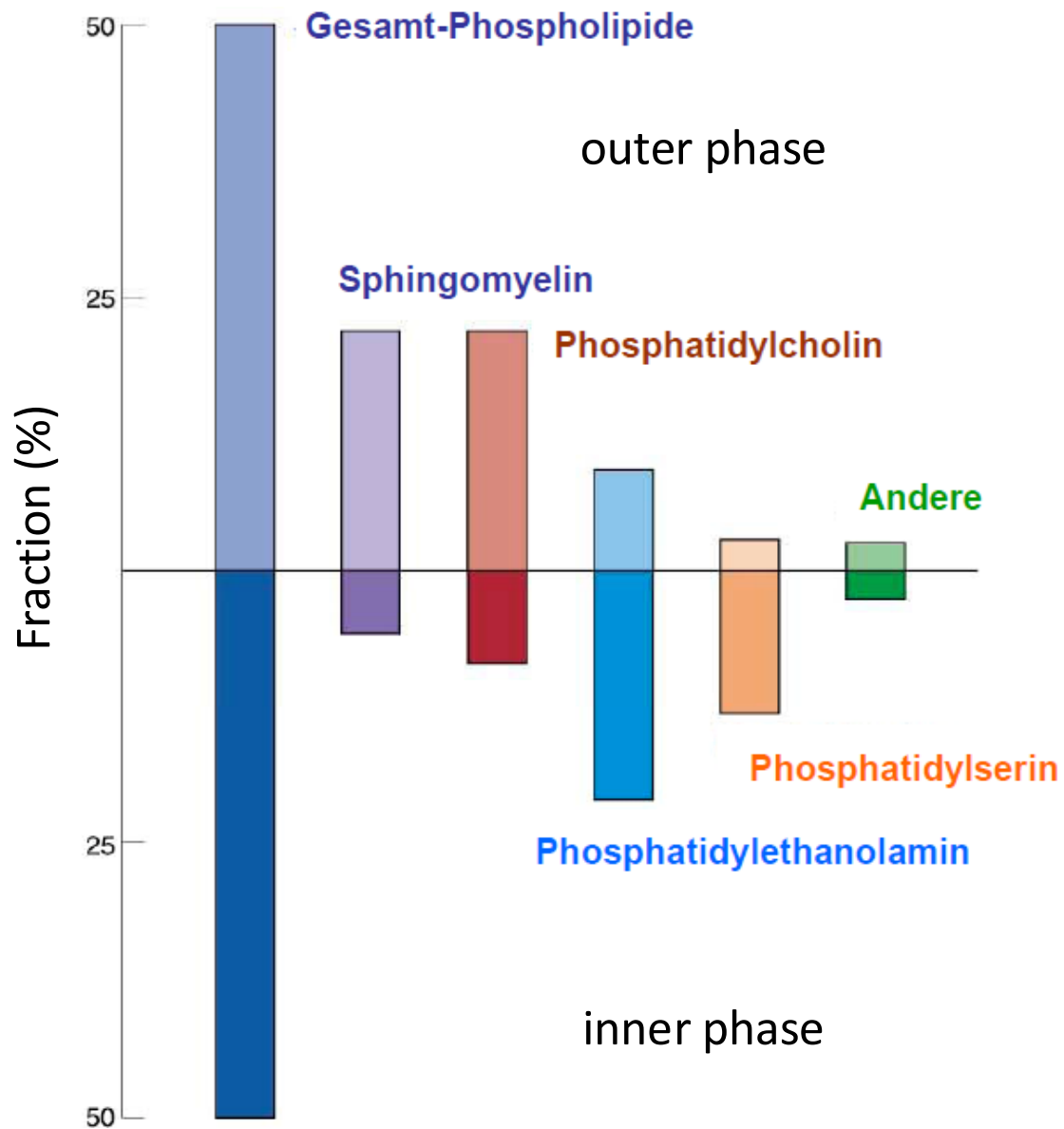
polar  
groups

fluid Phase

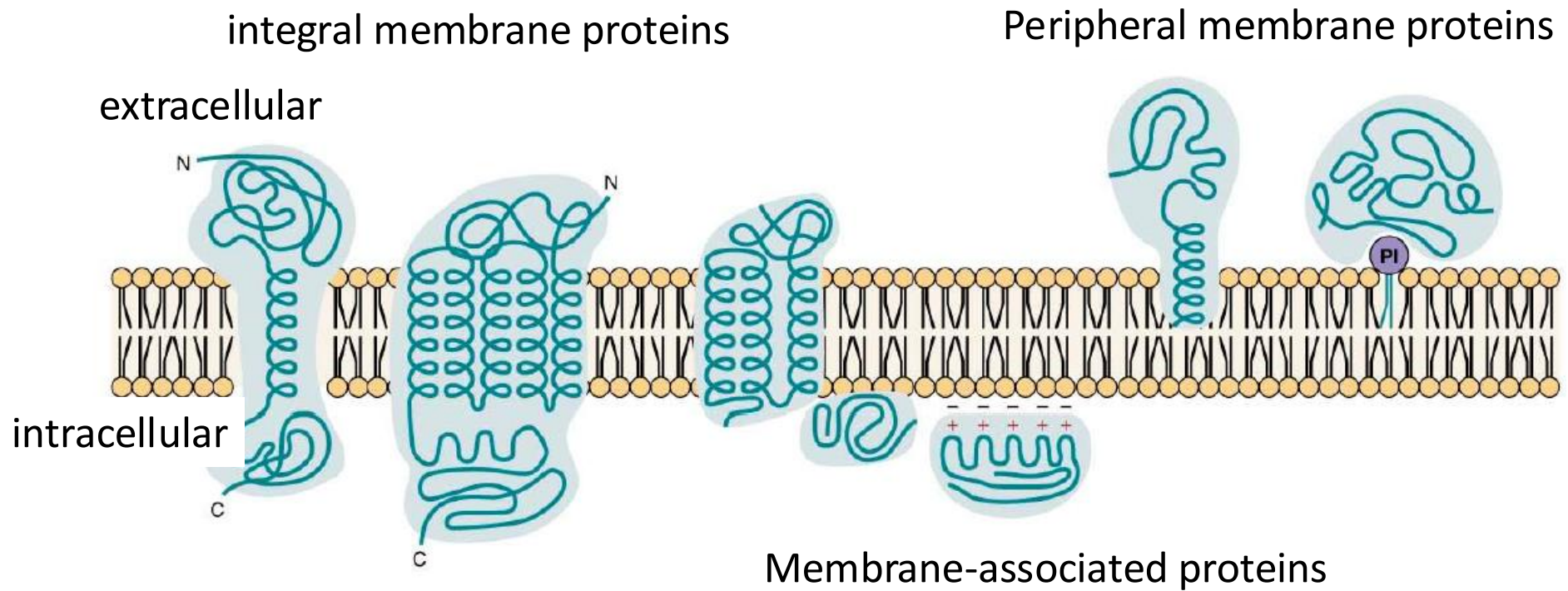
polar  
Groups

extracellular  
Water/Protein

# Asymmetric Distribution of Lipids in the Membrane

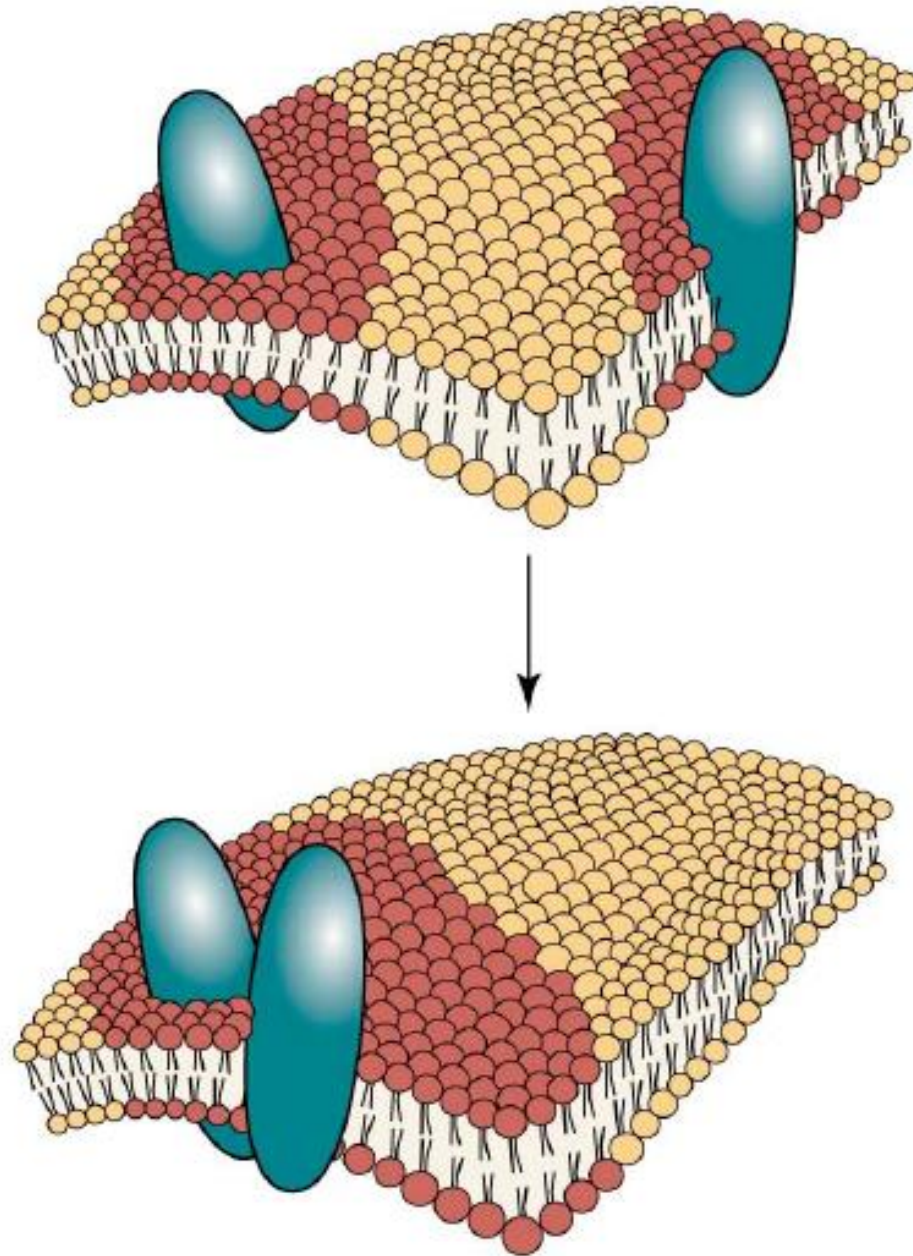


# Proteins of the Membrane





# Lipid Rafts



# Summary

## **Membranes:**

- thickness in human cells: 70-100 Å
- Lipid-Double layer with Proteins
- Asymmetric Double layer
- Fluid Mosaic (Lipid Rafts)

# Properties of Membranes

## **Non-permeable for:**

water, ions, charged molecules

polar substances

peptides and proteins

Macromolecules

## **permeable for:**

small, lipophilic molecules

small, non-polar substances

## **Transport:**

- diffusion
- active transport      primary  
                                    secondary
- special case: gap junctions

# Membrane Proteins

## **Adhesion proteins**

Cadherins, CAM, Integrins

## **Carrier**

Antiporter, Symporter

## **Pore proteins**

Aquaporins

## **Receptors**

G protein-coupled receptors (GPCR)

Receptor Tyrosine Kinases (RTK)

Receptor Serine/Threonine kinases

Receptor guanylyl cyclases

Tyrosine kinase-coupled receptors

## **Ion channel**

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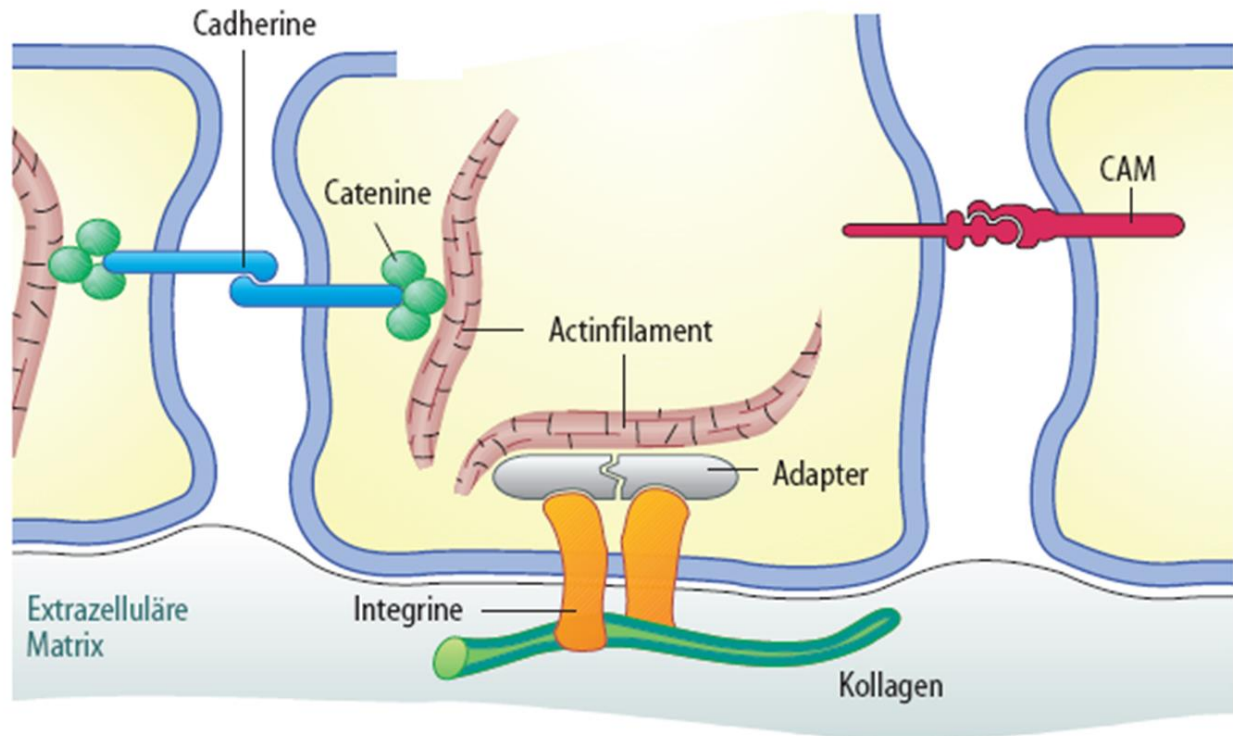
# Adhesion proteins

## Cell adhesion molecules:

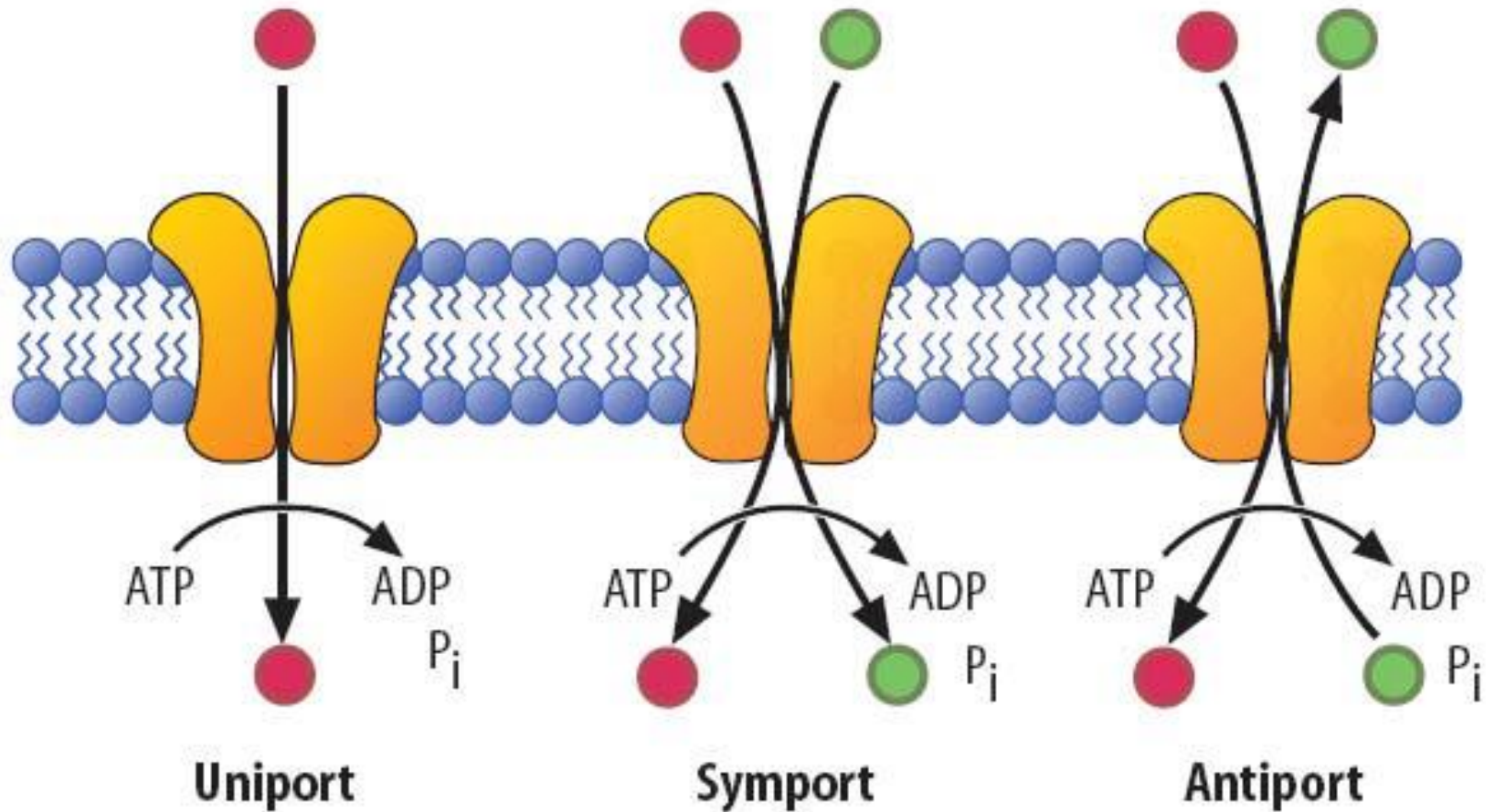
- homologous binding: (E-Cadherin, N-Cadherin)
- heterologous binding: (CAMs – cell adhesion molecules; N-CAM, I-CAM)

## Matrix Protein Receptors:

- Integrins (Transmembrane Proteins; Heterodimers)
- Dystroglykan



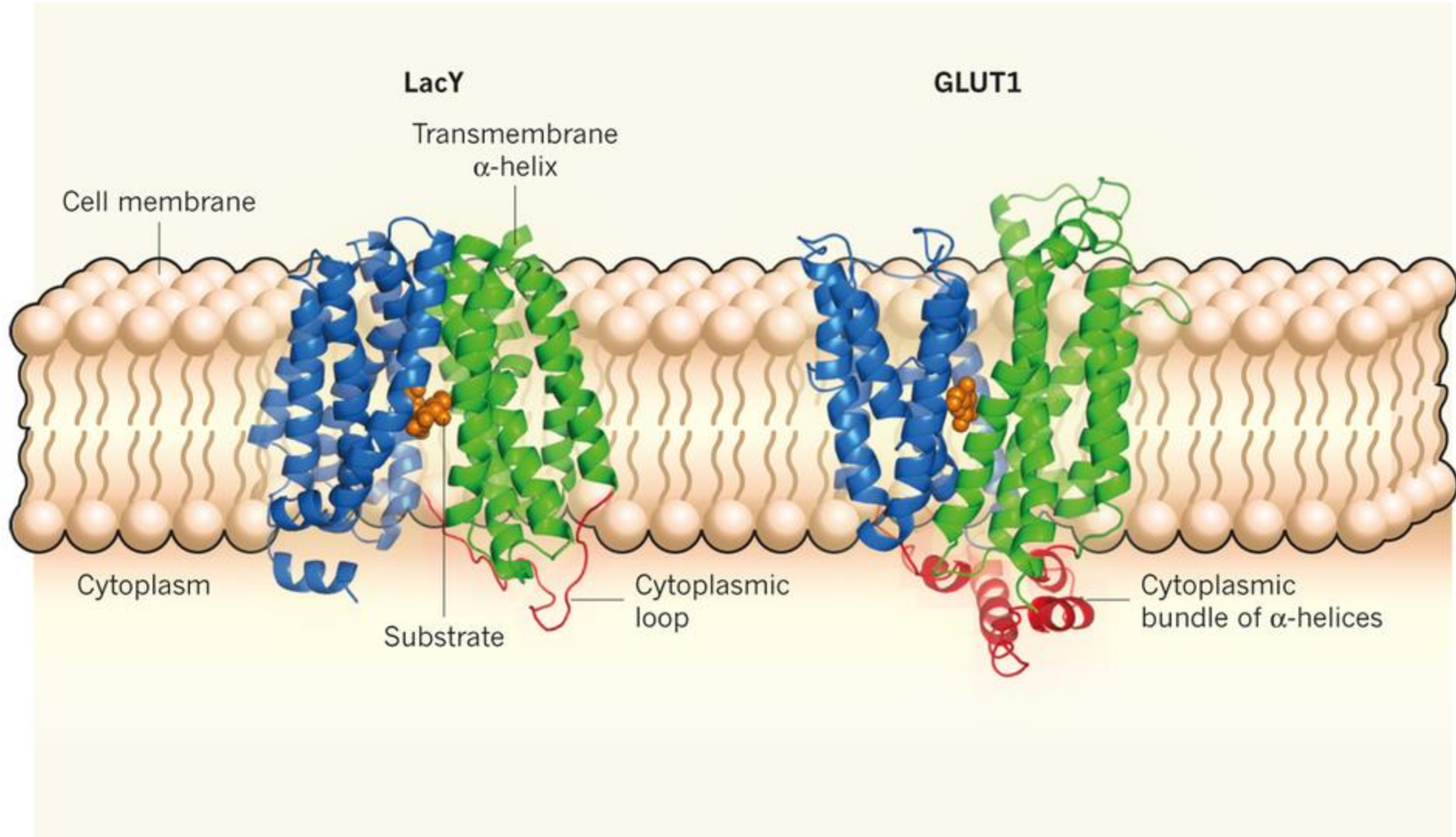
# Transport proteins - Carrier





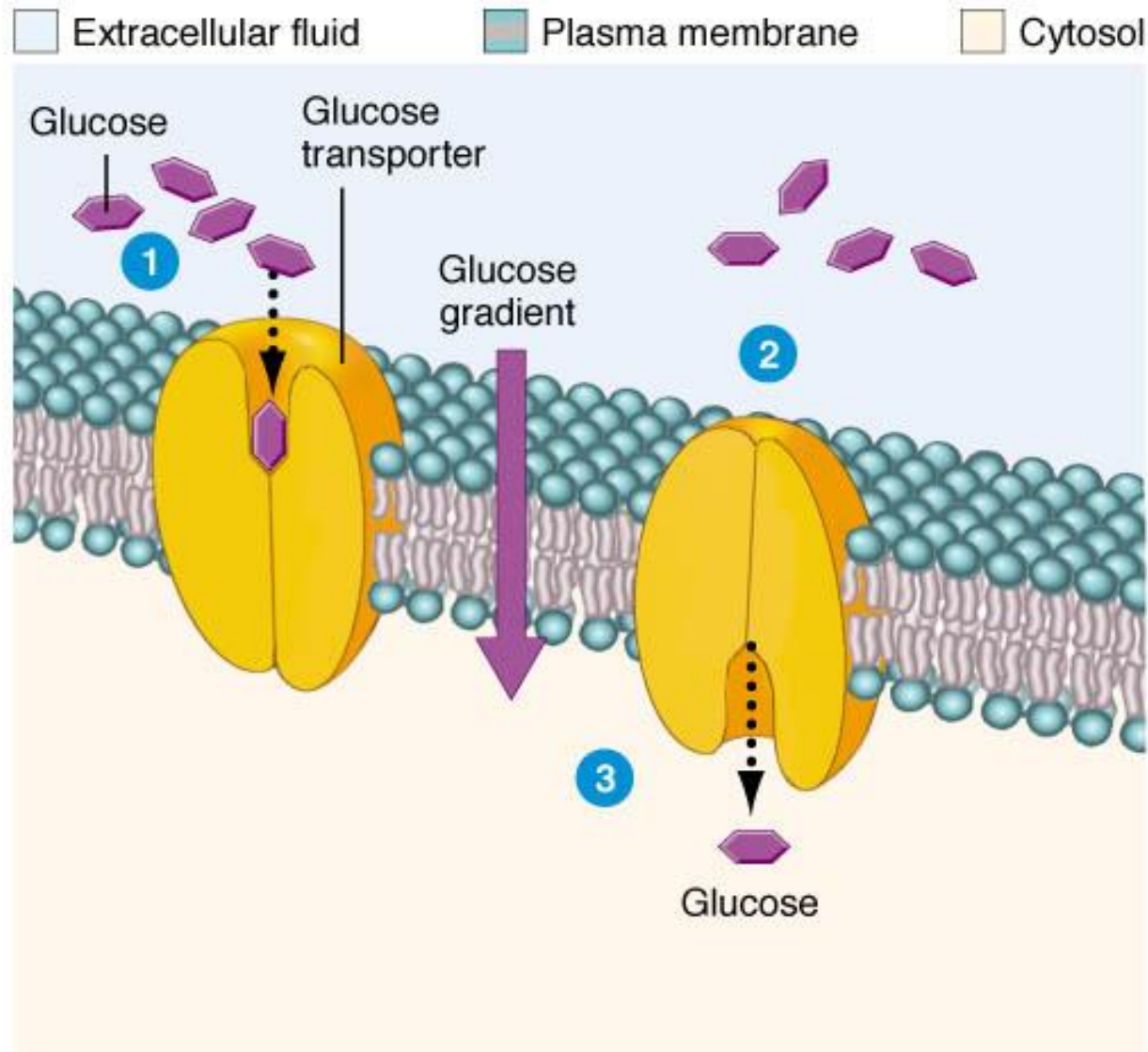
# Transport proteins – Carrier

## Sugar Transporter



# Transport proteins – Carrier

## Sugar Transporter





# Transport proteins - Symporter

Extracellular space

Na<sup>+</sup>/glucose  
cotransporter

**SGLT1**

Na<sup>+</sup>/phosphate  
cotransporter

**NaPi IIa/b**

Na<sup>+</sup>/iodide  
symporter

**NIS**

Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup>/Cl<sup>-</sup>  
cotransporter

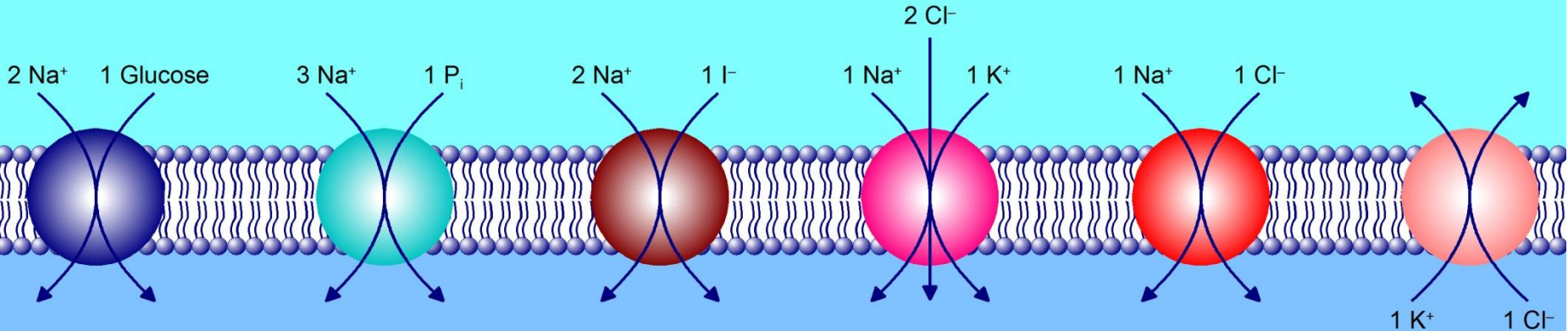
**NKCC**

Na<sup>+</sup>/Cl<sup>-</sup>  
cotransporter

**NCC**

K<sup>+</sup>/Cl<sup>-</sup>  
cotransporter

**KCC**

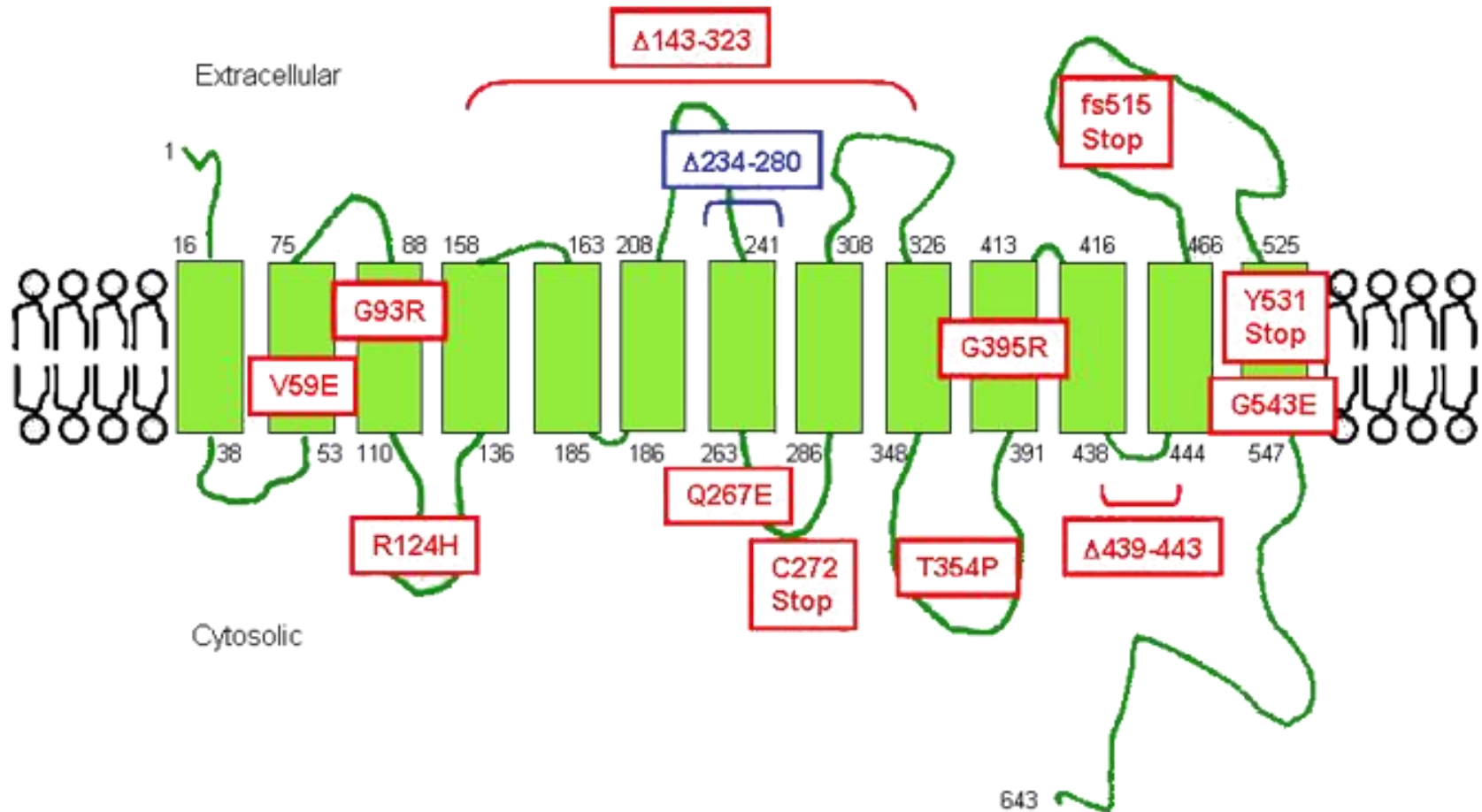


Cytoplasmic space

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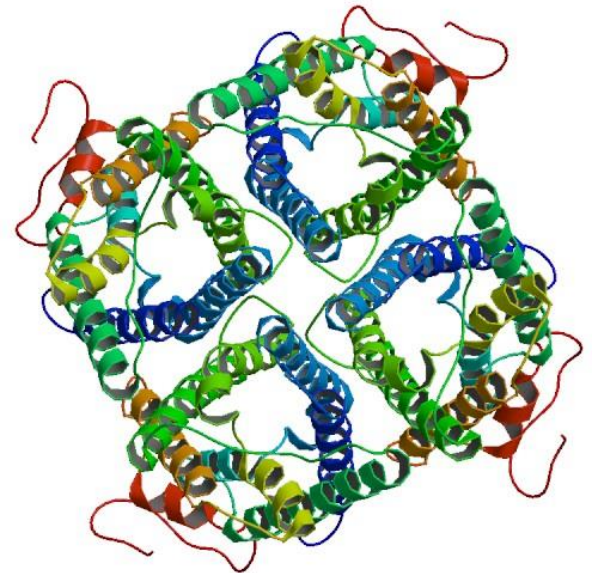
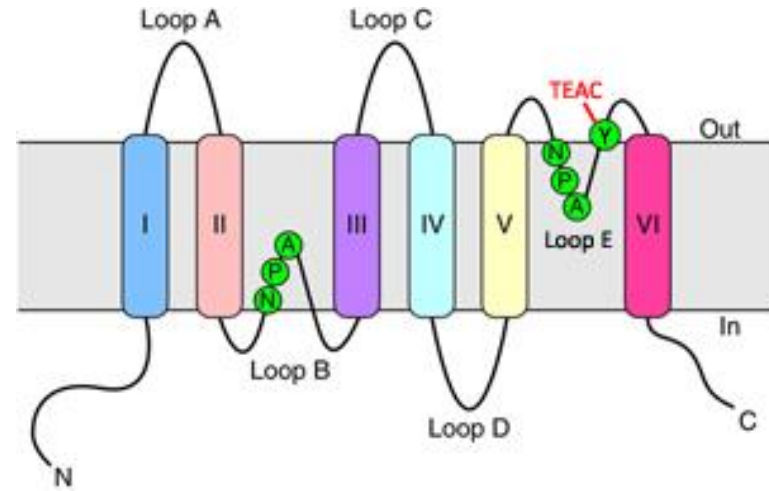
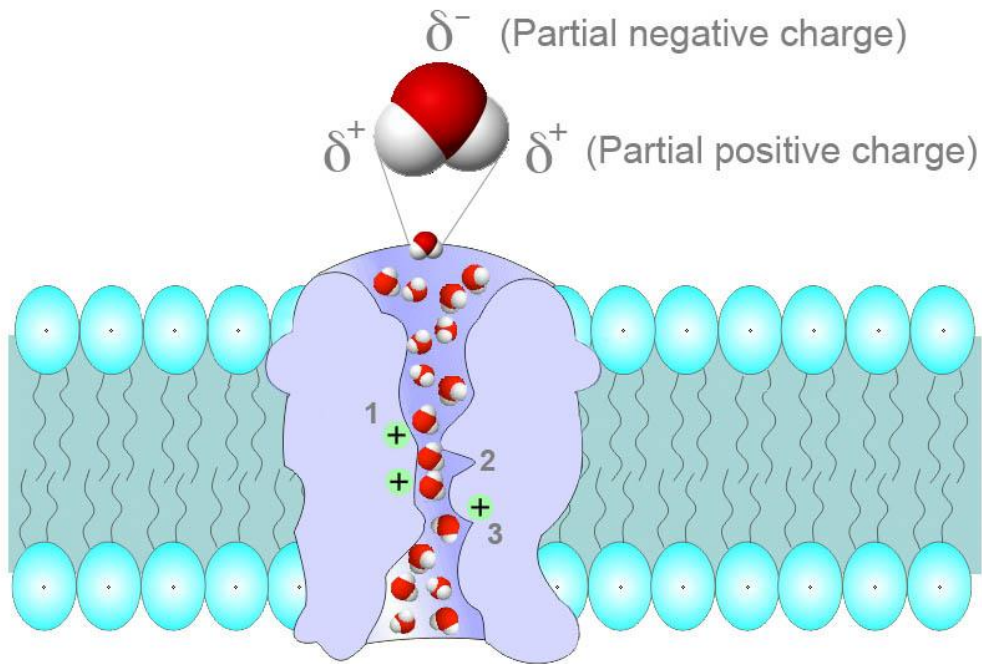
# Transport proteins – Carrier

## Na-I-Symporter



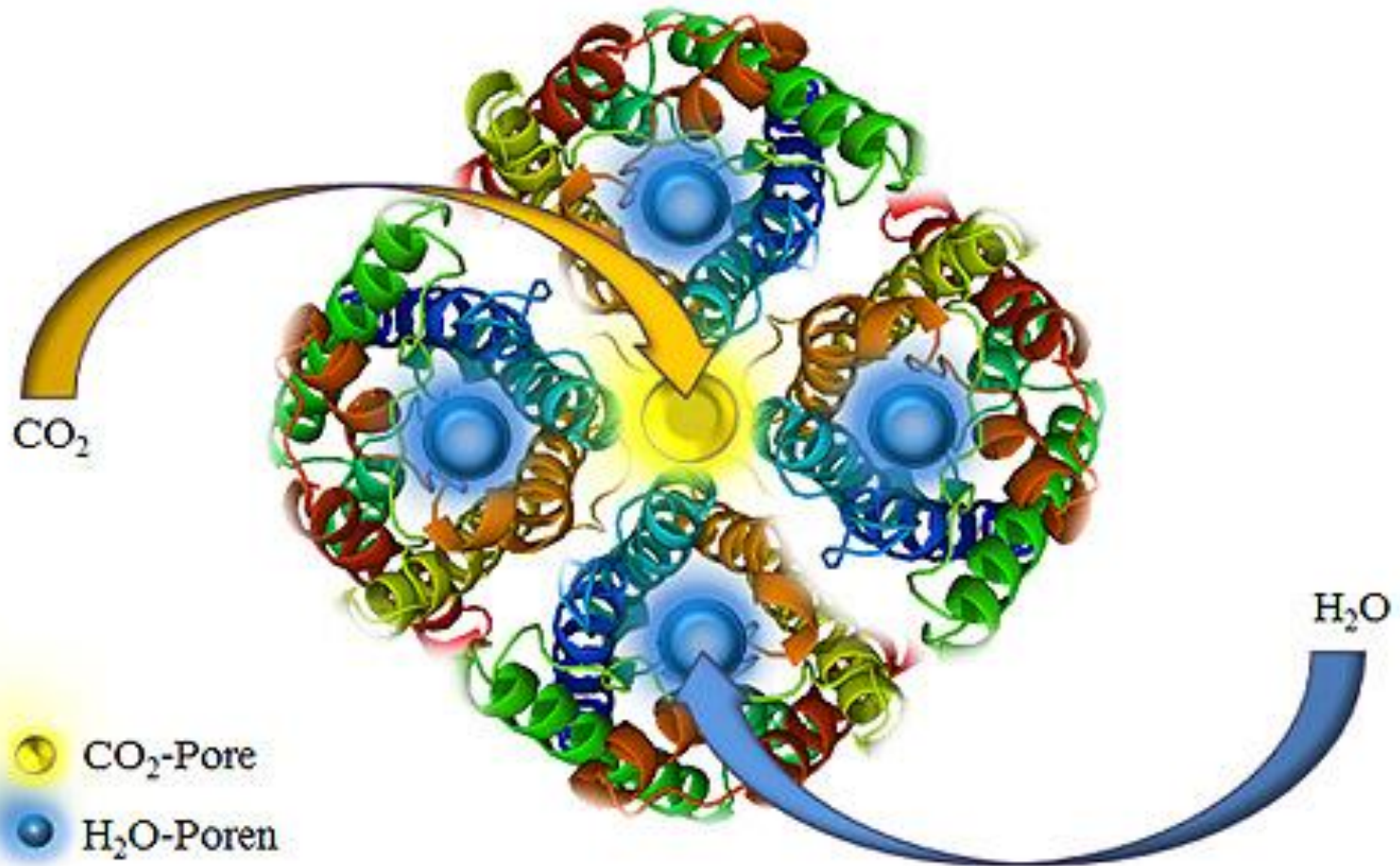
# Pore proteins

## Aquaporins



# Pore proteins

## Aquaporins

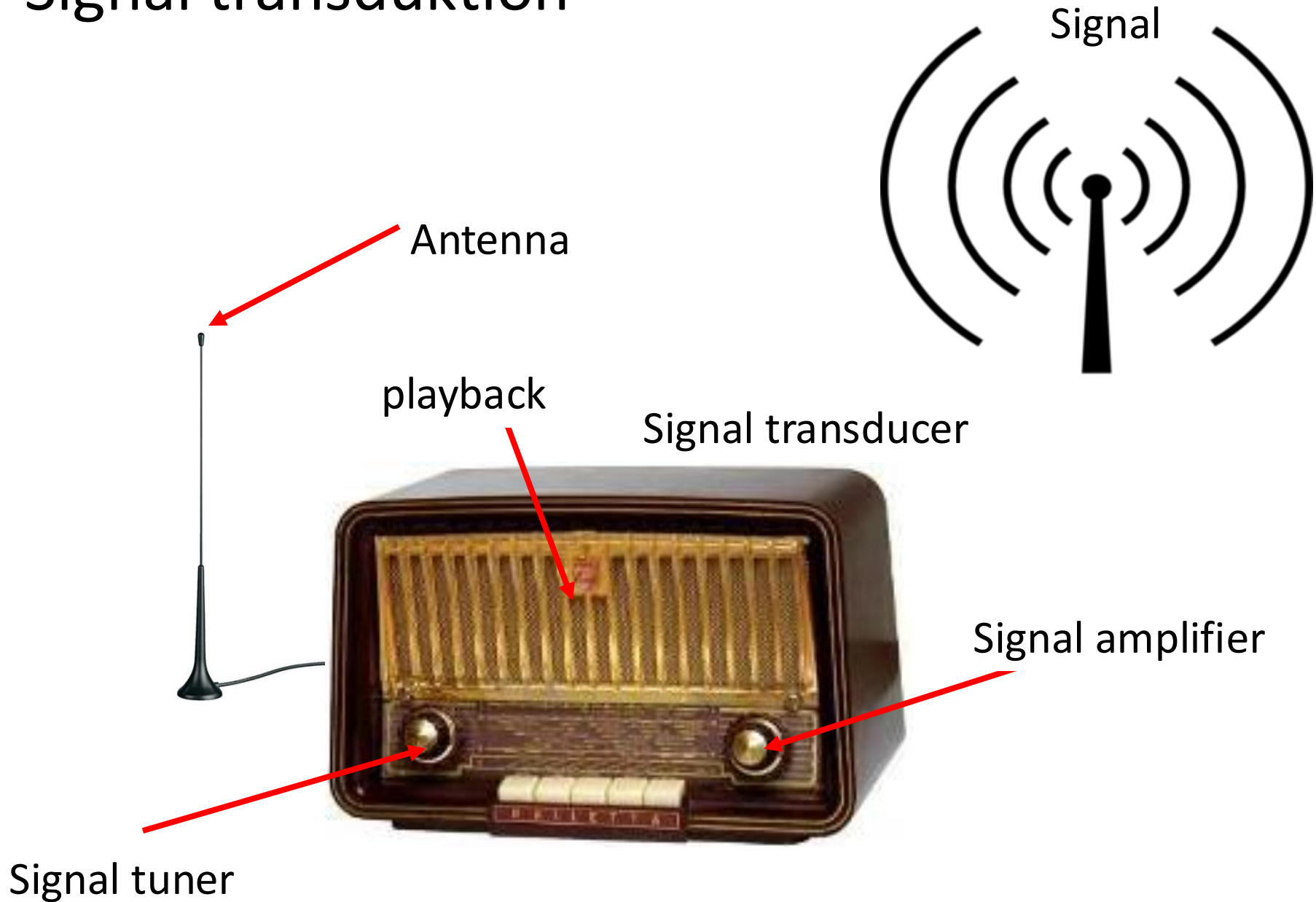




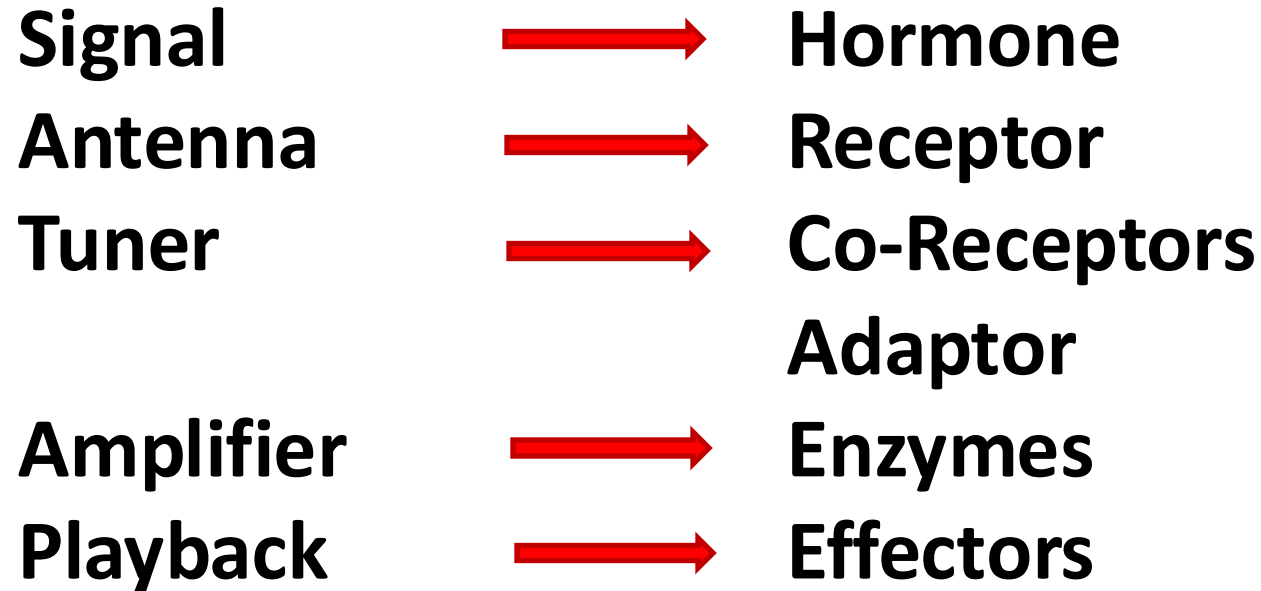
# Signal transduction



# Signal transduktion



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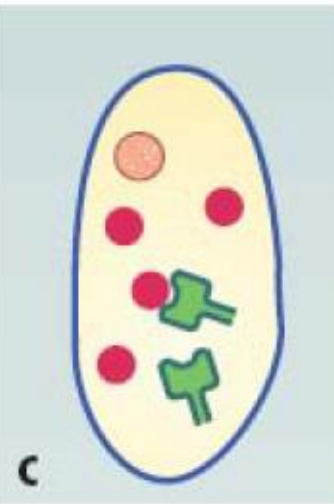
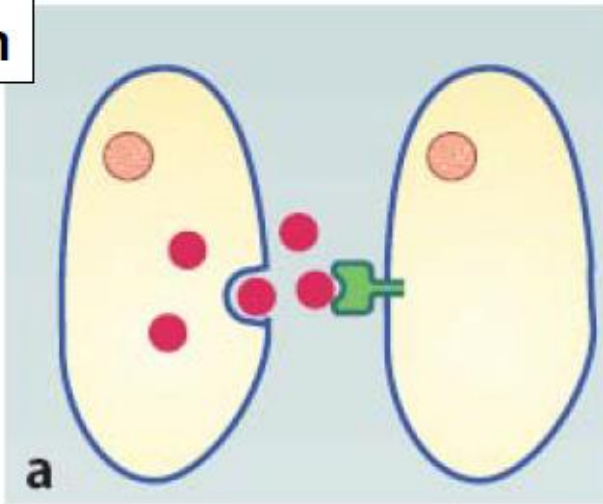
# Signals

- heat
- Light
- mechanical and acoustic signals
- odors
- taste substances
- Pheromones
- extracellular Matrix
- cell surface – glycoproteins
- Antigens
- Hormones
- Cytokines
- Chemokines

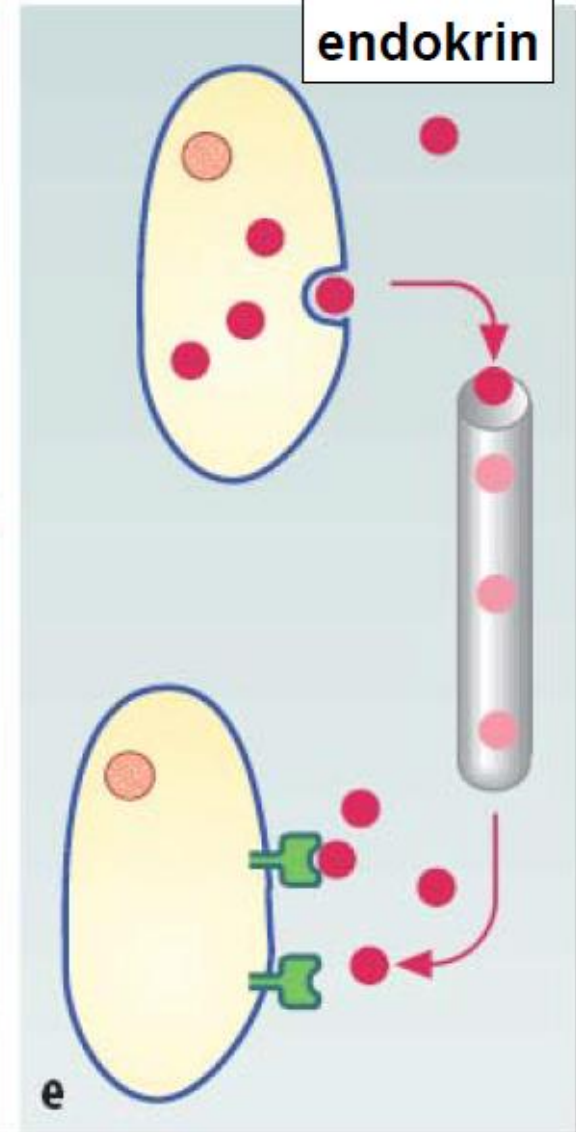


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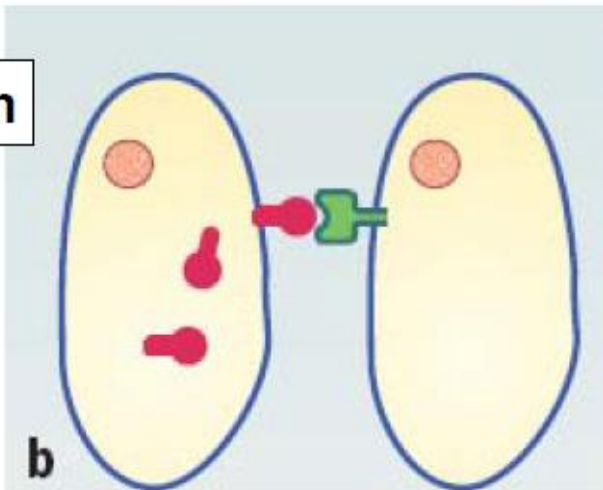
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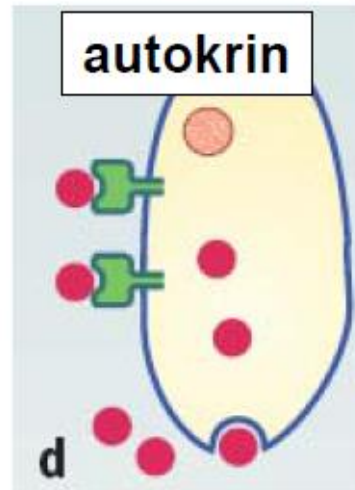
endokrin



juxtakrin



autokrin



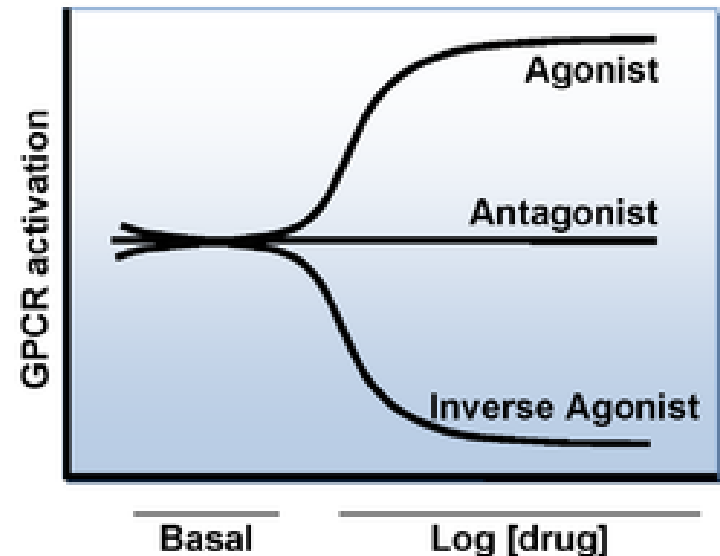
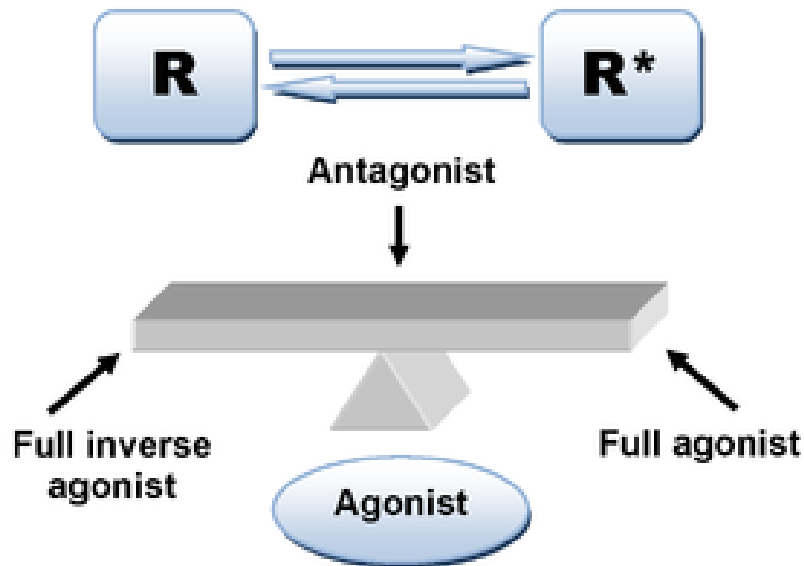
● Hormon bzw. Signalstoff

—●— Rezeptor

# Rezeptor definition (biochemical)

Biomolecule or Biomolecule complex,

- Signal molecule binds
- Structural changes
- Activation of one or more signal transduction cascades



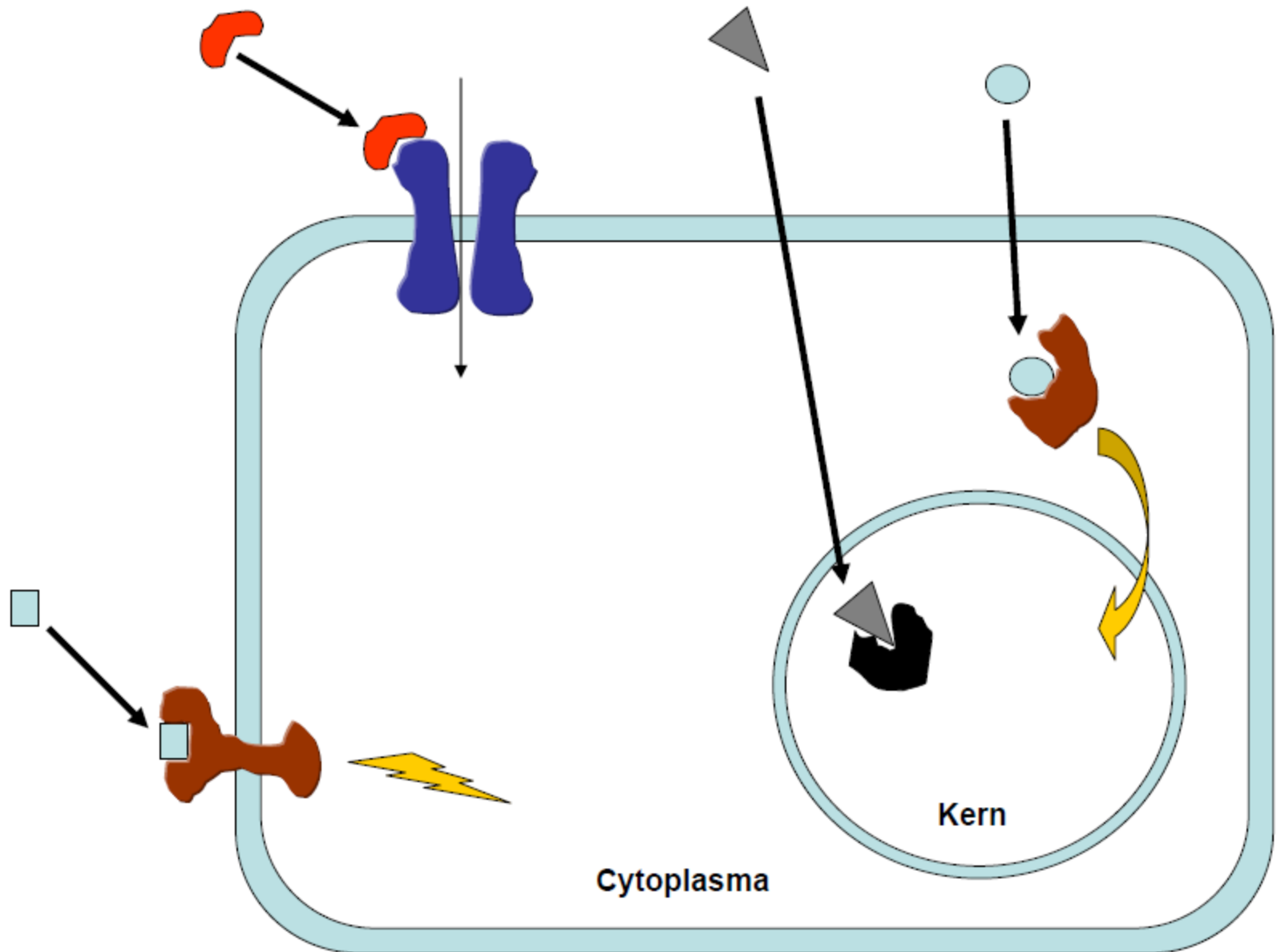
# Receptor types

- metabotropic vs ionotropic
- nuclear receptors (Steroid hormones;  
thyroid hormones)
- Membrane receptors (Peptides / Proteo-Hormones)
- Ligand-regulated Ion channels (Neurotransmitters;  
Ligands)

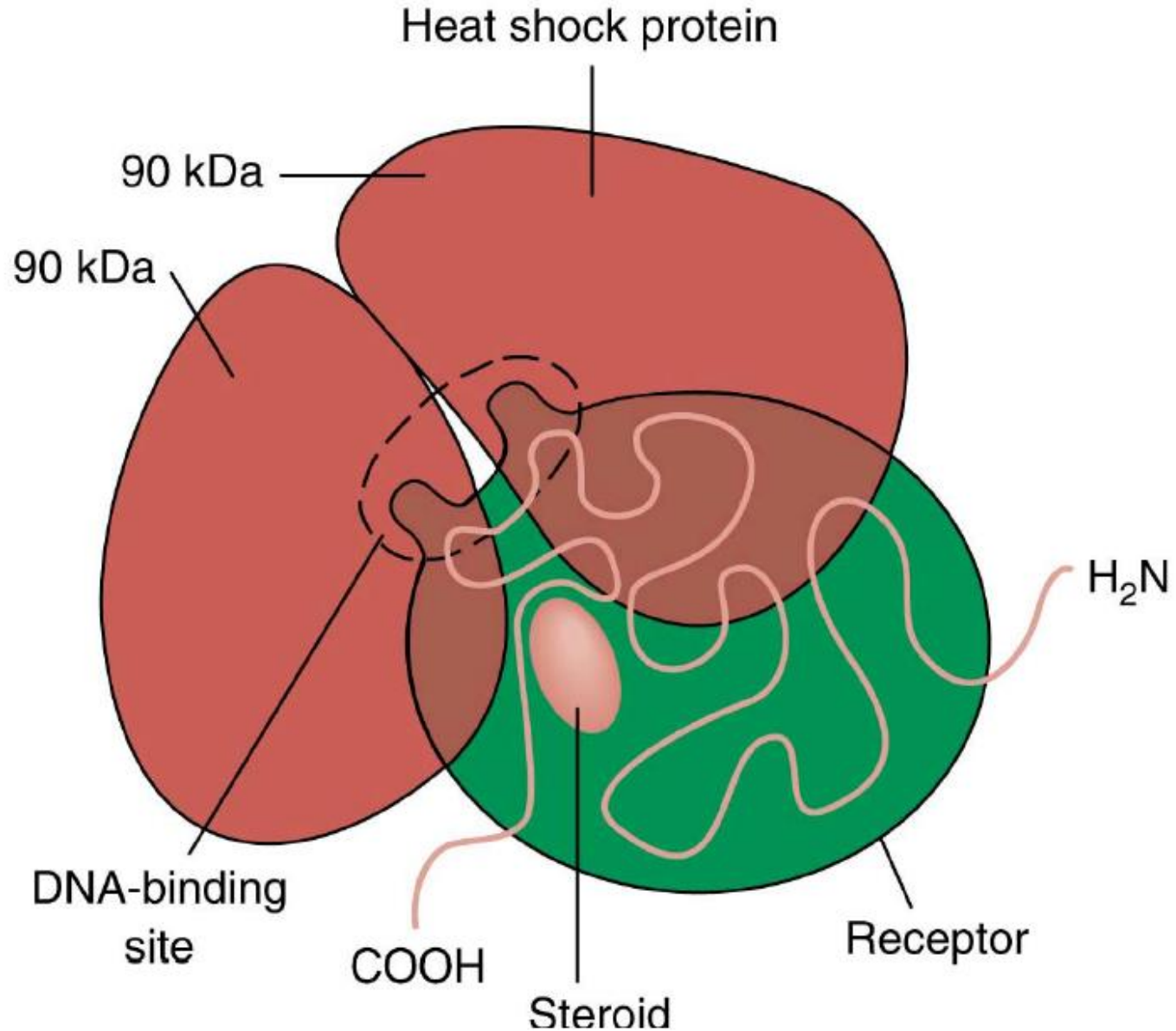
# Receptor types

1. Nuclear receptors
2. G protein-coupled receptors
3. Receptor Tyrosine kinases (RTK)
4. Receptors with associated kinases

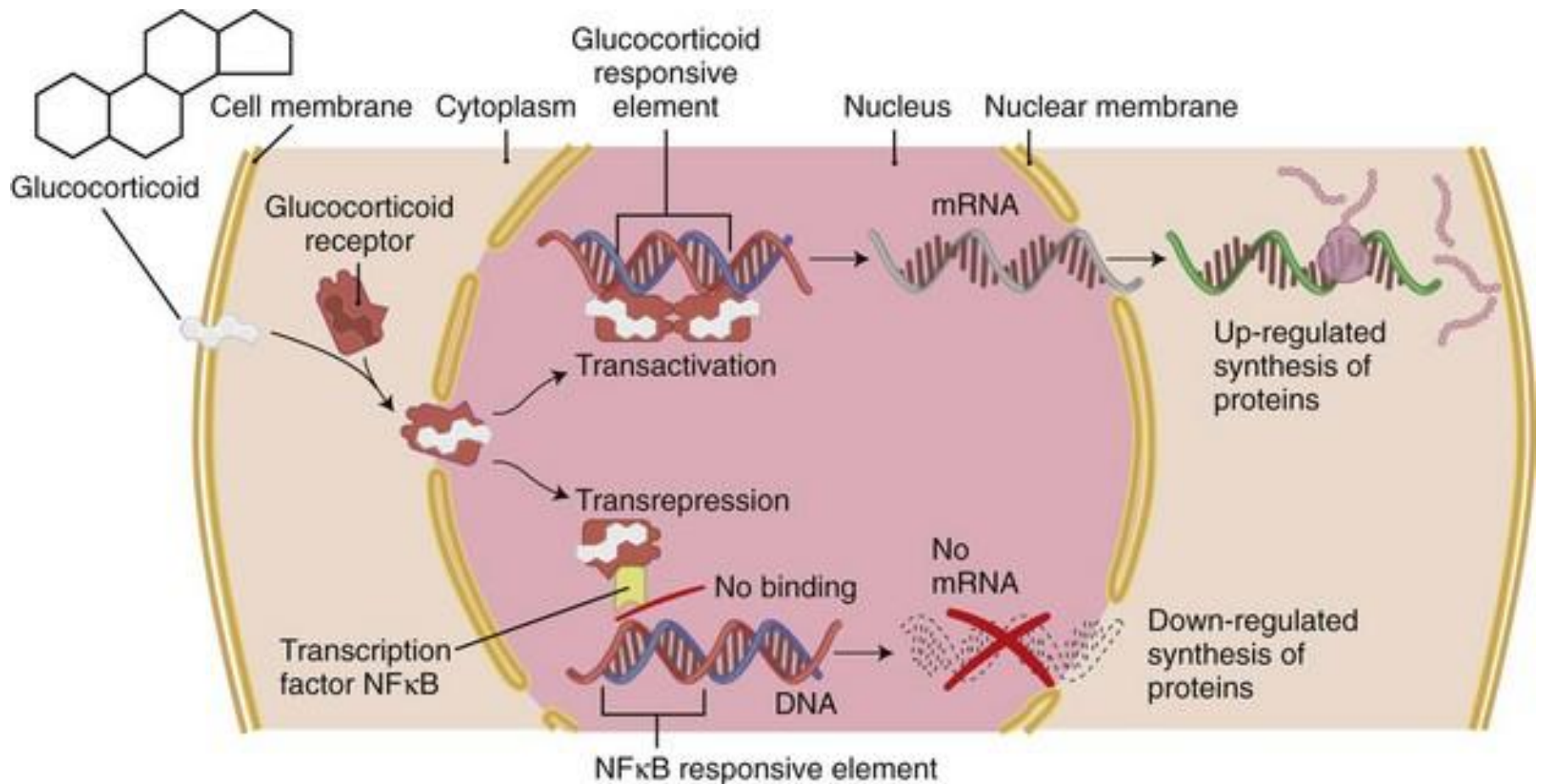
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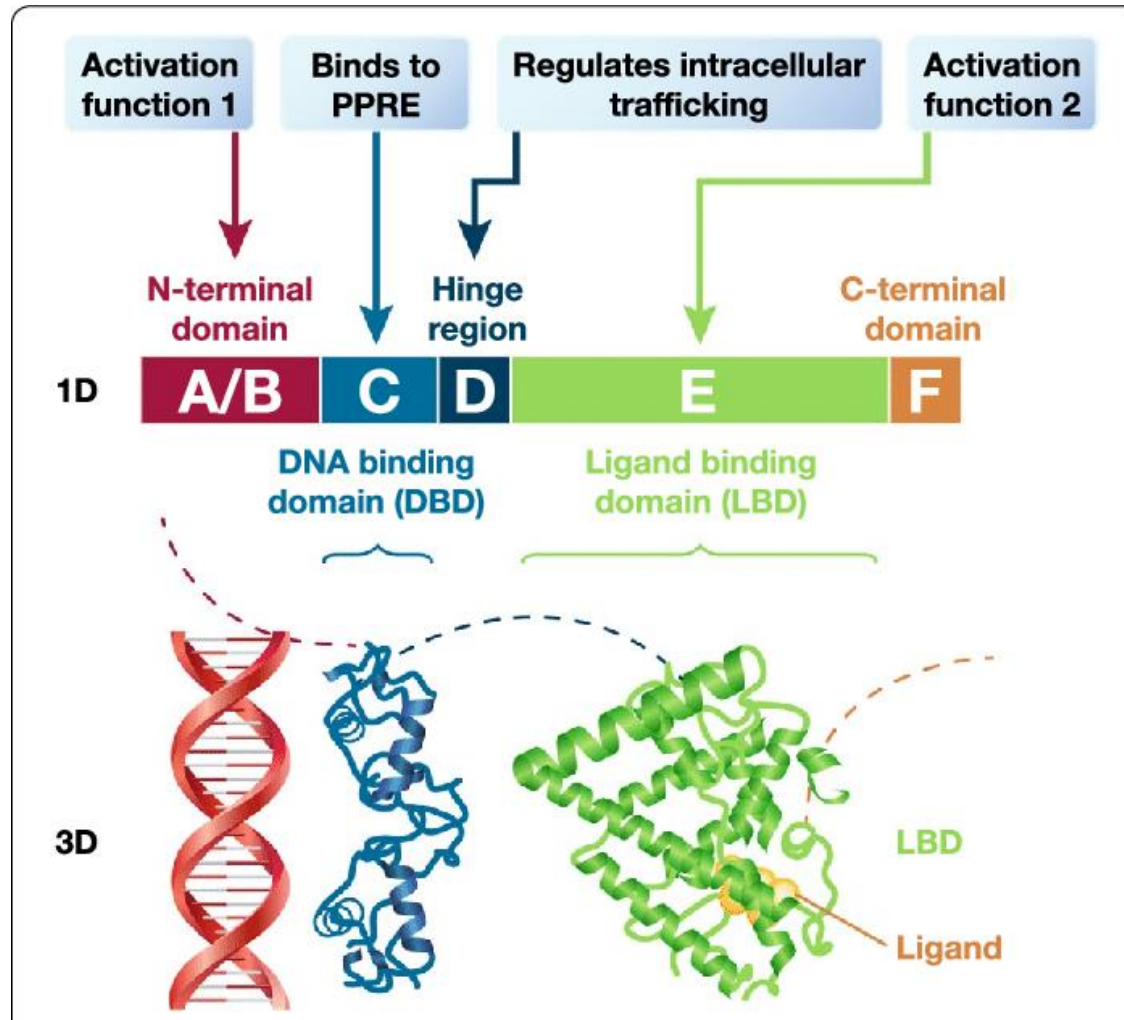
# Steroid Receptor - Structure



# Steroid Receptor – Activation prozess

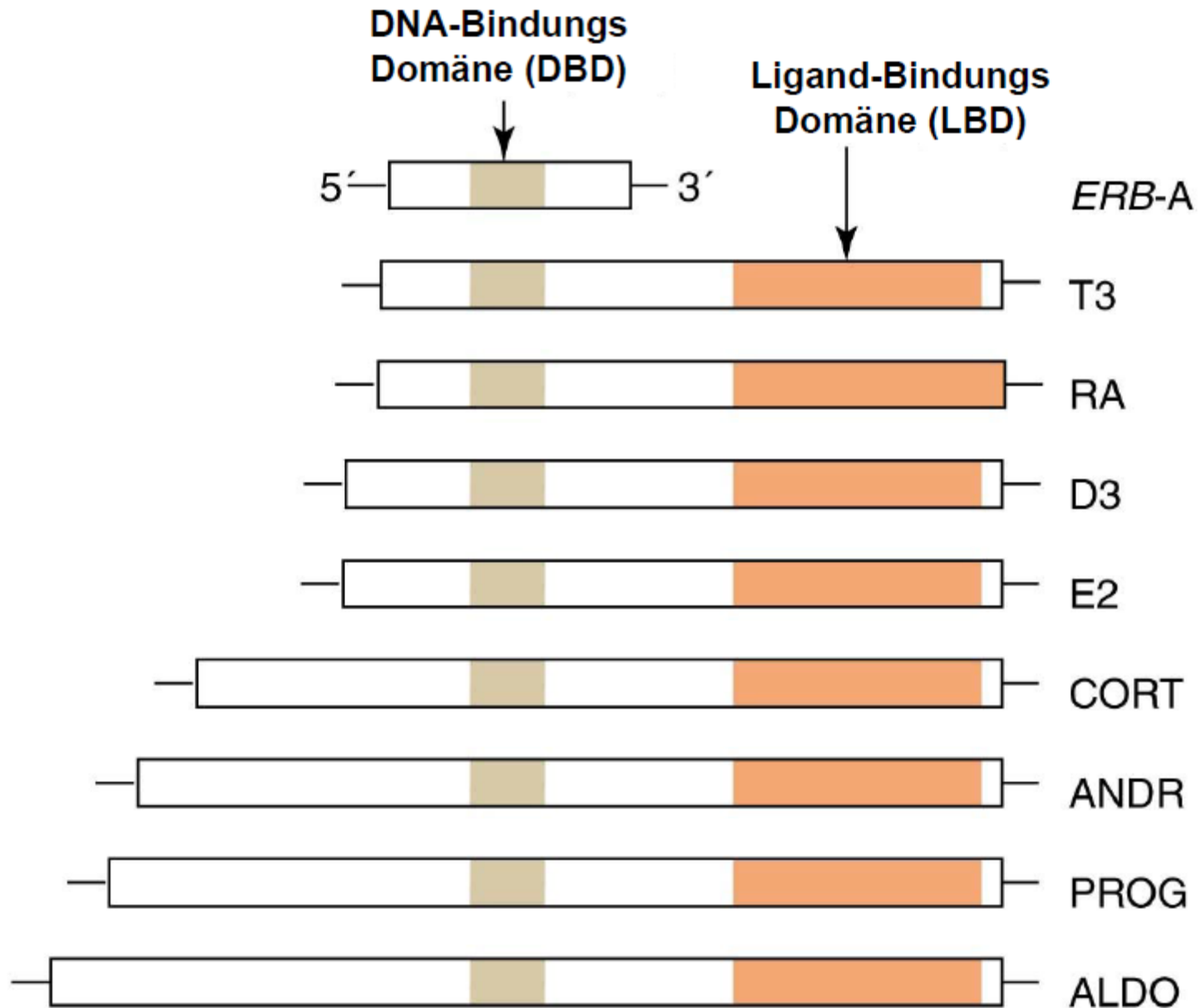


# Steroid Receptors - Structure





# Nuclear Receptors - Structure



# Nuclear Receptors - Dimerization

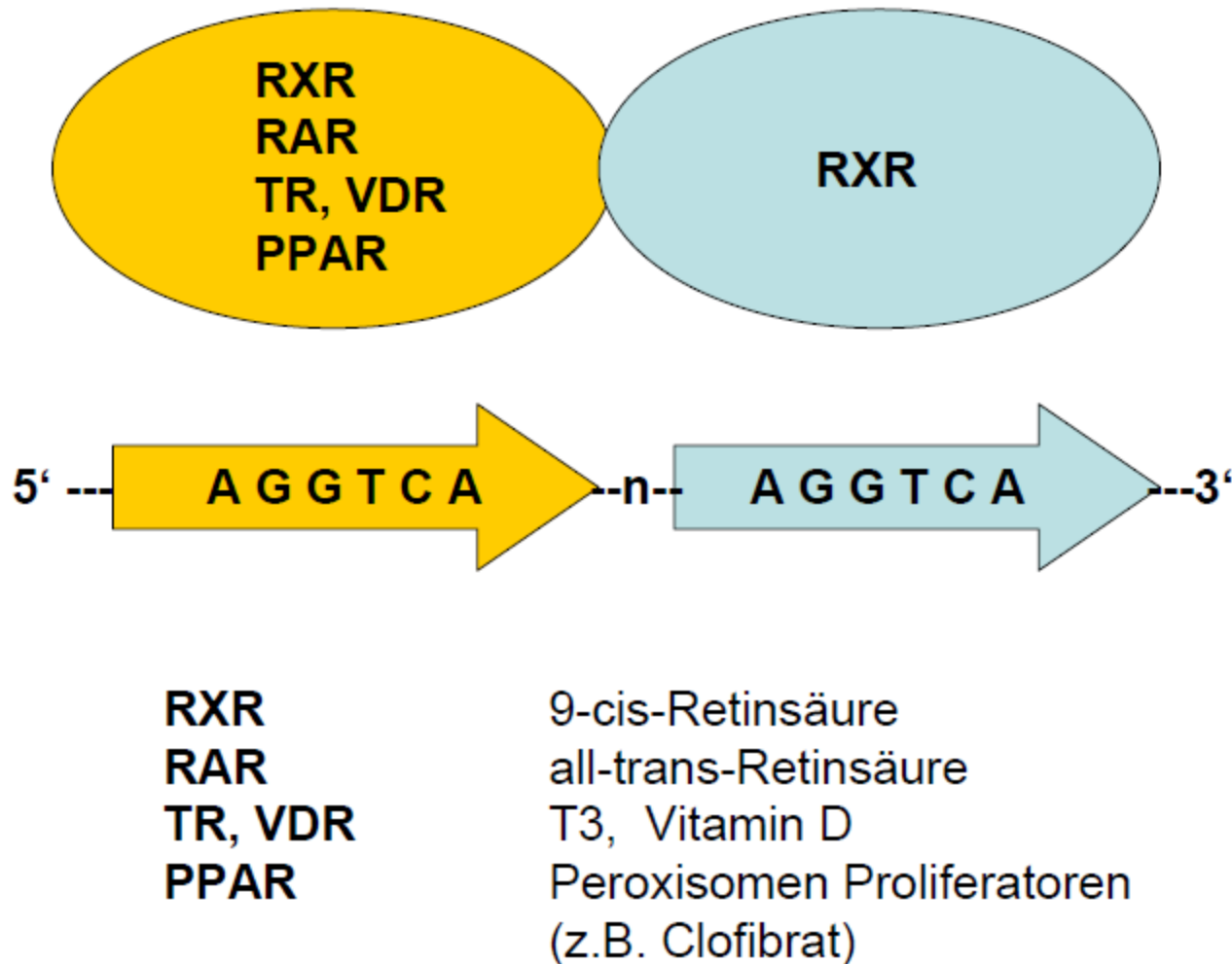
- **Steroid receptors: Homodimers (in Cytoplasm)**

e.g.: Glucocorticoids, Progesterone

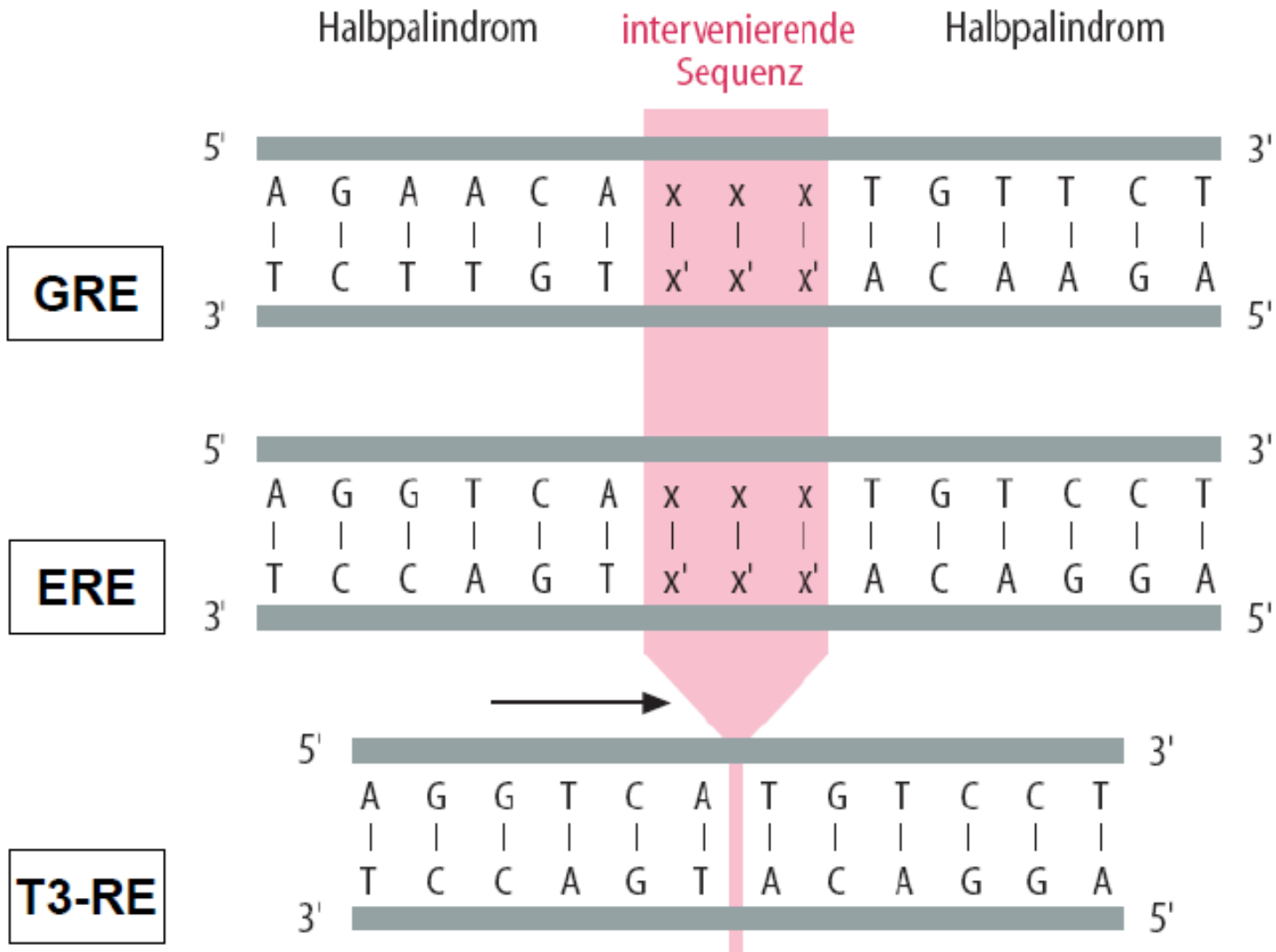
- **non-steroidal Receptors: Homodimers or Heterodimers  
(most are in the nucleus)**

e.g.: Retinoic acid (RAR, RXR)  
bile acid (LXR)  
Vitamin D (VDR)  
thyroid hormone (TR)

# Nuclear Receptors – DNA Binding



# Nuclear Receptors – DNA Binding



# Nuclear Receptors – DNA Binding

