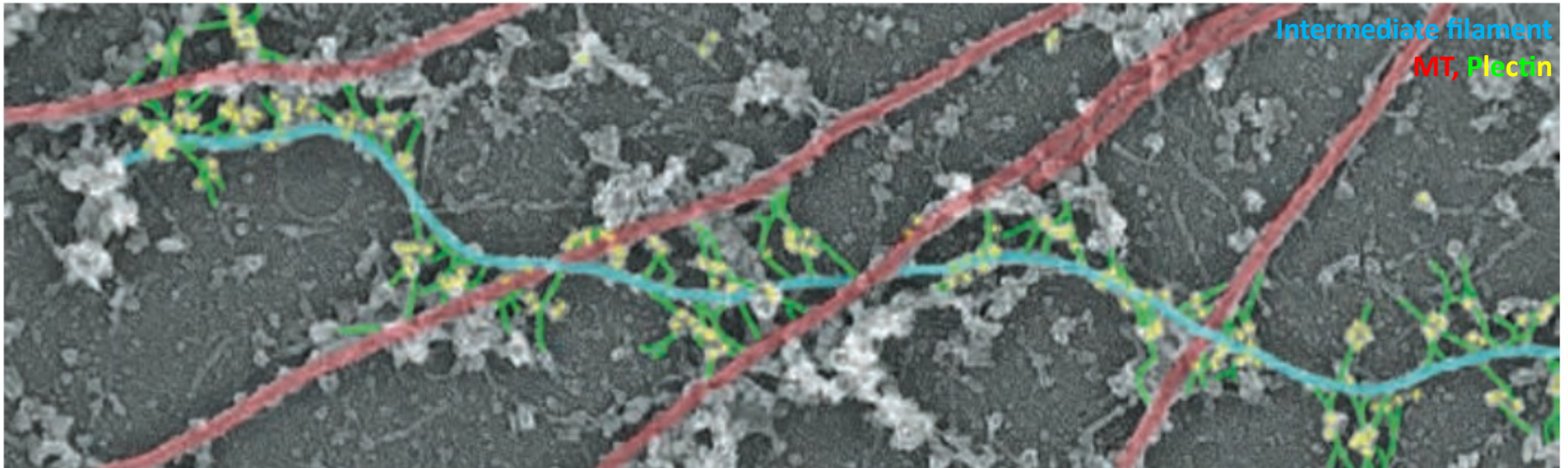


Cytoskeleton



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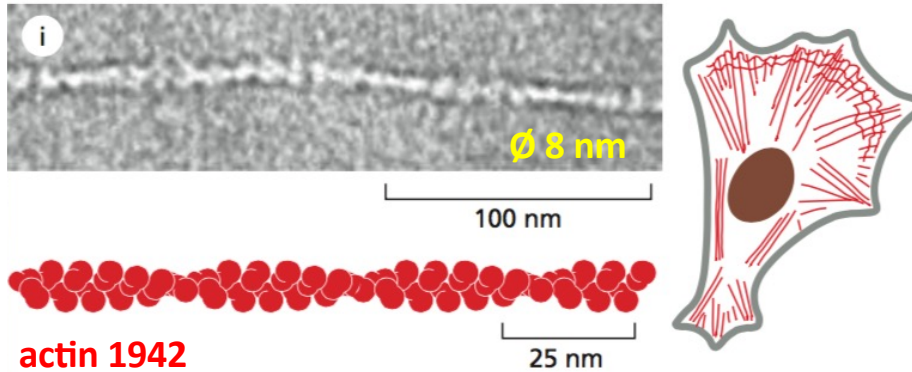


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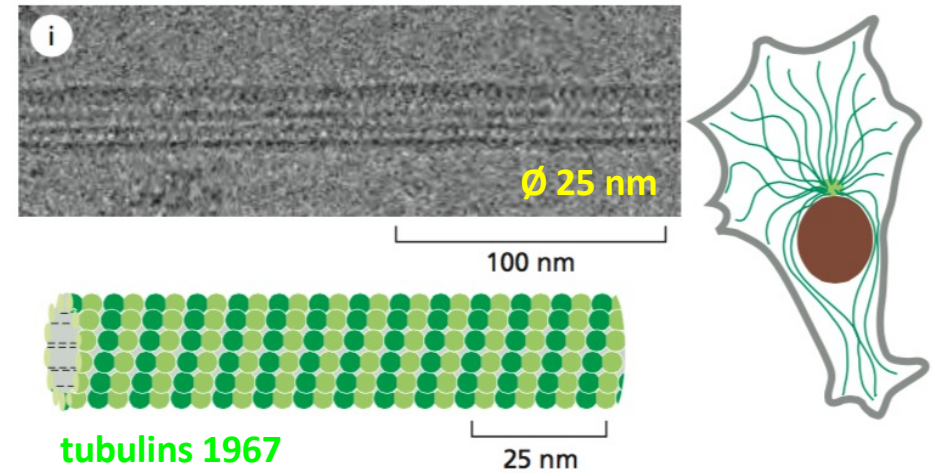
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Cell cytoskeleton

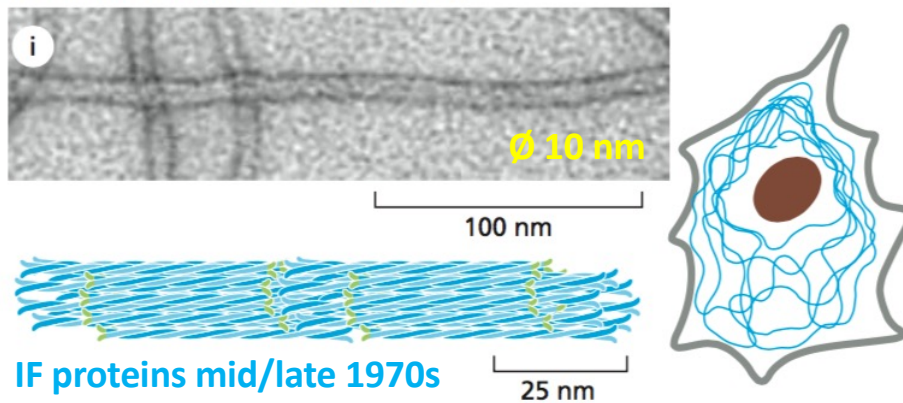
ACTIN FILAMENTS



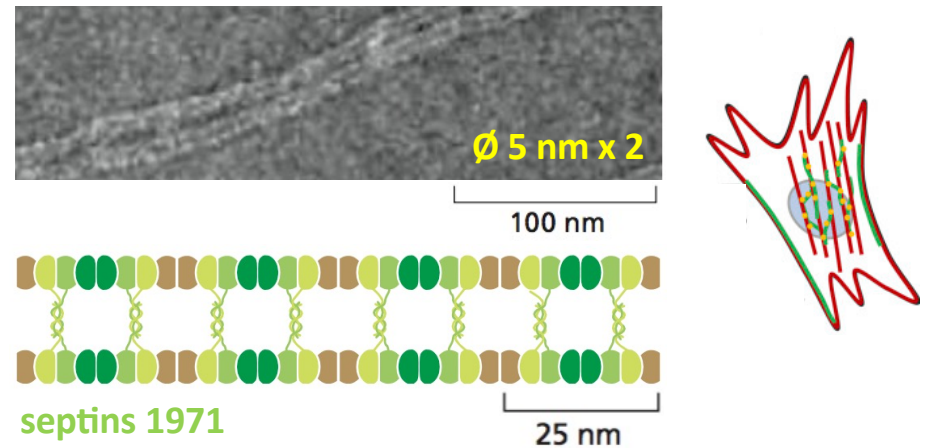
MICROTUBULES



INTERMEDIATE FILAMENTS



SEPTIN FILAMENTS



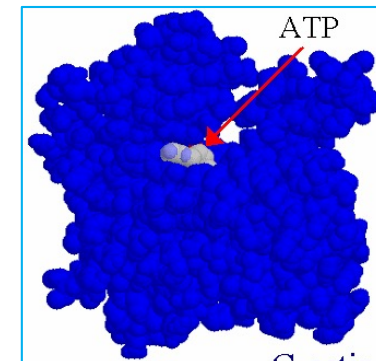
Actin microfilaments

Actin microfilament structure

Actin isotypes in humans

γ_{cyto} -actin	Ac---E-E-E-I-A-A-L-V-I-D...	ubiquitous
β_{cyto} -actin	Ac---D-D-D-I-A-A-L-V-V-D...	
α_{skeletal} -actin	Ac-D-E-D-E-T-T-A-L-V-C-D...	muscles
α_{cardiac} -actin	Ac-D-D-E-E-T-T-A-L-V-C-D...	
α_{smooth} -actin	Ac-E-E-E-D-S-T-A-L-V-C-D...	
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G-actin (globular)



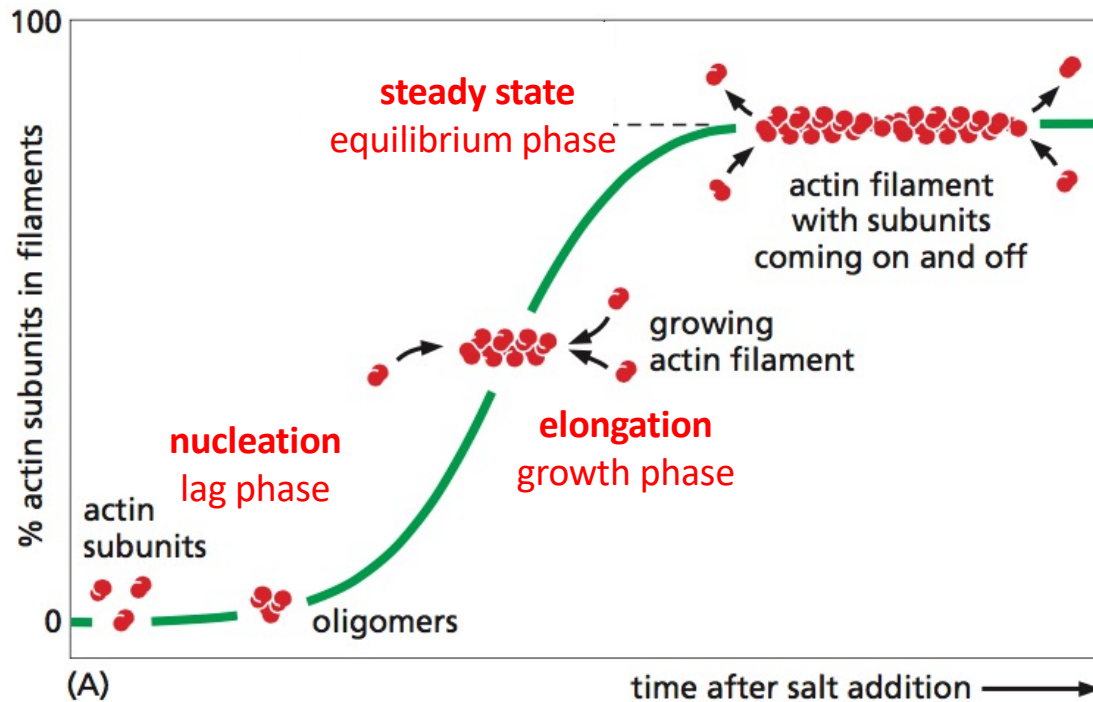
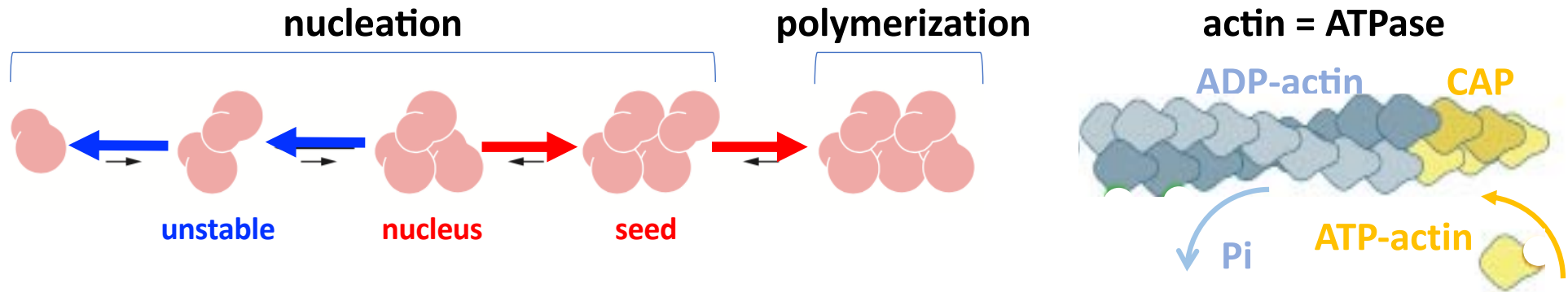
- end
pointed

+ end
barbed

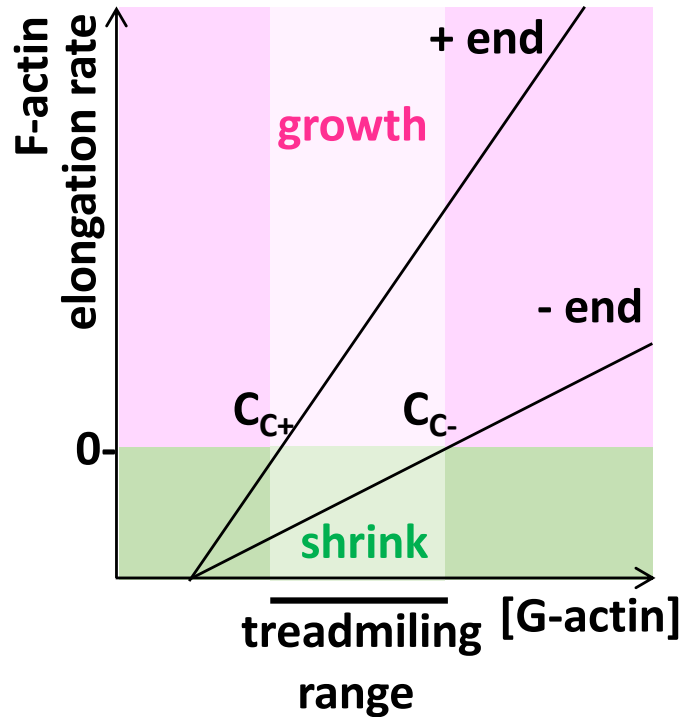
F-actin (filamentous) is a polarized double helix of ~ 8 nm wide



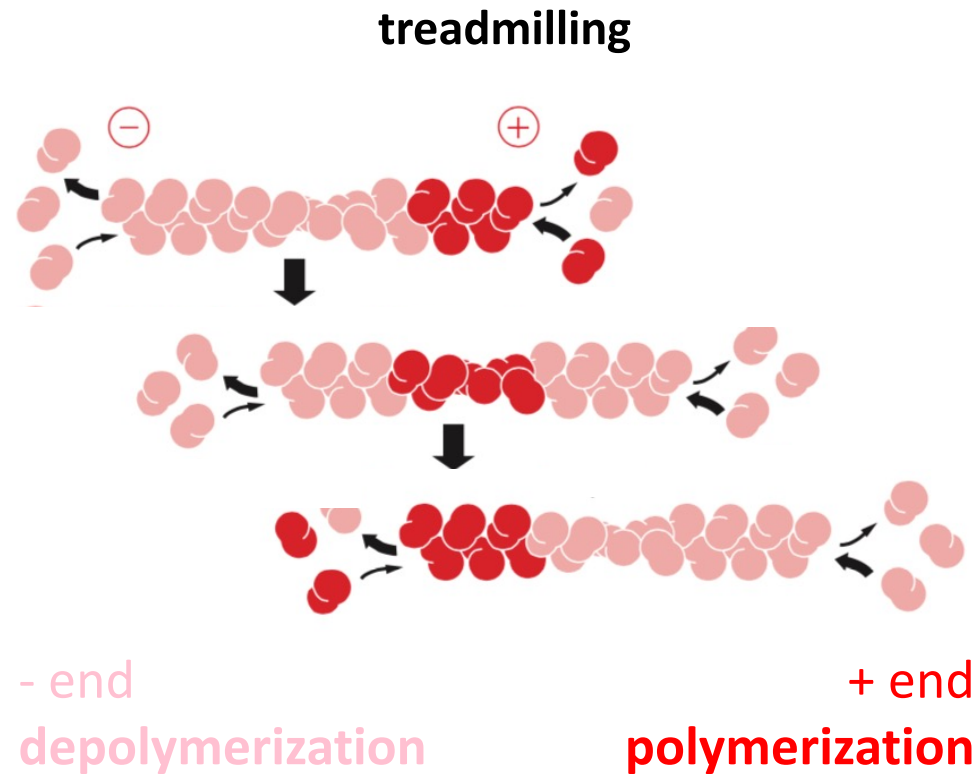
Actin microfilament dynamics



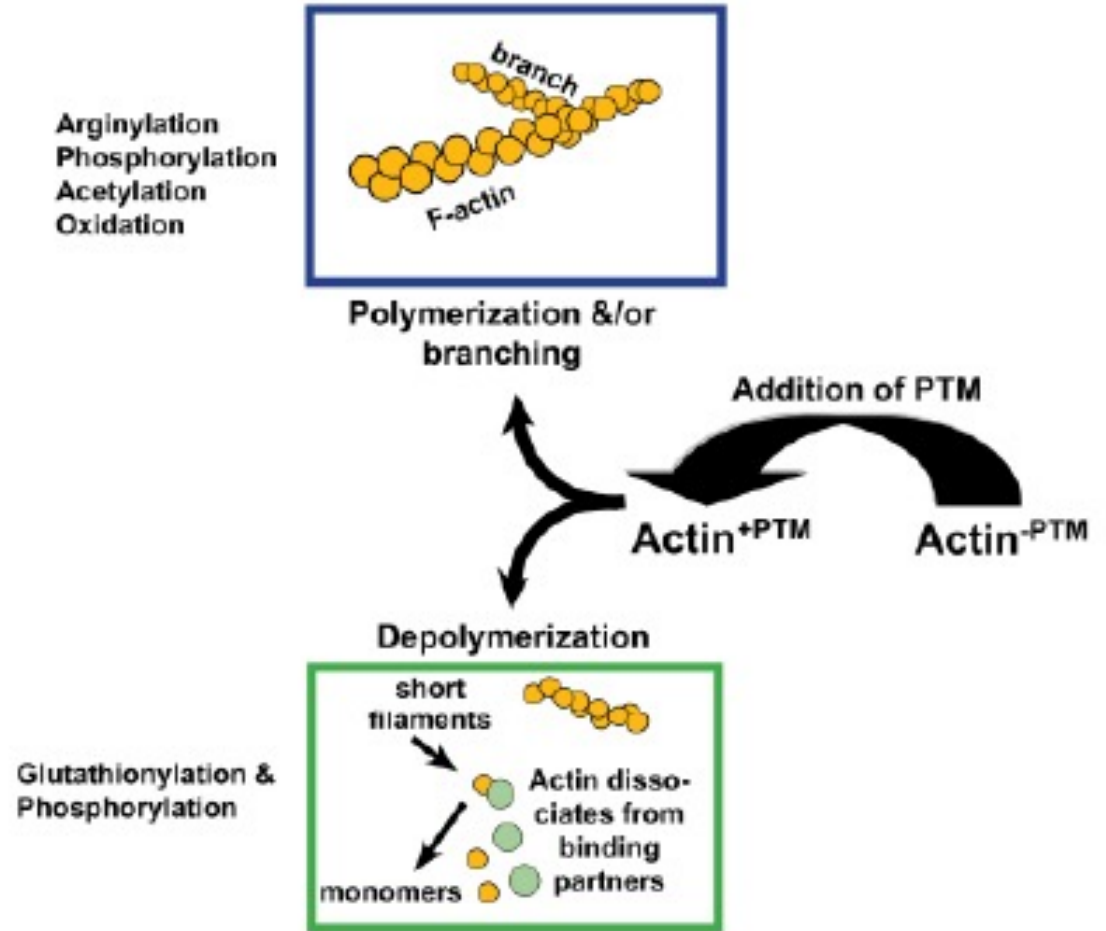
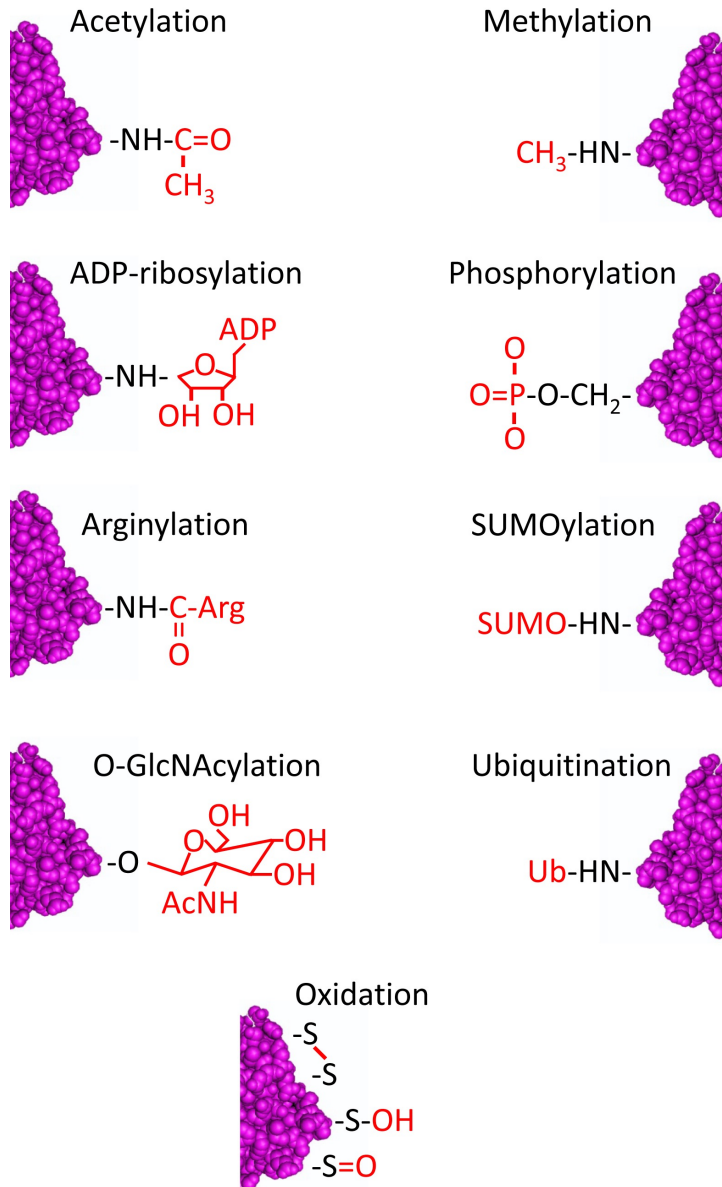
Actin microfilament dynamics



C_C : critical concentration
elongation rate = 0

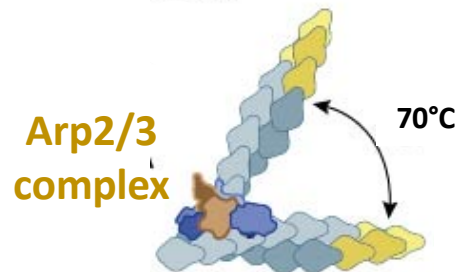
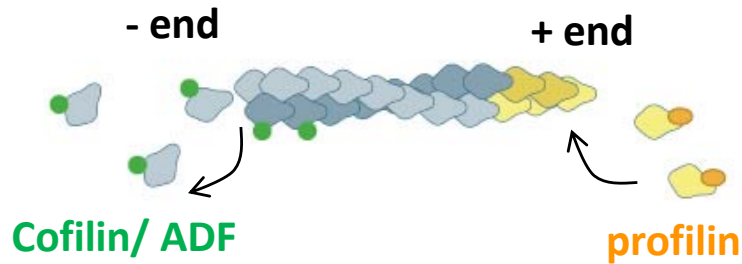


Actin code : post-translational modifications (PTMs)

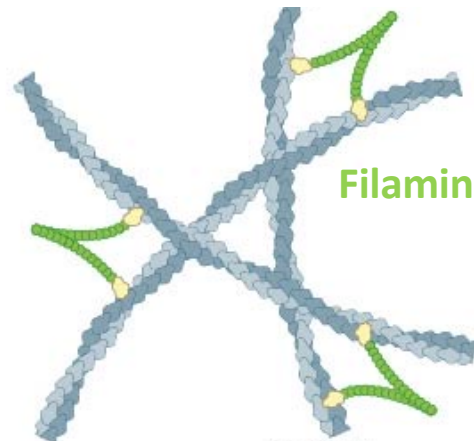


Actin-binding proteins (ABPs)

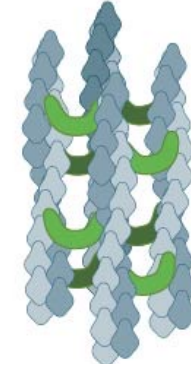
Nucleation/(de)polymerization



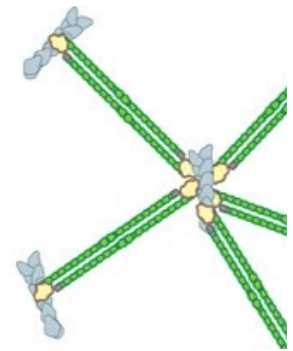
Crosslinking/bundling



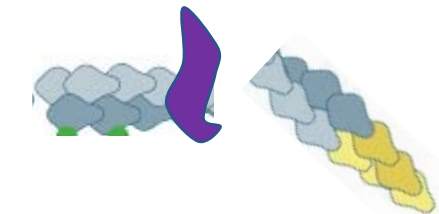
Fascin
(fimbrin, villin)
 α -actinin



spectrin

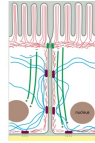


Capping / severing

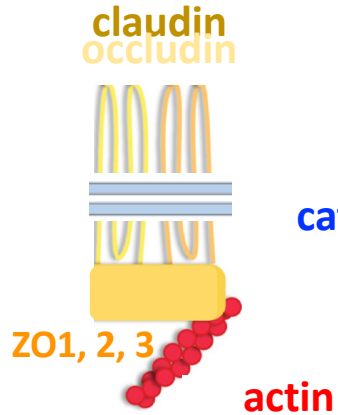


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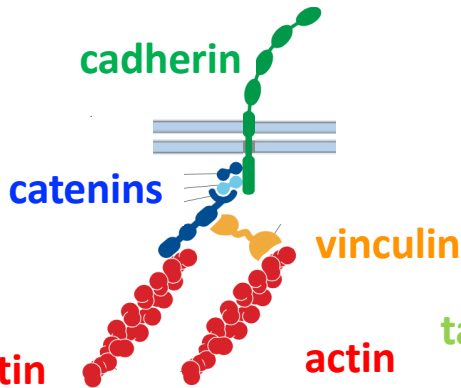
Membrane attachment



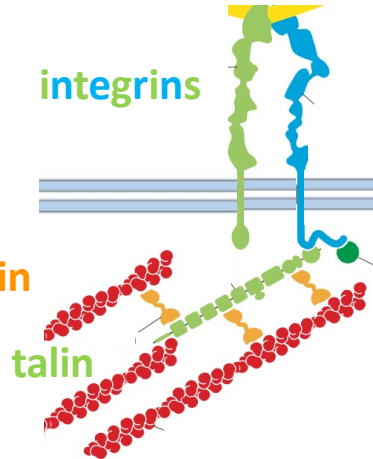
tight junction



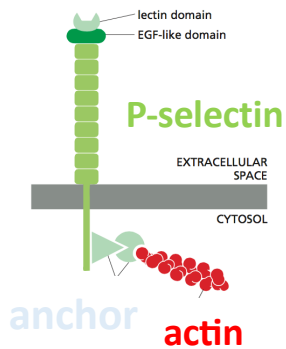
adherens junction



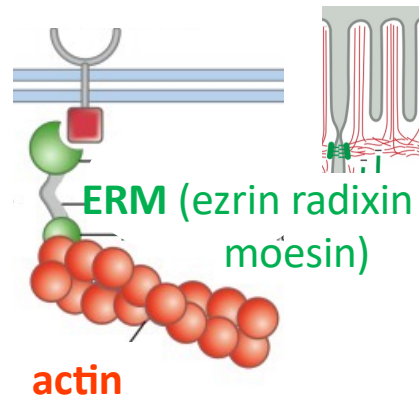
focal adhesion (FA)



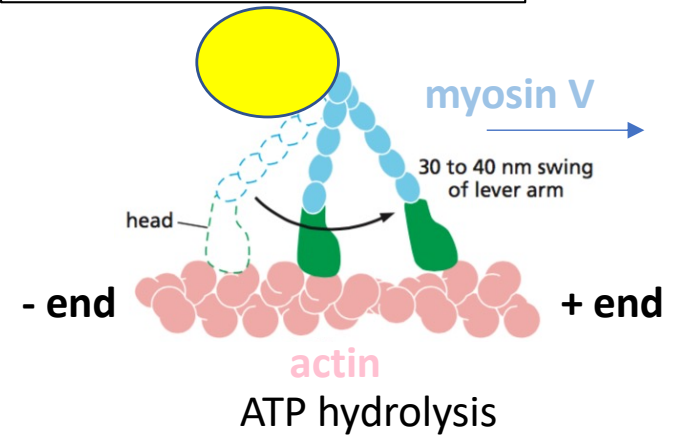
transient junction



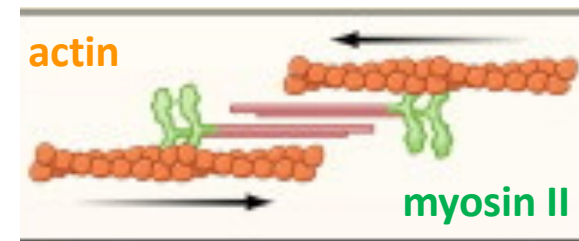
filopodia, microvilli



Motor for cargo transport



Motor for contraction



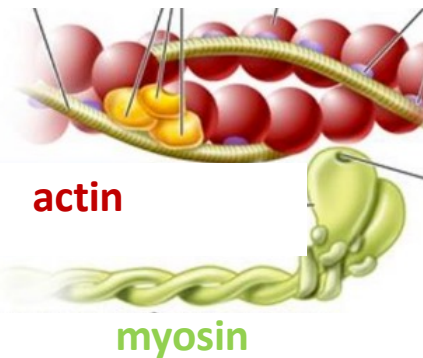
Contractile actomyosin in stress fibers, rings (cytokinesis), sarcomeres (muscle)

Figure 16-2, 41, 19-10, 55 *Molecular Biology of the Cell 6th*
Fig 3-28 *Goodman's Medical Cell Biology 4th 2021*
Wühr et al., *Cell*, 2019; <https://www.solidbio.com/>

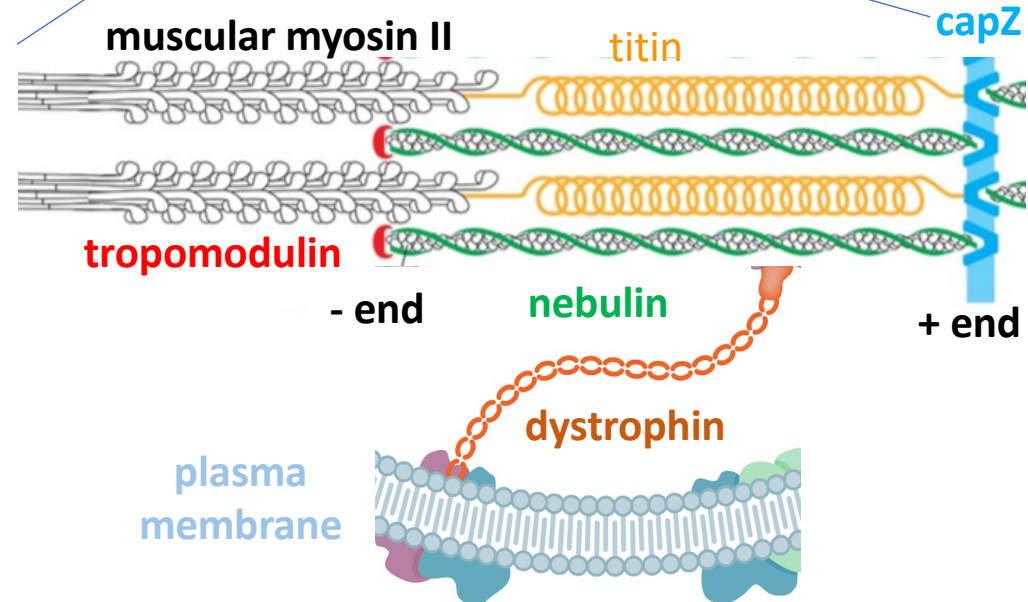
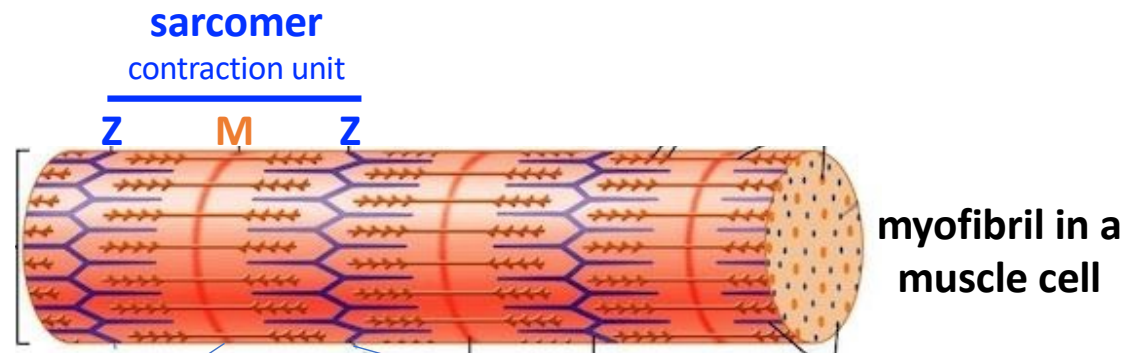
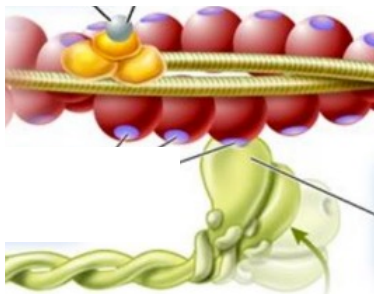
Actin microfilament networks / functions

Muscle contraction

Low calcium : relaxed
tropomyosin troponin



High calcium : contraction
Ca²⁺ myosin-binding sites



<https://www.orthobullets.com/basic-science/9021/muscle-biology-and-physiology>

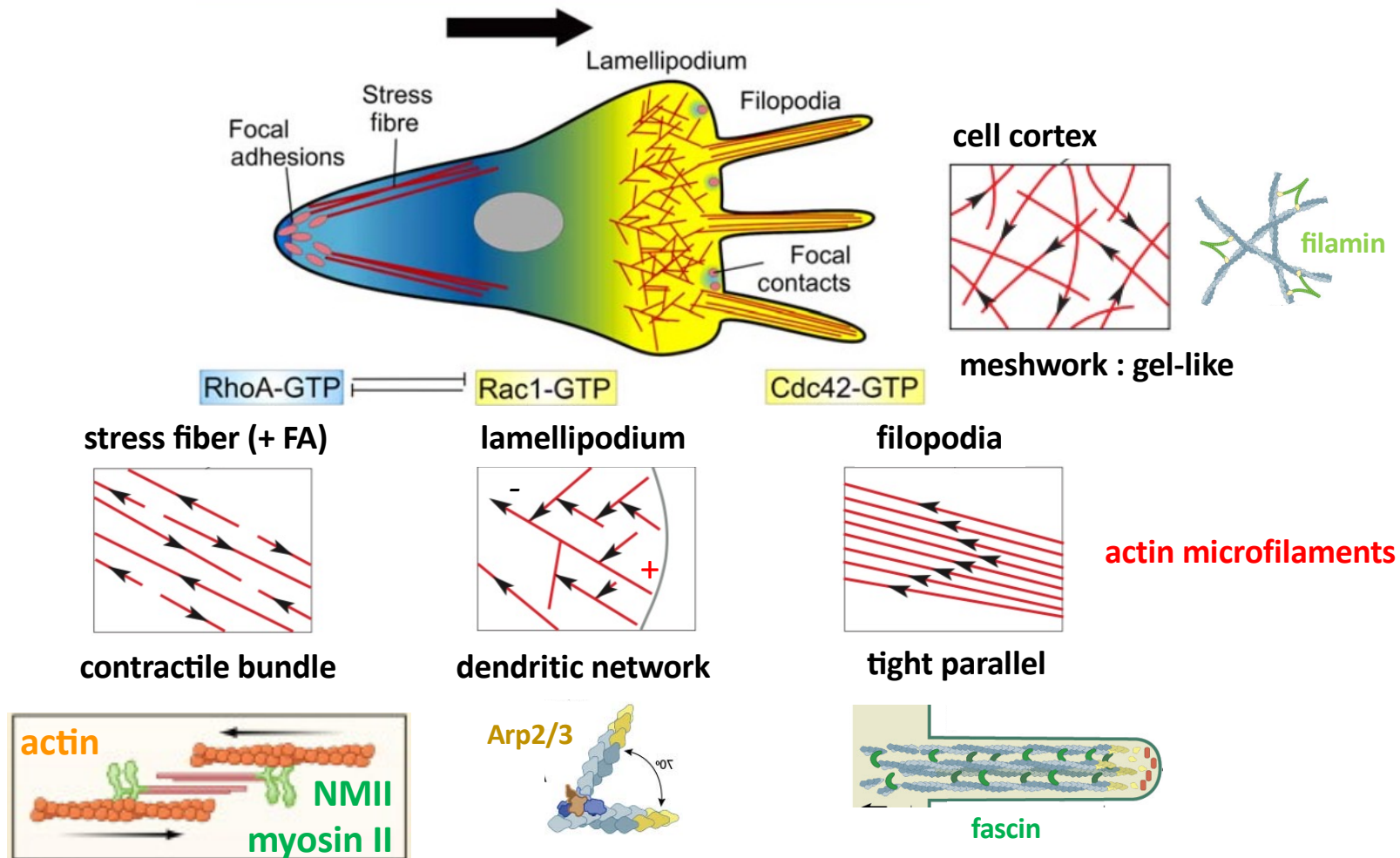
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Actin microfilament networks / functions

Mesenchymal migration

RhoA, Rac1, Cdc42 = small GTPases, G proteins
Active if GTP linked
= Regulators of actin



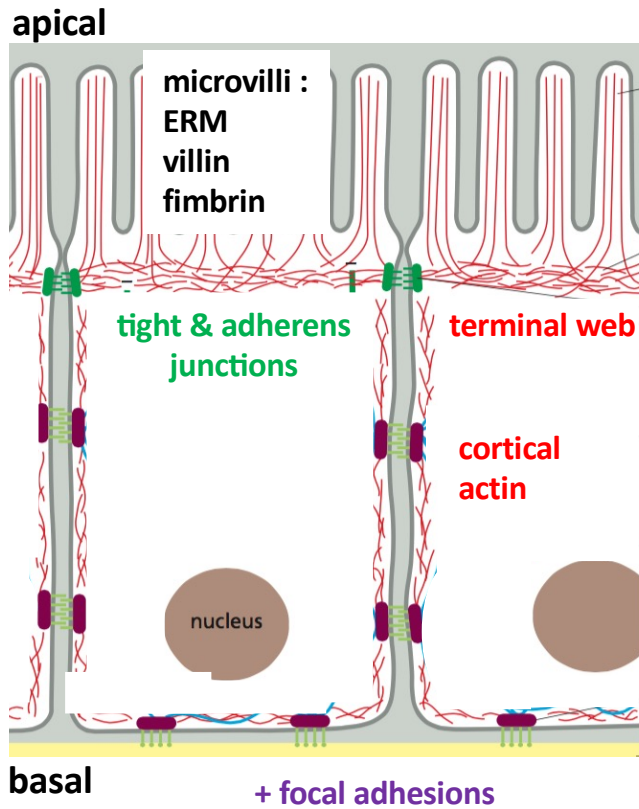
Mayor & Carmona-Fontaine, Trends Cell Biol, 2010

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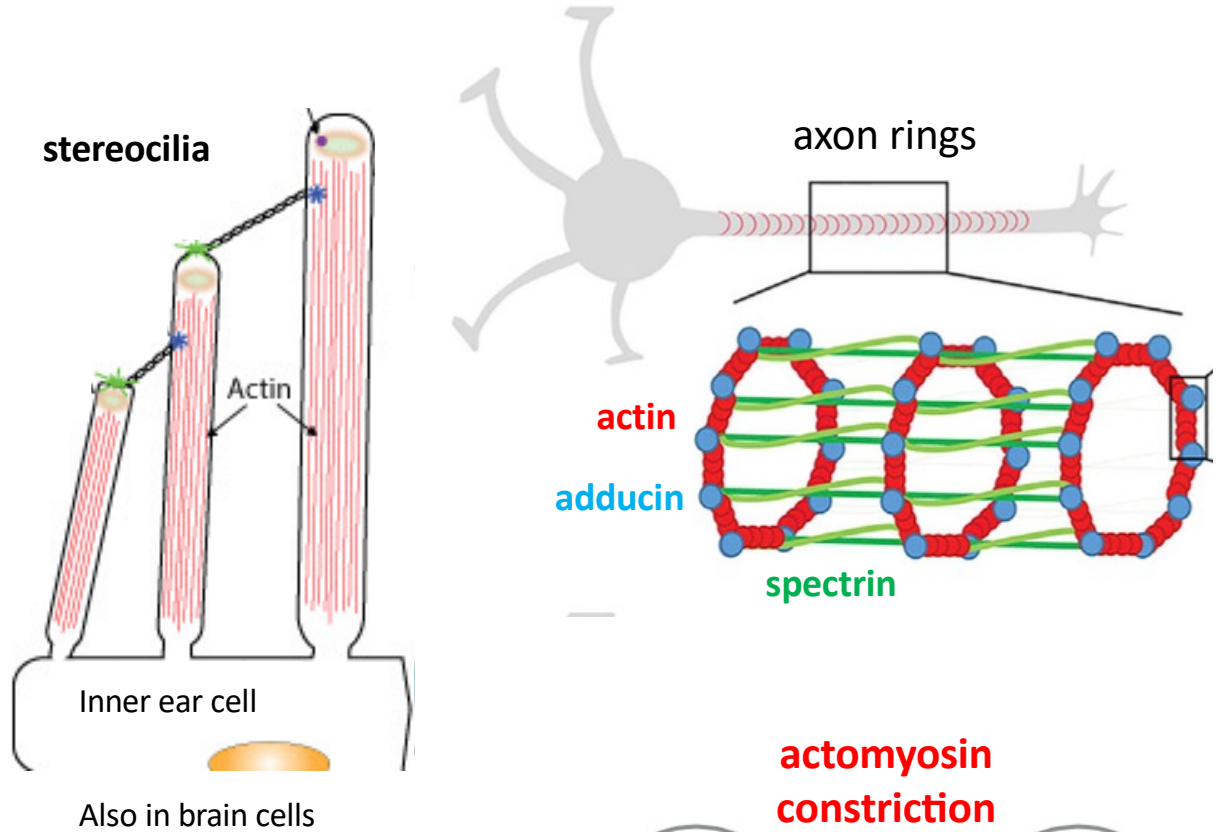
Wühr et al., Cell, 2019, www.mechanobio.info/cytoskeleton-dynamics/

Actin microfilament networks / functions

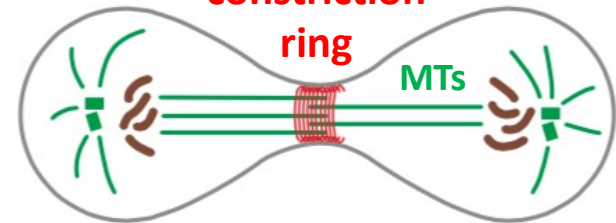
Epithelial cells



Axon in neurons

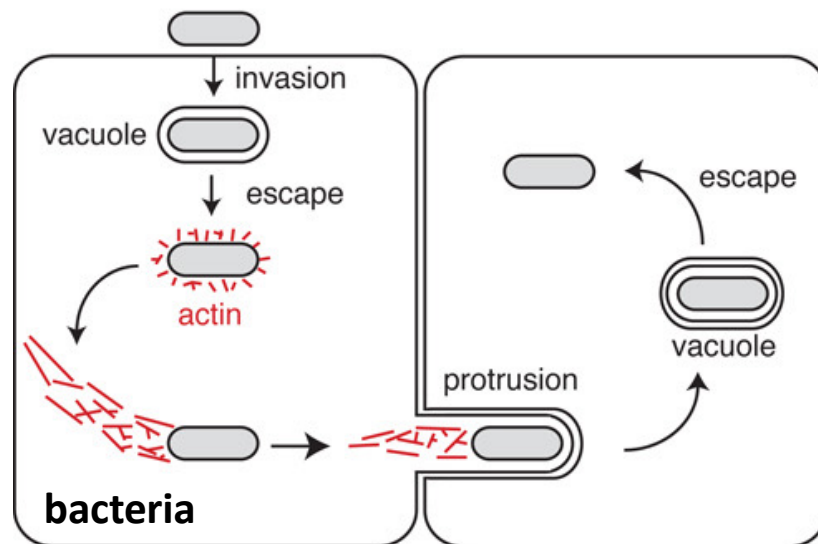
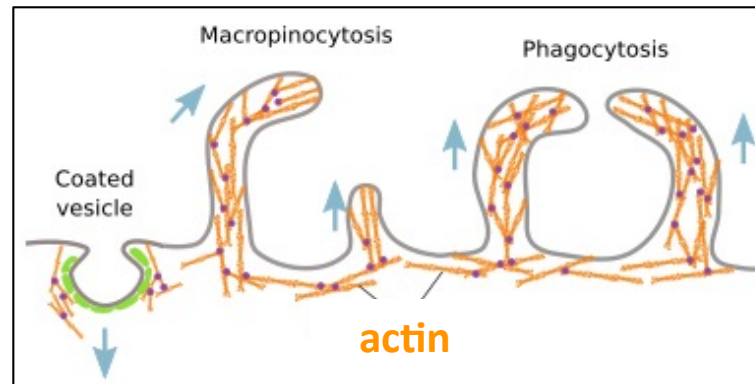


Mitosis : cytokinesis

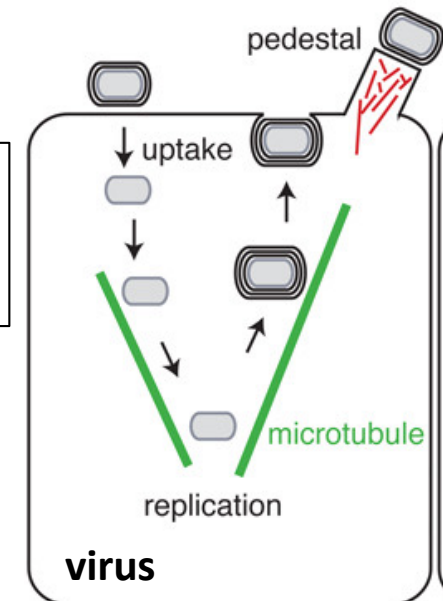
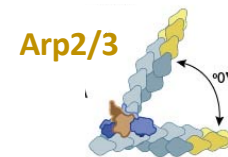


Actin microfilament networks / functions

Endocytosis / engulfment

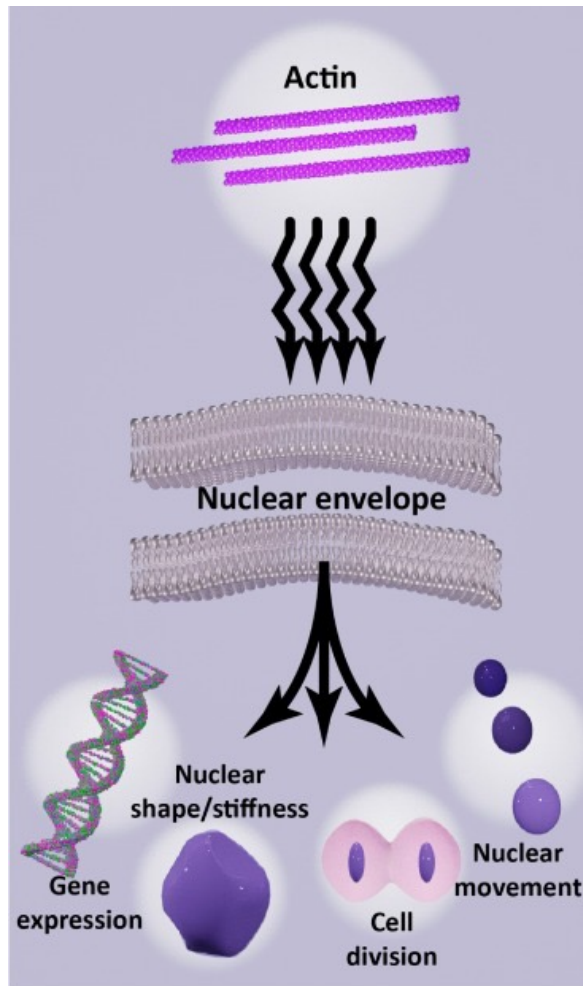


Actin comet tail induced by bacteria / virus infection

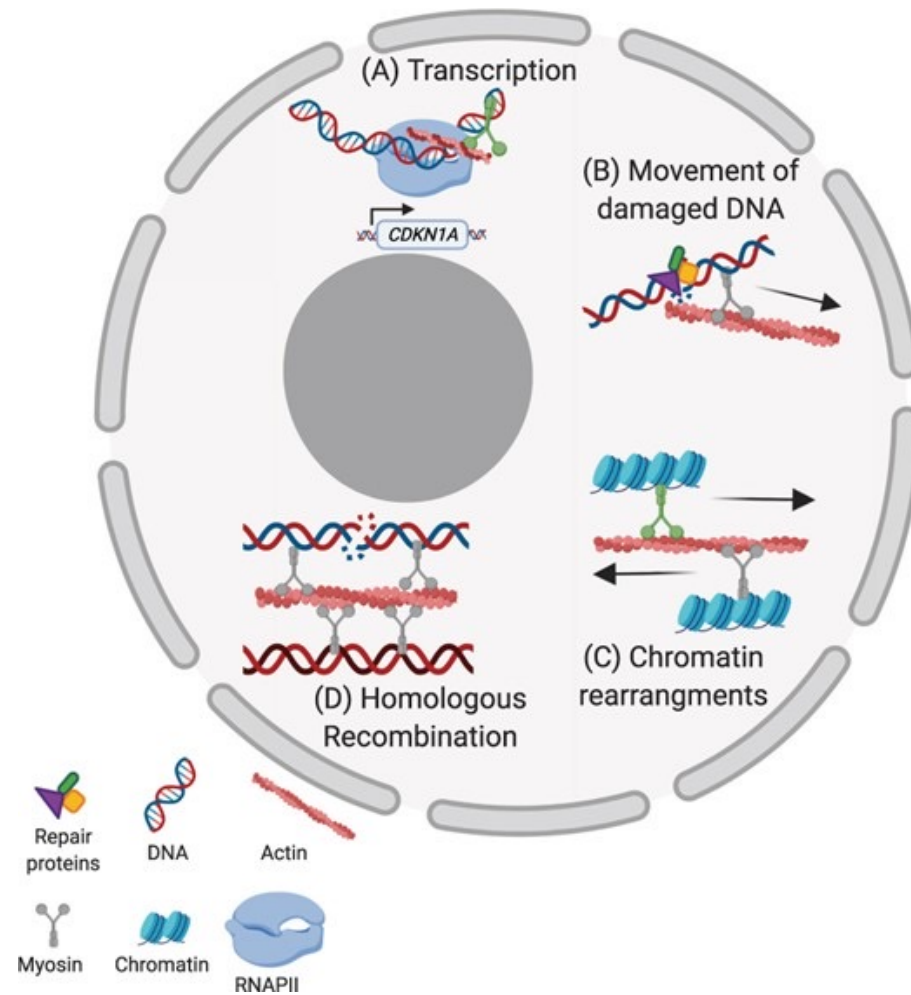


Actin microfilaments and nucleus

Perinuclear actin



Nuclear actin



Actin microfilaments and diseases

Actin mutations

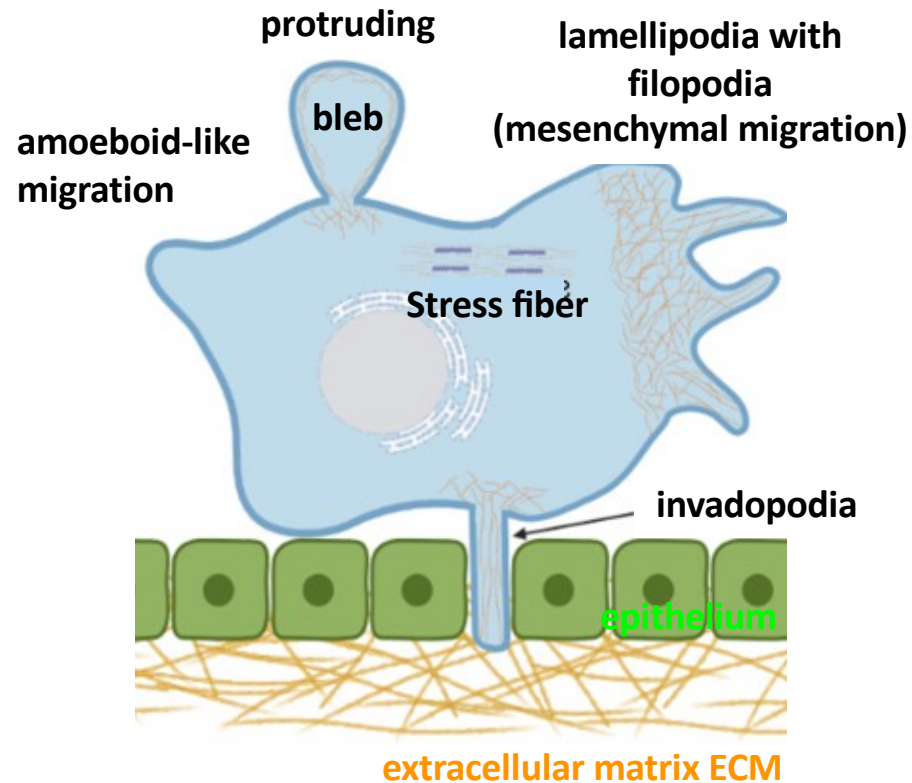
- Nemaline **myopathy** (**respiratory muscle** weakness)
- **Cardiomyopathy** (**heart muscle**)
- Megacystis microcolon-Intestinal hypoperistalsis syndrome (**enteric muscle**)
- Baraitser-Winter syndrome (**brain**, **heart**, kidney)
- Familial thoracic **aortic aneurysms** (**vascular smooth muscle cells**)
- Bleeding disorders
- Deafness (inner ear, stereocilia)

Abnormal ABPs

- **Myopathies**
- **Neurodegeneration**
- Wiskott–Aldrich syndrome (immune dysregulation)
- ...

Actin microfilaments and cancer

Metastasis facilitation (migration, invasion)



Angiogenesis

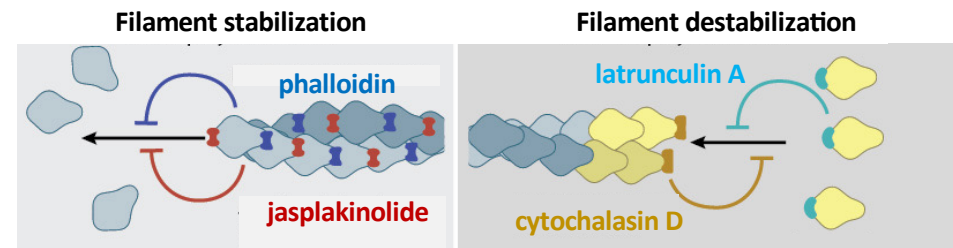
Mitosis defects

Actin / ABPs misregulation

- Actin isoforms (often up)
- Formin (up)
- N-WASp = Arp2/3 activator (up or down)
- Tropomyosin isoforms

Targeting actin in cancer therapy ?

Too severe off-target effects (toxicity)



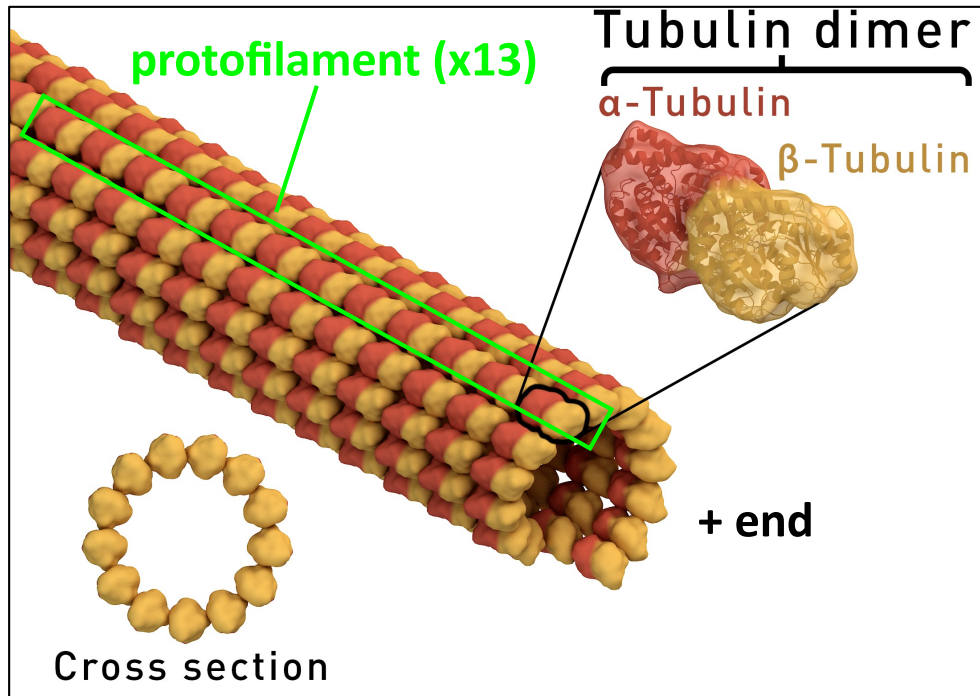
Targeting actomyosin in cancer therapy ?

Tropomyosin (TR100, ATM3507) ?

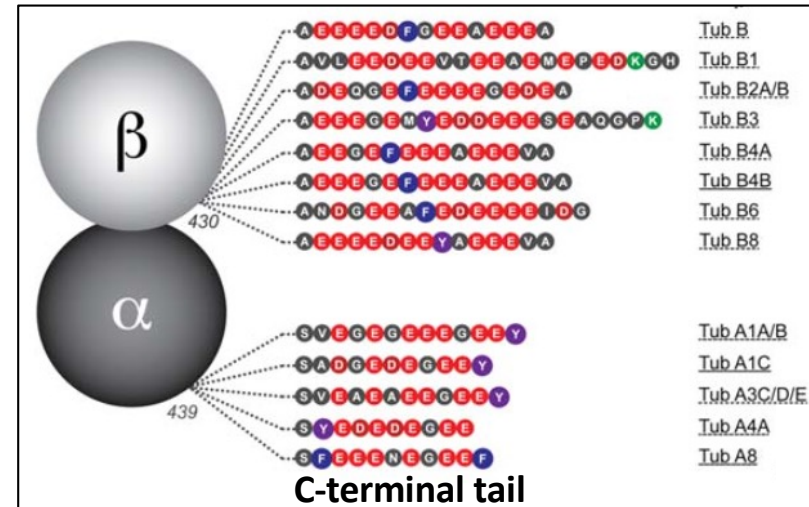
Microtubules

Microtubule structure : tubulin

Hollow polarized tube with a diameter of 25 nm



Tubulin isotypes in humans



Part of the tubulin code
(+ PTMs)

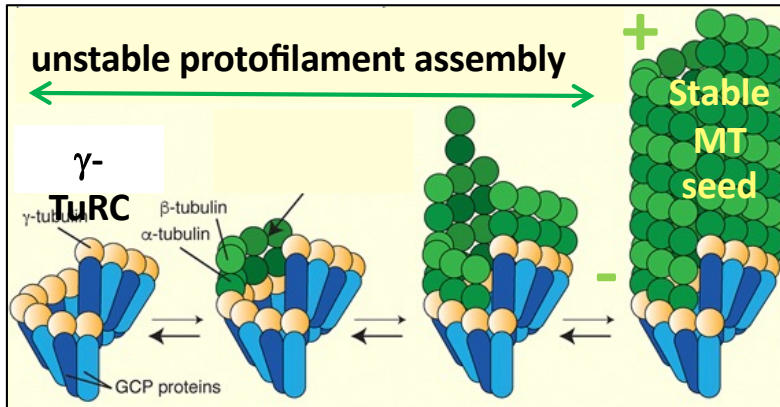
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Chakraborti, cytoskeleton, 2016

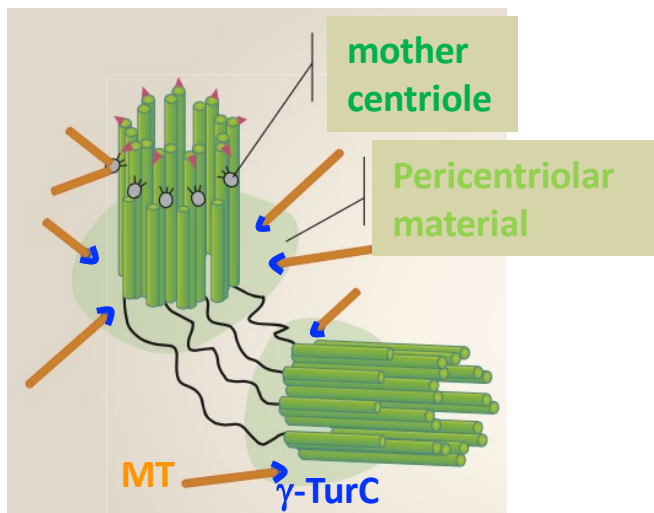
Microtubule dynamics

Nucleation : γ -tubulin ring complex



Centrosome : MTOC

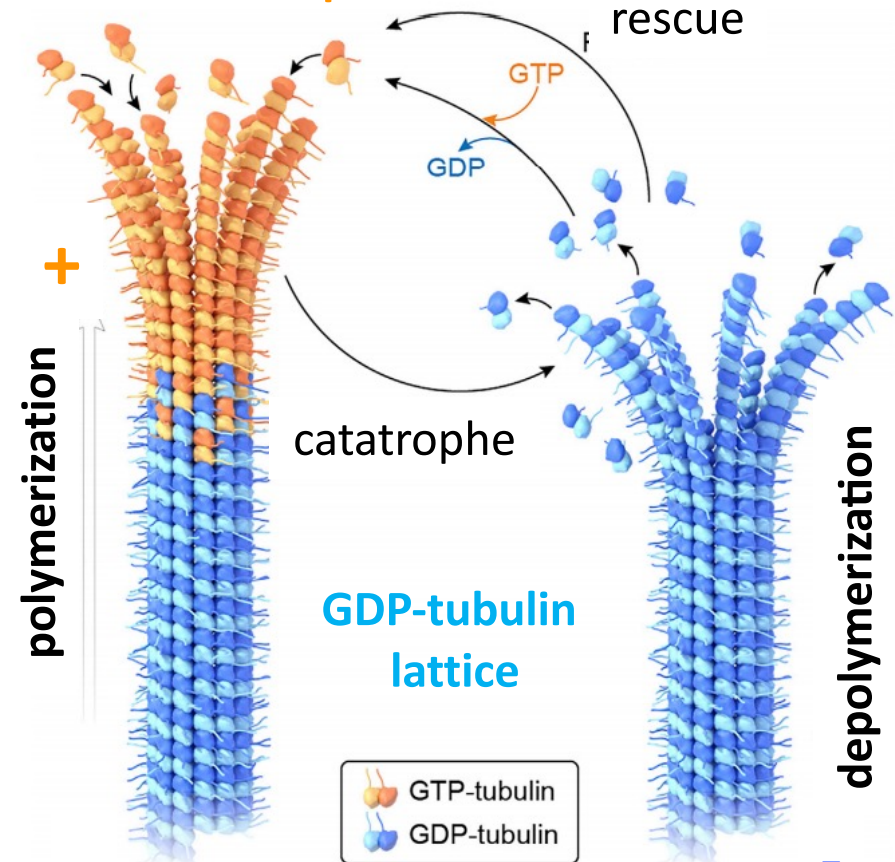
Microtubule organizing center



Dynamic instability

β -tubulin is a GTPase

GTP-tubulin cap

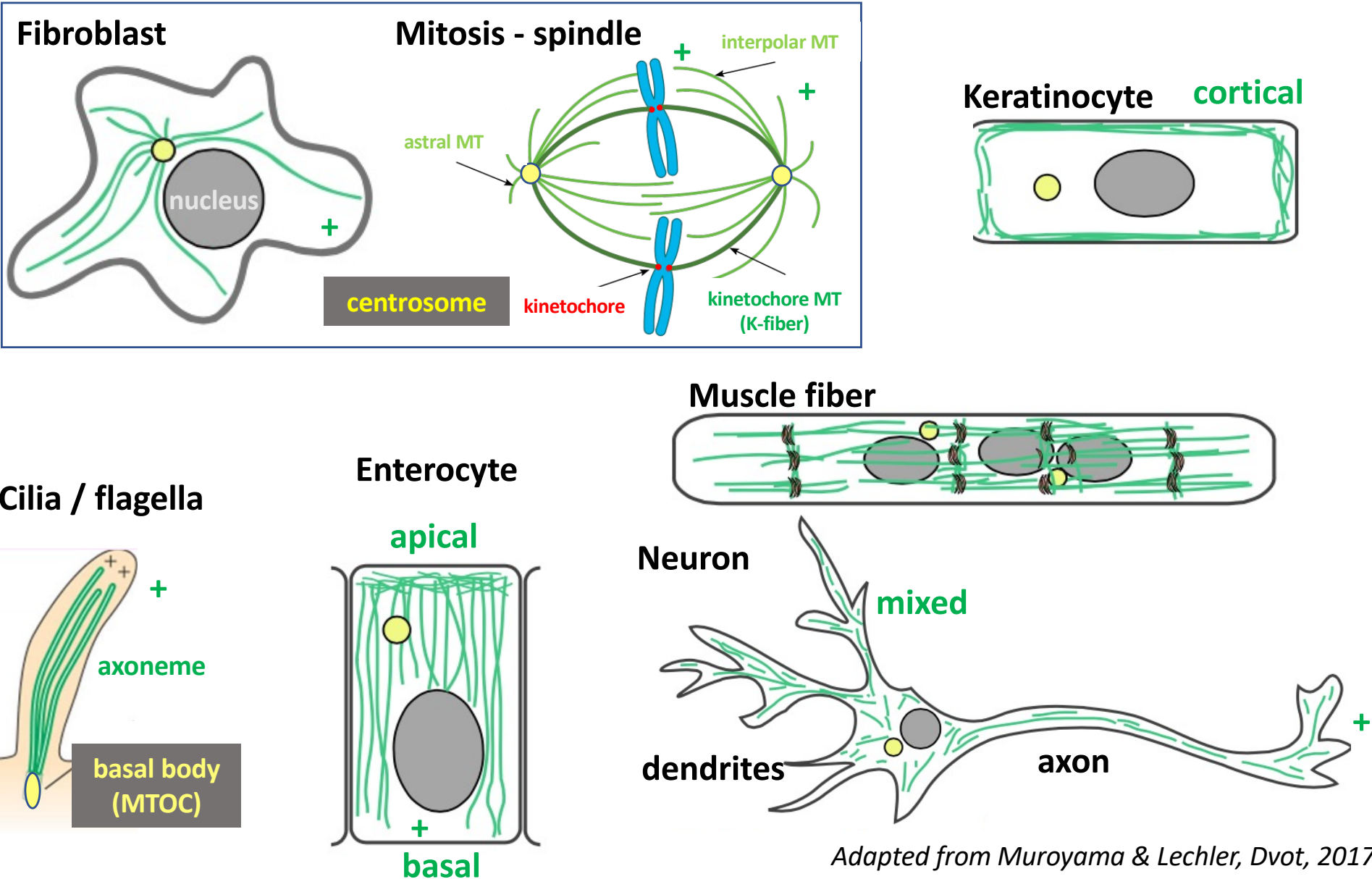


Tovey & Conduit, *Essays in Biochem.*, 2018

Paz & Lüders, *Trends Cell Biol* 2018

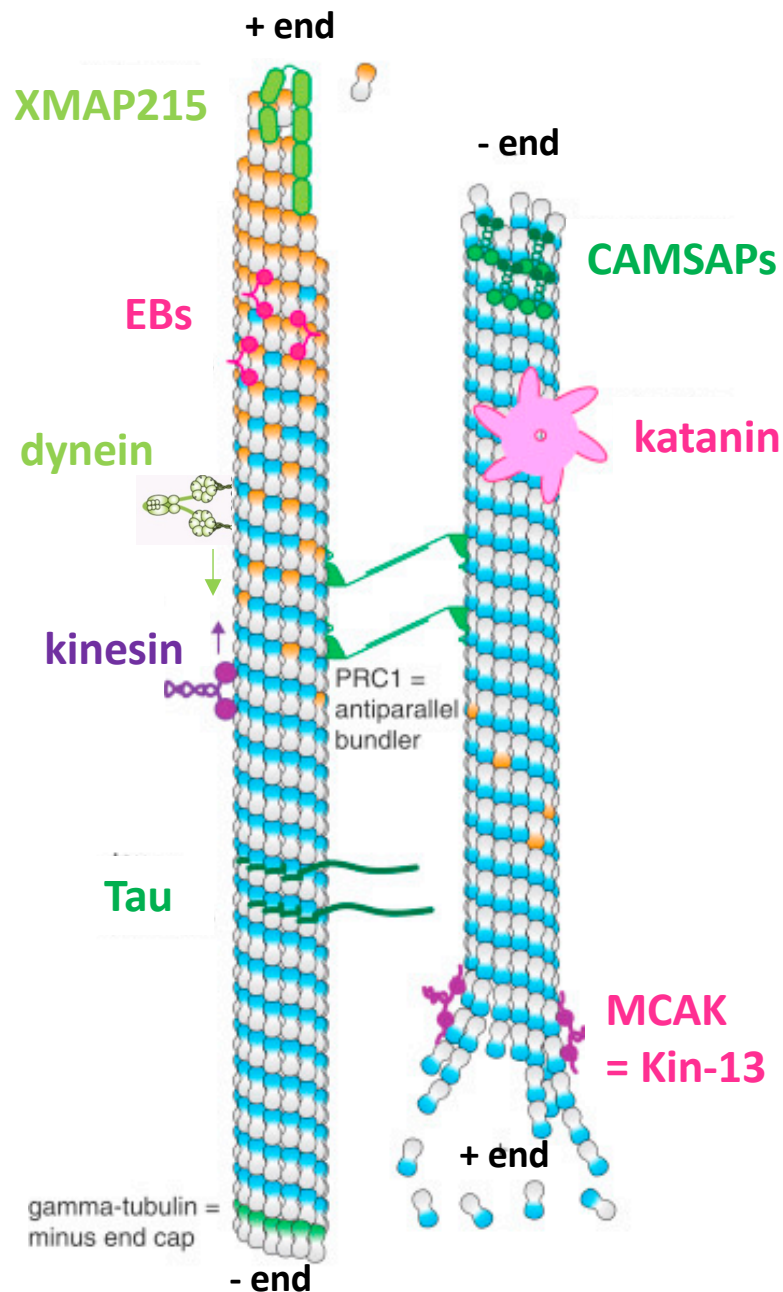
Roll-Mecak, *Dev. Cell*, 2020

Microtubule networks



Adapted from Muroyama & Lechler, Dvot, 2017
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Spindle_apparatus.svg
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Microtubule-associated proteins (MAPs)



Structural MAPs

Tau, MAPs (bundling, crosslinking, stabilizing)

Severing MAPs

Katanin (cutting)

+TIPs

EBs, XMAP215 (assembly)

MCAK (disassembly), CLIP-170 (linker)

-TIPs

CAMSAPs

Molecular motors

Kinesin (+ end directed)

Cytoplasmic dynein (- end directed)

Tubulin dimer sequester

Stathmin

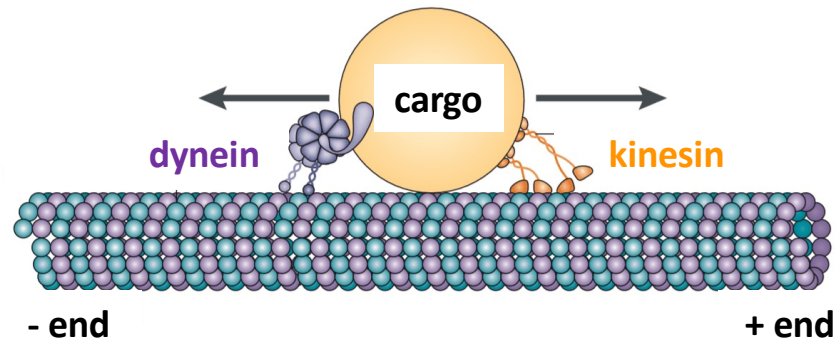
Microtubule functions

Interphase

Organelle positioning, membrane traffic, molecular transport : **cell polarity, migration**

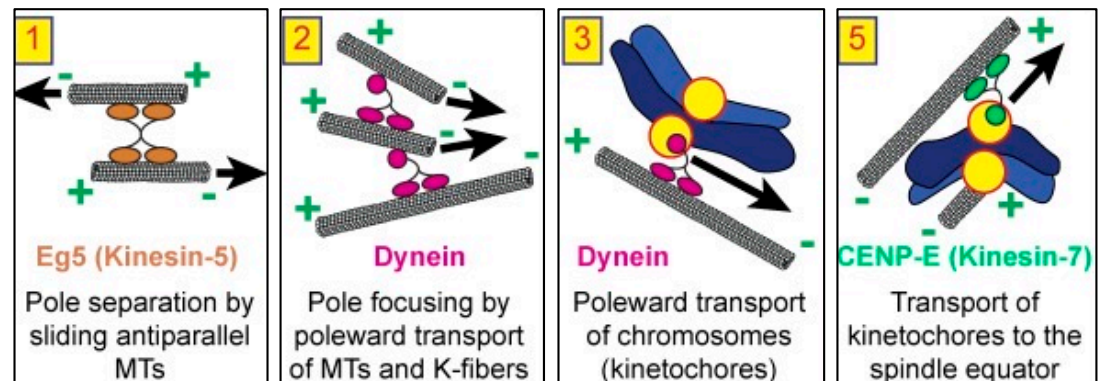
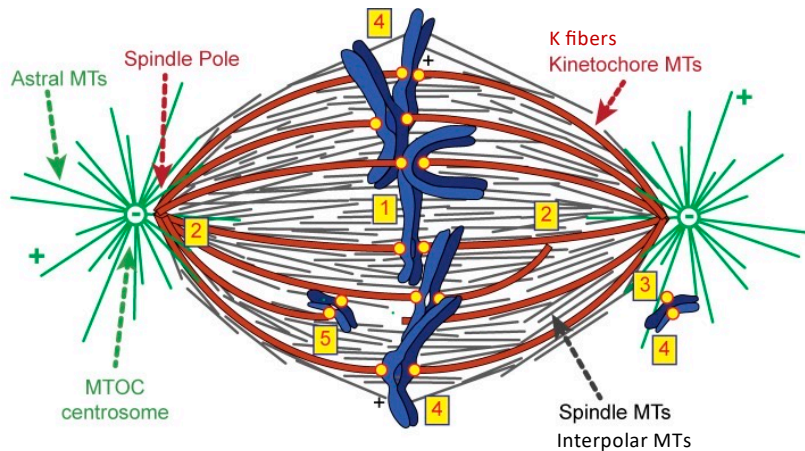
Ciliary / flagella motility : **respiratory track / brain / sperm**

Primary cilia signaling

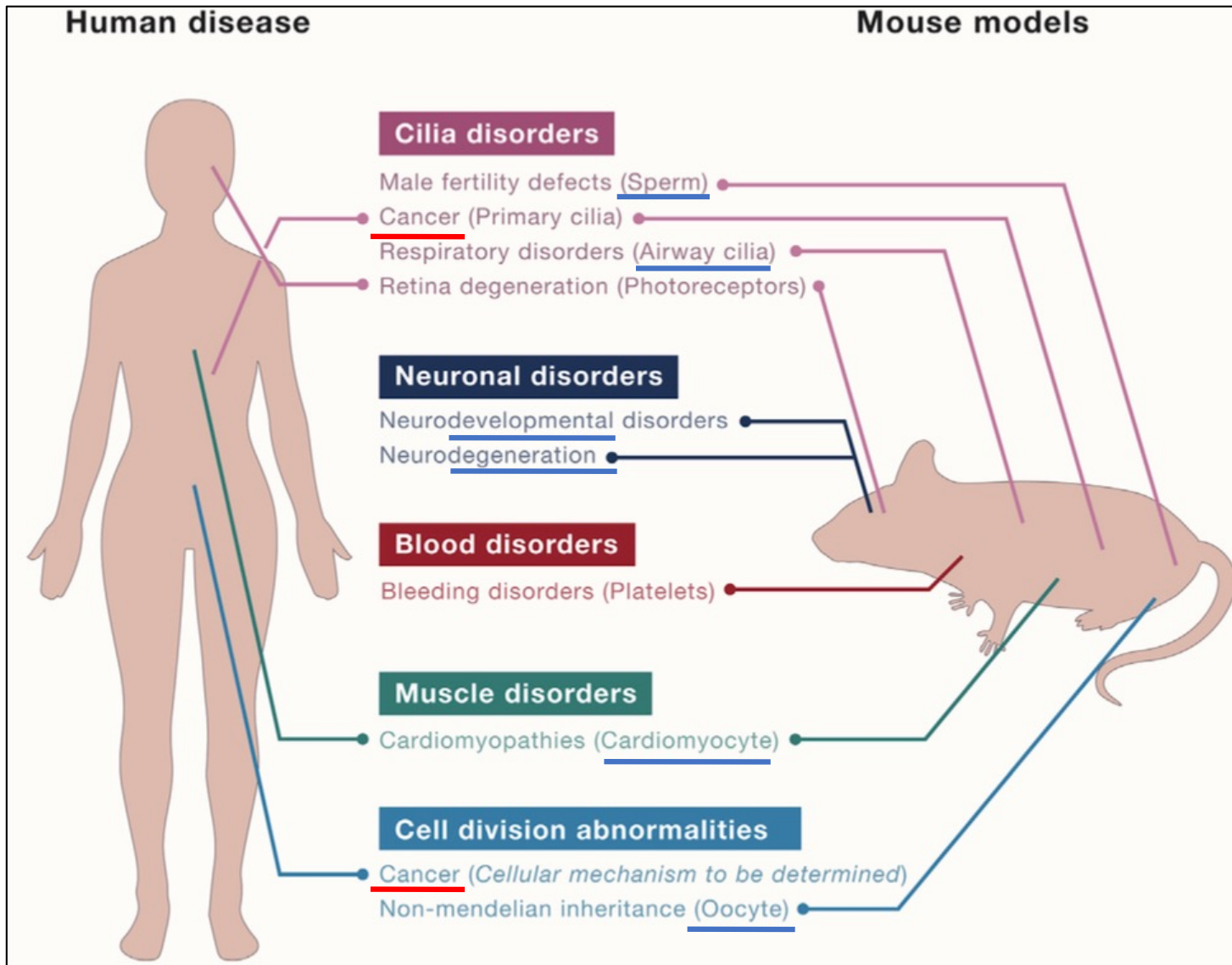


Mitosis

Chromosome alignment and separation

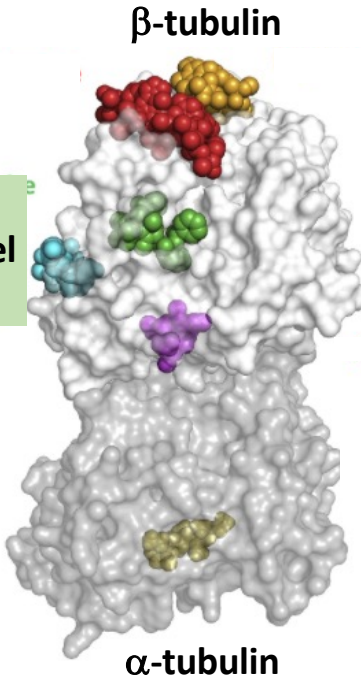


Microtubules and diseases



Microtubules and cancer

MT-stabilizing agents (MSA)



β -tubulin

α -tubulin

MT-destabilizing agents (MDA)

Tubulin / MAPs misregulation

- Tubulin isoforms ($\beta 3$ up)
- Tau, MAP2, MAP4 (up)
- Mitotic kinesins (up)
Eg5/kif11, CENP-E, KIF4A
- Stathmin (up)

2nd generation antimitotics

mitotic kinesins : Eg5/kif11, CENP-E

Limited efficacy in monotherapy

MT-stabilizing agents (MSA)

Taxane site
paclitaxel, docetaxel
epothilone

**Laulimalide/
Peloruside site**

MT-destabilizing agents (MDA)

Vinca-alkaloid site
vinblastine, vincristine
eribulin

Maytansine site
Colchicine site
colchicine
nocodazole
Pironetin site

Tubulin / MAPs misregulation

- Tubulin isoforms ($\beta 3$ up)
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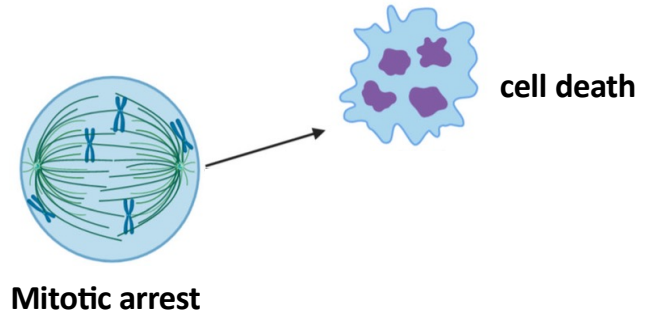
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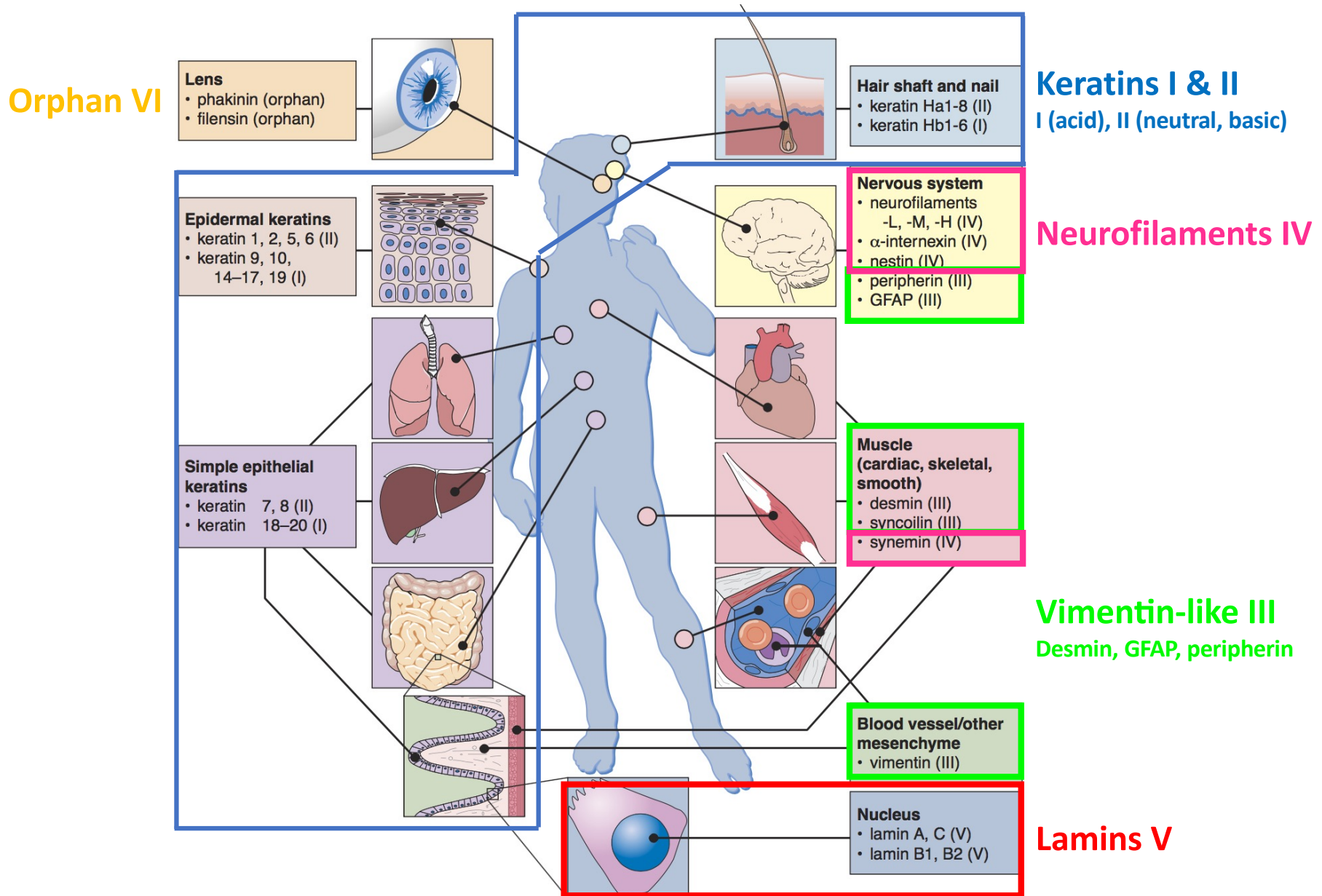
Taxanes “spindle poisons”

- proliferation rate paradox 1% of the cancer cells in mitosis
- pro-apoptotic, anti-angiogenic, anticancer immunogenic ?
- Efficiently used in therapy, but :**
- side effects (neuropathy, myelosuppression)
- resistance (intrinsic or acquired)

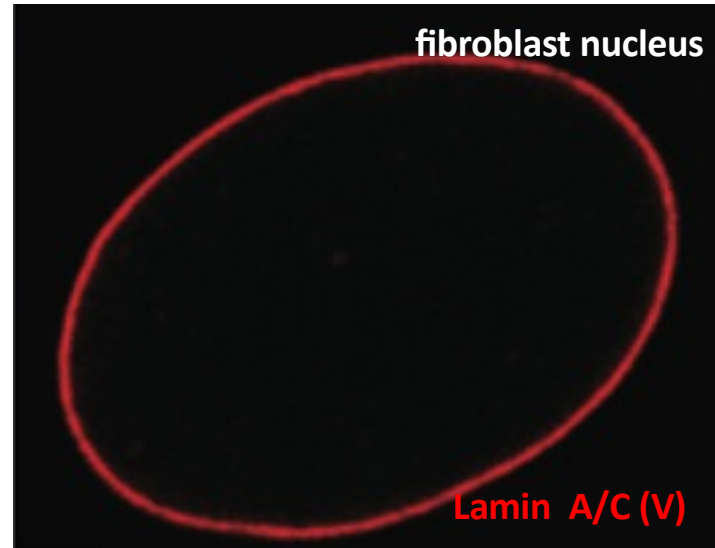
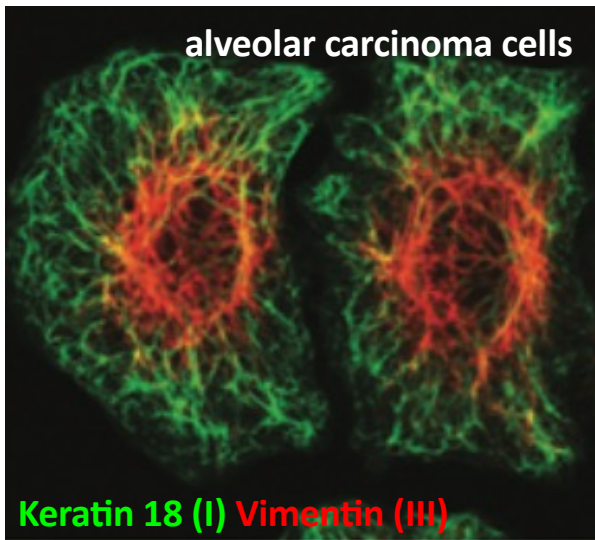


Intermediate filaments

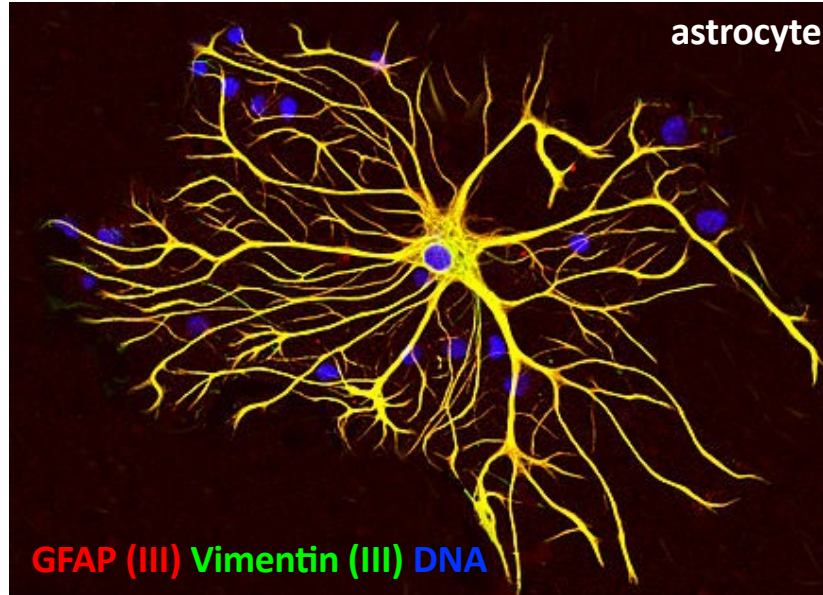
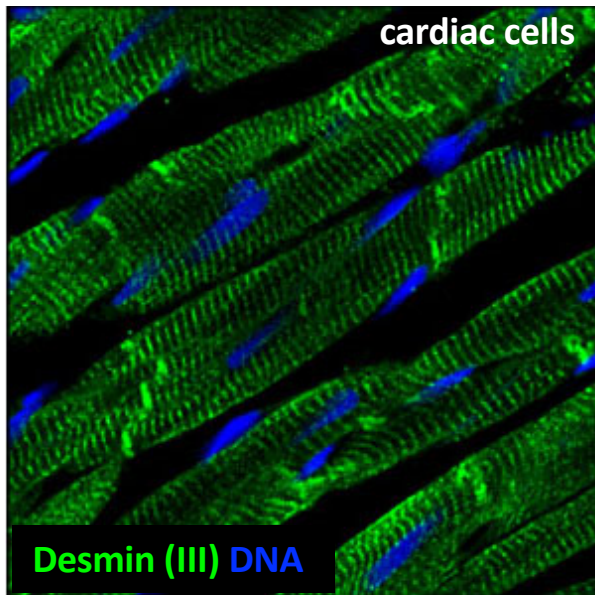
Diversity of IFs (70 genes) : cell specificity



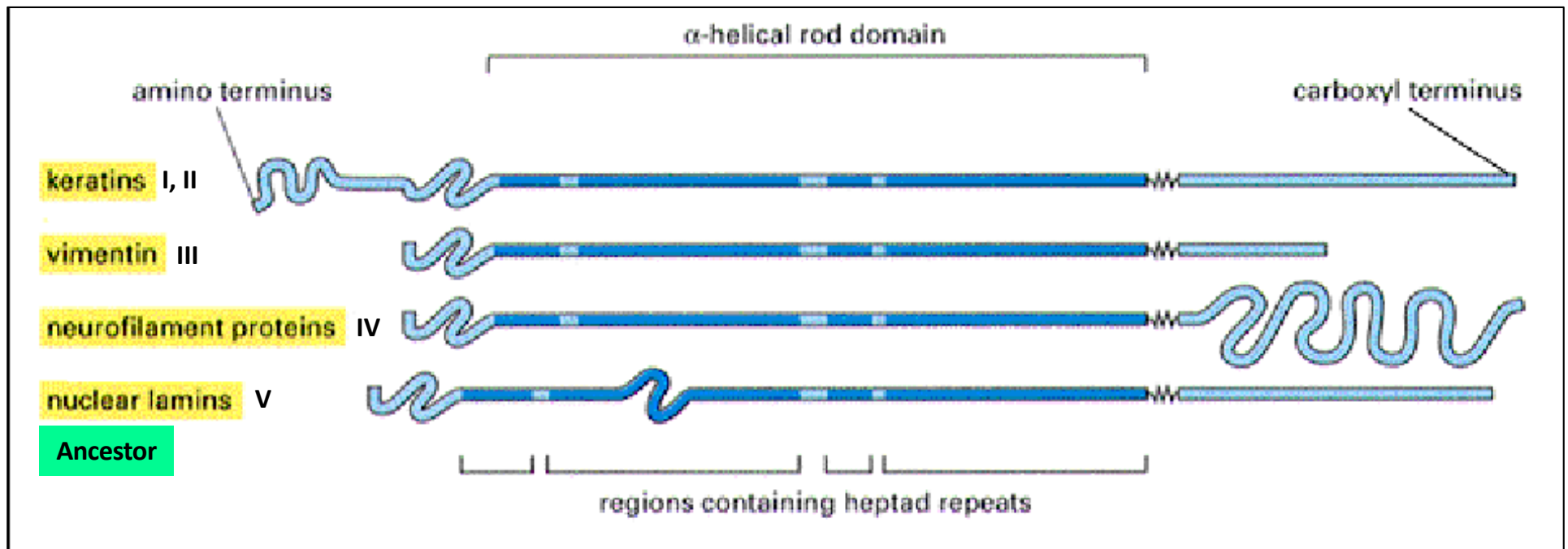
Intermediate filament networks



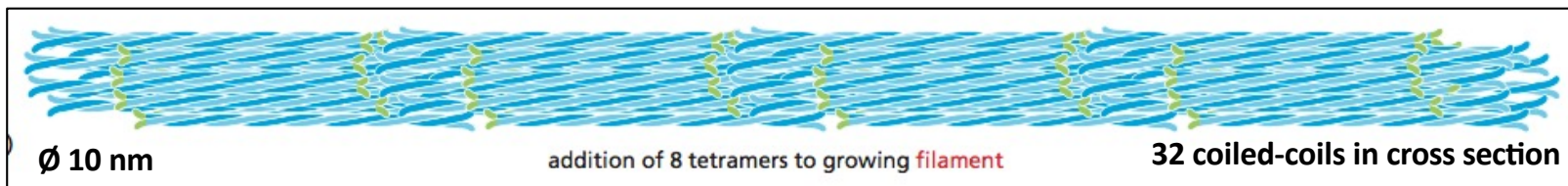
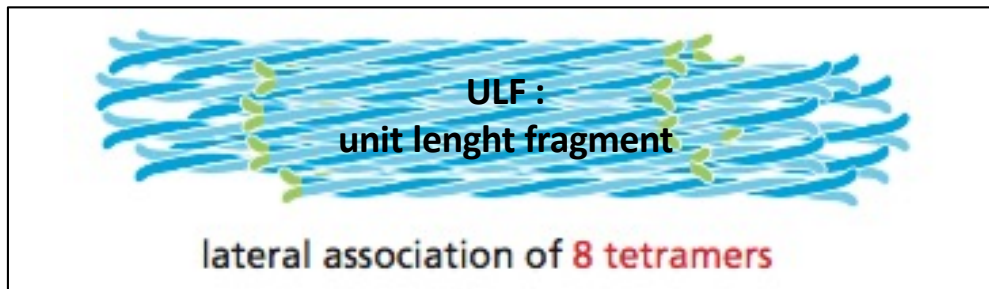
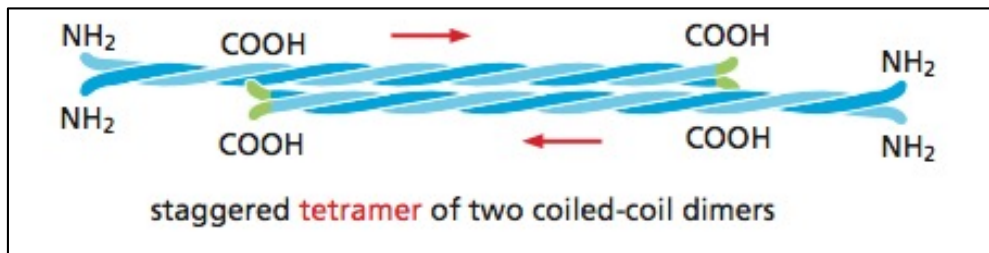
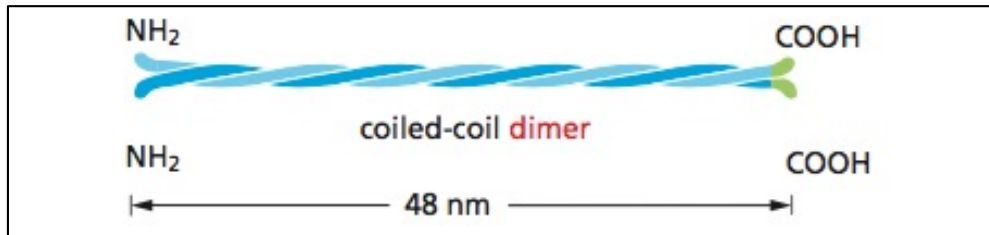
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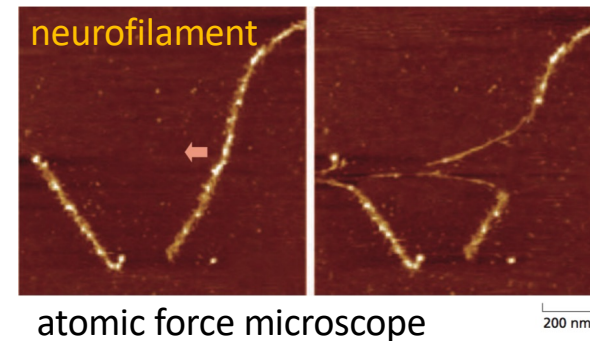
Intermediate filament protein subdomains



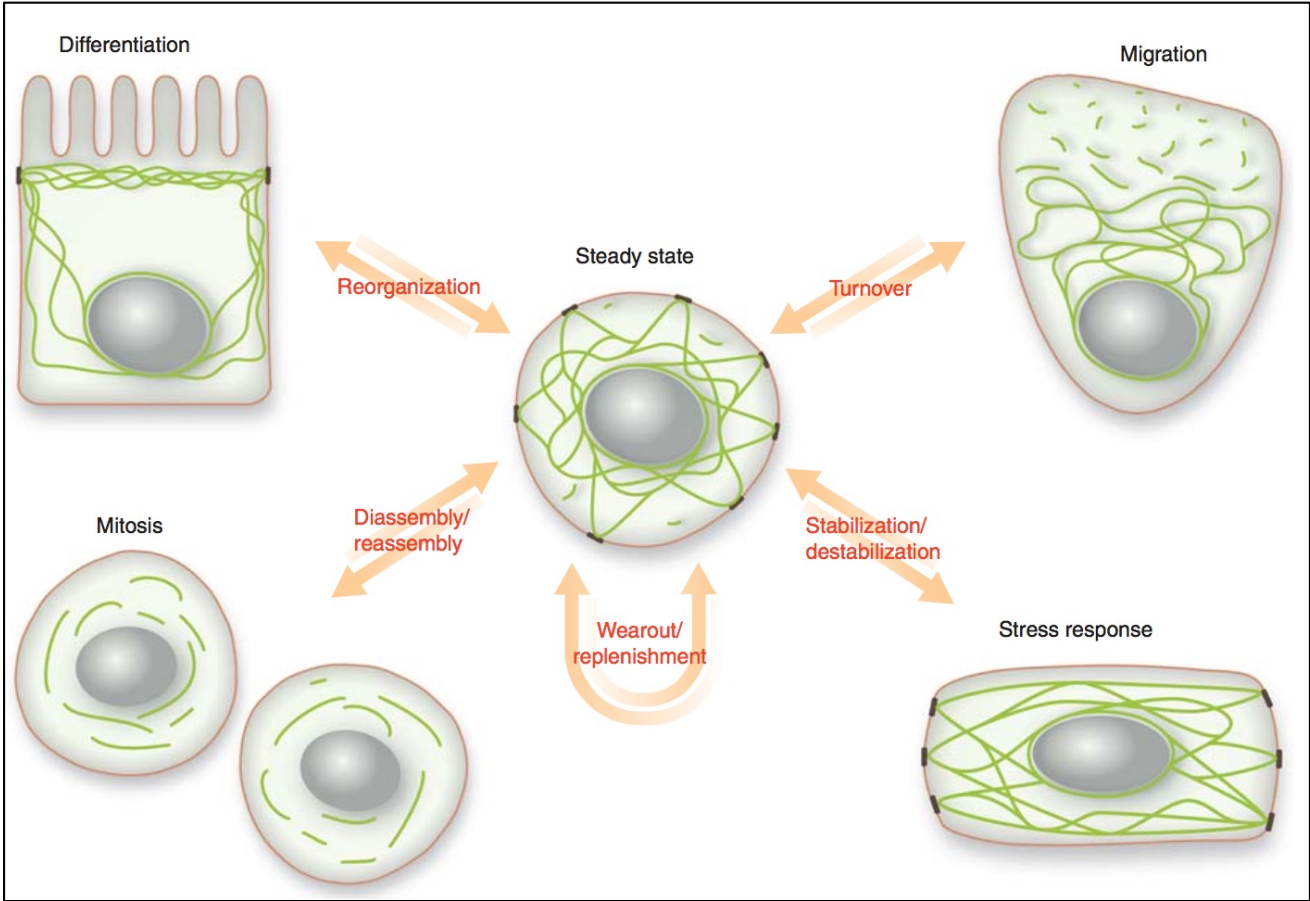
Intermediate filament structure



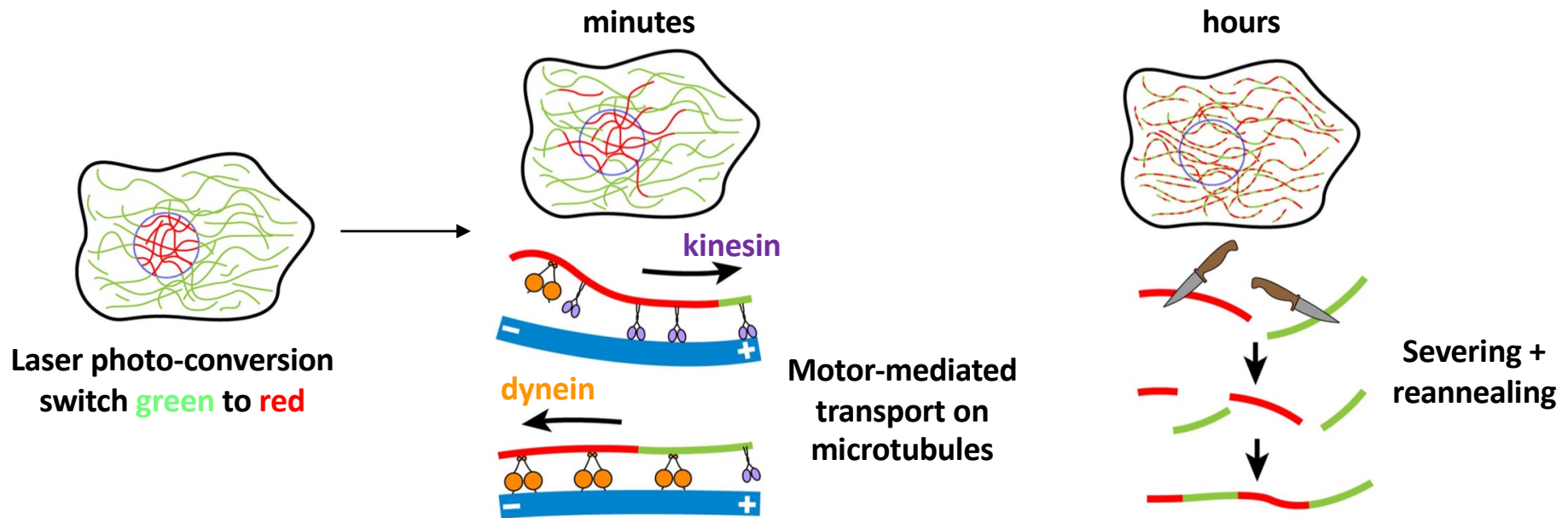
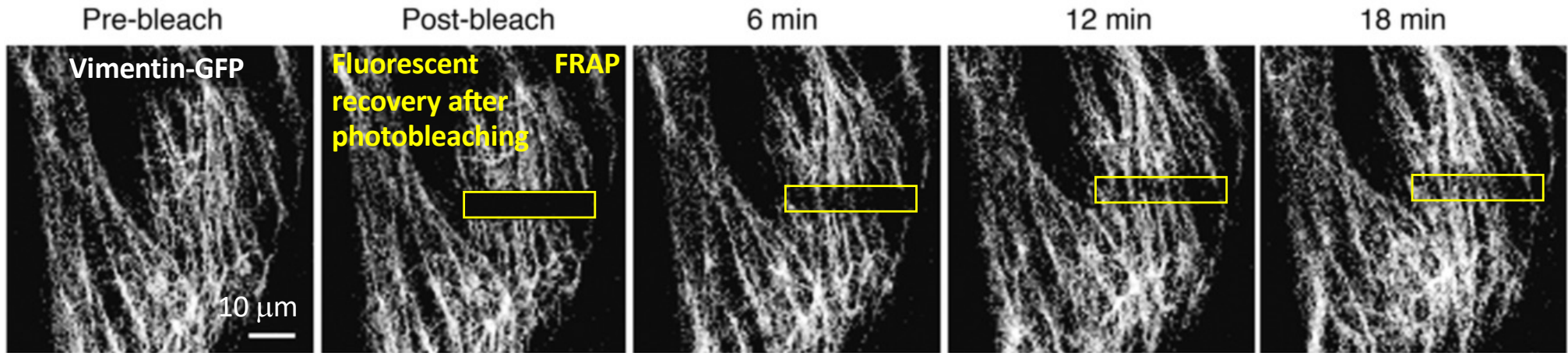
- no polarity (no motor)
- no need of ATP, GTP
- low solubility (salt, detergent)
- elastic structure difficult to break
- binding partners not well known yet



Intermediate filament dynamic restructuring

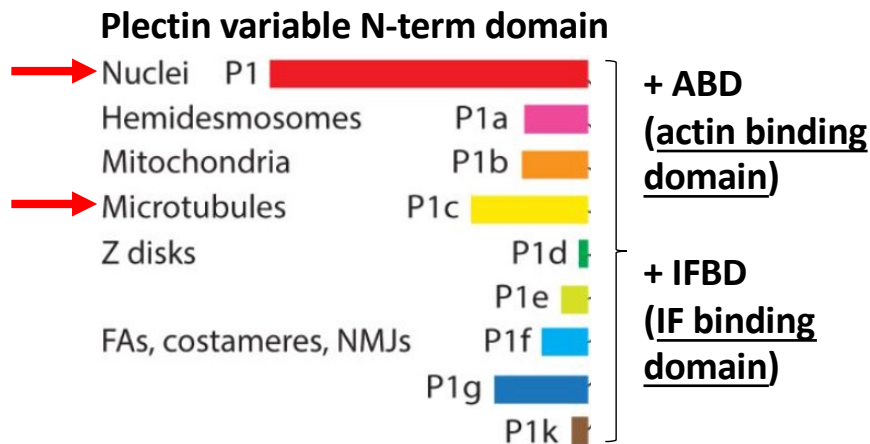
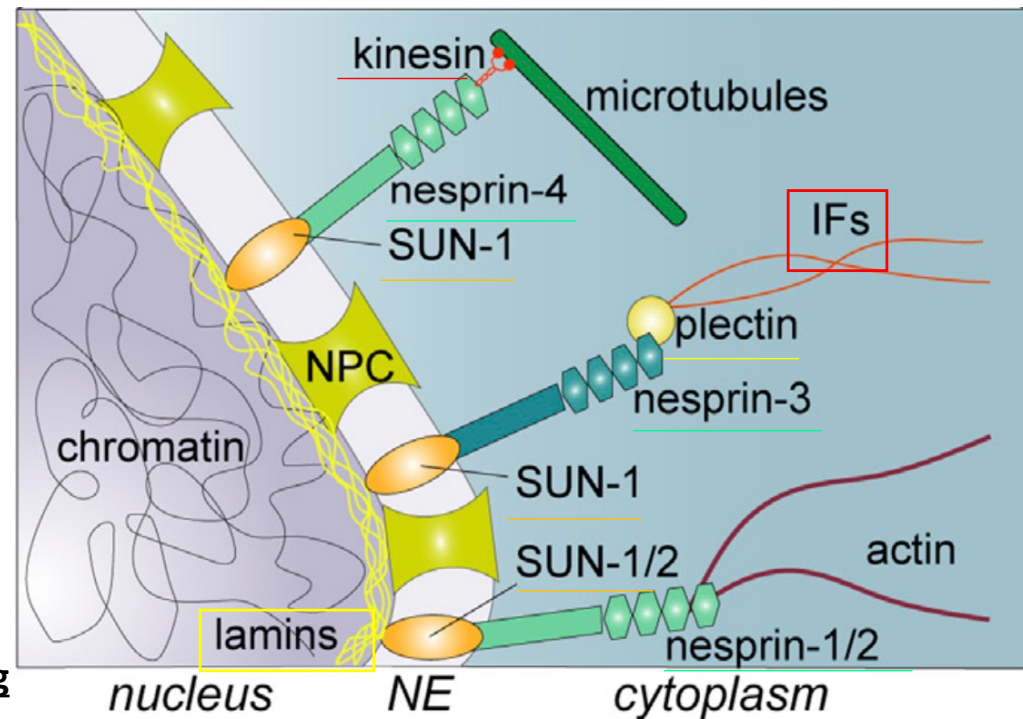
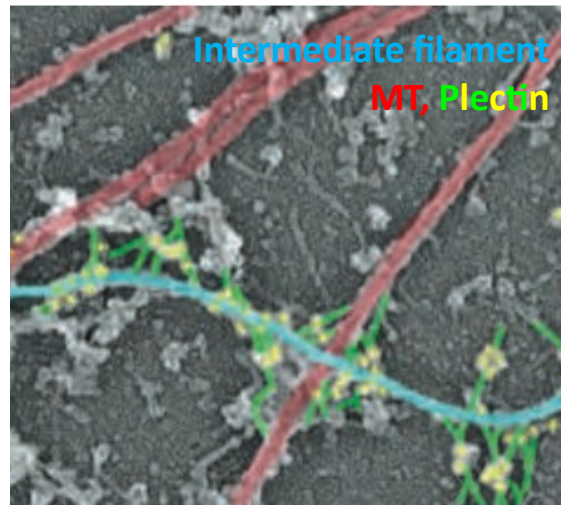


Intermediate filament dynamics



Intermediate filament-associated proteins (IFAPs)

linkers : plectin, SUNs, nesprin

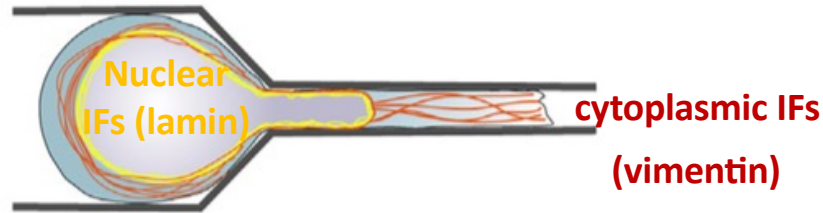


**Roles in cell adhesion, migration, division
mechanotransduction**

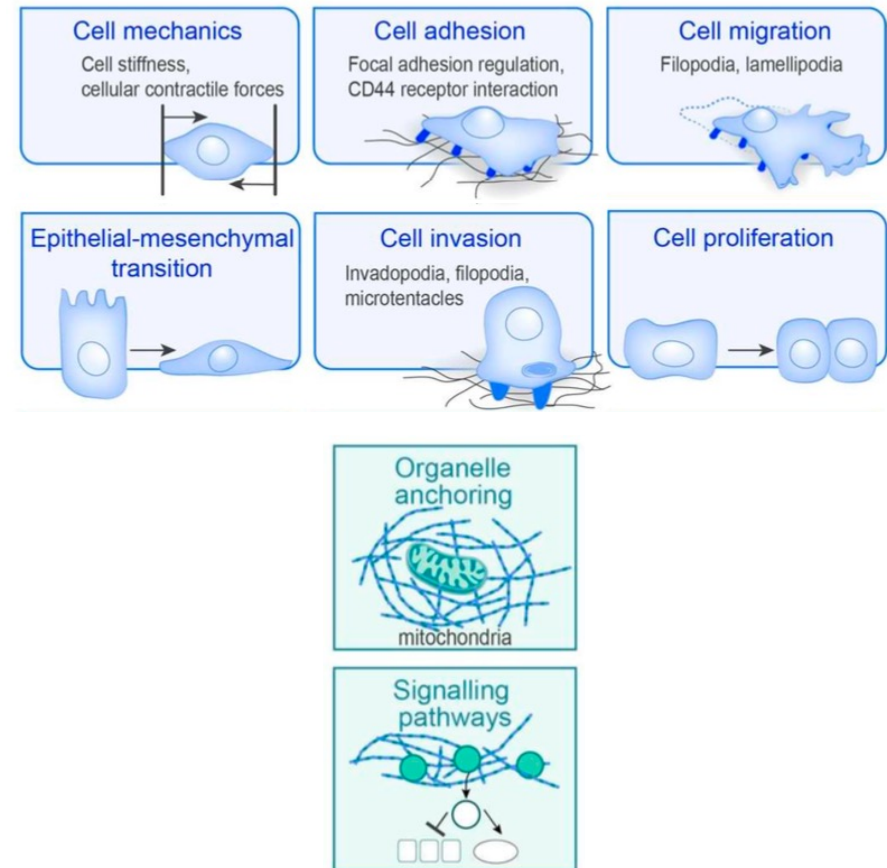
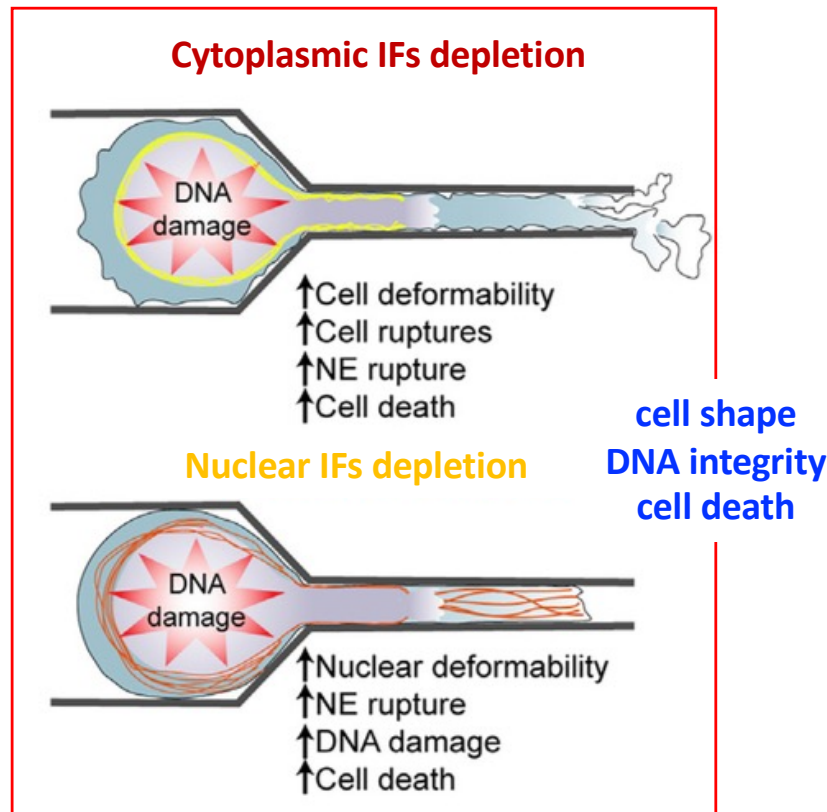
*Svitkina et al., JCB, 1996, Wiche, Cells, 2021
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Intermediate filament cellular functions

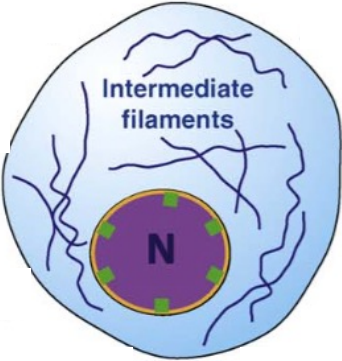
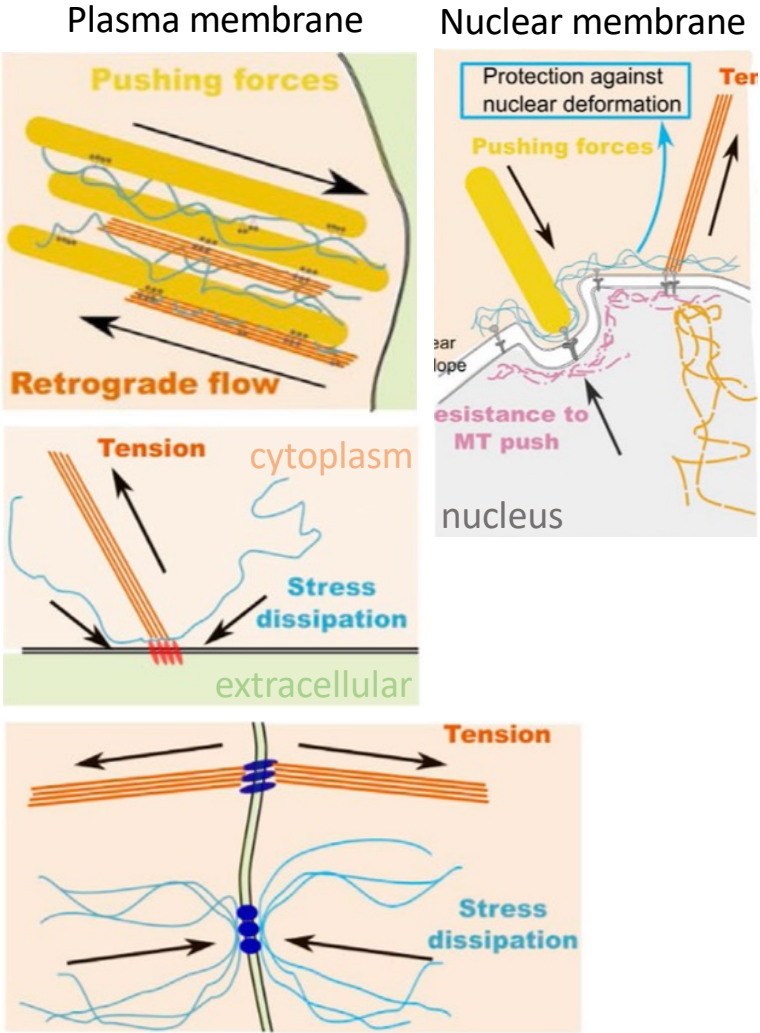
Cell migrating through confined space



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Intermediate filaments in mechanic-stress response

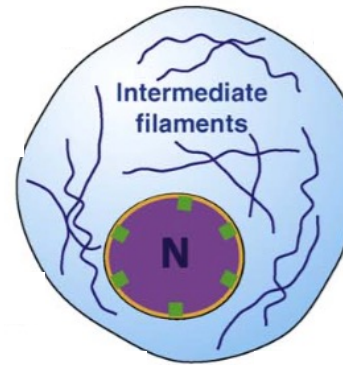
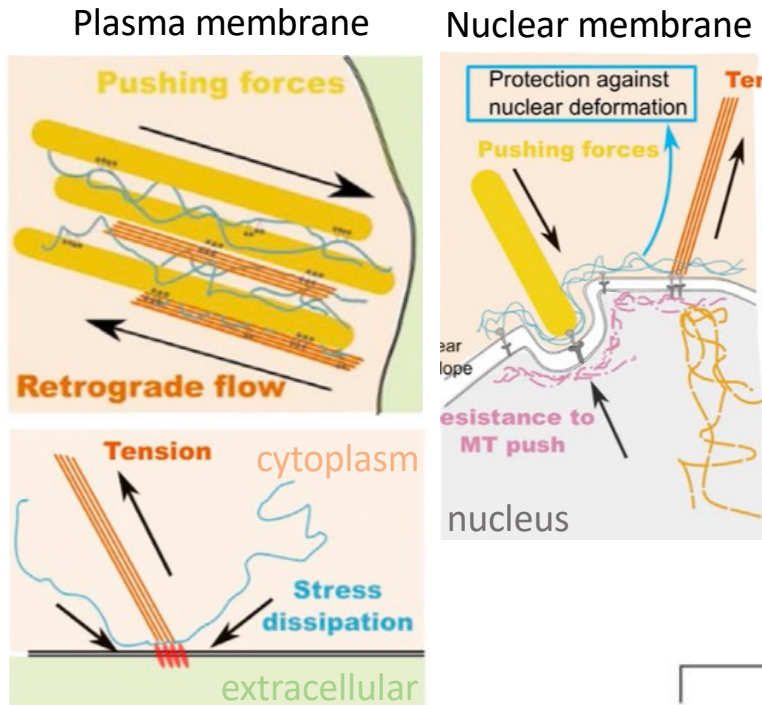


Stress
 Mechanic (tension, shear, compression)

Intermediate filament (cytoplasm)
 Intermediate filament (nucleus)
 Actin
 Microtubule

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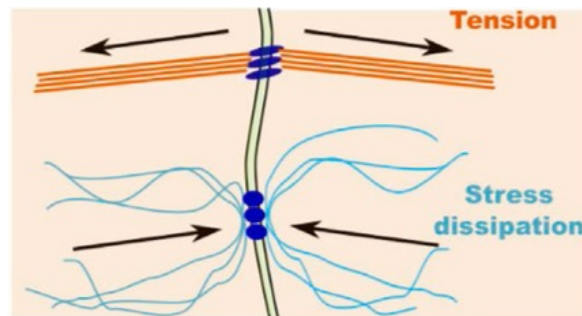
Intermediate filaments in cell-stress response



Stress

- Mechanic (tension, shear, compression)
- Wound closure
- Hypoxia
- Osmotic, oxydative
- Protein misfolding
- Toxin, radiation
- DNA damage
- Pathogens (virus, bacteria)
- Heat

Response depends on stress type and duration

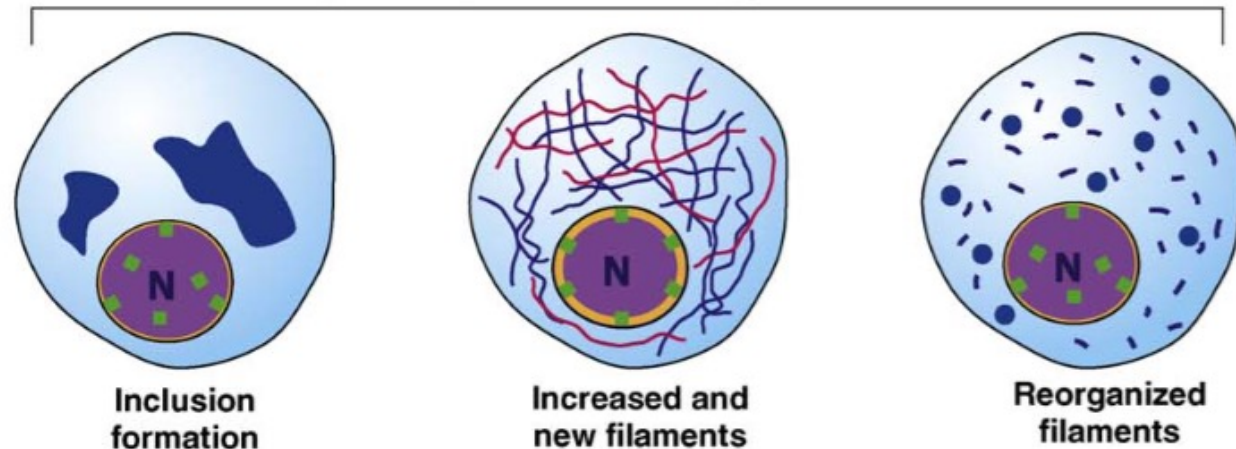


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Intermediate filaments and diseases

Keratins I, II : skin diseases (epidermolysis bullosa simplex EBS),
predisposition for liver diseases (steatosis), cancer markers

Vimentin-like III : myopathies, Alexander disease, cataract, metastasis

Neurofilaments IV : neuropsychiatric diseases (Charcot-Marie-Tooth,
Alzheimer, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Parkinson)

Lamins V : laminopathies (progeria / precocious aging)

Orphan VI : cataract

Ashwagandha *Withania somnifera*



wikipedia

withaferin A :

**Disrupts Vimentin,
Keratin, NF networks**

Grin et al., PLOS ONE, 2012

Phase I trial osteosarcoma

Pires et al., J. A. Int. Med, 2020

statin (simvastatin) :

anti-cholesterol

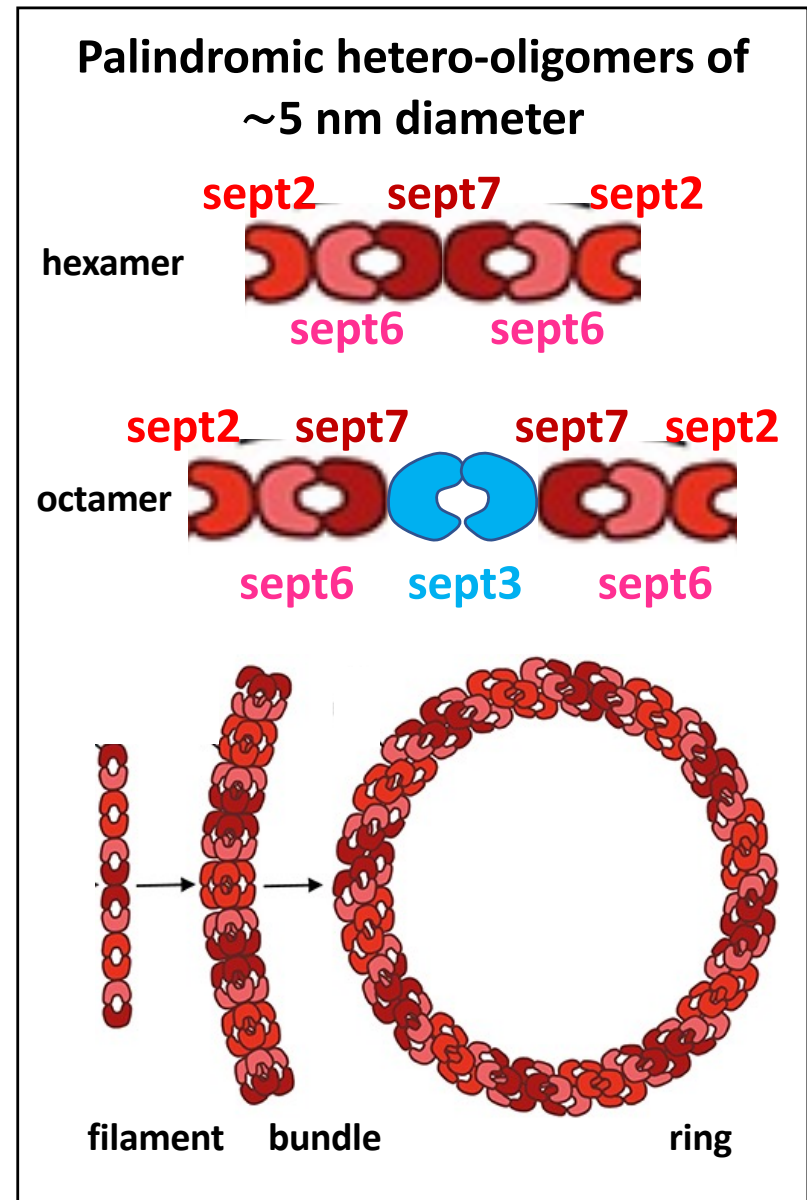
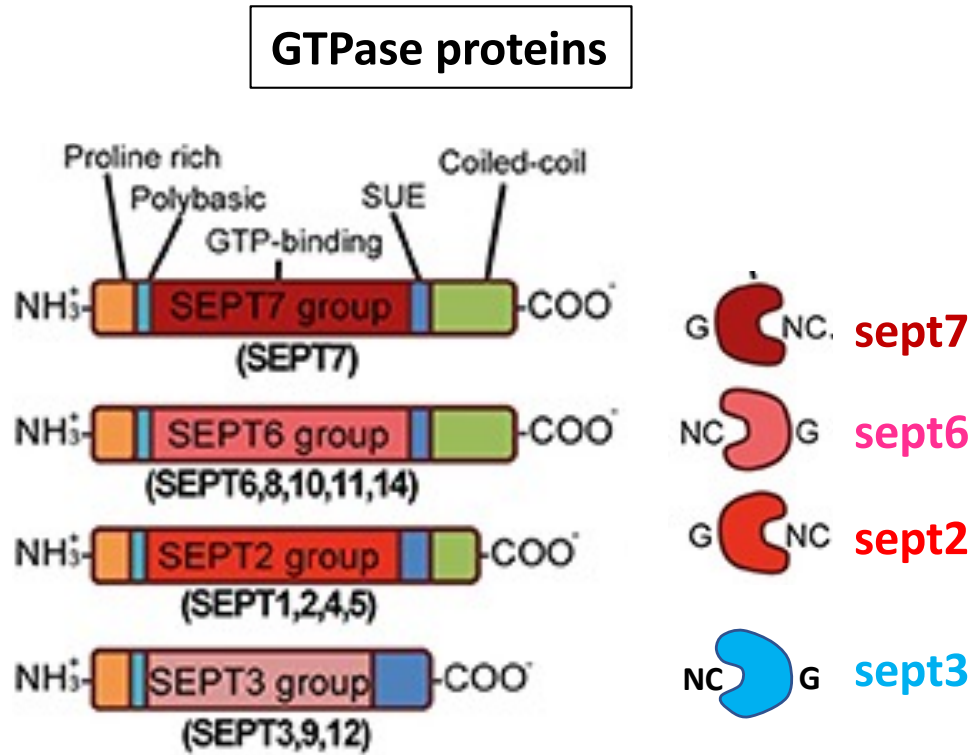
Disrupts Vimentin network

Trogden et al., Faseb J, 2018

**Phase II trial (combination
therapy in cancer) in progress**

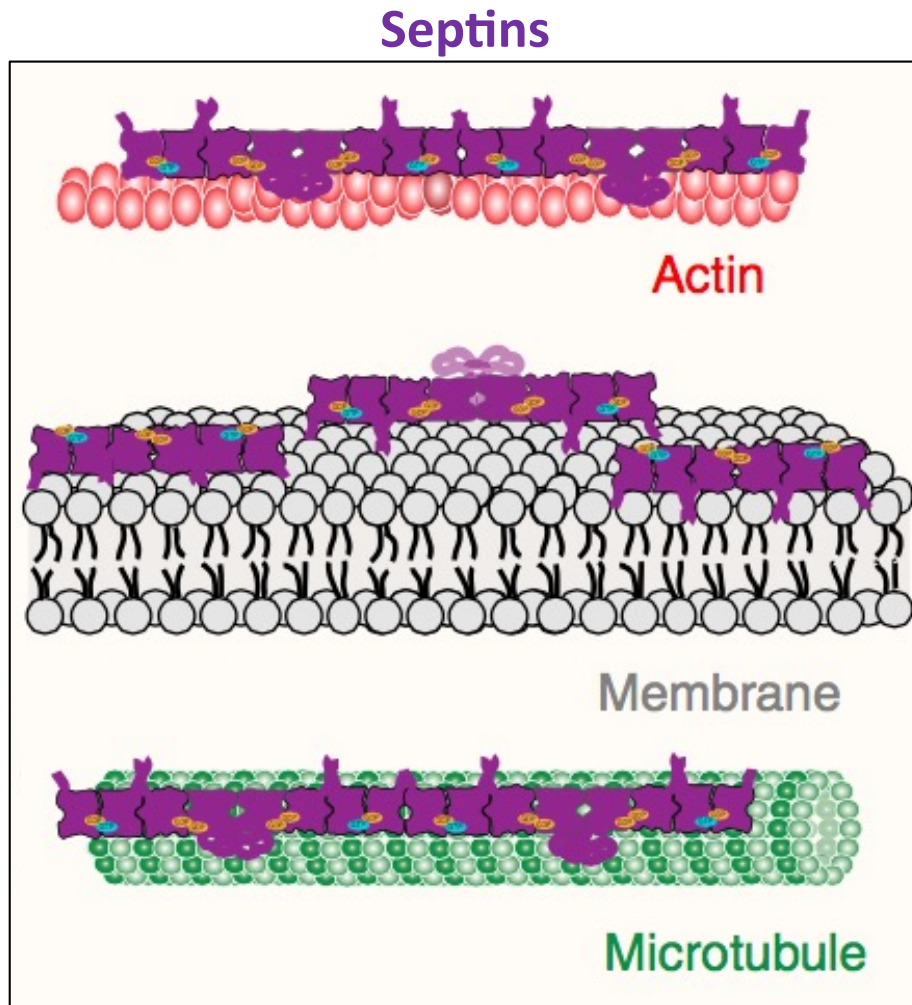
Septin filaments

Septin filament structure



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Septin filament association

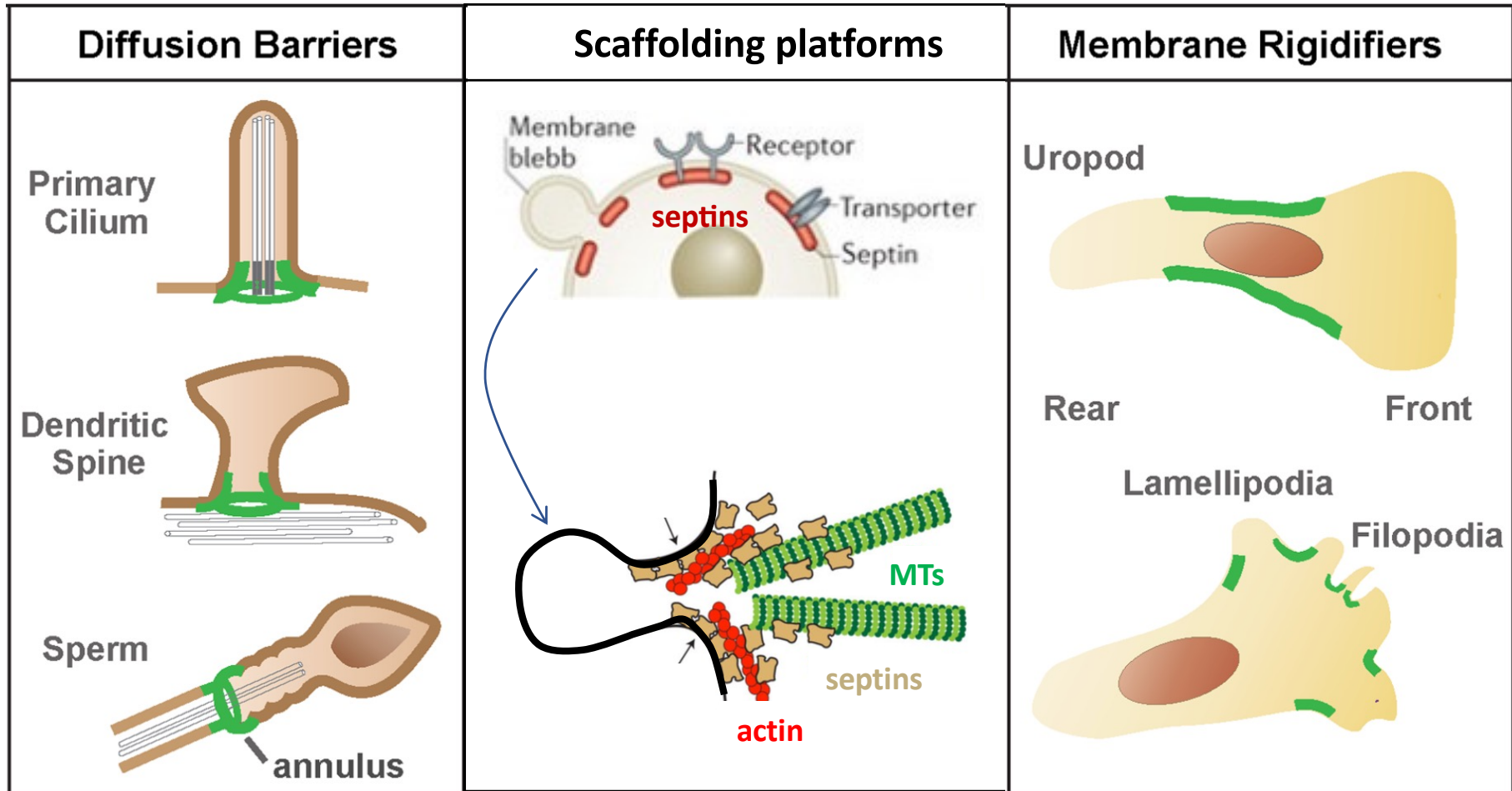


Linker proteins
(Arp2/3, myosin II, anillin, BORG)

- . Curvature (radius 0,5-1,5 μm positive curvature)
- . lipids (PIPs = phosphatidyl inositol phosphate, cardiolipin)

- . Sept9 (Nterm)
- . Tubulin isotype (TUBB2)
- . Tubulin PTM (polyGlu, Tyr)
- . Tubulin GTP

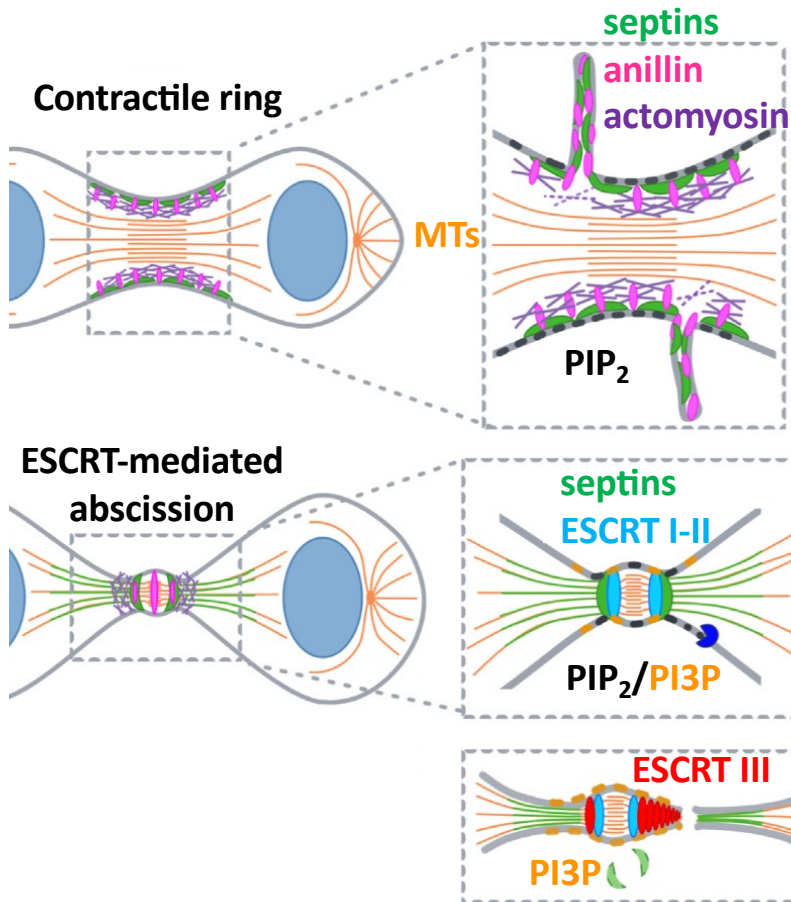
Septin filament functions



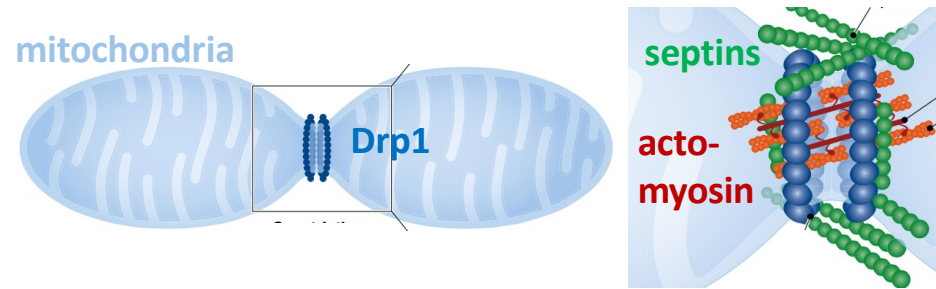
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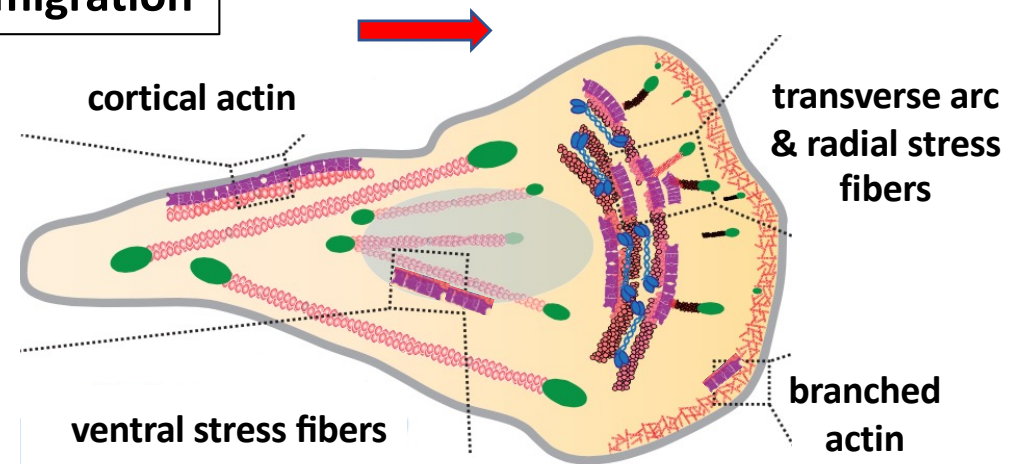
cytokinesis



mitochondrial fission

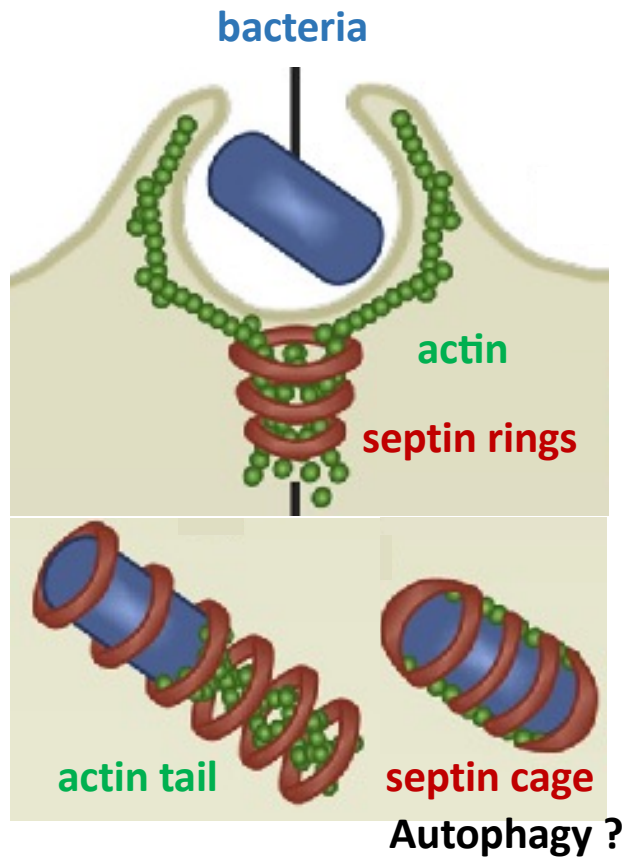


migration

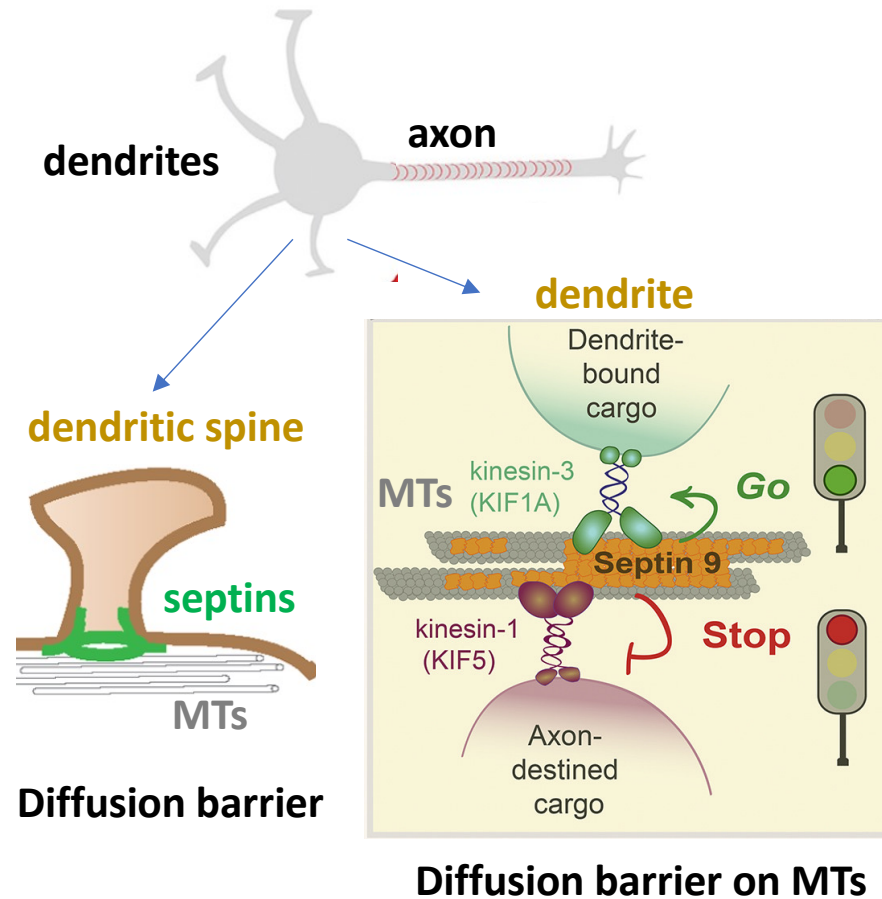


Septin filament functions

infection



neuron



Adapted from Krokowski & Mostowi, *Meth. Cell Biol.*, 2016
 Karasmanis et al., *Dvpt Cell*, 2018

Septin filaments : diseases / cancer

Nervous

- Cerebral cortex development
- Dendritic spine formation
- Axon branching
- Synaptic activity

Disease

- Alzheimer's - Parkinson's
- Down syndrome - Autism
- Bipolar disorder/ Schizophrenia
- Brain cancer
- Epilepsy
- Hereditary neuralgic amyotrophy (HNA)

Cardiovascular

- Cardiomyocyte differentiation
- Platelet secretion
- Hematopoietic stem cell growth

- Leukemia
- Bernard-Soulier syndrome
- DiGeorge syndrome

Immune

- T cell maturation
- T cell migration
- Macrophage phagocytosis
- Host cell defense to invasive bacteria

- Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Reproductive

- Sperm morphogenesis

- Male infertility
- Testicular cancer
- Ovarian cancer

Integumentary

- Squamous epithelia migration
- Hair follicle stem cell growth

Disease

- Skin cancer

Respiratory

- Epithelial permeability

- Lung cancer

Endocrine

- Insulin secretion

- Pancreatic cancer

Urinary

- Kidney ciliogenesis
- Renal epithelia morphogenesis
- Glucose uptake by podocytes

- Renal cell and urothelial carcinomas

Digestive

- Unknown

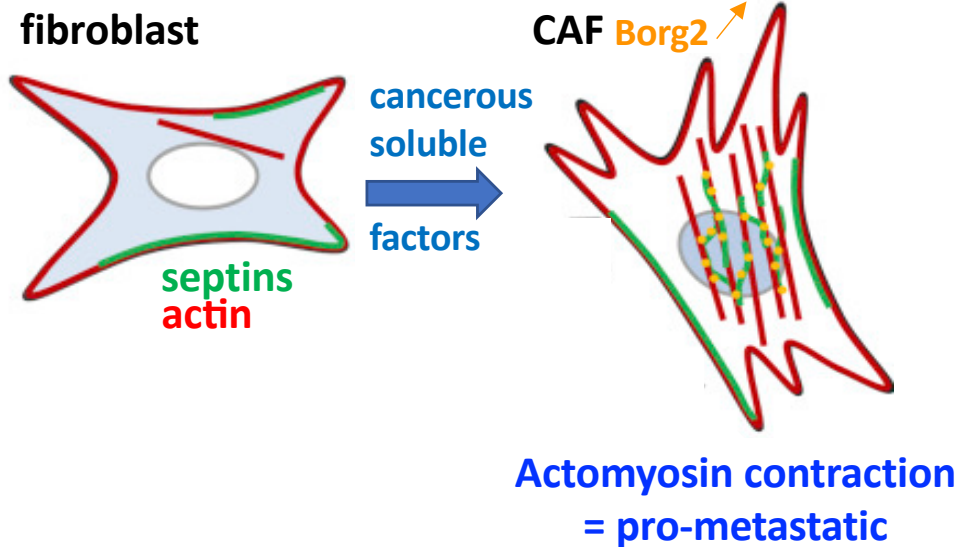
- Colorectal cancer
- Oral cancer
- Liver cancer



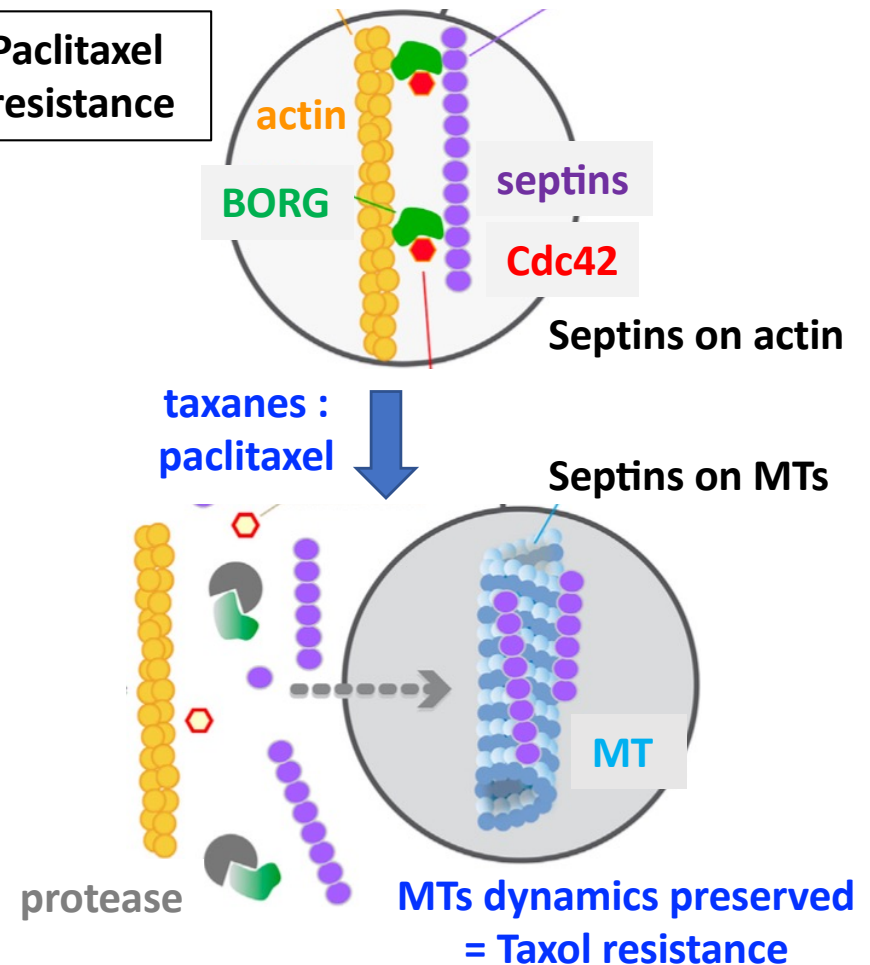
**Septin 9 methylated DNA in a blood test for colorectal cancer
(Septin 4 isoform in a urinary test for urothelial cancer)**

Septin filaments / BORG and cancer

Cancer-associated fibroblast (CAF)
= favor migration of cancer cells
(tumor microenvironment = TME)

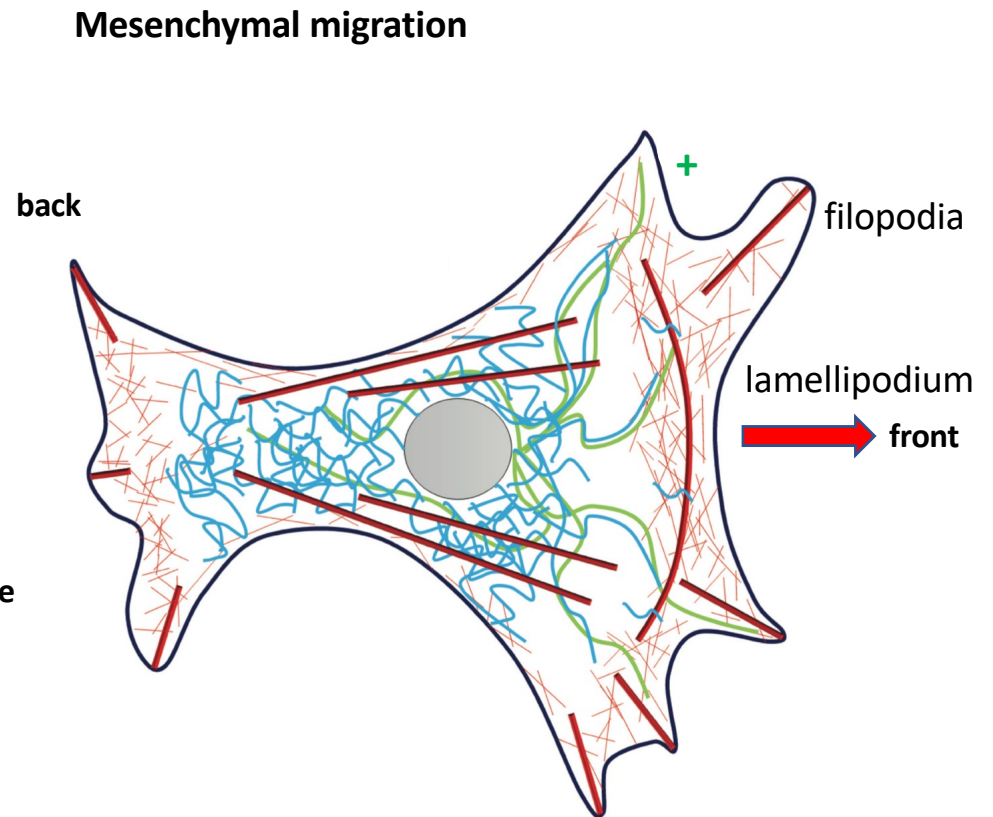
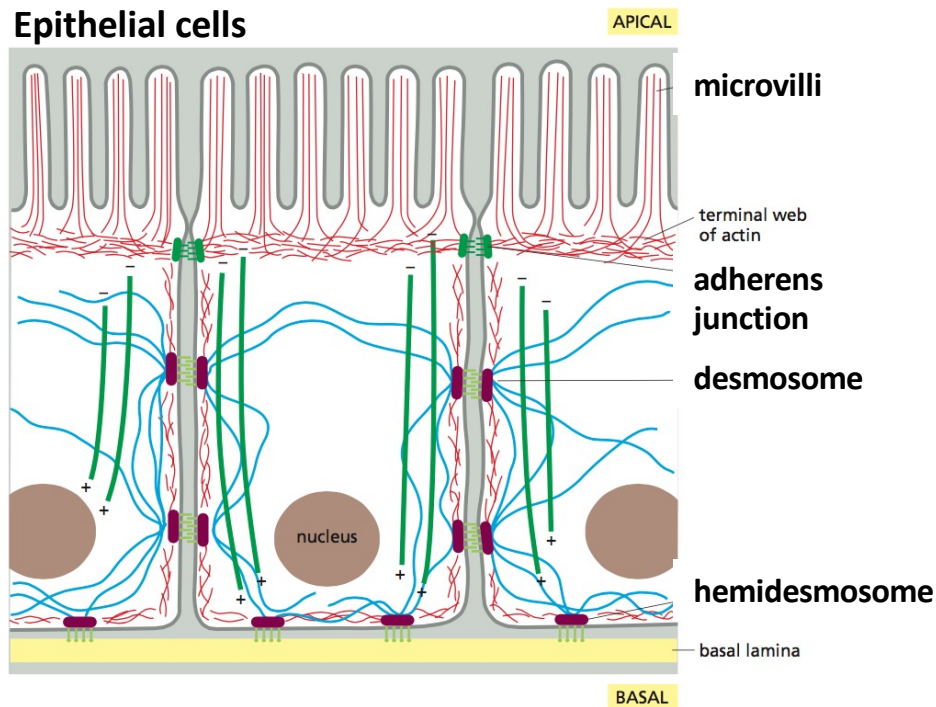


Paclitaxel
resistance



BORG overexpression is pro-metastatic / active BORG on actin is required for taxanes efficiency

Cytoskeleton dynamic crosstalks ...



Actin microfilaments / (septins)
Microtubules Intermediate filaments