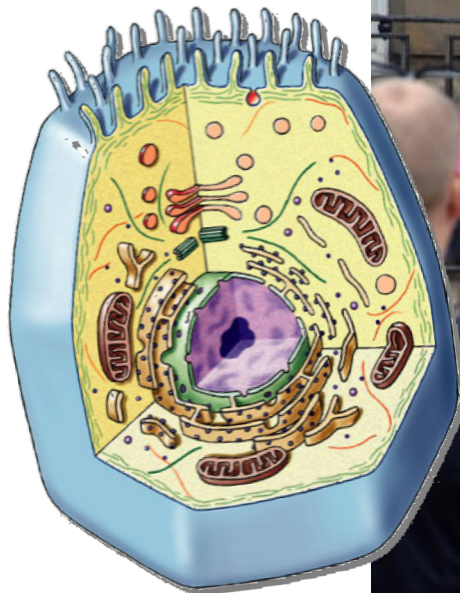
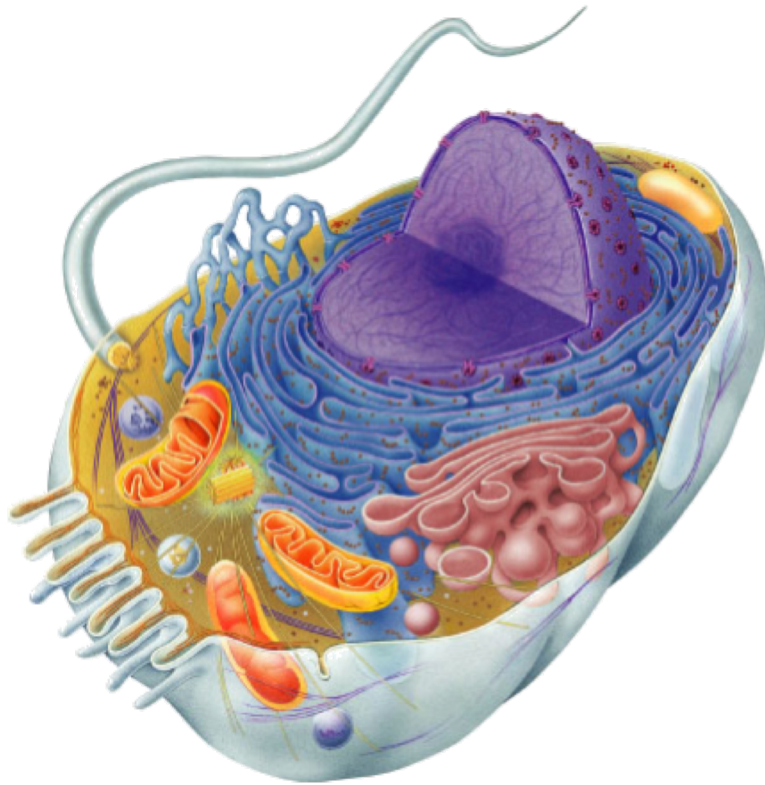


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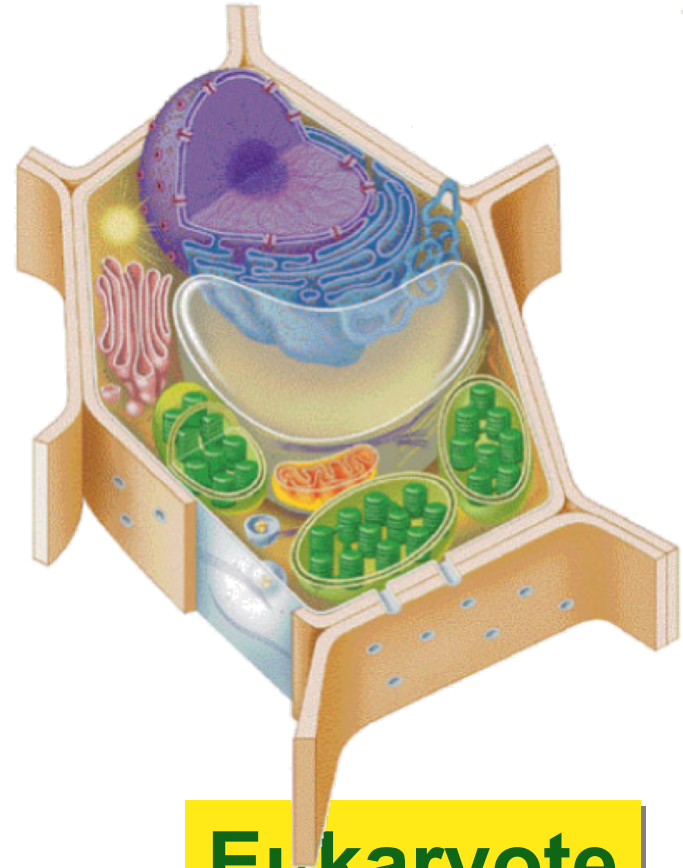


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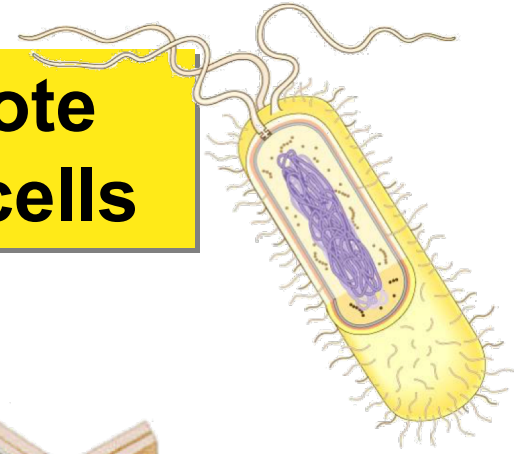


**Eukaryote  
animal cells**

**Prokaryote  
bacteria cells**



**Eukaryote  
plant cells**





# Prokaryotic Cells

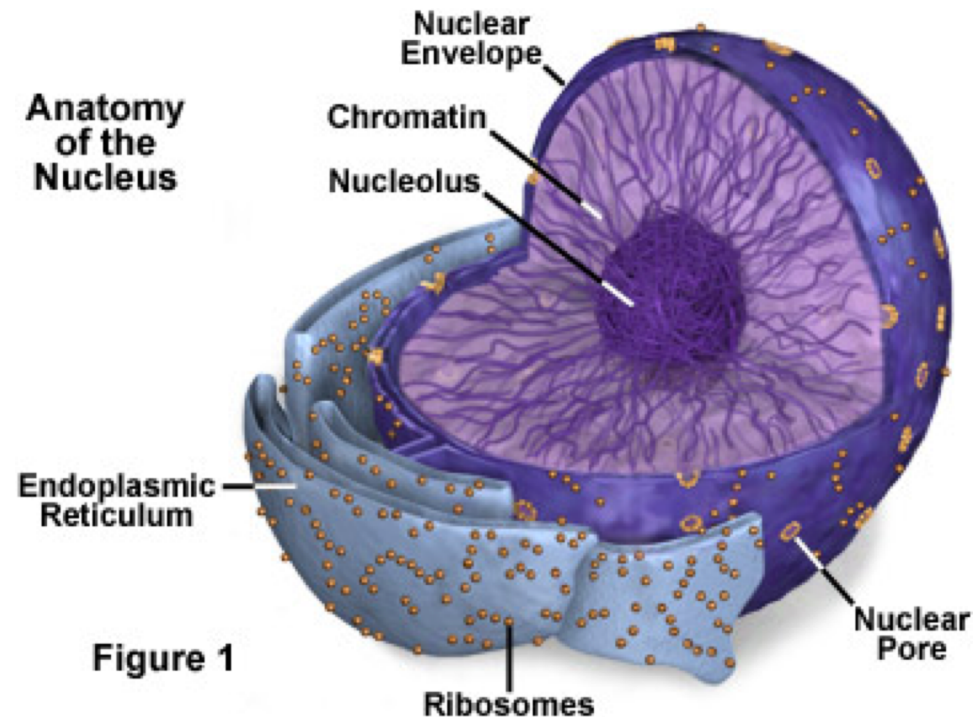
- Simple Cells. No membrane bound nucleus, and no membrane-bound organelles.
  - ◆ Genetic material (circular DNA) is found in a region of the cell known as the nucleoid. They do not have chromosomes.
- Reproduce by binary fission and produce two identical daughter cells.
- Classified in the kingdom Monera (bacteria group)
- Prokaryotic structures:
  - ◆ **Plasma Membrane**: A selective barrier around a cell composed of a double layer of phospholipids. Made of lipids, proteins, and carbohydrates.
  - ◆ **Cell Wall**: A wall or barrier that functions to shape and protect cells. Present in ALL prokaryotes.
  - ◆ **Ribosomes**: Made of RNA and they build enzyme parts (proteins). Prokaryotic cell ribosomes are smaller (70S, with 50S and 30S subunits) than eukaryotic cells (80S, with 60S and 40S subunits).
  - ◆ **Flagella**, when present, deliver motion by twisting like a screw.

# Eukaryotic Cells

- **More complex than Prokaryotic cells.**
  - ◆ Have a membrane bound nucleus.
  - ◆ Can be unicellular or **multicellular**
  - ◆ Membrane bound organelles (little organs)
  - ◆ Two exclusive clubs
    - Animal cells and Plant cells

# The Nucleus

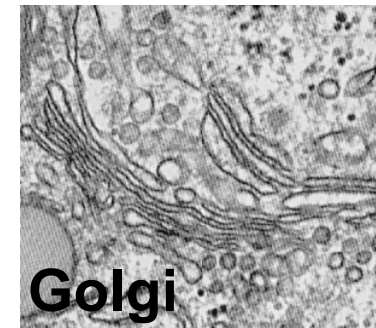
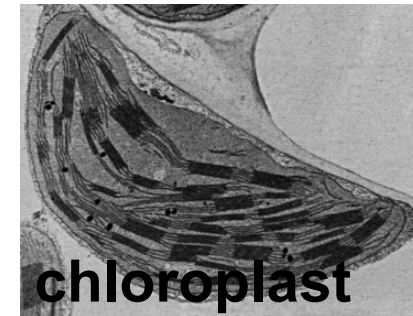
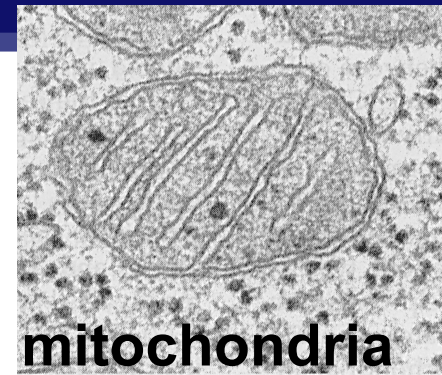
- The nucleus has two phospholipid bilayers, each similar to the plasma membrane.
- The nucleus contains DNA, the hereditary information of the cell.
- Normally, the DNA is spread out within the nucleus as a thread-like matrix called chromatin.
- On the surface of the nuclear envelope are nuclear pores, which serve as passageways for proteins and RNA molecules.





# Why organelles?

- **Specialized structures**
  - ◆ specialized functions
    - cilia or flagella for locomotion
- **Containers**
  - ◆ partition cell into compartments
  - ◆ create different local environments
    - separate pH, or concentration of materials
  - ◆ distinct & incompatible functions
    - lysosome & its digestive enzymes
- **Membranes as sites for chemical reactions**
  - ◆ unique combinations of lipids & proteins
  - ◆ embedded enzymes & reaction centers
    - chloroplasts & mitochondria



# Cells gotta live!

## ■ What jobs do cells have to do?

### ◆ building proteins

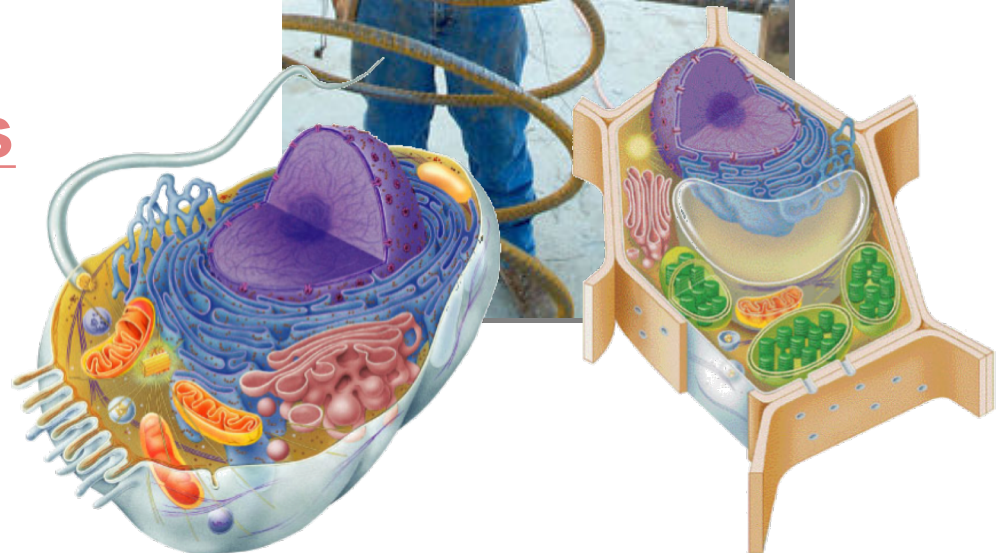
- proteins control every cell function

### ◆ make energy

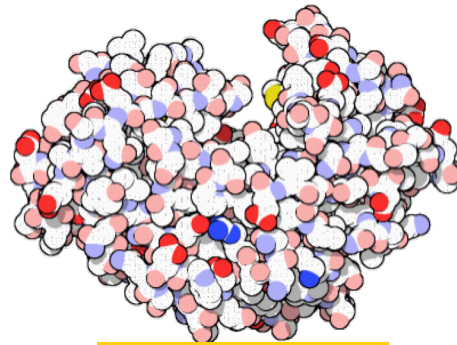
- for daily life
- for growth

### ◆ build more cells

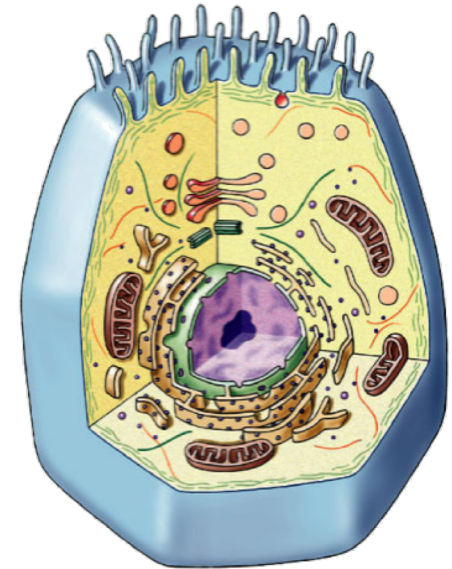
- growth
- reproduction
- repair



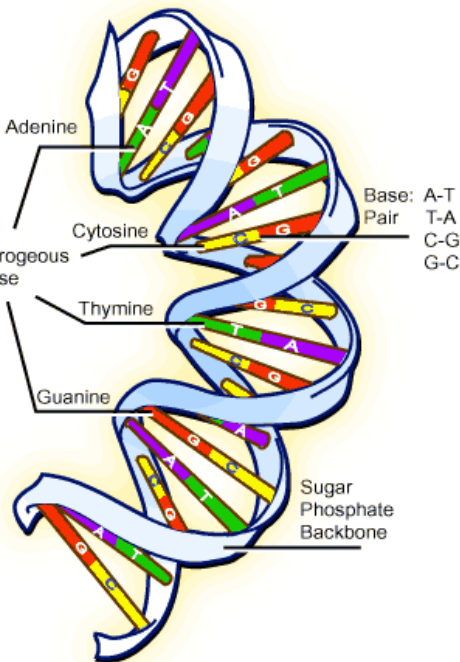
# Why study protein production?



**proteins**



**cells**



**DNA**



**organism**

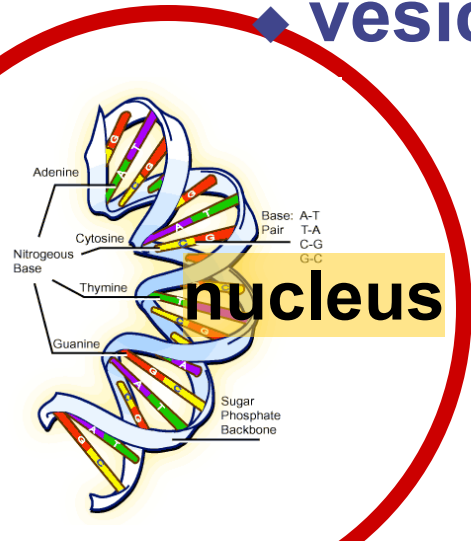
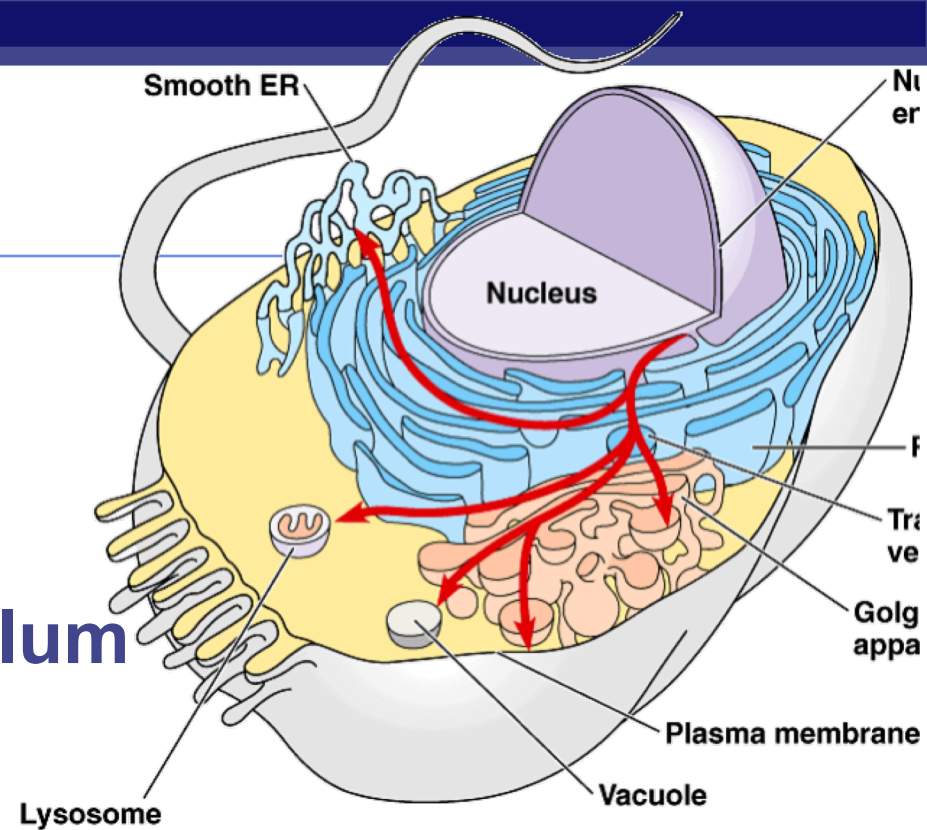
Repeat after me...  
DNA gets the glory, but  
Proteins do all the work!



# Building Proteins

## Organelles involved

- ◆ nucleus
- ◆ ribosomes
- ◆ endoplasmic reticulum (ER)
- ◆ Golgi apparatus
- ◆ vesicles



## The Protein Assembly Line

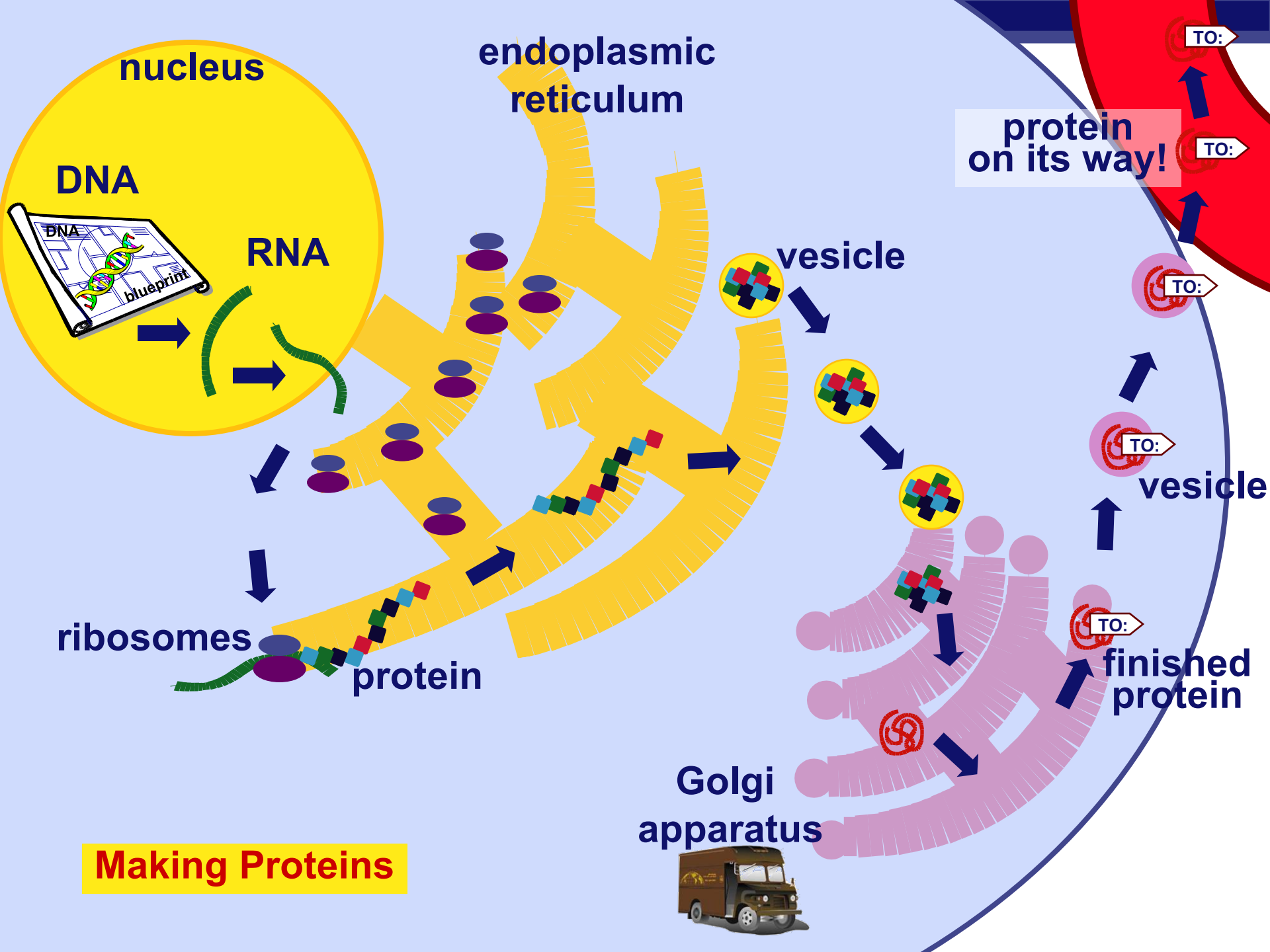
nucleus

ribosome

ER

Golgi apparatus

vesicles



nucleus

endoplasmic reticulum

DNA

RNA

protein on its way!

vesicle

ribosomes

protein

vesicle

finished protein

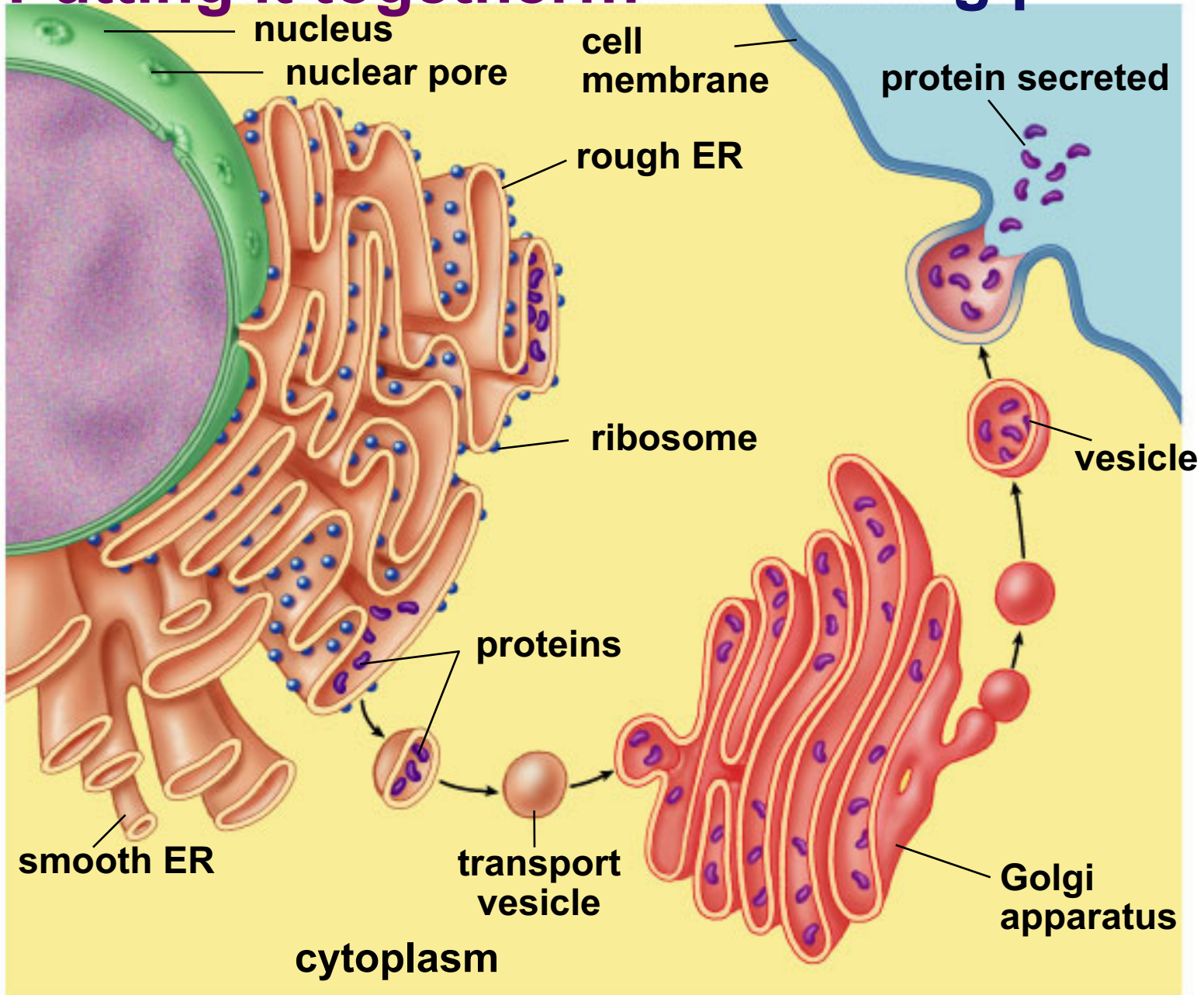
Golgi apparatus

Making Proteins



# Putting it together...

# Making proteins



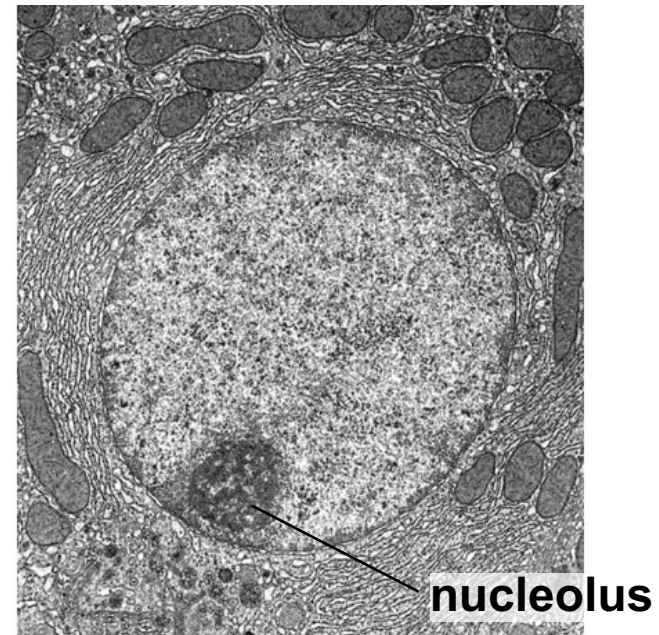
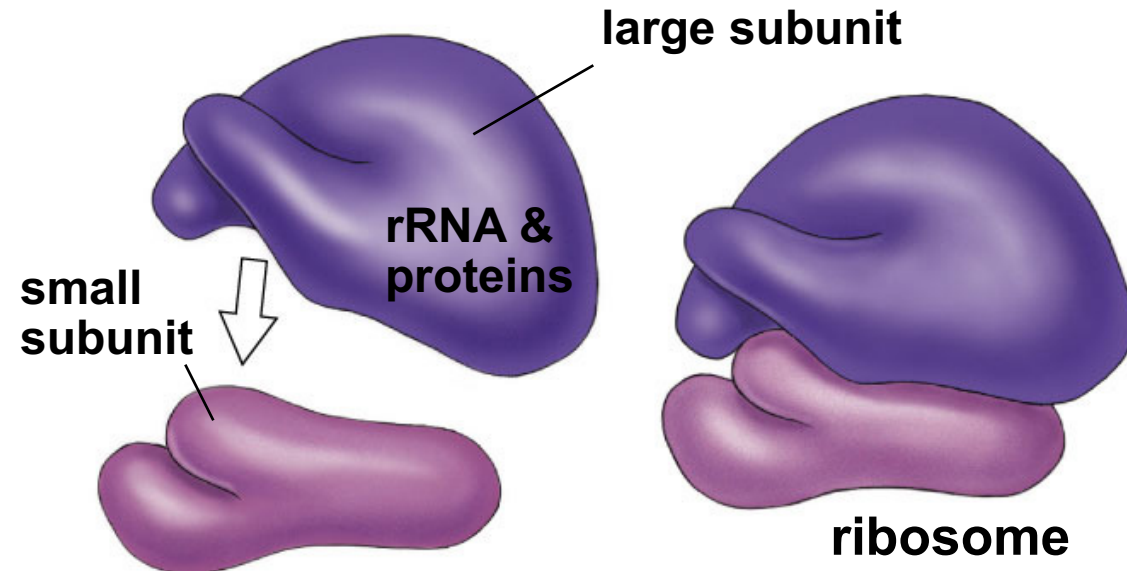


# Nucleolus

## ■ Function

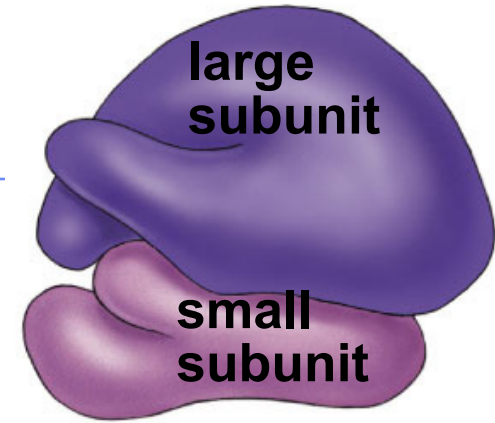
### ◆ ribosome production

- build ribosome subunits from rRNA & proteins
- exit through nuclear pores to cytoplasm & combine to form functional ribosomes

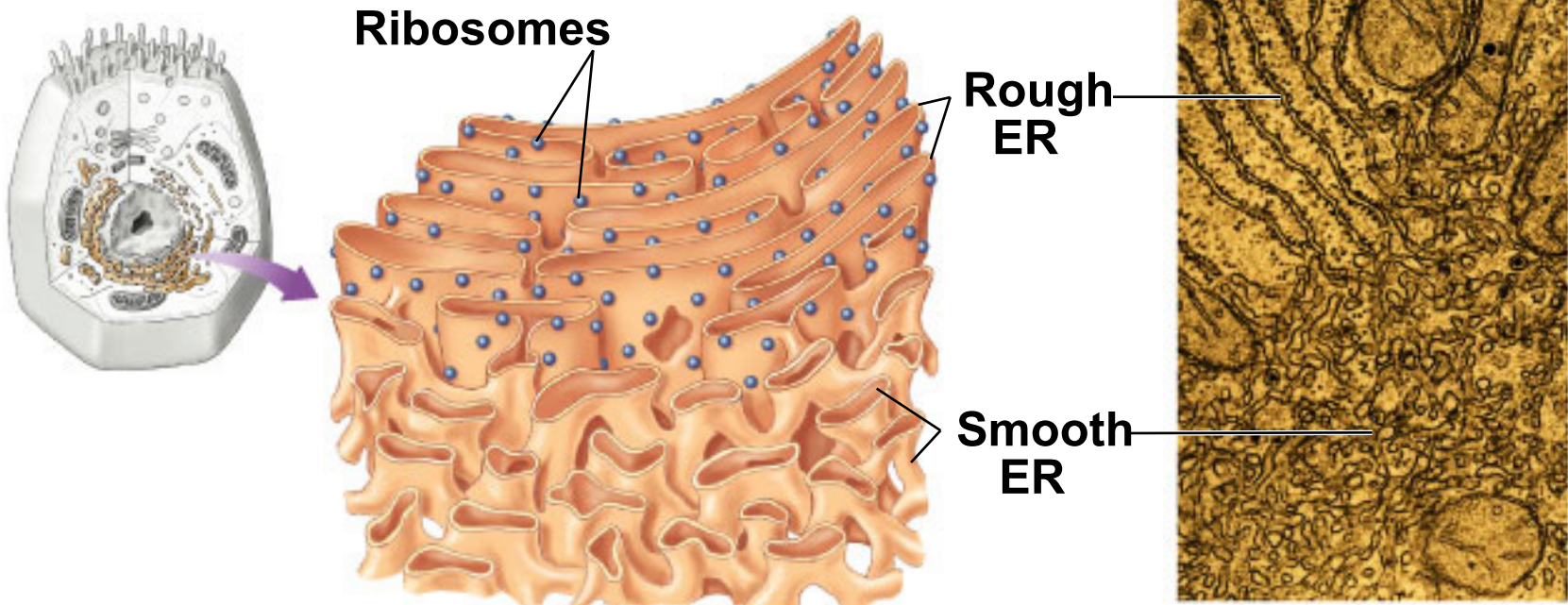


# Ribosomes

- **Function**
  - ◆ protein production
- **Structure**
  - ◆ rRNA & protein
  - ◆ 2 subunits combine

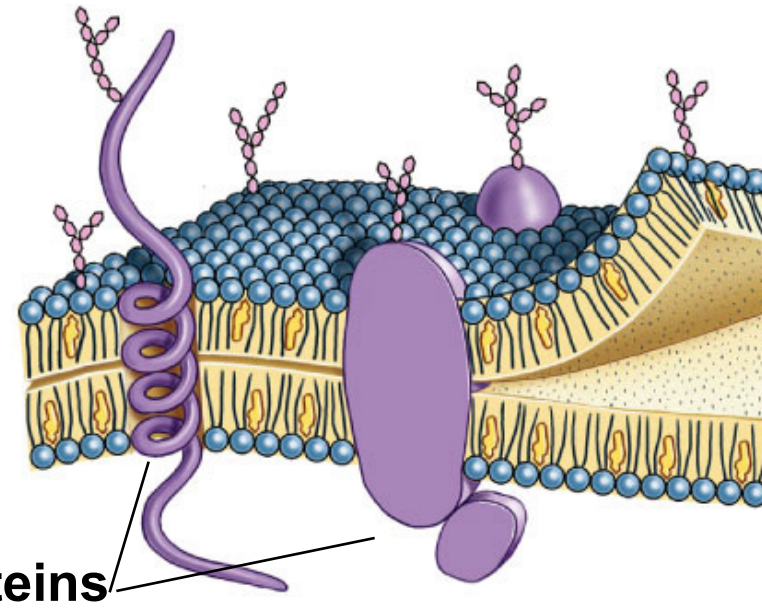
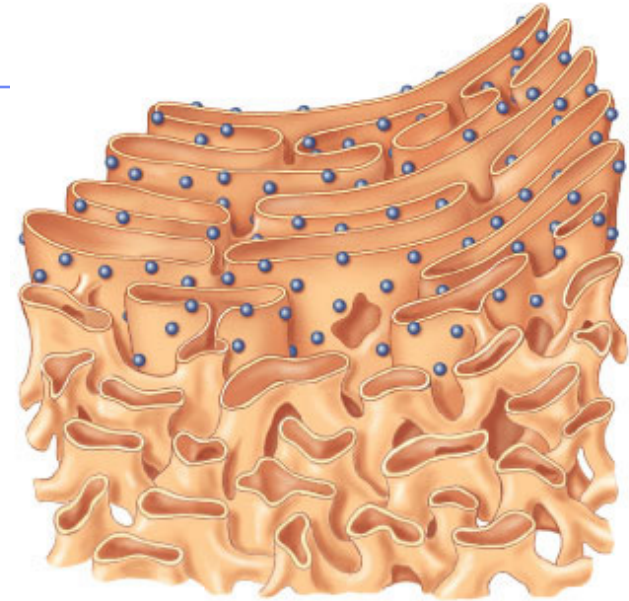


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# Types of Ribosomes

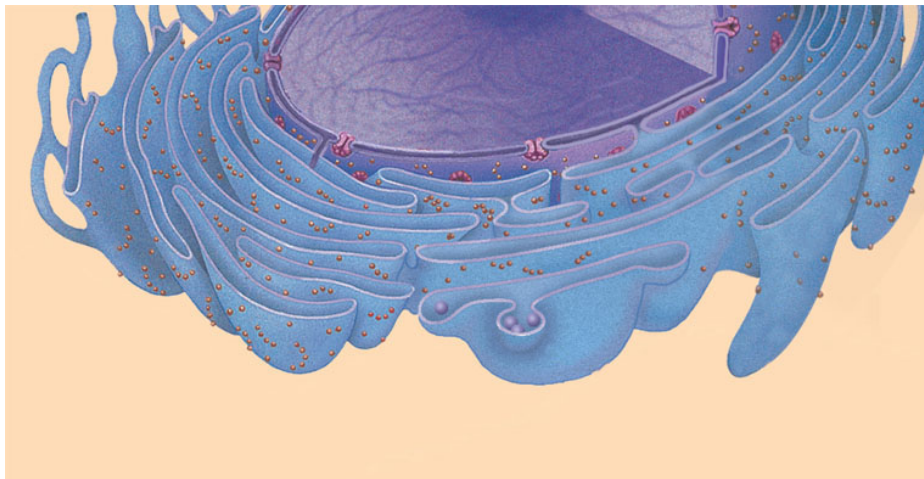
- Free ribosomes
  - ◆ suspended in cytosol
  - ◆ synthesize proteins that function in cytosol
- Bound ribosomes
  - ◆ attached to endoplasmic reticulum
  - ◆ synthesize proteins for export or for membranes



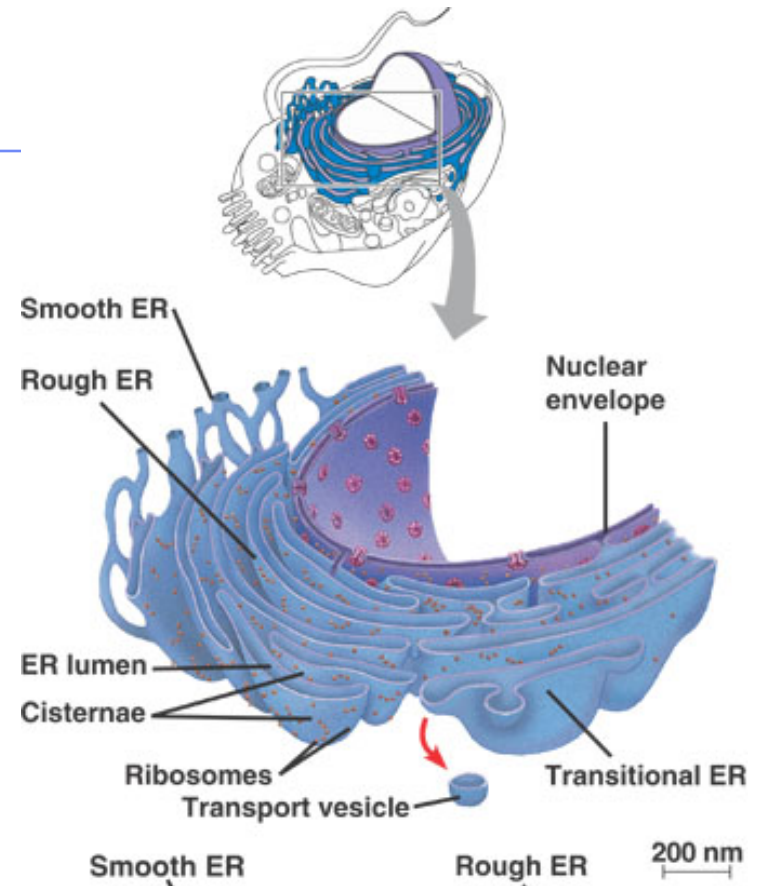
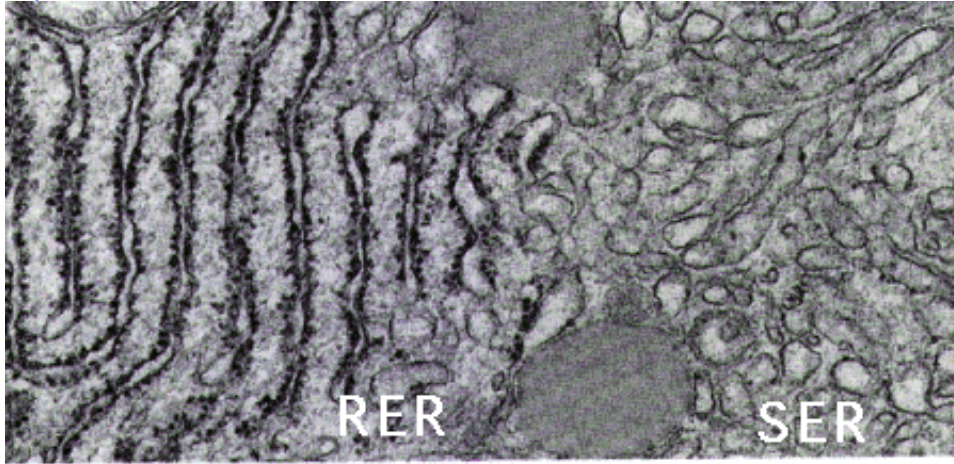


# Endoplasmic Reticulum

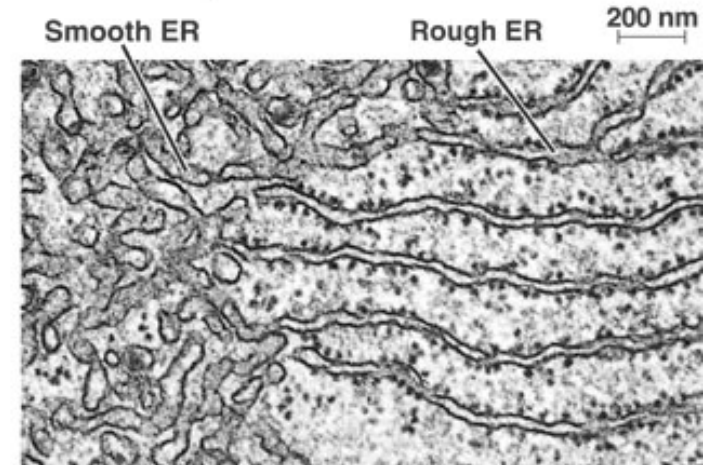
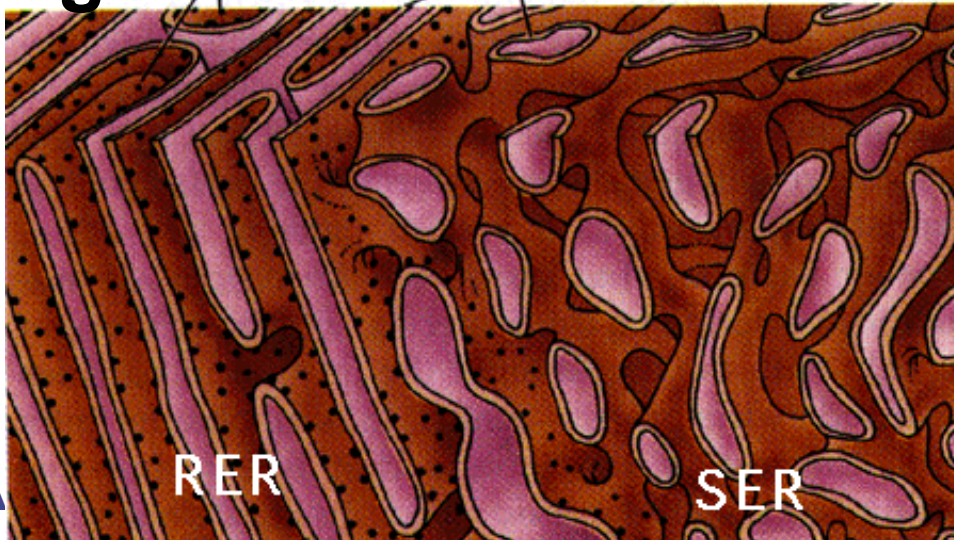
- **Function**
  - ◆ processes proteins
  - ◆ manufactures membranes
  - ◆ synthesis & hydrolysis of many compounds
- **Structure**
  - ◆ membrane connected to nuclear envelope & extends throughout cell



# Types of ER



**rough**      Ribosomes      Membranes      **smooth**



# Smooth ER function

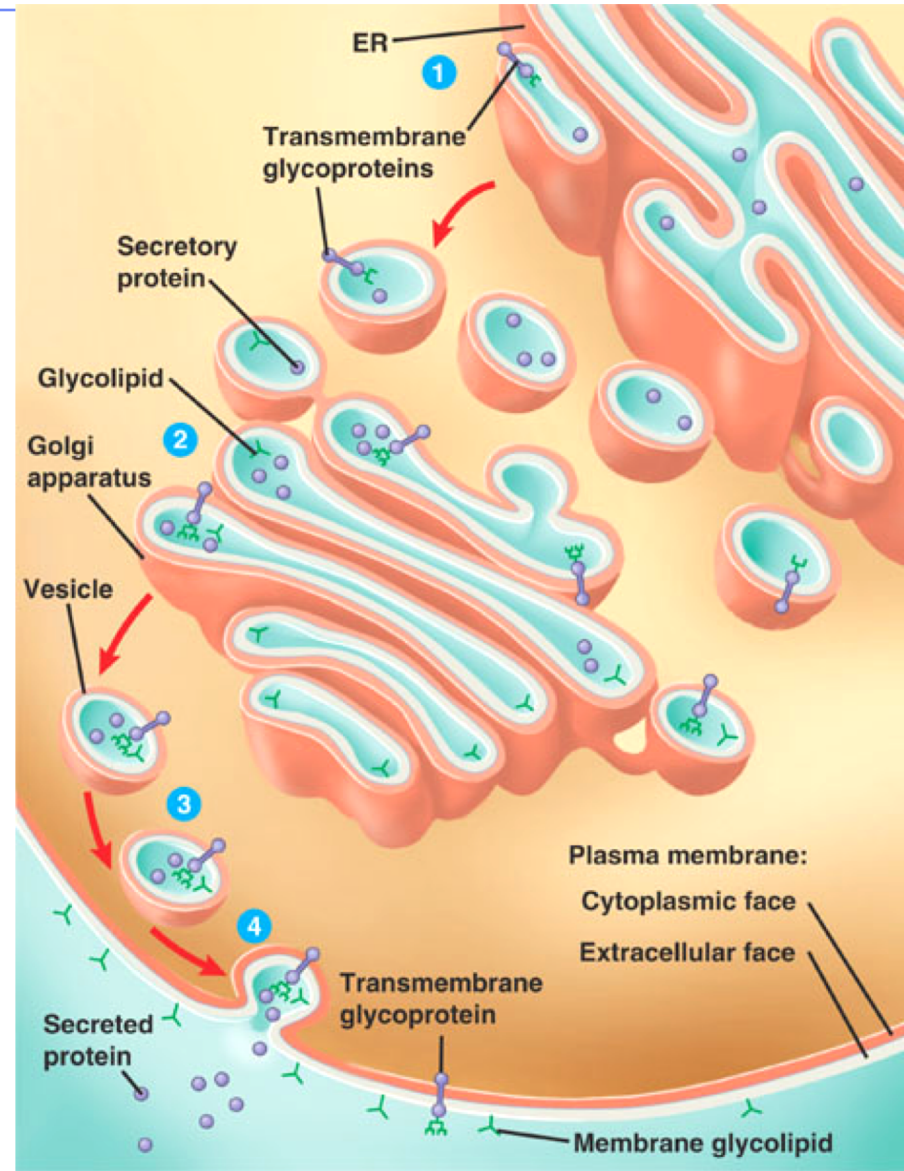
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- Membrane production
- Many metabolic processes
  - ◆ synthesis
    - synthesize lipids
      - ◆ oils, phospholipids, steroids & sex hormones
  - ◆ hydrolysis
    - hydrolyze glycogen into glucose
      - ◆ in liver
    - detoxify drugs & poisons
      - ◆ in liver
      - ◆ ex. alcohol & barbiturates



# Membrane Factory

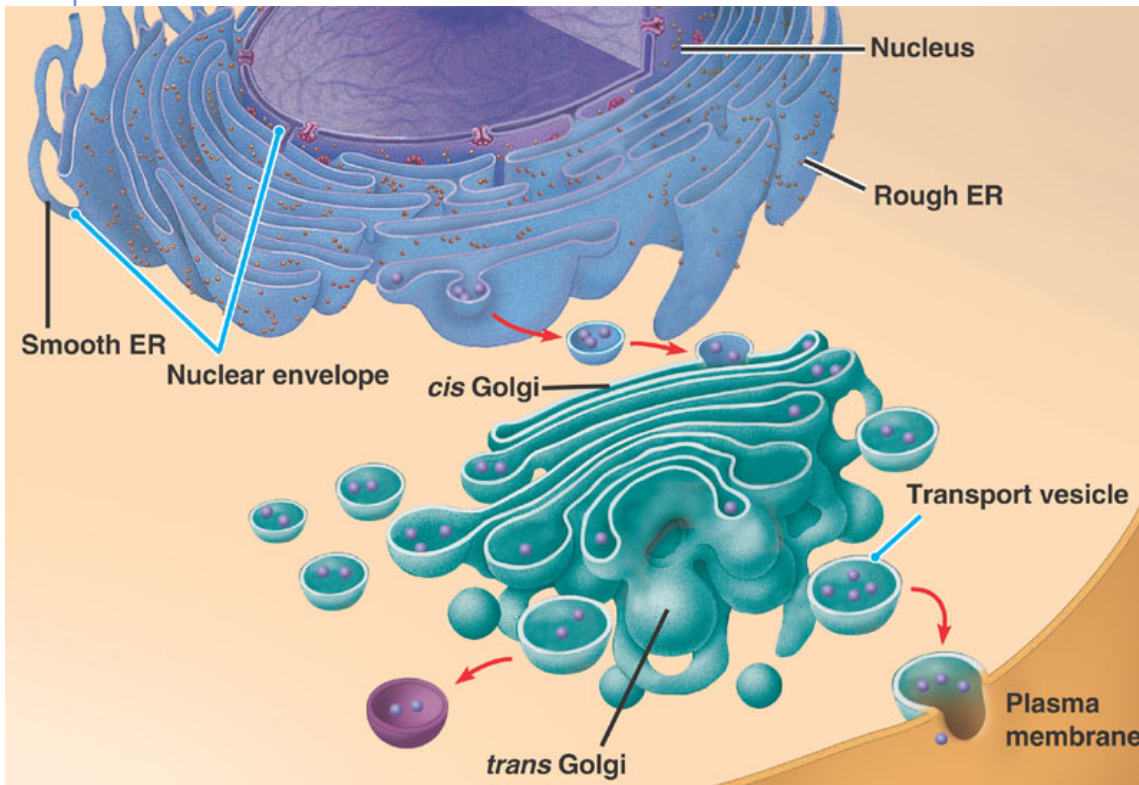
- **Build new membrane**
  - ◆ **synthesize phospholipids**
    - builds membranes
  - ◆ **ER membrane expands**
    - bud off & transfer to other parts of cell that need membranes



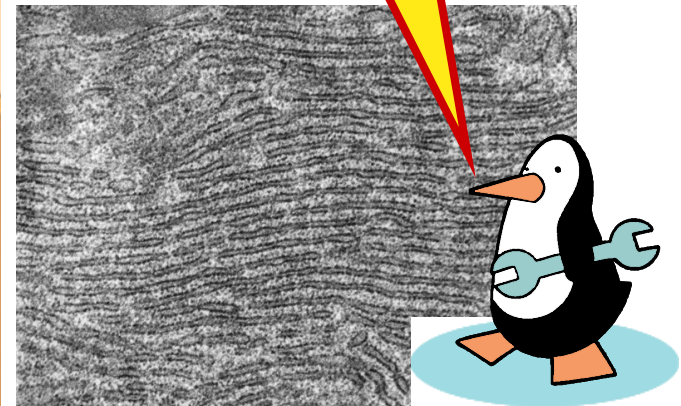


# Rough ER function

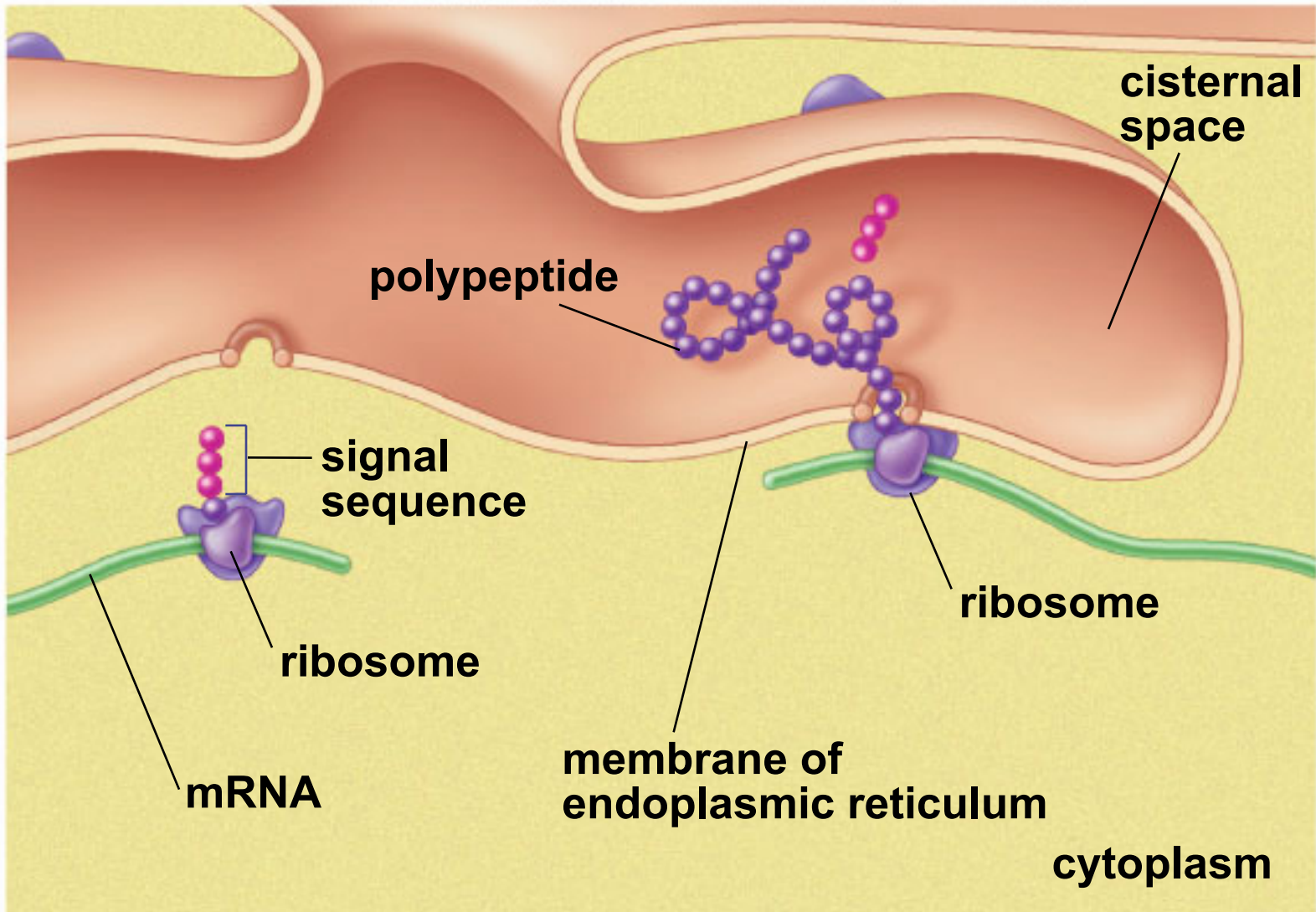
- Produce proteins for export out of cell
  - ◆ protein **secreting** cells
  - ◆ packaged into **transport vesicles** for export



Which cells have lot of rough ER?



# Synthesizing proteins



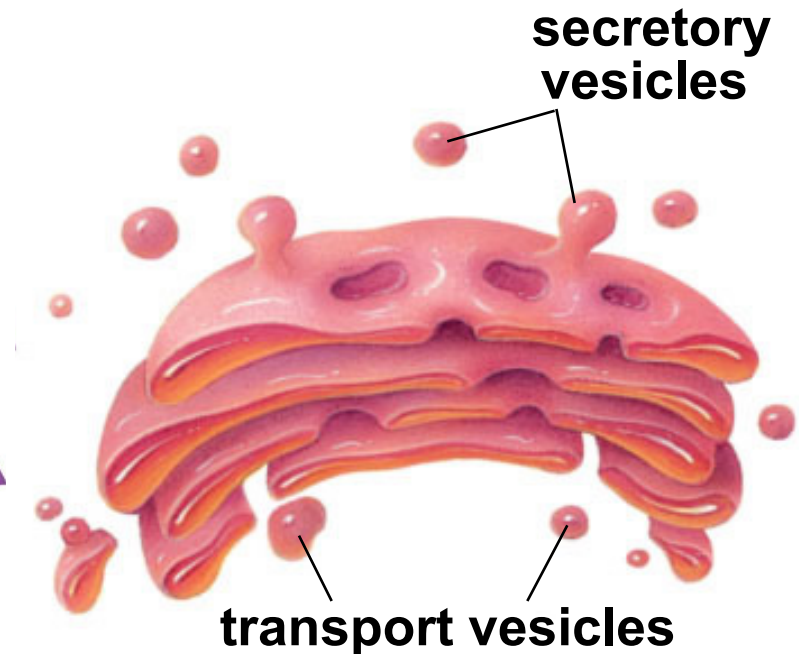
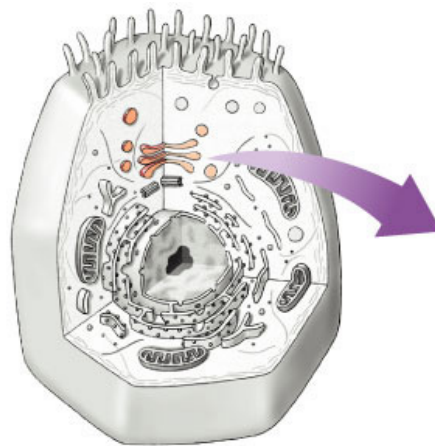


# Golgi Apparatus

## ■ Function

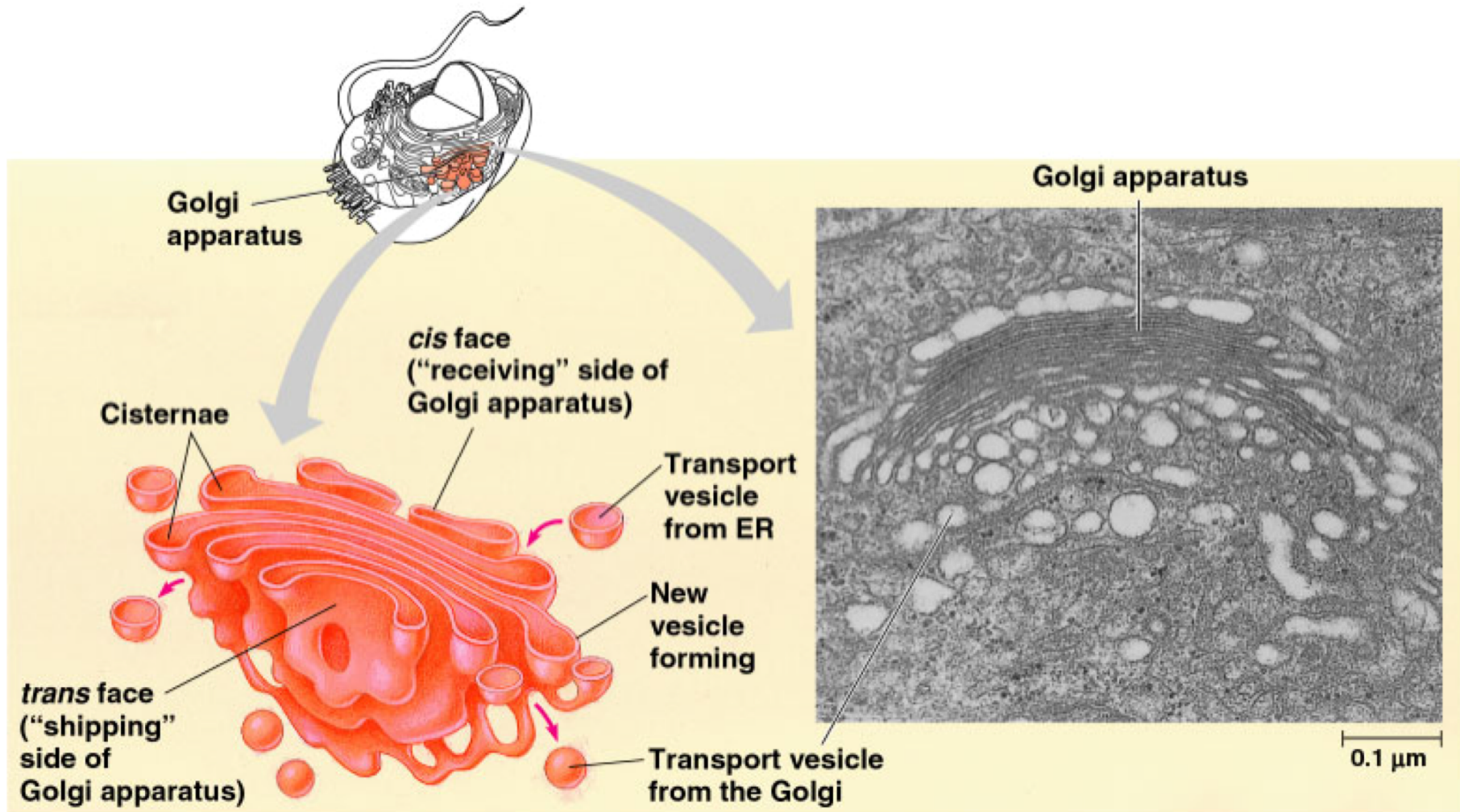
- ◆ finishes, sorts, tags & ships cell products
  - like “UPS shipping department”
- ◆ ships products in **vesicles**
  - membrane sacs
  - “UPS trucks”

Which cells  
have lots  
of Golgi?



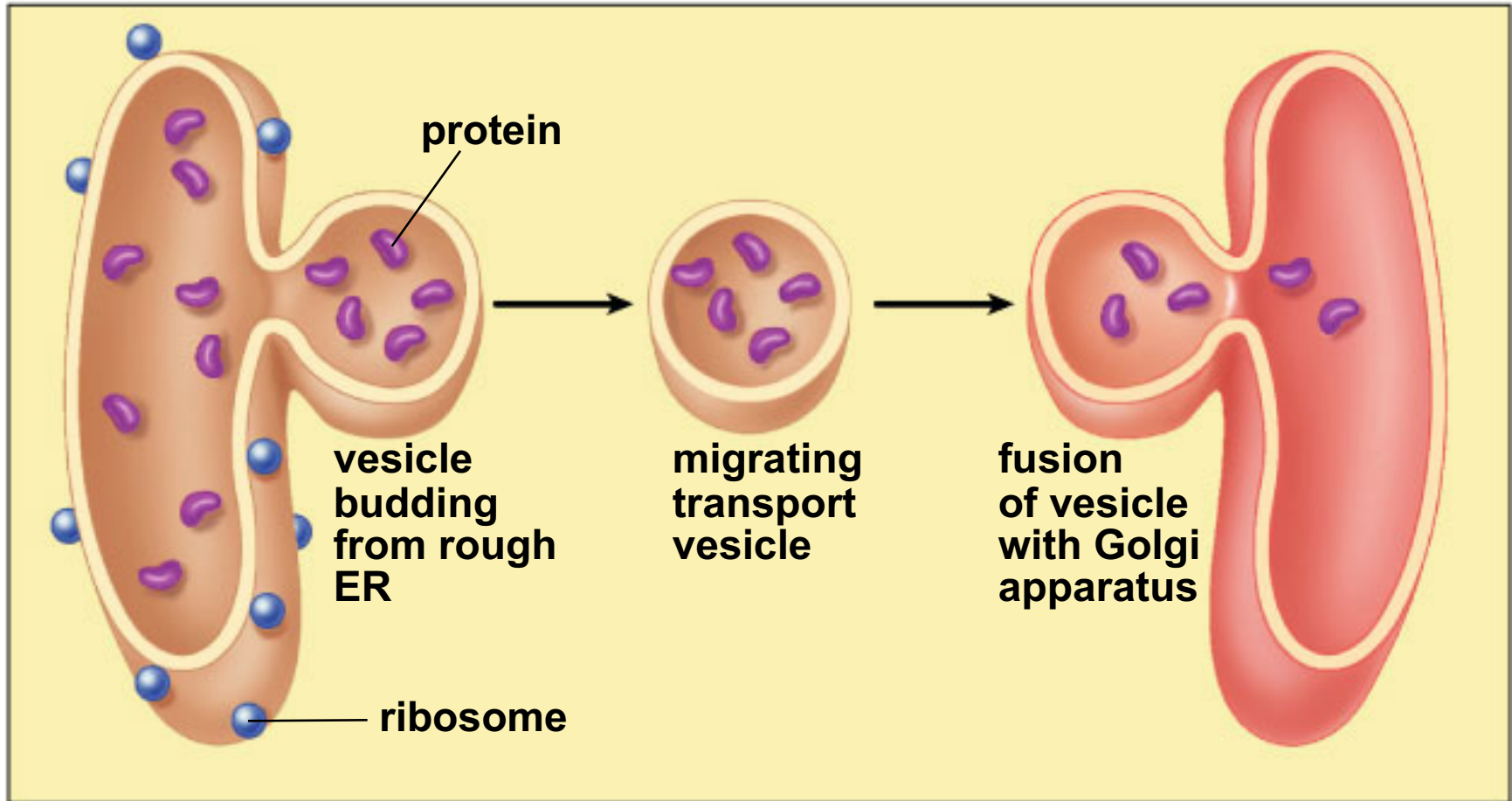


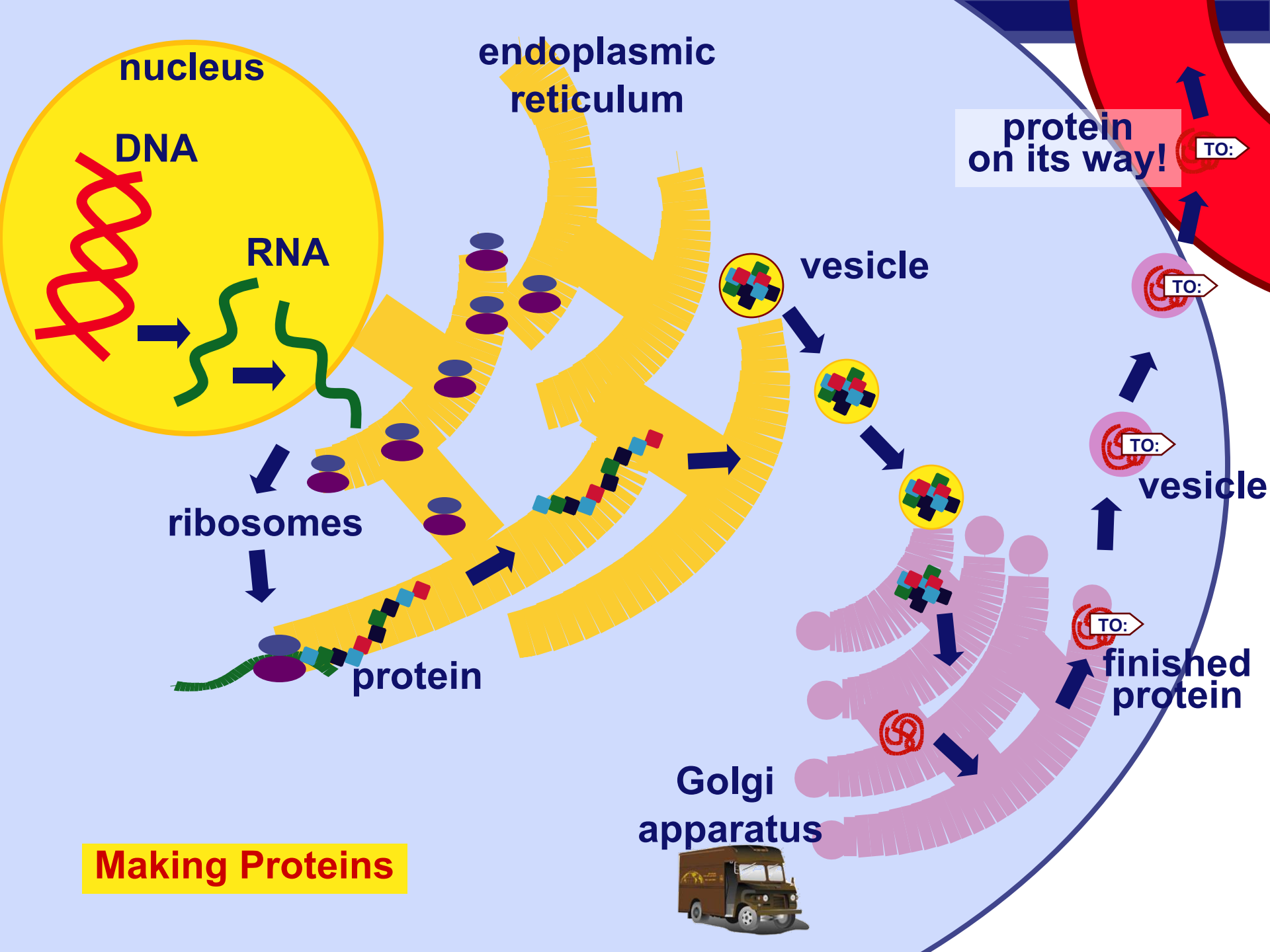
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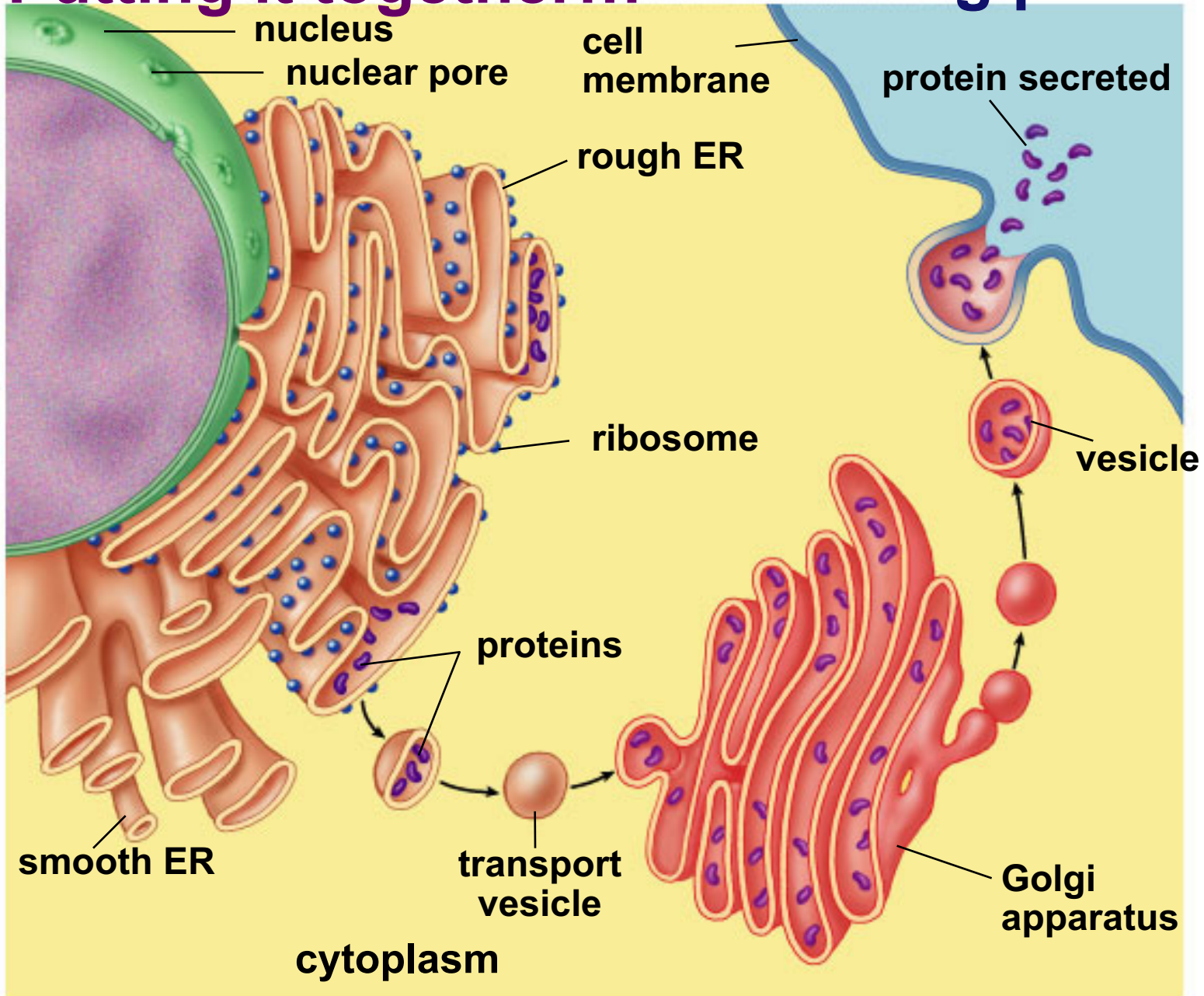
# Vesicle transport

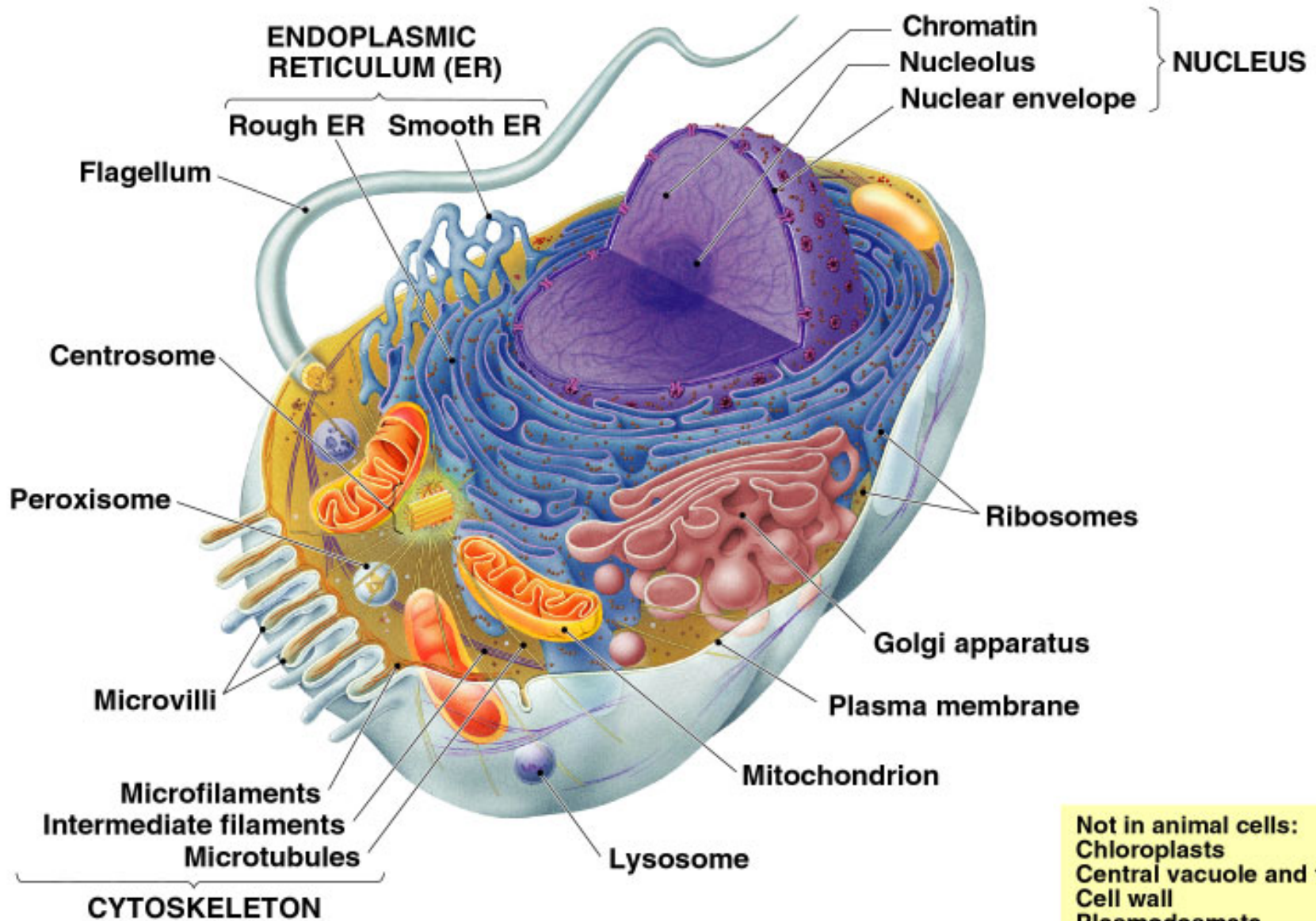




# Putting it together...

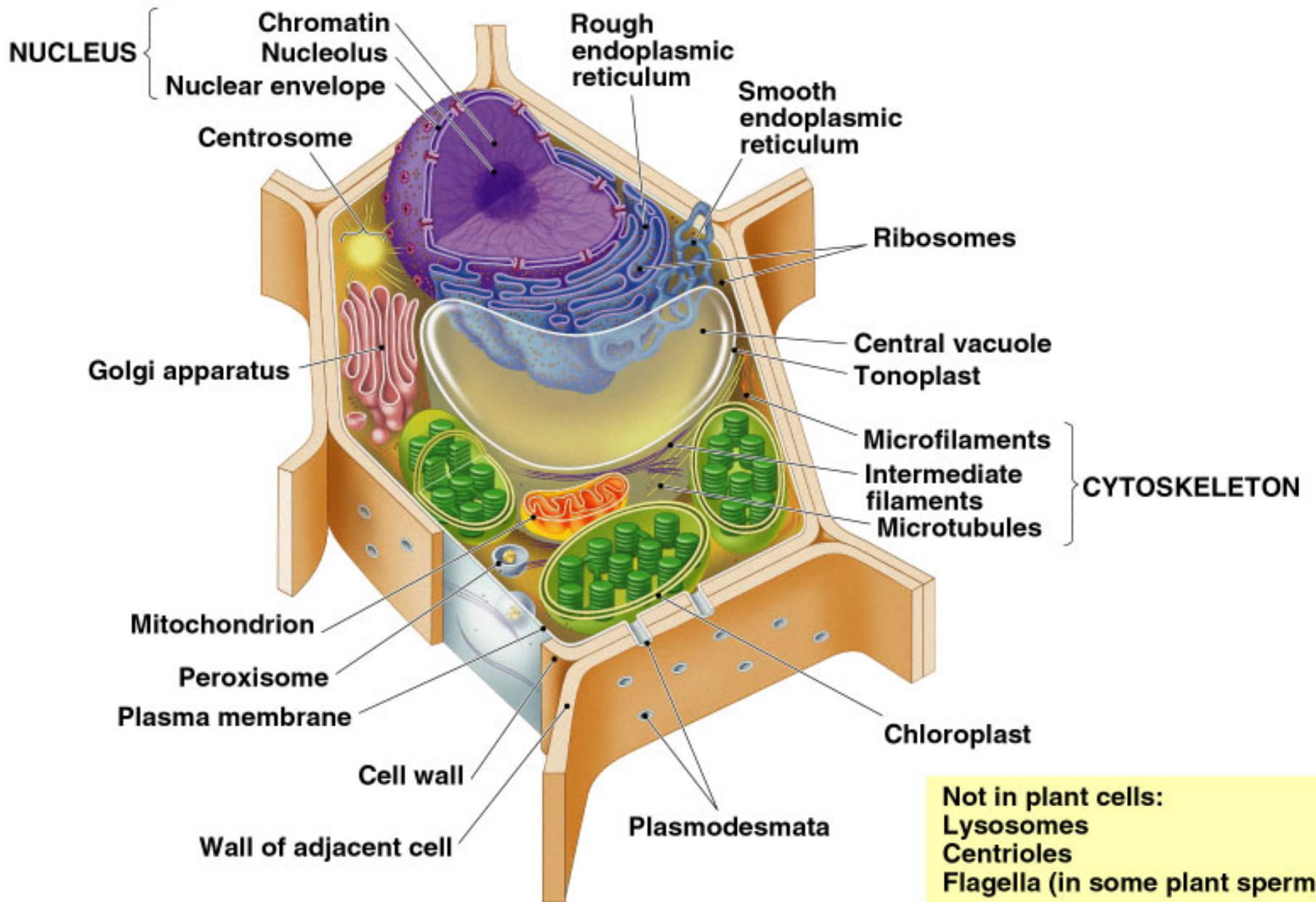
# Making proteins





Not in animal cells:  
 Chloroplasts  
 Central vacuole and tonoplast  
 Cell wall  
 Plasmodesmata

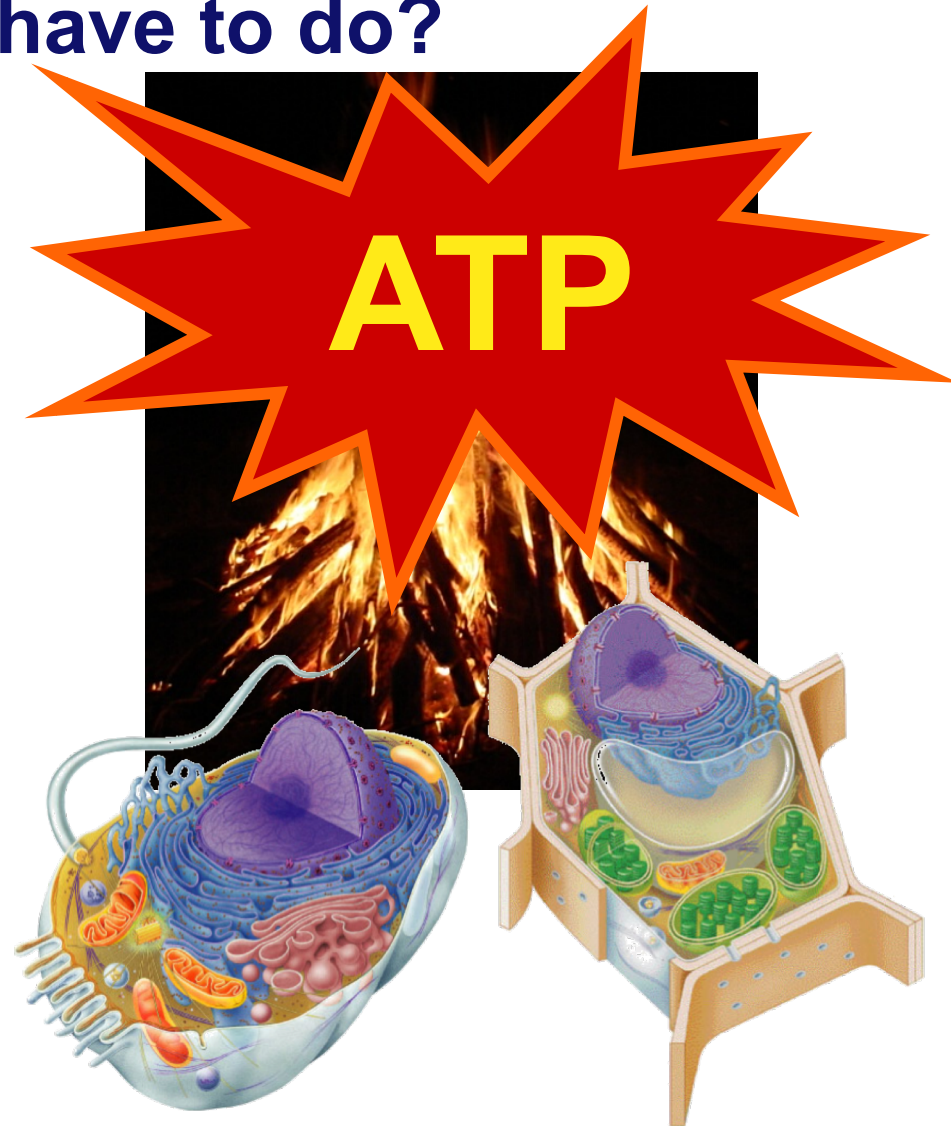




# Cells gotta live!

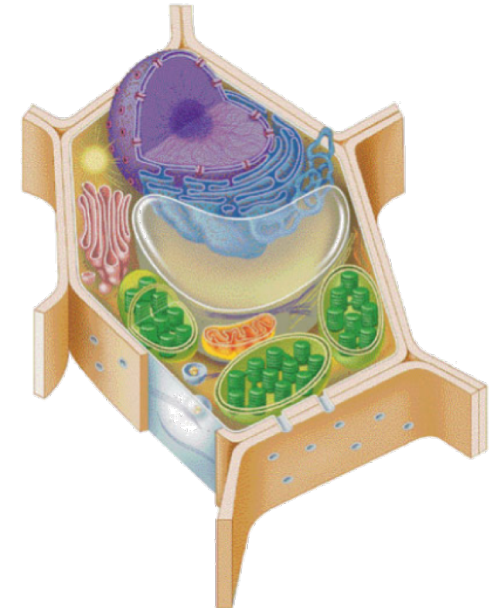
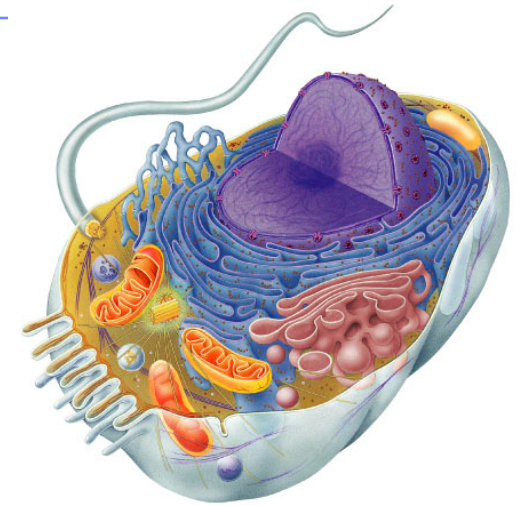
## ■ What jobs do cells have to do?

- ◆ make proteins
  - proteins control every cell function
- ◆ make energy
  - for daily life
  - for growth
- ◆ build more cells
  - growth
  - reproduction
  - repair



# Cells need power!

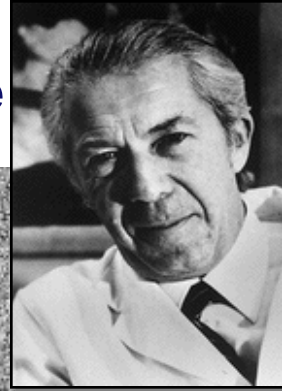
- Making energy
  - ◆ take in food & digest it
  - ◆ take in oxygen ( $O_2$ )
  - ◆ make ATP
  - ◆ remove waste



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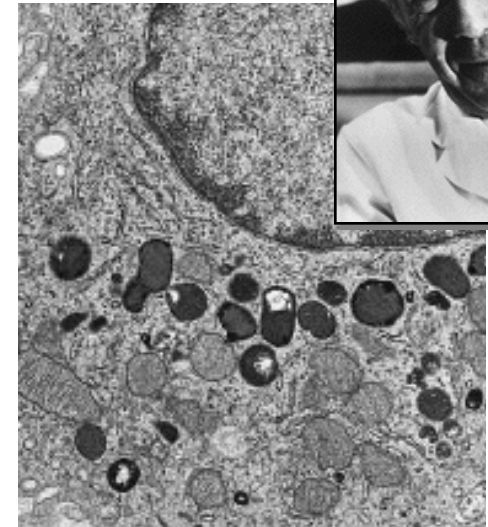
# Lysosomes

Christian de Duve



## Function

- ◆ little “stomach” of the cell
  - digests macromolecules
- ◆ “clean up crew” of the cell
  - cleans up broken down organelles



## Structure

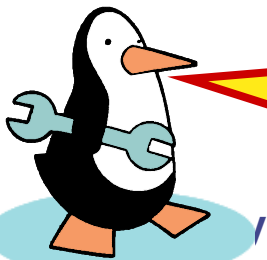
- ◆ vesicles of digestive enzymes

Peroxisome fragment      Mitochondrion fragment



only in animal cells

Where  
old organelles  
go to die!





# Lysosomal enzymes

- Lysosomal enzymes work best at pH 5

- ◆ organelle creates custom pH

- ◆ how?

- proteins in lysosomal membrane pump  $H^+$  ions from the cytosol into lysosome

- ◆ why?

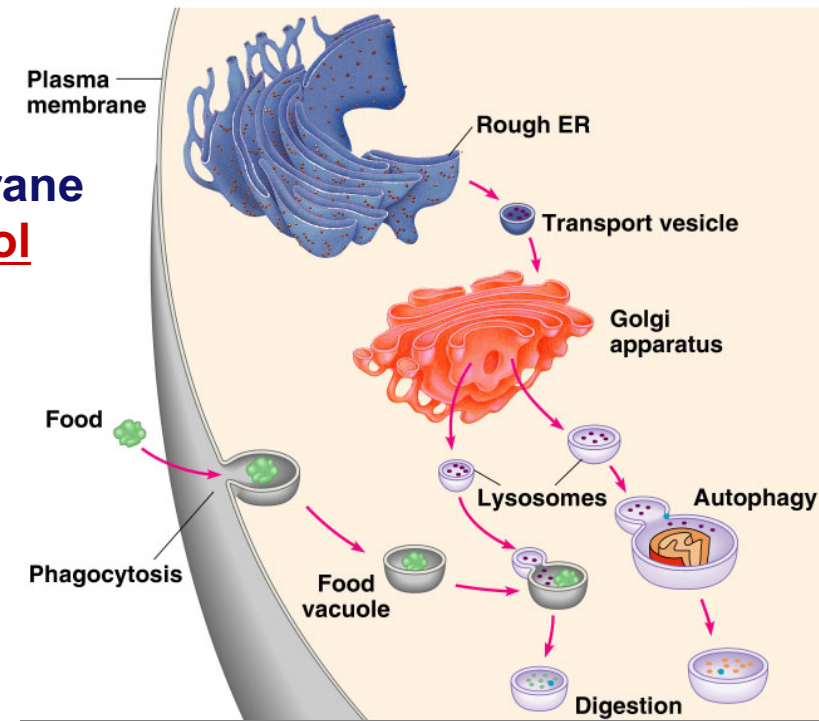
- enzymes are very sensitive to pH

- ◆ why?

- enzymes are proteins — pH affects structure

- ◆ why is this an adaptation: digestive enzymes which function at pH different from cytosol?

- digestive enzymes won't function well if some leak into cytosol = don't want to digest yourself!



# But sometimes cells need to die...

- Lysosomes can be used to kill cells when they are supposed to be destroyed
  - ◆ some cells have to die for proper development in an organism
    - **apoptosis**
      - ◆ “auto-destruct” process
      - ◆ lysosomes break open & kill cell
    - **ex:** tadpole tail gets re-absorbed when it turns into a frog
    - **ex:** loss of webbing between your fingers during fetal development
    - **ex:** self-destruct of cancerous cell



# Fetal development

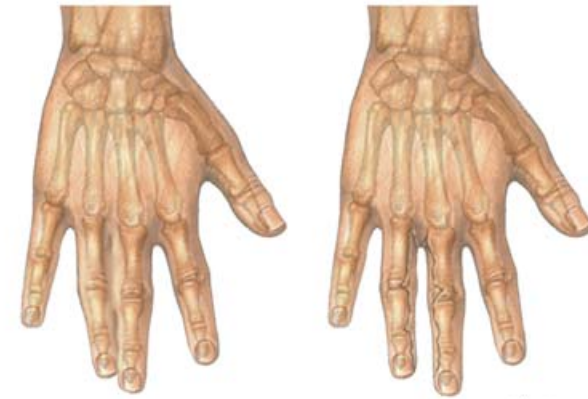
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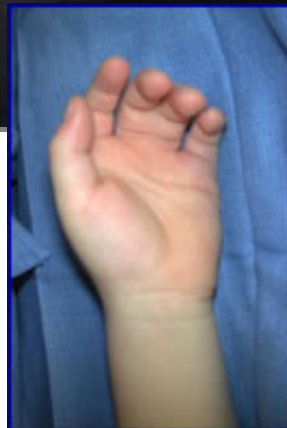
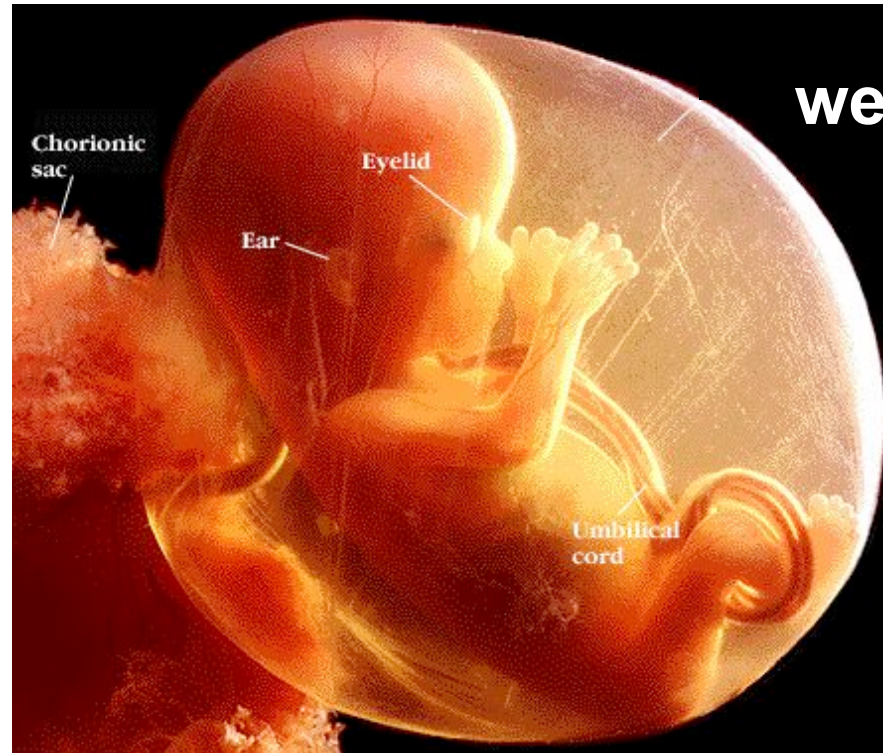
syndactyly

Before

After



15 weeks





# When things go wrong...

- **Diseases of lysosomes are often fatal**
  - ◆ digestive enzyme not working in lysosome
  - ◆ picks up biomolecules, but can't digest one
    - lysosomes fill up with undigested material
  - ◆ grow larger & larger until disrupts cell & organ function
    - **lysosomal storage diseases**
      - ◆ more than 40 known diseases
    - **example:**  
**Tay-Sachs disease**  
build up undigested fat  
in brain cells



# From food to making Energy

- Cells must convert incoming energy to forms that they can use for work

- ◆ mitochondria:

from glucose to ATP



- ◆ chloroplasts:

from **sunlight** to ATP & carbohydrates

- ATP = immediate energy
- carbohydrates = stored energy

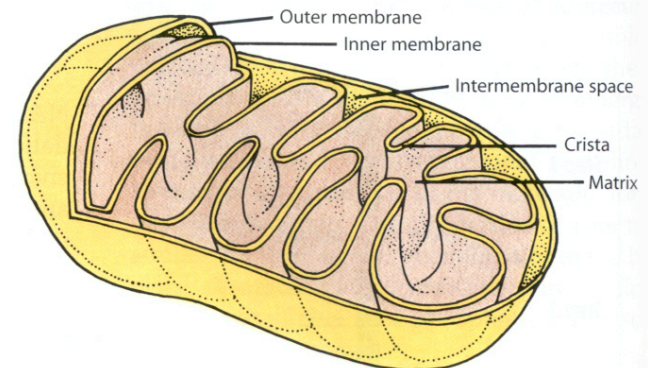
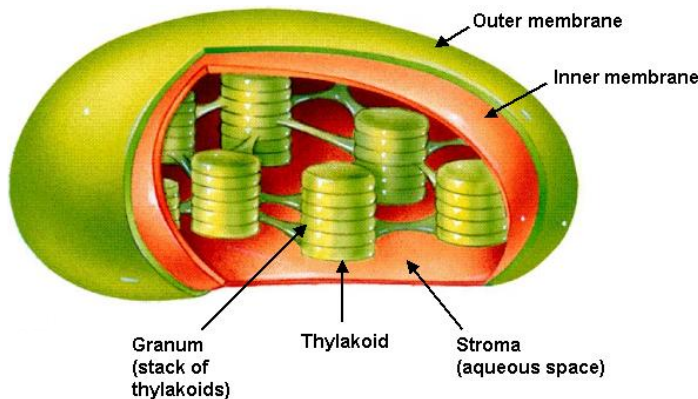


# Mitochondria & Chloroplasts

- Important to see the similarities
  - ◆ transform energy
    - generate ATP
  - ◆ double membranes = 2 membranes
  - ◆ semi-autonomous organelles
    - move, change shape, divide
  - ◆ internal ribosomes, DNA & enzymes

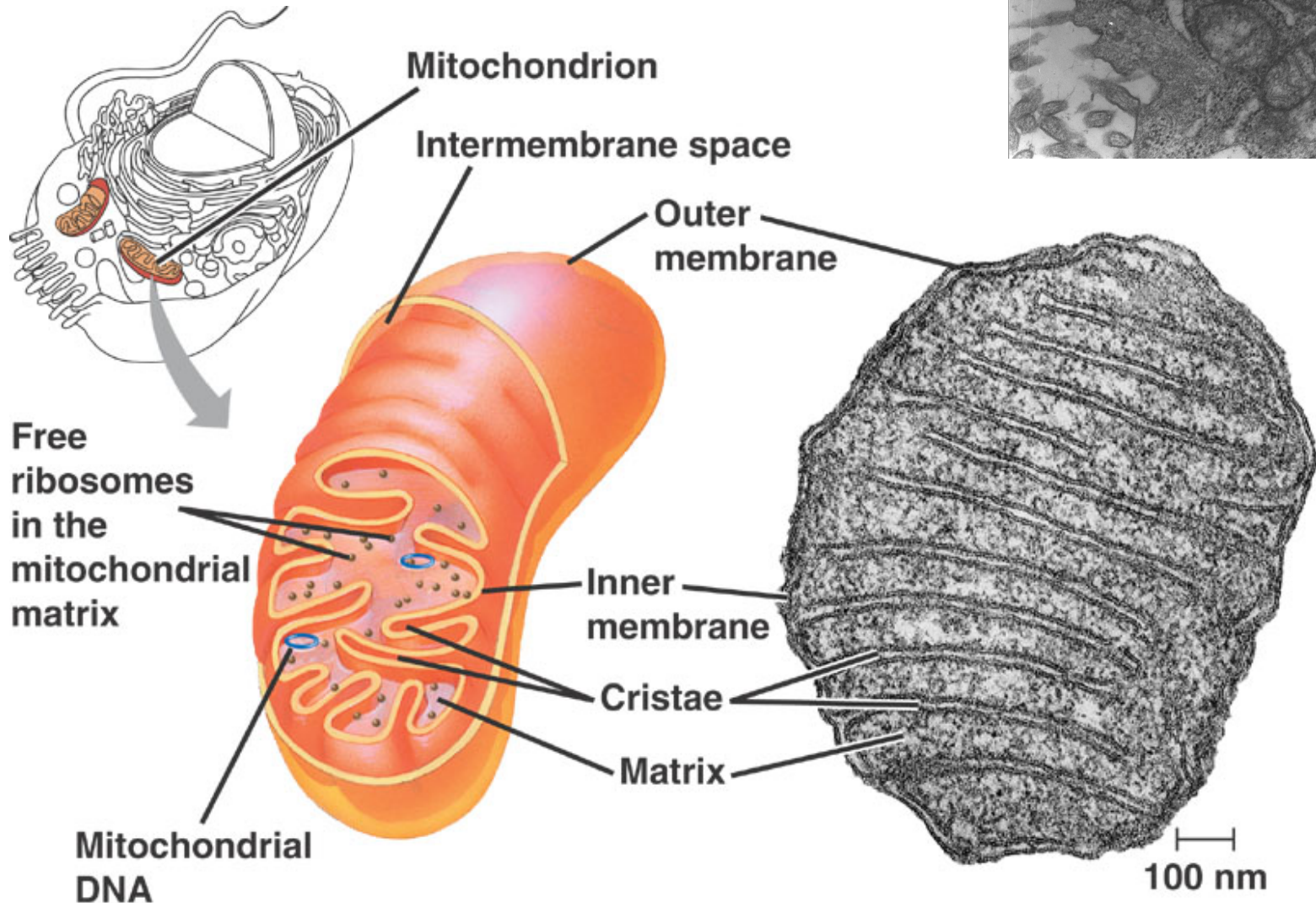
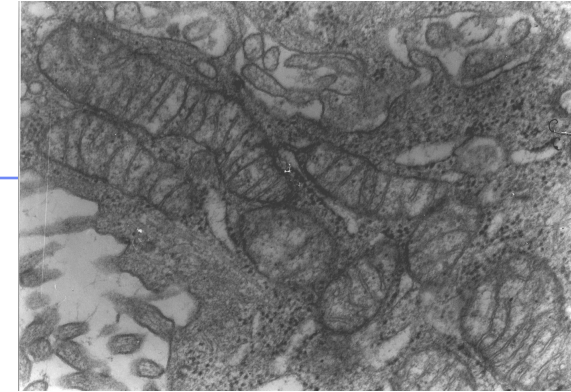


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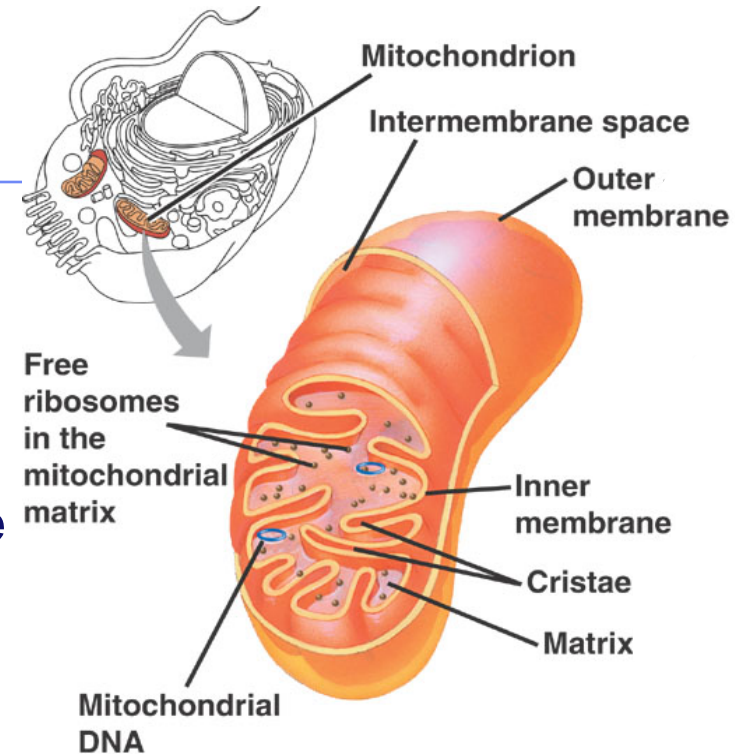
# Mitochondria



# Mitochondria

## ■ Structure

- ◆ 2 membranes
  - smooth outer membrane
  - highly folded inner membrane
    - ◆ cristae
- ◆ fluid-filled space between 2 membranes
- ◆ internal fluid-filled space
  - mitochondrial matrix
  - DNA, ribosomes & enzymes



**Why 2 membranes?**

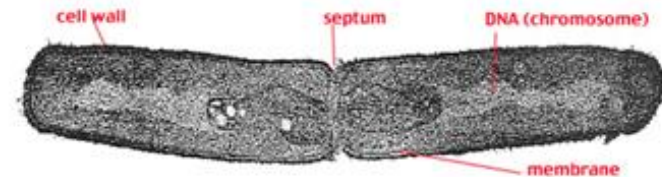
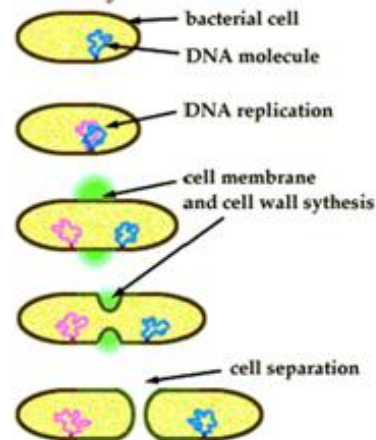
**increase surface area for membrane-bound enzymes that synthesize ATP**

# Dividing Mitochondria

Who else divides like that?



## Bacterial cell: Binary Fission



What does this tell us about the evolution of eukaryotes?



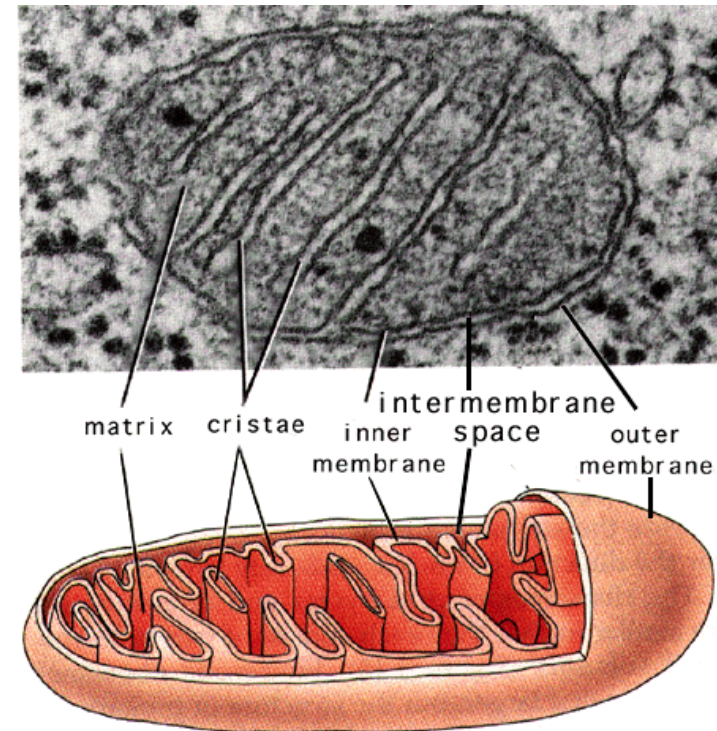
# Mitochondria

- **Almost all eukaryotic cells have mitochondria**
  - ◆ there may be 1 very large mitochondrion or 100s to 1000s of individual mitochondria
  - ◆ number of mitochondria is correlated with aerobic metabolic activity
    - more activity = more energy needed = more mitochondria

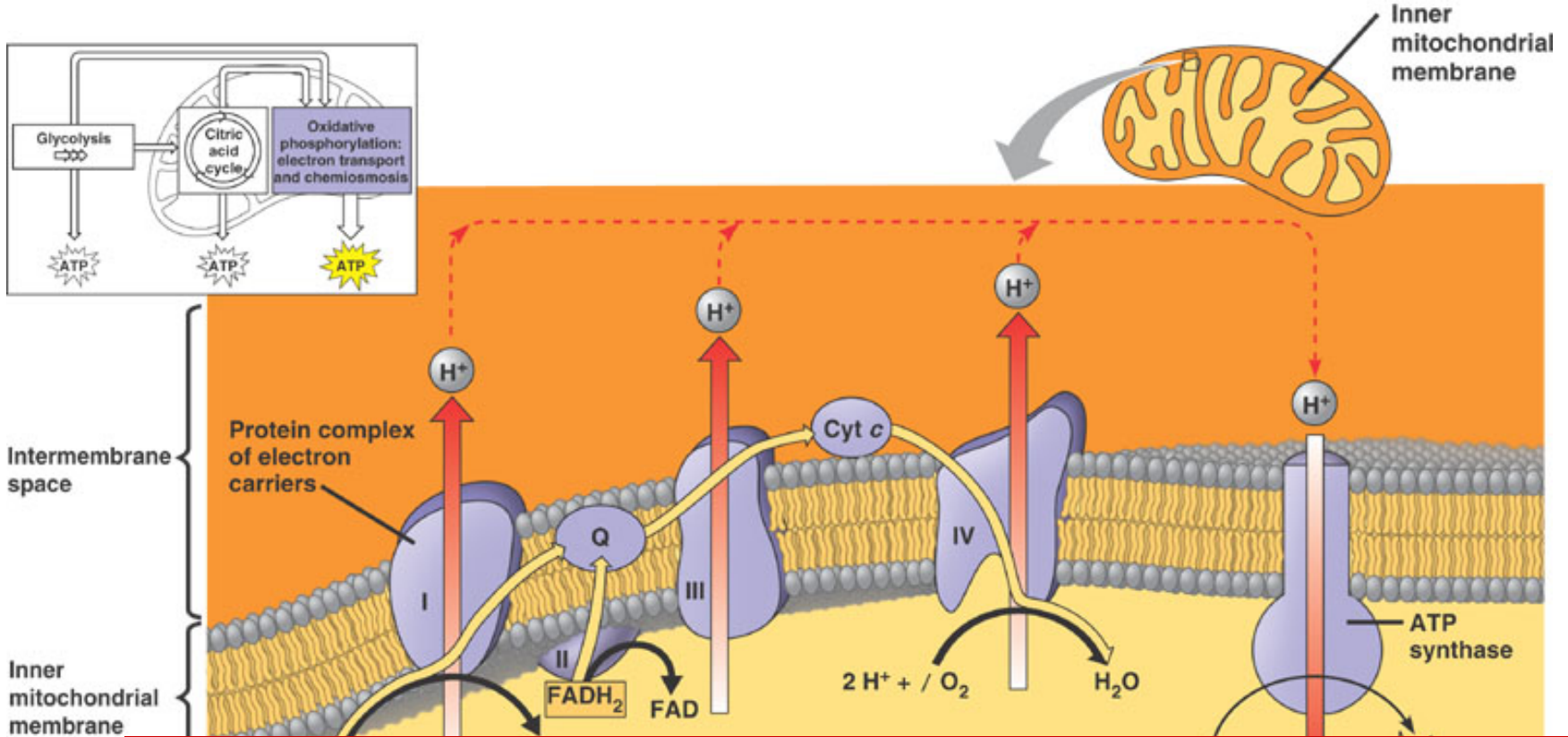
**What cells would have a lot of mitochondria?**

**active cells:**

- muscle cells
- nerve cells



# Membrane-bound Enzymes

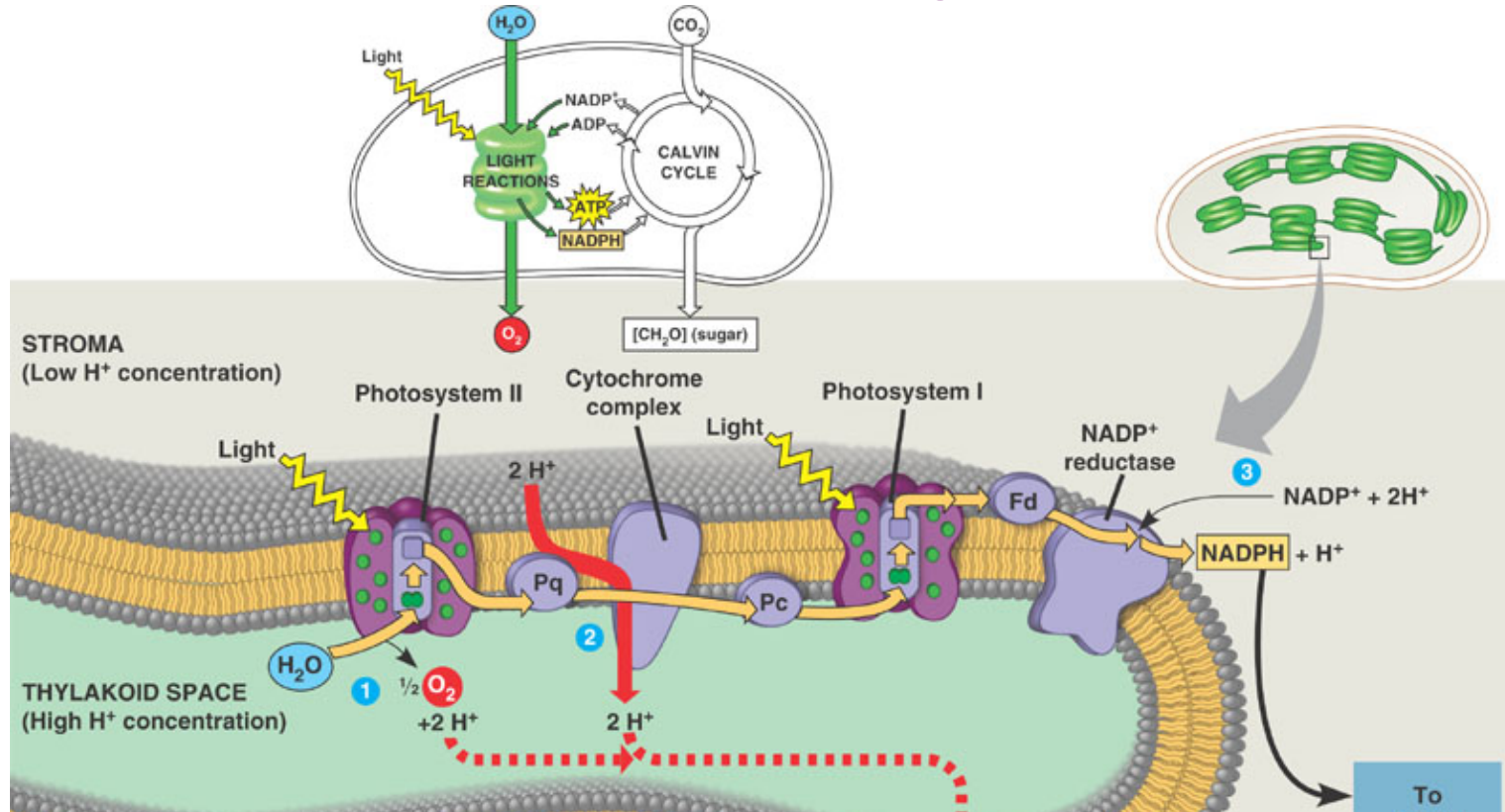


**glucose + oxygen  $\rightarrow$  carbon + water + energy  
dioxide**

Mitochondrion



# Membrane-bound Enzymes



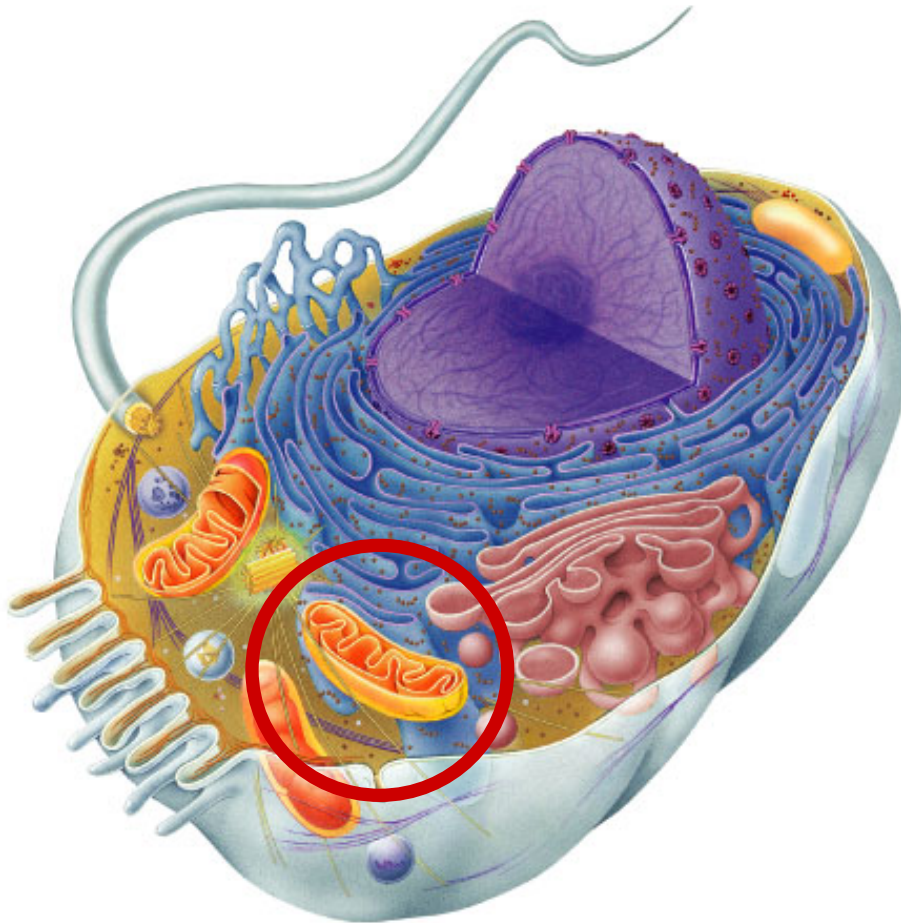
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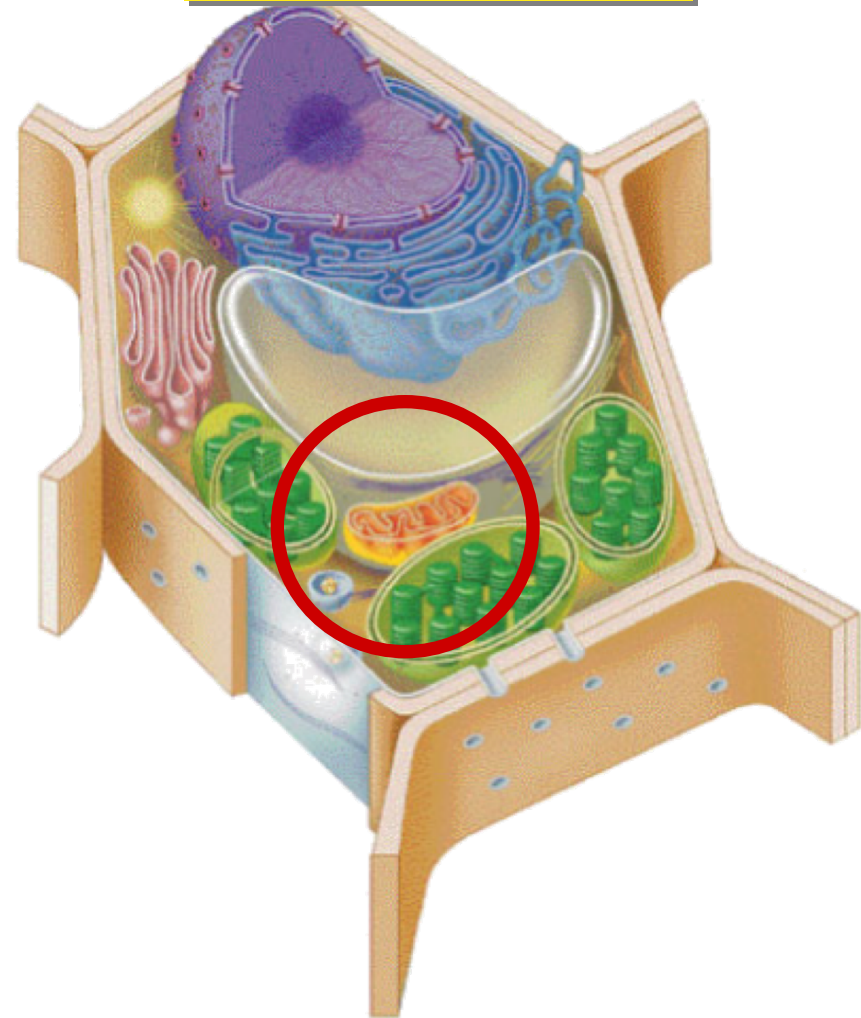


# Mitochondria are everywhere!!

**animal cells**

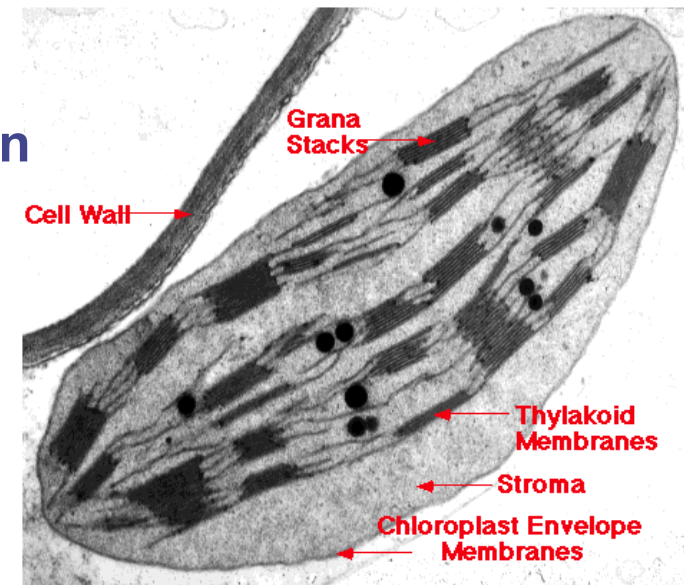


**plant cells**



# Chloroplasts

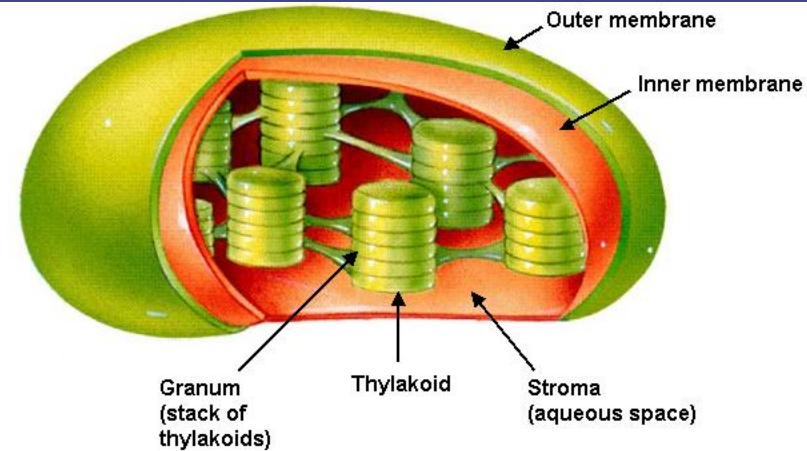
- Chloroplasts are plant organelles
  - ◆ class of plant structures = plastids
    - amyloplasts
      - ◆ store starch in roots & tubers
    - chromoplasts
      - ◆ store pigments for fruits & flowers
    - chloroplasts
      - ◆ store chlorophyll & function in photosynthesis
      - ◆ in leaves, other green structures of plants & in eukaryotic algae



# Chloroplasts

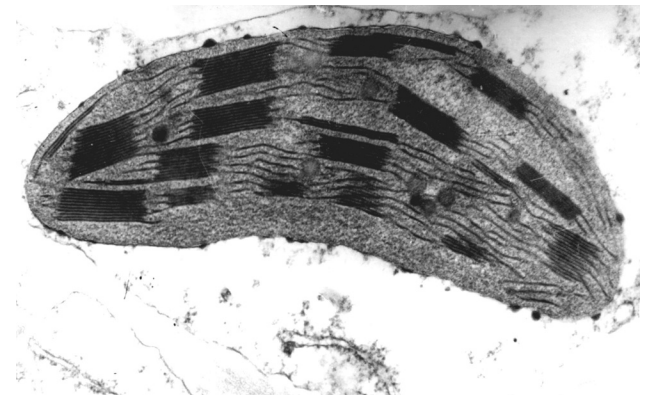
## ■ Structure

- ◆ 2 membranes
- ◆ **stroma** = internal fluid-filled space
  - DNA, ribosomes & enzymes
  - **thylakoids** = membranous sacs where ATP is made
  - **grana** = stacks of thylakoids



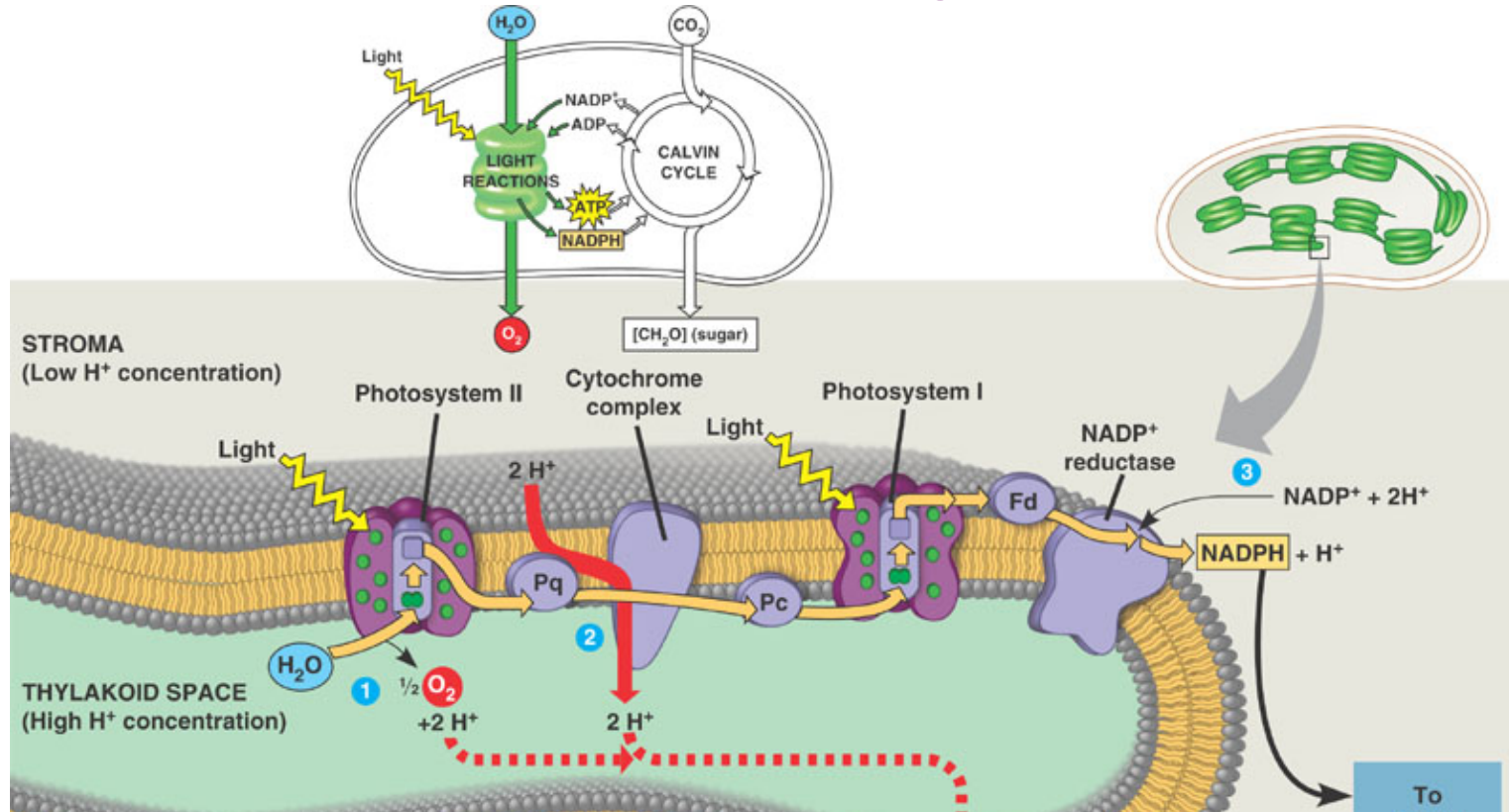
Why internal sac membranes?

increase surface area for  
membrane-bound enzymes  
that synthesize ATP





# Membrane-bound Enzymes



carbon + water + energy  $\rightarrow$  glucose + oxygen  
dioxide



# Chloroplasts

## ■ Function

- ◆ photosynthesis

- ◆ generate ATP & synthesize sugars

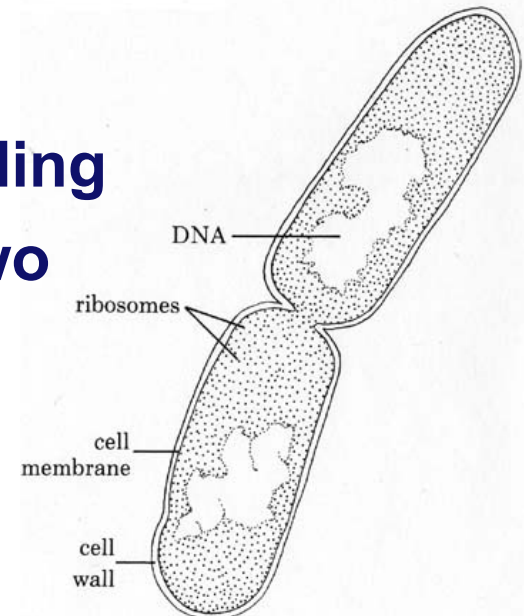
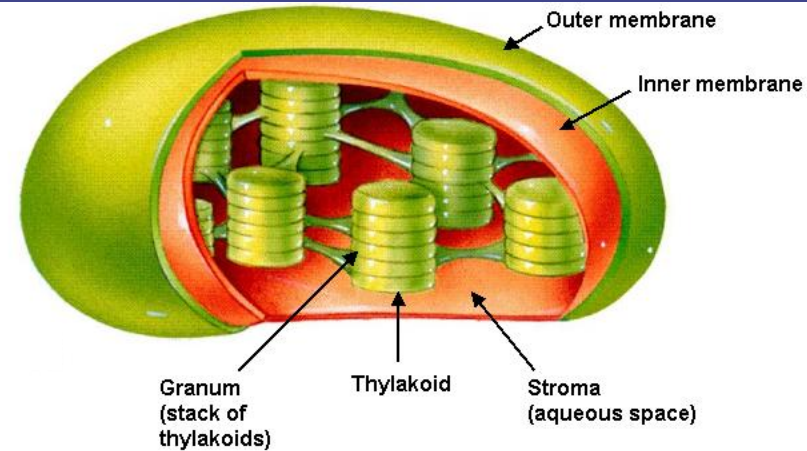
- transform solar energy into chemical energy
- produce sugars from  $\text{CO}_2$  &  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

## ■ Semi-autonomous

- moving, changing shape & dividing
- can reproduce by pinching in two

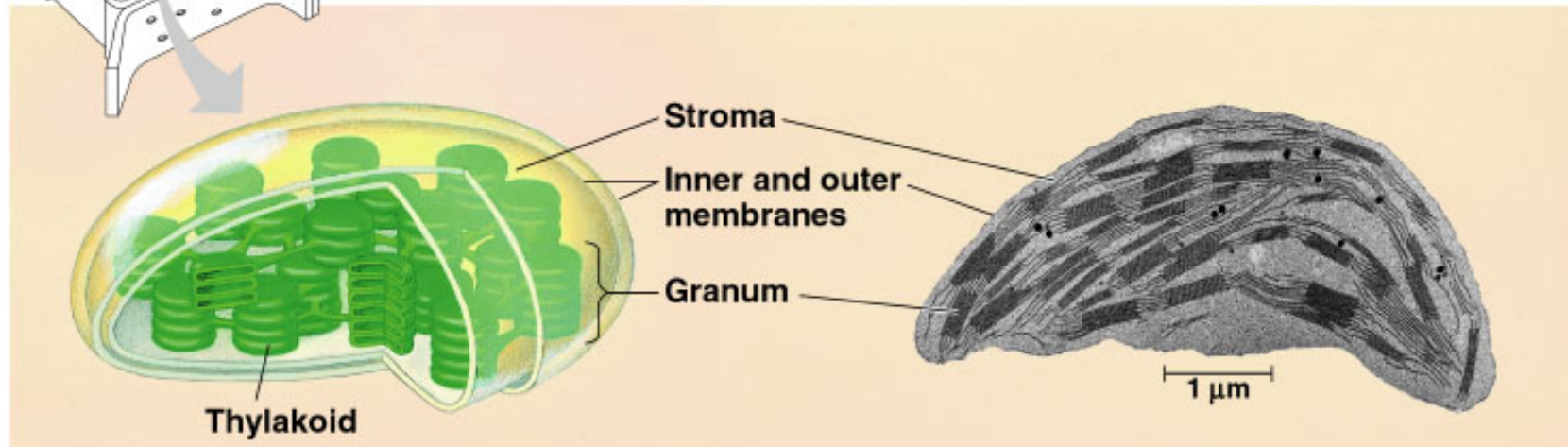
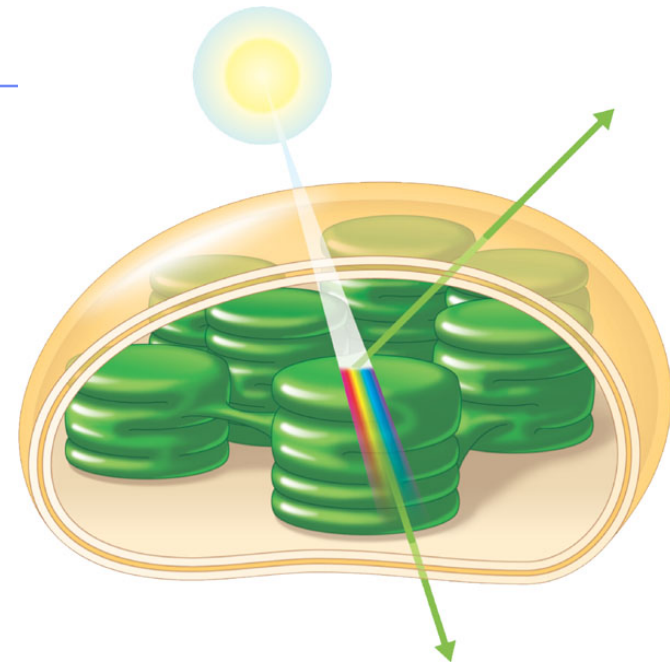
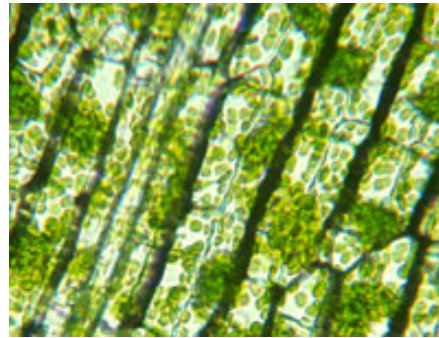
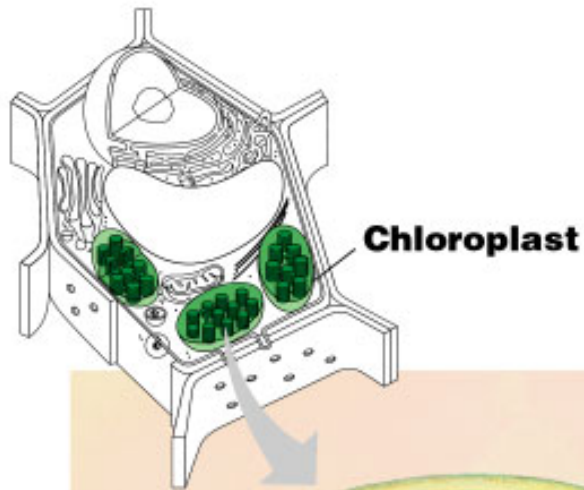
Who else divides  
like that?

**bacteria!**

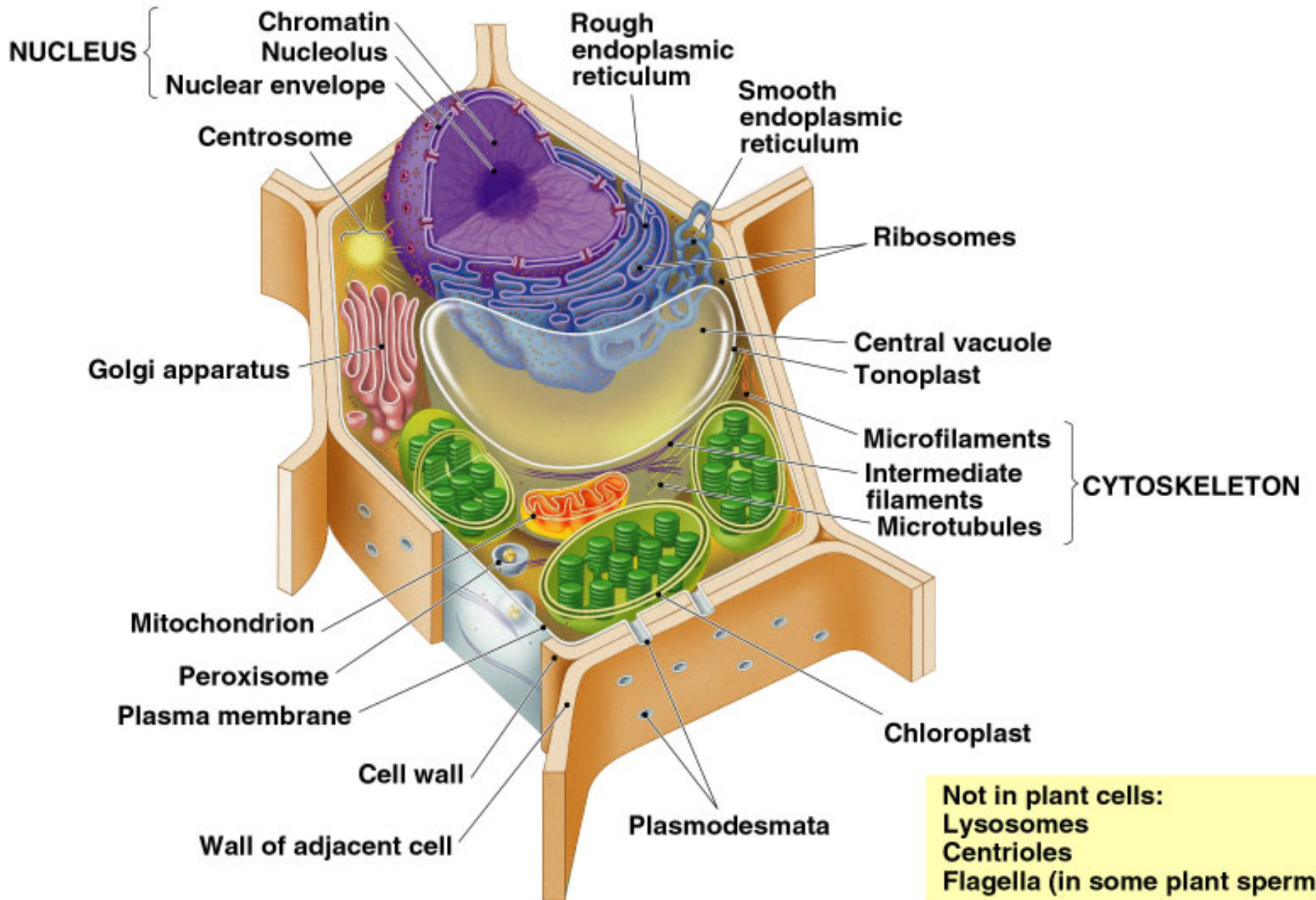


# Chloroplasts

Why are chloroplasts green?







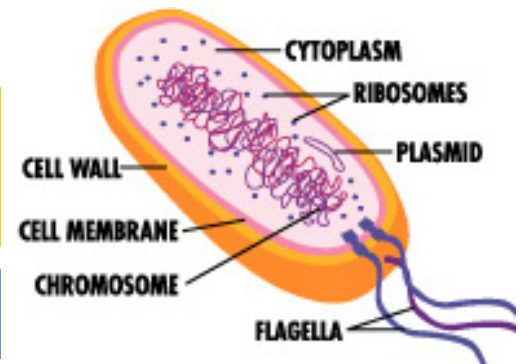


# Mitochondria & chloroplasts are different

- Organelles not part of endomembrane system
- Grow & reproduce
  - ◆ semi-autonomous organelles
- Proteins primarily from free ribosomes in cytosol & a few from their own ribosomes
- Own circular chromosome
  - ◆ directs synthesis of proteins produced by own internal ribosomes
    - ribosomes like bacterial ribosomes

Who else has a circular chromosome not bound within a nucleus?

bacteria



# Endosymbiosis theory

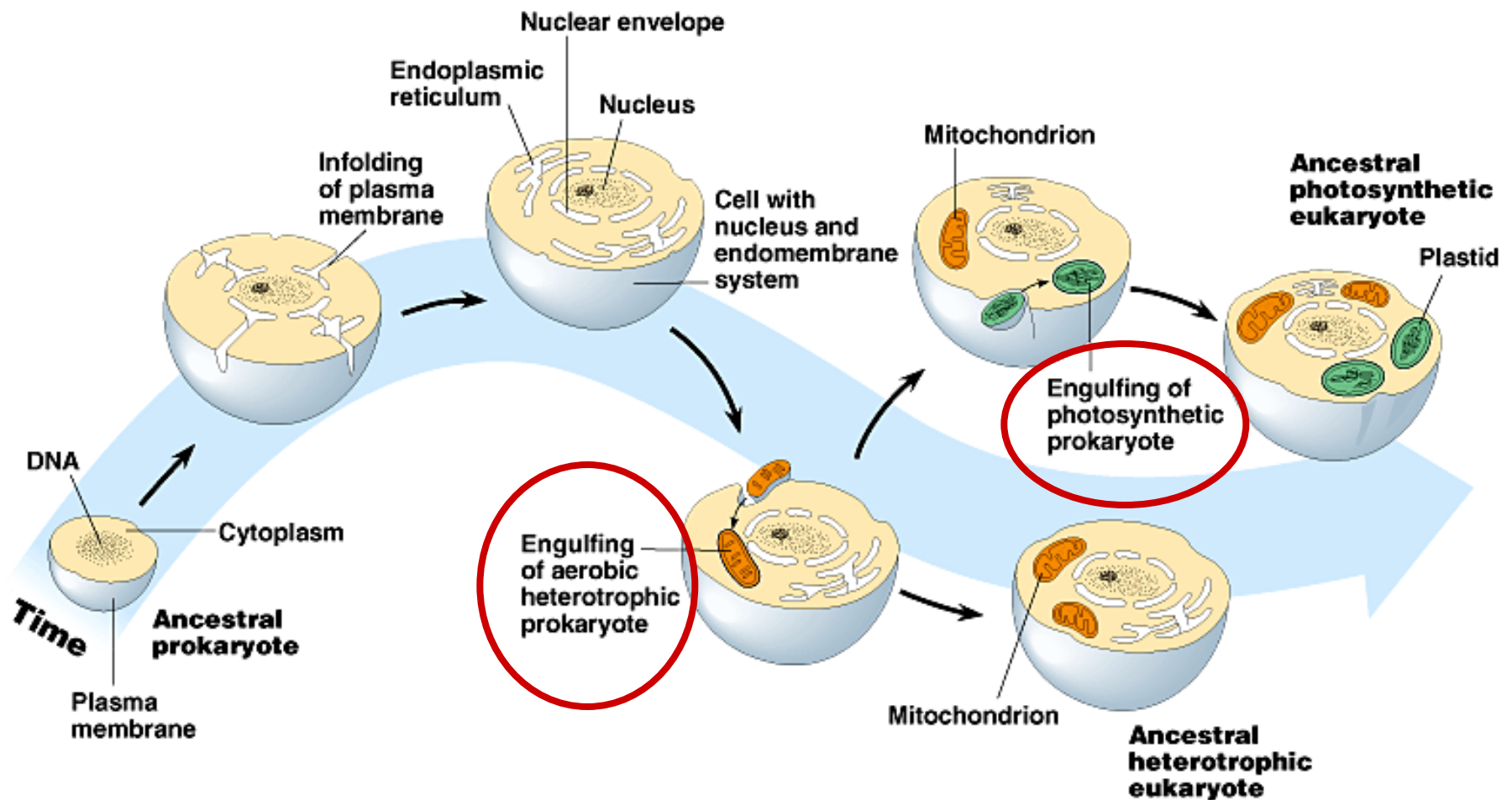
- **Mitochondria & chloroplasts were once free living bacteria**
  - ◆ engulfed by ancestral eukaryote
- **Endosymbiont**
  - ◆ cell that lives within another cell (host)
    - as a partnership
    - evolutionary advantage for both
      - ◆ one supplies energy
      - ◆ the other supplies raw materials & protection



Lynn Margulis  
U of M, Amherst

# Endosymbiosis theory

## Evolution of eukaryotes



# Compare the equations

## Photosynthesis

carbon + water + energy → glucose + oxygen  
dioxide



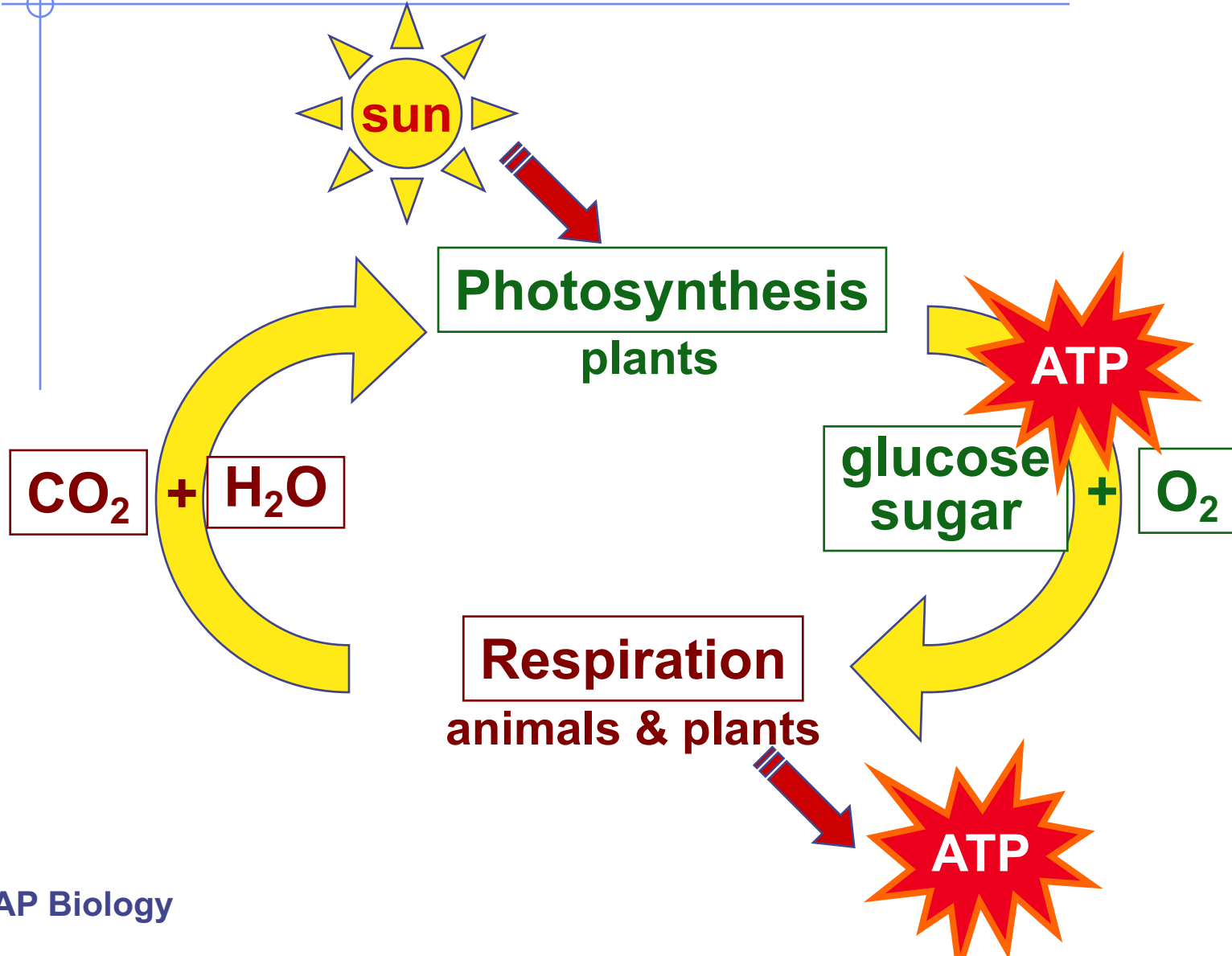
## Respiration

glucose + oxygen → carbon + water + energy  
dioxide





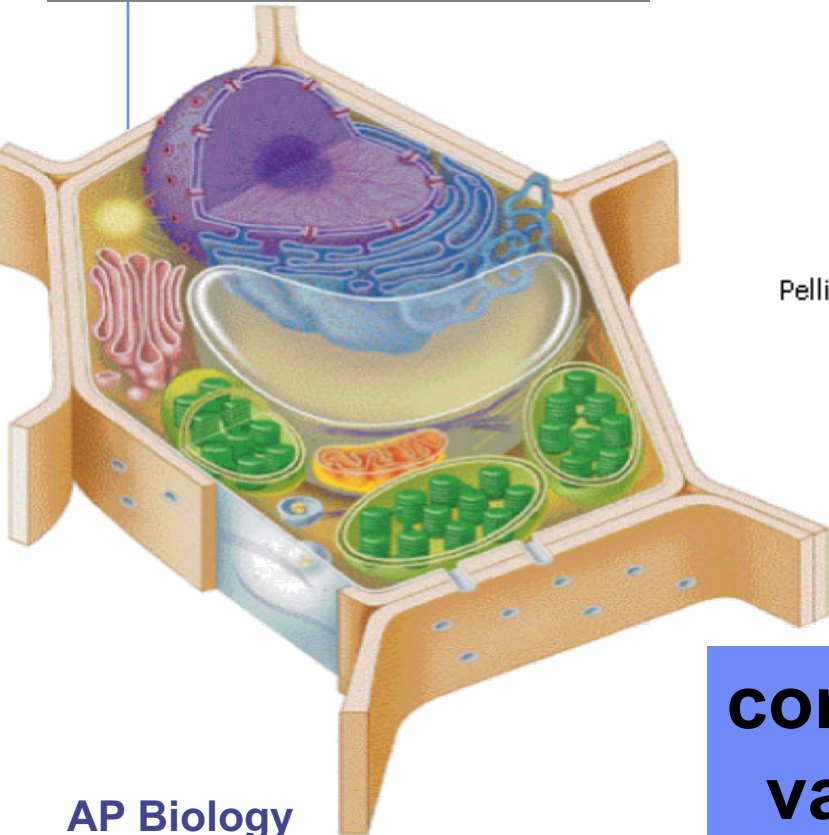
# The Great ENERGY Circle of Life



# Food & water storage

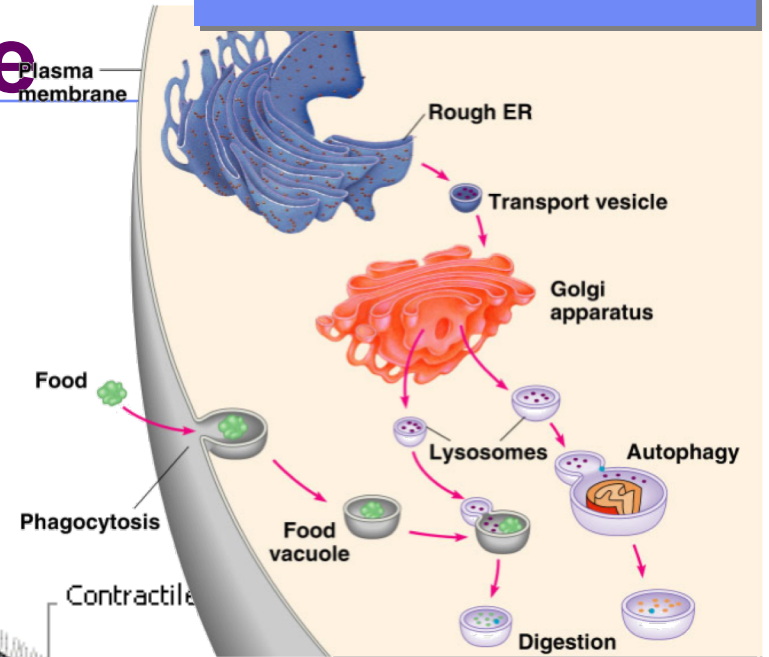
**plant cells**

**central vacuole**



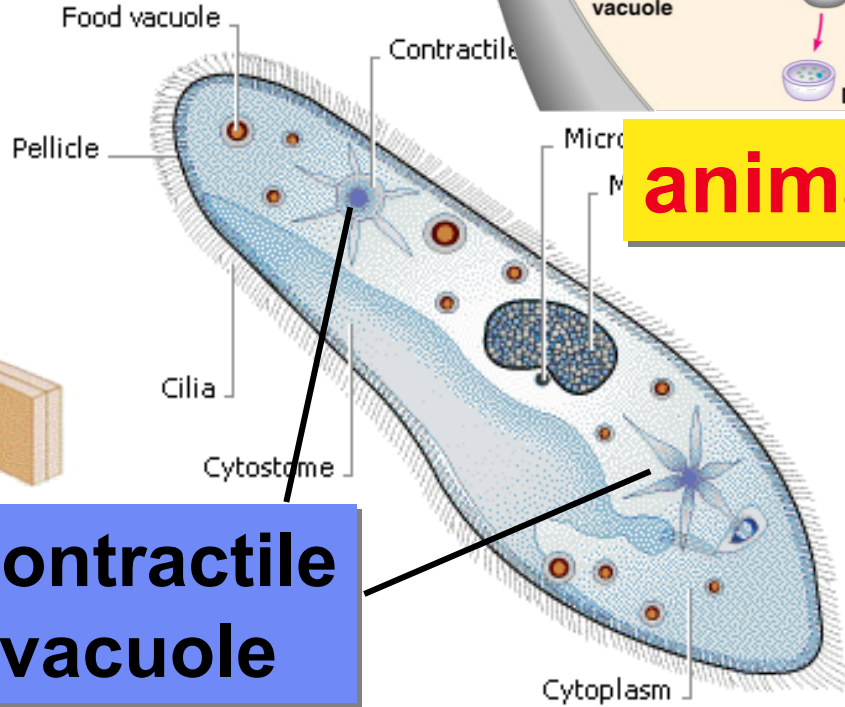
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**food vacuoles**



**animal cells**

**contractile vacuole**



Cytoplasm

# Vacuoles & vesicles

## ■ Function

### ◆ little “transfer ships”

#### ■ Food vacuoles

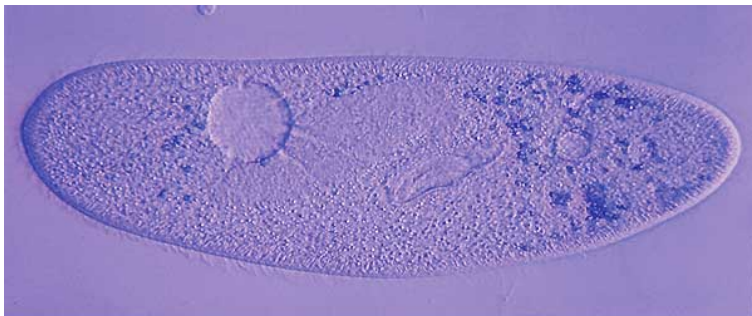
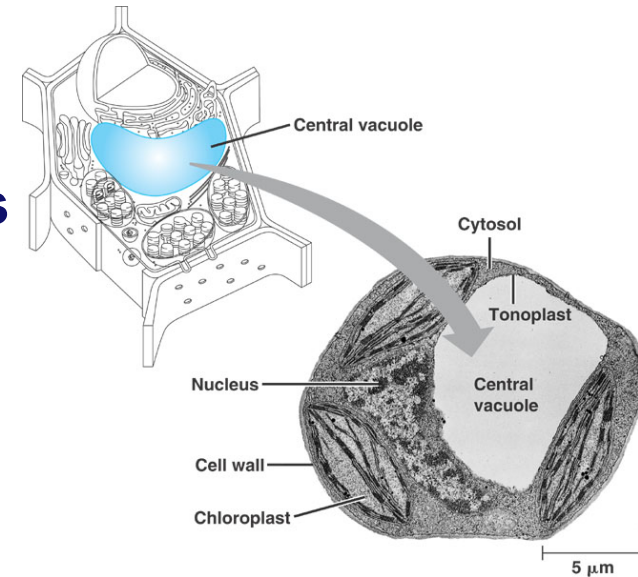
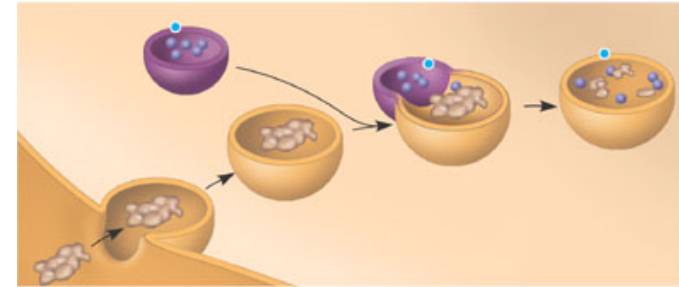
◆ phagocytosis, fuse with lysosomes<sup>(a)</sup>

#### ■ Contractile vacuoles

◆ in freshwater protists, pump excess H<sub>2</sub>O out of cell

#### ■ Central vacuoles

◆ in many mature plant cells

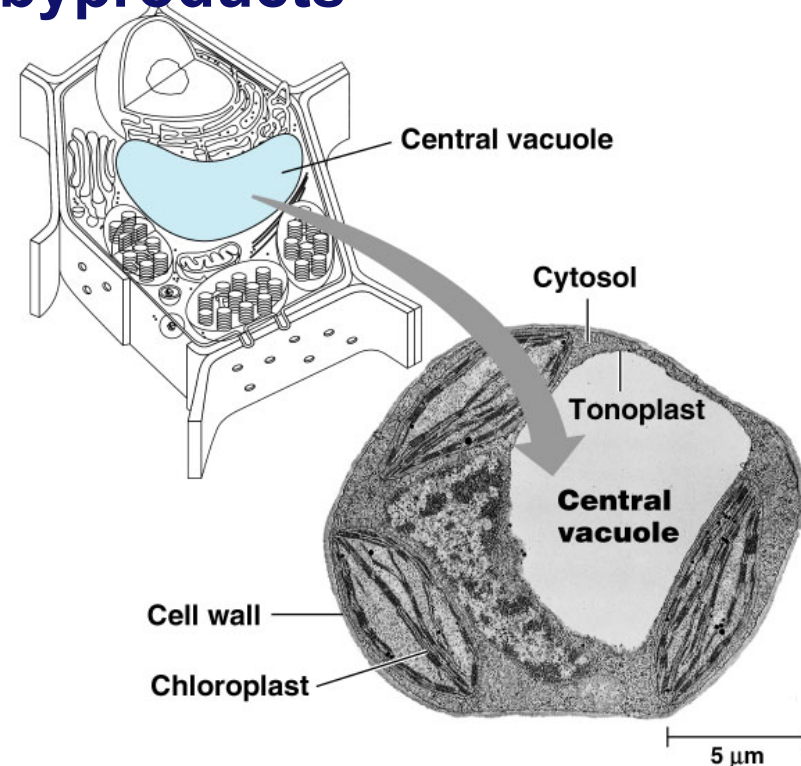


# Vacuoles in plants

## ■ Functions

### ◆ storage

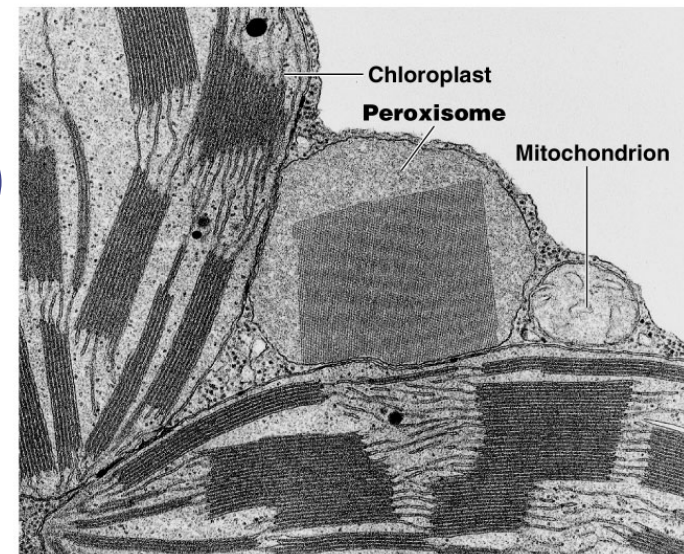
- stockpiling proteins or inorganic ions
- depositing metabolic byproducts
- storing pigments
- storing defensive compounds against herbivores
- selective membrane
  - ◆ control what comes in or goes out





# Peroxisomes

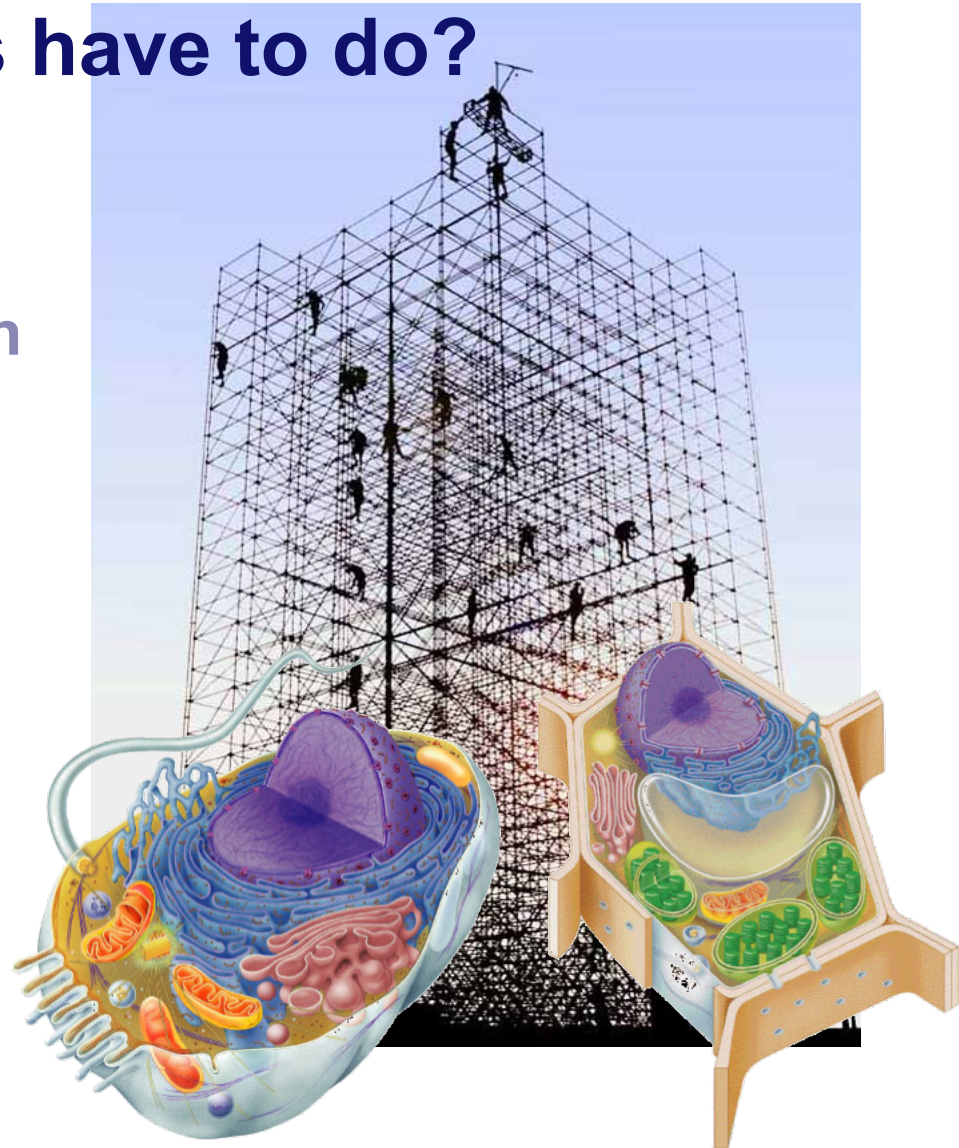
- **Other digestive enzyme sacs**
  - ◆ in both animals & plants
  - ◆ breakdown fatty acids to sugars
    - easier to transport & use as energy source
  - ◆ detoxify cell
    - detoxifies alcohol & other poisons
  - ◆ produce peroxide ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ )
    - must breakdown  
 $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$



# Cells gotta live!

## ■ What jobs do cells have to do?

- ◆ building proteins
  - proteins control every cell function
- ◆ make energy
  - for daily life
  - for growth
- ◆ build more cells
  - growth
  - reproduction
  - repair



# Cytoskeleton

## ■ Function

### ◆ structural support

- maintains shape of cell
- provides anchorage for organelles

### ◆ protein fibers

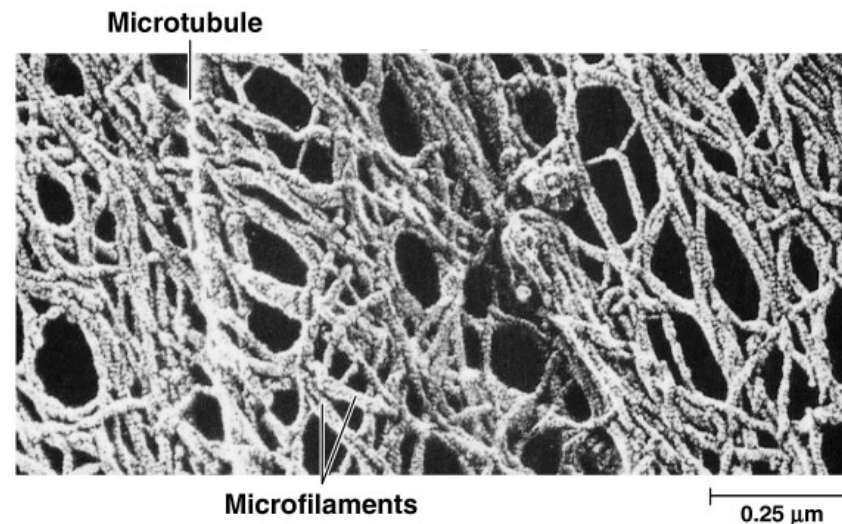
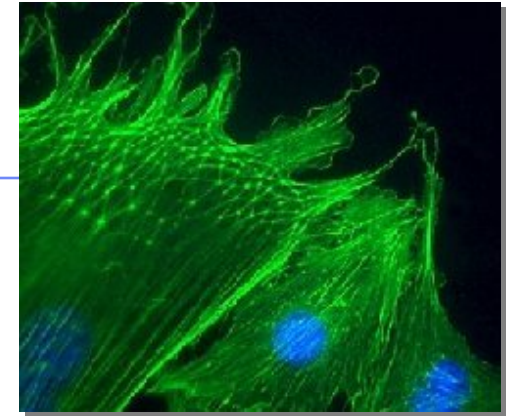
- microfilaments, intermediate filaments, microtubules

### ◆ motility

- cell locomotion
- cilia, flagella, etc.

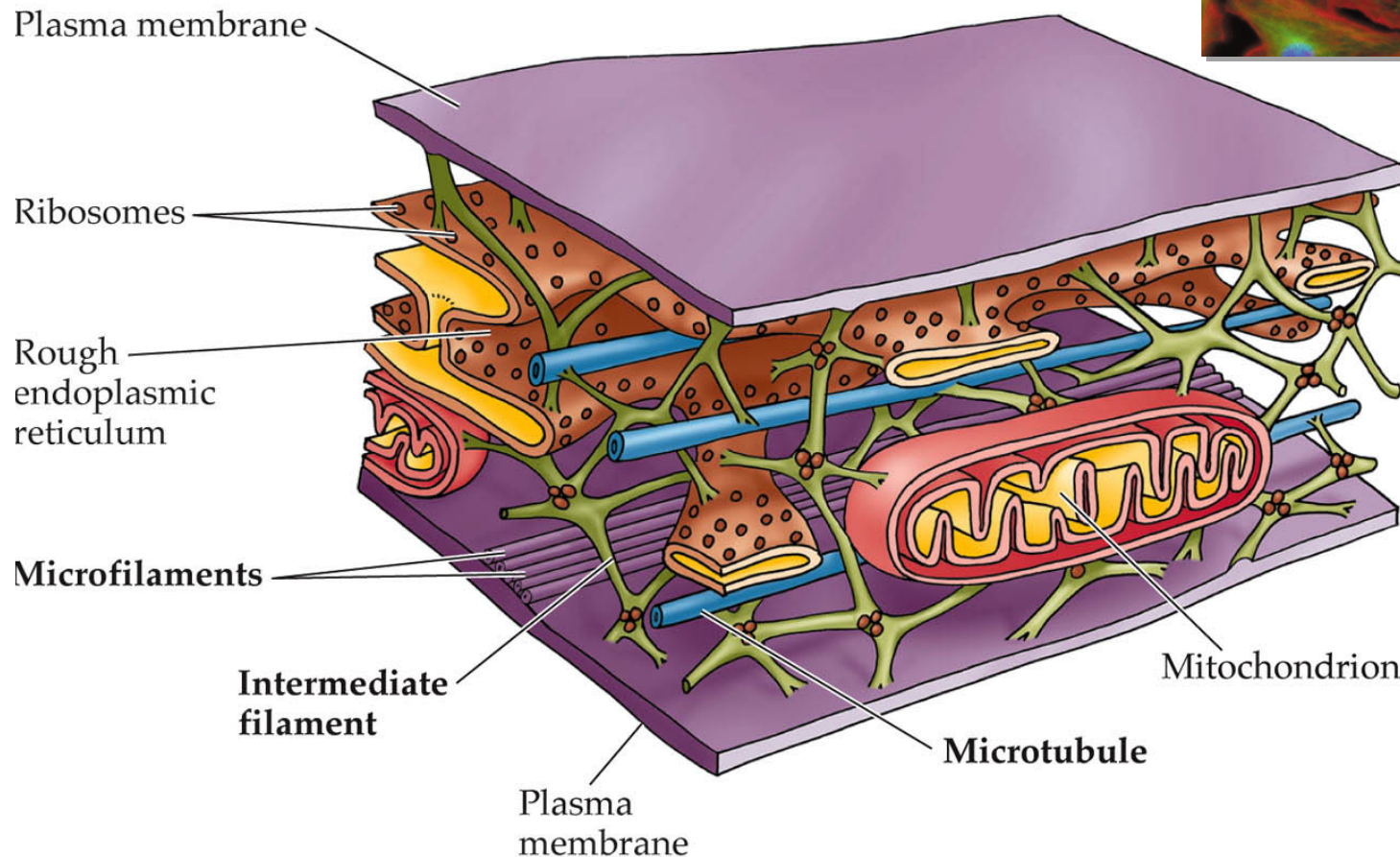
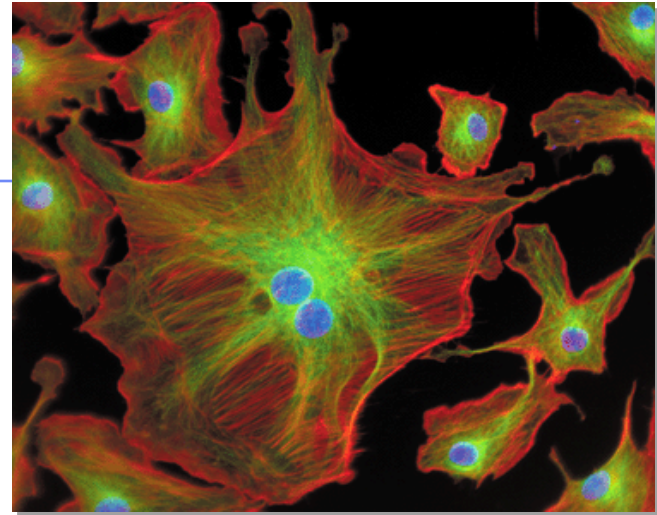
### ◆ regulation

- organizes structures & activities of cell





# Cytoskeleton

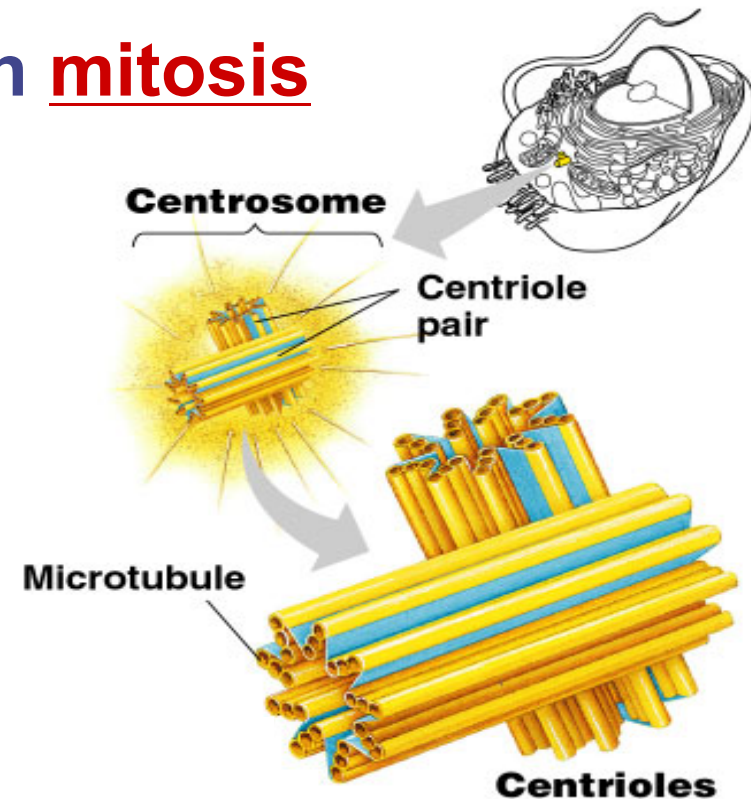
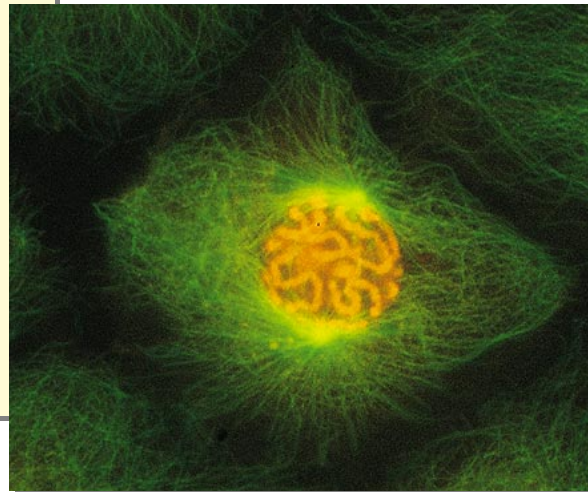
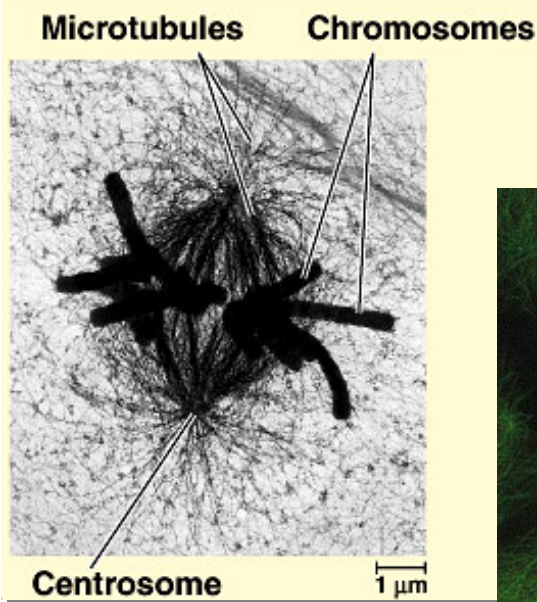


- **actin**
- **microtubule**
- **nuclei**



# Centrioles

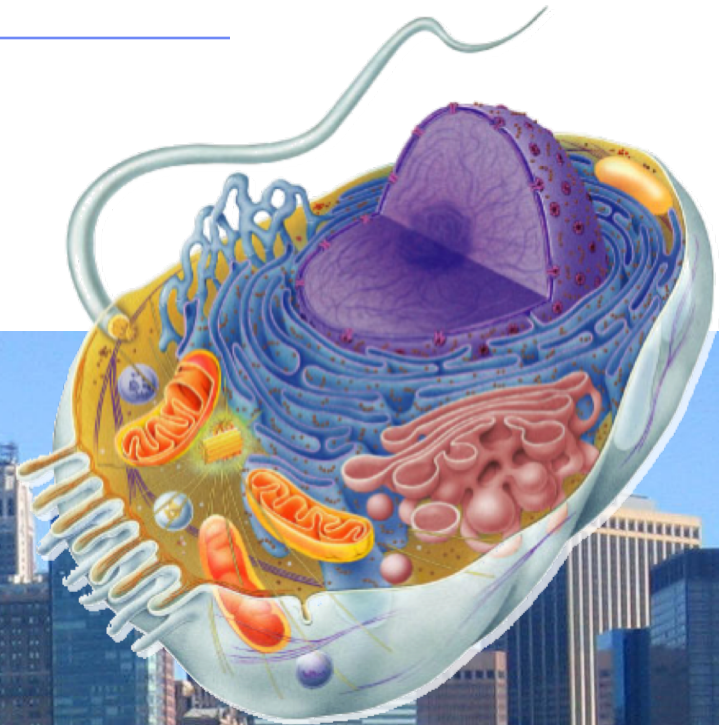
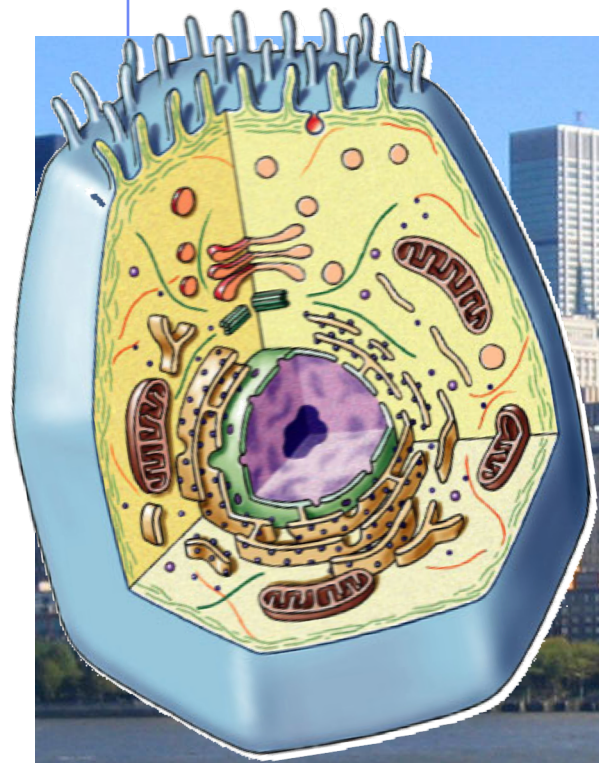
- Cell division
  - ◆ in animal cells, pair of centrioles organize microtubules
  - ◆ guide chromosomes in mitosis



# Coordination of Cellular Activities

- Cell Wall: Protects the plant and helps maintain its shape. It is outside the plasma membrane. Made of cellulose.
  - ◆ Prokaryotes and Fungi have cell walls but not of cellulose.
- Plasmodesmata are channels that perforate adjacent plant cell walls and allow the passage of some molecules cell to cell
- Extracellular matrix of animal cells is situated just external to the plasma membrane; it is made of glycoproteins secreted by the cell.
- Animal cells have three types of intercellular junctions:
  - ◆ Tight junctions are sections of animal cell membranes where two neighboring cells are fused, making the membranes watertight.
  - ◆ Desmosomes fasten adjacent animal cells together, functioning like rivets to fasten cells into strong sheets.
  - ◆ Gap junctions provide channels between adjacent animal cells through which ions, sugars, communication molecules, and other small molecules can pass.

# Cell Size





# Limits to cell size

## ■ Lower limit

### ◆ smallest bacteria

- mycoplasmas
- 0.1 to 1.0 micron ( $\mu\text{m}$  = micrometer)

### ◆ most bacteria

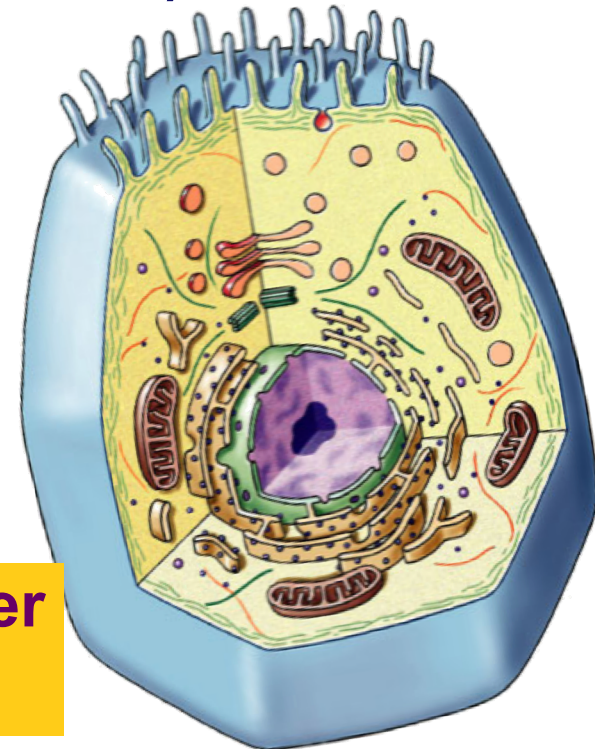
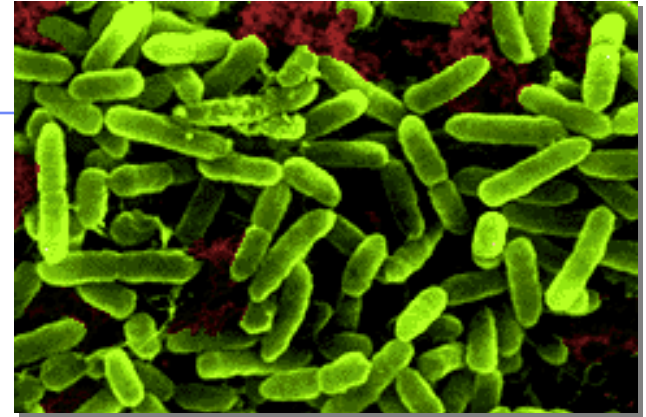
- 1-10 microns

## ■ Upper limit

### ◆ eukaryotic cells

- 10-100 microns

- micron = micrometer = 1/1,000,000 meter
- diameter of human hair = ~20 microns

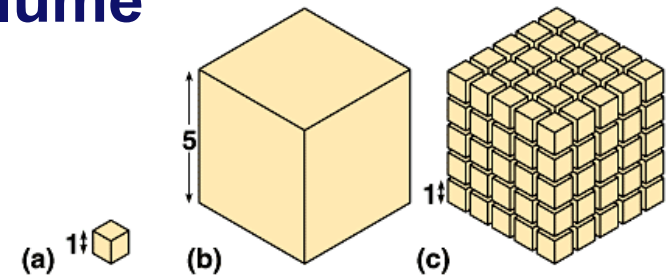




# What limits cell size?

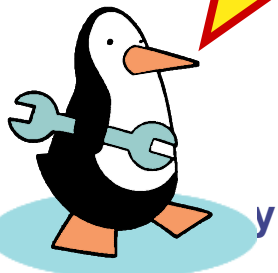
- **Surface to volume ratio**
  - ◆ as cell gets bigger its **volume increases** faster than its **surface area**
    - smaller objects have greater ratio of surface area to volume

Surface area increases while total volume remains constant



Why is a huge single-celled creature **not** possible?

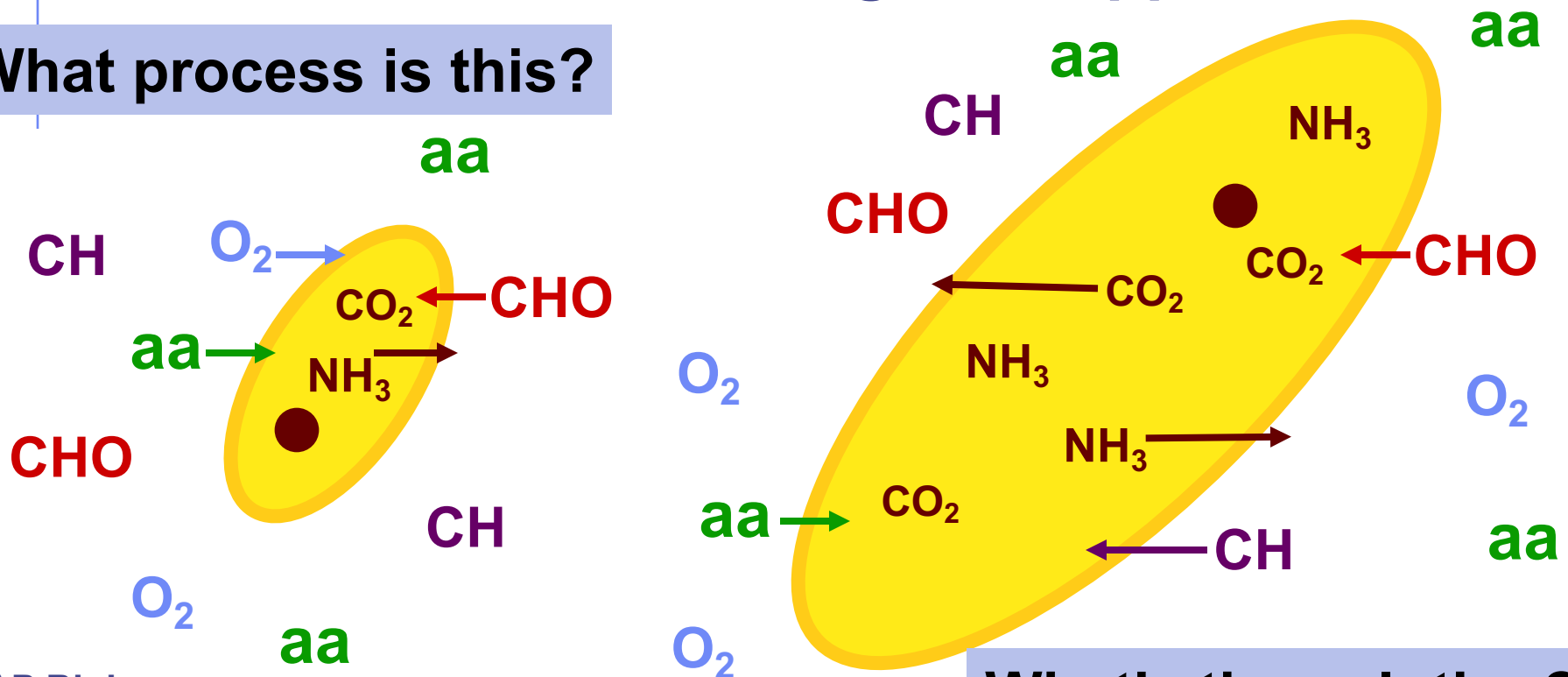
Total surface area (height × width × number of sides × number of boxes)	6	150	750
Total volume (height × width × length × number of boxes)	1	125	125
Surface-to-volume ratio (area ÷ volume) <b>s:v</b>	<b>6:1</b>	<b>~1:1</b>	<b>6:1</b>



# Limits to cell size

- Metabolic requirements set upper limit
  - in large cell, cannot move material in & out of cell fast enough to support life

What process is this?

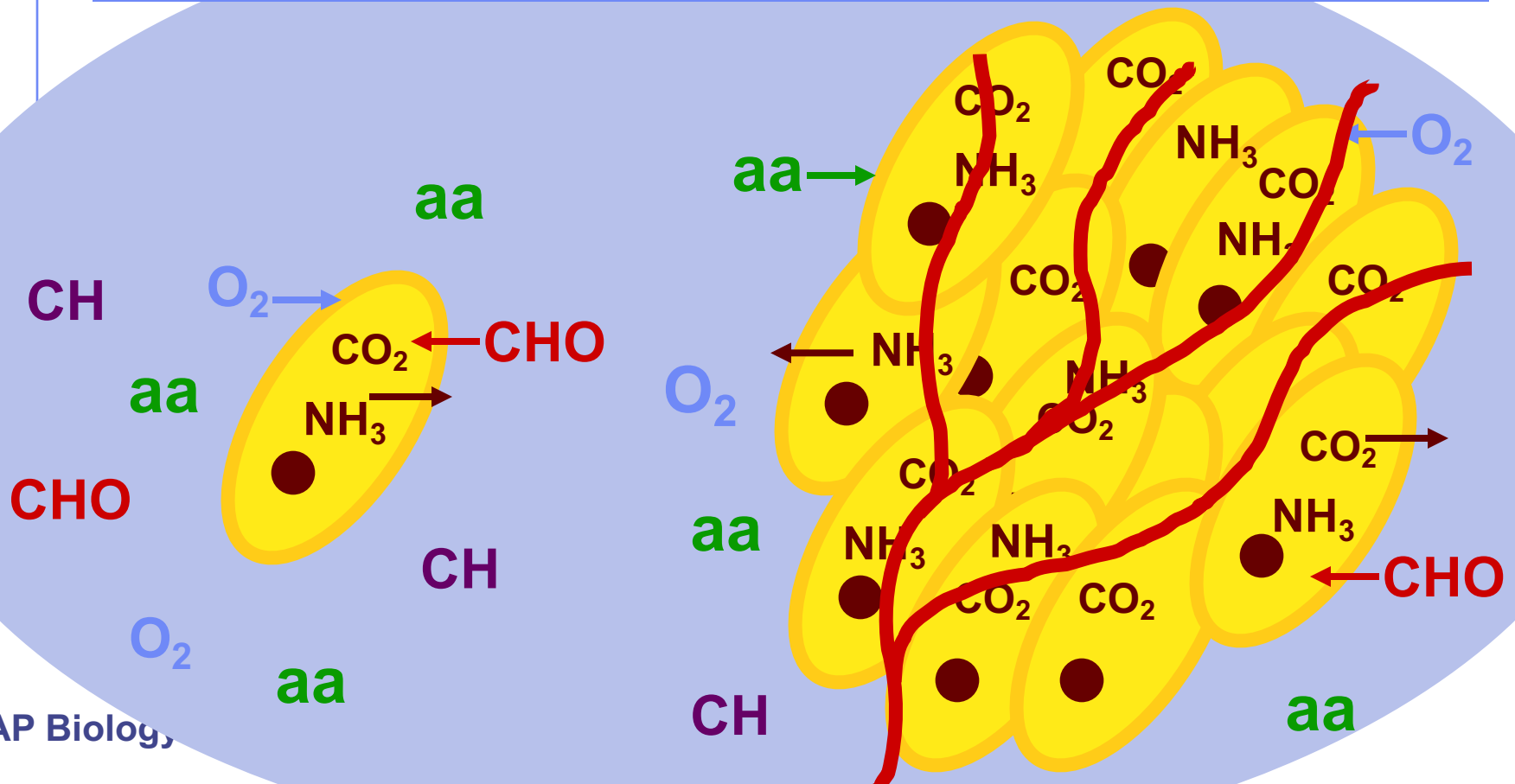


What's the solution?

# How to get bigger?

- Become multicellular (cell divides)

But what challenges do you have to solve now?

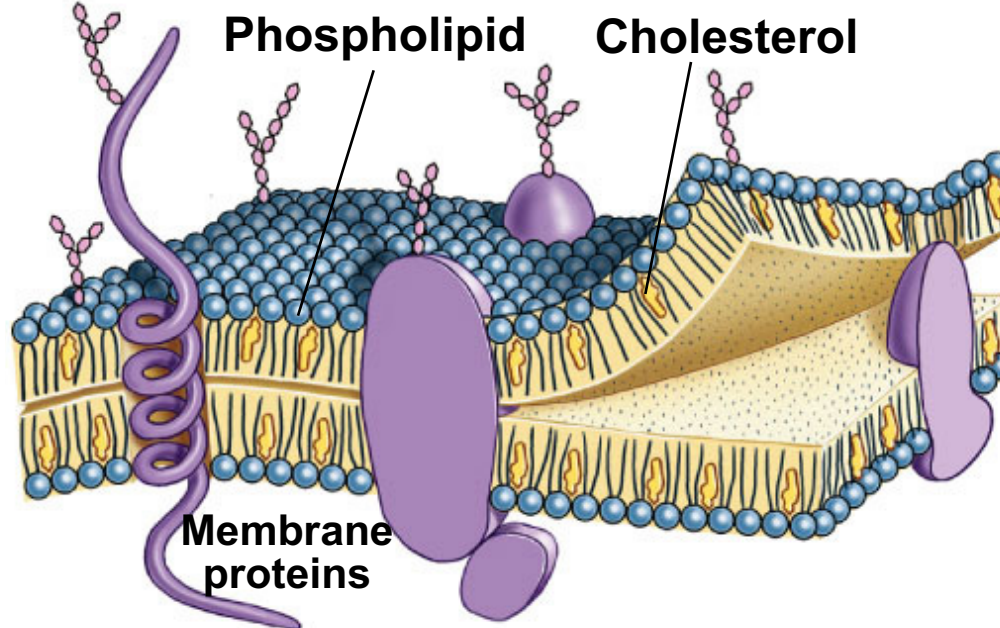
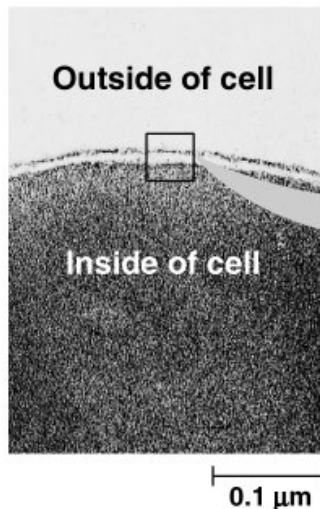


# Cell membrane

- Exchange structure

- ◆ plasma membrane functions as selective barrier

- allows passage of  $O_2$  & nutrients IN
- allows passage of products & wastes OUT





**Any Questions??**

