

Signal Transduction

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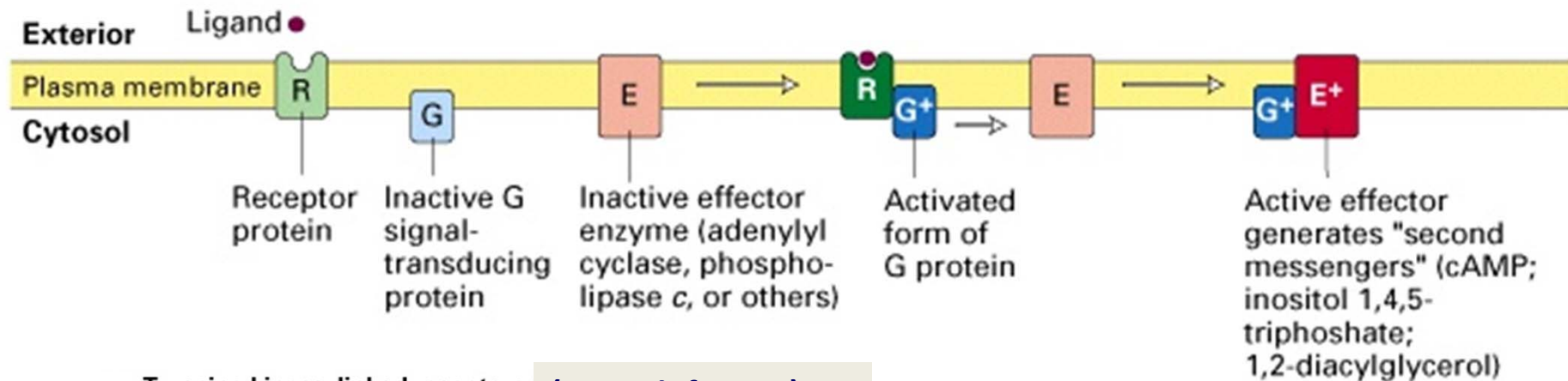
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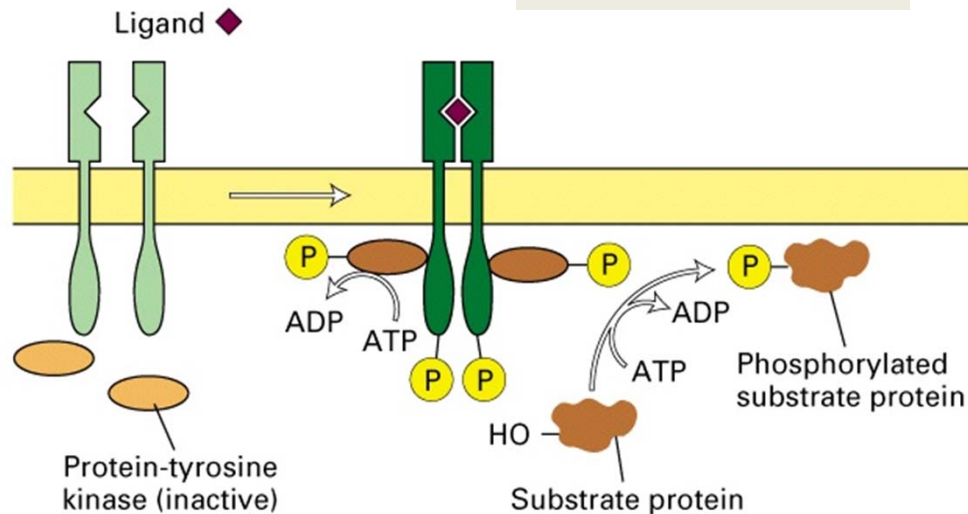
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Focus on 2 classes of cell-surface receptors

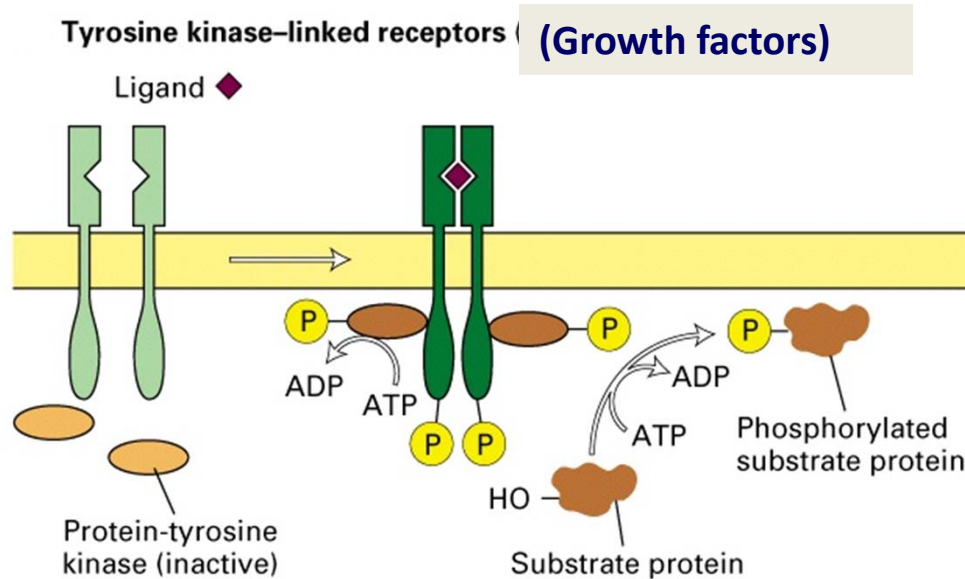
G protein-coupled receptors (epinephrine, glucagon, serotonin)



Tyrosine kinase-linked receptors (Growth factors)



Elements of receptor tyrosine kinase systems



- a receptor with kinase activity in its cytosolic domain
- adaptor proteins recognizing phosphotyrosine residues
- a coupled monomeric G protein which functions as a switch
- protein kinases and phosphatases: propagation and amplification of signal
- down-regulation of RTK signalling by ligand-induced endocytosis and lysosomal degradation

General structure and activation of RTKs

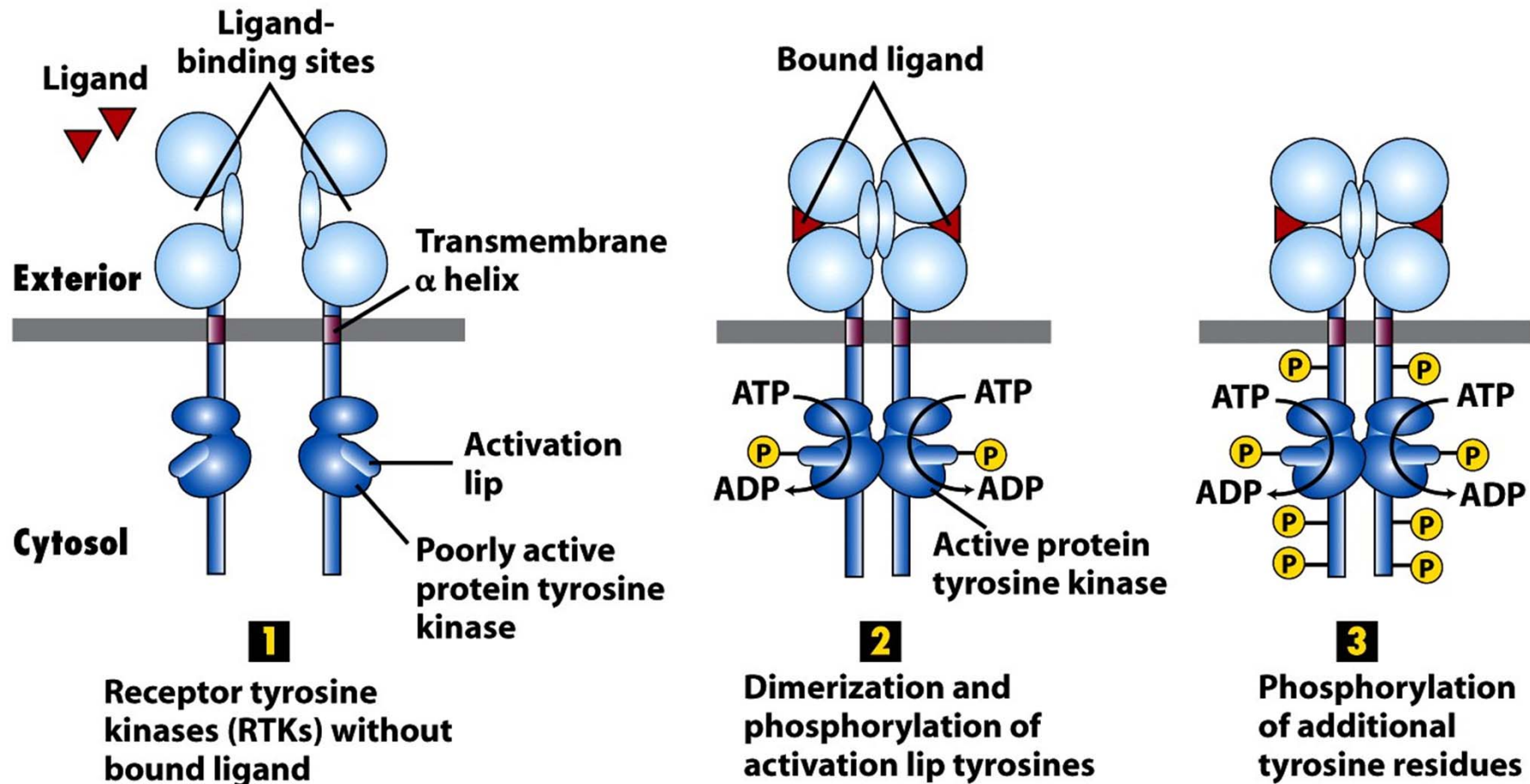


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Docking sites

Phosphotyrosines are docking sites for adapter proteins with conserved PTB or SH2 domains

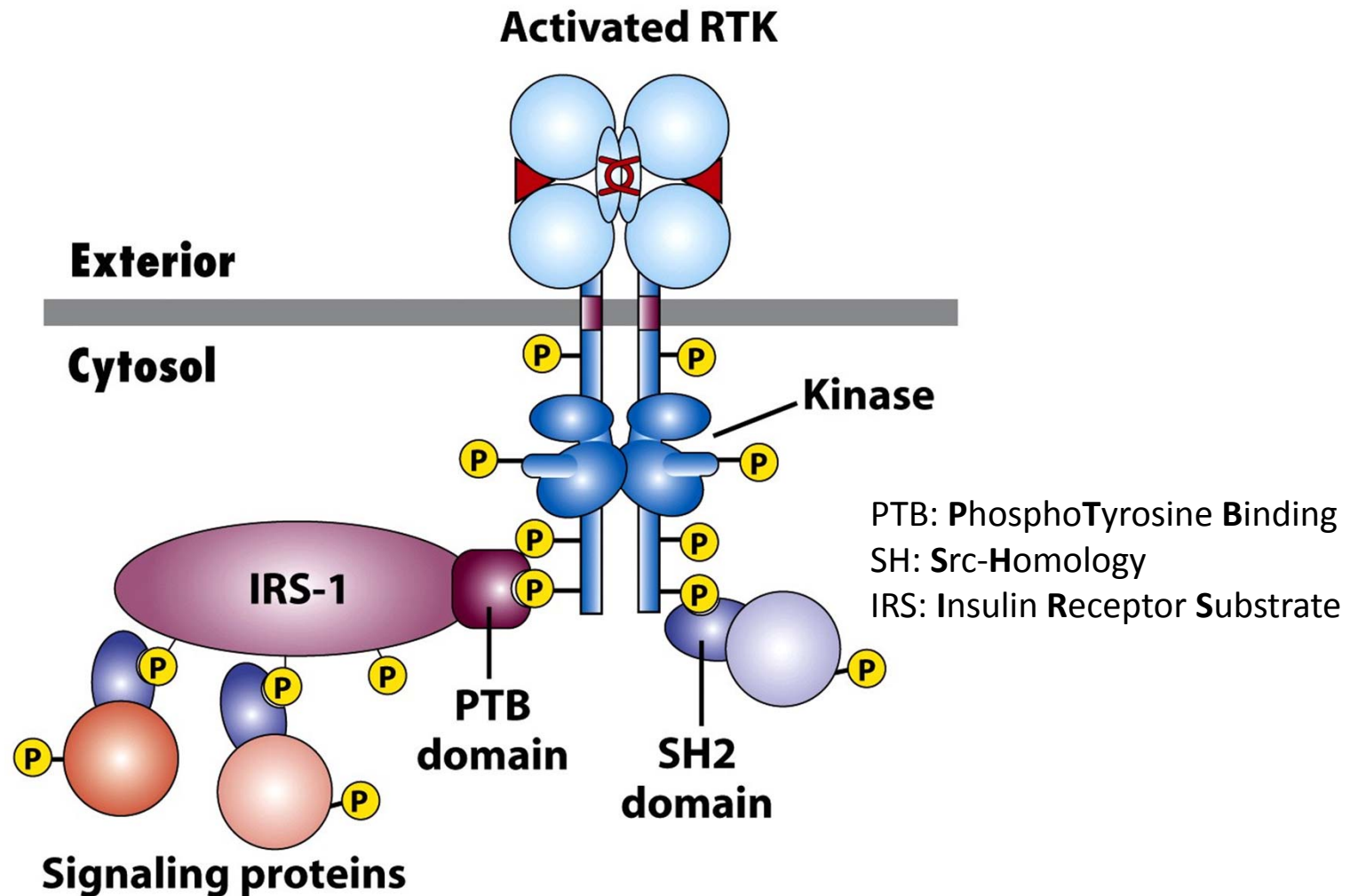
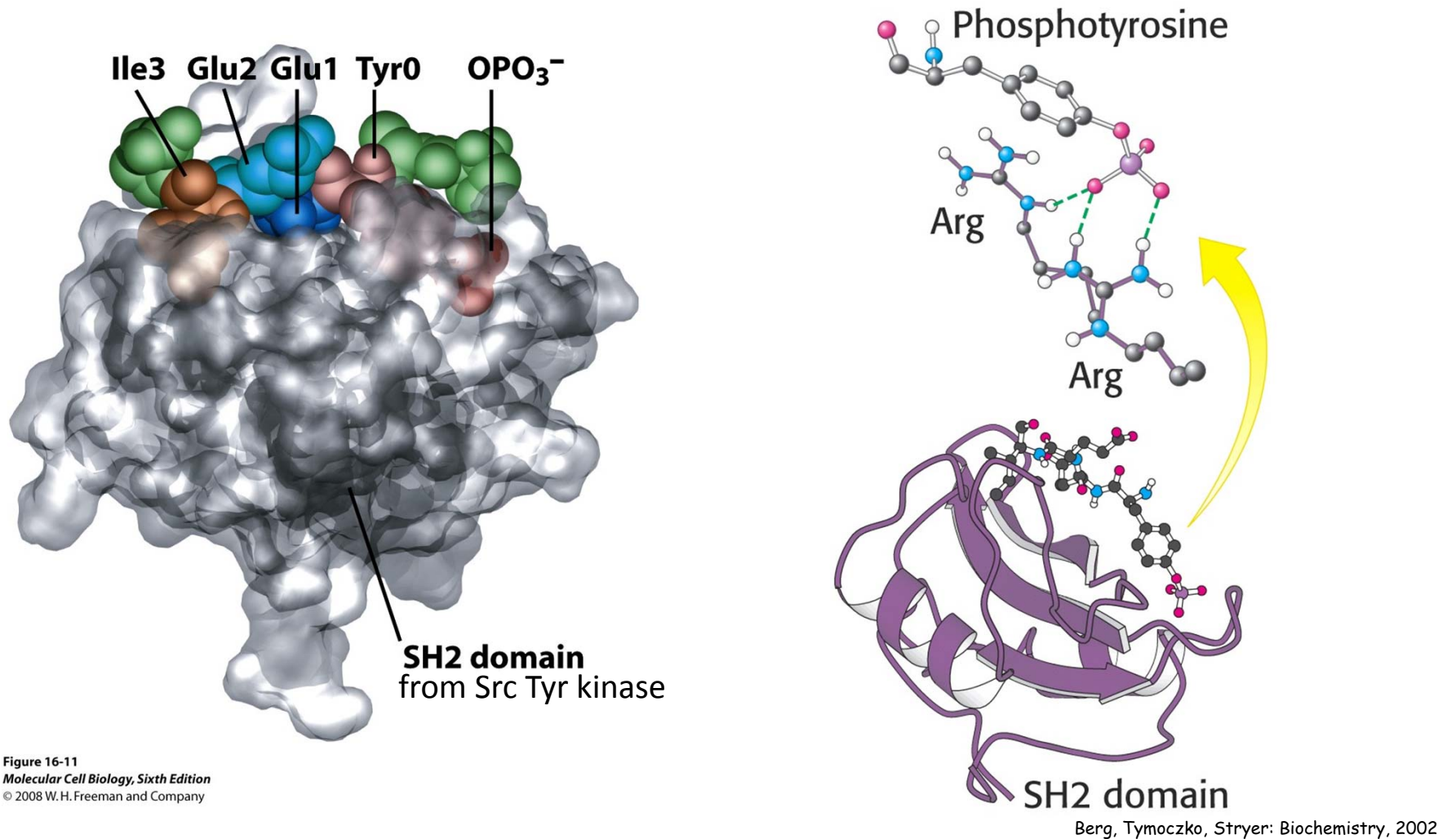


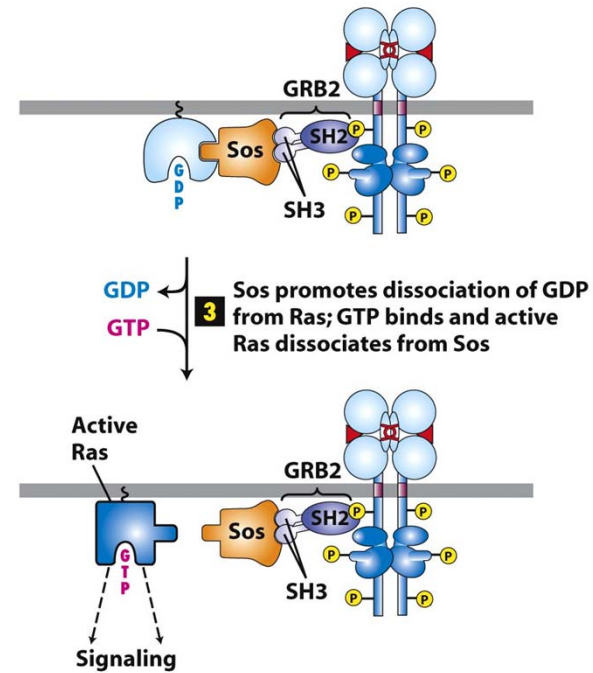
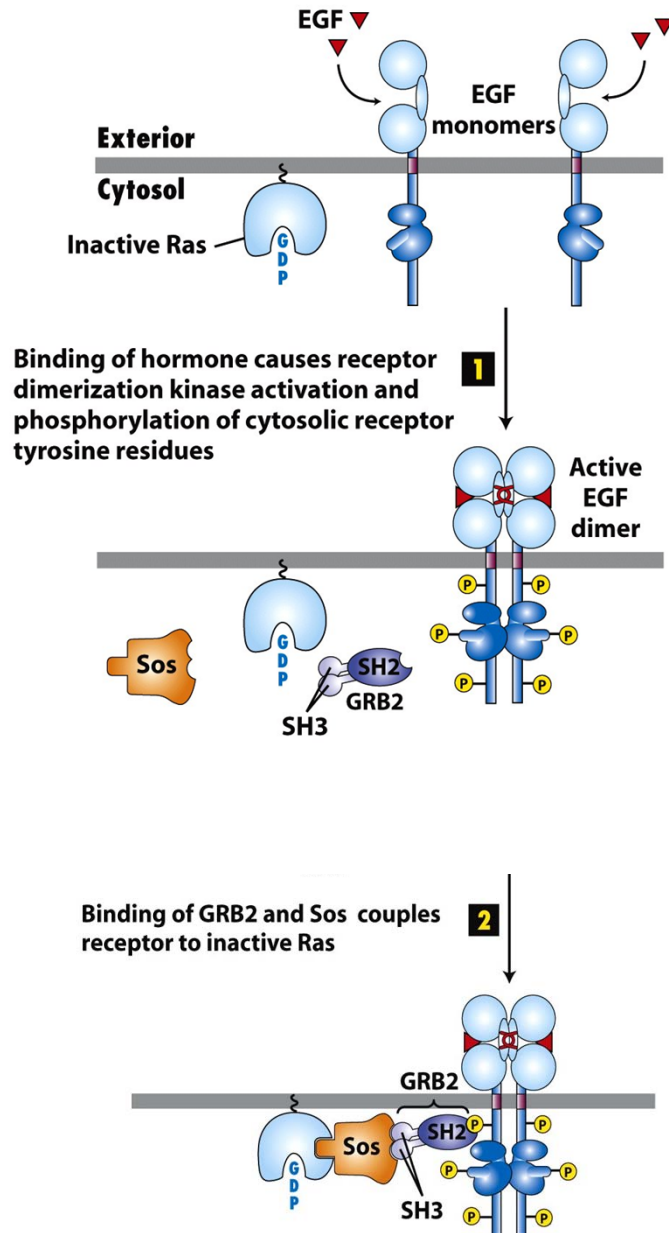
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Model of a SH2 domain bound to a phosphotyrosine-containing peptide



Each SH2 domain binds to a distinct sequence of amino acids at the C-terminus of Tyr-P.

Signal transduction from RTKs to effector proteins



Surface model of an SH3 domain
bound to a target peptide

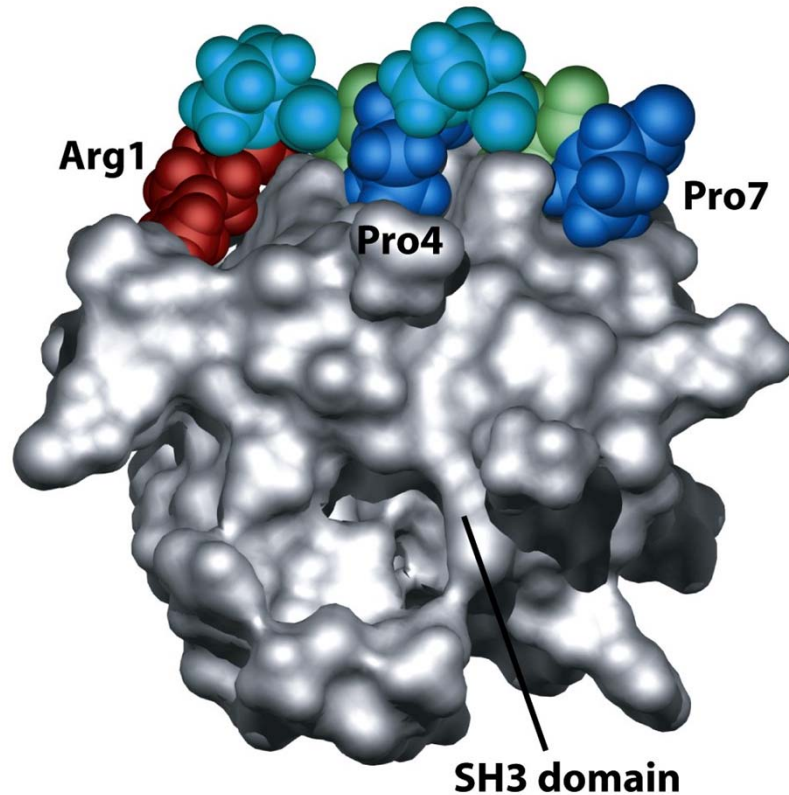
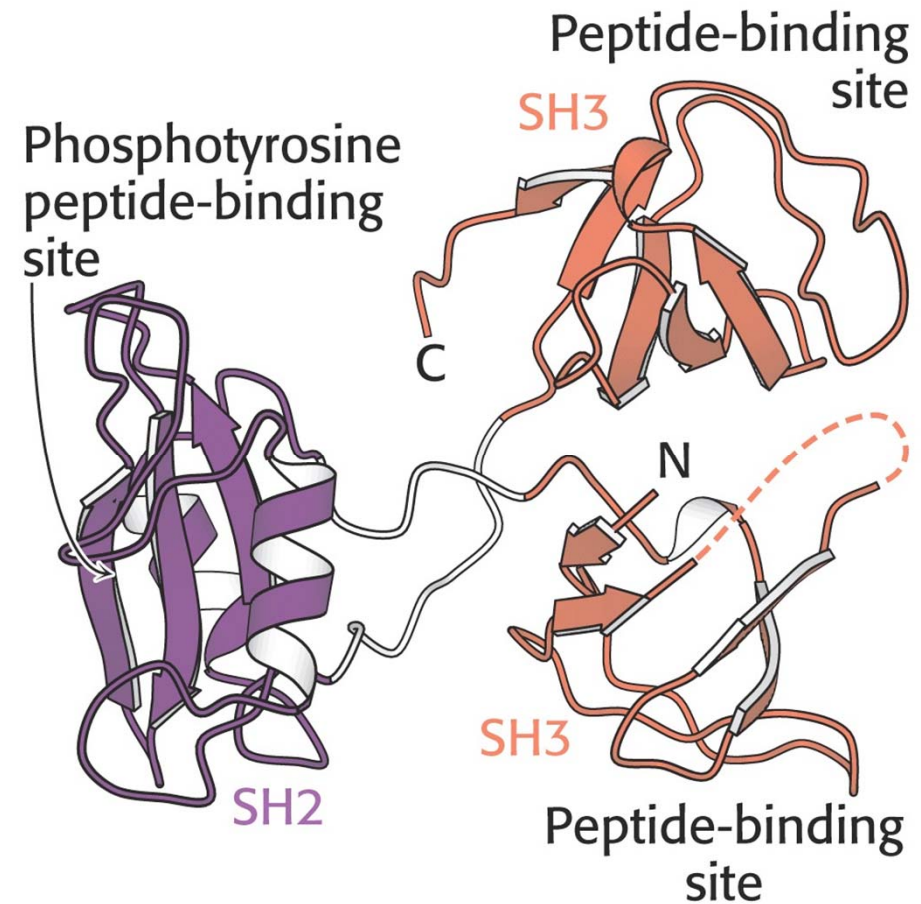


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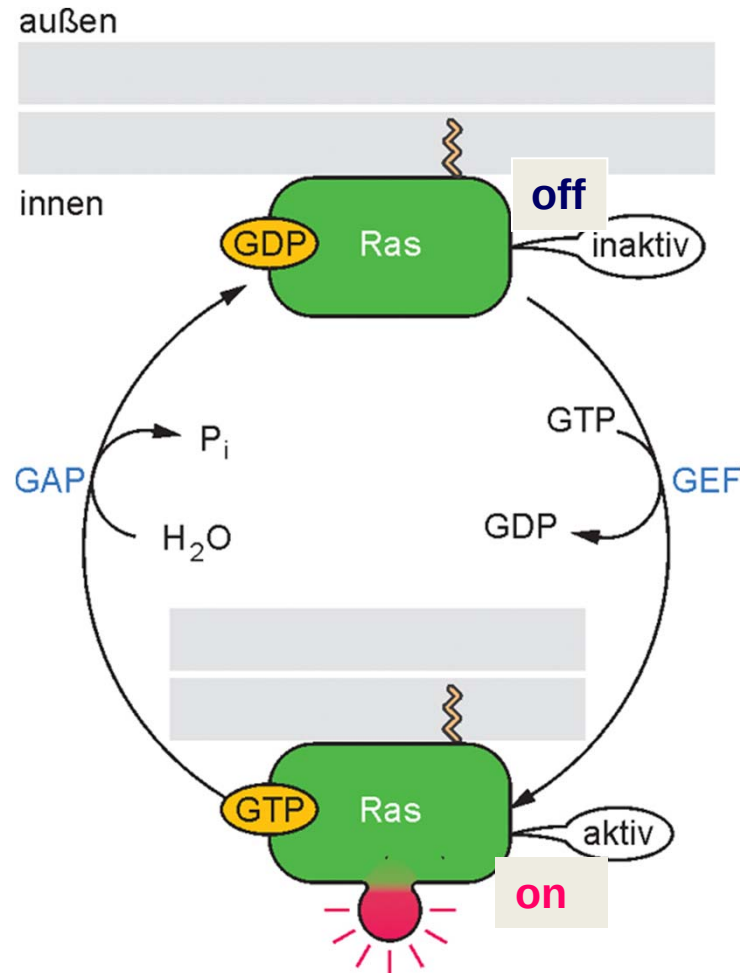
Structure of the adapter protein Grb
(*growth factor receptor binding protein*)



Berg, Tymoczko, Stryer: Biochemistry, 2002

SH2-domain recognizes distinct AA-sequence at C-terminus of P-Tyr on RTK
SH3-domain recognizes prolin-rich sequence of the GEF (Sos)

Regulation of the GTPase switch in the monomeric G-proteins (Ras)

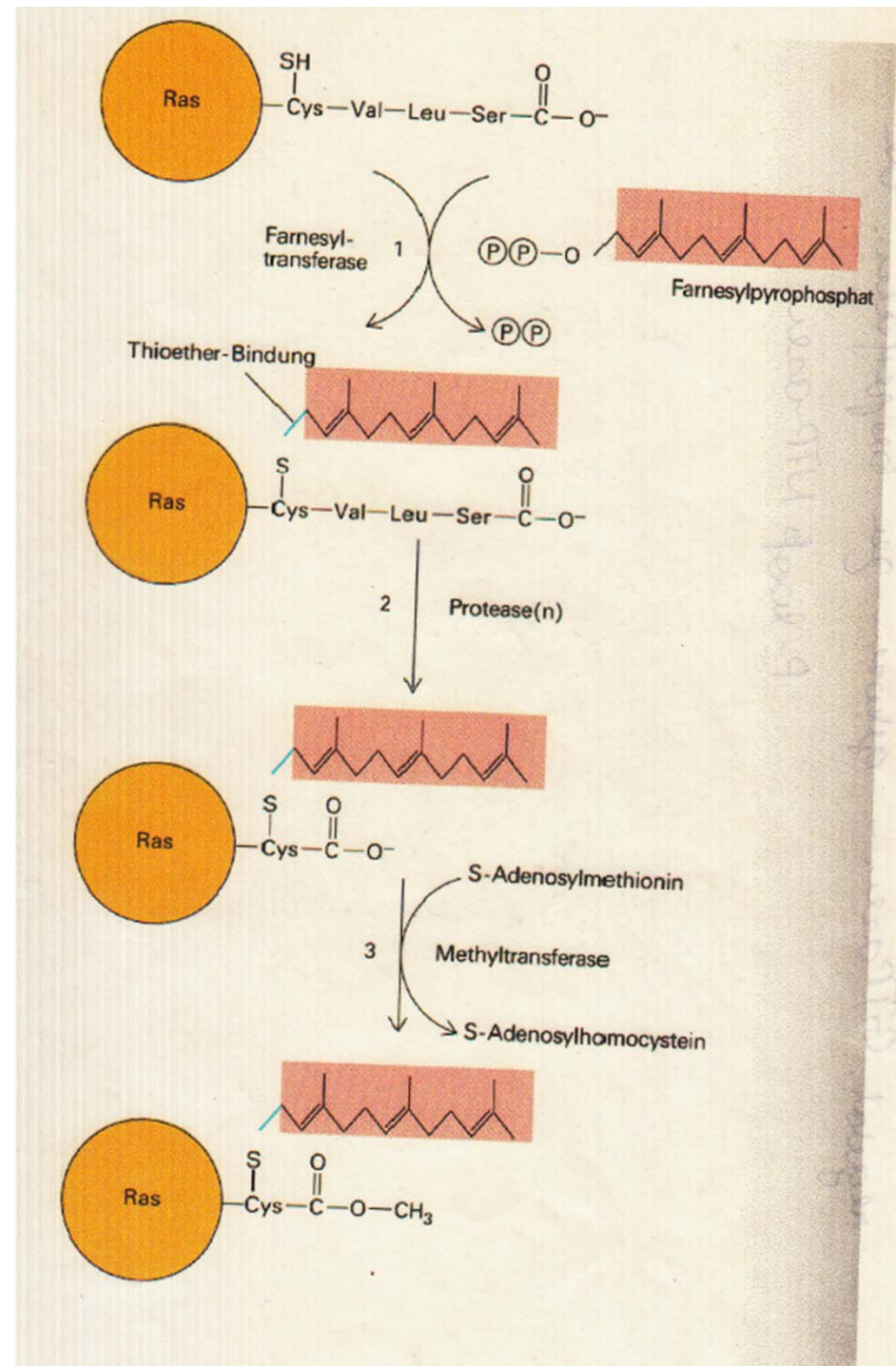


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Activation of Ras by replacement of GDP with GTP is promoted by **GEF**-proteins ;
Inactivation of Ras by hydrolysis of GTP is accelerated by **GAP**;
Inhibition of GAP blocks GTP-hydrolysis thus leading to a persisting activation of Ras.

GEF: Guanine Nucleotide Exchange Factor
GAP: GTPase Activating Protein

Ras wird mittels Farnesylierung
in der Plasmamembran verankert



The compound eye of *Drosophila melanogaster*

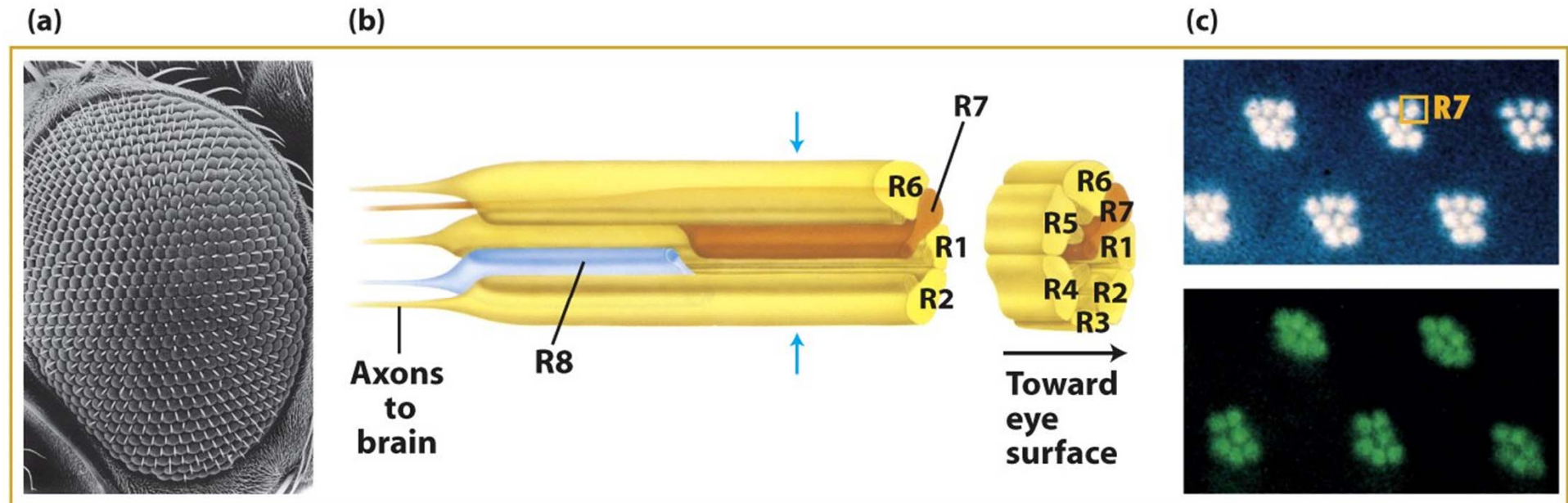


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(a) Komplexauge aus ca 800 Ommatidien
 im Rasterelektronenmikroskop

(b) Längsschnitt bzw. Ausschnitt eines Ommatidiums

(c) Vergleich der Augen vom Wildtyp und der *sevenless* Mutante
 (Schnittstelle ist in (b) durch blaue Pfeile angezeigt)

Genetic studies reveal that activation of Ras induces development of R7 photoreceptor in the *Drosophila* eye

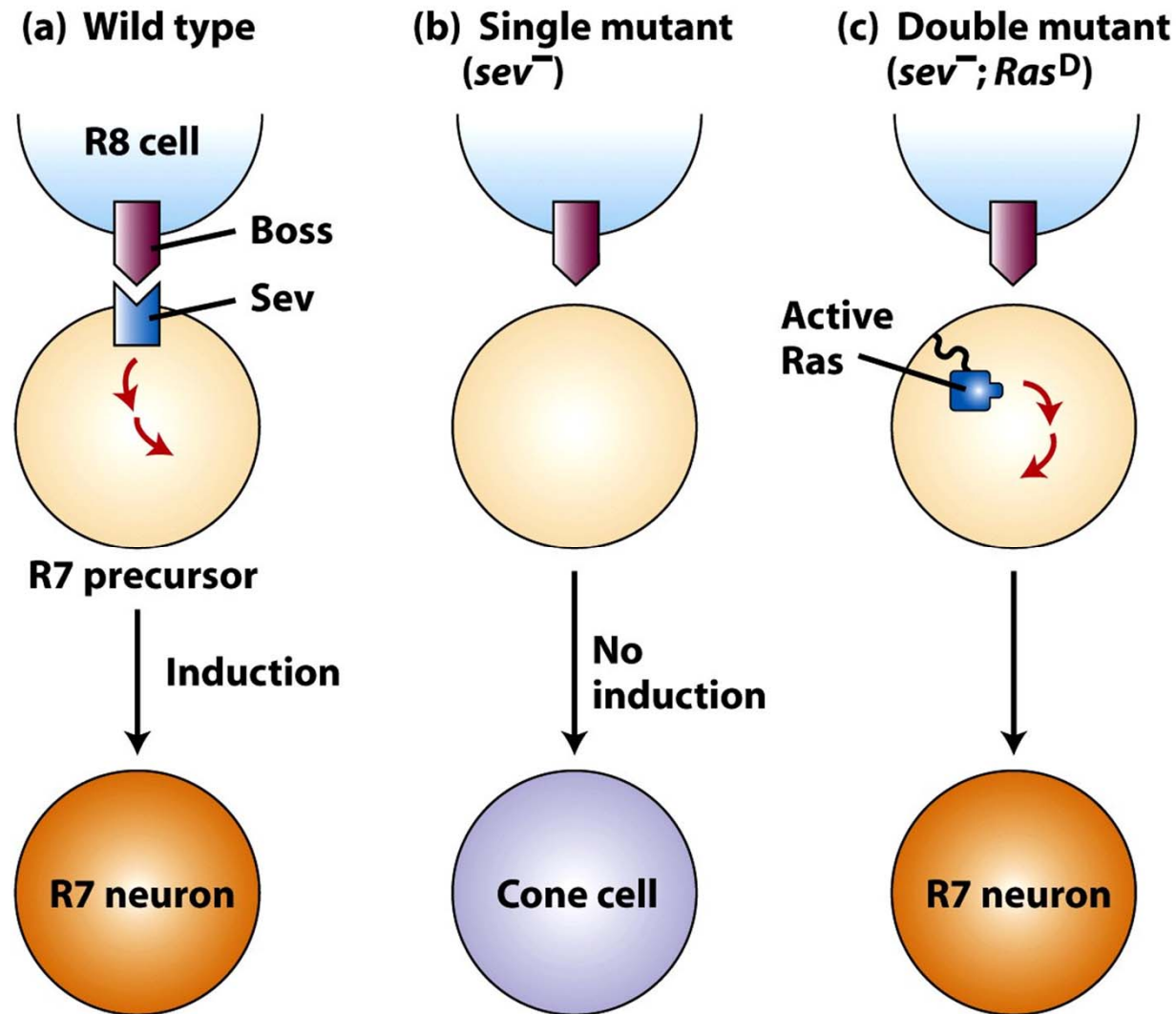
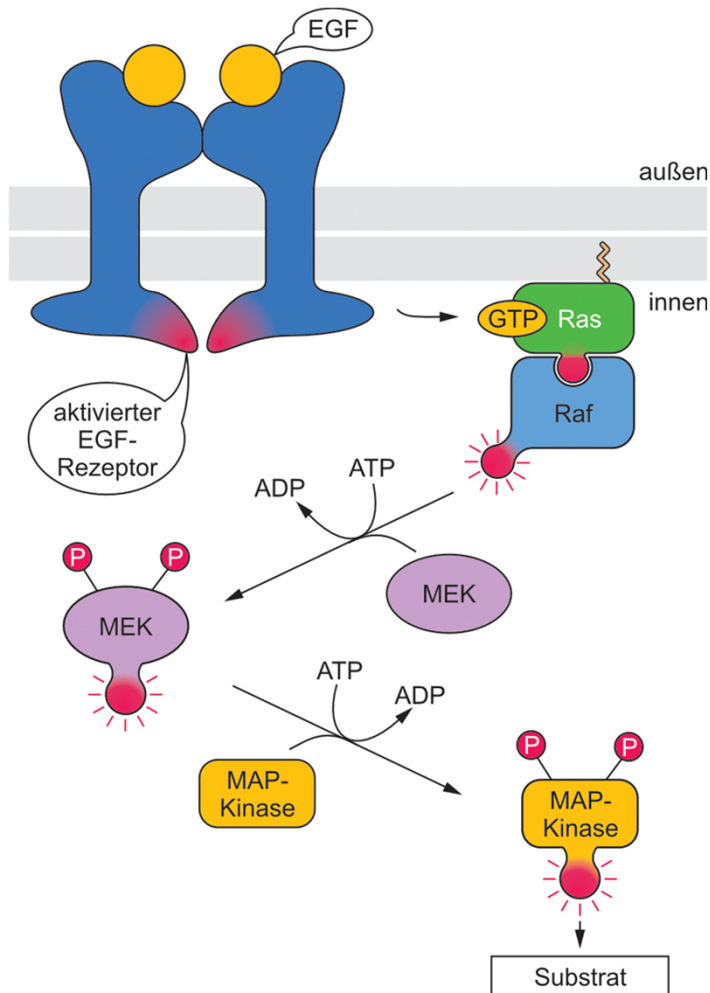


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GTP-Ras triggers the MAP-Kinase-Signaling Pathway



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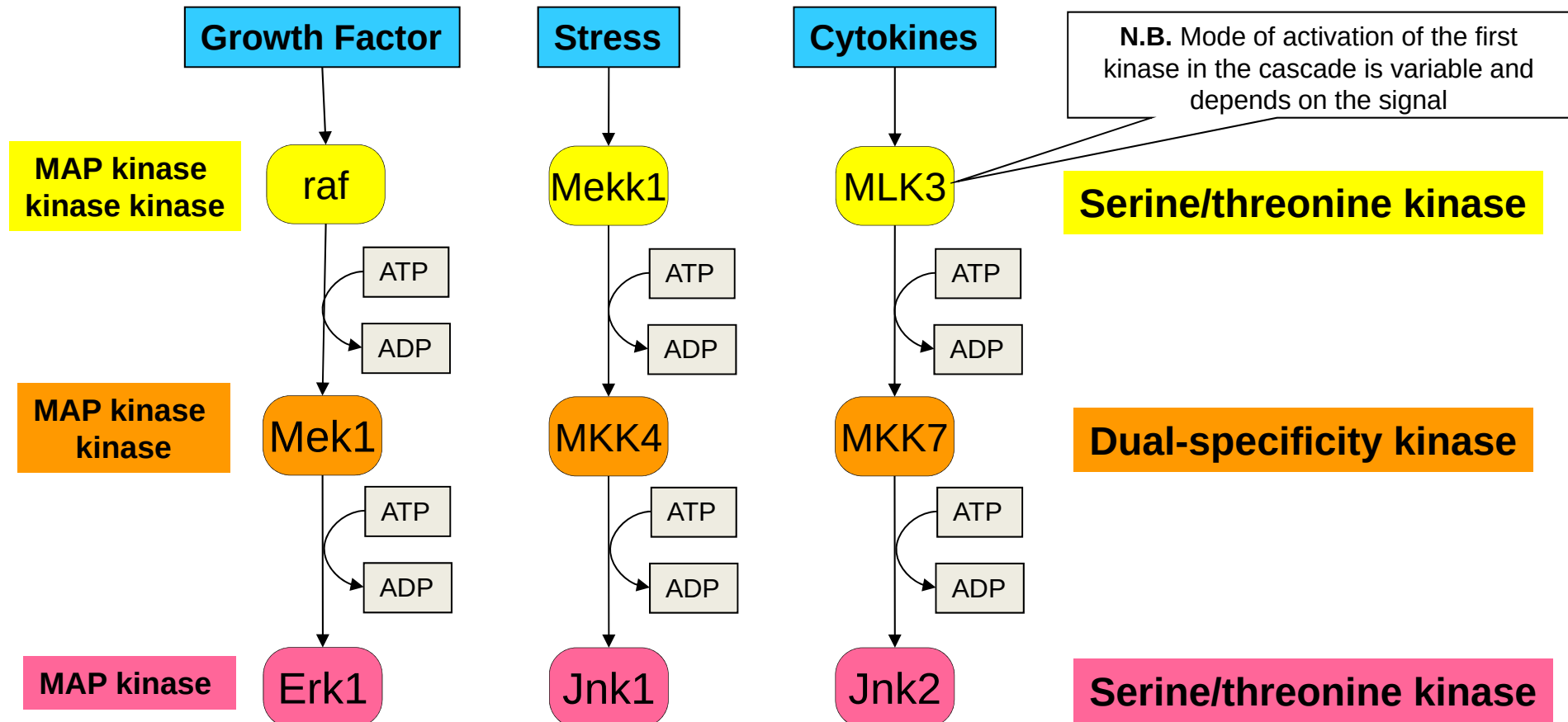
- GTP-Ras triggers the MAP-Kinase cascade via three enzymatic steps:
1. **Raf** (Ras-activated factor)
 2. **MEK** (MAP/ERK-Kinase, also MAP-Kinase-Kinase) and
 3. **MAP-Kinase** (Mitogen-activated Protein-Kinase; synonym with ERK, *extracellular signal regulated kinase*).

These kinases are successively phosphorylated and thus activated; thereby each downstream kinase represents the specific substrate for the upstream enzyme.

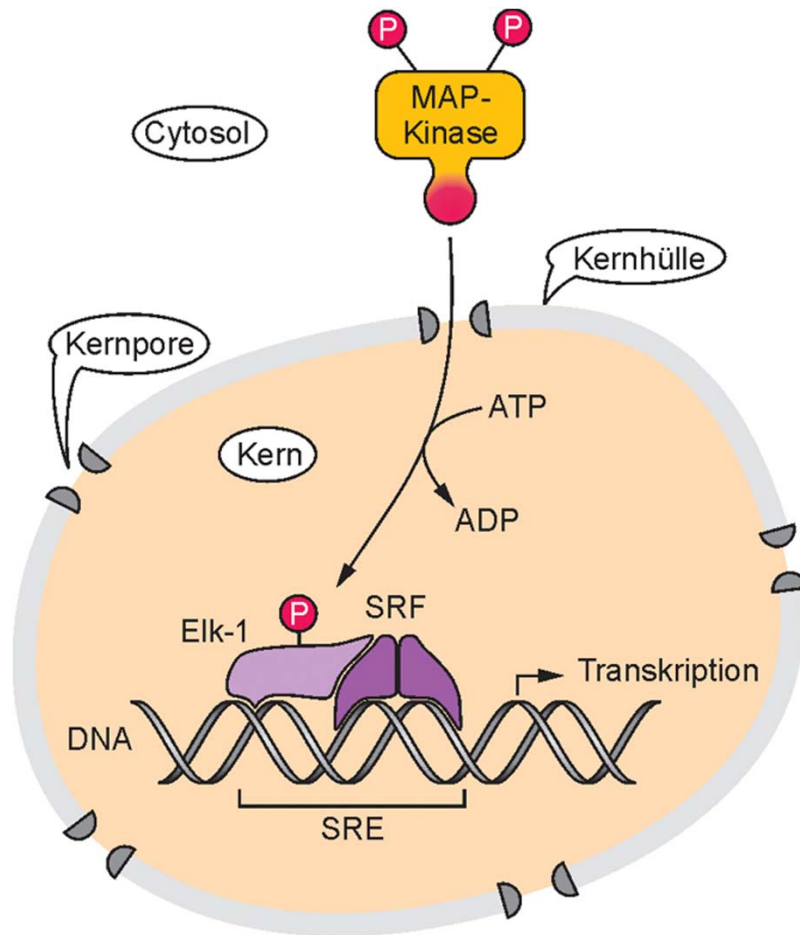
The most common MAP-kinases are ERK-1 und ERK-2.

Cascading Kinases

The raf → Mek-1 → Erk-1 cascade is one example of a MAP kinase cascade. Although these cascades utilise specific kinases, the pathways are very similar.



Phosphorylierung von Elk-1 durch MAP-Kinase

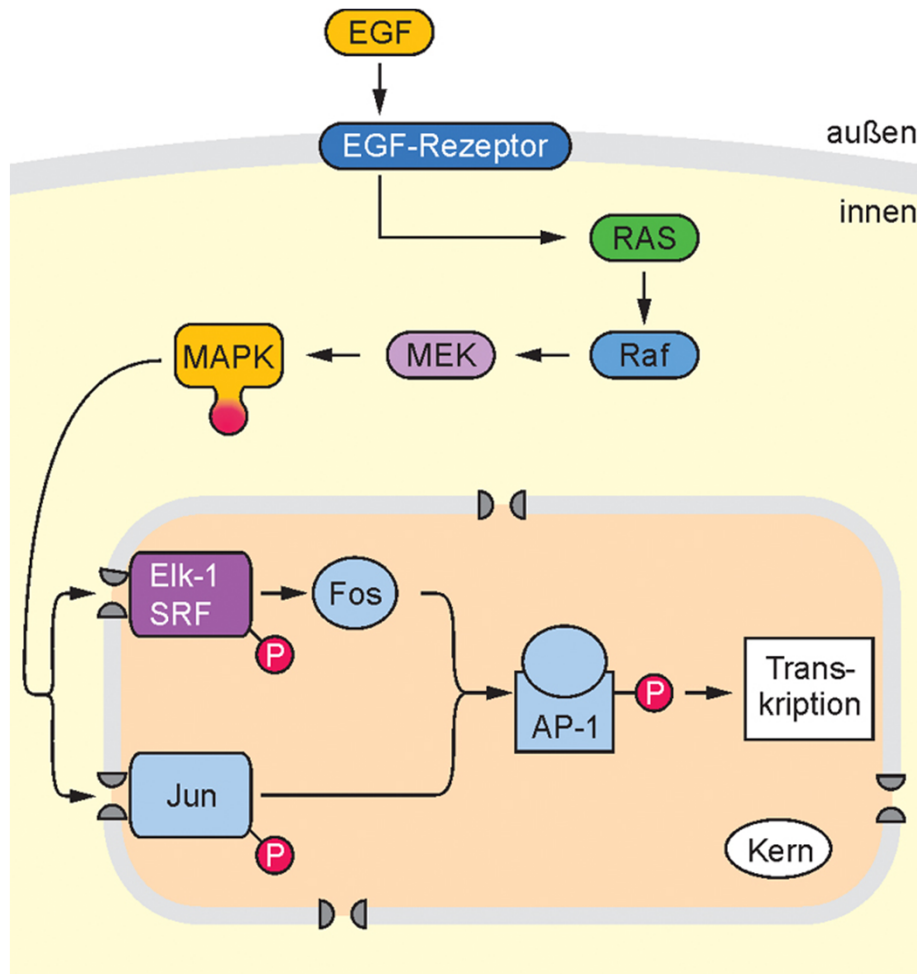


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In den Kern translozierte MAP-Kinase phosphoryliert Elk-1 (engl. *ets-like protein*), das im Komplex mit SRF (engl. *serum responsive factor*) an die regulatorische Promotorsequenz SRE (engl. *serum responsive element*) bindet.

Der aktivierte Komplex aus Elk-1 und SRF stimuliert die Expression zahlreicher Zielgene.

Ras-abhängige Regulation der Genexpression



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Der über den MAP-Kinasen-Weg aktivierte Komplex aus Elk-1 und SRF aktiviert das *fos*-Gen.

Sein Genprodukt Fos bildet mit Jun, das wiederum von MAP-Kinase phosphoryliert wird, den Komplex AP-1, der dann weitere Gene aktiviert.

Ras/MAP kinase pathway

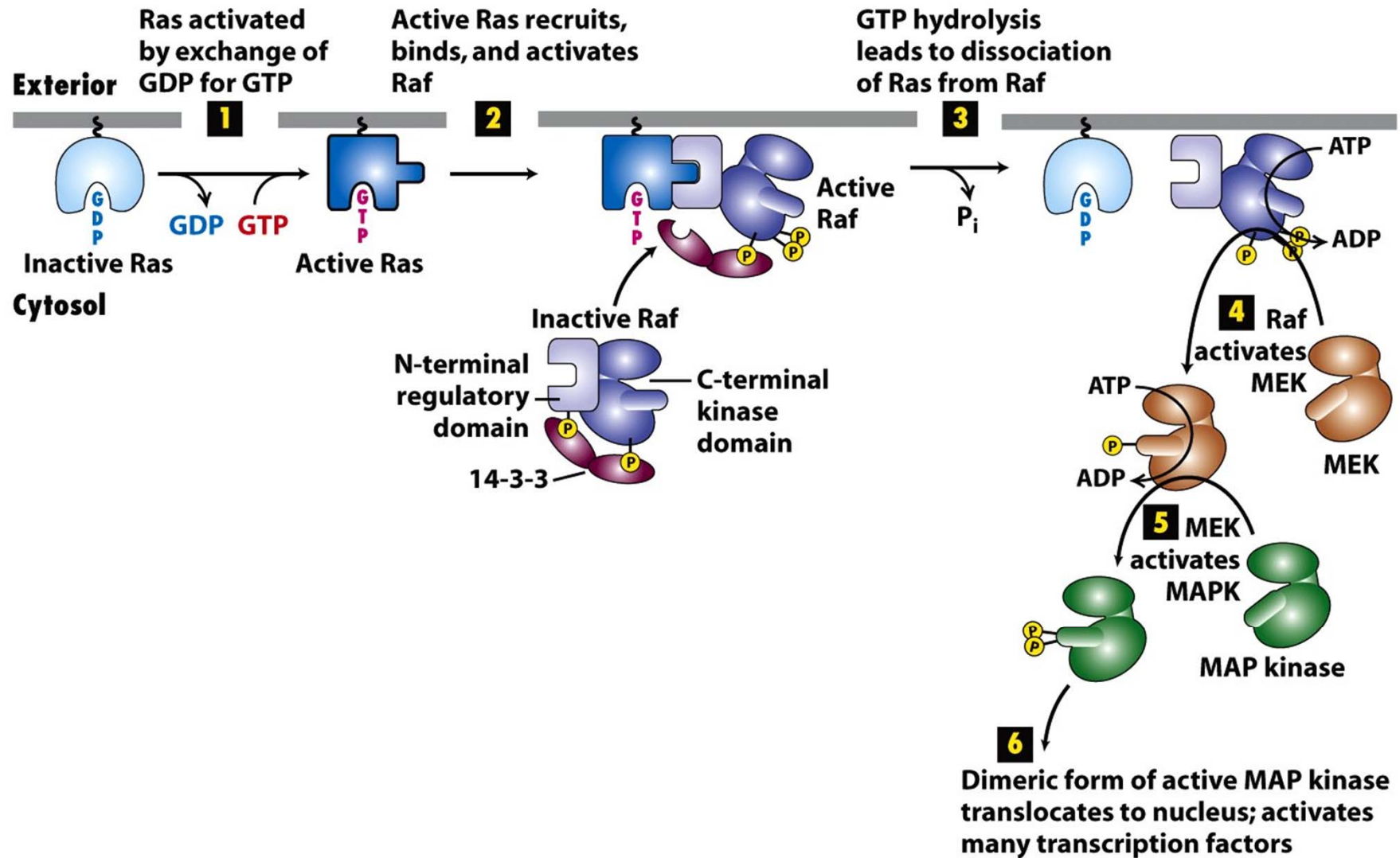


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MAP kinase regulates the activity of many transcription factors

TCF, ternary complex factor

p90^{RSK}, ribosomal S6 kinase

SRE, serum response elements

SRF, serum response factor

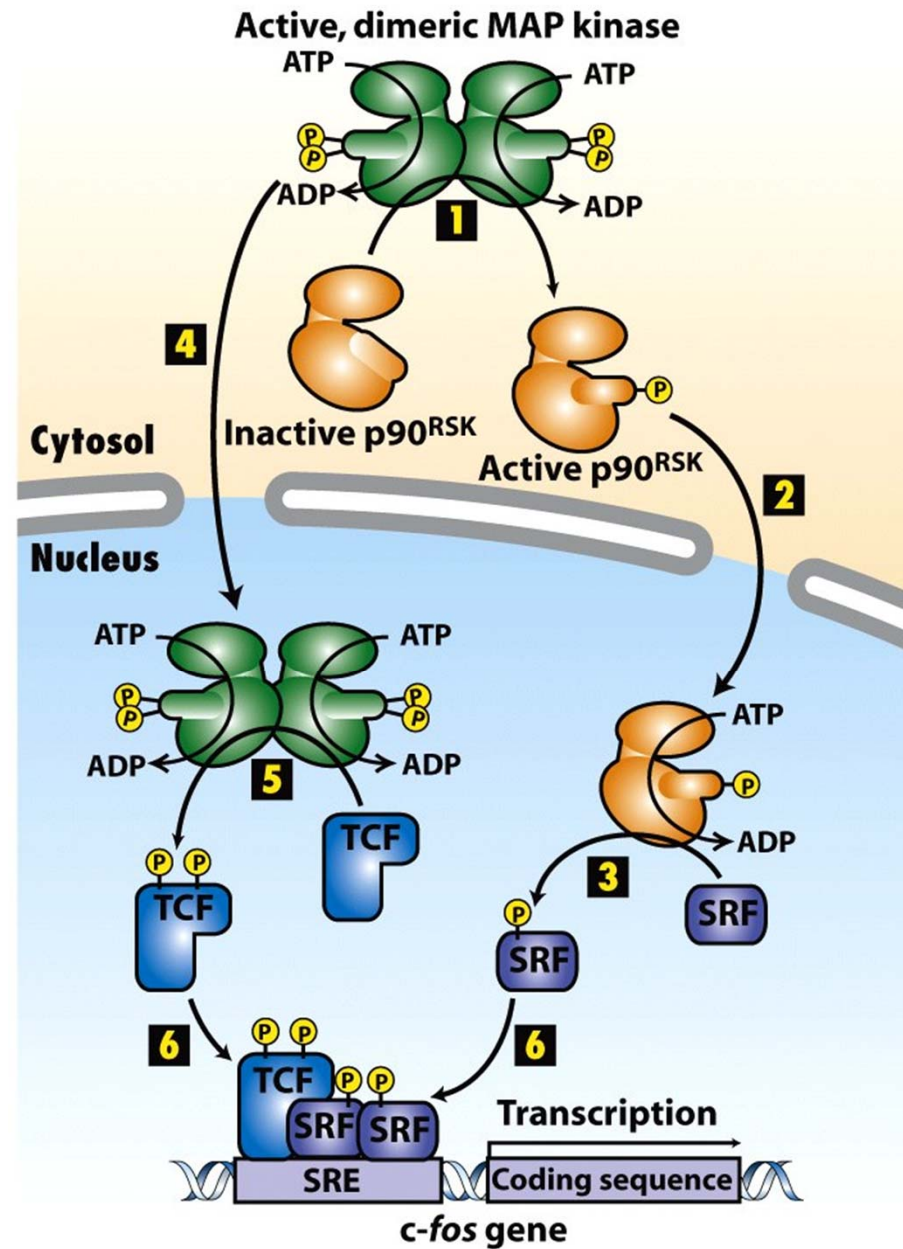
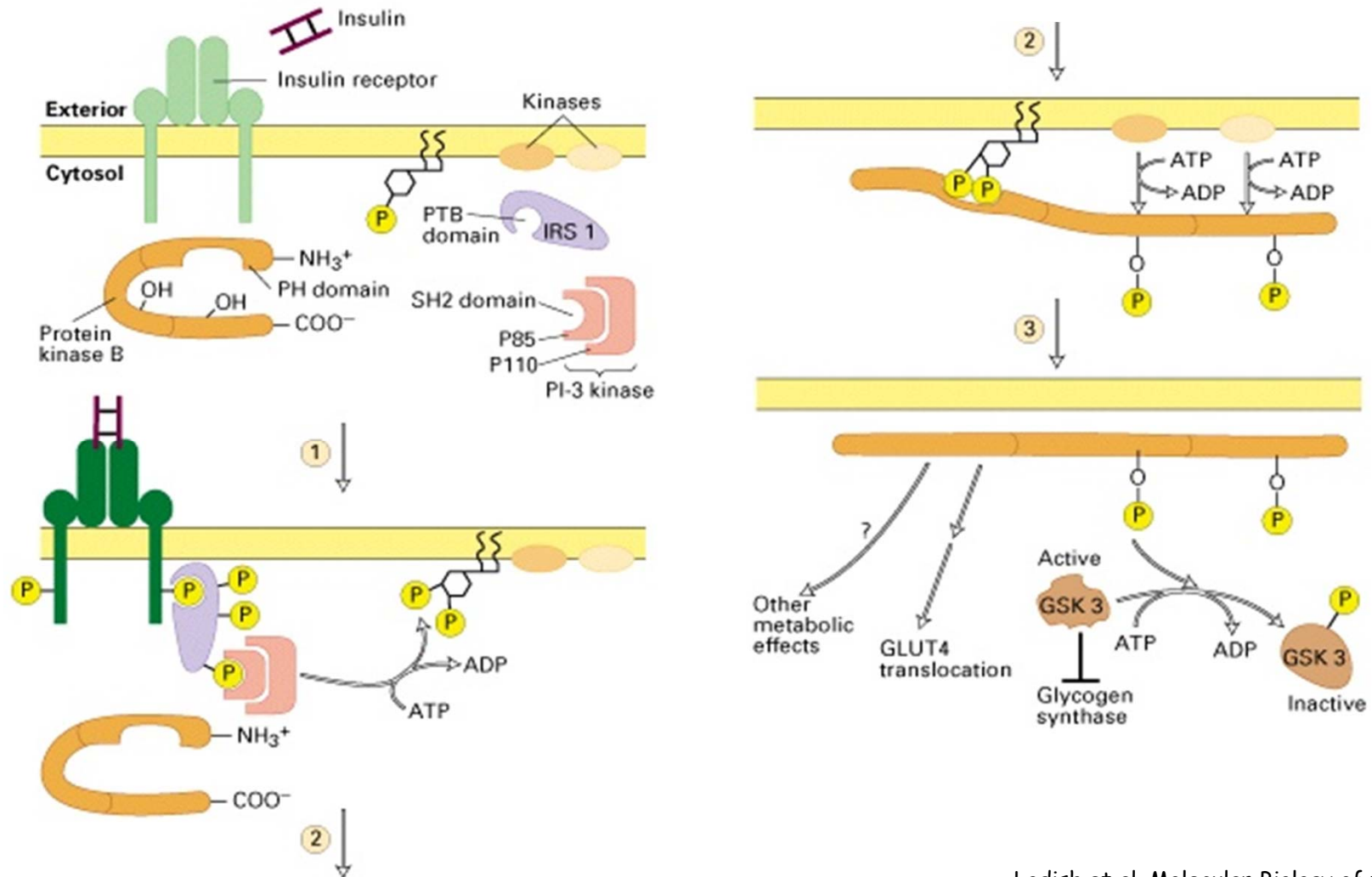


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Insulin activates PKB via PI-3 kinase

A Ras independent pathway activates Protein Kinase B



Ras Proteins

- Related proteins with similar structure, function
 - *H-ras* (Harvey-ras murine sarcoma virus)
 - *K-ras* (Kirsten-ras murine sarcoma virus)
 - *N-ras* (Neuroblastoma)
- 21 kDa proteins (p21^{ras})
- Ras proteins relay signals from receptor tyrosine kinases to nucleus to stimulate cell proliferation or differentiation
- Ras proteins active with GTP bound, inactive with GDP bound
- Receptor tyrosine kinases can activate
 - GTPase-activating protein (GAP → inactive Ras)
 - or Guanine-nucleotide Releasing Protein (GEF, Sos → active Ras)

Single Nucleotide Change → H-*ras* Oncogene

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Normal	Met	Thr	Glu	Tyr	Lys	Leu	Val	Val	Val	Gly	Ala	Gly	Gly		Leu	Ser
Human <i>rasH</i>	ATG	ACG	GAA	TAT	AAG	CTG	GTG	GTG	GTG	GGC	GCC	GGC	GGT		CTC	TCC
												↓				
Activated												GTC				
EJ <i>rasH</i>	Met	Thr	Glu	Tyr	Lys	Leu	Val	Val	Val	Gly	Ala	Val	Gly		Leu	Ser

- Mutations in codon 12 → reduced GTPase activity
- Ras remains active longer than appropriate
- Overstimulation of MAP-kinase pathway

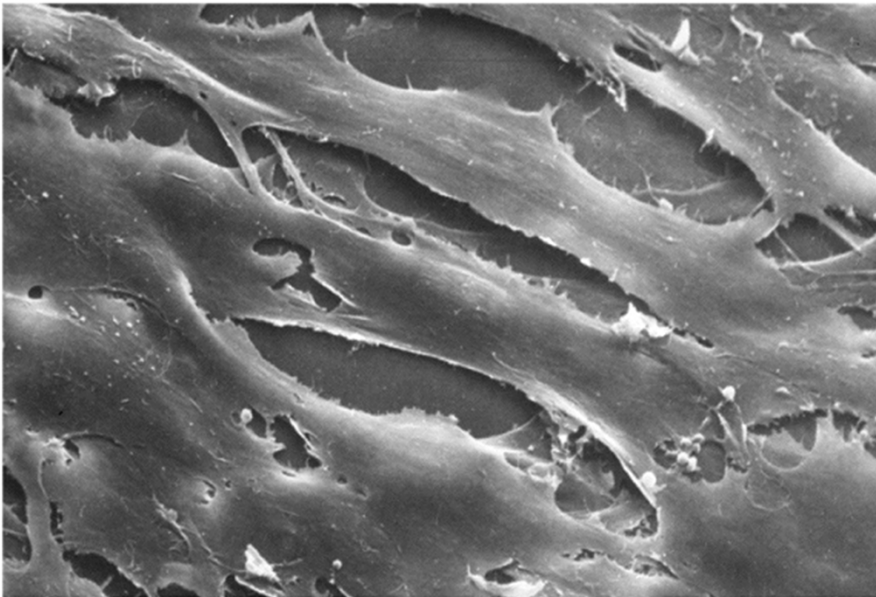
About 25% of all tumors have mutations inactivating Ras GTPase

**Cells that continue to grow when normal cells have become quiescent
are said to be transformed**

Transformed cells may exhibit many of the properties of malignant tumor cells

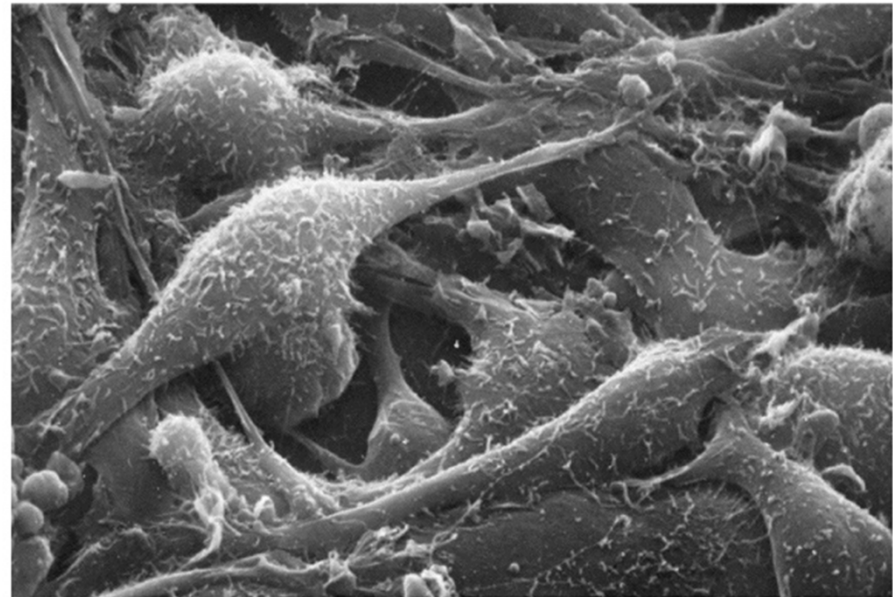
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(a)

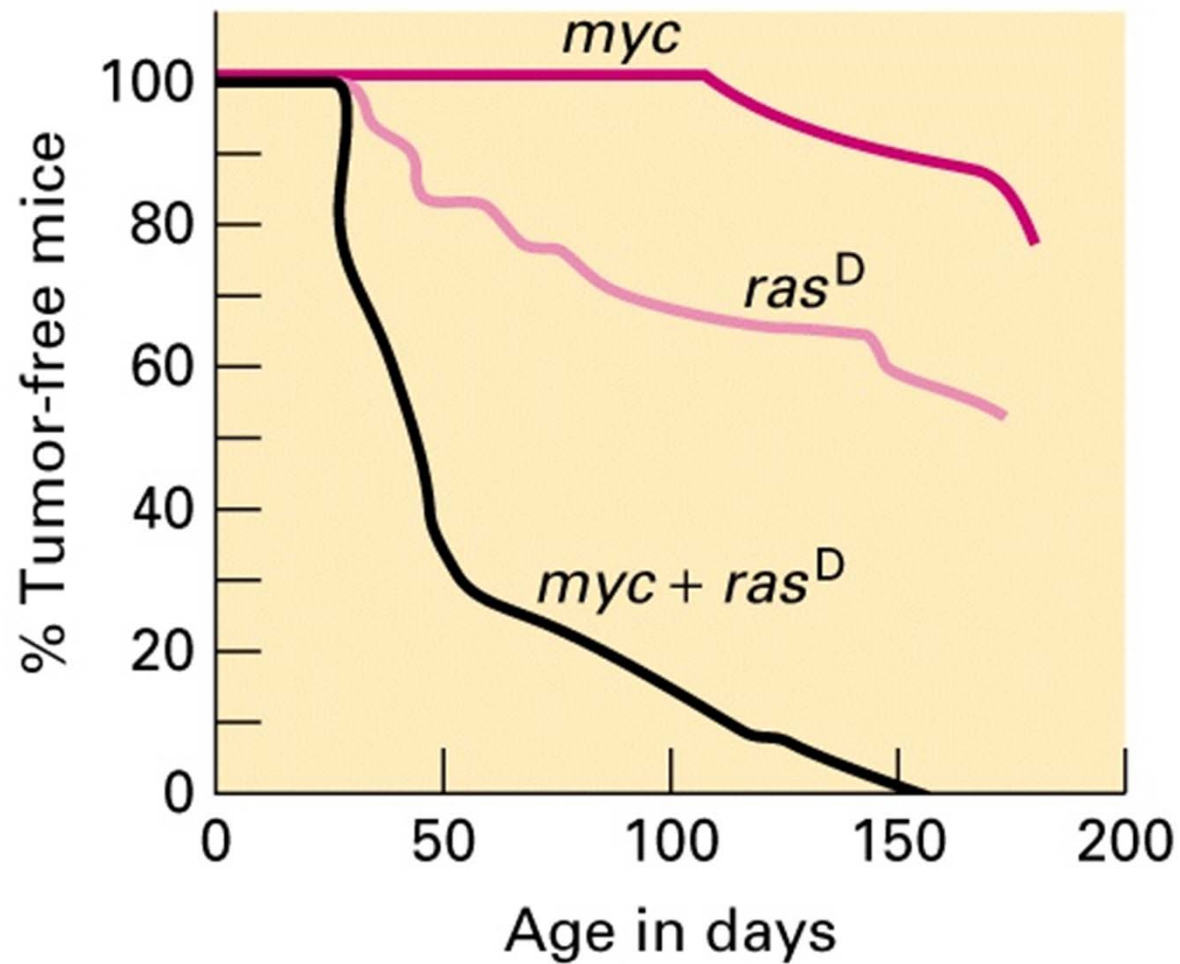


transformed

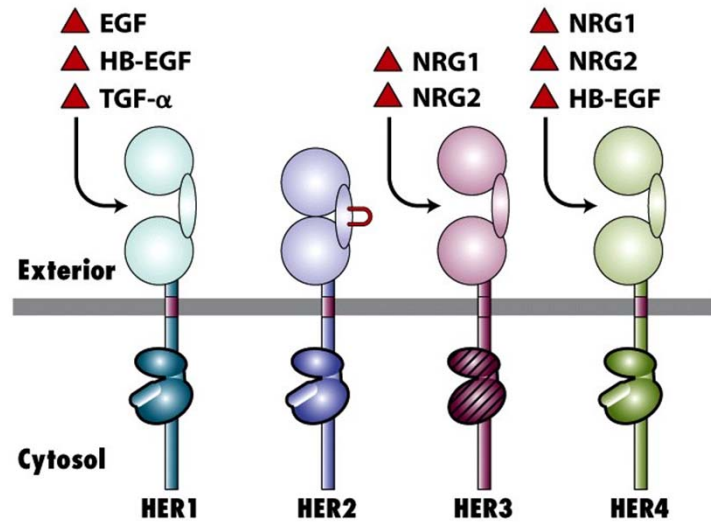
(b)



Overexpression of multiple oncogenes increases tumor formation



The HER family of RTKs and their ligands



HER: Human EGF-Receptor
 EGF: Epidermal Growth Factor
 HB-EGF: Heparin Binding-EGF
 TGF: Tumor-Derived Growth Factor
 NRG: Neuroregulins

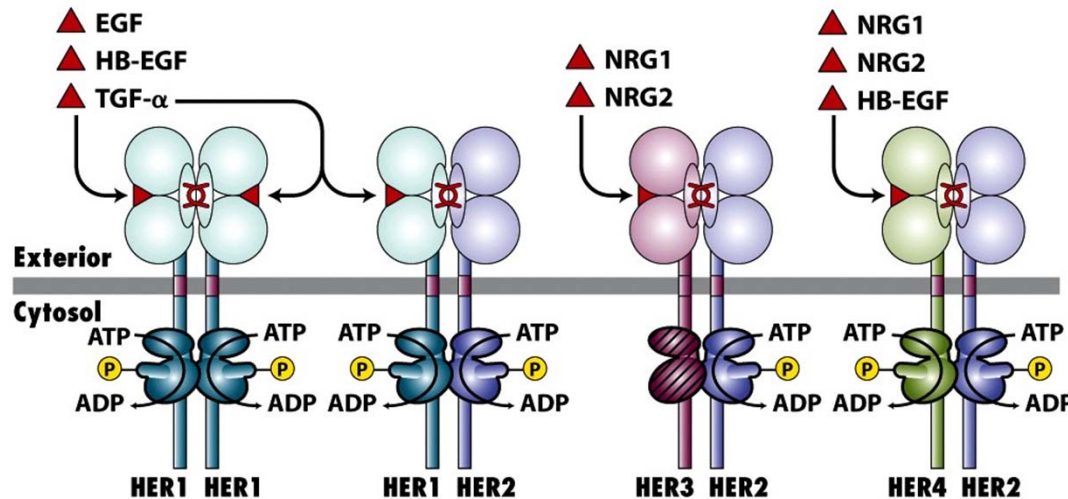


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Amplification of *Her2* gene occurs in ~ 25% of breast cancer patients.

Tyrosine Kinase gekoppelte Membranrezeptoren

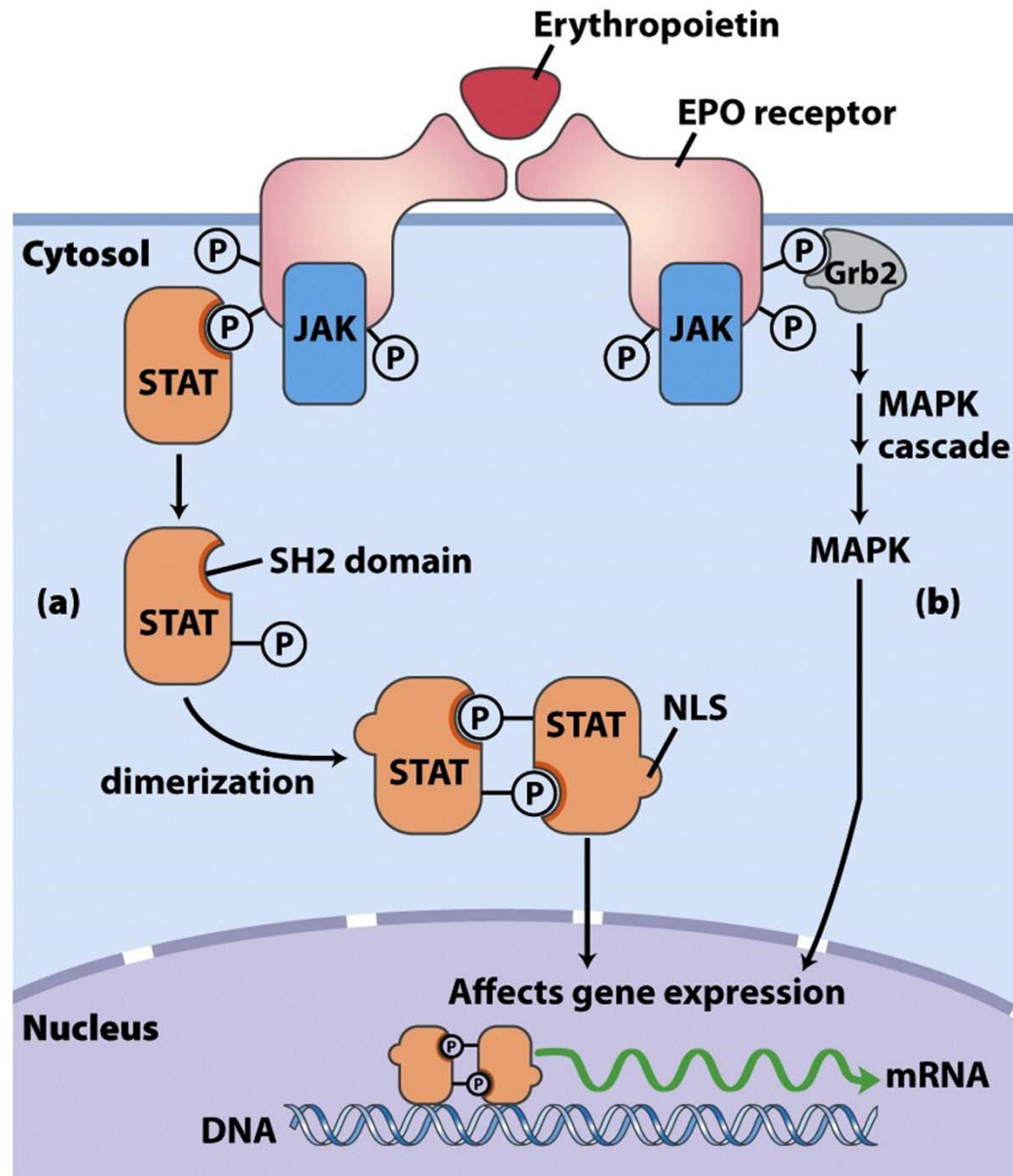
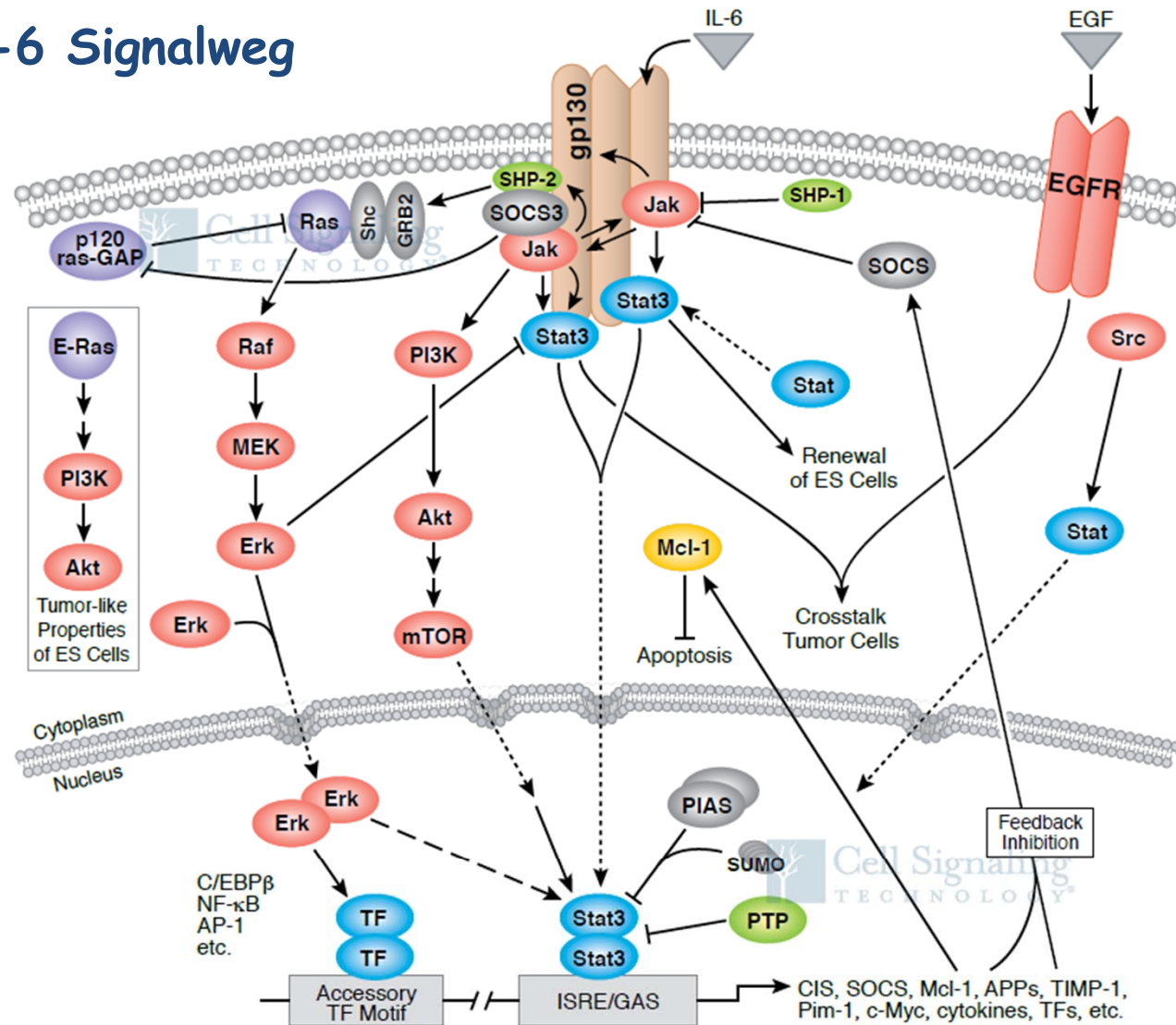
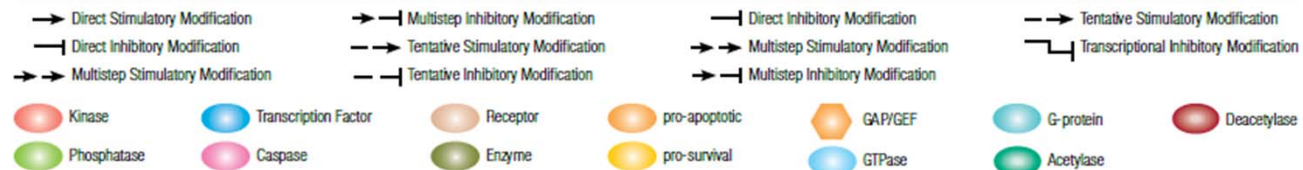


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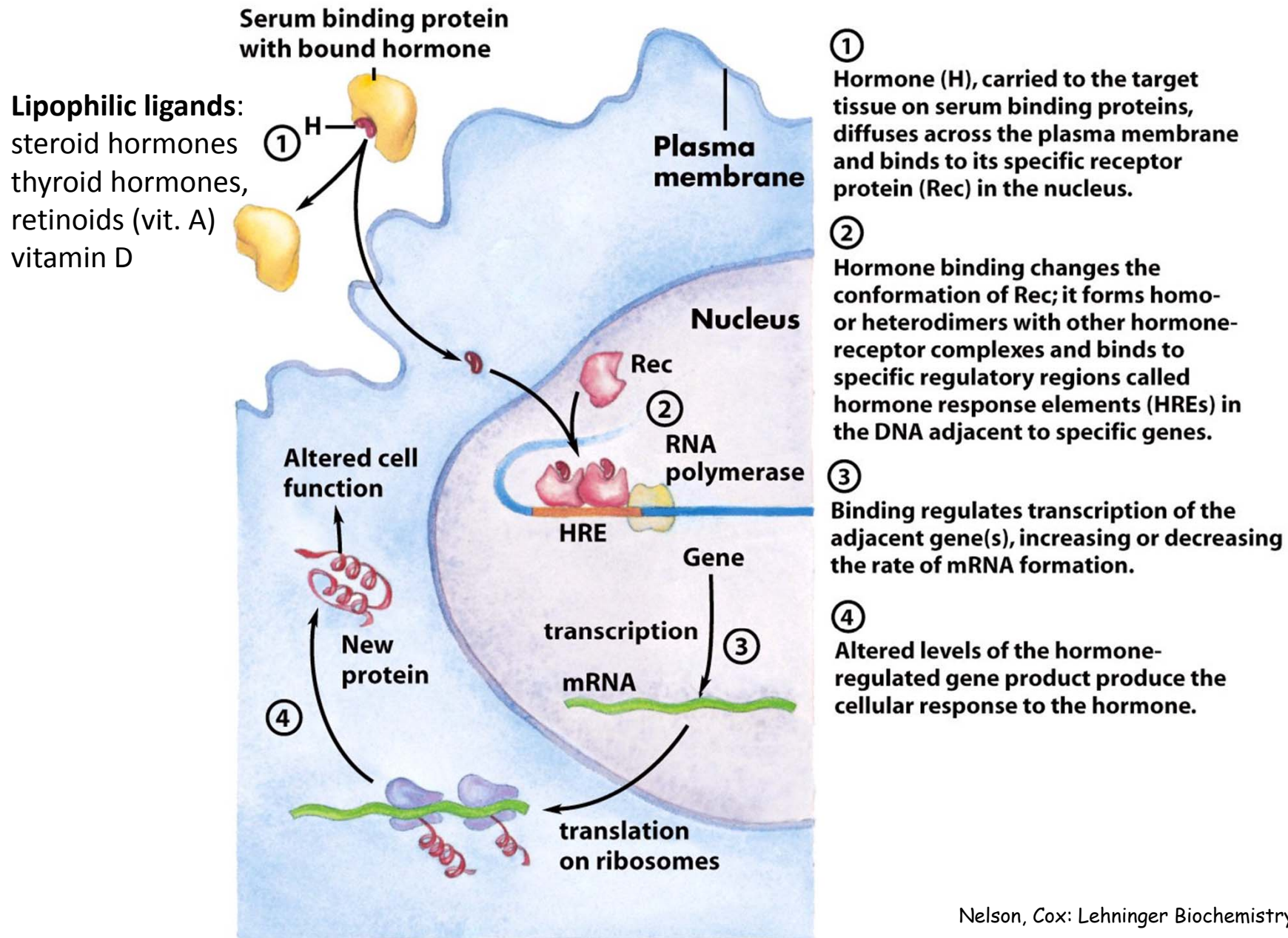
Interleukin-6 Signalweg



Pathway Diagram Key



General mechanism by which lipophilic compounds regulate gene expression



Phosphoinositides as Signal Transducers

- Phospholipase C: different isoforms are activated by different signals that bind either GPCR or RTK
- PI-3 kinase pathway

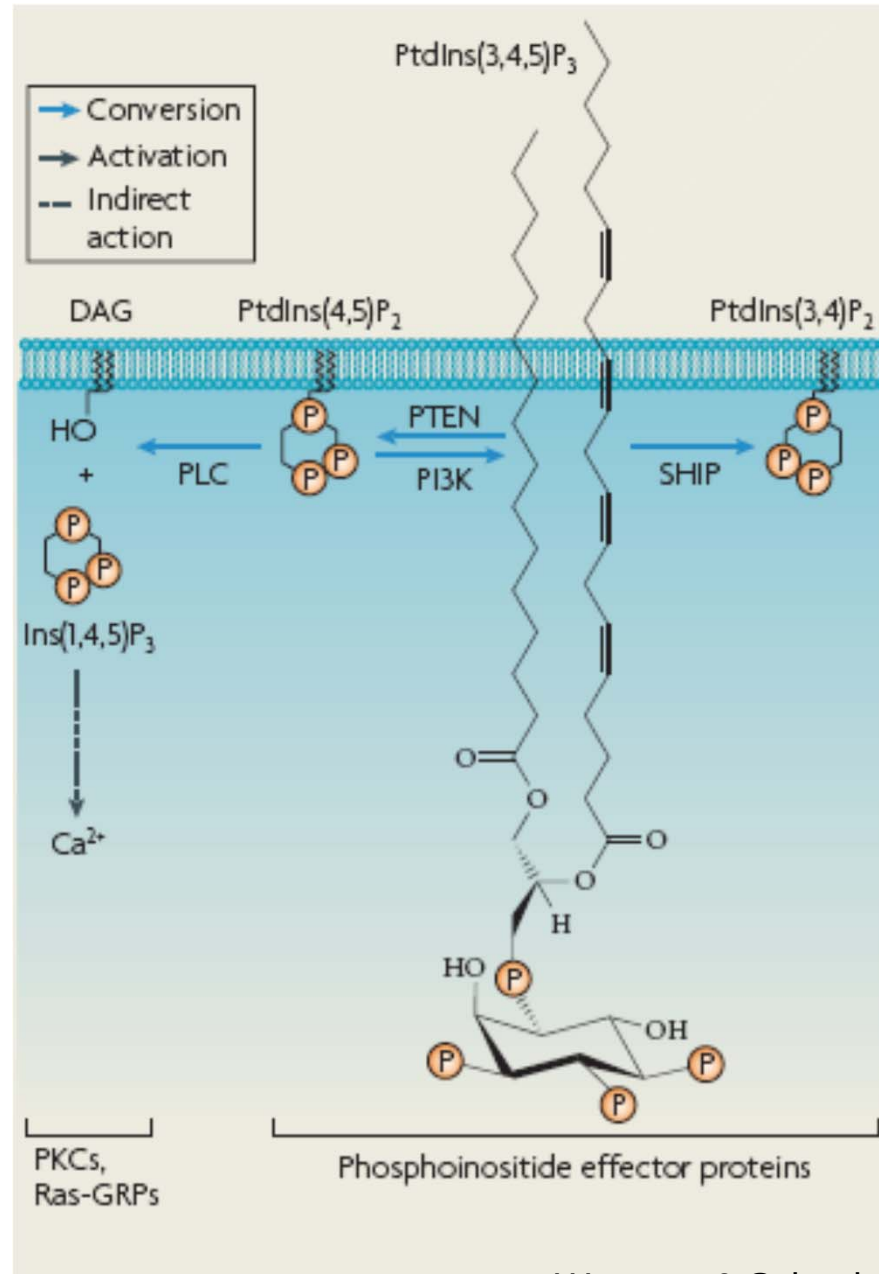
Intracellular signalling by phosphoinositids

Nature has used several possible versions of the inositol head group to create highly specific docking sites for lipid binding proteins

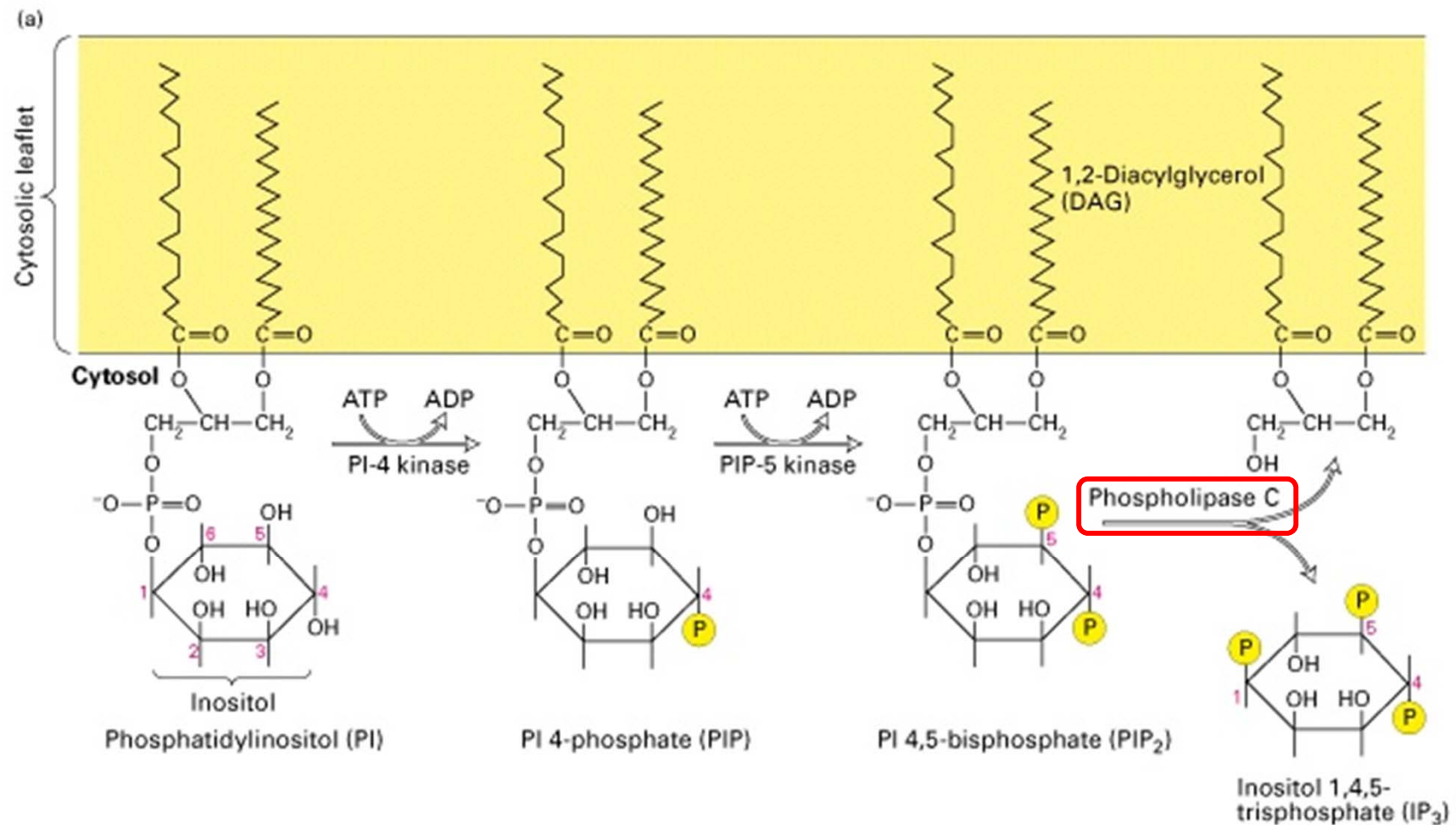
PTEN: phosphatase and tensin homologue
deleted on chromosome ten

SHIP: Src-homology-2 (SH2) domain-containing
inositol 5-phosphatase

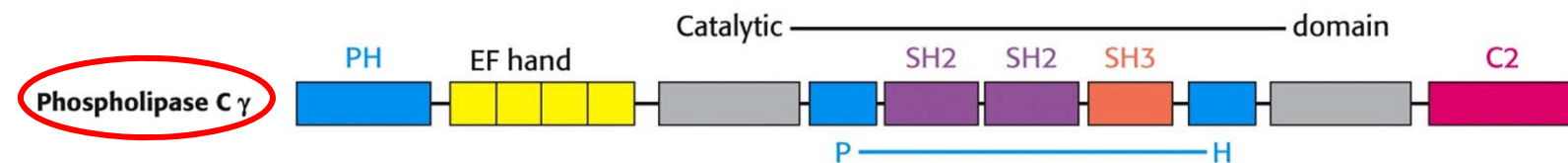
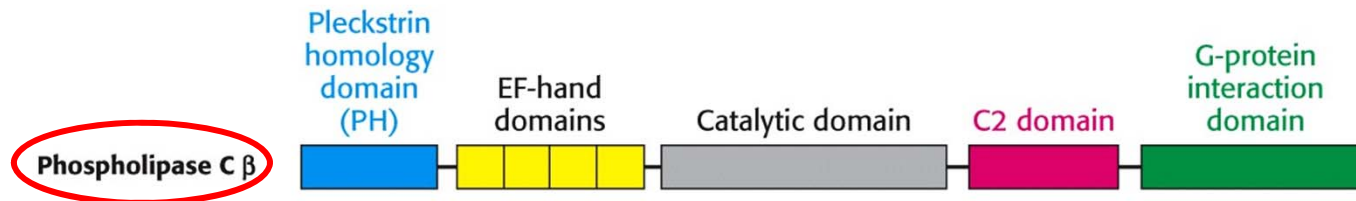
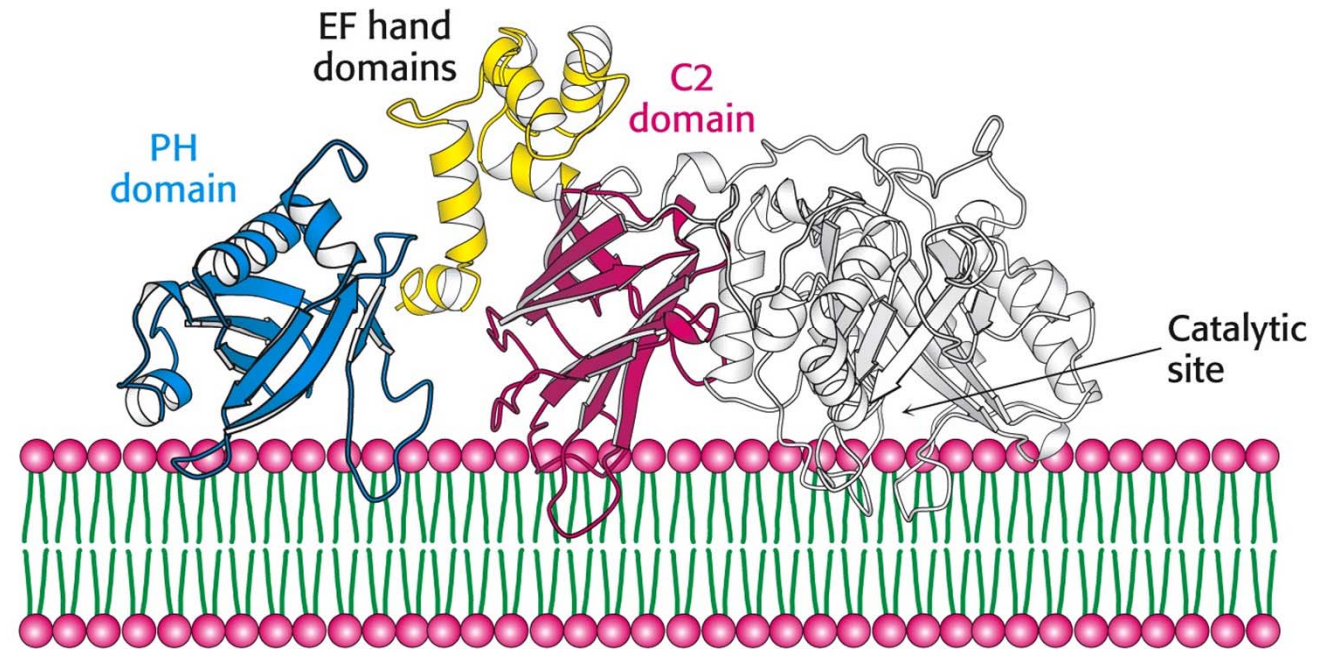
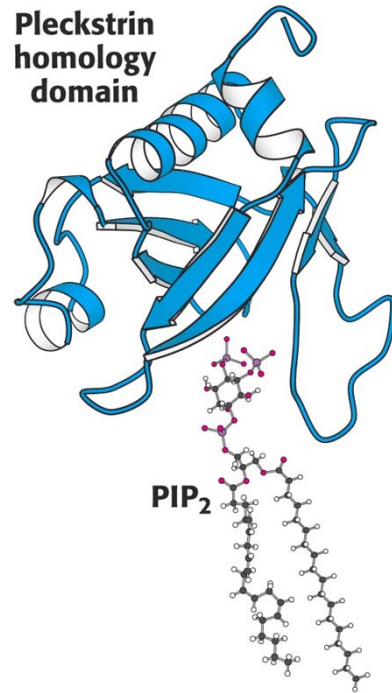
Ras-GRP: Ras guanyl nucleotide-releasing protein



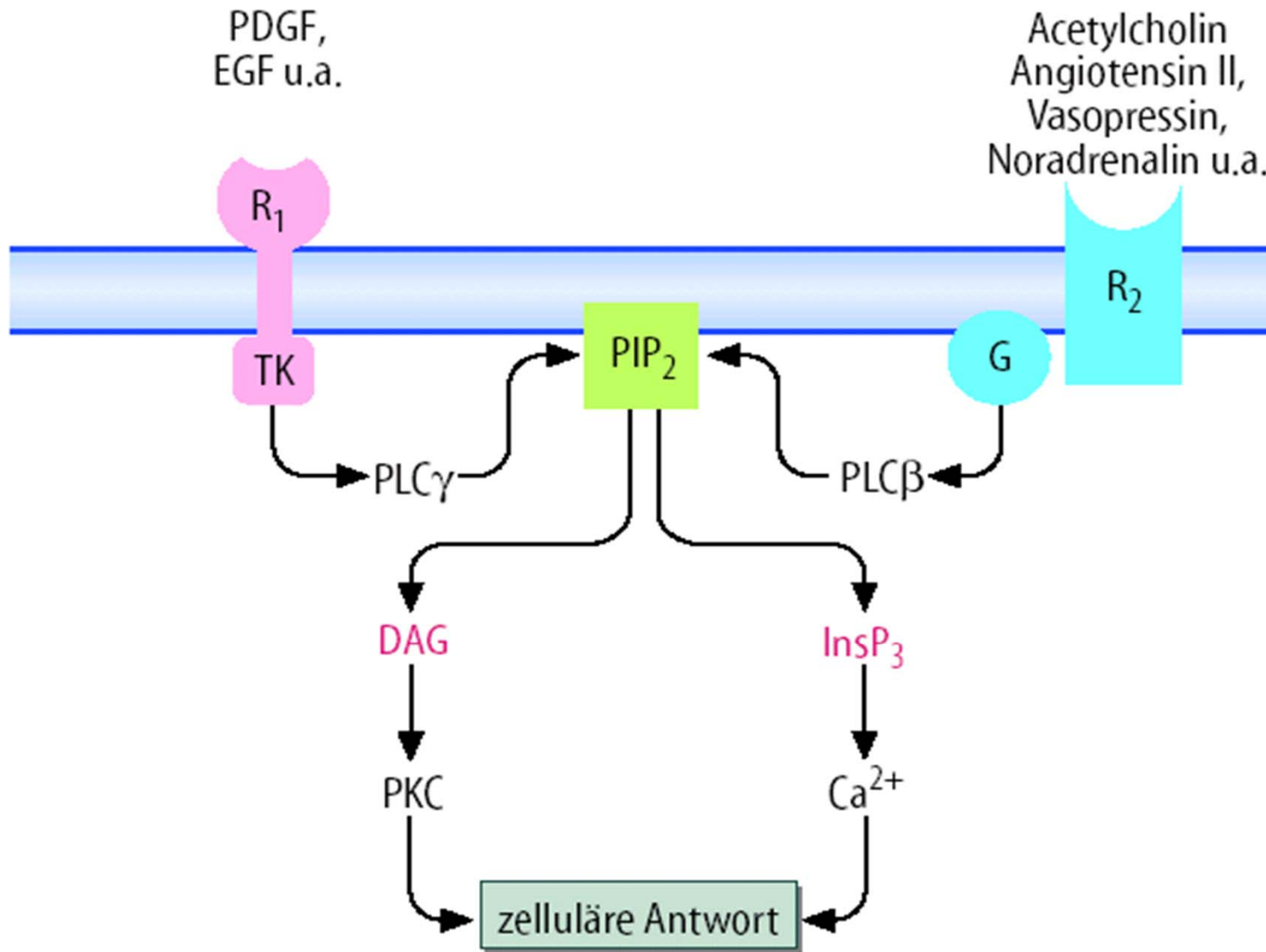
Modification of a common phospholipid precursor generates several second messengers: **DAG** and **IP₃**



Phospholipase C Isoforms



PLC-induced release of Ca^{2+} from the ER is mediated by IP_3



PLC β is an effector targeted by GPCRs

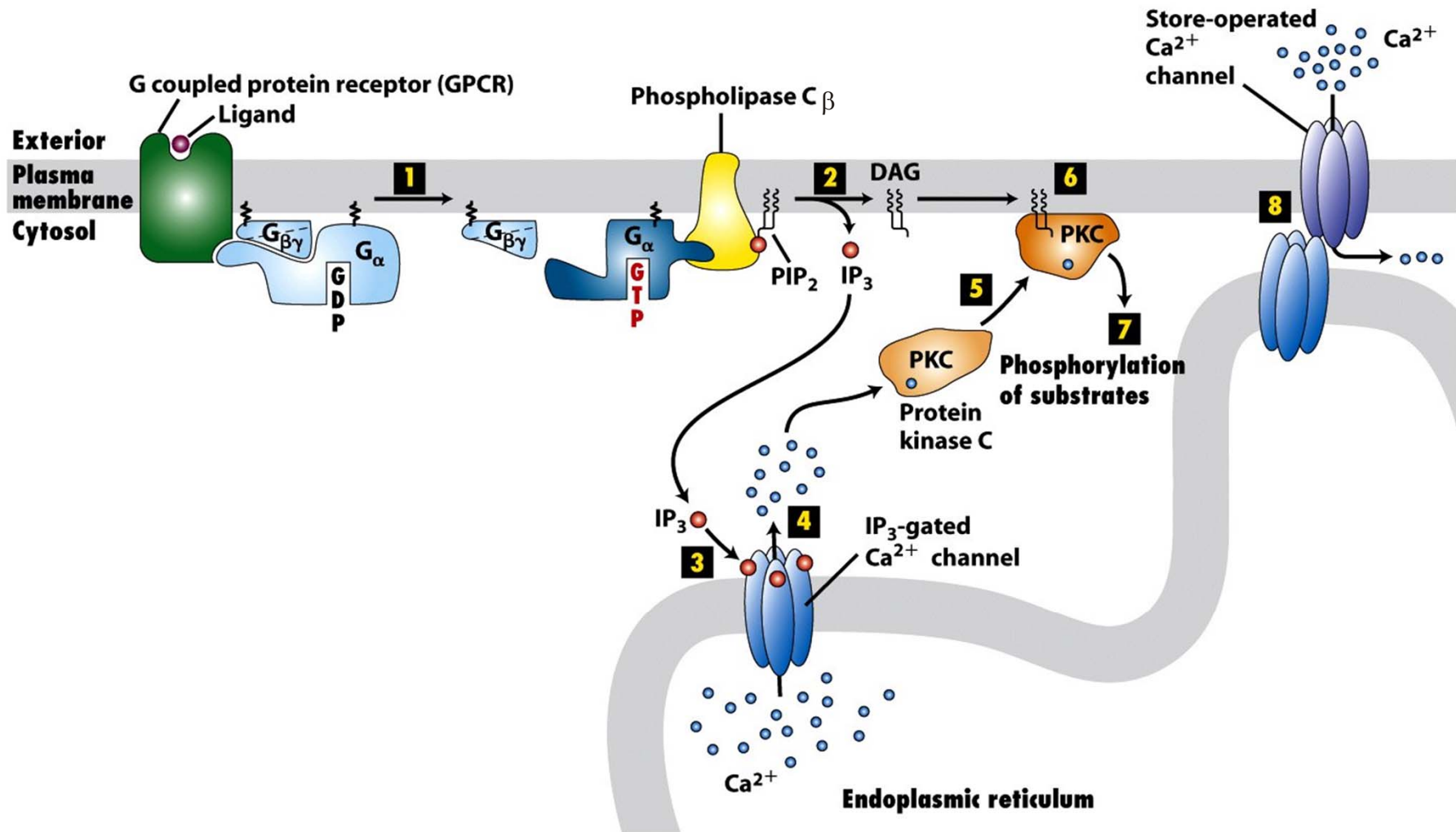
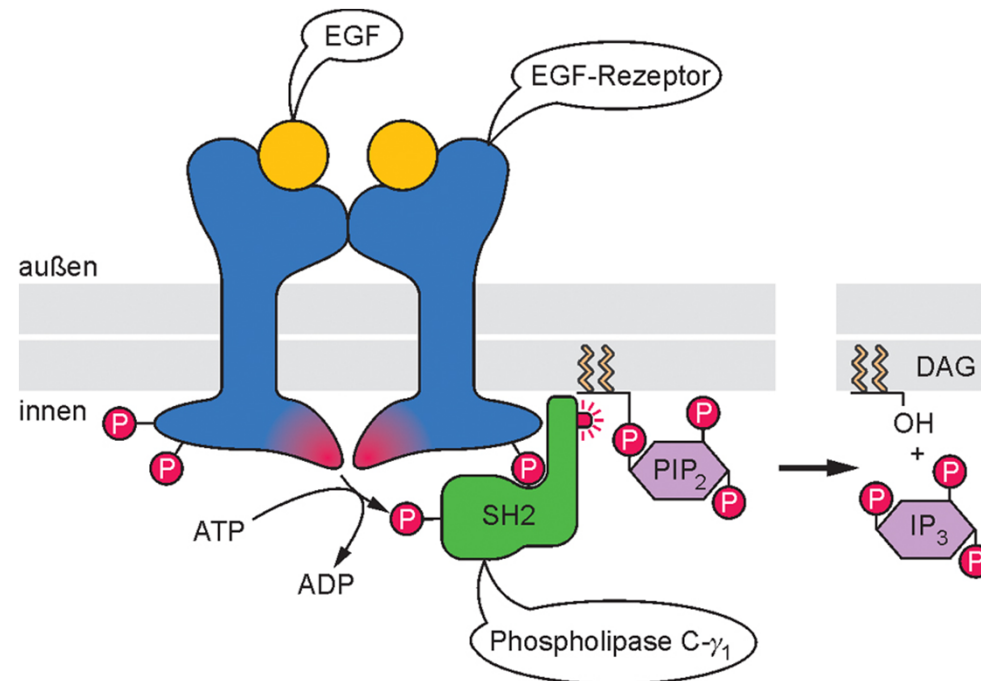


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Short term effects on cell metabolism and movement
Long term effects on gene expression

PLC γ_1 is an effector targeted by RTKs



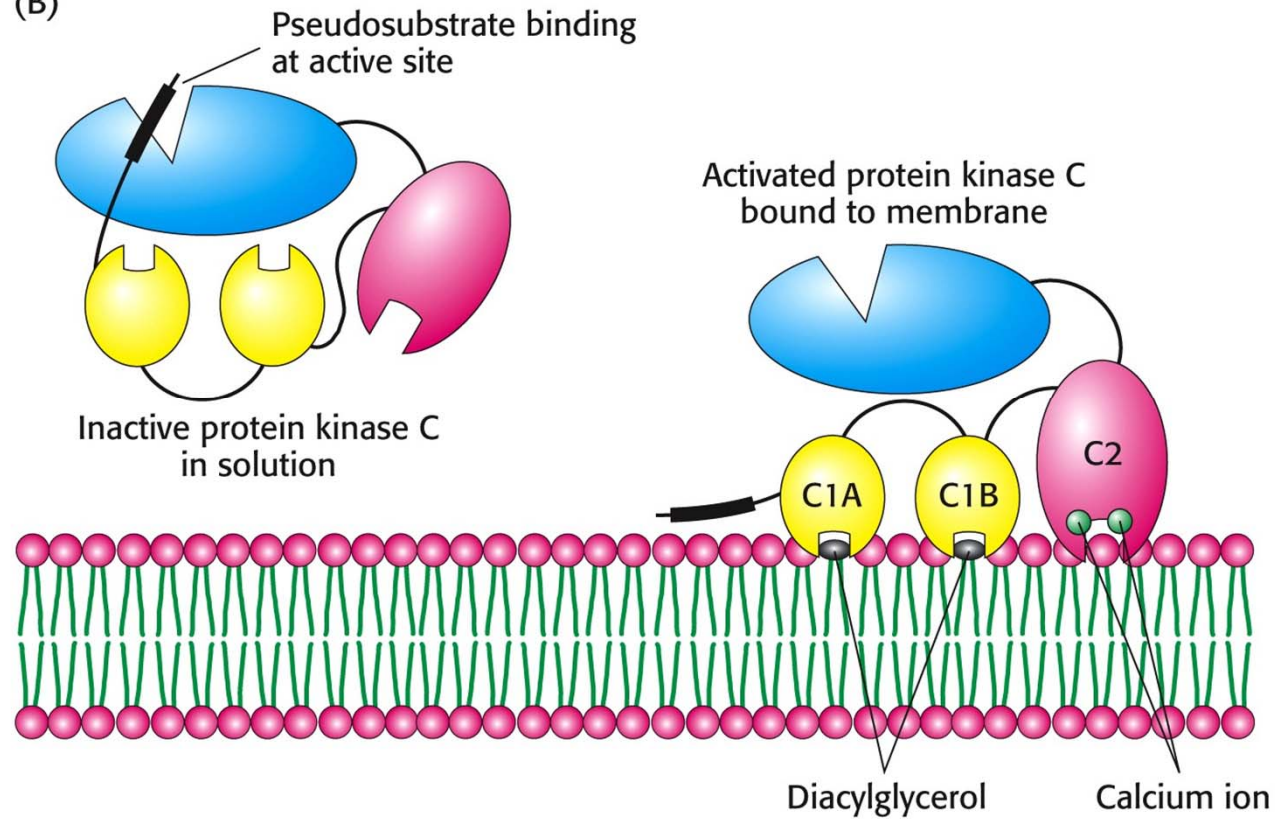
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The activated EGF-receptor recruits the cytosolic phospholipase C- γ_1 (substrate PIP $_2$) via its **SH2-domain** and activates the enzyme by phosphorylation.

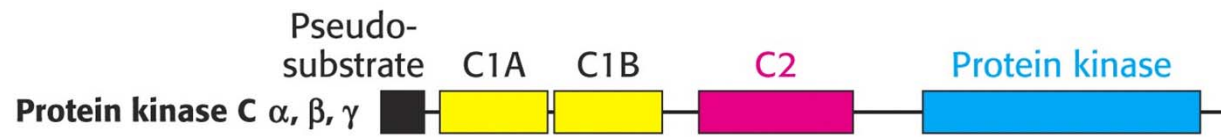
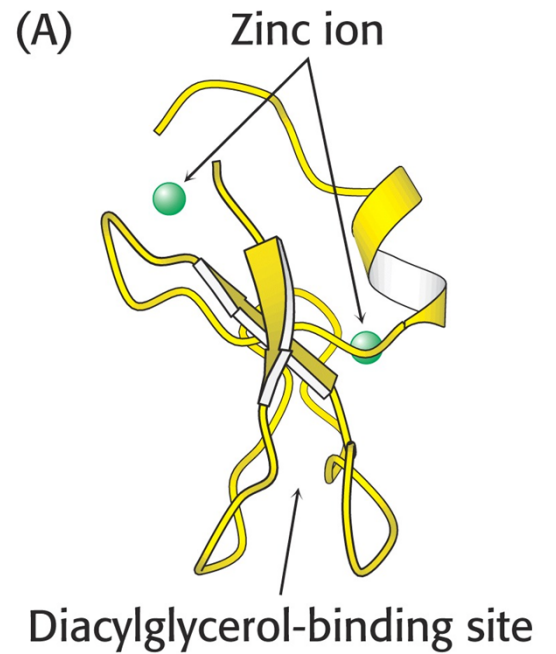
Phosphatases terminate this process.

Proteinkinase C

(B)



(A)



PI 3-phosphates recruit and activate protein kinase B (PKB)

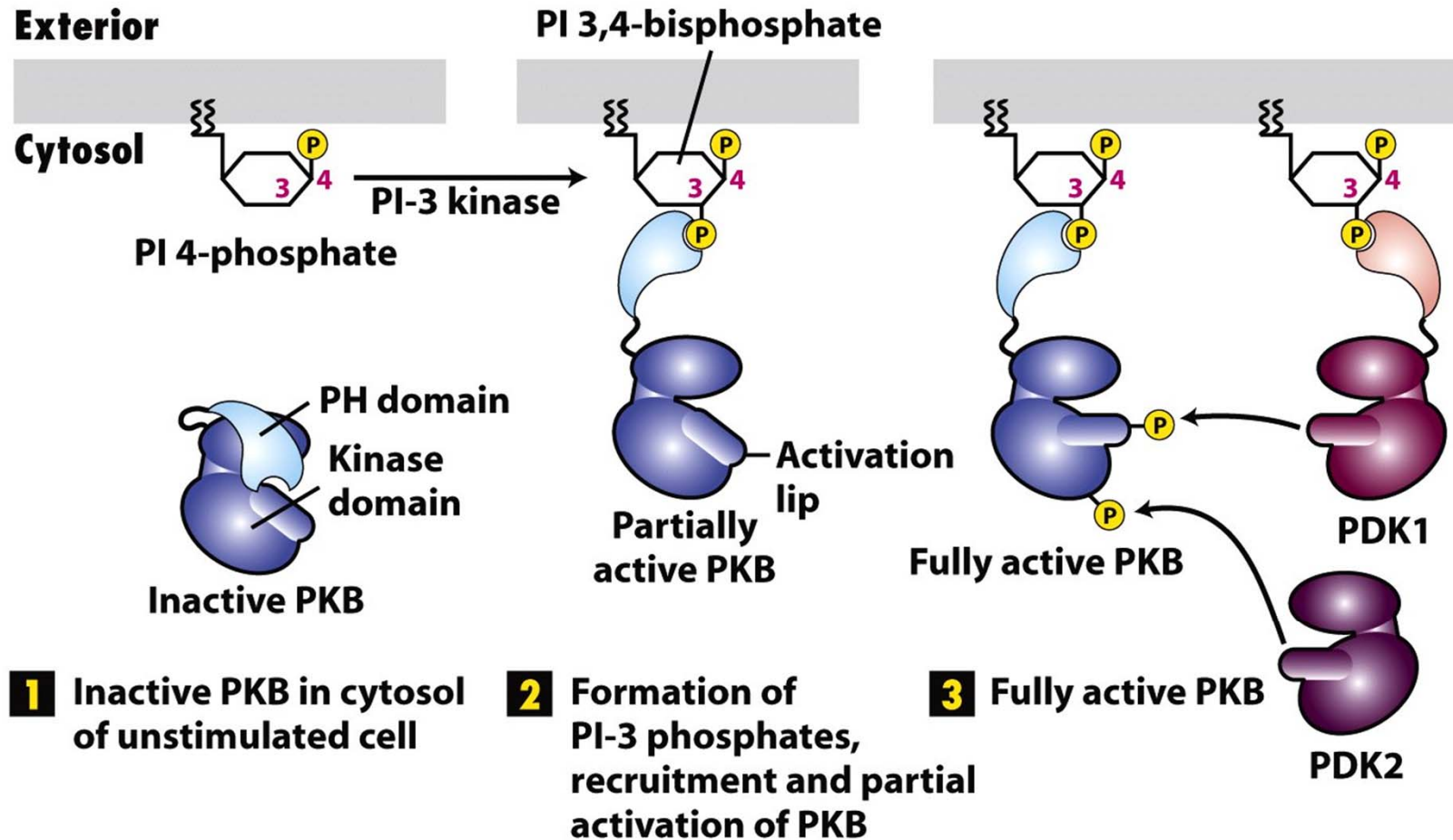


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PH: pleckstrin homology
 PDK: PI-dependent kinase

PI-3 kinase generates phosphatidylinositol 3-phosphates, which are binding sites for various signal-transduction proteins, usually triggering survival.

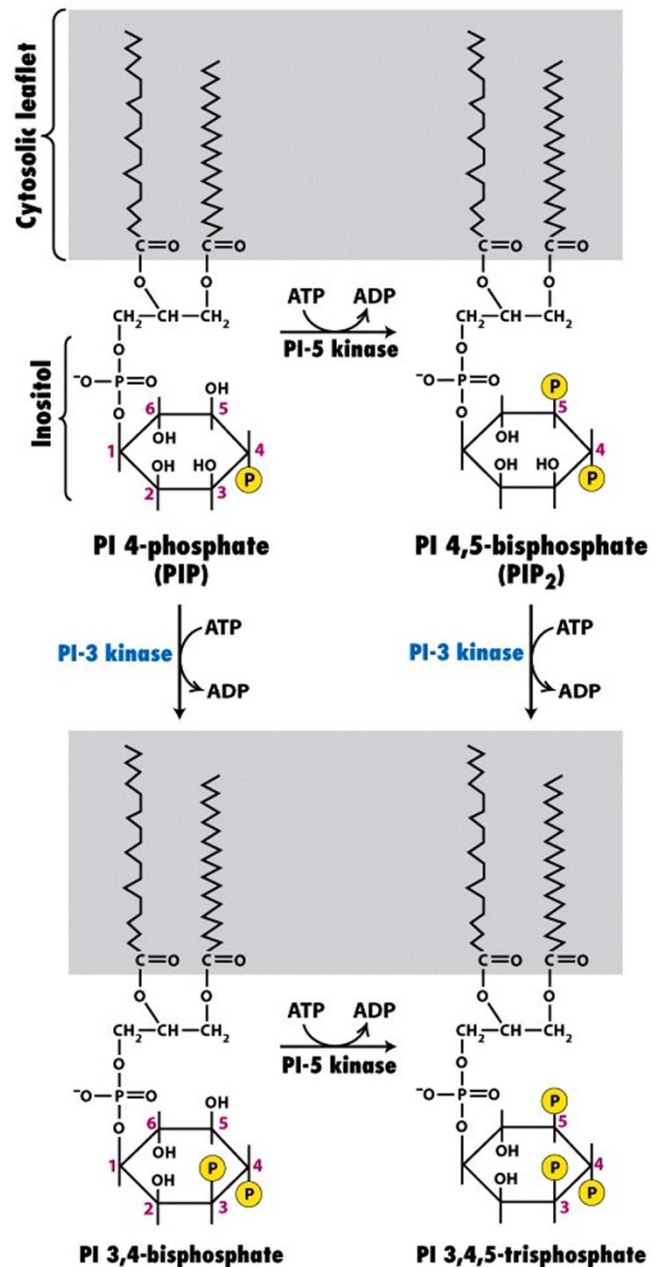


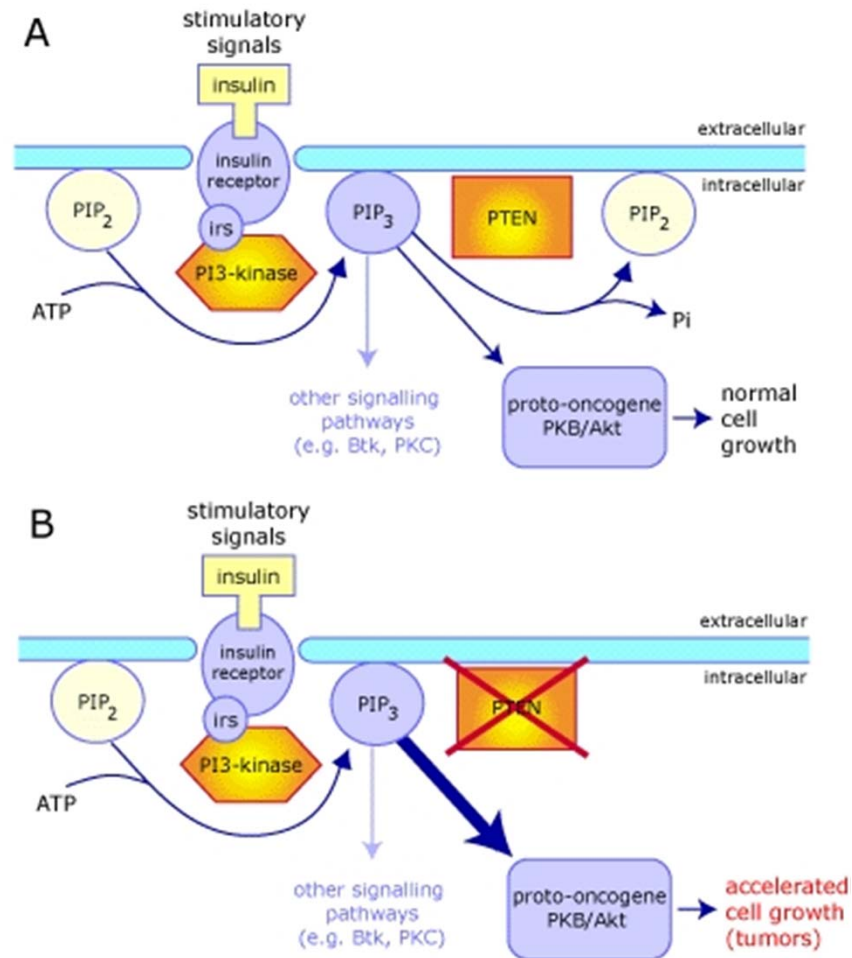
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PTEN: the first tumour suppressor with phosphatase activity

PTEN phosphatase has a broad specificity but its major function in cells is to reverse the PI-3 kinase catalyzed reaction.

PTEN is deleted or mutated in multiple types of human cancer (glioblastoma, prostate cancer, endometrial tumour).

Overexpression of PTEN promotes apoptosis in cultured mammalian cells.



Box 1 | From phospholipids to eicosanoid signalling

