

Cell Structure Survey

Warm up:

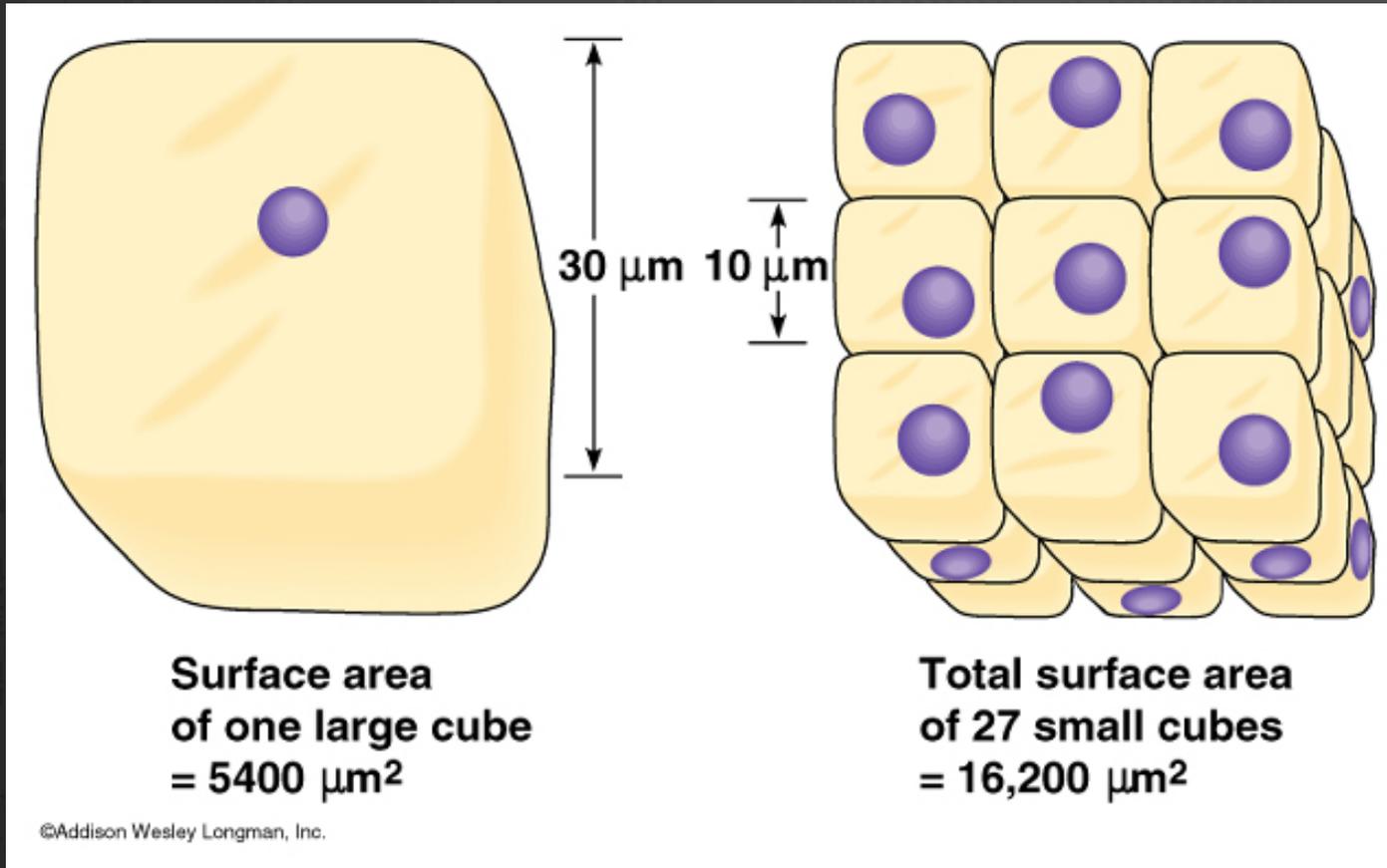
Design a cell. Is your cell a HETEROTROPH or an AUTOTROPH? How can you tell? How does your cell obtain nutrition? Does it move and if so, how? Is this a PROKARYOTIC or a EUKARYOTIC cell?

Cell Structure Survey



Which cat cools most efficiently?

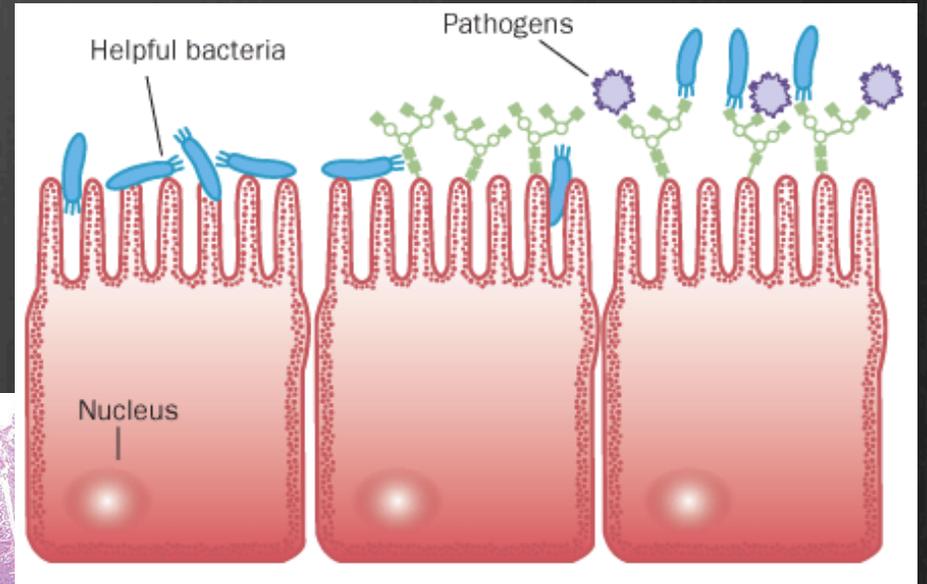
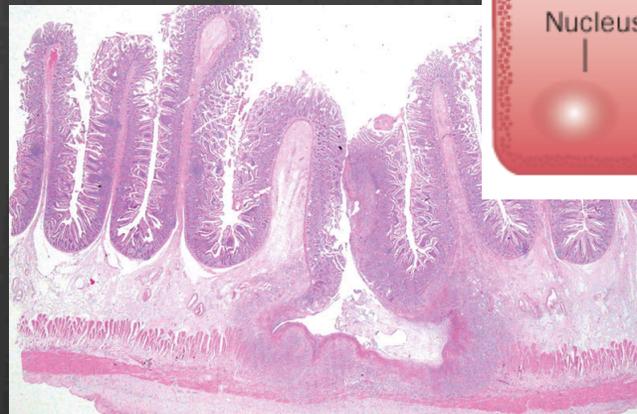
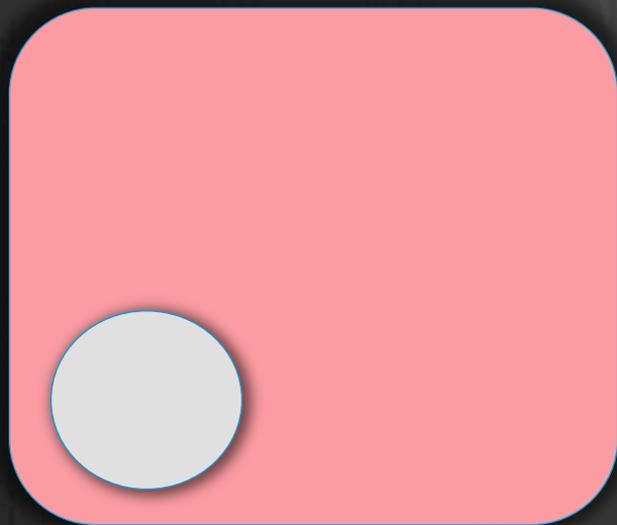
Large cube vs small cubes with same total volume:



$$\text{Surface Area} = H \times W \times \# \text{ of sides}$$

$$\text{Volume} = (\text{length})^3$$

How might you increase the surface area of this cell:



Why are cells small?

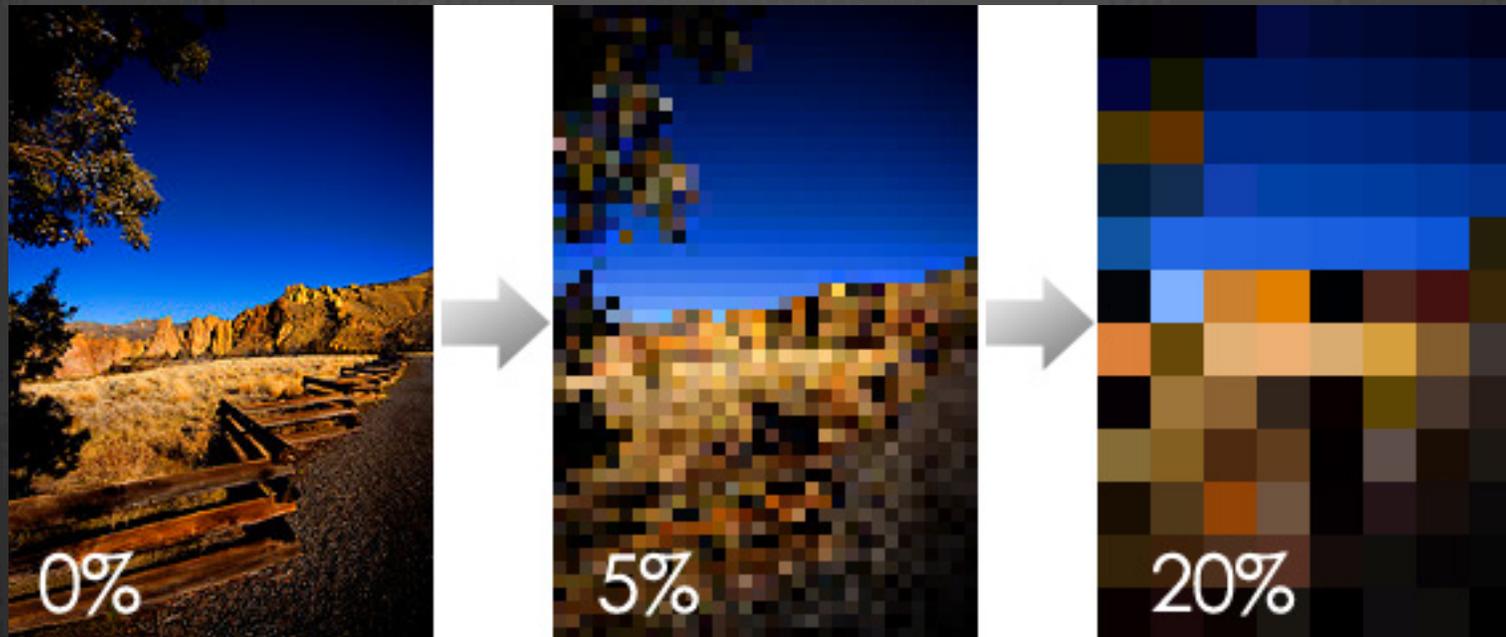
🎥 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuXSEOKNxN8>

How did developments in research follow improvements in apparatus:
the invention of the electron microscope led to greater understanding of cell structures.

Microscopy:

- **RESOLUTION**: minimum distance 2 points can be from each other and still be distinguished (measure of image clarity)
- **MAGNIFICATION**: ratio of an object's image size to real size (so 100X objective on light microscope = 100X larger than in real life)
- **CONTRAST**: accentuates differences in parts of sample (through staining for example)

Resolution: shortest distance between two points that can be distinguished.



Light Microscopy: resolution limit 0.2 mm

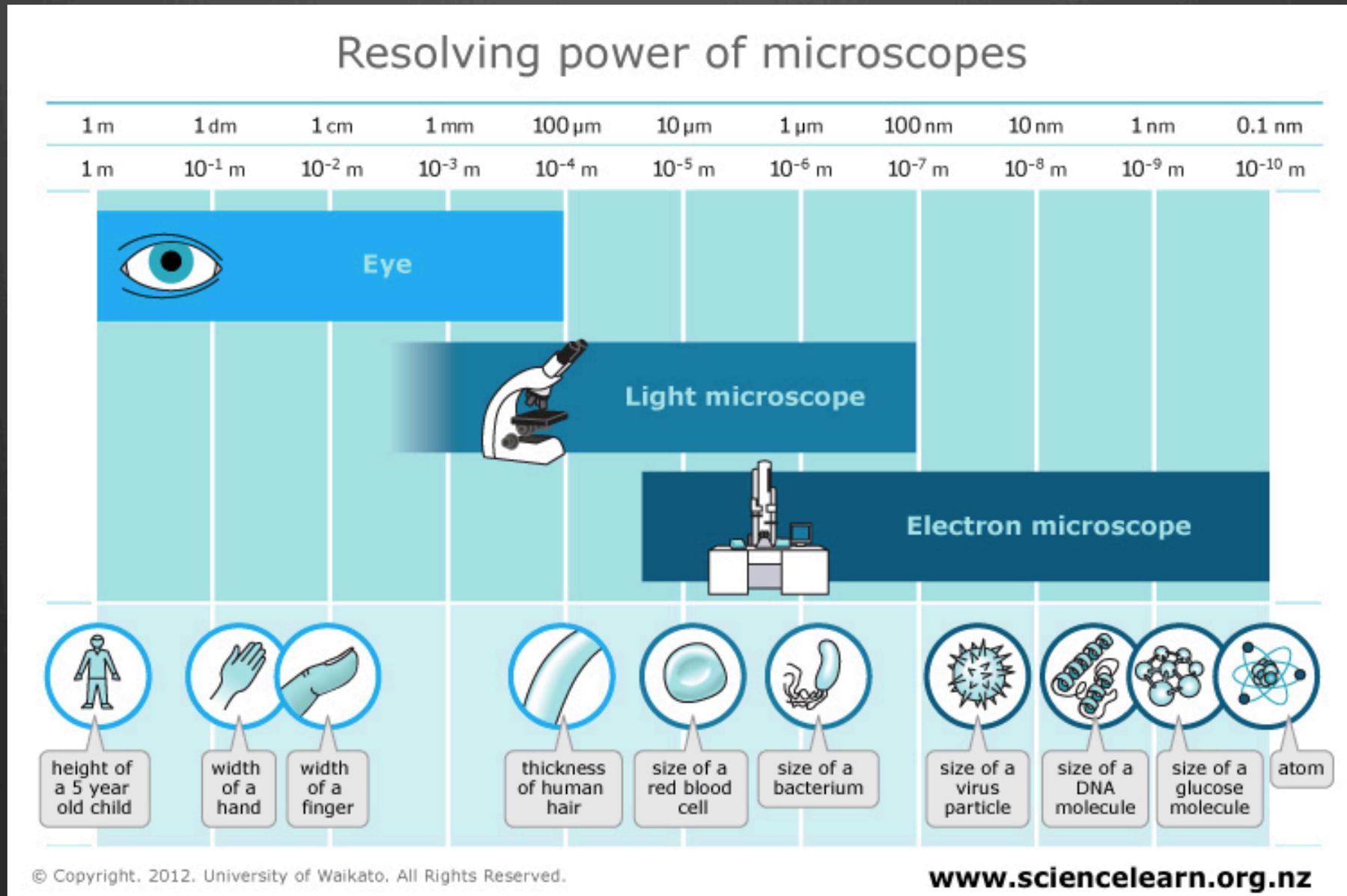


Electron Microscopy

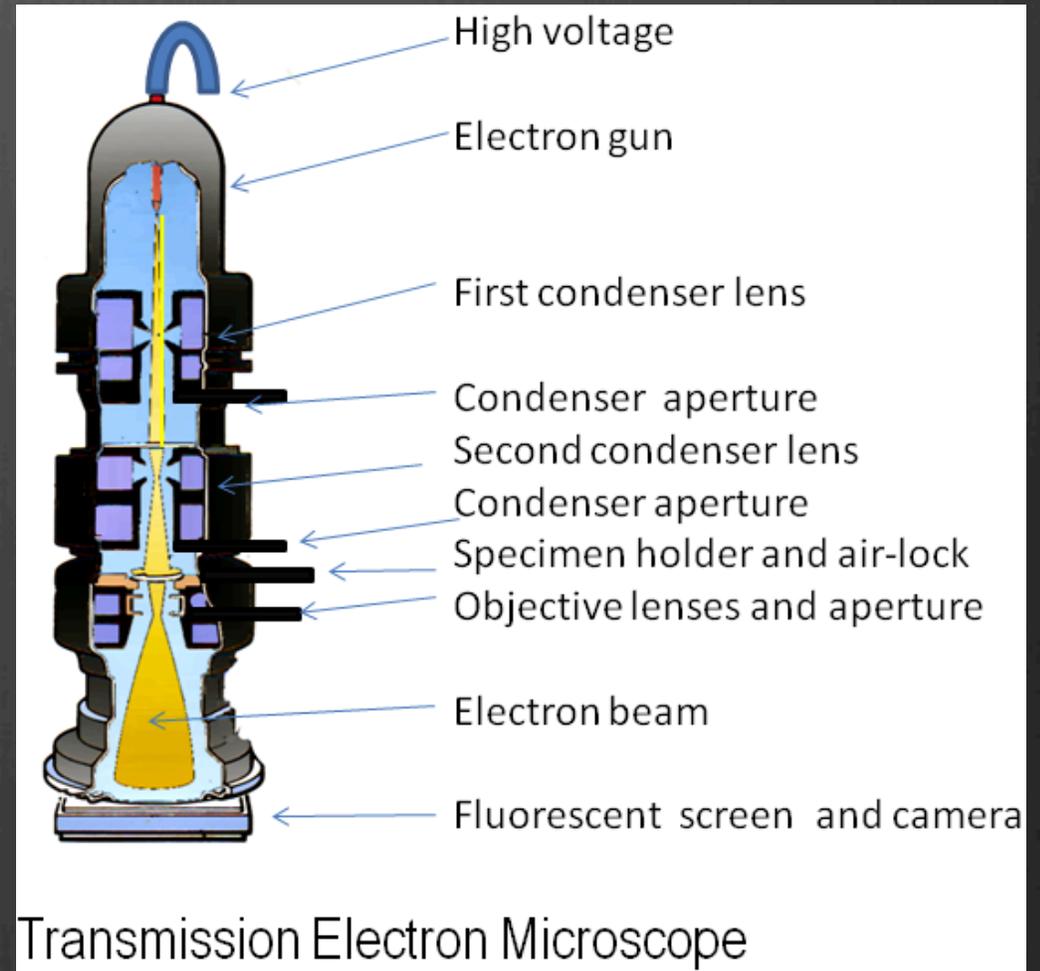
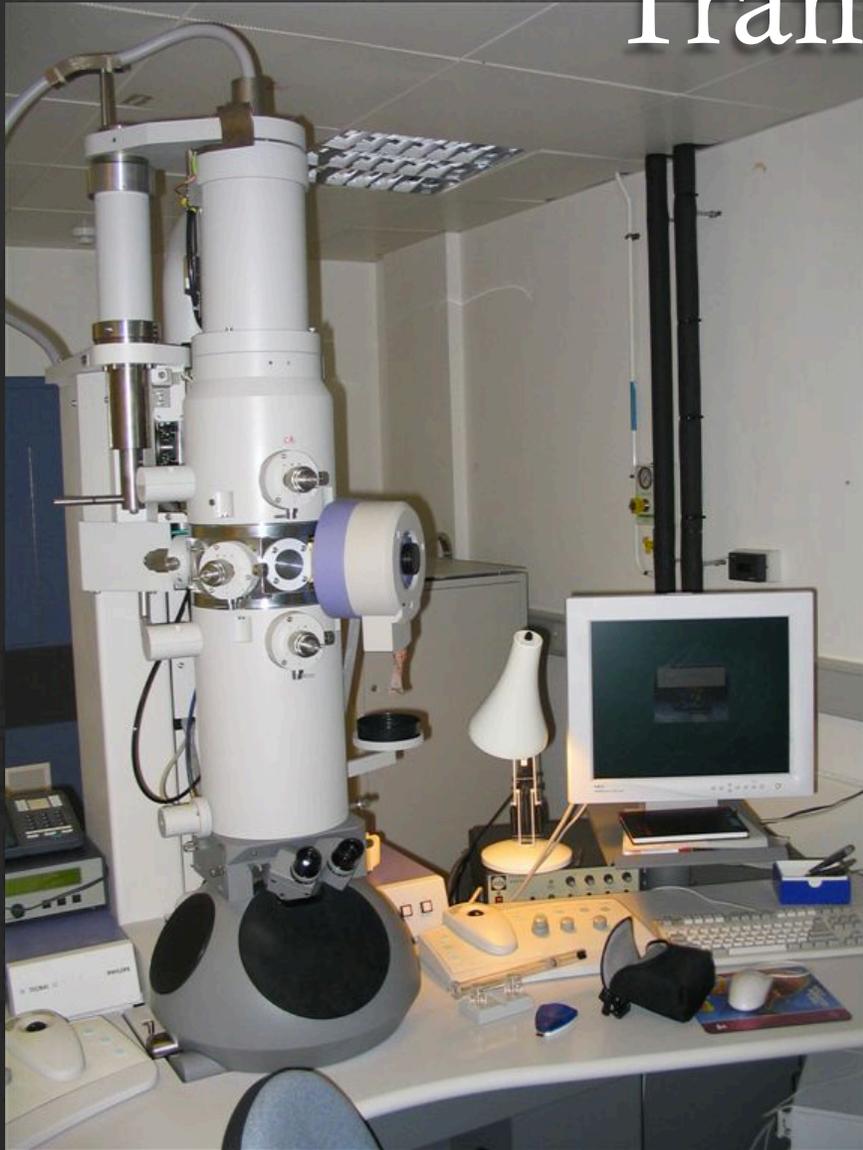


Resolving power is 2 million times
that of a light microscope!

EM: increased resolution limits to nanometer range.



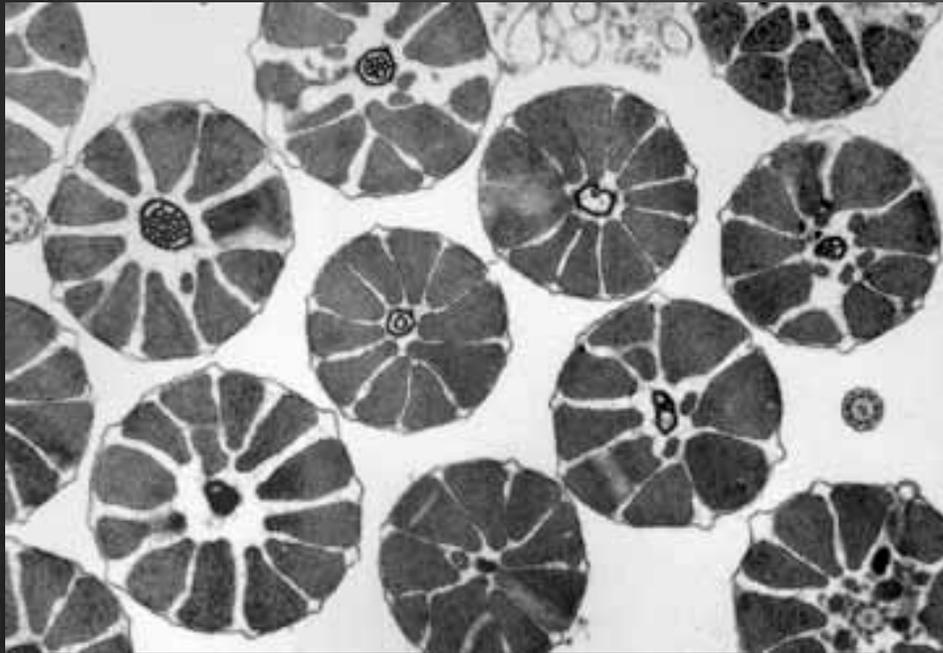
Transmission EM



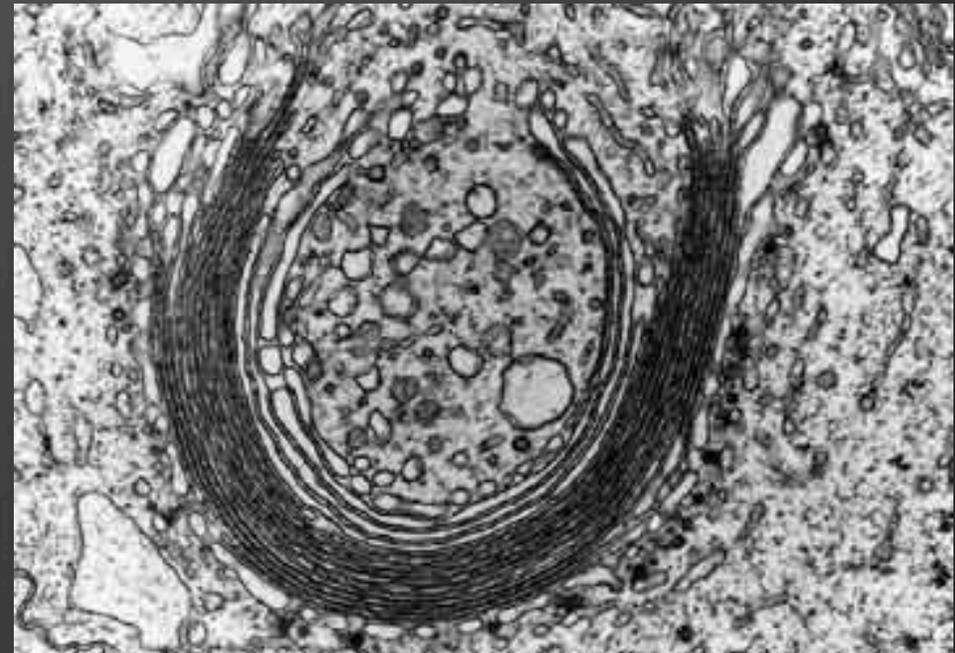
TEM sample preparation: thin sectioning



Transmission Electron Micrograph images (views of thin sections)

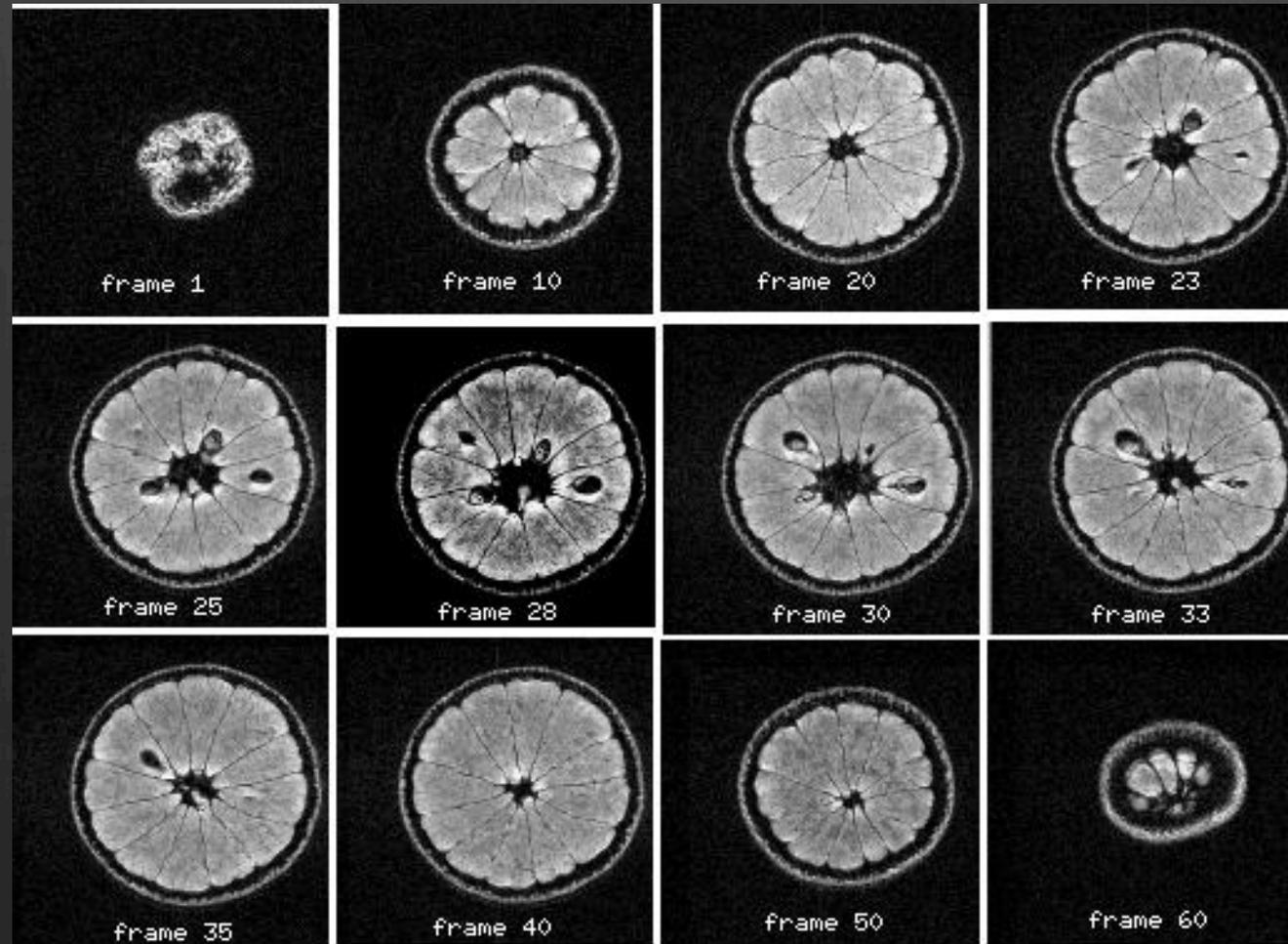


Snail Sperm

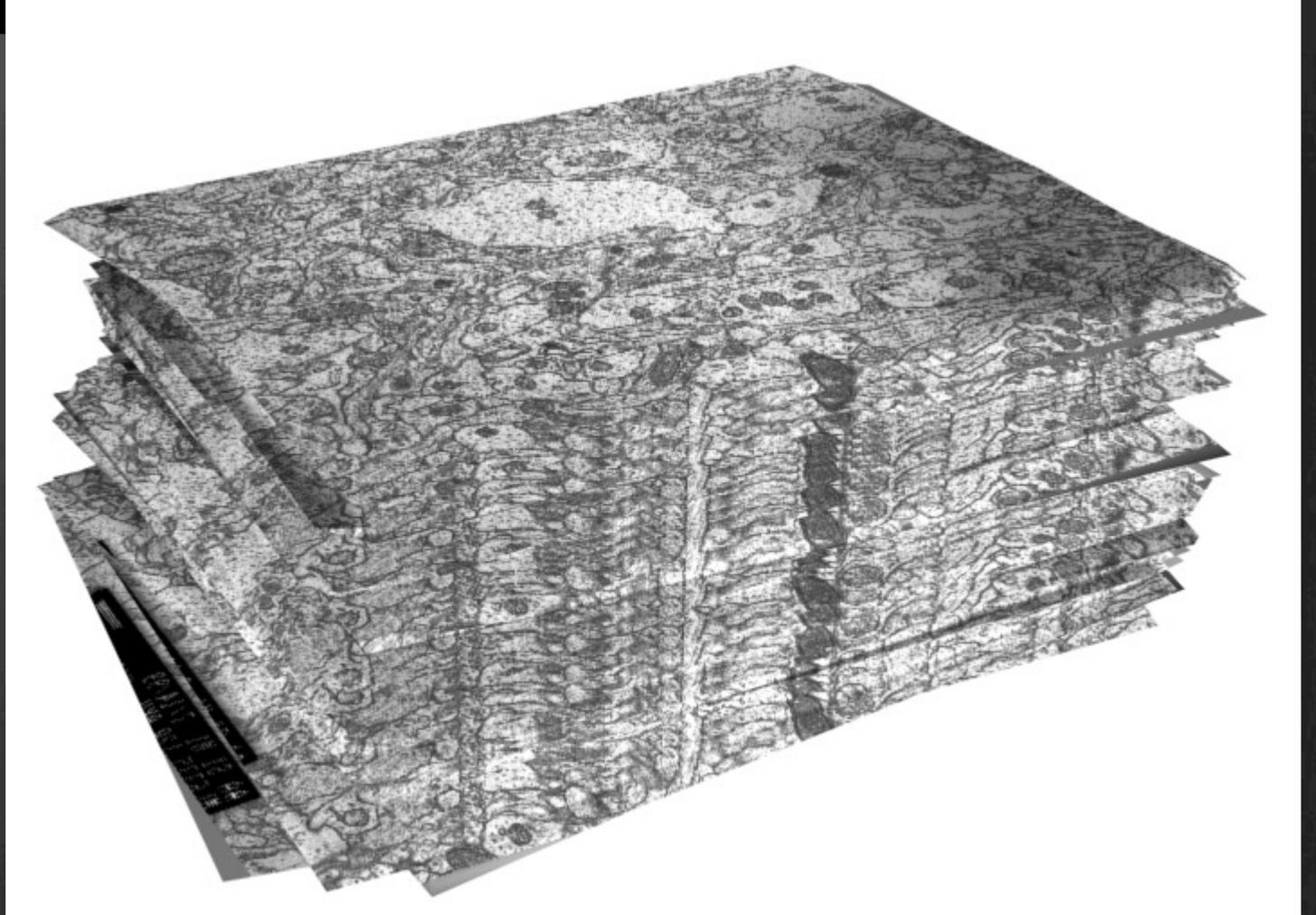
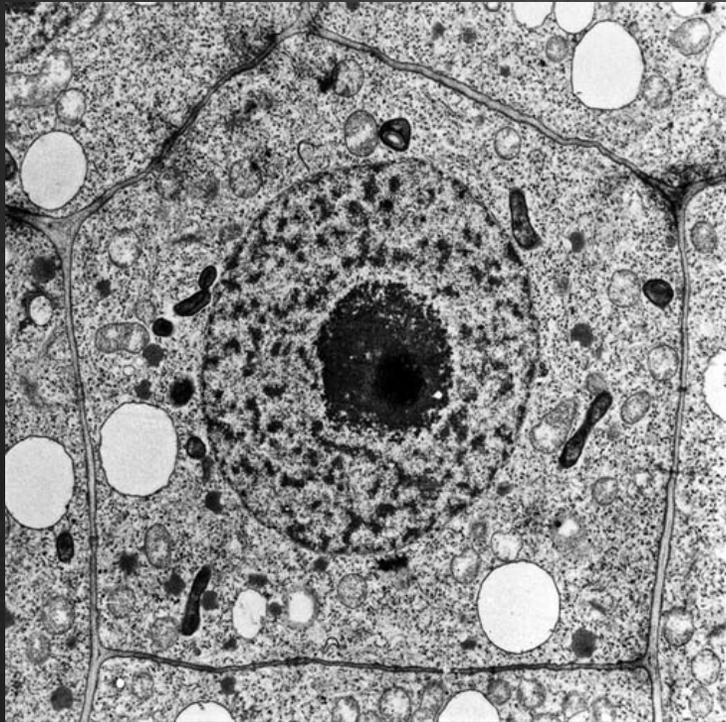


Golgi Apparatus

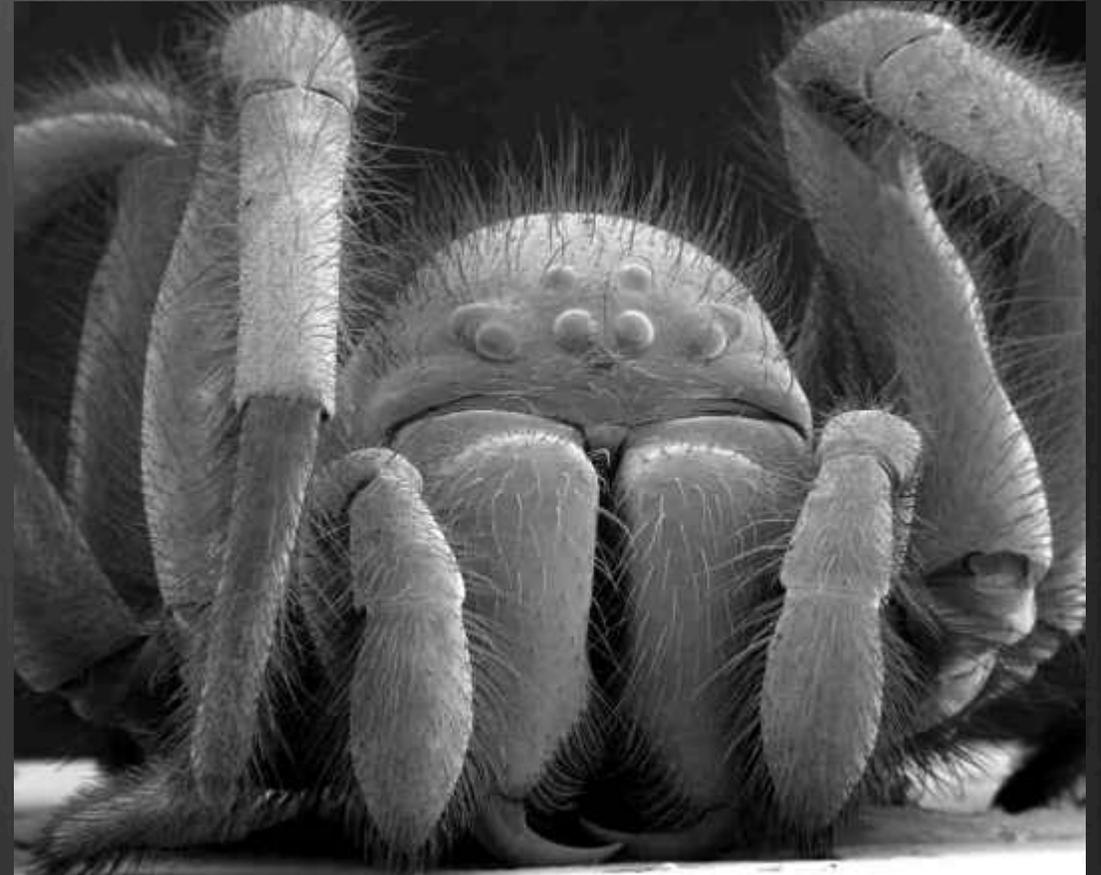
Perspective: thin section gives one view of one layer



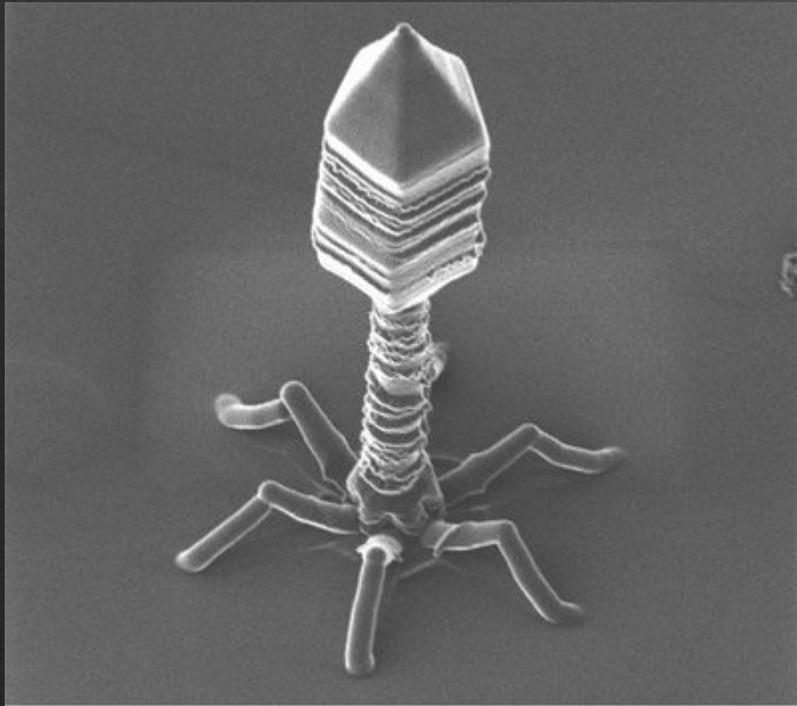
3D visualization comes from stacking 2D images from serial sections



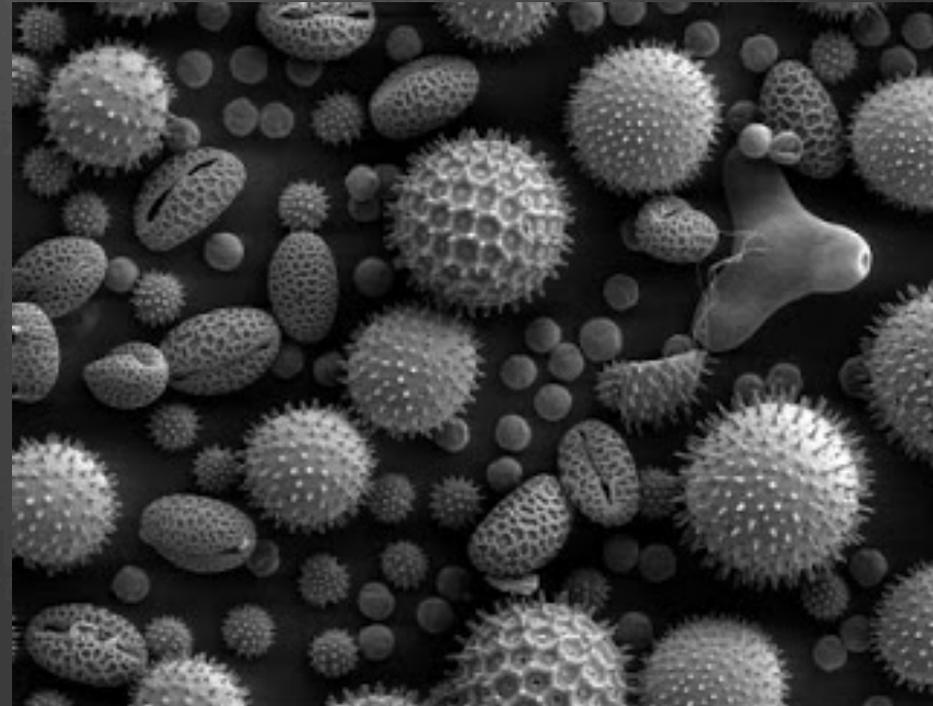
Scanning Electron Microscopy allows surface feature visualization



Scanning Electron Microscopy



Bacteriophage virus

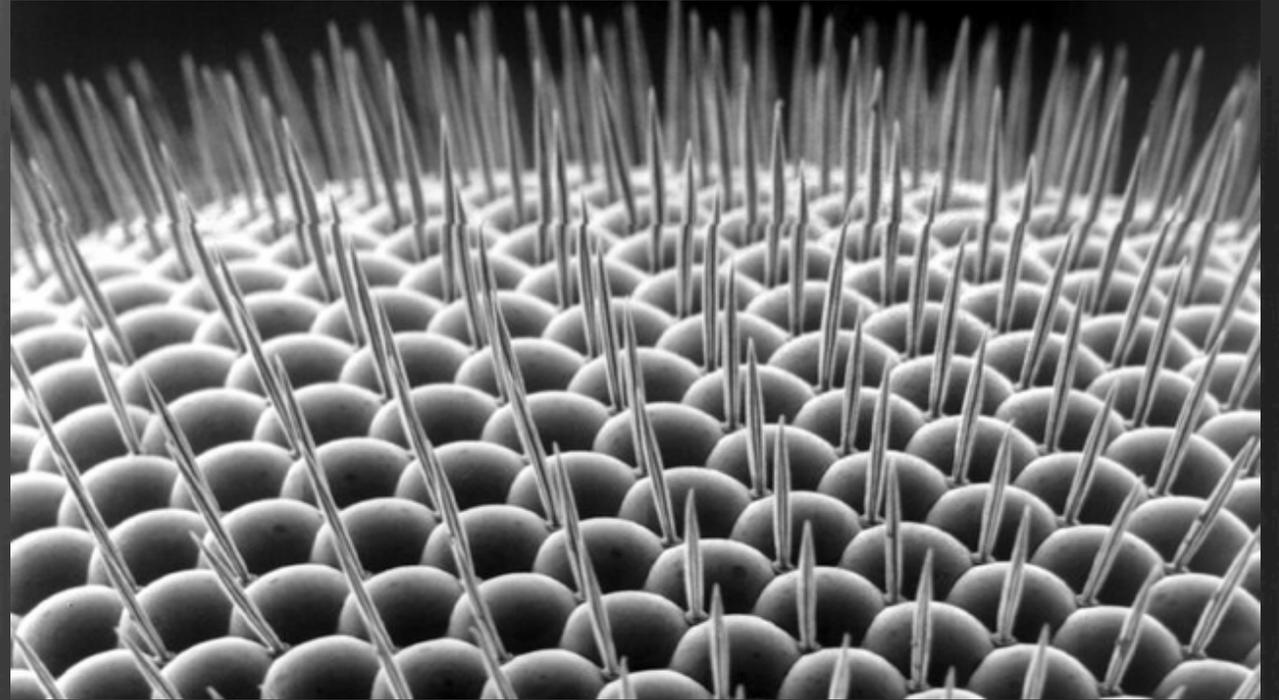


Pollen grains

Scanning Electron microscopy is ideal for viewing surface features



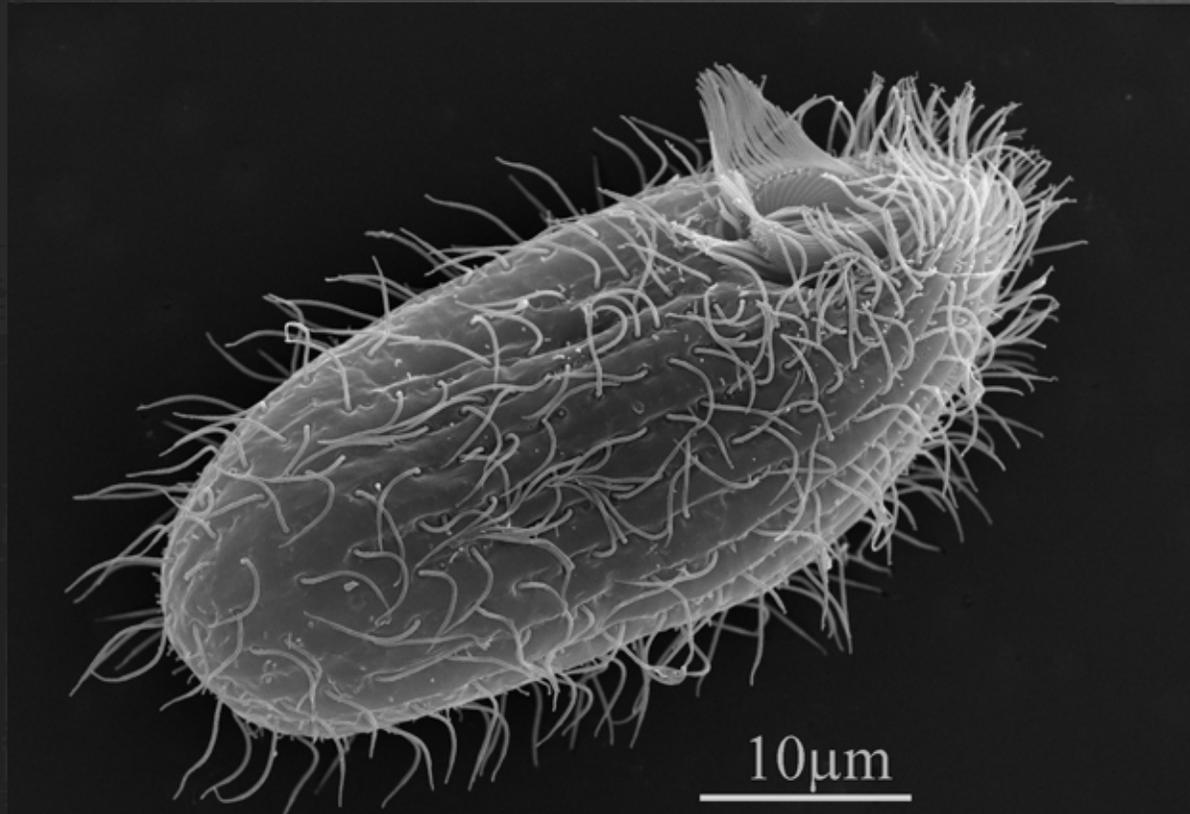
Butterfly tongue



Eye of common house fly



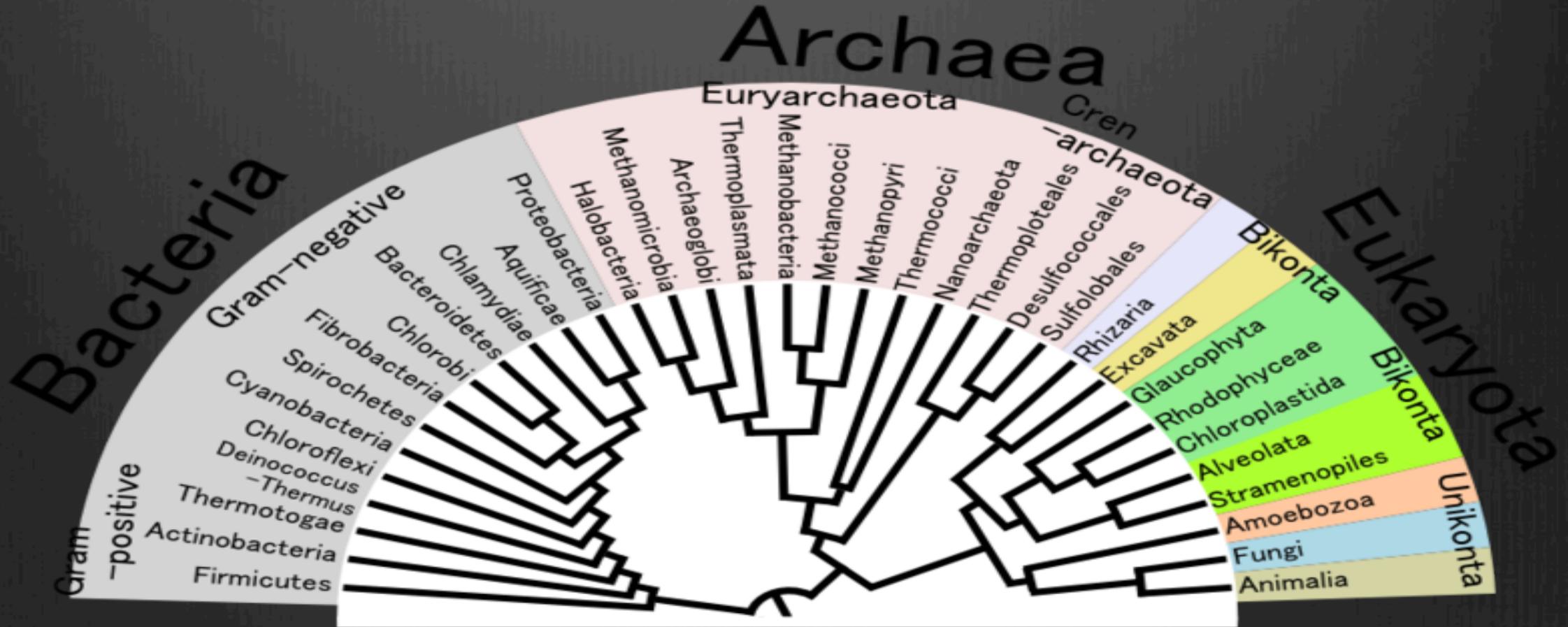
SEM of single Tetrahymena Cell



Agrobacterium 1 µM



Eukaryotes



Eukaryotic Cell Structure: 4 interacting systems

- **Cytosol**
- **Nucleus**
- **Semi-autonomous organelles**
- **Endomembrane system**

Cytoplasm

- **Coordinates response to the environment**
 - **Proteins receive SIGNALS from the environment**
- **Where metabolism occurs**
 - **Synthesis (of macromolecules)**
 - **Catabolism (for energy release and recycling)**
- **Cytoskeleton**
 - **Provides structural support and organization for the cell and facilitates cellular movements**

Cytoskeleton

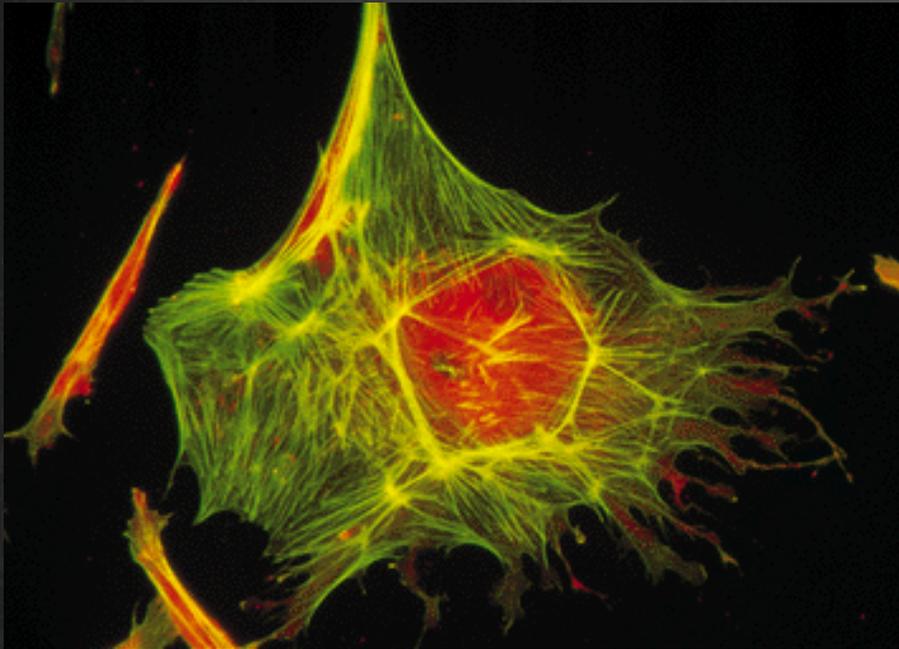


Kenneth Snelson's "Needle Tower"

**Dynamic Series of
Protein-Protein
interactions**

**Interconnects
nucleus and
extracellular matrix**

Where do we find Actin filaments and what do they do?



Network of proteins found associating with cell membrane

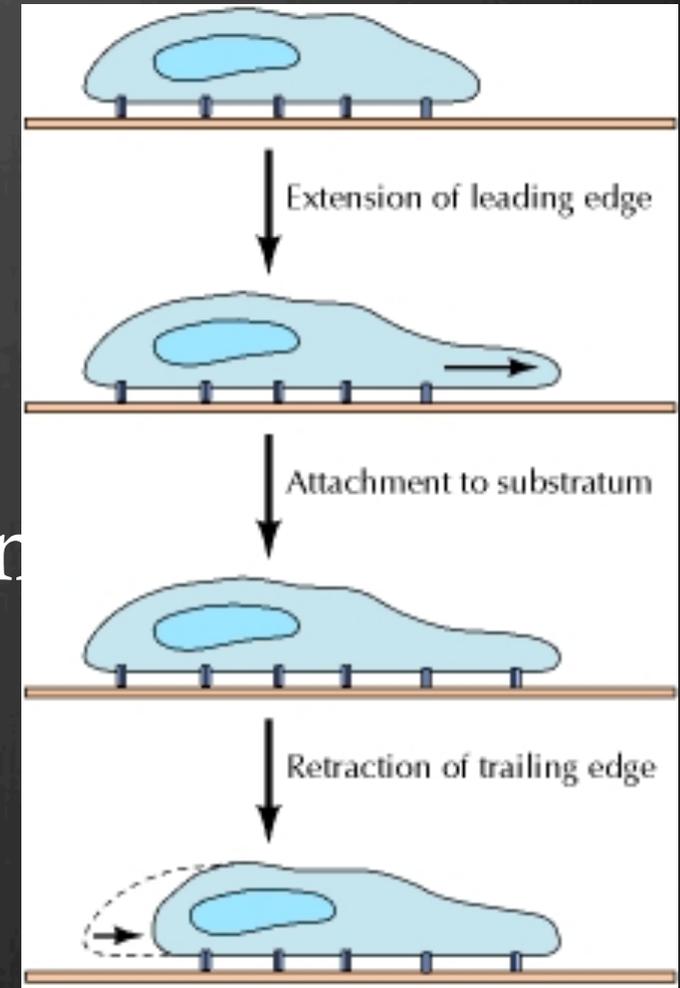
Resist pulling forces

Makes cytolysis possible (ability of membranes to grow and fuse)

Endocytosis, Exocytosis

Actin association with Myosin to allow cell crawling

- Amoeba
- Migration of embryonic cells during development
- White blood cells responding to infection
- Wound healing
- metastasis



[http://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=7pR7TNzJ_pA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pR7TNzJ_pA)

Eukaryotes

Structure

⊗ *Nucleus:*

- ⊗ Double membrane bound

 - ⊗ Membrane contains pores for transport of proteins and ribosomes

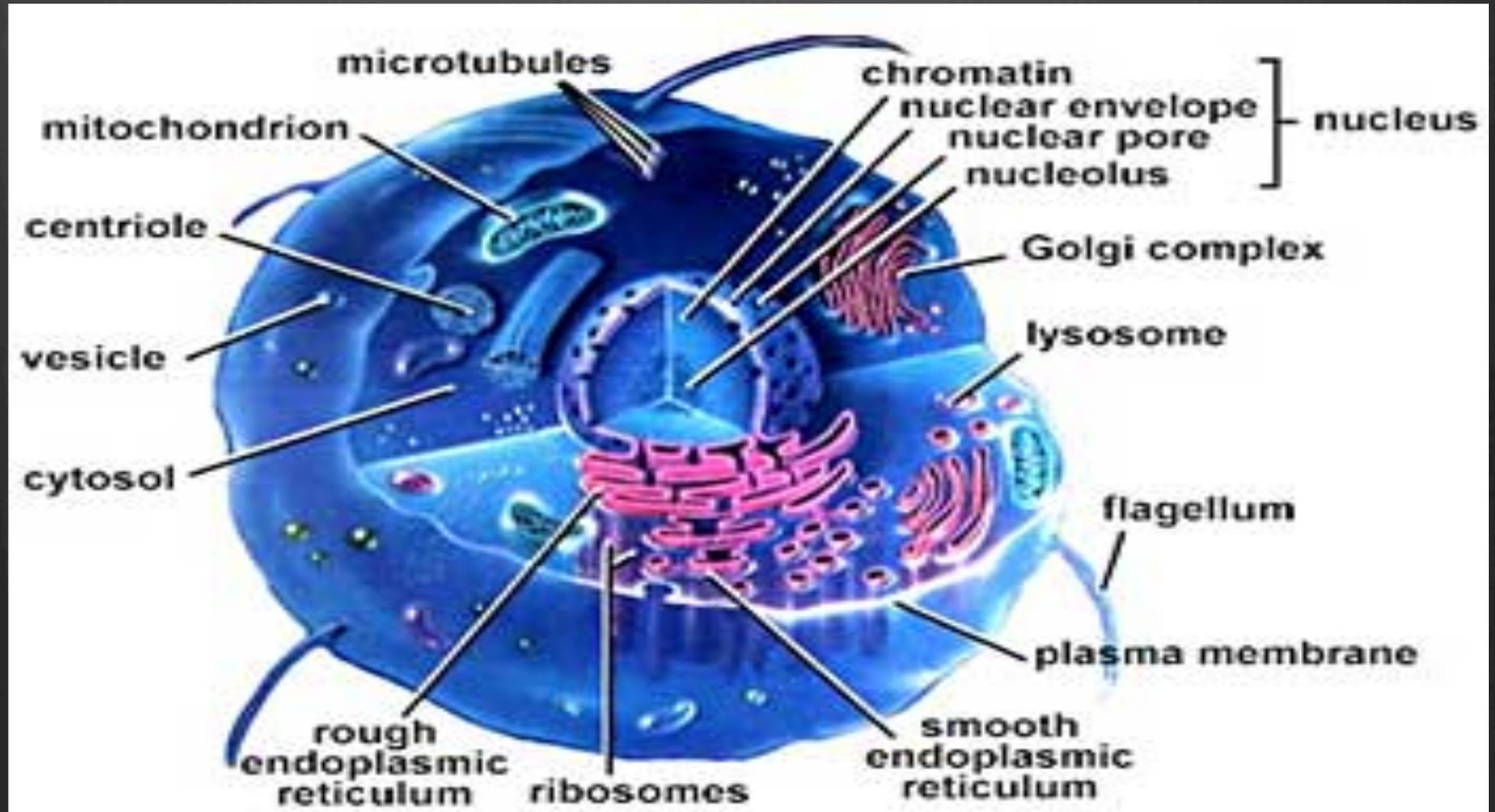
- ⊗ Contains chromosomes

 - ⊗ Made of DNA + protein

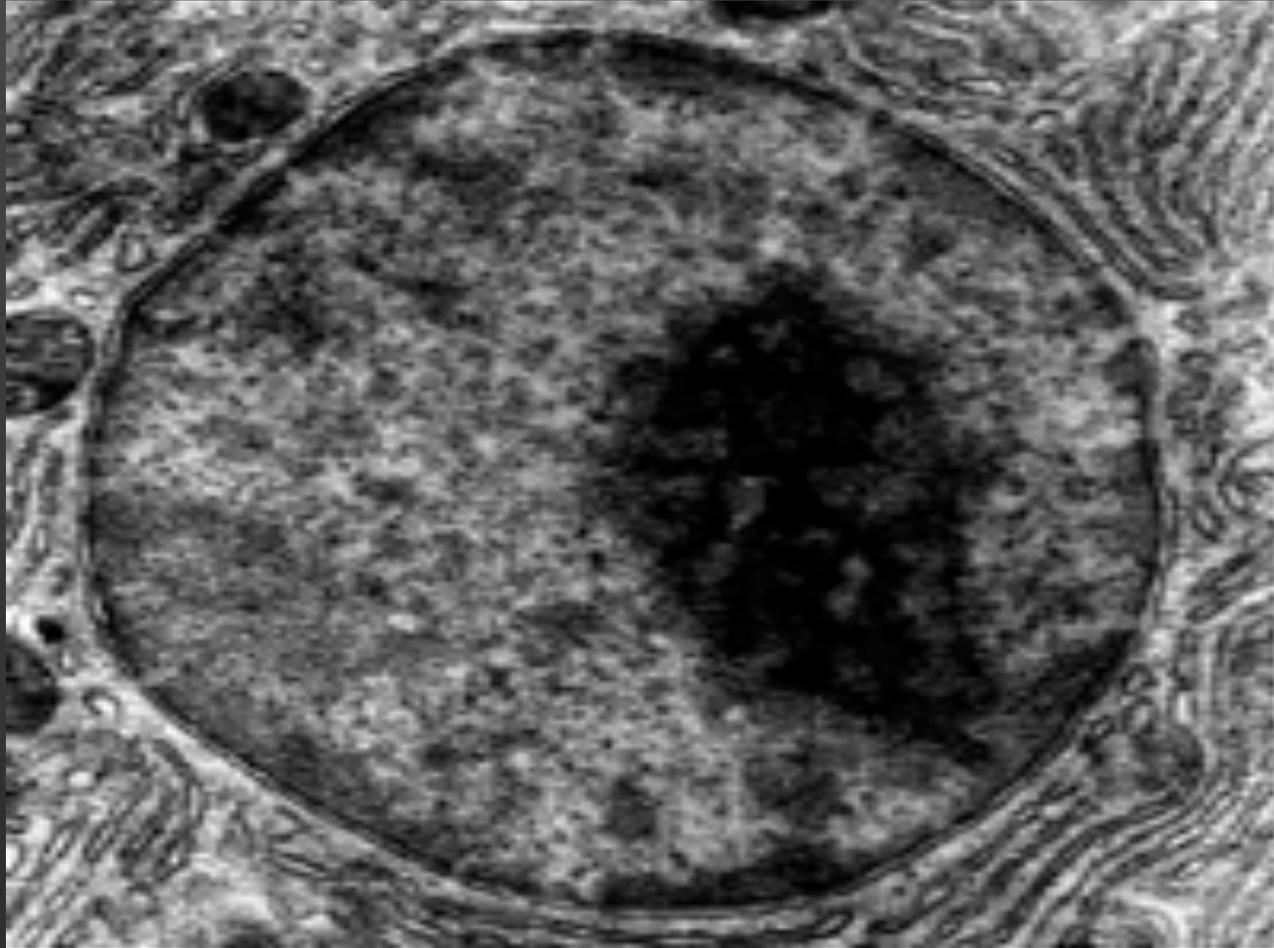
 - ⊗ Uncoiled chromosomes = chromatin

- ⊗ Site of DNA replication and transcription into RNA

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Structure

⊙ *Free ribosomes:*

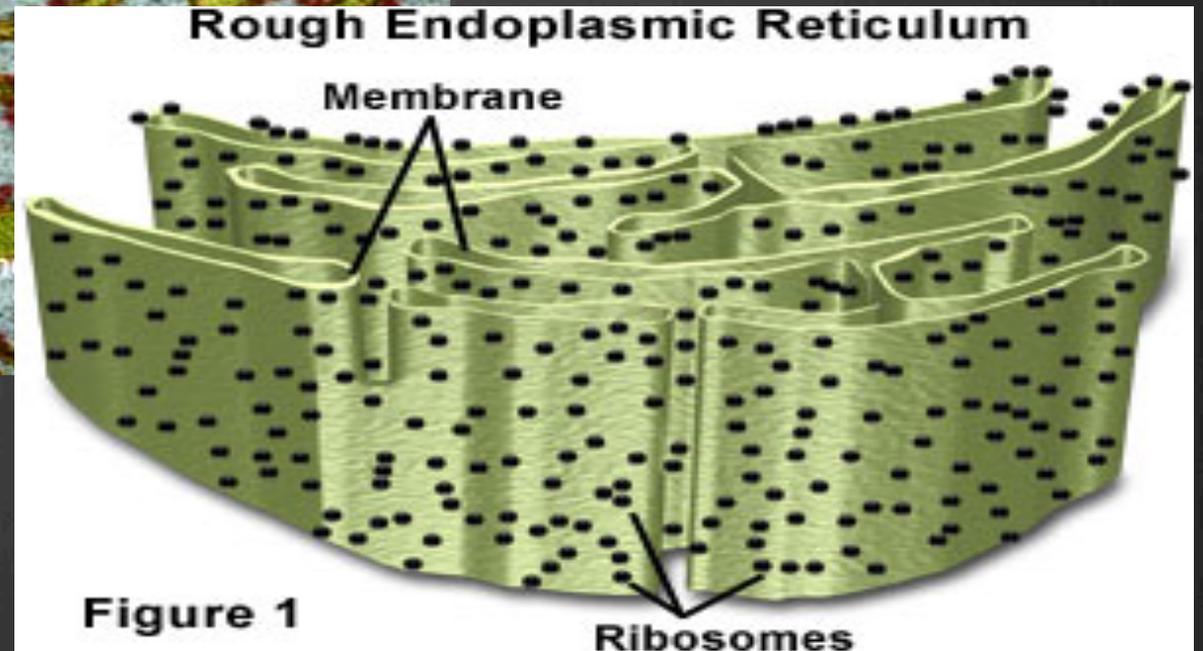
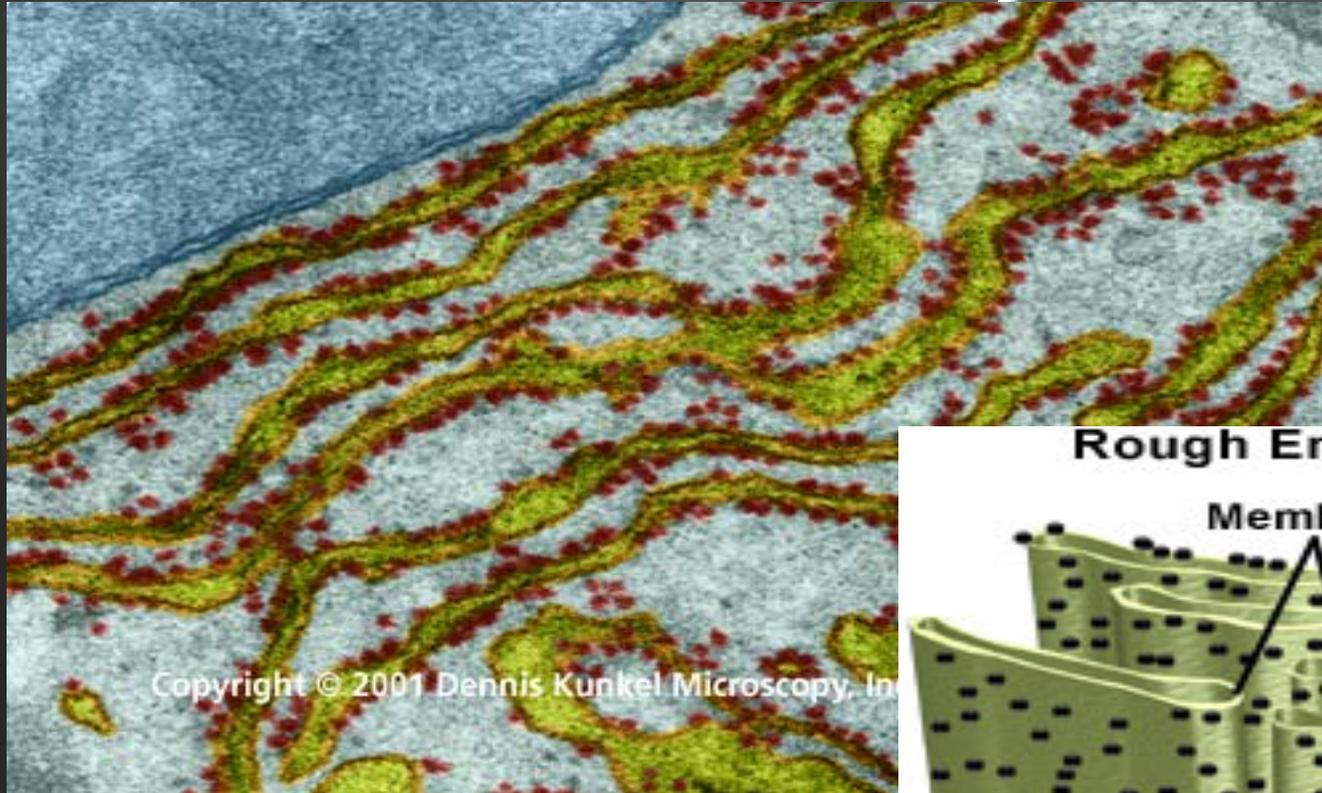
- ⊙ Sites of protein synthesis for use within the cytoplasm
- ⊙ Ribosomes are constructed in the nuclear region called the nucleolus

Eukaryotes

Structure

- ⊗ *Rough Endoplasmic Reticulum (RER):*
 - ⊗ Flattened membrane sacs (cisternae)
 - ⊗ Ribosomes attached to outside of cisternae
 - ⊗ Proteins synthesized by ribosomes enter cisternae
 - ⊗ Proteins collected within cisternae are packaged in vesicles
 - ⊗ Vesicles transport proteins to Golgi apparatus

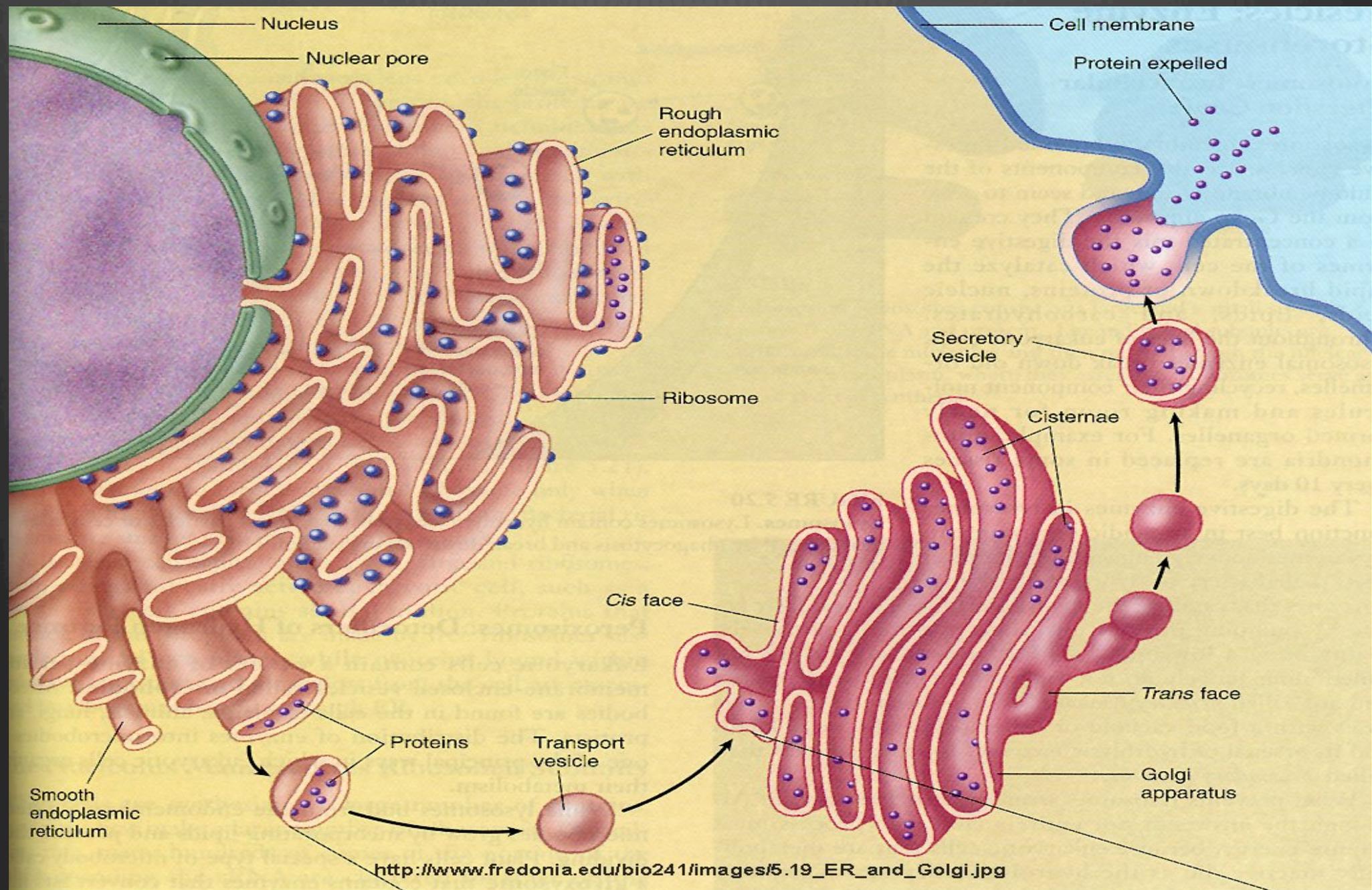
Eukaryotes



Eukaryotes

Structure

- *Golgi apparatus:*
 - Flattened membrane sacs called cisternae
 - Unlike ER, cisternae are curved, shorter, and lack ribosomes
 - Proteins received from arriving vesicles are processed
 - Carbohydrates added to proteins to form glycoproteins
 - Vesicles of glycoproteins exit Golgi for exocytosis or intracellular use



http://www.fredonia.edu/bio241/images/5.19_ER_and_Golgi.jpg

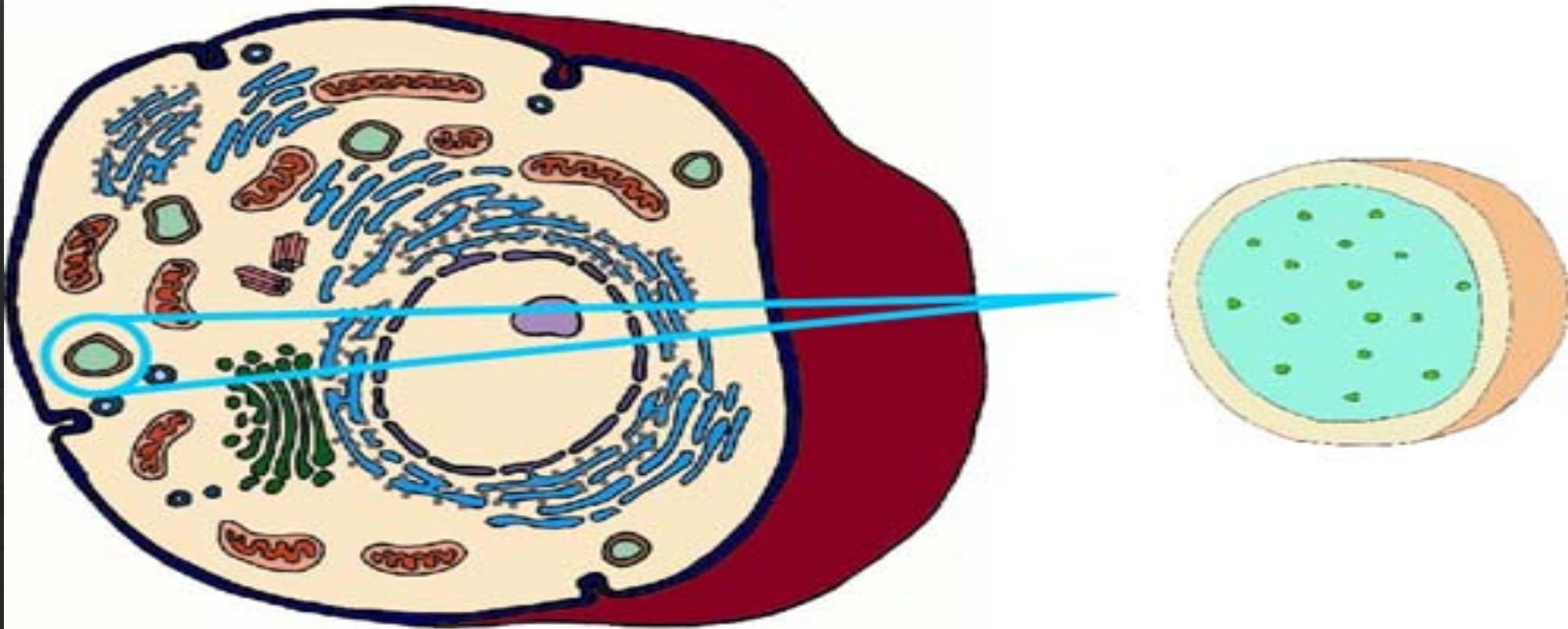
Eukaryotes

Structure

- ⊗ *Lysosomes*:
 - ⊗ Spherical vesicles formed by Golgi apparatus
 - ⊗ Contain hydrolytic/digestive enzymes
 - ⊗ Enzymes for breaking down ingested food, damaged organelles, or entire cells

Eukaryotes

Lysosome

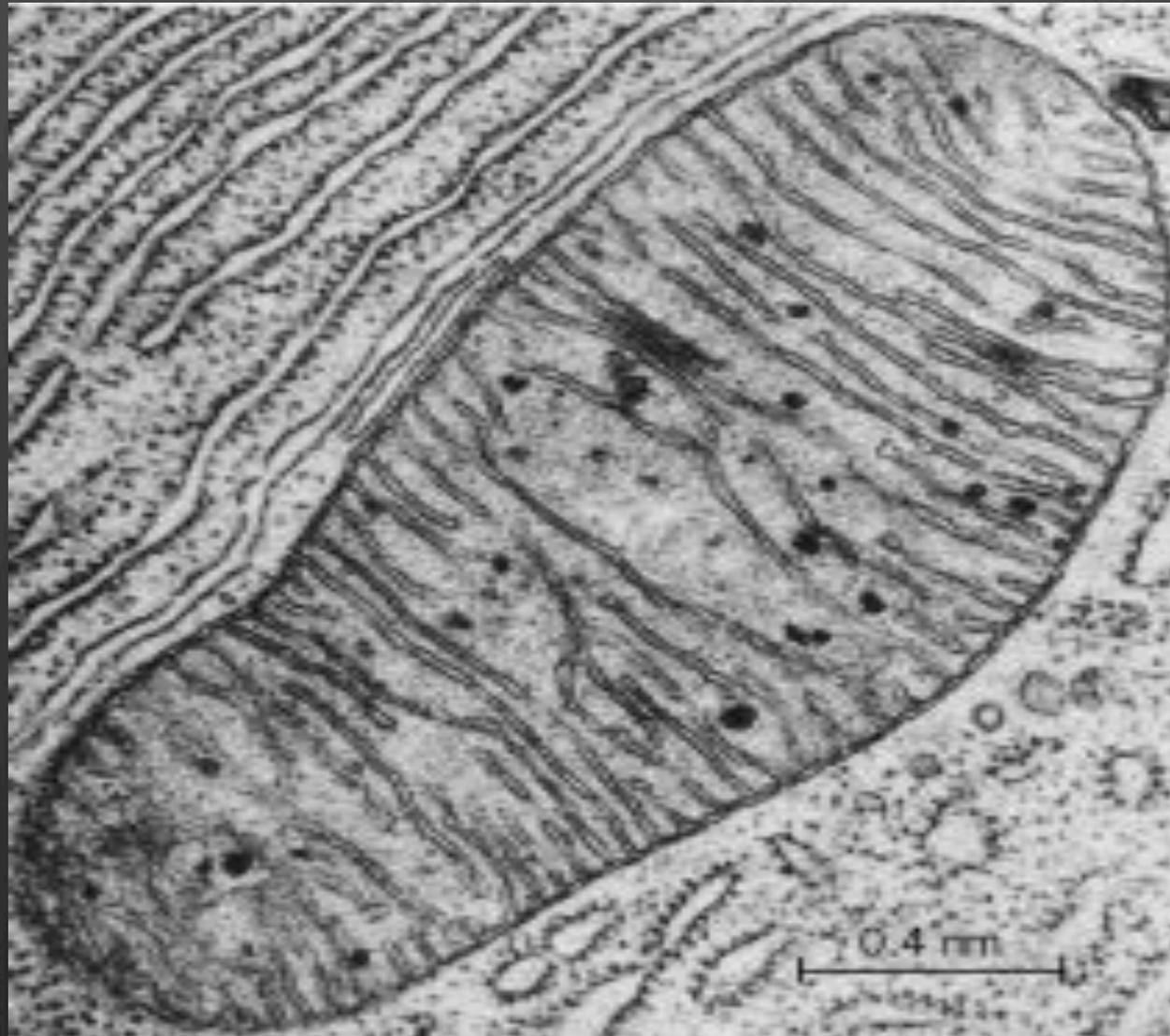


Eukaryotes

Structure

- *Mitochondria*
 - Double membrane bound
 - Inner membrane invaginated to form cristae
 - Site of aerobic respiration
 - Producing ATP

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1. Nucleus

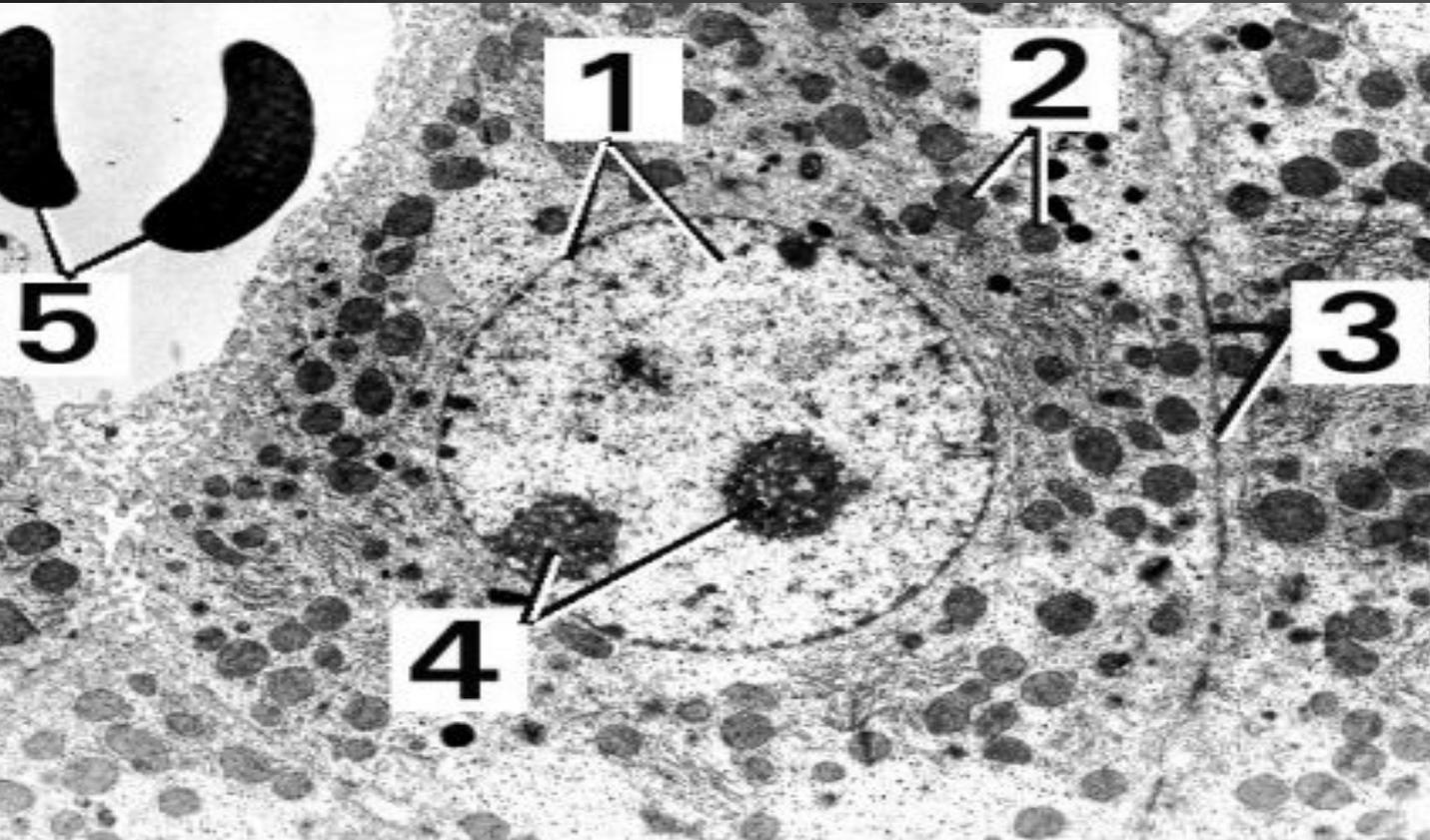
2. Mitochondria

3. Plasma membrane

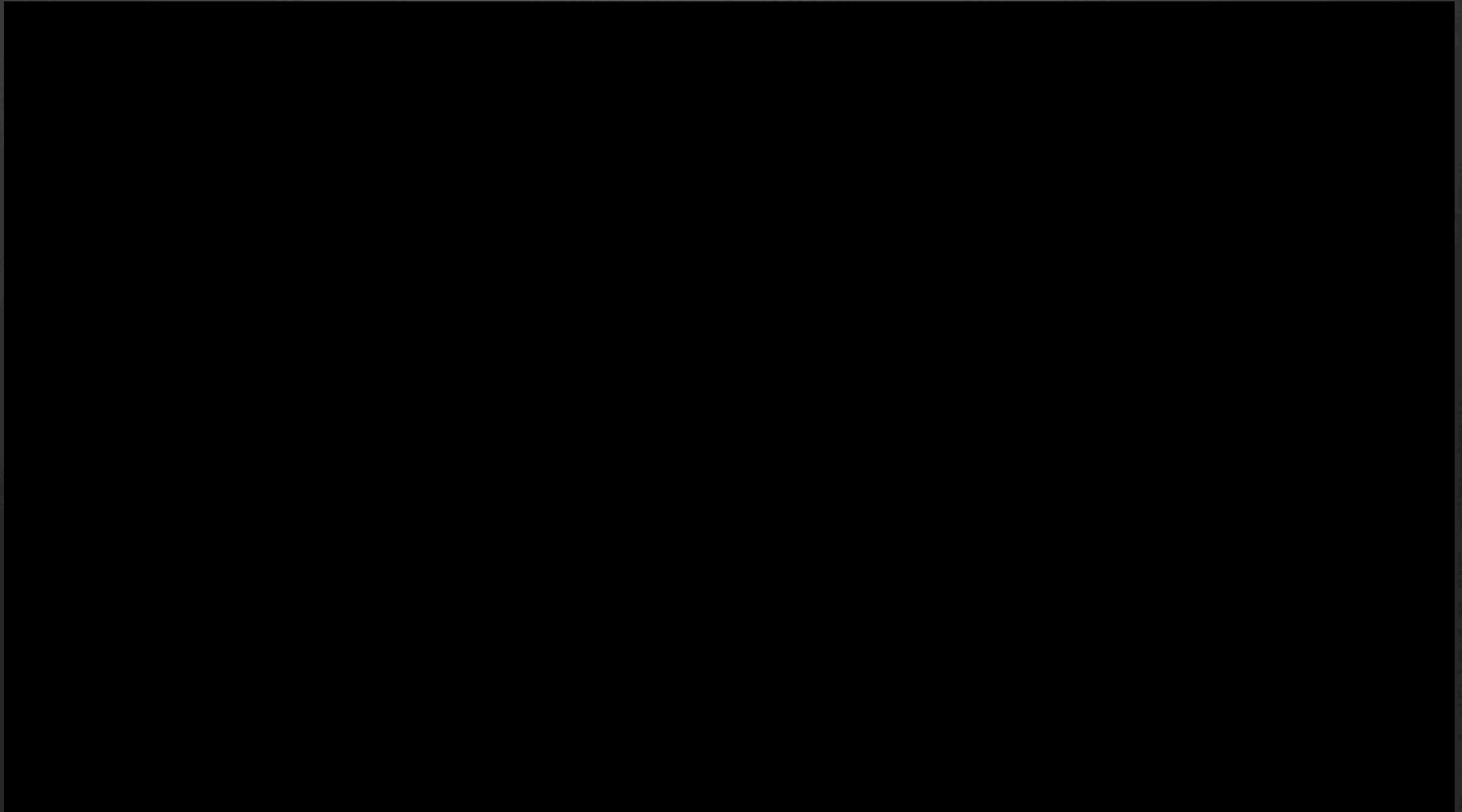
4. Nucleoli

5. Red blood cells

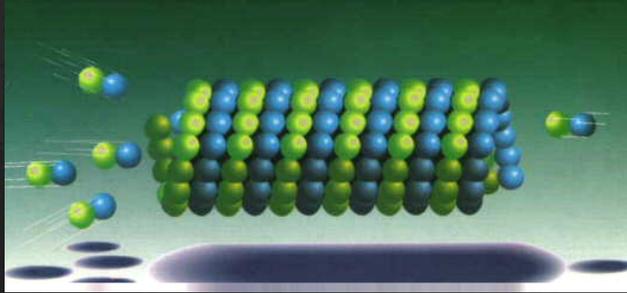
- in adjacent blood vessel



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Microtubules

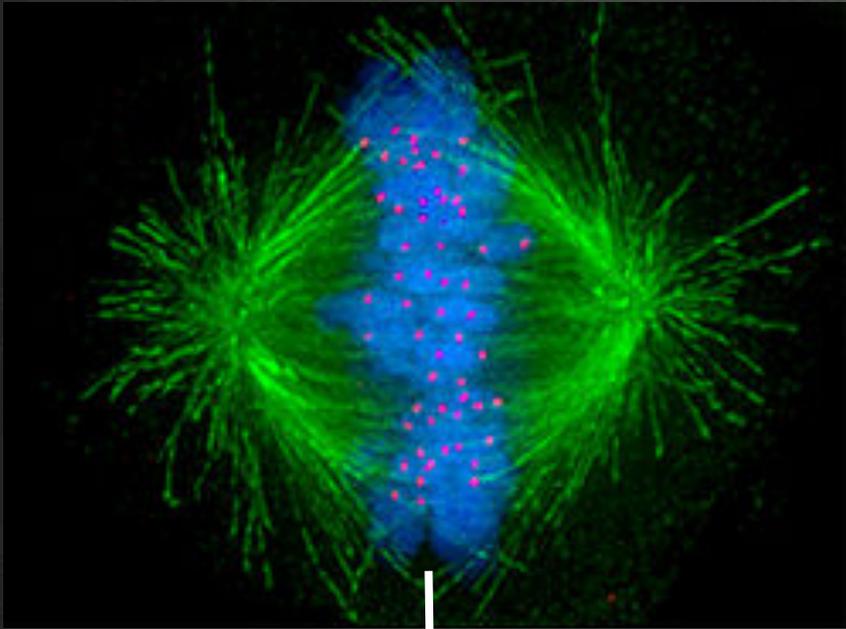


Hollow tubule
composed of monomers

- Dynamic (like actin)
- Assembled and disassembled as needed in the cell
- Interact with motor proteins (dyneins and kinesins) to move cellular cargo

Microtubules

Spindle apparatus of cell division



chromosomes

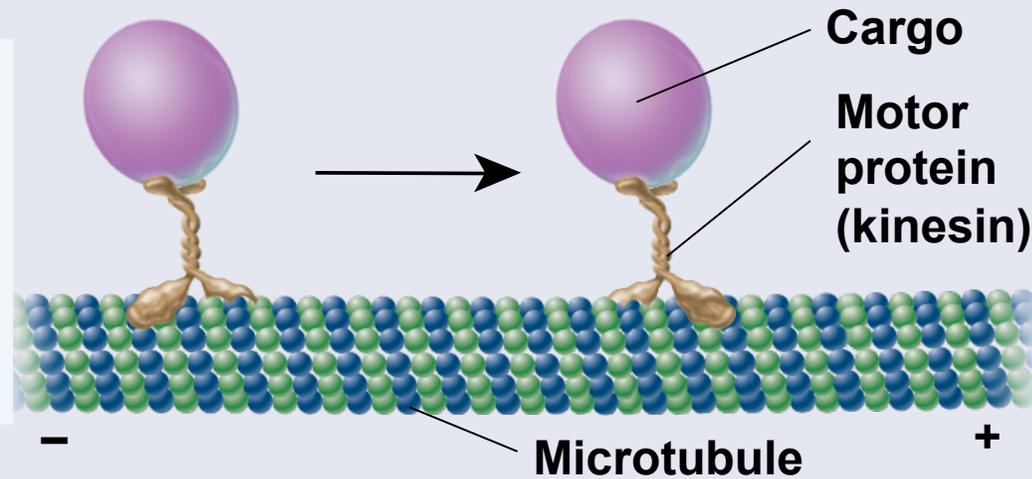
Cell division, cell locomotion

Used as “rails” to slide cellular components along

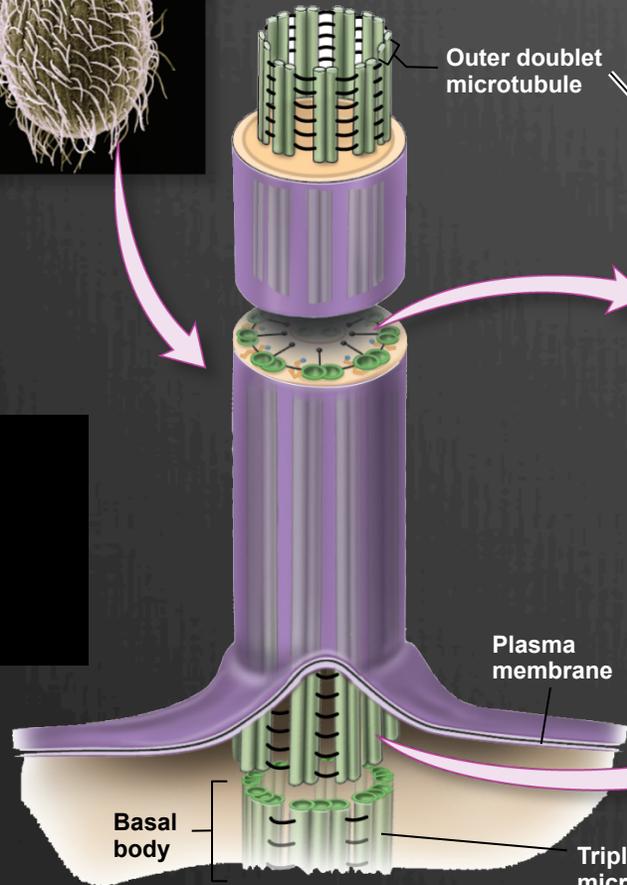
Flagellar assembly

Kinesin “marches” down the microtubule dragging cargo along

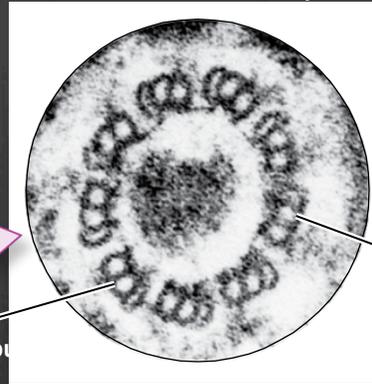
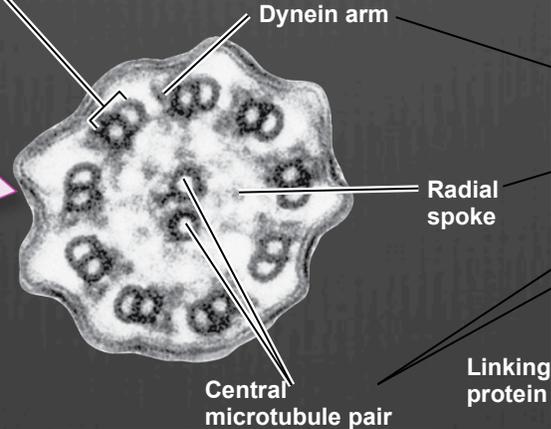
Motor proteins “walk” along a microtubule from the minus end to the plus end carrying a cargo.



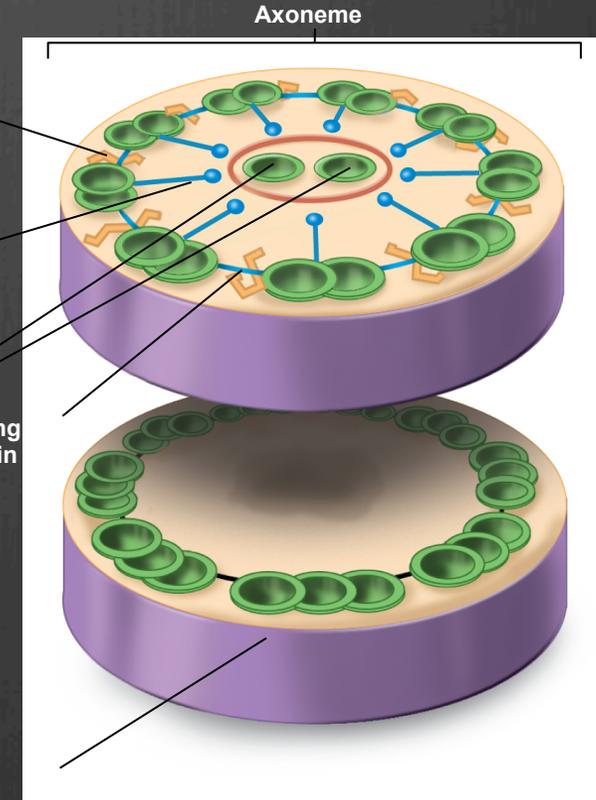
Structure of eukaryotic cilium or flagellum



Axoneme
Microtubules
Linker protein
(dynein)

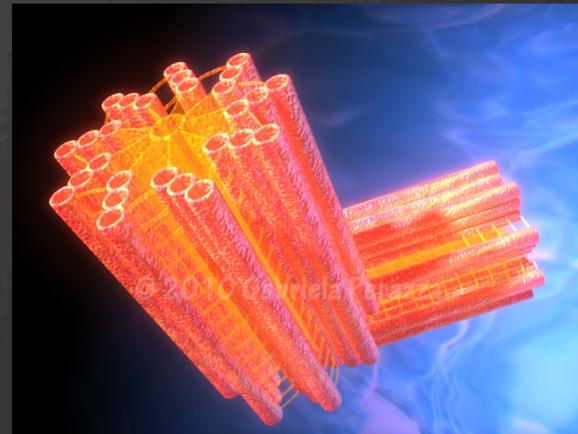
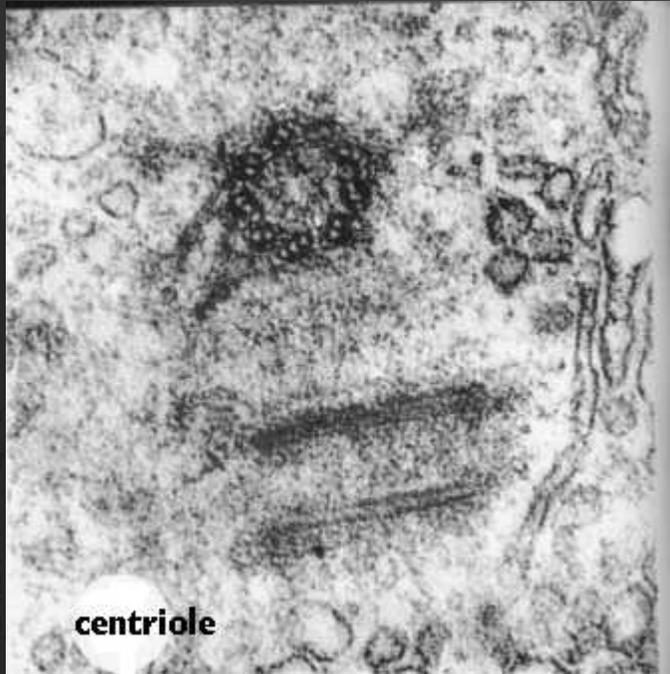


9 + 2 array

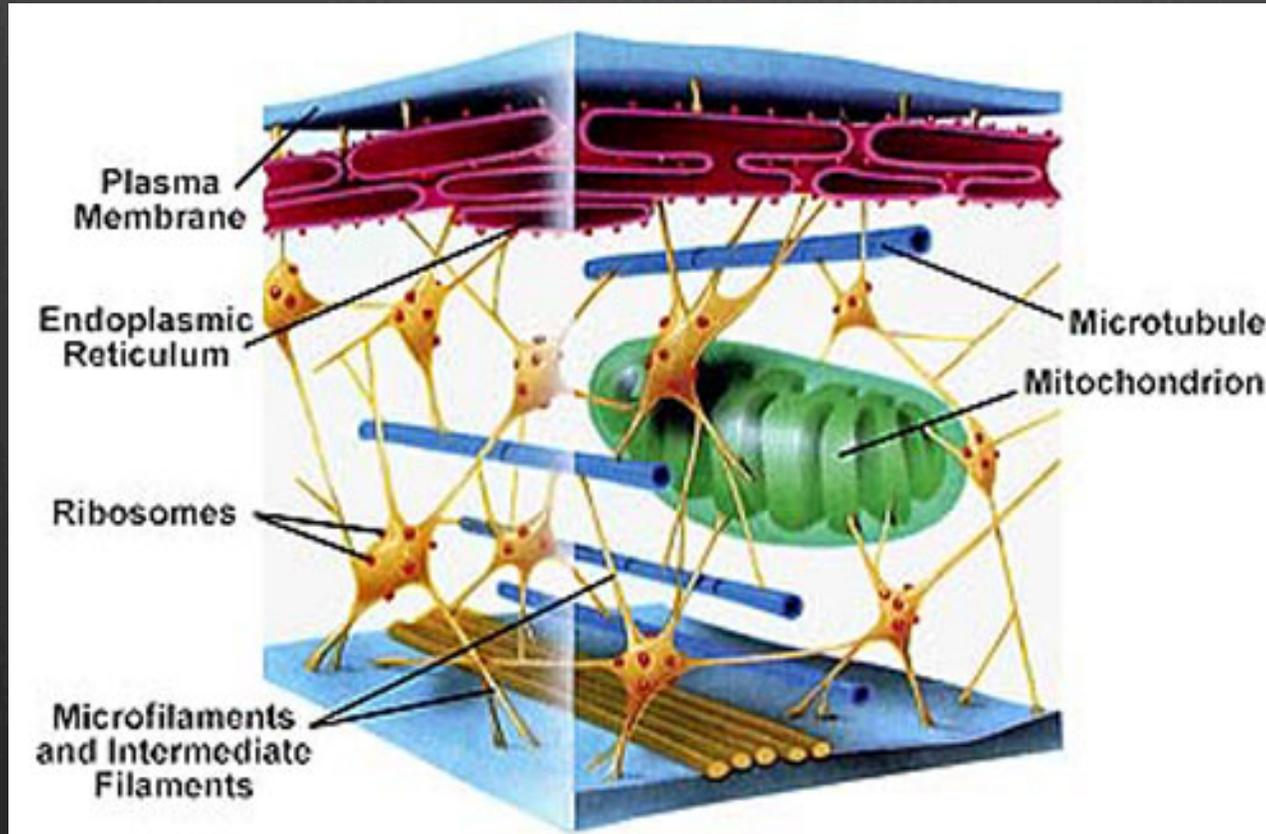


MTOC (microtubule organizing center)

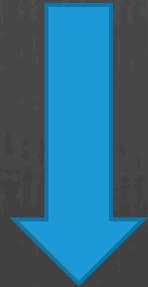
Centrioles are made of microtubules and sit at right angles to each other in the MTOC (which gives rise to the spindle structure during cell division).



Cytoskeleton proteins interact to support and anchor cellular organelles



**Cells perceive gravity through
cytoskeleton!**

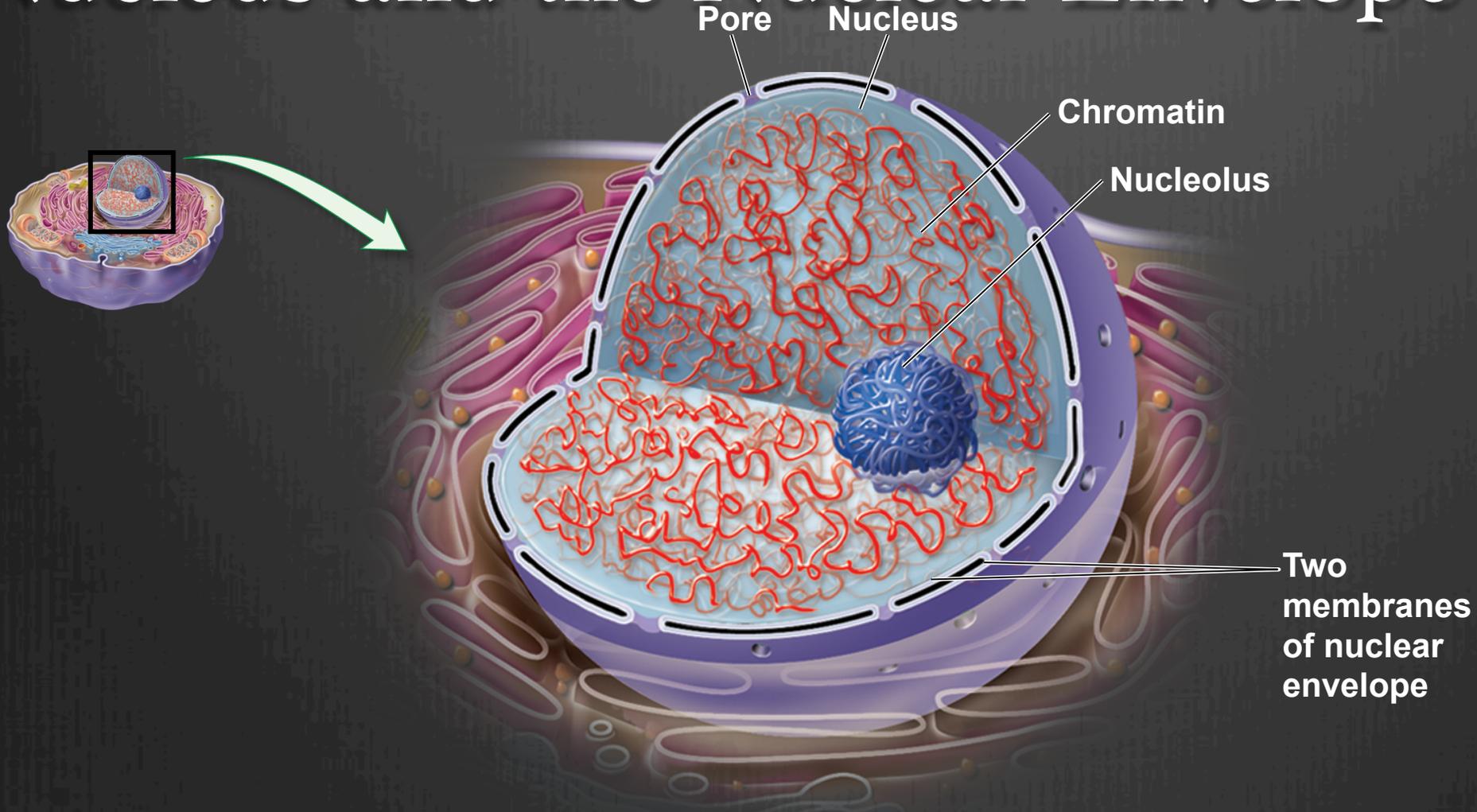


**Changes in gene expression in
response to mechanical stress**

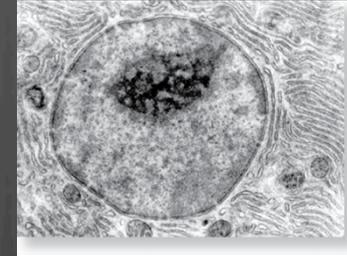
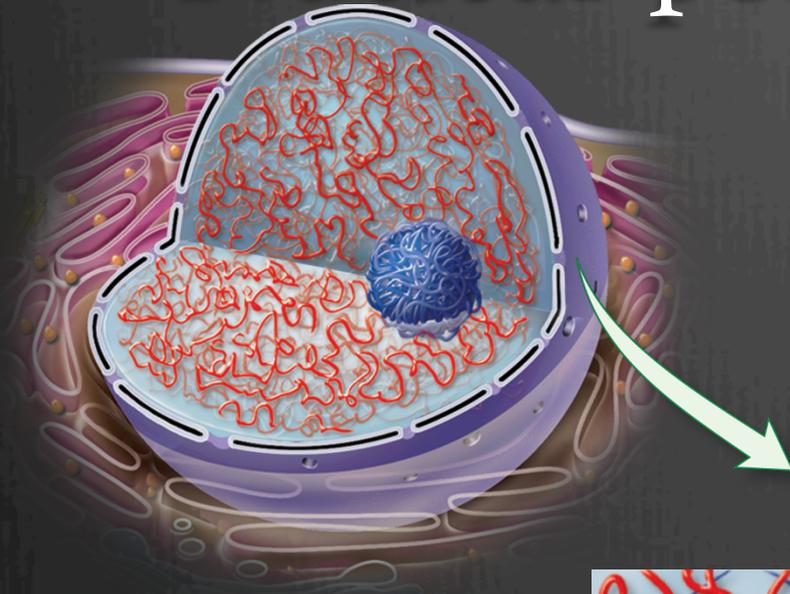
Nucleus

- Primary functions:
- Organization, protection and replication of DNA
- Gene expression
- Site of ribosome assembly (nucleolus)-only visible in non dividing cells

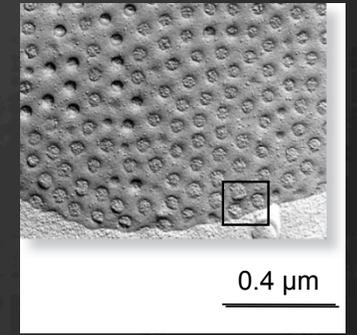
Nucleus and the Nuclear Envelope



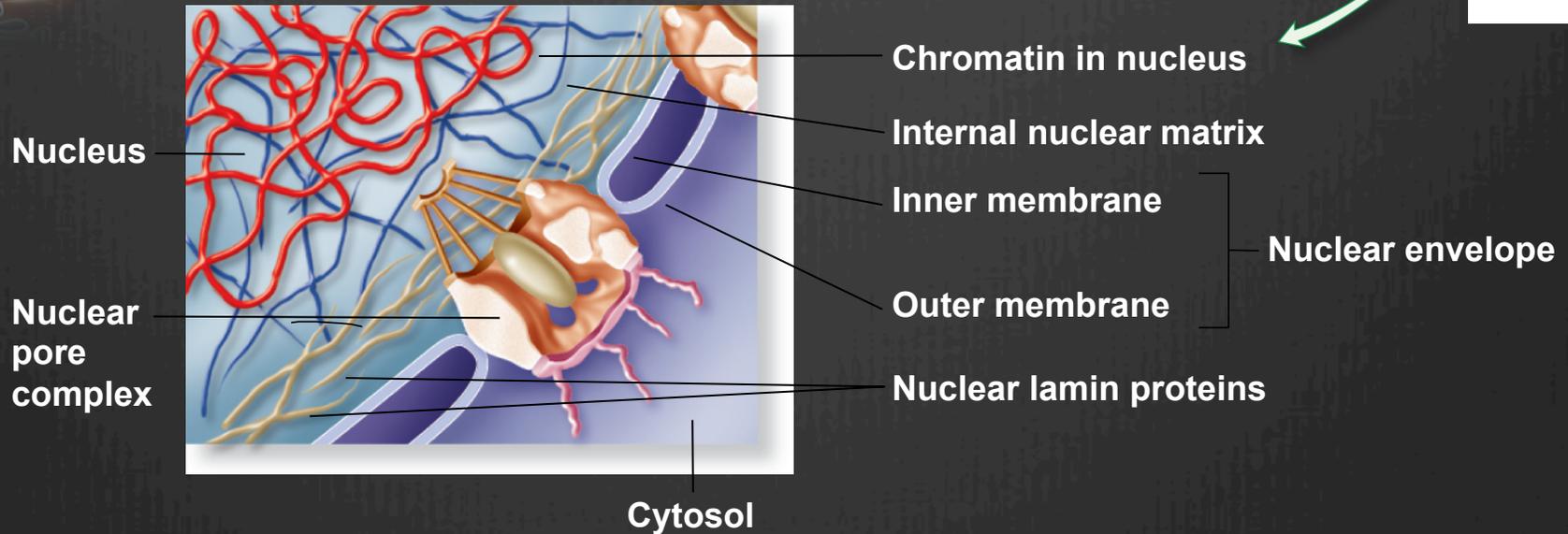
Nuclear pore complexes



5.4 μm



0.4 μm



Nucleus

Nuclear pore complex

Chromatin in nucleus

Internal nuclear matrix

Inner membrane

Outer membrane

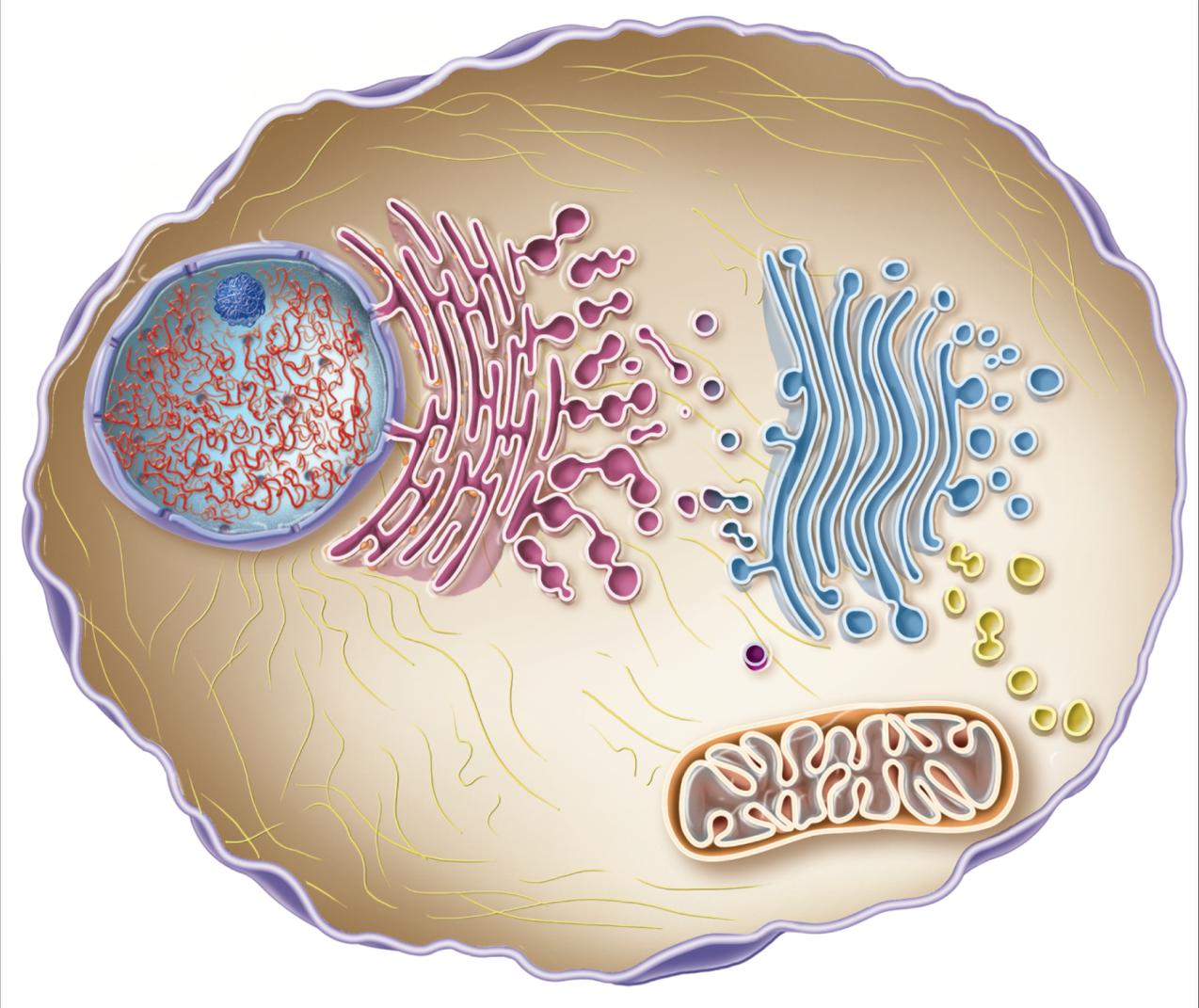
Nuclear lamin proteins

Nuclear envelope

Cytosol

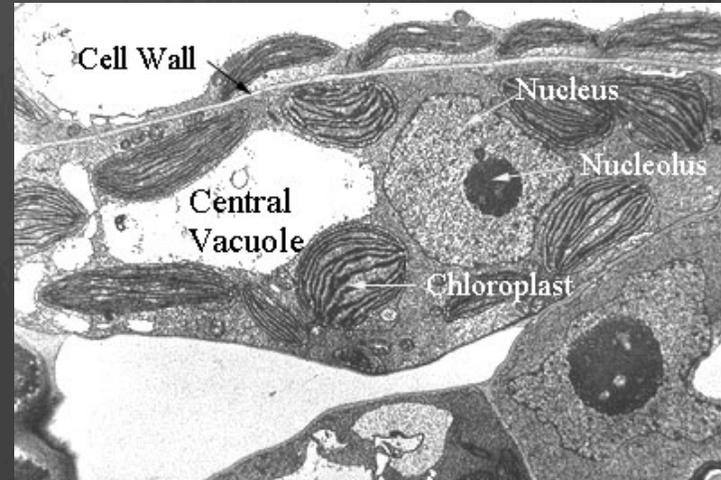
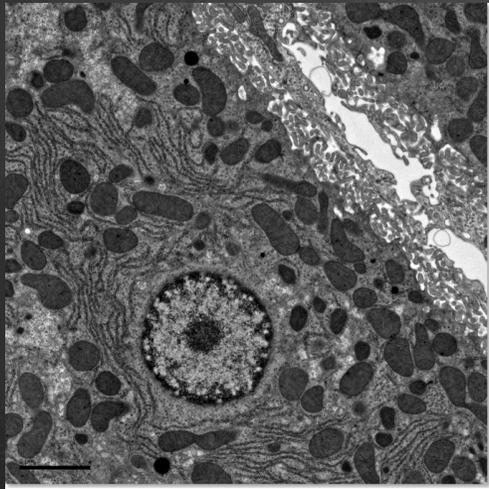
Ribosome Assembly

- Ribosomes are composed of RNA complexed with proteins
- Ribosomal proteins are synthesized in the CYTOPLASM and imported into the nucleus



“Semi-autonomous Organelles”

Grow in cytosol much like a bacterial cell grows in culture medium

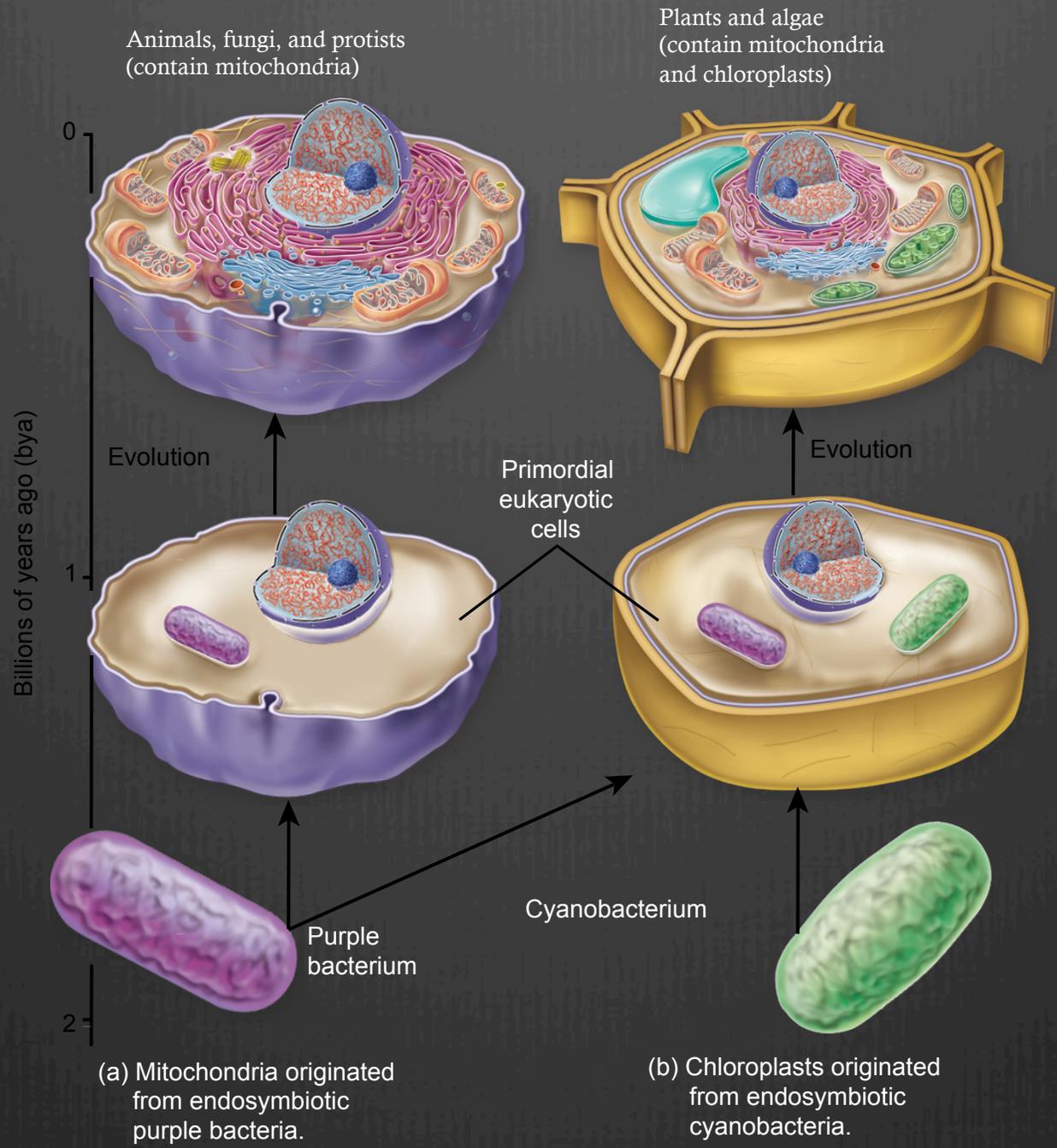


Mitochondria

Take in nutrients and generate ATP which drives cell processes that are energetically unfavorable

Chloroplasts

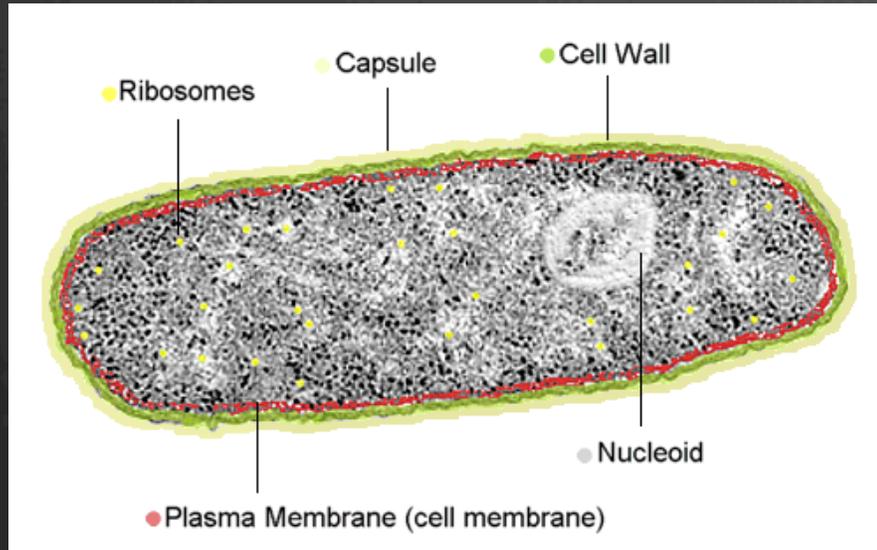
Harvest light energy and synthesize organic molecules



(a) Mitochondria originated from endosymbiotic purple bacteria.

(b) Chloroplasts originated from endosymbiotic cyanobacteria.

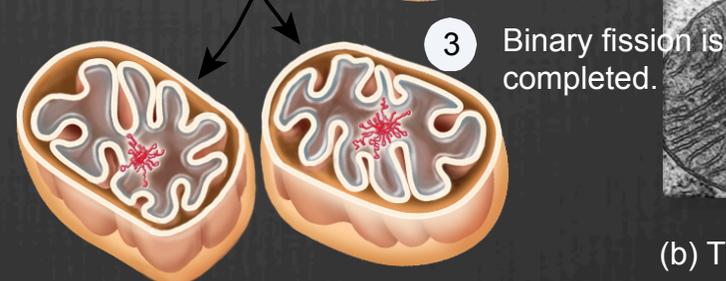
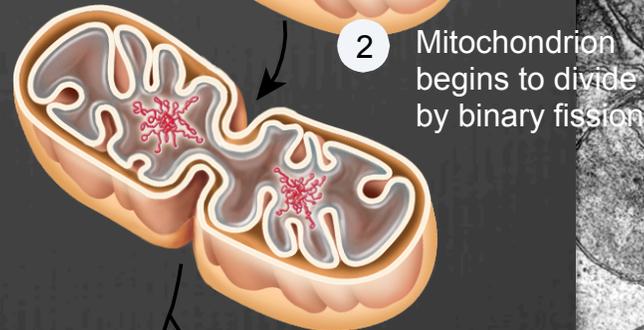
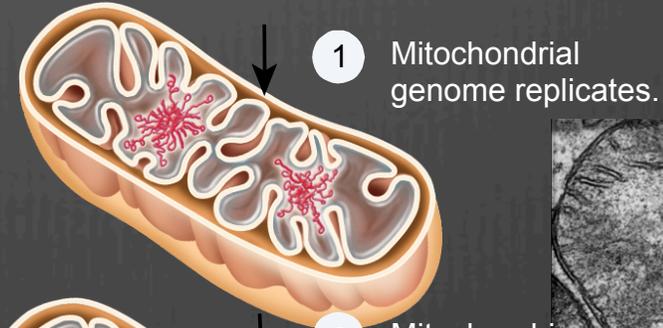
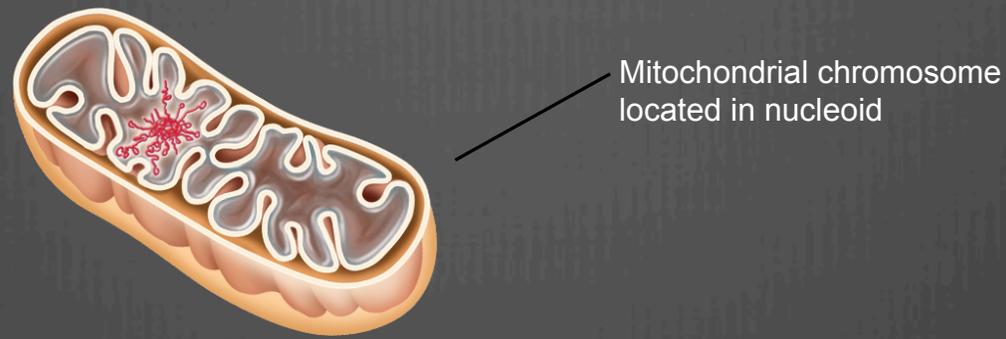
Prokaryote vs mitochondrion



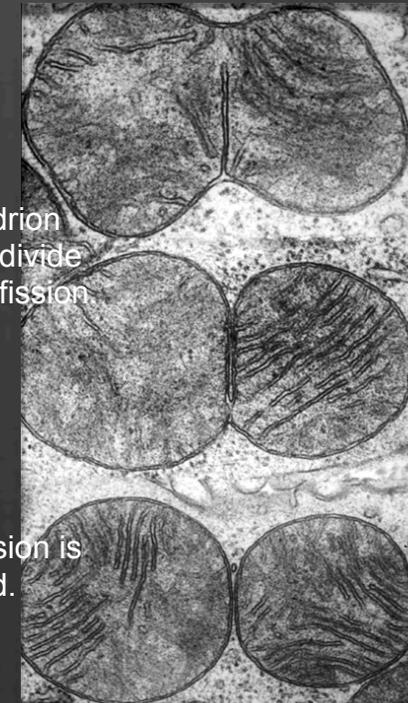
Mitochondria divide by binary fission (like prokaryotes)

They can also fuse together

Numbers can increase to meet energy demand



(a) Binary fission of mitochondria



(b) Transmission electron micrographs of the process

Mitochondria

- ATP production
- Calcium homeostasis
 - If calcium levels too high in cytosol, mitochondria can retain excess calcium
- Generation of reactive oxygen
- Mitochondrial movement is important in polar cell types (such as neurons)
- Mitochondrial defects are now thought to play a role in the development of Alzheimer's disease & some cancers
 - Errors in replication accumulate as cells age