
Protein domains mediating interactions

- W_03 • Protein - Protein interactions domains
Scaffolds and co-incidence
PPI's and networks
- W_04 • Protein - Membrane
Lipid-binding domains
Manipulation of location
Activation

“the right molecules at the right place at the right time”

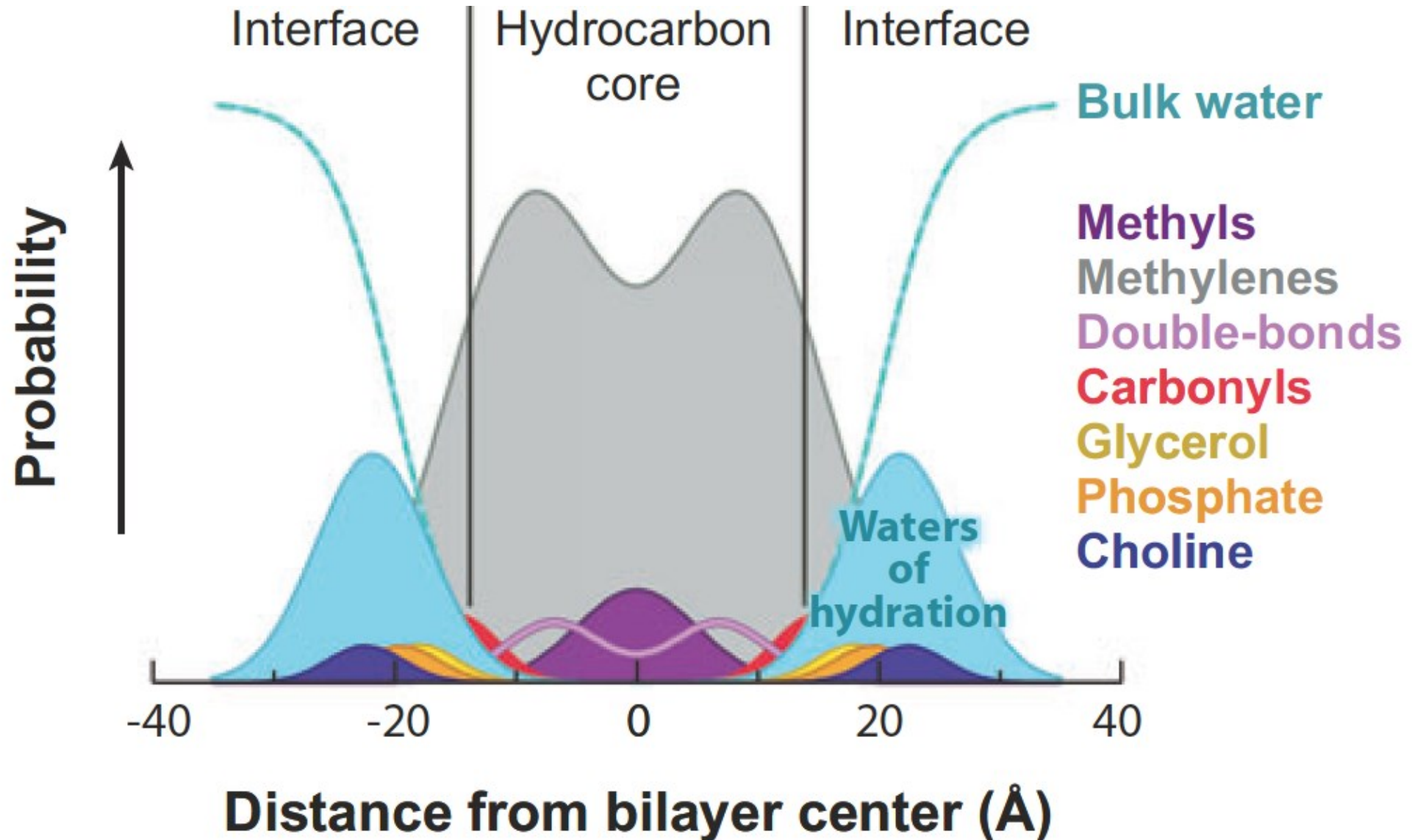
Part 1

Membrane binding domains

- PIP_x interacting domains
- PIP_x imaging
- Polybasic sequences

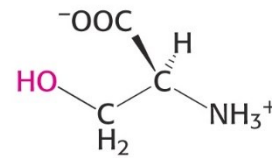
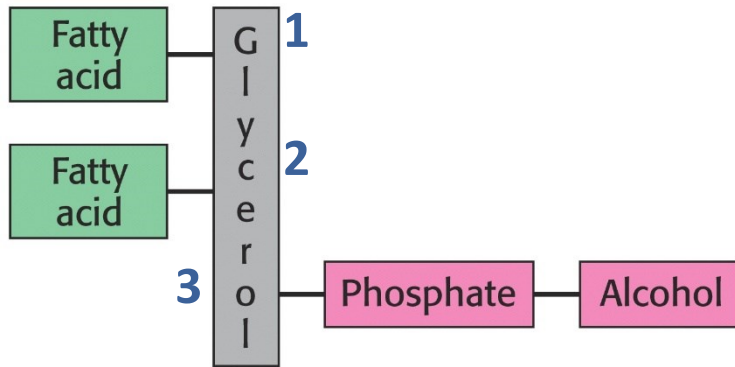
Membrane architecture

Depth probability profile of lipid functional groups

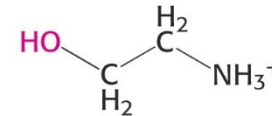


Membrane lipids

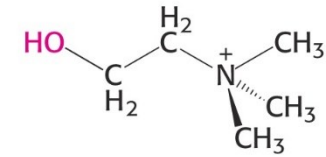
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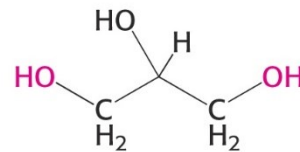
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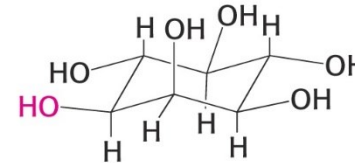
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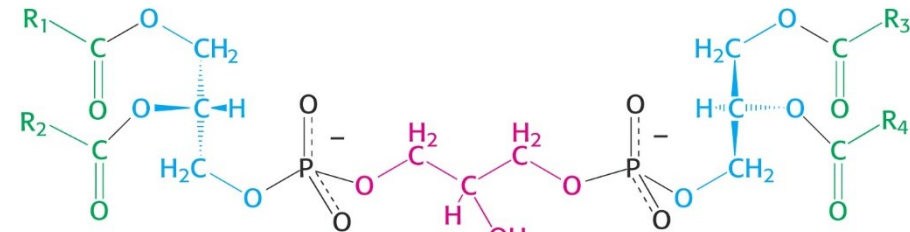
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Glycerol



Inositol

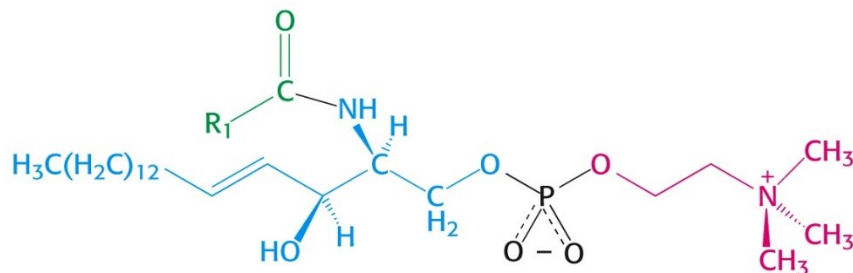


Diphosphatidyl glycerol (cardiolipin)

Sphingolipids

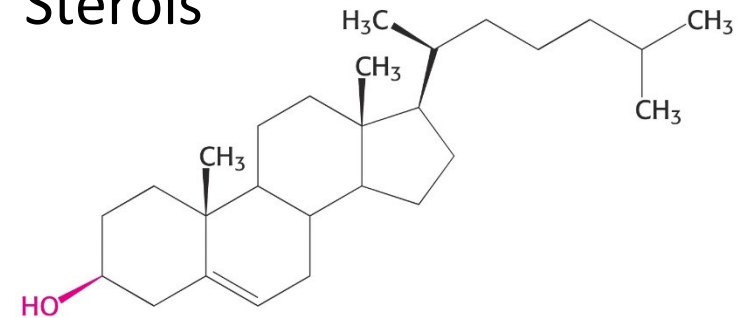


Sphingosine



Sphingomyelin

Sterols



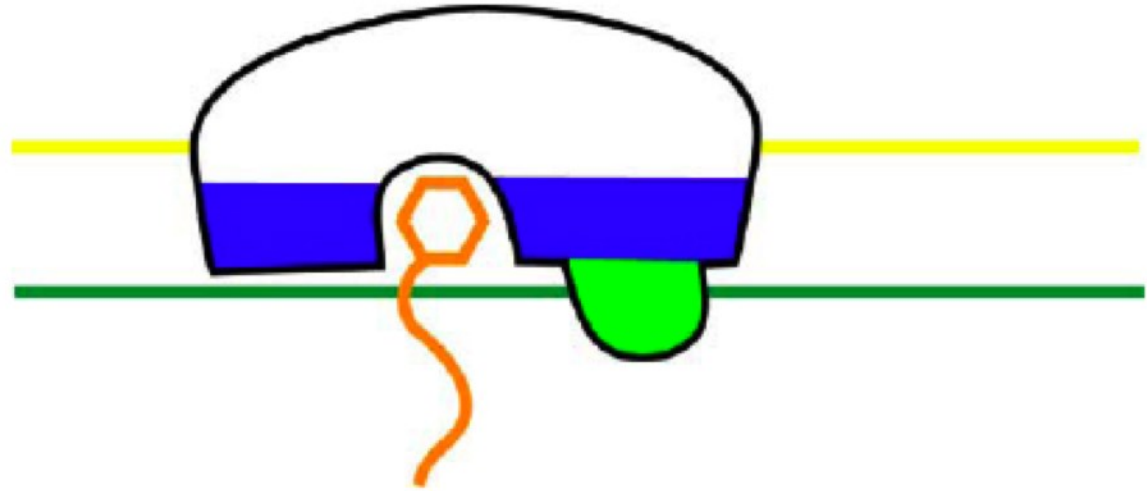
Cholesterol

Membrane binding domains

Schematic representation:

Membrane-water interface

Start hydrophobic core



Three interactions are generally observed:

- Polar stereo-selective binding site for a lipid head group
- Hydrophobic loop inserting in membrane core (green)
- Electrostatic interaction with polar head groups (blue)

Membrane binding domains

In human genome many such domains have been identified:

Domain*	Humans
PH	303 (258)
PKC C2 [‡]	200 (125)
C1	79 (58)
PX	35 (35)
FYVE	27 (26)
Discoidin C2 ^{‡§}	24 (18)
GRAM	18 (15)
F-BAR	14 (14)
Annexin	56 (13)
Gla [§]	13 (13)
N-BAR	9 (9)
ENTH/ANTH	9 (9)

=> PIPx

=> Ca²⁺-dependent to phospholipids

=> diacylglycerol

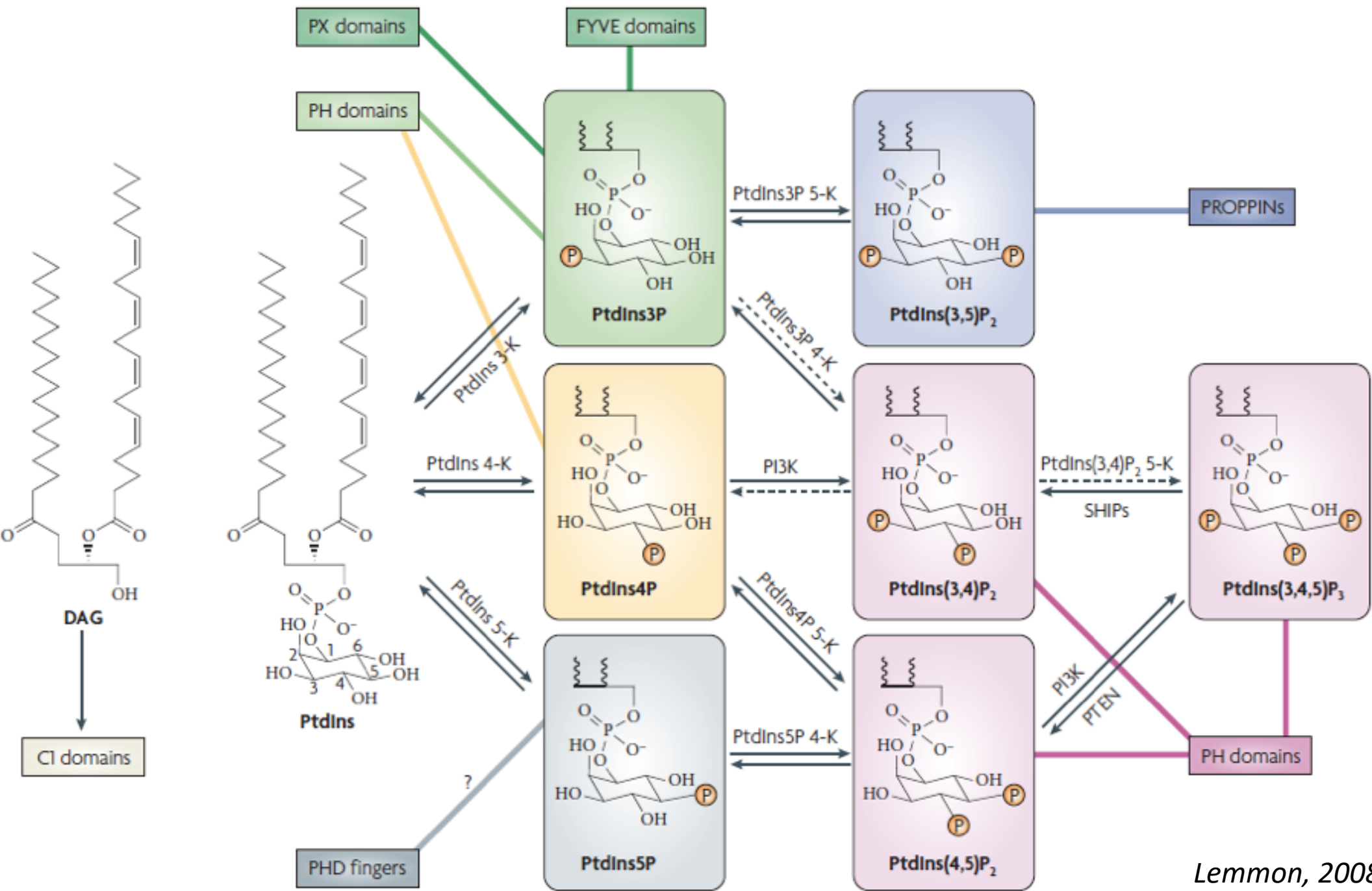
=> PI(3)P

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(#) : number of proteins

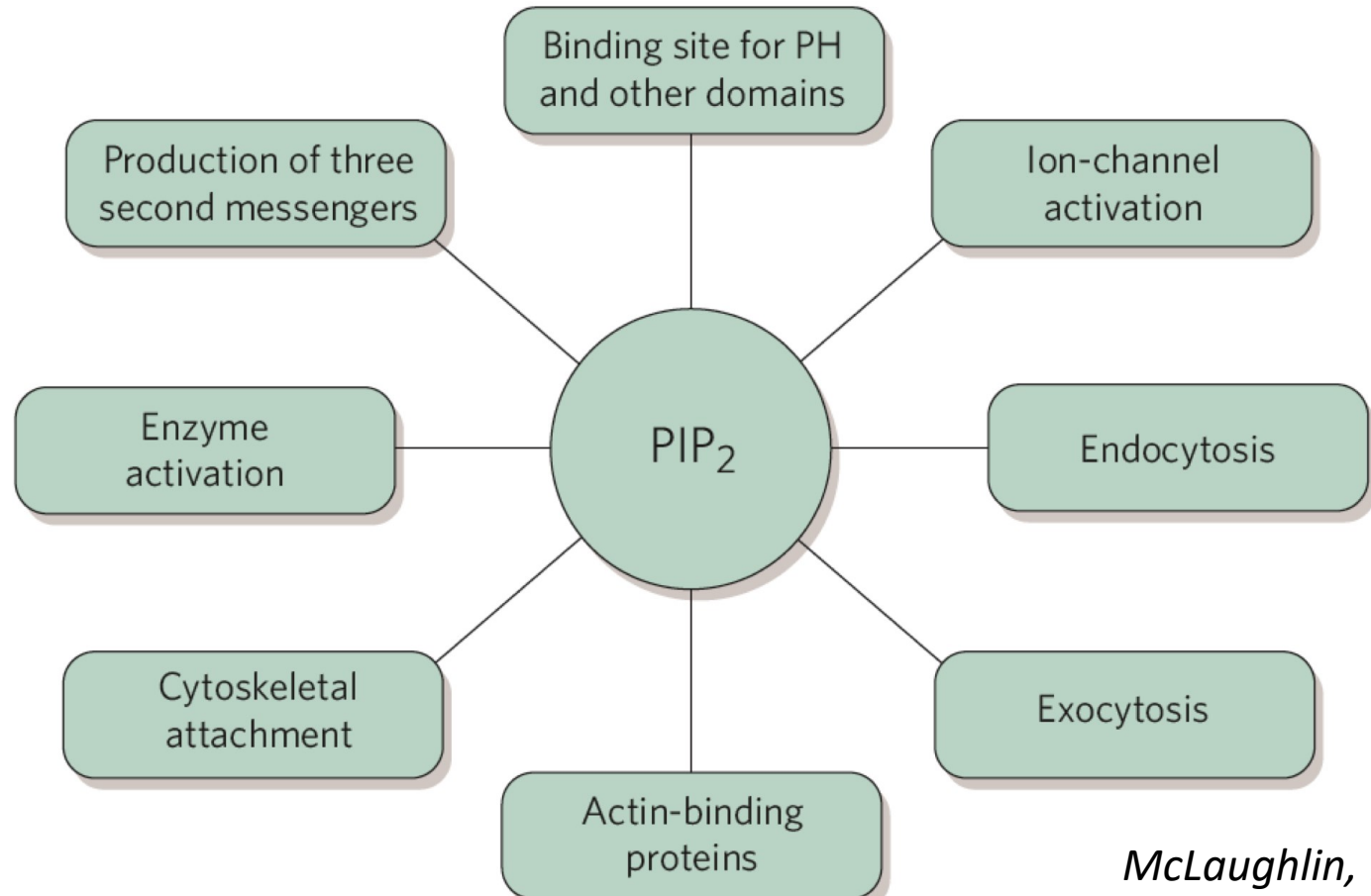
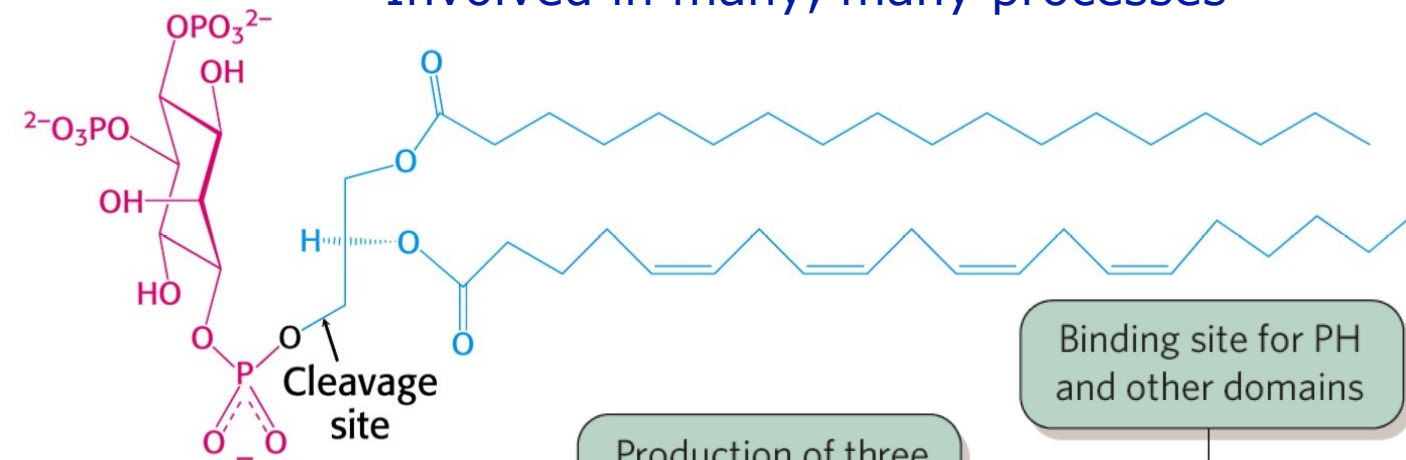
Lemmon, 2008

Domains recognising different PIP_x species



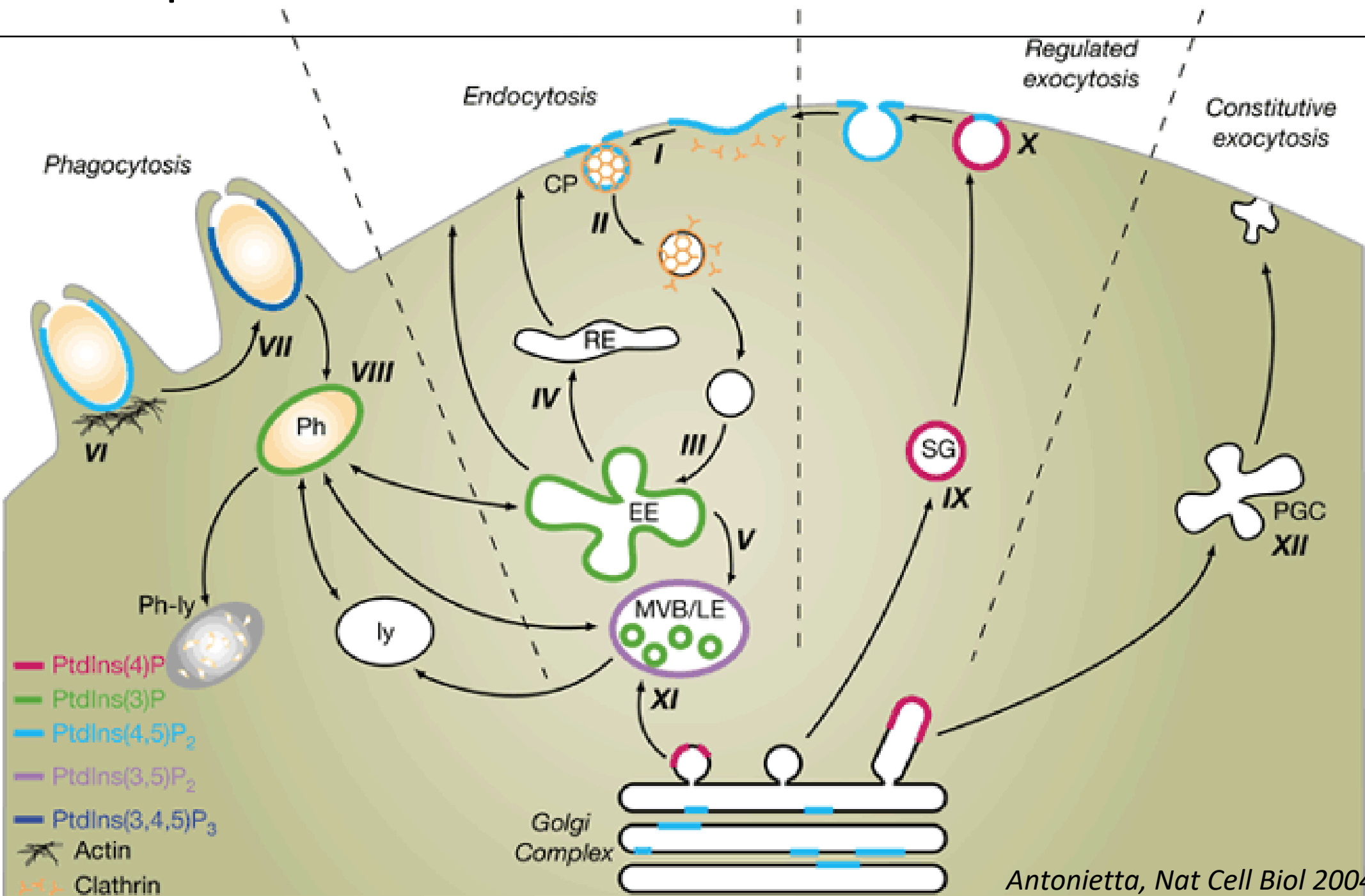
Phosphatidylinositol-(4,5)-bisphosphate (PIP₂)

- About 1% of PM lipids (about 1-10 μM); the most abundant of the PIP_x
- Involved in many, many processes



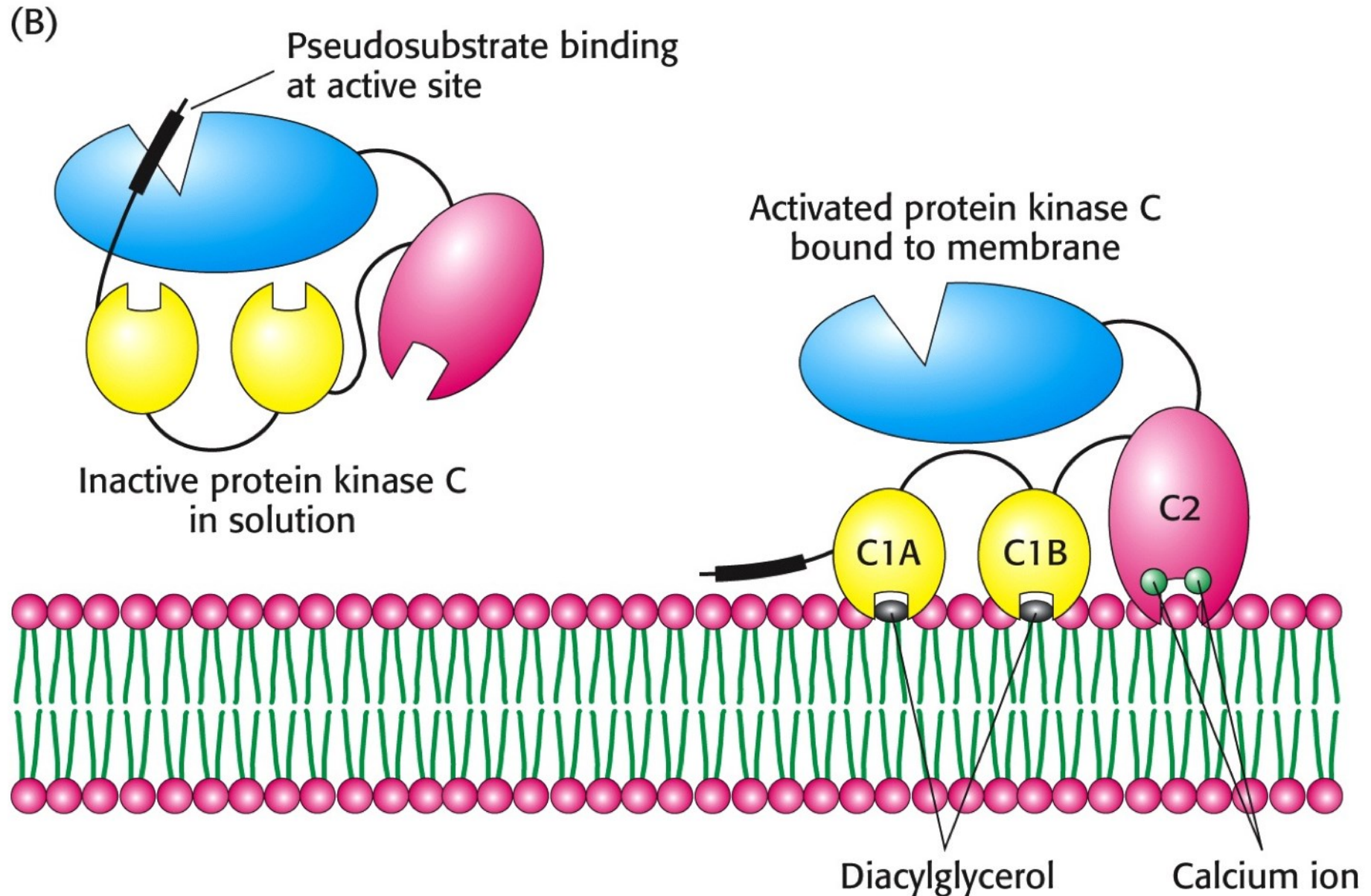
McLaughlin, Nature 2005

PIP_x: Specific locations



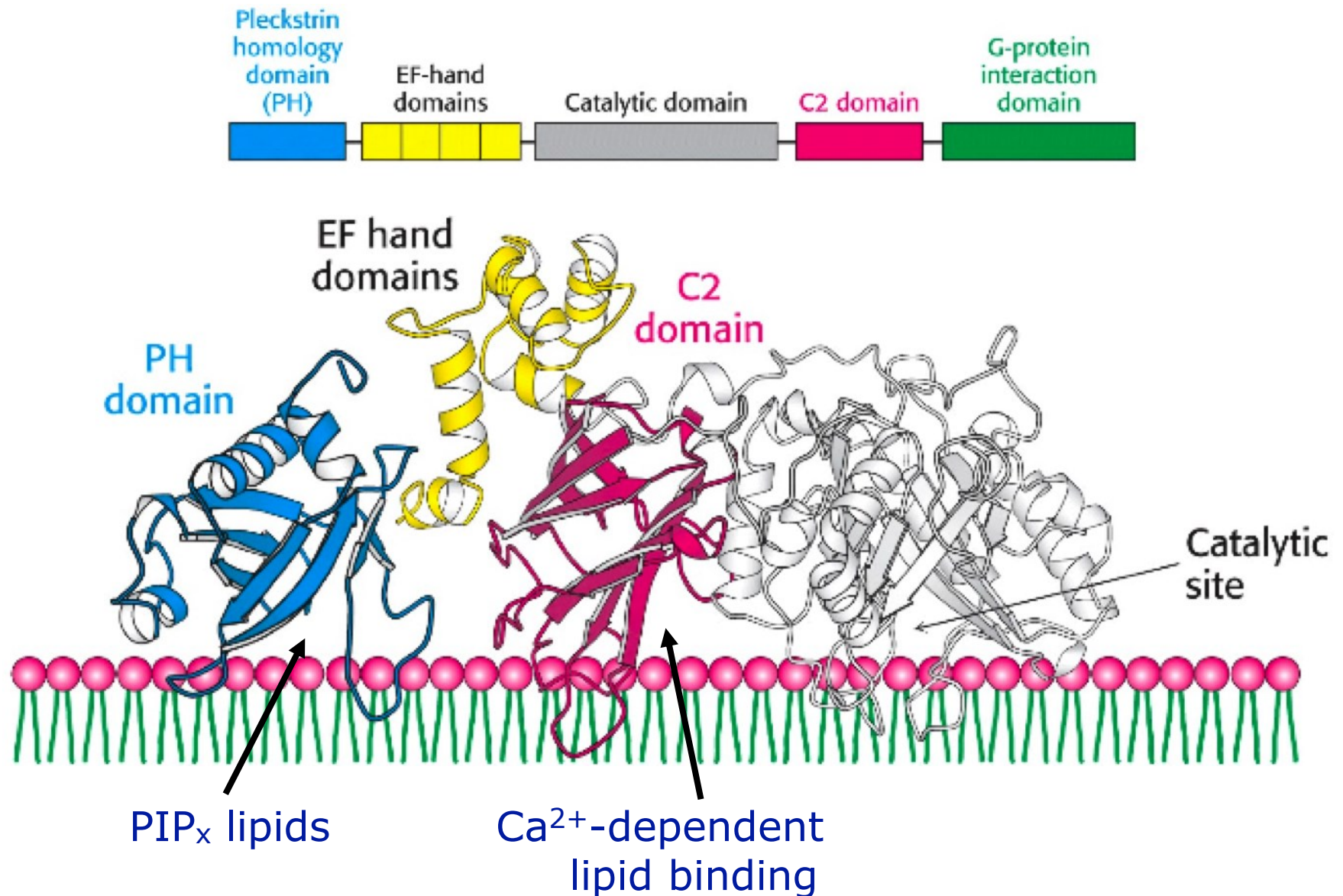
Reversible membrane location and activation

Protein kinase C combines the 2 mechanisms, both for localisation & activation:



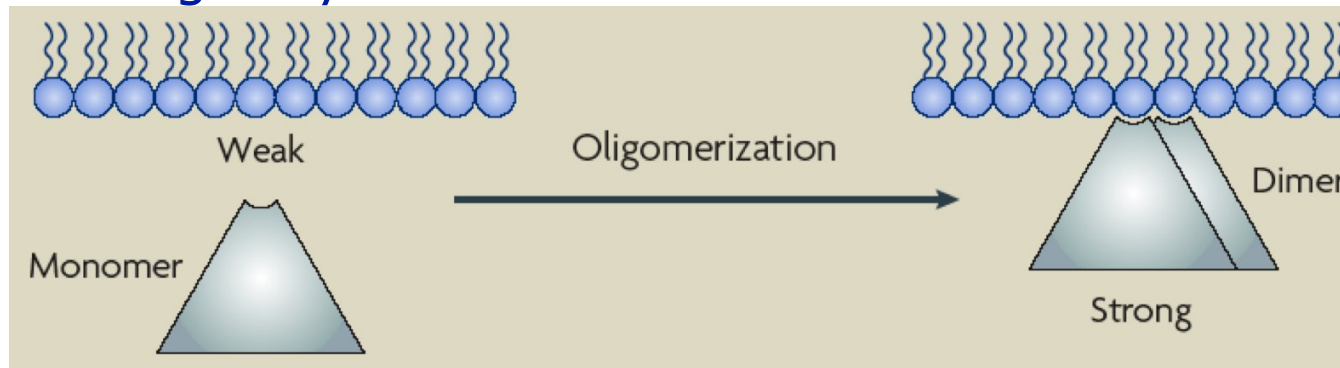
Reversible membrane location and activation

Phospholipase C β combines the 2 mechanisms, both for localisation & activation:
but also for its **in-activation**!!

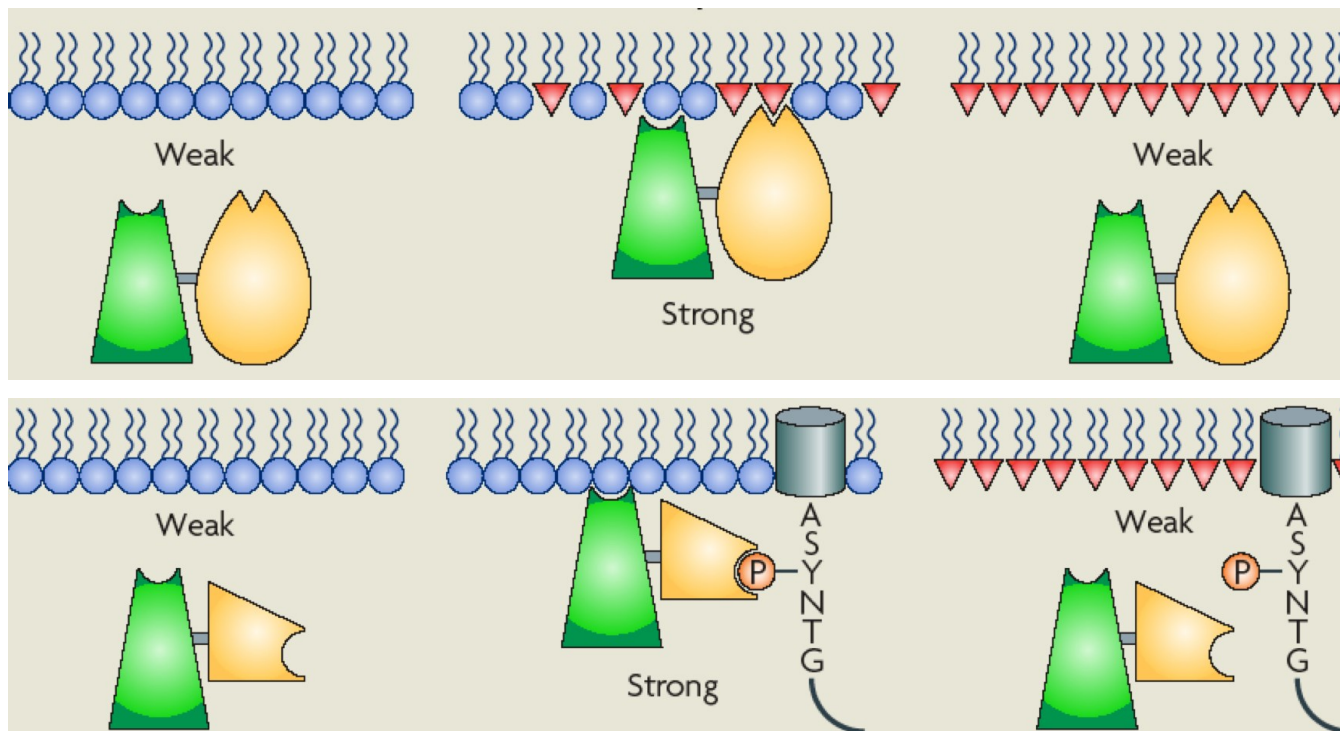


Membrane binding : Combination of domains

=> Stronger by more of the same



=> => Stronger & more selective/specific through **co-incidence**



Lemmon, 2008

PIP_x undergo signal-dependent turnover; e.g. PI(4,5)P₂

GPCR signalling via G_{αq}:

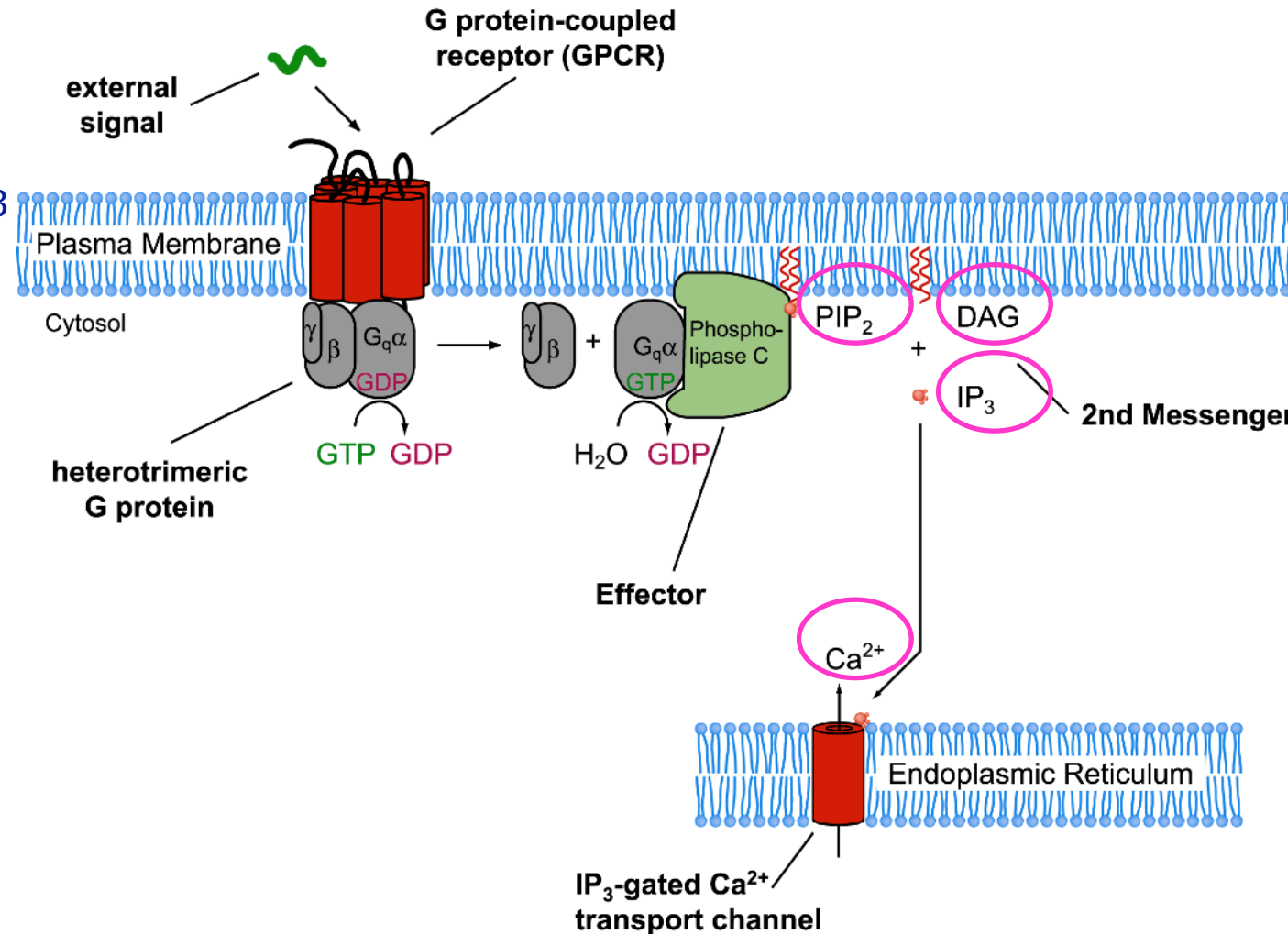
=> PLC activation

PI(4,5)P₂ => DAG + IP₃

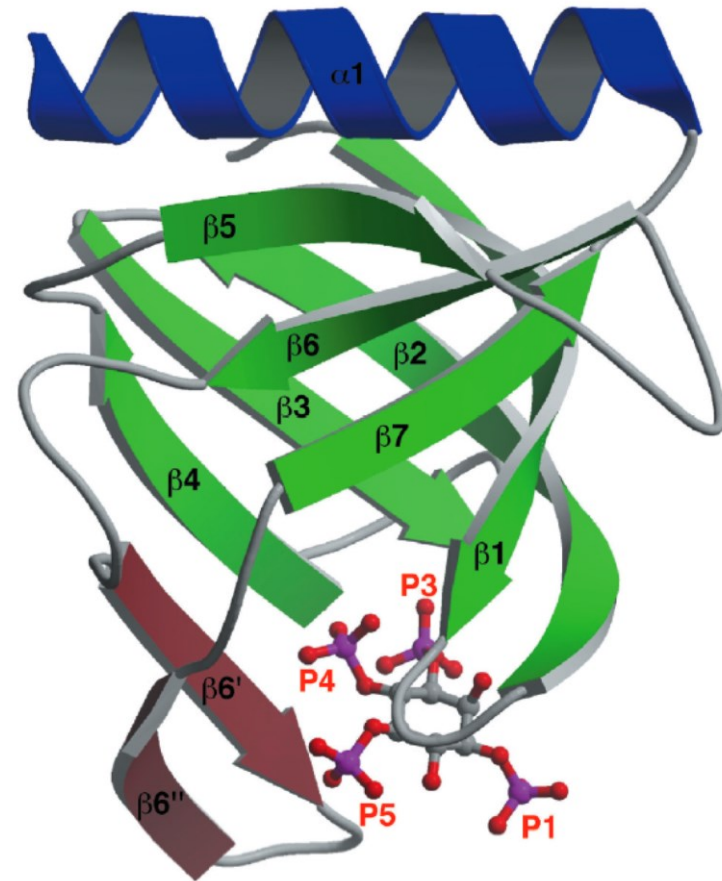
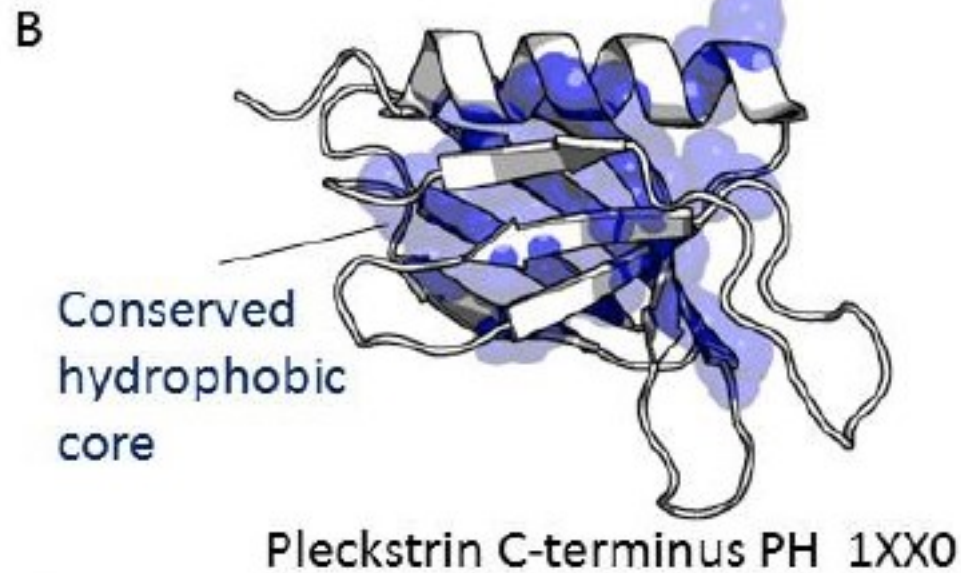
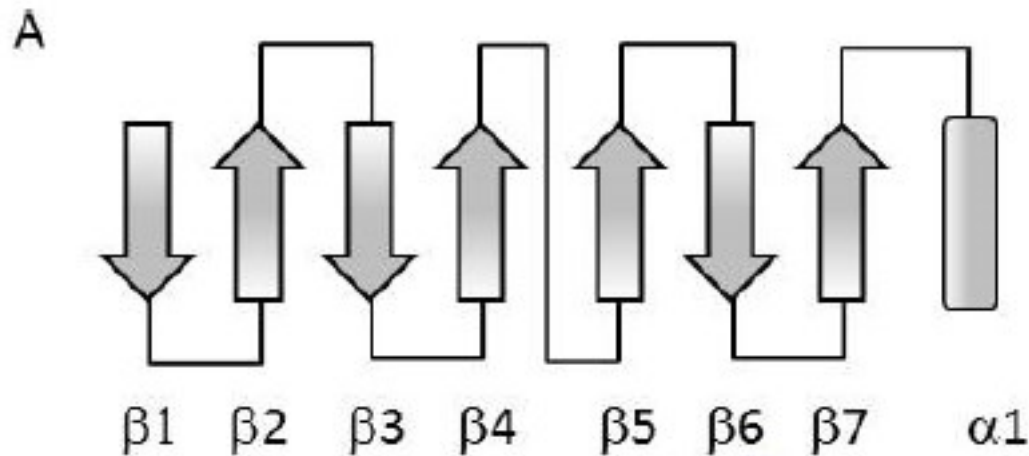
IP₃ = Inositol(1,4,5) triphosphate

DAG = Diacylglycerol

PLC = Phospholipase C



Pleckstrin Homology (PH) domains: Common Structure



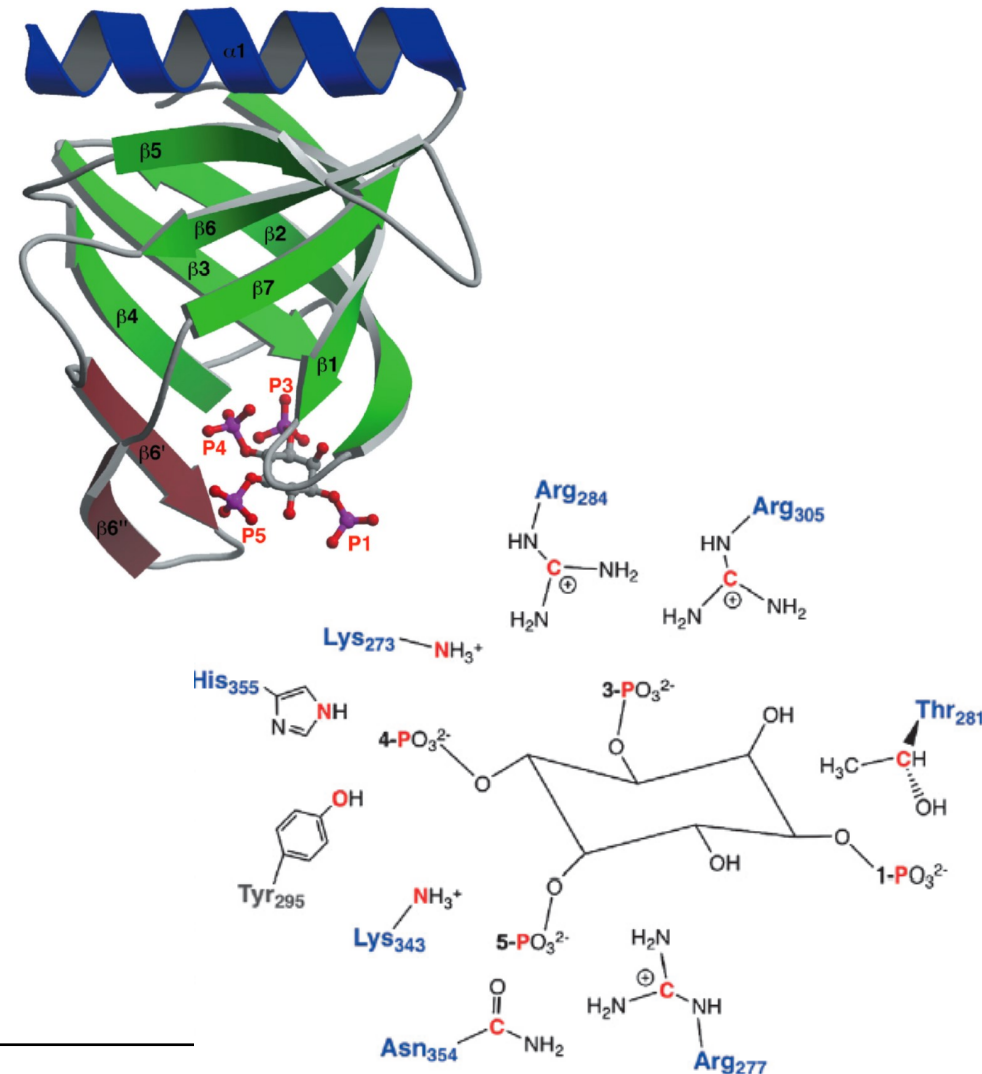
PH domains recognising PI(3,4,5)P₃

- PI(3,4,5)P₃ has a very low abundance in resting cells
 - upon activation 40-fold increase due to phosphorylation of PI(4,5)P₂ by PI-3-kinase

=> **see : 1fgy.pdb**

Important regions for interactions:

- β 1- β 2 loop is a basic region
- 17-19 H-bonds
- Large hydrophobic loop absent
- $K_d = 27$ nM => strong enough for firm membrane attachment
- I(1,3,4,5)P₄ binds with same affinity

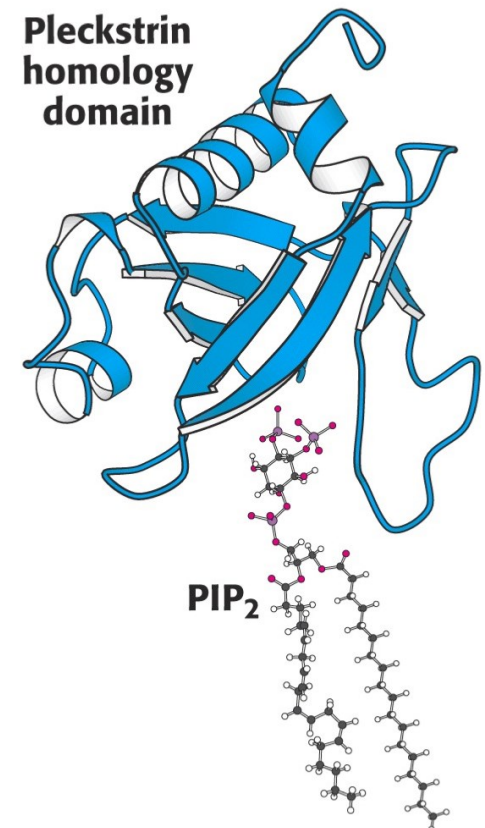


Domains recognising PI(4,5)P₂

- PI(4,5)P₂

- most abundant PIP_x
about 1% of plasma membrane PL's
5 to 100-fold more abundant than other PIP_x's
- most domains bind with low affinity

=> **see : 1mai.pdb**



An exception:

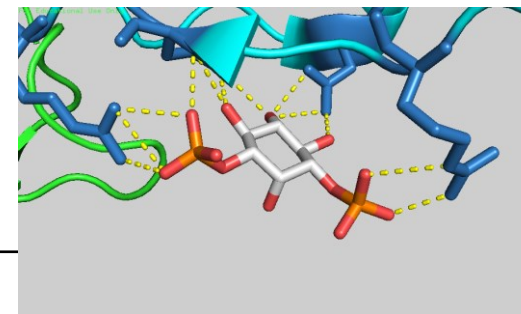
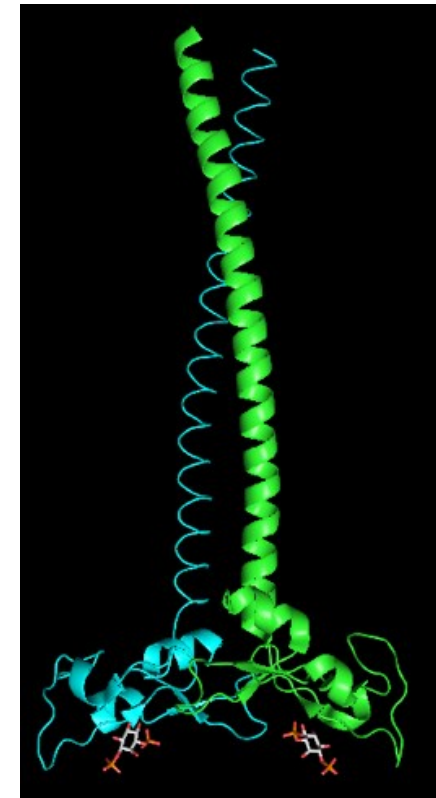
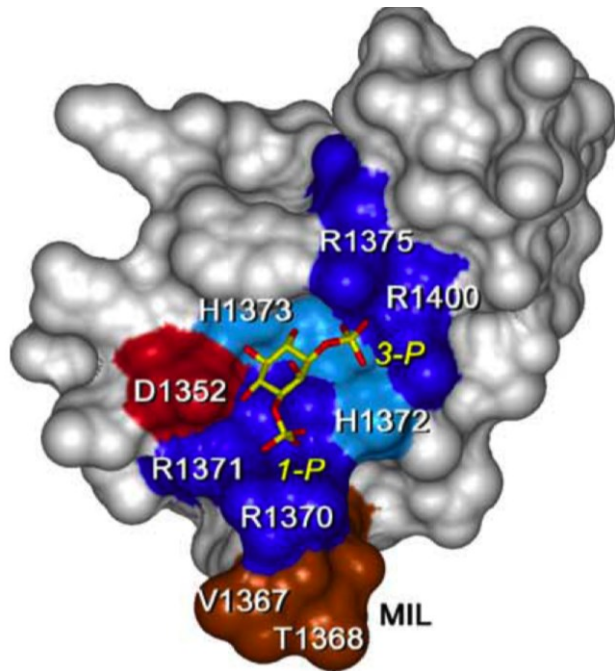
- PH domain of phospholipase-Cδ1 binds with high affinity, however:
affinity for I(1,4,5)P₃ is 10-fold higher

=> The enzyme is removed from the membrane by it's own product.

FYVE domains recognising PI(3)P₁

- PI(3)P₁ present in endosomes, 0.25 % of cellular lipid, or 200 μM
 - important in regulating trafficking in endosomal pathway and Golgi-lysosome sorting

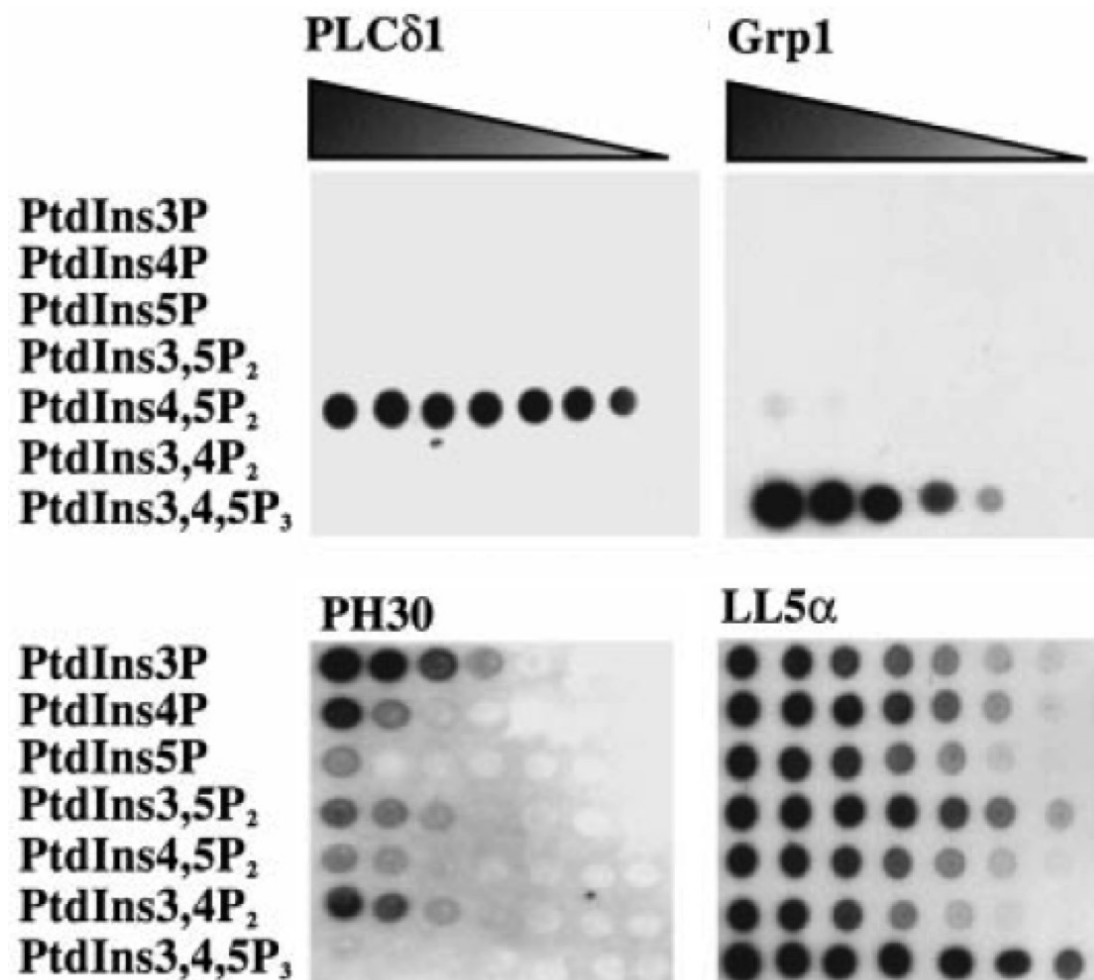
- ◇ FYVE domains : Important for interaction with PI(3)P:
 - basic (R/K)(R/K)HHCR in 1st β-strand } => selectivity
 - 12 H-bonds with P_i and OH groups
 - Monomer too weak for membrane attachment
=> dimers do !!



Testing specificity and affinity of PIP_x domains

“Dot blot assay”

- Spot the different lipids on nitrocellulose
- Overlay with PH-domain-GST fusion proteins as dilution series
- Detect bound fusion with an anti-GST antibody



GST = Glutathion-S-
Transferase
an affinity tag
for purification

Dowler, Biochem J 2000

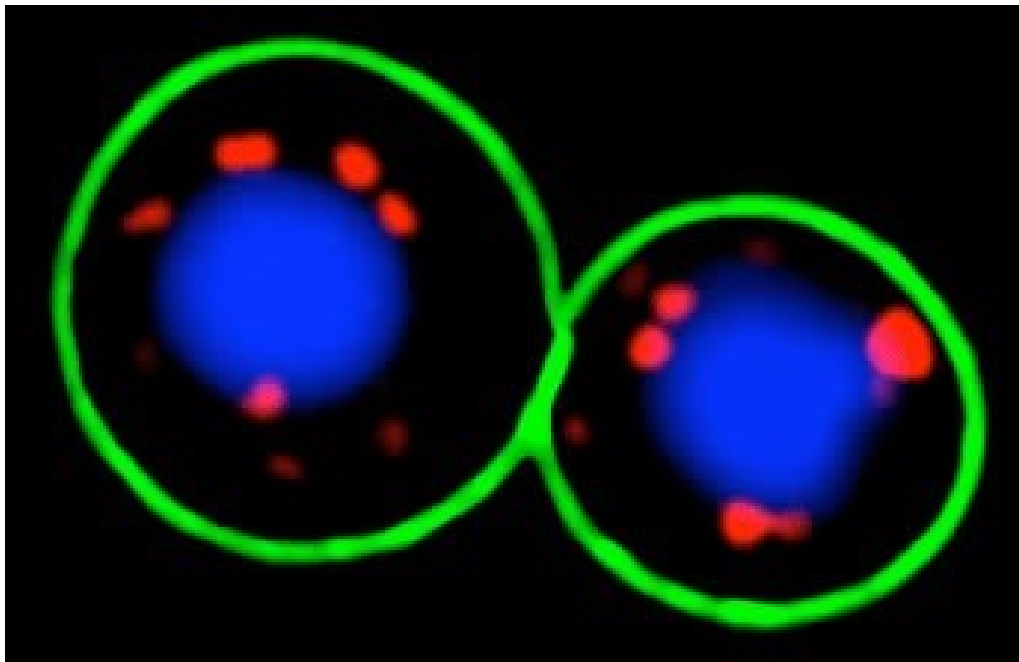
Imaging PIP_x *in vivo* using domain-GFP chimeras

In yeast cells:

Green: PH-domain - GFP fusion => PI(4,5)P₂ in plasma membrane

Red: FYVE-domain - DsRed fusion => PI(3)P in endosomes

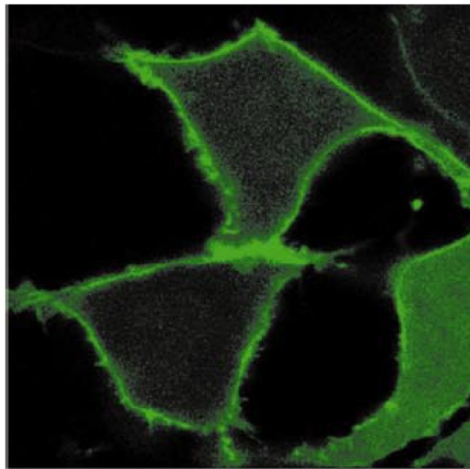
Blue: Vacuoles



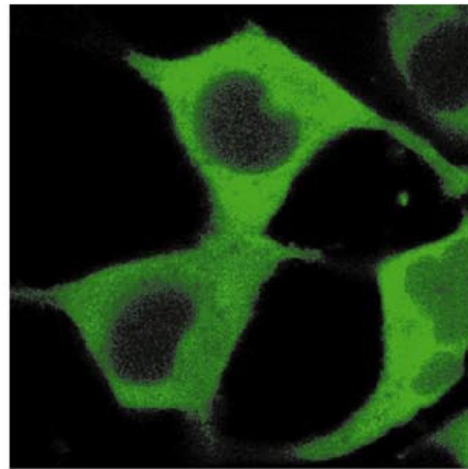
Imaging PIP_x metabolism *in vivo* using PH-GFP chimeras

In mammalian cells:

- If target lipid is present => PH-GFP probe on membrane
- If not: => probe in cytosol



Control



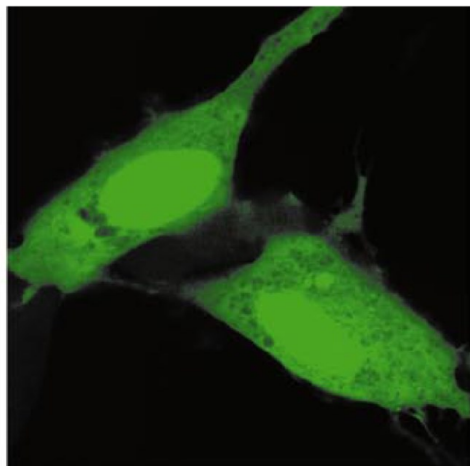
AngII 30 s

PLCδ₁-PH

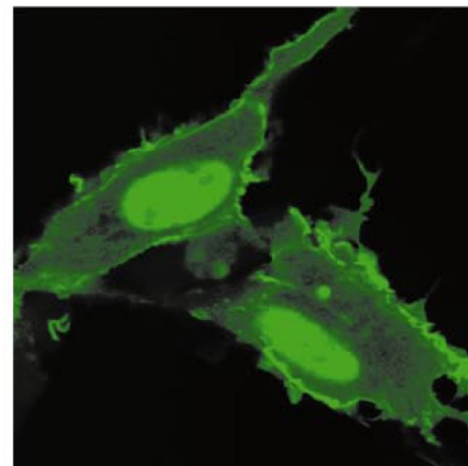
A: PI(4,5)P₂-specific probe

Control: PI(4,5)P₂ in plasma membrane

+ Angiotensin II (AngII) promotes breakdown via PLase-C



Control



PDGF 4 min

BTK-PH

B: PI(3,4,5)P₃-specific probe

Control: little PI(3,4,5)P₃ in plasma membrane

+ PDGF stimulate synthesis by activation of PI-3-Kinase

Balla, TiPS 2000

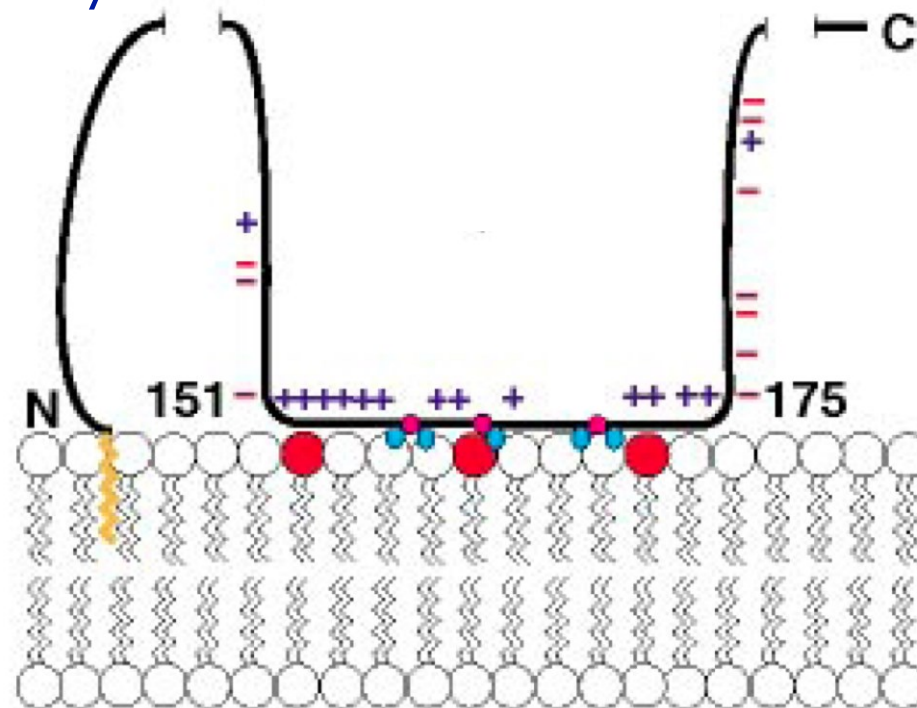
Poly-basic sequence: Membranes, PIP₂ and Ca²⁺

Poly-basic sequence: A short stretch of amino acids with many K and/or R

- Bind strongly to negatively charged membranes
- Sequester PIP₂

E.g. MARCKS

- " **M**yristoylated **A**lanine-**R**ich **C**-**K**inase **S**ubstrate"
- Present in the cell at μM concentrations
- Polybasic domain ...**KKKKKR**FSF**KK**SF**K**LSGFSF**KKNKK**
- N-terminal myristoyl



red dot = PIP₂

McLaughlin, Nature 2005

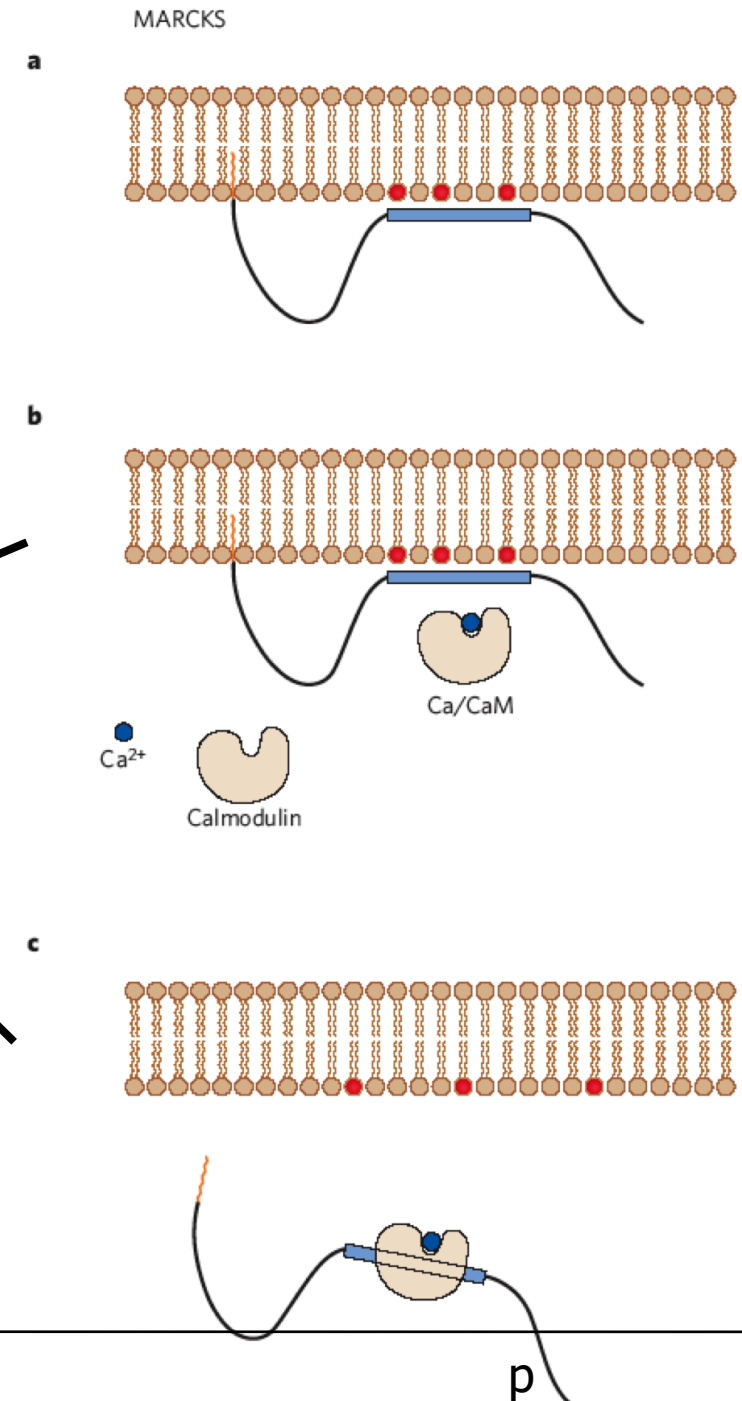
Poly-basic sequence: Release from membrane

Reduction of MARCKS binding to membranes:

- i) Hydrolysis of PIP_2
- ii) Phosphorylation of serine **S** residues by protein kinase C (PK-C)

KKKKKRFSFKK**S**FKL**S**GF**S**FKKNKK

- iii) Binding of calmodulin- Ca^{2+}



Calcium, a ubiquitous messenger

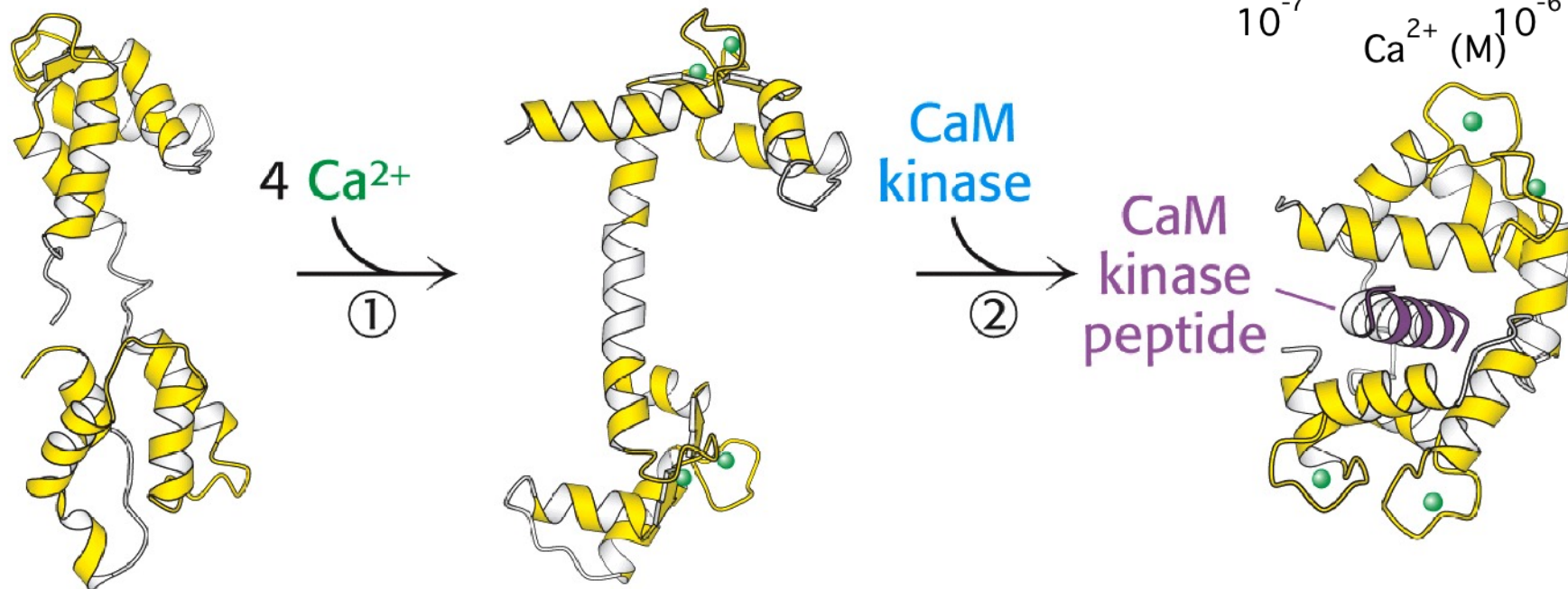
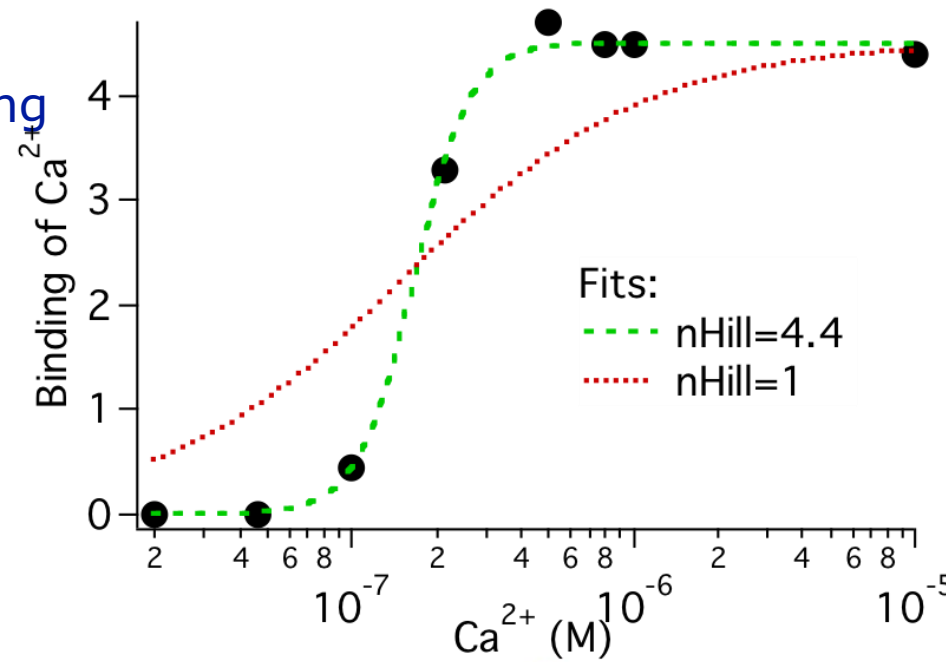
iii) Through a mediator, e.g. calmodulin:

$[\text{Ca}^{2+}] > 500 \text{ nM} \Rightarrow$ steep cooperative binding

$\Rightarrow$ dramatic structural change

$\Rightarrow$ binding to calmodulin targets

$\Rightarrow$ modulation of target's activity



Calmodulin (apo)

4 - Membrane binding domains

• Polybasic

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Poly-basic sequence: Release from membrane

Regulation of MARCKS binding to membranes:

- Hydrolysis of PIP₂
- Phosphorylation of Ser
- Binding of calmodulin-Ca²⁺

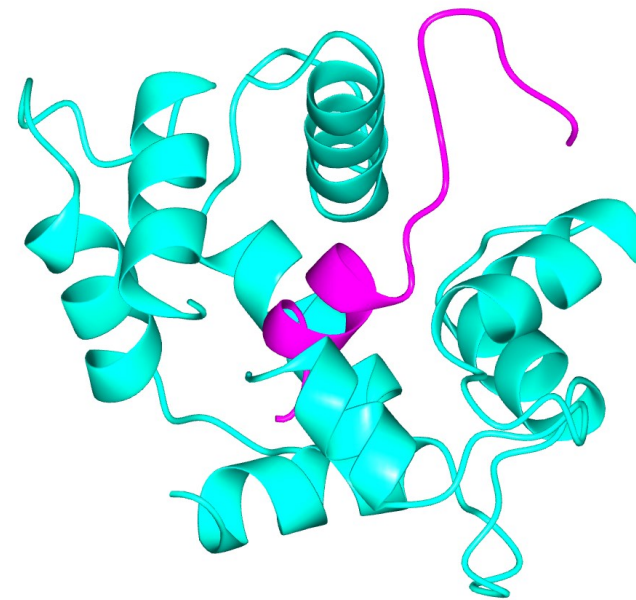
Crystal structure of complex of calmodulin-MARCKS cartoon:

- cyan: calmodulin
- purple: MARCKS

Iso-potential surface:

- red -25 mV
- blue + 25 mV

=> **see 1iwq.pdb**



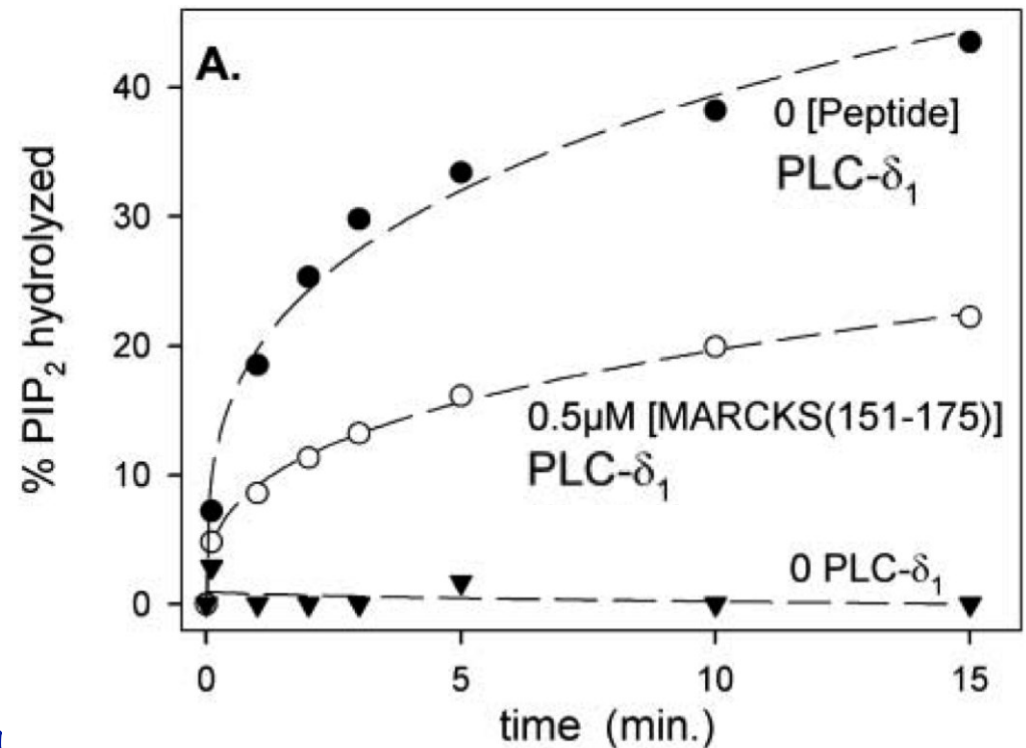
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McLaughlin, Nature 2005.

Poly-basic sequence - Effect on other PIP₂ binding proteins

- Inhibition of PIP₂-hydrolysis by MARCKS

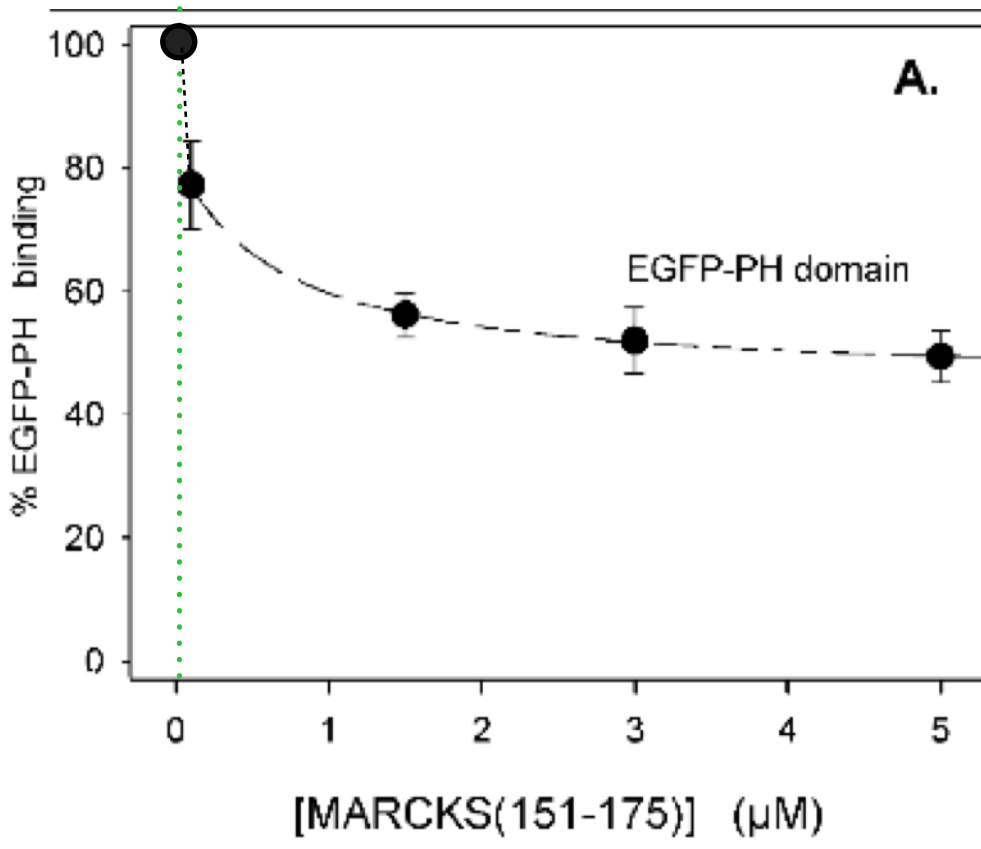
Lipid vesicles containing 0.15 % [³H]-PIP₂
Hydrolysis by phospholipase C_{δ1}



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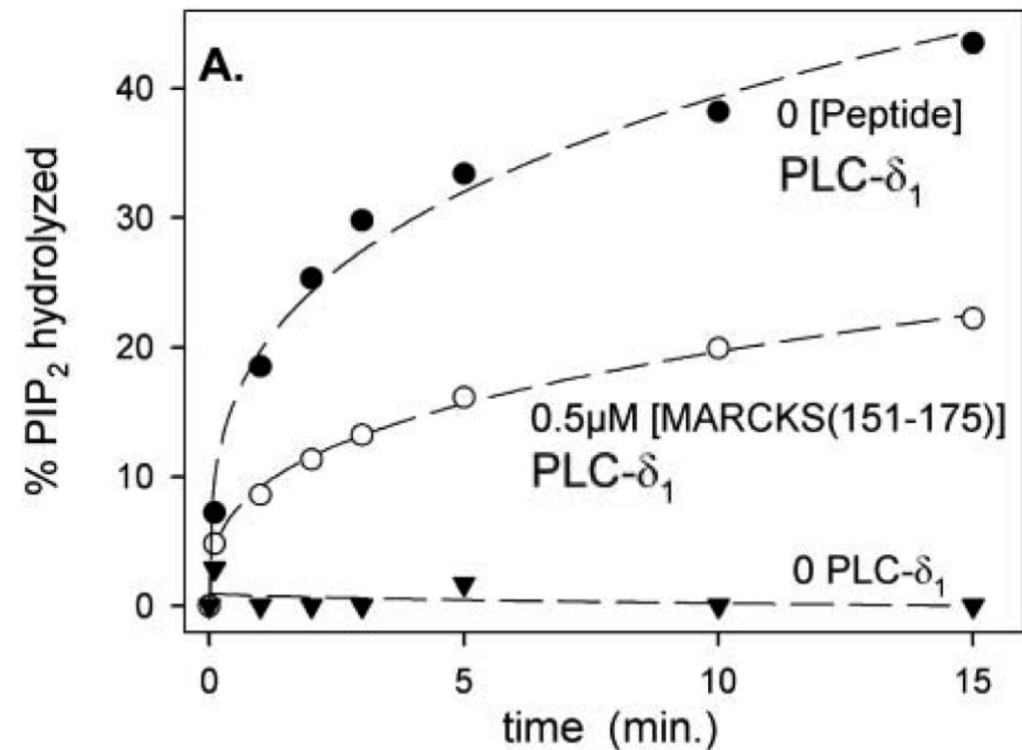
- Inhibition of PH-domain binding to PIP₂ by MARCKS

Lipid vesicles containing 1% PIP₂
10 nM PIP₂ binders



- Inhibition of PIP₂-hydrolysis by MARCKS

Lipid vesicles containing 0.15 % [³H]-PIP₂
Hydrolysis by phospholipase C_{δ1}



=> MARCKS decreasing PLC binding and activity by reducing PIP₂-availability

Localising proteins to and within membranes

Cytosolic proteins can bind in a spatio-temporally regulated manner to the membrane surface through

- lipid binding domains
- poly-basic sequences

Reversible membrane attachment depends

- on **type** and **number** of interactions
- **cofactors** like Ca^{2+}
- **composition** and **concentration** of lipids recognized
- **co-incidence** of different conditions and
- **co-operation** between domains

÷ This is regulated by signalling processes

Further reading:

Balla: "How accurately can we image inositol lipids in living cells?"
TiPS 2000

McLaughlin: "Plasma membrane phosphoinositide organization by protein
electrostatics" Nature 2005

Lemmon: "Membrane recognition by phospholipid-binding domains"
Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology, 2008

Next week:

Part 2: Lipidation & transmembrane domains