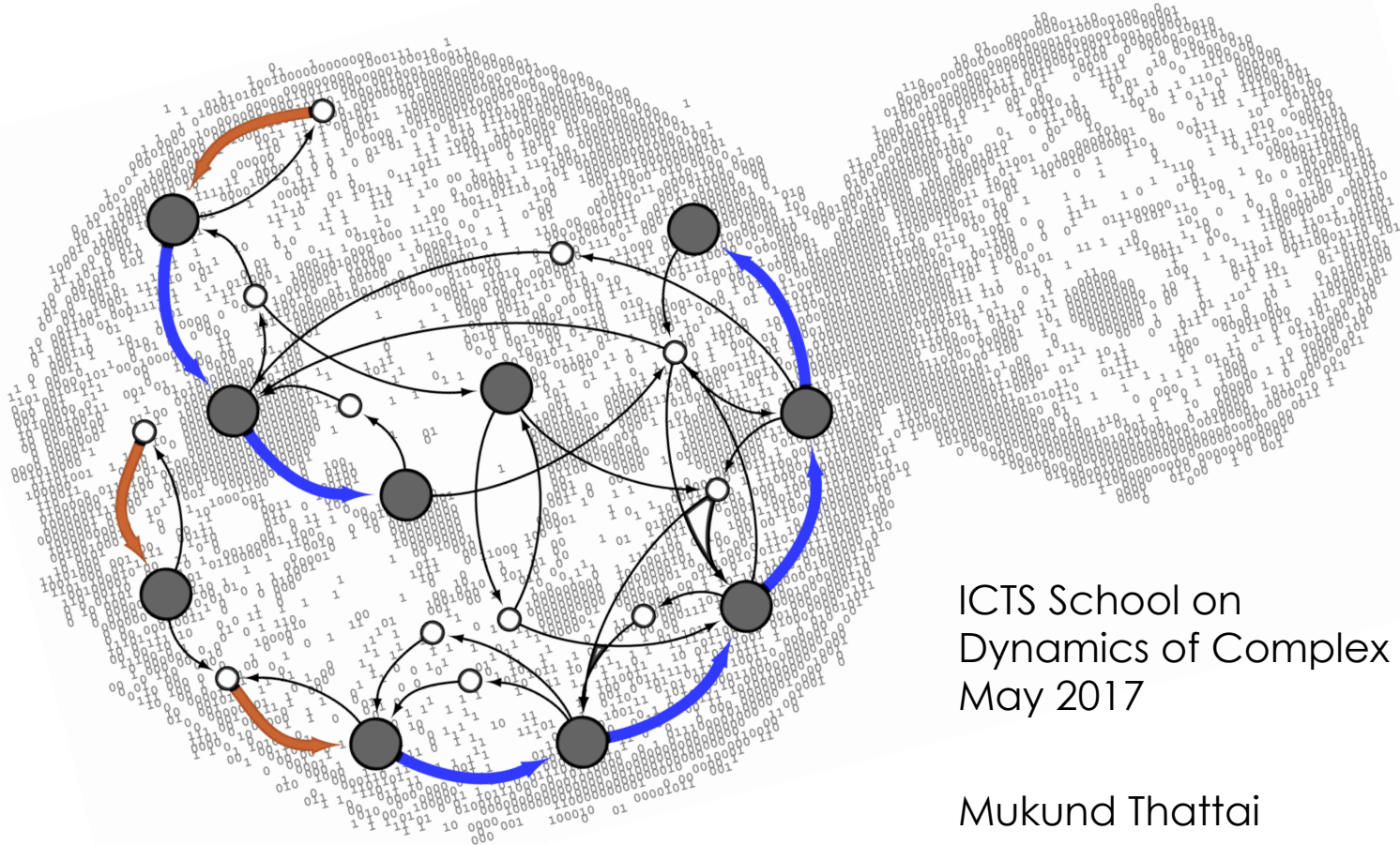


Dynamical models of membrane traffic: toward "statistical cell biology"



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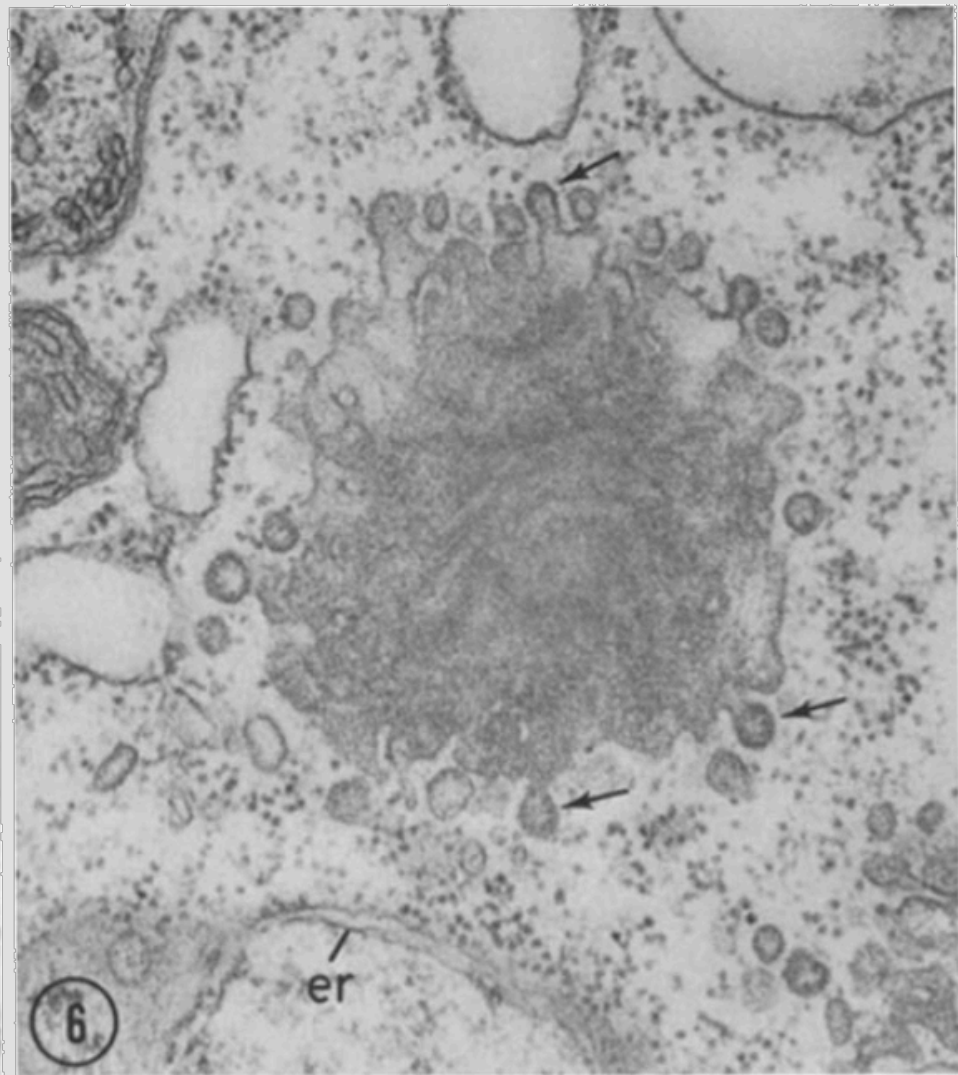
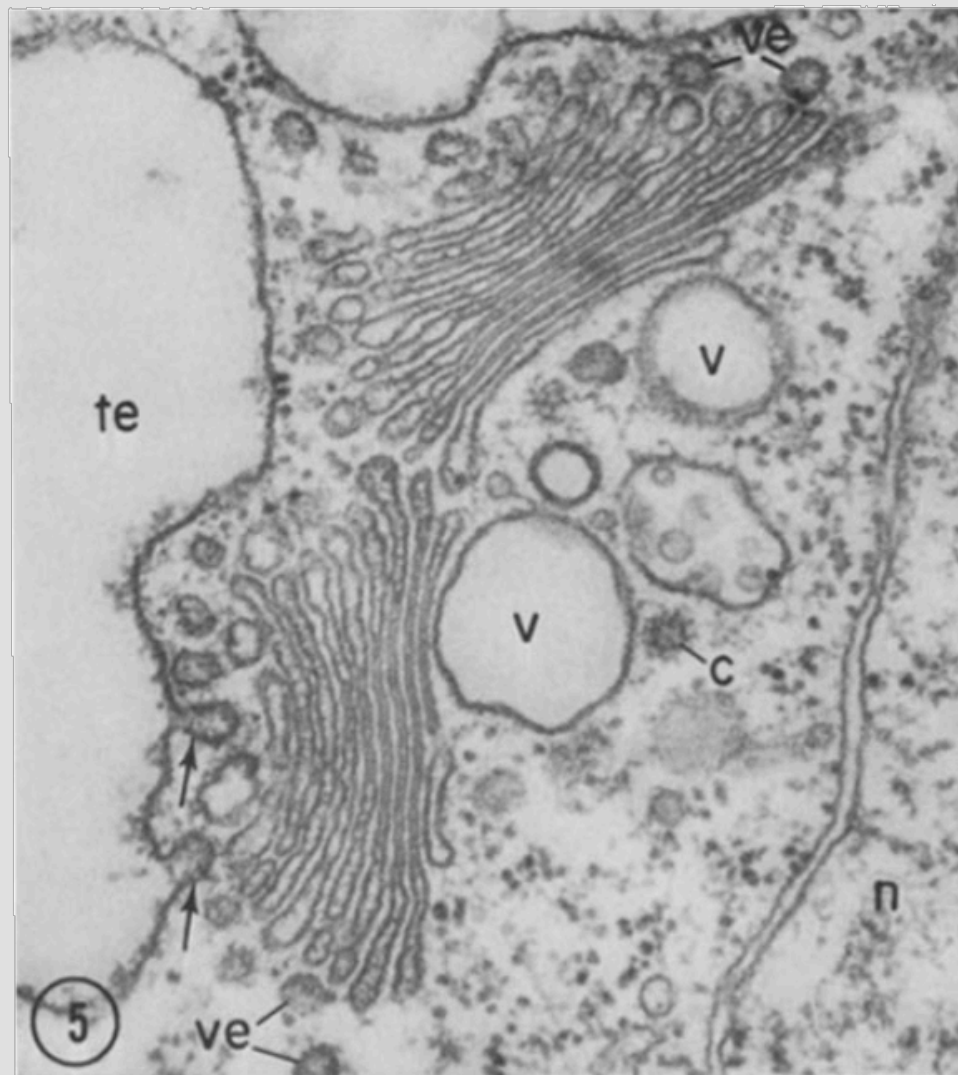
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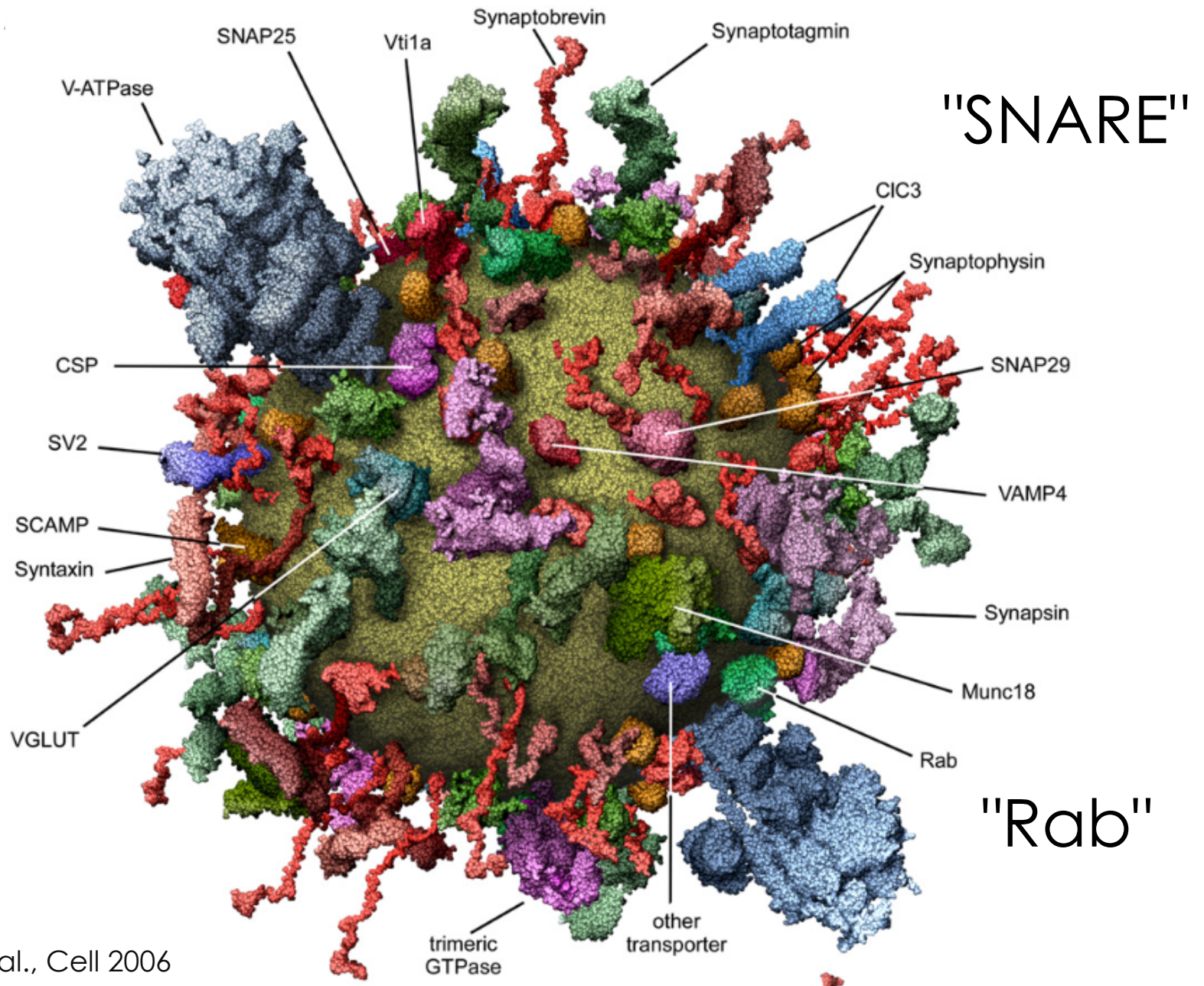


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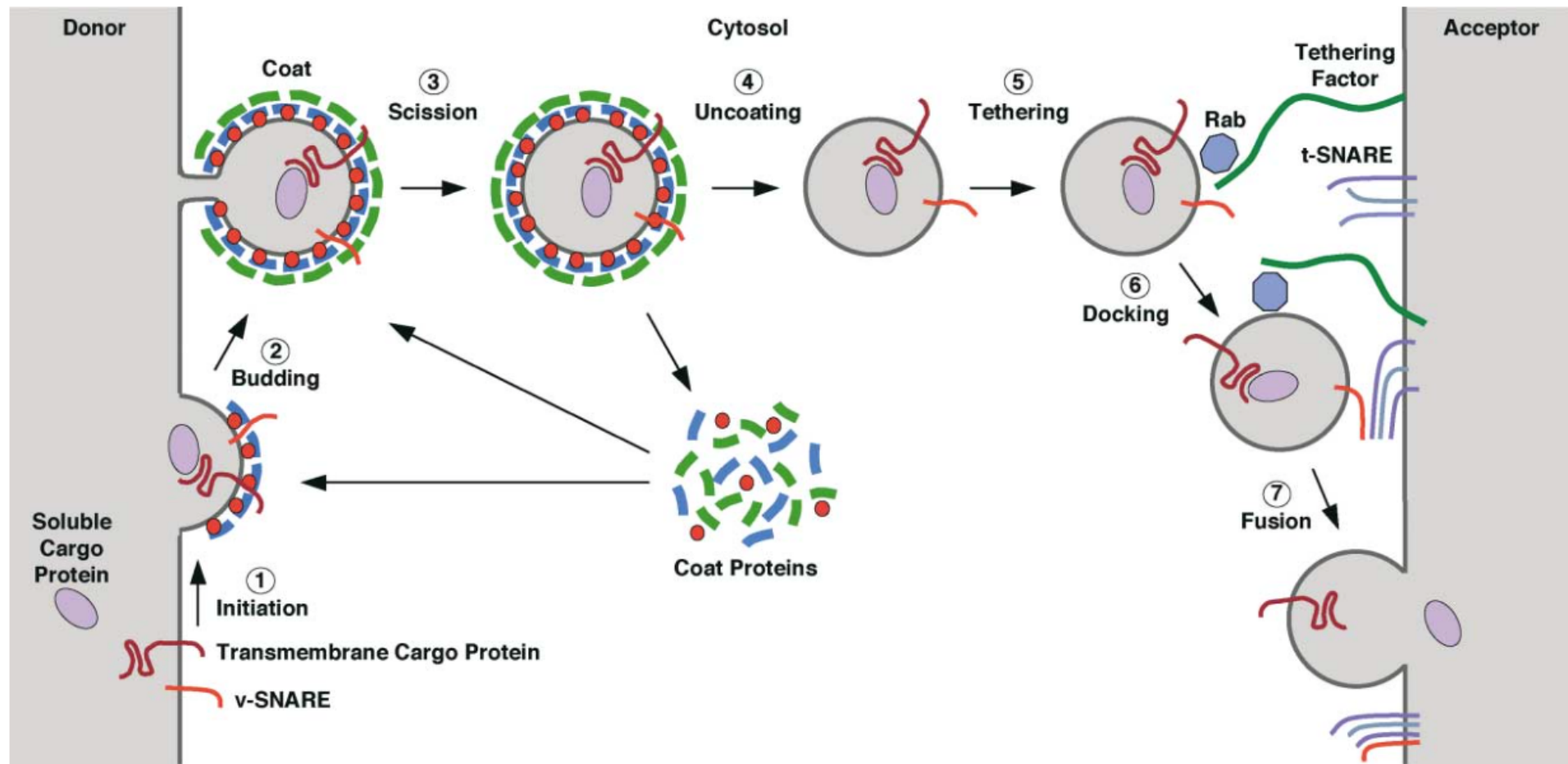
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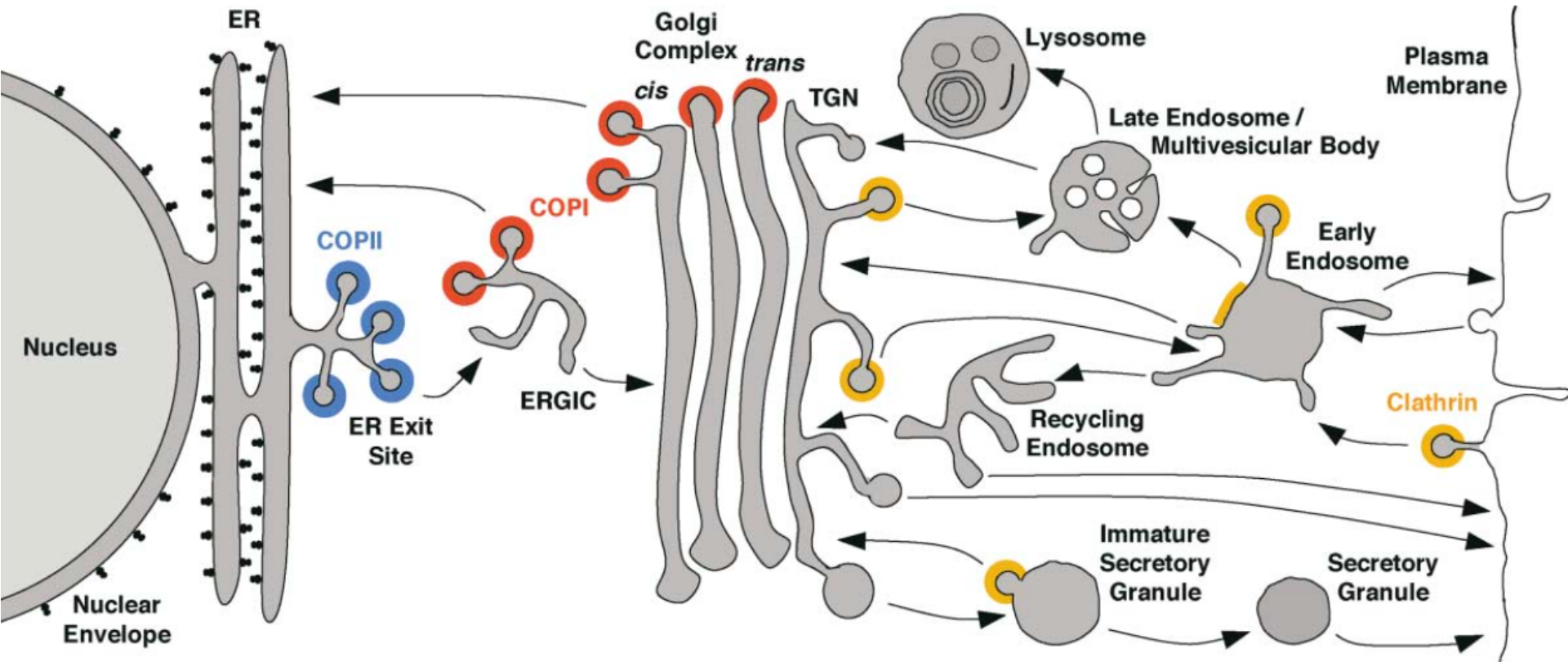
A 40 nm transport vesicle



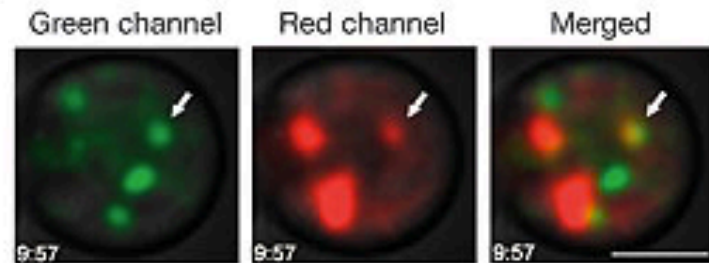
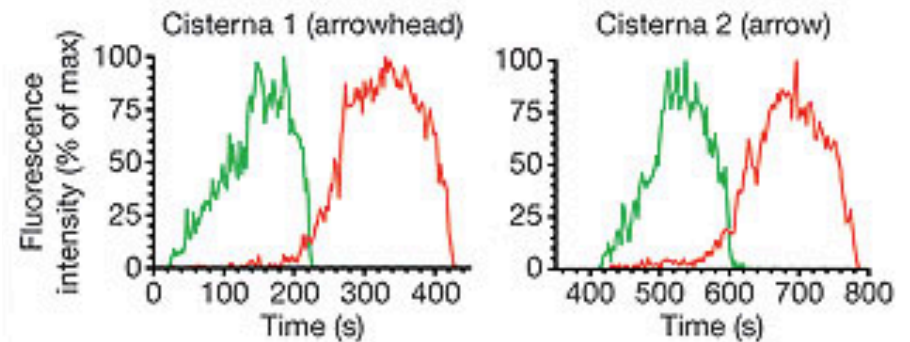
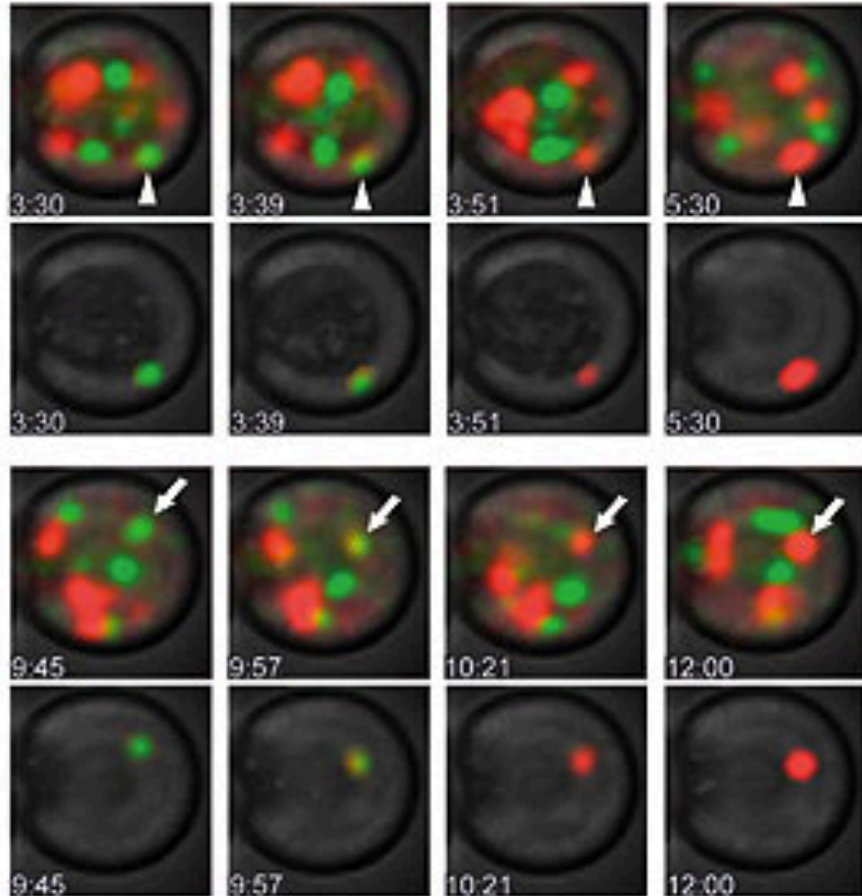
How do the transporters know where to go?



The dynamic membrane traffic system



Large cargo traverse the Golgi by "cisternal maturation"



Modelling cisternal maturation

$$x_{tot} = \sum_{x,y} n(x,y)x, \quad y_{tot} = \sum_{x,y} n(x,y)y.$$

$$n_X \equiv n(1,0), \quad n_Y \equiv n(0,1)$$

Stochastic description

Two X vesicles fuse homotypically to create a compartment :

$$n_X \downarrow_2, n(2,0) \uparrow^1 \quad \text{rate } An_X(n_X - 1)$$

A compartment buds an X or Y vesicle :

$$n_X \uparrow^1 \quad n(x,y) \downarrow_1, n(x-1,y) \uparrow^1 \quad \text{rate } Bx n(x,y)$$

$$n_Y \uparrow^1 \quad n(x,y) \downarrow_1, n(x,y-1) \uparrow^1 \quad \text{rate } Dy n(x,y)$$

A compartment fuses to an X or Y vesicle :

$$n_X \downarrow_1 \quad n(x,y) \downarrow_1, n(x+1,y) \uparrow^1 \quad \text{rate } A \frac{x^2}{(x+y)^2} n_X n(x,y)$$

$$n_Y \downarrow_1 \quad n(x,y) \downarrow_1, n(x,y+1) \uparrow^1 \quad \text{rate } Cx n_Y n(x,y)$$

Deterministic description

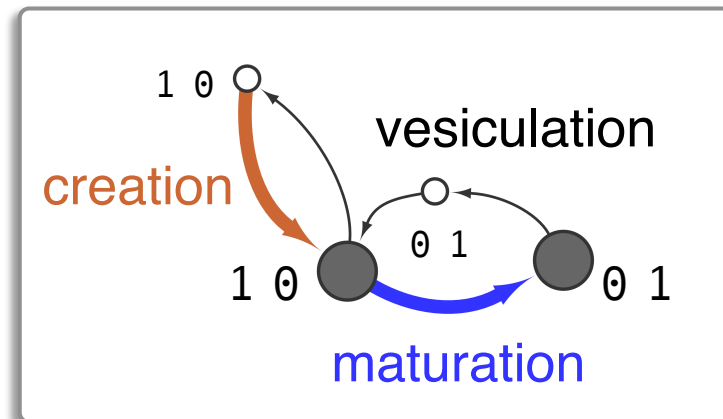
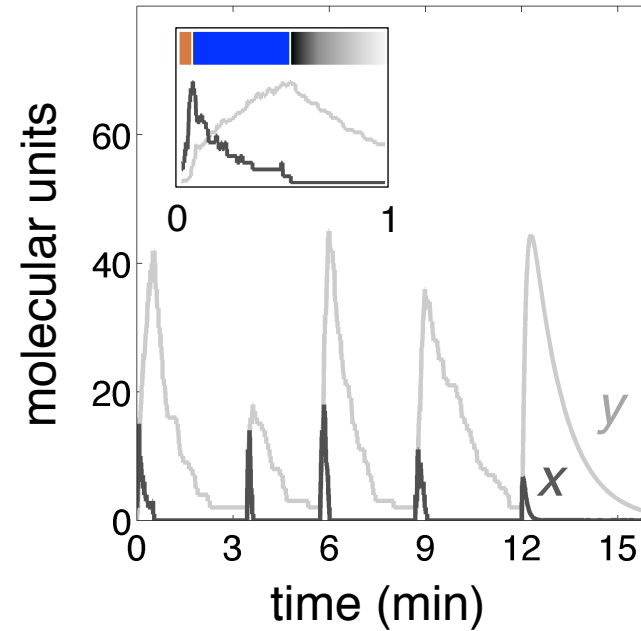
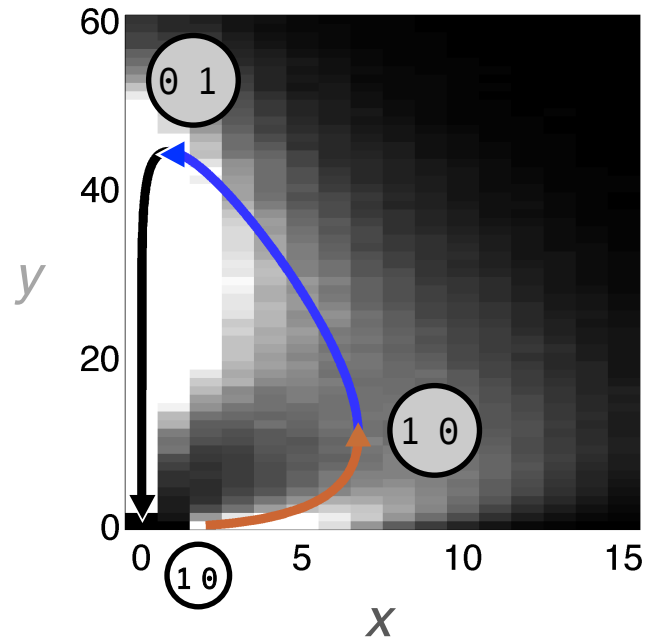
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A\bar{n}_X \frac{x^2}{(x+y)^2} - Bx$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = C\bar{n}_Y x - Dy$$

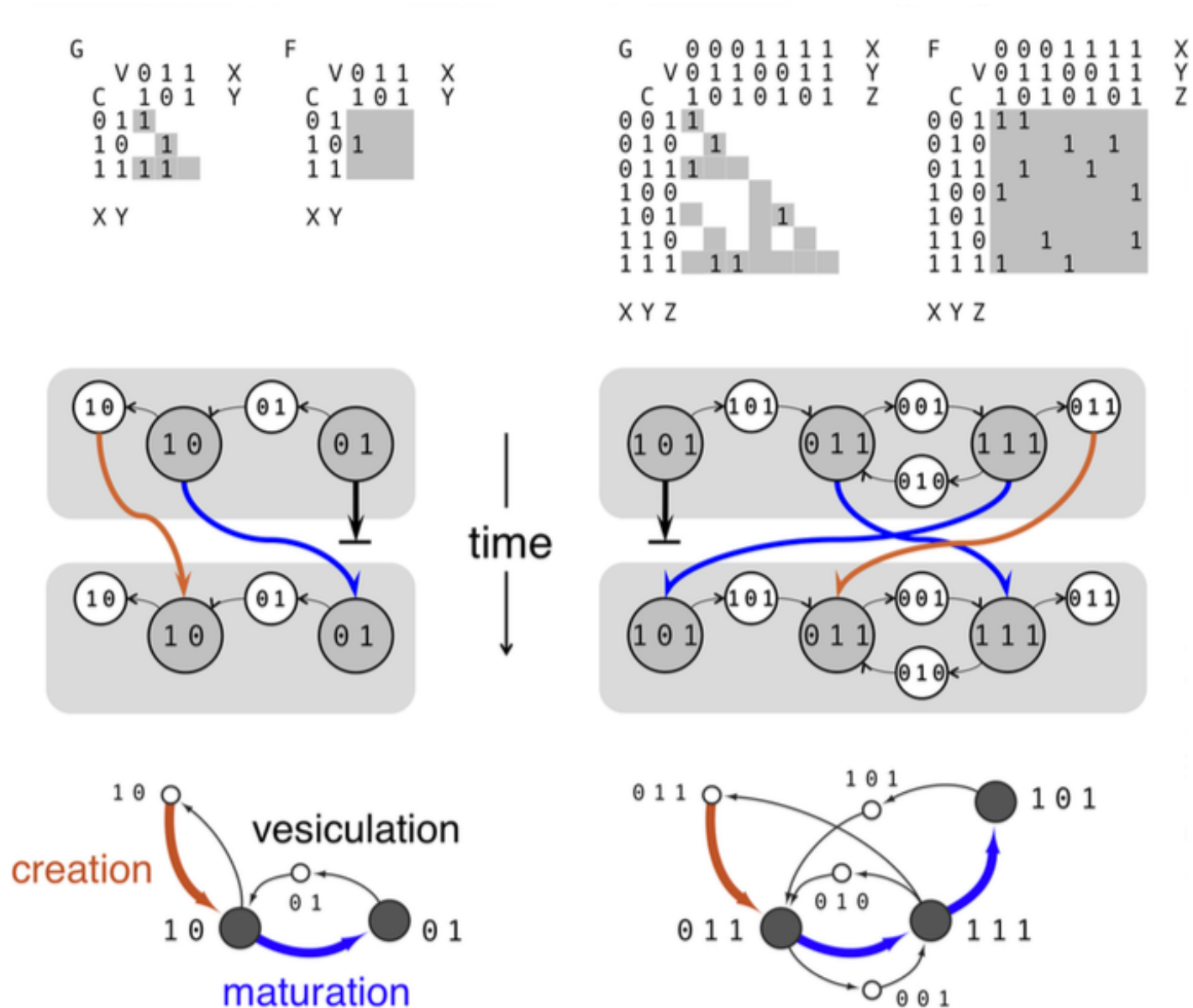
Hopf bifurcation

$$\frac{B}{B+D} \frac{C\bar{n}_Y}{C\bar{n}_Y + D} > \frac{1}{2}$$

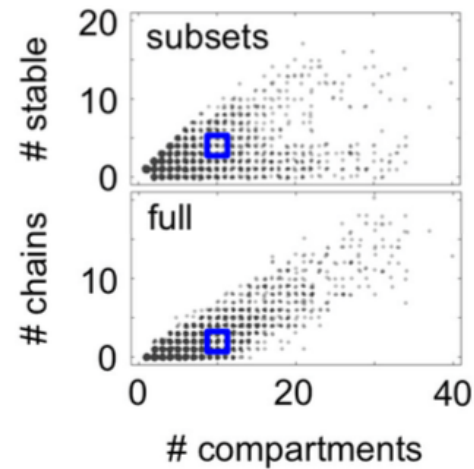
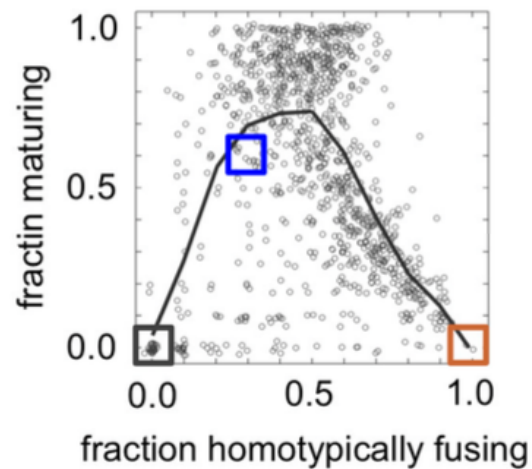
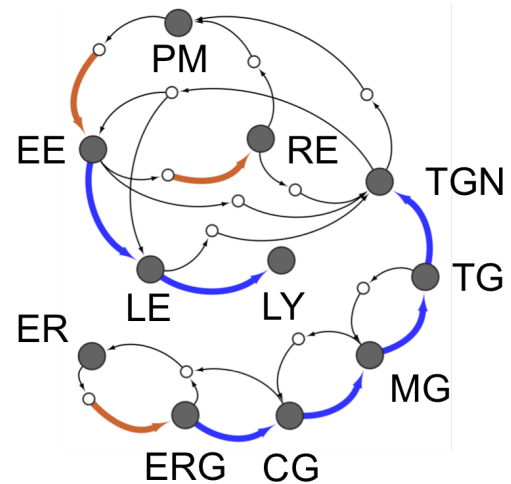
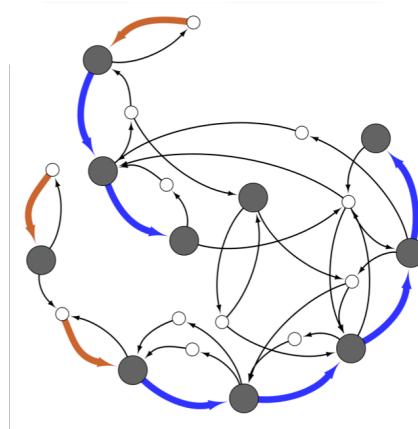
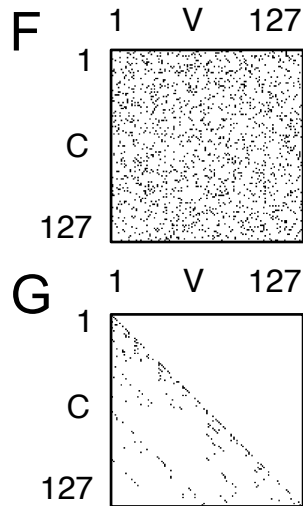
Modelling cisternal maturation



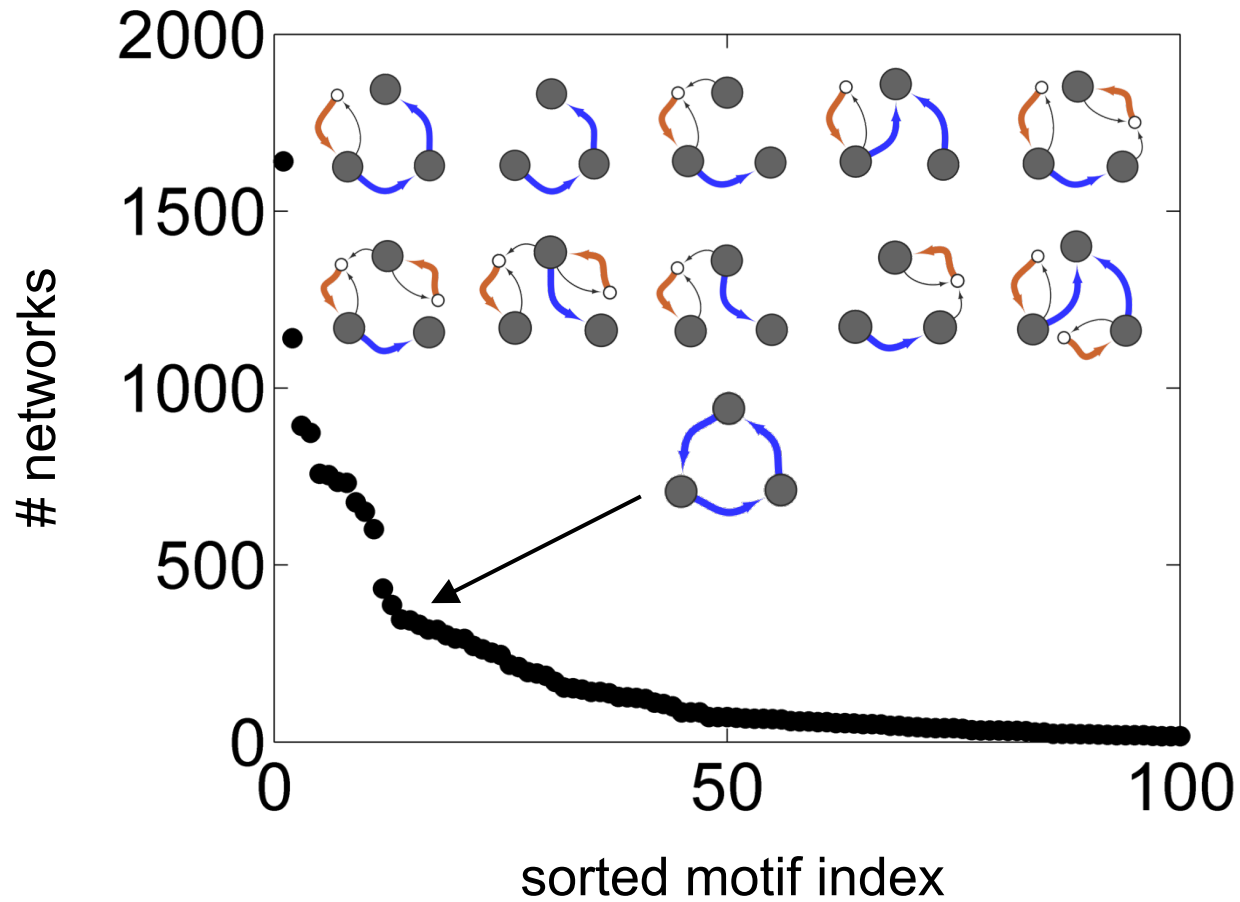
A Boolean model of vesicle traffic



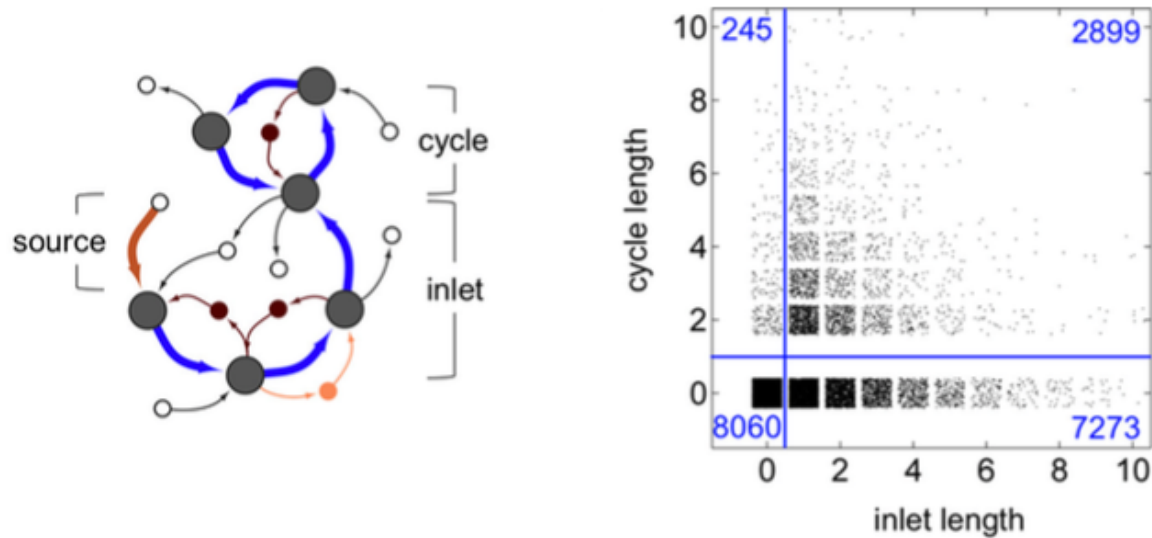
Random budding and fusion rules generate cell-like networks



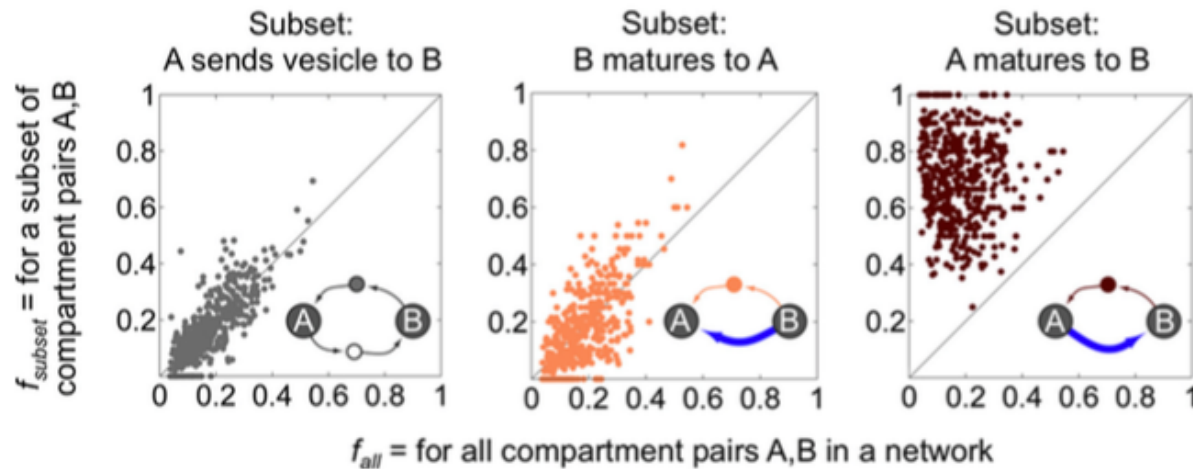
Enriched motifs in vesicle traffic networks with random budding and fusion rules



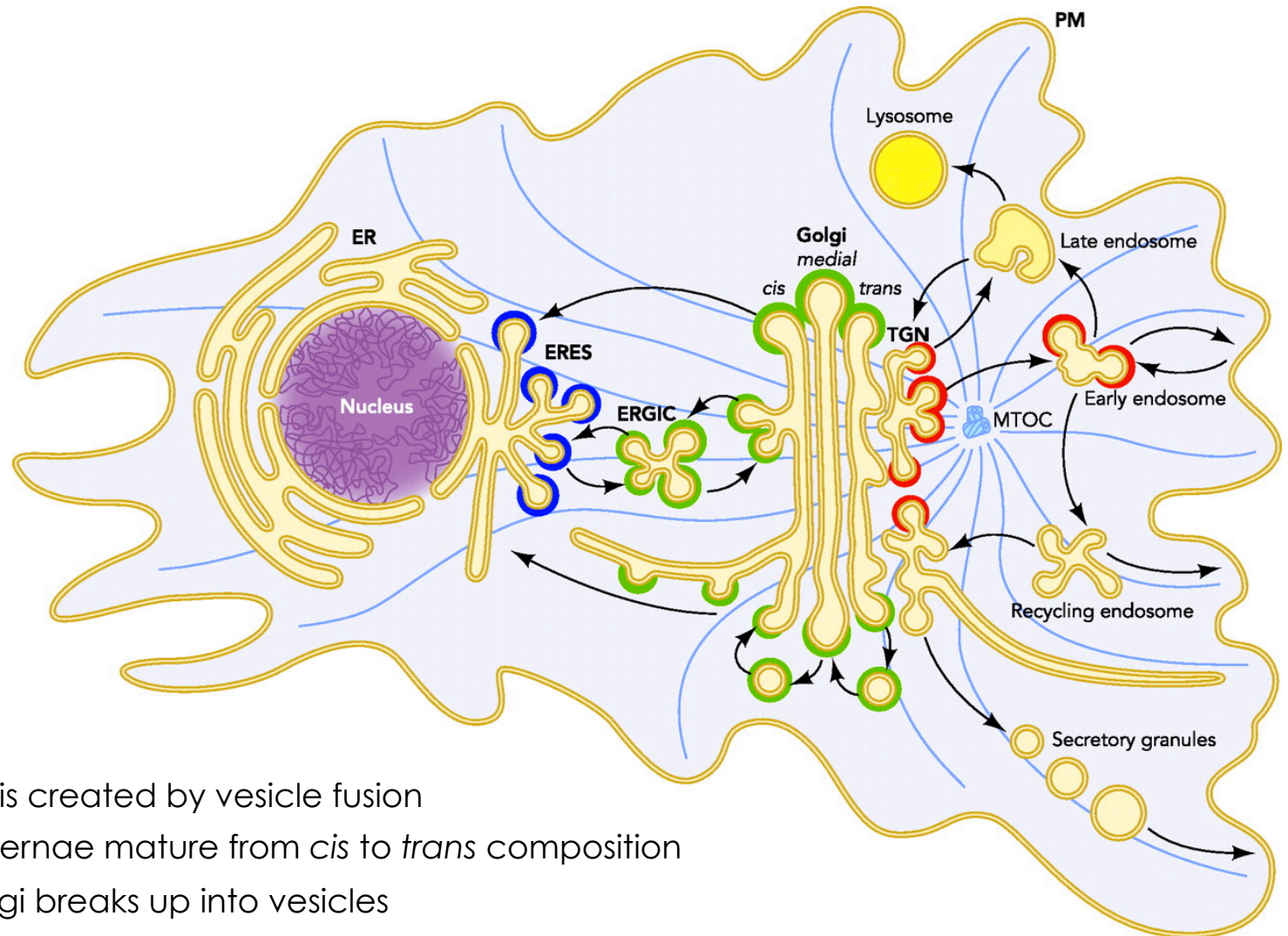
The "maturation chain" motif



f = Fraction of compartment pairs A,B with a B-to-A vesicle



Retrograde vesicles drive maturation in real cells!



1. *cis*-Golgi is created by vesicle fusion
2. Golgi cisternae mature from *cis* to *trans* composition
3. *trans*-Golgi breaks up into vesicles
4. Resident enzymes treadmill by retrograde transport
5. In some species the Golgi has a stacked morphology



Many evolutionary innovations are non-adaptive

The spandrels of San Marco and the Panglossian paradigm: a critique of the adaptationist programme

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An adaptationist programme has dominated evolutionary thought in England and the United States during the past 40 years. It is based on faith in the power of natural selection as an optimizing agent. It proceeds by breaking an organism into unitary 'traits' and proposing an adaptive story for each considered separately. Trade-offs among competing selective demands exert the only brake upon perfection; non-optimality is thereby rendered as a result of adaptation as well. We criticize this approach and attempt to reassert a competing notion (long popular in continental Europe) that organisms must be analysed as integrated wholes, with *Baupläne* so constrained by phyletic heritage, pathways of development and general architecture that the constraints themselves become more interesting and more important in delimiting pathways of change than the selective force that may mediate change when it occurs.



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