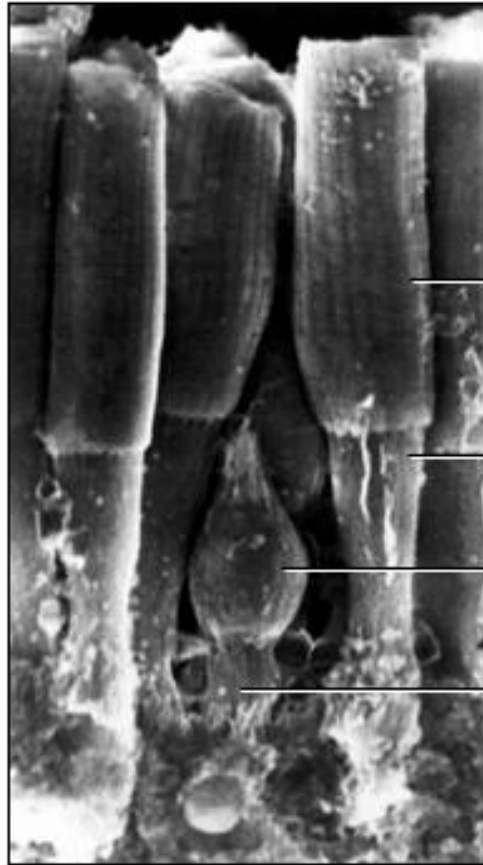


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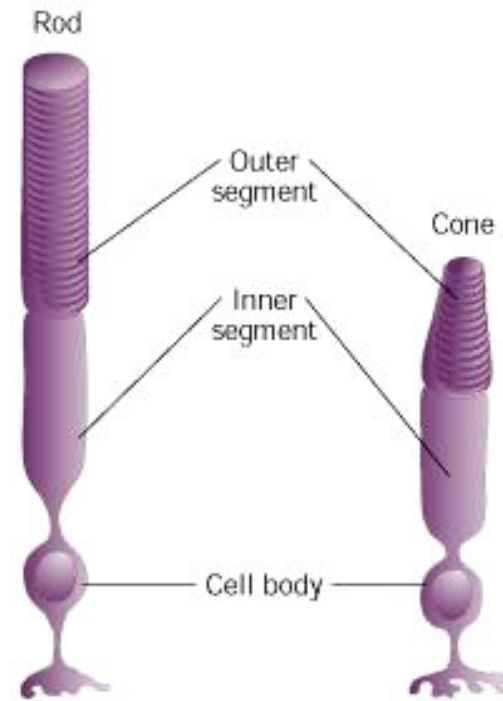
Rod outer segment

Rod inner segment

Cone outer segment

Cone inner segment

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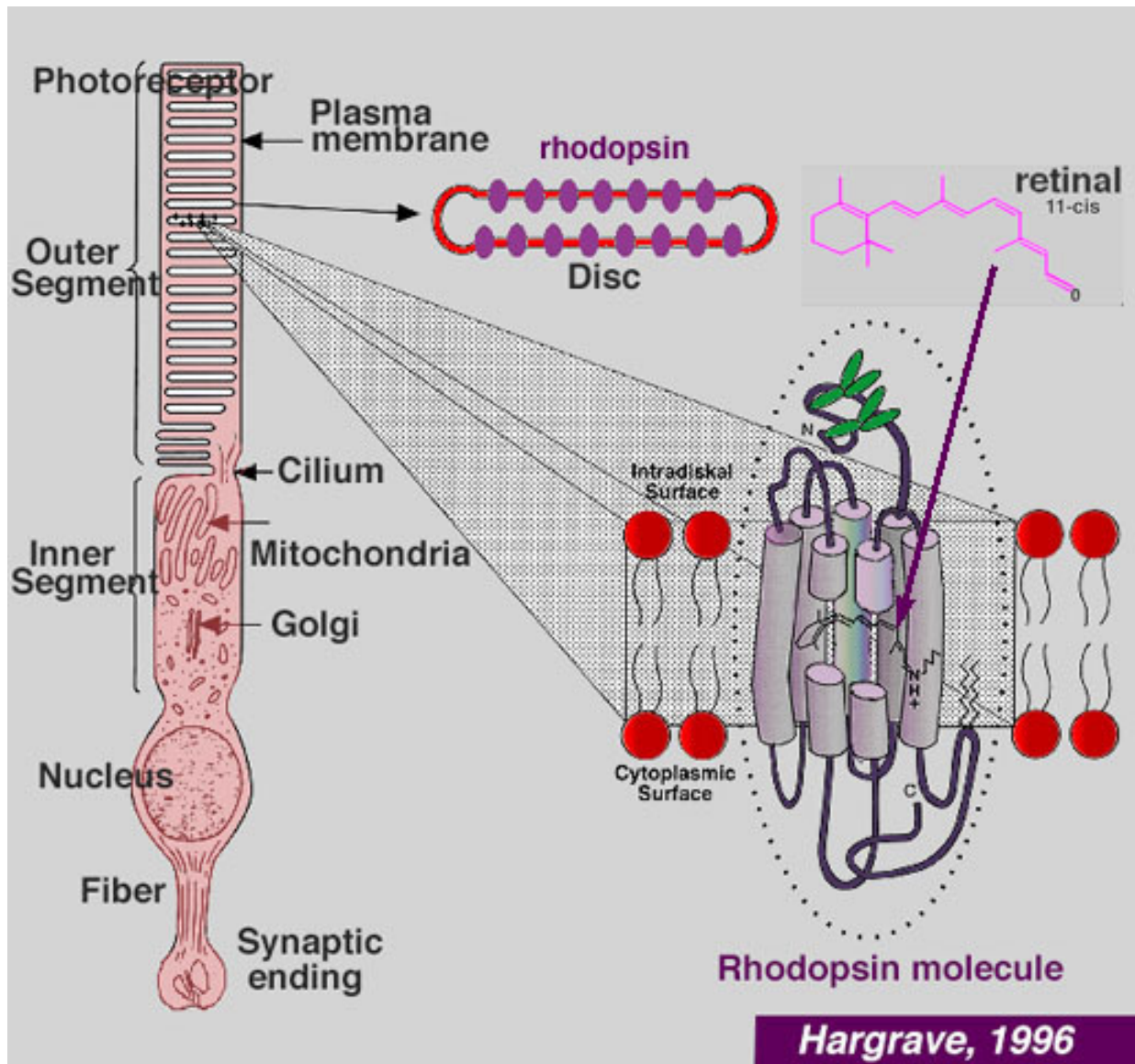
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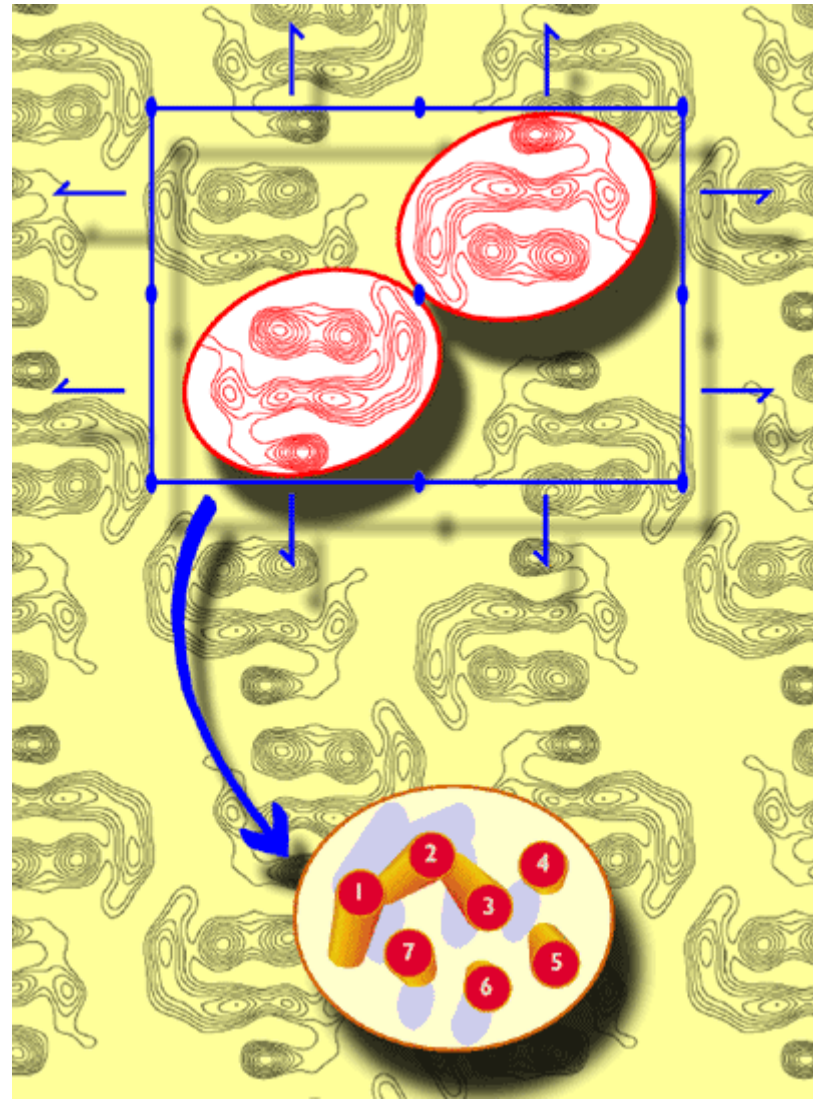
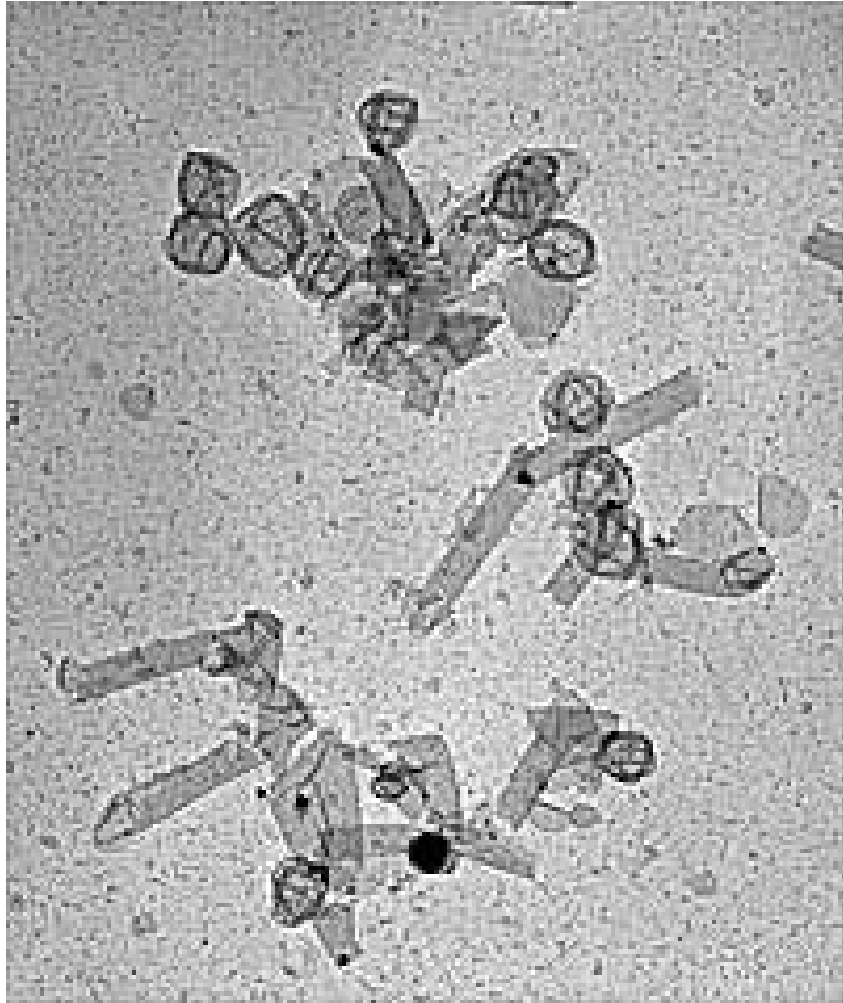
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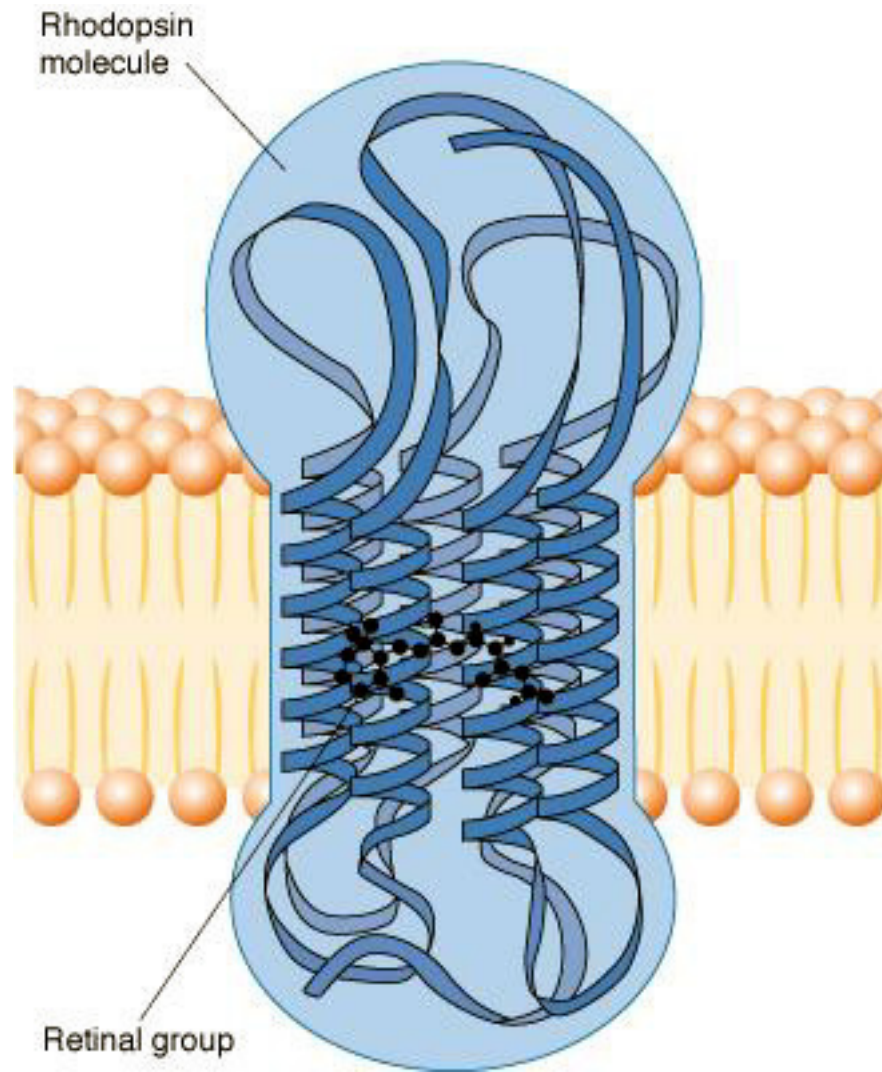
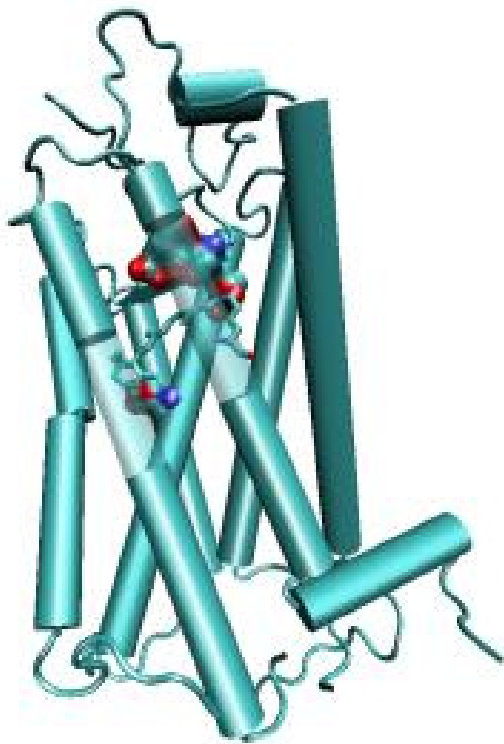
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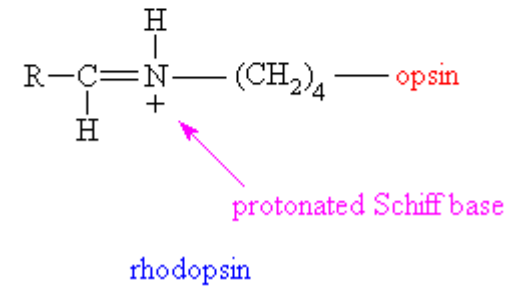
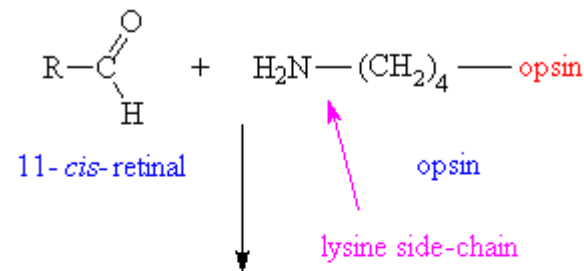
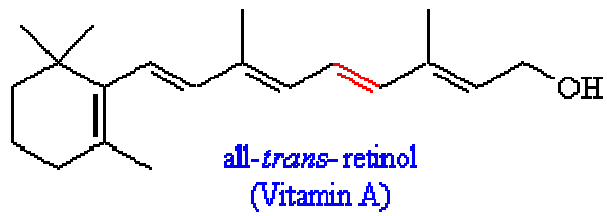
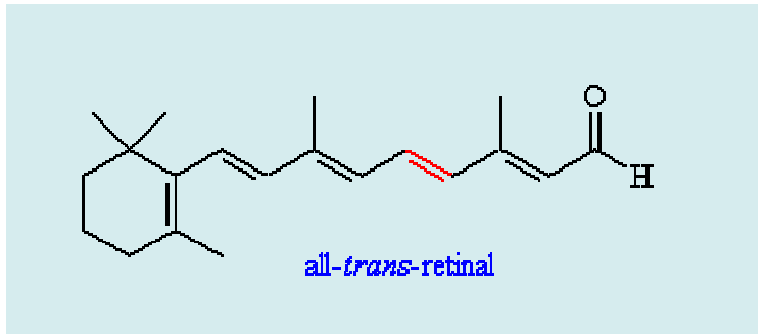
Inner segment

Cell body







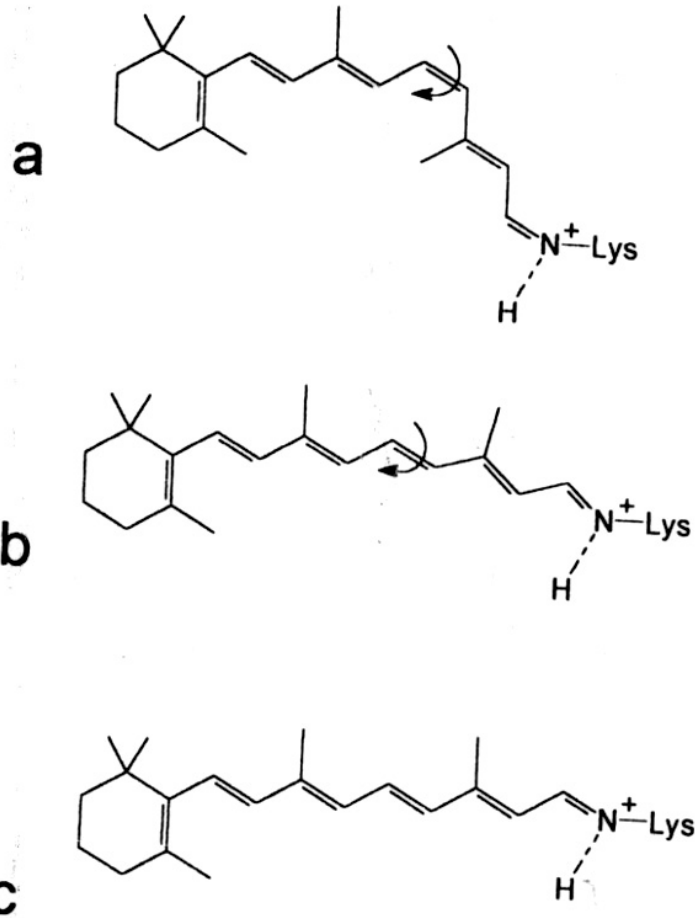


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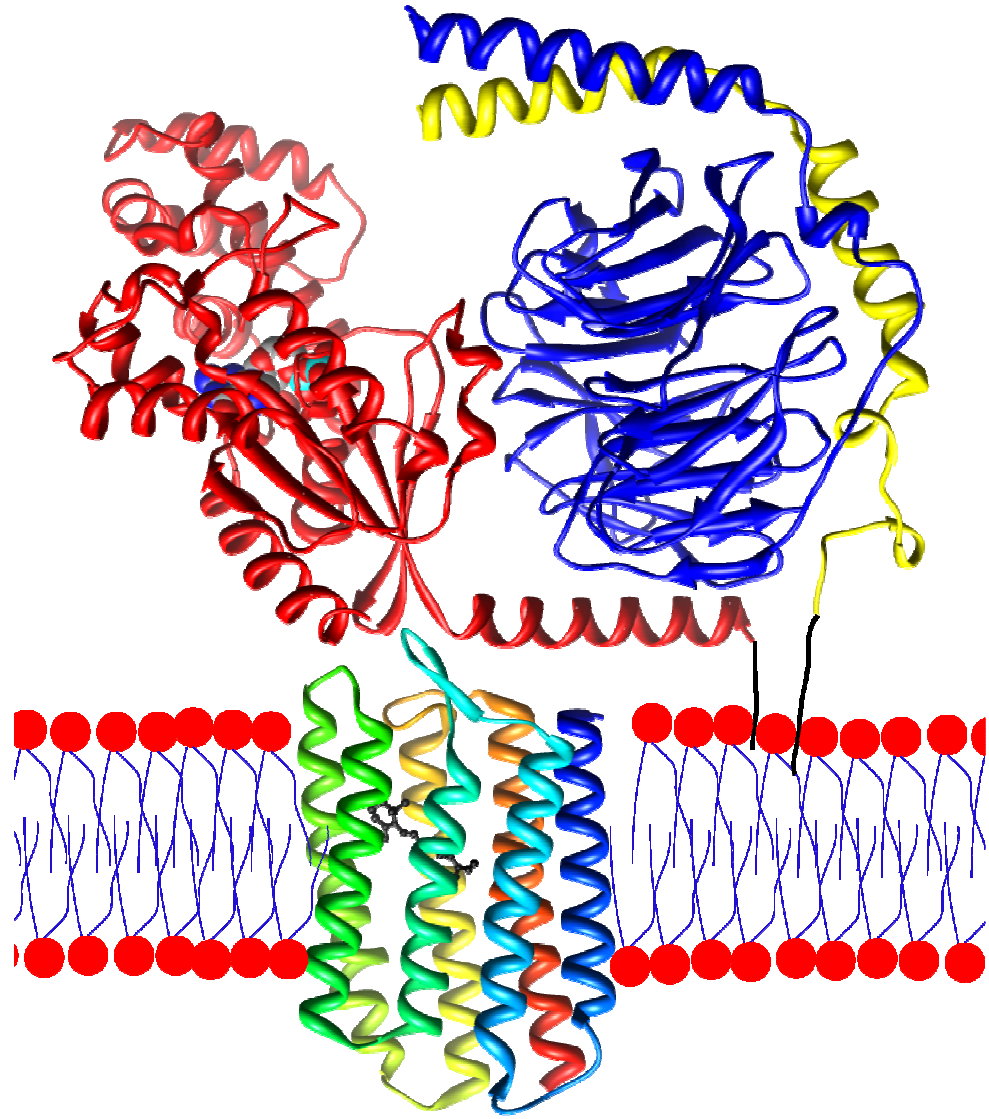
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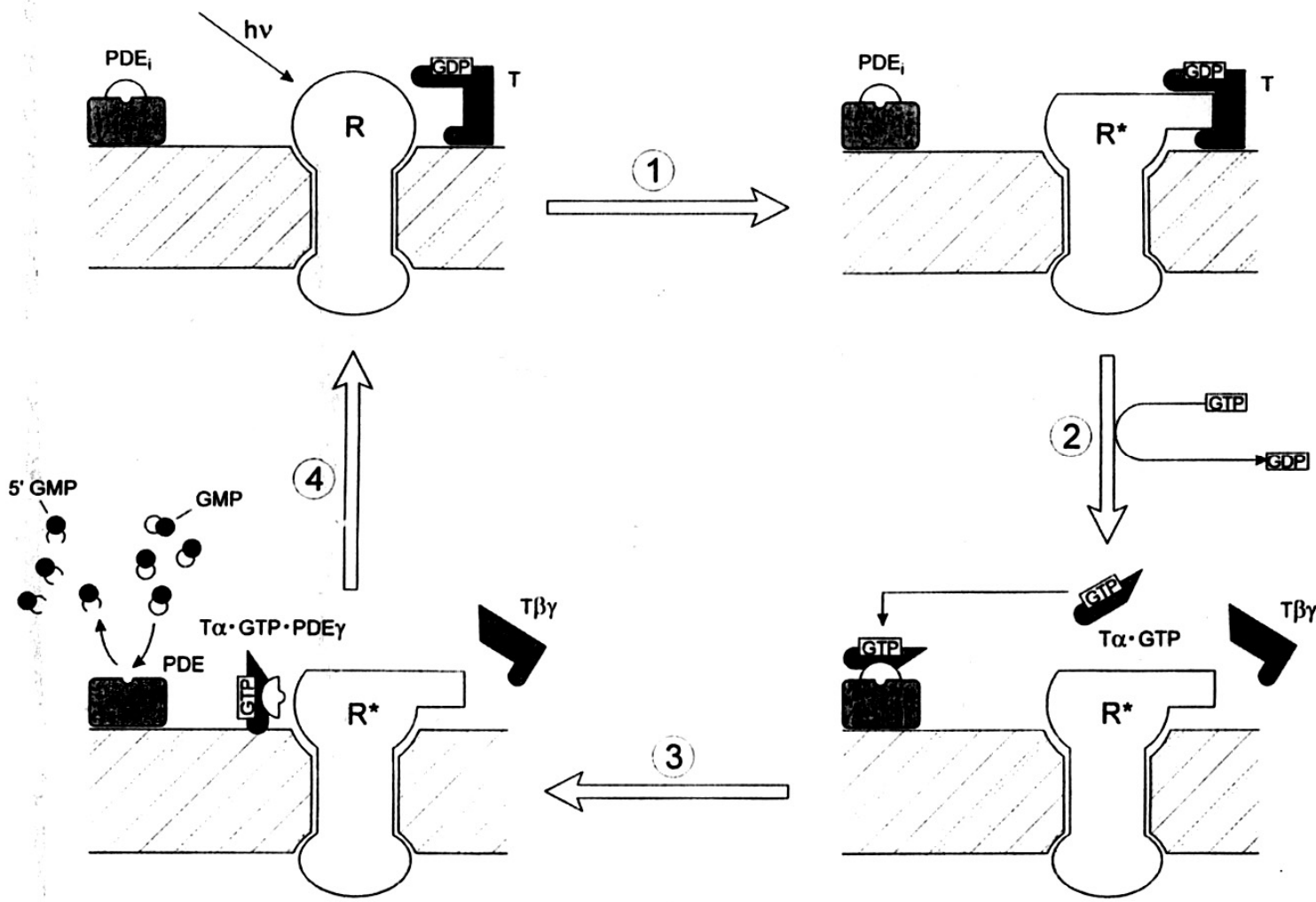


all-*trans*





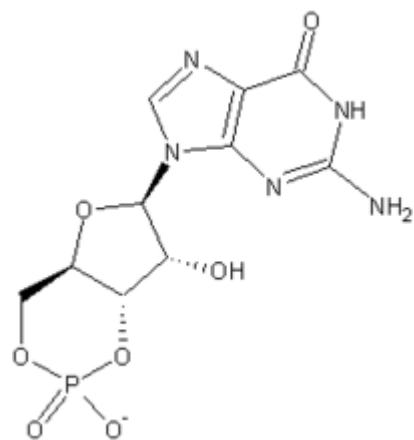
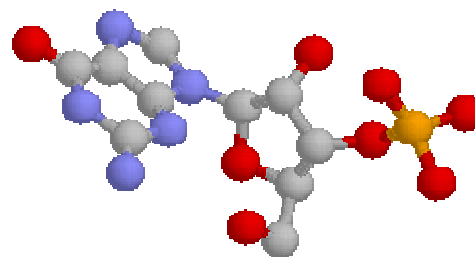
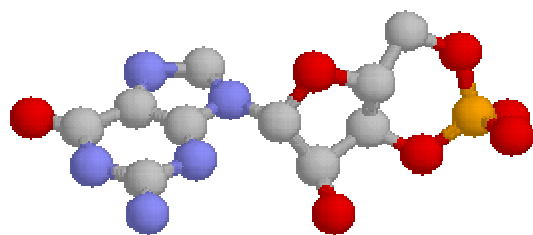




R = Rhodopsin      T = Transducin      PDE = Phosphodiesterase

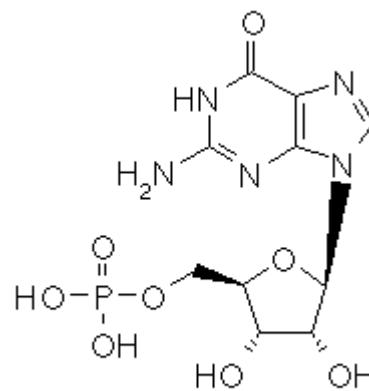
5'-GMP = guanosine monophosphate      GMP = cyclic guanosine monophosphate

GTP/GDP = guanosine tri/diphosphate



3',5'-GMP  
cycl

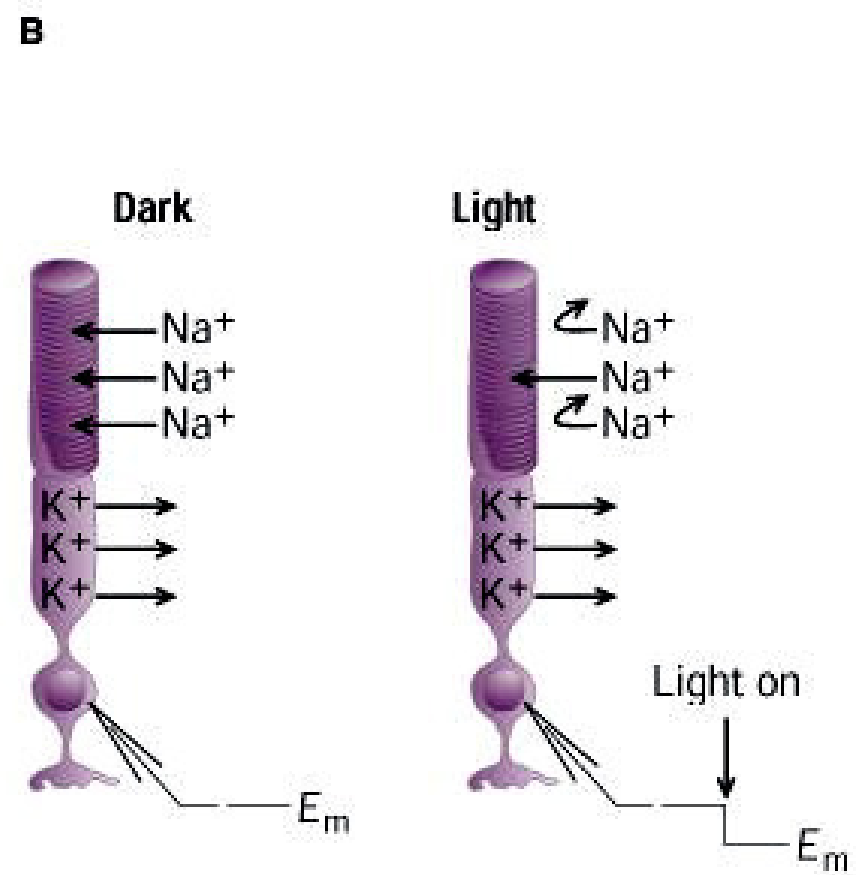
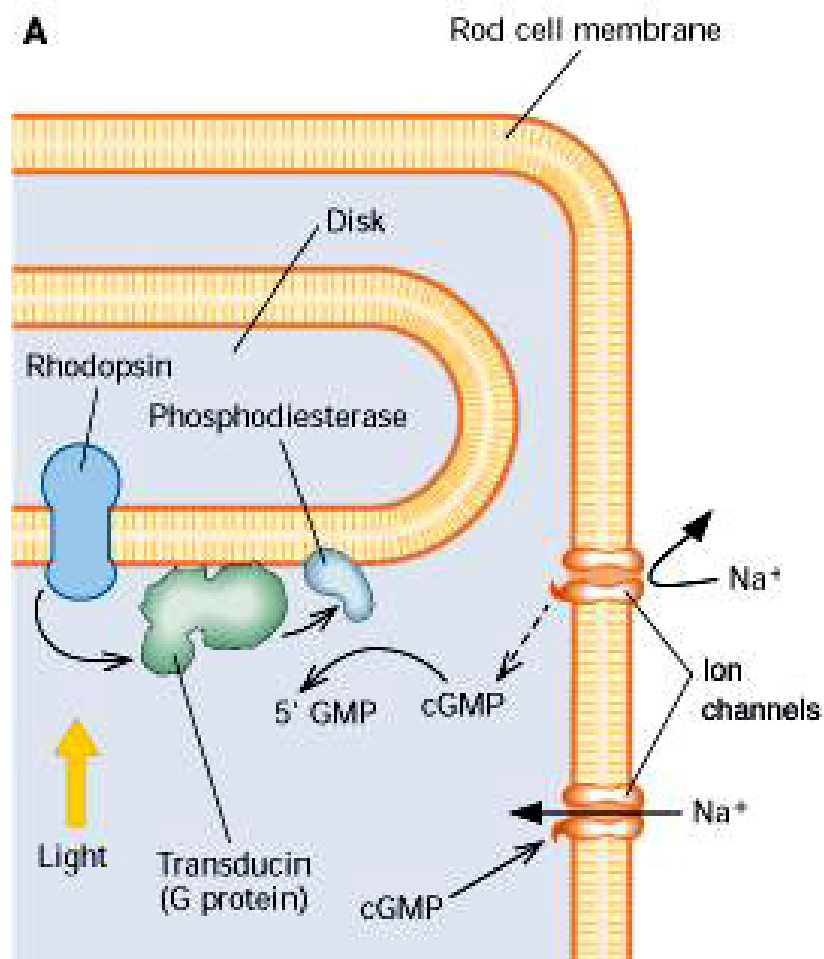
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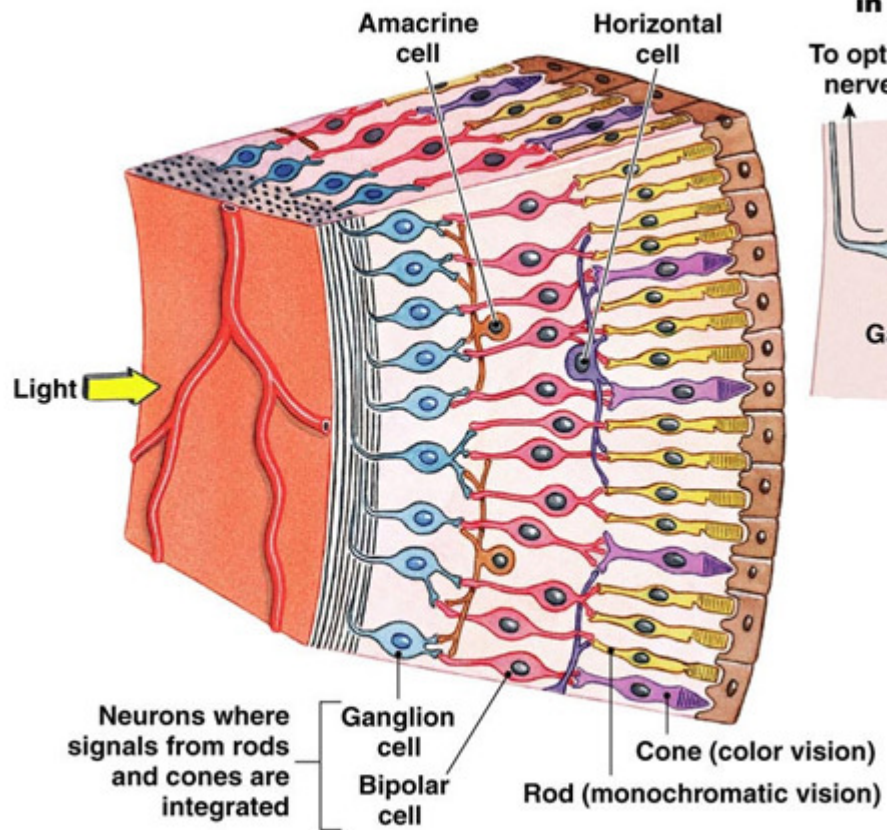
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5'-GMP

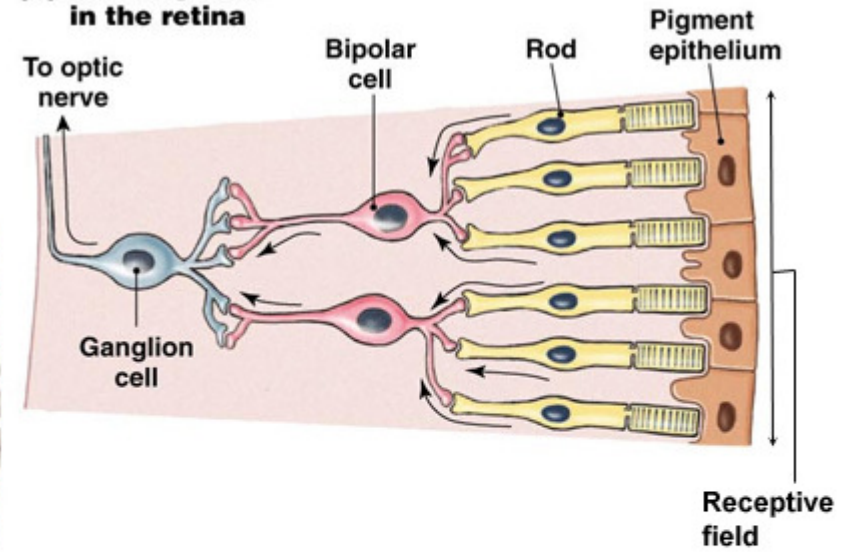
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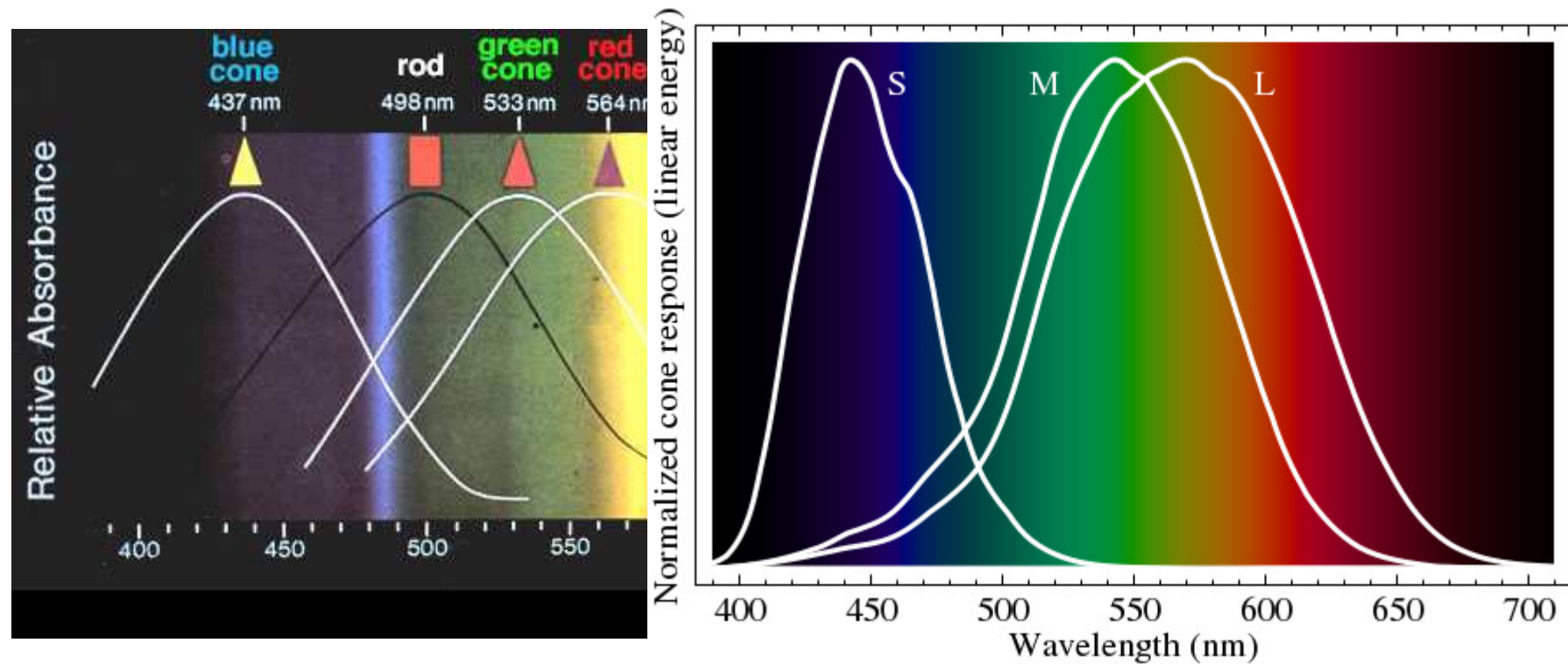
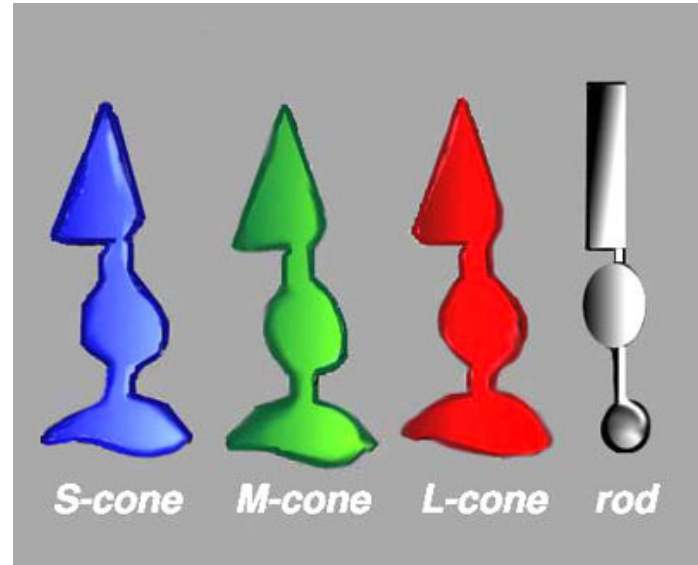
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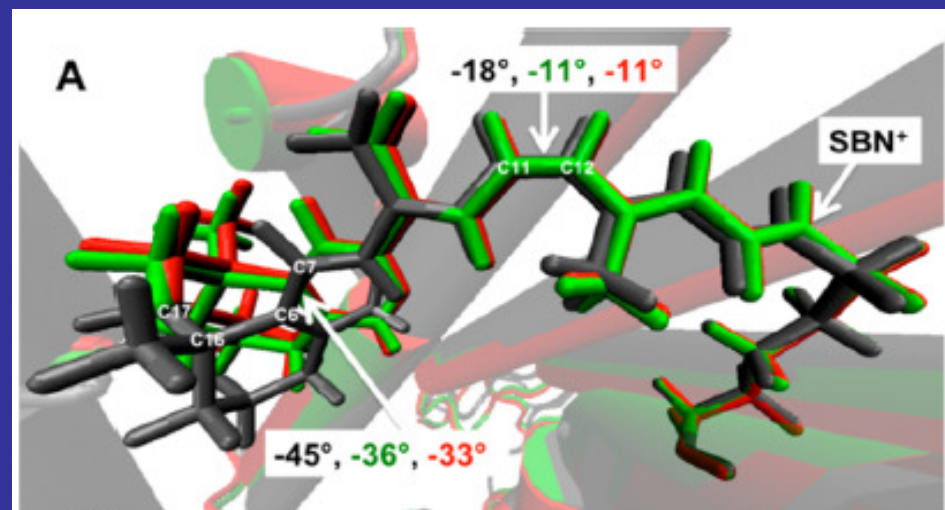
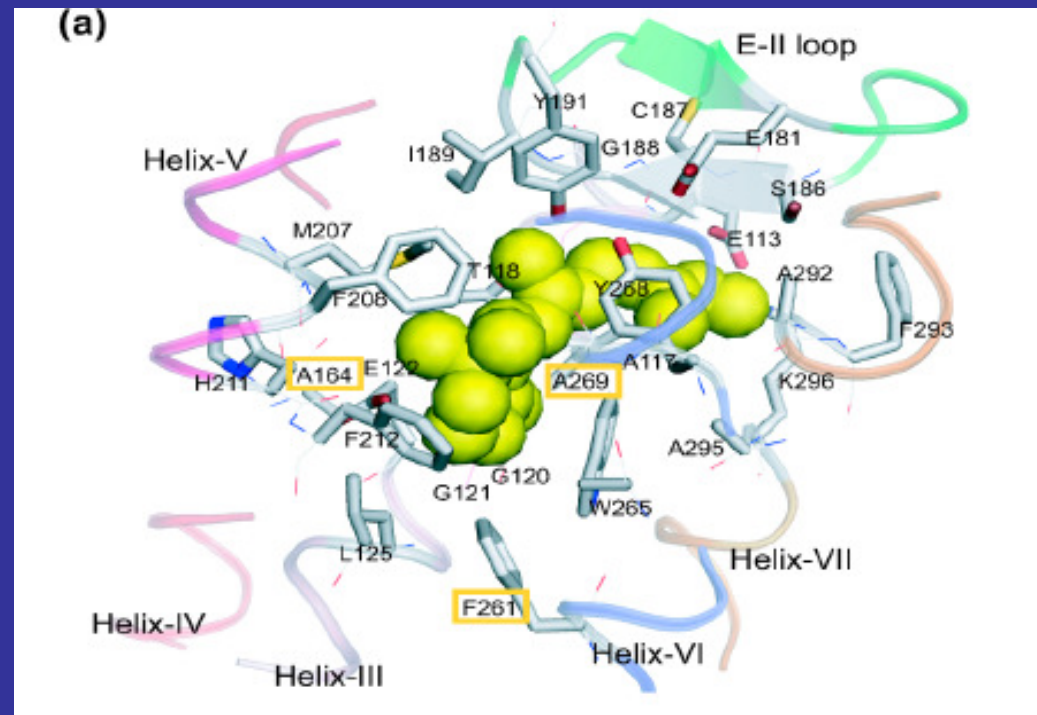


**(e) Convergence in the retina**

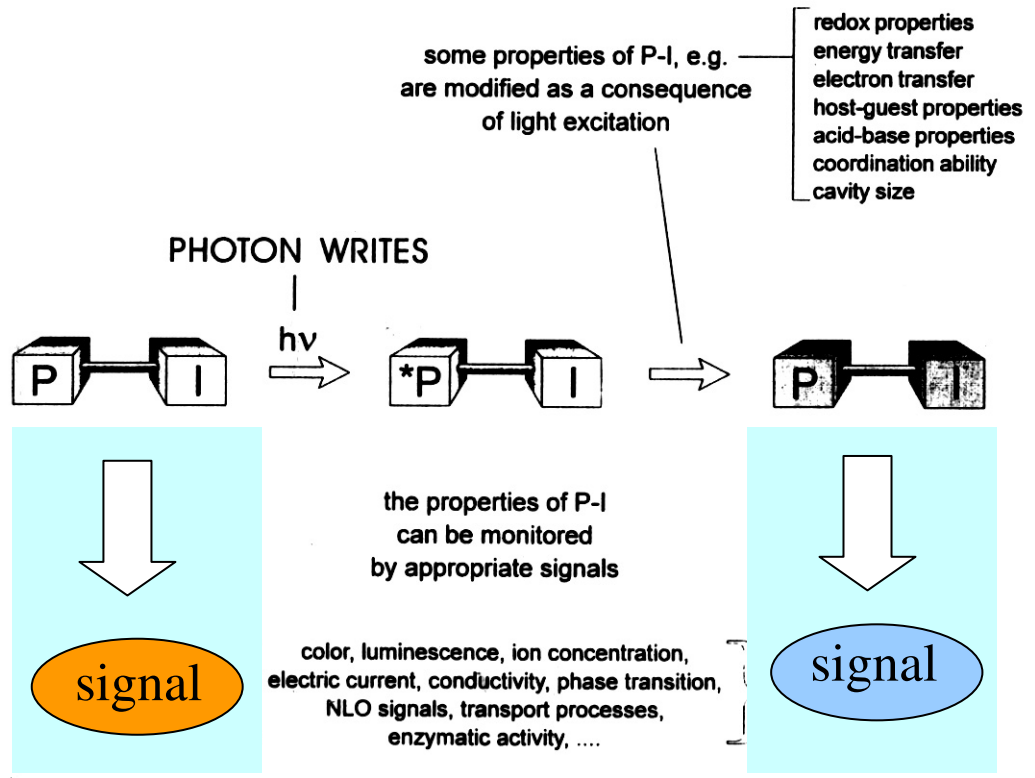


**Fig. 10-35**





# “PHOTON WRITES” DEVICES



Information Storage  
Optical Memories  
Optical Switches



## DATA STORAGE DENSITY

- book  $5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^2 / \text{char}$   $20 \text{ char/cm}^2$

- CD  $1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^2 / \text{char}$   $1 \times 10^7 \text{ char/cm}^2$

- “molecular memory” ( $10 \text{ \AA}$ )

2D  $10^{-14} \text{ cm}^2$   $10^{14} \text{ char/cm}^2$

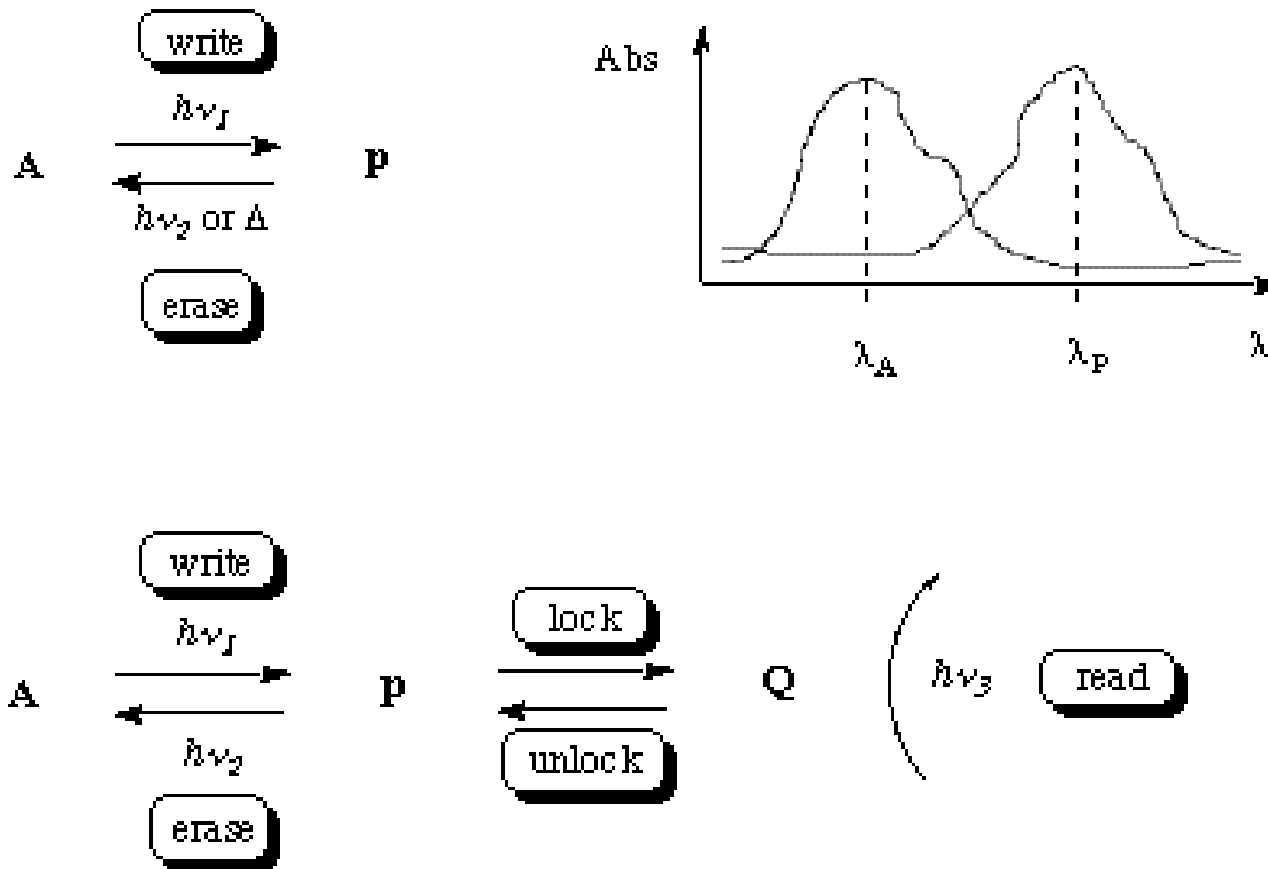
3D  $10^{-21} \text{ cm}^2$   $10^{21} \text{ char/cm}^3$

- if light is used to “write”,  $\Delta x \approx \lambda$

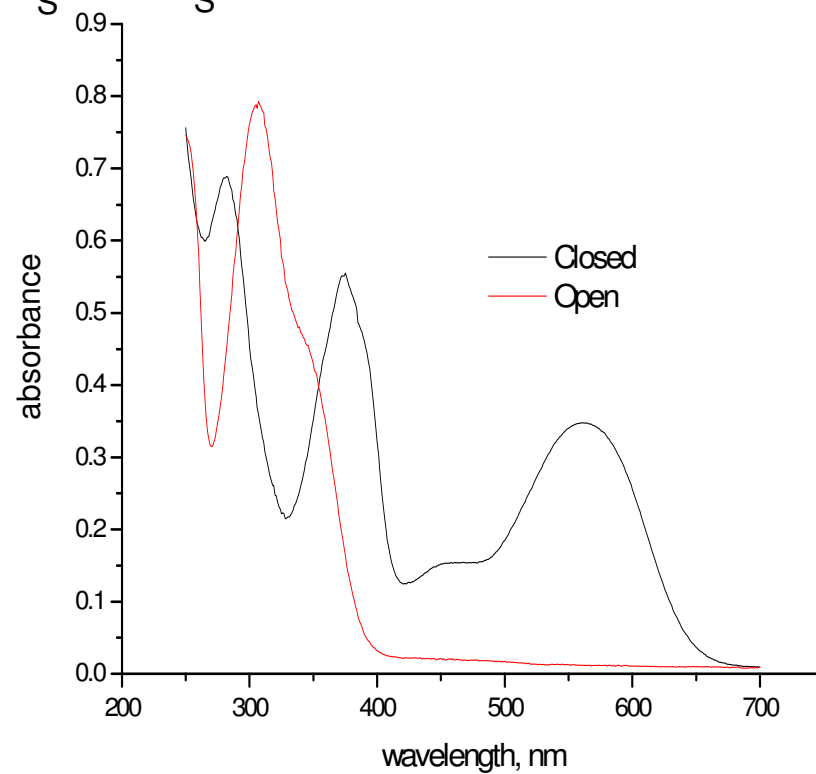
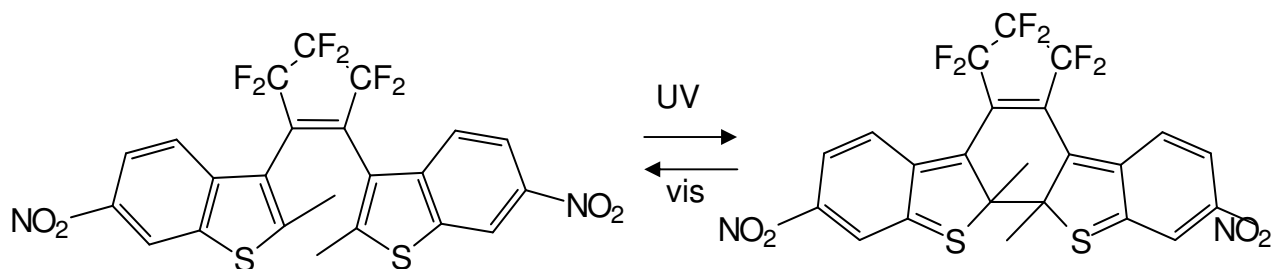
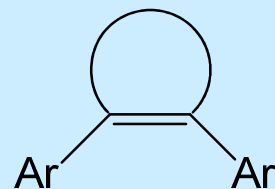
e. g., for  $\lambda = 500 \text{ nm}$     2D  $2 \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^2$     3D  $10^{13} \text{ cm}^3$

# Information Storage (Write/Read/Eraser)

with Photochromic Systems

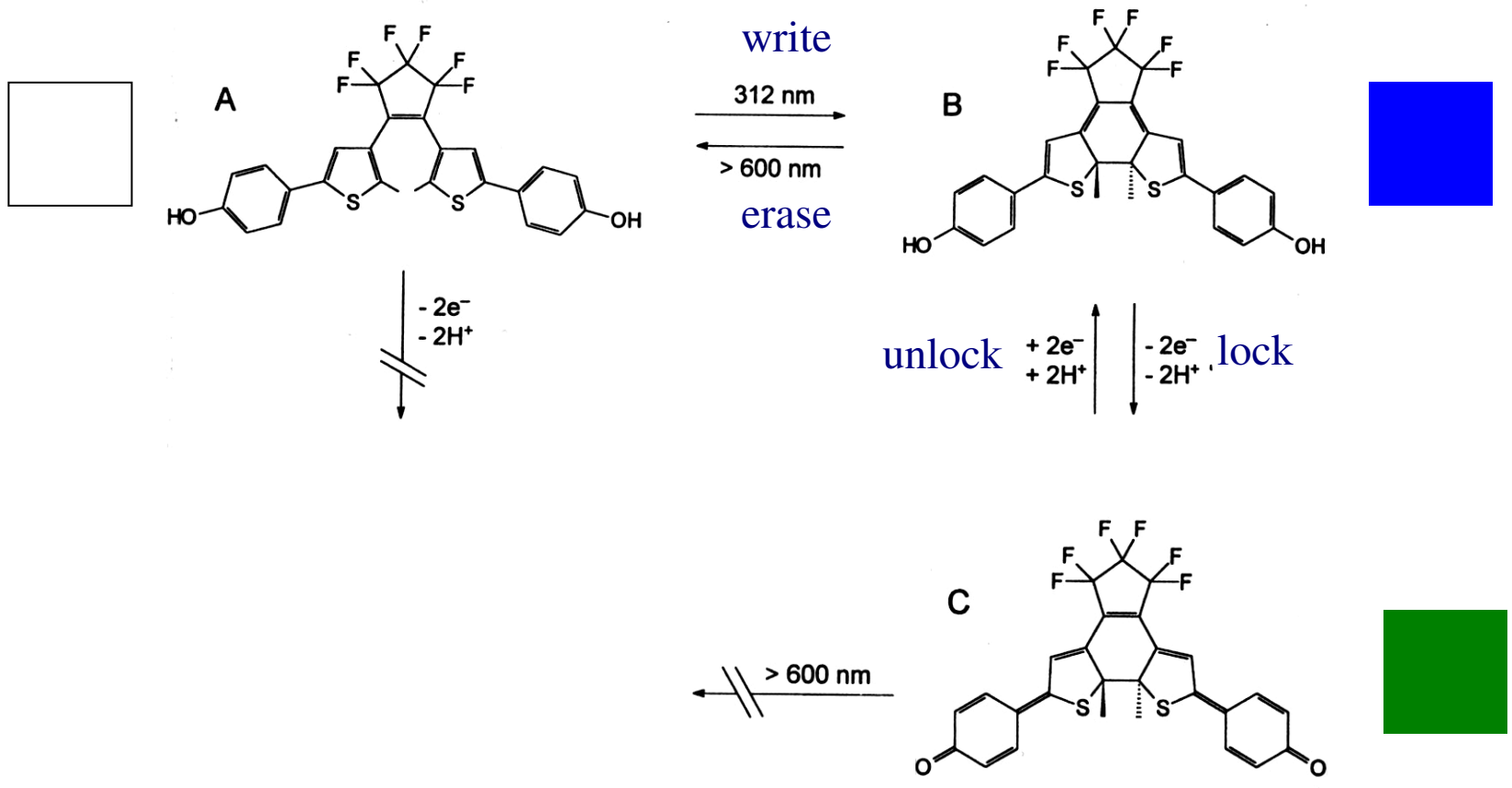


# Photochromic Diarylethenes



Drawback: destructive readout

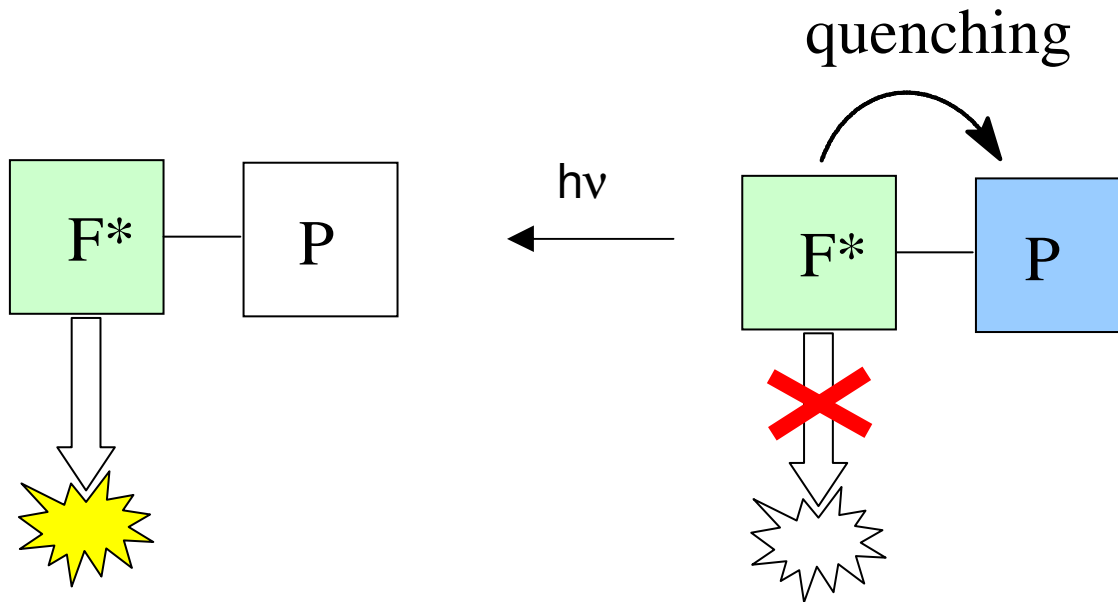
# A lock/unlock write-read-erase molecular system



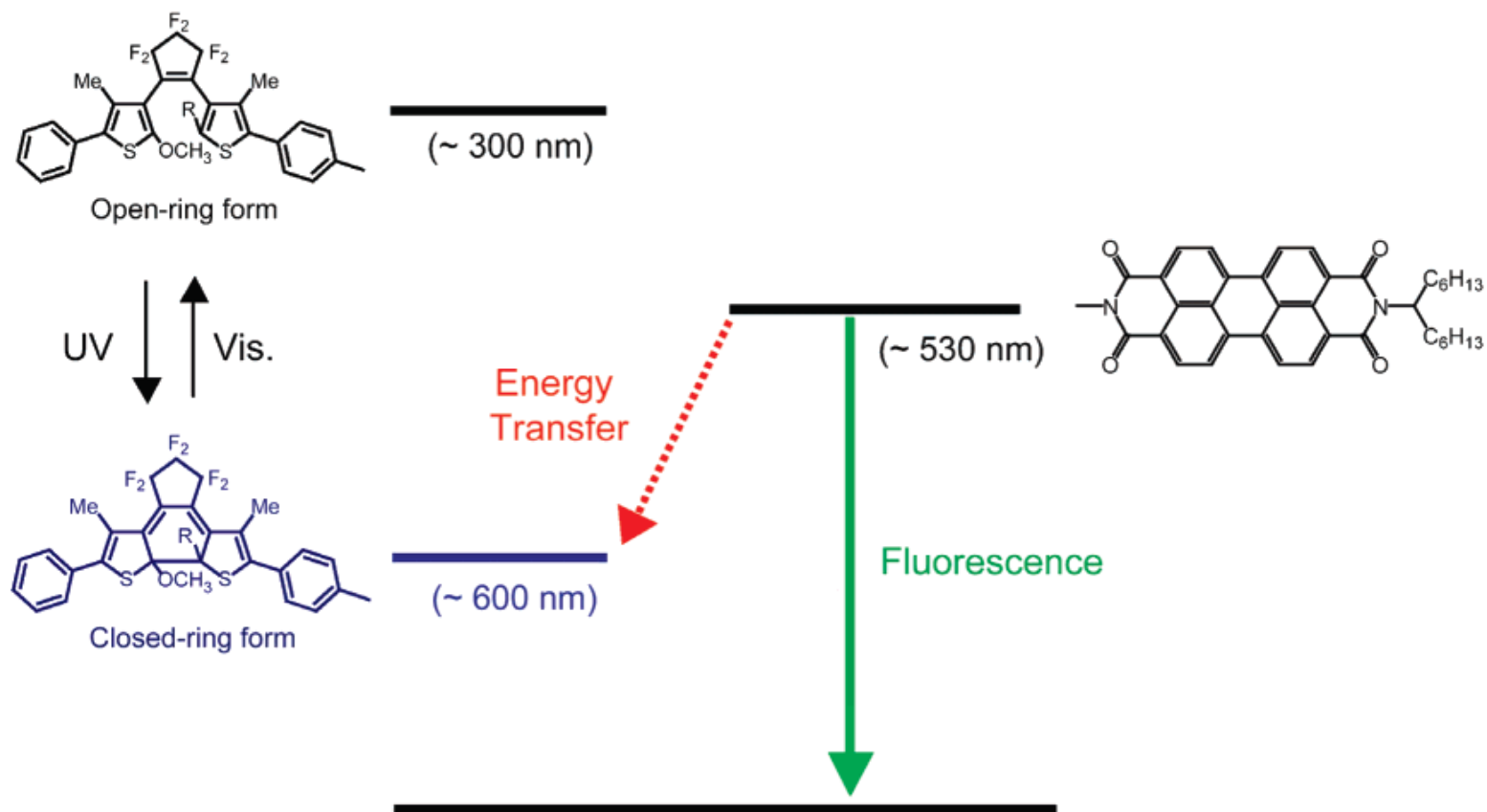
# Fluorescence Readout Memory: Fluorophore + Photochromic unit

F = Fluorophore

P = Photochromic unit

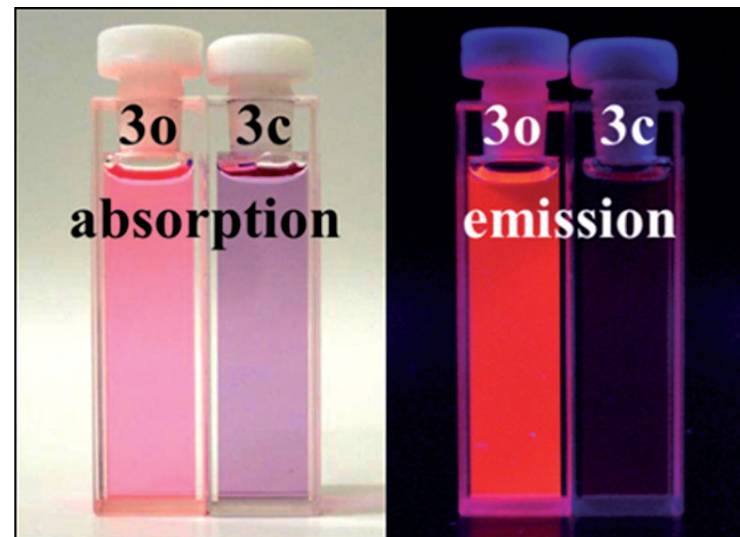
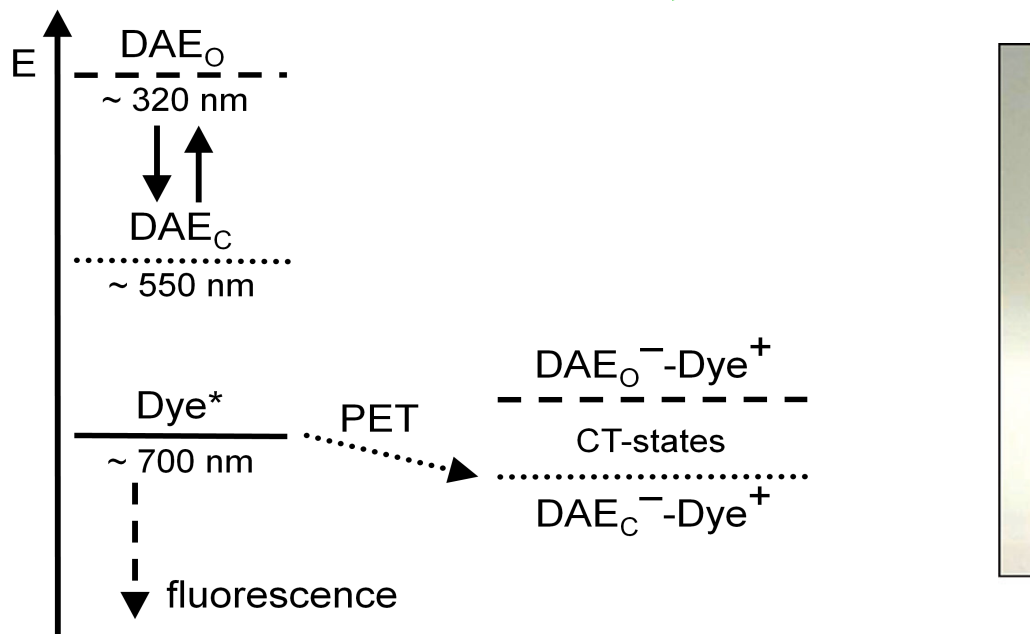
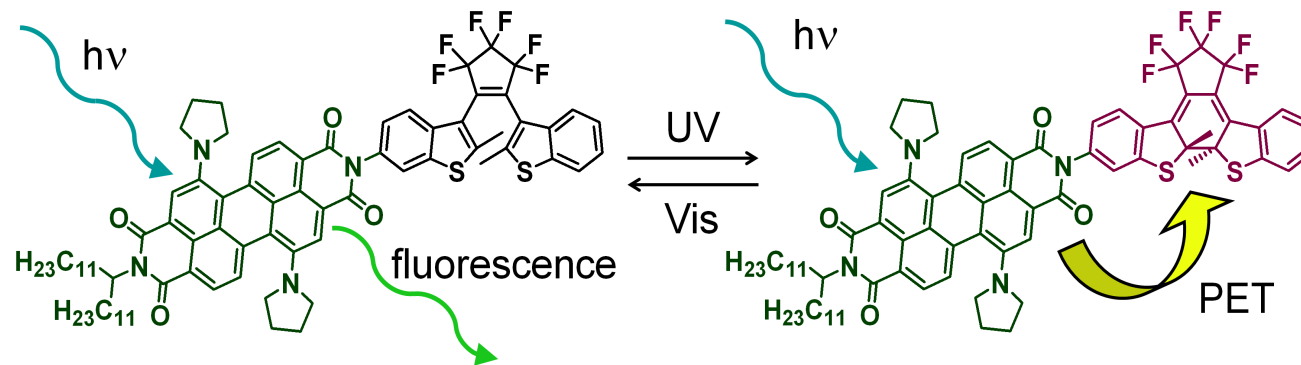


## Fluorescence Readout Memory: Dyad with Fluorophore + Photochromic unit



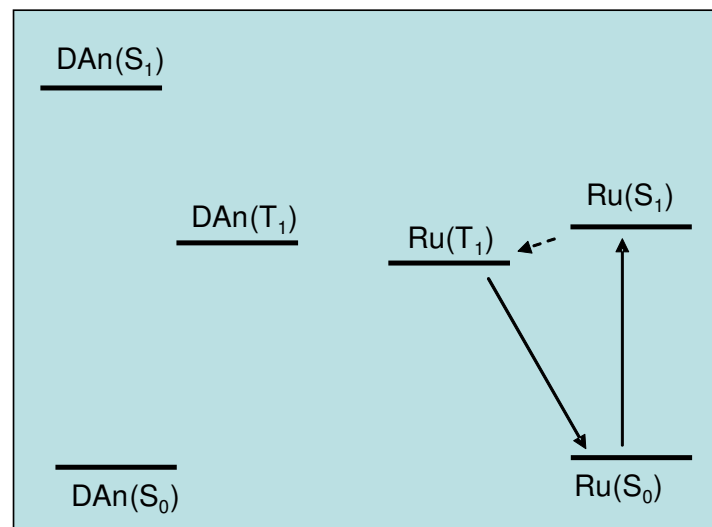
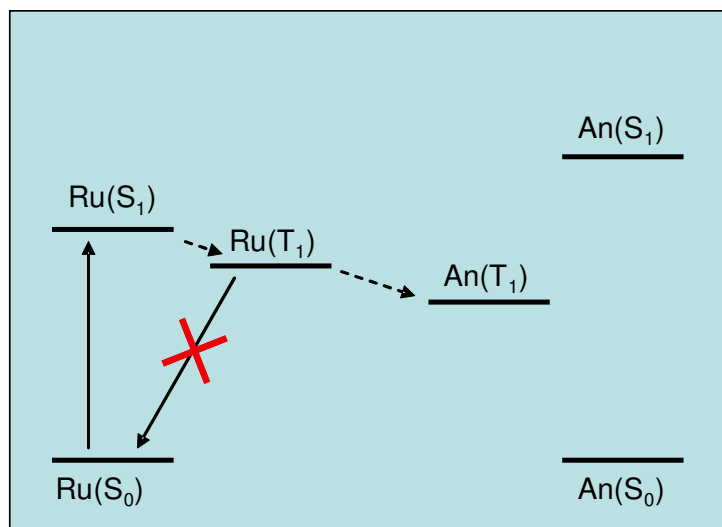
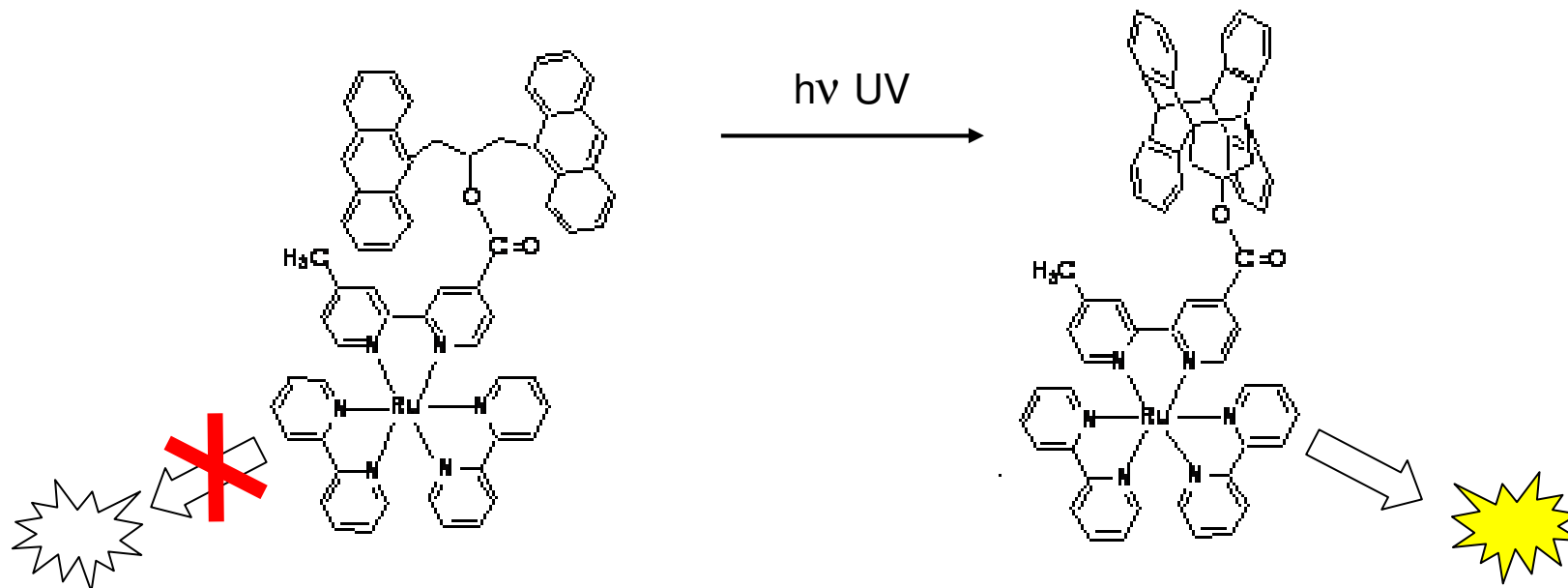
Selective quenching by closed form. Quenching mechanism: energy transfer  
Drawback: destructive readout

# Fluorescence Readout Memory: Dyad with Fluorophore + Photochromic unit



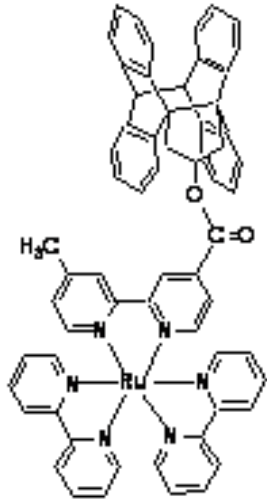
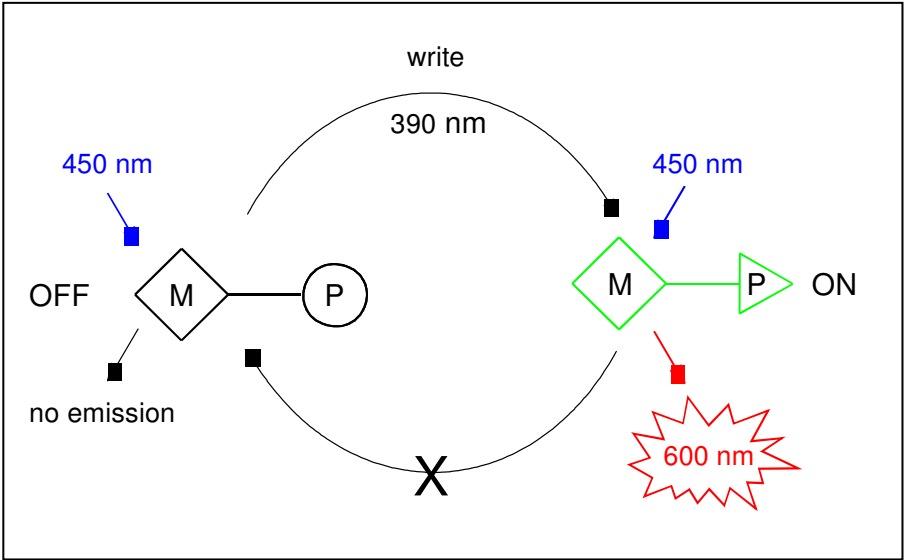
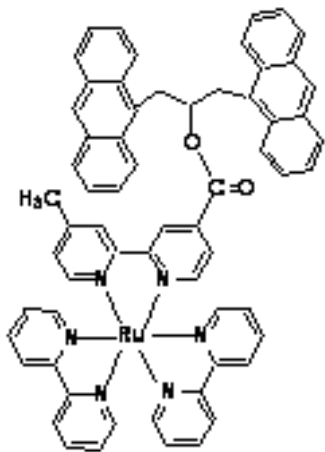
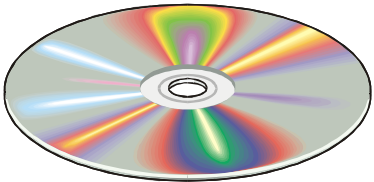
Selective quenching by closed form. Quenching mechanism: **electron** transfer  
Advantage: non-destructive readout

# Non-destructive Readout Fluorescence Memory: Triplet Quenching by Photochromic Unit

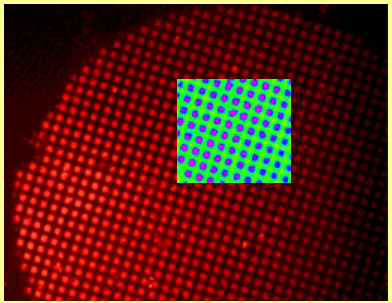




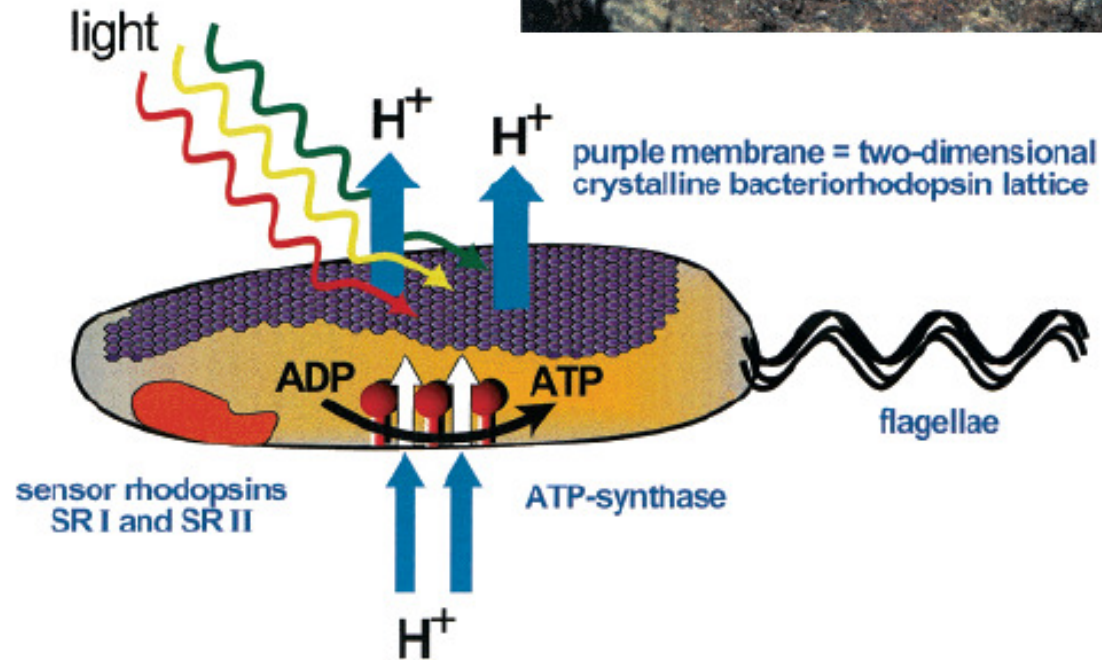
# Functional Materials Luminescent Optical Memories



Fluorescent microscope image written with a frequency doubled Ti:Sapphire laser through a TEM grid (10 μm resolution)

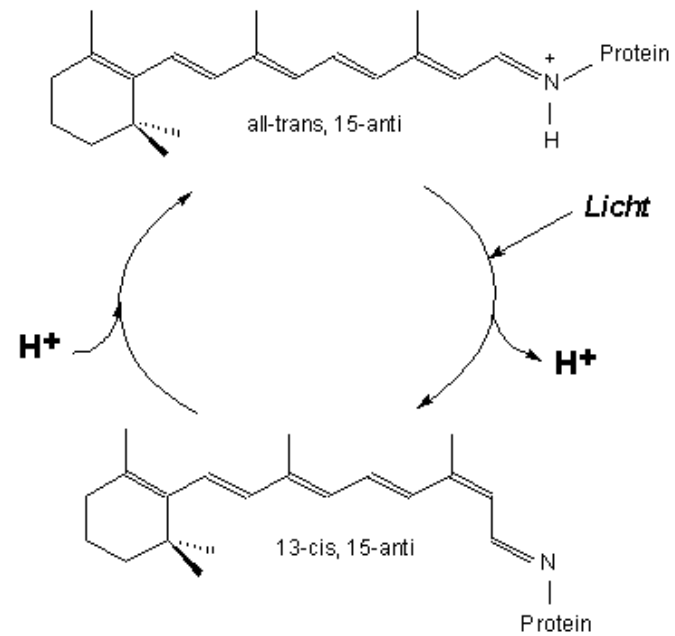
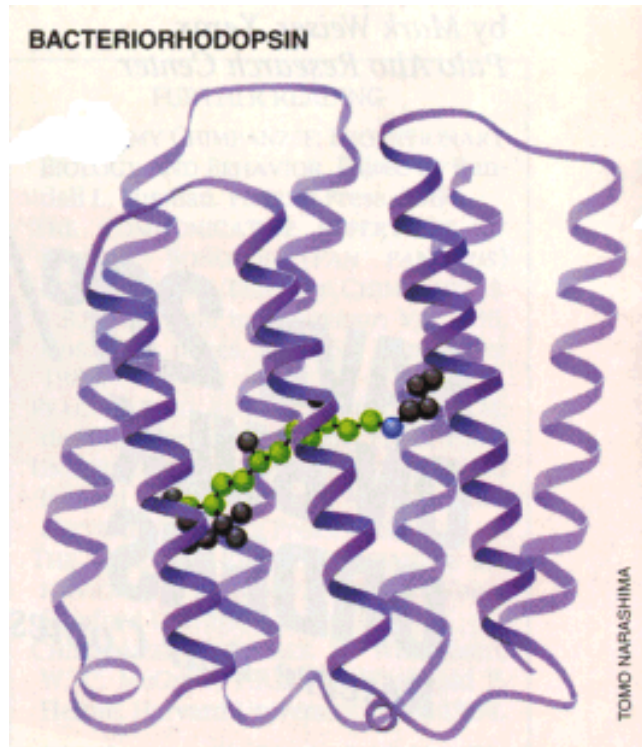


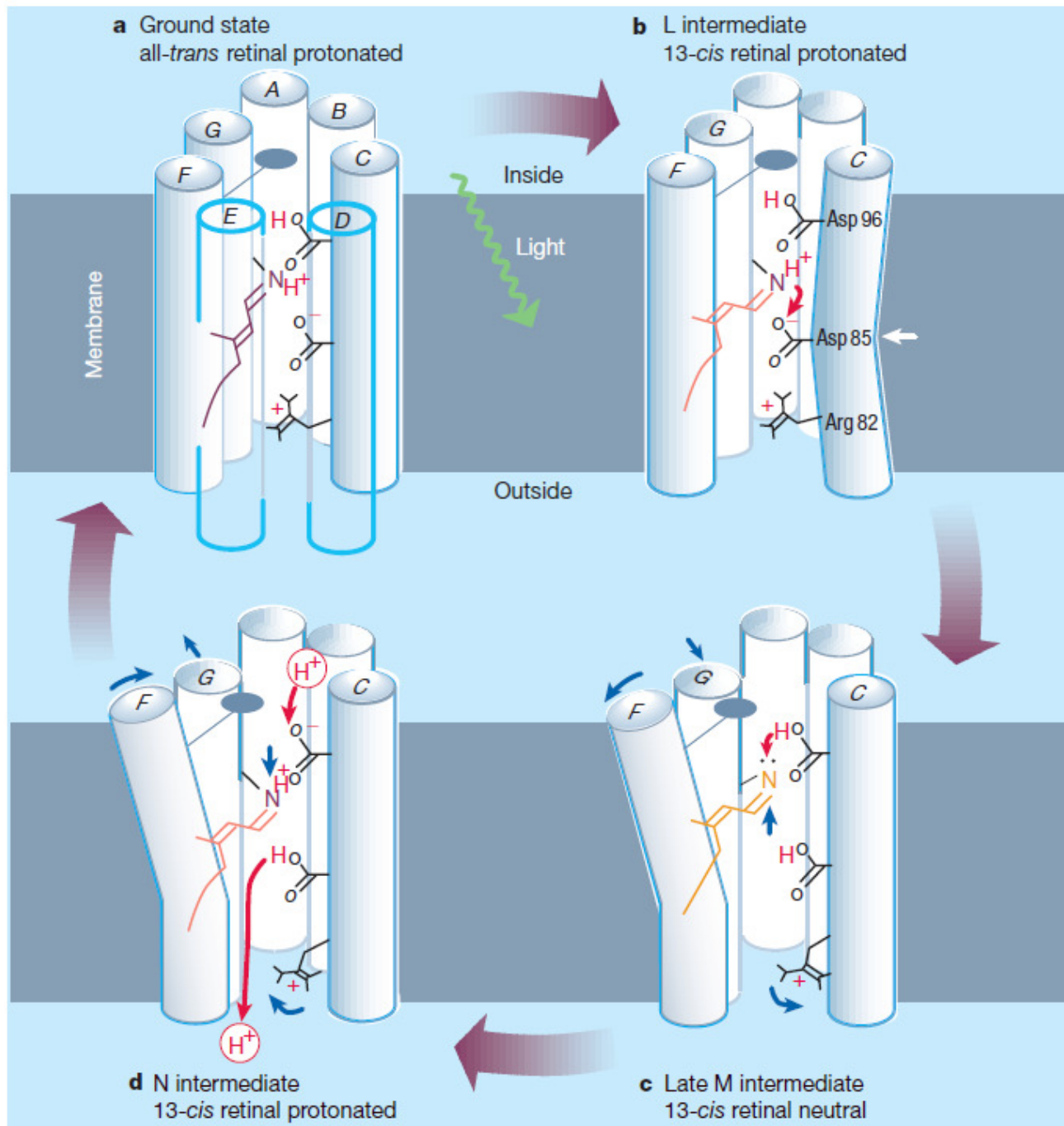
**Bacteriorhodopsin** from  
*Halobacterium Halobium*



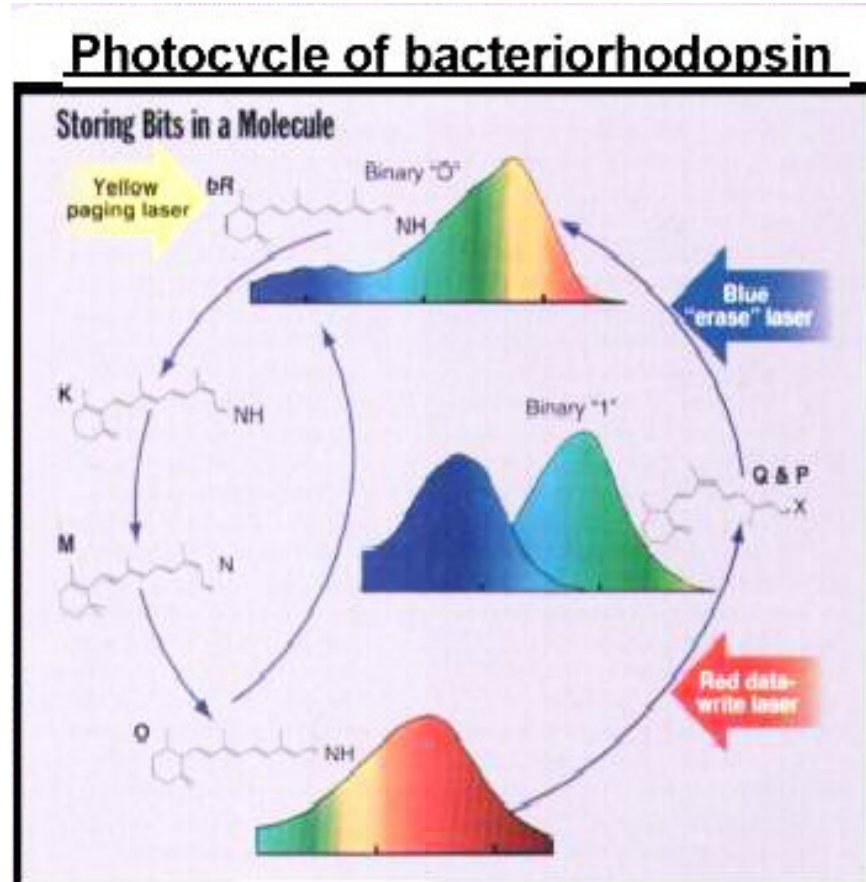
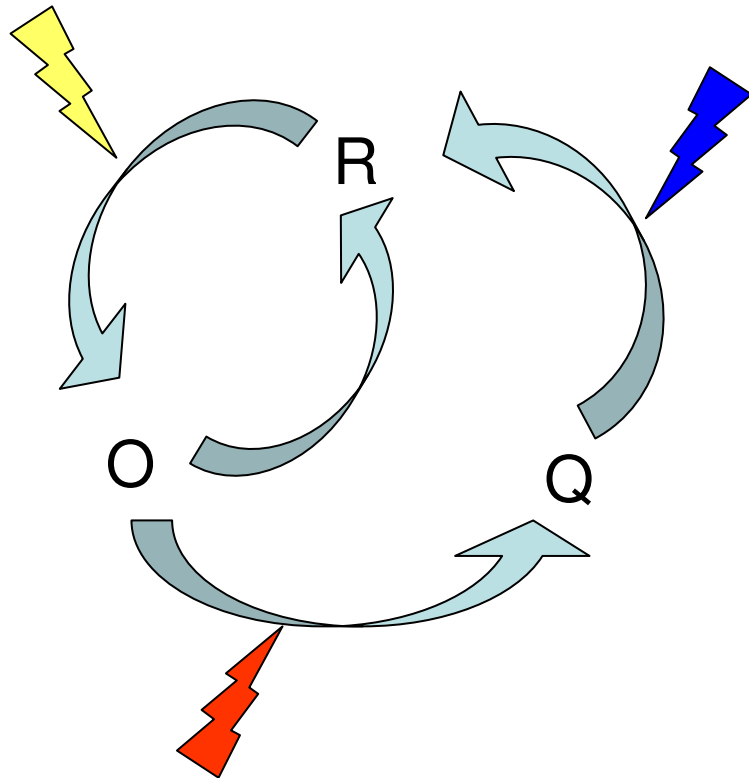
# Bacteriorhodopsin

A natural photochromic system



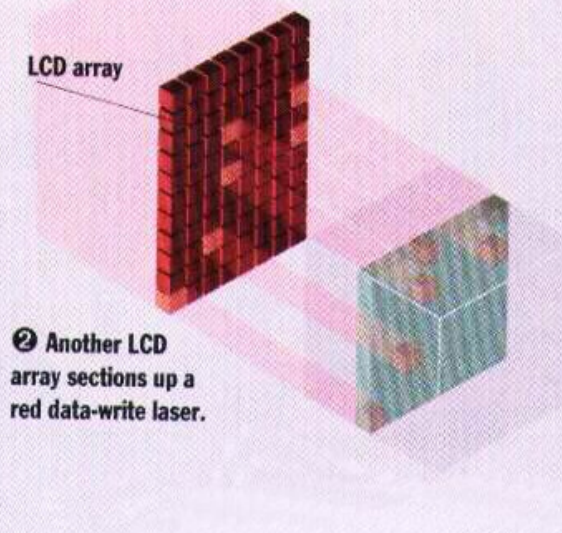
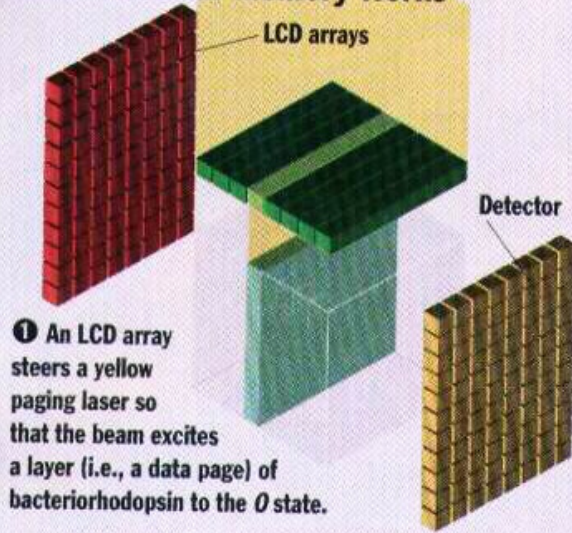


Bacteriorhodopsin:  
a natural photochromic system

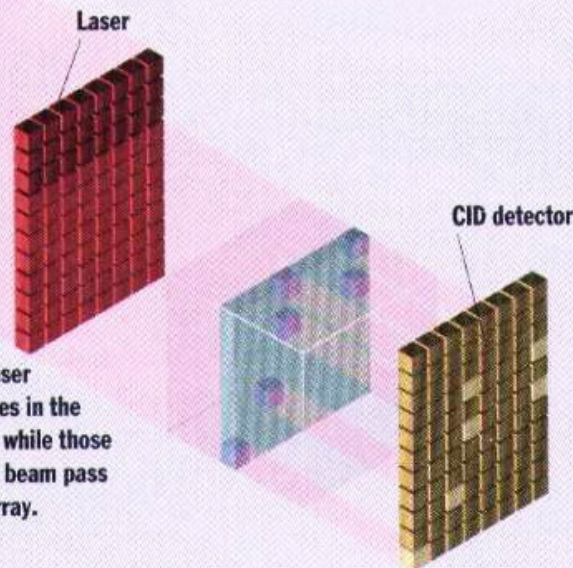
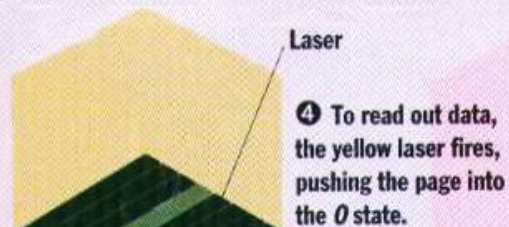
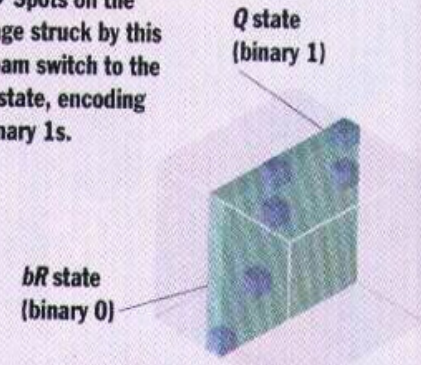


# 3D Optical Memory based on BacterioRhodopsin

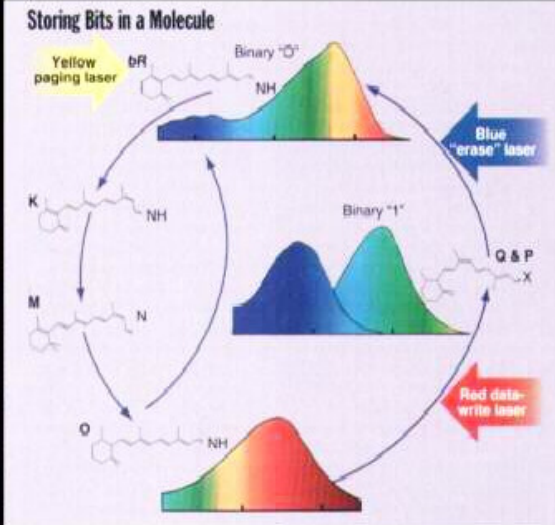
## How Molecular Memory Works

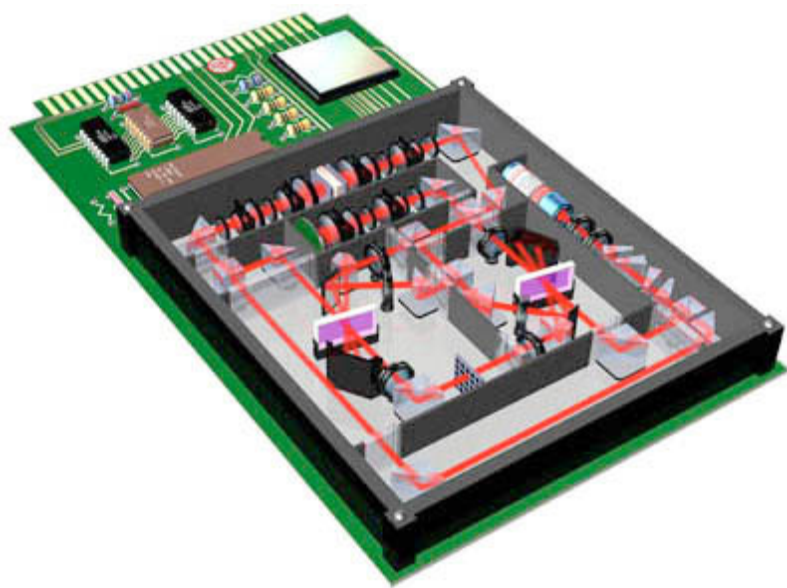
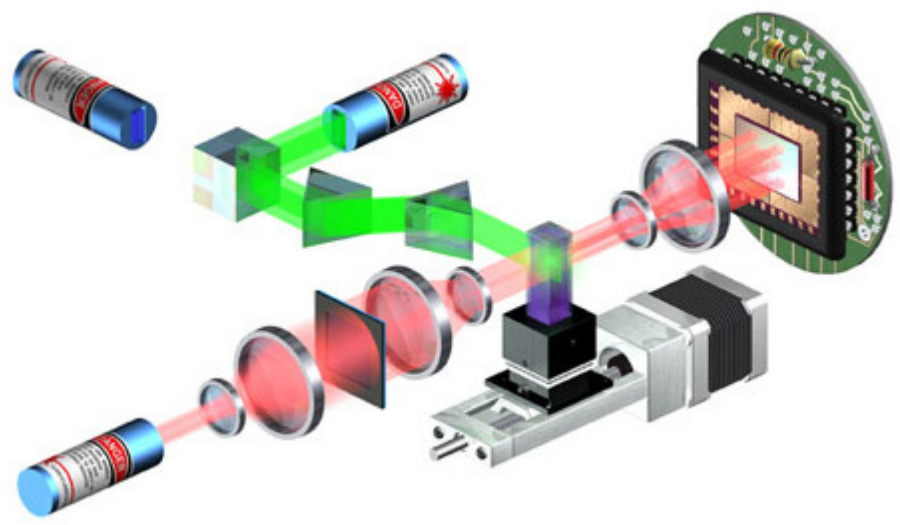


**3** Spots on the page struck by this beam switch to the *Q* state, encoding binary 1s.

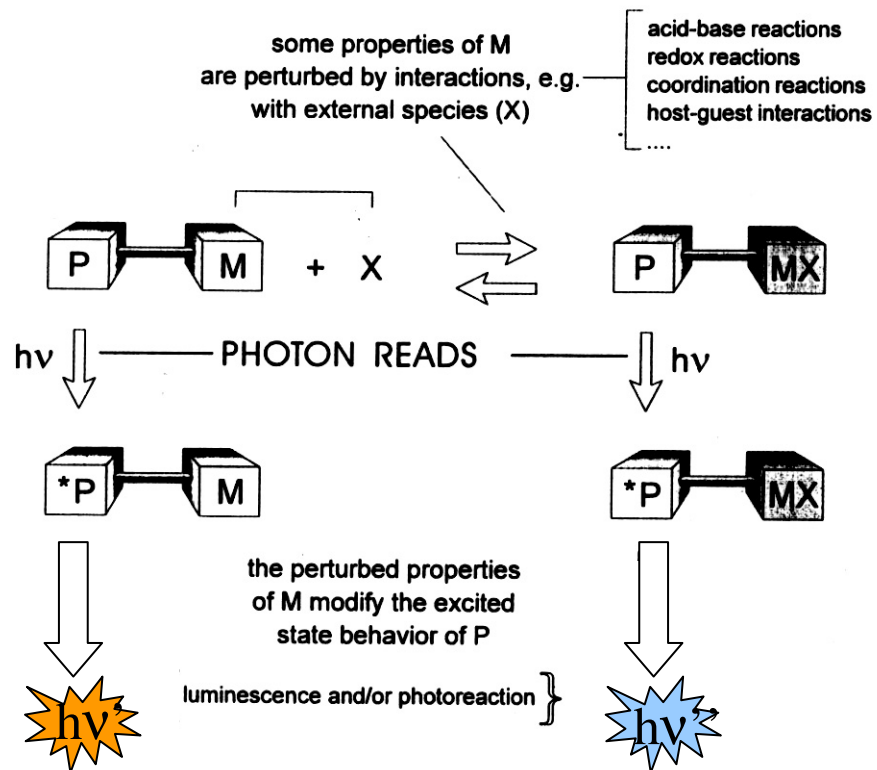


## Photocycle of bacteriorhodopsin





# “PHOTON READS” DEVICES



Sensors  
Luminescent Probes



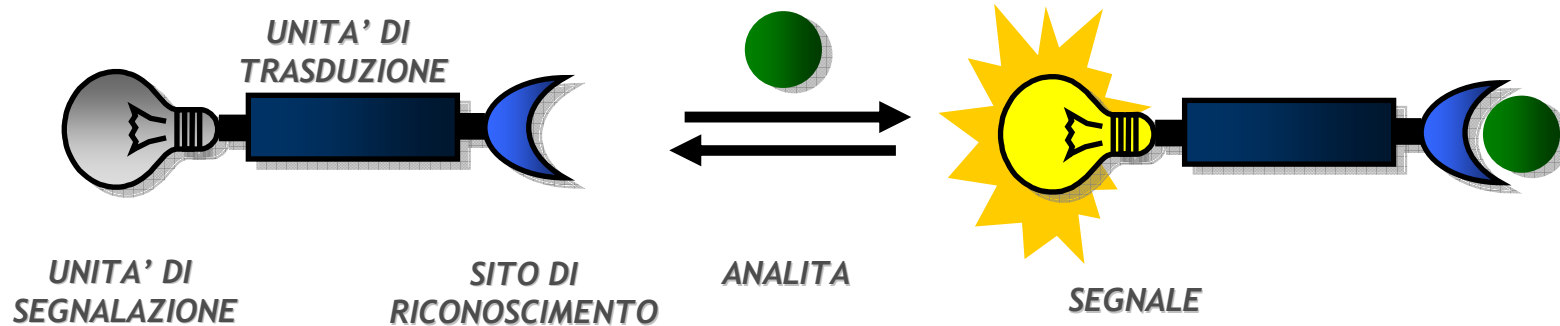
# Chemosensor (molecular sensor)

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## Chemical sensors (Chemosensors)

“A chemosensor is molecule of abiotic origin that signals the presence of matter or energy”

(A. W. Czarnick)



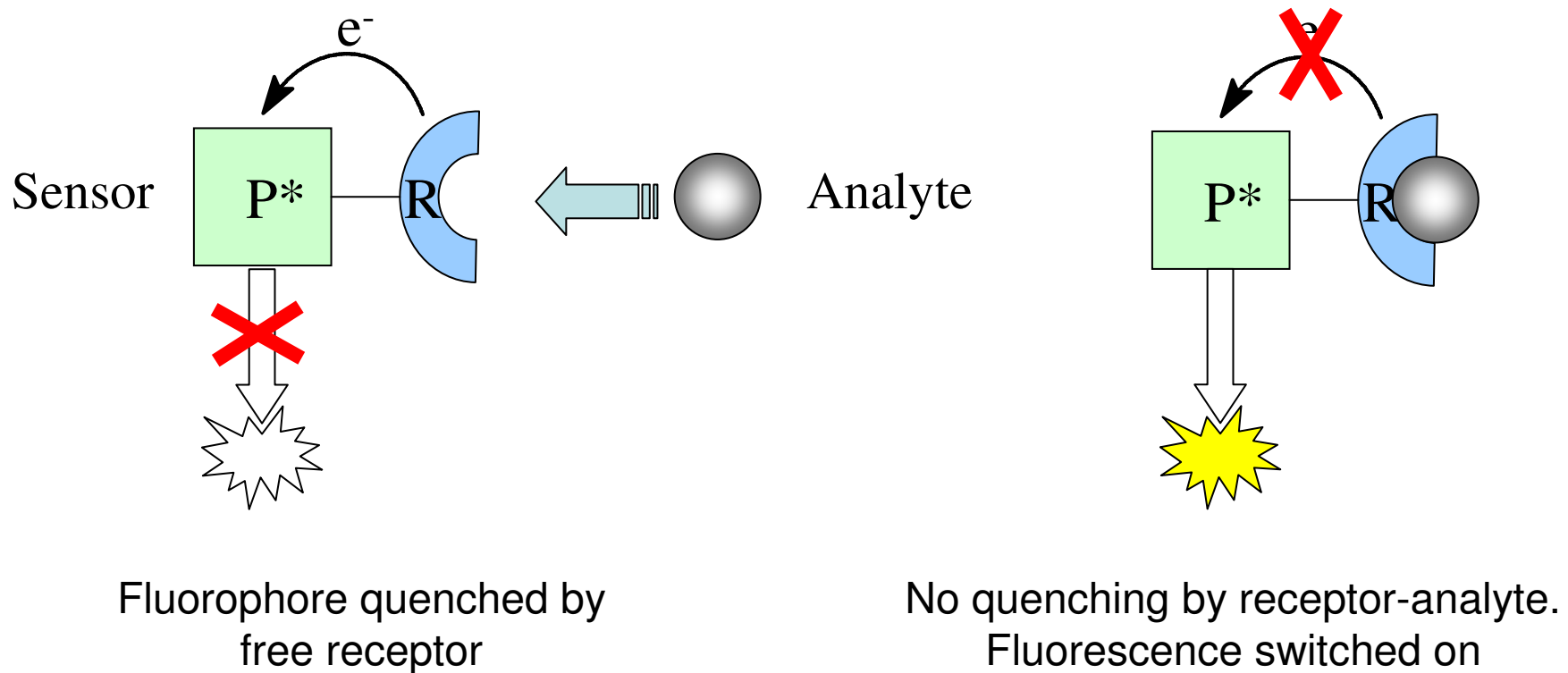
## Fluorescent chemosensor

It is a chemosensor that generate a fluorescence signal

### Why fluorescence?

- ✓ Sensitivity (even single molecule detection is possible)
- ✓ High spatial and temporal resolution
- ✓ Low cost and easily performed instrumentations

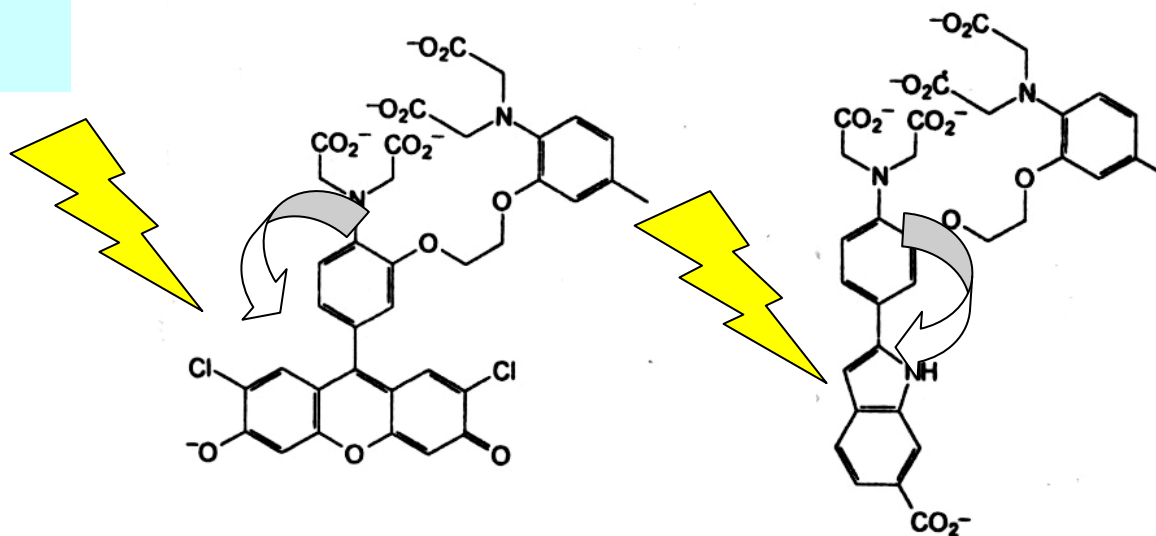
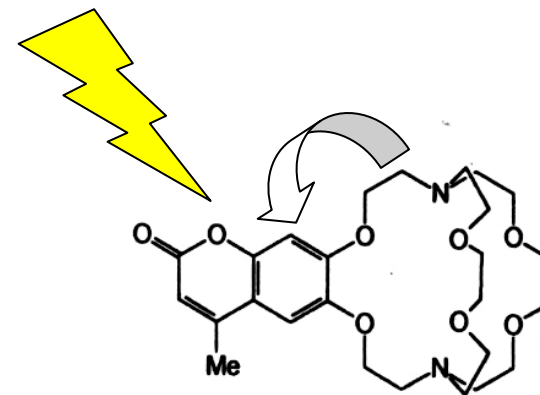
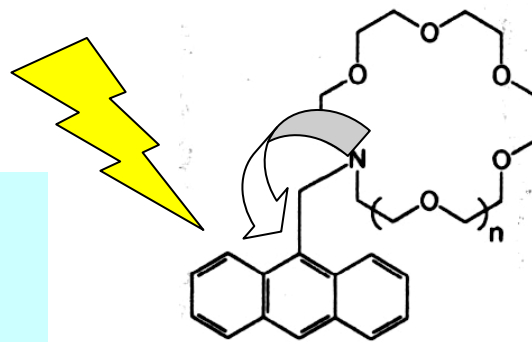
# Fluorescent Sensor based on ET quenching

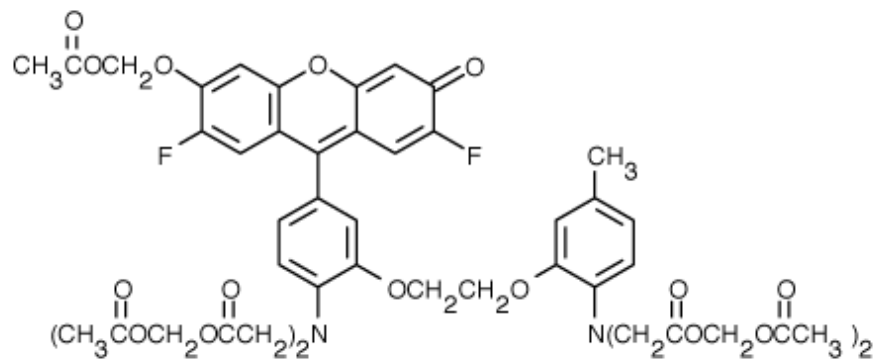
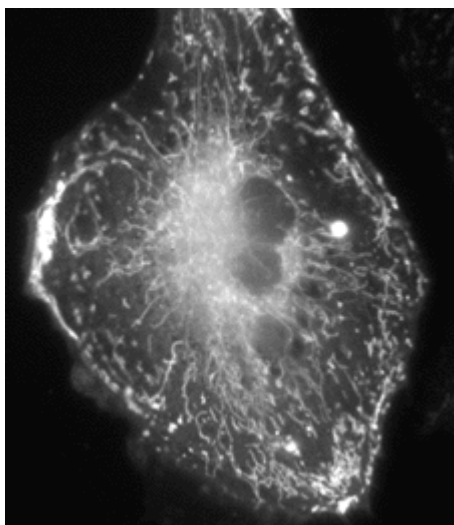
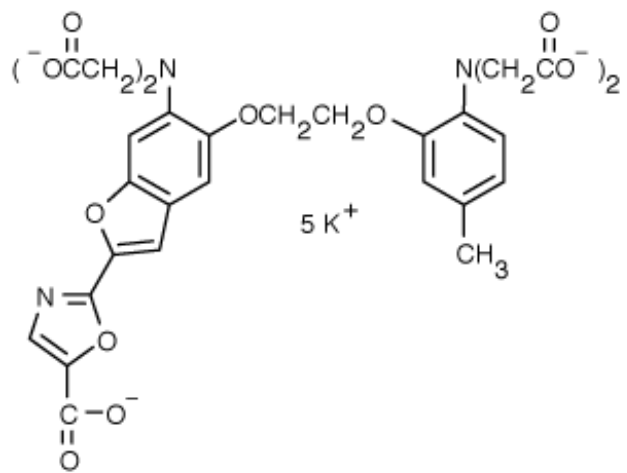
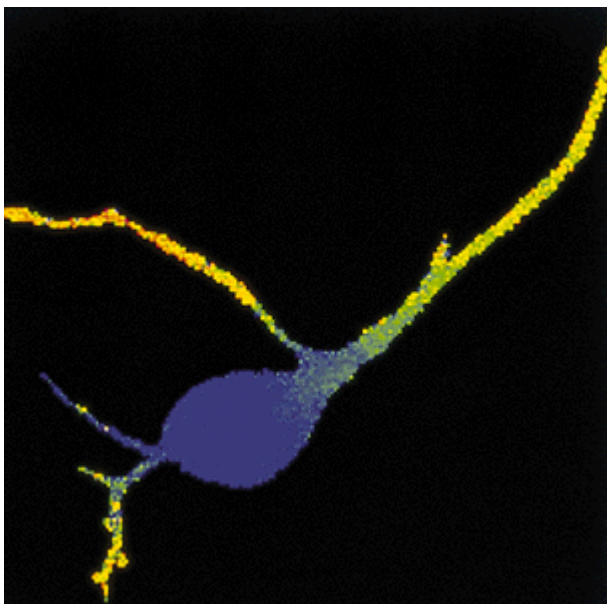


# Fluorophore-Receptor Supramolecules

OFF state:

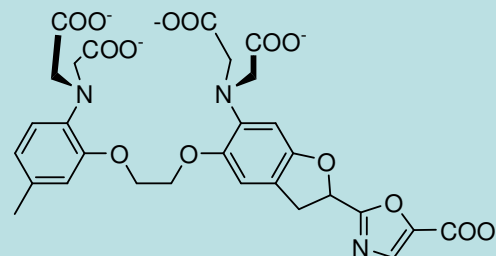
$S_1$  state of fluorophore quenched  
by ET from amino group of  
receptor



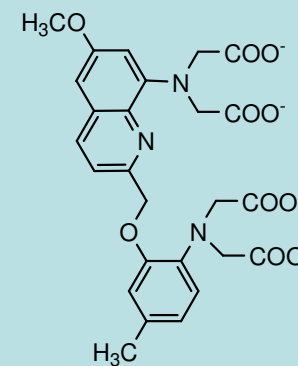


# Intrinsic chemosensors 1

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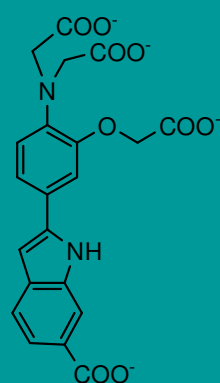


**FURA-2**  
(Tsiens 1980)



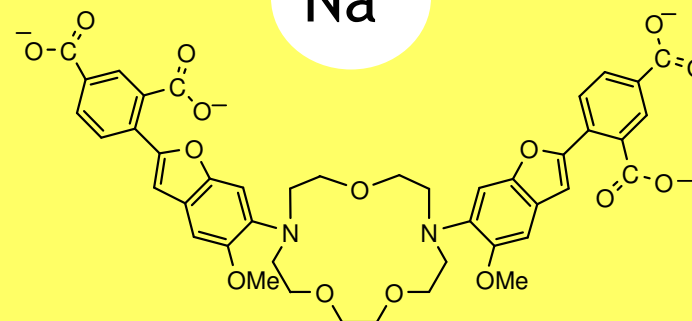
**Quin-2**  
(Tsiens 1985)

$\text{Mg}^{2+}$



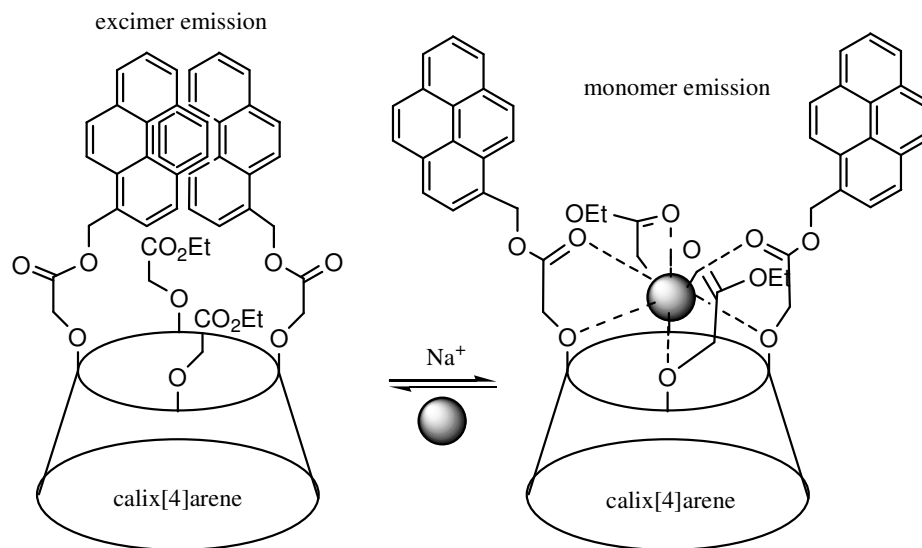
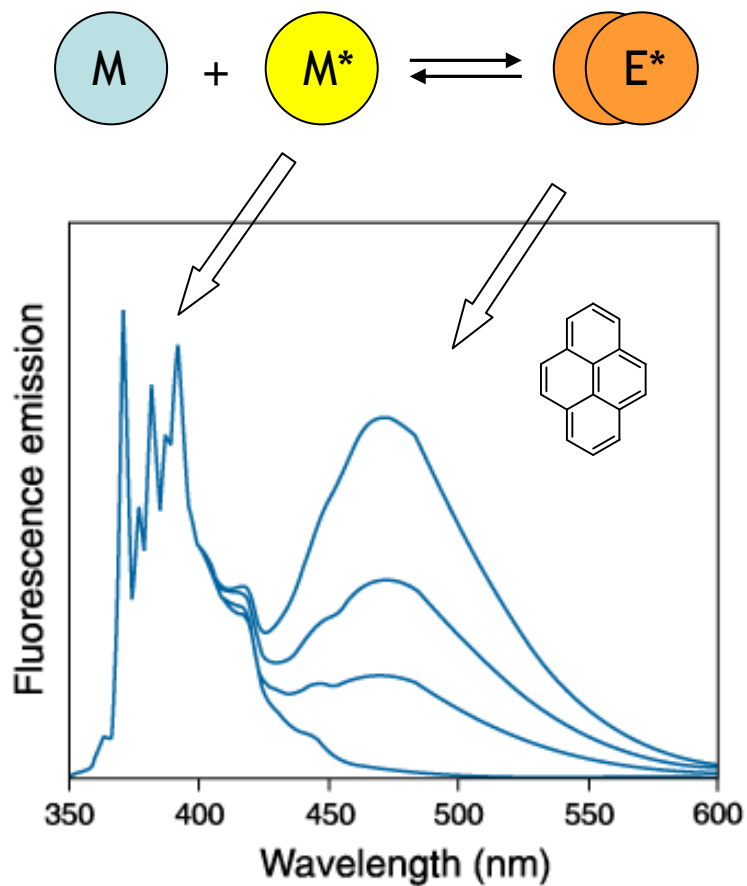
**Mag-Indo-1**  
(London 1989)

$\text{Na}^{+}$

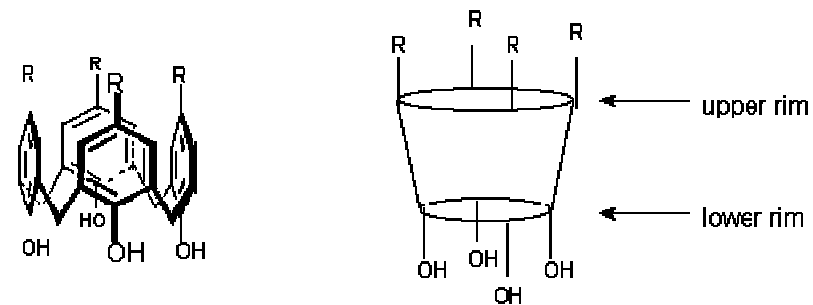


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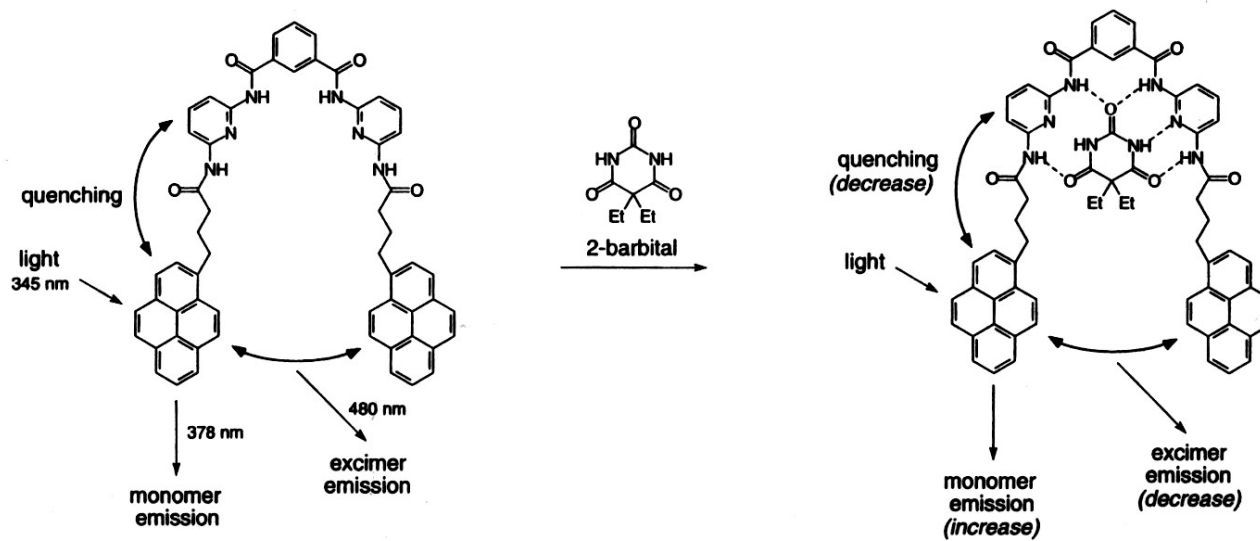
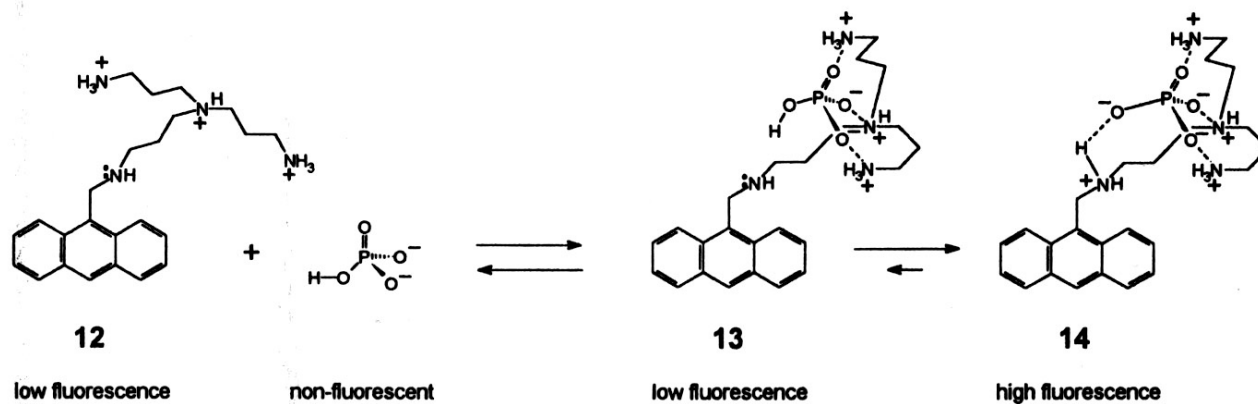
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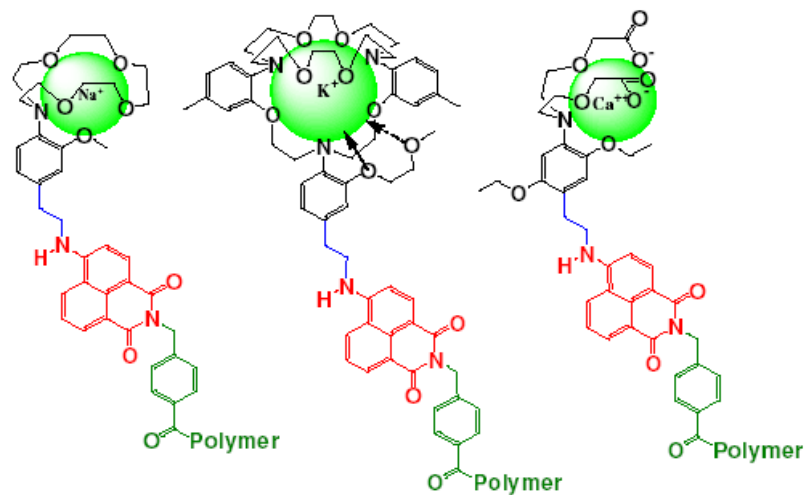
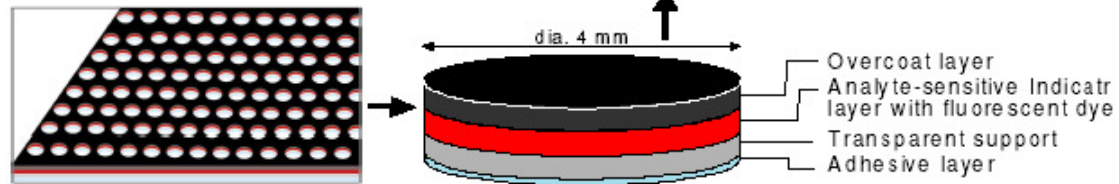
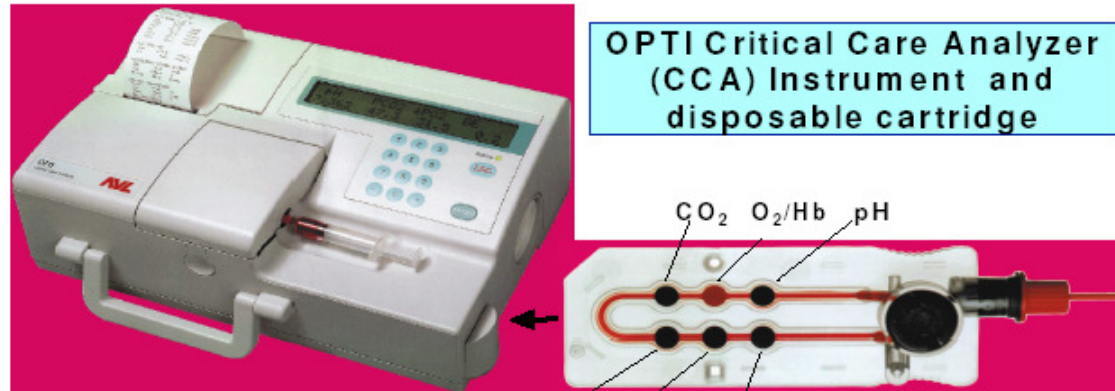
Jin et al. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.*, 1992, 499.



# Molecular Recognition/Sensing



# Intrinsic chemosensors 2

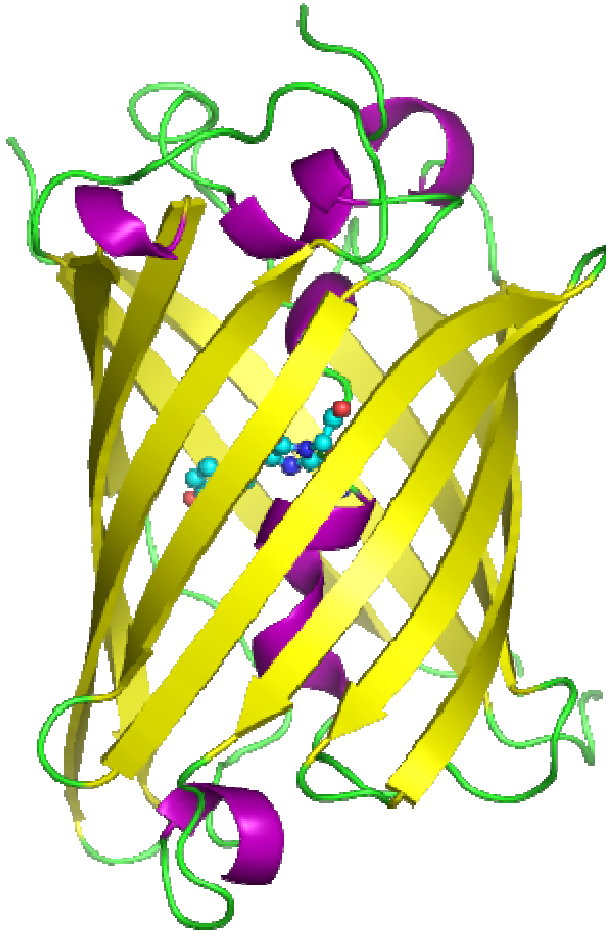


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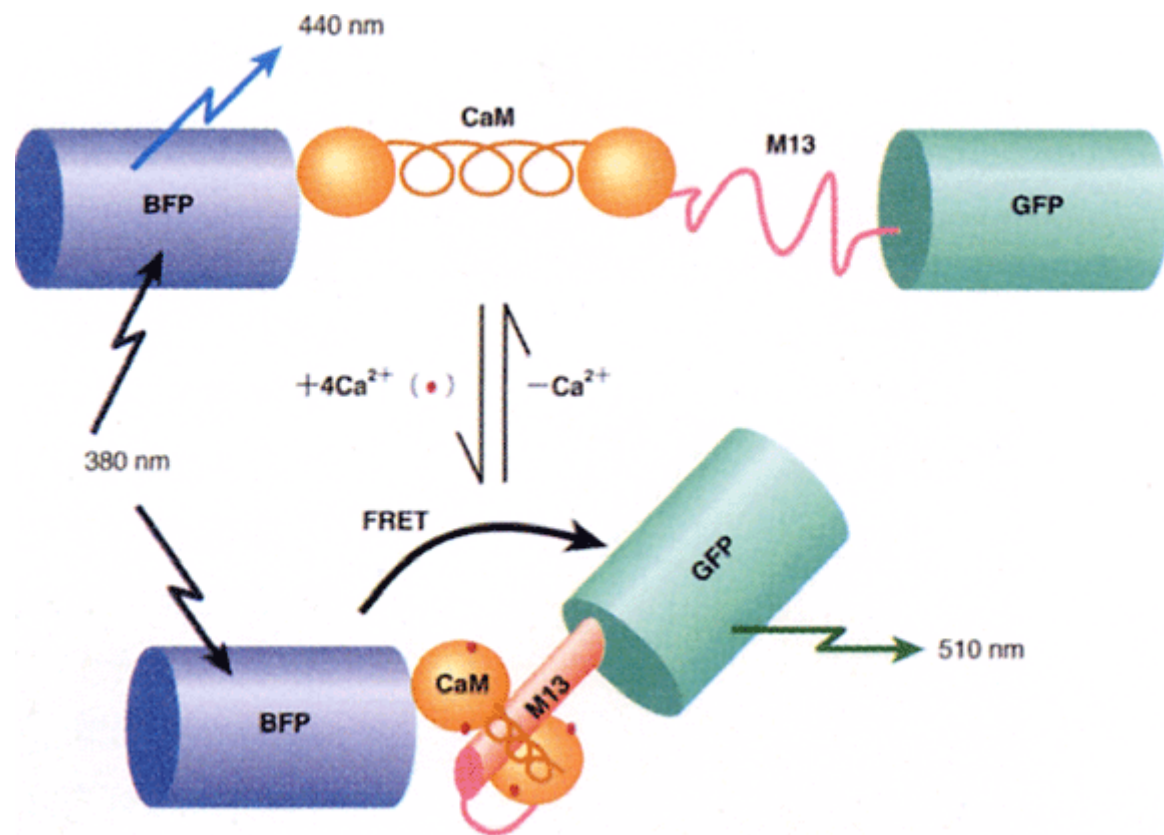


# Special Fluorophores: Green Fluorescent Protein

chromophore:  
4-(p-hydroxybenzylidene)imidazolidin-5-one (HBI)

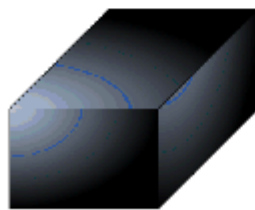
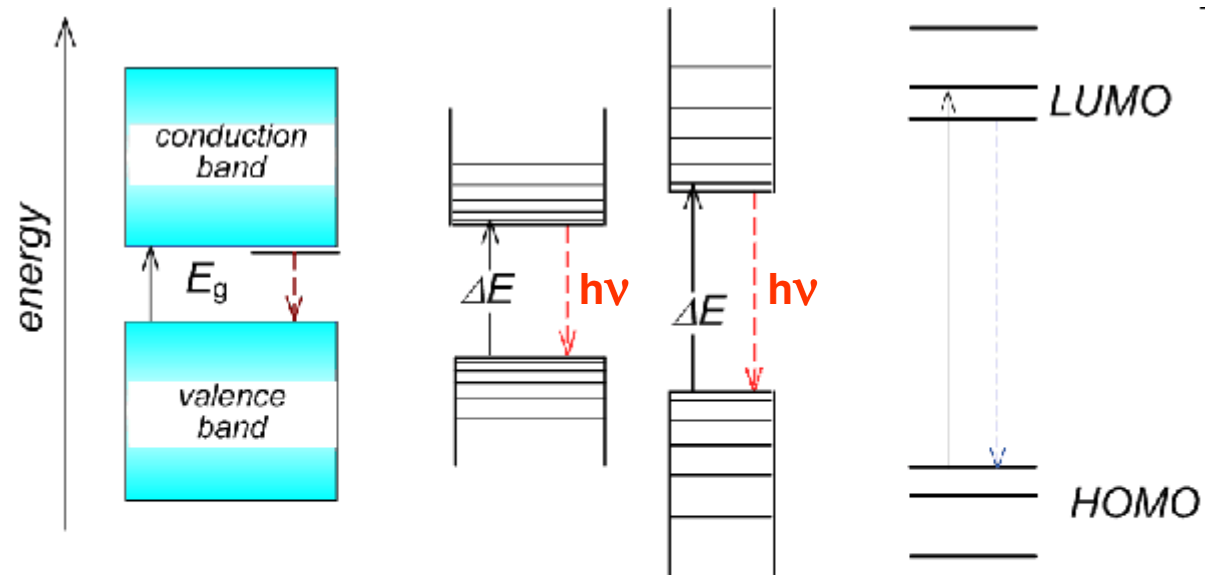


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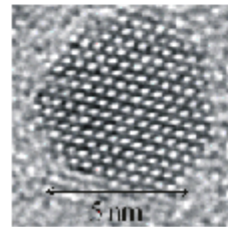


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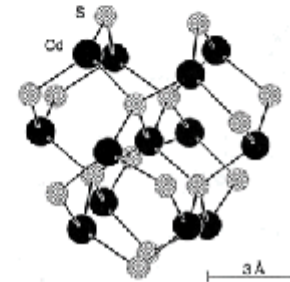
## Quantum Size Effects



bulk material



nanocrystal



molecular cluster

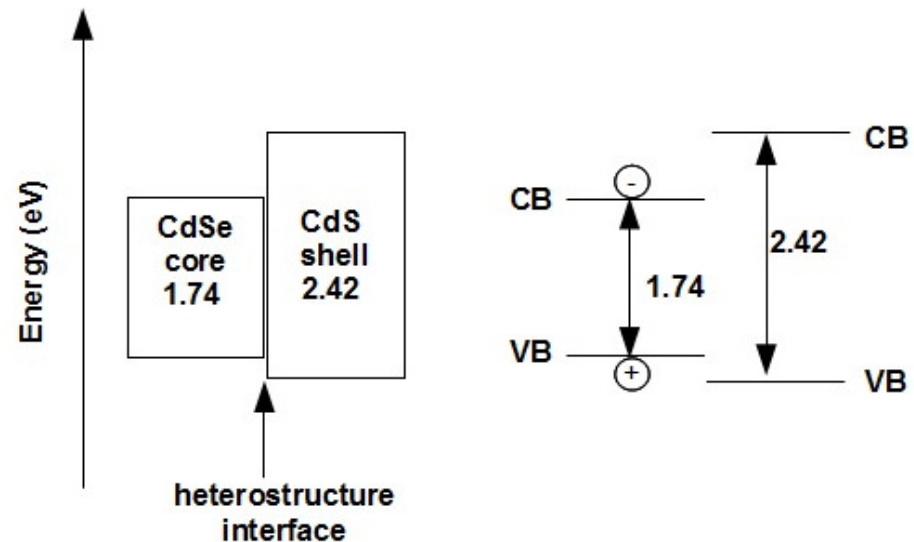
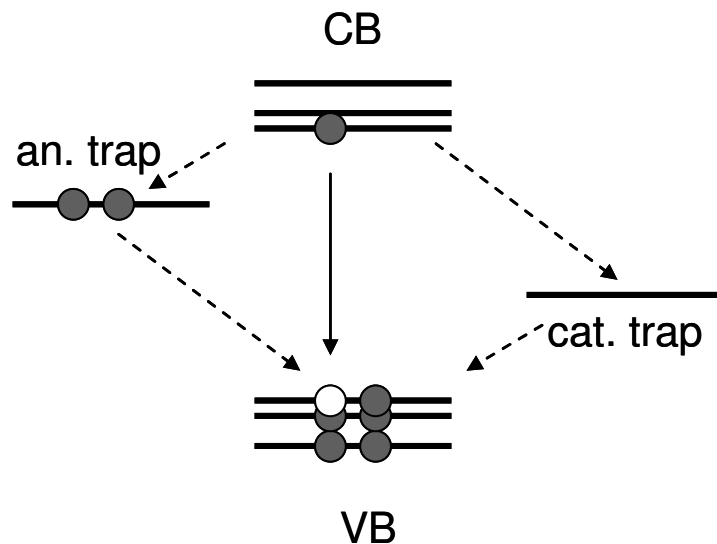
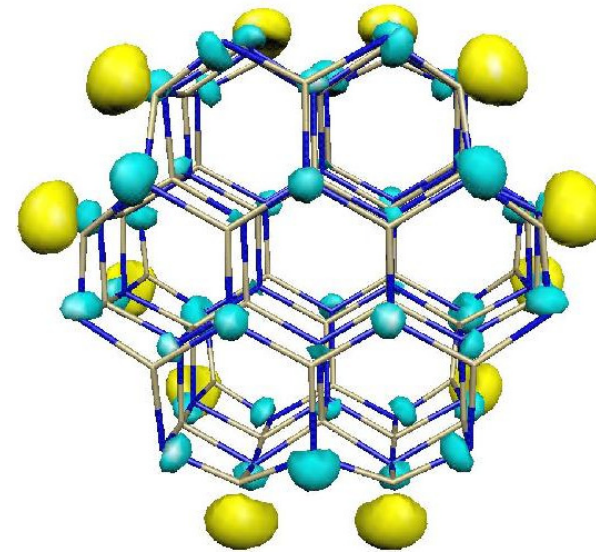
decreasing size

$$E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2} n^2.$$

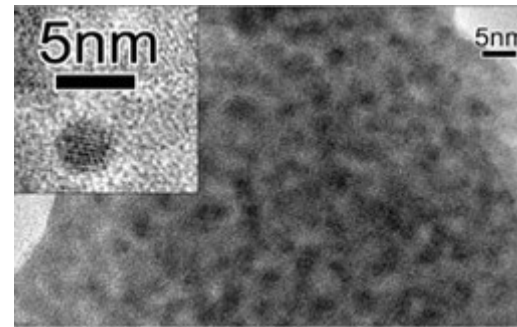
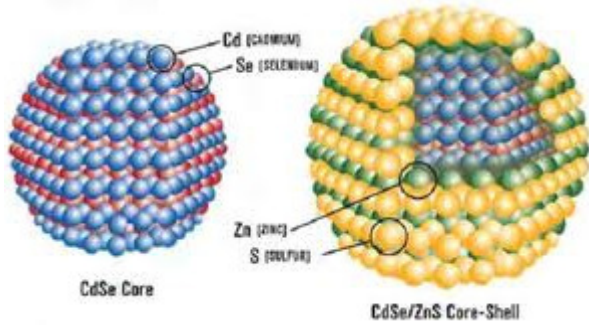
The atoms on the surface of a crystal facet are incompletely bonded within the crystal lattice and leave “dangling orbitals” pointed outward from the crystal.

If these surface energy states are within the semiconductor band gap, they can trap charge carriers at the surface, thereby increasing the probability of nonradiative recombination

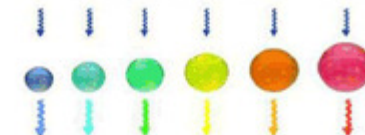
To minimize intraband gap surface states and reduce surface atomic reconstruction, the surface must be “passivated” with (i) organic ligands or (ii) insulating inorganic shell



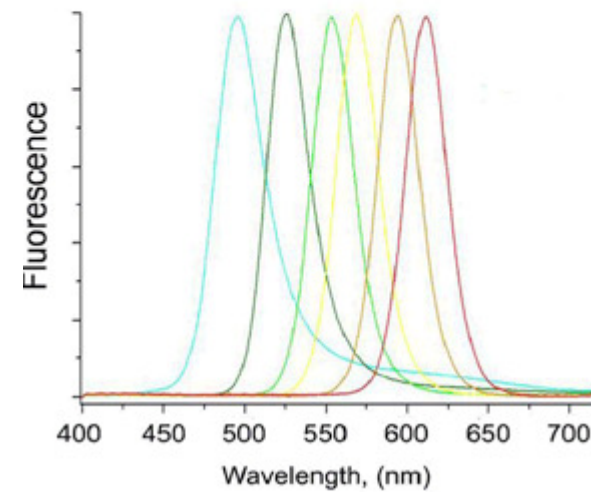
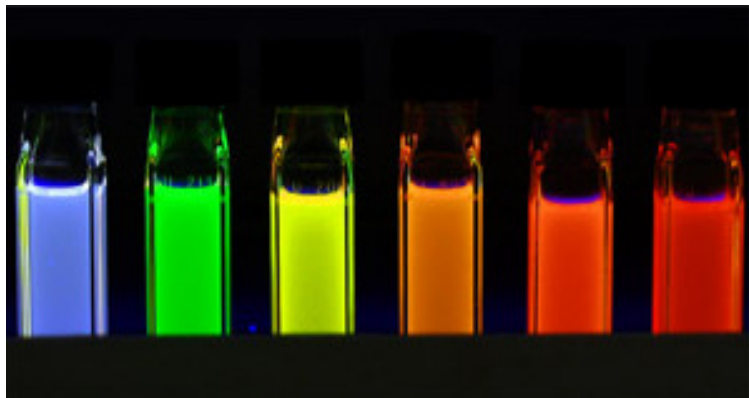
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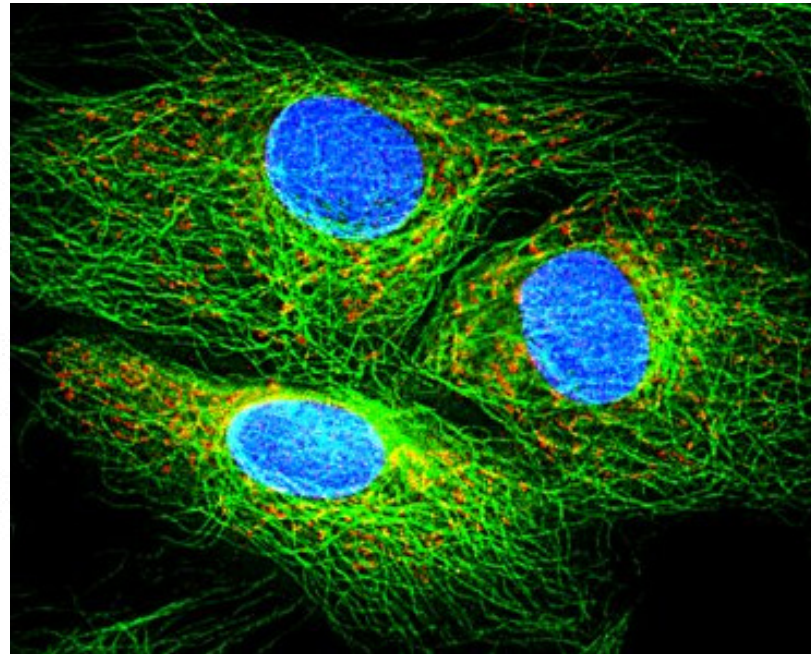
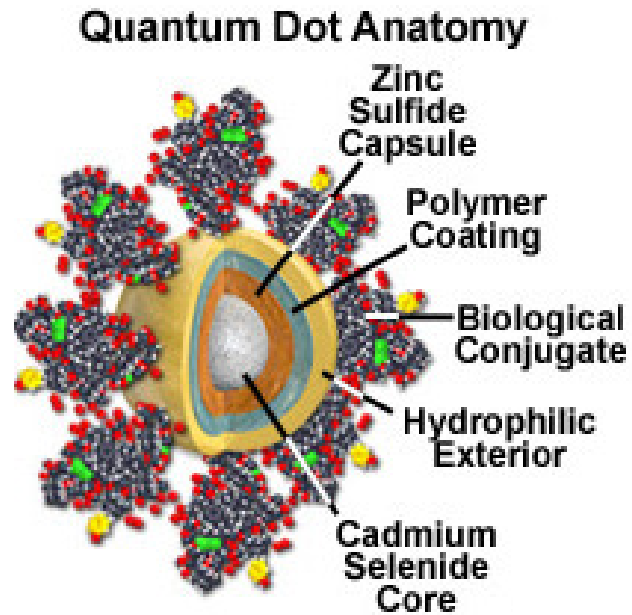
Simultaneous excitation at 365 nm



Size-dependent emission



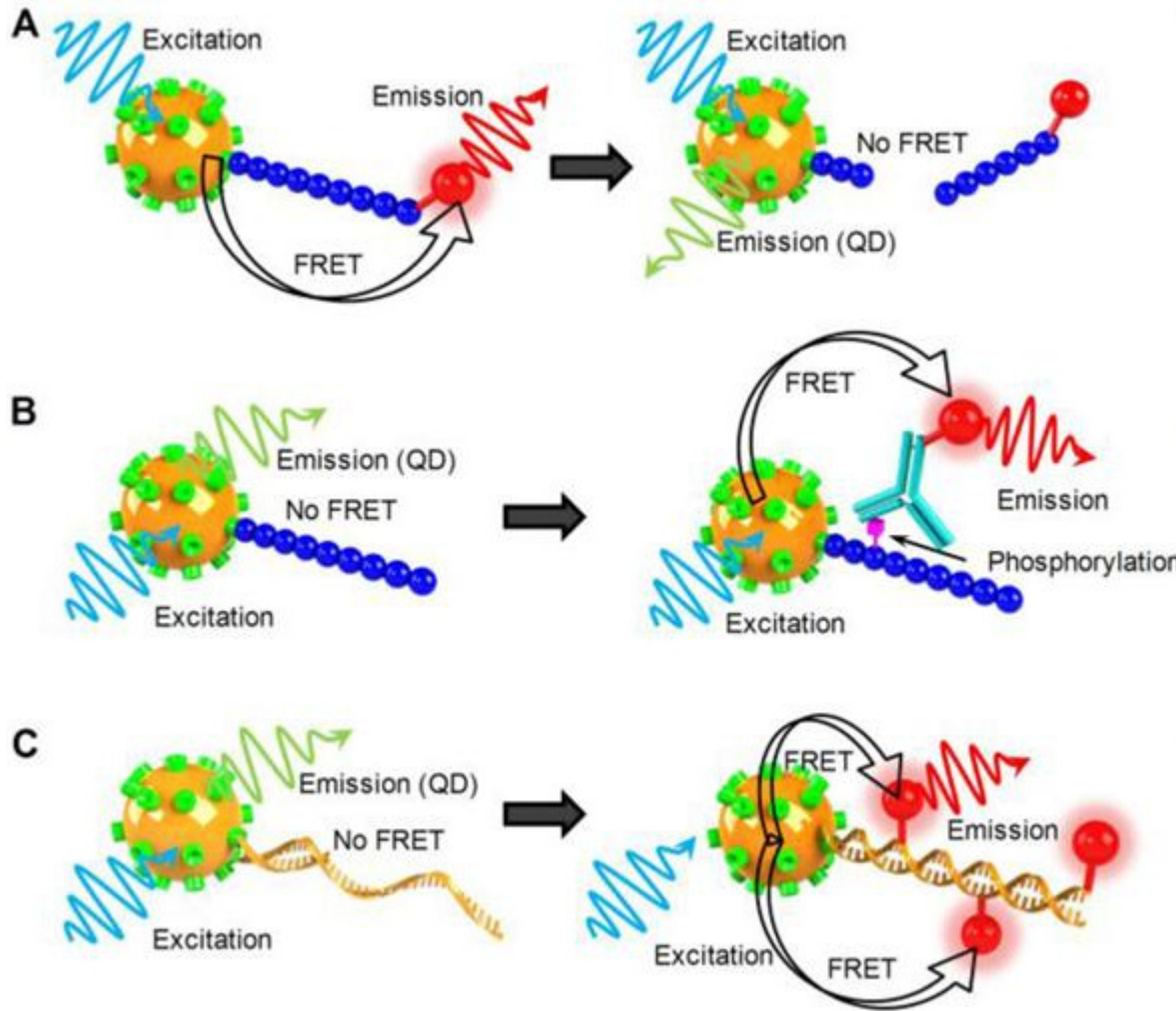
Functionalized with biological conjugates



bio-conjugate = enzyme, antibody, etc.

fluorescent sensors, cell imaging, etc.

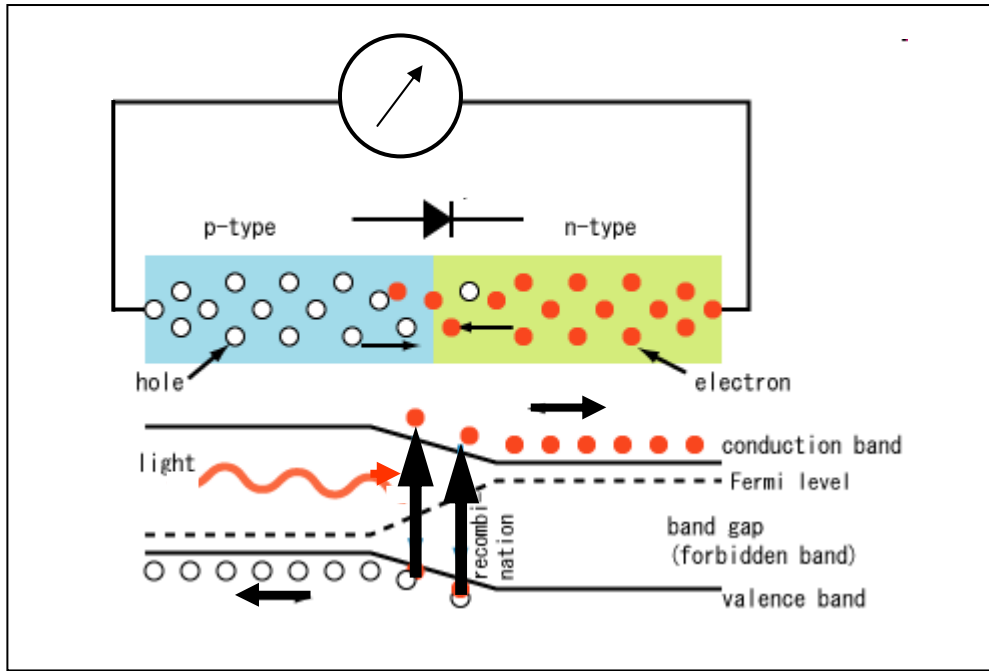
# Study of enzyme activity



Protease

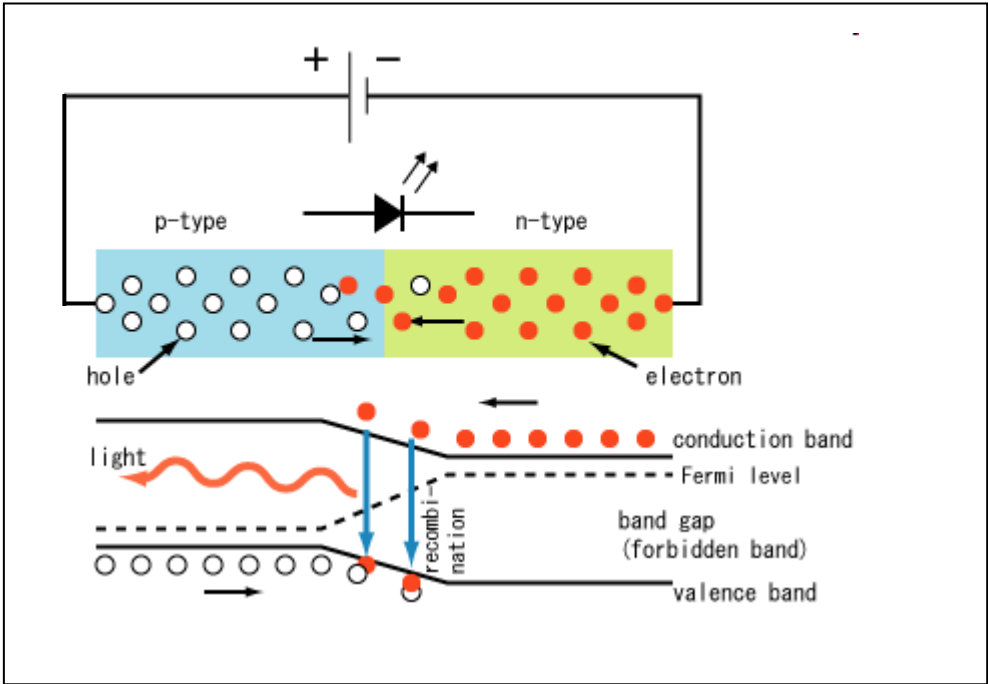
Protein kinase

DNA polymerase

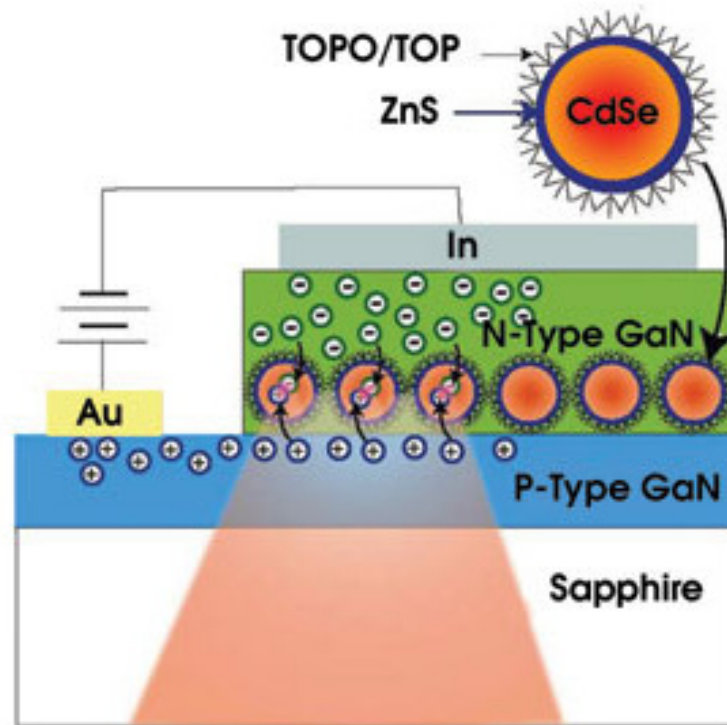


p-n photodiode

p-n light emitting diode (LED)

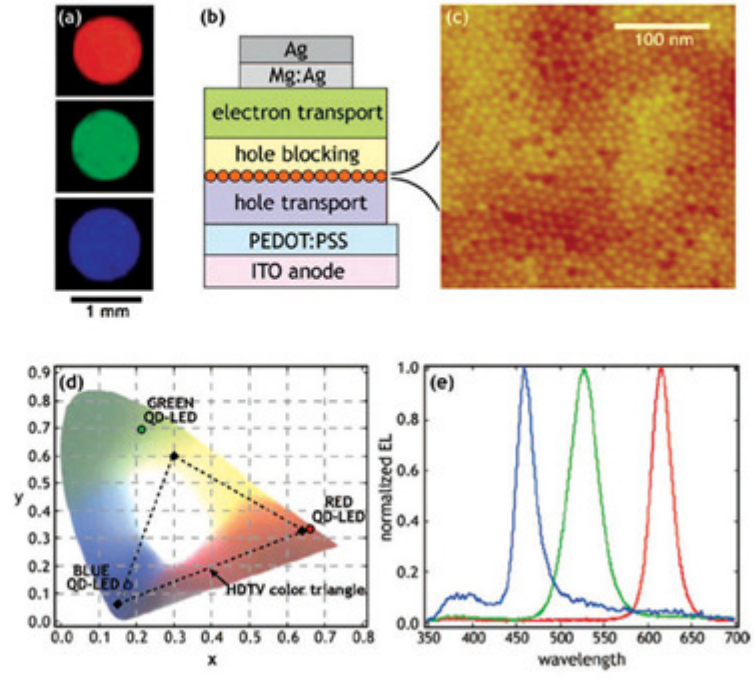
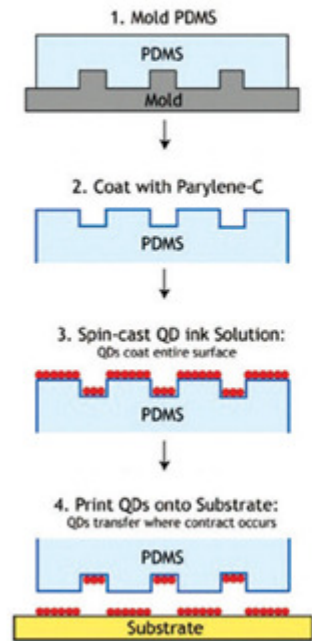




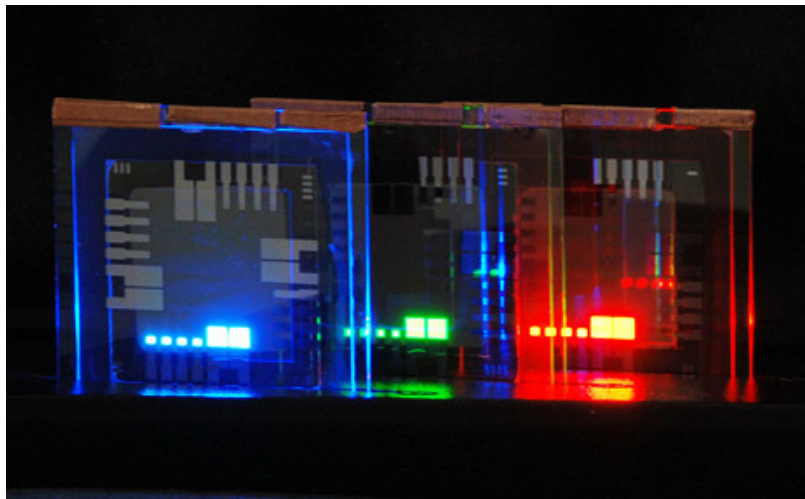


Quantum dot light emitting diode (QDLED)

# Contact Printing of Quantum Dot Light-Emitting Devices



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