

# Structure and functions of a “classical” insect pheromone binding protein

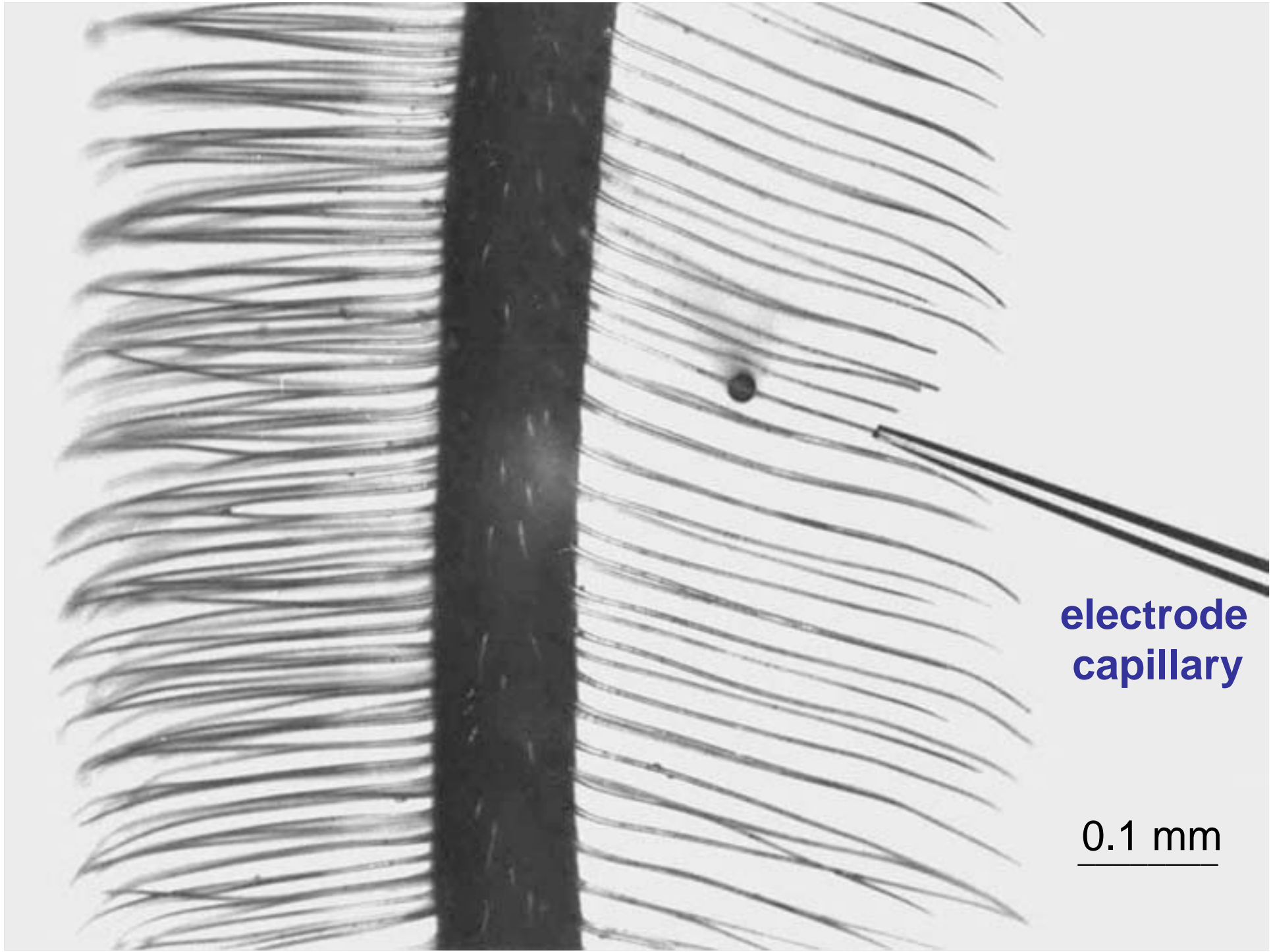
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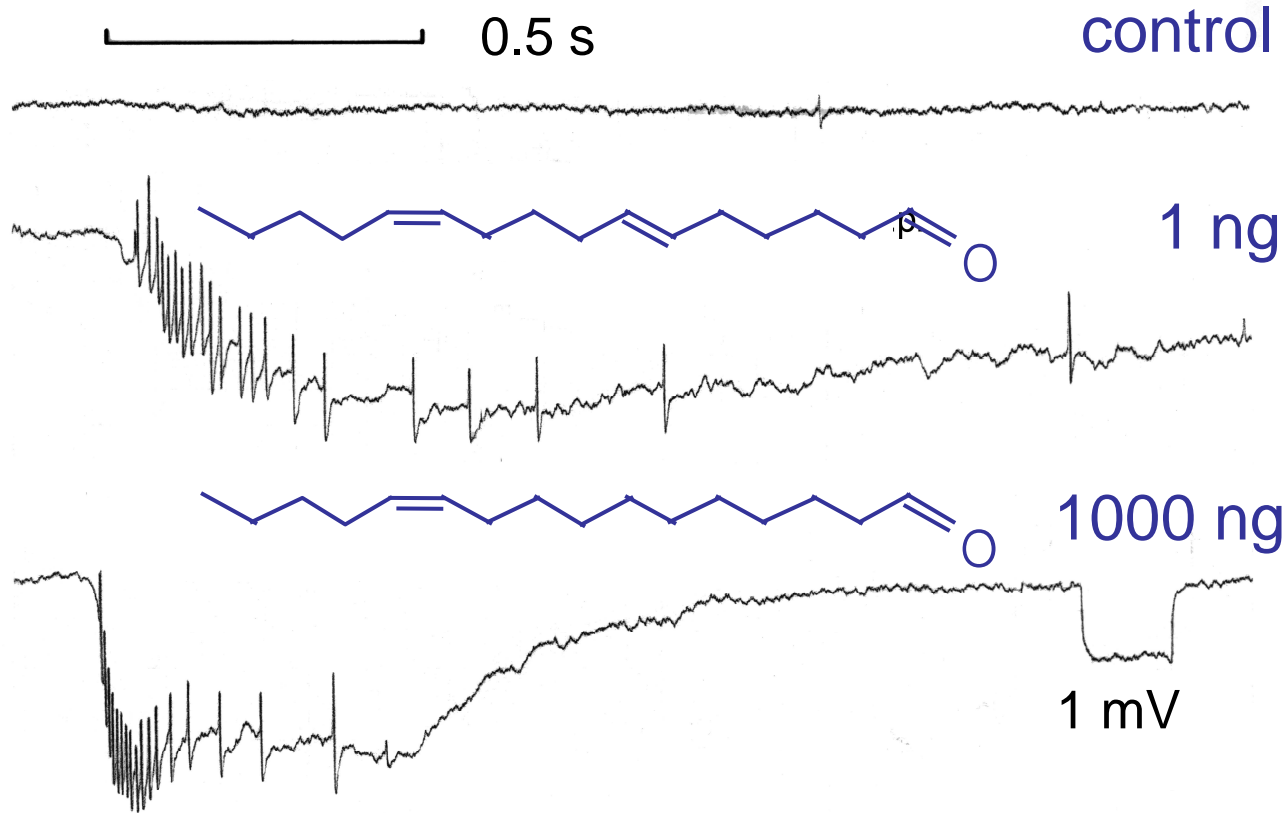
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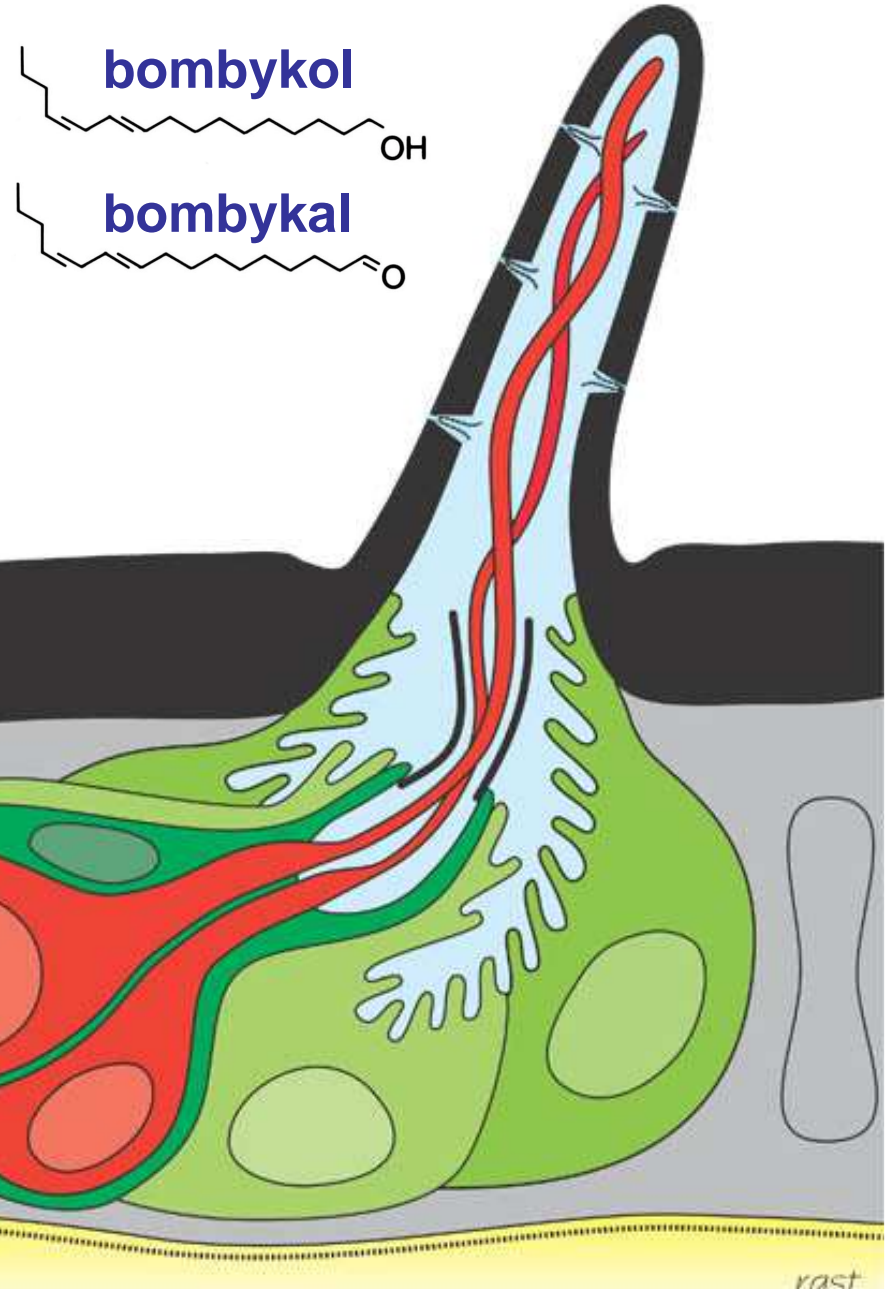
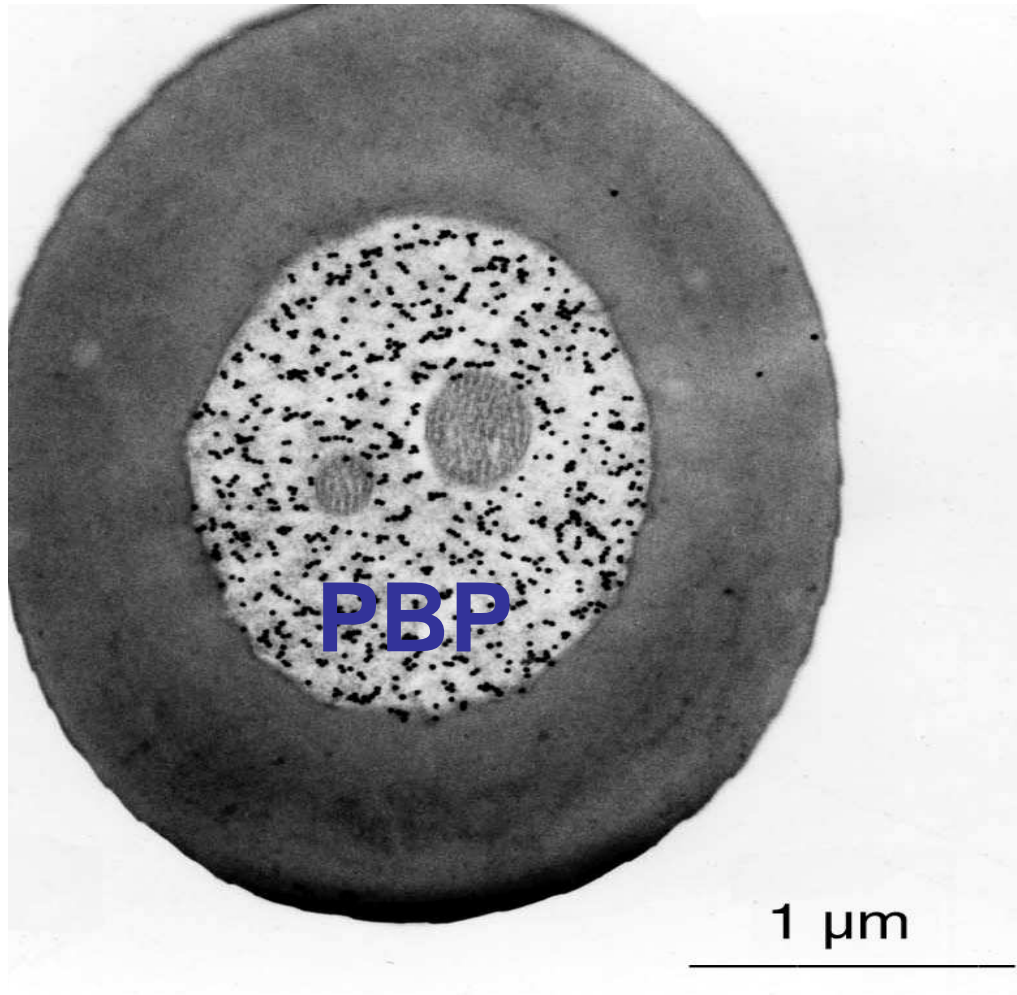


**electrode  
capillary**

0.1 mm

*Antheraea pernyi*





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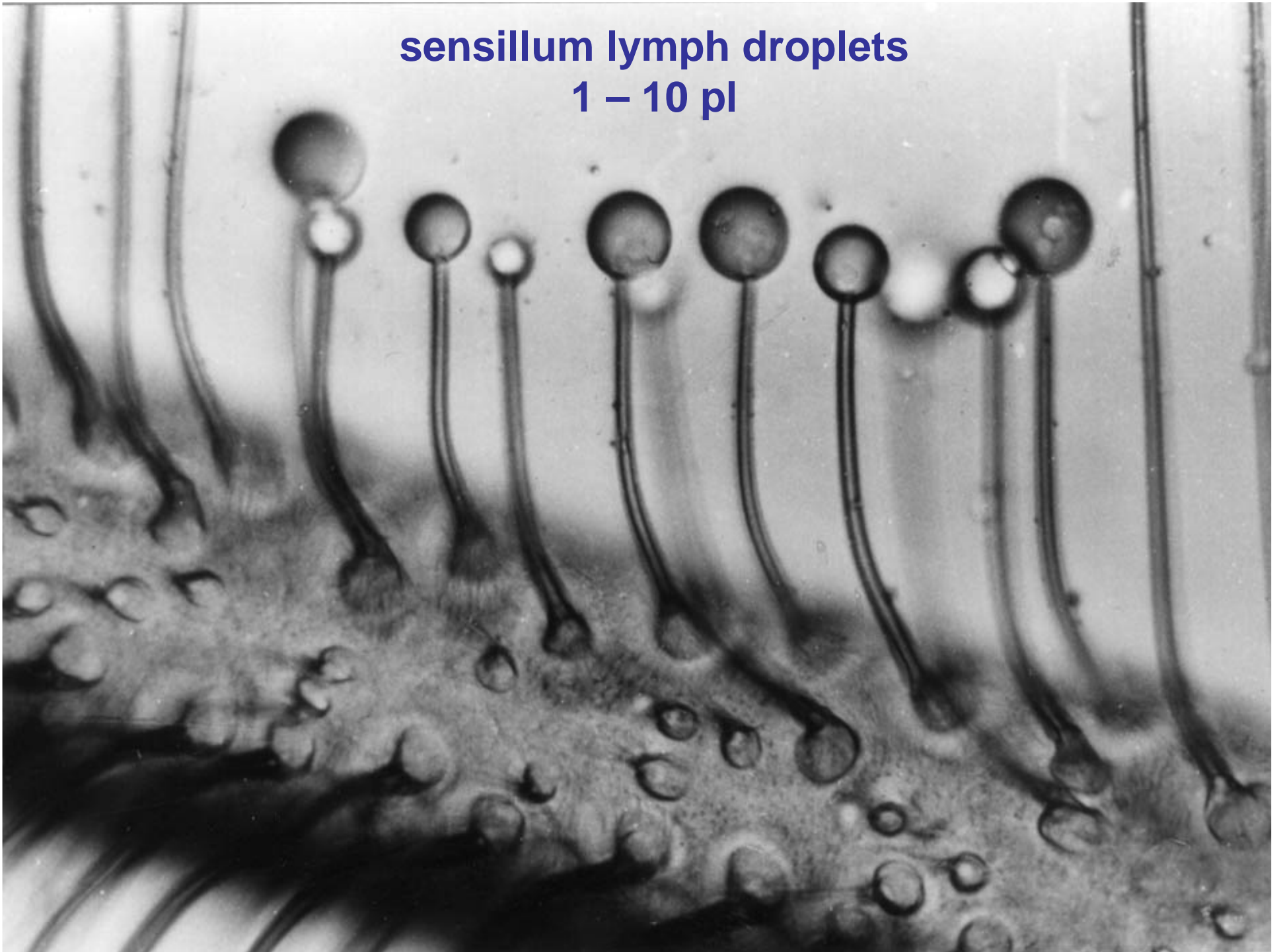
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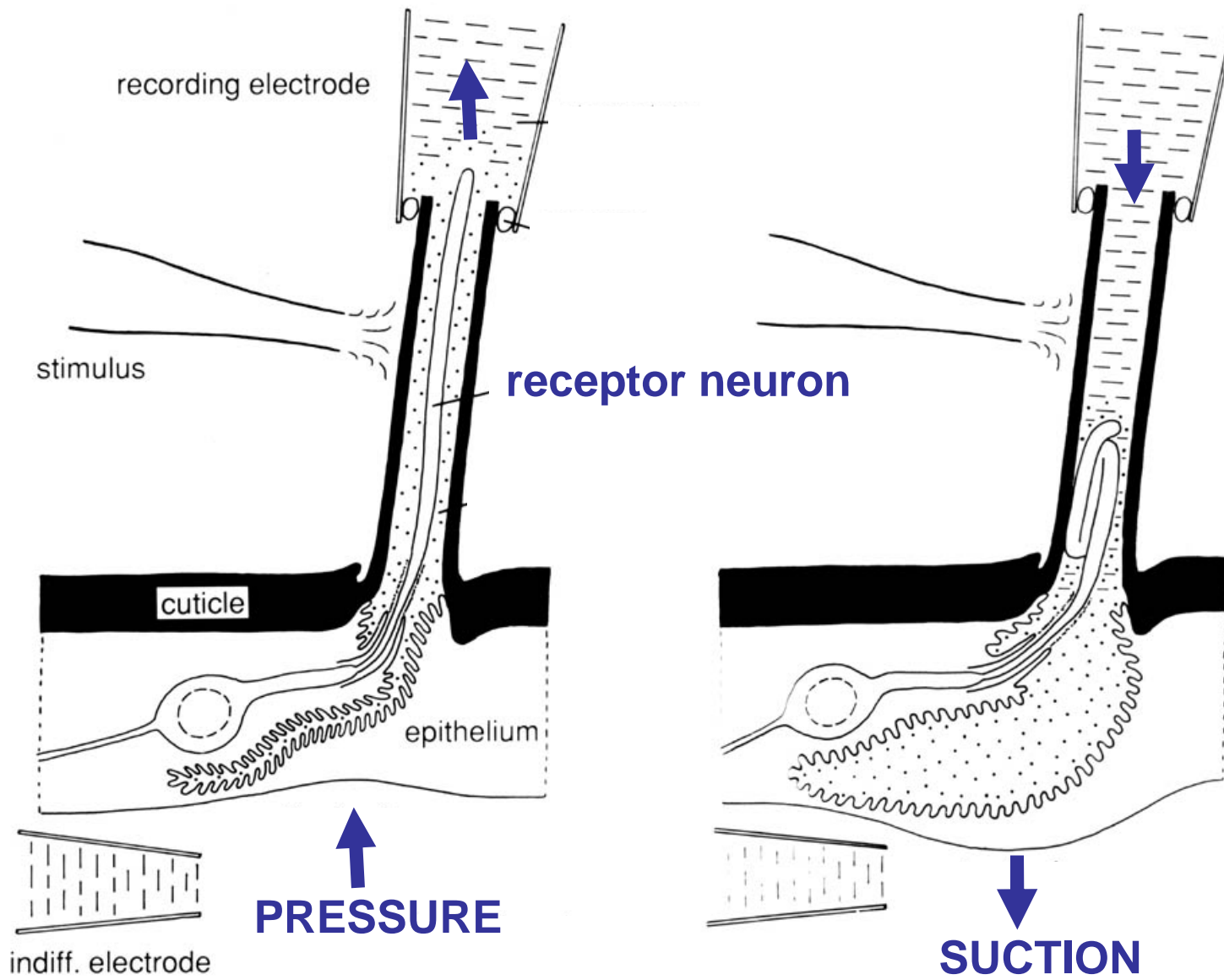
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**sensillum lymph droplets**  
**1 – 10  $\mu$ l**

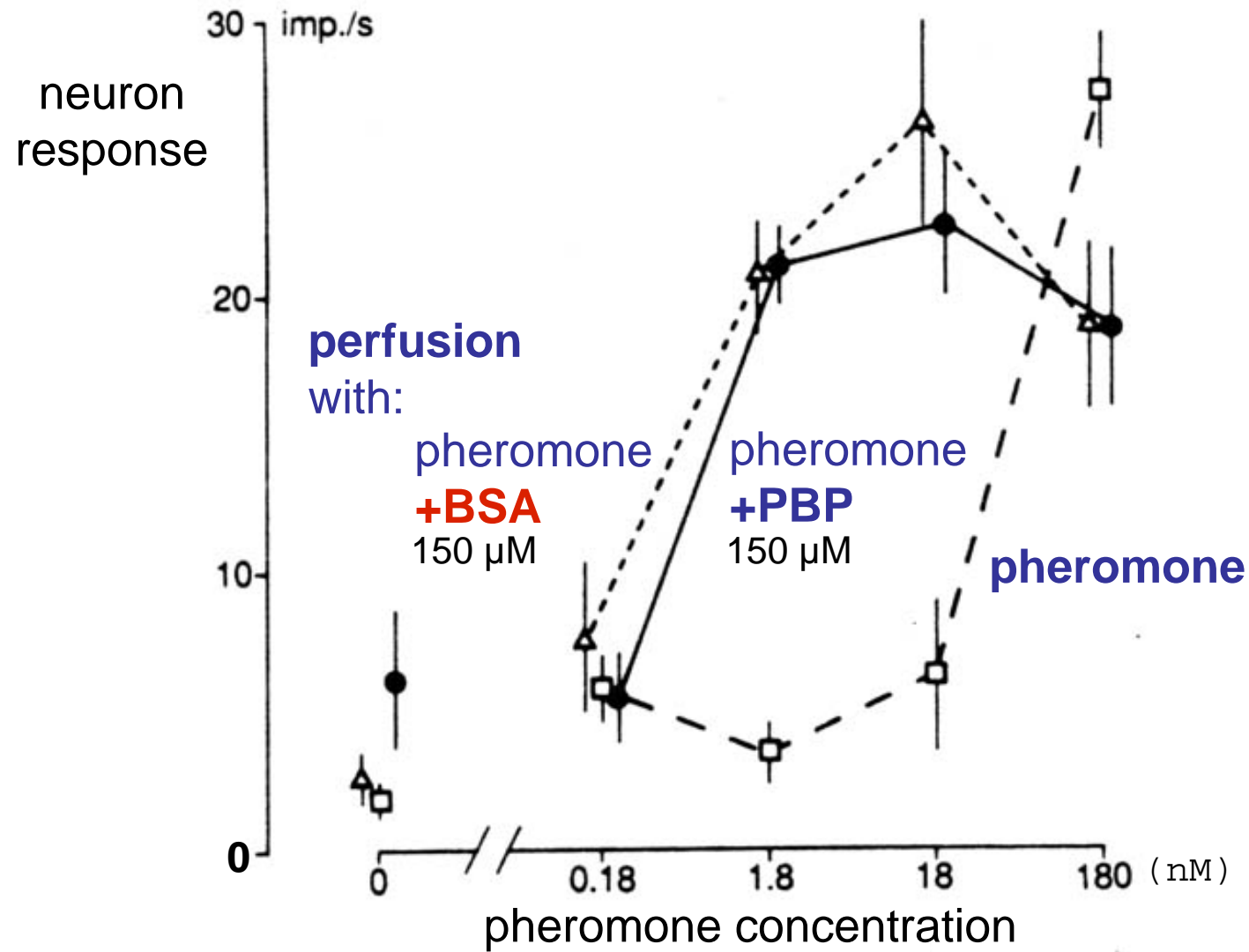


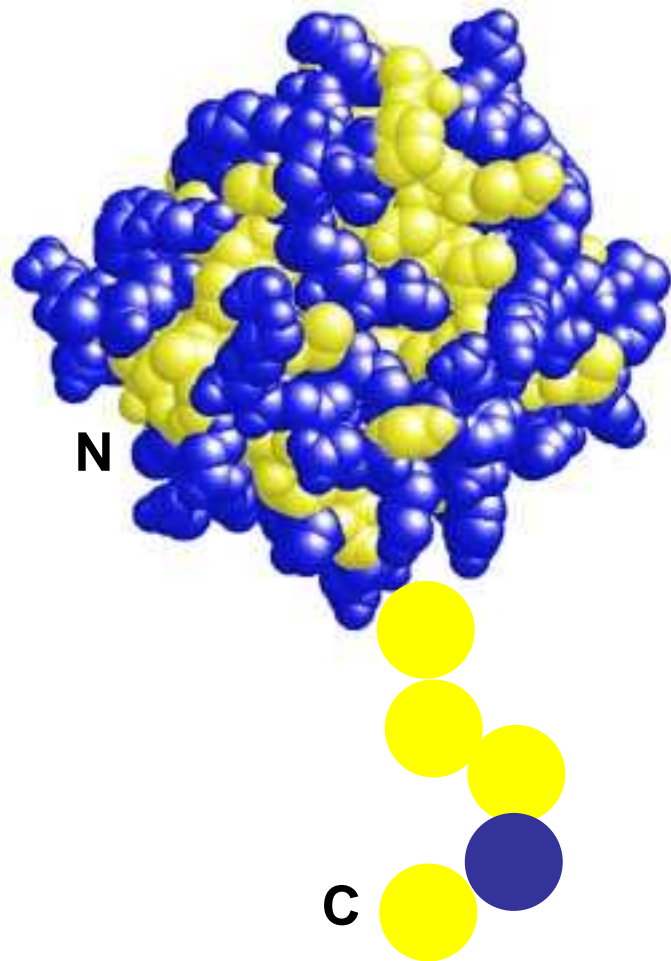


Kaissling, Keil, Williams 1991

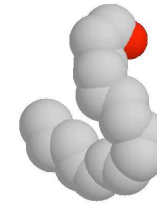


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X-ray



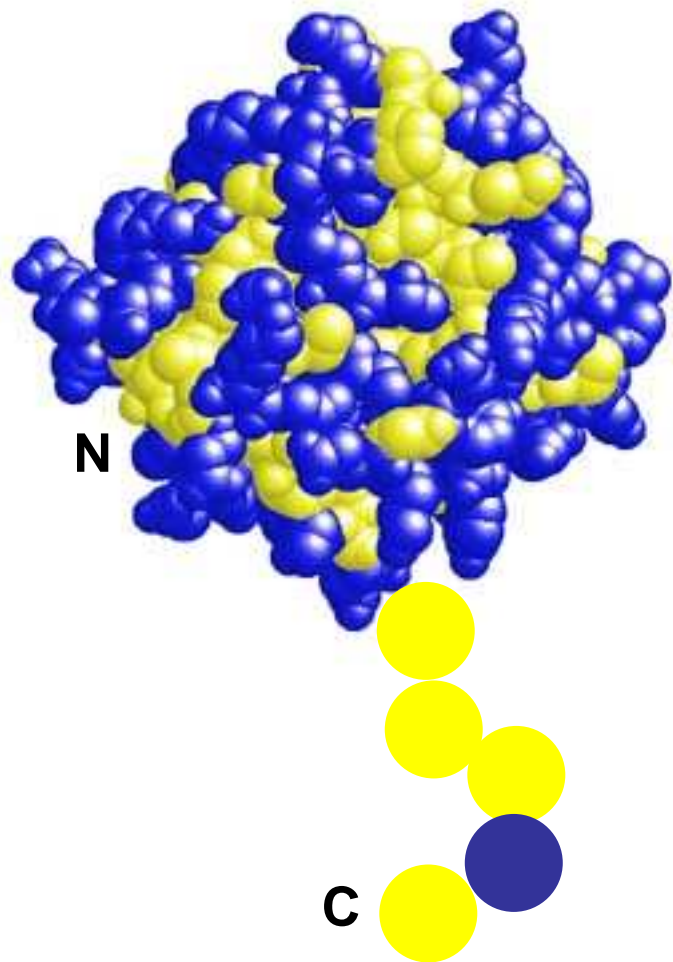
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*hydrophilic*  
*hydrophobic*

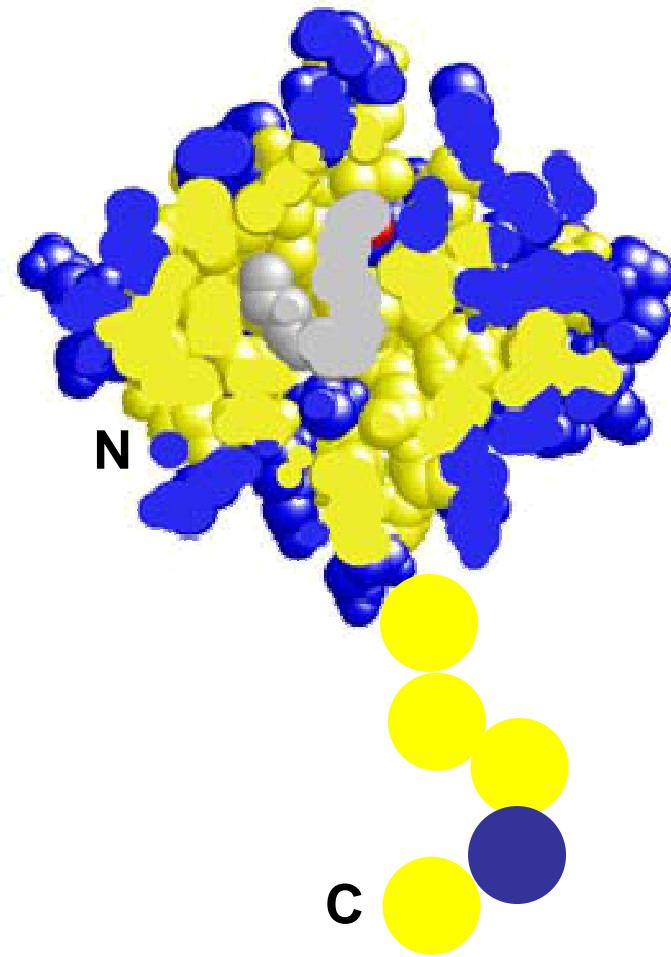
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Sandler et al., Chemistry & Biology 7, 143 (2000)



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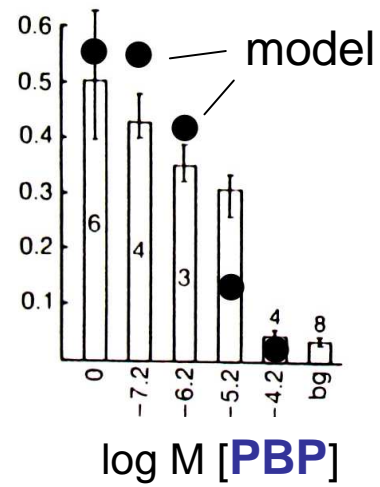
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pheromone degradation  
*in vitro*

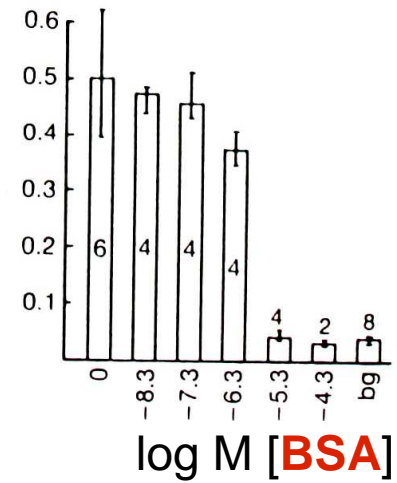
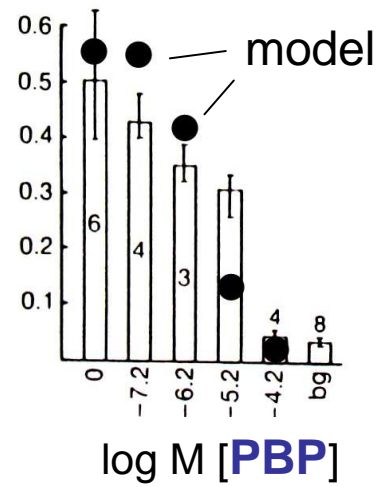
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**PBP**  
+ enzyme + pheromone

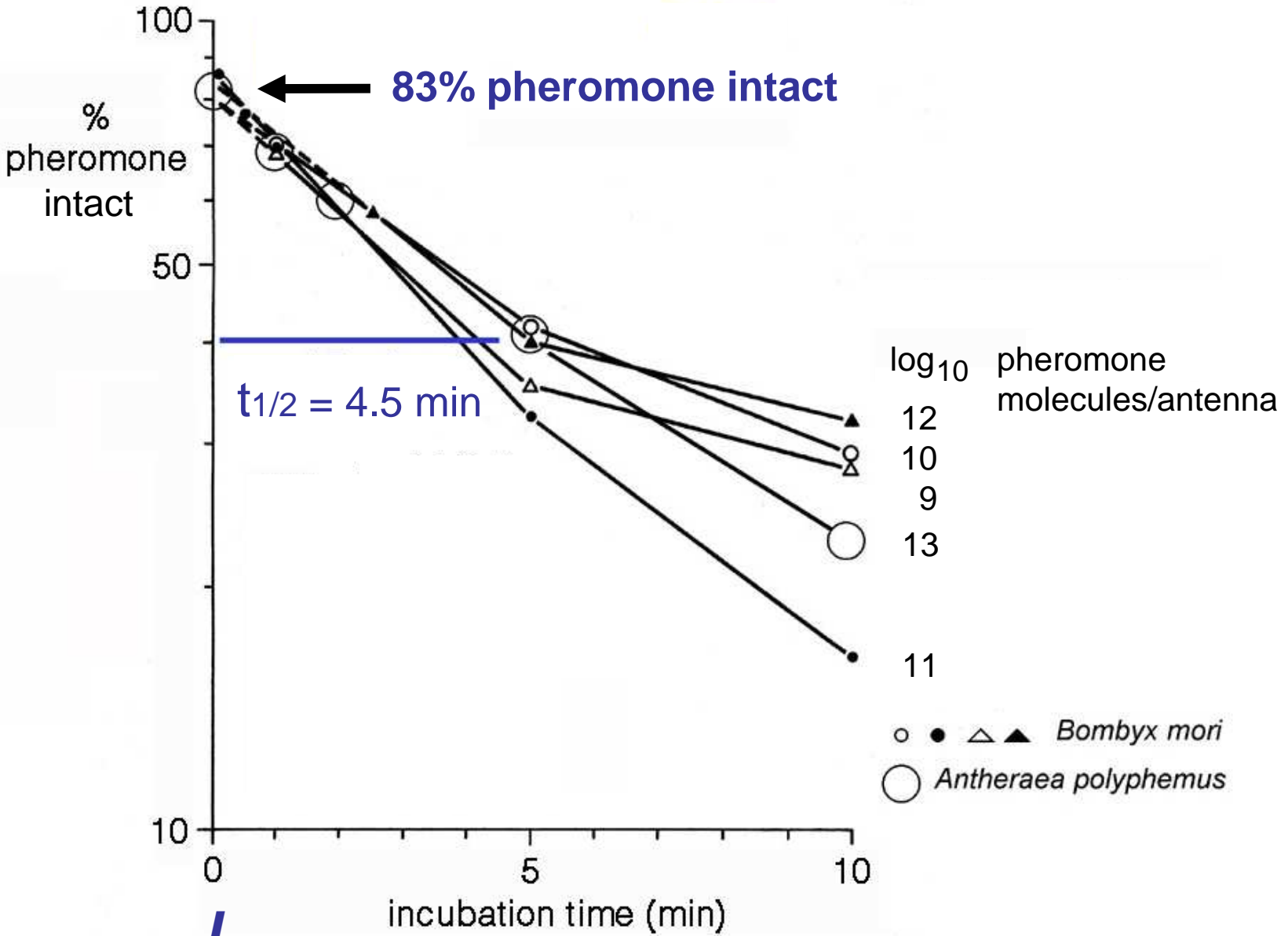
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**PBP** or **BSA**  
+ enzyme + pheromone

pheromone degradation *in vivo*



10 s pheromone stimulus

Kasang et al. 1971 - 1989

$$\frac{\text{pher. degraded}}{\text{pher. protected (bound to PBP)}} = \frac{17\%}{83\%} = \frac{\frac{k_{10} \cdot E_{tot}}{K_{m9,10}}}{k_2 \cdot A}$$

Kasang Vogt  
Leal

$$\frac{\text{PBP}}{\text{Enzyme}} = \frac{A}{E_{tot}} = \frac{\frac{k_{10}}{K_{m9,10}} \cdot 83\%}{k_2 \cdot 17\%} = \frac{7600}{1}$$

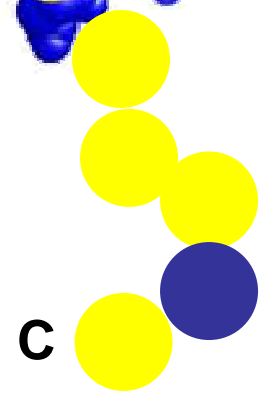
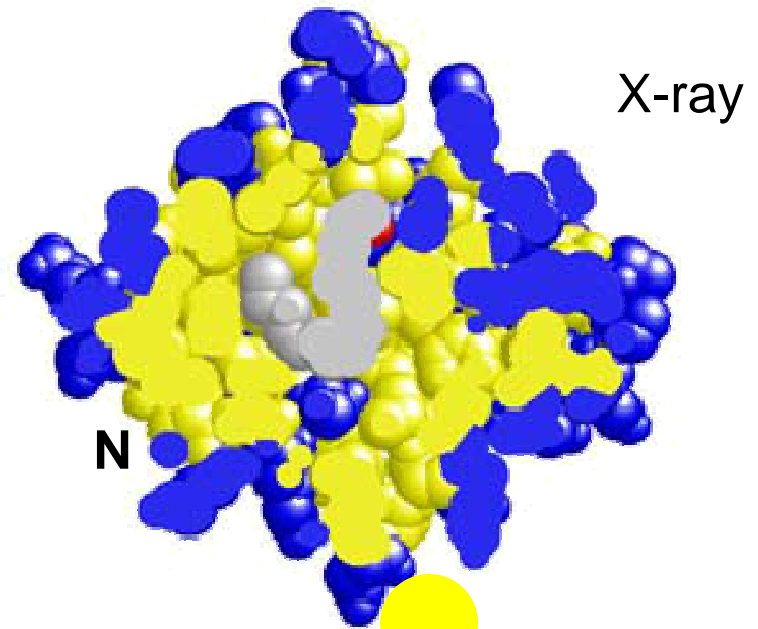
$$A = 5 - 10 \text{ mM}$$

Vogt et al. 1985

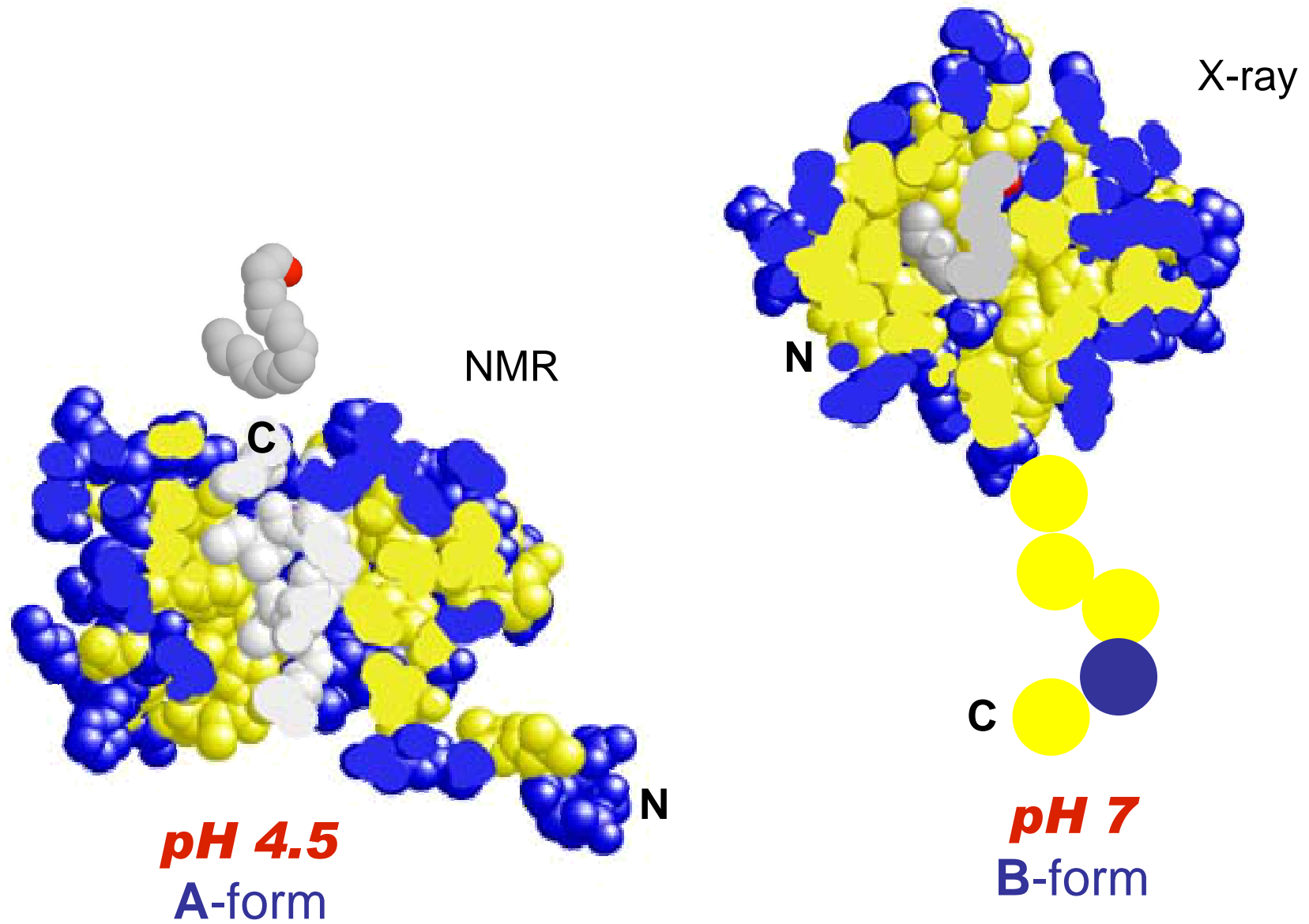
Klein 1987

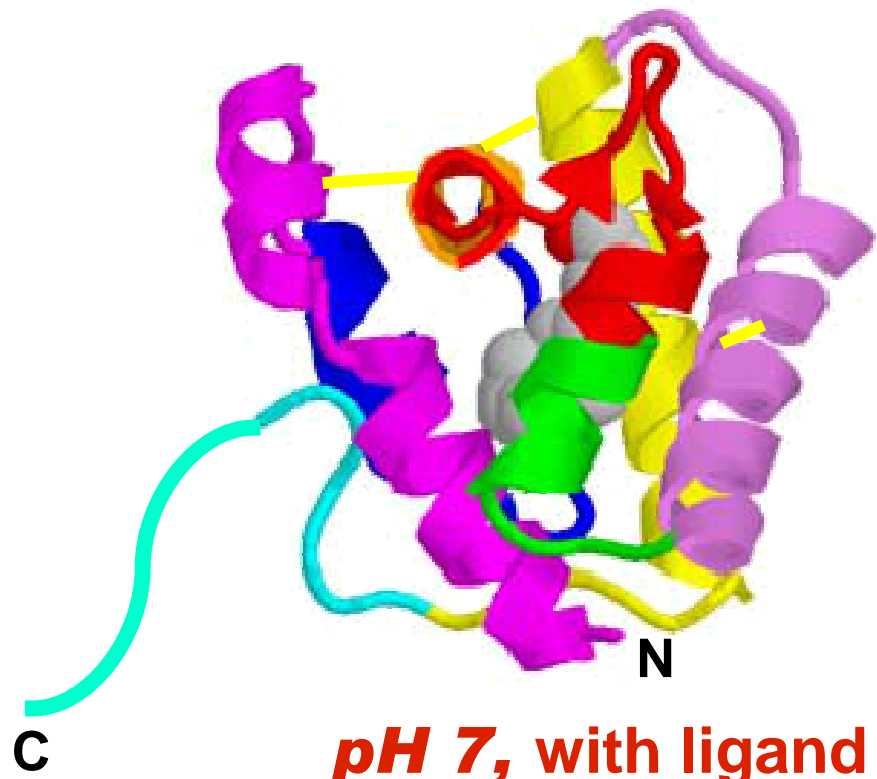
$$E_{tot} \text{ about } 1 \mu\text{M}$$





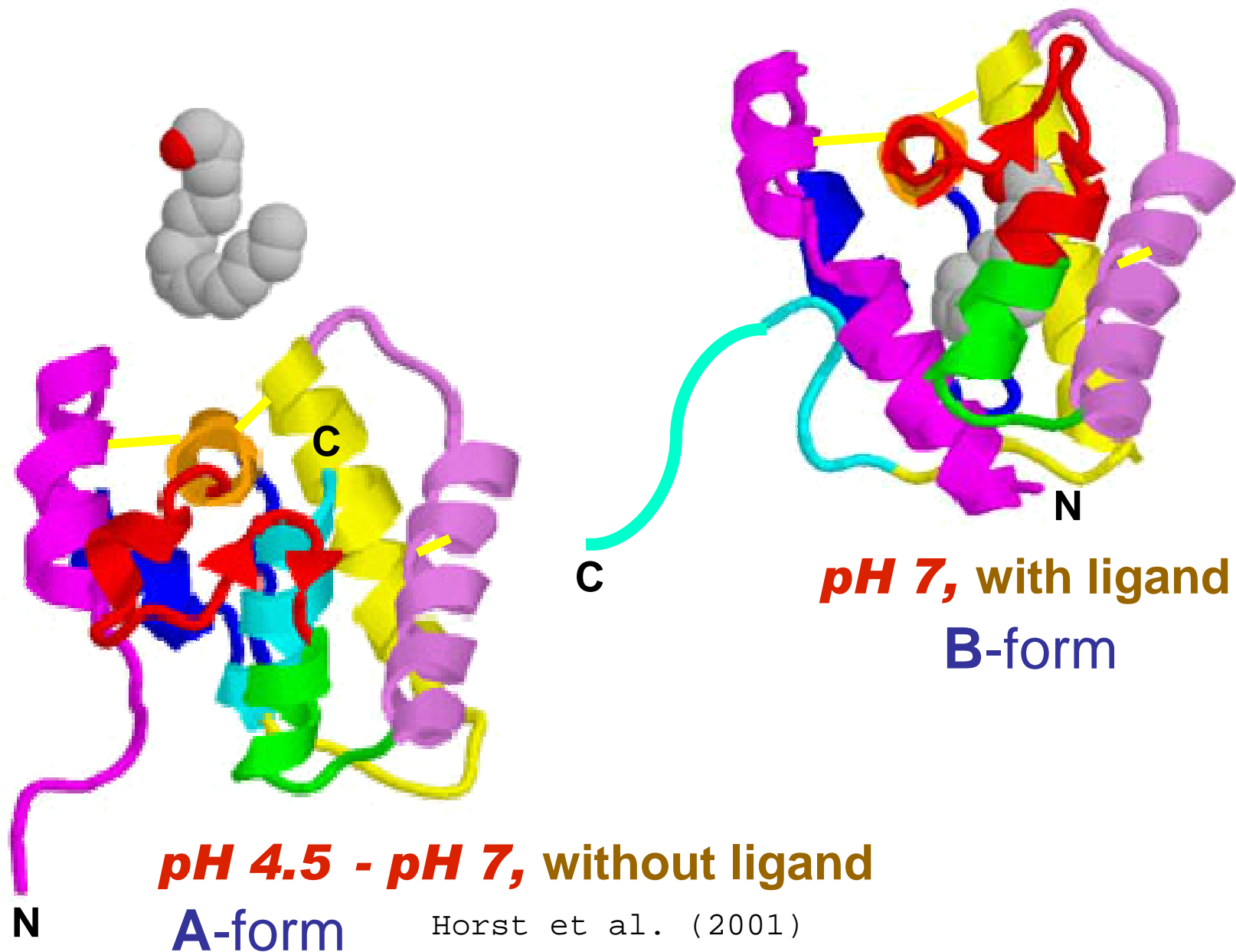
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**B-form**





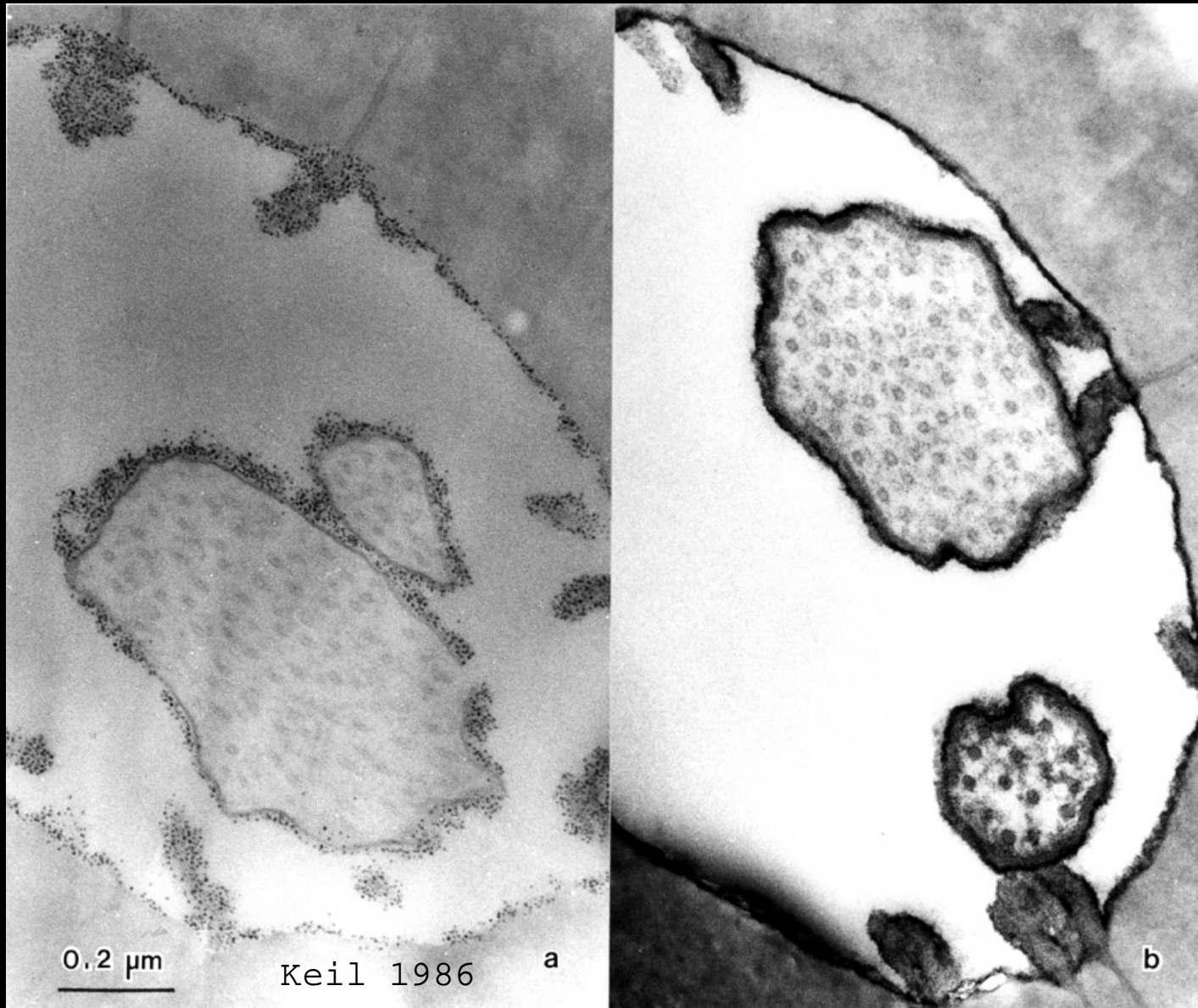
***pH 7, with ligand***  
**B-form**

Sandler et al. (2001)



Horst et al. (2001)  
Lautenschlager et al. (2005)

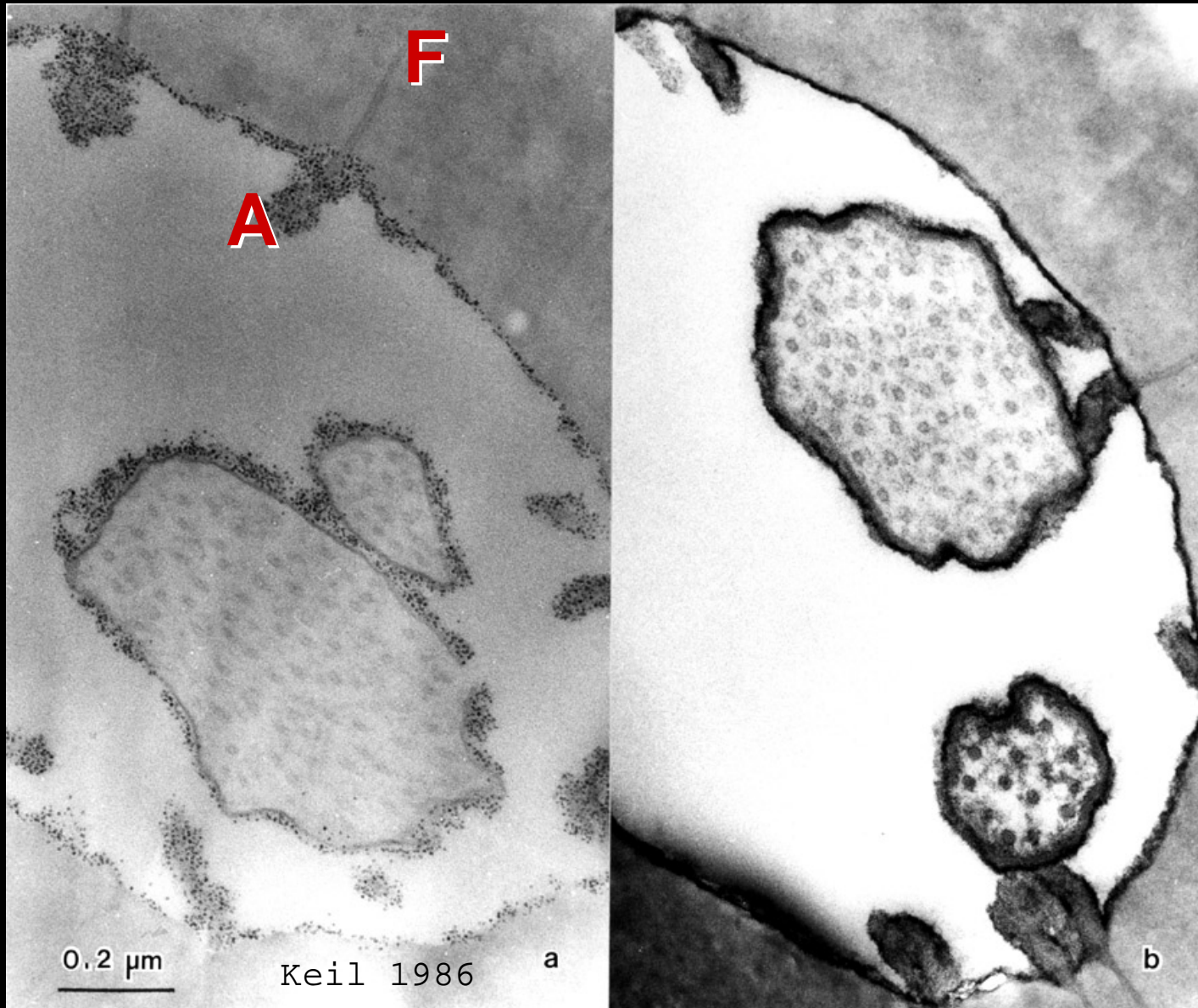
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cationised Ferritin

Ruthenium Red

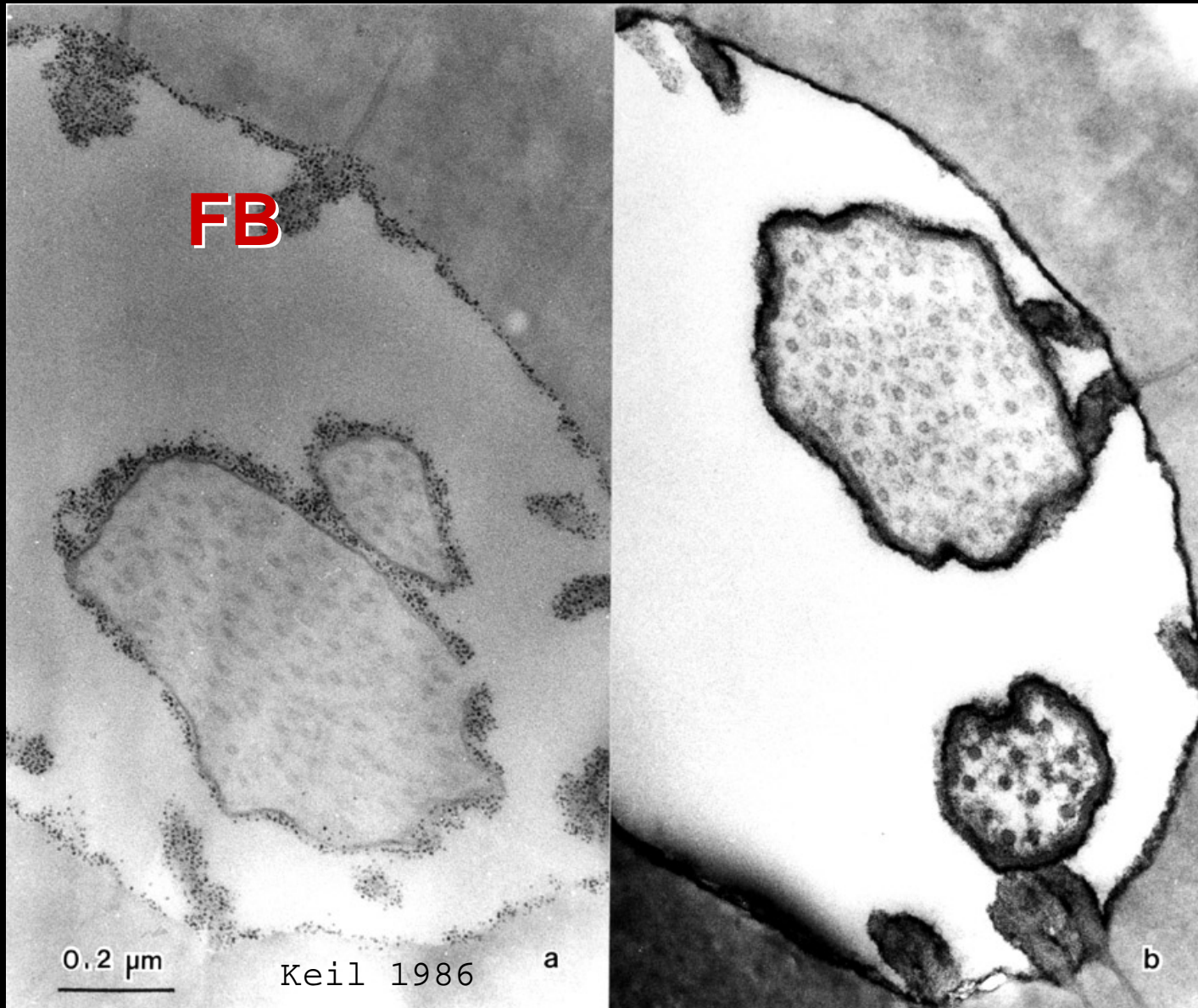
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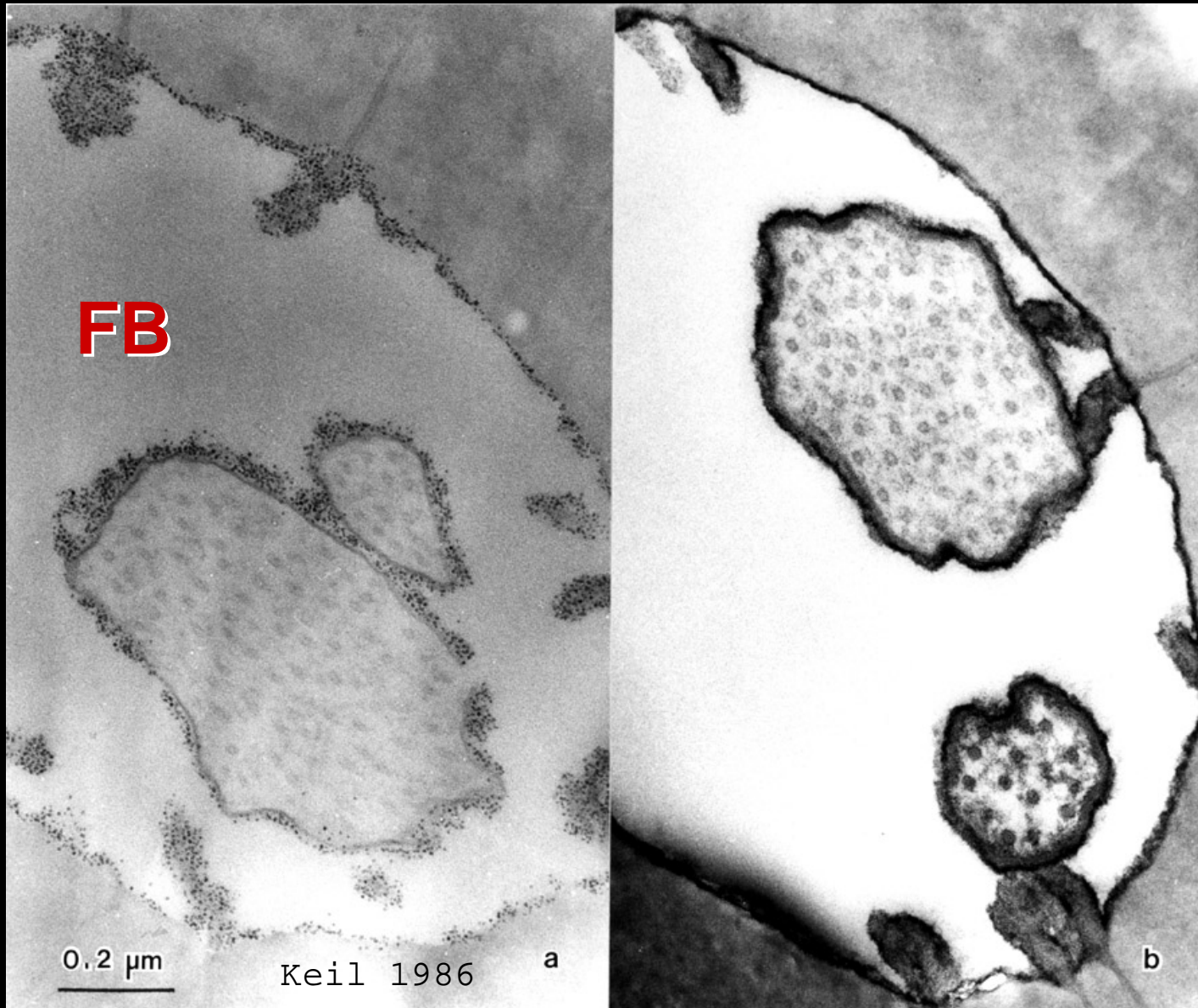
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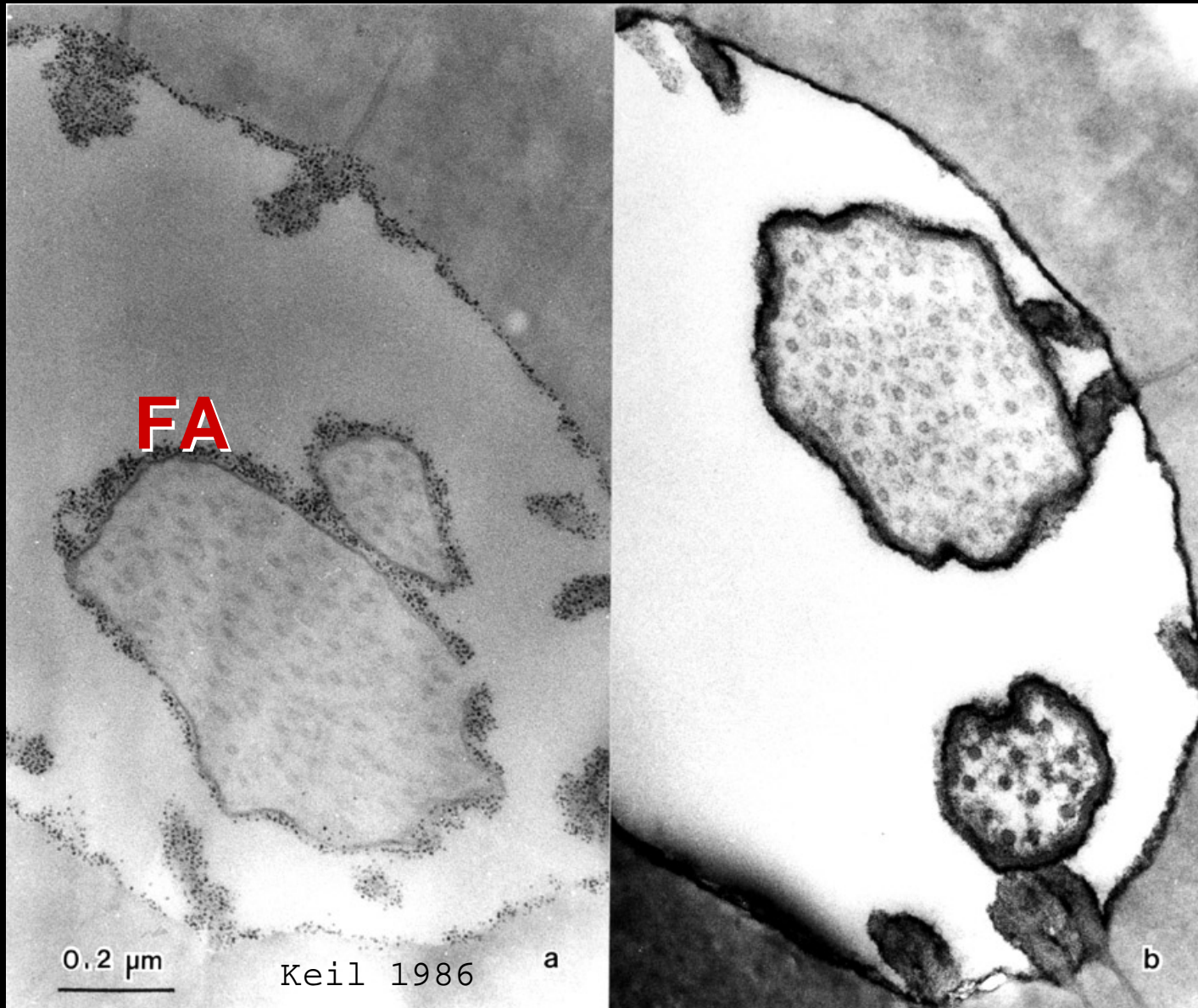


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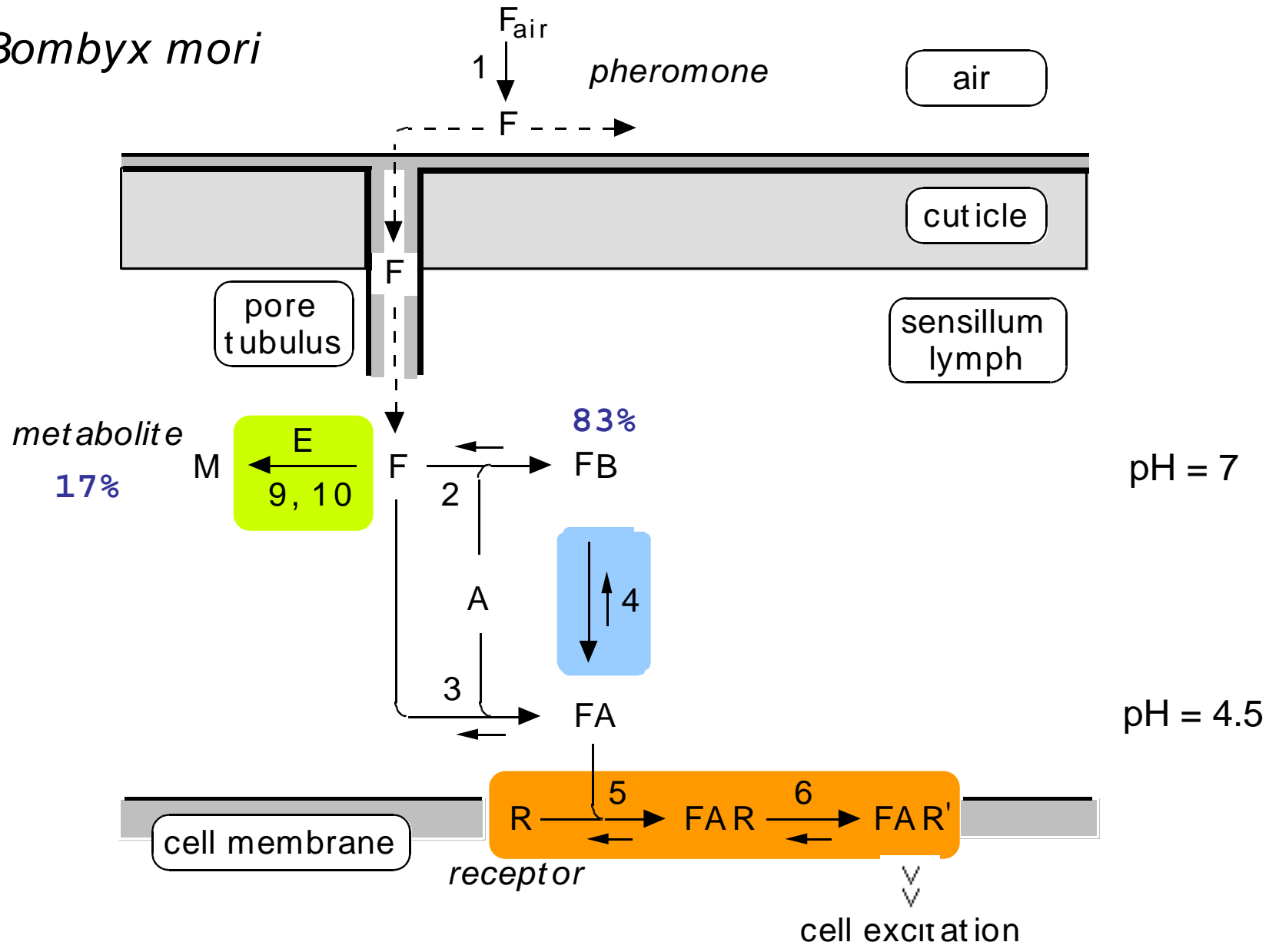
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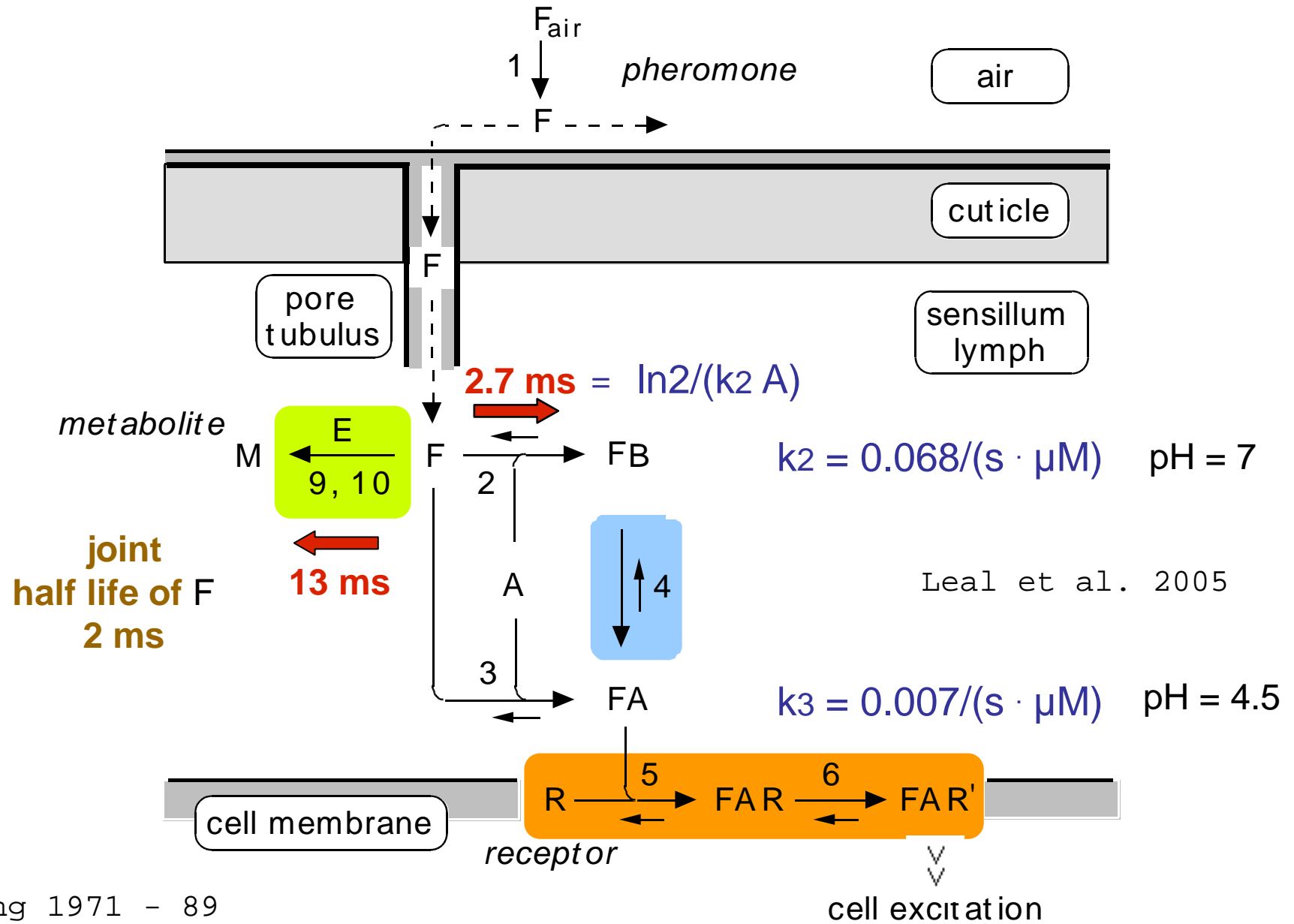


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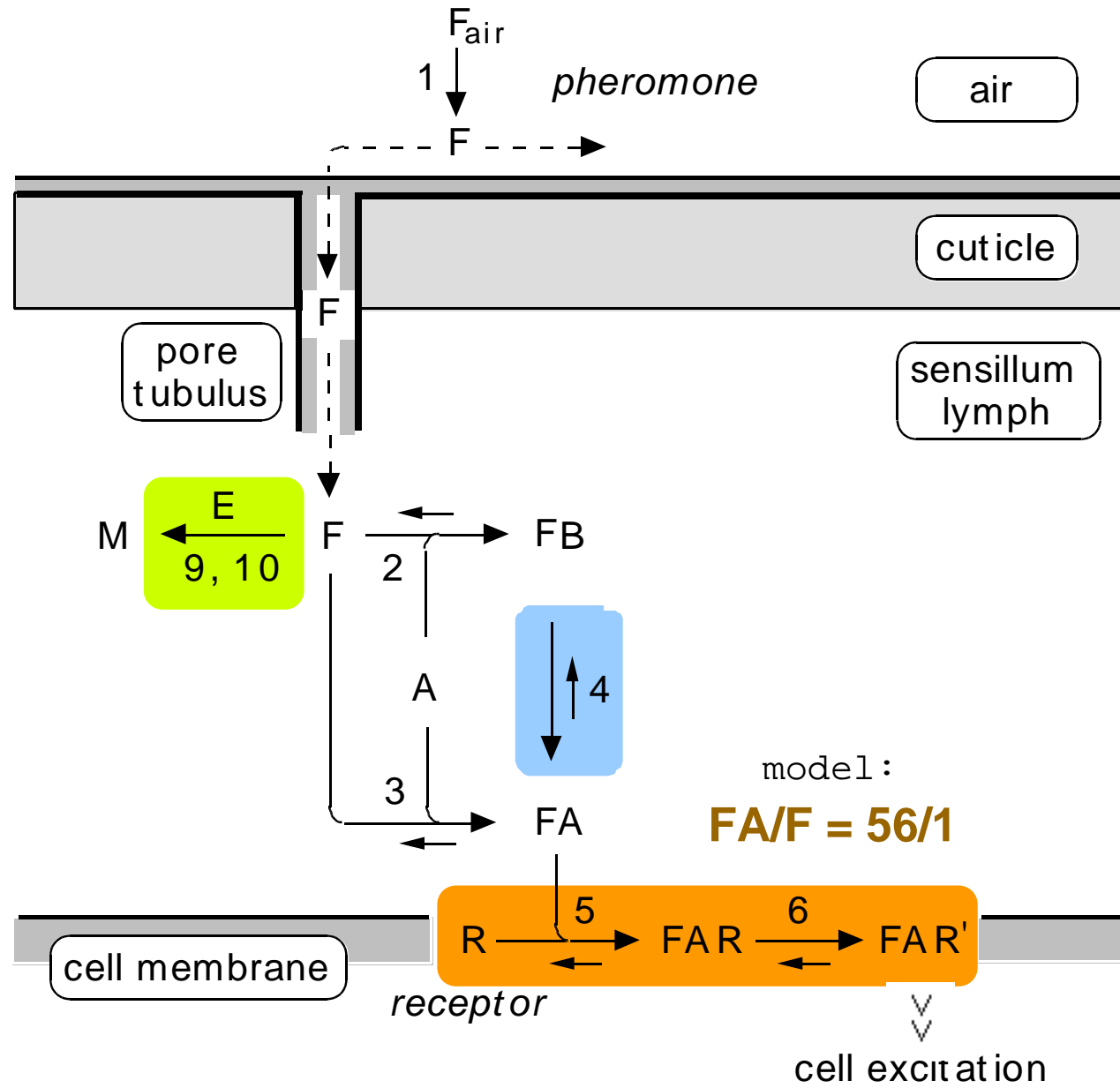


Leal et al. 2005

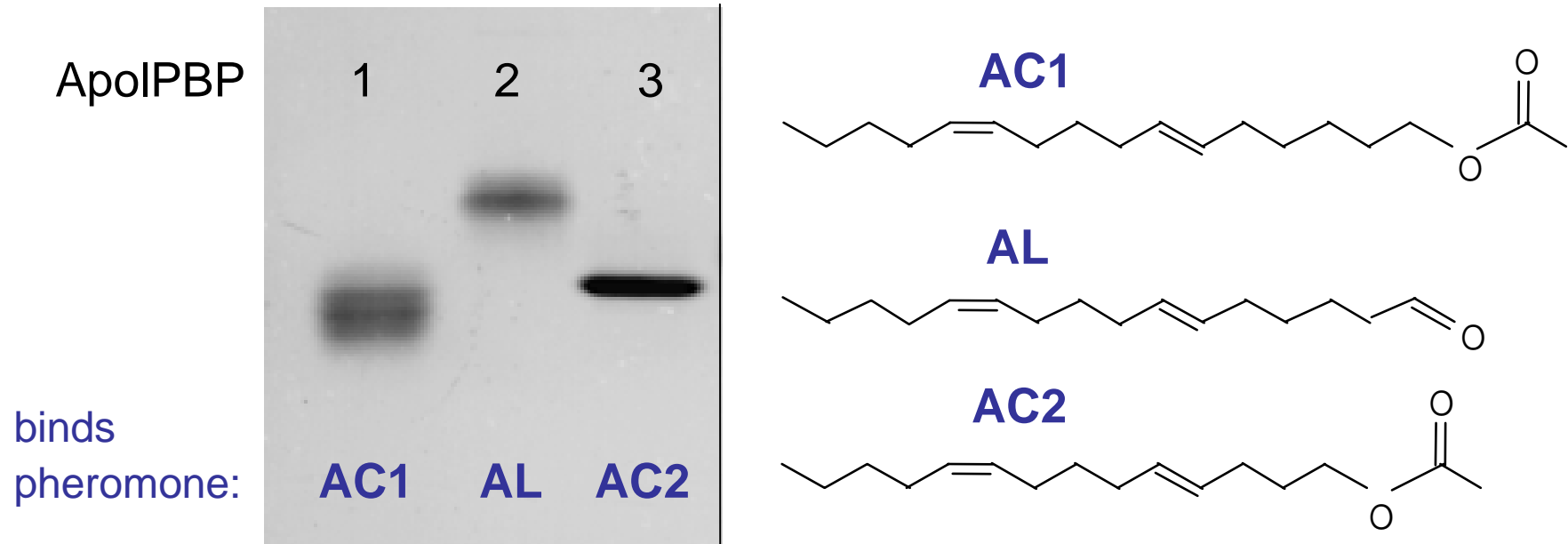
Kasang 1971 - 89  
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 Ishida & Leal  
 2005

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*Antheraea polyphemus*



Maida et al. 2003  
rPBPs provided by J. Krieger

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Sensillum

perfusion with:

**AC1 + ApoIPBP1**

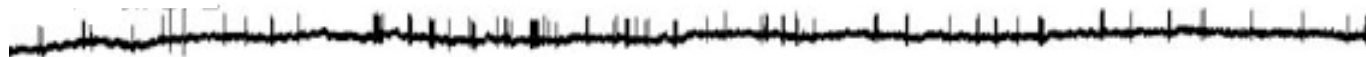
Spikes from:

**AC1- neuron**



**AL + ApoIPBP2**

**AL- neuron**



5 s

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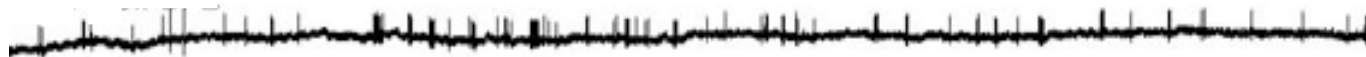
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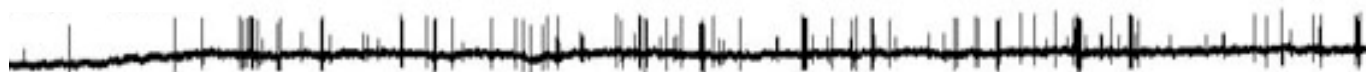
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**AL- neuron**



**AL + ApoIPBP1**

**both neurons**



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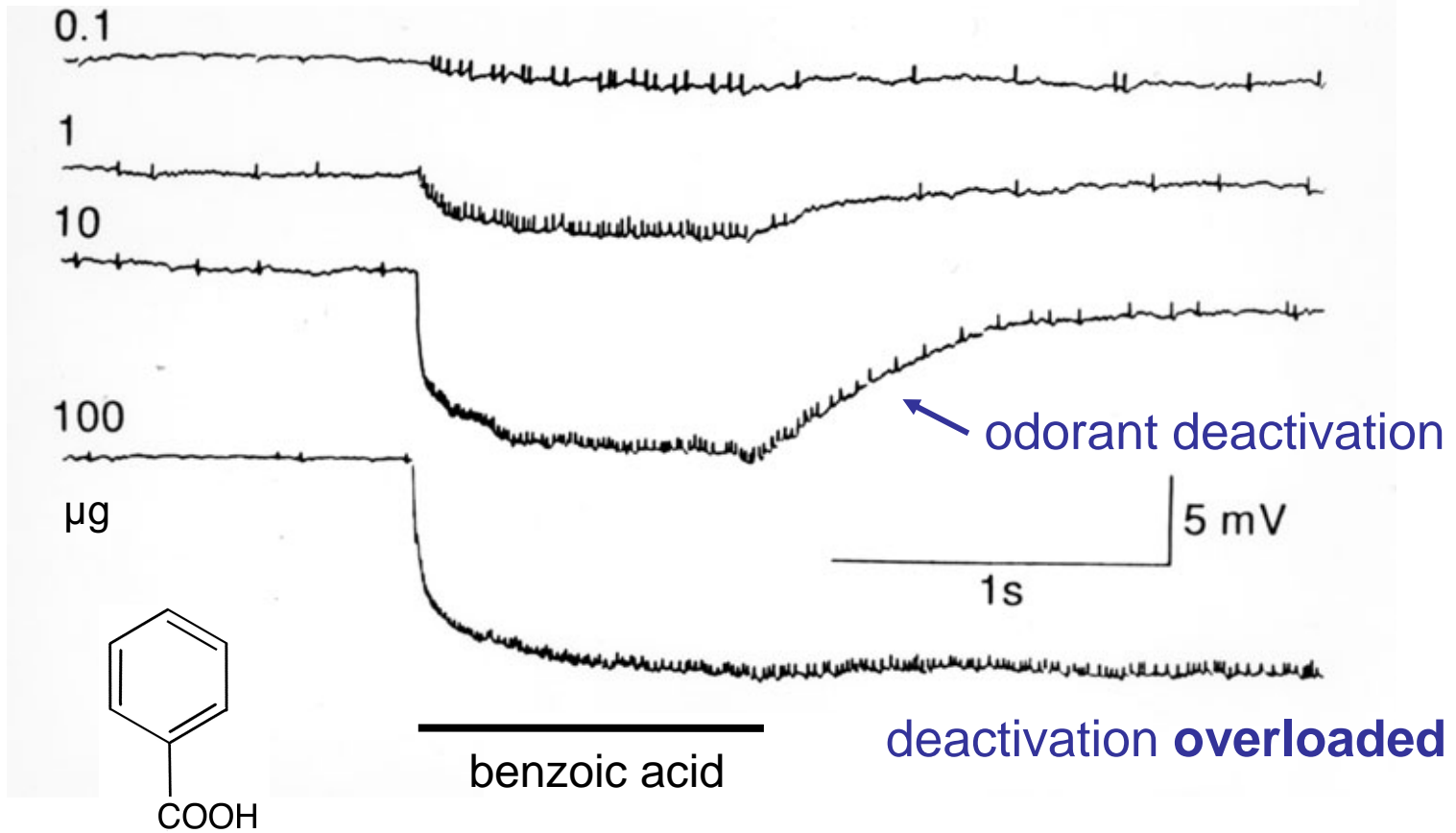
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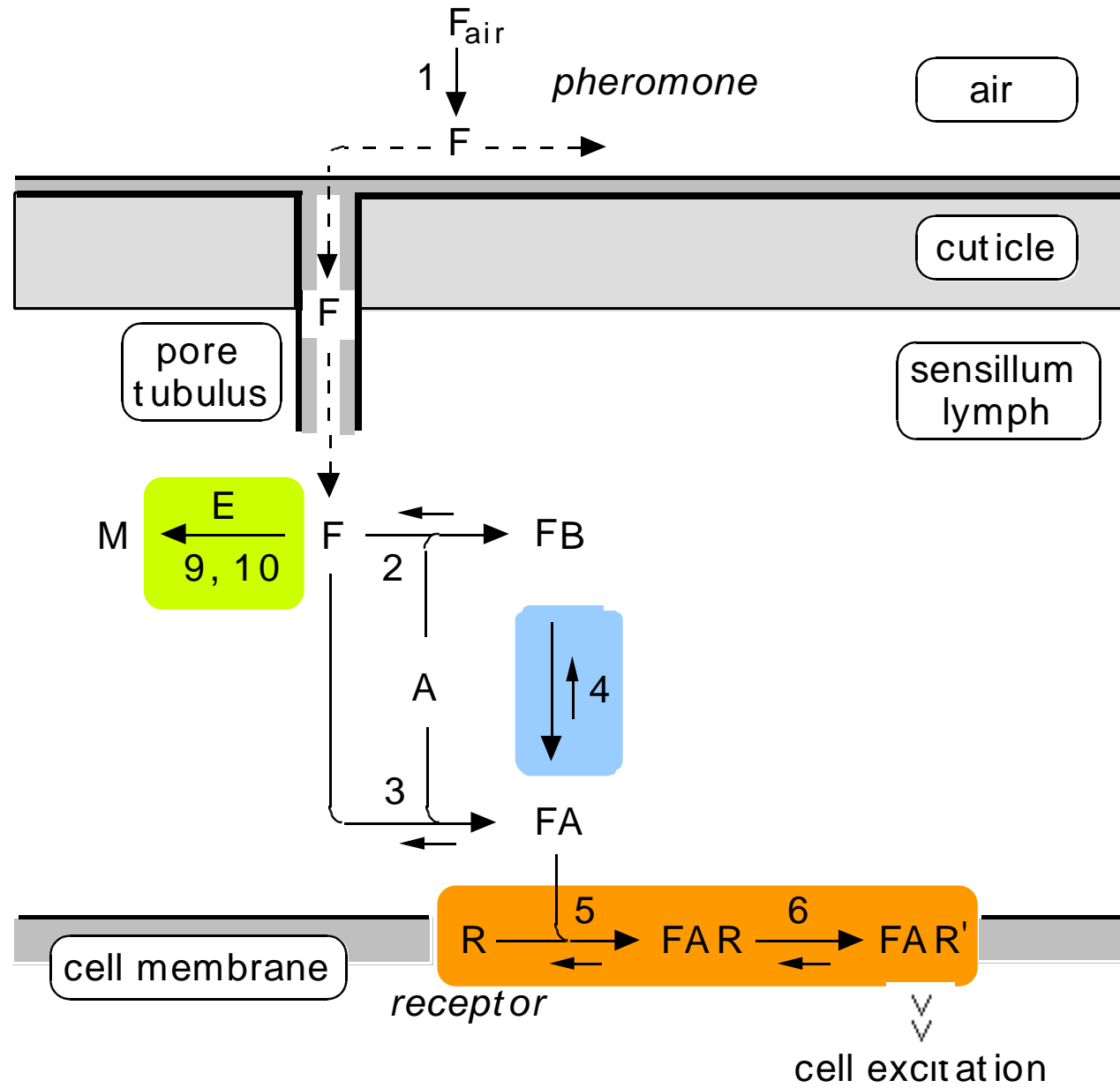


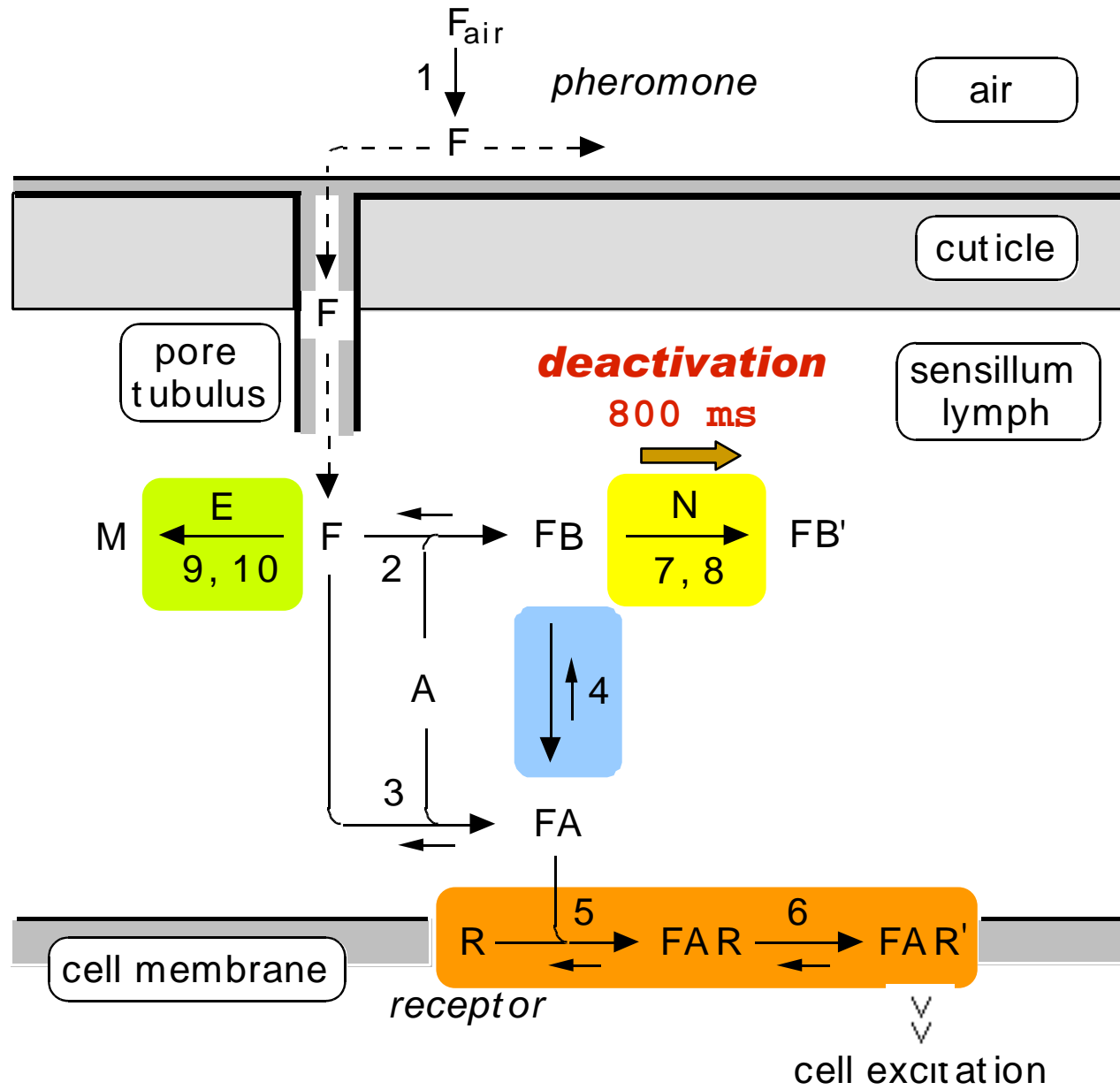
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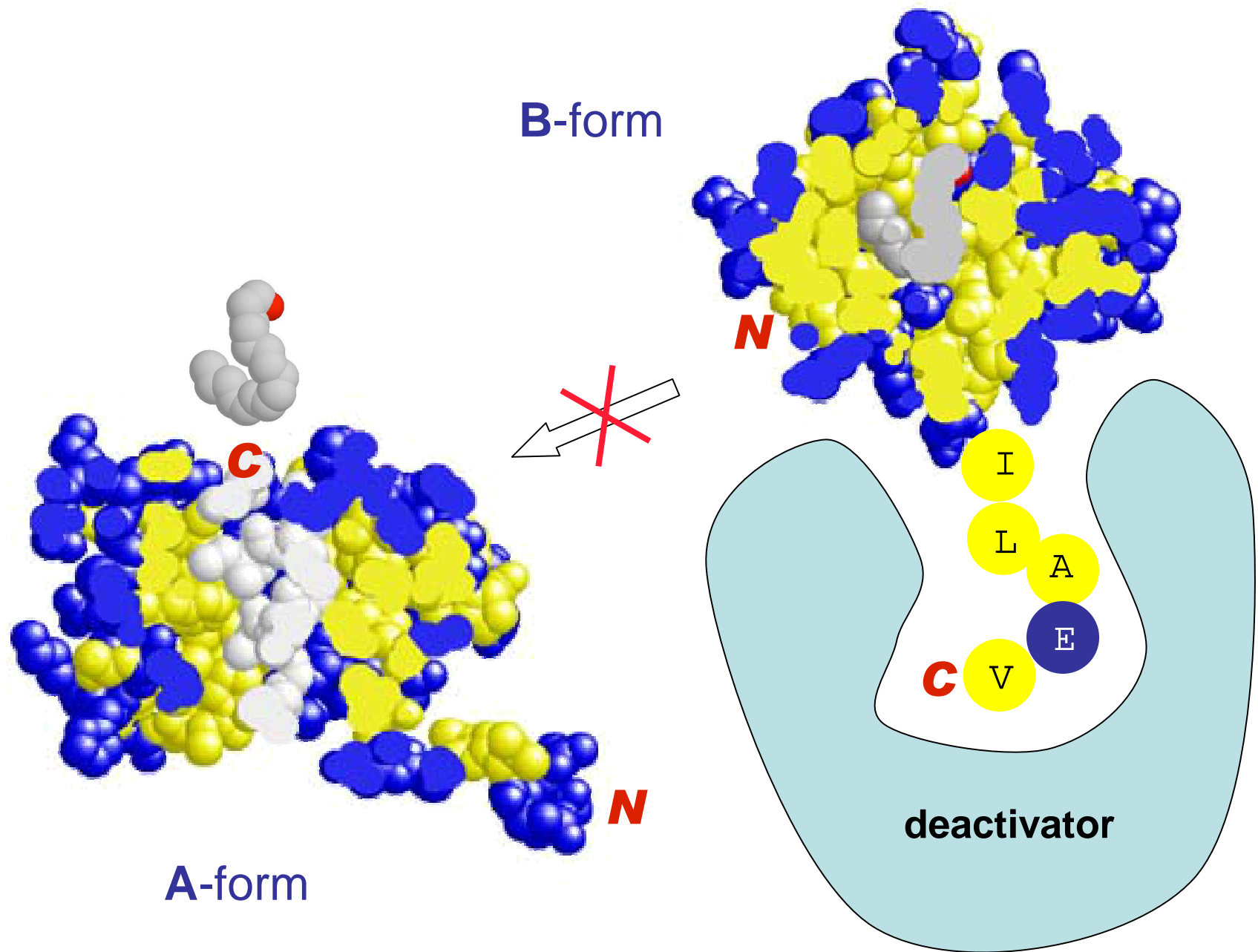
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- 4 involved in pheromone deactivation (**scavenger**)
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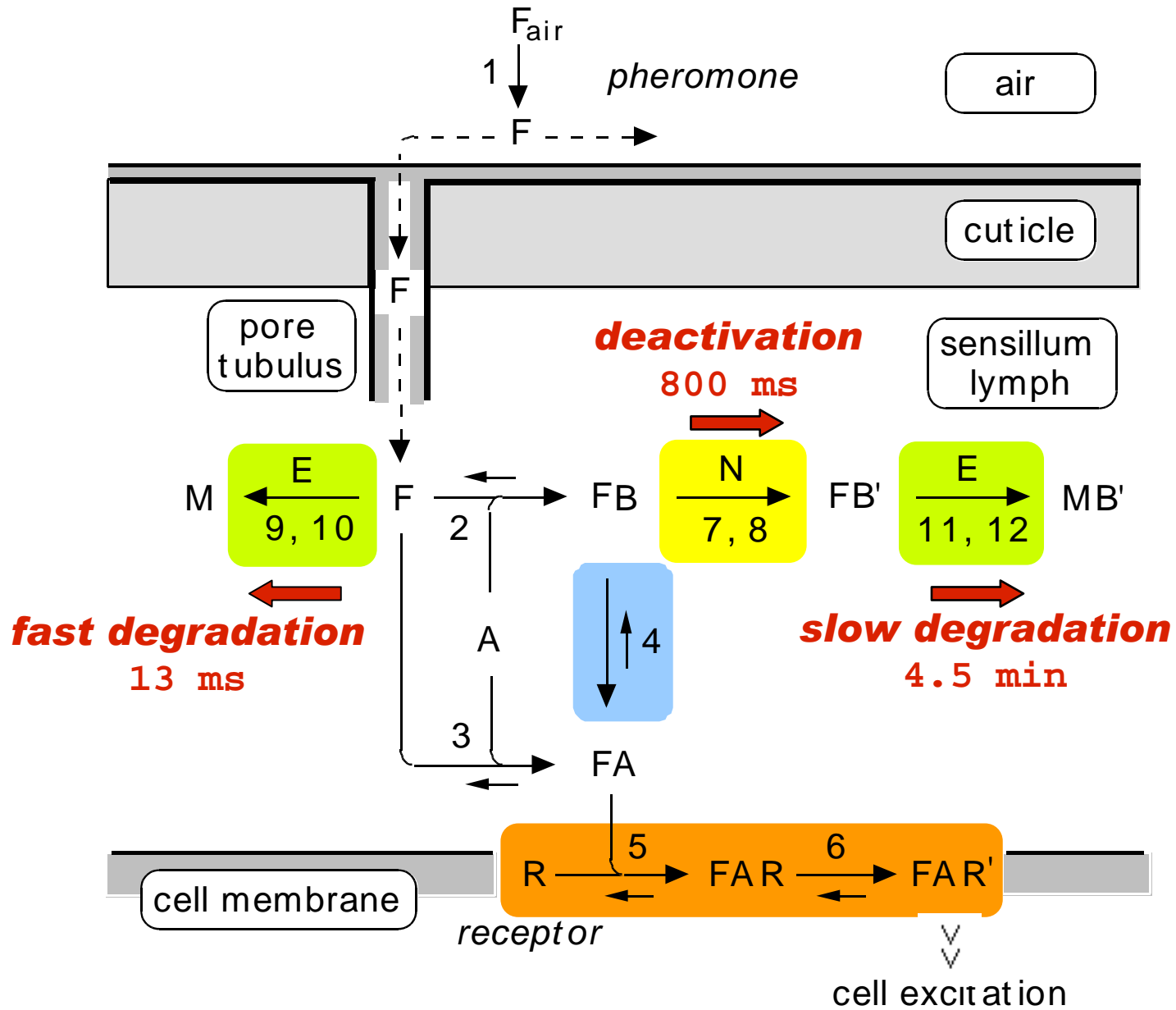
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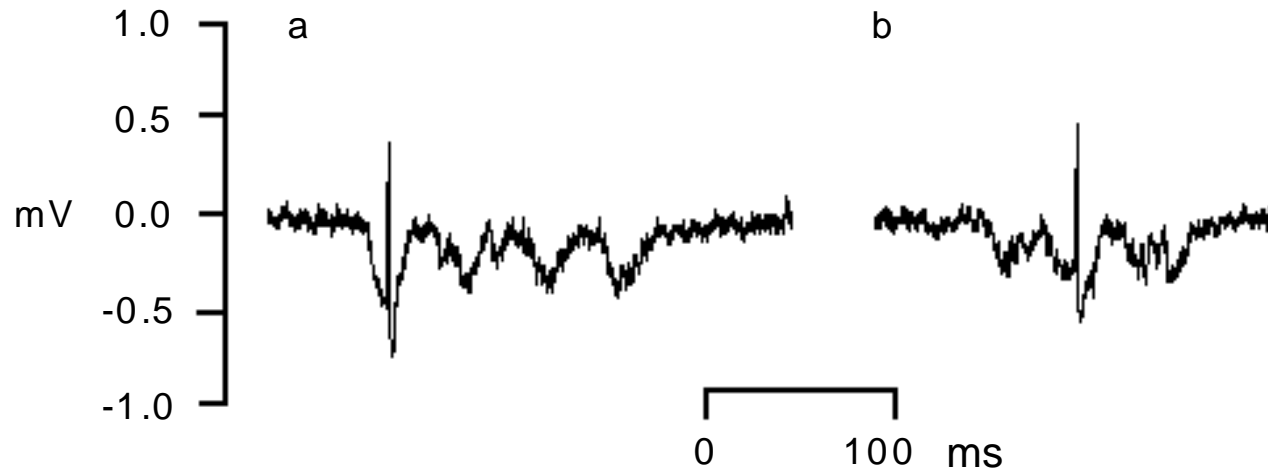






Receptor activation  
and  
cell excitation

## Elementary receptor potentials

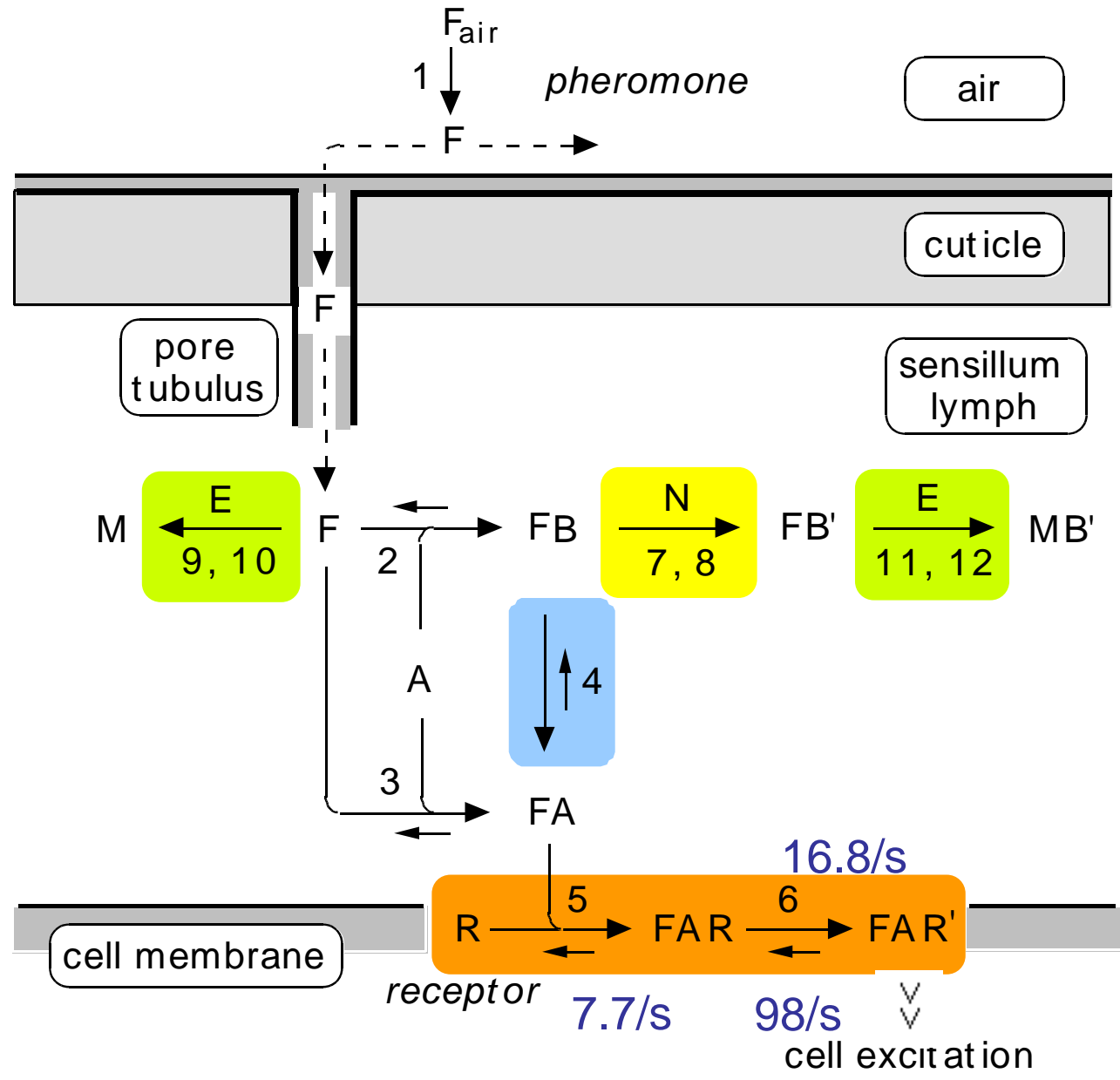


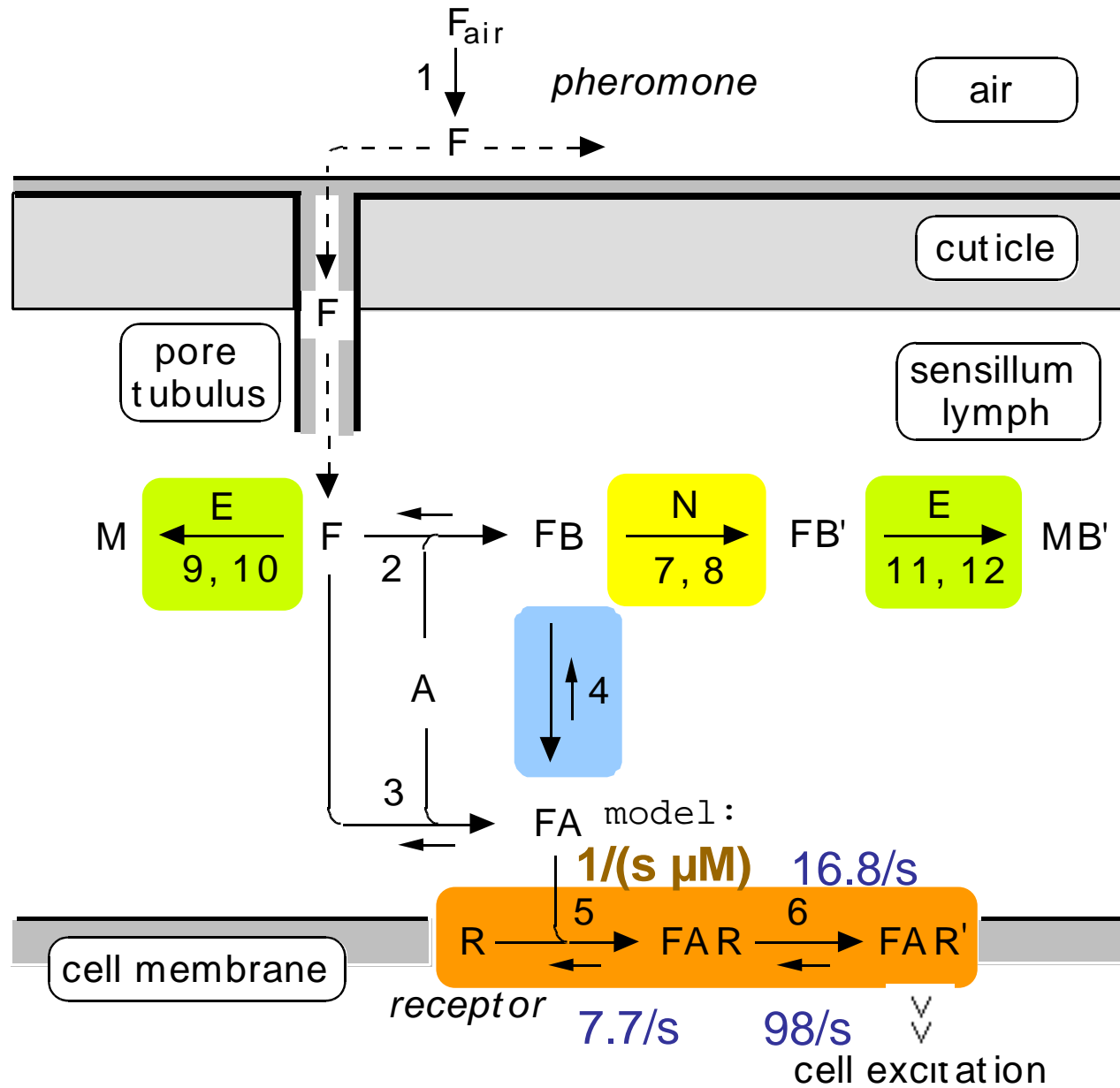
“bump”  
(30 pS)

$k_6 = 16.8/s$   
 $k_{-6} = 98/s$   
 $k_{-5} = 7.7/s$

Kaissling and Thorson (1980); Minor and Kaissling (2003)







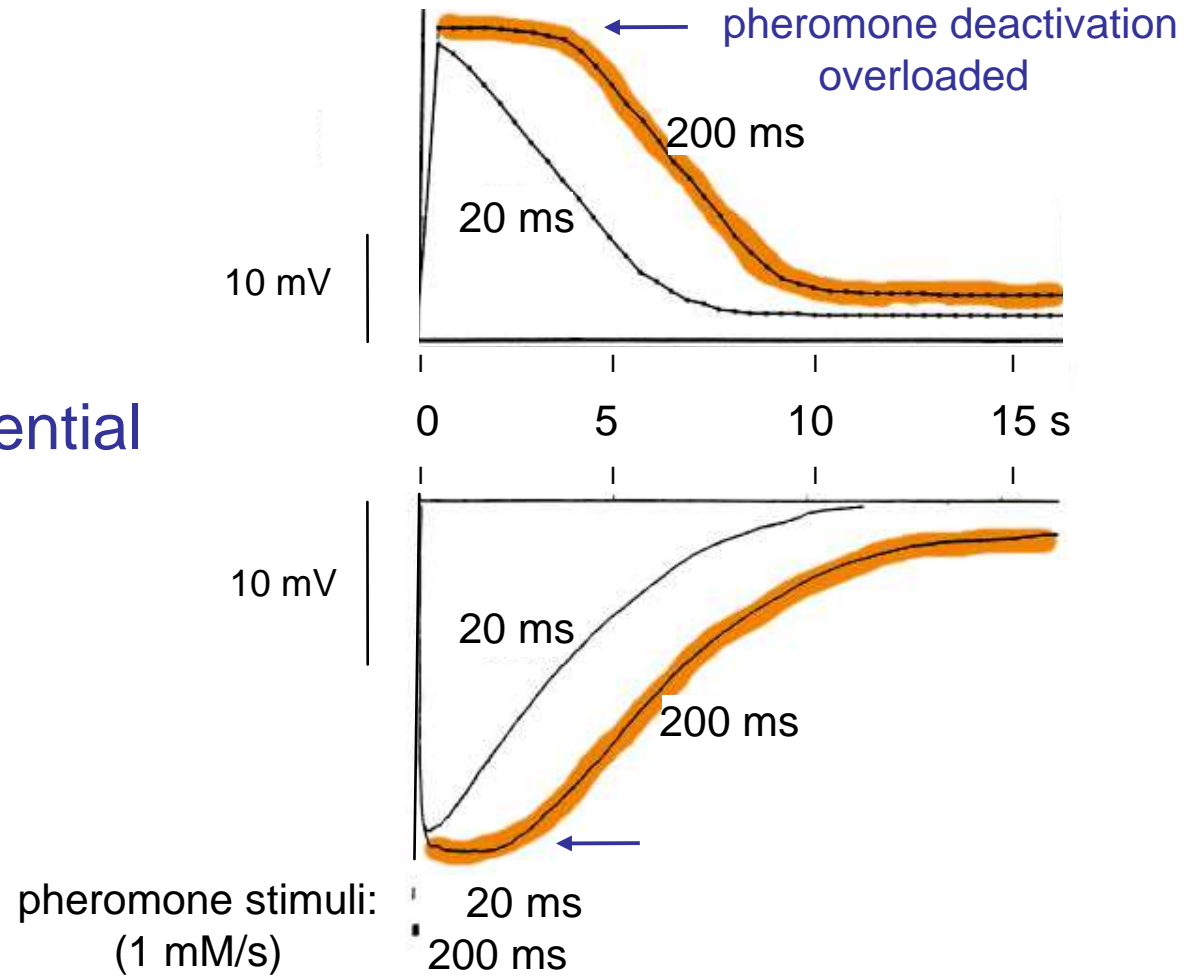


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model

receptor potential

neuron



## **$R_{tot}$**

$$R_{tot} = \frac{T_c U_{sat} Q_3}{Q_5} = 1.66 \text{ mM}$$

Kaissling 2009

density of receptor molecules  $6335/\text{mm}^2$

$$T_c = \frac{1}{k_{-5} Q_4} = 153 \text{ ms}$$

Minor & Kaissling 2003

$$k_{-5} = 7.7/\text{s} \quad k_6 = 16.8/\text{s} \quad k_{-6} = 98/\text{s}$$

$$Q_4 = k_{-6} / (k_6 + k_{-6}) = 0.854$$

Kaissling 2009

$$Q_5 = k_6 / (k_{-5} + k_6) = 0.686$$

$$U_{sat} = 30 \text{ mM/s}$$

Kaissling 2001, 2009

$$Q_3 = 0.25$$

Kaissling & Priesner 1970

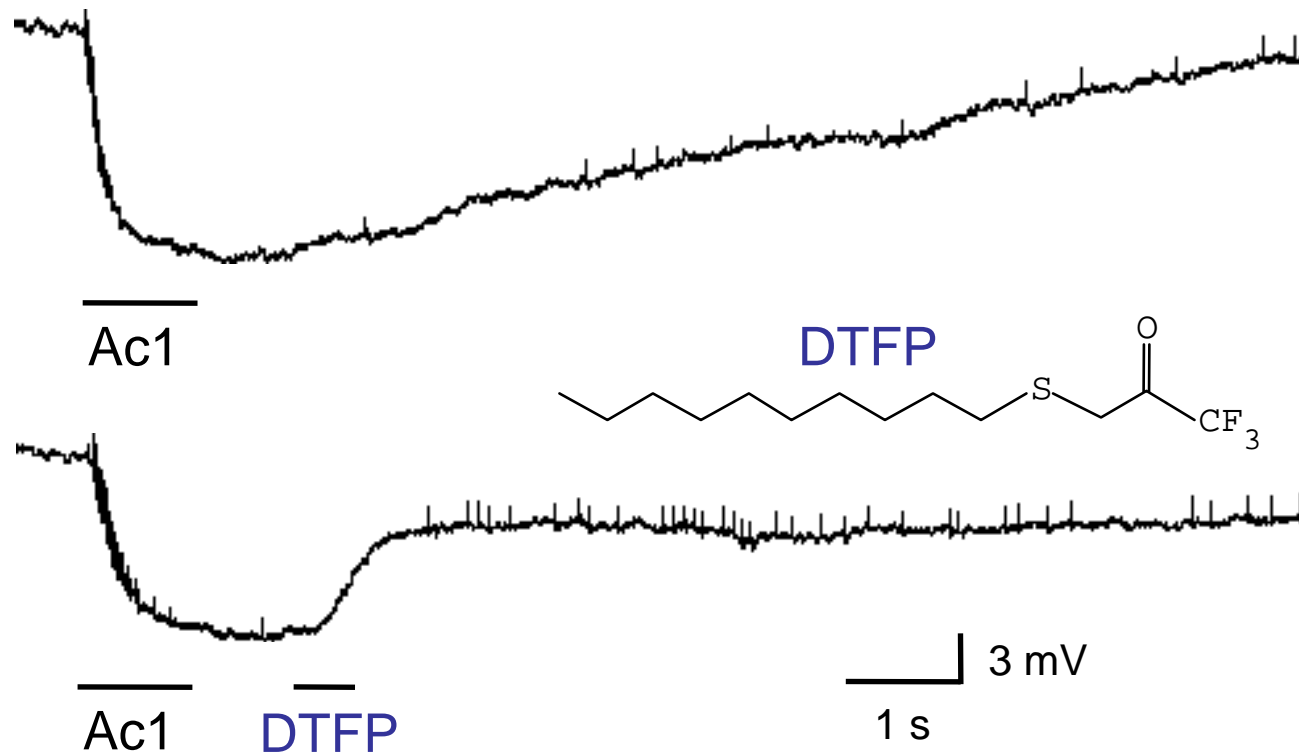
receptor molecules                      6000  
per  $\mu\text{m}^2$  plasma membrane

relative numbers:

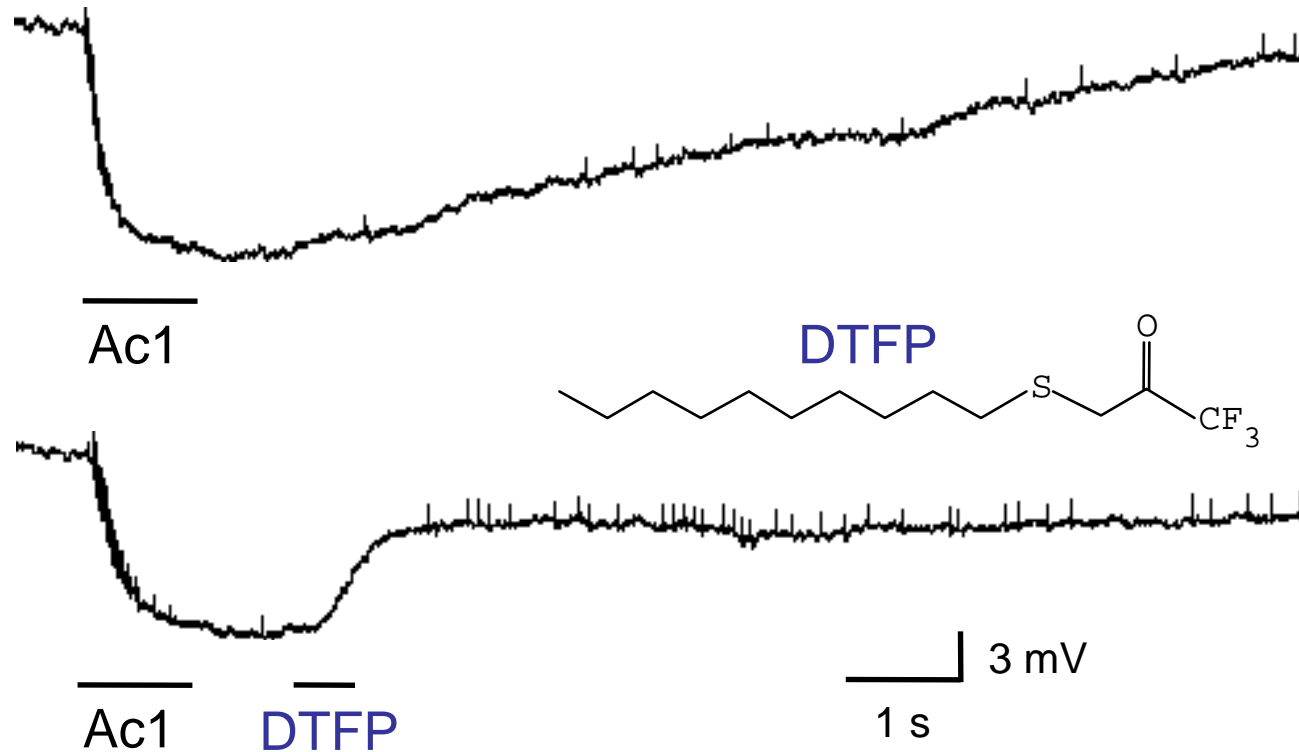
PBP molecules                      14,000,000

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*Hypothesis:*

**DTFP - PBP complex** blocks pheromone receptors



receptor molecules                      6000  
per  $\mu\text{m}^2$  plasma membrane

relative numbers:

PBP molecules                      14,000,000

DTFP for blocking                      10,000

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## **estimated densities**

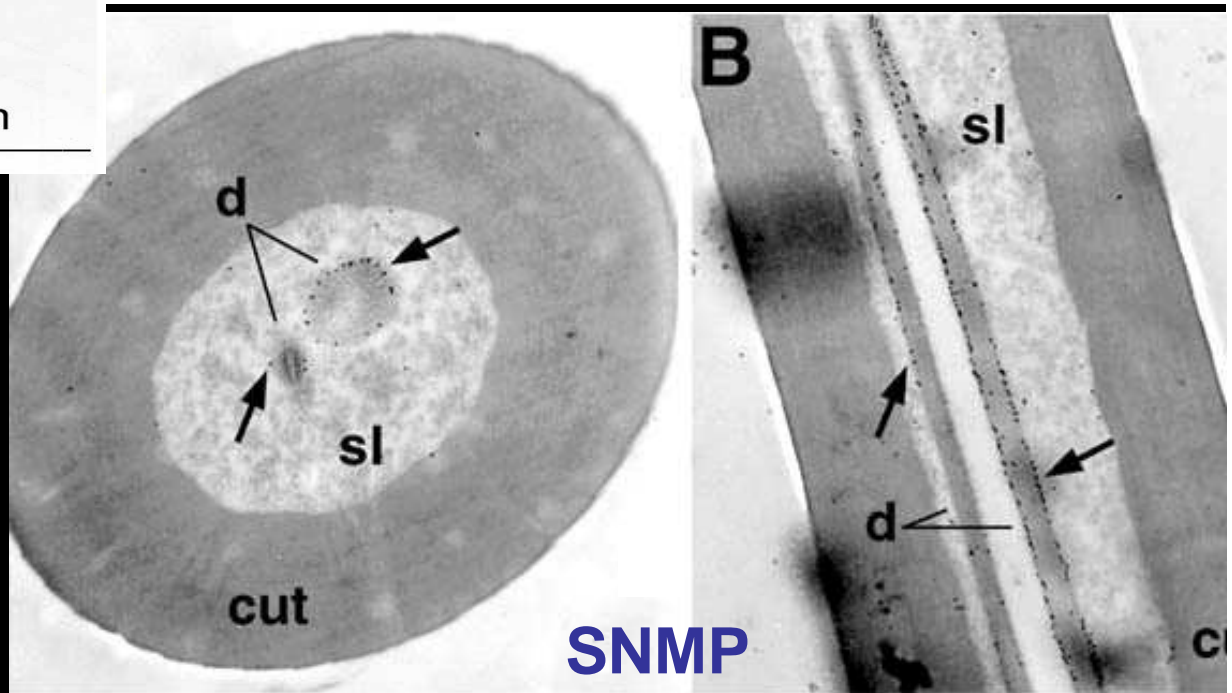
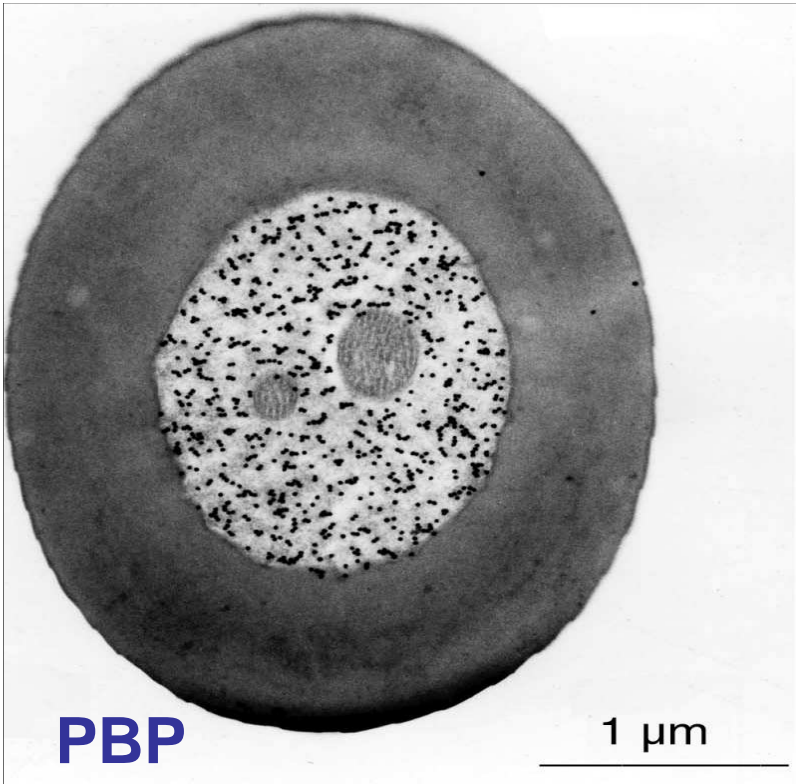
(per  $\mu\text{m}^2$  plasma membrane)

receptor molecules	6000
30-pS ion channels (el. anal.)	>20
SNMP molecules (gold lab.)	>300

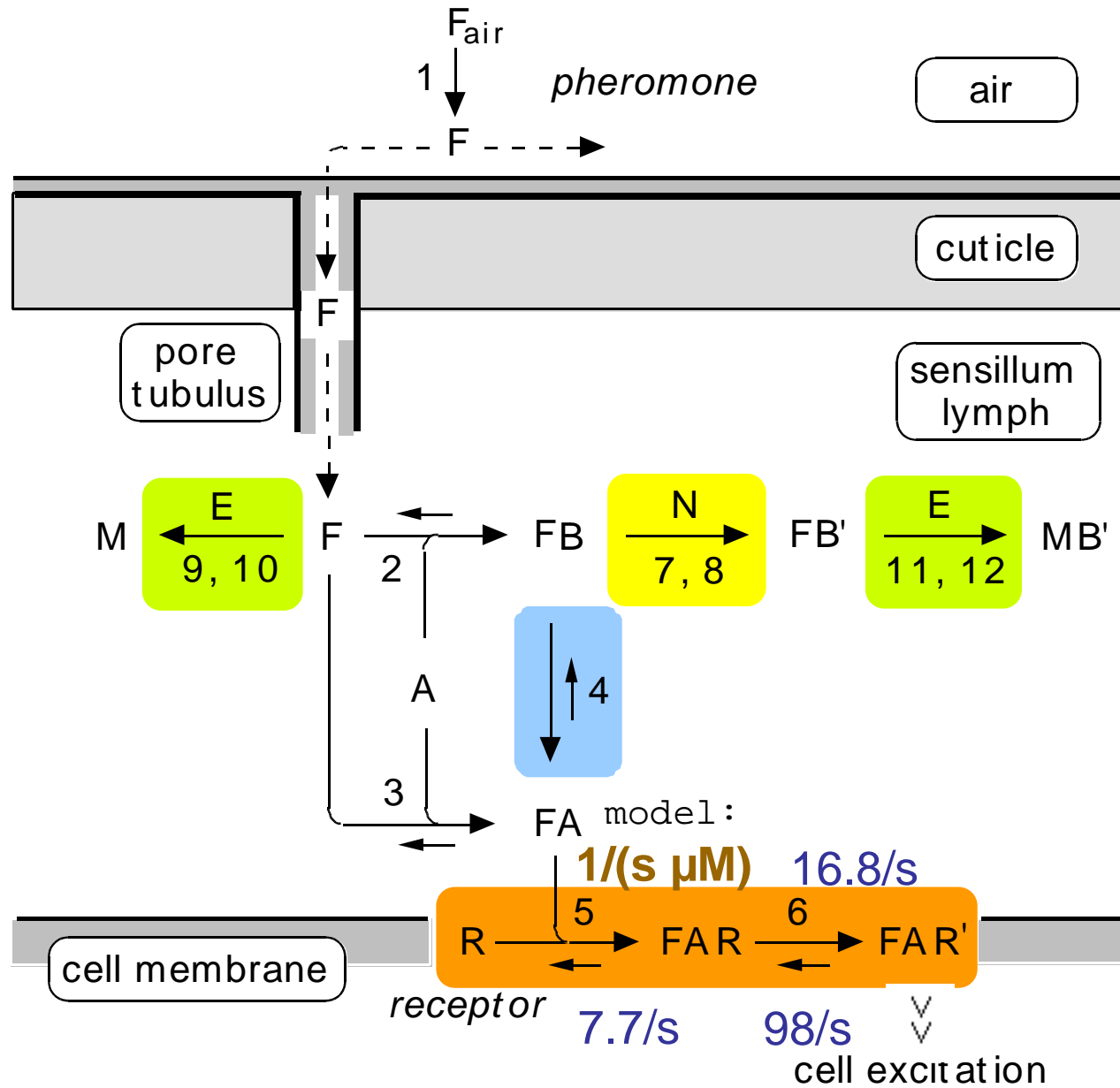
## **relative numbers**

PBP molecules	14,000,000
DTFP for blocking	10,000

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Steinbrecht et al. 1995





$$k_5 = \frac{k - 5 \cdot Q_4 \cdot k_{fall}}{U_{sat} \cdot Q_1 \cdot Q_6} = \frac{0.974}{s \cdot mM}$$

$$k - 5 = 7.7 / s$$

Minor & Kaissling 2003

$$Q_4 = k - 6 / (k_6 + k - 6) = 0.854$$

$$k_{fall} = \ln 2 / t_{1/2 FAR' fall} = 0.87 / s$$

Kaissling 2009

$$U_{sat} = 30 \text{ mM} / s$$

$$Q_1 = 0.83$$

Kasang 1971 - 1989

$$Q_6 = 1 / (K_4 \cdot C + 1) = 0.236$$

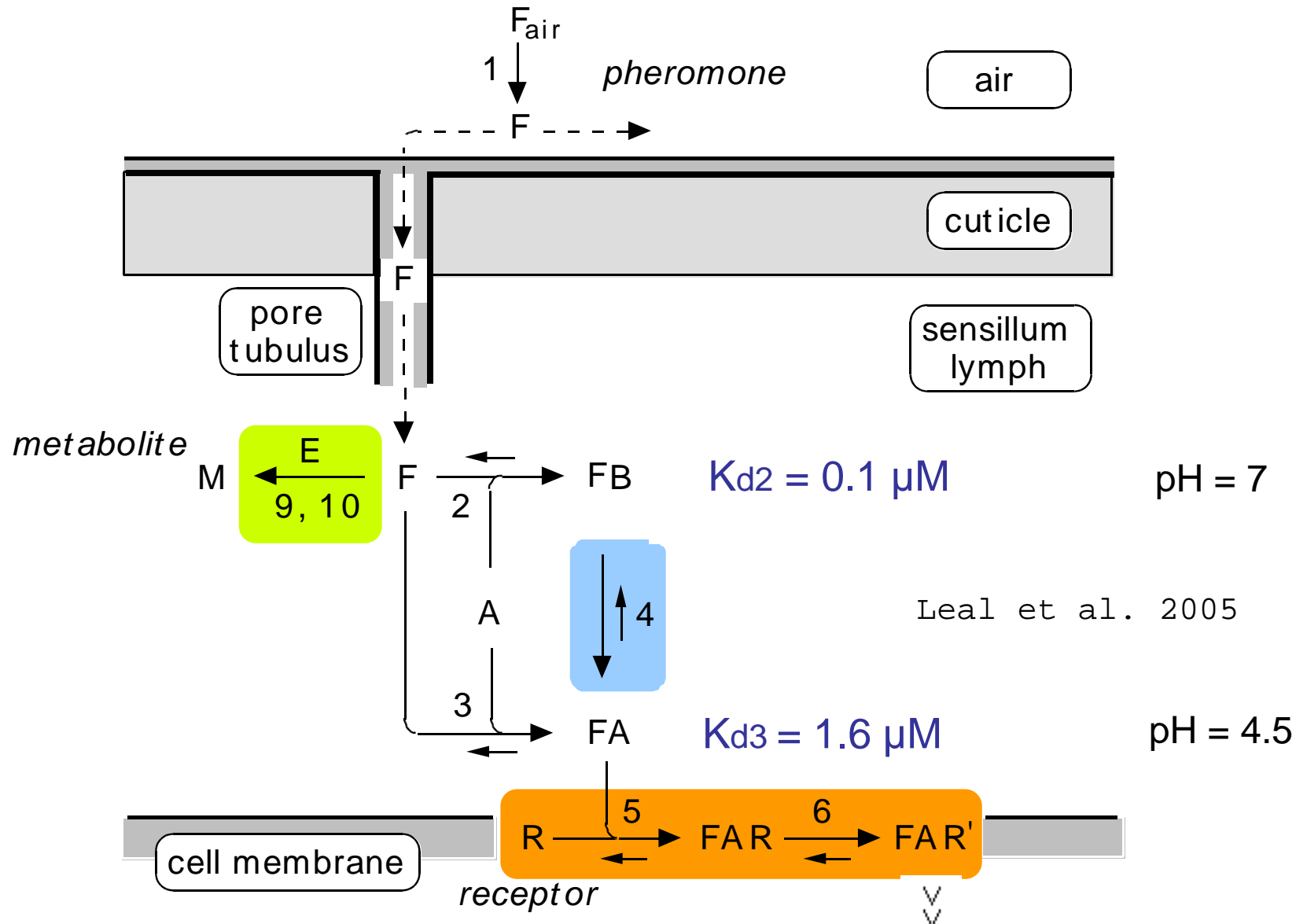
Kaissling 2009

$$K_4 = \frac{k - 4}{k_4} = \frac{24 / s}{74 / s} = 0.32$$

Leal et al., 2005

$$C = 10$$

Kaissling 2009, Keil 1984



Nakagawa et al. 2005  
 $EC_{50} = 1.5 \mu\text{M}$

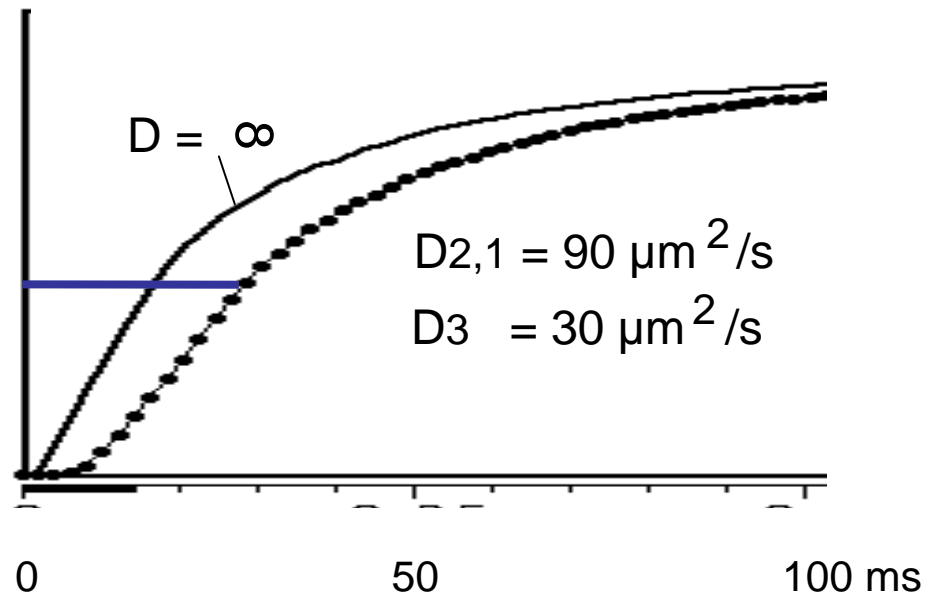
model:  $K_{d5} = 7.9 \mu\text{M}$   
 $(EC_{50} = 6.8 \mu\text{M})$

Kaissling 2001



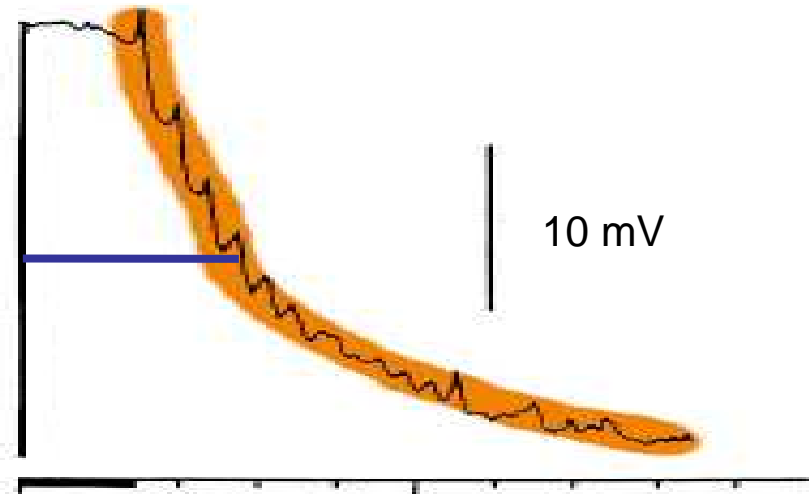
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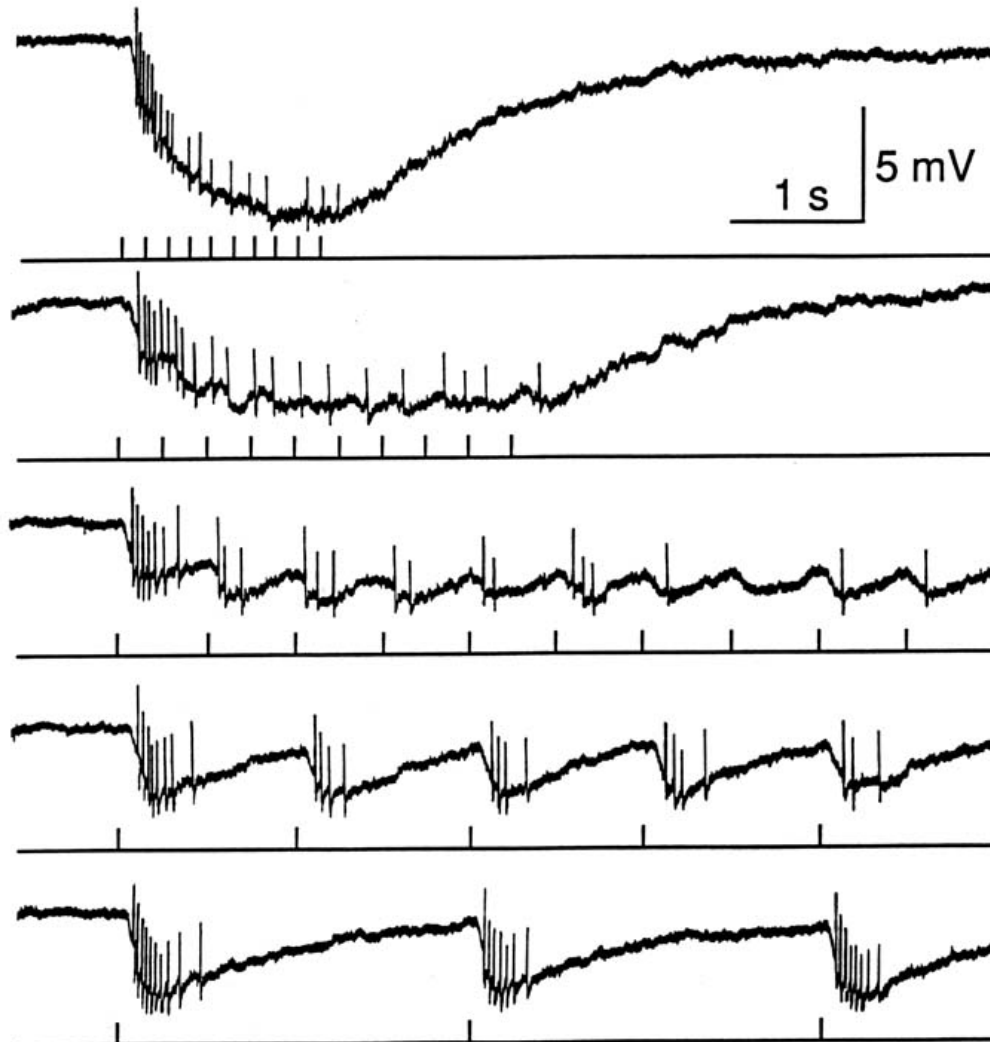
receptor potential

neuron



pheromone stimulus: 15 ms

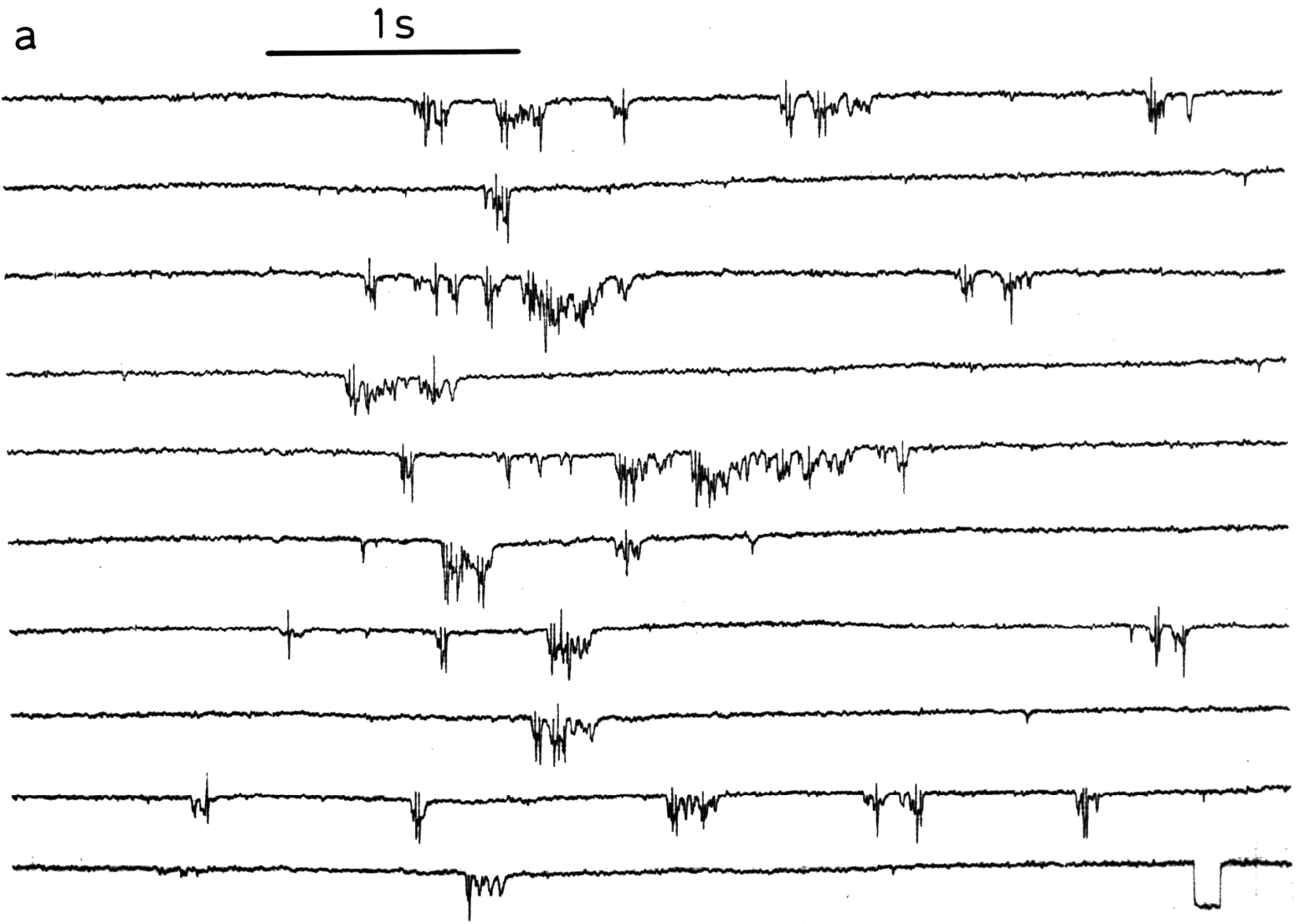
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20-ms pheromone pulses

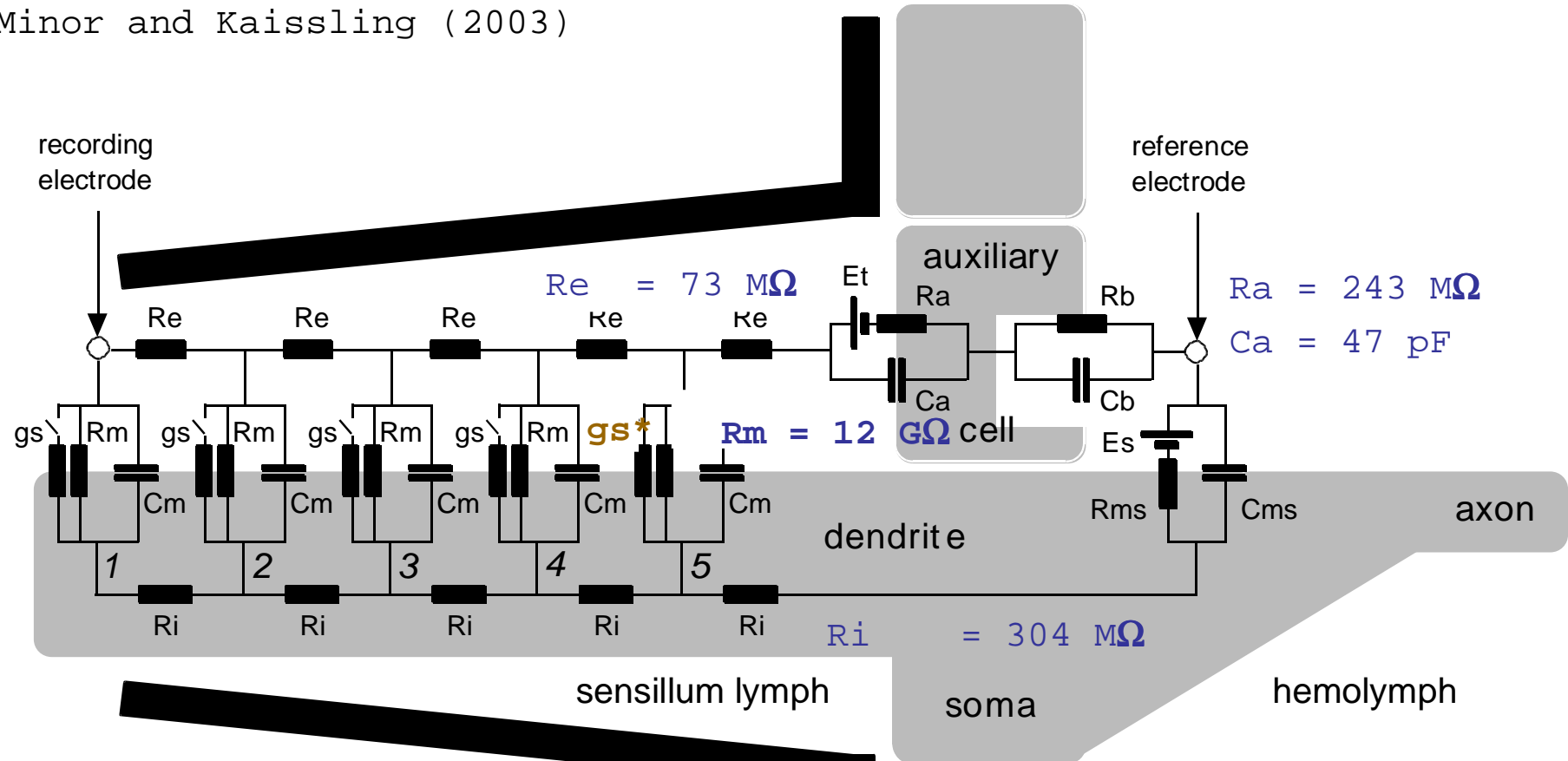
B. Pophof

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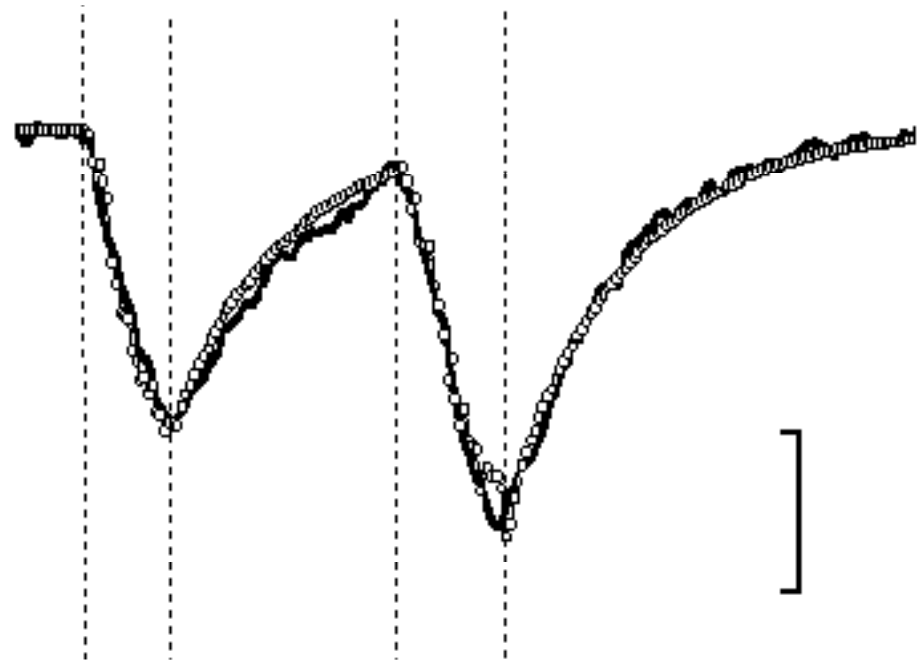
Kaissling (1987)

Minor and Kaissling (2003)



	dendrite segment					
	1	2	3	4	5	
$R_e$	30.3	17.5	11.4	8.1	6.0	MΩ
$R_i$	185	155	131	112	97	MΩ
$R_m$	71	65	60	56	52	GΩ
$C_m$	0.105	0.115	0.125	0.135	0.145	pF
$g_s^*$	conductance increase during one bump					$g_s^* = 30 \text{ pS}$

$R_a$	234	MΩ
$C_a$	47	pF
$R_m s$	440	MΩ
$C_m s$	2.3	pF
$E_s$	46	mV
$R_b$	16	MΩ
$C_b$	19	pF
$E_t$	30	mV



$$k_{23} = \mathbf{p/D_2}$$

$$k_{32} = 1/\mathbf{D_3}$$

$$k_{21} = (1-\mathbf{p})/D_2$$

$$\mathbf{p} = 1 - 1/N$$

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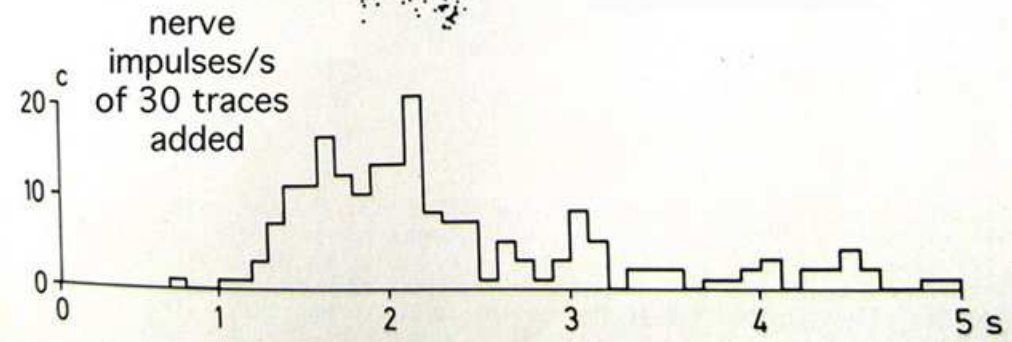
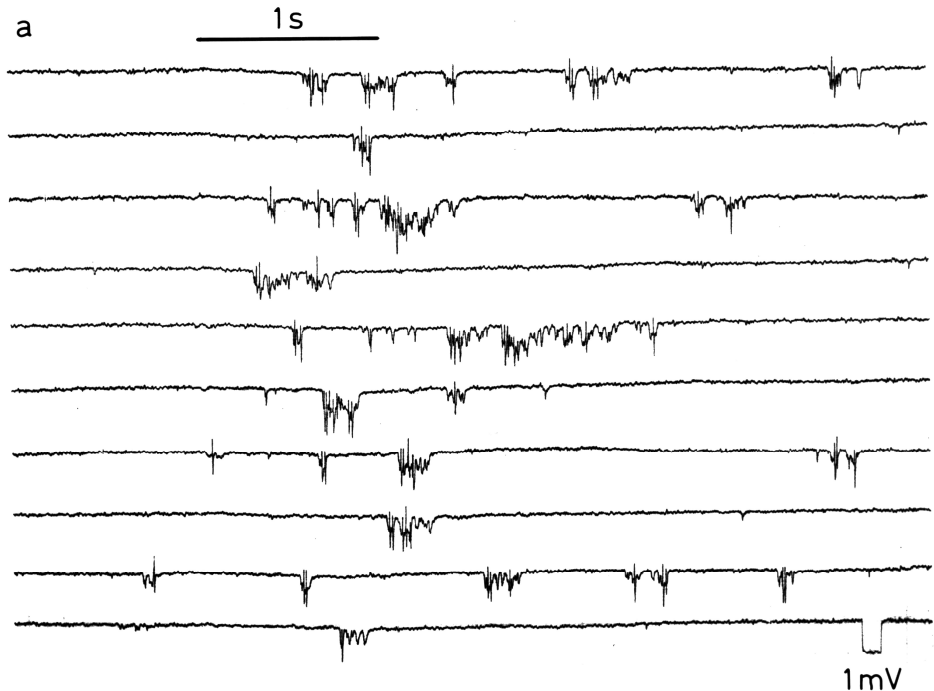
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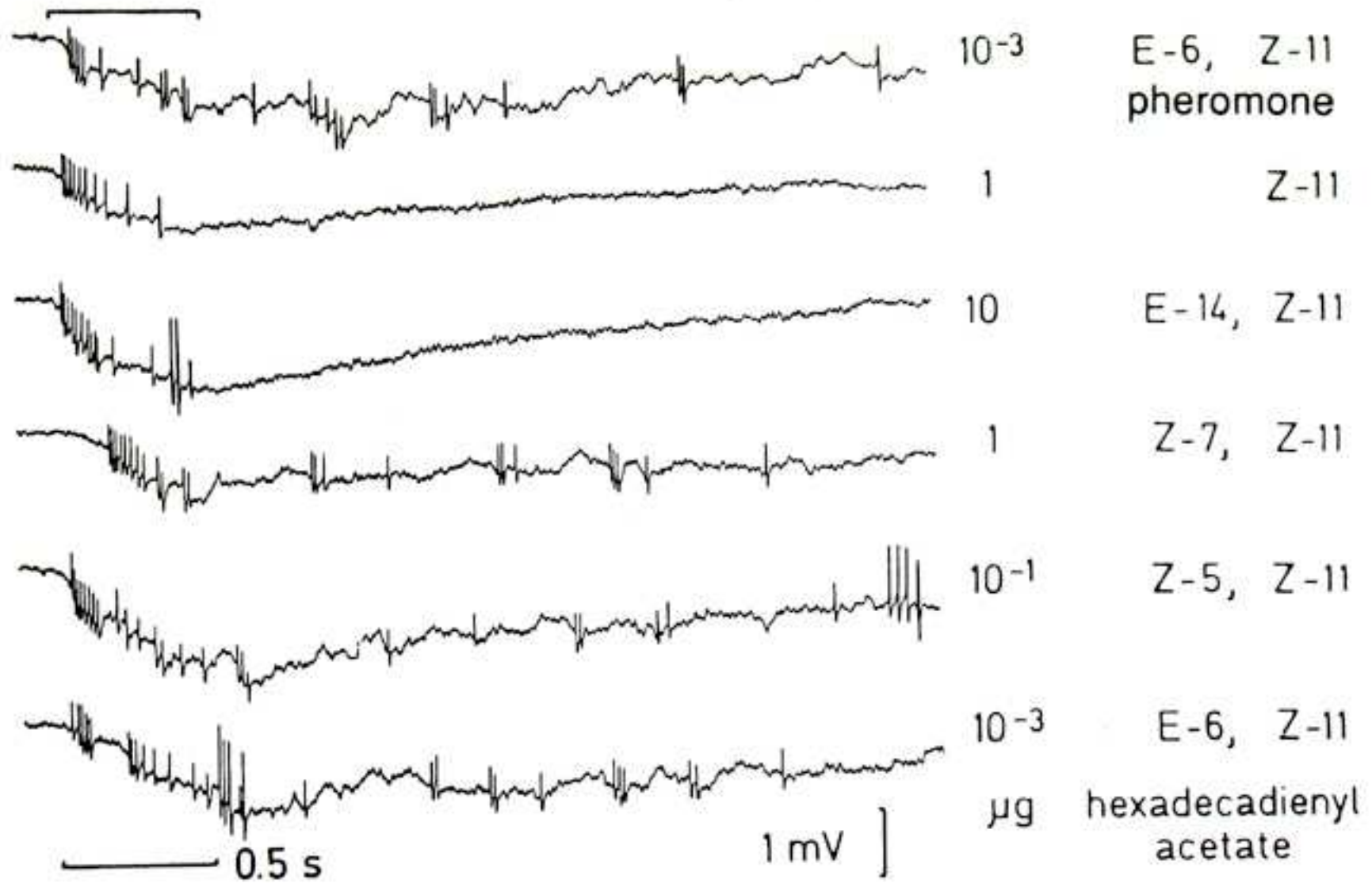
$$t_c = (D_2 + pD_3)/(1 - p)$$

$$= 153 \text{ ms}$$

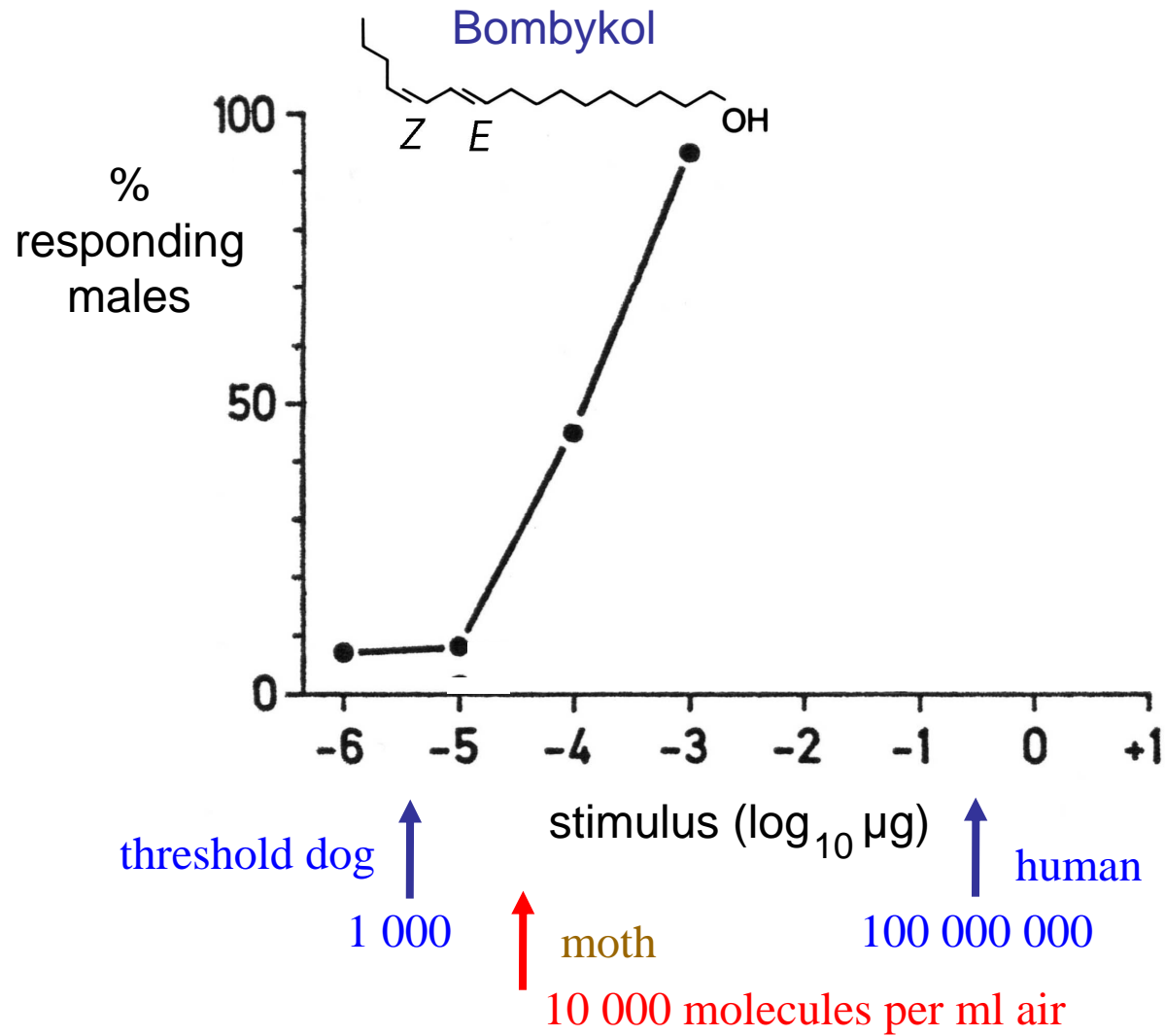
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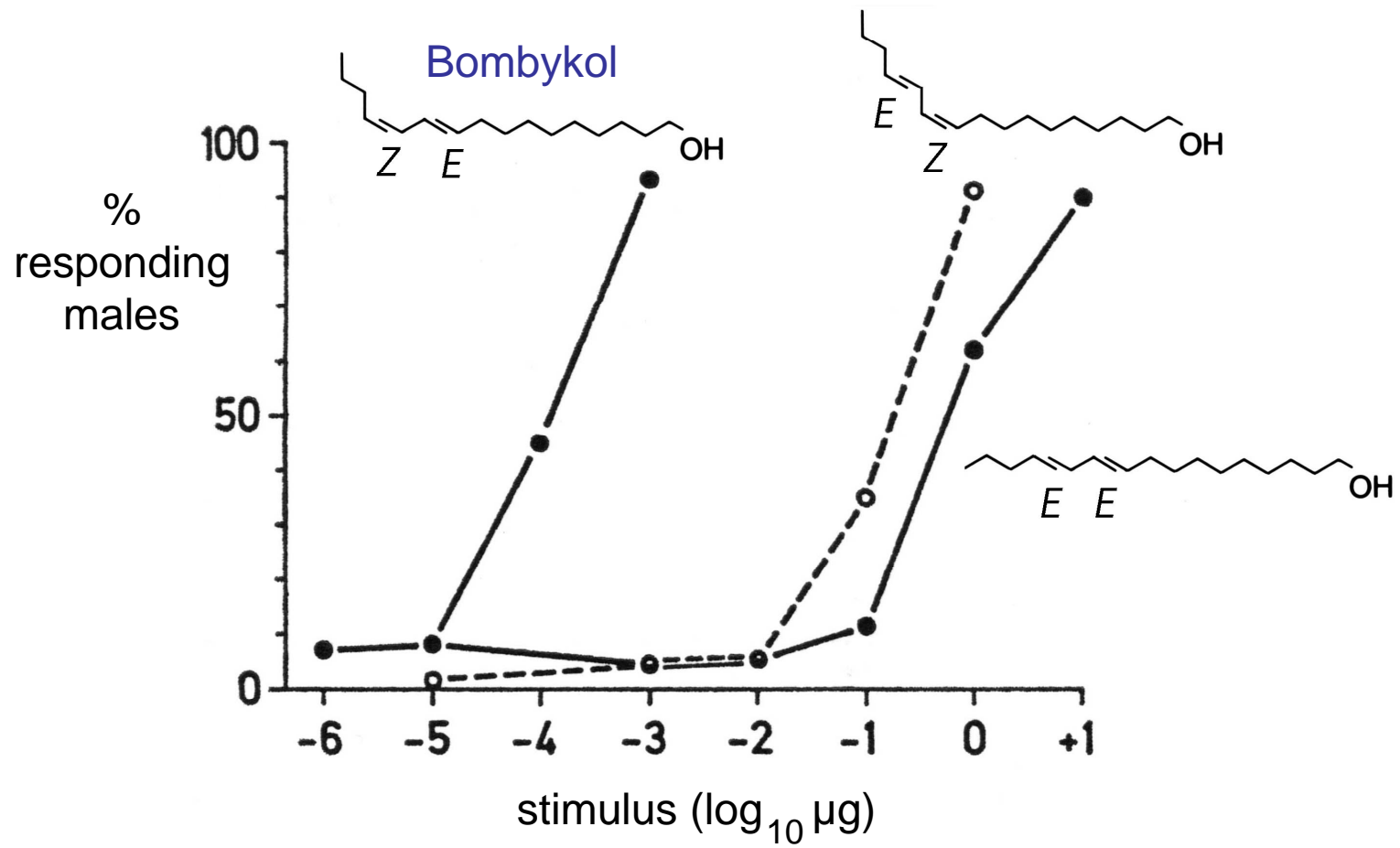
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Kaissling 1977







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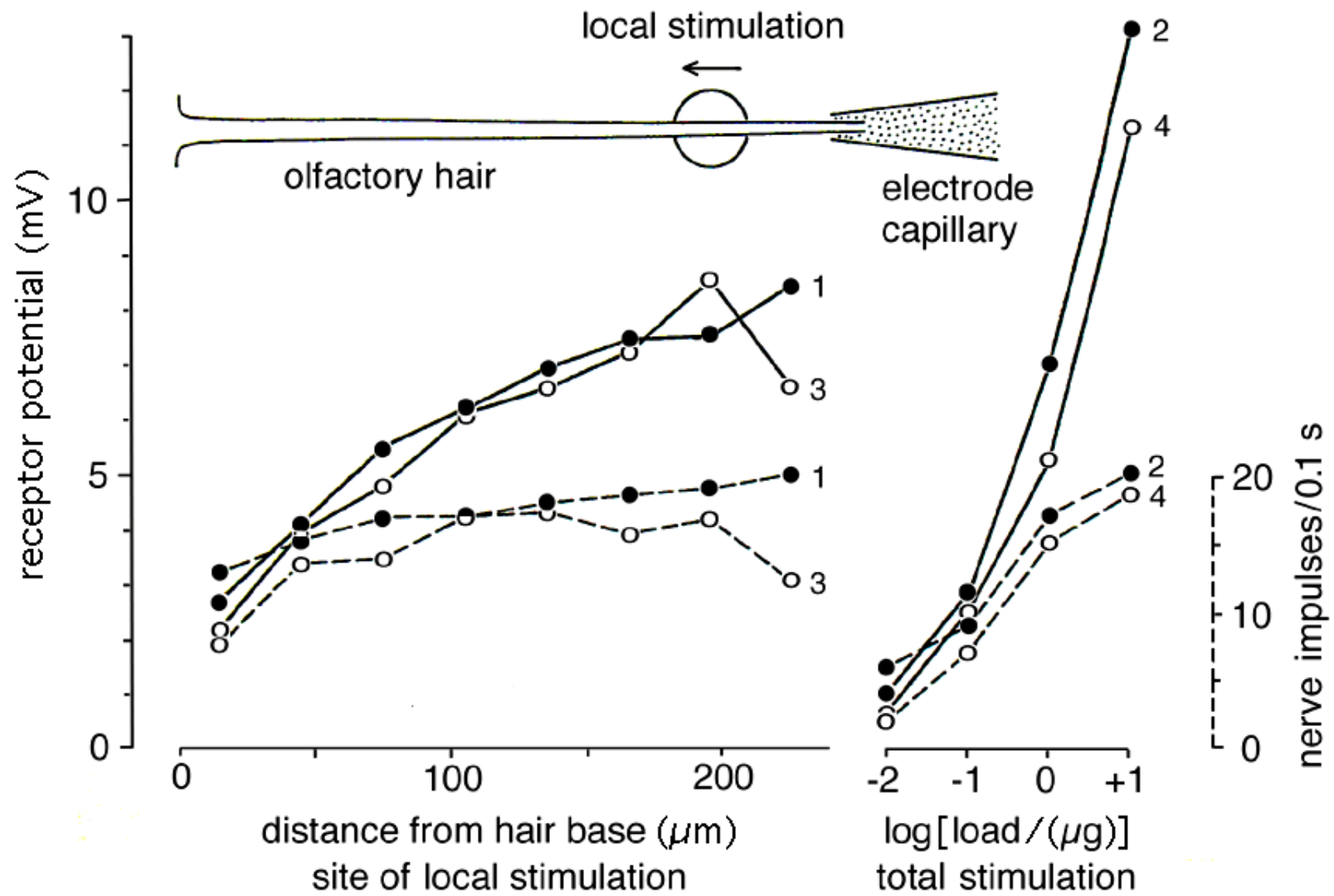
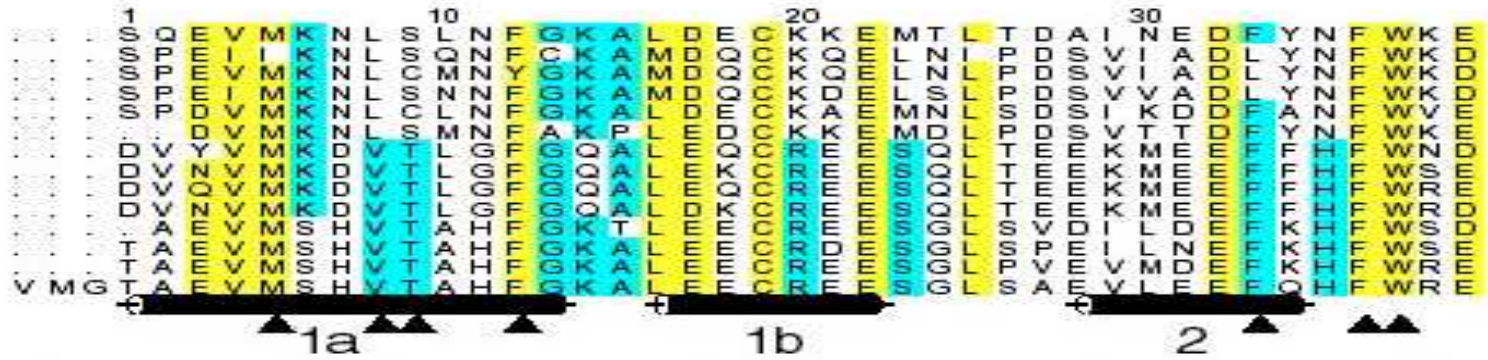
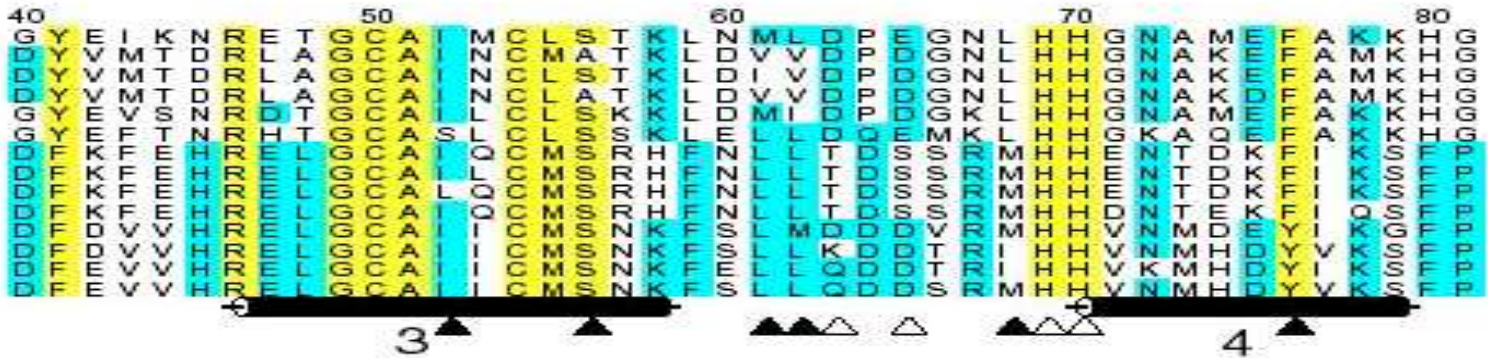


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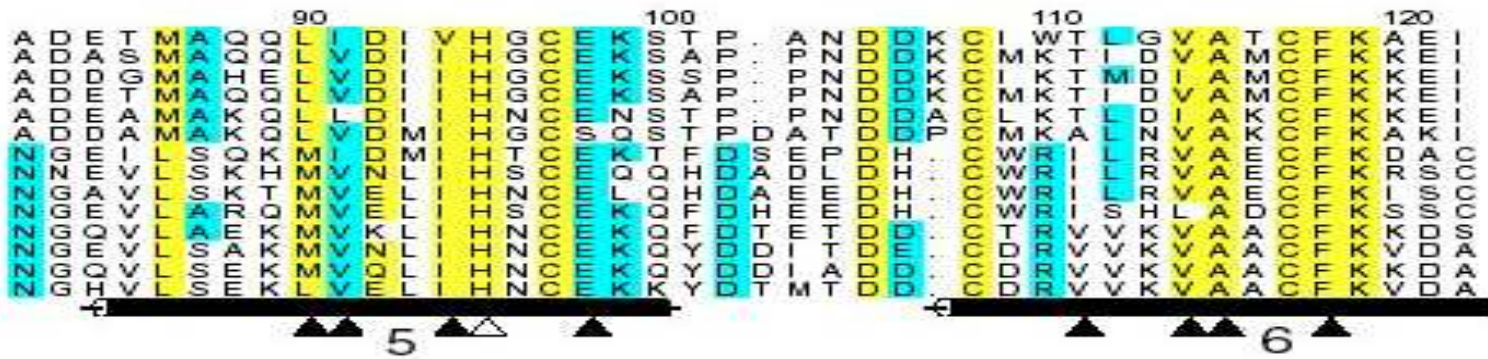
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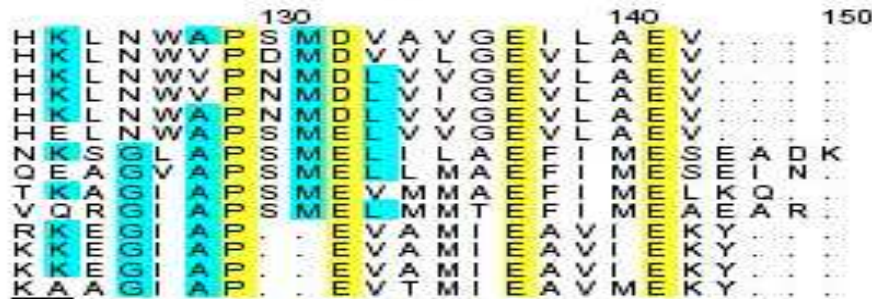
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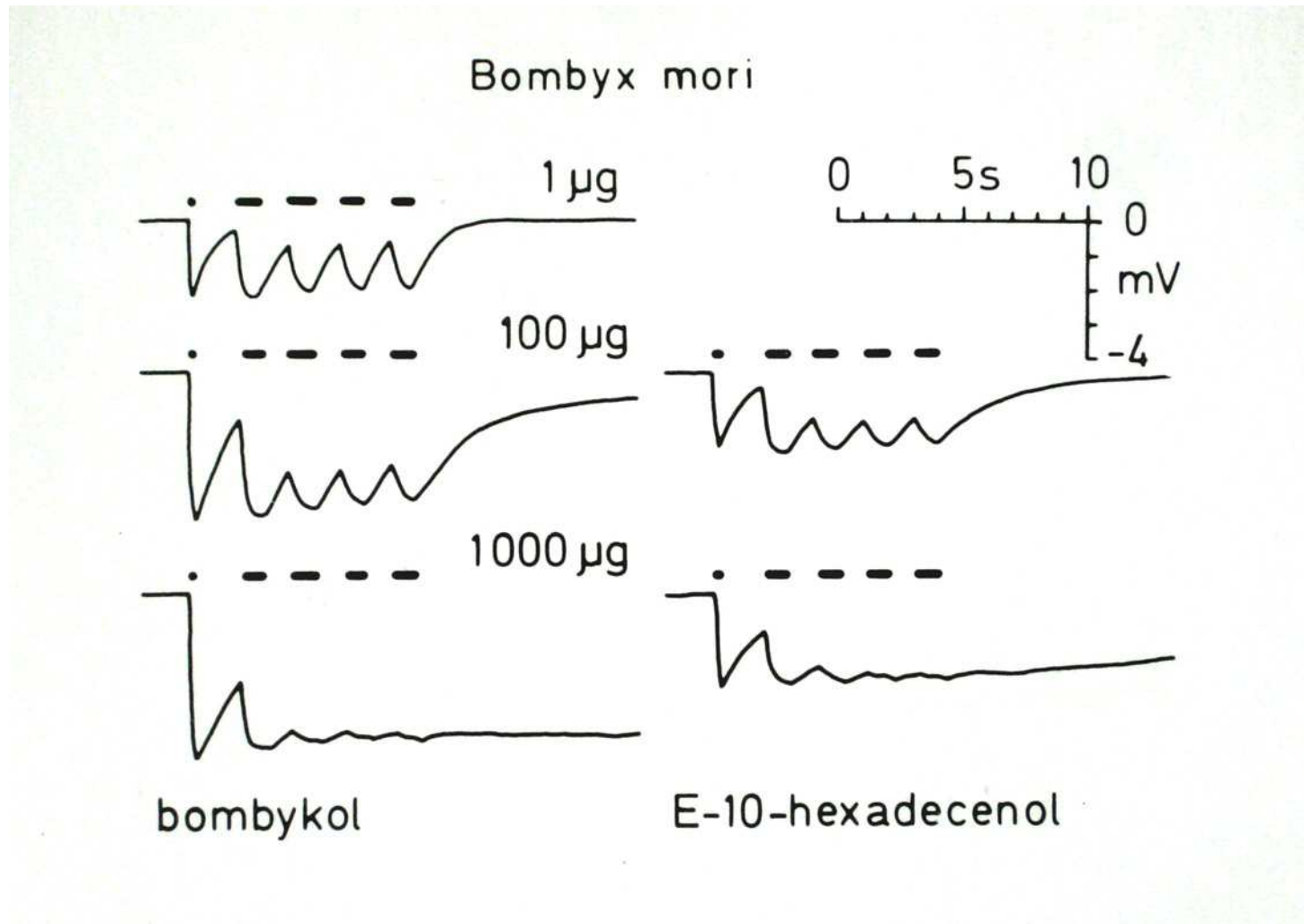


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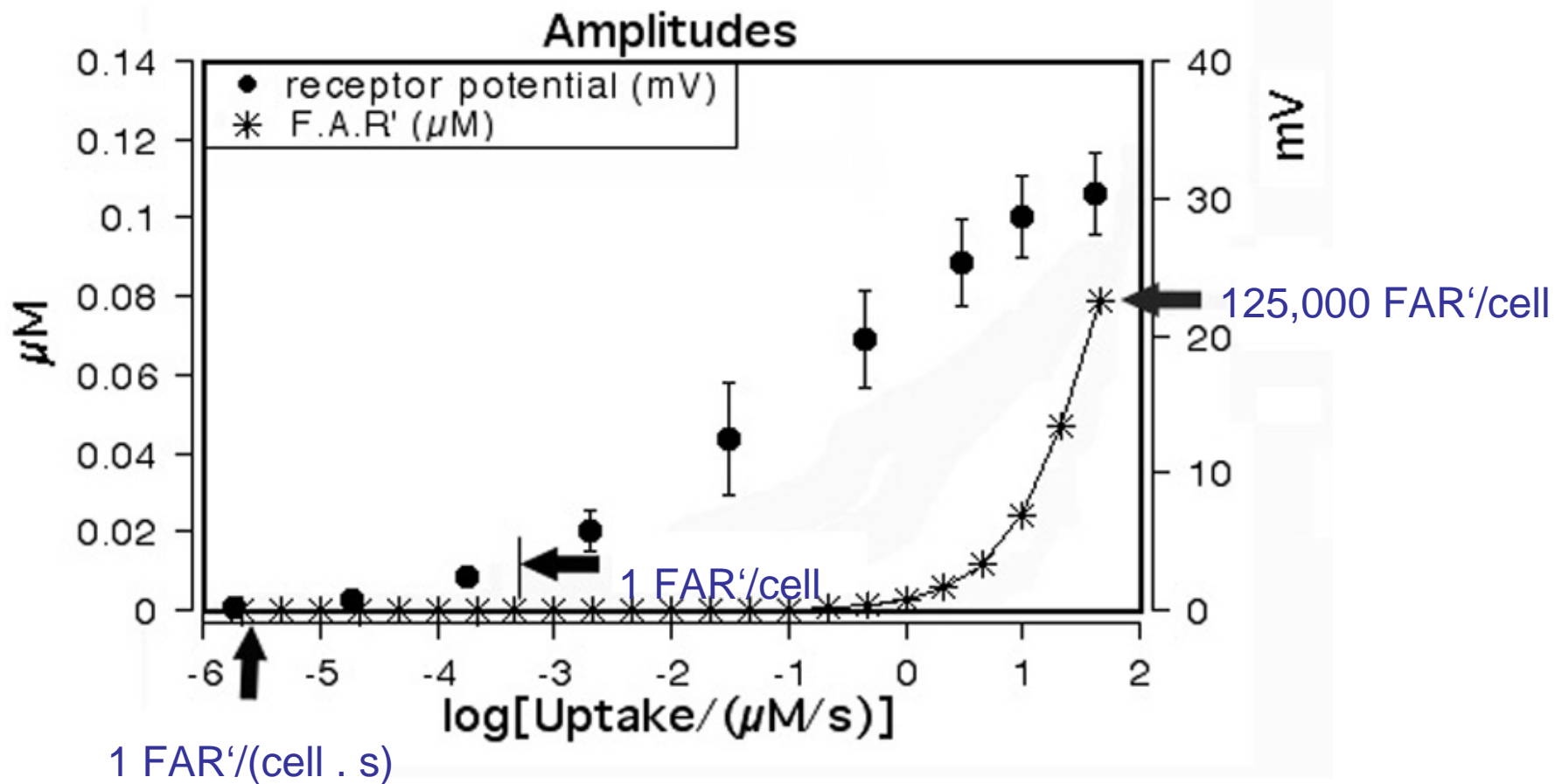


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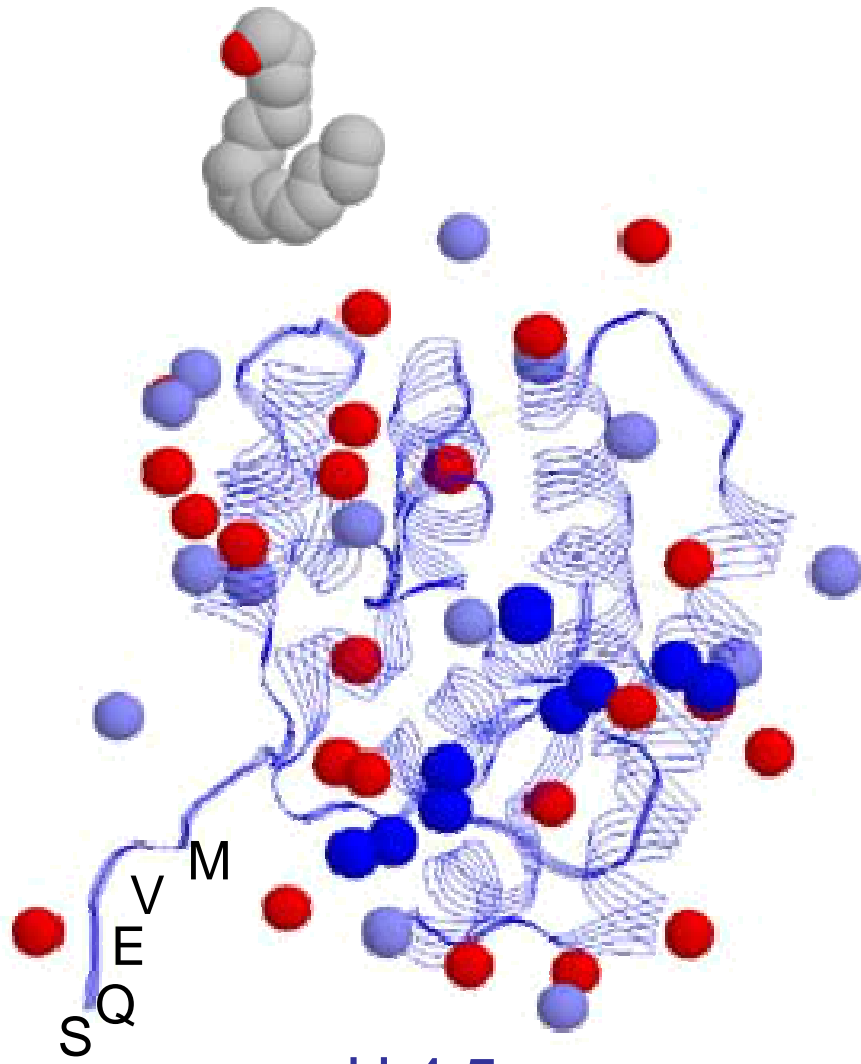
Kaissling 1971



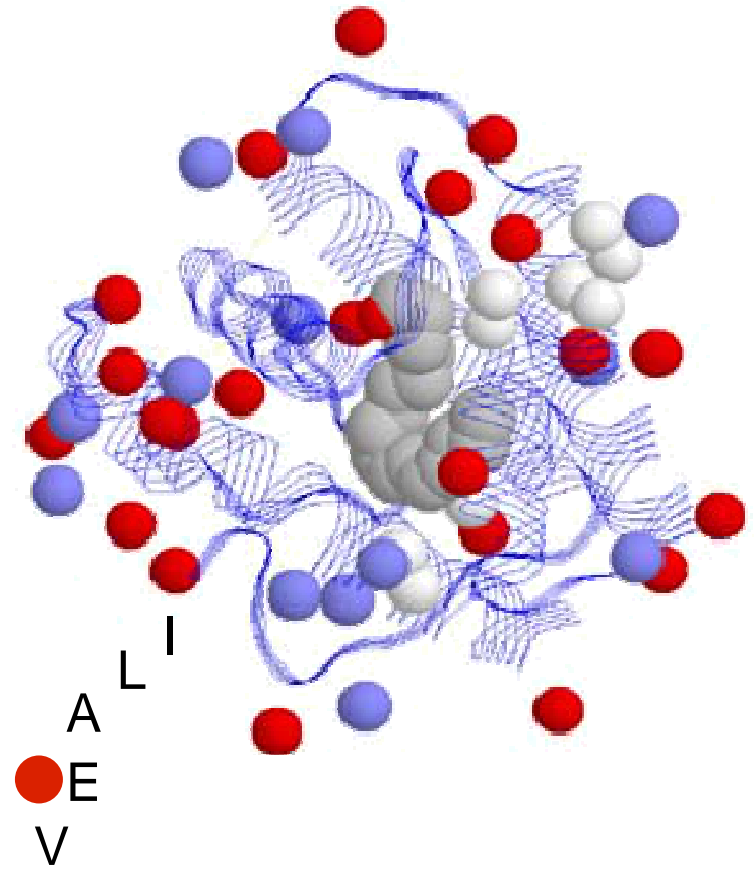
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$\mu\text{g}$	%	molecules per ml	spikes per one cell	spikes per 17,000 cells
0		0	0.17	backgr. 289 noise 17
$10^{-5}$	40%	2,600	+ 0.03	signal + 51
$10^{-4}$	80%	26,000	+ 0.309	signal + 525

## Possible functions of the pheromone binding protein (PBP)

- 1 **solubilizes** the pheromone (Van den Berg, Ziegelberger)
  - a **transports** it through the sensillum lymph (**carrier**)
  - b **prevents** it from entering the cell membrane
- 2 **protects** the pheromone from enzymatic degradation (Vogt)
- 3 involved in pheromone-receptor **interaction** (Pophof)
- 4 involved in pheromone deactivation (**scavenger**)
- 5 provides **organic anions** to the sensillum lymph

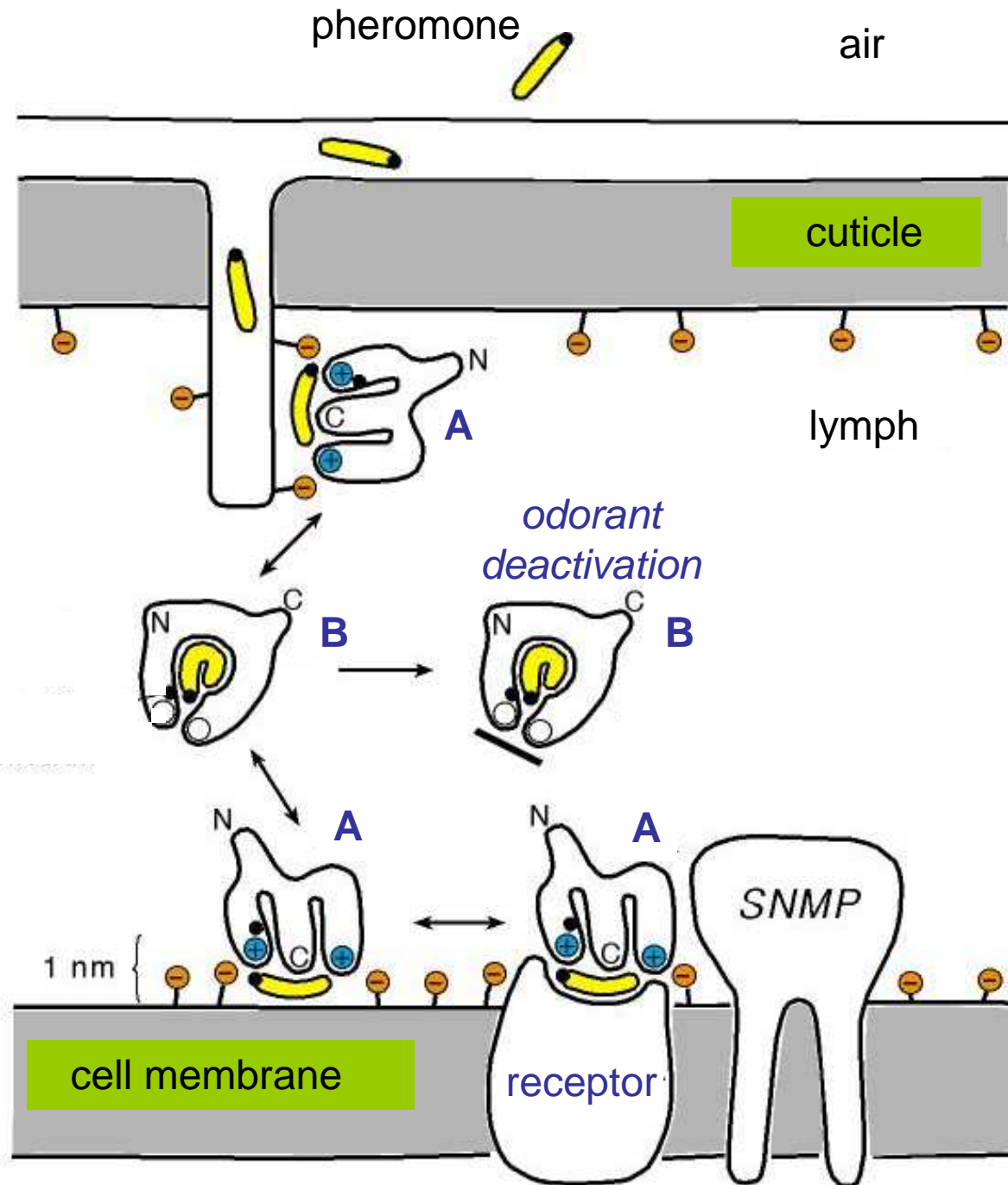


pH 4.5  
22 - 19 +



pH 7  
22 - 14 +

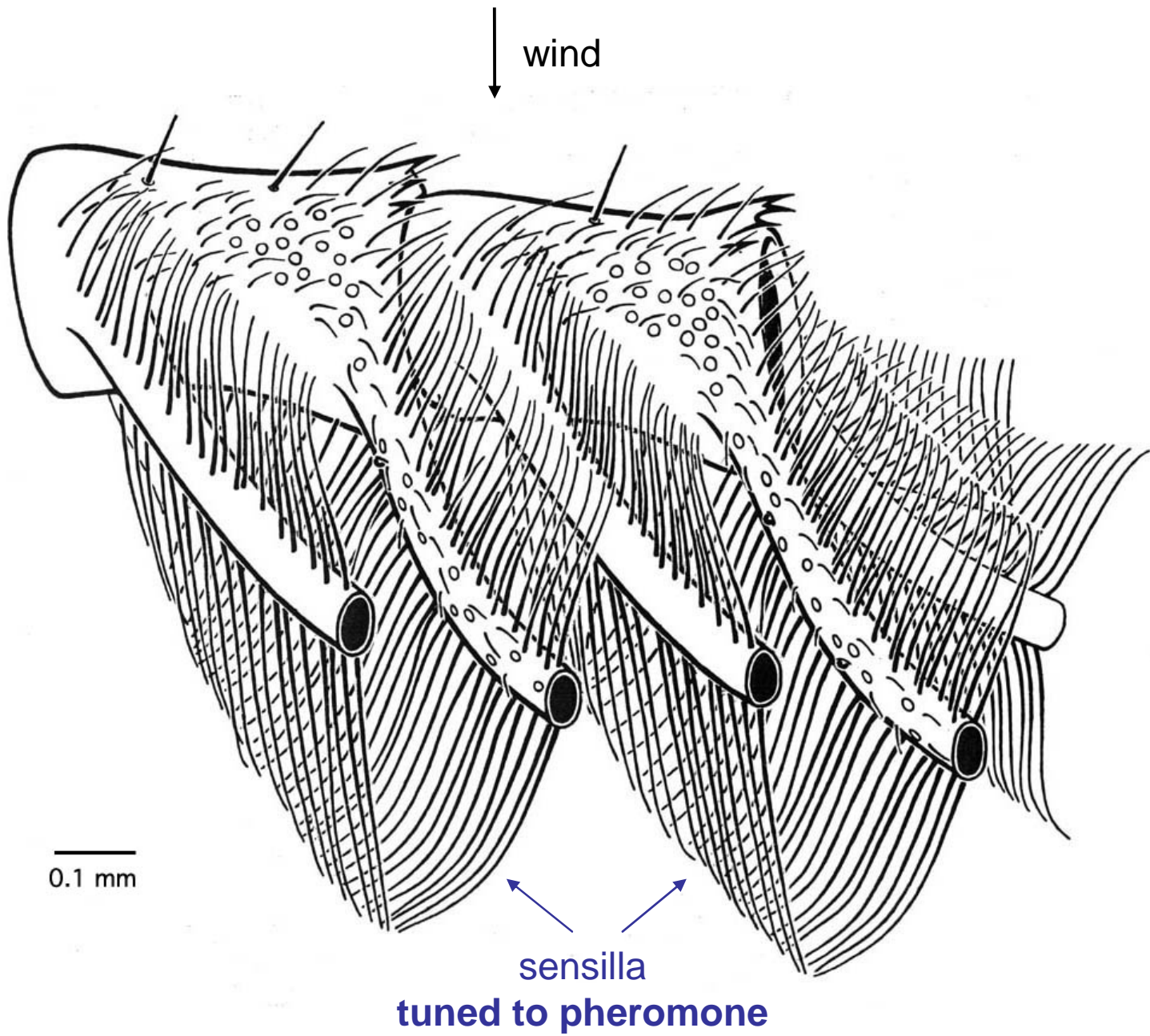




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wind

0.1 mm

sensilla  
tuned to pheromone