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**Diffusion, Reaction, and
Biological pattern formation,
cont'd**

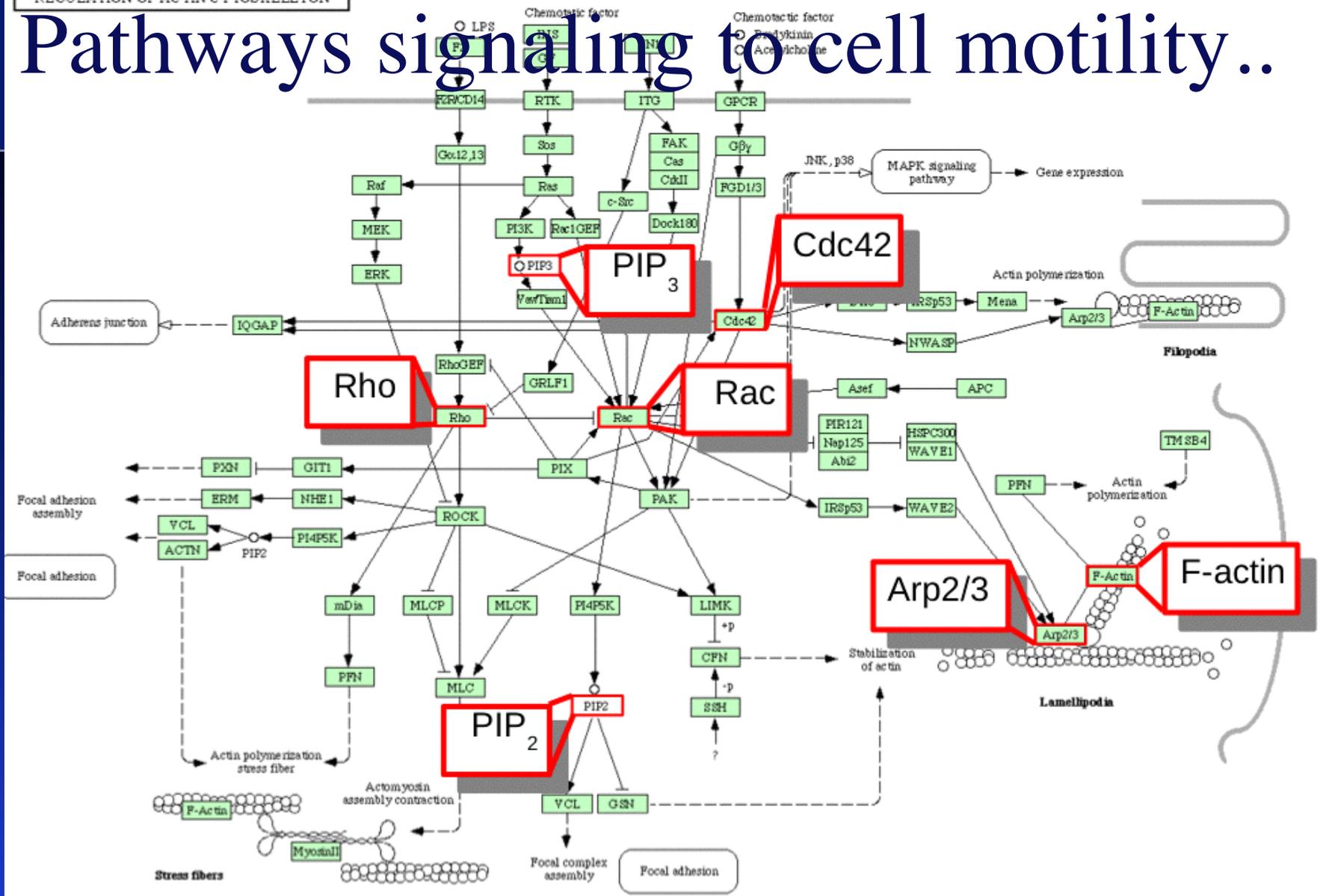


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Motivation for
“Local pulse analysis”:
Why do we need another method?

Pathways signaling to cell motility..



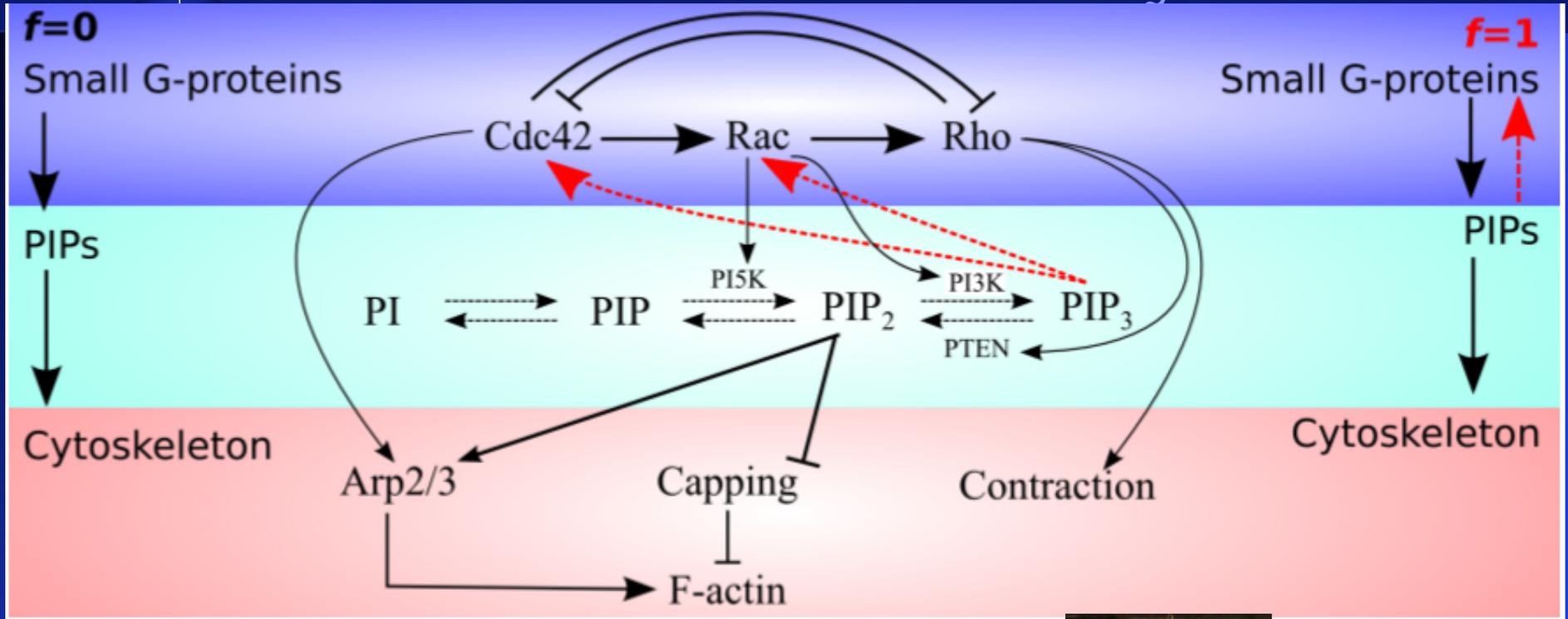
We want to study these in “layers”

Small GTPases

Phosphoinositides

Actin

Eventually we need to consider detailed connectivity

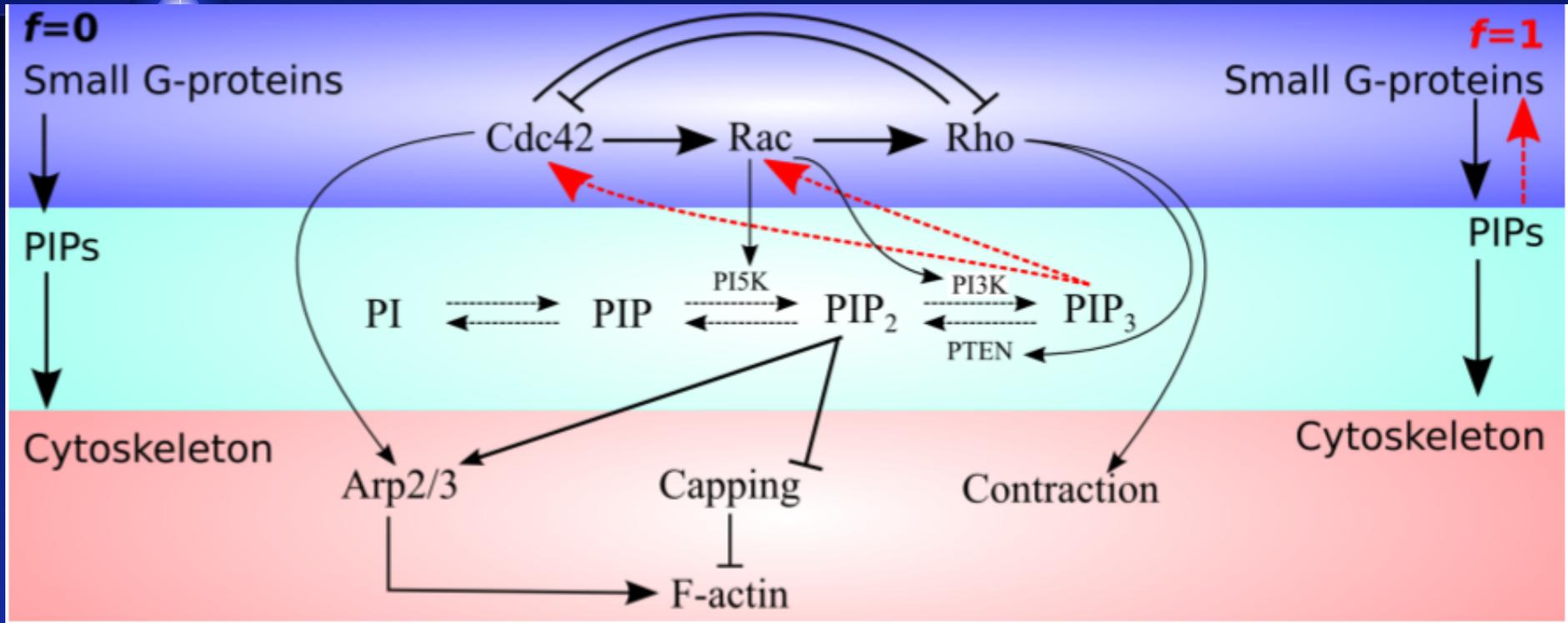


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These things all diffuse and interact



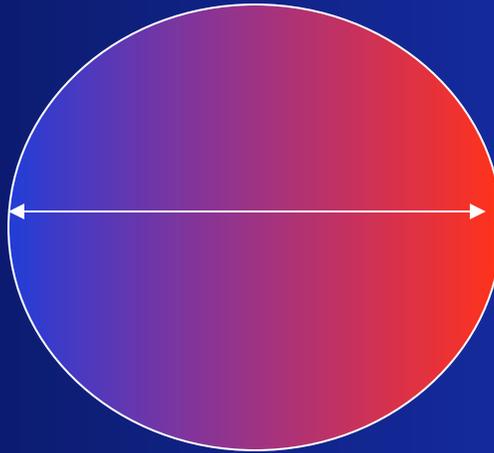
If we knew all details, this system would be represented by a system of MANY reaction-diffusion equations..

What do we want to know about this system?

Ans: how does it all work in space & time to produce cell polarization (and motility)

Chemical “pattern” in the (polarizing) cell

Back:
Rho
PTEN



Front:
Rac
PI3K,
PIP₂, PIP₃



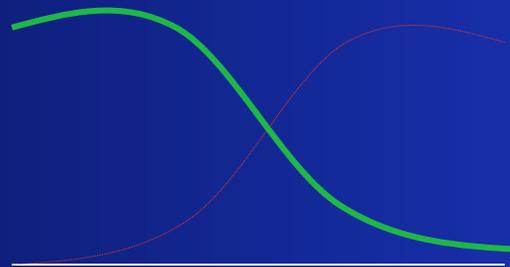
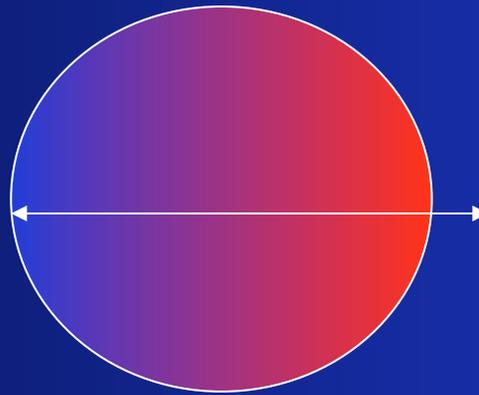
One growing mode leads to polarization

Formation of polarized pattern requires growth of mode:

$$\cos qx e^{\sigma t}$$

For $q = n\pi/L$
Where $n=1$

(And modes with larger n that have more peaks are inappropriate)



Reduce to one “layer” to simplify

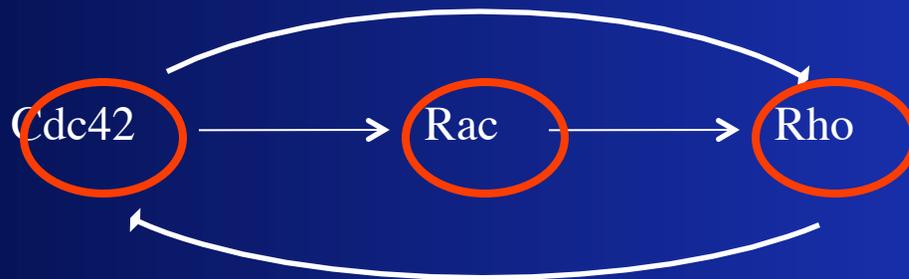
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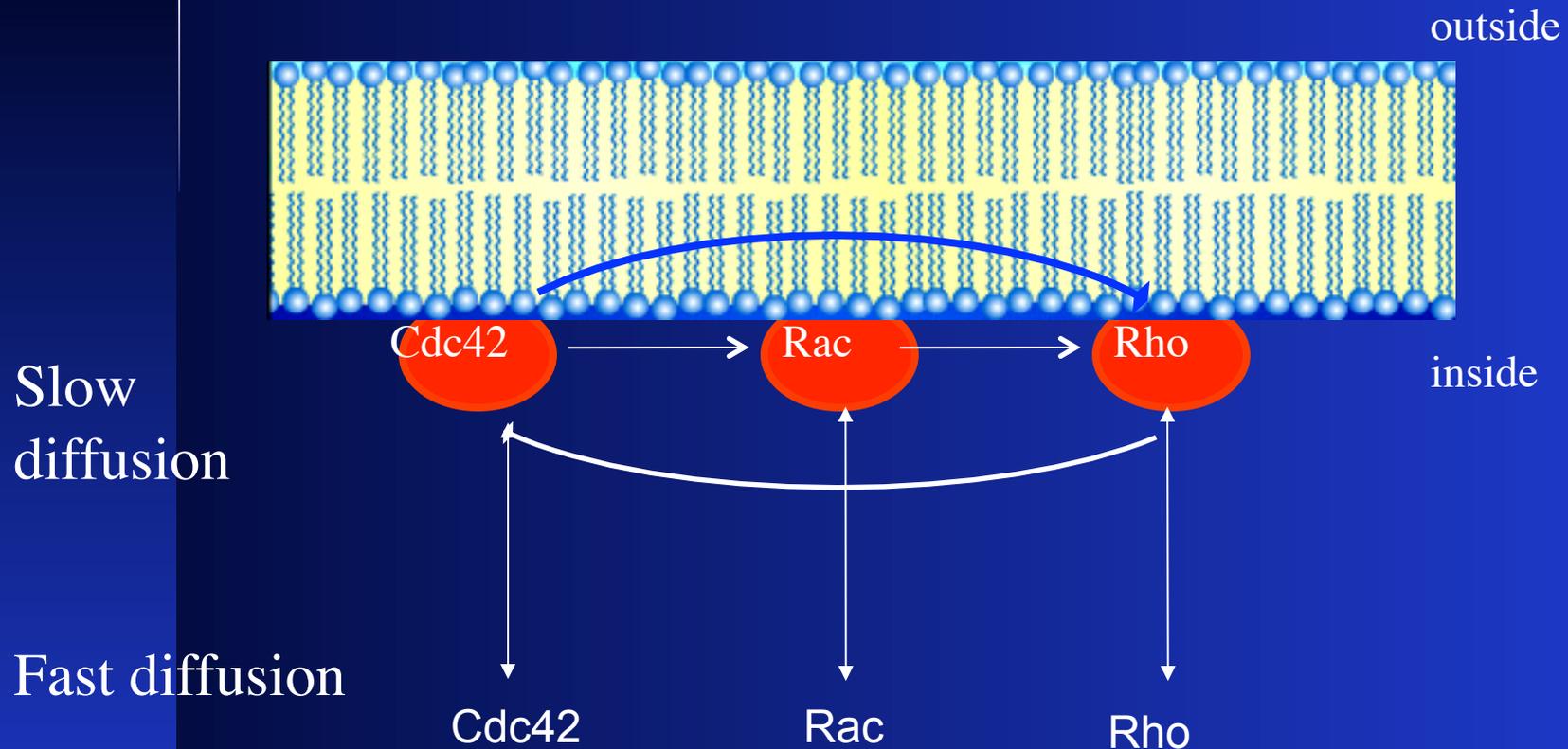


Chemical interactions in that layer

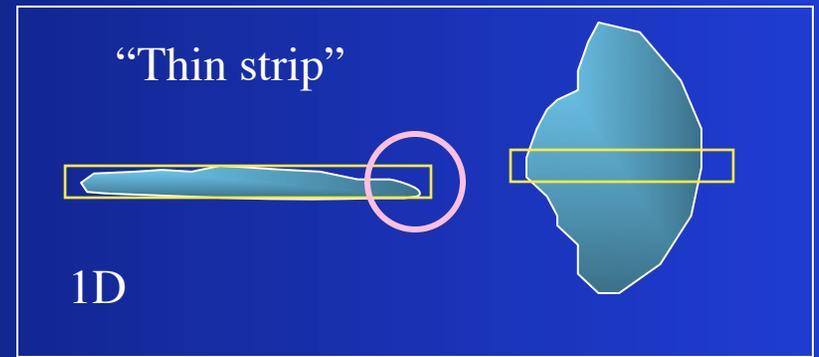
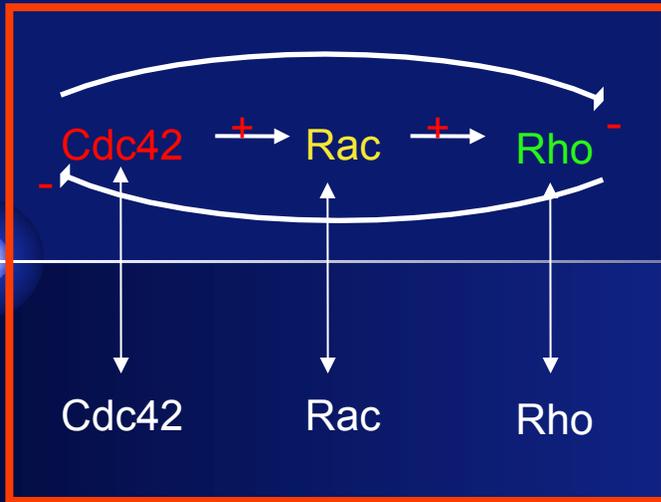


Why? Because Rho GTPases are implicated in setting up that polarization.

Differences in diffusion are inherent to the system



Mathematical model (6 PDEs)



active

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = f_C(\rho) \left(\frac{C_i}{C_{\text{tot}}} \right) - \delta_C C + D_m \Delta C,$$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial t} = f_R(C) \left(\frac{R_i}{R_{\text{tot}}} \right) - \delta_R R + D_m \Delta C R,$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = f_\rho(C, R) \left(\frac{\rho_i}{\rho_{\text{tot}}} \right) - \delta_\rho \rho + D_m \Delta \rho,$$

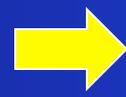
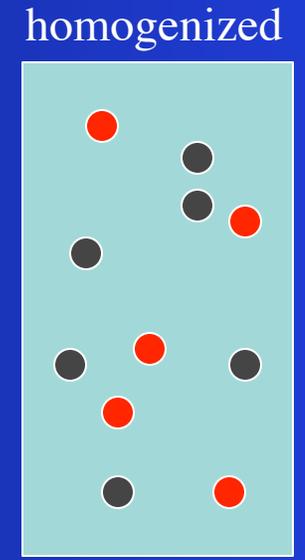
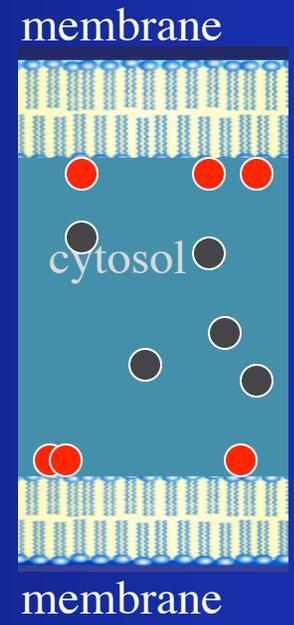
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inactive

$$D_{mc} > D_m$$





Can we analyse this mathematically?

As is, a system of 6 PDEs is challenging to understand analytically. This is one motivation for easier method (LPA)

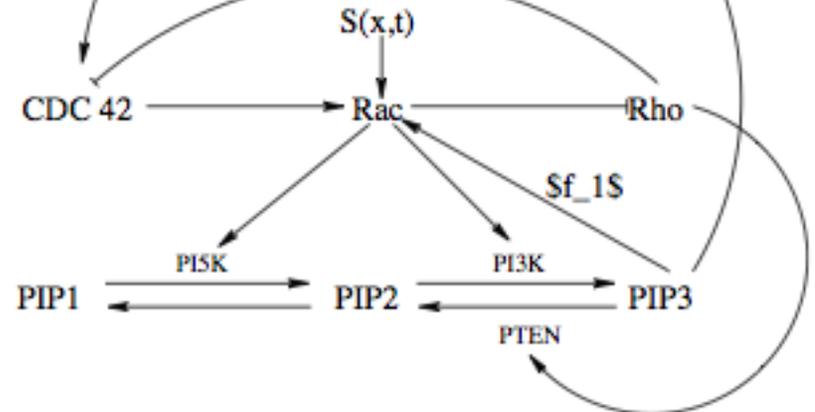
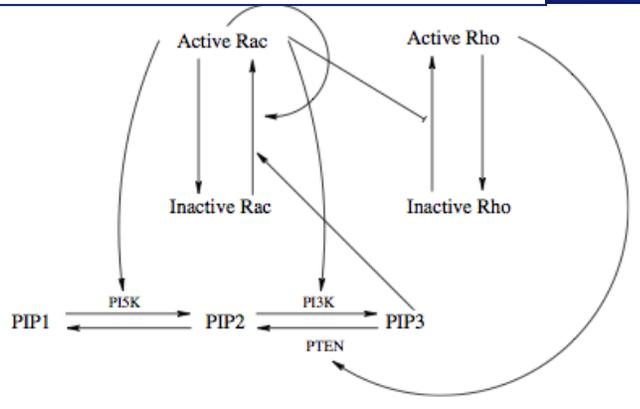
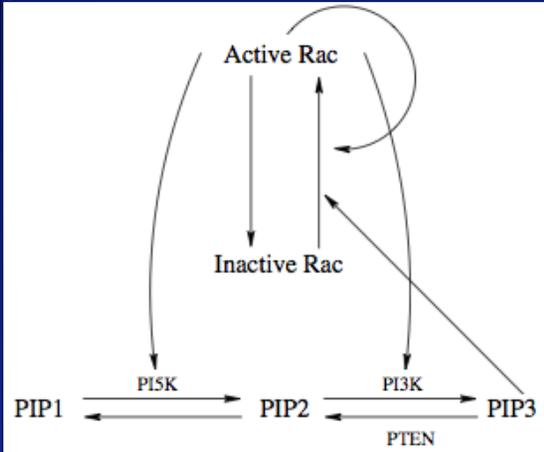
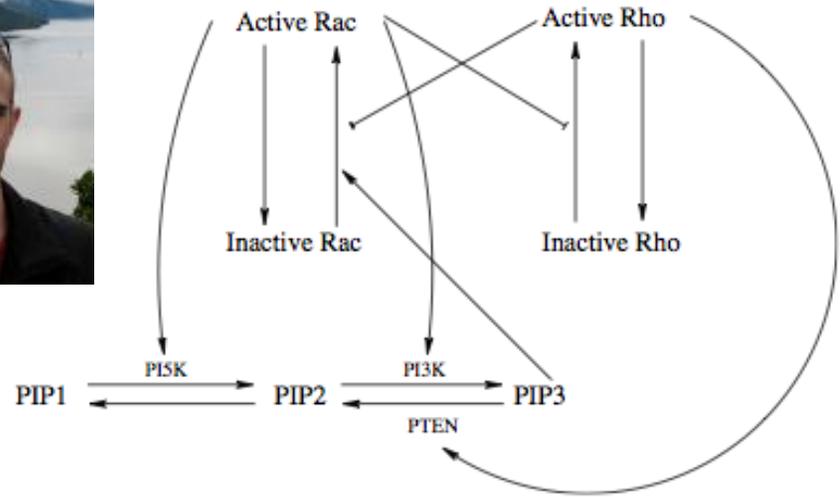


Models develop in response to
experiments.

We want a handy way to understand
them

New Models

Bill Holmes, Ben Lin, Andre Levchenko, LEK



Typical sets of equations

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = h + D_m \Delta C$$

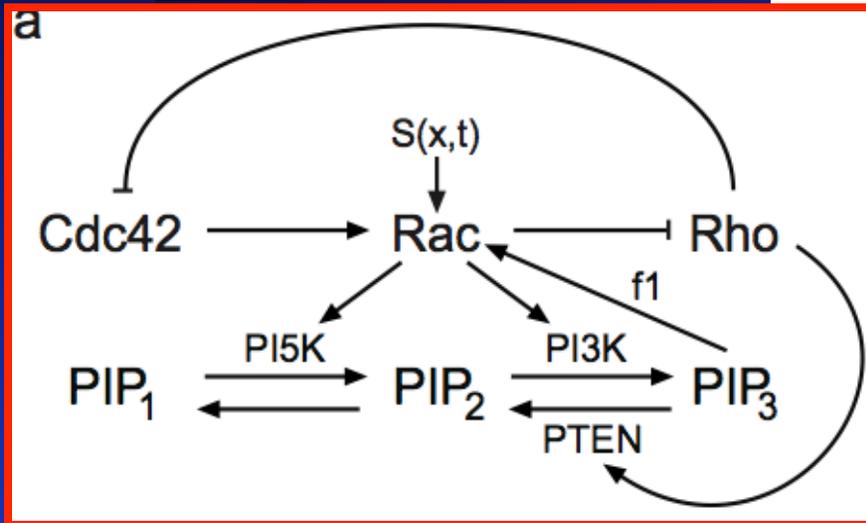
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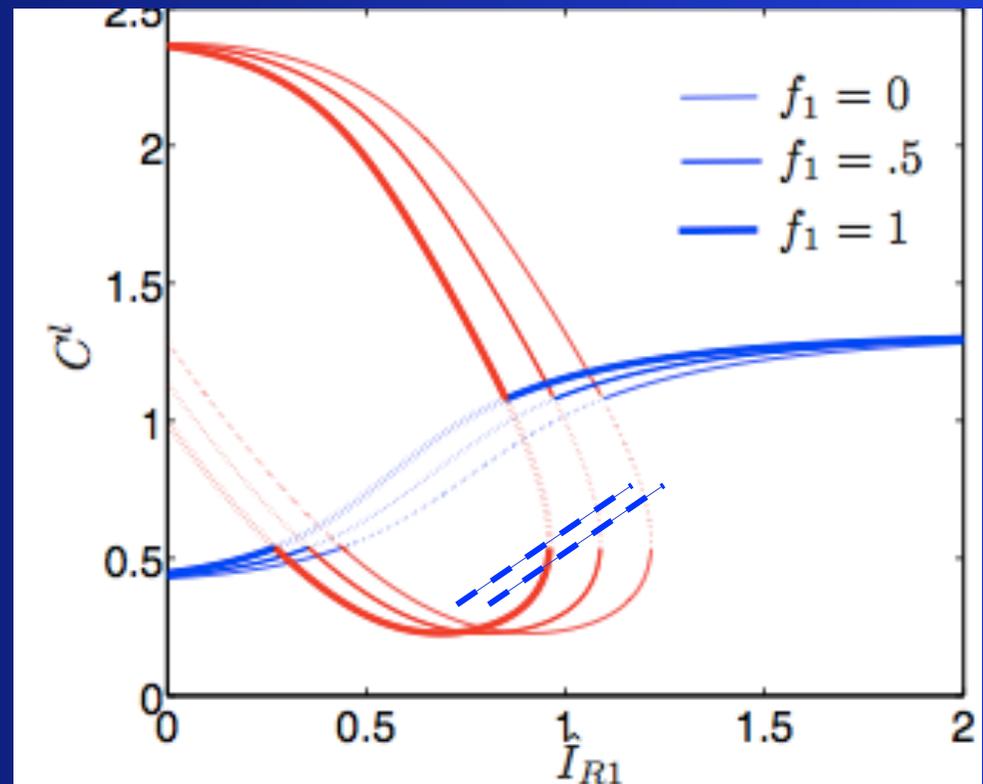
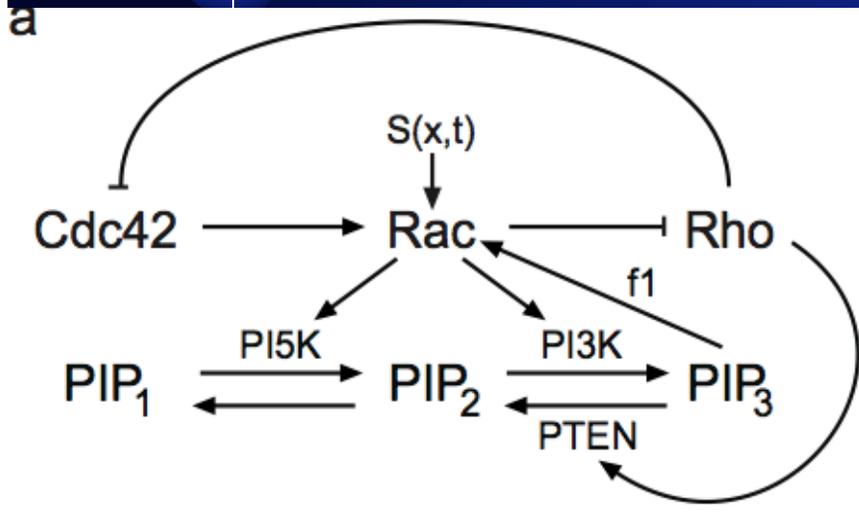
$$h = \left(\frac{I_c}{1 + \left(\frac{\rho}{a_1}\right)^n} + f_2 \frac{P3}{P3b} \right) \frac{C_i}{C_t} - \delta_C C$$

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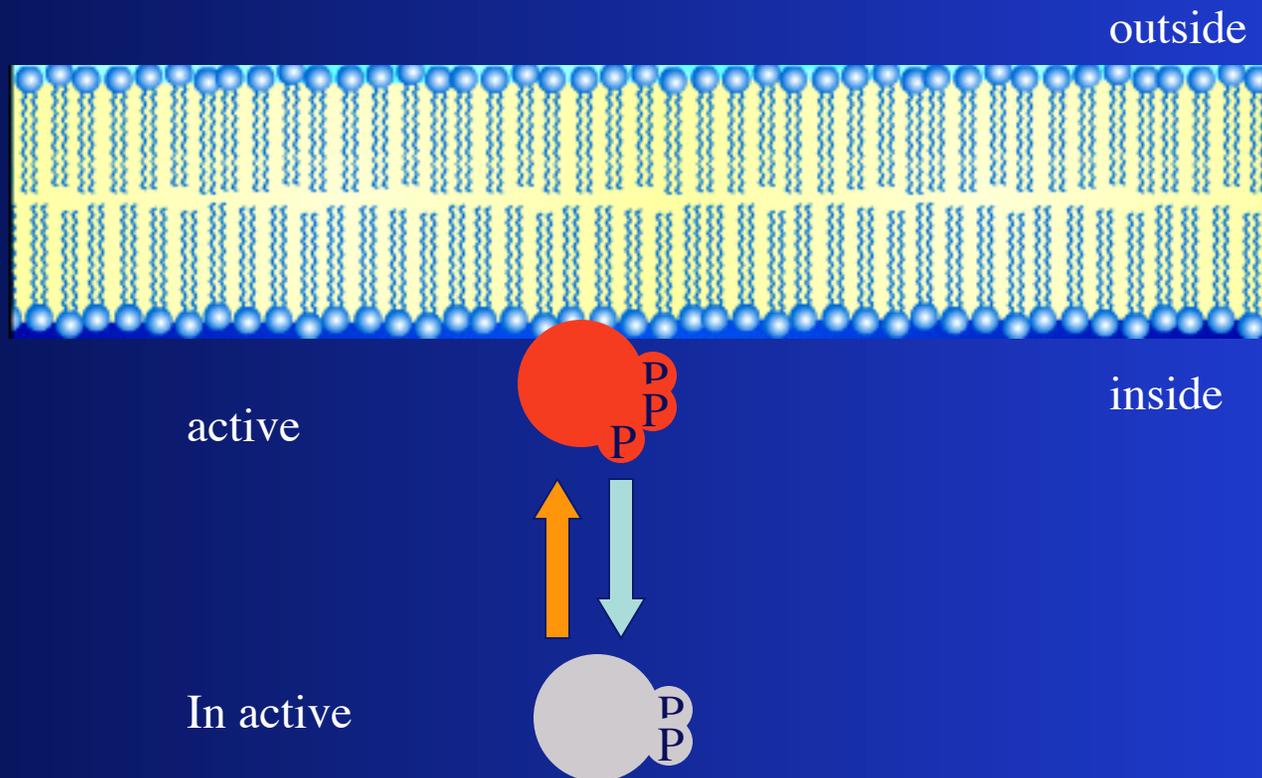
... Plus equations for P_1, P_2, P_3

LPA helps to understand how these models behave

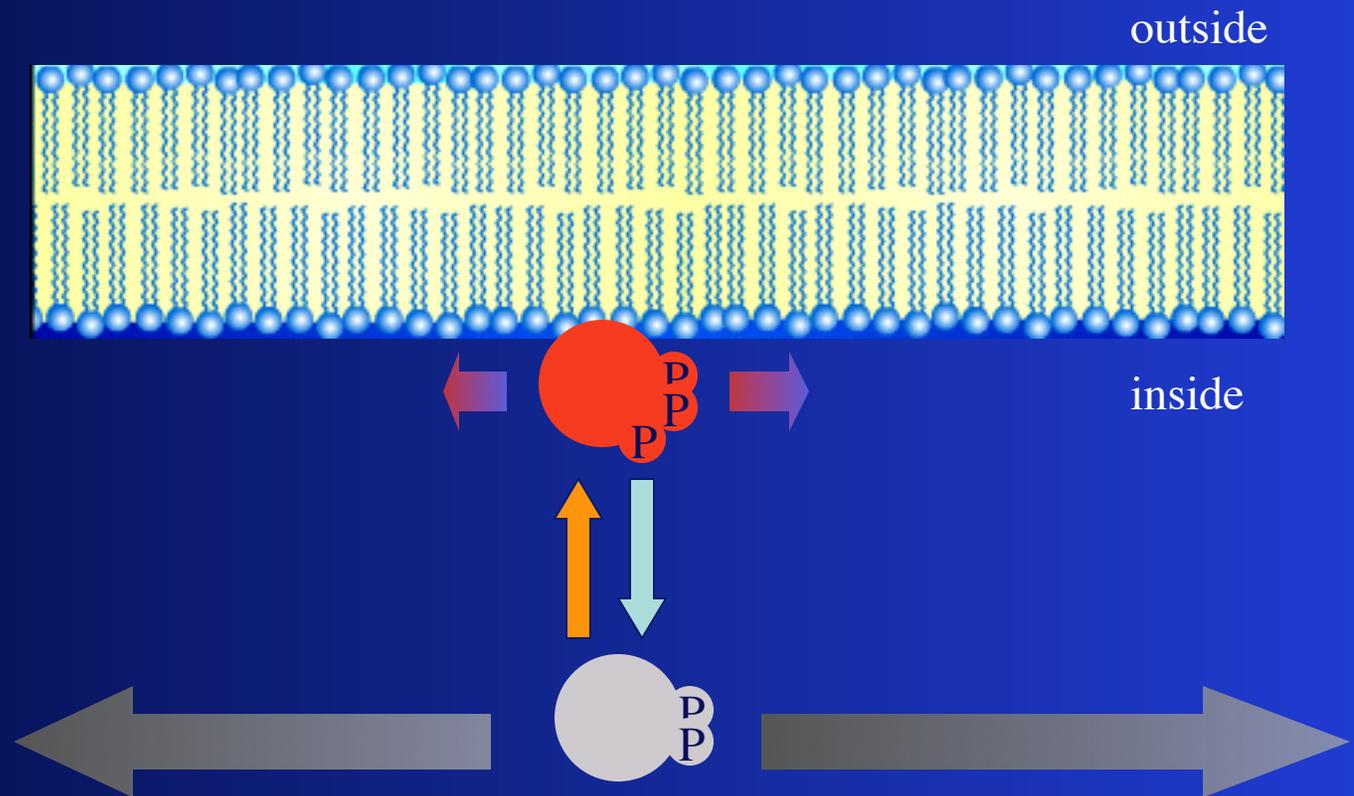




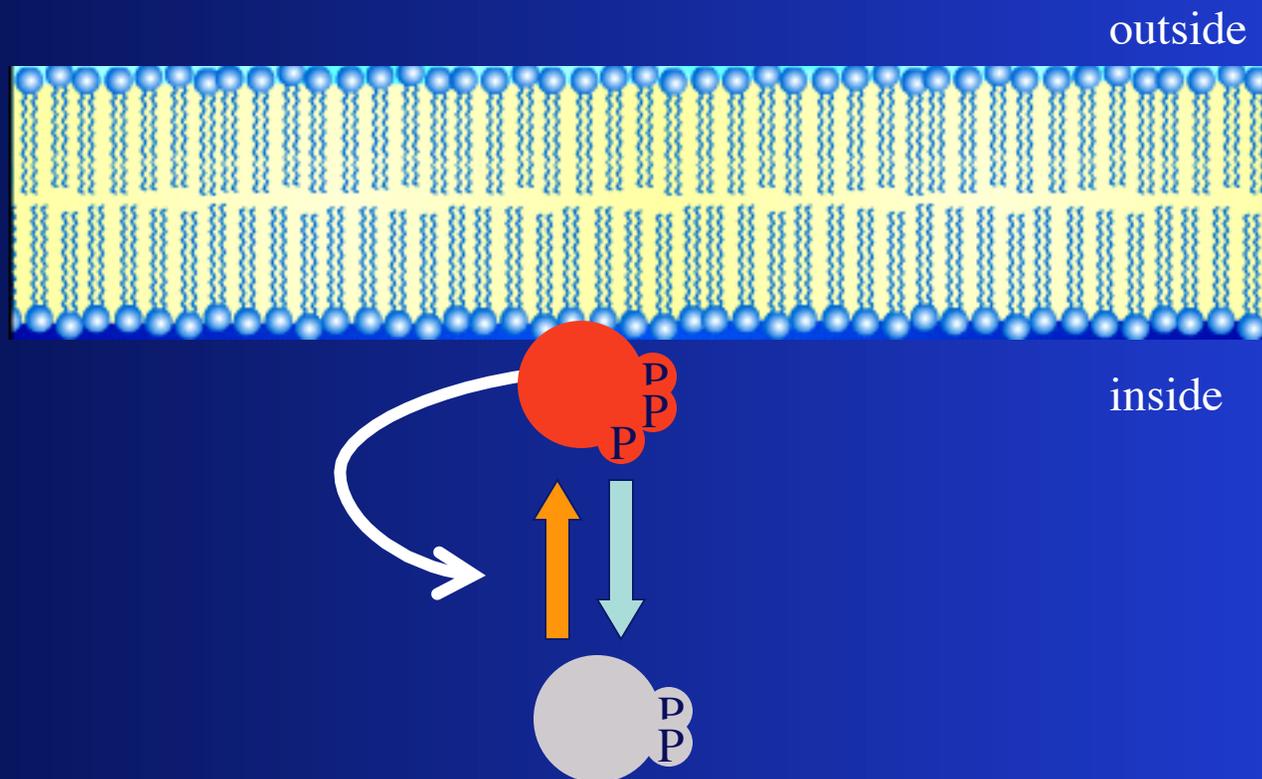
Simplified view:



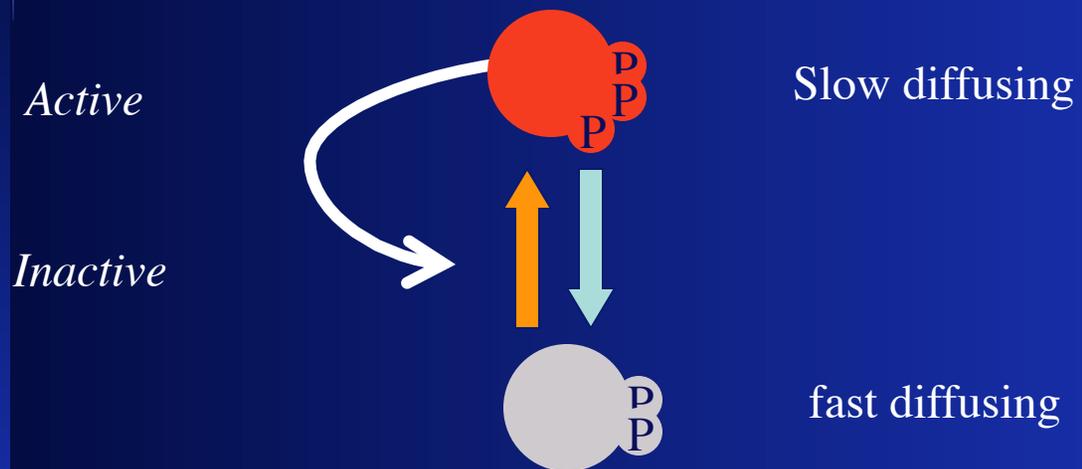
100-1000 fold difference in rates of diffusion



Caricature model



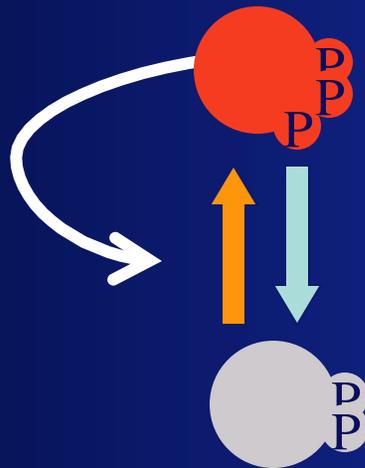
Only two variables



RD model

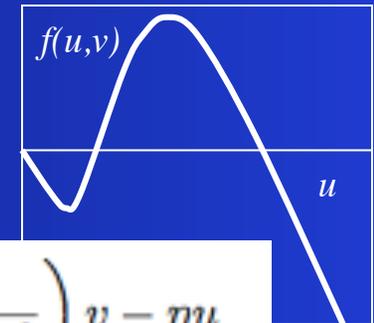
Active

Inactive



$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= D_u \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + f(u, v), \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} &= D_v \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} - f(u, v),\end{aligned}$$

$$D_u \ll D_v$$



$$f(u, v) = \eta \left(\delta + \frac{\gamma u^2}{m^2 + u^2} \right) v - \eta u$$

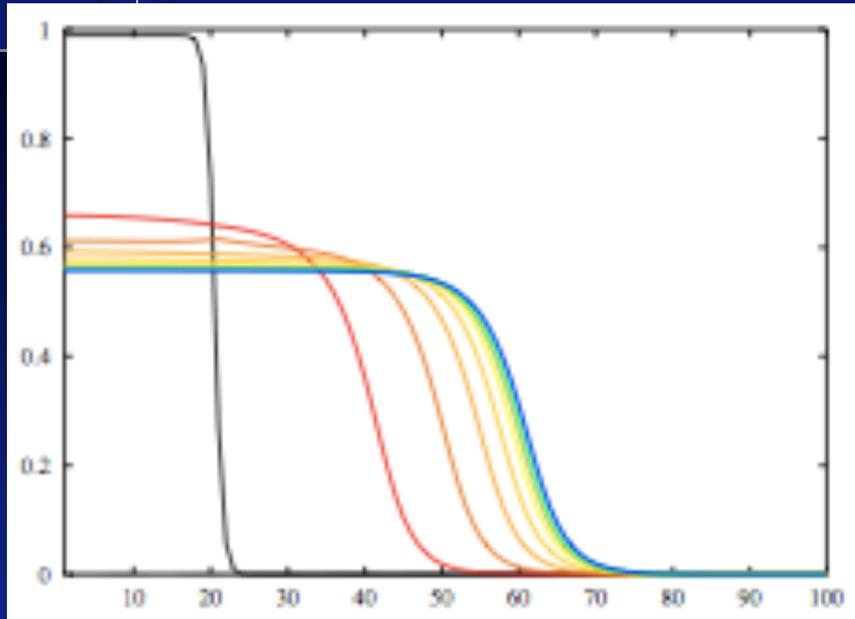


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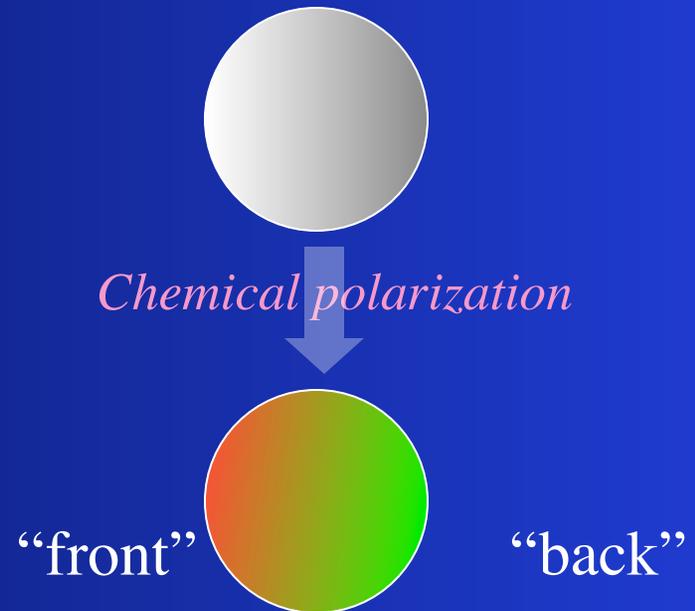
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WP = polarization



“front”

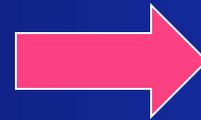
“back”



A stable, robust way to chemically distinguish front from back.

Methods of analysis, RD systems

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, t) &= f(u, v) + D_u \Delta u, \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}(x, t) &= g(u, v) + D_v \Delta v,\end{aligned}$$



Linearization,
Linear stability analysis
of full PDE, look for
+ve eigenvalues



$$D_u \ll D_v$$

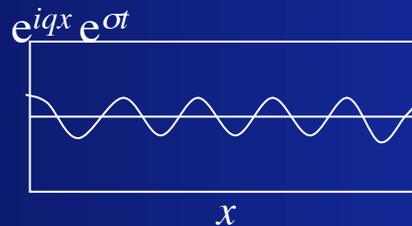
Local pulse analysis

(Traditional) Linear Stability analysis

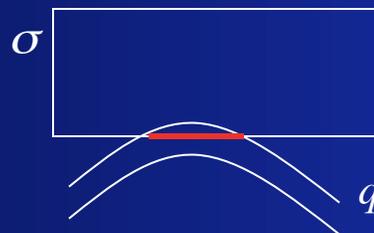
Linearized PDEs:

$$\frac{\partial a}{\partial t} = c_{11}a + c_{12}b + D_A \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial x^2}$$
$$\frac{\partial b}{\partial t} = c_{21}a + c_{22}b + D_B \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial x^2}$$

Perturbations:



Growing Modes:



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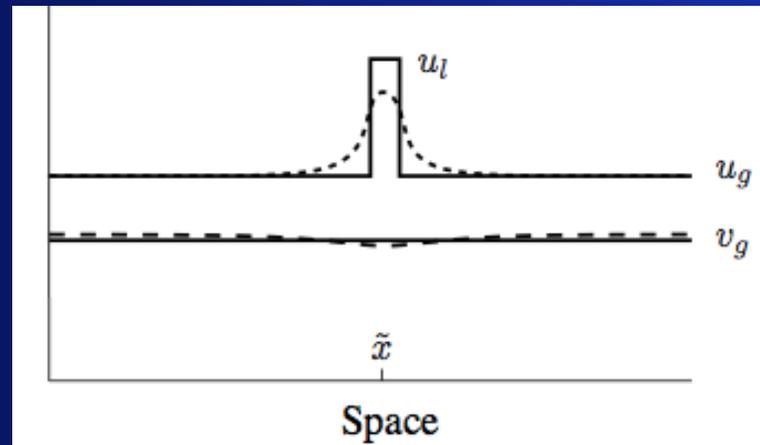


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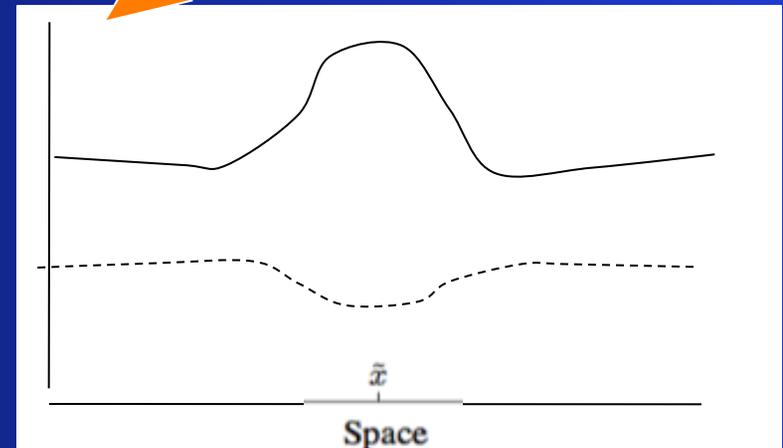
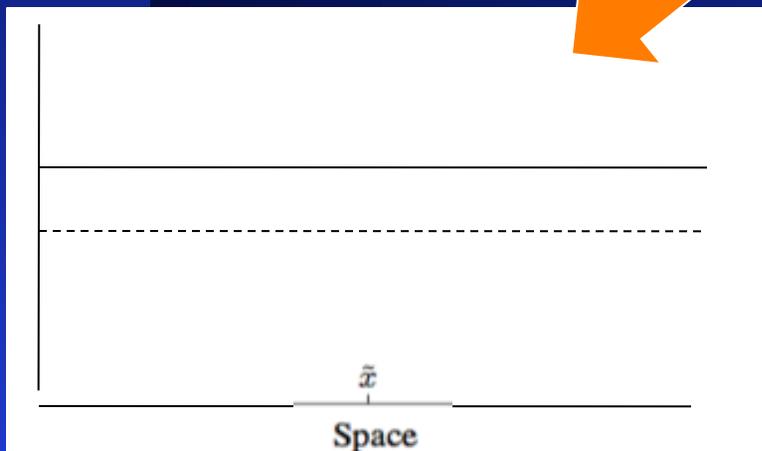
Local pulse analysis

Due to: Stan Maree, Veronica Grieneisen, Bill Holmes

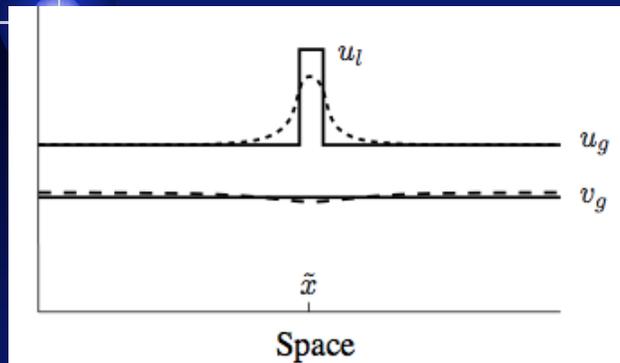
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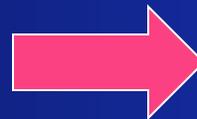
Local Pulse Analysis



Approximate PDEs by
ODEs for local and
global variables:

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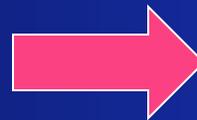


$$\begin{aligned}\frac{du^g}{dt}(x, t) &= f(u^g, v^g), \\ \frac{dv^g}{dt}(x, t) &= g(u^g, v^g), \\ \frac{du^l}{dt}(x, t) &= f(u^l, v^g)\end{aligned}$$

$$D_u \rightarrow 0 \quad D_v \rightarrow \infty$$

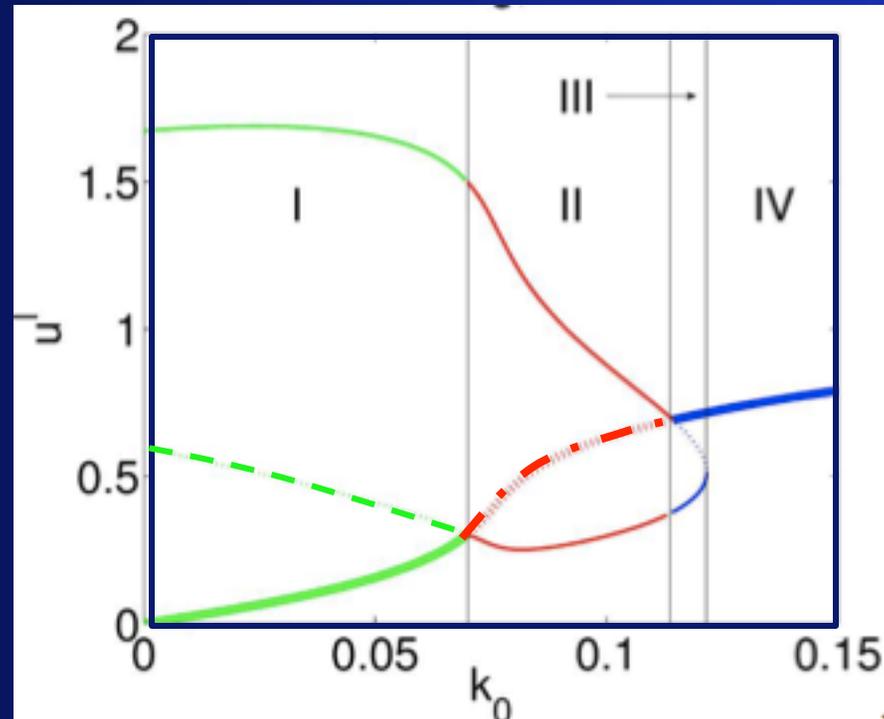
Bifurcation structure (LPA)

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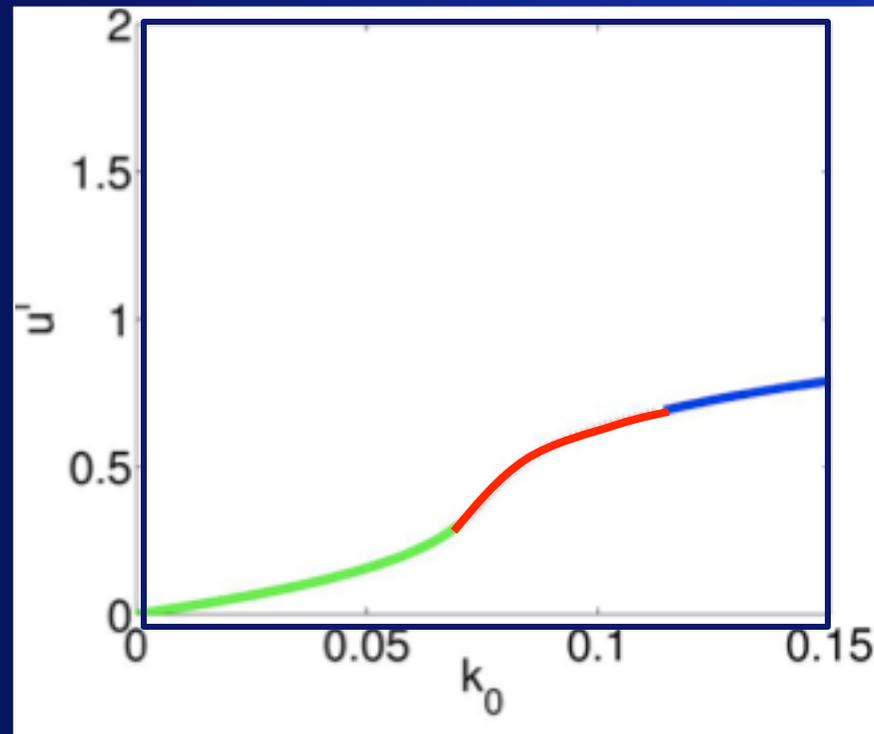
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Bifurcation structure of well mixed system



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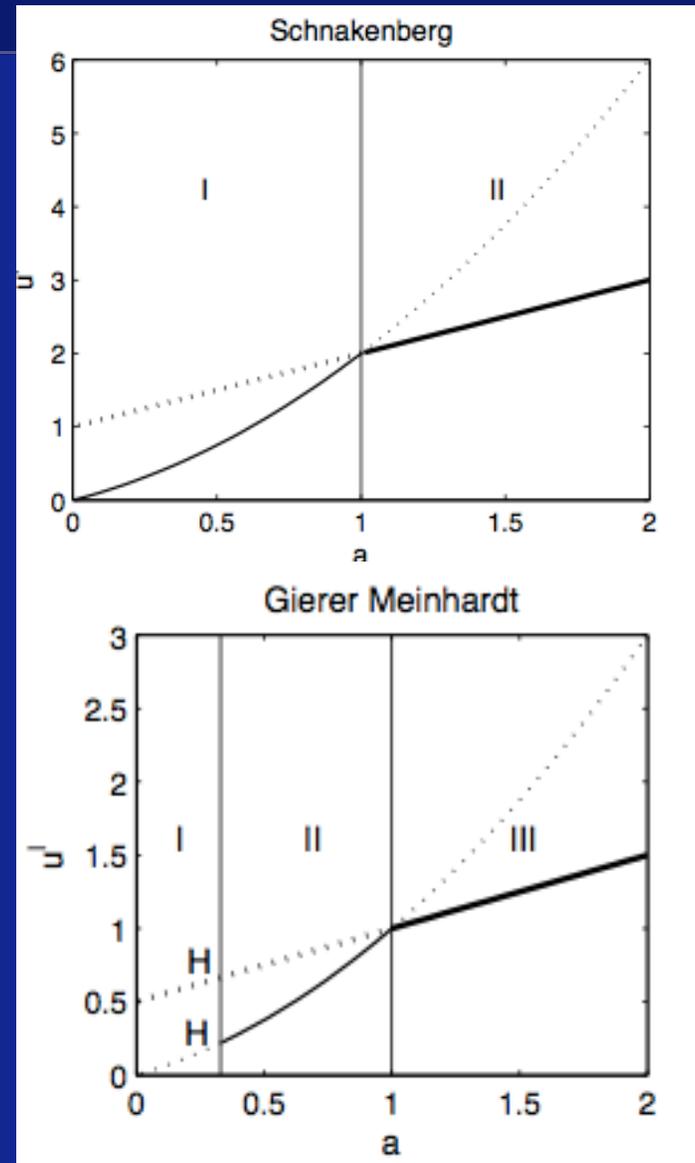
Other sys.

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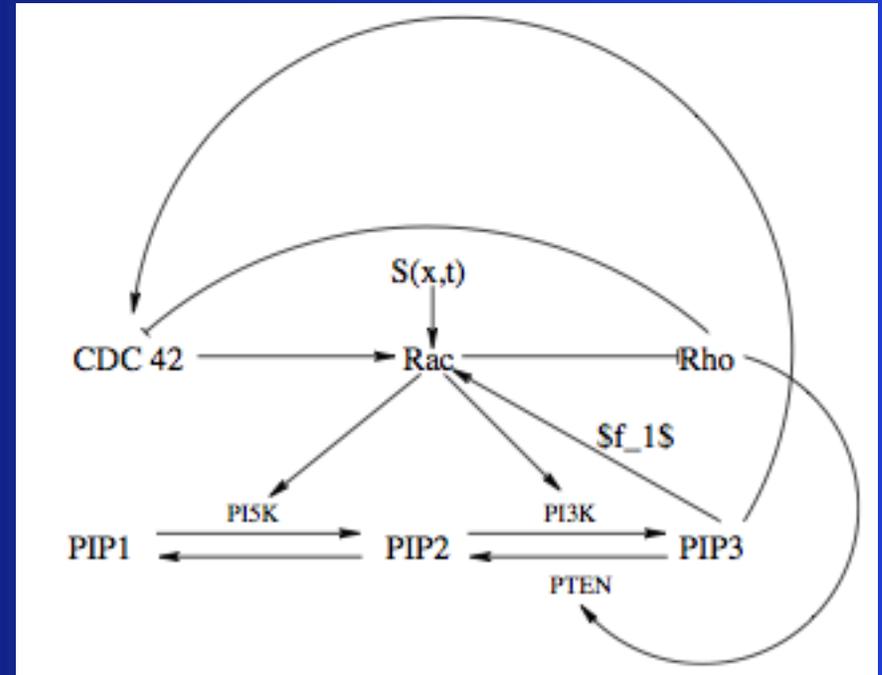
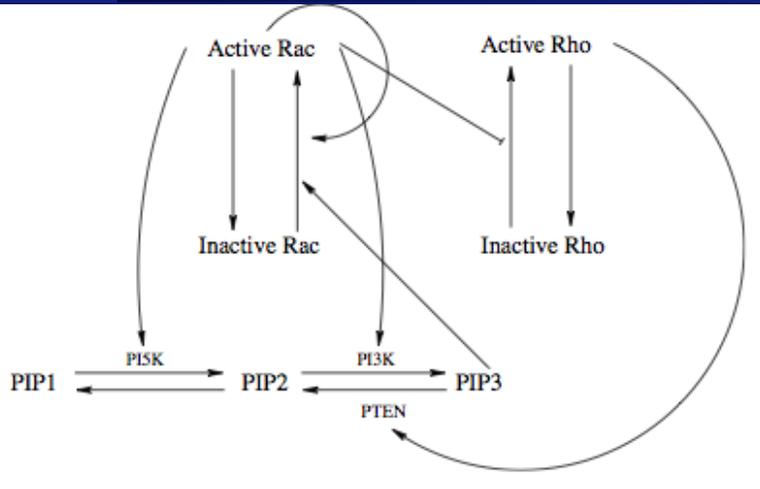
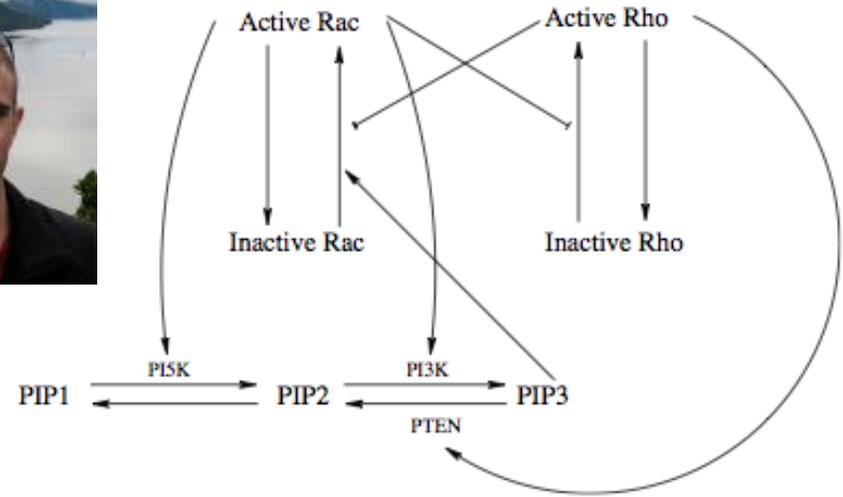
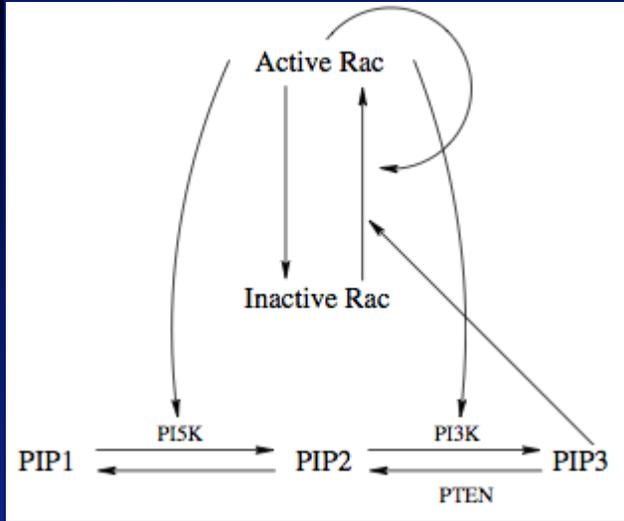
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Gierer-Meinhardt

$$\begin{aligned}u_t(x, t) &= a - bu + \frac{u^2}{v(1 + Ku^2)} + D\Delta u \\v_t(x, t) &= u^2 - v + D\Delta v.\end{aligned}$$



New Models



Revised biochemistry

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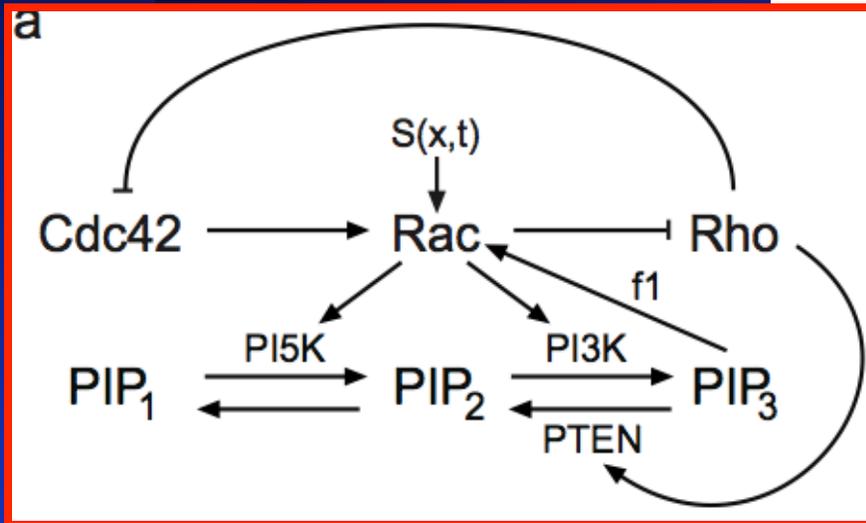
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