

- **INNOCUOUS ANTIGEN**

- No Danger- very low expression of costimulatory ligands
- Signal One Only
 - Non-responsiveness
 - Tolerance (anergy)

- **PATHOGEN**

- Danger induces costimulatory ligands
- Signal One + Signal Two
 - Lymphocyte Activation

INNOCUOUS ANTIGENS

- Commensal microbes
- Food antigens
- Host cell proteins that have not induced thymic deletion
- Fetal antigens?

Choices during T cell activation

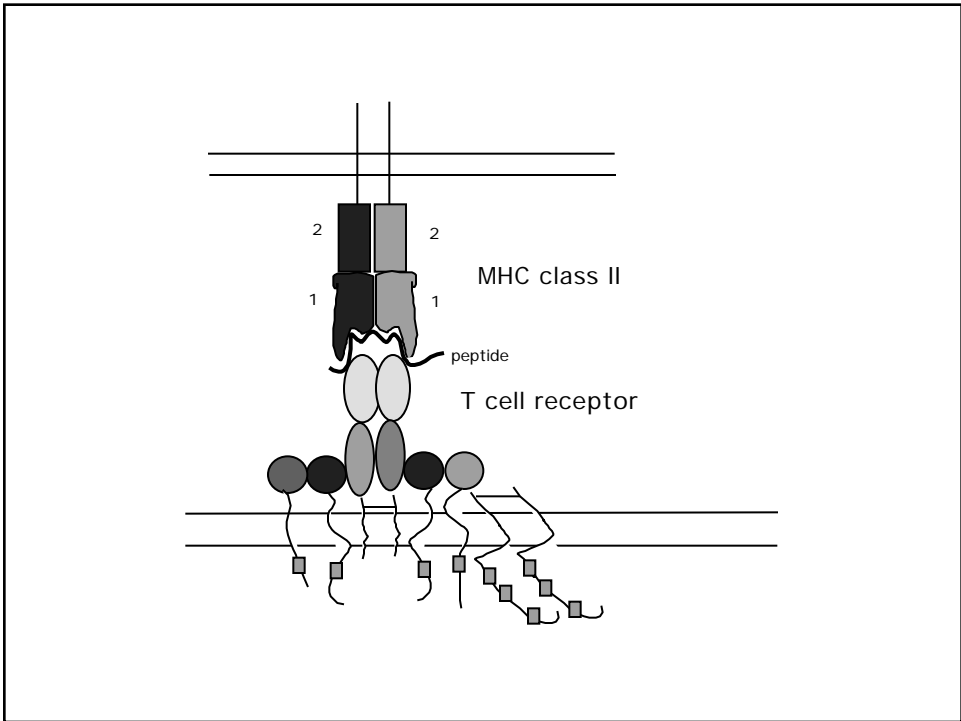
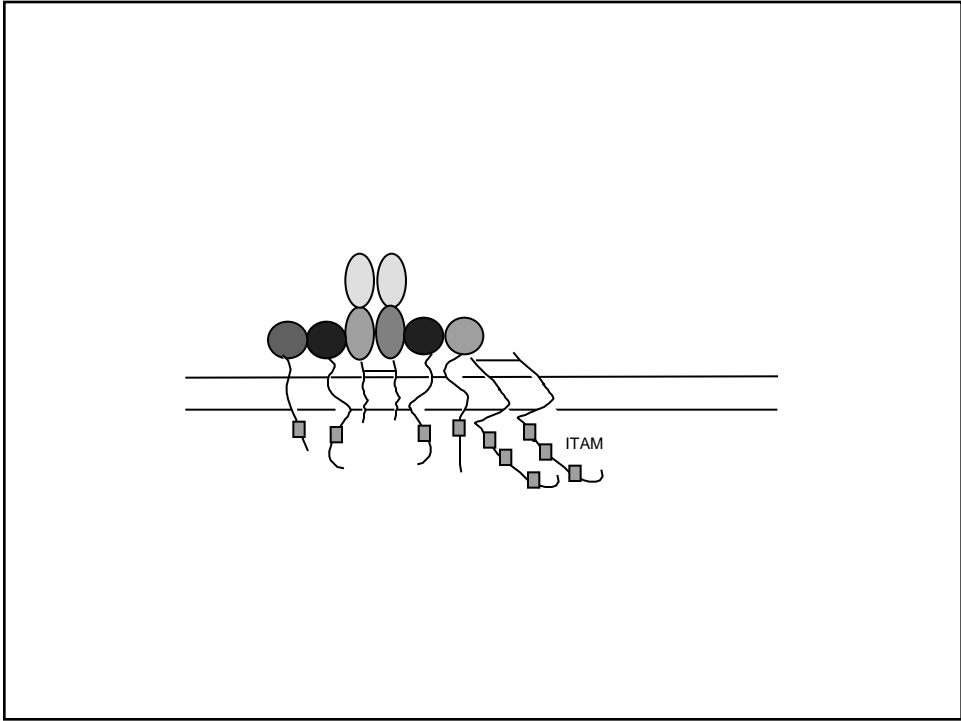
- **INITIALLY:**
 - Anergy OR
 - Activation into Effector state
- **RESTIMULATION OF EFFECTORS**
 - Activation Induced Cell death OR
 - Memory
 - Differentiation e.g. Th1 versus Th2
 - Other regulatory subsets

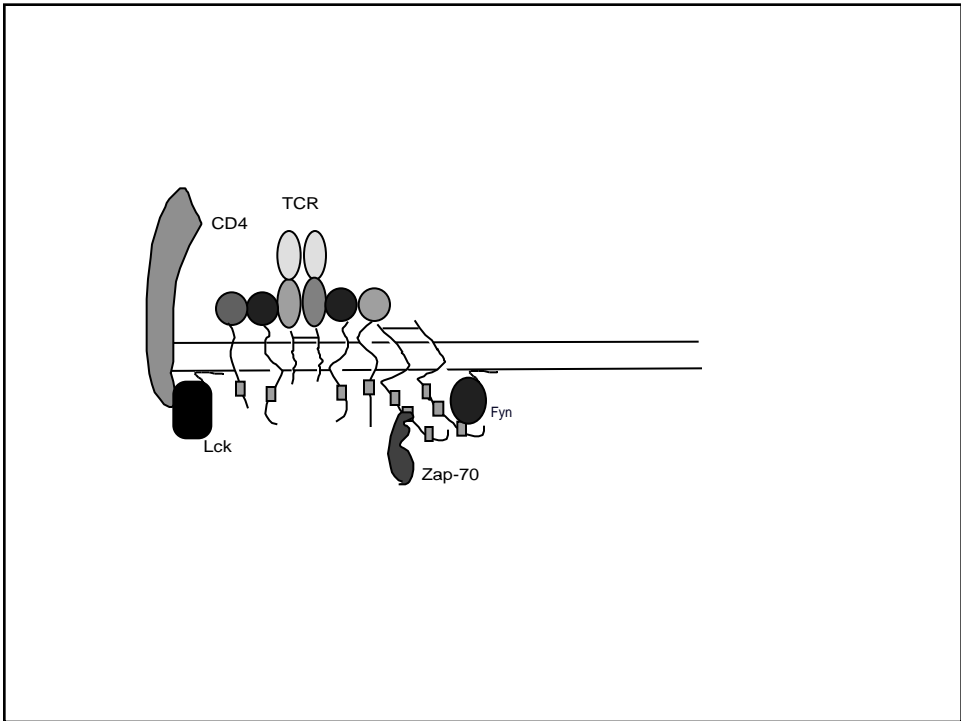
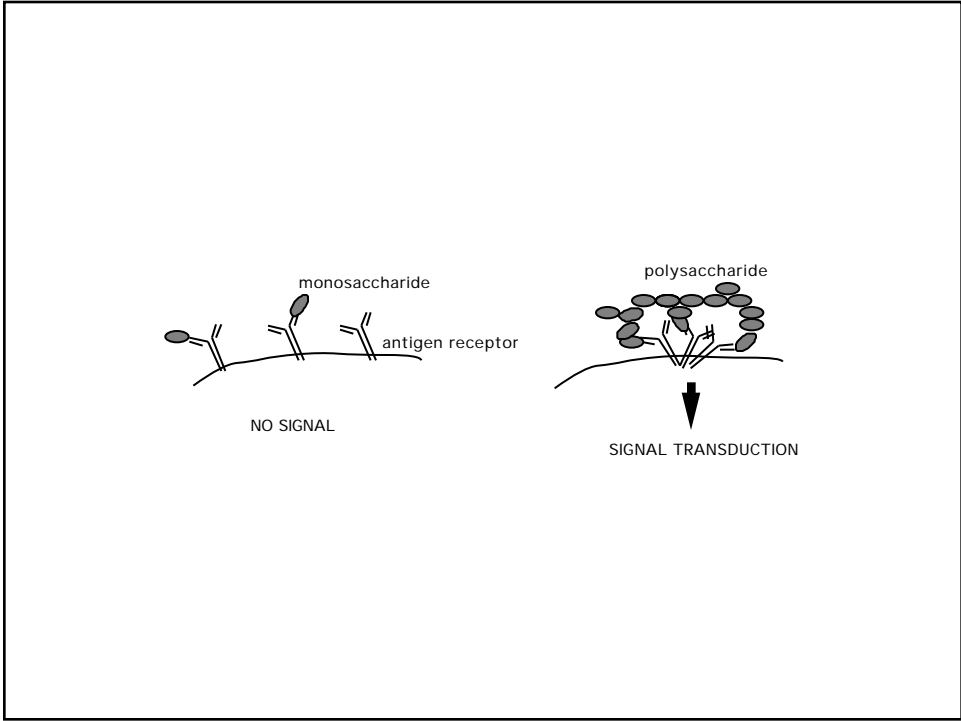
Issues in T cell activation - I

- Crosslinking versus Coreceptors
- Is the Affinity of the TCR for MHC Too Low?
- Lipid rafts and the need for Immunological Synapse generation
- Interfering with Signal One-immunosuppression and how it works

Issues in T cell Activation -II

- Anergy versus Activation
- How is the quality of an immune response modulated - Th1 versus Th2 for instance?





TCR-MHC interactions

- 1. Few MHC-peptide complexes on an APC specific for a given TCR
- 2. Affinity of TCR for specific MHC-peptide combo is pretty low - 10^{-4} to 10^{-6} M
- 3. How then does a T cell receive specific signals?

It Takes Two to Tango.....?

- SLC (secondary lymphoid chemokine) draws naïve T cells and activated dendritic cells through the HEV into lymph nodes
- Signaling through CCR7 activates integrins for adhesion but also induces T cell polarization via cytoskeletal rearrangements
- “Leading edge” of T cell slides alongside any dendritic cell it sees and a dance begins

Just a brief romance.....?

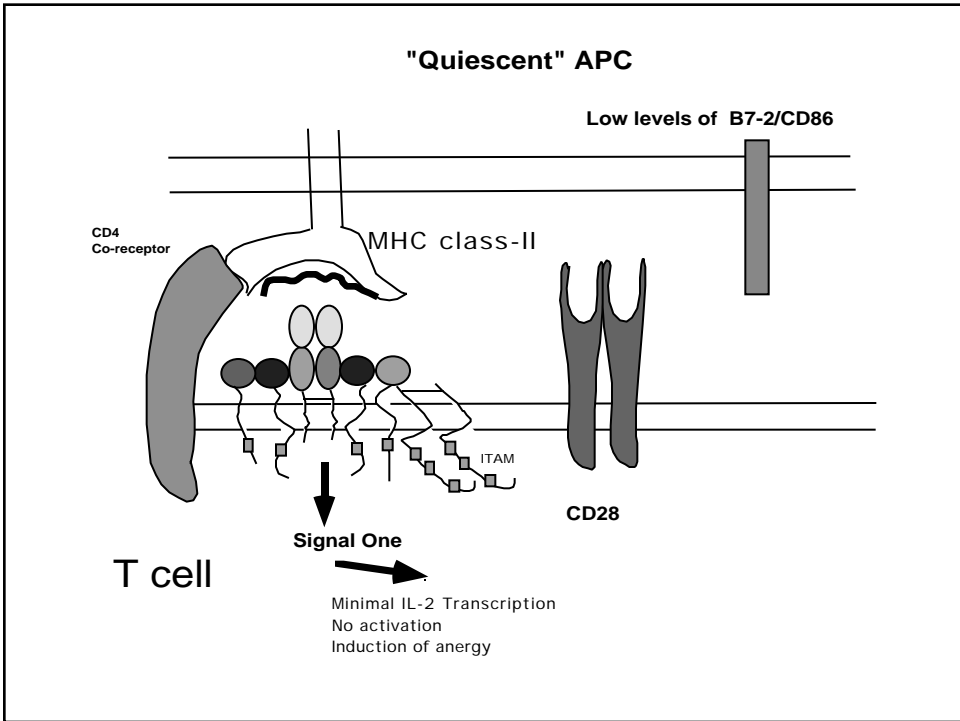
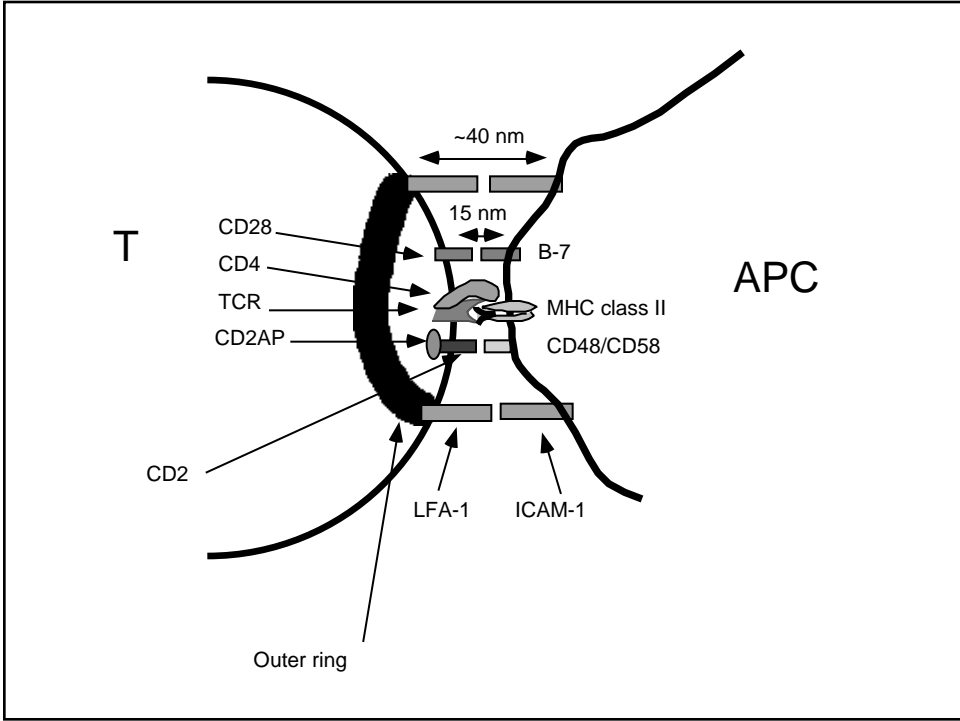
- Adhesion molecules on T cell bind to their counterparts on the DC; LFA-1 to ICAM-1, VLA-4 to VCAM-1 (LFA-1 and VLA-4 are integrins), CD2 to CD48 and so on
- CCR7 mediated adhesion is brief....minutes

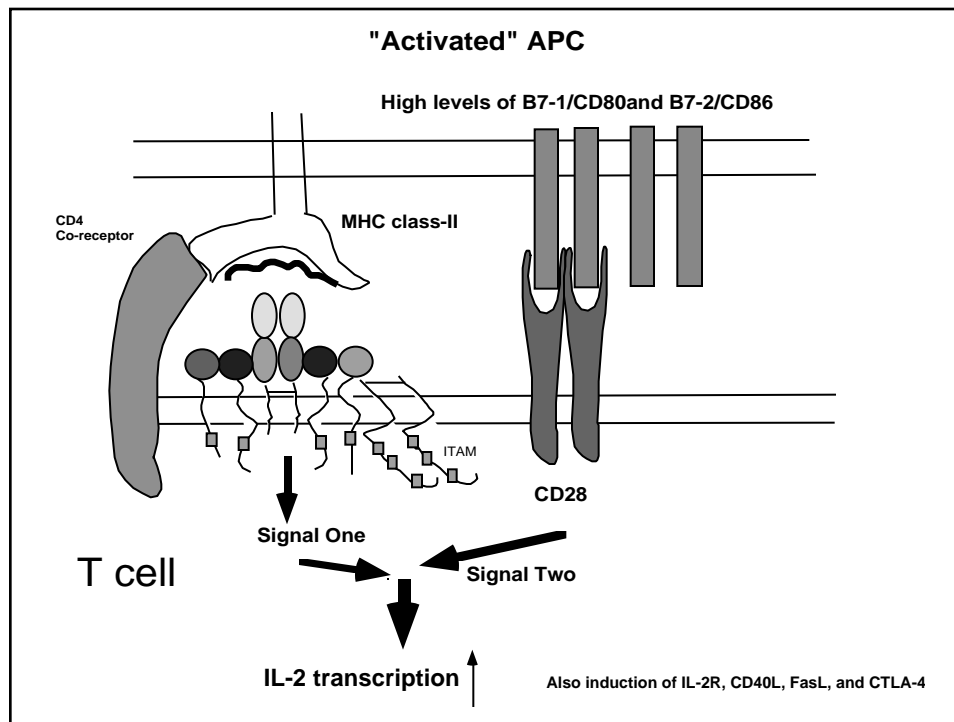
The TCR knows.....

- The right TCR-MHC/peptide interaction sustains a long term relationship.... For a few hours
- True synapse formation is initiated

Lipid rafts and Immunological Synapses

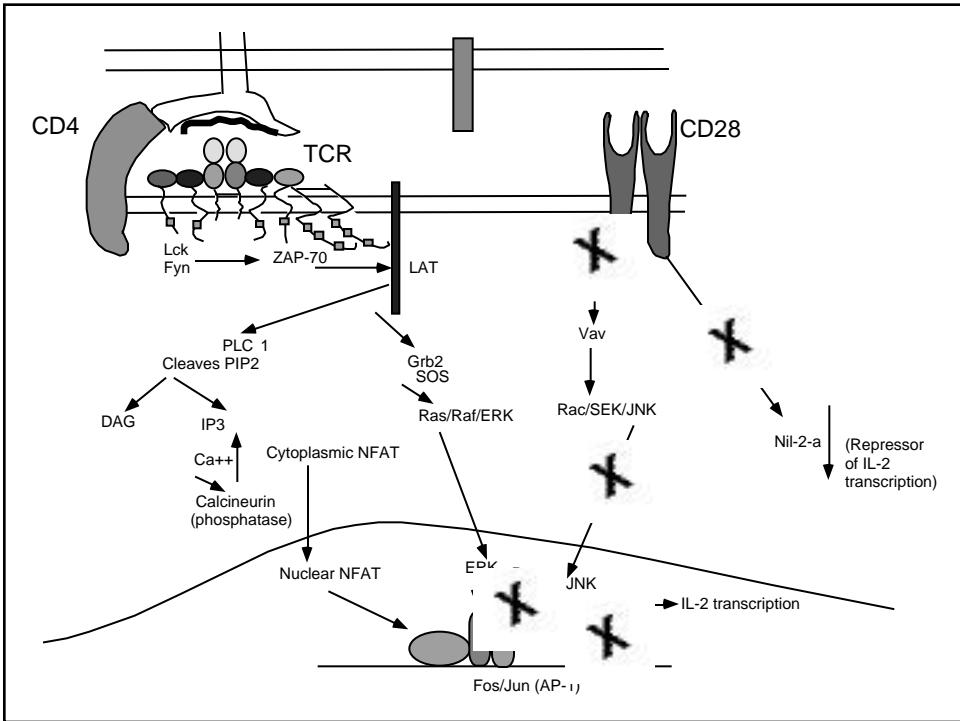
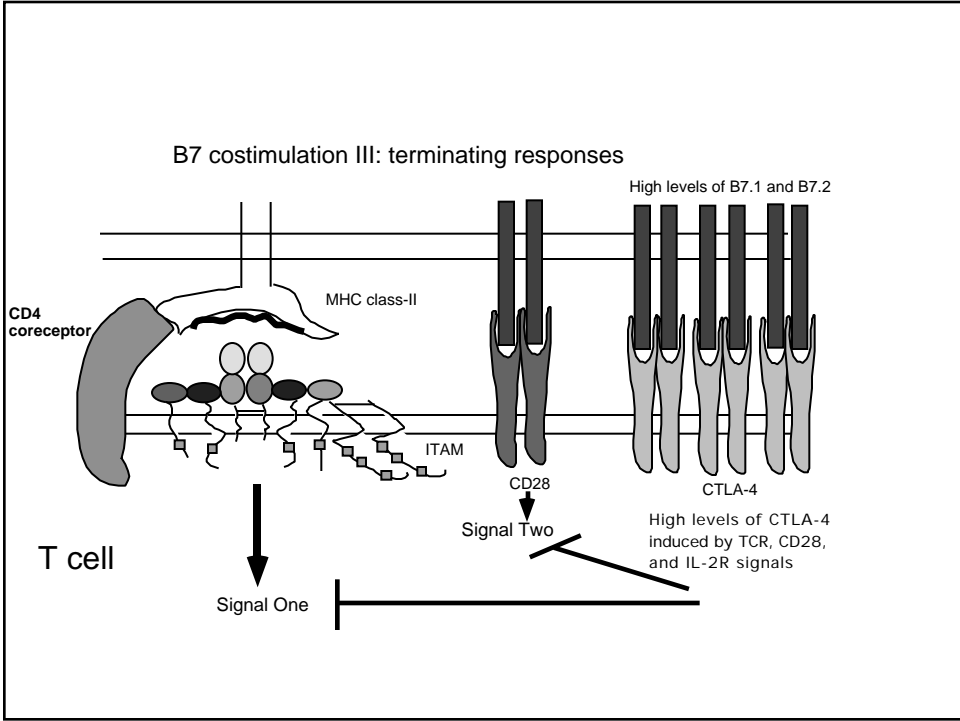
- Signaling initiated from specialized membrane microdomains- lipid rafts aka DIG domains or GEMs (these contain acylated proteins, GPI anchored proteins, PIP2 etc).
- Signaling through TCR induces cytoskeletal rearrangements and fusion of lipid rafts forming immunological synapses.

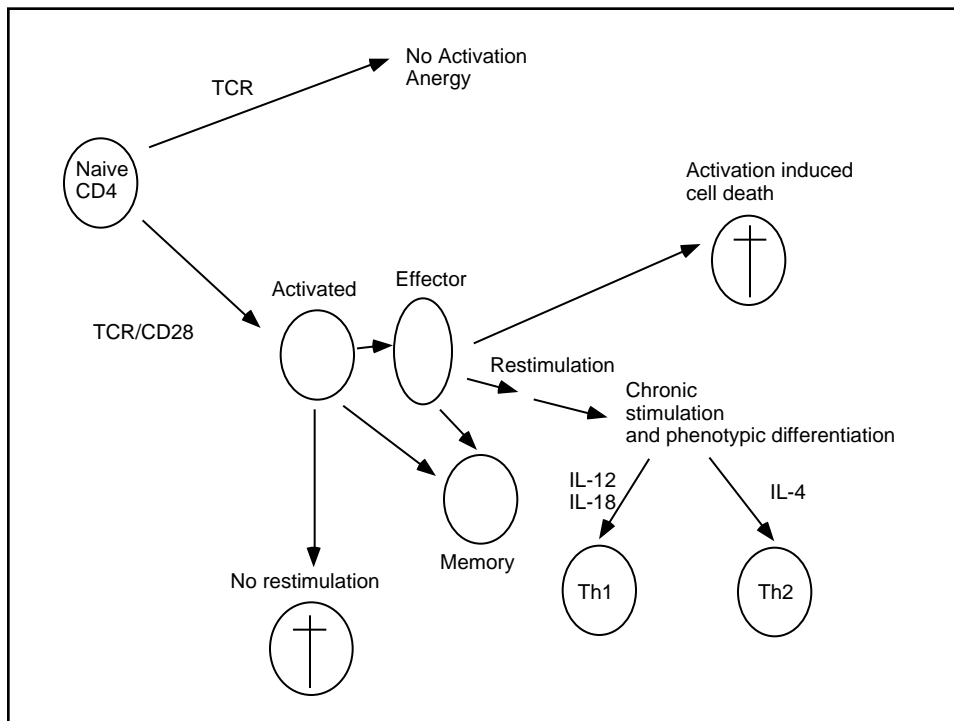
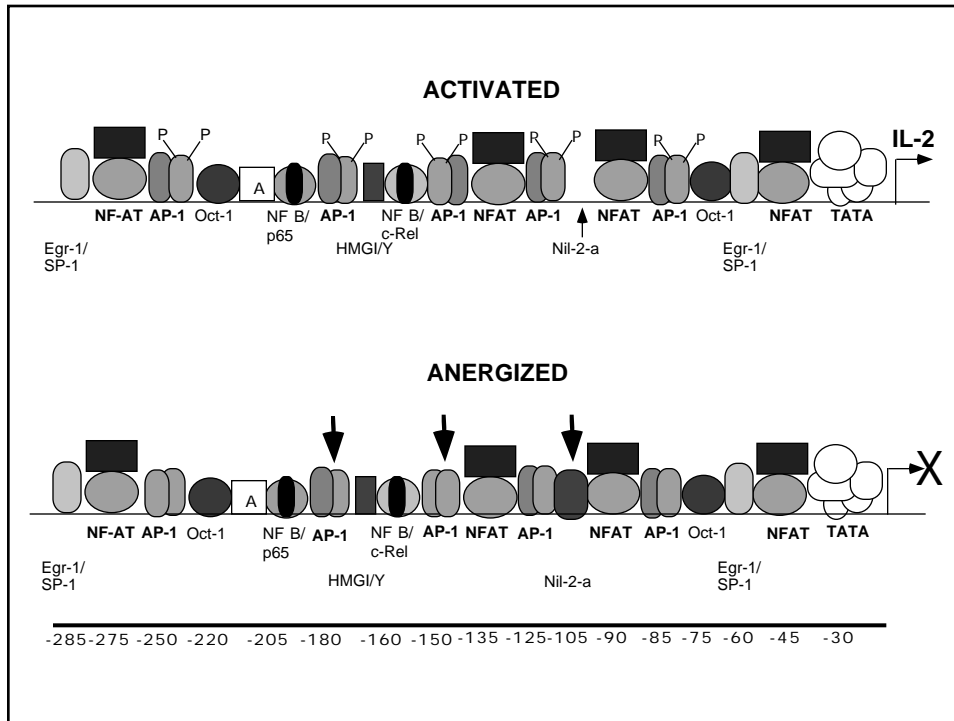


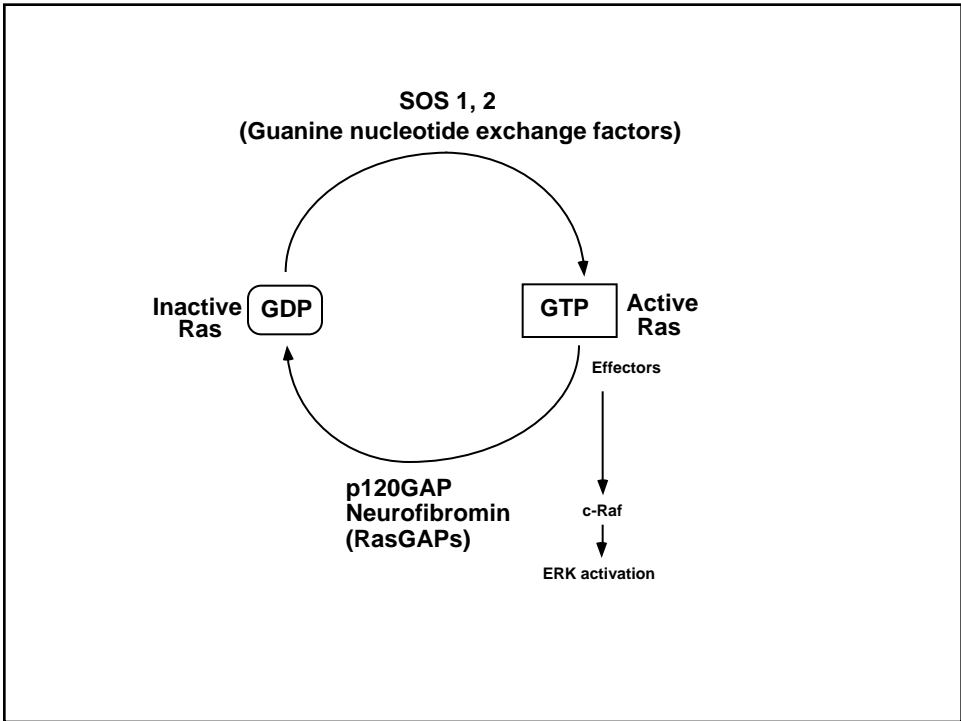
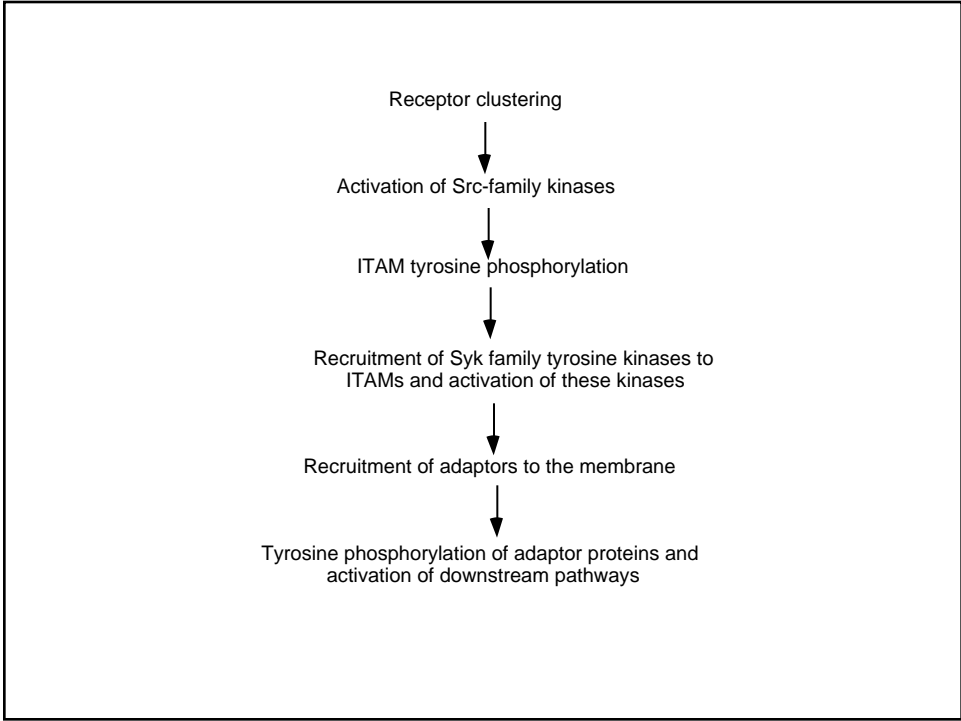


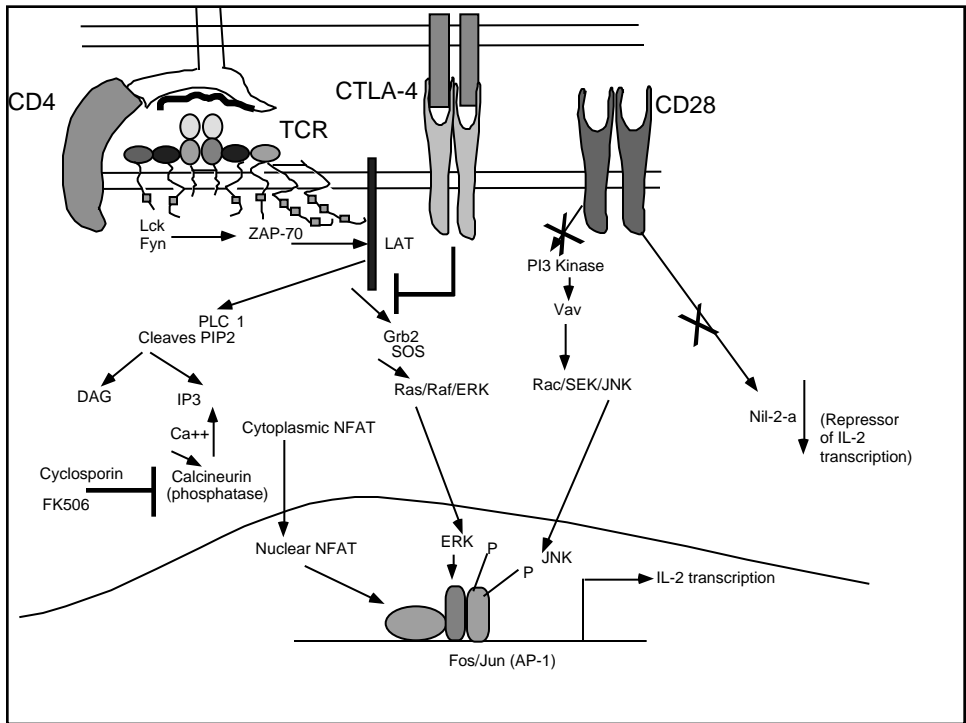
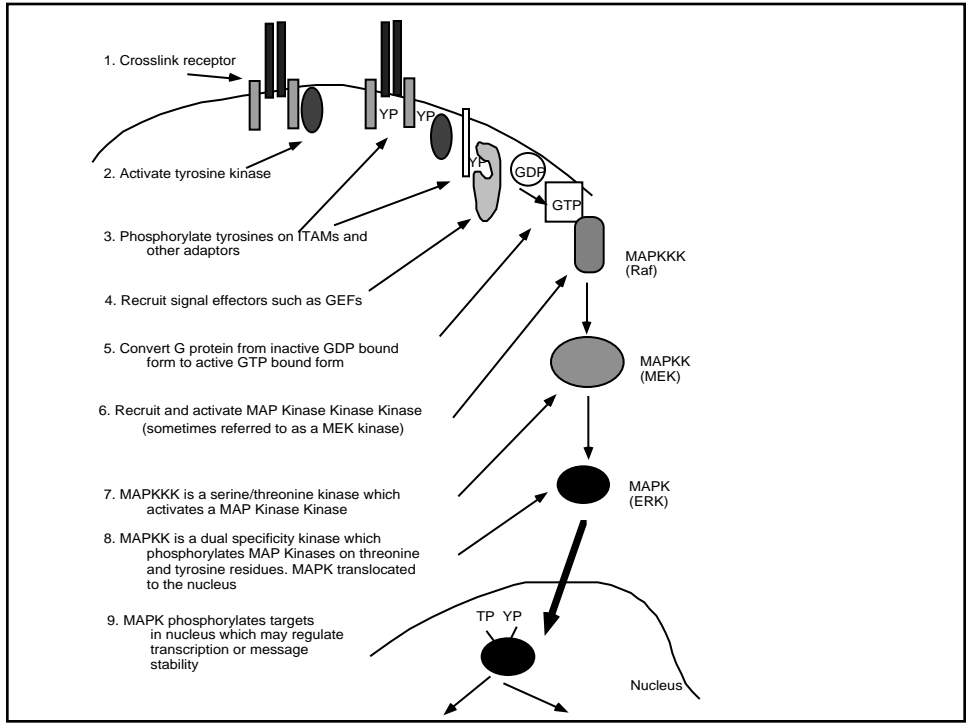
Some of the events turned on by Signals One and Two

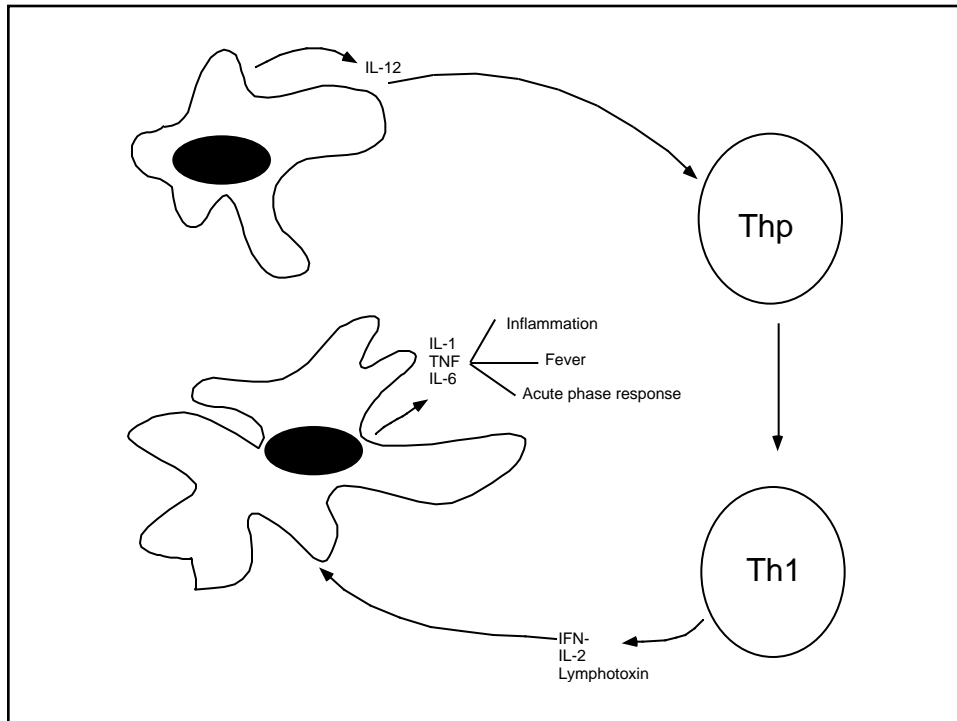
- Induction of IL-2R and IL-2 expression
- Induction of cyclins D2 and D3 and CDK4 and degradation of p27 CDK inhibitor - cells divide
- Induction of CD40L
- Induction of FasL and of higher levels of CTLA-4







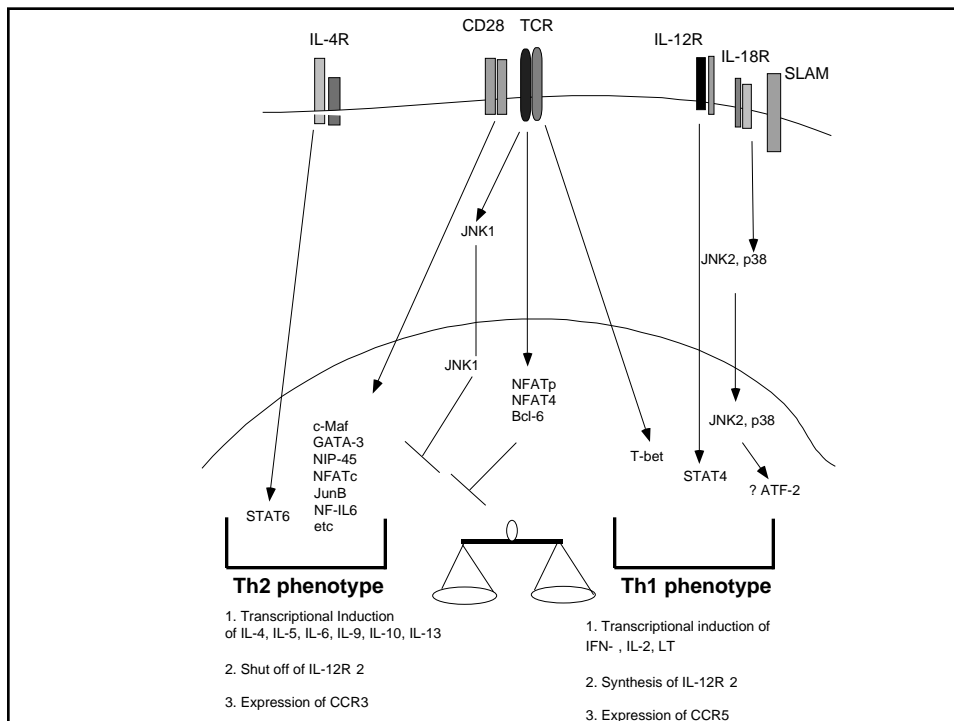


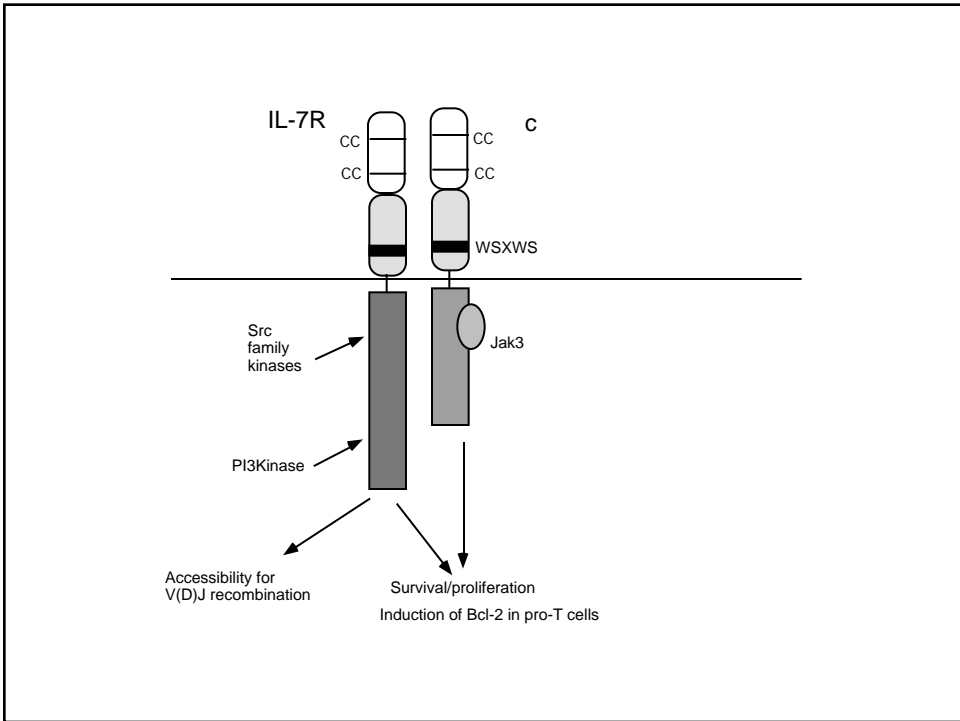
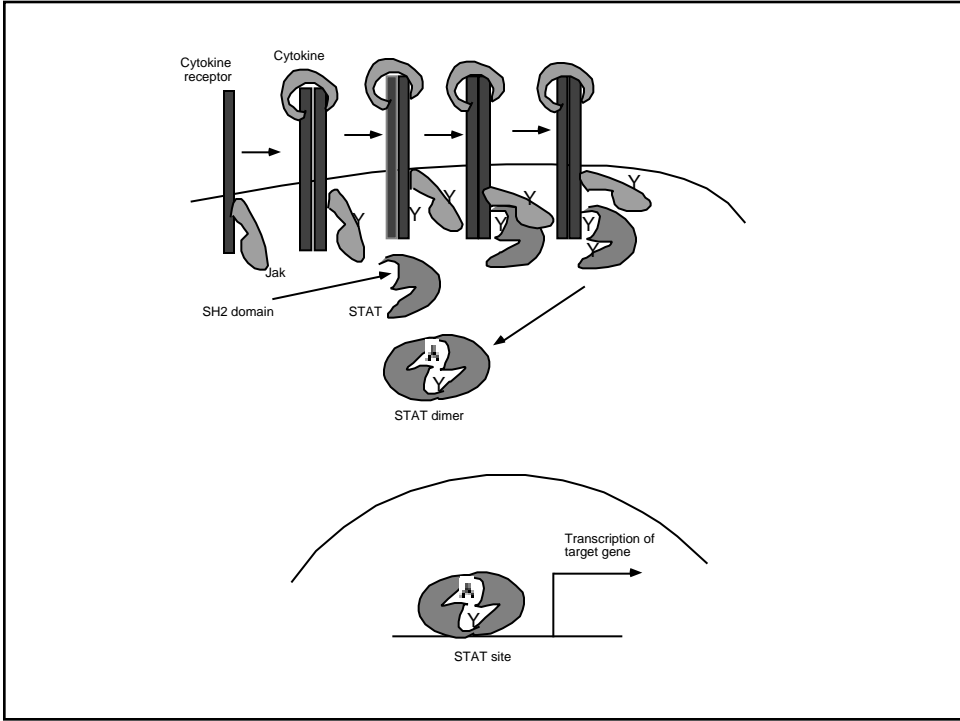


Th1/Th2

1. TCR Signal strength - nature of antigen and amount
2. Route of immunization and cytokine milieu
3. Signals induce transcriptional patterns that influence differentiation

The lists of transcription factors on the next image are included to paint the picture more completely
 - you do NOT need to memorize them

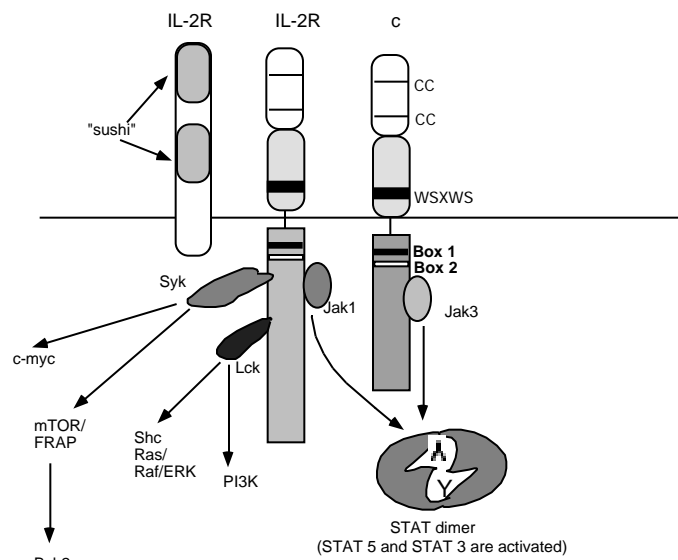


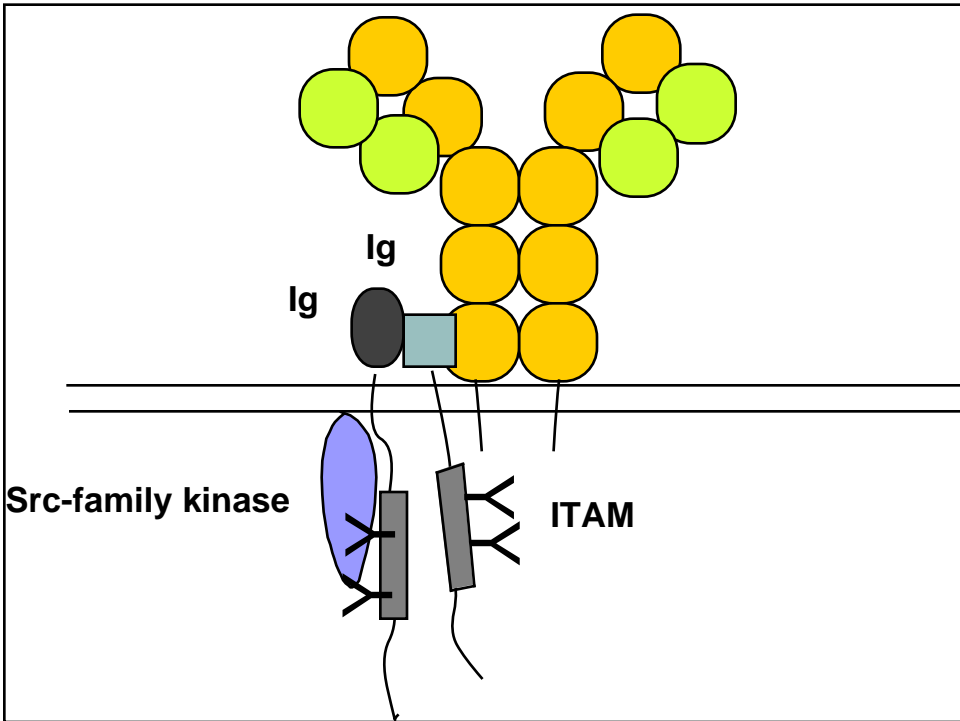
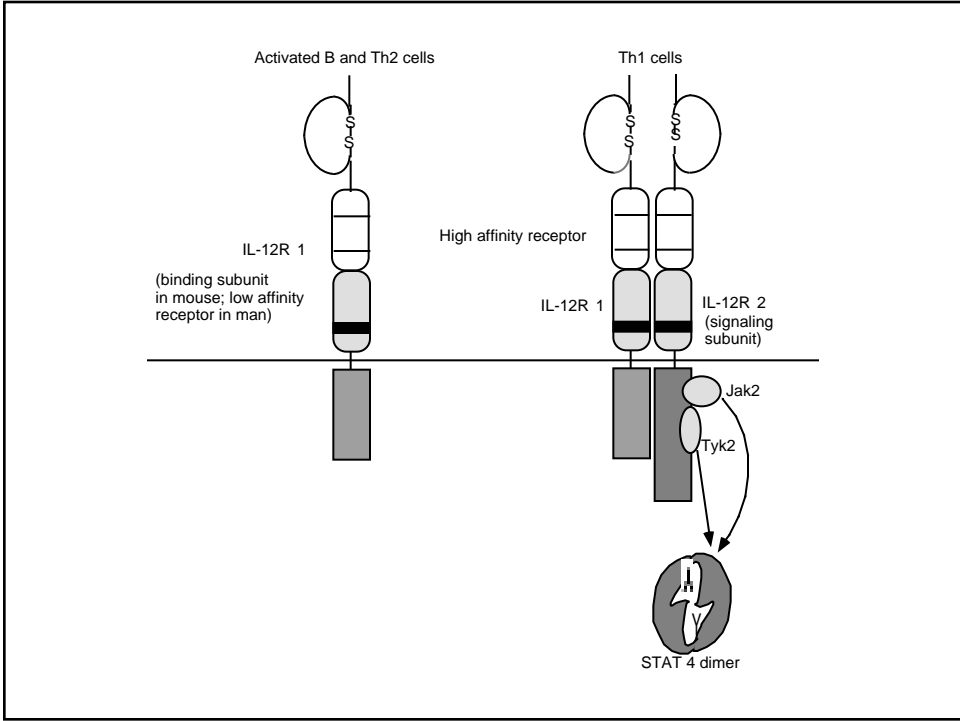


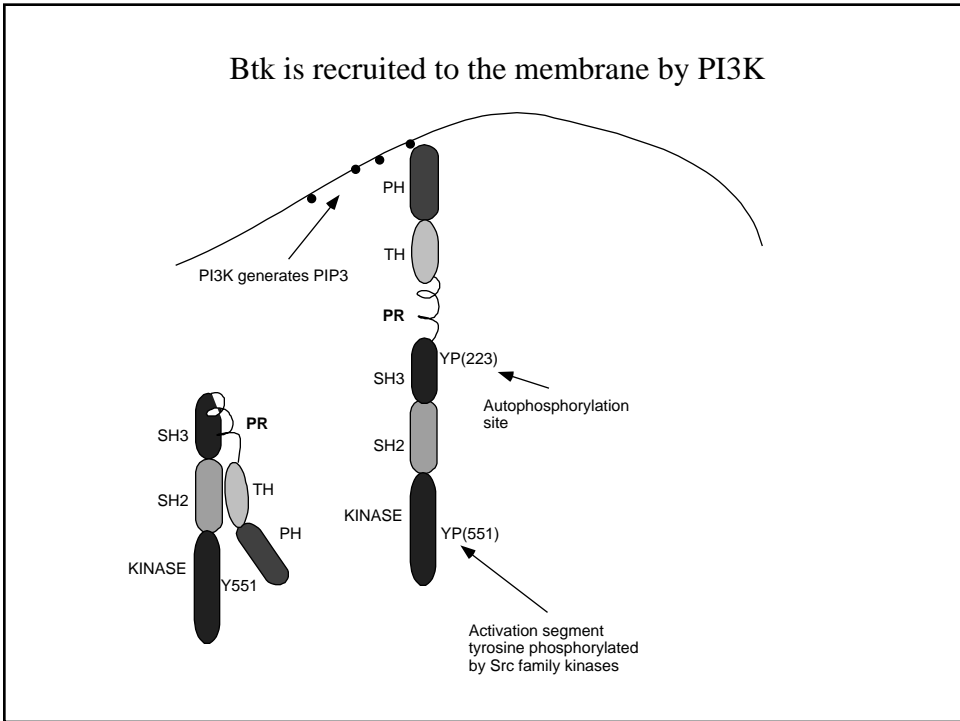
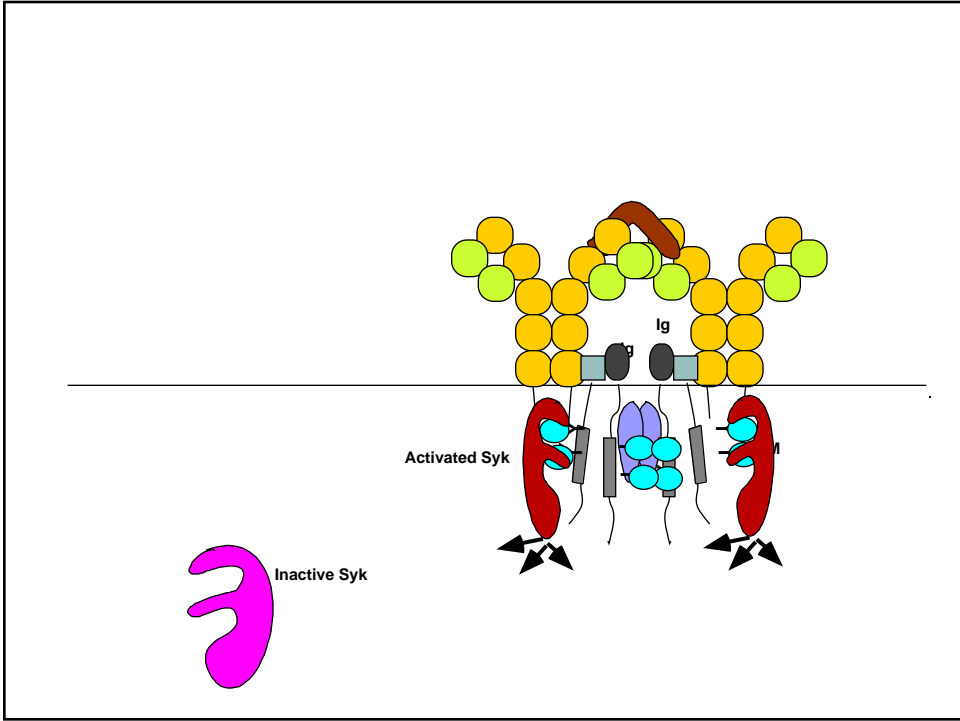
γ and X-linked SCID

γ or the common gamma chain is a component of the IL-2, IL-4, IL-7, IL-9, and IL-15 receptors

The γ gene is encoded on the X-chromosome

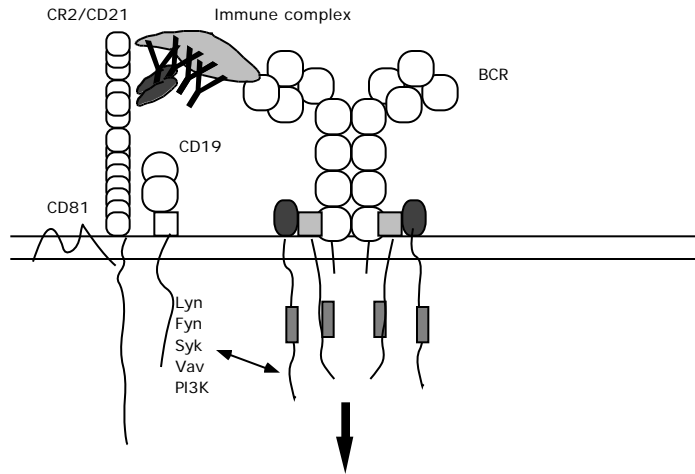






CR2/CD21 is a coreceptor and positive regulator of BCR signaling

Receptor for EBV



CD22 is a negative regulator of BCR signaling

