

# DNA delivery and DNA Vaccines

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**Last Time:** intracellular drug delivery: enhancing cross priming for vaccines

**Today:** DNA vaccination

**Reading:** D.W. Pack, A.S. Hoffman, S. Pun, and P.S. Stayton, 'Design and development of polymers for gene delivery,' *Nat. Rev. Drug Discov.* **4** 581-593 (2005)

**Supplementary Reading:**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

## **DIRECT ENTRY TO CYTOSOL: MEMBRANE-PENETRATING PEPTIDES**

## Models of membrane-penetrating peptide function

### **Penetratin:**

Short peptide sequence from drosophila  
transcription factor protein Antennapedia

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# ACTIVATION ON ENTRY TO THE CYTOSOL

## Selective bond dissociation using reversible disulfide linkages

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**DIRECT ENTRY TO CYTOSOL:  
PORE-FORMING PEPTIDES**

Pore-forming proteins/peptides as a tool  
for membrane-penetrating drug carriers

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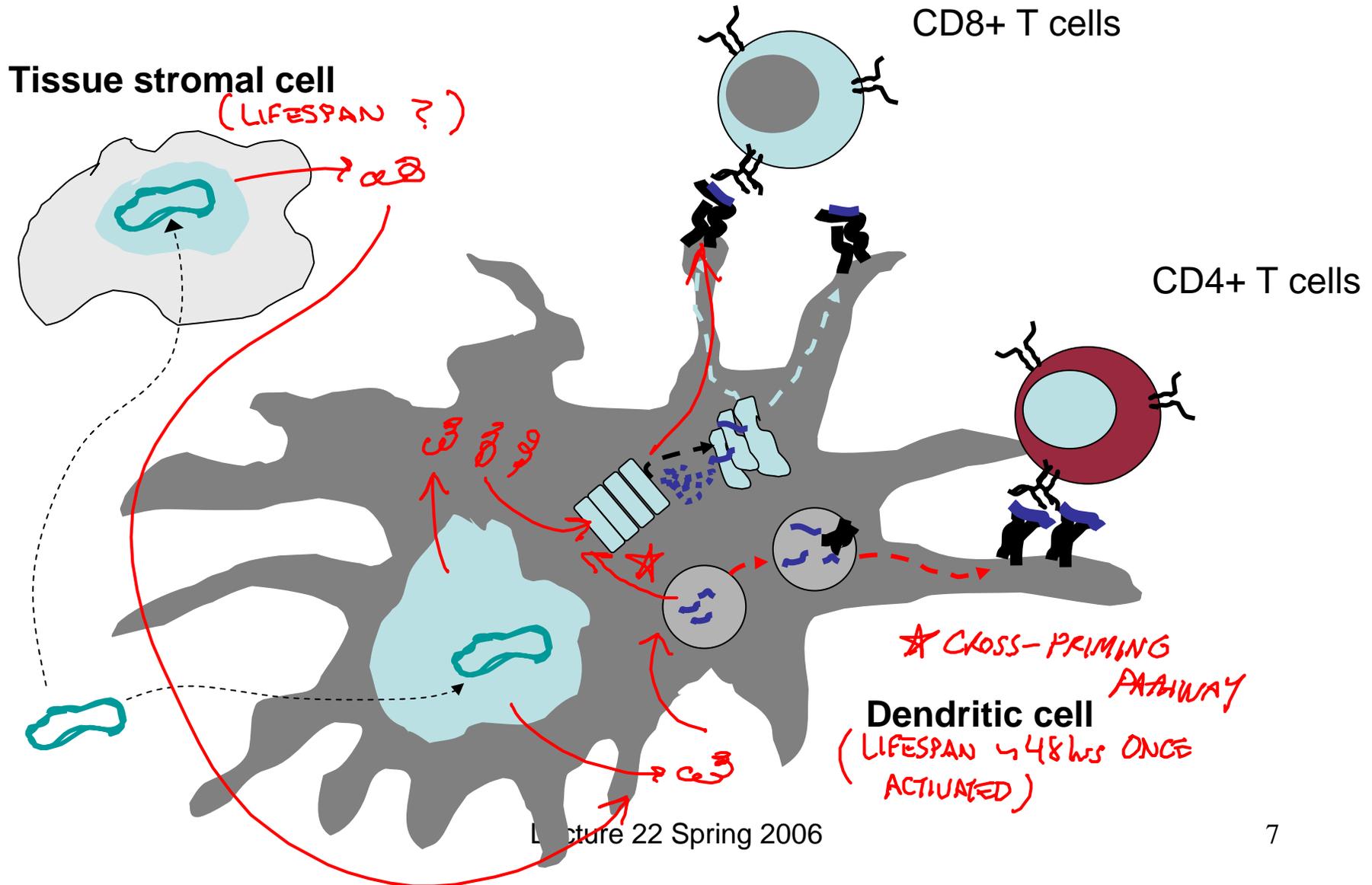
**DIRECT ENTRY TO CYTOSOL:  
FUSOGENIC PEPTIDES**

fusogenic peptides: using viral entry  
strategies for drug delivery

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# **DNA DELIVERY AND DNA VACCINES**

# GENE THERAPY FOR VACCINATION: GENES THAT ENCODE ANTIGEN



# Motivation for DNA vaccines

## Why are synthetic vectors of interest?

### ① SELF-REPLICATING ANTIGEN!

COMPARE TO ADENOVIRUS: MUCH MORE EFFICIENT IN  
Ag EXPRESSION  $\rightarrow \approx 95\%$   
TRANSFECTION EFFICIENCY  
(MOST DNA SYNTHETIC VECTORS EFFICIENCY  
 $\leq 1\%$ )

↑  
PRE-EXISTING IMMUNITY IN  
HUMANS TO ADENOVIRUS  $\rightarrow$  (AS HIGH AS 80%)  
ANTI-VECTOR

② SAFETY: WILL DNA INTEGRATE INTO GENOME?

③ DNA SYNTHETIC VECTORS USUALLY CHEAPER, EASIER TO PRODUCE,  
MORE ROBUST THAN LIVE VIRUS

④ POSSIBILITY TO ENCODE MULTIPLE FACTORS ("ADJUVANTS")  
IN ADDITION TO ANTIGEN

# idealized objectives of DNA delivery

2 classes of synthetic vectors we'll discuss:

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# Polyplex formation between polycations and plasmid DNA

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# Packaging DNA for delivery and cytosolic release

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# Polycation/DNA charge ratios in DNA packaging and release

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# Substrate-mediated DNA delivery



Segura et al. *Biomaterials* 26 1575-1584 (2005)

NIH 3T3 fibroblasts

# Lipid-DNA microstructures

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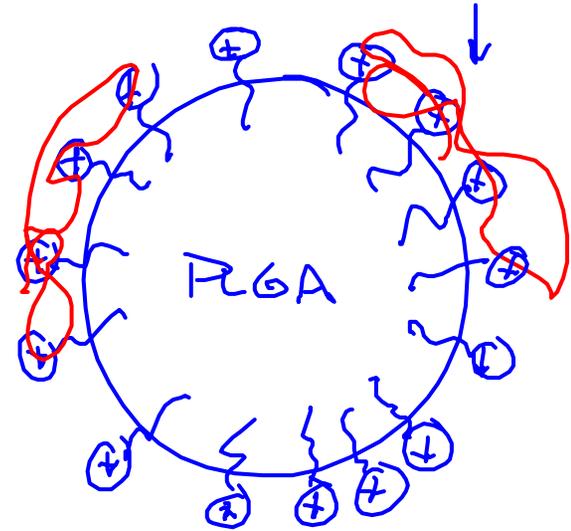
# LIPID AND PARTICLE-BASED DNA CARRIERS

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CAIRON:

FOR VACCINES

PLASMIDS PROTECTED  
FROM DNASE



# TRANSPORT FROM THE CYTOSOL TO THE NUCLEUS

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# Limitations of current materials

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# Built-in adjuvants: DNA vaccines encoding antigen and other factors

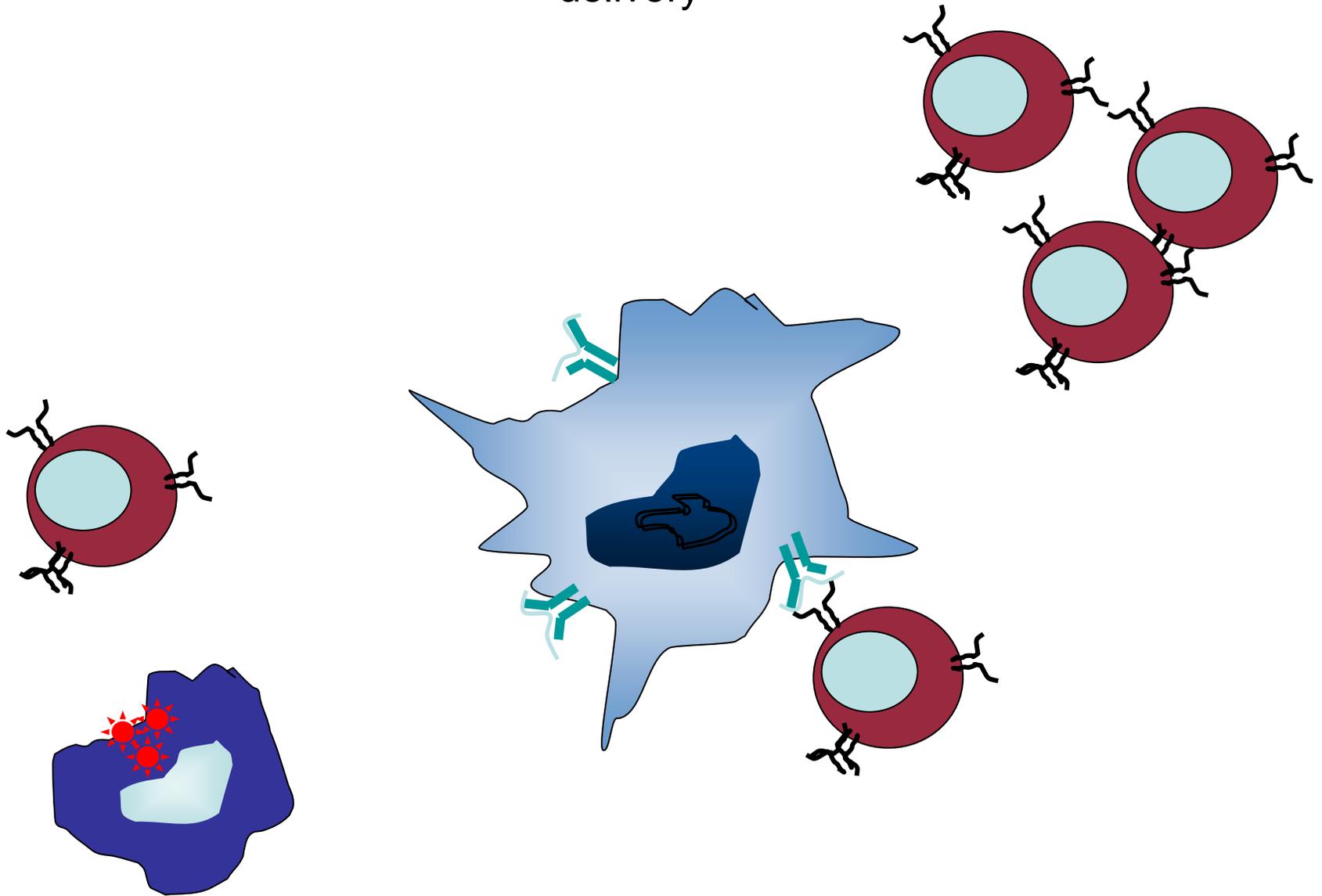
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# Engineering the function of antigen presenting cells by DNA delivery



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