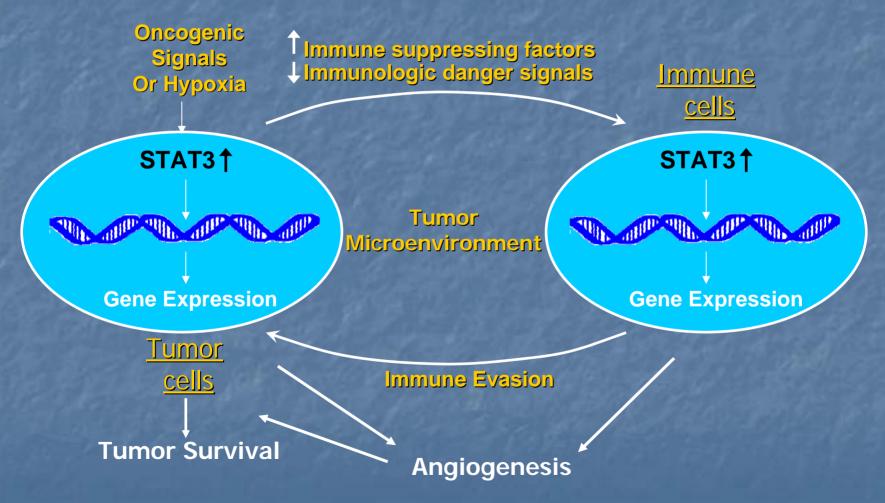
STAT3 Signaling Regulates Crosstalk between the Tumor and Its Immune Microenvironment

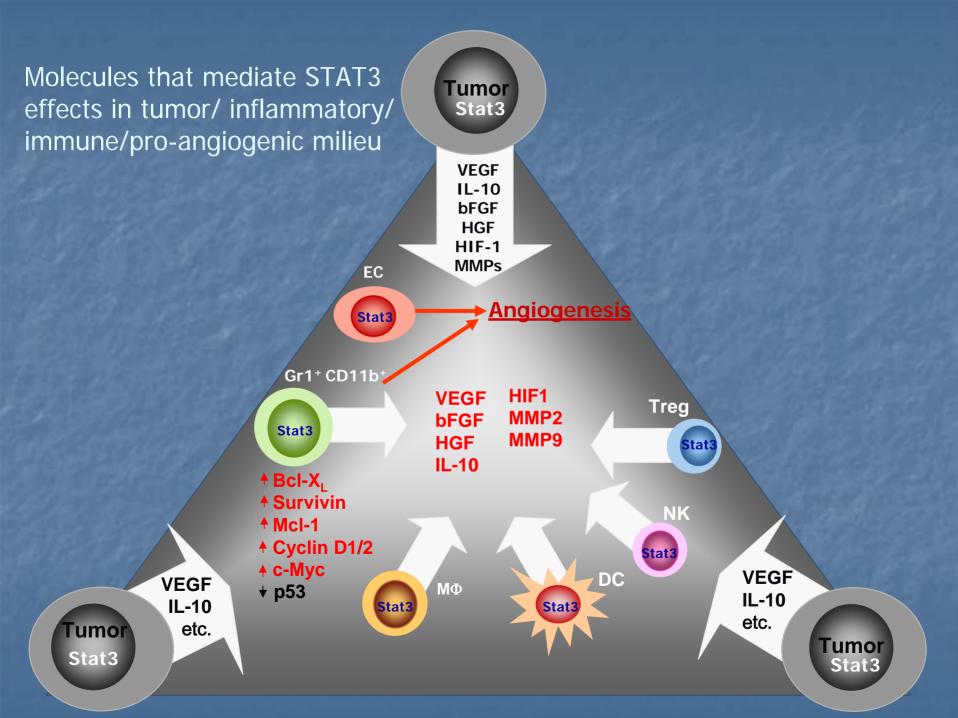
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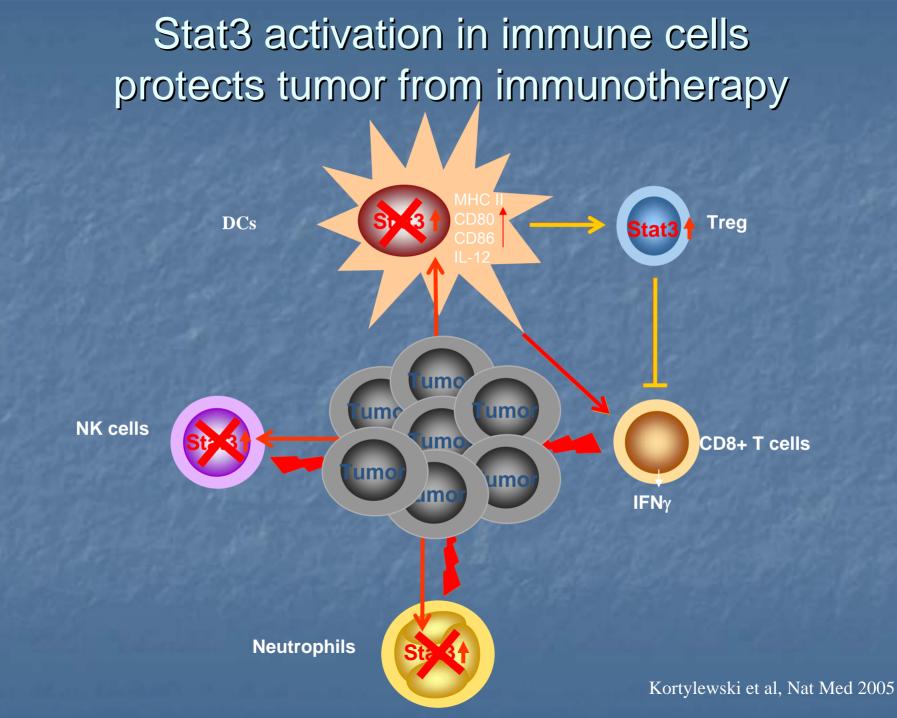
STAT3 and the Tumor-Inflammatory milieu

- Constitutively activated in many tumors (especially melanoma)
- Activation mediated in part by Src activation
- Promotes growth, survival, angiogenesis, antiinflammatory, immunosuppressive effects
- Blockade leads to apoptosis of tumor cells, immunostimulation, anti-angiogenesis
 - Dominant negative mutation in hematopoietic cells
 Small-molecule inhibitor of STAT phosphorylation

STAT3 Signaling in Tumor and Inflammatory cells

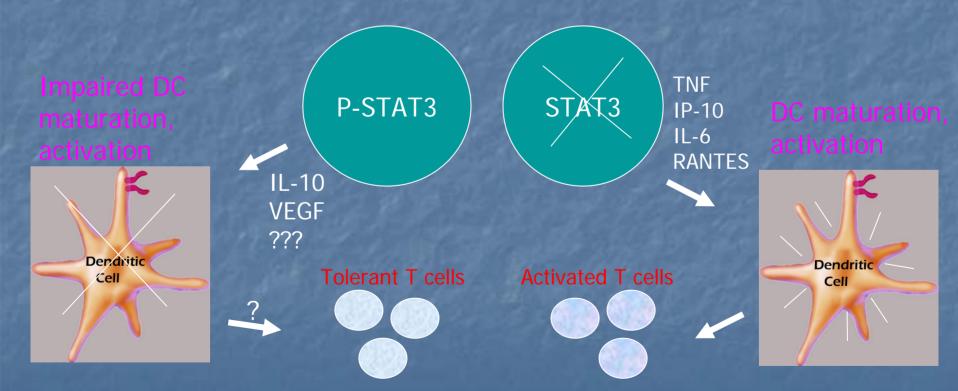






Can STAT3 inactivation in tumor cells facilitate immunotherapy?

Tumor cells



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