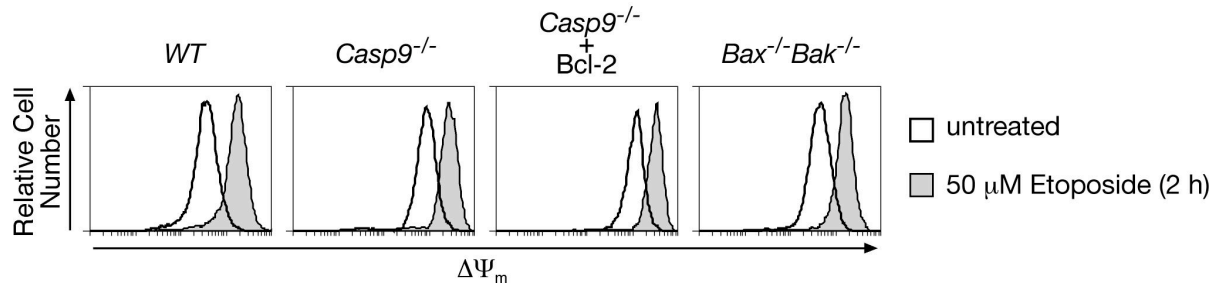


$\Delta\Psi_m$ initially increases when cells are exposed to apoptotic stress



WT, Casp9^{-/-}, and Bax^{-/-}Bak^{-/-} MEFs and Casp9^{-/-} MEFs stably overexpressing Bcl-2 were either left untreated or exposed to 50 μM etoposide for 2 h, then stained with DiOC₆(3). ΔΨ_m increased similarly in the cells, irrespective of their genotype.