

Membrane proteins

Porins: FadL

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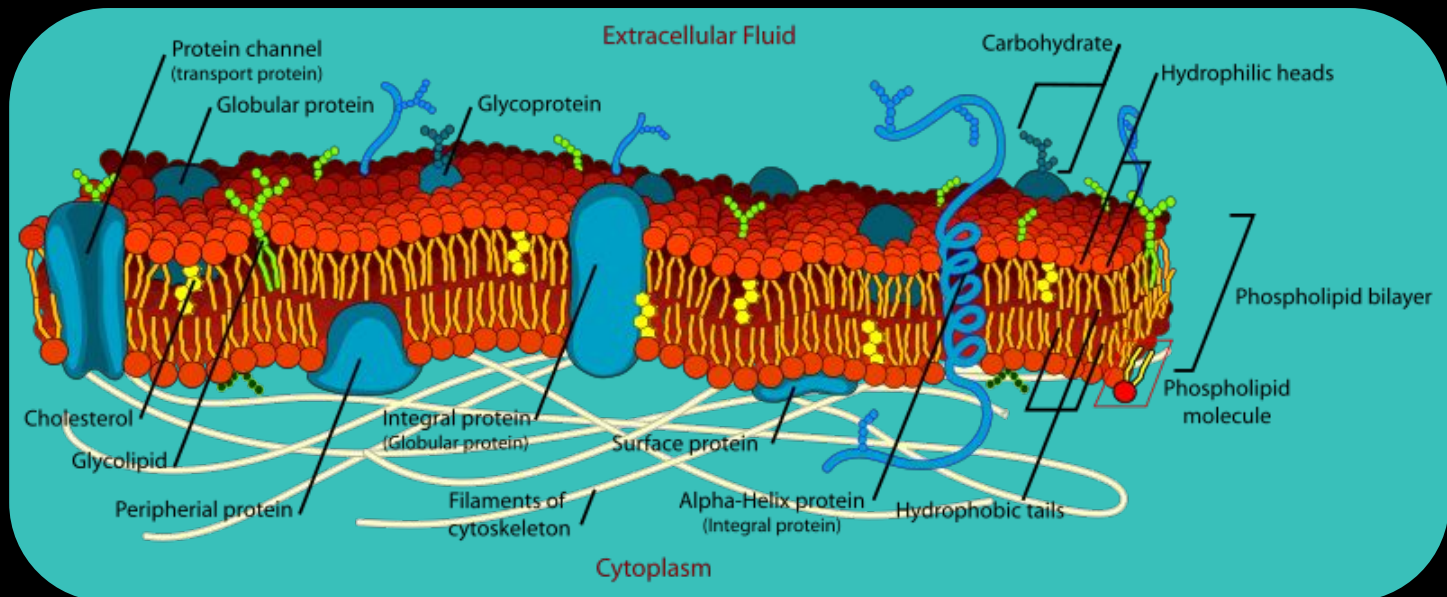
INTRODUCTION

MEMBRANE PROTEINS

Classification

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proteins

Integral
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proteins

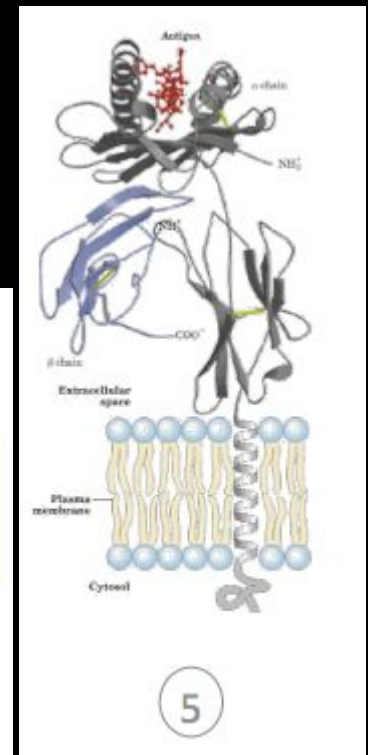
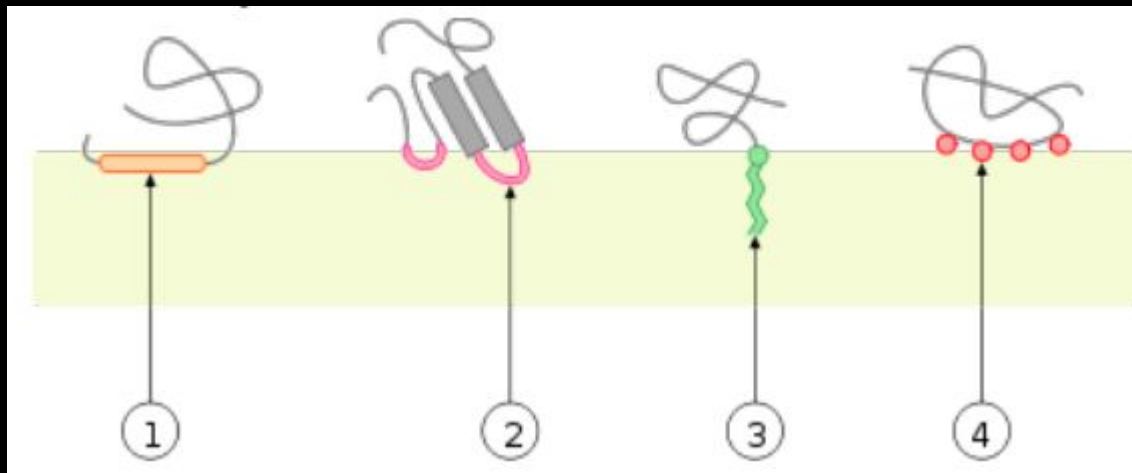


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Peripheral membrane proteins

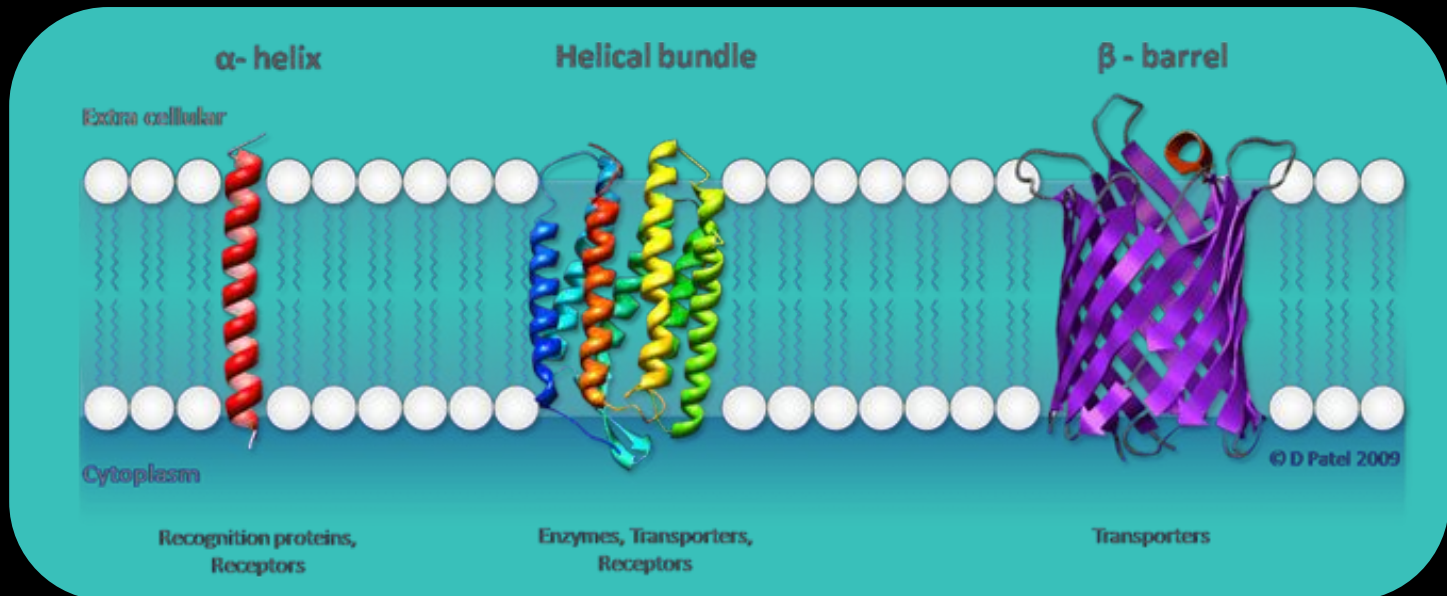


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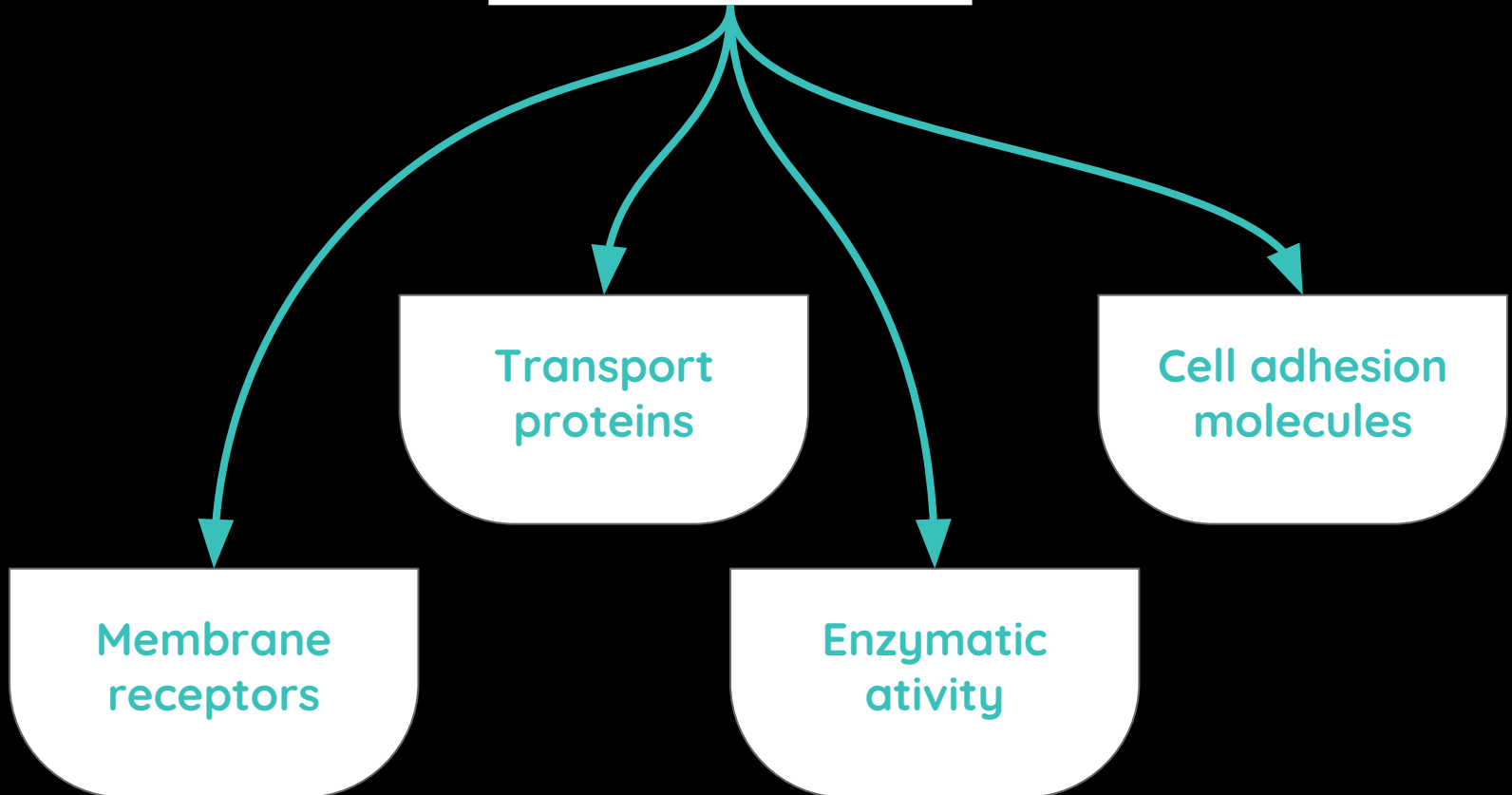
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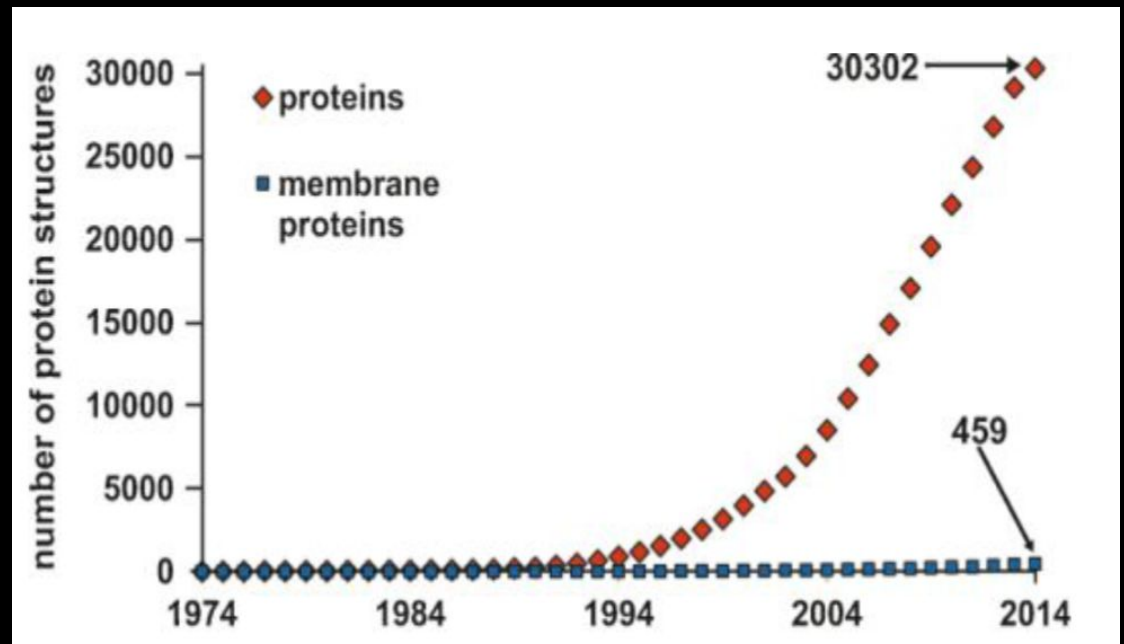
MEMBRANE PROTEINS

Function



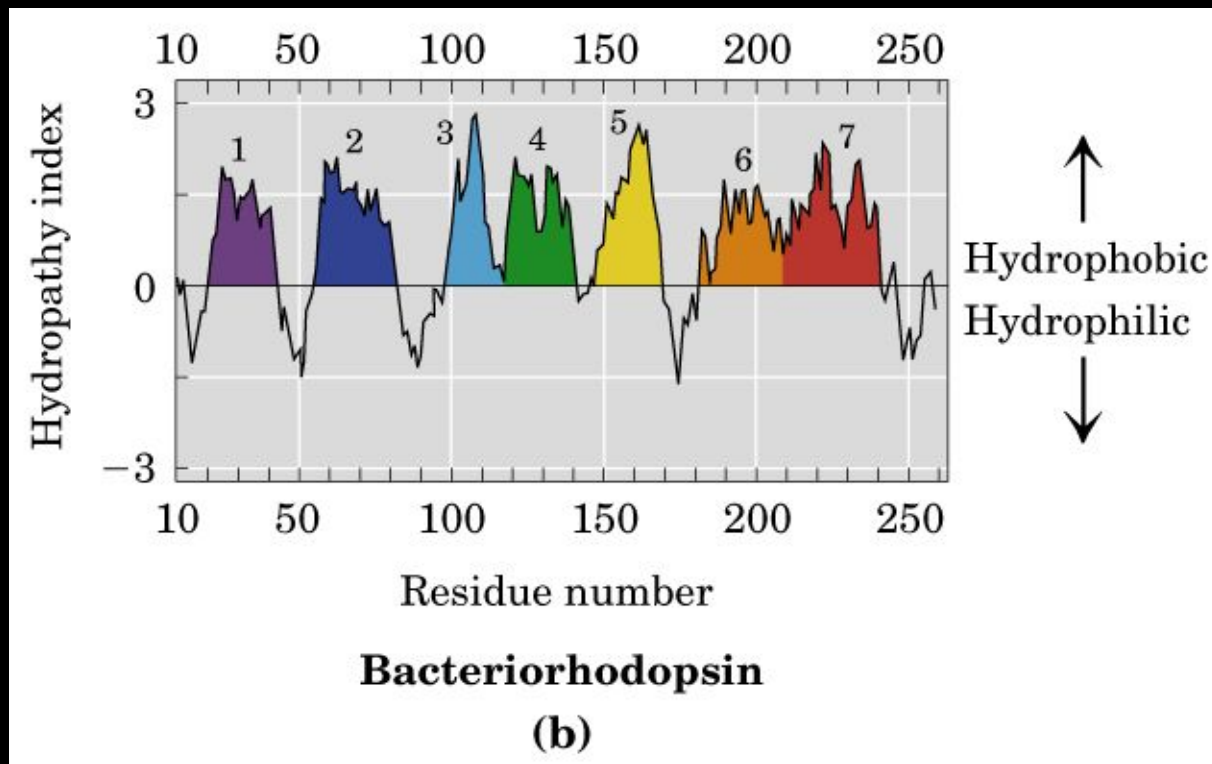
INTRODUCTION: **IMPORTANCE OF PREDICTION**

- 30% of the genome encodes for membrane proteins
- Important functions
- Few membrane protein structures solved

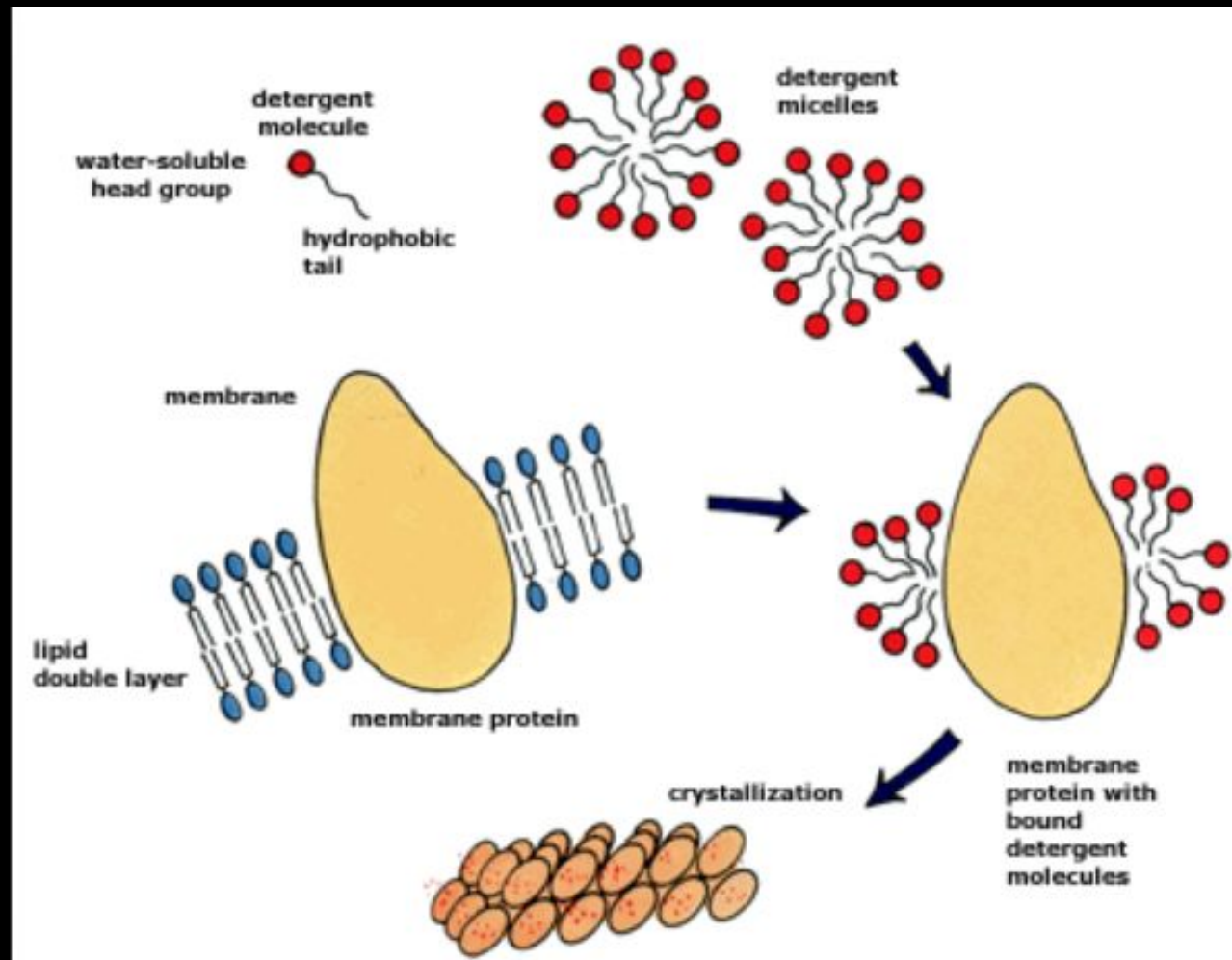


INTRODUCTION: **HIDROPATHY PLOT**

- Identify protein domains
- Hydrophobic and hydrophilic regions



INTRODUCTION: DIFFICULTIES OF PURIFICATION



INTRODUCTION: **DIFFICULTIES OF CRYSTALLISATION**

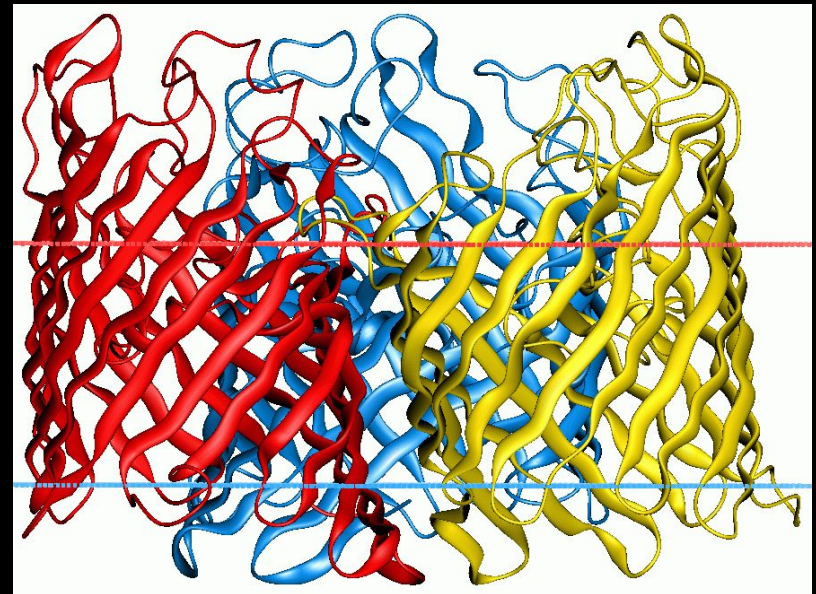
X-ray crystallography

- Partially hydrophobic surfaces
- Flexibility
- Lack of stability
- Expressed in low quantity

INTRODUCTION: **PORINS**

Structure

- Beta barrel proteins → 8-22 β strands
- Alternated polar and nonpolar residues
- Monomers, dimeric and octameric
- “Stopper”
- Homotrimers



INTRODUCTION: **PORINS**

Function

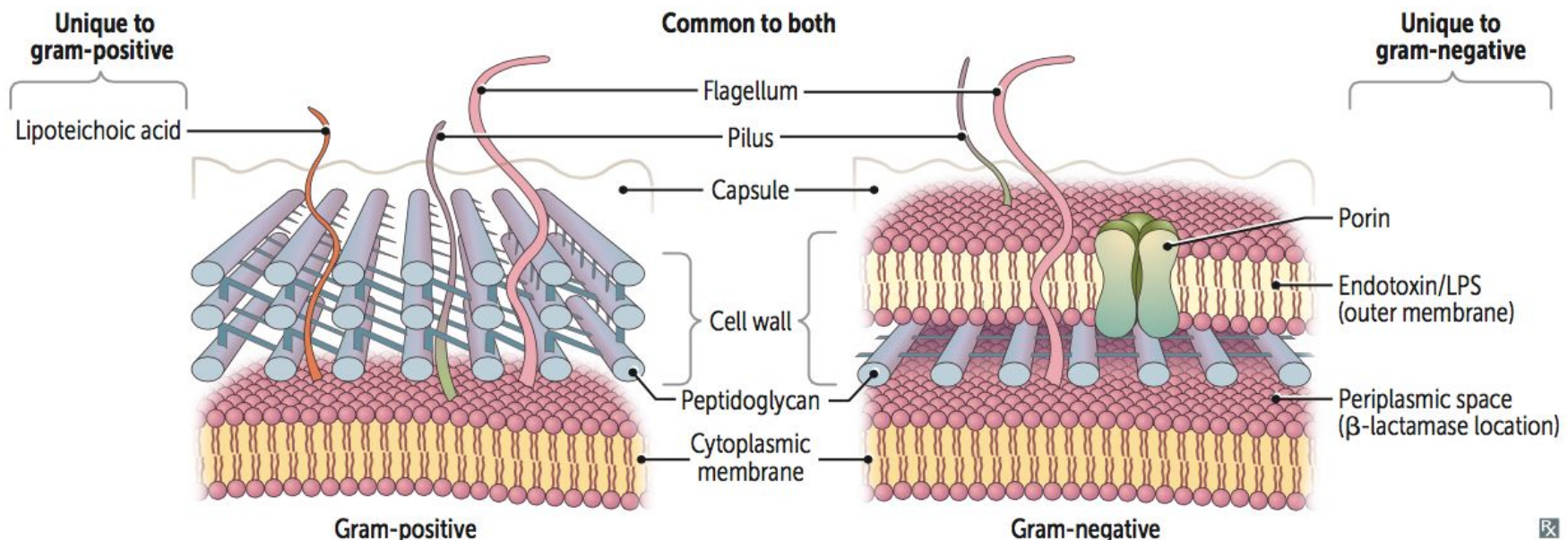
- They act as a pore
- Most of them: Passive diffusion of hydrophilic molecules
- Avoid toxic accumulation
- Regulate permeability
- Prevent lysis
- Types:
 - **General** → No substrate specificities
 - **Selective** → Specific chemical species

INTRODUCTION: **PORINS**

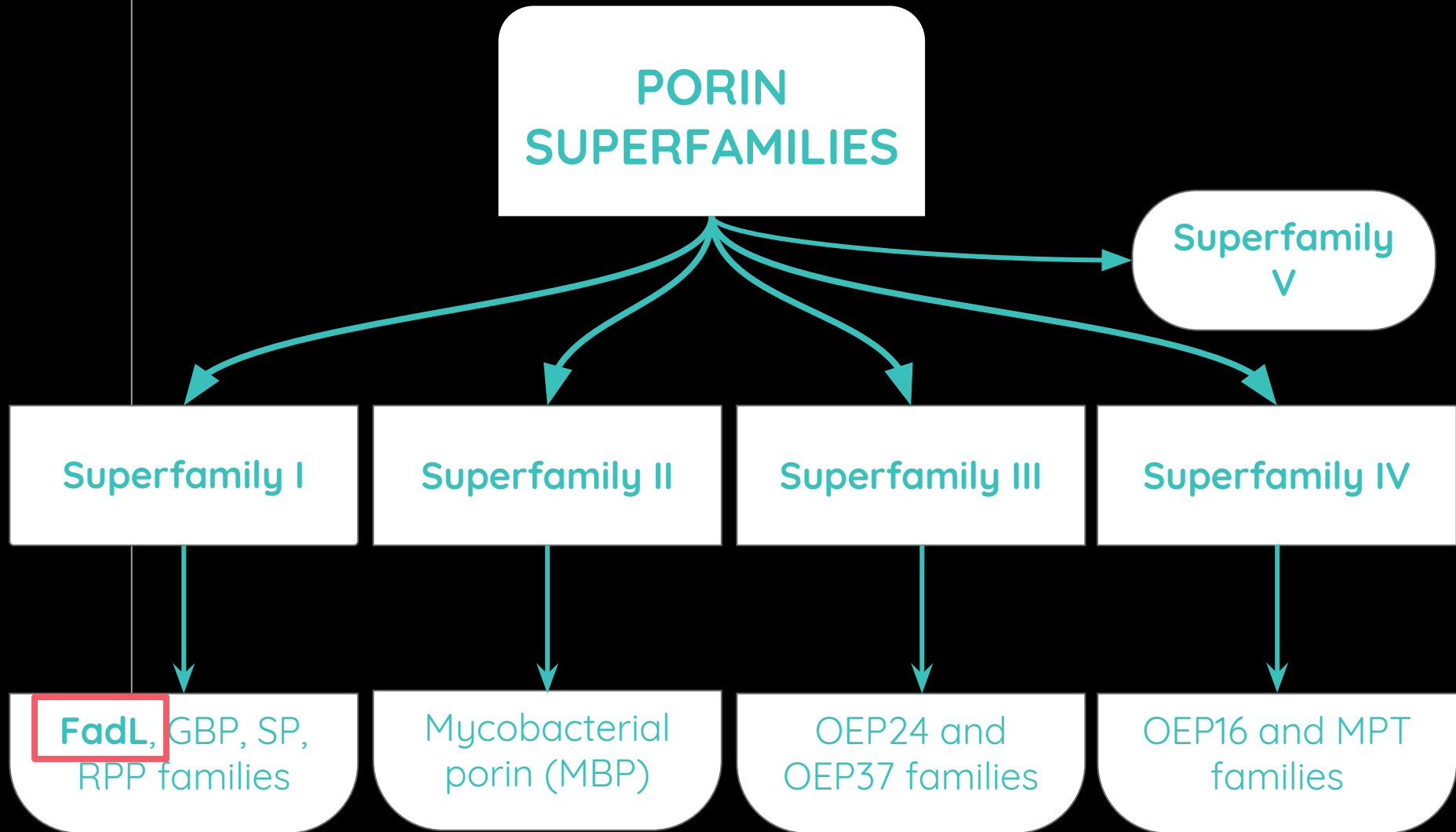
Location

- **Outer membrane of:**
 - Gram-negative bacteria and some gram-positive bacteria (Mycolata)
 - Mitochondria
 - Chloroplast

Le T and Bushan V. *Microbiology* (2016)



● INTRODUCTION: **FADL Classification**



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FADL: OUTER MEMBRANE TRANSPORT PROTEIN

● FADL - SCOP Classification

Class

Membrane and cell surface proteins and peptides

Fold

Transmembrane beta-barrels

Superfamily

Porins

Family

Outer membrane transport protein

Protein

Long-chain fatty acid transport protein
FadL

WHY FADL?

- Outer membrane (OM)
passive diffusion transport
(β -barrel)
- Xenobiotics biodegradation
- Hydrophobic substrates:

Particular **hydrophobic**
surface



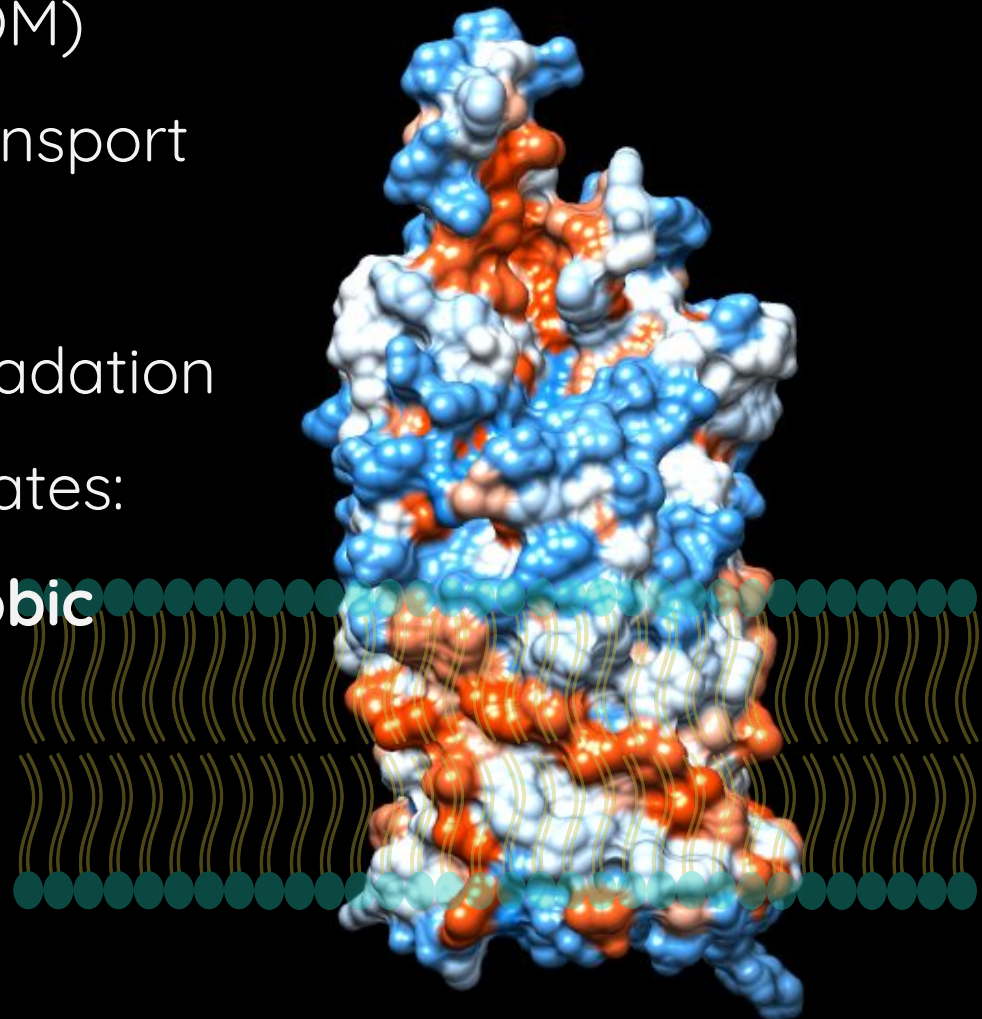
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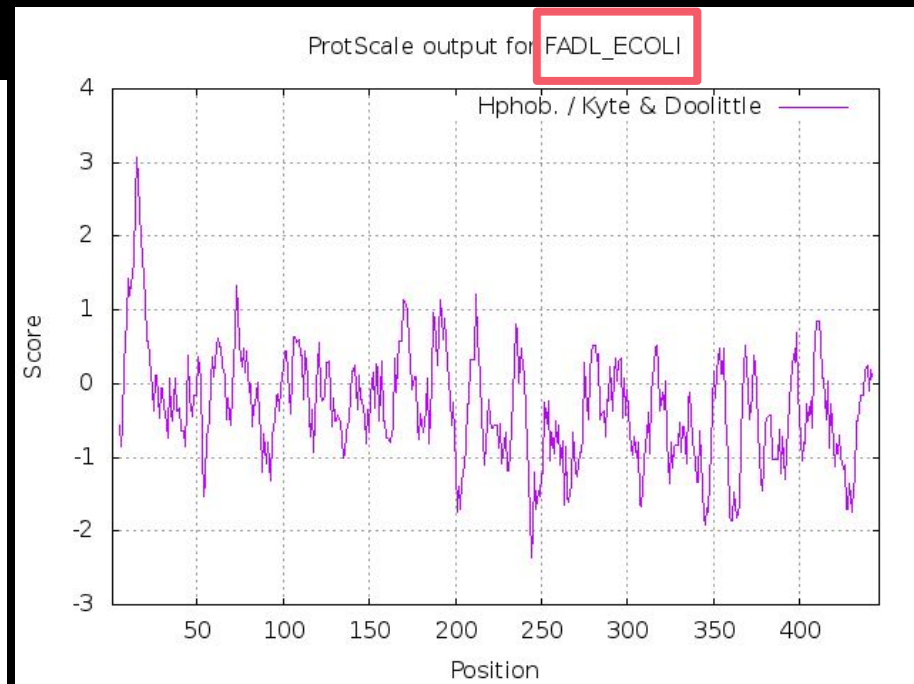
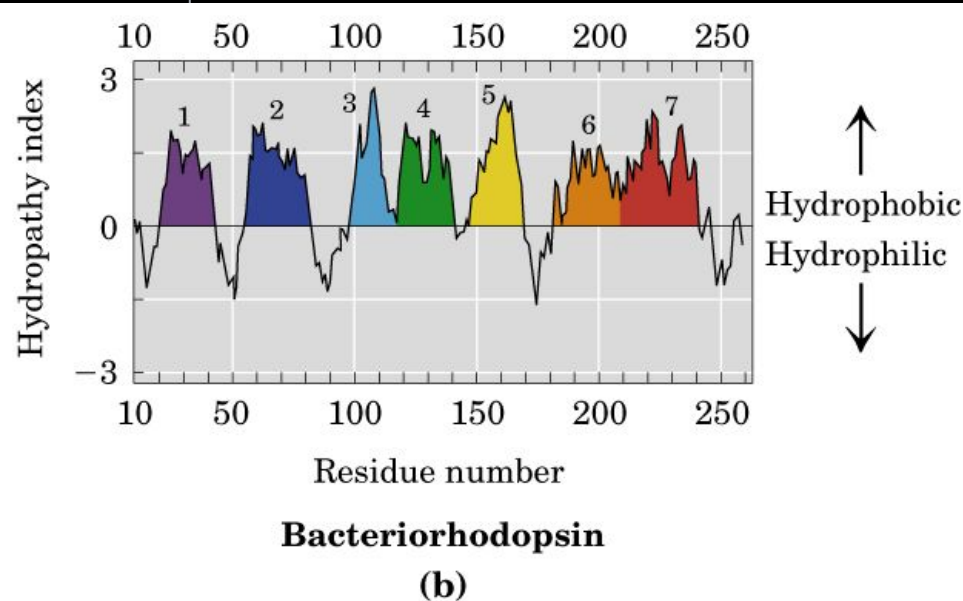
The FadL family: unusual transporters for unusual substrates

Bert van den Berg



INTRODUCTION: **HIDROPATHY PLOT**

- Not useful for beta-barrel proteins
 - Short transmembrane segments (~10 aa)
 - Aminoacids are hydrophobic and hydrophilic alternately



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FADL STRUCTURE: **MAIN CHARACTERISTICS**

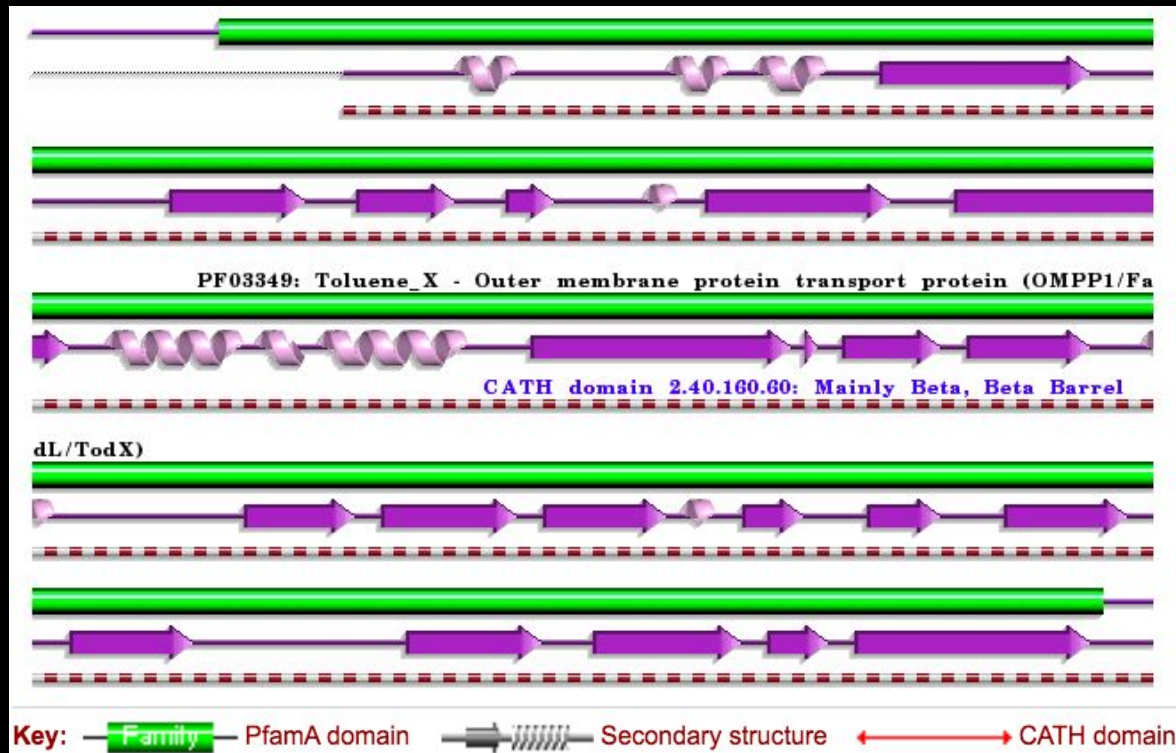
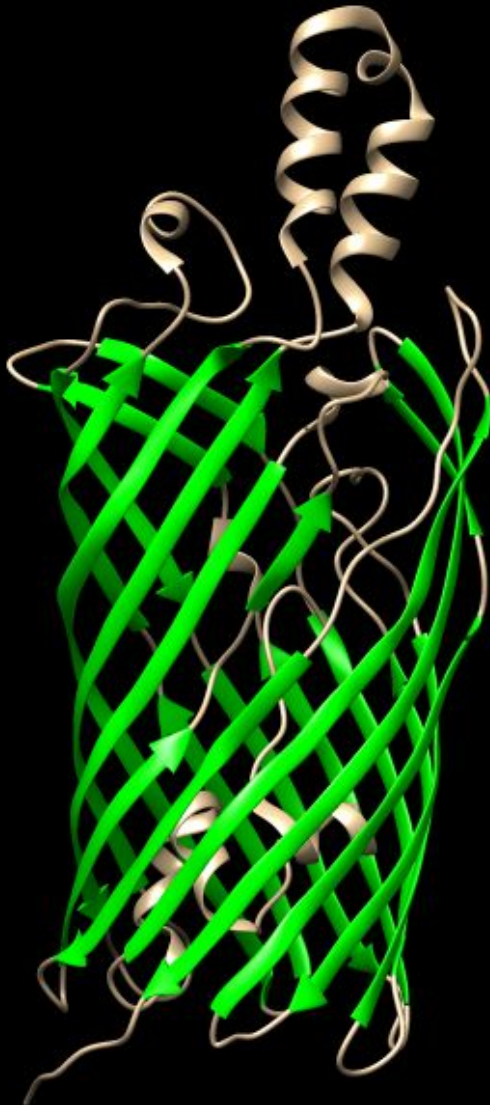
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Structure: 427aa

Sequence and
structure obtained
with PDB Sum



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MAIN FEATURES OF FADL STRUCTURE

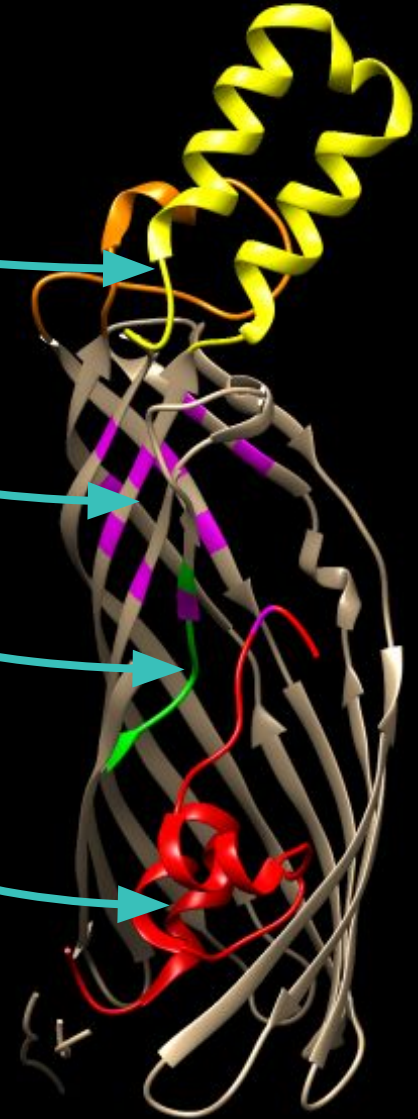
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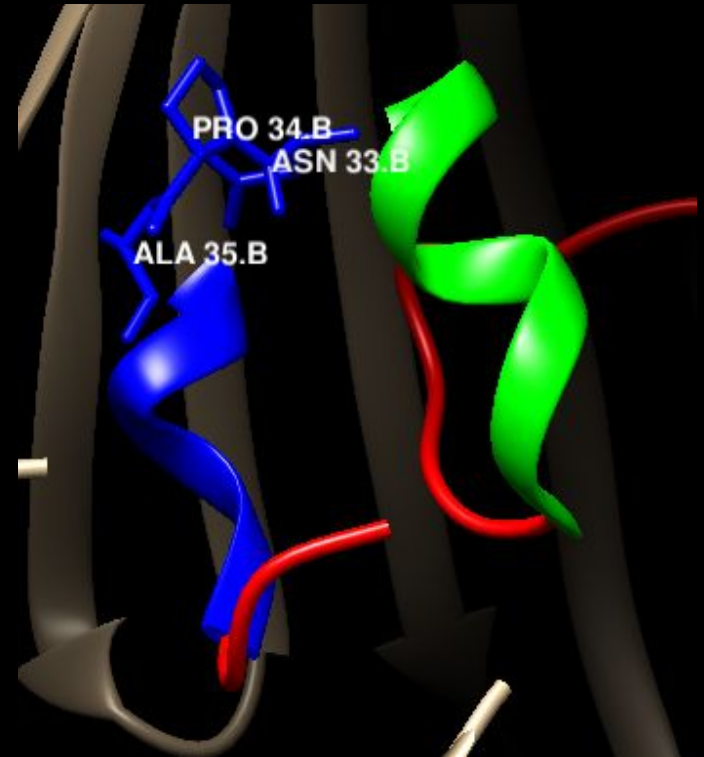
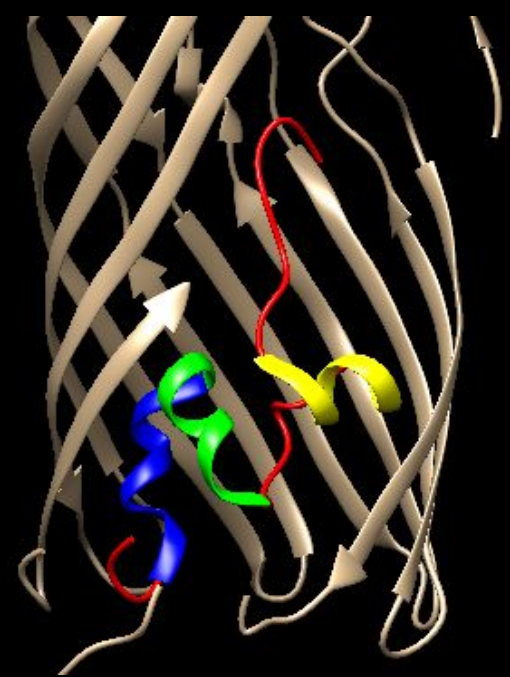
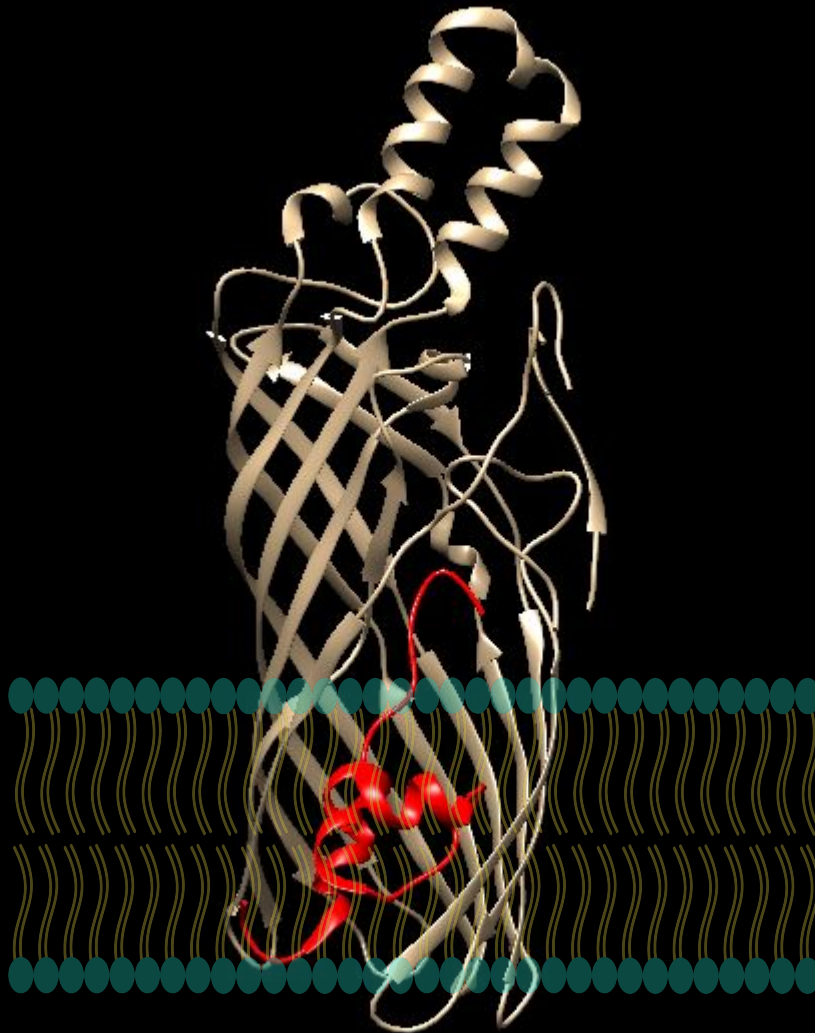
Pocket

Kink

Hatch



FADL STRUCTURE: **HATCH**



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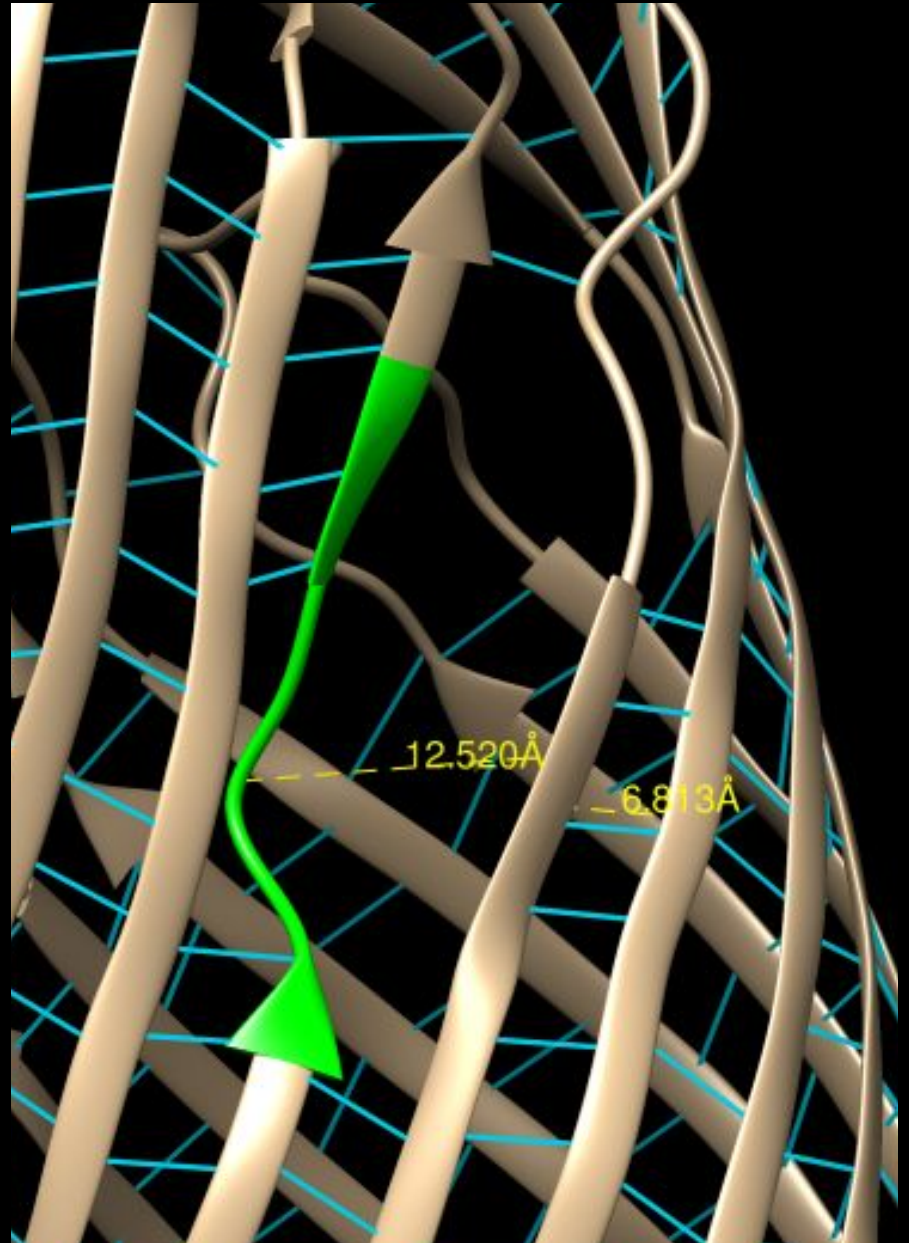
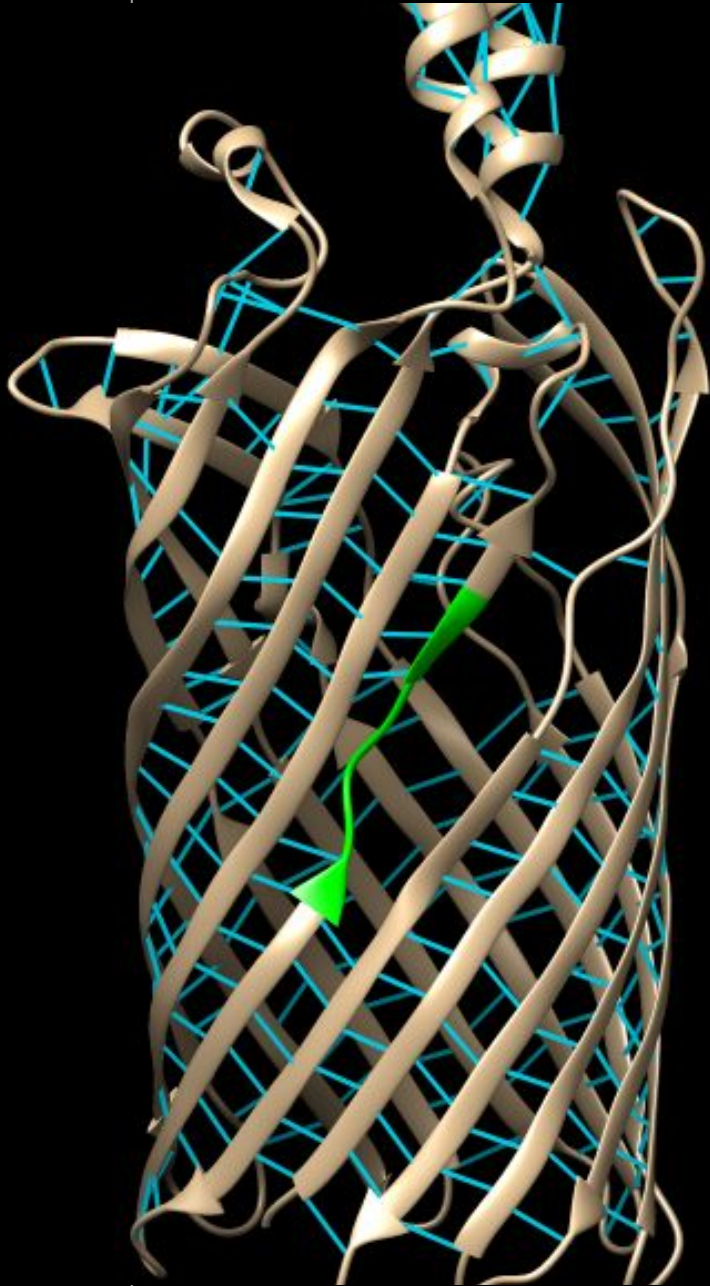
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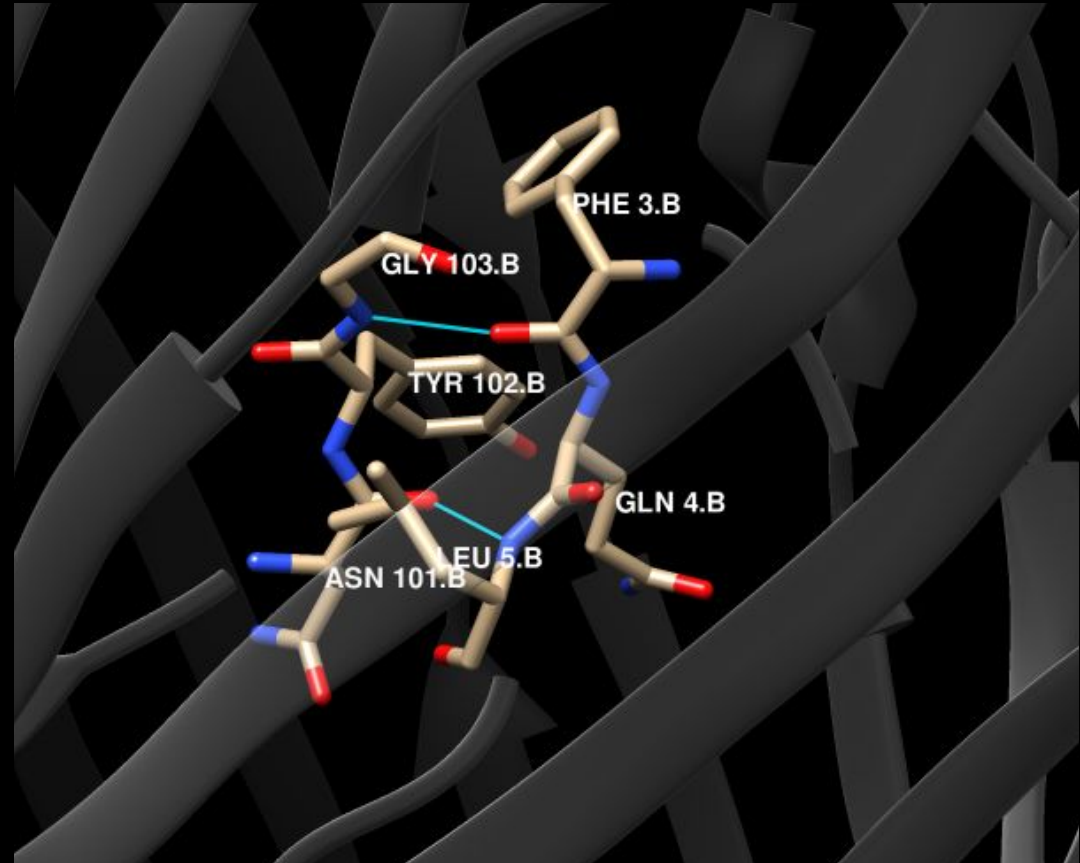
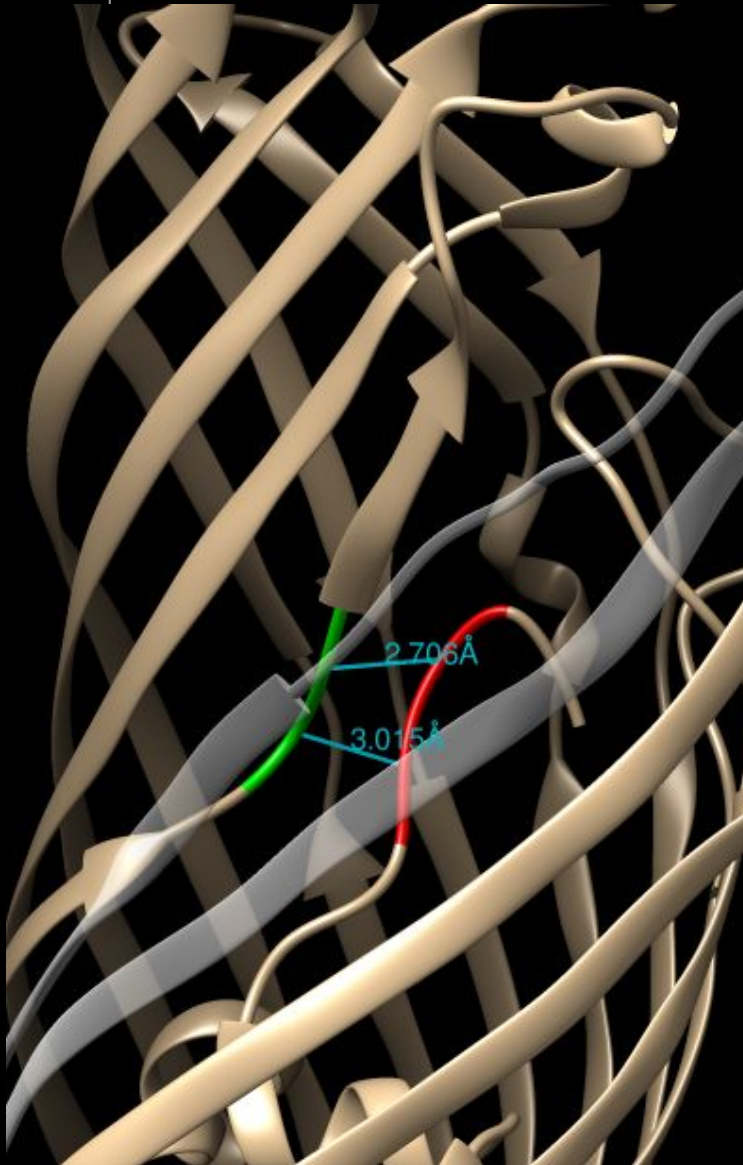
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FADL STRUCTURE: **KINK**



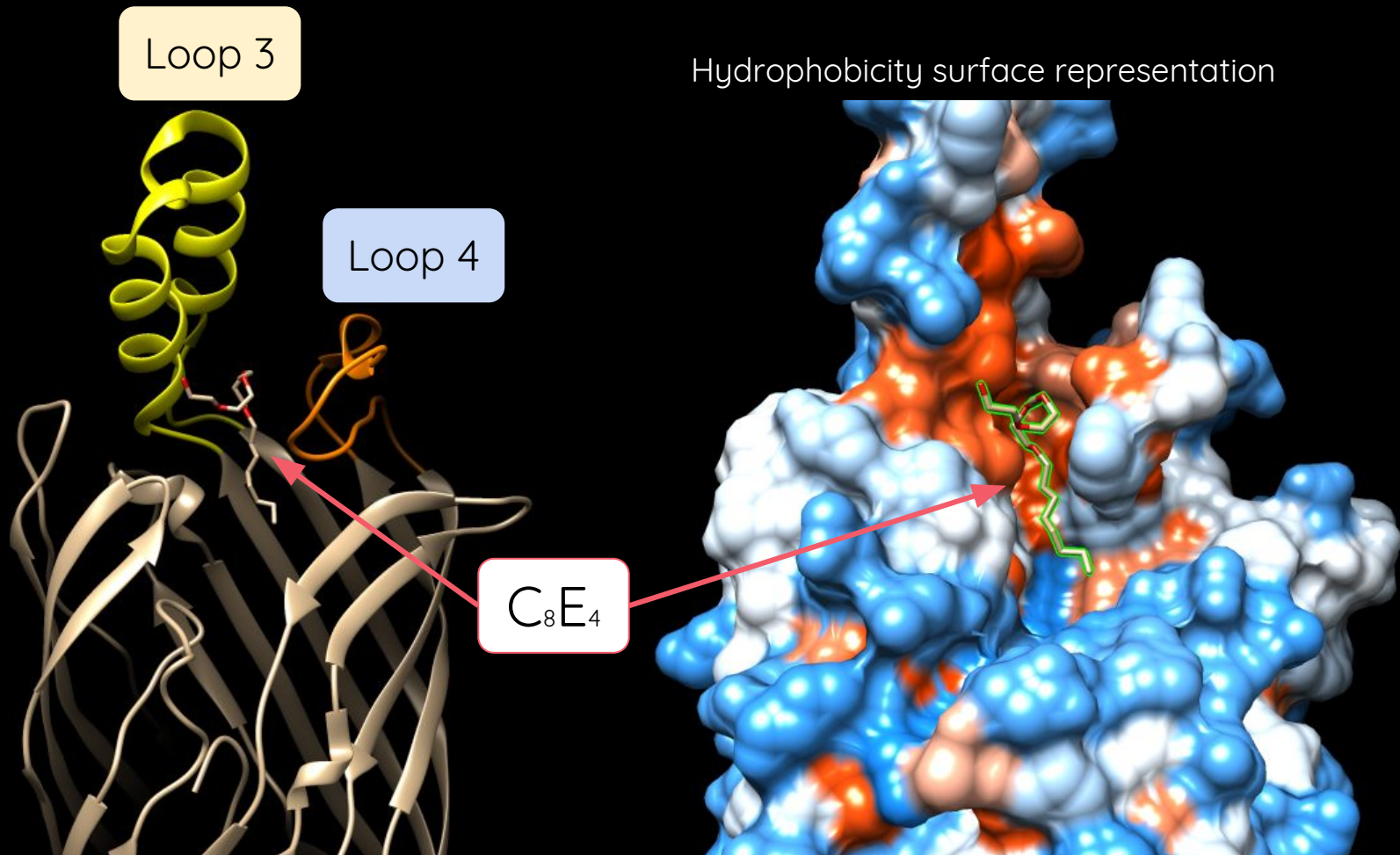
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FADL STRUCTURE: **GROOVE**





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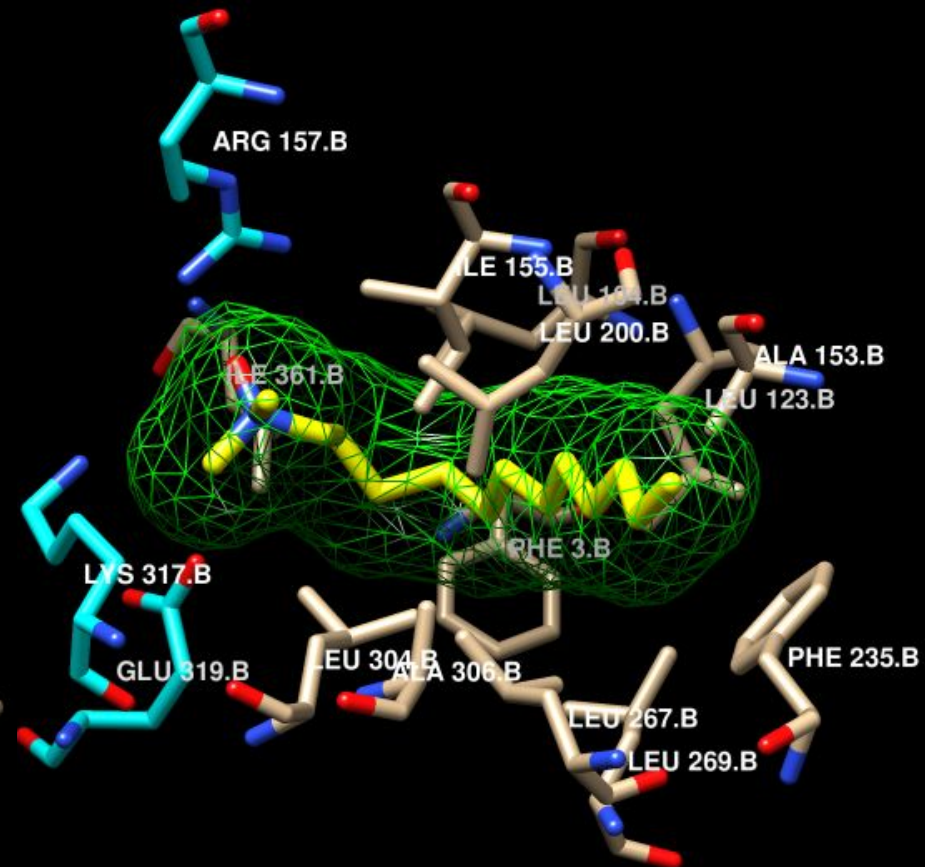
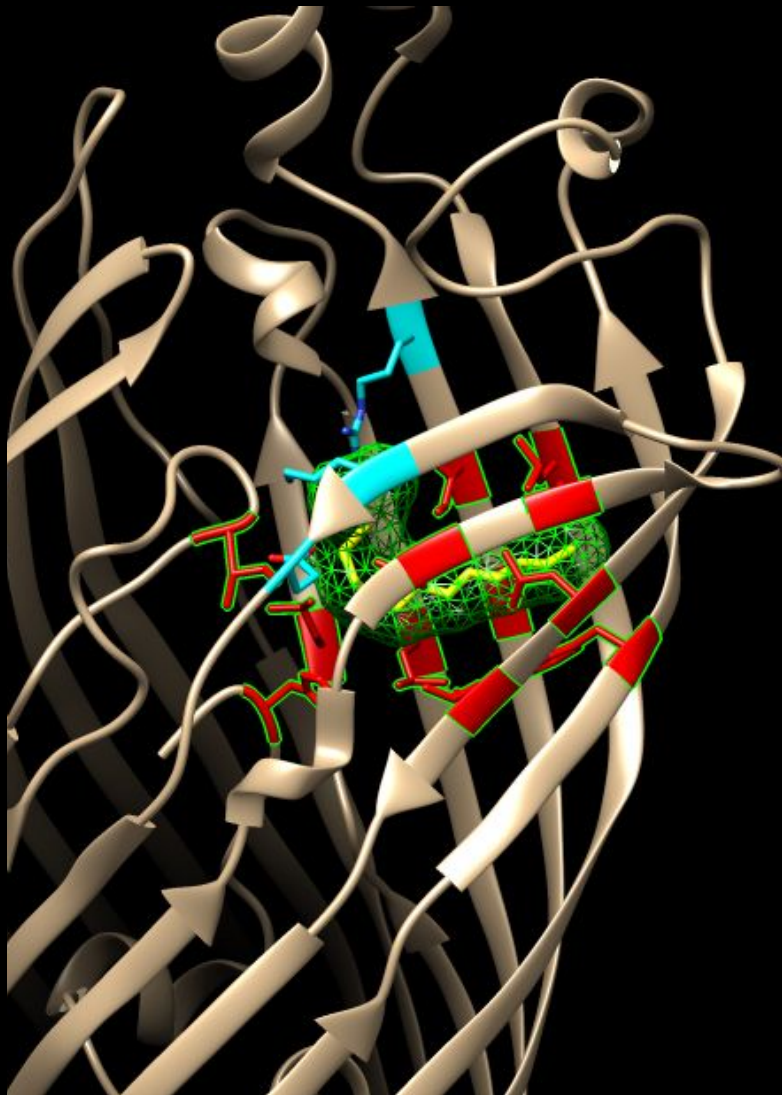
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FADL STRUCTURE: POCKET



Polar AA

R157; K317; E319

Hydrophobic AA

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A153; I155; L200;
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MECHANISM OF TRANSPORT

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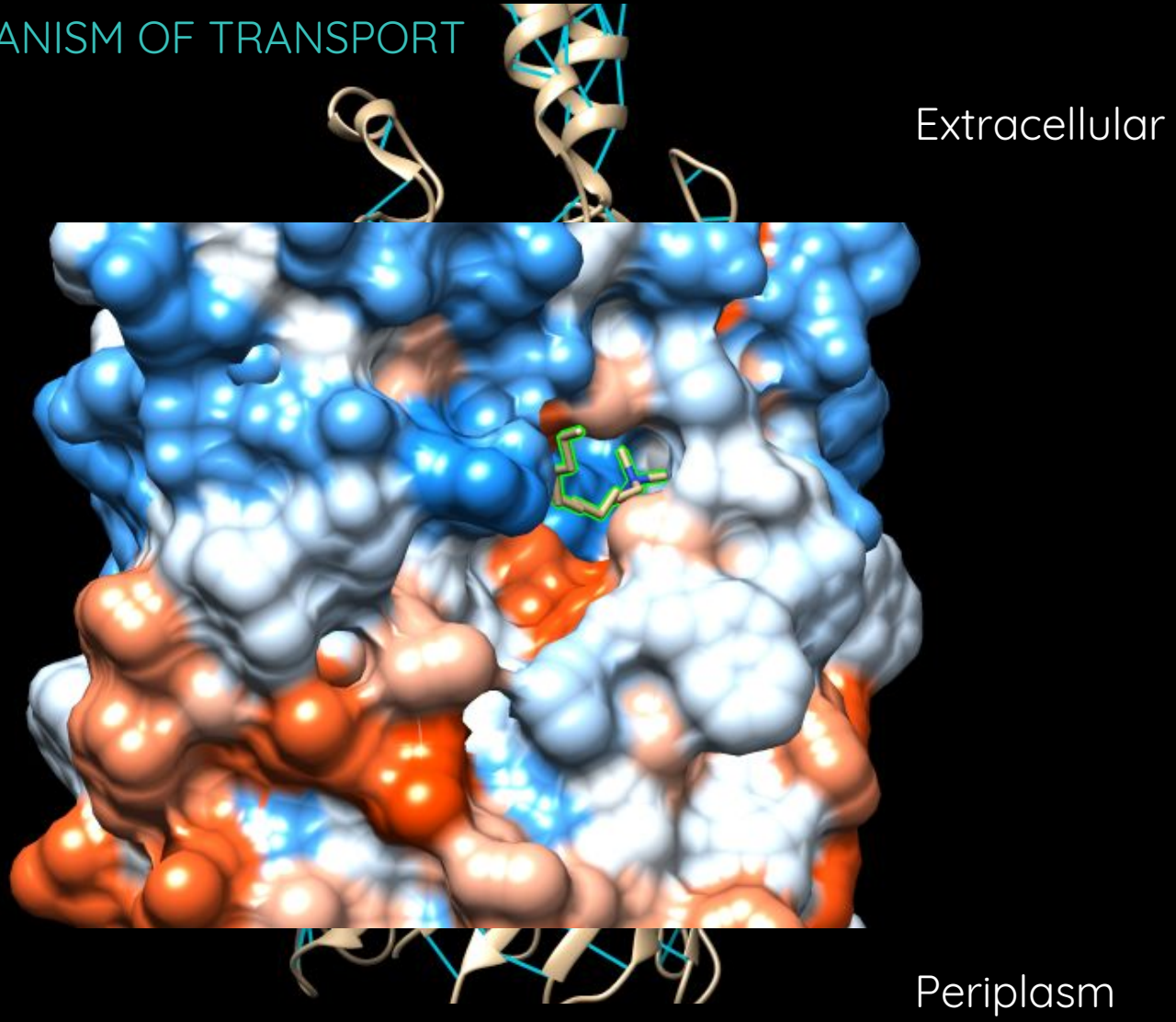
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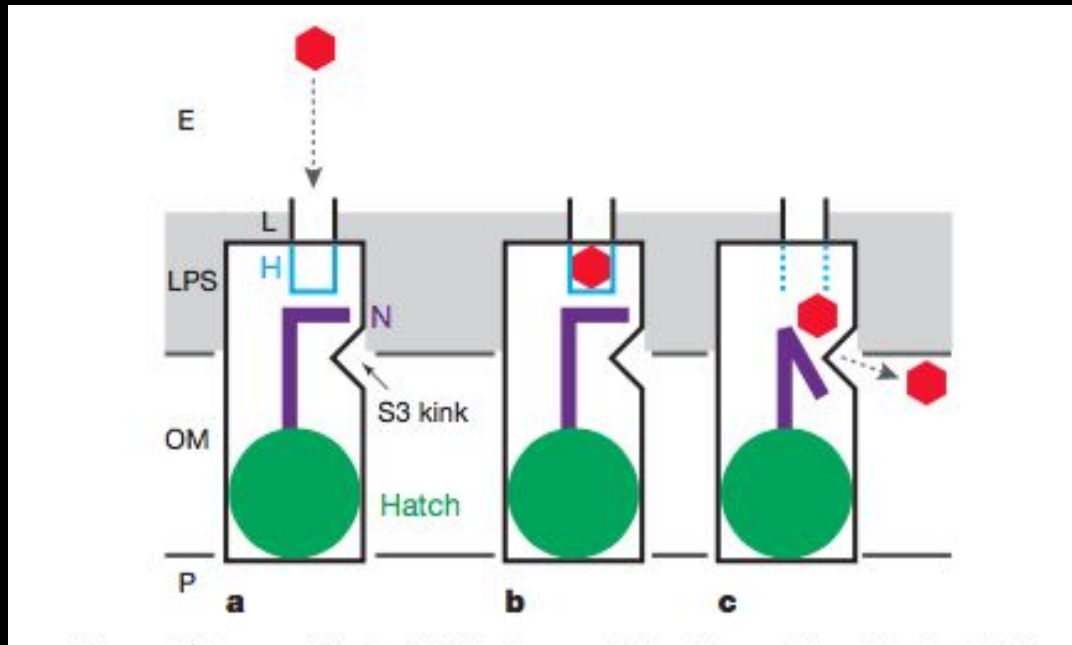
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Periplasm View

MECHANISM OF TRANSPORT



MECHANISM: LATERAL TRANSPORT





MECHANISM: **LATERAL TRANSPORT**



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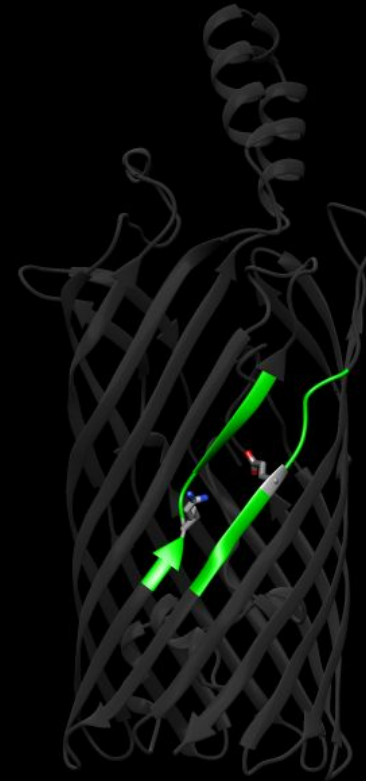
MECHANISM: **LATERAL TRANSPORT**



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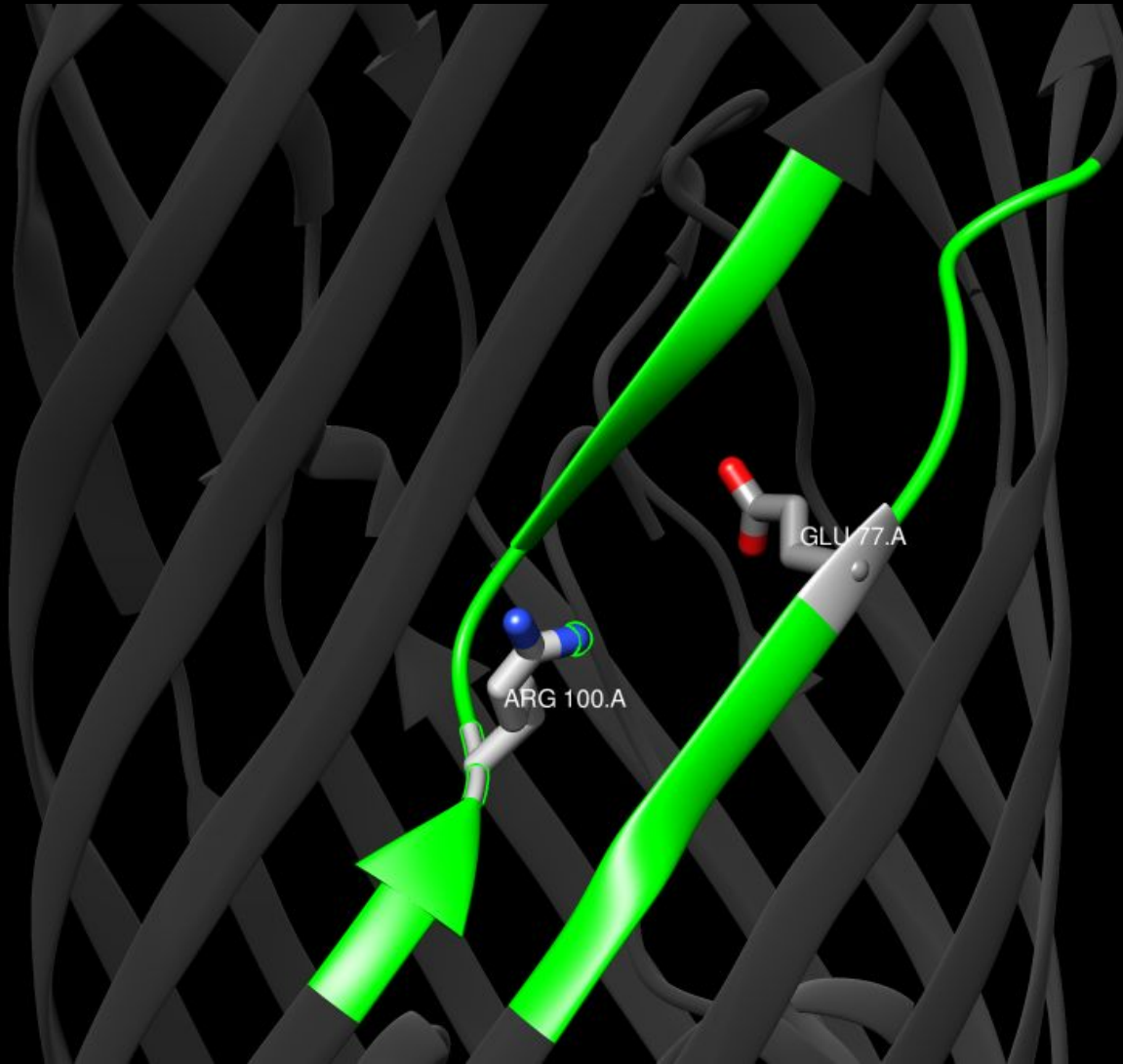


$\Delta S3$
MUTANT
(kinkless)



A77E/S100R
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- Salt bridge

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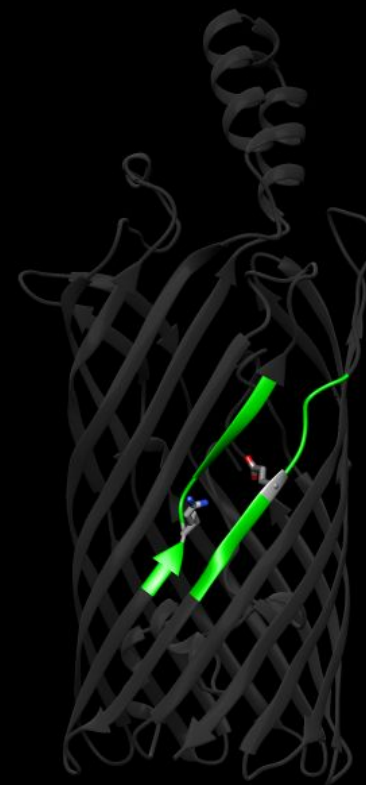


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AND \rightarrow^{100} SNYG¹⁰³

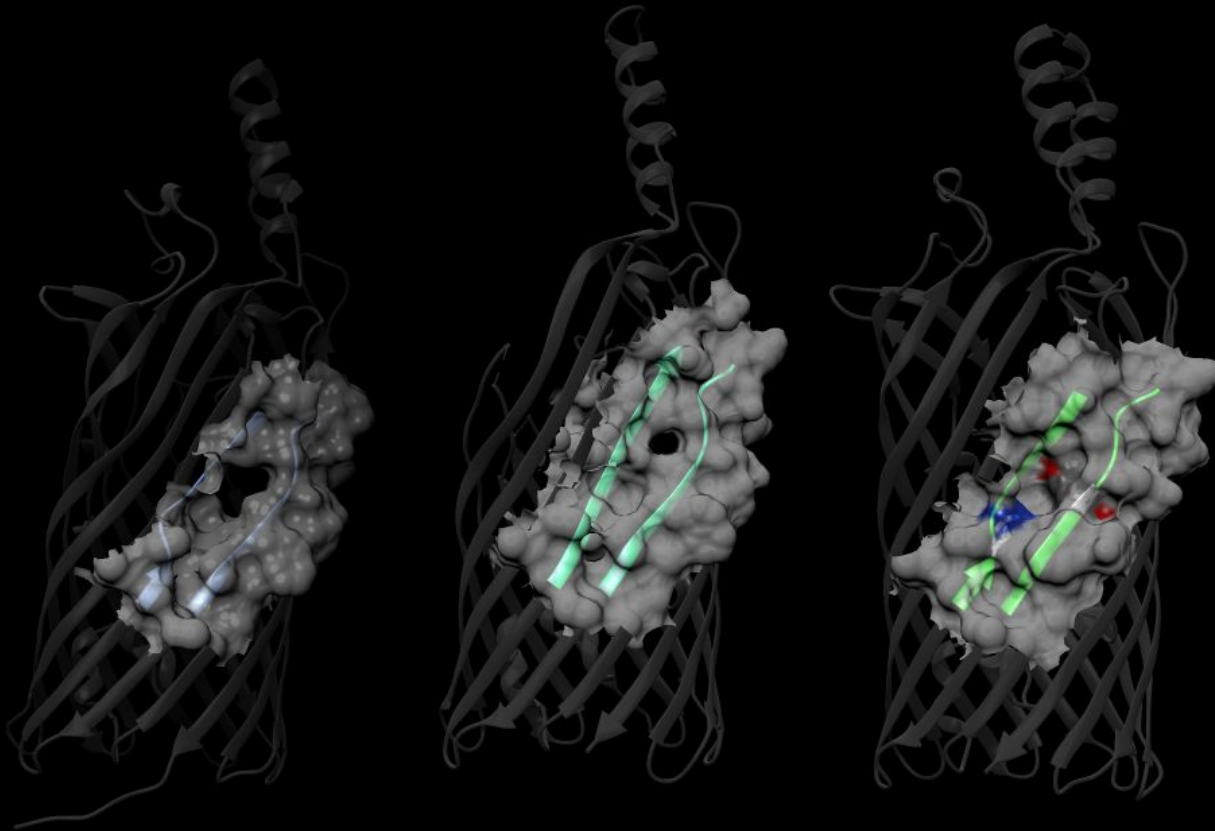


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alanine \rightarrow glutamic;
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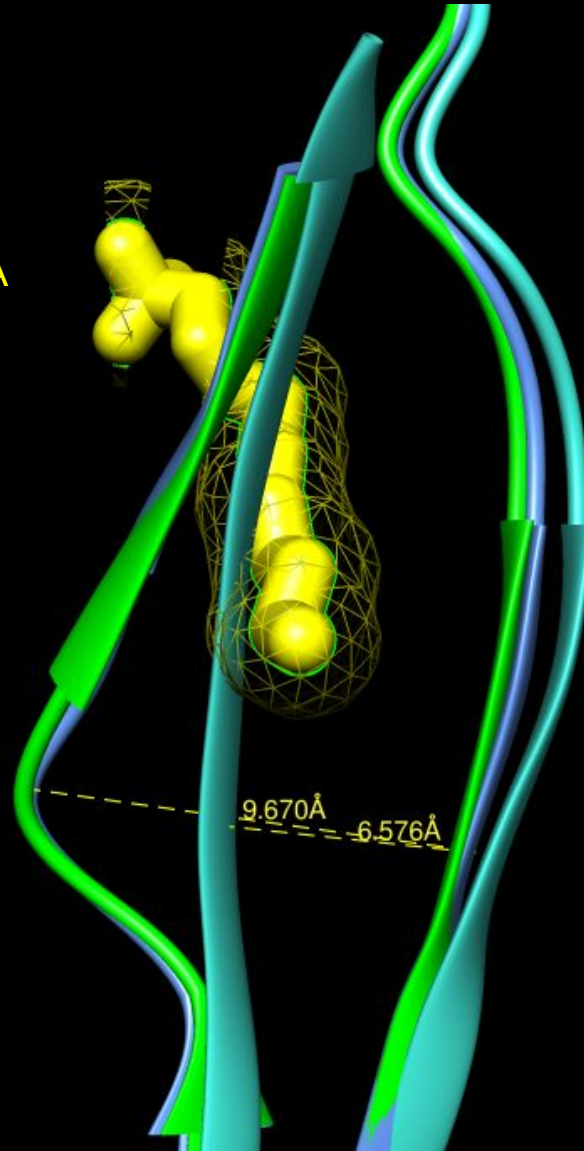
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- TYR 102@N VAL79@CA
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LDA



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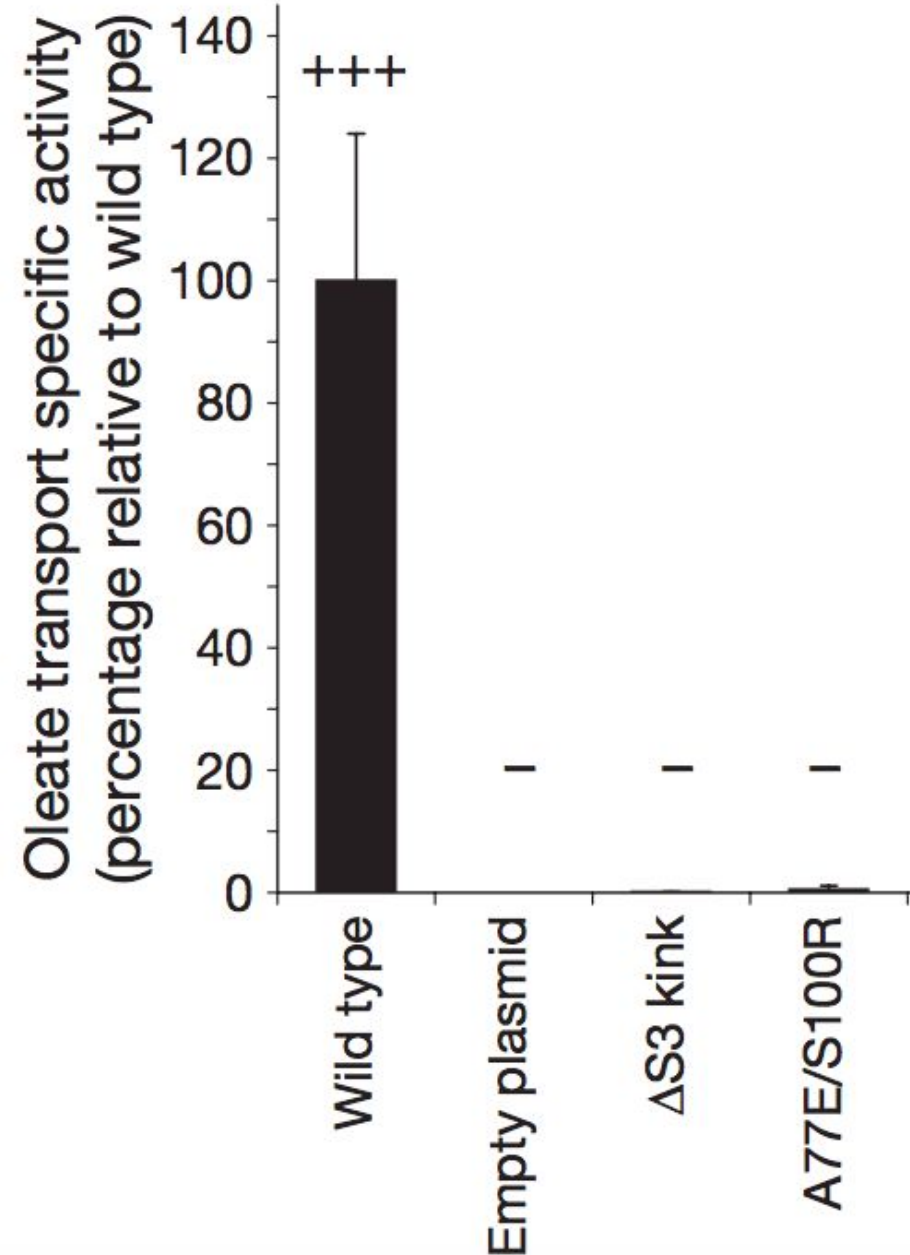
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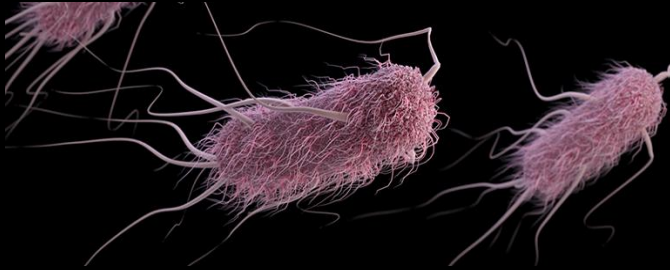
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Escherichia coli



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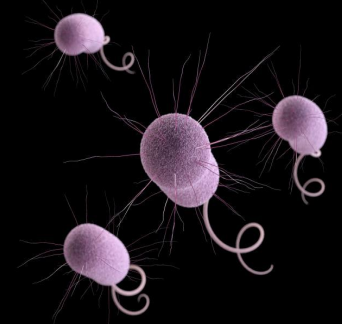
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14 β -strands

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Structure: **427aa**

Pseudomonas aeruginosa



PDB id: **3dwo**

Resolution: **2,2 Å**

14 β -strands

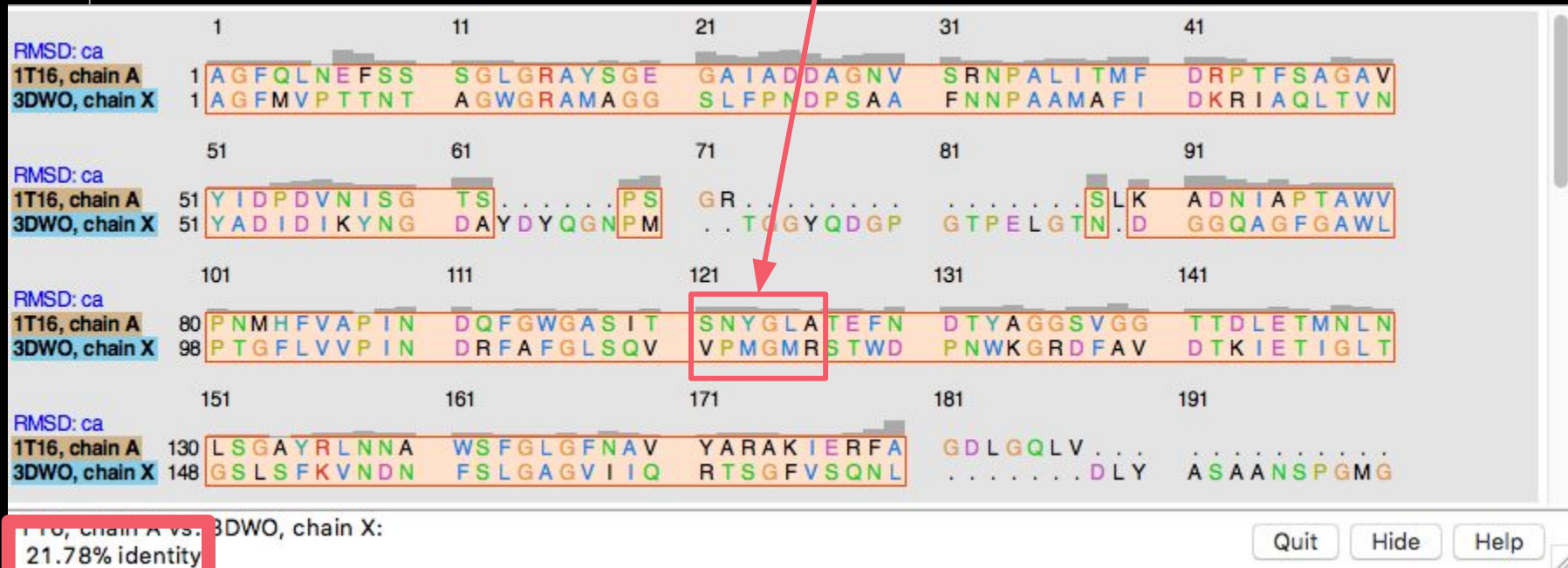
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CHIMERA ALIGNMENT BETWEEN P. AERUGINOSA AND E. COLI

Kink (T99-A105)



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STAMP Structural Alignment of Escherichia coli and Pseudomonas aeruginosa FadL protein

STAMP Structural Alignment of Multiple Proteins

Version 4.4 (May 2010)

by Robert B. Russell & Geoffrey J. Barton

Please cite PROTEINS, v14, 309-323, 1992

Running roughfit.

Sc = STAMP score, RMS = RMS deviation, Align = alignment length

Len1, Len2 = length of domain, Nfit = residues fitted

Secs = no. equivalent sec. strucs. Eq = no. equivalent residues

%I = seq. identity, %S = sec. str. identity

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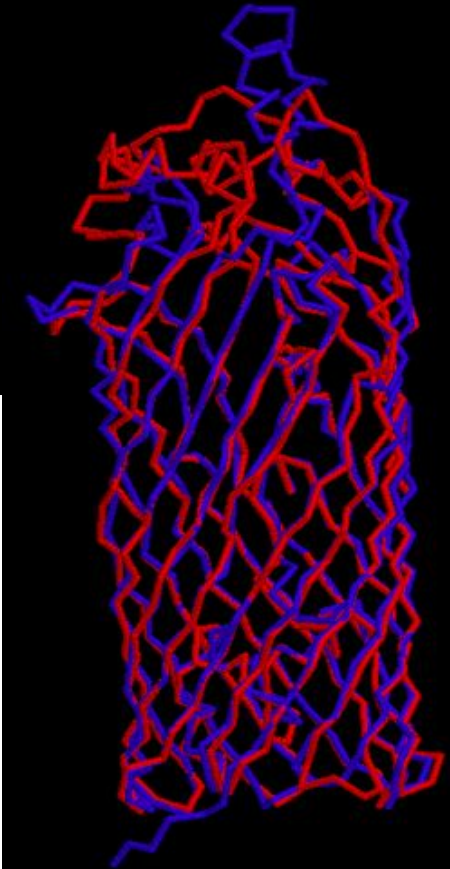
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Reading in matrix file fadl.mat...

Doing cluster analysis...

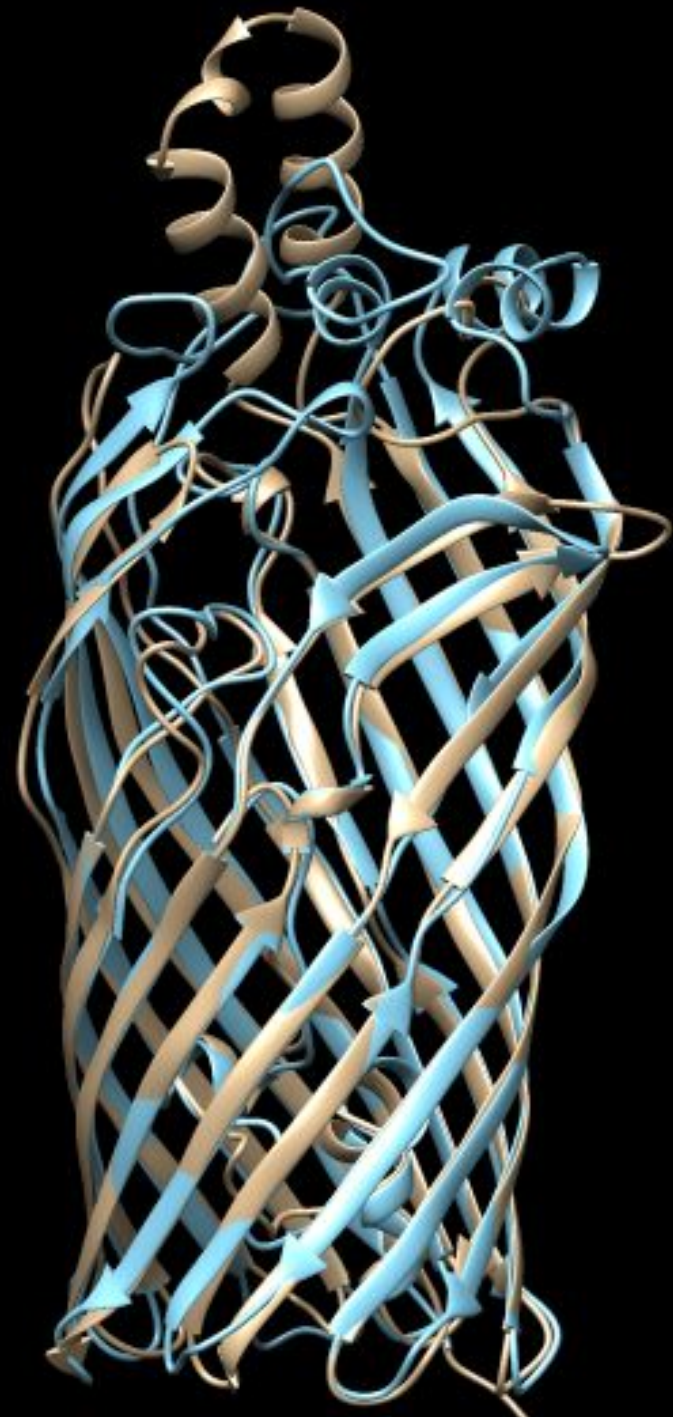
Cluster: 1 (fadl & pseu) Sc 6.72 RMS 1.17 Len 477 nfit 352

See file fadl.1 for the alignment and transformations



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Chimera
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between *E. Coli* -
P. Aeruginosa



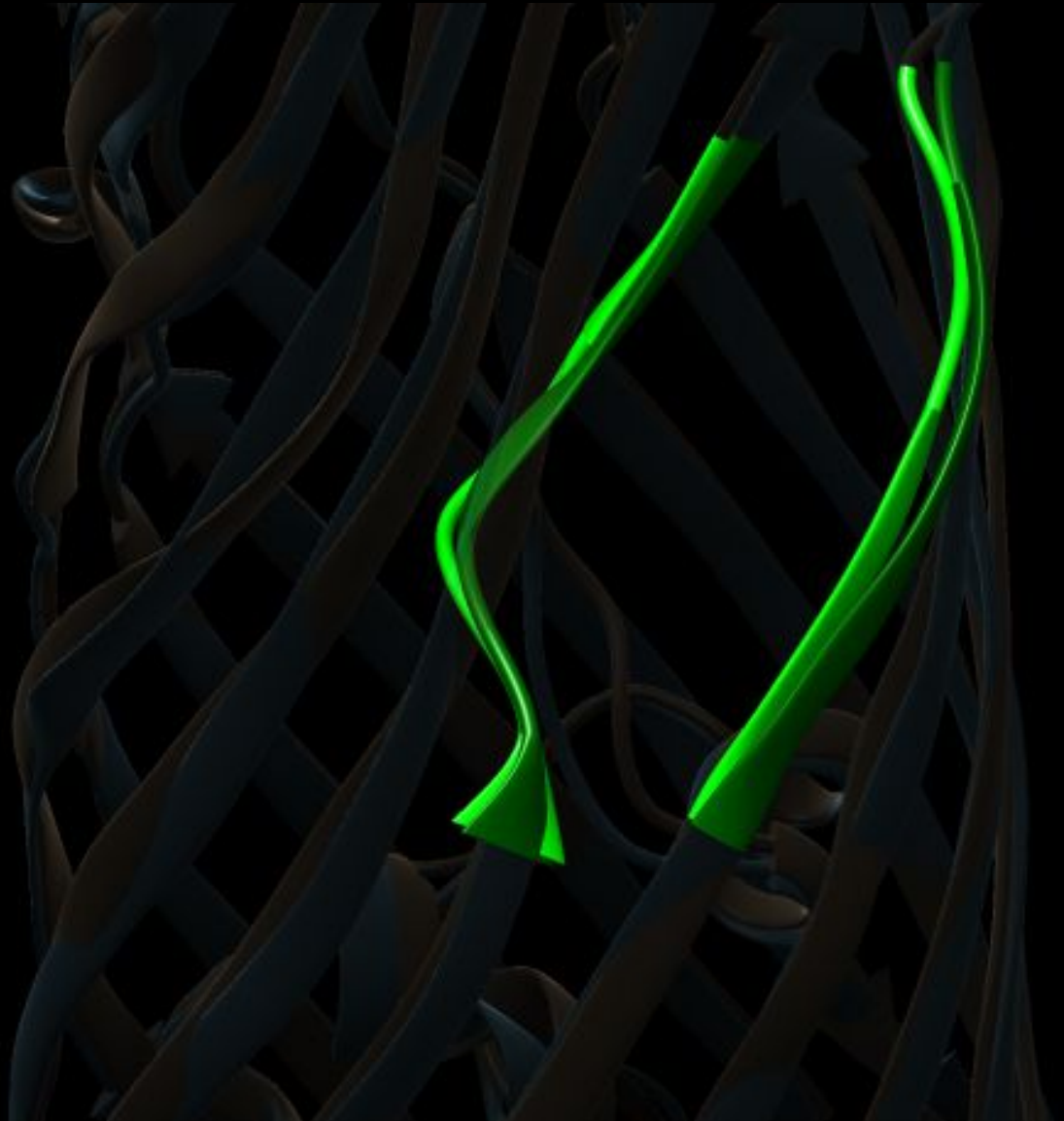
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Hatch



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Kink



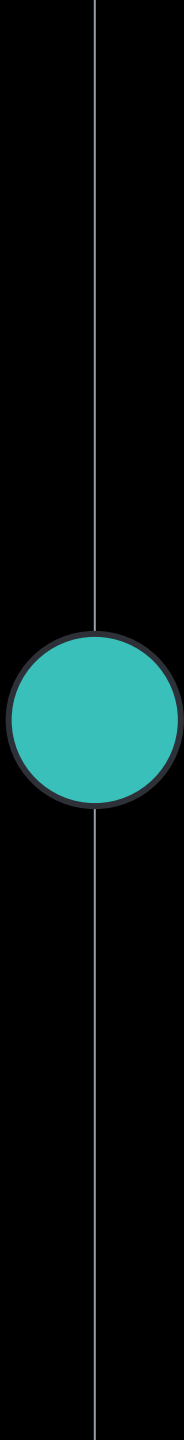
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SUMMARY

FadL is not a straight open channel.

It represents one of the very few mechanisms of ligand gated passive diffusion where the ligand is the molecule itself.

Knowing the structure of this receptor can give us insights in how to upgrade it and make bacteria that can have improved functionality on uptaking xenobiotics.



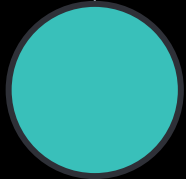
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Thanks!

● ANY QUESTIONS?



MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

1. In terms of structure, what type of membrane protein is a porin?
 - a. Alpha-helix protein
 - b. Helical bundle protein
 - c. Both previous are correct
 - d. β -barrel protein
 - e. All are correct

2. Which is not a main function of membrane proteins?
 - a. Receptors
 - b. Transcription factors
 - c. Transport
 - d. Enzymatic activity
 - e. Cell adhesion

3. Where do we not find porins?
 - a. Chloroplasts
 - b. Mitochondria
 - c. Eukaryotic cell membrane
 - d. Outer membrane of gram-negative bacteria
 - e. Outer membrane of gram-positive bacteria (Mycolata)

4. Which is the characteristic transport of porin FadL?

- a) Active
- b) It requires energy
- c) Both previous are correct
- d) Passive diffusion
- e) All of them are correct

5. Which is the structure of FadL involved on the low-affinity binding to the substrate?

- a) Groove
- b) Hatch
- c) Kink
- d) N-terminus
- e) Pocket

6. Which is the structure of FadL involved on the high-affinity binding to the substrate?

- a) Groove
- b) Hatch
- c) Kink
- d) N-terminus
- e) Pocket

7. Which are the most important structures of FadL that allow the lateral diffusion transport?

- a) Hatch
- b) Kink
- c) Both previous are correct
- d) NPA conserved sequence
- e) All of them are correct

8. A specific sequence region conserved in a protein between species shows:

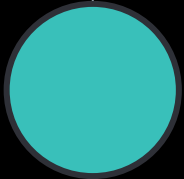
- a) The function of that region is important
- b) We can ensure that the proteins come from the same ancestor
- c) Both previous are correct
- d) The function of that region is not important
- e) All the previous are correct

9. The pocket has high-affinity to the substrate due to:

- a) 3 positive-charged amino acids that interact with the negative group of the fatty acid
- b) 12 hydrophobic amino acids that share the same hydrophobic character of fatty acids
- c) Both previous are correct
- d) 2 negative-charged amino acids that help in the fatty acid location
- e) All of them are correct

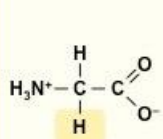
10. What does an hydropathy plot show?

- a) Hydrophobicity domains of alfa-helix proteins
- b) Hydrophobicity domains of helix bundle proteins
- c) Both previous are correct
- d) Hydrophobicity domains of β -barrel proteins
- e) All are correct

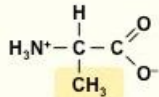


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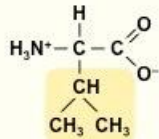
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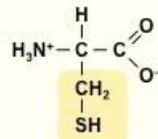
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(Gly / G)



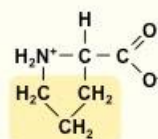
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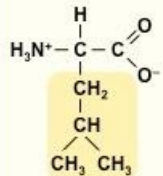
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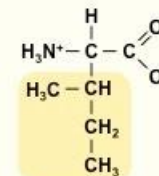
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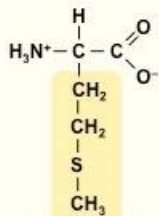
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(Pro / P)



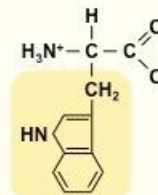
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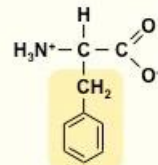
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Methionine
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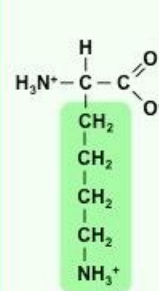


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(Trp / W)

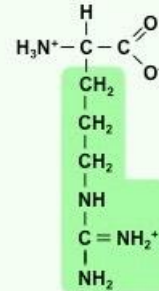


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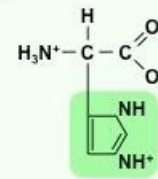
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Lysine
(Lys / K)

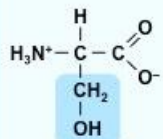


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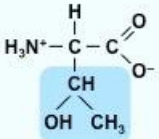


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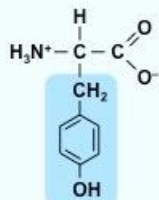
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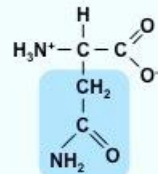
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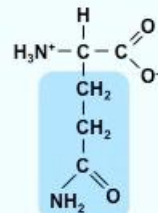
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(Thr / T)



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(Tyr / Y)

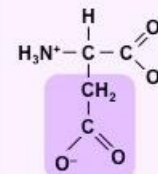


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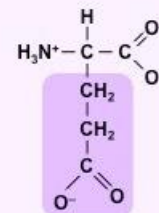


Glutamine
(Gln / Q)

- CHARGE



Aspartic Acid
(Asp / D)



Glutamic Acid
(Glu / E)

SEQUENCE ALIGNMENT BETWEEN E COLI & PSEUDOMONAS

CLUSTAL O(1.2.4) multiple sequence alignment

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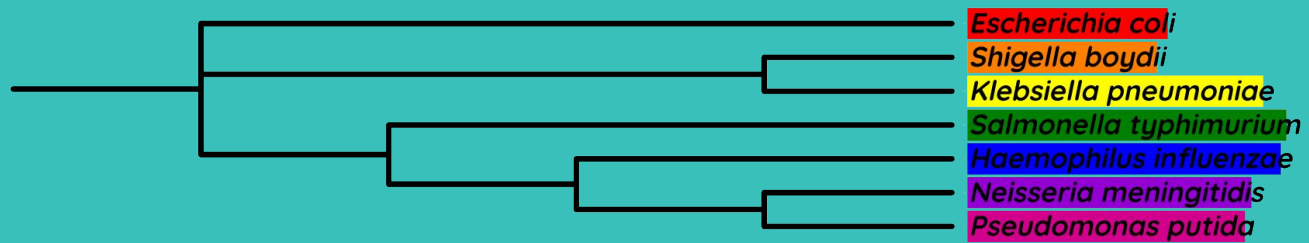
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iTOL Phylogenetic Tree





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