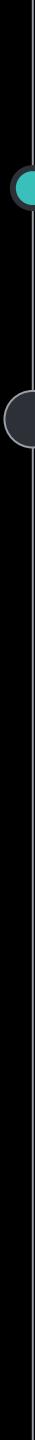




Membrane proteins

Porins: FadL

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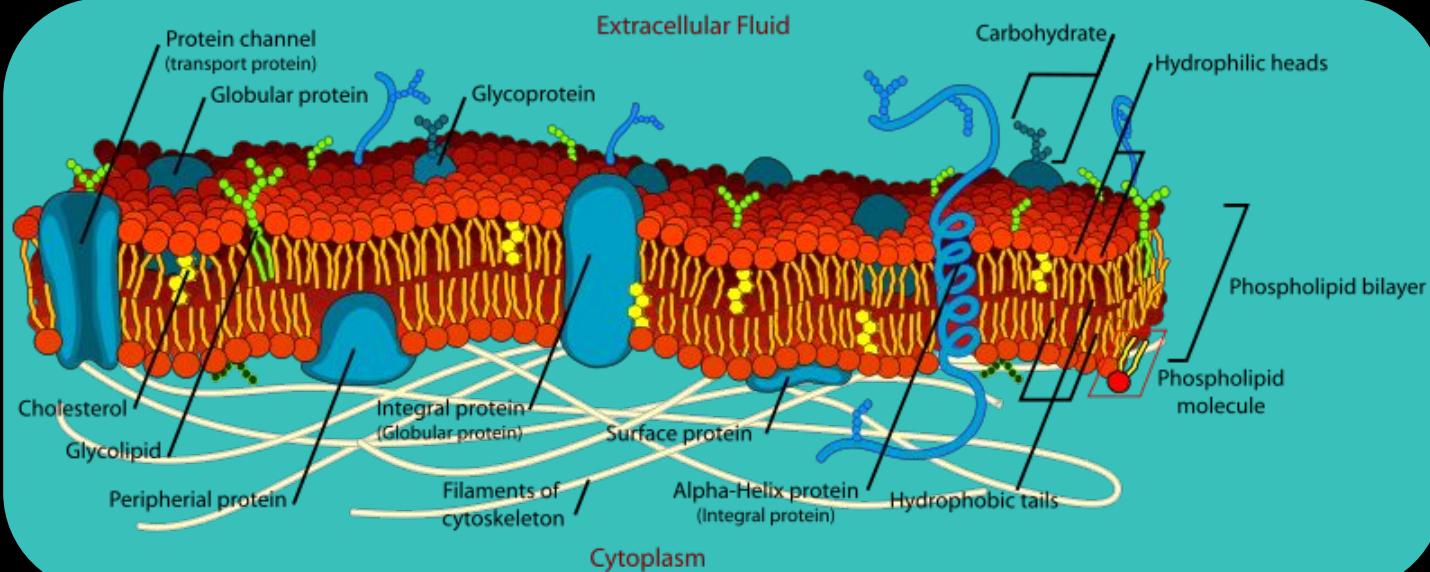
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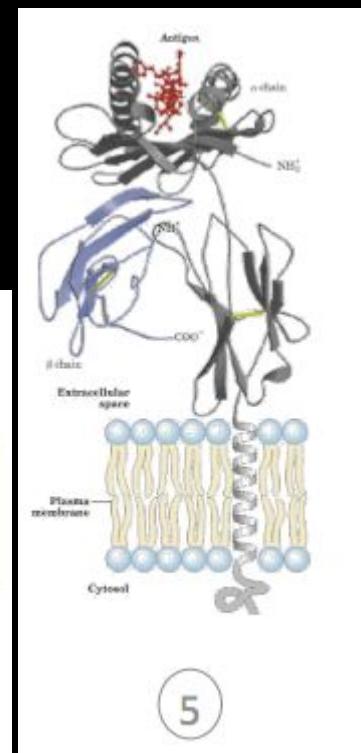
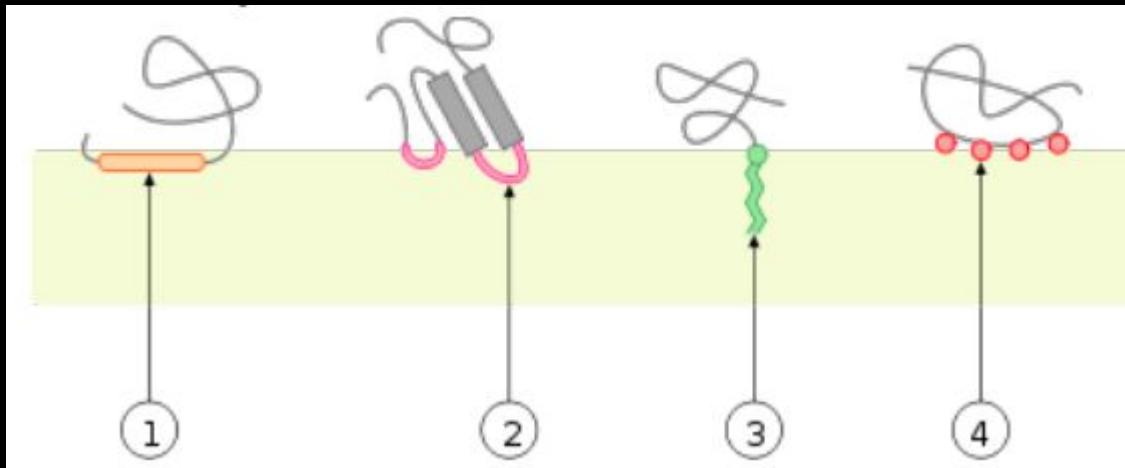


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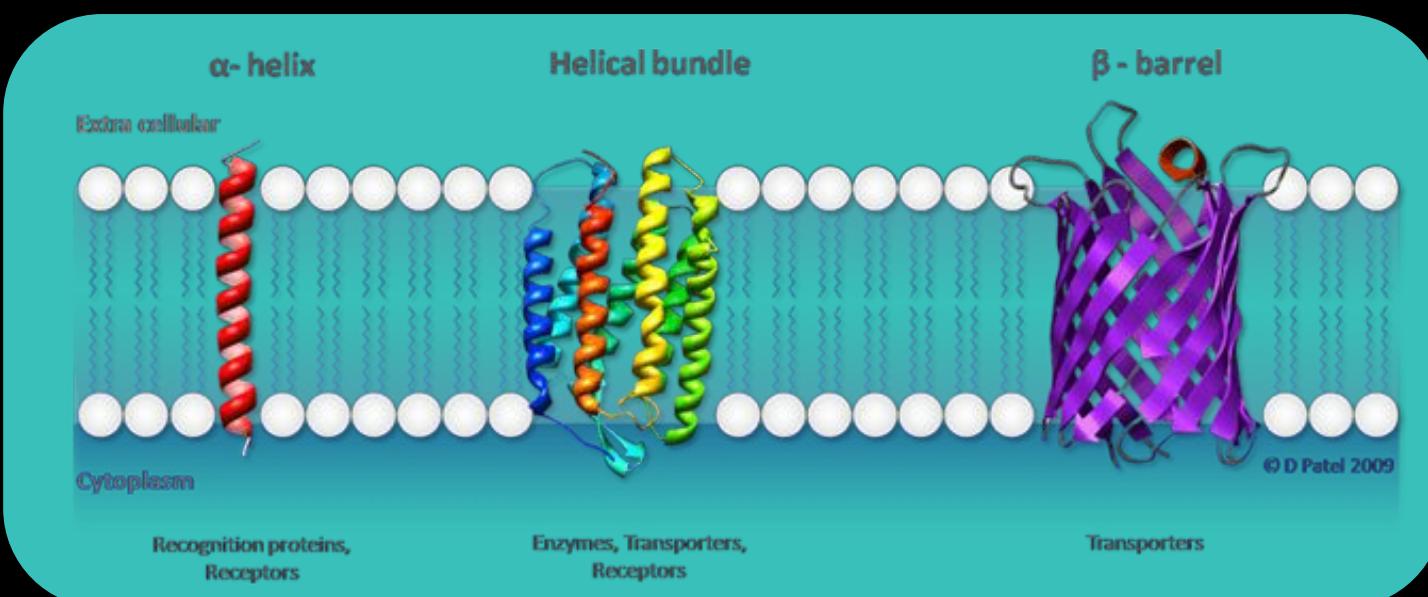


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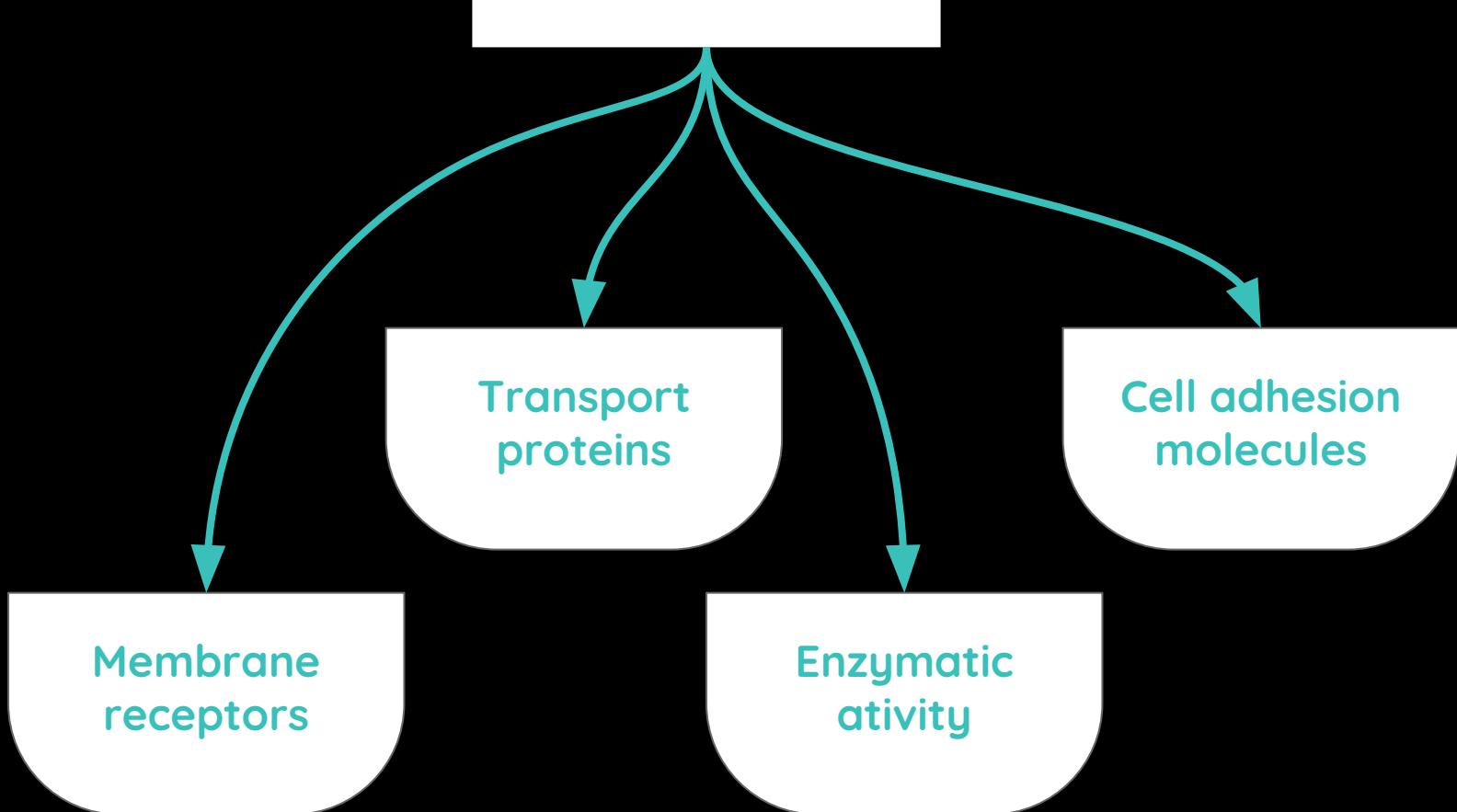
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Membrane
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Enzymatic
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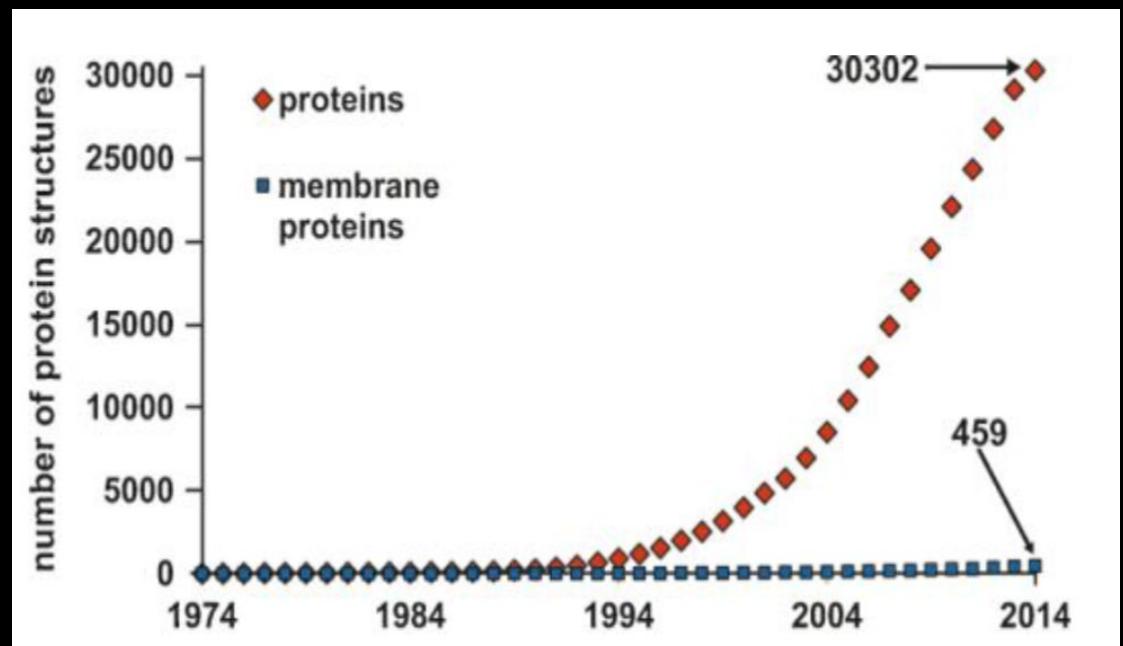




INTRODUCTION: IMPORTANCE OF PREDICTION



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

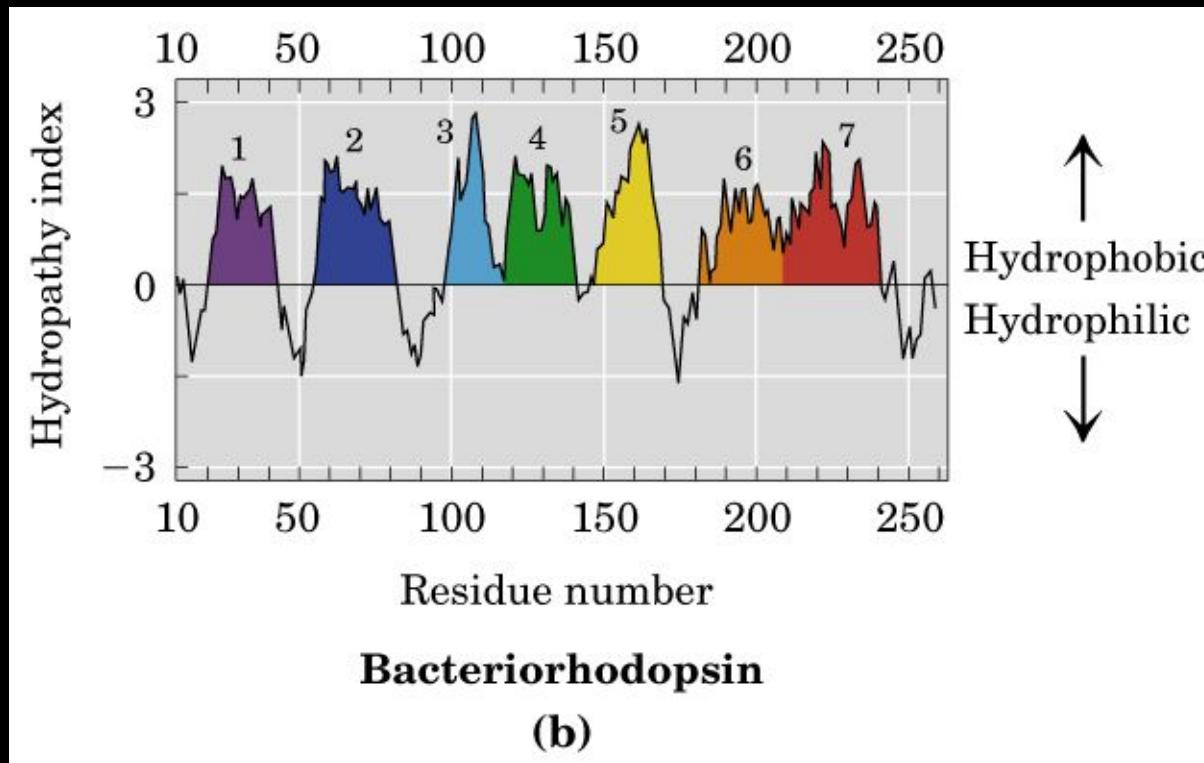




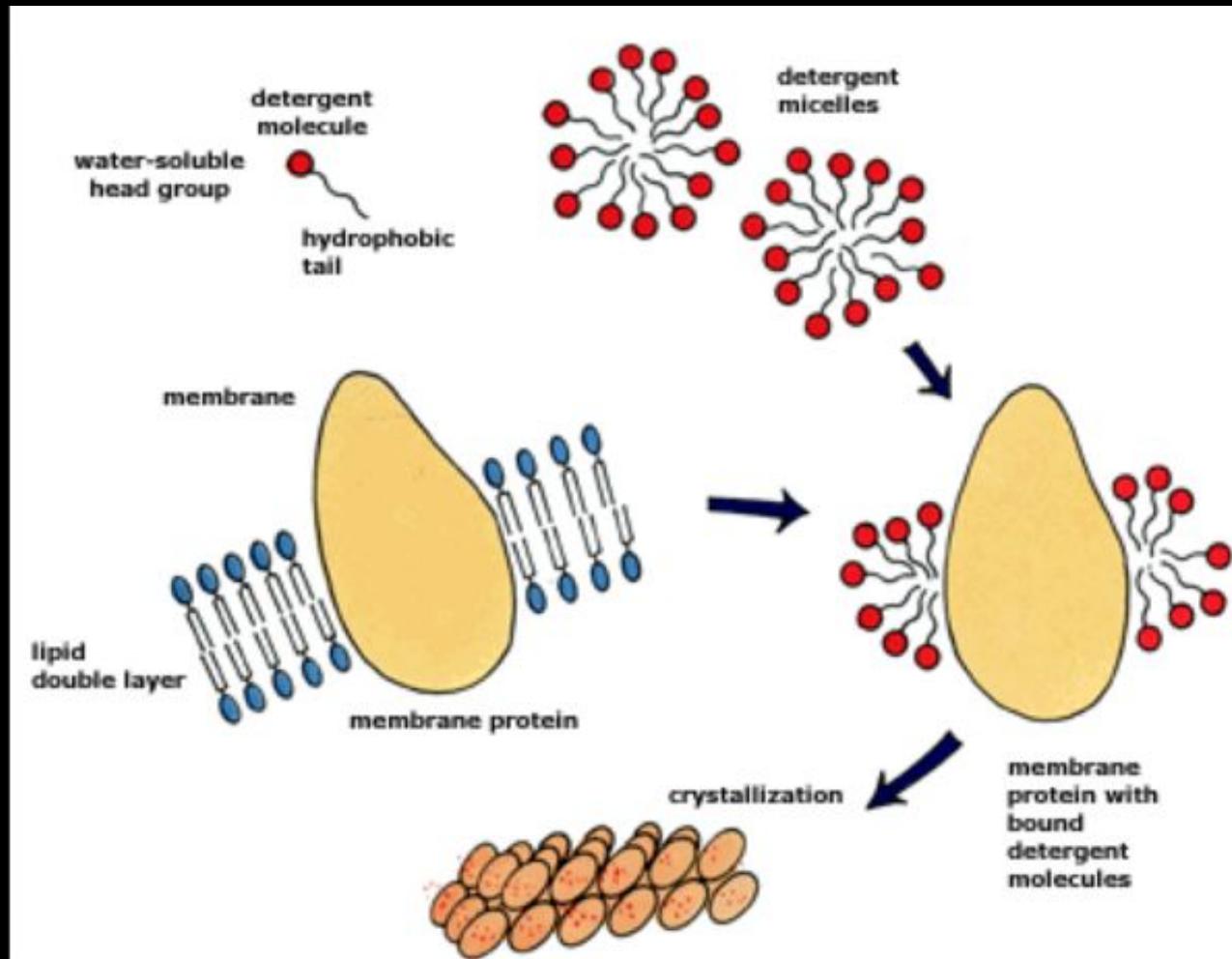
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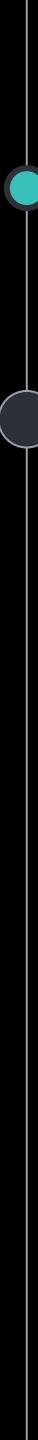


- Identify protein domains
- Hydrophobic and hydrophilic regions



INTRODUCTION: DIFFICULTIES OF PURIFICATION



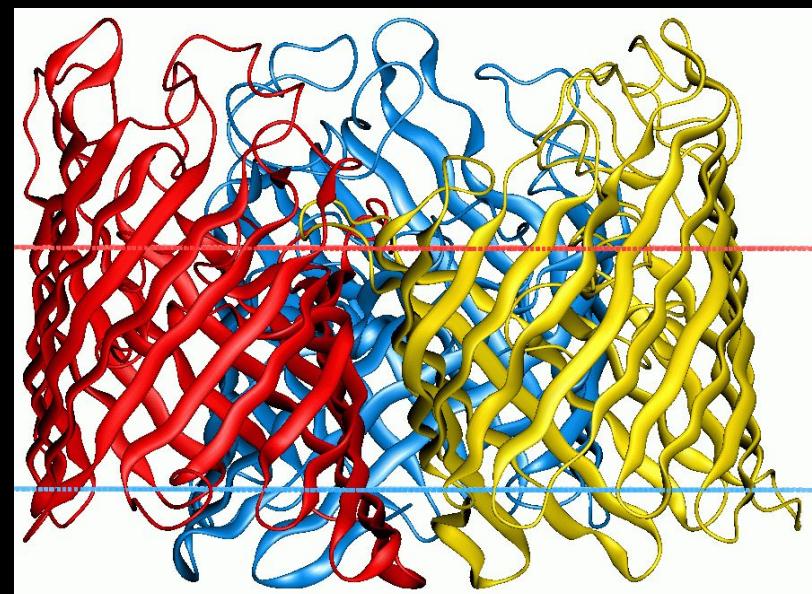


INTRODUCTION: DIFFICULTIES OF CRYSTALLISATION

X-ray
crystallography

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

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





INTRODUCTION: **PORINS**

Function

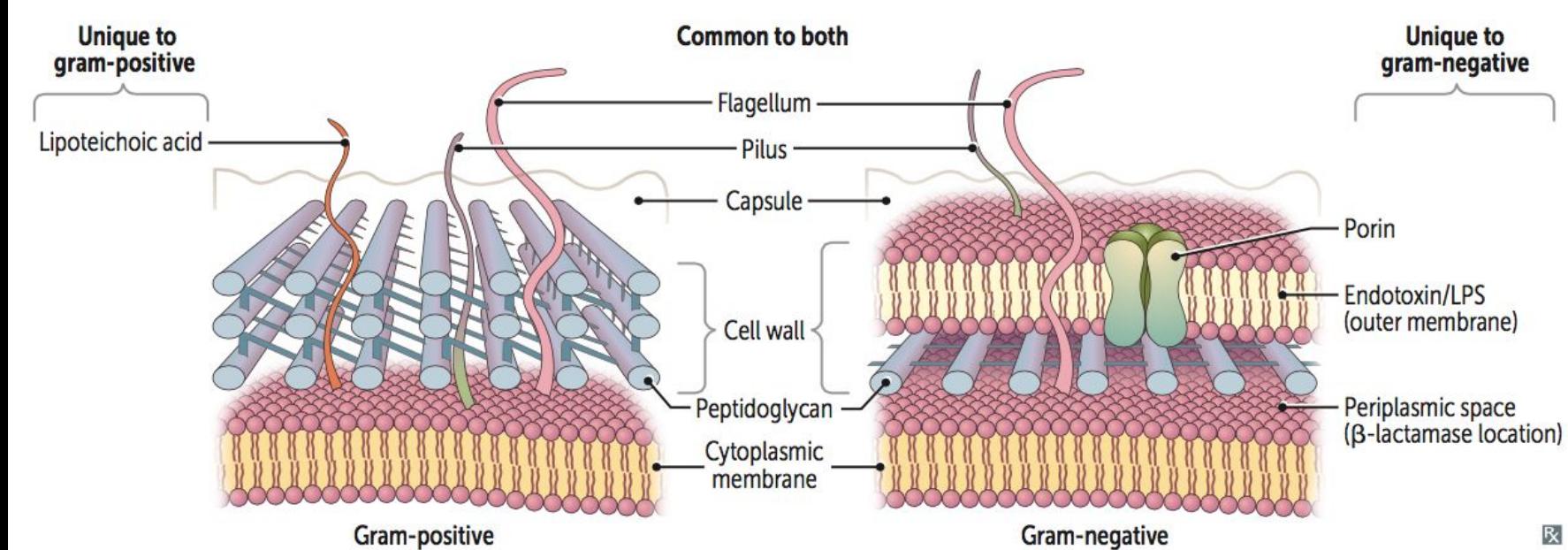
- They act as a pore
- Most of them: Passive diffusion of hydrophilic molecules
- Avoid toxic accumulation
- Regulate permeability
- Prevent lysis
- Types:
 - **General** → No substrate specificities
 - **Selective** → Specific chemical species

INTRODUCTION: PORINS

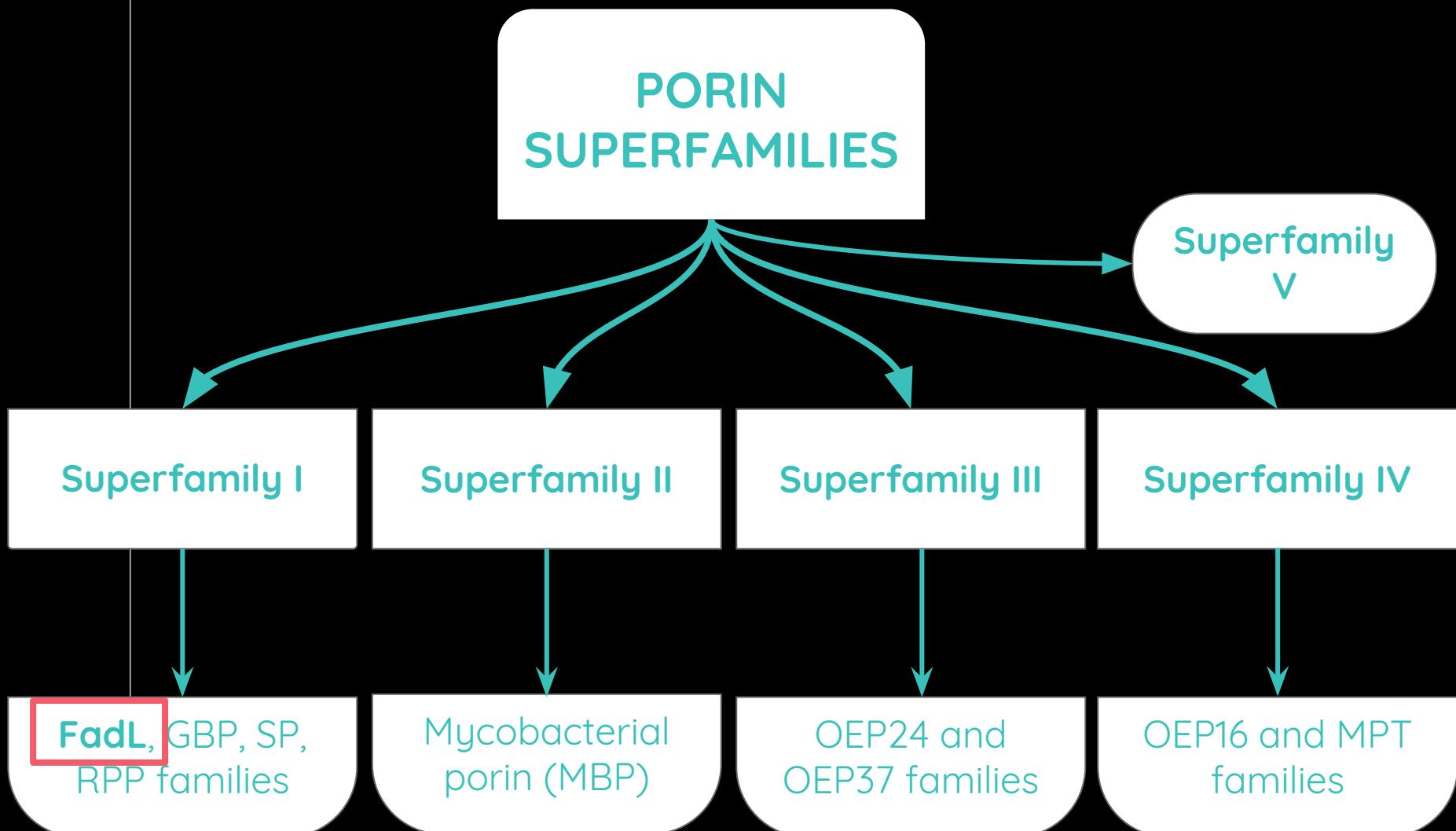
Location

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

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



INTRODUCTION: **FADL Classification**



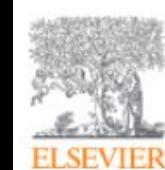
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FADL: OUTER MEMBRANE TRANSPORT PROTEIN

● 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?



Current Opinion in Structural Biology

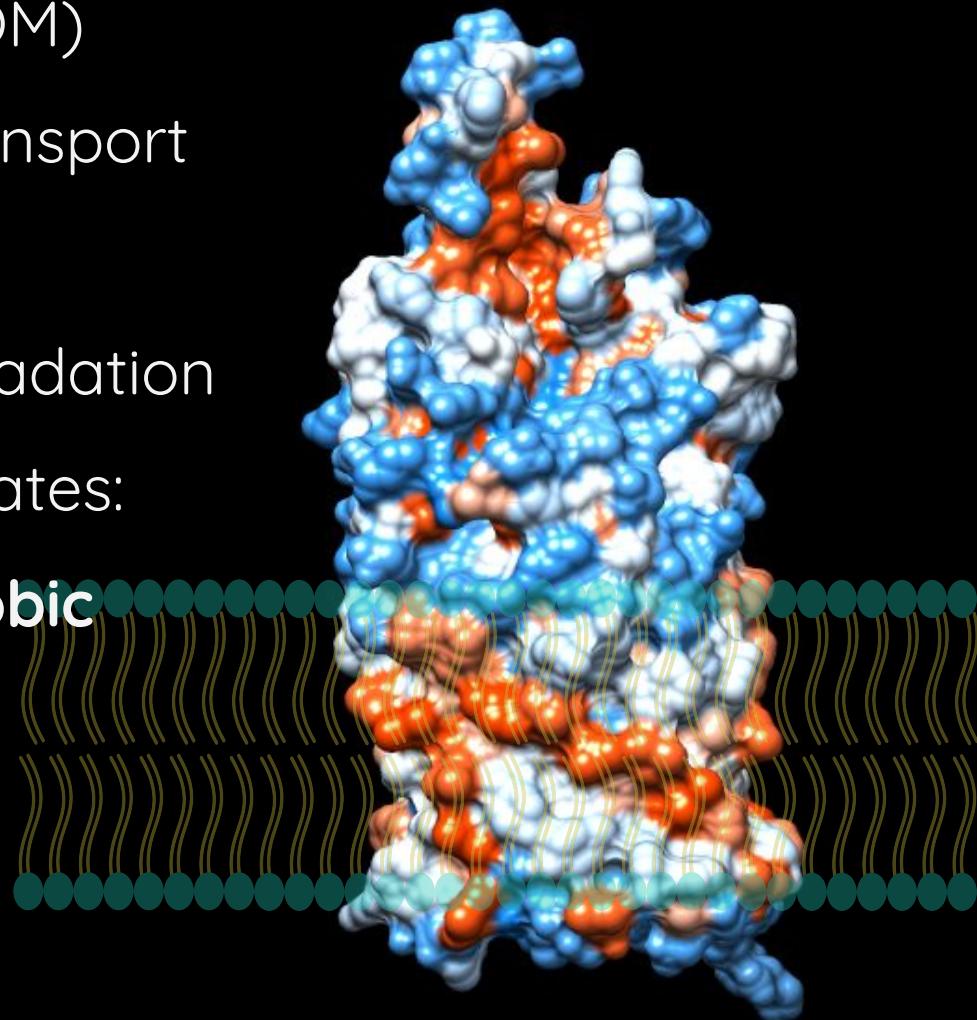
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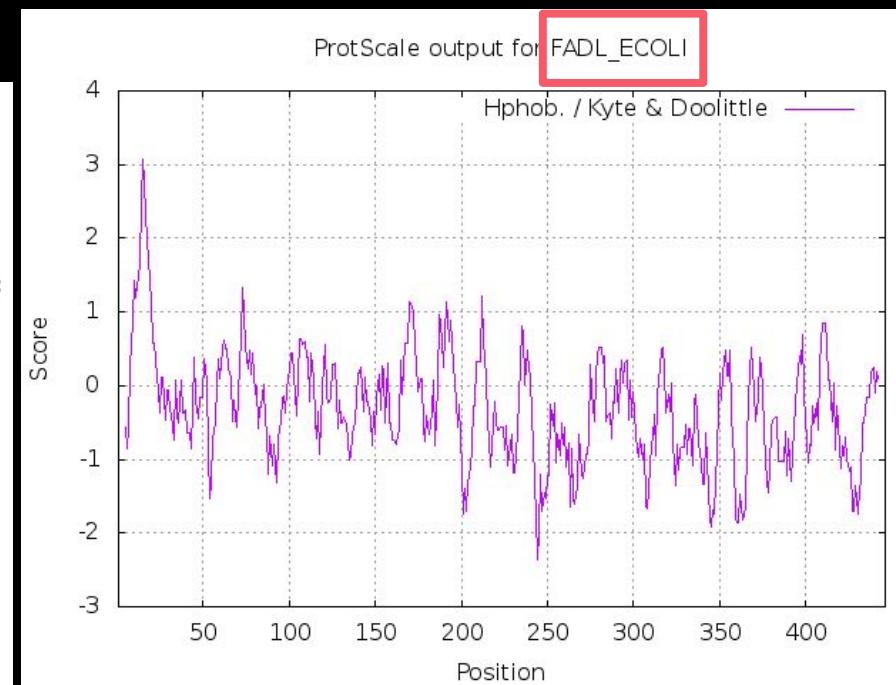
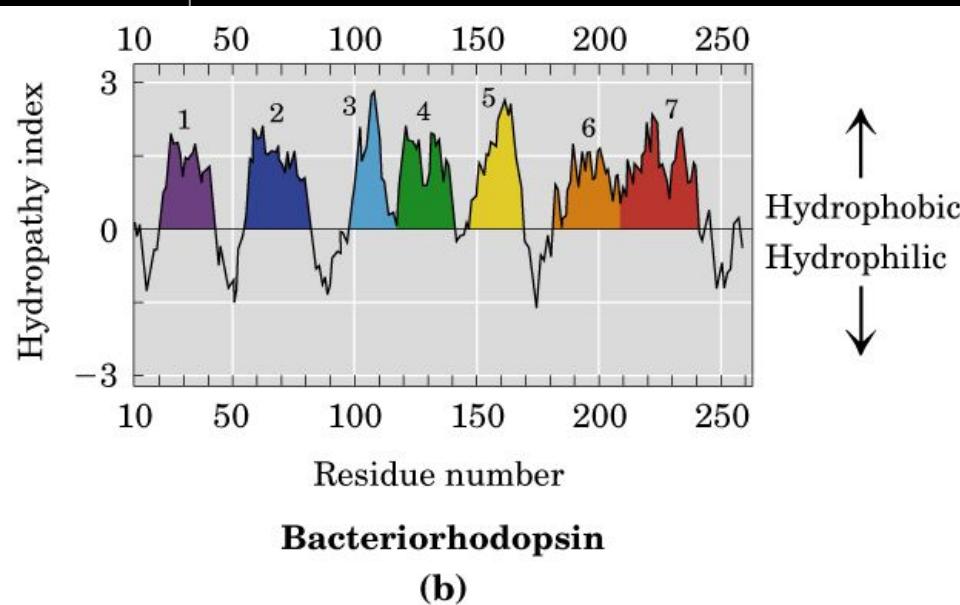
- Outer membrane (OM)
passive diffusion transport
(β -barrel)
- Xenobiotics biodegradation
- Hydrophobic substrates:
Particular **hydrophobic**
surface



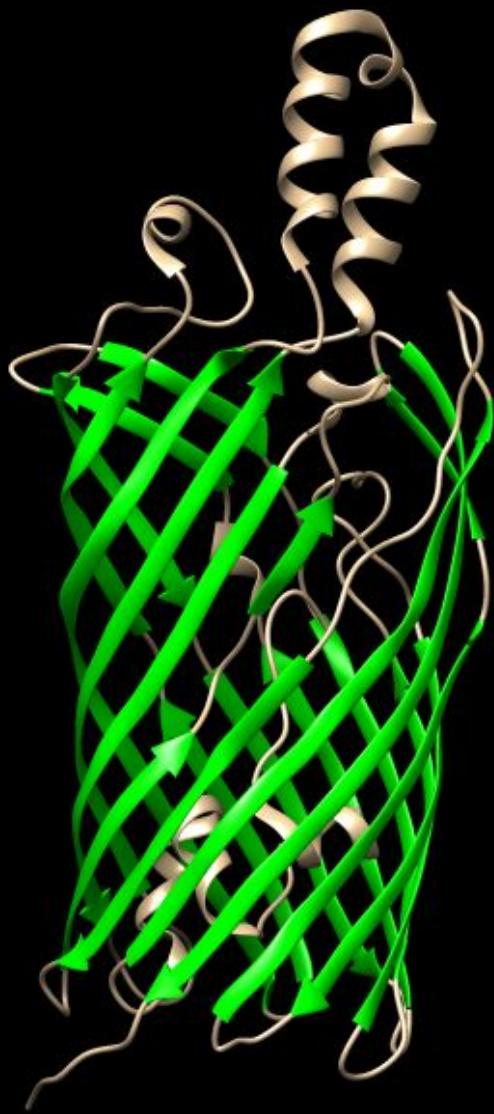


INTRODUCTION: HIDROPATHY PLOT

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



FADL STRUCTURE: MAIN CHARACTERISTICS



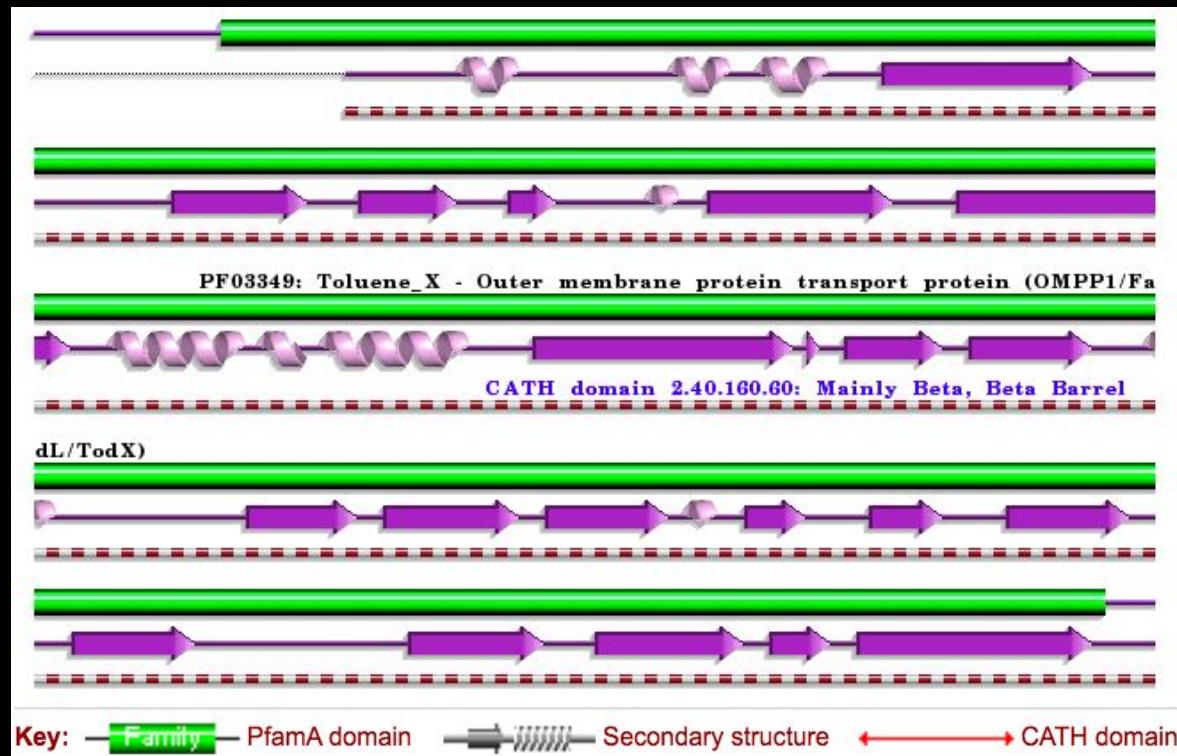
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14 β -strands

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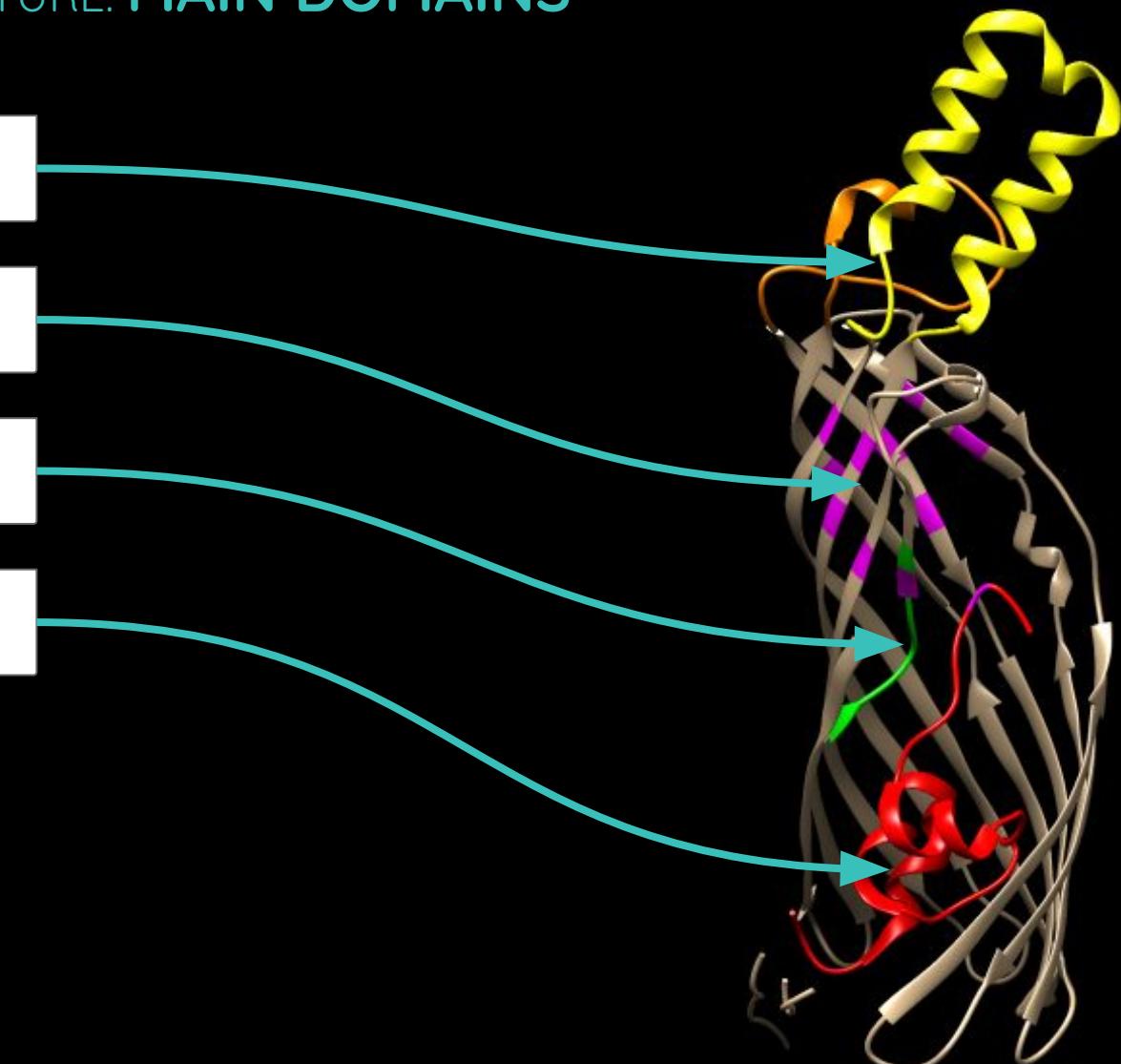


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MAIN FEATURES OF FADL STRUCTURE

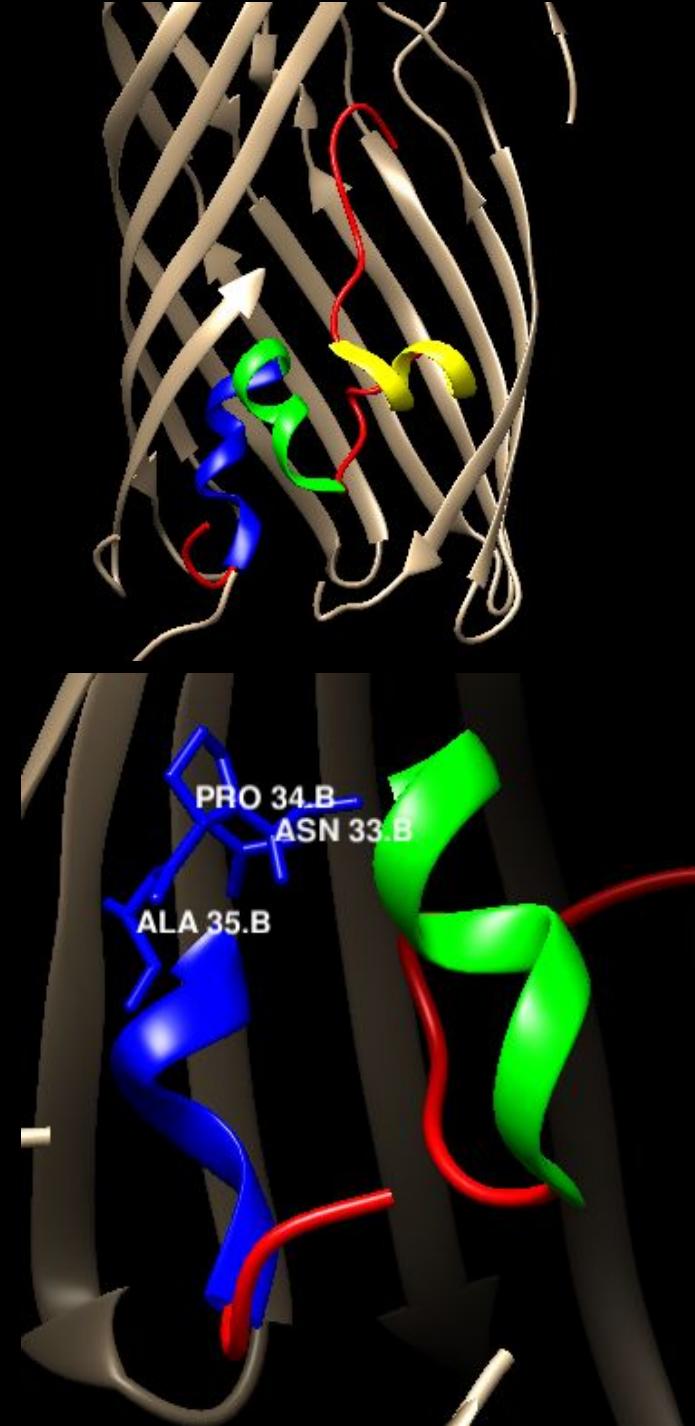
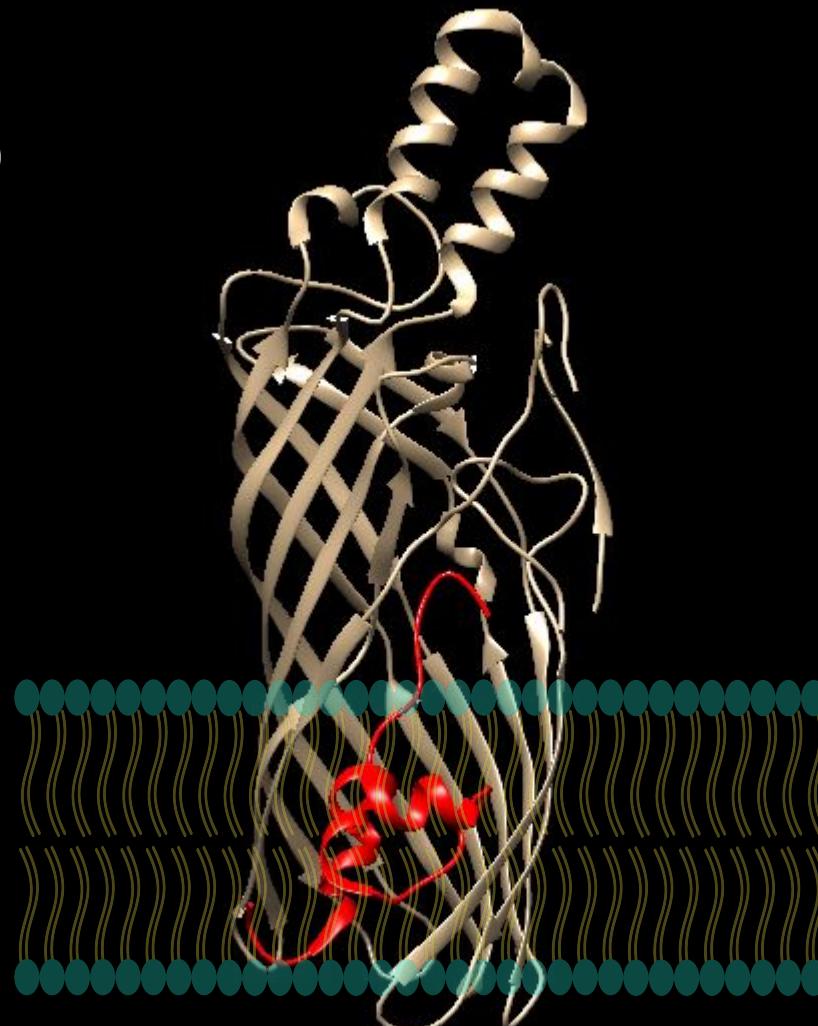
FADL STRUCTURE: **MAIN DOMAINS**

- Groove
- Pocket
- Kink
- Hatch





FADL STRUCTURE: HATCH



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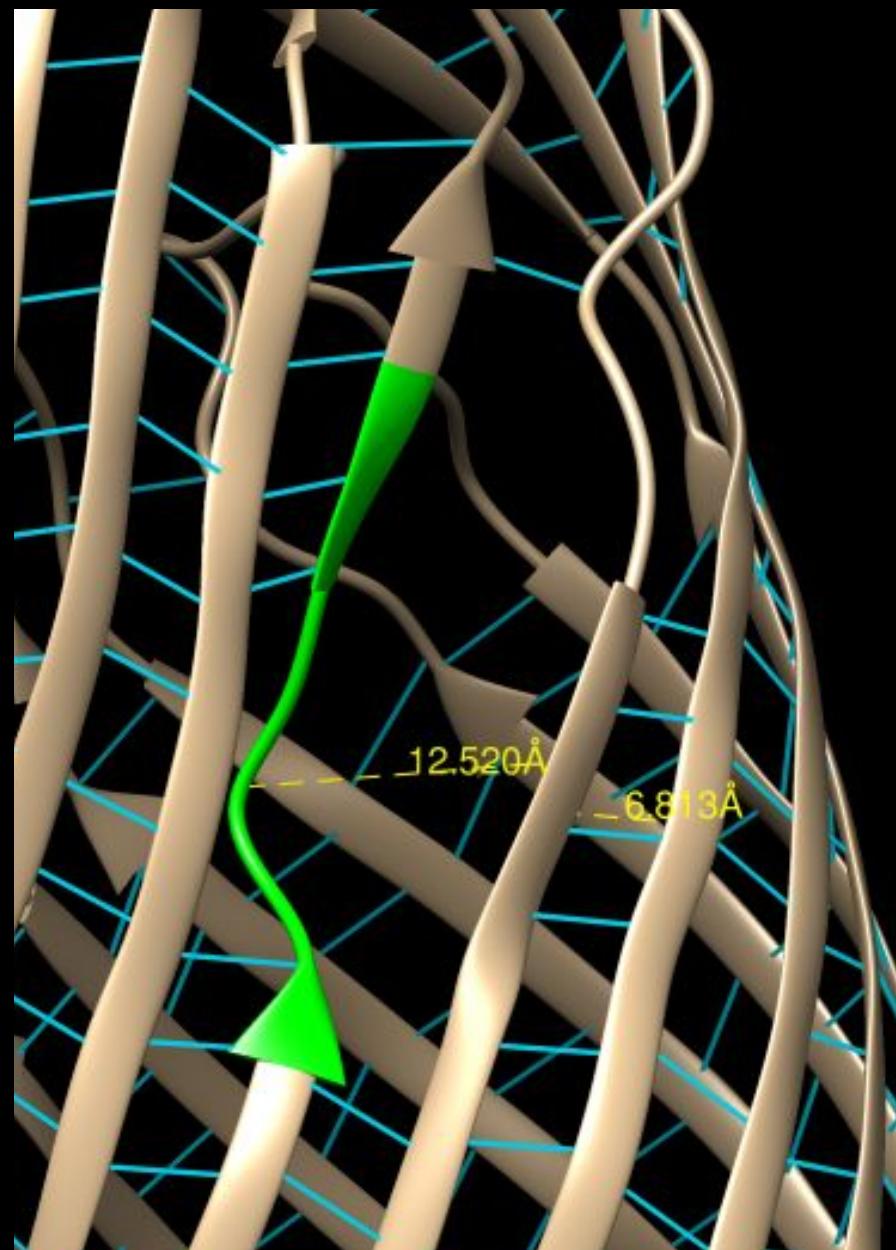
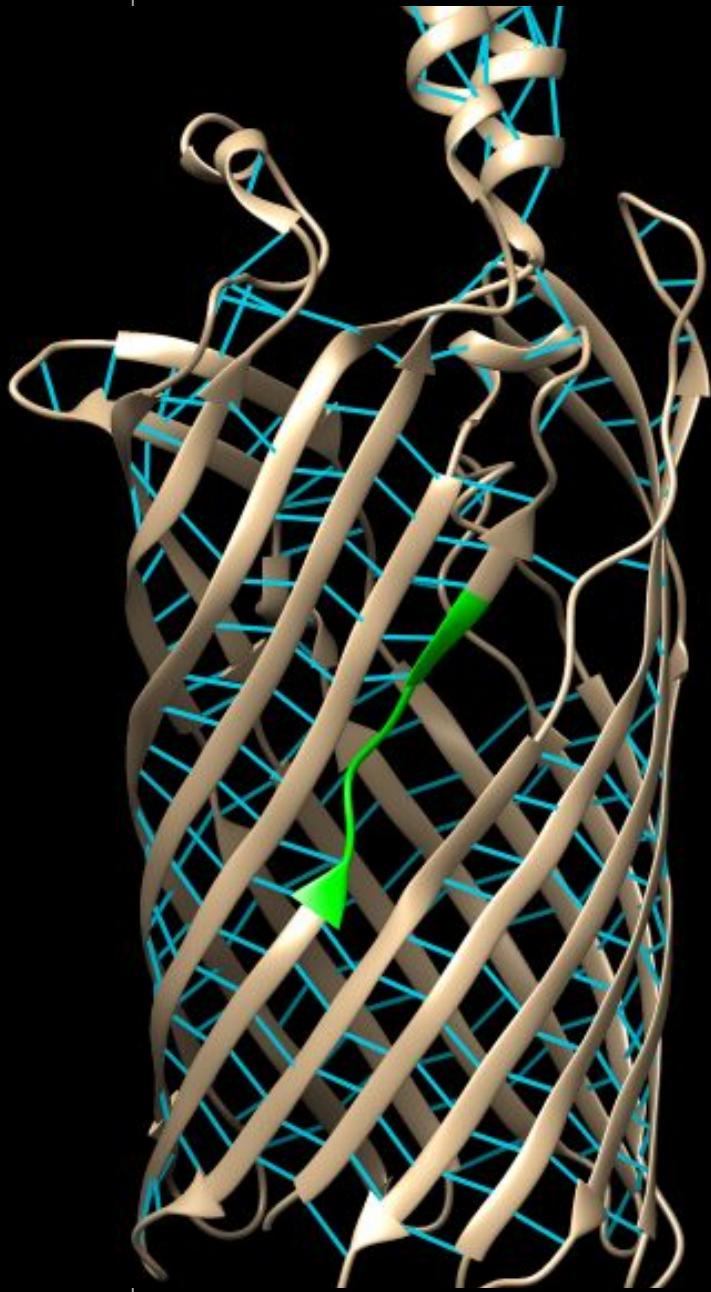
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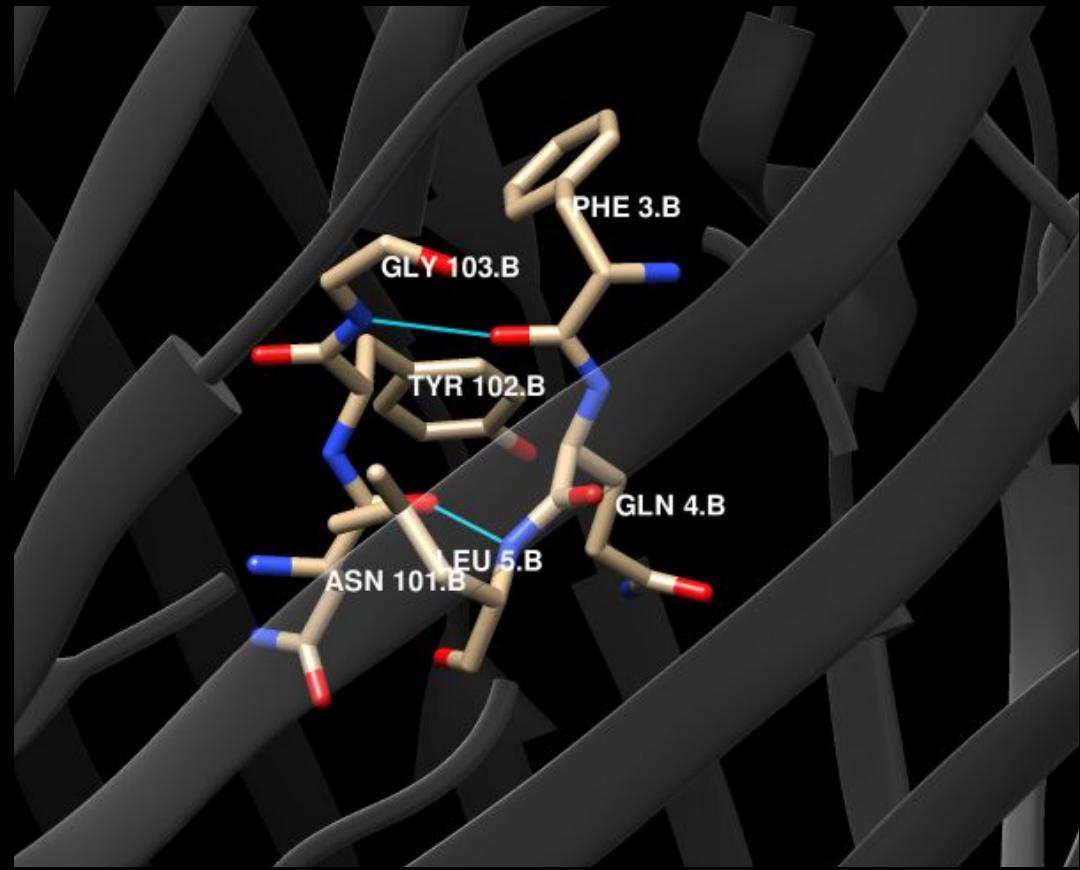
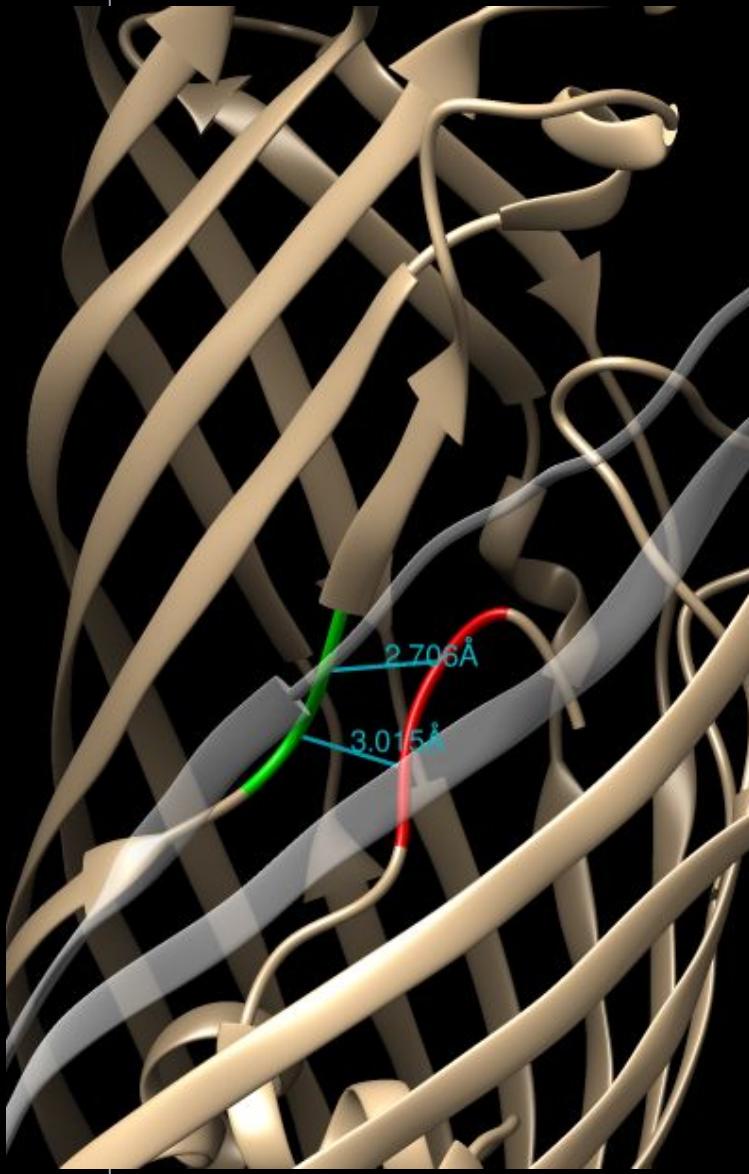
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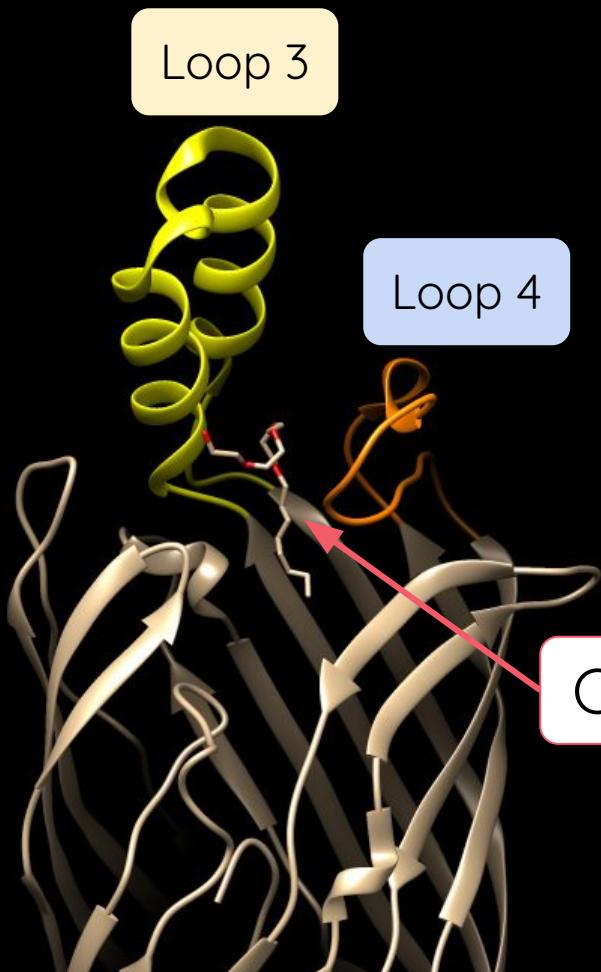
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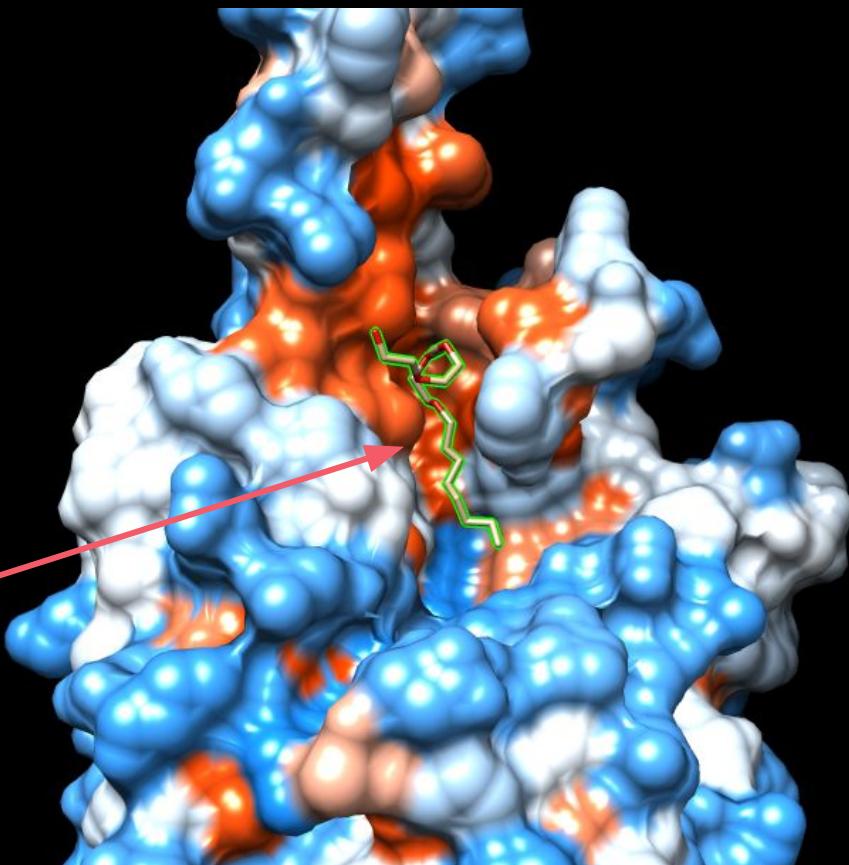
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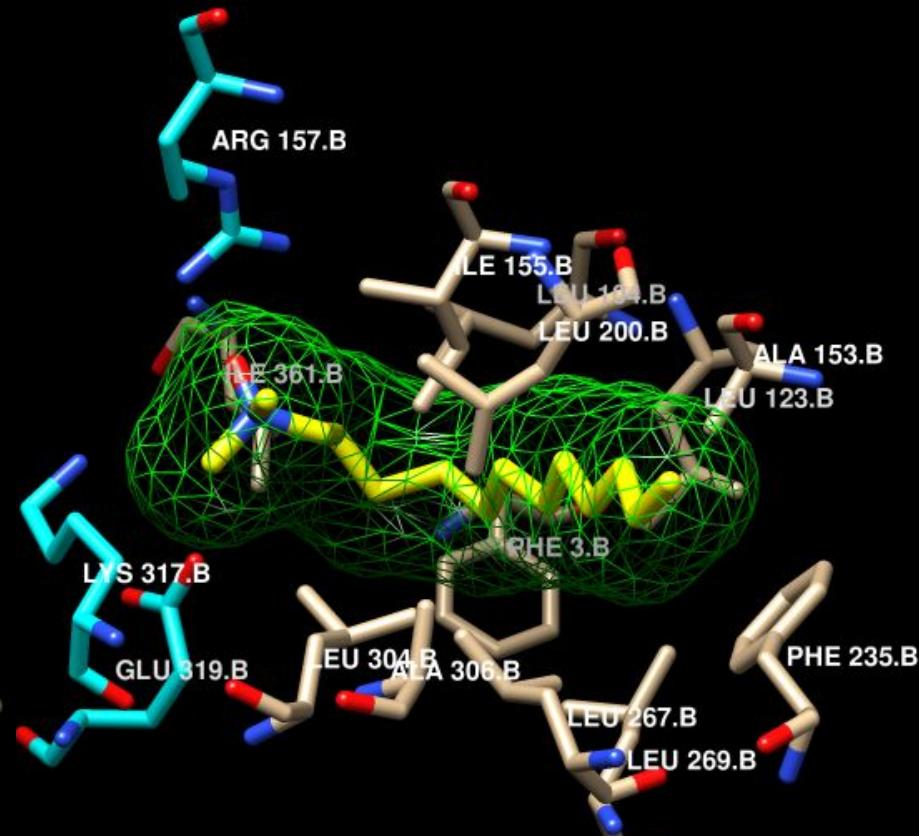
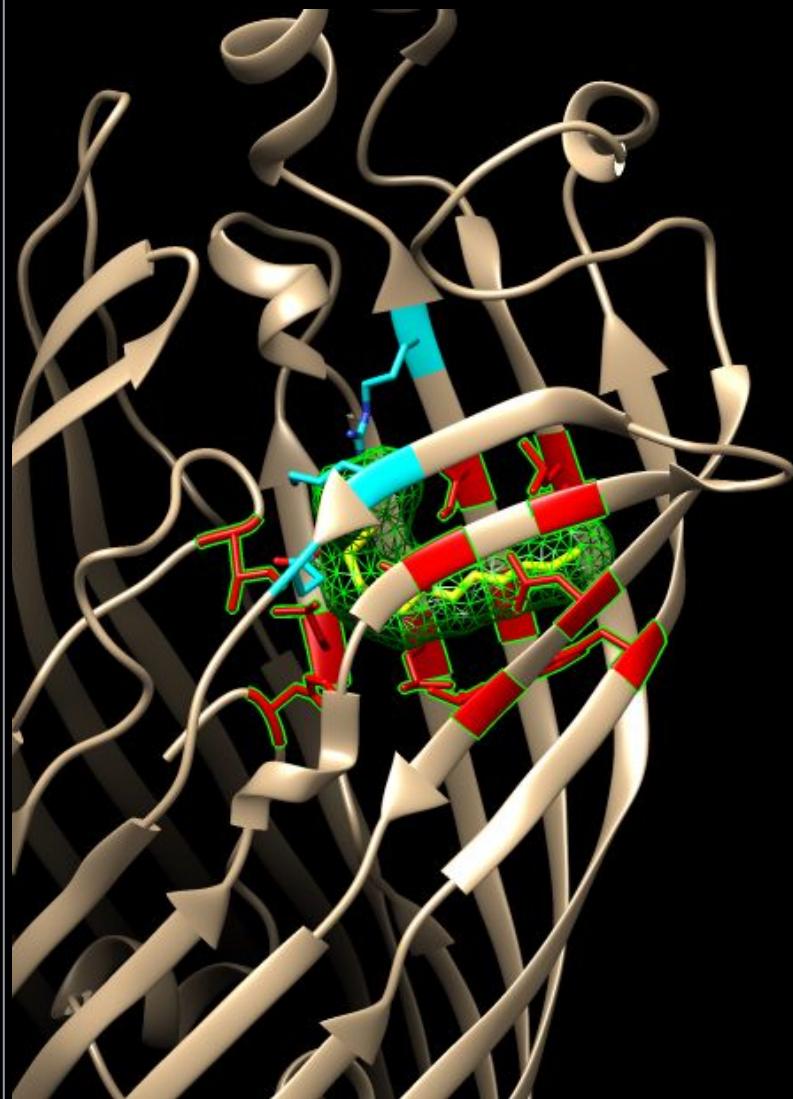
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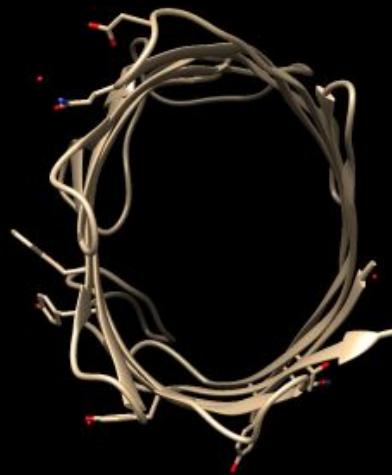
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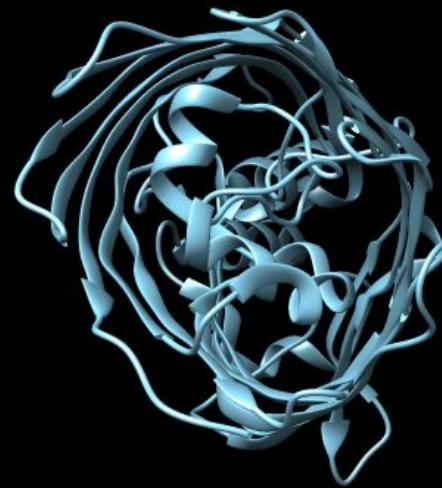
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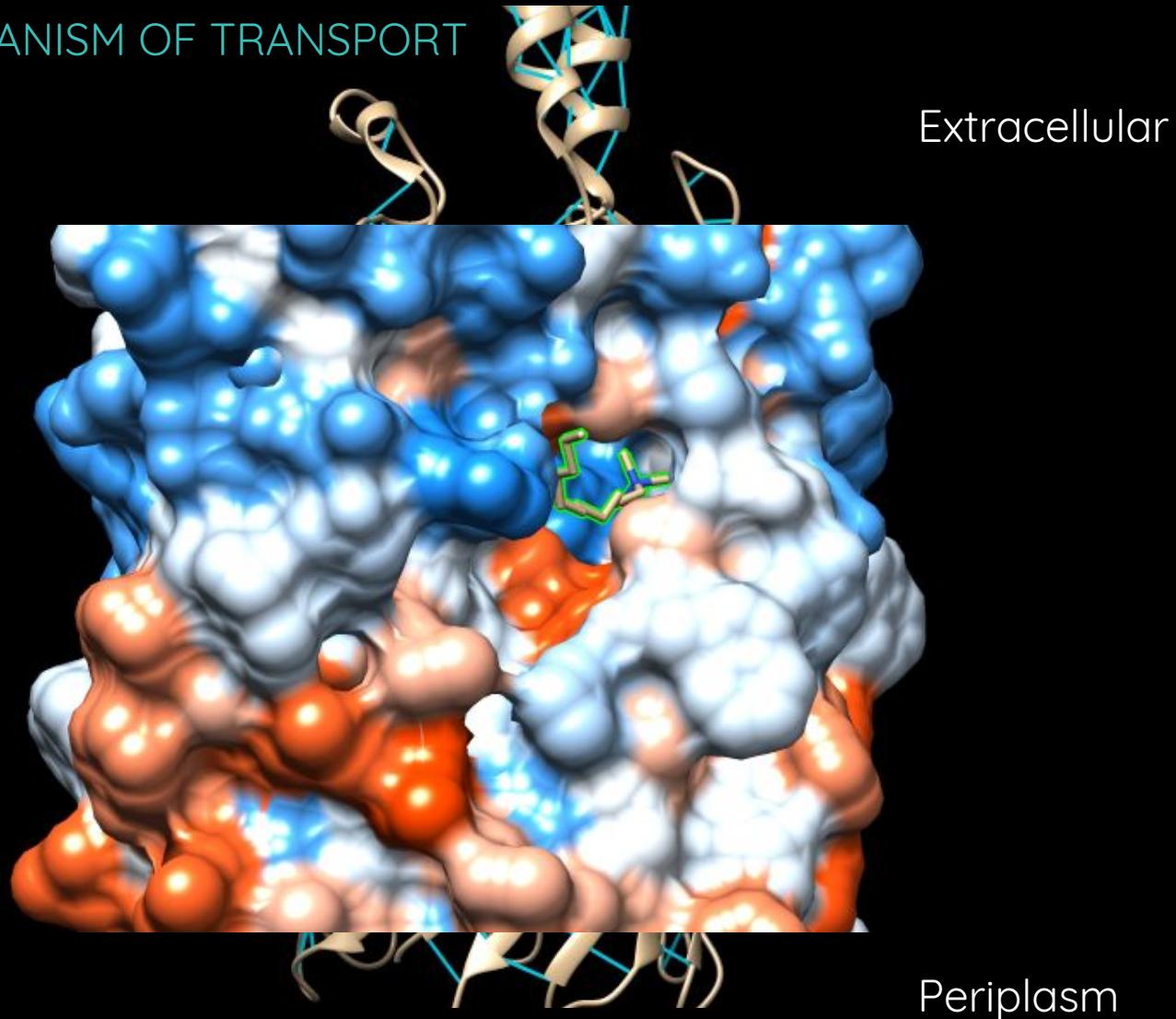


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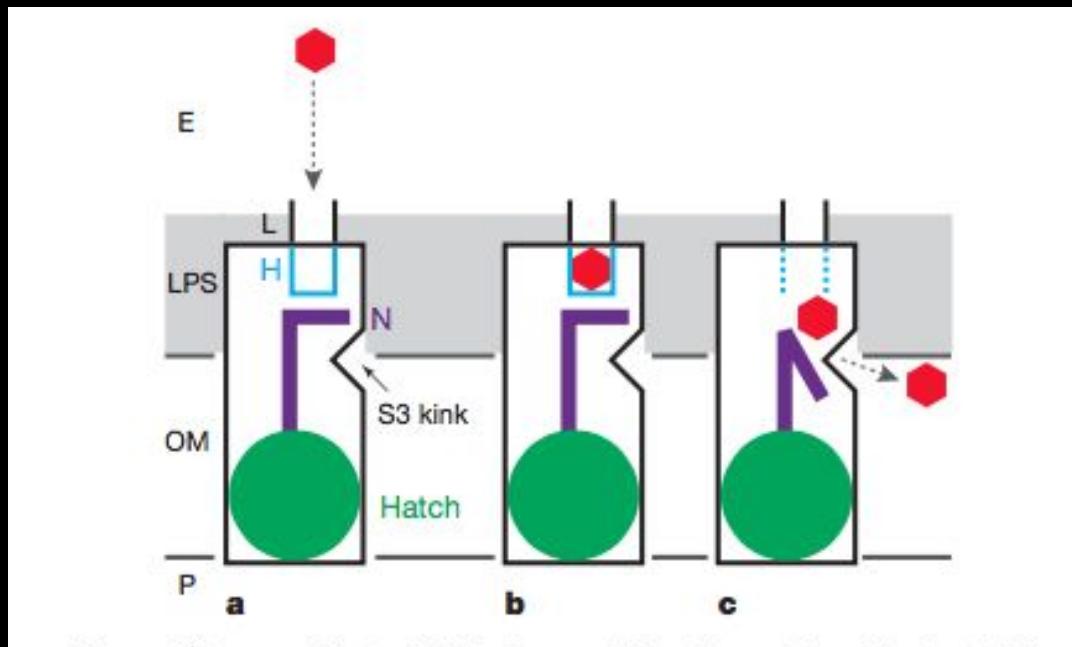


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- MECHANISM: **LATERAL TRANSPORT**



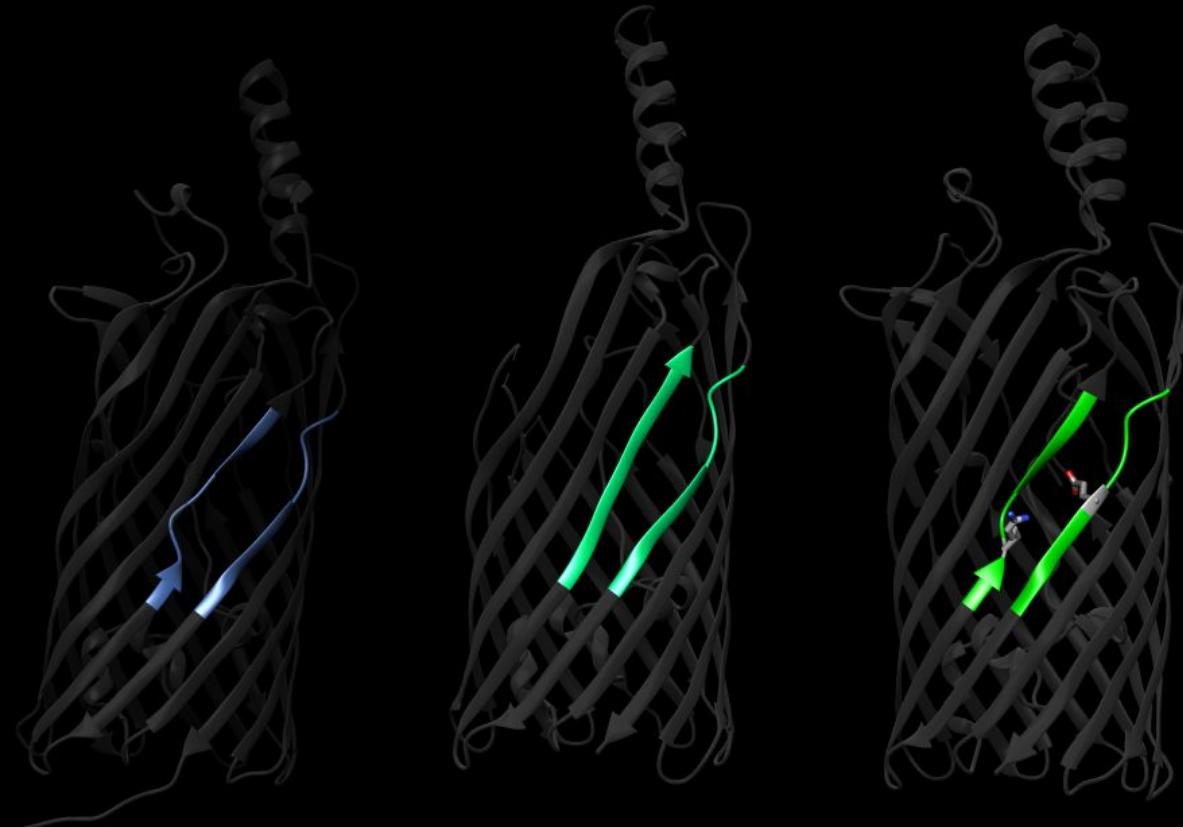
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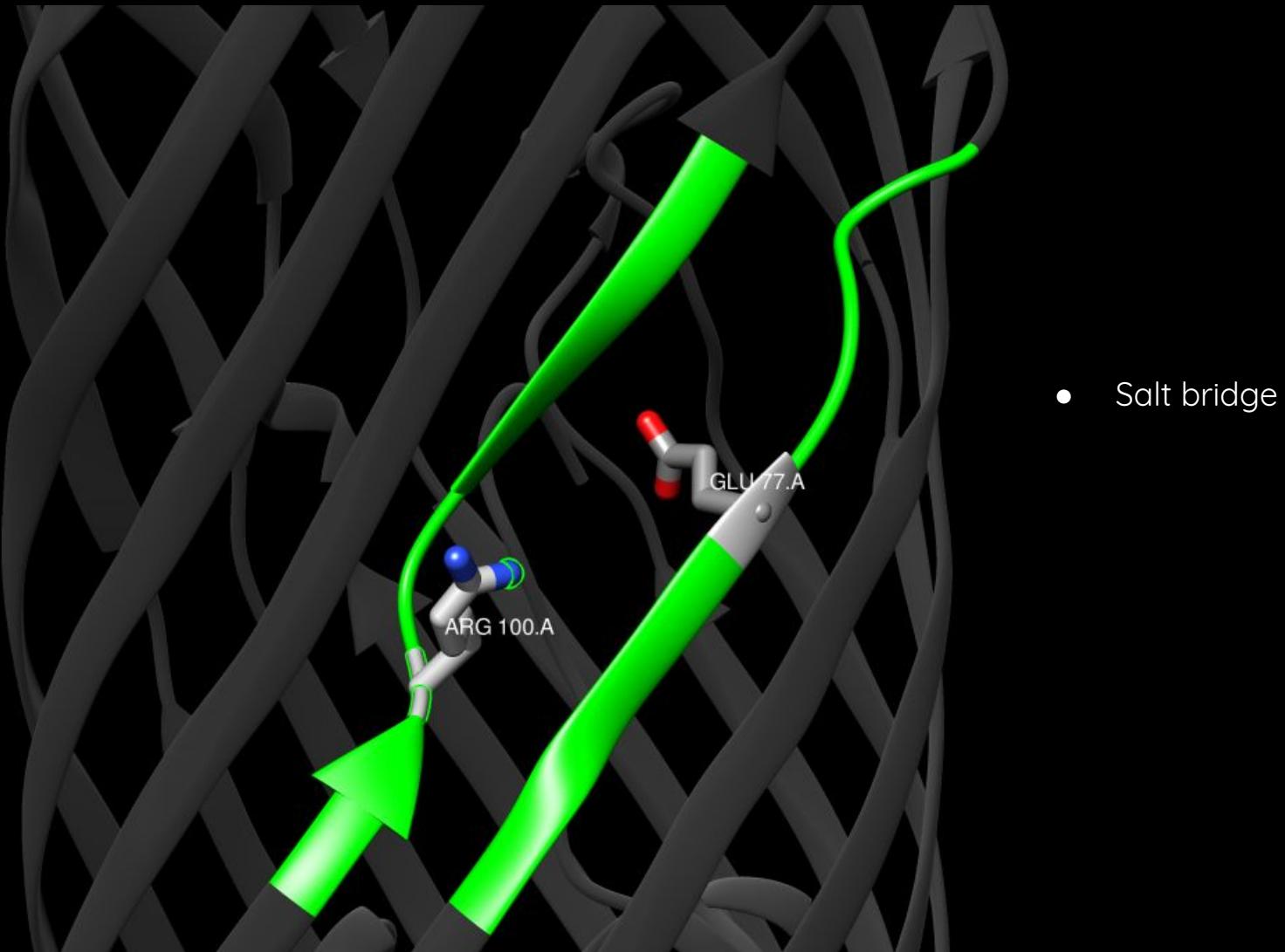


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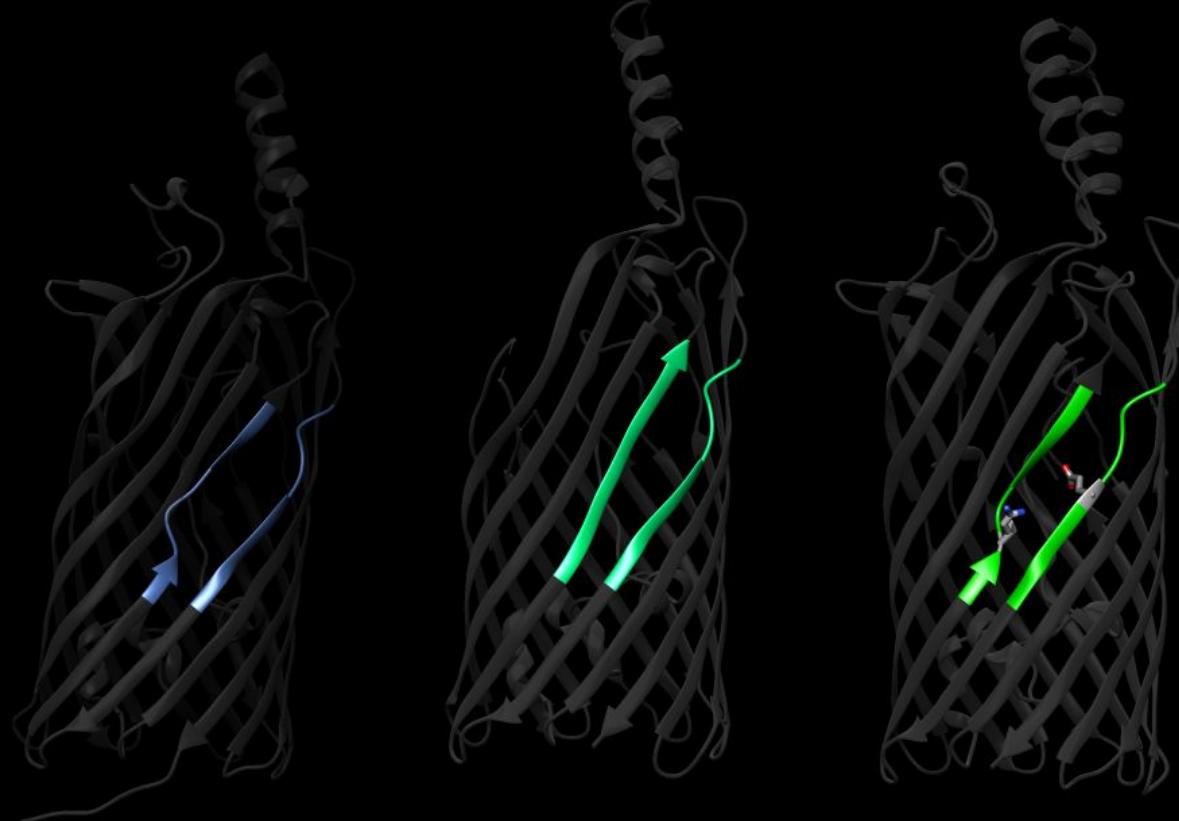
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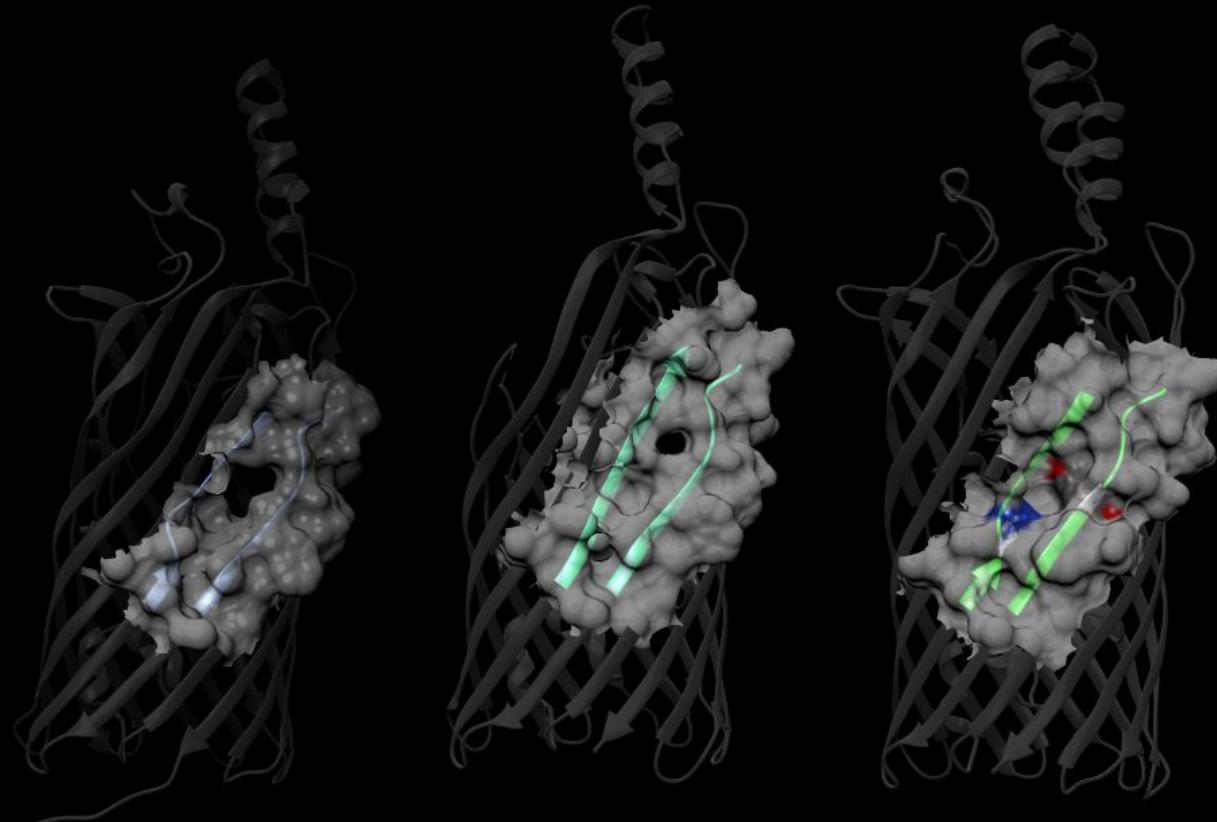
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Serine → arginine



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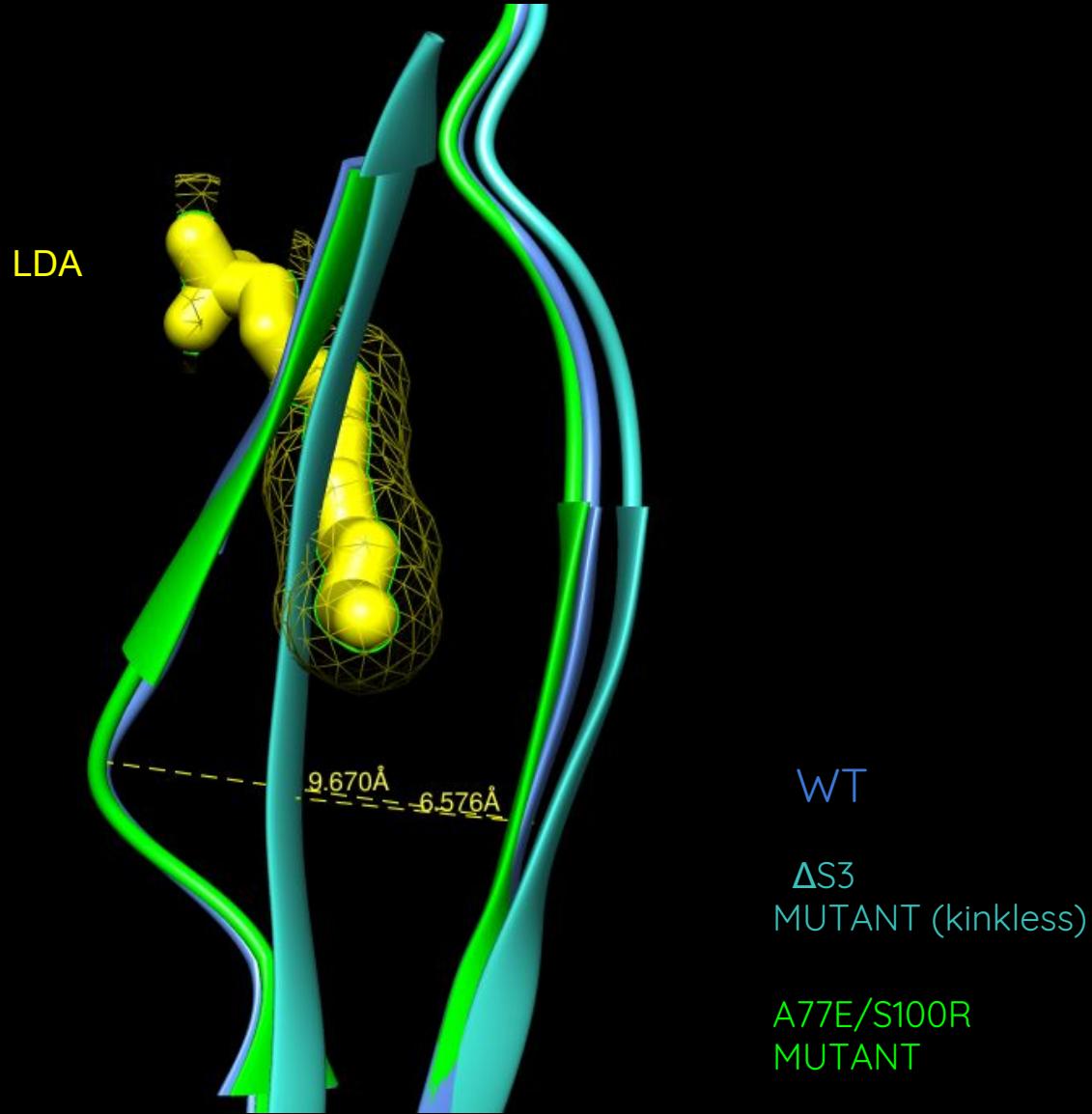
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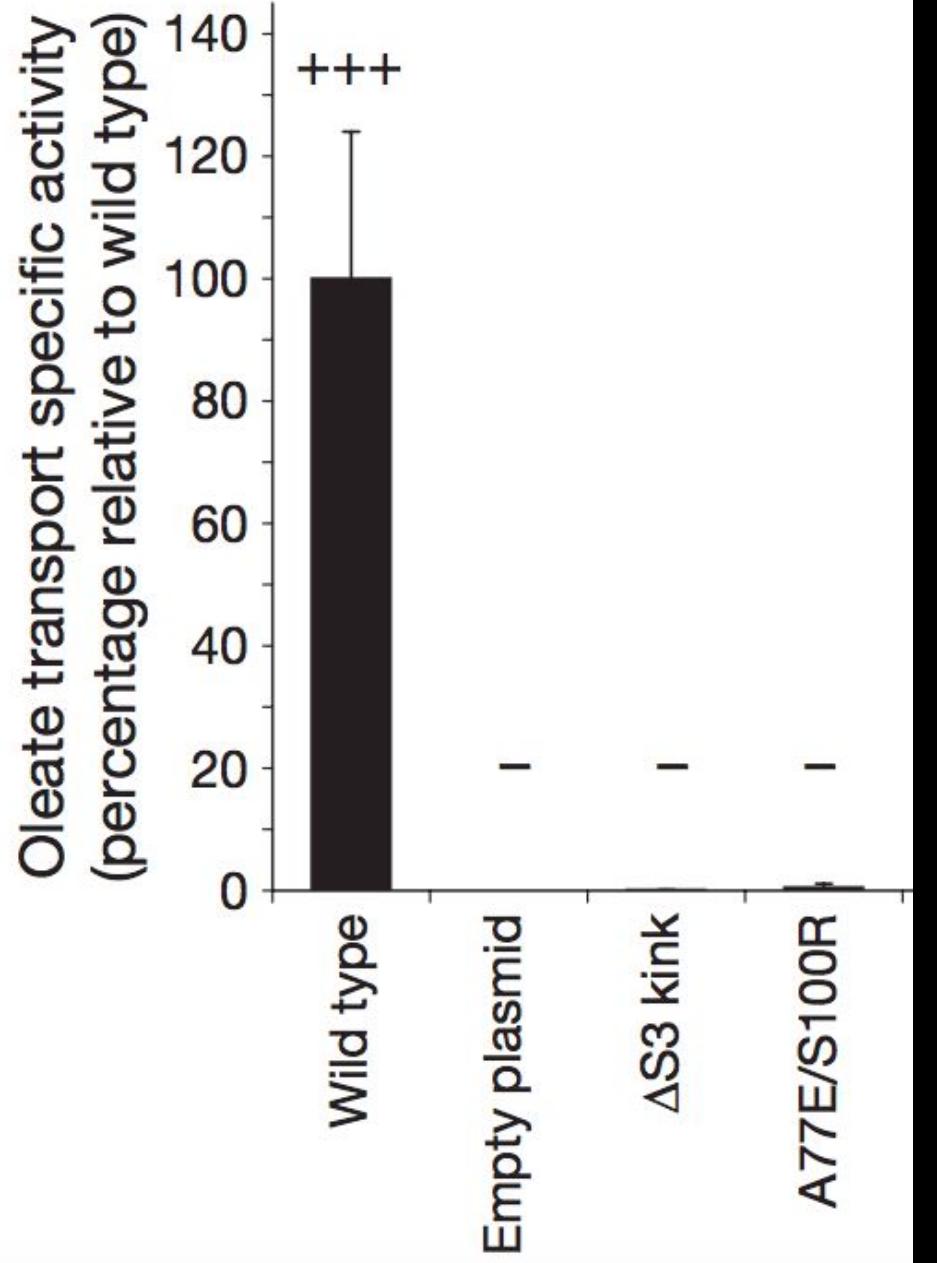
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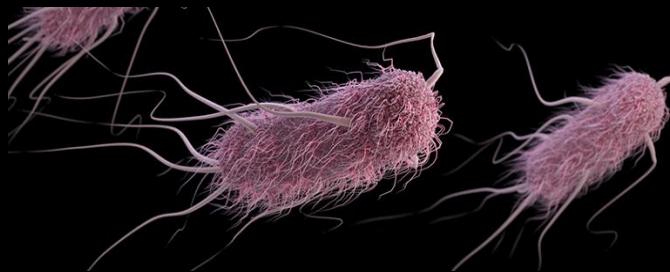
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Escherichia coli



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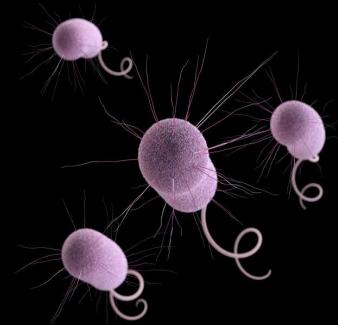
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14 β-strands

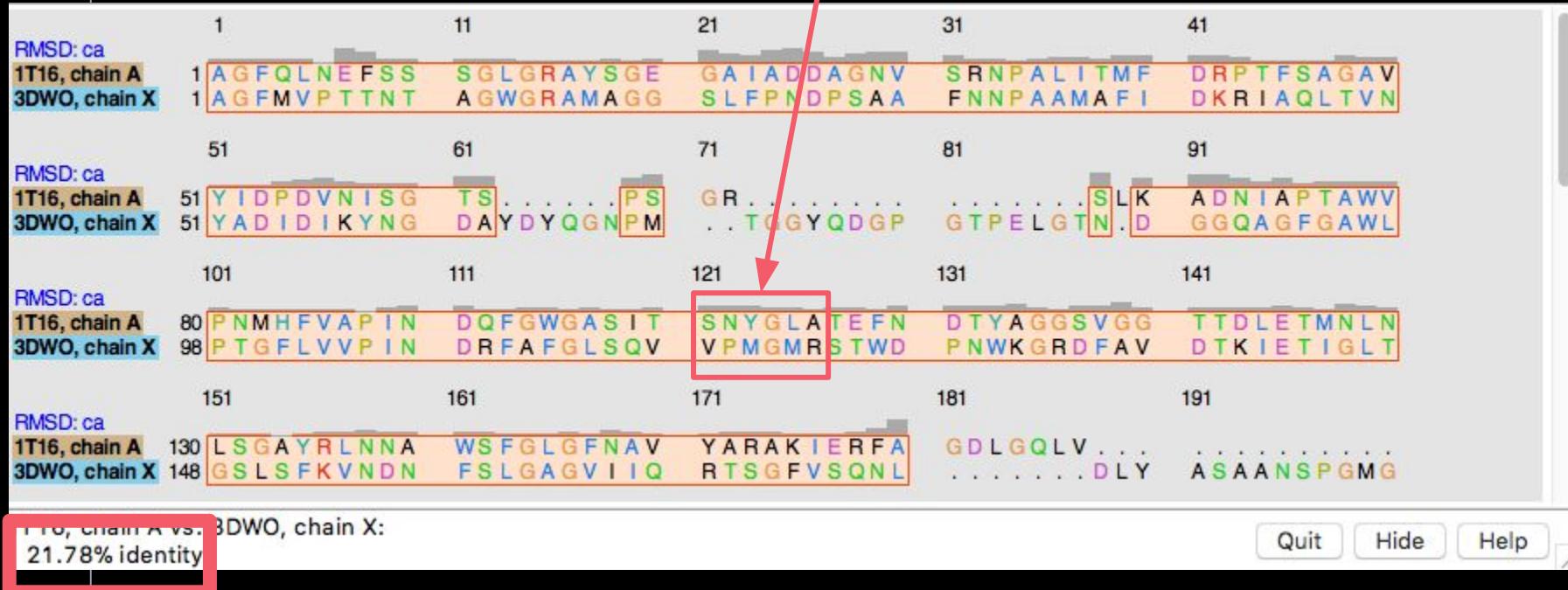
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CHIMERA ALIGNMENT BETWEEN P. AERUGINOSA AND E. COLI

Kink (T99-A105)



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STAMP Structural Alignment of Escherichia coli and Pseudomonas aeruginosa FadL protein

STAMP Structural Alignment of Multiple Proteins

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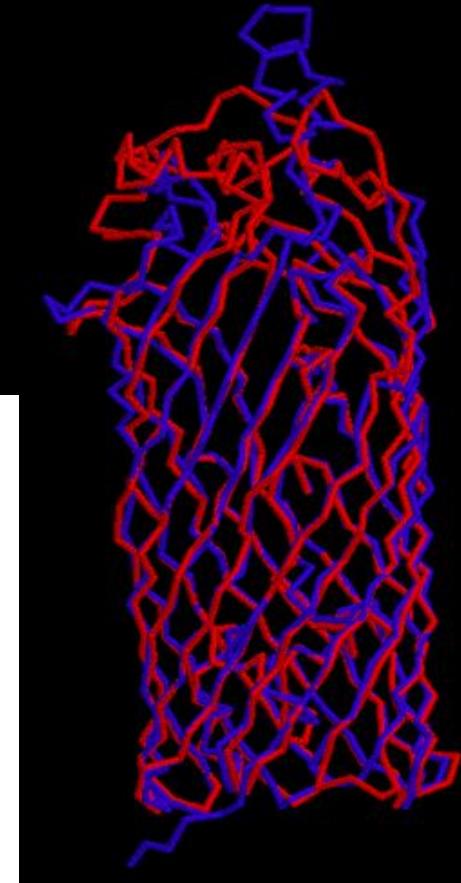
by Robert B. Russell & Geoffrey J. Barton
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Running roughfit.

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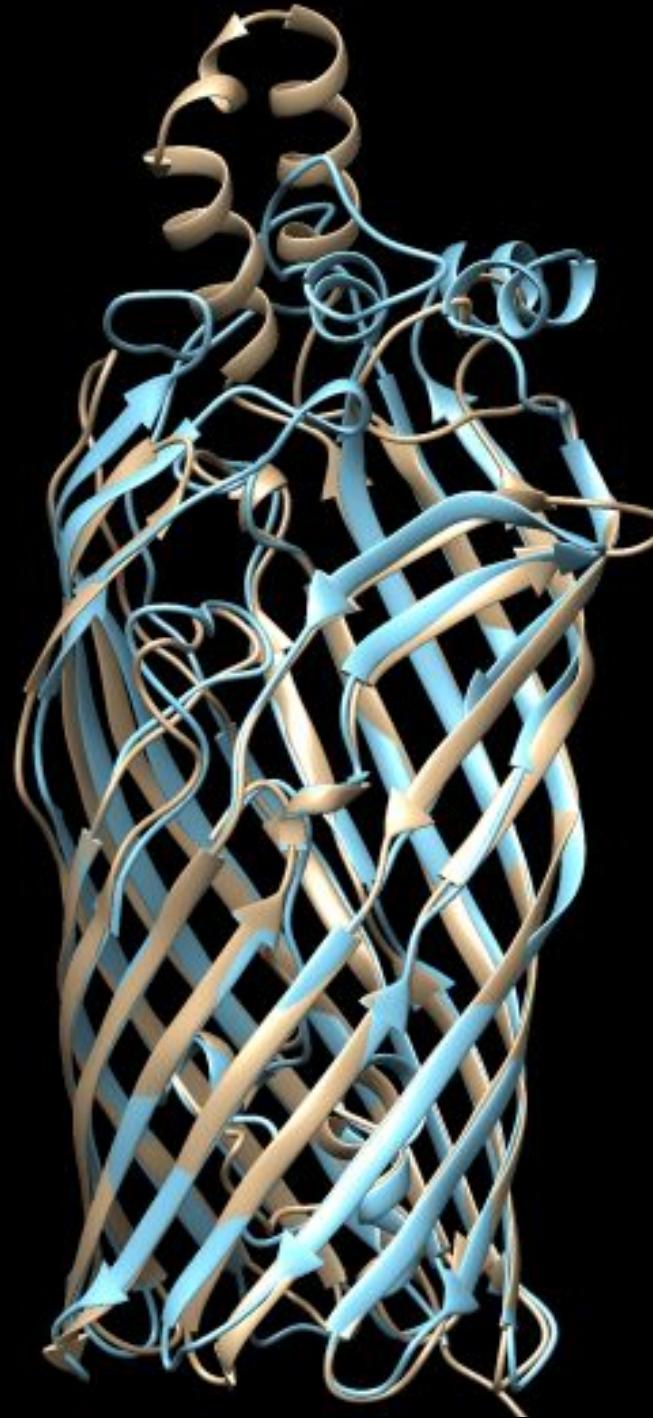
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Chimera
superimposition
between E. Coli -
P. Aeruginosa





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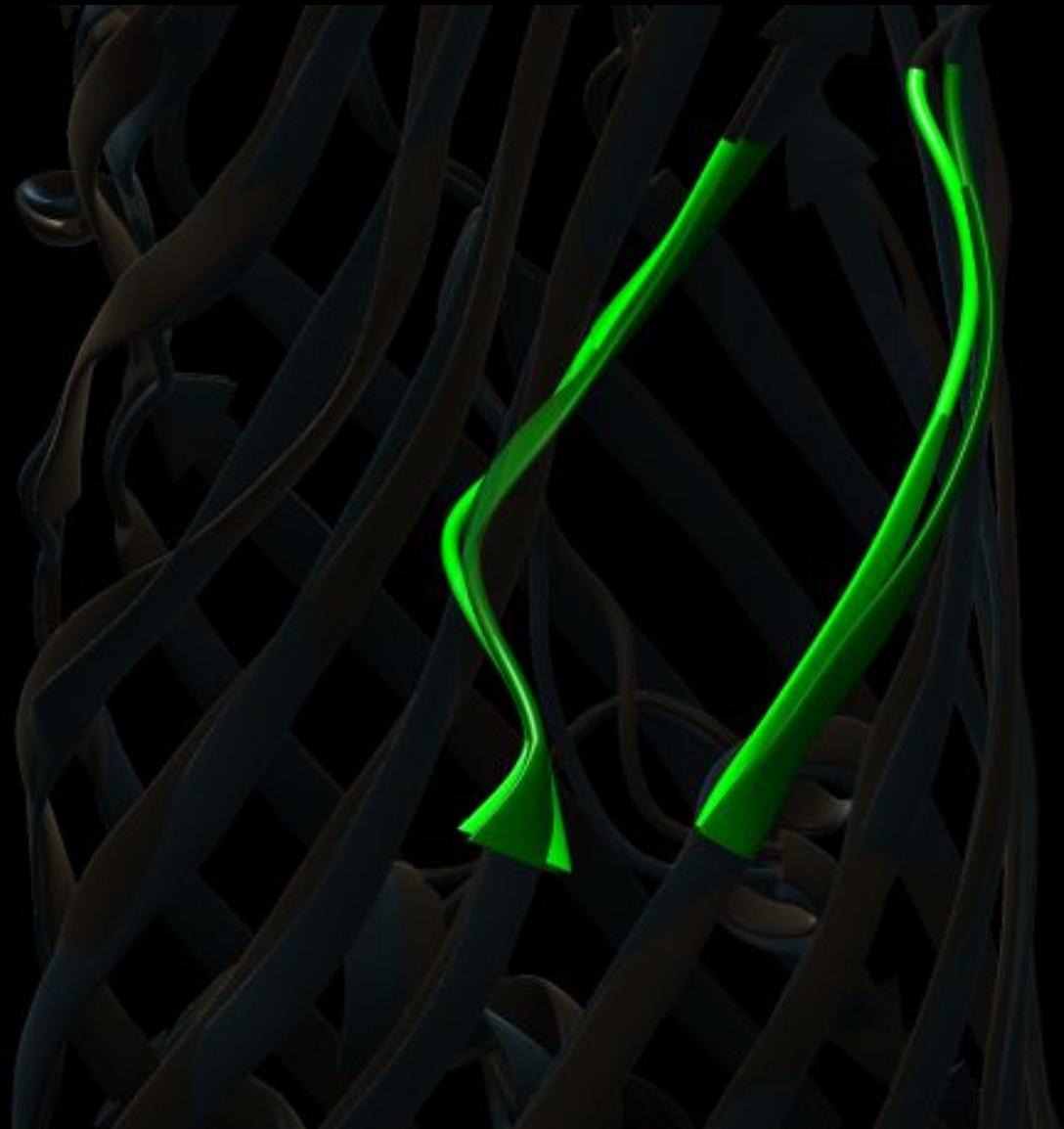
Hatch





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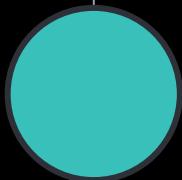
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SUMMARY

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.



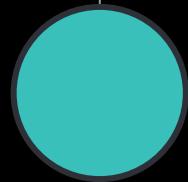
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Thanks!

- 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:

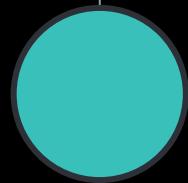
- a) The function of that region is important
- b) We can ensure that the proteins come from the same ancestor
- c) Both previous are correct
- d) The function of that region is not important
- e) All the previous are correct

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

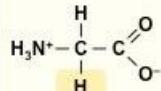
10. What does an hydropathy plot show?

- 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

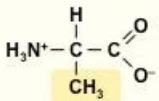


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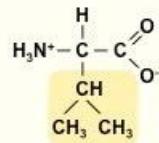
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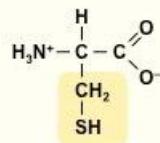
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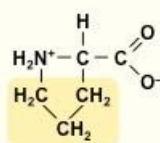
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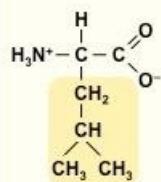
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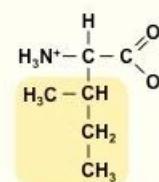
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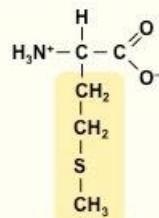
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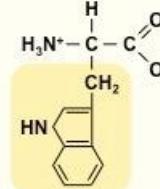
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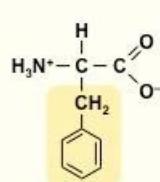
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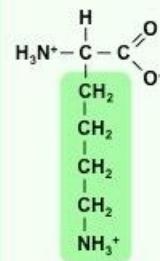


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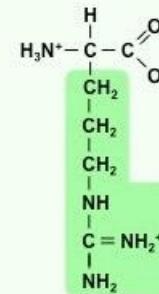


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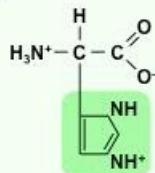
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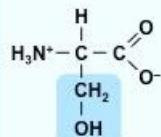


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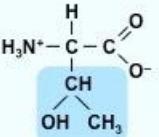


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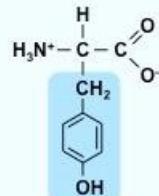
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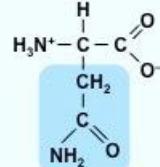
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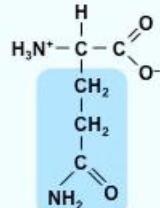
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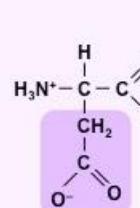


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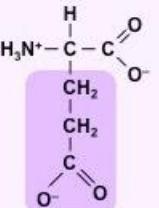


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Aspartic Acid
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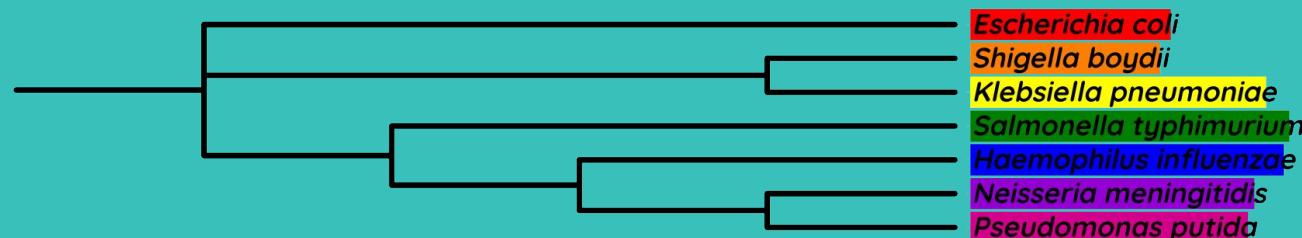
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