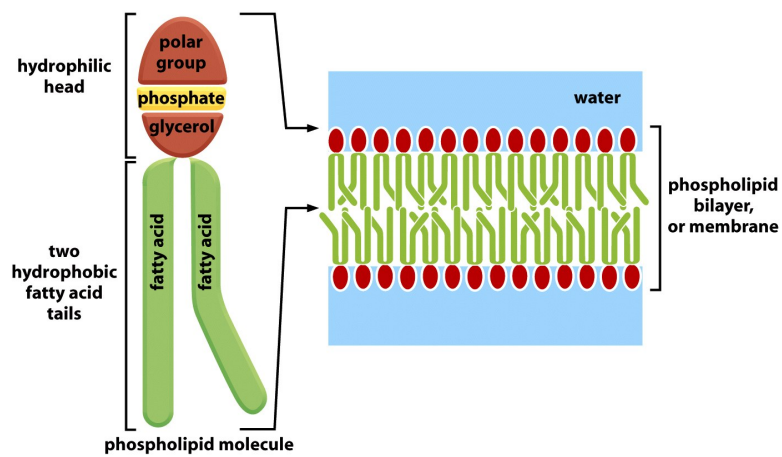


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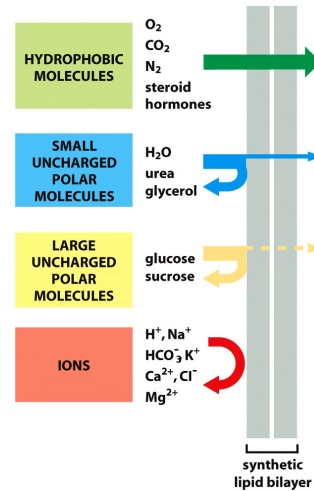
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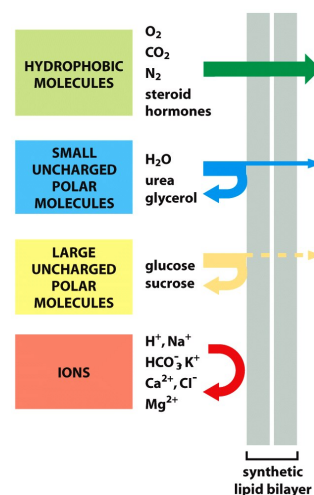
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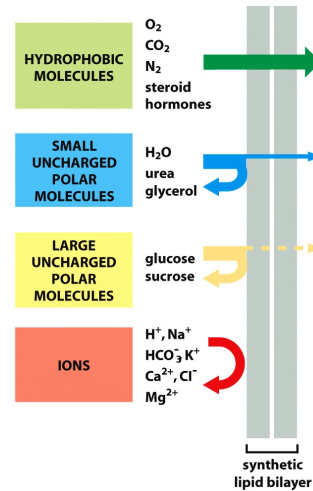
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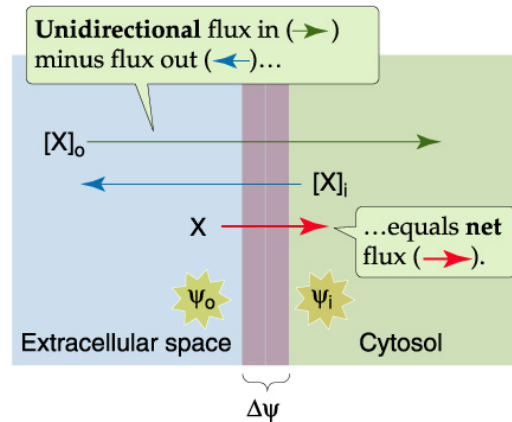
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Fick's Law

- Relates flux to concentration gradient
- D =diffusion coefficient, ΔC =concentration gradient, x =membrane thickness
- D depends on the nature of the solute, the solvent, and the bilayer
- Concentration refers to the concentration at the membrane surfaces; not always the same as bulk solution

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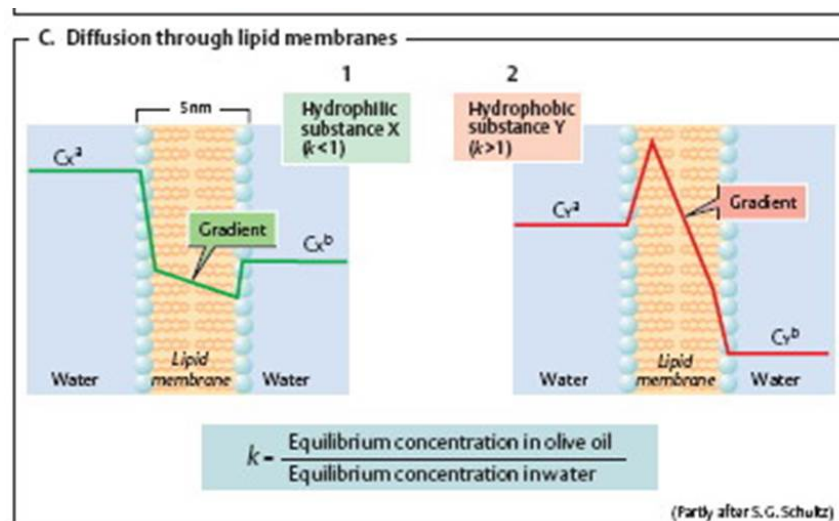
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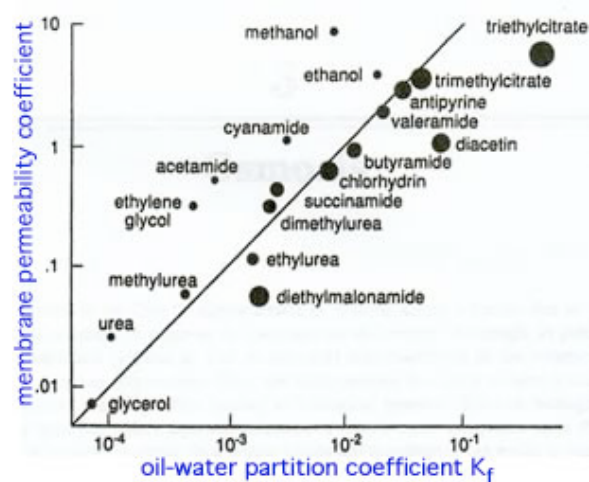
Modified (useful) form of Fick's Law

$$J = \frac{DK}{x} \Delta C = P \Delta C$$

P = permeability coefficient; a measurable parameter

Overton's Law:

The higher the lipid solubility, the higher the permeability



Data from Collander (1949)

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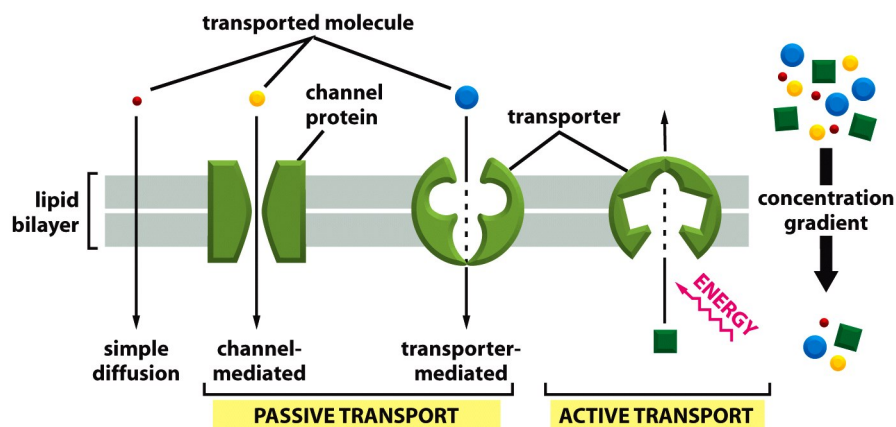
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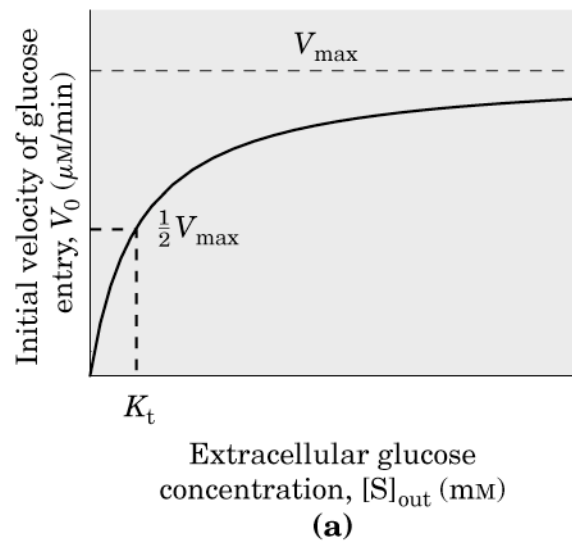
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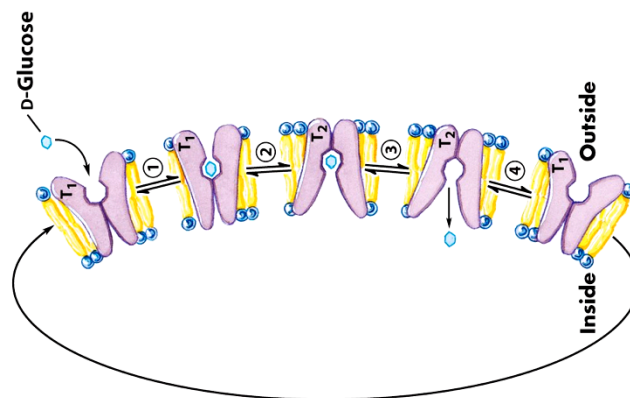
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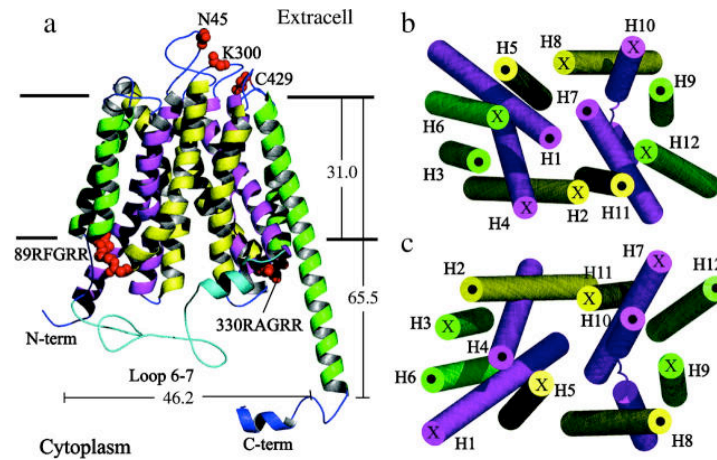
- Classic example: glucose carrier of red blood cells (GLUT1)
- Specificity
 - Glucose, mannose, galactose
 - Low affinity: $K_m = 1.5 \text{ mM}$ for glucose
 - Stereospecificity: D-glucose, not L-glucose ($K_m > 3 \text{ M}$)

“Alternating Access” aka “Rocking Banana” Model for uniporters



From Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry, 3rd edition

GLUT1:Proposed Structure



Salas-Burgos et al (2004) Biophys J 87:2990

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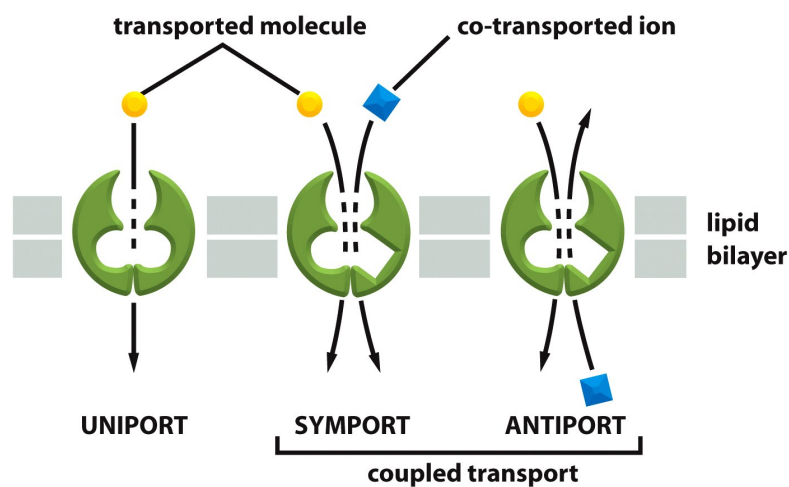
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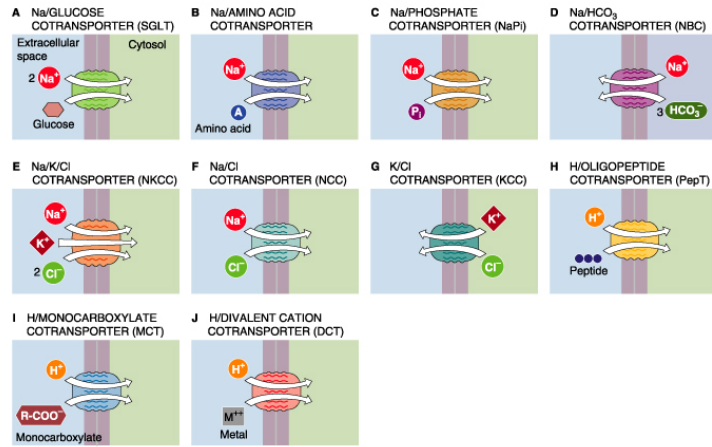
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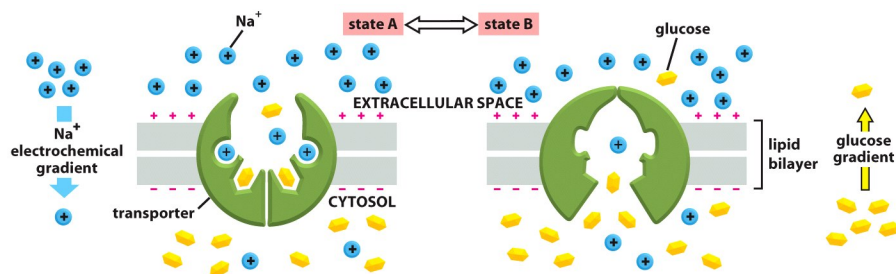
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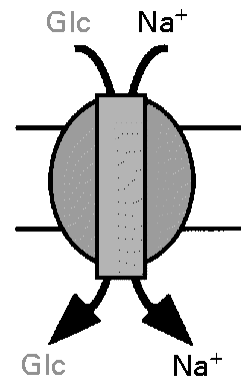


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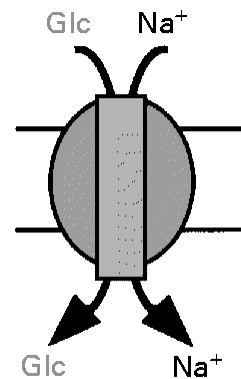
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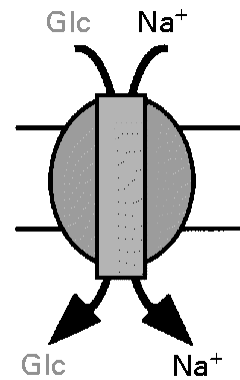
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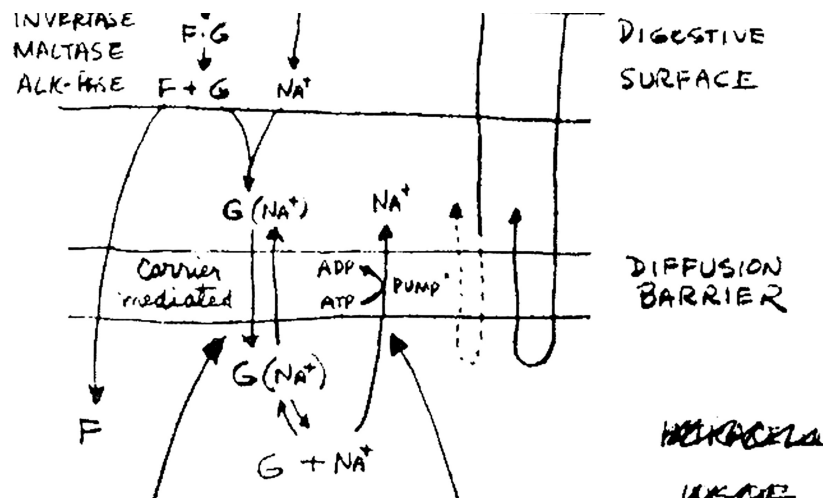


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Crane, 1960

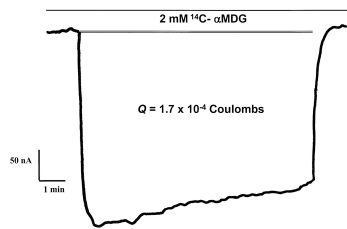


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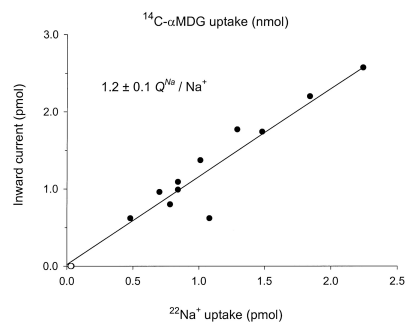
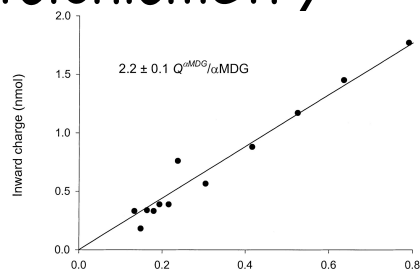
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SGLT2 (SLC5A2) Cotransporter	Glucose	6 NI	Kidney, brain, liver, thyroid, muscle, heart
SGLT3 (SLC5A4) Glucosensor	Glucose	20 NI	Intestine, testis, uterus, lung, brain, thyroid
SGLT4 (SLC5A9) Cotransporter	Glucose, mannose	2 0.15	Intestine, kidney, liver, brain, lung, trachea, uterus, pancreas
SGLT5 (SLC5A10) Cotransporter	Glucose Galactose	ND ND	Kidney cortex

SGLT Stoichiometry



2 Na⁺ per glucose

Diez-Sampedro *et al Am J Physiol* 280:F272-F282



SGLT1 Topology

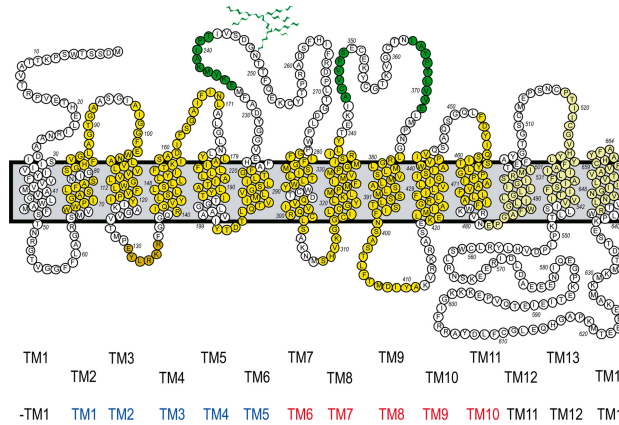


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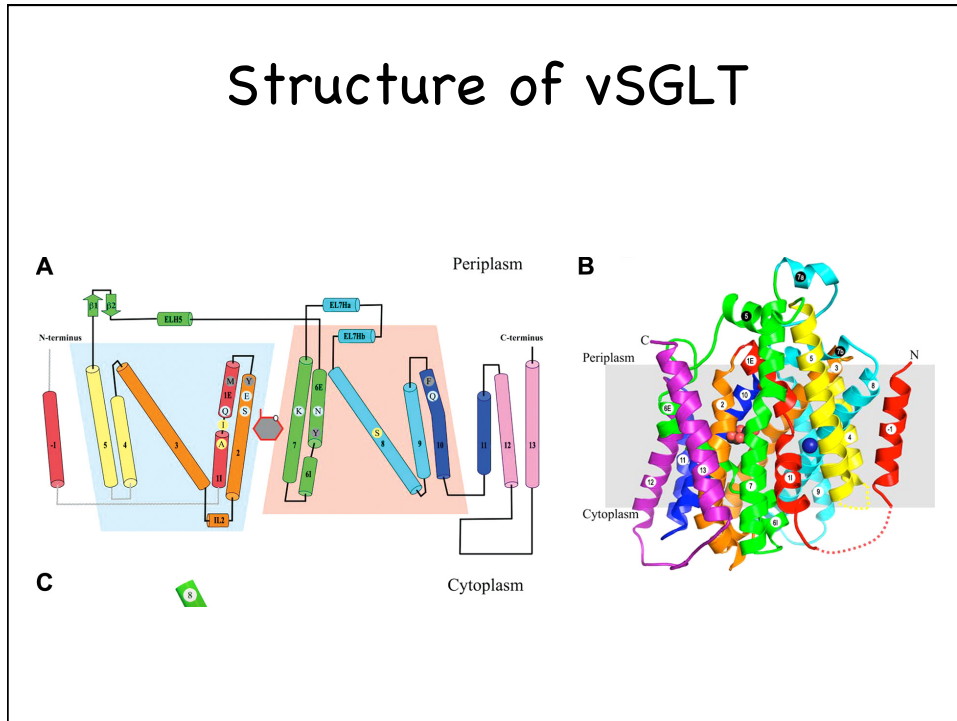
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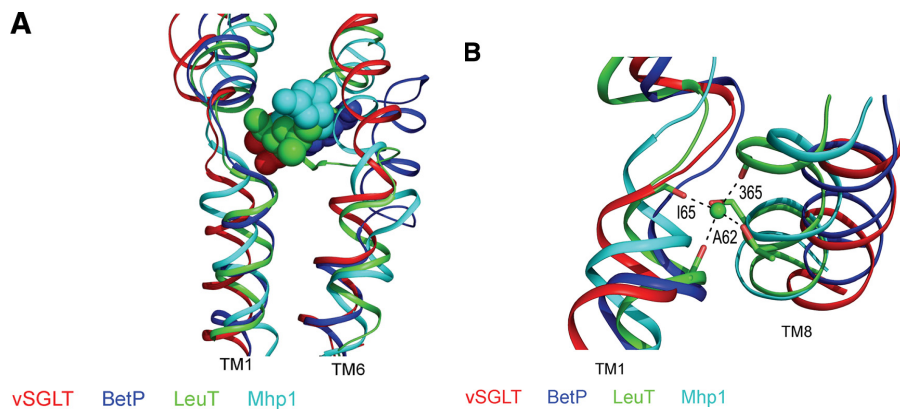
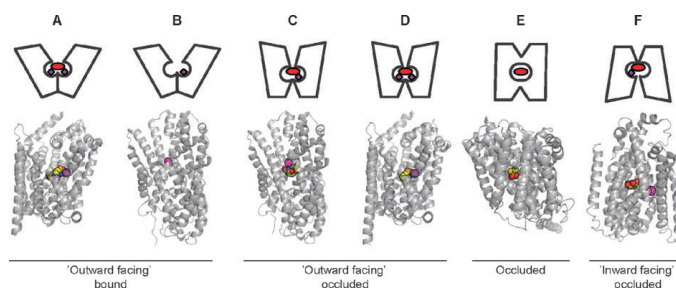


FIG. 16. The LeuT structural family. *A*: a structural alignment of TM1 and TM6 and the substrate binding sites for vSGLT (red, galactose), BetP (glycine betaine, blue), LeuT (leucine, green), and Mhp1 (benzylhydantoin, cyan). *B*: alignment of the Na² sites on TM1 and TM8. [Redrawn from Abramson and Wright (1).]

LeuT Family: Alternating Access

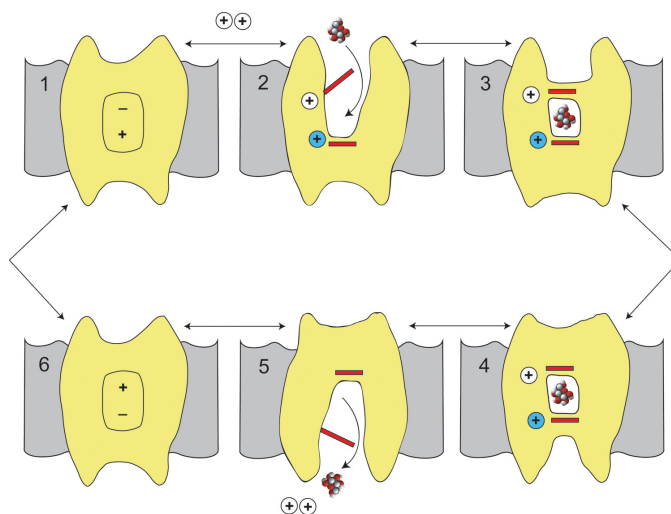


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Model of SGLT1 Transport



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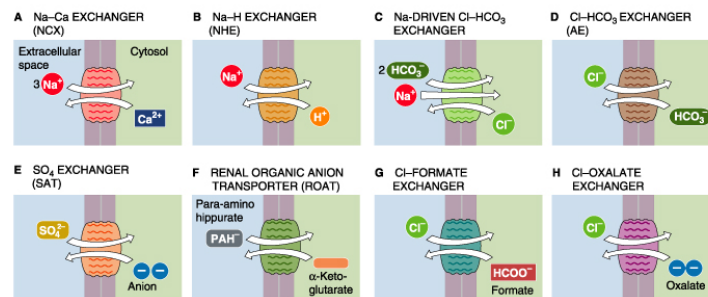
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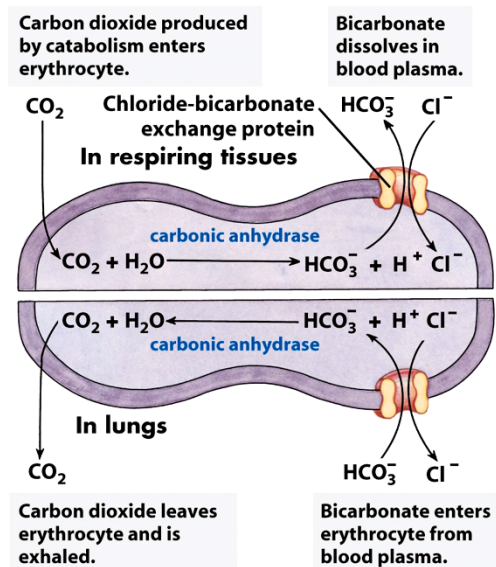
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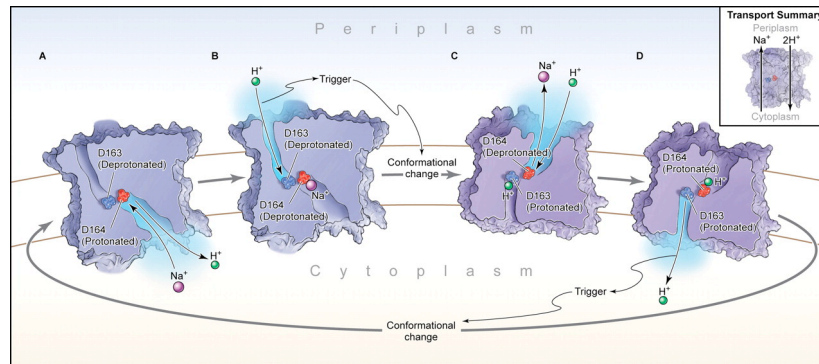
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Na⁺/H⁺ Exchanger NhaA from *E. coli*



Arkin et al (2007) Science 317:799

pH-driven conformational changes

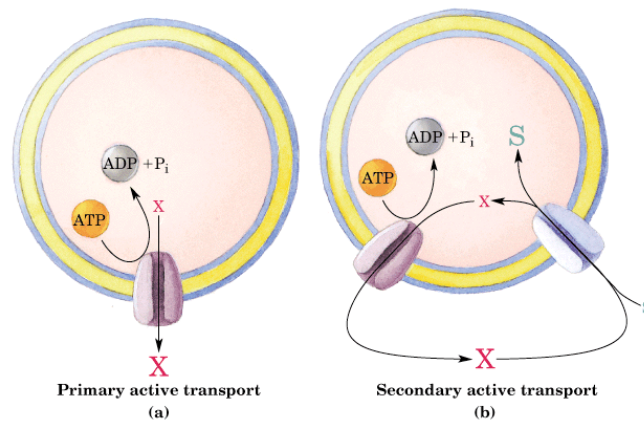
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Primary vs secondary active transport



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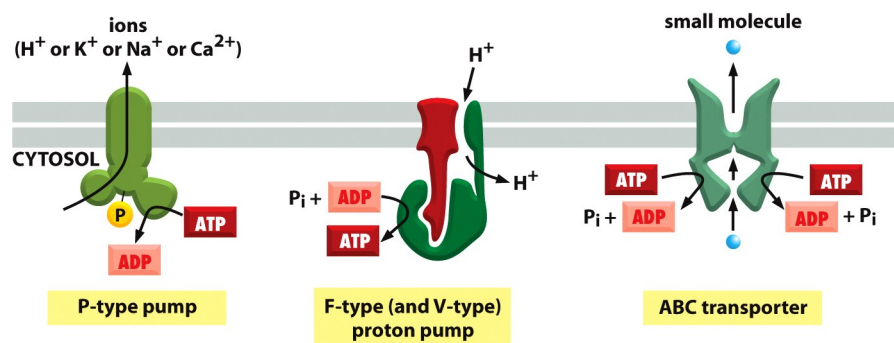
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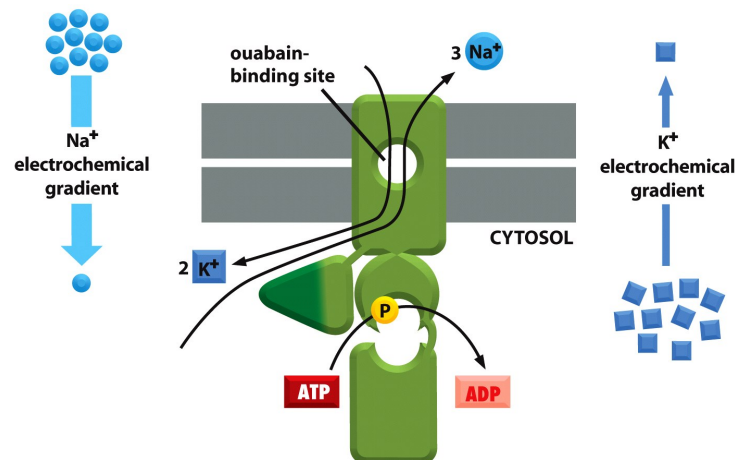


P-class Pumps

- All involve E~P intermediate
- Examples
 - Na⁺/K⁺ ATPase: set up ion gradients
 - Ca⁺⁺ ATPase: maintain low cytosolic [Ca⁺⁺]
 - H⁺/K⁺ ATPase: acidify stomach
 - Menkes ATPase: pumps Cu⁺ out of cells and into intracellular compartments

Na⁺/K⁺ ATPase

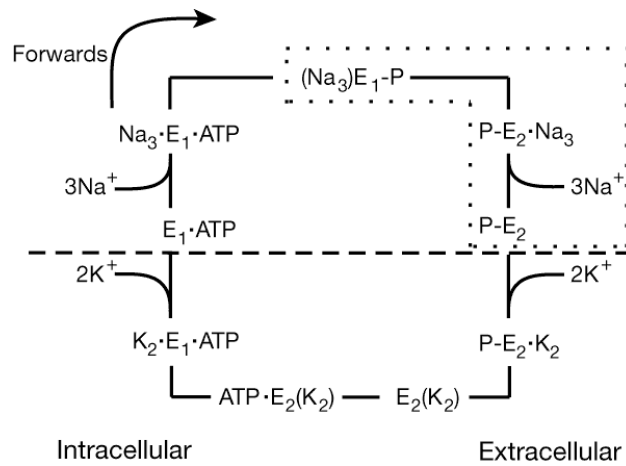
3 Na⁺ move out and 2 K⁺ move in per ATP hydrolyzed
 Transport is said to be *electrogenic*- there is net charge movement
 This pump is the conceptual model for how all P-type pumps work



Na⁺/K⁺ ATPase Cycle

E₁: opening faces cytoplasm

E₂: opening faces extracellular solution



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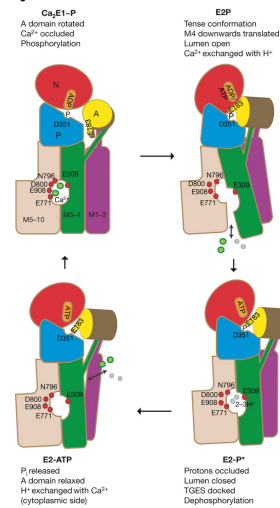
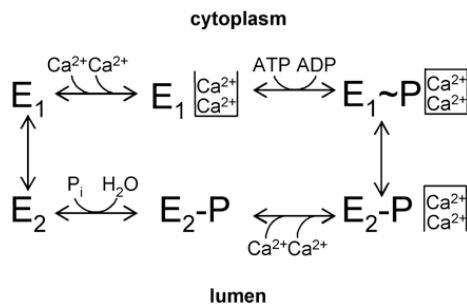
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SERCA Pump Cycle



Olesen et al (2007) Nature 450:1036

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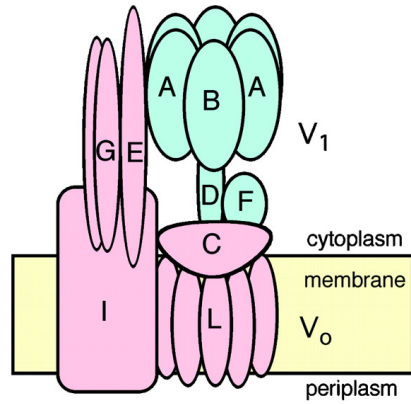
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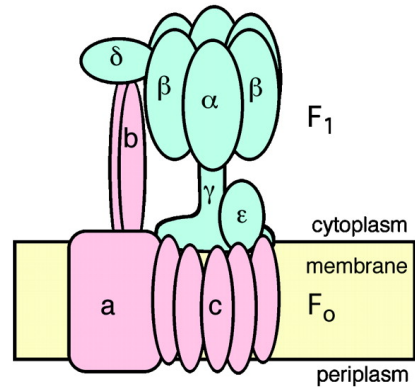
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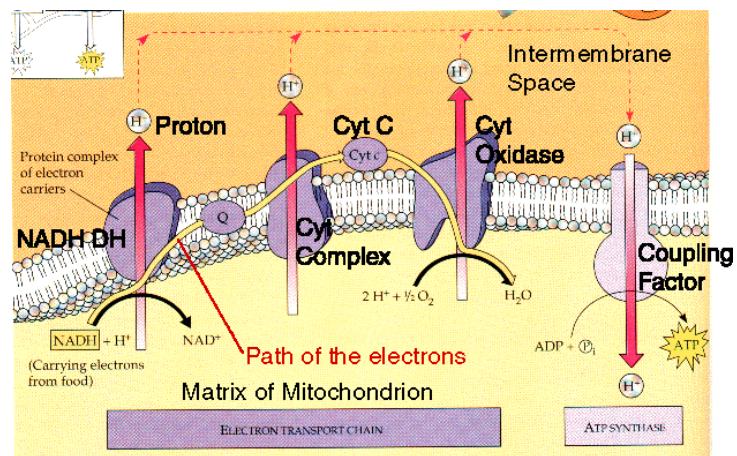


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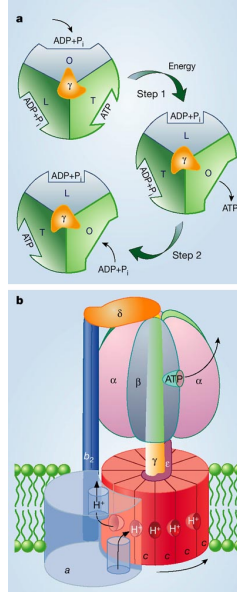
Mitochondrial F₁ ATPase

Generates ATP through proton movements

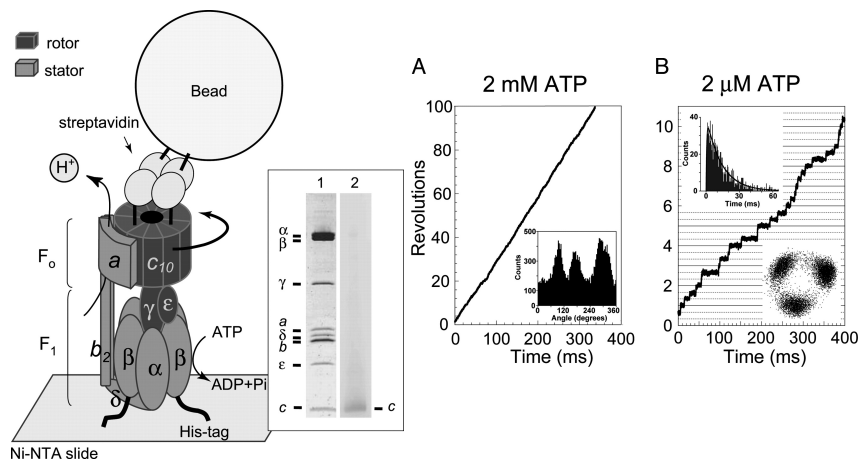


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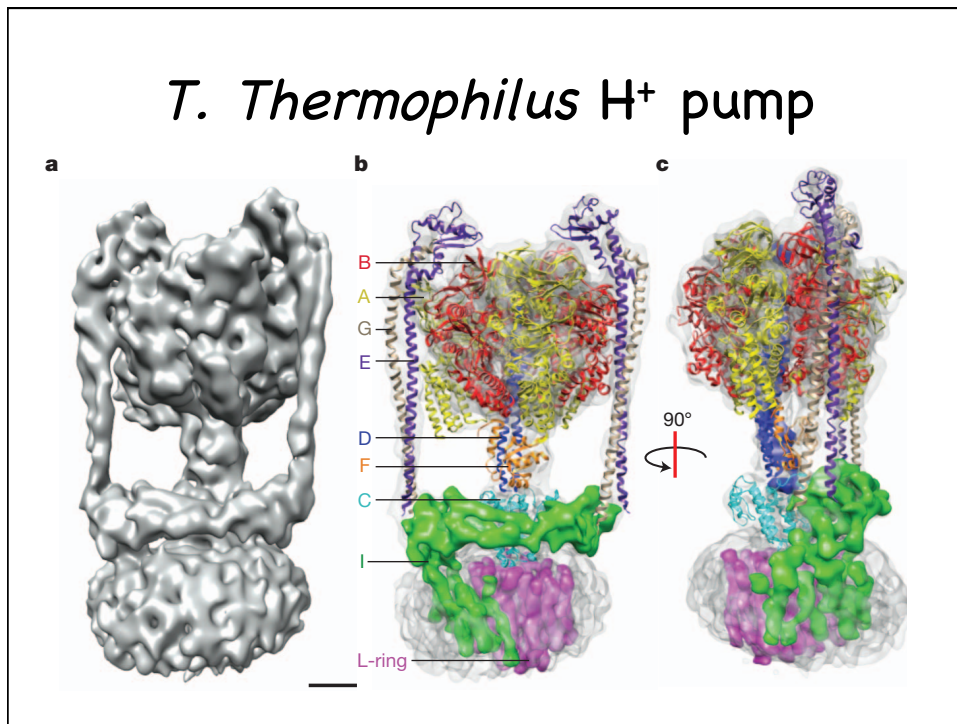
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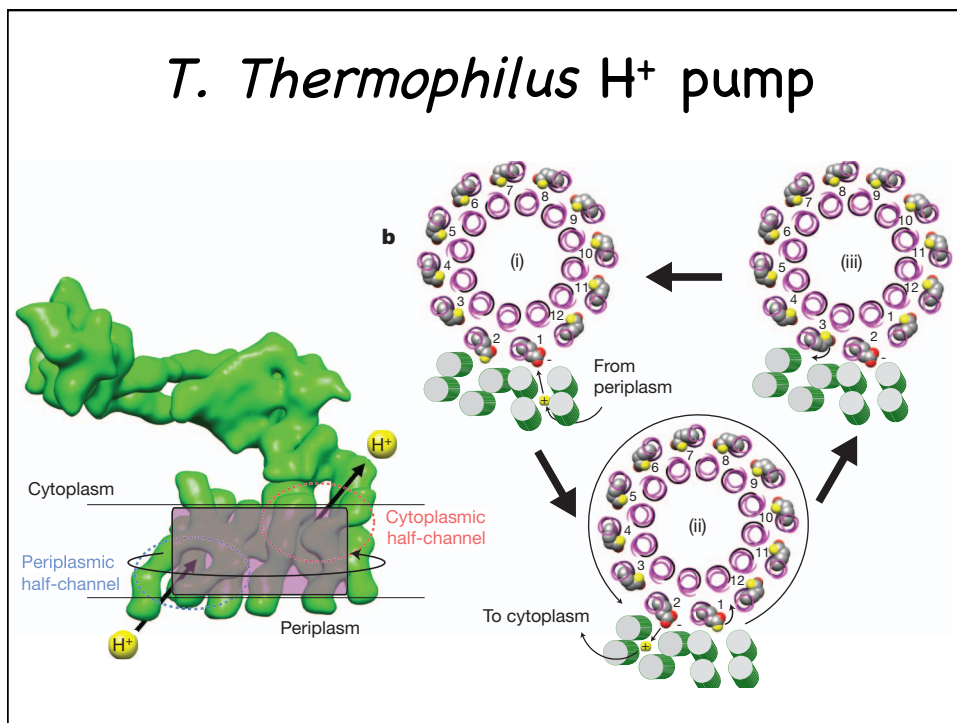
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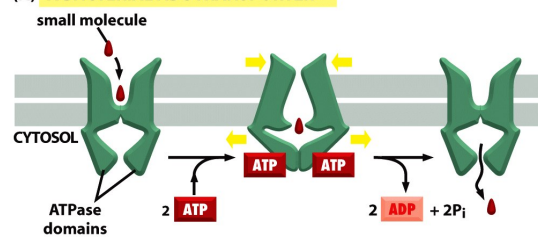
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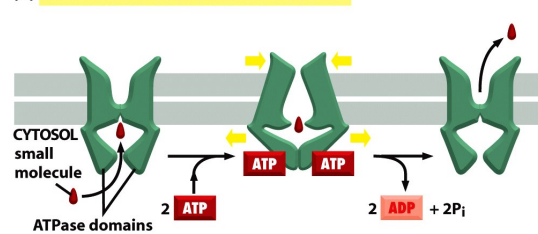
- > 100 members
- Each type is selective for a particular substrate or class of compounds
- Compounds transported include metabolites, lipids, sterol, and xenobiotics

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(A) A BACTERIAL ABC TRANSPORTER



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Table 1. Clinically relevant and atypical ABC proteins

ABC Protein	Pseudonym	Ligand(s)/Function	Associated Disease(s)
ABC1	ABCA1	Cholesterol	Tangier disease
ABCR	ABCA4	Retinal	Various eye diseases
TAP1/2	ABCB2/B3	Peptides	Bare lymphocyte syndrome
ABC7	ABCB7	Iron	Anemia and XLSA
MRP6	ABCC6	?	Pseudoxanthoma elasticum
ALD	ABCD1	vlcFA	Adrenoleukodystrophy
Sterolin1/2	ABCG5/G8	Sterols	Sitosterolemia
PGY3/MDR3	ABCB4	Phosphatidylcholine	Liver disease: PFIC3, OC
BSEP/SPGP	ABCB11	Bile acids	Liver disease: PFIC2
MRP2	ABCC2	Conjugated bilirubin	Liver disease: D-J syndrome
MDR1	ABCB1	Hydrophobic drugs	Failure of chemotherapy
BCRP/MXR	ABCG2	Hydrophobic drugs	
MRP1	ABCC1	Conjugated drugs	
MRP4	ABCC4	Conjugated nucleosides	
<i>Atypical ABC proteins</i>			
CFTR	ABCC7	Chloride ion channel	Cystic fibrosis
SUR	ABCC8	Regulation of K_{IR} channel	PHHI
SMC1-6		Chromosome maintenance	
Rad50		DNA, telomere repair	
Elf1p		mRNA trafficking	

XLSA, X-linked sideroblastic anemia; PFIC, progressive familial intrahepatic cholestasis; OC, obstetric cholestasis; D-J, Dubin-Johnson syndrome; PHHI, persistent hyperinsulinemic hypoglycemia of infancy.

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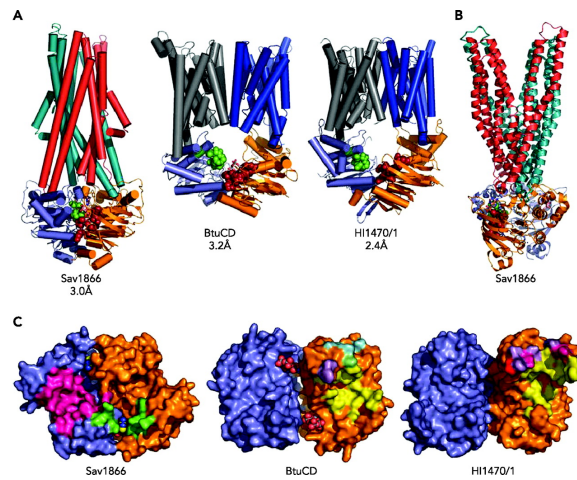
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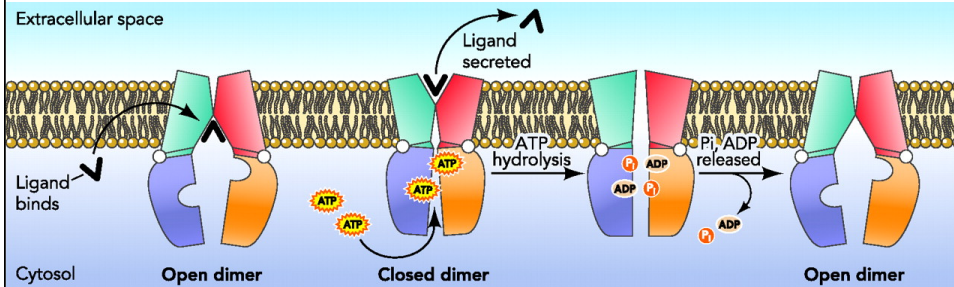
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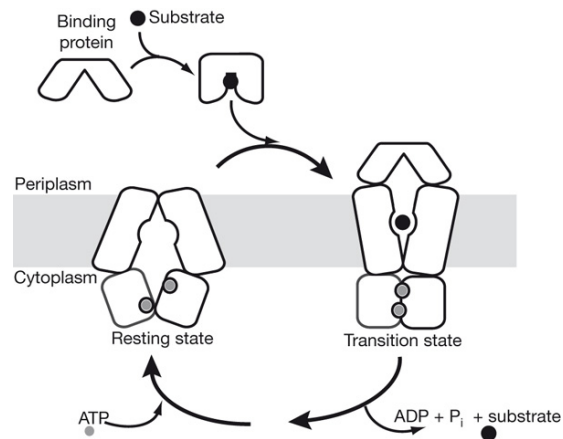


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- Responsible for multidrug resistance seen in tumors

Multidrug Resistance

A number of MDR transporters are found in liver, and their role is to get rid of small hydrophobic compounds

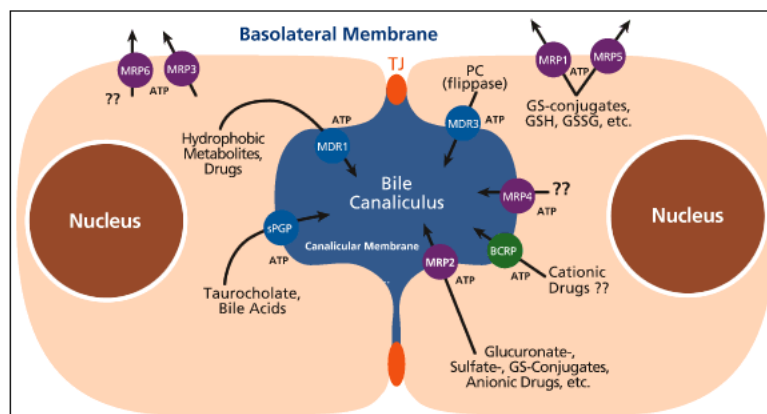
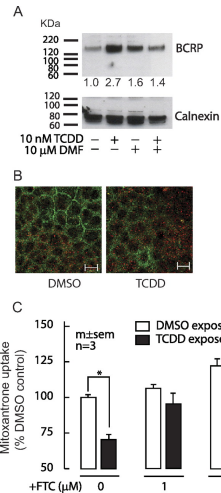


Figure 4. Multi-drug transporters in the human liver hepatocytes.
 Abbreviations: TJ, tight junction

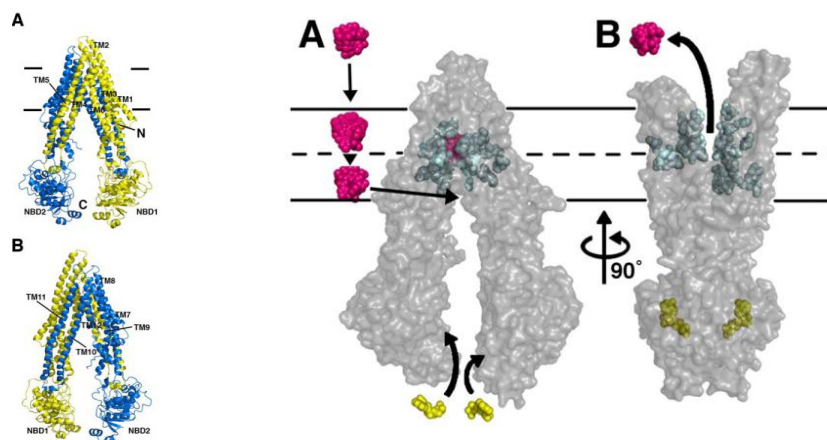
Multidrug Resistance

- MDR pumps can be induced by a variety of compounds, including drugs, meaning that drug treatment can result in greater transport
- Ex: Breast cancer resistance pump (BCRP) induction by aryl hydrocarbons

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P-glycoprotein



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- Defect in Cl⁻ transport results in reduced H₂O movement, leading to viscous mucous or secretions

Everything Together

