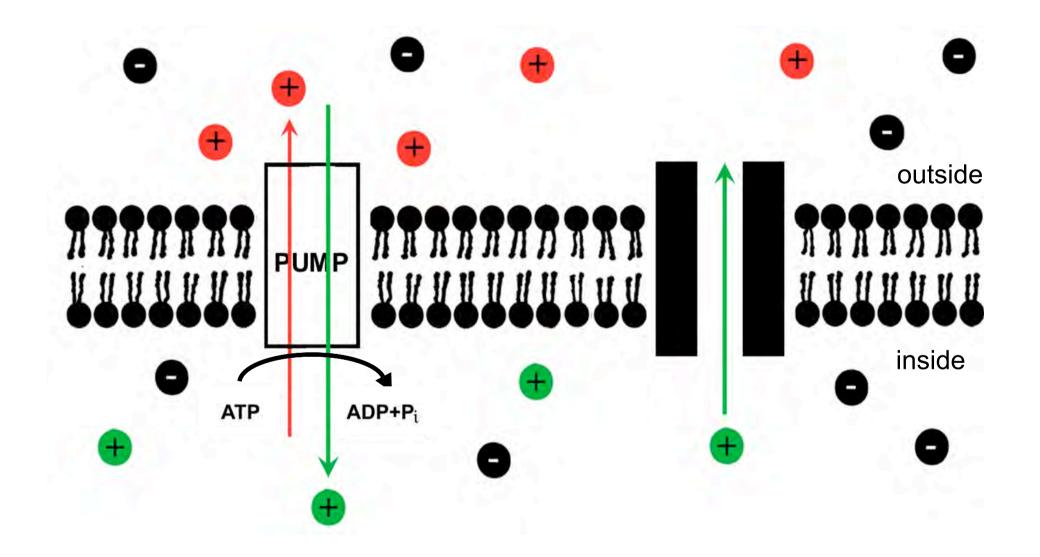
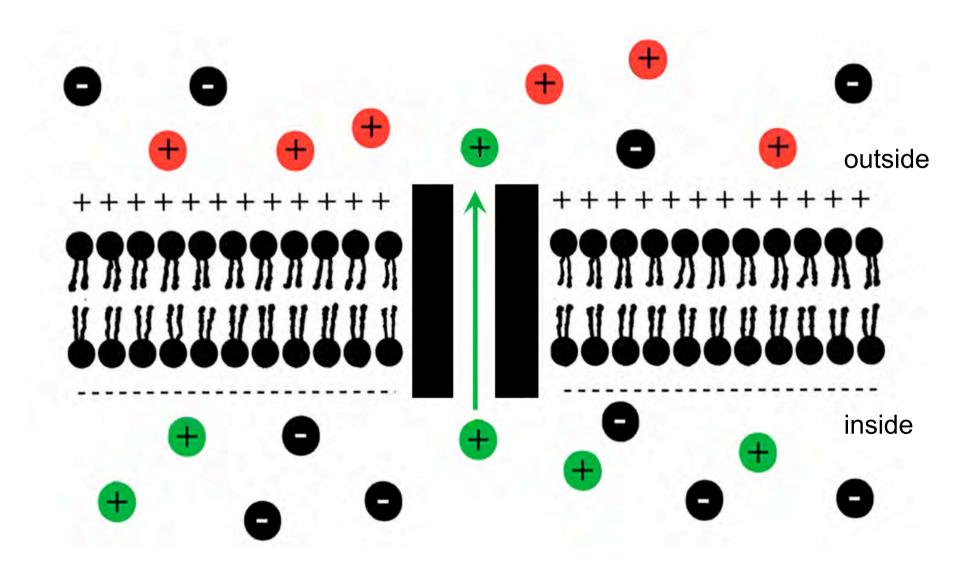
Membrane Channels

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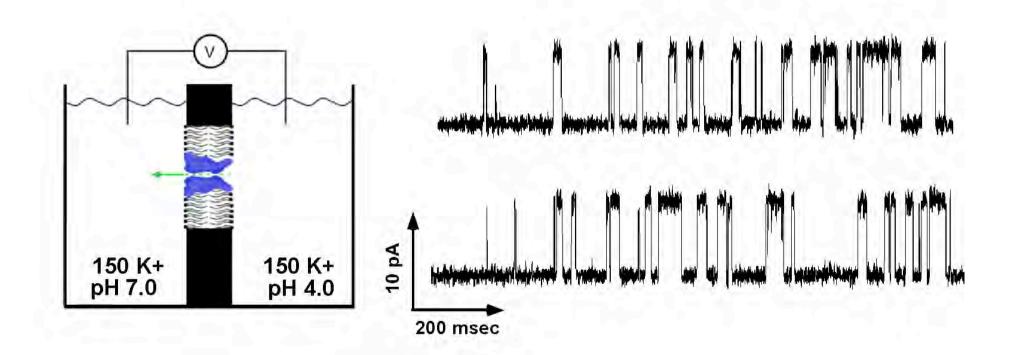
Pumps build ion gradients, ion channels dissipate gradients

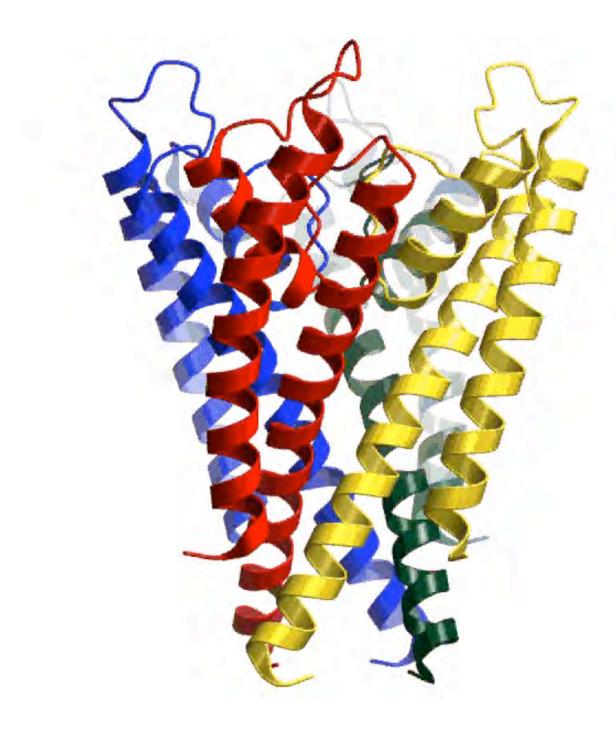


Ion channels electrically polarize the cell membrane

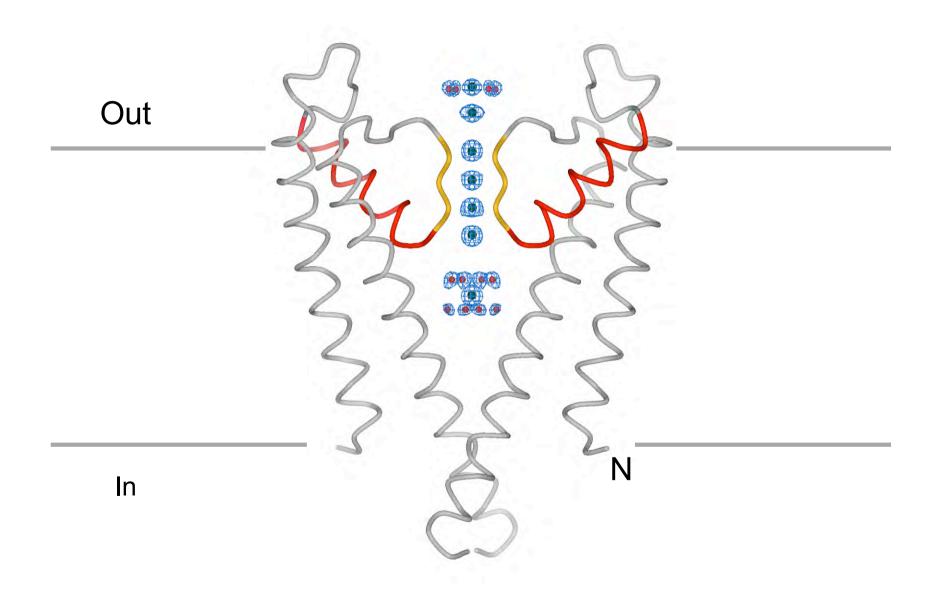


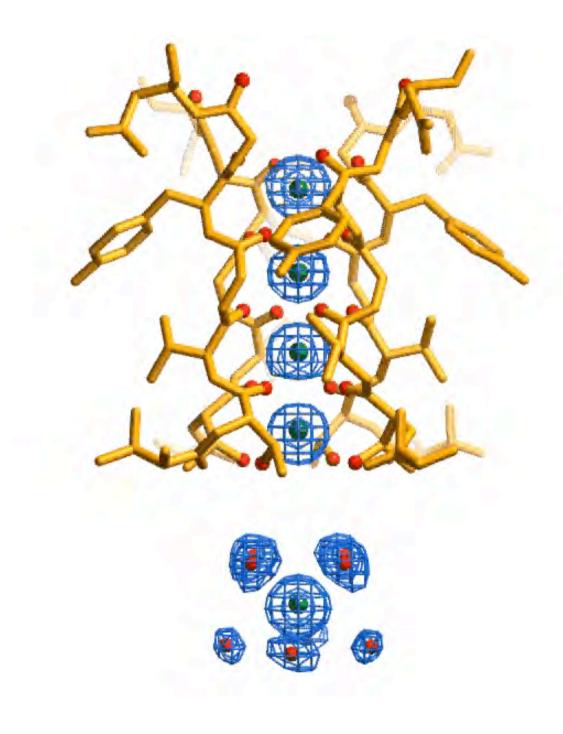
Conduction through a single K⁺ channel



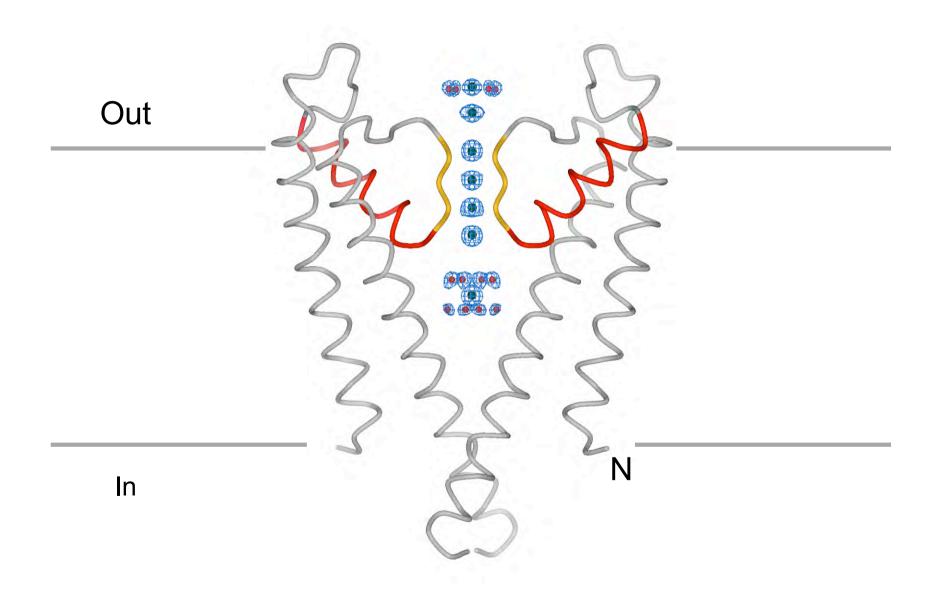


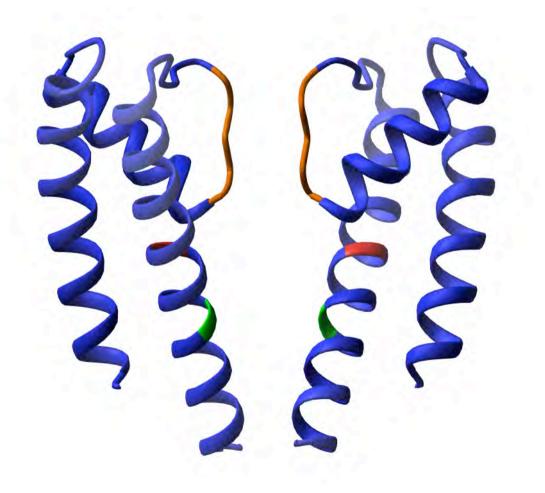
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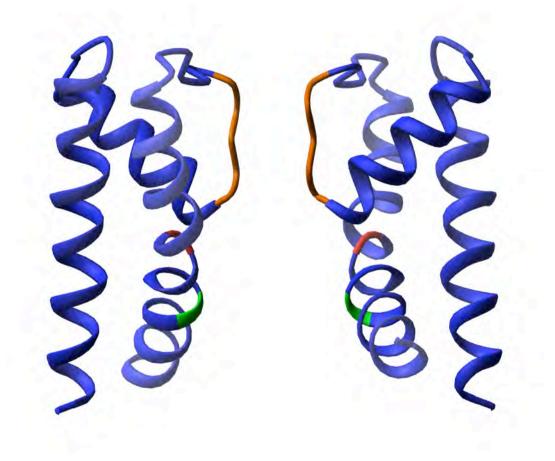


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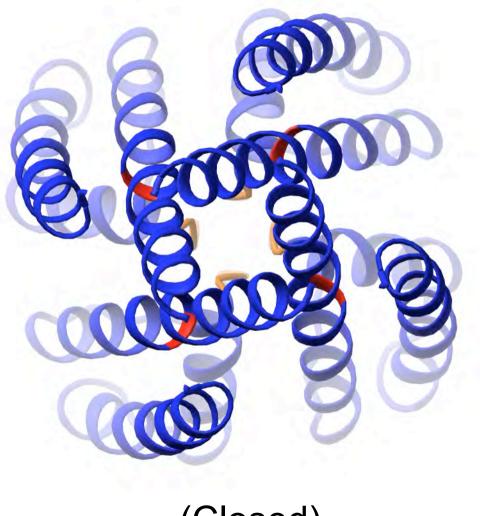




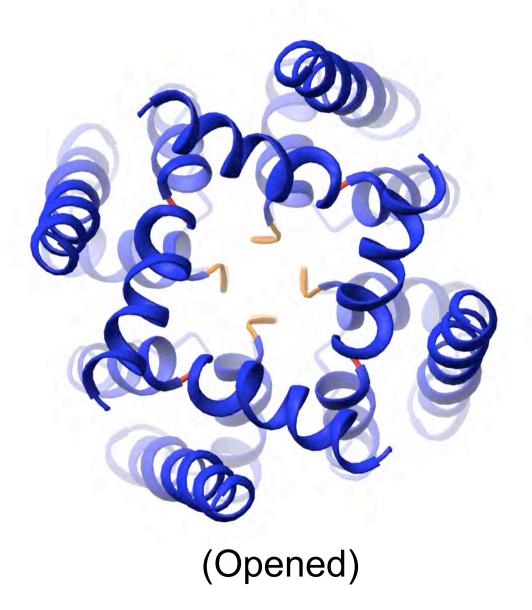
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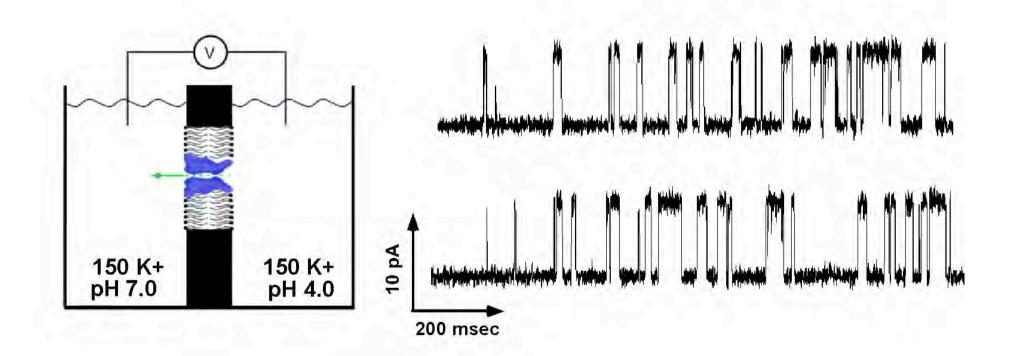
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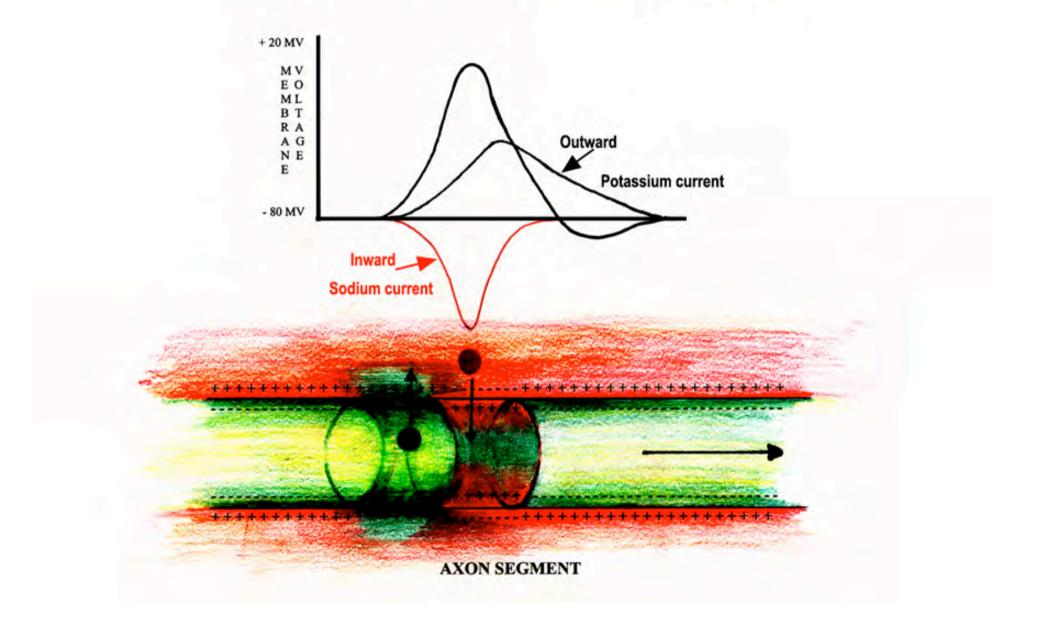
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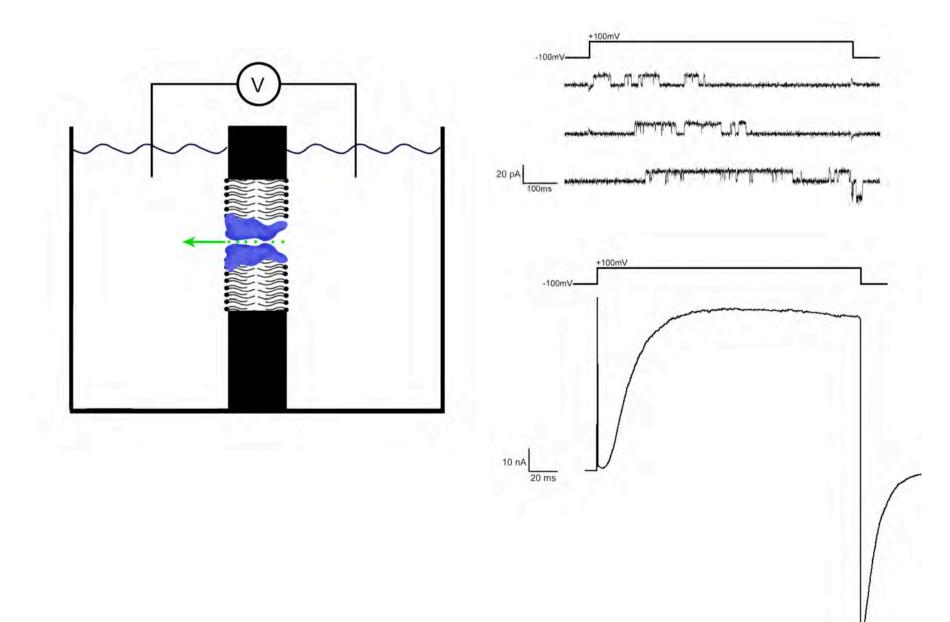
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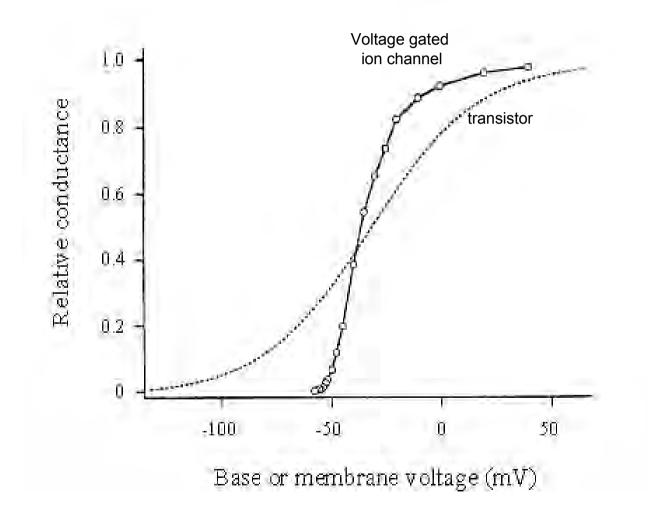
THE ELECTRICAL IMPULSE DEPENDS ON THE FLOW OF IONS ACROSS THE CELL MEMBRANE



Voltage-dependent K⁺ channels

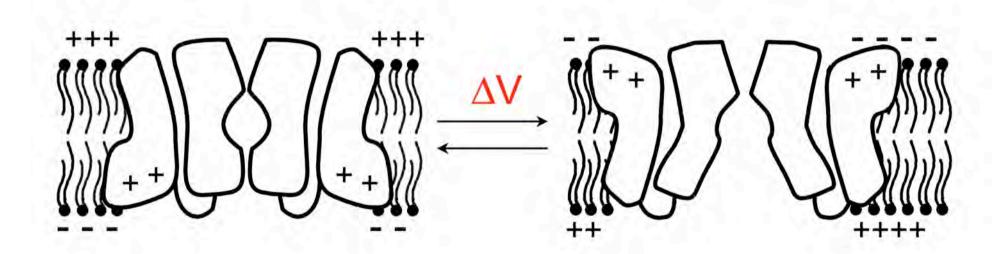


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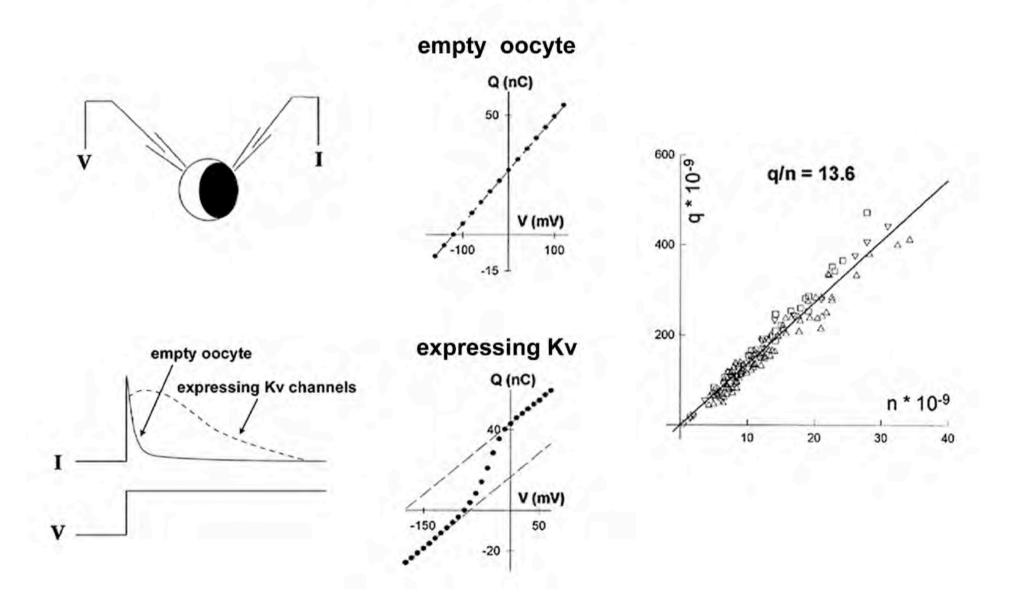


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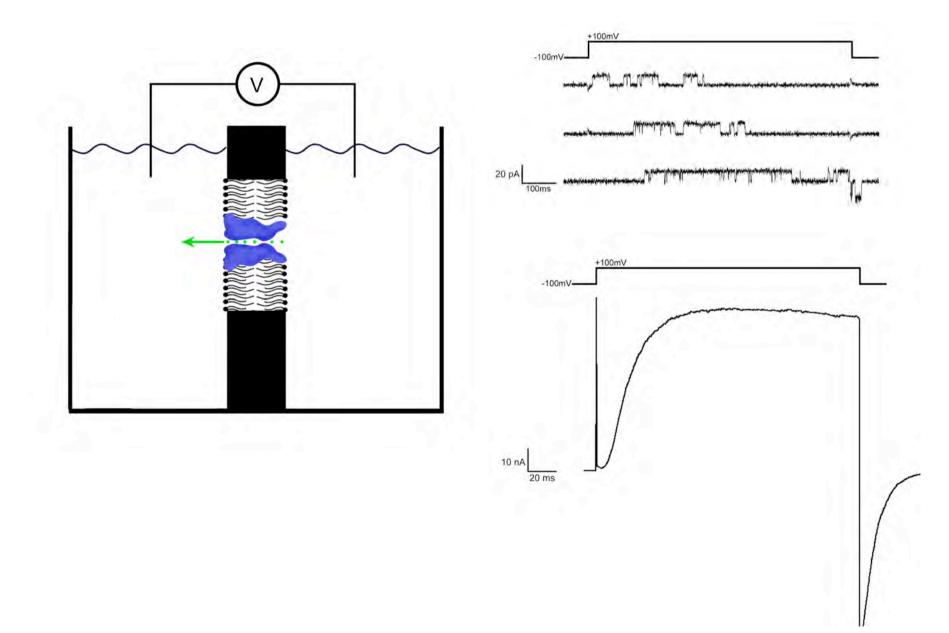
Such channels need a volt meter



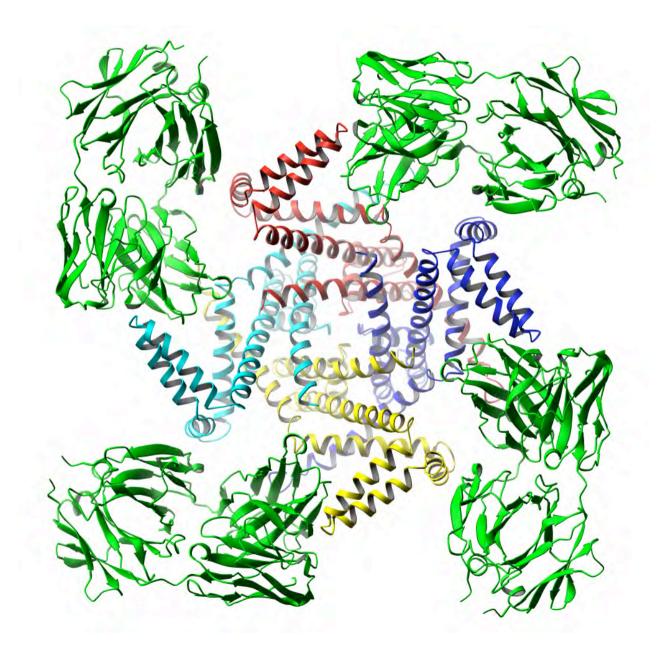
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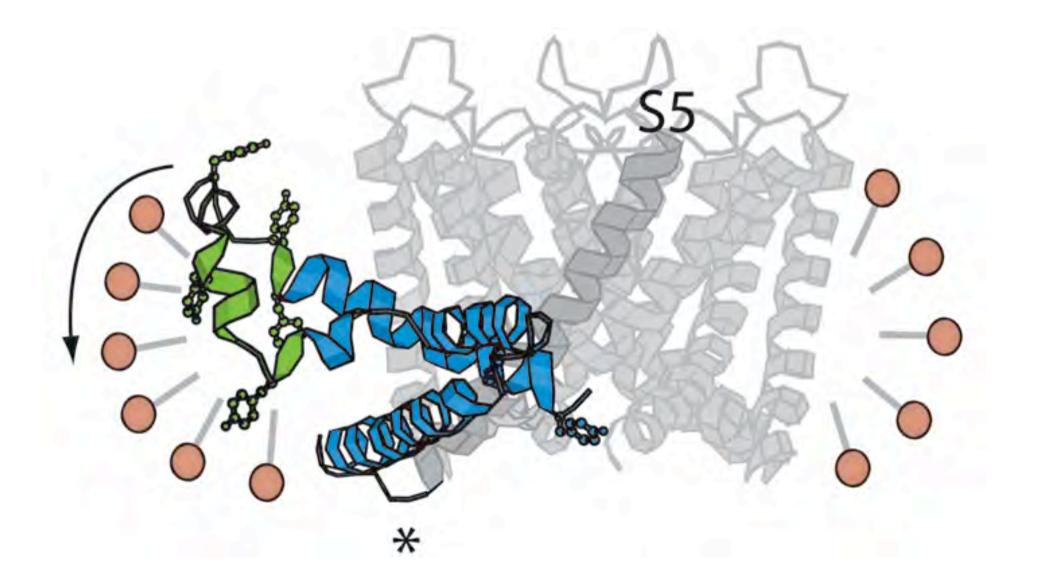


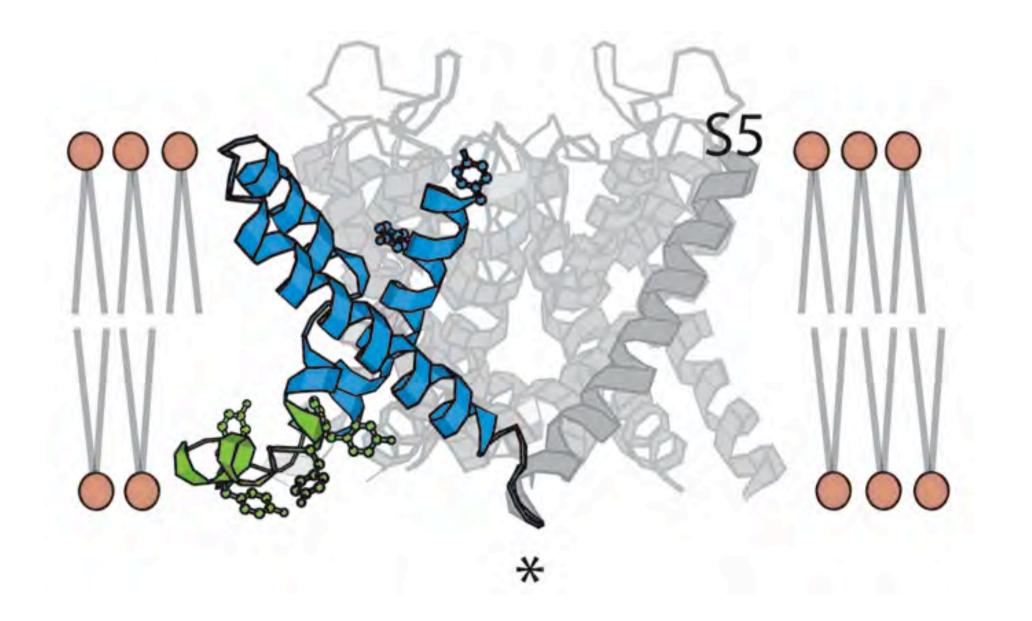
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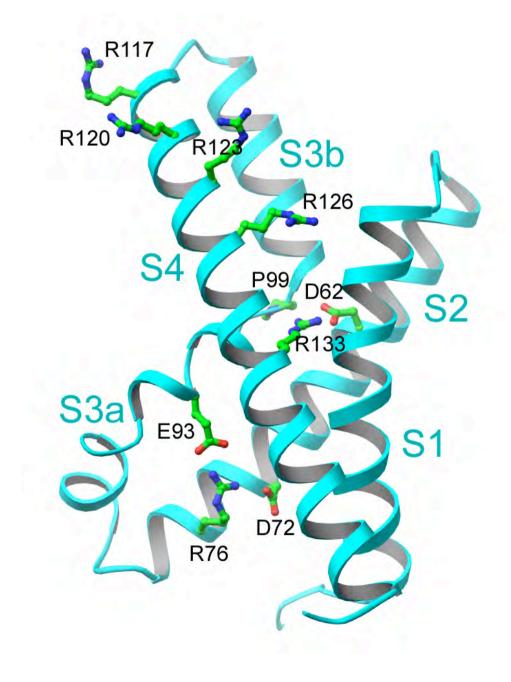
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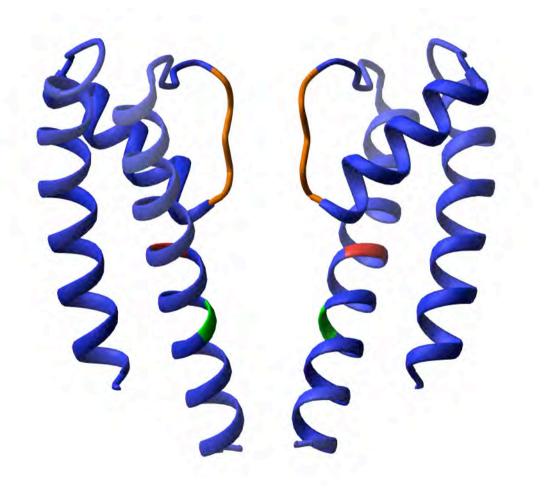




Isolated voltage sensor at 1.9 Å resolution

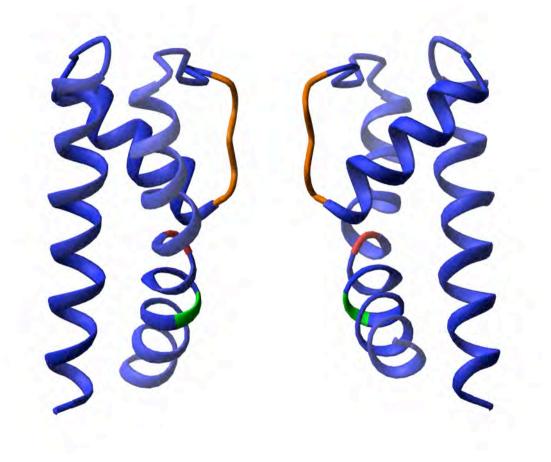


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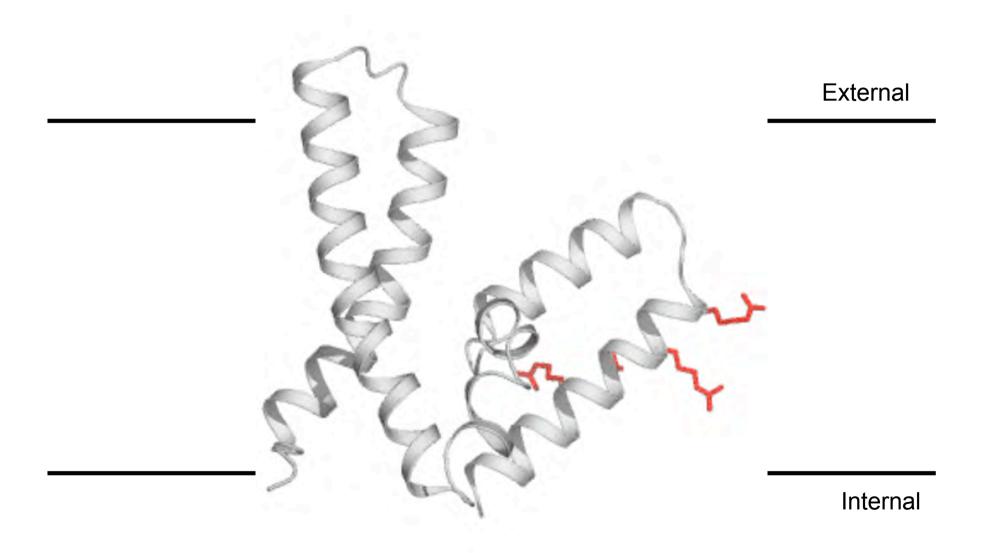
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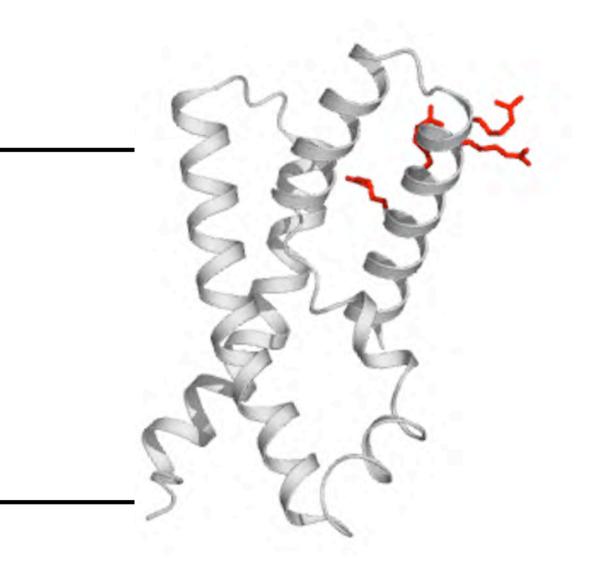


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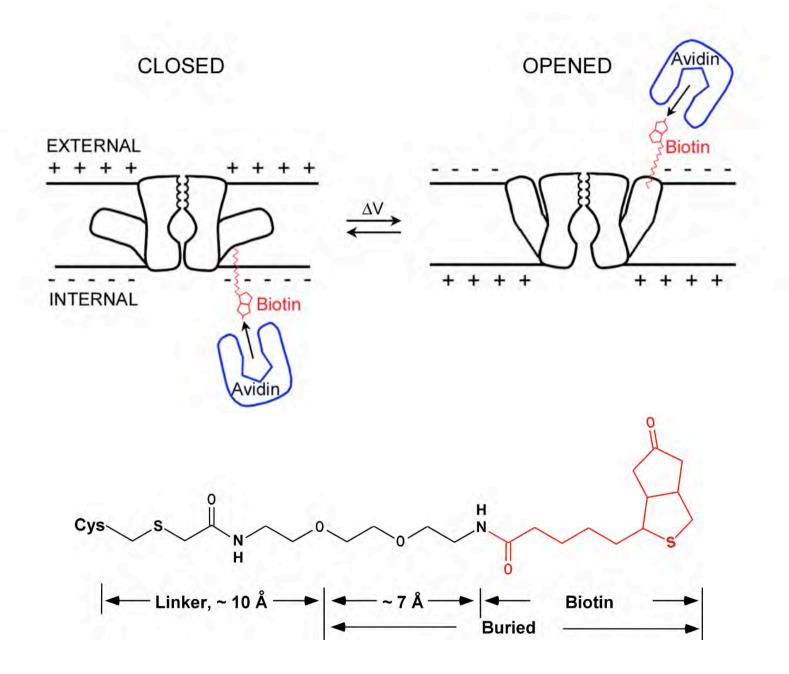
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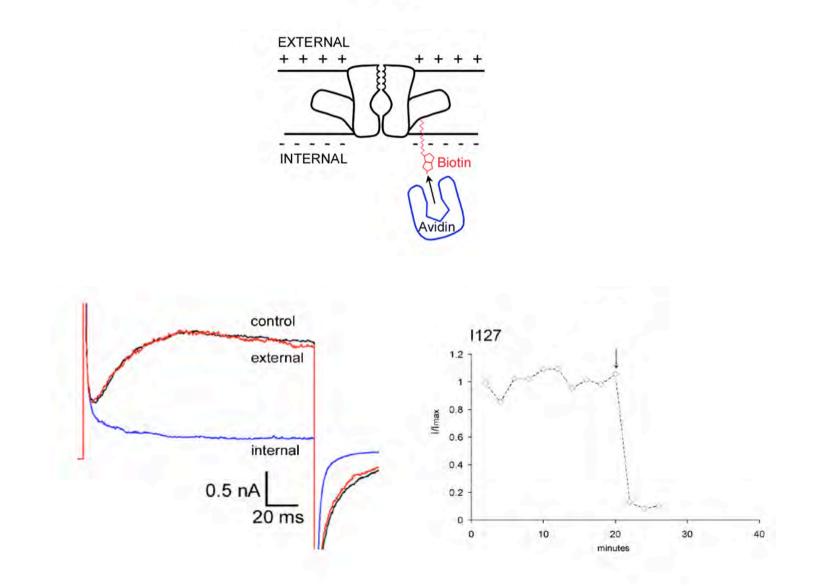
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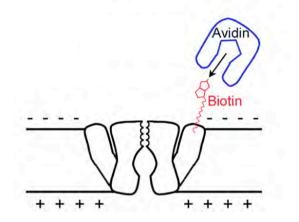
Detecting channel conformational changes with biotin

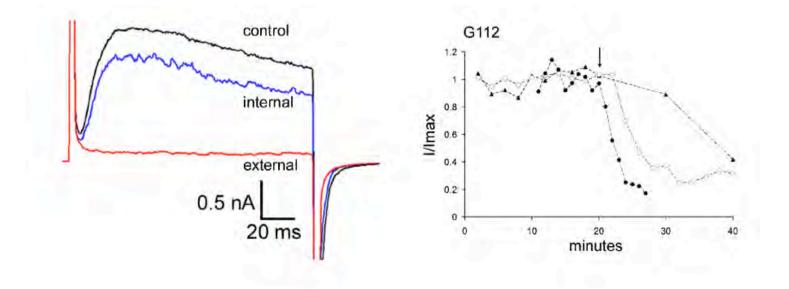


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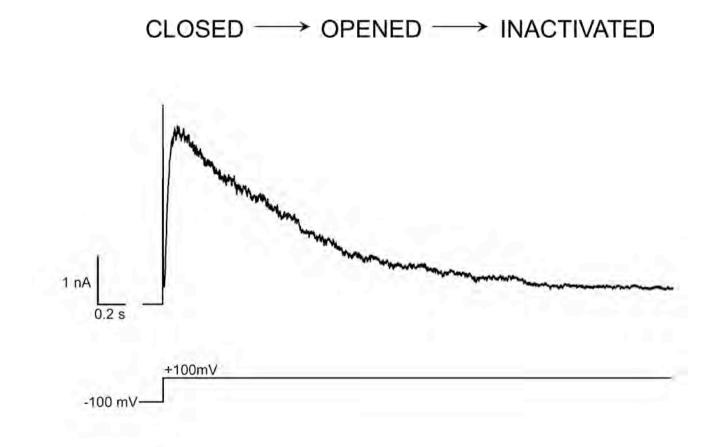


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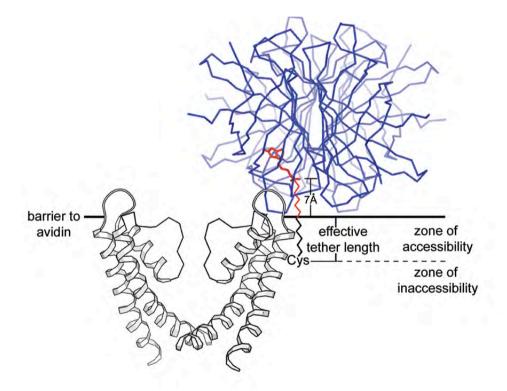


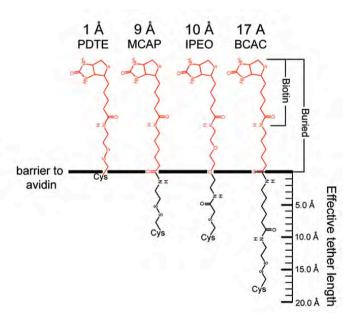


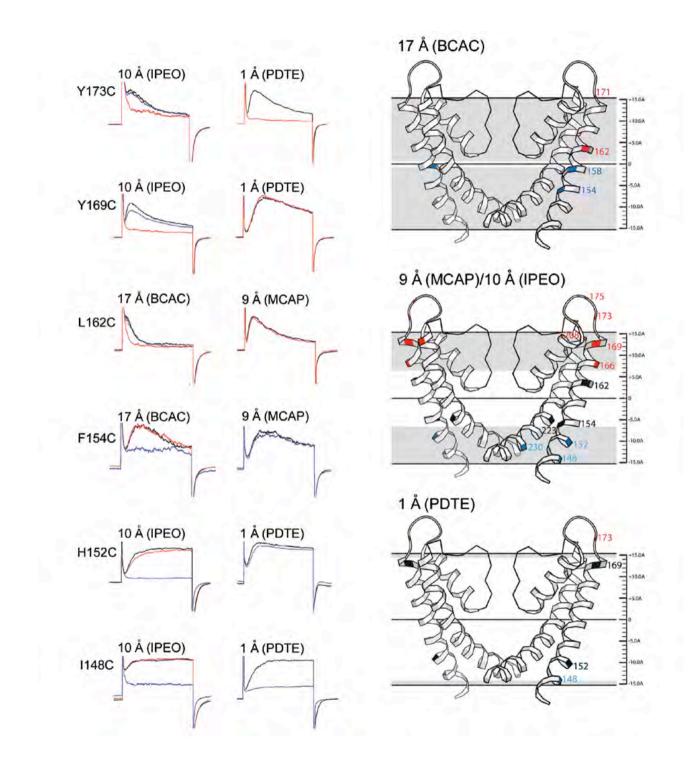
Voltage-dependent channels 'inactivate'



Calibration using the pore: biotin as a molecular ruler for depth of an amino acid in the membrane







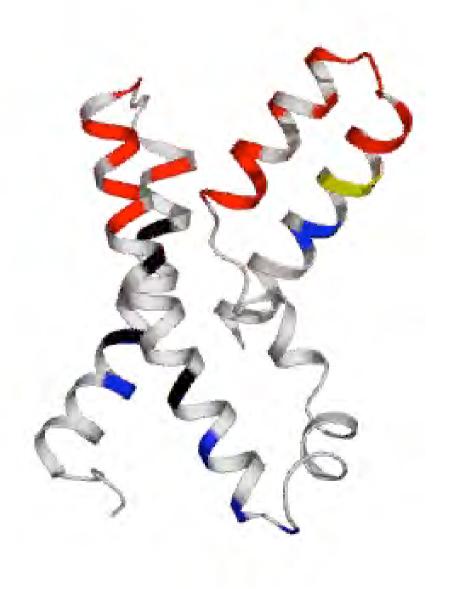
1Å PDTE biotin



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Internal

9Å-10Å MCAP/IPEO biotin



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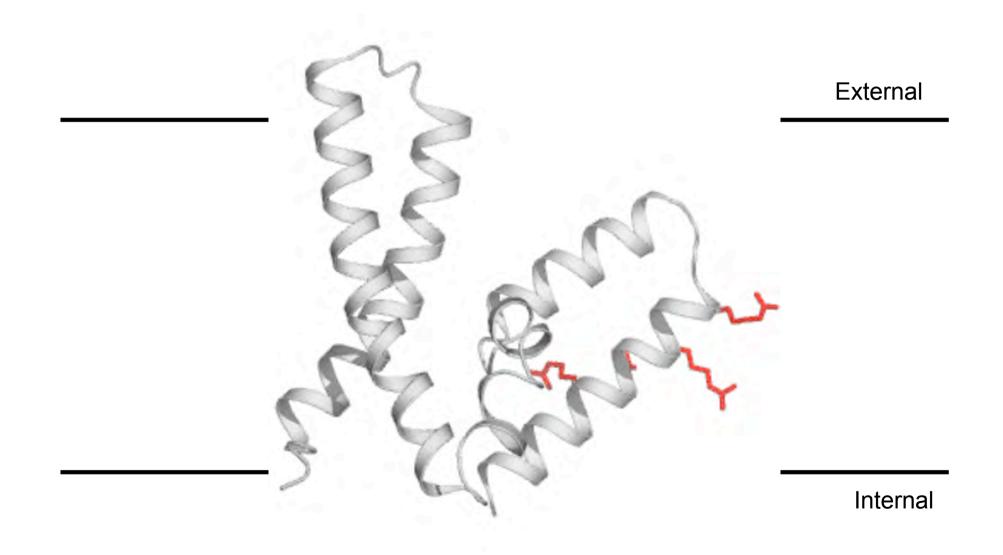
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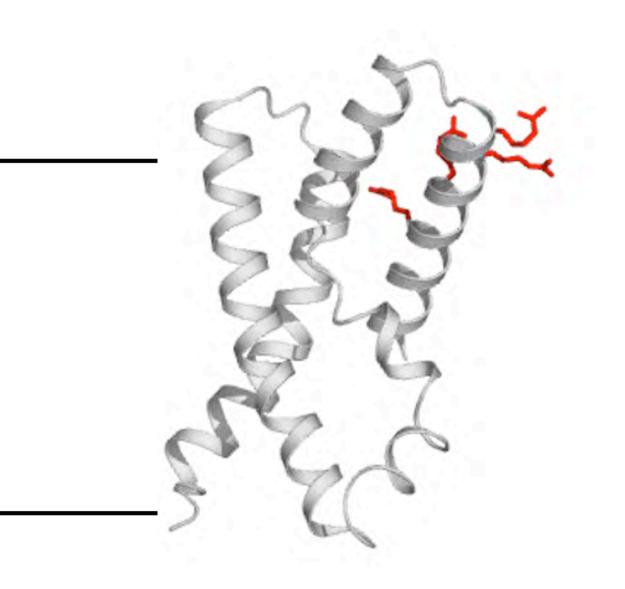
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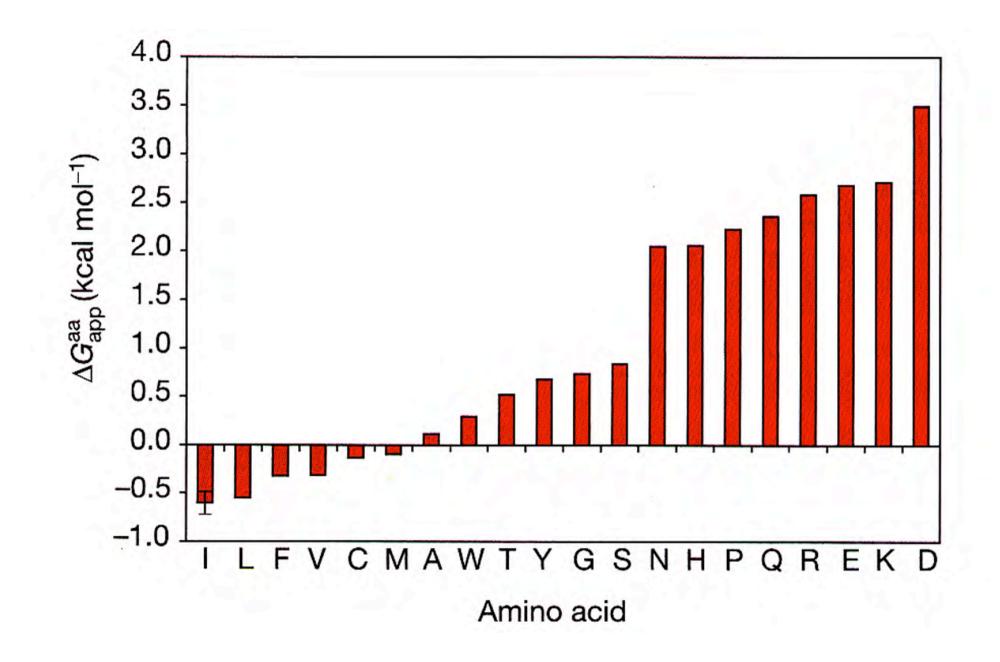
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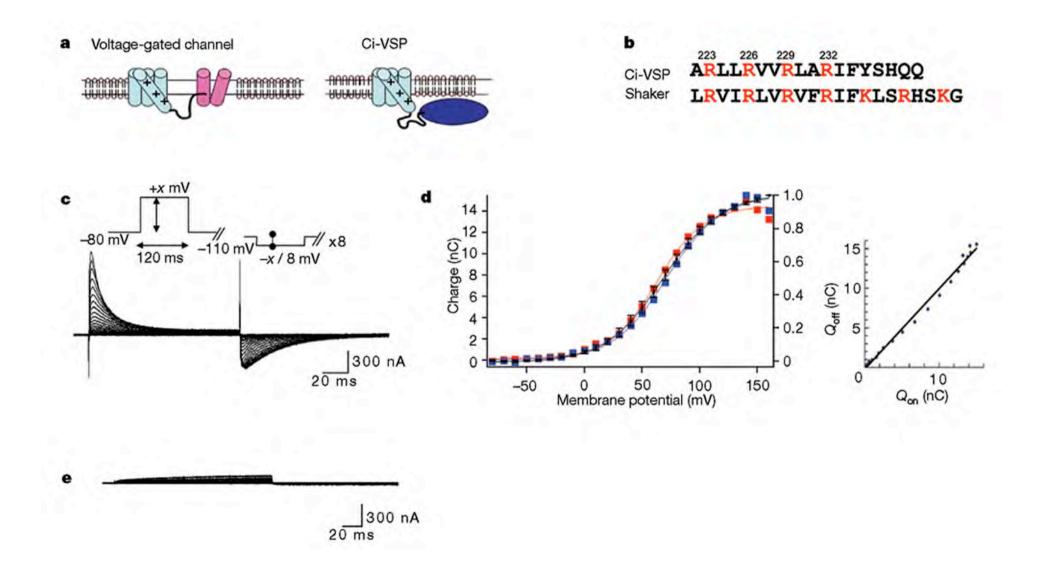


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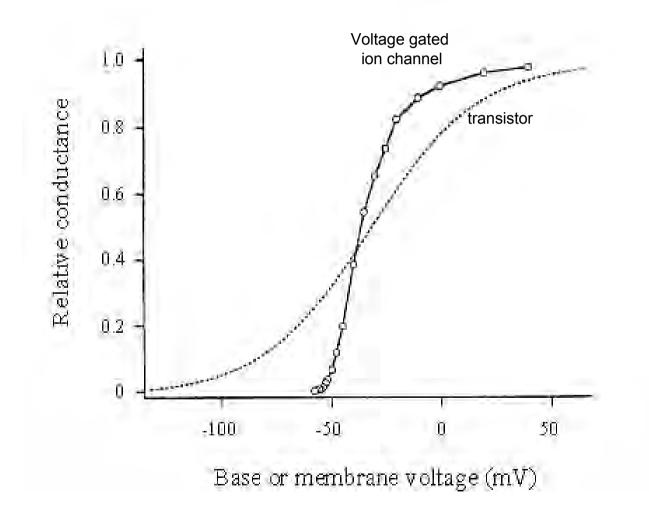


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