

Biological membranes are heterogeneous lipid bilayers with proteins

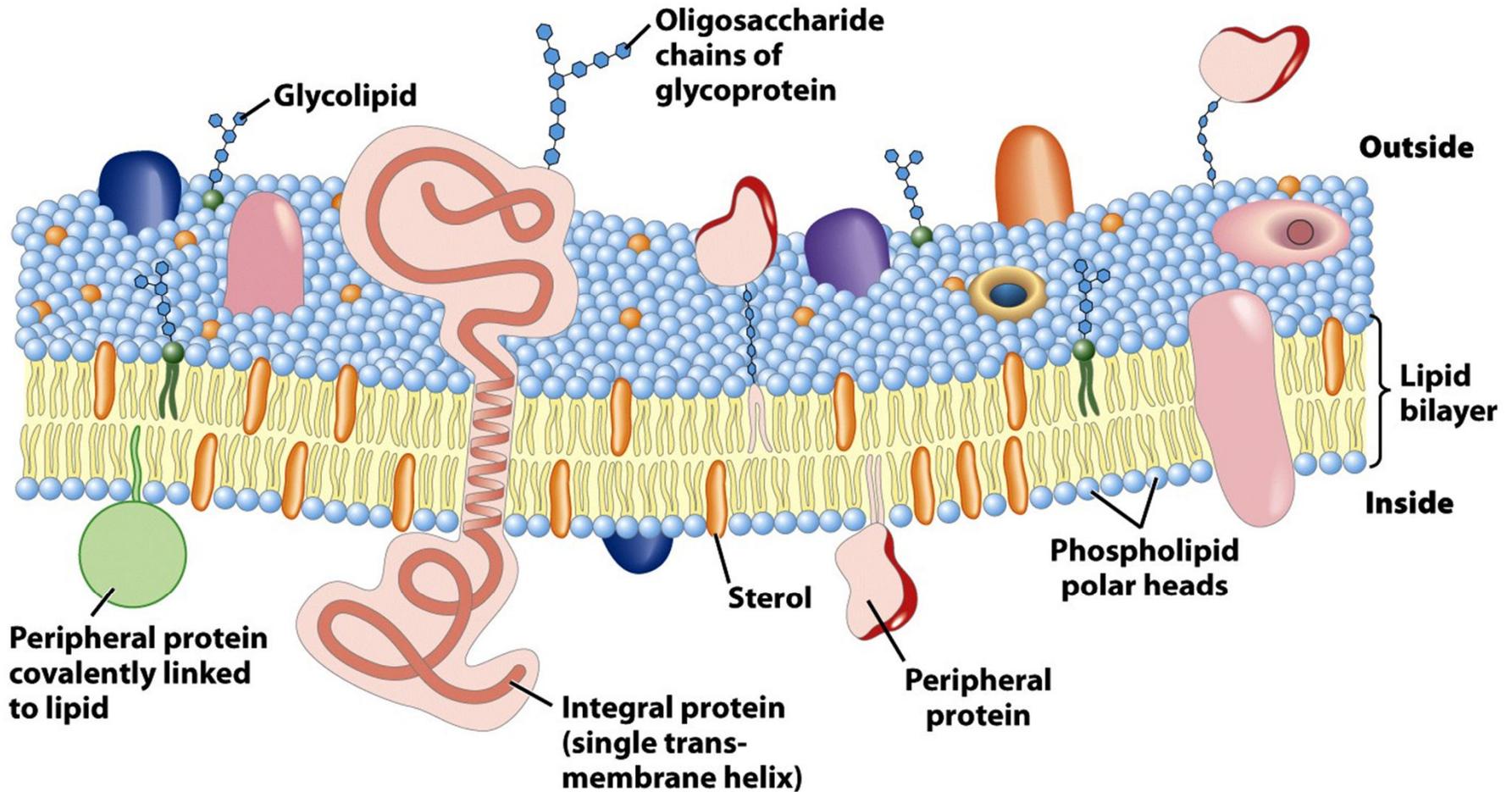
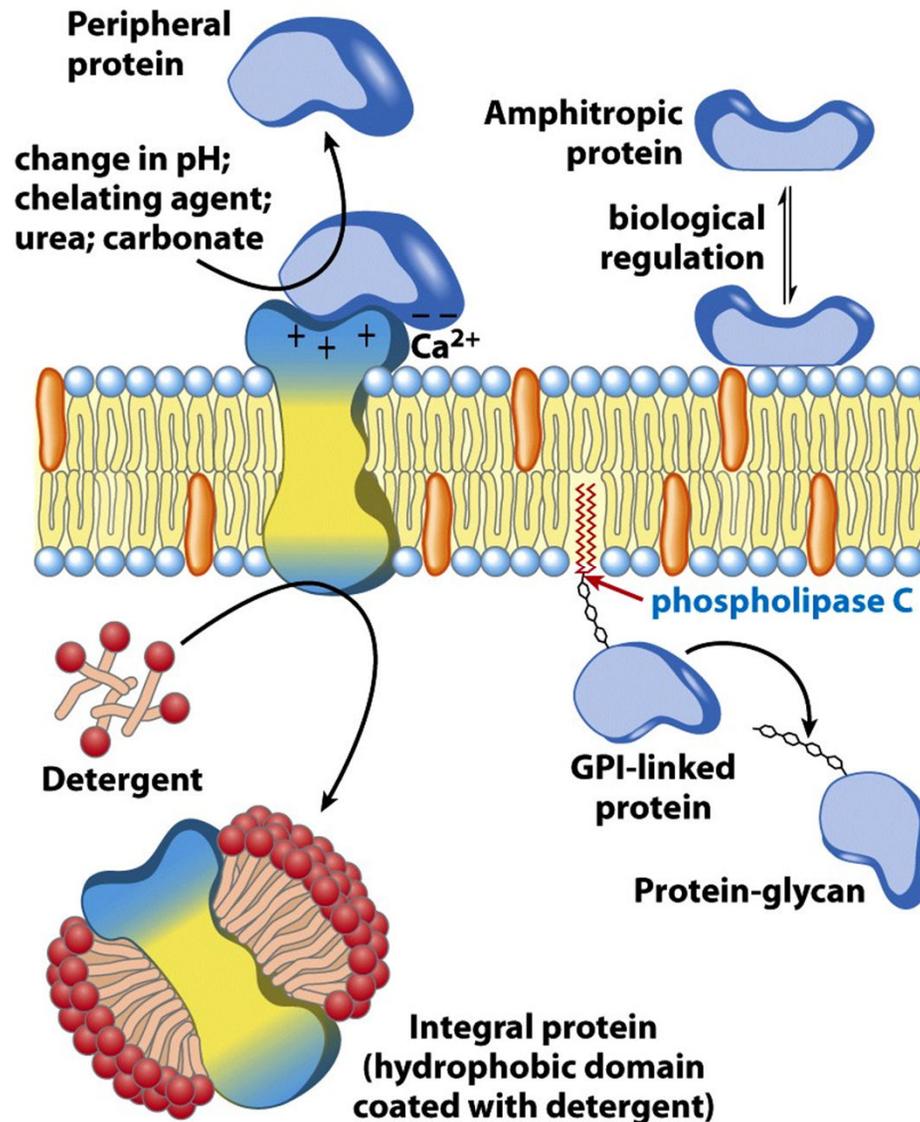


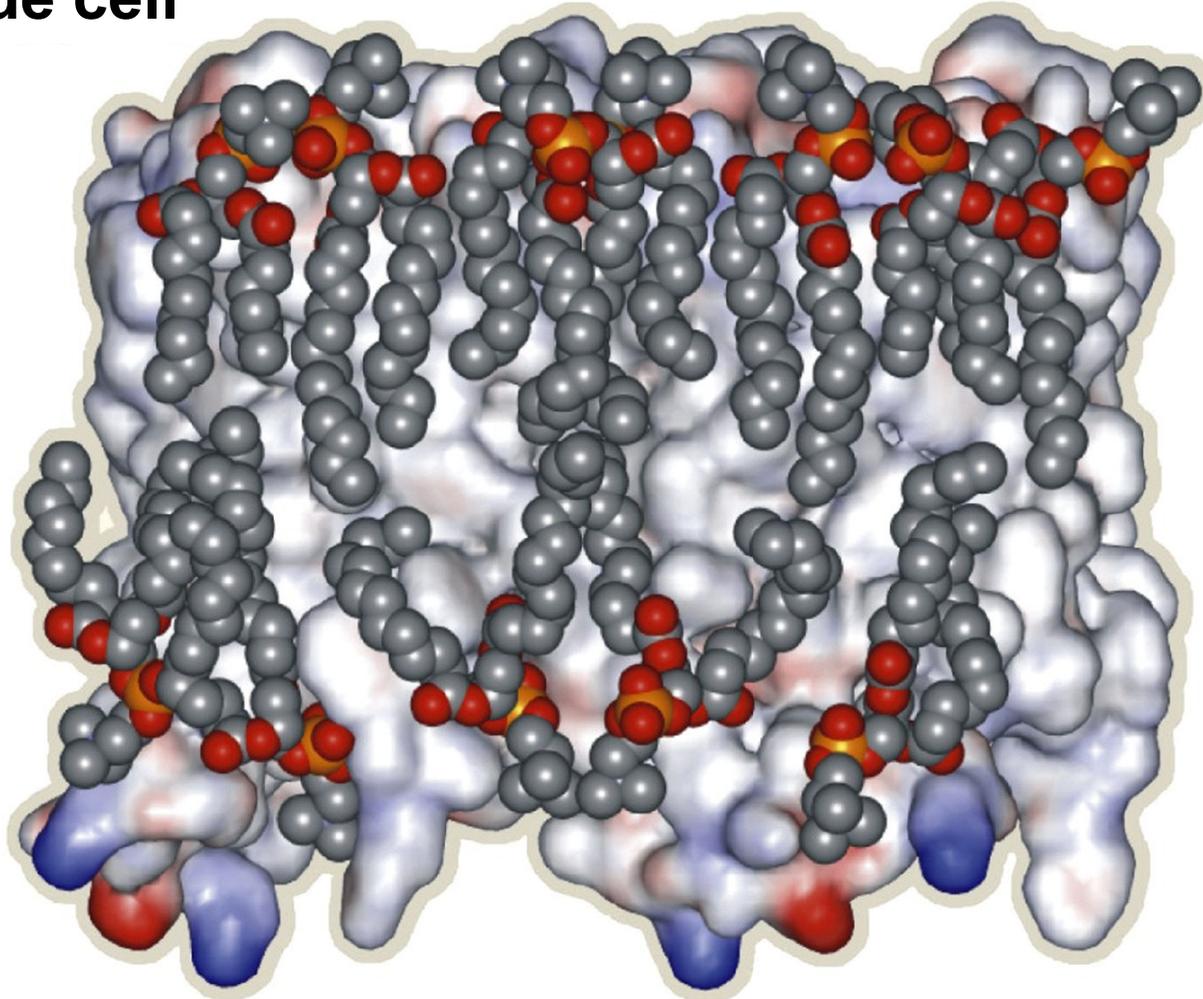
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Different types of mb proteins require different conditions for mb release



Integral membrane proteins directionally insert in the membrane bilayer

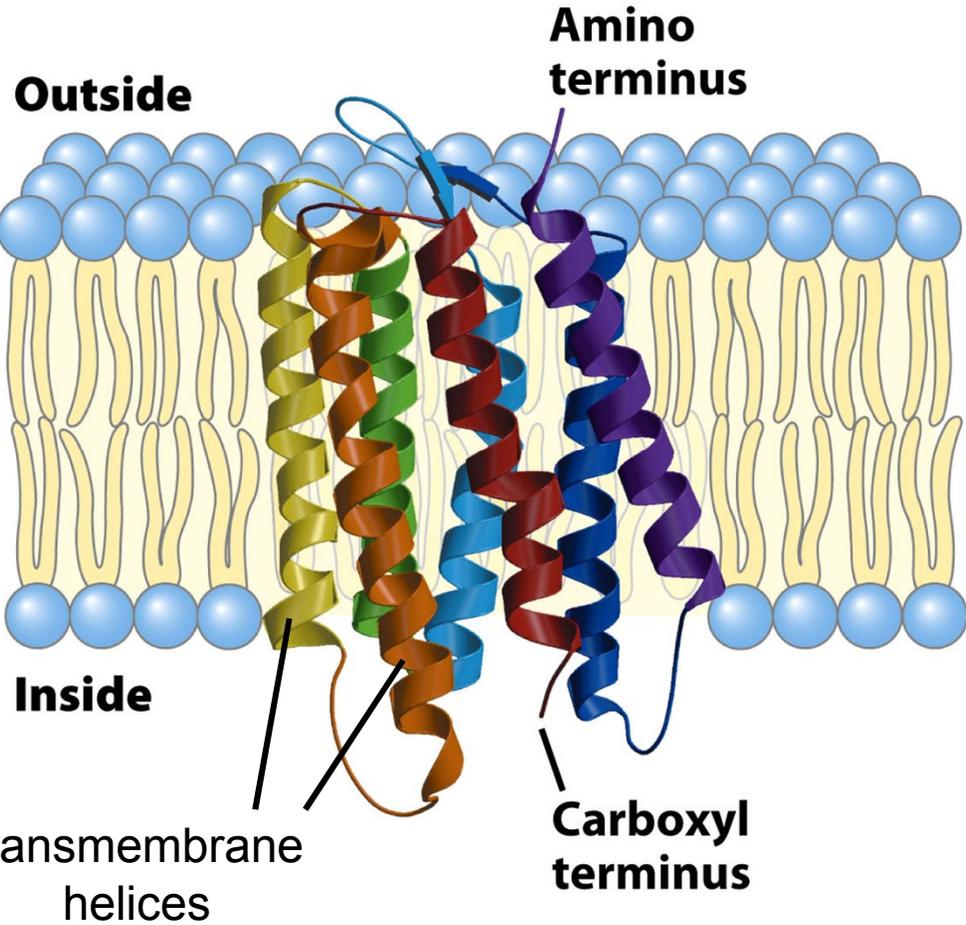
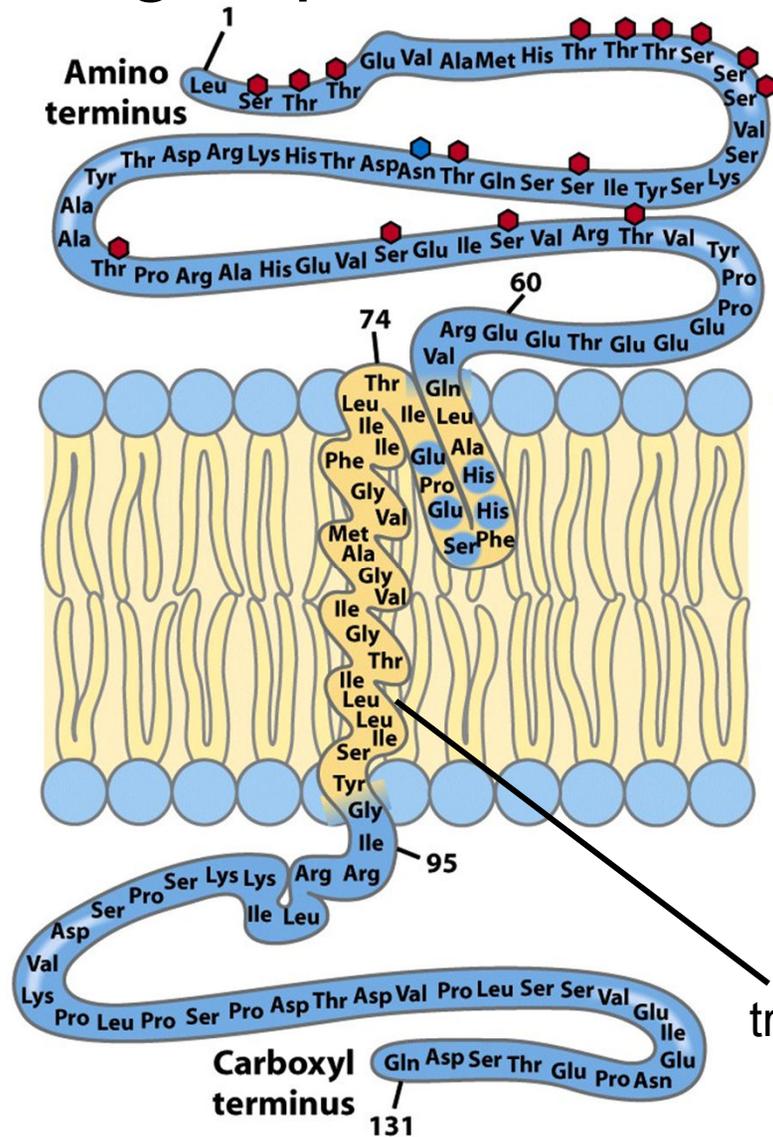
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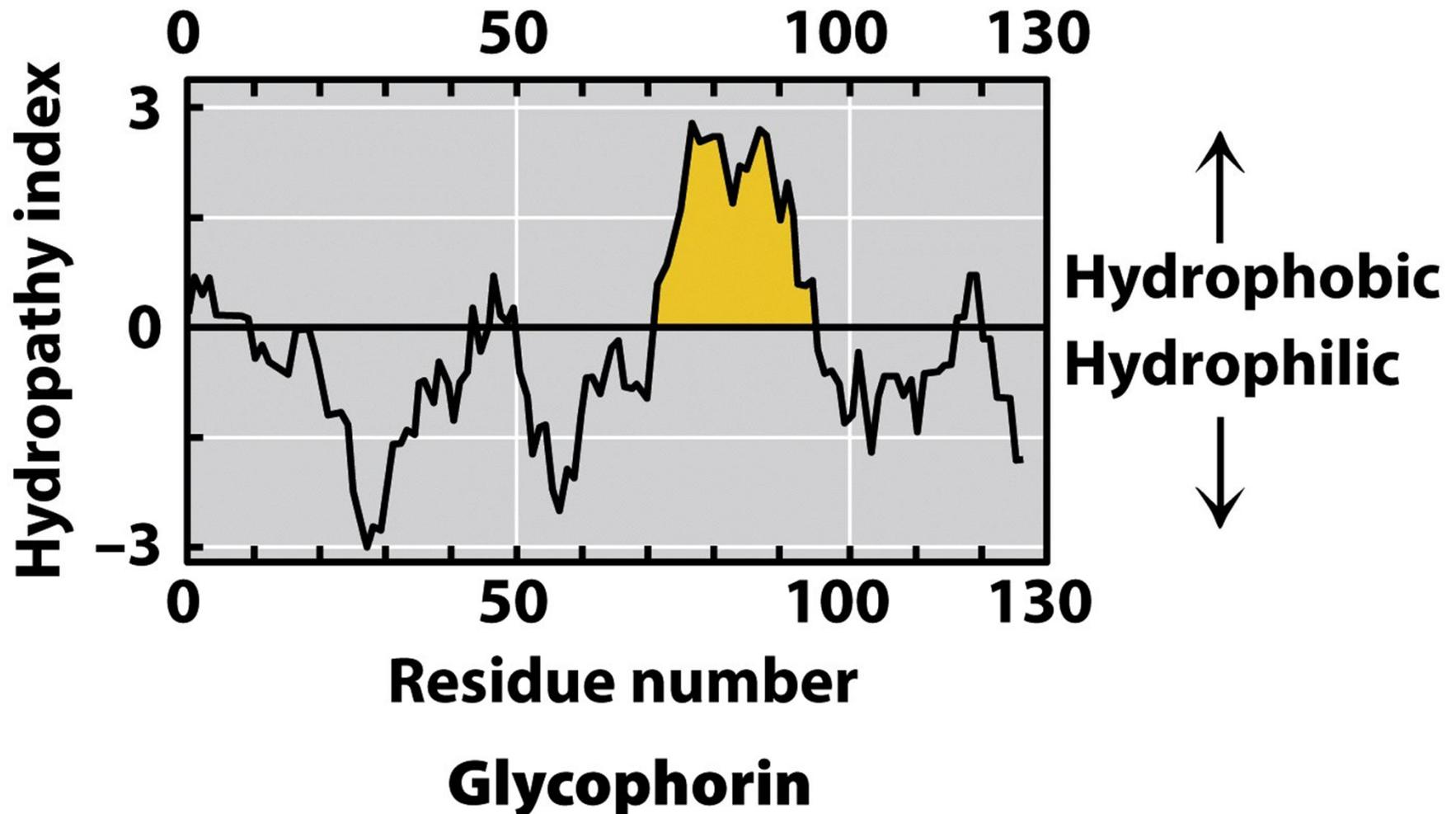
Inside cell

Glycophorin and bacteriorhodopsin are integral proteins that span (cross) the bilayer

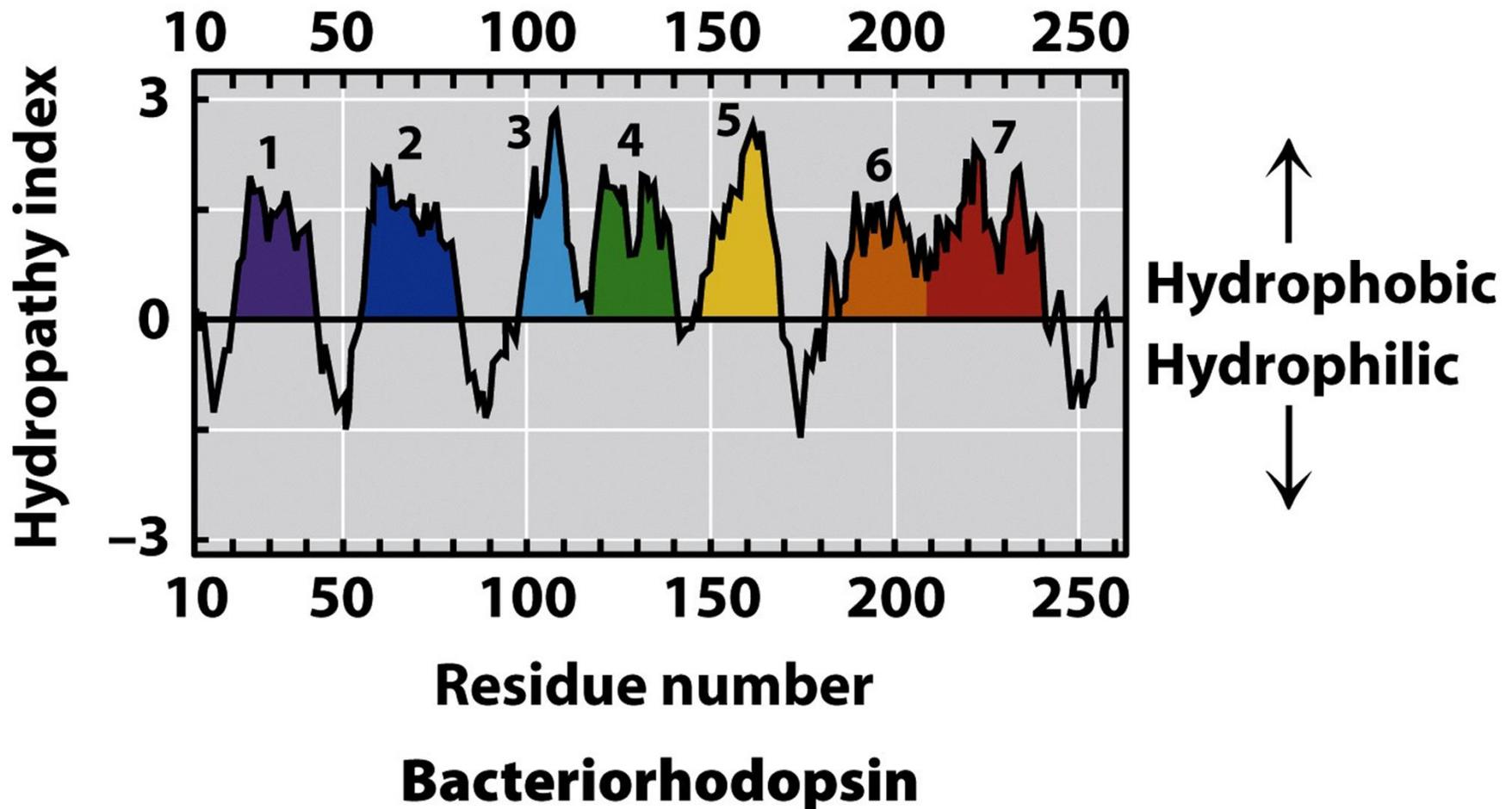
= transmembrane proteins



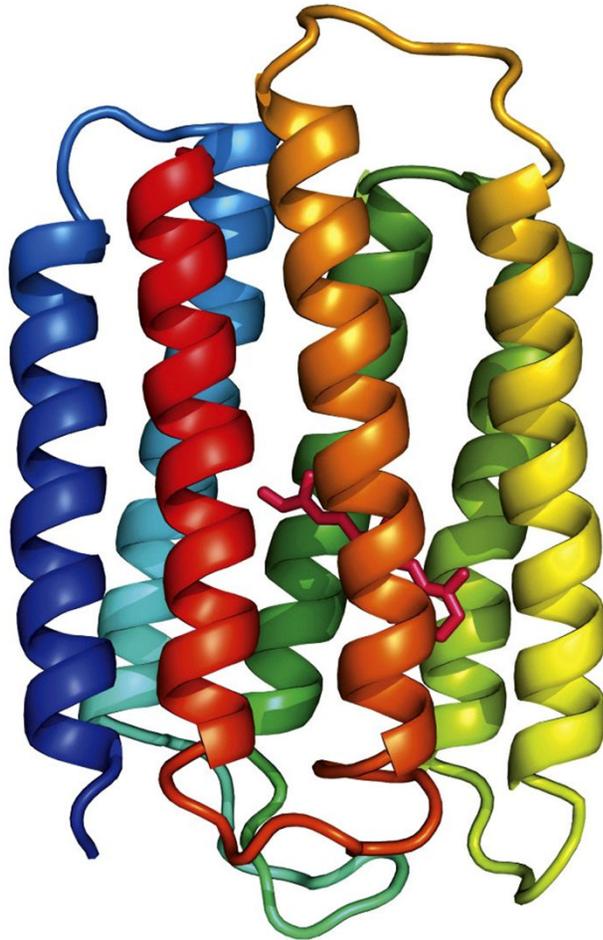
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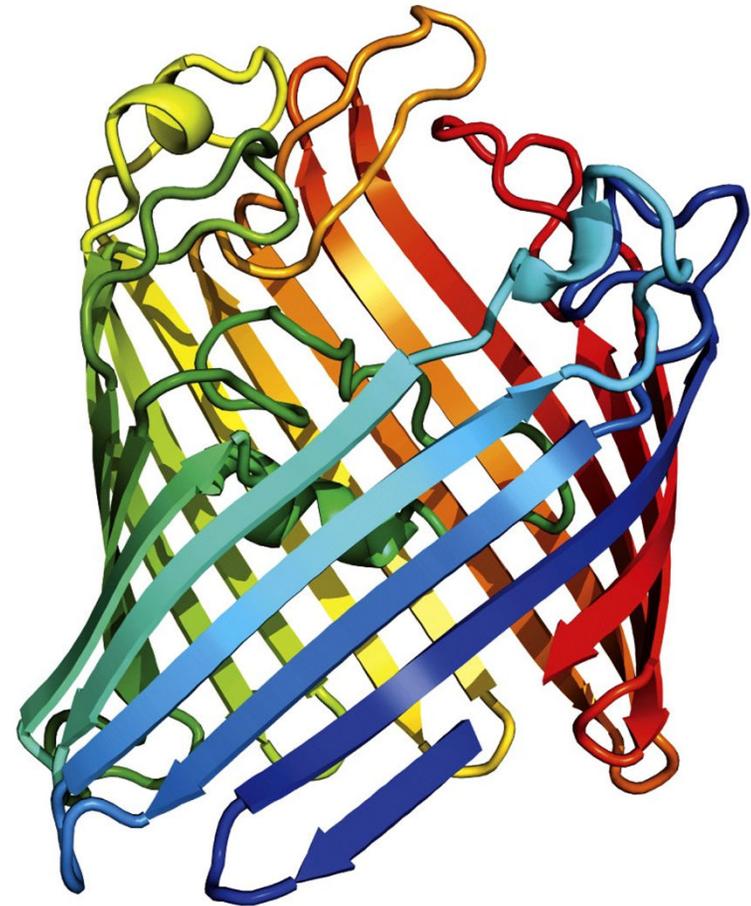
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Transmembrane regions are usually α -helices or continuous β -sheets (β -barrels)



Bacteriorhodopsin:
a light-driven proton pump



Porin:
a pore-forming protein

A protein's surface polarity corresponds to its environment

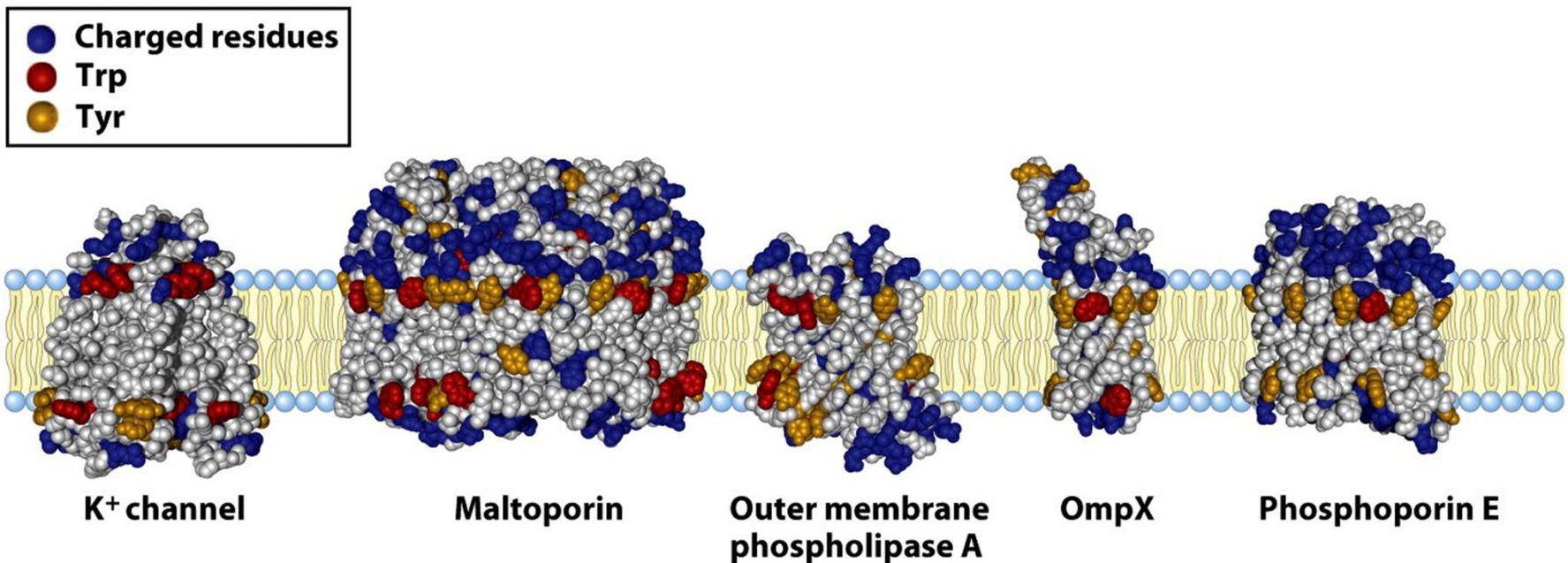


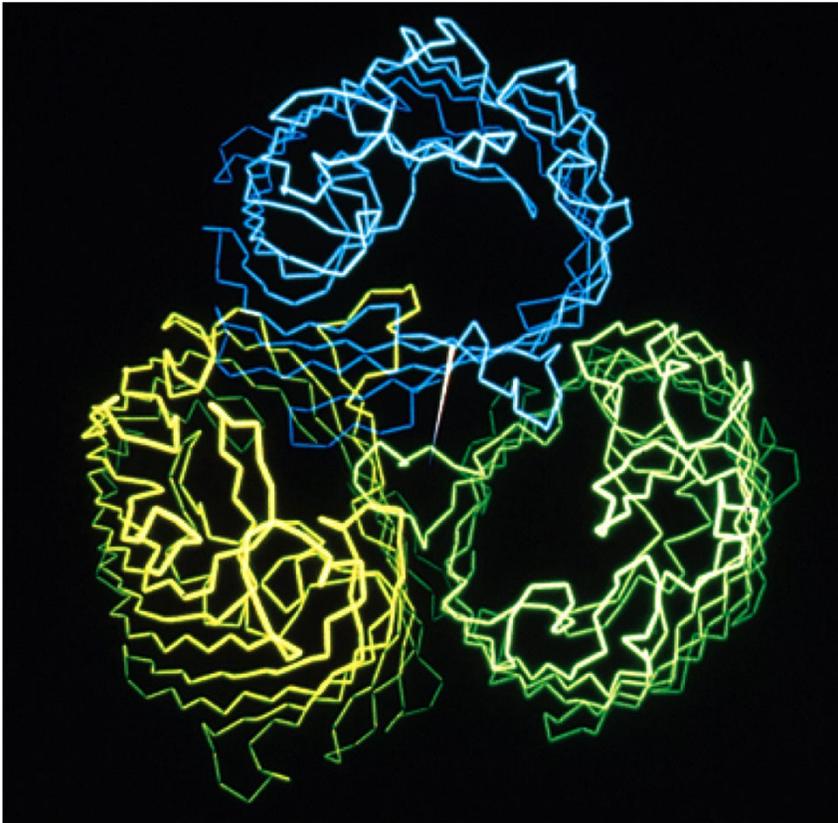
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Tyr and Trp exhibit 'snorkeling' – pointing their polar group toward mb exterior

Also, often 'positive inside' – positively charged aa's facing cytoplasmic region

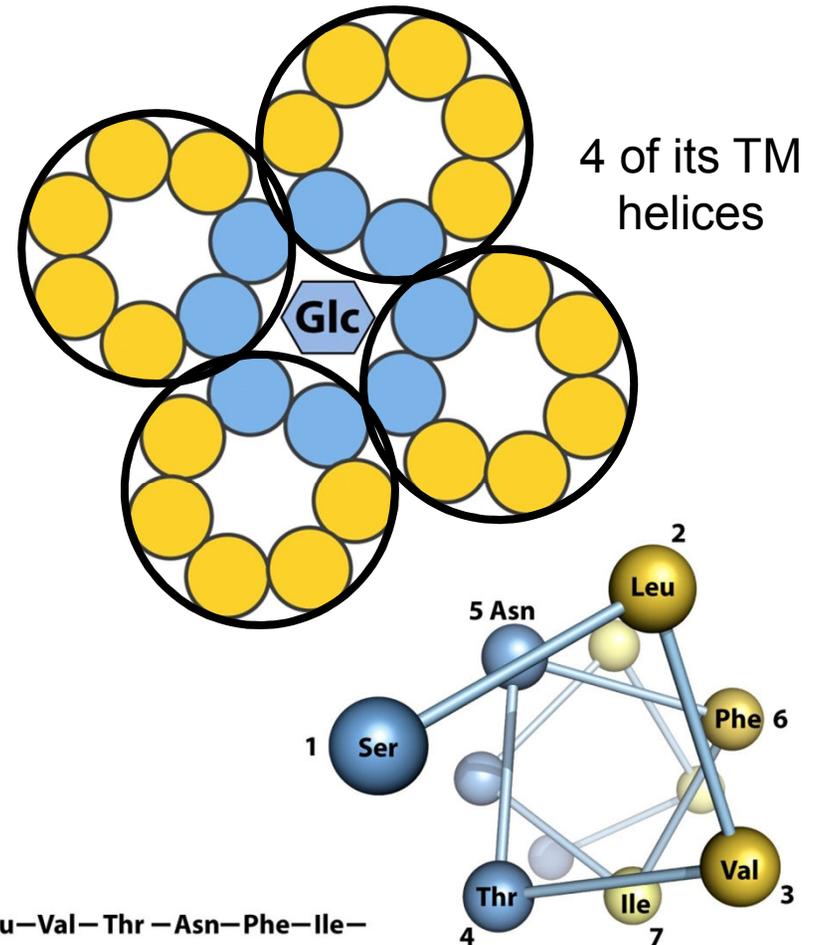
In integral transport proteins, interiors are hydrophilic and exteriors are hydrophobic

Porin trimer



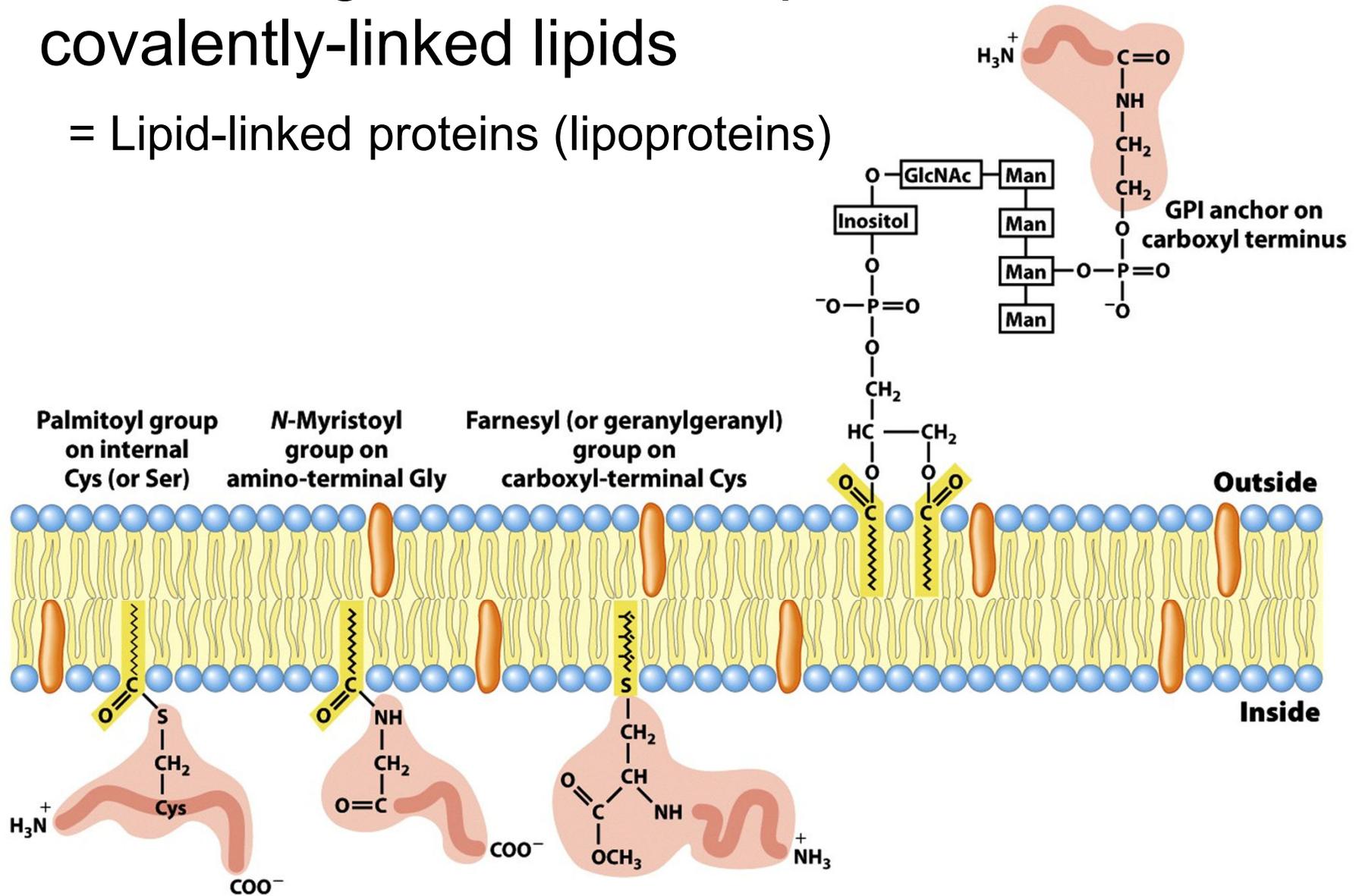
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Glucose transporter



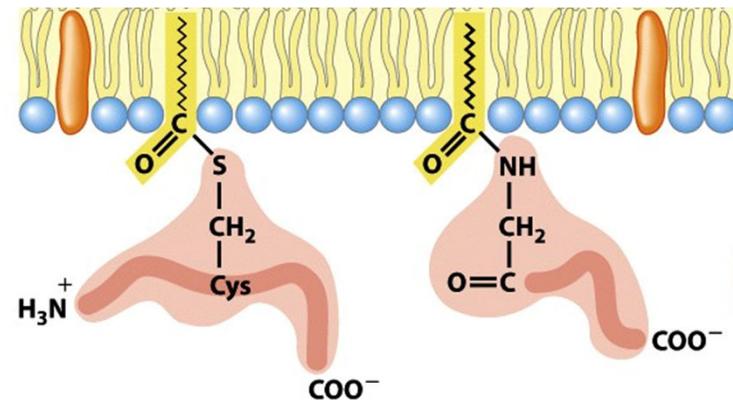
Some integral membrane proteins contain covalently-linked lipids

= Lipid-linked proteins (lipoproteins)

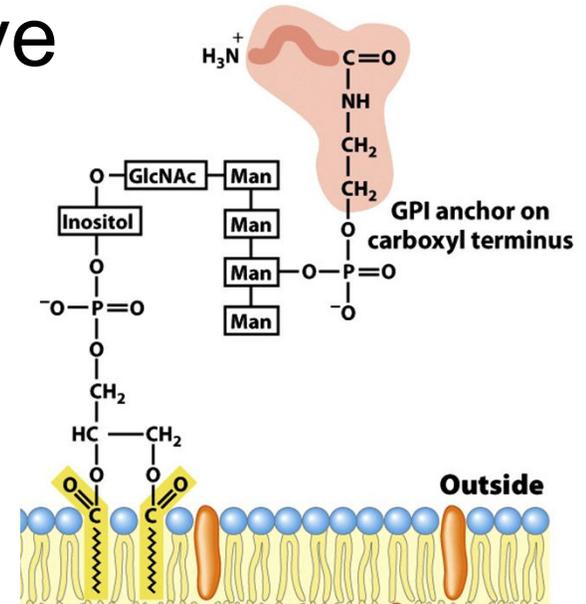
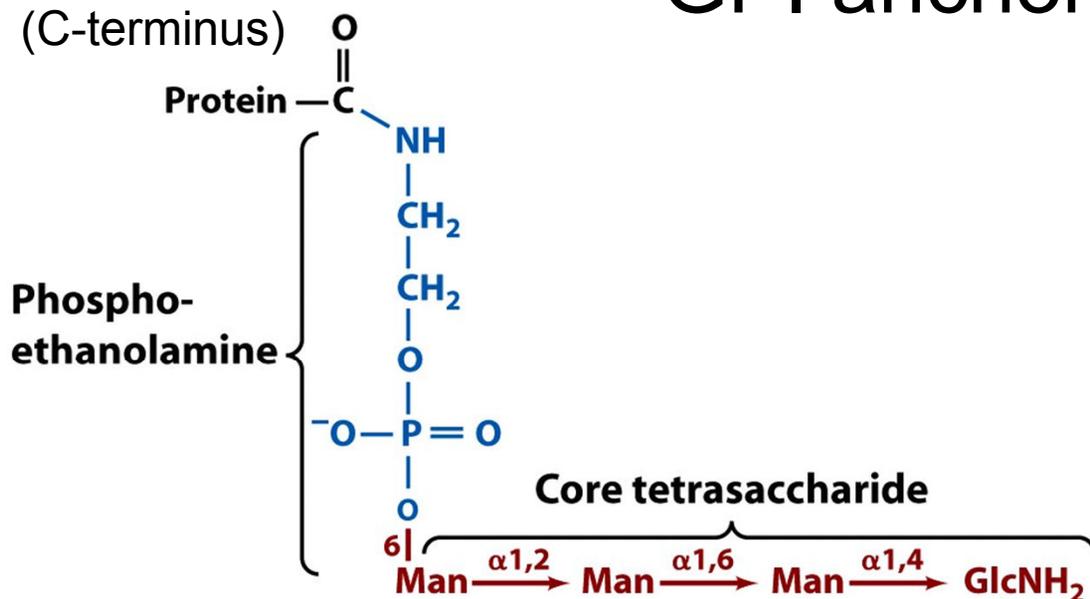


Some lipid-linked proteins are fatty-acylated

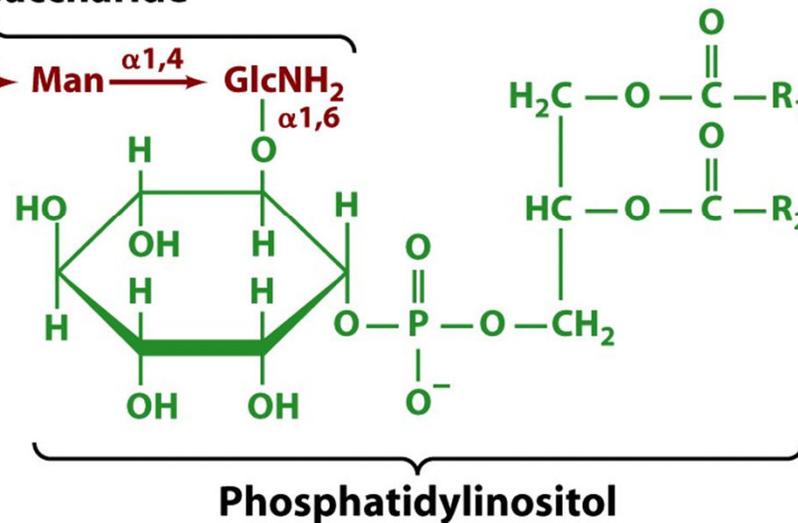
- Myristic acid (14:0) is attached to N-terminal α -amino group of Gly (via an amide linkage)
 - Permanent modification
 - Myristoylated proteins are found in many subcellular compartments
- Palmitic acid (16:0) is attached to a specific Cys (via a thioester linkage)
 - Reversible modification; may be removed by a palmitoyl thioesterase
 - Palmitoylated proteins are found on the cytoplasmic face of the plasma membrane



Some lipid-linked proteins have GPI anchors

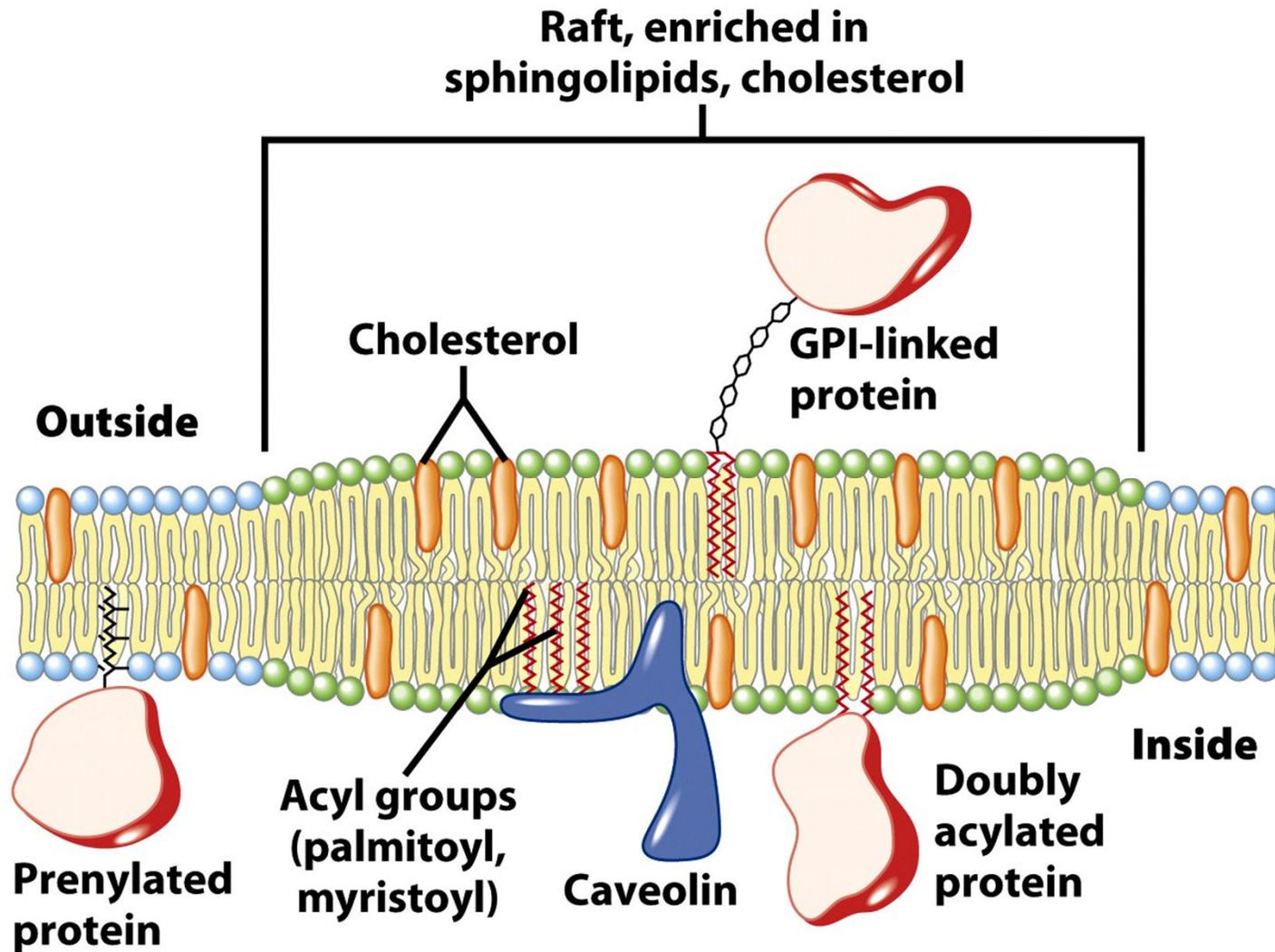


GPI-linked proteins are found on the exterior surface of the plasma membrane

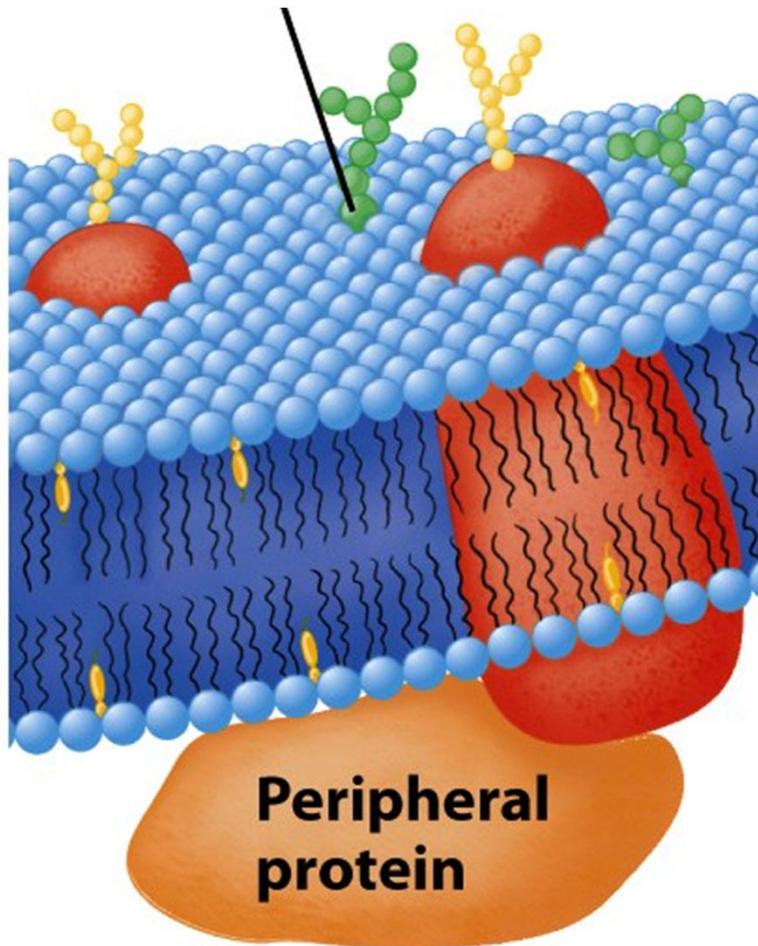


Glycosylphosphatidylinositol anchor

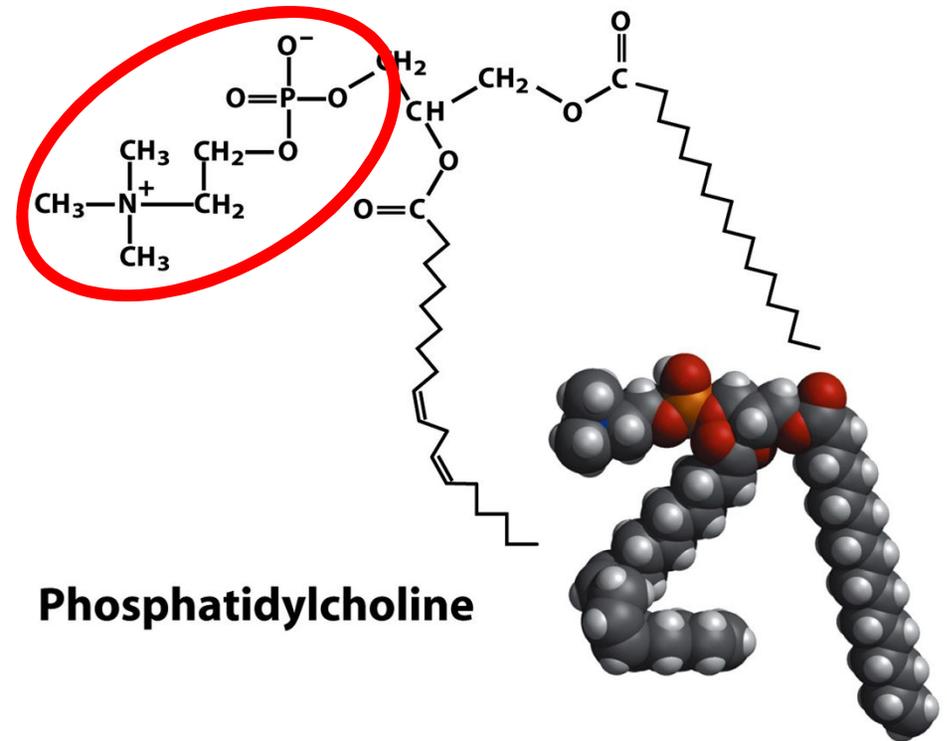
Lipid-linked proteins cluster in or outside of rafts based on their linked lipid



Peripheral membrane proteins bind to the surface of the membrane



Common interaction: ion pairs



Phosphatidylcholine

Solutes move across a permeable mb to equalize concentration and charge

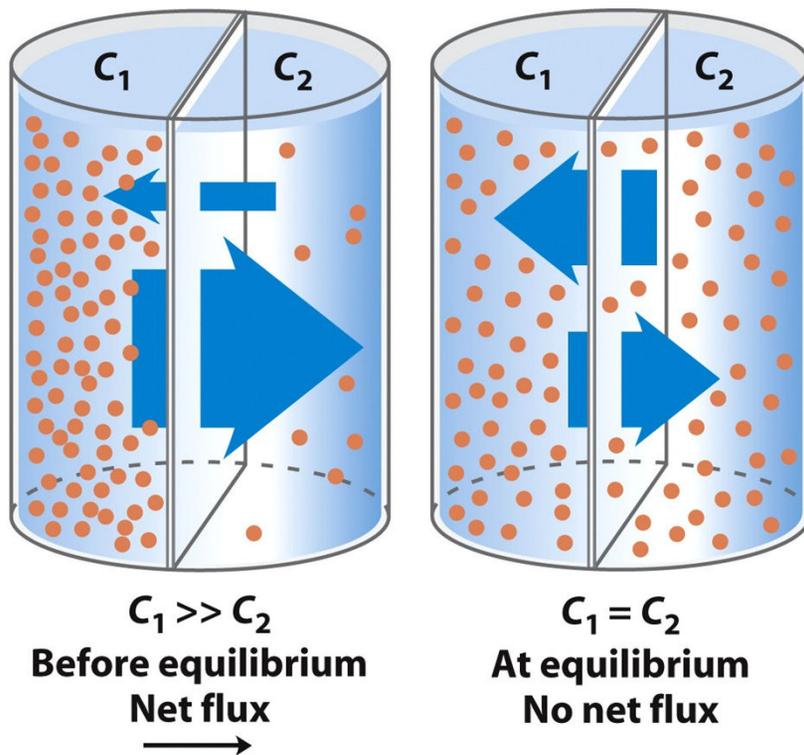


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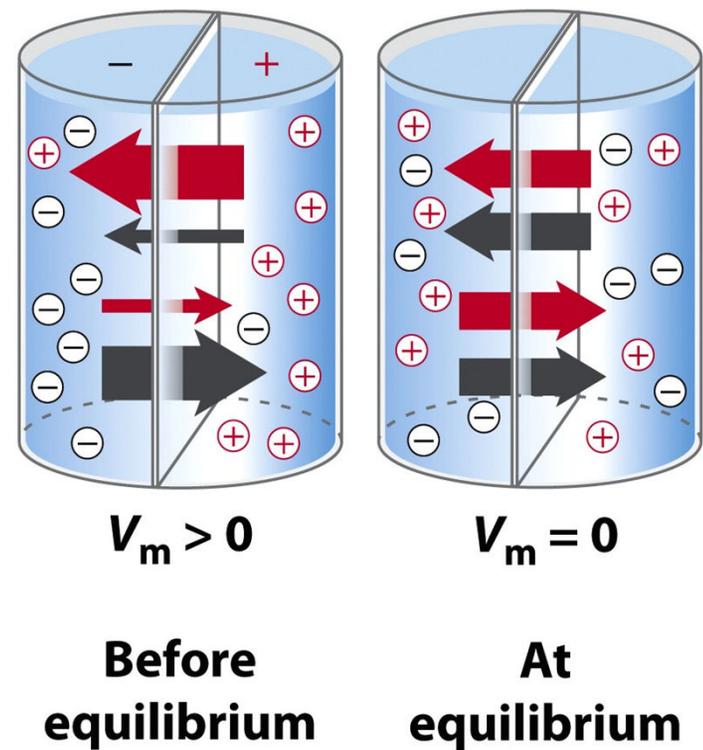
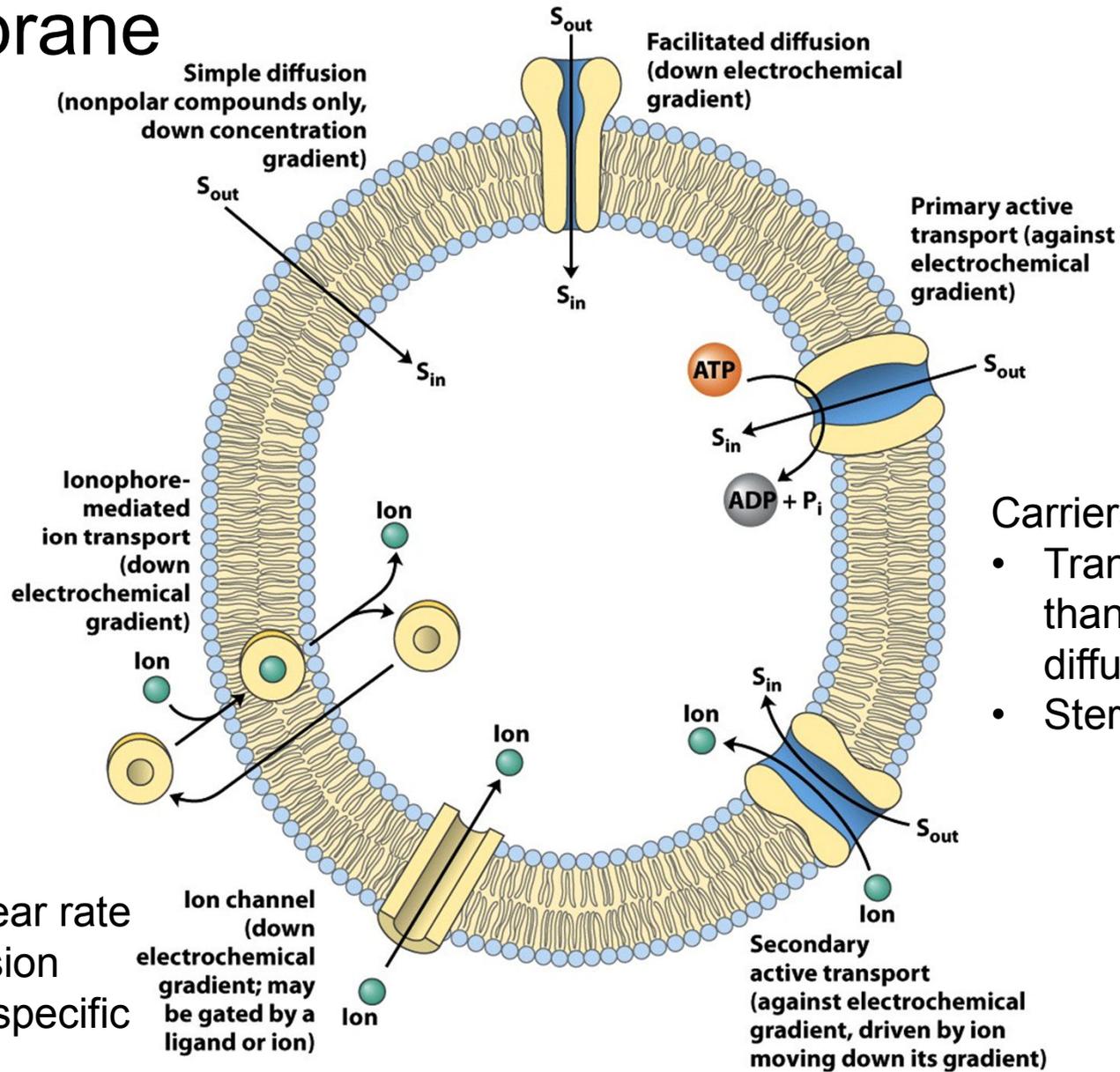


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Transporters catalyze passage through the membrane

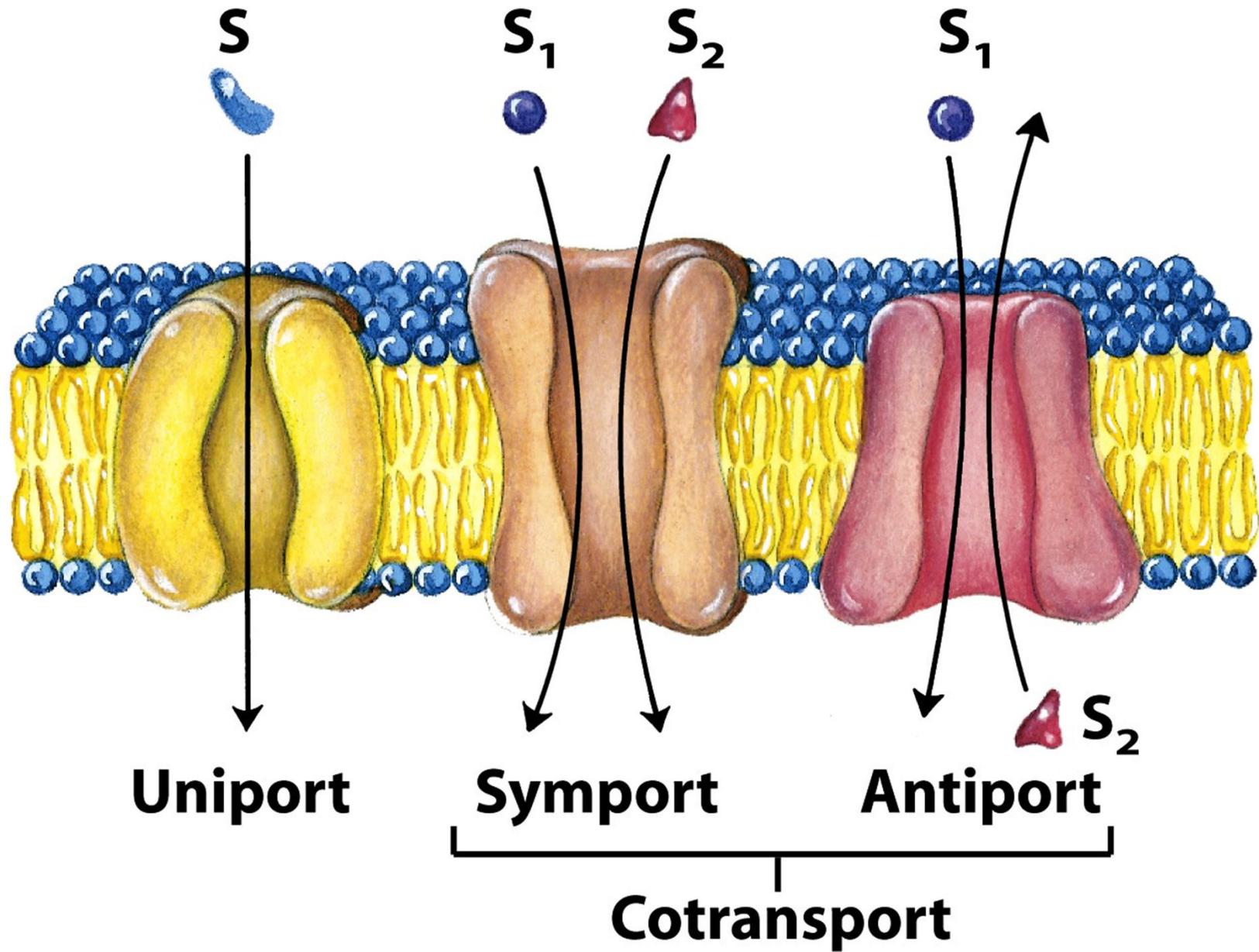


Carriers:

- Transport slower than free diffusion
- Stereospecific

Channels:

- Transport near rate of free diffusion
- Less stereospecific



Glucose enters the cell via passive transport (through a uniporter)

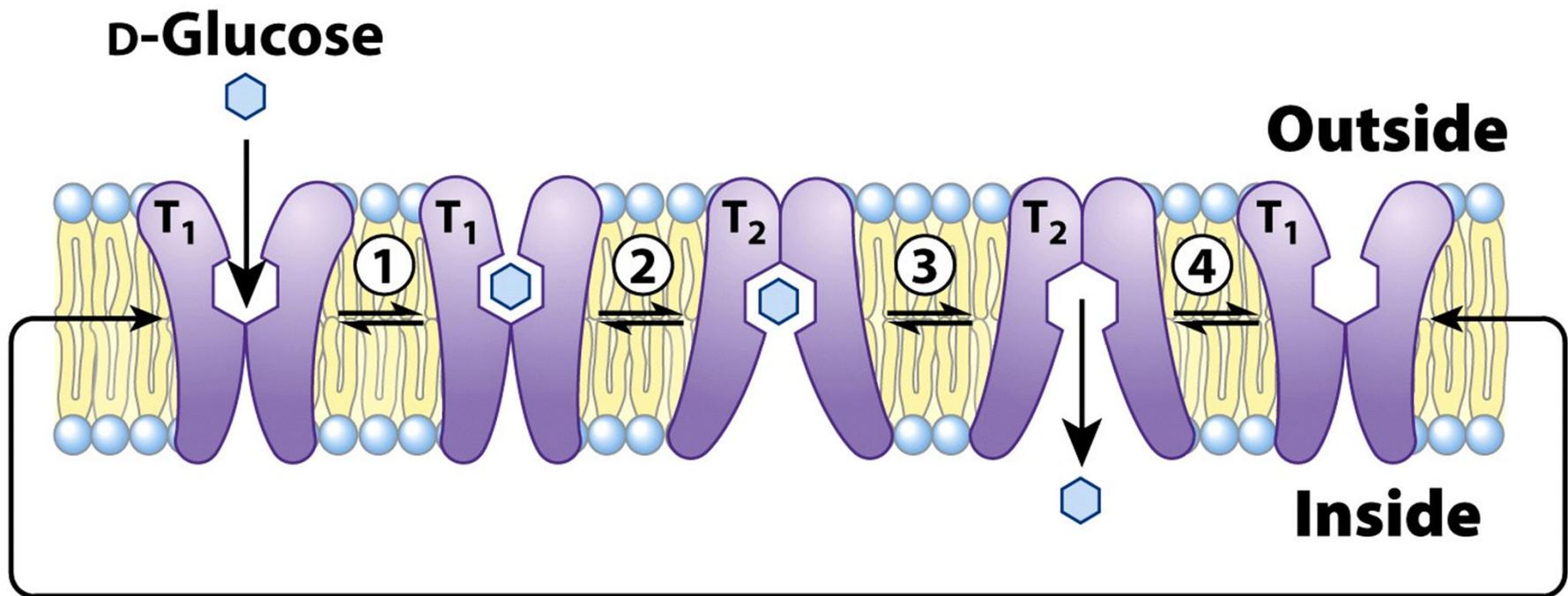


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Lactose enters *E. coli* cells via secondary active transport (through a symporter)

