



Design of a functional test of MexB, a pump from
Pseudomonas aeruginosa

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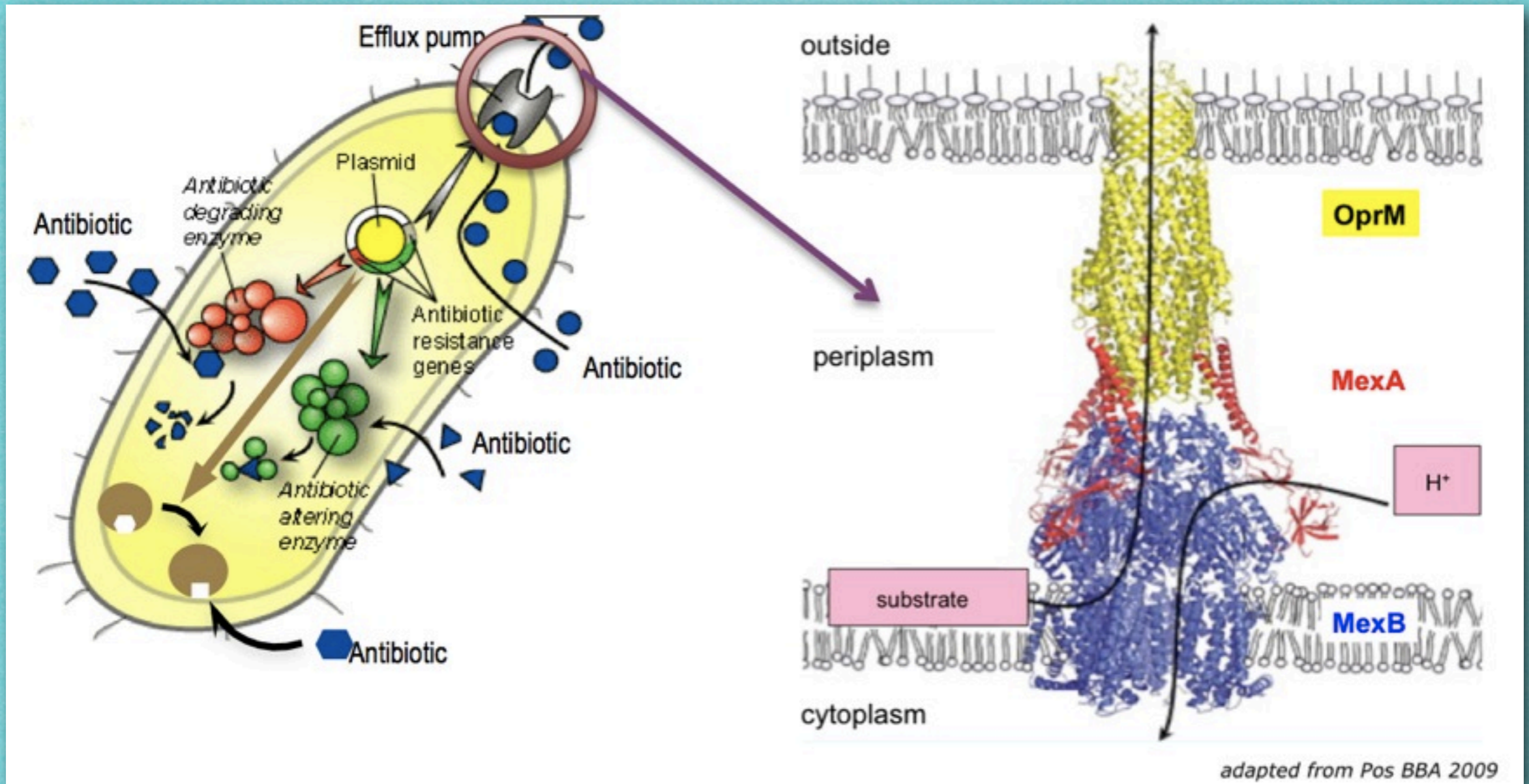
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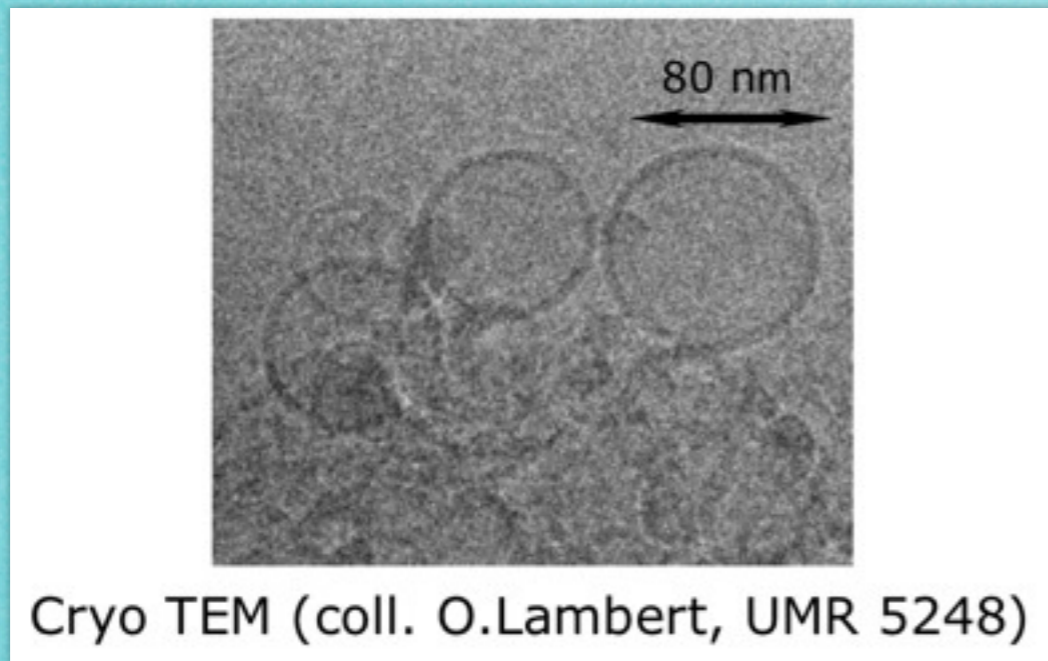


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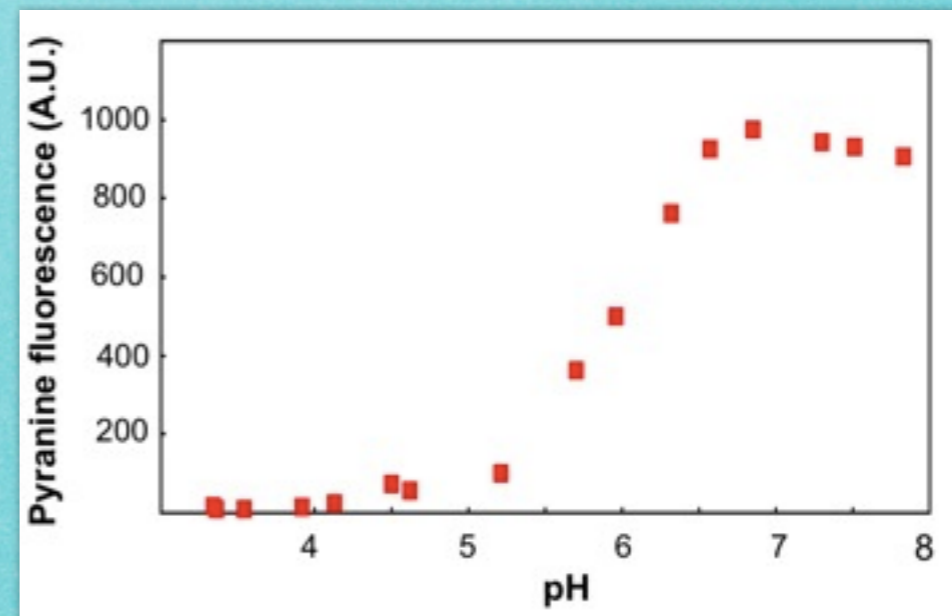


Prerequisites for a functional test of MexB

- ▶ Membrane and compartmentation -> Liposomes



- ▶ pH monitoring -> Pyranine



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► Proton gradient -> Bacteriorhodopsin

Communication

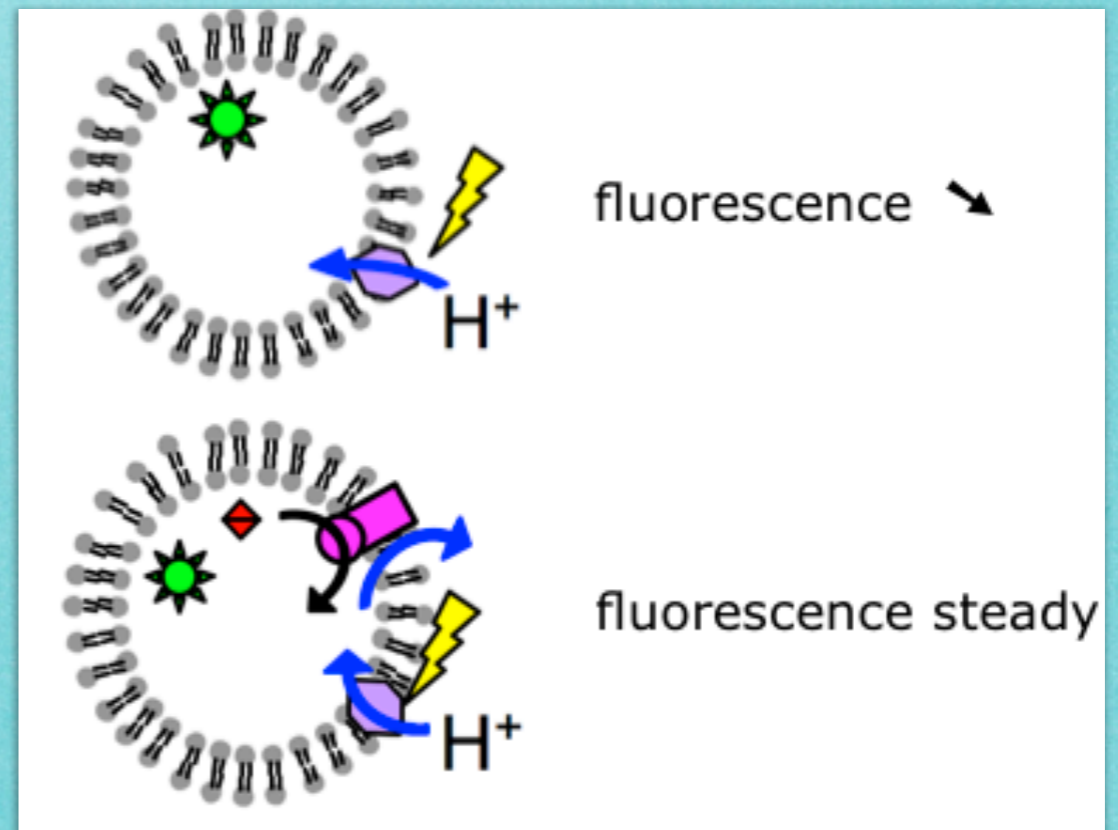
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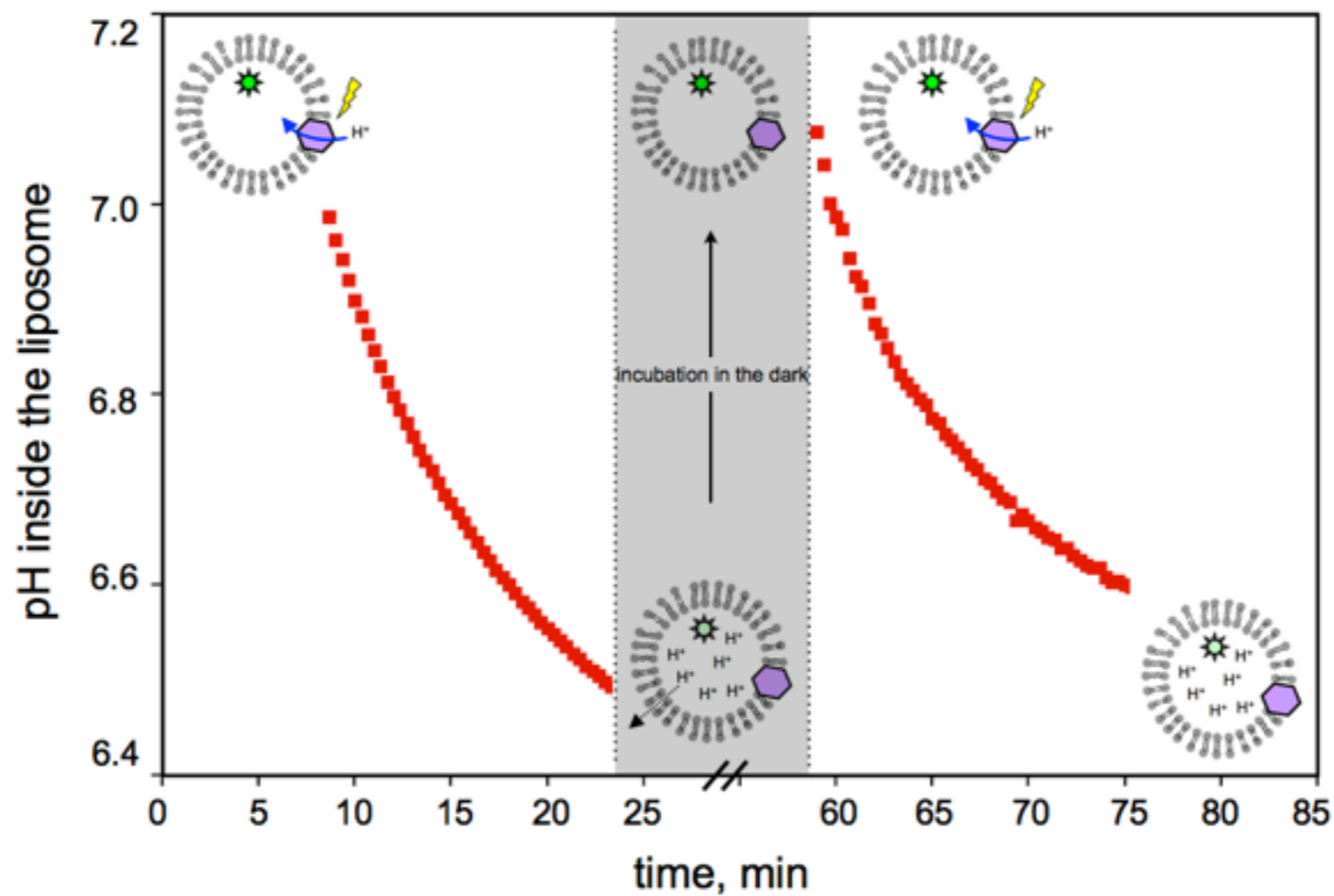
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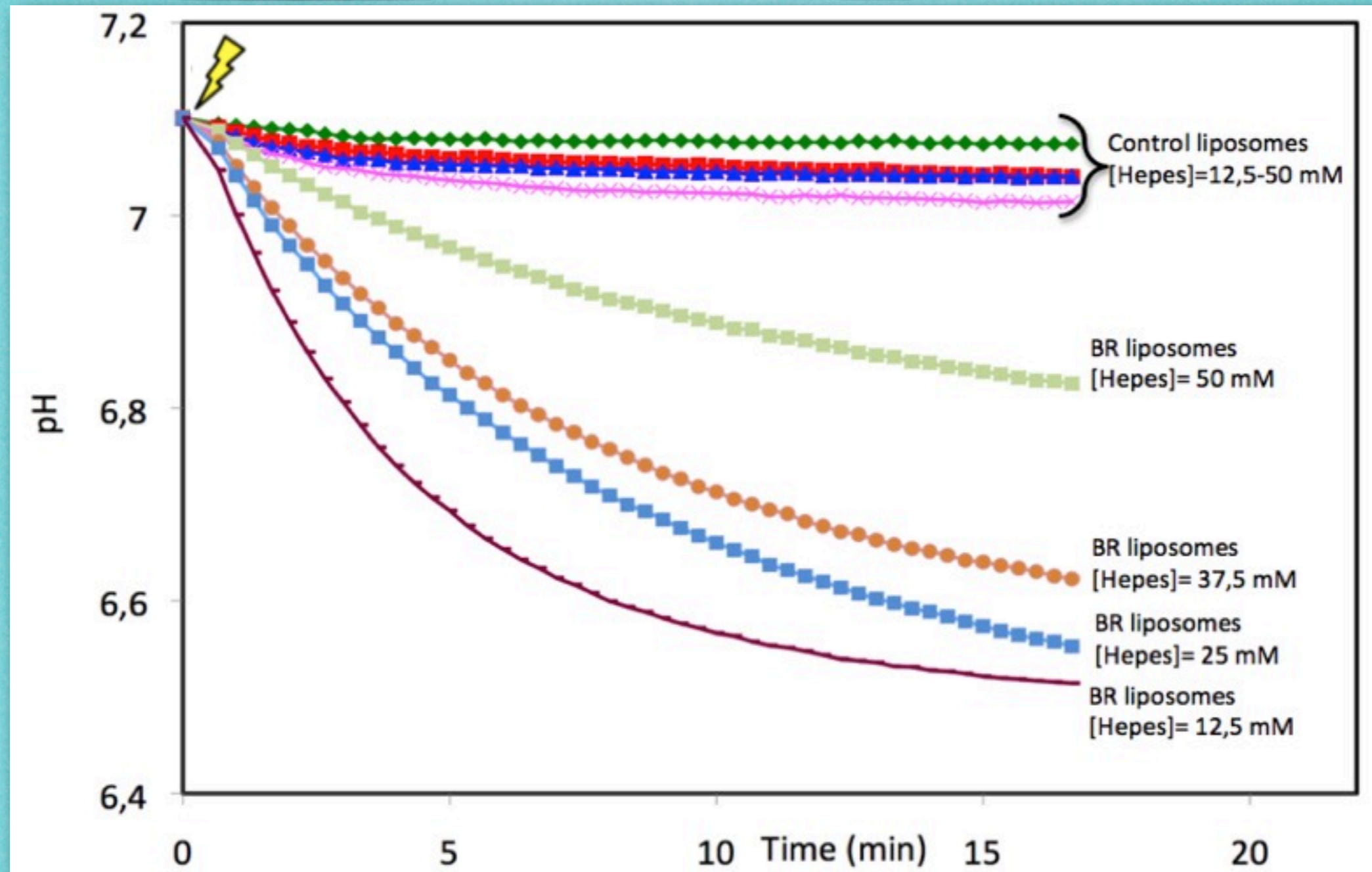
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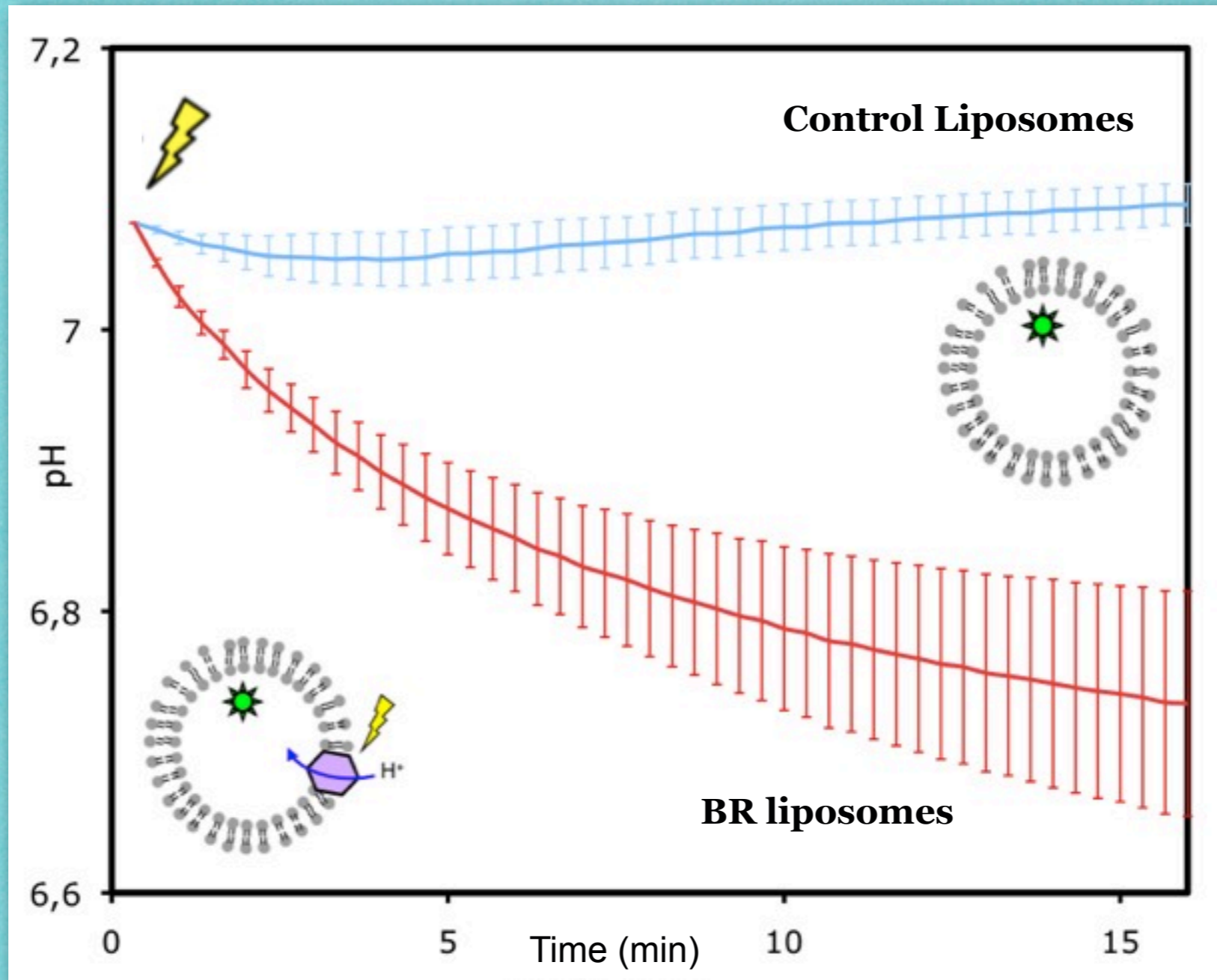
Reversible proton gradient



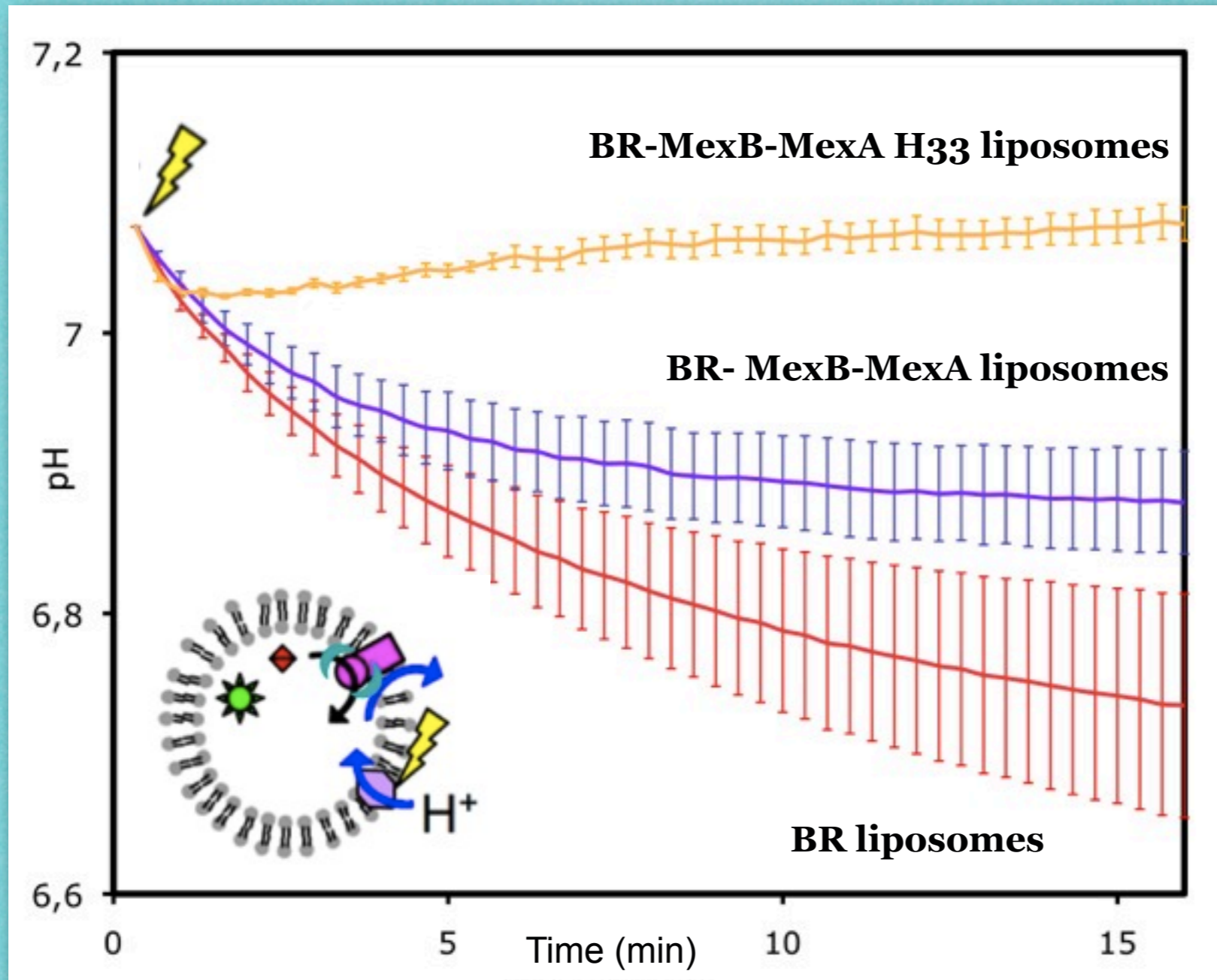
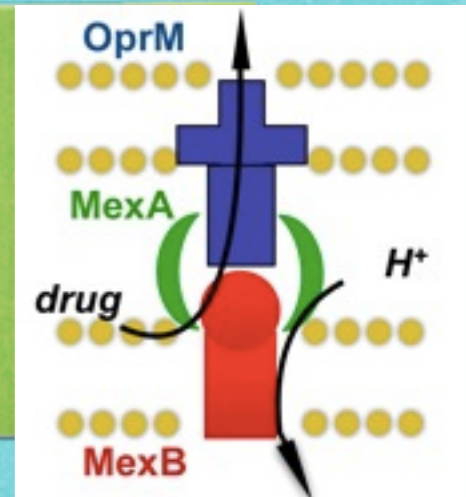
Tunable proton gradient



Results



Results



Functional test for MexB: conclusions and perspective

)-Conclusions:

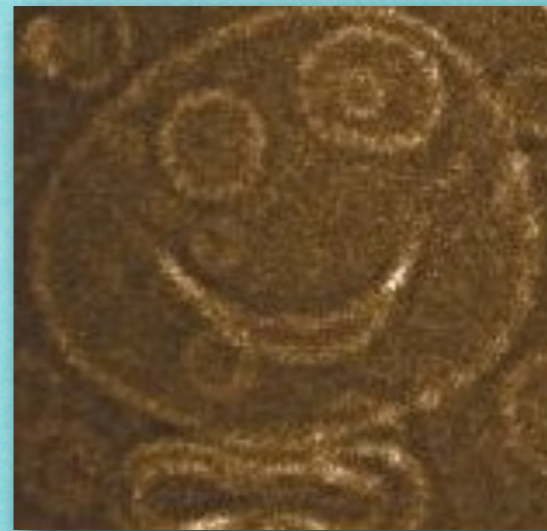
- ▶ Reproducible test, reversible and tunable proton gradient
- ▶ Possible adaptation to other pmf-driven membrane proteins.

)-Perspective:

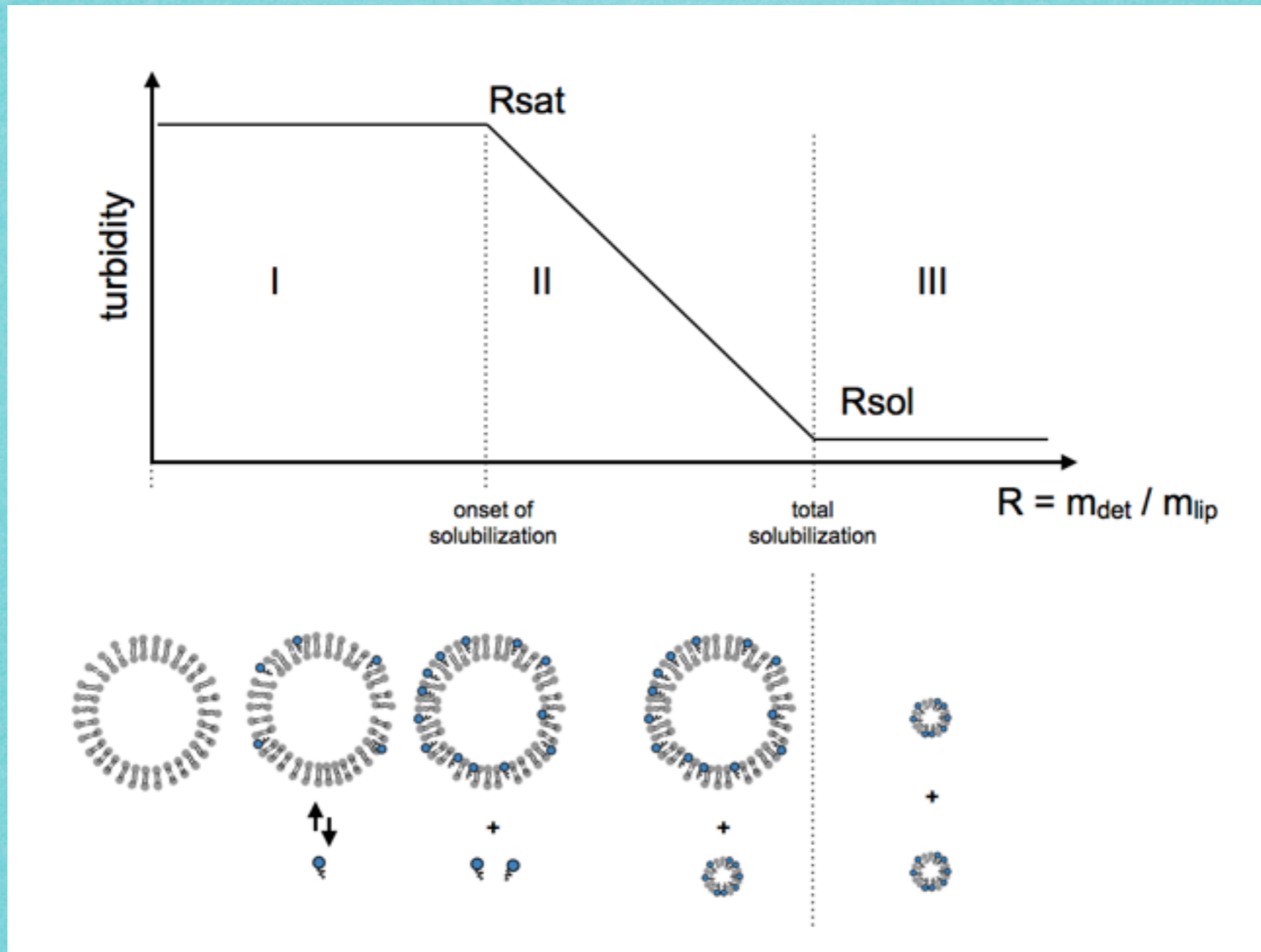
- ▶ Scale-up: screening of inhibitors

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Reconstitution



Passive diffusion of protons

