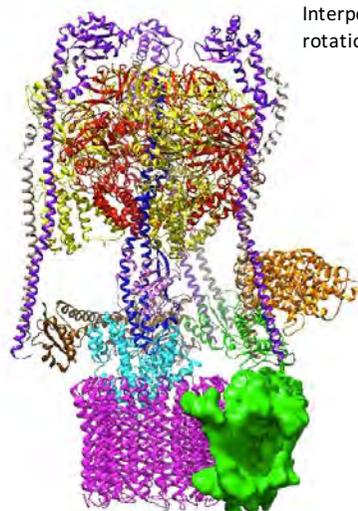
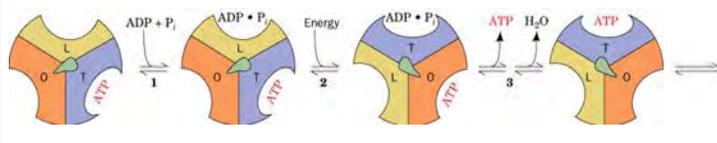


Interpolation between the three observed rotational states of the V-ATPase.

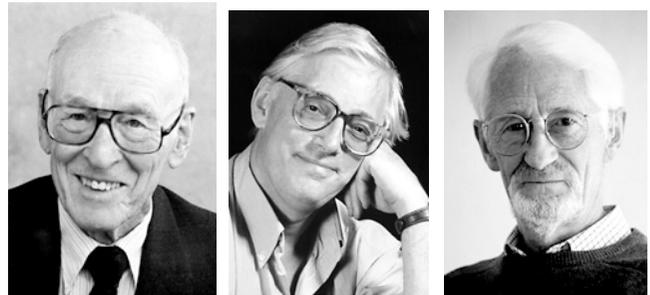


The resulting series of structures shows ten proteolipid subunits in the c-ring, setting the ATP:H⁺ ratio for proton pumping by the V-ATPase at 3:10, and reveals long and highly tilted transmembrane α-helices in the a-subunit that interact with the c-ring. The three different maps reveal the conformational changes that occur to couple rotation in the symmetry-mismatched soluble catalytic region to the membrane-bound proton-translocating region. Almost all of the subunits of the enzyme undergo conformational changes during the transitions between these three rotational states. The structures of these states provide direct evidence that deformation during rotation enables the smooth transmission of power through rotary ATPases.



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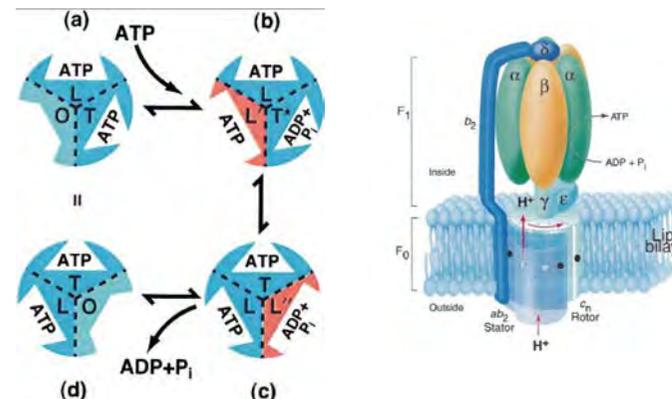
The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1997



Paul D. Boyer John E. Walker Jens C. Skou

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1997 was divided, one half jointly to Paul D. Boyer and John E. Walker "for their elucidation of the enzymatic mechanism underlying the synthesis of adenosine triphosphate (ATP)" and the other half to Jens C. Skou "for the first discovery of an ion-transporting enzyme, Na⁺, K⁺-ATPase".

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O(オープン)型: 触媒不活性で基質・生成物に親和性なし
 L(ルーズ)型: 弱い親和性をもつが、触媒活性なし
 T(タイト)型: 強い親和性をもち、触媒活性をもつ

