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The structural basis for activation of voltage sensor domains in an ion channel TPC1

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Structure Determination of AtTPC1_{DDE}

Despite the high homogeneity, successful crystallization, and stability of AtTPC1_{DDE} the resolution of crystal diffraction and cryo-EM reconstructions from detergent-purified samples were limited to 7-10Å. We pursued multiple approaches to reconstitute AtTPC1_{DDE} into detergent-free systems for cryo-EM analysis, including amphipols(1), MSP nanodiscs(2), and saposin A nanoparticles (3). Each of the systems produces well-behaved complexes, but only reconstitution into saposin A nanoparticles improved the overall resolution to below 7Å (Fig. S2, S3, See Methods). The relatively low molecular weight of AtTPC1_{DDE} along with the lack of large soluble domains limited the resolution of initial reconstructions. These challenges led us to experiment with various binding reagents as fiducial markers in cryo-EM to facilitate particle alignment at low resolution(4). Llama-derived nanobodies(5) yielded complexes with challenging biochemical properties. The hybridoma(6) approach yielded Fab 4B8 with ~150 nM binding affinity, but the highest resolution obtained did not surpass 7Å. Fab CAT06/H12, one of the 16 antibody fragments generated from synthetic phage display library sorting(7) that bind to AtTPC1 with nanomolar affinities, in conjunction with saposin A nanoparticle reconstitution yielded the best reconstruction ~ 3.3 Å.

AtTPC1_{DDE}-CAT06/H12 Interactions

The CDR loops H1-H3 of CAT06/H12 form hydrophobic, hydrogen bonding, and cation-pi interacts with the EF-hand domains and pore 1 of AtTPC1_{DDE} over total interface area of \sim 740 Å² (Fig. S6). CDR H1 (F30, Y33) makes hydrophobic and hydrogen bond contacts with the

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EF4 (N384, D386). H2 (Y57, Y58) contacts S12 (Q321) and EF1 (R324). H3 makes extensive van der Waals and hydrogen bond contacts (Y103, W104, W106, R107) with EF1 (R325, F331), the EF1-EF2 loop (K338), and NTD3 (S56). These extensive interactions likely stabilize the EF-hand domains, and the pore, enabling higher resolution reconstructions.

Ion Coordination in the Selectivity Filter

The selectivity filter in AtTPC1_{WT} and AtTPC1_{DDE} are equivalent, with a few exceptions described in the main text (Fig. 4). Ion sites 2 and 3 are held in position by backbone (CO) and sidechain (SC) interactions with the S5-S6 and S11-S12 pore loops. Residues S265 (CO 4.1Å, NH 5.8Å), N631 (CO 4.3Å, SC 4.1Å), M629 (CO 5.2Å) coordinate site 2. Residues T263 (CO 5.0Å), T264 (CO 5.8Å, SC 4.2Å), M629 (CO 4.8Å), and V628 (CO 5.8Å) coordinate site 3.

B-factor Analysis of AtTPC1DA

The EF3 and the CTD become disordered in AtTPC1_{DA} (Fig. 5a). B-factor analysis, a measure of atomic displacement or movement within the crystal, shows that AtTPC1_{WT} and AtTPC1_{DA} crystal structures have similar average B-factors (AtTPC1_{WT} 110 Å²; AtTPC1_{DA} 114 Å²). However, the average B-factors of EF3 in AtTPC1_{DA} increase from 192 Å² to 311 Å², precluding accurate placement of most of EF3 including Ca_a^{2+} . Figure 5a was created from refinements of full-length AtTPC1_{DA} before deleting parts of the CTD and EF-hand domain with high B-factors. Final average B-factors were equivalent between AtTPC1_{WT} and AtTPC1_{DA}. The CTD, lumenal faces of the VSD1 and 2 containing Ca_i^{2+} , the upper vestibule of the pore, the cytoplasmic face of S9, and the domain 1-2 linker also have markedly increased average B-factors in AtTPC1_{DA}, suggesting that Ca²⁺-dependent conformational changes in EF3 can influence the conformation

of the VSDs, CTD, and the pore domains. Importantly, the observed high B-factor regions in AtTPC1_{DA} correspond to the regions that undergo conformational change in AtTPC1_{DDE}.

Phosphorylation Sites in the NTD

Phosphorylation can both activate and prevent activation of plant TPC1s (8) and inhibits activation of human TPC1 and 2 (9). Phosphorylation of plant TPC1 by at least two independent kinases can activate or inhibit channel activation. Previously we determined the location of phosphorylation sites in the NTD and CTD of AtTPC1(10, 11). The NTD is clearly resolved in the structure of AtTPC1_{DDE}, enabling complete *de novo* building of residues 20 to 63 (Fig. S4). The NTD contains three helices NTD1 (residues 26-30), NTD2 (residues 33-46), and NTD3 (residues 51-57). We observe density consistent with the three previously identified phosphorylation sites S22, T26, and T29. Phospho-T26 and -T29 both face solvent and could potentially contact the charged phosphatidylcholine headgroups to stabilize the domain. In state 1 and 2 phospho-S22 contacts H410 of the domain 1-2 linker/pre-S7. This contact could influence the conformation of VSD2 depending on the phosphorylation state of S22.



Fig. S1. Mechanisms of VSD activation. Summary of the alternate access mechanism (based on this work), which suggests that S4 does not translate vertically during activation. Rather the VSD helices twist about one another to expose the activated gating charges to solvent on the opposite side of the membrane. Other mechanisms proposed for voltage-dependent activation of VSDs are shown. In the 'Sliding Helix', S4 is proposed to move vertically like a piston. The 'Rotating Helix' or 'Helical Screw' suggests that S4 rotates 180° to translate the gating charges (+). The 'Paddle' involves a large rigid-body movement of S4.



Fig. S2. High-resolution Cryo-EM Structure of AtTPC1_{DDE}. **a**, Representative motion corrected cryo-EM micrograph of AtTPC1_{DDE}. **b**, Power spectrum of micrograph shown in (**a**) with a 2.8Å estimated CTF resolution as determined by GCTF. **c**, 2D class averages with a particle box size of 128 pixels (311 Å). **d**, Slices through the unsharpened density map at different positions along the channel symmetry axis. Slice numbers starting from the lumenal side are marked. **e**, Euler angle distribution of all particles used for the final 3D reconstruction. The size of each cylinder is proportional to the number of particles with that orientation. **f**, Final unsharpened 3D density map of AtTPC1_{DDE}-Fab-saposin colored with local resolution as estimated by RELION-2. **g**, FSC curves between two independently refined half maps with (blue) and without (red) a mask during post-processing in RELION. **h**, Map-model FSC curve.



Fig. S3. Cryo-EM Structure Determination of AtTPC1_{DDE} in VSD2 states 1 and 2. a, Image processing pipeline described in Methods. The mask used during focused classification is shown in transparent yellow. Data collection and refinement statistics in Table S1. b, c, Final unsharpened 3D density map of AtTPC1_{DDE} colored by local resolution as estimated by RELION-2 for (b) state 1 and (c) state 2. d, e, FSC curves between two independently refined half maps with and without masking and between the map and models for (d) state 1 and (e) state 2.



Fig. S4. AtTPC1_{DDE} cryo-EM density. a, Cryo-EM densities of indicated regions overlaid with atomic model. Density map was sharpened with a B-factor of -117 Å². b, c, Cryo-EM densities from VSD2 in (b) state 1 and (c) state 2 overlaid with the atomic model sharpened with B-factors of -95 and -86 Å², respectively. Atomic models are colored by atom. Density maps are shown as colored mesh. Ca²⁺-ions are shown as green spheres.



Fig. S5. Characterization of synthetic Fab fragments generated by phage display.

(a) Sequences of unique Fabs generated against AtTPC1_{WT} in MSP E3D1 nanodiscs (See Methods). Composition of CDRs (L3, H1, H2, H3) are shown. Enriched YSGW residues are highlighted and numbered according to Kabat. (b) Fab-displaying Phage ELISA of AtTPC1_{WT} E3D1 or empty nanodiscs in the presence of 1 mM CaCl₂, 1 mM EGTA, 1 μ M NAADP, and 1 μ M NED19. (c) AtTPC1_{WT} ELISA binding of CAT06 in 1 mM CaCl₂ or 1 mM EGTA in DDM detergent. (d) ELISA Binding of CAT06 to AtTPC1_{WT}, AtTPC1_{DA}, and AtTPC1_{DDE}. (e) (top) Size exclusion chromatograph and (bottom) SDS-PAGE gel of AtTPC1_{DDE}-CAT06 complex. (f) Negative-stain EM analysis of AtTPC1_{WT}-CAT06 complex in DDM.



Fig. S6. Reconstitution of AtTPC1_{DDE}-CAT06/H12 into saposin A. a, Schematic of the saposin A reconstitution method (See Methods). b, Size exclusion chromatograph and SDS-PAGE gel of reconstituted AtTPC1_{DDE}-CAT06/H12-saposin A. Labels for oxidized (Fab_{ox}) and reduced (Fab_{red}) Fab, and saposin A (SapA) are shown. Peak fractions for AtTPC1_{DDE}-CAT06/H12-saposin A (black) and saposin A (red) alone are marked. c, d, Negative-stain (c) micrograph and (d) 2D class-averages of AtTPC1_{DDE}-CAT06/H12-saposin A. e, Overall view of the Fab-bound complex AtTPC1_{DDE}-CAT06/H12. VSD2 included in model for clarity. Inset shows interactions between heavy chain (HC) and the EF-hand of AtTPC1_{DDE}. f, Major residues at the interaction interface between AtTPC1_{DDE} and CAT06/H12: (left) CDR-H1/2, (right) CDR-H3.



Fig. S7. NED19 and lipid binding sites. a, Overlay of AtTPC1_{WT} crystal structure (red, PDBID 5DQQ) and AtTPC_{DDE} state 1 (blue), highlighting the binding sites for Ned19 and lipid molecules. **b,** Density shown for lipids on the lumenal membrane leaflet. **c,** View of phosphatidic acid binding site on the cytoplasmic membrane leaflet. Inset shows a close up of the molecular interactions. Ca^{2+} -ions shown as spheres.



Fig. S8. Comparison on AtTPC1 structures in detergent and saposin. a, Cryo-EM reconstructions of AtTPC1_{WT}-4B8 complexes in (left) DDM detergent or (right) reconstituted into saposin A nanoparticles shown at low contour. The gold-standard FSC resolution for the reconstructions are 8Å and 7Å for the detergent and saposin A samples, respectively. **b**, Sections through cryo-EM reconstructions shown in (**a**) at higher contour to emphasize the visibility of transmembrane helices. **c**, Overlay of refined AtTPC1_{DDE}-CAT06/H12-saposin A cryo-EM structure (blue), and rosetta-fit models of AtTPC1_{WT}-CAT06/H12-saposin A (pink), AtTPC1_{WT}-4B8saposin A (gold), and (orange) AtTPC1_{WT}-4B8 in DDM detergent in the presence of 1mM tetrandine and 1mM Ned19 (gold), and the AtTPC1_{WT} crystal structure (red, PDBID 5DQQ).



Fig. S9. EPR Spectroscopy of EF-hand. a, Locations of spin probe labeling in the EFdomain, CTD, and Gate analyzed by CW-EPR spectroscopy are shown in red overlaid onto the structure of AtTPC1 (PDBID 5DQQ). **b,** CW-EPR spectra of MTSL-labeled AtTPC1_{cysless} R379C in (left) wild-type, (middle) D335A, and (right) D376A background, collected in the presence of Ca²⁺ (blue) or EGTA (red). Y-axis is in arbitrary units.

Data collection ^a					
Voltage (kV)	300				
Pixel size (Å)	1.2156				
Defocus range (µm)	-0.82.0				
Total electron dose (e ⁻ /A ²)	60				
Exposure time (s)	12				
Number of frames/image	60				
Number of images	3,408				
Image processing ^{a,b}					
Мар	High-res	State 1	State 2	Fab-bound	
Autopicked particles	996,035				
Particles post 2D	409,531				
Final particle number	224,577	44,353	67,308	224,577	
Resolution (unmasked, Å)	3.7	4.2	4.3	4.0	
Resolution (masked, Å)	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.7	
Sharpening B-factor (Å ²)	-117	-95	-86	-104	
Refinement ^{a,c}					
Number of atoms	8913	10682	10697	11641	
R.m.s. deviations					
Bond lengths (Å)	0.017	0.014	0.009	0.018	
Bond angles (°)	1.481	1.305	1.090	1.679	
Ramachandran					
Favored (%)	91.49	91.59	92.95	88.32	
Allowed (%)	8.41	8.25	6.89	11.39	
Outlier (%)	0.10	0.16	0.16	0.29	
Mean B-factor (Å ²) ^d	101.80	142.71	201.66	100.50	
Molprobity Clashscore ^e	5.51	7.96	7.47	8.36	
EMRinger score ^f	3.94	1.63	1.42	2.92	
PDB ID ^g	6E1M	6E1N	6E1P	6E1K	
EMDB ID ^g	8957	8958	8960	8956	

^a Data collection and processing detailed in Methods.

^bImage processing schematic in Extended Data Fig. 4.

^cReal-space refinement in PHENIX as outlined in Methods. ^dAs implemented in PHENIX, number of clashes per 1000 atoms.

^eCalculated from real-space refinement in PHENIX.

^fCalculated using EMRinger in PHENIX.

^gDeposition codes for coordinates and maps deposited to the Protein Data Bank and Electron Microscopy Data Bank.

Table S1. Cryo-EM data collection and refinement statistics.

Data Collection	AtTPC1 _{DA} ^a		
Beamline	ALS 8.3.1		
	ALS 5.0.2		
	SSRL 12-2		
Space Group	C222 ₁		
Cell Dimensions	a=88.47, b=154.42,		
	c=218.45, α=β=γ=90		
Wavelength (Å)	1.000		
Resolution ^b	30-3.5(4-3.5)		
Number of reflections	19231		
Completeness (%)	99.7(99.8)		
Multiplicity	13.3(13.6)		
Ι/σΙ	8(0.93)		
$CC_{1/2}^{c}$	100(57.7)		
Rmeas (%)	23.6(362.2)		
Anisotropy	3.5 x 6.0 x 4.5Å		
$(a, b, c)^{d}$			
Refinement			
Resolution (Å)	3.5 x 6.0 x 4.5Å ^e		
No. reflections	8954		
$R_{ m work/} R_{ m free}$	0.3184/0.3519 ^f		
No. atoms	5092		
Protein	5054		
Ligand/ion	38		
B-factor	114.26		
R.M.S. deviations			
Bond lengths (Å)	0.003		
Bond angles (°)	0.687		
Ramachandran (%)			
Favored	93.09		
Allowed	6.25		
Outliers	0.66		
PDB ID ^g	6CX0		

^aUncorrected native data

^bValues in parenthesis are for highest resolution shell. ^cPercentage of correlation between intensities from random half-datasets, as calculated in XDS. ^dAnisotropy as determined by Diffraction Anisotropy Server.

^eAnisotropy-corrected data used for refinement with sharpening B-factor of -142.05 Å². ^f5% of reflections were omitted from refinement for the calculation of R_{free} .

^gDeposition codes for coordinates and maps deposited to the Protein Data Bank and Electron Microscopy Data Bank.

Table S2. X-ray Data Collection and Refinement Statistics for AtTPC1_{DA}

Movie S1. Morph between resting-state $AtTPC1_{WT}$ and intermediate activated states of $AtTPC1_{DDE}$ in state 1 and 2. $AtTPC1_{WT}$ (red) and intermediate activated states of $AtTPC1_{DDE}$ in state 1 (blue) and 2 (pink) are shown overlaid sequentially, then colored by individual domain for the morph trajectory.

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