

PHYSIOLOGY Team 433

Lecture 2: Cell membrane structure and transport across cell membrane.

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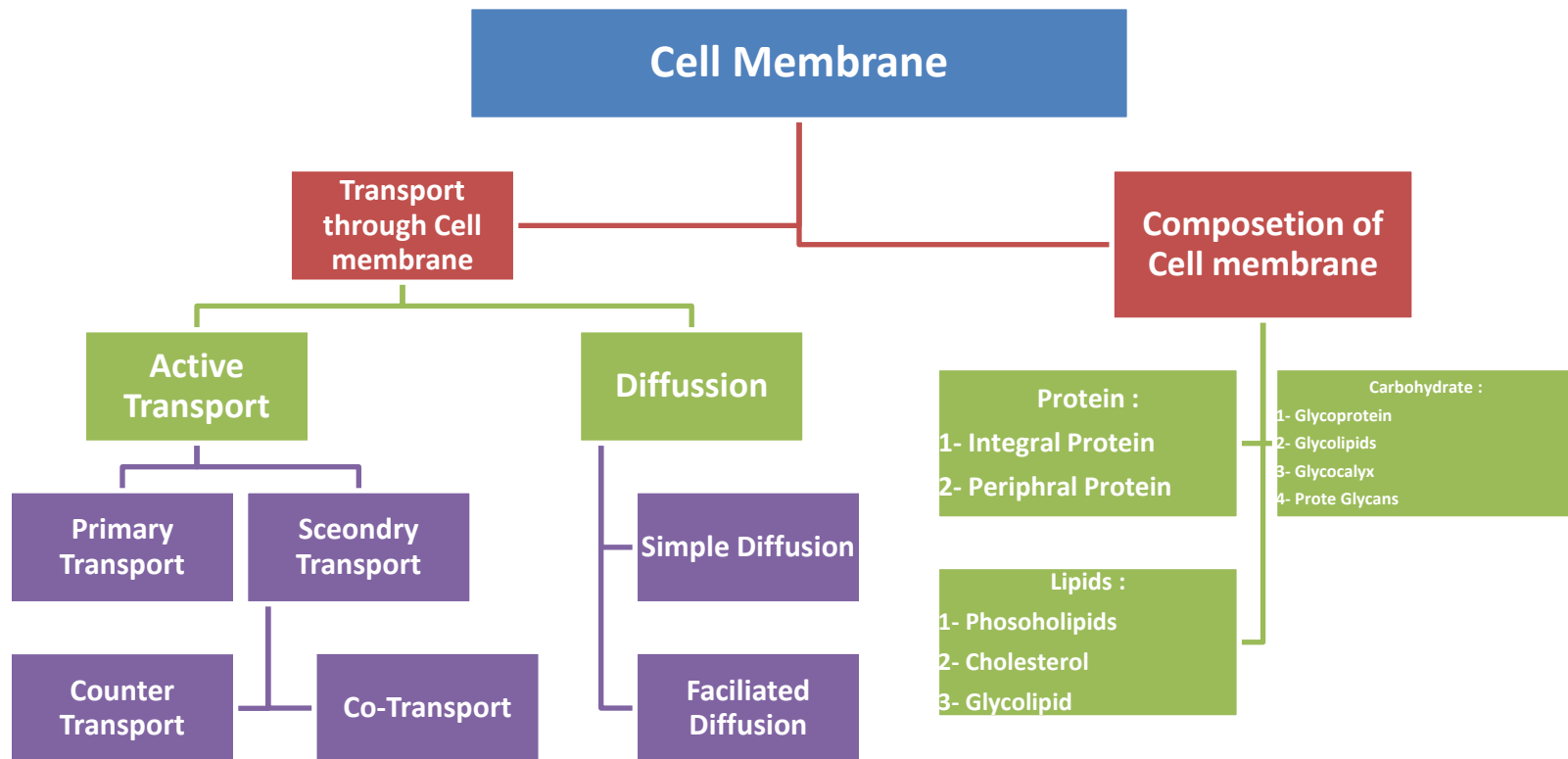


Objectives:

At the end of this session, the students should be able to:

- Describe the fluid mosaic model of membrane structure and function.
- Define permeability and list factors influencing permeability.
- Identify and describe carried-mediated transport processes: Primary active, secondary active transport, facilitated diffusion.

Mind map

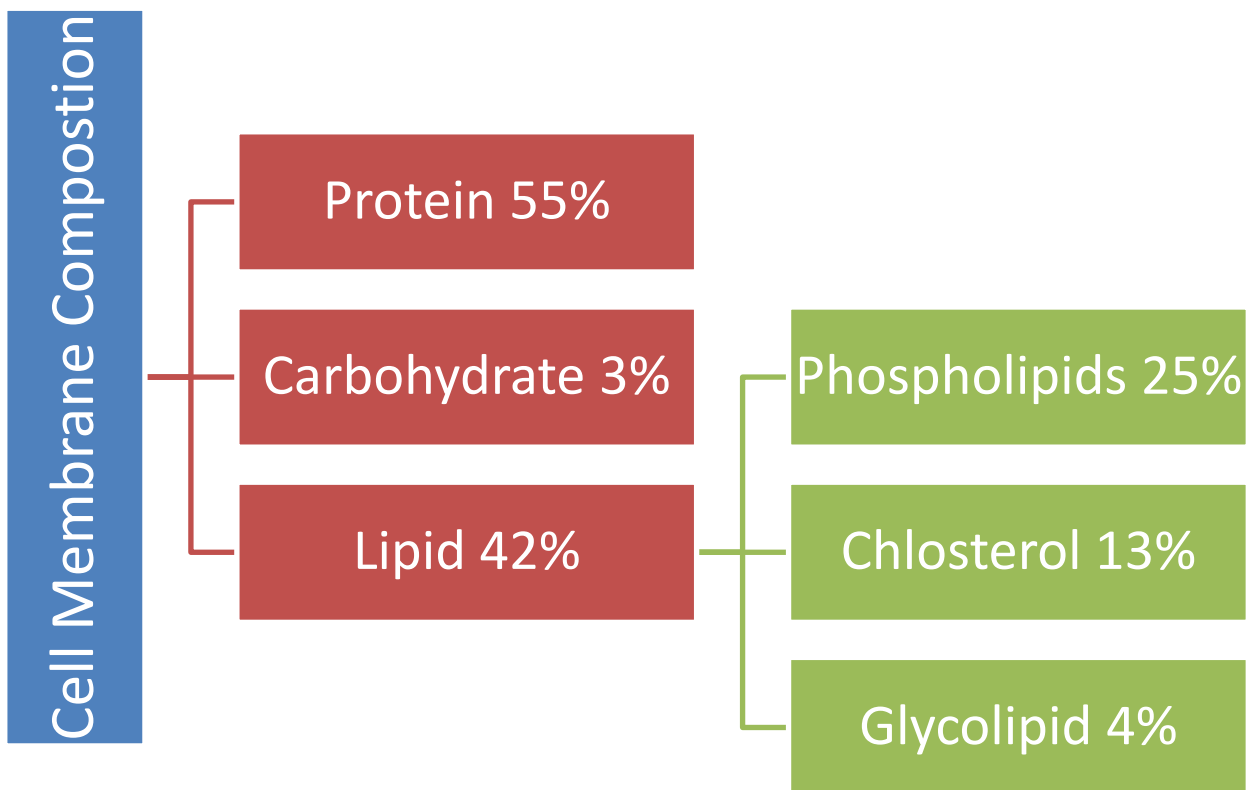


Cell Membrane

(The Plasma Membrane)

General characteristics of Cell membrane:

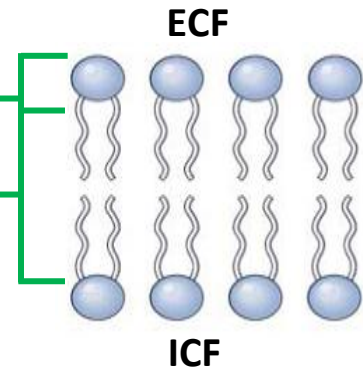
- Lipid bilayer (**phospholipids**)
- Envelops the cell (**covers the cell**).
- Thin, pliable and elastic (**fluid not solid**).
- 7 - 10 nanometer thick.



❖ Phospholipids (Amphipathic) :

1. **Glycerol head** (hydrophilic).
2. **Two fatty acid "tails"** (hydrophobic).

- Heads (hydrophilic) facing ICF and ECF and tails (hydrophobic) face each other in the interior of the bilayer



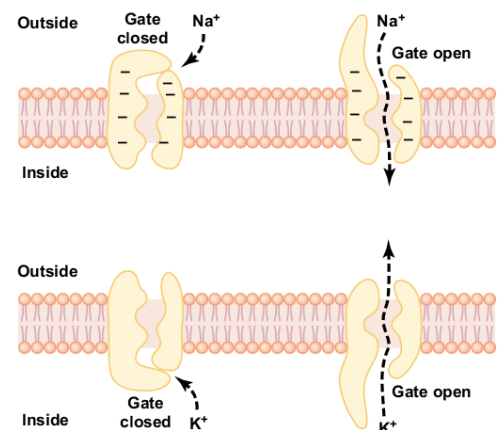
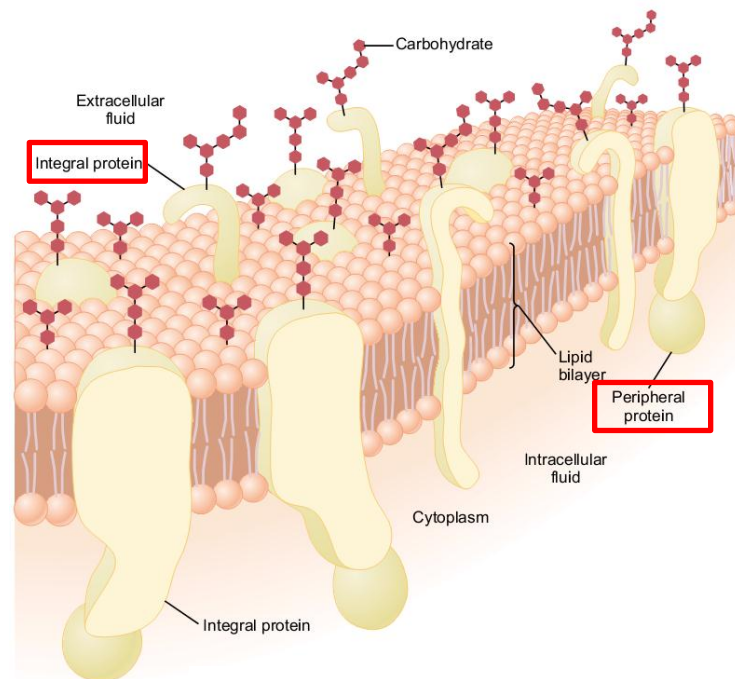
❖ Proteins :

1- Integral proteins:

- Span the membrane.
- Proteins provide structural channels or pores.
- Carrier proteins.

2- Peripheral protein:

- Present in one side.
- Hormone receptors.
- Cell membrane antigens



This an example of how protein works as a channel for ions

❖ Carbohydrate :

1- Glycoproteins

(Most of integral proteins are glycoproteins).

2- Glycolipids

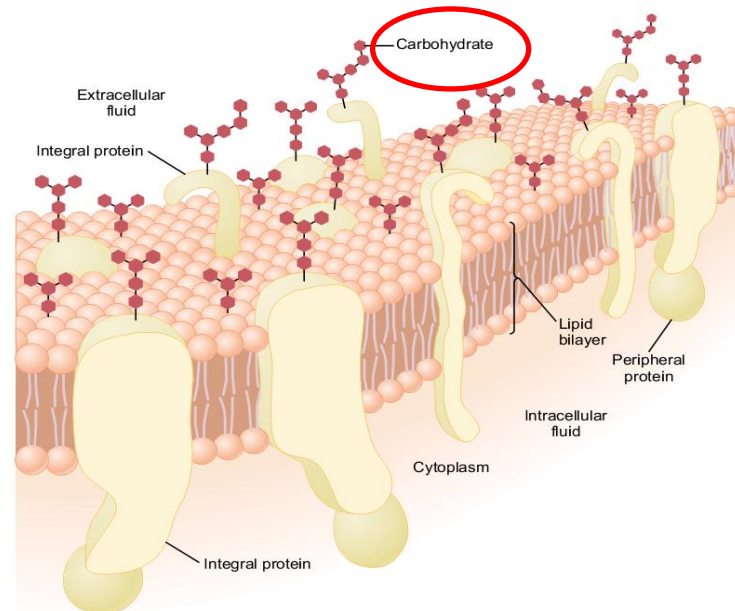
(Represent 1/10 of the membrane lipids)

3- Proteoglycans

(mainly carbohydrate substance bound together by protein)

4- Glycocalyx

(the entire outside surface of the cell often has a loose carbohydrate coat called the glycocalyx)



“glyco” part is in the surface forming.

The “glyco” portions of these molecules (glycoproteins & glycolipids) almost invariably protrude to the outside of the cell, dangling outward from the cell surface

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Functions of Carbohydrates

Attaches cell to each other's.
(by glycocalyx)

Act as receptors substances (help ligand to recognize its receptor).

Some enter in to immune reactions.

Give most of cells overall –ve surface.
(to repulse other negative object)



Transport Through The Cell

Cell membrane is **Selectively Permeable**

Through the **proteins**
(Water -soluble substances e.g. ions, glucose)

Through the **lipid bilayer**
Fat -soluble substance (O2, CO2, N2, alcohol)

Types of membrane movement

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Passive Transport
(No energy require)

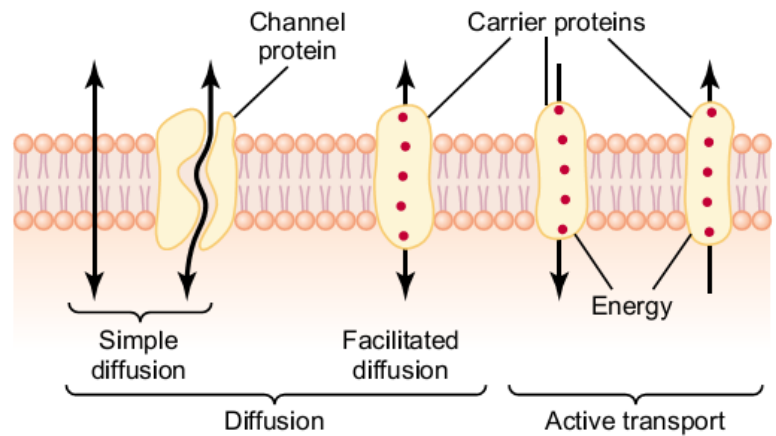
Active Transport
(Require energy)

- 1. Simple Diffusion
- 2. Facilitated Diffusion
- 3. Osmosis

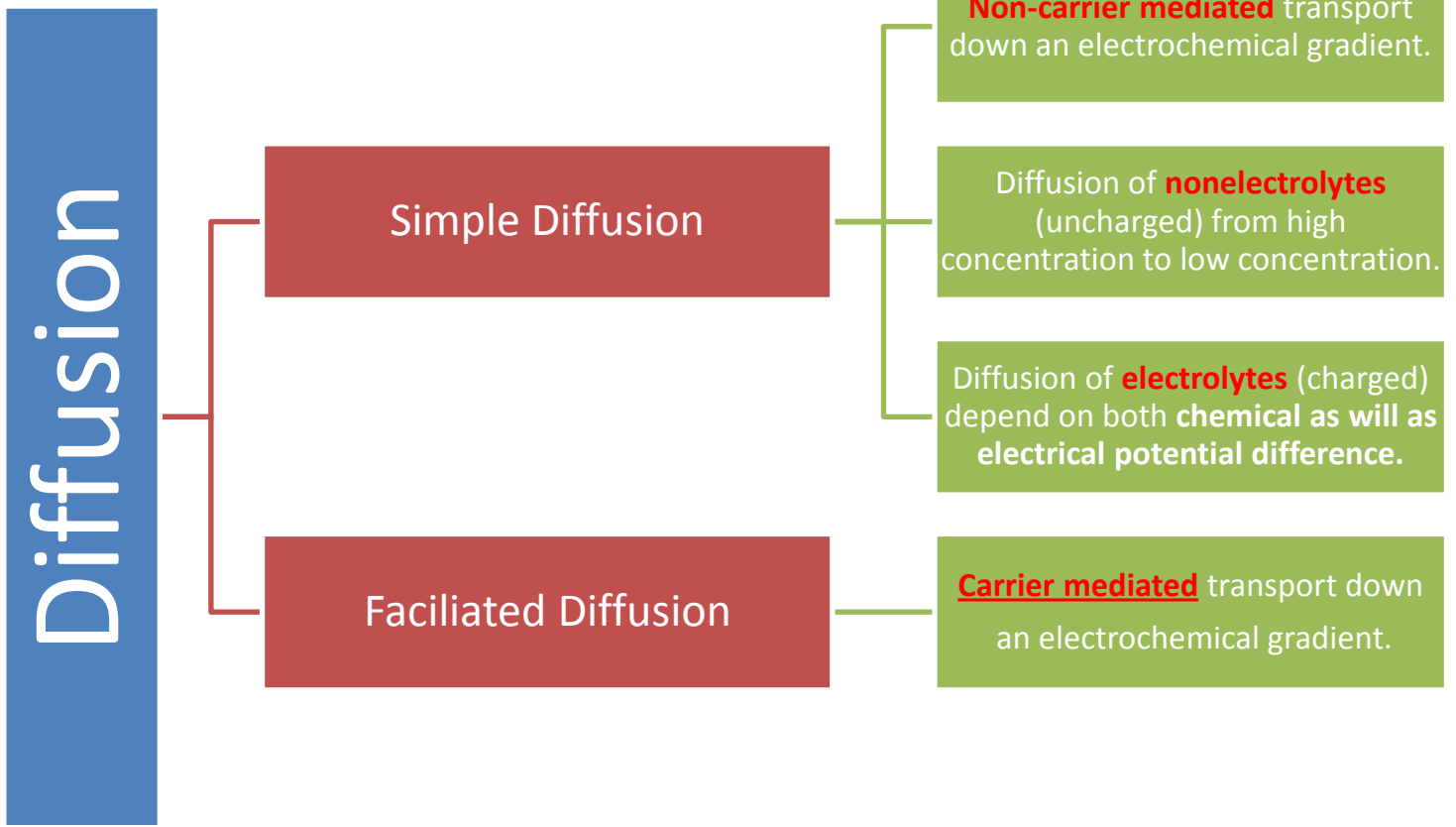
- 1. Primary Active Transport
- 2. Secondary Active Transport

❖ **Diffusion :**

Random movement of substance either through the membrane directly or in combination with carrier protein **down an electrochemical gradient.**

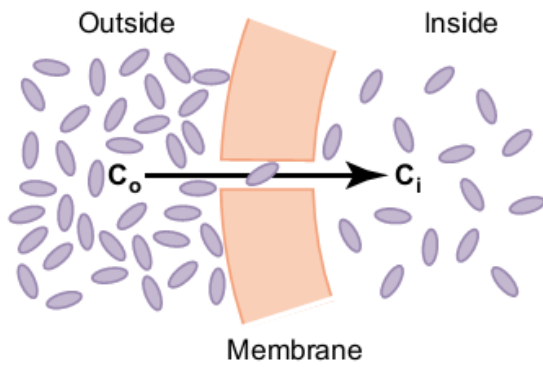
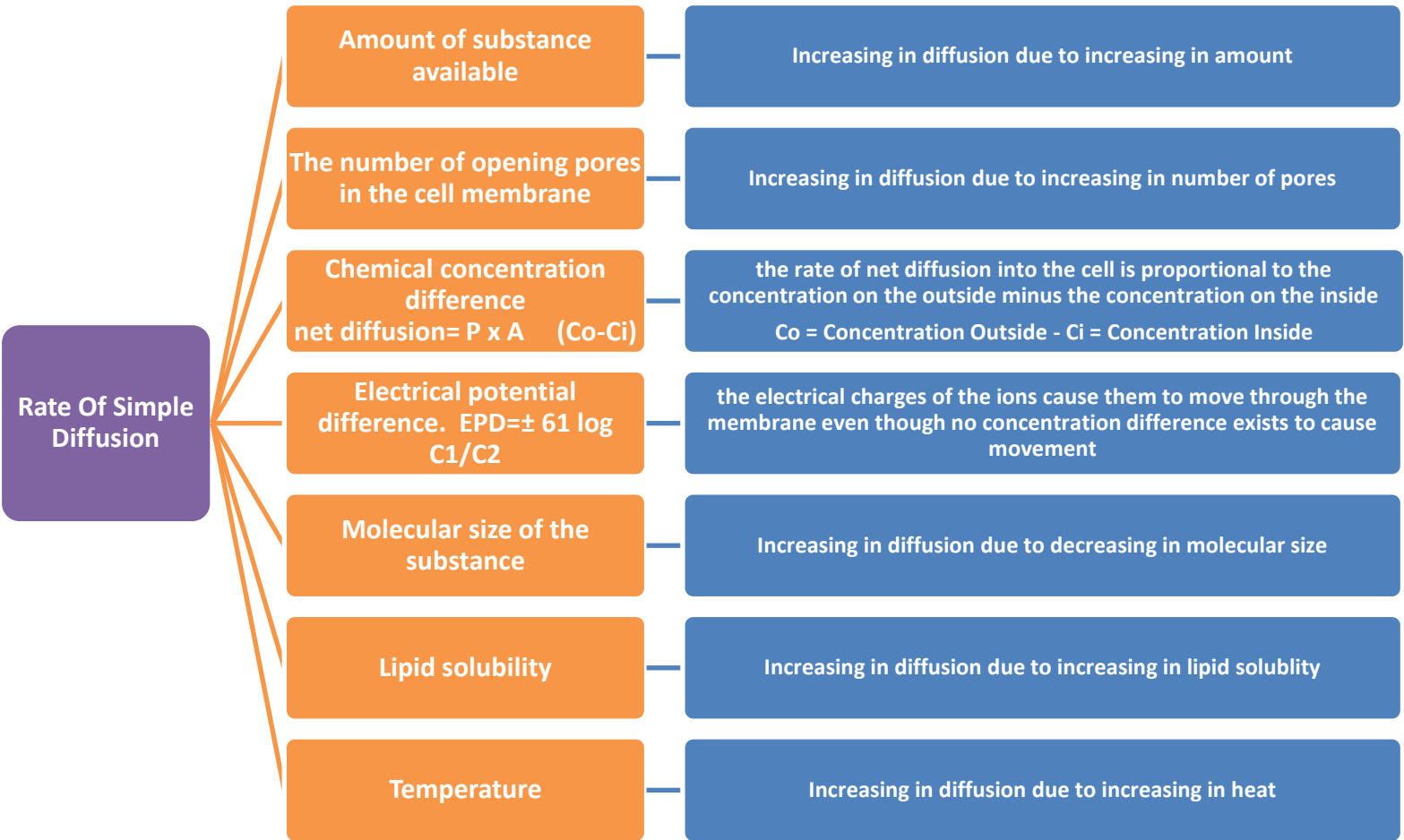


Simple diffusion & facilitated transport don't require input of energy = powered by Concentration gradient or electrical gradient [Active transport = directly uses ATP]

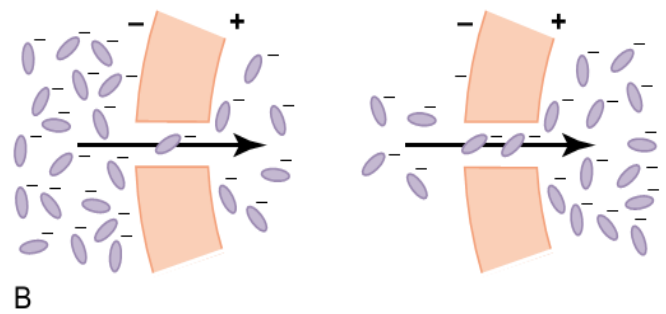




CELL MEMBRANE STRUCTUE AND TRANSPORT



Chemical concentration difference
 $\text{net diffusion} = P \times A (C_o - C_i)$



Electrical potential difference.
 $\text{EPD} = \pm 61 \log C_1/C_2$



Features Of Carrier Mediated Transport (Facilitated diffusion)

Saturation

If all protein is occupied we achieve full saturation

Stereopecificity

The binding site recognize a specific substance
e.g. D-glucose but not L-glucose.

Competition

Chemically similar substance can compete for the same binding site.

Substance → binding site → substance protein complex → conformational changes → release of substance.

T_m = Saturation

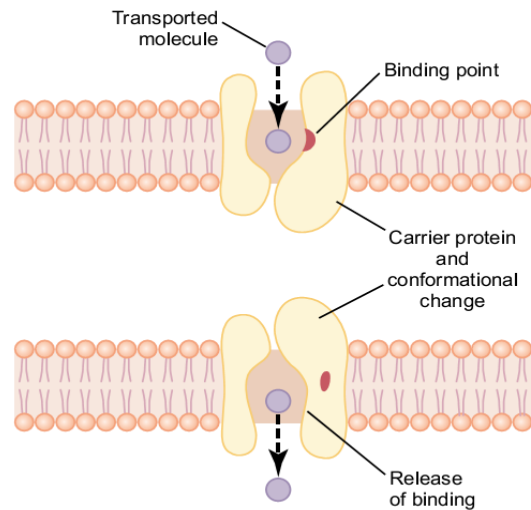
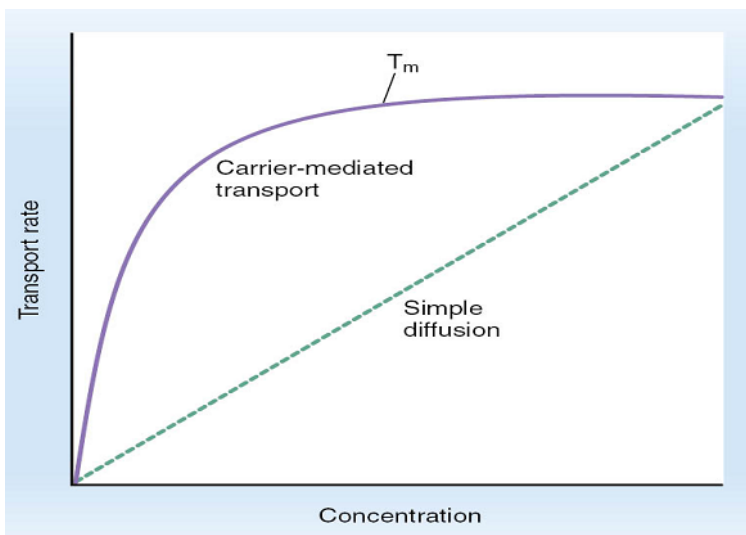


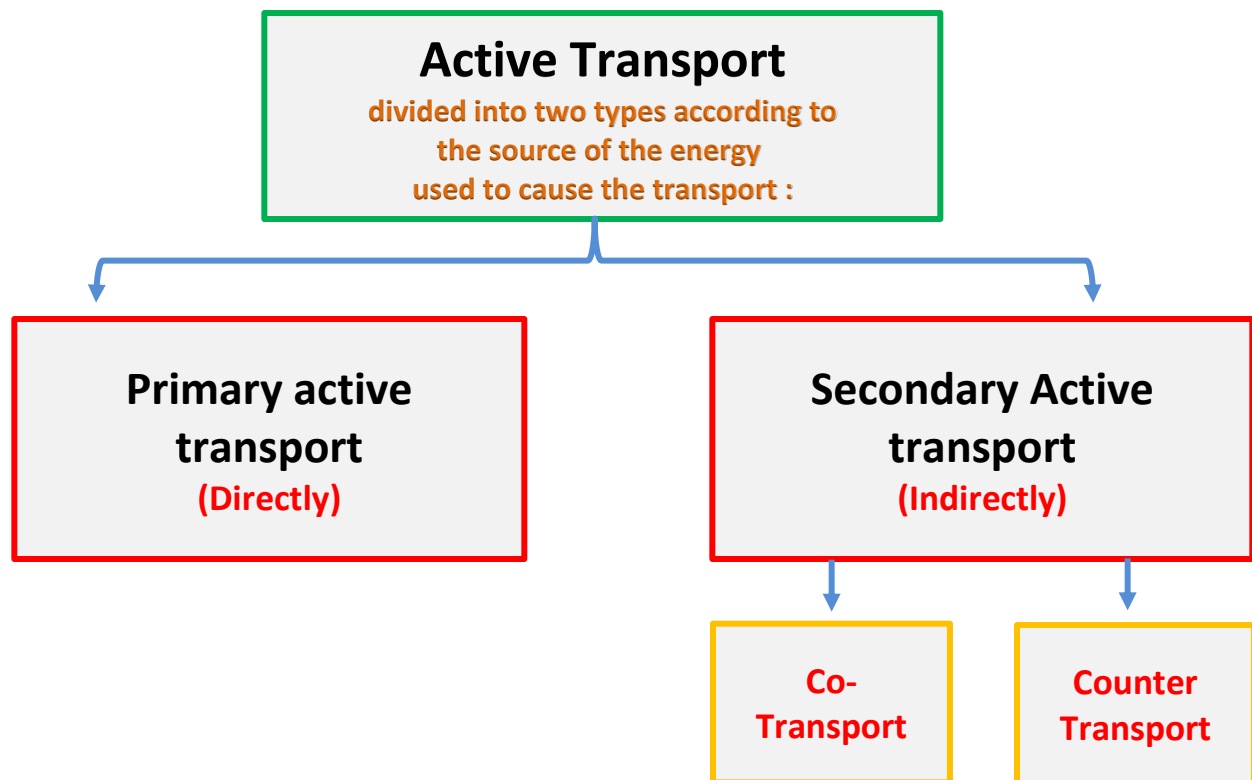
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Postulated mechanism for facilitated diffusion.



Active Transport:

- Transport (**uphill**) → against electrochemical gradient.
- Required energy (**Direct & Indirect**)
- Required **carrier – protein**.



What the difference? (Explanation Only)

1- In primary active transport, the energy is derived directly from breakdown of adenosine triphosphate (ATP) or of some other high-energy phosphate compound.

2- In secondary active transport, the energy is derived secondarily from energy that has been stored in the form of ionic concentration differences of secondary molecular or ionic substances between the two sides of a cell membrane, created originally by primary active transport.

❖ Primary Active Transport :

Energy is supplied directly from ATP.

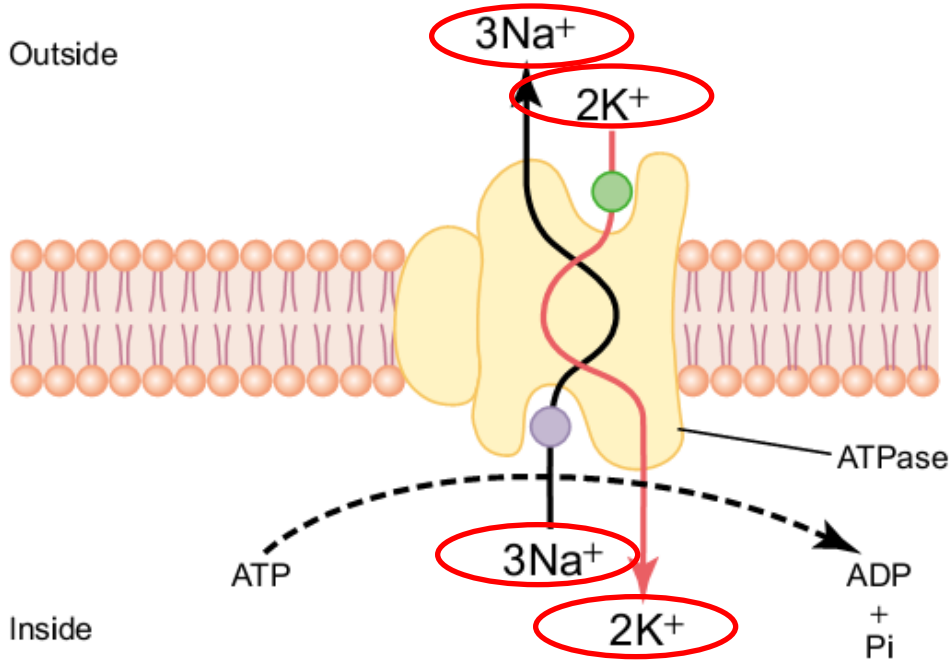
ATP \rightarrow ADP + P + energy.

A. Sodium-Potassium pump (Na⁺-K⁺ pump):

- Its present in all cell membranes.

- 3 Na⁺ in \rightarrow out.

- 2 K⁺ out \rightarrow in.



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE (NA⁺- K⁺ PUMP)

- Carrier protein.
- Binding site for Na inside the cell.
- Binding site for K outside the cell.
- It has ATPase activity.
- 3 Na out.
- 2 K in.

FUNCTIONS OF THE PUMP

- Maintaining Na⁺ and K⁺ concentration difference .
- Maintaining -ve potential inside the cell.
- Maintains a normal cell volume.
- It's the basis of nerve signal transmission .

B. primary active transport of calcium (Ca^{2+} ATPase):

❖ Site:

- Sarcoplasmic reticulum (SR).
- Mitochondria.
- in some cell membranes.

❖ Function:

Maintaining a low Ca^{2+} concentration inside the cell.

C. primary active transport of hydrogen ions H^{+} - K^{+} ATPase:

❖ Site:

- Stomach.
- Kidneys.

❖ Function:

- **pump to the lumen.**
- **H^{+} - K^{+} ATPase inhibitors (treat ulcer disease).
(omeprazol)**

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❖ Secondary Active Transport:

• Co-transport OR Countertransport:

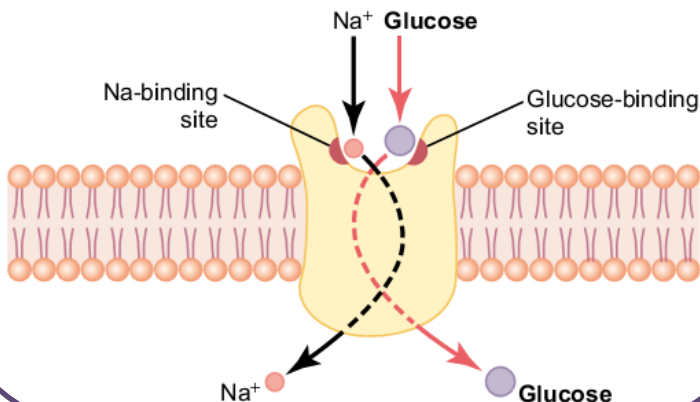
is transport of one or more solutes against an electrochemical gradient, coupled to the transport of another solute down an electrochemical gradient.

- "downhill" solute is Na.
- Energy is supplied indirectly from primary transport.

Co-Transport

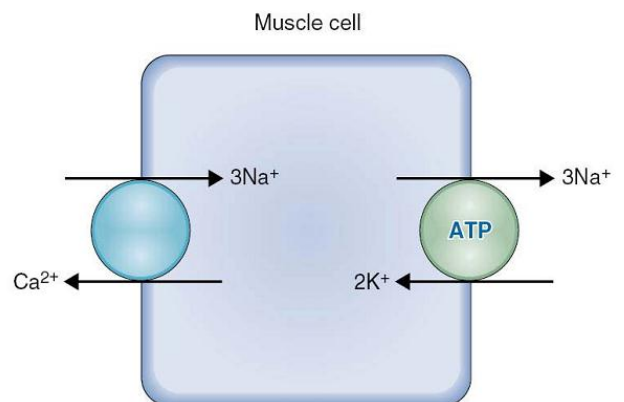
- All solutes move in the same direction to "inside the cell".

- Na⁺ - glucose Co-transport.
- Na⁺ - amino acid Co-transport.
- In the intestinal tract & kidney



Counter Transport

- Na⁺ is moving to the interior causing other substance to move out.
- Ca²⁺ - Na⁺ exchange.
- (Present in many cell membranes)
- Na⁺ - H⁺ exchange in the kidney



Summary:

- the cell membrane consists of protein, lipid and carbohydrates .
- the cell membrane is selectively permeable.
- The solutes can enter the cell either with protein or lipid.
- Types of membrane transport are: diffusion, active transport and osmosis.
- In diffusion there is no need for energy, but in active transport we need energy, because it is against the electrochemical gradient.

Related videos:

- 1- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfy92hdaAH0> ACTIVE AND PASSIVE TRANSPORT
- 2- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awz6llss3hQ> Na^+K^+ PUMP



Multiple Choice Questions

Q1: Which of the following statement is true about cell membrane?

- A- It is a solid membrane
- B- It is 11 nanometer thick
- C- It is hydrophilic
- D- It is Amphipathic

Answer is : D

Q2: The Cell membrane phospholipids consist of two fatty Acids which is "hydrophilic".

- A- True
- B- False

Answer is : B

Q3: In "Sodium – Potassium pump" which of these will happen?

- A- 2Na^+ in & 2K^+ out
- B- 2Na^+ in & 3K^+ out
- C- 3Na^+ in & 2K^+ out
- D- 3Na^+ out & 2K^+ in

Answer is : D

Q4: Which of the following act as receptor recognition in cell membrane?

- A- Carbohydrates
- B- Proteins
- C- Lipids
- D- Both A and C

Answer is : A

Q5: Simple Diffusion is a carrier mediated transport down its electrochemical gradient.

- A- True
- B- False

Answer is : B

Q6: Which of the following is an example for secondary active transport?

- A- Na^+ - Amino acid Co-transport
- B- Na^+ - K^+ pump
- C- Active transport of calcium (Ca^{2+} + ATPase)
- D- Active transport of hydrogen ions (H^+ - K^+)

Answer is : A