Transport of Substances Through the Cell Membrane

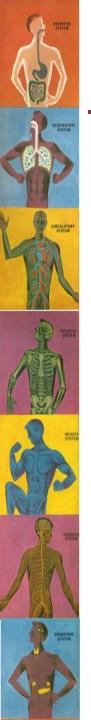
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Objectives

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 transport, secondary active transport, facilitates diffusion.



Previously..

- Fluid body compartments are divided into:
 - Intracellular
 - Extracellular
- The amount of solutes in the two compartments differ.
- How is this achieved and maintained?
 - "Selective permeability"



What is meant by Selective Permeability

• The membrane allows some substances to cross it but not others.

• This controls the type & amount of substances entering and leaving the cell.

• It arises from the membrane structure.

Structure of the Cell Membrane



Structure of the Cell Membrane

- Cell membrane = plasma membrane.
- Thickness = 7.5-10 nm.
- Composed of:
 - ➢ Lipids (42%)
 - Proteins (55%)
 - Carbohydrates (3%)

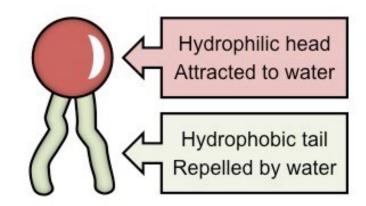
- Phospholipids (25%)
 - Cholesterol (13%)
- Other lipids (4%)

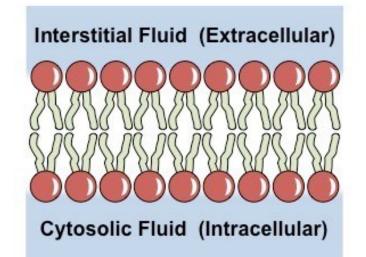
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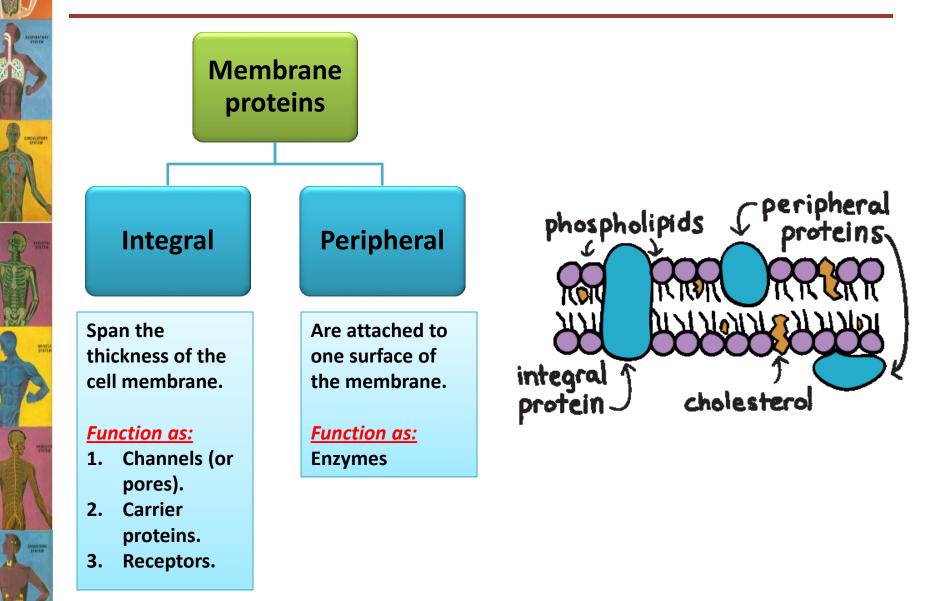
- The cell membrane = a *lipid bilayer*.
- The most abundant lipid = phospholipids.
- A phospholipid molecule have two ends:
 - Hydrophilic (phosphate end)
 - Hydrophobic (fatty acid end)





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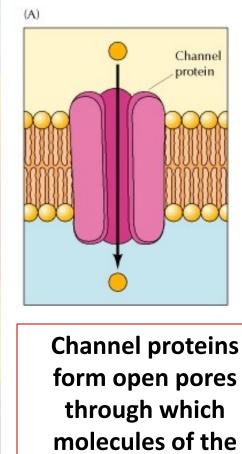
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Channel vs. Carrier Proteins

Carrier

protein

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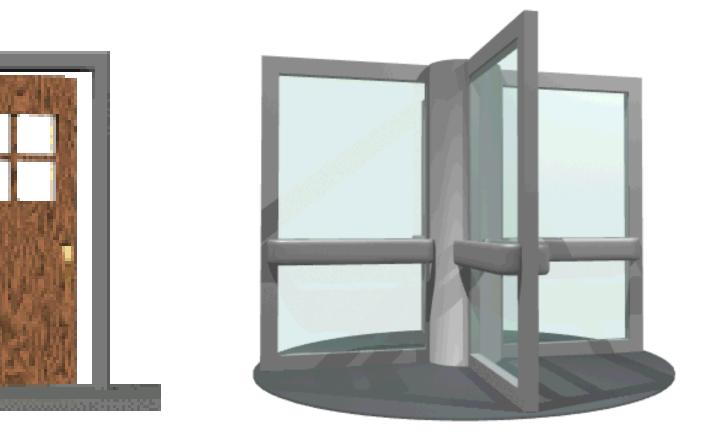


molecules of the appropriate size (e.g., ions) can cross the membrane. Carrier proteins selectively bind the small molecule to be transported and then undergo a conformational change to release the molecule on the other side of the membrane.

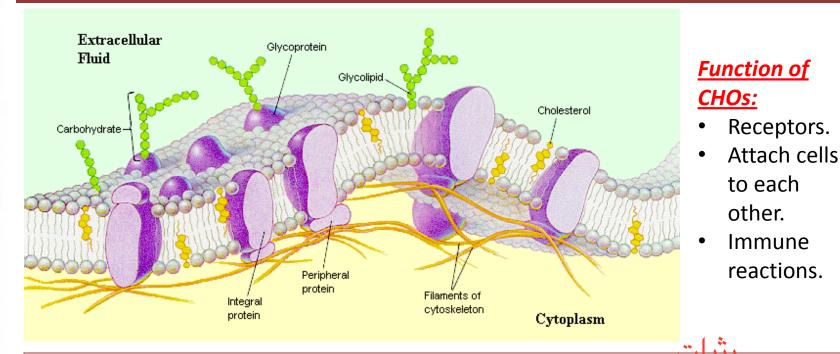
Conformational change







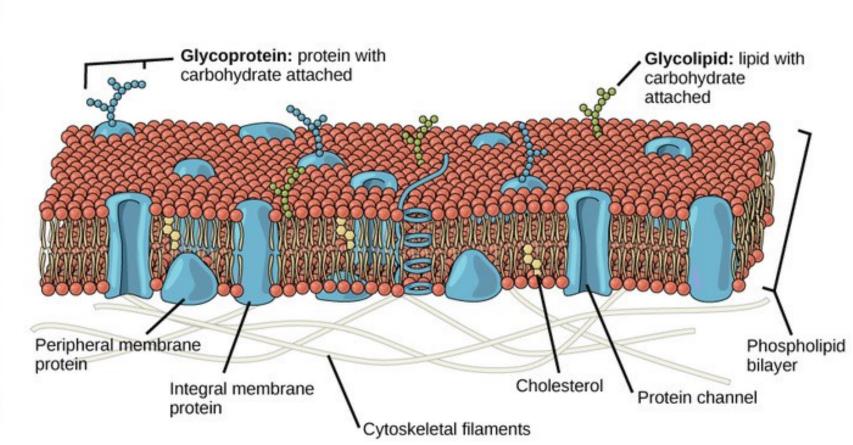
Structure of the Cell Membrane



- Carbohydrates in the cell membrane are invariably attached to:
 - Proteins \rightarrow Glycoproteins
 - Lipids \rightarrow Glycolipids
- Carbohydrate molecules protrude to the outside of the cell forming a loose carbohydrate coat = "glycocalyx"



The Fluid Mosaic Model of Plasma Membrane

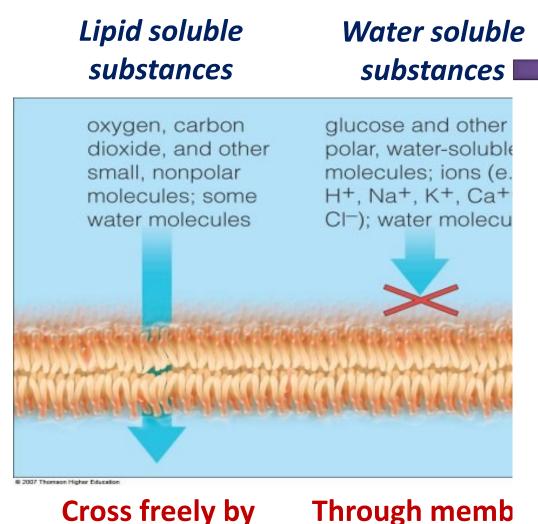


Movement (Transport) of Substances Across the Cell Membrane

Substances that can Across the Cell Membrane



Oil and water do not mix



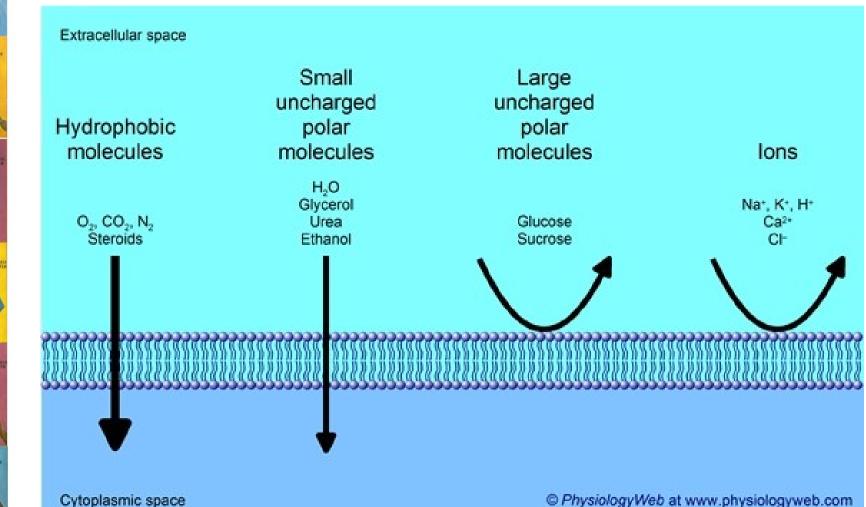
proteins

diffusion

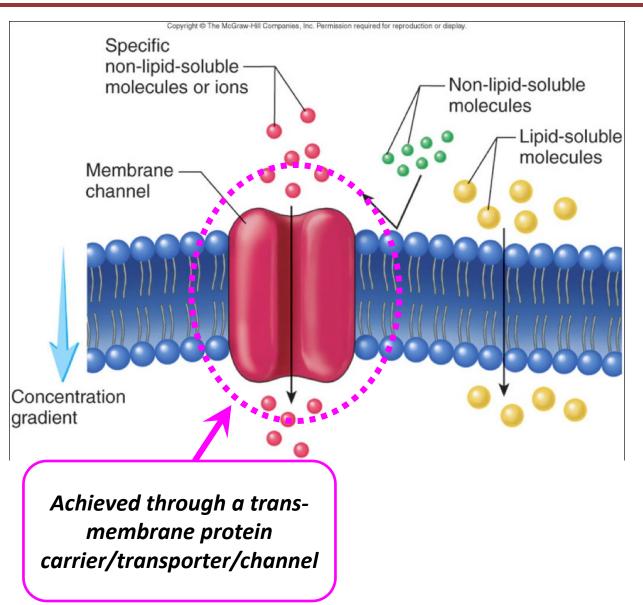
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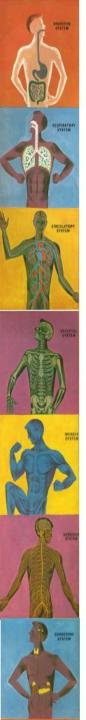


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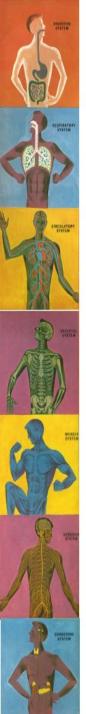
Substances that can Across the Cell Membrane





• The transport of material between body or cellular compartments can be divided into:

- 1. Passive Transport = <u>does not</u> require energy.
- 2. Active Transport = <u>requires</u> energy.



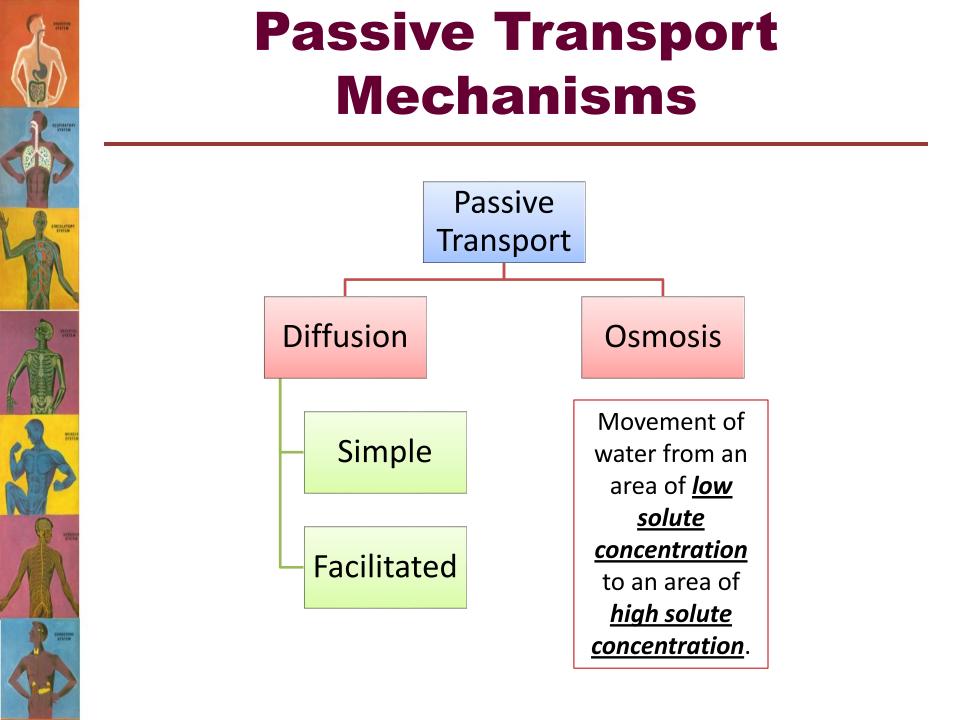
Transport Mechanisms

Passive Transport

- Molecules move along their energy gradient.
- Does not require energy.
- <u>Types:</u>
 - Simple Diffusion.
 - Facilitated Diffusion.
 - Osmosis.

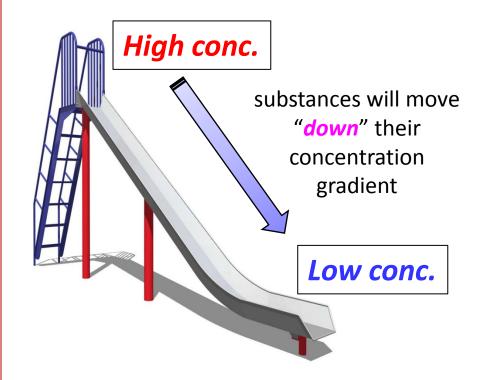
Active Transport

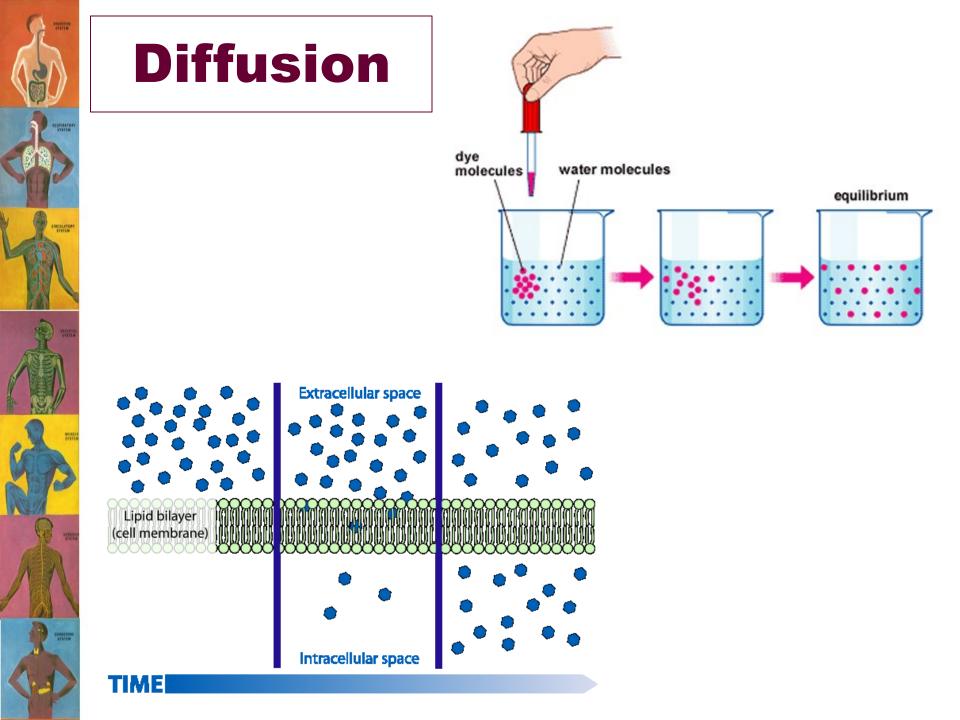
- Molecules move against their energy gradient.
- Requires energy.
- <u>Types:</u>
 - Primary Active Transport.
 - Secondary Active Transport.



Diffusion

- Diffusion = the random movement of substances down an energy gradient.
- This gradient can be:
 - Concentration gr.
 - Electrochemical gr.
 - Pressure gr.





Types of Diffusion

Diffusion

Simple Diffusion

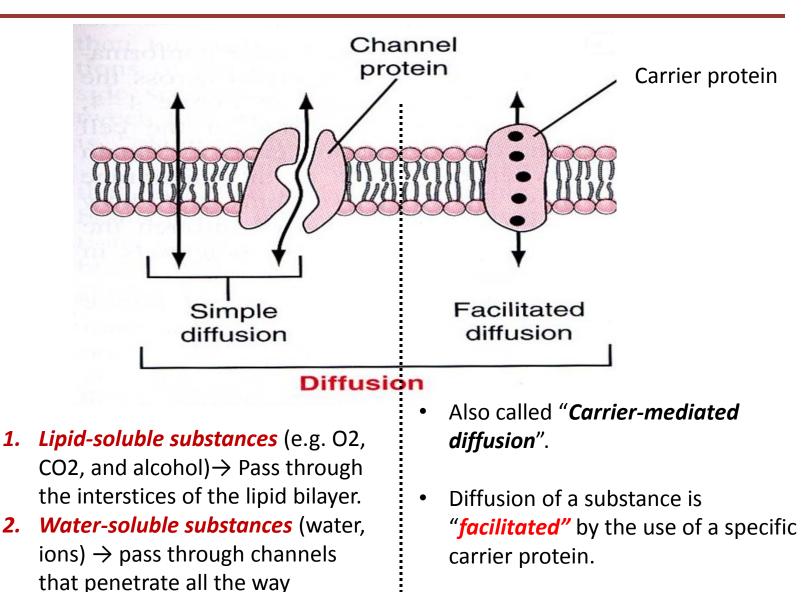
The movement of molecules through the intermolecular spaces or membrane openings (channels) *without* the necessity of *binding to a carrier protein* on the membrane.

Facilitated Diffusion

The transported molecule binds to a carrier protein which then undergoes a conformational change allowing the molecule to pass through to the other side of the cell membrane.

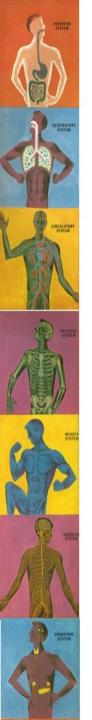
The carrier <u>facilitates</u> passage of the molecule through the CM

Types of Diffusion



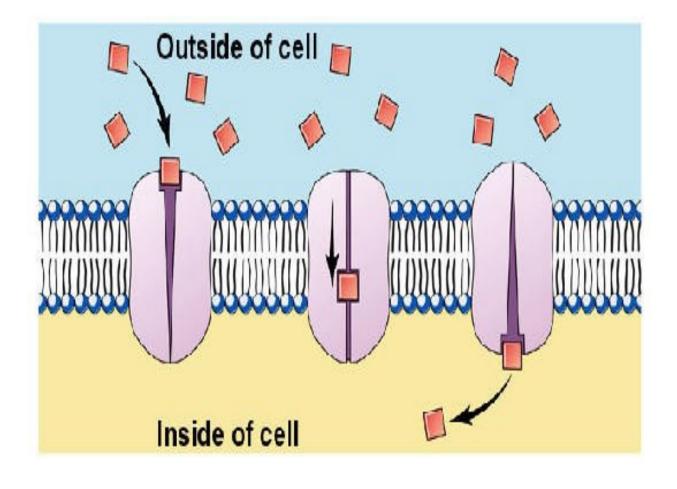
through the CM.

• Examples (glucose, amino acids).



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Facilitated Diffusion



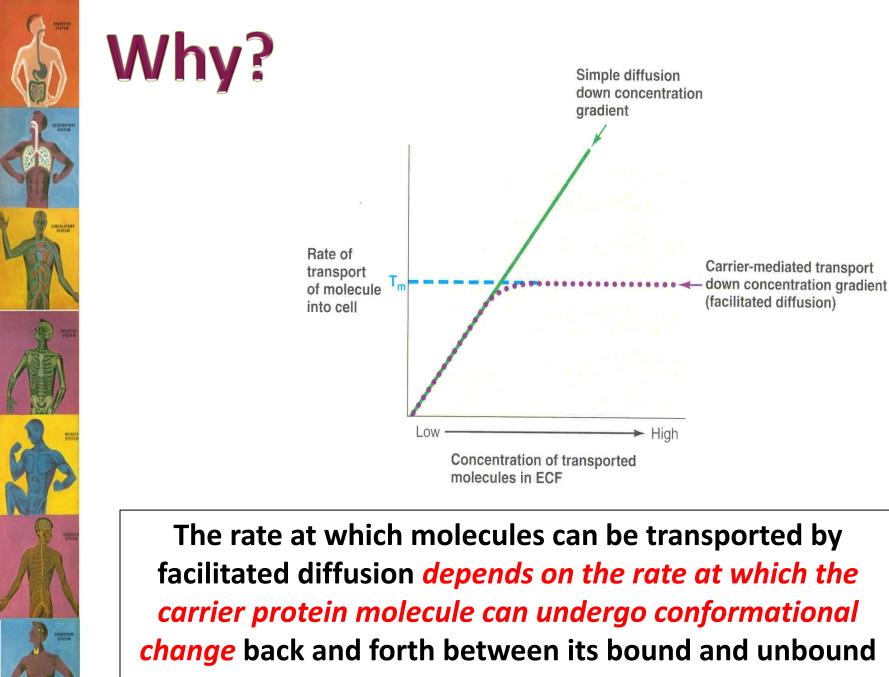
What is the difference between simple and facilitated diffusion?

Simple diffusion

The rate of diffusion increases proportionately with the concentration of the diffusing substance.

Facilitated diffusion

- The rate of diffusion increases proportionately with the concentration of the diffusing substance until it reaches a maximum Vmax.
- At Vmax, an increase in the concentration of the diffusing substance <u>does</u>
 <u>not</u> increase the rate of diffusion.



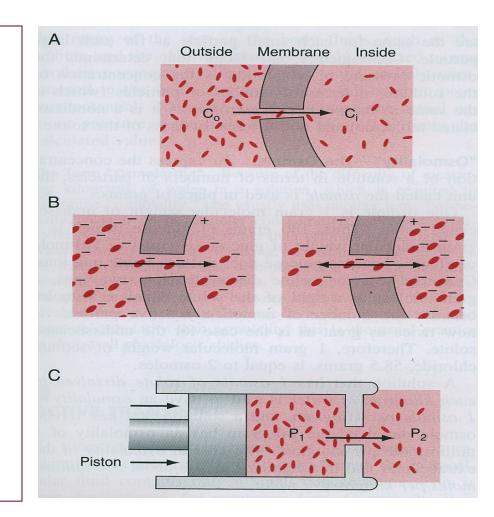
state.



Factors Affecting Net Rate of Diffusion

1. Size.

- 2. Temperature.
- 3. Steepness of the gradient:
 - a. Concentration difference
 - b. Membrane electrical difference.
 - c. Pressure difference.
- 4. Charge.
- 5. Pressure.



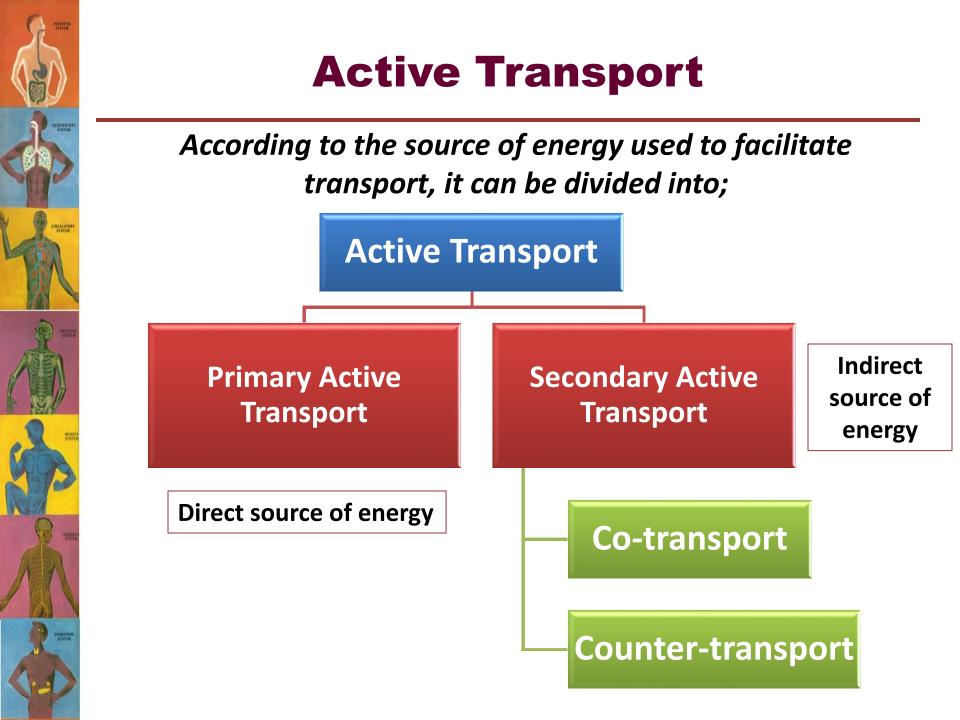


Active Transport

 Occurs when a cell membrane moves molecules or ions "up-hill" against concentration gradient (or "up-hill" against an electrical or pressure gradient).

• Examples include:

- > Ions like: sodium, potassium, calcium, iron, iodine, hydrogen ions.
- > Amino acids, glucose and other sugars.
- Requires energy and a carrier protein.





Types of Active Transport

Primary Active

The energy is derived *directly* from breakdown of adenosine triphosphate *(ATP)* or some other high-energy phosphate compound.

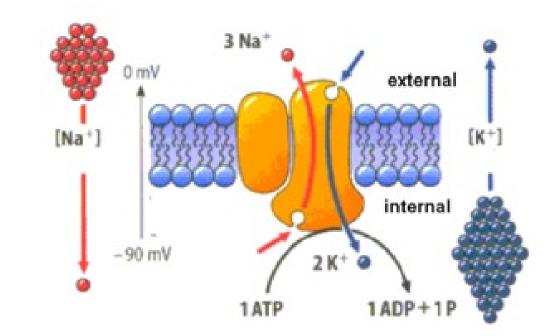
Examples include:

- Sodium-potassium
 ATPase pump.
- Calcium ATPase pump
- ➤ Hydrogen ATPase pump.

Secondary Active

The energy is derived
 indirectly by using the
 concentration or
 electrochemical gradient
 generated by a primary
 active transporter.

Primary Active Transport

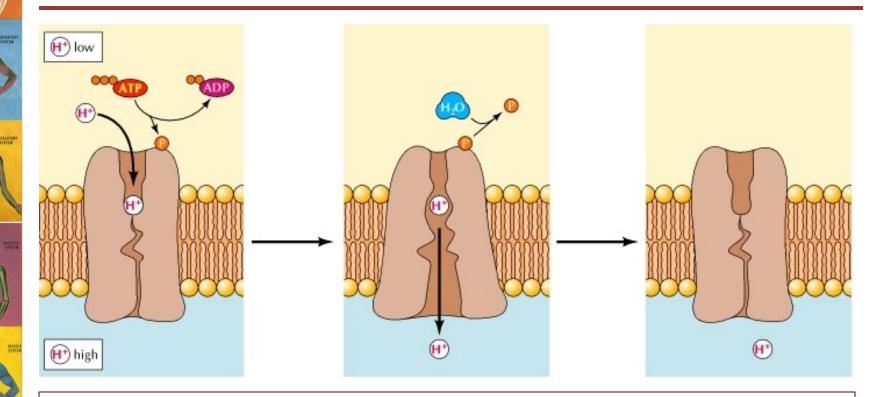


This pump functions by moving **3** molecules of sodium OUT and **2** molecules of potassium INTO the cell both against their concentration gradients.

The importance of this pump:

- Maintaining Na and K concentration differences across the cell membrane.
- Establishes a negative electrical voltage inside the cell.
- Is the basis for nerve signal transmission.

Primary Active Transport



H+ ATPase Pump

Present in:

- Parietal cells of stomach \rightarrow secretion of HCl in the stomach.
- Intercalated cells of distal renal tubules \rightarrow excretion of acids from the body.

Pumps H+ out of the cell and into the lumen.

Primary Active Transport

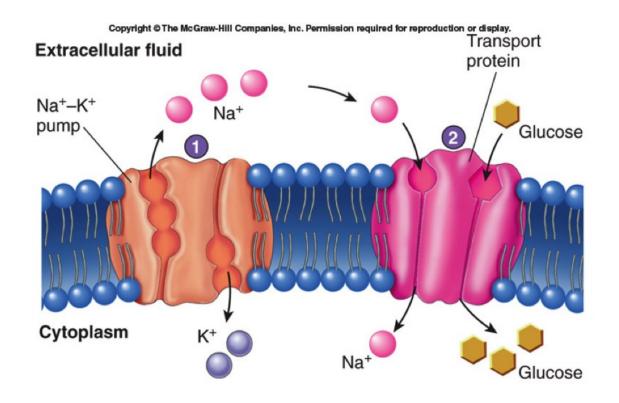
Ca+2 ATPase Pump

- Present in:
 - Sarcoplasmic reticulum in muscle cells
 - Mitochondria
 - Some cell membranes.
- Maintains low Ca+2 concentration inside the cell.



Secondary Active Transport (Co-transport)

Derives energy indirectly... How?

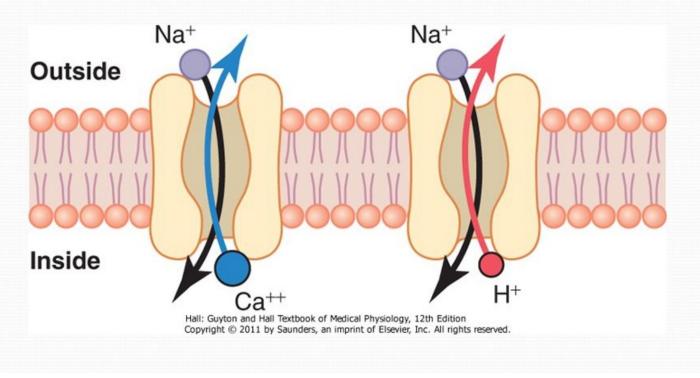


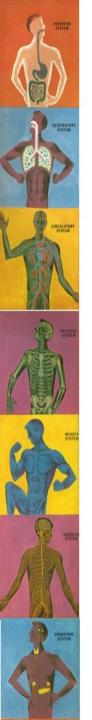
- A Na⁺-K⁺ pump maintains a concentration of Na⁺ that is higher outside the cell than inside.
- Sodium ions move back into the cell through a transport protein that also moves glucose. The concentration gradient for Na⁺ provides energy required to move glucose against its concentration gradient.



Secondary Active Transport (Counter-transport)







Types of Secondary Active Transport

Co-Transport

 When both substances are transported together in the same direction.

<u>Examples;</u>

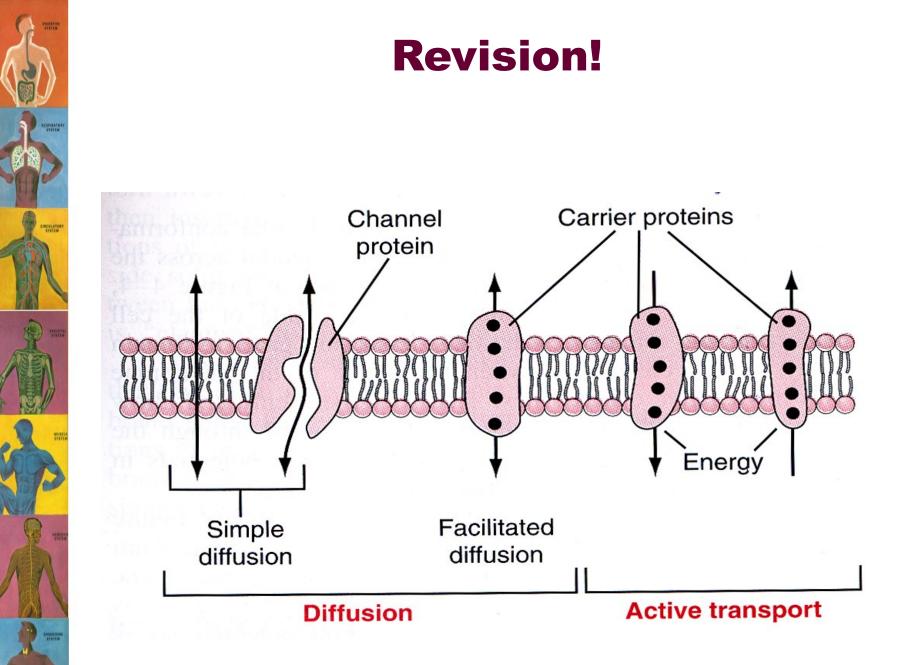
- Na+-Glucose cotransport (PCT)
- Na+-amino acid cotransport (PCT)

Counter-Transport

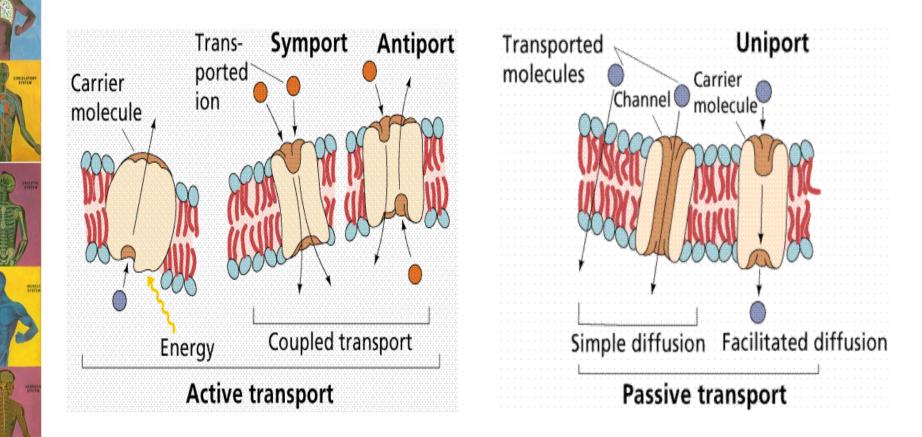
 When one substance is transported in the opposite direction to the other substance.

• Examples;

- Na+-H+ counter-transport (PCT)
- Na+-Ca+2 countertransport (PCT)



Revision!



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