

Factors Affecting Transport Direction

Passive + Active Transport

- Spontaneous movement occurs from high $\rightarrow$ low energy / high $\rightarrow$ low concentration (passive)

↳ to move in the opposite direction requires an input of energy (active transport) $\rightarrow$ mediated by transport proteins (pumps)

• Driving forces on molecules: any difference in energy across a membrane

↳ **Chemical forces**: Concentration Gradients (ΔC) difference in concentration on either side of the membrane

- down $\rightarrow$ passive, up $\rightarrow$ active

- magnitude of the force $\propto \Delta C$

↳ **Electrical forces**: due to membrane potential $\rightarrow$ difference in electric potential ($\Delta \psi$) across the membrane

- Intracellular fluid has excess anions (-), causing a net negative charge; Extracellular fluid has positive charge from cations (+)

- sign of membrane potential is the sign of the net charge inside the cell relative to the outside

- to determine direction of the electrical force, valence (charge of the ion) $\times$ sign of membrane potential

↳ cations are attracted by the negative charge inside the cell $\rightarrow$ inward-directed force (opposite for anions)

- magnitude of the electrical force depends on the size of the membrane potential + quantity of charge carried by the ion $\rightarrow$ increases as these factors get larger

↳ **Electrochemical force**: total force acting on the ion

- equilibrium potential: hypothetical value for the membrane potential where electrical force is equal and opposite to the chemical force $\rightarrow$ electrochemical force = 0

- Determining direction: need to know ion's equilibrium potential and cell membrane potential

1) identify direction of chemical + electrical forces (if they are the same, no further analysis is needed)

- 2) compare sizes of the equilibrium + membrane potential (if the same, the ion is at equilibrium)
- 3) if $EP > MP$, the chemical force is larger, and the electrochemical force acts in the same way (+ vice versa)

- when ions move passively, they move down their electrochemical gradient

Passive Transport

• **Flux**: number of molecules that cross a membrane in given length of time (mas/second)

• **Simple Diffusion**: movement of molecules due to their own thermal motion

↳ Factors affecting rates of Diffusion

- magnitude of the driving force: $\text{net flux} \propto \text{magnitude} \propto \text{rate} \propto \text{size of concentration gradient}$

- membrane surface area: $\text{rate of transport} \propto \text{surface area}$

- membrane permeability: in passive transport: $\text{permeability} \propto \text{rate of transport}$

• factors influencing permeability of cell membranes

↳ lipid solubility of diffusing substance: hydrophobic (nonpolar) substances are most lipid soluble, hydrophilic (polar / ionized) least soluble. lipid soluble $\propto$ membranes permeability to that substance

↳ size + shape of diffusing molecules: larger + irregular molecules move slower (lower permeability)

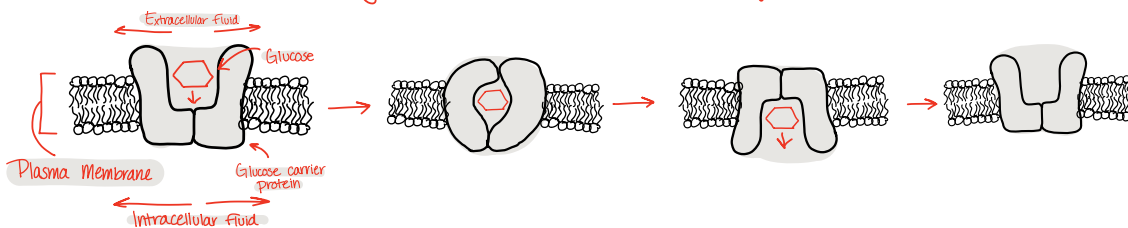
↳ Temperature $\propto$ movement of molecules

↳ Membrane thickness: inversely proportional to permeability

• **Facilitated Diffusion**: crossing by way of transport proteins $\rightarrow$ mediated transport

- carriers in facilitated diffusion: commonly monosaccharides + amino acids

↳ molecule enters the binding site on the carrier. Carrier changes shape to move molecule across the membrane



↳ Net flux depends on the frequency of binding / based on the affinity of the binding site and the concentration

barrier of solute across the membrane)

• Factors affecting rate of facilitated diffusion: transport rate of individual carriers, number of carriers in the membrane, magnitude of the concentration

- when concentration on one side of the gradient increases (other is constant) the net flux increases rapidly then levels off b/c carrier proteins become 100% saturated

↳ cells can regulate the rate by changing number of carriers that are present in the membrane

• **Diffusion through Channels** → channels transport molecules through a passageway / pore

- most water diffuses through aquaporins

- ion channels: binding sites for ions in the pore (both sides are accessible at the same time)

↳ ions move down an electrochemical gradient; when a channel has binding sites, it is generally slower and channels can be saturated

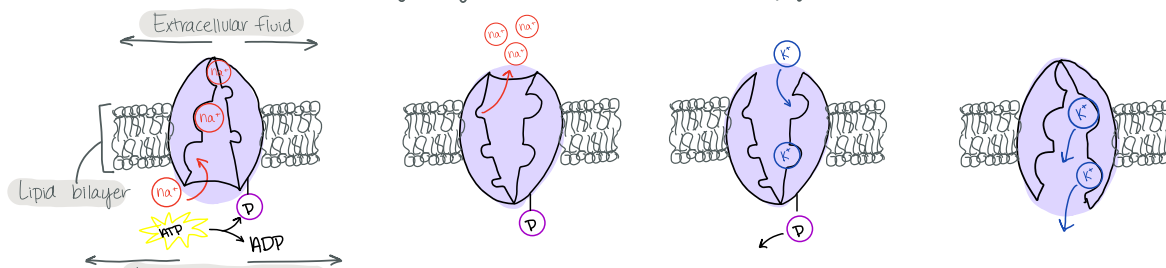
Active Transport

• Active transporters can harness energy to drive the transport of molecules in a preferred direction

• **Primary active transport**: uses ATP or other chemical energy source directly to transport substances (involve proteins called pumps)

- **ATPases**: the membrane proteins in active transport also function as enzymes by harnessing ATP by catalyzing ATP hydrolysis

- **Sodium-potassium pump**: transports Na^+ and K^+ ions opposite each other across the membrane (both ions moving against their electrochemical gradients) → in each cycle of the pump, one ATP molecule is hydrolyzed to provide energy



Intracellular fluid

- Secondary active transport: powered by a concentration gradient or electrochemical gradient created before by a primary active transport. A transport protein couples the flow of one substance to that of another
 - ↳ cotransport: both in the same direction (ex: sodium-linked glucose transport)
 - ↳ countertransport: opposite directions (ex: sodium-proton exchange)

Osmosis

- ↳ Passive transport of water across membranes
- Normal total solute concentration in intracellular fluid is 300 millimolar
- Hemolysis: red blood cells in pure water → swell + burst → release hemoglobin into the water
 - due to the lower concentration of water inside cells
- Osmolarity: total solute particle concentration of a solution → solution containing 1 mole of solute is at a concentration of 1 osmolar (depends on the total concentration of all solute particles)
 - iso-osmotic (same osmolarity), hyperosmotic > hypo-osmotic
- Osmotic Pressure: measure of its solute concentration in units of pressure
 - ↳ osmolarity $\propto$ osmotic pressure
 - when water moves by osmosis from low solute concentration → high, it is flowing up an osmotic pressure gradient ($\Delta\pi$) (→ does not violate gradient rules b/c water is moving down a chemical gradient → its own concentration gradient)
- Tonicity: a function of concentration outside a cell relative to inside, determining the behavior of a cell placed in the solution
 - ↳ isotonic (doesn't alter cell volume), hypertonic (solution that causes a cell to shrink), hypotonic (→ causes growth)

Transport Within Membranes

• **Endocytosis**: molecules in ECF enter the cell through endosomes (vesicles) from the PM

↳ **phagocytosis**: membrane extends around matter to form a phagosome in the cytoplasm → phagosome fuses w/ lysosome membrane to form a phagolysosome → exposes matter to degradative enzymes that breakdown particle

↳ **pinocytosis**: plasma membrane develops an indentation to form an endosome containing ECF

↳ **receptor-mediated endocytosis**: receptor proteins on the PM bind w/ particles in ECF, triggering endocytosis → membrane indents (coated pit) where it's lined with clathrin (proteins) → forms a vesicle that pinches off PM and enters the cell → protein coat leaves + clathrin molecules are recycled → uncoated vesicle fuses w/ lysosome to form an endolysosome → breaks down particles

• **Exocytosis**: molecules in cells are packaged into secretory vesicles that fuse to the PM and are then released into ECF

↳ **Function**: add components into the PM, recycle receptors removed from the PM by endocytosis, secrete specific substances out of the cell and into ECF

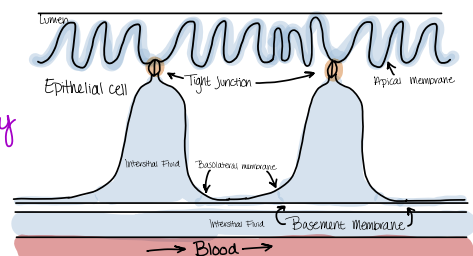
Epithelial Transport

• In epithelial tissue, cell membranes transport materials across cells

• **apical membrane**: faces lumen of a body cavity

• **basolateral membrane**: rests on basement membrane, faces internal environment, in contact w/ interstitial fluid, exchanges materials w/ blood

• **Epithelial solute transport**: Primary active transport by ATPases generates electrochemical gradients used by membranes producing bidirectional movement of solutes



• **Epithelial Water Transport**: epithelium creates osmotic gradient by actively transporting solute to make concentration higher outside of the cell → creates an osmotic gradient, passively transporting water from the lumen into interstitial fluid

Transcytosis: transport of macromolecules

- **Transcytosis:** large molecule is taken into the cell by endocytosis then fuses w/ PM to release its content by exocytosis

