# Cell Membrane







# FLUID MOSAIC MODEL

FLUID- because individual phospholipids and proteins can move side-to-side within the layer, like it's a liquid.

MOSAIC- because of the pattern produced by the scattered protein molecules when the membrane is viewed from above.

#### The Fluid Mosaic Model of the Structure of Cell Membranes

Cell membranes are viewed as two-dimensional solutions of oriented globular proteins and lipids.

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# Functions of Plasma Membrane

- $\checkmark$  Protective barrier
- Regulate transport in & out of cell (selectively permeable)
- $\checkmark$  Allow cell comunication and signaling

 ✓ Provide anchoring sites for extracellular matrix and cytoskeleton (cell adhesion, migration...) Membranes separate different environments:

### ASIMMETRY / GRADIENTS

# maintained through energy consumption (OPEN SYSTEM)

#### **COMPOSITION OF BODY FLUIDS**

CATIONS (mmol/l)	Plasma	Interstitial	Intracellular
Na	142	139	14
К	4.2	4.0	140
Ca	1.3	1.2	0
Mg	0.8	0.7	20
ANIONS (mmol/l)			
СІ	108	108	4.0
НСО3	24.0	28.3	10
Protein	1.2	0.2	4.0
HPO4	2.0	2.0	11

Concentration, mM				
lon	Plasma	Cytosol	Seawater	
Na+	135~146	25~35	480	
K+	3.5~5.2	130~145	10.4	
Mg2+	0.8~1.4	4~20	54	
Ca2+	2.1~2.7	< 0.01	10.6	
CI-	98~108	50~60	559	
HCO3-	23~31	4~12	54	
PO42-	0.7~1.4	90~110	< 0.1	

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Table 1: Ionic Concentrations (mM) in SBF and Human Plasma.								
	Na <sup>+</sup>	K⁺	Mg <sup>+2</sup>	Ca <sup>+2</sup>	Cľ	HCO3.	HPO4 <sup>-2</sup>	SO4 <sup>-2</sup>
Plasma	142.0	5.0	1.5	2.5	103.0	27.0	1.0	0.5
SBF	142.0	5.0	1.5	2.5	147.8	4.2	1.0	0.5

Fluxes through the membranes are required (open system) but strictly <u>controlled</u>



Polar heads are hydrophilic "water loving" Nonpolar tails are hydrophobic "water fearing" make membrane "Selective" in what crosses

### **SELECTIVELY PERMEABLE**:

Controls what comes **in and out** of the cell. Does not let **large**, **charged** or **polar** things through without help.



#### Head is POLAR & contains a -PO<sub>4</sub> group & glycerol



#### 2 NONPOLAR fatty acid chains

Fluxes across the membranes depend on:

- The gradient (the driving force)

   chemical for uncharged particles (see Fick's laws)
   electrochemical for ions (see Nernst's law)
- 2. The membrane permeability





$$J = -D\frac{dc}{dx} \qquad \text{I FICK'S LAW} \qquad J = -D(\frac{dc}{dx} + c\frac{zF}{RT}\frac{d\varphi}{dx}) \qquad \text{NERNST-PLANCK}$$

$$J = P_m \Delta c$$



<u>Small</u> molecules and <u>larger hydrophobic</u> molecules move through easily. e.g.  $O_2$ ,  $CO_2$ , lipids...

Ions, hydrophilic molecules larger than water, and large molecules such as proteins do not move through the membrane on their own.

# Three Forms of Transport Across the Membrane

#### Passive transport



Materials move down their concentration gradient through the phospholipid bilayer.



The passage of materials is aided both by a concentration gradient and by a transport protein.

#### **Active transport**



Molecules again move through a transport protein, but now energy must be expended to move them against their concentration gradient.

- Simple Diffusion may occur through any part of the plasma membrane (e.g. N<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, NO gas molecules)
- Facilitated diffusion uses protein transporters (e.g. glucose uniporter)



# Osmosis

- Diffusion of water across a membrane
- Moves from HIGH water potential (low solute) to LOW potential (high solute)



TABLE 5-1 Direction of Osmosis			
Condition	Net movement of water		
External solution is hypotonic to cytosol	into the cell		1 <sub>2</sub> 0
External solution is hypertonic to cytosol	out of the cell	$H_2O$ $\leftarrow$ $H_2O$	1 <sub>2</sub> 0
External solution is isotonic to cytosol	none		1 <sub>2</sub> 0



protein channels for water: AQUAPORINS

#### **MEMBRANE TRANSPORT PROTEINS**



#### EXTRACELLULAR



ATP-powered pump Ion channel Transporter (10<sup>0</sup> – 10<sup>3</sup> ions/s) (10<sup>7</sup> – 10<sup>8</sup> ions/s) (10<sup>2</sup> – 10<sup>4</sup> molecules/s)

# Human Genome Organization: HUGO

The Human Genome Organization (HUGO) Nomenclature Committee Database has as a goal to make sure that each symbol is unique, and ensures that each gene locus is only given one approved gene symbol

In HUGO Nomenclature Committee Database:

#### SOLUTE CARRIER FAMILY (SLC) series:

Currently 43 families and 298 transporter genes

#### Non-SLC human transport-related genes: ATP-driven transporters Channels Ionotropic receptors Aquaporins Transporter and channel subunits auxiliary/regulatory transport proteins





#### Transport through cell membrane Classification based on function Membrane transport Passive Active Via mainly by ATP-driven transporters (pumps) Simple Facilitated Primary Active Secondary diffusion transport active transport Via various Via Ion channels transporters 19

# **Classes of carrier proteins**



Transport of the two solutes is **obligatorily coupled**.

A gradient of one substrate, usually an ion, may drive uphill (against the gradient) transport of a co-substrate.

### Uniporters: Example GLUT1



# Symporters and Antiporters (Exchangers): some examples Sodium-coupled



Glucose, aminoacid uptake

# Complexity of membrane transport in epithelia: the importance of spatial organization









Transmembrane proteins Tight junction Adherens junction Desmosomal cadherin Desmosome

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Integrated example 1: epithelial absorption of peptides



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# **Ion Channels**

Three basic properties of ion channels:

- To conduct ions <u>rapidly</u>
- Exhibit <u>high selectivity</u>: only certain ion species flow while others are excluded
- Conduction be regulated by processes known as <u>gating</u>, i.e. ion conduction is turned on and off in response to specific environmental stimuli

#### Ion Channels Have Very High Turnover Ratios

Carrier	Substrate Turnover (s <sup>-1</sup> )
Valinomycin	$3 \ge 10^4$
Na-K-ATPase	$5 \ge 10^2$
Ca-ATPase	$2 \ge 10^2$
Glucose	$0.1 - 1.3 \times 10^4$
transporter	

Channel	Substrate Turnover (s <sup>-1</sup> )
Na-channel (V)	$7 \times 10^{6}$
Ca-channel (V)	$1.9 \ge 10^{6}$
K-channel (Ca,	$0.2-3 \times 10^7$
V)	
ACh receptor	$2.3 \times 10^7$

As a comparison, the turnover ratio (maximum number of processed substrate molecules per active site, per second) serves as a good evidence for the physical concept of pore. The turnover rates for some known carriers or active transporters are compared to those of several ion channels

#### Also ...,

Very few ions are needed to generate a sizable transmembrane potential in cells

# classification on the basis of gating mechanism



#### **Unifying Themes in Ion Channel Structure**

Polytopic Membrane Proteins

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Oligomeric Arrangement With Intrinsic Symmetry

Pore Size Correlates with the Number of Subunits



- Voltage-Dependent (Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Ca<sup>++</sup>)
  Glutamate Receptors
- •Ligand-Gated (Ach,Gly,GABA, 5-HT)

•Mechanosensitive

•Connexins (Gap Junctions)

# Representative structures of potassium channels subunits



#### **Structure-Function Relations in a Voltage-Dependent Channel**





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#### Structure

- Exists as a homo-tetramer with 4 identical subunits
- Each subunit is comprised of 3 alpha helices
- 2 helices are membrane spanning
- I inner helix is responsible for K<sup>+</sup> selectivity

## **Crystal Structure of the Streptomyces K+ Channel**

Doyle et al. 1998



- •*KcsA* is a homotetramer
- •Each subunit contains two TM segments
- •The selectivity filter is formed by an extended structure positioned by a short tilted helix



## Selectivity Filter How does K<sup>+</sup> channel distinguish K<sup>+</sup> from Na<sup>+</sup>?



- ➢ Located in narrow region of the channel
- ➤ Contains Gly-Tyr-Gly AA residues
- Forces K+ to lose it's hydrating water molecules
- Carbonyl oxygen's in selectivity filter stabilize K+ ions
- Aromatic amino acids line the filter and act as springs to maintain appropriate channel width for K+
- This favorable interaction with the filter is not possible for Na+ because Na+ is too small to make contact with all the potential oxygen ligands of the carbonyl termini of the short alpha helices

# Pumps



- Use the energy of ATP hydrolysis to move ions or small molecules across a membrane against a chemical concentration gradient or electric potential.
- Overall reaction ATP hydrolysis and the "uphill" movement of ions or small molecules is energetically favorable
- 4 P, F, and V classes transport ions only, whereas the ABC superfamily class transports small molecules as well as ions.









#### P-class pumps

Plasma membrane of plants, fungi, bacteria (H<sup>+</sup> pump)

Plasma membrane of higher eukaryotes (Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> pump)

Apical plasma membrane of mammalian stomach (H<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> pump)

Plasma membrane of all eukaryotic cells (Ca<sup>2+</sup> pump)

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Sarcoplasmic reticulum membrane
in muscle cells (Ca<sup>2+</sup> pump)
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#### V-class proton pumps

Vacuolar membranes in plants, yeast, other fungi

Endosomal and lysosmal membranes in animal cells

Plasma membrane of osteoclasts and some kidney tubule cells

#### F-class proton pumps Bacterial plasma membrane

Inner mitochondrial membrane

Thylakoid membrane of chloroplast

#### **ABC** superfamily

Bacterial plasma membranes (amino acid, sugar, and peptide transporters)

Mammalian plasma membranes (transporters of phospholipids, small lipophilic drugs, cholesterol, other small molecules)

P Class	F Class	V Class	ABC Class			
Substances Transported						
${\rm H^{+},Na^{+},K^{+},Ca^{2+}}$	$H^+$ only	H <sup>+</sup> only	Ions and various small molecules			
	Structural a	and Functional Features				
Large catalytic $\alpha$ subunits (often two) become phosphorylated during solute transport; smaller $\beta$ subunits may regulate transport.	Multiple transmembrane and cytosolic subunits generally function to synthesize ATP on $\beta$ cytosolic subunits powered by movement of H <sup>+</sup> down an electrochemical gradient.	Multiple transmembrane and cytosolic subunits generally use energy released by ATP <u>hydrolysis</u> to <u>pump</u> H <sup>+</sup> ions from <u>cytosol</u> to <u>organelle</u> lumens, acidifying them.	Two transmembrane domains form the pathway for solute; two cytosolic ATP- binding domains couple ATP hydrolysis to solute movement. Domains may be in one or separate subunits.			
Location of Specific Pumps						
Plasma <u>membrane</u> of plants, fungi, bacteria (H <sup>+</sup> pump)	Bacterial plasma membranes	Vacuolar membranes in plants, yeast, other fungi	Bacterial plasma membranes (amino acid, sugar, and peptide transporters)			
Plasma membrane of higher eukaryotes (Na <sup>+</sup> /K <sup>+</sup> pump)	Inner mitochondrial membrane	Endosomal and lysosomal membrane in animal cells	Mammalian <u>endoplasmic reticulum</u> (transporters of peptides associated with <u>antigen</u> presentation by MHC proteins)			
Apical <u>plasma membrane</u> of mammalian stomach cells (H <sup>+</sup> /K <sup>+</sup> pump)	Thylakoid membrane of <u>chloroplast</u>	Plasma membrane of certain acid- secreting animal cells (e.g., osteoclasts and some kidney tubule cells)				
Plasma membrane of all eukaryotic cells (Ca <sup>2+</sup> pump)			Mammalian plasma membranes (transporters of small molecules, <u>phospholipids</u> , small lipidlike drugs)			
Sarcoplasmic reticulum membrane in muscle cells (Ca <sup>2+</sup> pump)						



