

PLASMA MEMBRANE

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Membrane is the boundaries of both around the cell and around distinct subcellular compartments. They act as selectively permeable barriers, allowing inside environment of cell or organelle to differ from outside. Membranes are involved in function like -

- Involved in signaling process. (By specific receptors)
- Transporting solutes.
- Energy Transduction.
- Scaffold for biochemical activities.
- Inter cellular interaction.

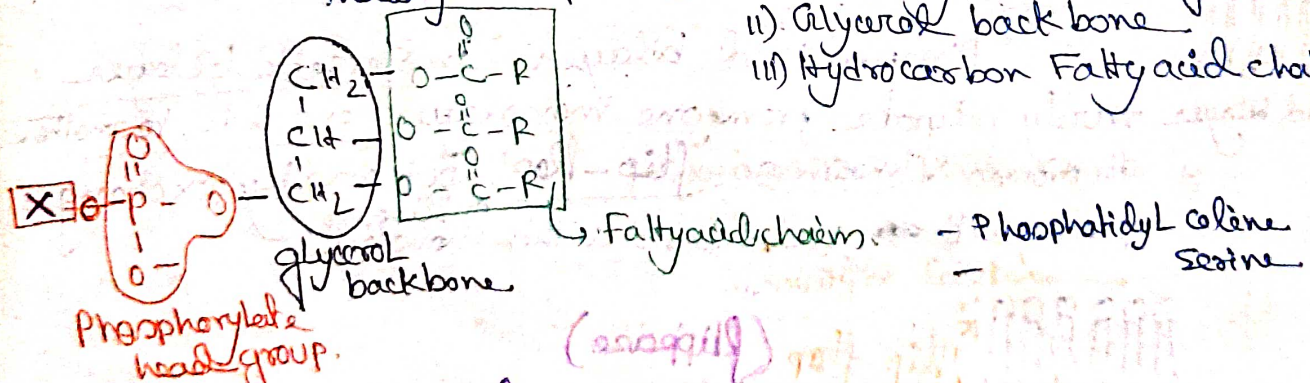
All membrane contains to basic components - Lipid & Protein. Some contain - Carbohydrate.

MEMBRANE LIPID

Membrane contained different types of lipids and all are amphipathic (having hydrophobic + hydrophilic region). There are 3 main types of membrane lipids -

1) Glycerophospholipids / Phosphoglycerids -

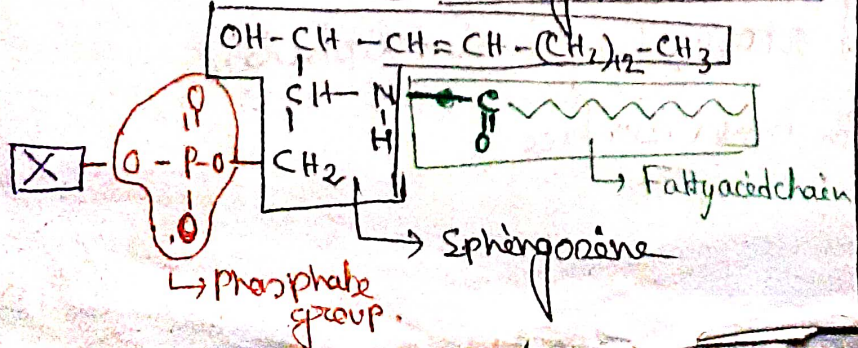
- Made by 3 components -
- i) Phosphorylated head group.
 - ii) Glycerol backbone
 - iii) Hydrocarbon Fatty acid chain.



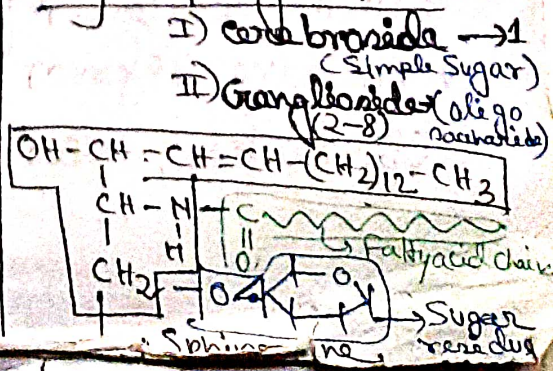
2) Sphingolipid:-

Derivatives of Sphingosine, Amino alcohol containing long hydrocarbon chain. It can have phosphate group or not.

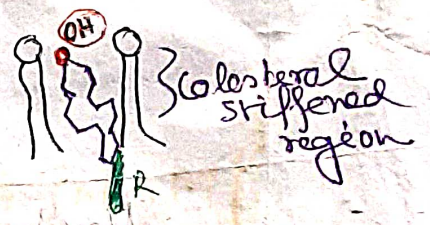
a) Sphingophospholipid



b) Glycosphingolipid

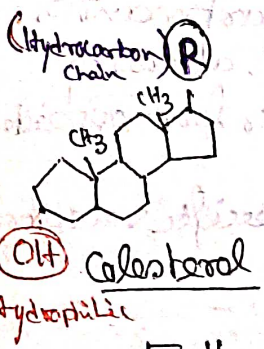


- I) ceramide → 1 (Simple Sugar)
- II) Ganglioside (oligo saccharide) (2-8)



3. STEROL:-

Sterol Cholesterol is major constituent of animal plasma membrane (absent in Prokaryot). Cholesterol is metabolic precursor of Steroid hormone. Having hydrophilic - OH group to membrane surface, remainder embedded in lipid layer. Hydrophobic rings Flat & rigid.



* Fatty acid Chain:-

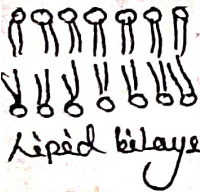
Are the long chain of C atoms (having even no) like Palmitate C.16, Stearate C.18, unbranched, chain can be fully saturated with H atom or may unsaturated one or more double bonds.

* LIPID BILAYER:-

Phospholipid bilayer are Amphipathic / Amphiphilic (hydrophilic and hydrophobic region). Hydrophobic fatty acid chains hidden inside micelle, hydrophilic head interact with water. (Extracellular) & (Cytoplasmic).



Fig- Micelle



Lipid bilayer

Phospholipid bilayer in synthetic bilayer rarely migrate from one monolayer one side to another, the process known as - 'flip-flop'. But readily exchange place with neighbors within monolayer by flippase.

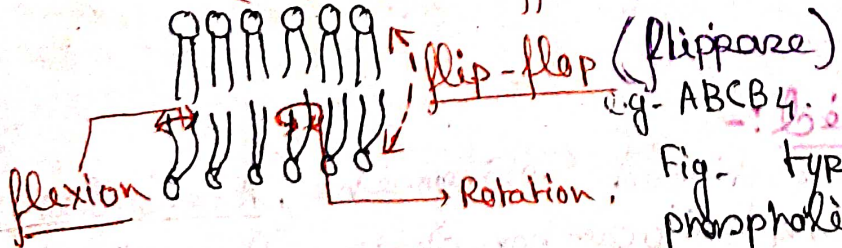
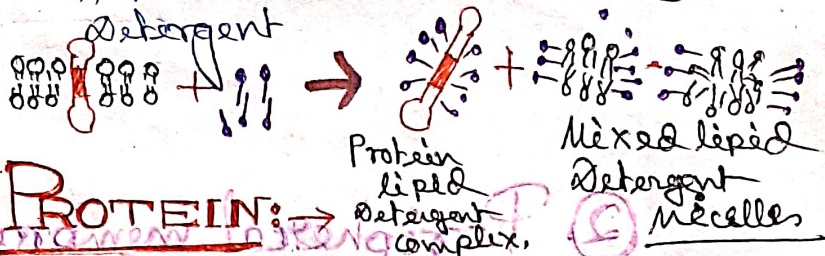


Fig- Types of movements possible for phospholipid molecules in lipid bilayer

With the low conc. Mg²⁺ ion concentration membrane reform outwardly (inner lipid layer) outer surface, outer in inner surface

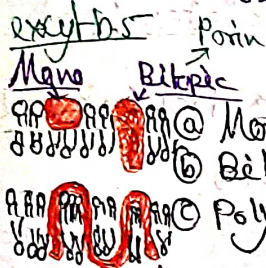
* Proteins can be extracted by



MEMBRANE PROTEIN:

Depending upon cell type & organelle within cell membrane contains different types of protein. They are classified into 3 types depending upon relationship to lipid bilayer -

1. Integral or Transmembrane Protein:



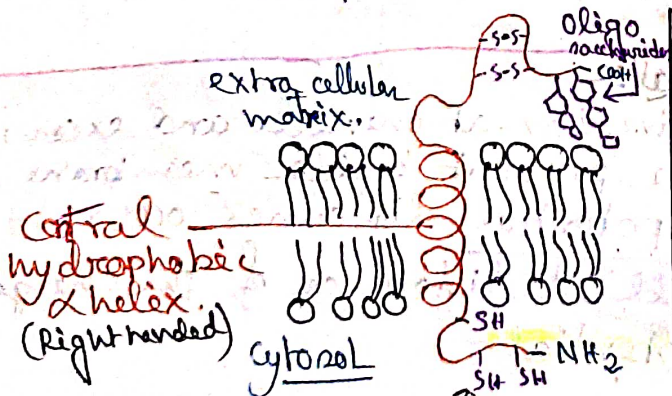
Pass entirely through lipid bilayer, domains protrude from both extracellular & cytoplasmic side. They are about 30% of all encoded protein.

- Freeze-Fracture / Freeze etching technique - Distribution of protein in membrane shown by this technique. Specimen frozen quickly by liquid N₂ & fractured by sharp blow. (i) exposed surface coated with platinum. (ii) viewed in electron microscope.



Polytopic type also called Multiple membrane spanning protein (α helices).

ex - Bacteriorhodopsin, found in photosynthetic bacterium, capture energy from light & use it to pump proton across membrane.



* Sulphydal groups don't form disulfide bond due to reducing environment of cytosol. SH maintain their reduce form.

Fig - Single Pass Transmembrane Protein

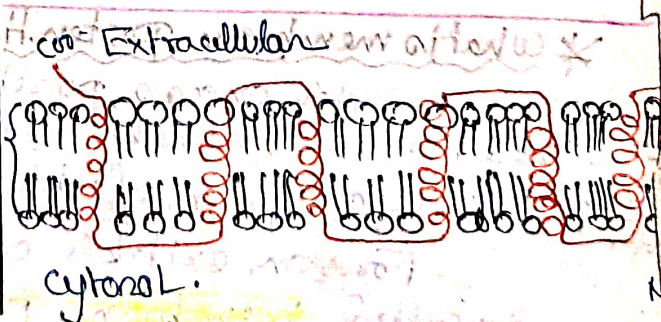
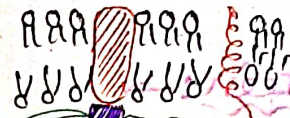


Fig. Multiple membrane spanning region.

② Peripheral membrane Protein: -

less tightly bound to lipid bilayer than integral proteins. Can remove ^{or with proteins} peripheral membrane protein by washing membranes with solution of high ionic strength.



Ankyrin

- They form fibrillar network, the 'cytoskeleton', provide mechanical support to membrane.
- Some functions as enzyme ^{ex -} ankyrin, protein band
- Factors for transmembrane signals.
- Specialized coats.

Fig. Peripheral protein

③ Lipid Anchored membrane Protein -

These are membrane proteins bound to membrane by small, complex oligosacchride links + 1 or 2 or 3 embedded in lipid layer (GPI anchored protein)

- ① Extracellular: One or more hydrocarbon chains embedded in inner leaflet of lipid layer
- ② Intracellular/cytosolic: GPI anchored



①

* What is membrane potential: -

When excess positive ion at one side and excess negative ion at another side present beside membrane then a voltage or electric potential difference occur.

For non excitable cell the difference of the charge is called membrane potential.

* But in case of Nerve or Muscle cell this same potential referred as Resting potential.

* PRINCIPLES OF MEMBRANE TRANSPORT

The plasma membrane is a selectively permeable barrier, some molecule like water, gas, urea can directly through bilayer, other molecules require presence of integral membrane transport proteins.

There are two means for the movement of substance -

- ① Passively by diffusion
- ② Actively by energy-coupled transport process.

Both types of movement lead to net flux -

Net flux -

- i) Influx - Movement of substance into the cell.
- ii) Efflux - Substance movement out of the cell.

Carrier proteins allow solutes to cross the membrane only "passively" (downhill), process called passive transport. uncharged molecule passes along with concentration gradient.

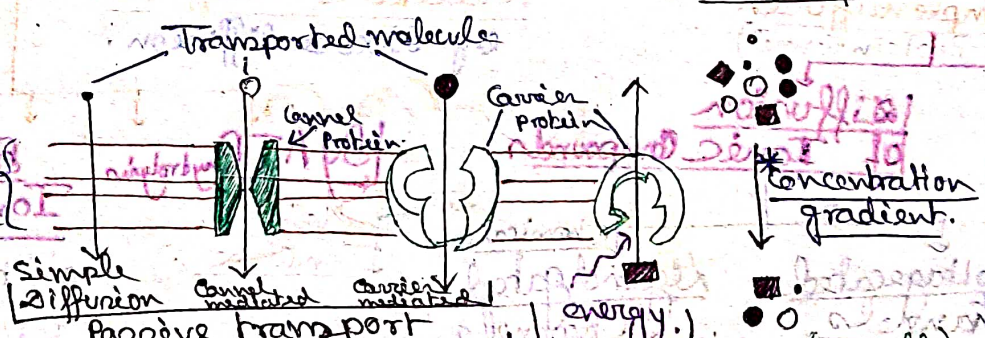
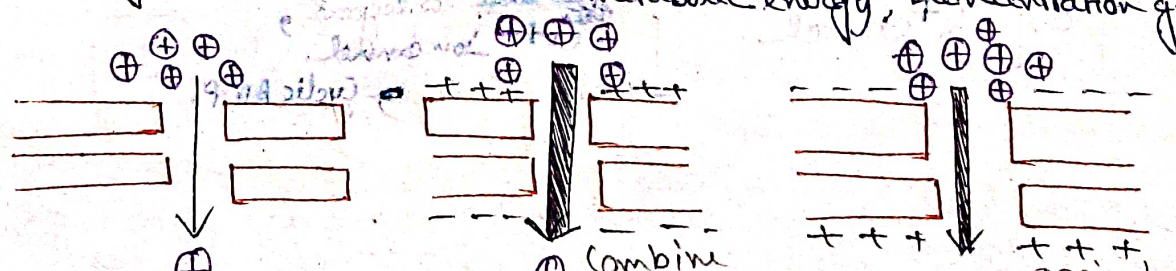


Fig - down an electrochemical gradient.



- ① electrochemical gradient with no membrane potential.
 - ② with negative potential inside.
 - ③ with positive potential inside.
- Electrochemical gradient combines the concentration gradient (1st case) and the membrane potential or electrical potential of membrane (2nd case). Can work against each other (3rd case).

* Diffusion through membrane:

For diffusion, substrate must be present at higher conc. on one side than other, membrane must be permeable to substance. There are 2 factors for diffusion -

To measure polarity or non polarity of solute

① * Partial coefficient: - Solute

It is the ratio of its solubility in a non polar solvent

e.g. Octanol or Vegetable oil (solute) mixed in water where non polar solvent mixed together.

Methyl alcohol = 0.78

* Aquaporin - Integral protein, functions in Passive transport of water.

② Size of molecule:

• Small size, can pass, CO_2 , O_2 , H_2O , NO . Slips to adjacent phospholipids.

• Larger can't pass like Sugar, Amino acid e.t.c.

TRANSPORT THROUGH MEMBRANE

Passive transport:

Active transport:

Simple Diffusion
(By Protein Channel)

Diffusion of Non Ionic Compounds

Diffusion of Ionic Compounds

By Voltage gated channels

e.g. K^+ channel

By Chemical or Ligand gated Channels

e.g. Neurotransmitter as ligand, Ca^{++} ion channel
- Acetyl Choline \rightarrow Cyclic AMP.

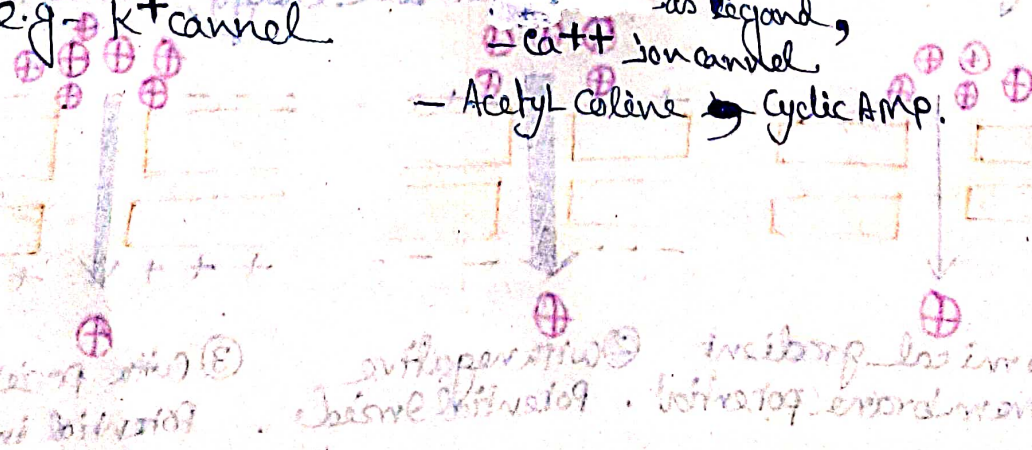
Facilitated Diffusion
e.g. Glucose diffusion.

By ATP hydrolysis
e.g. Na^+/K^+ Ion Channel.

By protein "Pumps"

By other Ion System

e.g. P-type pump
 H^+/K^+ ATPase
In 'Stomach'



* VOLTAGE GATED CHANNELS

✓ K⁺ Channels or K_v channels

(K_{es} A) These type of channels contain membrane associated helix, named S₁ to S₆, these two divided into -

① Pore domain - helix S₅ and S₆ and P segment (Portion of Polypeptide called pore helix). S₆ helix conformation determines whether gate open or closed.

② Voltage sensor domain - Consisting of helices S₁ - S₄ that senses voltage across plasma membrane and that are homologous.

① K_v channels opens by change in voltage. S₄ helix contains several positively charged amino acid residues act as key element in voltage sensor.

② Under resting condition negative potential keeps gate closed.

③ Change in potential to more positive value gives electrical force to S₄ helix, that make change in S₄'s position that's why '+' charges exposes cytoplasm to outside of cell.

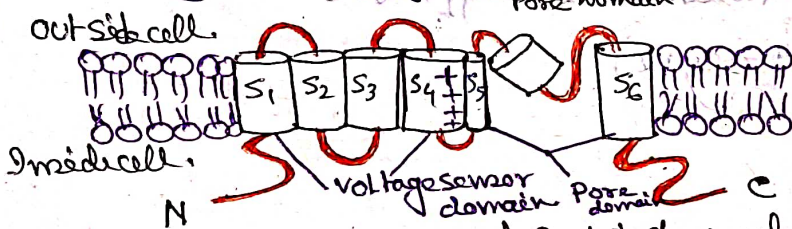


Fig. Eukaryotic voltage gated K⁺ channel.

Seven '+' charge side chain act as voltage sensor, situated at every 3rd residue along the helix
e.g. - Drosophila K⁺ shaker

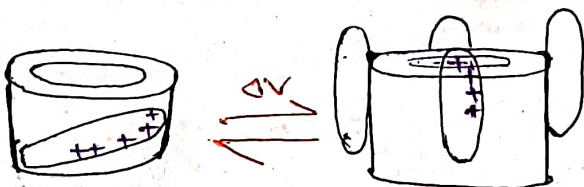


Fig. S₄ helix moves like a paddle through lipid bilayer between intracellular & extracellular surface.

④ After the channel is open for few milliseconds, movement of K⁺ ion "Automatically" stopped by process known as inactivation.

Conserve penta peptide - Gly - Tyr - Gly - Val - Thr
G - Y - G - V - T

* FACILITATED DIFFUSION *

In some case diffusion does not occur by diffusing through lipid bilayers. Some time it occurs through a membrane spanning protein - facilitative transporter. binding of solute to facilitative transporter to one side triggers conformational change of protein, exposing solute to other surface (without coupled to energy related system).

* Features *

- It only can move - 100 to 1000 solute / sec. (whereas ion channel can move millions/sec)
- Activity can be regulated.
- Important for entry & exit of polar solute. e.g. Glucose, Amino acids.

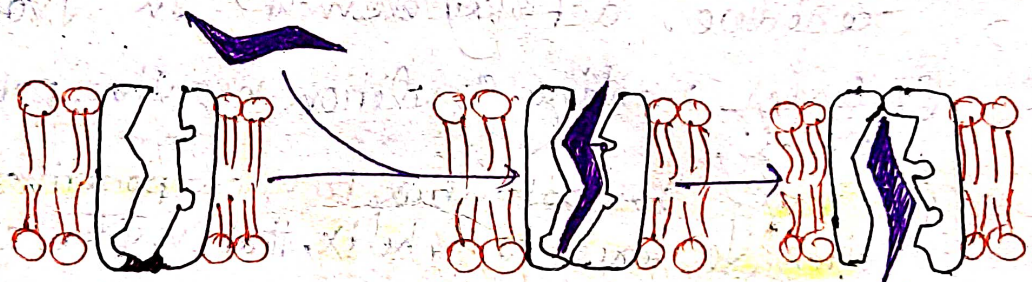
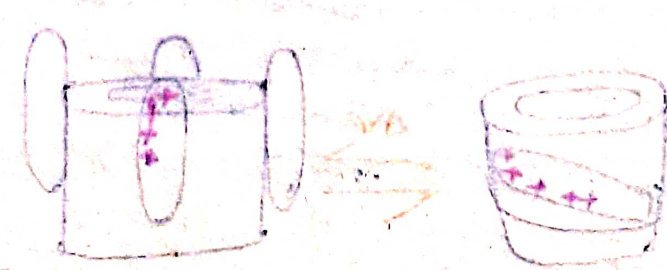
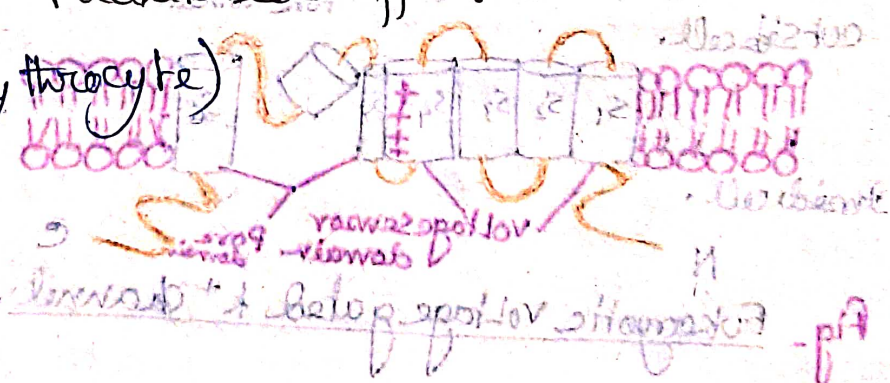


Fig 1:- Facilitated diffusion

(ie - Erythrocyte)



lipid bilayer... solute... membrane... facilitated diffusion...

* ACTIVE TRANSPORT

Movement of Solute against a gradient requires input of energy. Endergonic movement of ions or other solute across membrane coupled to exergonic process like -

- I) Hydrolysis of ATP.
- II) Absorbance of light.
- III) Transport of electrons.
- IV) Flow of some substances.

* Protein that carry active transport referred as "Pumps!"

* Hydrolysis of ATP - (PLASMA MEMBRANE

Na⁺K⁺ pump in An ATPase

Jens Skou, 1957

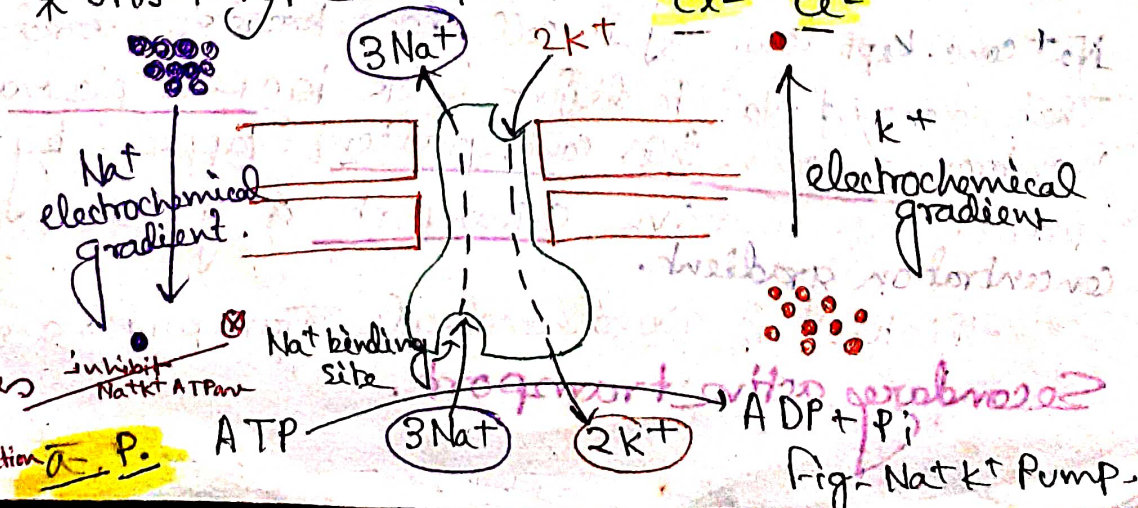
Sodium Potassium Pump

Active transport drives movement of ion in only one direction, Na⁺/K⁺ ATPase responsible for Na⁺ ions actively pumped by antiporter out of cell against electrochemical gradient & pumping K⁺ in, by the hydrolyzing ATP, to pump Na⁺ & K⁺. The positive charges of 2 ions balanced by negative charge by various anions. (Cl⁻ ion outside, Protein^{negatively charge} & amino acid inside)

* Ratio of Na⁺/K⁺ maintained as 3:2 (3 ion Na⁺ pumped out of cell & 2 K⁺ ions pumped in).

* Na⁺K⁺ ATPase: - Is electrogenic, contributes directly separation of charges across membrane.

* It's "P" type Ion pump - P stands for Phosphorylation.



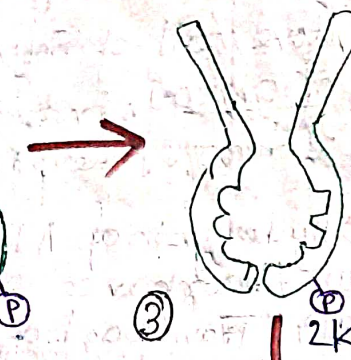
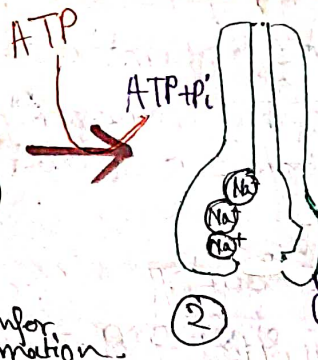
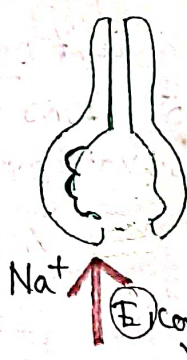
$H^+/K^+ ATPase$

Inhibitor \rightarrow Pilocarpine (Pump blocking drug)
Block receptor of H^+ (Zantac, Pepcid) (Acid blocking drug)

(2) ATP hydrolyzed and phosphate transferred to protein

Na^+ ion binds to protein inside membrane.

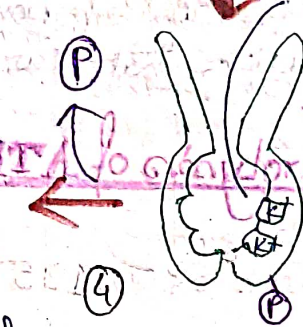
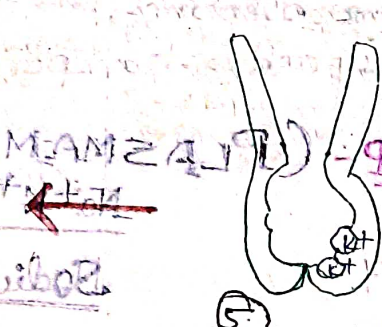
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(3) Changing protein's conformation allowing Na^+ ion to be expelled to external space

(E₂) Conformation

2 K^+



(4) K^+ ion binds to protein

(6)

(5)

(4)

Causes protein to back in its original conformation allowing K^+ ion to diffuse out of cell.

Subsequently lost.

Fig. Schematic model of $Na^+/K^+ ATPase$ transport cycle.

* Secondary Active transport - / Co-transport

Coupling active transport -

Establishment of concentration gradients provide a means by which free energy (of Na^+, K^+, H^+) can be stored in cells & utilize in various processes by like transport of other solutes.

* Cotransport:-

Movement of glucose against concentration gradient occurs by cotransport with Na^+ ion.

* Secondary active transport:-

By primary active transport ($Na^+/K^+ ATPase$) Na^+ conc. kept low in cell. The tendency of Na^+ to diffuse back to apical plasma membrane down their conc. gradient: "tapped" by epithelial cell to drive cotransport of glucose against concentration gradient. This type of glucose molecule transport named as Secondary active transport.

In the case of 2Na^+ molecules take 1Glucose by $\text{Na}^+/\text{glu.}$ Cotransporter and export to epithelial cell & ~~export~~ ^{lowers} affinity for glucose & release. Then glucose molecule move out to blood stream by facilitated diffusion through Glucose Transporter.

low conc. of Na^+ in Epithelial cell maintained by Na^+/K^+ ATPase on basolateral membrane.

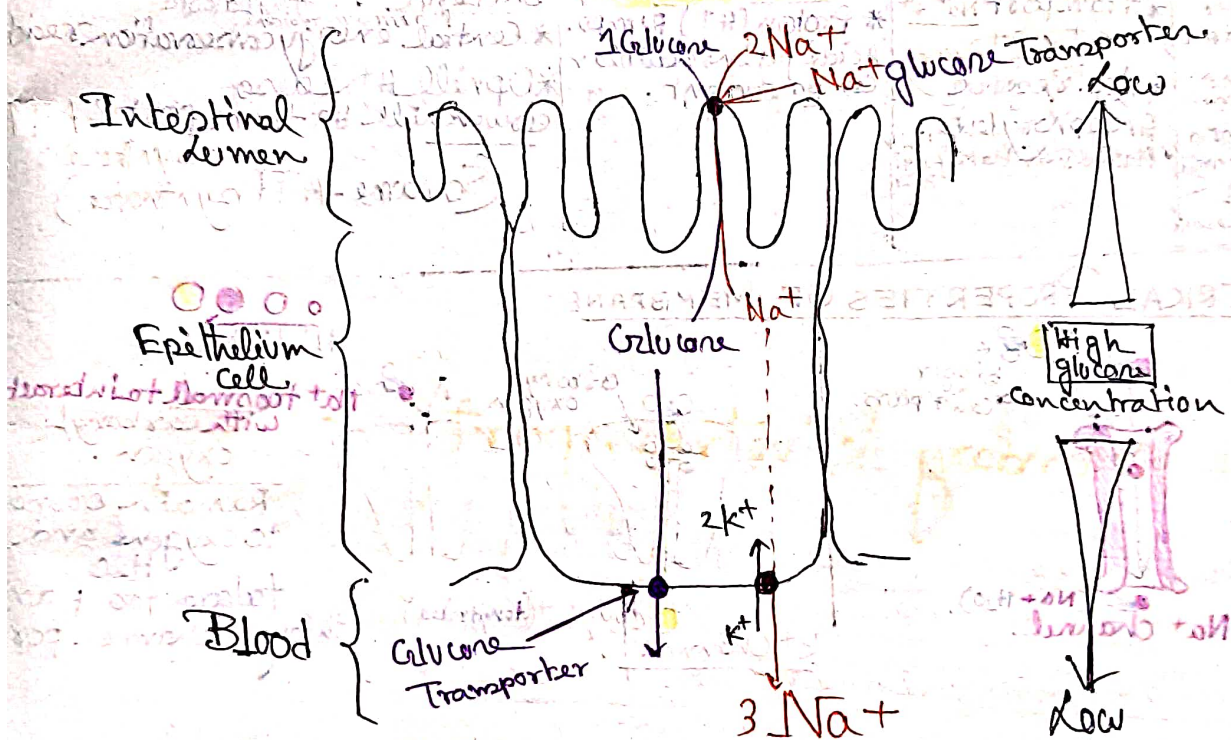
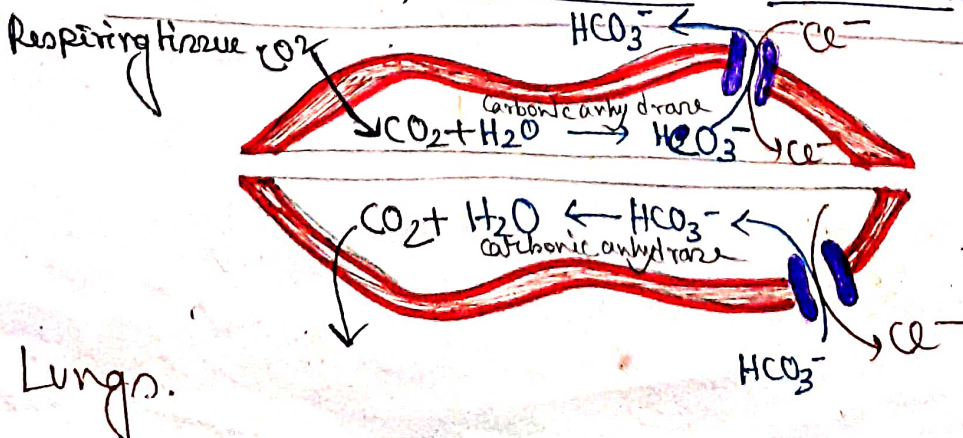


Fig:- Secondary Active Transport. (Use of energy stored in ionic gradient).

* Using light energy:-

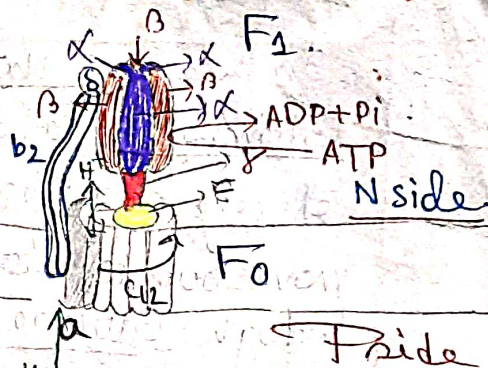
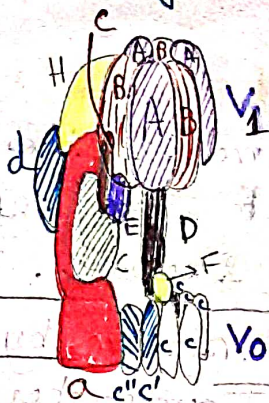
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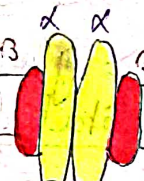
* HCO_3^- is much more soluble in blood than CO_2 in blood plasma.

ION Transporting ATPases.

(Phosphate analog)
Vanadate (VO_4^{3-})
(inhibit)



1. A type
ATPase ATP ADP+Pi



(Anion transporter.)

ABC Superfamily



Autophosphorylate by ATP.

- Bacterial plasma membrane
- Superphosphate transporter
- Mammalian membrane
- Propholipid
- Lipophilic drug
- Cholesterol
- Small molecule

- * In animal tissues
- * transport Na^+ , H^+
- * K^+ , Ca^{2+} pump
- * Asp. residue phosphorylate
- * Plasma membrane fungi pump

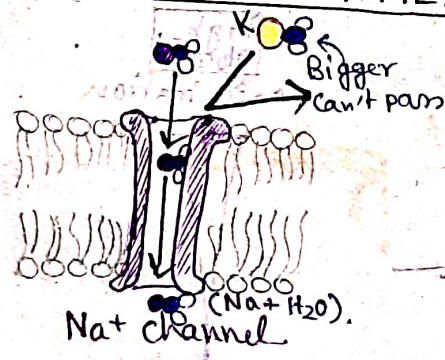
V type

- locate in vacuole membrane & animal lysosome (Acidic vesicle)
- * Proton (H^+) pumps
- Acidify intracellular compartment.

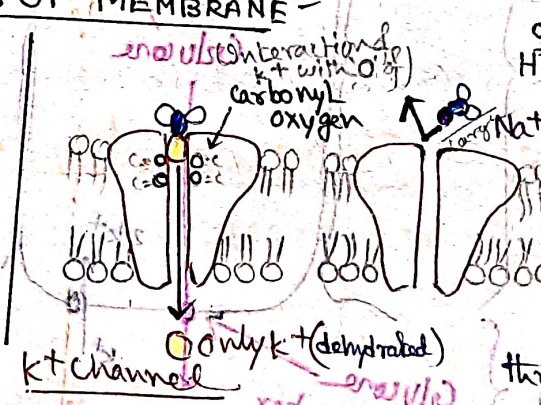
F type (Energy coupling factor)

- Mitochondria, Chloroplast bacteria, thylakoid
- * Central energy conservation reaction
- * Uphill H^+ & also downhill H^+ transport & ATP synthesis
- (Some ATP synthase)

ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF MEMBRANE



Na^+ channel



K^+ channel

H^+ , K^+ , Na^+ , K^+

interaction of K^+ with O of carbonyl oxygen

Na^+ too small to interact with carbonyl oxygen.

Remain bound to oxygen and H_2O

too large to pass through channel pore.

Ionophores

- 1) Valinomycin (cyclic peptide surround K^+)
O atoms binds to K^+
External polypeptides hydrophobic.
- 2) Monensin

K^+

Na^+

