

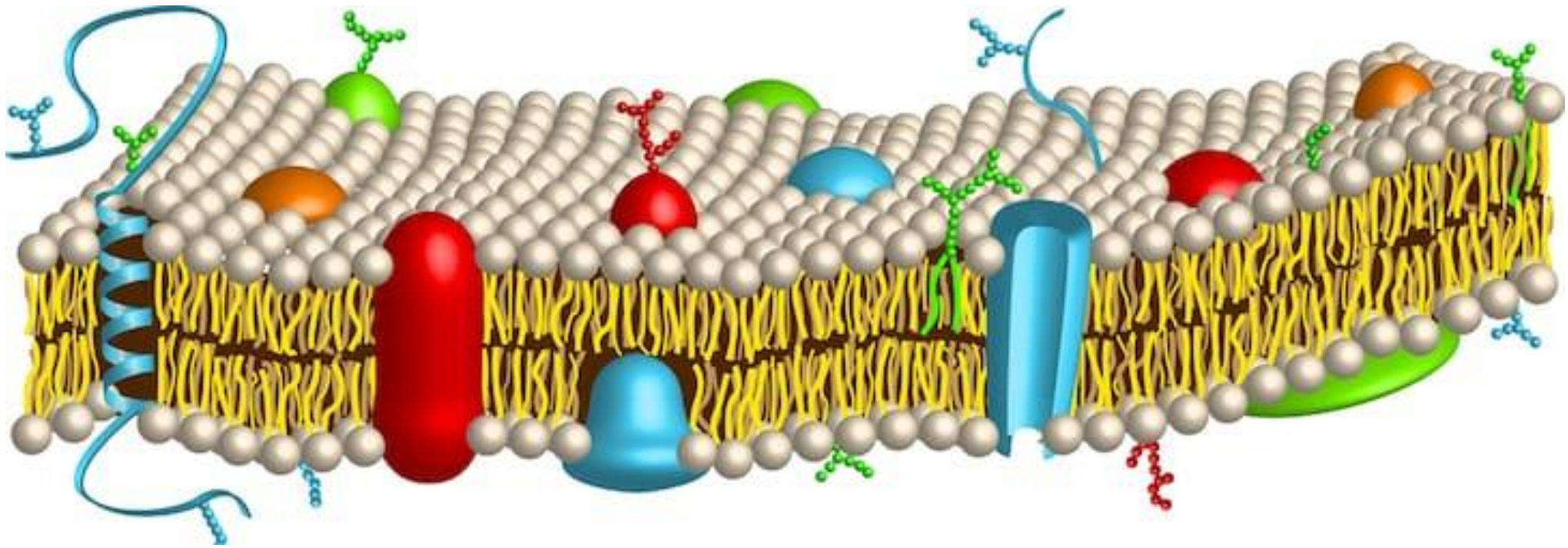
Fluid Exchange Between Body Compartments

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Basic structure of the cell membrane



Transport of substances across cell membranes

Because of their hydrophobic internal parts, lipid bilayer:

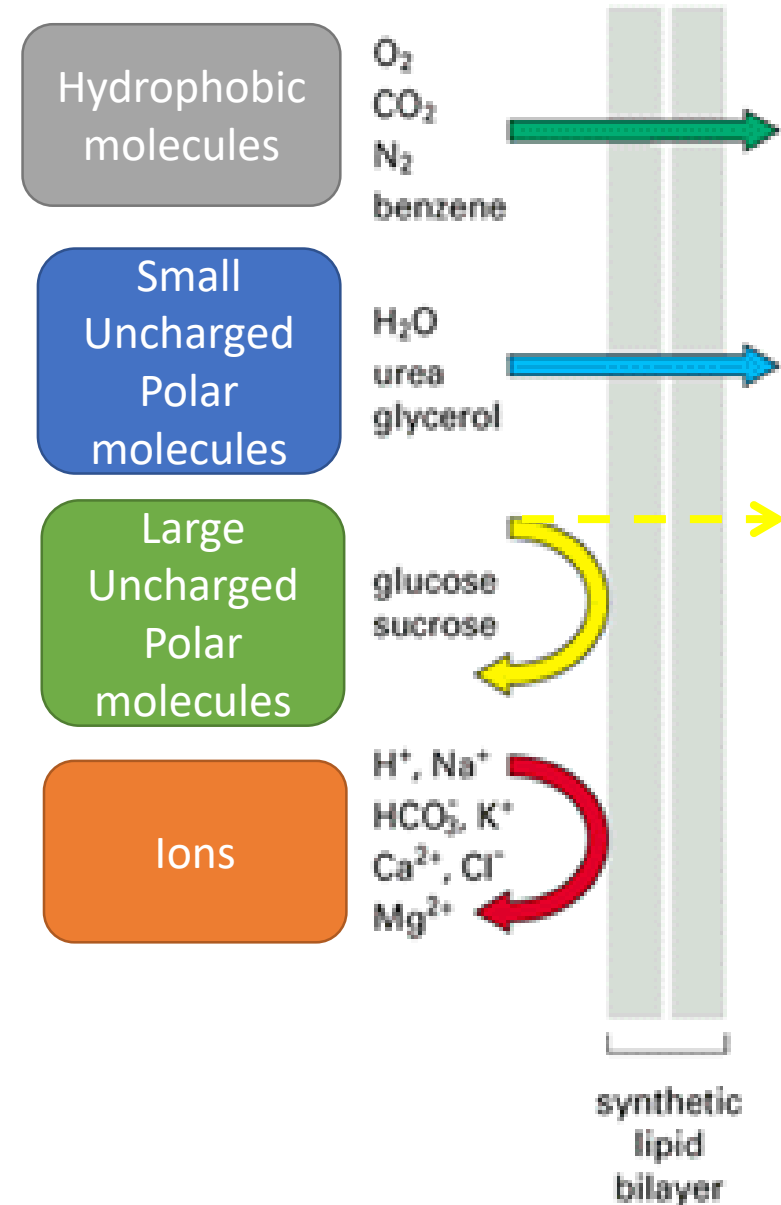
➤ is **permeable** to

- Small, uncharged, polar molecules
- Hydrophobic molecules
- Gases

➤ is **impermeable** to

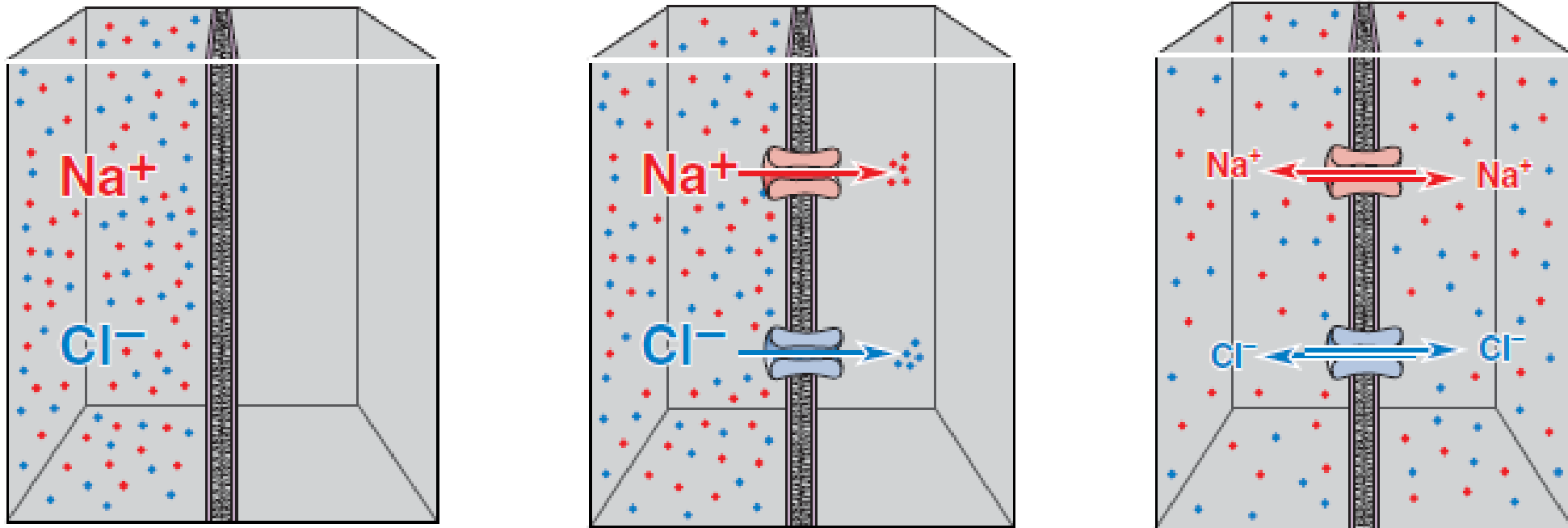
- Charged molecules (e.g. Na^+ , Cl^- , K^+ , Ca^{2+})
- Large water soluble molecules (e.g. Proteins, nucleic acids, sugars, nucleotides etc.)

➤ **Selective permeability**



| | EXTRACELLULAR FLUID | INTRACELLULAR FLUID |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Na ⁺ | 142 mEq/L | 10 mEq/L |
| K ⁺ | 4 mEq/L | 140 mEq/L |
| Ca ⁺⁺ | 2.4 mEq/L | 0.0001 mEq/L |
| Mg ⁺⁺ | 1.2 mEq/L | 58 mEq/L |
| Cl ⁻ | 103 mEq/L | 4 mEq/L |
| HCO ₃ ⁻ | 28 mEq/L | 10 mEq/L |
| Phosphates | 4 mEq/L | 75 mEq/L |
| SO ₄ ⁻ | 1 mEq/L | 2 mEq/L |
| Glucose | 90 mg/dl | 0 to 20 mg/dl |
| Amino acids | 30 mg/dl | 200 mg/dl ? |
| Cholesterol | 0.5 g/dl | 2 to 95 g/dl |
| Phospholipids | | |
| Neutral fat | | |
| PO ₂ | 35 mm Hg | 20 mm Hg ? |
| PCO ₂ | 46 mm Hg | 50 mm Hg ? |
| pH | 7.4 | 7.0 |
| Proteins | 2 g/dl (5 mEq/L) | 16 g/dl (40 mEq/L) |

Diffusion



The movement of ions across the membrane by diffusion, therefore, happens when

- ✓ The membrane has channels permeable to the ions
- ✓ There is a concentration gradient across the membrane.

Movement of Water between different fluid compartments

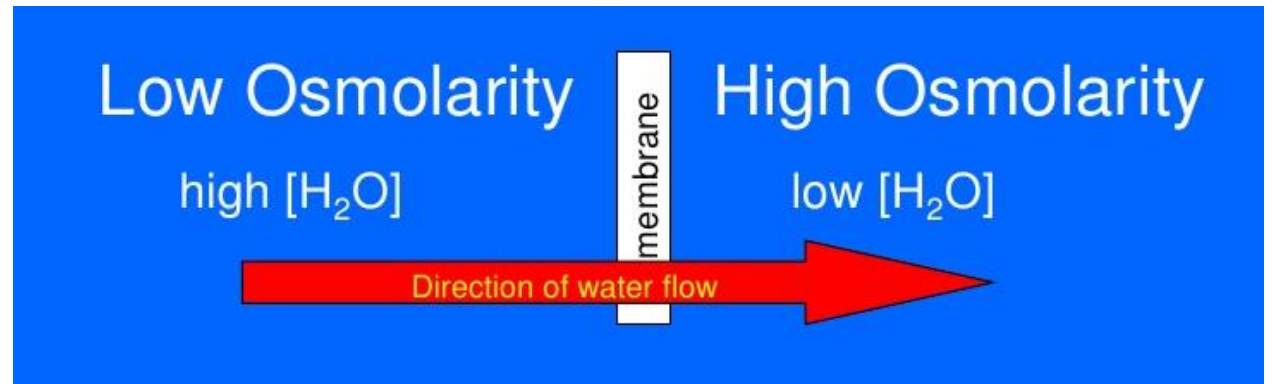
- The pathways and driving forces for this water movement are different across cell membranes, in comparison to the capillary walls.
- Movement of water between the ICF and ECF compartments, across cell membranes, occurs through aquaporins expressed in the plasma membrane.
- The driving force for this water movement is an osmotic pressure difference. The osmotic pressure of both the ICF and ECF is determined by the molecules/ions present in these fluids.

Osmosis

- Net diffusion of water across a membrane
- Aquaporins: Water channels
- Different numbers in different membranes and the numbers can be altered in response to various signals

Osmolarity

- The total solute concentration of a solution
- 1 osmol (osm) = 1 mol of solute particles
 - 1 M glucose = 1 osm
 - 1 M NaCl = 2 osm



Tonicity



- For two fluids separated by a semipermeable membrane, the one with lower solute concentration is *hypotonic*, and the one with higher solute concentration is *hypertonic*
 - Water diffuses from hypotonic to hypertonic
- *Isotonic* fluids have the same solute concentration

- The osmolarity of the extracellular fluid is normally in the range of 285–300 mOsm
- Because water can diffuse across plasma membranes, water in the intracellular and extracellular fluids will come to diffusion equilibrium.
- At equilibrium, therefore, the osmolarities of the intracellular and extracellular fluids are the same—approximately 300 mOsm.

Osmolarity of the intracellular fluids 300 mOsm

- Isotonic = 300 mOsm
- Hypertonic > 300 mOsm
- Hypotonic < 300 mOsm

Osmotic Pressure

- When a solution containing solutes is separated from pure water by a *semipermeable membrane* (a membrane permeable to water but not to solutes), the pressure that must be applied to the solution to prevent the net flow of water into it is known as the *osmotic pressure* of the solution.
- Osmolarity  Osmotic pressure 
- Represents the amount of pressure that would have to be applied to a solution to prevent the net flow of water into the solution by osmosis

Isotonic Solutions

150 mM NaCl

300 mOsm NaCl (0.9% NaCl)

300 mM glucose

300 mOsm glucose (5% glucose)

Ringer lactate

- **Treatment of fluid loss**

- Plasma proteins exert an osmotic force of about 25-28 mmHg to pull the interstitial fluid from tissues into the blood: **Colloid osmotic pressure** or **Oncotic pressure**
- **Hydrostatic pressure** refers to force that is exerted by the fluid inside the blood capillaries against the capillary wall.

Interstitial Fluid Return by the Lymphatic System

- Network of tiny vessels intermingled among capillaries
- After entering the lymphatic system by diffusion, the fluid is called lymph; its composition is about the same as that of interstitial fluid
- Disruptions in lymph flow often result in fluid accumulation, or edema

Transport of small molecules and ions

A) Passive transport

- Simple diffusion
- Facilitated diffusion
 - **Pores** (un-gated channels)
 - **Channel proteins** (gated pores)
 - **Carrier proteins** (permeases)
 - Osmosis

B) Active transport

- ATP dependent (Primary active transport)
- Dependent on ion gradients (Secondary active transport)

A) Passive Transport: **No energy required**

- 1) Simple diffusion
- 2) Facilitated diffusion

Direction and driving force of transport

Uncharged molecules

The concentration difference of the molecule on both sides of the membrane:

In the direction of the concentration gradient

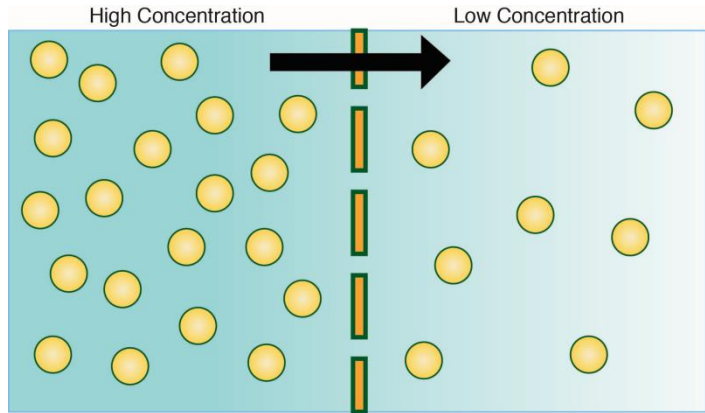
Molecules with a net charge

Concentration gradient+

Electrical potential difference=

In the direction of the electrochemical gradient

1) Simple diffusion



Hydrophobic
molecules

Small
Uncharged
Polar
molecules

O_2 , CO_2 , H_2O , alcohol, steroid hormones etc.

2) Facilitated diffusion

Integral Membrane Proteins

- i. Pores (ungated channels)
 - ii. Channel proteins (gated pores)
 - iii. Carrier proteins (transporters, carriers, permeases)
- ✓ They are found in all biological membranes and in very different forms.
 - ✓ Each protein carries a specific group of molecules (eg. **sugars, amino acids, ions**).

Large Uncharged
Polar molecules

Charged
molecules
Ions

2) Facilitated diffusion

- ✓ No external source of energy is provided.
- ✓ Molecules travel across the membrane in the direction determined by **their concentration gradients / the electric potential across the membrane.**
- ✓ High → Low

Large Uncharged
Polar molecules

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Pores (ungated channels)

- Both sides are always open
- Aquaporins

B) Active Transport: **REQUIRES ENERGY**

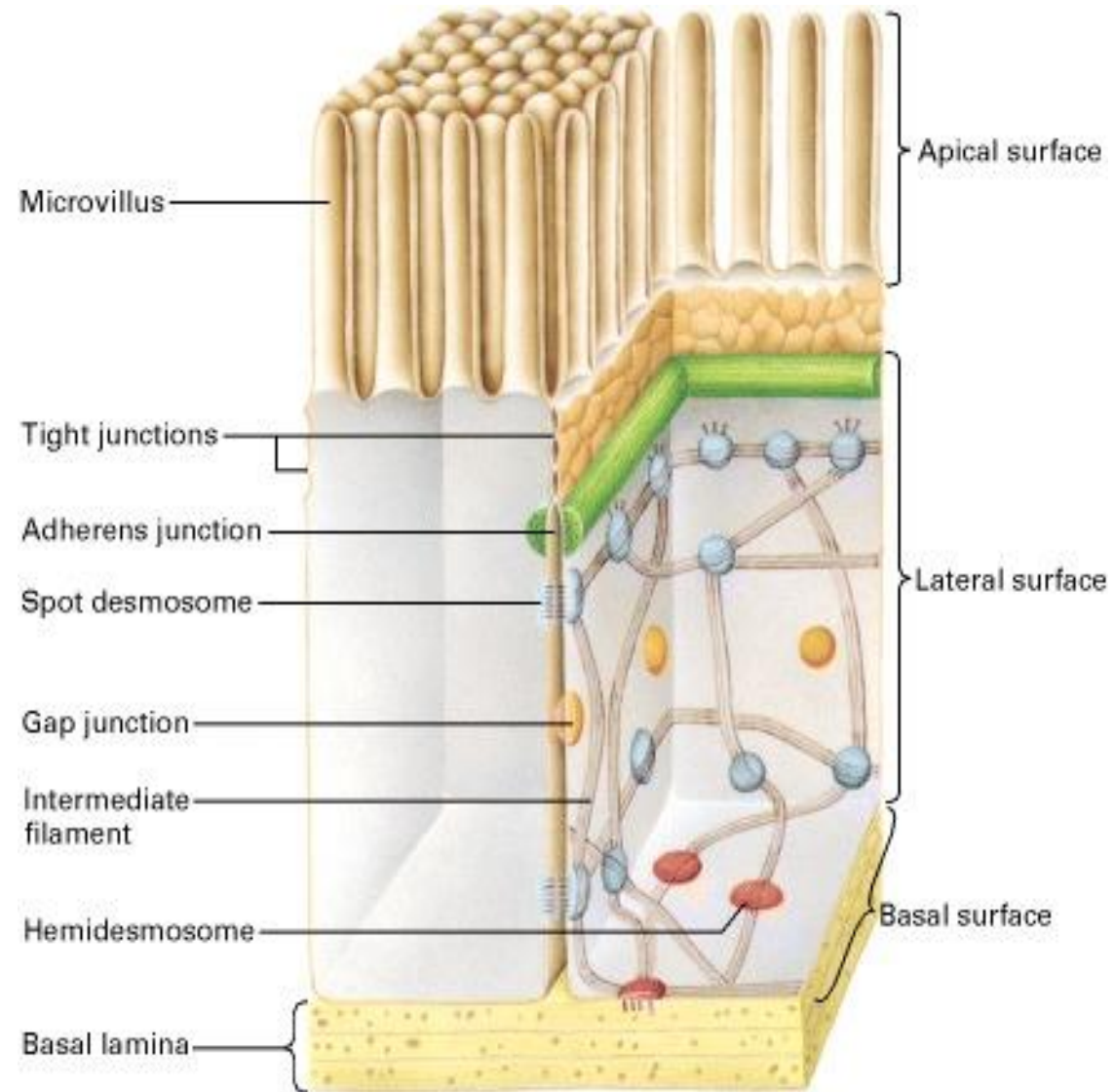
- ✓ Transport against electrochemical gradient
- ✓ Require specialized proteins
- ✓ From low conc. to high conc.
 1. ATP hydrolysis (Primary active transport)
 2. Ion gradient (Secondary active transport)

Na⁺-K⁺ ATPase (Na⁺-K⁺ pump)

- ATP-driven pump
- Member of a P-type pump family.
- Extremely important in maintaining intracellular and extracellular concentration differences of sodium and potassium.
- A typical animal cell uses 1/3 of its energy for this pump to work.
- The Na⁺ gradient it creates
 - Transport of many nutrients across the membrane
 - Regulation of cytosolic pH
 - Regulation of osmolarity

2. Ion gradient_driven pumps: **Secondary active transport**

Epithelial cells are highly polarized



Transport of molecules across epithelium

- **Paracellular transport:** H₂O and small molecules
- **Transcellular transport:** Passing directly through the cell
- **Transcytosis:** Passing through the cell by vesicles

Transport of glucose in the small intestine epithelium

- ✓ **Na⁺-K⁺ ATPase** localized to the basolateral membrane
- ✓ Symporter SGLT1 restricted to the apical membrane: **Na⁺/glucose symporter**
- ✓ **Uniporter GLUT5** restricted to basolateral membrane

Movement of water across an epithelium

- Net movements of water across an epithelium are dependent on net solute movements.
- The active transport of Na^+ across the cells and into the surrounding interstitial spaces produces an elevated osmolarity in this region and a decreased osmolarity in the lumen.
- This leads to the osmotic flow of water across the epithelium in the same direction as the net solute movement.
- The water diffuses through aquaporins in the membrane (transcellular pathway) and across the tight junctions between the epithelial cells (paracellular pathway).