

Introduction to Physiology and Transport

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Textbook: Guyton and Hall Textbook of Medical Physiology: 13th edition 2016

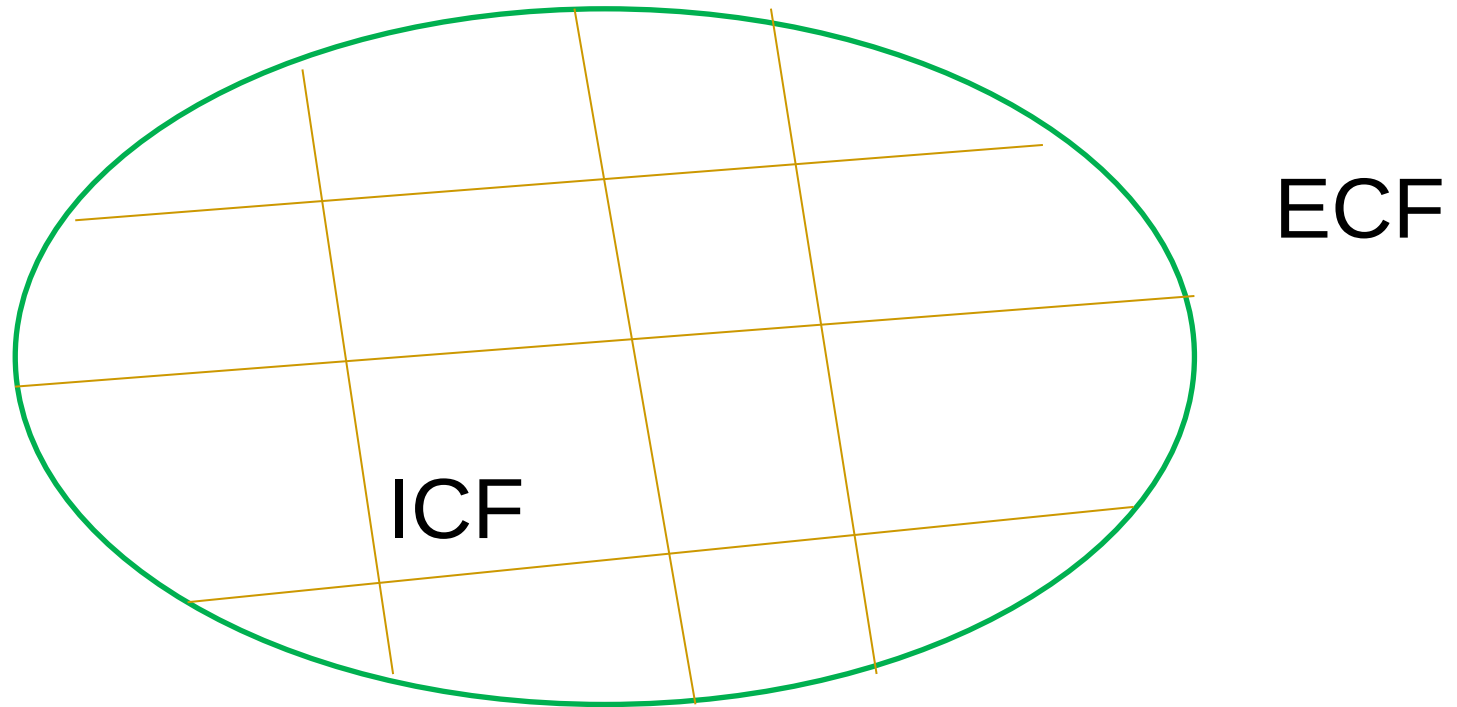
Anatomy and Physiology Defined

- Two branches of science that deal with body's parts and function
 - **Anatomy**
 - The science of body structures and relationships
 - First studies by dissection (cutting apart)
 - Imaging techniques
 - **Physiology**
 - The science that is concerned with the function of the living organism and its parts, and of the physical and chemical processes involved.
 - The science of body functions

Zygot

Intracellular fluid =(ICF)

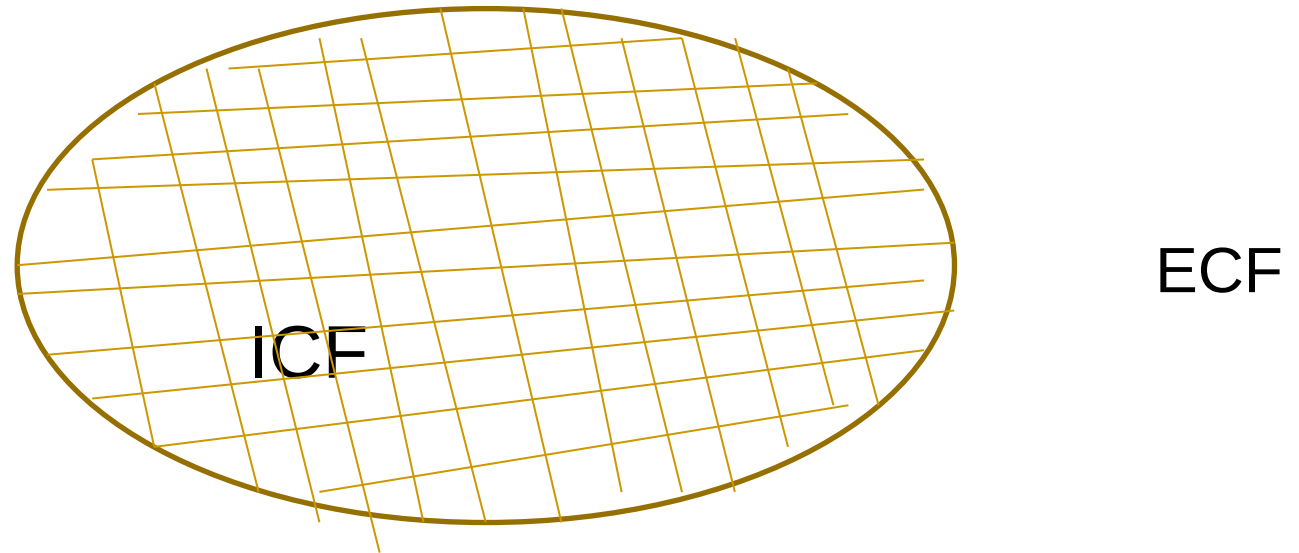
Extracellular fluid (ECF)



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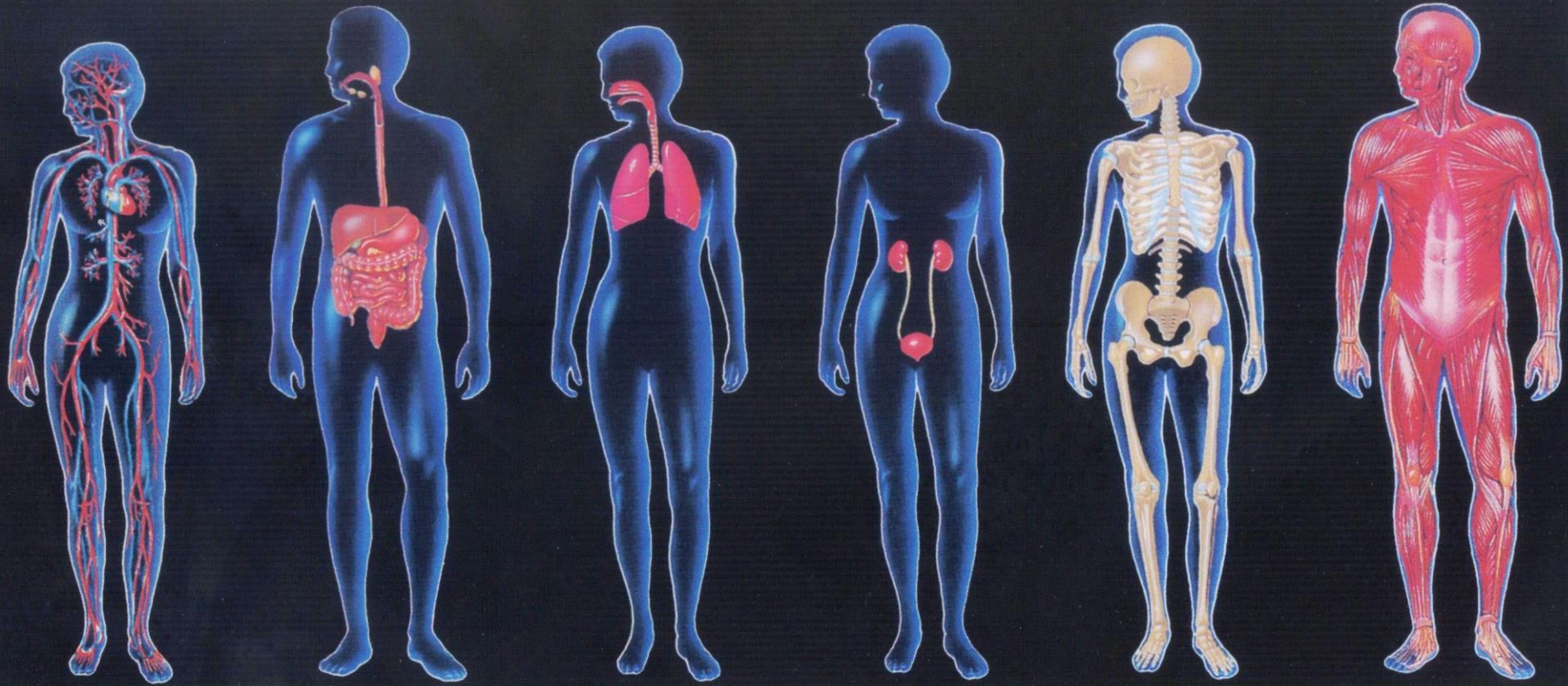
Emergence of systems to meet the need for
supplying the cells with the nutrients it
needs.

Levels of structural organization

■ SYSTEM LEVEL

- A **system** consists of related organs with a common function
 - Organ-system level
 - Digestive system breaks down and absorbs food
 - It includes organs such as the mouth, small and large intestines, liver, gallbladder, and pancreas
 - Eleven systems of the human body
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Eleven organ systems of the human body, part 1



Circulatory system
heart, blood,
blood vessels

Digestive system
mouth, pharynx,
esophagus,
stomach,
small intestine,
large intestine,
salivary glands,
exocrine pancreas,
liver, gallbladder

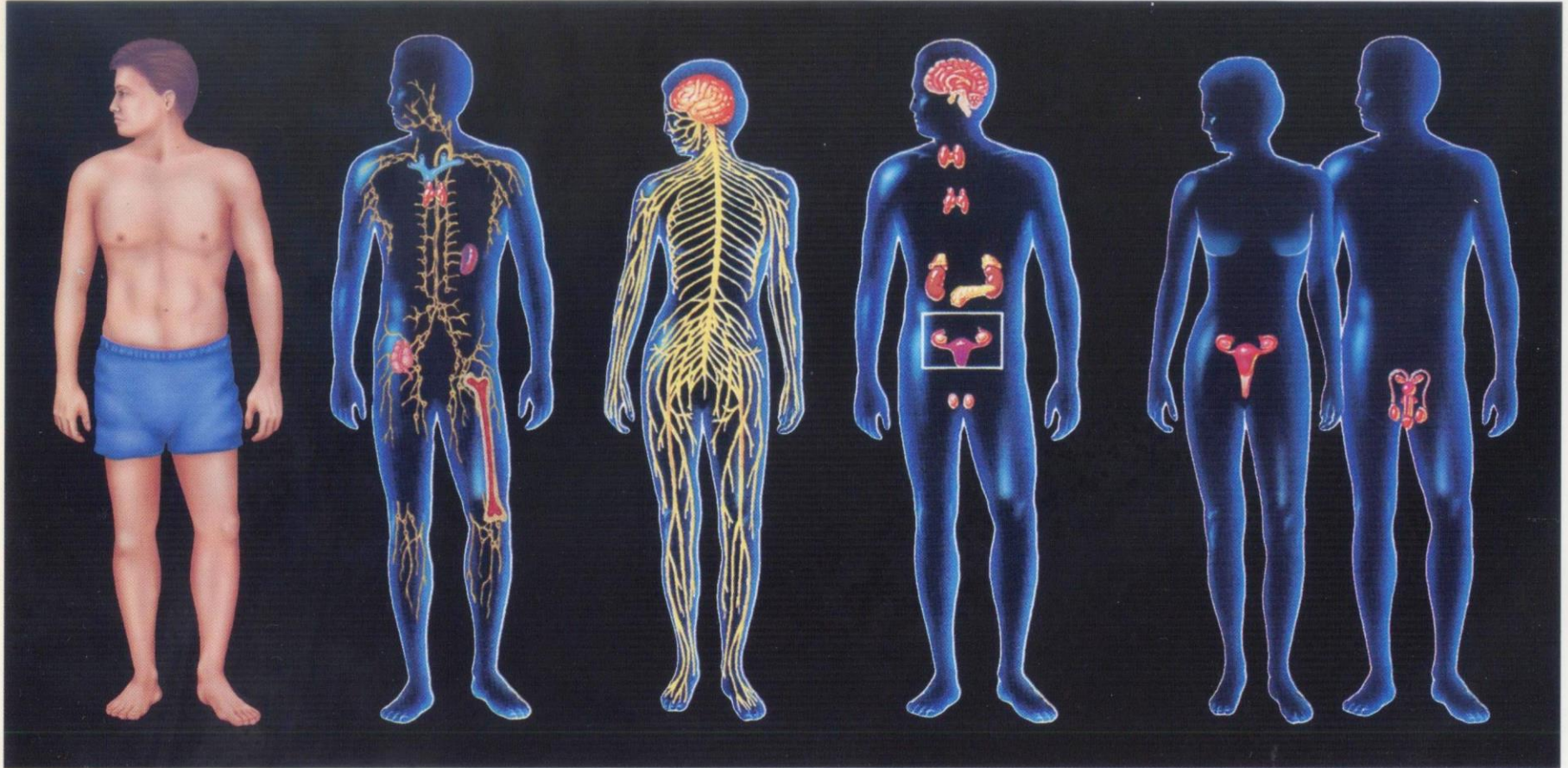
Respiratory system
Nose, pharynx, larynx,
trachea, bronchi, lungs

Urinary system
kidneys, ureters,
urinary bladder,
urethra

Skeletal system
bones, cartilage,
joints

Muscular system
skeletal muscles

Eleven organ systems of the human body, part 2



Integumentary system
skin, hair, nails

Immune system
lymph nodes, thymus, bone marrow, tonsils, adenoids, spleen, appendix, and, not shown, white blood cells, gut-associated lymphoid tissue, and skin-associated lymphoid tissue

Nervous system
brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, and, not shown, special sense organs

Endocrine system
all hormone-secreting tissues, including hypothalamus, pituitary, thyroid, adrenals, endocrine pancreas, gonads, kidneys, pineal, thymus, and, not shown, parathyroids, intestine, heart, and skin

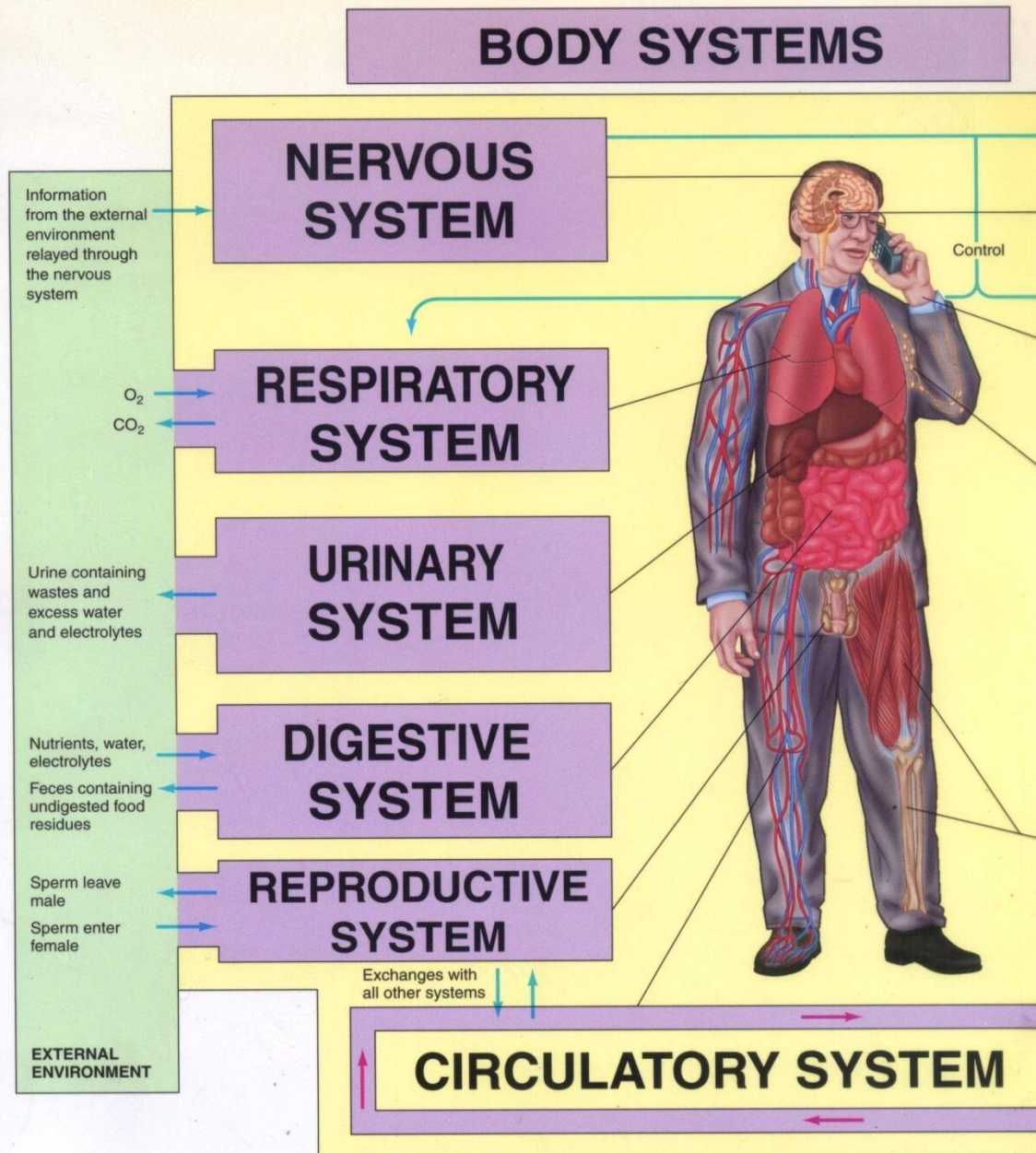
Reproductive system
Male: testes, penis, prostate gland, seminal vesicles, bulbourethral glands, and associated ducts
Female: ovaries, oviducts, uterus, vagina, breasts

Homeostasis

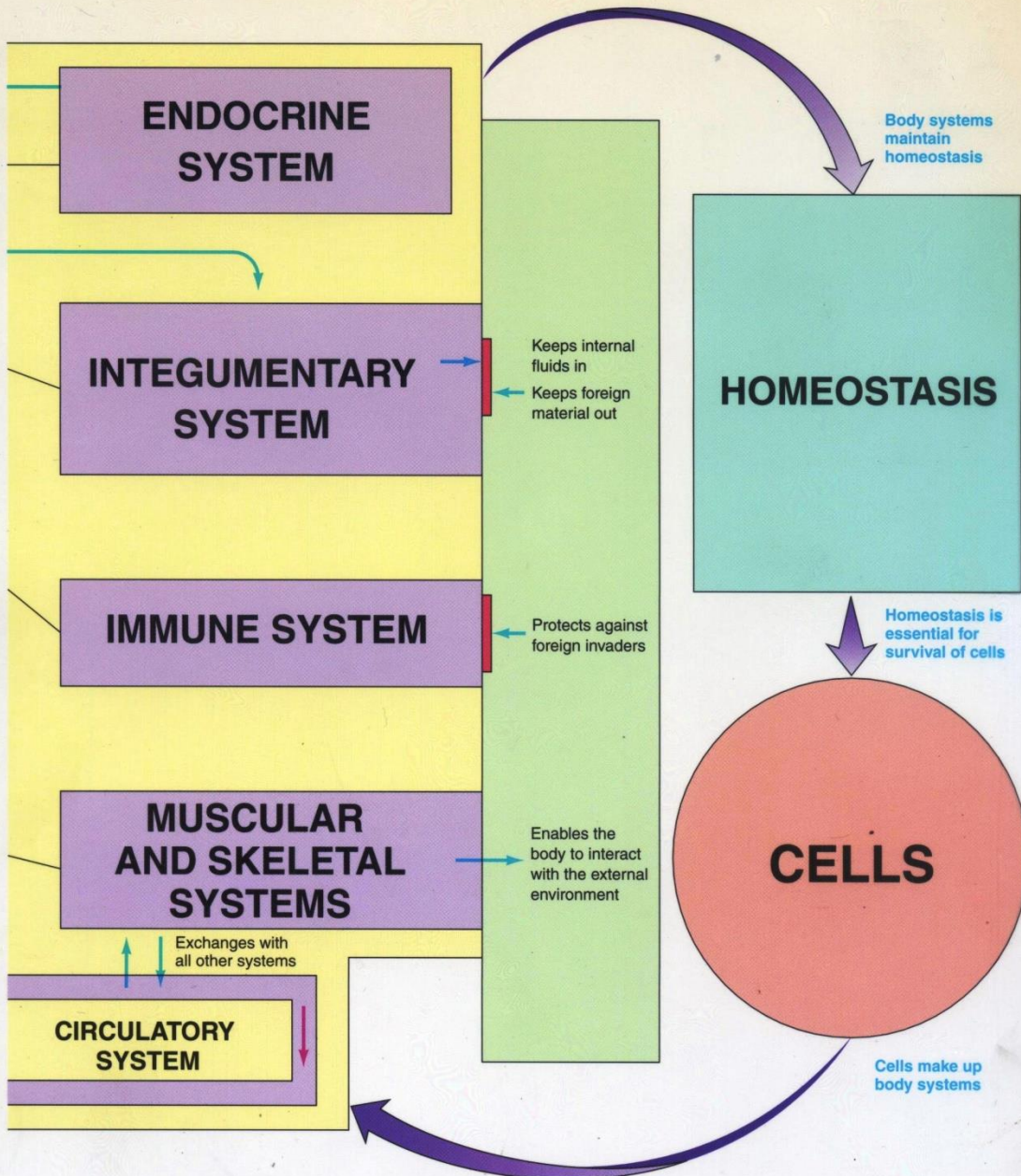
- A condition of **equilibrium** (balance) in the body's internal environment. Maintain an almost constant internal environment
 - Dynamic condition
 - Narrow range is compatible with maintaining life
 - Example
 - Blood glucose levels range between 70 and 110 mg of glucose/dL of blood
 - Whole body contributes to maintain the internal environment within normal limits

Figure 1.1

Body systems maintain homeostasis, part 1



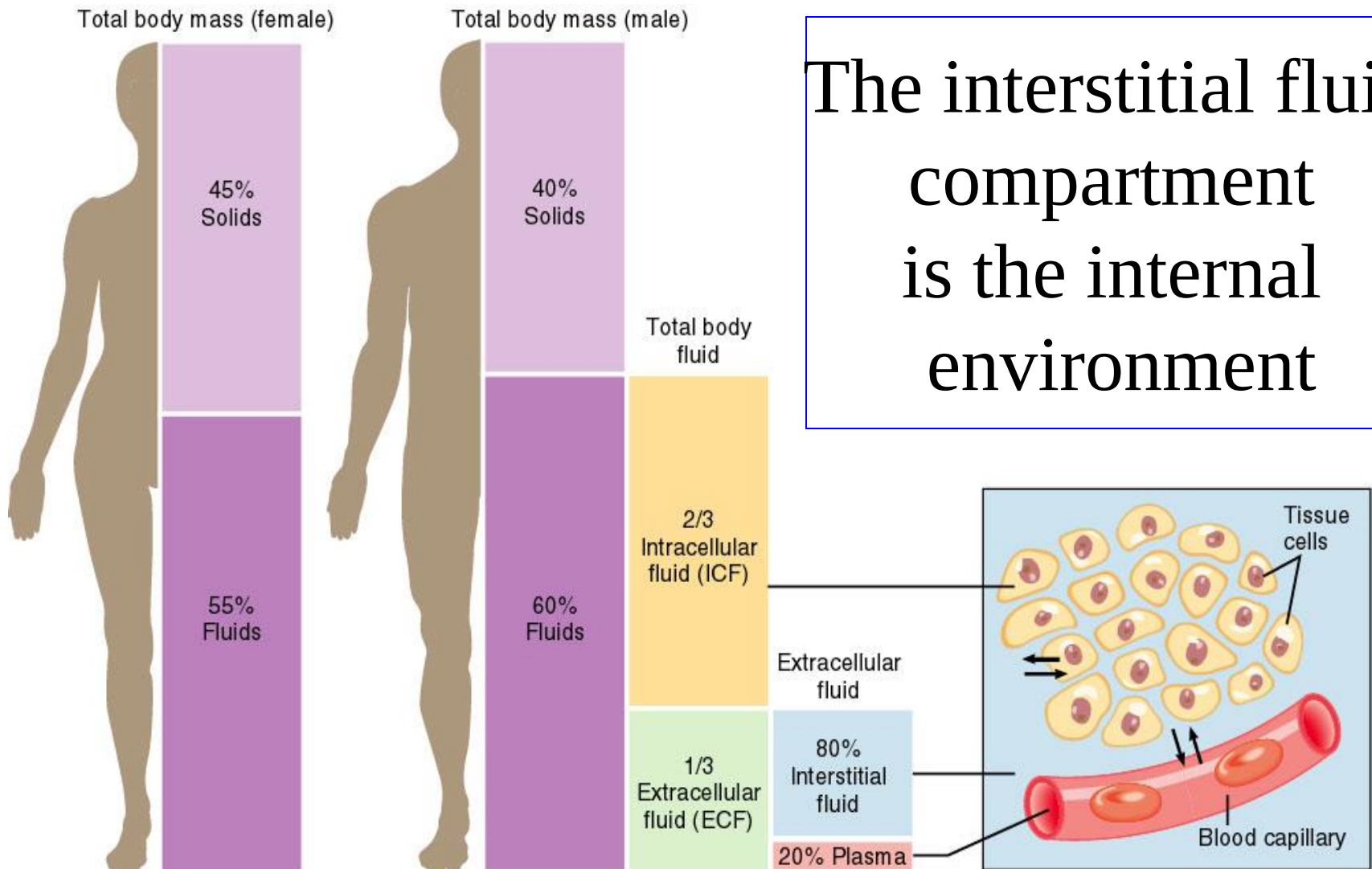
Body systems maintain homeostasis, part 2



Homeostasis and Body Fluids

- Maintaining the volume and composition of body fluids are important
 - **Body fluids** are defined as dilute, watery solutions containing dissolved chemicals inside or outside of the cell
 - **Intracellular Fluid (ICF)**
 - Fluid within cells
 - **Extracellular Fluid (ECF)**
 - Fluid outside cells
 - **Interstitial fluid** is ECF between cells and tissues
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The interstitial fluid compartment is the internal environment



(a) Distribution of body solids and fluids in an average lean, adult female and male

(b) Exchange of water among body fluid compartments

Interstitial Fluid and Body Function

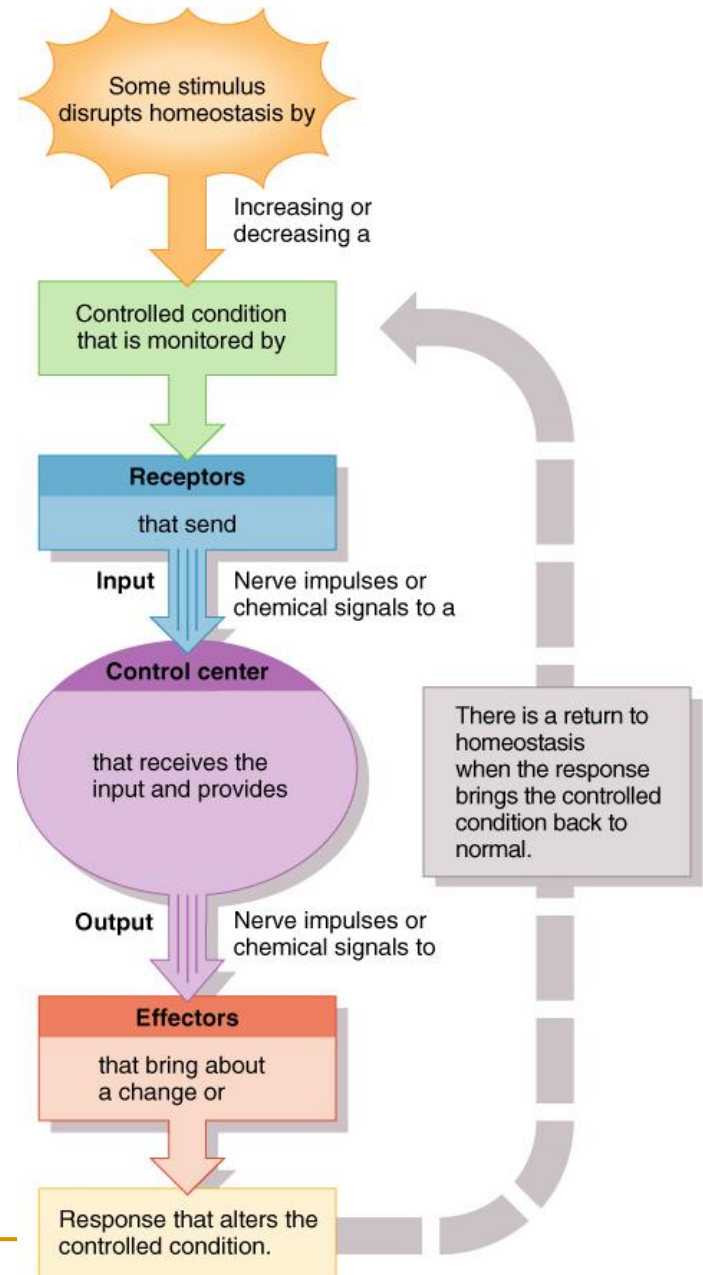
- Cellular function depends on the regulation of composition of interstitial fluid
 - Body's internal environment
 - Composition of interstitial fluid changes as it moves
 - Movement back and forth across capillary walls provide nutrients (glucose, oxygen, ions) to tissue cells and removes waste (carbon dioxide)
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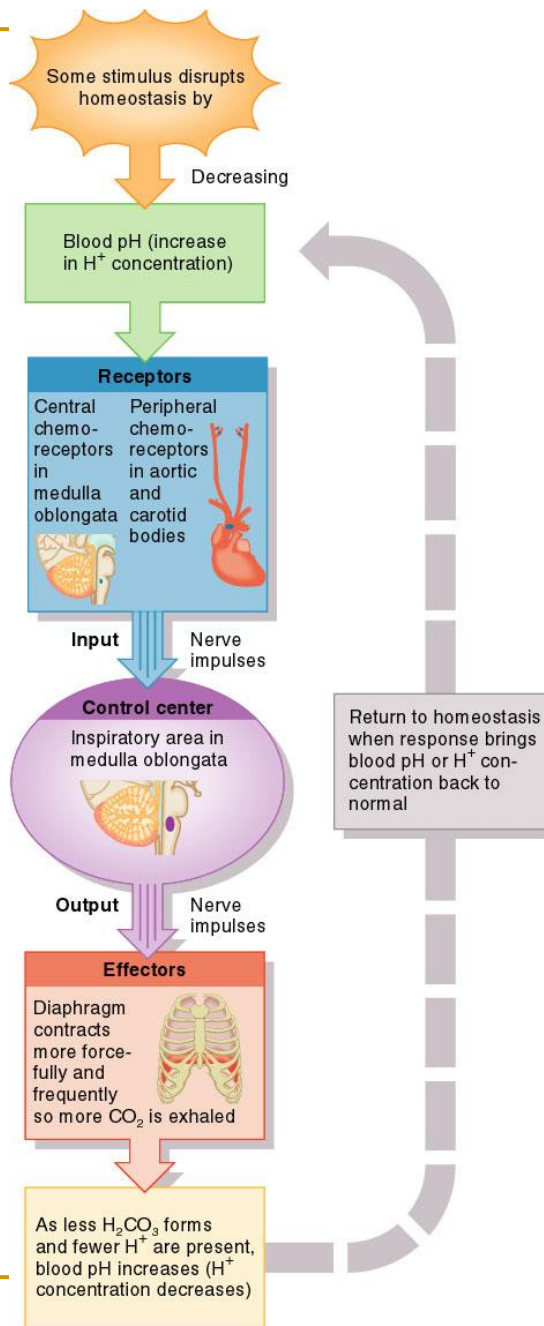
Control of Homeostasis

- Homeostasis is constantly being disrupted
 - **Physical insults**
 - Intense heat or lack of oxygen
 - **Changes in the internal environment**
 - Drop in blood glucose due to lack of food
 - **Physiological stress**
 - Demands of work or school
 - **Disruptions**
 - Mild and temporary (balance is quickly restored)
 - Intense and Prolonged (poisoning or severe infections)

Feedback System

- Cycle of events
 - Body is monitored and re-monitored
 - Each monitored variable is termed a controlled condition
- Three Basic components
 - Receptor
 - Control center
 - Effector





Feedback Systems

■ Receptor

- Body structure that monitors changes in a controlled condition
 - Sends **input** to the control center
 - Nerve ending of the skin in response to temperature change
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Feedback Systems

■ Control Center

- ❑ Brain
 - ❑ Sets the range of values to be maintained
 - ❑ Evaluates input received from receptors and generates **output** command
 - ❑ Nerve impulses, hormones
 - Brains acts as a control center receiving nerve impulses from skin temperature receptors
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Feedback Systems

■ Effector

- ❑ Receives output from the control center
 - ❑ Produces a response or effect that changes the controlled condition
 - Found in nearly every organ or tissue
 - Body temperature drops the brain sends and impulse to the skeletal muscles to contract
 - Shivering to generate heat
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Negative and Positive Feedback systems

- **Negative Feedback systems**

- Reverses a change in a controlled condition

- Regulation of blood pressure (force exerted by blood as it presses against the walls of the blood vessels)

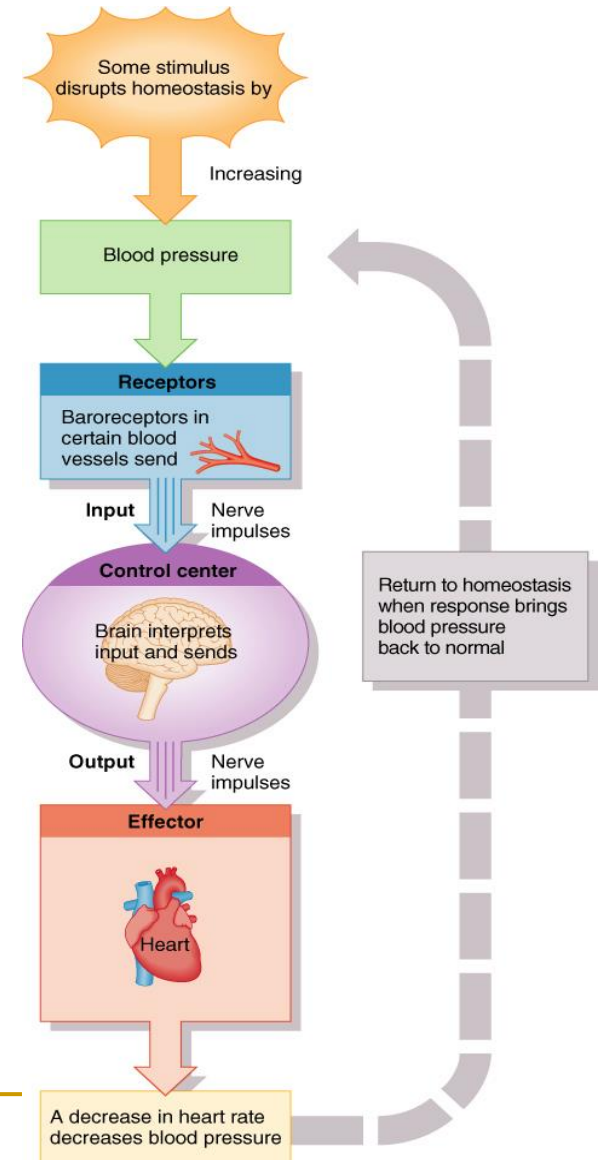
- **Positive Feedback systems**

- Strengthen or reinforce a change in one of the body's controlled conditions

- Normal child birth

Negative Feedback: Regulation of Blood Pressure

- External or internal stimulus increase BP
 - ❑ Baroreceptors (pressure sensitive receptors)
 - Detect higher BP
 - Send nerve impulses to brain for interpretation
 - Response sent via nerve impulse sent to heart and blood vessels
 - BP drops and homeostasis is restored
 - Drop in BP negates the original stimulus



Positive Feedback: Blood Loss

- Normal conditions, heart pumps blood under pressure to body cells (oxygen and nutrients)
- Severe blood loss
 - Blood pressure drops
 - Cells receive less oxygen and function less efficiently
 - If blood loss continues
 - Heart cells become weaker
 - Heart doesn't pump
 - BP continues to fall

Feedback Gain

A measure of the effectiveness of a feedback system

$$\text{Gain} = \frac{\text{Correction}}{\text{Error}}$$

Homeostatic Imbalances

- Normal equilibrium of body processes are disrupted
 - **Moderate imbalance**
 - Disorder or abnormality of structure and function
 - Disease specific for an illness with recognizable signs and symptoms
 - **Signs** are objective changes such as a fever or swelling
 - **Symptoms** are subjective changes such as headache
 - **Severe imbalance**
 - Death

Generalized Body Cell

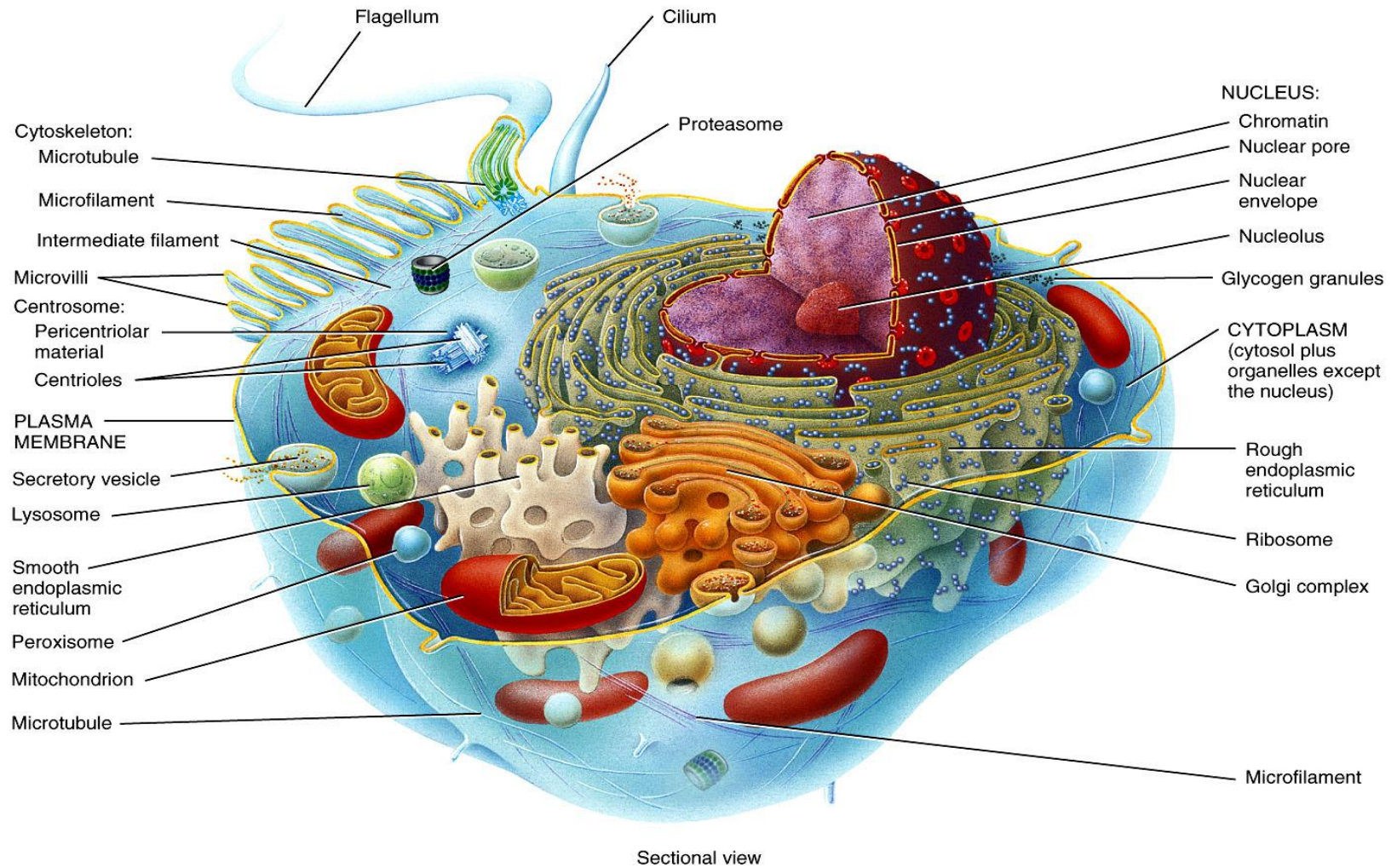


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A Generalized Cell

1. Plasma membrane

- forms the cell's outer boundary
 - separates the cell's internal environment from the outside environment
 - is a selective barrier
 - plays a role in cellular communication
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Plasma Membrane

- Flexible yet sturdy barrier
 - The *fluid mosaic model* - the arrangement of molecules within the membrane resembles a sea of lipids containing many types of proteins
 - The lipids act as a barrier to certain substances
 - The proteins act as “gatekeepers” to certain molecules and ions
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Structure of a Membrane

- Consists of a lipid bilayer - made up of phospholipids, cholesterol and glycolipids
- **Integral proteins** - extend into or through the lipid bilayer
- **Transmembrane proteins** - most integral proteins, span the entire lipid bilayer
- **Peripheral proteins** - attached to the inner or outer surface of the membrane, do not extend through it

Structure of the Plasma Membrane

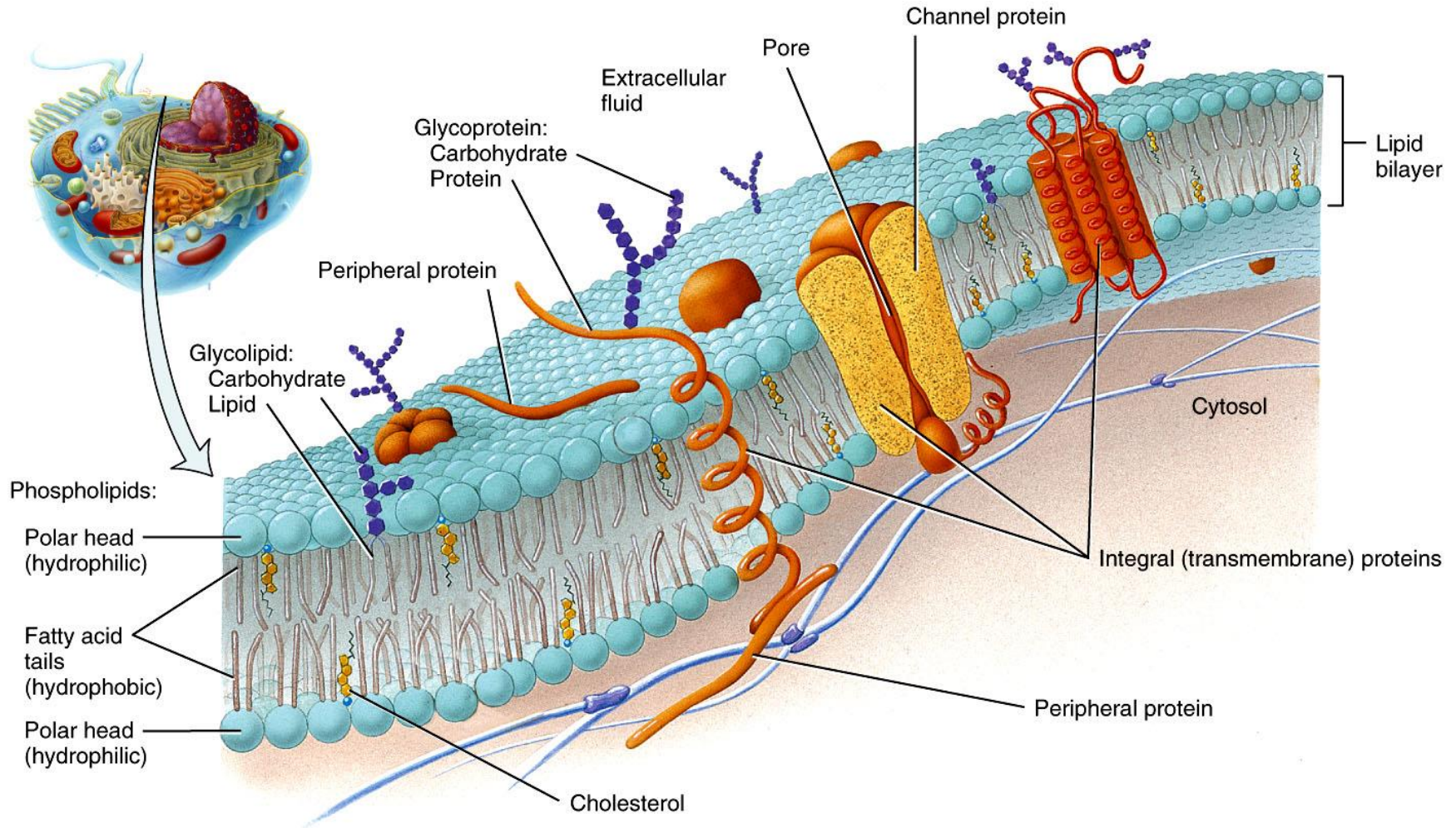


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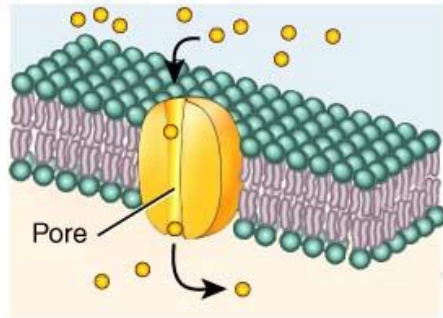
Structure of a Membrane

- **Glycoproteins** - membrane proteins with a carbohydrate group attached that protrudes into the extracellular fluid
 - **Glycocalyx** - the “sugary coating” surrounding the membrane made up of the carbohydrate portions of the glycolipids and glycoproteins
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Functions of Membrane Proteins

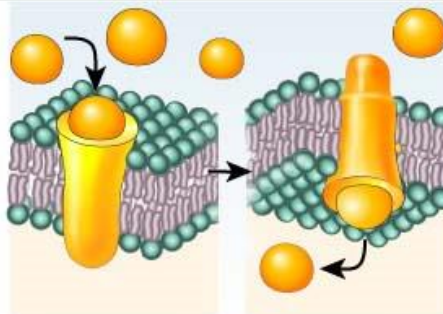
- Some integral proteins are **ion channels**
 - **Transporters** - selectively move substances through the membrane
 - **Receptors** - for cellular recognition; a **ligand** is a molecule that binds with a receptor
 - **Enzymes** - catalyze chemical reactions
 - Others act as **cell-identity markers**
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Extracellular fluid
 Plasma membrane
 Cytosol



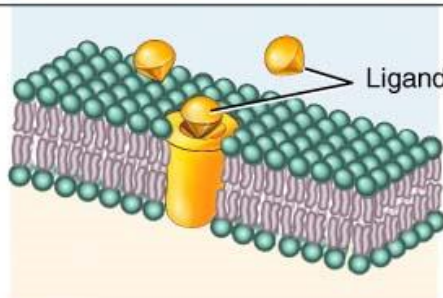
Ion channel

Allows specific ion (●) to move through water-filled pore. Most plasma membranes include specific channels for several common ions.



Transporter

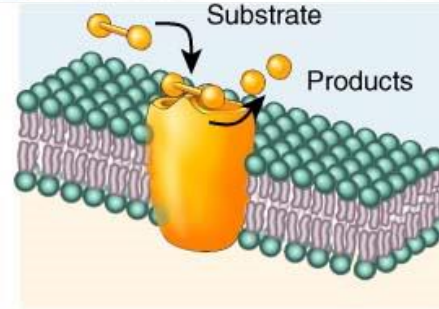
Transports specific substances (●) across membrane by changing shape. For example, amino acids, needed to synthesize new proteins, enter body cells via transporters.



Receptor

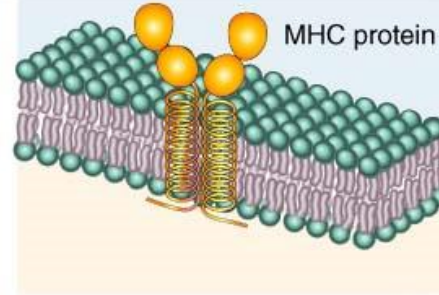
Recognizes specific ligand (Y) and alters cell's function in some way. For example, antidiuretic hormone binds to receptors in the kidneys and changes the water permeability of certain plasma membranes.

Extracellular fluid
 Plasma membrane
 Cytosol



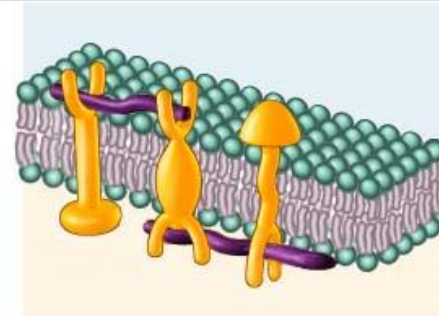
Enzyme

Catalyzes reaction inside or outside cell (depending on which direction the active site faces). For example, lactase protruding from epithelial cells lining your small intestine splits the disaccharide lactose in the milk you drink.



Cell Identity Marker

Distinguishes your cells from anyone else's (unless you are an identical twin). An important class of such markers are the major histocompatibility (MHC) proteins.



Linker

Anchors filaments inside and outside to the plasma membrane, providing structural stability and shape for the cell. May also participate in movement of the cell or link two cells together.

Membrane Permeability

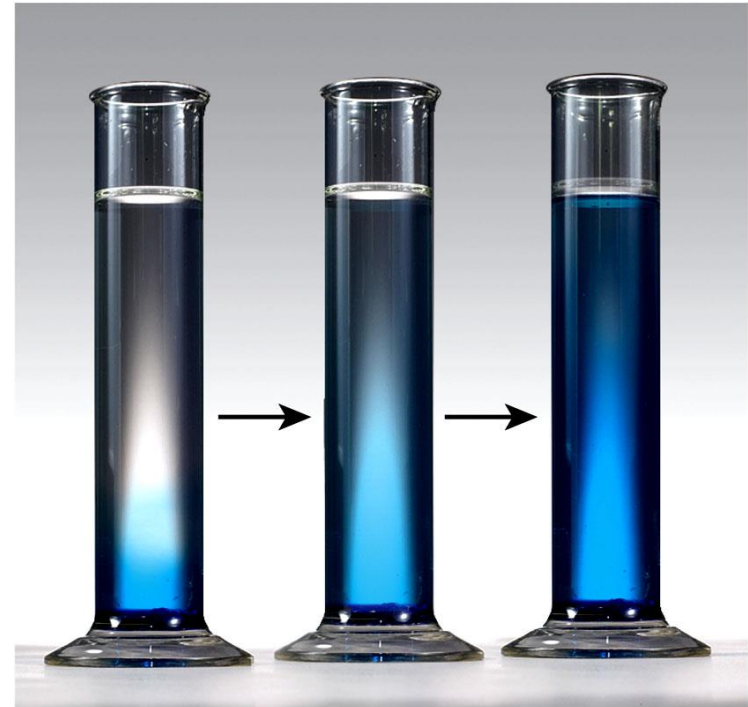
- The cell is either permeable or impermeable to certain substances
 - The lipid bilayer is *permeable* to oxygen, carbon dioxide, water and steroids, but *impermeable* to glucose
 - Transmembrane proteins act as channels and transporters to assist the entrance of certain substances, for example, glucose and ions
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Passive vs. Active Processes

- Passive processes - substances move across cell membranes without the input of any energy; use the *kinetic energy* of individual molecules or ions
- Active processes - a cell uses energy, primarily from the breakdown of ATP, to move a substance across the membrane, i.e., against a concentration gradient

Diffusion

- Steepness of
- concentration gradient
- Temperature
- Mass of diffusing substance
- Surface area
- Diffusion distance



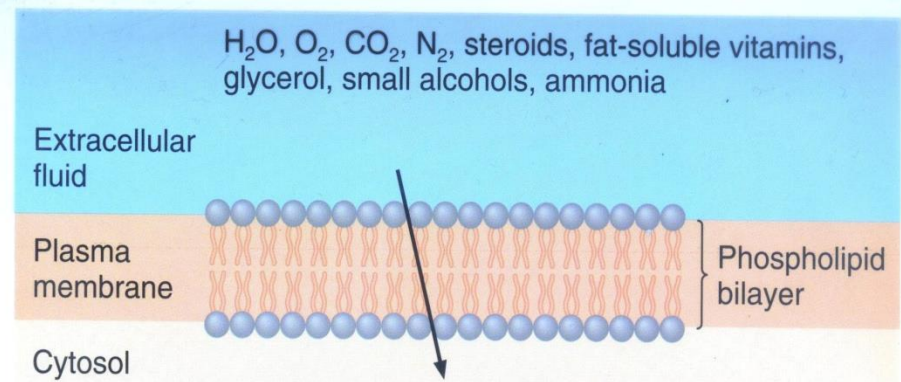
Beginning
(a)

Intermediate
(b)

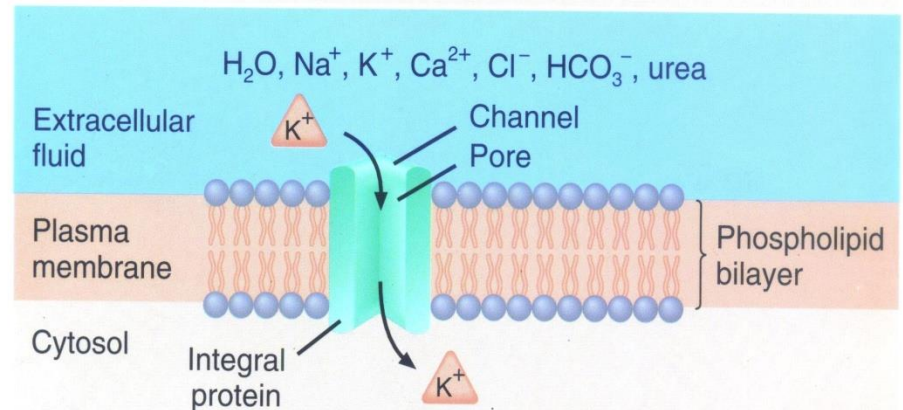
Equilibrium
(c)

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Simple diffusion through the membrane of lipid soluble substances



(a) Diffusion through the phospholipid bilayer



(b) Diffusion through the water-filled pore of a channel formed by an integral protein

Key:

H_2O = Water

O_2 = Oxygen

CO_2 = Carbon dioxide

N_2 = Nitrogen

Na^+ = Sodium ion

K^+ = Potassium ion

Ca^{2+} = Calcium ion

Cl^- = Chloride ion

HCO_3^- = Bicarbonate ion

Simple diffusion

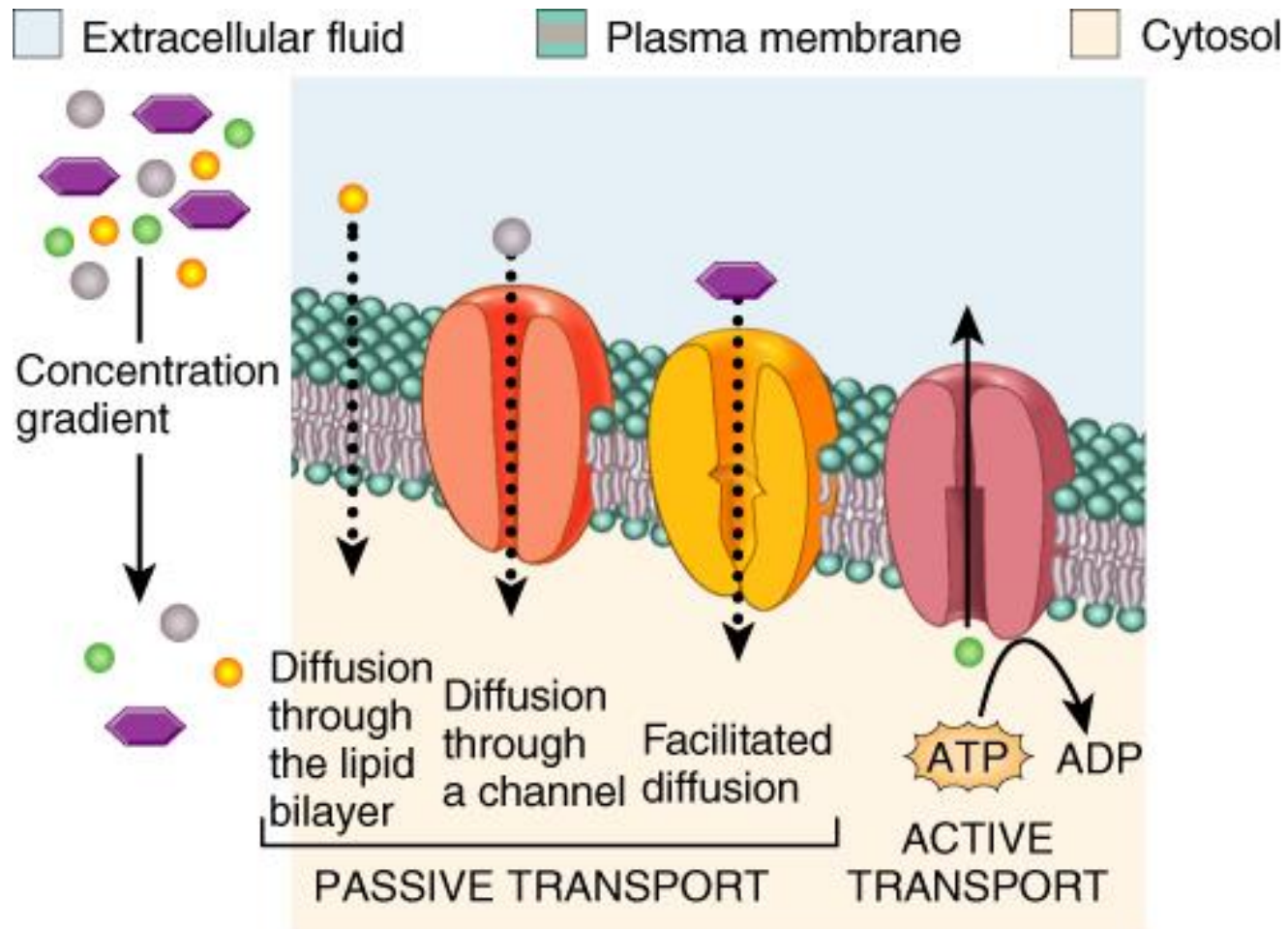
- Diffusion rate (J) is directly proportional to the concentration gradients and solubility in lipids. It is inversely proportional to the square root of the molecular weight and thickness of the membrane.

Fick's law of diffusion

$J = P(C_2 - C_1) * S$ where P=permeability in lipid

$(C_2 - C_1)$ = concentration gradient, S=surface area.

Or $J = DA * (\Delta C / \Delta X)$, ΔC =concentration gradient, A=Area, ΔX =Thickness of the membrane, D=diffusion coefficient (depends on the solubility in lipids, molecular weight).



Simple Diffusion, Channel-mediated Facilitated Diffusion, and Carrier-mediated Facilitated Diffusion

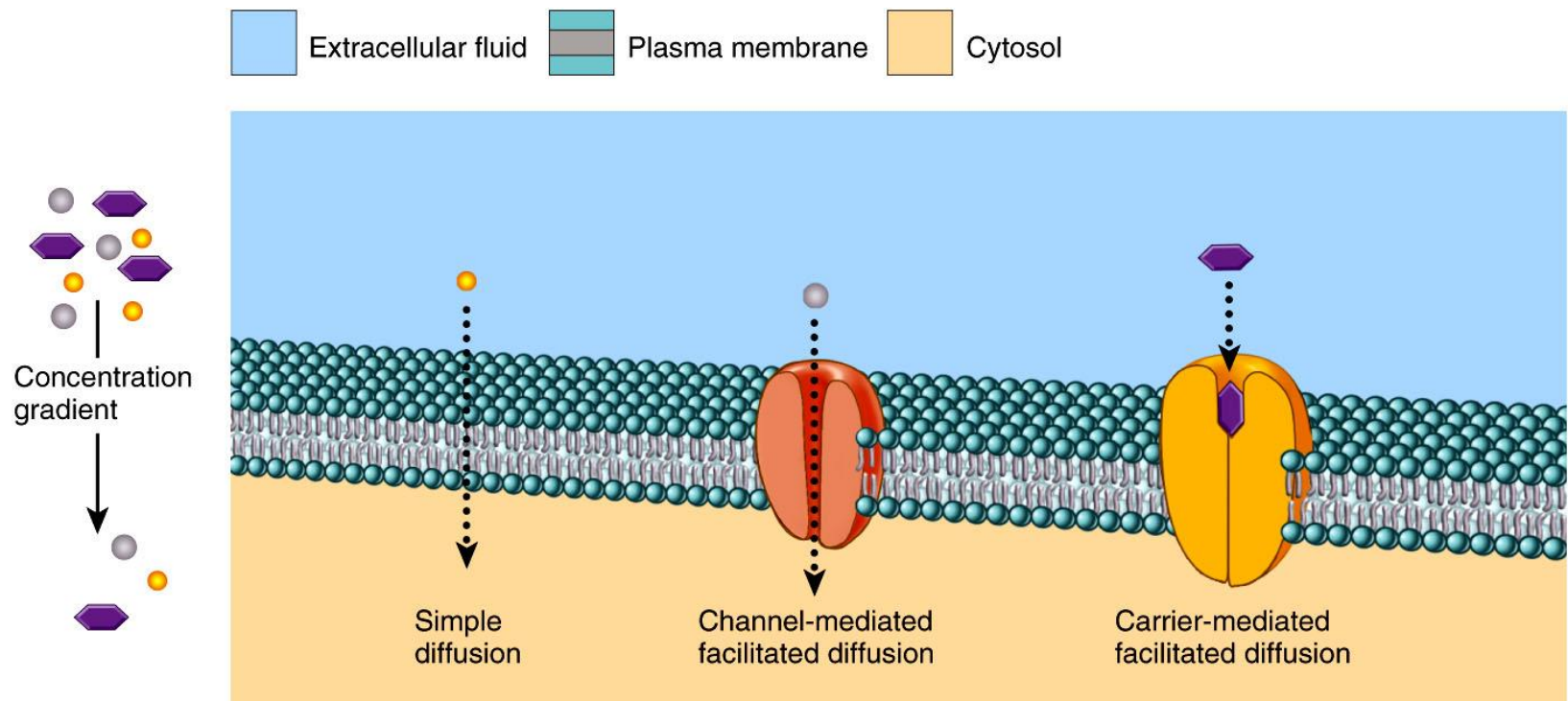
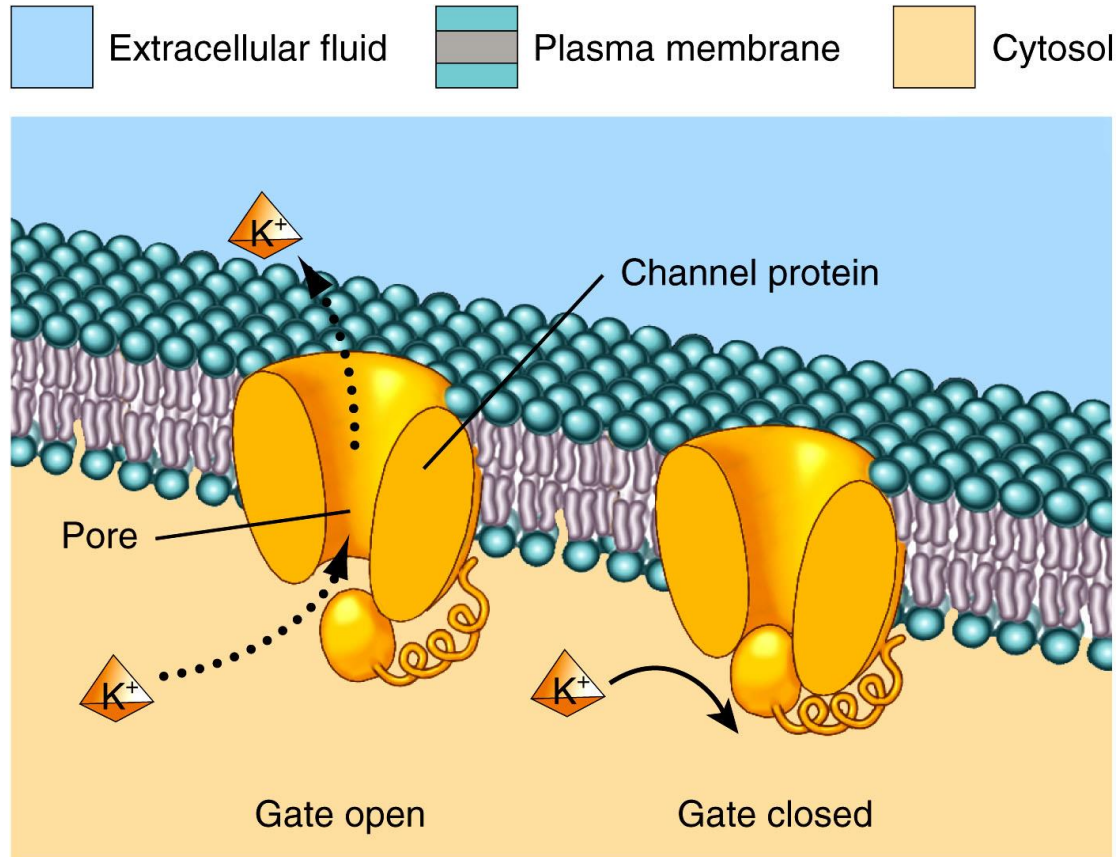
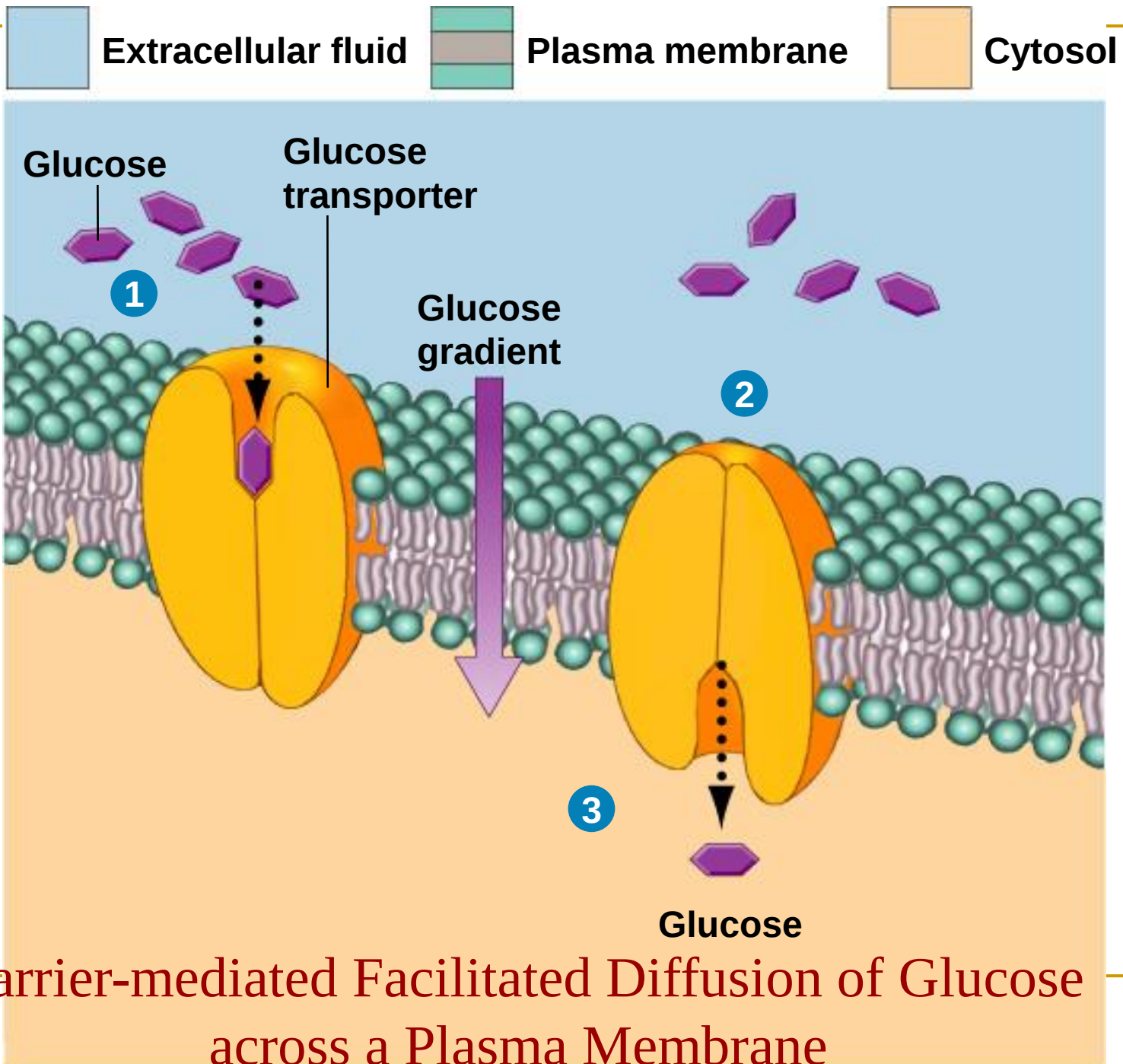


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Channel-mediated Facilitated Diffusion of Potassium ions through a Gated K^+ Channel



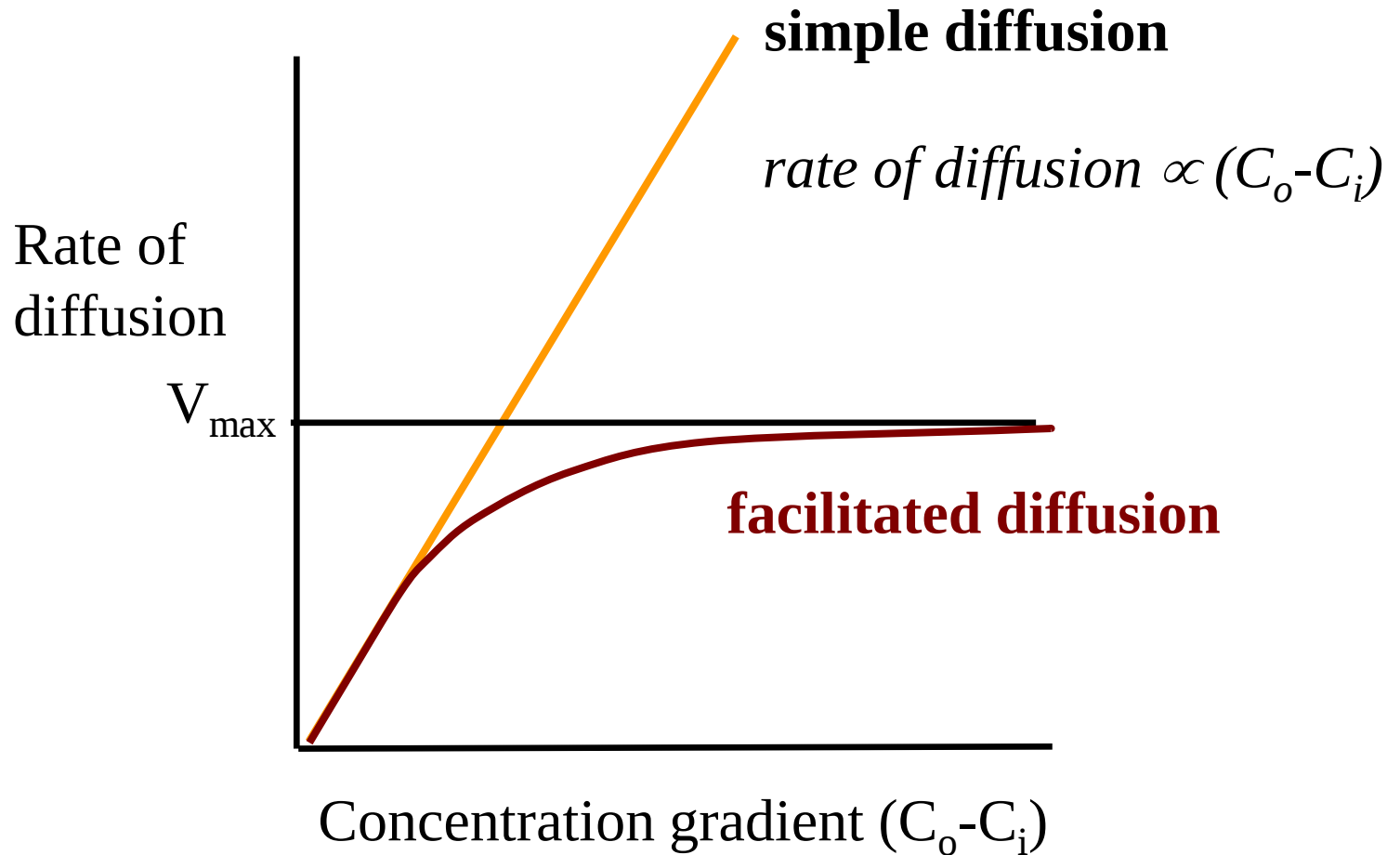
Details of the K^+ channel



Carrier-mediated Facilitated Diffusion of Glucose
across a Plasma Membrane

Simple diffusion

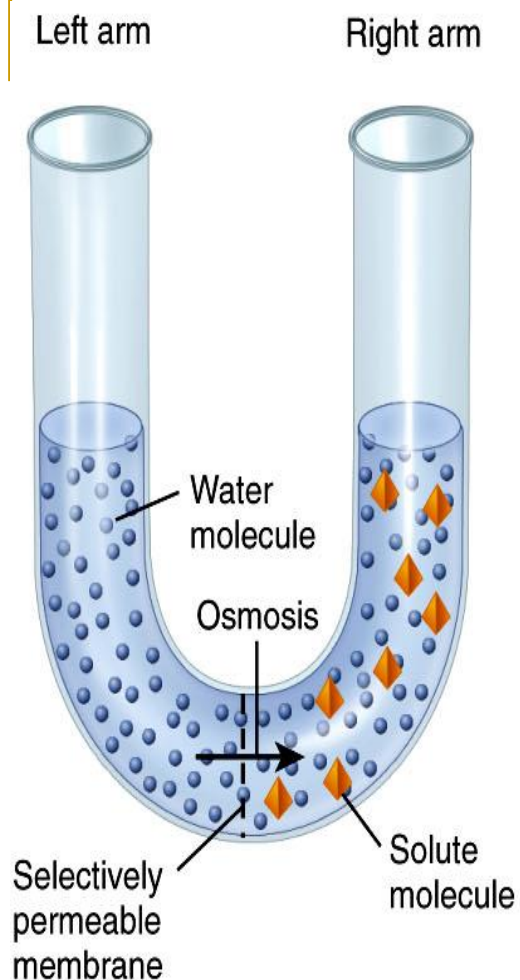
- Diffusion rate is directly proportional to the concentration gradients and solubility in lipids. It is inversely proportional to the square root of the molecular weight and thickness of the membrane.
 - Facilitated diffusion is saturable because the binding sites are limited and has transport maximum
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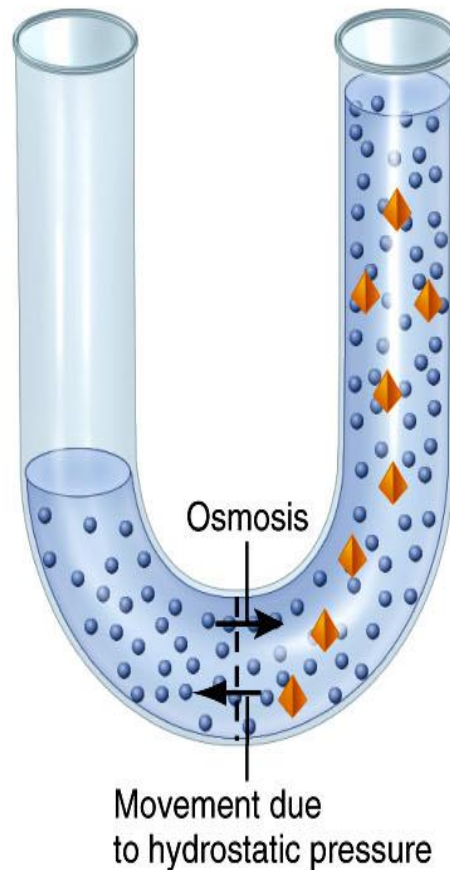
What limits maximum rate of facilitated diffusion?

Osmosis

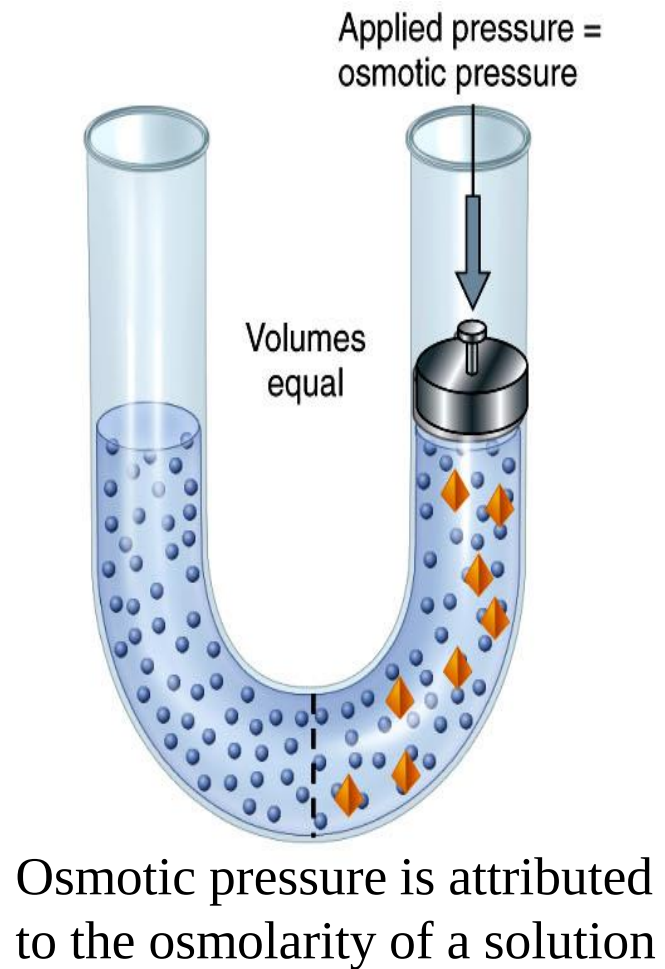
- Net movement of water through a selectively permeable membrane from an area of high concentration of water (lower concentration of solutes) to one of lower concentration of water
 - Water can pass through plasma membrane in 2 ways:
 1. through lipid bilayer by simple diffusion
 2. through aquaporins, integral membrane proteins
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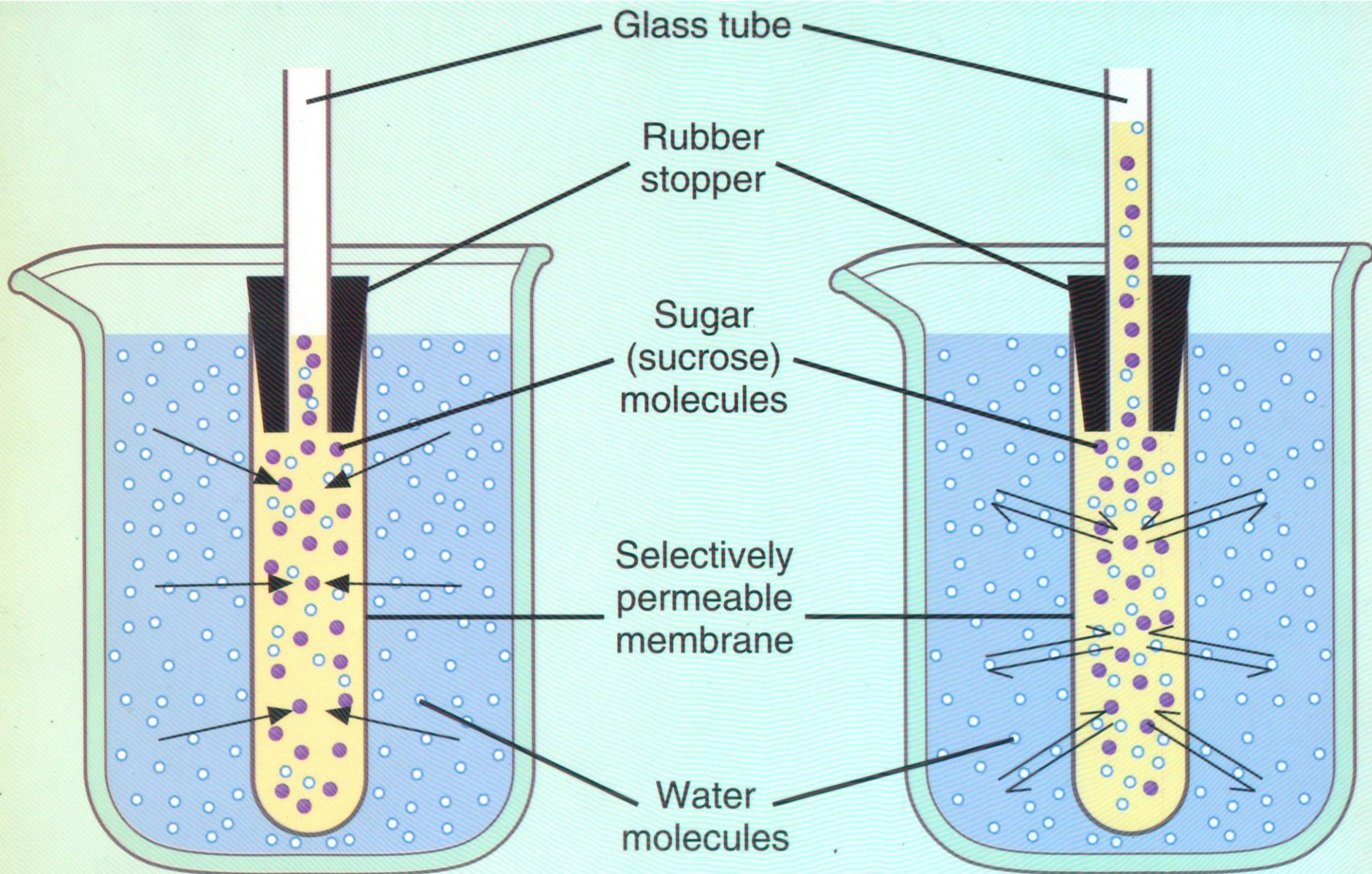
(a) Starting conditions



(b) Equilibrium



(c) Restoring starting conditions



(a) At start of experiment

(b) At equilibrium

Osmotic Pressure and the factors on which it depends: Van't Hoffs Equation

- **All non penetrable solutes in a solution exerts osmotic pressure**
- According to Van't Hoff, osmotic pressure (π) depends on the molar concentration (n) of the solution and the temperature T in kelvin.

$\pi = nRT$ where R is the gas constant

Osmotic pressure

- Osmotic pressure is higher when molar concentration is higher or temperature is higher and the molecular weight is lower
- Osmotic pressure depends mainly on the molar concentration or molarity of a solution
- Osmotic pressure is a colligative property, meaning that the property depends on the concentration of the solute but not on its identity

Osmotic pressure

- The osmotic pressure of an ionic solution is

$$\pi = i nRT$$

where “i” is the number of ions formed by dissociation per molecule

- The greater the no of ion/molecule when dissolved greater the osmotic pressure

Osmolarity/Osmolality

- To describe the total number of osmotically active particles per litre of solution term **osmolarity** is used
- The total number of osmotically active particles per kilogram of water the term **osmolality** is used
- Two solutions can have the same *molarity* but may have different *osmolarities*. E.g.

OsM of 1 M glucose solution = 1 OsM

OsM of 1 M NaCl solution = 2 OsM

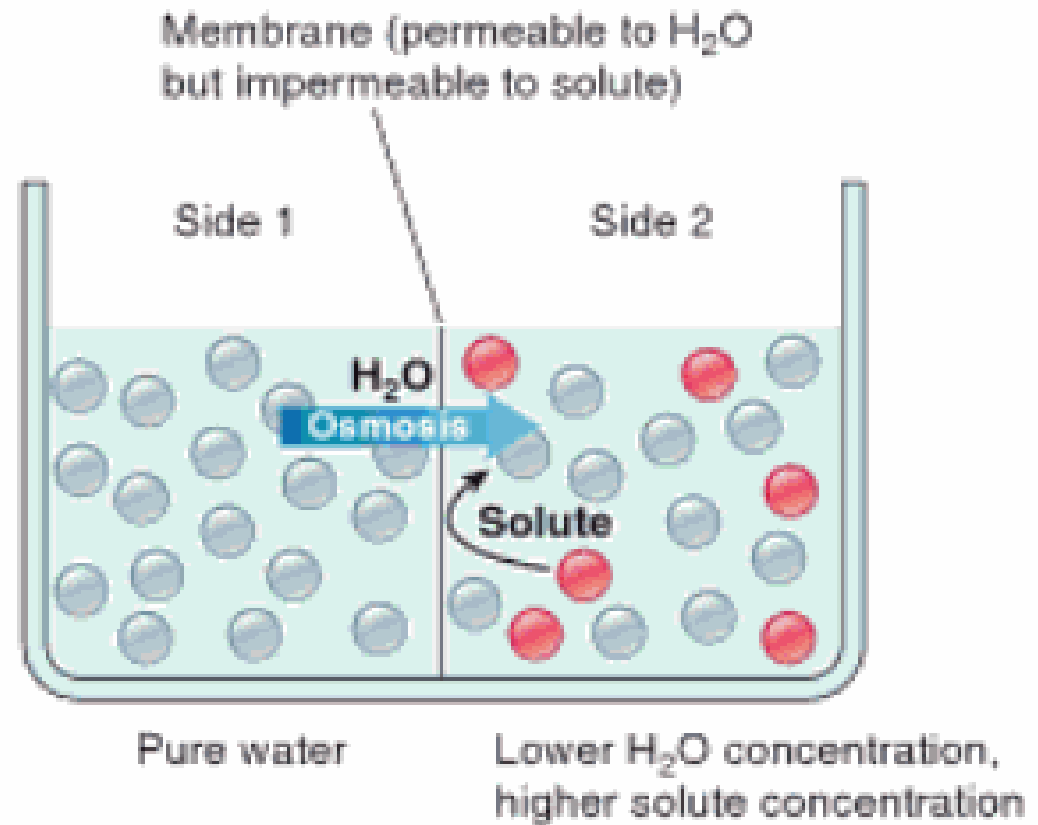
- The higher the osmolarity, the greater the osmotic pressure of the solution.

Pressures of a solution

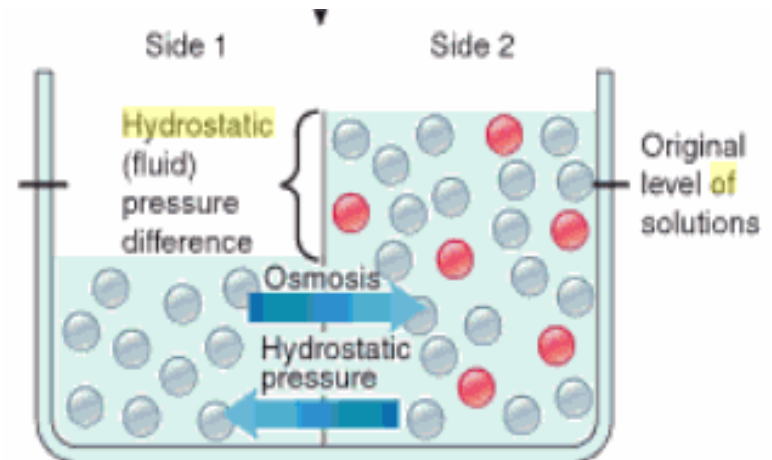
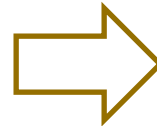
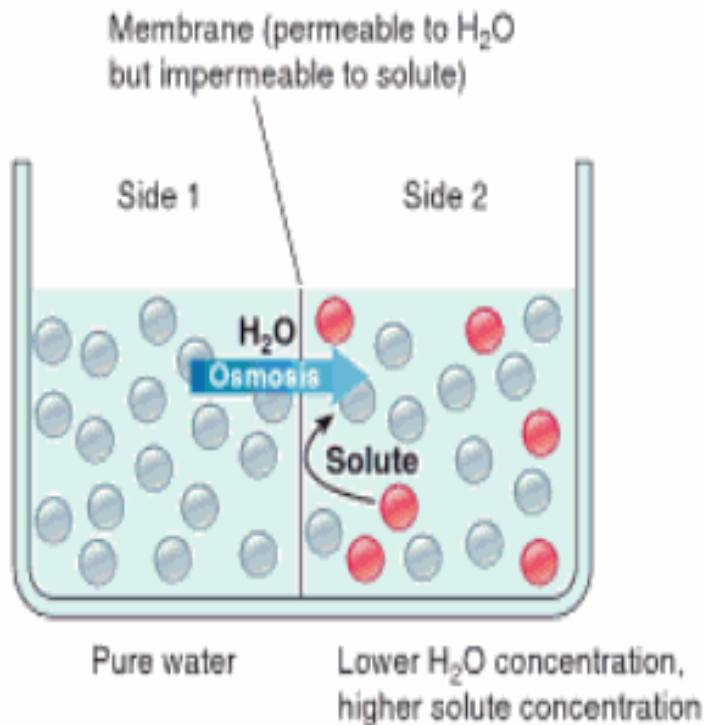
- **Osmotic pressure (the pulling pressure)** of a solution is the measure of tendency of a solution to pull water into it by osmosis because of the relative concentration of non penetrating solute and water
- **Hydrostatic pressure of a solution** is the pressure exerted by a stationary fluidic part of the solution on an object (semi permeable membrane in case of osmosis)
- Net hydrostatic pressure of a solution = hydrostatic pressure – osmotic pressure

Example

- Separate pure water from a sugar solution with semi permeable membrane
- Both have same hydrostatic pressure
- Osmosis take water from side 1 to side 2 because solution on side 2 has greater pulling tendency



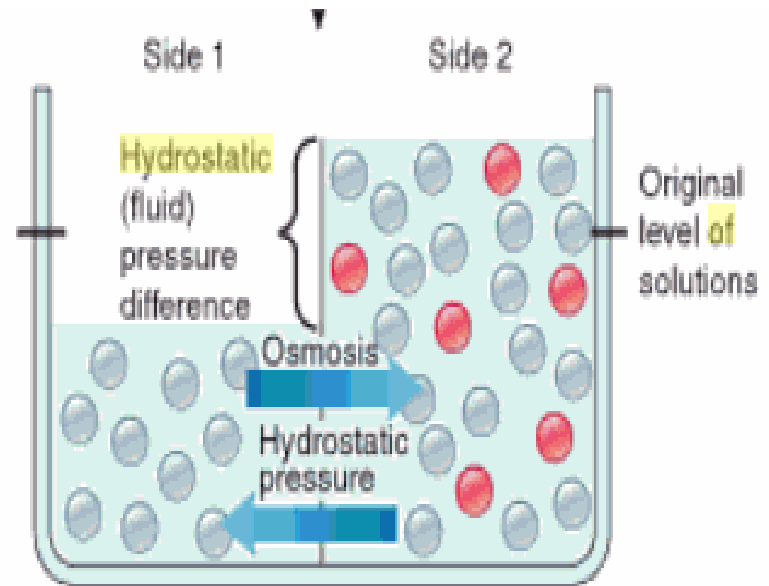
- Will all water go to side 2?
- No it stops after some time. This is the equilibrium state



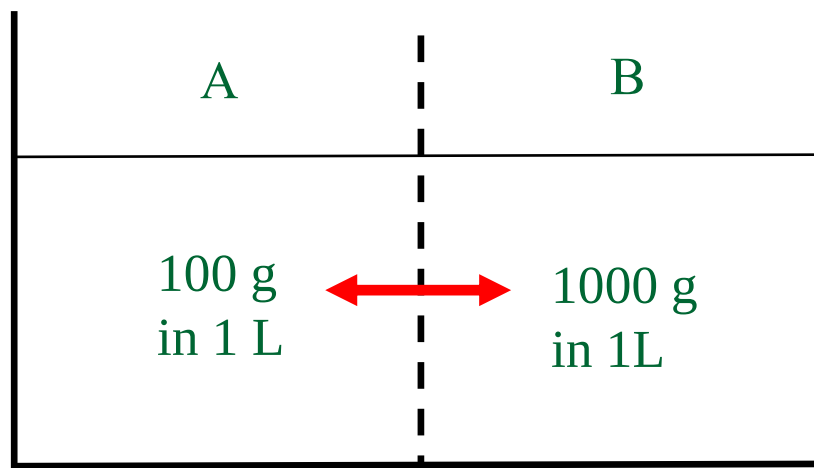
- Water concentrations not equal
- Solute concentrations not equal
- Tendency for water to diffuse by osmosis into side 2 is exactly balanced by opposing tendency for **hydrostatic pressure** difference to push water into side 1

Equilibrium state

- As water moves by osmosis to side 2.
- Solution on side 2 has two tendencies now
- Tendency to push water back to side 1 due to greater hydrostatic pressure
- Tendency to pull water by osmosis back to side 2
- Equilibrium is achieved when tendency to pull water to side 1 and to push water into side 2 balances out



- Water concentrations not equal
- Solute concentrations not equal
- Tendency for water to diffuse by osmosis into side 2 is exactly balanced by opposing tendency for hydrostatic pressure difference to push water into side 1



Solute A
 $M_w = 100$

Solute B
 $M_w = 1000$

Which solution has the greatest osmolarity?

Which has the greatest molar concn?

Which has the greatest number of molecules?
(6.02×10^{23} particles)

Relation between osmolarity and molarity

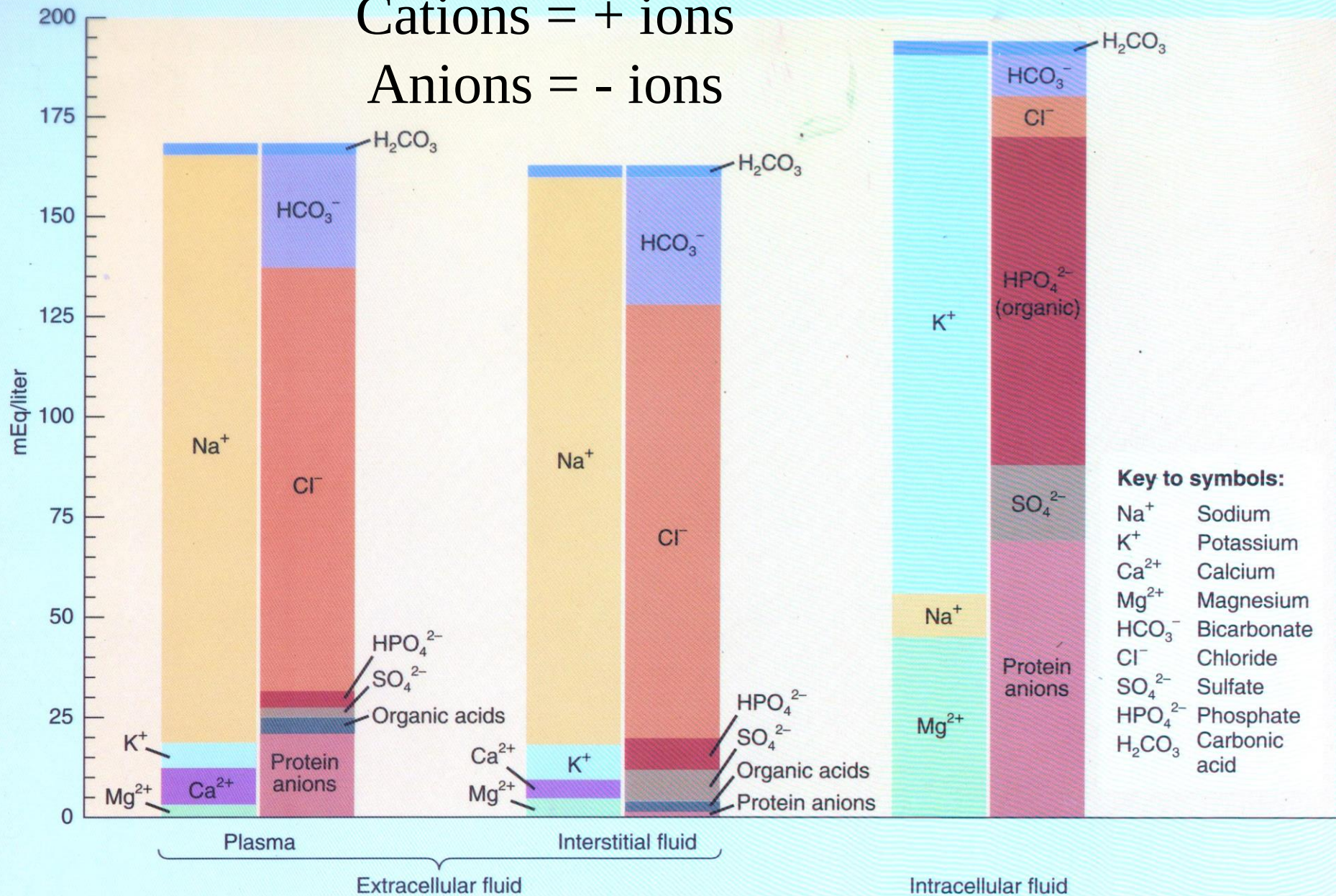
mOsm (millisomolar) = index of the concn
or mOsm/L of **particles** per liter soln

mM (millimolar) = index of concn of
or mM/L **molecules** per liter soln

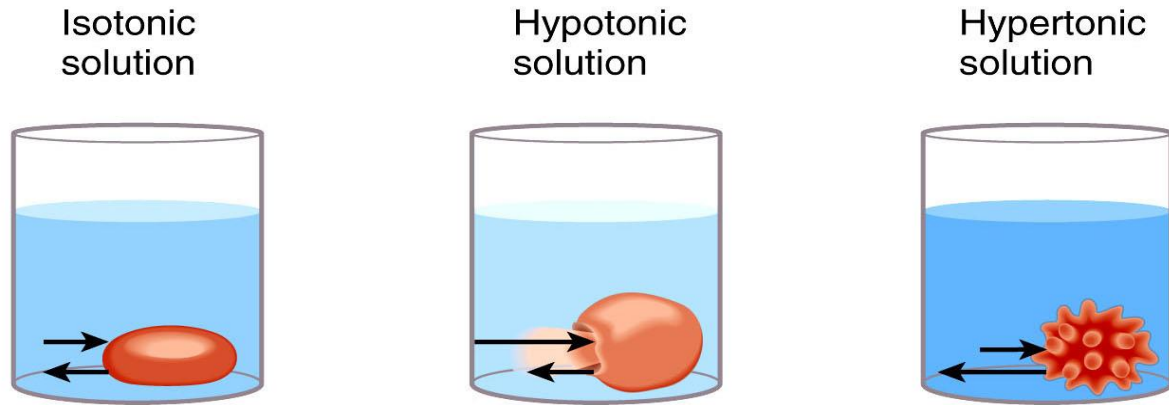
150 mM NaCl = 300 mOsm

300 mM glucose = 300 mOsm

Cations = + ions
Anions = - ions



Tonicity and its effect on RBCS



(a) Illustrations showing direction of water movement



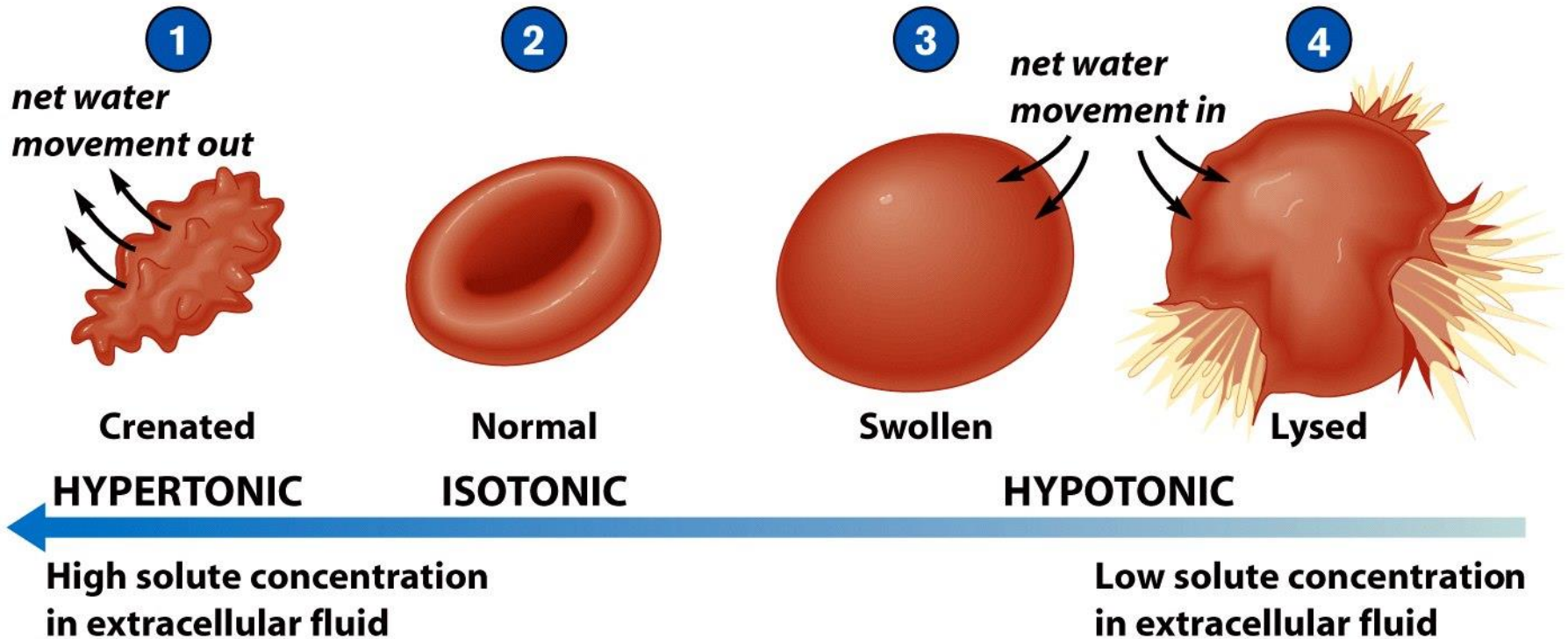
Normal RBC shape

RBC undergoes hemolysis

RBC undergoes crenation

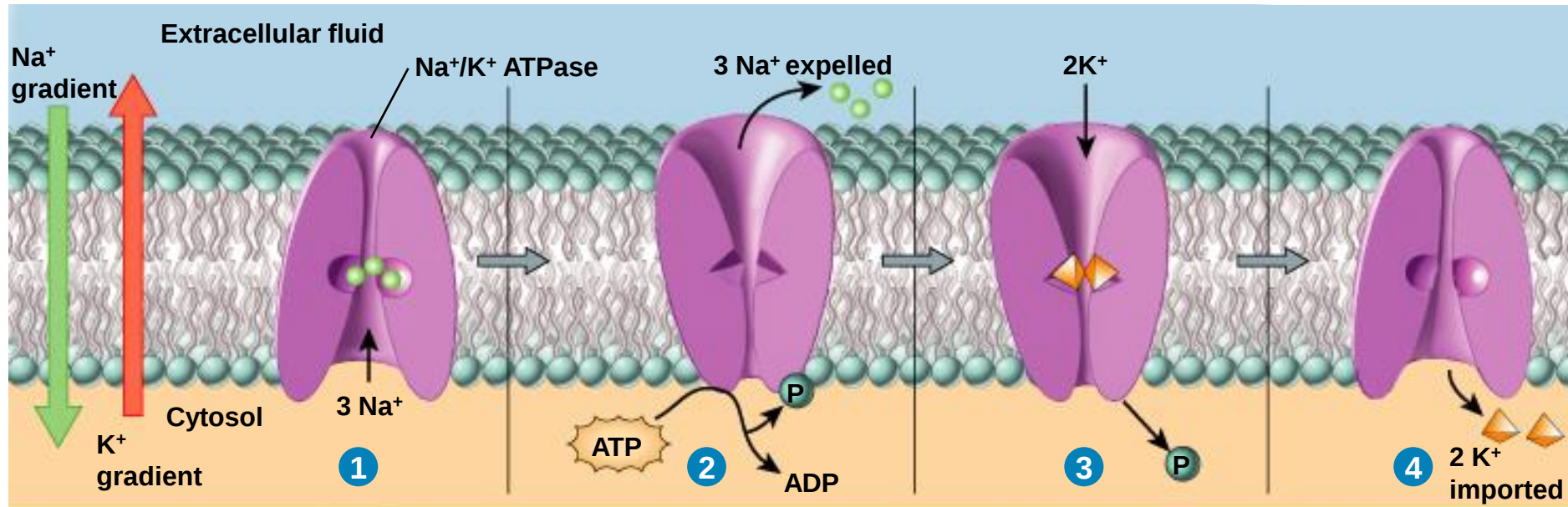
SEM

(b) Scanning electron micrographs (all 15,000x)



Active Transport

Solutes are transported across plasma membranes with the use of energy, from an area of lower concentration to an area of higher Concentration Sodium-potassium pump



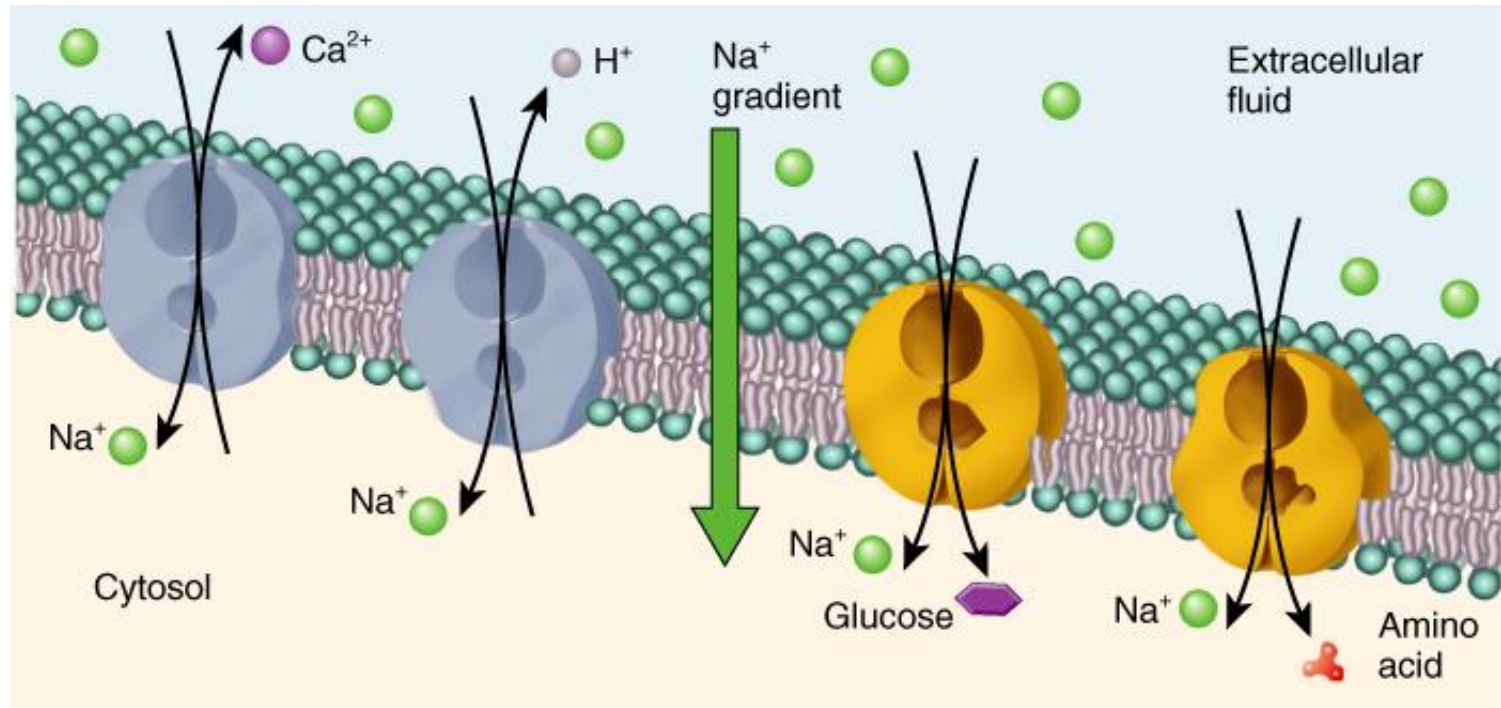
Active Transport

Primary Active Transport

- Molecules are “pumped” against a concentration gradient at the expense of energy (ATP)
 - *direct use of energy*

Secondary Active Transport

- Transport is driven by the energy stored in the concentration gradient of another molecule (Na^+)
 - *indirect use of energy*



(a) Antiporters

(b) Symporters

Saturation

- Similar to facilitated diffusion
- Rate limited by $V_{\max}$ of the transporters

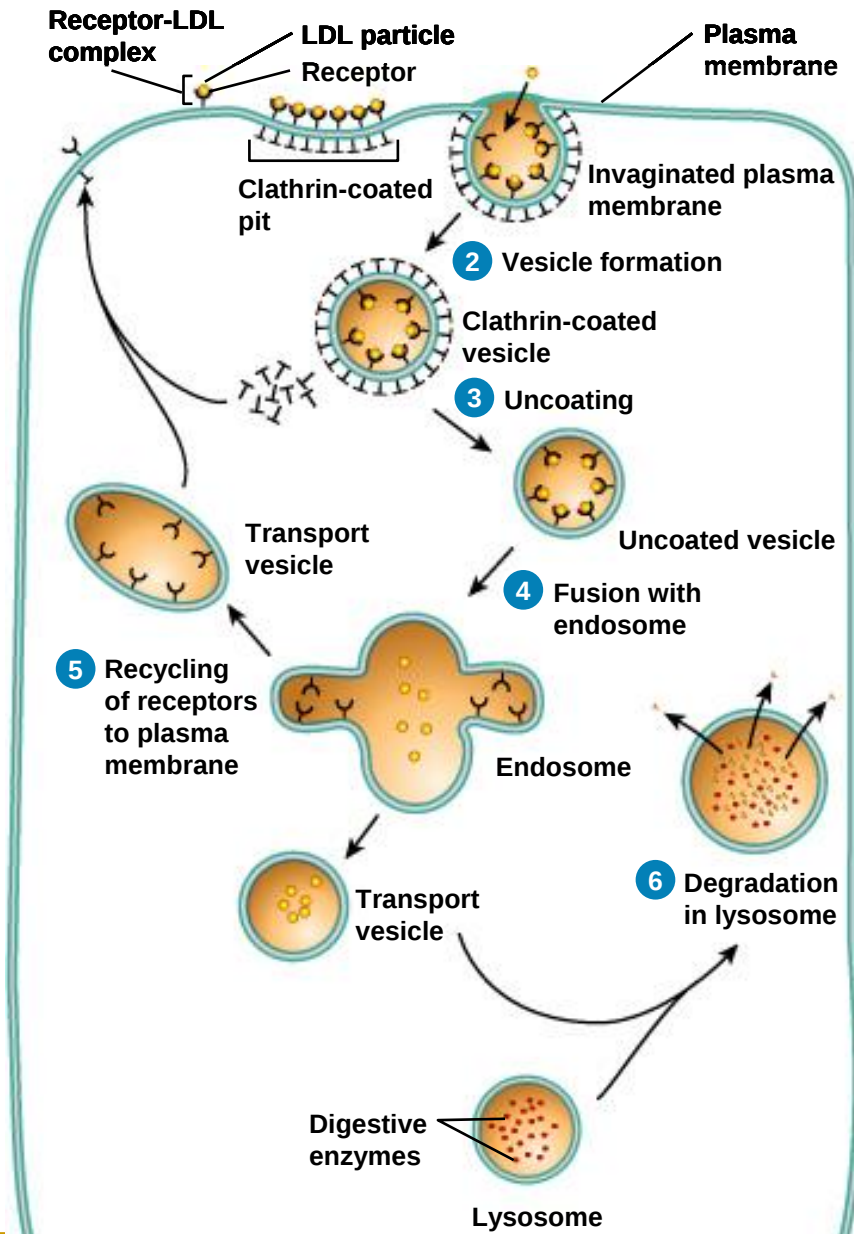
Energetics

- Up to **90%** of cell energy expended for active transport!
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Transport in Vesicles

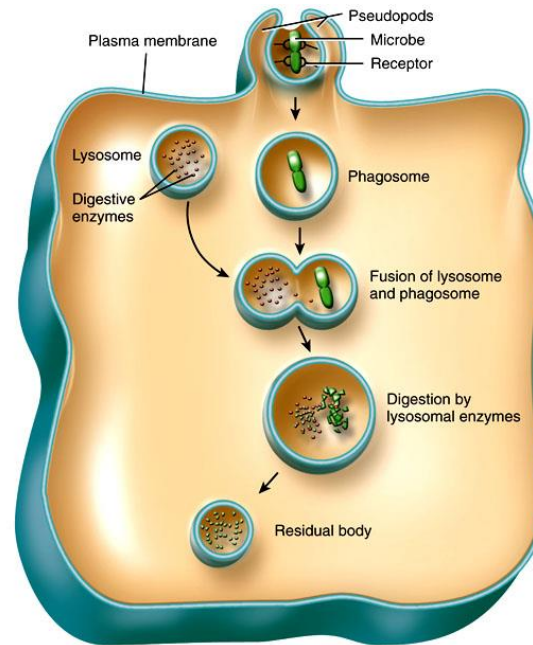
- **Vesicle** - a small spherical sac formed by budding off from a membrane
- **Endocytosis** - materials move into a cell in a **vesicle** formed from the plasma membrane
 - three types: receptor-mediated endocytosis
 - phagocytosis
 - bulk-phase endocytosis (pinocytosis)
- **Exocytosis** - vesicles fuse with the plasma membrane, releasing their contents into the extracellular fluid
- **Transcytosis** - a combination of endocytosis and exocytosis

1 Binding

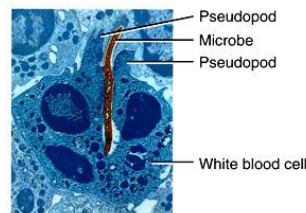


Receptor-Mediated Endocytosis

Phagocytosis

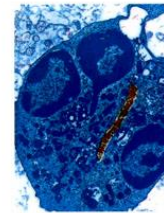


(a) Diagram of the process



TEM about 3700x

(b) White blood cell engulfs microbe



TEM about 3700x

(c) White blood cell destroys microbe

Bulk-phase Endocytosis

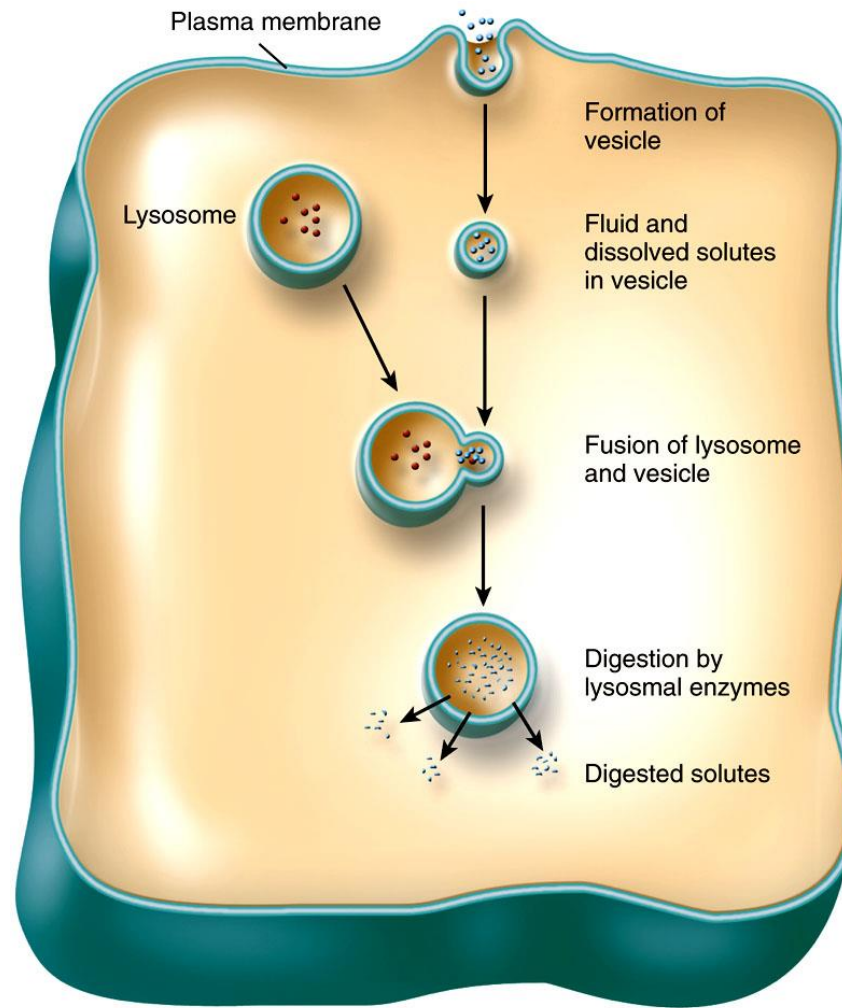
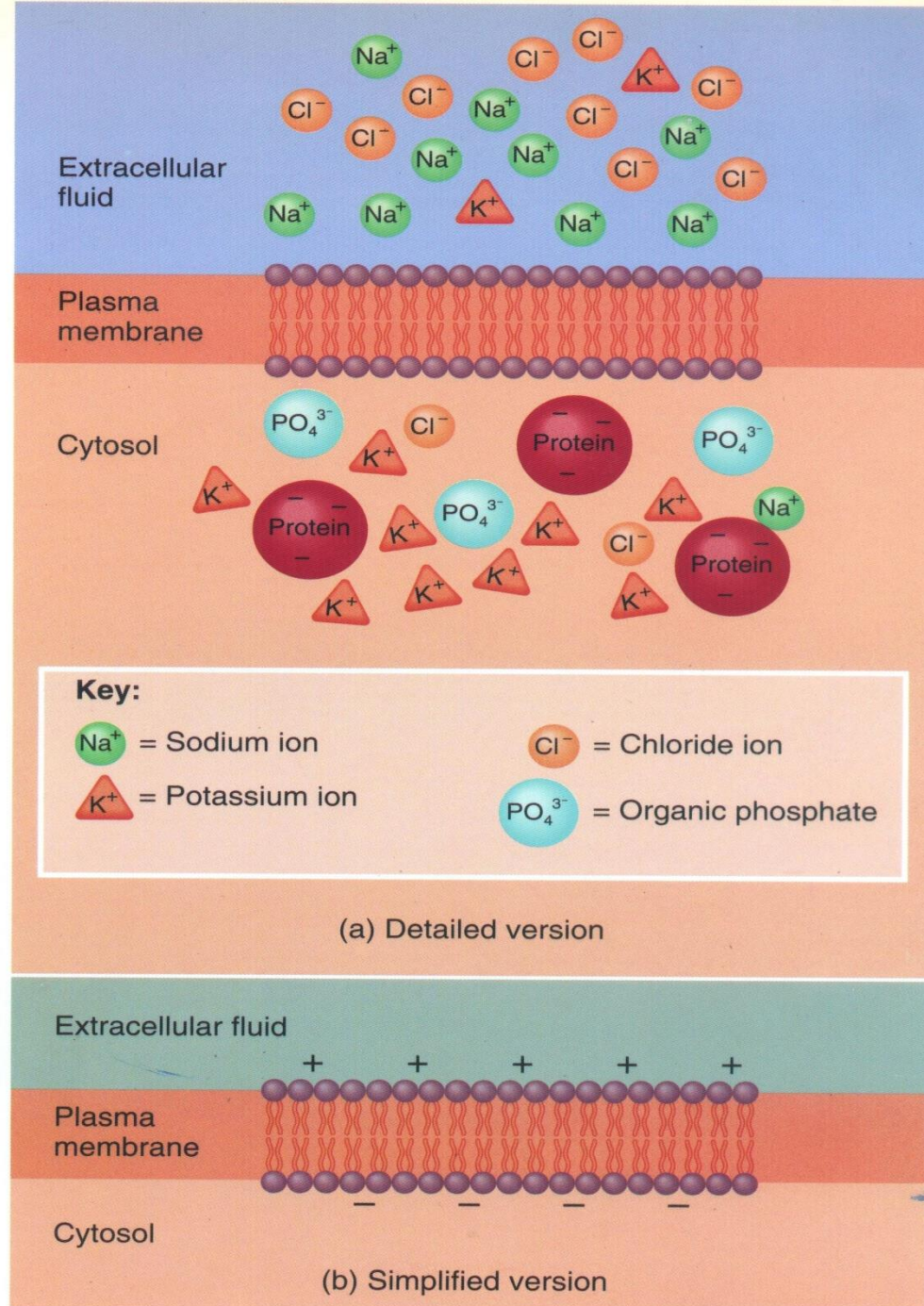


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Resting Membrane Potential and polarization of cell membranes



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