



CHAPTER 1.4

Membrane Transport

MEMBRANE TRANSPORT

Essential idea: Membranes control the composition of cells by active and passive transport.

UNDERSTANDINGS, APPLICATIONS, SKILLS

| | Statement | Guidance |
|--------|---|--|
| 1.4.U1 | Particles move across membranes by simple diffusion, facilitated diffusion, osmosis and active transport. | |
| 1.4.U2 | The fluidity of membranes allows materials to be taken into cells by endocytosis or released by exocytosis. | |
| 1.4.U3 | Vesicles move materials within cells. | |
| 1.4.A1 | Structure and function of sodium–potassium pumps for active transport and potassium channels for facilitated diffusion in axons. | |
| 1.4.A2 | Tissues or organs to be used in medical procedures must be bathed in a solution with the same osmolarity as the cytoplasm to prevent osmosis. | |
| 1.4.S1 | Estimation of osmolarity in tissues by bathing samples in hypotonic and hypertonic solutions. (Practical 2) | Osmosis experiments are a useful opportunity to stress the need for accurate mass and volume measurements in scientific experiments. |

EXPERIMENT

Material:

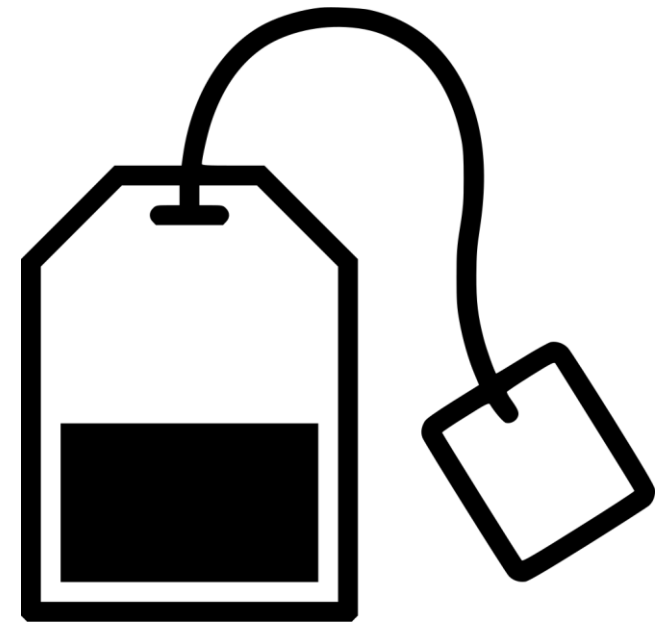
- 2 tea bags – fruit tea
- 1 glass with hot water
- 1 glass with cold water

Method:

Put one tea bag (fruit tee) in a glass with cold water and one tea bag in a glass with warm water

Questions:

- What do you think will happen and why?
- What actually happens?



PROPERTIES OF THE CELL MEMBRANE

cell membrane is **semi-permeable**:

latin:

semi “half”

per “through”

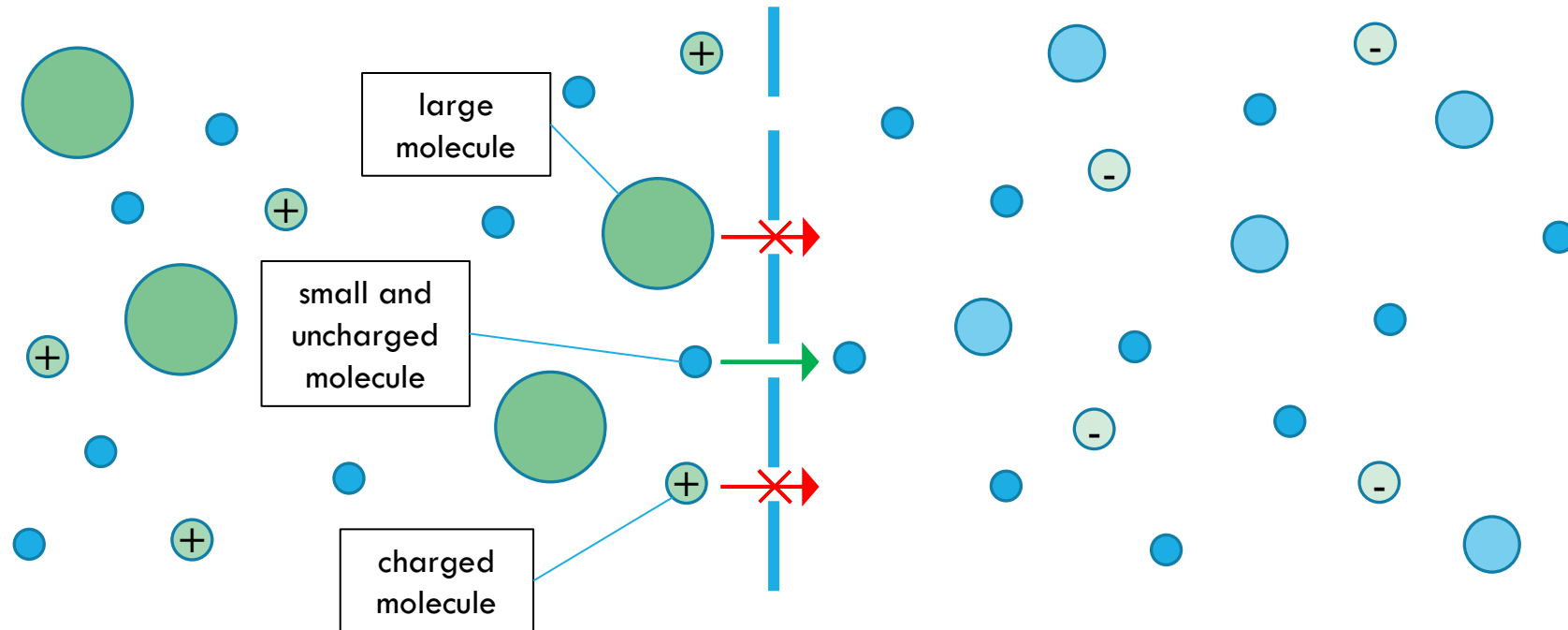
meare “go, pass”

bilis “possibility”

PROPERTIES OF THE CELL MEMBRANE

cell membrane is **semi-permeable**:

- it allows certain molecules to pass through while blocking others:



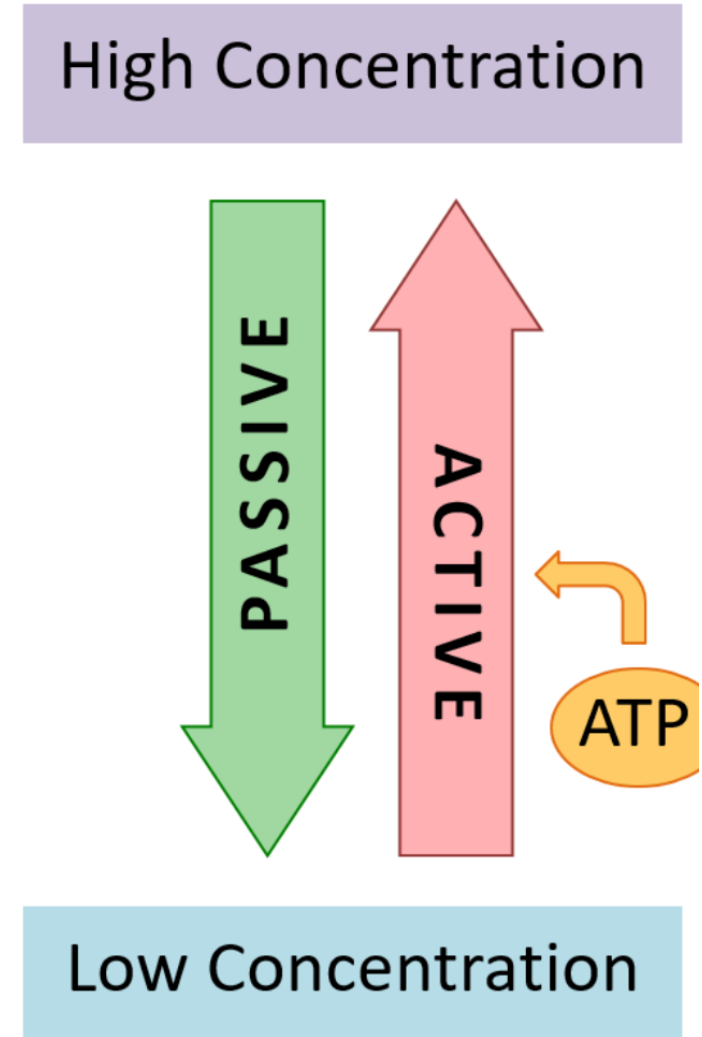
TYPES OF MEMBRANE TRANSPORT

Passive Transport:

- involves movement along a concentration gradient
- does NOT require energy in form of ATP

Active Transport:

- involves movement against a concentration gradient
- requires energy in form of ATP

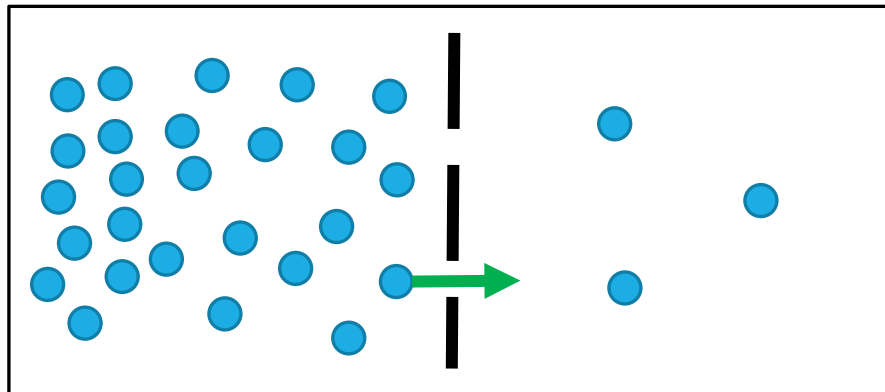


TYPES OF MEMBRANE TRANSPORT

passive transport

movement of particles

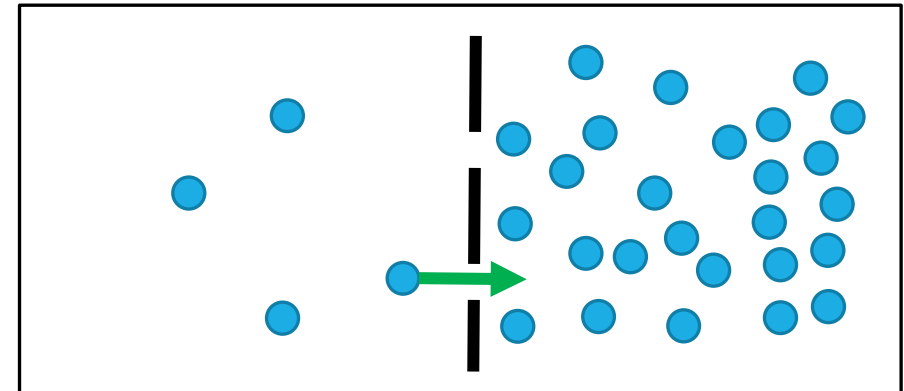
concentration gradient



active transport

movement of particles

concentration gradient



PASSIVE TRANSPORT

Three main types of passive transport:

Simple Diffusion:

- small or lipophilic molecules can freely cross the plasma membrane

Facilitated Diffusion:

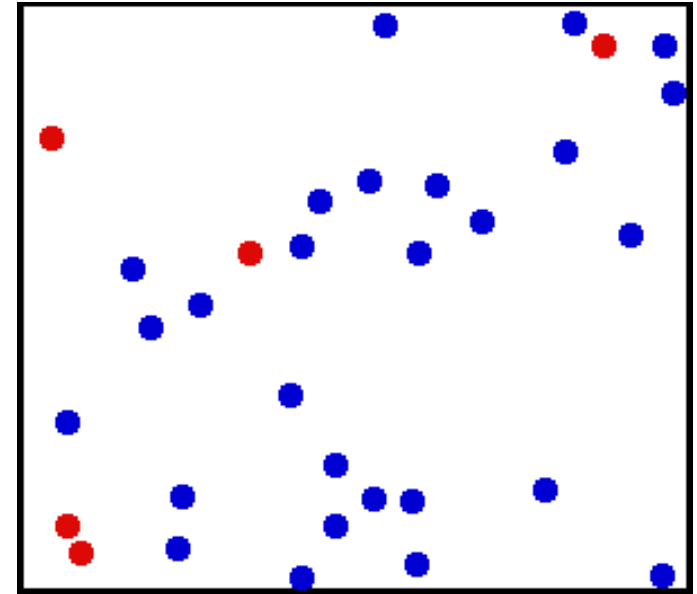
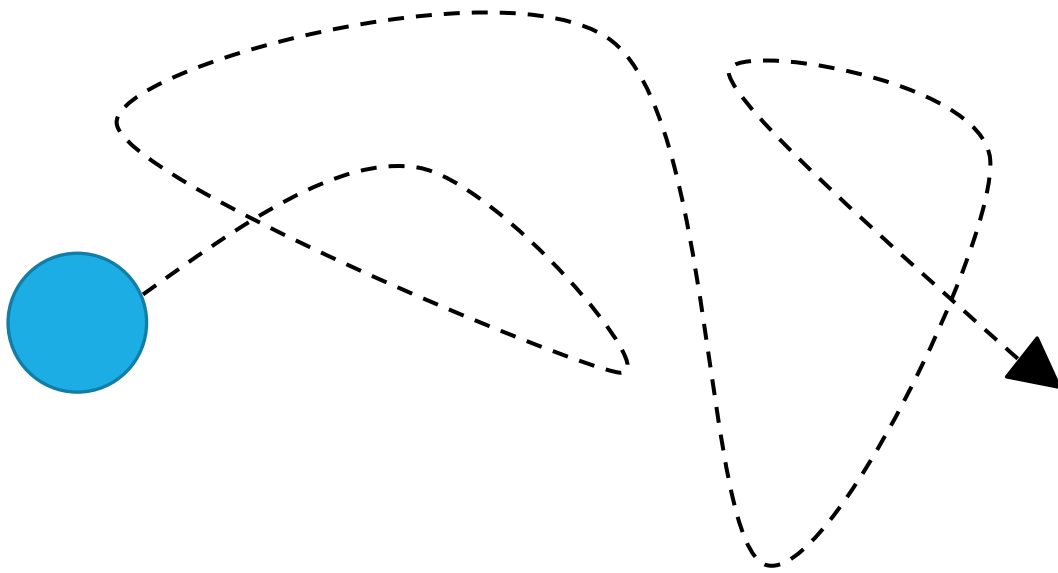
- large or charged molecules require transport via membrane proteins

Osmosis:

- Water movement → depending on relative solute concentration

DIFFUSION

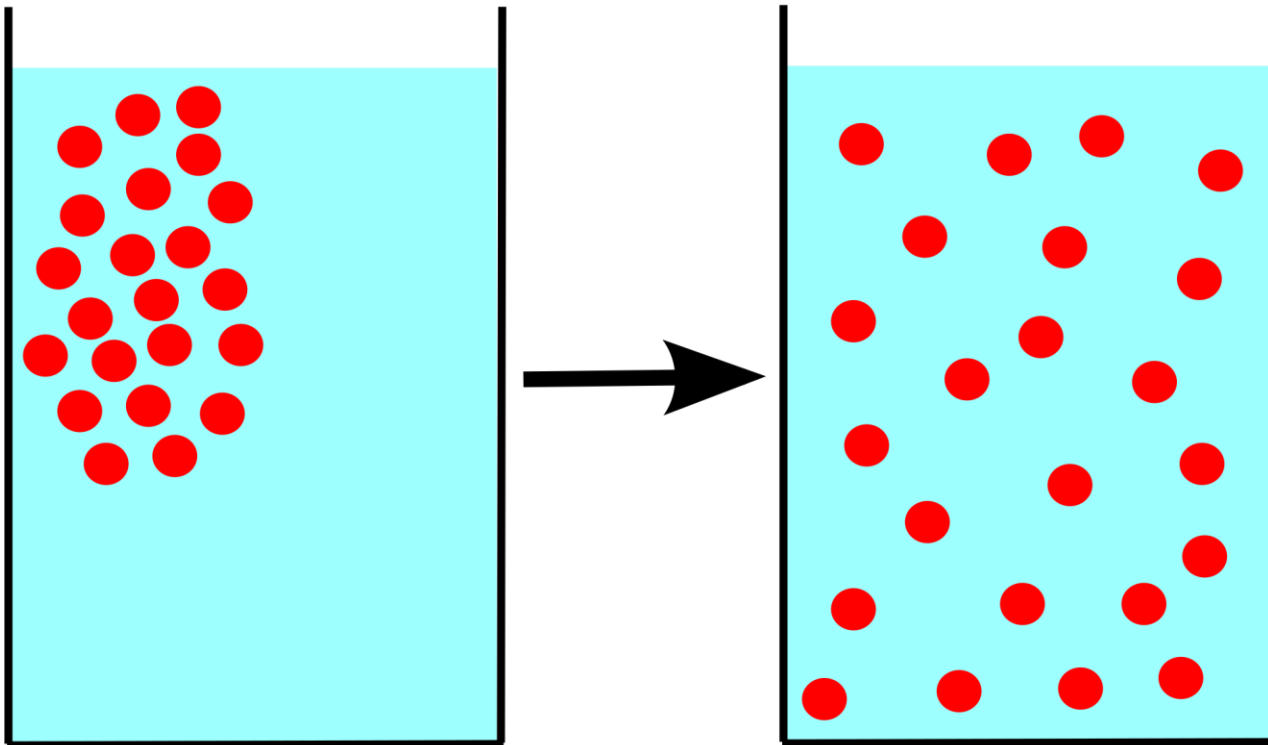
particles are in continuous random motion



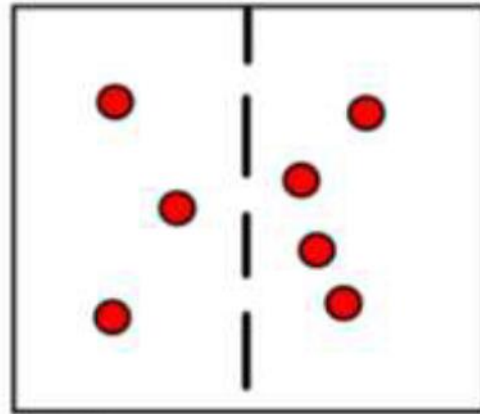
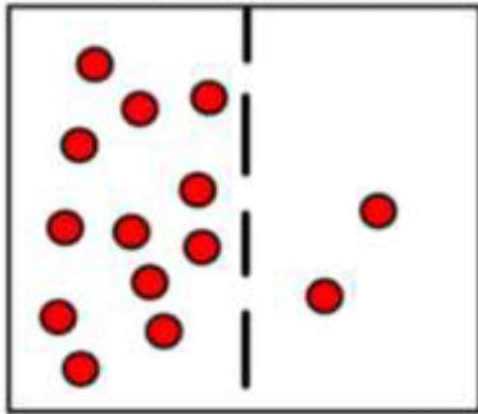
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SIMPLE DIFFUSION

The net movement of particles from a region of high concentration to a region of low concentration (along a concentration gradient) until equilibrium is reached.

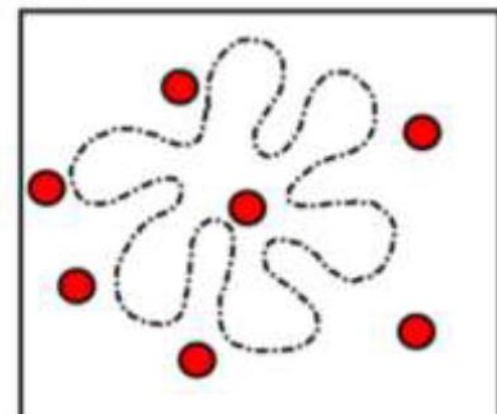
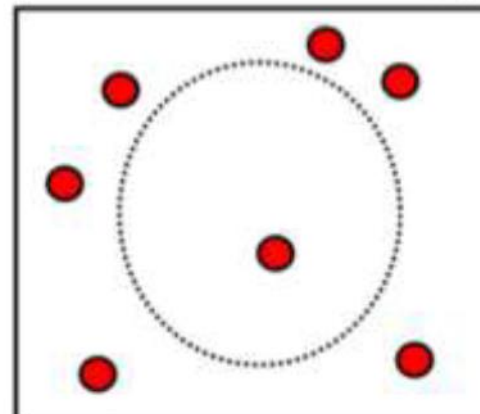


CONCENTRATION GRADIENT



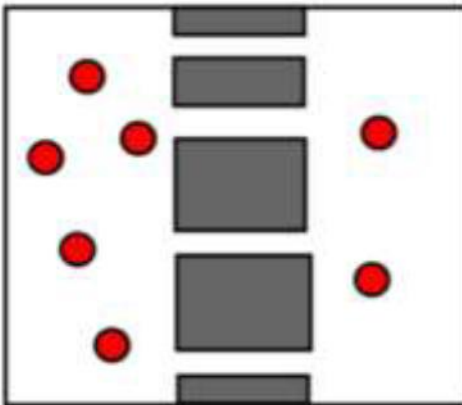
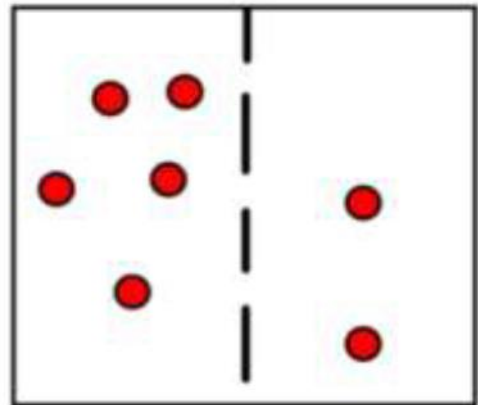
net movement
concentration
gradient
rate of diffusion

SURFACE AREA



net movement
surface area
rate of diffusion

LENGTH OF DIFFUSION PATH



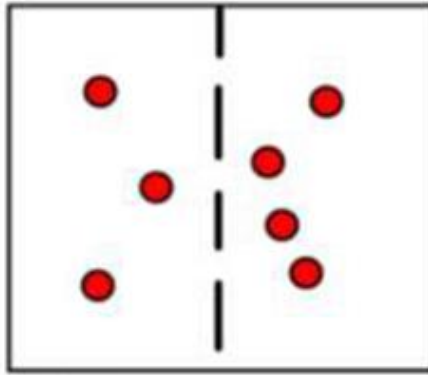
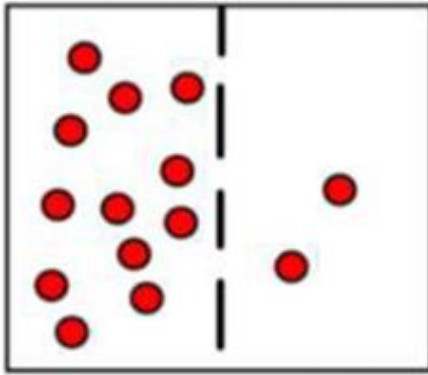
net movement
diffusion path
rate of diffusion

Which way are the molecules diffusing in each diagram?

How does each factor affect the rate of diffusion?

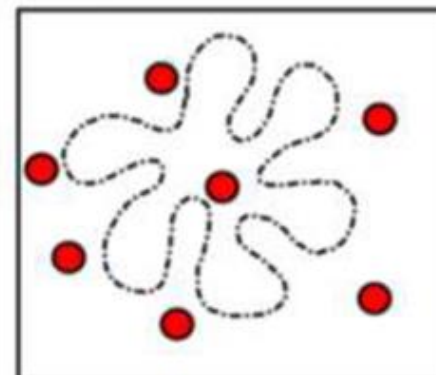
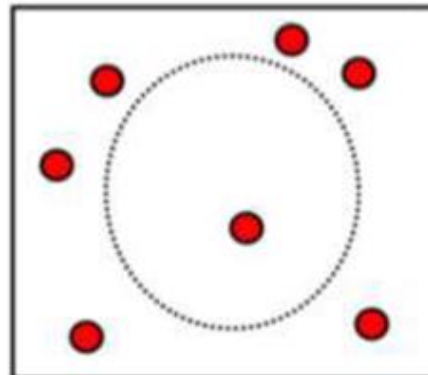
How does nature maximise the rate of diffusion?

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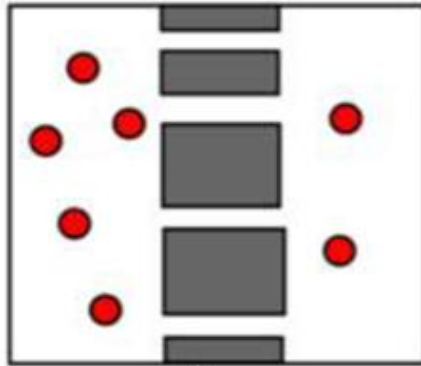
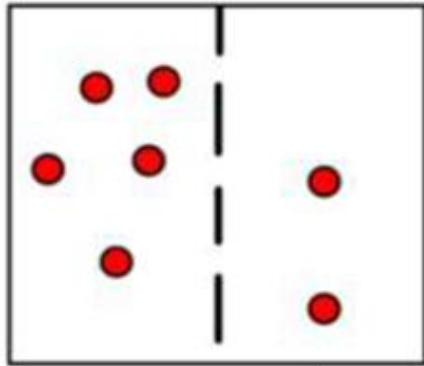
net movement
 High concentration gradient
 High rate of diffusion
 Low
 Low

SURFACE AREA



in net movement in
 small surface area
 slower rate of diffusion
 big
 faster

LENGTH OF DIFFUSION PATH



net movement
 short diffusion path
 fast rate of diffusion
 long
 slow

Which way are the molecules diffusing in each diagram?

How does each factor affect the rate of diffusion?

How does nature maximise the rate of diffusion?

DIFFUSION

can be influenced by:

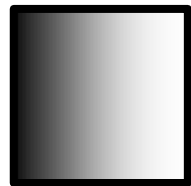
- temperature



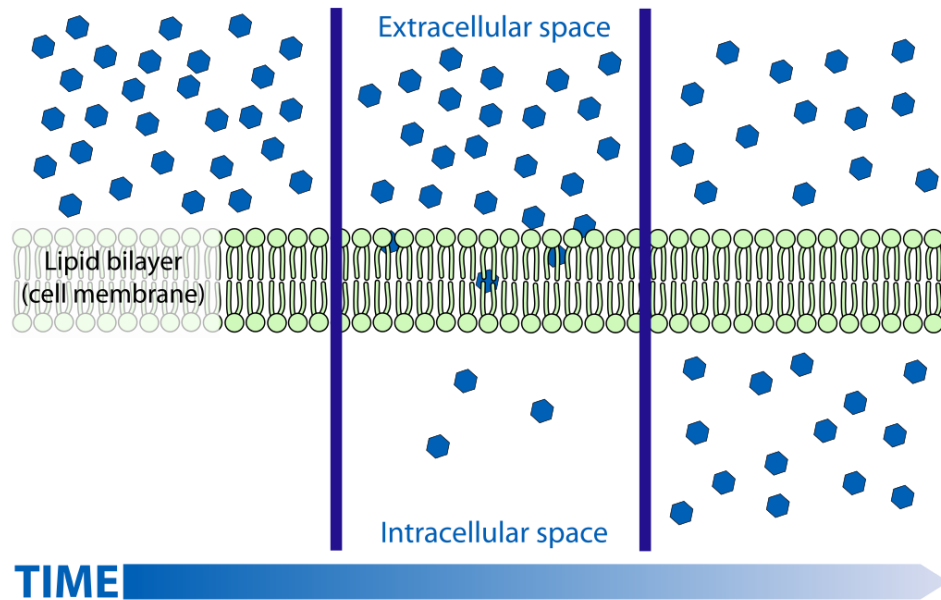
- molecular size



- gradient



DIFFUSION VIA THE MEMBRANE



particles pass between the phospholipids

membrane must be permeable to the particles

but: not all particles can pass

- non-polar particles diffuse easily
- polar particles diffuse at low rates
- ions with positive or negative charges cannot easily diffuse

→ the membrane is **semi-permeable**

SIMPLE DIFFUSION

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Data based questions.

FACILITATED DIFFUSION

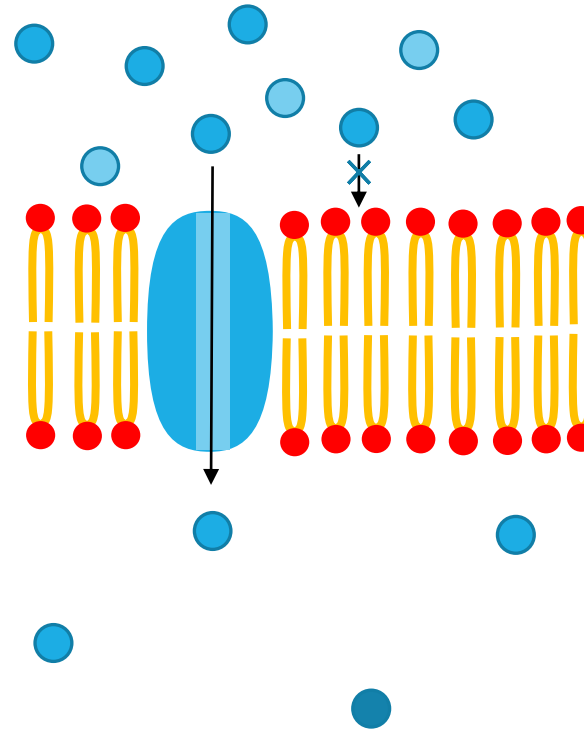
ions with positive or negative charges cannot easily diffuse between phospholipids

they can enter the cell via **channels**

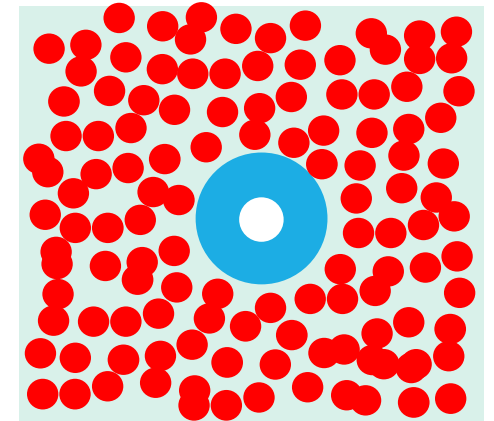
channel consists of proteins

size and chemical properties of the channel ensures that only one type of particle passes through

channel from the side



channel from above



EXPERIMENT

Material:

- 1 potato
- 1 glass with tap water
- 1 glass with salt water

Method:

Cut the potato in pieces – you need 2 pieces of the same size

Put one piece of potato into a glass with normal tap water and one piece into a glass with salt water

Questions:

What do you think will happen and why?

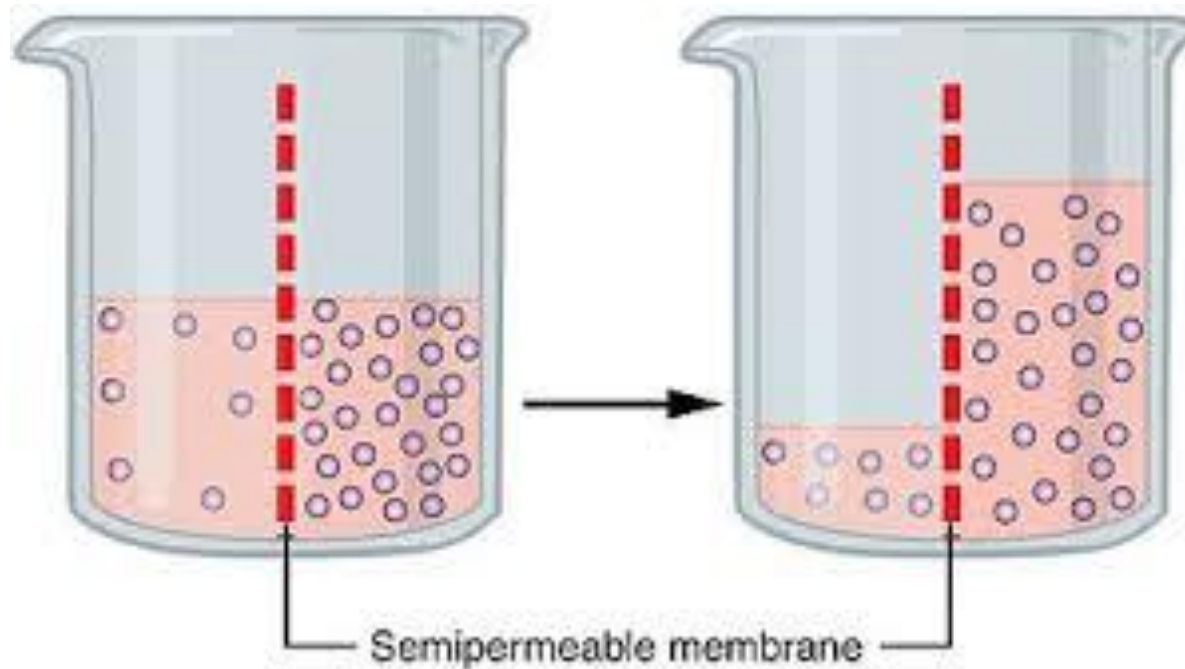
What does actually happen?



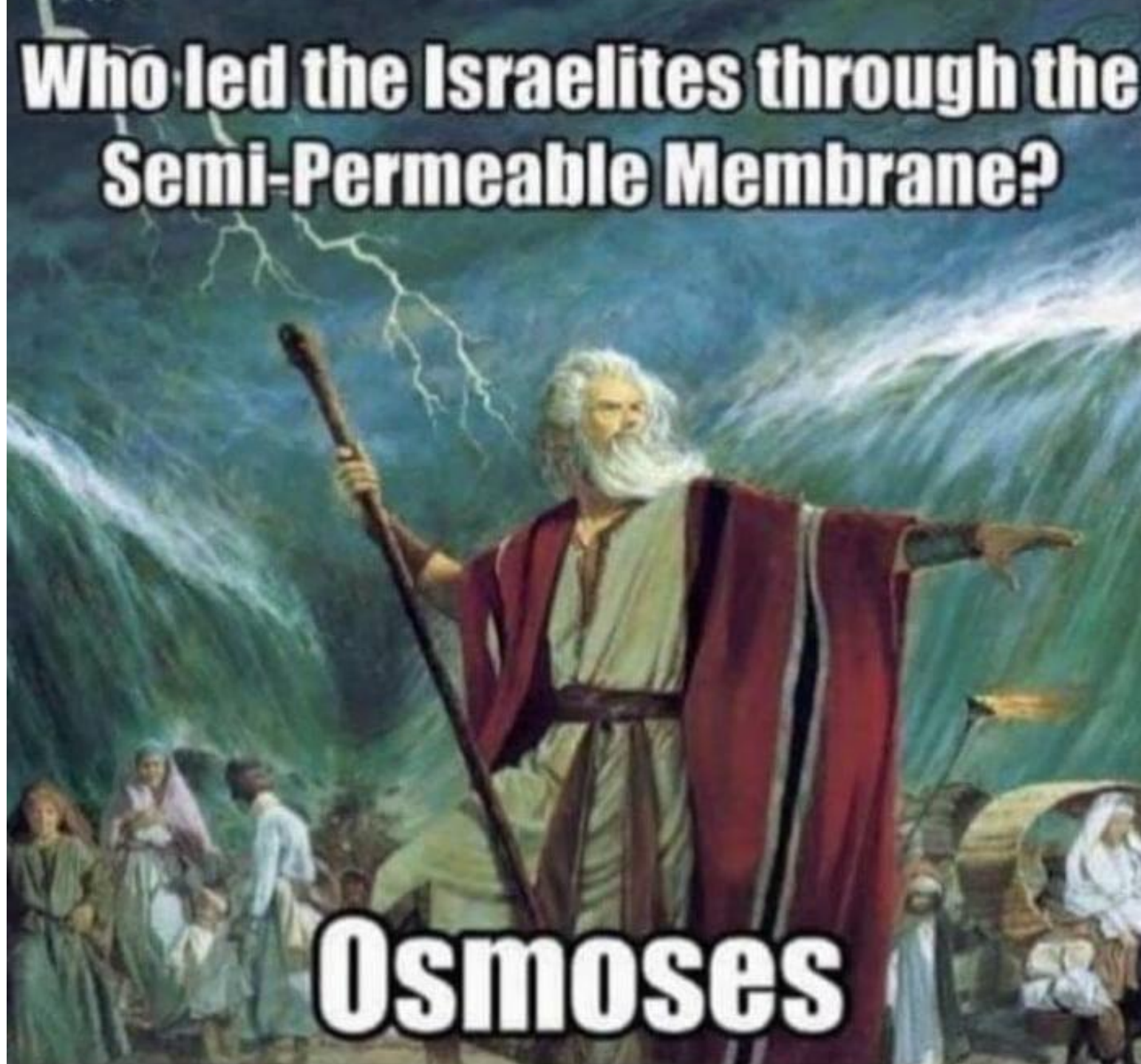
<https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kartoffel>

OSMOSIS

The net movement of free water molecules across a semi-permeable membrane from a region of low solute concentration to a region of high solute concentration.



**Who led the Israelites through the
Semi-Permeable Membrane?**



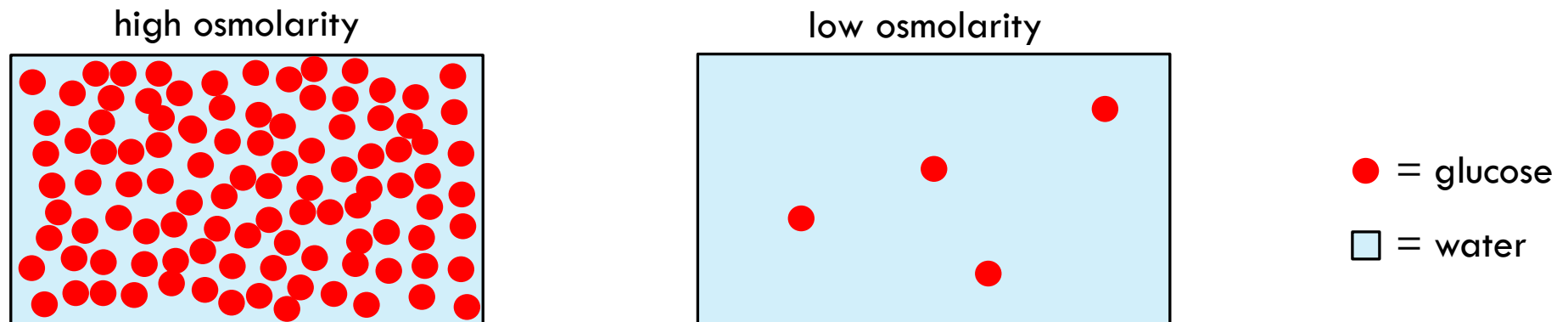
Osmoses

OSMOLARITY / OSMOTIC CONCENTRATION

solutes that form bonds with water and participate in osmosis are **osmotically active**

cells contain many different osmotically active solutes
e.g.: glucose, sodium ions, potassium ions, chloride ions

total concentration of osmotically active solutes: **osmolarity / osmotic concentration**



OSMOLARITY

hypertonic

isotonic

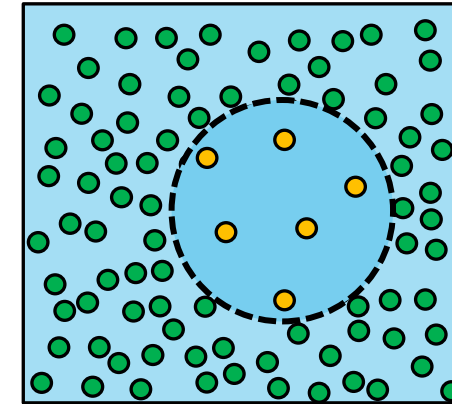
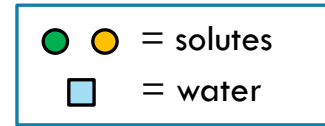
hypotonic

OSMOLARITY

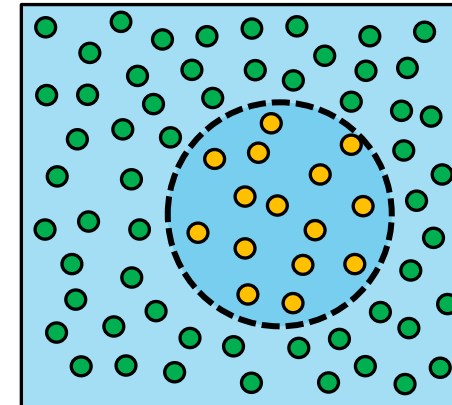
hypertonic: Greek *hyper* = “over, above”
→ solutions with a higher solute concentration

isotonic: Greek *isos* = “same”
→ solutions with the same solute concentration

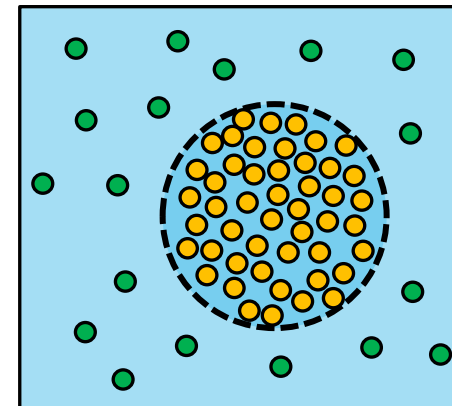
hypotonic: Greek *hypo* = “under, beneath”
→ solutions with a lower solute concentration



Low solute
concentration
inside the cell
High solute
concentration
outside of the cell



Same solute
concentration
inside and outside
of the cell

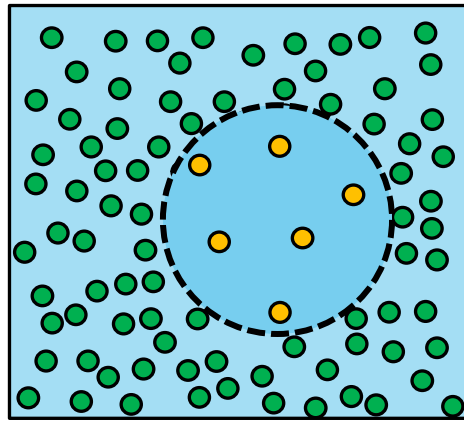


High solute
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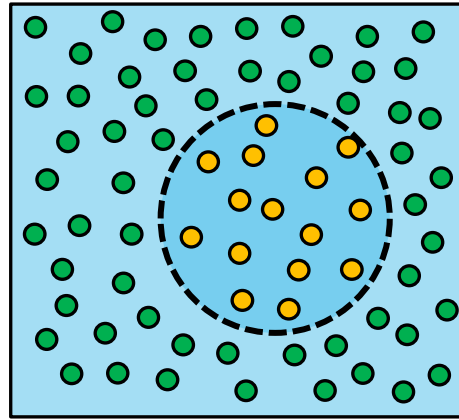
Isotonic beverage?



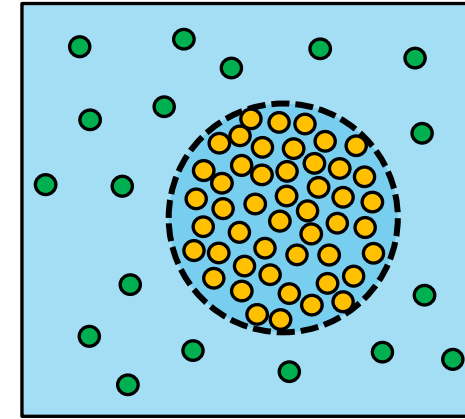
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hypertonic



isotonic

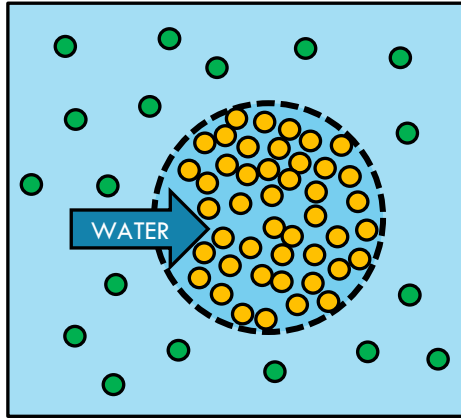
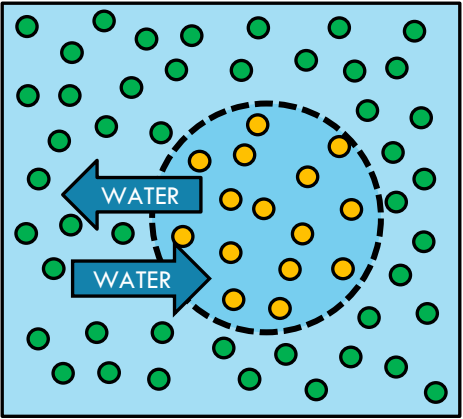
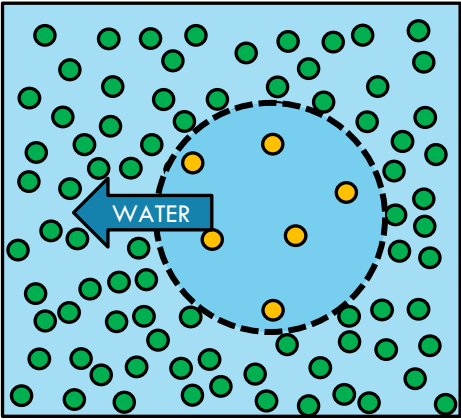
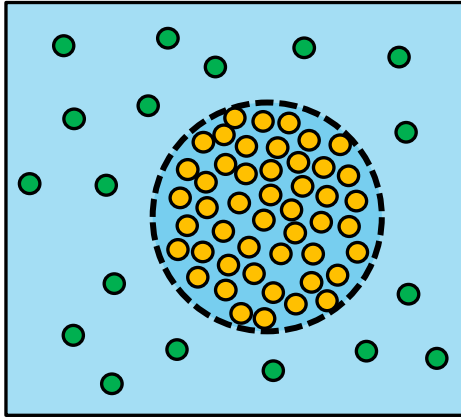
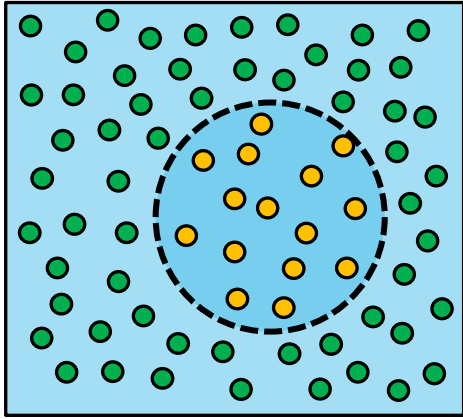
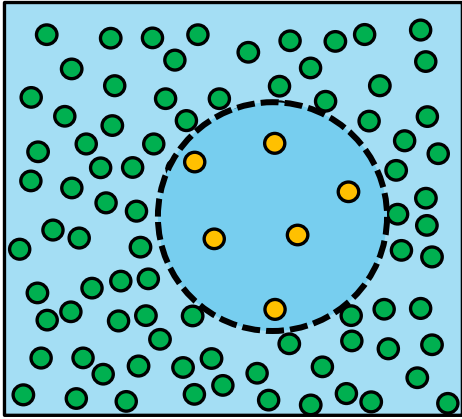


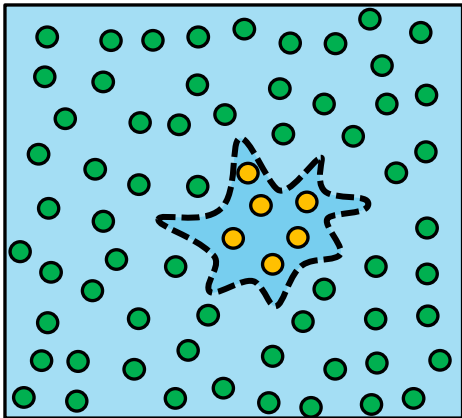
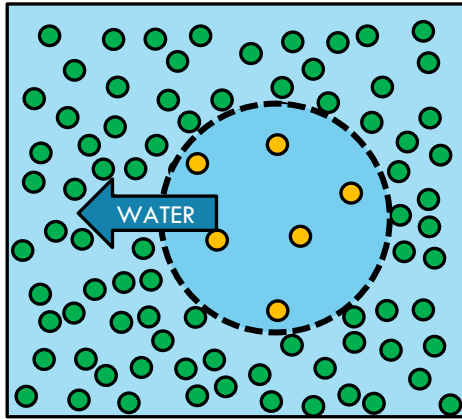
hypotonic

● ● = solutes
□ = water

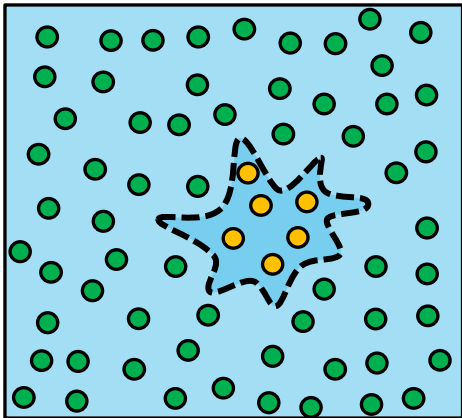
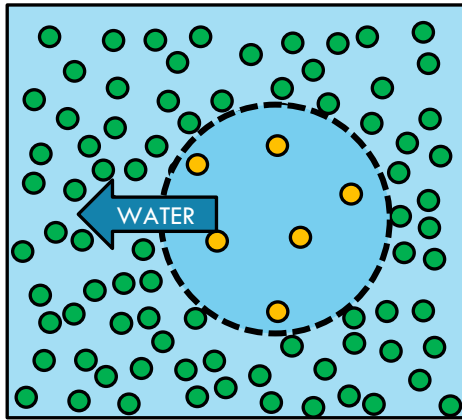
Where does the water go?

Osmosis is the net movement of water molecules across a **semi-permeable membrane** from a region of **low solute concentration** to a region of **high solute concentration**

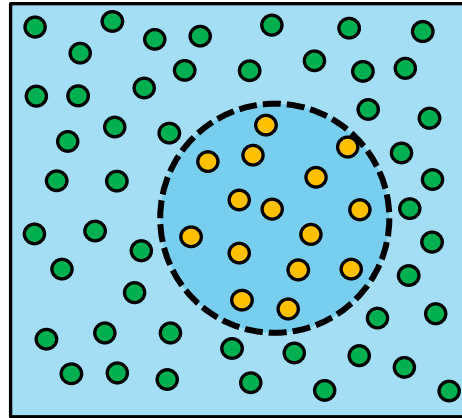
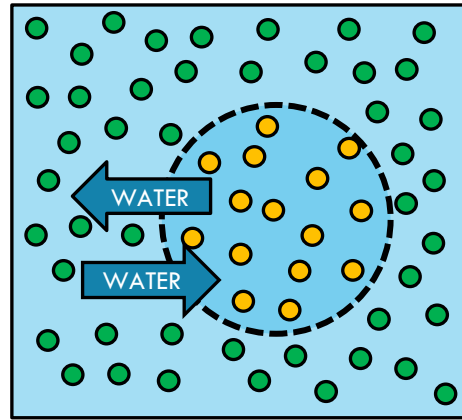




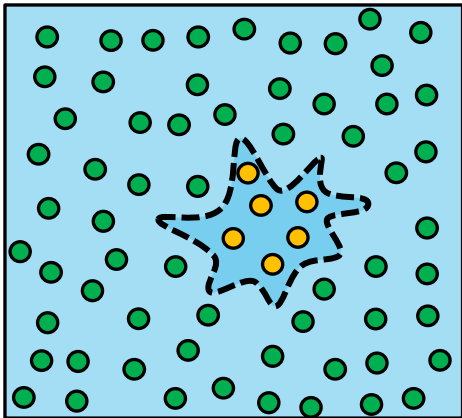
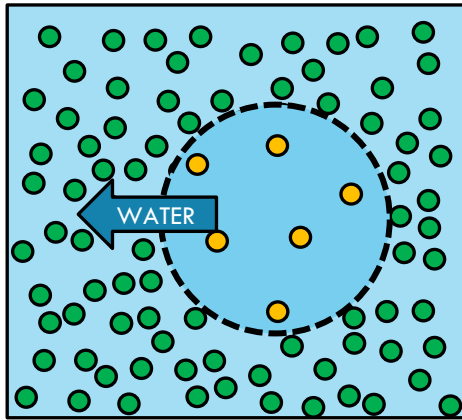
water flows out of the cell



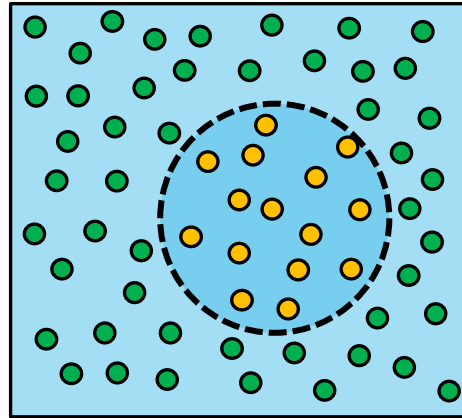
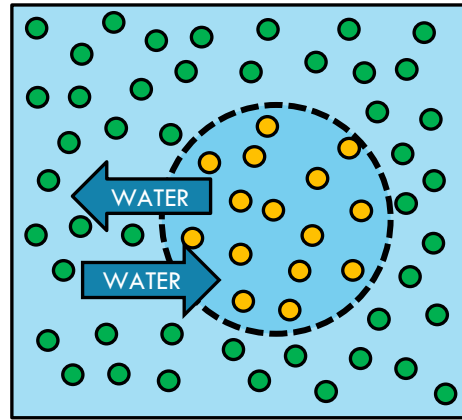
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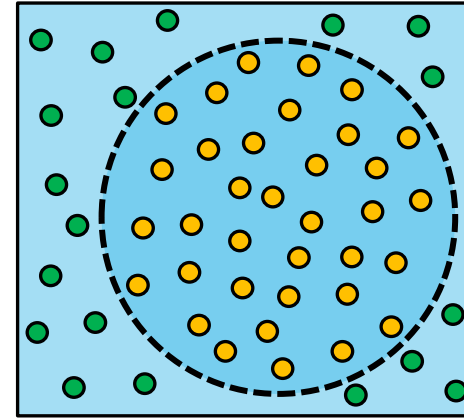
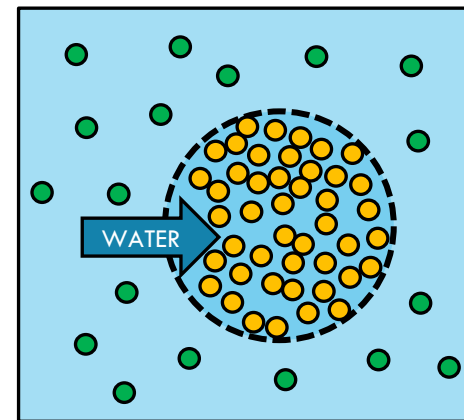
water flows in and out
of the cell



water flows out of the cell



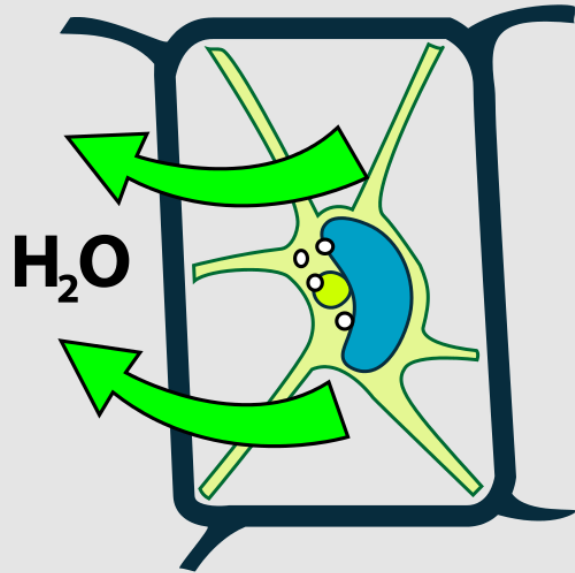
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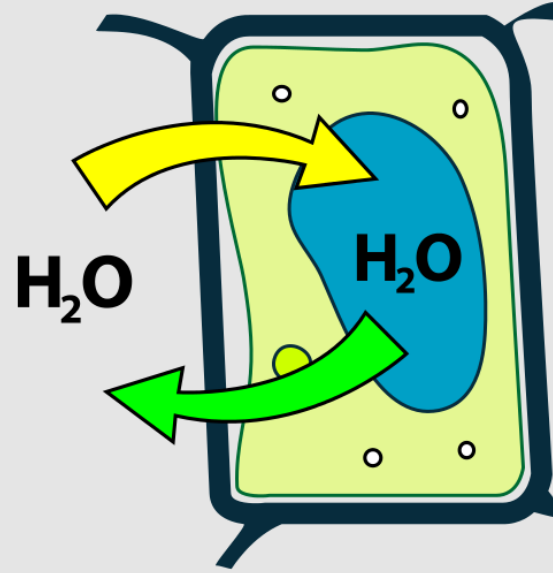
water flows into the cell

OSMOSIS AND TONICITY

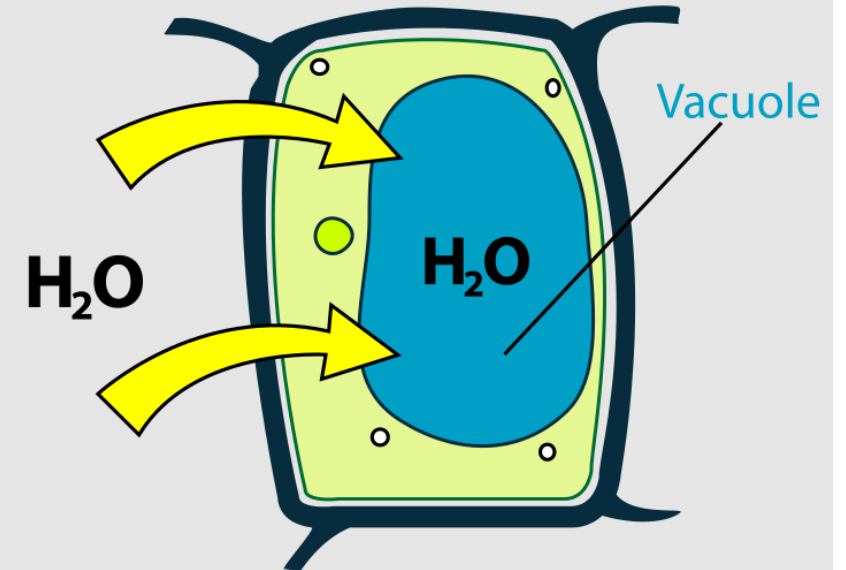
Hypertonic



Isotonic



Hypotonic



Mordverdacht: Wenn ein Gewürz zu Gift wird



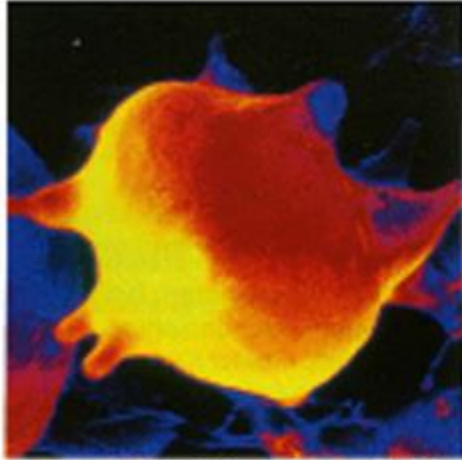
Eine 23-Jährige Frau wird verdächtigt, die Tochter ihres Lebensgefährten mit einer Überdosis Kochsalz ermordet zu haben. Sie bestreitet alle Vorwürfe und gibt dem Kind die Schuld.

Zwei Esslöffel Salz als Mittel zum Mord an einem Kind: Um diesen wohl beispiellosen Vorwurf geht es vom 13. Juli an in einem Prozess vor dem Landgericht Frankenthal in Rheinland-Pfalz. Angeklagt ist eine 23 Jahre alte Frau aus Ludwigshafen. Sie soll im März 2004 die vierjährige Tochter ihres Lebensgefährten ermordet haben - mit Kochsalz, das in einen Fertigpudding eingerührt war. Die Frau hat die Vorwürfe, für die es keine Zeugen gibt, bestritten. "Dabei wird sie auch in der Hauptverhandlung bleiben", sagt ihr Anwalt Bernd Rudolph.

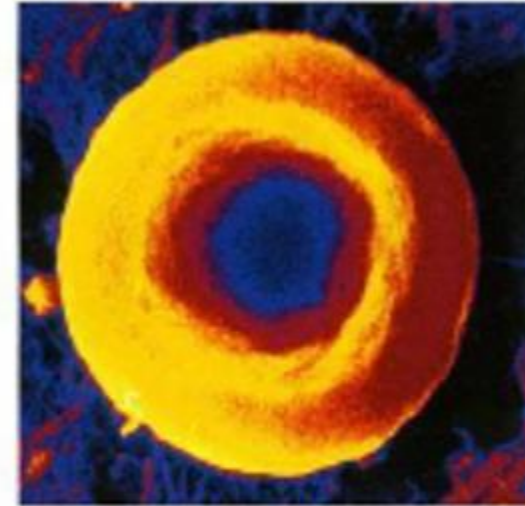
Kochsalz im Puddingbecher

Nach Darstellung der Anklage aß die Vierjährige am 25. März 2004 in der Küche der elterlichen Wohnung einen 0,2-Liter-Becher Pudding, dem 30 bis 40 Gramm Salz zugesetzt waren. Danach bekam sie Durchfall und musste sich übergeben. Einige Stunden später wurde das Kind in eine Klinik gebracht, wo es am 27. März starb. Die Vergiftung hatte zu einem Hirn- und Lungenödem geführt, Todesursache war letztlich ein Herz- und Kreislauf-Stillstand. Misstrauisch gewordene Angehörige setzten bei der Polizei eine Untersuchung in Gang. Dazu wurde zunächst eine Blutuntersuchung der Vierjährigen vorgenommen.

[...]



Erythrozyt in Stechapfelform –
vorgefunden beim getöteten
Mädchen (Körpergewicht: 16kg)



normaler Erythrozyt
einer Vergleichsperson

0,5 – 1 g of salt → per kg body weight = deadly



CHALLENGE:

The biggEGGst loser

ACTIVE TRANSPORT

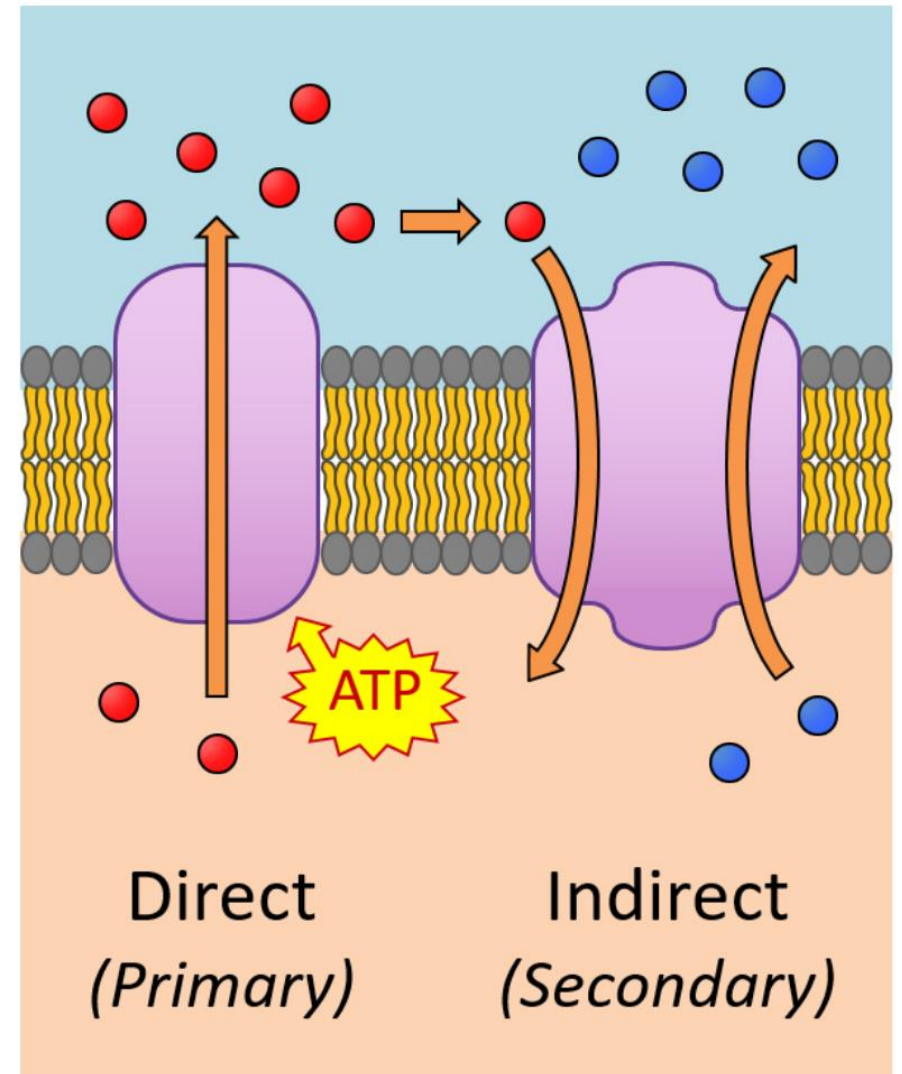
uses energy to transport molecules AGAINST concentration gradient (low \rightarrow high)

Direct Active Transport (Primary):

- ATP hydrolysis \rightarrow transport

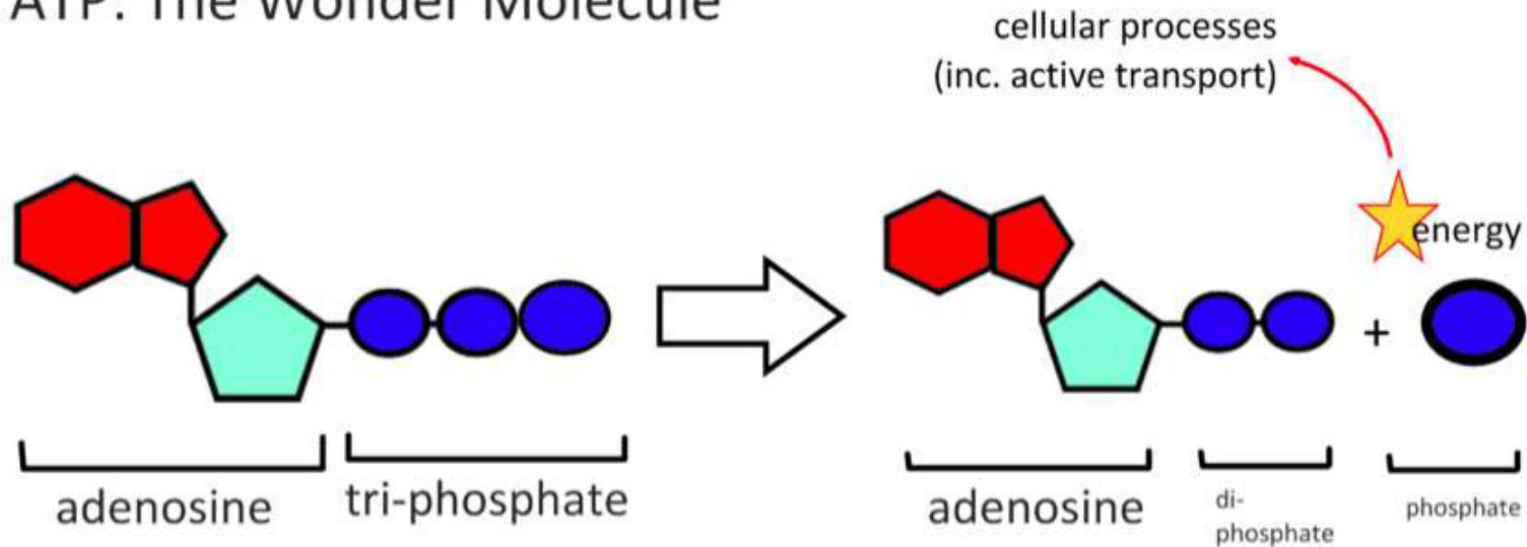
Indirect Active Transport (Secondary):

- transport coupled to another molecule moving along an electrochemical gradient (=cotransport)



ATP HYDROLYSIS

ATP: The Wonder Molecule



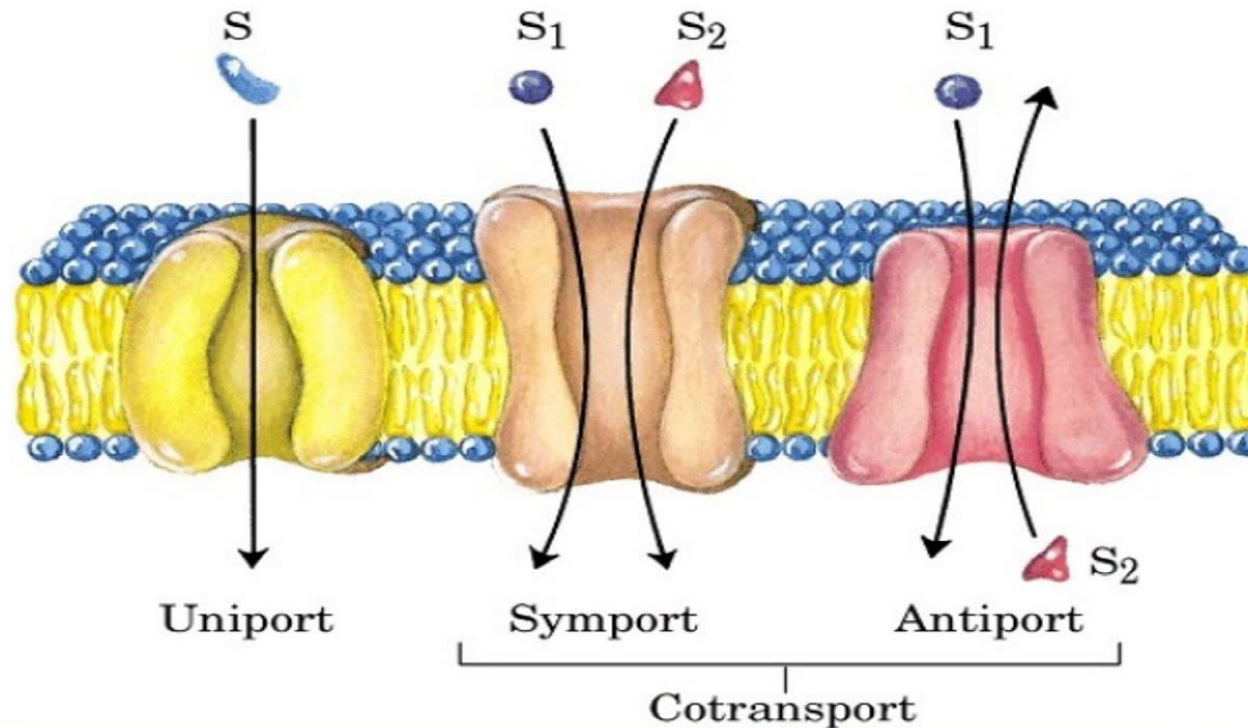
Hydrolysis of the bond releases one phosphate and a lot of energy.

use water split

Respiration in the cells recombines ADP with a phosphate ion, to be used for further cellular processes.

ACTIVE TRANSPORT

Active Transport uses energy from the hydrolysis of ATP to pump molecules against the concentration gradient.

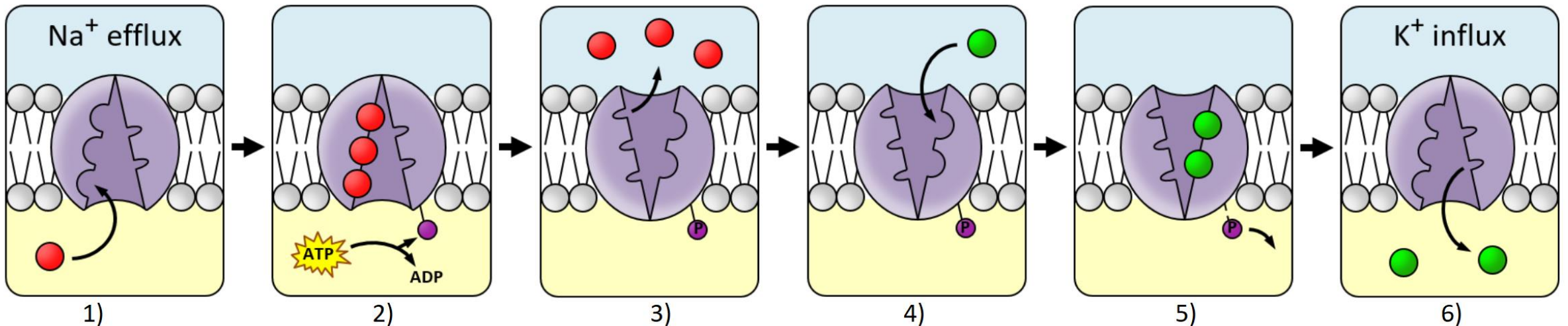


ACTIVE TRANSPORT

Data-based questions: Phosphate absorption in barley roots (p.39)

SODIUM-POTASSIUM PUMP

- 1) Three sodium ions bind to protein pump
- 2) ATP transfers a phosphate group to the pump (hydrolysis) → changes conformation
- 3) Interior of pump opens to outside → sodium ions are released
- 4) Two potassium ions from outside attach to potassium pump
- 5) Binding of potassium → releases phosphate group
- 6) release of phosphate → changes conformation and potassium ions are released





The Sodium-Potassium Pump

SODIUM-POTASSIUM PUMP

Na⁺ : Na⁺ : Na⁺ :



K⁺ :



K⁺ :



Sodium-Potassium Pump: * exists *

Na^+ :



K^+ :



active transport time

REVISION: CELL ORGANELLES

Ribosome

Endoplasmic Reticulum

Golgi Apparatus

Lysosome

REVISION: CELL ORGANELLES

Ribosome: produces proteins

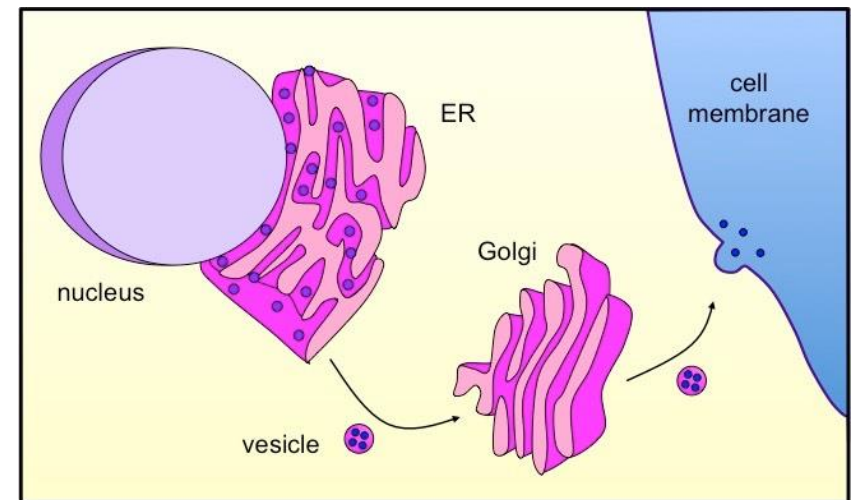
Endoplasmic Reticulum: location where proteins are produced

Golgi Apparatus: modifies and packages proteins

Lysosome: contains digestive enzymes, can fuse with vesicles containing damaged organelles / material which should be destroyed

VESICLE TRANSPORT

- material is transported around the cell in **vesicles**
- steps in vesicle transport:
 1. material (e.g. proteins or lipids) is synthesised in the Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER)
 2. vesicle with material forms in the ER and is released
 3. vesicle is transported to the Golgi apparatus
 4. vesicle fuses with the Golgi apparatus
 5. material is modified and sorted in the Golgi apparatus
 6. Vesicle forms in the Golgi apparatus and is transported to the plasma membrane or used in the cell

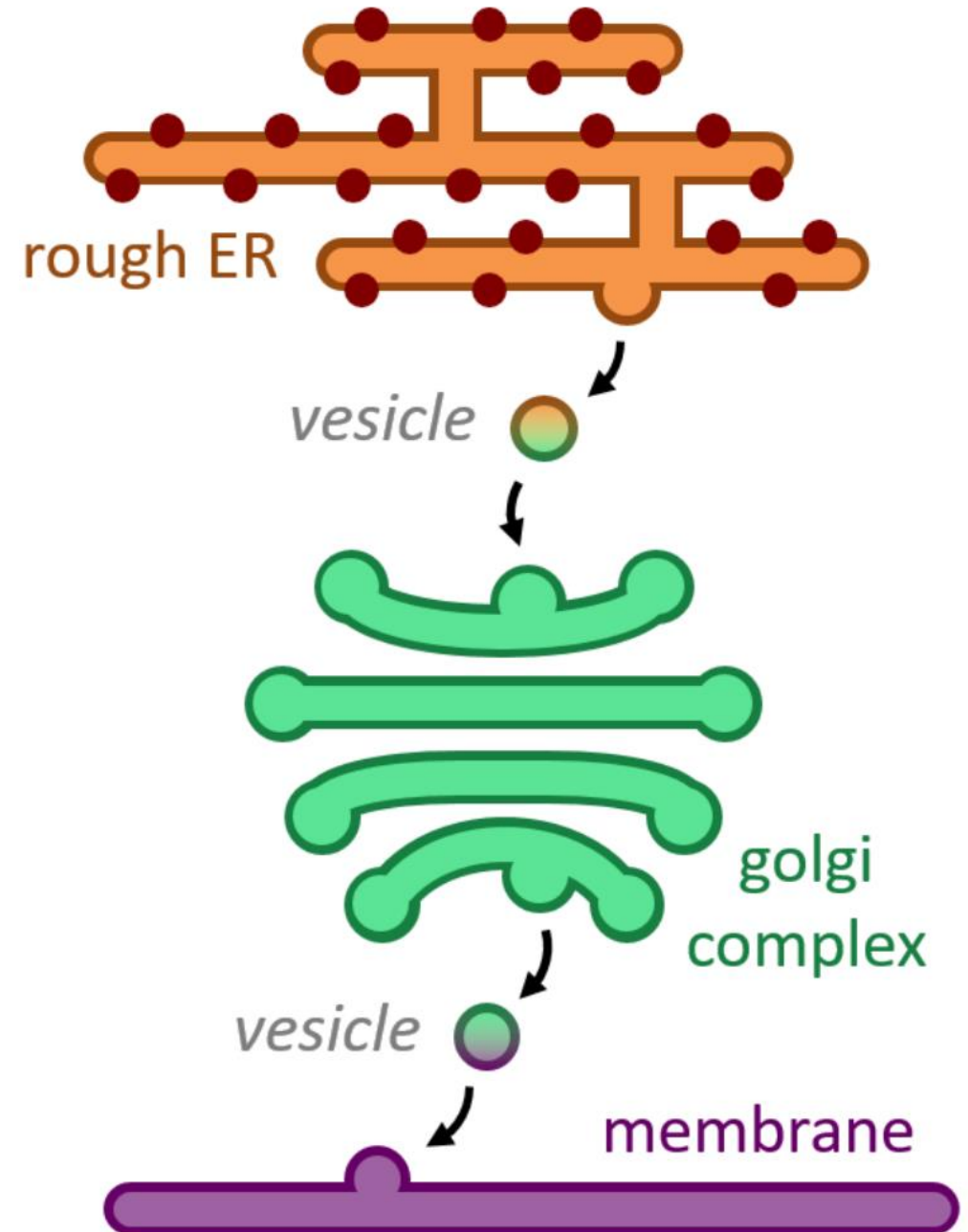


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VESICLES

Molecules destined for secretion → transported by vesicles

- **ribosomes** synthesize secretory proteins
- budding of **ER** creates vesicle
- vesicle transports protein to **GA**
- vesicle transports protein from **GA** to **plasma membrane**

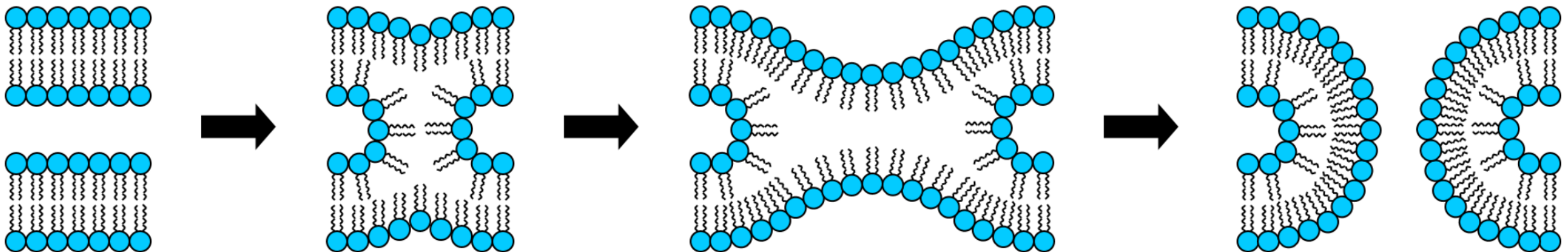


BULK TRANSPORT (CYTOSIS)

Only works because of the membrane's fluidity

Hydrophobic interactions between fatty acid tails hold membrane together

- interactions can easily be broken and reformed (requires ATP hydrolysis)
- separation or fusion → easy way to transport a lot of molecules



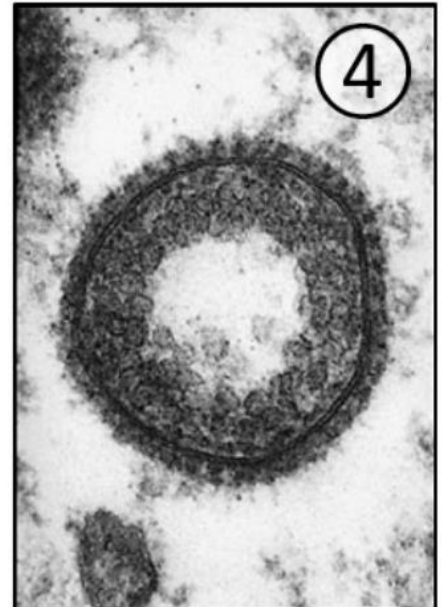
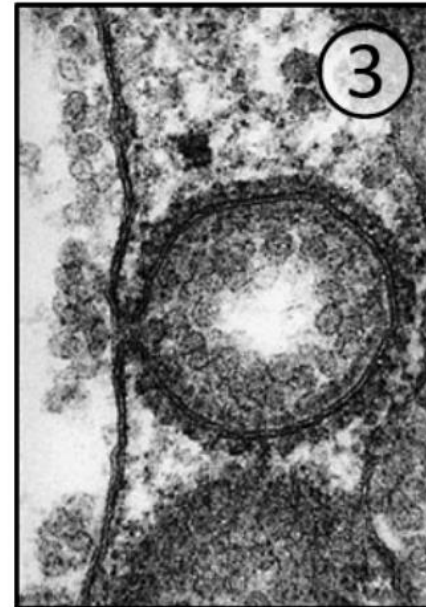
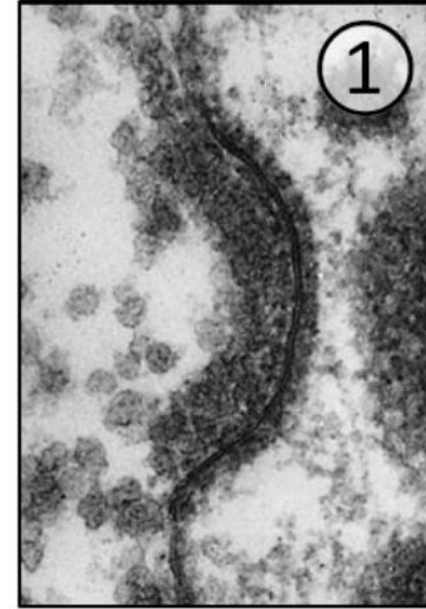
ENDOCYTOSIS

Process by which substances enter the cell → without passing across the plasma membrane

Substance becomes internalised within a vesicle

Phagocytosis → solid substances

Pinocytosis → liquids/solutions

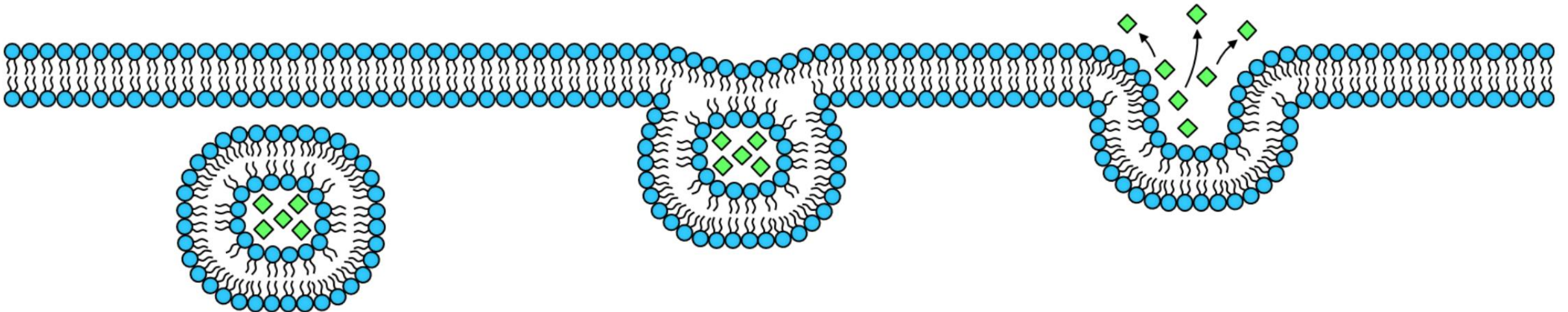


EXOCYTOSIS

- Exocytosis involves materials exiting cell → without crossing plasma membrane
- Materials packaged and stored within GA prior to secretion

Material can be immediately released after synthesis (constitutive secretion)

Material release can be delayed until a signal (neurotransmitter) is received (regulatory secretion).



CHECKOUT

You should be able to:

- compare passive and active transport
- describe different types of passive transport
- outline how osmolarity affects cells/tissues
- describe the process of active transport
- identify organelles required for vesicle transport
- describe the process of cytosin
- contrast endocytosis and exocytosis