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Image: Compound microscope objectives, T. Port





# Biological Cell Structure & Function



For additional resources on this lecture topic, see the Biological Cell Main Page on <u>SPO</u>.

## Two Basic Types of Cells



Images: <u>Prokaryotic cell diagram</u> & <u>Eukaryotic cell diagram</u>, M. Ruiz

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## Size of Living Things



Tell me about <u>Prokaryotes</u>...





Check out these quick animated lessons on binary fission: (Please watch both, as each provides different and useful information.) Binary Fission Animation from ClassZone Binary Fission Animation

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Image: <u>Phylogenetic Tree</u>, Eric Gaba, NASA Astrobiology Institute.

## **Prokaryote Genetics**

### Nucleoid

- Region of cytoplasm where prokaryote's genome (<u>DNA</u>) is located.
- Usually a singular, circular chromosome.

### Plasmid

- Small extra piece of chromosome/genetic material.
- 5 100 genes
- Not critical to everyday functions.
- Can provide genetic information to promote:
  - Antibiotic resistance
  - Virulence factors

(molecules produced by pathogen that specifically influence host's function to allow the pathogen to thrive)

#### - Promote conjugation

(transfer of genetic material between bacteria through cellto-cell contact)



Image: <u>Prokaryotic Cell Diagram</u>: M. Ruiz, <u>Bacterial conjugation</u>, Adenosine

### Cytoplasm

- Also known as proto-plasm.
- Gel-like matrix of water, <u>enzymes</u>, nutrients, wastes, and gases and contains cell structures.
- Location of growth, metabolism, and <u>replication</u>.



### Granules

- Bacteria's way of storing nutrients.
- Staining of some granules aids in identification.



### Cytoskeleton

- Cellular "scaffolding" or "skeleton" within the cytoplasm.
- Major advance in prokaryotic <u>cell biology</u> in the last decade has been discovery of the <u>prokaryotic</u> cytoskeleton.
- Up until recently, thought to be a feature only of <u>eukaryotic</u> cells.



#### Ribosomes

- Found within cytoplasm or attached to plasma membrane.
- > Made of protein & rRNA.
- Composed of two subunits.
- > Cell may contain thousands .
- > Q: What do ribosomes do?
- Q: What's the relationship between the job that the ribosomes do and the genetic instructions (nucleic acids) of the cell?



<u>Click here</u> for animation of ribosome building a protein.



## Plasma Membrane

- Separates the cell from its environment.
- Phospholipid molecules oriented so that hydrophilic water-loving heads directed outward and hydrophobic water-hating tails directed inward.
- Proteins embedded in two layers of lipids (lipid bilayer).
- Membrane is semi-permeable.
  Q: What does that mean?



## Passive Transport - Osmosis

- Q: Diffusion of **what** across the plasma membrane?
- Environment surrounding cells may contain amounts of dissolved substances (solutes) that are...
  - equal to
  - less than
  - greater than

... those found with in the cell.





Low Sugar Concentration High Sugar Concentration High Water Concentration Low Water Concentration



## Passive Transport - Osmosis

### Tonicity and <u>Osmosis</u>

- isotonic: equal concentration of a solute inside and outside of cell.
- hypertonic: a higher concentration of solute.
- hypotonic: a lower concentration of solute.

### Water will always move toward a hypertonic environment!!



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## Prokaryotes - <u>Cell Wall</u>

From the peptidoglycan inwards all bacteria are very similar. Going further out, the bacterial world divides into two major classes (plus a couple of odd types). These are:

**Gram-positive** 

Gram-negative



## **Bacterial Cell Wall**

- Peptidoglycan is a huge polymer of interlocking chains of alternating monomers.
- > Provides rigid support while freely permeable to solutes.
- Backbone of peptidoglycan molecule composed of two amino sugar derivatives of glucose. The "glycan" part of peptidoglycan:
  - N-acetylglucosamine (NAG)
  - N-acetlymuramic acid (NAM)





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Image: <u>Bonding structure peptidoglycan</u>, Mouagip; Other Image Source Unknown

## Prokaryotes - Cell Wall

Gram-Positive & Gram-Negative





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# **Q:** Why are these differences in <u>bacterial cell wall structure</u> so important?



Image: <u>Lipopolysaccharide</u>, Wiki; Gram+ and Gram- cell wall diagram, source unknown; <u>Gram-negative cell wall schematic</u>, Jeff Dahl

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## Prokaryotes - Glycocalyx

- Some bacteria have an additional layer outside of the cell wall called the glycocalyx.
- This additional layer can come in one of two forms:
- 1. Slime Layer
  - Glycoproteins loosely associated with the cell wall.
  - Slime layer causes bacteria to adhere to solid surfaces and helps prevent the cell from drying out.
  - Streptococcus

The slime layer of **Gram**+ Streptococcus mutans allows it to accumulate on tooth enamel (yuck mouth and one of the causes of cavities).

Other bacteria in the mouth become trapped in the slime and form a biofilm & eventually a buildup of plaque.





Images: <u>Slime layer</u>, Encyclopedia Britannica; Biofilm, PHIL # 11706; <u>Sweat</u> on face; *Staphylococcus*, T. Port

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## Prokaryotes - Glycocalyx

### 2. Capsule

- Polysaccharides firmly attached to the cell wall.
- Capsules adhere to solid surfaces and to nutrients in the environment.
- Adhesive power of capsules is a major factor in the initiation of some bacterial diseases.
- Capsule also protect bacteria from being phagocytized by cells of the hosts immune system.







## Prokaryotes - Endospores

- Dormant, tough, non-reproductive structure produced by small number of bacteria.
- Resistant to radiation, desiccation, lysozyme, temperature, starvation, and chemical disinfectants.
- Endospores are commonly found in soil and water, where they may survive for very long periods of time.
- Q: How and why do endospores form? Watch the animated lesson "Bacterial Spore Formation" to find out. Link also provides quiz questions to test your understanding of the material.

An endospore stained bacterial smear of *Bacillus subtilis* showing endospores as green and vegetative cells as red.



Image: *Bacillus subtilis*, SPO Science Image Library; , Clostridium botulinum, <u>PHIL</u> #2107

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### Bacterial Genus : <u>Clostridium</u>

**GRAM-POSITIVE Obligate anaerobes** bacillus-shaped endospore producer



- The members of this genus have a couple of bacterial "superpowers" that make them particularly tough pathogens.
- All have a strictly fermentative mode of metabolism (Don't' use oxygen).
- Vegetative cells are obligate anaerobes killed by exposure to O2, but their <u>endospores</u> are able to survive long periods of exposure to air.
- Known to produce a variety of toxins, some of which are fatal.
  - Clostridium tetani = agent of tetanus
  - C. botulinum = agent of botulism
  - *C. perfringens* = one of the agents of gas gangrene

- *C. difficile* = part of natural intestinal flora, but resistant strains can proliferate and cause pseudomembranous colitis.





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### More About Cells & Water... Osmotic Pressure

#### Q: What is the impact of osmotic pressure on cells?

- $H_2O$  important reactant in many metabolic reactions.
- Most cells die in absence of water.
- <u>Cell walls of bacteria</u> and <u>plants</u> prevent them from exploding in a **hypotonic** environment, but most bacteria are vulnerable in **hypertonic** environments.
- Many bacteria can be plasmolyzed by high concentrations of solutes.
- You salty perspiration protects you from bacteria that cannot handle the high sodium chloride concentration.
- Water moves out of the bacterium and it dies of 'hyperosmostic shock' (desiccation).

#### Q: What protects cells in a *hypertonic* environment?





Q: Why can you keep honey on the cupboard for months, even years, without it spoiling?



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### Prokaryotes - Surface Appendages

- Some <u>prokaryotes</u> have distinct appendages that allow them to move about or adhere to solid surfaces.
- Consist of delicate stands of proteins.
- flagella: Long, thin extensions that allow some bacteria to move about freely in aqueous environments. (singular: flagellum)
- axial filament (endoflagella): Wind around bacteria, causing movement in waves.





### Prokaryotes - Surface Appendages



fimbriae: Most <u>Gram-negative</u> bacteria have these short, fine appendages surrounding the cell. <u>Gram+</u> bacteria don't have.

No role in motility. Help bacteria adhere to solid surfaces. Major factor in virulence. (singular: fimbria)

pili: Tubes that are longer than fimbriae, usually shorter than flagella.

Use for movement, like grappling hooks, and also use <u>conjugation</u> pili to transfer plasmids. (singular = pilus)



### Meet the Microbe! Neisseria and its Fimbiriae

- Gram- diplococci, resemble coffee beans when viewed microscopically.
- Neisseria gonorrhoeae causes sexually transmitted disease gonorrhoeae.
- Antibiotics applied to the eyes of neonates as a preventive measure against gonorrhoea.
- One of the most communicable disease in the U.S.
- 125 cases per 100,000. Teens 15-19 yo 634 cases per 100,000.
  Young adults 20-25 460 per 100,000.
- *N. meningitidis* most common causes of bacterial meningitis in young adults.

#### Q: What makes <u>Neisseria</u> so tough?

- Lipopolysaccharide (LPS) of the cell wall of *Neisseria* acts as an endotoxin.
- Polysaccharide capsule prevents host phagocytosis and aids in evasion of the host immune response.
- Use fimbriae to attach onto host cells; avirulent without. <u>Fimbriae</u> have adhesion proteins (adhesins) on their tips that match, lock and key, with <u>proteins</u> on host epithelial cell surface.





### Prokaryotes - Cell Shapes

Most bacteria are classifies according to shape:

1. bacillus (pl. bacilli) = rod-shaped

2. COCCUS (pl. cocci ... sounds like coxeye) = spherical

3. spiral shaped

a. **spirillum** *(pl. spirilla)* = spiral with rigid cell wall, flagella

b. **spirochete** (*pl. spirochetes*) = spiral with flexible cell wall, axial filament





## Here's an excellent interactive lesson on <u>Prokaryote Cell Structure</u>



# Eukaryotic Cells



Eu ="true", karyon="nucleus"

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- > Membrane bound organelles.
- Include animal, plant, fungi, algae cells as well as other microscopic eukaryotes.
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# Eukaryotic Genomes

- Like prokaryotes, and all living things, their genome is made of DNA.
- May include several to many linear chromosomes within a membranebound nucleus.
- Q: How many chromosomes do humans have?
- Replication (duplication of DNA prior to cell division) occurs in all living things.
- > Two locations of eukaryotic DNA
  - Nuclear DNA
  - Extranuclear DNA



## Cytoplasm

Nicknames: The Matrix, Molecular Chowder

- Fills the space between the plasma membrane and the nuclear membrane
- A water-like substance that fills cells.
- Consists of cytosol and cellular organelles except for the cell nucleus.
- cytosol is made up of water, salts, organic molecules and many <u>enzymes</u> that catalyze reactions.

Q: Eukaryotes? Prokaryotes? Both?



## Cytoskeleton

#### Nicknames: Scaffolding, Highways

- Maintains cell shape.
- Protects the cell.
- Enables some cell movement (using structures such as flagella and cilia).
- Plays important roles in intracellular transport (the movement of vesicles and organelles).
- Plays important role in <u>cell division</u>.

**Q**: Eukaryotes? Prokaryotes? Both?



## Cilia & Flagella







- External appendages from cell membrane.
- Aid in locomotion of the cell or movement of materials near cell.
- Motility > coordinated sliding movements of microtubules.
- Both Prokaryotes & Eukaryotes can have external appendages, but are constructed differently.
- <u>Eukaryotes</u> may have flagella or cilia (components of cytoskeleton covered with plasma membrane).
- Prokaryotes may have flagella, endoflagella, <u>fimbiae</u> or pili (composed of protenaceous molecules and not covered with plasma membrane).

Images: <u>Cilia of the lung trachea epithilium</u>, Charles Daghlian, <u>Cilum Diagram</u> & <u>Flagellum Diagram</u>, M. Ruiz; <u>Sperm & Egg.</u> Wiki

## Ribosomes

<u>Click here</u> for animation of ribosome building a protein.



- Q: What do ribosomes do?
- > Q: What are they made of?
- Can be found alone in the cytoplasm, in groups called polyribosomes, or attached to the endoplasmic reticulum.
- Q: Eukaryotes? Prokaryotes? Both?

## Membrane-bound Organelles

- Eukaryotic cells have many organelles.
- Prokaryotes only have ribosomes, which are not bound by a membrane.

Membrane-bound eukaryotic organelles organize functions within the cell.



System of internal membranes within <u>eukaryotic cells</u> that divide the cell into compartments, or organelles.

Transport system, for moving molecules, into, out of, and through interior of cell, as well as interactive surfaces for lipid and protein synthesis.

Membranes of the <u>endomembrane system</u> are made of a lipid bilayer, with proteins.

# The Endomembrane System consists of:

- 1. nucleus
- 2. endoplasmic reticulum
- 3. Golgi apparatus
- 4. vesicles
- 5. lysosomes
- 6... Q: What other membranous part of the cell should also be included in this list?



## Endomembrane System

Let's watch an animation on the eukaryotic <u>Endomembrane</u> System.



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## **Organelles:** Energy-Related

Mitochondria

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Chloroplast

- Both organelles house energy in the form of ATP.
- Both ancestrally were ٠ independent cells that formed a symbiotic relationship with other cells.
- Q: Eukaryotes? Prokaryotes? Both?

Found in plants & algae & some microbes



## Animal Cell (Eukaryote)

#### **VIDEO:** Eukaryopolis: The **City of Animal Cells**

from Crash Course Biology



## Plant Cell (Eukaryote)

#### VIDEO: Plant Cells

from Crash Course Biology





Here are some links to fun resources that further explain **Prokaryotic Cell Biology**:

- Prokaryotic Cells Main Page on the Virtual Cell Biology
  Classroom of <u>Science Prof Online</u> website.
- Prokaryotic Cell: Structures, Functions & Diagrams, an article from SPO.
- <u>Prokaryotic & Eukaryotic</u>: Two Types of Biological Cells, an article from SPO.
- **<u>Prokaryotic Cell</u>** interactive diagram from <u>Cells Alive</u> website.
- "How big is a..." interactive diagram from <u>Cells Alive</u> website.
- <u>Cell Structure</u> tutorials and quizzes from Interactive Concepts in Biochemistry.
- "<u>Germs</u>". Music by Weird Al Yankovic. Video by RevLucio.
- Evolution of the Three Domains Animated Science Tutorial.
- Biology4Kids <u>Cell Biology Main Page</u> by Raders.
- <u>"She Blinded Me With Science"</u> music video Thomas Dolby.





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# **Confused?**

# Here are some links to fun resources that further explain **Eukaryotic Cell Biology**:

- <u>Cell Structure: Eukaryotes</u> Main Page on the Virtual Cell Biology Classroom of <u>Science Prof Online</u>.
- "<u>Cells</u>" music video by They Might Be Giants.
- Prokaryotic & Eukaryotic: Two Types of Biological Cells, an article from SPO.
- <u>Eukaryotic Cell</u>: Structures, Functions & Diagrams article from SPO.
- <u>Cell Structure</u> tutorials and quizzes from Interactive Concepts in Biochemistry.
- <u>Cells Alive</u> interactive website.
- Eukaryotic Cell Tour an Animated Science Tutorial.
- Endoplasmic Reticulum & Golgi Apparatus animation and quiz.
- Endomembrane System animation and guiz.
- "The Cell Song" lyrics by The Cell Squad, Freedom Middle School, Nashville, TN.
- Endocytosis / Exocytosis animation from McGraw Hill.
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# Virtual Biology Classroom (VCBC)

The VBC is full of resources to help you succeed, including:



- practice test questions
- review questions

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- study guides and learning objectives
- PowerPoints on other topics

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