

**Question 4:** The genome of *Vibrio cholera* is 4.03 Mbp. How many genes does it contain?

$$\langle L_{\text{protein}} \rangle = 300 \text{ aa}$$

$$\langle L_{\text{gene}} \rangle \approx 1000 \text{ bp} = 300 \text{ aa} \cdot \frac{3 \text{ bp}}{\text{aa}}$$

Assume: genome is packed with genes

$$N_{\text{genes}} = \frac{L_{\text{genome}}}{L_{\text{gene}}} = \frac{4 \cdot 10^6 \text{ bp}}{10^3 \text{ bp}} = 4,000 \text{ genes}$$

**Question 3:** How Many Sugar Transporters Are Needed to Make A Bacterium?

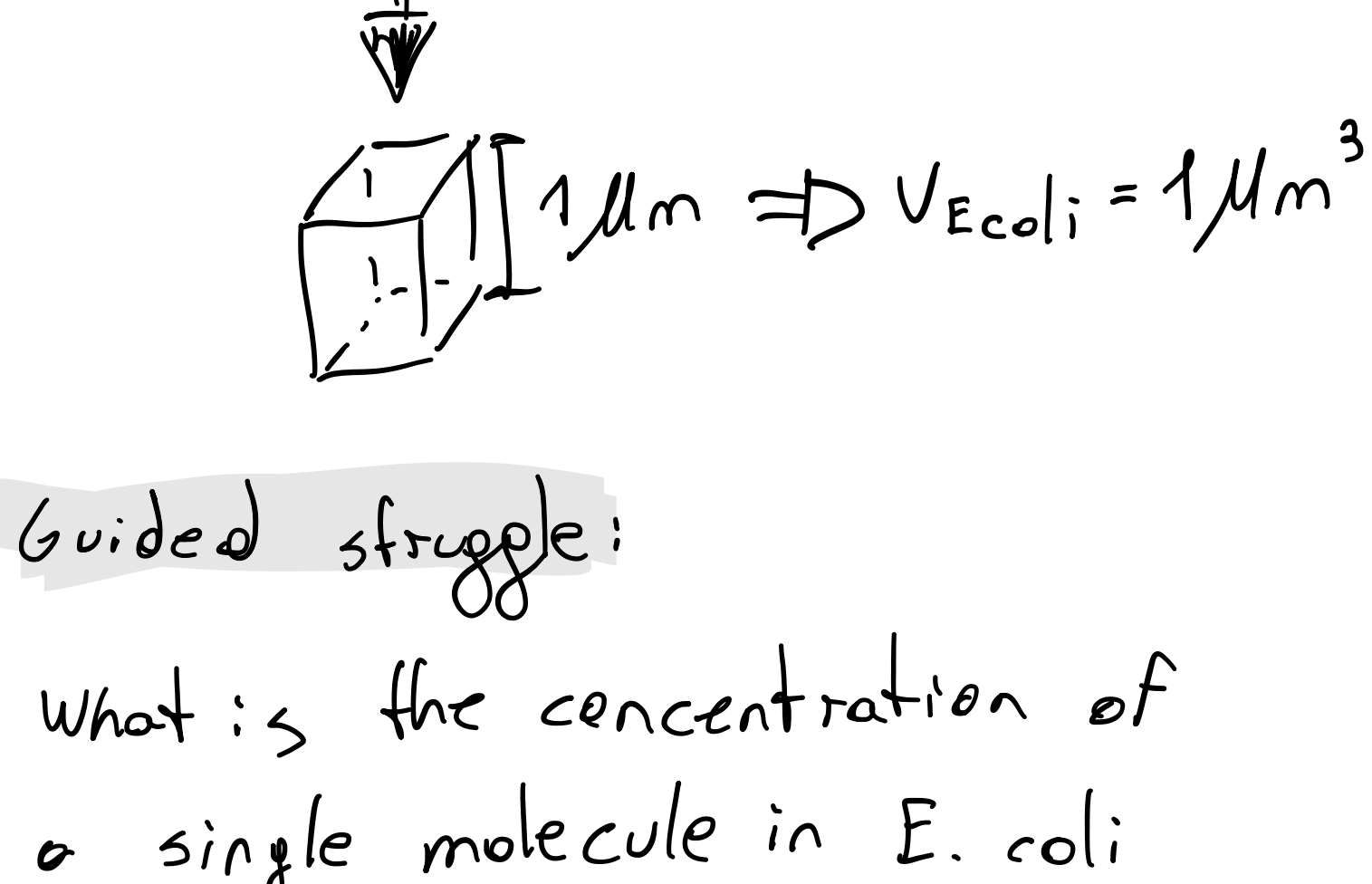
$$\# \text{ of sugar transporters} = \frac{\# \text{ sugars to make a cell}}{\text{cell cycle time}} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{transport rate of one sugar transporter}}$$

*rate of intake of sugar necessary*

*rate of intake of an individual transporter*

Main challenge: how many sugars to make a cell?  
 Assume: main component is proteins  
 → calculate how many sugars to put together all proteins

What is the protein mass of *E. coli*?



Guided struggle:

What is the concentration of a single molecule in *E. coli* in molar

$$V_{\text{Ecoli}} = 1 \mu\text{m}^3 = 1 \text{ fL}$$

$$\frac{1 \text{ molec}}{1 \text{ fL}} = \frac{1 \text{ molec} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{6 \cdot 10^{23} \text{ molec}}}{10^{-15} \text{ L}} = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{10^8 \text{ L}}$$

$$\approx 0.16 \cdot 10^{-8} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}} = 10^{-9} \text{ M} = 1 \text{ nM}$$

$$m_{\text{Ecoli}} = \rho_{\text{Ecoli}} \cdot V_{\text{Ecoli}}$$

$$= 1 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{L}} \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ L} = 10^{-15} \text{ kg}$$

$$= 10^{-12} \text{ g} = 1 \text{ pg}$$

$$m_{\text{dry}} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot m_{\text{Ecoli}} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ pg}$$

$$m_{\text{prot}} \approx \frac{1}{2} m_{\text{dry}} \approx \frac{1}{6} \text{ pg}$$

How many proteins is this?

mass of 1 prot  $\approx 30 \text{ kDa}$

$$N_{\text{prot}} = \frac{m_{\text{prot}}}{m_{1 \text{ prot}}} = \frac{\frac{1}{6} \text{ pg}}{30 \text{ kDa}}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{30} \frac{\text{pg}}{10^3 \text{ Da}} = \frac{1}{180 \cdot 10^3} \text{ pg} \cdot \frac{1}{1 \text{ pg} / 6 \cdot 10^{23}}$$

What's 1 Da:  $1 \text{ Da} = \frac{1 \text{ g}}{\text{mole}} = \frac{1 \text{ g}}{6 \cdot 10^{23} \text{ molec}}$

$$N_{\text{prot}} = \frac{1}{180 \cdot 10^3} \cdot \frac{\text{pg} \cdot 6 \cdot 10^{23}}{\text{g}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{180 \cdot 10^3} \cdot \frac{10^{-12} \text{ g} \cdot 6 \cdot 10^{23}}{\text{g}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{30} \cdot 10^8 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 10^7 \approx 3 \cdot 10^6 \text{ proteins}$$

How many glucose molecules (or C atoms) are needed to make  $3 \cdot 10^6$  proteins?

5 C atoms per aa

$$N_{\text{aa}} = 300 \frac{\text{aa}}{\text{protein}} \cdot 3 \cdot 10^6 \text{ proteins} \approx 10^9 \text{ aa}$$

⇒  $5 \cdot 10^9$  C atoms to make a new cell

6 C / glucose

⇒  $10^9$  glucose molecules to make a cell

$$\text{rate of glucose uptake} = \frac{10^9 \text{ glucose}}{20 \text{ min} \cdot 60 \frac{\text{s}}{\text{min}} \cdot 12 \cdot 10^2 \text{ s}} = \frac{10^9 \text{ glucose}}{1.44 \cdot 10^5 \text{ s}}$$

$$= 10^6 \text{ glucose/s}$$

$$\text{PtsI transport rate} = 200 \frac{\text{glucose}}{\text{s}}$$

$$N_{\text{PtsI}} = \frac{10^6 \text{ glucose/s}}{200 \text{ glucose/s}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 10^4 = 5000$$

**Question 8:** Number of livestock on earth? Specifically, mass of cows relative to humans?

Use Little's theorem to estimate the number of cows

$$\# \text{ of cows} = \frac{\# \text{ cows butchered per year}}{\text{age of cow @ butchering}}$$

$$\# \text{ cows} = \frac{\# \text{ of cows butchered per year} \cdot \text{age of cow @ butchering}}{\text{few years}}$$

$$= \frac{1 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{week}} \cdot \text{person} \cdot 10^9 \text{ people} \cdot \frac{1}{1000 \text{ kg}}}{\text{week} \cdot \text{person}} \cdot \frac{1}{50 \text{ week}}$$

$$= 10^6 \frac{\text{cows}}{\text{week}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ year}}{50 \text{ week}} = 50 \cdot 10^6 \text{ cows/year}$$

$$\Rightarrow \# \text{ cows} = 50 \cdot 10^6 \frac{\text{cows}}{\text{year}} \cdot \text{few years}$$

consumption rate      age @ consumption

$$= 150 \cdot 10^6 \text{ cows}$$

$$= 10^8 \text{ cows} \Rightarrow m_{\text{cows}} = 10^8 \text{ cows} \cdot 10^3 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{cow}} = 10^{11} \text{ kg}$$

$$m_{\text{humans}} = 7 \cdot 10^9 \text{ people} \cdot \frac{100 \text{ kg}}{\text{person}} = 7 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ kg} = 10^{12} \text{ kg}$$

Aside: geometric mean for estimates

$$\text{Diam St Peters} = \sqrt{d_{\text{low}} d_{\text{high}}} = \sqrt{10 \text{ m} \cdot 100 \text{ m}} = \sqrt{10^3 \text{ m}^2} = 10 \text{ m} \cdot \sqrt{10} \approx 30 \text{ m}$$

$$m_{\text{cow}} = \sqrt{m_{\text{low}} m_{\text{high}}} = \sqrt{\text{few } 100 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{few } 1000 \text{ kg}} = \sqrt{10 \cdot 10^5} \text{ kg} = 10^3 \text{ kg}$$