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# Citrate

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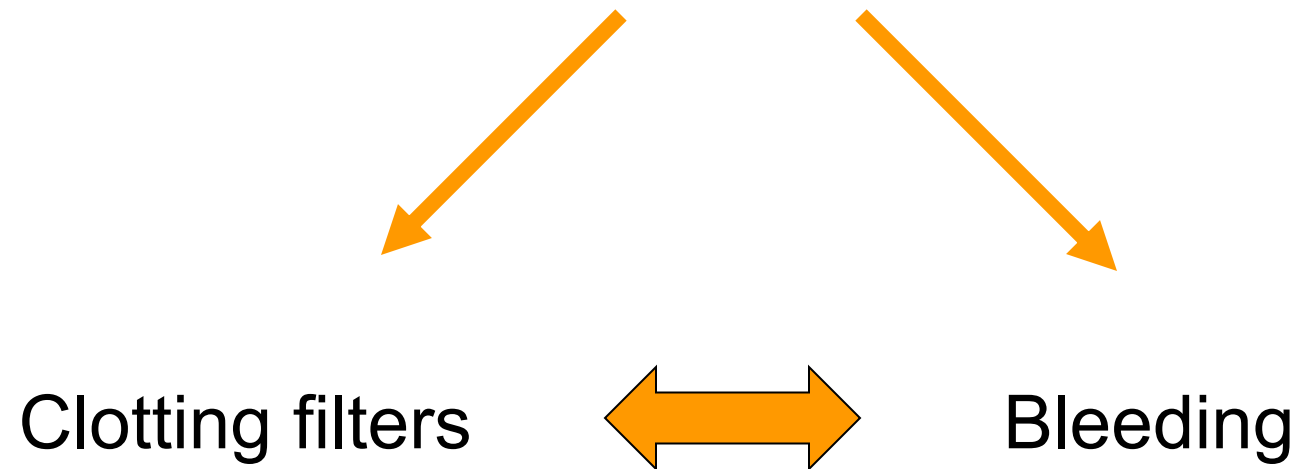
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# The goal with this lecture

1. Why is regional anticoagulation better than whole-body-anticoagulation? Citrate vs heparin...
2. How does citrate work?
3. What is CVVHD-F and where does citrate come in?
4. Can citrate spill over into the patient? How do we detect it?

# Background

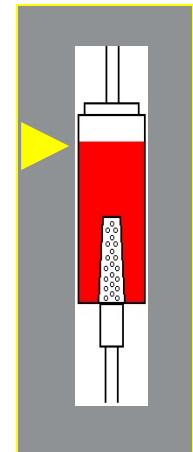
Dilemma!



# Why anticoagulation?

## Activation of coagulation

- Blood pump
- Blood-membrane
- Blood-air
- Turbulent flow (catheter, tubings)



# Why not heparin?

Biggest heparin drawback: it causes systemic anticoagulation!

So heparin increases the **bleeding risk** of the patient

Critically ill patients already have increased risk of bleeding due to surgery, trauma, mucosal injuries and coagulopathy

More or less severe bleeding is reported in **10-50%** of all ICU cases, depending on population and choice of anticoagulation

Van de Wetering J et al: **Heparin use in continuous renal replacement procedures: the struggle between filter coagulation and patient hemorrhage.** *J Am Soc Nephrol* 1996, 7:145-150; Oudemans-Van Straaten HM et al. **Anticoagulation strategies in continuous renal replacement therapy: can the choice be evidence based?** *Intensive Care Med* 2006, 32:188-202

# Why not heparin?

Heparin binds to antithrombin (AT), potentiating its anticoagulation effect  
AND inhibiting its anti-inflammatory effect

Anti-inflammatory effects of AT are exerted through binding to  
glucosaminoglycans on endothelial membranes, enhancing the  
formation of prostacyclin

The binding of AT to glucosaminoglycans diminishes the adherence and  
migration of leukocytes, reduces platelet aggregation and decreases  
proinflammatory cytokine production. **Heparin binding to AT abolishes  
this effect**

Warren BL et al: **Caring for the critically ill patient. High-dose antithrombin III in severe sepsis: a randomized controlled trial.**

*JAMA* 2001, **286**:1869-1878; Leithauser B et al: **Antithrombin attenuates microvascular leakage and leukocyte- endothelial interaction in  
response to endotoxin.** *Semin Thromb Hemost* 2002, **28**(Suppl 1):87-94.

# Why not heparin?

Heparin, normally potentiating AT, inactivates AT in the presence of elastase. This process leads to proinflammatory and procoagulant effects on the endothelium in sepsis, **which may compromise the microcirculation and threaten tissue perfusion**

Jordan RE et al.: Antithrombin inactivation by neutrophil elastase requires heparin. *Am J Med* 1989, **87**:19S-22S.

**Heparin may thus have adverse effects on the micro-circulation in sepsis.**

Hoffmann JN et al: Adverse effect of heparin on antithrombin action during endotoxemia: microhemodynamic and cellular mechanisms. *Thromb Haemost* 2002, **88**:242-252; Heinzelmann M et al: Heparin binds to lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-binding protein, facilitates the transfer of LPS to CD14, and enhances LPS-induced activation of peripheral blood monocytes. *J Immunol* 2005, **174**:2280-2287

# Why not heparin?

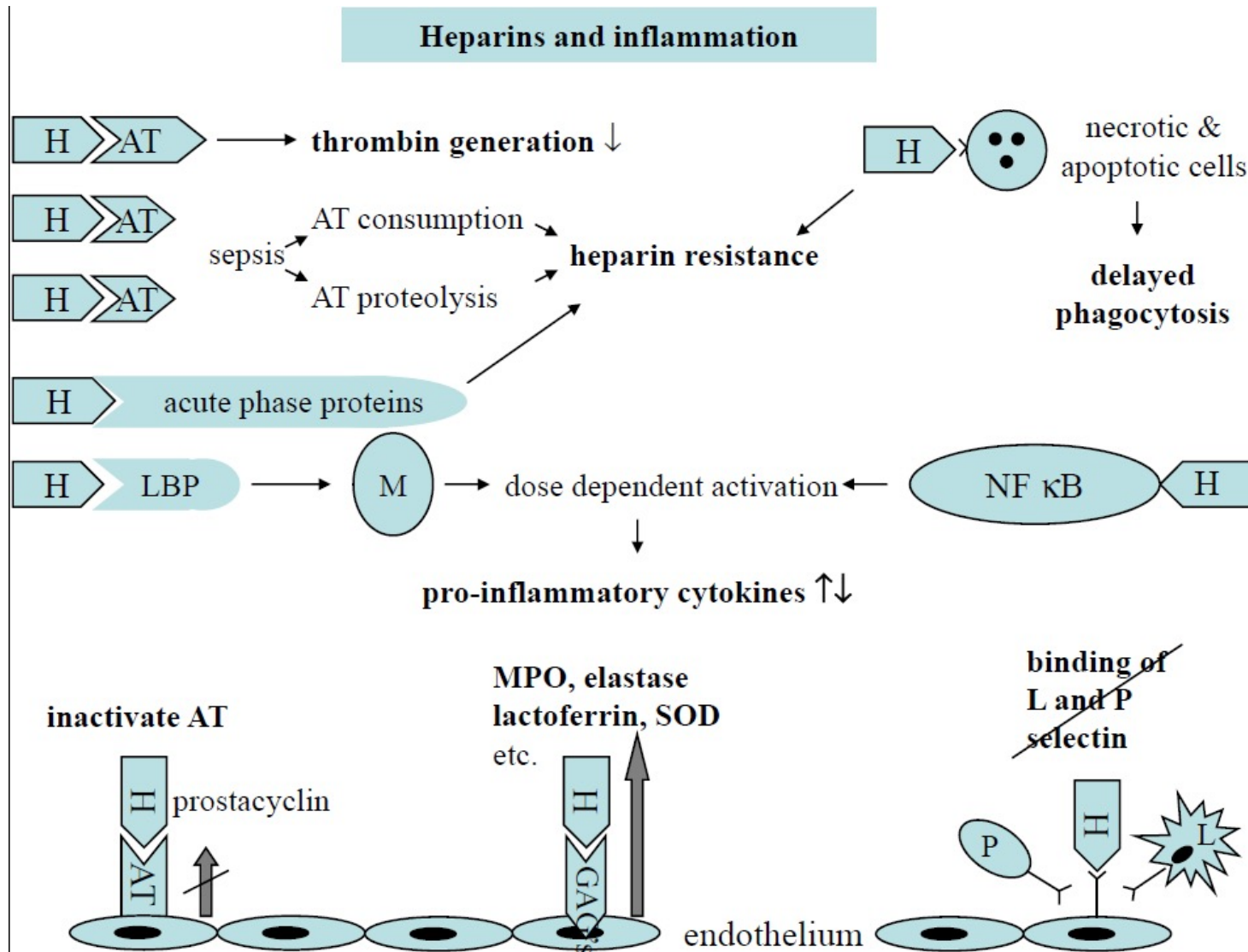
Depending on the dose and type of heparin, on the population and on the criteria used for diagnosis, **<1 to 5% of heparin-treated patients develop heparin-induced thrombocytopenia**

Verma AK et al: Frequency of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia in critical care patients.

*Pharmacotherapy* 2003, **23**:745-753; Selleng K et al: Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia in intensive care patients.

*Crit Care Med* 2007, **35**:1165-1176; Selleng S et al: Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia in patients requiring prolonged intensive care unit treatment after cardiopulmonary bypass. *J Thromb Haemost* 2008, **6**:428-435.



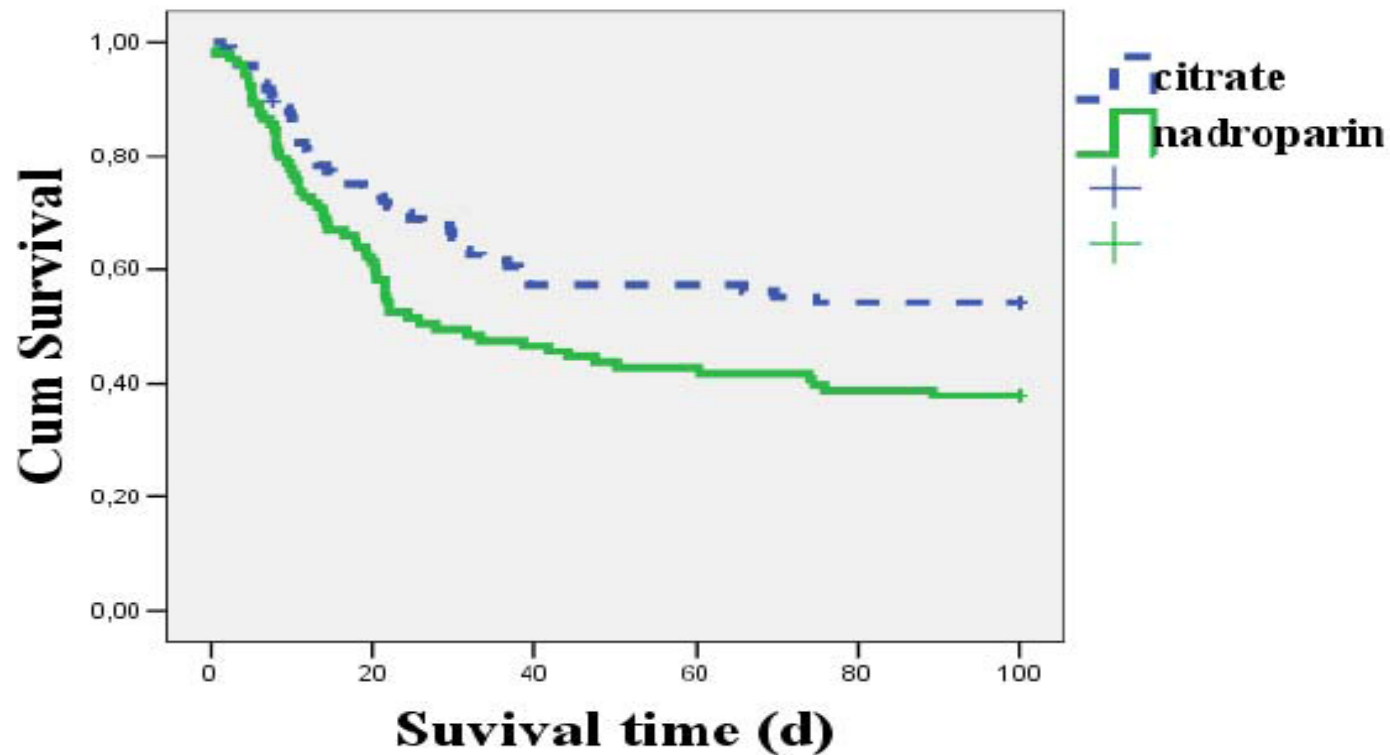


	HEPARIN	CITRATE
<b>Clinical</b>		
Anticoagulation	Regional and systemic	Regional, not systemic
Risk of bleeding	Higher	Not increased
Circuit life	Similar or shorter	Similar or longer
Metabolic control	Good	Good if well performed
Metabolic derangements		Greater risk if not well controlled
Understanding	Easy	Difficult
Life-threatening complications	Massive bleeding	
	Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (UFH >LMWH)	Cardiac arrest due to unintended rapid infusion
Clinical outcome		Possibly better patient* and kidney survival

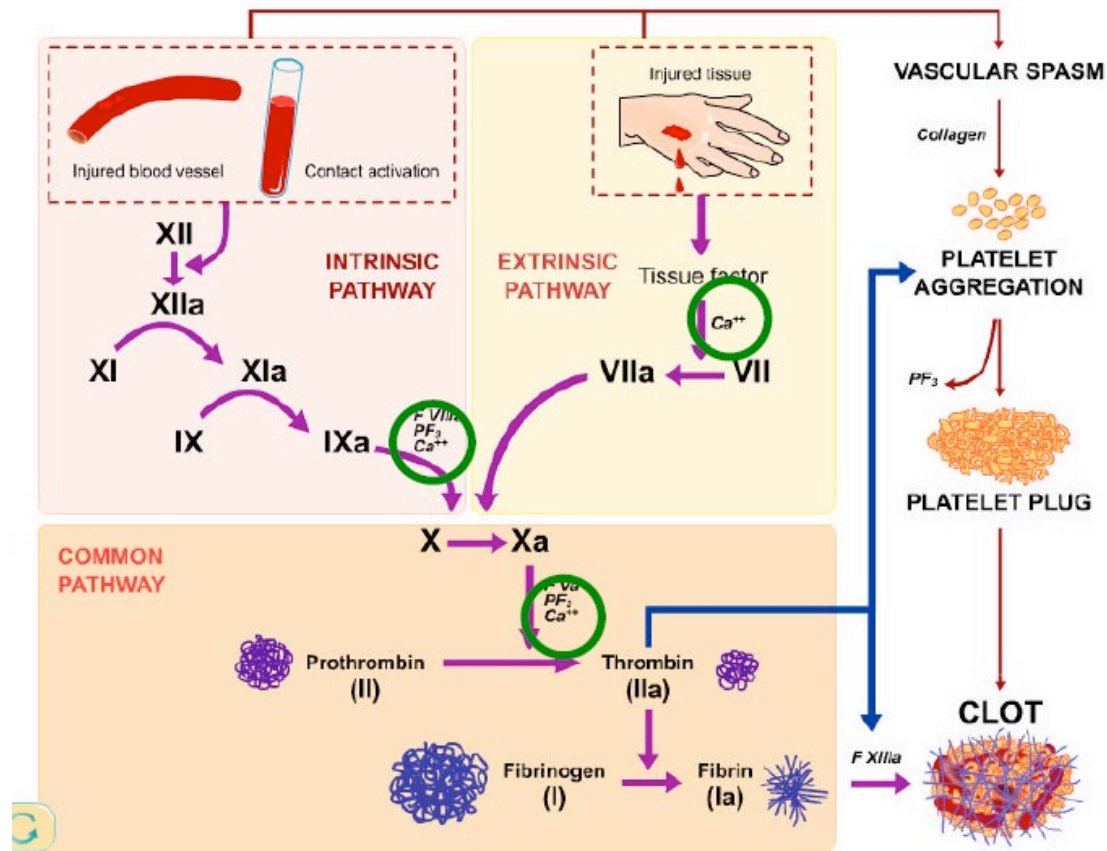
# Better survival with citrate?

	citrate		nadroprin	
<i>All randomized patients</i>	<b>n=107</b>		<b>n=108</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Mortality hospital</b>	<b>42%</b>		<b>57%</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>Mortality 3-months</b>	<b>48%</b>		<b>63%</b>	<b>0.03</b>
<i>Per protocol patients</i>	<b>n=97</b>		<b>n=103</b>	
<b>Mortality hospital</b>	<b>41%</b>		<b>57%</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>Mortality 3-months</b>	<b>45%</b>		<b>62%</b>	<b>0.02</b>

# Better survival with citrate?



# Background (2)



# Background(3)

**Calcium is involved in the coagulation on multiple levels.**

Albumin-bound Calcium is not filtrated or dialysed, but free and ligand-bound (citrate-bound) is. Only free Calcium is active in the coagulation system

Normally 47% is ionized and free, 40% is albumin-bound and 13% is ligand-bound. **Since citrate binds calcium, addition of citrate to the blood impedes coagulation.** Less calcium is free; more is ligand-bound and inactive

# Background(4)

Infusing a citrate-enhanced solution in the pre-blood-pump (PBP) allows for a **regional anticoagulation in the machine**. No systemic anticoagulation in the patient!

Citrate binds ionized calcium; the concentration of free calcium drops and coagulation is hindered

A citrate-calcium complex is formed but **30-60 % of that citrate-calcium-complex is dialyzed/filtered** and the rest is returned to the patient. Intravenous Calcium (like: Calcium-Sandoz®) is given to avoid hypocalcemia

# Quick break to understand RRT

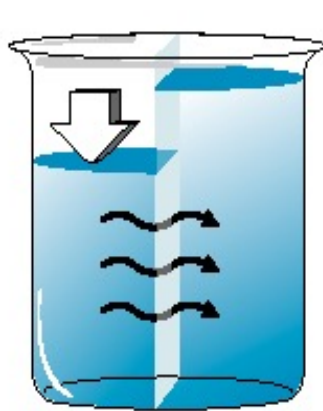
Renal replacement therapy (CVVHD-F, Baxter style)  
uses four physical principles

1. Ultrafiltration
2. Diffusion
3. Convektion
4. Adsorption

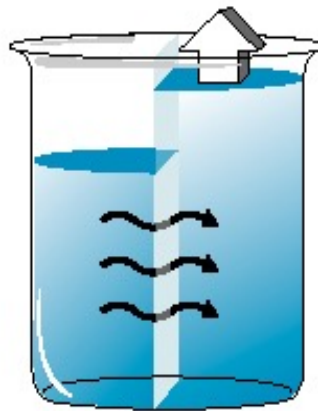


# 1. Ultrafiltration

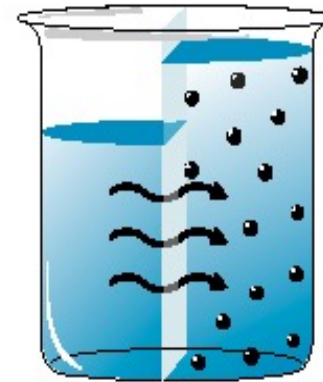
**Ultrafiltration** : Transporting fluid through a membrane utilizing a pressure gradient (TMP) – we use it to remove excess fluid from a patient



a) positive pressure



b) negative pressure

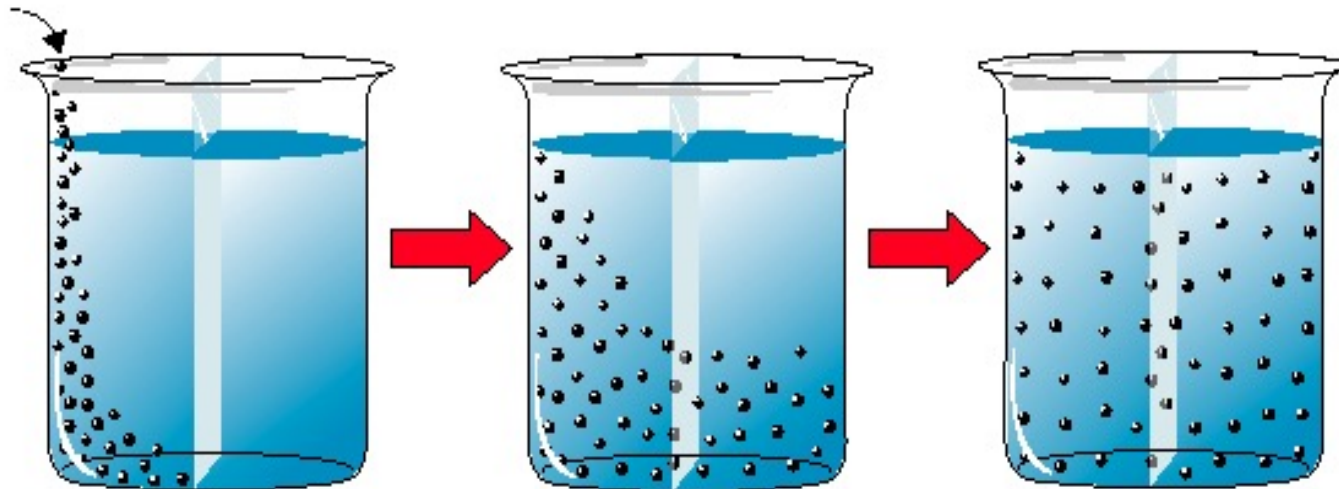


c) osmotic pressure

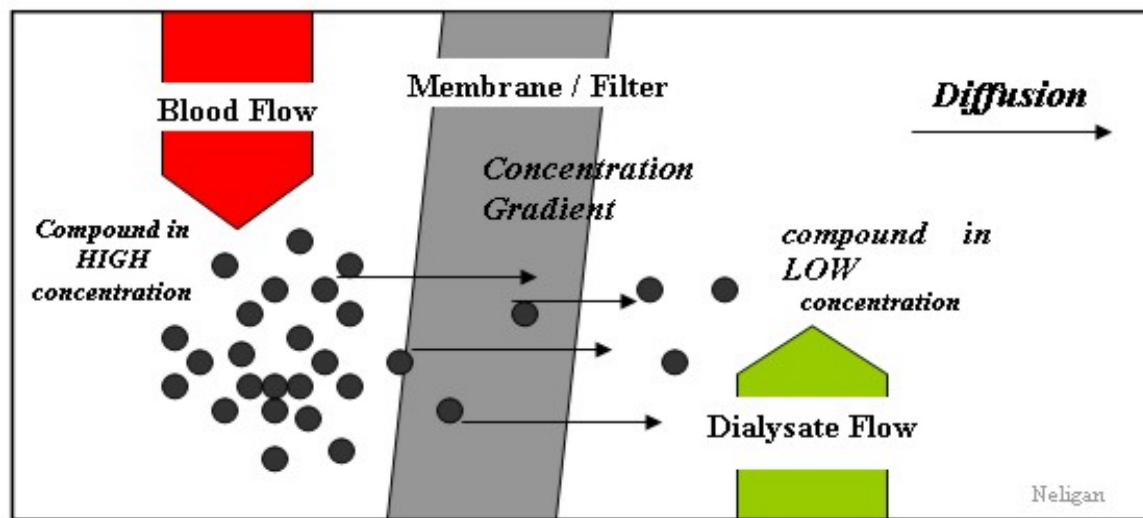
## 2. Diffusion

**Diffusion** : Molecules move from an area with high concentration to low concentration through a membrane

Most effective for small molecules, like urea and electrolytes such as potassium,  $K^+$



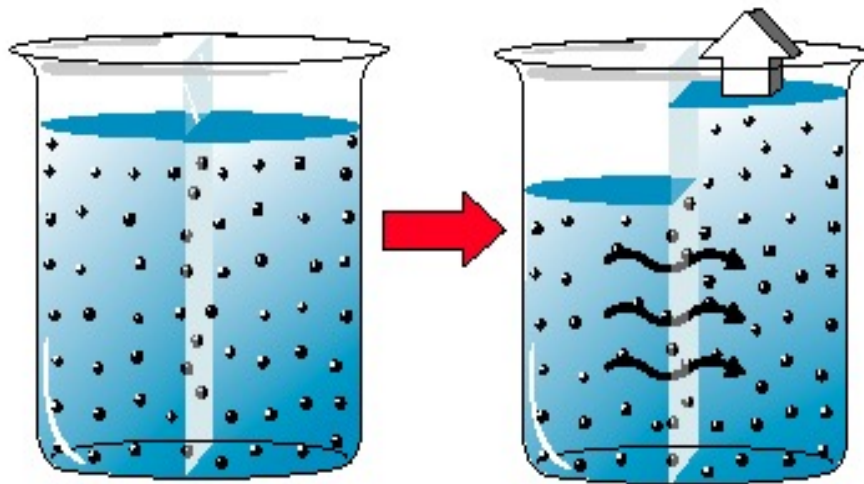
## 2. Diffusion=dialysis



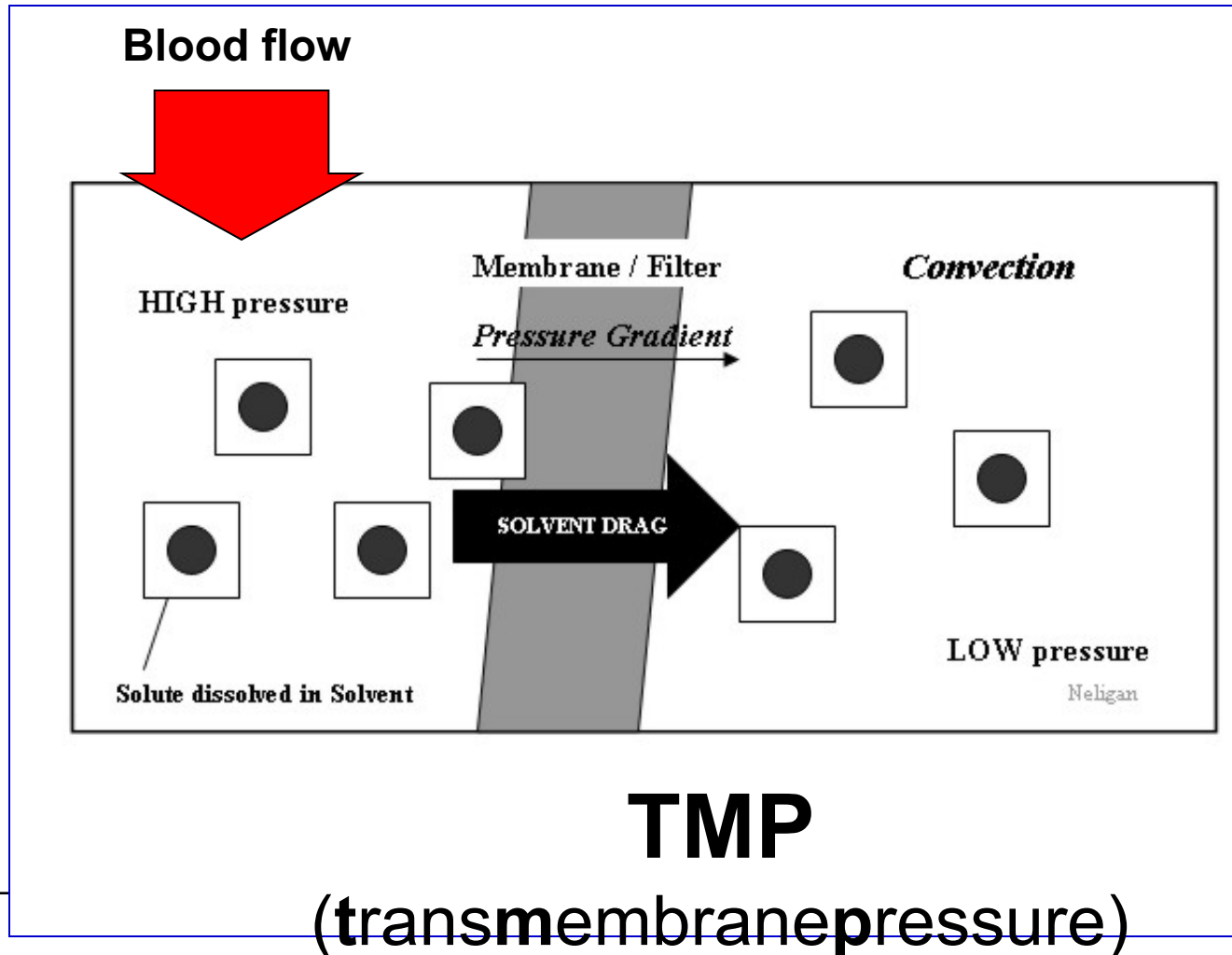
### 3. Convection

Molecules move with a water flow through a membrane, “solvent drag”

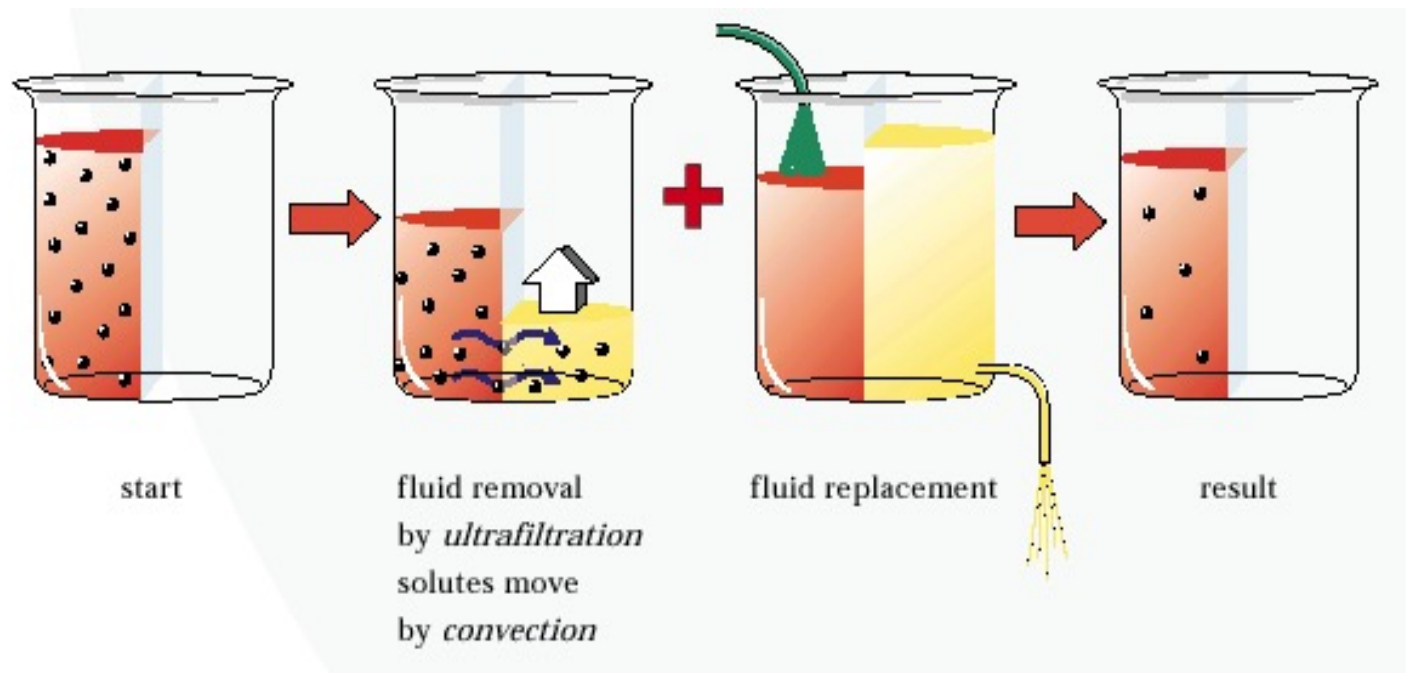
Better for removal of midsize/larger molecules (like myoglobin)



### 3. Convection – TMP is used



### 3. Convection – citrate!

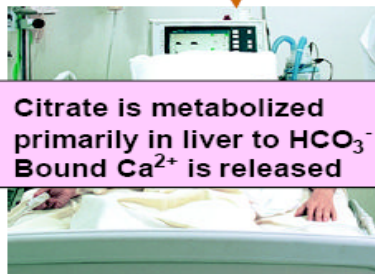


# Summary

## Citrate anticoagulation

### ➤ Action in circuit - Summary

Calcium is infused through a separate central line to replace  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  lost in ultrafiltrate



Citrate is metabolized primarily in liver to  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ . Bound  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  is released

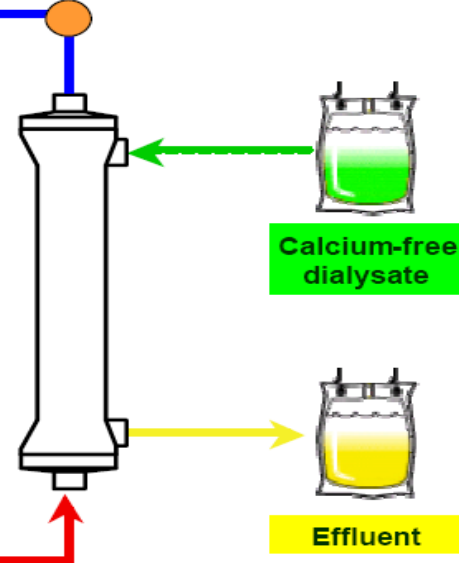
Returning blood combines with venous blood in body, normalizing  $\text{iCa}^{2+}$  and preventing systemic anticoagulation



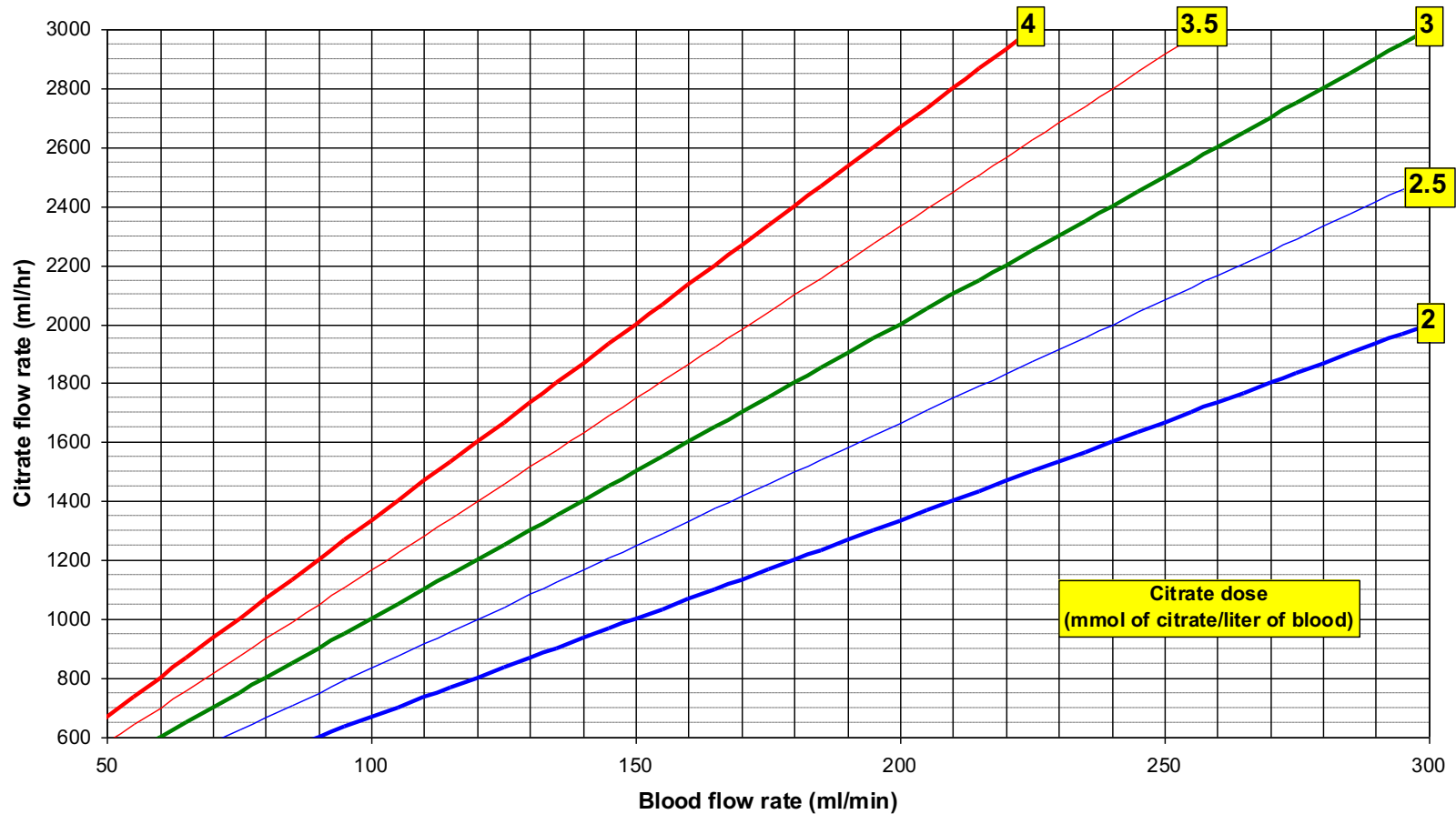
Citrate

Citrate chelates free ionized  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$

Post filter  $\text{iCa}^{2+}$  is monitored and used to titrate citrate rate to assure anticoagulation



# Citrate dose using Regiocitrate 18/0

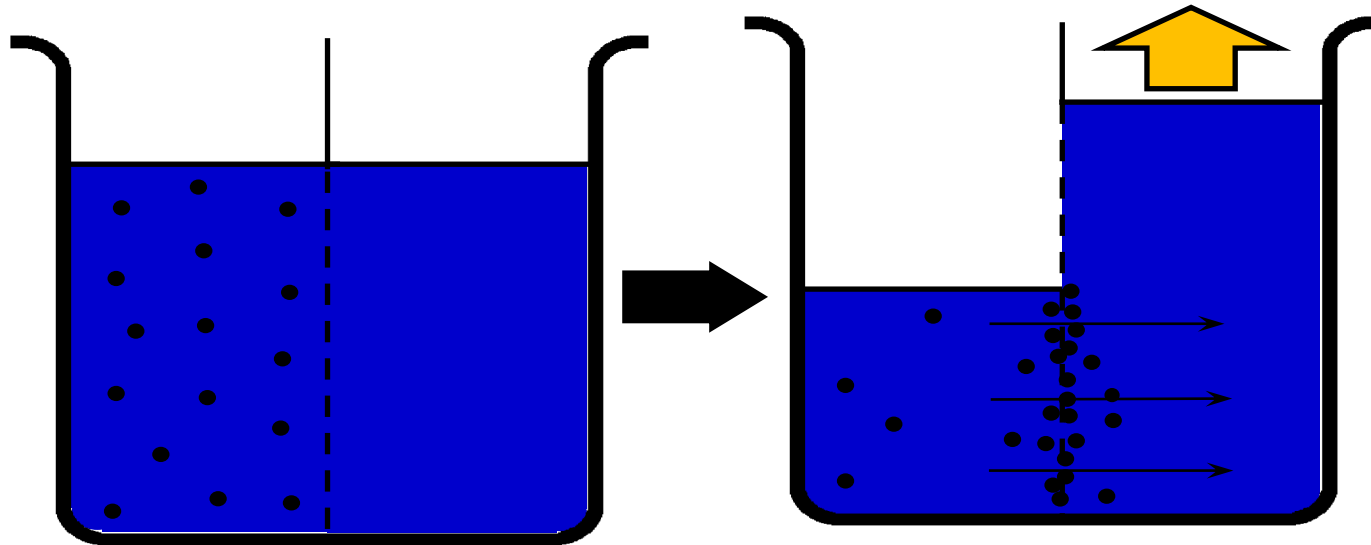




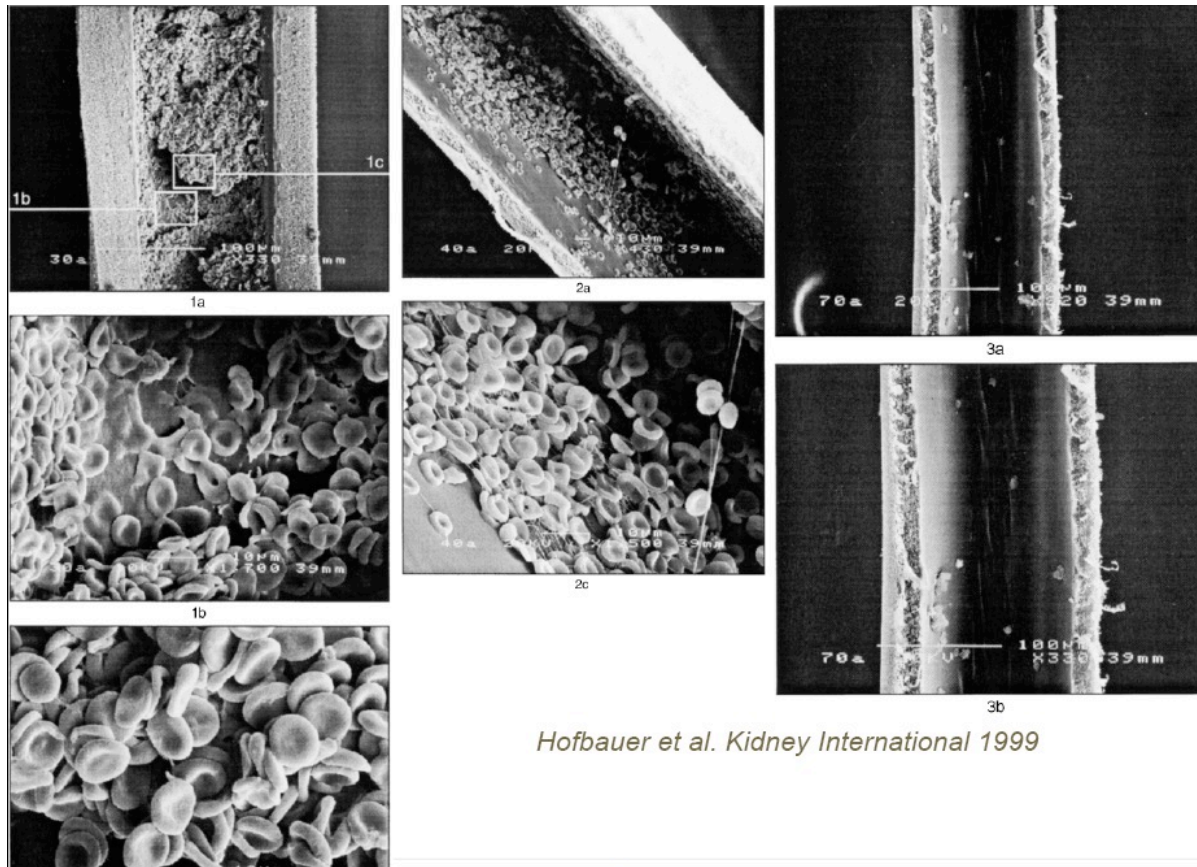
## 4. Adsorption (like Oxiris)

**Adsorption:** Molecules adhere to the membrane (inside or on the surface)

Works best for larger molecules

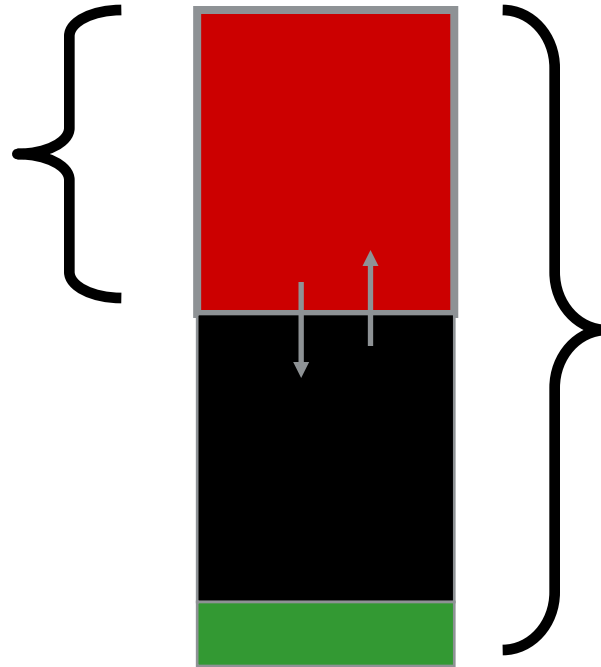


# Heparin compared to citrate



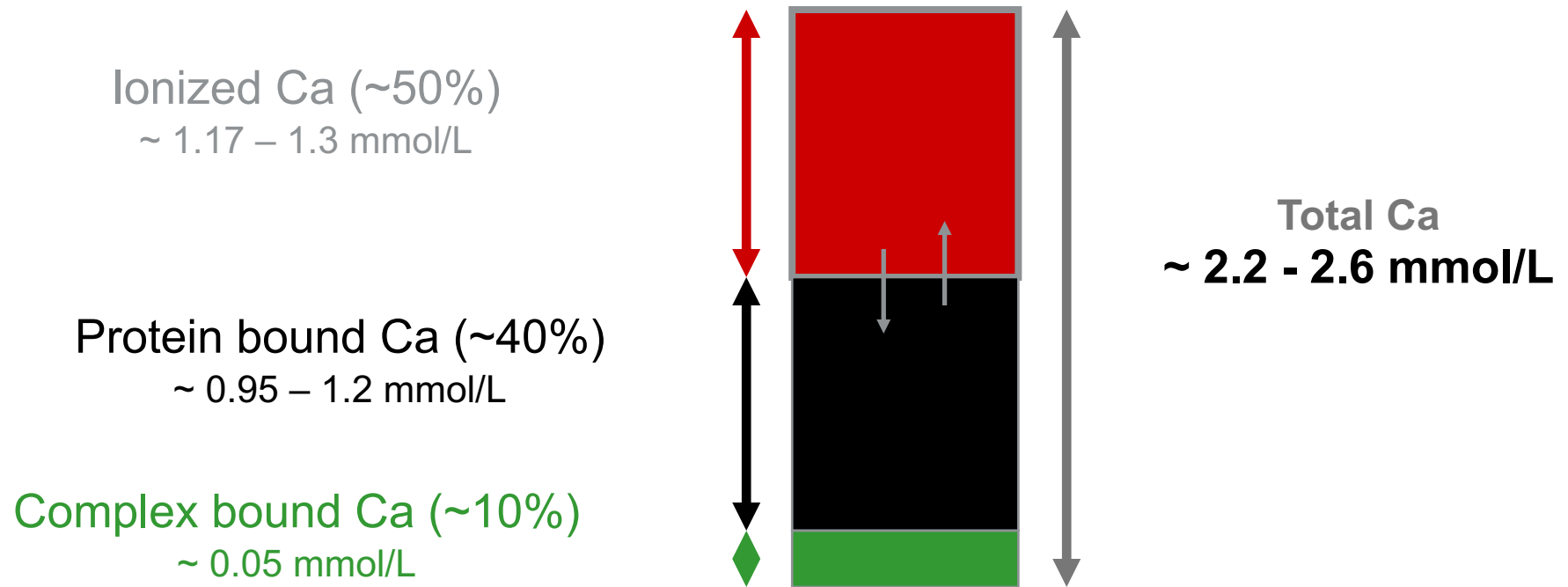
# Calcium distribution

**Ionized Calcium:**

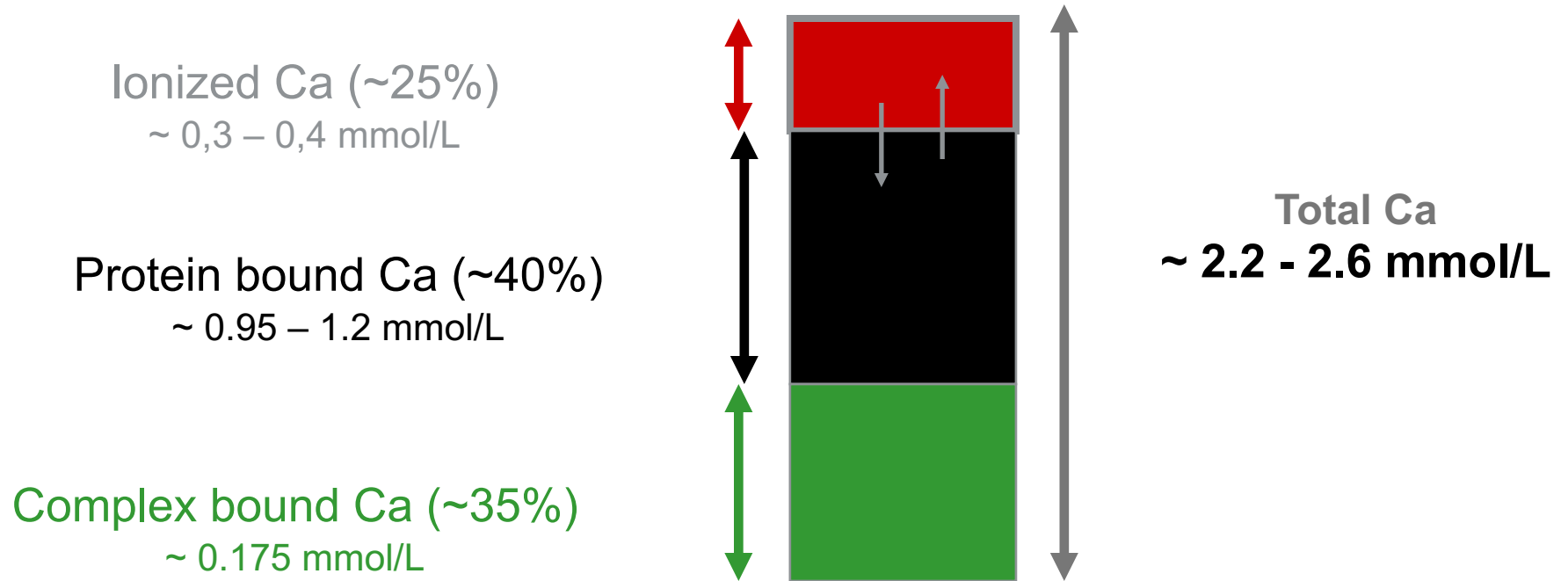


**Total Calcium:**

# Calcium in Plasma



# Calcium with Citrate →



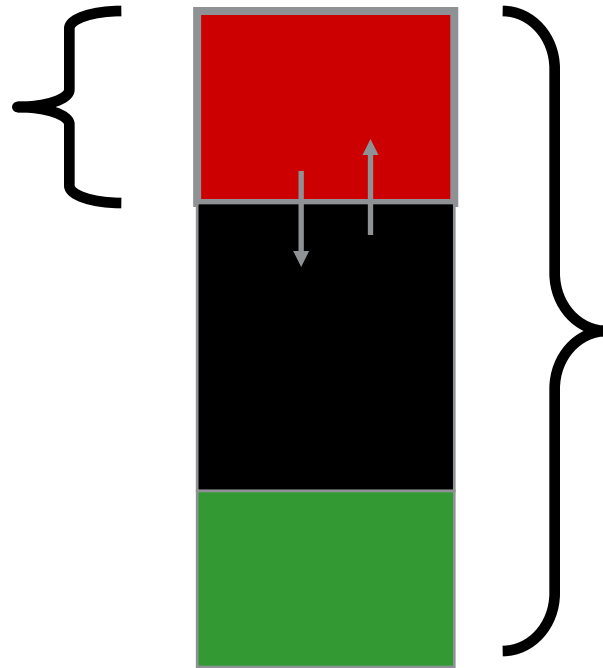
# Is Citrate metabolised?

## Calcium gap

Ionized Calcium:  
Plasma concentration ↓

$$\frac{Ca_{tot}}{Ca_{ion}} = \uparrow$$

- Ratio total-Ca (=S-Ca)/ ionized Ca should not surpass 2.5



# K Ordinationsjournal för CVVHDF via Prismaflex

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		Acidos <input type="checkbox"/>							
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Startvärden	Datum								
	Tid								
	Aktuell vikt (kg)								
	P-Kreatinin (µmol/L)								
	P-Cystatin C (mg/L)								
	P-Urea (mmol/L)								
Ordinationer	Filter (ST150 el. Oxiris)								
	Ordinerad dos (mL/kg/h)								
	Heparin i primning Ja/Nej								
	Blodflöde (mL/min)								
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