



# **Disturbances in water management**

## **Osmolality**

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# Disturbances in water management:

1/ ECF is **hyperosmolar**

2/ ECF is **isoosmolar**

3/ ECF is **hyposmolar**

# Arrange of next schemas :

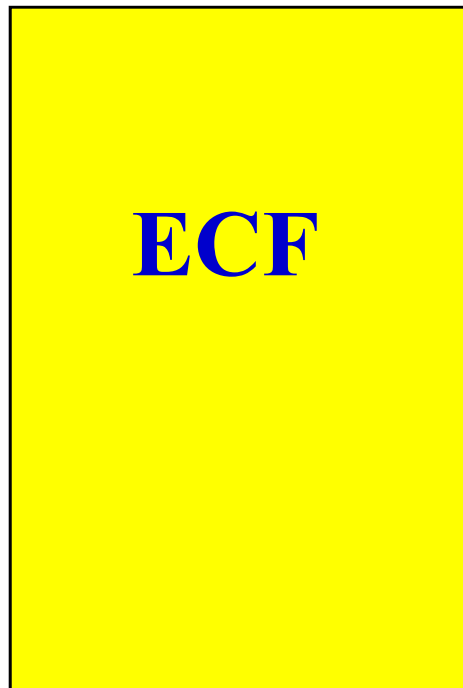
1/ **inicial situation  
(disturbance)**  **advanced situation**

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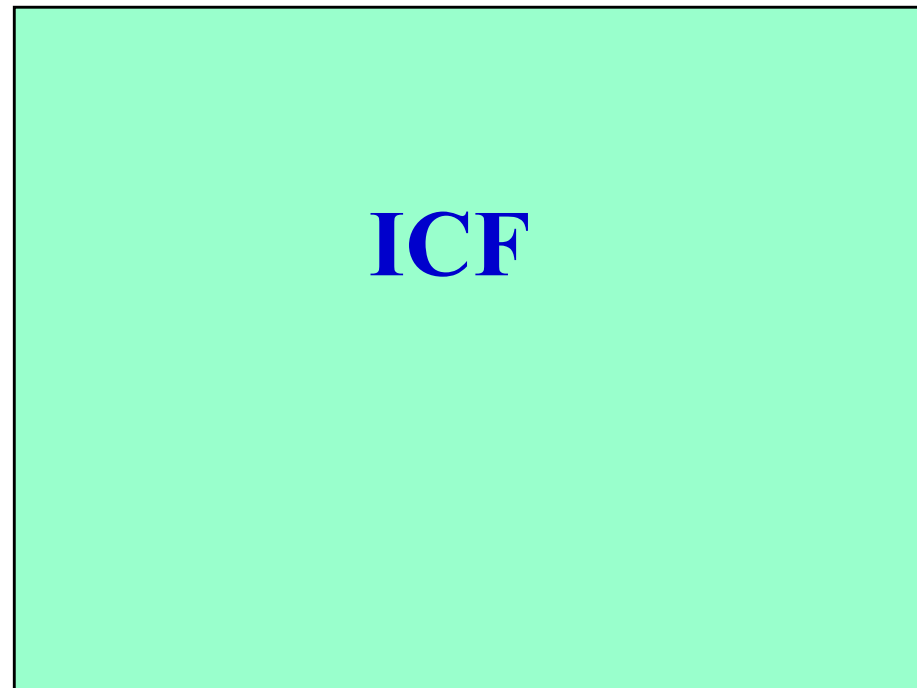
2/ **the name of disturbances is according to changes in ECF:  
( „hyper-/iso-/hypo-TONIC + over-/de-HYDRATATION“ )**

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3/



**extracellular  
fluid**



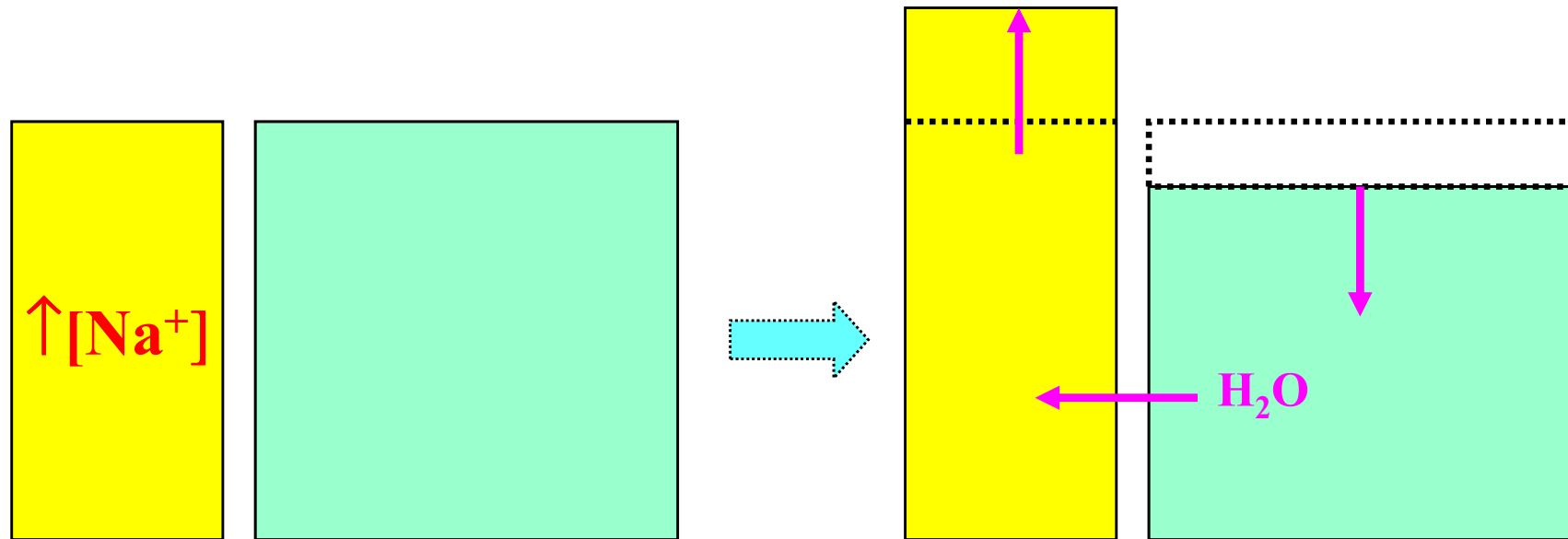
**intracellular  
fluid**

**ECF is hyperosmolar :**

- 1/ retention / supply  $\text{Na}^+$**
- 2/ loss of „pure“ water**

# Retention / supply $\text{Na}^+$ :

**ECF** is hyperosmolar



- water to the **ECF** → expansion of **ECF**
- edema – danger of pulmonary edema !
- deficit of water in **ICF** → disturbances of CNS

# Retention / supply Na<sup>+</sup> : = hypertonic overhydration

## causes:

excessive administration of salt

overactivity of adrenal cortex (Conn, Cushing)

administration of steroids

cerebral „salt retention syndrome“

drinking of sea-water (after shipwreck)

## symptoms:

vomiting

diarrhoea

labile blood pressure

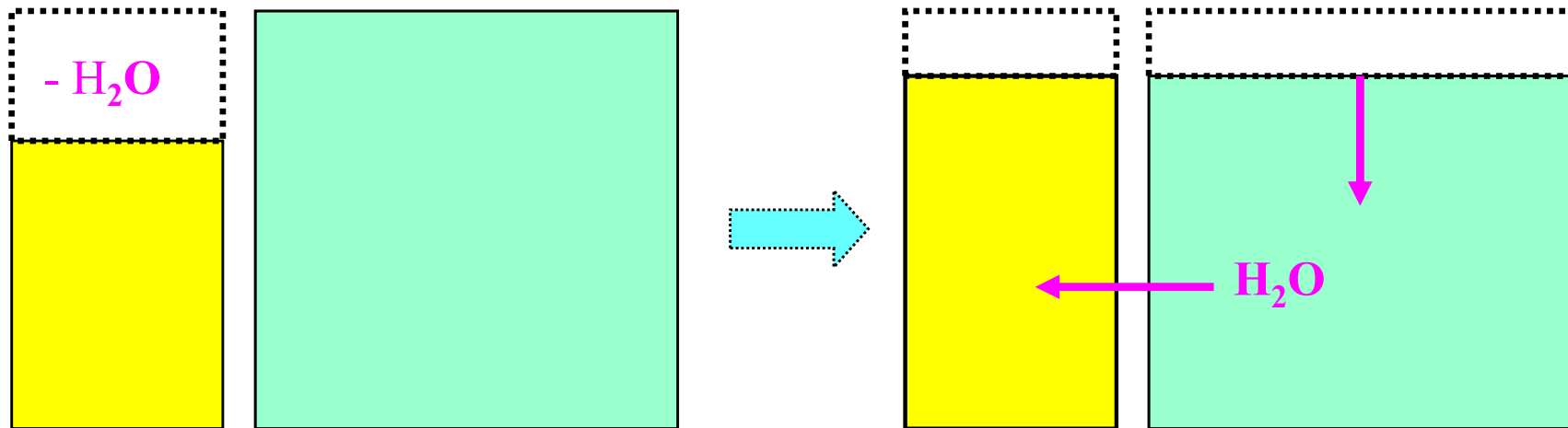
changes in central venous pressure

pulmonary oedema

restlessness

# Loss of „pure“ water :

**ECF** is hyperosmolar



( normal hematocrite )

- water to the **ECF**
- deficit of water mainly in **ICF** → disturbances of CNS



# Loss of „pure“ water : = hypertonic dehydration

## causes:

inadequate water intake (failing feeling of thirst in old persons)

increased water losses due to sweating

osmotic diuretics

hyperventilation

chronic nephropathy

polyuric phase of akute renal failure

diabetes insipidus

## symptoms:

thirst

fever

dryness

restlessness

delirium, coma

## ECF is **iso**osmolar:

**1/ loss of isotonic fluid**

**( → blood circulation  
disturbances )**

**2/ isoosmotic expansion of ECF**

**( → edema )**

because of the same osmolality, no transfers of water  
between ECF and ICF,  
the changes are in the volume of ECF only.

# Isotonic fluid losses : = isotonic dehydration

## causes:

vomiting

diarrhoea

fistulae

diuretics

drainage of ascites

burns

sedative and CO intoxication

sunstroke

## symptoms:

thirst

tiredness/fainting

weakness

rapid puls

hypotonia

collapse

vomiting

muscle cramps

# Isoosmotic expansion of ECF :

= isotonic overhydration

## causes:

excessive administration of isotonic infusion solutions  
in oliguric and anuric states

cardiac failure

nephrotic syndrome

chronic uraemia

acute glomerulonephritis

cirrhosis of liver

protein-losing enteropathy

## symptoms:

oedema

effusions

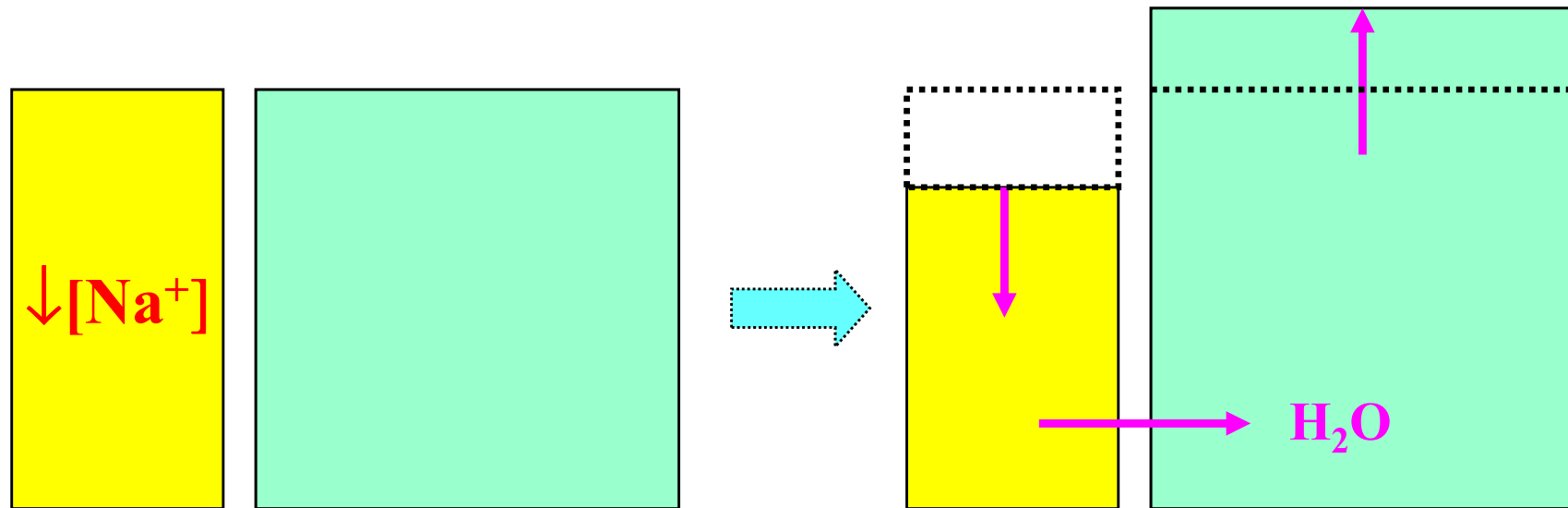
dyspnoea

**ECF is hypoosmolar:**

- 1/ loss of „pure“  $\text{Na}^+$**
- 2/ water intoxication**

# Loss of „pure“ $\text{Na}^+$ :

**ECF** is hypoosmolar



- leakage of water into **ICF**  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  intracranial pressure
- hypovolemia of **ECF**  $\rightarrow$  blood circulation disturbances

**Loss of „pure“ Na<sup>+</sup> :** = hypotonic dehydration

causes:

inadequate sodium intake

after its losses through vomiting, diarrhoea and sweating

increased sodium losses due to adrenal failure

chronic diuretic therapy

diarrhoea

fistula losses

symptoms:

tiredness/fainting

weakness

hypotonia

rapid puls

collapse

vomiting

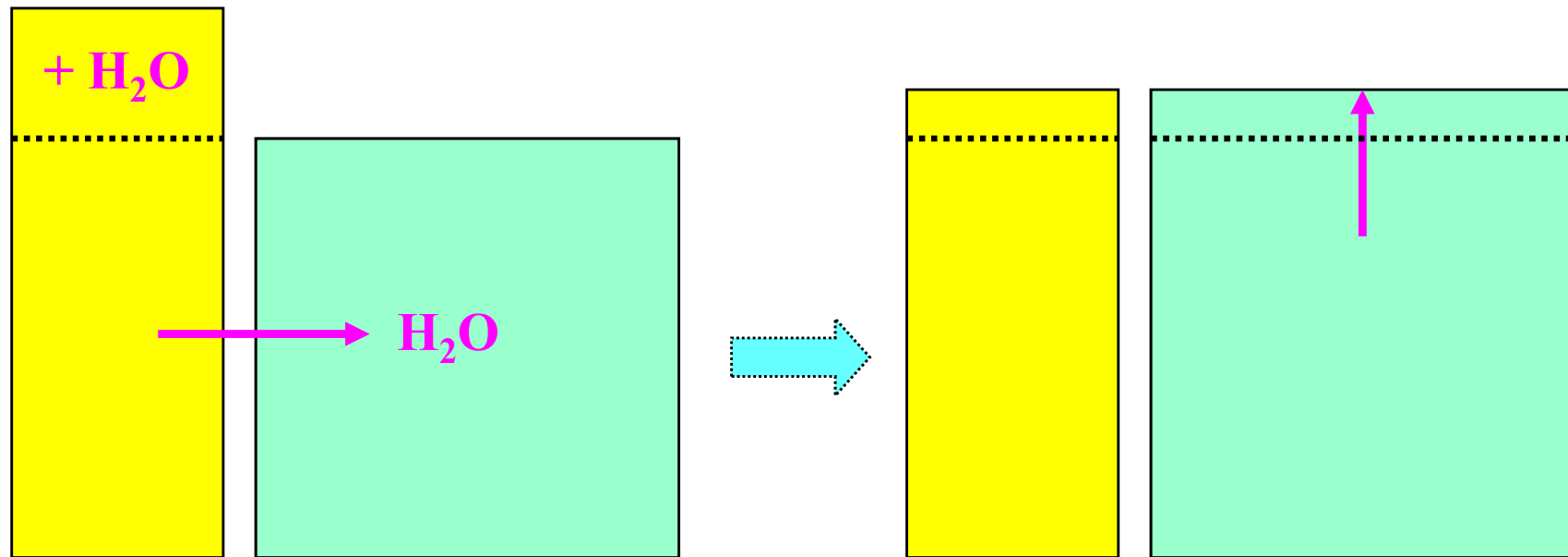
fever

muscle cramps

depressed conscious level

# Water intoxication :

ECT je hyposmolar



- leak of water into **ICF** → ↑ intracranial pressure



# Water intoxication : = hypotonic overhydration

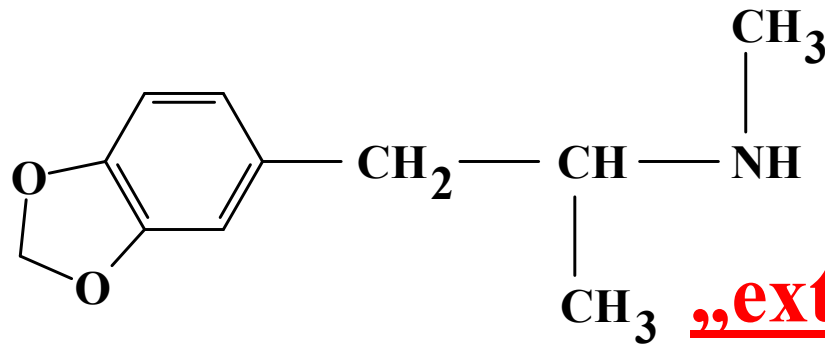
## causes:

excessive administration of salt-free solutions  
gastric lavage with water  
increased ADH activity

## příznaky:

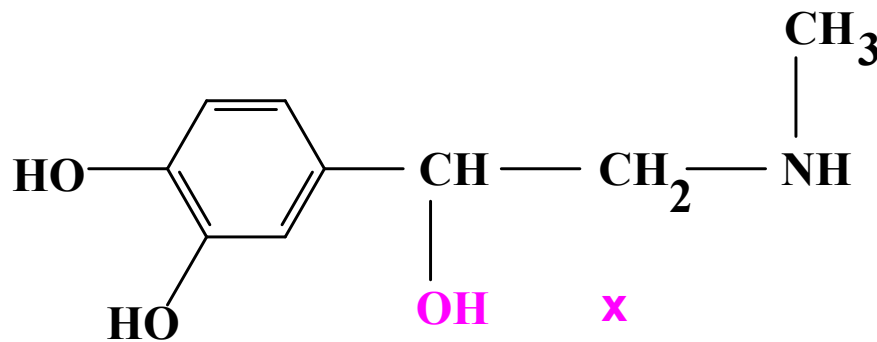
weakness  
nausea  
vomiting  
dyspnoea  
confusion  
loss of consciousness

# Intoxikace vodou Water intoxication

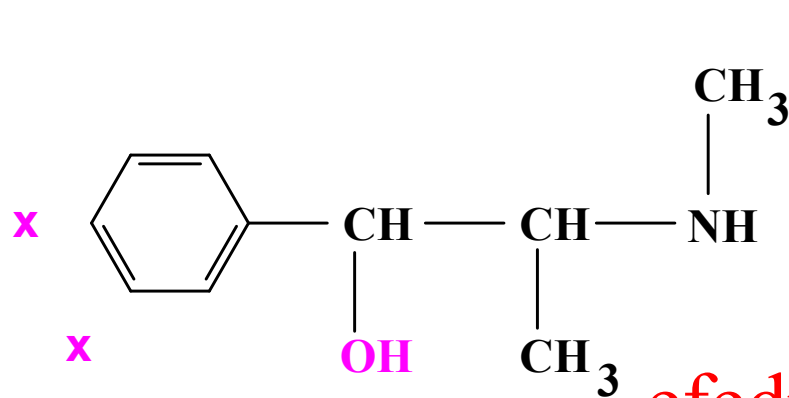


„extáze“ /  
„ecstasy“

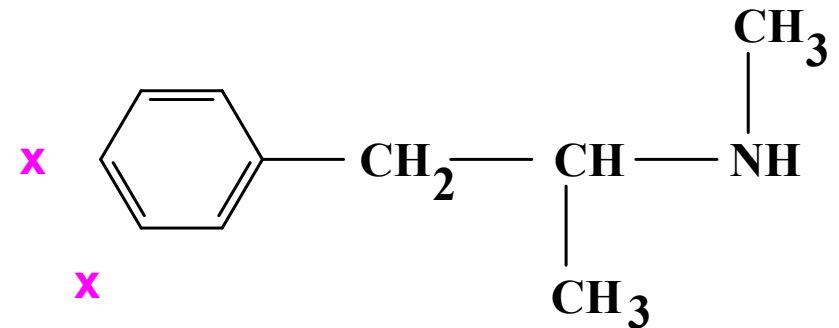
(= hypotonická  
hyperhydratace  
po požití „extáze“)



adrenalin /  
epinephrine



efedrin / ephedrine



„pervitin“

hlavní strukturní rozdíly extáze a příbuzných látek

the main structural differences among „ecstasy“ and similar substances

## Water – losses (1):

### Insensible

#### losses:

normal temperature

550 ml . d<sup>-1</sup>

37.2 °C

600

37.8

700

38.3

800

38.9

900

39.4

1,000

#### Sweating:

mild

300 ml . d<sup>-1</sup>

medium

600

strong

1,000

(continual

2 ... 15 L . d<sup>-1</sup> !!)

<sup>19</sup>

## Water - losses (2):

Breathing: 440 ml . d<sup>-1</sup> (hyperventilation ?)

Urine: (diuretics ?!)

Stool: 100 ml . d<sup>-1</sup> (diarrhoea ?!)

Suction, drains: ???

## Water – metabolic gain:

Terminal oxidation: 300 - 500 ml . d<sup>-1</sup>

## Water - losses (3):

- Sweat:
- at the maximal load till 2 L . h<sup>-1</sup> !!
  - the loss of water exceeds the loss of salt
  - common composition: 58 mmol Na<sup>+</sup> . L<sup>-1</sup>  
10 mmol K<sup>+</sup> . L<sup>-1</sup>  
45 mmol Cl<sup>-</sup> . L<sup>-1</sup>

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Excretion of water :

- 60 % kidney (urine)
- 20 % skin (sweat)
- 15 % lungs
- 5 % stool

# Water – intake:

**intake of water: 1/ beverages**

**2/ food (solid, halfsolid)**

**3/ oxidation of nutrients:**

1 g fat → 1.07 ml water

1 g sugar → 0.55 ml water

1 g protein → 0.41 ml water

We have to pay close attention to the intake of water in small children and in elderly persons, in which the intake of liquids is insufficient, because of absent/weakened feeling of thirst.

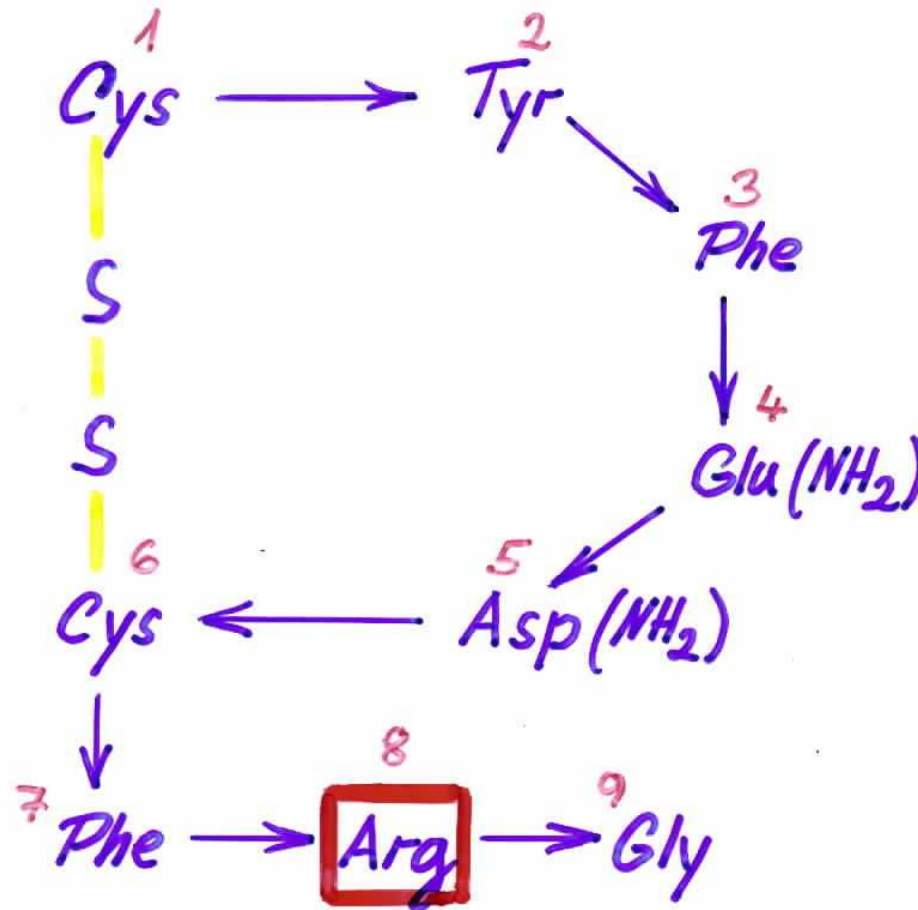
# **Management of water :**

**1/ adiuretin (antidiuretic hormone,  
vasopressin)**

**2/ RAAS (renin – angiotensin – aldosterone  
system)**

**3/ natriuretic peptides**

# Antidiuretic hormone (ADH) vasopressin





# Angiotensins

**Asp → Arg → Val → Tyr → Ile → His → Pro → Phe → His → Leu**

**Asp → Arg → Val → Tyr → Ile → His → Pro → Phe**

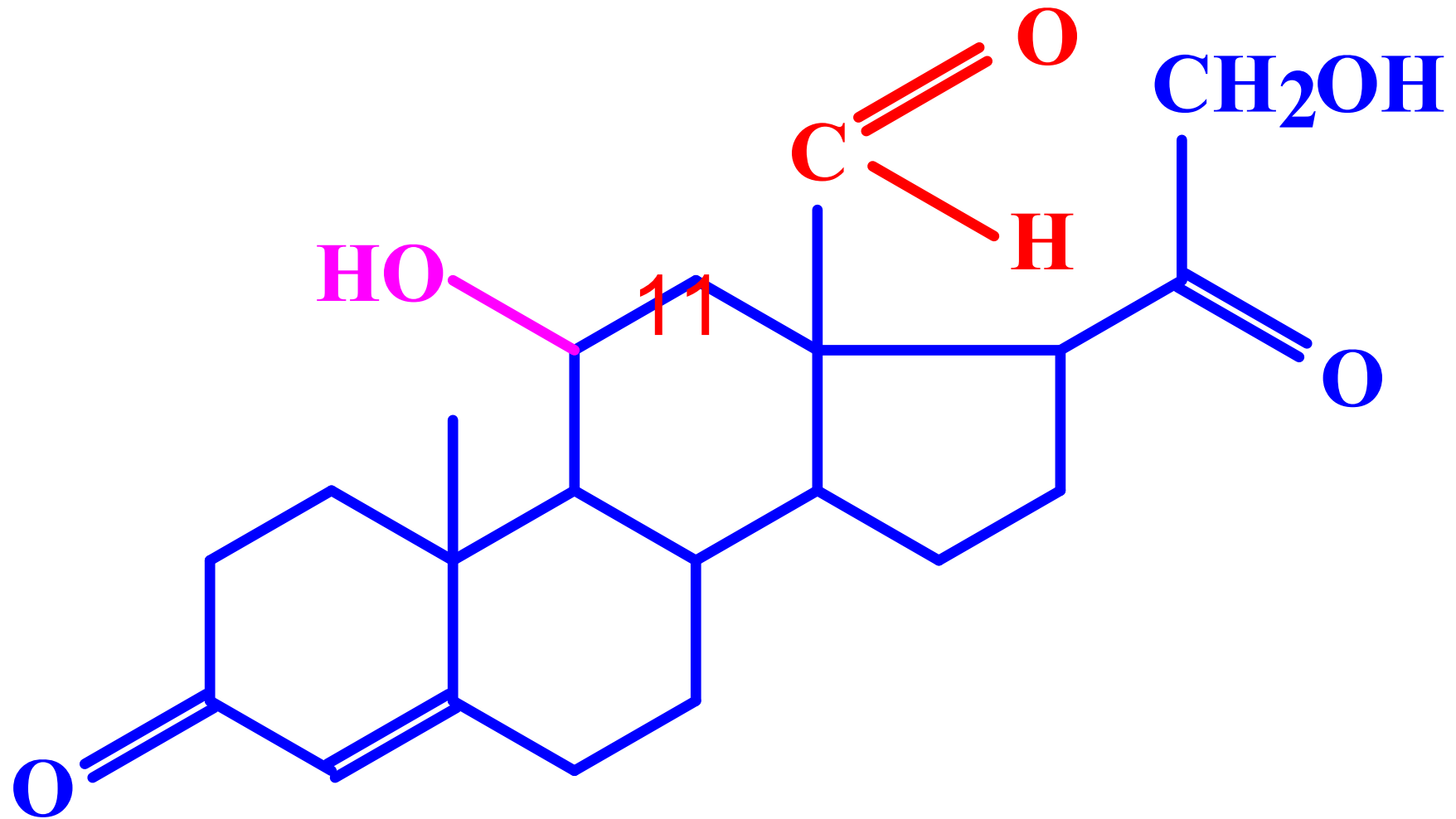
**Arg → Val → Tyr → Ile → His → Pro → Phe**

**The structures of linear peptides are drawn:**

**angiotensin I (10 AA), angiotensin II (8 AA, two AA were split off at the carboxylic end) and angiotensin III (7 AA, is without one AA at amino end of the chain).**

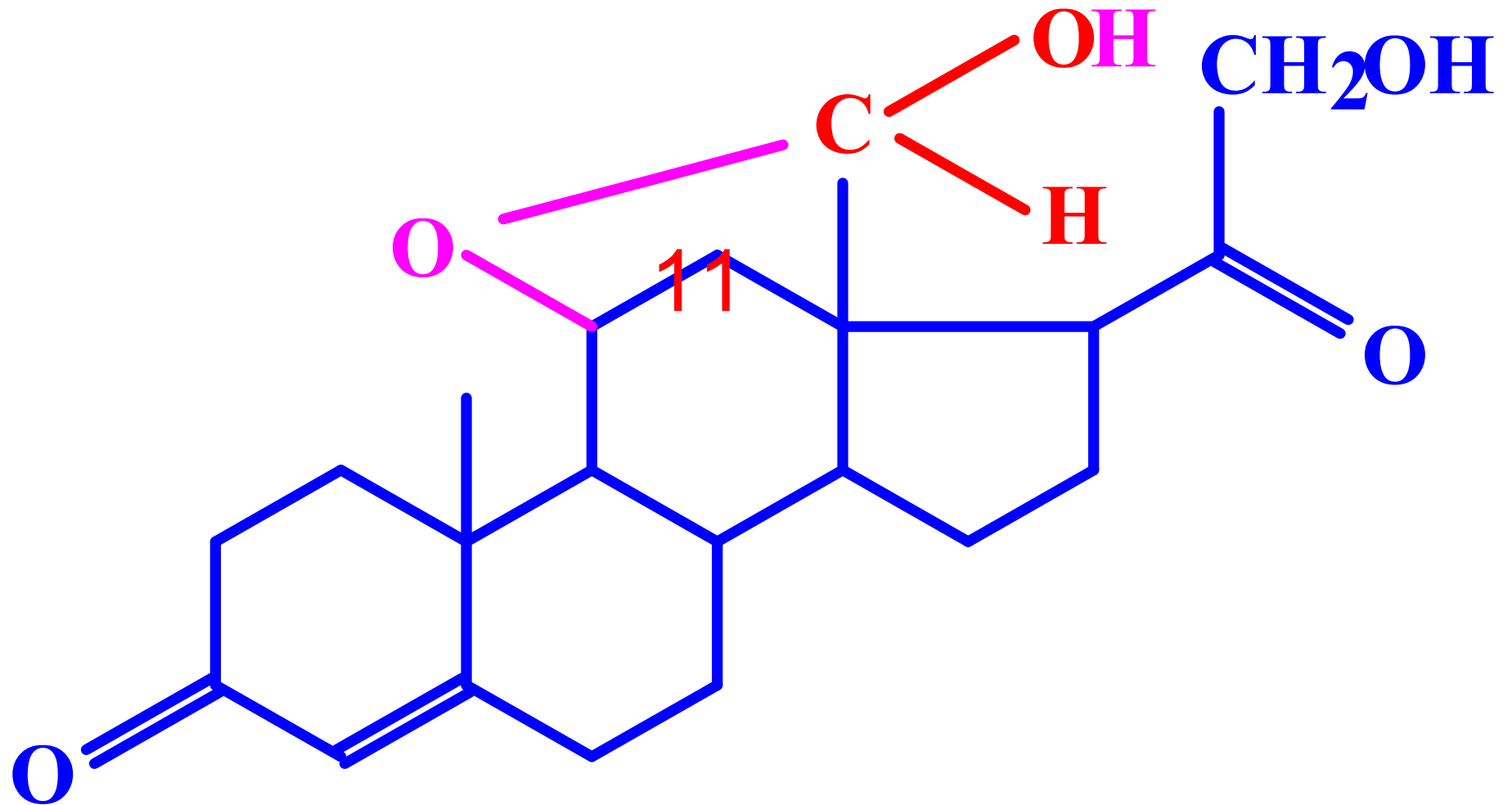
**Angiotensin I is produced from  $\alpha_2$ -globulin of blood plasma (angiotensinogen – the protein of liver origin), without physiological effect. Angiotensins II + III are effective vasopressoric substances (increase blood pressure), they stimulate formation and secretion of aldosterone (the main mineralocorticoid, adrenal zona glomerulosa).**

# aldosteron/e :



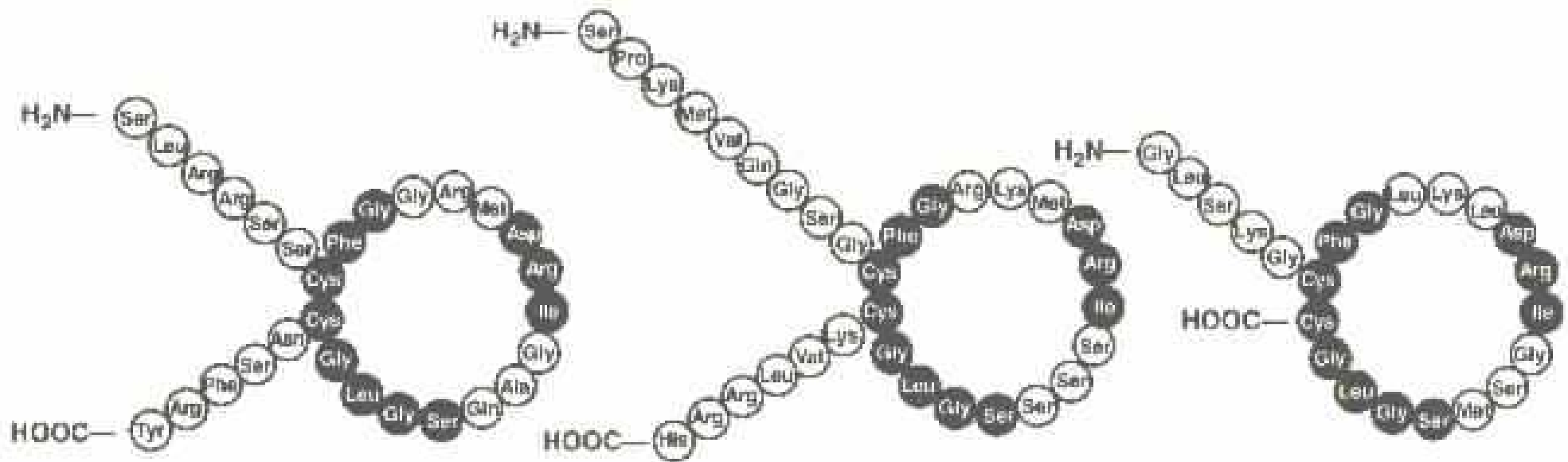
( 11 $\beta$ ,21-dihydroxy-3,20-dioxo-4-pregnen-18-al )

# aldosteron/e (hemiacetal) :



( 11 $\beta$ ,18-epoxy-18,21-dihydroxypregn-4-en-3,20-dion )

# Natriuretic peptides



**ANP**

28 AA

P- [ pmol . l<sup>-1</sup> ]

17membered rings: ( ...Cys – S – S – Cys ... )

**BNP**

32 AA

**CNP**

22 AA

[traces]

**„VASODILATATION, NATRIURESIS,  
DIURESIS“**

# Natriuretic peptides

**Precursors :** 126 AA → ANP (28 AA)  
108 AA → BNP (32 AA)  
53 AA → CNP (22 AA)

**NP split off at the C-terminal end**  
**- short biological half-lives**

**Inaktiv N-terminal parts**  
**- longer biological half-life → frequently determined**

**NP receptors : transmembrane type,**  
**transport cGMP**

# Natriuretic peptides

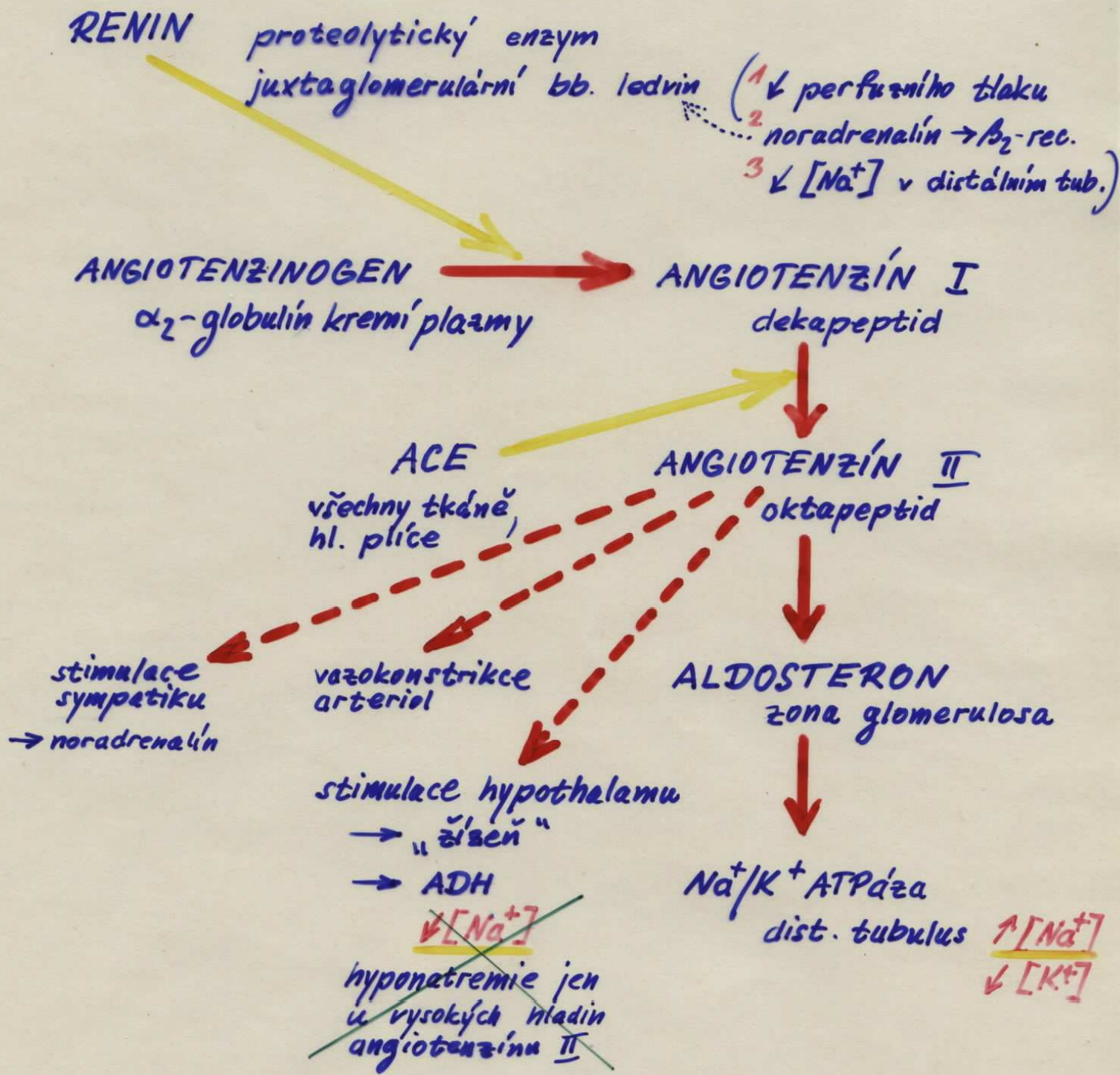
**ANP** = „atrial“ - mainly from the atrial heart wall  
- the answer to increased stretch of muscle  
(due to increased volume of blood)

**BNP** = „brain“ (first isolated from a pork brain).  
Despite the name it has origine predominantly  
in the heart atria.

**CNP** = „C-type“

**NP** are the protection against a liquid overload and  
a hypertension.

**ANP + BNP** are of hormone properties,  
**CNP** is close to paracrine factor.



**The ratio  $[\text{Na}^+] / [\text{K}^+]$  in urine:**

$$\text{U-}[\text{Na}^+] / \text{U-}[\text{K}^+] \cong 2,4$$

(generally  $> 1$ )

**$< 1$   $\rightarrow$  „hyperaldosteronismus“**

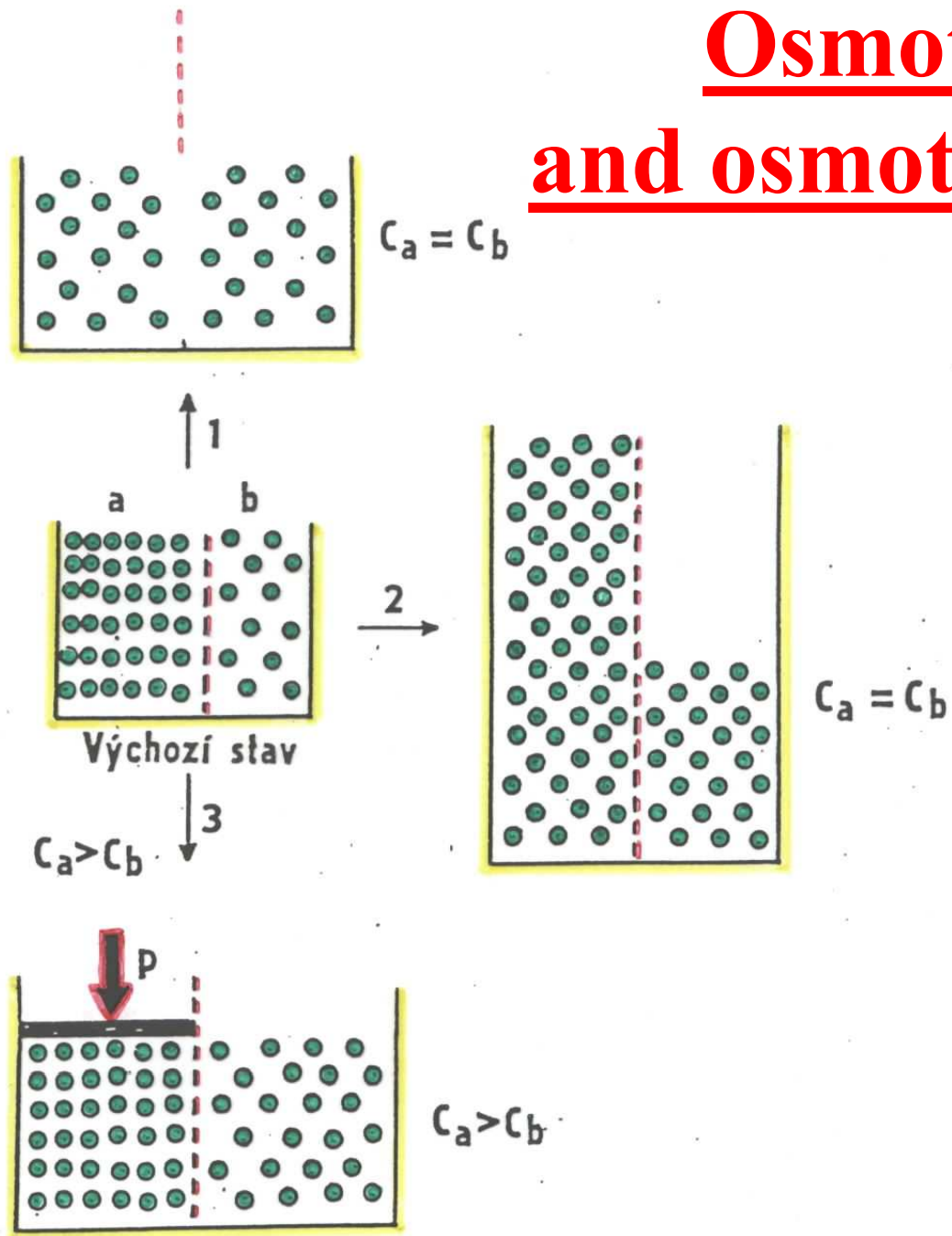
(accidental sample of urine is sufficient for determination, we cannot know the volume)



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**OSMOLALITY**

# Osmotic pressure and osmotic equilibrium :

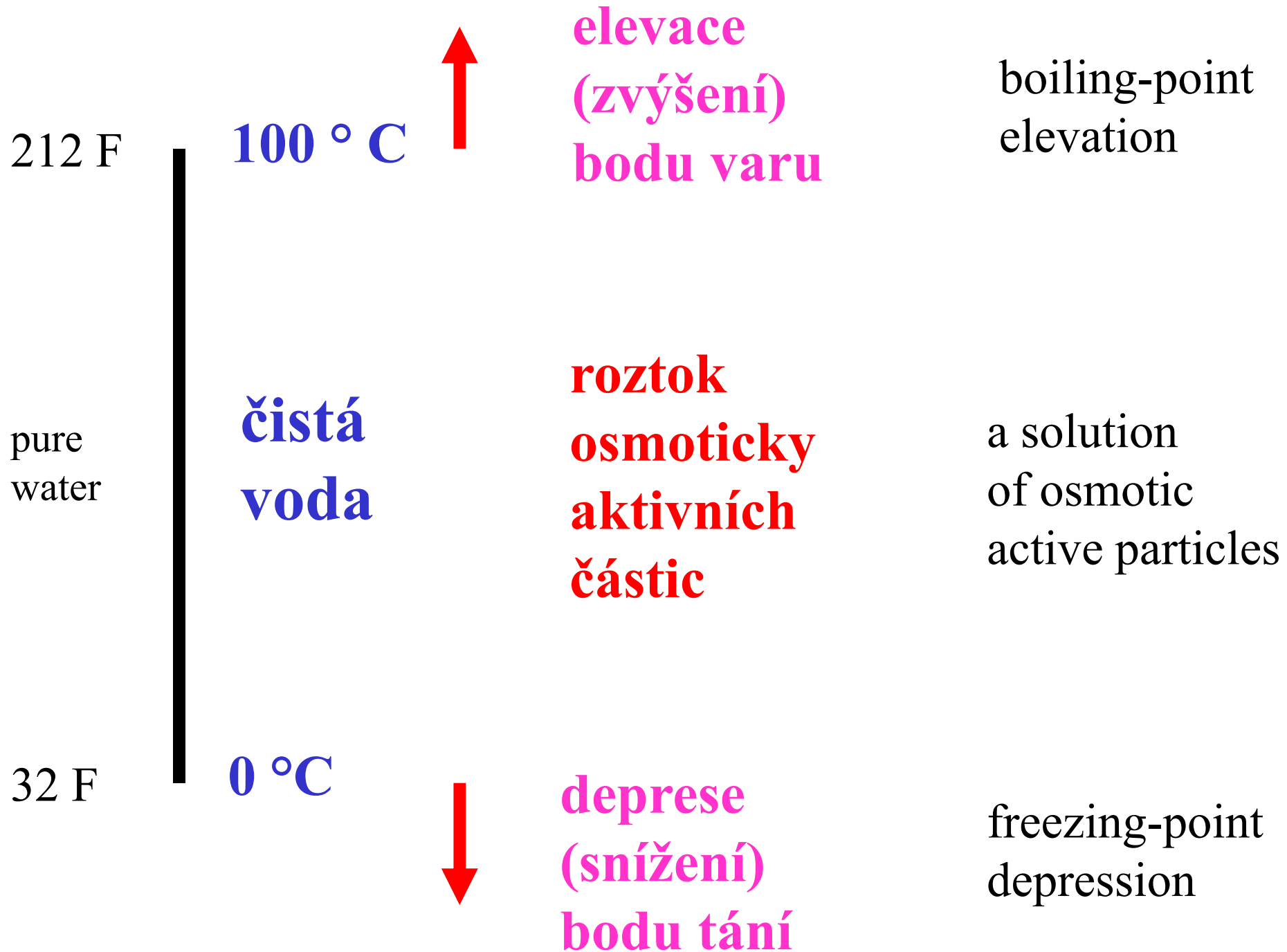


osmotic pressure:  $\Pi = i \cdot c \cdot R \cdot T$  (mmol / kg)

osmotic concentration:  $= i \cdot c$  (mmol / L)

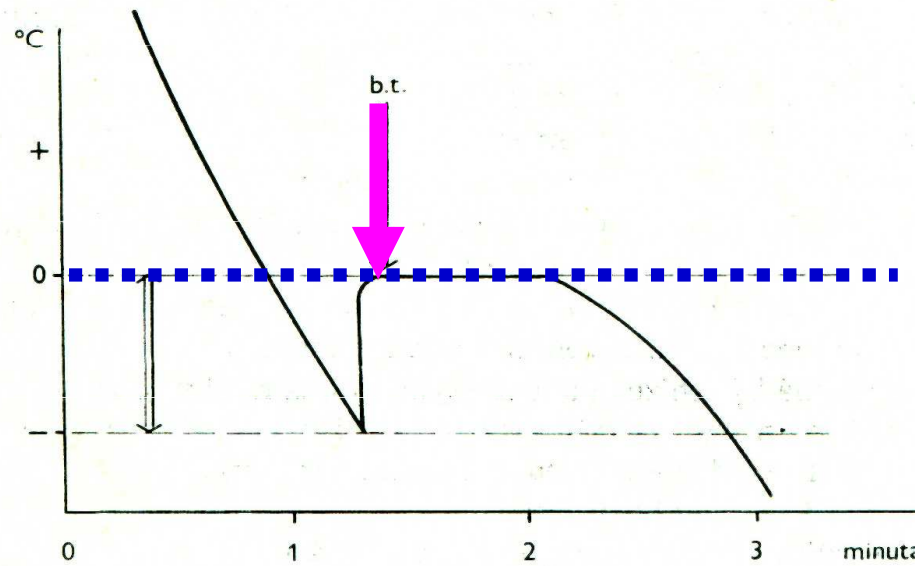
c = molarity

i = ionization

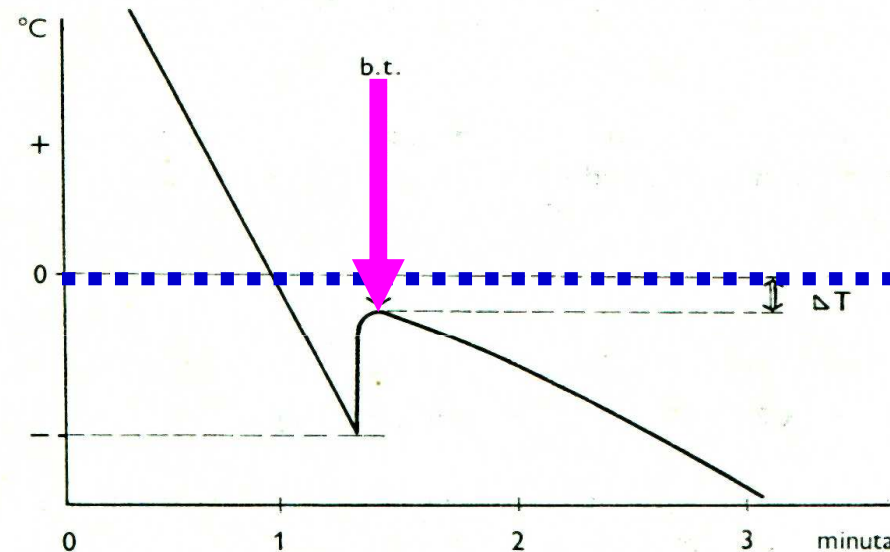


# Osmometry – cryoscopic principle :

water



solution



thermistor  
thermometer  
~ 0,001 °C

# The osmolality of blood plasma :

$\sim 300 \text{ mmol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$

~~$\text{mosmol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$~~

**man**       $290 \pm 10 \text{ mmol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$

**woman**     $285 \pm 10 \text{ mmol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$

## The blood plasma osmolality:

$\sim 300 \text{ mmol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$

$350 \text{ mmol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$

the critical value (life threatening)

## The urine osmolality:

$50 - 1.400 \text{ mmol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$

The correction formula for compensation of water in hypernatraemia :

$$\text{H}_2\text{O (litres)} = \frac{[\text{Na}^+] - 140}{140} \bullet \text{TBW}$$

↓  
60 % of  
body weight



## The blood plasma osmolality:

$\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ , glucose, urea

P-osmolality ( $\text{mmol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ )  $\cong$

$\cong 2[\text{Na}^+] + [\text{glucose}] + [\text{urea}]$

(  $2 * 140$  +  $5$  +  $5 = 290$  )

## U-osm / S-osm :

$\cong 2 \rightarrow$  normal kidney function  
(child and adult)

$\cong 1 \rightarrow$  isostenuria: 1/ effective diuretics  
2/ renal insufficiency \*)  
3/ norm in the newborn

$\cong 0,5 \rightarrow$  water intoxication

$\cong 0,2 \rightarrow$  diabetes insipidus

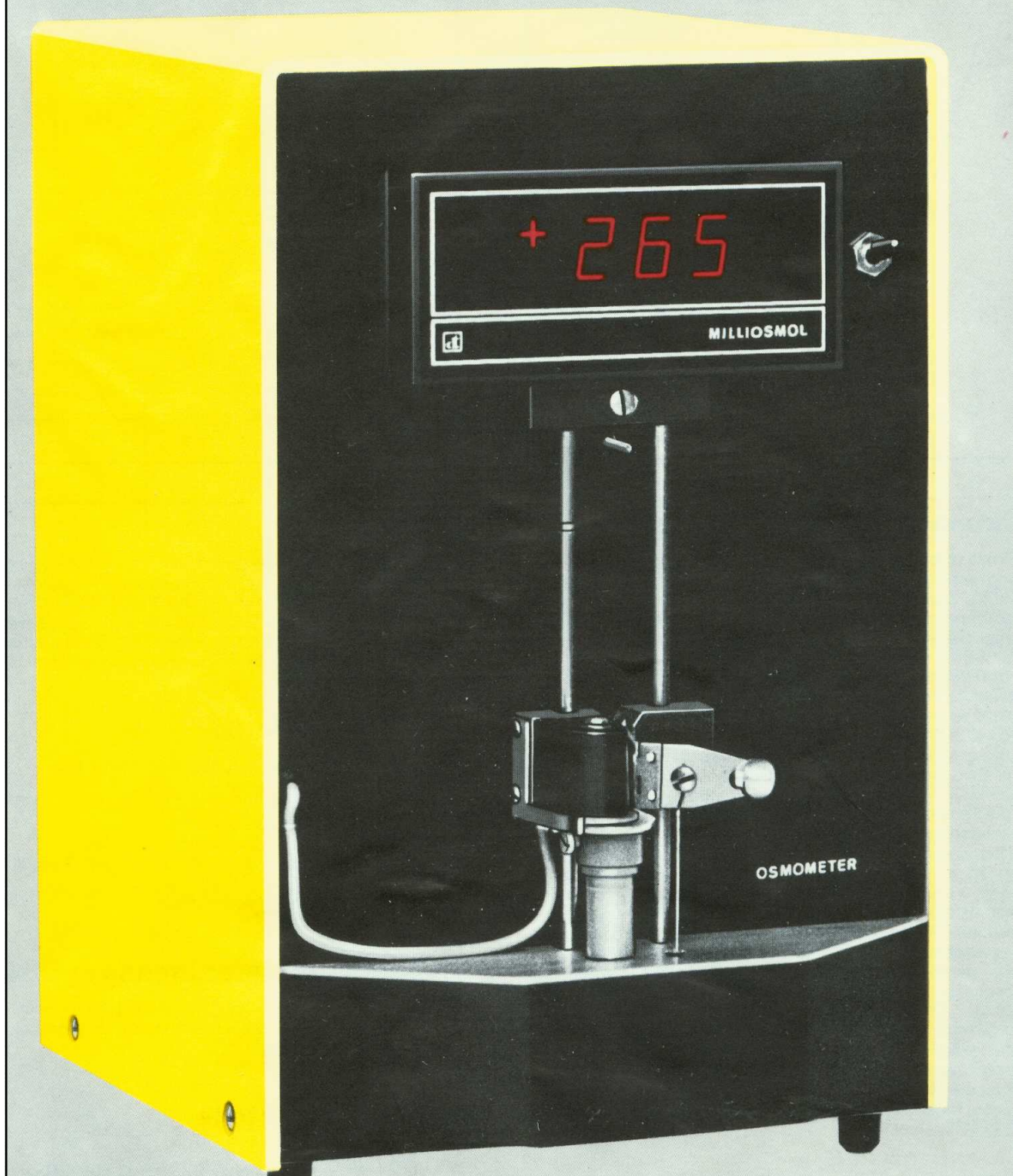
\*) insufficiency: renal  $< 1,2 <$  extrarenal

## The urine osmolality:

$\sim 1.200 \text{ mmol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$

$\sim 500 \rightarrow$  urea,  
 $\text{Na}^+, \text{K}^+, \text{NH}_4^+$

**no calculation possible !**

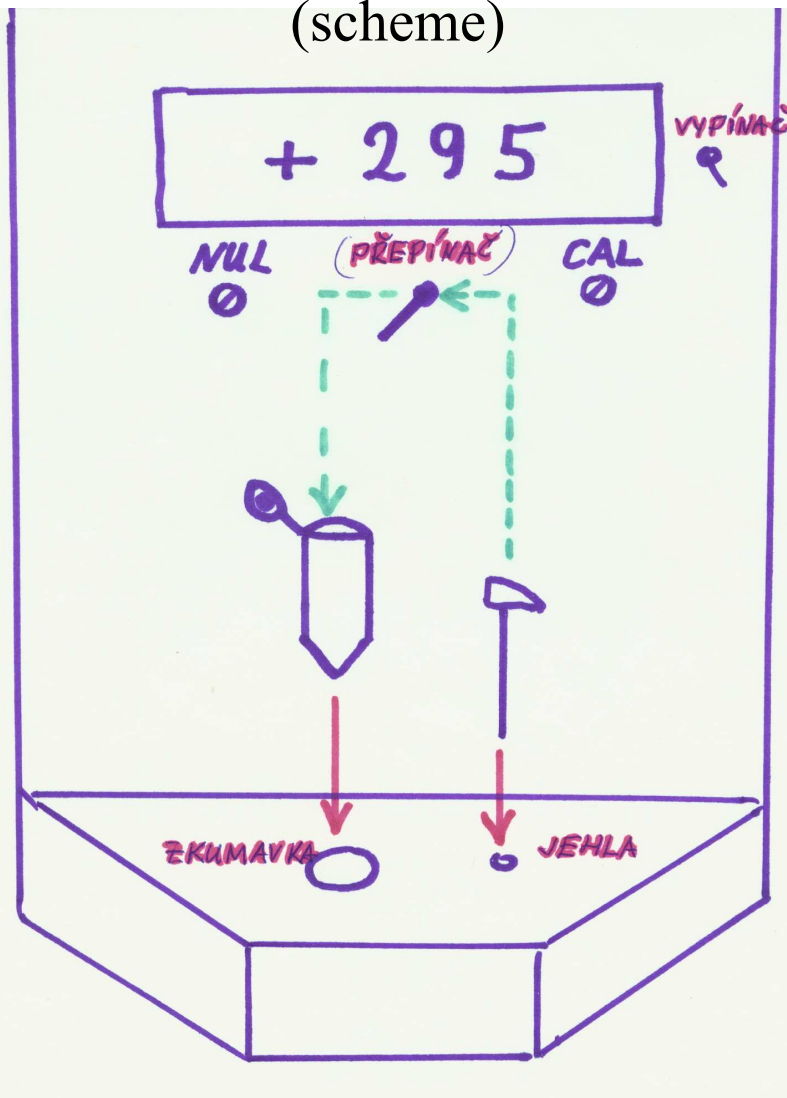


Osmometr

Osmometer

# Osmometer (cryoscopic measurement) :

(scheme)



The sample cannot be measured repeatedly – freezing and unfreezing change properties of protein !

$$+ 1 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \rightarrow - 1,86 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$+ 1 \text{ mmol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \rightarrow - 0,001.86 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \quad !!$$

The calibration: 9,485 g NaCl / kg water =  
 $9,485 / 58,443 = 0,161.953 \text{ mol NaCl / kg water} =$   
 $= 161,95 \text{ mmol NaCl / kg water}$

$(161,95 * 2 = 323,905 \text{ mmol / kg} - \text{at completely dissociation})$   
 $161,95 * 1,86 = 301,227 \text{ mmol / kg} \cong \mathbf{300} \text{ mmol / kg water}$



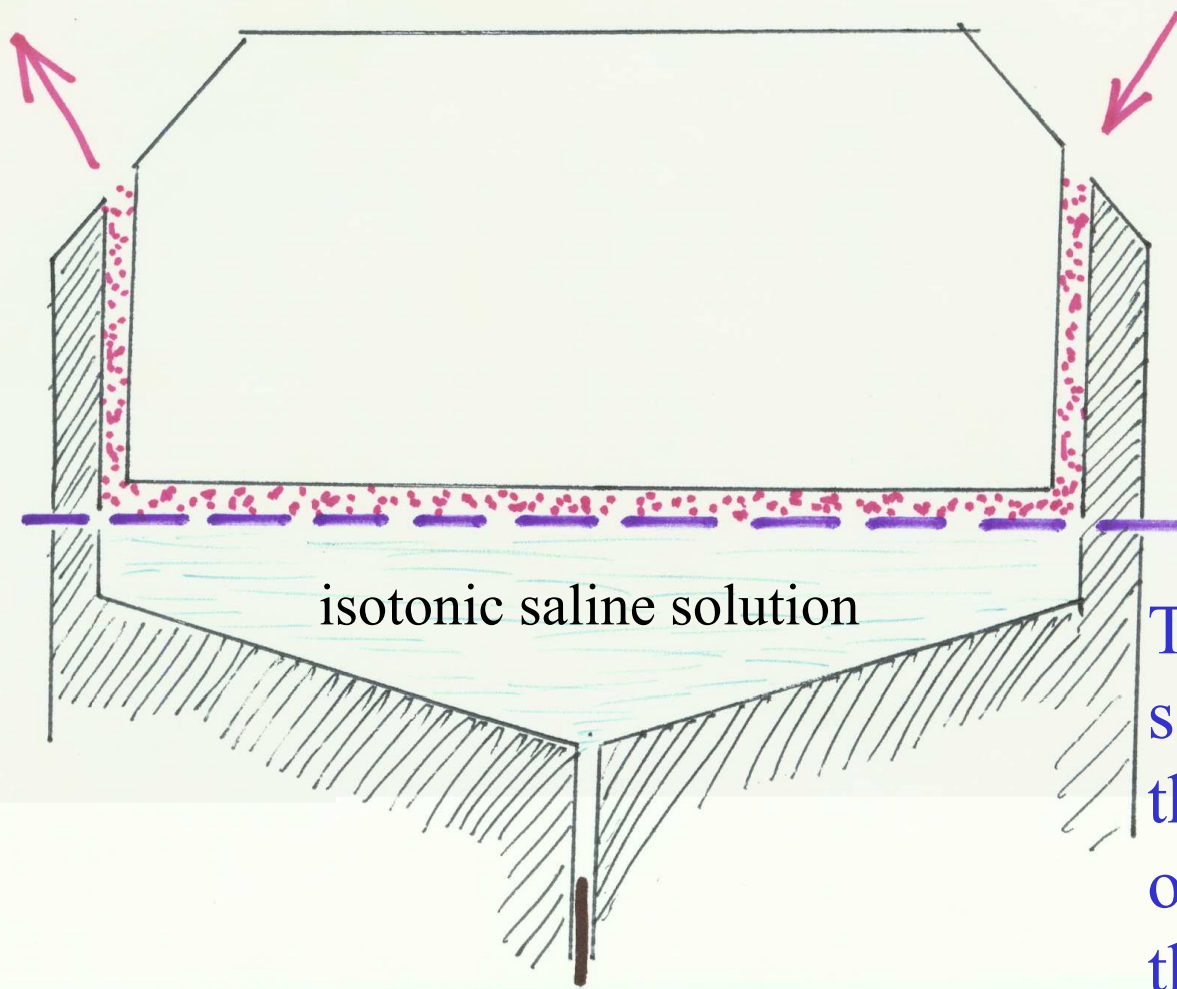


# Onkometr Oncometer



# Oncotic pressure – principle of measurement :

The oncotic pressure is a part of the osmotic pressure of plasma maintained by macromolecules.



the sample of blood serum  
/ plasma

semipermeable membrane  
(permeability to  $M_r \cong 20.000$ )

The permeability of saline solution into sample through the membrane is given by osmosis. The sensor measures the pressure decrease of saline solution (due to decrease its volume „under“ membrane)

pressure sensor

# The oncotic pressure

= colloid osmotic pressure

= „COP“

**COP = 2,66 – 3,33 kPa (approximately 3 kPa)**

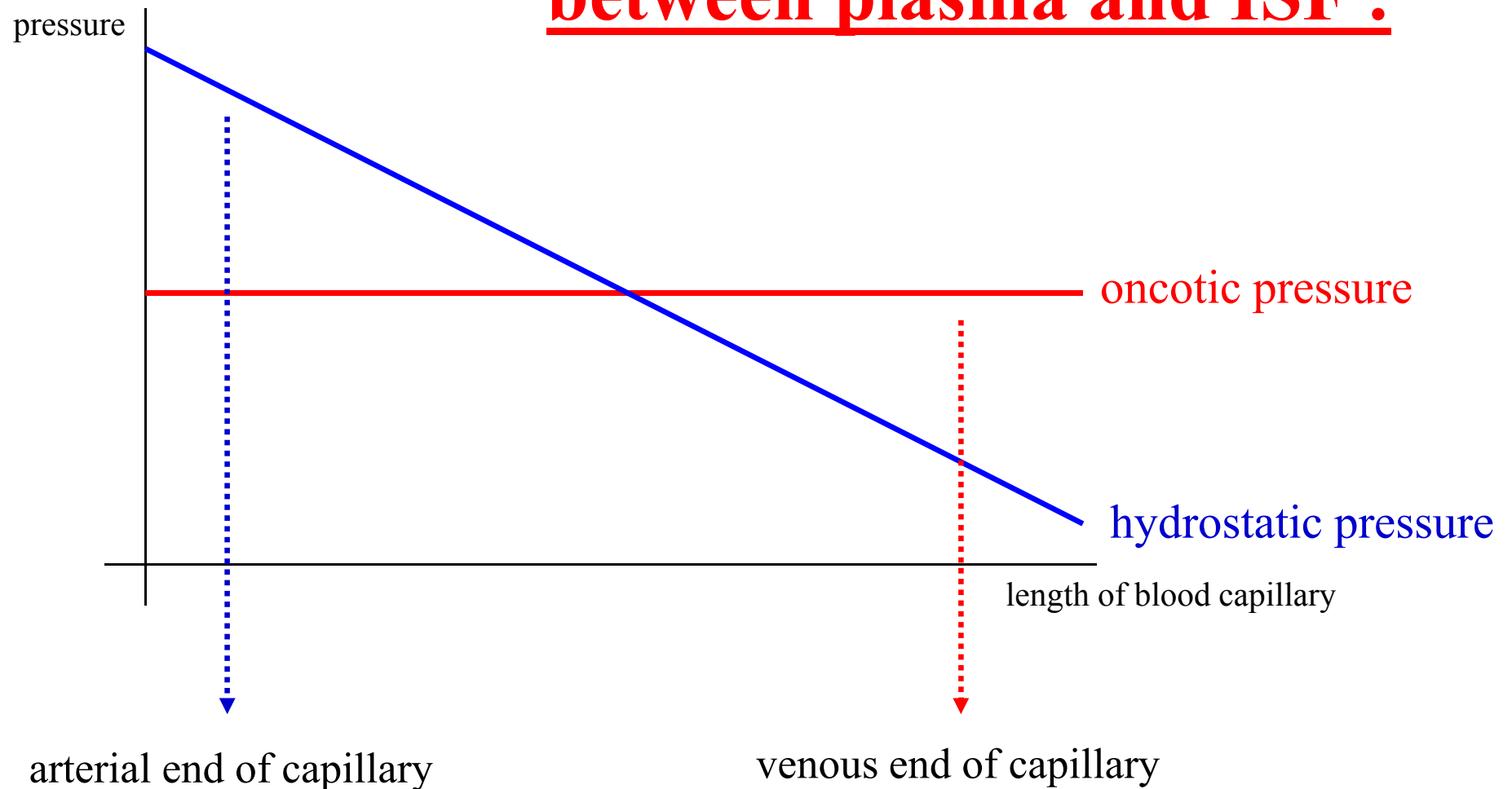
**COP = 1,33 – 2,66 kPa → danger of edema  
pulmonum**

**COP < 1,4 kPa → no survive without i.v.  
administration of albumin**

(80 % COP of plasma ensures albumin)



# Capillary – the movement of fluid between plasma and ISF :



hydrostatic pressure exceeds  
oncotic pressure → filtration  
of fluid into ISF

oncotic pressure exceeds  
hydrostatic pressure → reabsorption  
of ISF back to the capillary

# The oncotic pressure

- normal concentrations of blood proteins :

**P-albumin = 35 – 50 g . l<sup>-1</sup>**

**P-total protein = 62 – 82 g . l<sup>-1</sup>**

Compare: grave swelling and ascites in serious hypoproteinemias of the kwashiorkor type !

