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## Transport in plants

lecture 03



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# Topics

Meaning of transport

Short distance transport

Water potential   Osmosis   Plasmolysis

Imbibition

Bulk Flow and mass Flow ..

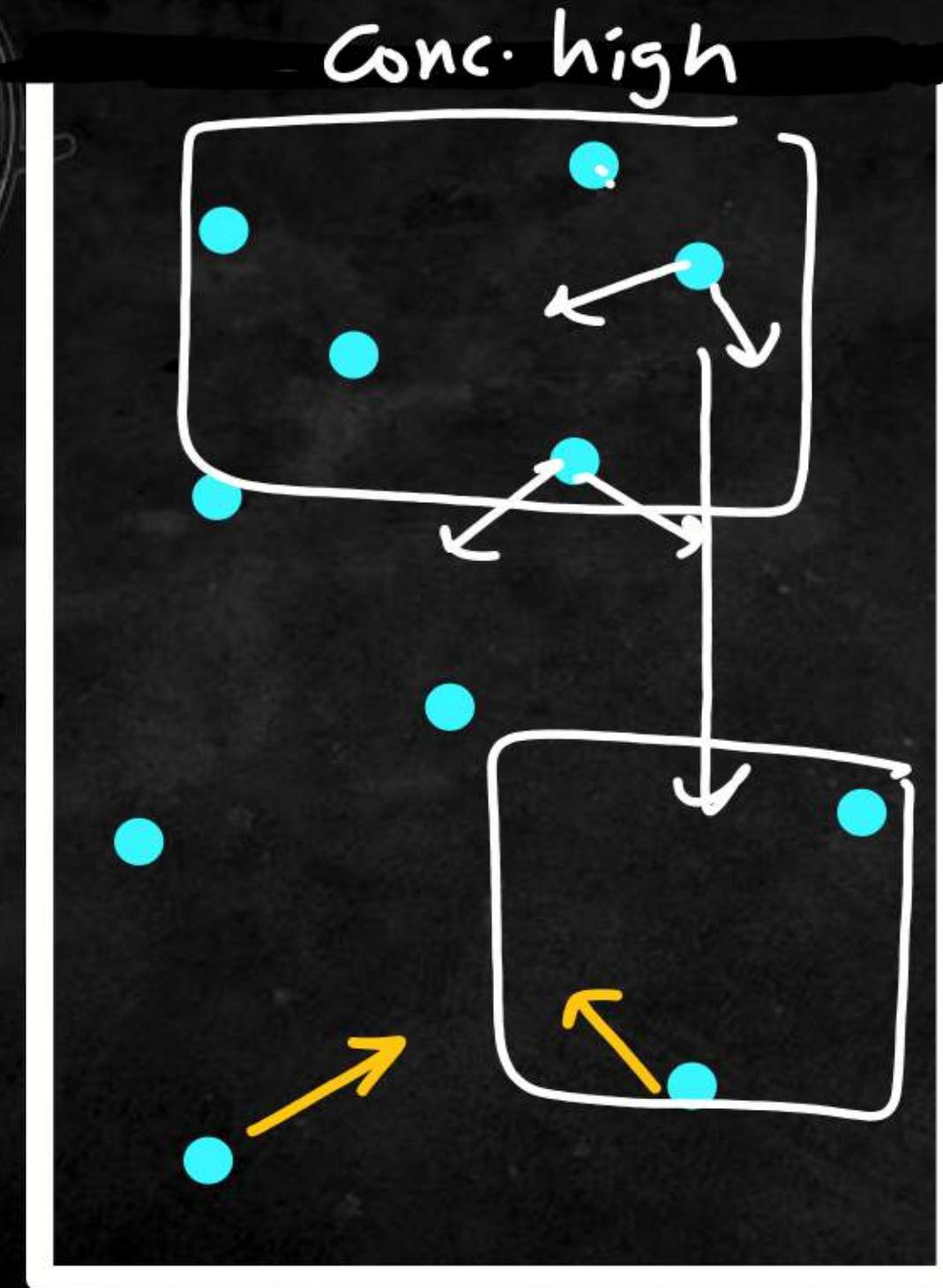
Transport of water

Transport of mineral

phloem-transport



# Revision of water potential



- Beaker

Water molecule  $\rightarrow$  Have K.E  
(liquid + gas)

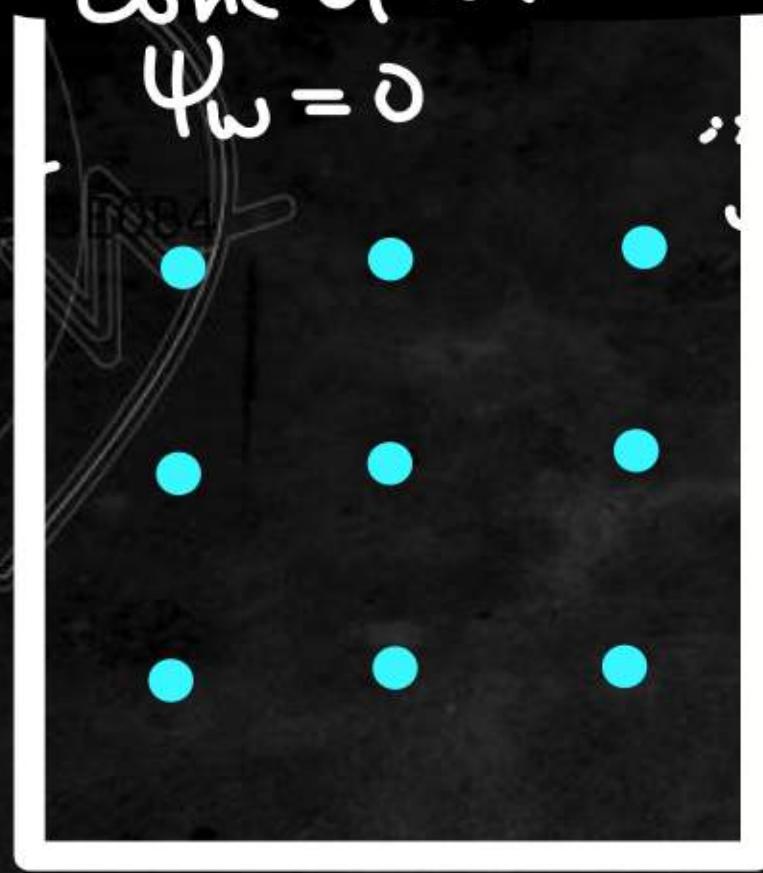
Psi  $\Psi$   
Unit pascal

Random motion

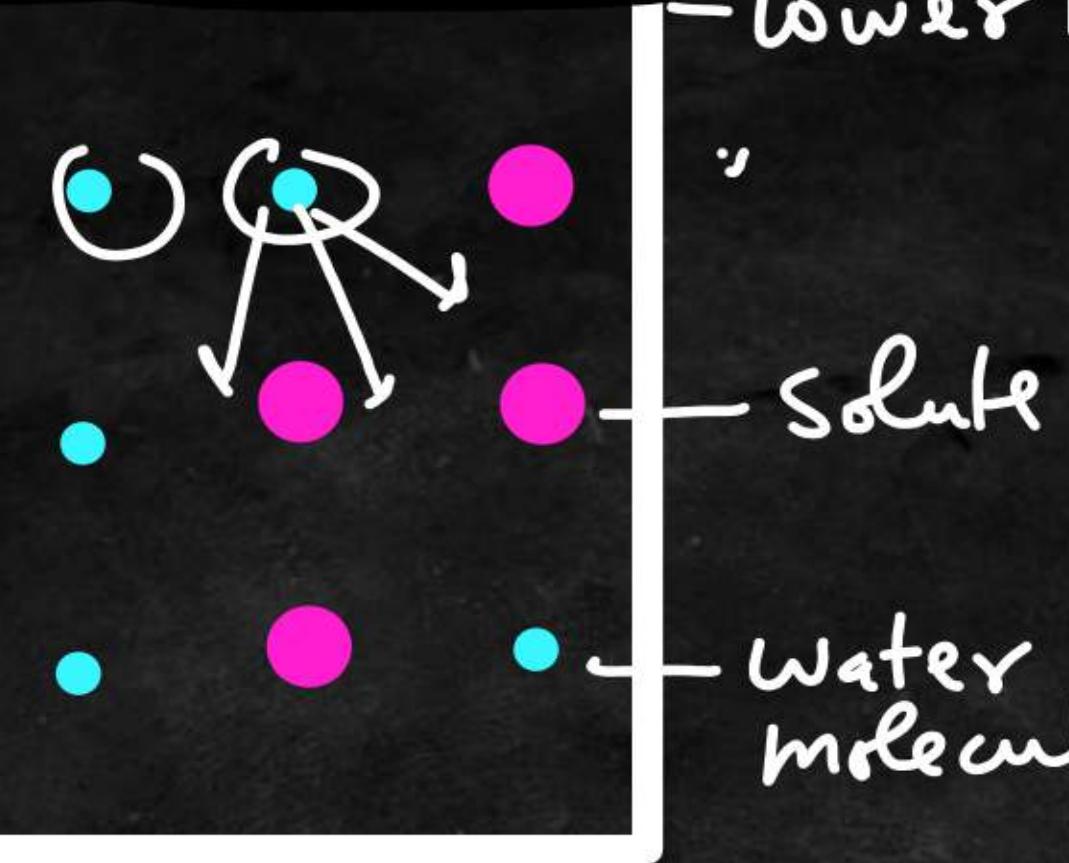
Direction  $\downarrow$   
(no. of water molecules  
more  $\Psi_w$ ) most



Pure water - maximum  
Conc. of water molecule  
 $\Psi_w = 0$



- More is solute ✓  
lower is  $\Psi_w$  ✓



Pure water

$\Psi = 0$  (maximum  
number  
water  
molecule)

solution

$$\Psi_w = -5$$



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$$\Psi_w = \Psi_s + \Psi_p$$

100

-40

+140

More is absolute  $\rightarrow$  more negative  
 $\rightarrow$  lower is  $\Psi_s$

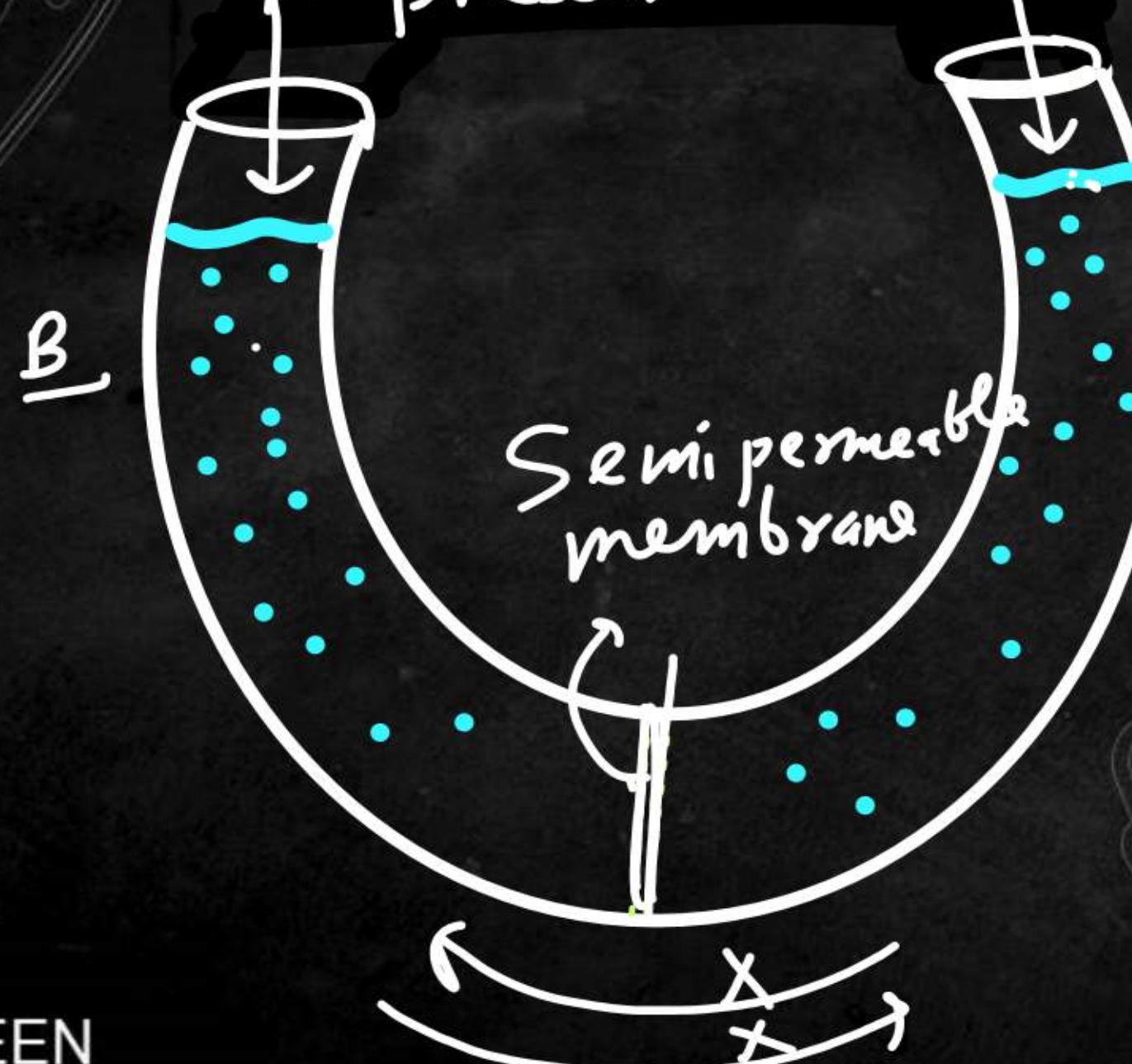


# Pressure potential



When it is zero

Atmospheric pressure



Atmospheric pressure

Since atmospheric pressure not play any role in movement of water

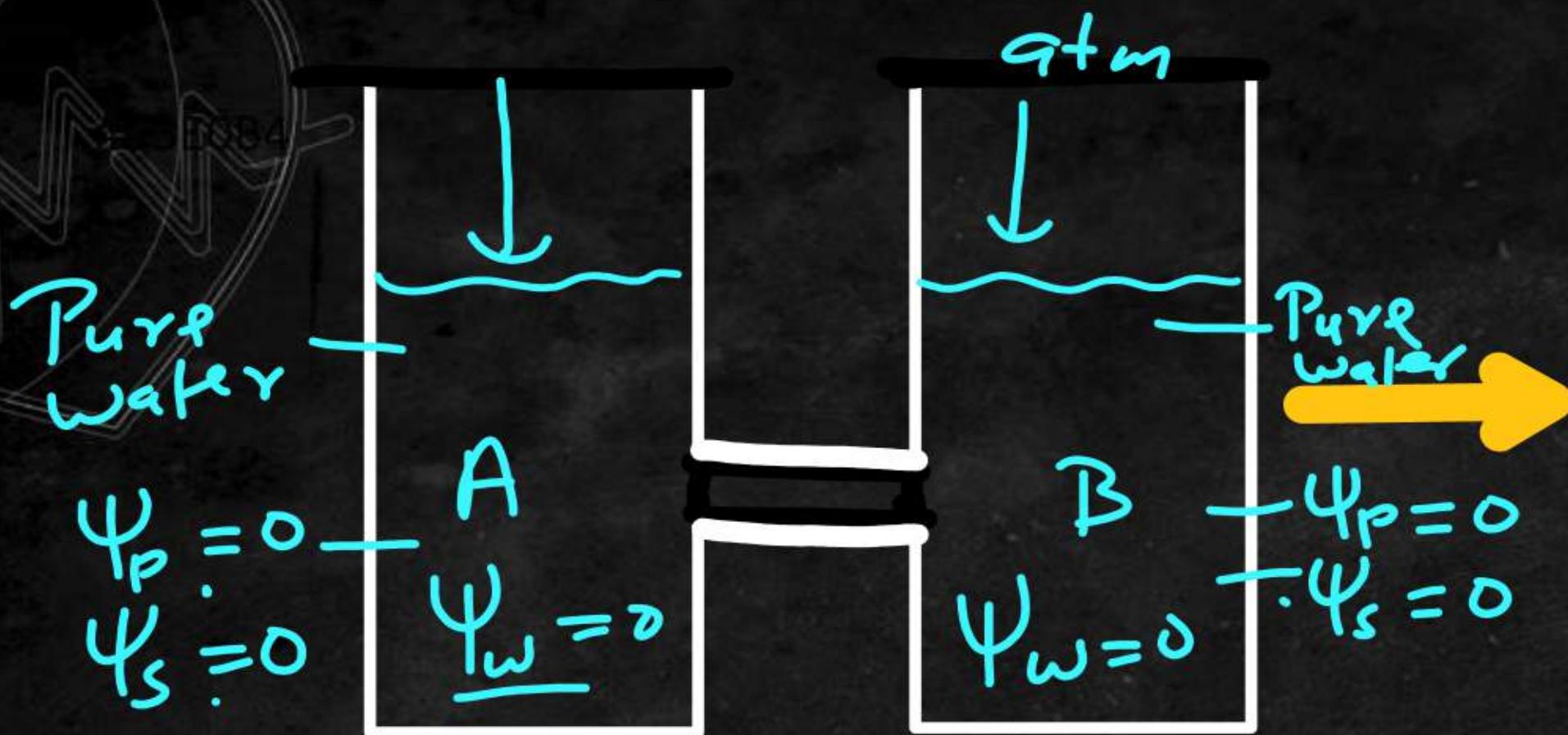
A

So, By convention

$$\Psi_p = 0 - \underline{\text{atm}}$$



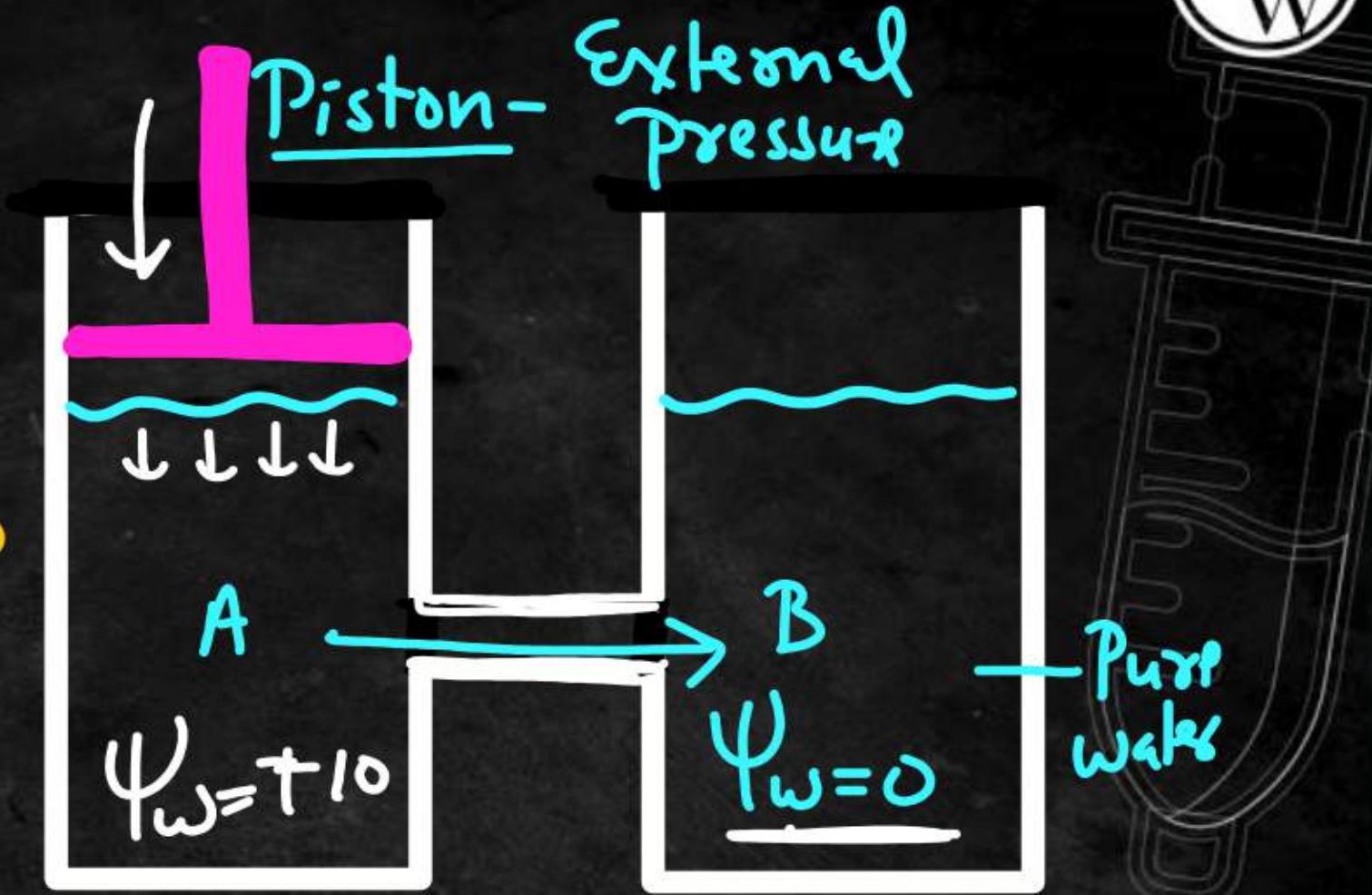
# Pressure potential - When it is true



In Both System atmospheric pressure work, no net movement  $\boxed{\Psi_p = 0}$

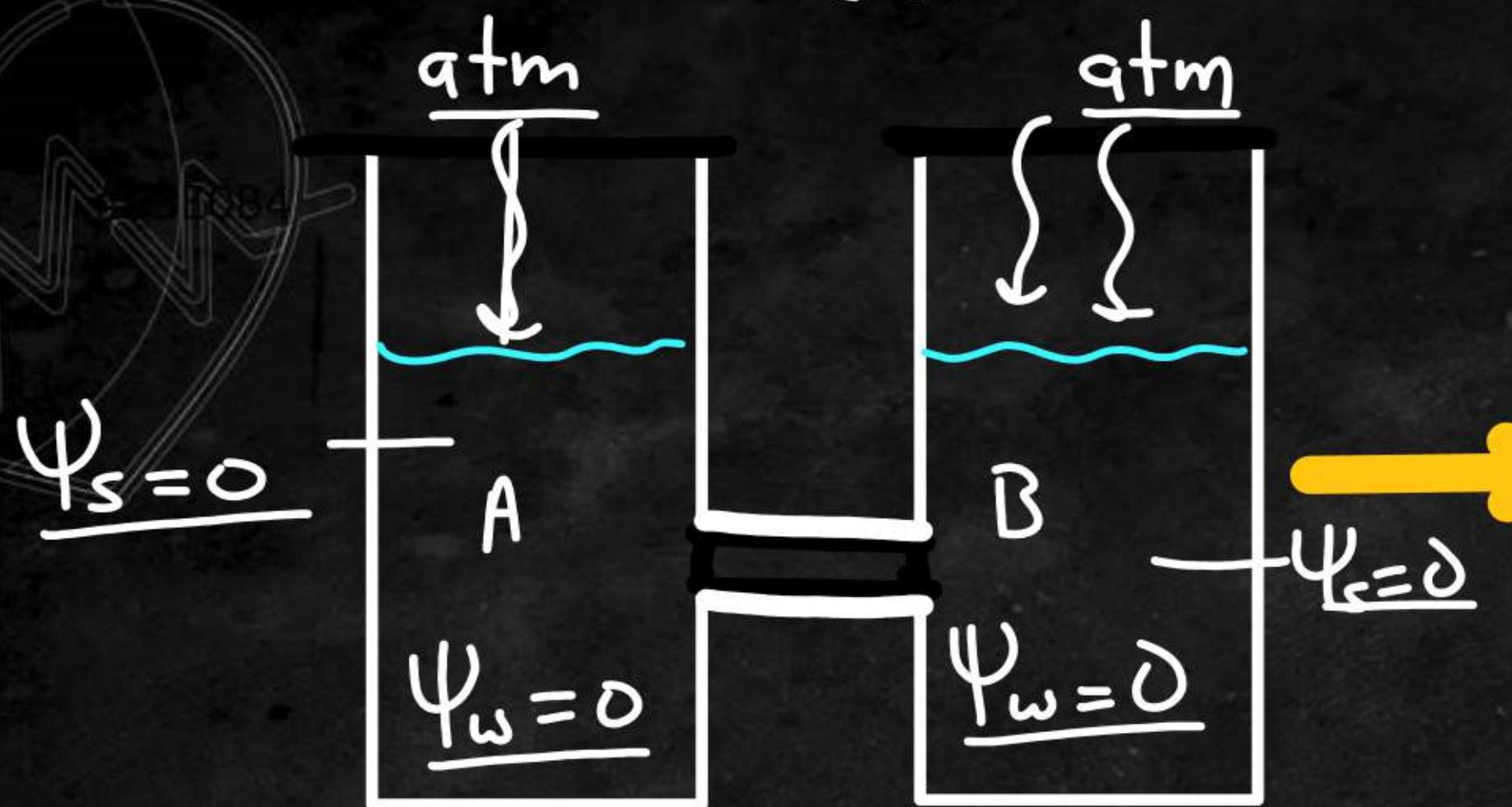


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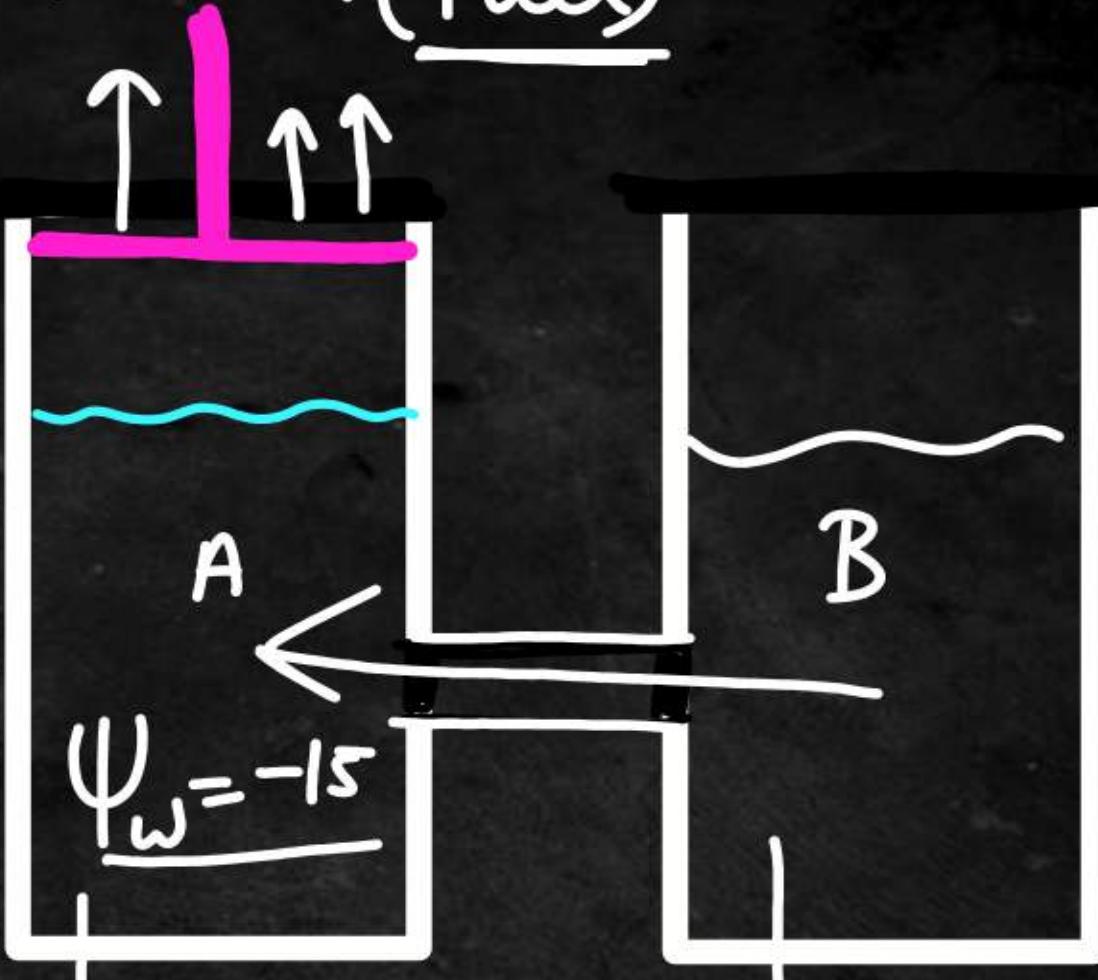


Due to piston, External Pressure, the pressure  
Due to which  $\Psi_w$  in A is true  
So water move From A to B

When pressure is  $-ue$  ( $\Psi_p = -ue$ )



vacuum (Pull)



$\left[ \begin{array}{l} atm = \Psi_p = 0 \\ -\Psi_p = +ue \text{ (Push/Piston)} \\ \rightarrow \Psi_p = -ue \text{ (Pull)} \end{array} \right]$

$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \Psi_s = 0 \\ \Psi_p = -15 \end{array} \right]$

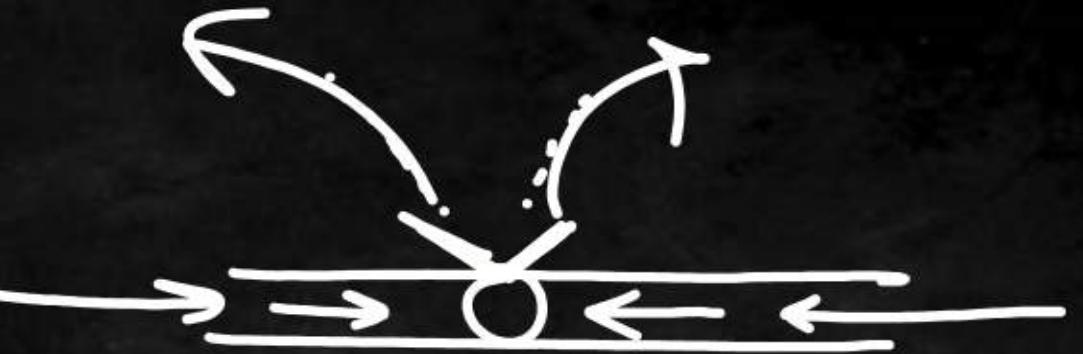
$\Psi_w = 0$

$$\Psi_w$$

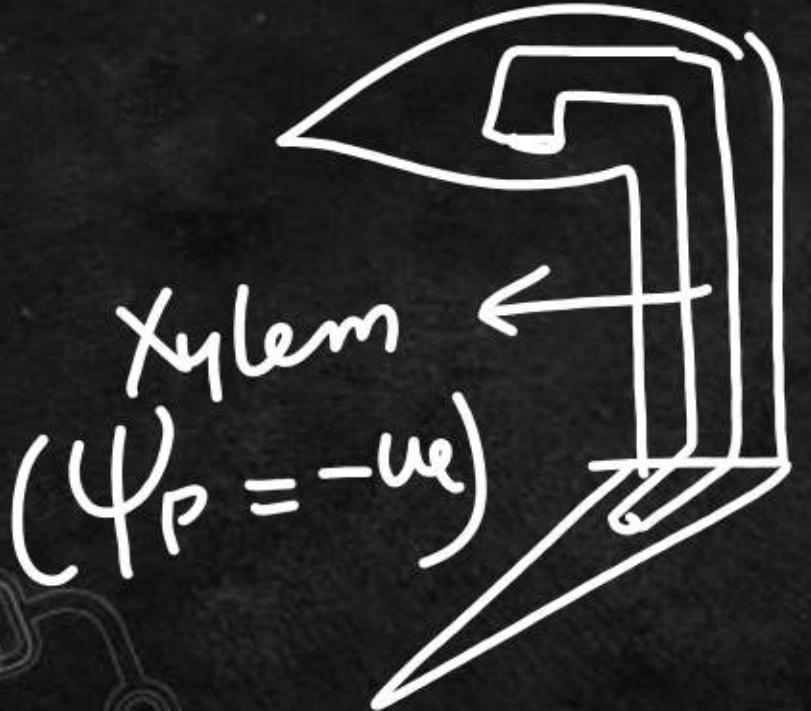
$$\Psi_w = \Psi_s + \Psi_p$$

(usually +ve)

But -ve  
pressure in  
Xylem



Garden hose  
(+ve)  $\Psi_p = +ve$



# Summary of concepts

$\Psi_w$  - symbol

Unit - Pascal

$\Psi_w \propto K \cdot \Sigma \propto$  conc. of water molecule

$\Psi_s = -\omega$

$$\left[ \Psi_w = \Psi_s \right]_{atm} \rightarrow \Psi_p = 0$$

Direction  $\rightarrow$  high  $\Psi_w$  to low  $\Psi_w$

- high  $\Psi_s$  to low  $\Psi_s$

-5

-10

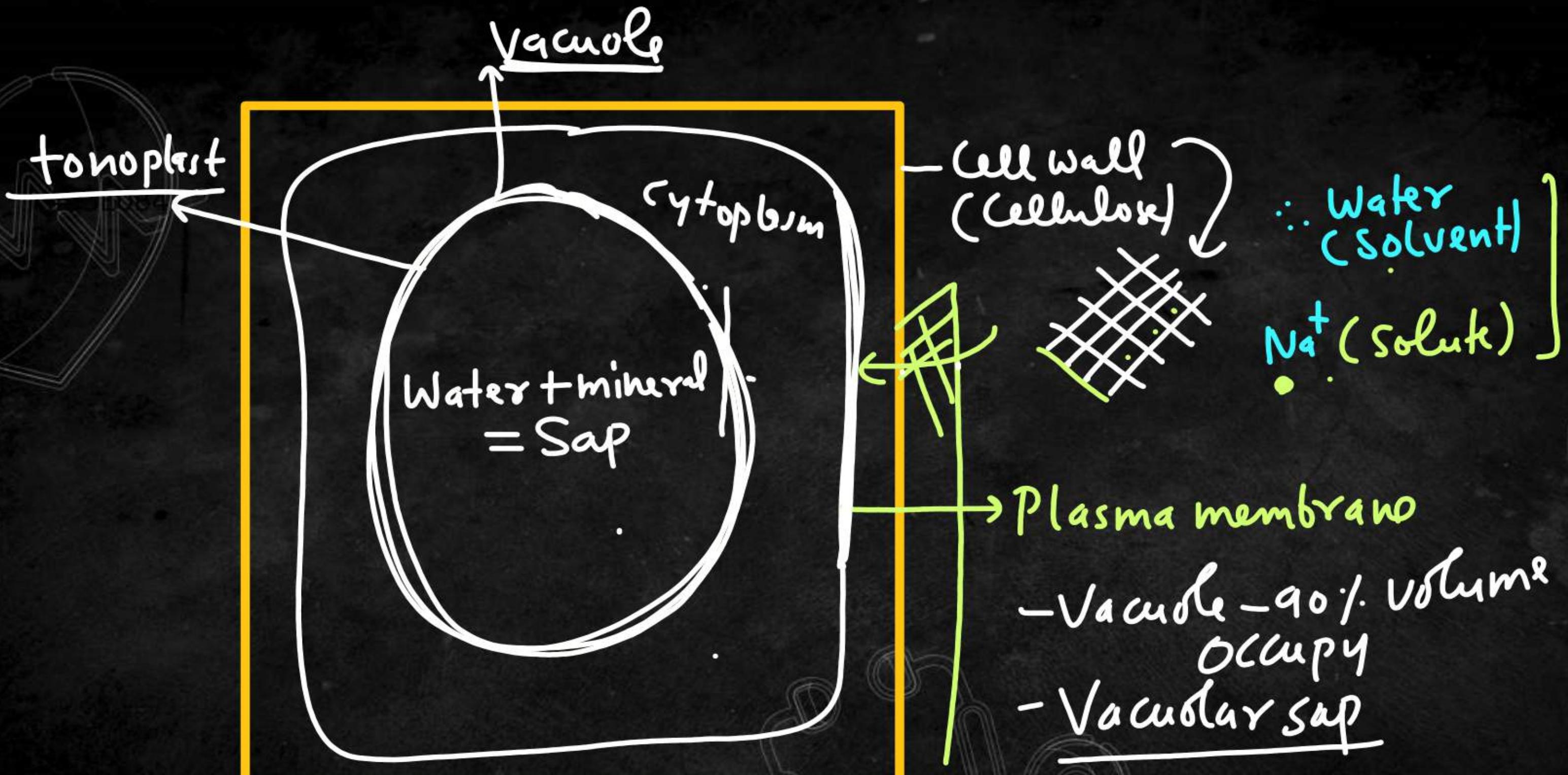
Direction of water movement

$$\Psi_w = 10 \xleftarrow{} \Psi_w = 20$$

$$\Psi_w = -10 \xrightarrow{} \Psi_w = -20$$



P  
W



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Solvent



Solute

Cell  
wall  
Permeable

Both Solute and  
Solvent not  
Pass



Impervious



Water

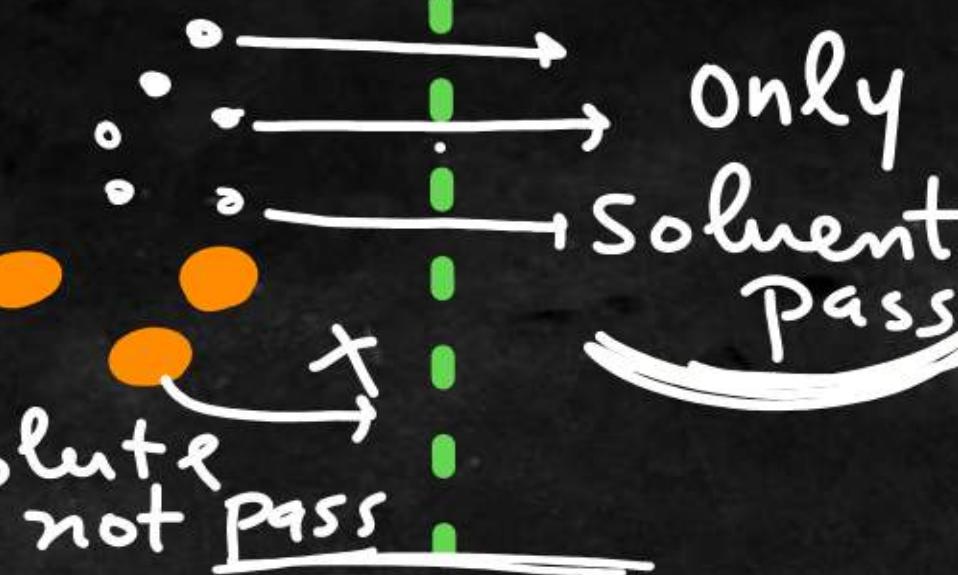
Solvent

Solute

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Solute  
not Pass



Semipermeable  
- Egg membrane  
- Parchment membrane

3

Selective permeable



channel

Some

Solute pass

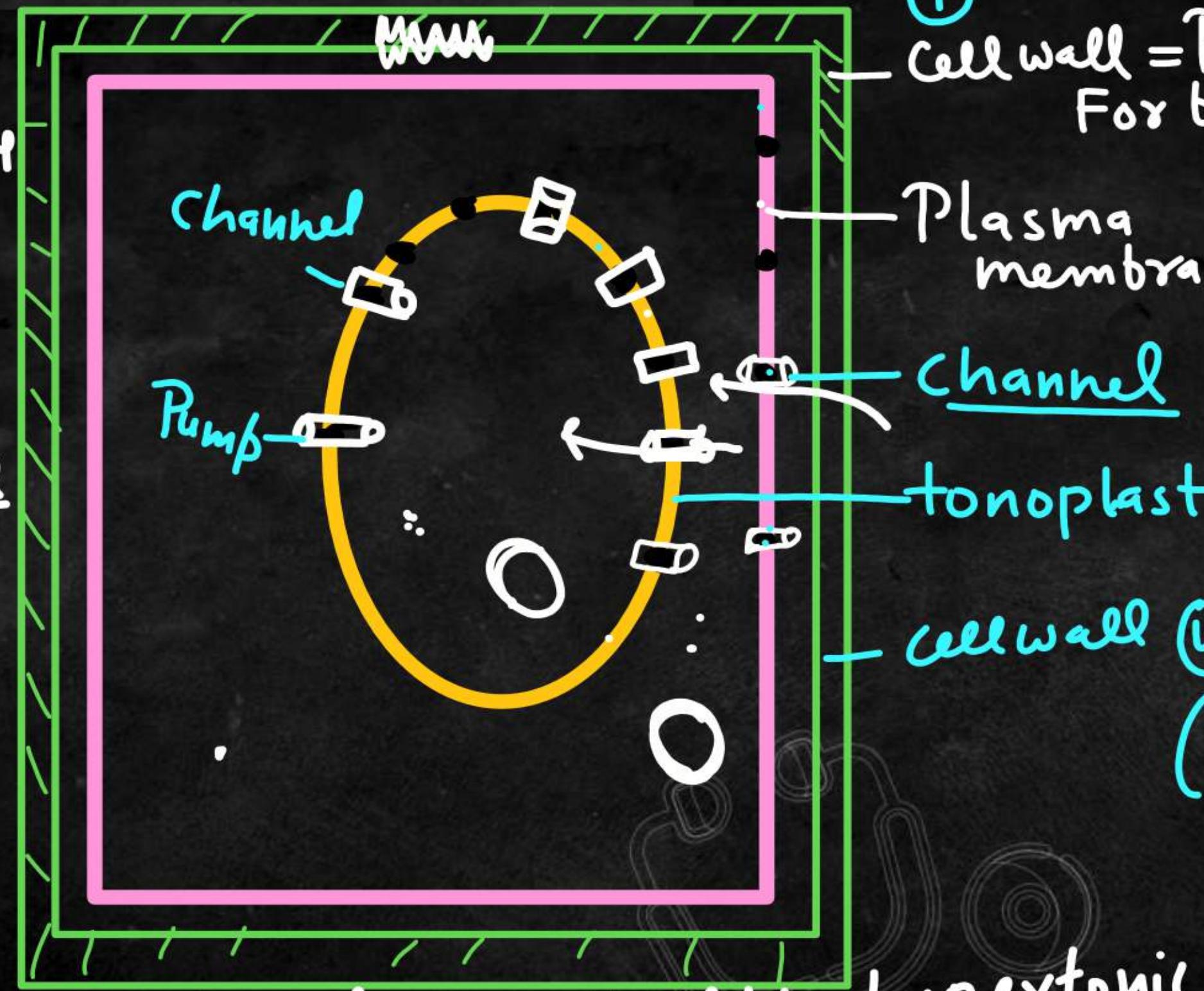
channel/pump

P  
W

# Type of membranes - 4 type

P  
W

→ Cell membrane & tonoplast  
- Control Amount of Solute inside



① Cell wall = Permeable  
For both solute + Solvent

② Selective permeable

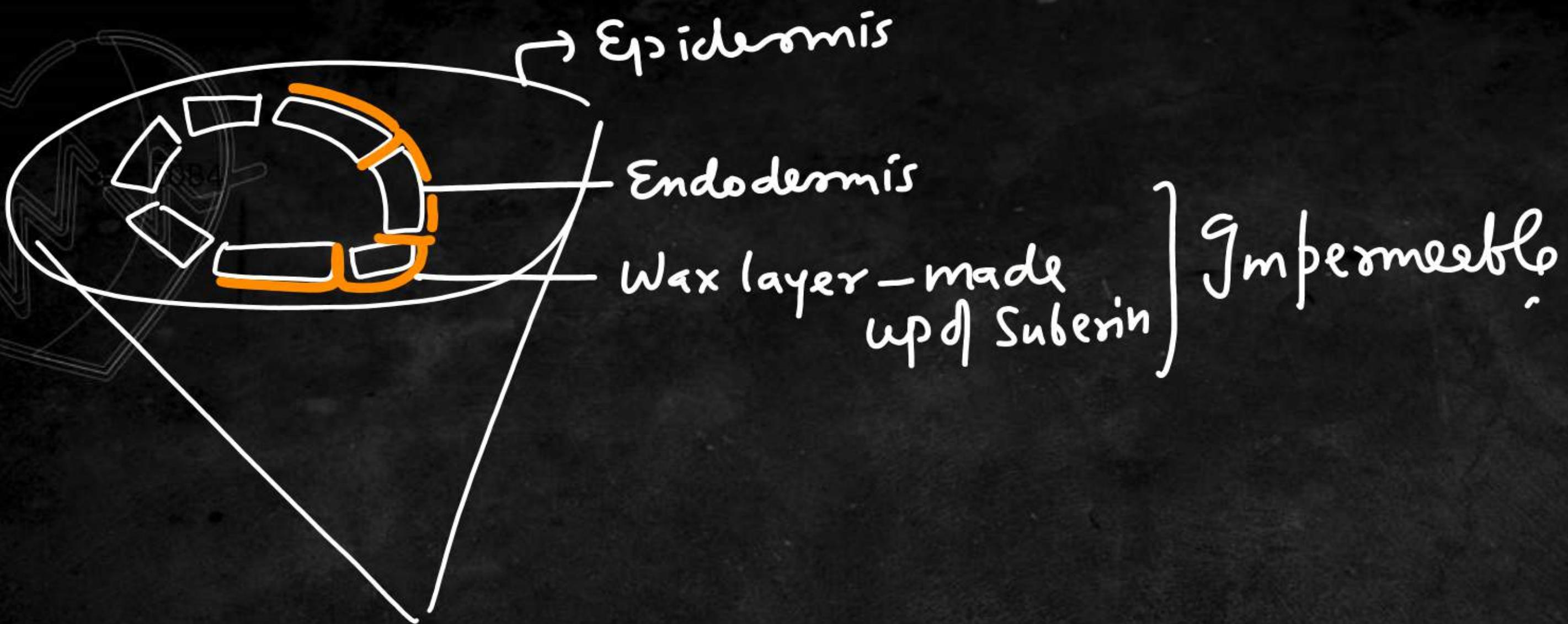
③ Semi permeable  
(only solvent pass)

④ Impermeable  
(Ex- Cork layer  
Endodermis)

Note - Vacuolar sap should be hypertonic to cytoplasm



P  
W



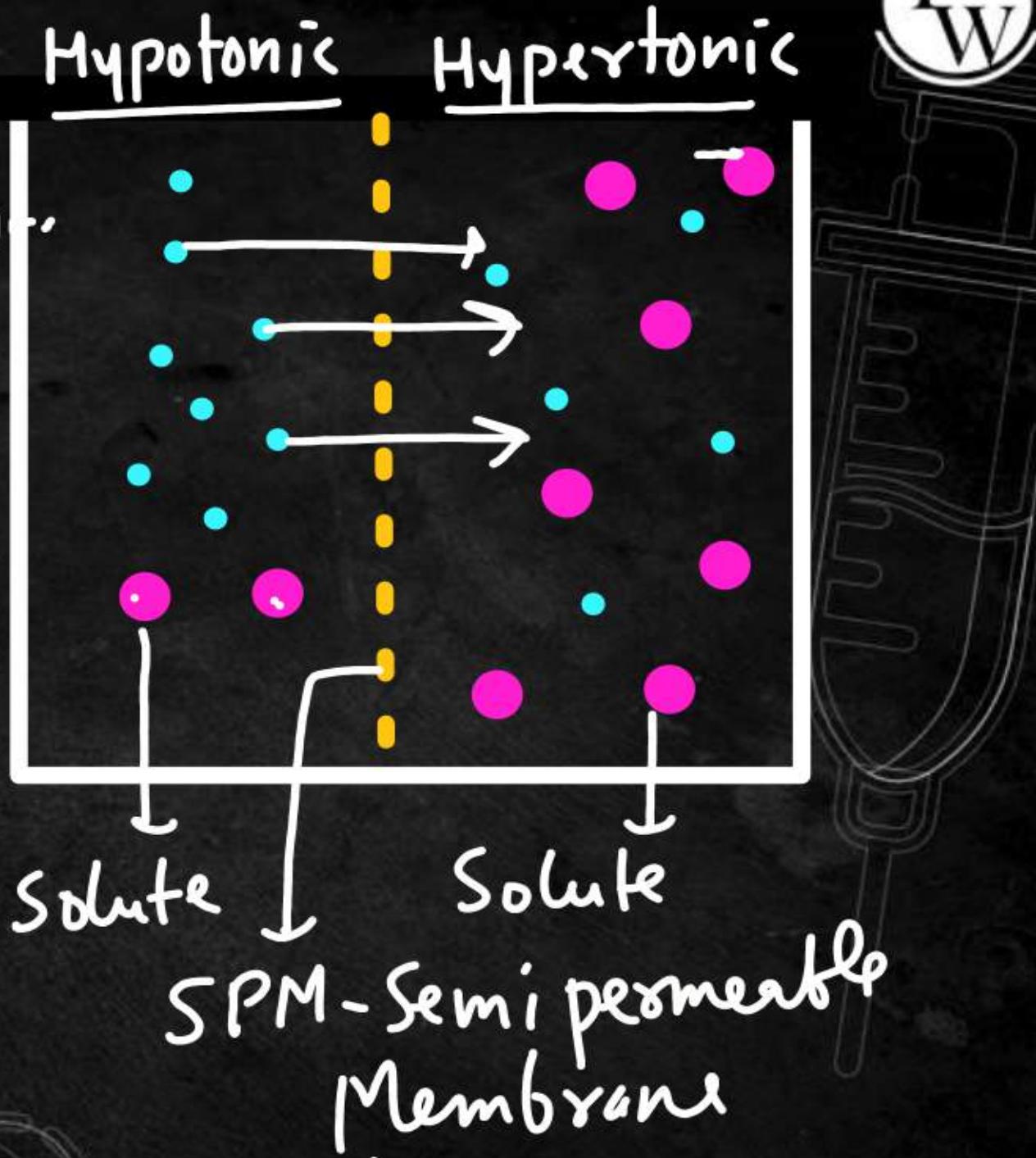
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# Osmosis

meaning - It is Diffusion of water molecule from high conc. of water to low conc. of water

Role of P.M and tonoplast } through Semi permeable  
(Selective or Differential Permeability)

Water move from Hypotonic to Hyper tonic is Also by osmosis



Osmosis - Diffusion of water molecule through Semi permeable membrane (SPM)

- Direction - Hypotonic to Hypertonic

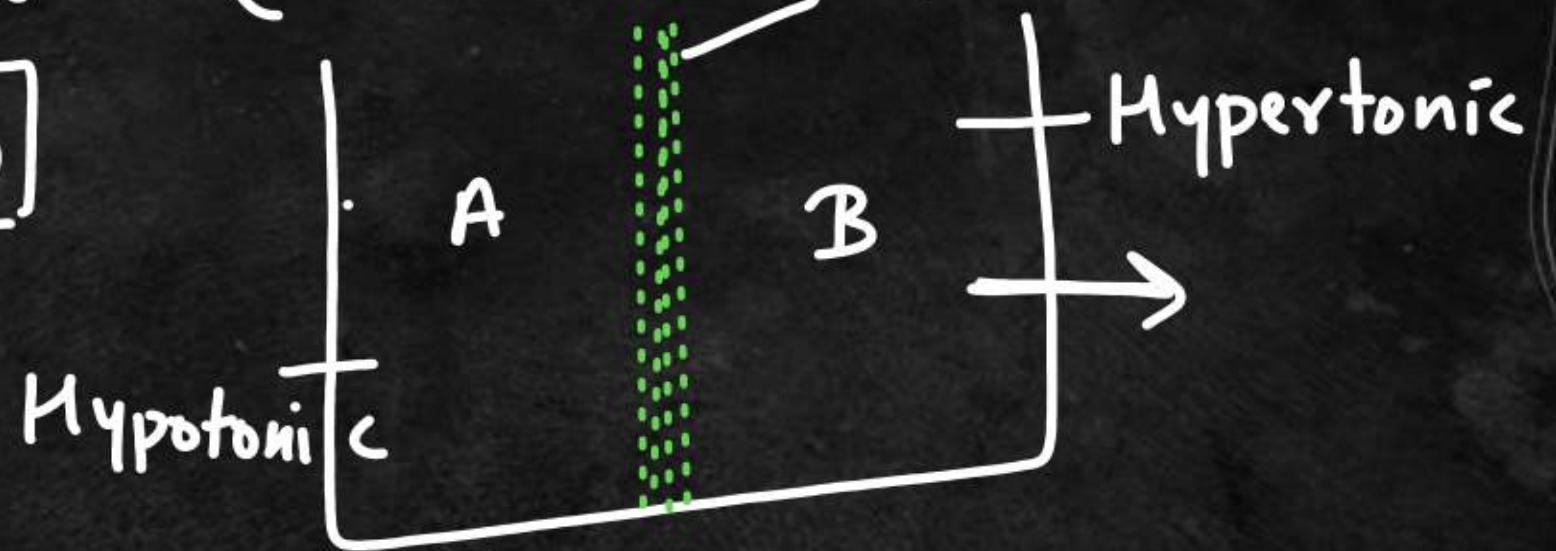
(more water  
less solute)

(more solute  
less water)

SPM

Osmosis Requires Driving Force

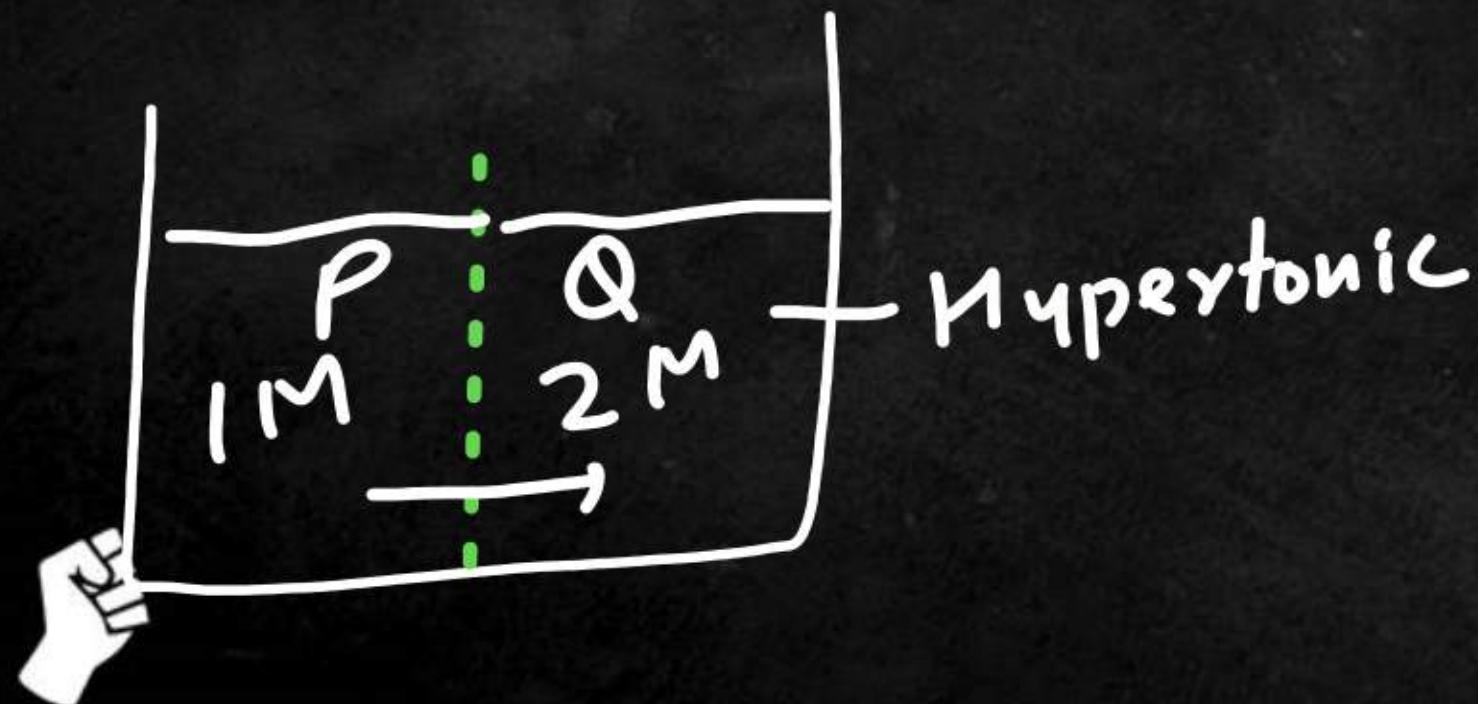
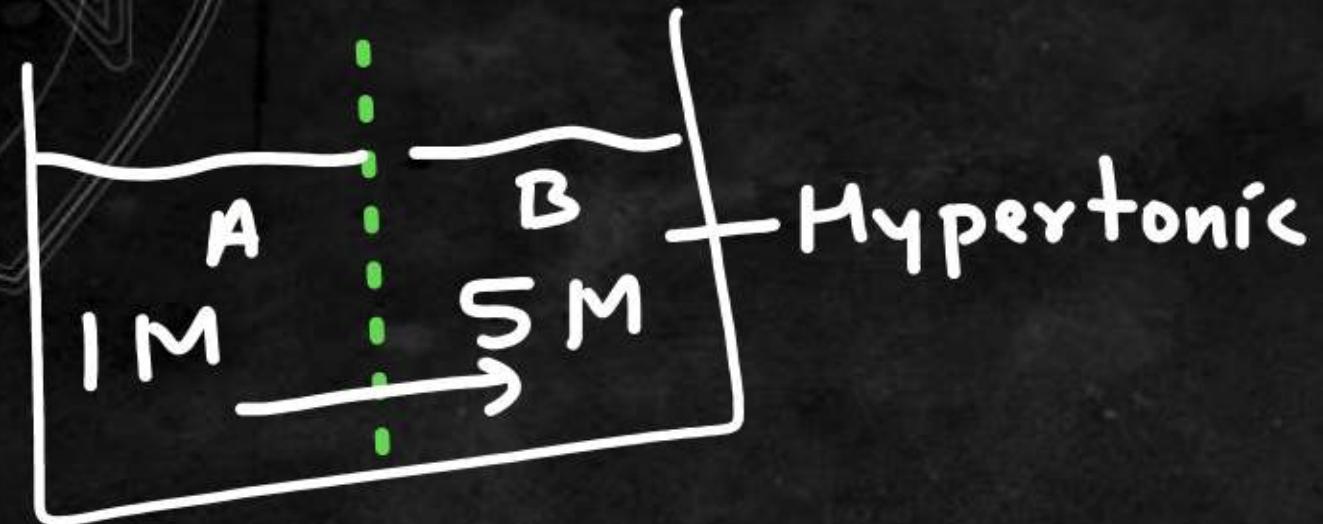
- (a) Concentration of Solute
- (b) Pressure Gradient



# Direction of osmosis

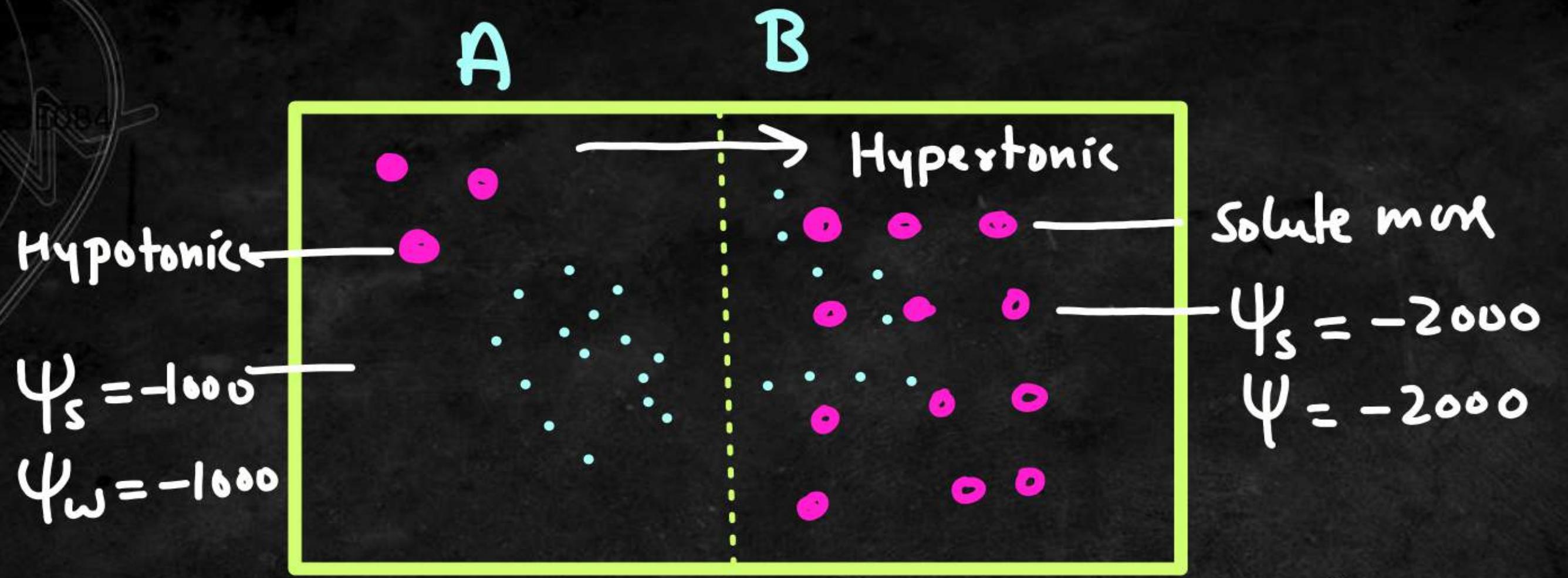
- Direction And Rate of osmosis depend on

- Concentration ✓
- Pressure ✓



Direct in Beaker  
A to B [Hypotonic]  
P to Q [Hypertonic to Hypertonic]

⇒ Rate of A to B is  
Faster than P to Q

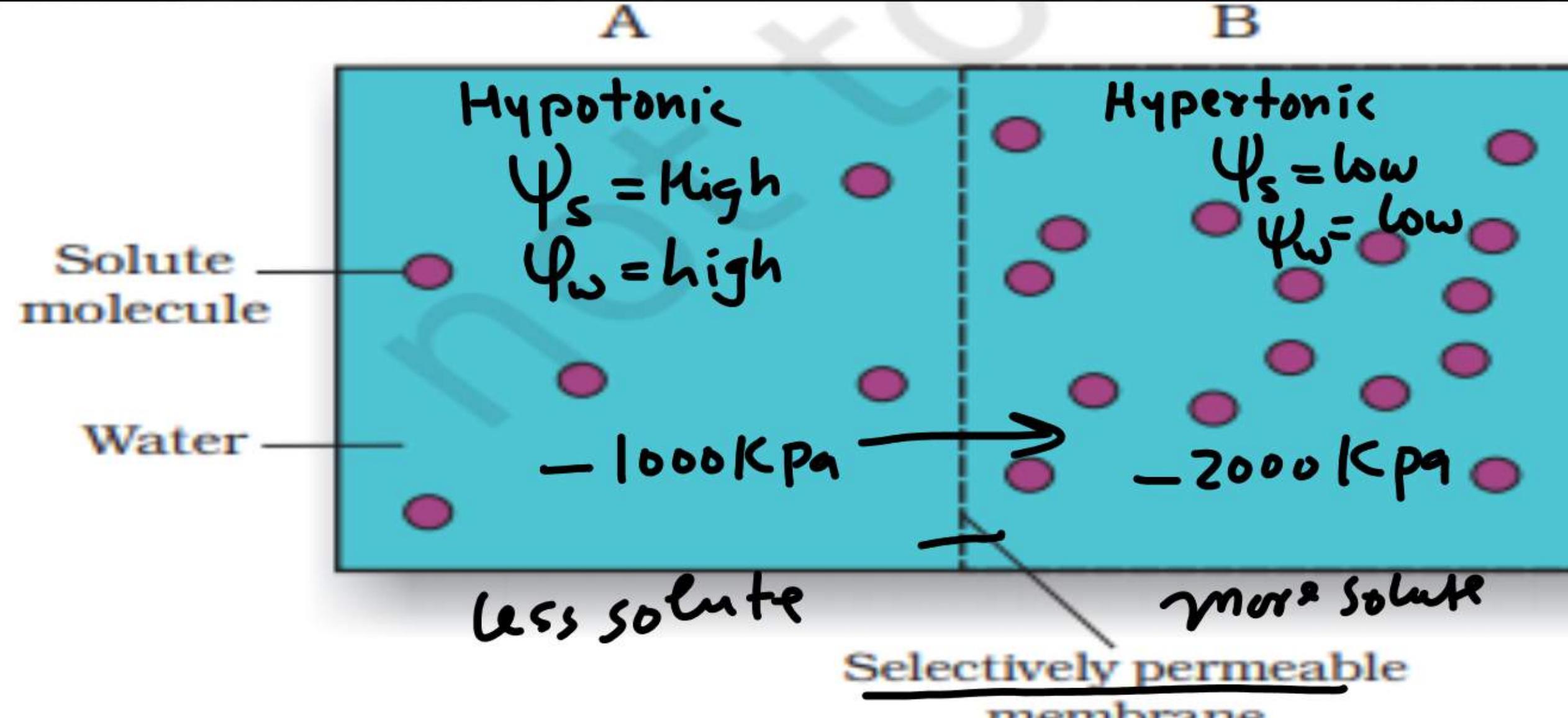


Direction Acc. to Osmosis = Hypotonic to Hypertonic

$\Psi_w \rightarrow A \text{ to } B$

$\Psi_w$  high than  $\Psi_B$  dB





You may have made a potato osmometer in your earlier classes in school. If the potato tuber is placed in water, the water enters the cavity in the potato tuber containing a concentrated solution of sugar due to osmosis.

Study Figure 11.3 in which the two chambers, A and B, containing solutions are separated by a semi-permeable membrane.

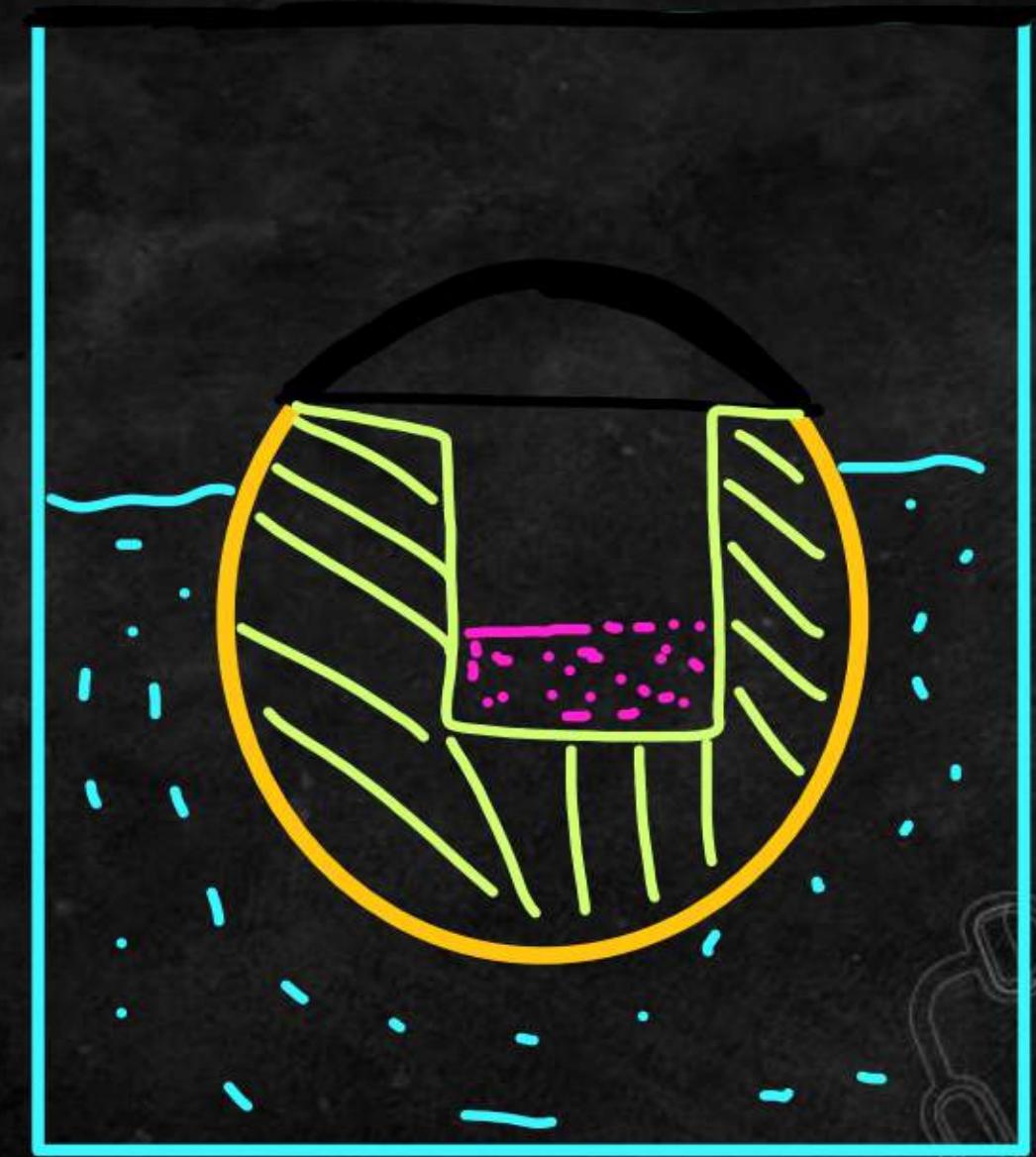
- (a) Solution of which chamber has a lower water potential? **+ B**
- (b) Solution of which chamber has a lower solute potential? **B**
- (c) In which direction will osmosis occur? **A to B**



- (d) Which solution has a higher solute potential? A
- (e) At equilibrium which chamber will have lower water potential? Both have same  $\Psi_w$
- (f) If one chamber has a  $\Psi$  of - 2000 kPa and the other - 1000 kPa, which is the chamber that has the higher  $\Psi$ ?  $\Psi_w = 0.2 \rightarrow \Psi_w = 0.1$
- (g) What will be the direction of the movement of water when two solutions with  $\Psi_w = 0.2 \text{ MPa}$  and  $\Psi_w = 0.1 \text{ MPa}$  are separated by a selectively permeable membrane?



# Potato osmometer



## 11.2.2 Osmosis

The plant cell is surrounded by a cell membrane and a cell wall. The cell wall is freely permeable to water and substances in solution hence is not a barrier to movement. In plants the cells usually contain a large central vacuole, whose contents, the vacuolar sap, contribute to the solute potential of the cell. In plant cells, the cell membrane and the membrane of the vacuole, the tonoplast together are important determinants of movement of molecules in or out of the cell.



Osmosis is the term used to refer specifically to the diffusion of water across a differentially- or selectively permeable membrane. Osmosis occurs spontaneously in response to a driving force. The net direction and rate of osmosis depends on both the pressure gradient and concentration gradient. Water will move from its region of higher chemical potential (or concentration) to its region of lower chemical potential until equilibrium is reached. At equilibrium the two chambers should have nearly the same water potential.



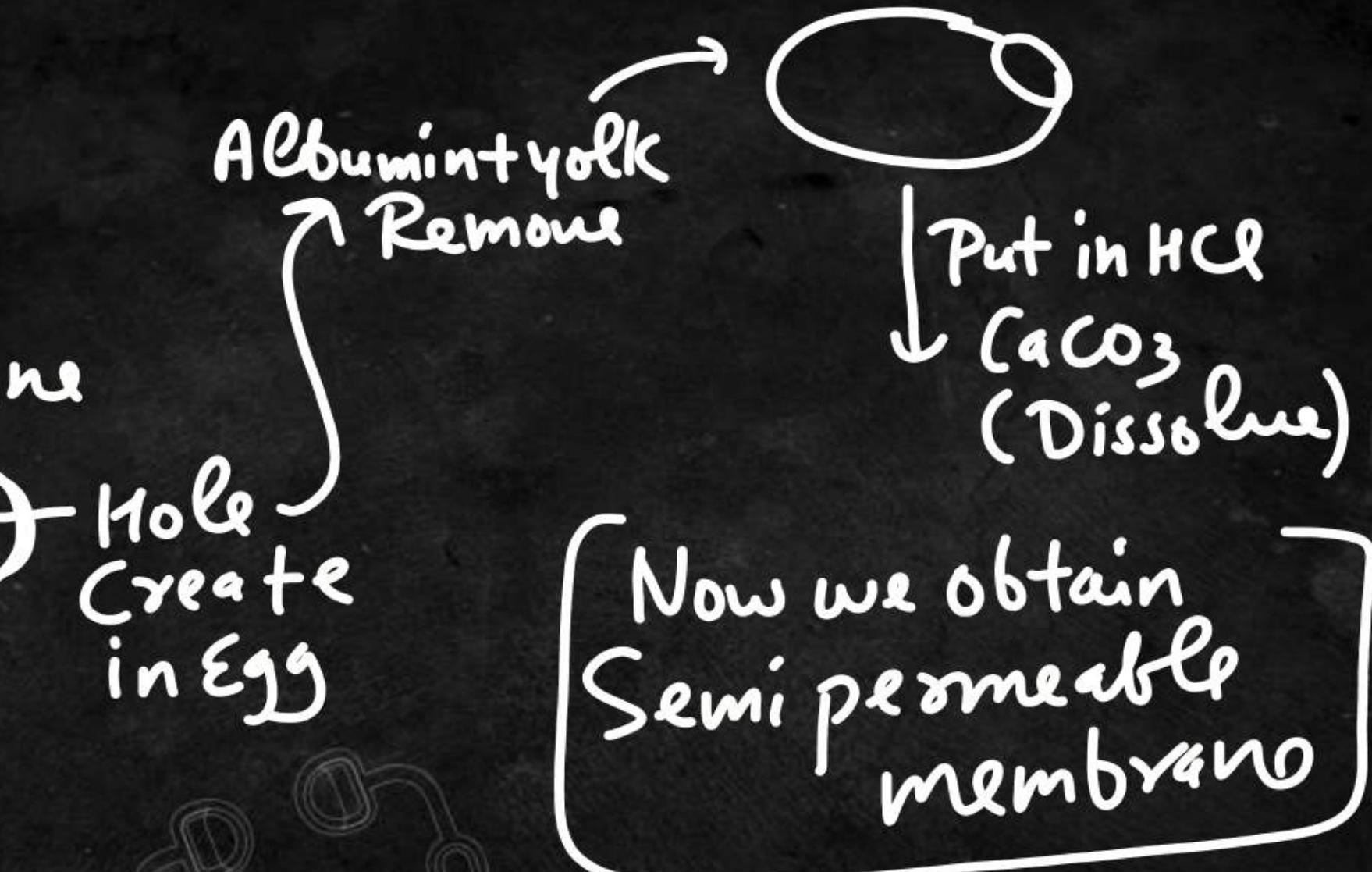
# Concept of Reverse osmosis (R.O)

Semi permeable membrane

Source

- To study **R.O** we require  
Semi permeable membrane

- Source is Egg →

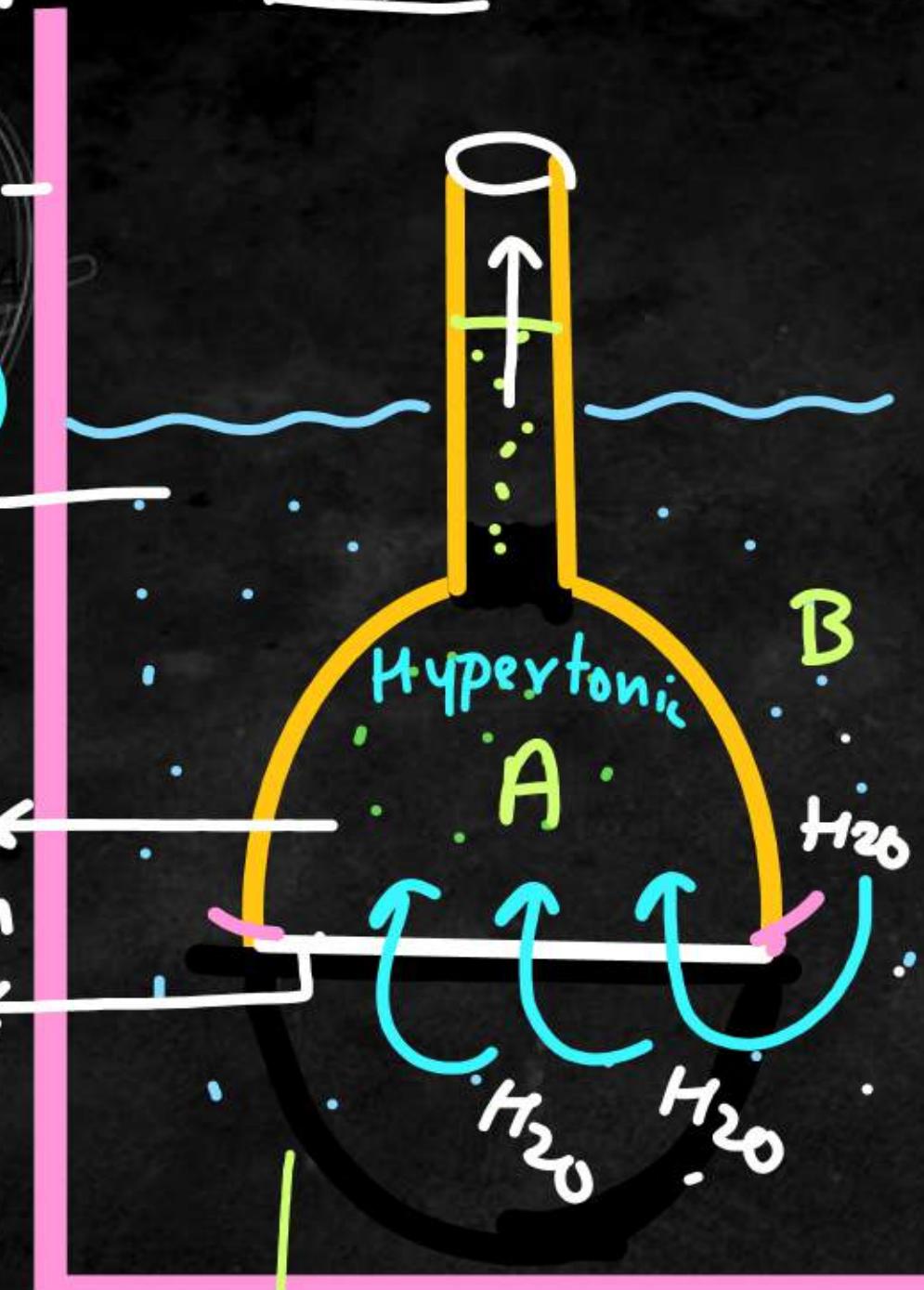


# Thistle funnel Experiment

Beaker

(Hypotonic)  
Pure water

Sucrose  
Solution  
SPM



$$\Psi_w = 0 \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Solute Absent} \\ \text{Pressure} = \text{atm} \end{array} \right)$$

In chamber B - Pure water  $[\Psi_w = 0]$   
(Solute Absent)

In Funnel, due to Sucrose

$$\Psi_w = -ve \quad [\text{Assume } \Psi_w = -5]$$

Osmosis  $\rightarrow$  (High  $\Psi_w$  to low  $\Psi_w$ )

Direction of water movement

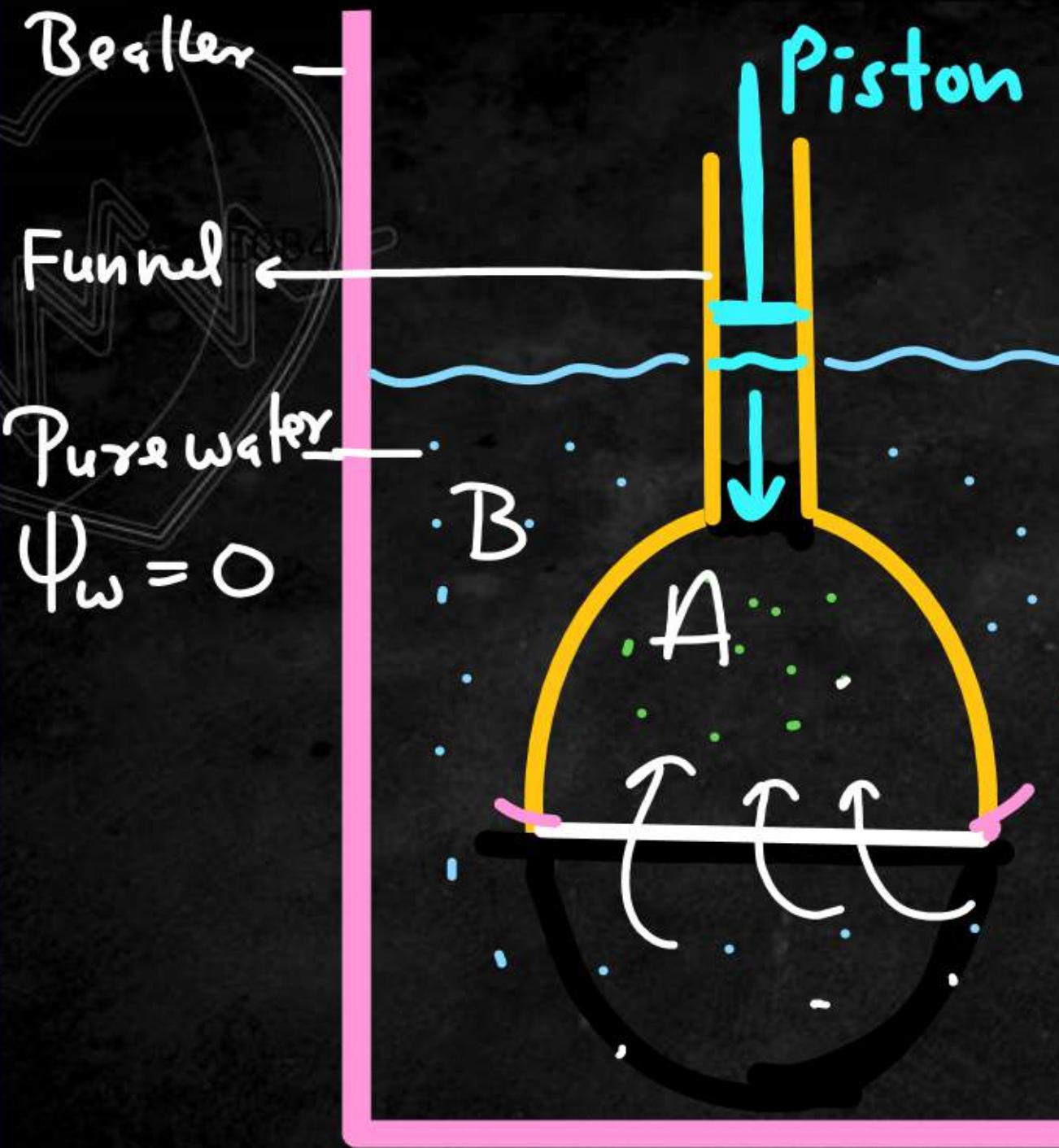
high  $\Psi_w$  to low  $\Psi_w$

**B to A** - Water move  
inside Funnel

Untill Equilibrium reached

If Sucrose move -  $\Psi_s$  Equilibrium

will achieve = no



In chamber B  $\rightarrow \Psi_w = 0$  [water tend to move B to A]  
 How we can stop entry of water:-  
**Piston Pressure Apply - Entry of water stop**

Driving Force For Osmosis = Solute Conc.

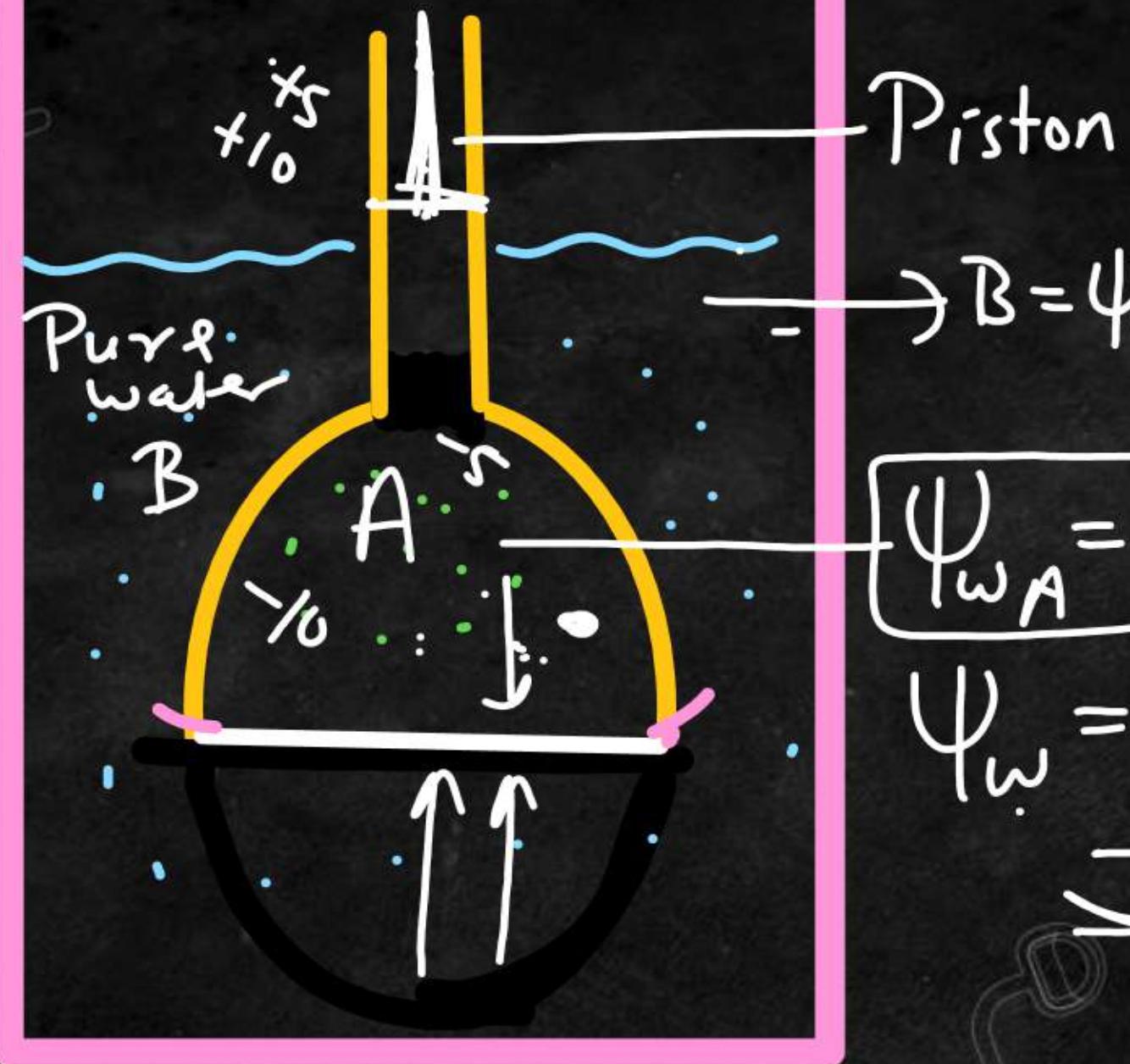
If Entry of water stop it is possible  
 Only when  $\Psi_w$  Become Zero in  
 Both  $A \& B$



P  
W

By Piston Pressure Apply More than  
Atmospheric Pressure

It stops Entry of water  
in Funnel



$$\psi_{wA} = -5$$

Initially, After Piston  $\psi_{wA} = 0$

$$\psi_w = \psi_s + \psi_p$$

-5      +5  
By Piston



P  
W

Solute potential =  $\psi_s$

solute = osmotic potential

In chamber A, when entry of water stop  
it is due to the pressure By Piston

$$\psi_w \text{ in A} = -5 \xrightarrow{\text{Piston pressure apply}} \psi_w \text{ in A} = 0$$

Pressure Applied By Piston  
depend on Solute conc. in Funnel  
Such pressure is Osmotic pressure

$$\psi_w = \psi_s + \psi_p$$

$$\psi_p + \psi_s = 0$$

$$\psi_p = -\psi_s$$

Osmotic pressure

Osmotic potential



$$-\Psi_s = \Psi_p$$

Solute potential = Osmotic pressure

or

Osmotic potential

(magnitude same, direction opposite)

Piston - used to apply pressure more than atmospheric pressure



If a solution have

$$\Psi_s = -10$$

then  $O.P = ?$

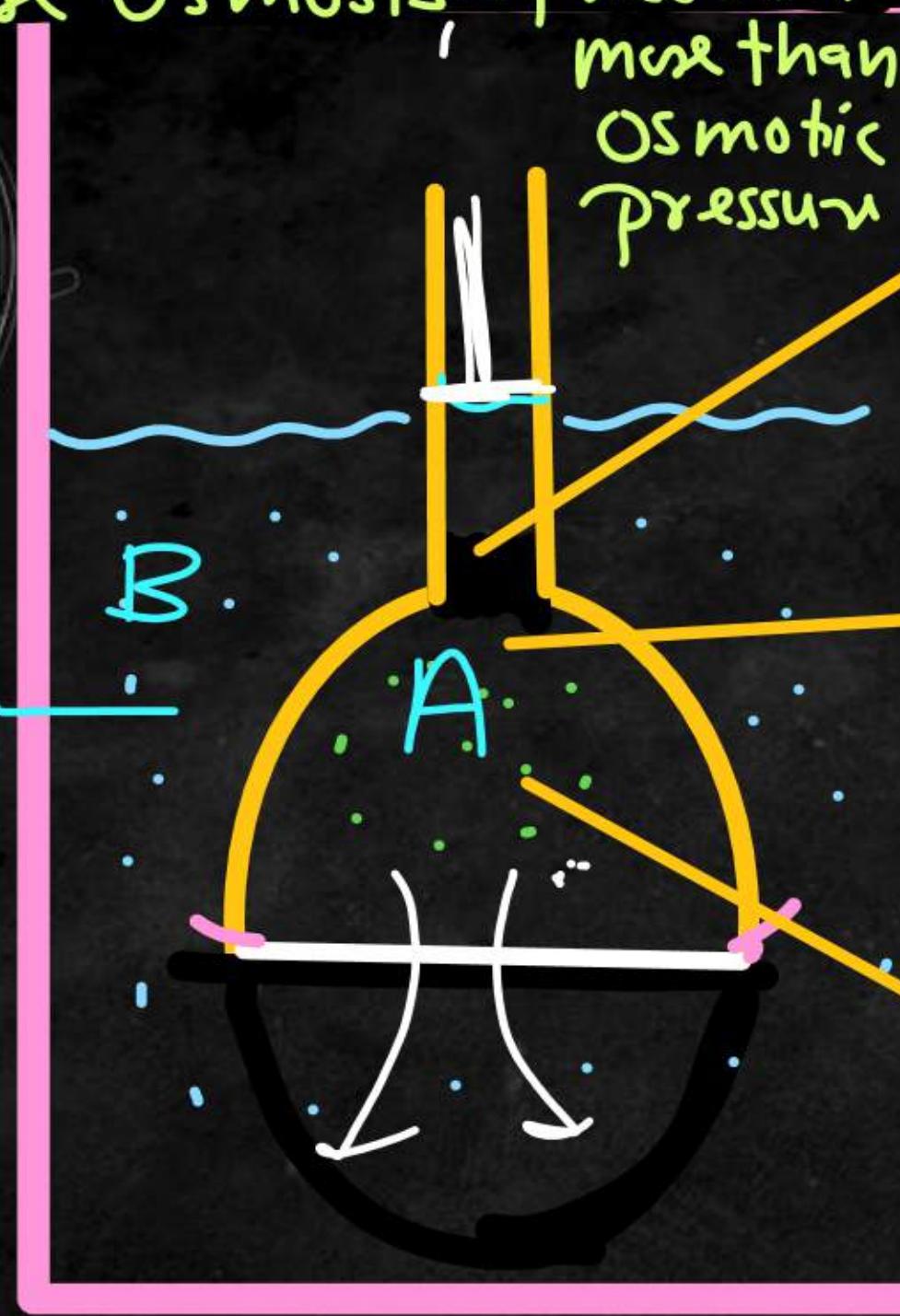
$$O.P = +10$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Solute} \\ \text{O} \end{array} \propto \frac{O.P}{+10} \downarrow \quad \Psi_s = -10$$



Reverse osmosis - Pressure more than osmotic pressure

$$\Psi_w = 0$$



$$\Psi_w = -5 (\Psi_s + \Psi_p) \text{ Initially}$$

Piston pressure apply

$$\Psi_w = 0 \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{entry of} \\ \text{water stop} \end{array} \right)$$

( $\Psi_p = +5$ )

Pressure By  
Piston more  
than atm and  
it is equal

(Equal to 0 P)

$$\Psi_w = +10 \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Piston Apply mol} \\ \text{pressure - more than} \\ \text{osmotic pressure} \end{array} \right)$$

$\Psi_s = -5$      $\Psi_p = +15$

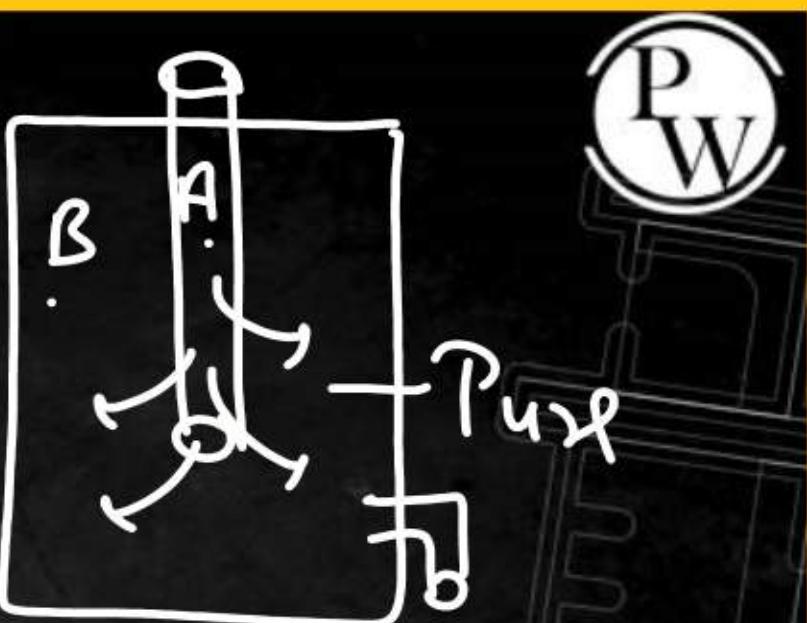
Direction A to B



\* Osmosis  $\Rightarrow$  Bealer Direction Funnel  
Hypotonic to Hypertonic  
 $\text{high } \psi_w \text{ to low } \psi_w$  (Funnel)

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\* R.O  $\rightarrow$  Hypertonic + Hypotonic  
(Funnel) Bealer  
high  $\psi_w$  + to low  $\psi_w$   
(+10) Bealer  
(Funnel)



# Give Direction of water



high  $\Psi_w$   $\rightarrow \Psi_w$  low  
 $+20$   $\quad \quad \quad +10$  Osmotic Pressure  
low O.P to high O.P

$\Psi_s$   $\rightarrow \Psi_s$   
 $-10$   $\quad \quad \quad -20$   
(high)  $\quad \quad \quad$  (low)  
 $O.P \rightarrow O.P$   
 $+10$   $\quad \quad \quad +20$   
low  $\quad \quad \quad$  high

$\Psi_s$  to  $\Psi_s$   
High

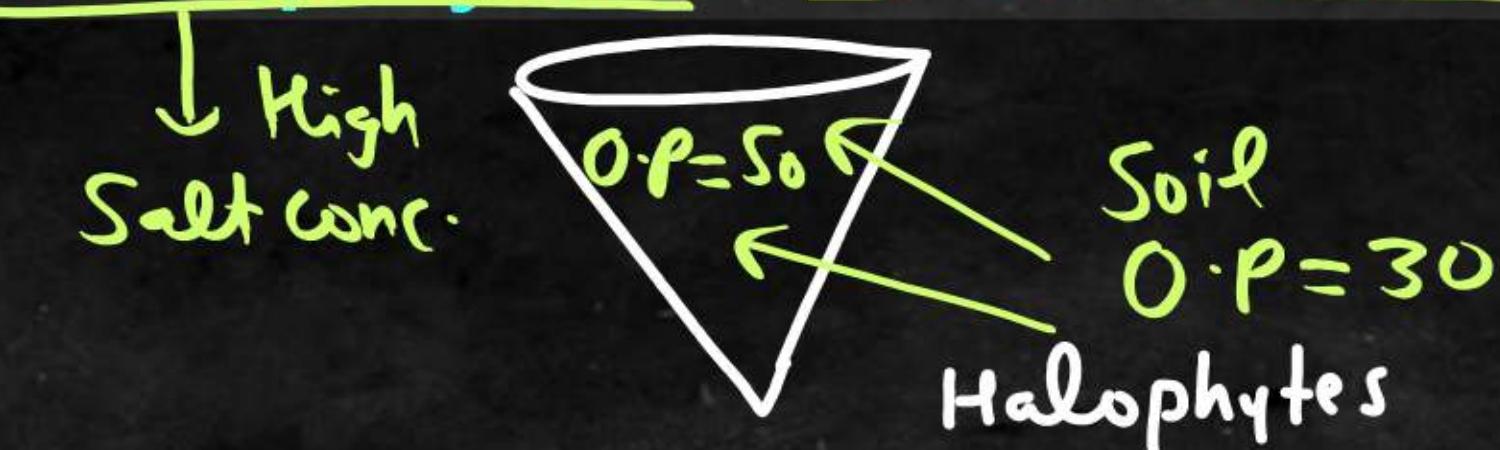
$$-\Psi_s = O.P$$



# why Roots of halophyte's have more solute in Root



Root O.P should be  
Greater than Soil  
Direction - low O.P  
to  
High O.P

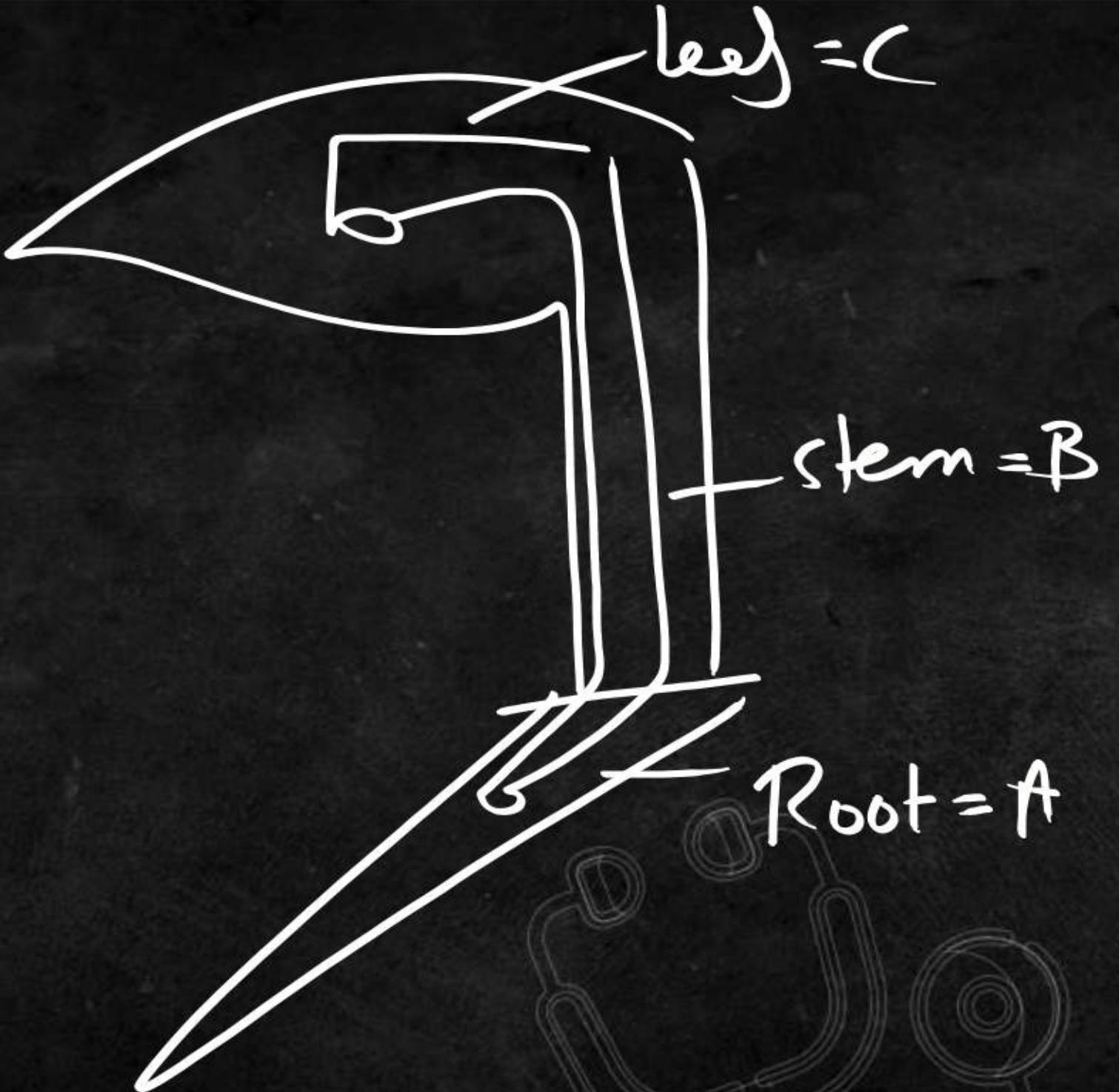


To Absorb water  
Roots of halophytes  
Should Accumulate  
more salt



# In which part of plant have highest op

P  
W



A =  
B =  
C =



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Q1 In Reverse osmosis  
Direction of Water

If value of  $\Psi_s = -10$ , then

Pressure which is  $O.P$  is =  
and For R.O pressure is



Let us discuss another experiment where a solution of sucrose in water taken in a funnel is separated from pure water in a beaker by a selectively permeable membrane (Figure 11.4).

You can get this kind of a membrane in an egg. Remove the yolk and albumin through a small hole at one end of the egg, and place the shell



in dilute solution of hydrochloric acid for a few hours. The egg shell dissolves leaving the membrane intact. Water will move into the funnel, resulting in rise in the level of the solution in the funnel. This will continue till the equilibrium is reached. In case sucrose does diffuse out through the membrane, will this equilibrium be ever reached?



External pressure can be applied from the upper part of the funnel such that no water diffuses into the funnel through the membrane.  
This pressure required to prevent water from diffusing is in fact, the osmotic pressure and this is the function of the solute concentration: more



the solute concentration, greater will be the pressure required to prevent water from diffusing in. Numerically osmotic pressure is equivalent to the osmotic potential, but the sign is opposite. Osmotic pressure is the positive pressure applied, while osmotic potential is negative.

$$\text{Osmotic Pressure} \rightarrow \text{positive}$$
$$\psi_s = -w$$



7. The water potential of pure water is: (2017-Delhi)

- a. Zero
- b. Less than zero
- c. More than zero but less than one
- d. More than one



24. The movement of ions **against** the concentration gradient will be

- (a) active transport ✓
- (b) osmosis ✗
- (c) diffusion
- (d) all of the above.

(2000)



15. Which of the following criteria does not pertain to facilitated transport? (2013)

- a. Uphill transport
- b. Requirement of special membrane proteins
- c. High selectivity
- d. Transport saturation S SI





THANK YOU !!



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