

# Osmotic Conductance to Glucose: What does it mean?



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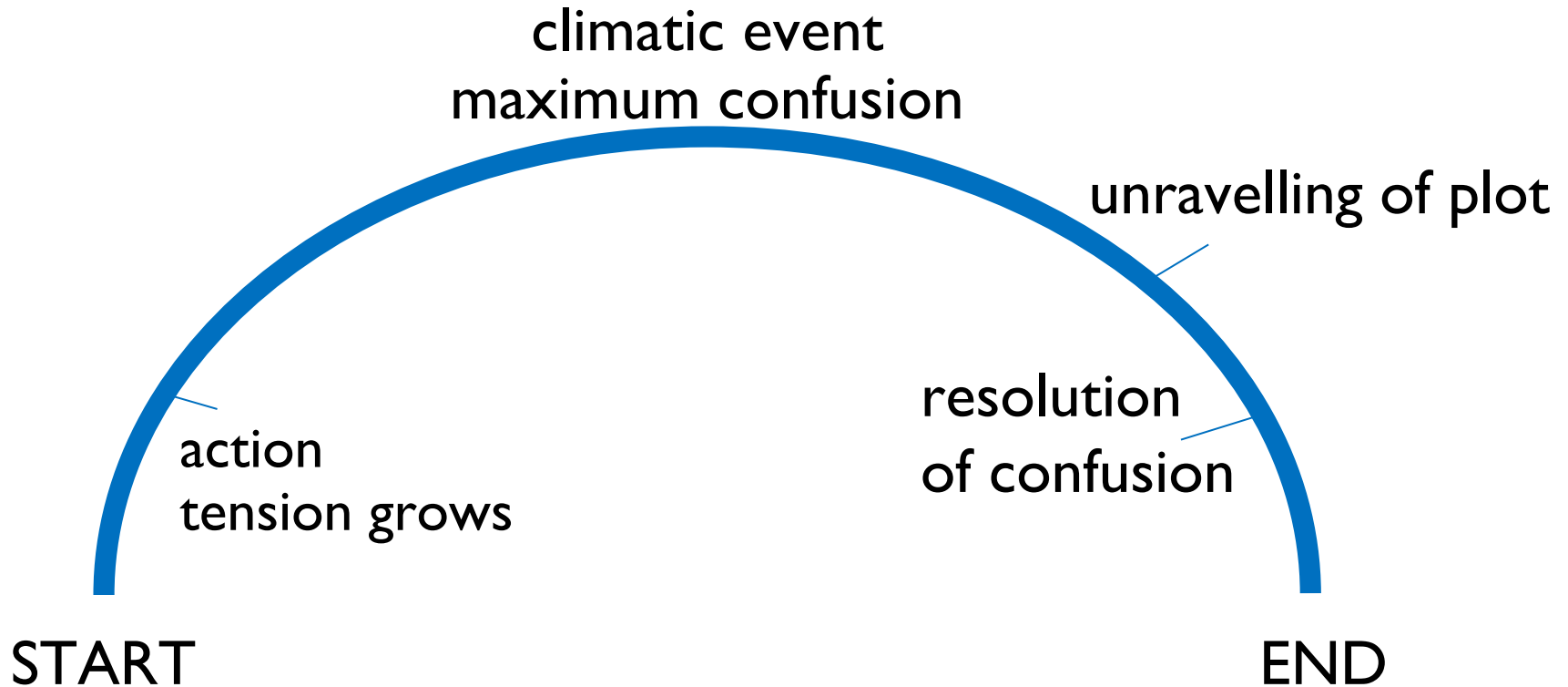
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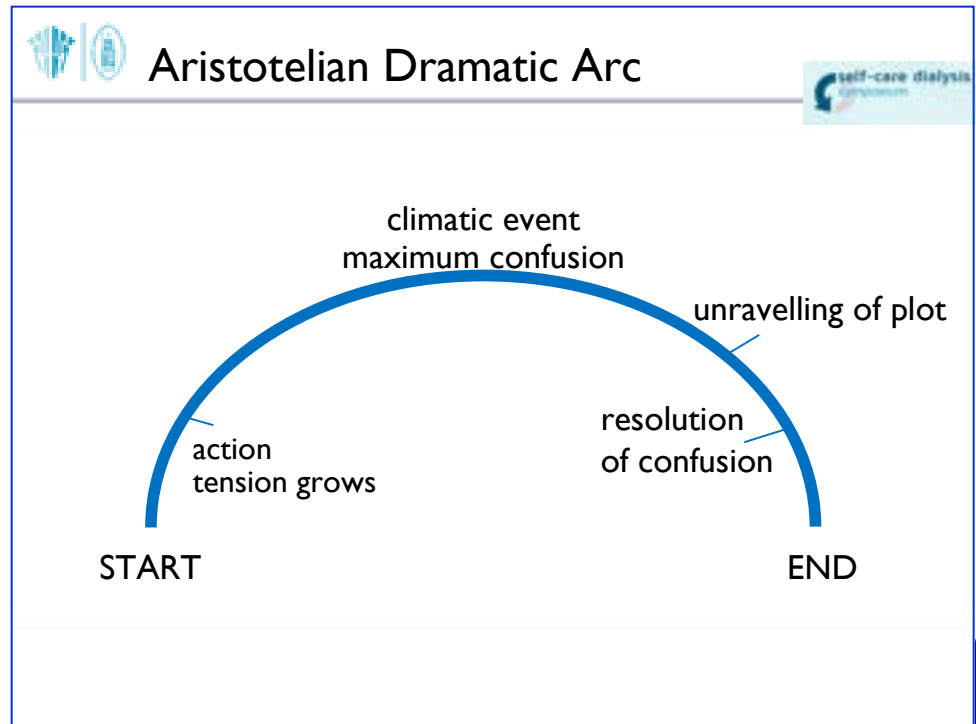
# Aristotelian Dramatic Arc





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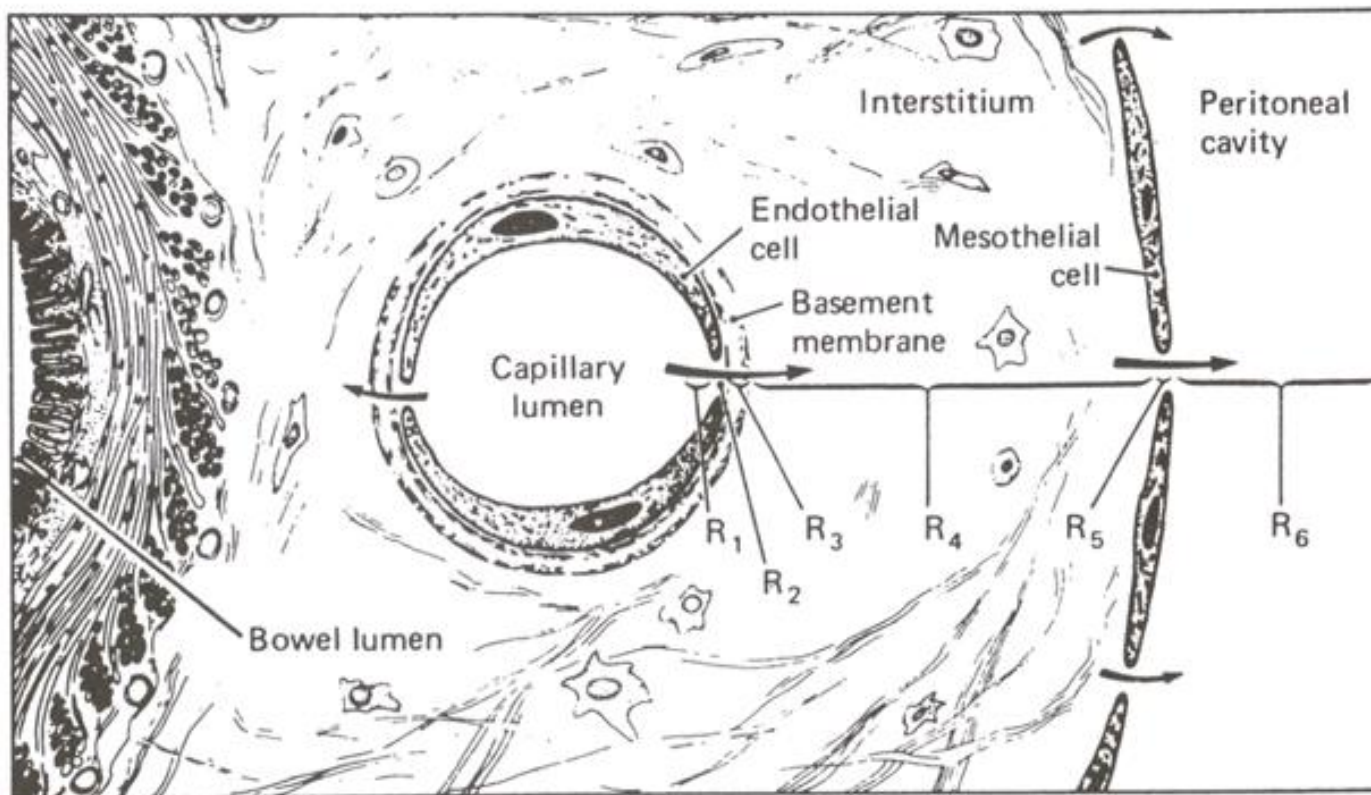
- Essential peritoneal membrane physiology
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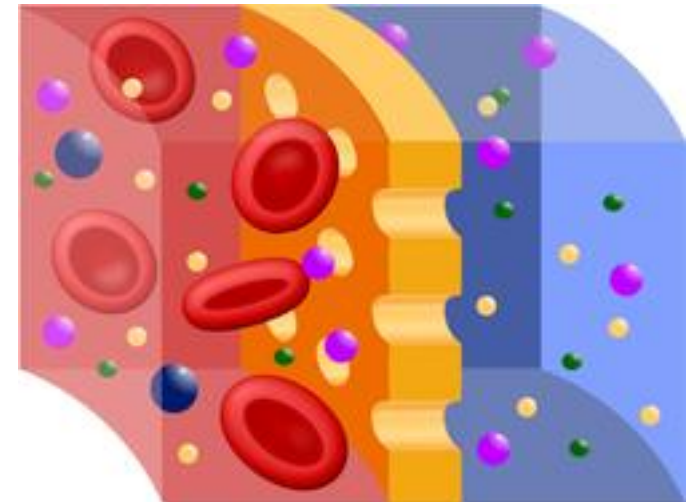
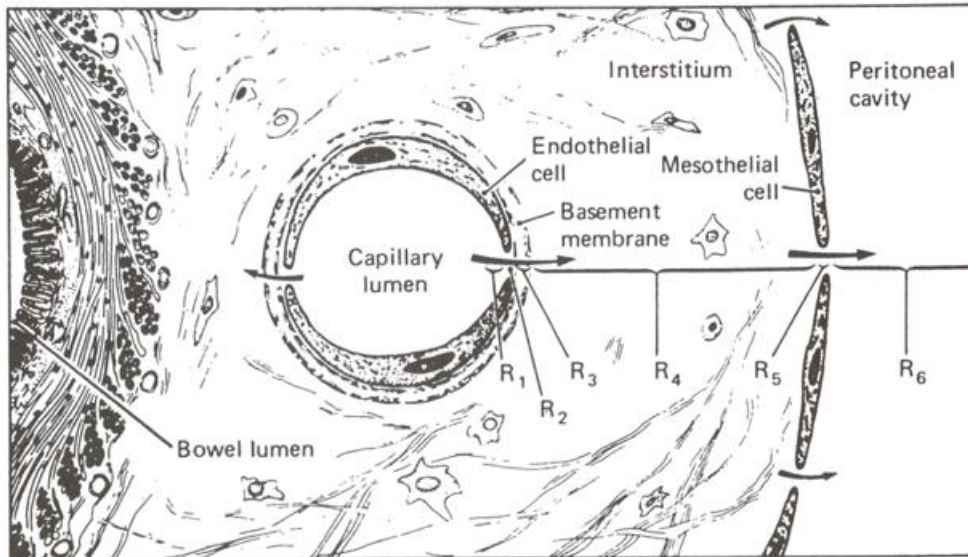
# '6 barriers for transport'

- Stagnant layers at mesothelial and capillary side: not relevant**
- Mesothelial cell layer: not relevant**
- Interstitial tissue: (minor) diffusive resistance**
- Capillary wall: most important restriction barrier**



**Capillary wall is the most important restriction barrier and determines the peritoneal membrane's size-selectivity through a system of pores**

**→ the "PORE THEORIES"**

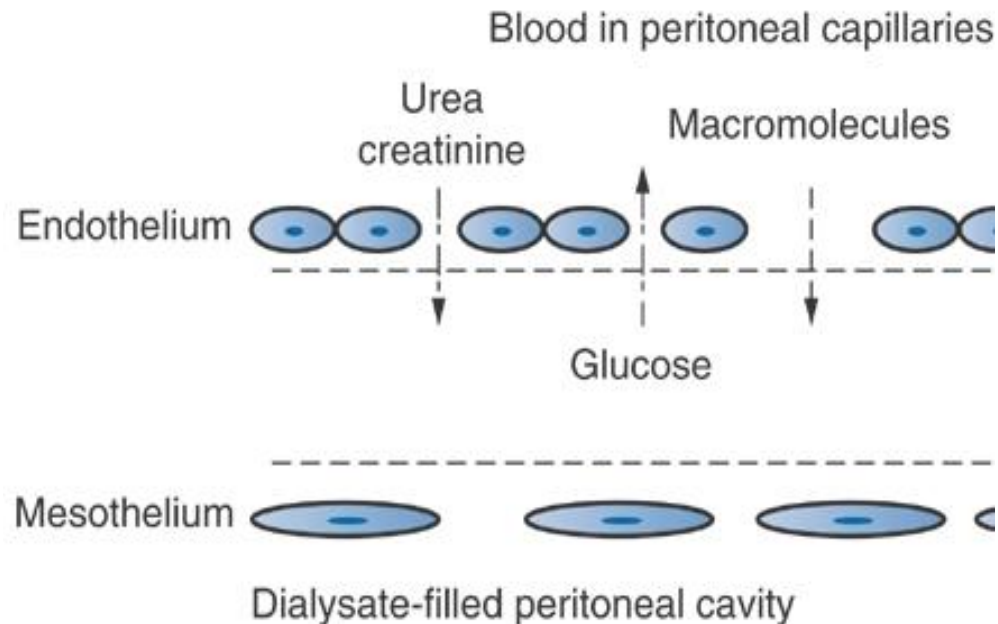




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**Small pores with constant radius 40-50Å  
(majority)  
for transport of low molecular weight solutes**

**Large pores with various radii, average  $> 150\text{Å}$   
(minority, less than 0.1% of total pore count)  
for transport of macromolecules**



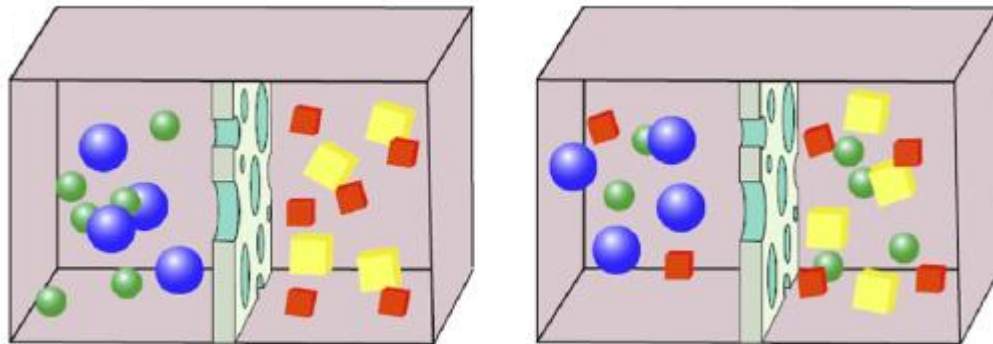


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## **DIFFUSION**

**movement of solutes along their concentration gradient**







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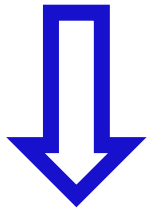


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$$J_s = \text{MTAC} \cdot \Delta C$$

Transport of small molecules up to MW of  $\beta_2\text{M}$  (11,8 kDa)  
NOT limited by size of (large) pores



MTAC for a given solute **ONLY** determined by  
effective vascular peritoneal surface area (number of pores)



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**However, it does not explain all aspects of the convective transport of molecules and ultrafiltration.**

**SOLUTE REMOVAL**

**ULTRAFILTRATION**



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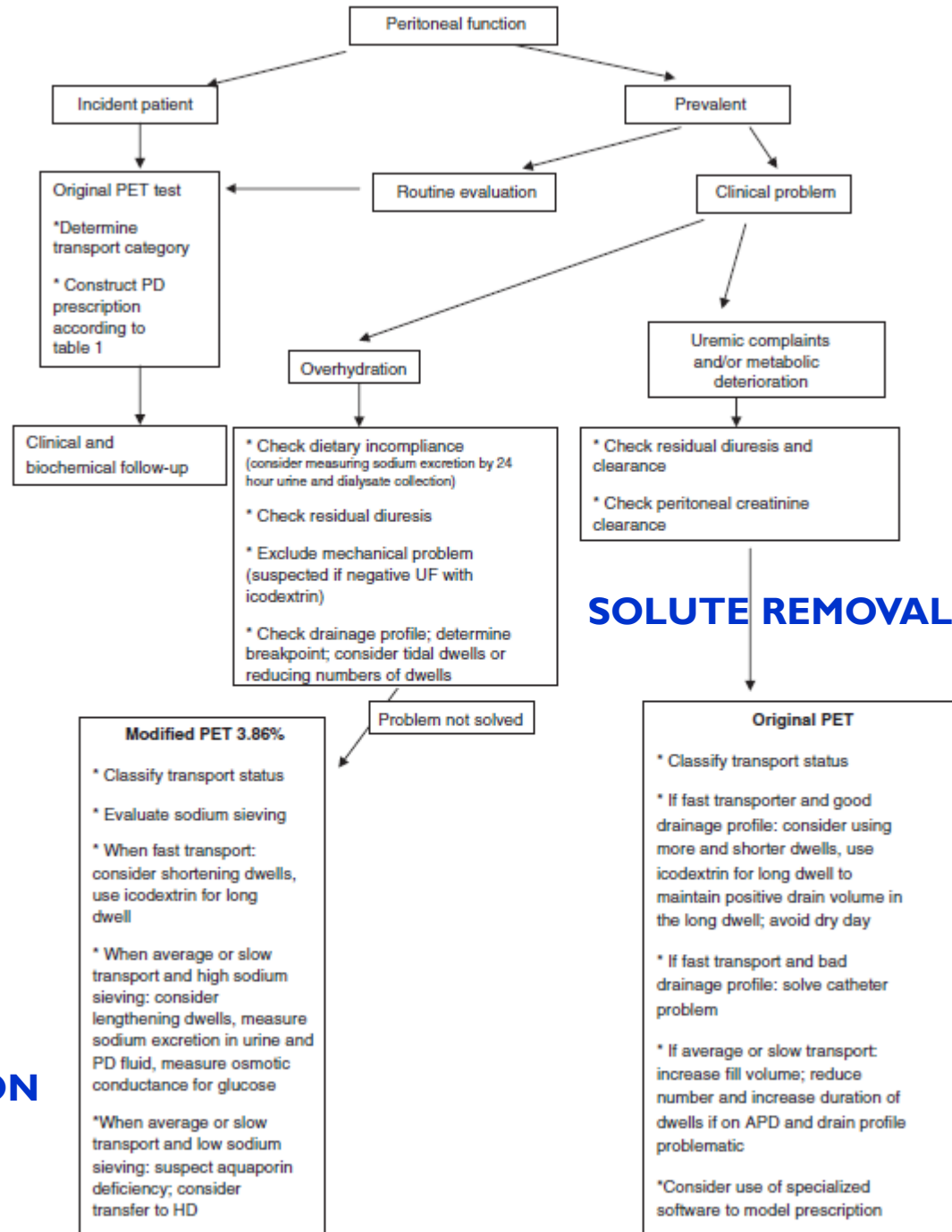
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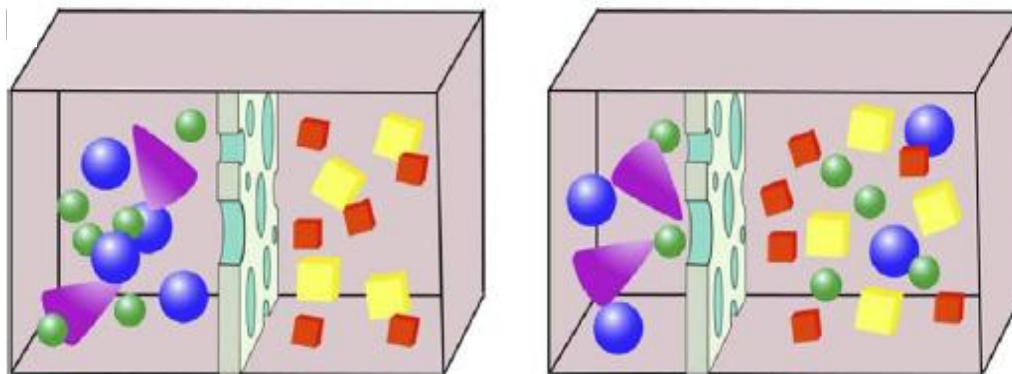
## **CONVECTION**

**movement of solutes along with fluid as it moves across the membrane (solvent drag)**





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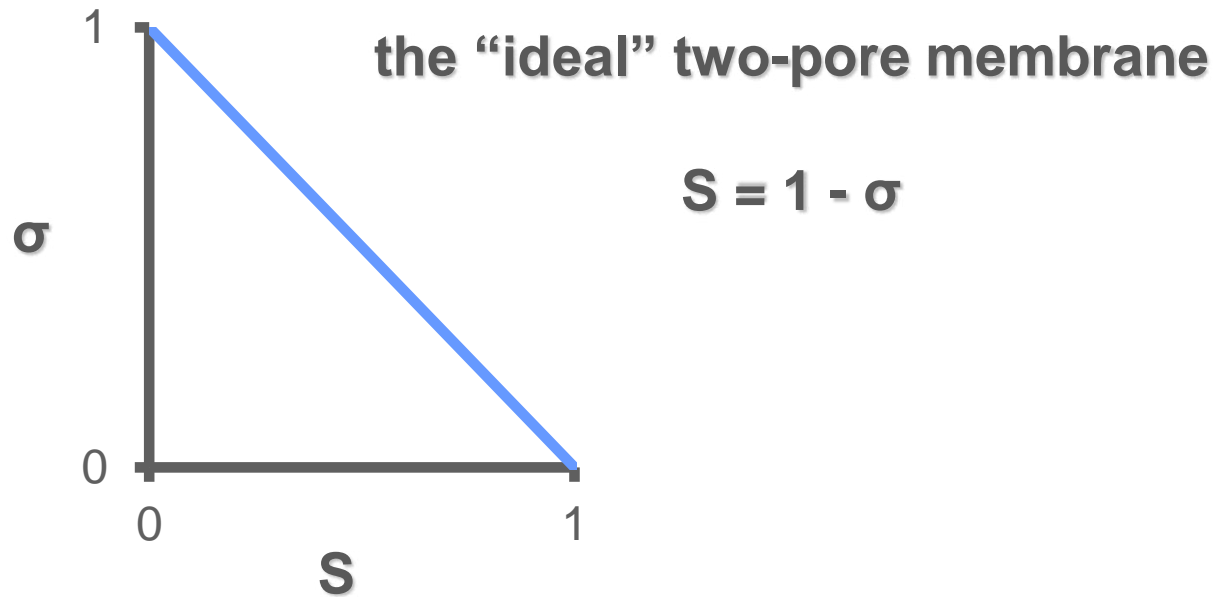


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= **fraction of maximal osmotic pressure a solute can exert across a semi-permeable membrane**



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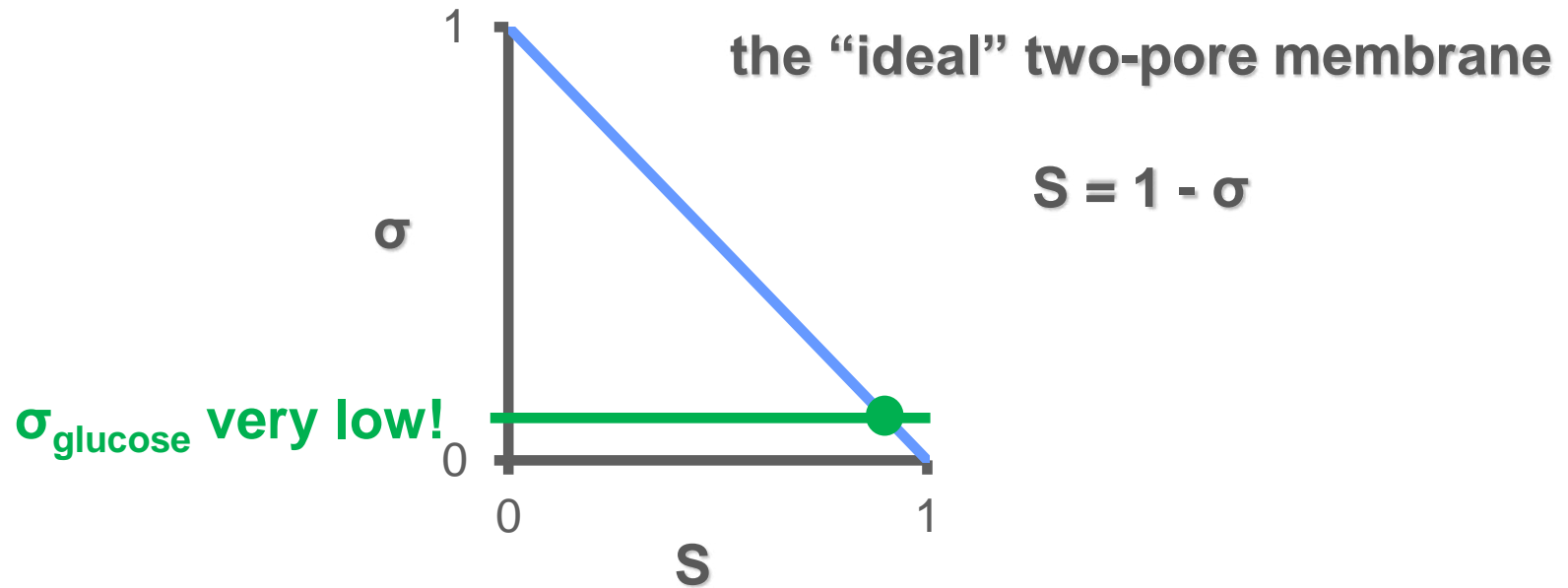
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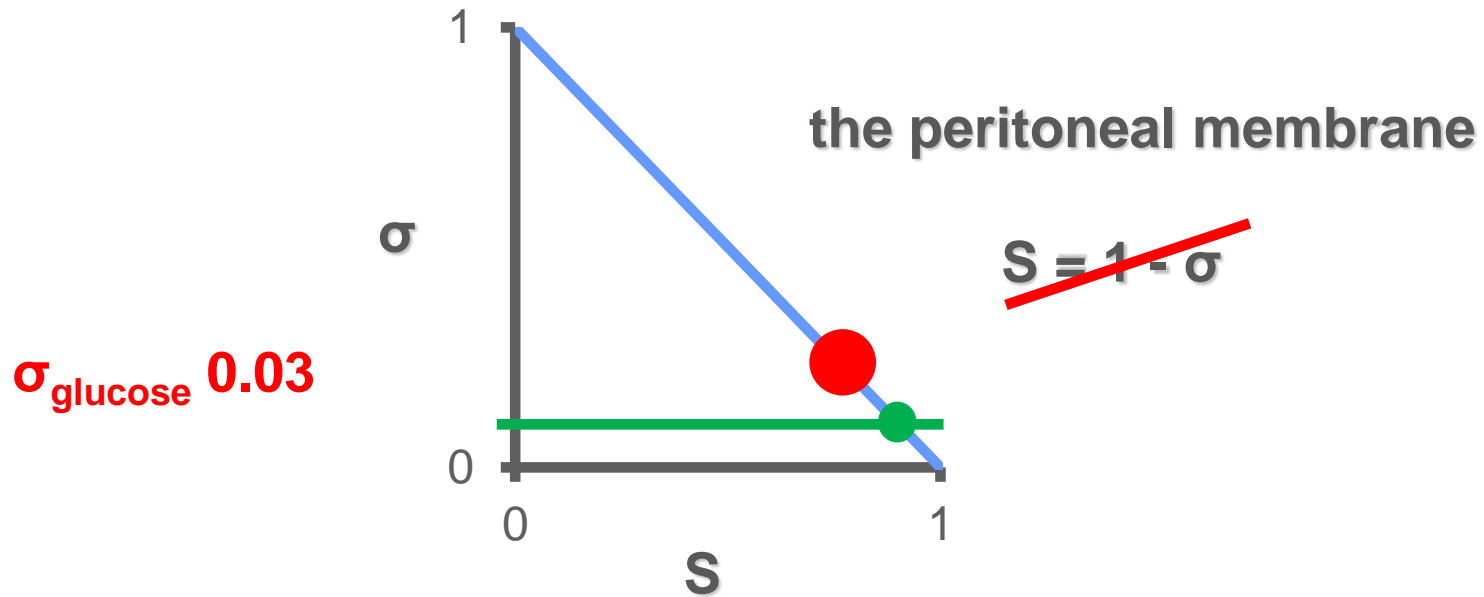




# Apparent $\sigma_{\text{glucose}} = \text{higher}$

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However, the peritoneal membrane seems not to fulfill this “ideal semi-permeable membrane” criteria.





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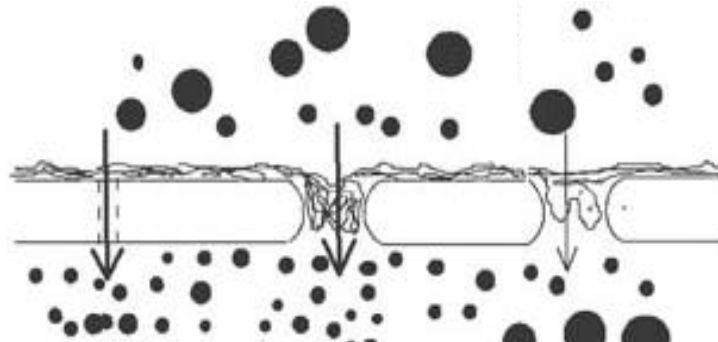
**Large pores with various radii, average > 150Å**

**Ultra-small pores with radius 3-5Å**

**for transport of water only**

**accounts for 1/2 of transcapillary water transport**

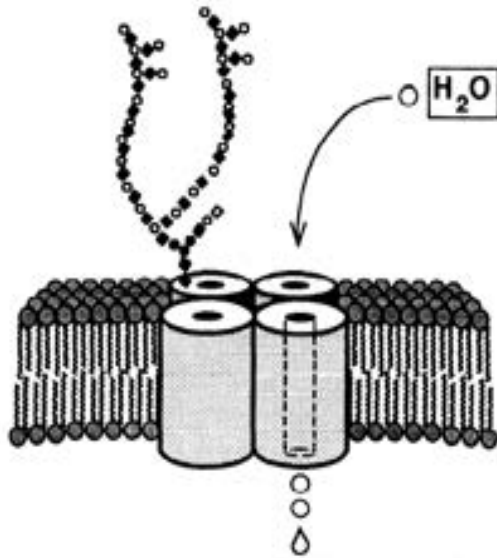
**(explains good osmotic properties of glucose)**





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## AQUAPORIN-1

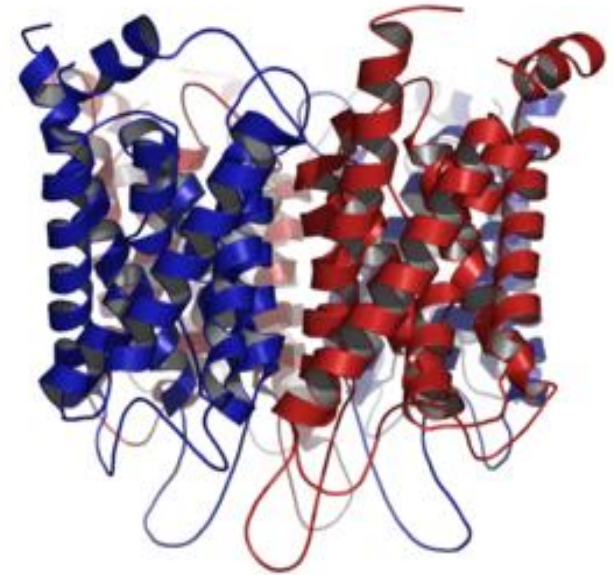
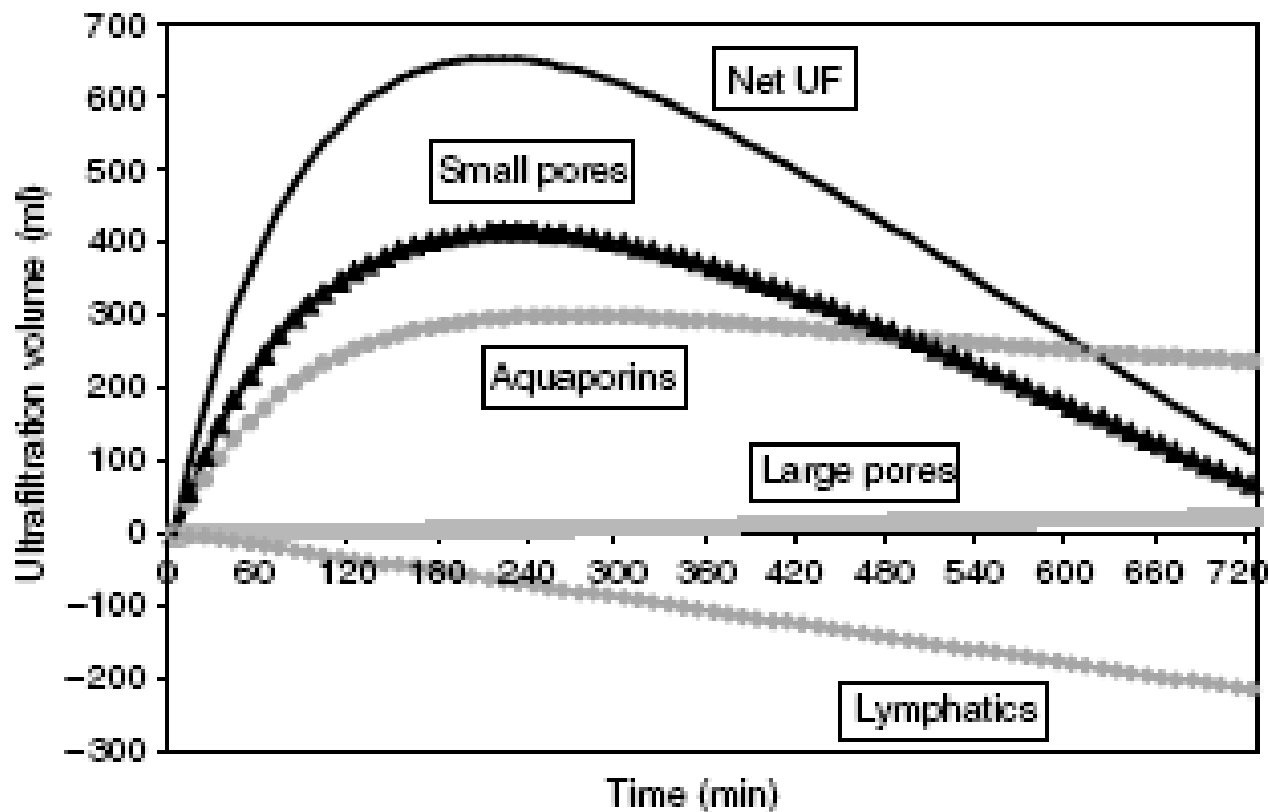


Fig. 1. Schematic model representing CHIP integral membrane protein within the membrane lipid bilayer. Notable features include 1) homotetrameric complex with 1 subunit bearing a polylactosaminoglycan, 2) minimal polypeptide mass extending above or below the lipid bilayer, and 3) possible individual water pore within each subunit.



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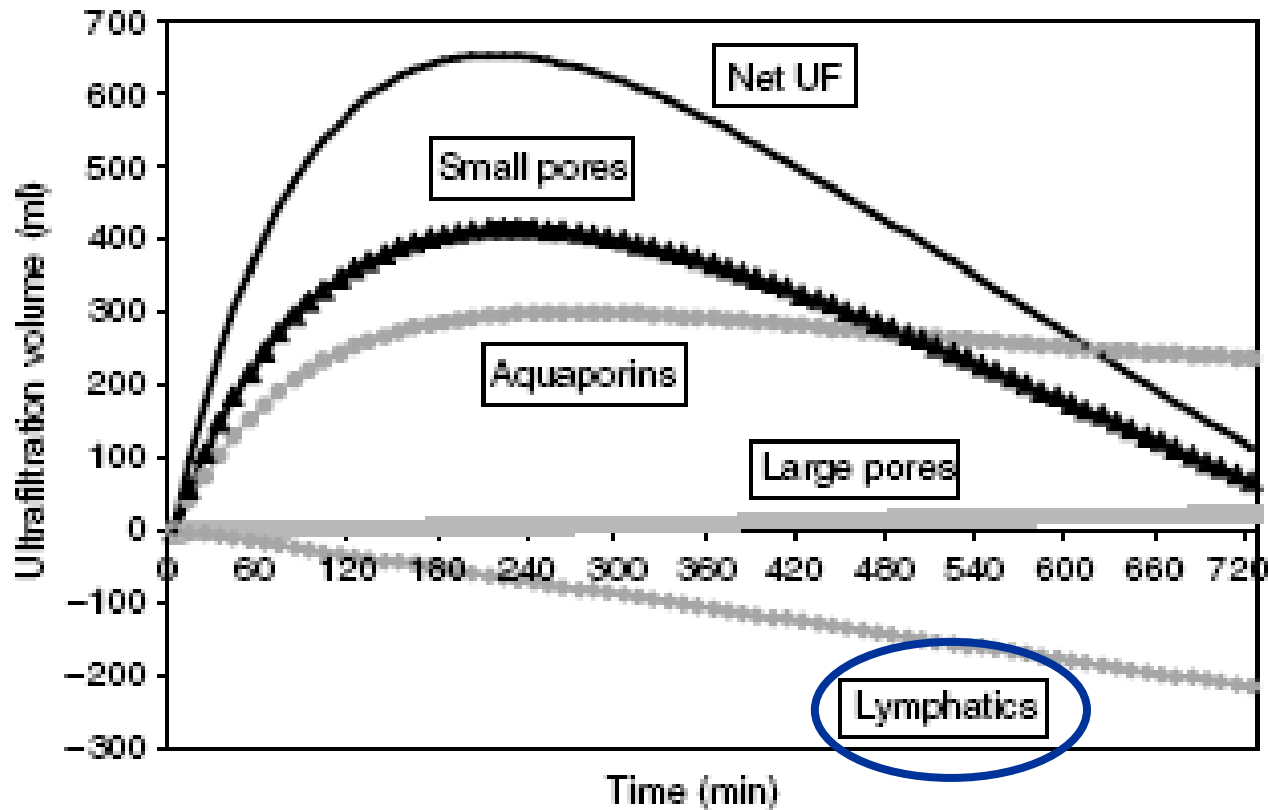
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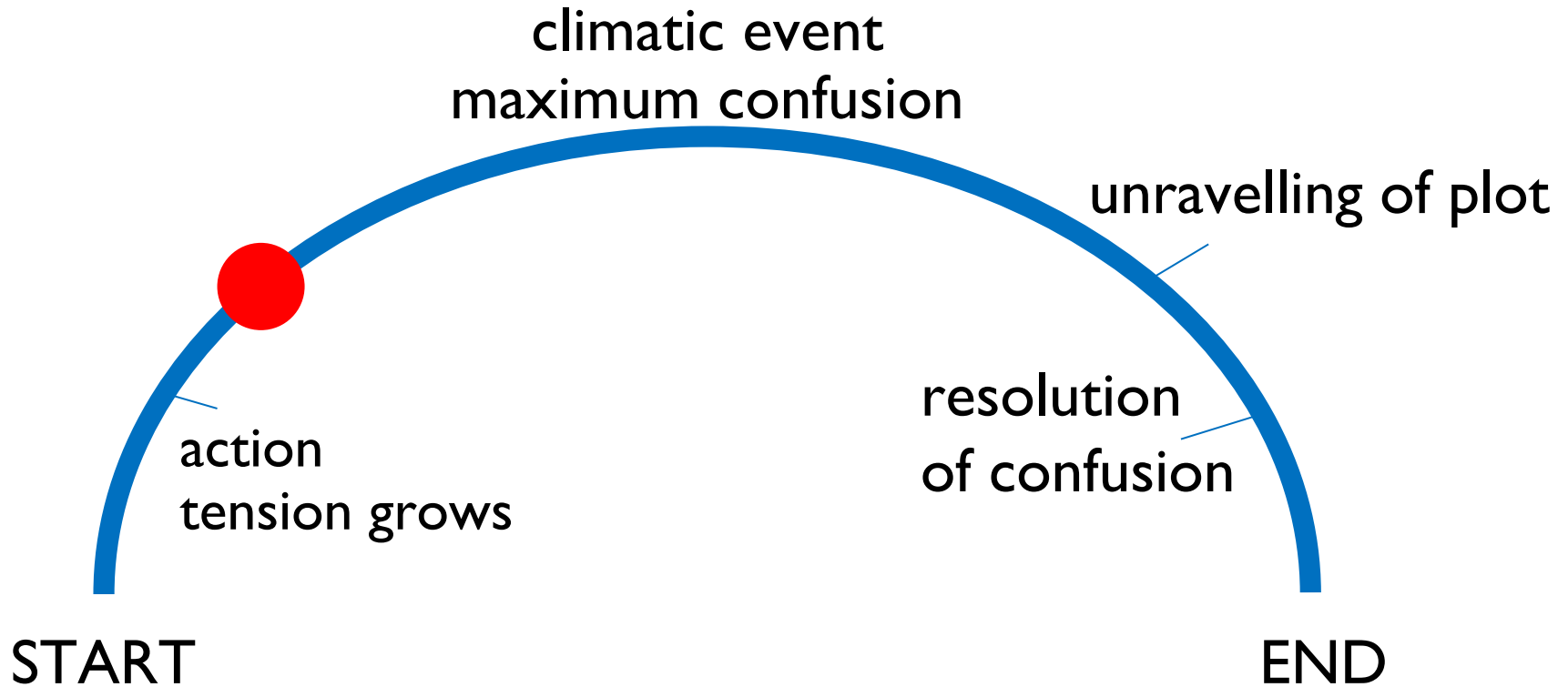
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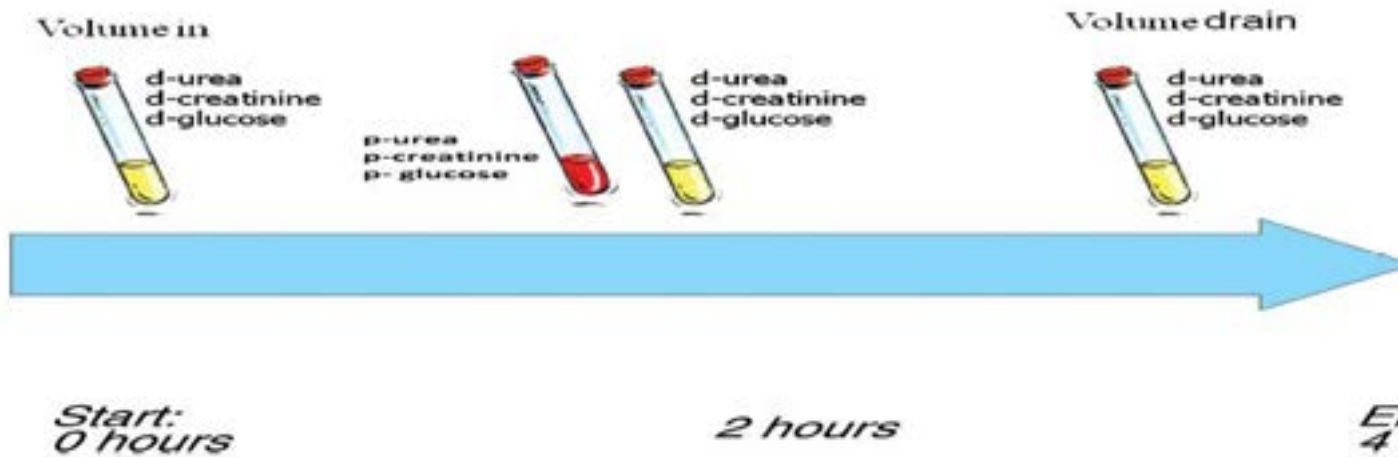


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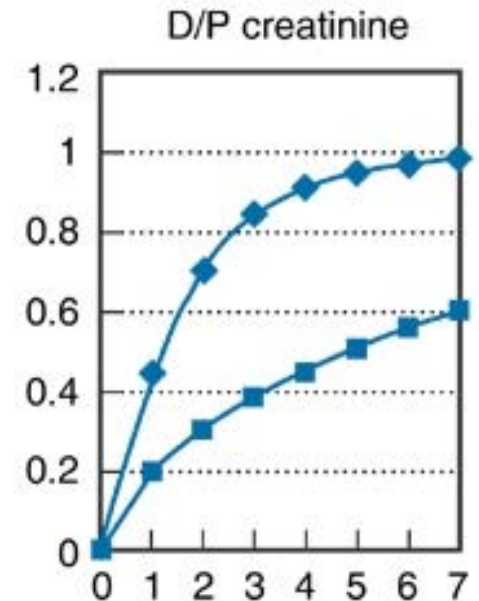


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## SOLUTE TRANSPORT

(D/P creatinine reflects effective vascular surface area, rather than the intrinsic permeability of the membrane!)



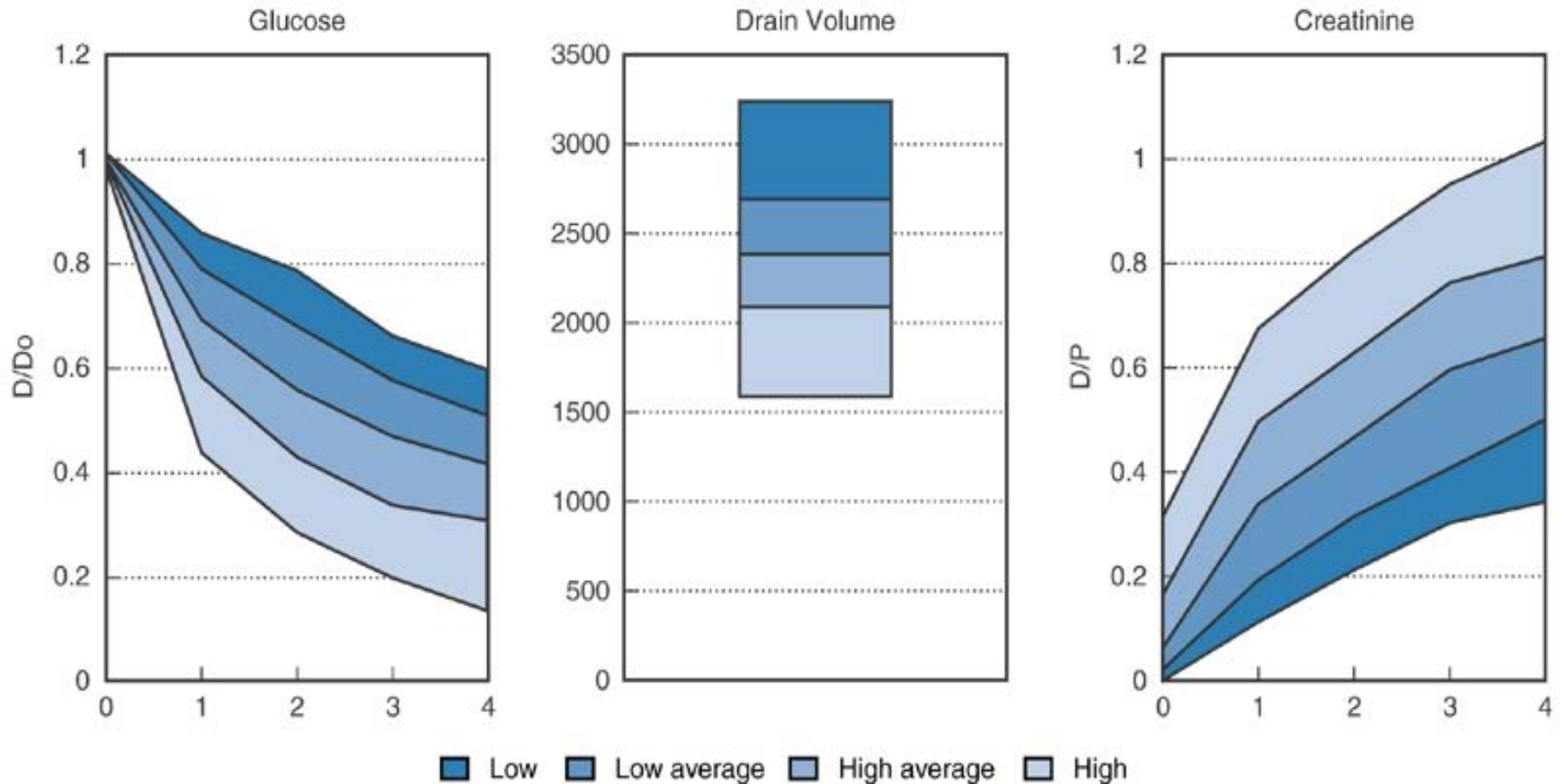




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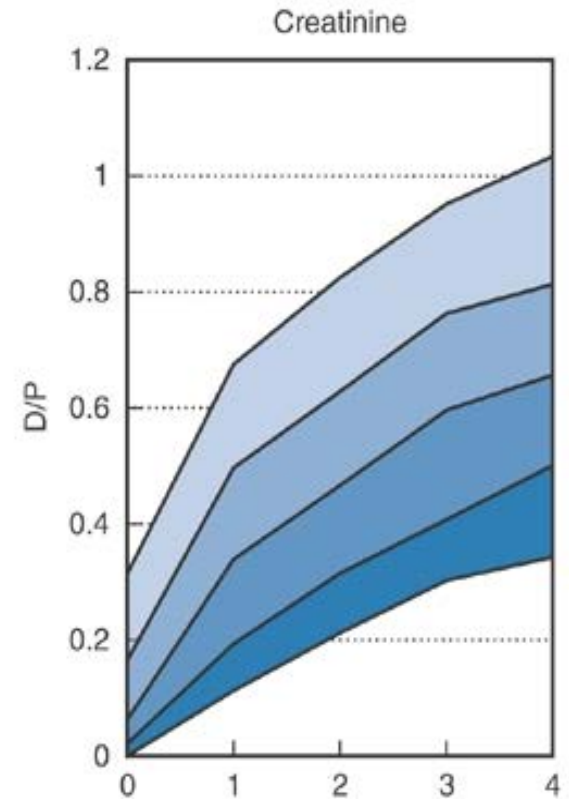
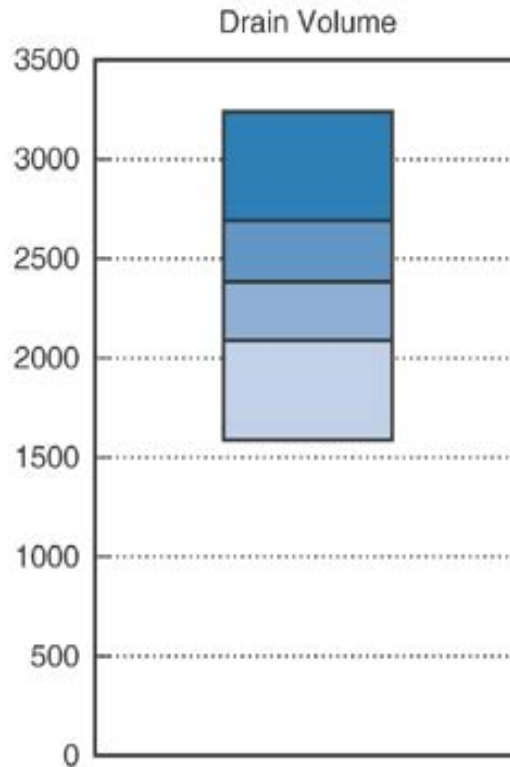
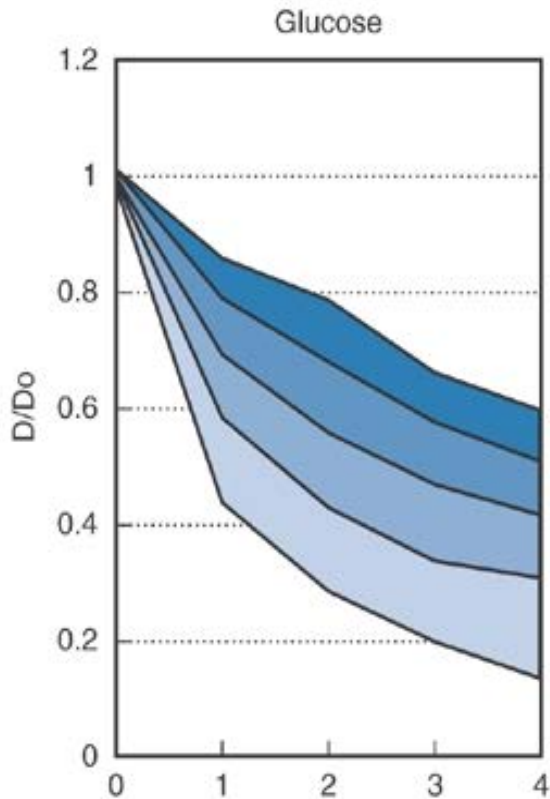
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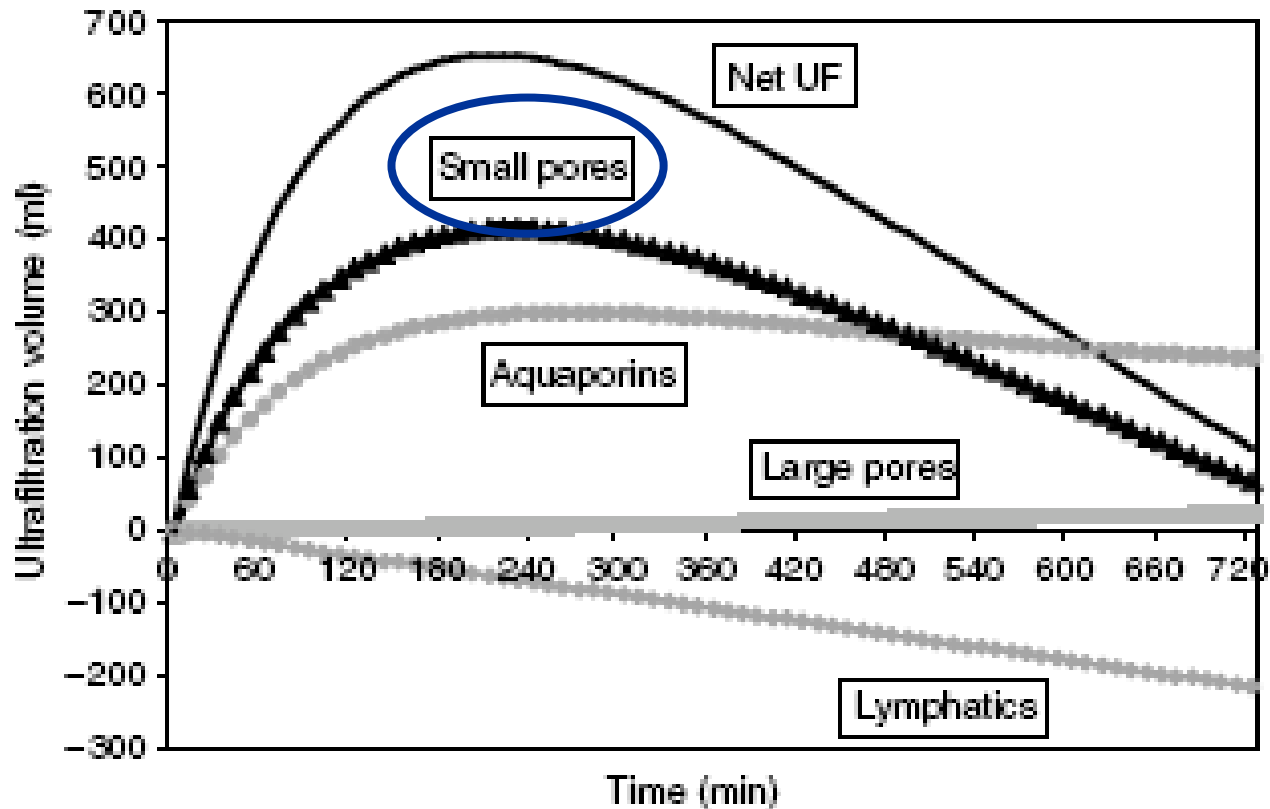


■ Low ■ Low average ■ High average ■ High



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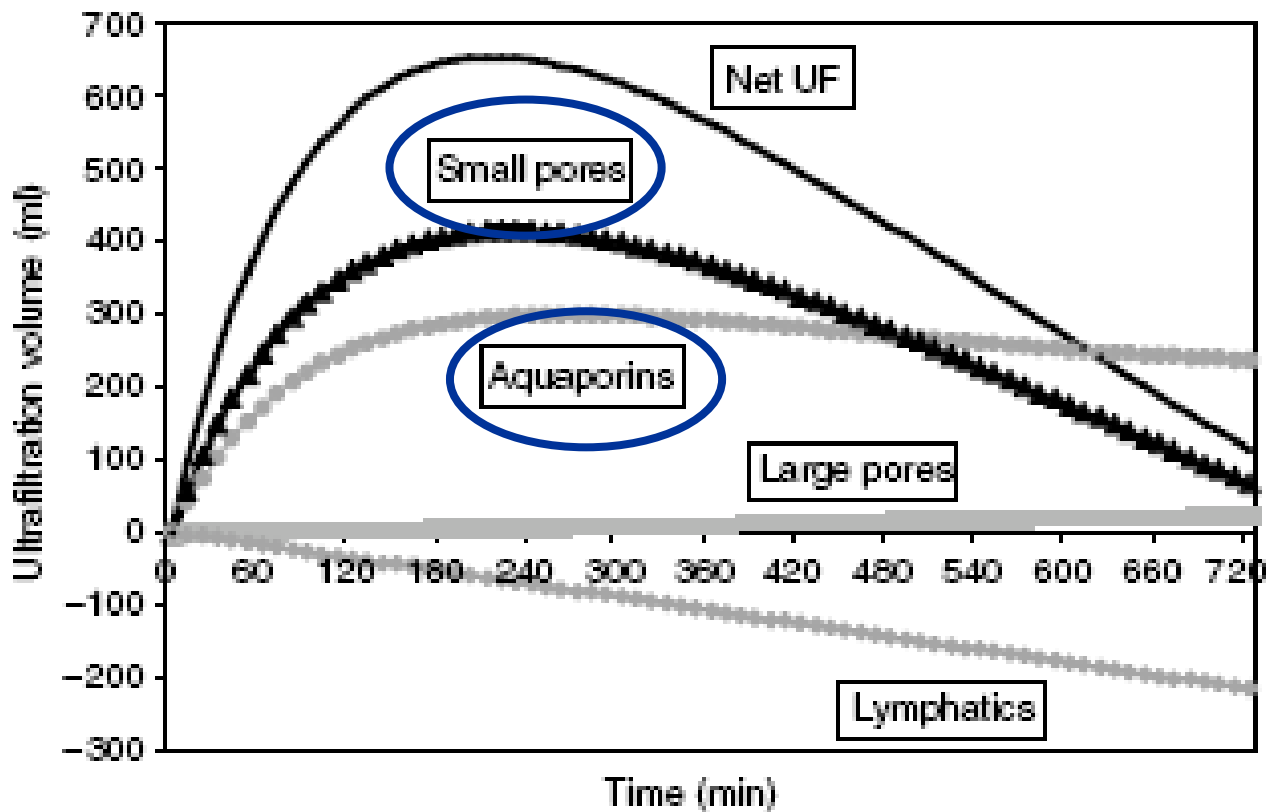
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# The aquaporins?

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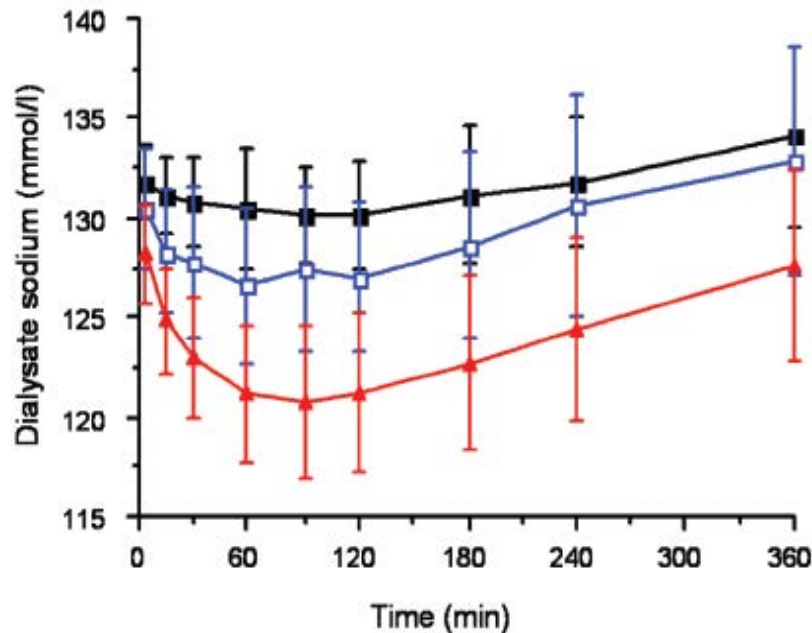
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**With a hypertonic dialysate solution, dialysate Na<sup>+</sup> concentration will decrease initially due to water-only transport across aquaporins.**

**= SODIUM SIEVING**

Time profile  $D/P_{\text{sodium}}$ ,  $D_{\text{sodium}}$   
(or  $D/D_0$  or  $\Delta D_{\text{sodium}}$  at 1 hour)  
CAN BE USED TO ASSESS THE  
CONTRIBUTION OF AQUAPORIN  
TRANSPORT TO ULTRAFILTRATION

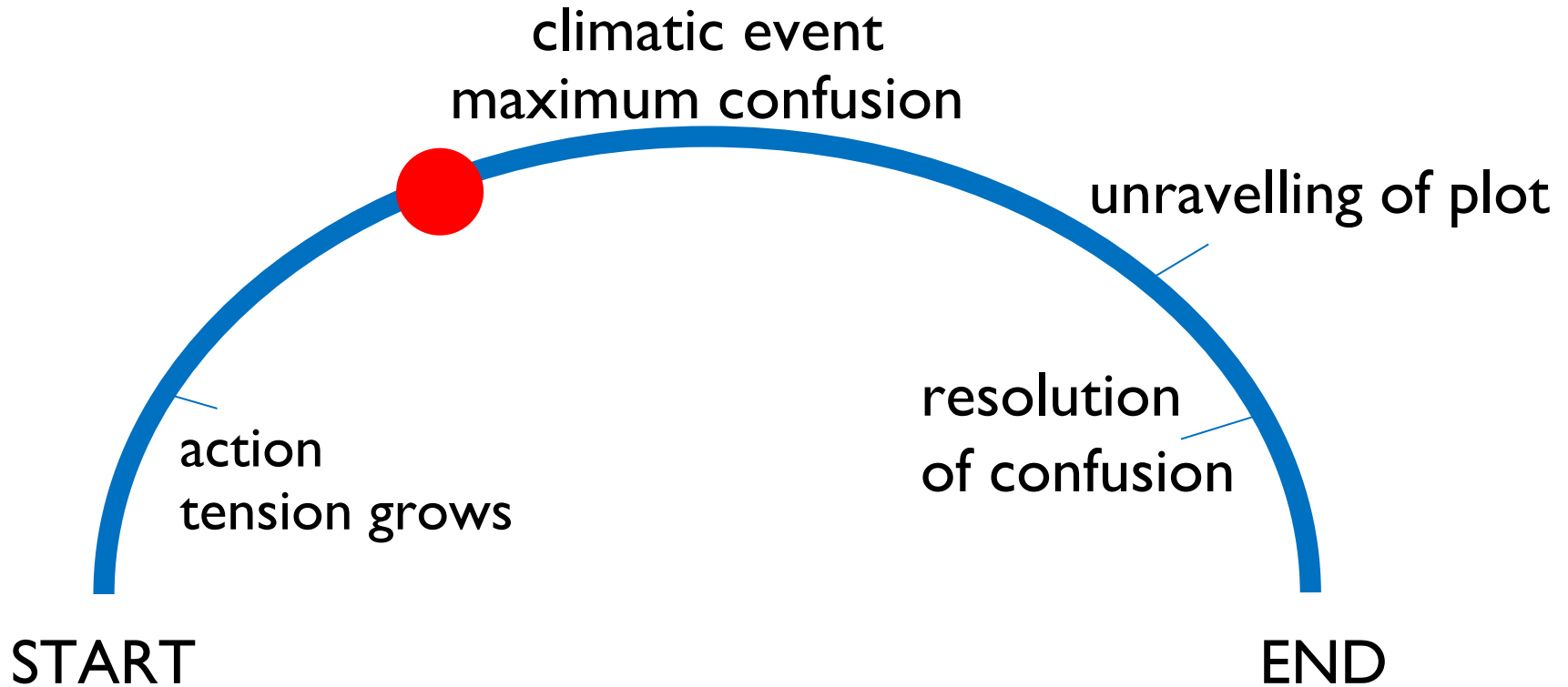
ISPD definition of UF failure =  
< 400ml UF after 4 hours of 3.86% glucose



Black: 1.36%; blue: 2.27%; red: 3.86% glucose solution



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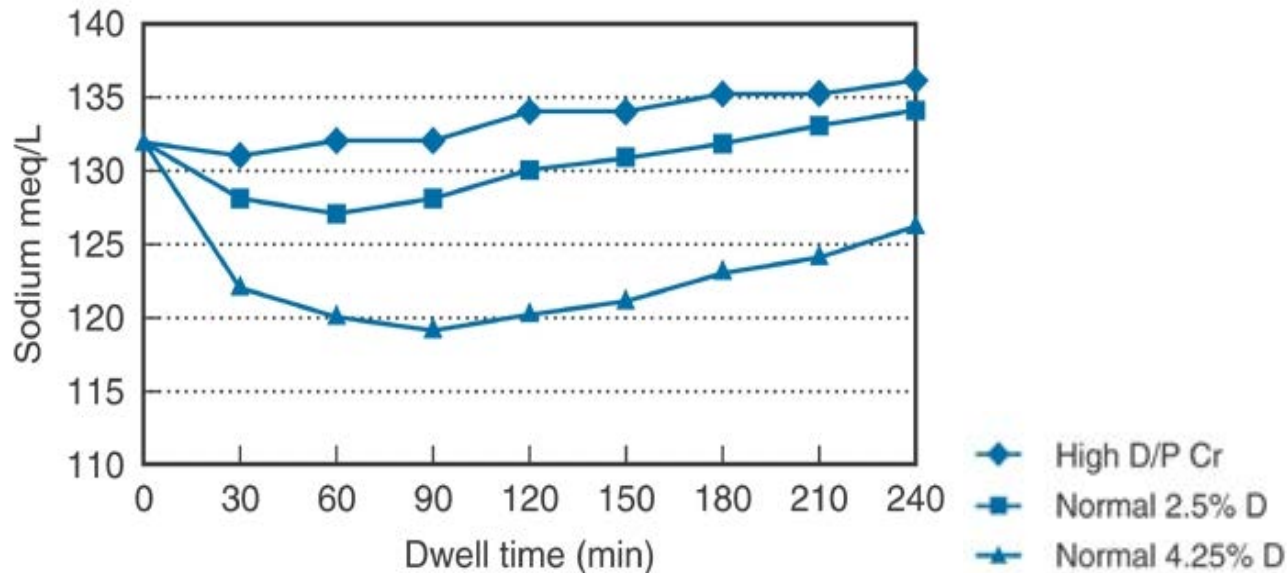


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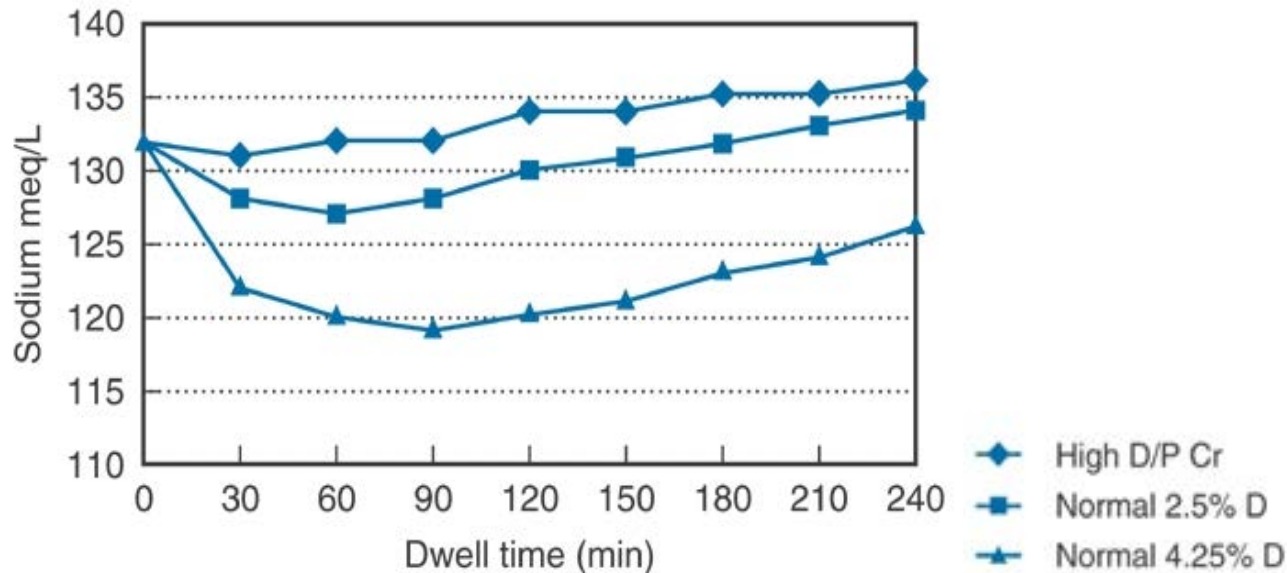
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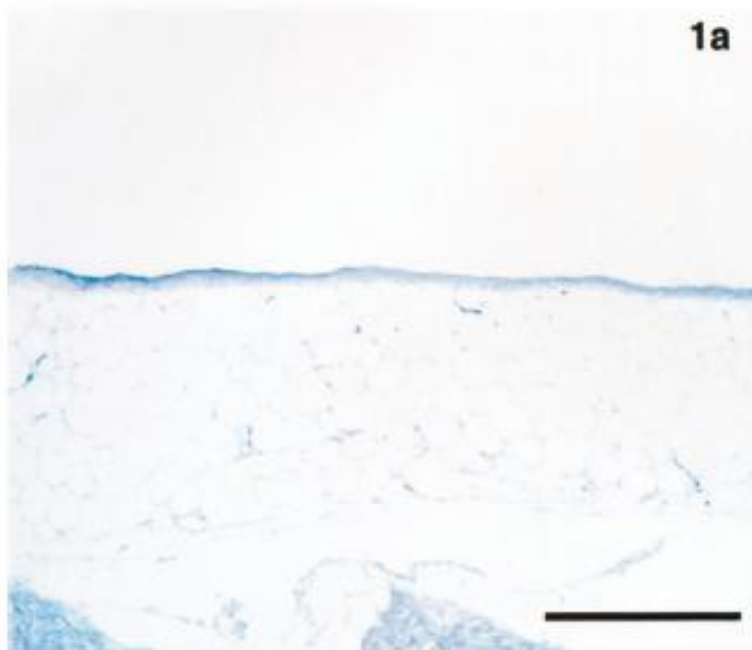




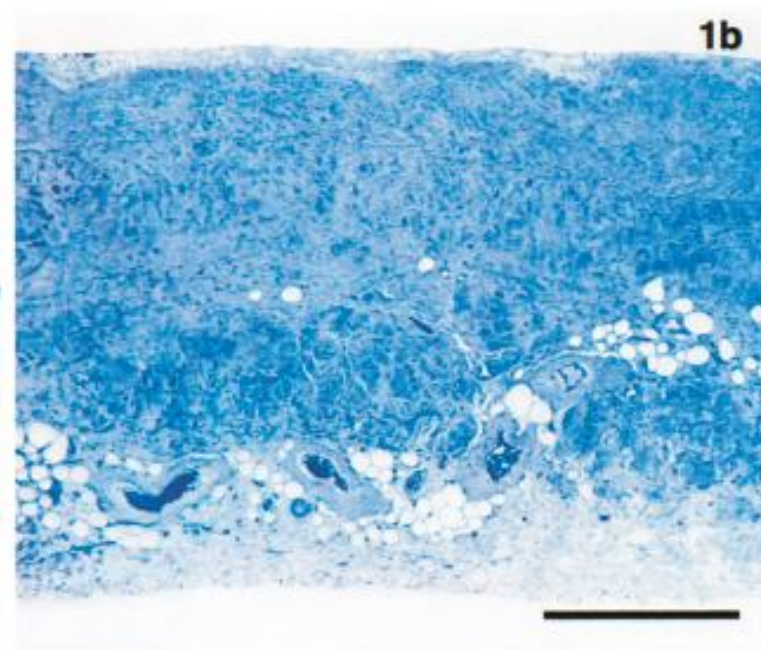


# Pore models: interstitium?

Morphological changes in peritoneal membrane  
**THICKNESS OF SUBMESOTHELIAL COMPACT ZONE**



Normal



After 9 years of PD

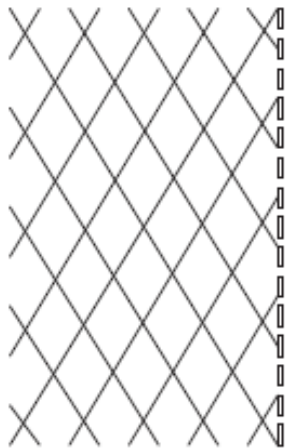


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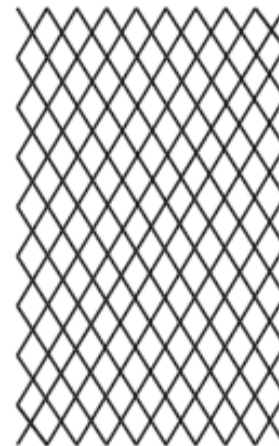


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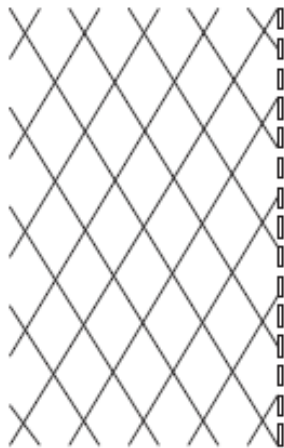
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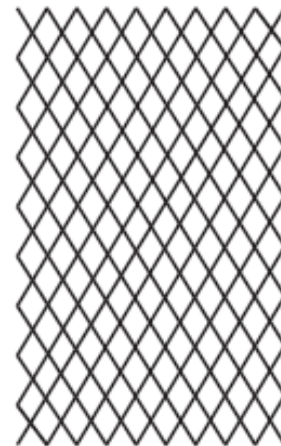
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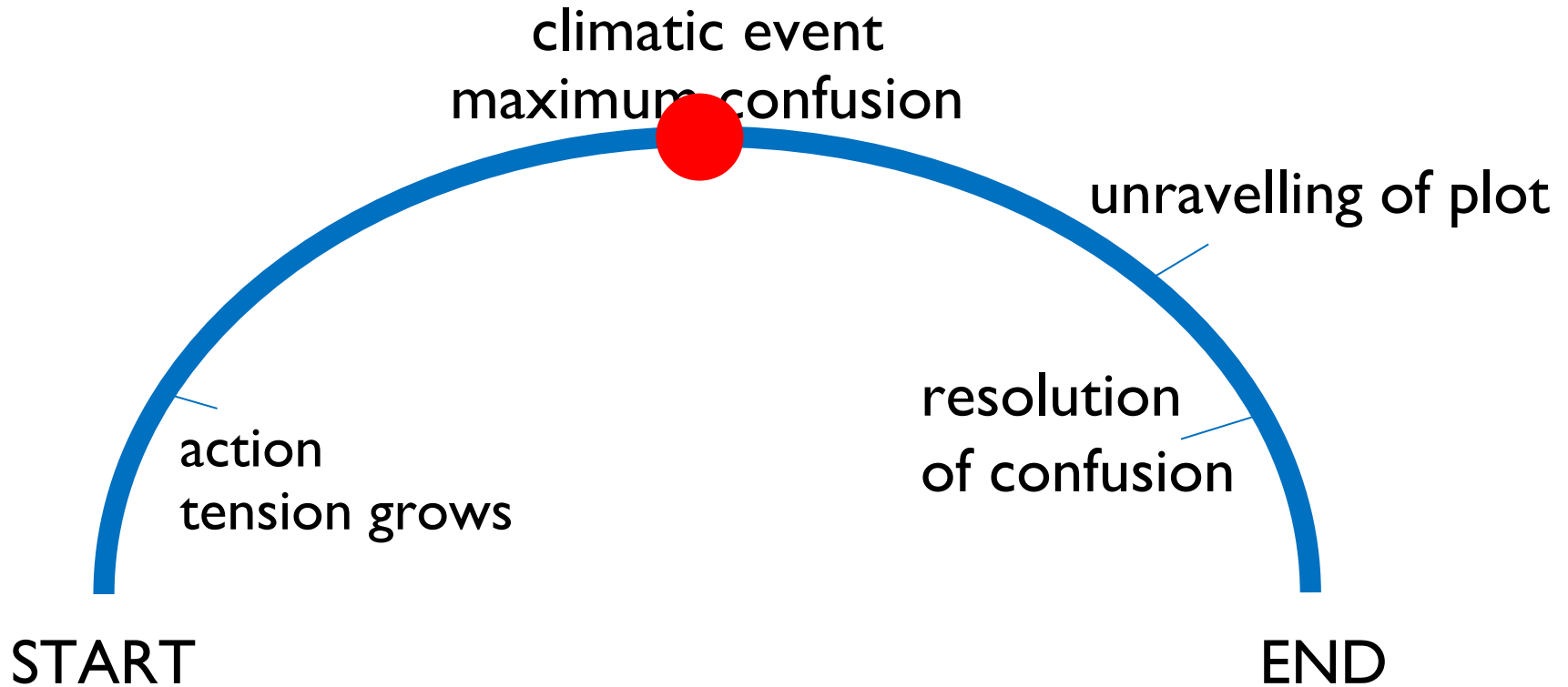
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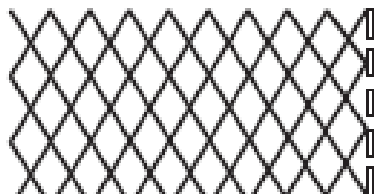
= the ability of glucose to exert an osmotic pressure sufficient to cause transperitoneal ultrafiltration

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Reflection coefficient of glucose

= lower in case of aquaporin dysfunction

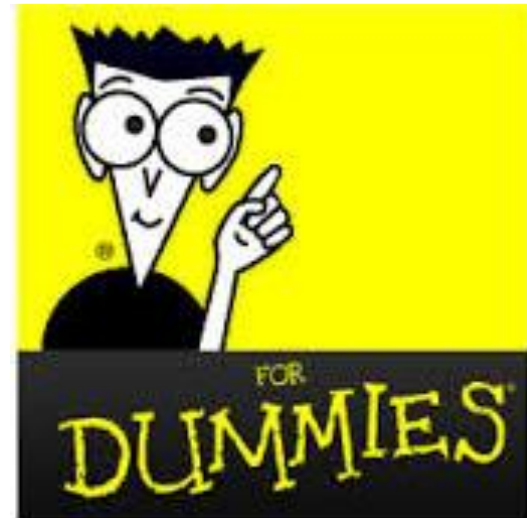
= lower in case of increased small solute transport

Surface area

= higher in case of increased small solute transport

Hydraulic conductivity

= lower in case of fibrosis





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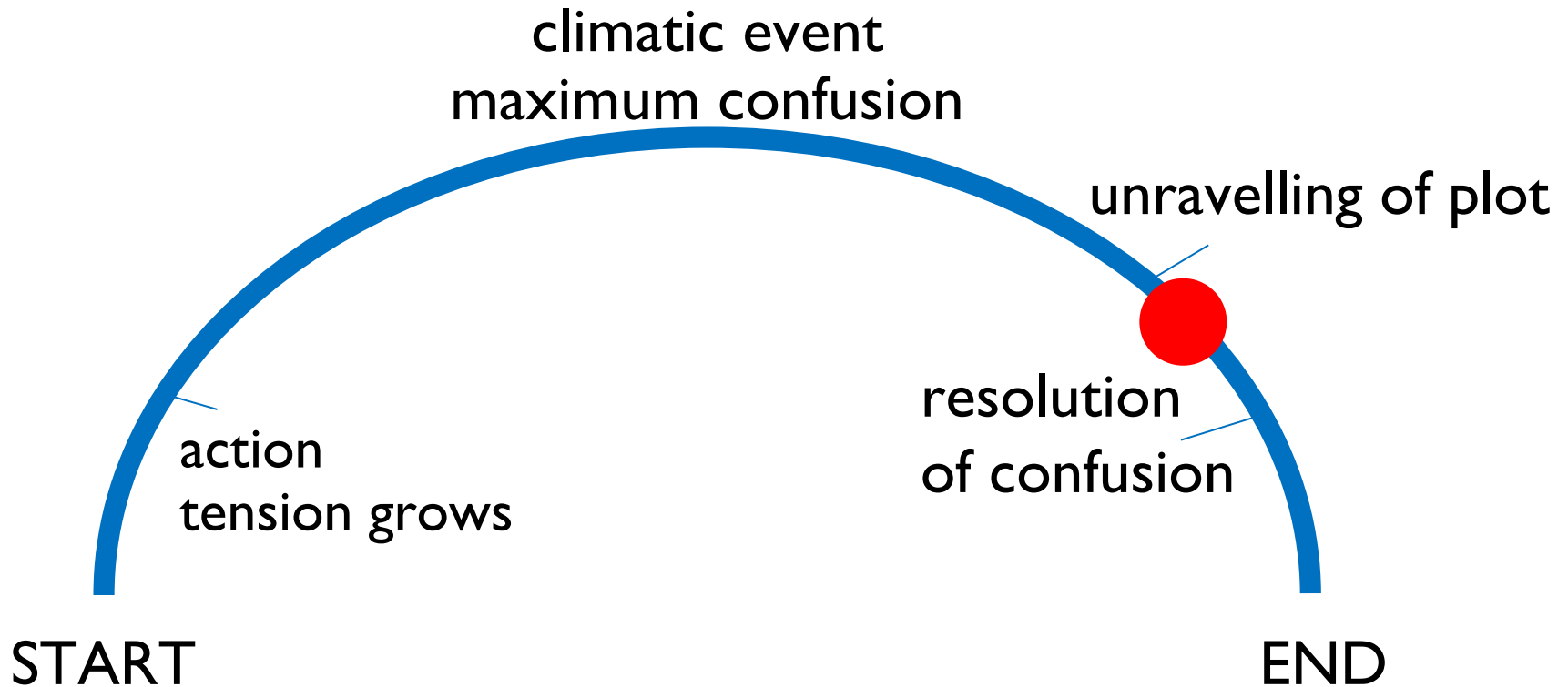
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**‘isolated aquaporin dysfunction probably non-existent’ (Rippe a.o.)**



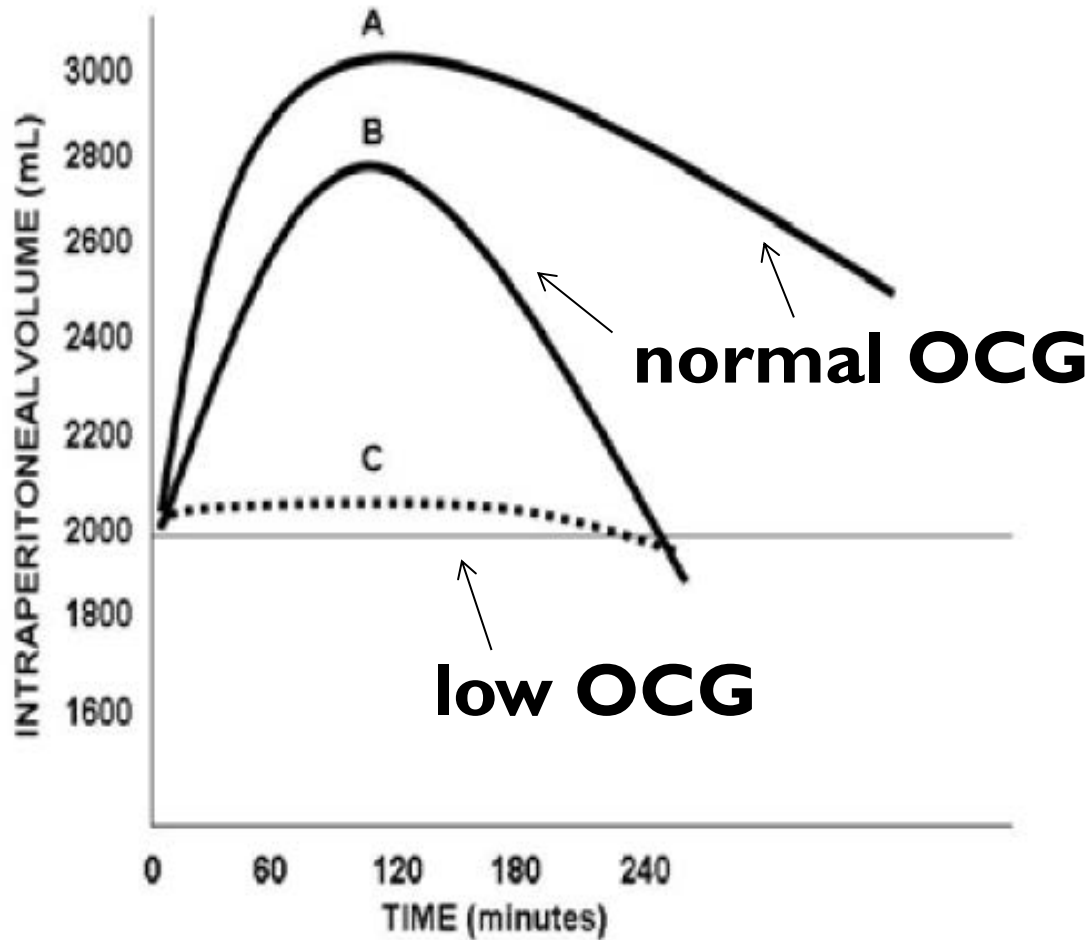


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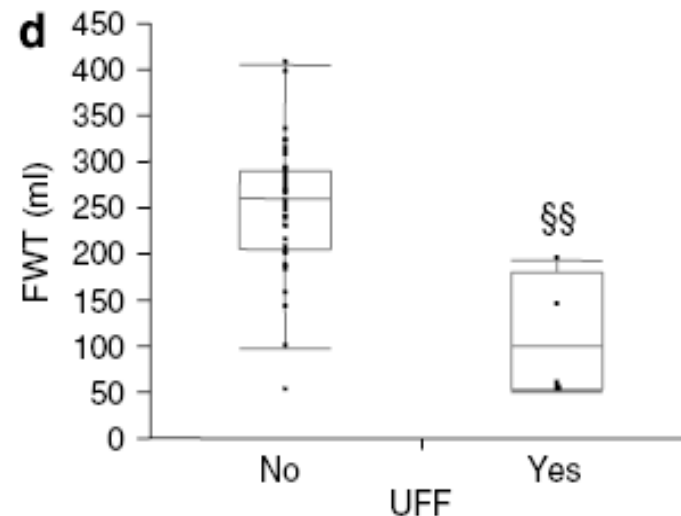
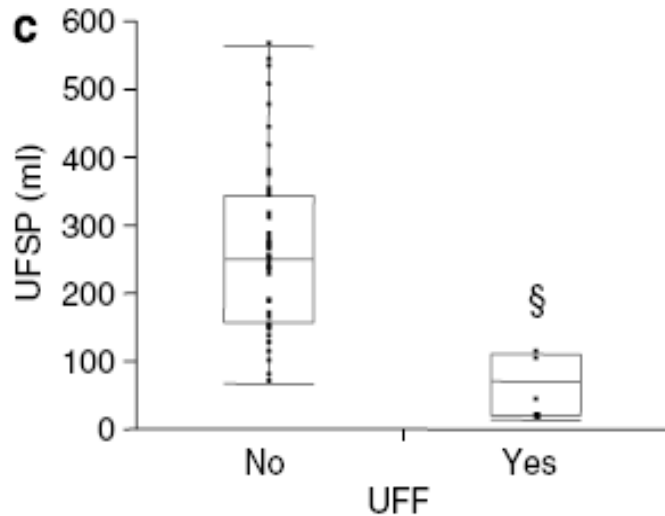
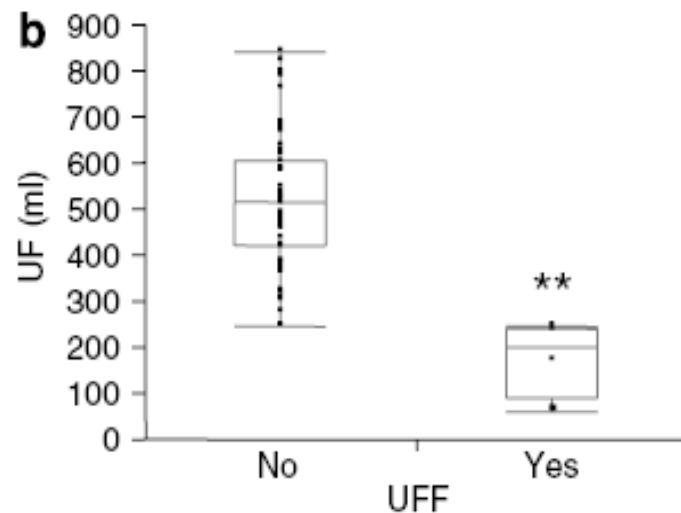
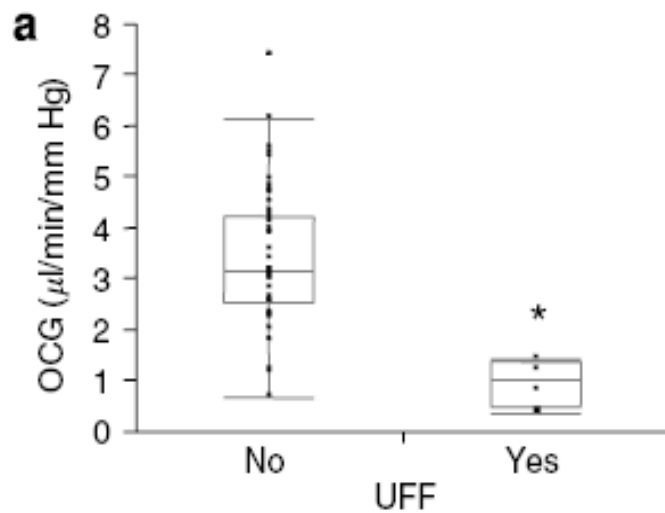


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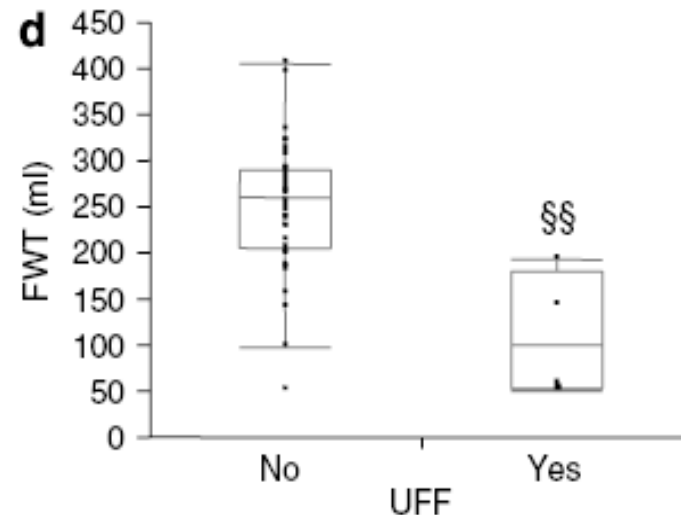
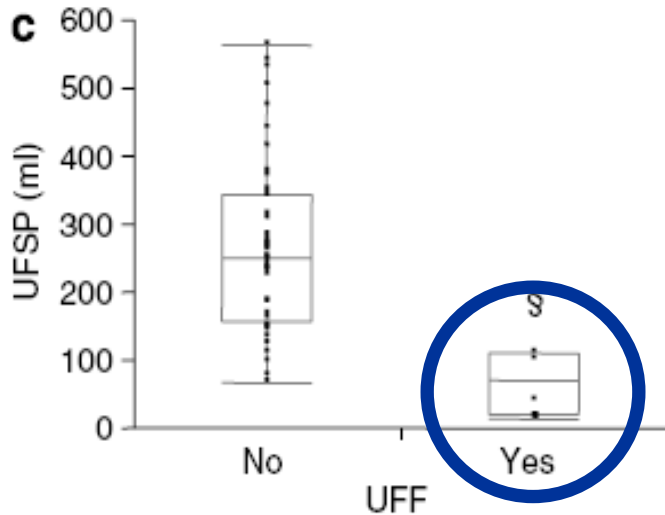
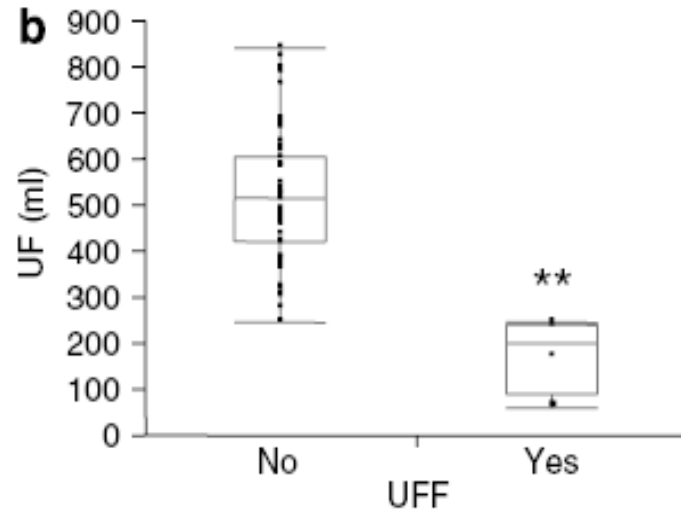
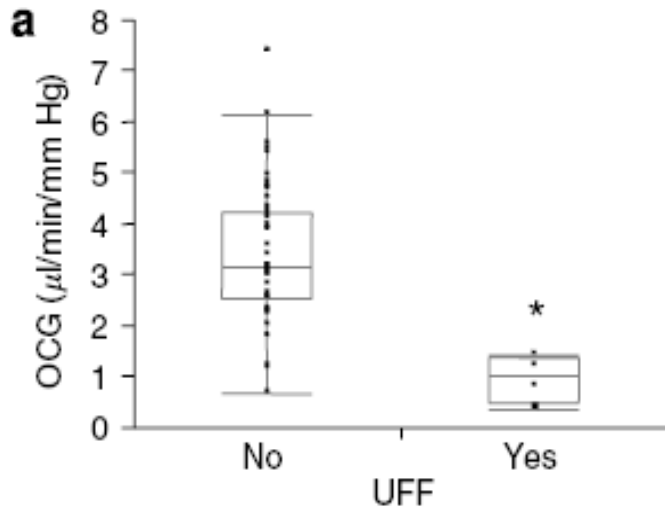
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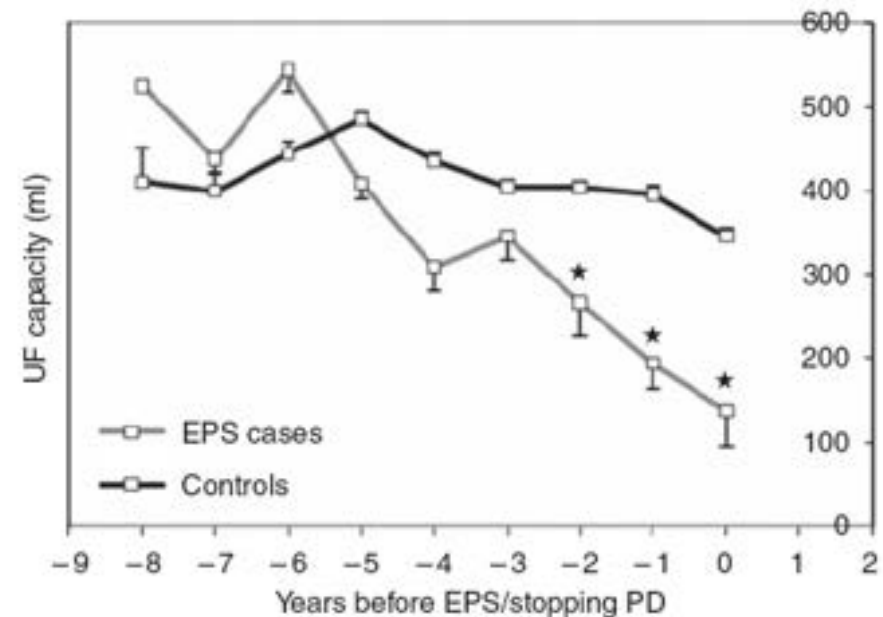
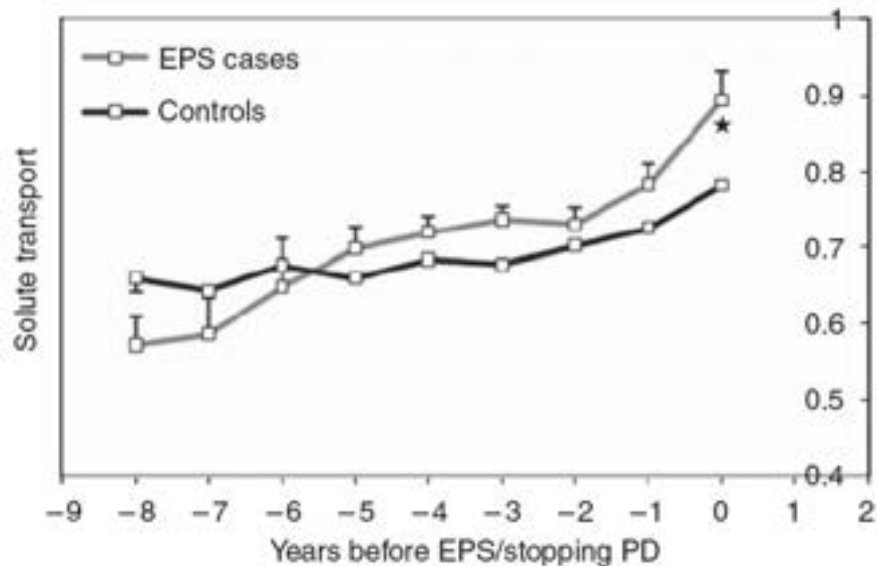
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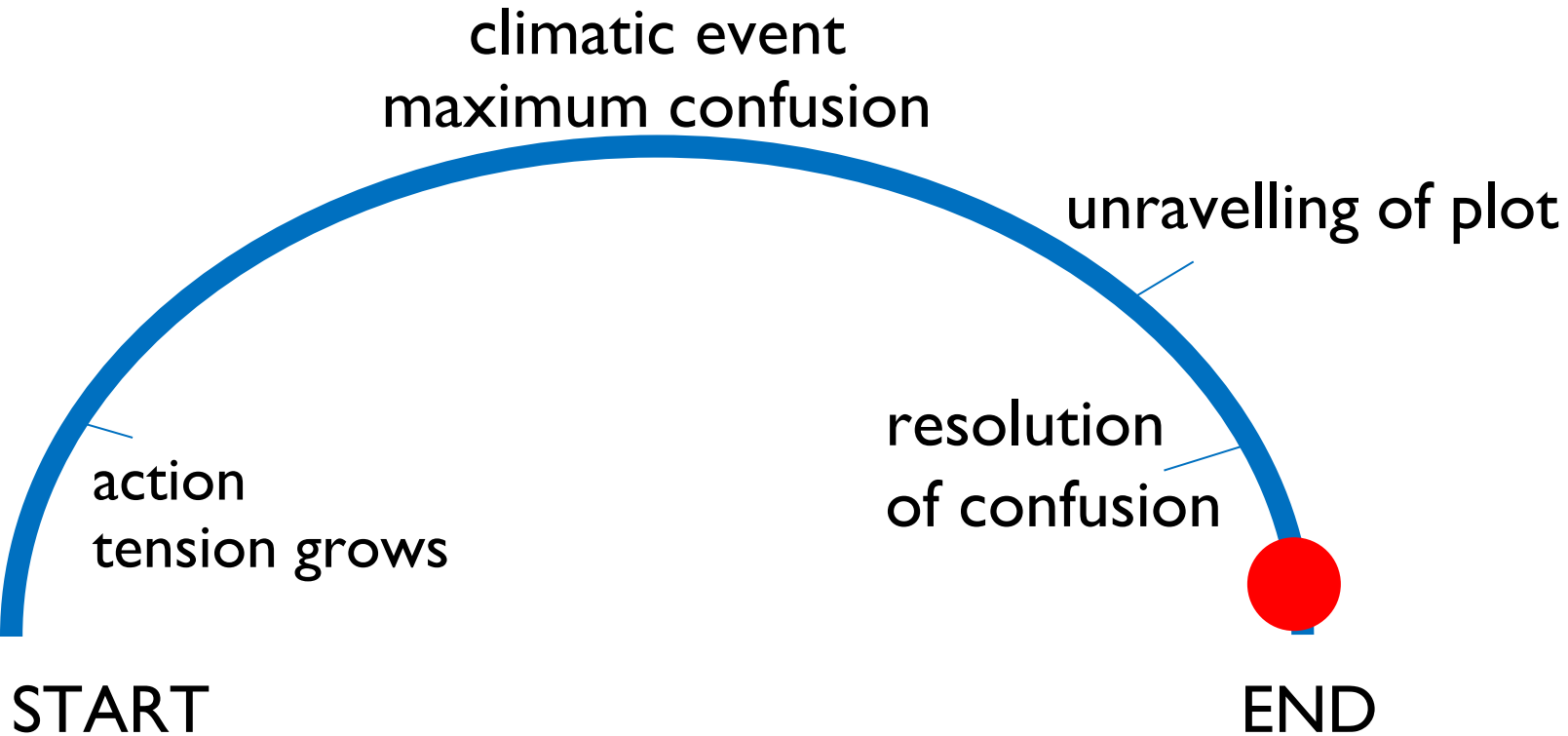
The peritoneal osmotic conductance is low well before the diagnosis of encapsulating peritoneal sclerosis is made

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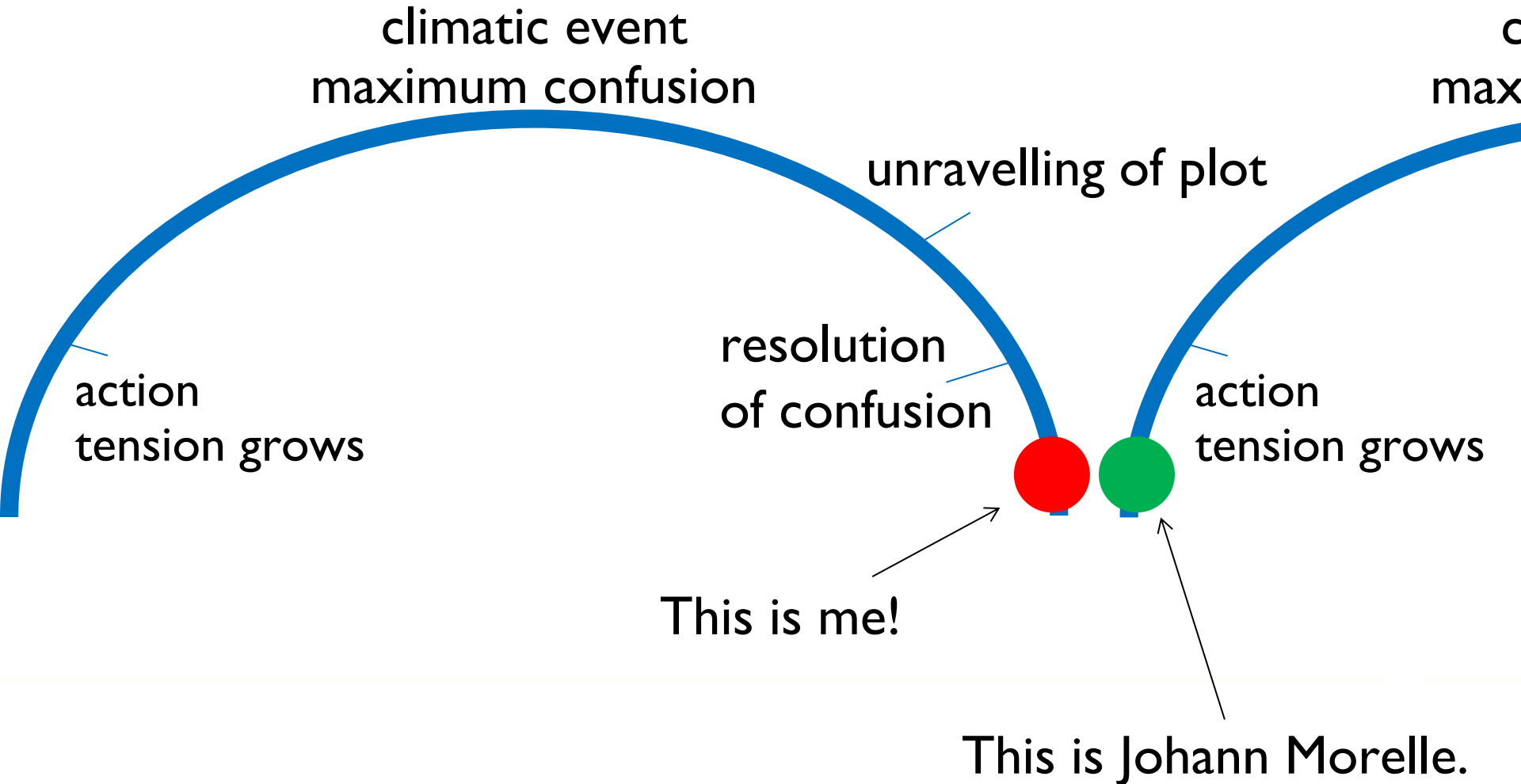


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