

# Citrate : How To Avoid Side Effects

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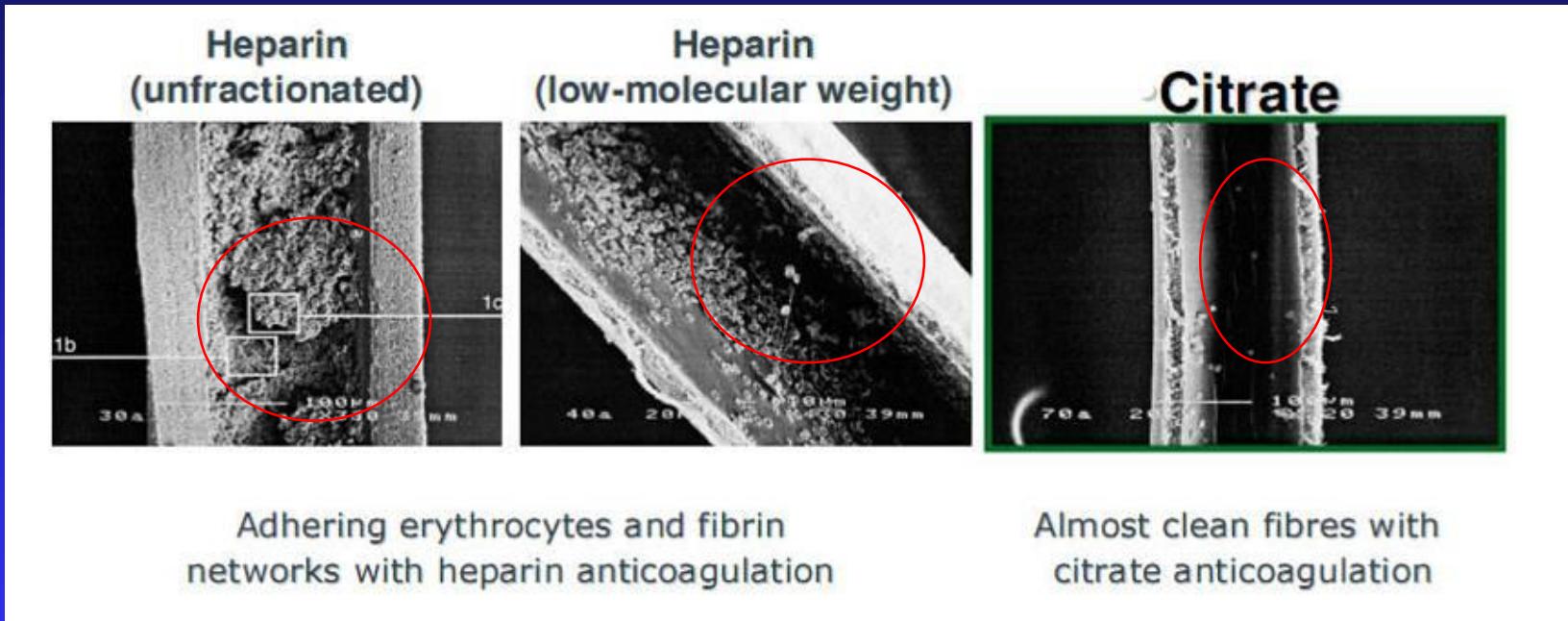
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# Less Clotting and Clogging in Hollow Fibers Membrane

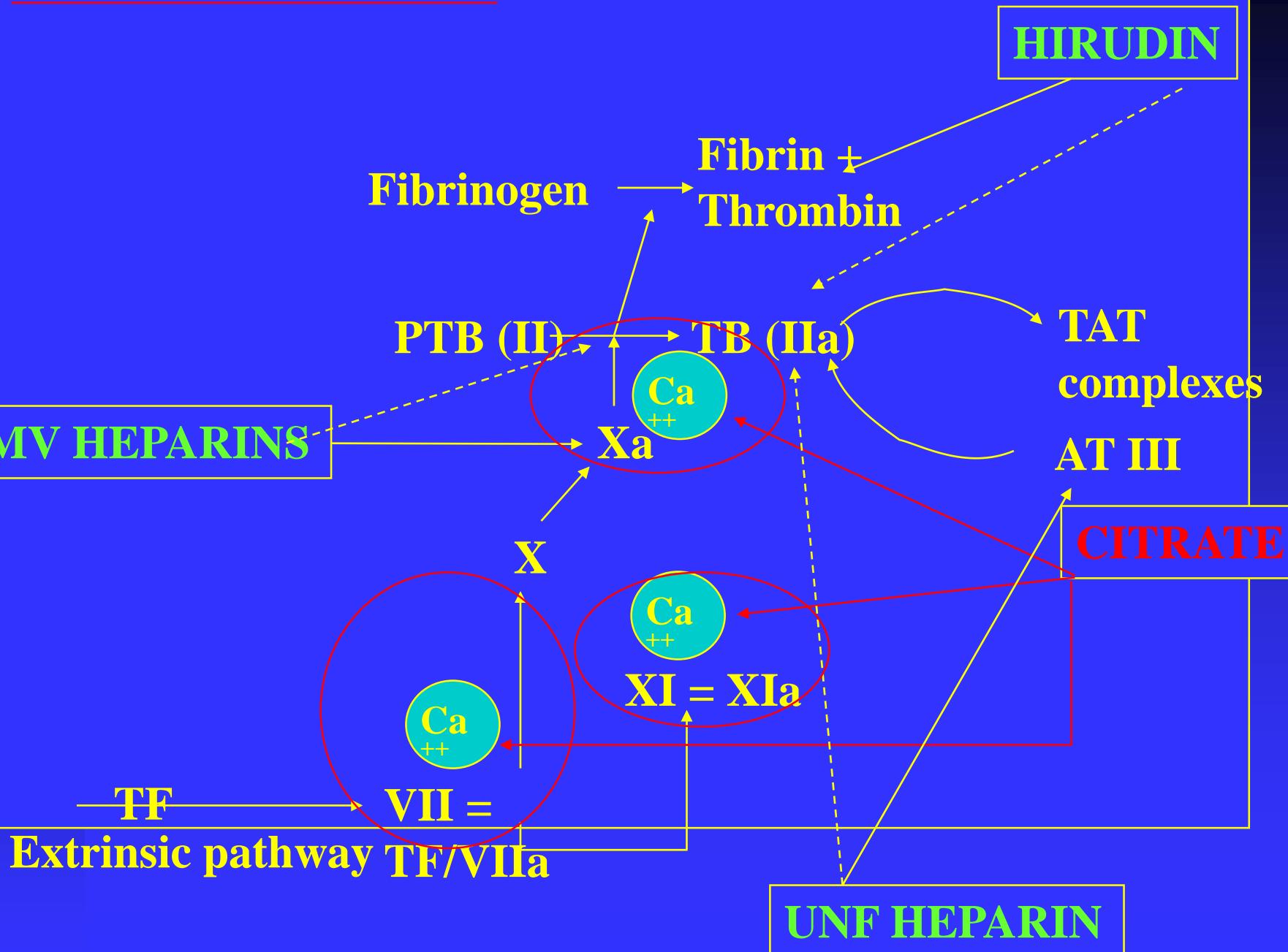


**Reducing Clotting and Clogging will modify  
the filtration fraction but also the filter permeability  
After 24-48 h as compared to UNH  
So, dose using citrate might be different from UFH dose**

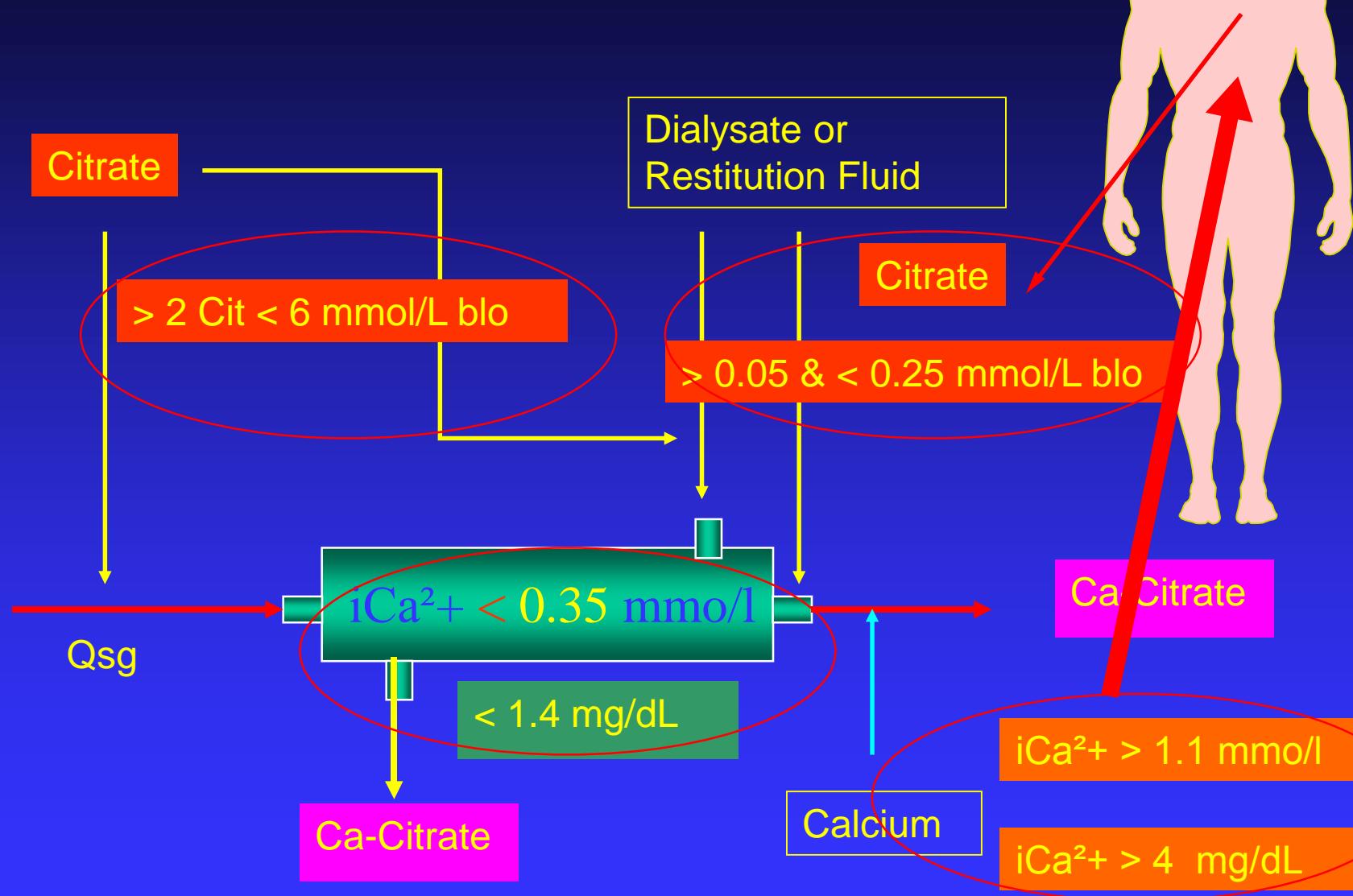
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# Mechanism Of Action

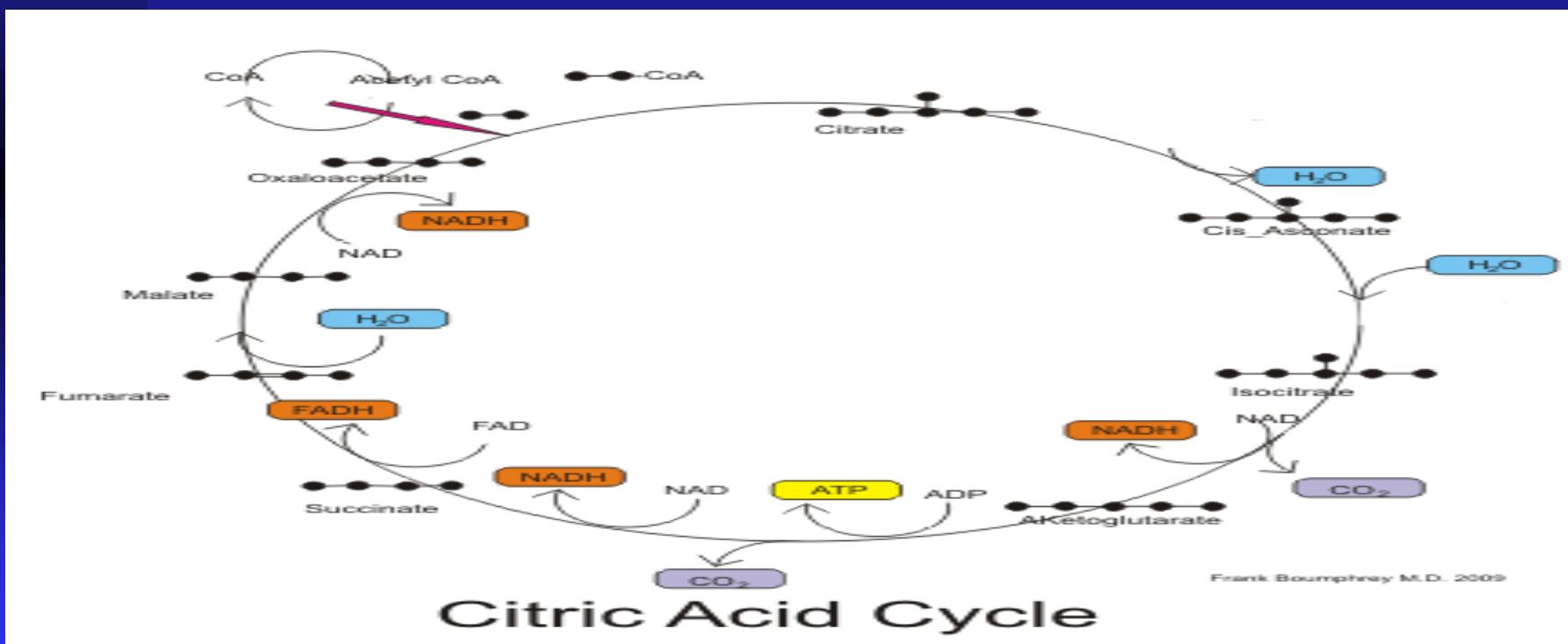


# Citrate Dose = Citrate [] X BF



# Citrate Metabolism

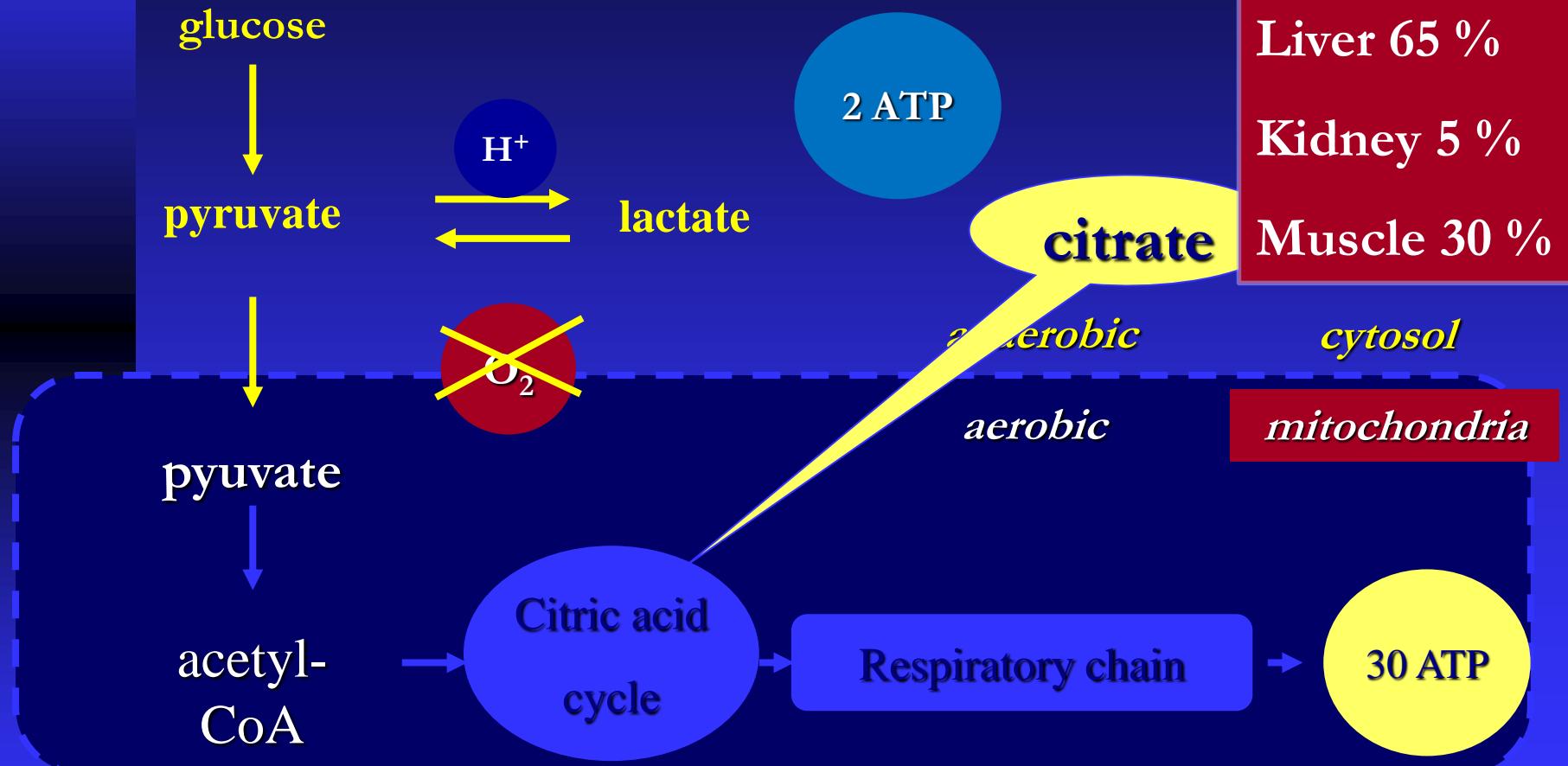
- Citrate is Metabolized into the Mitochondria
- Citrate goes into the Citric Acid Cycle
- This is a Fully Oxygen Dependent Pathway



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# Metabolism of Citrate :O<sup>2</sup> Dependent



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# AKI Guideline 5.3

- 5.3.2: For patients without an increased bleeding risk or impaired coagulation and not already receiving effective systemic anticoagulation, we suggest the following:
  - ◆ 5.3.2.2: For anticoagulation in CRRT, we suggest using regional citrate anticoagulation rather than heparin in patients who do not have contraindications for citrate. (2B)
- 5.3.3: For patients with increased bleeding risk who are not receiving anticoagulation, we suggest the following for anticoagulation during RRT:
  - ◆ 5.3.3.1: We suggest using regional citrate anticoagulation, rather than no anticoagulation, during CRRT in a patient without contraindications for citrate. (2C)

# Recent Randomised Studies of RCA vs UFH

	Schilder L et al	Gattas DJ et al	Stucker F et al
Year	2014	2015	2015
Center	Multi	Multi	Single
No. of patients	C: 66 H: 73	C: 105 H: 107	C: 54 H: 49
Treatment	Citrate vs. UFH	Citrate vs. heparin/protamine	Citrate vs. UFH
Circuit lifespan (hrs)	C: 46 (p = 0.02) H: 32	C: 39.2 (p = 0.004) H: 22.8	C: 49 (p = 0.004) H: 28
Bleeding / Adverse events	C: 0% (p < 0.001) H: 33%	C: 2 (p = 0.011) H: 11	C: 0 H: 8%
Metabolic alkalosis (%)	C: 2 H: 0	NR	C: 6 H: 0
Hypocalcemia	C: 12% (iCa <0.9 mmol/L) H: NR	NR	C: 11% (severe) H: 2%
Mortality	No difference	No difference	No difference

Schilder L et al.Crit Care 2014 ;18:472

Strucker F et al .Crit Care 2015 ;19:91

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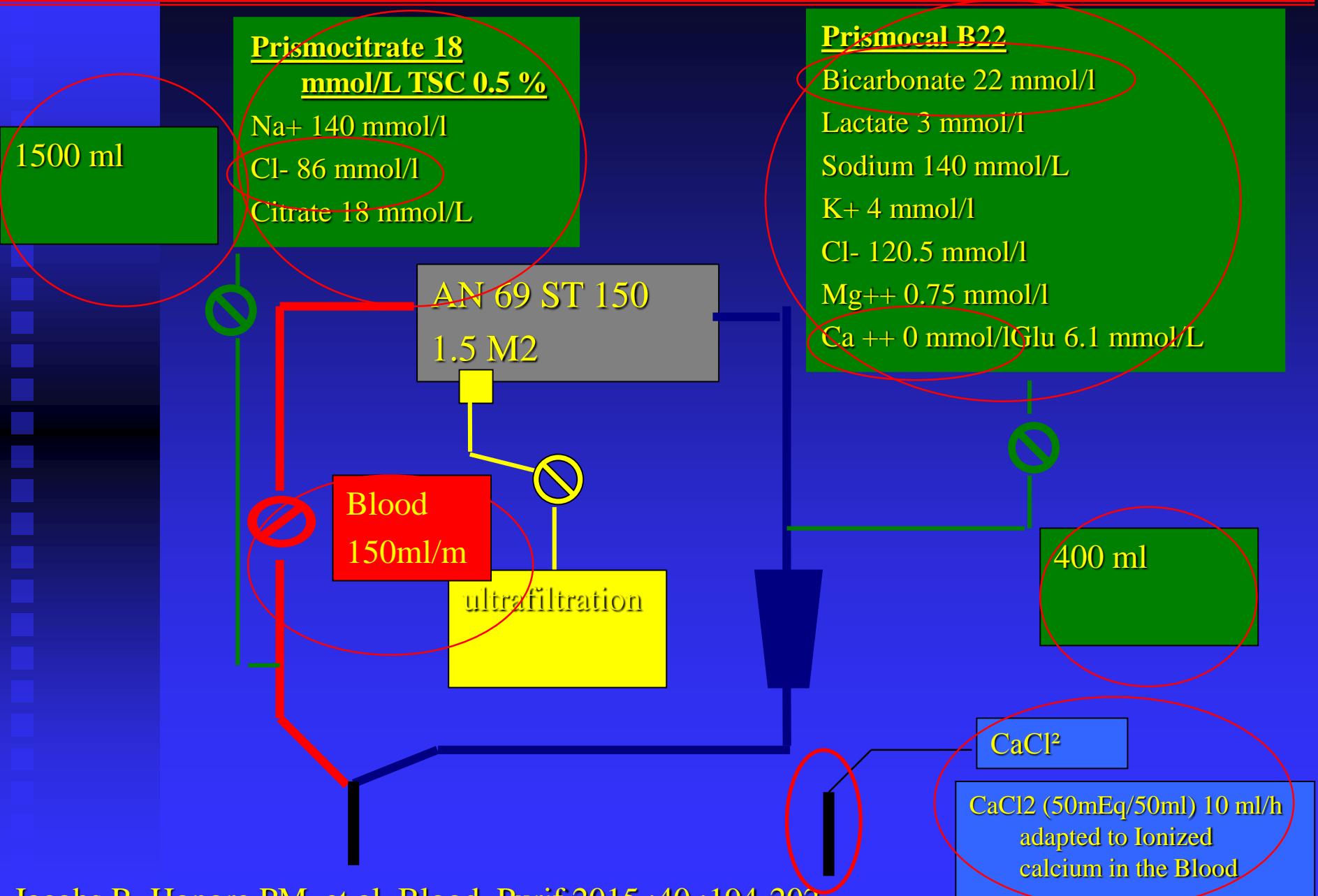
# New Citrate Formulations

Table 2. Comparison of CVVHDF protocols using regional citrate anticoagulation<sup>a</sup>

Author, Year	Patient	BFR (ml/min)	Citrate Solution (mM/L)	Citrate Rate (ml/h)	Replacement Solution (mM/L)	Replacement Solution Flow Rate	Dialysate Composition (mM/L)	D Rate	Ca Solution (mM of Elemental Ca/L)	Ca Rate	Circuit Survival Time 48 h	No. of CRRT Solutions
Mehta <i>et al.</i> , 1990 (10)	18	100	TSC <sup>+</sup> 4% Citrate 140 Na 408	140 to 220 ml/h (9.6 to 20.8 mM/h)	Prefilter: NS 0.9% Postfilter: NS 0.9% and Variable	Prefilter: 500 mL/h Postfilter: 0.2 to 1.5 L/h	Na 117 Cl 81 to 121 K 0 to 4 Mg 1 Dextrose 0.1% HCO <sub>3</sub> 0 to 40 Na 117 Cl 121.5 K 3 to 4 Mg 0.7	1 L/h	CaCl 0.8%	40 to 60 mL/h	68%	5
Kutsogiannis <i>et al.</i> , 2000 (9)	9	100 to 125	TSC 4% Citrate 140 Na 408	140 to 190 ml/h (19.6 to 26.6 mM/h)	Prefilter: Na 150.3 Cl 121 HCO <sub>3</sub> 33.3 K 3 to 4 Mg 0.7	Prefilter 1 to 1.5 L/h		1 to 1.5 L/h	CaCl 0.75%	40 to 60 mL/h	68%	4
Gabutti <i>et al.</i> , 2002 (6)	12	150	Citrate 13.3 Na 139.9 Mg 0.75 (K as needed)	1.5 L/h (23 mM/h)	See citrate solution	See citrate solution	Citrate 13.3 Na 139.9 Mg 0.75 (K as needed)	500 mL/h	5% CaCl or 350 mM/L	Mean rate 10 mL/h or 3.3L/mL/h	15%	3
Dorval <i>et al.</i> , 2003 (7)	14	125	Hemocitrasol 20 Na 145 Citrate 20 Glucose 30 (K and PO <sub>4</sub> as needed)	1.25 L/h (25 mM/h)	See citrate solution	See citrate solution	(Dialysate added in only 27% patients) NS 0.9% Na 154	1 L/h as needed	Mg 16 mM/L and 7% CaCl 170 mM/L	50 mL/h or 3.5 mL/h	50%	3
Tobe <i>et al.</i> , 2003 (8)	15	100	ACD-A Citrate 113 Na 224	150 mL/h (17 mM/h)	Prefilter: NS 0.9% or 0.5 NS	0 to 1 L (started for HCO <sub>3</sub> > 25)	Normo cab® Na 140 HCO <sub>3</sub> 35 Cl 106.5 Mg 0.75 (K as needed)	1 to 1.5 L/h	CaCl 4 g in 1 L of D <sub>5</sub> W	50 mL/h	approx. 50%	4
Cointault <i>et al.</i> , 2004 (9)	17	125	ACD-A Citrate 113 Na 224	250 mL/h (30 mM/h)	Prefilter: Hemosol and Hemosol with Bicarbonate Na 144 HCO <sub>3</sub> 35 Lactate 3 Mg 0.5 Calcium 1.75 (mixture of two solutions)	1.2 L/h	Hemosol and Hemosol with Bicarbonate Na 144 HCO <sub>3</sub> 35 Lactate 3 Mg 0.5 Ca 1.75 (mixture of solutions are varied to adjust bicarbonate)	12 L/h	CaCl 456 mM/L	30 mL/h or 1.37 mM/h	41%	4
Tolwani <i>et al.</i> , 2005 (15)	32	100 to 150	TSC 0.5% Citrate 18 Na 140	1 to 1.5 L/h (8 to 27 mM/h)	See citrate solution	See citrate solution	Na 140 K 4 HCO <sub>3</sub> 25 Mg 0.58 (similar solution commercially available)	1 to 2 L/h	Ca gluconate 38.75 mM/L	60 mL/h or 2.3 mM/h	82%	3

<sup>a</sup>BFR, blood flow rate; D, dialysate; TSC<sup>+</sup>, trisodium citrate; ACD-A, anticoagulant citrate dextranase solution, Formula A.

# Citrate 0.5 %: The VUB CVVH Protocol: Only 2 Solutions



# Advantages of Citrate in Predilution

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- We used Standardized Commercially Available Solutions(less risk of errors as compared to Home Made)
- Electrolytes are at Physiological [], accidental interchanges (of solutions )will have negligible consequences
- Only Two Solutions are needed and thus reducing the risk of errors (VUB Protocol )
- The use of Diluted Citrate (0.5 %) do reduce dramatically the risk of Error (eg: TSC 4 % increase from 200 to 1000 ml !!!!)
- Still the same efficacy as the TSC 4 % and ACDA 3 %

# Monitoring during RCA CRRT

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- Blood: Every 4 hourly and latter 6 or 8 hourly
  - ◆ Na, K, iCa++ ( $> 1.1 \text{ mmol/L}$  or  $> 4 \text{ mg/dL}$ ), ABG
  - ◆ pH  $> 7.25$  &  $< 7.45$  –Lactate-
- Every 12 hours
  - ◆ Total calcium, phosphate & magnesium
  - ◆ Total Calcium ( $< 2.5 \text{ iCa}$ ) /corrected  $< 3 \text{ mmol/L}$ )/Citrate Gap
- Post-Filter: Every 4 hourly and latter 6 or 8 hourly
  - ◆ Post-filter ionized Ca++ ( 0.25 to 0.35 mmol/L or below 1.3 mg/dL)
- Why Monitoring of iCa in the Filter ?
  - ◆ Need of Citrate differs from Patient to Patient
  - ◆ Can increase Filter lifespan as shown in some studies
  - ◆ Can Detect Early on Citrate Accumulation
  - ◆ Adopted by ADQI XVII-Asiago June 2016

# Citrate Intoxication with New Formulations(0.5 %)

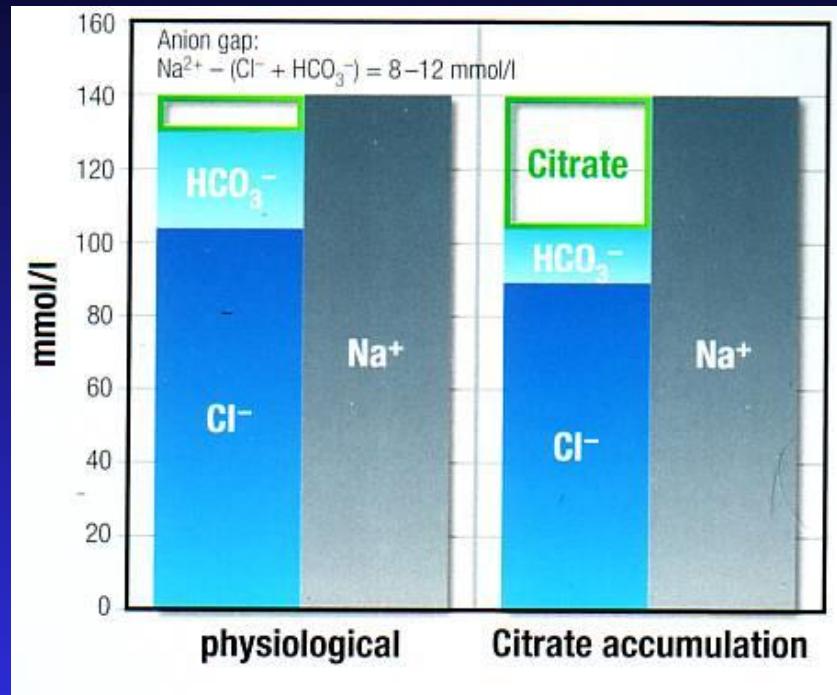
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- Dramatic Fall in Ionized Calcium with Cardiac Arrest is not anymore the rule..
- The use of Diluted Citrate (0.5 %) do reduce dramatically the risk of Error (eg: TSC 4 % increase from 200 to 1000 ml !!!!)
- Decrease Ionized calcium will induce (when above 12 mg/dL /3mmol/L (corrected)) encephaopathy, epilepsy, HTA, AKI and PRES syndrome....

# Citrate Accumulation during RCA CVVH

- Metabolic Acidosis Slow to Correct
- Hypernatremia: No anymore
- Hypocalcemia/Hypercalcemia
- Hypomagnesemia/hypok
- Citrate Accumulation:
  - Hypercalcemia(Blood)
  - $\text{Catot/iCa}^{2+} > 2.5$  (Citrate G)
  - Metabolic Acidosis with High Anion Gap –Incr Lactate
  - Citrate Level  $> 28.8 \text{ mg/dL}$

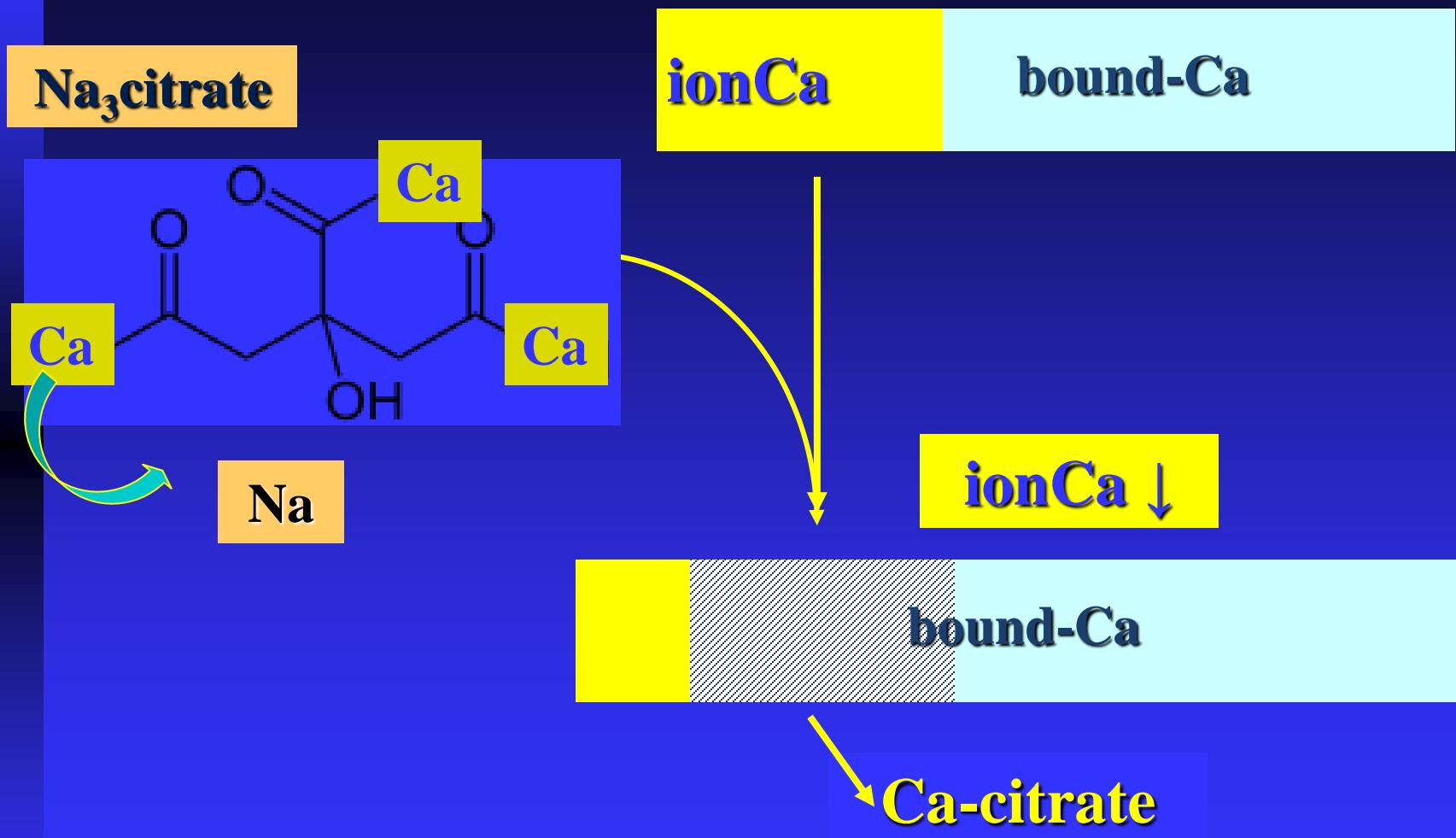


Catot/iCa<sup>2+</sup> > 2.5

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# Metabolism of Citrate :Accumulation



# Citrate: Alkalosis or Acidosis?

*Look at SID!*

Citrate is metabolized

$$\text{SID} = (\text{Na}^+ + \text{K}^+) - (\text{Cl}^- + \cancel{\text{citrate}}^{3-} + \text{lactate}^- + ..)$$

SID  $\uparrow \rightarrow$  alkalosis

Citrate is not metabolized

$$\text{SID} = (\text{Na}^+ + \text{K}^+) - (\text{Cl}^- + \text{citrate}^{3-} + \text{lactate}^- + ..)$$

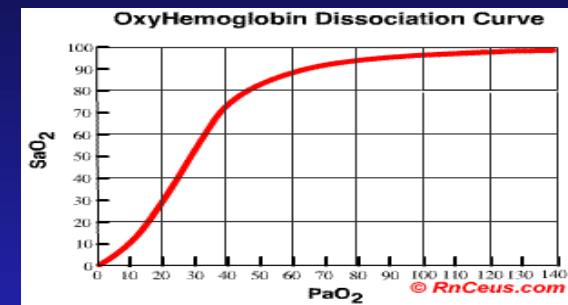
SID  $\downarrow \rightarrow$  acidosis

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# Late Metabolic Alkalosis

- More Citrate is Metabolized into Bicarbonate (1 mol of Citrate is giving rise to three mol of Citrate)
- Start generally after 24-36 Hours...
- Mild : pH > 7.45/BE > + 3
- Severe: pH > 7.55/BE > + 10
- Extreme : pH > 7.65/Bicar > 40 mmol (Mortality can reach 50 to 80 % -Left shift –Tissue Hypoxia)
- If Not Corrected & Remains Severe, Therapy has to be Stopped..
- If Steward is used, SIDa > 45 can detect > 95 % of Metabolic Alkalosis instead of only 10 % when using pH > 7.5 after 24 H...

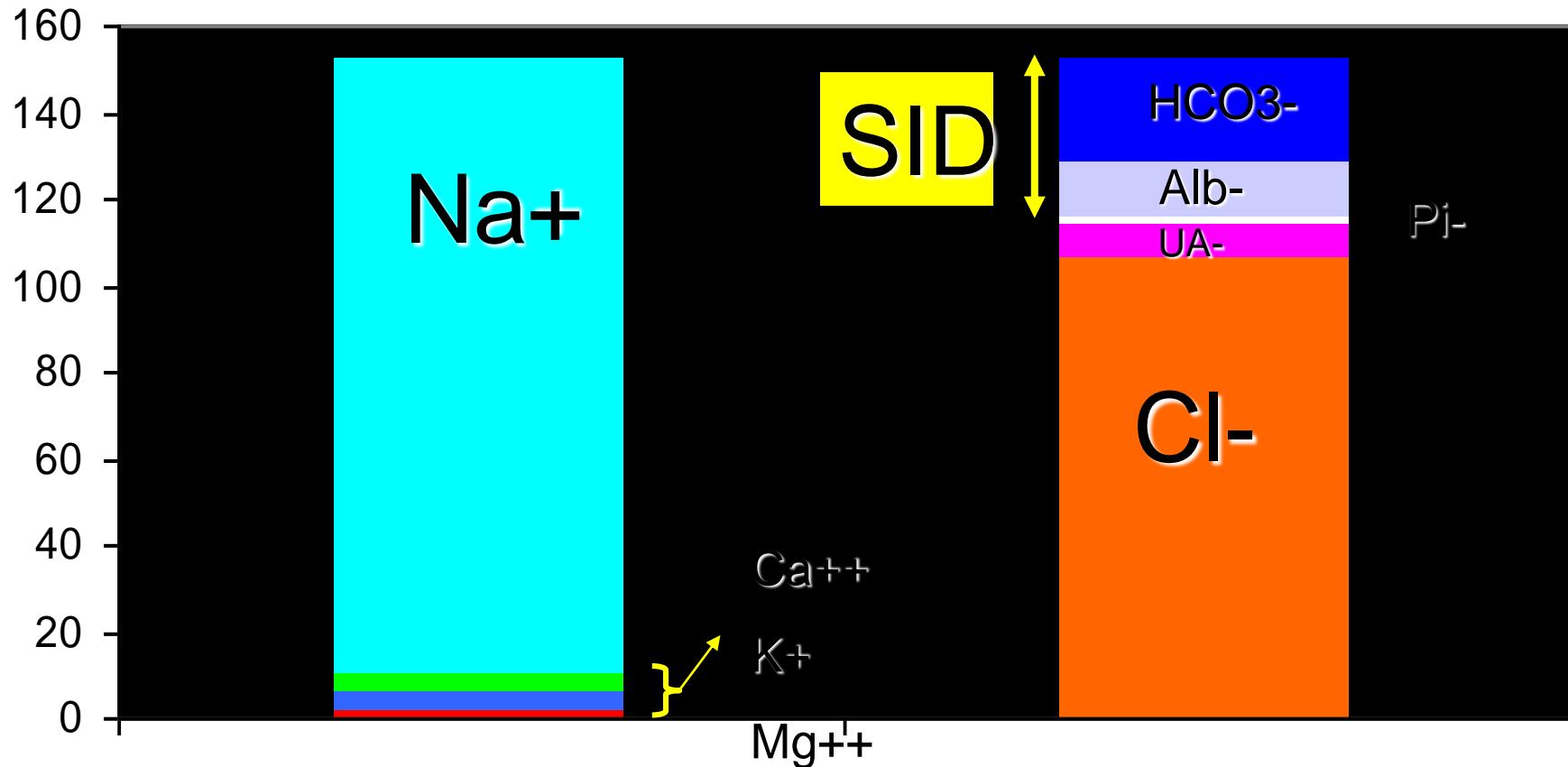


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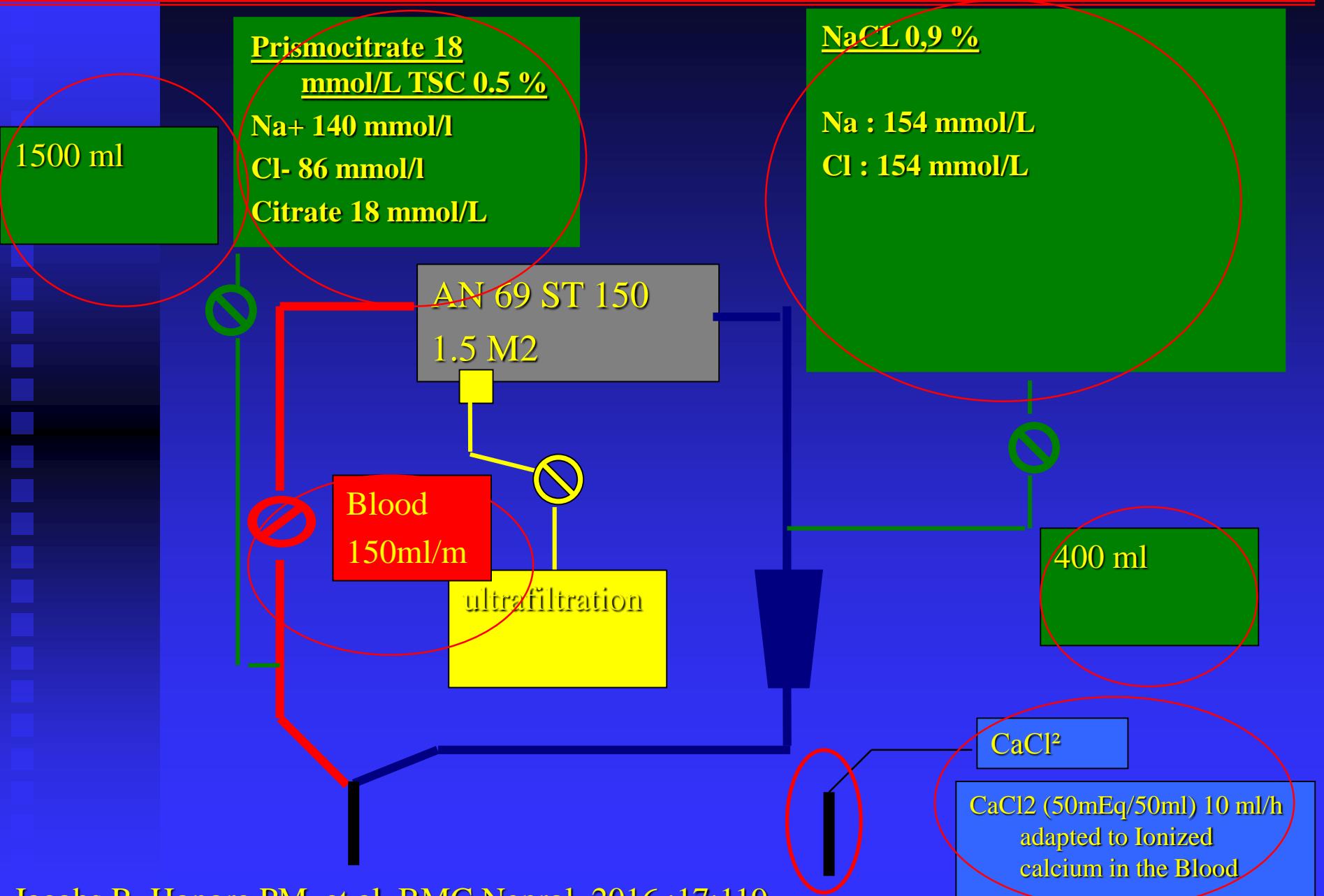
# Plasma Electro-Neutrality



Cations

Anions

# Citrate 0.5 %: The VUB CVVH Protocol: Only 2 Solutions



# Calcium infusion MUST via CVC !!



Calcium extravasation  
causing tissue necrosis

One lumen of the CVC is  
occupied



## Conclusions & Perspectives

- New Diluted Citrate Formulations are Now Commercially Available (and not anymore homemade)
- Electrolytes at Physiological [], Diluted Citrate (0.5 %) and only Two Solutions do reduce Dramatically the Risk of Errors and Dangerous Side Effects..
- We did Chose to go for a Monitored System as this will allow us to adapt to each patient and also to detect Citrate Accumulation..Also Recommended by ADQI XVII
- The VUB Protocol do Use: Diluted Citrate 0.5, CVVH, only 2 bags, monitoring & dose of 35 ml via a sliding scale
- Increase Chloride Concentrations will Fix Metabolic Alkalosis Induced by CRRT with RCA and PC 18