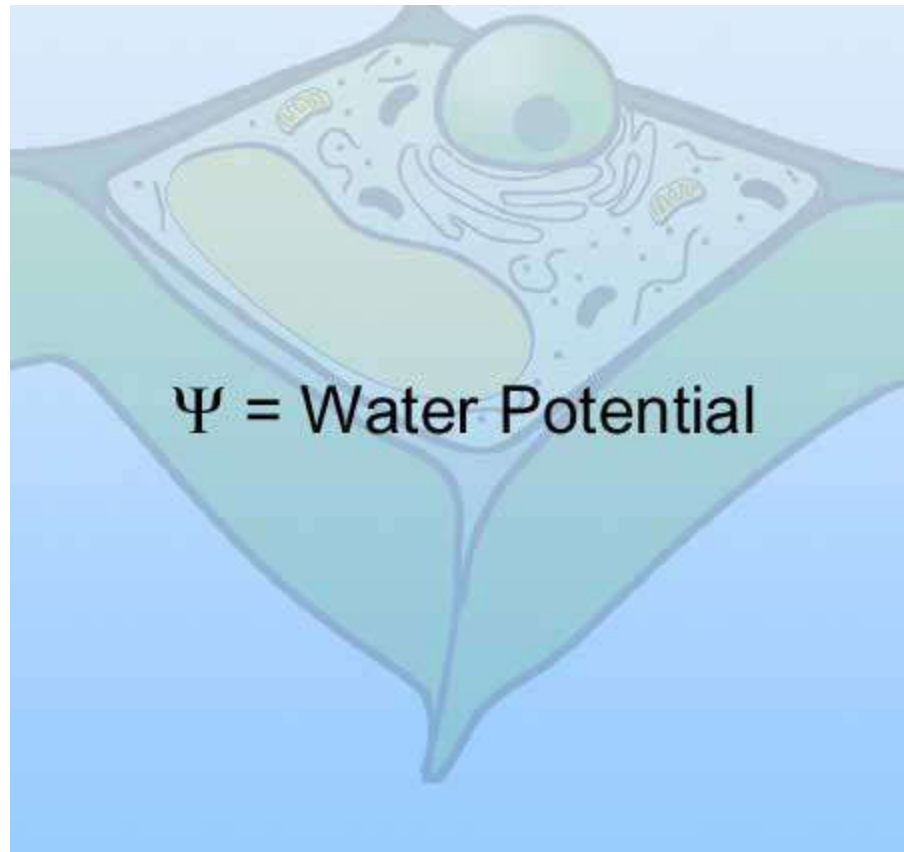




WATER POTENTIAL

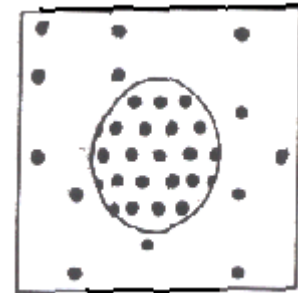
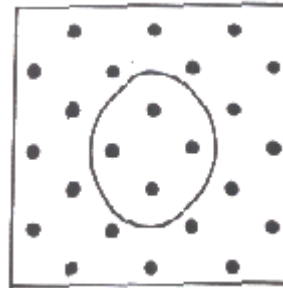
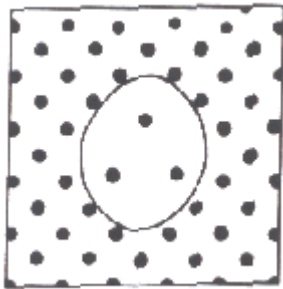
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SEARCH YOUR "BIO BRAIN"

You learned about HYPERTONIC, HYPOTONIC, ISOTONIC solutions and how water will move as a result of differences in solute concentration

Dots in the diagrams below represent solute.

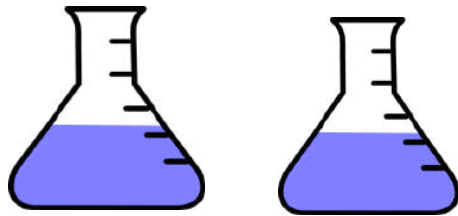
This cell is sitting in a _____ solution.



SOLUTE SUCKS!

Which direction will the water move?

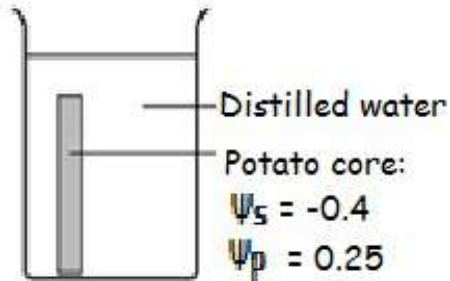
Types of water potential problems you may see



A
0.2 M

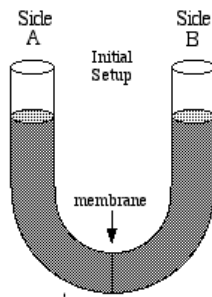
B
0.4 M

Comparing solutions in containers



Comparing a cell with the solution outside

0.5 M glucose
0.3 M starch



0.2 M glucose
0.2 M starch

Comparing solutions across a semi-permeable membrane in a U tube

Water potential is a way add some math to explain where and why water will move.

Equations on AP Formula sheet:

Ψ = pressure potential (Ψ_p) + solute potential (Ψ_s)

$$\Psi_s = - iCRT$$

i = # of particles molecule makes in water

glucose = 1 (no ionization)

NaCl = 2 (makes 2 ions Na^+ and Cl^-)

C = molar concentration

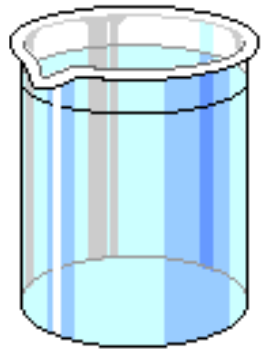
R = pressure constant 0.0831 liter bar/mole $^{\circ}\text{K}$

T = temperature in $^{\circ}\text{K}$ = $273 + ^{\circ}\text{C}$

Solute potential (Ψ_s)

DISTILLED WATER has a $\Psi_s = 0$

- Adding solute lowers SOLUTE POTENTIAL (ALSO CALLED OSMOTIC POTENTIAL)



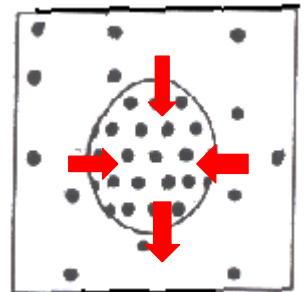
Distilled water

- Makes it more _____

Since $\Psi = (\Psi_p) + (\Psi_s)$

Overall WATER POTENTIAL decreases too

Water = more likely to flow toward areas with low water potential



Solute potential (Ψ_s) = $-iCRT$



Calculate the (Ψ_s) following for a solution of 0.2 M glucose at 20 °C

$$\Psi_s = -i C R T$$

$$\Psi_s =$$

$$=$$

Solute potential (Ψ_s) = $-iCRT$



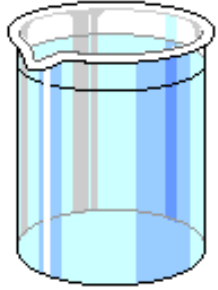
Calculate the (Ψ_s) following for a solution of 0.5 M NaCl at 22 °C

$$\Psi_s = -i C R T$$

$$\Psi_s =$$

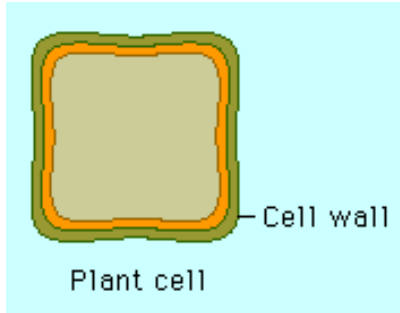
$$=$$

PRESSURE POTENTIAL Ψ_p



Distilled
water

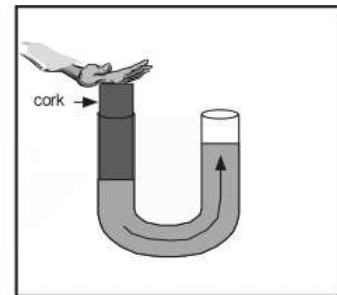
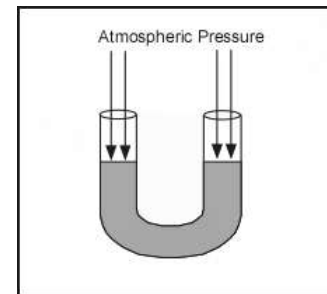
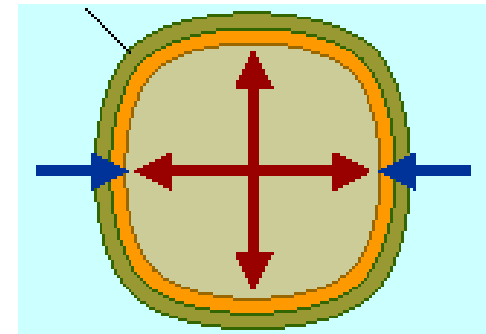
$$\Psi_p = 0$$



Plant cell

In open system (like beaker or cell in isotonic conditions)
pressure potential $\Psi_p = 0$

In closed system
(like plant cell with rigid cell wall
or a container with a plunger)
 Ψ_p can be a positive or negative
number, or zero.



SI UNITS

$\Psi = 0$ for:

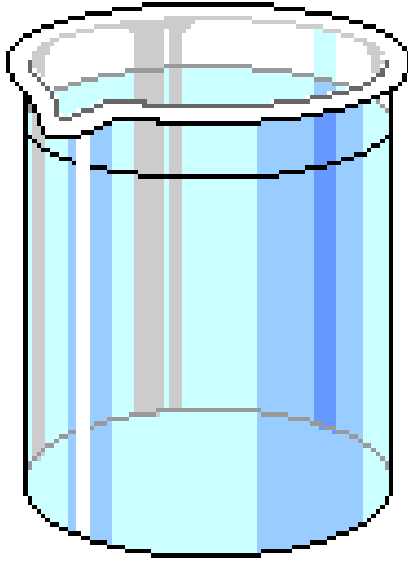
Pressure = 1 atm (1 kg/cm² pressure)



1 Bar = 1 Atm

1 Bar = 0.1 Megapascals
(Mpa)

$\Psi = \text{pressure potential } (\Psi_p) + \text{solute potential } (\Psi_s)$



Distilled
water

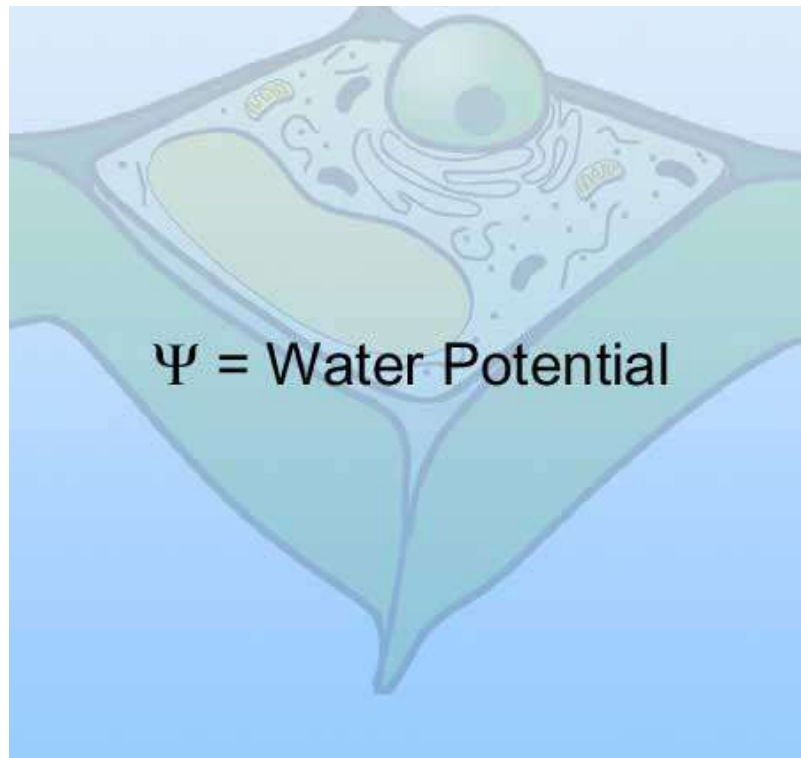
Calculate the following for an
OPEN CONTAINER filled with
PURE WATER

$$(\Psi_p) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$(\Psi_s) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

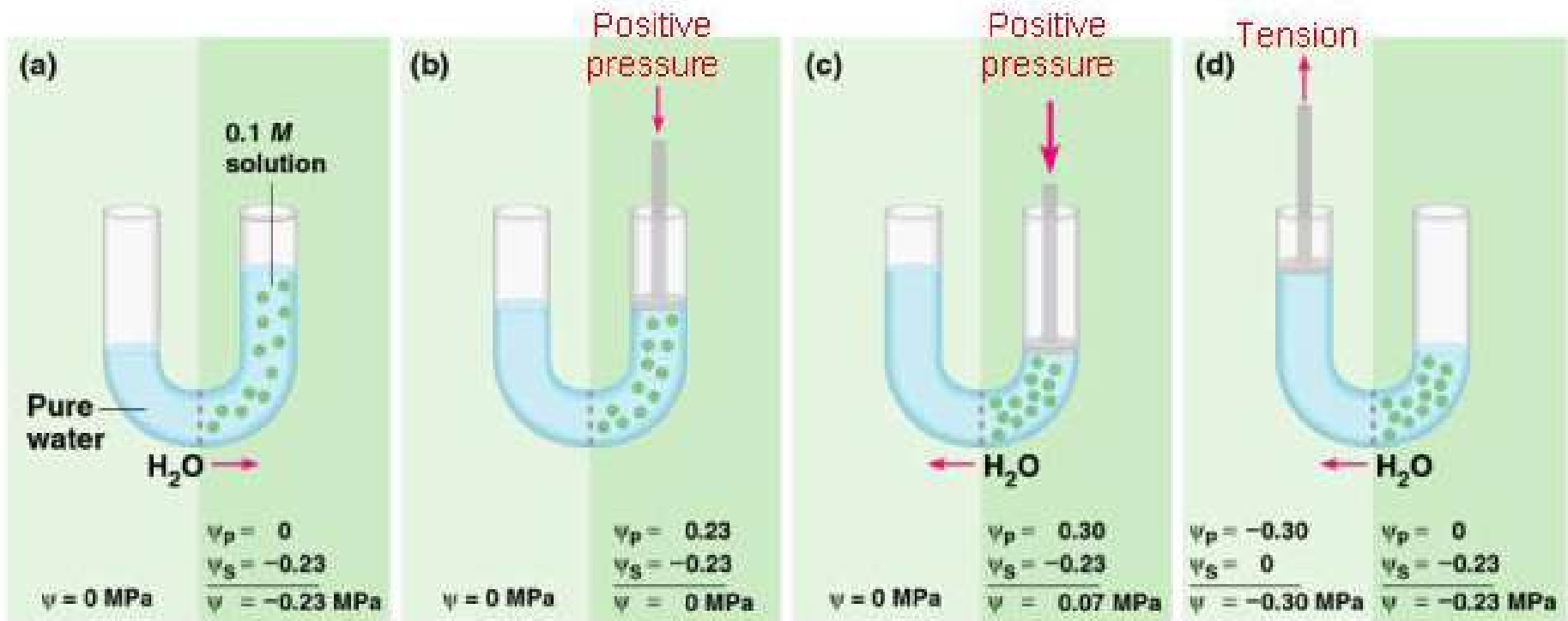
$$(\Psi_s) + (\Psi_p) = \Psi$$

$$\Psi = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



Water moves from a region of
HIGHER WATER POTENTIAL to a
region of **LOWER WATER
POTENTIAL**

Water Flows from Regions of High Water Potential to Regions of Low Water Potential



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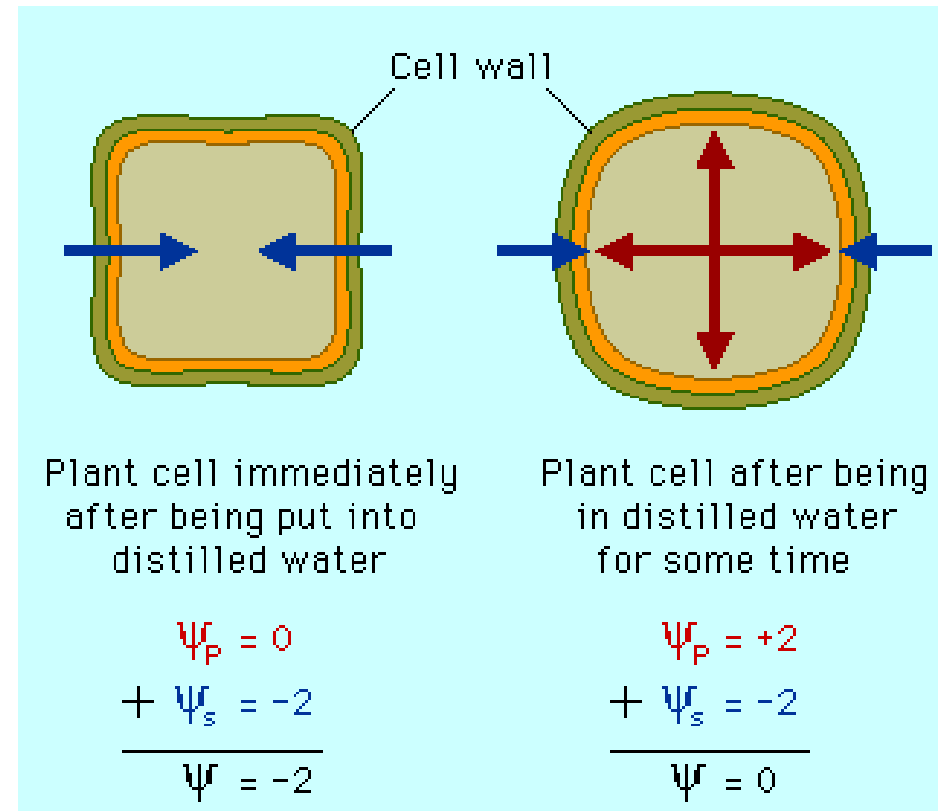
Changes in **water potential (Ψ_w)** can be brought about by changes in **pressure potential (Ψ_p)** or changes in **solute potential (Ψ_s)**.

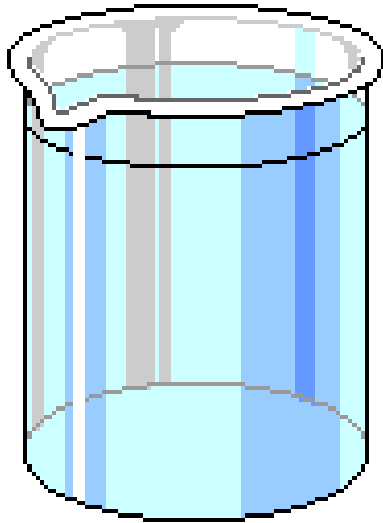
$$\Psi = \text{pressure potential } (\Psi_p) + \text{solute potential } (\Psi_s)$$

PLANT CELL

Water moving into a plant cell puts pressure on the cell wall.

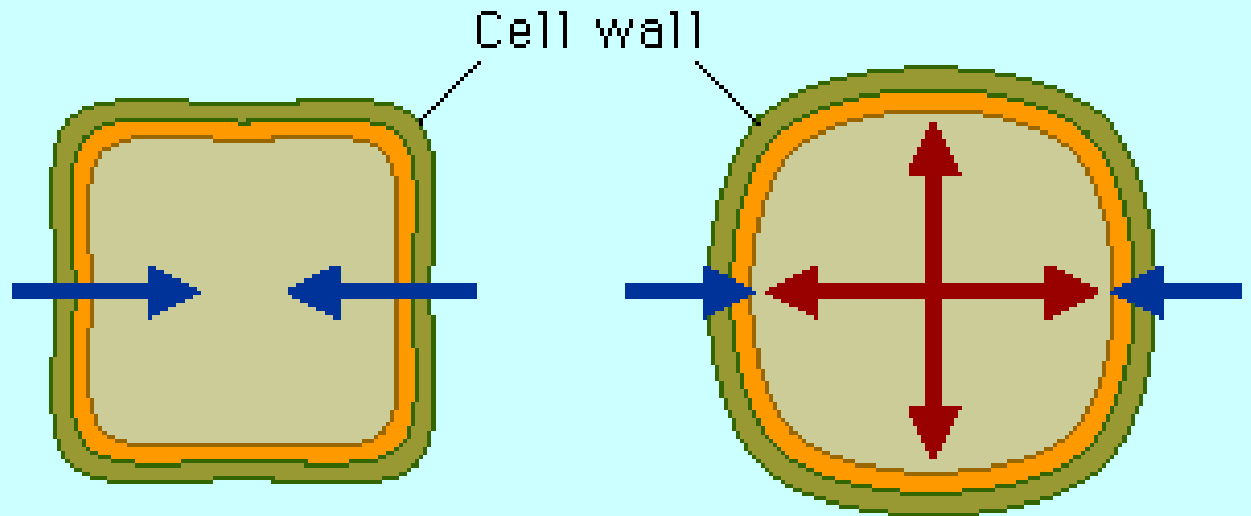
INCREASING THE
PRESSURE POTENTIAL
ALSO INCREASES
THE WATER POTENTIAL





Distilled
water

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \psi_P = 0 \\
 + \psi_s = 0 \\
 \hline
 \psi = 0
 \end{array}$$



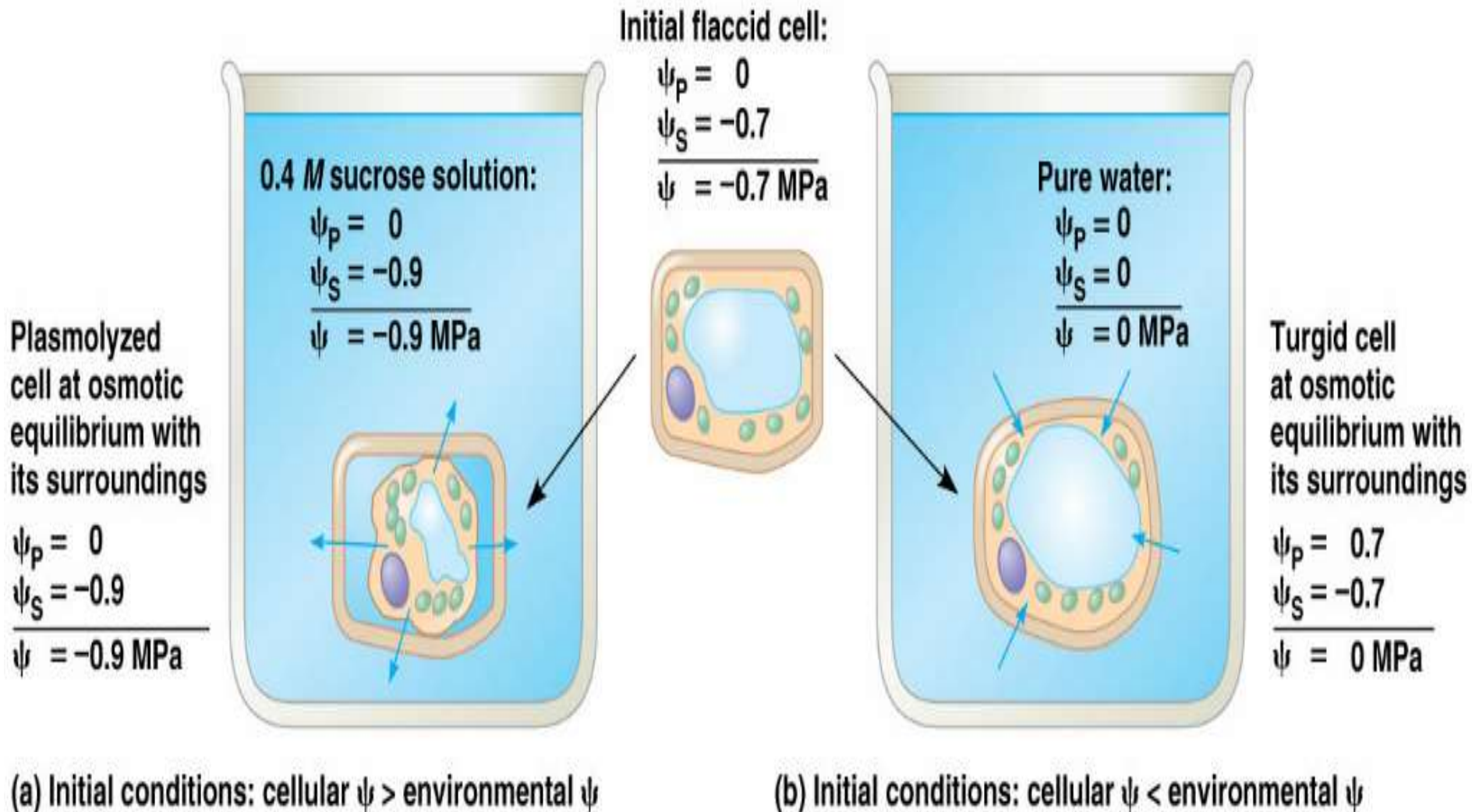
Plant cell immediately
after being put into
distilled water

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \psi_P = 0 \\
 + \psi_s = -2 \\
 \hline
 \psi = -2
 \end{array}$$

Plant cell after being
in distilled water
for some time

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \psi_P = +2 \\
 + \psi_s = -2 \\
 \hline
 \psi = 0
 \end{array}$$

Water enters cell until the Ψ inside cell = Ψ outside cell



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Water enters cell until the Ψ inside cell = Ψ outside cell

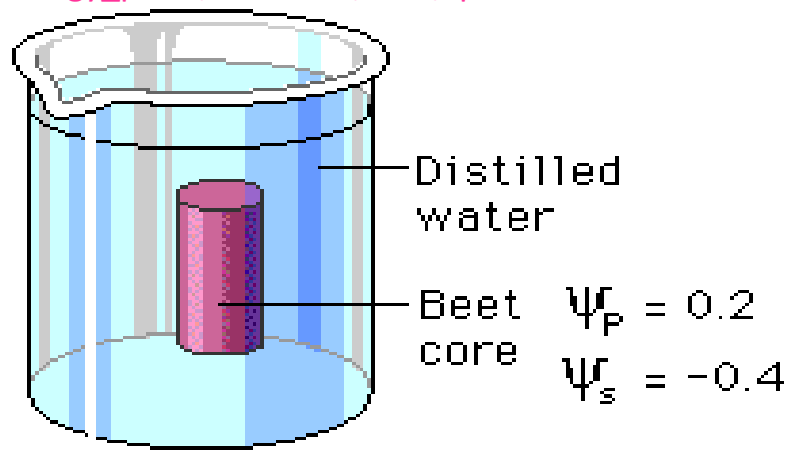
Solute potential (ψ_s) = $-iCRT$

i =	The number of particles the molecule will make in water; for NaCl this would be 2; for sucrose or glucose, this number is 1
C =	Molar concentration (from your experimental data)
R =	Pressure constant = 0.0831 liter bar/mole K
T =	Temperature in degrees Kelvin = $273 + ^\circ\text{C}$ of solution

The molar concentration of a sugar solution in an open beaker has been determined to be 0.3M. Calculate the solute potential at 22 degrees. Round your answer to the nearest hundredth.

Now that you know the Ψ_s you can calculate the water potential Ψ of this beaker of liquid.

$$\Psi = \text{pressure potential } (\Psi_p) + \text{solute potential } (\Psi_s)$$

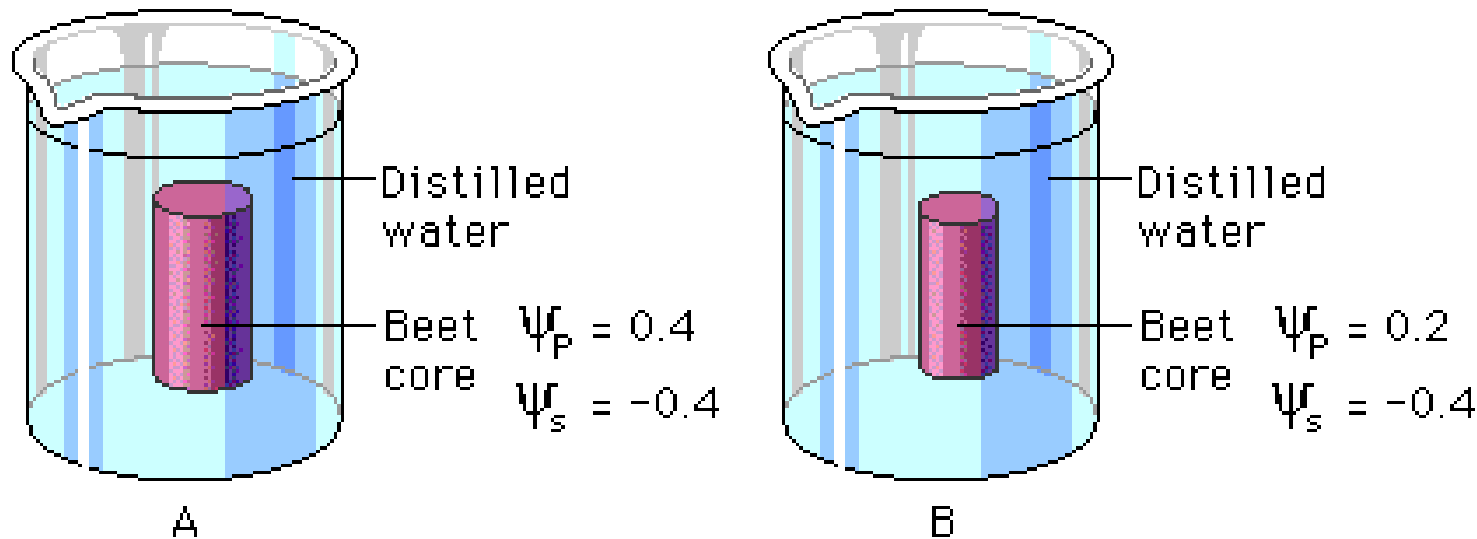


What is the water potential of the distilled water?

What is the water potential of the beet core?

Which way will water move?

5. Which of the following statements is true for the diagrams?



- ☐ a. The beet core in beaker A is at equilibrium with the surrounding water.
- ☐ b. The beet core in beaker B will lose water to the surrounding environment.
- ☐ c. The beet core in beaker B would be more turgid than the beet core in beaker A.
- ☐ d. The beet core in beaker A is likely to gain so much water that its cells will rupture.
- ☐ e. The cells in beet core B are likely to undergo plasmolysis.