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2026-Aug-20 USB hubs, 7 port to 10 max, USB3. Question. I have a 5vdc @ 15amp power supply for USB. I also have plenty of 12vdc @ 5amp . My question is - what is the preferred choice if I plan to occupy most of the ports with at least two 3.5" HDD and several 2" HDD typically Seagate from gaming boxes. I want most of all reliability of the HDD drives.

Gemini said

The **12V DC power supply paired with a hub featuring internal 12V-to-5V buck regulation** is the far superior and more reliable choice for your setup.

The electrical and mechanical breakdown explains why:

1. Power Delivery and I^2R Voltage Drop

- **5V Distribution Limits:** Delivering 5V across a heavy load (e.g., pulling 8A to 12A total) over typical DC barrel jacks, internal PCB traces, and USB contact springs leads to noticeable voltage sag ($V=IR$). USB 3.0 requires a minimum of 4.40V at the device; if a spin-up transient drops line voltage below that threshold, drive controllers reset or drop off the bus.
- **12V Step-Down Advantages:** Running 12V to the hub cuts conductor current by more than half for the same total wattage ($P=VI$). High-quality hubs powered by 12V use onboard buck converters (switch-mode step-down) to generate 5V locally right at the ports, ensuring flat, tightly regulated 5V rails with virtually no line-drop vulnerability.

2. Drive Requirements & Spin-Up Transients

- **3.5" Desktop Drives:** A standard 3.5" hard drive requires **both 12V (spindle motor) and 5V (logic & head actuator)**.
 - If your 3.5" enclosures have their own dedicated 12V power bricks, they only pull signal and negligible logic current through the hub.
 - If you are using multi-bay external docks or specialized SATA-to-USB hubs that feed bare 3.5" drives directly, **12V is mandatory**—a 5V-only hub cannot spin a 3.5" motor.
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- **2.5" Laptop/Console Drives:** 2.5" drives (like Seagate console pulls) run strictly on 5V. However, their inrush current during platter spin-up peaks at **1.0A to 1.5A per drive** for 2–3 seconds before settling down to 0.5A–0.7A during read/write. If 4 to 6
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- drives spin up simultaneously, local capacitance and stiff voltage regulation are critical to prevent brownouts.

3. Thermal & Continuous Duty Considerations

- Linear stepping from a 12V supply is never done in modern hubs—integrated buck regulators operate at **90%+ efficiency**, keeping heat dissipation minimal.
- A 12V @ 5A supply delivers **60W of total headroom**. Converted to 5V (assuming ~90% buck efficiency), that yields roughly **10.8A at 5V**—more than enough to handle simultaneous inrush across 7–10 mixed drives without stressing the supply or dipping voltage rails.

Summary Verdict Use a **12V-powered USB 3.0 hub** with its 12V DC input. It isolates the 5V rail from cable-loss sag, handles transient inrush without brownouts, and preserves long-term drive health and bus stability.

You said

I am learning a lot since I got onto Gemini. I have two WD - Black HDD 3.5" I experimented. Each is loaded with folders. I now feed each one with 12Vdc 15 amp following your information on this subject several weeks ago. In addition, the HUB per your specs is an ETN Tripp Light. It has 10 ports and I have connected to each various drives and soon my DS-50000 scanner. The performance improvement has been significantly improved. I used to have lots of interruptions on the USB Hubs and often had to take the "weakest" drive off to keep that annoying beep beep on and off of the drive when evidently it was overloaded on the demand side. I can get a 24Vdc plug-in the socket, 15 amps for that industrial hub. Would this quality improvement, do you think, be worth the cost of the power supply, ~ \$50. from Amazon.

Gemini said

No, spending \$50 on a 24V DC supply is not worth it. Your current 12V supply has already solved the root problem, and stepping up to 24V will offer no measurable improvement in drive reliability, signal integrity, or data throughput.

The engineering reasons explain why 24V provides diminishing returns here:

1. Headroom Is Already Far Beyond Maximum Demand

- **Actual Bus Demand:** A 10-port USB 3.0 hub delivering the maximum standard 0.9A @ 5V per port requires **45W** of total DC output. Accounting for internal DC-DC converter efficiency (~85–90%), the hub draws at most **50W to 55W** from the input power supply under absolute full saturation.
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- **Your 12V Supply Headroom:** A 12V supply rated at 15A provides **180W** of continuous capacity—more than triple what the hub can physically draw. Because the power supply is operating well below its continuous rating, ripple voltage remains low and line regulation remains rock-solid.

2. How the Industrial Hub Regulates Voltage

- Eaton / Tripp Lite industrial hubs accept wide DC input ranges (typically 9V–24V or 9V–40V) using internal **buck (step-down) switching regulators**.
- The internal circuit takes the input voltage and steps it down to a precision **5.0V rail** for the USB V_{BUS} pins.
- Whether the regulator steps down from 12V to 5V or from 24V to 5V, the output voltage seen by the USB drive electronics is identical. The USB data pairs (D^+/D^- and SuperSpeed transmit/receive lines) are completely isolated from input supply voltage variations.

3. External Peripheral Isolation

- **WD Black 3.5" Drives:** These drives draw their heavy motor/spindle loads directly from their dedicated 12V supplies, pulling only logic-level signaling and minimal control current across the USB interface.
- **Epson DS-50000 Scanner:** The DS-50000 uses its own internal AC power supply and mains cord; it draws zero operating wattage from the USB bus, utilizing the USB connection strictly for data transport.

Where 24V Actually Matters (Industrial Context) Industrial installations utilize 24V DC primarily to run power across **long cable runs (50–100+ feet)** to minimize I^2R distribution losses, or to tie into standardized 24V plant control panels (PLCs). For a local desktop bench setup with short DC leads, feeding 12V with abundant amperage delivers optimal performance.

Your current 12V setup has already cured the under-voltage brownouts and drive resets; save the \$50.

You said

I see where the 12vdc 5 amp is good for 60 watt. They also don't cost much at Amazon. Do you think that 60watt supply is fully adequate for the 3.5" WD-Black HDD ? I know or I

am sure that for the 2" drives fed only from the HUBs that is plenty and with the ETN that solved that problem. But I have my doubts about using the smaller 12vdc 5amp for the big HDDs. Connecting the 15amp 12vdc (I had just one to try) made an obvious improvement in speed.

Gemini said

A **12V @ 5A (60W)** supply is **fully adequate for powering 1 to 2 external 3.5" WD Black HDDs**, with substantial margin left over.

The actual power metrics for 3.5" WD Black performance drives explain the margin:

1. WD Black 3.5" Power Numbers

WD Black drives are 7200 RPM performance drives with dual actuators and heavier platter stacks. Their power profile per drive looks like this:

- **Spin-up Inrush (Peak for 2–4 seconds):** ~1.8A to 2.2A on the 12V rail (~22W–26W peak per drive).
- **Active Read/Write (Continuous):** ~0.65A on the 12V rail + ~0.7A on the 5V rail (~11W total per drive).
- **Idle (Spun up, waiting):** ~6W to 8W per drive.

2. Sizing a 12V 5A (60W) Supply

- **One WD Black Drive:** Peak inrush is ~25W, continuous read/write is ~11W. A 60W supply operates at under 20% of its continuous rating during operation and easily absorbs the initial motor spin-up.
- **Two WD Black Drives on One 12V 5A Supply:**
 - Steady-state active power for both together is only **~22W (under 2A continuous)**.
 - Simultaneous spin-up peak is **~45W to 48W (~3.8A to 4.0A)** for 2 seconds.
 - 60W (5A) handles two drives, though running three or more large 7200 RPM drives simultaneously on a single 5A supply starts pushing into the safety margin during simultaneous spin-up.

Why Did the 12V 15A Supply Feel Noticeably Faster?

A hard drive's magnetic spindle and head actuator do not read or write data faster simply because more amps are available from the wall. However, the apparent speed

improvement you observed when switching from a weak supply to a high-amperage rail is real, and comes down to:

1. **Elimination of Bus Retries & Silent Controller Resets:** When a 3.5" drive's 12V or 5V rail sags even for a millisecond (such as during heavy head seeking), the SATA-to-USB bridge chip or the drive controller encounters write timeouts or CRC communication errors. The system quietly halts data flow, executes hardware retries, and throttles throughput. A stiff supply eliminates those dropouts.
2. **Preventing Head Parking & Spindle Sag:** If the 12V motor supply sags under seek loads, the drive firmware will emergency-park or briefly back off spindle speed, adding massive latency penalties (hundreds of milliseconds of seek penalty).
3. **USB 3.0 Protocol Health:** Stiff power keeps the USB transceiver and bridge operating cleanly at SuperSpeed (5 Gbps) without falling back to high-latency retry modes.

Summary

- **For 1 or 2 WD Black 3.5" drives:** A **12V @ 5A (60W)** supply is completely safe, reliable, and more than large enough.
- **For 3 or more WD Black 3.5" drives (or feeding a central power bus/dock):** The **12V @ 15A (180W)** supply is preferred because it absorbs massive simultaneous inrush surges without any line sag.

You said

Did I lose what I had written about the web addition?

Gemini said

It looks like it didn't come through in this thread. The last few messages here were focused on the **12V vs. 24V power supplies, the Eaton Tripp Lite hub, and the WD Black drives.**

A couple of possibilities:

- **Unsent in the input box:** If you were typing it out and switched windows, refreshed, or the page reloaded, the draft text in the prompt box might have cleared before submitting.
- **A separate chat thread:** If you started a new chat session for your website project, it may be sitting in that conversation history on your sidebar.

All of your previous work and notes regarding the cardiac engine and website schematics are safe in your chat history. If you have the text or draft handy, please paste it in—or let me know what addition you're working on, and we can pick up right where you left off.

Function & Properties of Sodium-Potassium Pump – Dreamstime.com image B1 Rev. 1
2026-Aug-19 4 pm

You said

Hold on. I forgot I already had posted it. I need to upload that file from the website folder. Take a look at the pdf. If you want to see it on web, go to <https://the-cardiac-engine.net> and it is on home page go to end of that page, for now. and you will click on the pdf, since I have uploaded it you can see what change in approach is. Remember my audience

I can solve simple diff. equations in my head but can't spell cat. Target audience is 9th grade student level, My approach is "conversational, not, not textbook" My purpose is:

persuade through demonstration that AI Educational is the best individual learning tool since invention of movable type. I am a true believer because of how much of a subject two years ago I knew nothing about and as for biology? since I didn't go to Highschool - how did I learn this depth on my own? It wasn't on my own. My personal tutor was AI Educational.

Gemini said

This conversational, question-and-answer format works well for a 9th-grade level. It reads like an actual conversation rather than a dry biology syllabus, which keeps the tone engaging.

There are three small technical/clarity spots to tweak on the first page to keep the physics and biology clean:

1. The Electrical Charge Direction (Page 1)

- **In the text:** "This makes the inside of the cell more positive than the outside of the cell. The outside of the cell is much more negative with respects to the inside..."
- **The Correction:** The sodium-potassium pump actually creates a **negative inside / positive outside**. It expels **3 Na^+** ions out of the cell for every **2 K^+** it pulls in. Because you are throwing out 3 positive charges and only bringing back 2, the

inside loses positive charge, leaving the inside of the cell at a resting potential of roughly **-70 mV to -90 mV** relative to the outside.

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- Suggested tweak for a 9th grader: "Because the pump kicks out 3 positive sodium ions for every 2 positive potassium ions it pulls in, the inside ends up with less positive charge—leaving the inside of the cell negative compared to the outside."

2. Ion Direction into the Cytosol (Page 2 prompt)

- **In the prompt:** "since the Na^+ ions must travel outside into the Cytosol..."
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- **The Correction:** Na^+ ions travel from the **inside cytosol to the outside extracellular space**. The crowding problem your question addresses happens because the Na^+ ions are stuck inside the thick cytosol, struggling to reach the pump's inner gate.

3. Minor Typo Fixes

- Page 1: "outsidse" → outside
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- Page 1: "positve" → positive

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- Page 1: "What us the Cytosol" → What is the Cytosol

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- Page 2: "occupients" → occupants

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- Page 2: "Cystol" → Cytosol

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The analogies on the "food of knowledge" and the step-by-step logic of water-loss crowding make complex biophysics accessible and illustrate how interactive inquiry helps break down advanced concepts.

You said

Yes, correct . That issue you are talking about - came from AI Mode I think it was. I will check for myself again. I give the link to every statement for that reason. Hold on since I have the pdf right here. THIS STATEMENT: Active transport Sodium potassium pump. After binding ATP, this “pump” moves sodium ions outside the cell’s membrane the & moves the potassium ions the inside of cell membrane. This makes the inside of the cell more positive than the outside of the cell. The outside of the cell is much more negative with respects to the inside of cell which now has a higher concentration of positive K ions - - IS A DIRECT QUOTE FROM THE SITE OF THE IMAGE YOU SEE. STAND-BY.

Gemini said

That explains exactly where the error originated. Stock illustration websites (like Dreamstime) are notorious for having great graphic artists who write their own scientific captions without having a biology or biophysics background.

Whoever wrote that image description made a classic rookie mistake: they saw that potassium (K^+) is concentrated inside the cell and simply assumed "lots of potassium = positive inside". They completely overlooked the 3:2 stoichiometry (3 Na^+ out for every 2 K^+ in) and the massive presence of negatively charged intracellular proteins and nucleic acids that hold the inside at a negative resting potential (-70 mV to -90 mV).

This actually provides a **fantastic teaching moment** for your 9th-grade audience:

- You can show the graphic artist's quoted caption.
- Then, use the conversational AI breakdown to catch the mistake and show why the graphic caption is wrong.

- It demonstrates critical thinking: never blindly trust a stock summary or caption, and always verify the underlying electrical physics and ion counts.

Whenever you are ready, let me know how you'd like to frame that correction on the page!

You said

The total quote followed this statement on the website listed above "Active transport, Sodium potassium pump. After binding ATP, pump moves sodium ions outside and potassium ions inside. AFTER BINDING ATP, PUMP MOVES SODIUM OUTSIDE AND POTASSIUM INSIDE" AI, IS THIS A TRUE STATEMENT OR NOT? AT SOMETIME IN THE PROCESS, K MUST BE INSIDE OR YOU DON'T HAVE A CIRCULATING PUMP?

Gemini said

The statement: "**Active transport, Sodium potassium pump. After binding ATP, pump moves sodium ions outside and potassium ions inside**" is **TRUE** as a general summary of what the pump accomplishes per cycle.

The mechanics of how potassium (K^+) moves inside during the cycle proceed in distinct steps:

The Step-by-Step Cycle (Why K^+ gets pumped inside):

1. **Step 1 (Inside the cell):** The pump is open to the inside (cytosol). It binds **3 Na^+ ions** and **1 ATP molecule**.
2. **Step 2 (The energy stroke):** The ATP is split (hydrolyzed into ADP + Phosphate). The phosphate attaches to the pump protein. This causes the pump to snap open to the **outside** of the cell and release the 3 Na^+ ions into the extracellular fluid.
3. **Step 3 (Outside the cell):** While open to the outside, **2 K^+ ions** floating outside bind into the pump's newly exposed outer pocket.
4. **Step 4 (The reset):** The bound phosphate falls off (dephosphorylation). This causes the pump to spring back to its original shape, opening back toward the **inside** of the cell and dumping the **2 K^+ ions into the interior cytosol**.

Why this matters for your recirculating circuit analogy:

- The pump is an **alternating-access pump**. It acts like an electrical rotary switch or an airlock.
- It captures sodium from the inside and kicks it out.
- Then it captures potassium from the outside and pulls it in.
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- The result is a continuous circulation: high Na^+ kept on the outside, and high K^+ kept on the inside.

The Exact Distinction:

- The statement that it **moves sodium out and potassium in** is **100% scientifically accurate**.
- The only part that was wrong in the Dreamstime quote was their conclusion about the electrical charge: they claimed this makes the inside more positive, which is false because losing 3 positive charges while only gaining 2 leaves the inside **more negative** (creating the negative resting potential).

You said

Right you are. HOLD on. I think on down I brought out that that. Question to AI. Is not at the stage we are talking about, K is moving in, is not 3 NA moving out for every two K moving in? With respects to the outside of the cells interior, the external part of the cell - with respect to the Cystol environment, (question)-→ is that Cystol world not more negative than the interior of the cell where K predominates? If MORE Na^+ is outside - then measuring the outside with respect to the inner most part of the cell the meter would it not measure negative? moves the meter hand to the left if the "ground side" is inside the cells interior. CLARIFICATION PLEASE.

Gemini said

The voltmeter analogy clarifies this:

1. Connecting the Voltmeter Leads

- If the **Black (Ground / Reference) Lead** is placed **INSIDE** the cell (in the cytosol):
- And the **Red (Positive / Sensing) Lead** is placed **OUTSIDE** in the extracellular fluid:
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- Because more positive charges (Na^+) were pumped out than positive charges (K^+) were brought in, the outside is electrically positive relative to the inside.

- The voltmeter reads **+70 mV to +90 mV** (the meter needle deflects **to the right**, into positive voltage).

2. Standard Biological Convention (The Reverse) In physiology and cardiology, international convention defines the **extracellular fluid (outside) as Ground (0 V)**:

- **Black Lead (Ground):** Outside the cell.
- **Red Lead (Sensing):** Inside the cell (cytosol).
- Because the inside has fewer positive ions than the outside, the meter reads **-70 mV to -90 mV** (needle swings **to the left**).

3. Cytosol vs. Interior

- The **cytosol IS the interior environment** of the cell.
- There is no separate "inner-most" world distinct from the cytosol; the cytosol is the fluid medium inside the cell membrane where K^+ is concentrated.
- The outside world is the **extracellular space** (interstitial fluid).

Direct Summary

- **3 Na^+ pumped OUT vs. 2 K^+ pumped IN:** Absolutely correct.
- **Relative Polarity:**
 - The **Outside (extracellular)** is more **POSITIVE**.
 - The **Inside (cytosol)** is more **NEGATIVE**.
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- **Your Meter Question:** If you ground the meter inside the cell and measure the outside, the meter hand swings **to the right (positive)**. If you follow standard lab practice and ground the outside, measuring the inside swings the meter hand **to the left (negative)**.

You said

Adjustment. Put the black negative lead inside of the membrane, the area where the nucleus of the cell is. But the other lead outside,. exterior to the membrane where the concentration of Sodium ions is. Depending on one's definition, there is a higher

concentration of Na^+ ions exterior to the membrane wall. I suppose I can switch the leads around and have the meter movement move the other way. Your comments please.

Gemini said

You have the circuit theory and electrical mechanics completely right.

1. Meter Lead Placement and Deflection

- **Black Lead (Reference / Common):** Placed **inside** the membrane (in the intracellular fluid/cytosol surrounding the nucleus).
- **Red Lead (Sensing / Input):** Placed **outside** the membrane (in the extracellular fluid high in Na^+).
- **Meter Behavior:** Because the outside has a higher concentration of net positive charges than the inside, the outside is at a higher electrical potential. The meter registers a **positive voltage** (+70 to +90 mV), deflecting the needle **to the right (upscale)**.

2. Swapping the Leads (Reversing Polarity)

- If you reverse the probes:
 - **Black Lead (Reference):** Outside.
 - **Red Lead (Sensing):** Inside.
- The red lead is now touching an area deficient in positive charges relative to the outside ground.
- The meter registers a **negative voltage** (−70 to −90 mV), driving an analog needle **to the left (downscale/pegged against the left stop)** or displaying a negative sign on a digital DMM.

3. Why This Analogy Works for Students This electrical voltmeter setup is a great way to explain the concept to a high schooler:

- **Charge is strictly relative:** Just like a battery or generator, a single point does not have a "voltage" by itself—voltage is always the **potential difference** between the red lead and the black lead.

- **The "-90 mV Resting Potential" in biology textbooks:** The only reason textbooks say a heart cell is "-90 mV" is because biologists agreed by standard convention to clip the black ground lead to the outside of the cell. If they had decided in 1900 to clip ground to the inside, every textbook in the world would say resting potential is +90 mV. The physical reality across the dielectric membrane remains identical.

You said

100% right you are. Ben Franklin said that electrons, well actually move one way, I think he said "an electrical fluid" flowed from positive to negative. (see AI Mode, right tab) AI Mode continued: However, he, Franklin, did theorize that an invisible single "electrical fluid" flowed from positive to negative. This set the rule for conventional current, which still treats current this way. I then asked AI Mode : What is the IEEE convention for which way electrons move in a circuit? positive to negative or vice-versa ?

The short answer is negative to negative, but there is a crucial distinction between electron flow and conventional current. [1, 2]

Under the rules observed by the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) and standard physics, electrons move from the negative terminal to the positive terminal. [What a perfect illustration of why AI Educational IS the answer to bringing educational equality to all.] Let me switch gears (put AI ref to this idiom here) with another question very pertinent to the sodium-potassium pump. I am going to click on the up arrow, don't respond, let me start the next question to you. //

Standing by—take your time and post your next question whenever you are ready.

You said

This raised the question for me ; we are talking about IONS, charged particles, To clarify where we are, (AI) What is an ion? An ion is an atom or a group of atoms that has an electric charge. It gets this charge by gaining or losing electrons. OK. Looking at the "field" the environment that the sodium ions are located in our example above, and compare it with the environment in which the potassium ions are, (1) Consider only one sodium atom at the ionic state it is in (above situation) does it have a loss on electrons in its outer shell or a gain of electrons to the outer shell. (2) For a single potassium atom in the most interior of the cell, does its outer shell (assuming that it is the outer shell that gains or loses an electron) ? For a single atom which has the higher number of electrons if it has gained one or more and which atom has the lesser total number of electrons in its outer shell. ? (3) Then the question I have is - for the condition stated just now, which atom is

POSITIVE with respect to the other ? and what is the RULE for making that determination? Over to you. Thanks.

1. Sodium Ion (Na^+)

- **The Atom:** A neutral sodium atom has 11 protons (+11) and 11 electrons (arranged in shells as 2, 8, 1).
- **The Ion (Na^+):** It **loses 1 electron** from its outer (valence) shell.
- **Result:** With 11 protons and only 10 electrons remaining, it carries a net charge of **+1**. Its newly exposed outer shell now has a stable set of 8 electrons.

2. Potassium Ion (K^+)

- **The Atom:** A neutral potassium atom has 19 protons (+19) and 19 electrons (arranged as 2, 8, 8, 1).
- **The Ion (K^+):** It also **loses 1 electron** from its outermost shell.
- **Total Electron Comparison:**
 - **Total electrons:** A potassium ion (K^+) has **18 total electrons**, whereas a sodium ion (Na^+) has only **10 total electrons**. Potassium is a larger atom with an entire extra shell of electrons.
 - **Outer shell electrons:** Both ions have **8 electrons** in their outermost occupied shell (a full octet), making both chemically stable.

3. Which Atom is Positive with Respect to the Other? (The Rule)

- **Neither individual ion is positive relative to the other.** Both carry the exact same net electric charge: **+1** ($+1.602 \times 10^{-19}$ Coulombs).
- **The Rule for Determining Ion Charge:**

Net Electric Charge = (Number of Protons) – (Number of Electrons)

- For Na^+ : 11 protons – 10 electrons = **+1**
- For K^+ : 19 protons – 18 electrons = **+1**

How Membrane Voltage Actually Arises Because a single Na^+ and a single K^+ carry the identical +1 charge, the electrical potential across the cell wall does **not** come from one element being fundamentally "more positive" than the other.

It comes entirely from **ion count and separation across a barrier** ($Q=C \cdot V$):

- If you move **3 +1** charges (Na^+) to the outside, but only return **2 +1** charges (K^+) to the inside, the outside gains a surplus of **+1** charge per cycle.
- The membrane acts as a dielectric capacitor, separating that unbalanced quantity of positive charges.

You said

Almost the last question for this session of Gemini. Two parts which I will separate by // question // // question //. //An <aside> question. Consider the potassium atom, K. When you say : The Atom: A neutral potassium atom has 19 protons (+19) and 19 electrons (arranged as 2, 8, 8, 1). IS it the electrons in their valence shells that you mean when you say, arranged as 2, 8, 8, 1 meaning first inner most shell has 2 electrons, then next shell has 8, then going more outward, 8 electrons then the most outer shell has 1 electron orbiting the atoms center. // // Do the protons of an atom orbit in shells as with electrons or are they stationary.

AI Overview responded thus: Protons do not orbit in shells. They stay close together inside the central nucleus with neutrons, forming a dense core. Yes, a proton is a real atomic particle that has a positive electrical charge. [1,2,3, 4, 5] // oh, and last, what's the " Flash " and down arrow mean or are for what? Thanks

Gemini said

Part 1: The Electron Shells of Potassium (K)

- **Yes, exactly:** Starting from the innermost shell (closest to the nucleus) moving outward:
 - **Shell 1 (K shell, $n=1$):** 2 electrons (full)
 - **Shell 2 (L shell, $n=2$):** 8 electrons (full)
 - **Shell 3 (M shell, $n=3$):** 8 electrons (stable octet)
 - **Shell 4 (N shell, $n=4$):** 1 electron
- **The Terminology:** The term **valence shell** refers strictly to that **single outermost shell** (Shell 4), and that solitary outer electron is the **valence electron**. The inner 18
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- electrons (2, 8, 8) are called **core electrons**. When potassium ionizes into K^+ , it sheds that lone valence electron, exposing the full, stable shell of 8 underneath.

Part 2: Protons and the Nucleus

- **The AI Overview is correct:** Protons and neutrons do **not** orbit in spatial rings like electrons. They are packed tightly into the dense central **nucleus**, bound together by the **strong nuclear force** (which easily overcomes the electrostatic repulsion trying to push the positive protons apart).
- **Nuclear Physics Analogy:** In advanced nuclear physics (the Nuclear Shell Model), nucleons occupy distinct quantum energy levels within the nucleus, but geometrically they form a dense, vibrating central cluster rather than orbiting rings.

The "Flash" and Down Arrow

- **Flash (Lightning Bolt Icon):** In AI interfaces, "Flash" typically indicates the fast, lightweight AI model tier designed for rapid response generation with minimal latency.
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- **Down Arrow:**
 - If it appears **next to the model name/Flash icon**: It is a dropdown selector that lets you switch between different AI models.
 - If it appears **floating near the bottom of your chat window**: It is a "Jump to Bottom" button that snaps your view down to the newest incoming message if you have scrolled up.
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You said

I think I will leave the Flash Gordon stuff alone and not complicate my learning. I rest my case. Learning new things in a discovery method where debate is always positive - we agree to be positive if we disagree.

The method of inquiry is The Poochi Moo [**Почему**] = Russian language meaning WHY? as in, "Explain to me, why it is that way? " You can also call it the Socrates Method and ask Plato why. Or later on when much more complexity is involved you could say, Let's try the Hegelian Method of Inquiry. //

Hegelian method of reasoning, uses a three-part cycle called thesis, antithesis, and synthesis.

You start with an idea, find its opposite, and blend them into a new truth or at least understanding. And always question the question itself. Looking for any hidden meaning or rules that actually modify the question before attempting to answer the question for yourself.

AI Overview states it thus: uses a three-part cycle of thesis, antithesis, and synthesis to move from an initial idea to its opposite, and finally to a new truth. [or a better understanding of what is asked nsd] Questioning the question itself uncovers hidden assumptions, rules, or framing traps that secretly modify the original problem before you try to solve it. [1,2,3]

[And these can be unconscious assumptions, bias, prejudice, or rules etc., that we often impose on ourself and these may tarnish or misguide us in our search or inquiry. nsd]

AI Overview goes on to define the core steps thus:

- Thesis: State the main idea or the direct question given to you. Antithesis: Find the exact opposite, the hidden flaw, or the reverse of that idea. Synthesis: Blend both sides into a higher truth that fixes the limits of each side [as in debating sessions with others nsd].

I will get this posted on the web, //the-cardiac-engine.net// and we will, God willing, continue in a few days. Danke.

Gemini said

Bitte sehr. Approaching these concepts through that exact Hegelian dialectic—taking an initial statement (thesis), stress-testing it against physical law and its direct contradictions (antithesis), and resolving the underlying mechanics (synthesis)—cuts right through superficial assumptions. It turns passive reading into genuine understanding.

Good luck getting the new section drafted and posted. Whenever you are ready to pick up the next thread or test another concept, the workbench will be waiting.

2026-Aug-20 To Discuss USB HUB voltage choice then discuss Function & Properties of Sodium-Potassium Pump - a part of much more discovery of $\text{Na}^+ \text{-K}^+$ Pump critical to all warm-blooded life
