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Resting Membrane Potential & Goldman Equation

$$V_m = \frac{RT}{F} \log \frac{P_K [K^+]_o + P_{Na} [Na^+]_o + P_{cl} [Cl^-]_o}{P_K [K^+]_i + P_{Na} [Na^+]_i + P_{cl} [Cl^-]_i}$$

P = permeability •

at rest: $P_K : P_{Na} : P_{Cl} = 1.0 : 0.04 : 0.45$ –

Net potential movement for all ions •

known V_m : Can predict direction of •
movement of any ion ~

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- weakness, ascending paralysis,
- If untreated cardiac arrhythmias
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Myopathies (**Myotonia**)

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Effect of Ca ions on the RMP

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Headache, and lethargy. anxiety,
depression, and cognitive dysfunction,
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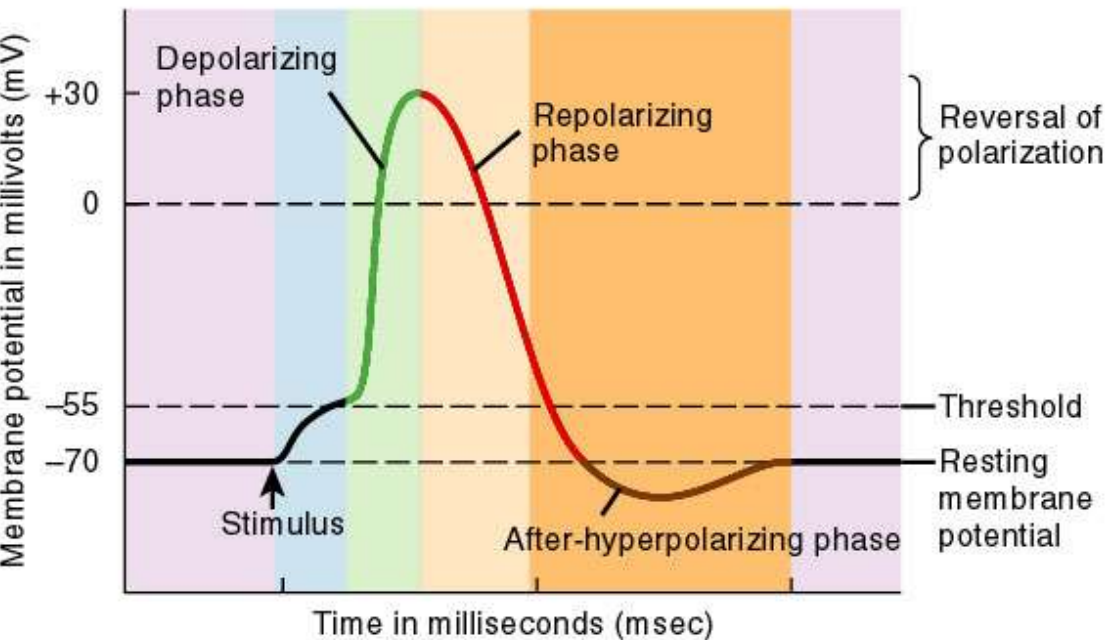
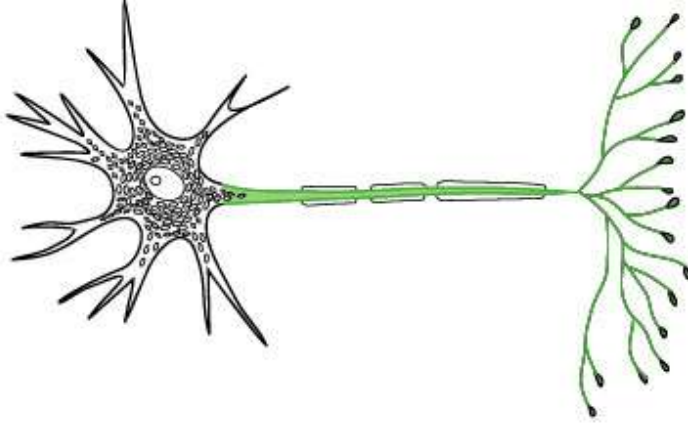
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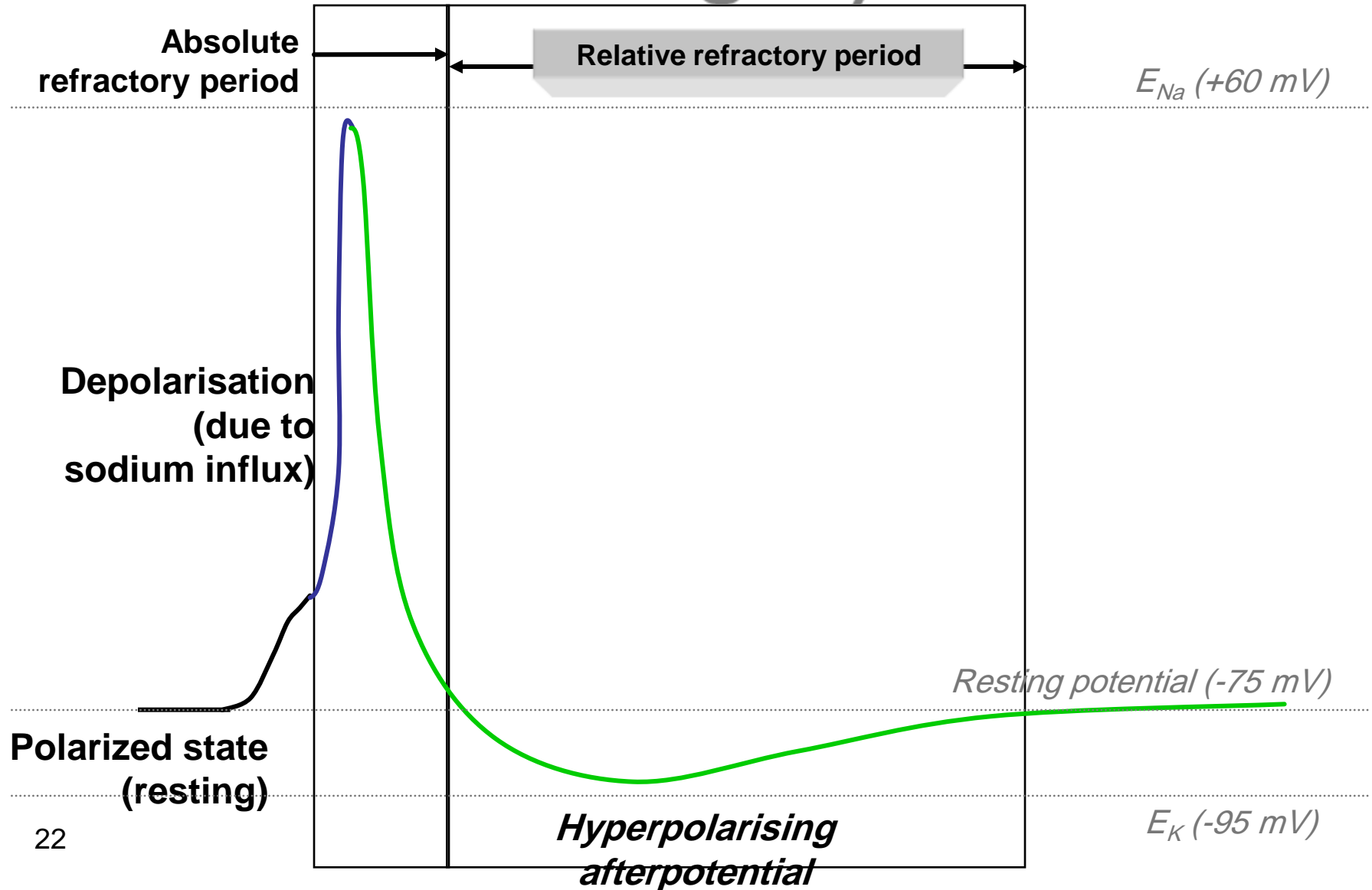




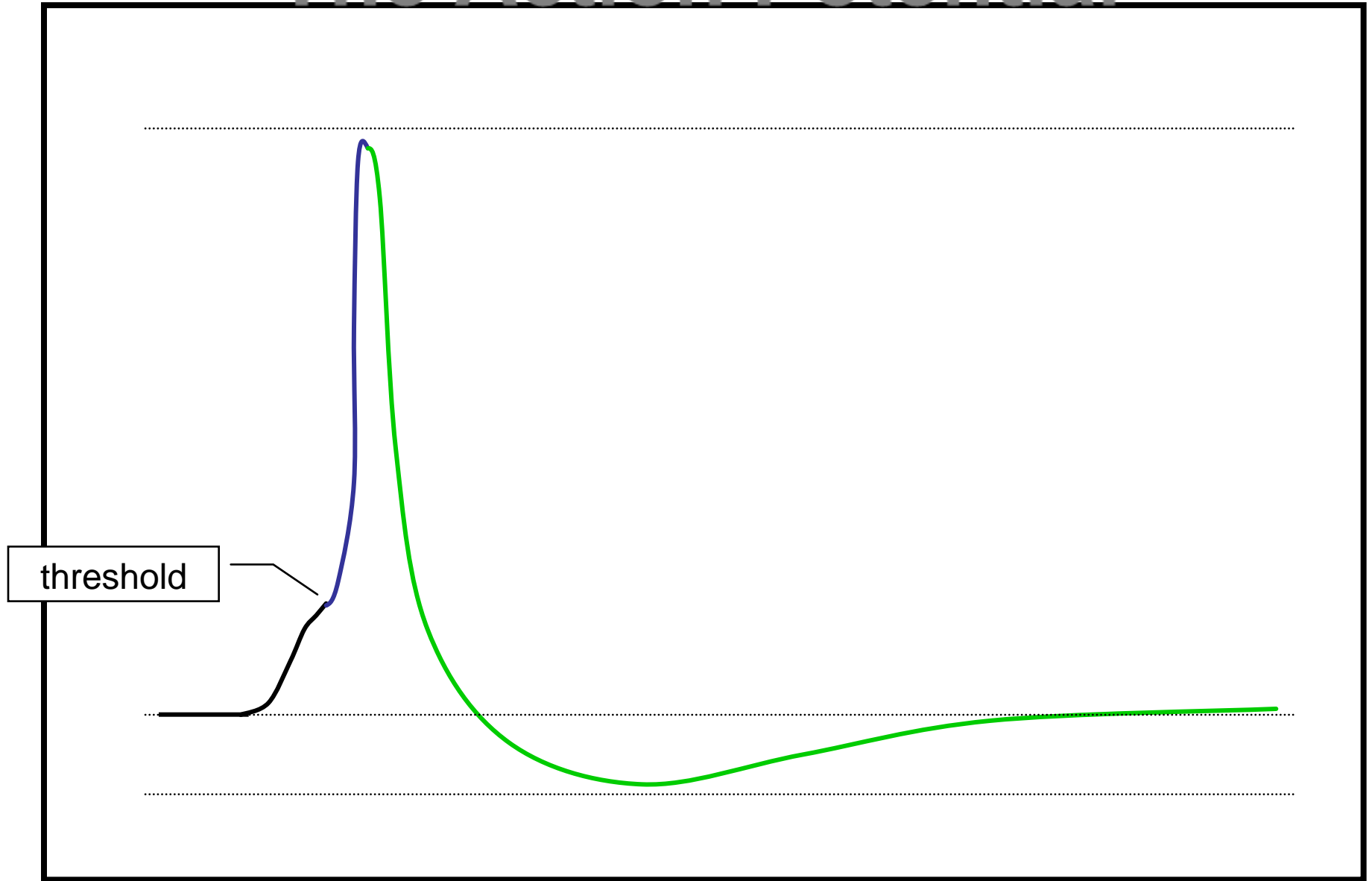
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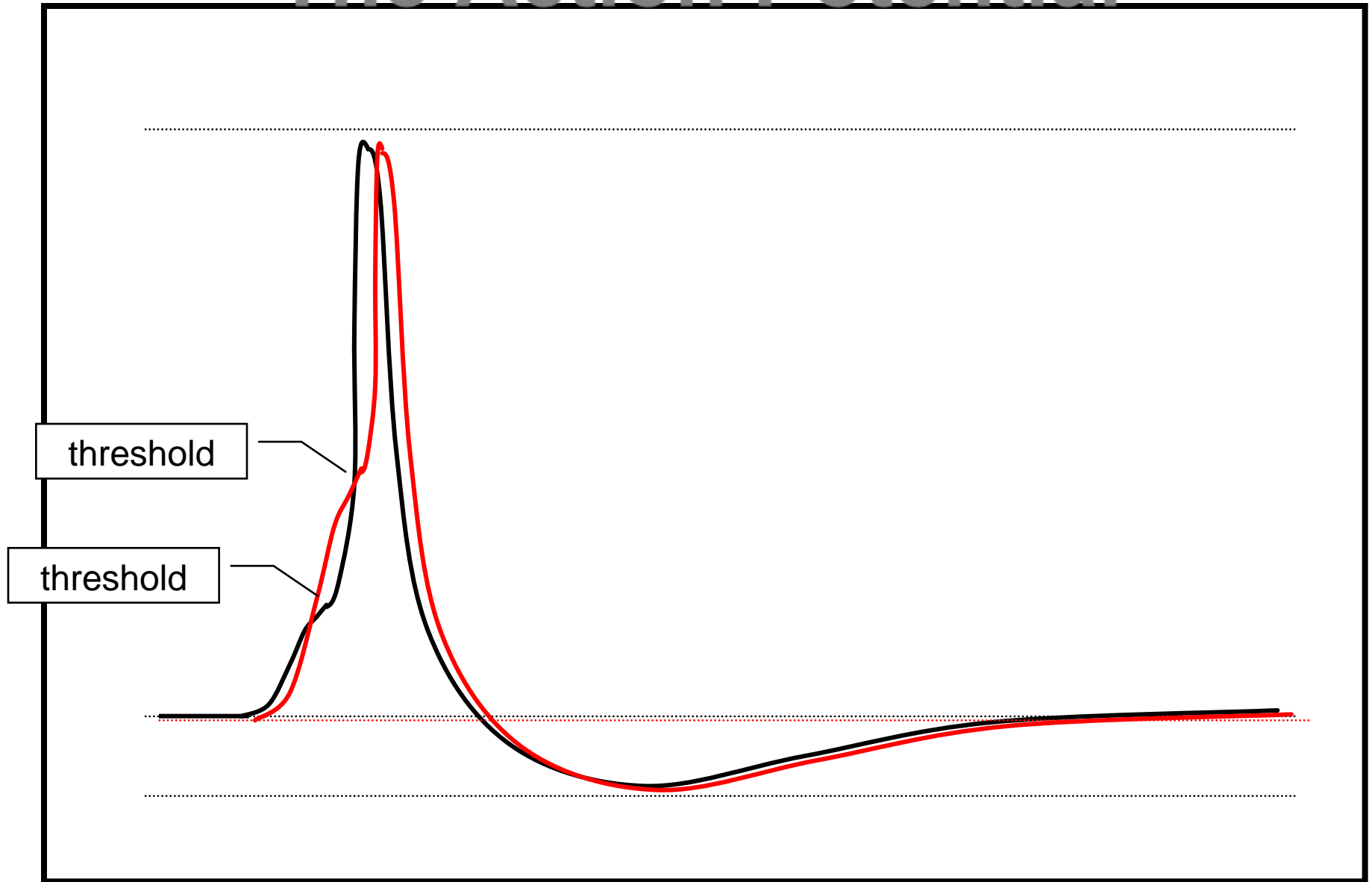
The Action Potential (excitability changes)



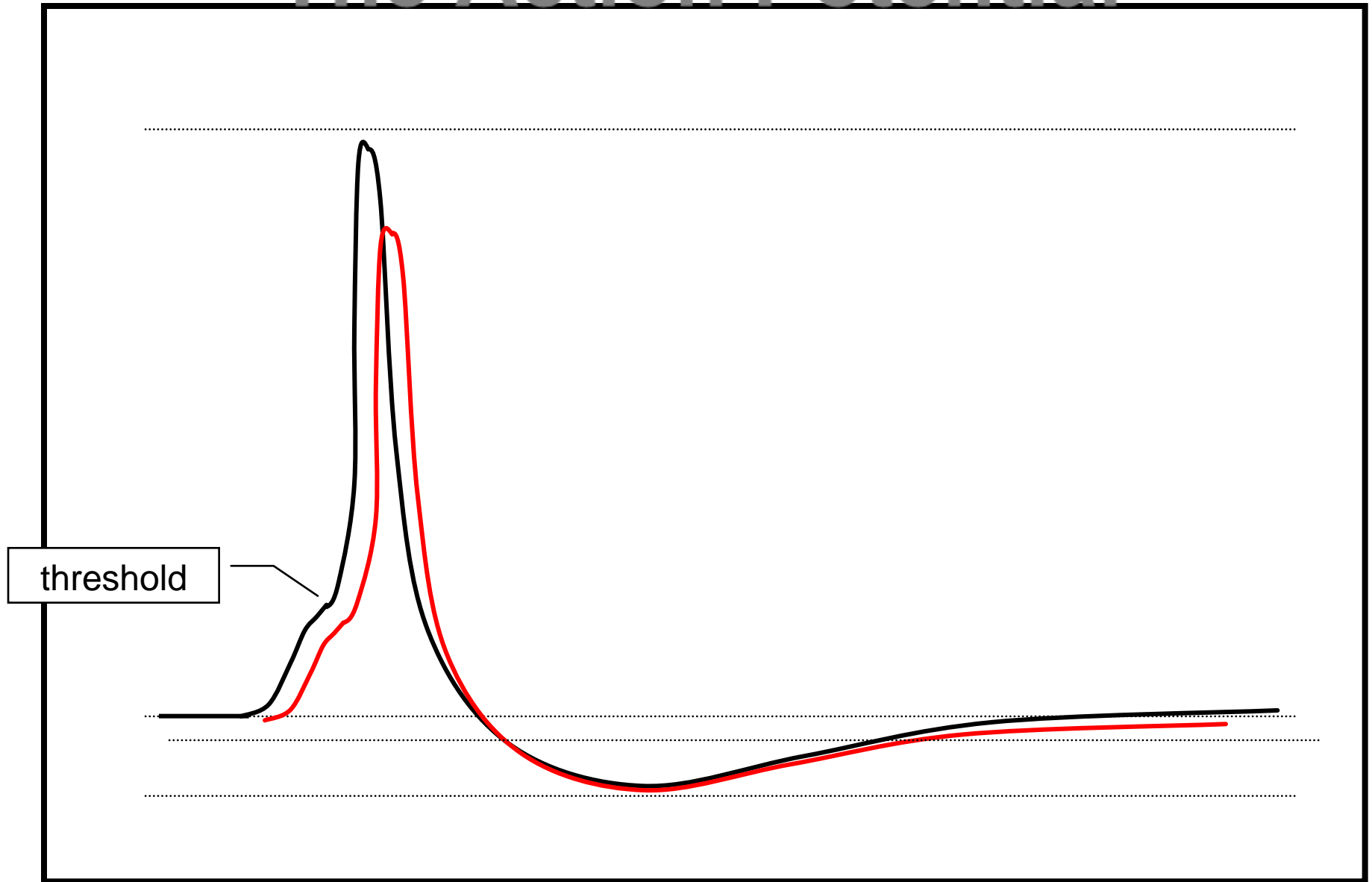
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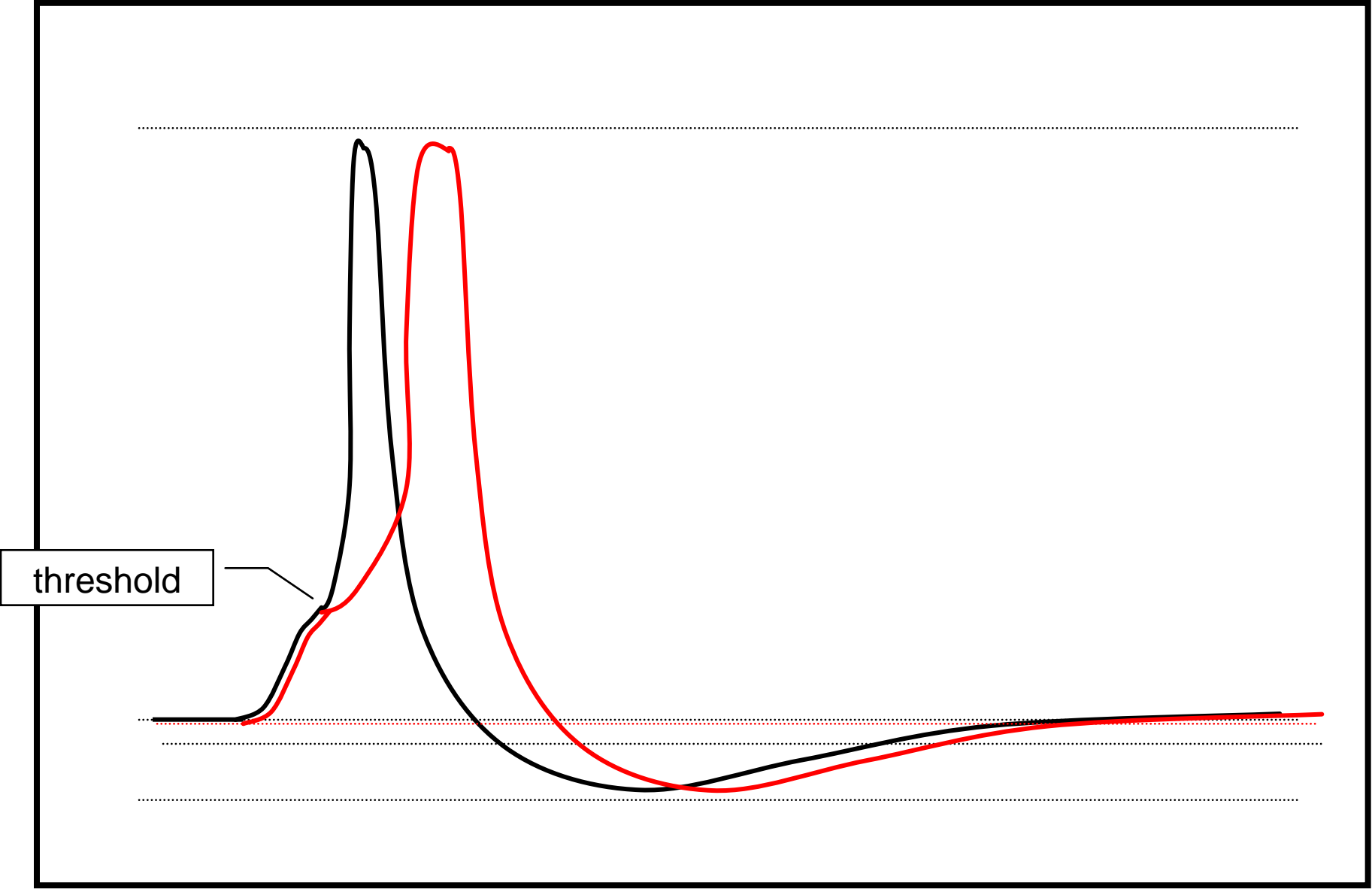


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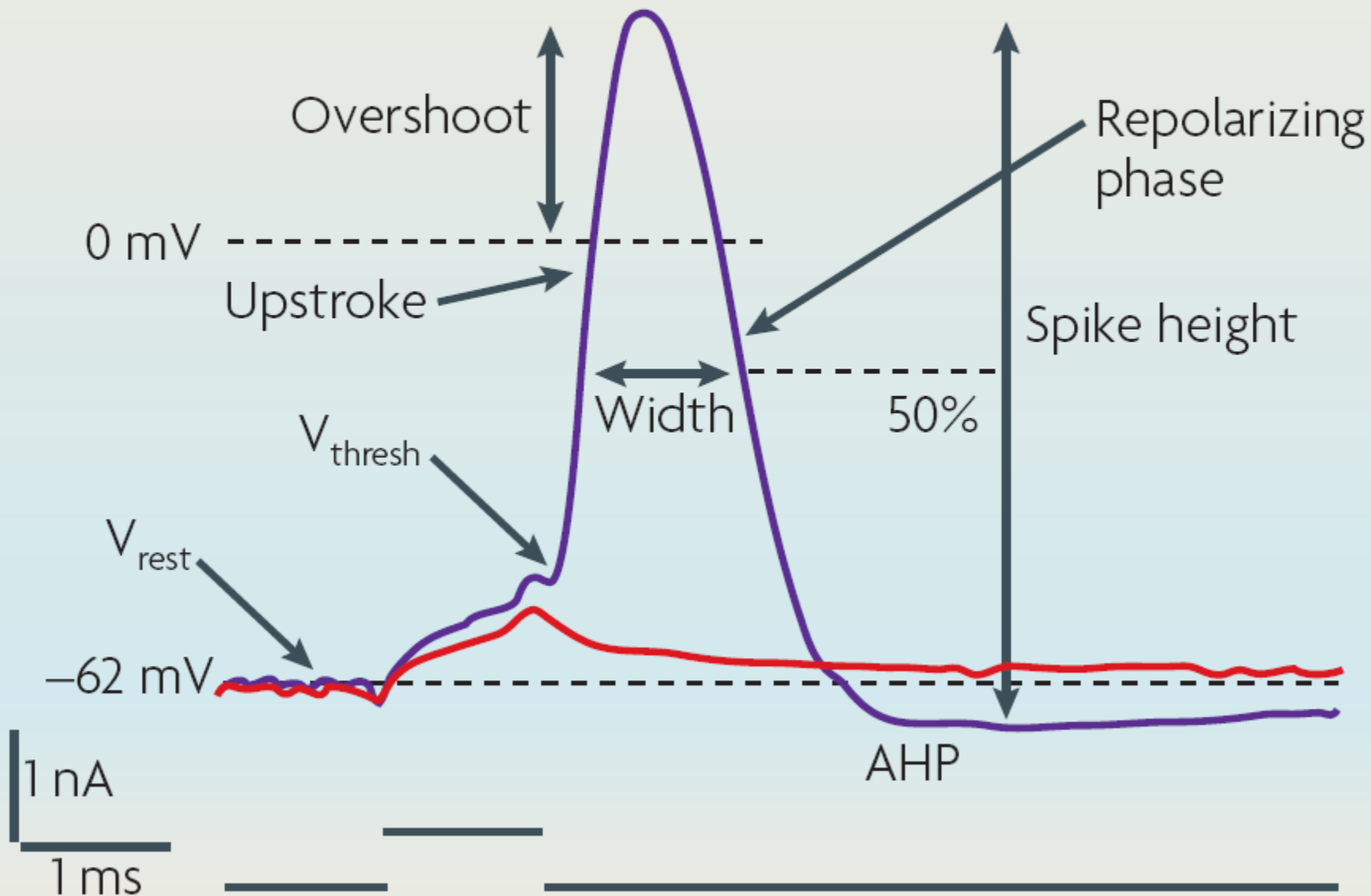
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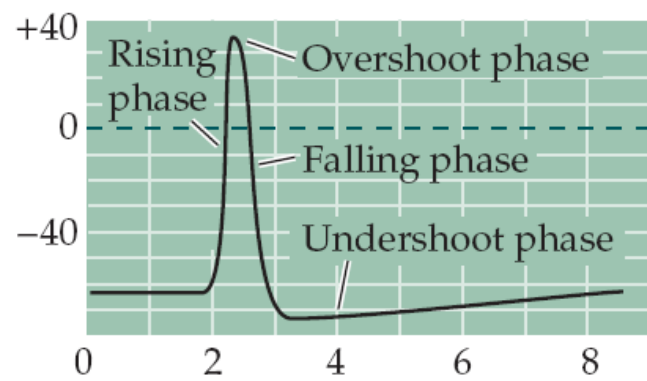




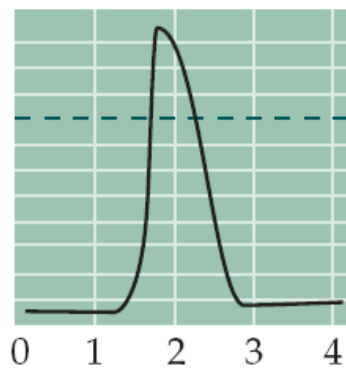
— Subthreshold
current injection

— Suprathreshold
depolarizing current

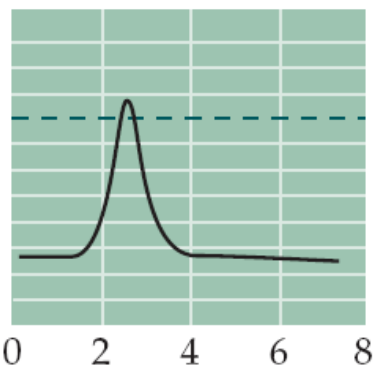




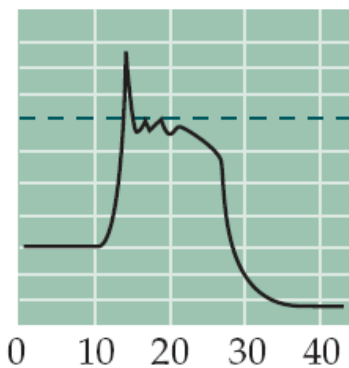
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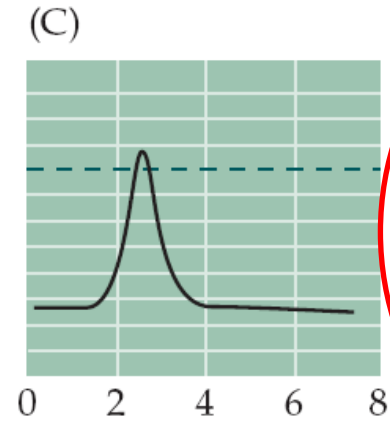
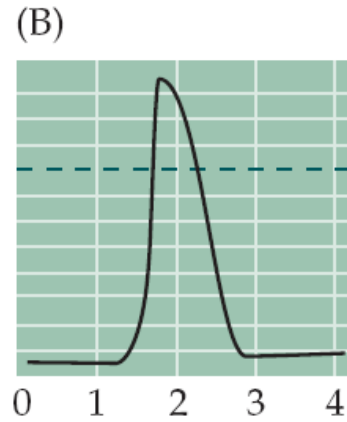
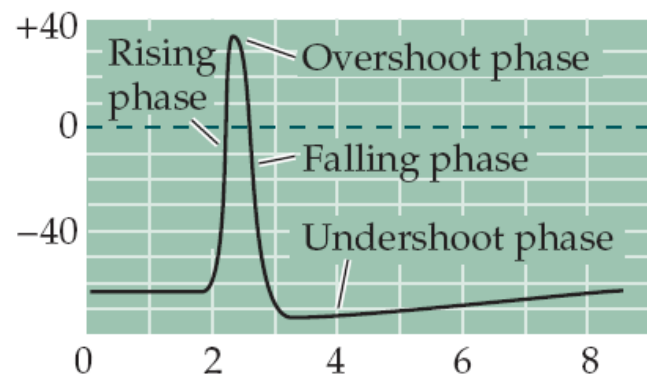
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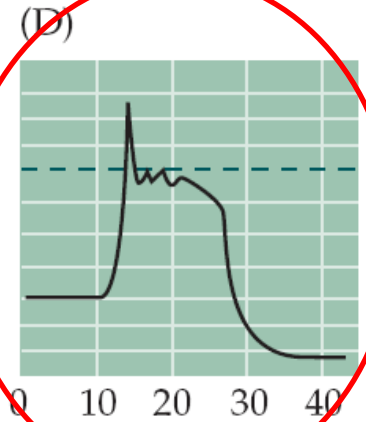
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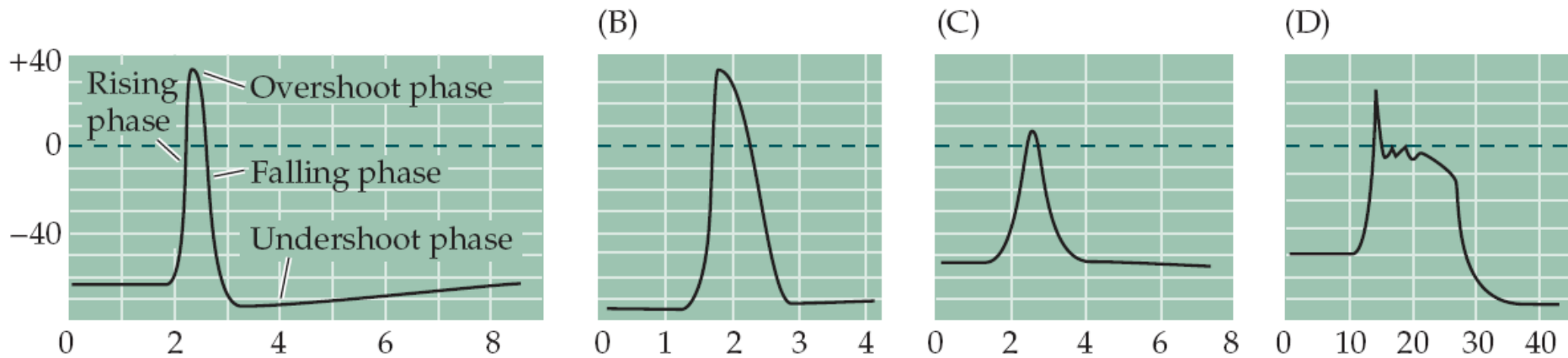


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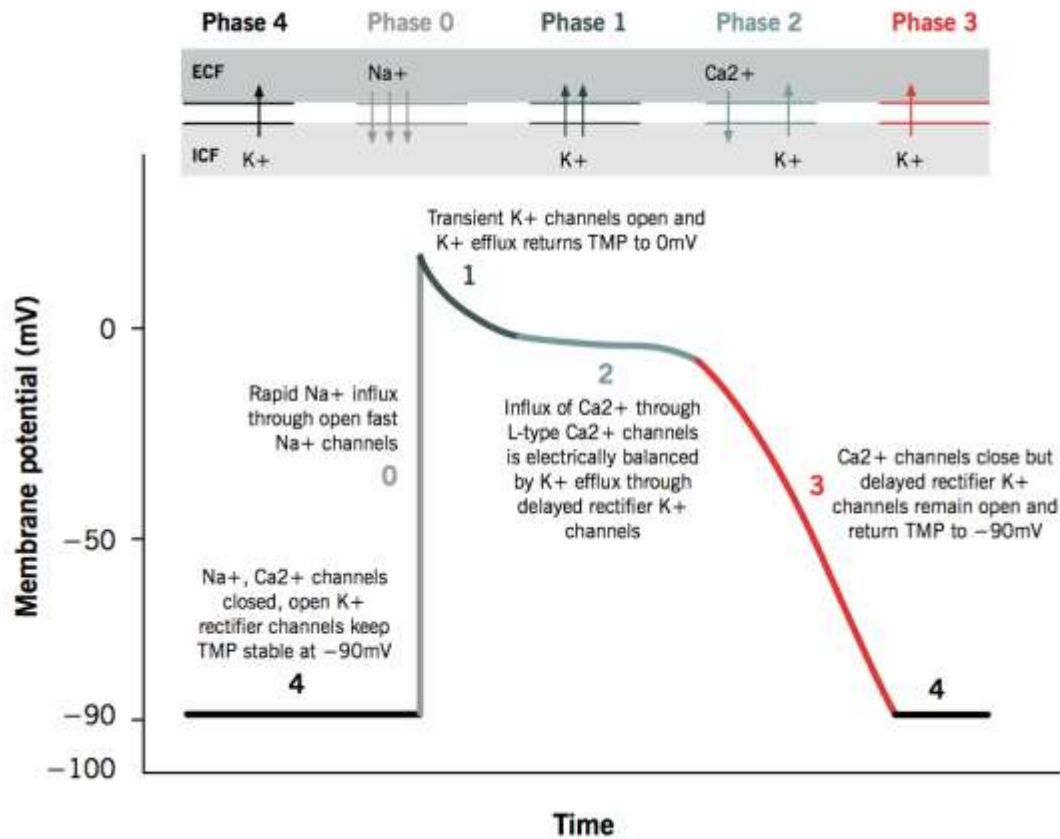
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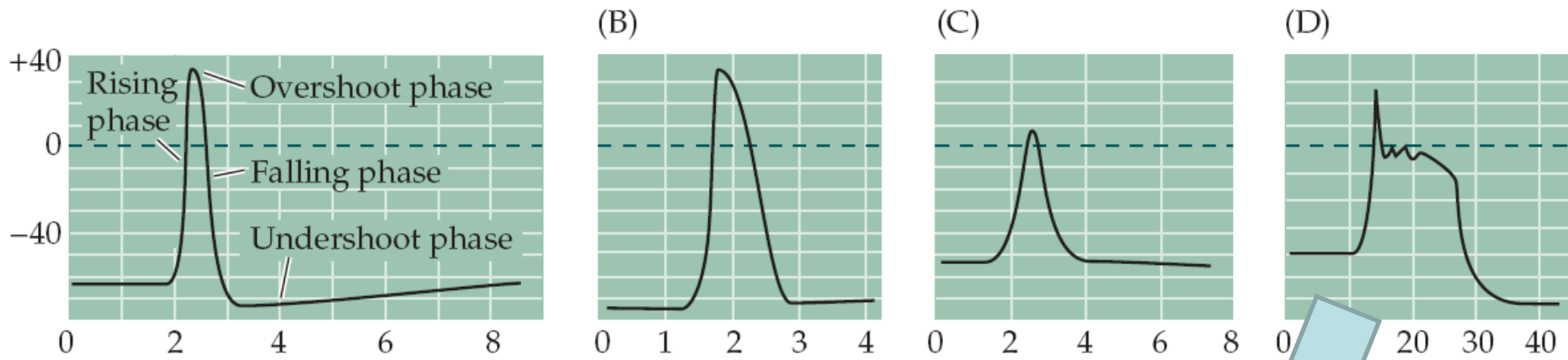




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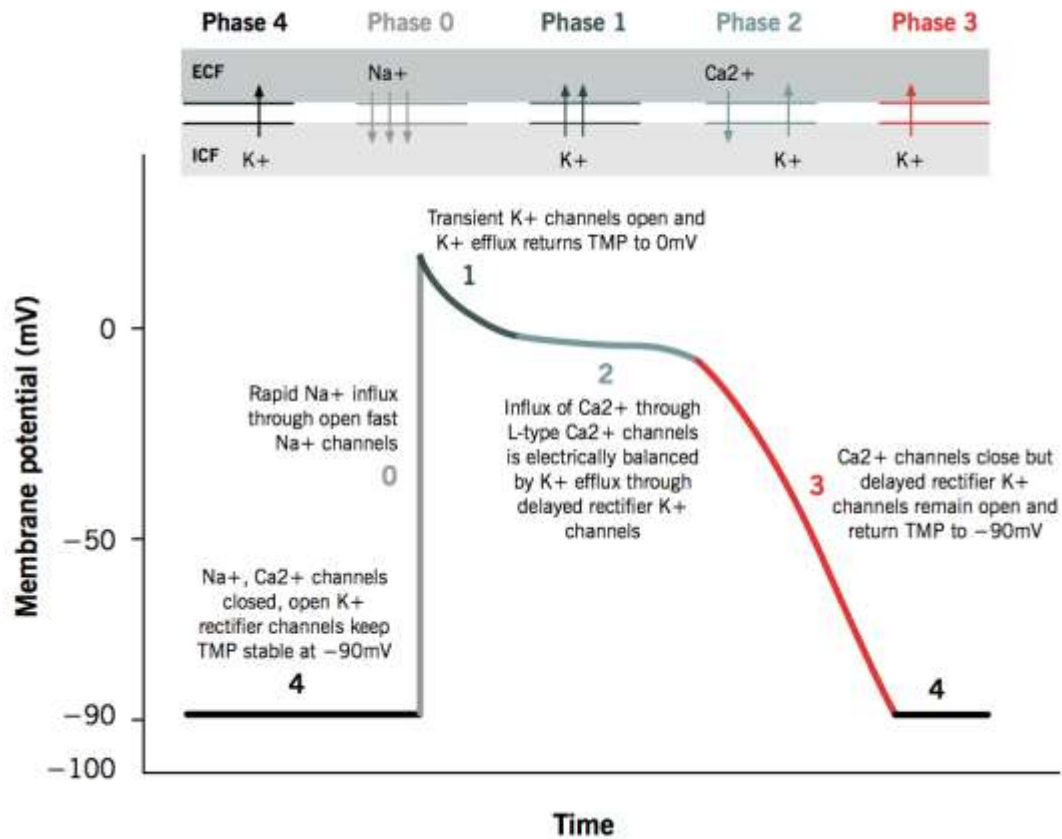
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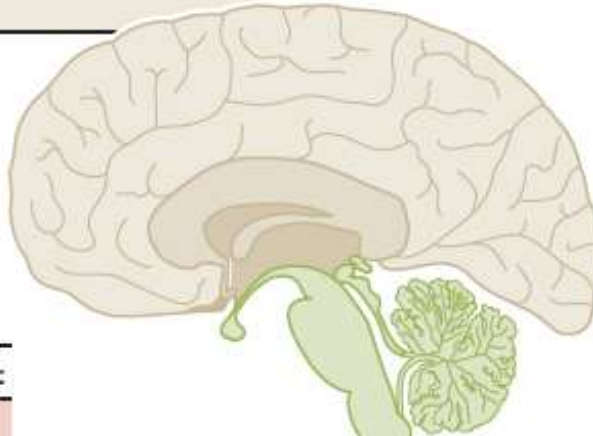
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Channelopathies

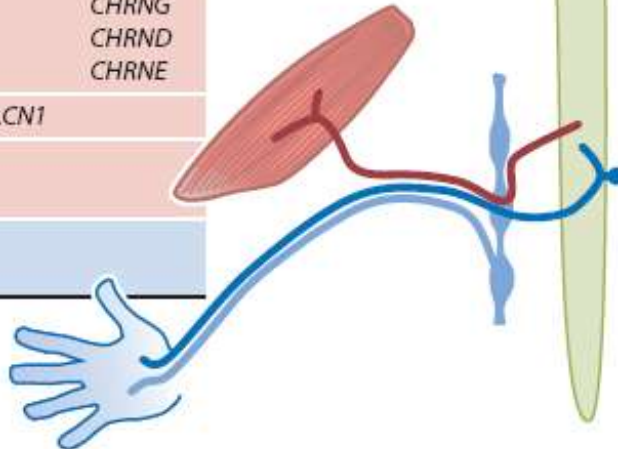
Epilepsy and migraine

	Na ⁺	K ⁺	Ca ²⁺	GABA _A	Nicotinic
Epilepsy	<i>SCN1A</i>	<i>KCNQ2</i>	<i>CACNA1H</i>	<i>GABRA1</i>	<i>CHRNA2</i>
	<i>SCN1B</i>	<i>KCNQ3</i>		<i>GABRB3</i>	<i>CHNRA4</i>
	<i>SCN2A</i>	<i>KCNMA1</i>		<i>GABRG2</i>	<i>CHRN2</i>
Migraine	<i>SCN1A</i>		<i>CACNA1A</i>		



Neuromuscular disorders

	Na ⁺	K ⁺	Ca ²⁺	Cl ⁻	Nicotinic
Myasthenia					<i>CHRNA1</i>
Fetal akinesia					<i>CHRNA1</i> <i>CHRNA2</i> <i>CHRNA3</i> <i>CHRNA4</i> <i>CHRNA5</i>
Myotonia	<i>SCN4A</i>			<i>CLCN1</i>	
Periodic paralysis	<i>SCN4A</i>	<i>KCNJ2</i>	<i>CACNA1S</i>		
Pain	<i>SCN9A</i>				
Erythema					



Cerebellar ataxia and excessive startle

	K ⁺	Ca ²⁺	Glycine
Ataxia	<i>KCNA1</i> <i>KCNC3</i>	<i>CACNA1A</i>	
Hyperreflexia			<i>GLRA1</i> <i>GLRB</i>

Ataxia is typically defined as the presence of abnormal, uncoordinated movements

Table 1. The neurological channelopathies

		Gene	Channel subunit	Disease
CNS	Sodium channels	<i>SCN1A</i>	α subunit of Nav1.1	Epilepsy, migraine
		<i>SCN1B</i>	β 1	Epilepsy
		<i>SCN2A</i>	α subunit of Nav1.2	Epilepsy
	Potassium channels	<i>KCNQ2</i>	Kv7.2	Epilepsy
		<i>KCNQ3</i>	Kv7.3	Epilepsy
		<i>KCNMA1</i>	BK	Epilepsy with dyskinesia
		<i>KCNA1</i>	Kv1.1	Episodic ataxia
		<i>KCNC3</i>	Kv3.3	Ataxia
	Calcium channels	<i>CACNA1H</i>	α 1H subunit of Cav3.2	Epilepsy
		<i>CACNA1A</i>	α 1A subunit of Cav2.1	Episodic or progressive ataxia, migraine, epilepsy
	GABA _A receptors	<i>GABRA1</i>	α 1	Epilepsy
		<i>GABRB3</i>	β 3	Epilepsy
		<i>GABRG2</i>	γ 2	Epilepsy
	Nicotinic ACh receptors	<i>CHRNA2</i>	α 2	Epilepsy
		<i>CHNRA4</i>	α 4	Epilepsy
		<i>CHRNA2</i>	β 2	Epilepsy
	Glycine receptors	<i>GLRA1</i>	α 1	Hyperekplexia
		<i>GLRB</i>	β	Hyperekplexia
Peripheral nerve	Sodium channel	<i>SCN9A</i>	α subunit of Nav1.7	Excessive pain, insensitivity to pain
Muscle	Sodium channel	<i>SCN4A</i>	α subunit of Nav1.4	Periodic paralysis, myotonia
	Potassium channels	<i>KCNJ2</i>	Kir2.1	Periodic paralysis
		<i>KCNJ18</i>	Kir2.6	Periodic paralysis
	Calcium channel	<i>CACNA1S</i>	α 1S subunit of CaV1.1	Periodic paralysis
	Chloride channel	<i>CLCN1</i>	CLC-1	Myotonia
	Nicotinic ACh receptors	<i>CHRNA1</i>	α 1	Congenital myasthenic syndromes
		<i>CHRNA1</i>	β 1	Congenital myasthenic syndromes
		<i>CHRNA1</i>	γ	Congenital myasthenic syndromes
		<i>CHRNA1</i>	δ	Congenital myasthenic syndromes
		<i>CHRNA1</i>	ϵ	Congenital myasthenic syndromes

Table 2 Classification of neurological channelopathies according to channel

Channel	Muscle	Gene	CNS	Gene
Sodium channel	Hypokalaemic periodic paralysis	SCN4A	Generalised epilepsy with febrile seizures plus syndrome (GEFS+), severe myoclonic epilepsy of infancy	SCN1A SCN1B SCN2A
	Hyperkalaemic periodic paralysis	SCN4A		
	Paramyotonia congenita	SCN4A		
	Potassium aggravated myotonia	SCN4A		
Chloride channel	Myotonia congenita: Thomsen's, Becker's	CLCN1		
Calcium channel	Hypokalaemic periodic paralysis	CACNA1S	Episodic ataxia type 2	CACNA1A
	Malignant hyperthermia	CACNA1S CACNL2A	Familial hemiplegic migraine	
			Childhood absence epilepsy	CACNA1H
Potassium channel	Andersen's syndrome	KCNJ2	Episodic ataxia type 1	KCNA1
	Hypokalaemic periodic paralysis	KCNE3	Benign familial neonatal convulsions	KCNQ2 KCNQ3
	Hyperkalaemic periodic paralysis	KCNE3		
Ryanodine receptor	Malignant hyperthermia	RYR1		
	Central core disease	RYR1		
Glycine receptor			Hyperekplexia	GLRA1
Acetylcholine receptor			Autosomal dominant frontal lobe epilepsy	CHRNA2 CHRNA4
GABA receptor			GEFS+, juvenile myoclonic epilepsy	GABRG2

- Pages 84 & 85 in
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Ion Channel Neurotoxins

Synapses and Neurotransmitters

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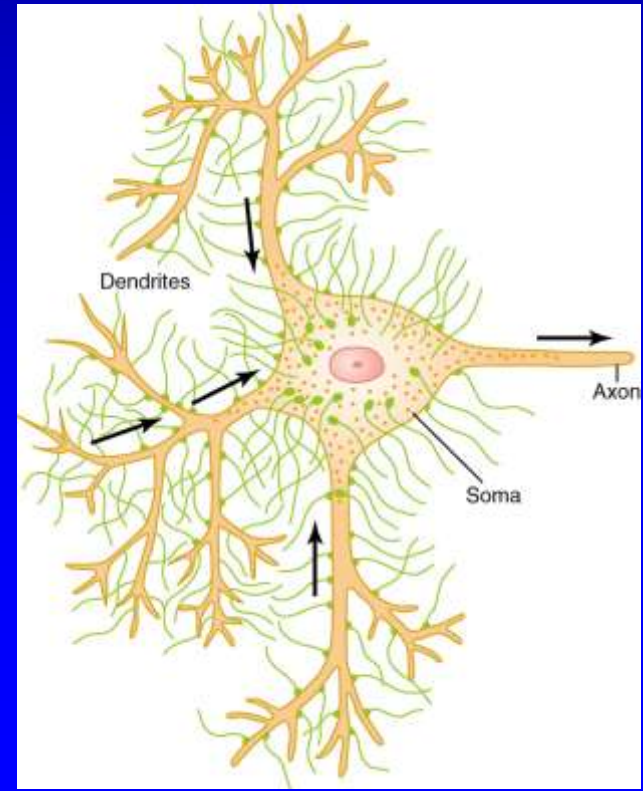
- **Synapse:**

Communication Between Neurons

- **Synapse: A specialized site of contact, and transmission of information between a neuron and an effector cell**

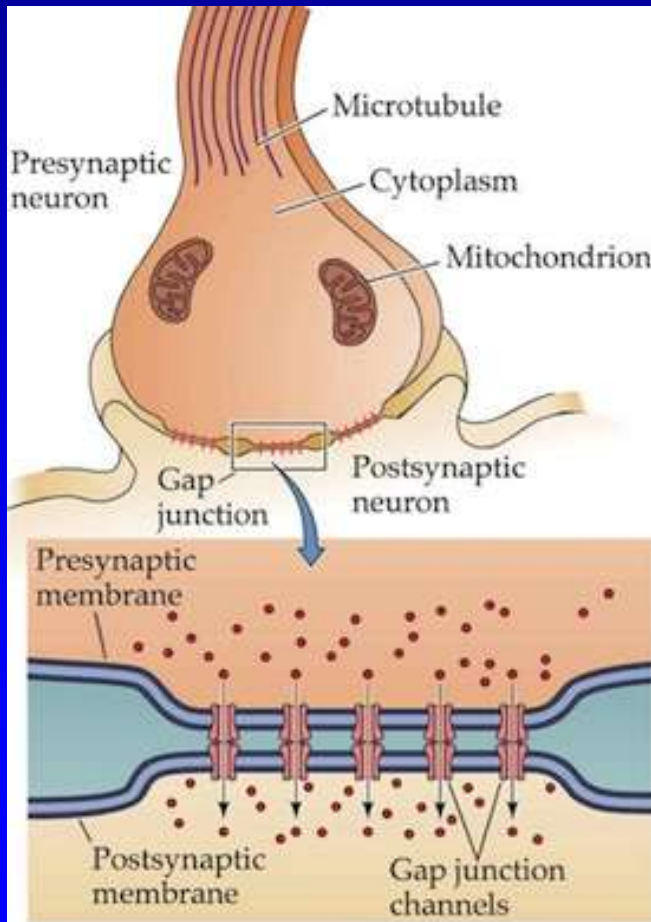
Anterior
Motor
Neuron

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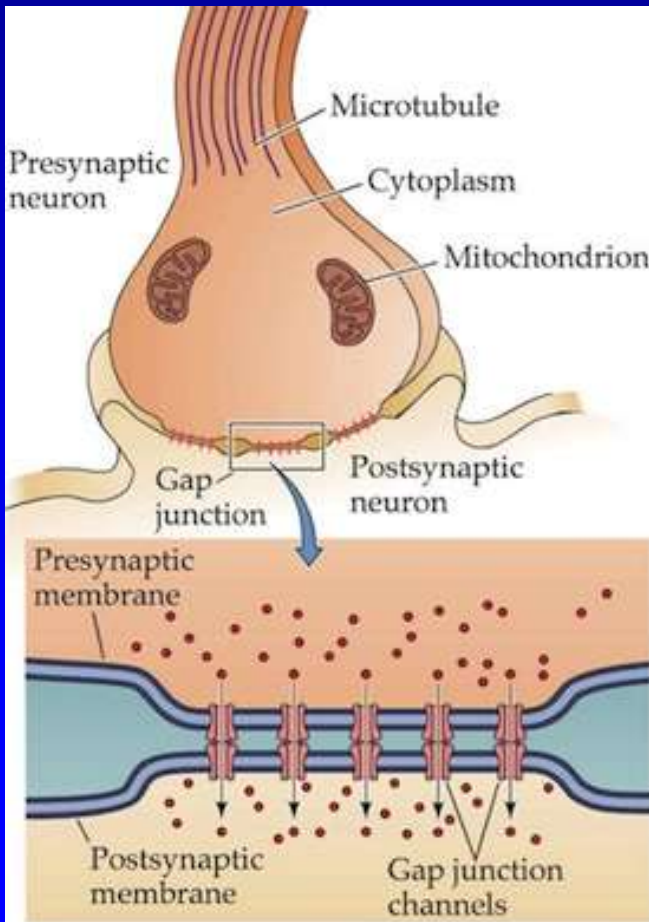
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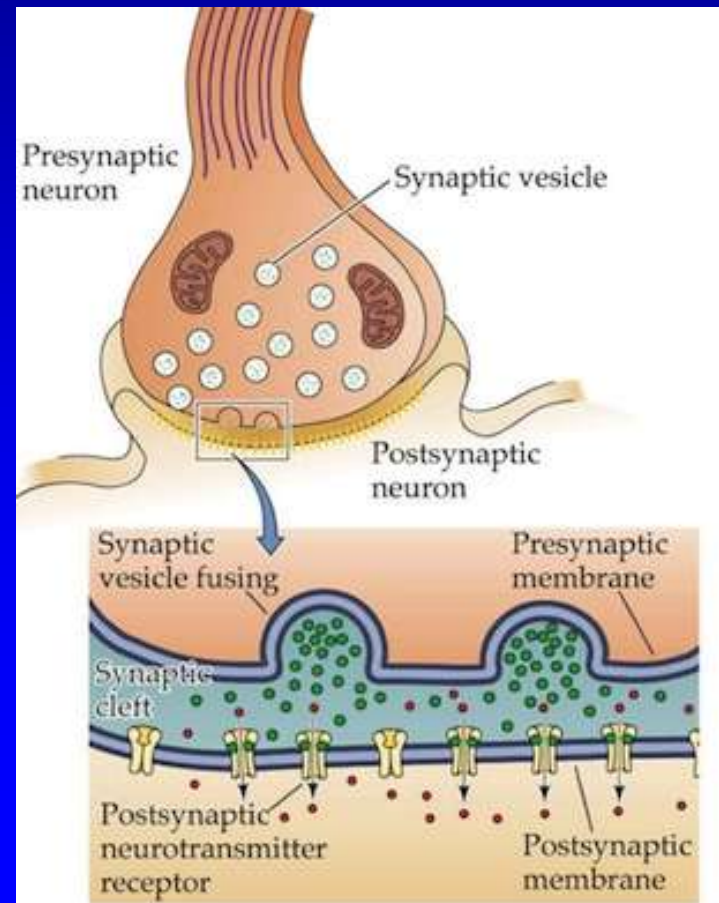


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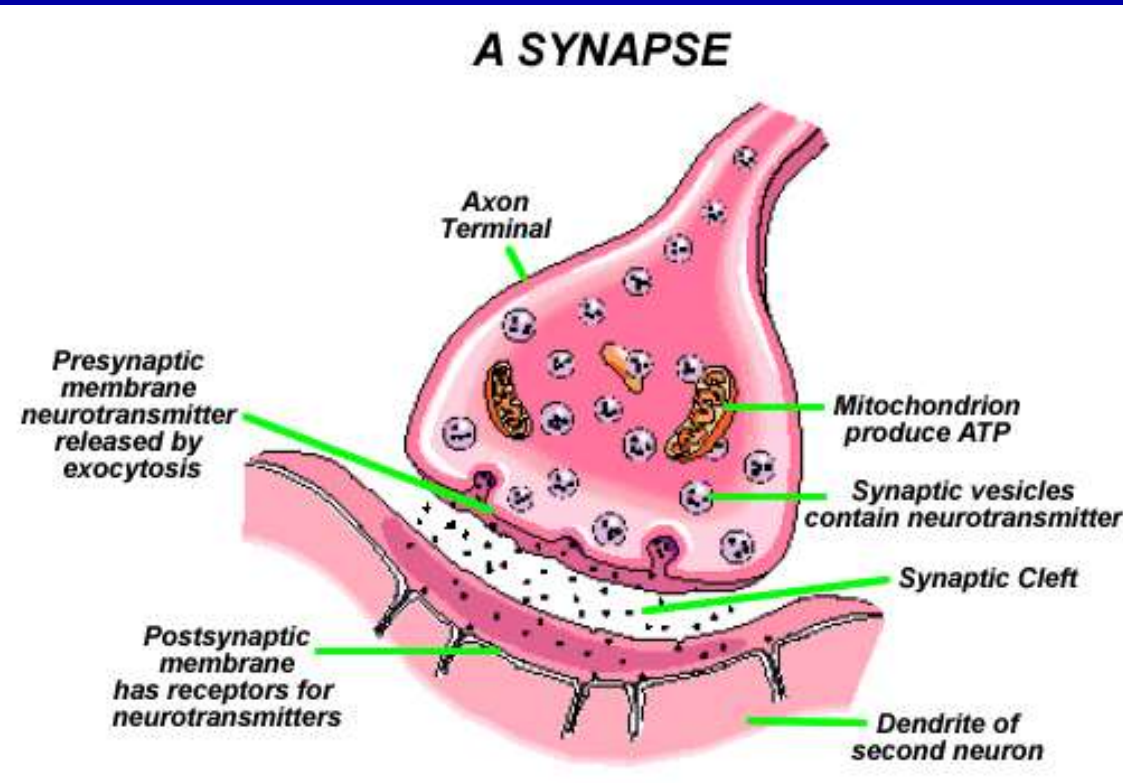


Chemical synapse

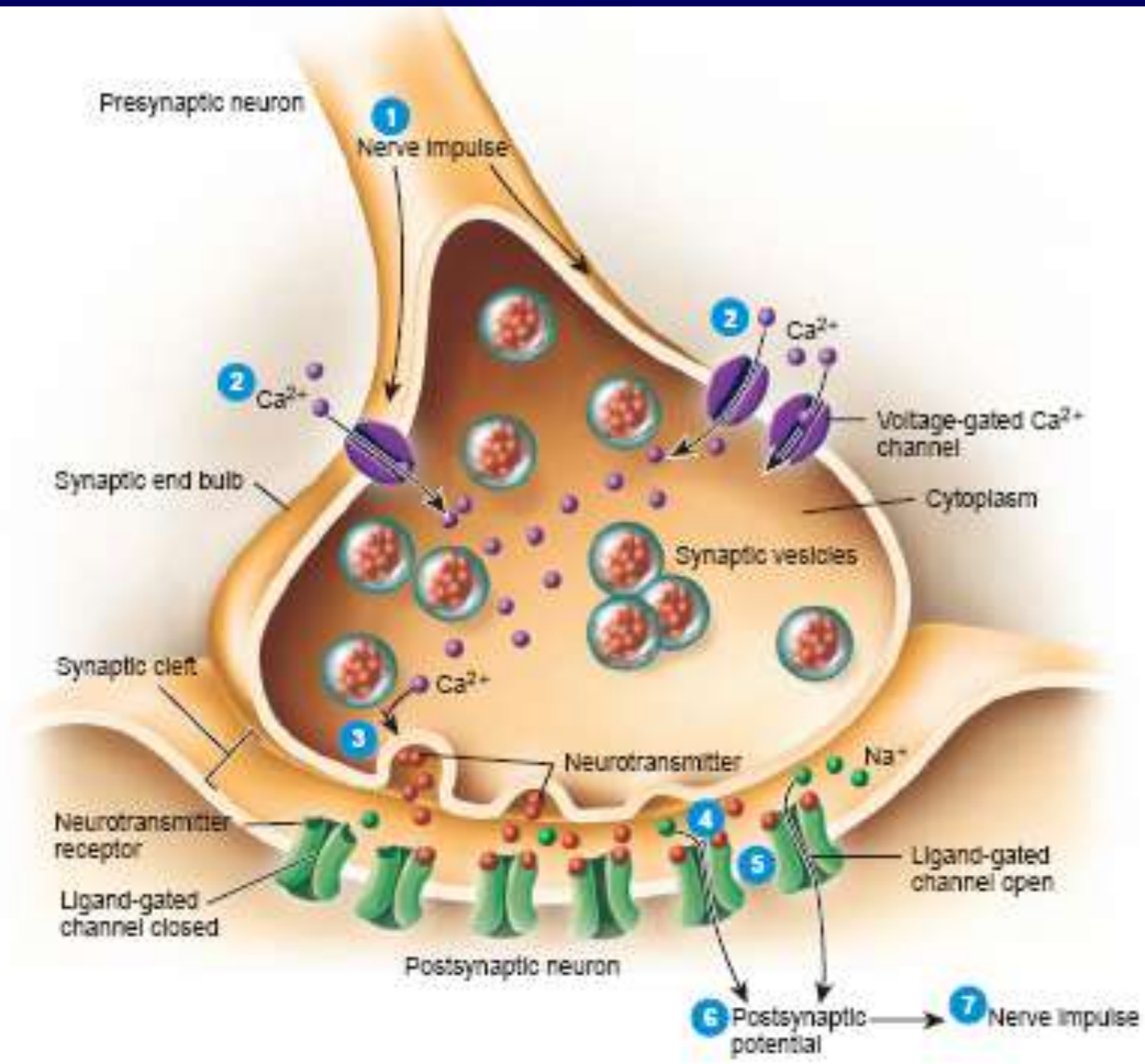


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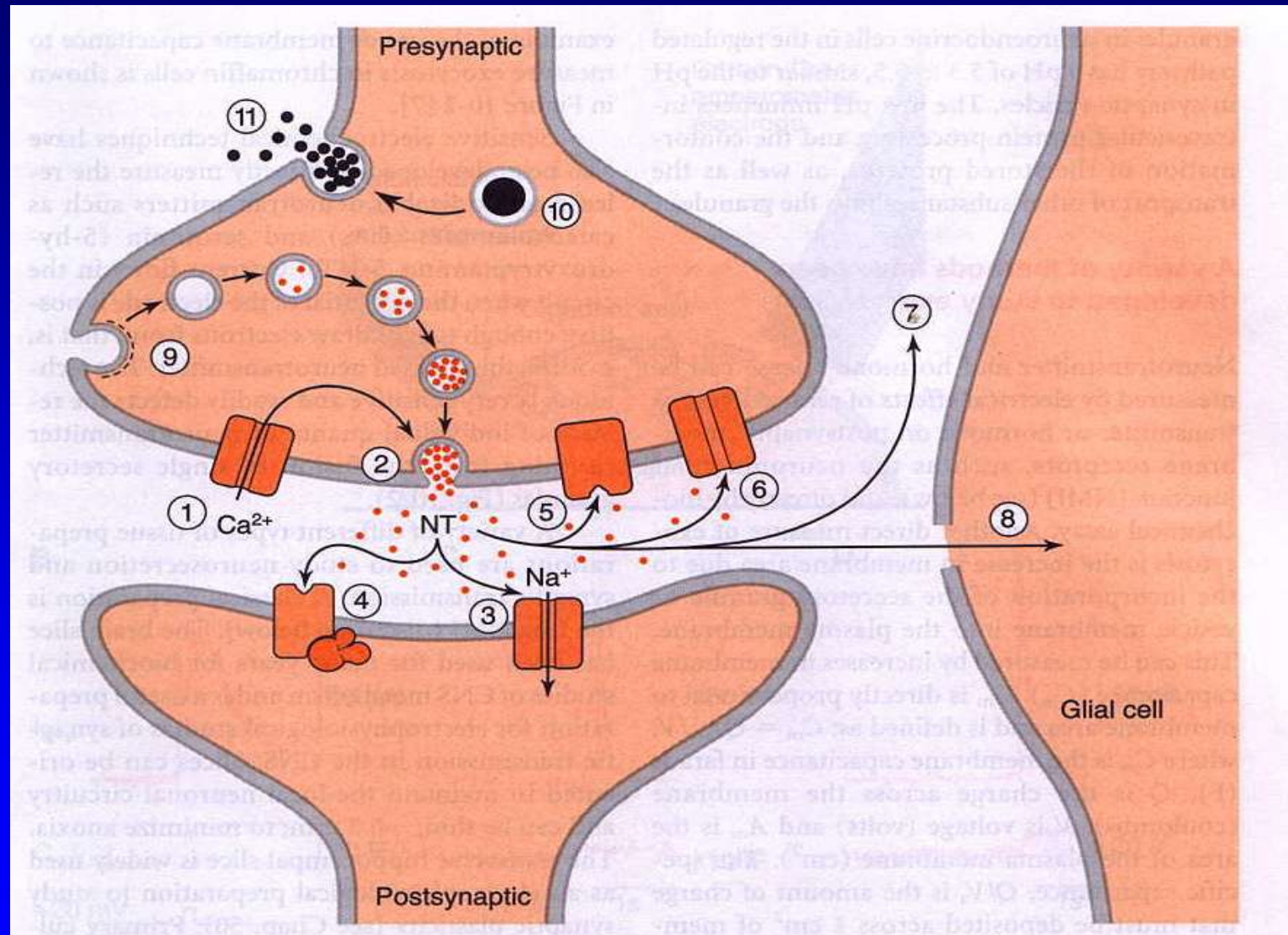
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Neurotransmitter:
is a messenger of
neurologic
information from
one cell to another.



Synaptic Transmission

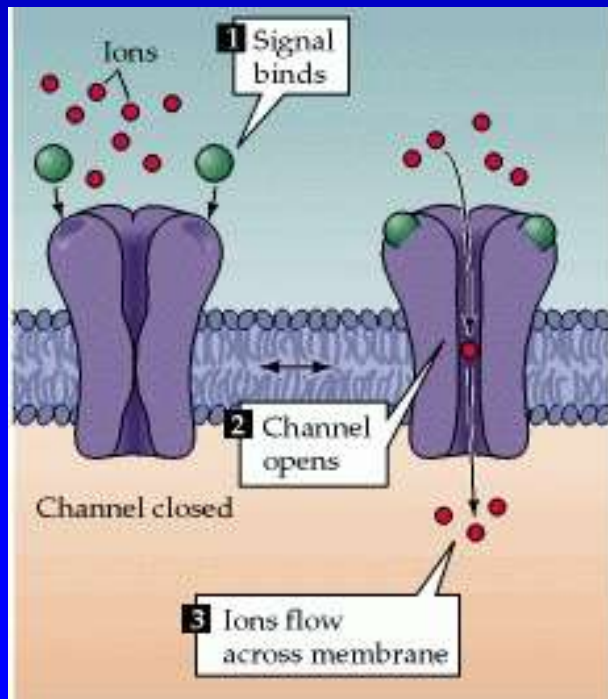


Action of Neurotransmitter on Postsynaptic Neuron

- postsynaptic membrane contains receptor proteins for the transmitter released from the presynaptic terminal.
- The effect of neurotransmitter on the post synaptic neuron depend on the type of the receptor

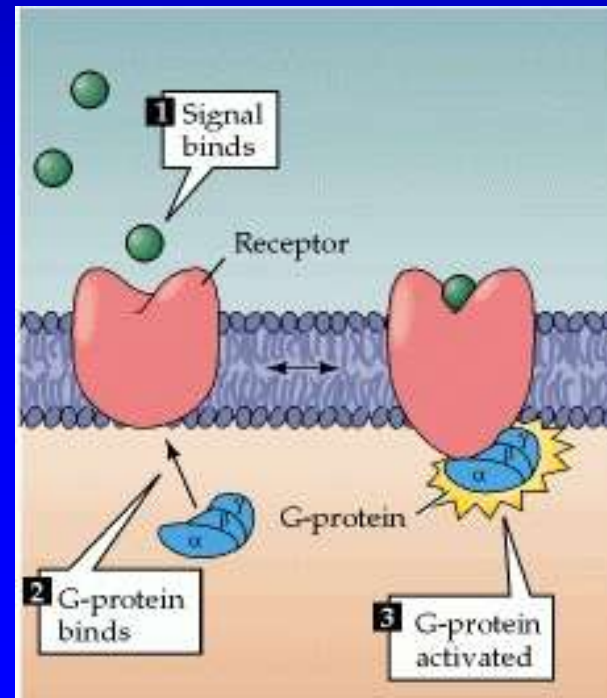
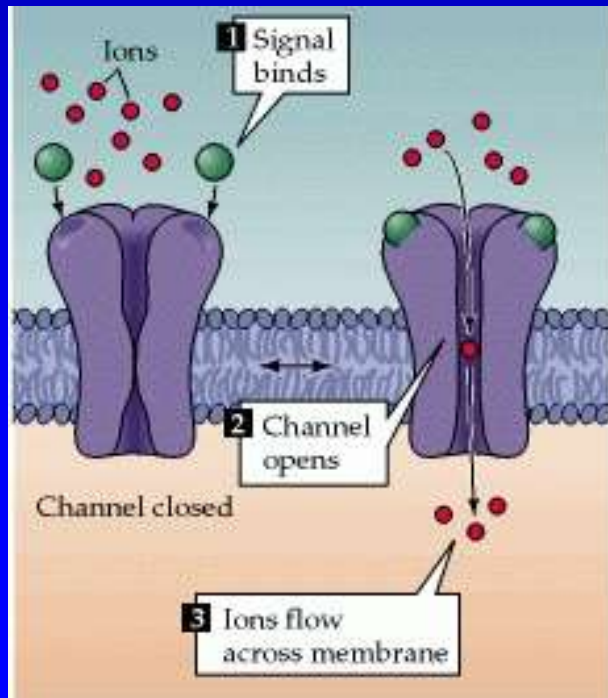
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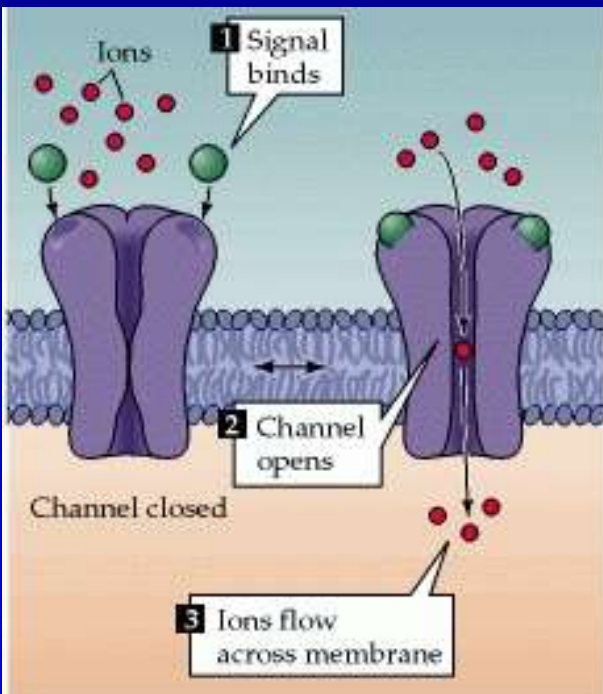


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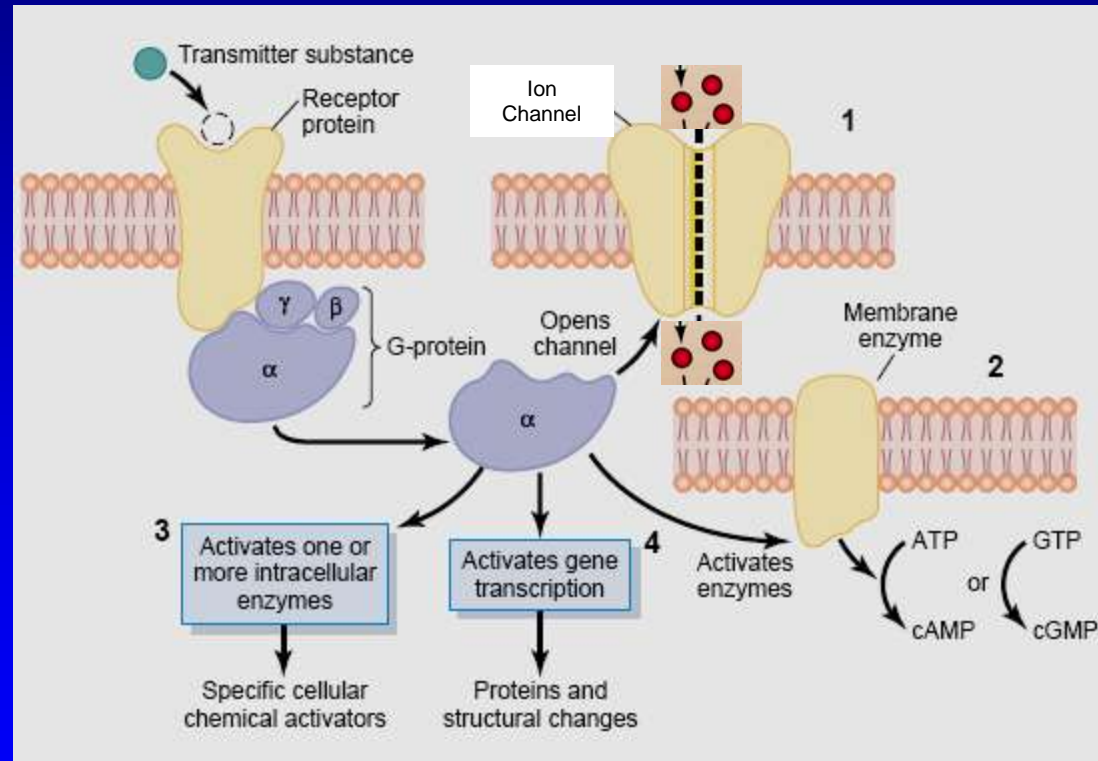
Ion Channels receptors



- transmitters that open **sodium** channels **excite** the postsynaptic neuron.
- transmitters that open **chloride** channels **inhibit** the postsynaptic neuron.
- transmitters that open **potassium** channels **inhibit** the postsynaptic neuron.

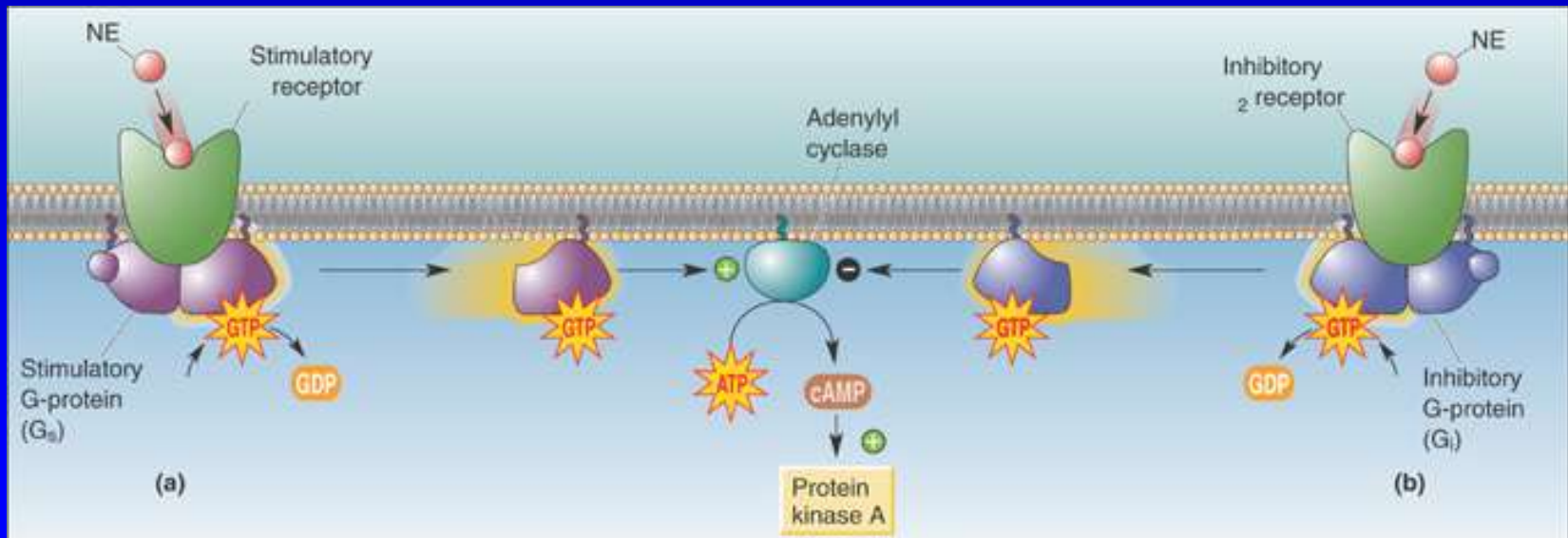
Seconded messenger receptors (as example G-protein)

1. *Opening specific ion channels*
2. *Activation of cAMP or cGMP*
3. *Activation of one or more intracellular enzymes*
4. *Activation of gene transcription.*



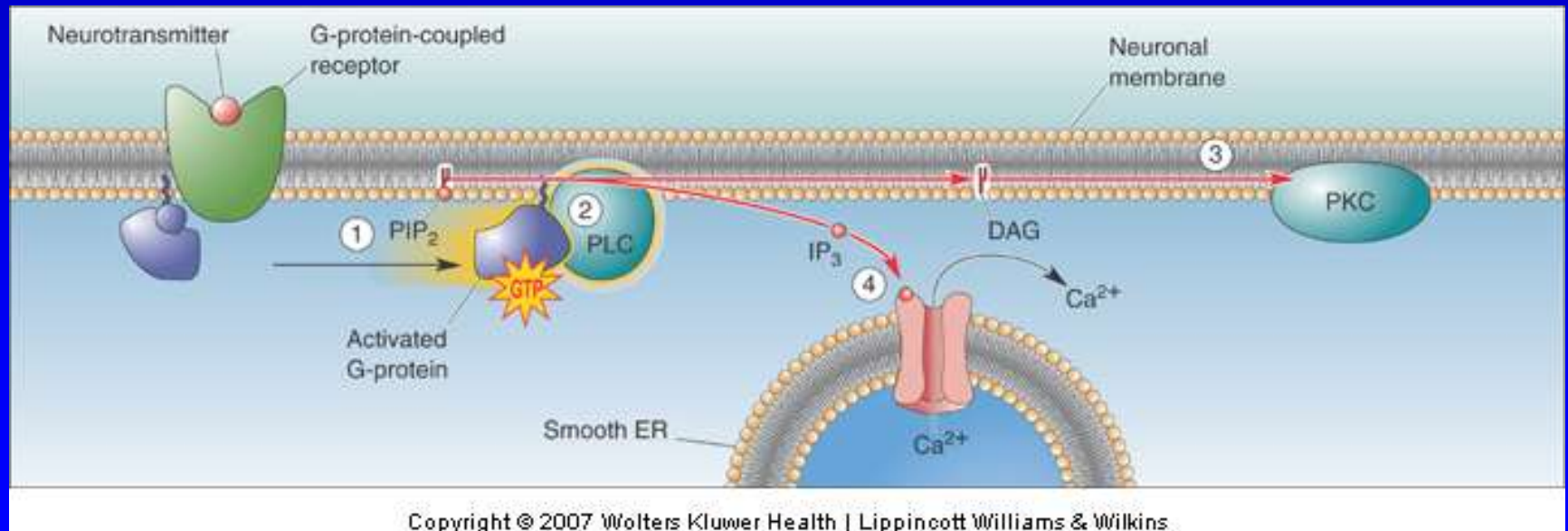
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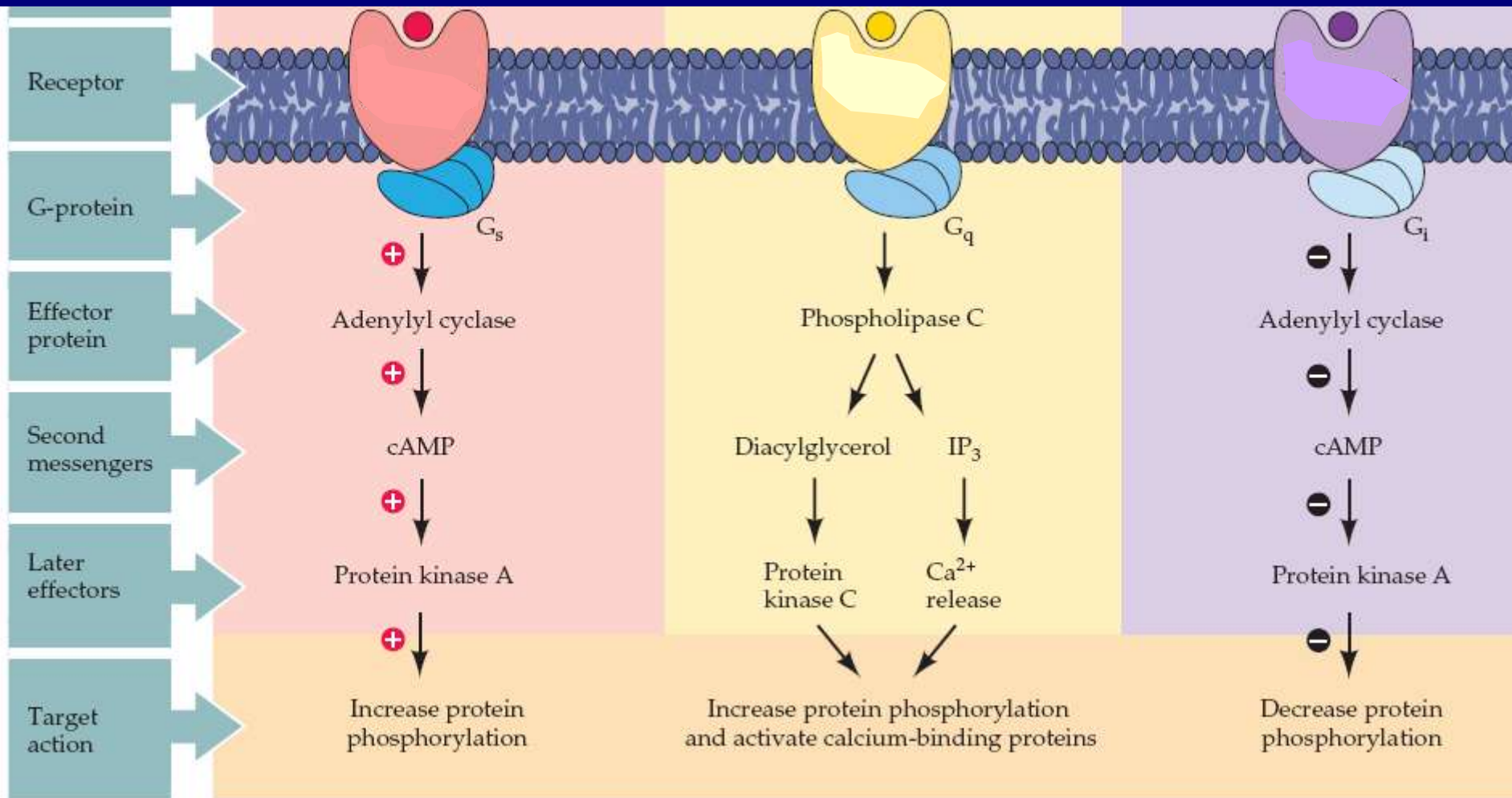
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 - Push-pull method (e.g., different G proteins for stimulating or inhibiting adenylyl cyclase)

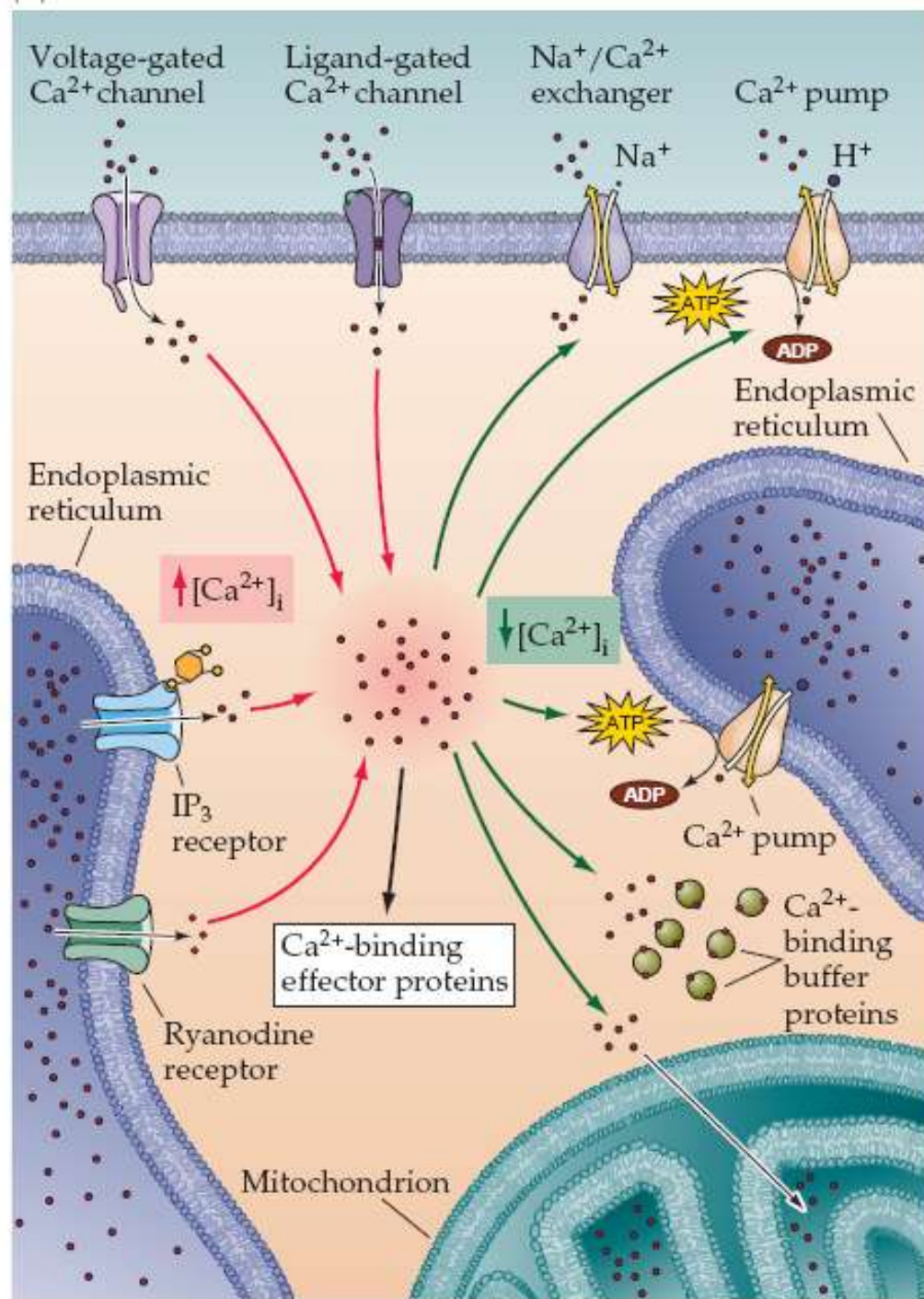


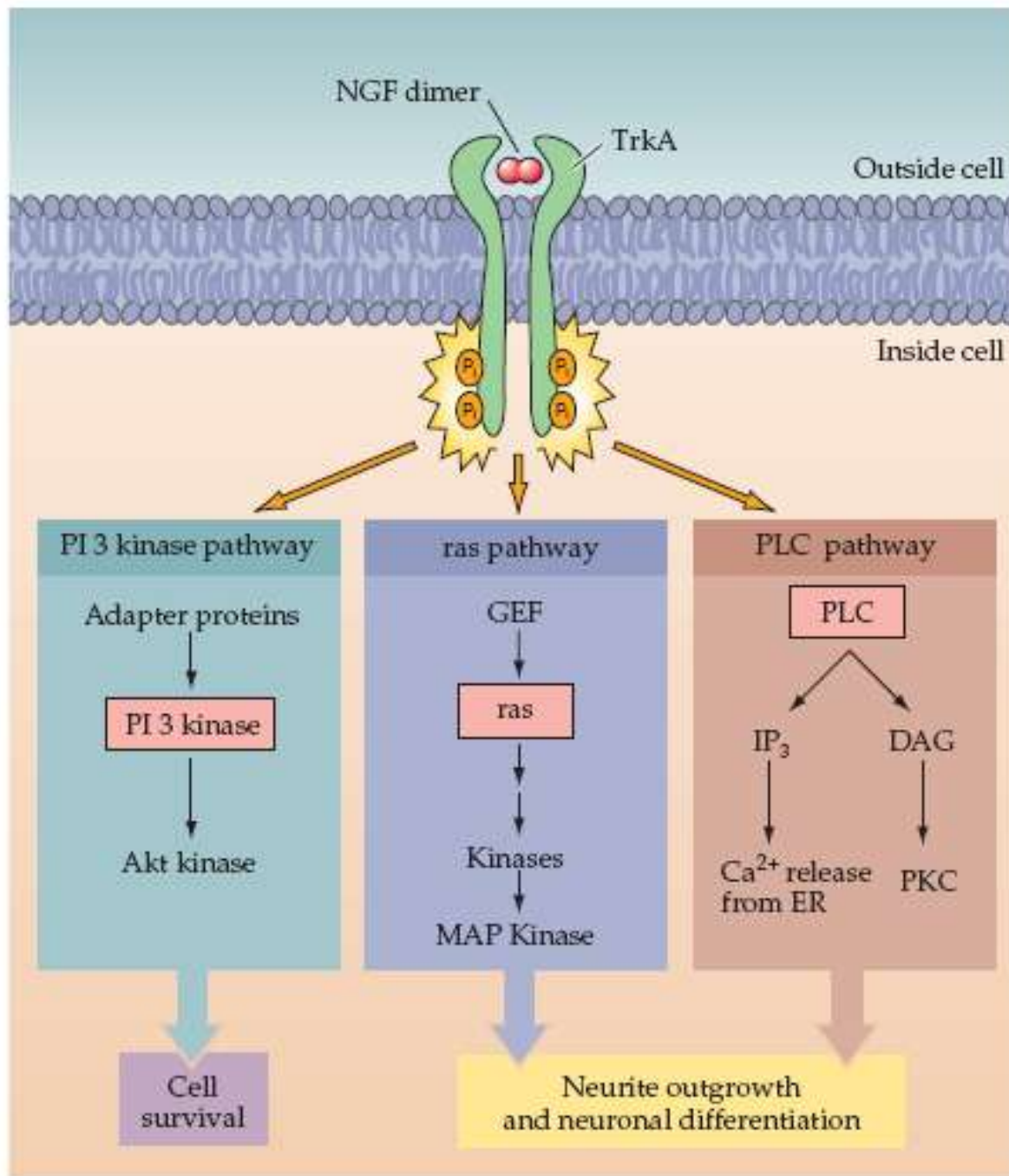
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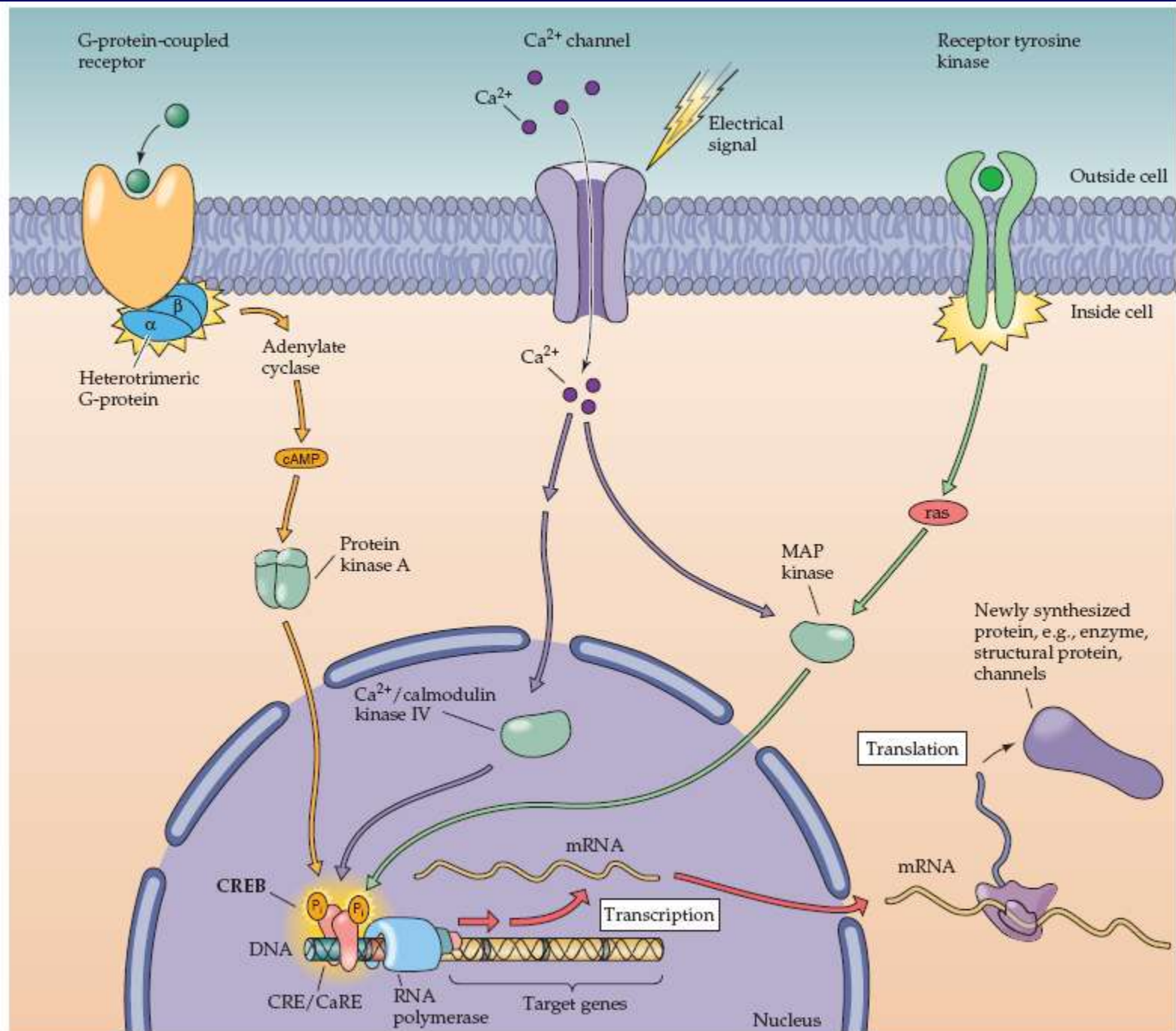
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 - Some cascades split
 - G-protein activates PLC → generates DAG and IP₃ → activate different effectors











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 - Signal amplification

