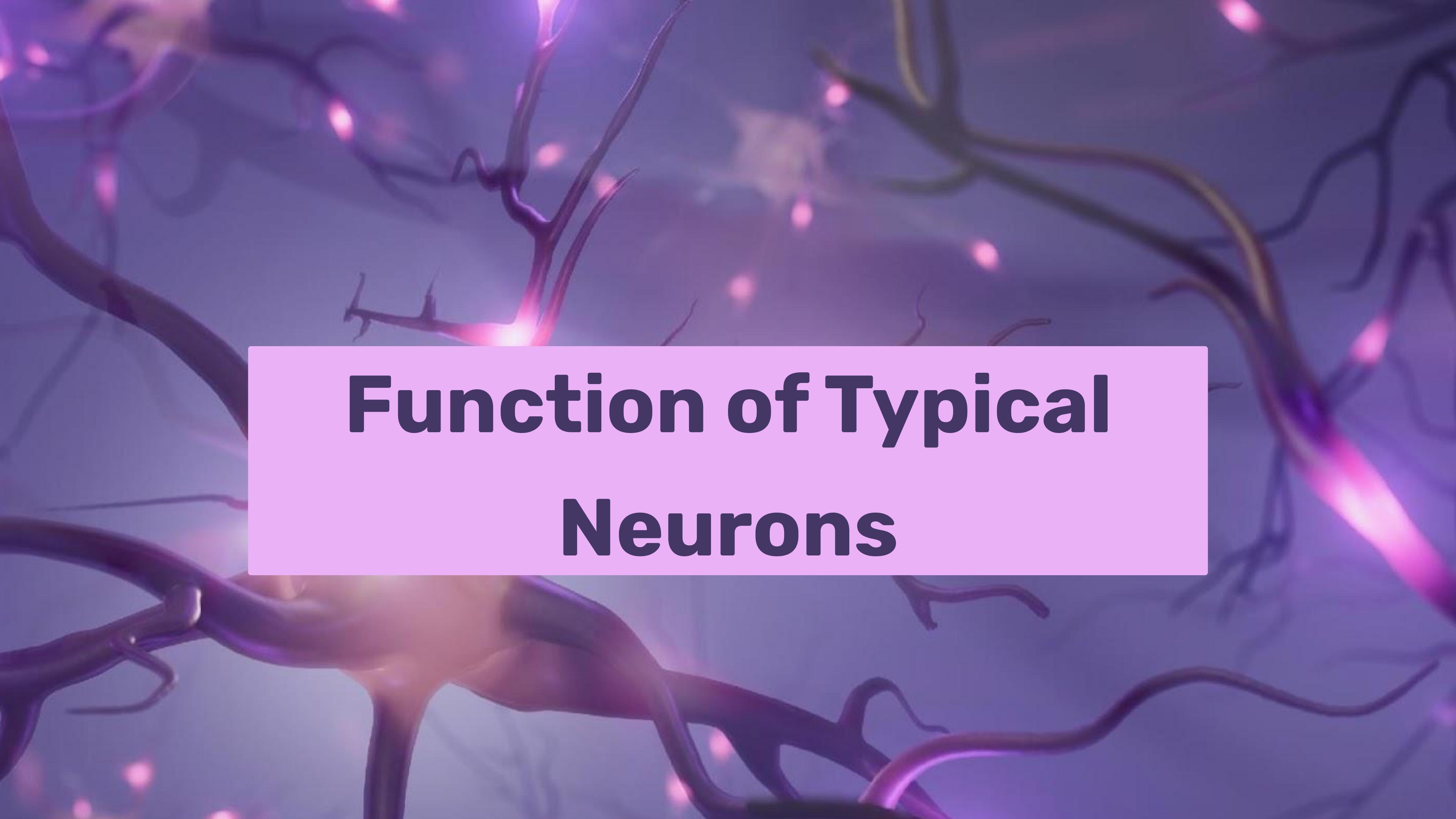


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# Neural Firing

Unit 1: Biological Bases of Behavior





# **Function of Typical Neurons**

# Neural Cells

## NEURONS

Transmit information



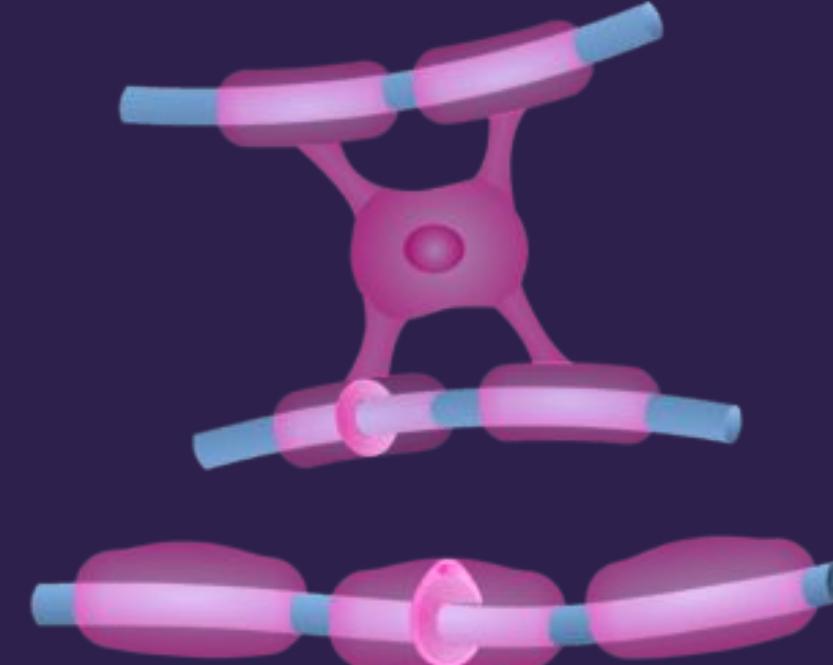
## GLIAL CELLS

Structure

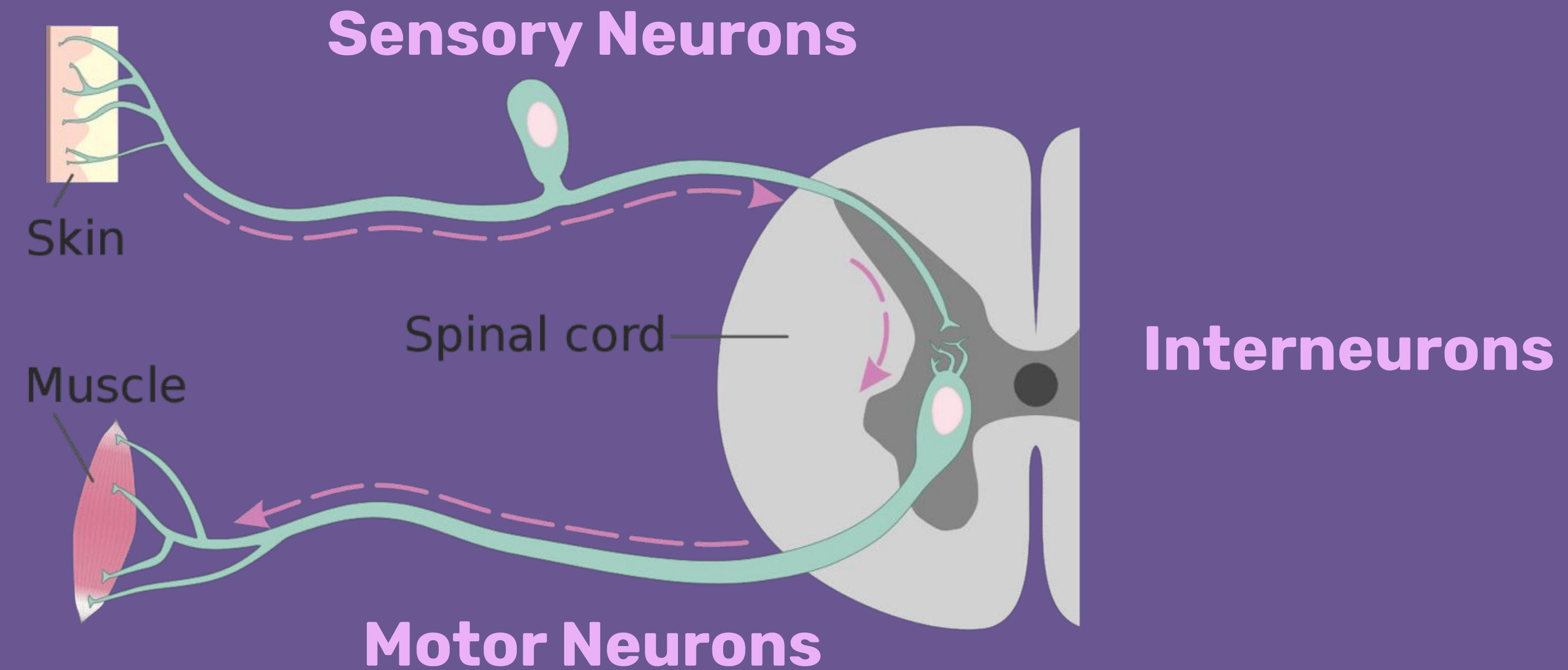
Insulation

Communication

Waste transport



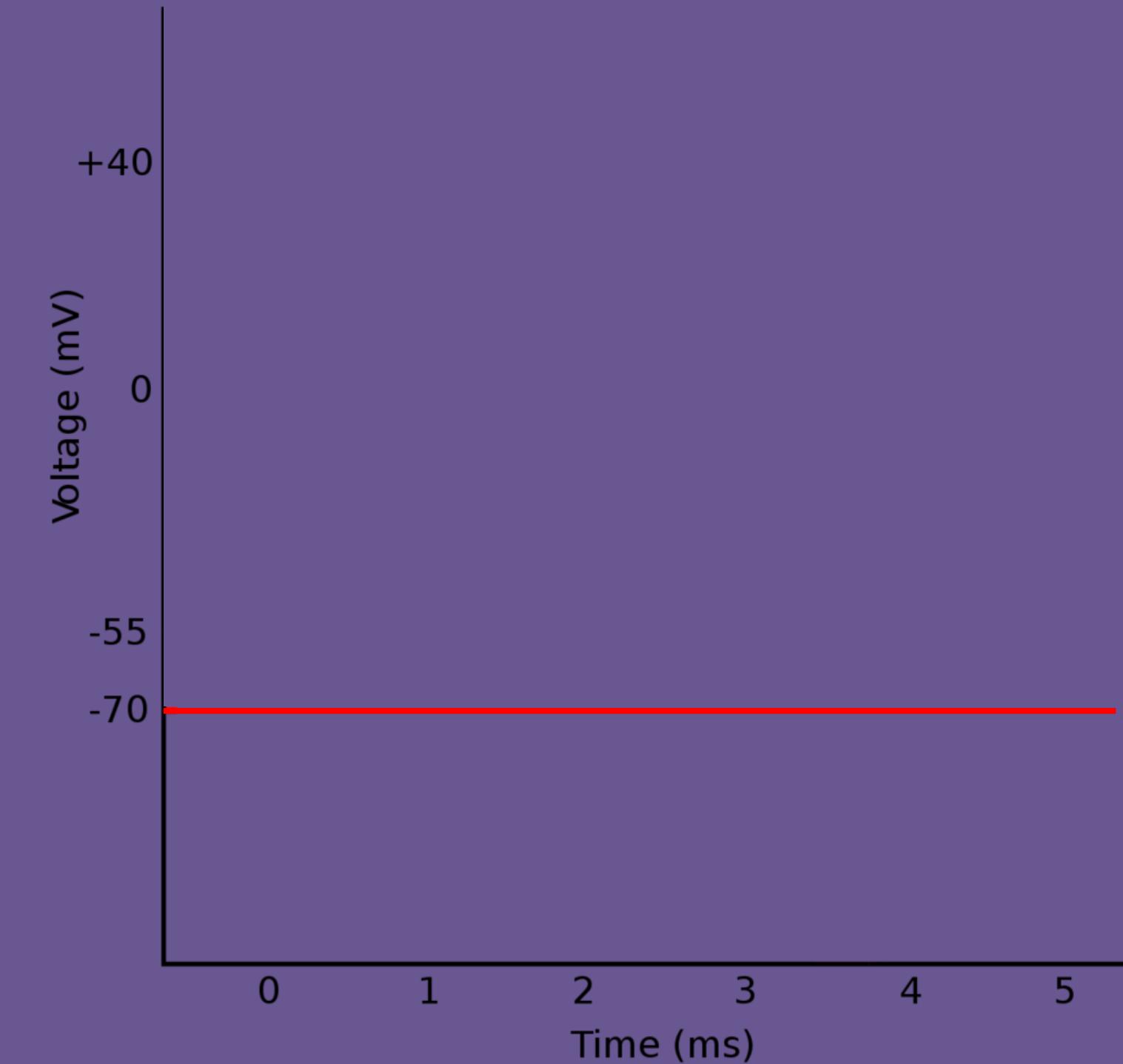
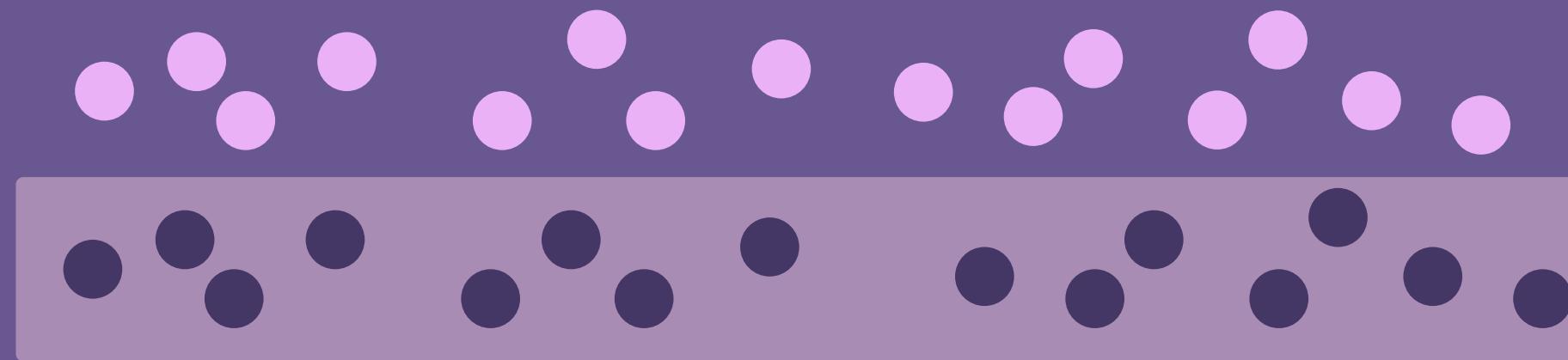
# Reflex Arc



# Neural Transmission

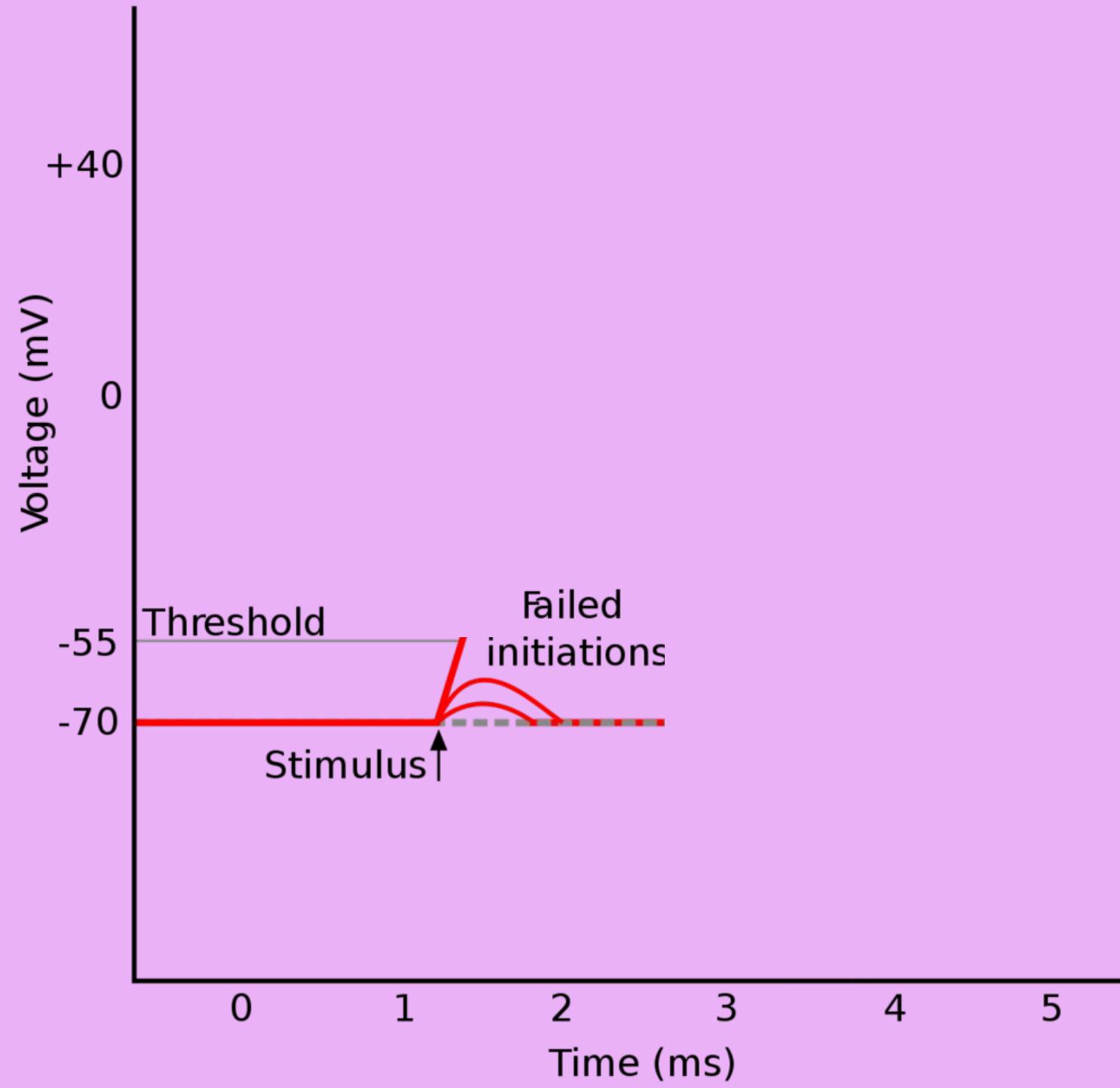
# RESTING POTENTIAL

Neuron at rest



# THRESHOLD

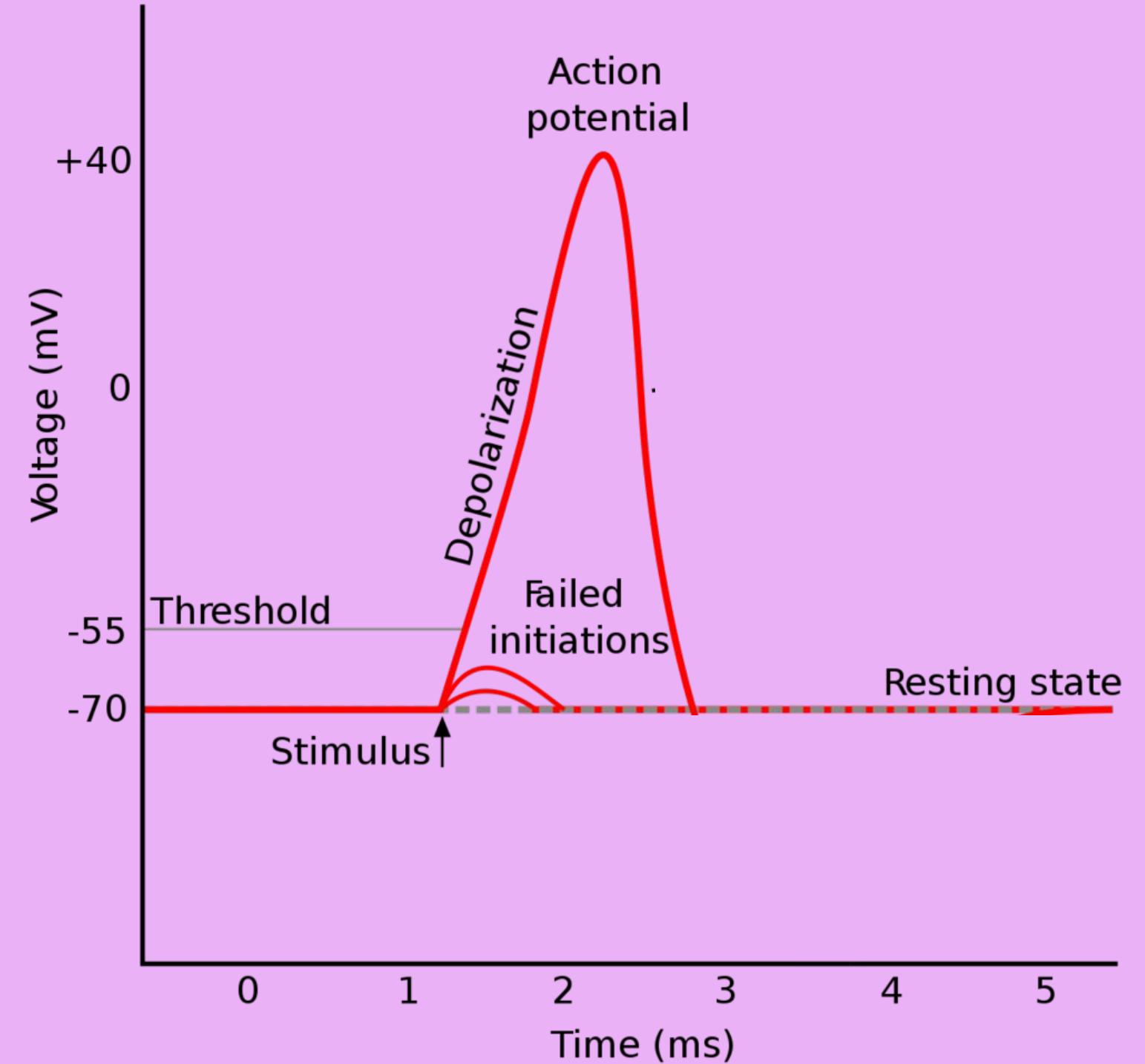
Minimum intensity needed to fire a stimulus



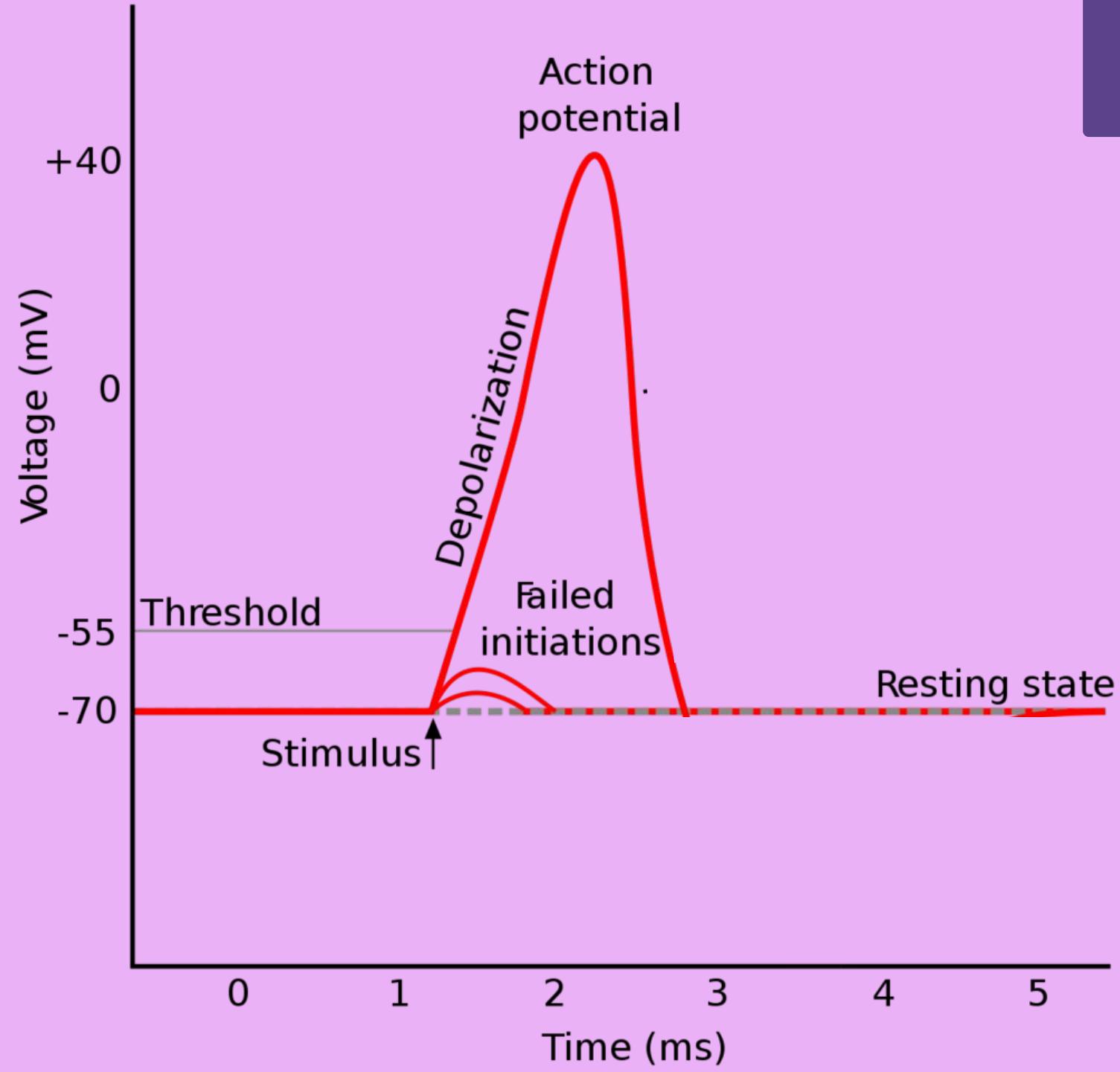
# ACTION POTENTIAL

Neural impulse

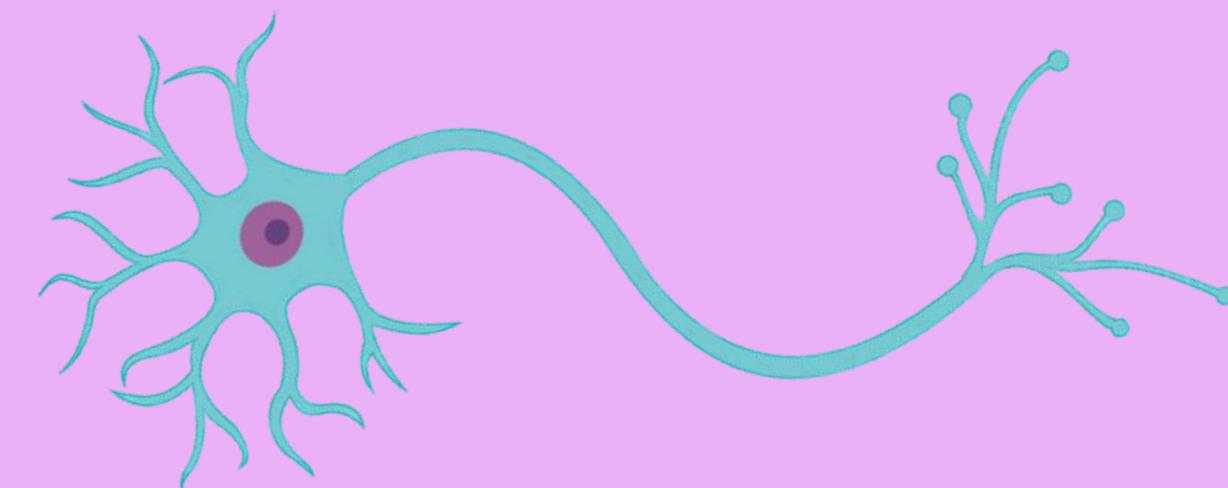
Electrical charge that travels down  
the axon



# DEPOLARIZATION



**Movement of a cell's  
membrane potential to a more  
positive value**



# ALL-OR-NONE

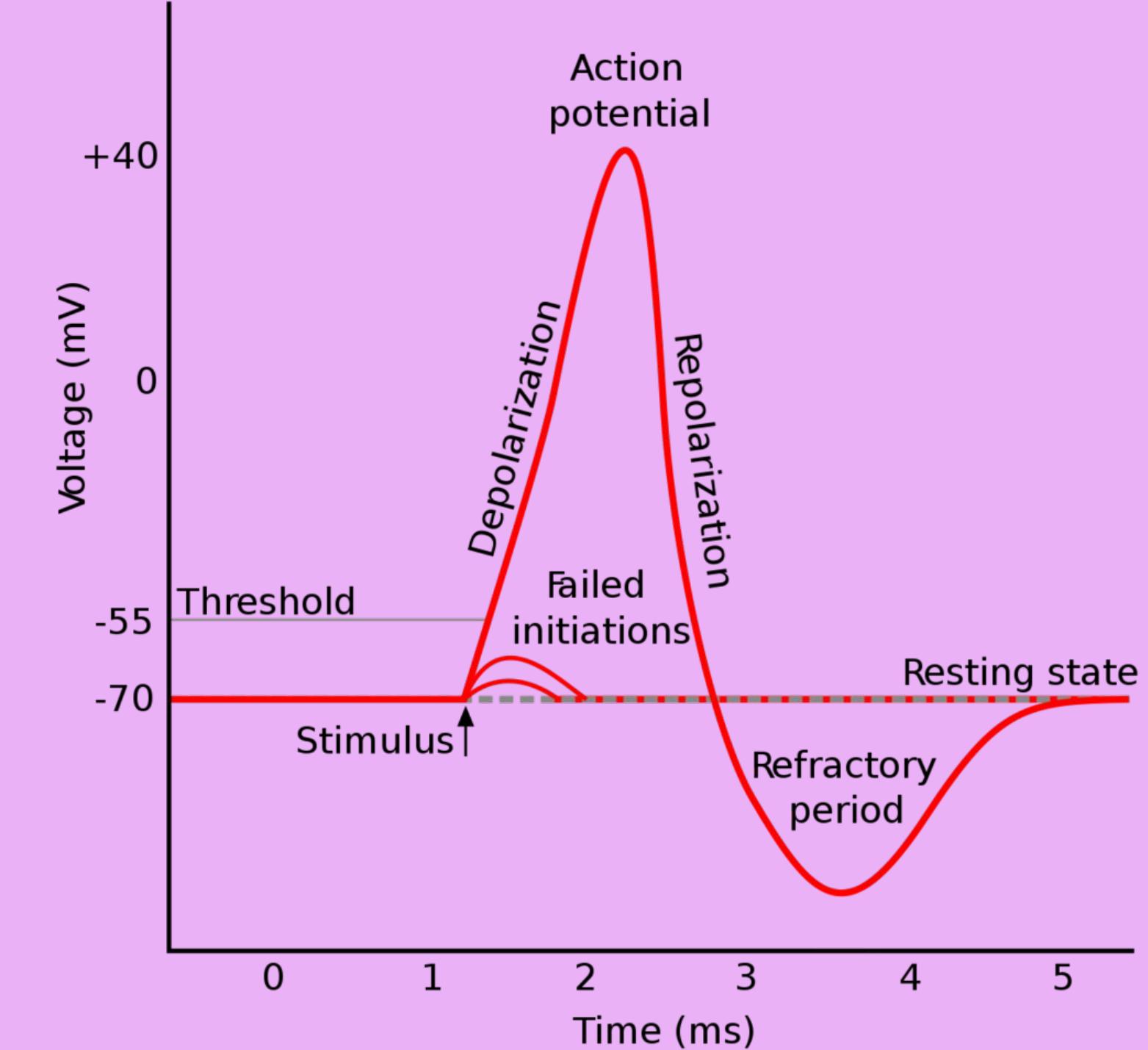
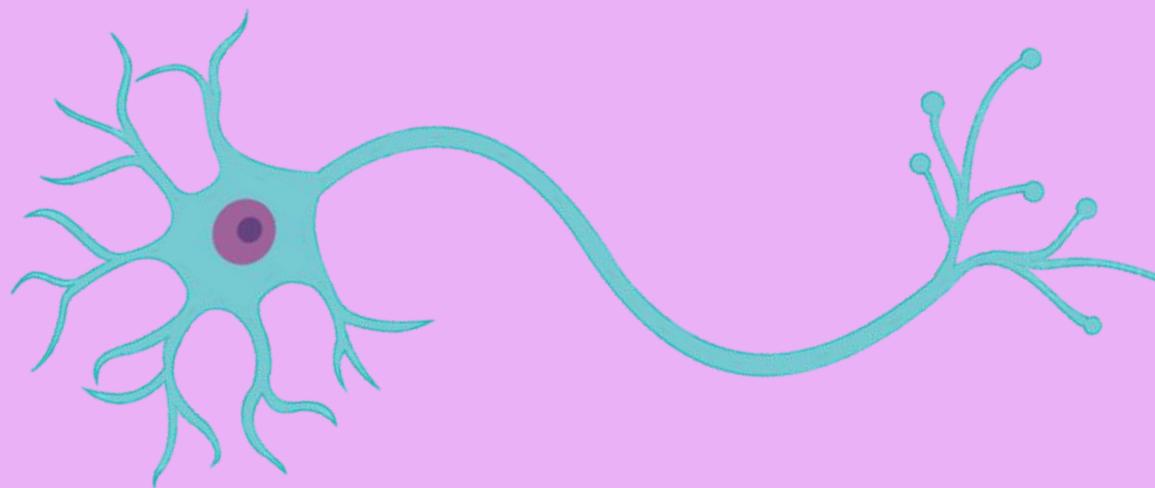
*Principle*

Identical magnitude of  
a neuron's action  
potential



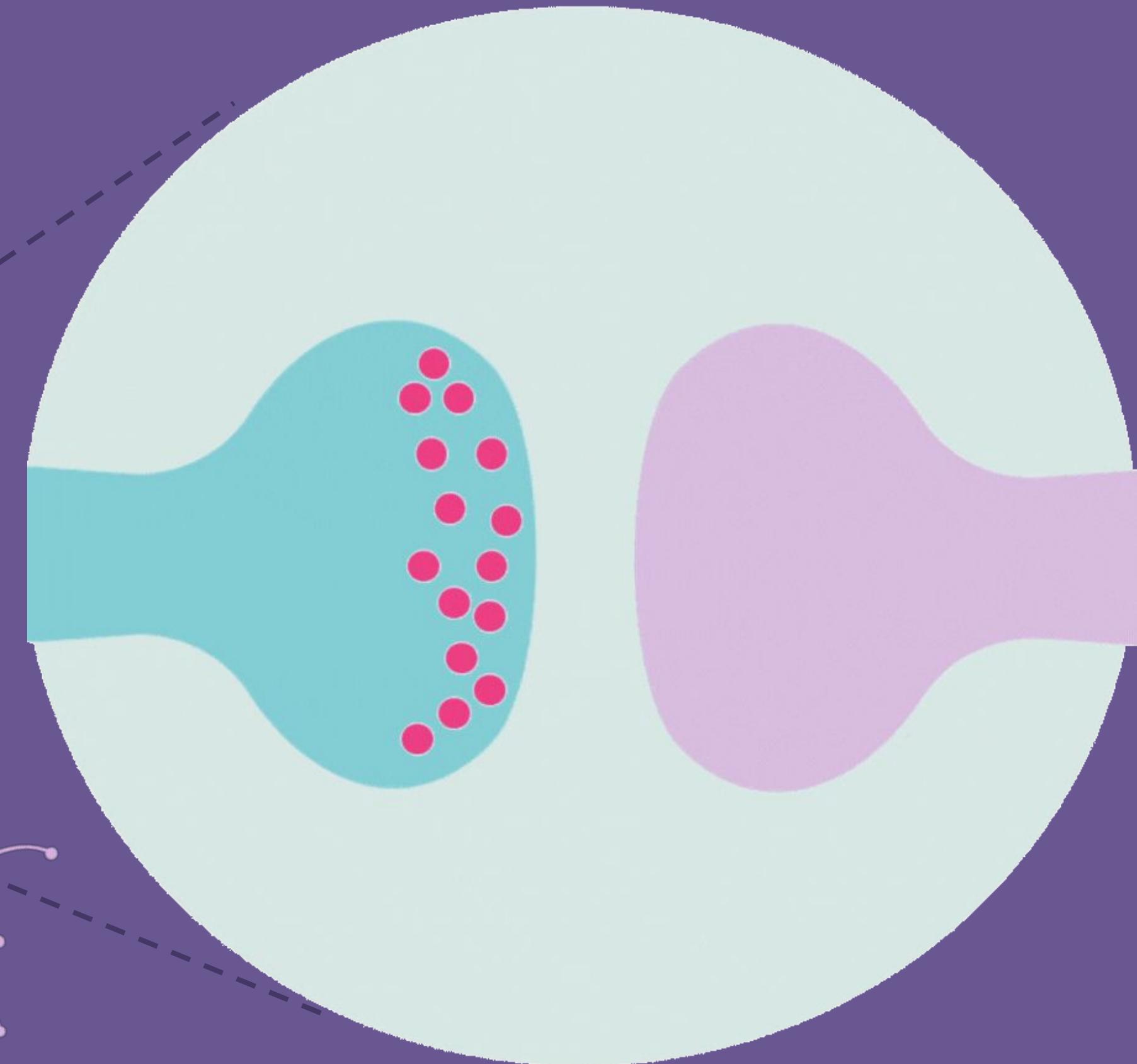
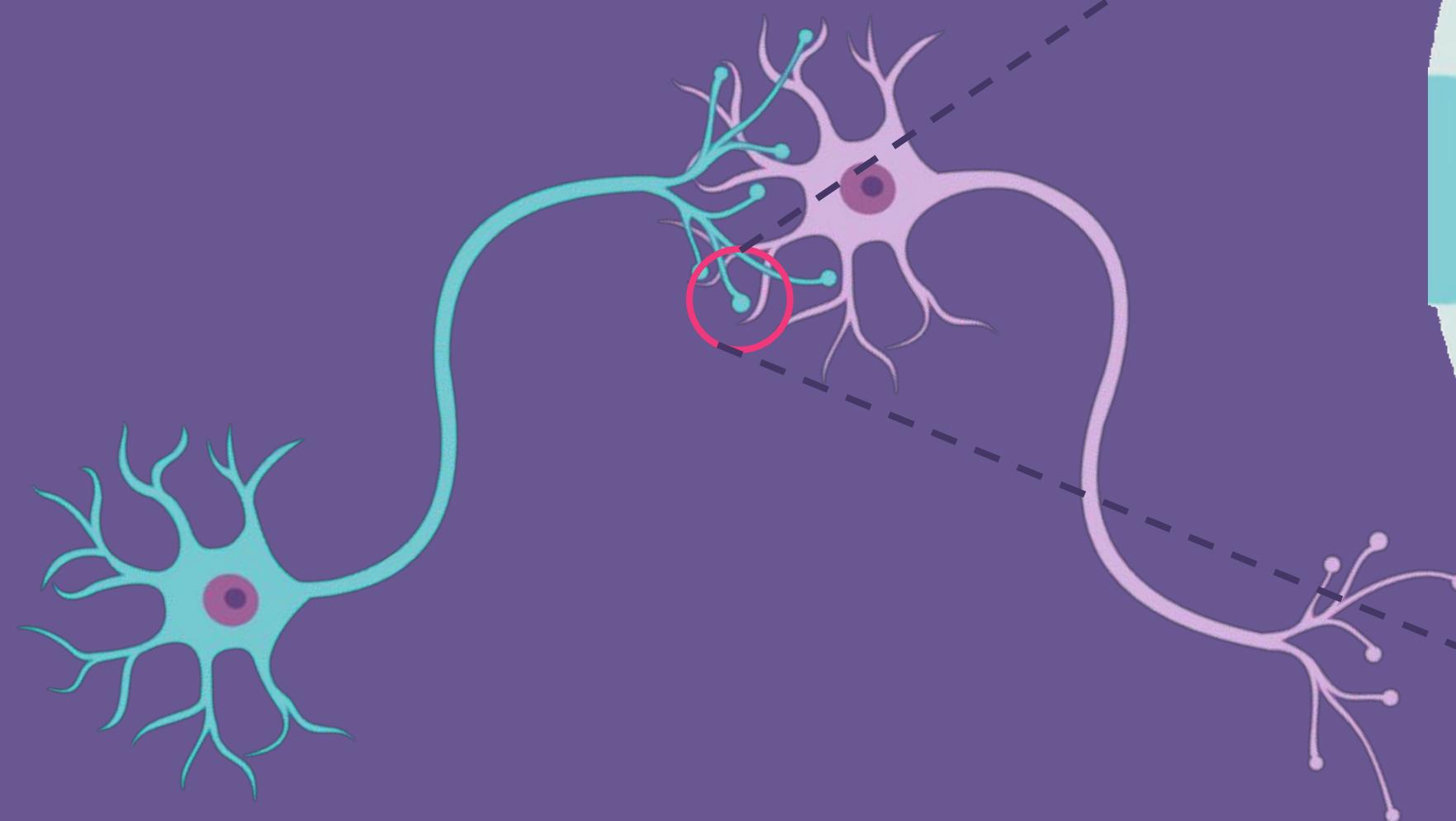
# REFRACTORY PERIOD

A neuron's inability to fire



# Reuptake

## Reabsorption

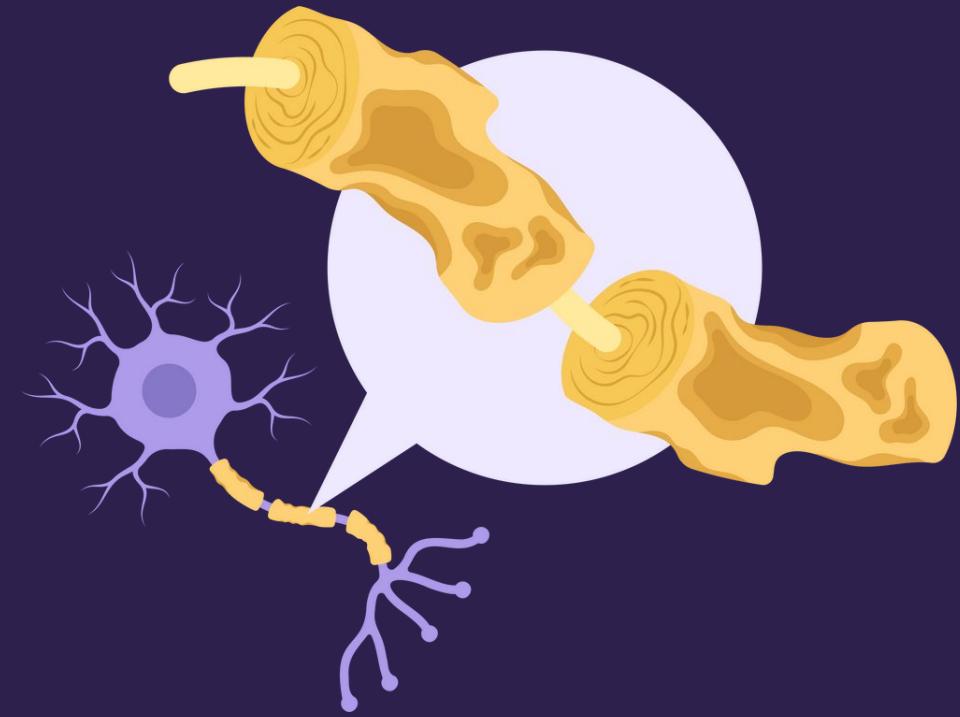


# **Disruptions to Neural Transmission**

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## MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Myelin sheath



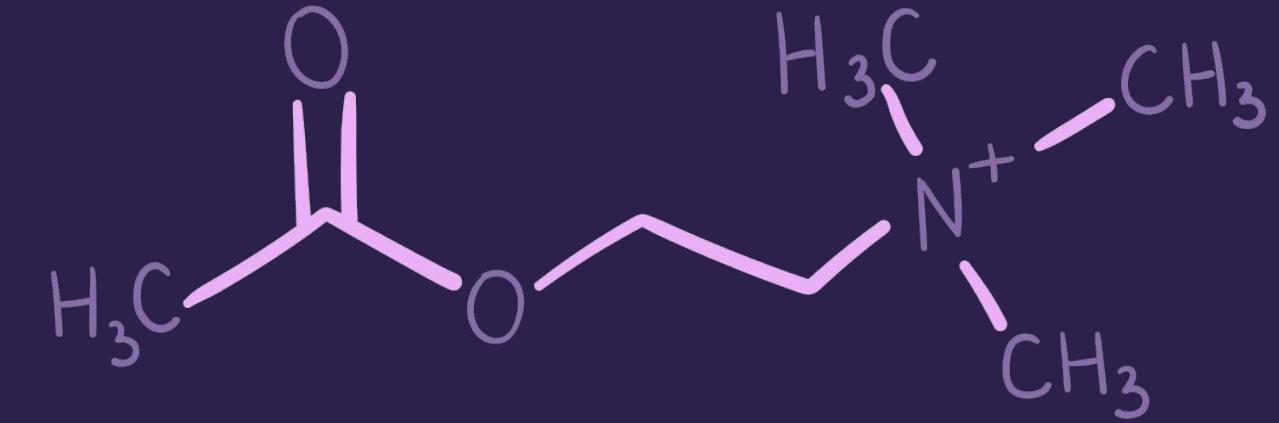
Vision

Movement

Cognition

## MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

Acetylcholine



Muscles  
Speech

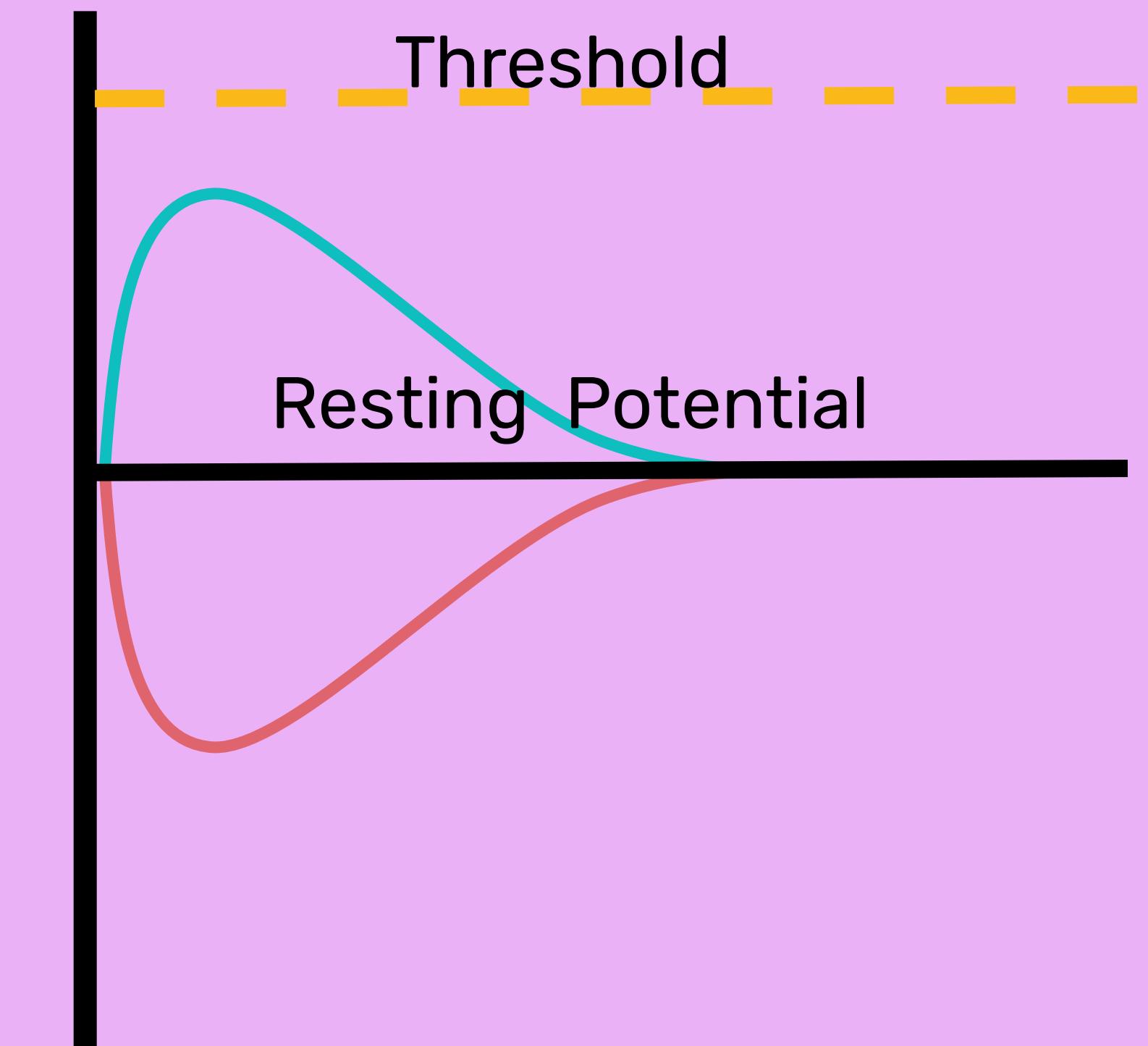
# Neurotransmitters

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Internal chemicals

**Excitatory**

**Inhibitory**



# NEUROTRANSMITTERS

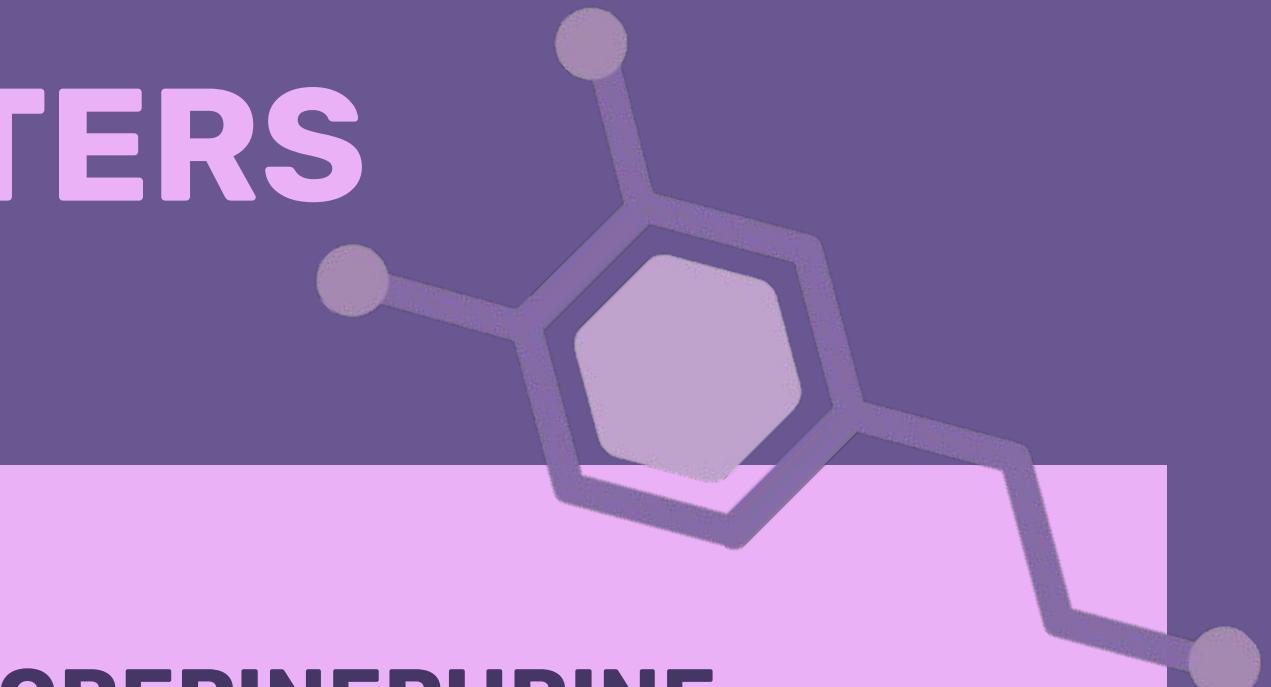
## ACETYLCHOLINE

Skeletal and heart muscles,  
alertness, interneuron communication



## DOPAMINE

Movement, learning



## NOREPINEPHRINE

Fight or flight; attention, and memory

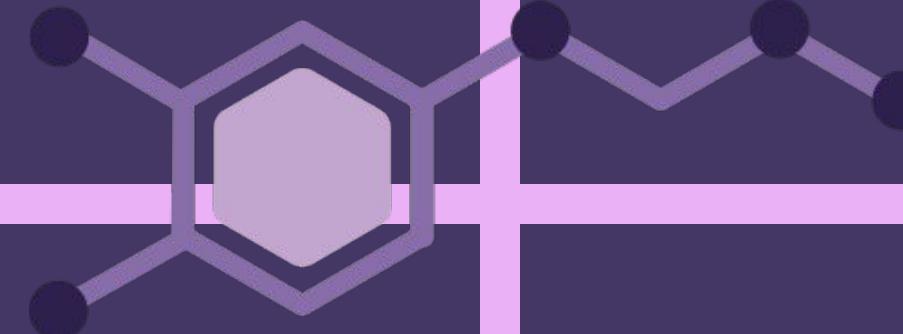
## SEROTONIN

Moods and emotional states; regulation of  
sleep-wake cycle

# NEUROTRANSMITTERS

## ENDORPHINS

Modulates the experience of pain or pleasure



## SUBSTANCE P

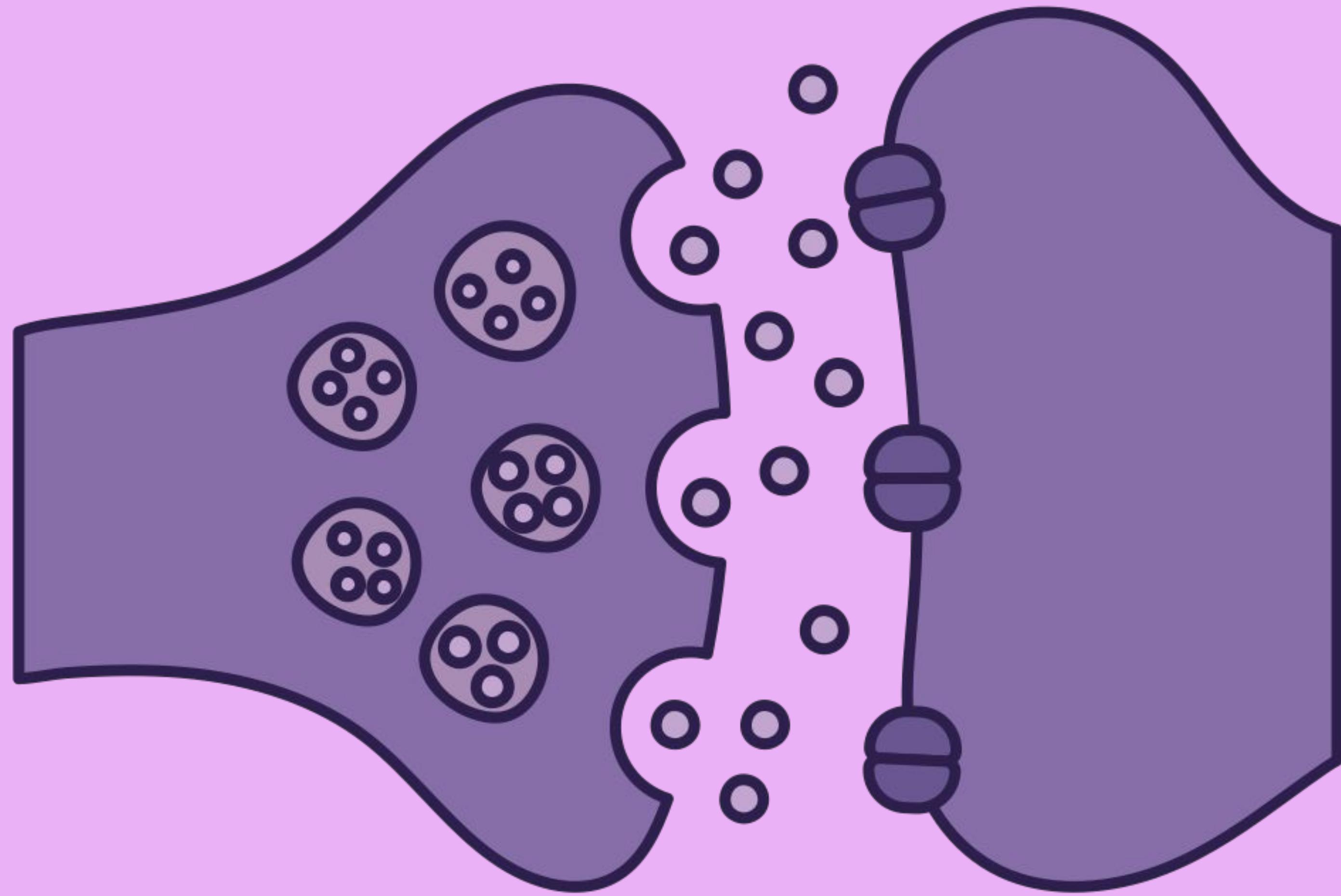
Modulation of pain

## GLUTAMATE

Learning and memory, sensory and motor functions

## GABA

Most abundant inhibitory neurotransmitter; regulates daily sleep-wake cycles



# Hormones

# NEUROTRANSMITTERS VS. HORMONES

## NEUROTRANSMITTERS

Internal

Nervous system

Quick-acting

## HORMONES

Internal

Endocrine system

Long-lasting

**Work similarly to  
neurotransmitters**

# HORMONES

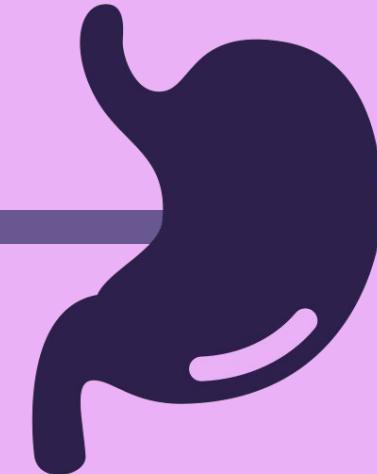
## ADRENALINE

Fight or flight



## LEPTIN

Hunger (suppressant)



## MELATONIN

Sleep



## GHRELIN

Hunger (stimulation)



## OXYTOCIN

Labor, lactation, love