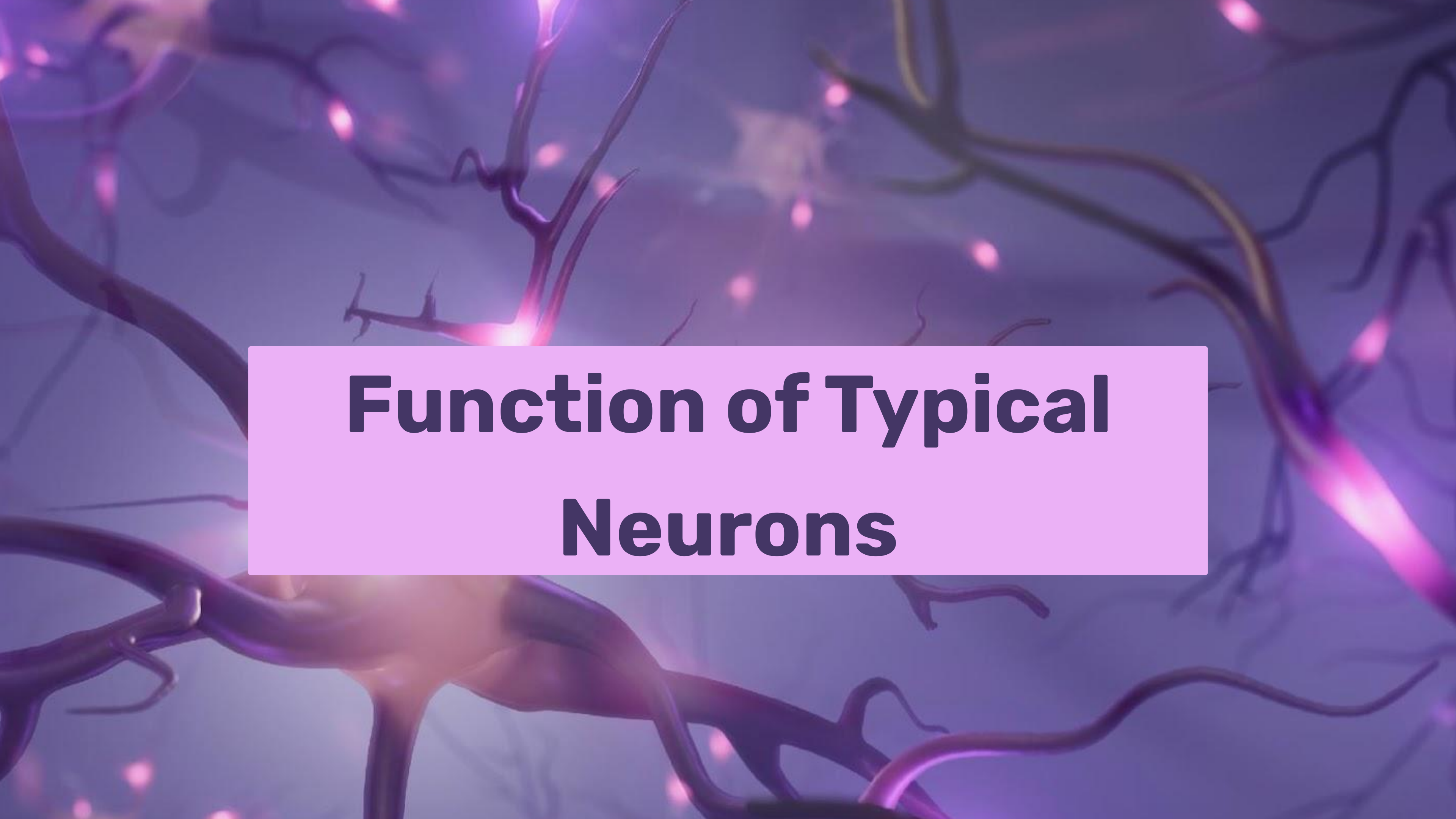


AP Psychology

# Neural Firing

Unit 1: Biological Bases of Behavior





# **Function of Typical Neurons**

# Neural Cells

## NEURONS

Transmit information



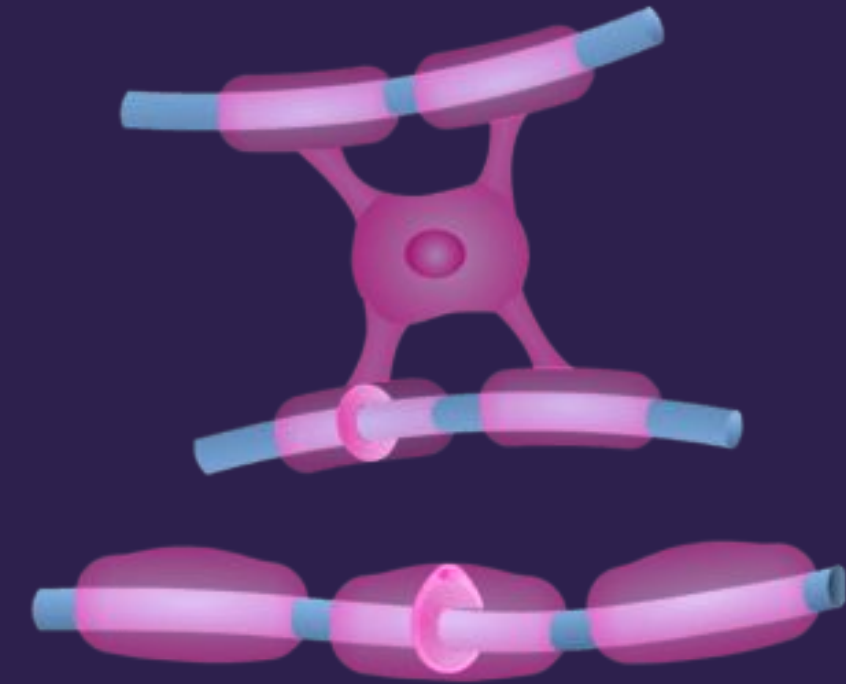
## GLIAL CELLS

Structure

Insulation

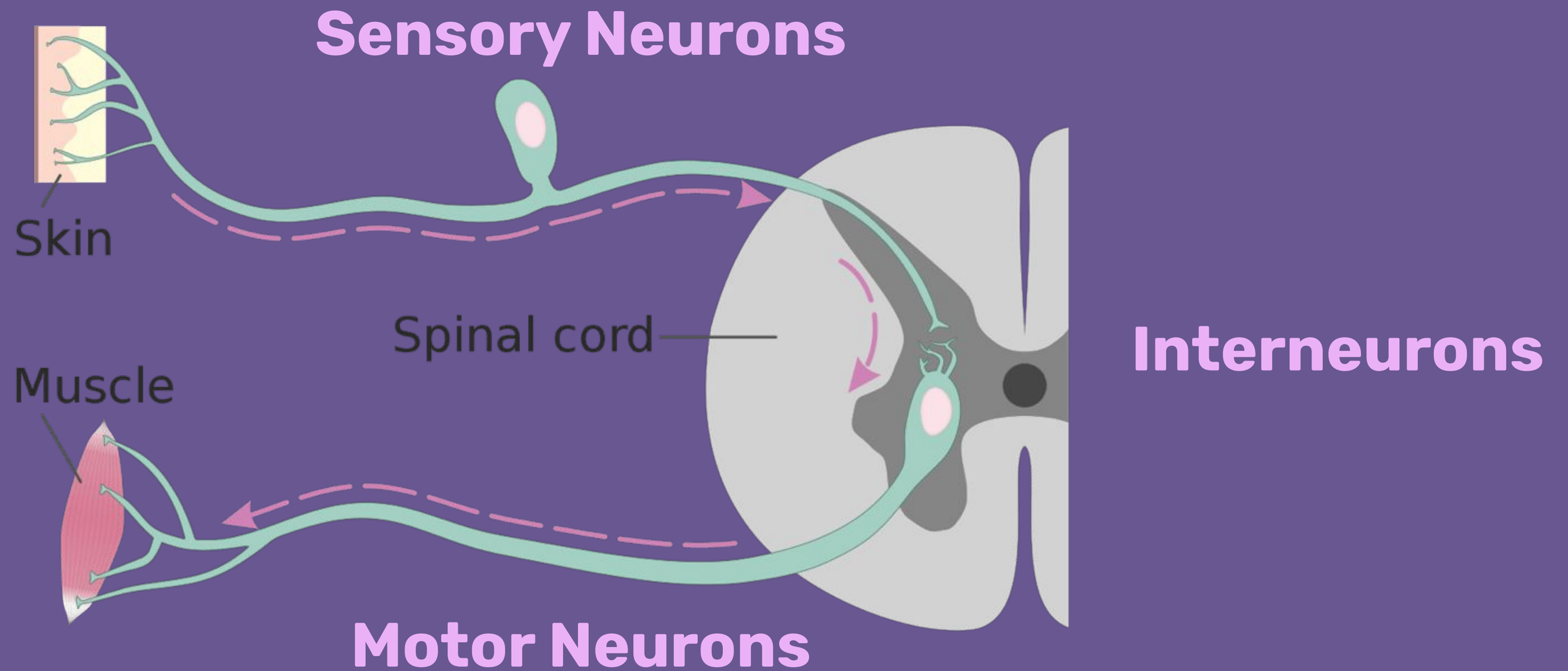
Communication

Waste transport





# Reflex Arc

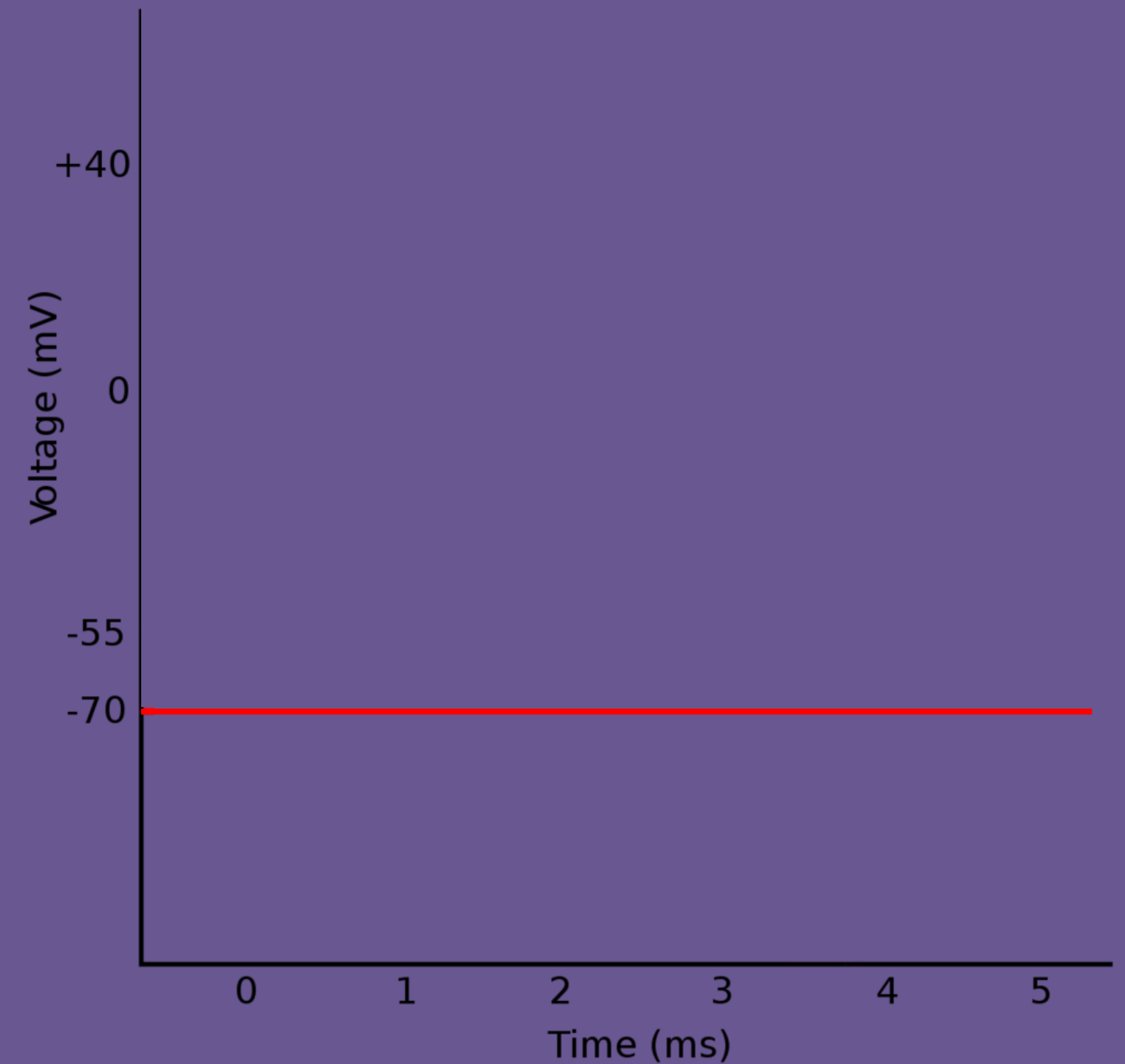
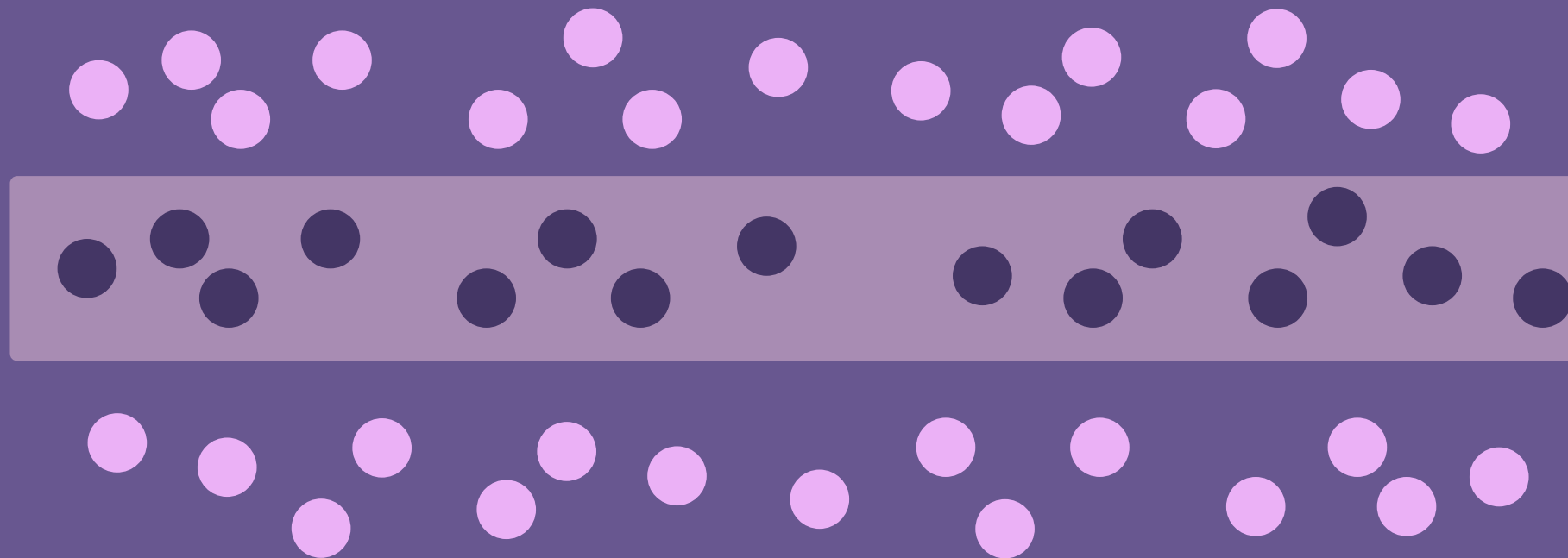


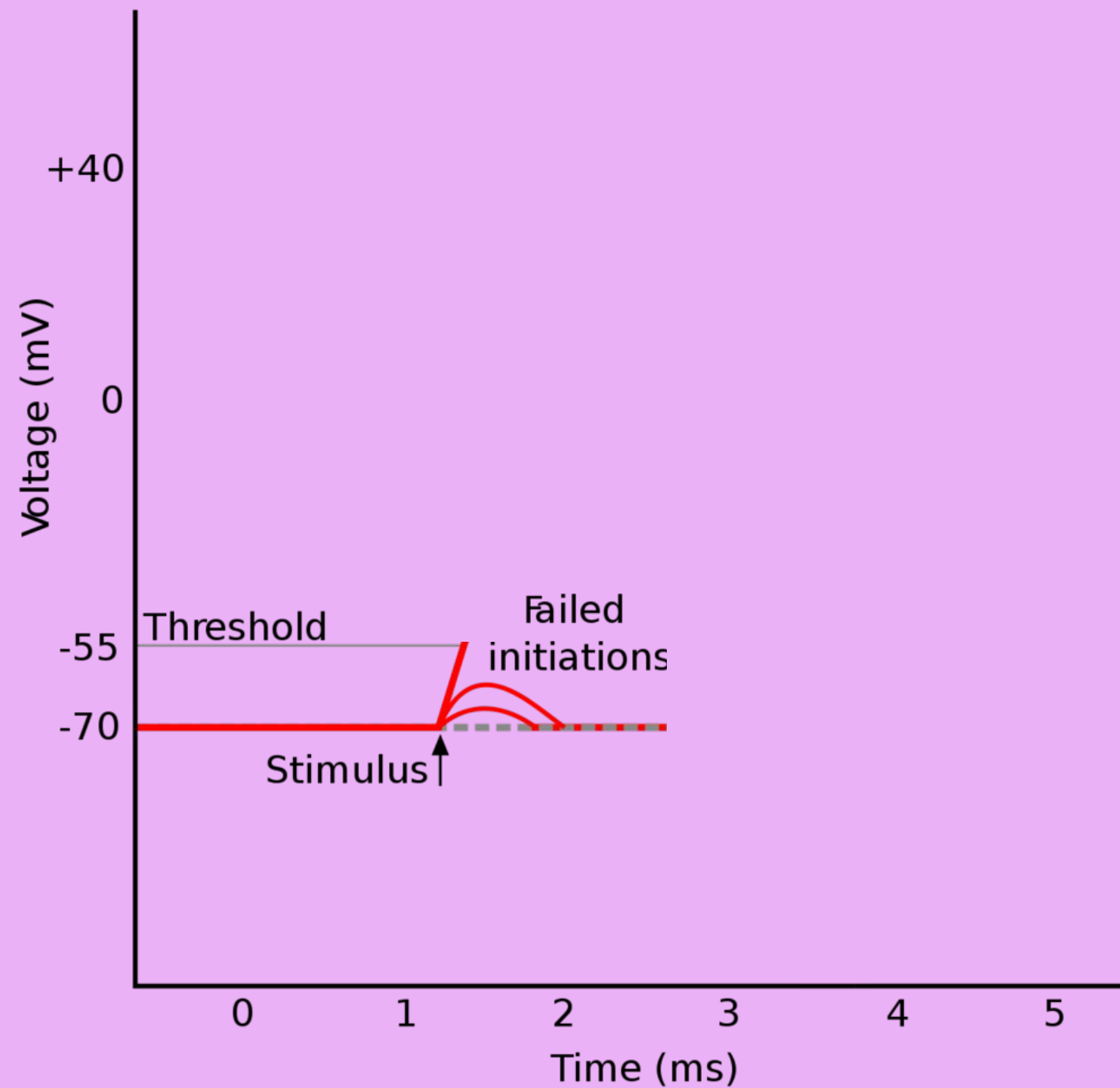


# Neural Transmission

# RESTING POTENTIAL

Neuron at rest





# THRESHOLD

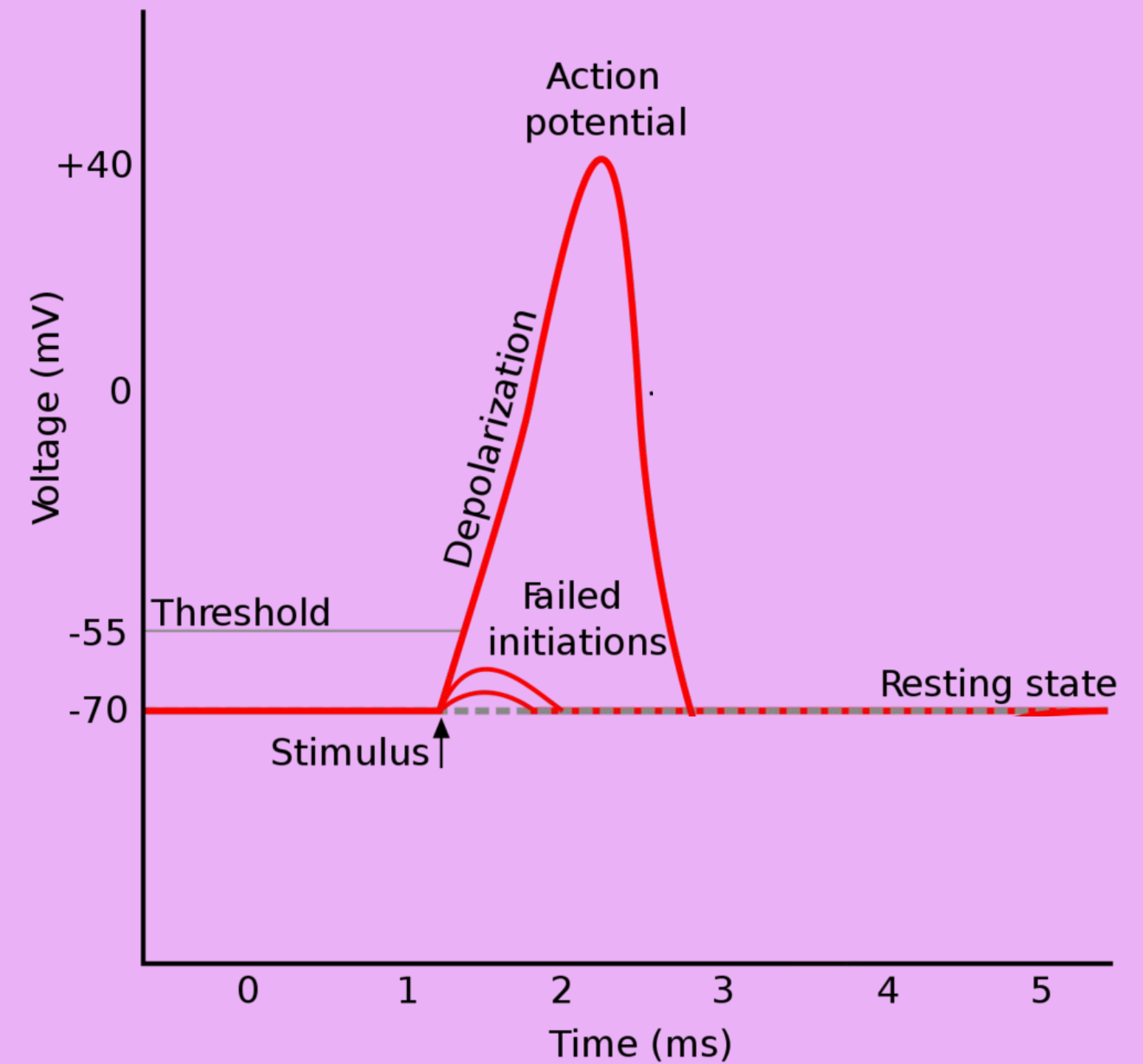
Minimum intensity needed to fire a stimulus



# ACTION POTENTIAL

Neural impulse

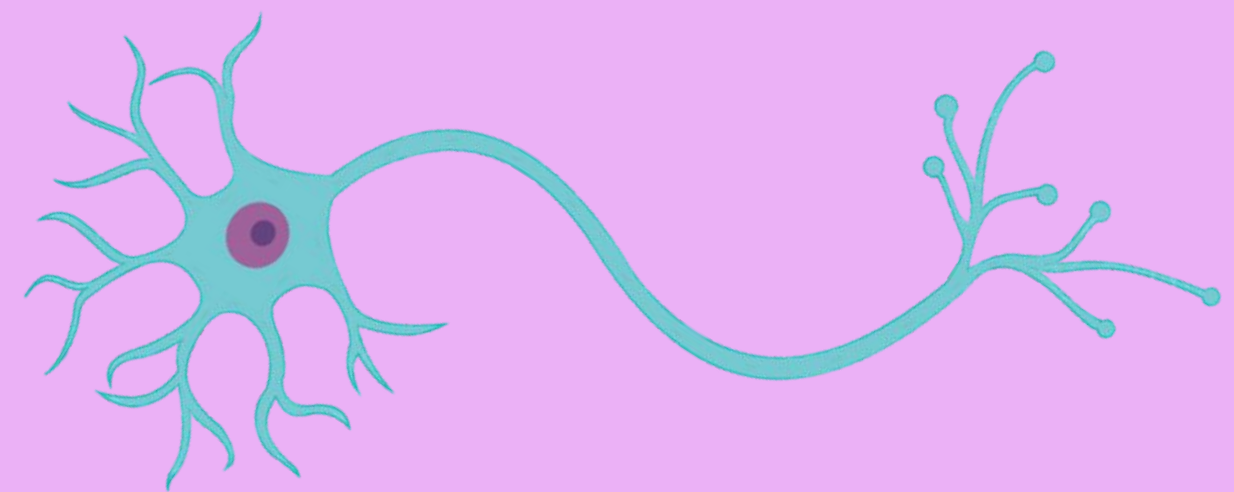
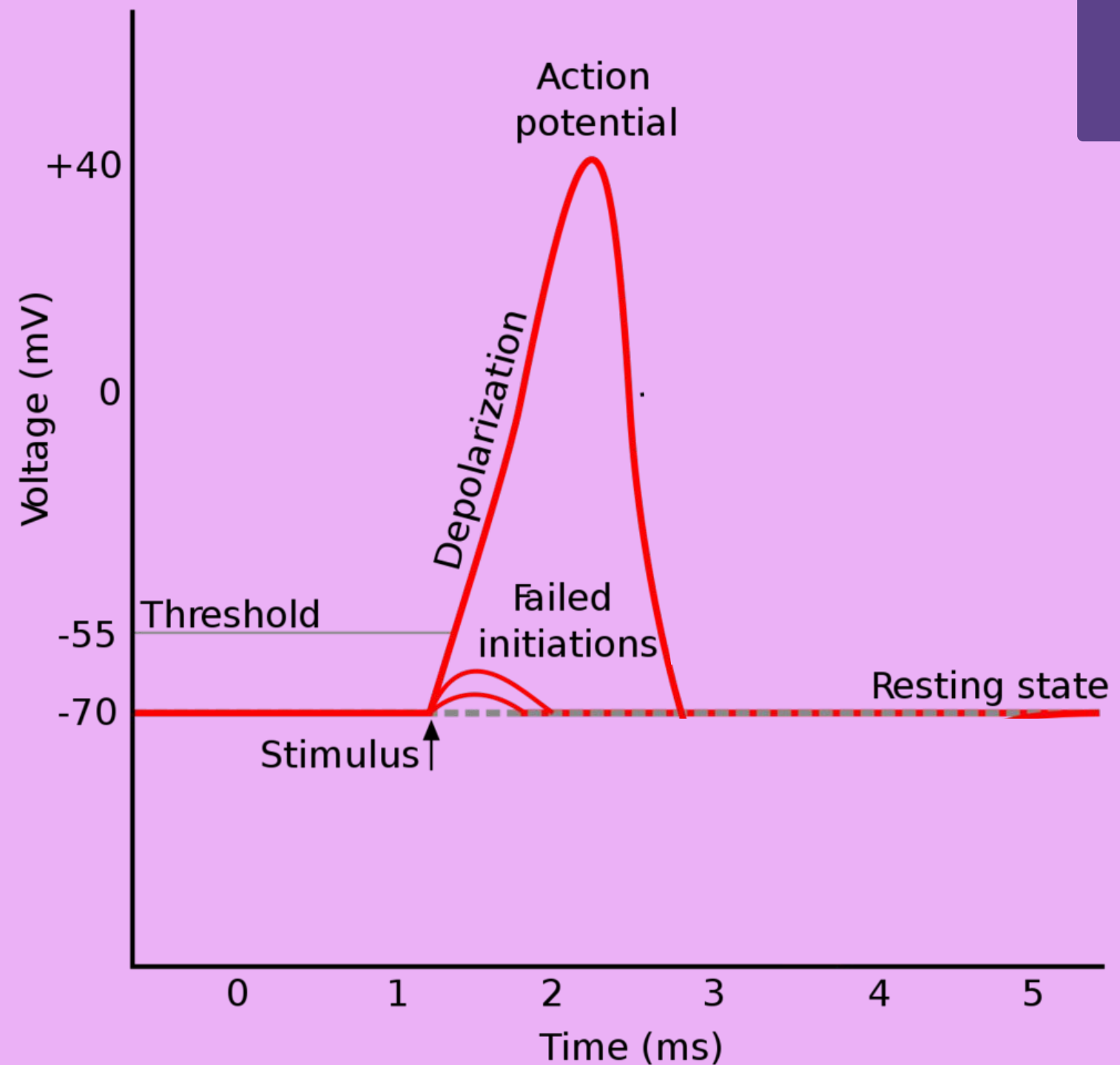
Electrical charge that travels down  
the axon





# DEPOLARIZATION

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



# ALL-OR-NONE

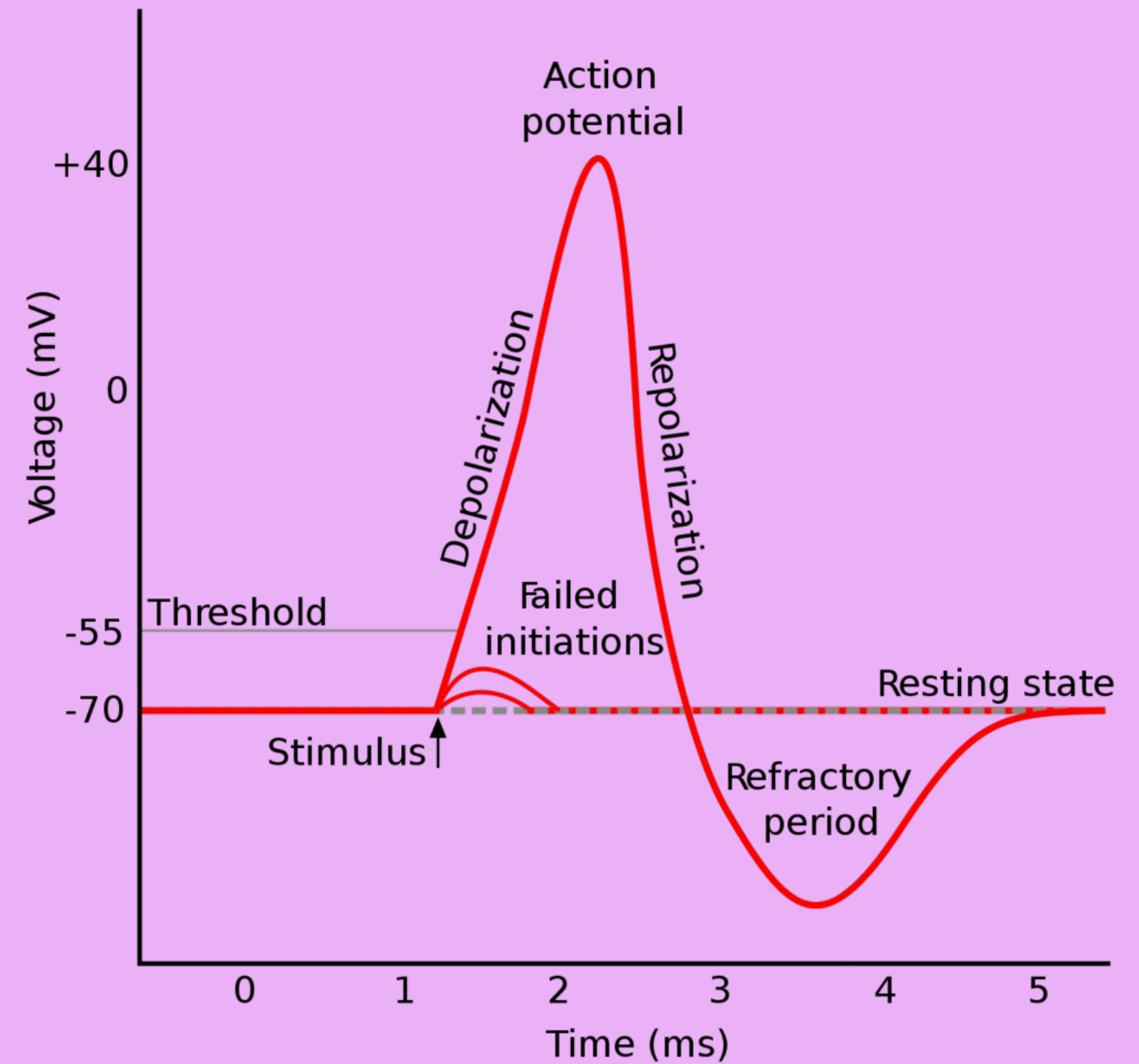
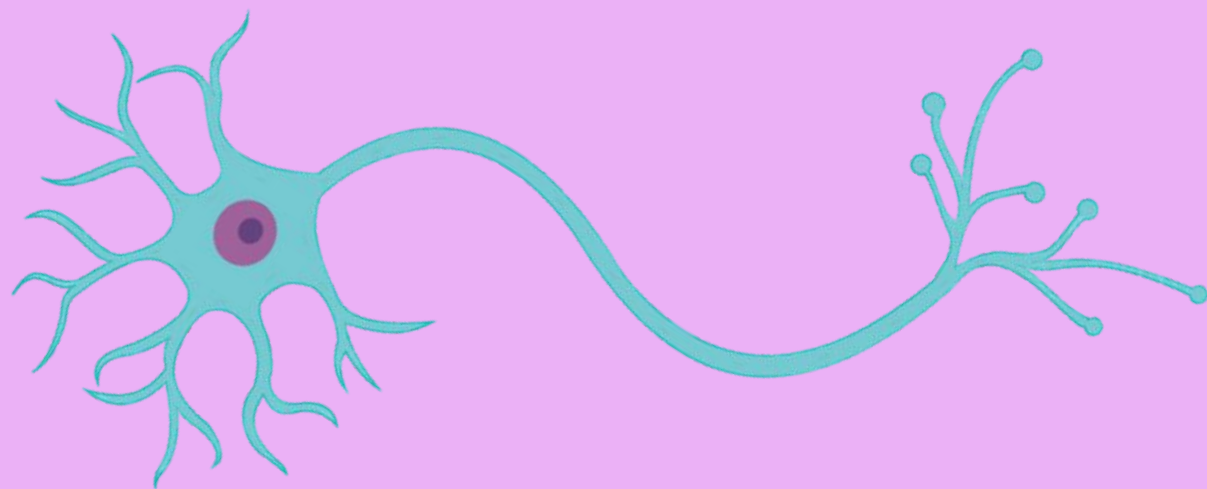
## *Principle*

Identical magnitude of  
a neuron's action  
potential



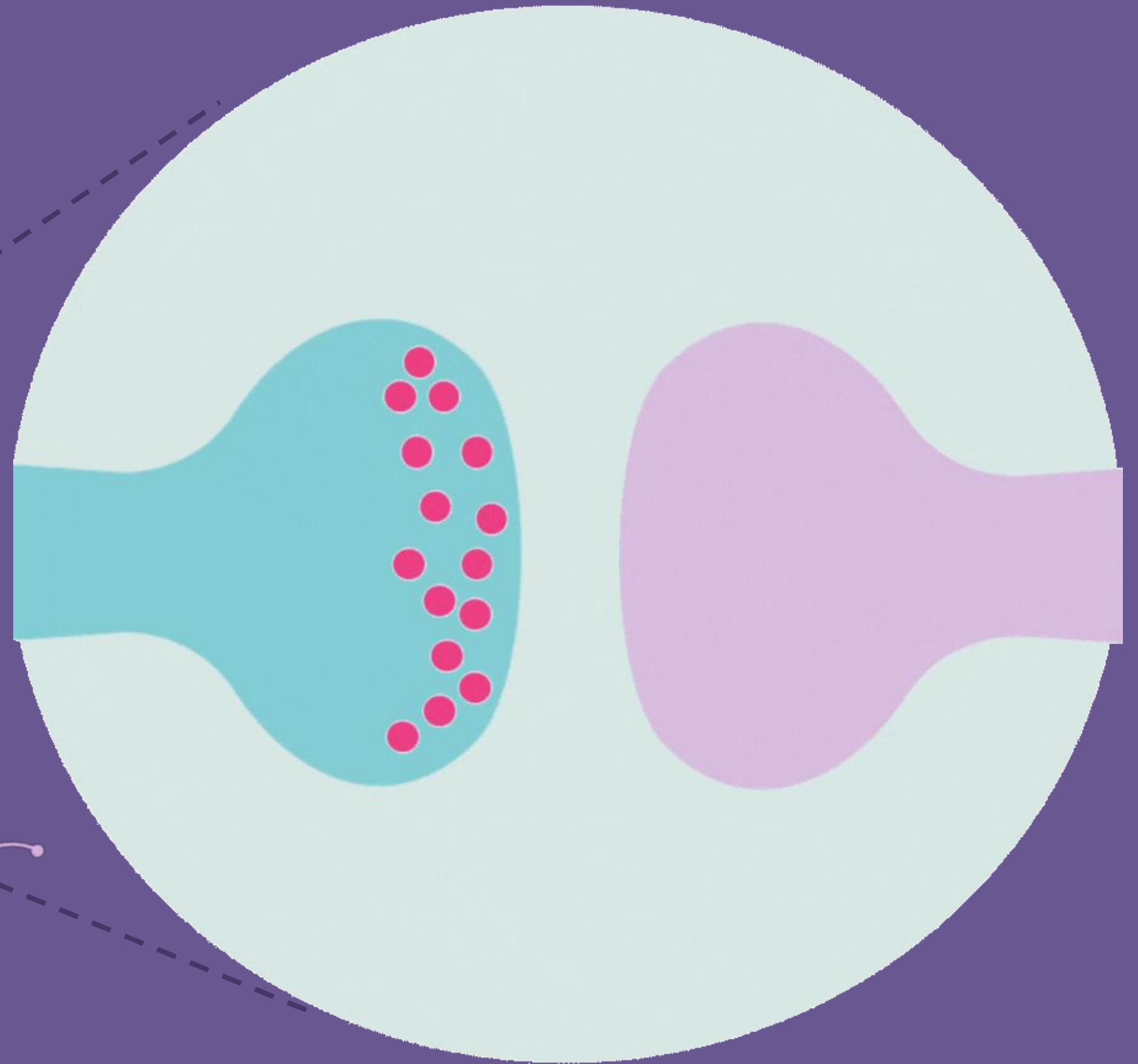
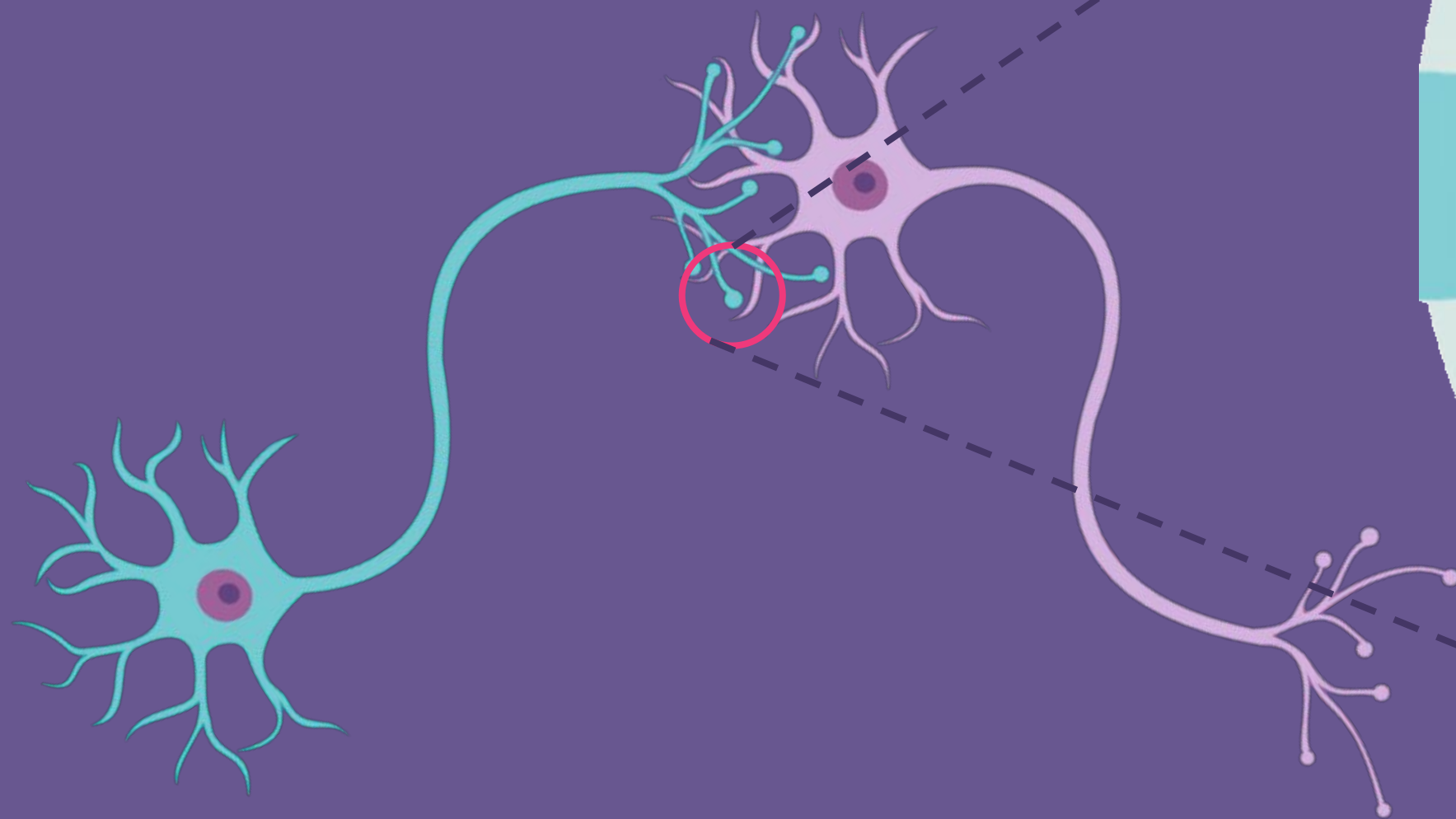
# REFRACTORY PERIOD

A neuron's inability to fire



# Reuptake

Reabsorption





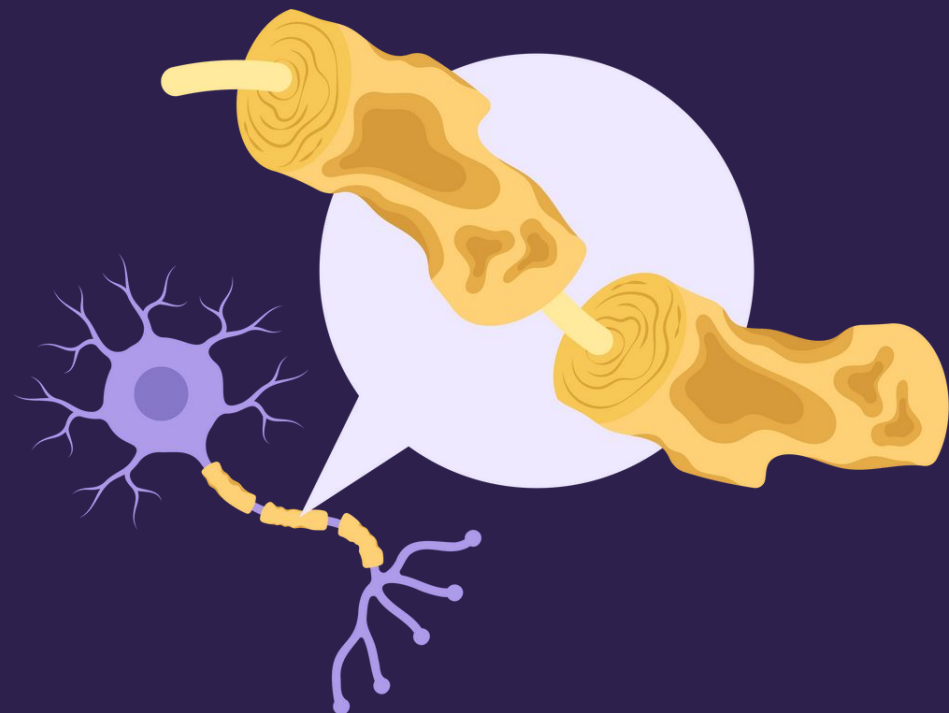


# **Disruptions to Neural Transmission**

# Disruptions to Neural Transmission

## MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Myelin sheath



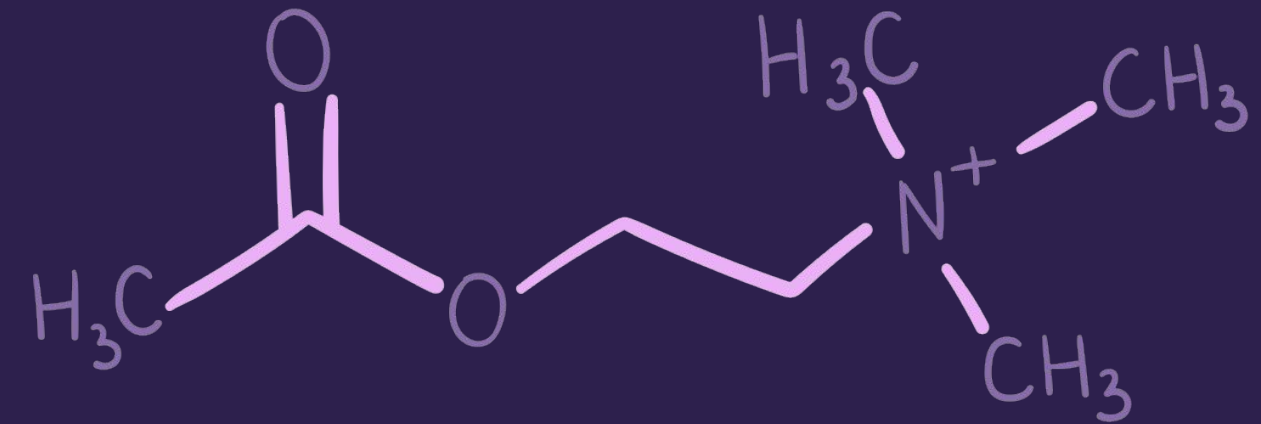
Vision

Movement

Cognition

## MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

Acetylcholine



Muscles

Speech





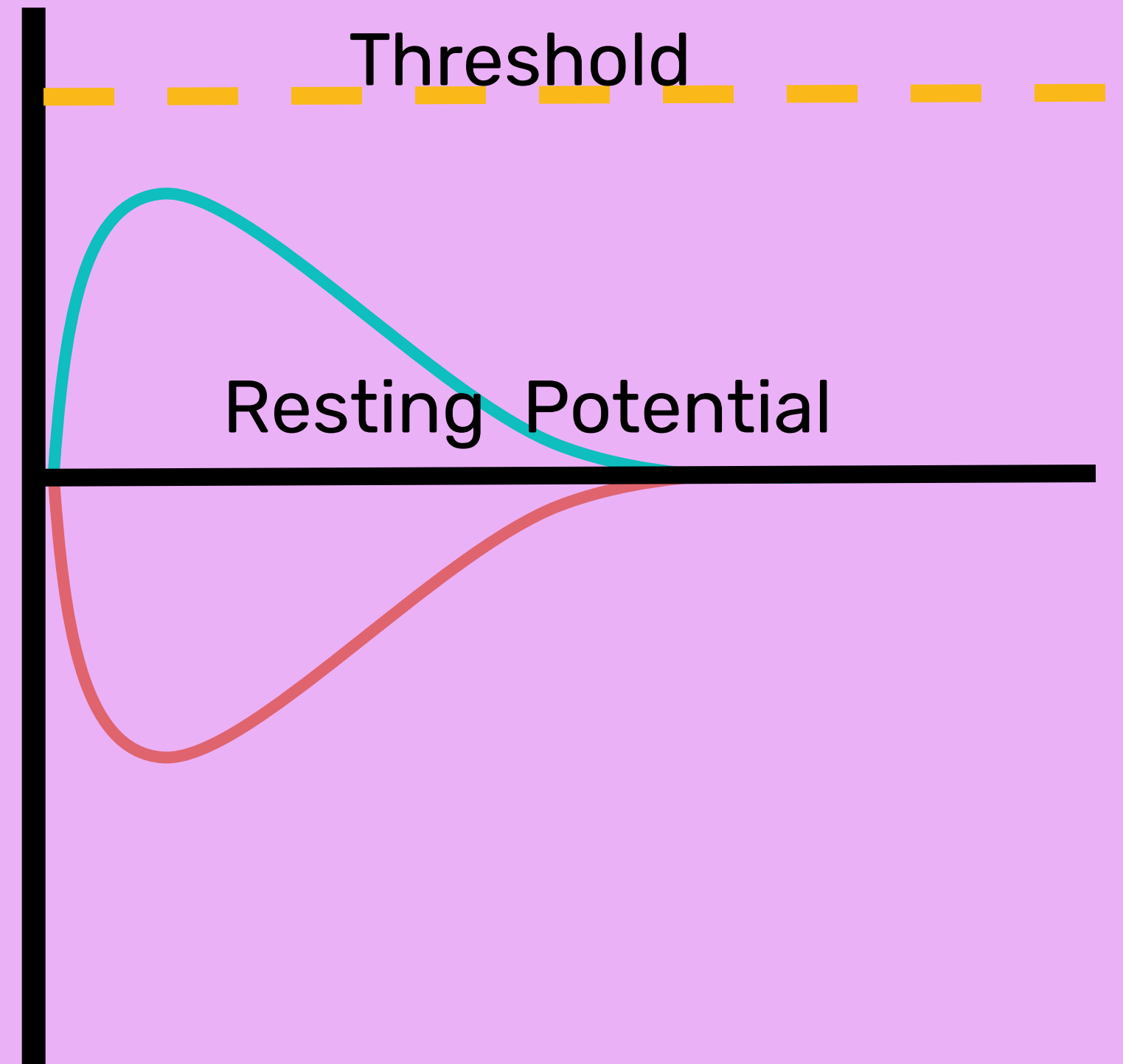
# Neurotransmitters

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Internal chemicals

**Excitatory**

**Inhibitory**





# NEUROTRANSMITTERS

## ACETYLCHOLINE

Skeletal and heart muscles,  
alertness, interneuron communication

## DOPAMINE

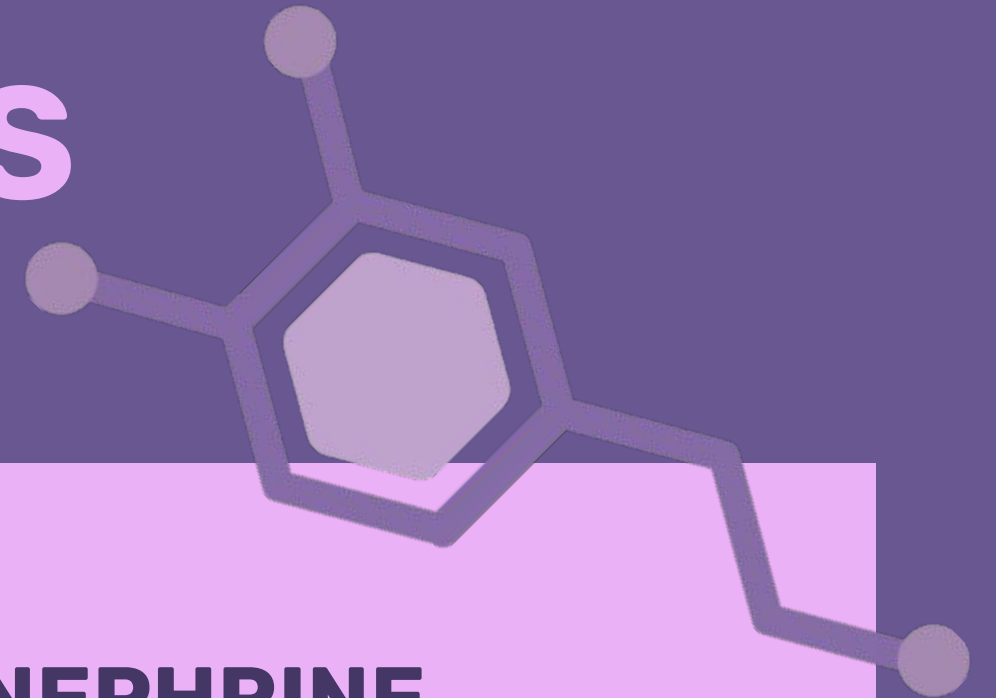
Movement, learning

## 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



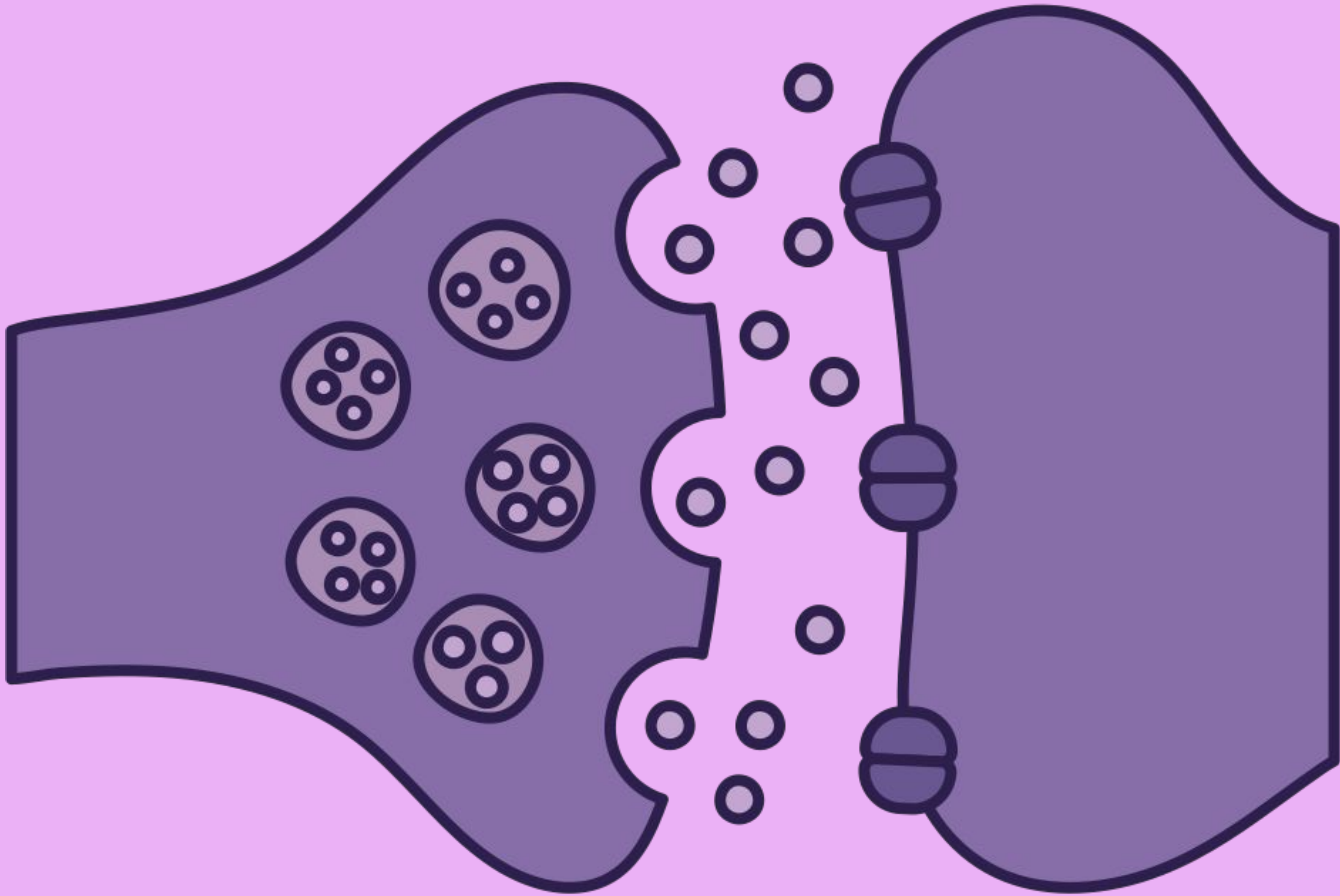
## GLUTAMATE

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

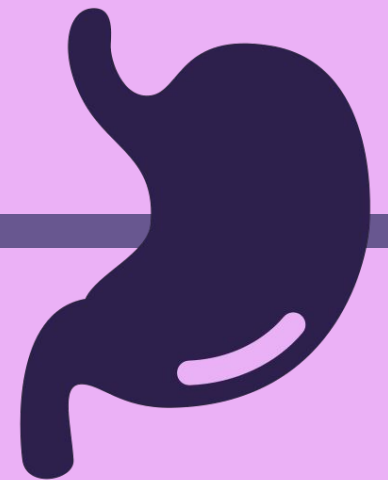
## ADRENALINE

Fight or flight



## LEPTIN

Hunger (suppressant)



## GHRELIN

Hunger (stimulation)



## MELATONIN

Sleep



## OXYTOCIN

Labor, lactation, love