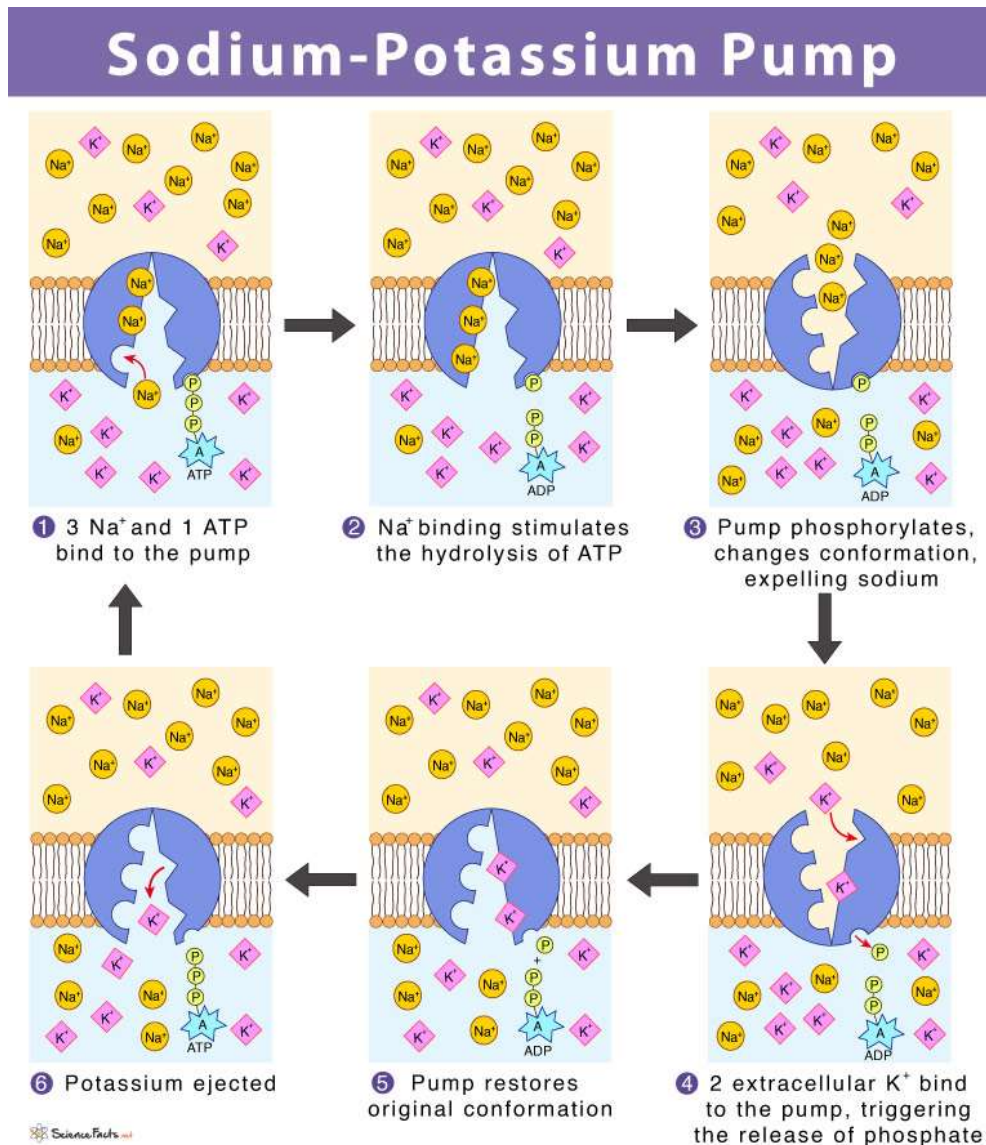


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- **Maintaining Concentration Gradients:**

It establishes and maintains the high extracellular sodium and high intracellular potassium concentrations essential for proper cell function.

- **Maintaining Resting Membrane Potential:**

By pumping ions against their concentration gradients, it plays a critical role in creating and stabilizing the cell's membrane potential.

- **Driving Secondary Active Transport:**

The sodium gradient it creates serves as the energy source for the cellular uptake of many nutrients and other solutes.

- **Cell Volume Regulation:**

The pump helps balance osmotic pressure and prevent cells from swelling or shrinking excessively.

- **Cellular Signaling:**

In addition to its pumping function, the Na/K-ATPase also acts as a docking station for various proteins, initiating intracellular signaling pathways that influence cell proliferation, survival, and other cellular processes.

Few examples

1. WHY RESTING MEMEBRANE POTENTIAL IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN?

Resting membrane potential creates an electrical gradient across the cell membrane, essential for excitable cells like neurons and muscle cells to generate signals and respond to stimuli.

This potential serves as the baseline state, allowing for rapid, controlled changes in membrane voltage (action potentials) that are necessary for nerve impulse transmission, muscle contraction, and other cellular processes.

The neuron signal cycle relies on changes to its resting potential to create an action potential, which consists of →

Depolarization (membrane becomes less negative),

Repolarization (membrane potential returns to resting state), and

Hyperpolarization (membrane potential becomes even more negative than resting potential).

These phases are driven by the opening and closing of voltage-gated ion channels, allowing [sodium \(Na⁺\)](#) and potassium (K⁺) ions to flow across the membrane, ultimately propagating the signal.

1. Resting Membrane Potential (RMP):

- **Definition:** The resting potential is the stable, negative electrical charge across the neuron's membrane when it is not actively sending a signal, typically around -70 millivolts (mV).
- **Mechanism:** This potential is maintained by ion pumps (like the [sodium-potassium pump](#)) and ion channels (particularly [potassium leak channels](#)) that ensure a higher concentration of potassium inside the cell and a higher concentration of sodium outside.
- **Role:** It provides the baseline from which the neuron can initiate a signal.

2. Signal Triggering & Depolarization:

- **Threshold:**

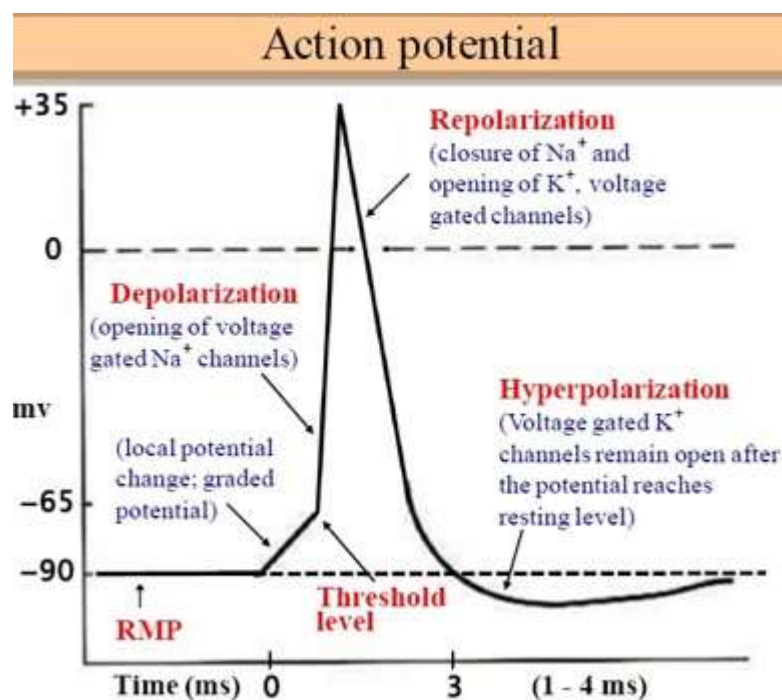
A stimulus causes the membrane potential to become less negative. If this depolarization reaches a specific threshold potential (around -55 mV), it triggers an action potential.

- **Sodium Influx:**

Reaching the threshold causes voltage-gated sodium channels to open, allowing a rapid influx of positively charged sodium ions into the cell.

- **Outcome:**

This influx of positive charge further increases the positive charge inside the cell, leading to a rapid and dramatic depolarization.



3. Repolarization:

- **Sodium Channel Inactivation:**

After about 1 millisecond, the fast-acting sodium channels become inactivated and are unable to open.

- **Potassium Channel Activation:**

Simultaneously, slower-acting voltage-gated potassium channels open, allowing positively charged potassium ions to flow out of the cell.

- **Outcome:**

The exit of positive potassium ions reduces the positive charge inside the cell, bringing the membrane potential back down towards the resting state.

4. Hyperpolarization:

- **Potassium Channel Kinetics:**

The potassium channels have slow kinetics, meaning they remain open slightly longer than necessary to reach the resting potential.

- **Temporary Negative Shift:**

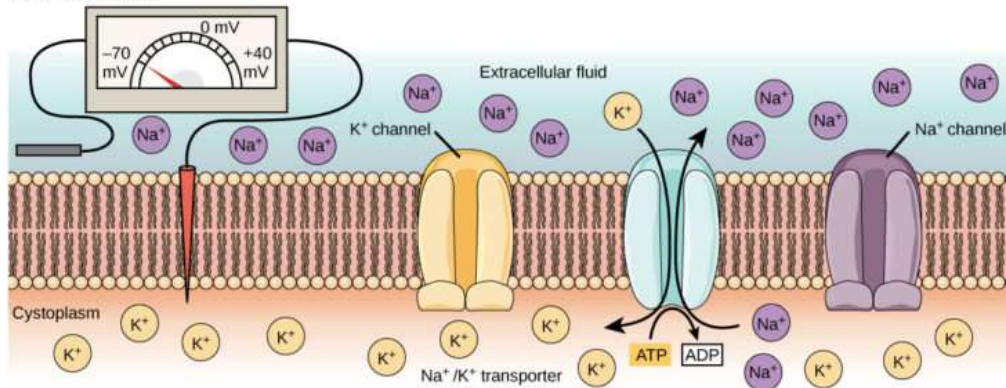
This delayed closure of potassium channels leads to an excessive outflow of potassium, causing the membrane potential to briefly fall below the resting level, a phase known as hyperpolarization.

- **Outcome:**

After the potassium channels close and the sodium channels become activated again, the neuron returns to its resting potential, ready to fire another action potential.

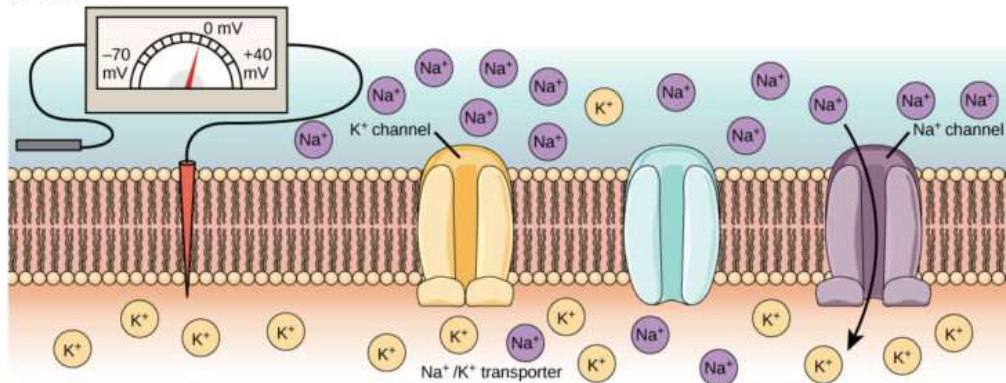
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(a) Resting potential



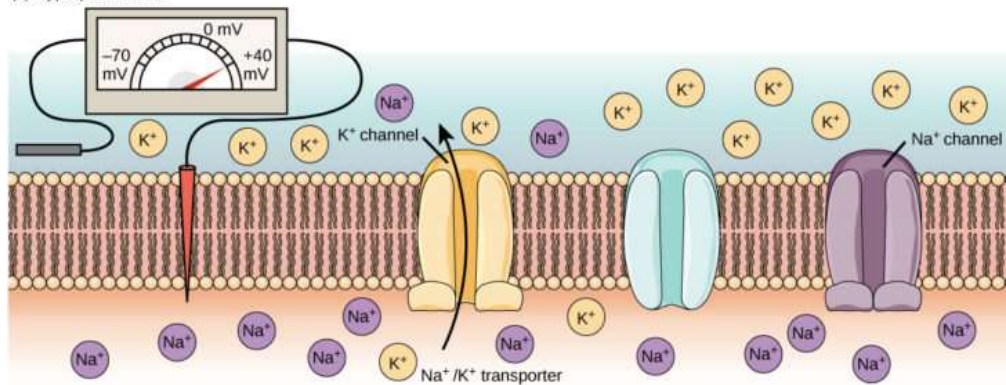
At the resting potential, all voltage-gated Na⁺ channels and most voltage-gated K⁺ channels are closed. The Na⁺/K⁺ transporter pumps K⁺ ions into the cell and Na⁺ ions out.

(b) Depolarization



In response to a depolarization, some Na⁺ channels open, allowing Na⁺ ions to enter the cell. The membrane starts to depolarize (the charge across the membrane lessens). If the threshold of excitation is reached, all the Na⁺ channels open.

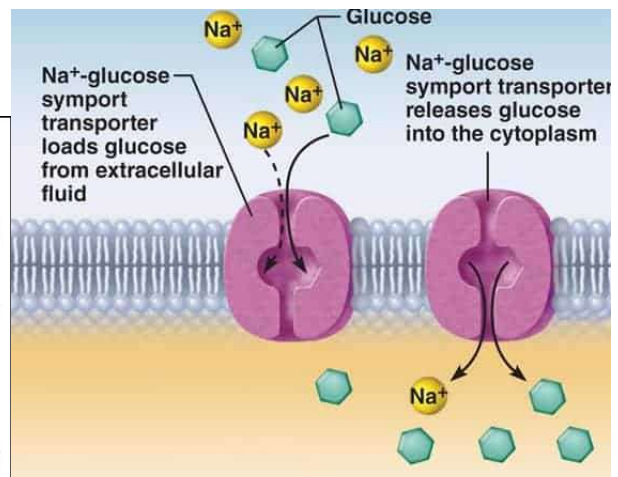
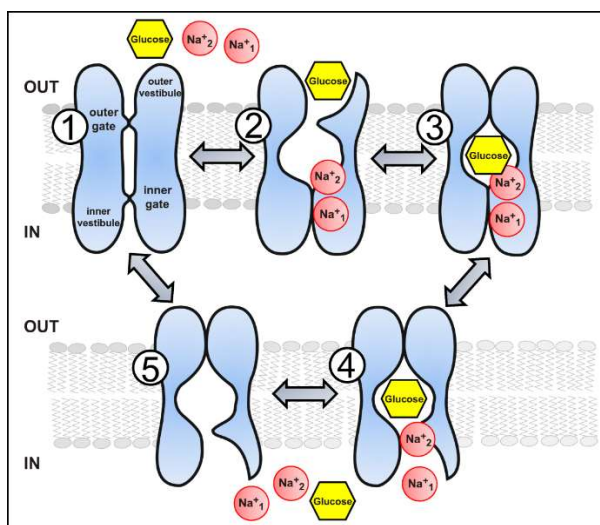
(c) Hyperpolarization



At the peak action potential, Na⁺ channels close while K⁺ channels open. K⁺ leaves the cell, and the membrane eventually becomes hyperpolarized.

SGLT glucose sodium cotransporter:

A sodium-dependent glucose transport diagram shows the sodium-glucose cotransporter (SGLT) moving glucose and sodium ions together into a cell, driven by the sodium gradient maintained by the sodium-potassium pump. In this secondary active transport, the high concentration of sodium outside the cell allows it to move downhill, pulling glucose against its own concentration gradient into the cell, a process vital for nutrient absorption in the intestine and reabsorption in the kidney.



Secondary active transport
As Na⁺ diffuses back across the membrane through a membrane cotransporter protein, it drives glucose against its concentration gradient into the cell.