Chem 452 - Lecture 9
Pumps and Channels
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With this lecture we begin a unit a that looks at proteins as complex machines. We will look first at the intrinsic membrane proteins that are responsible for moving material across membranes. Those that require a source of free energy to carry out the transport are called active transport systems. Some of these are directly coupled to the hydrolysis of ATP, while others are coupled to a second concentration gradient that flows across the cell in a favorable direction. We will also look at gated passive transport systems, which, while requiring no external source of free energy, are far from from being just simple channels.

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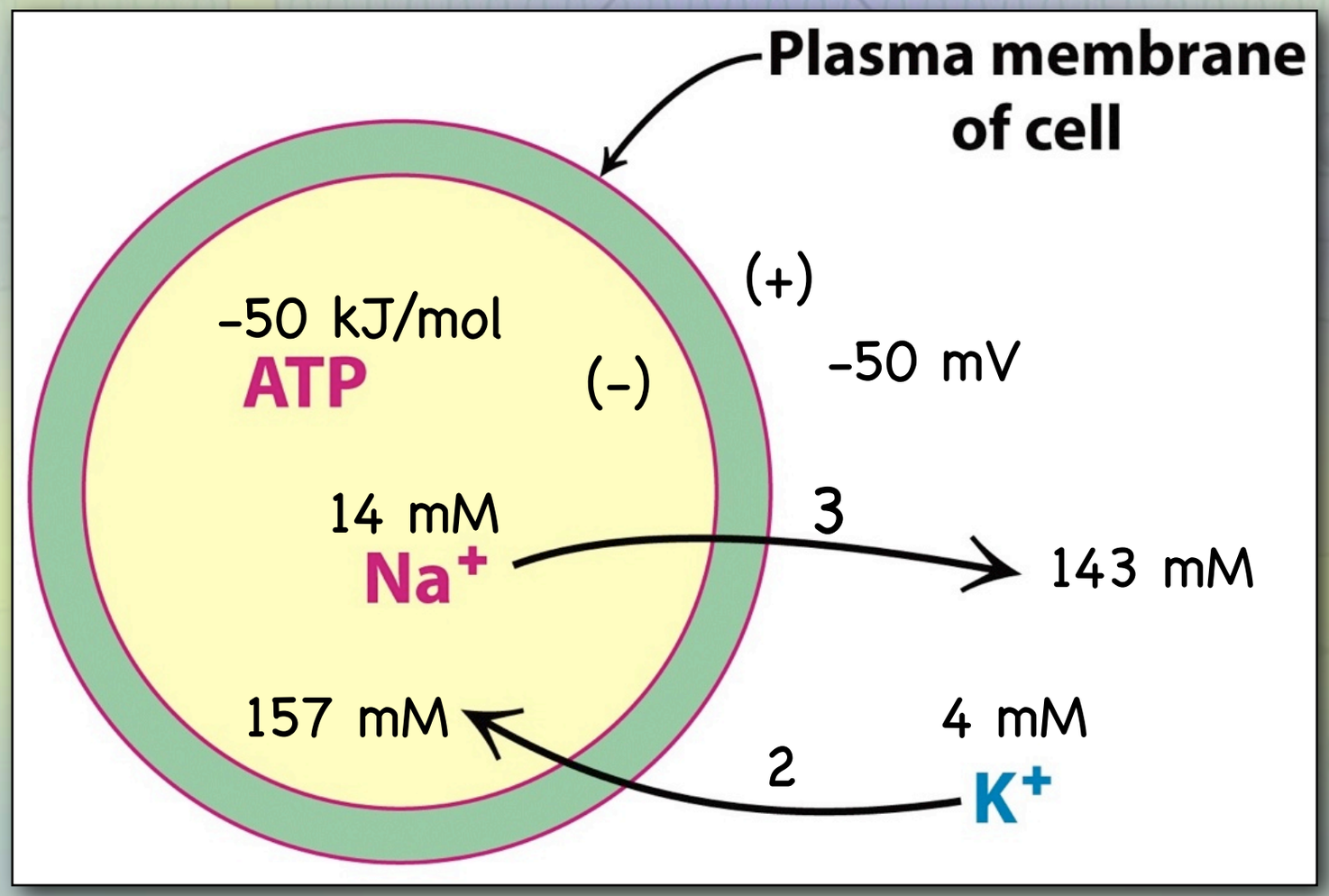

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$$= \left(8.314 \text{ x } 10^{-3} \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol•K}}\right)(310 \text{ K}) \ln\left(\frac{(0.143)^3 (0.157)^2}{(0.014)^3 (0.004)^2}\right) + (+1)\left(96.5 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol•V}}\right)(+0.050\text{V})$$

$$= 36.9 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}} + 4.8 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$$

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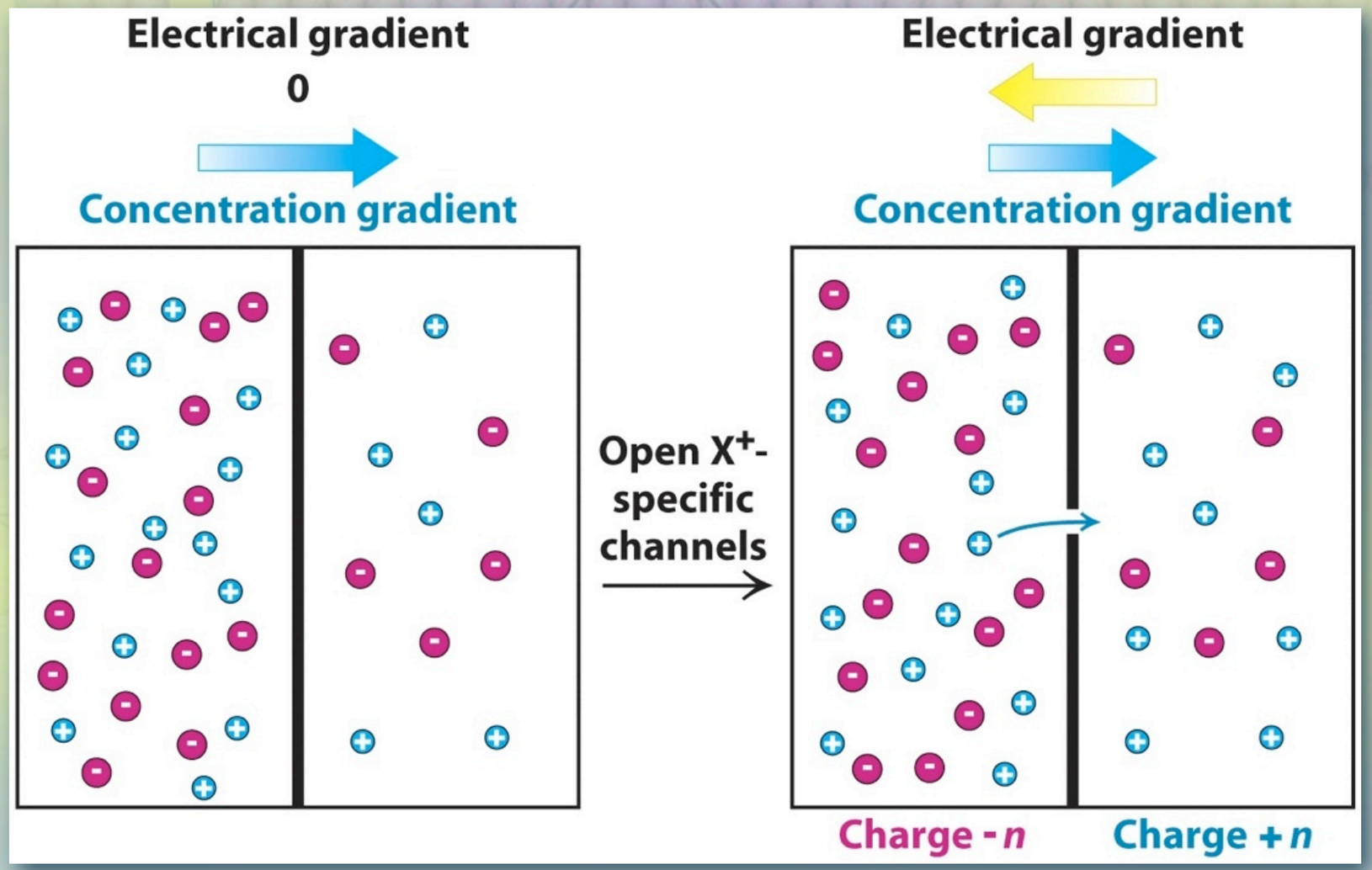
Channels and the Action Potential

- Due to a small movement of K^+ ions, the resting nerve fiber has a resting membrane potential of -60mV



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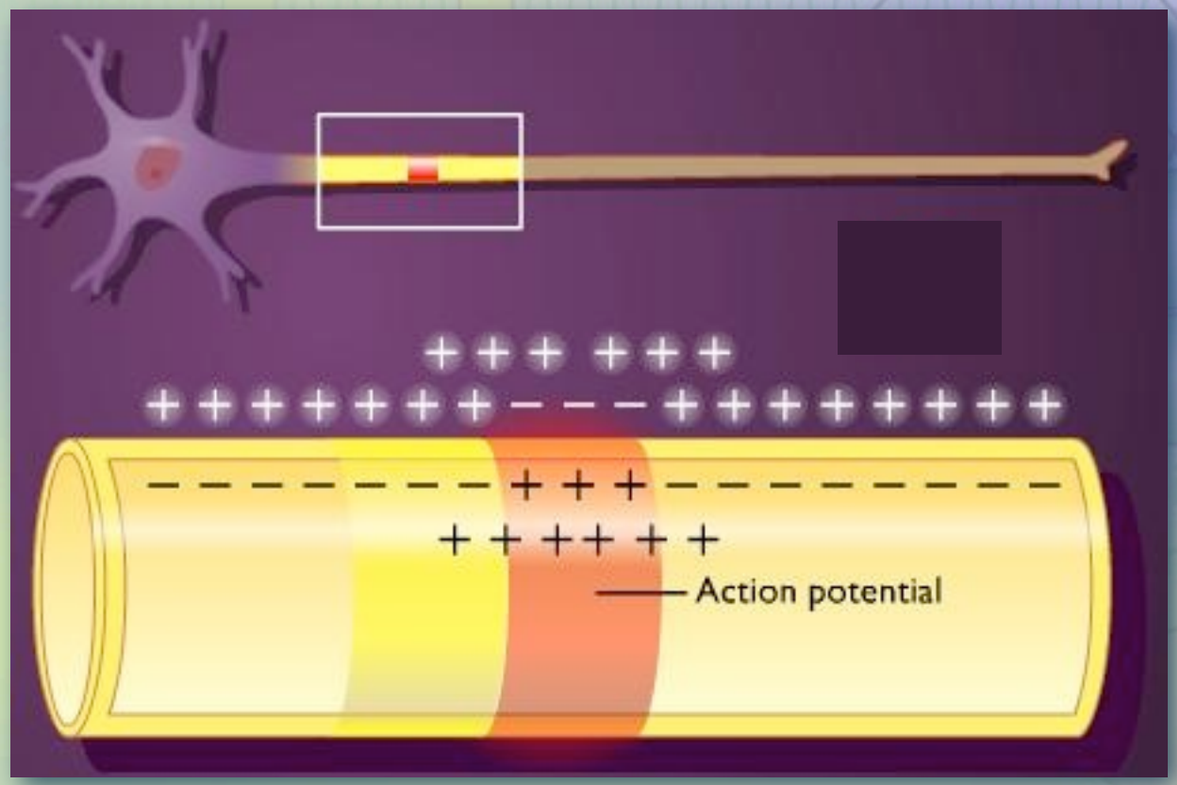

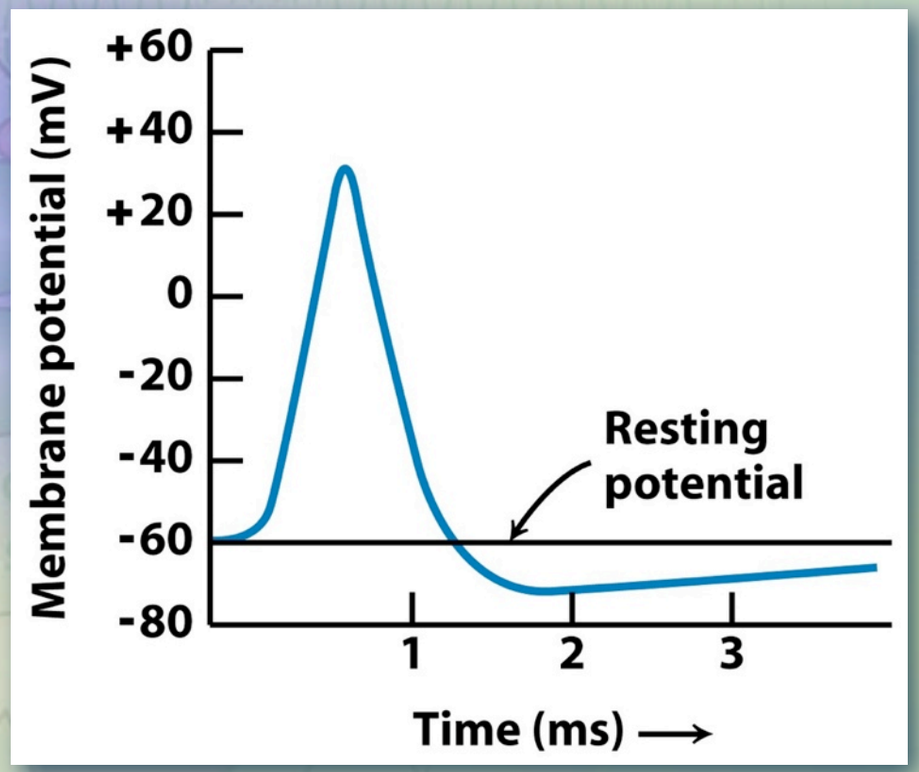

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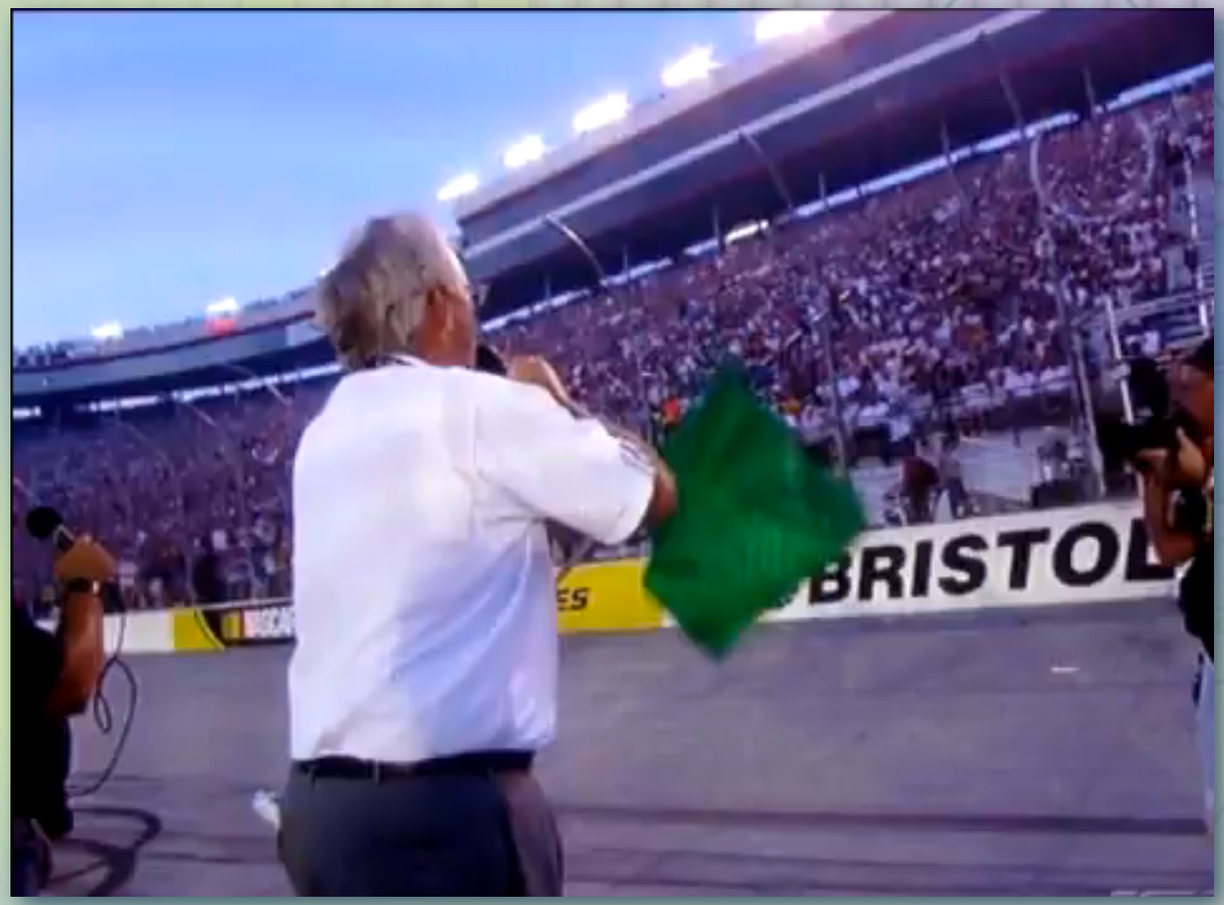

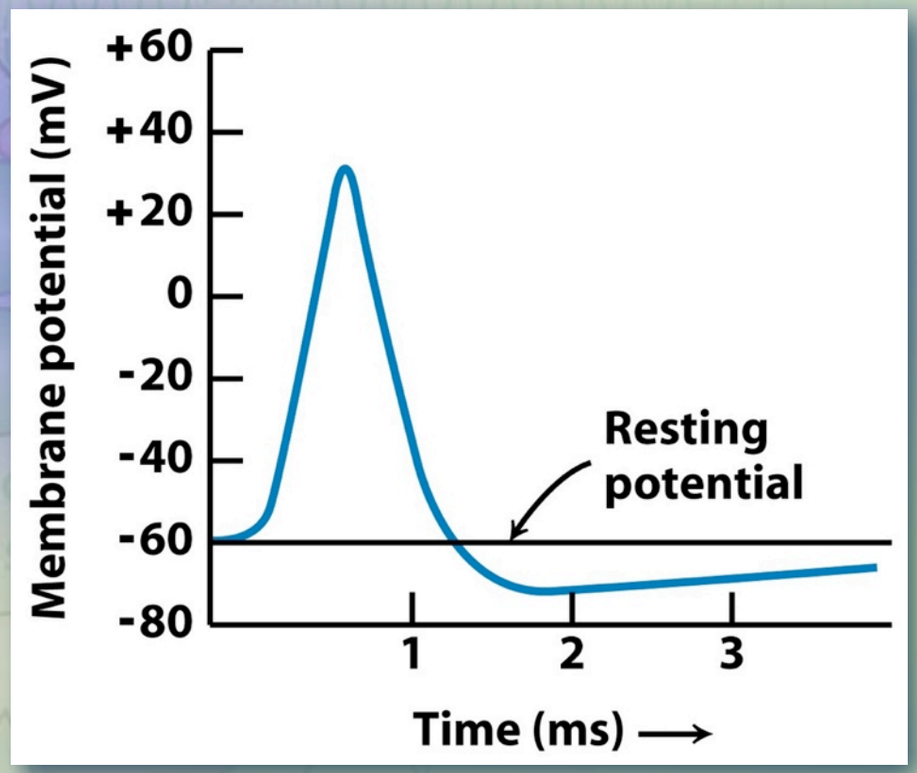

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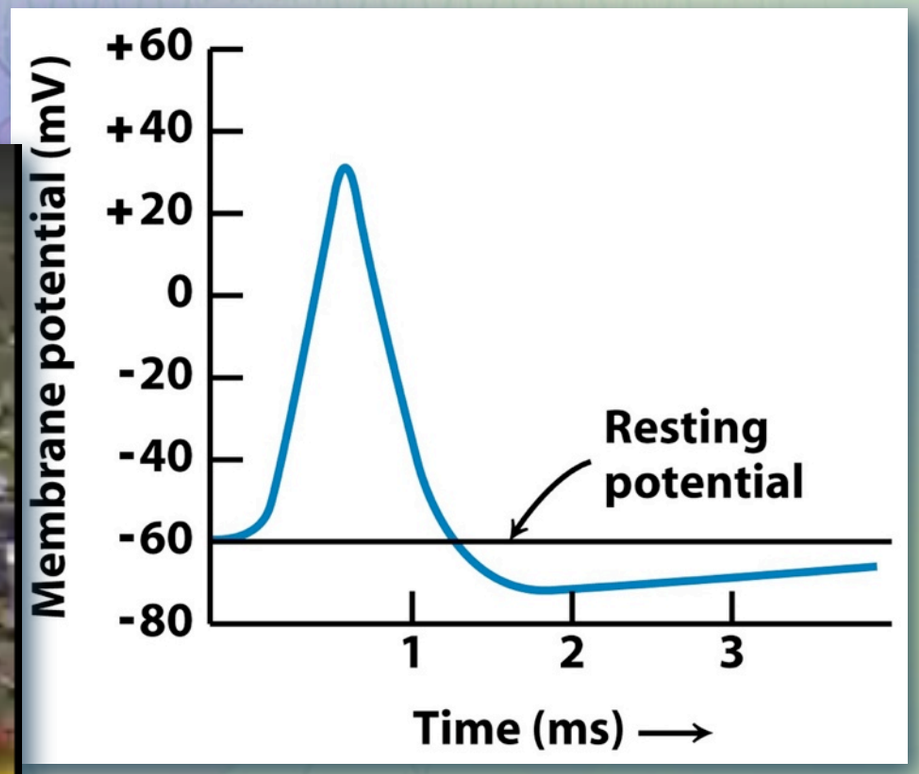

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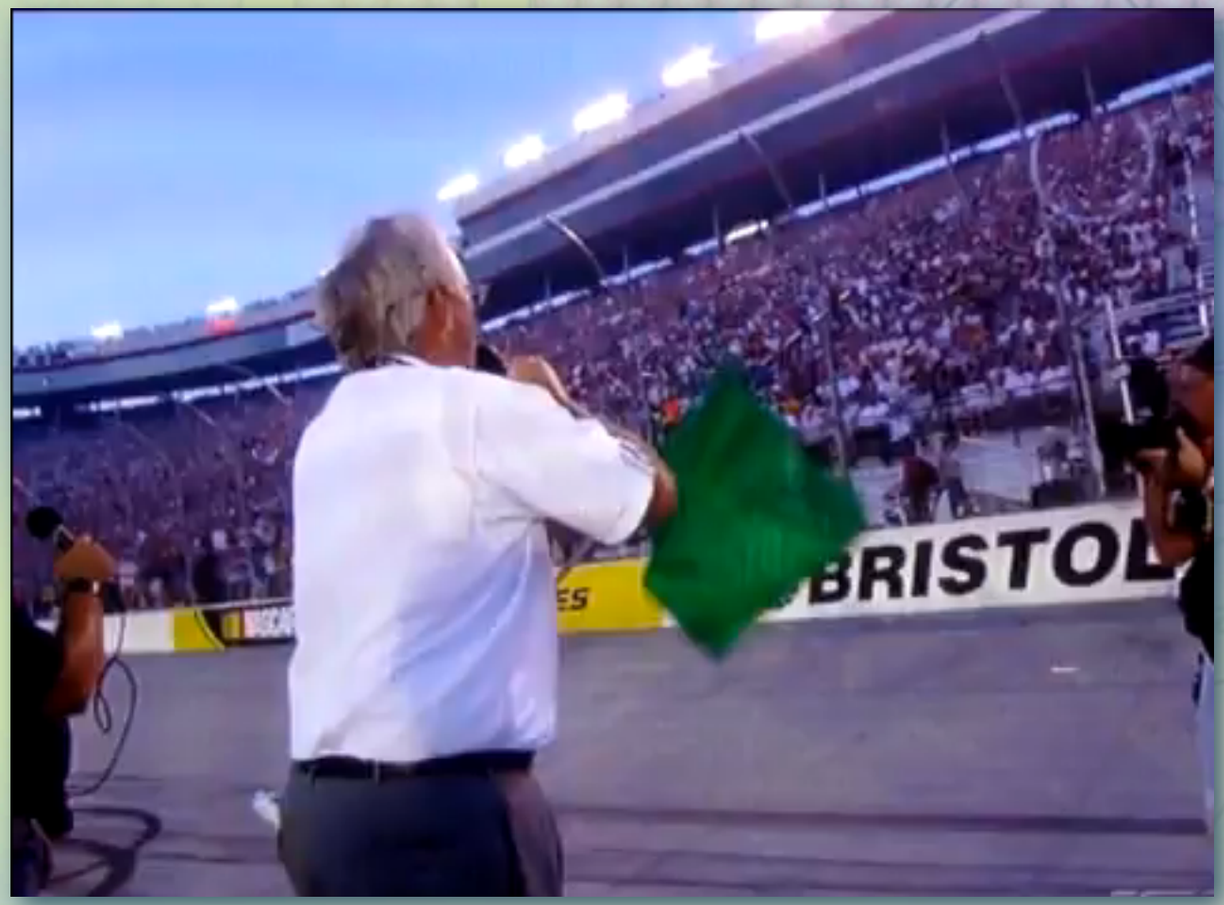

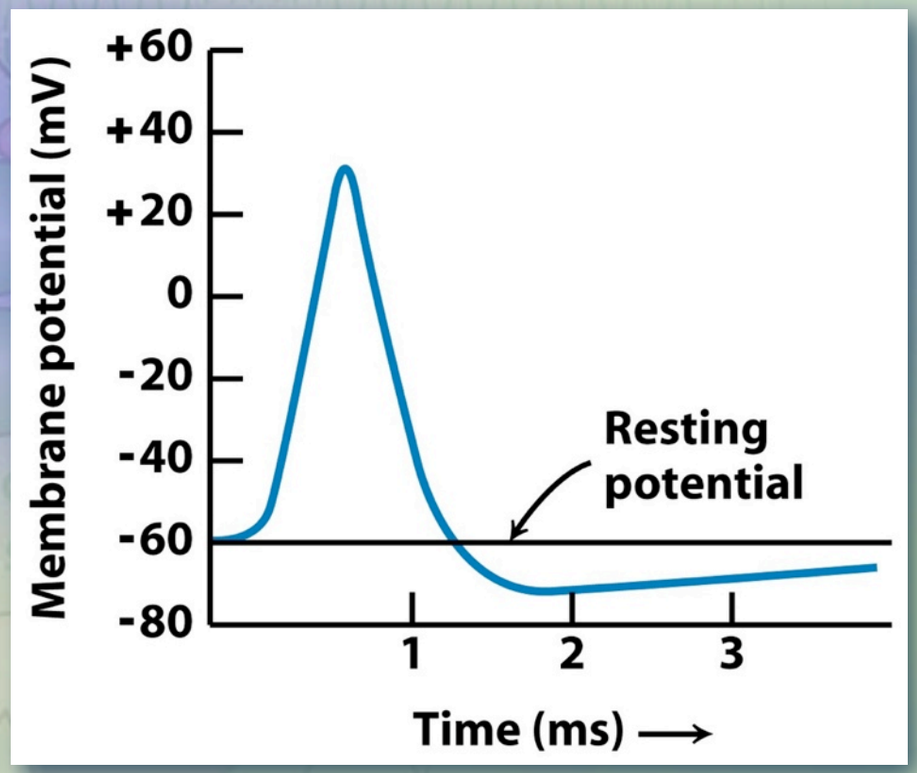

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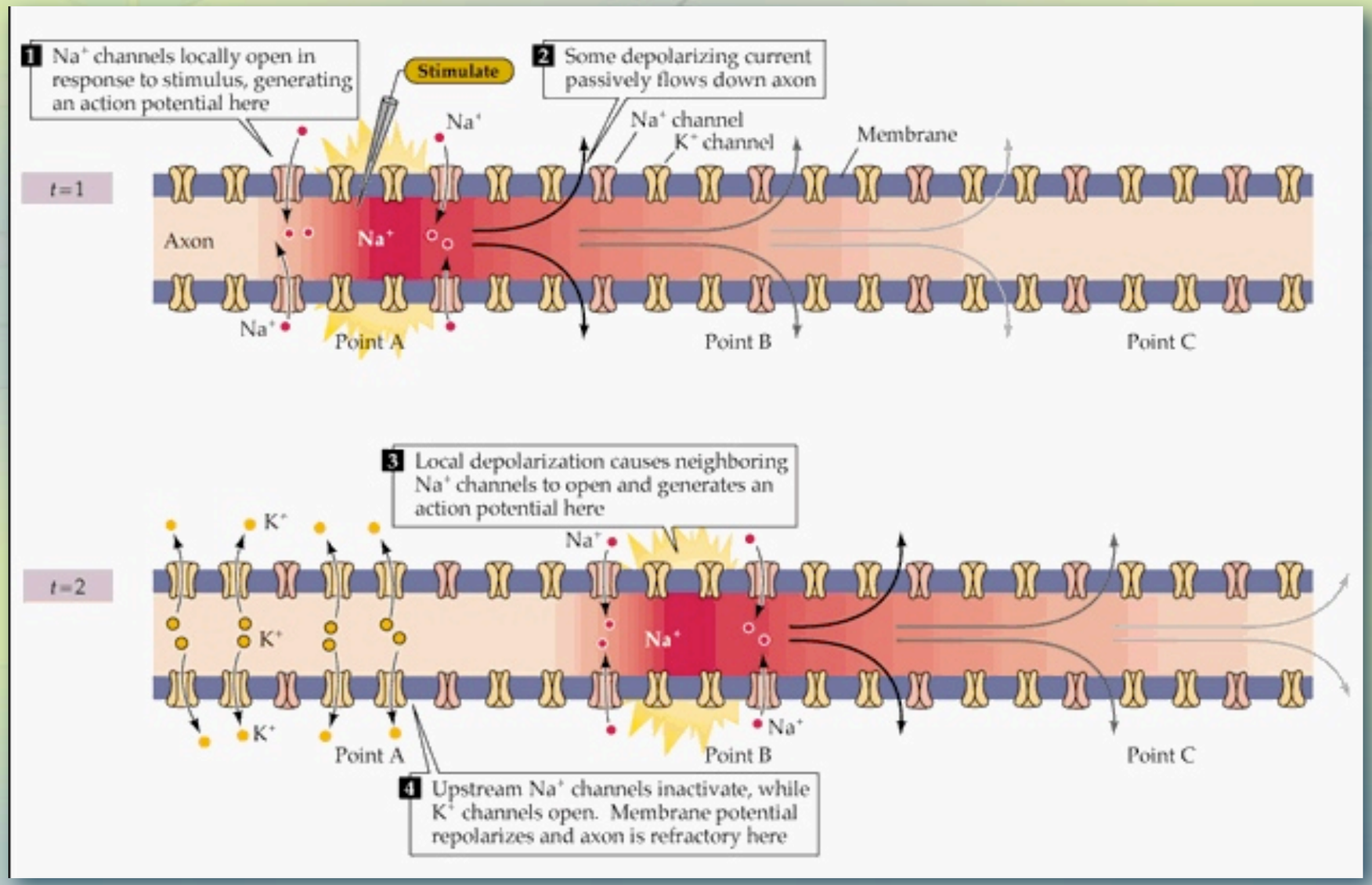
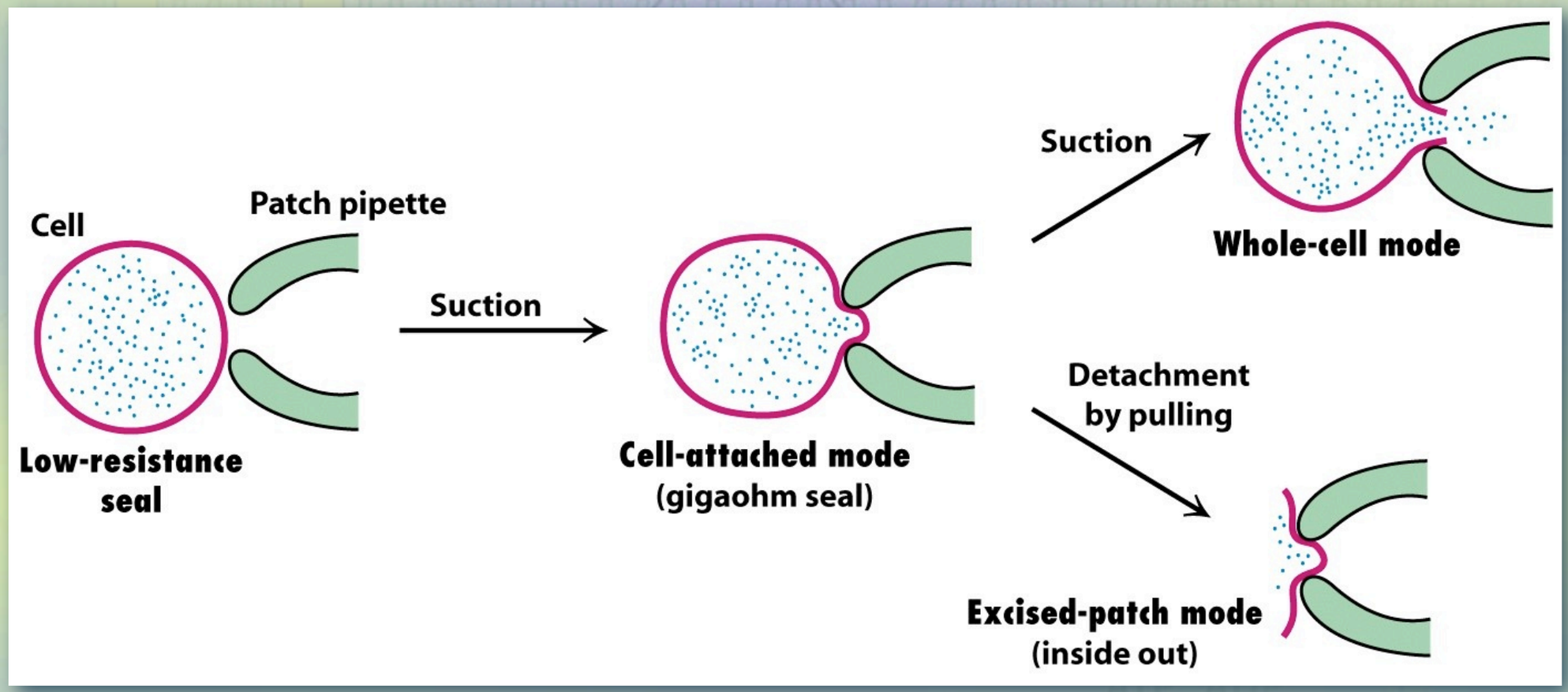
- The action potential is due to the sequential opening of a Na^+ and a K^+ channel.



Channels and the Action Potential

- Channels can be studied using the patch-clamp technique.



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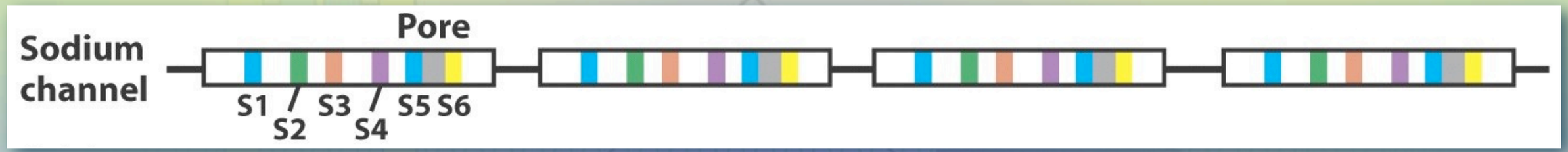

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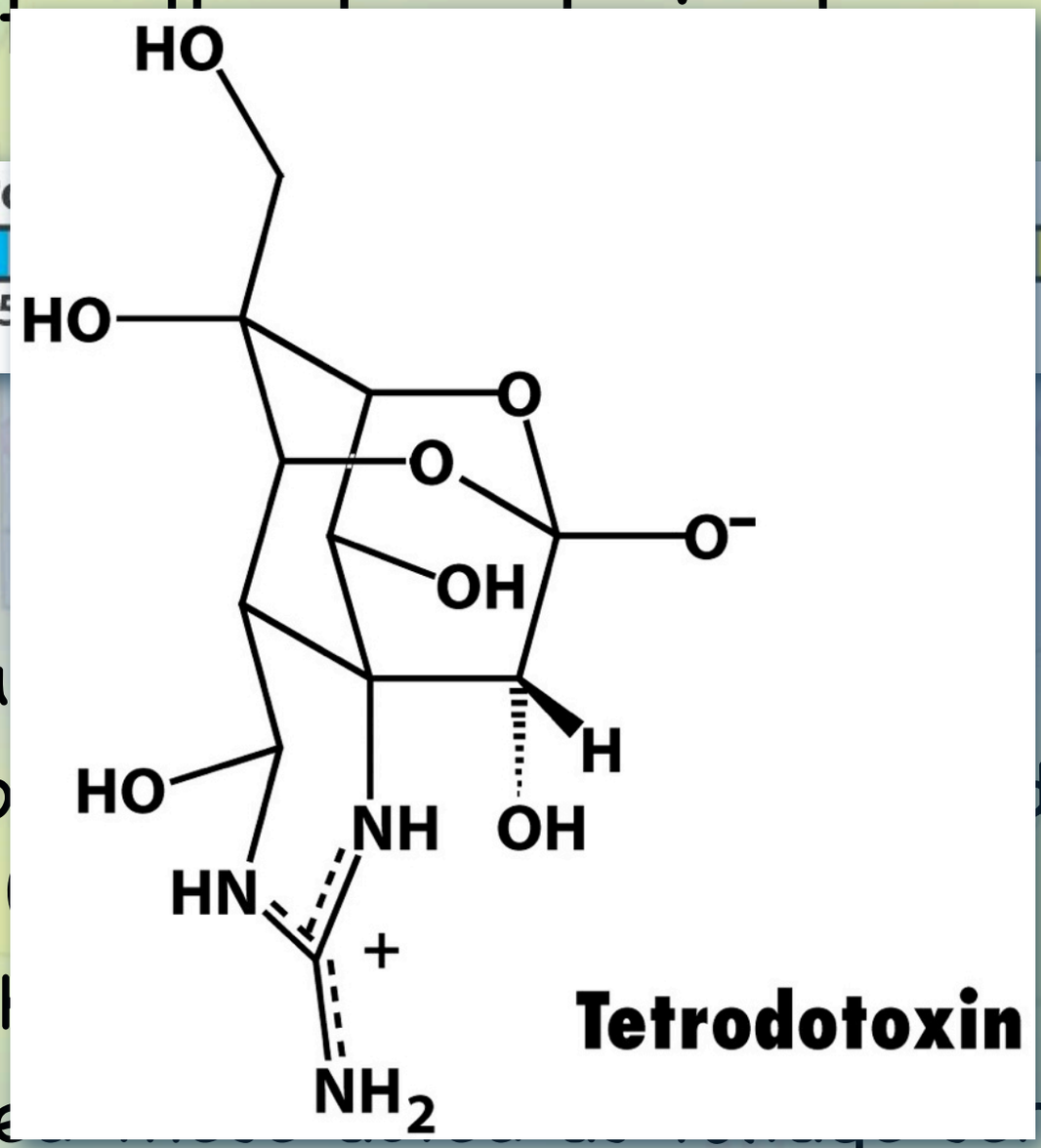

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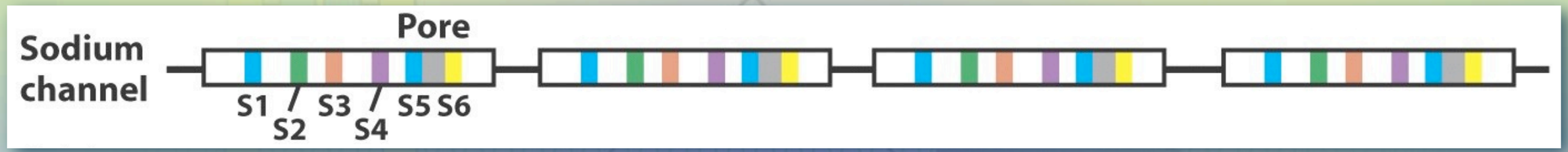

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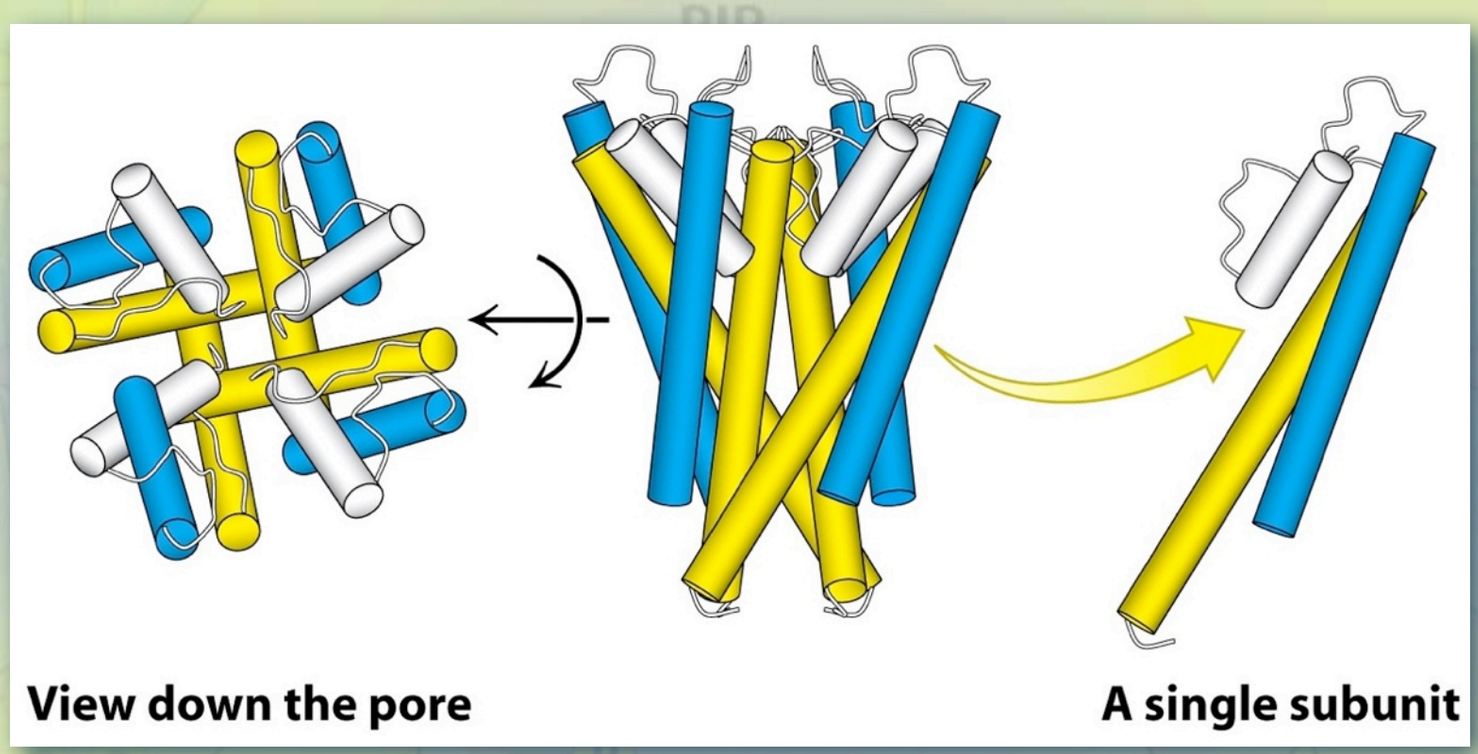
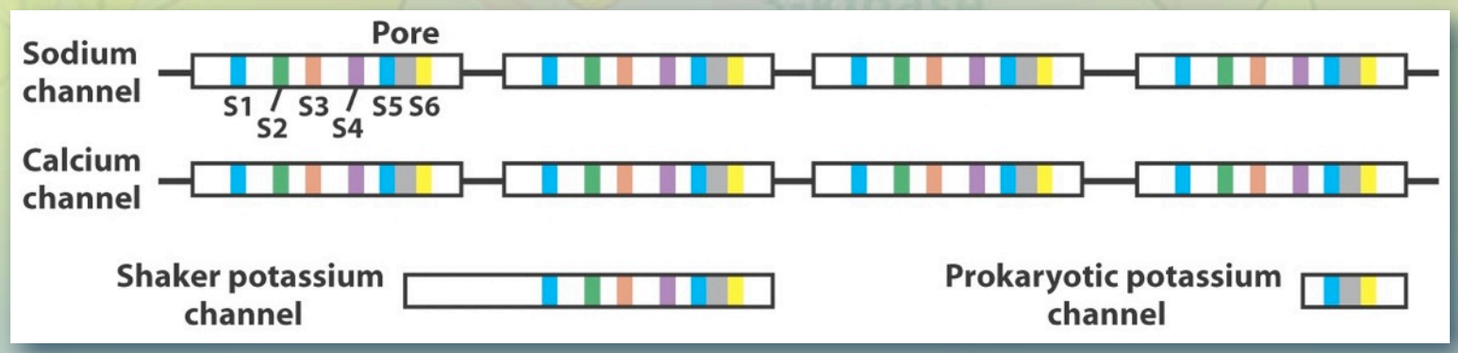
- The basic channel is illustrated by bacterial K^+ channel.





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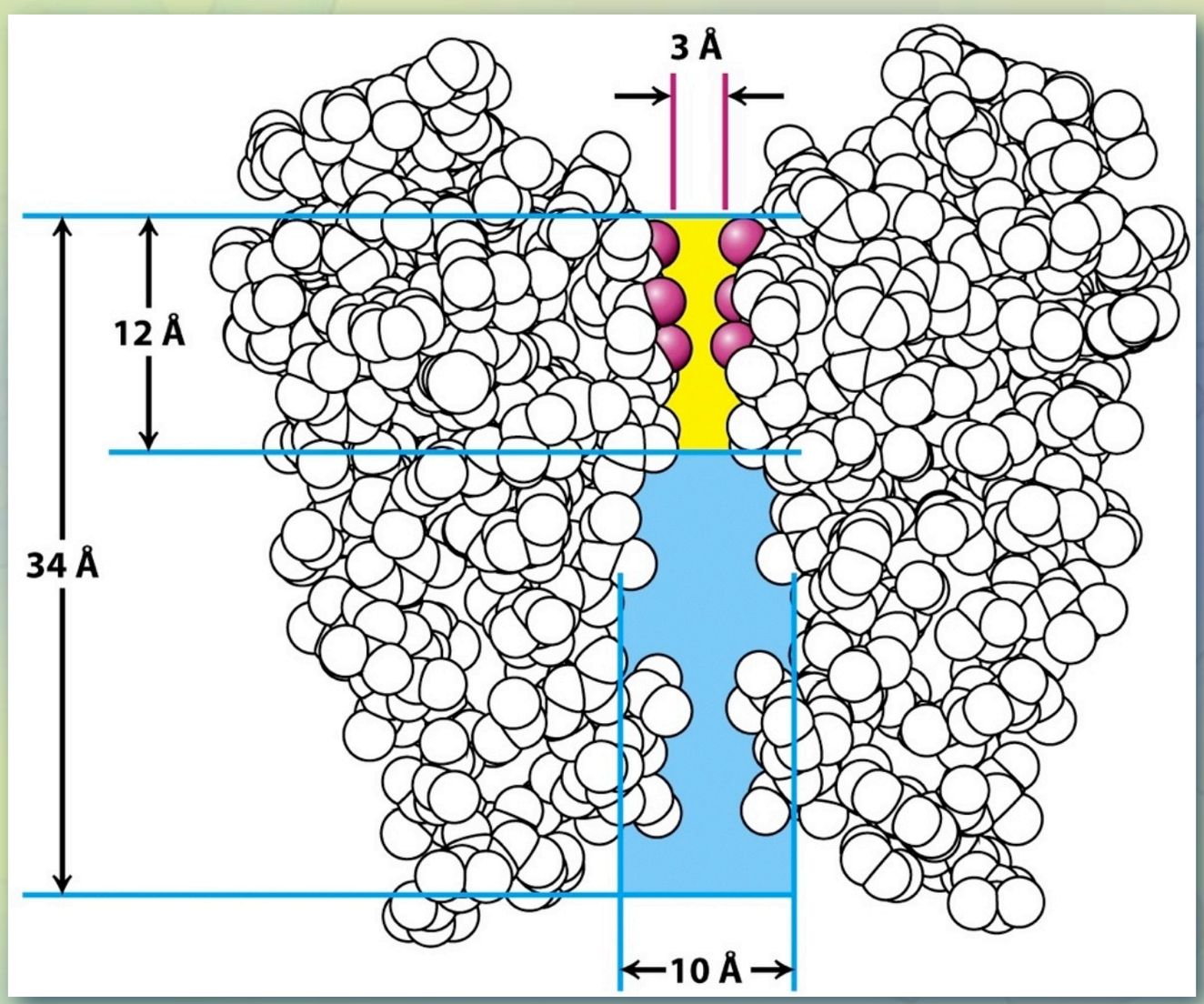

K^+ must give up waters of hydration to pass through the narrow opening in the channel.

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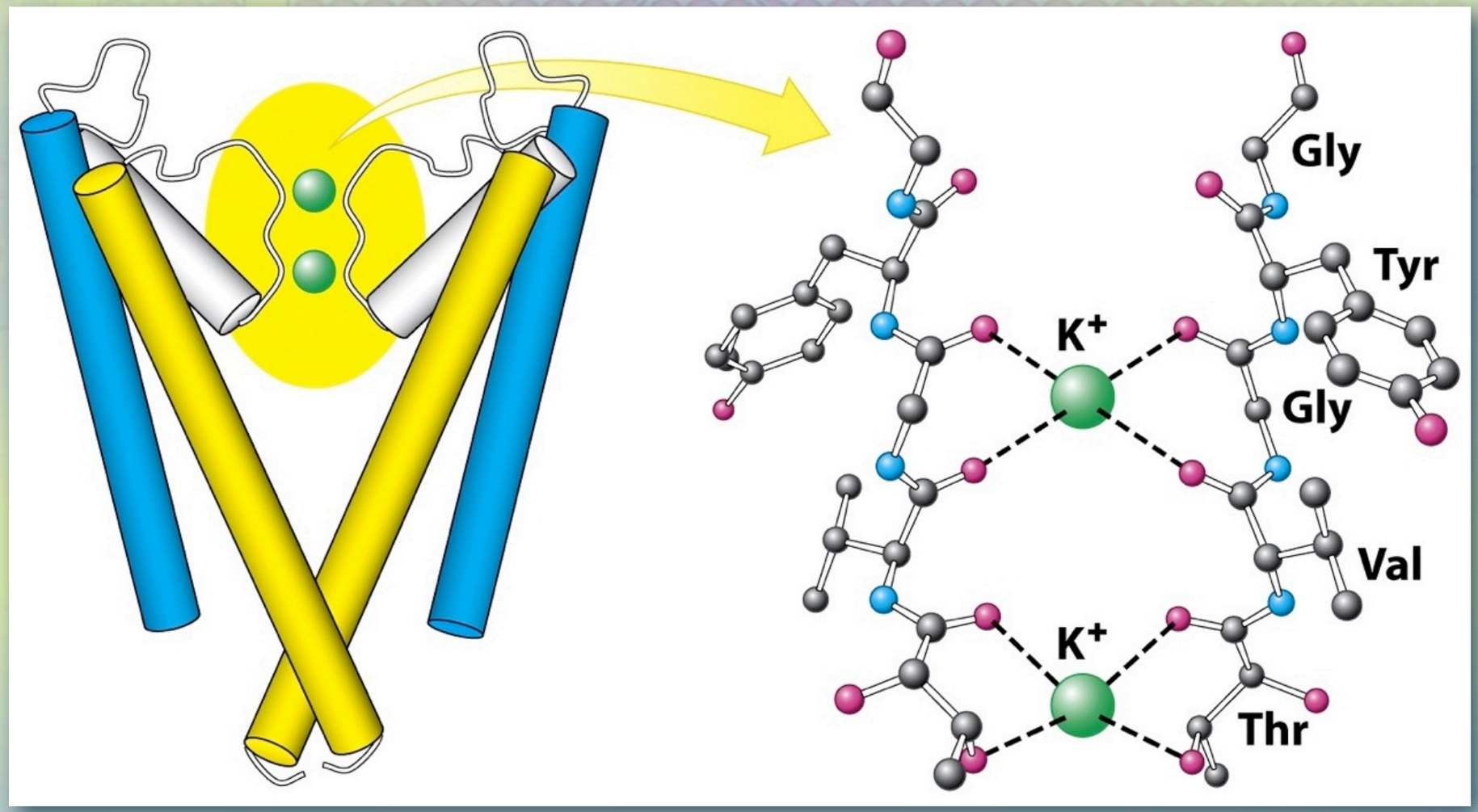
  - The sequence Thr-Val-Gly-Tyr-Gly is highly conserved.



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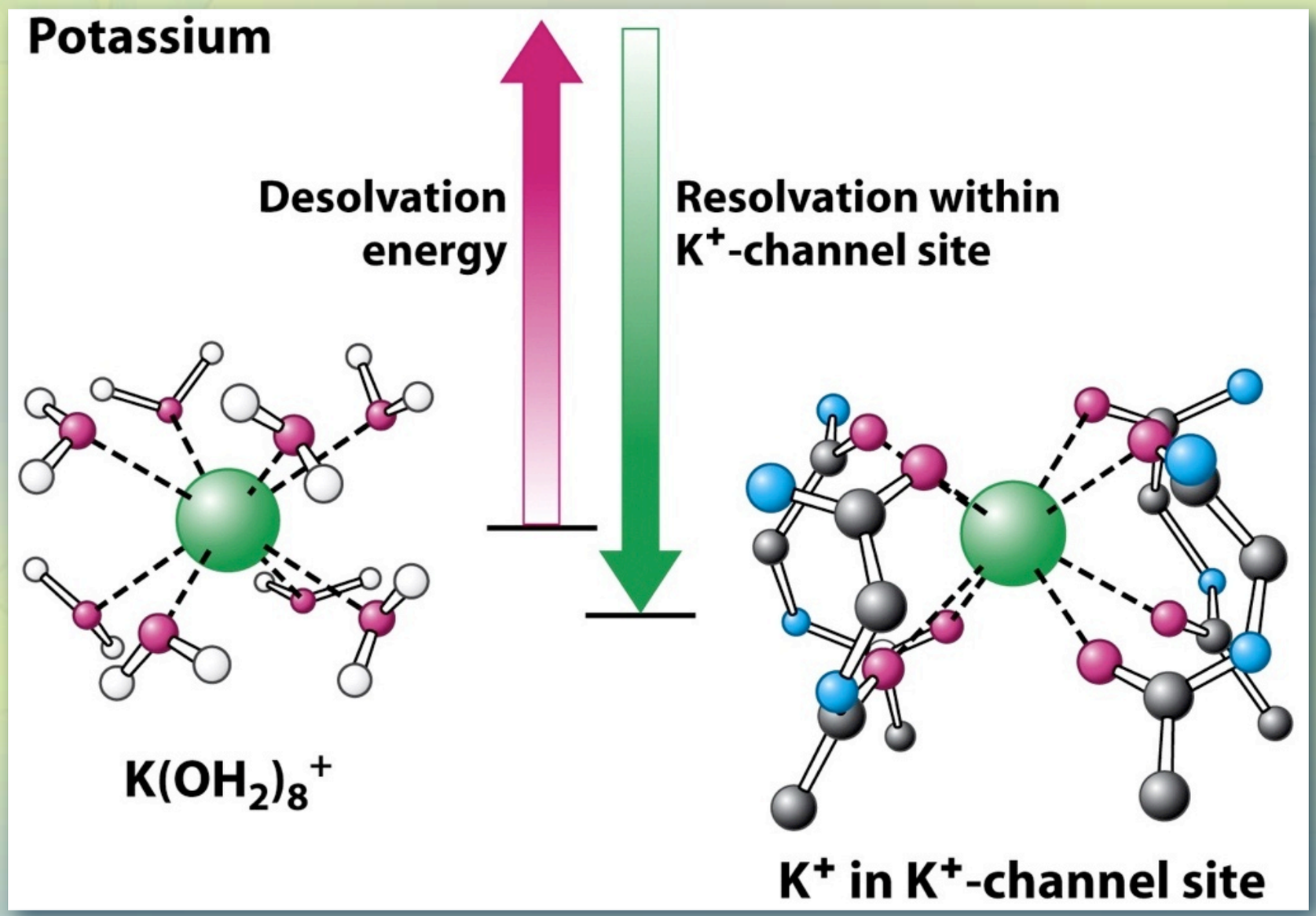

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TABLE 13.1 Properties of alkali cations

Ion	Ionic radius (Å)	Hydration free energy in kJ mol^{-1} (kcal mol^{-1})
Li^+	0.60	−410 (−98)
Na^+	0.95	−301 (−72)
K^+	1.33	−230 (−55)
Rb^+	1.48	−213 (−51)
Cs^+	1.69	−197 (−47)

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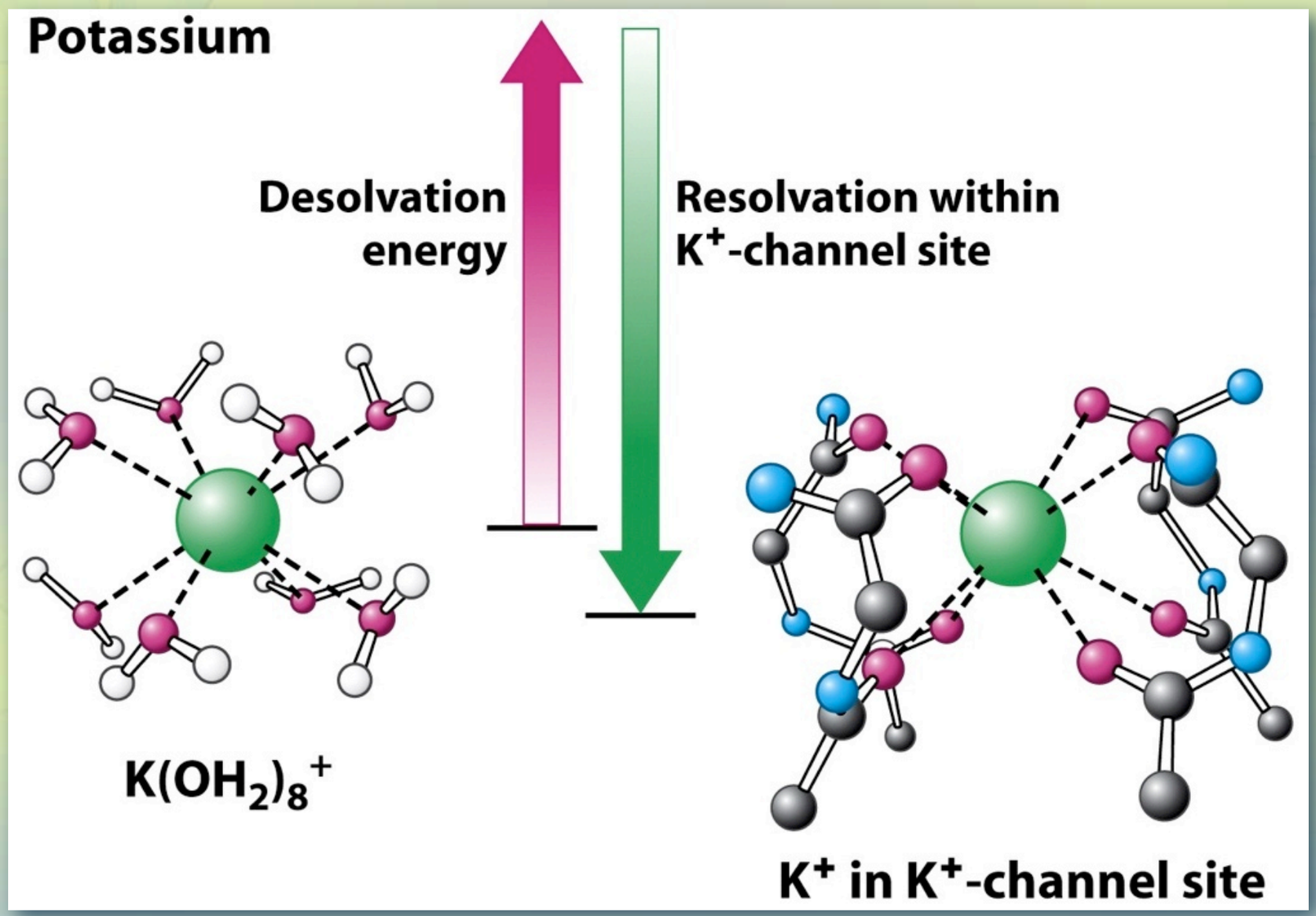

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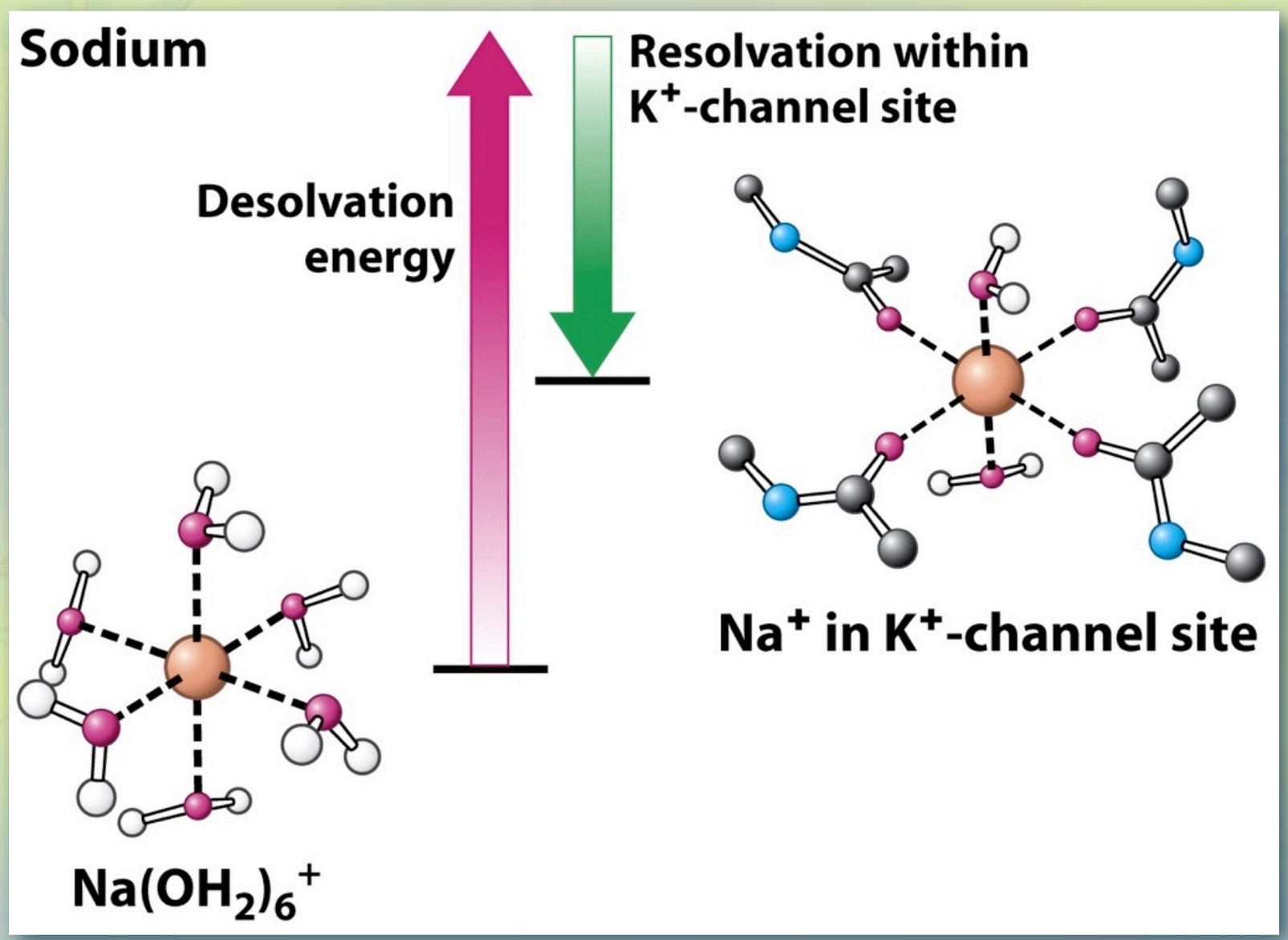

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- K^+ channel illustrates basis for rapid transport.
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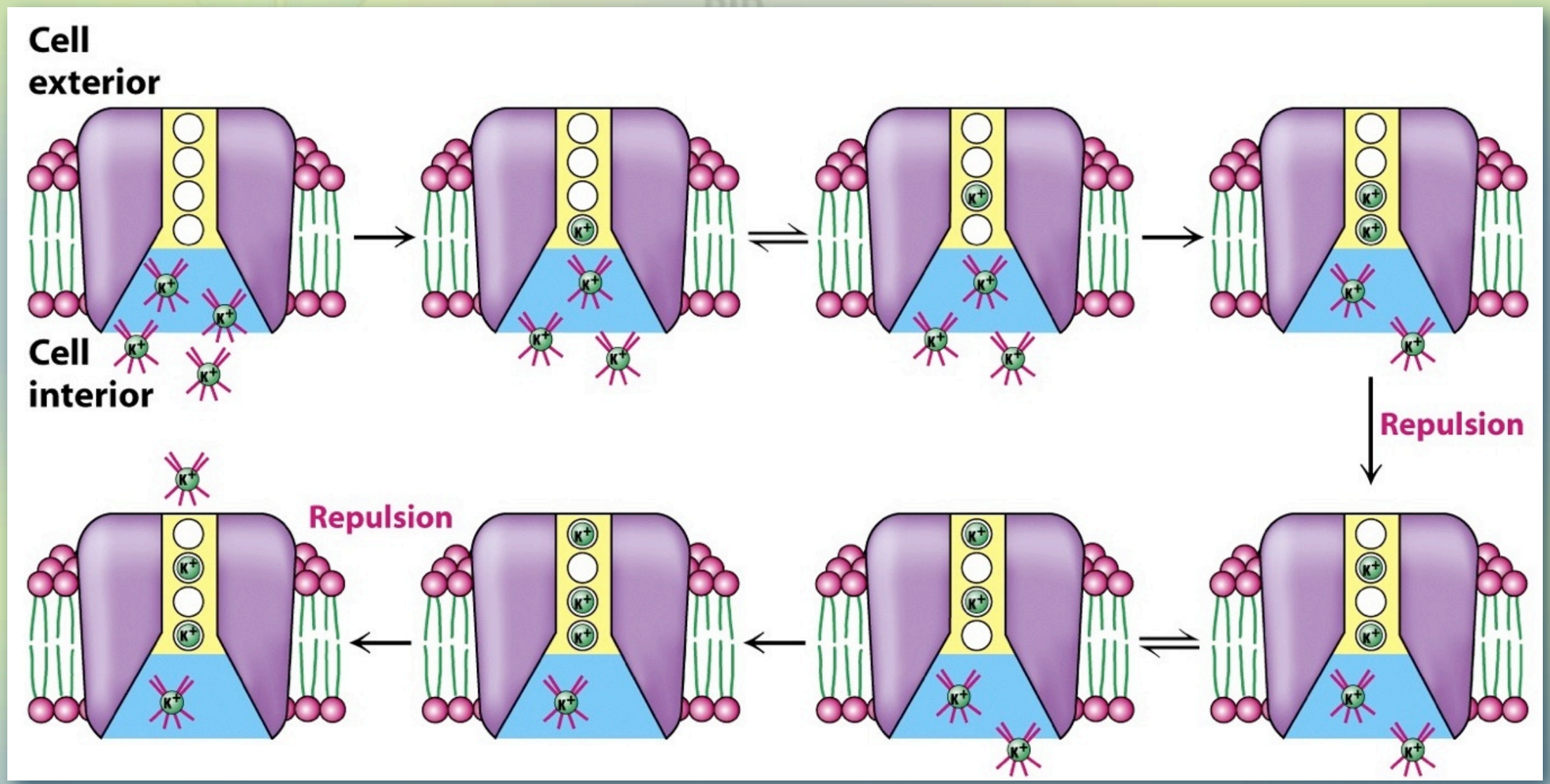

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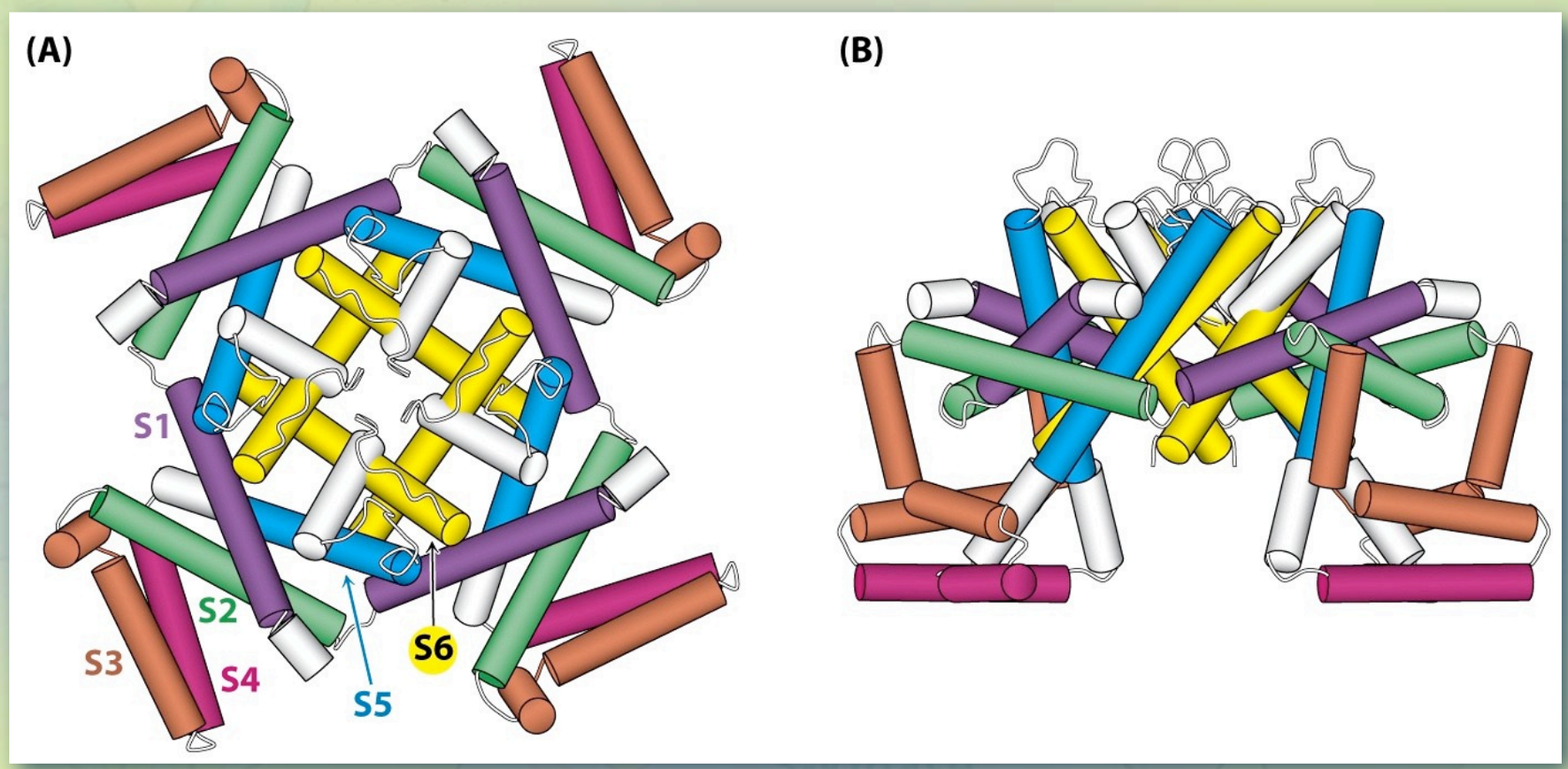

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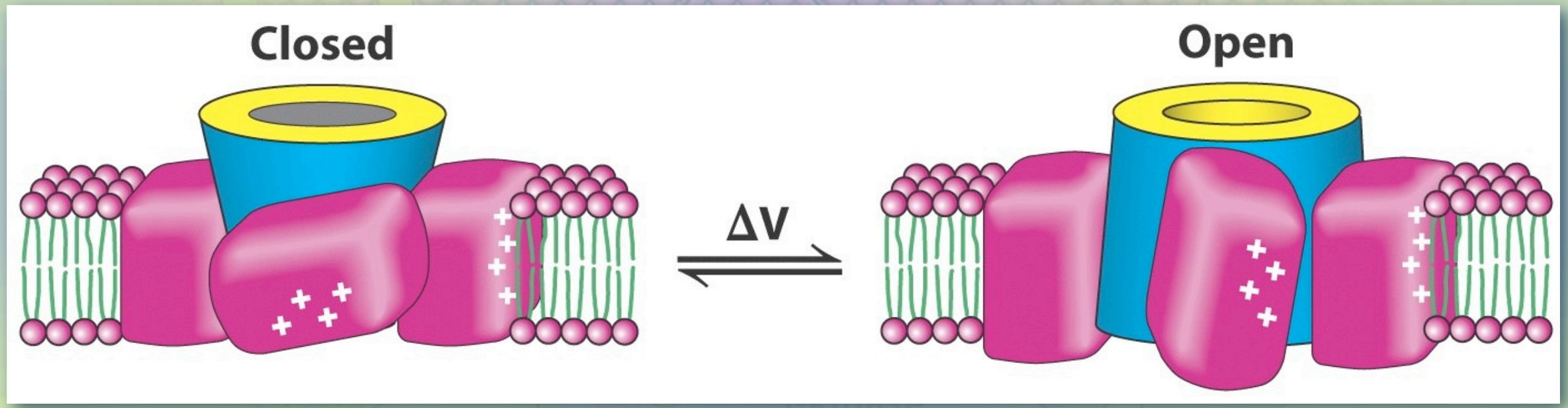

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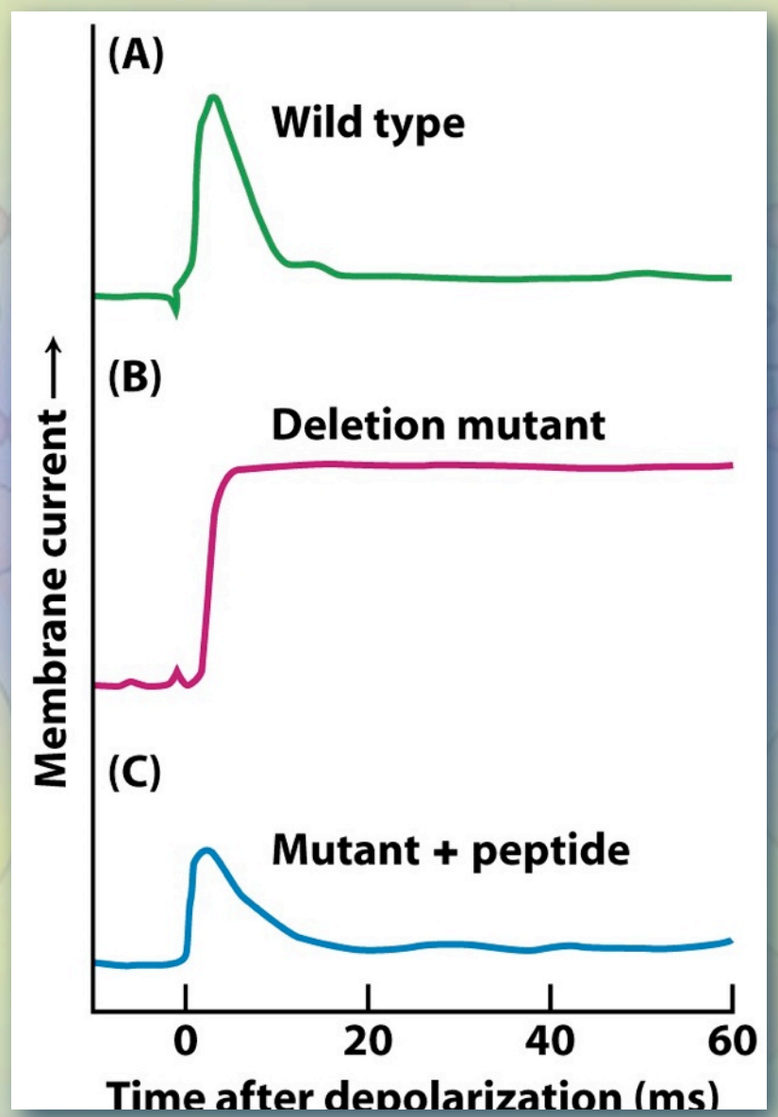

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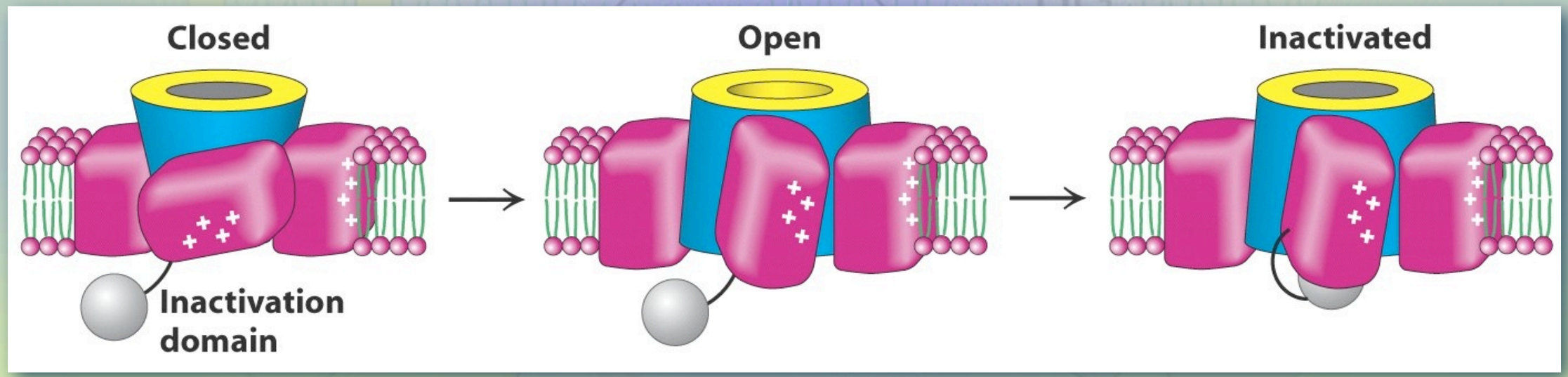

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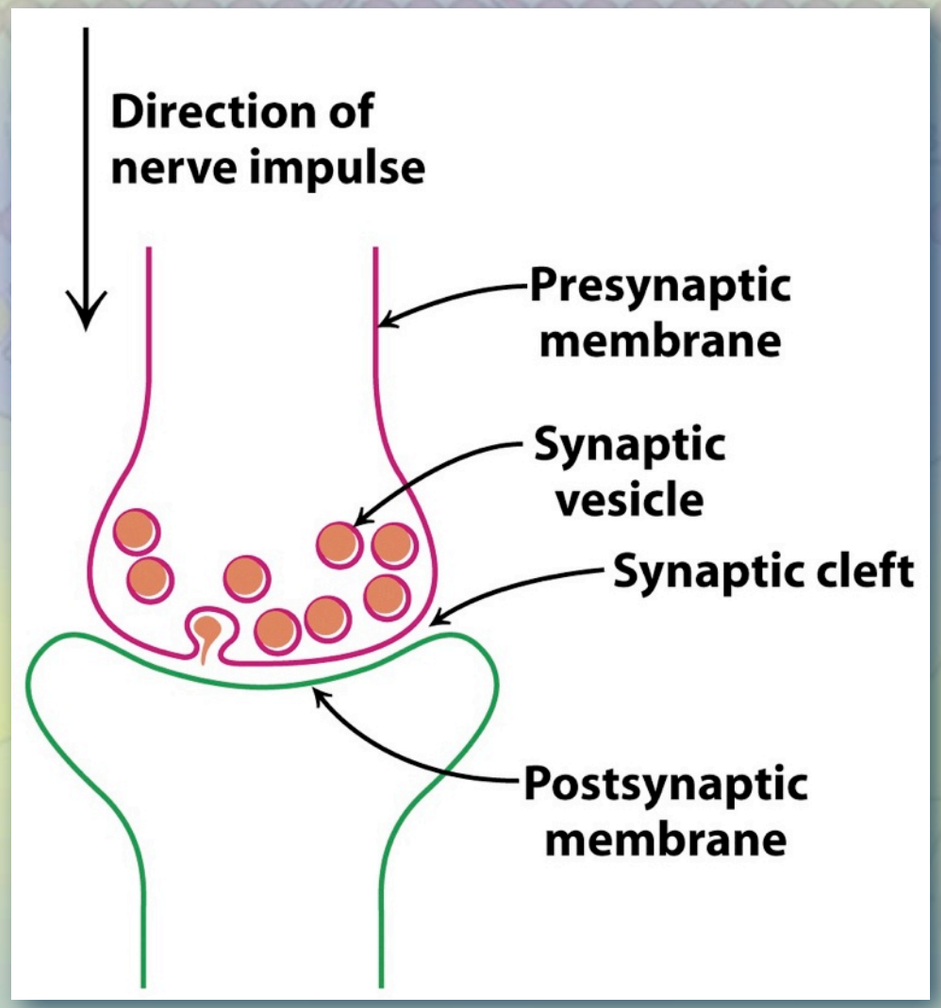

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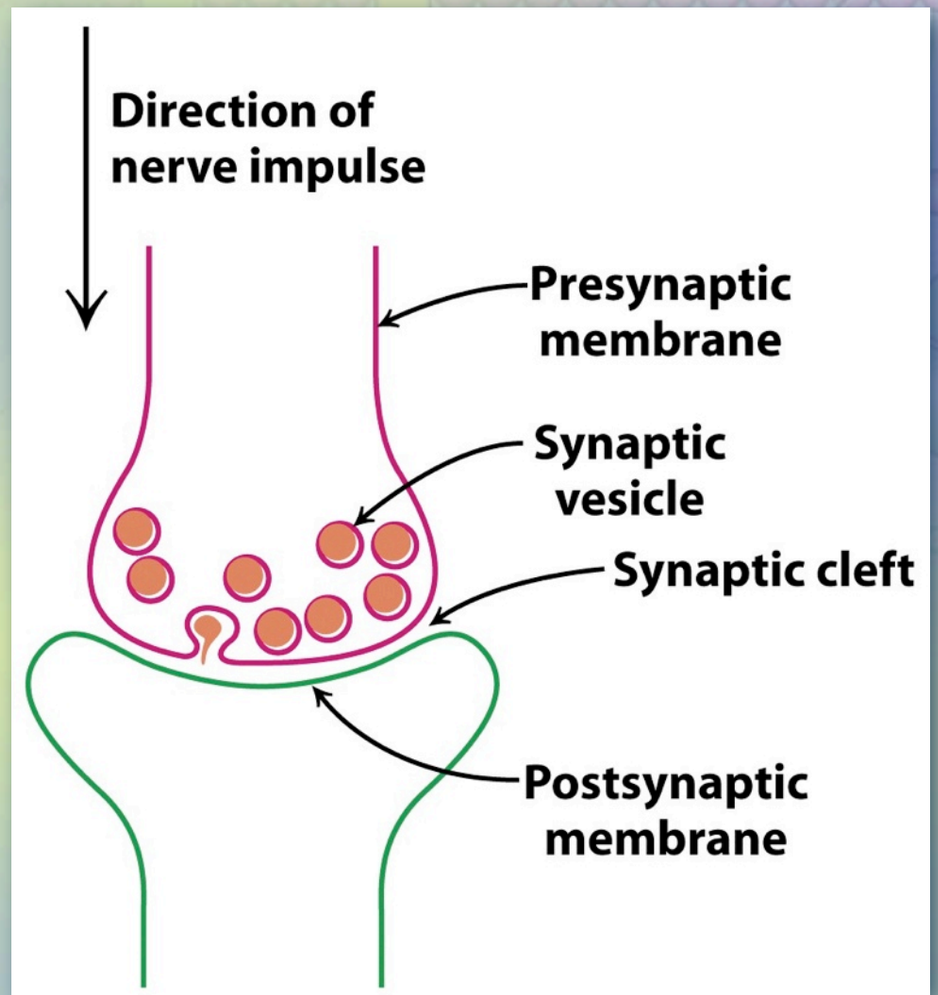
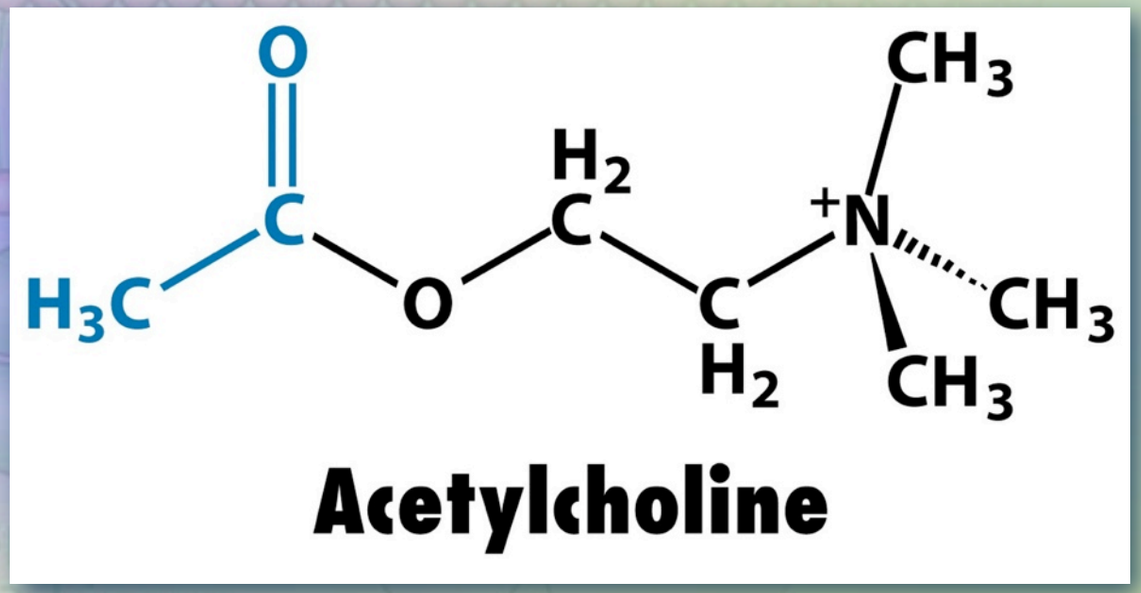
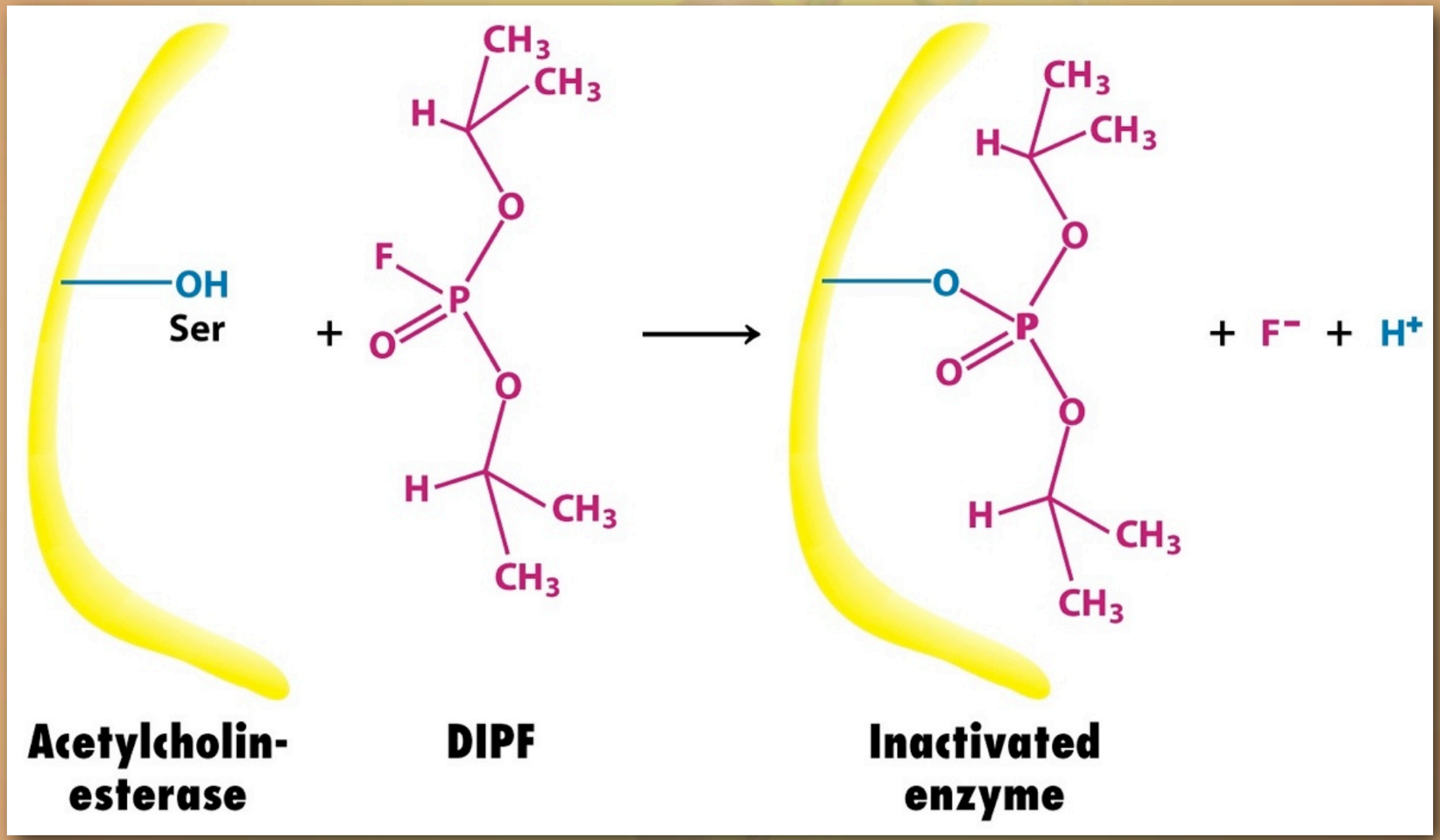




Acetylcholine is an example of a neurotransmitter

Enzyme Inhibition

- Irreversible Inhibition



DIPF is related to the poison Sarin gas

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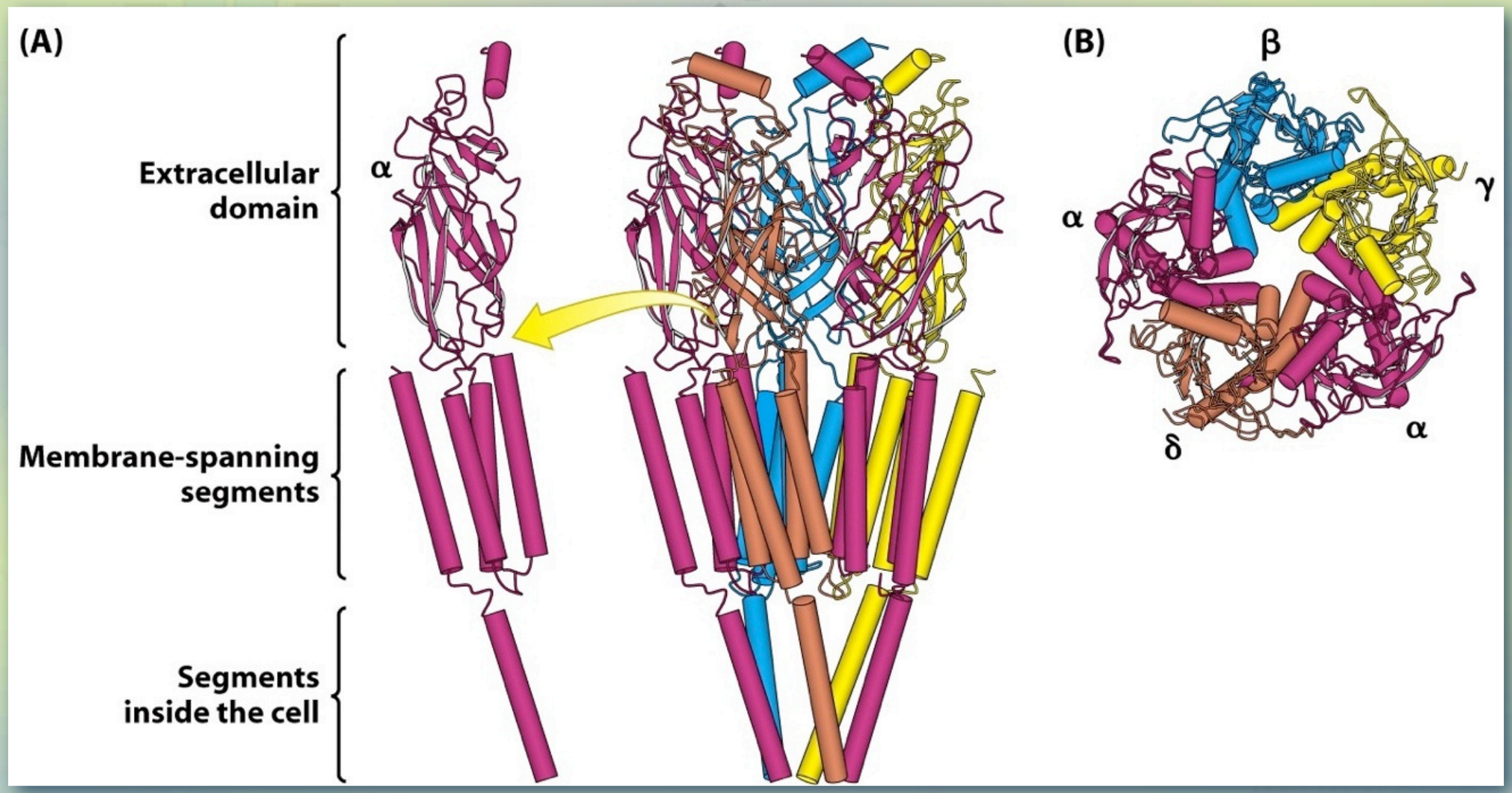

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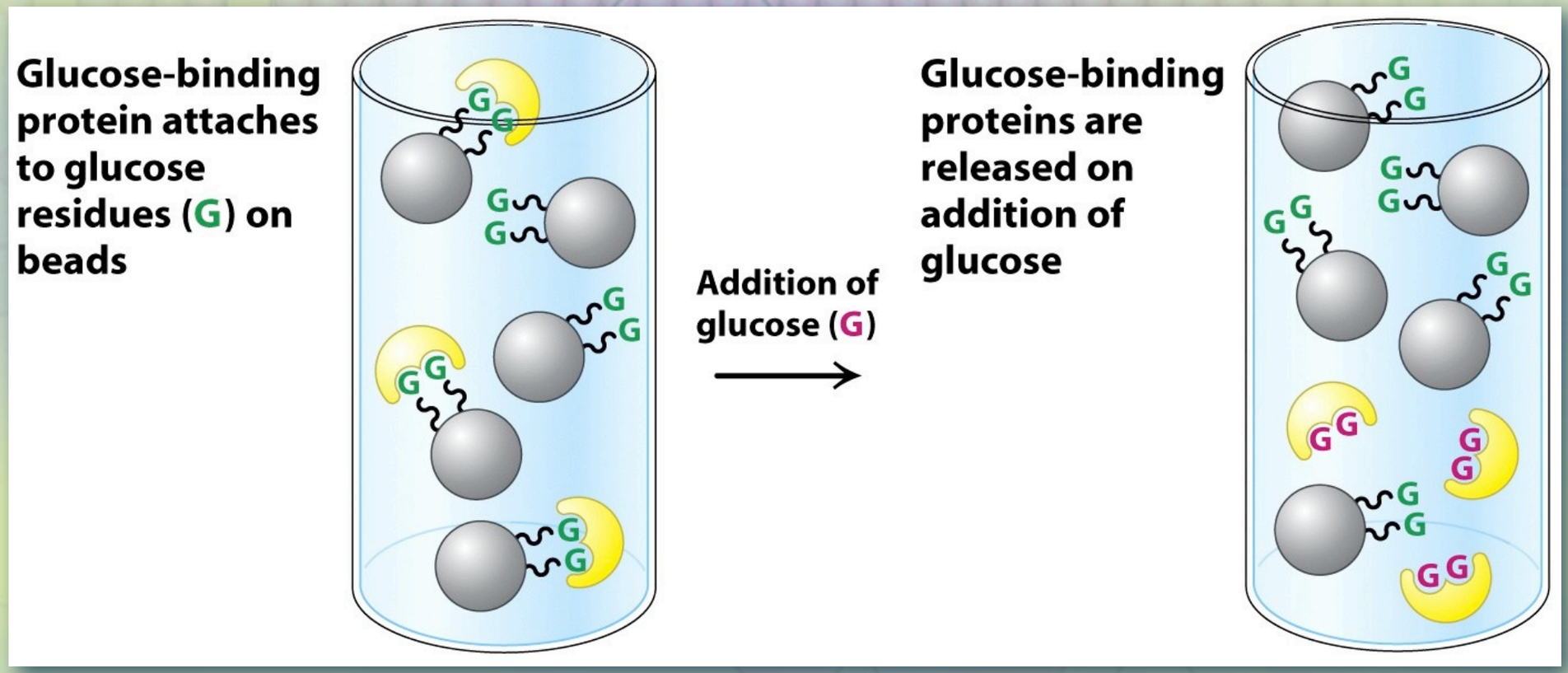
- The Acetylcholine receptor can be isolated with affinity chromatography using cobratoxin as the ligand.



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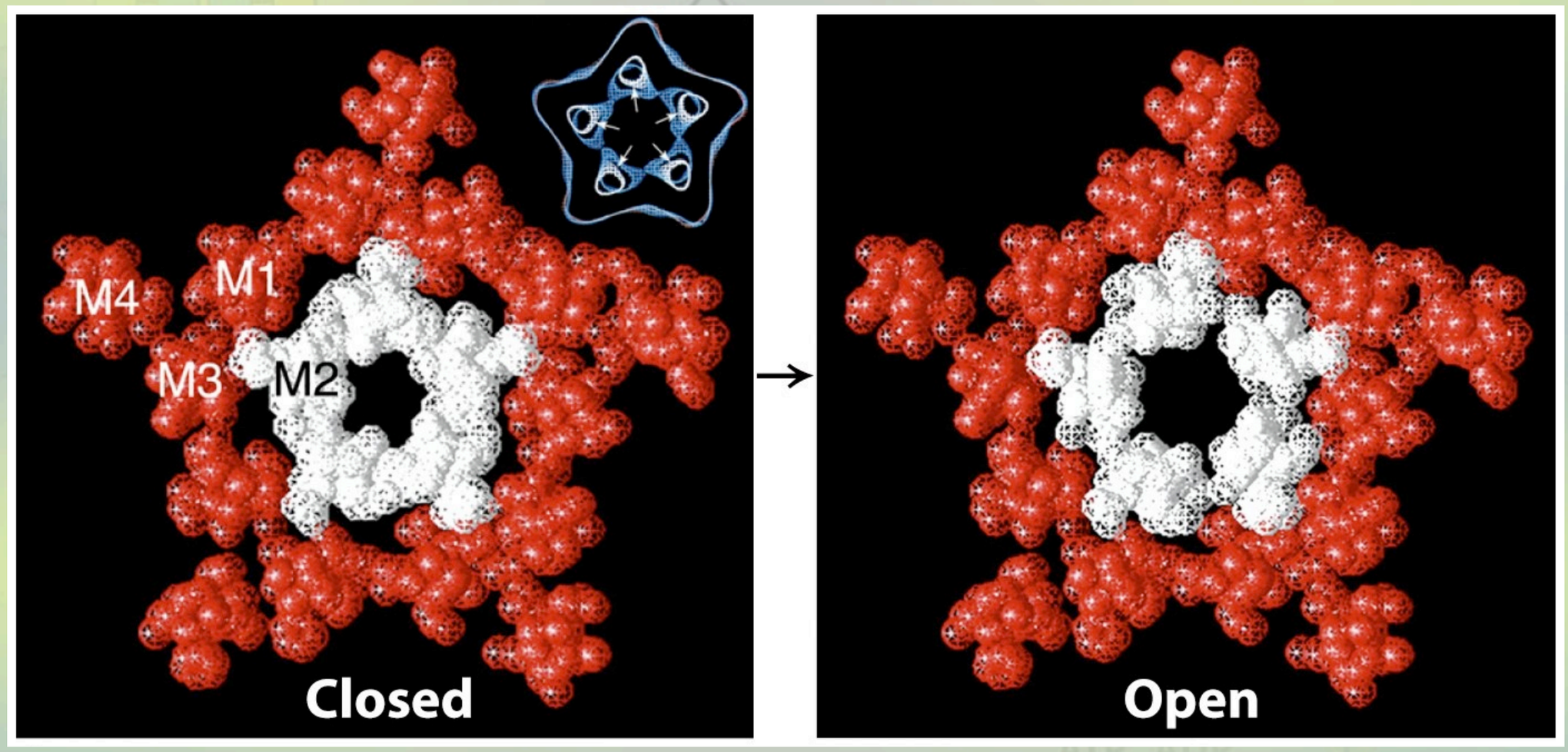

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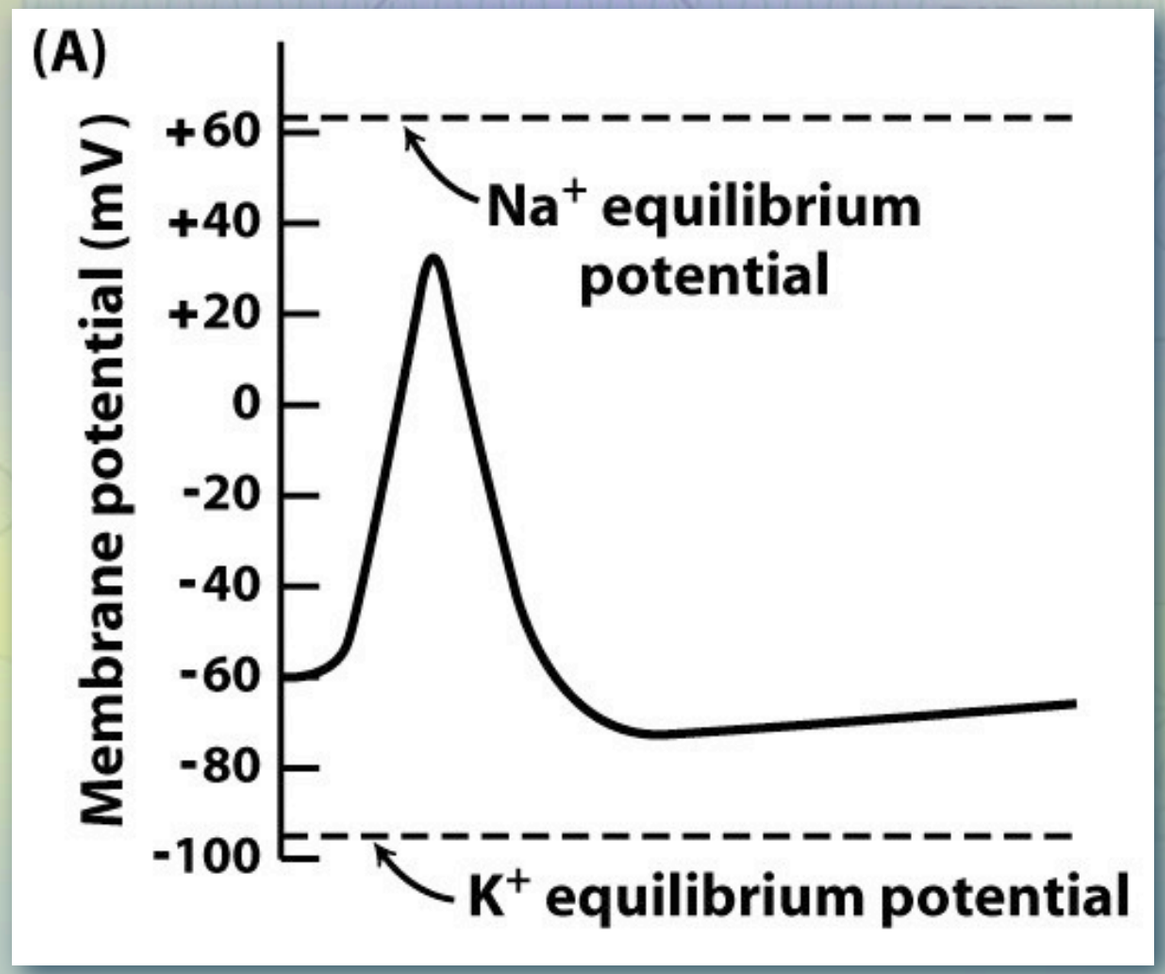

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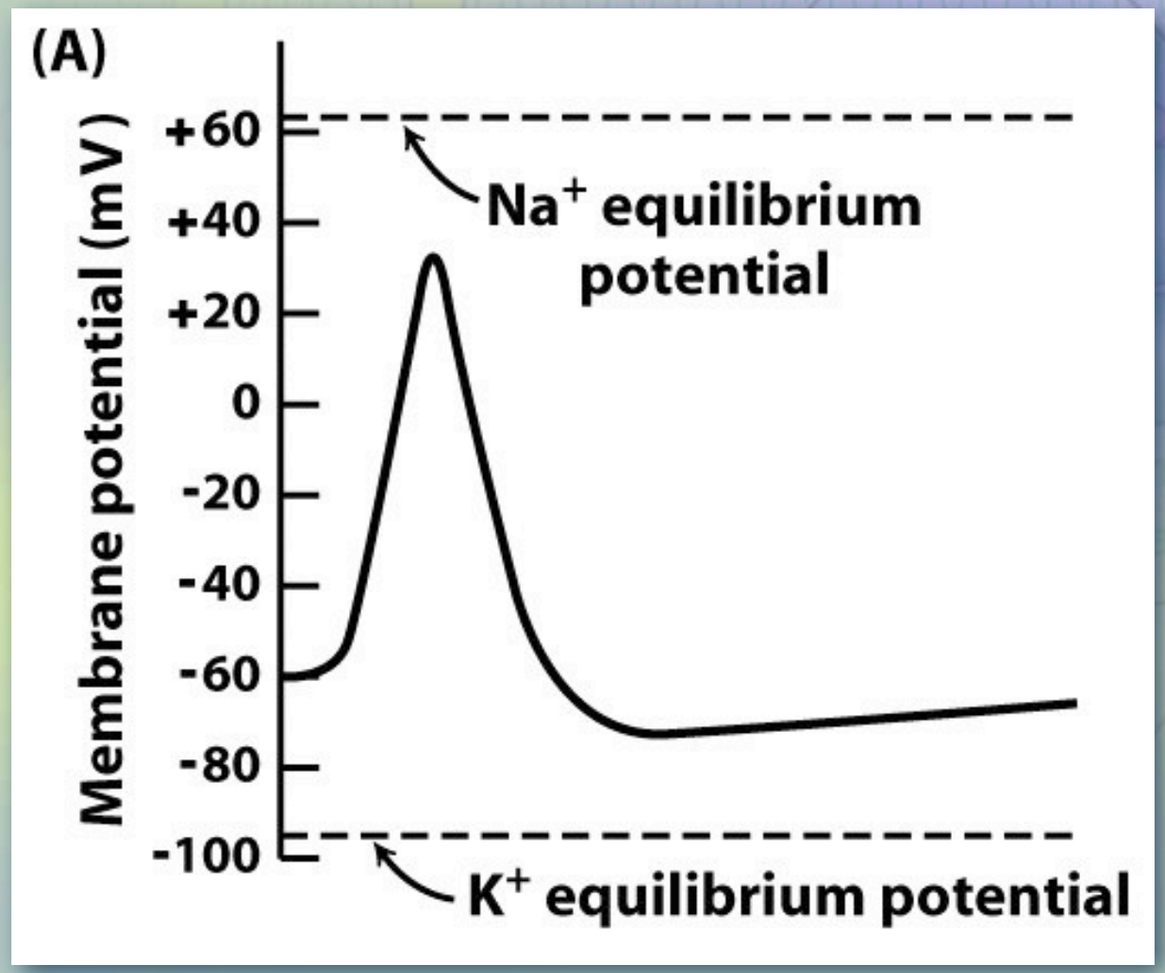

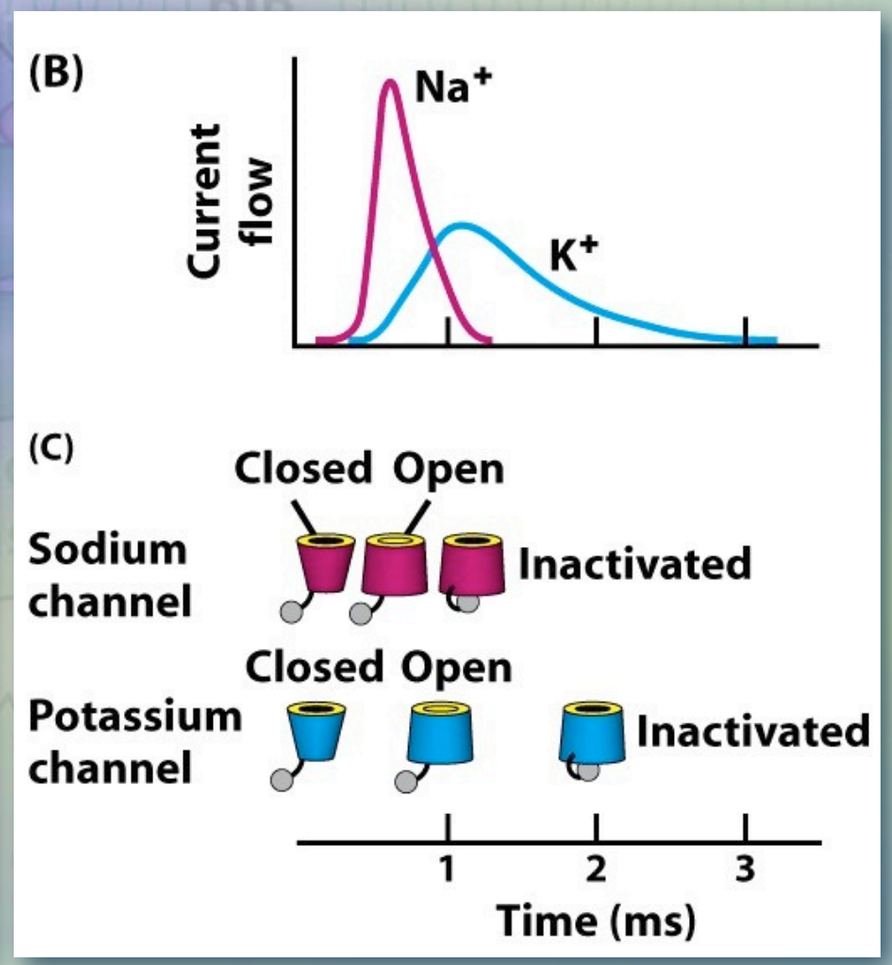

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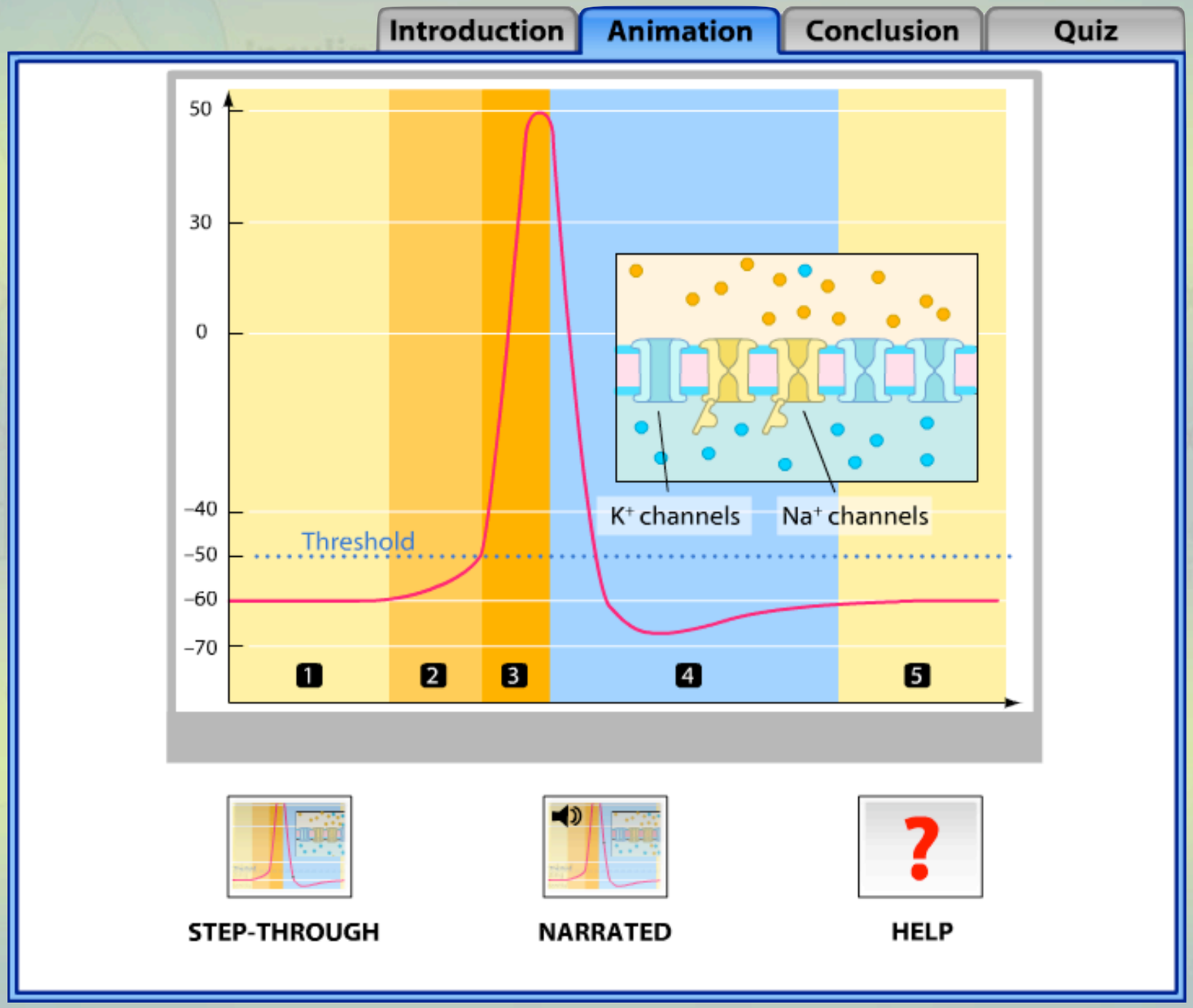

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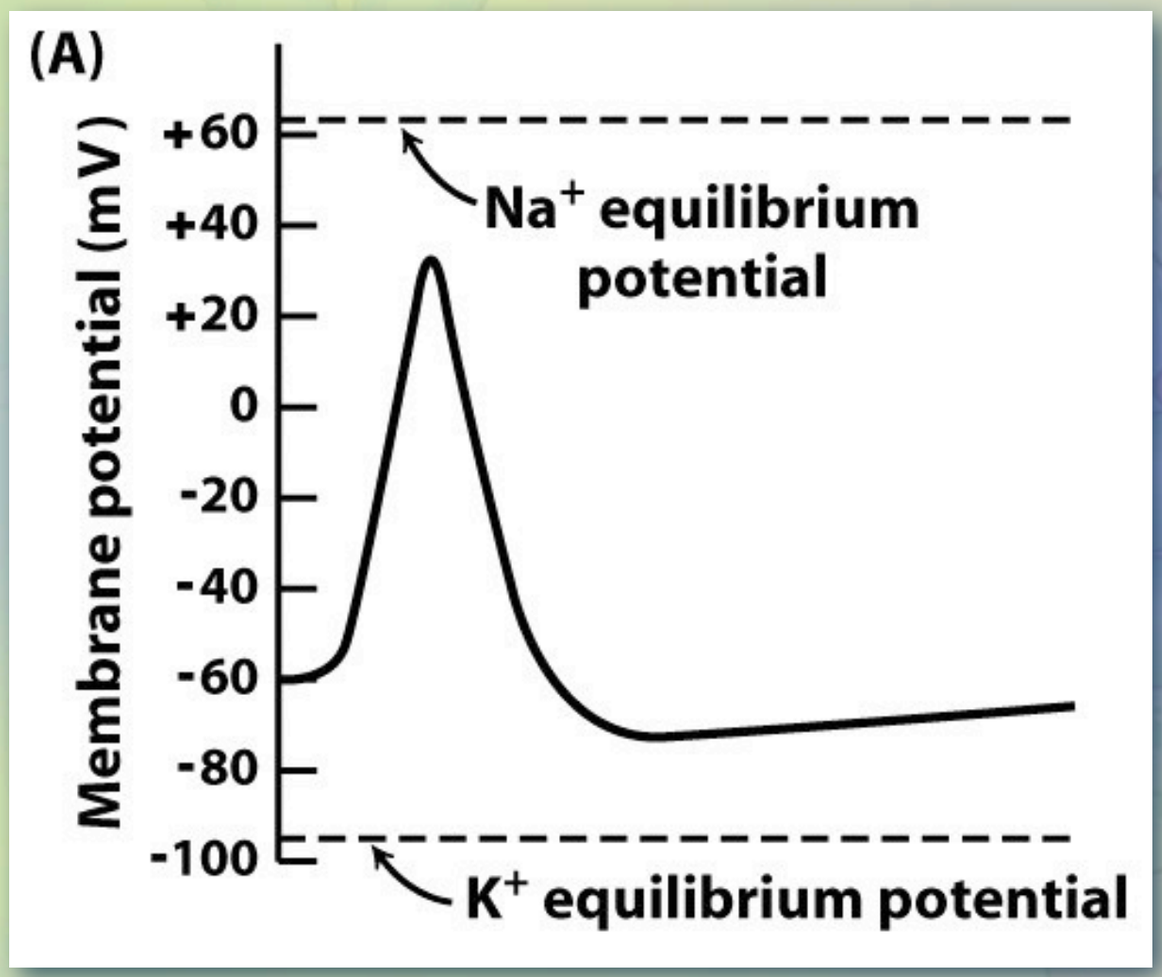

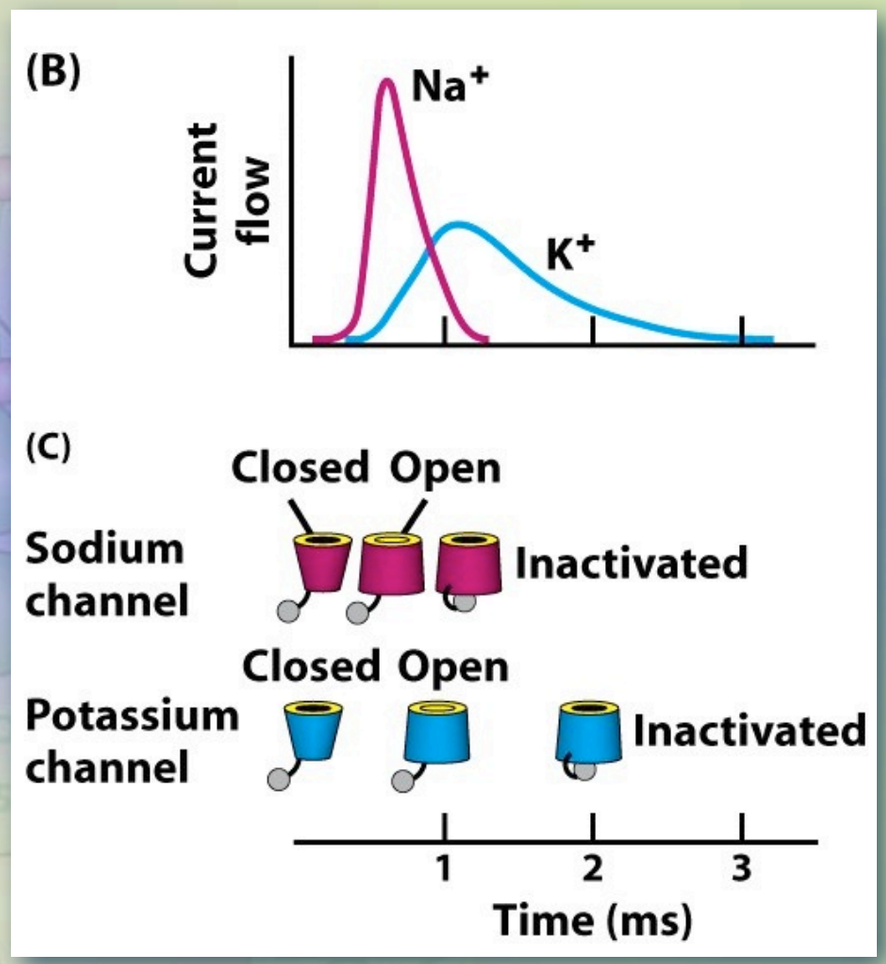

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