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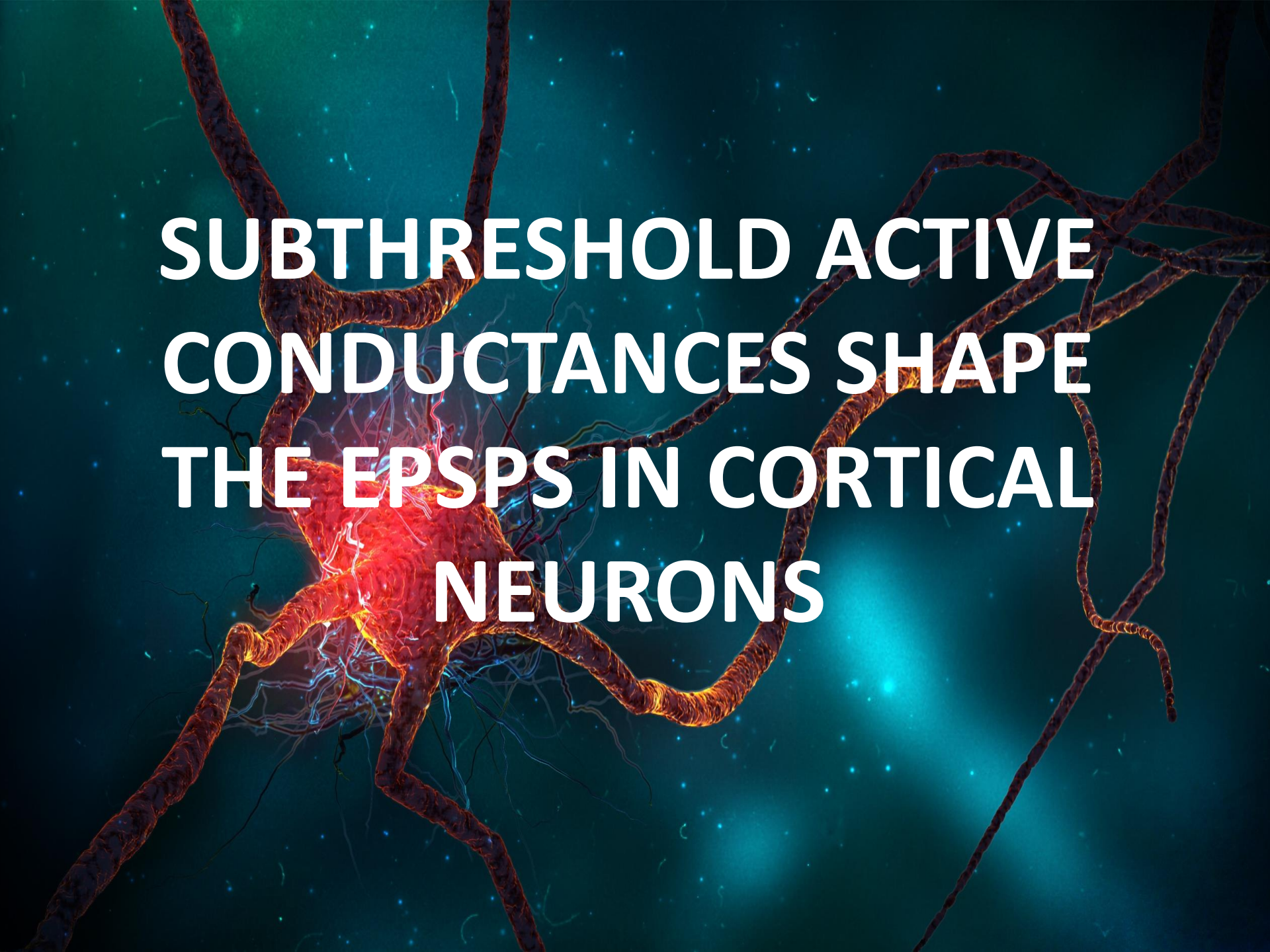


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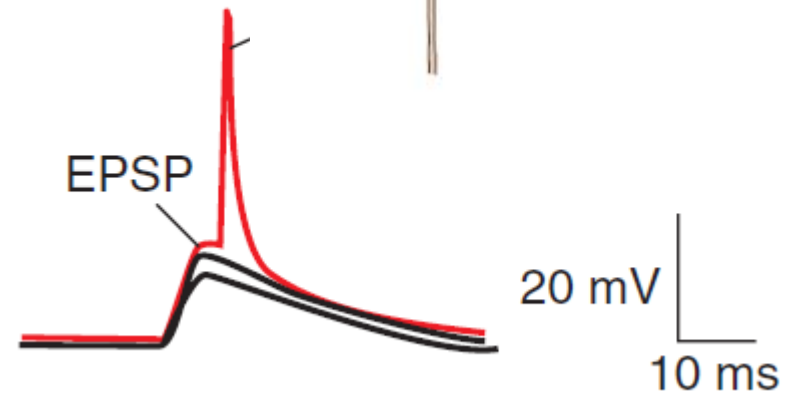
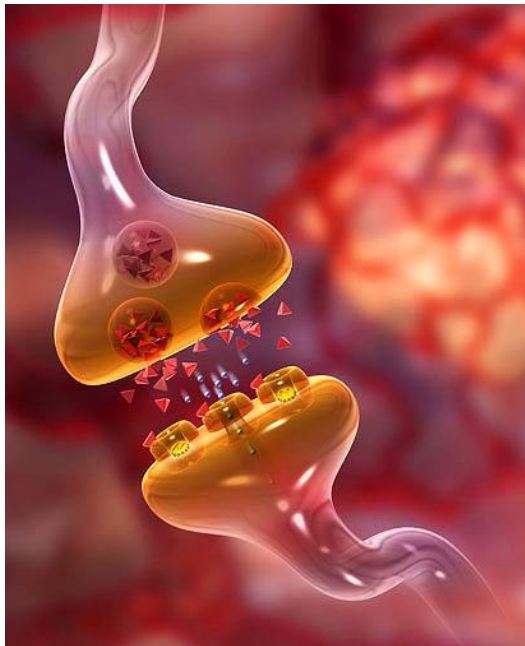
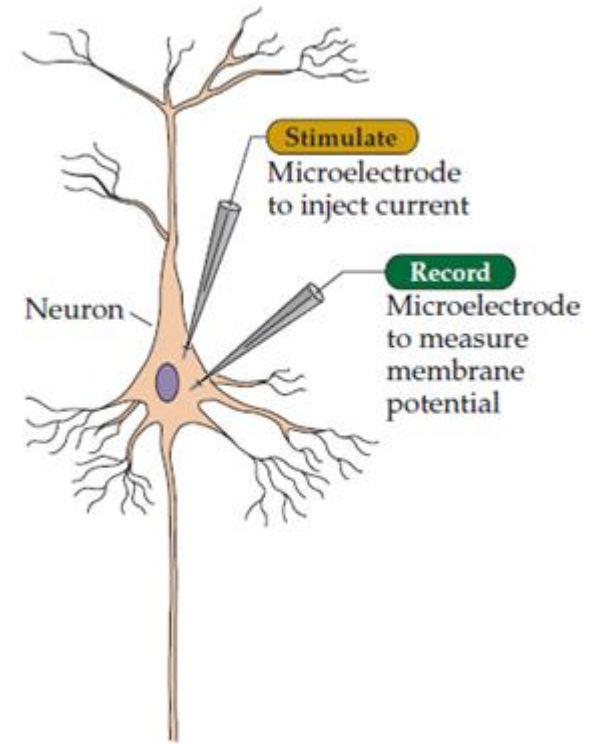
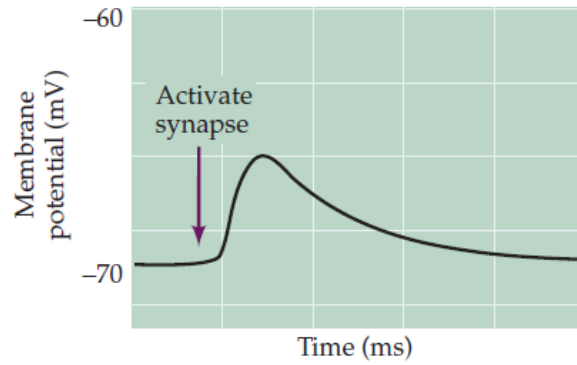
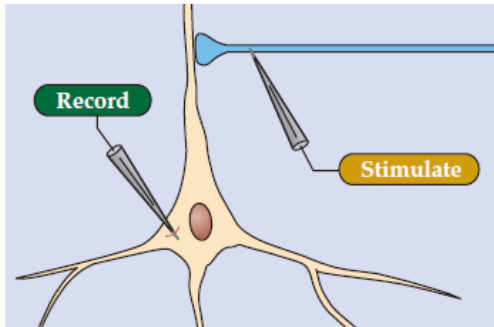
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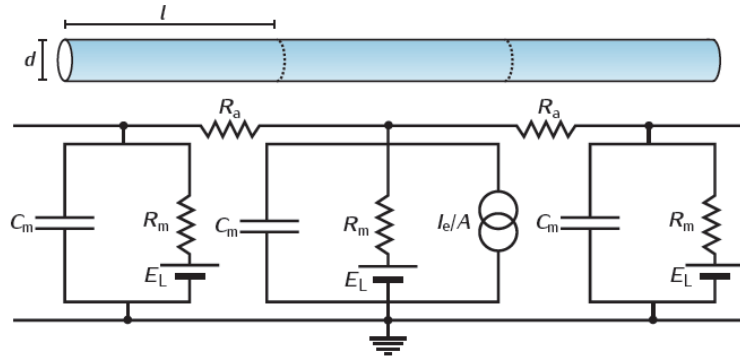
**SUBTHRESHOLD ACTIVE  
CONDUCTANCES SHAPE  
THE EPSPS IN CORTICAL  
NEURONS**

# EPSPs

(B) Synaptic potential



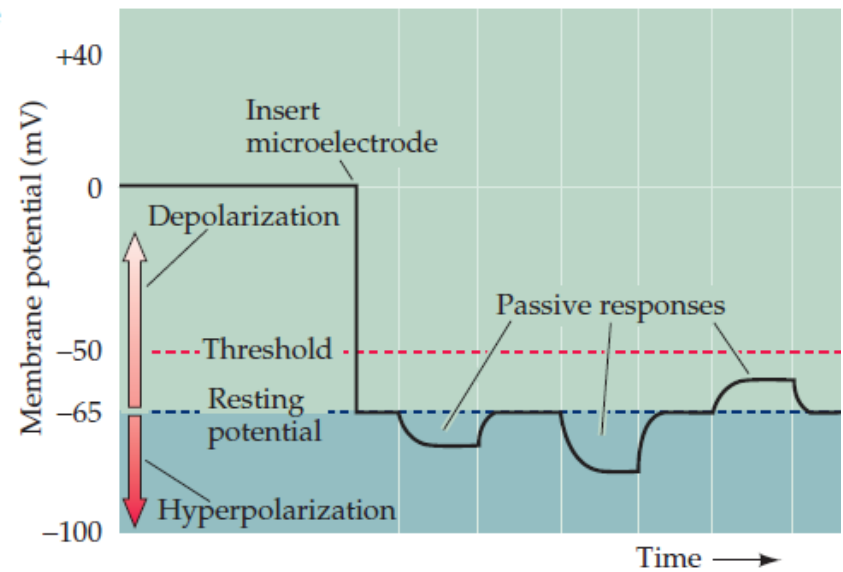
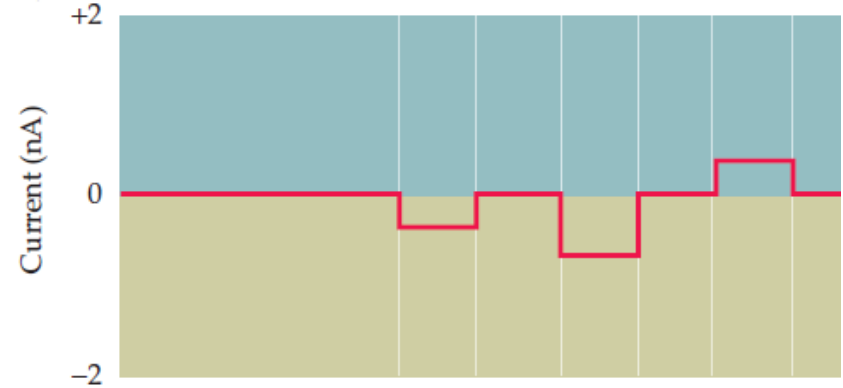
# Subthreshold passive properties



$$R_{in} = \frac{dV}{dI}$$

$$V(t) = I * R_{in} * (1 - e^{-t/\tau}) + V_0$$

$$\tau = R_{in} * C$$



Sterratt et al. 2011, Purves et al. 2001

## What about the subthreshold active conductances ?

$$I_{Leak} = g_{Leak} * (V - E_{rev})$$

$$I_{active} = g_{act} * A(V) * (V - E_{rev})$$

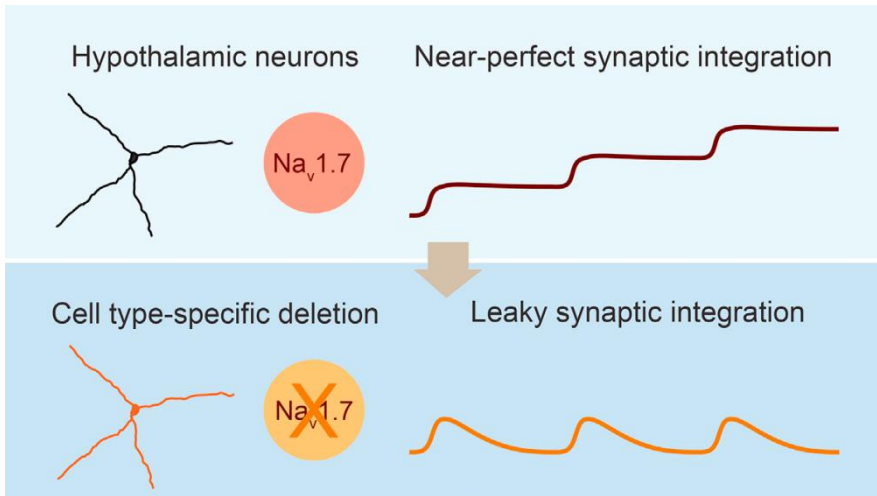
← Activation variable

$$\frac{dI_{Leak}}{dV} = g_{Leak} \quad \text{Non voltage-dependent}$$

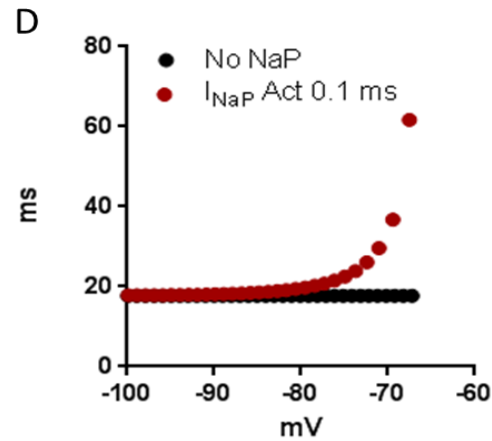
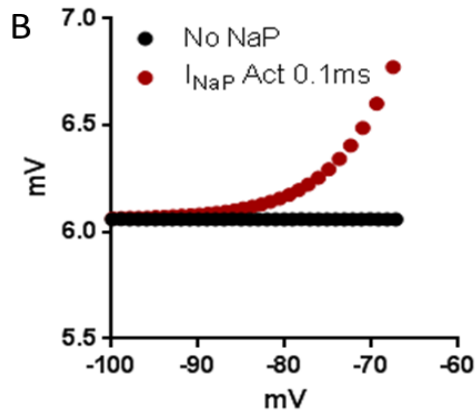
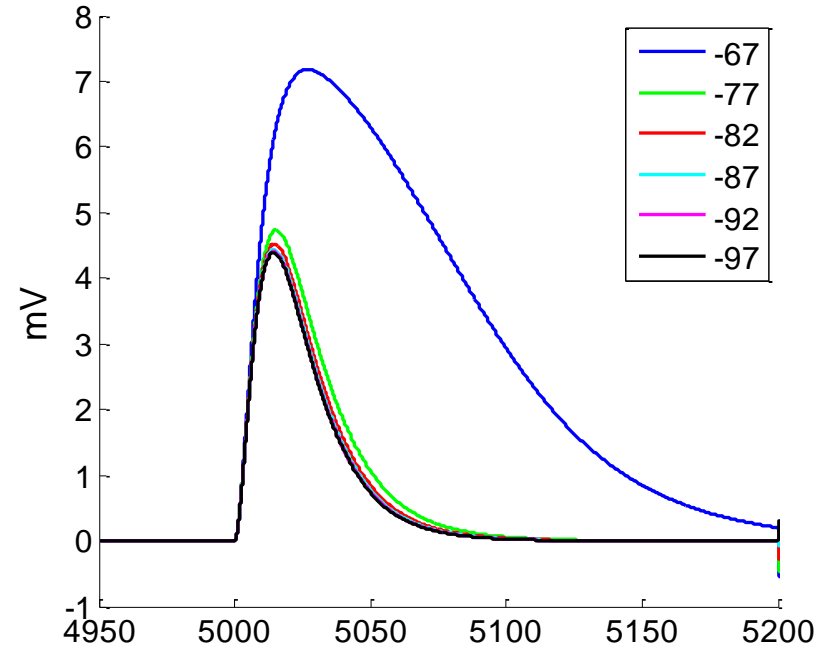
$$\frac{dI_{act}}{dV} = g_{act} * \frac{dA(V)}{dV} \quad \text{Voltage-dependent}$$

We need new equations that take into account the active currents  $i_i$

# Persistent sodium current amplifies the EPSPs

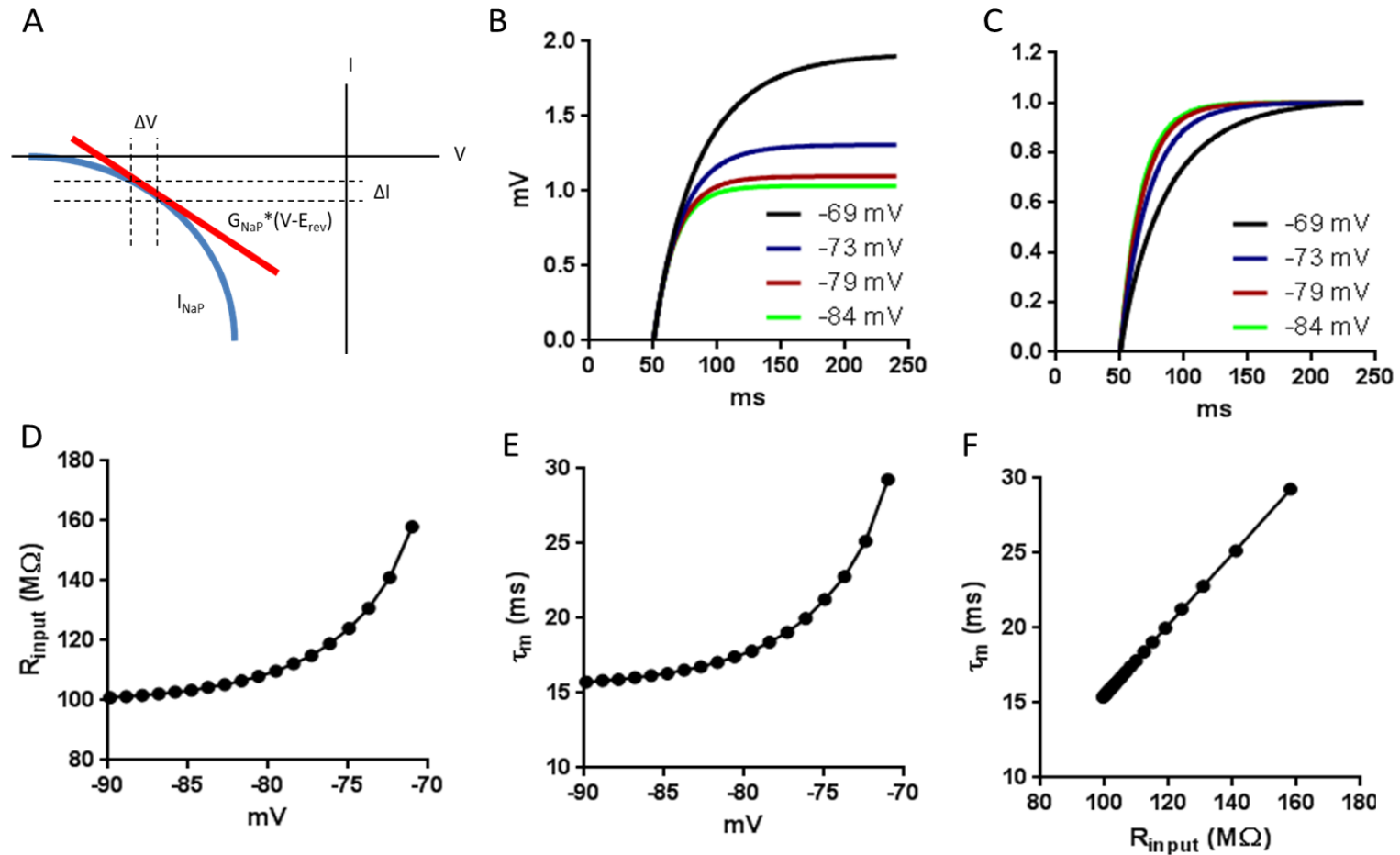


Branco et al. 2016





# Intrinsic properties shape the EPSPs



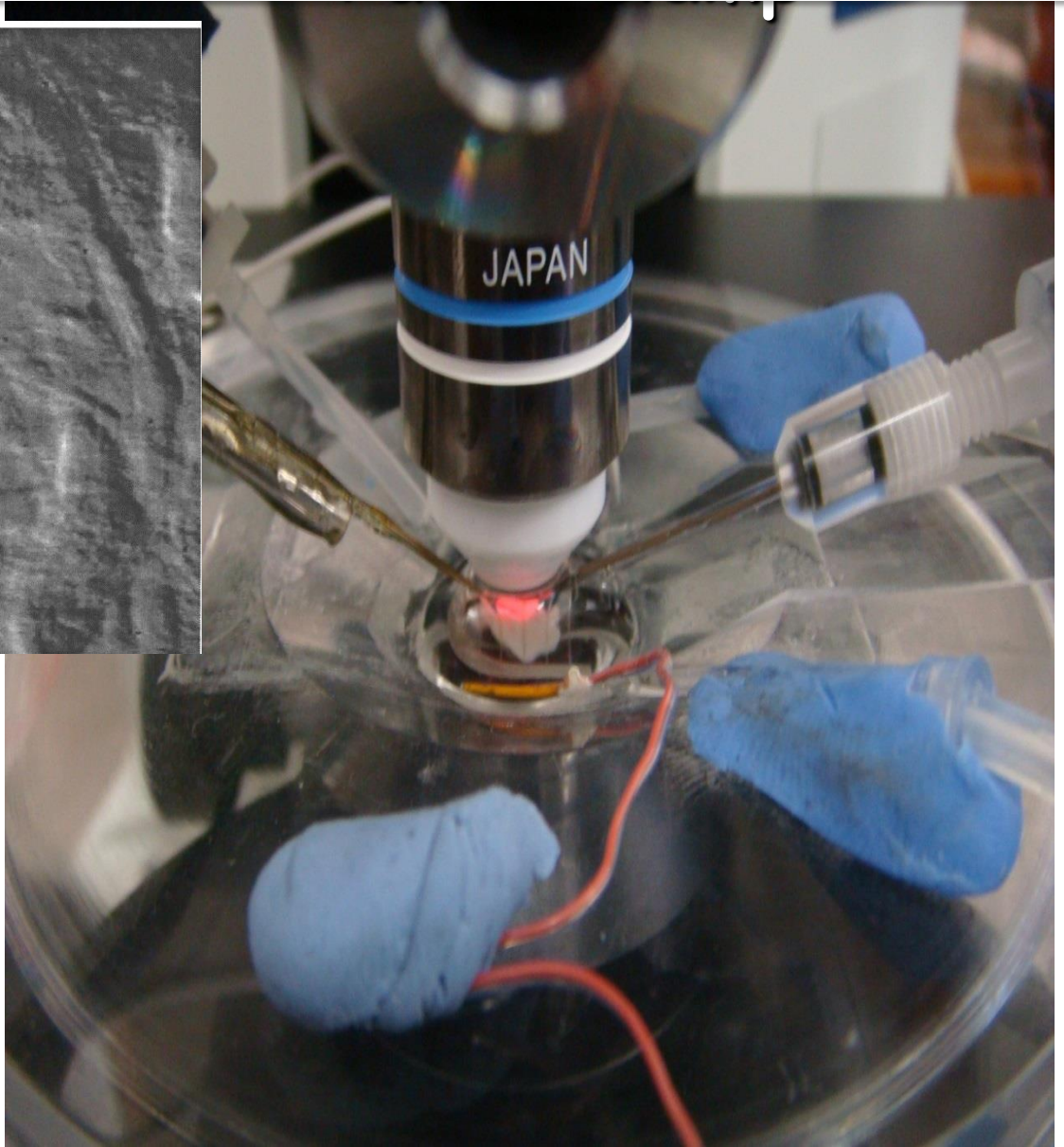
Computational simulations of voltage dependence of  $R_{in}$  and  $\tau_m$ .

# Patch clamp recording



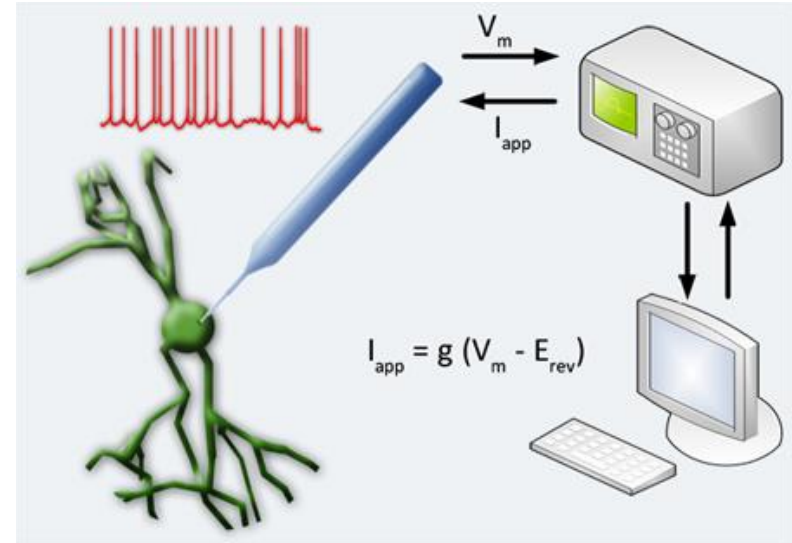
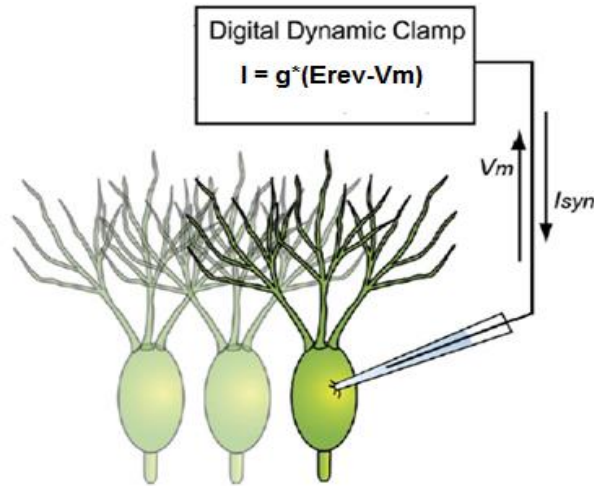
CA1 pyramidal cell  
Whole cell patch  
clamp

Jaffe & Brown. Journal  
of Neurophys 1997





# Dynamic clamp

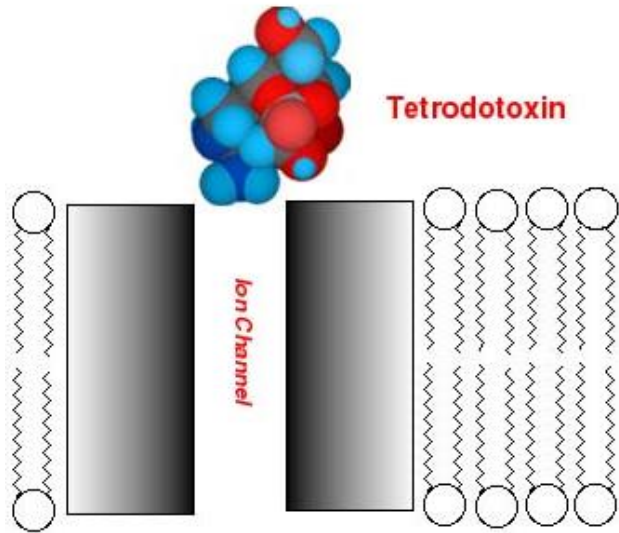


$$I = g_{nap}^{max} * A_{nap} * (V - E_{Na})$$

$$\frac{dA_{nap}}{dt} = \frac{A_{nap}^{\infty} - A_{nap}}{\tau}$$

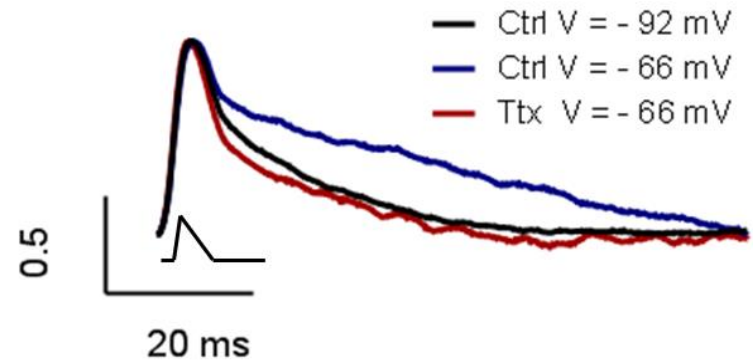
$$A_{nap}^{\infty} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(Vm+50)/-6}}$$

# Experimental results - $I_{NaP}$ amplifies the EPSPs

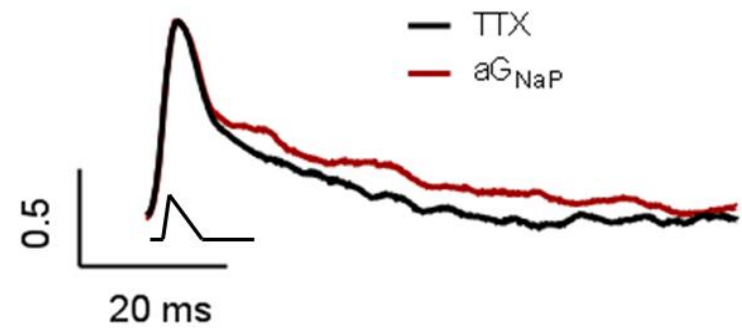


Puffer fish

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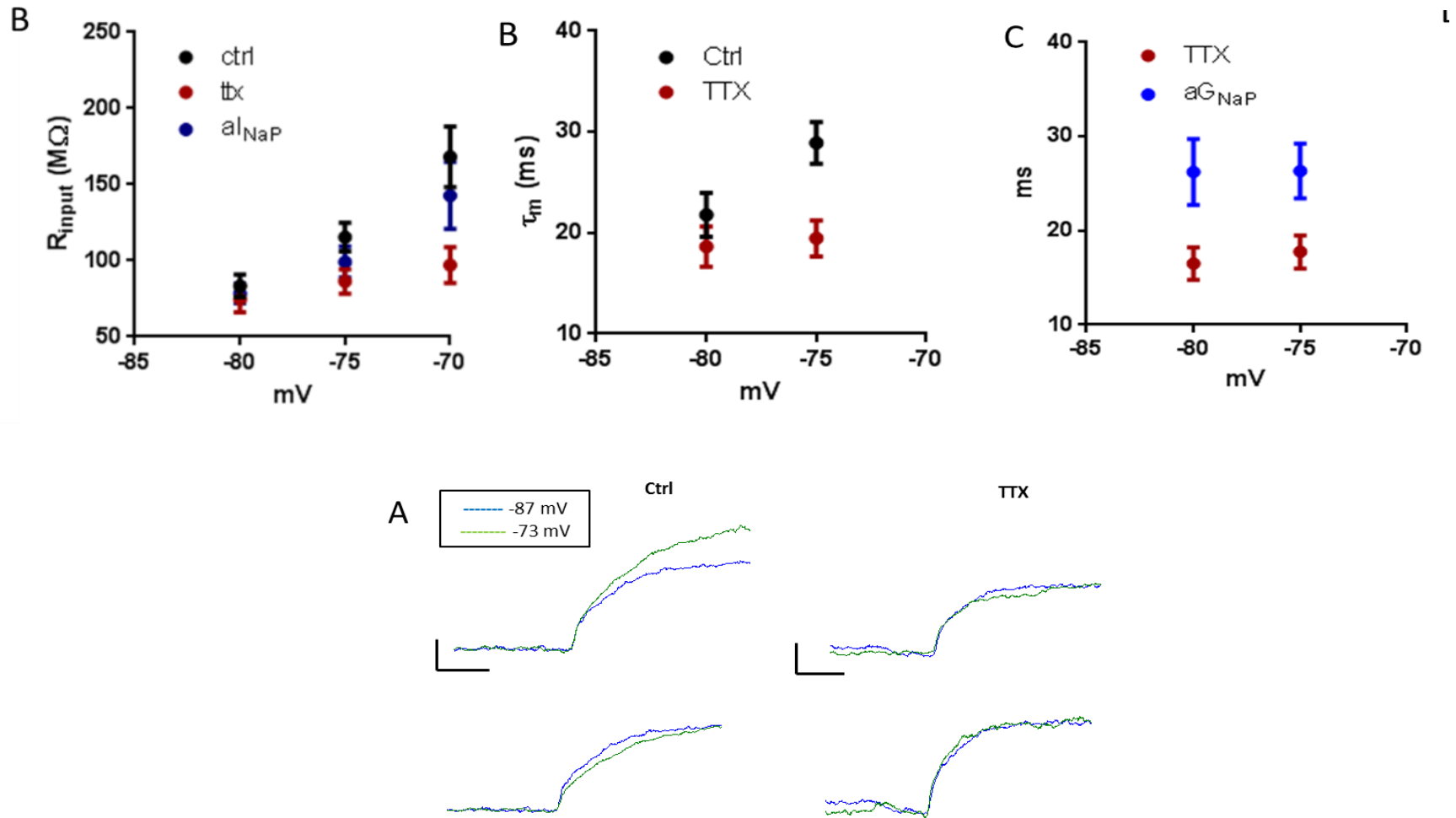


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<http://www.life.umd.edu/grad/mlfsc/zctsim/ionchannel.html>

# $R_{in}$ and $\tau$ are voltage dependent



The persistent sodium current increases the input resistance and membrane time constant which amplifies the EPSPs in cortical neurons



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Confirmatory Results

## THE CREATION OF A NEGATIVE SLOPE CONDUCTANCE REGION BY THE ACTIVATION OF THE PERSISTENT SODIUM CURRENT PROLONGS NEAR-THRESHOLD SYNAPTIC POTENTIALS

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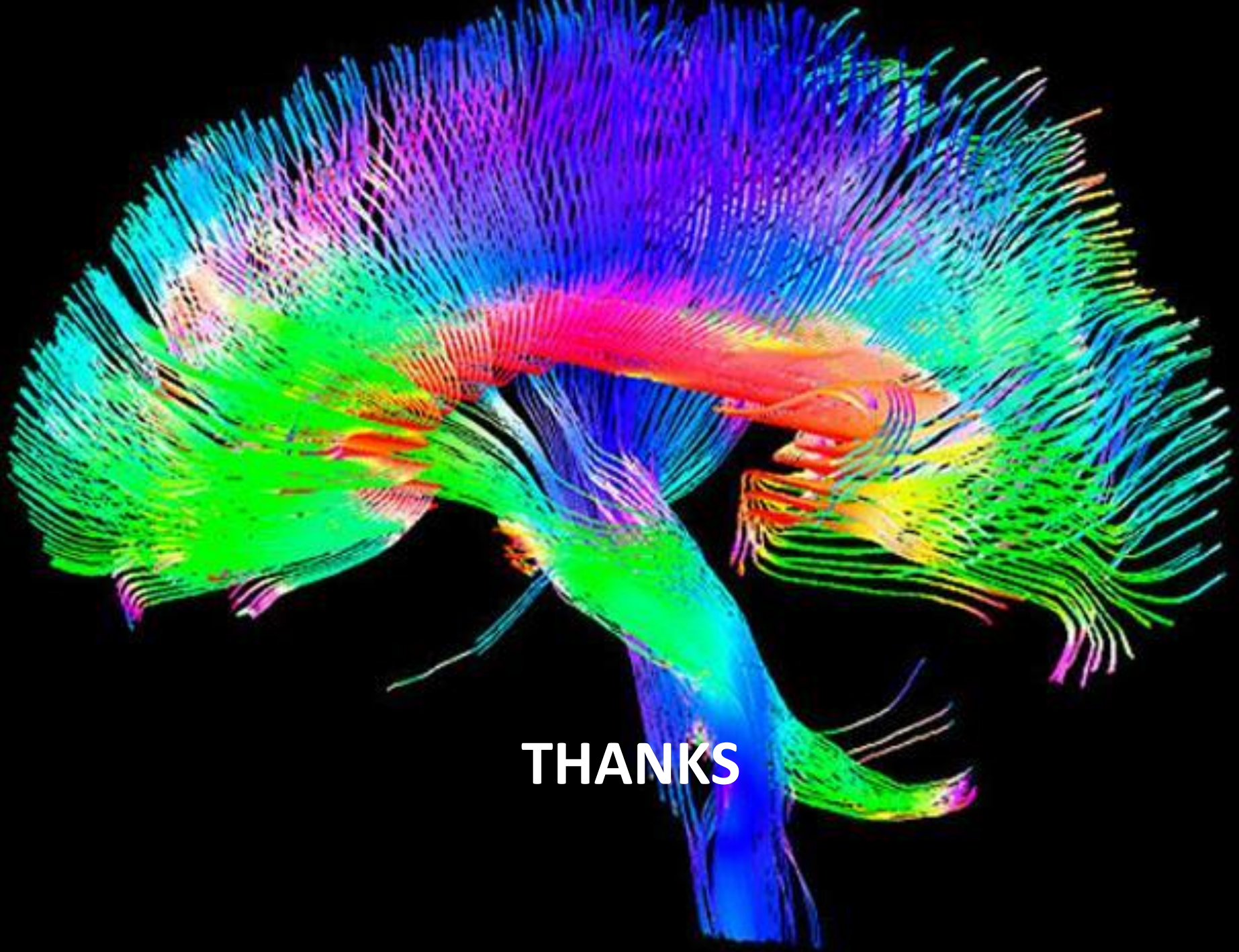
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