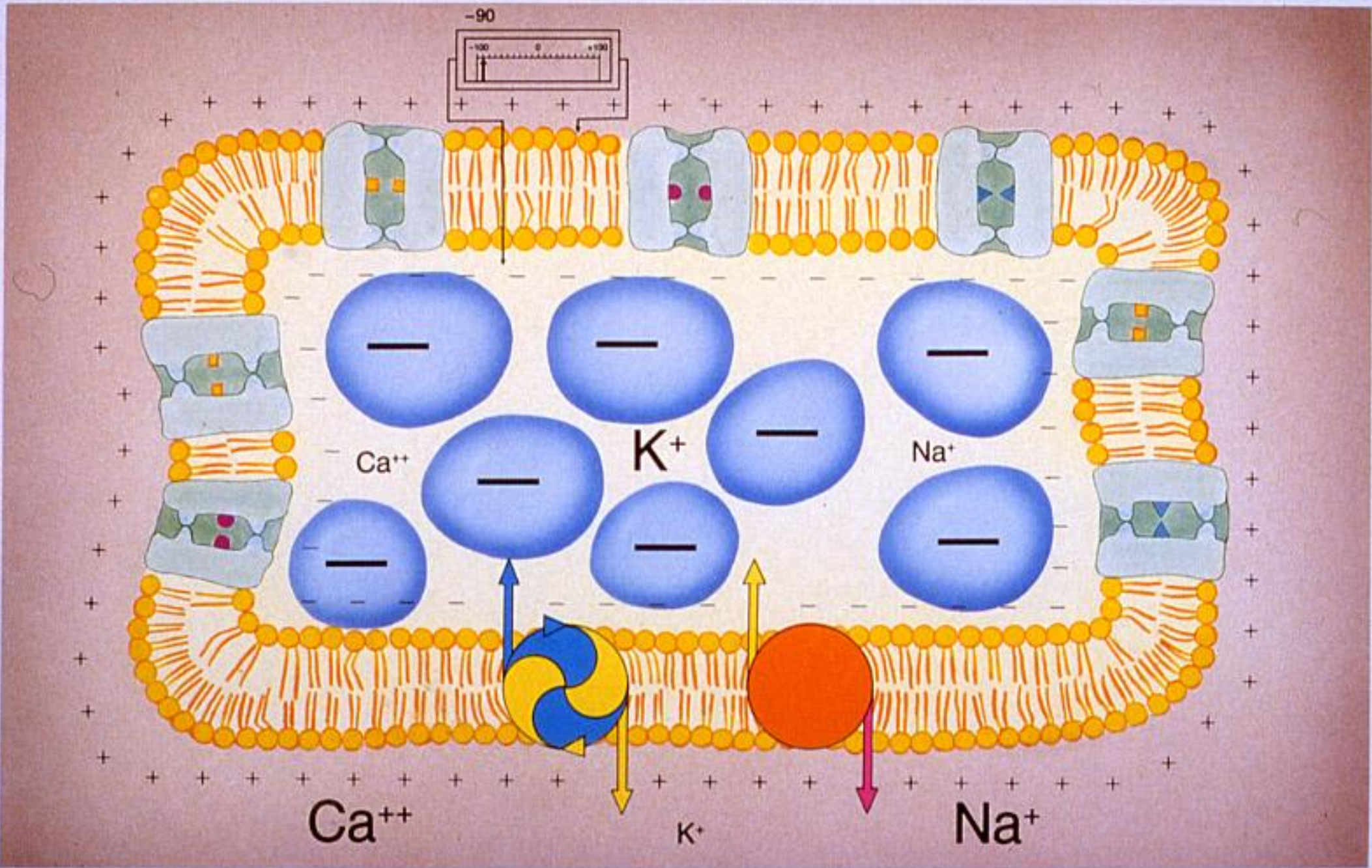
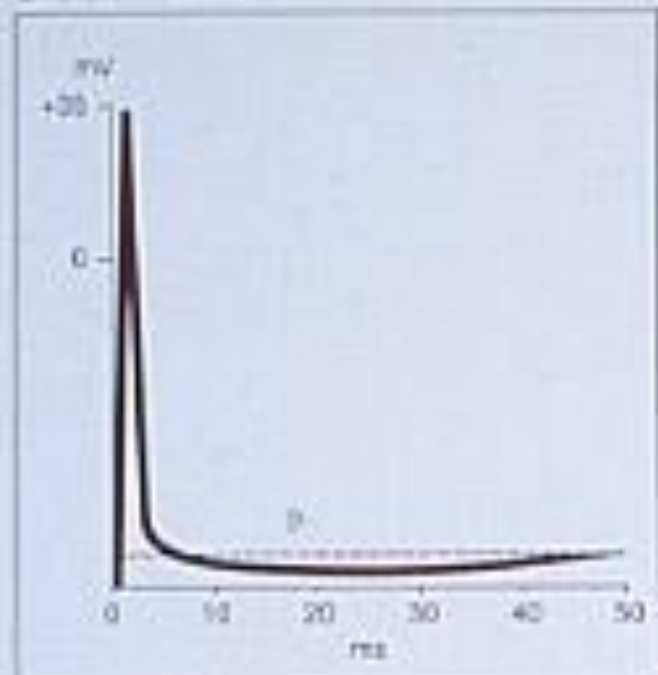


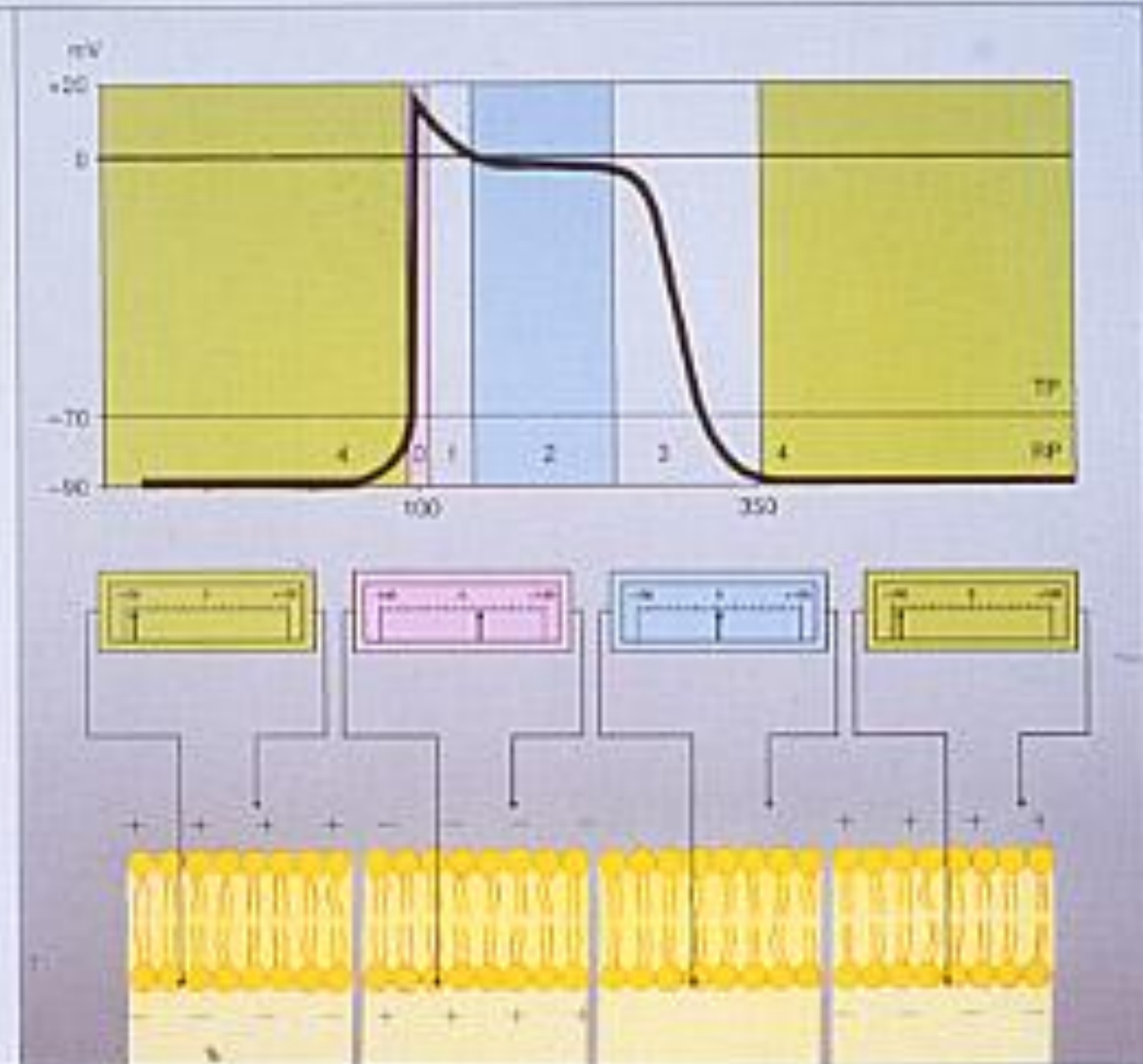
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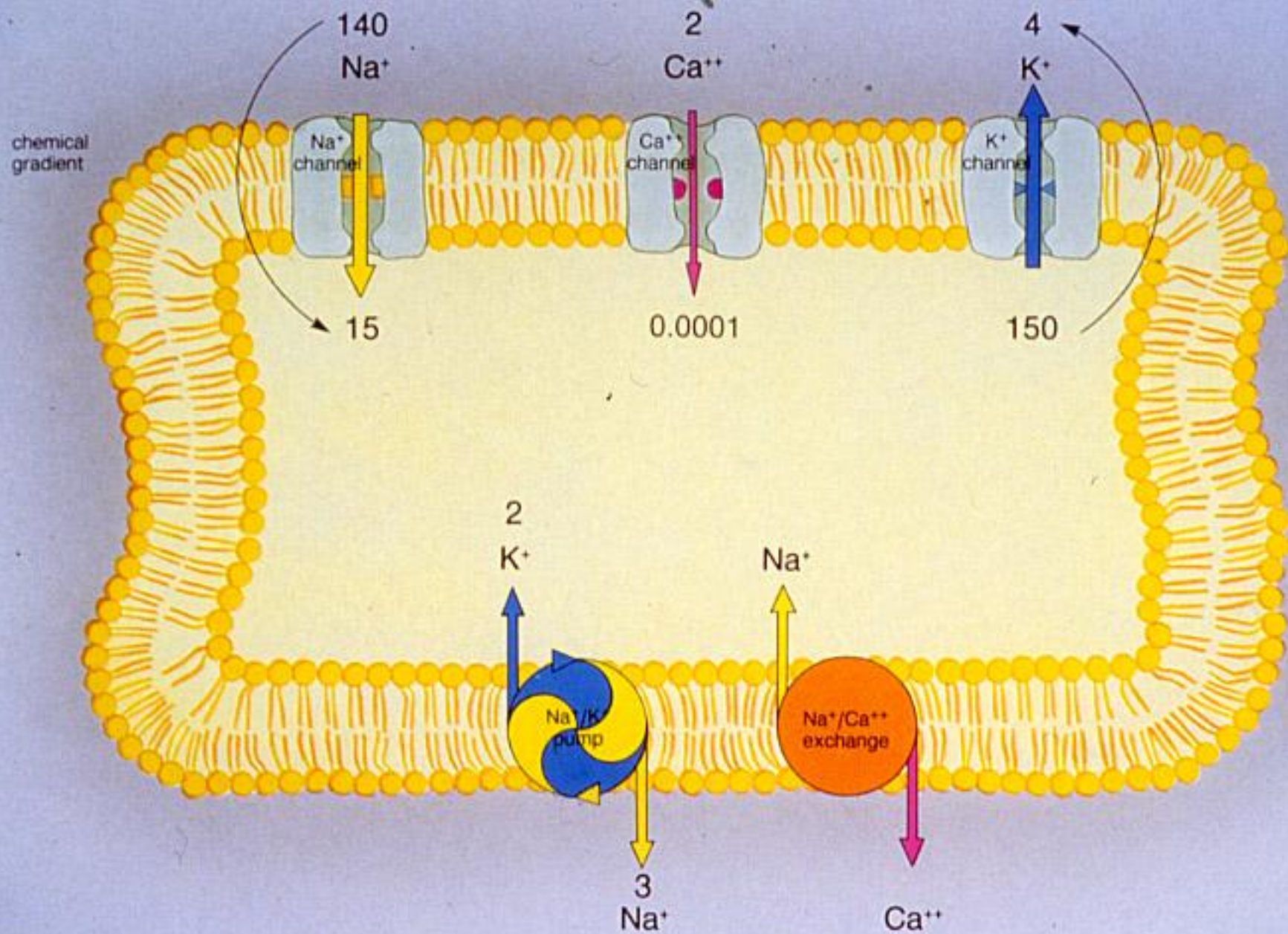
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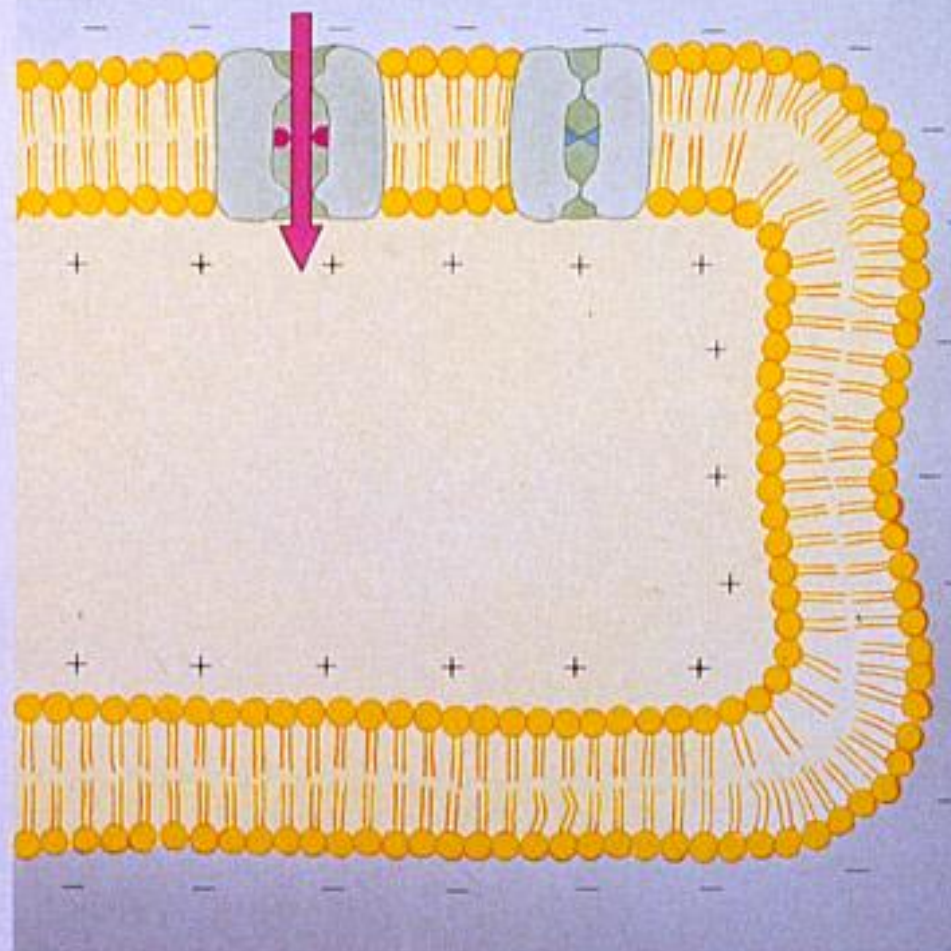
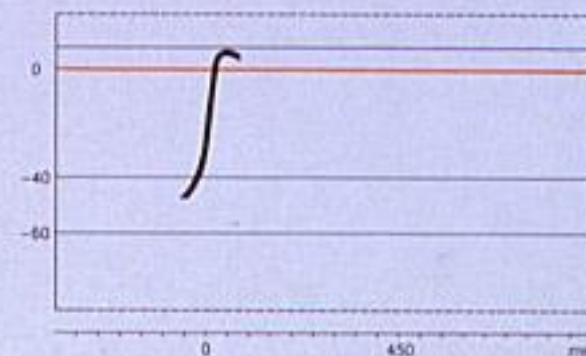
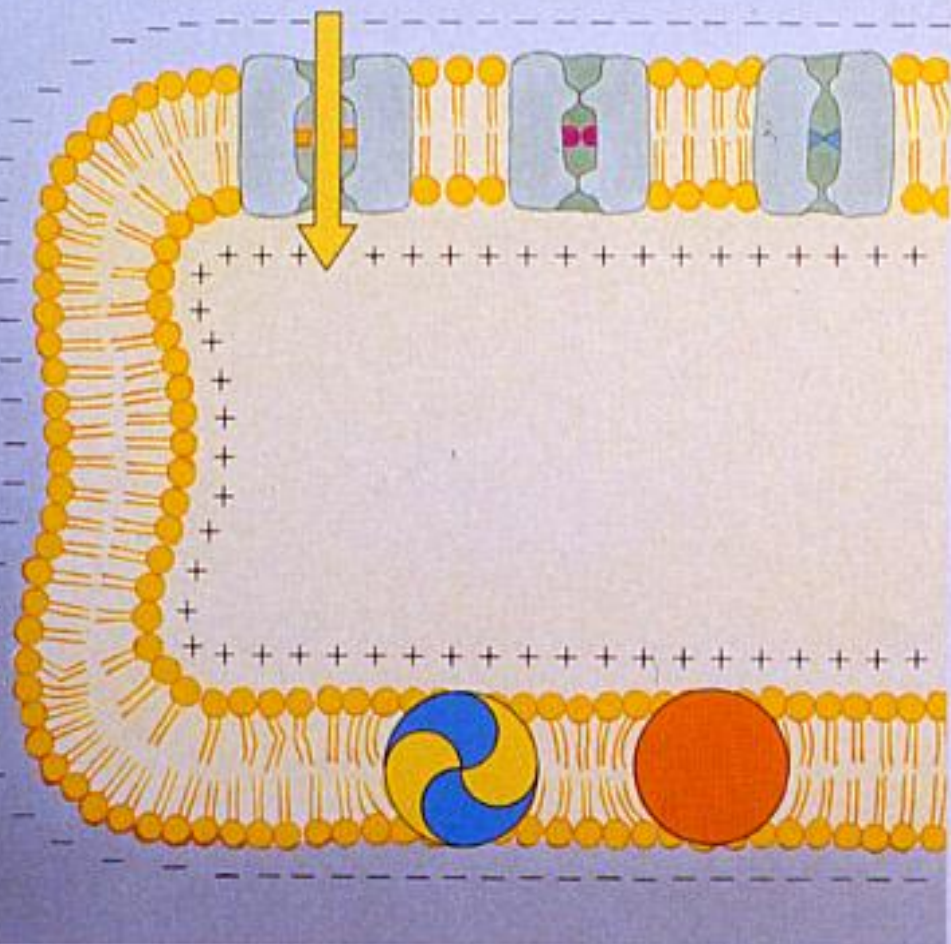
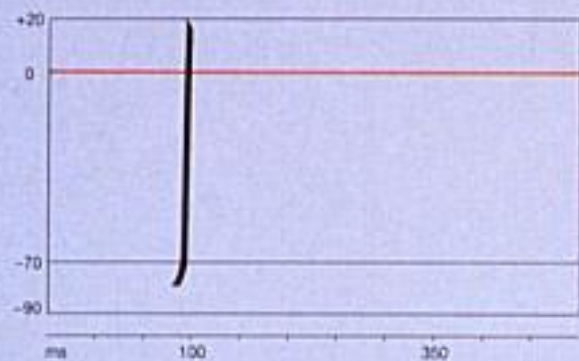
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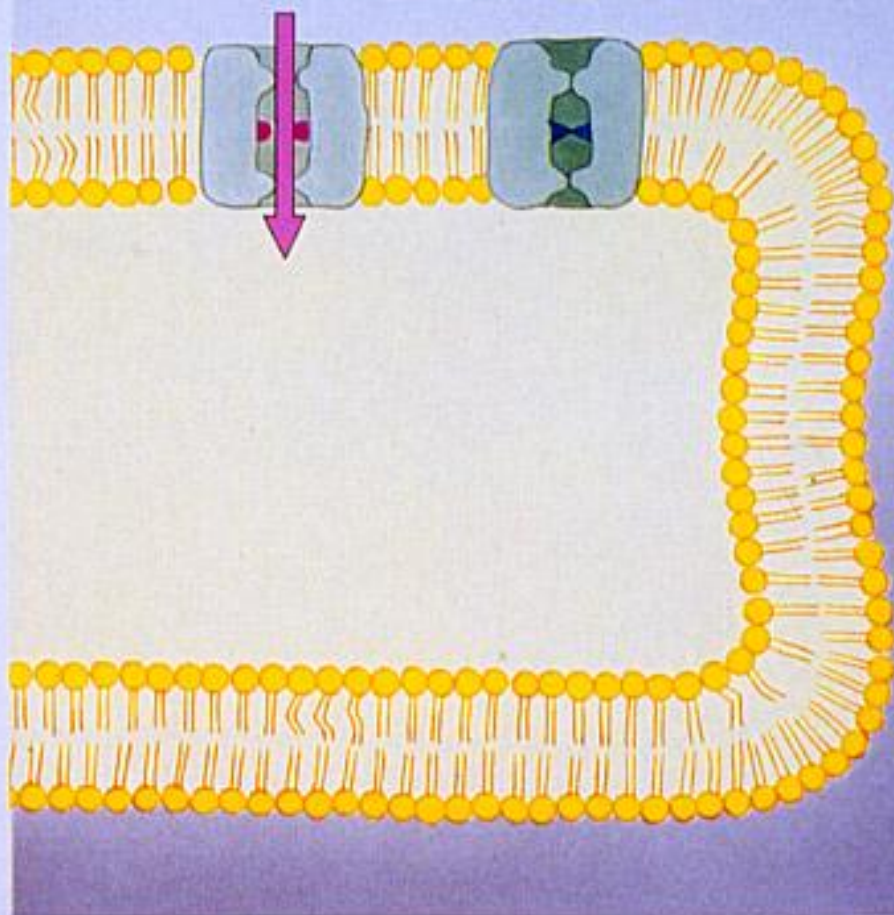
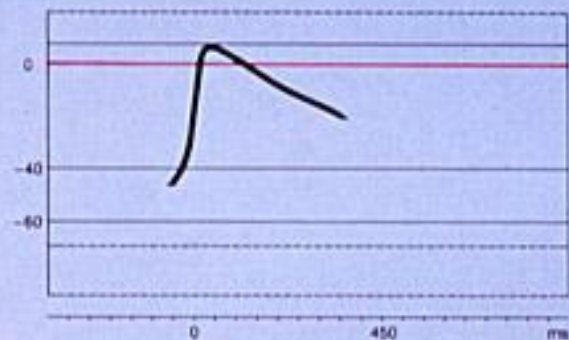
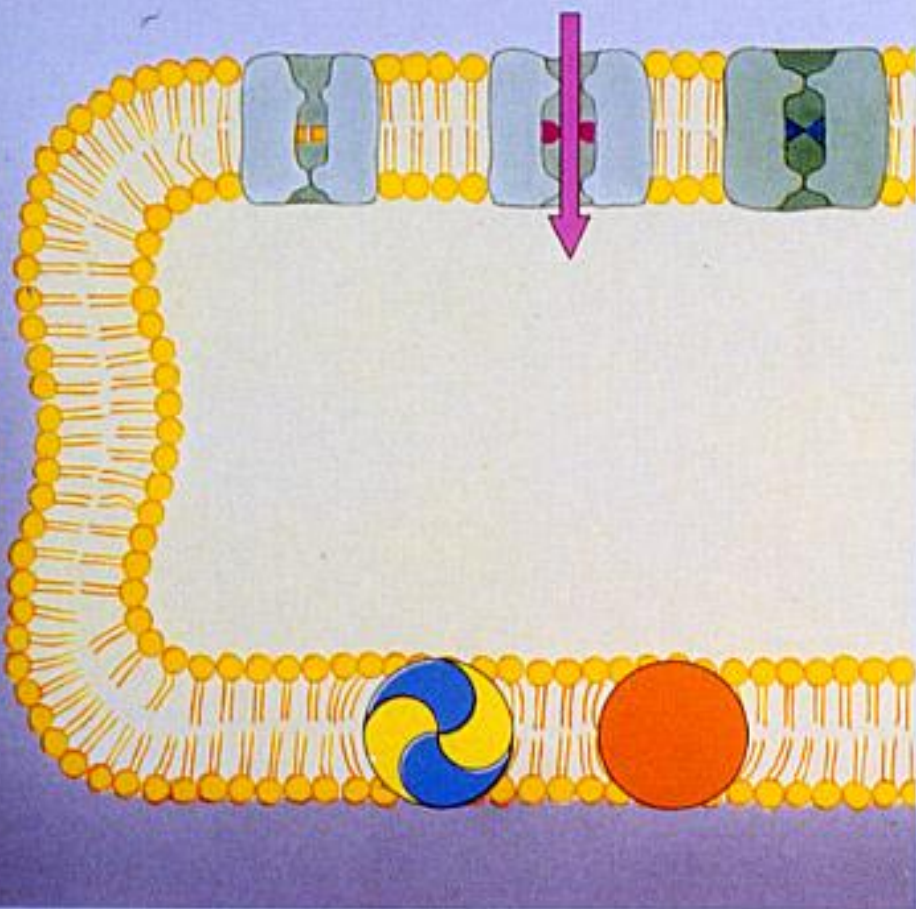
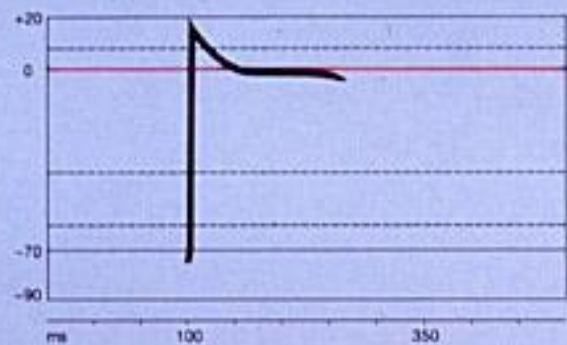
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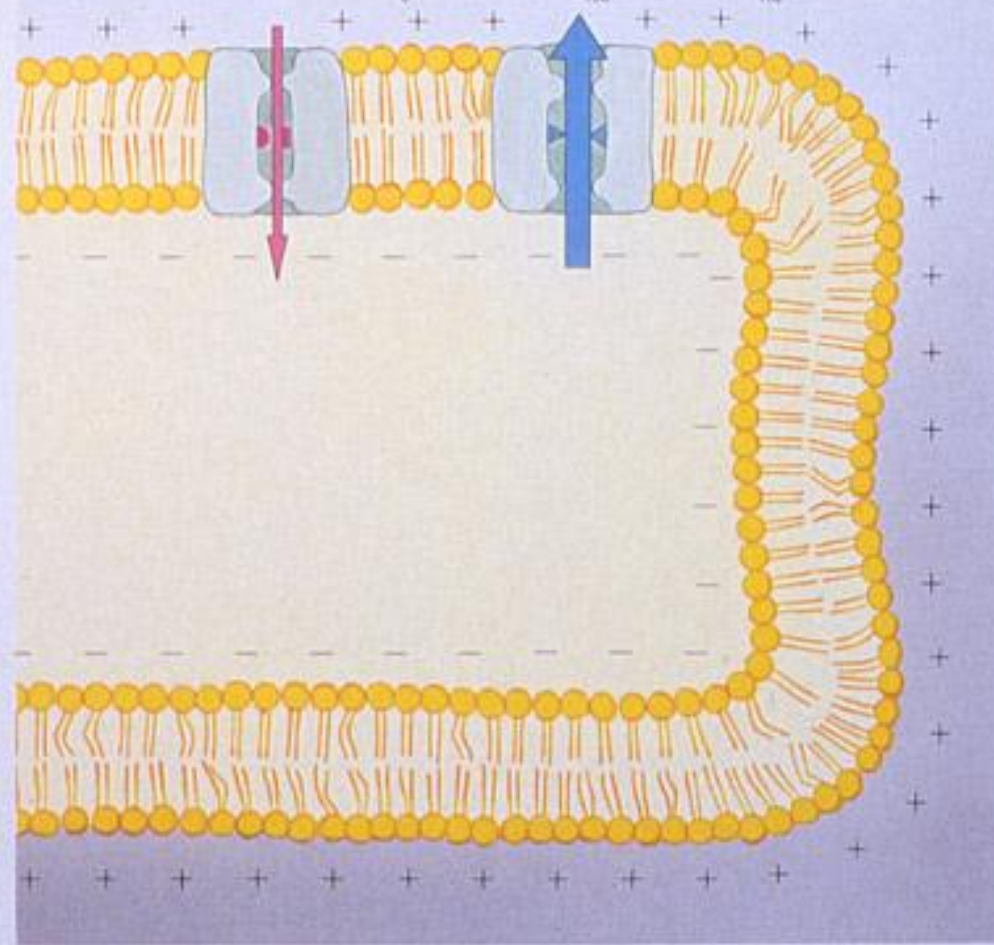
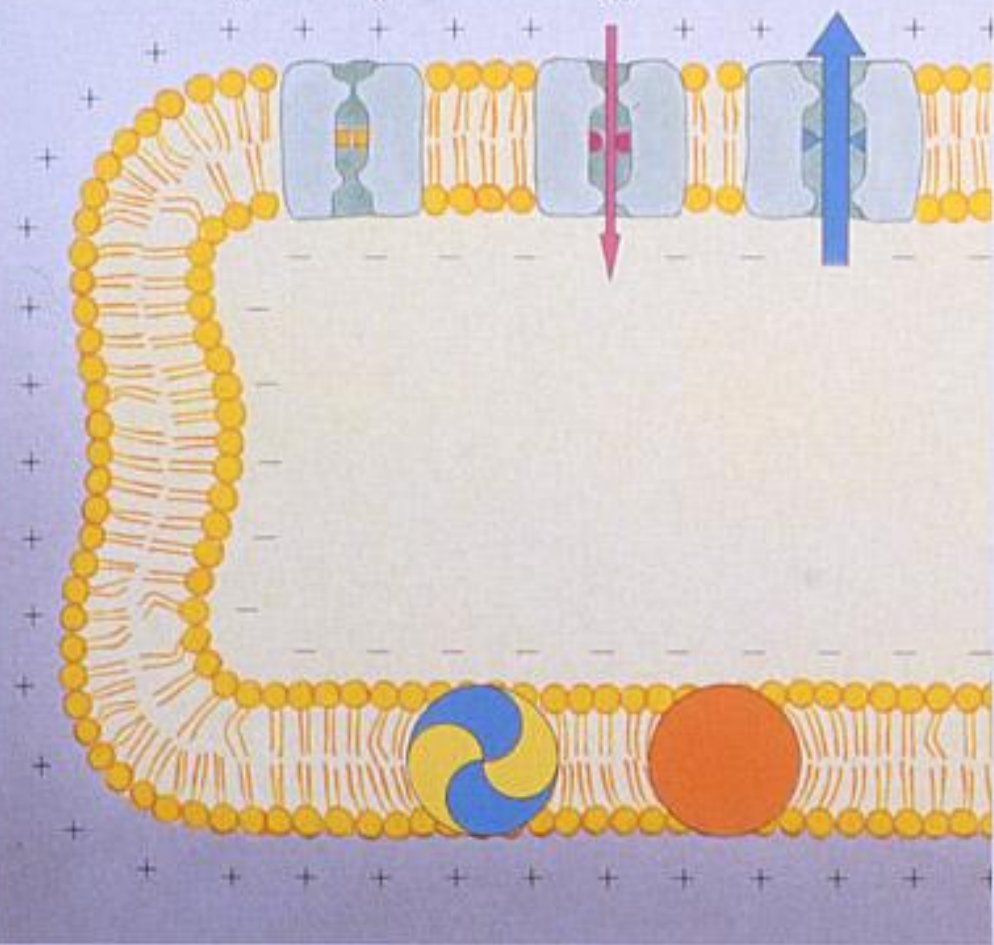
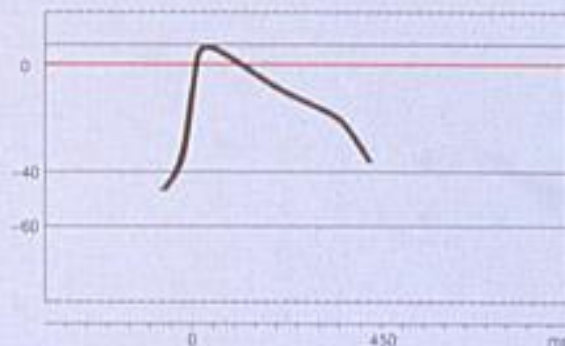
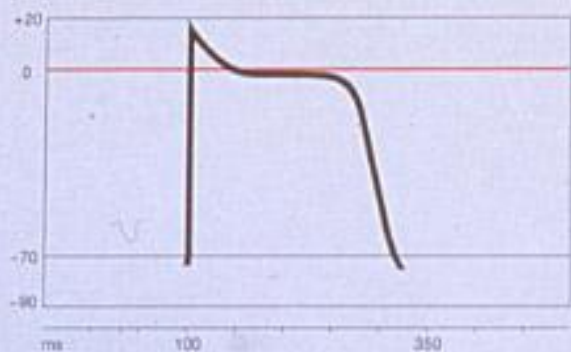
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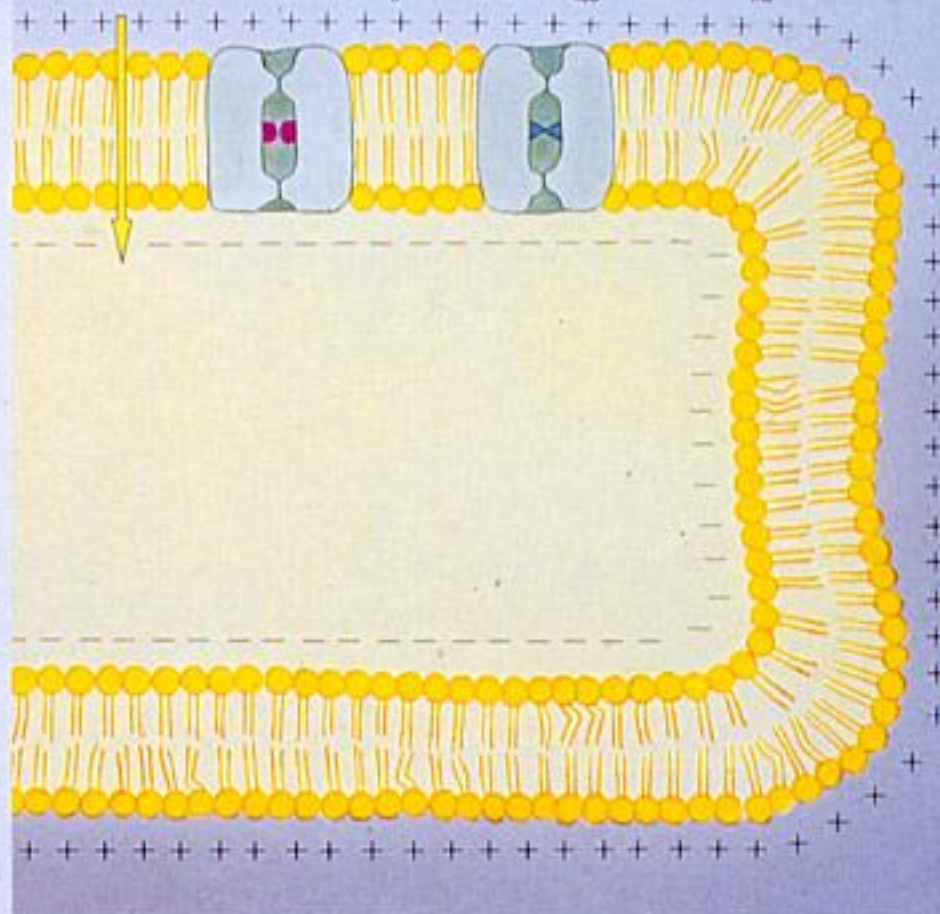
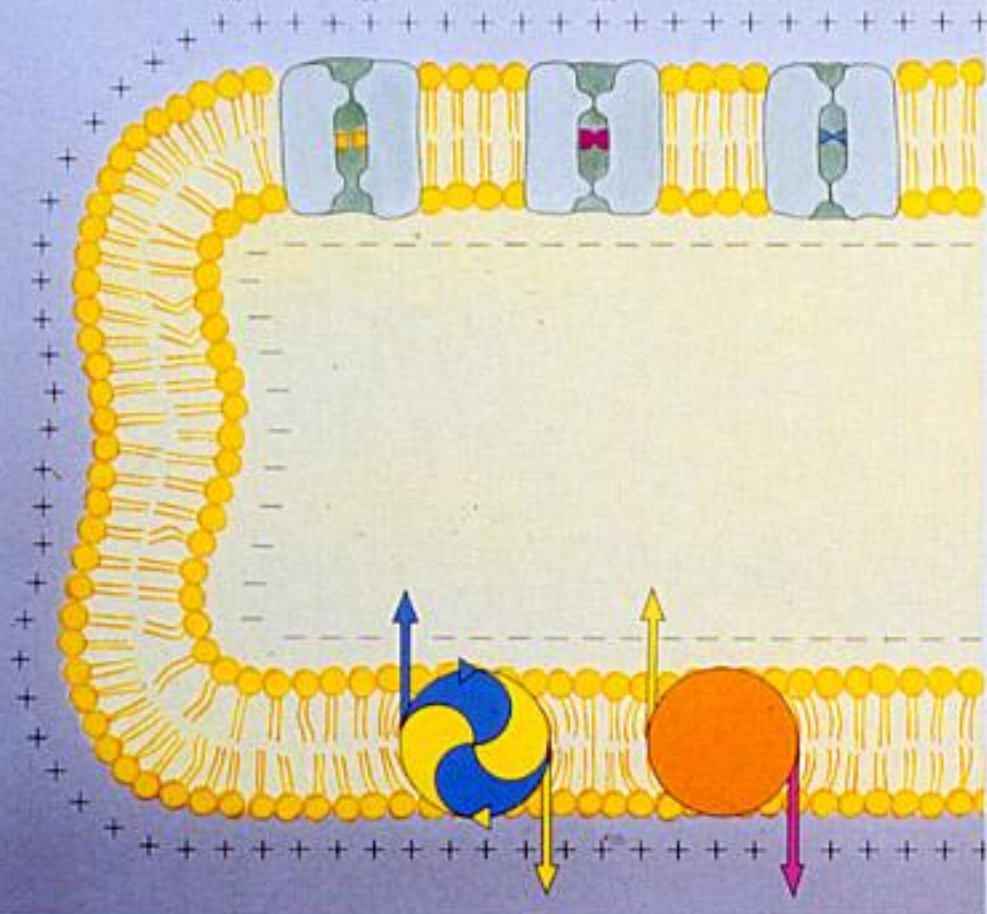
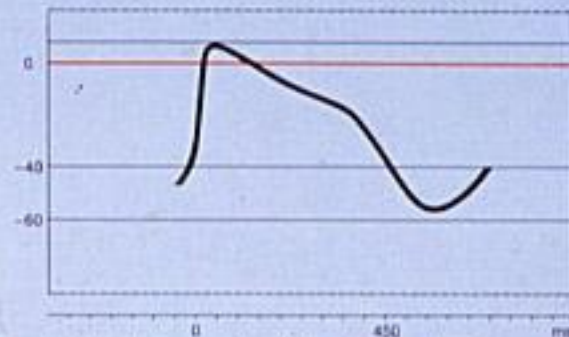
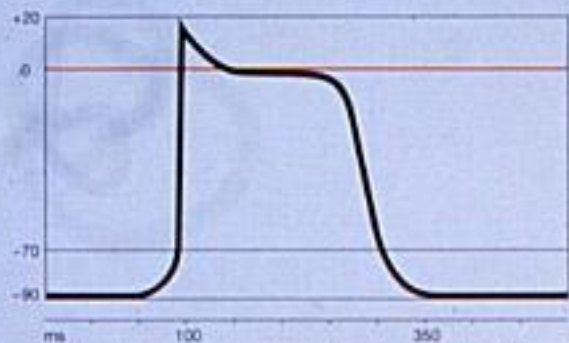
## Ionic currents in phase 2



### Ionic currents in phase 3



# Active transport in phase 4





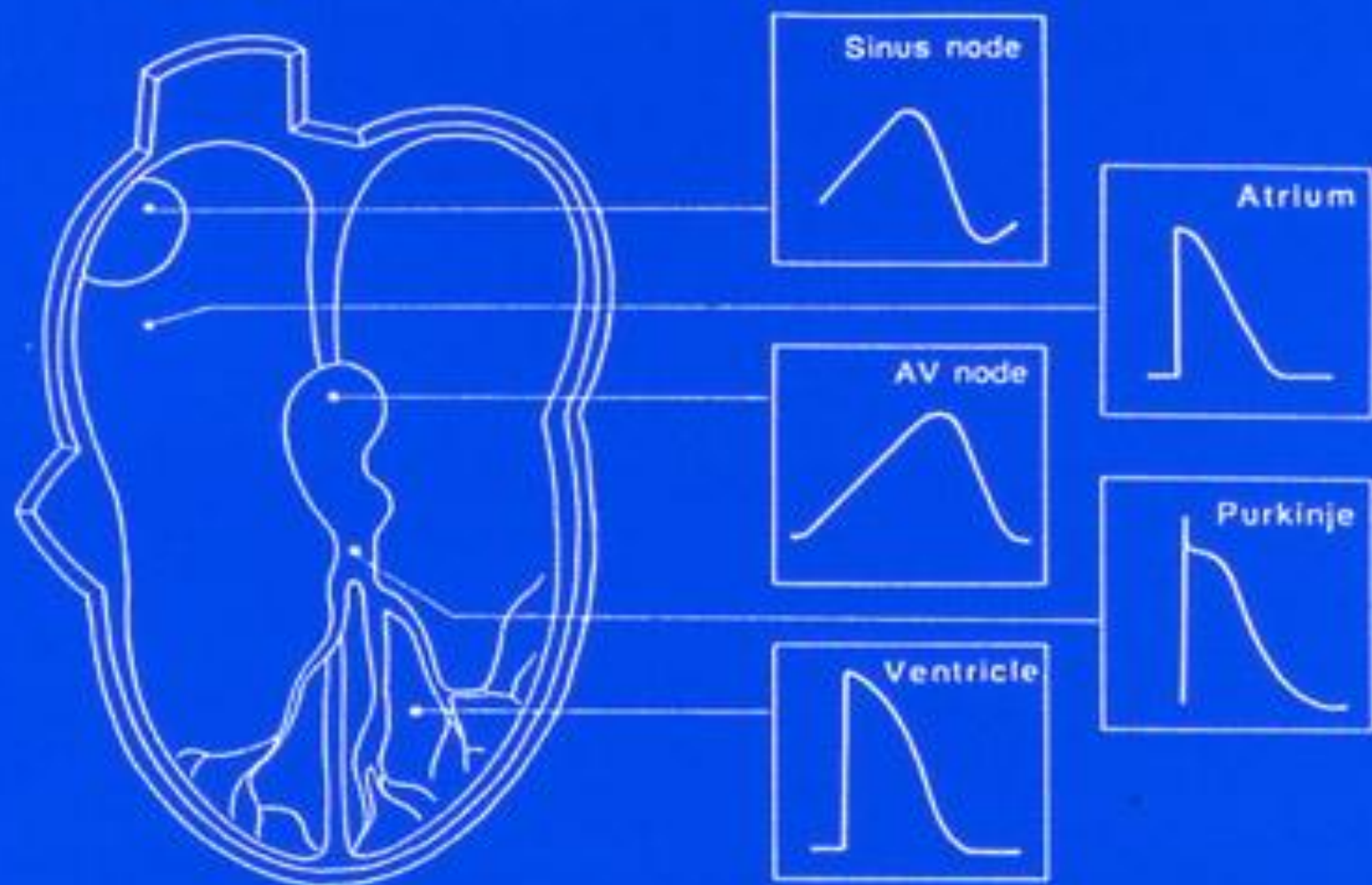
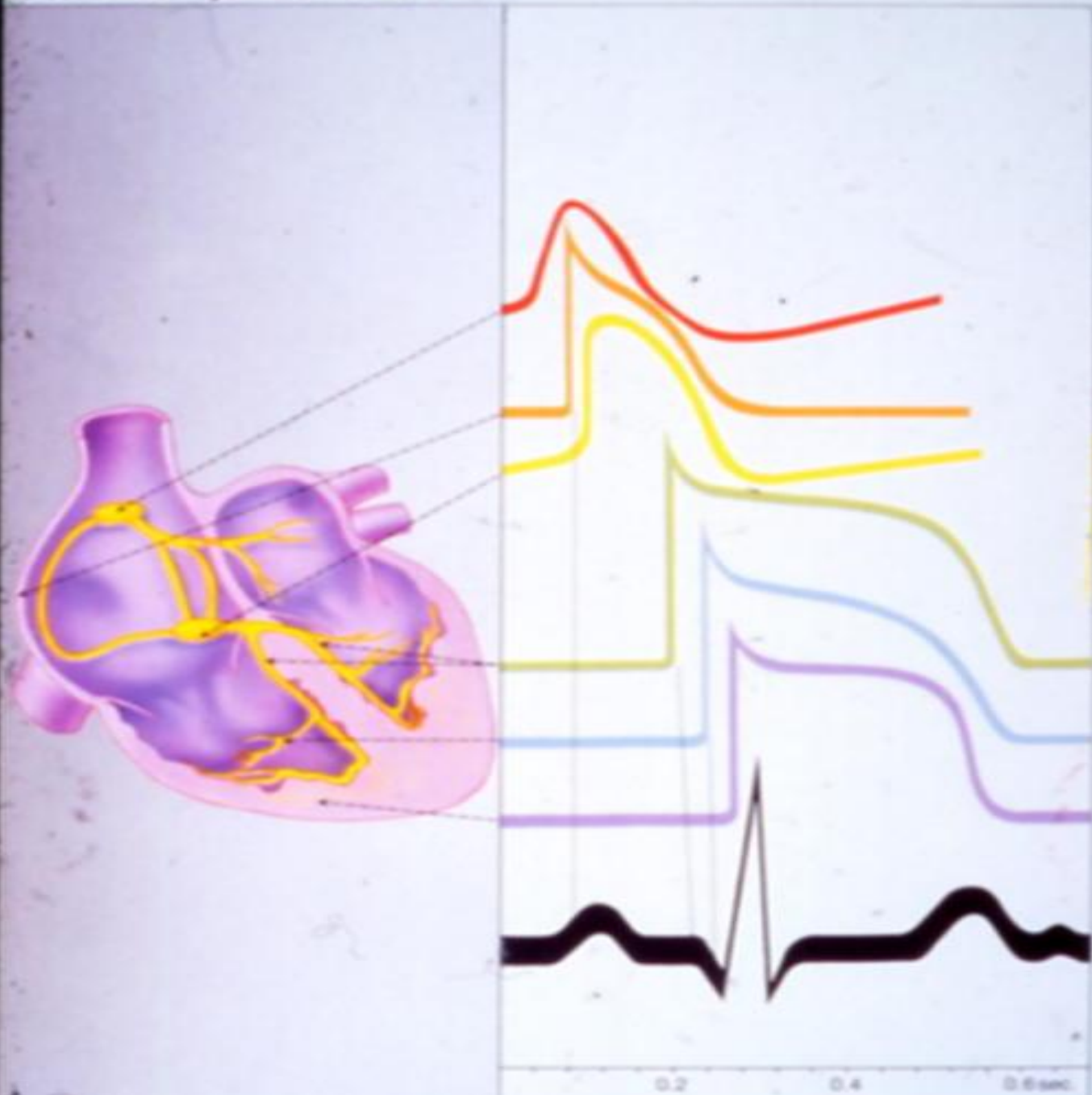


Fig. 3.2 Different morphologies of cardiac cell action potentials.

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The conduction system of the heart



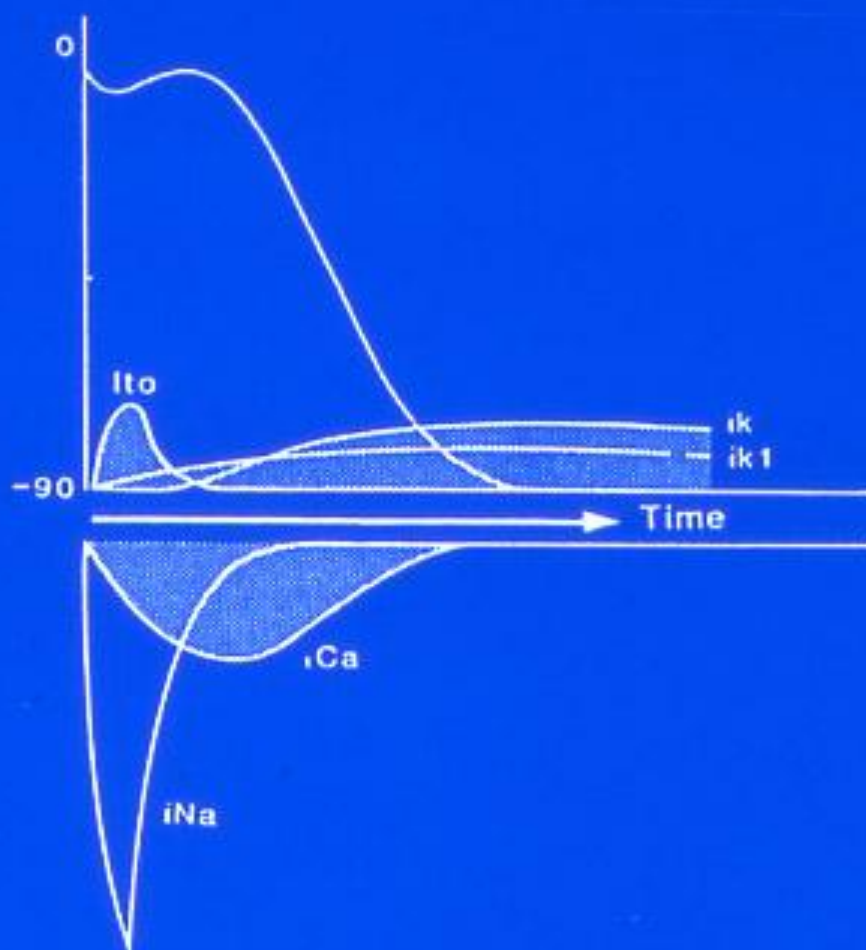
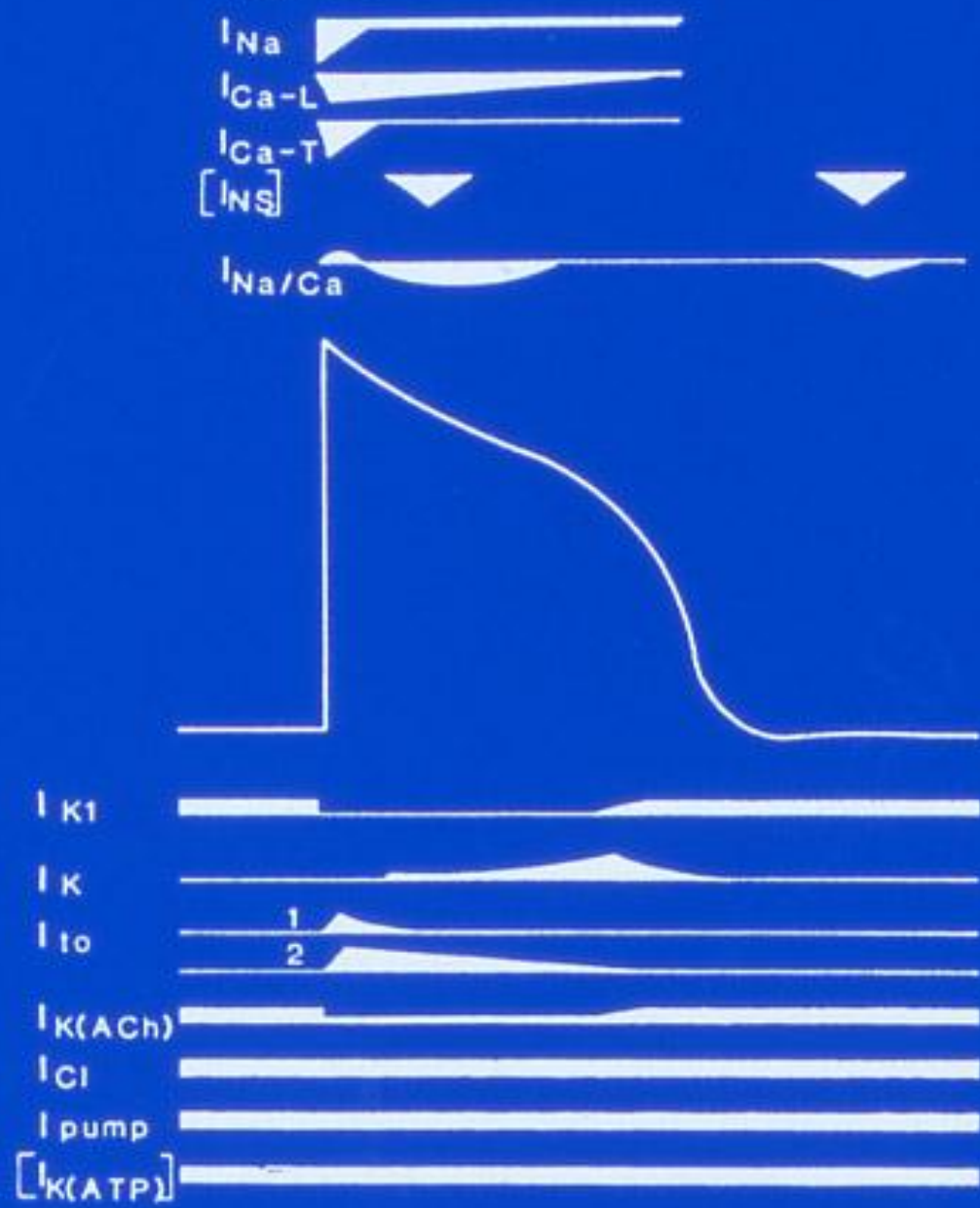


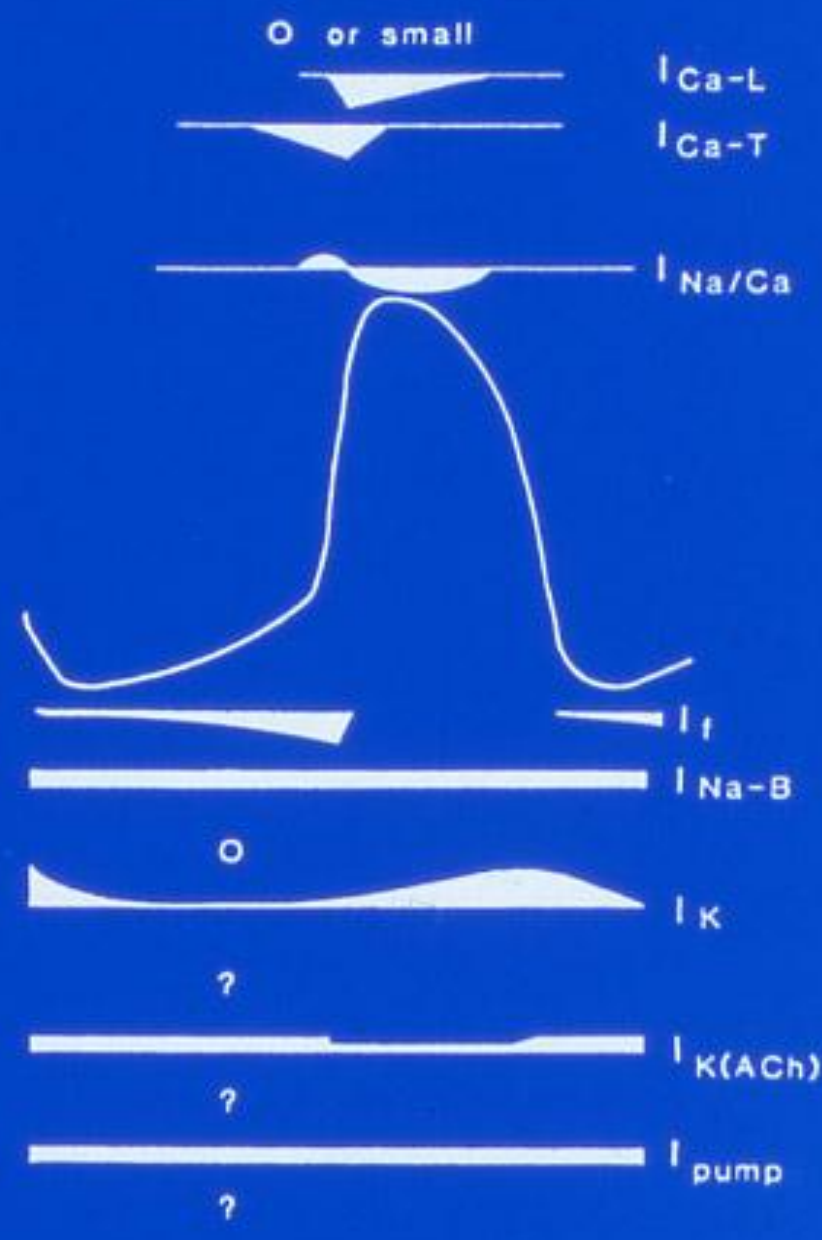
Fig. 3.4 Different ionic currents responsible for the cell electrical activity. Upward (or outward) currents are repolarizing and downward (or inward) currents are depolarizing.

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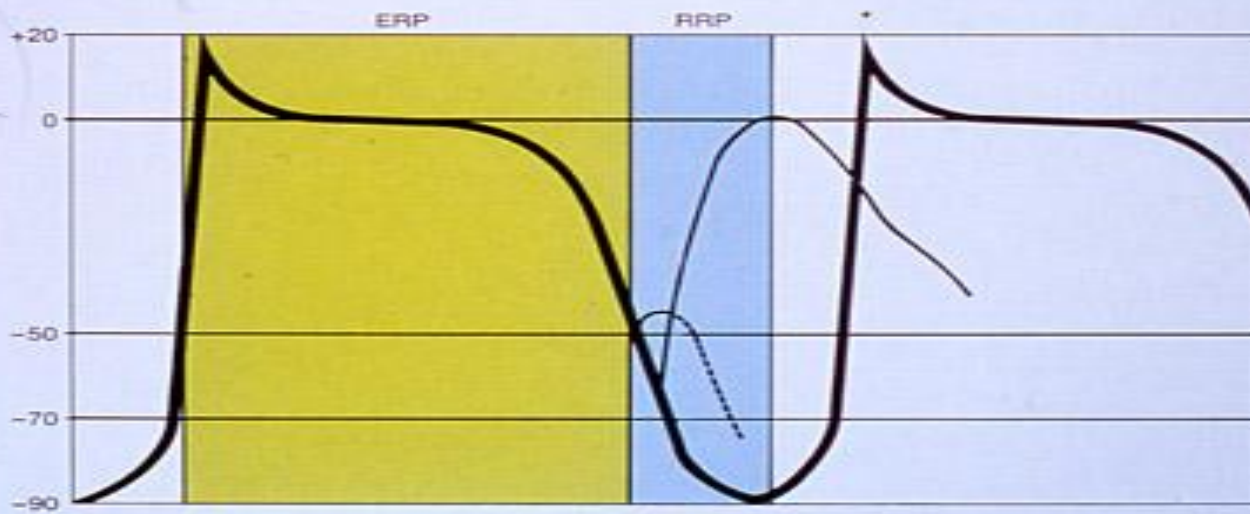
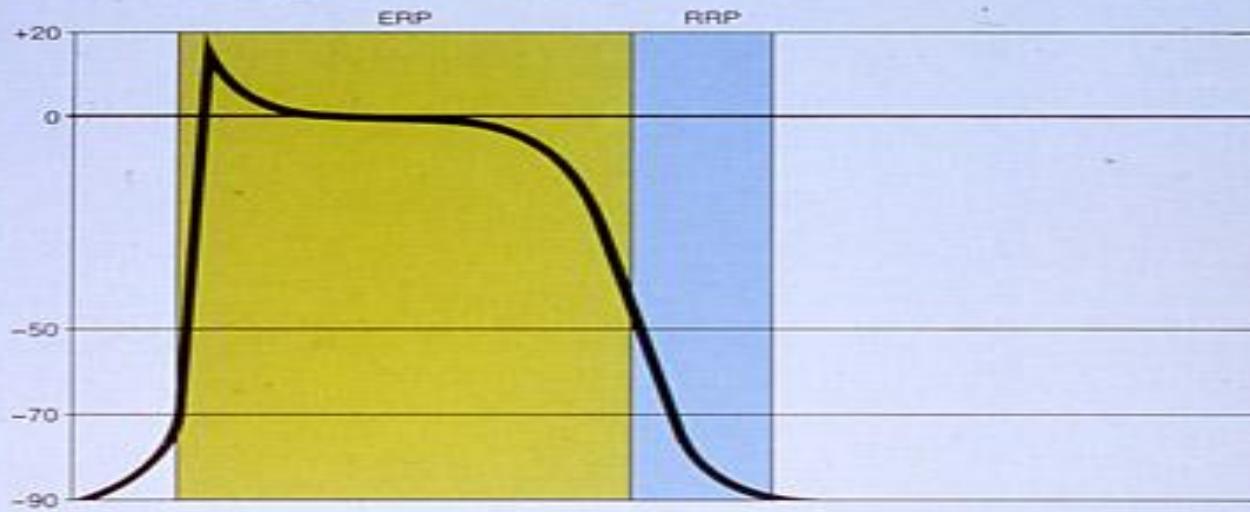
### Atrial & Ventricular Cells



### Sino-Atrial Node Cells



# Different refractory periods in myocardial cells

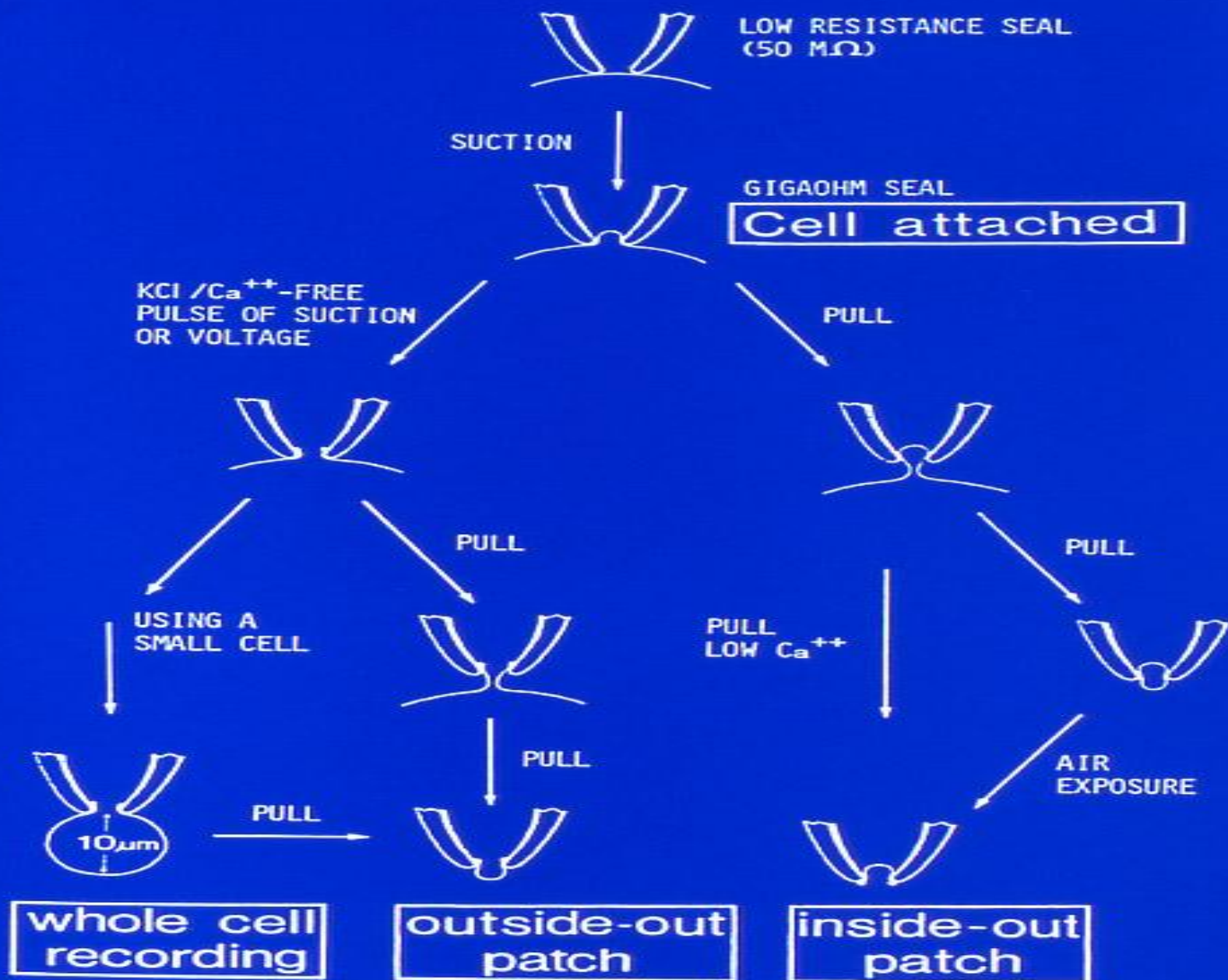


**TABLE 11. Resting Potentials (or Maximal Diastolic Potentials) and Maximal Upstroke Velocities ( $dV/dt_{max}$ ) of Different Cardiac Tissues**

Cardiac Tissues	Resting or Maximum Diastolic Potential (mV)		$dV/dt_{max}$ V/s	
		Authors		Authors
SA node	- 50 to - 60 - 55 to - 60 (Rhesus monkey)	Cranefield (1975) Fleckenstein (1963 b)	2 to 3	Brooks and Lu (1972)
Atrium	- 78 (Rabbit) - 80 to - 90 (Guinea pig) - 85 (Dog)	West (1955) Fleckenstein (1963b) Hoffman and Suckling (1952)	340 (dog)	Trautwein and Schmidt (1960)
AV node (N cells)	- 53 (Dog)	Sano (1976)	6.7	Paes de Carvalho
Purkinje fibers	- 96 (Dog) - 85 (Rhesus monkey)	Trautwein and Zink (1952) Kotowski, Antoni, Vahlenkamp and Fleckenstein (1961)	400 (guinea pig, cat, rhesus monkey)	Tritthart, Grundy, Haastert, and Herbst (1972)
Ventricle (papillary muscles)	- 85 (Dog) - 88 (Cat)  - 90 (Rhesus monkey) - 78 (Guinea pig)	Hoffman and Suckling (1952) Trautwein, Gottstein, and Dudel (1954) Antoni and Engstfeld (1961) Engstfeld, Antoni, and Fleckenstein (1961)	170 to 180 (guinea pig, cat, rhesus monkey)	Tritthart, Grundy, Haastert, and Herbst (1972)

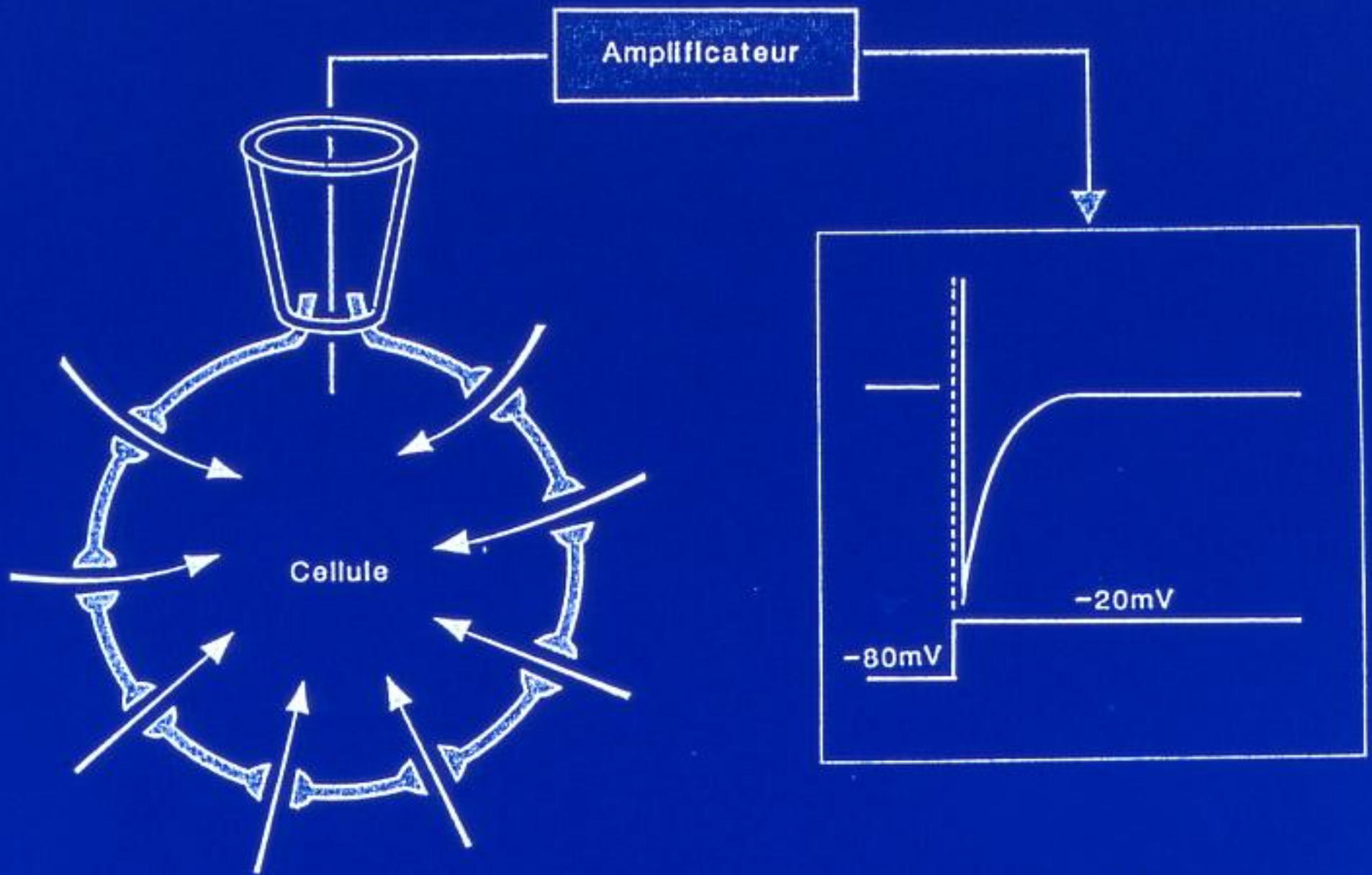
**TABLE 12. Normal Conduction Velocities in Different Cardiac Tissues**

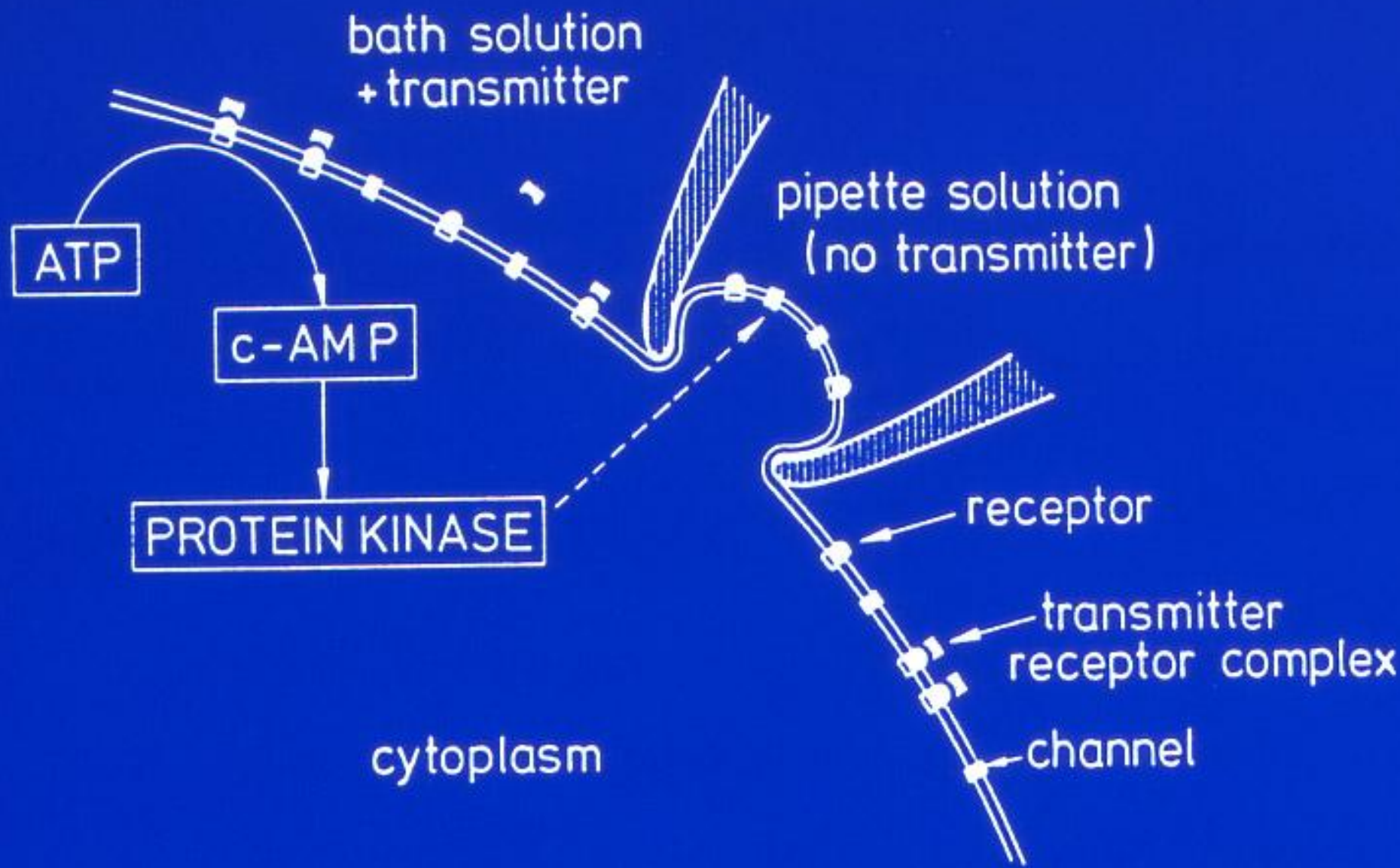
<b>Cardiac Tissues</b>	<b>Velocity (cm/sec)</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Authors</b>
<b>SA node</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>Rabbit</b>	<b>Sano and Yamagishi (1965)</b>
<b>Atrium</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>Rabbit</b>	<b>Sano and Yamagishi (1965)</b>
	<b>50-100</b>	<b>Rabbit</b>	<b>Paes de Carvalho, de Mello, and Hoffman (1959)</b>
	<b>90-120</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Goodman, van der Steen, and van Dam (1971)</b>
	<b>80</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Hogan and Davis (1971)</b>
<b>AV node (N cells)</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>Cow</b>	<b>van der Kooi, Durrer, van Dam, and van der Tweel (1956)</b>
		<b>Dog</b>	<b>Scher, Rodriguez, Liikane and Young (1959)</b>
			<b>Alanis, Lopez, Mandoki, and Pilar (1959)</b>
<b>His bundle (and branches)</b>	<b>100-150</b>	<b>Rabbit</b>	<b>Pruitt and Essex (1960)</b>
		<b>Different Species</b>	<b>Sano (1976)</b>
<b>Purkinje fibers</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Draper &amp; Weidmann (1951)</b>
	<b>80</b>	<b>Rhesus monkey</b>	<b>Antoni and Zerweck (1967)</b>
<b>Ventricle (papillary muscle)</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Rhesus monkey</b>	<b>Antoni and Zerweck (1967)</b>

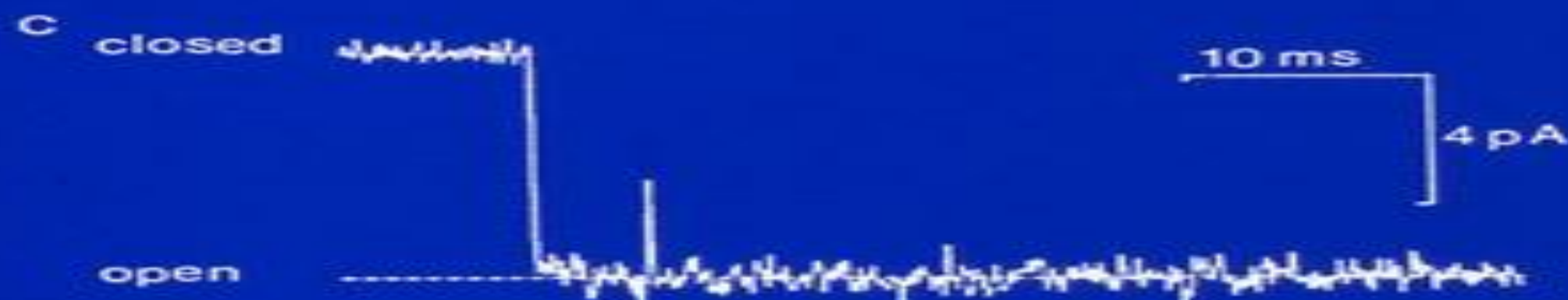
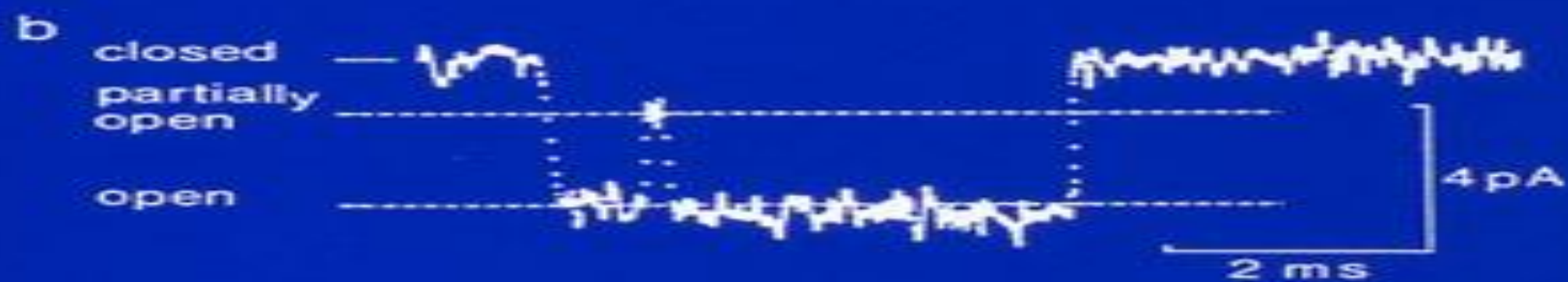


**FIGURE 1.** Schematic illustration of the different configurations of the patch clamp and of the manipulations that lead to them. From Hamill et al (32), by permission of Springer-Verlag, Heidelberg.





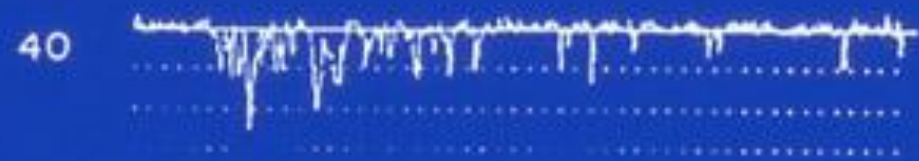




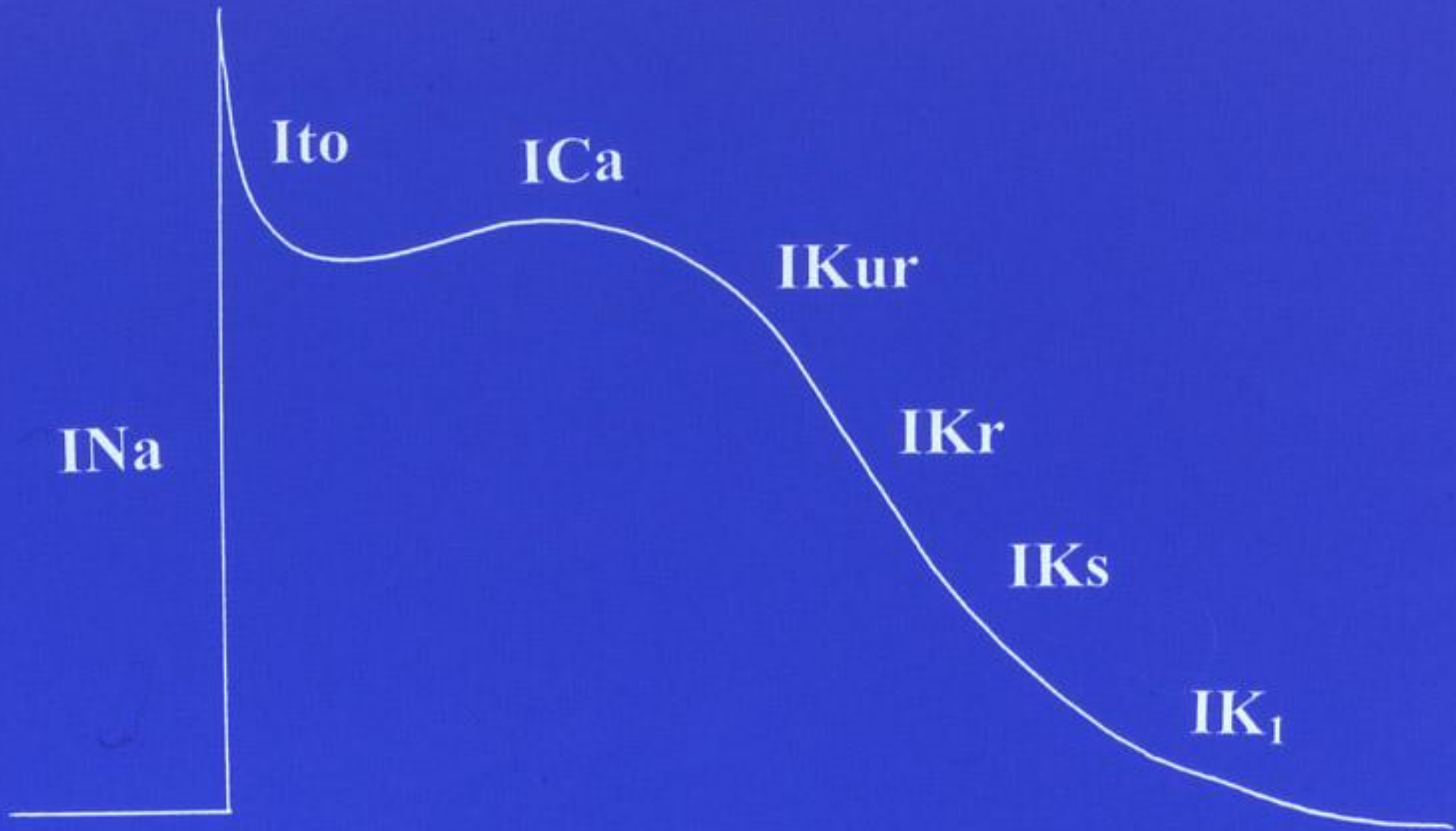
Control

Lidocaine (10  $\mu$ M)

$\Delta V$  (mV)



20 ms



+ **INa/Ca, IKAch, If, ± IKATP**

# SODIUM CURRENT

- **Inhibition of sodium current reduces automaticity and slows conduction**
- **Greater inhibition in diseased tissues and during tachycardia**
- **Problem of inotropism depression and ventricular proarrhythmia especially during acute ischaemia**

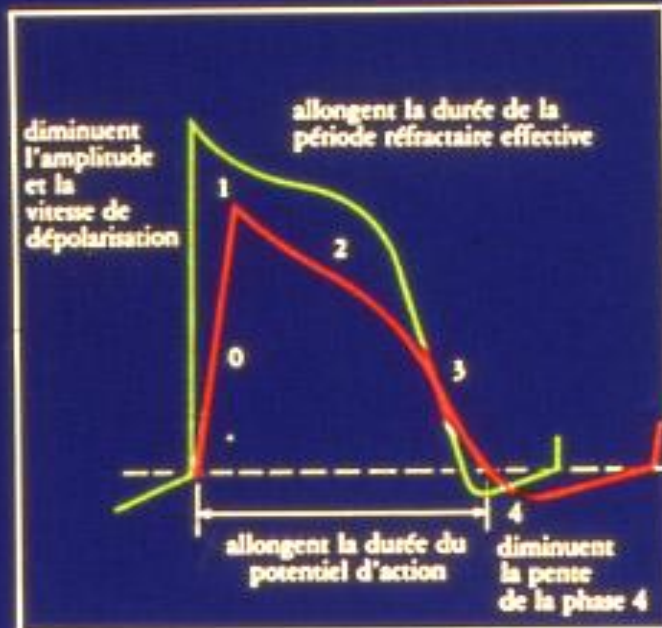
# CALCIUM CURRENTS

- **L type :**
  - . conduction in SA and AV node
  - . electromechanical coupling
  - . target of Diltiazem and Verapamil
- **T type :**
  - . present in SA node and atrium
  - . role in automaticity of SA node
  - . target of Mibefradil

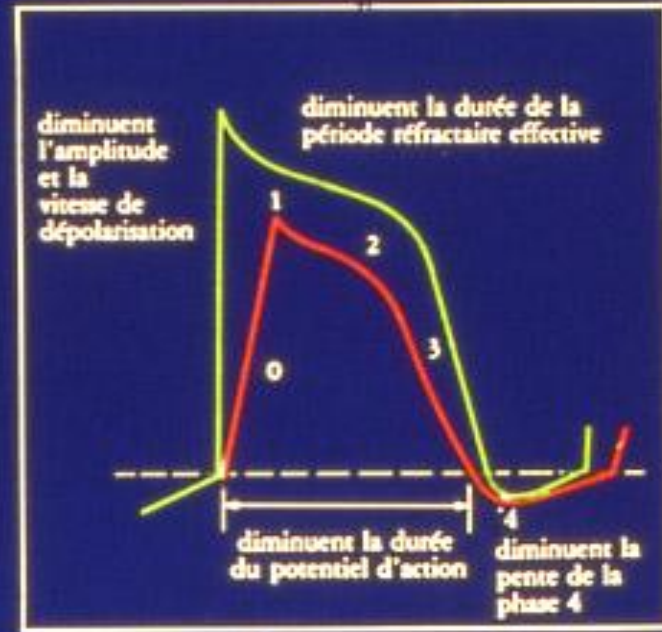
# MOLECULAR BIOLOGY OF POTASSIUM CHANNELS

- **Molecular structures largely identified for most potassium currents : I<sub>Kr</sub>, I<sub>Ks</sub>, I<sub>Kur</sub>, I<sub>KAch</sub>, I<sub>KATP</sub>, I<sub>K1</sub>**
- **Potential insights into disease and arrhythmia mechanisms**
- **Explanations of class III proarrhythmia**

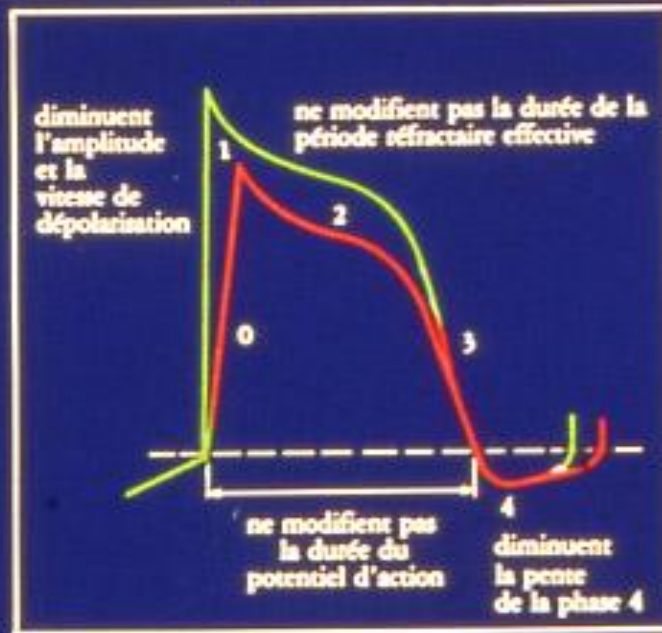




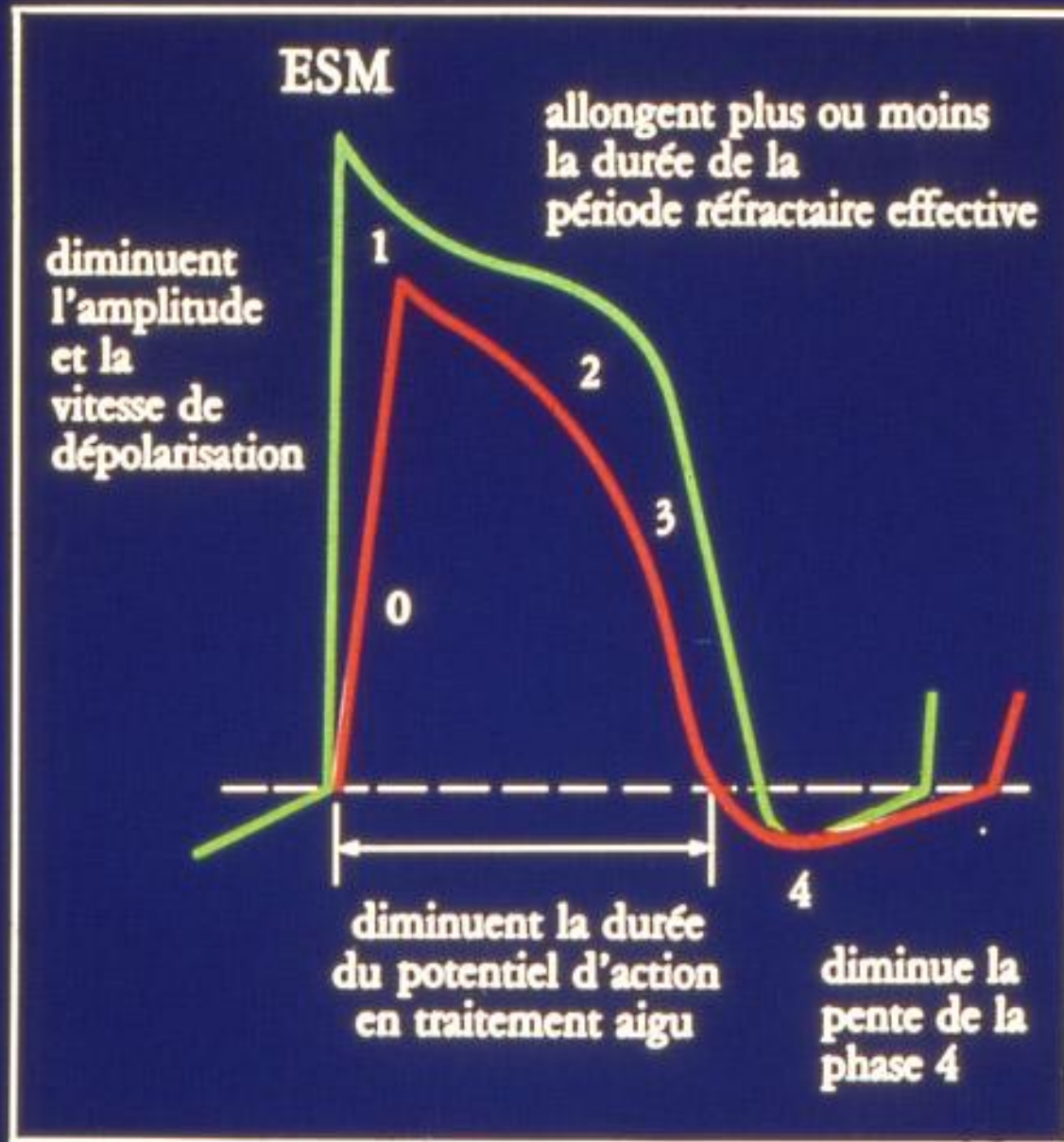
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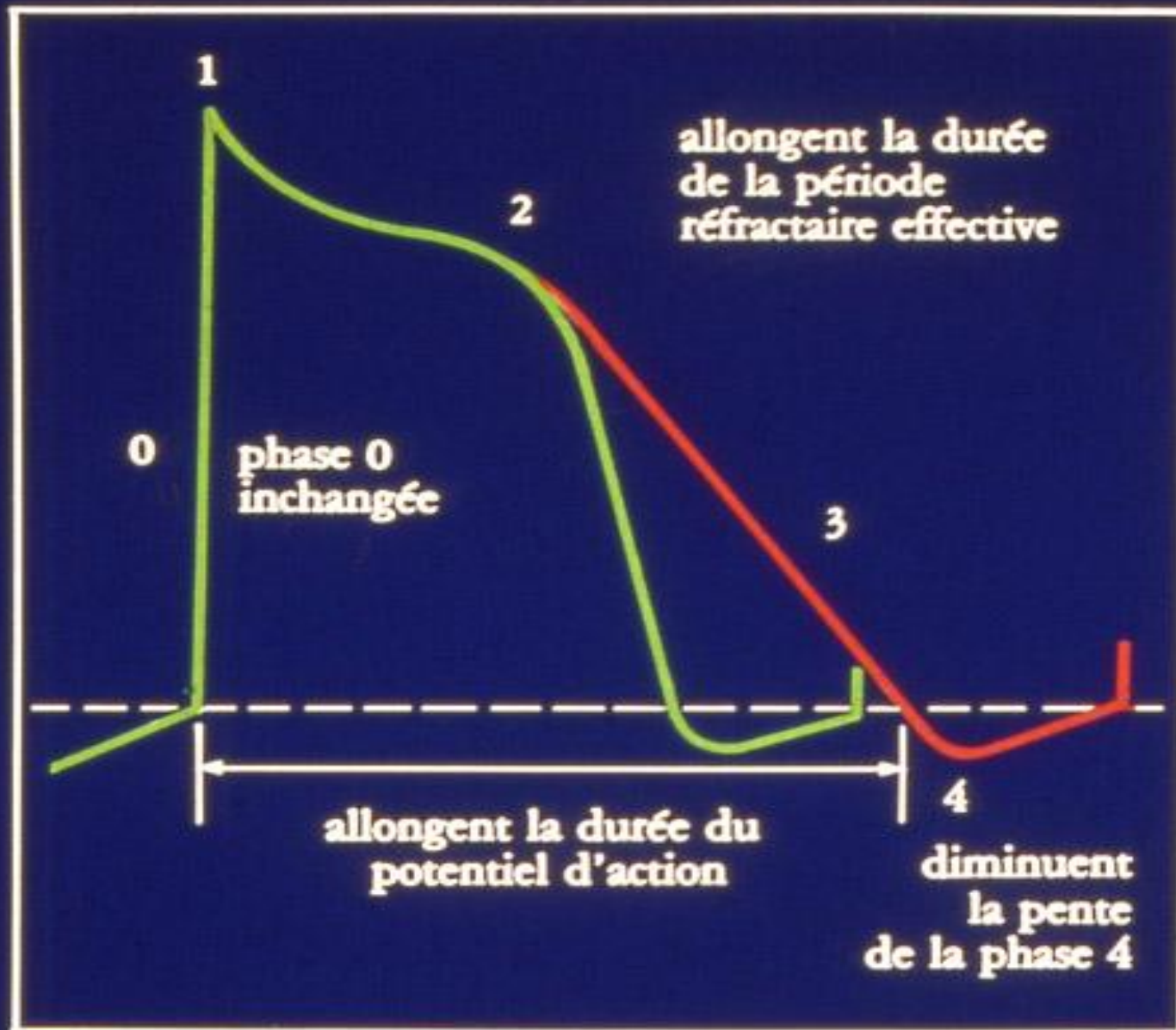
**Classe Ib**



**Classe Ic**



**Classe II**



**Classe III**



**Classe IV**

	<b>Class IIIa</b>	<b>Class IIIb</b>
<b>Repolarization prolongation</b>	<b>Increases in tachycardia</b>	<b>Increases in bradycardia</b>
<b>Prevention of arrhythmias</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+++</b>
<b>Suppression of arrhythmias</b>	<b>+++</b>	<b>+</b>
<b>Induction of torsades de pointes</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+++</b>
	<b>None</b> <b>Amiodarone (I + II + III + IV) ?</b>	<b>D Sotalol</b> <b>Dofetilide</b> <b>...</b> <b>"pure" class III</b>

**—————▶ Azimilide (Ikr + Iks) ?**

DRUG	CHANNELS					RECEPTORS				PUMPS	
	Na			Ca	K	I <sub>r</sub>	α	β	M <sub>2</sub>	P	Na/K ATPase
	Fast	Med	Slow								
Lidocaine	○										
Mexiletine	○										
Tocainide	○										
Moricizine	I										
Procainamide		A									
Disopyramide		A							○		
Quinidine		A				○			○		
Propafenone		A						○			
Flecainide			A								
Encainide			A								
Bepriidil	○			○	○						
Verapamil	○			○	○	○					
Diltiazem				○	○						
Bretylum					○	○	○				
Sotalol					○		○				
Amlodarone	○			○	○	○	○				
Alinidine					○						○
Nadolol								○			
Propranolol	○							○			
Atropine									○		
Adenosine										○	
Digoxin											○

Relative blocking potency

○ Low ○ Moderate ● High

○ = Agonist

◐ = Agonist/Antag.

A = Activated state blocker

I = Inactivated state blocker