

# Microfluidics 2019

## Microfluidics and neurosciences

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# Outcome



## **1. Neurosciences for physicists**

**Neurons, synapses, Nervous influx**

**Action potentials and Hodgkin Huxley model**

## **2. Iono electronic interfaces : electrodes**

## **3. Neurofluidics**

# Human brain



Brain weight = **0.2 %** total weight

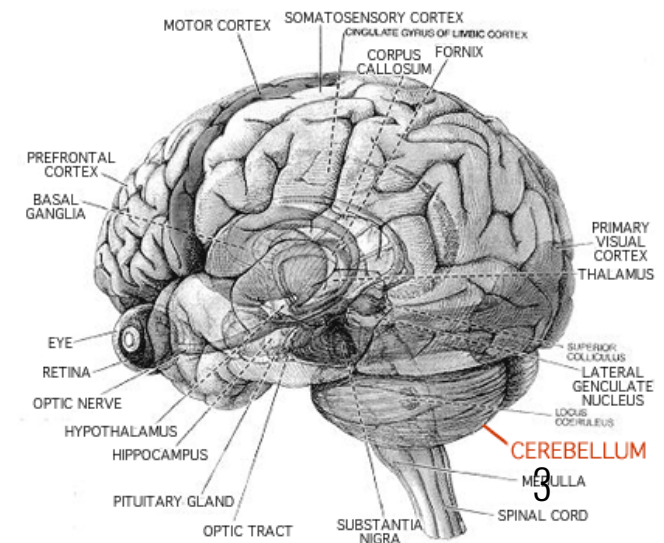
Brain blood flow = **15 to 20 %** total flow

**20%** of oxygen consumption of the body

**20-30W** over 100W entire body

« The brain consumes a great amount of energy doing nothing. It's a great mystery of neuroscience »

James Kozloski, Researcher, IBM



# Neurons

One multipolar Neuron:

**1** axon

**Several** dendrites

**1 000** synapses

One human brain

**100 Billions** neurons

**10 000 billions** synapses

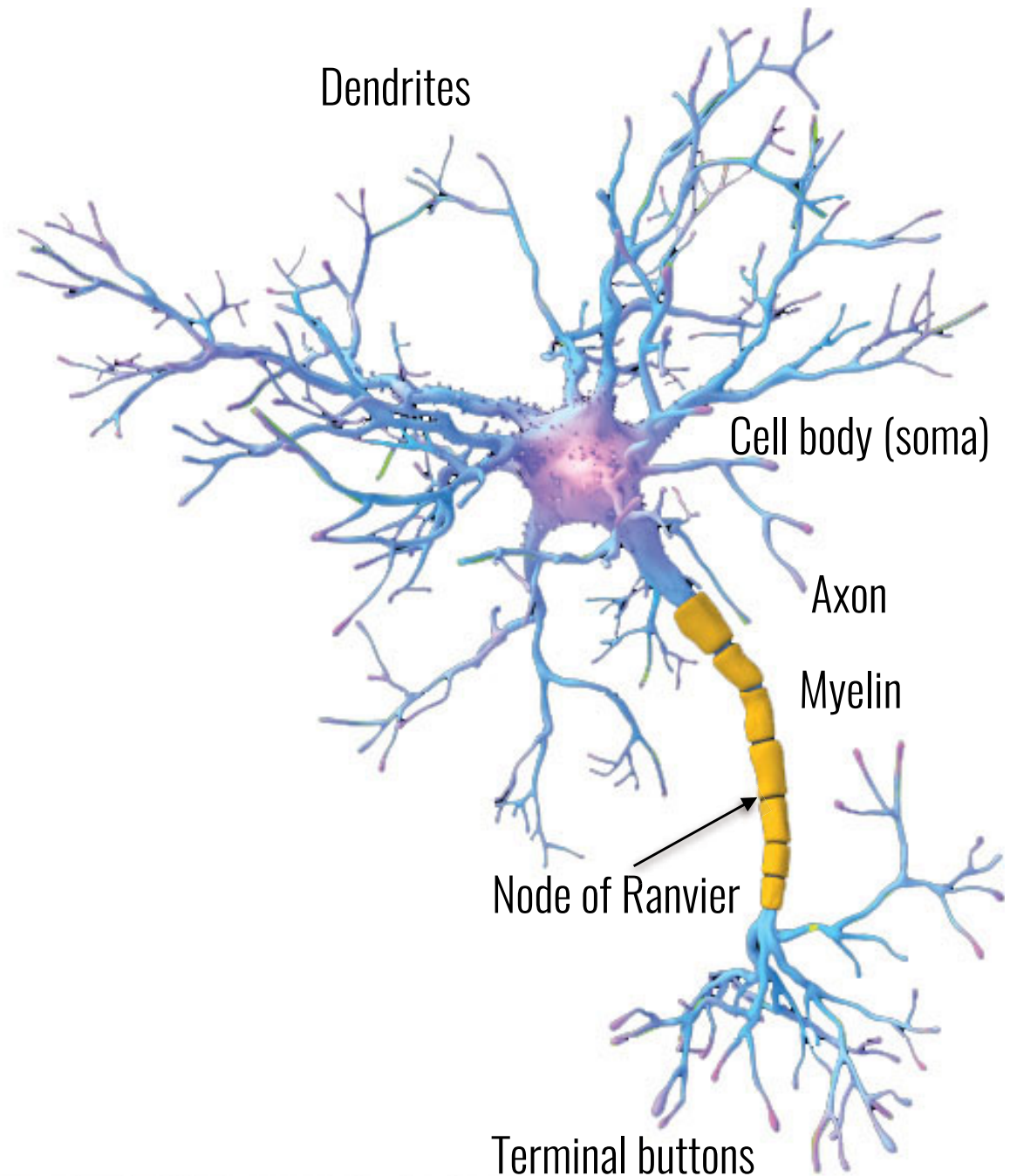
Types :

Afferent (Sensitive periphery)

Efferents (muscles and glands)

Interneurons (Short and long)

+glial cells, astrocytes, oligodendricytes



# Neurons

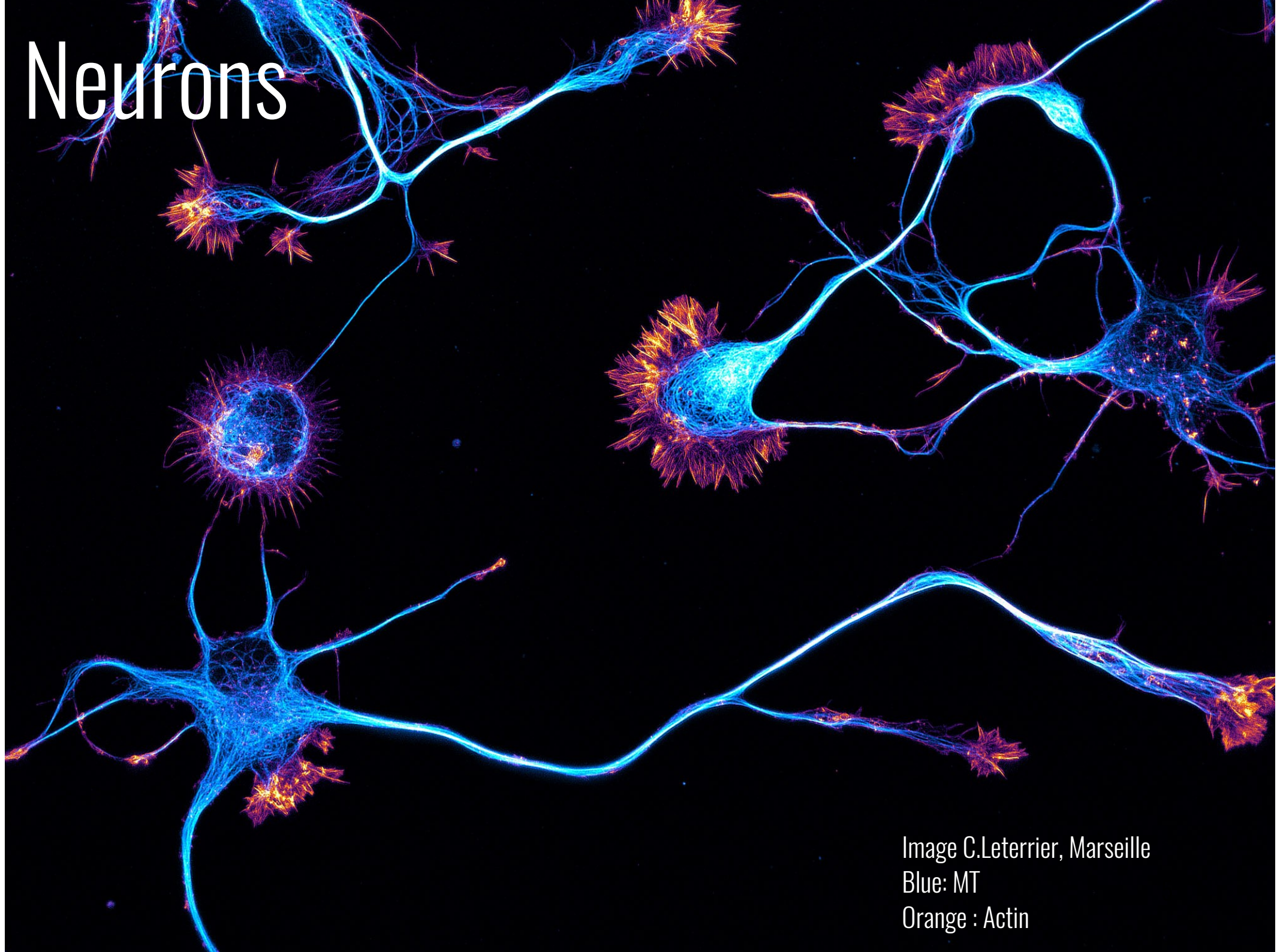


Image C.Leterrier, Marseille  
Blue: MT  
Orange : Actin

# Neurons

Hippocamp

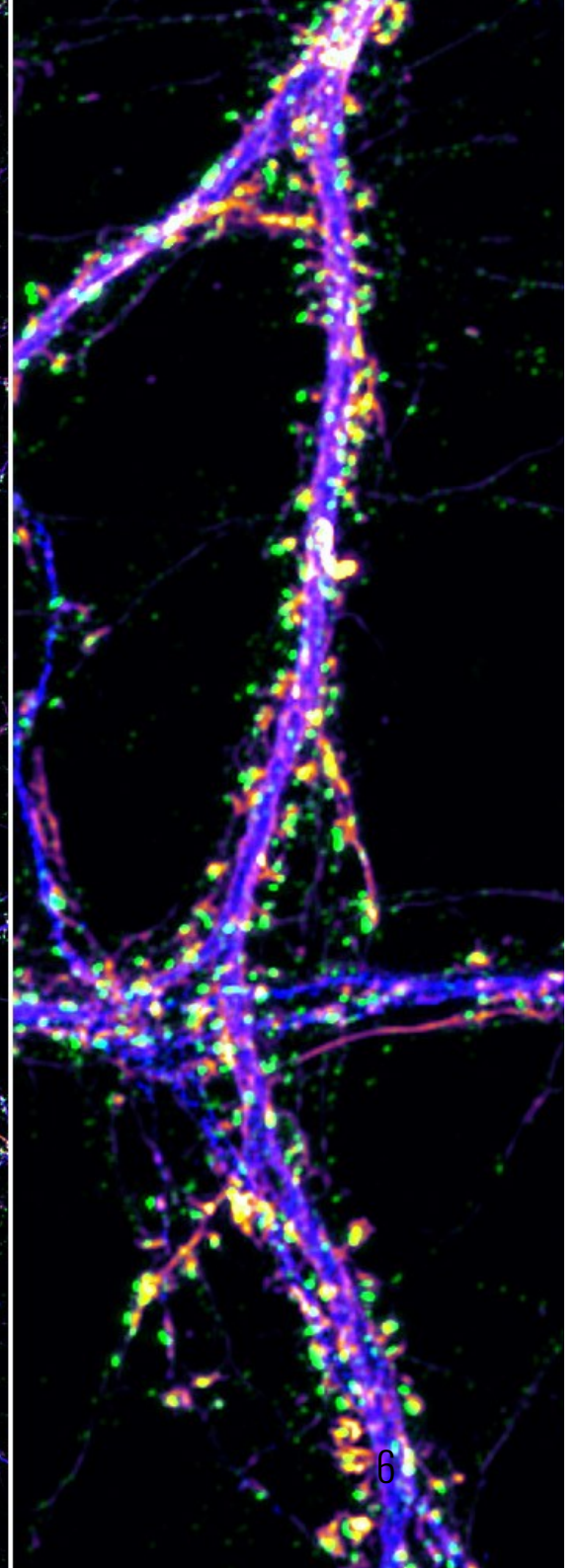


Image C.Leterrier, Marseille

Green : Synapses

Blue: Map2

Fire : Actin

# Number of neurons by species



Caenorhabditis elegans 302



Pond snail 11,000



Aplysia 18,000



Drosophila 100,000



Lobster 100,000



Master Student 2



Ant 250,000



Honey bee 960,000



Cockroach 1,000,000



Frog 16,000,000



Octopus 300,000,000



Human 100,000,000,000



Elephant 200,000,000,000

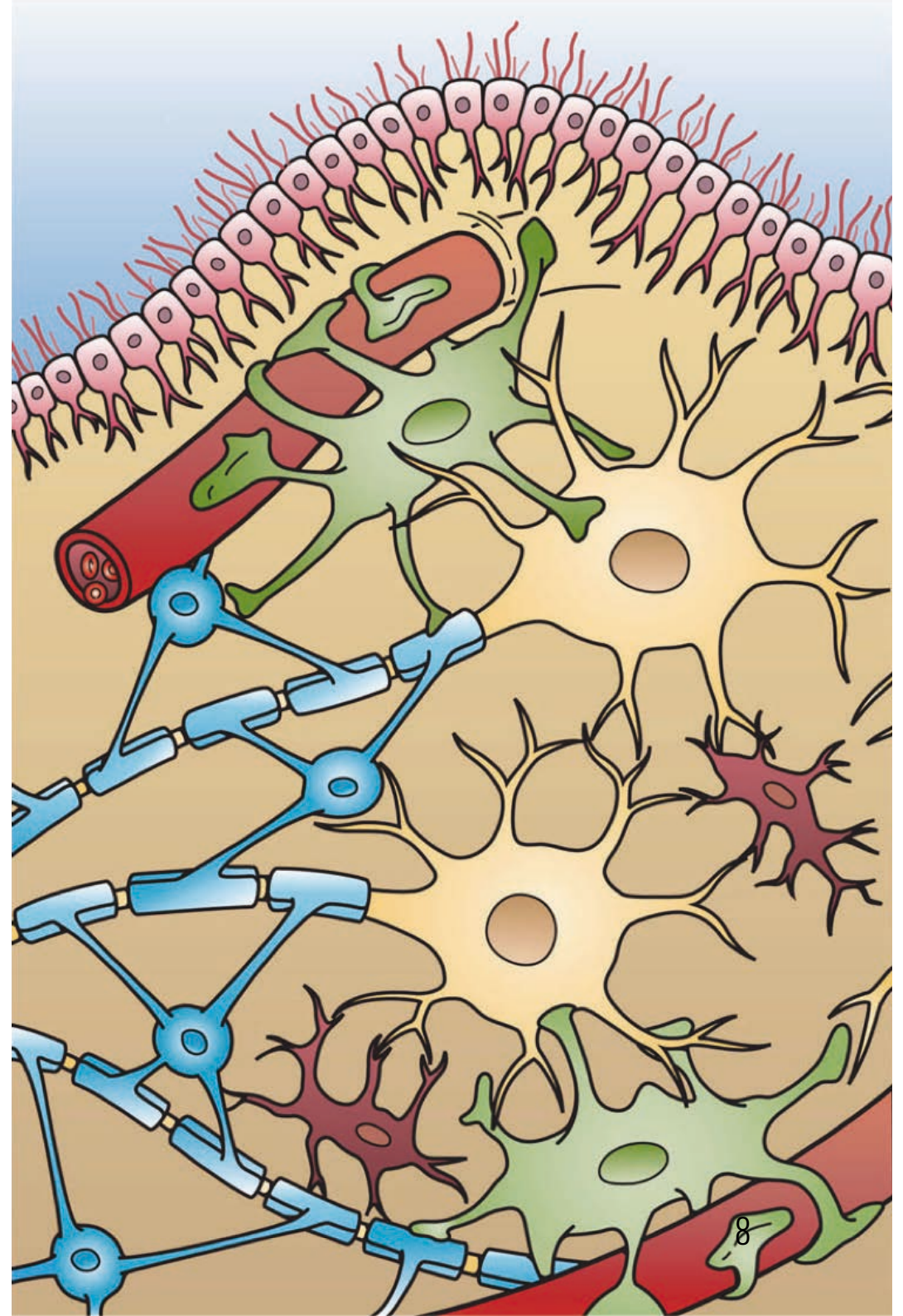
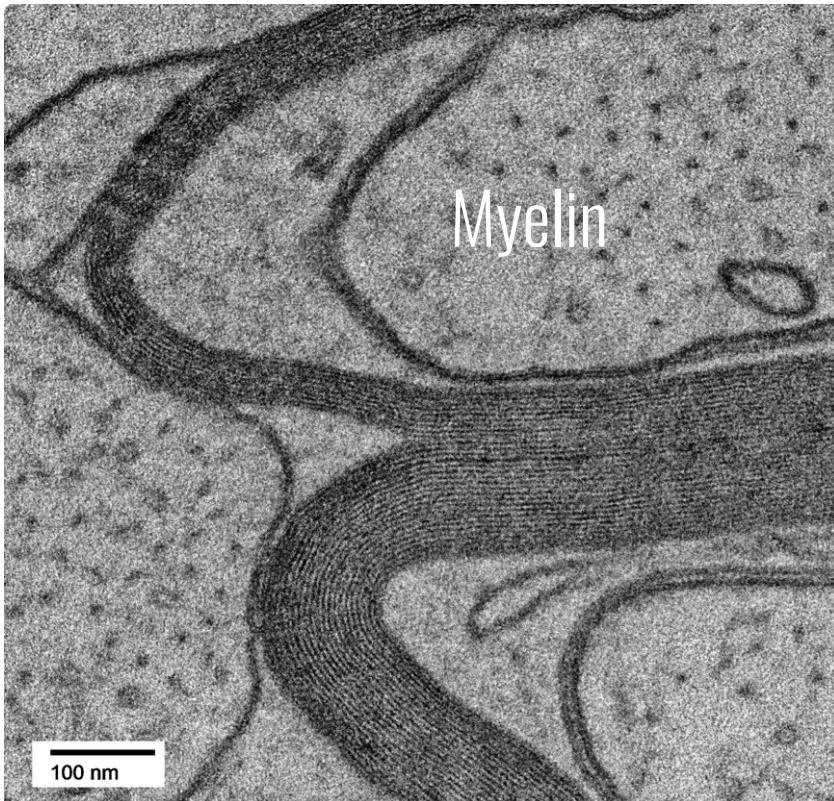
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Astrocytes

Oligodendrocytes

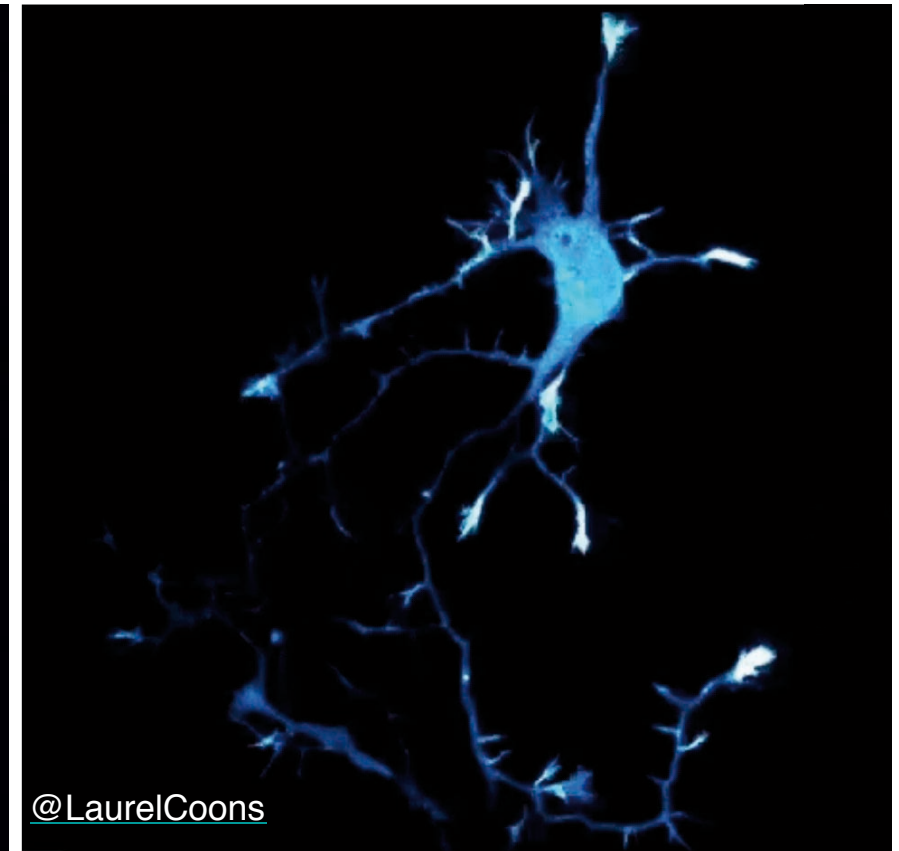
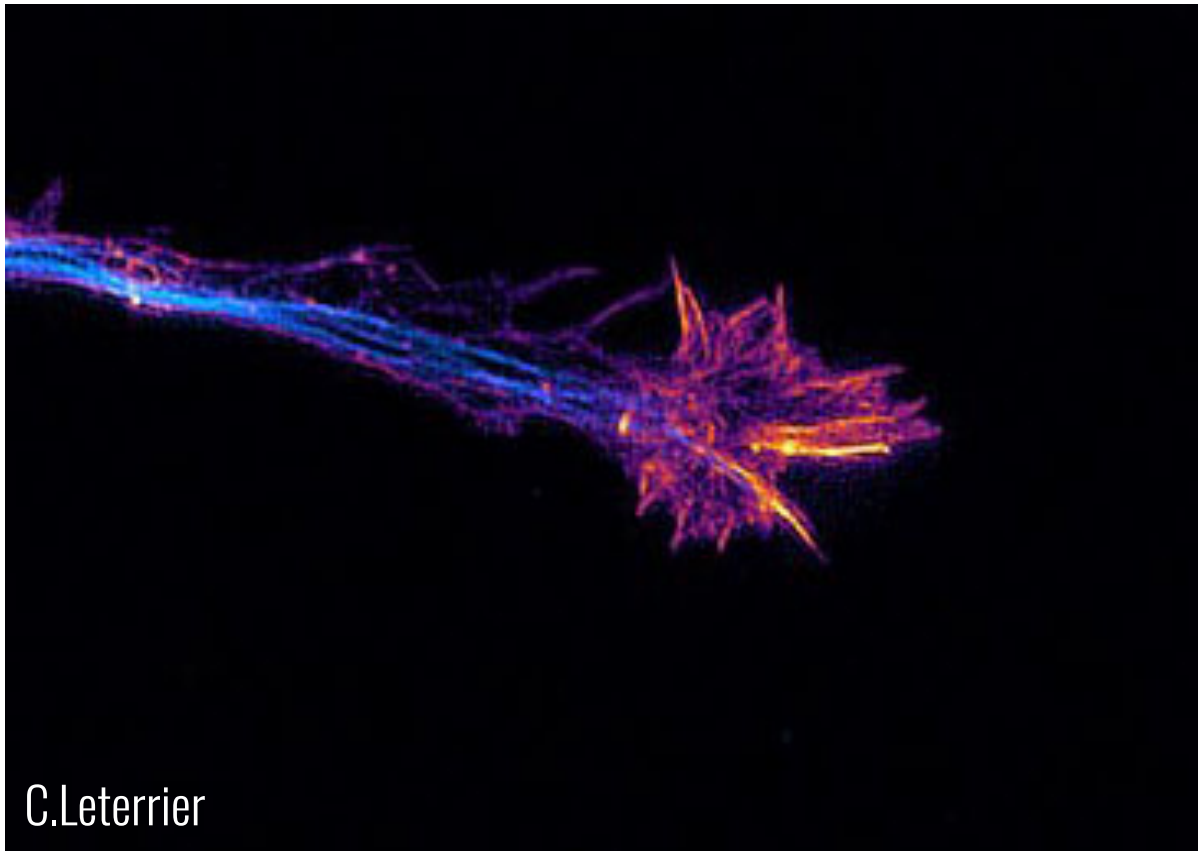
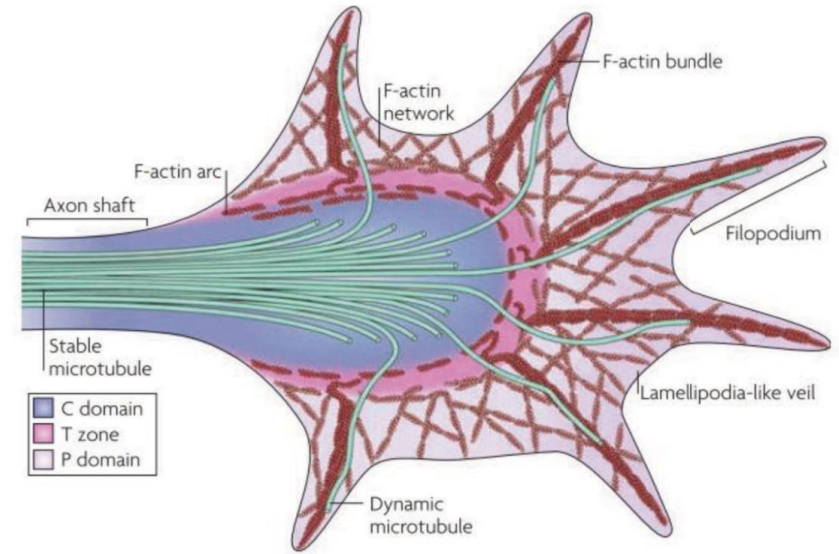
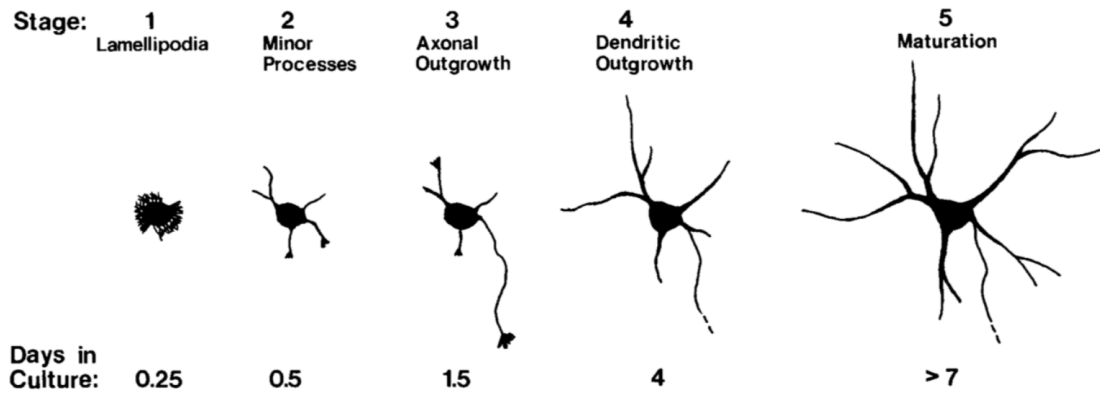
Schwann cells

Microglia





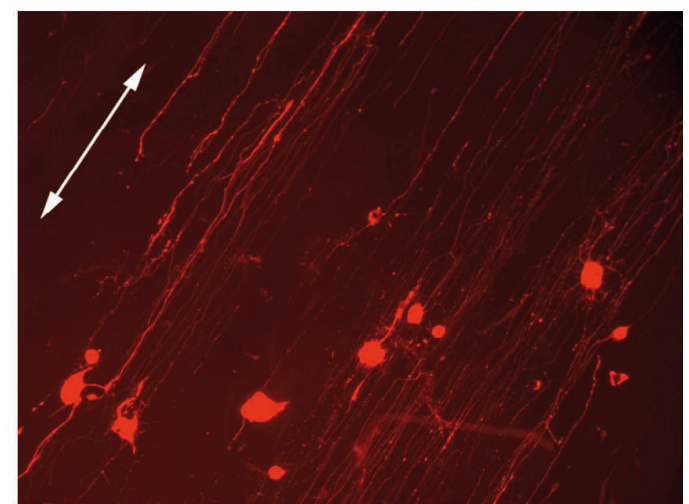
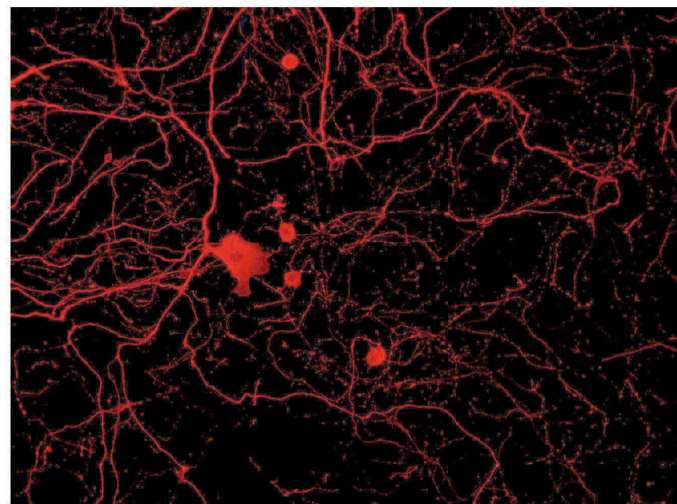
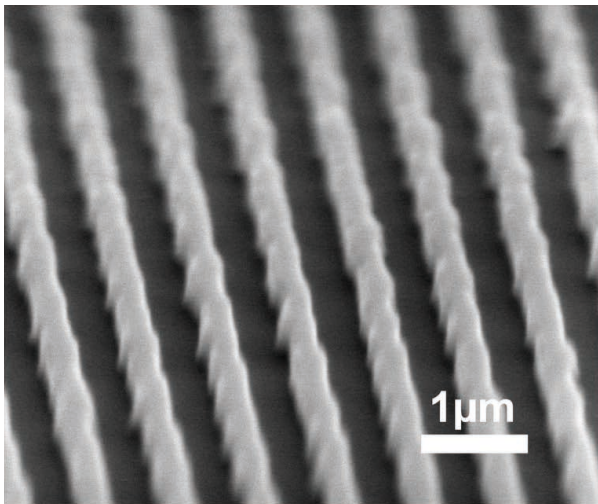
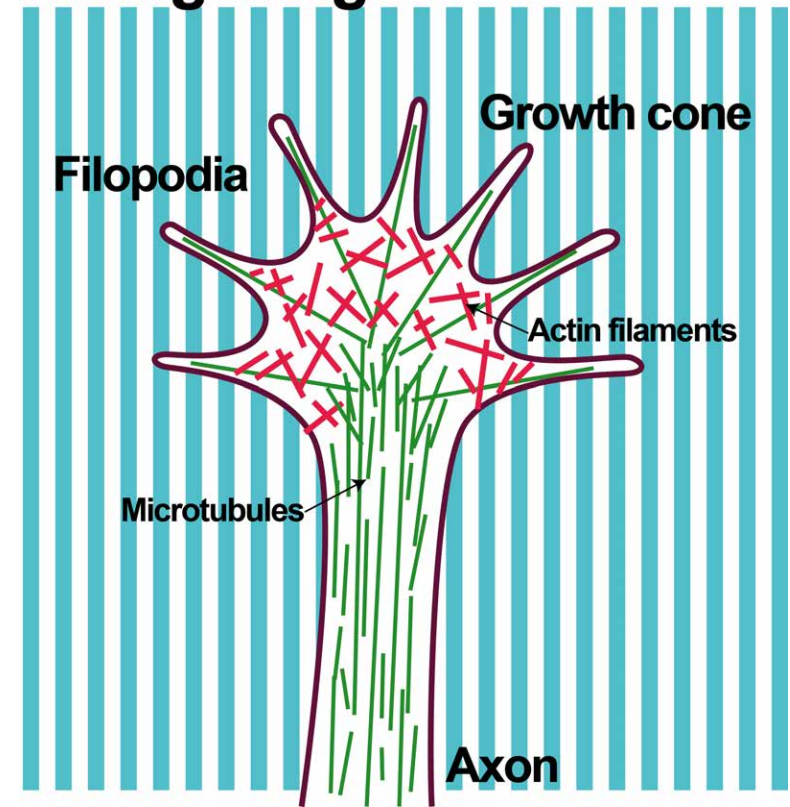
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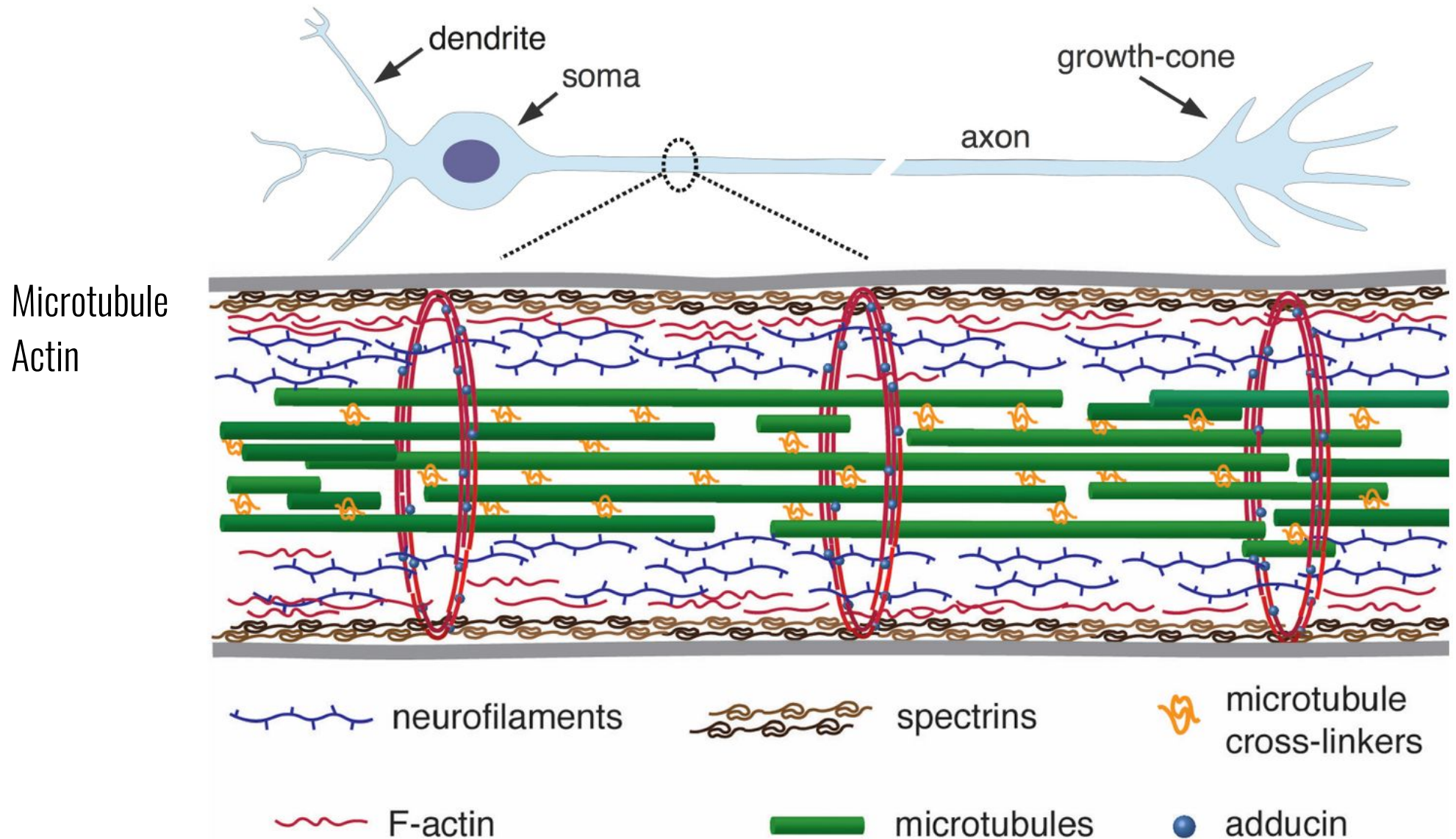
# Growth cone

Topology guidance :  
A nano grating allows to polarise cell growth

## Nanograting



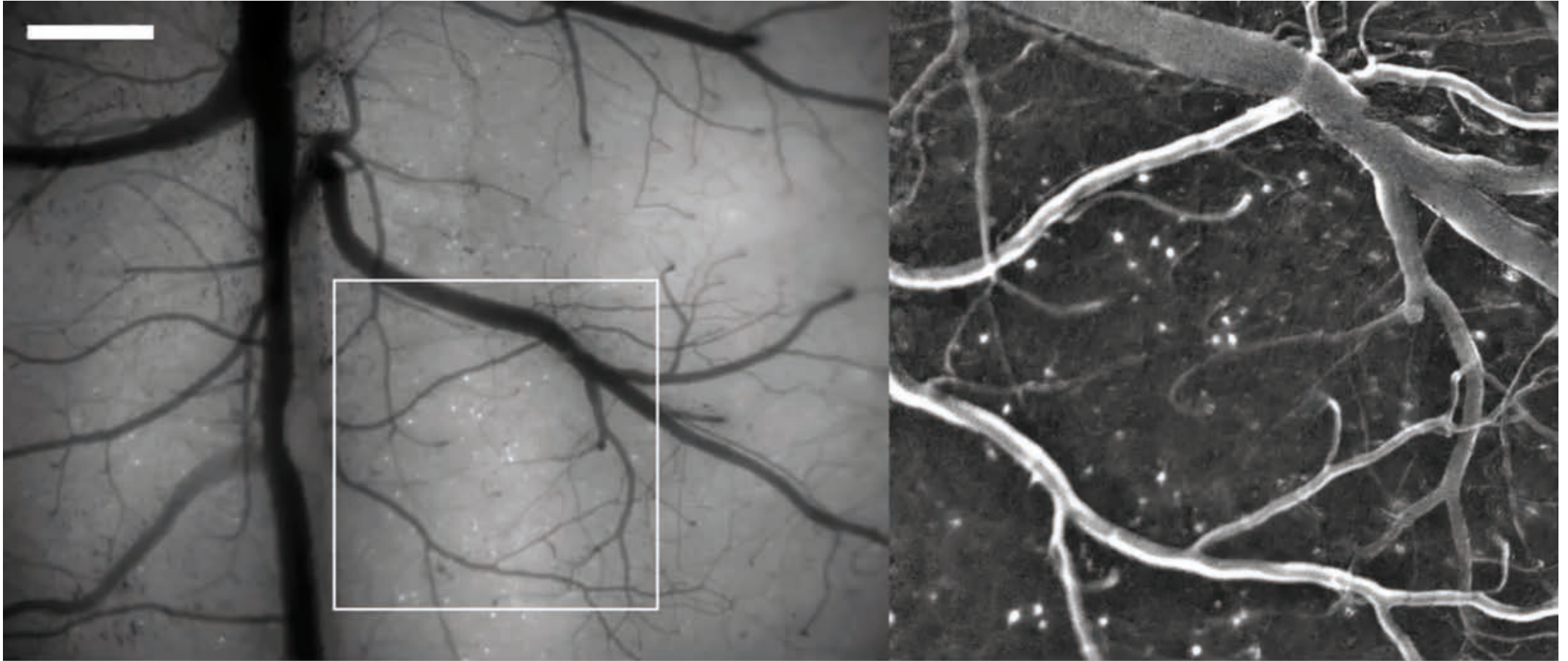
# Cytoskeleton



# A brain in action

Crystal skull

50,000 neurons in the outer layers of the brain.



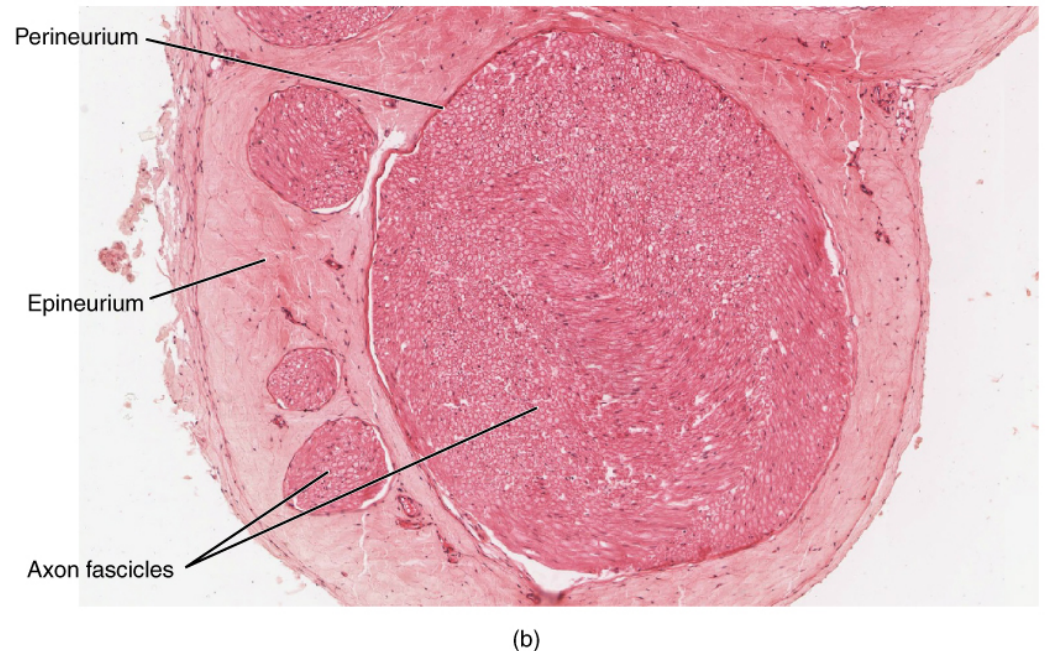
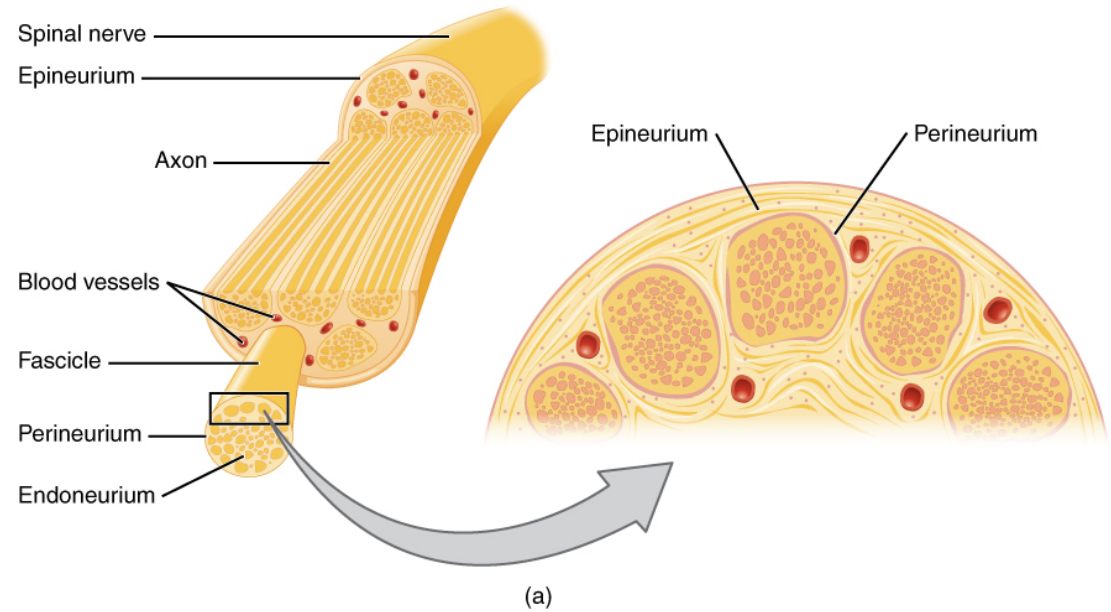
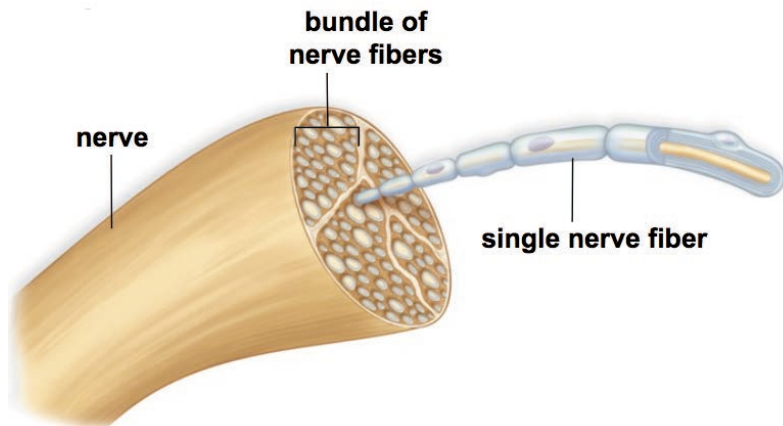
Kim T.H. et al. *Cell Rep.* 17, 3385-3394 (2016)

# Nerves

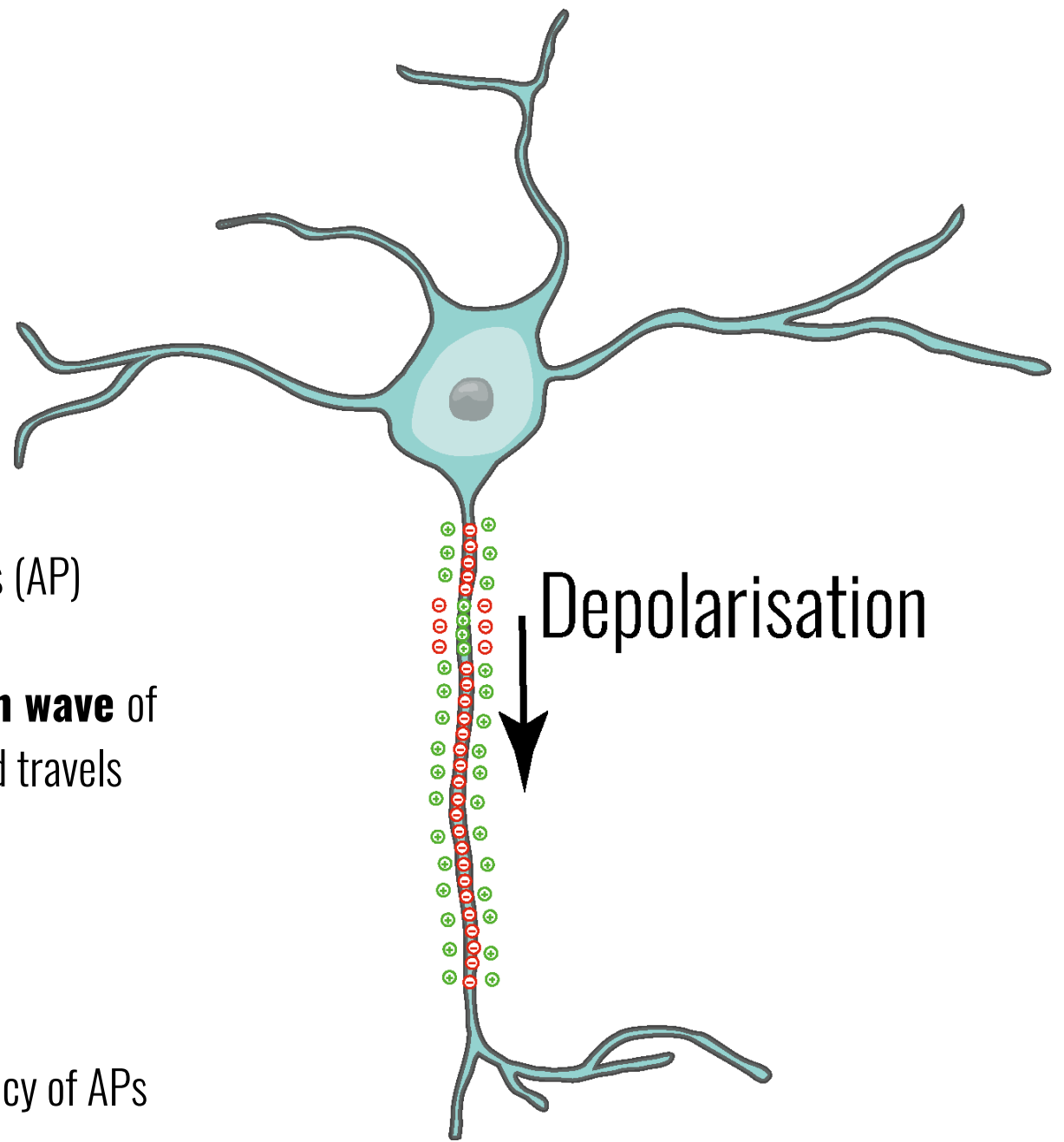
cable-like bundle of axons

**Afferent** nerves conduct signals from sensory neurons to the central nervous system, for example from the mechanoreceptors in skin.

**Efferent** nerves conduct signals from the central nervous system along motor neurons to their target muscles and glands.



# Nervous influx



The Nervous influx is a set of Action Potentials (AP)

An AP is the propagation of a **depolarisation wave** of the membrane that initiate in the cell body and travels down the terminations

~digital signal

Information coding by the number and frequency of APs

# Synapses

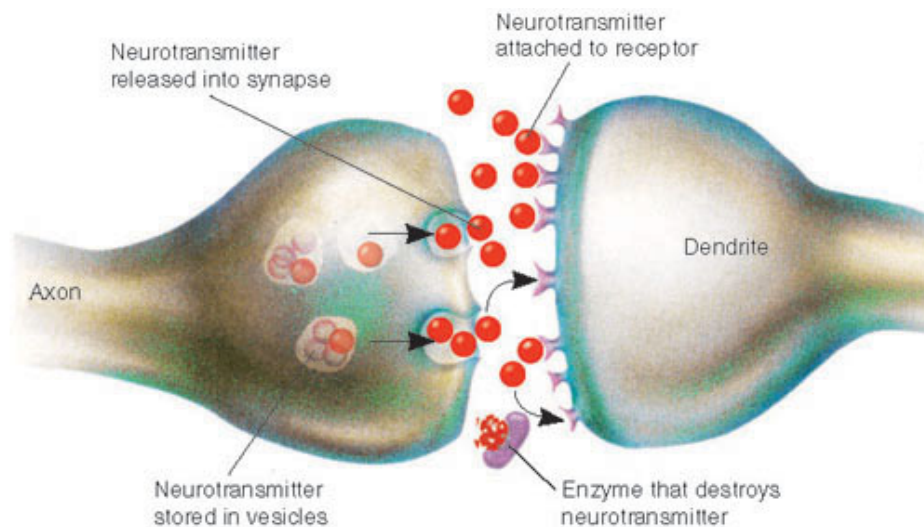
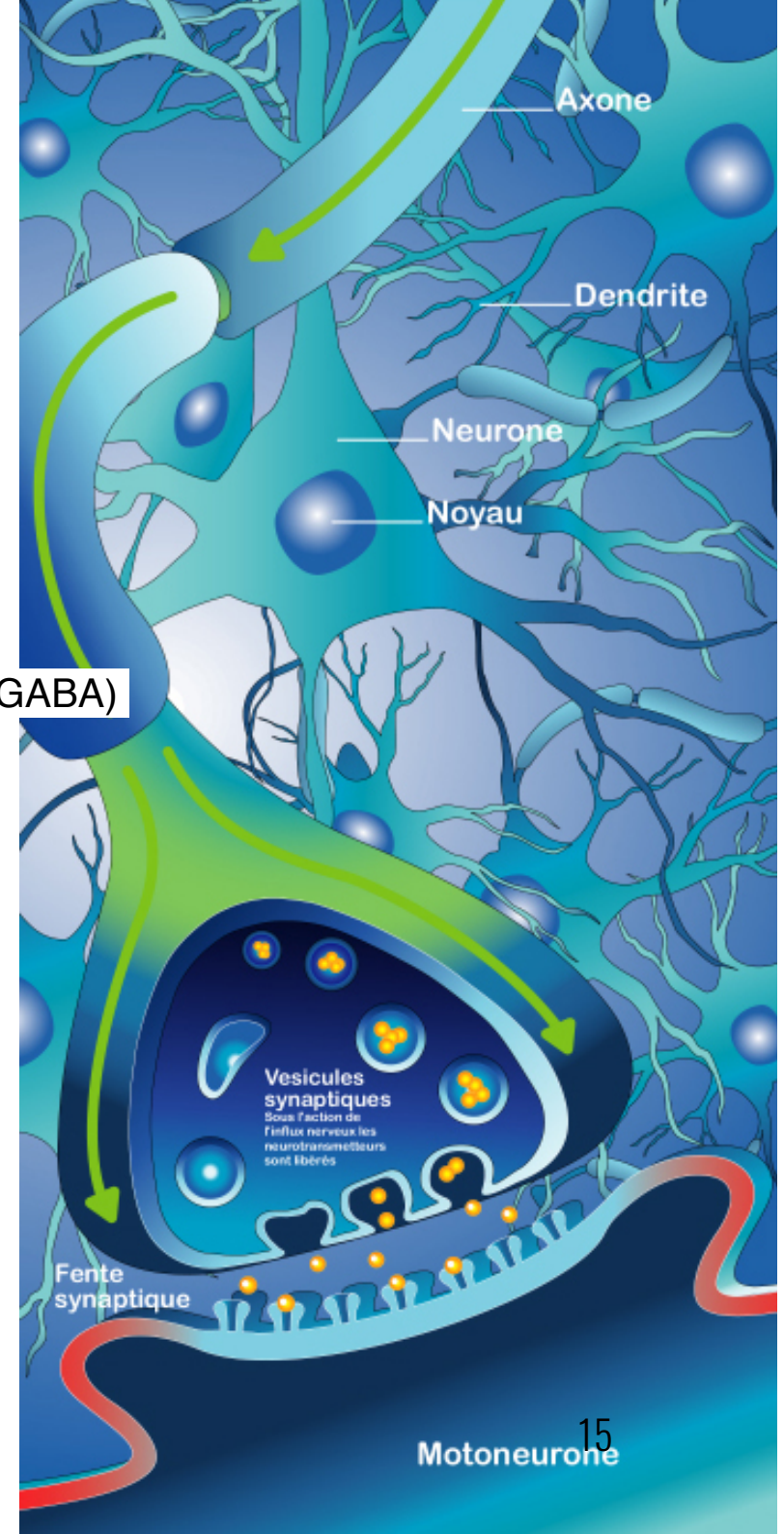
It is the zone of contact that spread between two neurons or between one neuron and another cell

Chemical synapse uses neurotransmitters

Electrical synapse

Synaptic cleft : between **10 and 40 nm**

- glutamate
- Serotonin
- Dopamine
- Adrenaline
- γ-aminobutyric acid (GABA)
- Acetylcholine
- Endorphin
- Oxytocin
- Glycine
- ....



# Synapses

Synapses transmit AP from one cell to another

Briefly :

The arrival of one AP in the synaptic cleft induces the progressive delivery of neurotransmitters

Diffusion of neurotransmitters in the cleft

Neurotransmitters are captured by receptors

Excitation or inhibition





# Synapses

The **synaptic potential** is

- Weak (0.1-10 mV)
- progressive (~analogic)
- Passive propagation (diffusion driven)
- hyperpolarisation, or depolarisation

The **Action potential** is

- High (70-110 mV)
- « all or nothing » (~digital)
- Active propagation
- depolarisation

# Axonal transport

Neurotransmitters are synthesised in the cell body

Diffusion is too long

Some axons can extend up to 1 meter

How NT are sent from the cell body down to the synapses?

- Vesicular transport

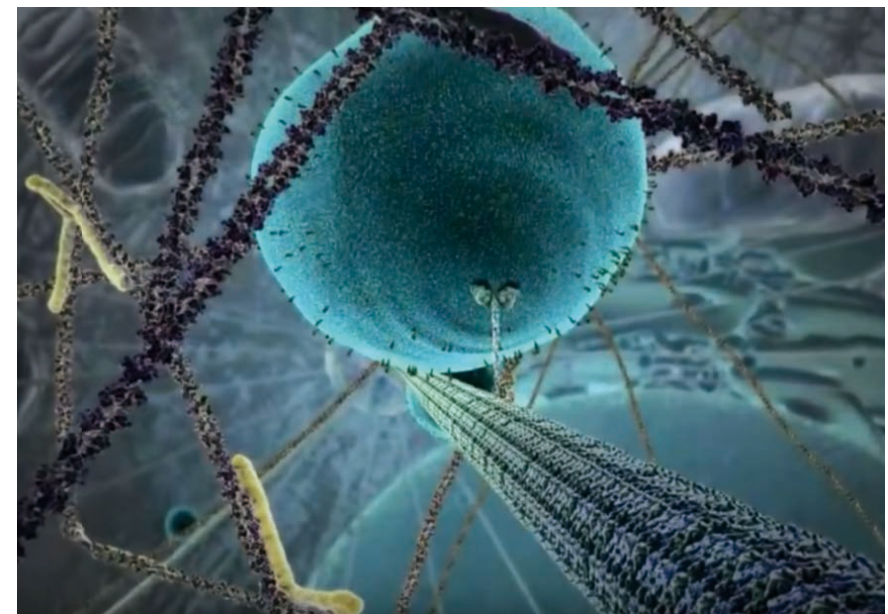
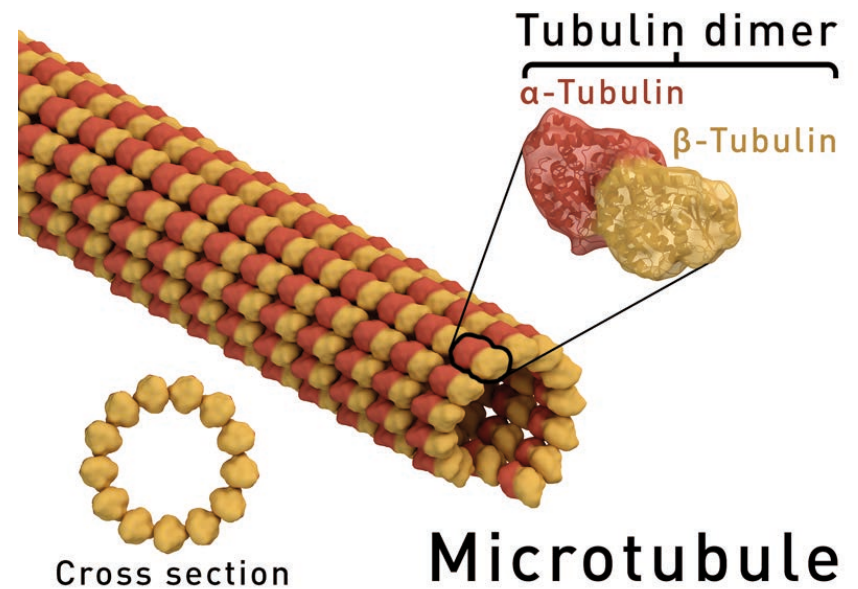
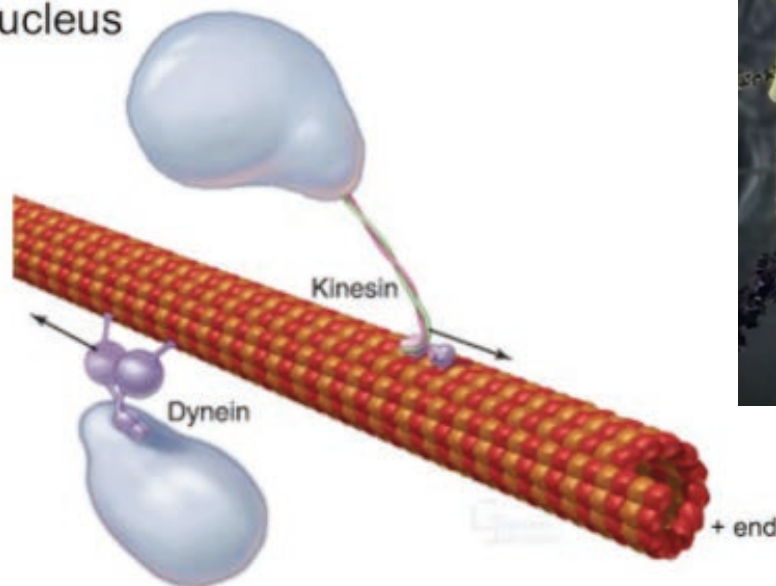
- Kinesin

- Toward +
- Away from nucleus

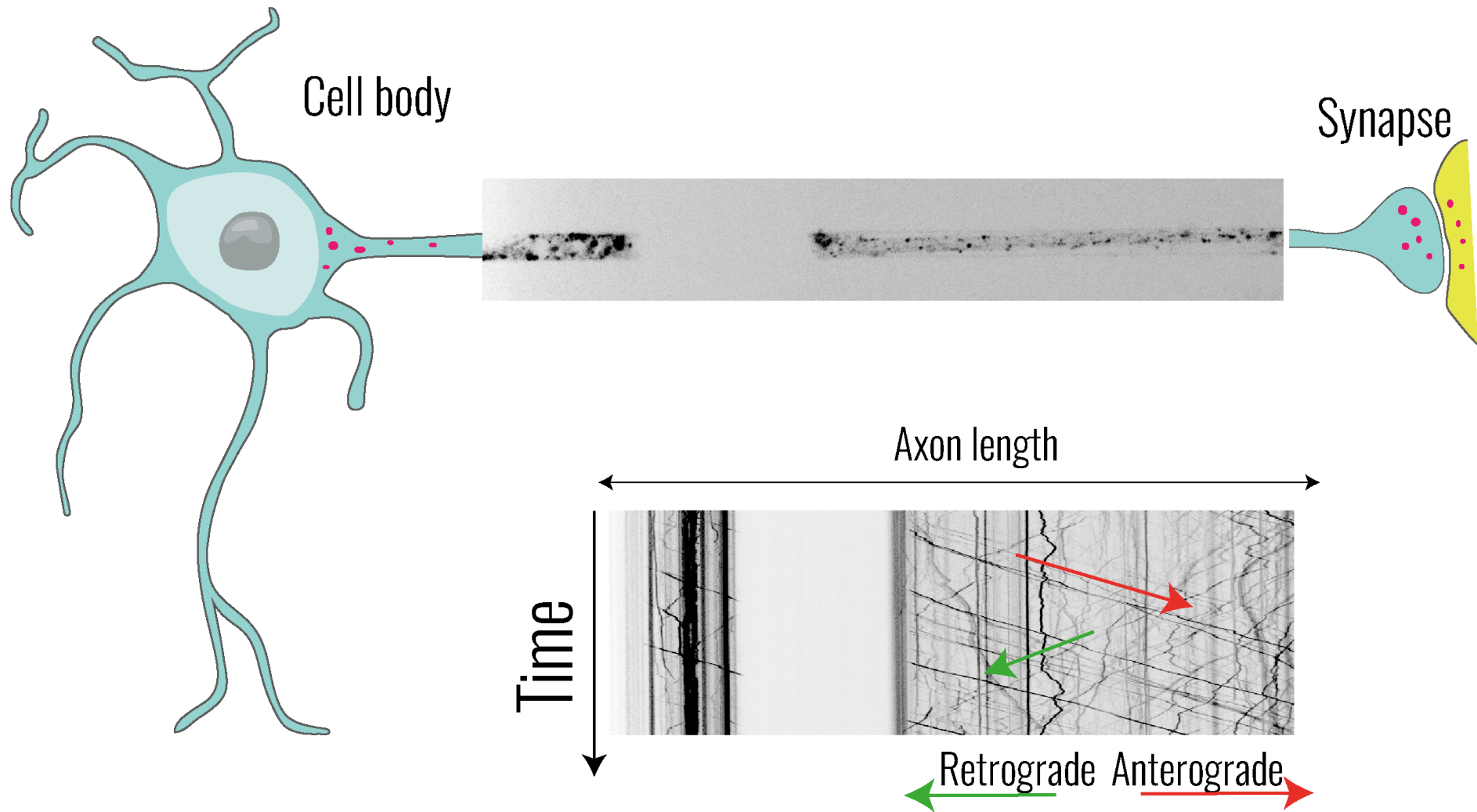
- Dynein

- Toward -
- Toward Nuc

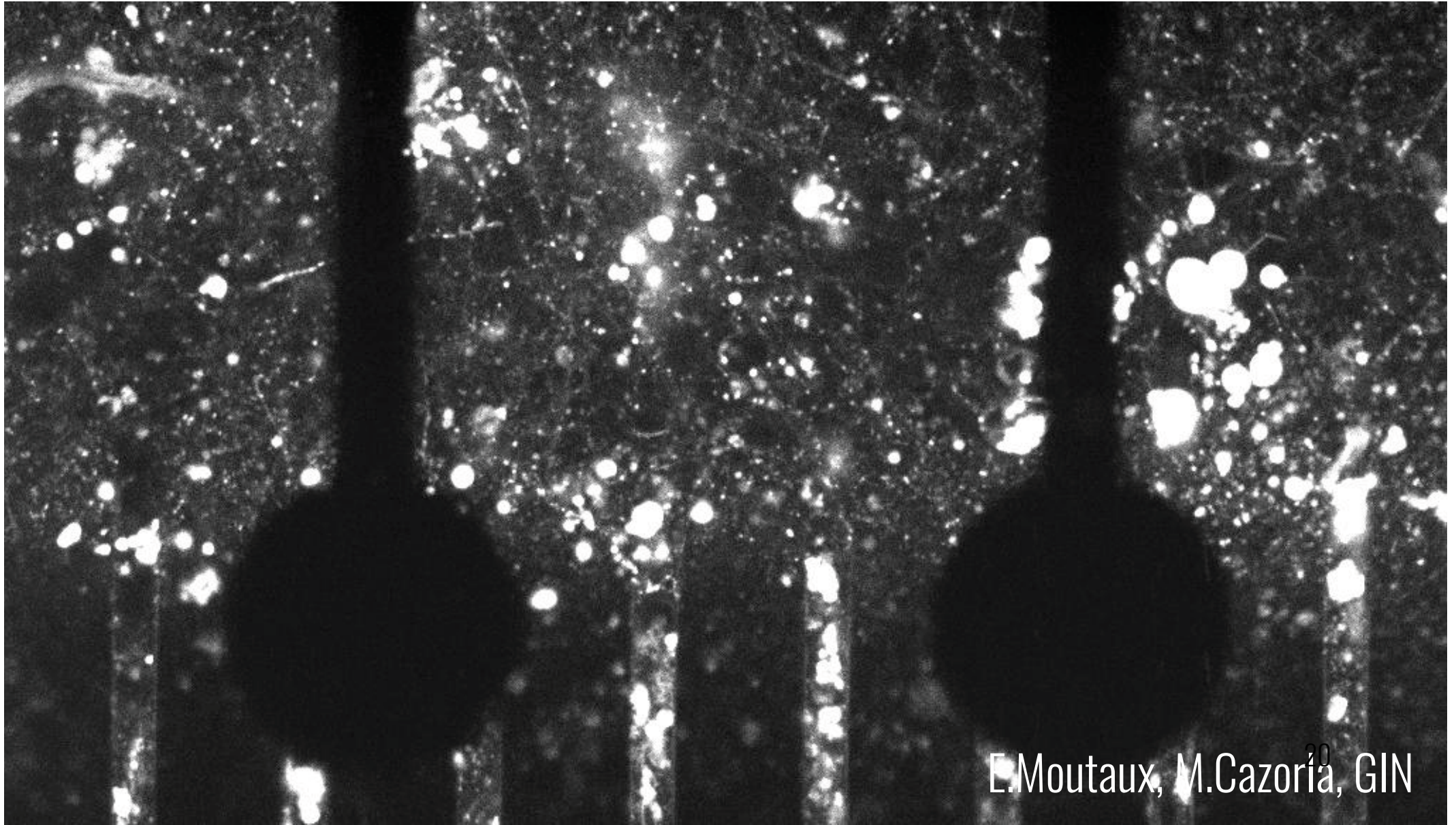
- 0.1-1  $\mu\text{m/s}$



# Axonal transport

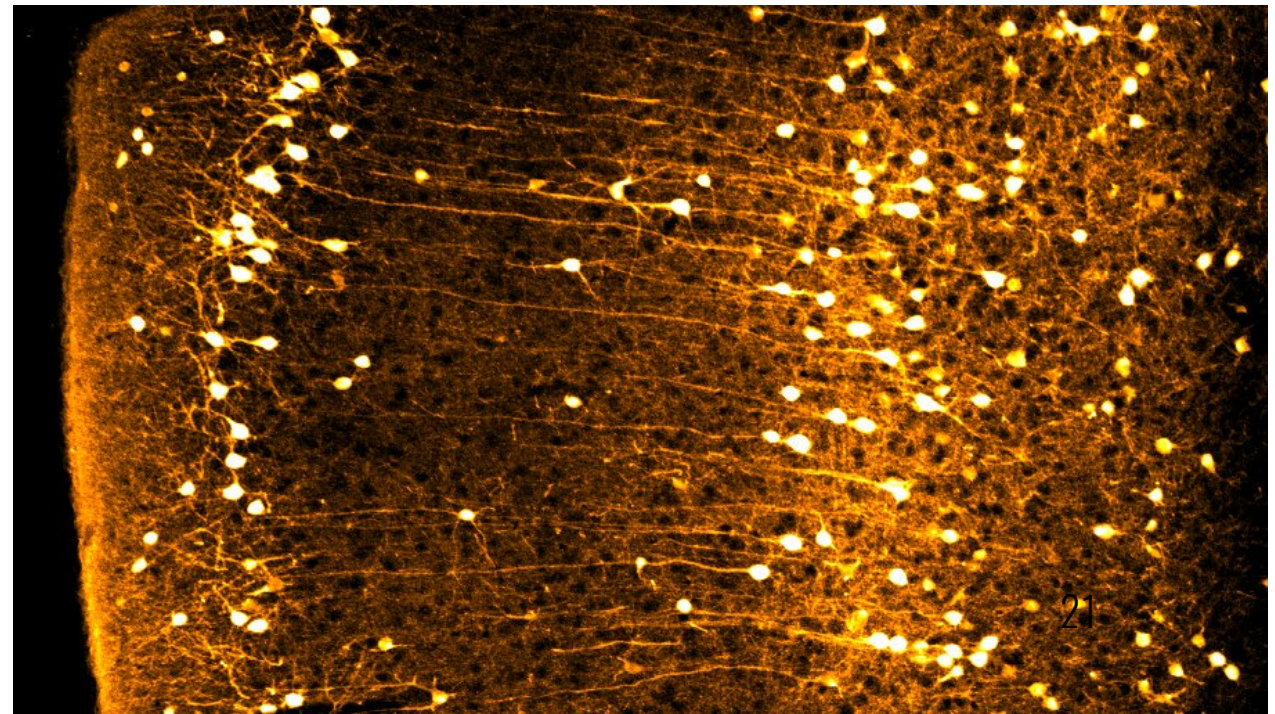
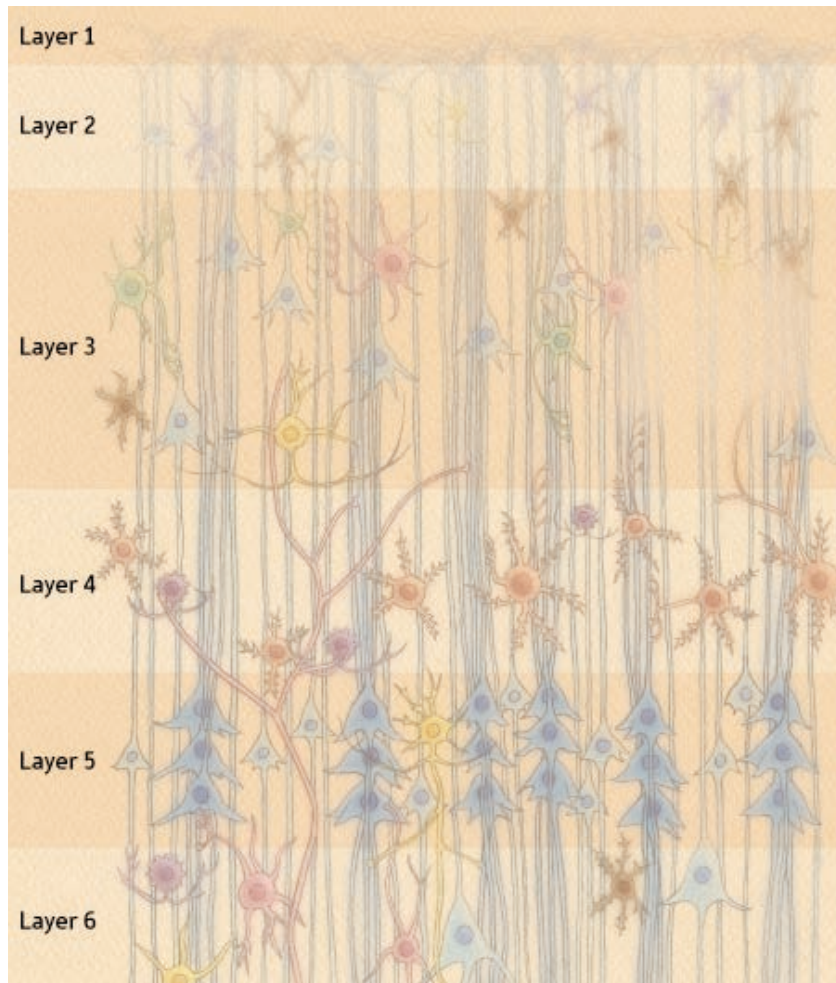
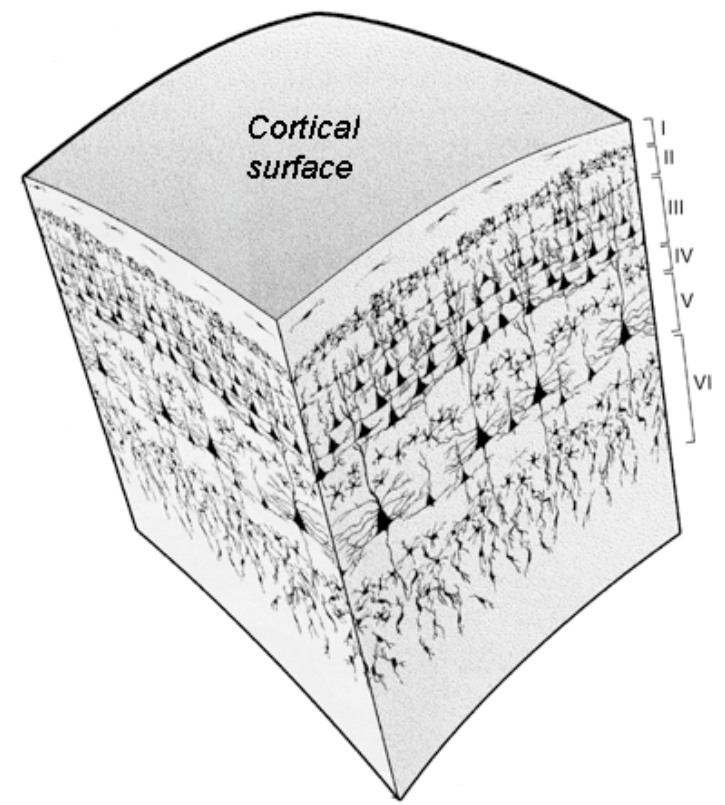


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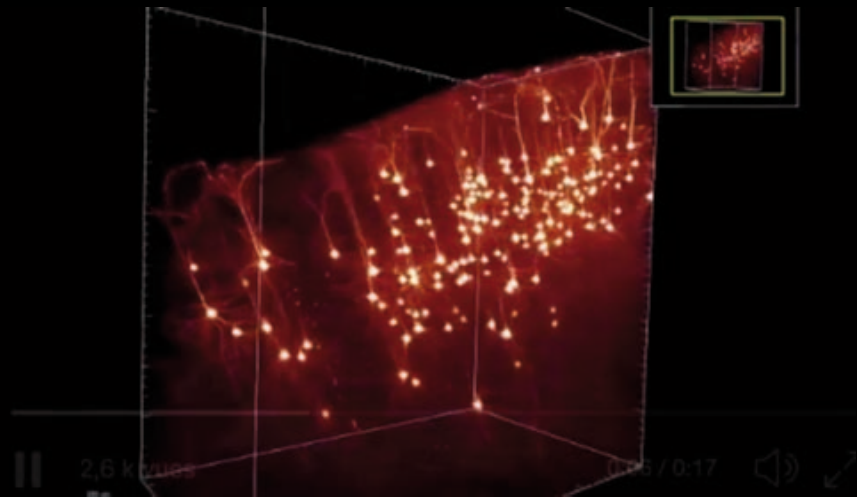


# Neuronal Network

## Cortical layers

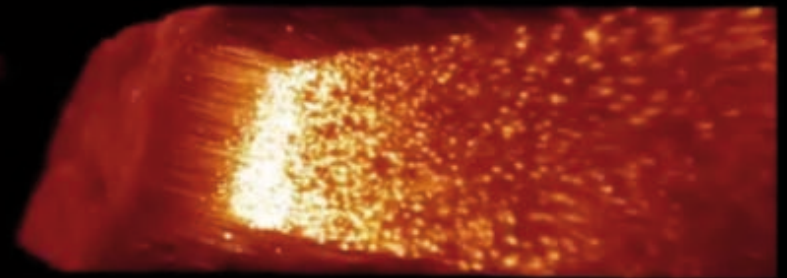


# Neuronal Network



Thy1-YFP

ASLM off



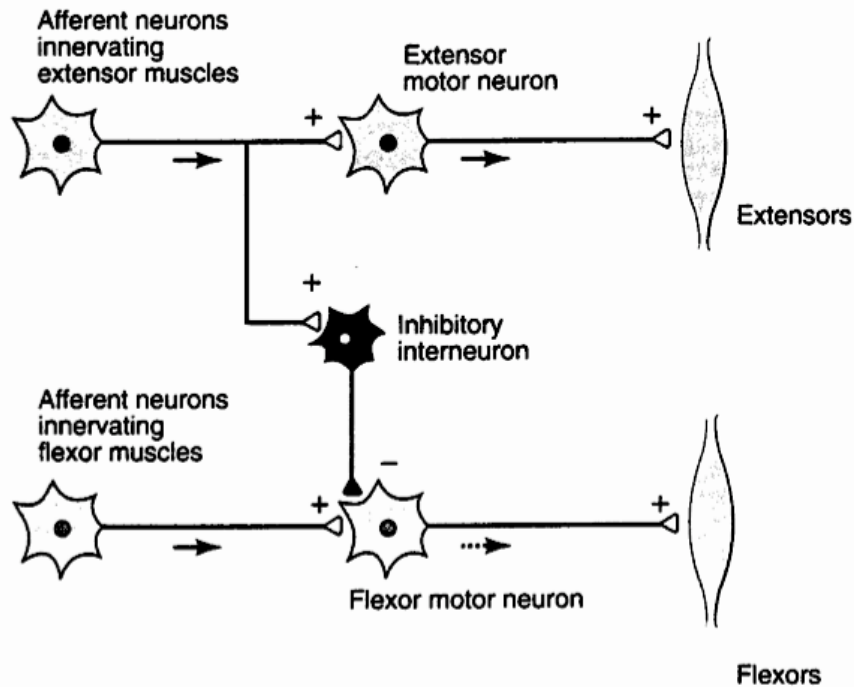
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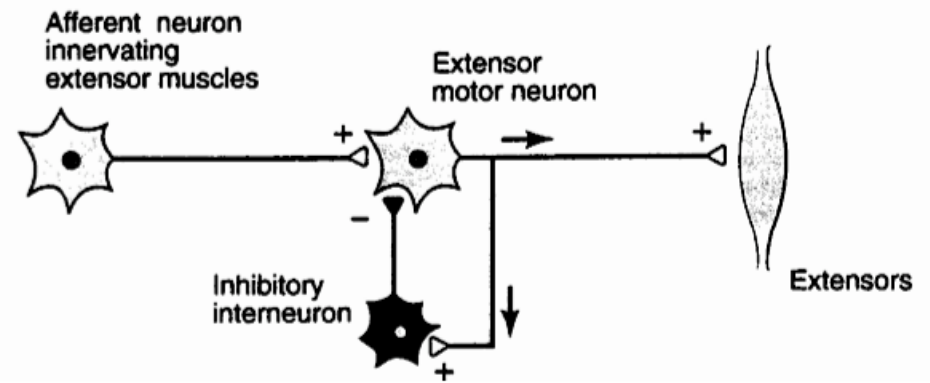
# Neuronal Network

Loops, positive Feedback , excitation and inhibition

**A** Feed-forward inhibition



**B** Feedback inhibition



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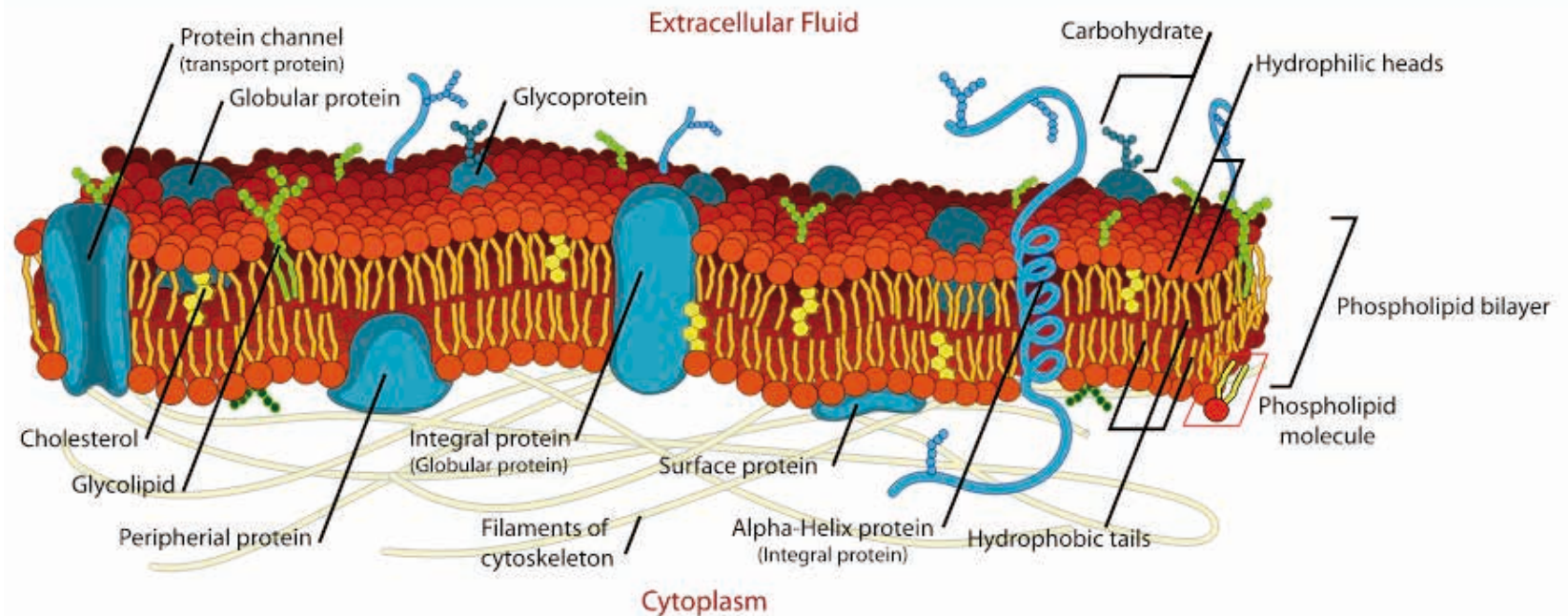
Neuroelectronic interfacing: Semiconductor chips with ion channels, nerve cells, and brain

Nanoelectronics and Information technology. Wiley-VCH 781-810

# Cell Membrane

Thickness **7nm**

Phospholipids  
Lipid bilayer



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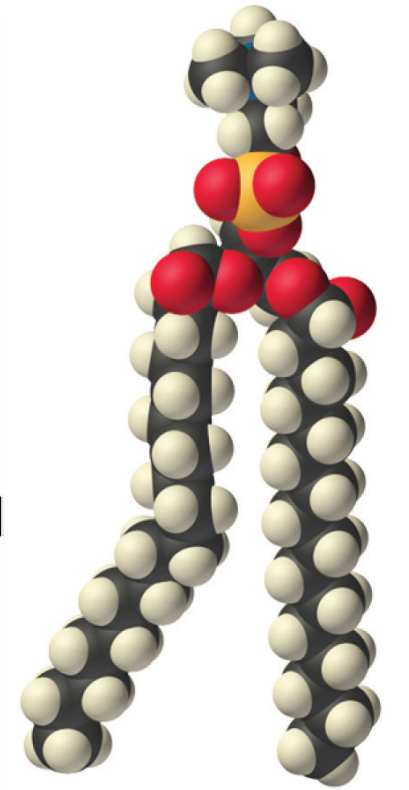
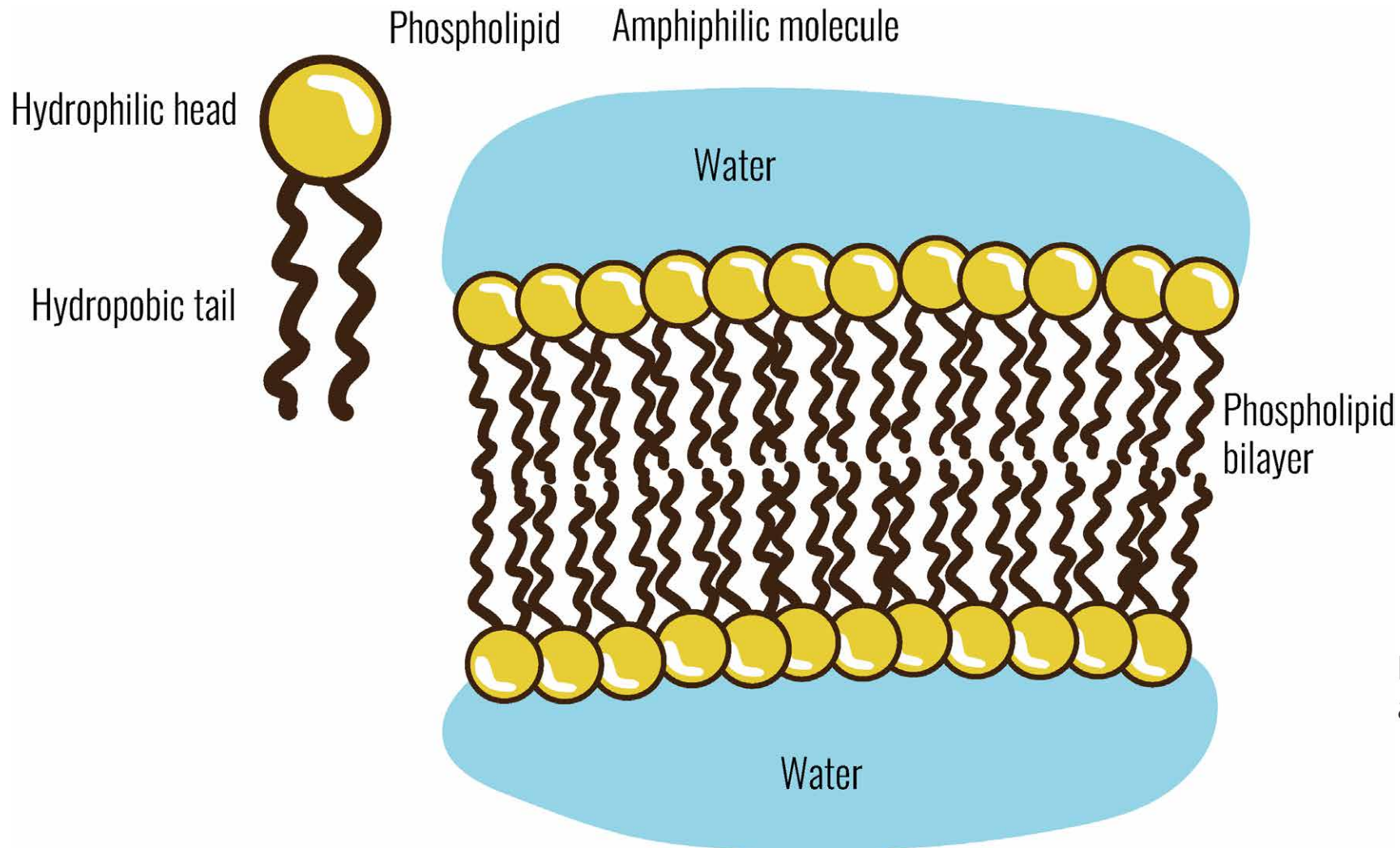
Cellular membrane divide intra and extracellular compartments

Ion concentrations in these compartments are different

This difference induce a voltage across the membrane



# Phospholipids



Phosphatidylcholine:  
a phospholipid

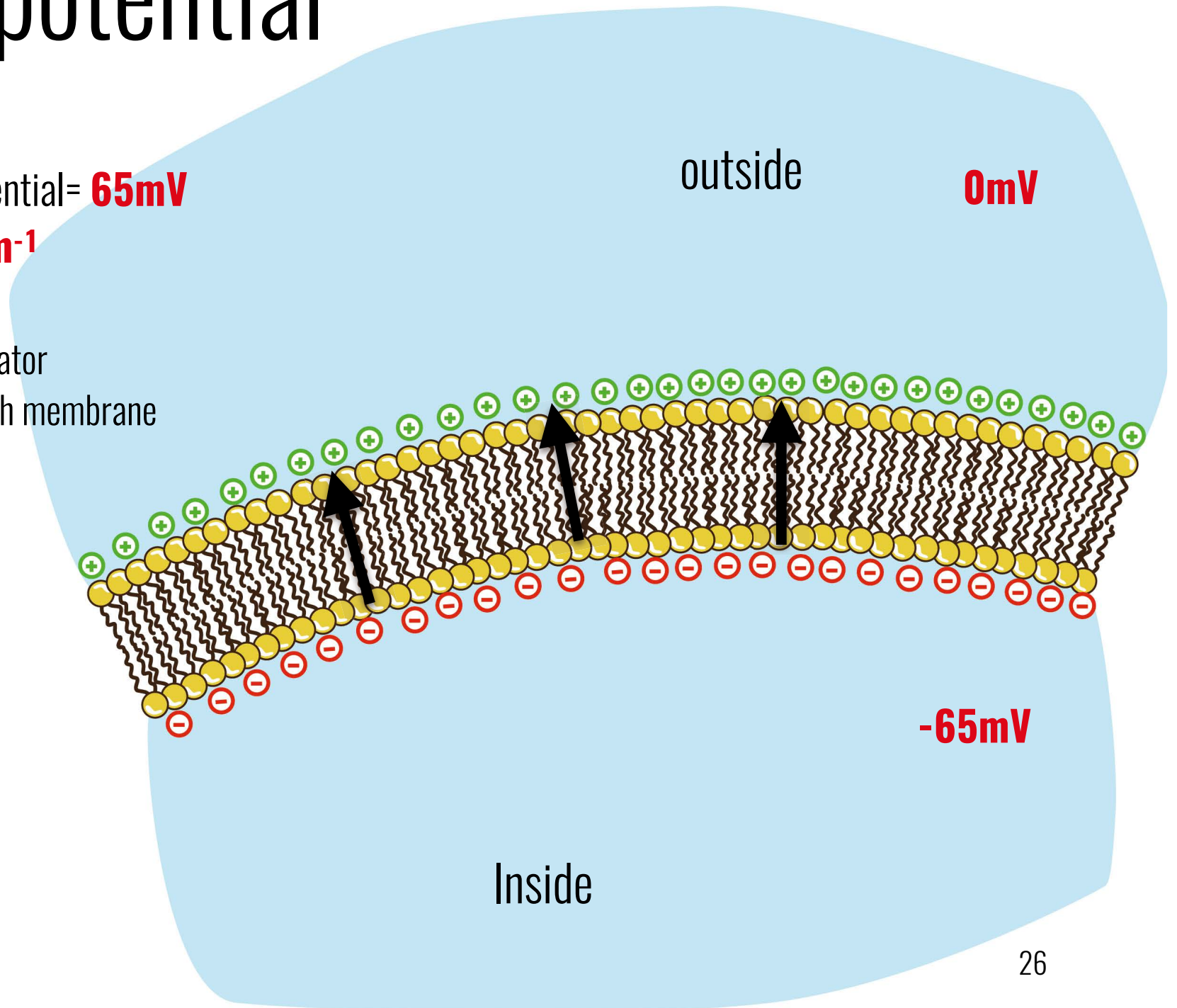
# Resting potential

Membrane resting potential = **65mV**

Electric field : **10MV.m<sup>-1</sup>**

The membrane is an insulator  
Ions can pass through with membrane  
proteins (with leaks)

Capacitance  
of membrane : **1  $\mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$**



# Ion charges

The electrochemical potential can be computed with **Nernst equation**

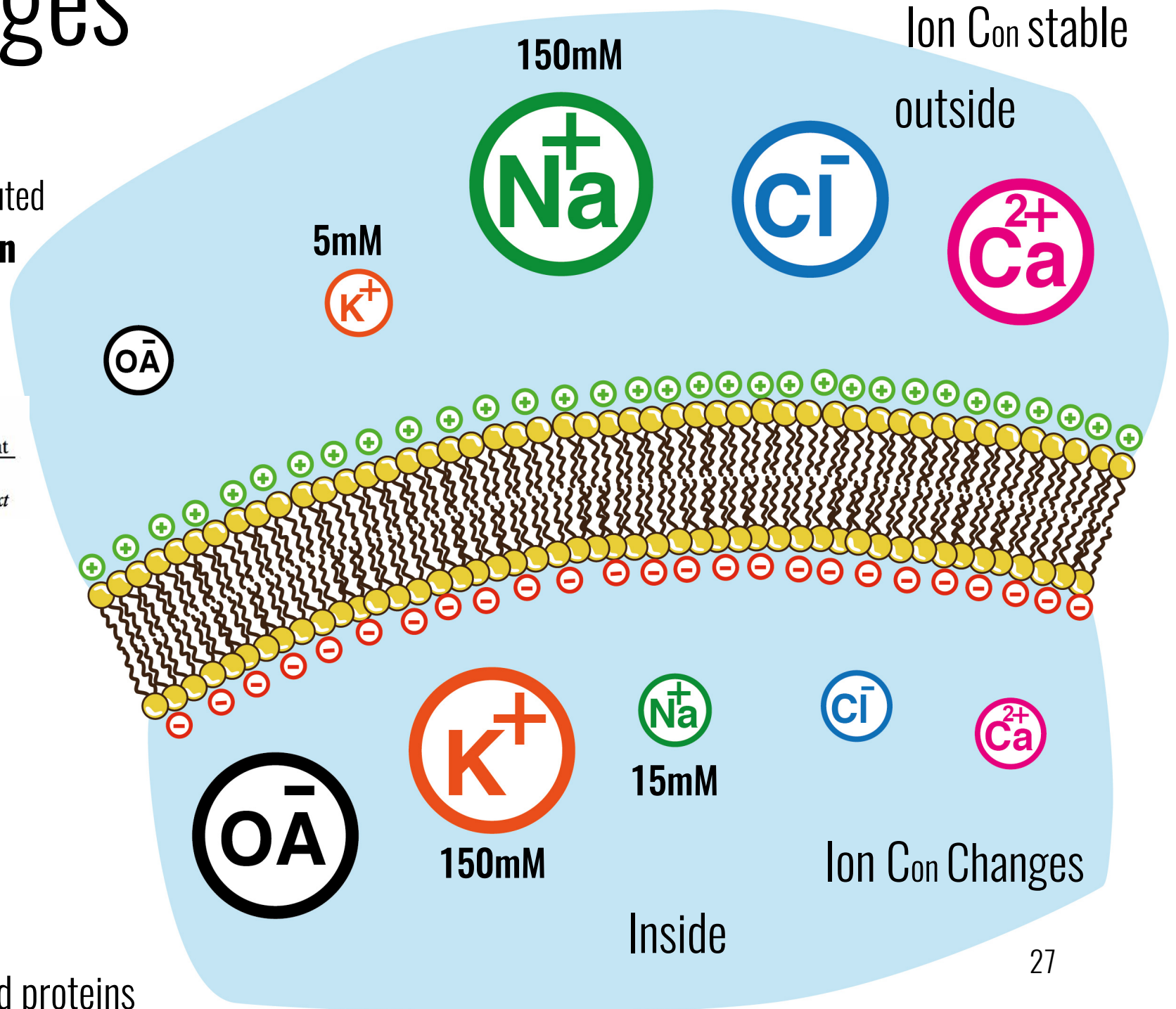
$$E_K = -\frac{RT}{ZF} \log \frac{[K]_{int}}{[K]_{ext}}$$

R : Perfect gazes constant  
 T : Absolute temperature  
 Zx: valence of ion ;  
 F : Faraday number

$$E_{Na} = + 64 \text{ mV}$$

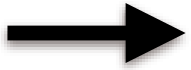
$$E_K = -90 \text{ mV}$$

Organic Ions : charged proteins



# Forces on ions

## Electrical forces



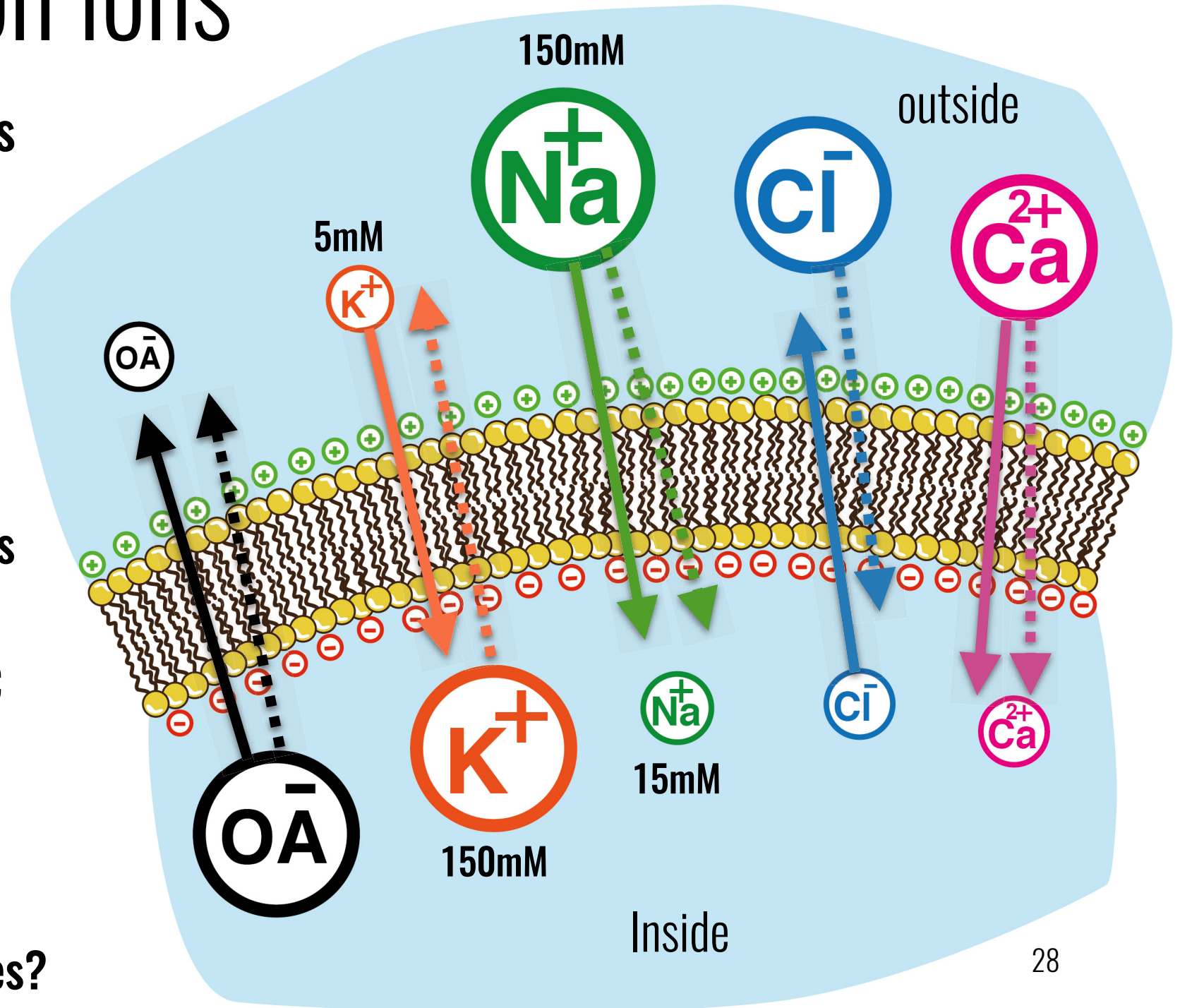
From - to +

## Diffusion forces



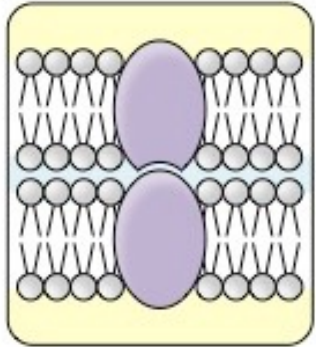
From high to low C

How ions passes?

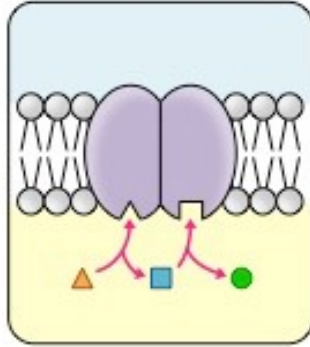


# Membrane Proteins

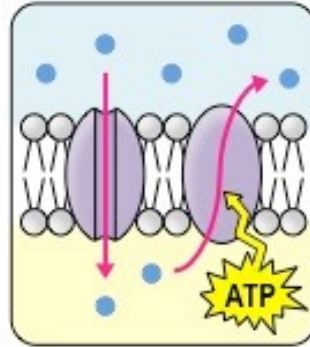
Molecules encaged in the membrane, several functions



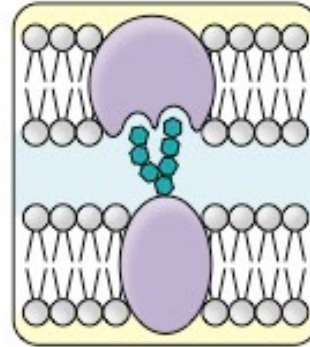
**Intercellular Joinings**



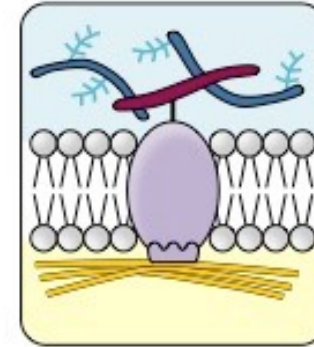
**Enzymatic Activity**



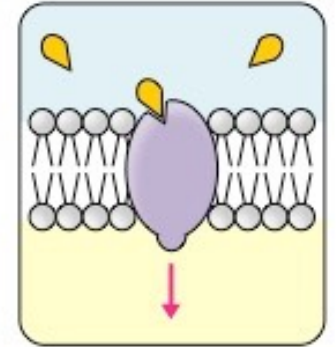
**Transport (Active / Passive)**



**Cell-Cell Recognition**



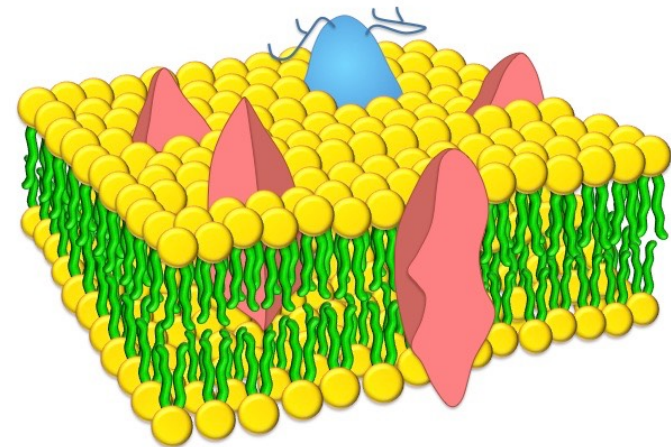
**Anchorage / Attachment**



**Signal Transduction**



These ones are interesting for Action Potential



# Ion Channels

Ion Channels are membrane proteins gating the flow of ions across the cell membrane

Selective valves permeable to unique ion species

The rate of ion transport :  $10^6$  ions/s

There are over **300** types of ion channels in a living cell

## Passive Ion Channels

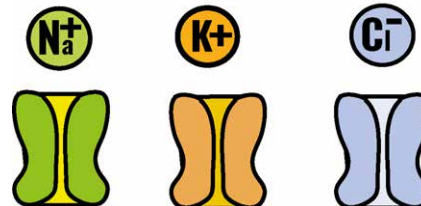
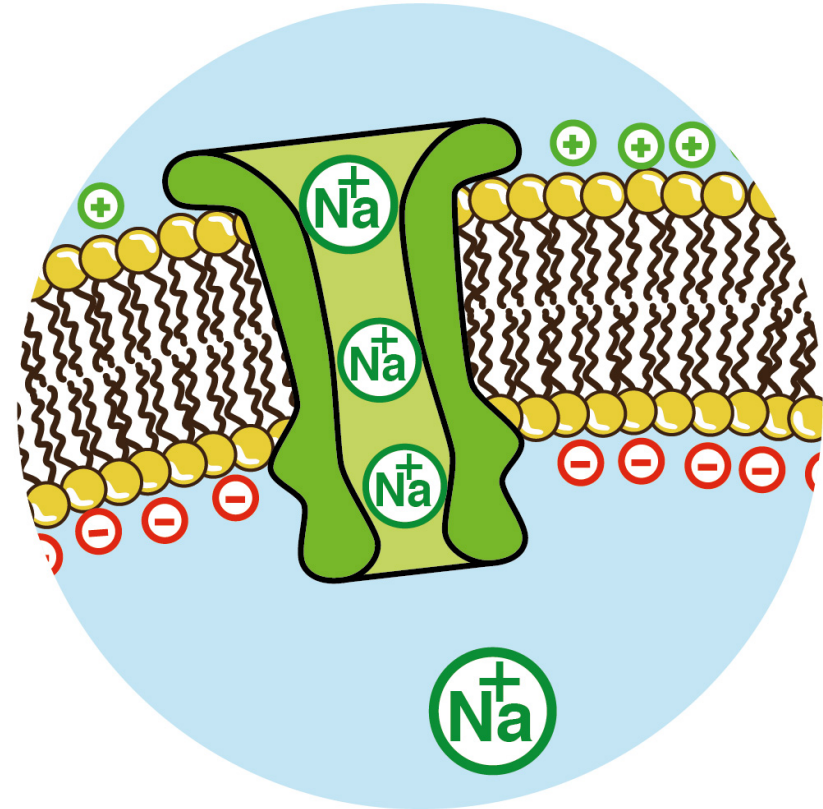
Found on dendrites, cell body, and axon.

## Chemically-gated Ion Channels

Found on dendrites & cell body

## Voltage-gated Ion Channels

Found on axon hillock, unmyelinated axons and at nodes of Ranvier on myelinated axons.



# Ion Channels

Ion channels are **passive** valves (driven by electrochemical gradient)

≠ membrane pumps

No use of metabolic energy

**-Voltage dependants**

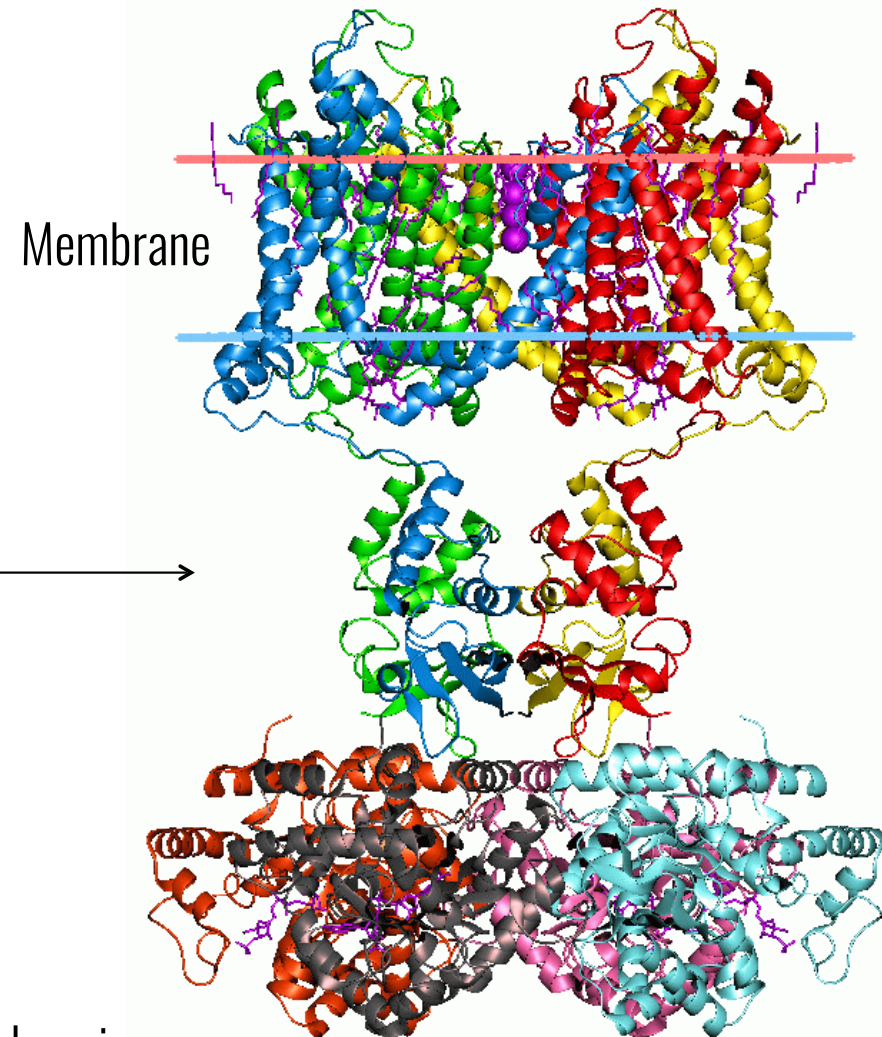
**Na<sup>+</sup>, Sodium**

**Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Calcium**

**K<sup>+</sup>, Potassium**

**Cl<sup>-</sup>, Chloride**

**H<sup>+</sup>, protons**



The opening and closing of the channels are triggered by changing ion concentration

# Ion Channels

## Other type of Ion channels

-Ligand-gated ion channel : opens with the binding of neurotransmitters : GABA, Glutamate, serotonin, ATP, nicotin...

-Inwardly rectifying potassium channels (Cl, K, Na, Ca, H)

-Calcium-activated potassium channel

-Light-gated ion channel : **Channelrhodopsin**

Optogenetics !!

-Mechanosensitive channels (Piezo, TREK)

Thermal stimulation

-Temperature-gated channels (TRPV)

**We can observe them at work !!**

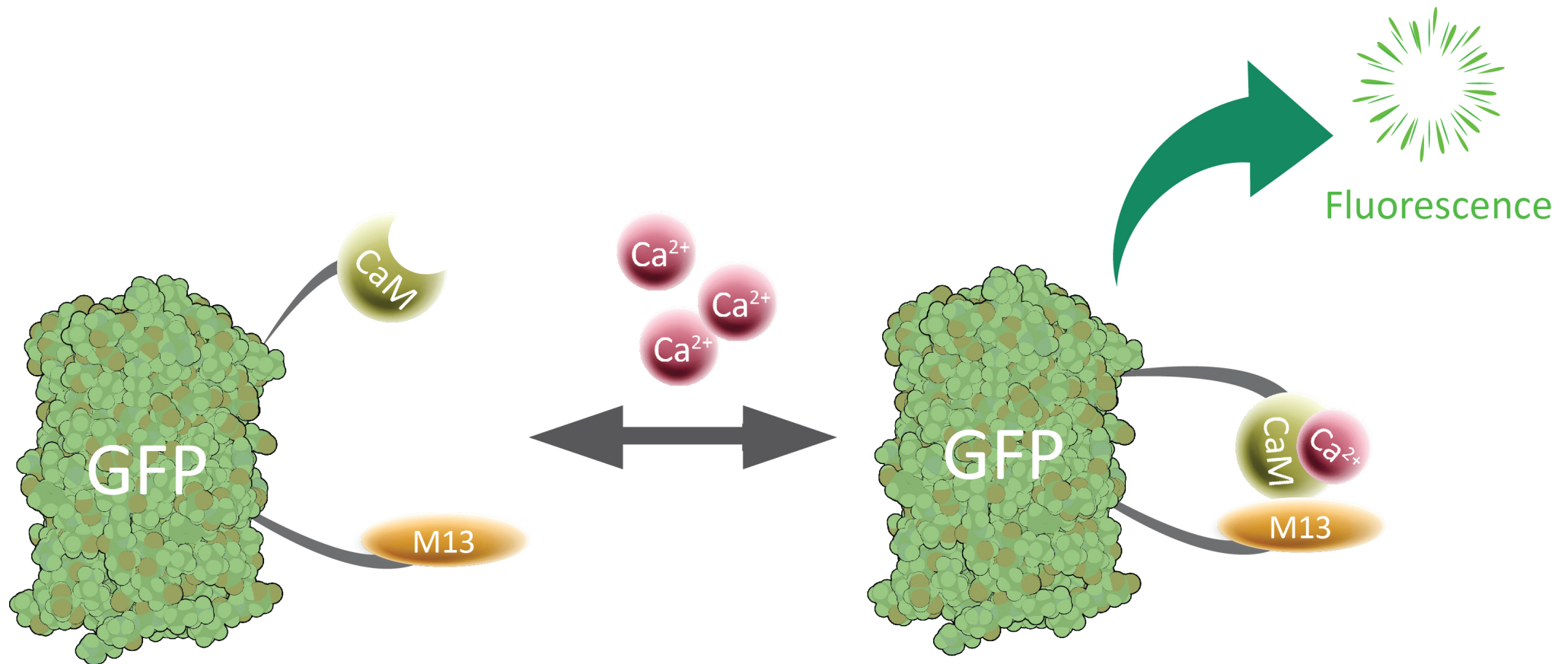


# Calcium imaging

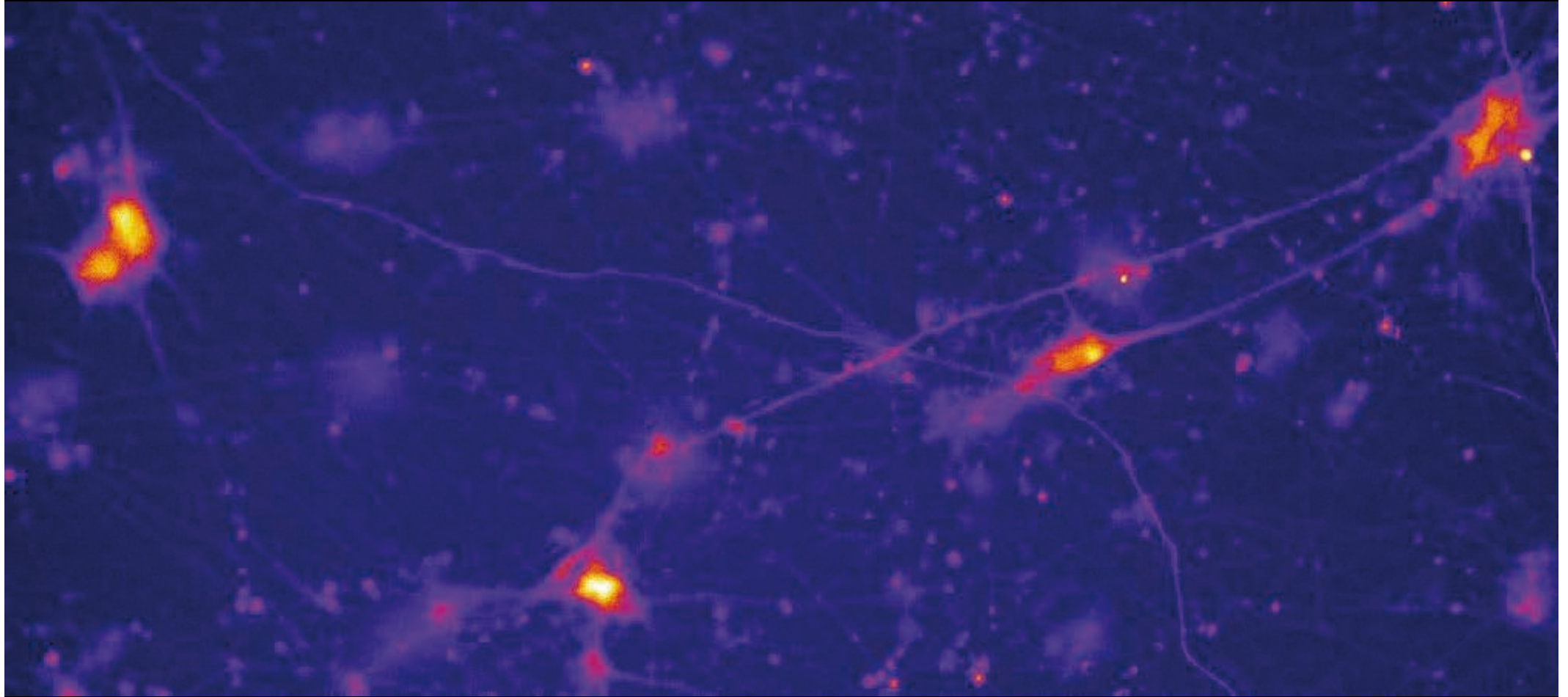
fluorescent molecules that can respond to the binding of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions by changing their fluorescence properties.

Chemical indicators (FURA, FLUO 3,...)

Genetically encoded calcium indicator (GCaMP)



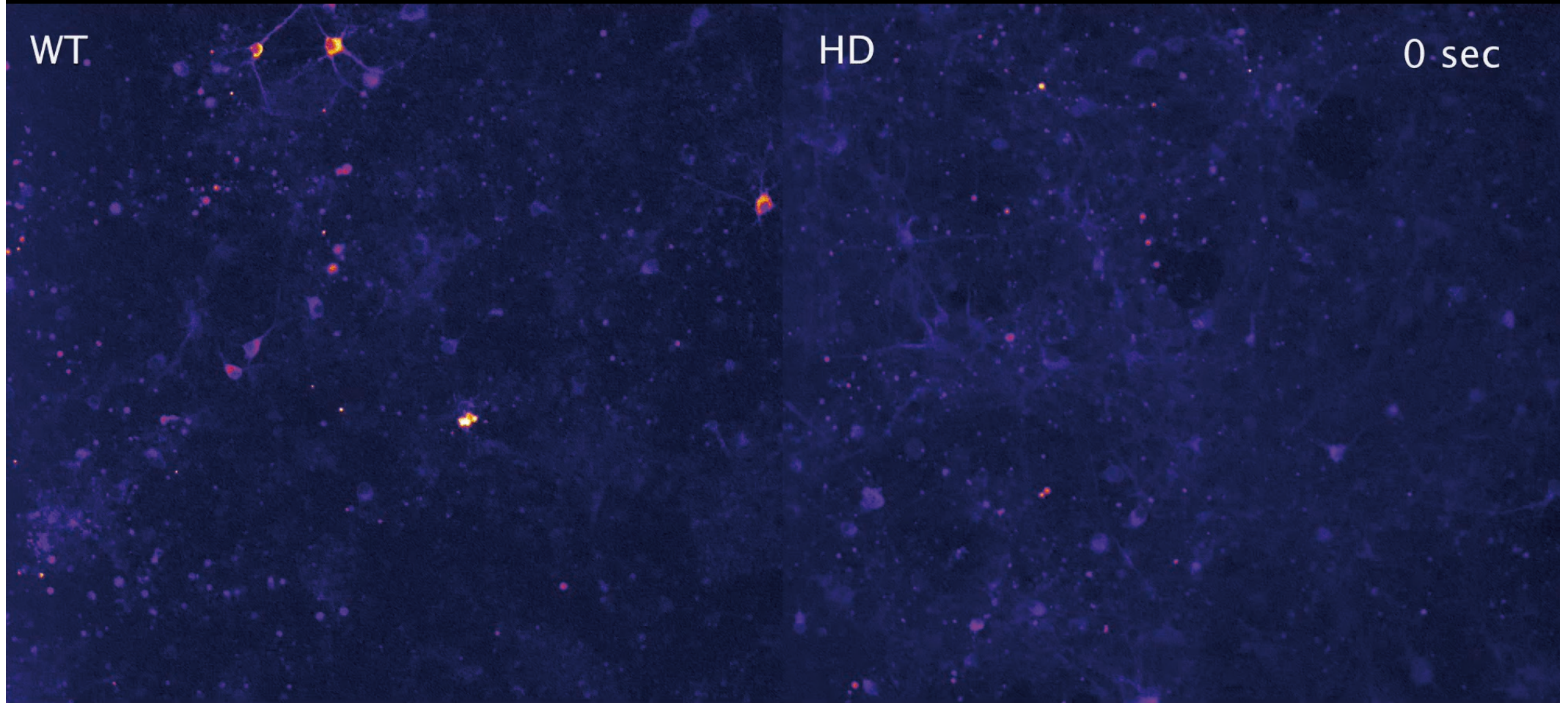
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GCaMP 6F calcium indicator

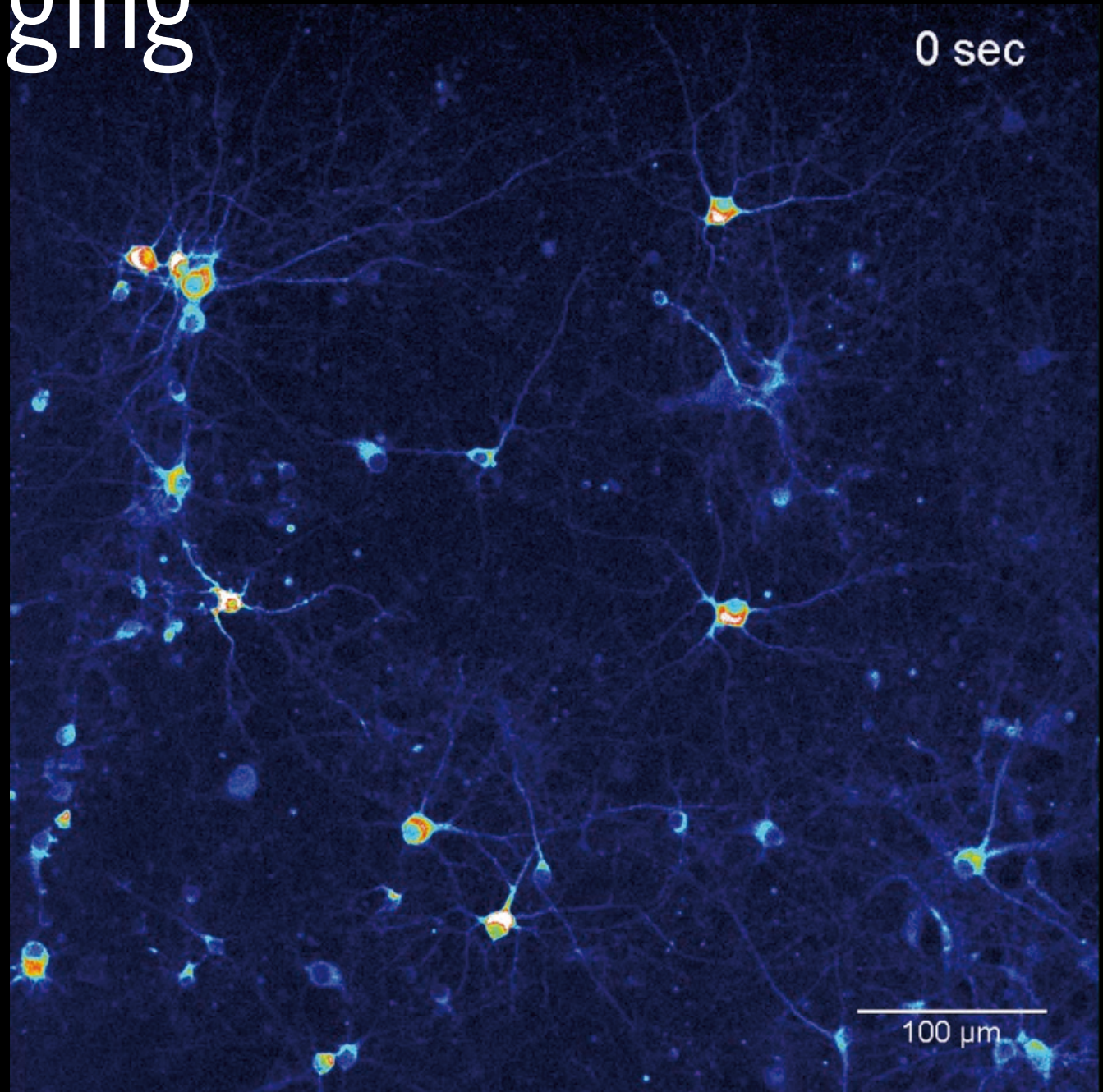
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# Calcium imaging



# Calcium imaging

Synchrony



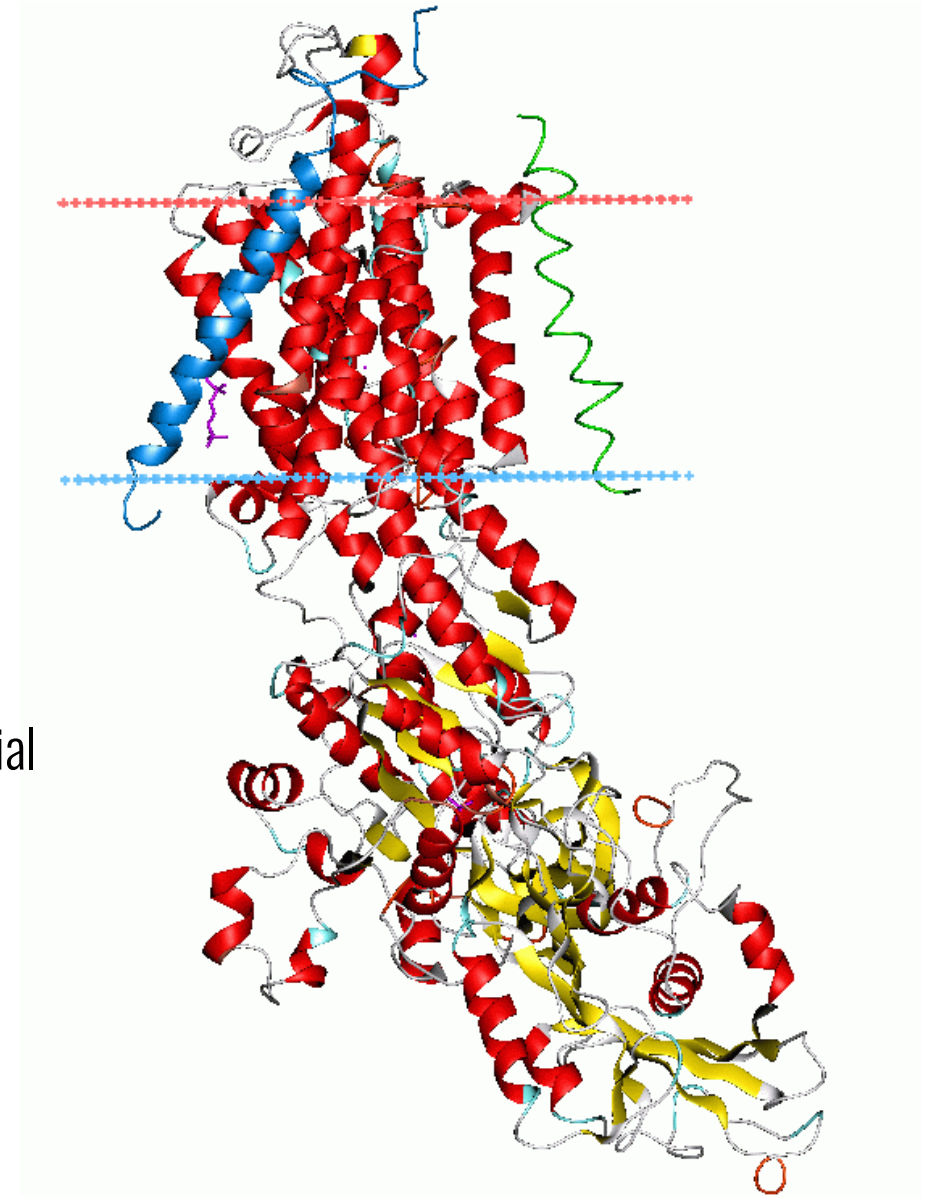
# Ion pumps

Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> -ATPase

Ion pumps are enzymes that pumps sodium out of cells while pumping potassium into cells, both against their concentration gradients.

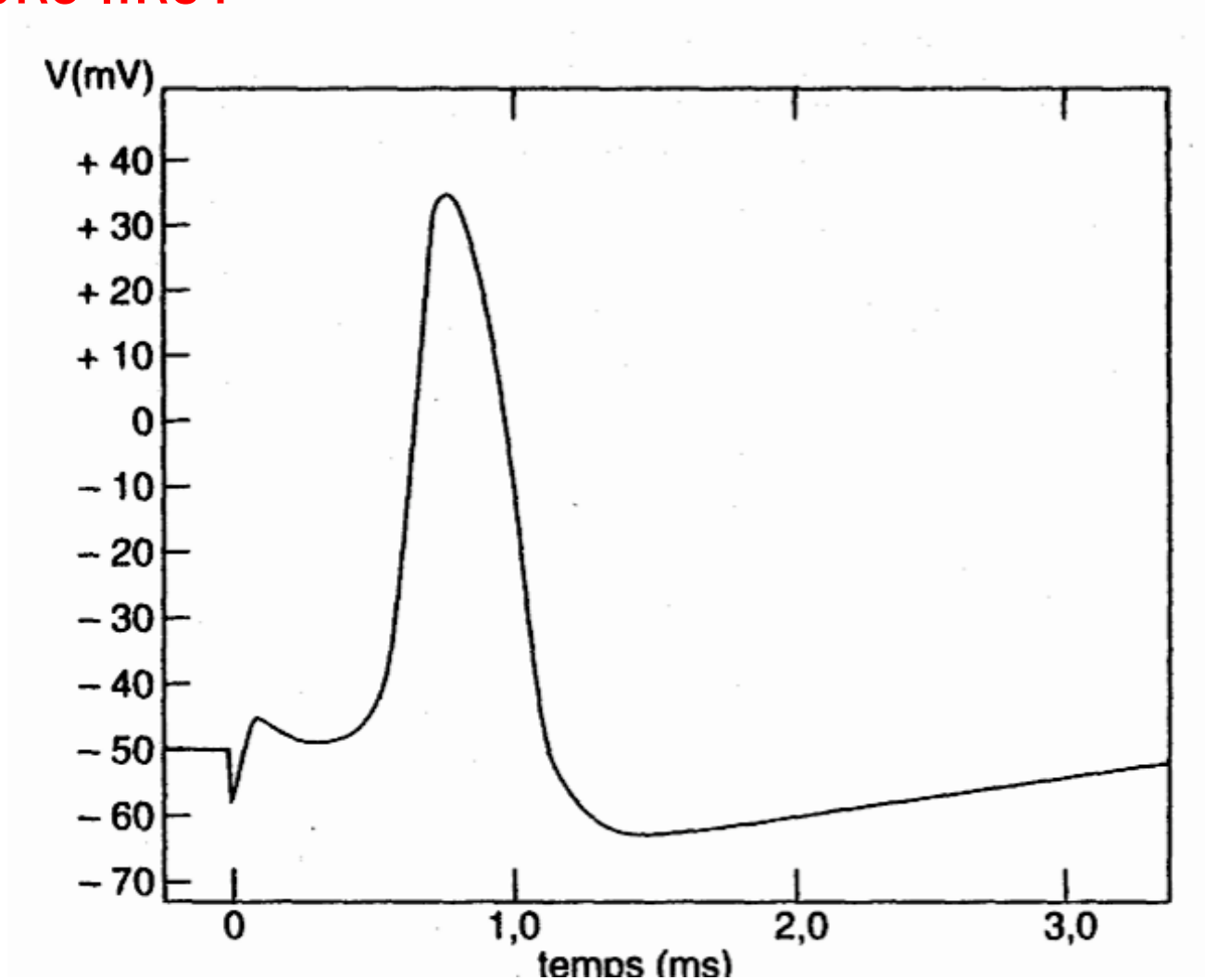
Active process (consumes ATP)

Responsible for the generation of the resting membrane potential



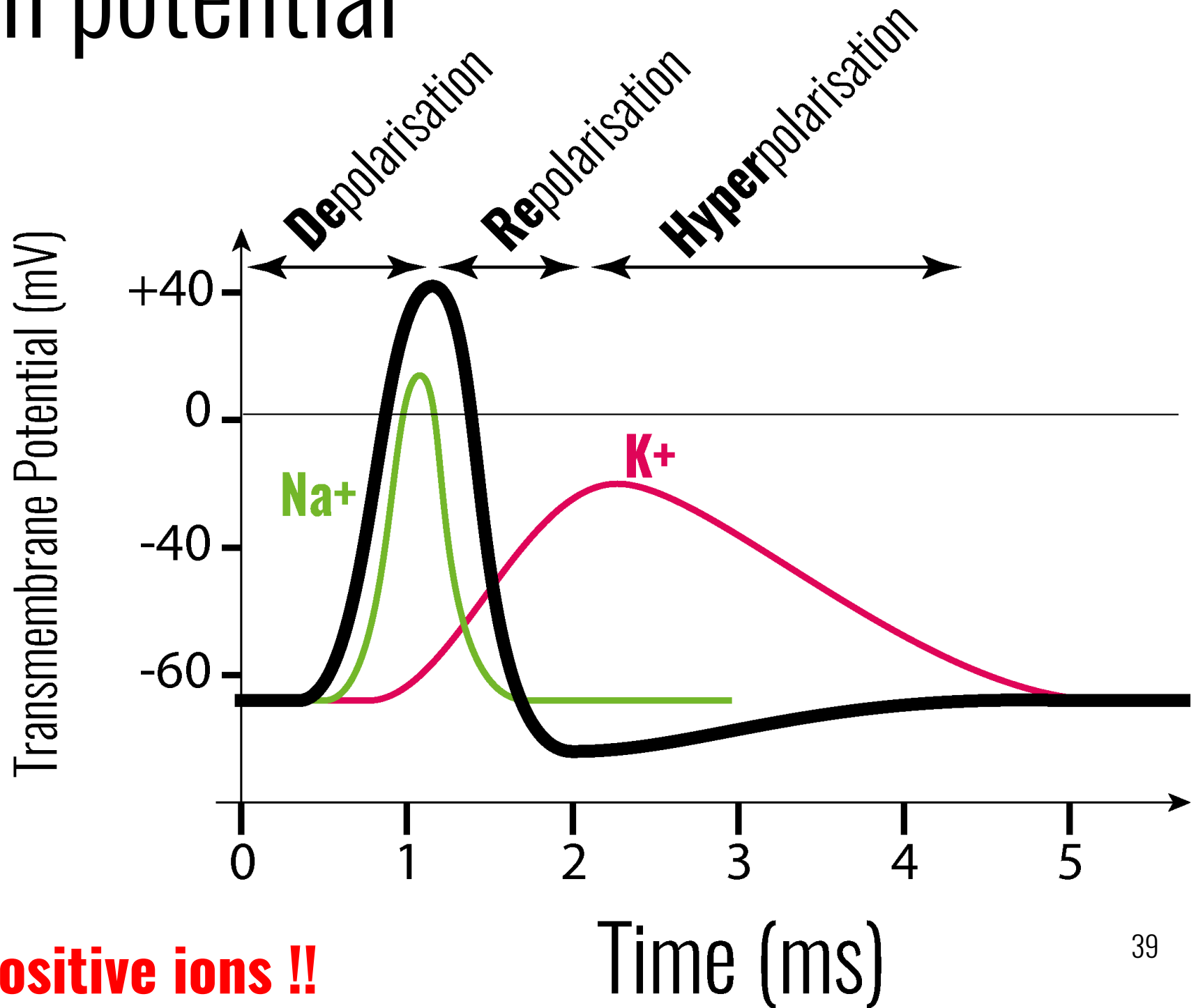
# Action potential

What it looks like?



**Intracellular recording of a giant squid axon under current Stimulation** <sup>38</sup>

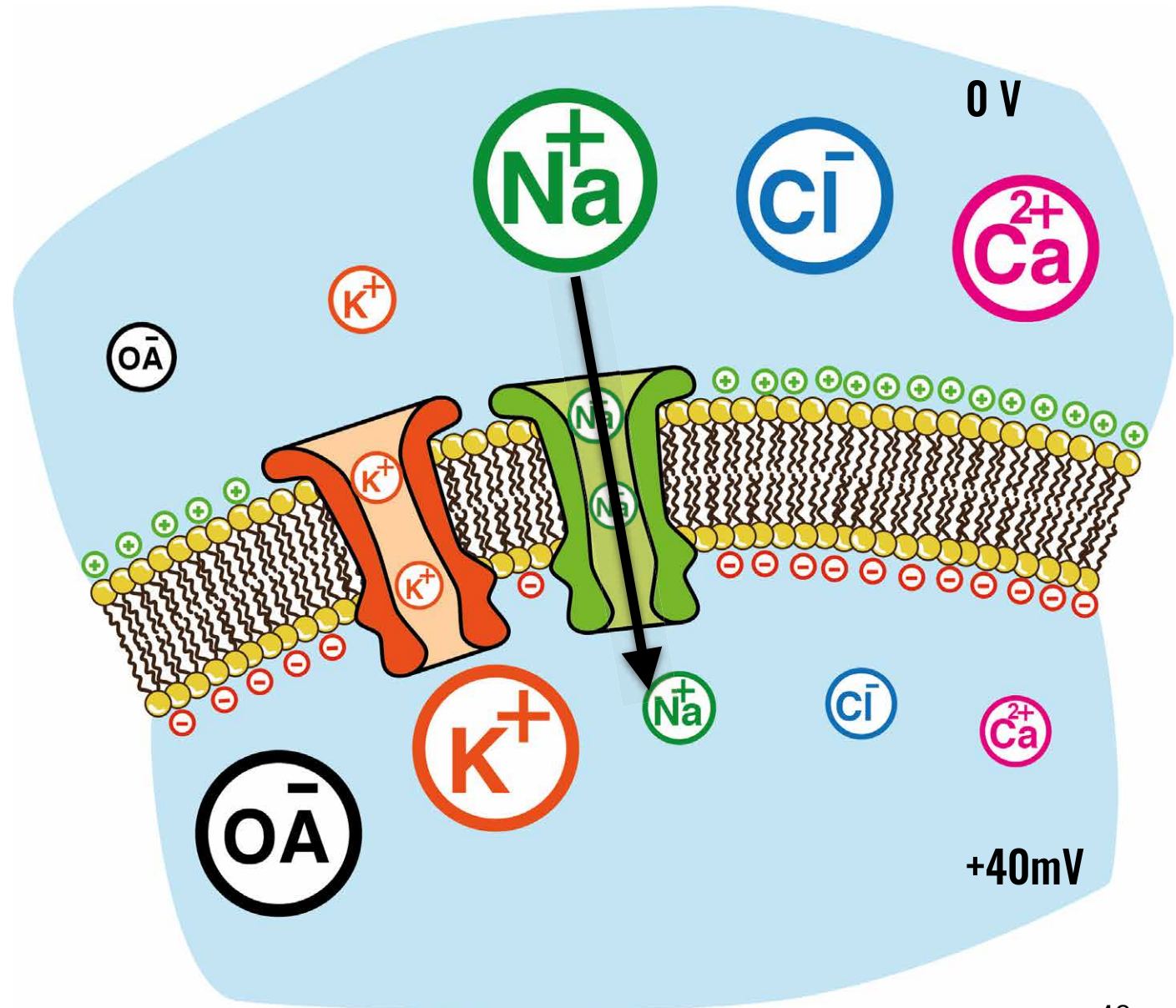
# Action potential



**Only positive ions !!**

# Action potential

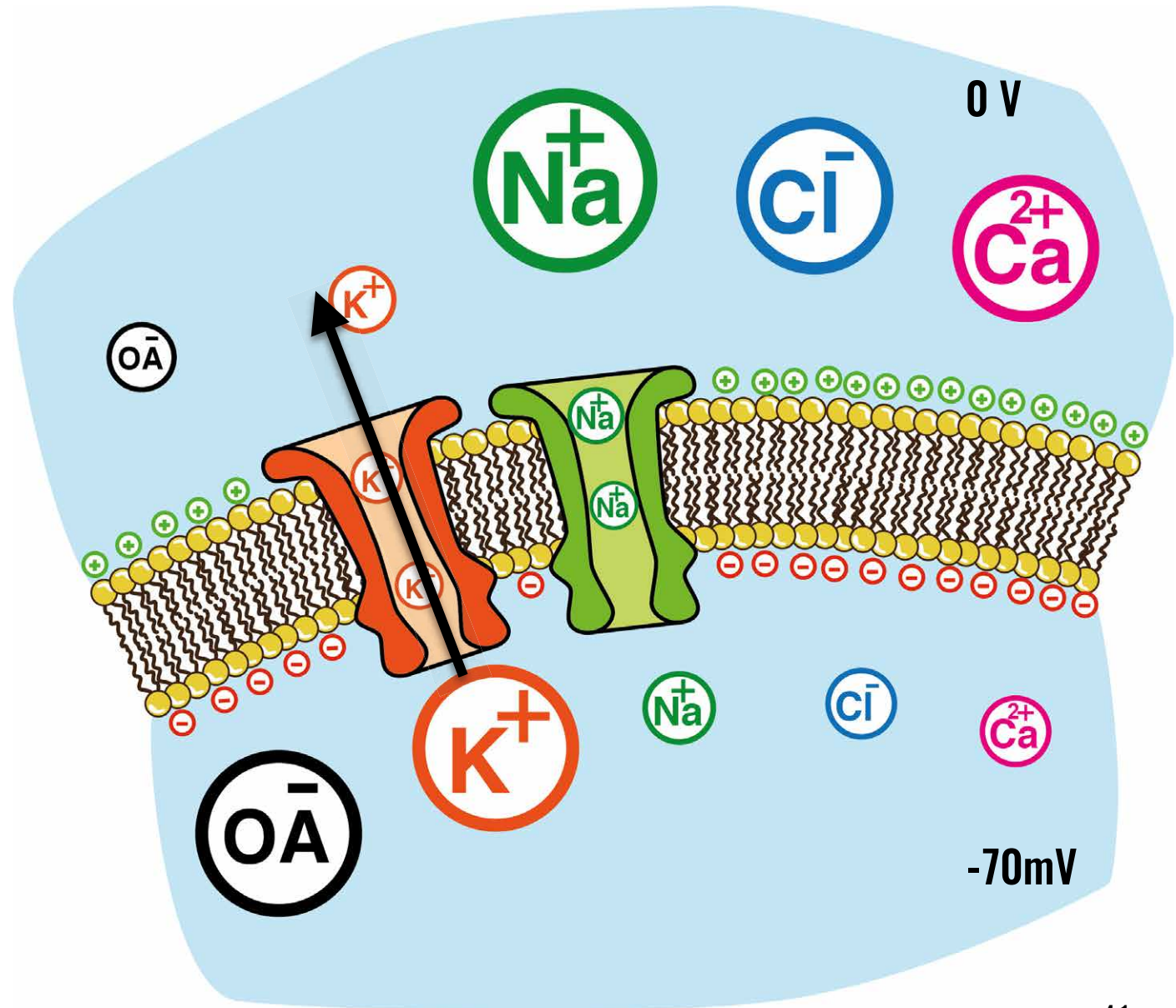
**Depolarisation**



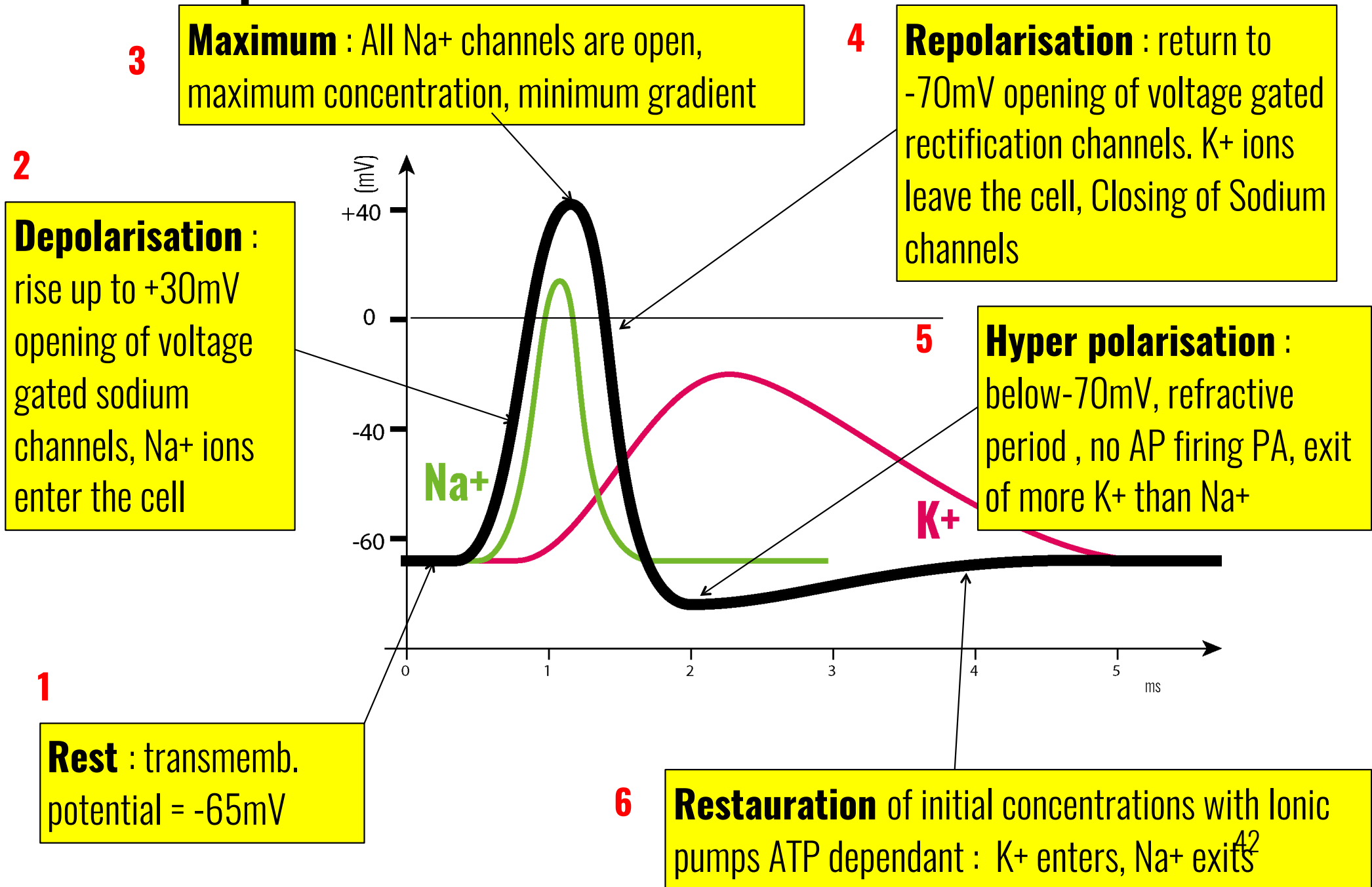


# Action potential

Repolarisation



# Action potential



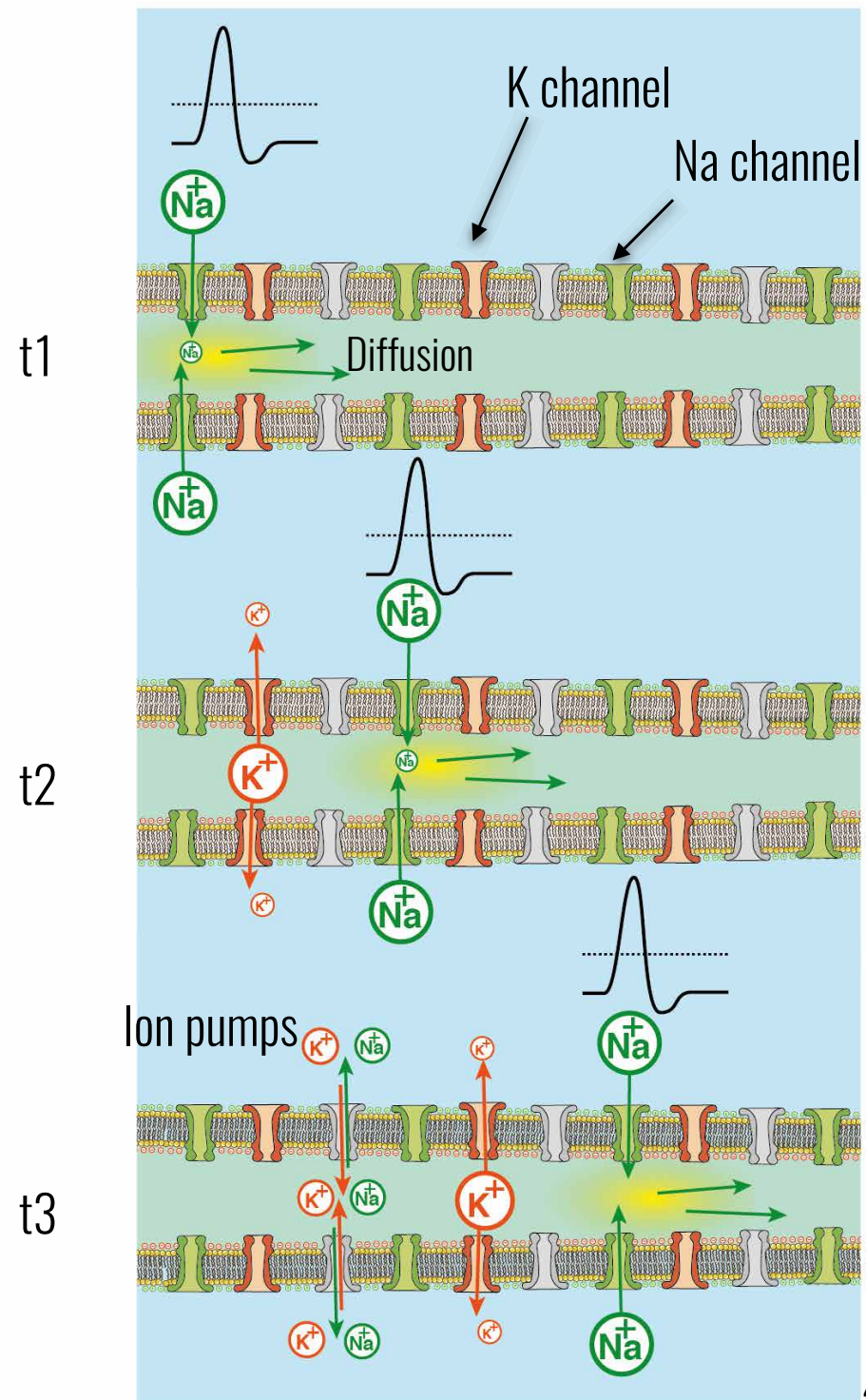
# Action potential propagation

**100 m/s** for myelinated axons

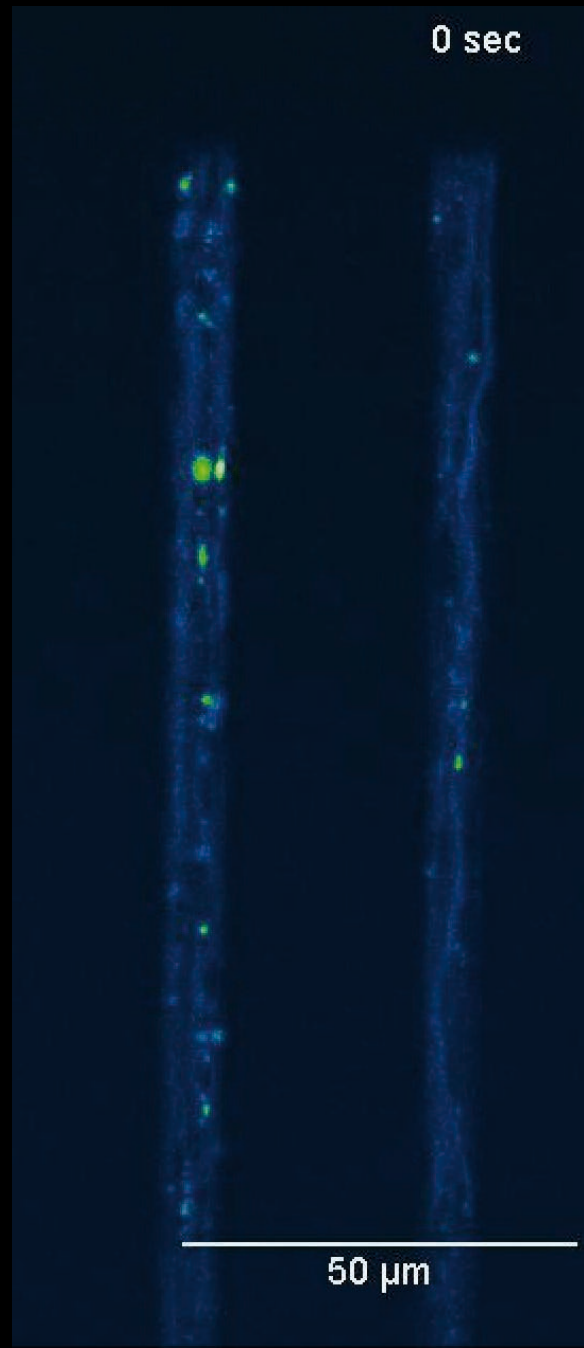
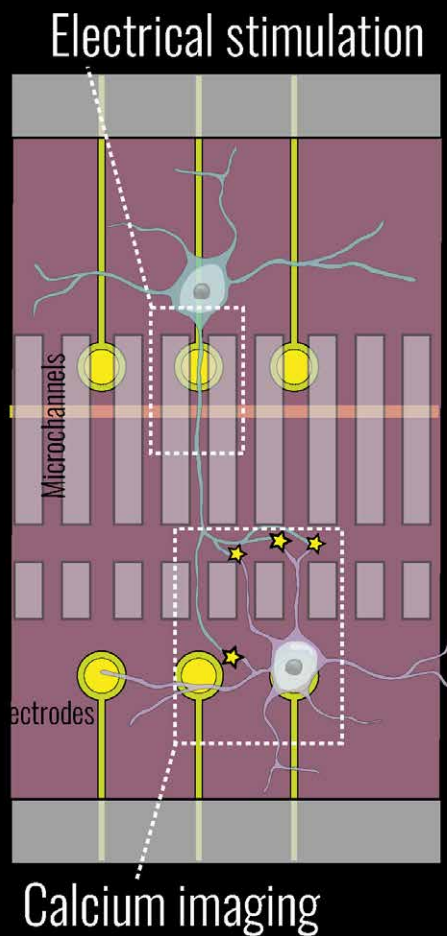
**25 m/s** for non myelinated axons

**With myelin :**  
**Saltatory conduction**

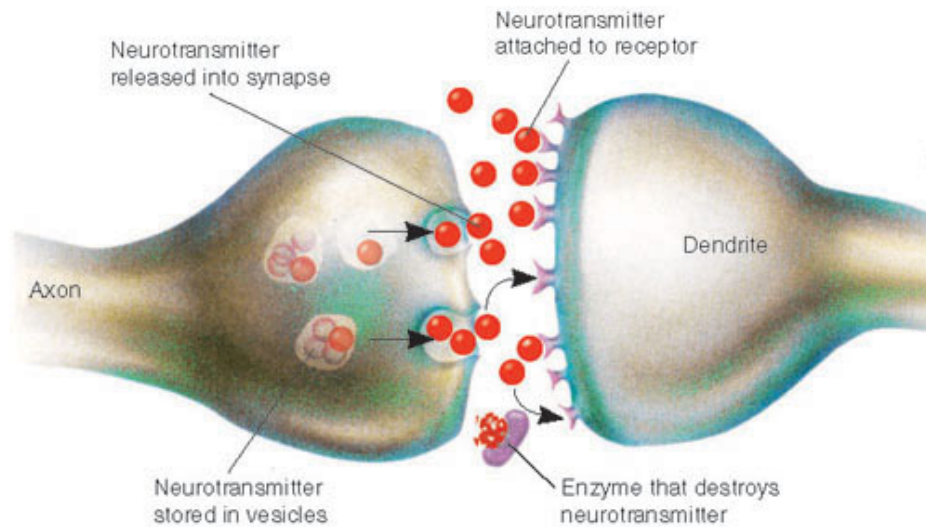
Typical pulse length of about **10 cm.**



# Action potential propagation

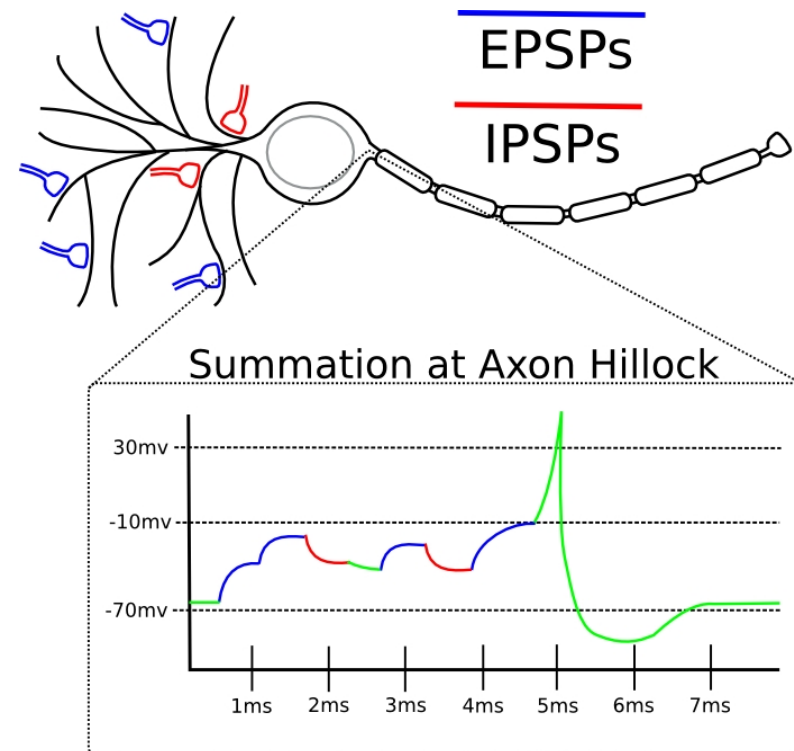
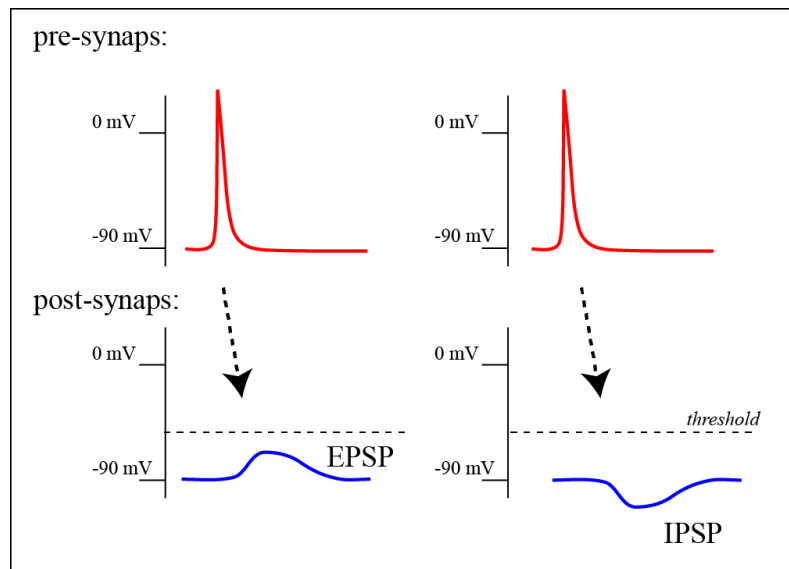


# After the synapse



**EPSP** Excitatory Post Synaptic Potential

**IPSP** Inhibitory Post Synaptic Potential



# Summary

Action potential is movements of ions through channels

Mainly positive ions

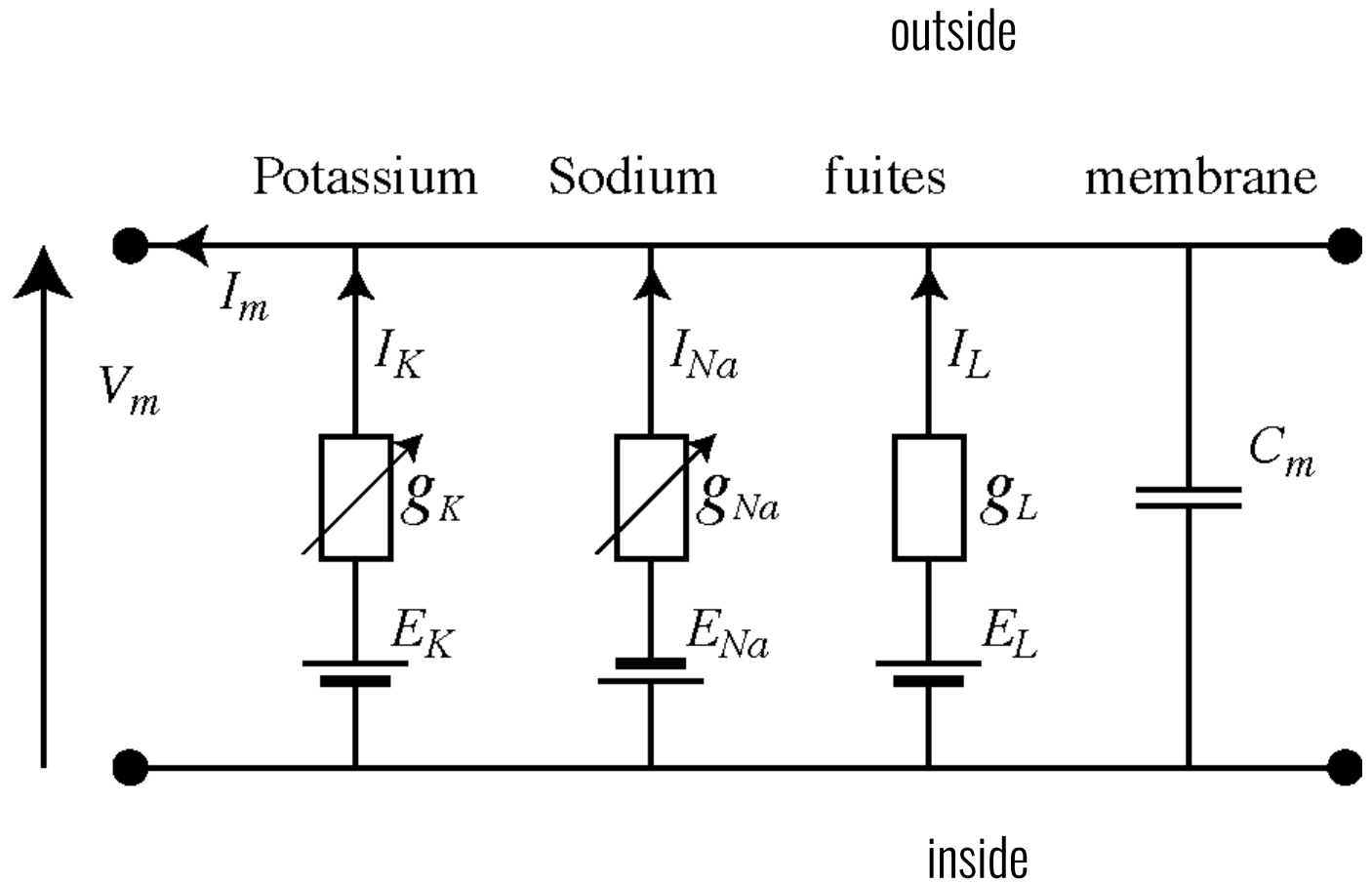
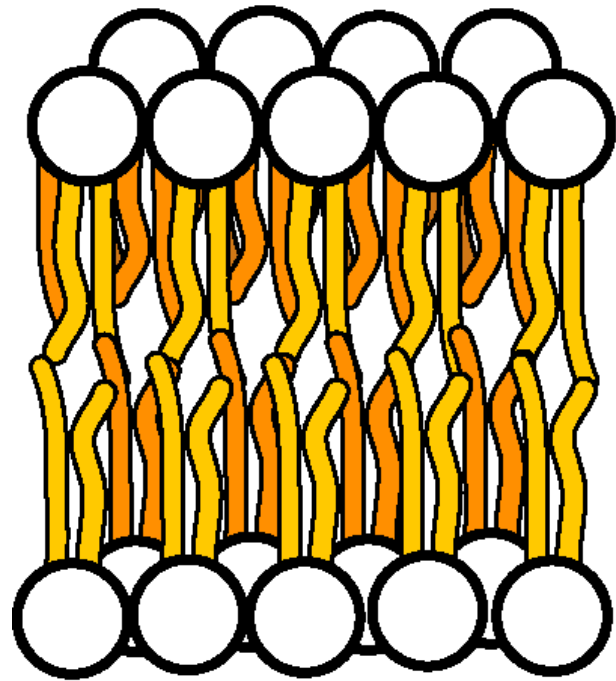
Ions are going down concentration gradients

Only ion pumps consume ATP

Summation of excitation and inhibition after the synapse

# Part.II Iono-electronic interface

# Hodgkin-Huxley Model



$$I_m = I_K + I_{Na} + I_L + C_m \frac{dV_m}{dt}$$



# Hodgkin-Huxley Model

## Ionic Currents

$$V = RI \quad \text{Loi d'Ohm}$$

$$I = gV \quad \text{conductance}$$

$$I_K = g_K (V_m - E_K)$$

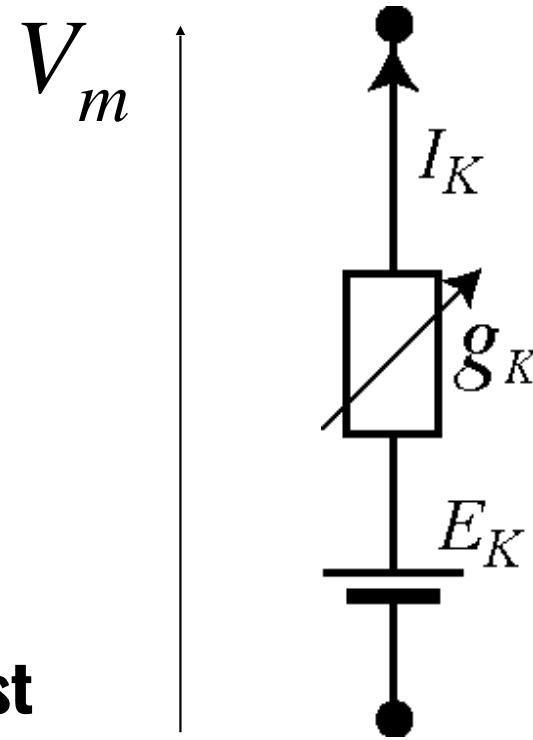
Battery / resistance model

Electrochemical potential can be computed with **Nernst** equation

$$E_K = -\frac{RT}{ZF} \log \frac{[K]_{\text{int}}}{[K]_{\text{ext}}}$$

$$g_K = \bar{g}_K n^4$$

$$g_{Na} = \bar{g}_{Na} m^3 h$$



$$E_{Na} = +64 \text{ mV} \quad E_K = -90 \text{ mV}$$

$N, m, h$  : activation gates

# Hodgkin-Huxley Model

$$g_K = \bar{g}_K n^4$$

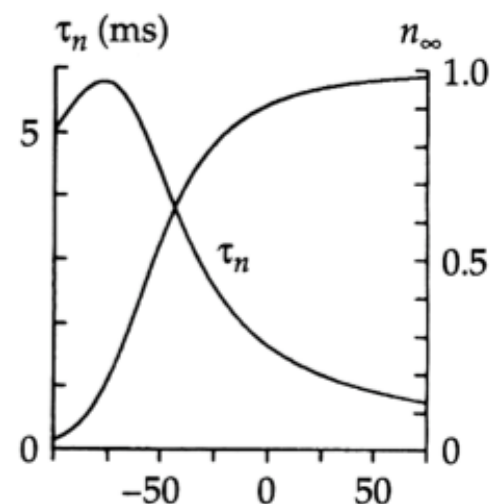
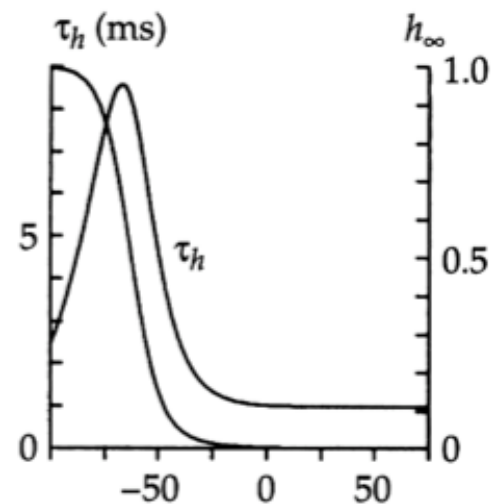
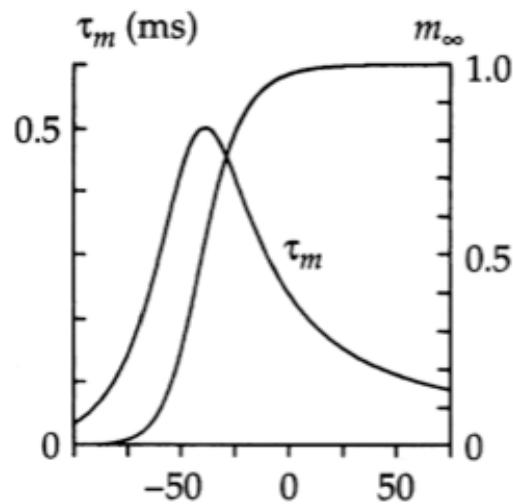
$$g_{Na} = \bar{g}_{Na} m^3 h$$

$$n, m, h = f(V_M, t)$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \frac{m_\infty(V_m) - m}{\tau_m(V_m)}$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{h_\infty(V_m) - h}{\tau_h(V_m)}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \frac{n_\infty(V_m) - n}{\tau_n(V_m)}$$



Membrane potential (mV)

# Hodgkin-Huxley Model

$m_{\infty} = \bar{A}_m / (\bar{A}_m + \bar{B}_m)$  and  $\tau_m = 1 / (\bar{A}_m + \bar{B}_m)$

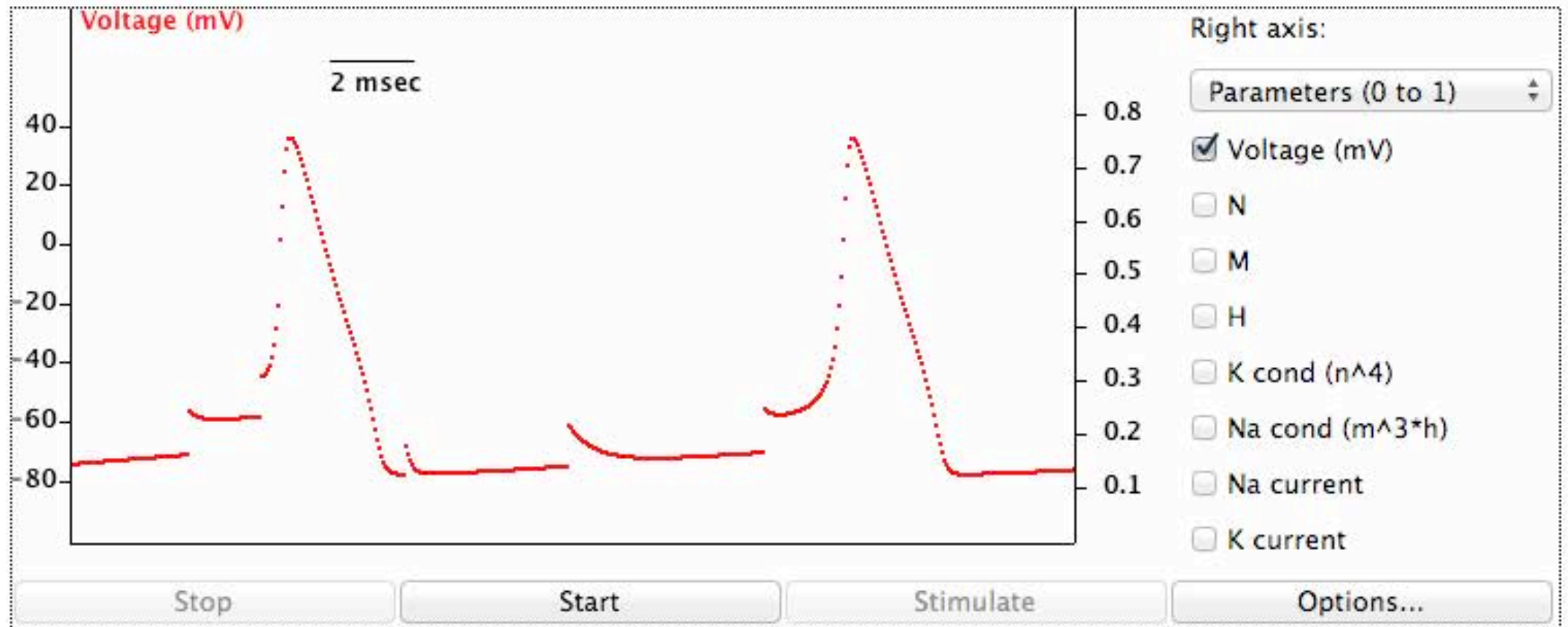
$$\frac{dm}{dt} = A_m(V)[1 - m] - B_m(V)m \quad A_m(V) = \frac{\alpha_m(V - V_{\alpha m})}{1 - e^{-(V - V_{\alpha m})/K_{\alpha m}}} \quad B_m(V) = \beta_m e^{-(V - V_{\beta m})/K_{\beta m}}$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = A_h(V)[1 - h] - B_h(V)h \quad A_h(V) = \alpha_h e^{-(V - V_{\alpha h})/K_{\alpha h}} \quad B_h(V) = \frac{\beta_h}{1 - e^{-(V - V_{\beta h})/K_{\beta h}}}$$

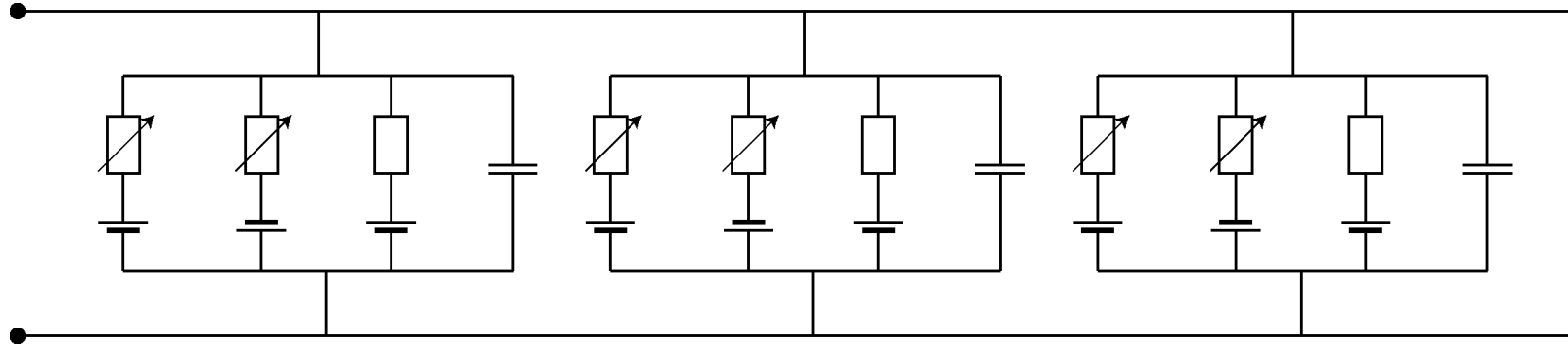
$$\frac{dn}{dt} = A_n(V)[1 - n] - B_n(V)n \quad A_n(V) = \frac{\alpha_n(V - V_{\alpha n})}{1 - e^{-(V - V_{\alpha n})/K_{\alpha n}}} \quad B_n(V) = \beta_n e^{-(V - V_{\beta n})/K_{\beta n}}$$

$\bar{G}_L$	0.3	0.75	mS/cm <sup>2</sup>	$\alpha_h$	0.07	0.0081	ms <sup>-1</sup>
$\bar{G}_K$	36	21.6	mS/cm <sup>2</sup>	$\beta_h$	1	4.38	ms <sup>-1</sup>
$\bar{G}_{Na}$	120	150	mS/cm <sup>2</sup>	$V_{\alpha h}$	-60	-45	mV
C	1	4	μFd/cm <sup>2</sup>	$V_{\beta h}$	-30	-45	mV
$E_L$	-87	*	mV	$K_{\alpha h}$	20	14.7	mV
$E_K$	-95.3	-72	mV	$K_{\beta h}$	10	9	mV
$E_{Na}$	36.7	55	mV	$\alpha_n$	0.01	0.0131	ms <sup>-1</sup>
$\alpha_m$	0.1	0.288	ms <sup>-1</sup>	$\beta_n$	0.125	0.067	ms <sup>-1</sup>
$\beta_m$	4	1.38	ms <sup>-1</sup>	$V_{\alpha n}$	-50	-40	mV
$V_{\alpha m}$	-36	-46	mV	$V_{\beta n}$	-60	-40	mV
$V_{\beta m}$	-60	-46	mV	$K_{\alpha n}$	10	7	mV
$K_{\alpha m}$	10	10	mV	$K_{\beta n}$	80	40	mV
$K_{\beta m}$	18	18	mV				

# Hodgkin-Huxley Model



# Hodgkin-Huxley Model

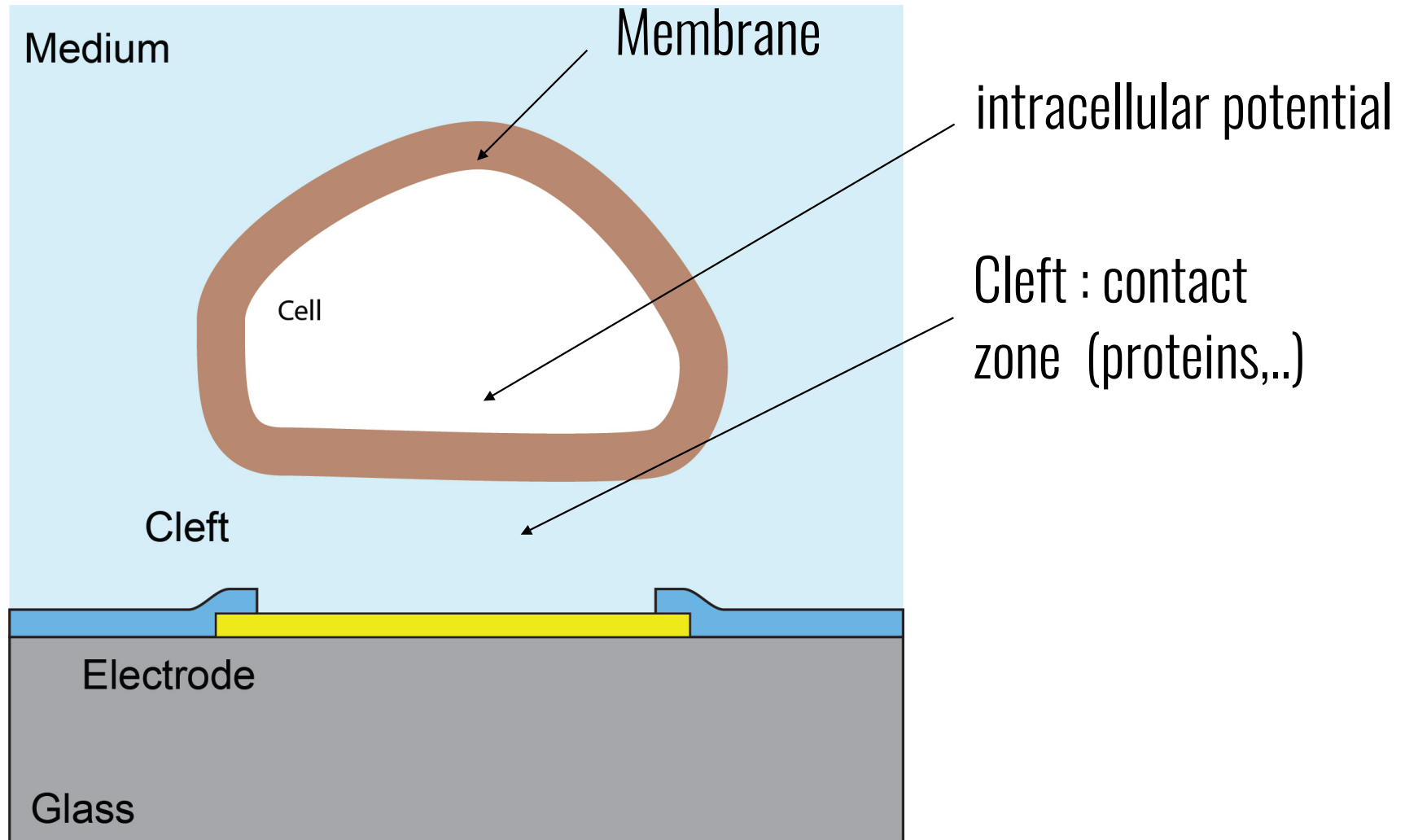


$$\frac{a}{2R_i} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} = C_m \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + g_K(U - E_K) + g_{Na}(U - E_{Na})$$

**Cable equation**

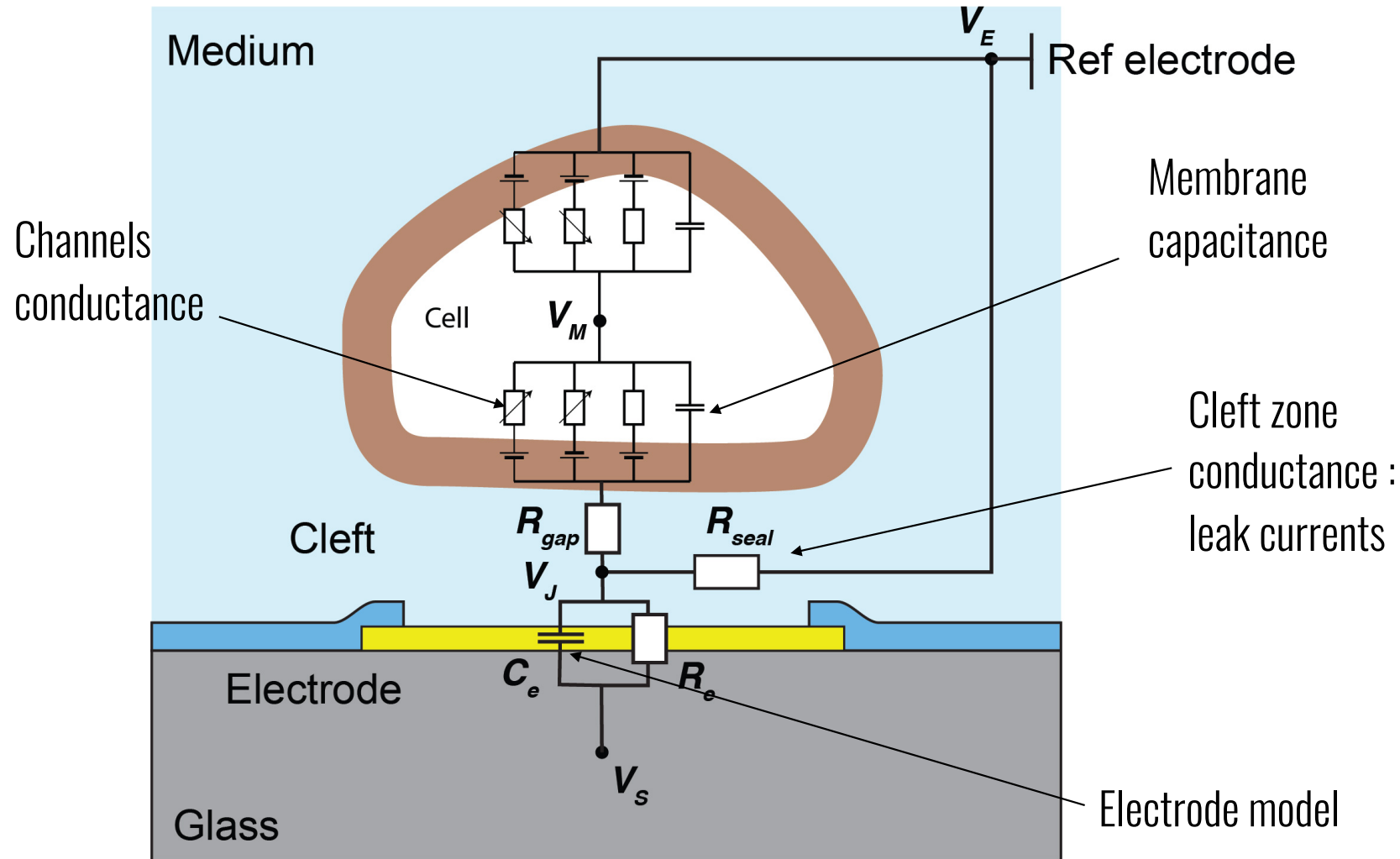
# Iono-Electronic interface

Let's put an electrically active cell on top of an electrode



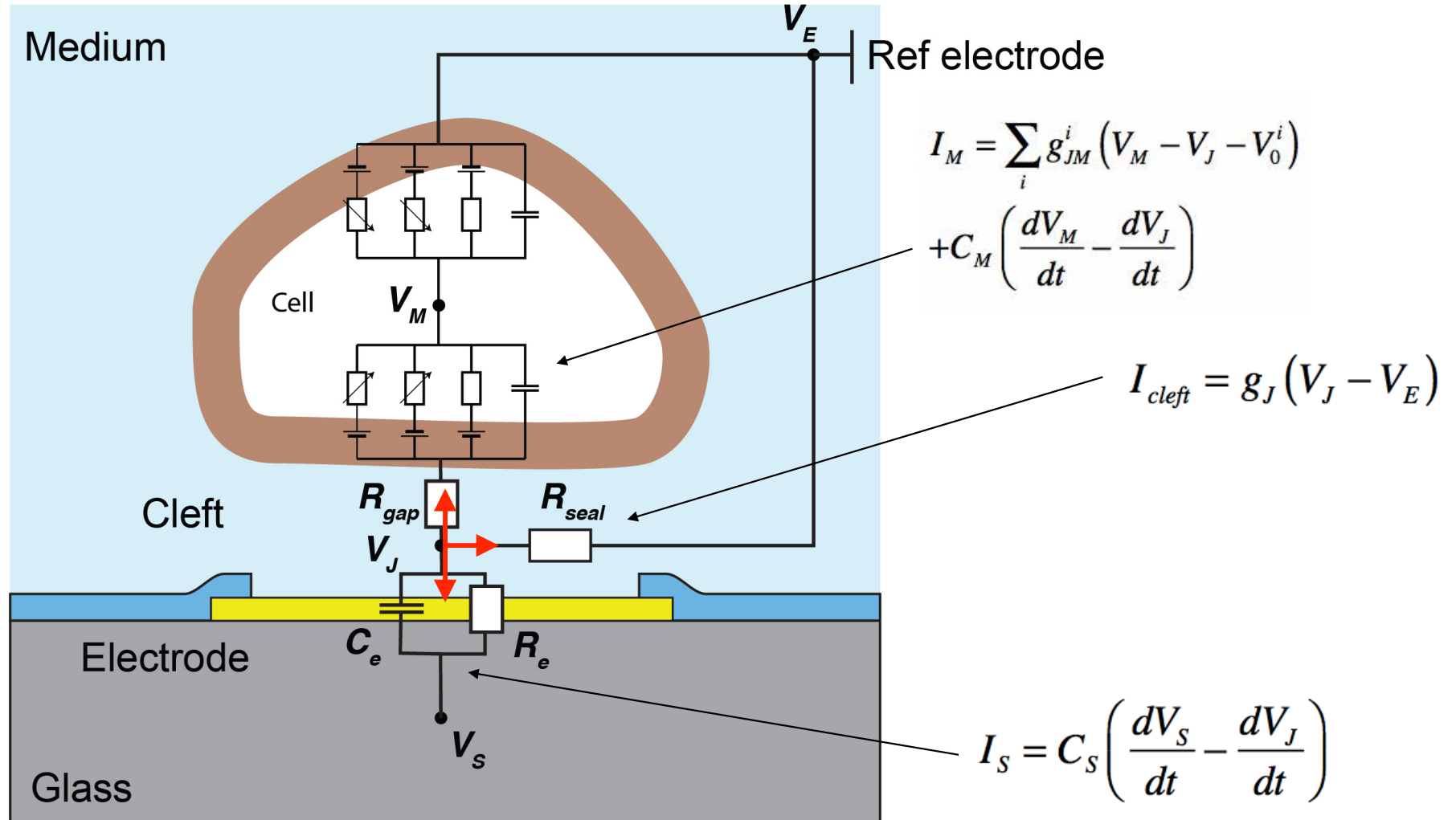
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# Iono-Electronic interface

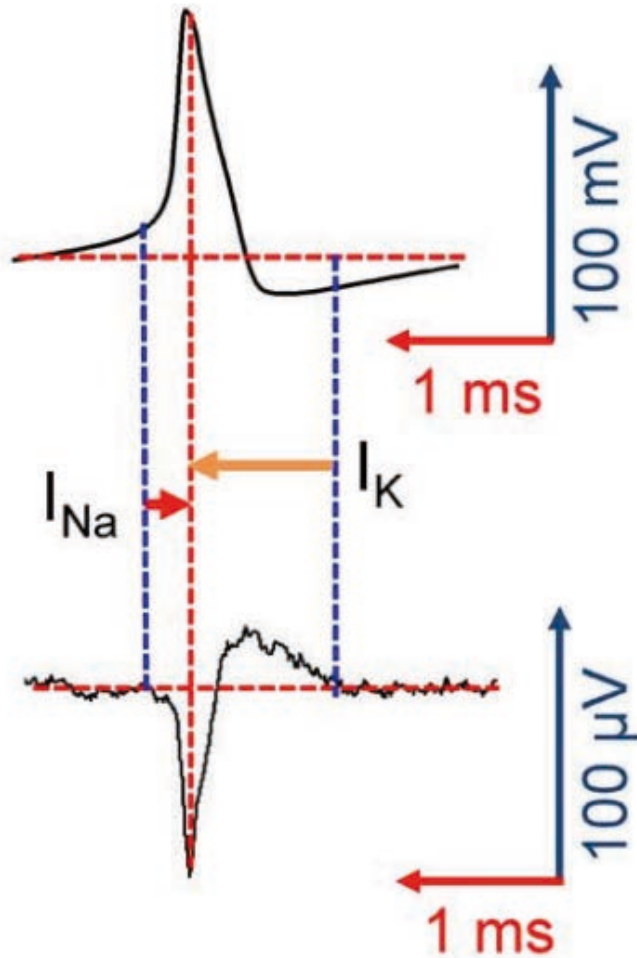
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# Iono-Electronic interface

Intracellular signal

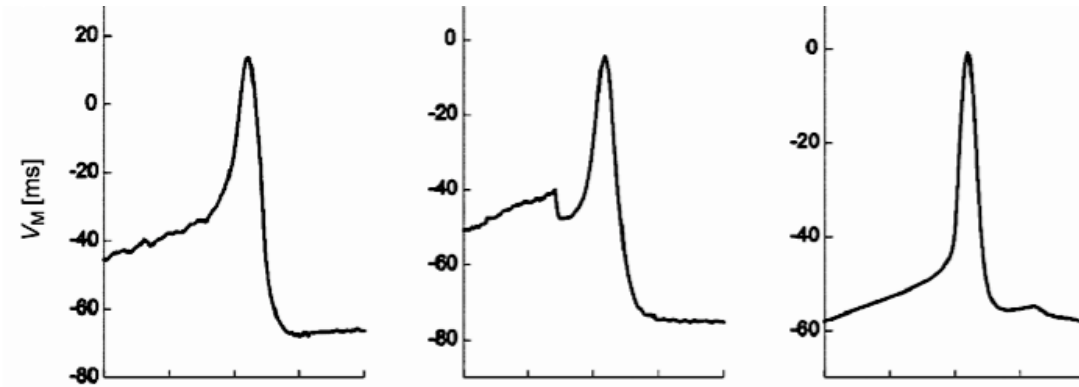


Extracellular signal

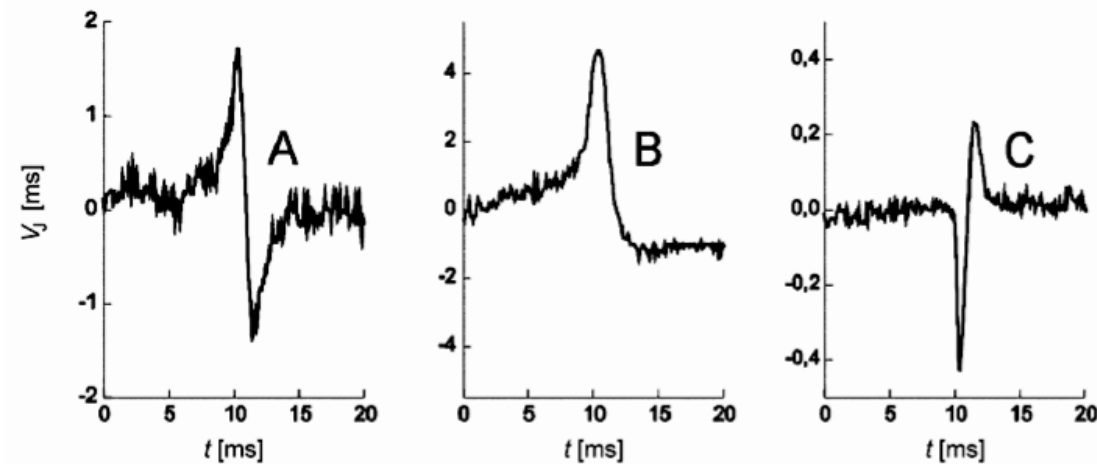
More importantly, the intracellular recording signal is always positive whereas the extracellular recording shows different polarities according to the electrode position. If the electrode 'looks' at where current enters, the signal is negative, whereas if it looks at where the current leaves, the signal is positive.

# Iono-Electronic interface

Intracellular  
Potential  $V_M$



Extracellular  
Potential  $V_j$



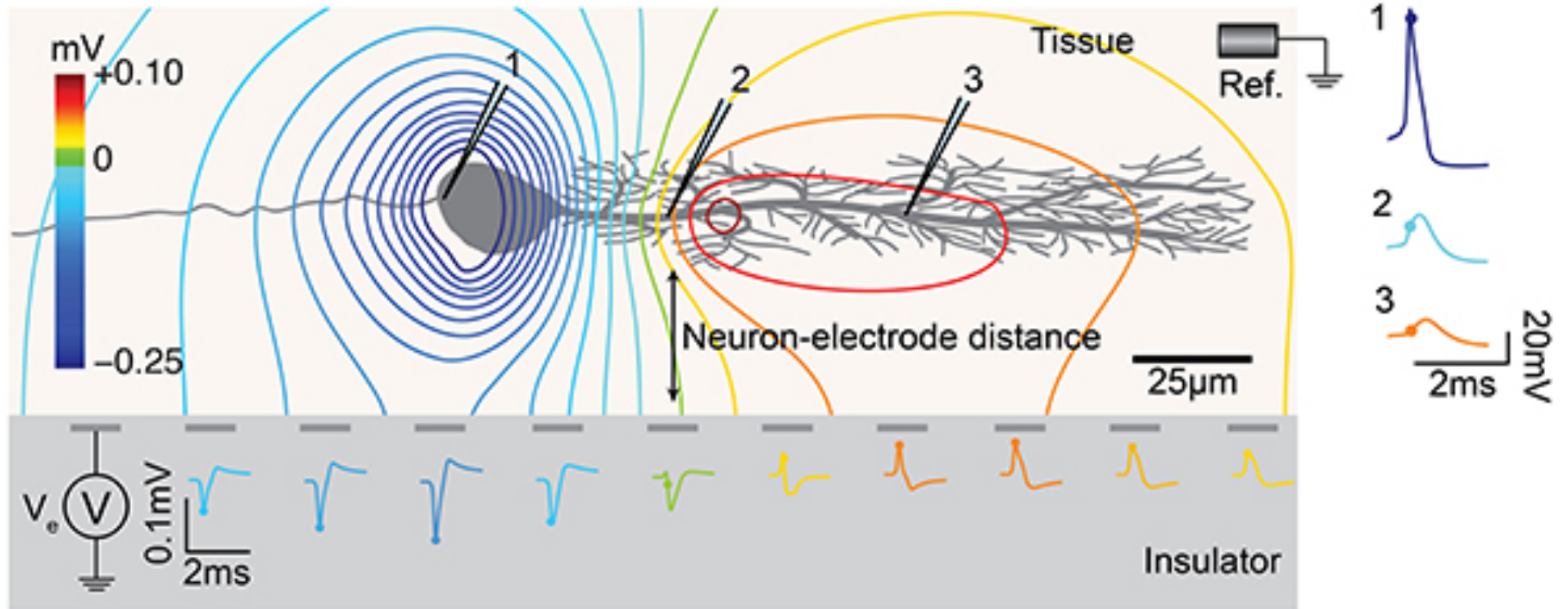
$\sim$  Dérivative of  $V_M$

$\sim V_M$

Capacitive junction

Ohmique junction

# Local field potential



Intracellular recording signal is always positive whereas

Extracellular recording shows different polarities according to the electrode position.

# Summary

Extracell electrodes record changes in ion concentration around a cell

HH models using K and Na channels allows to model the electrical activity of neurons

It is possible to record APs with extracellular electrode

- weak signal ( $50\mu\text{V}$ )
- depends on position to neuron

We can evoke APs with voltage steps

# 2D neuron culture

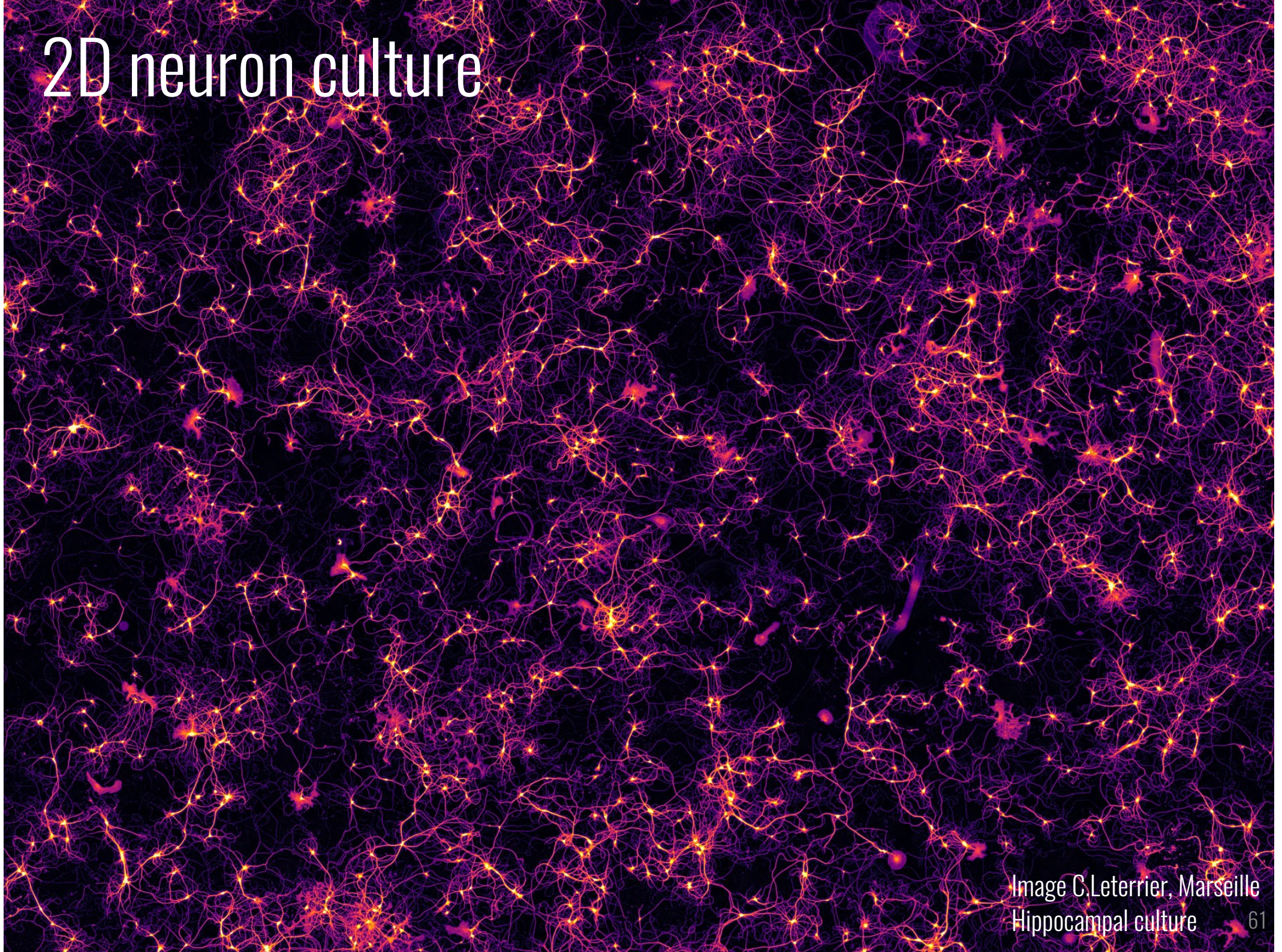


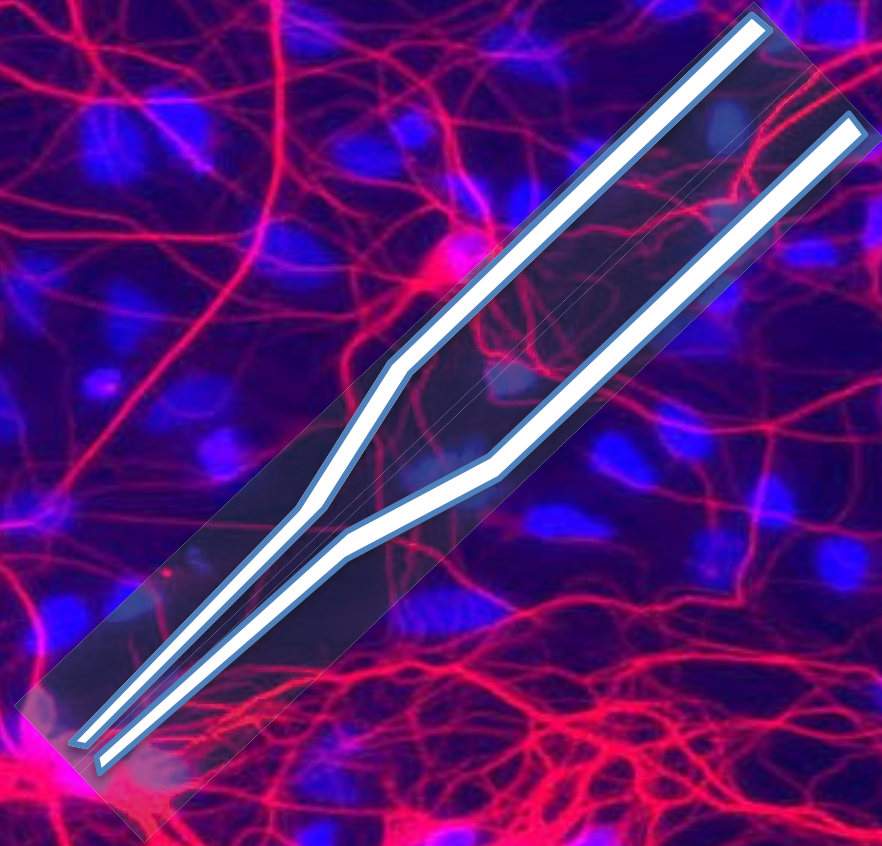
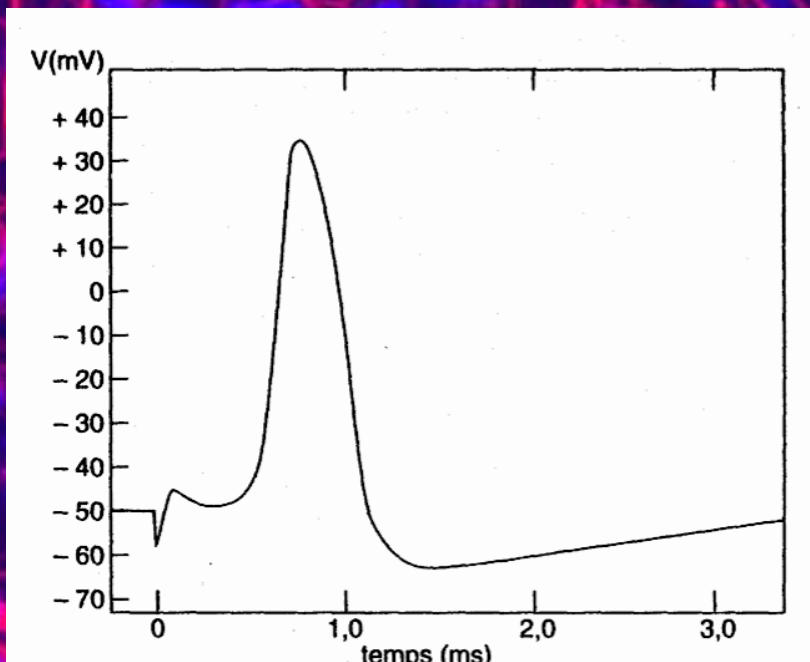
Image C.Leterrier, Marseille  
Hippocampal culture

# How to measure electrical activity of the network?

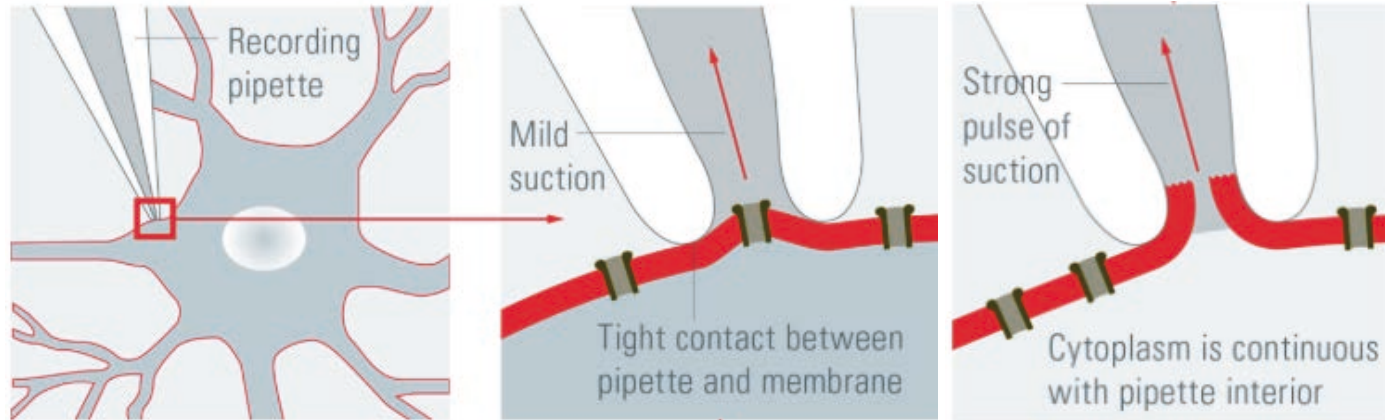
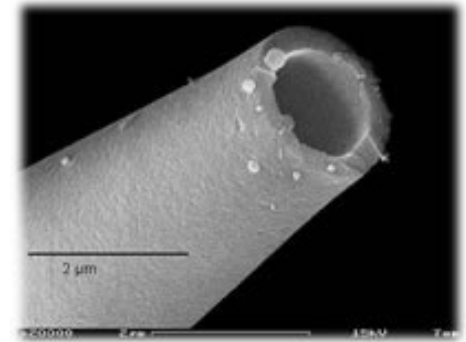
Patch clamp

One cell at a time

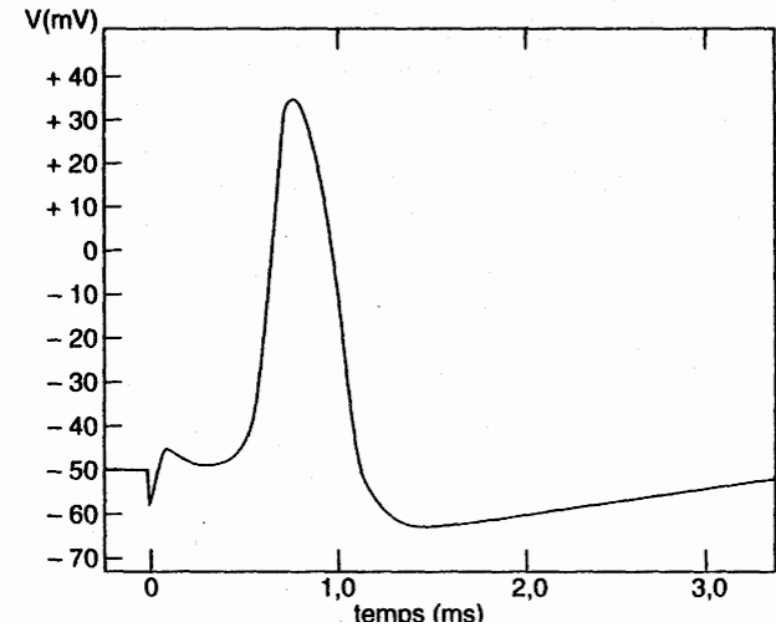
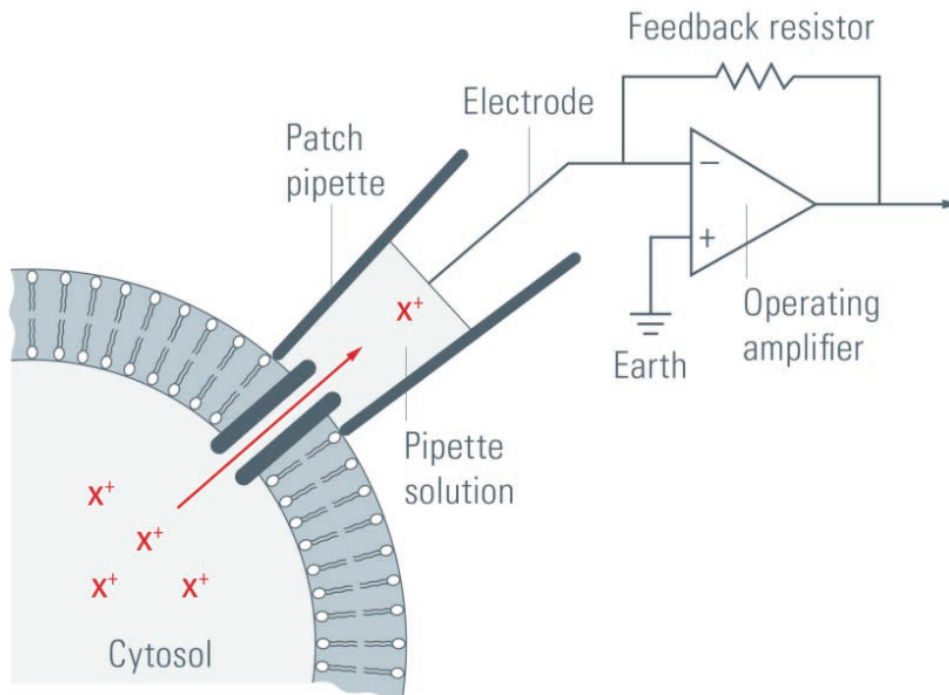
Intracellular recording



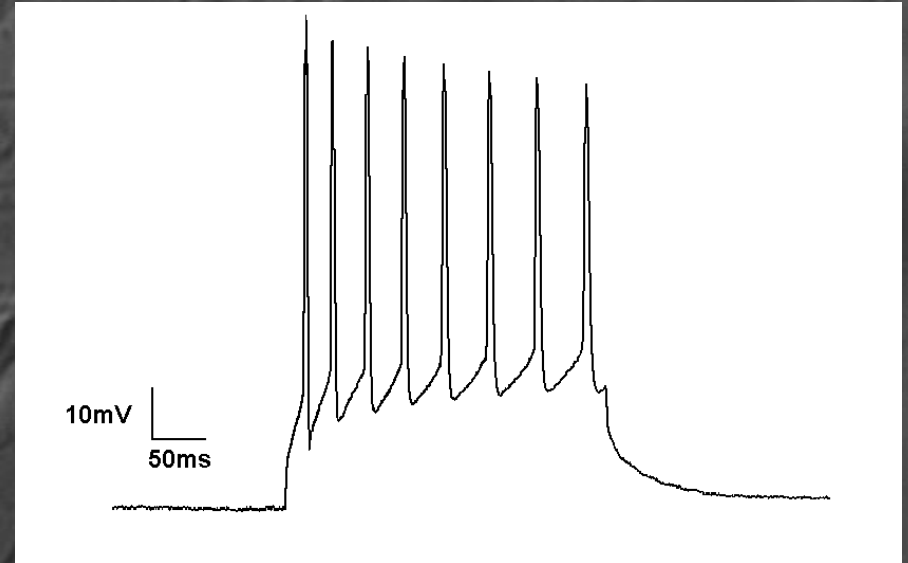
# Patch Clamp



@Leica microsystems



# Patch Clamp



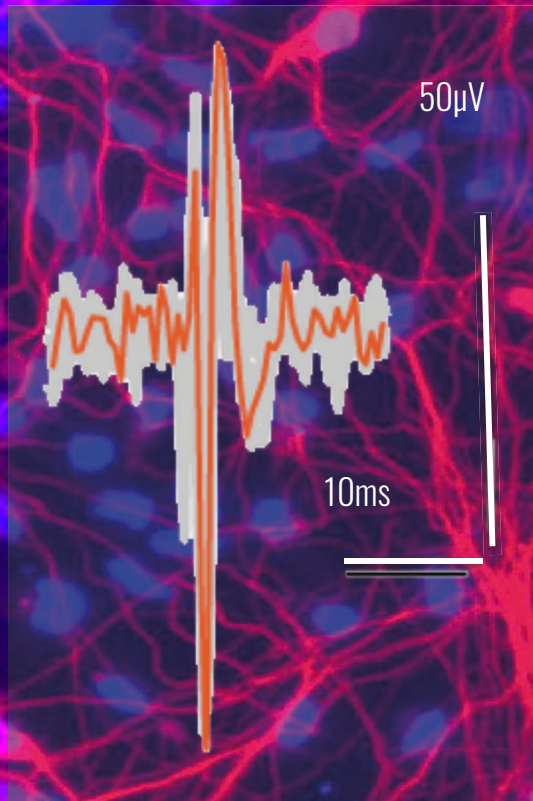


How to measure electrical activity of the network?

## Micro Electrode array

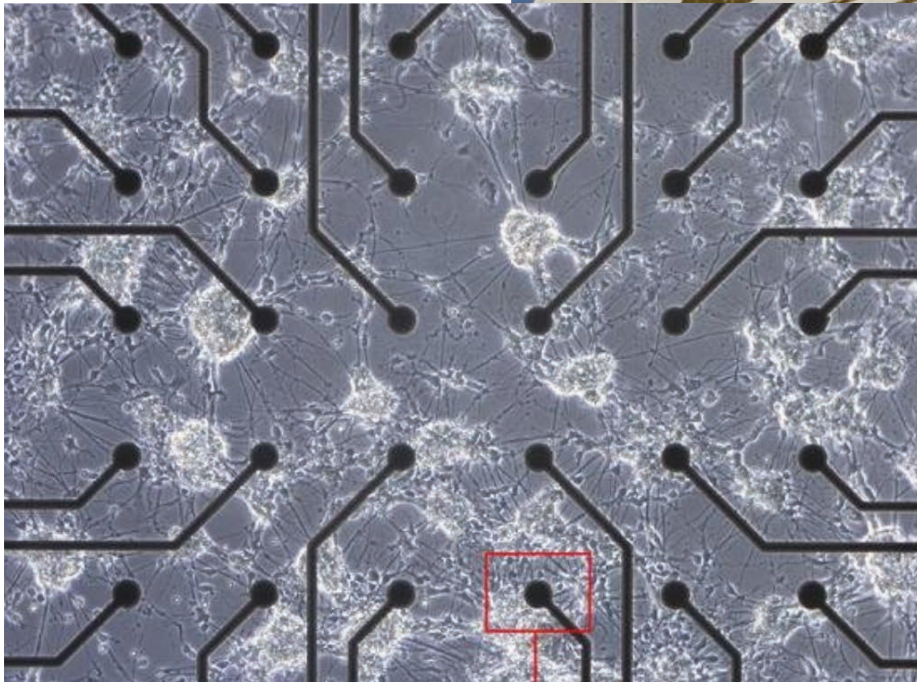
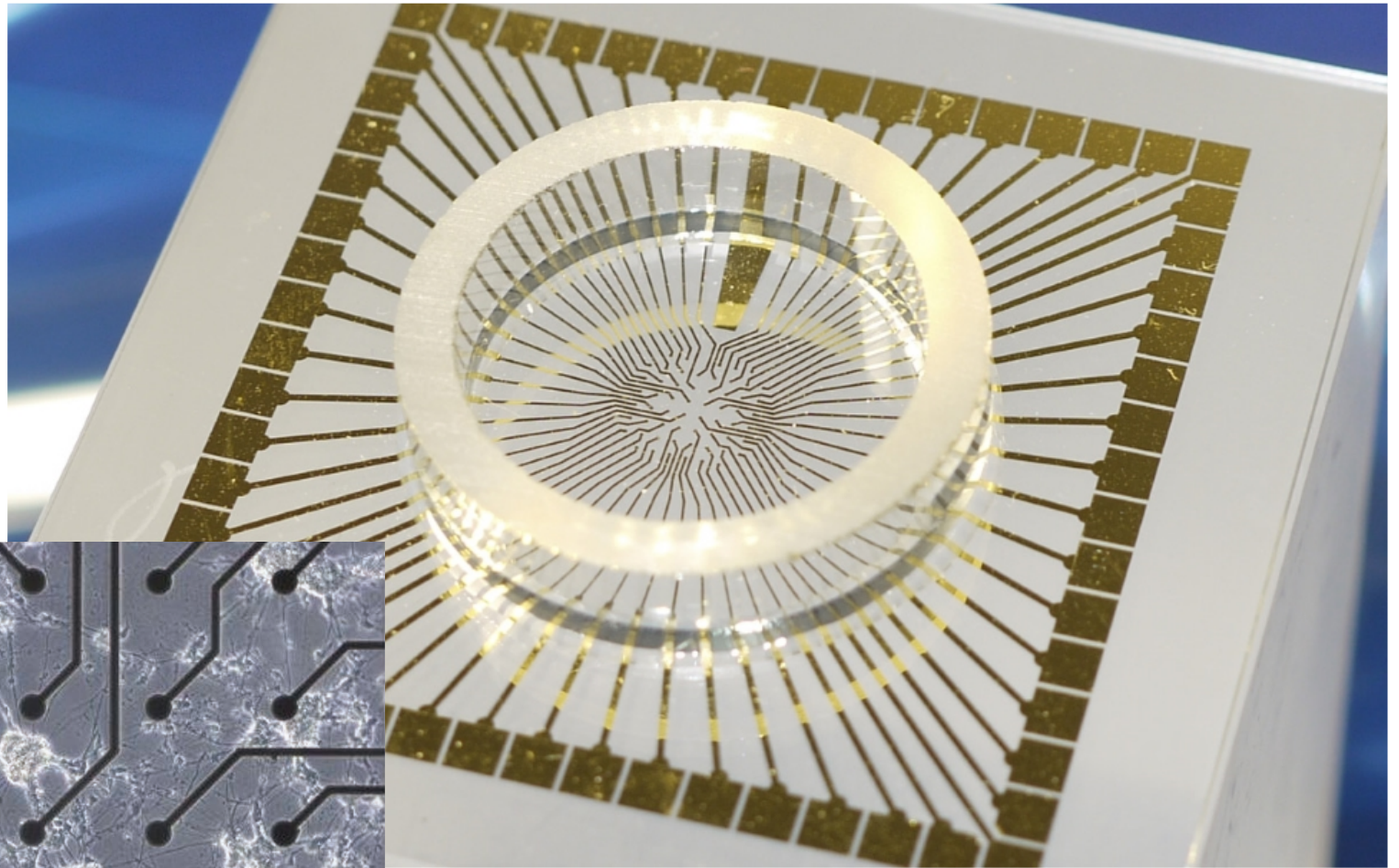
Array of fixed electrodes

Extracellular potential

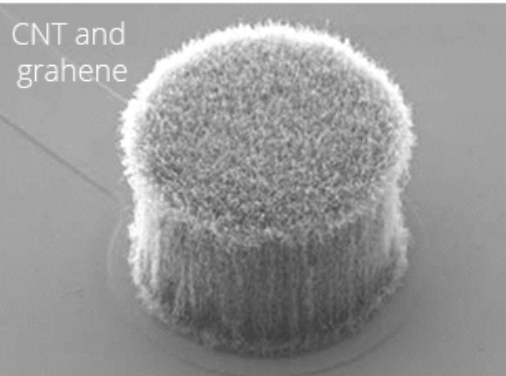
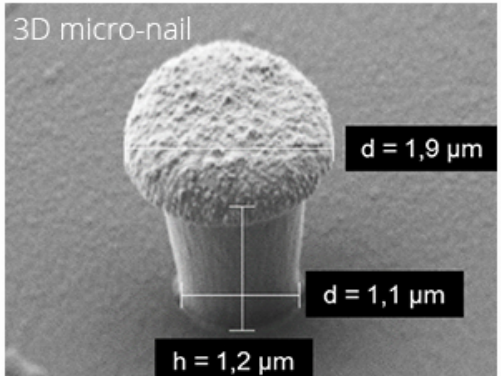
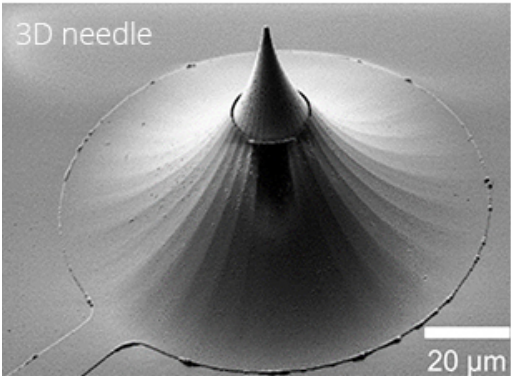
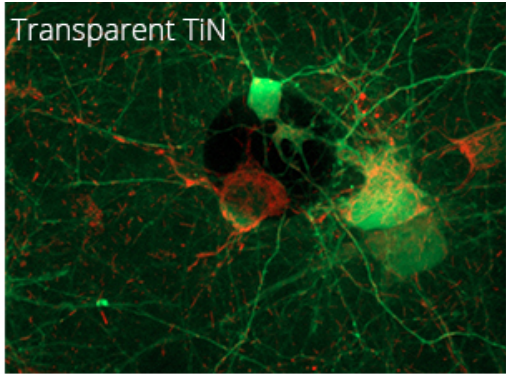
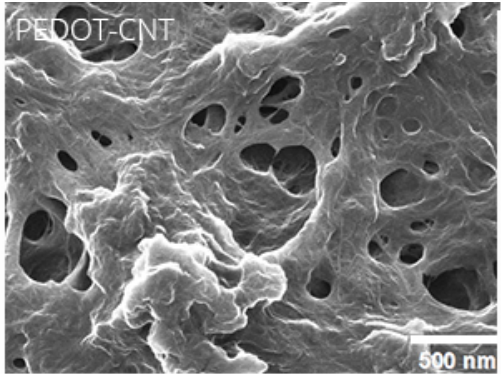
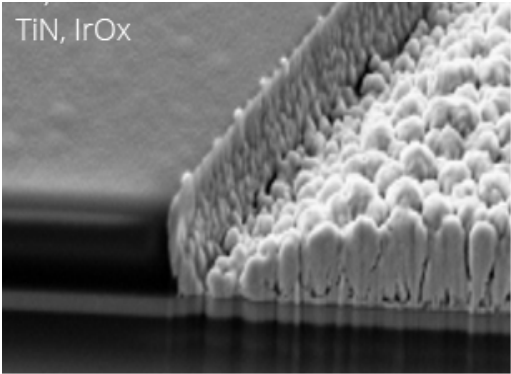
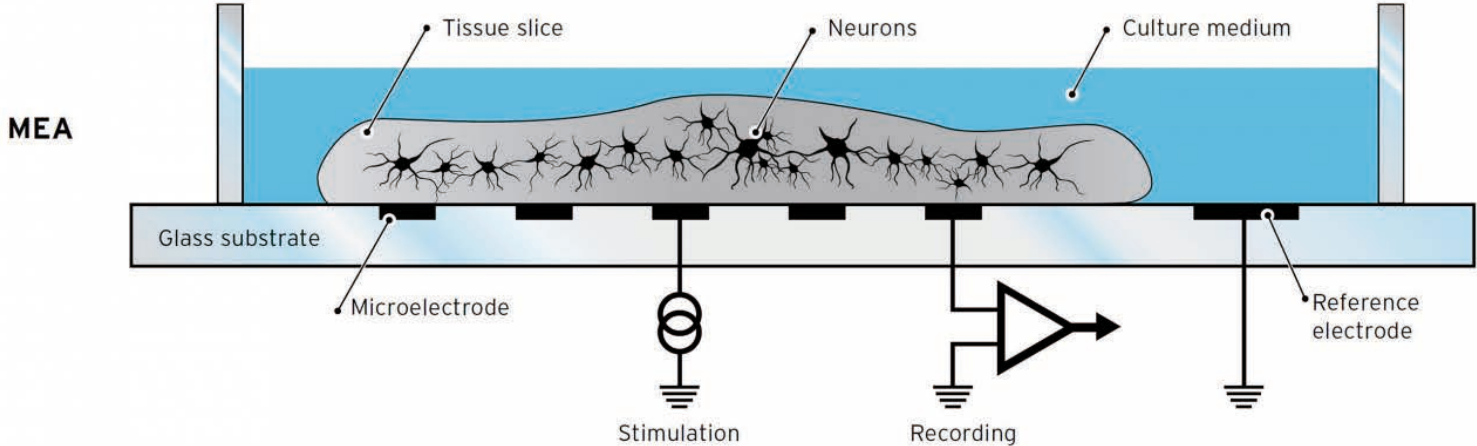


How to organise the network?

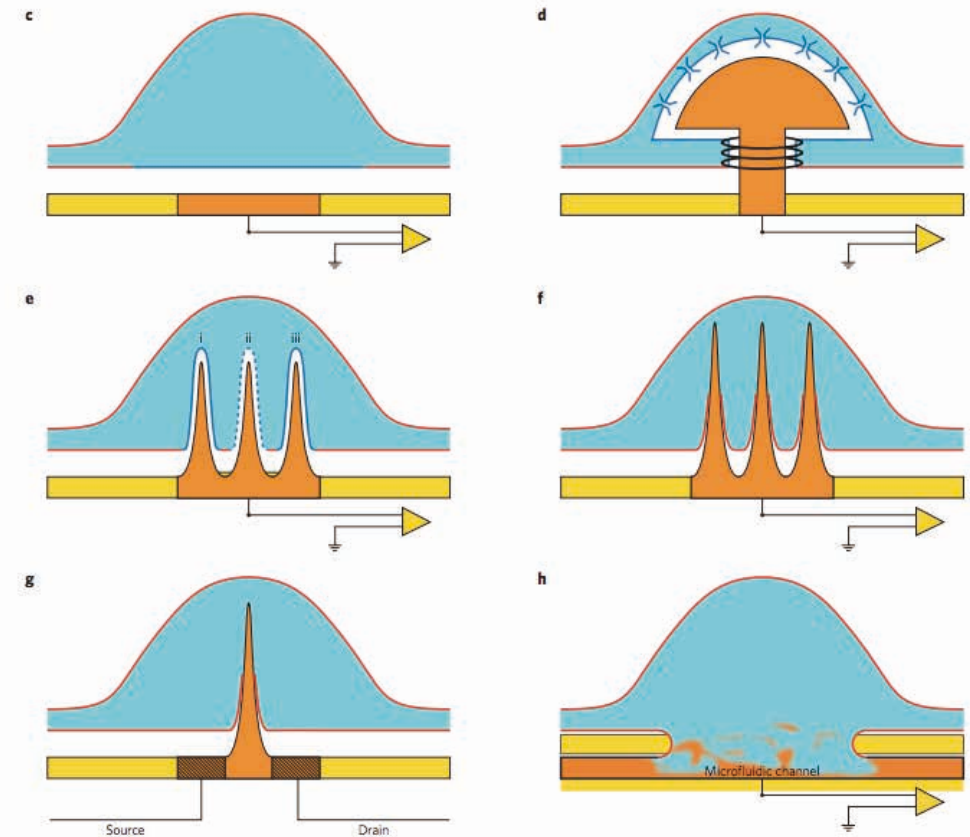
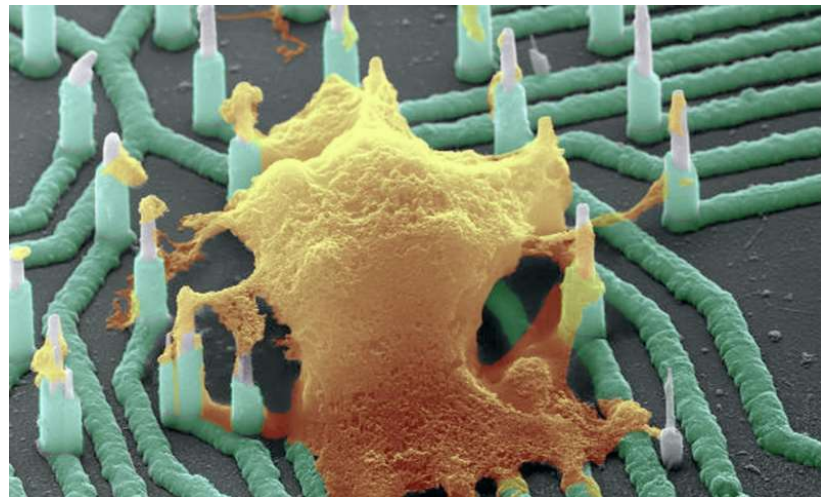
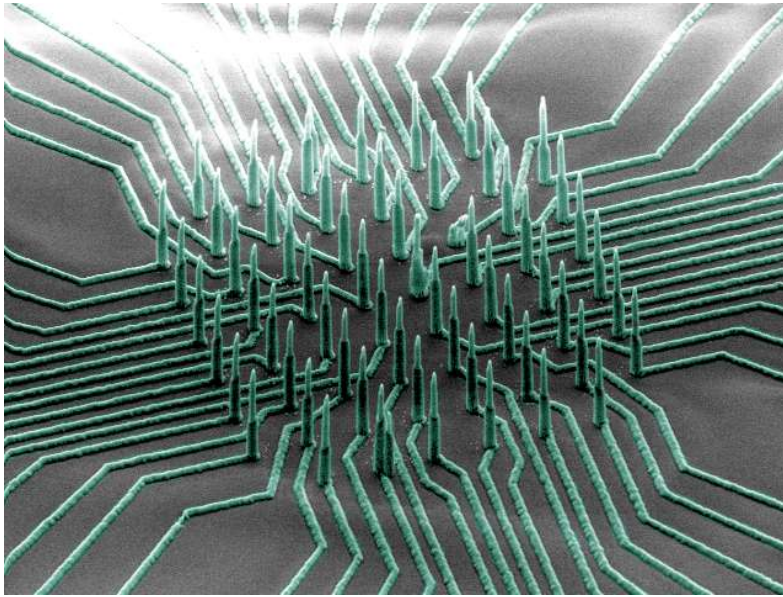
# Micro Electrode array



# Micro Electrode array



# Nanowires

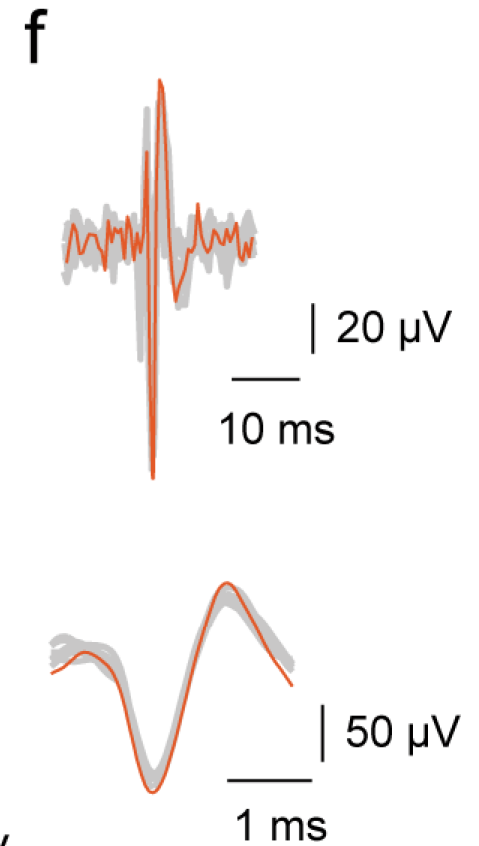
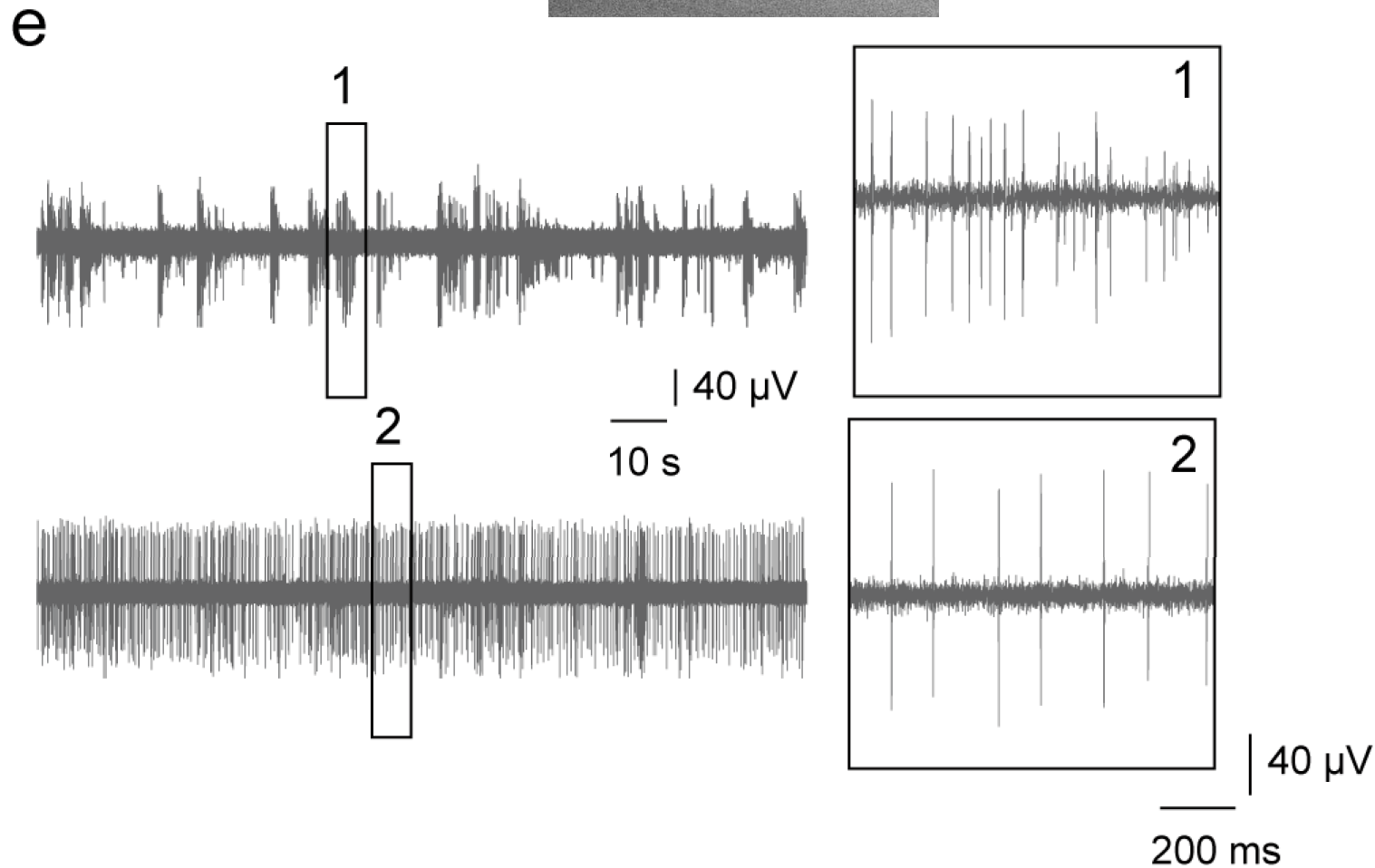
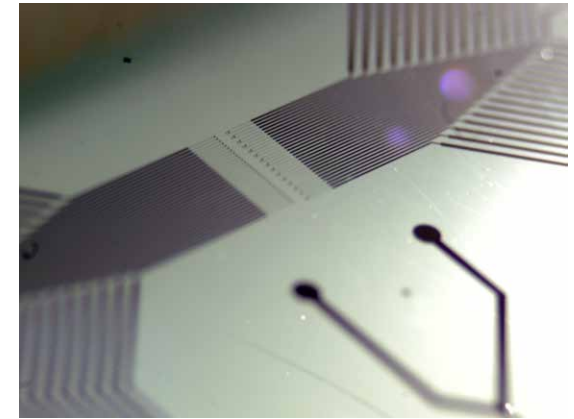
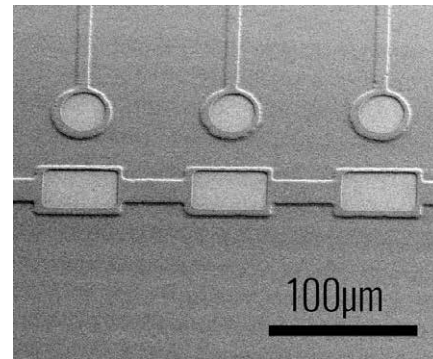


Ren Liu et al, High Density Individually Addressable Nanowire Arrays Record Intracellular Activity from Primary Rodent and Human Stem Cell Derived Neurons, **Nano Letters** (2017)

Micha E. Spira, NATURE  
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# Stimulation and recording

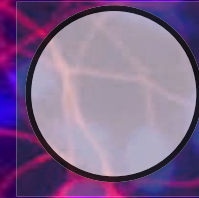
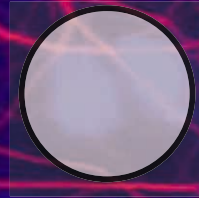
Microelectrode: **extracellular**



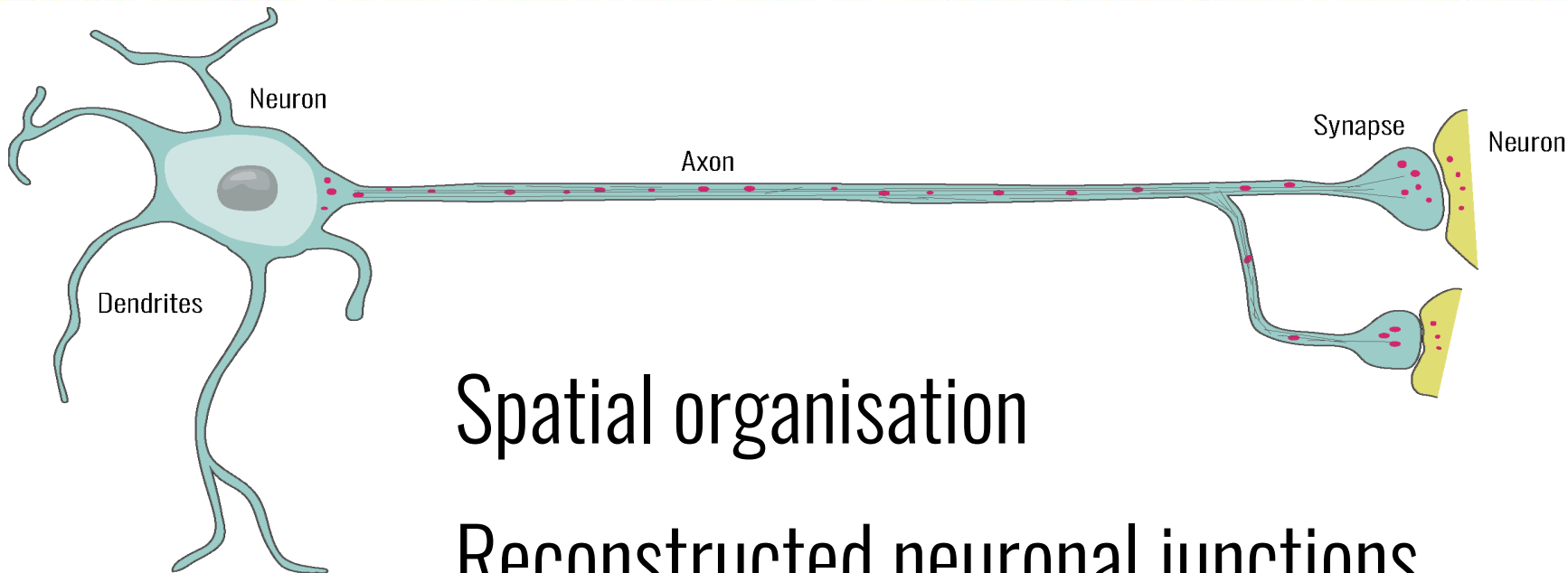
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# Part.III Neurofluidics

How to organise the network?



# Neurofluidics

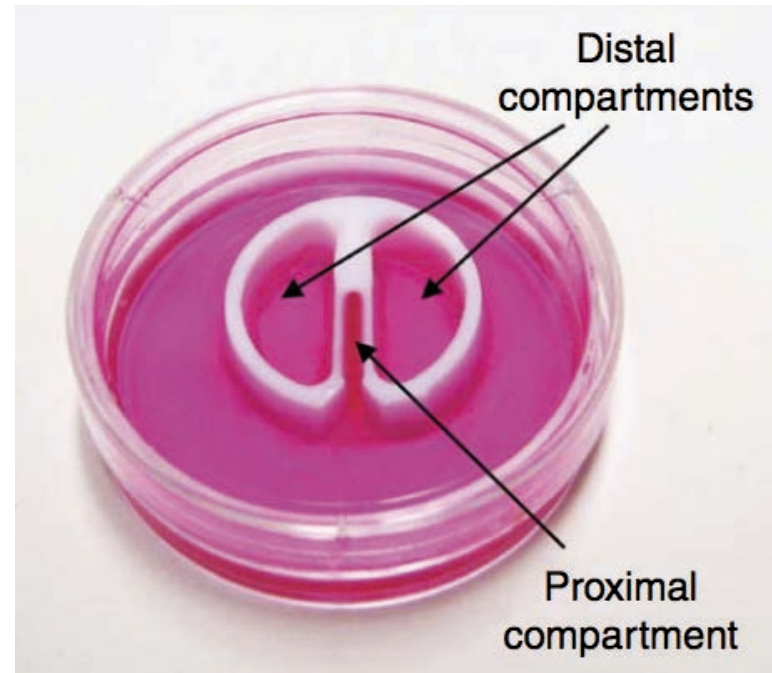
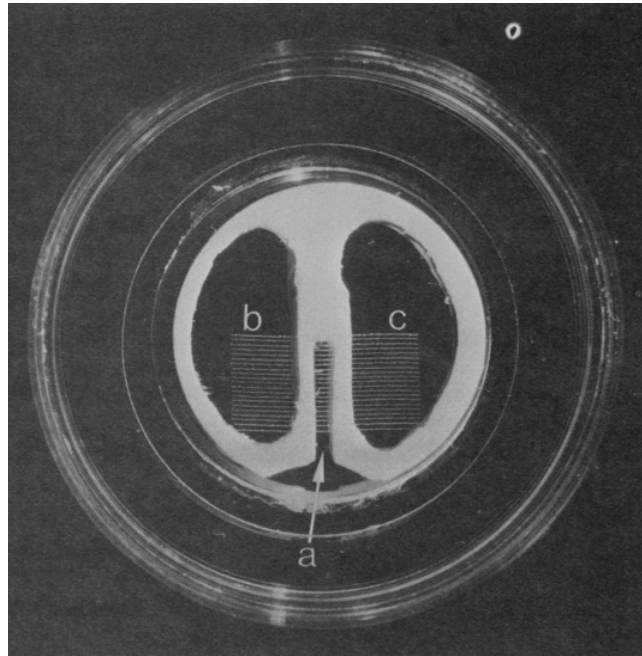


Spatial organisation

Reconstructed neuronal junctions



# Campenot Chambers, 1977

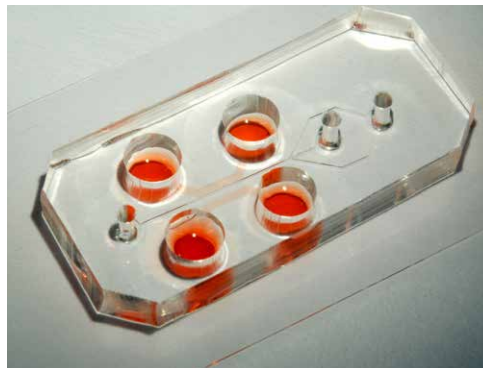
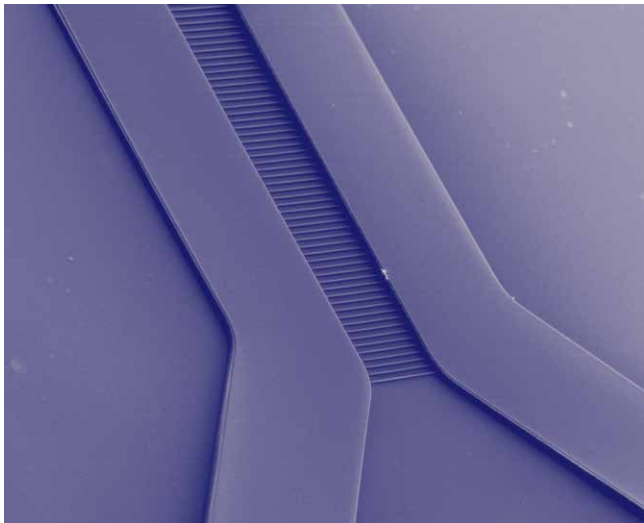


Robert. B. Campenot,  
PNAS 1977 Oct; 74(10): 4516–4519.

**A rake made by cementing together twenty insect pins was used to make 20 parallel scratches about 200  $\mu\text{m}$  apart on the collagen-coated coverslip.**

# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

Two large chambers  
A set of Microchannels



Dual thickness SU8 / PDMS

A.M.Taylor et al. Langmuir 19, 2003

A.M.Taylor et al. Nat. Methods 2, 2005

# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

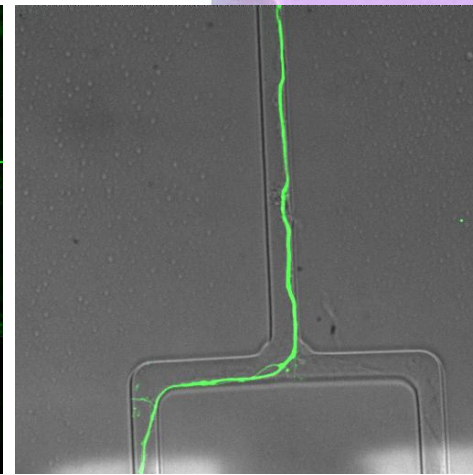
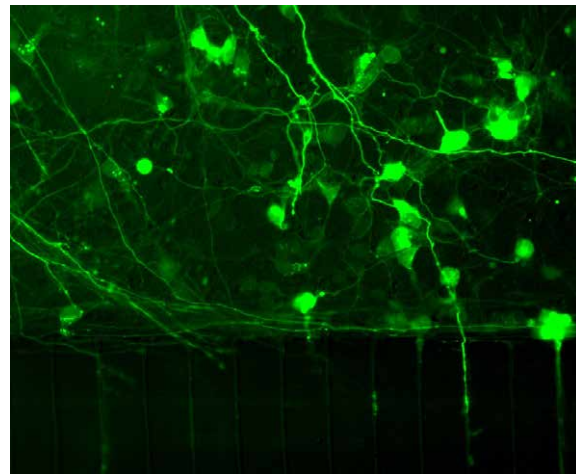
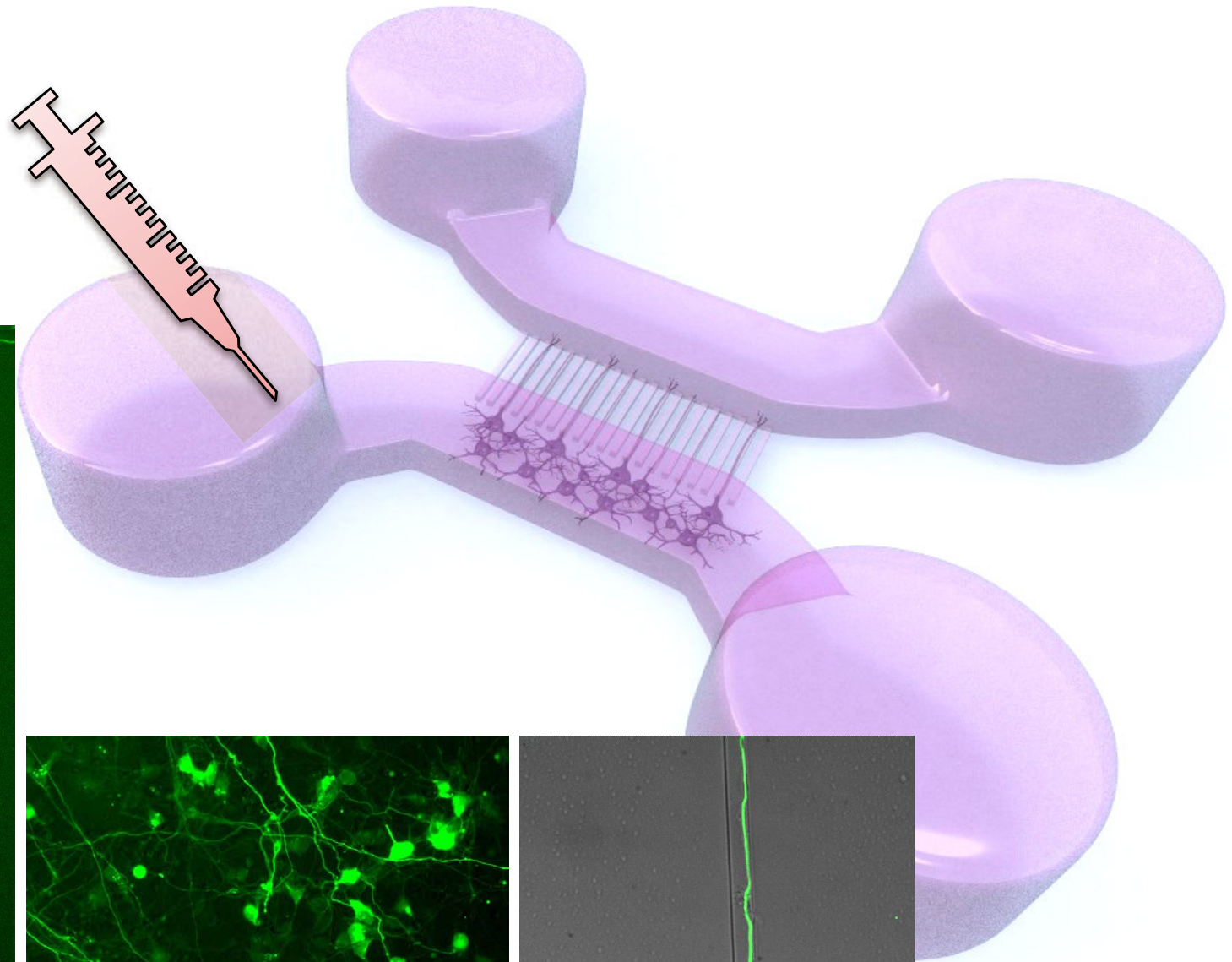
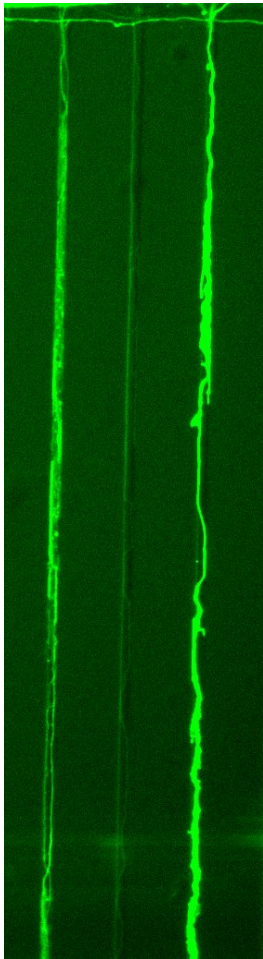
PDL/Laminin coating

Cell seeding

Incubator

Neurites and Axons

(if  $L > 500\mu\text{m}$ )

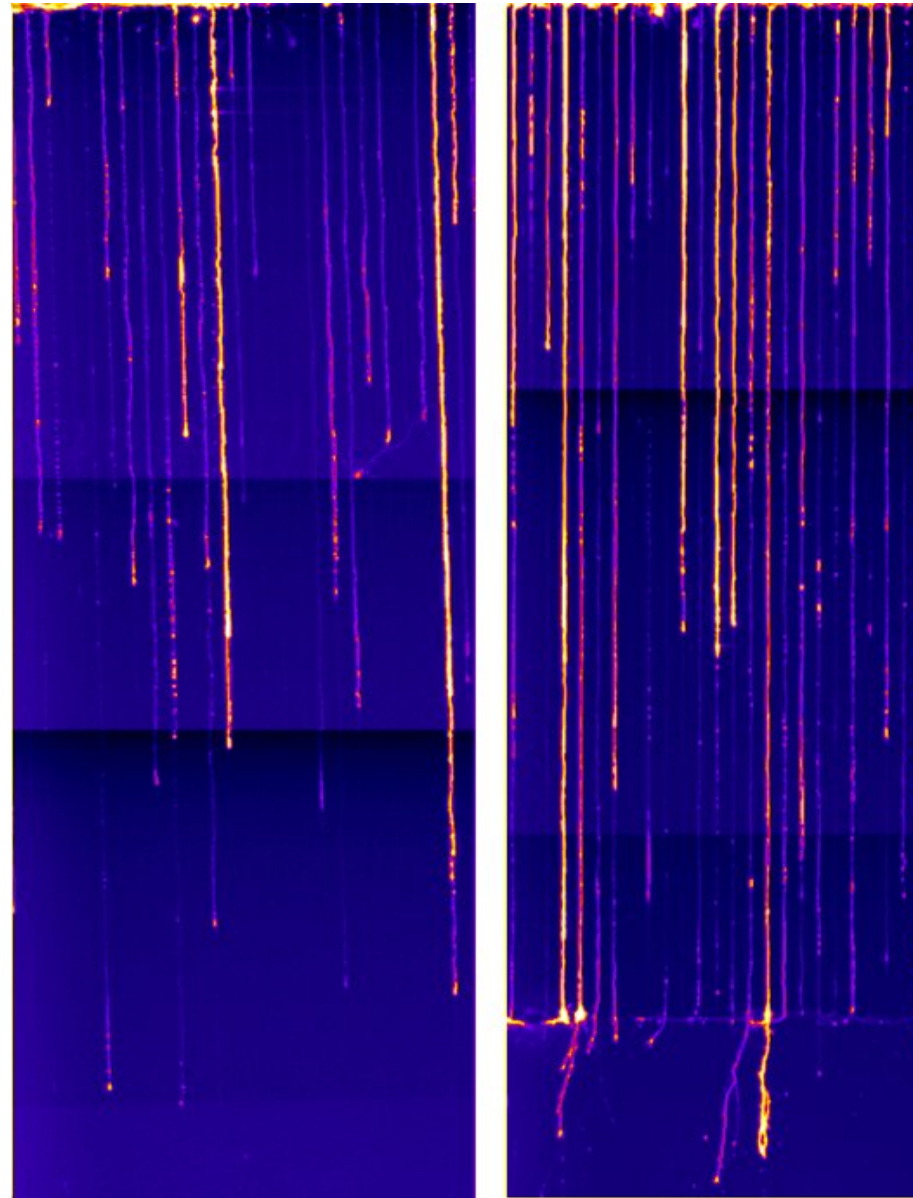


# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

Long micro channels : 1,5 mm

Analysis of growth rate analysis  
under different stimulations

- Chemoattractant
- Mechanotransduction
- Electric fields
- **Light**



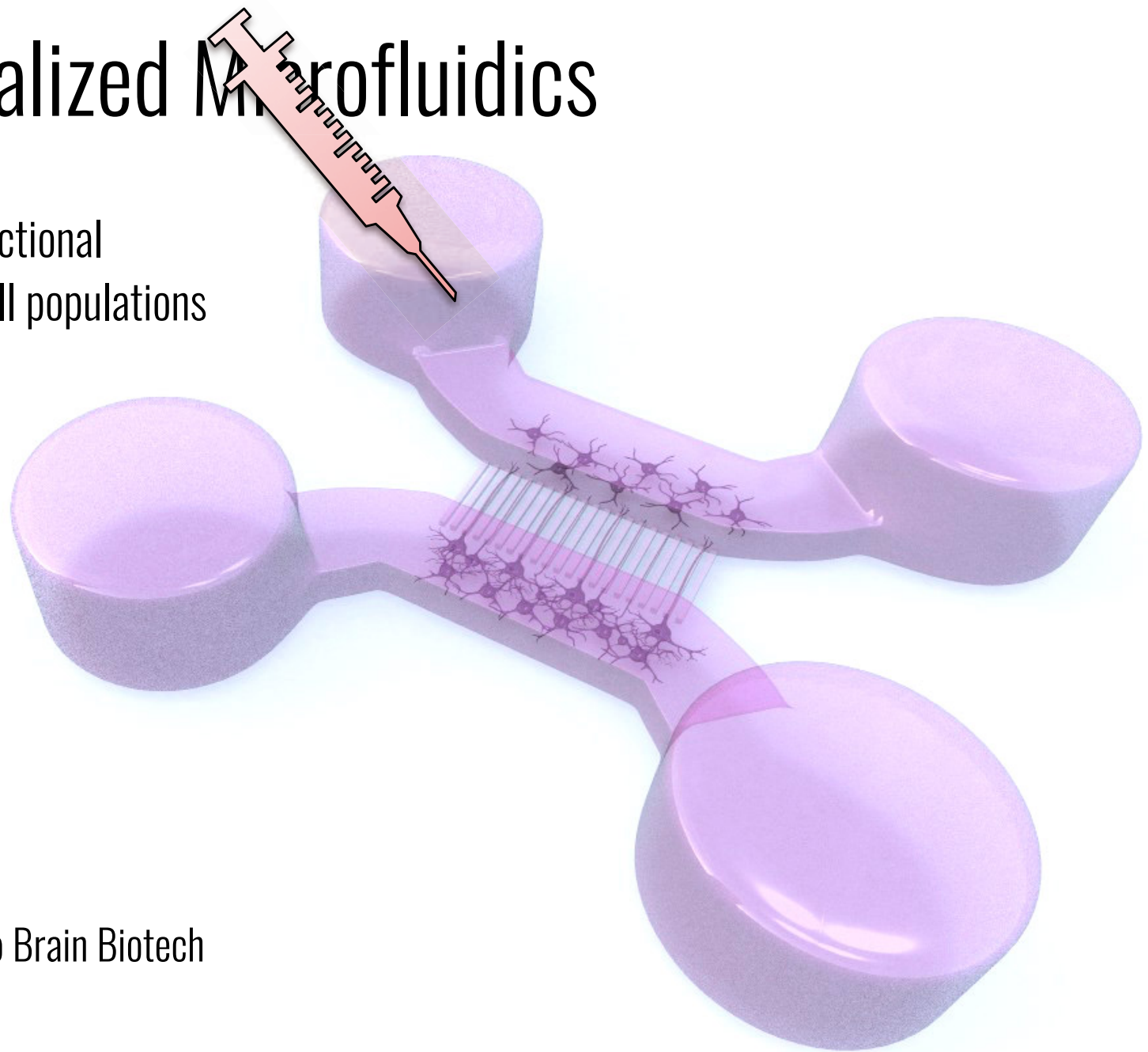
Control

Optical  
stimulation

# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

in-vitro reconstitution of functional connections between two cell populations

**cortico-cortical**  
**cortico-Striatal**  
cortico-hippocampal,  
hippocampo-hippocampal,  
...

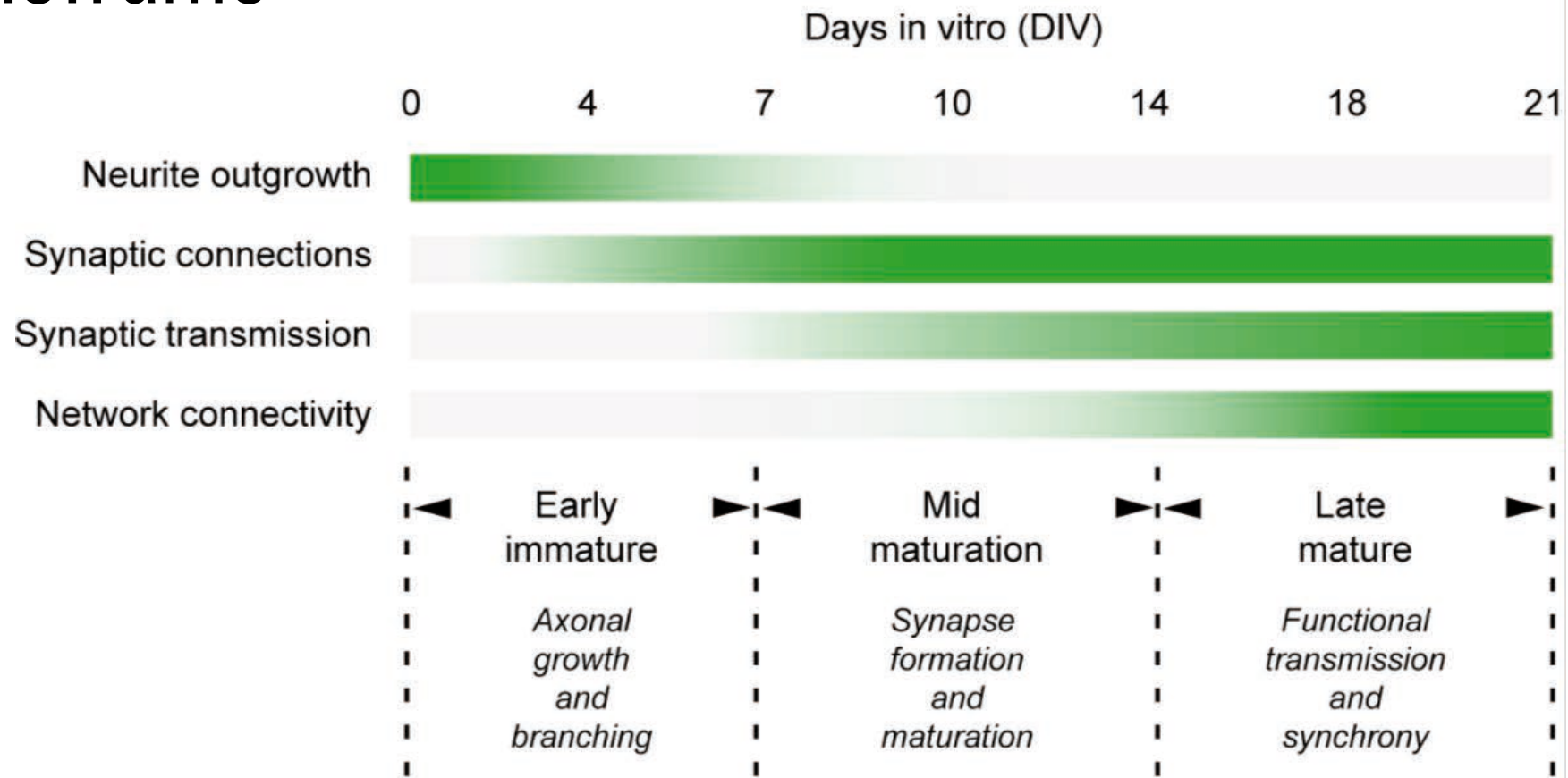


Xona, Millipore, Ananda, Micro Brain Biotech

+gradient of laminin/poly-d-lysine coating

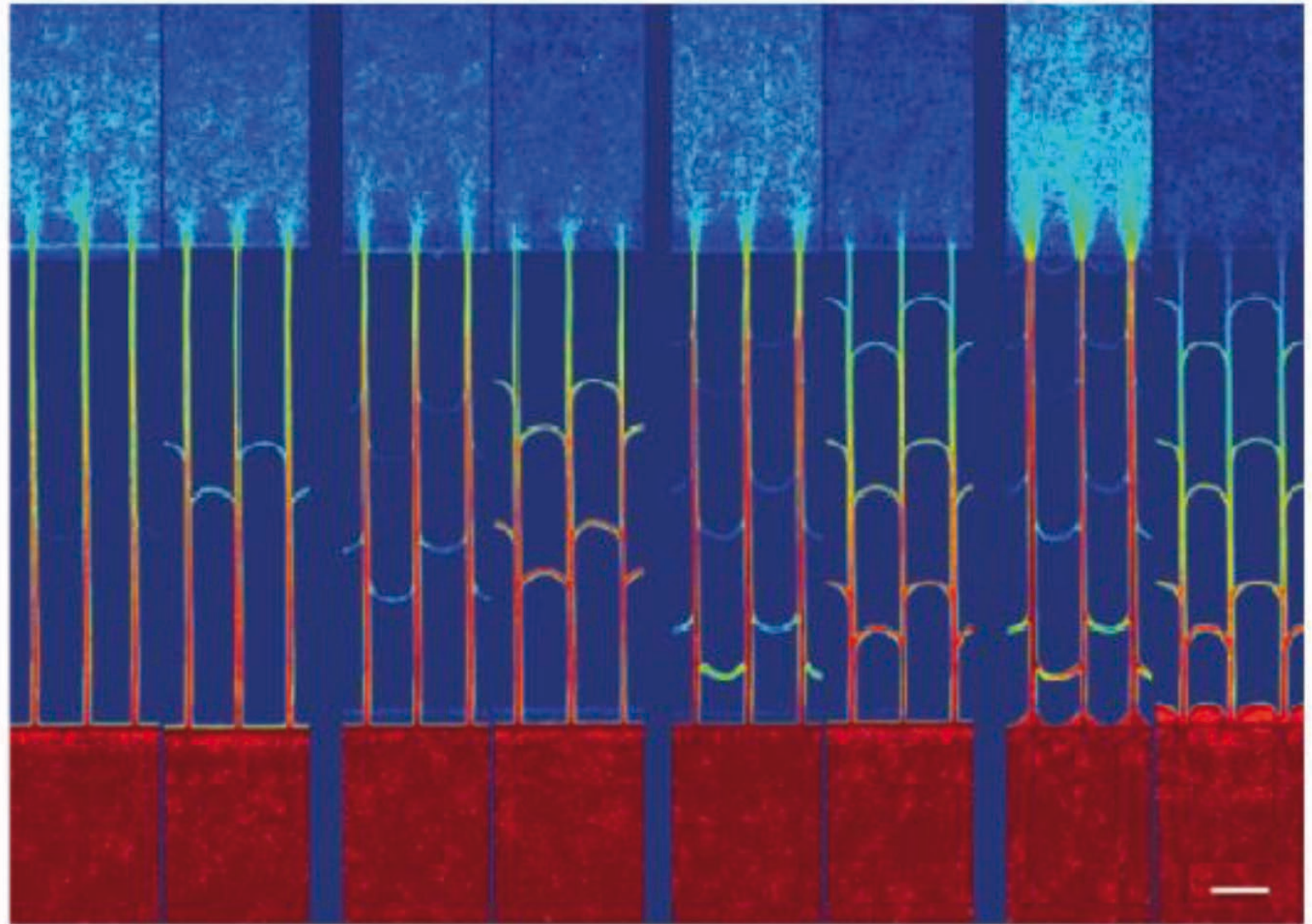
# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

## Timeframe



# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

Arches



C.Villard, IPGG

# Compartmentalized Microfluidics

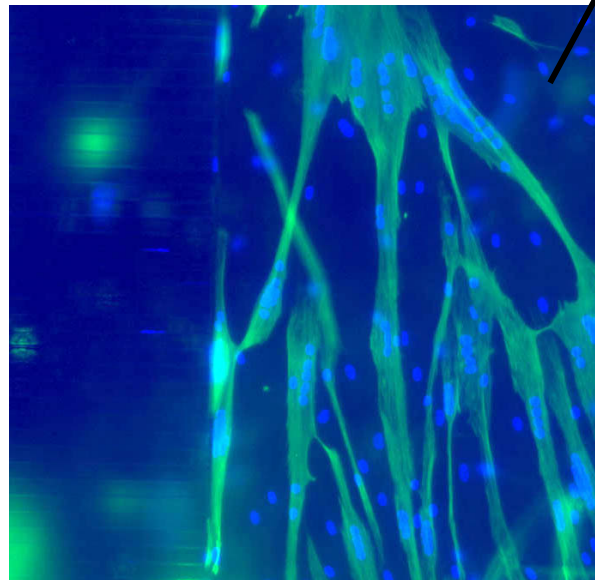
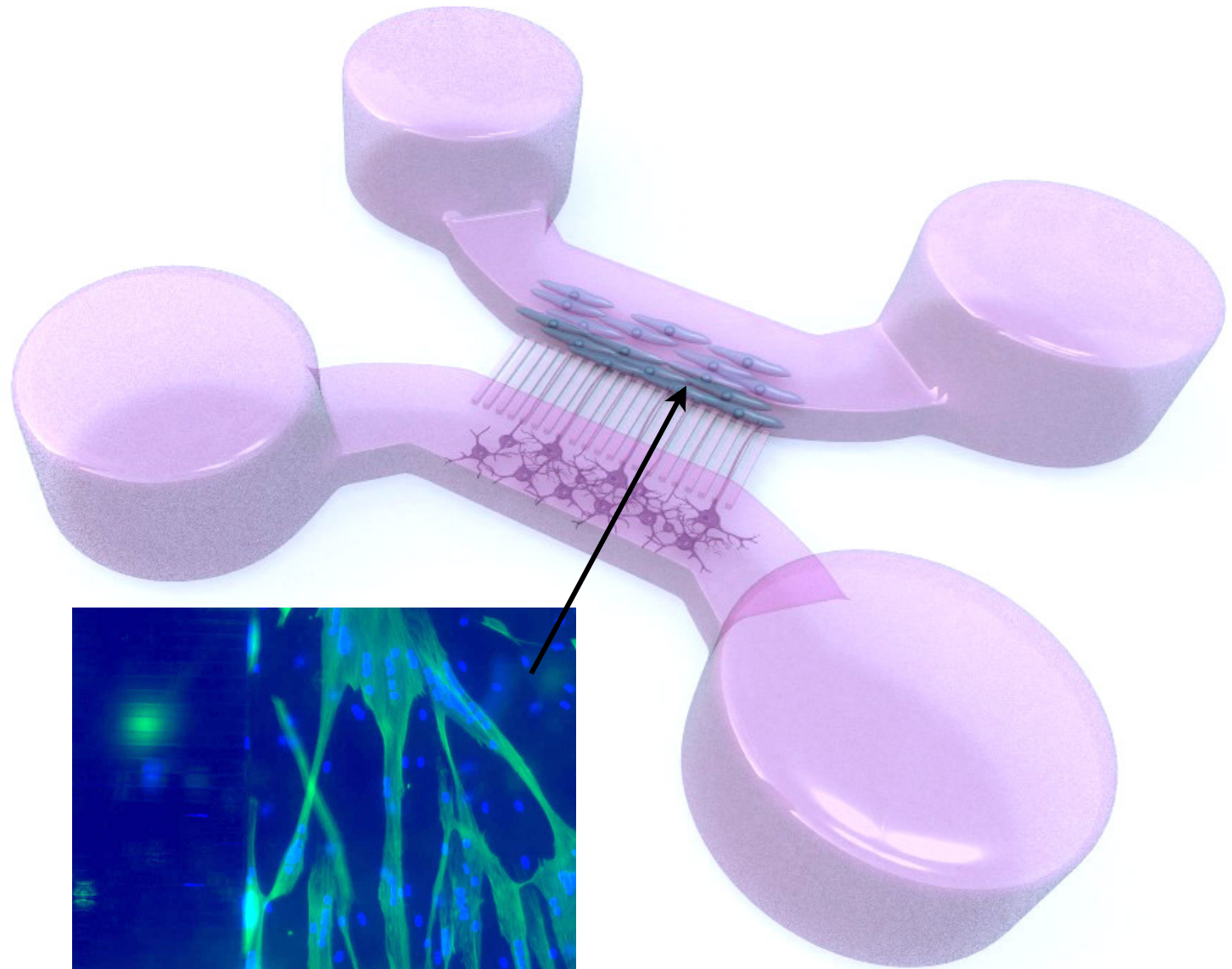
Co-Cultures

Neuron-skin

Neuron-bone

**Motoneuron-muscle**

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G.Carnac, Phymedexp

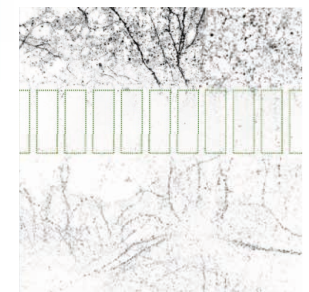
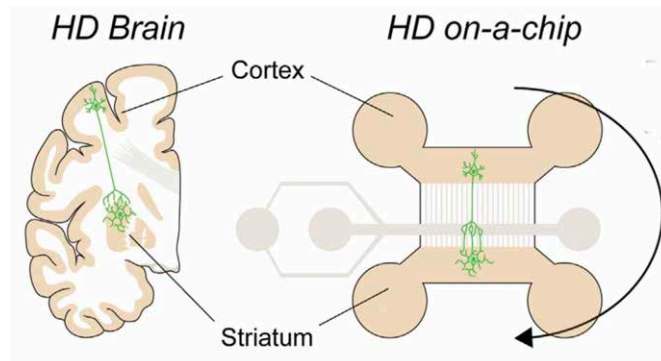
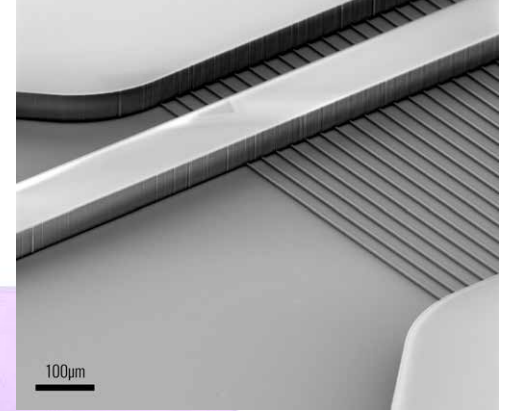
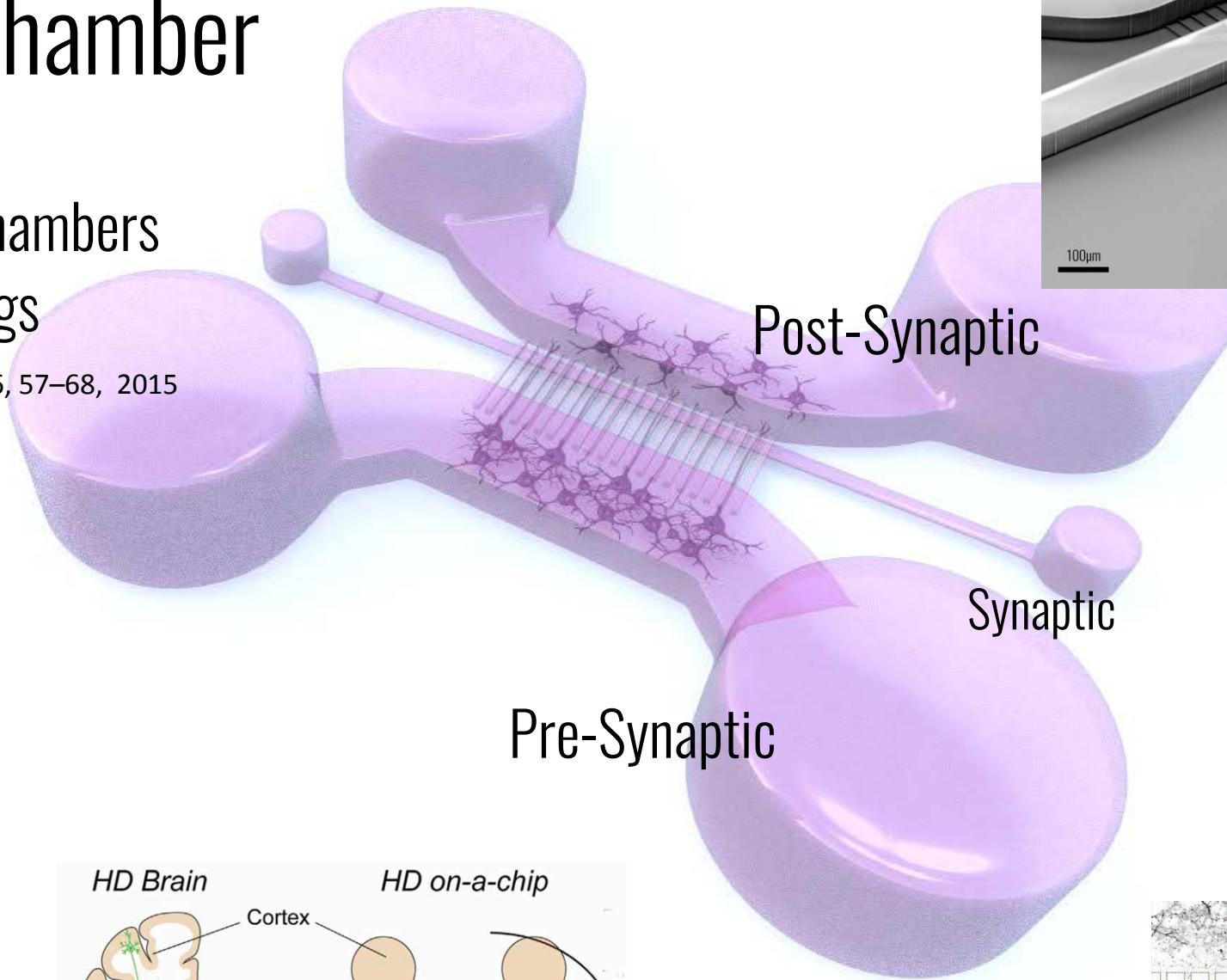
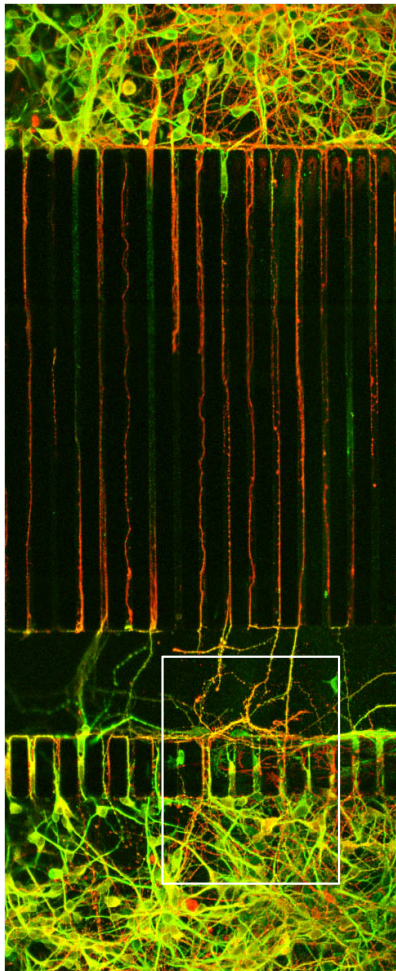


# Synaptic chamber

Design with 3 chambers

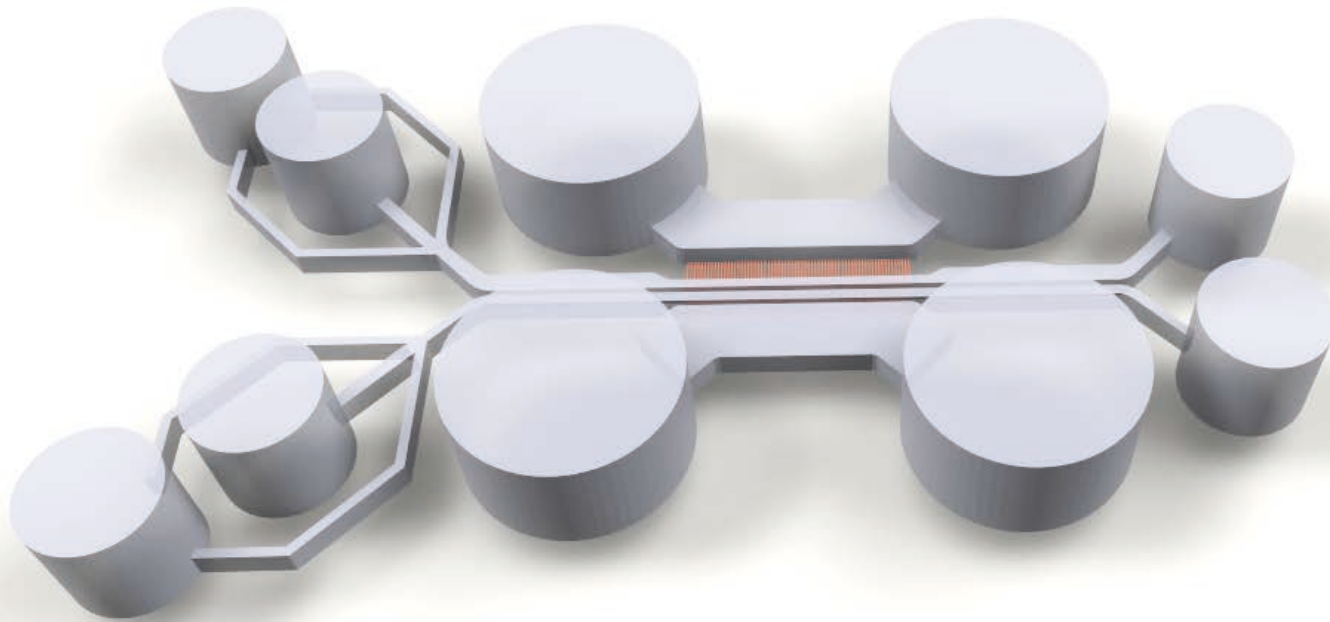
Perfusion of drugs

A.M. Taylor et al. *Neuron* 66, 57–68, 2015

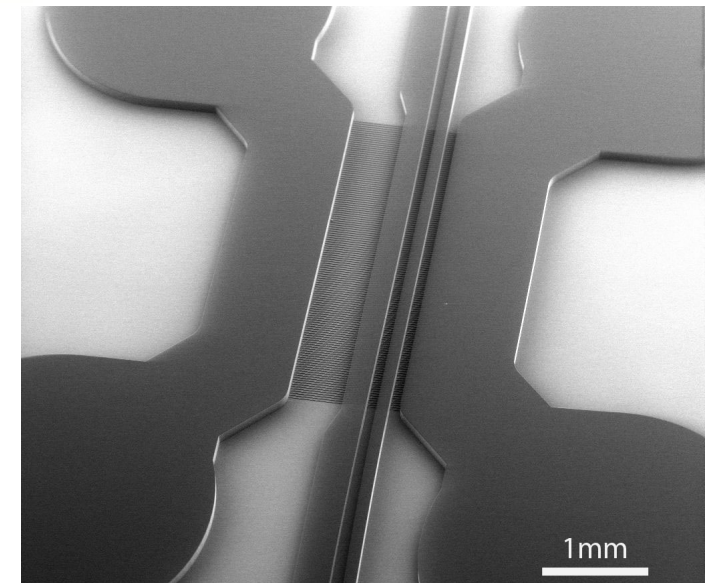
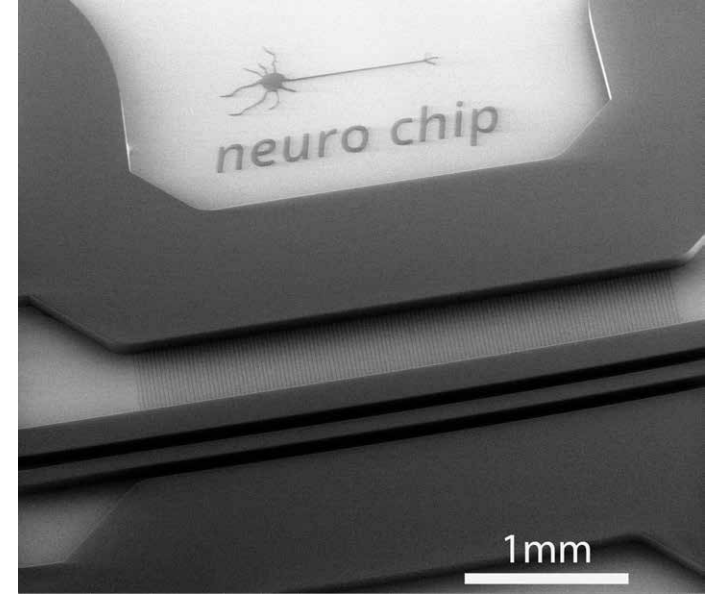


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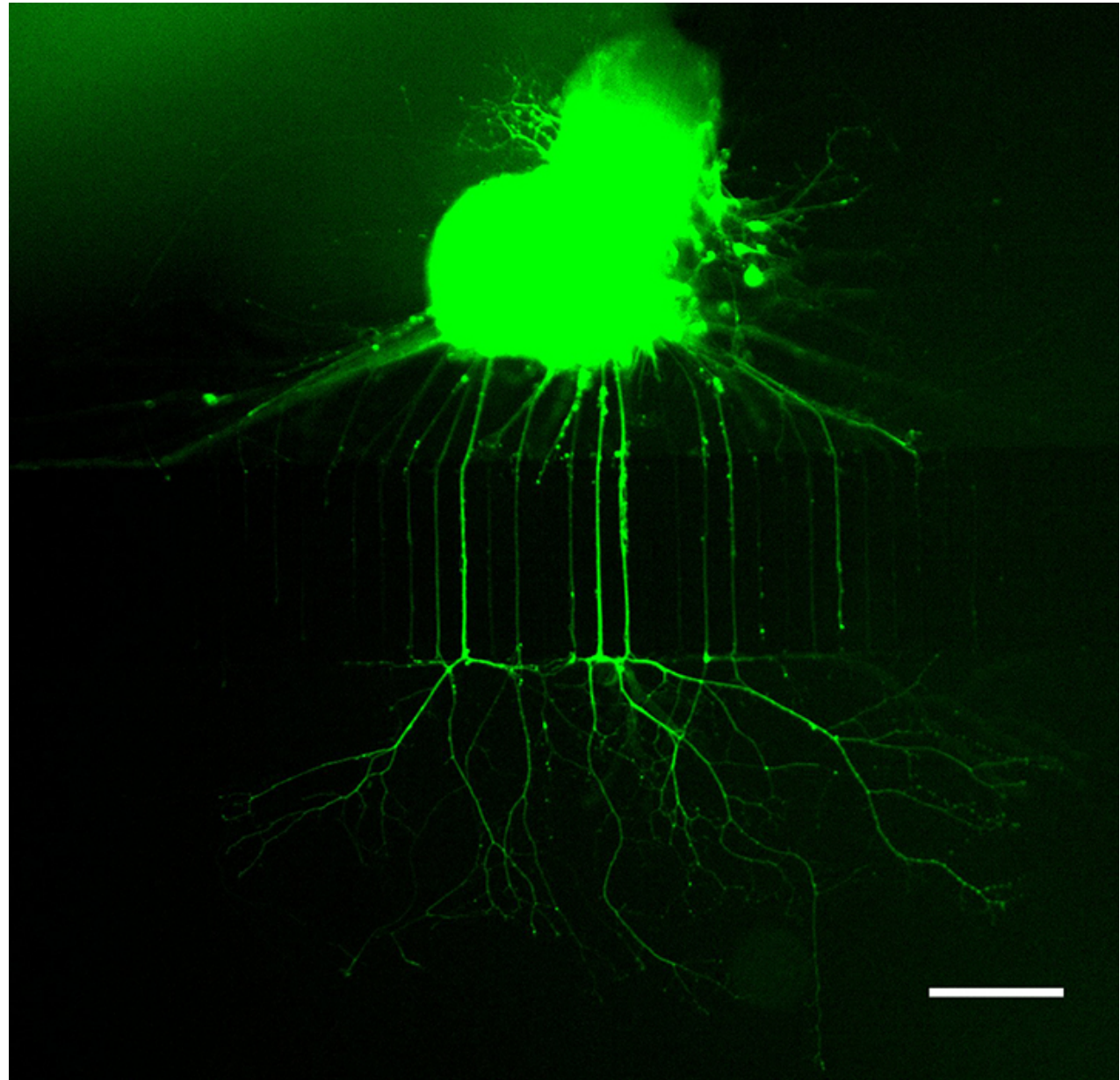
# Axotomy chamber



Culture chambers  
Synaptic chamber  
Axotomy chamber



# Explant in chamber



# Microfluidics + Micro Electrode Array (MEA)

Organisation

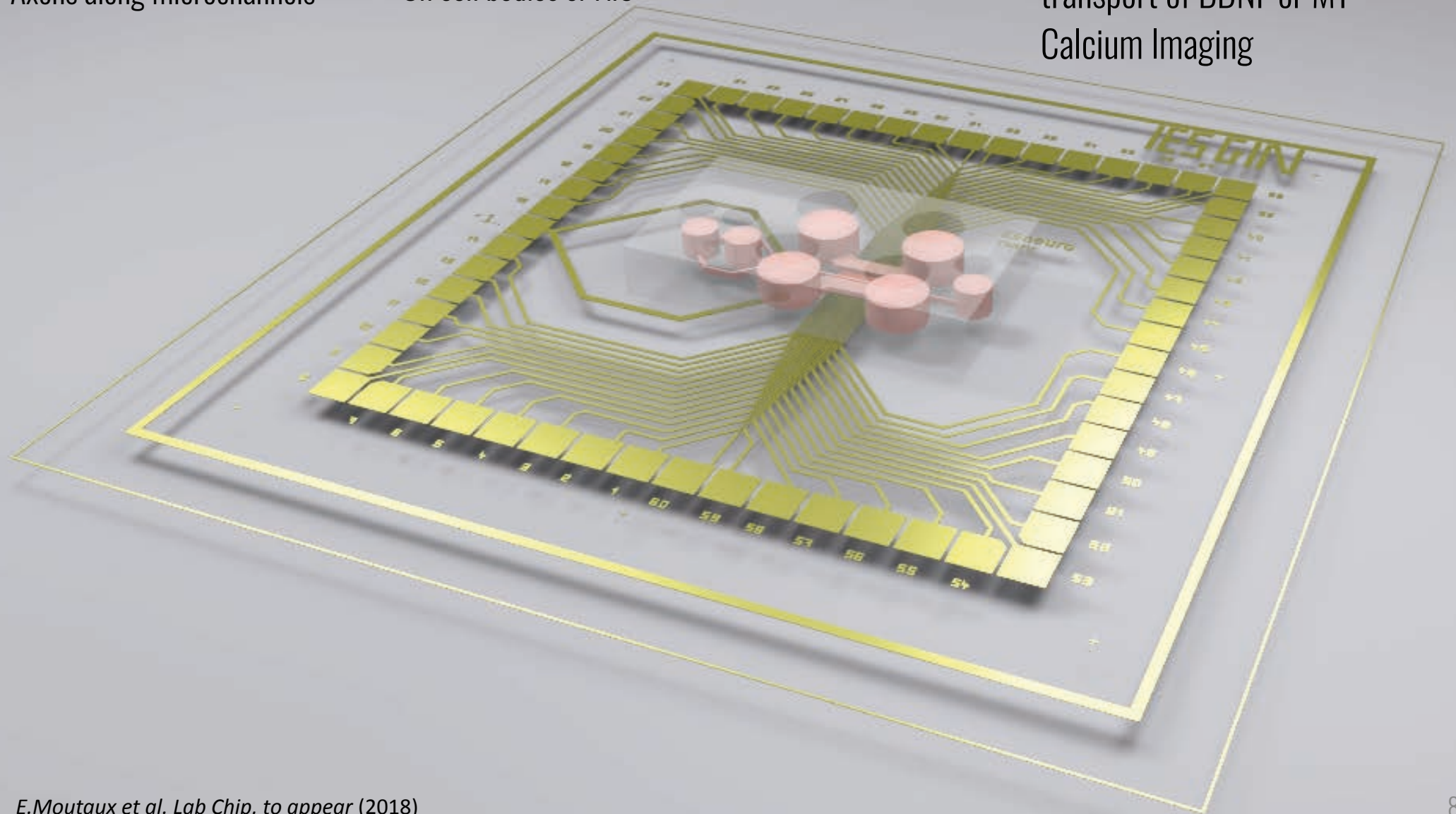
Axons along microchannels

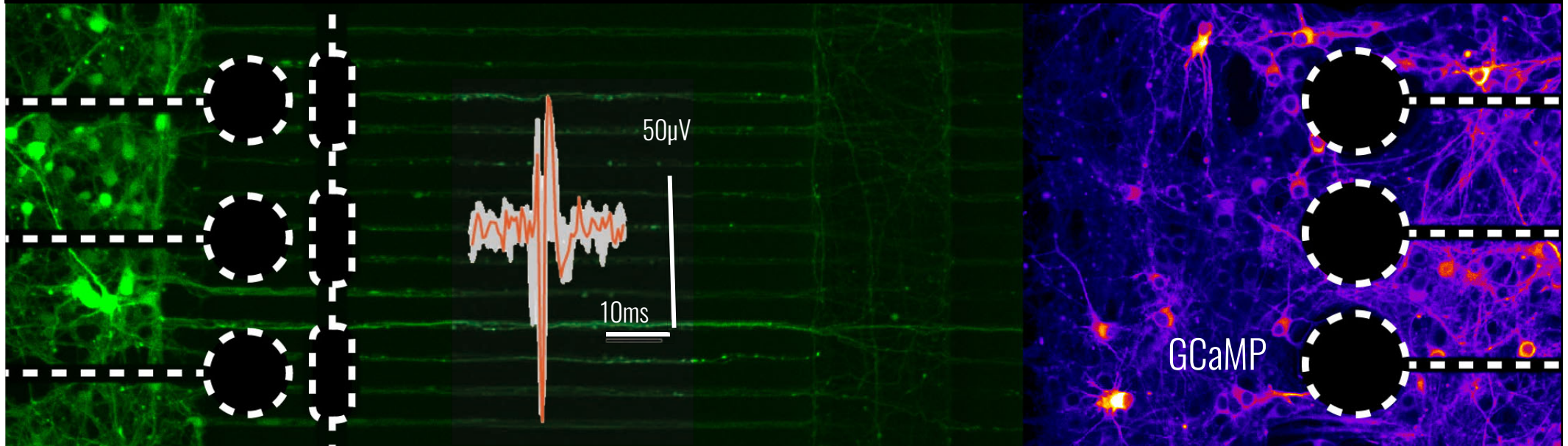
+ Stimulation & Recording

On cell bodies or AIS

+ Observation

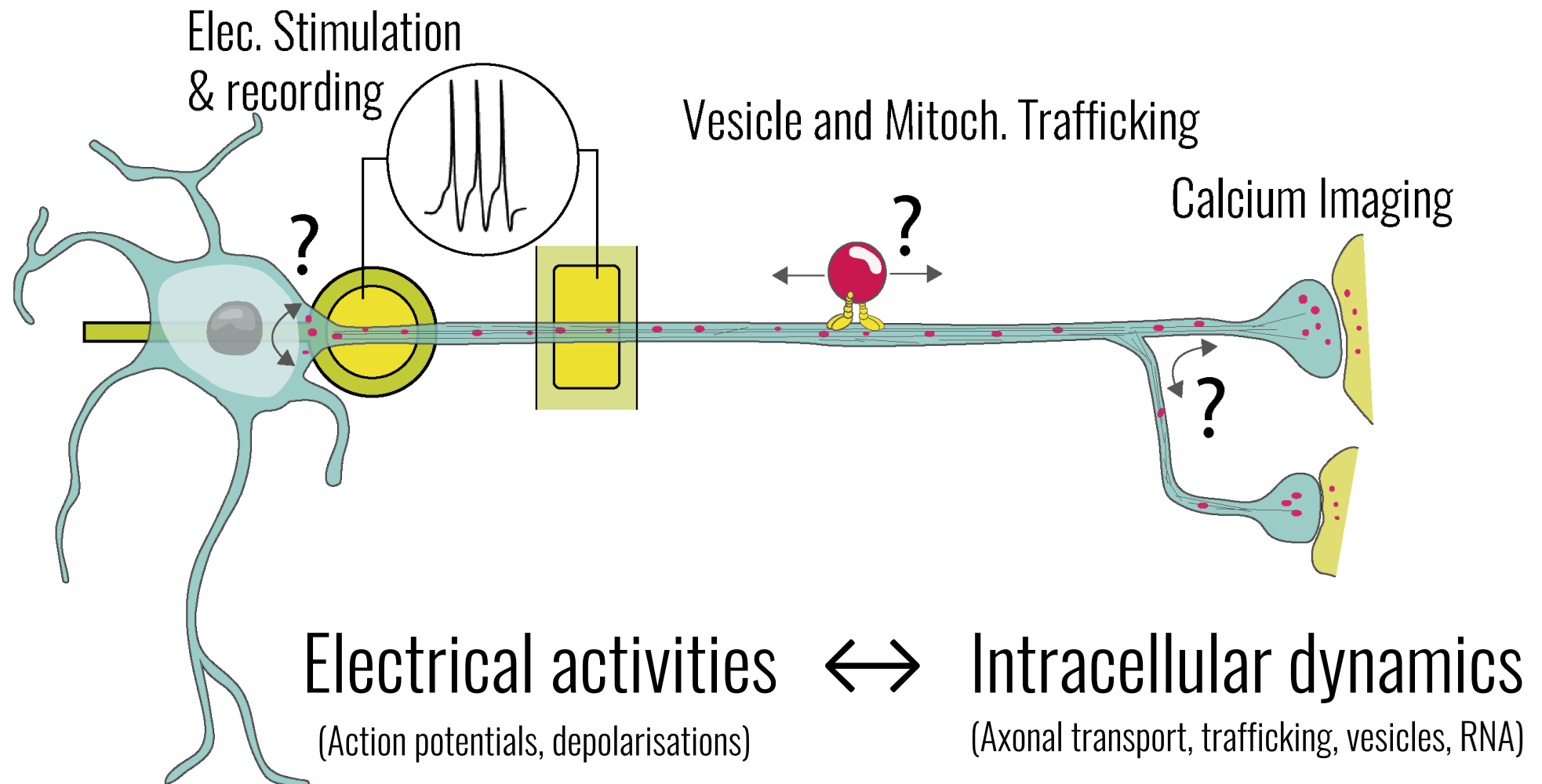
transport of BDNF or MT  
Calcium Imaging





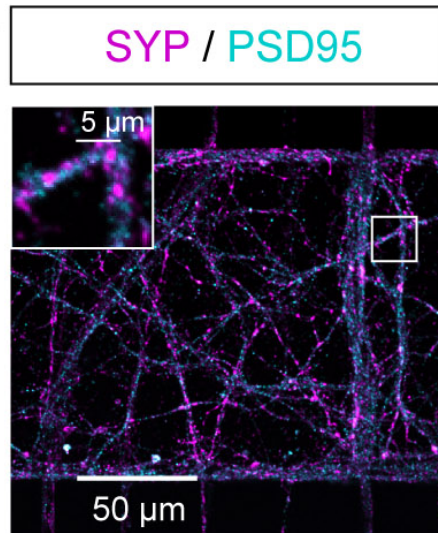
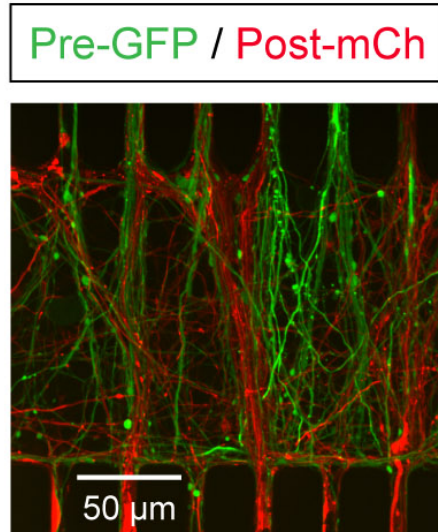
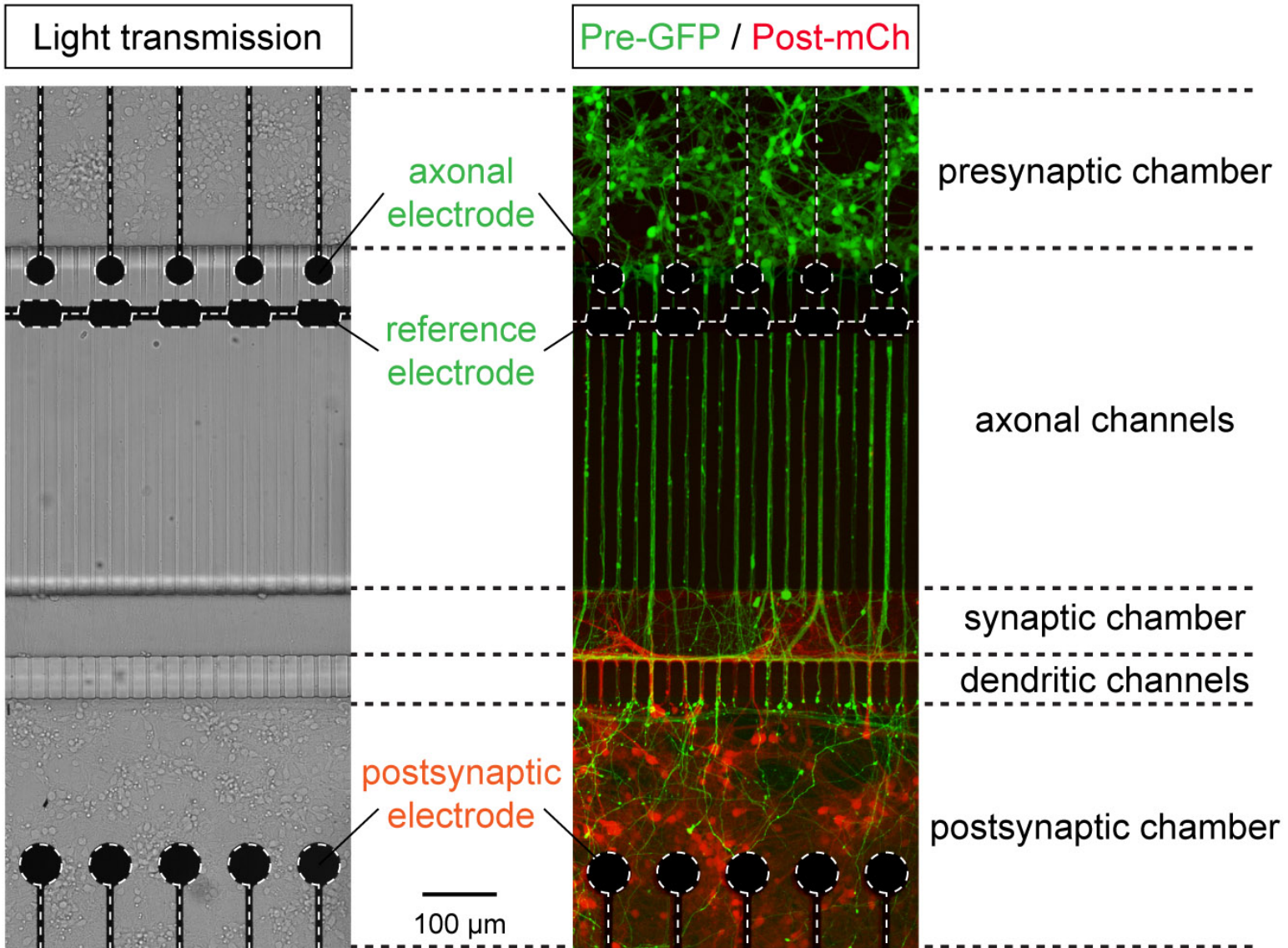
- Reconstruction of neuronal junctions → **Microfluidics**
- Stimulation and monitoring neuronal junctions → **Micro Electrodes**
- Observation of axonal transport → **Spinning Disc Fluorescence Microscopy**

# Neurofluidics + Extracel. electrodes



Neurodegenerative disease : HD Huntington disease, ALS, SMA 86

# Electrode arrangement



# MEA microfabrication

**Thin** glass substrate : 5x5cm 170 $\mu$ m

Mask1 Ti/Pt electrodes (Electron gun evap. + Lift Off)

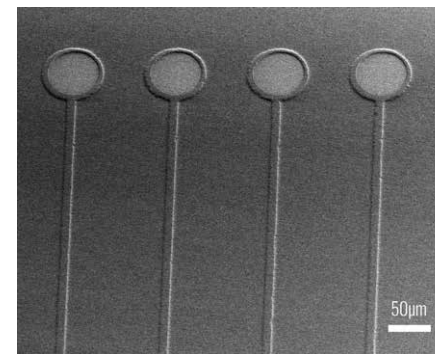
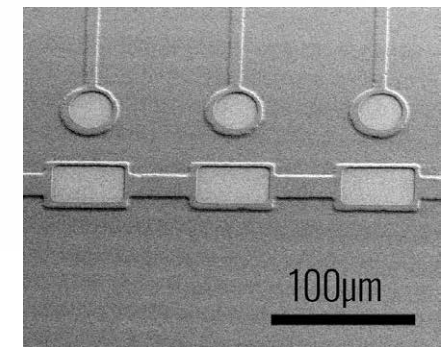
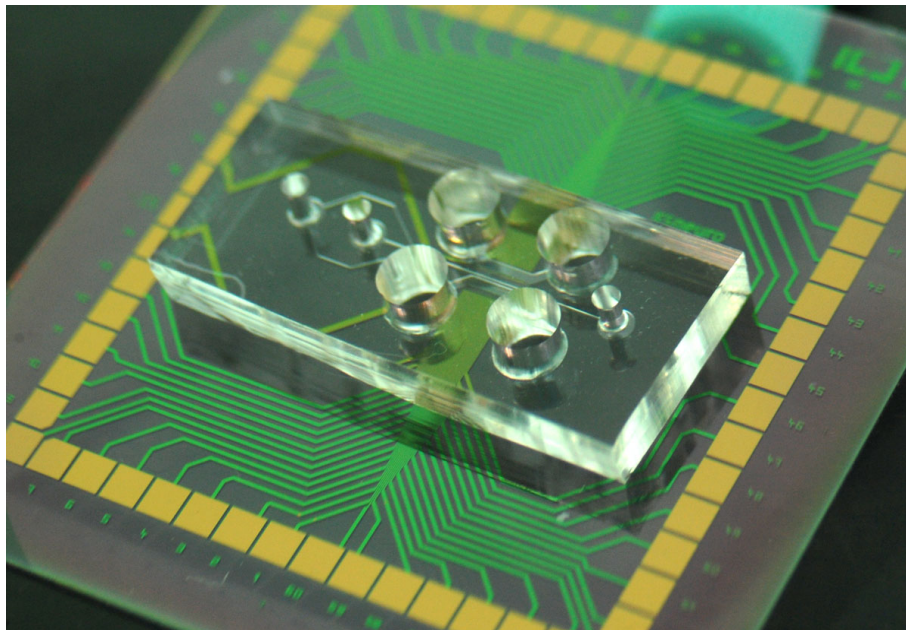
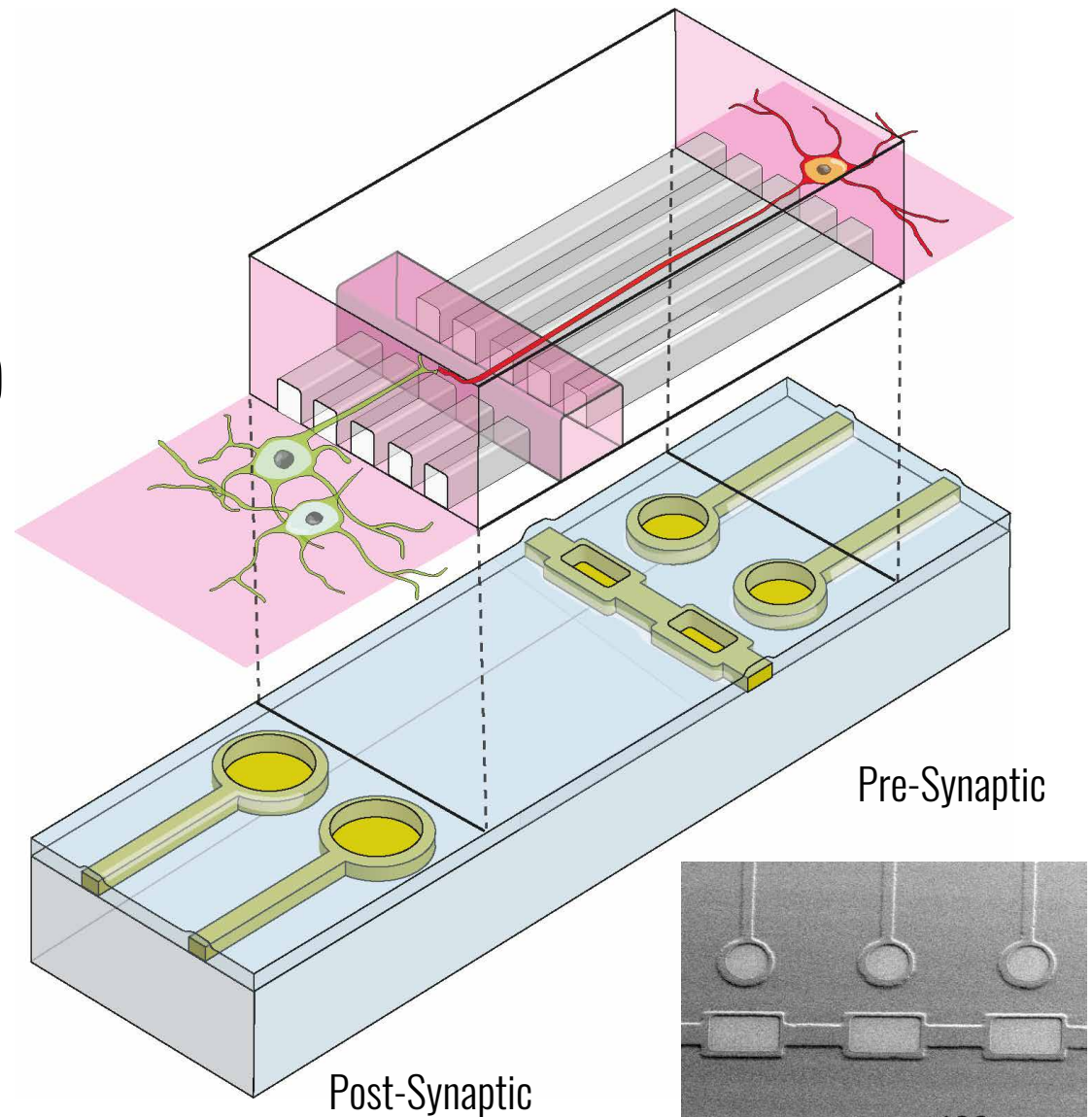
SiN<sub>x</sub> PECVD

Mask2+ Alignment + RIE etching

Cleaning, PDMS alignment and Bonding

*Simple and Stable process*

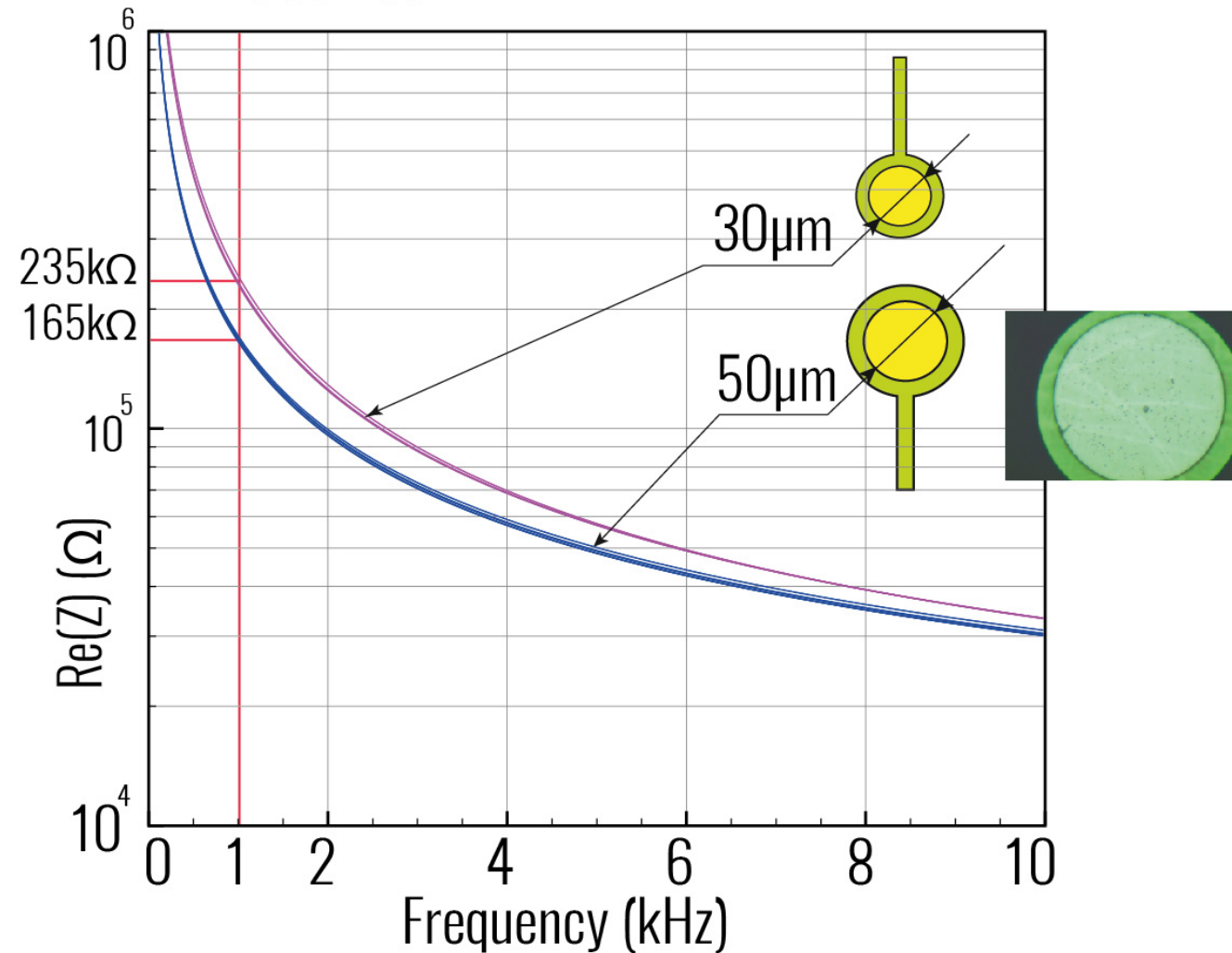
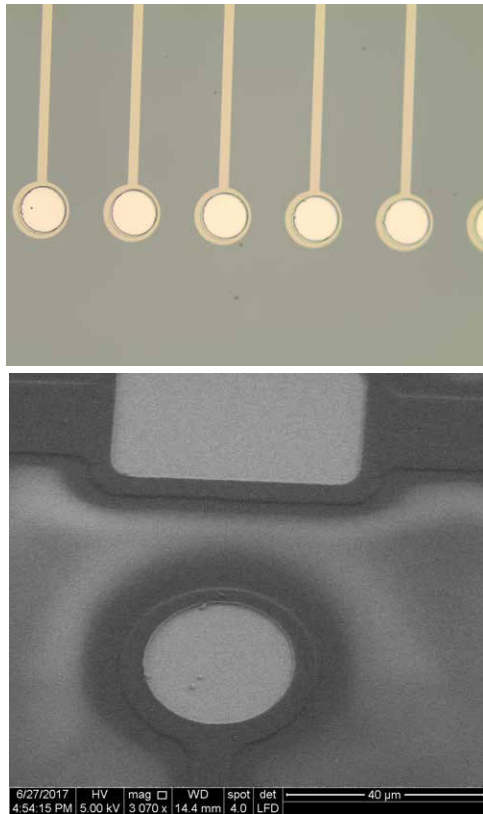
*For series > 100 samples*





# Impedance

Ti / Pt Microelectrode Impedance  
PBS 1x  
OSC 100mV



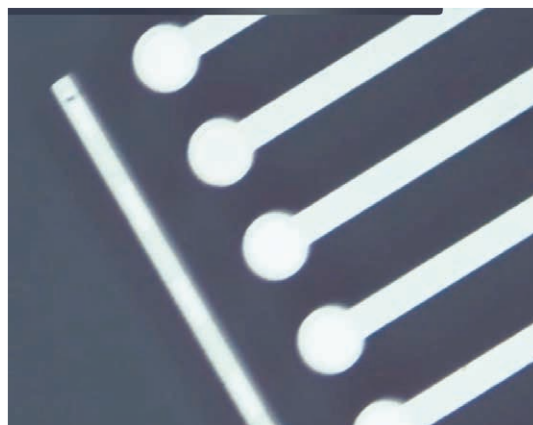
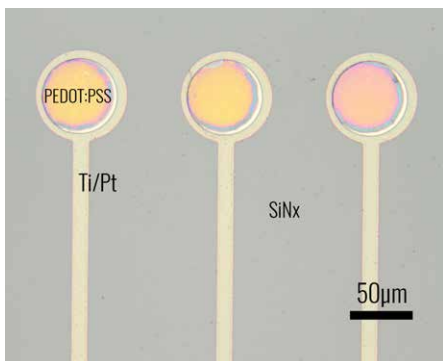
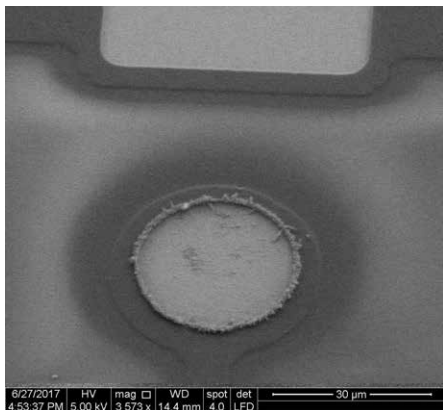
# Impedance lowering

Ti/Pt

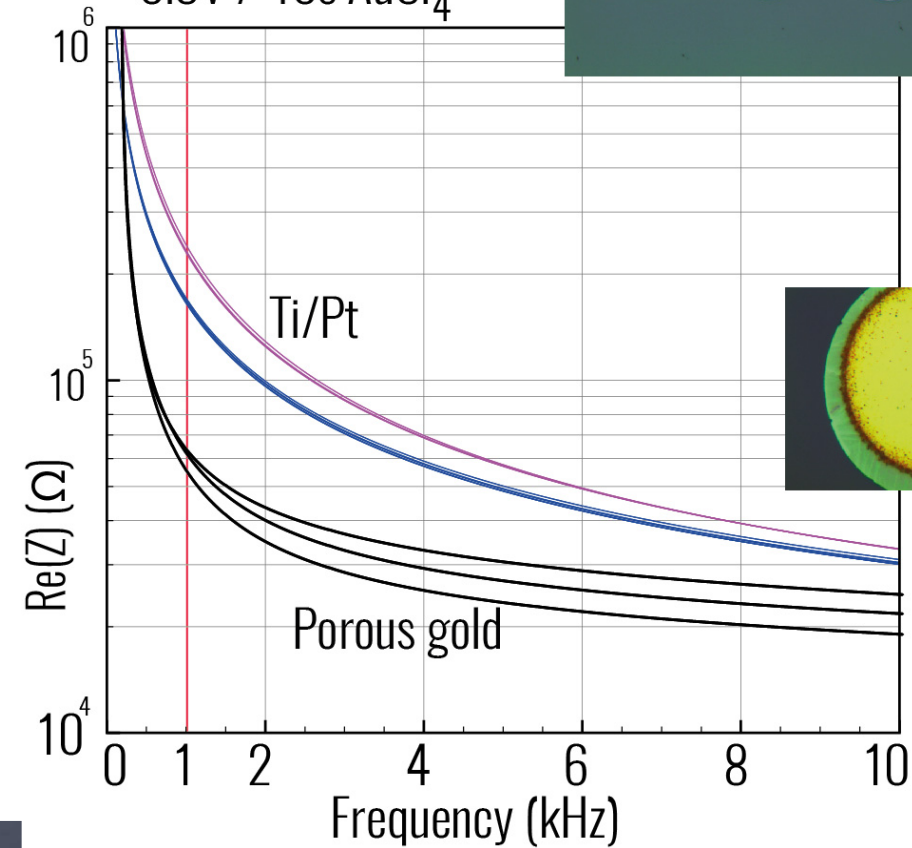
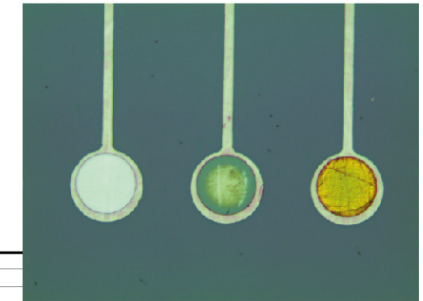
TiN

PEDOT:PSS

Porous gold Electrodeposition



Porous gold  
PBS 1x  
OSC 100mV  
-0.8V / 40s AuCl<sub>4</sub>

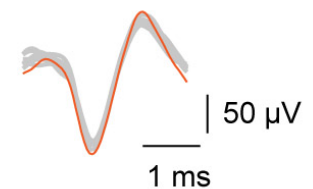
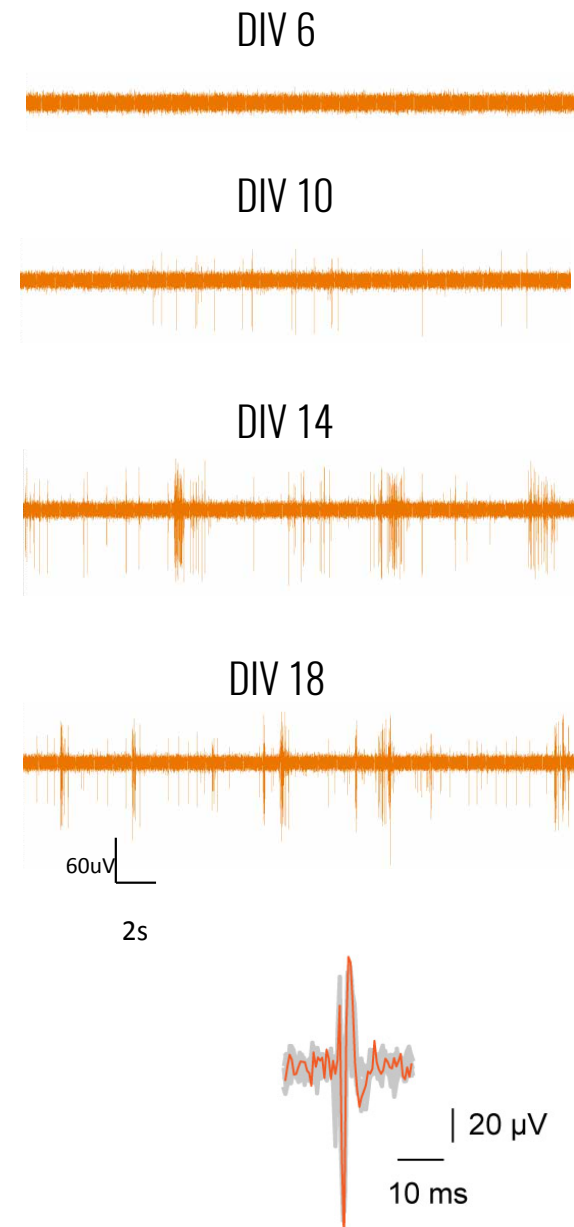
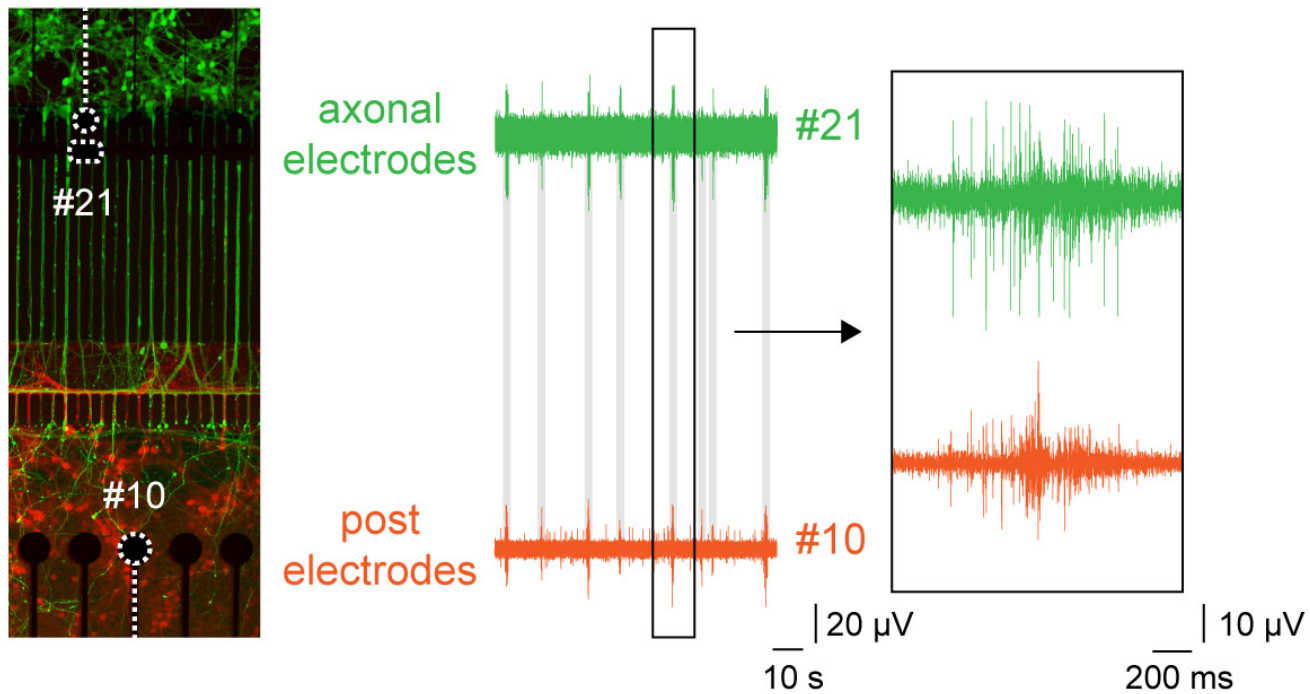


But..... Platinum for stability and reproducibility

# Extracellular Recording

Spikes detection (SNR>5)

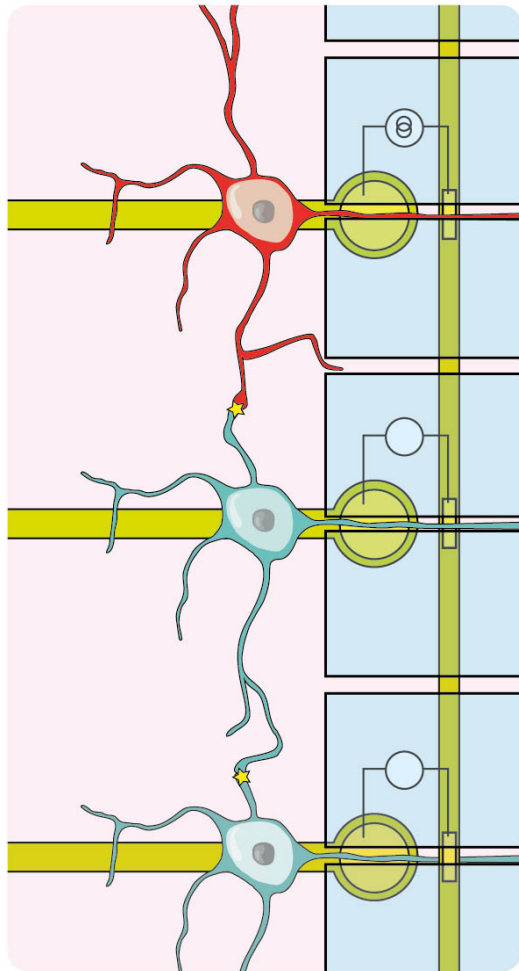
Spontaneous activity DIV10



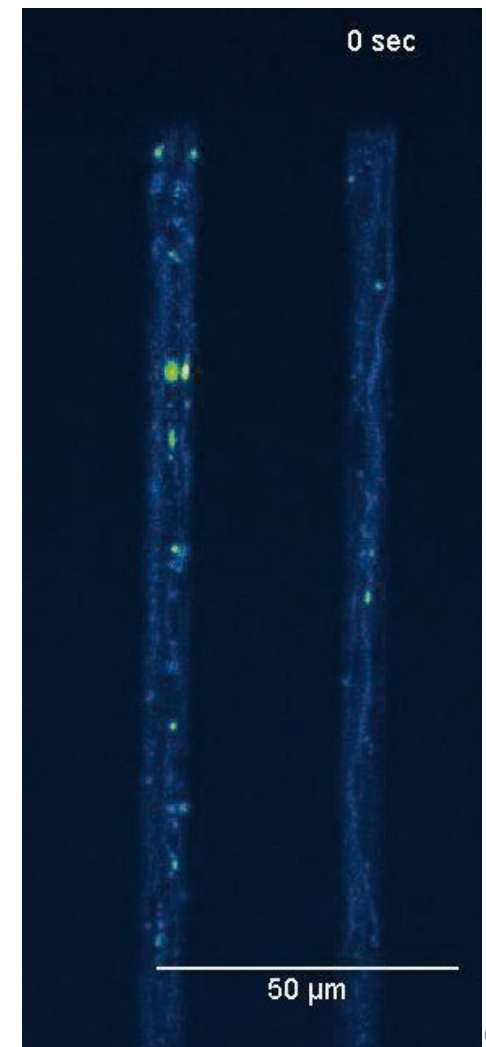
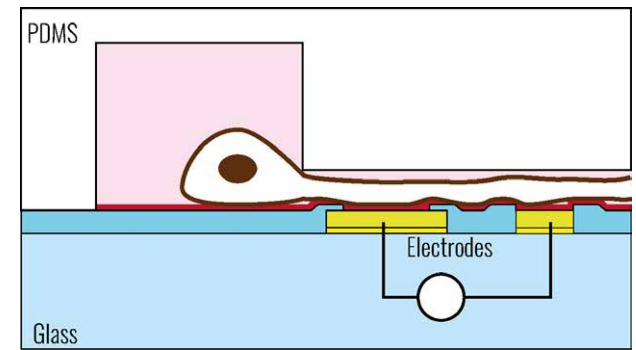
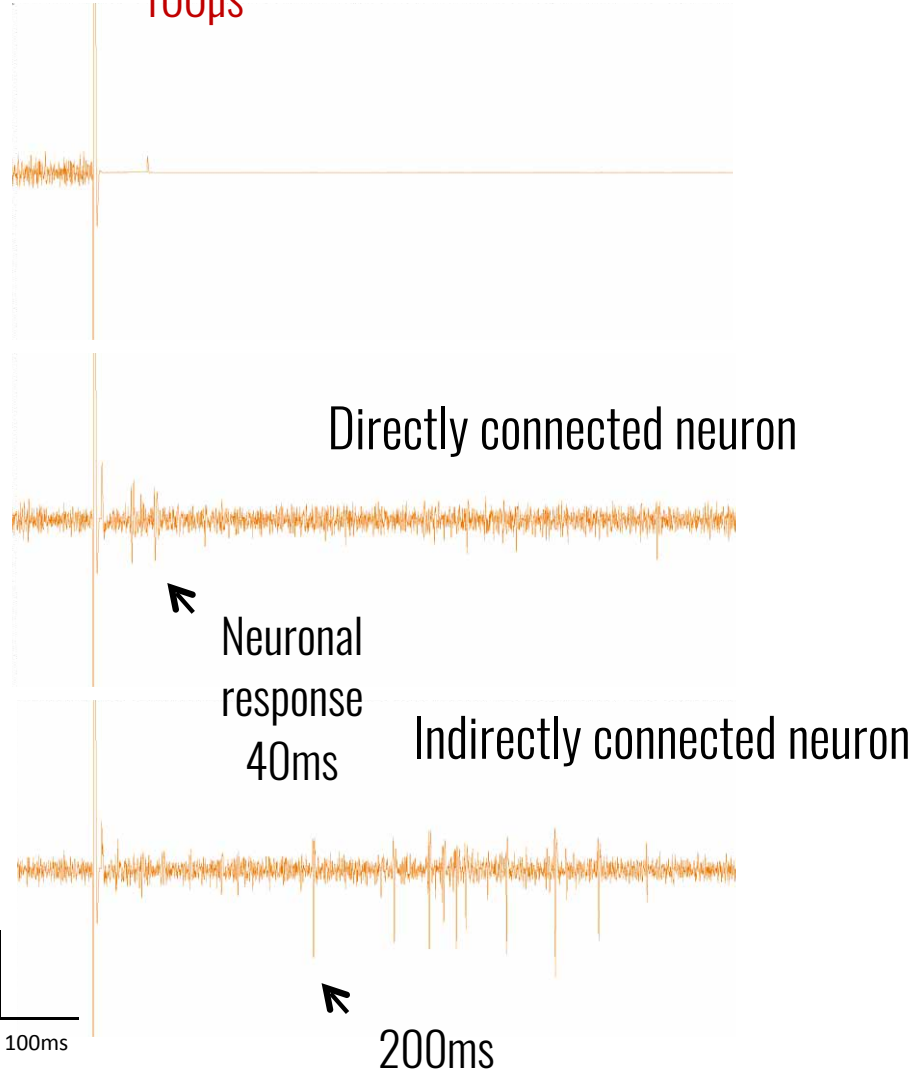
Self-organization and synchrony of the network

# Extracellular Stimulation

Current stimulation  
Axonal (AIS) stimulation

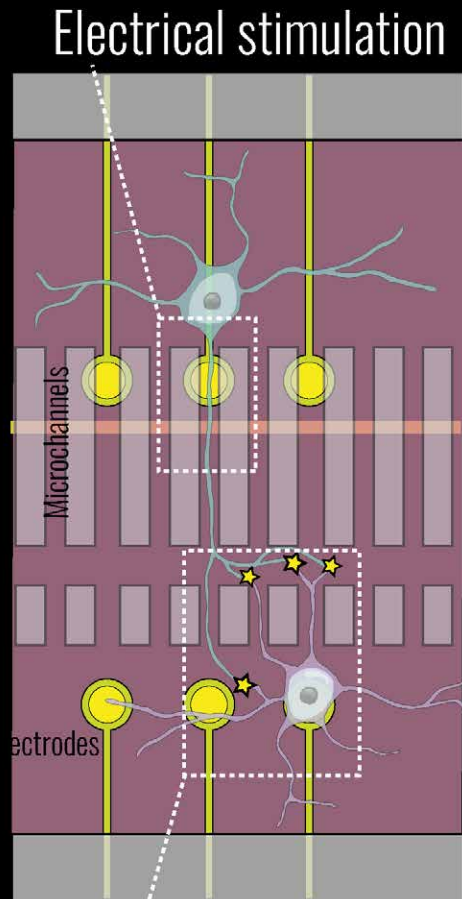


Stim  
40 $\mu$ A  
100 $\mu$ s

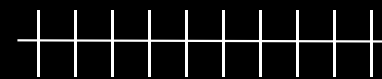
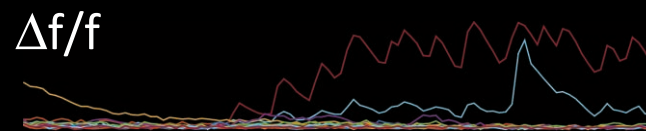
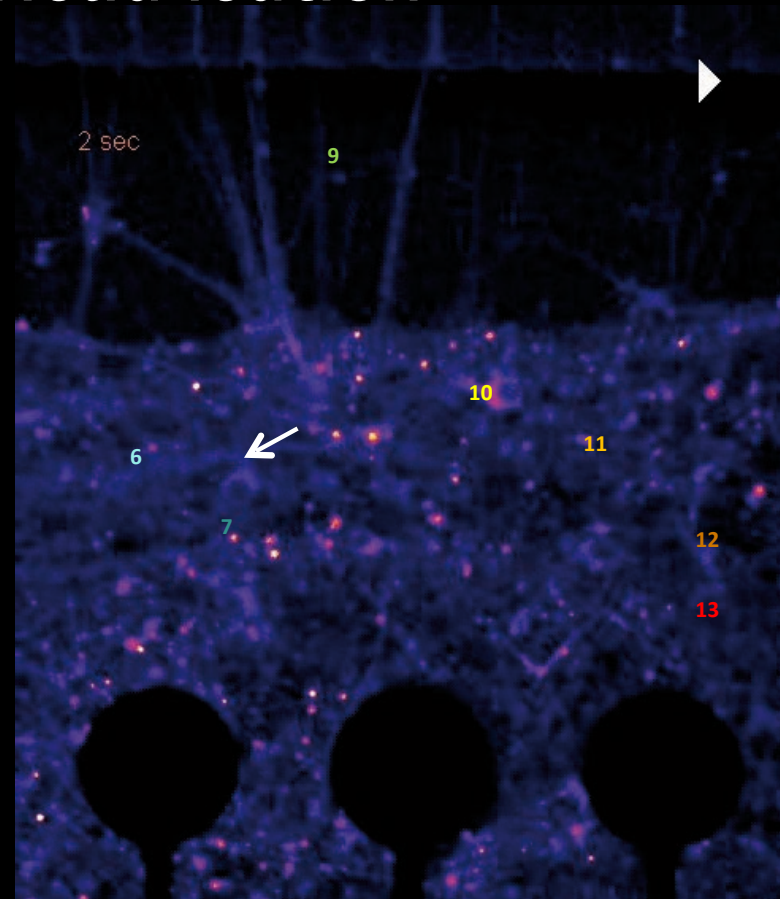


# Stimulation+ GCaMP6f visualisation

Genetically Encoded Calcium Indicators



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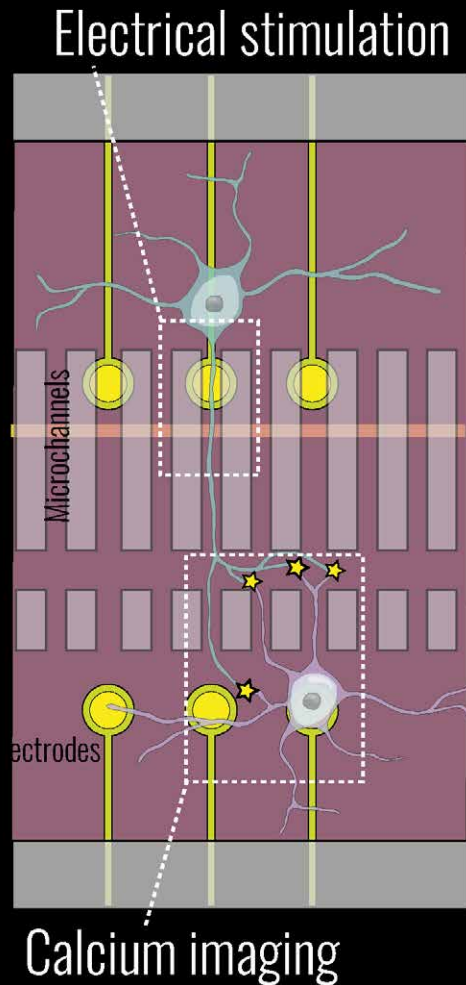


Small amplitude, repeated

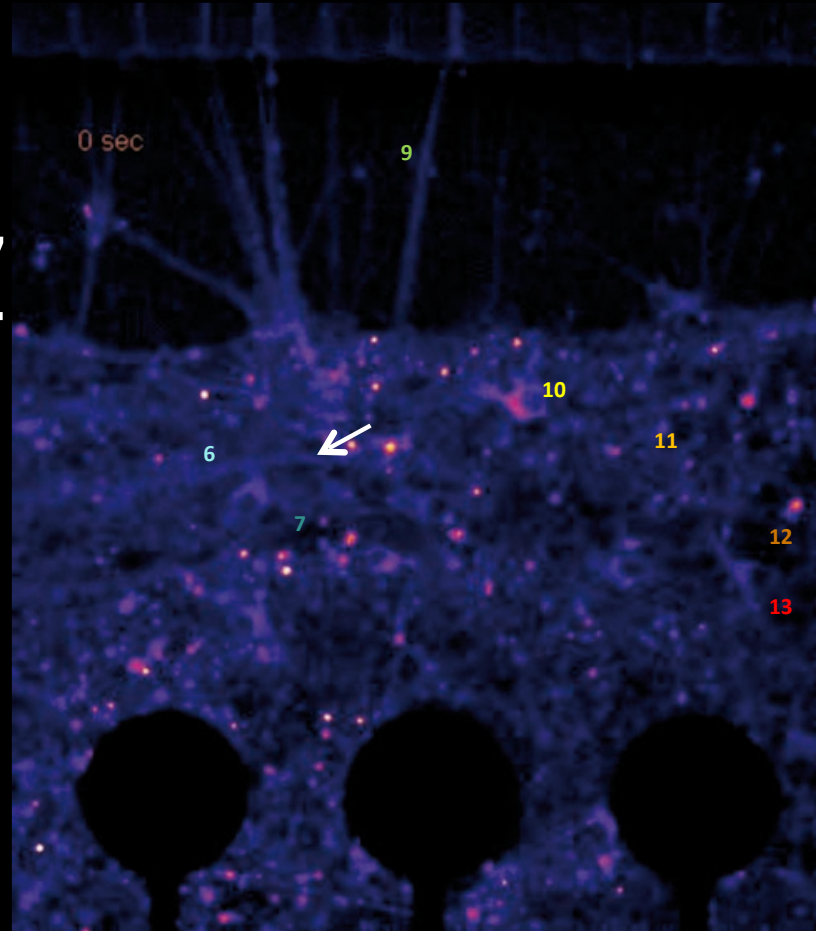
LTD long term depression : Decrease in synaptic strength induced by LF stimulation of presynaptic afferents

# Stimulation+ GCaMP6f visualisation

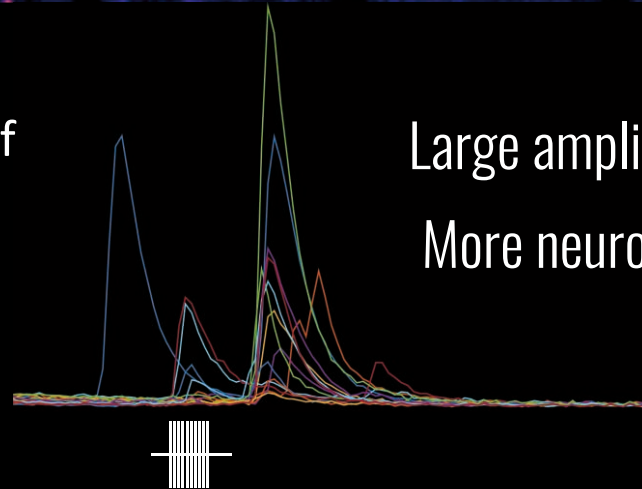
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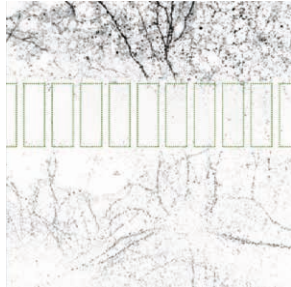
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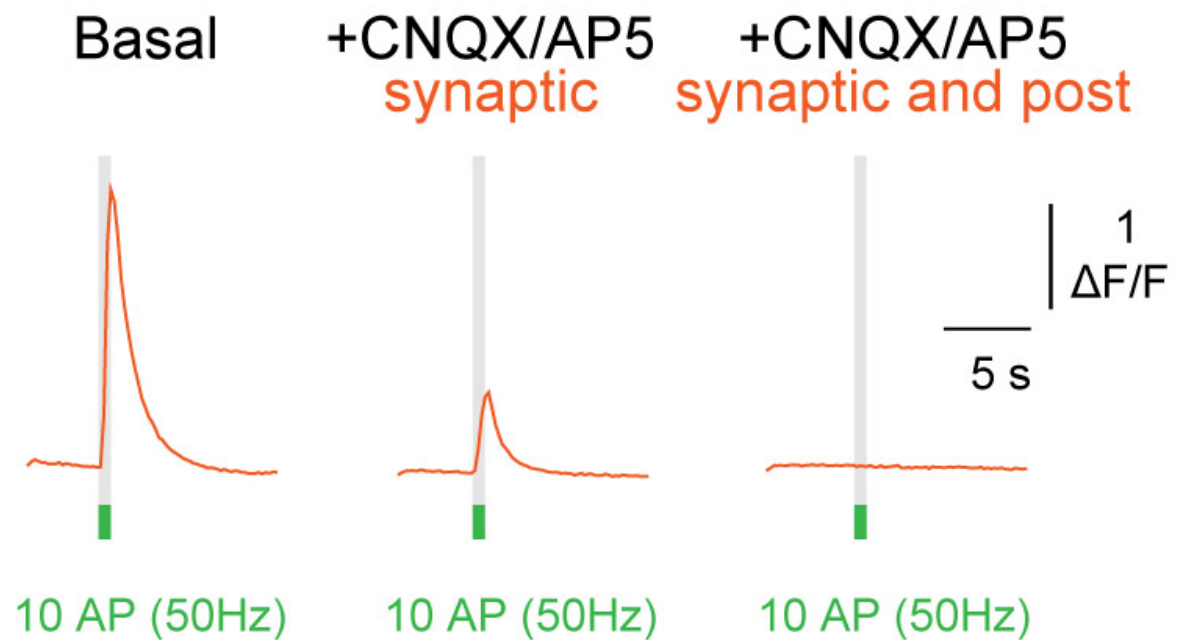
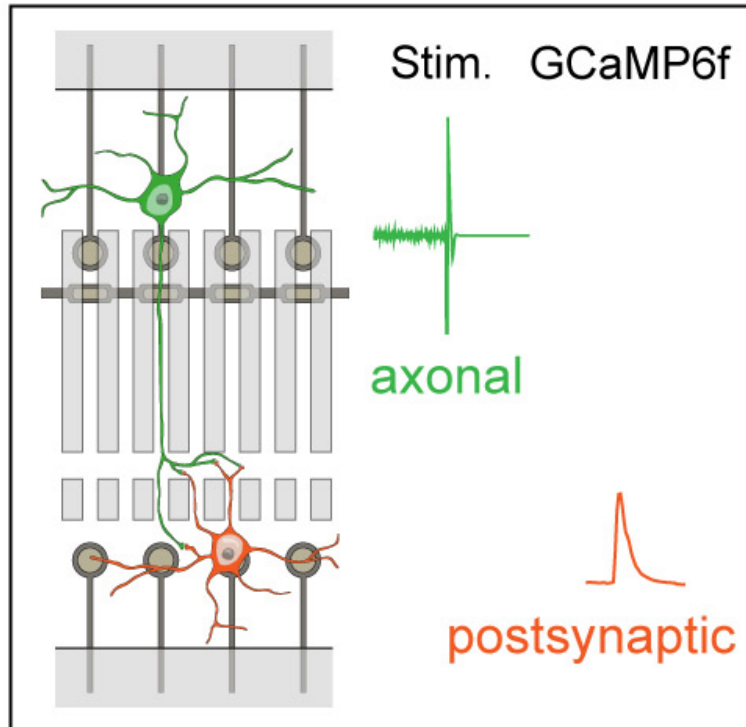
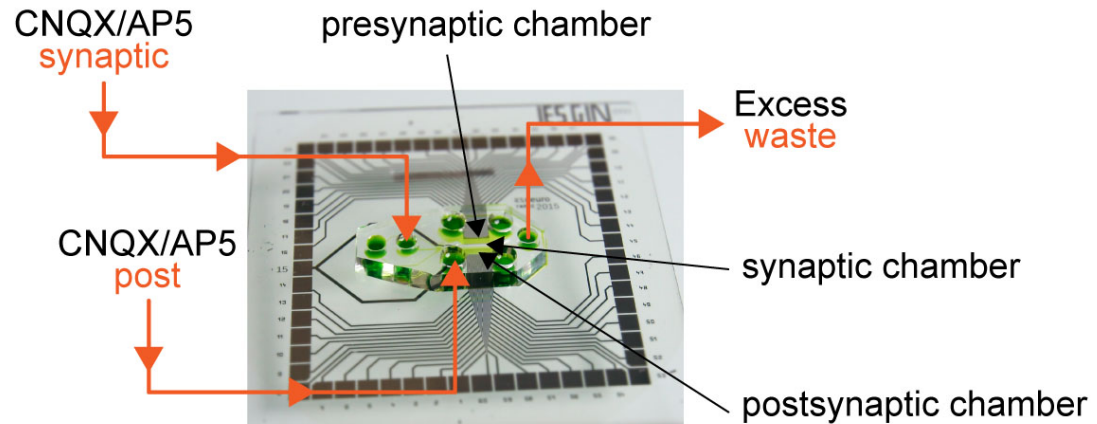
Large amplitude, long signal  
More neurons are recruited

LTP long term potentiation: Persistent increase in synaptic efficacy produced by high-frequency stimulation

# Manipulating activity-dependent transmission using local application of drugs at the synapse

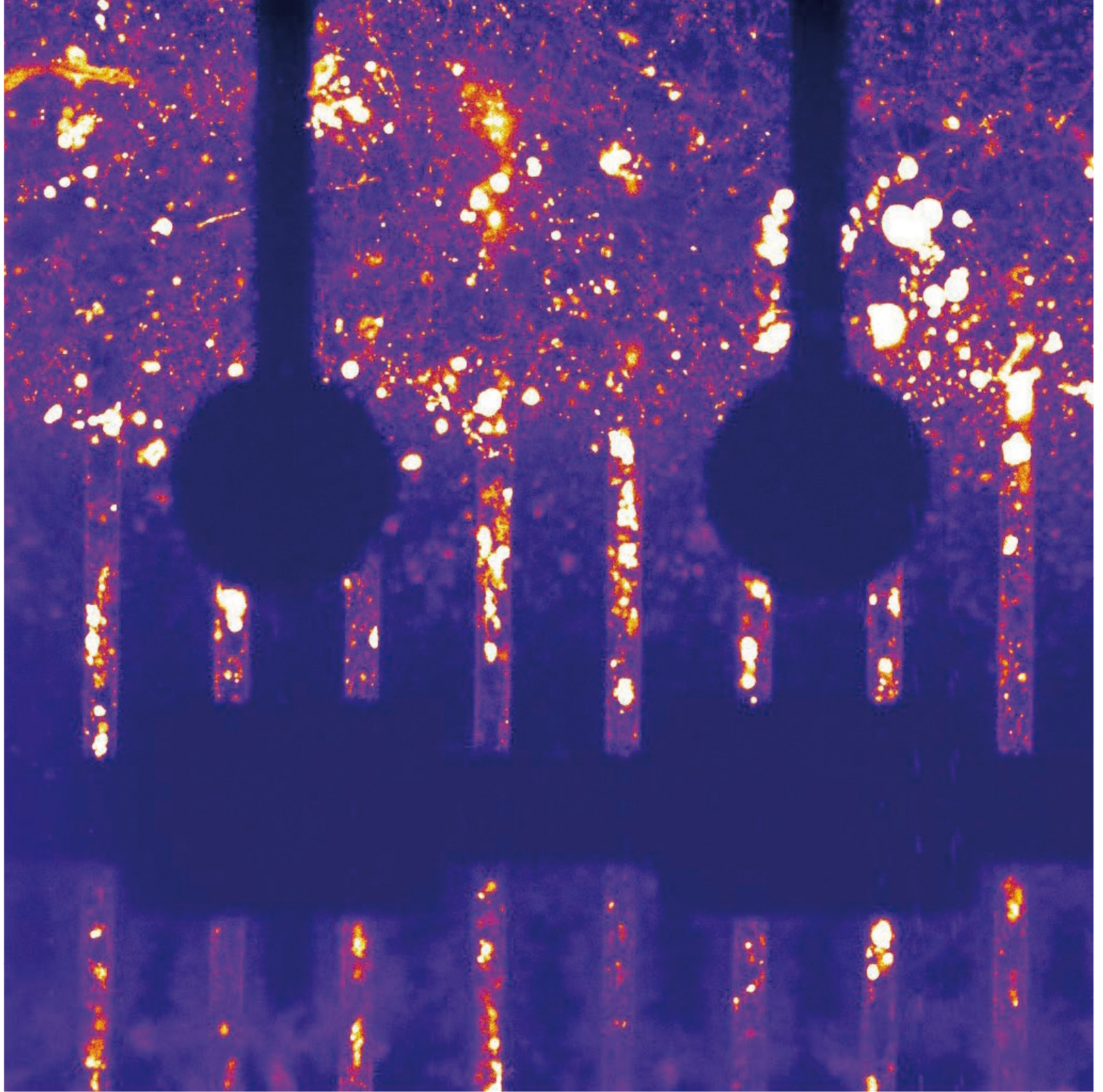
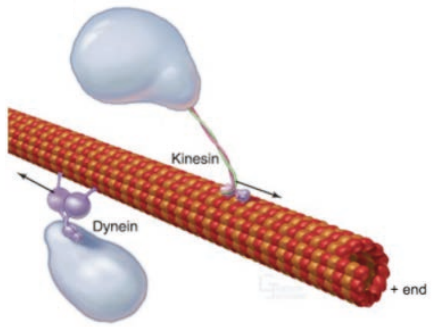


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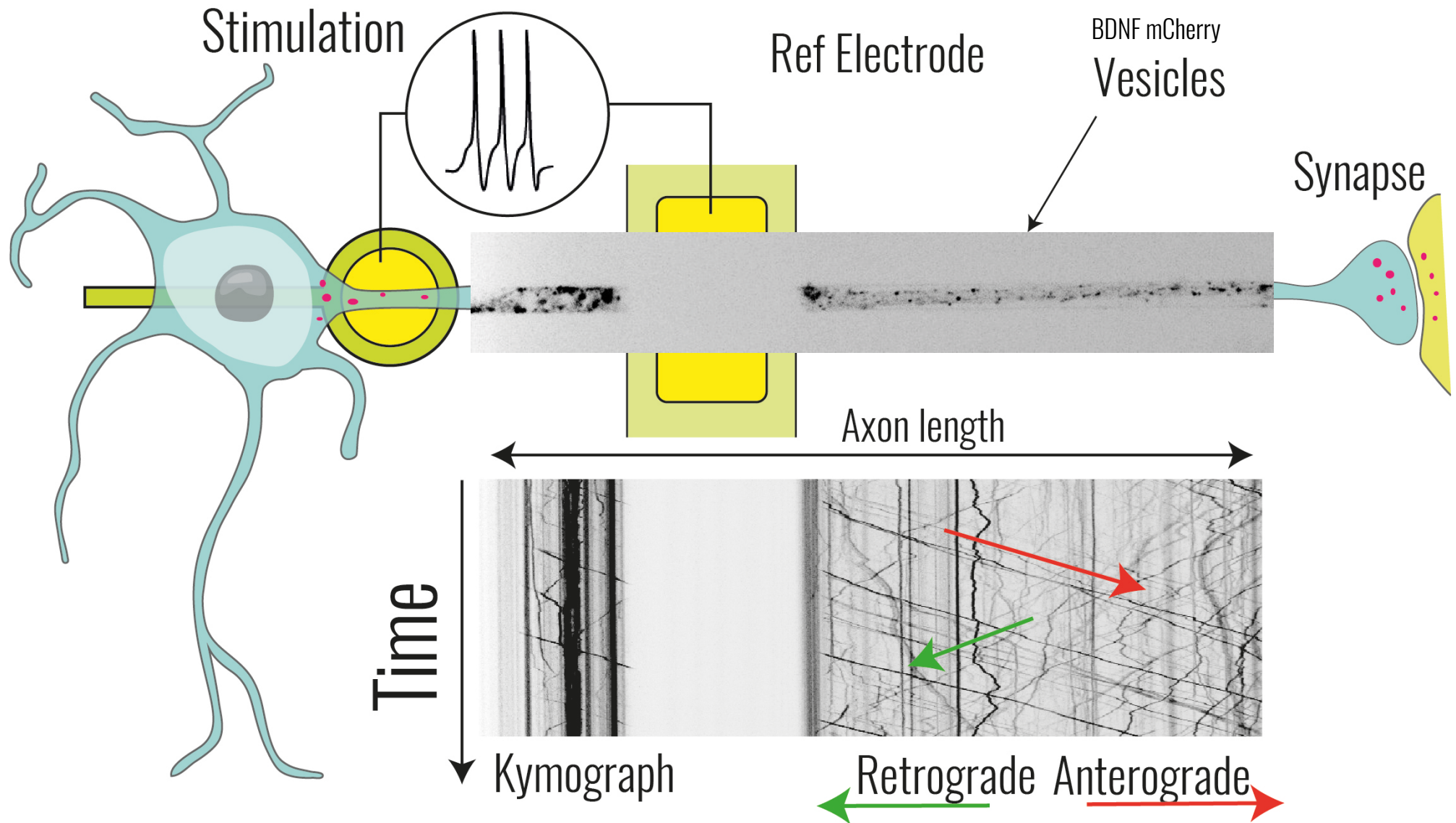
AMPA/Kainate and NMDA receptor antagonist

# Axonal Transport



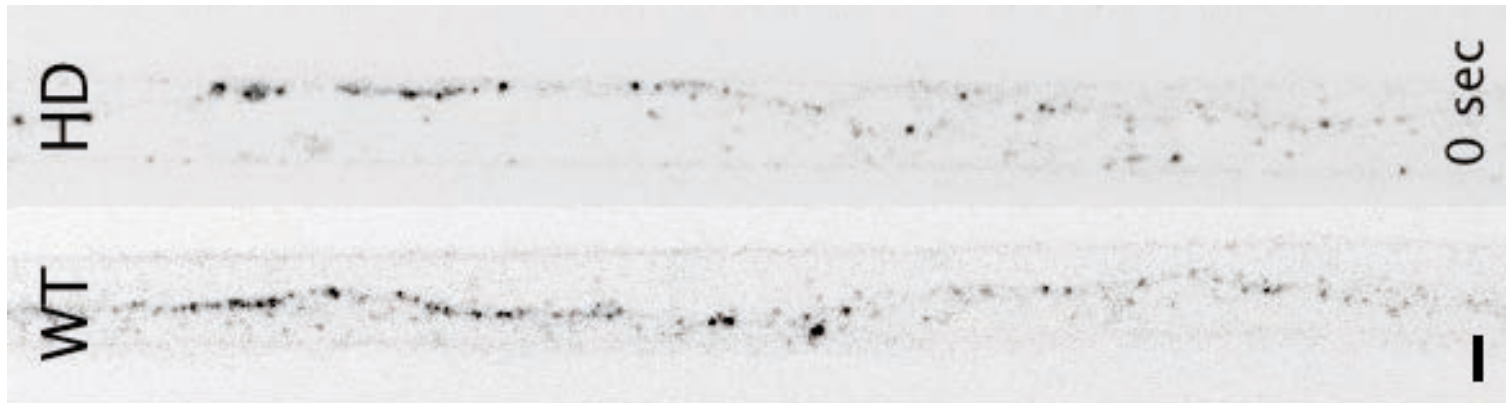


# Axonal Transport under Stimulation

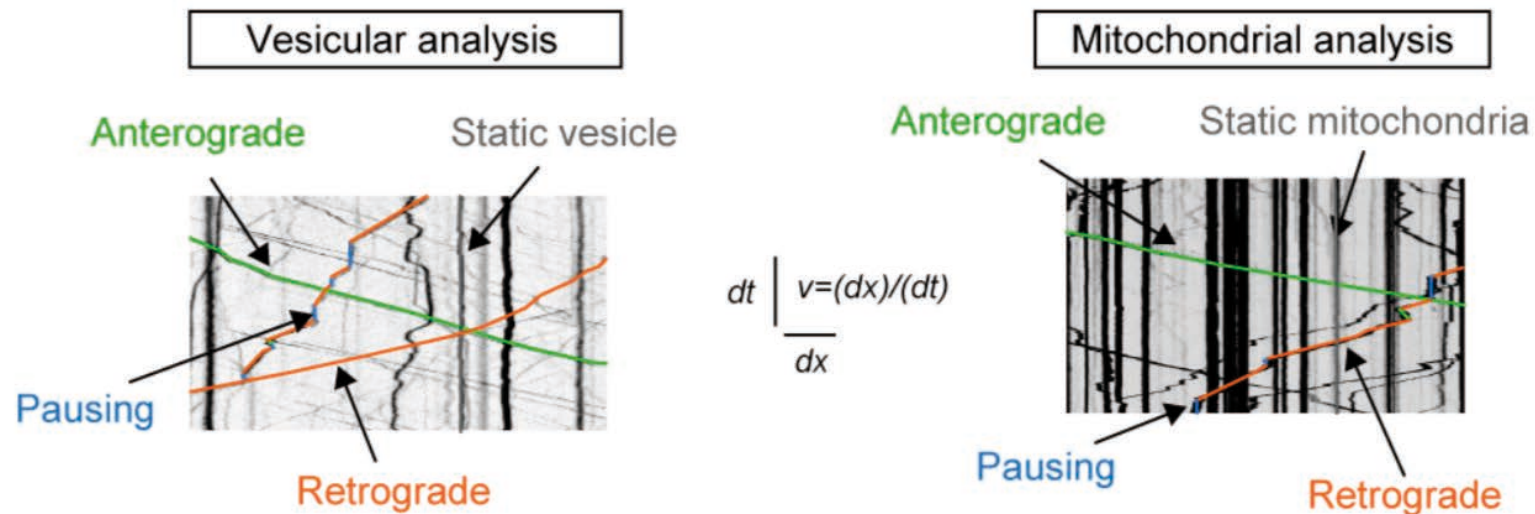


How the neuronal activity will be decoded and translated into a **regulation of axonal transport**

# Axonal Transport



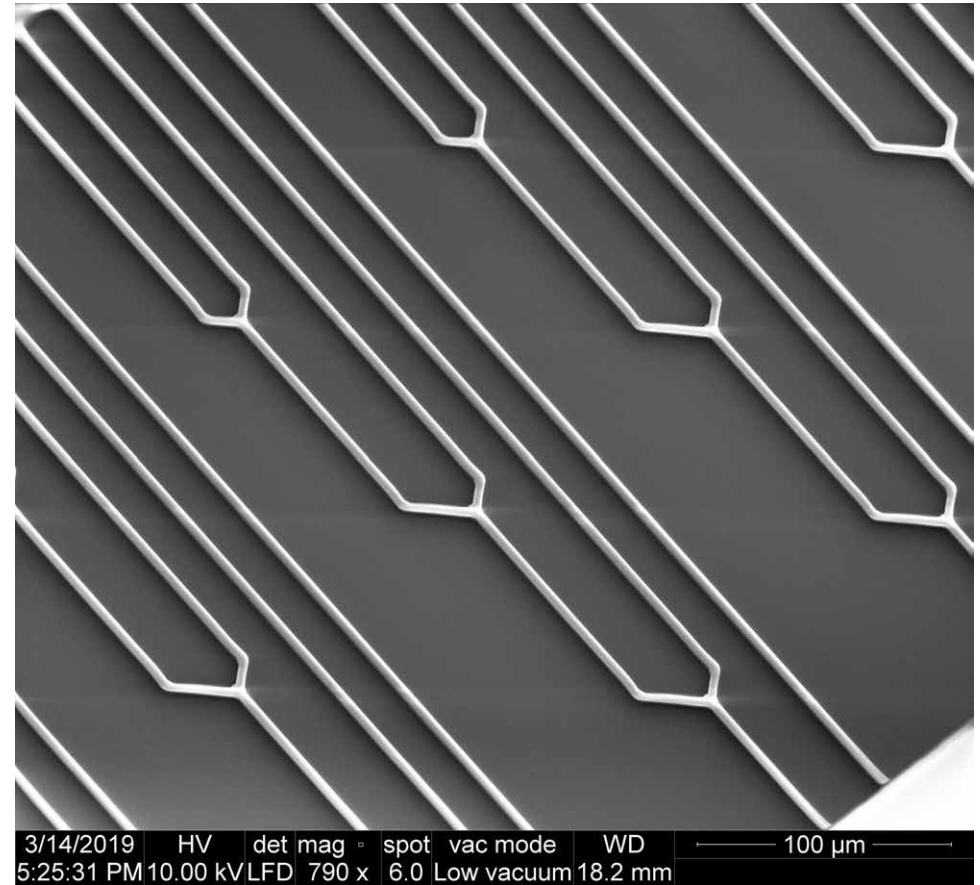
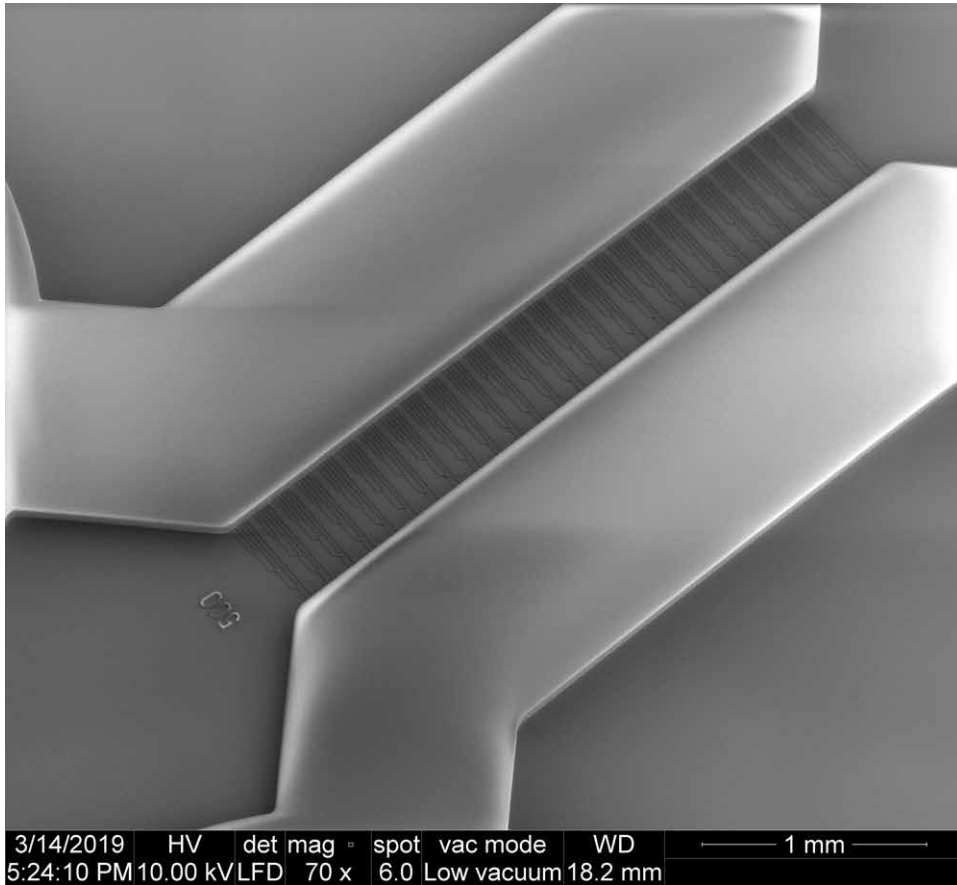
Defects in fast axonal transport (BDNF) in Huntington disease



Vesicular motility increases with neuronal network maturation

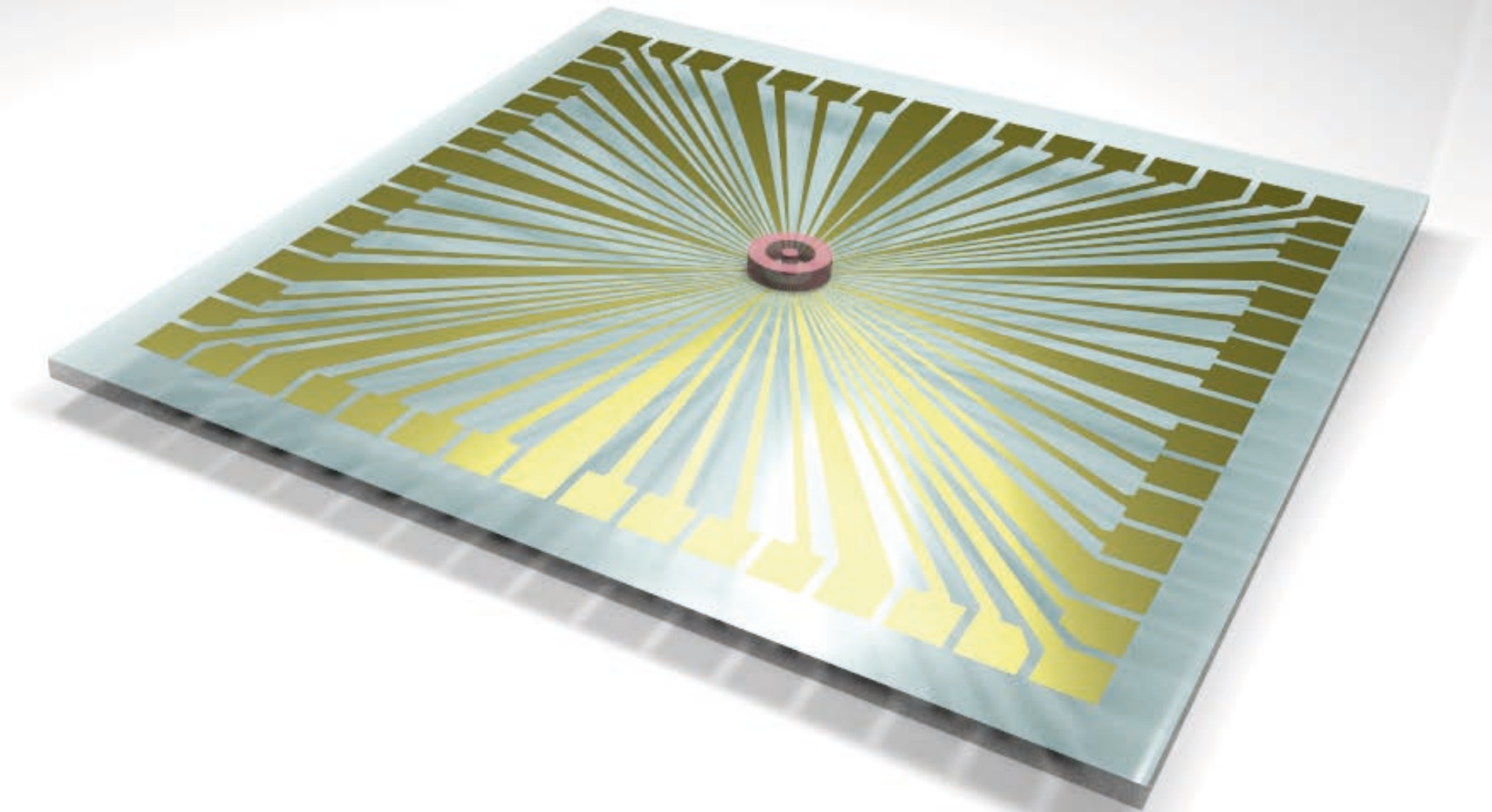
Mitochondrial dynamics decreases with network maturation

# Axonal Transport

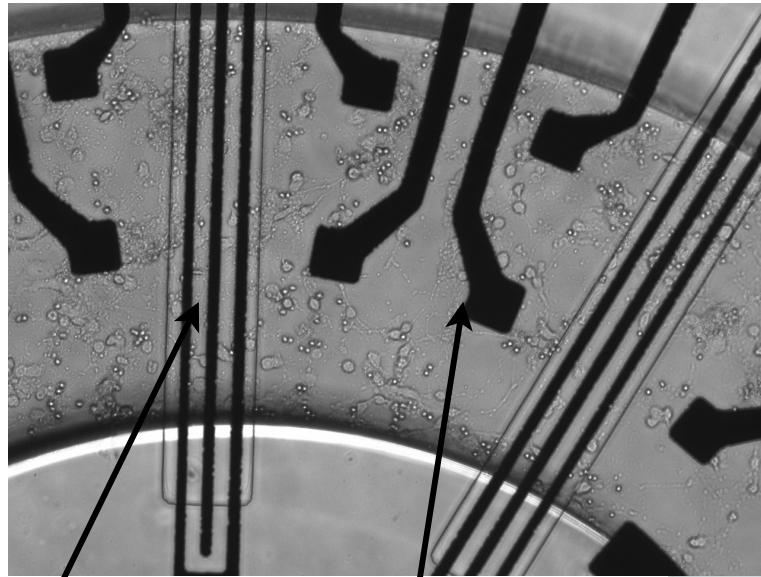


# On going : Chronic electrical stimulation

Understand the role of chronic neural oscillatory and synchronisation on neural networks

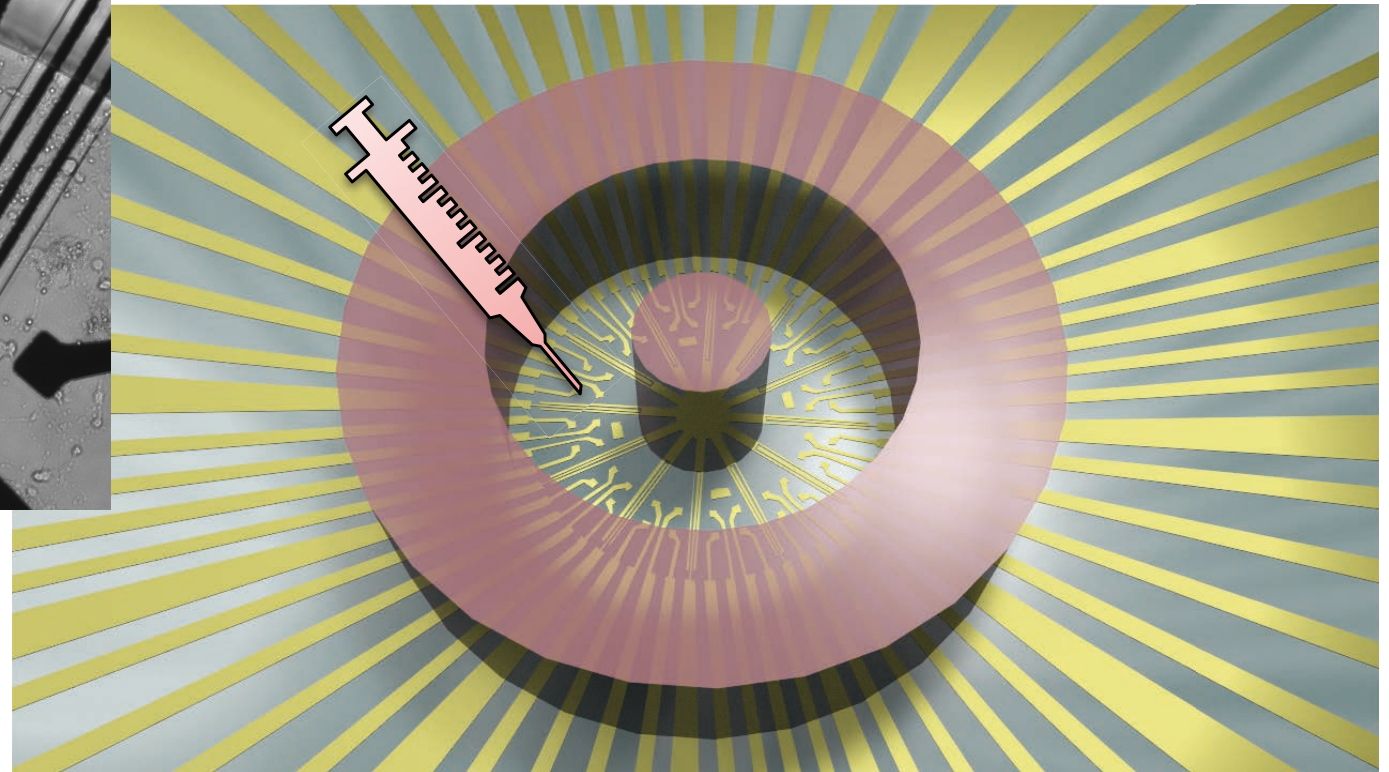


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**Stimulation**

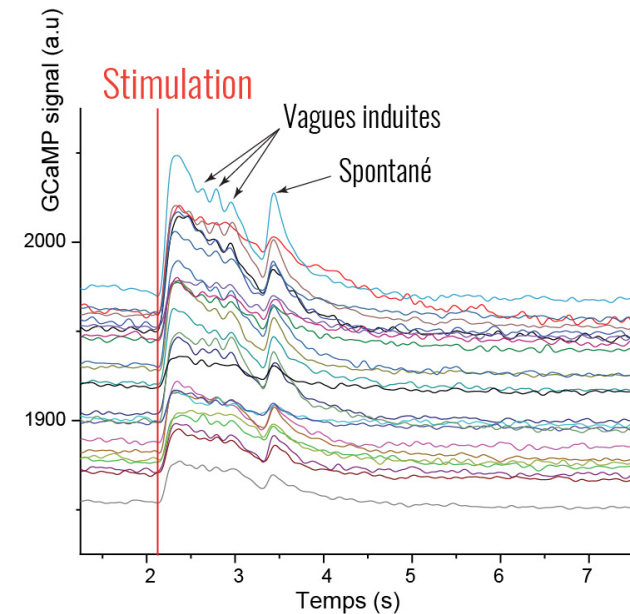
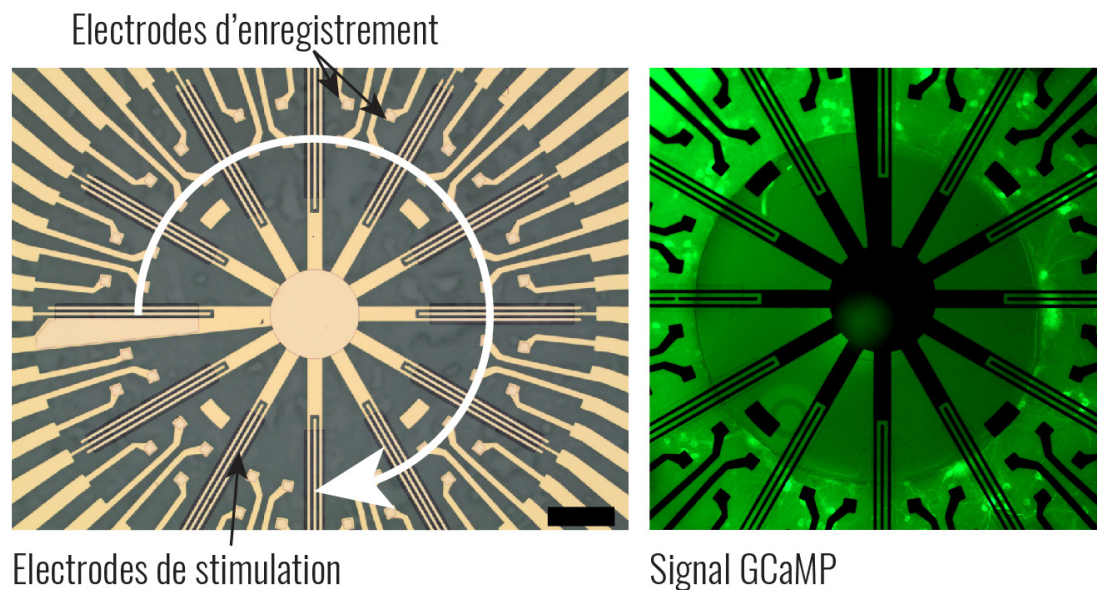
**Recording**



apply 1000 - 10 000 stimuli per day during the culture development

# On going : Chronic electrical stimulation

## Neuronal Oscillator



Chambre de culture torique

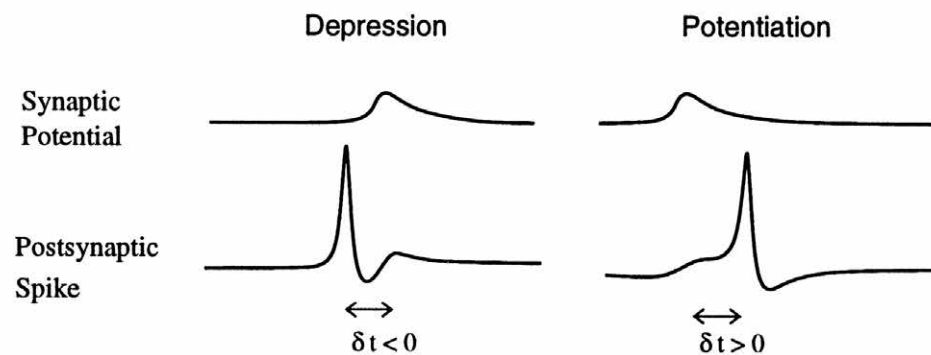
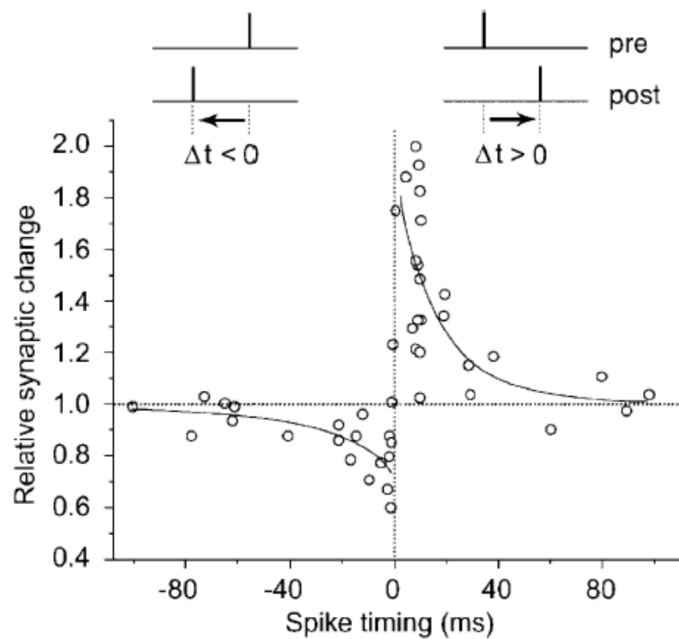
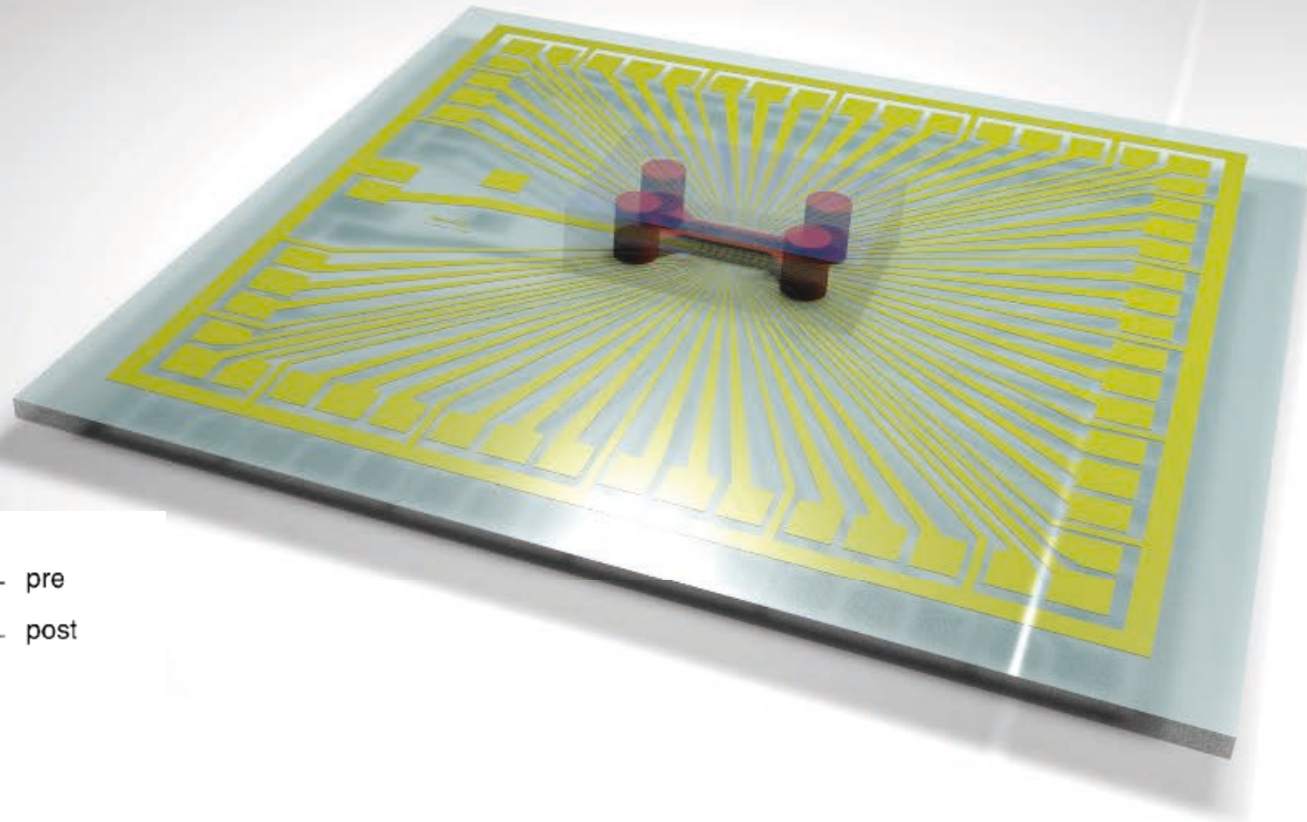
Evocation de vagues d'activité « tournantes »

Etude des évènements synchrones

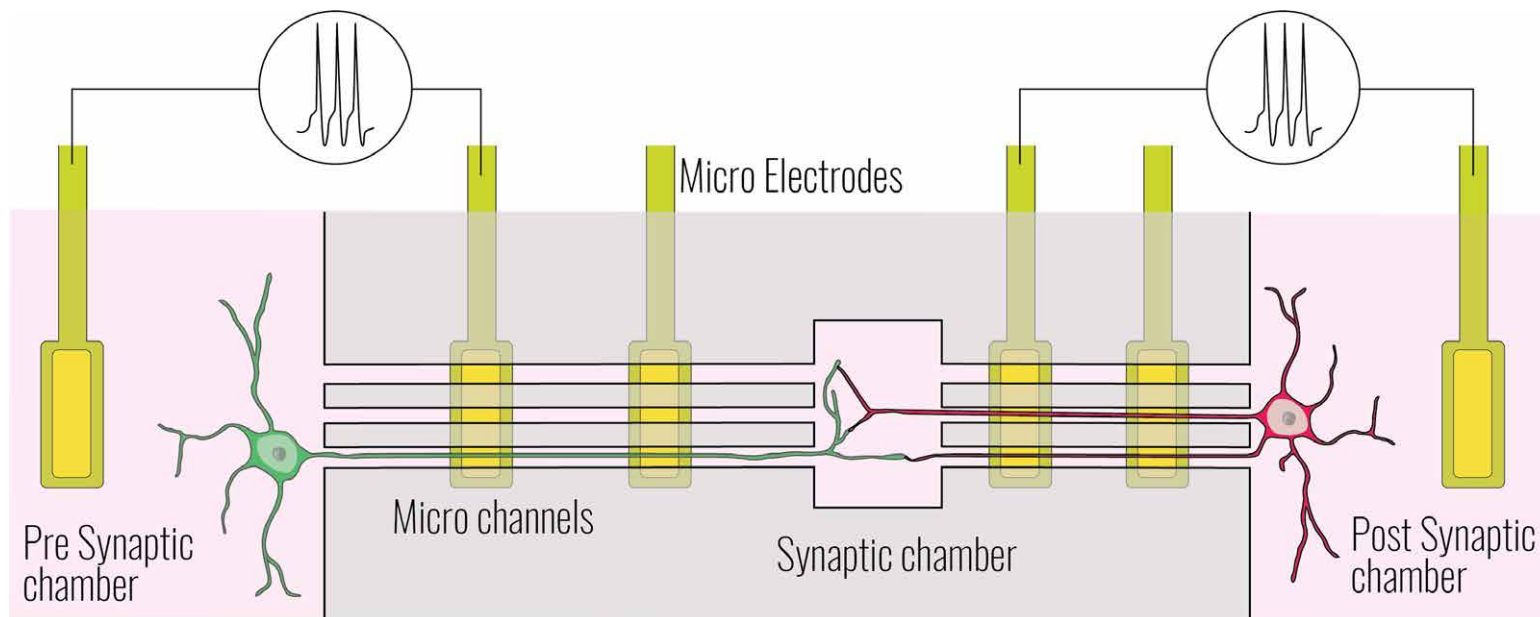
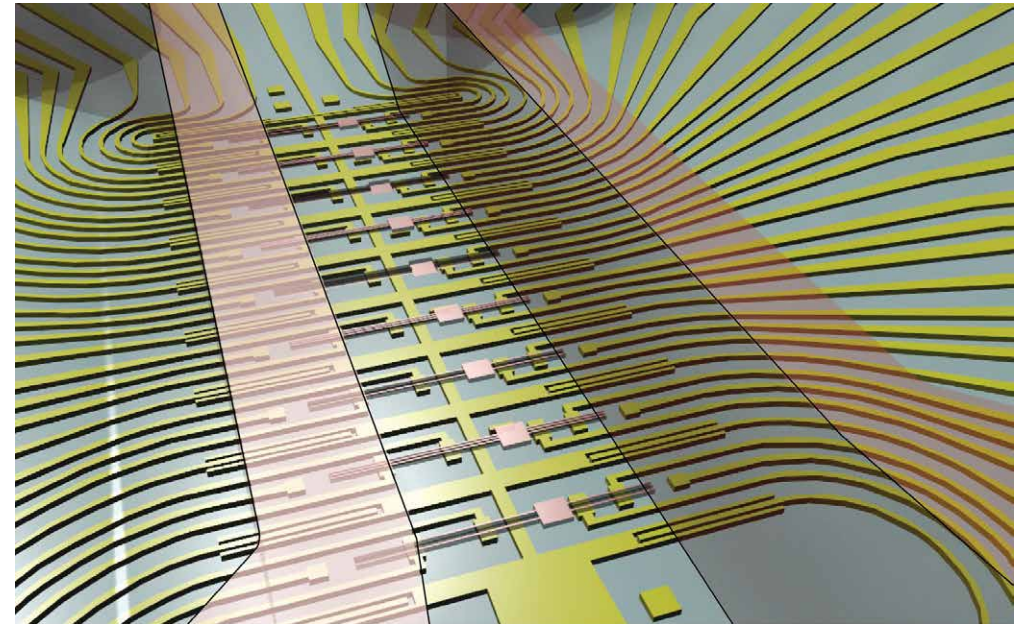
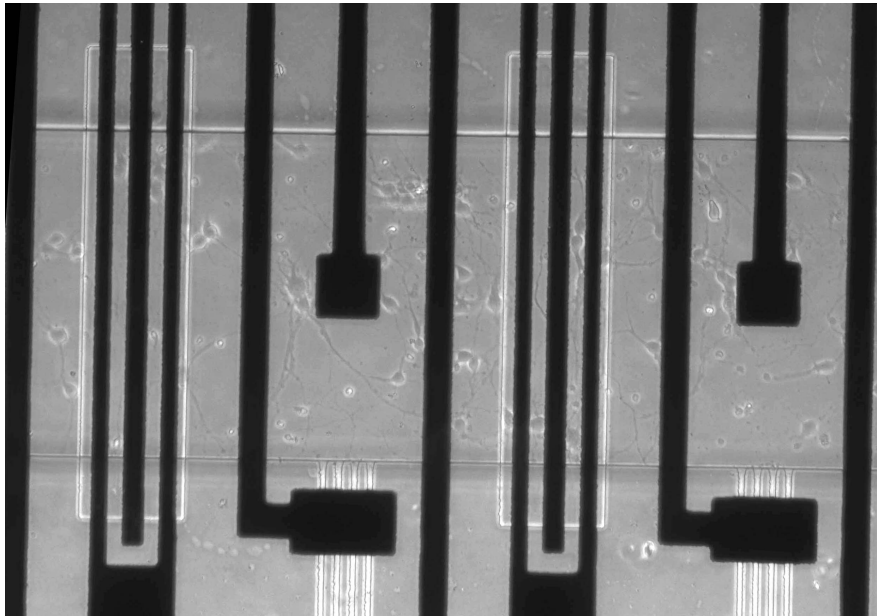
Etude de la stimulation sur le développement du réseau

# On going : STDP Spike-timing-dependent plasticity

Long-term strengthening of synapses occurs if presynaptic action potentials precede postsynaptic firing by no more than about 50 ms



# On going : Spike-timing-dependent plasticity

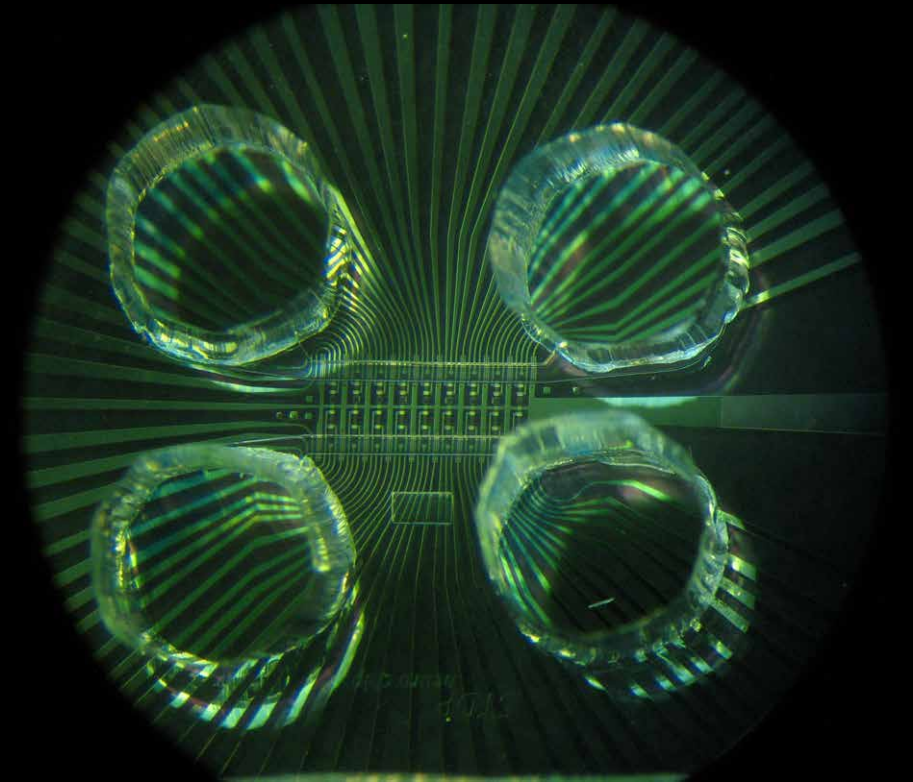
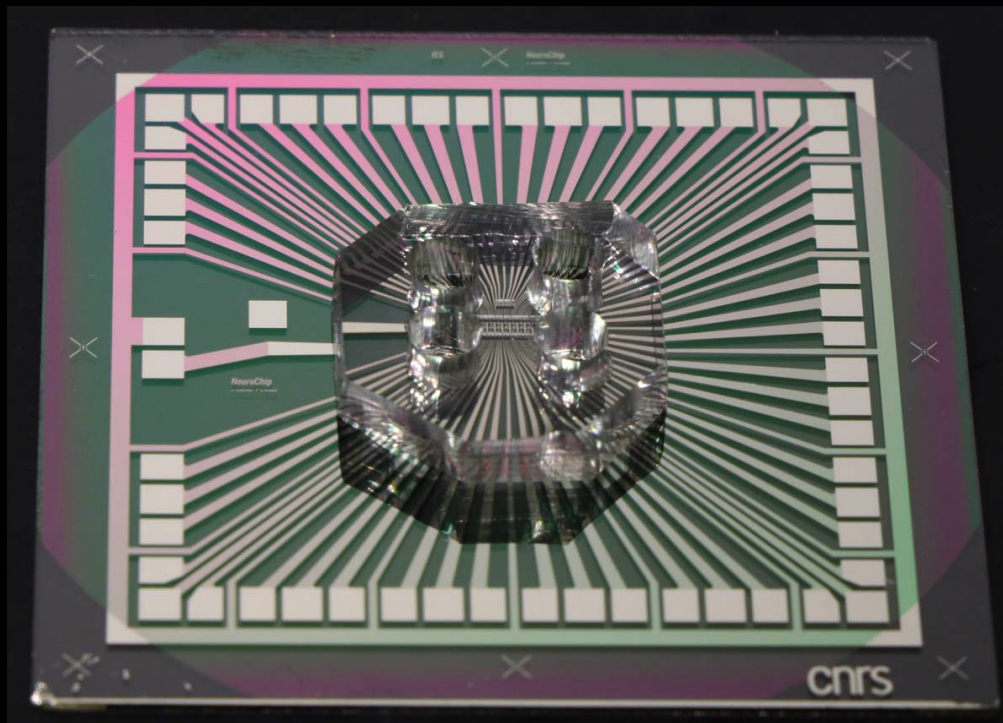


Observation of synaptic strengthening



# On going : Spike-timing-dependent plasticity

## Device

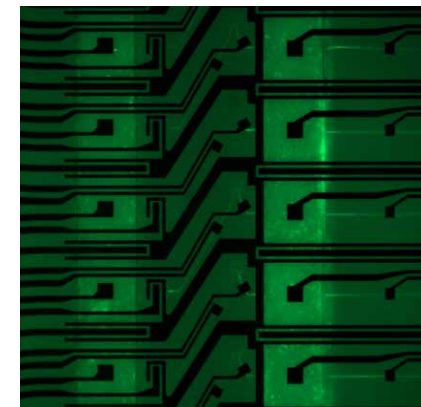
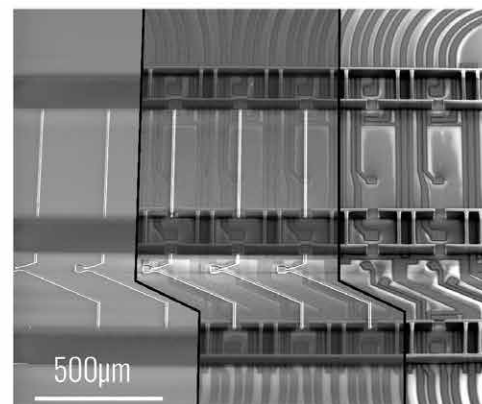
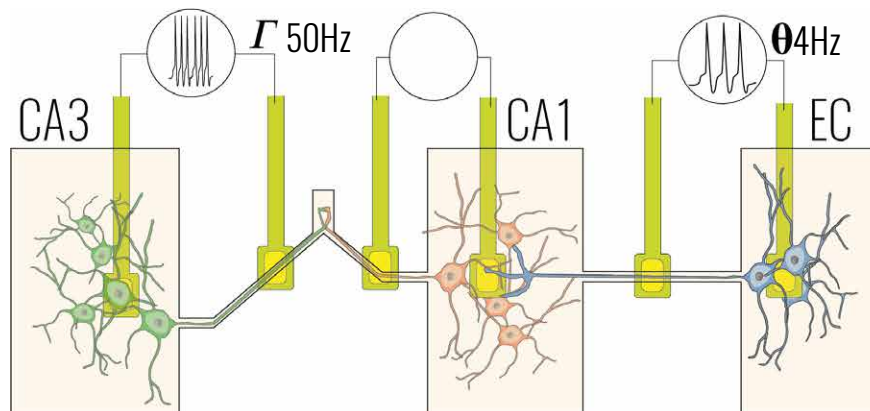
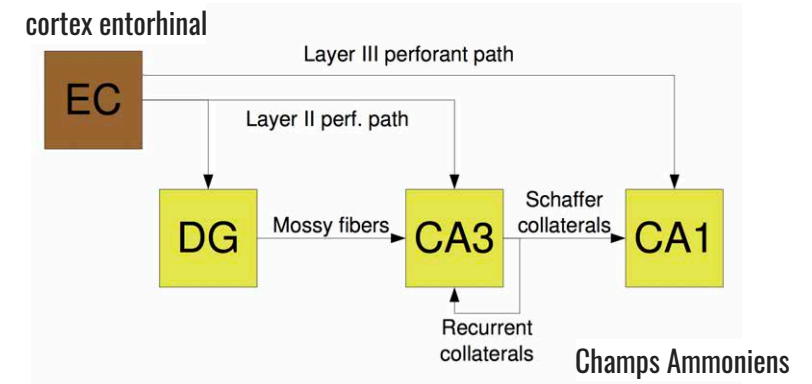
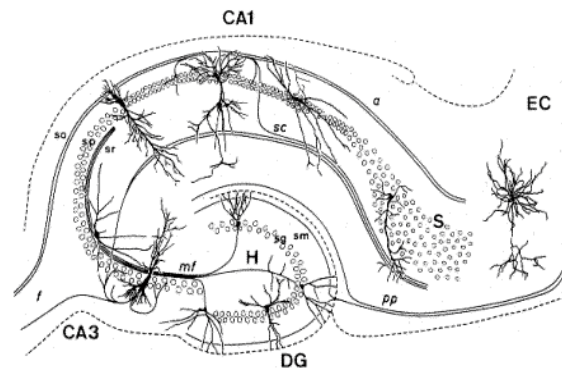


# Synaptic plasticity on chip

Reconstruction of neuronal junctions within hippocamp zones  
(spatial navigation, episodic memory)

## Conjunction of stimulations by cortical oscillations

Gamma and Theta waves



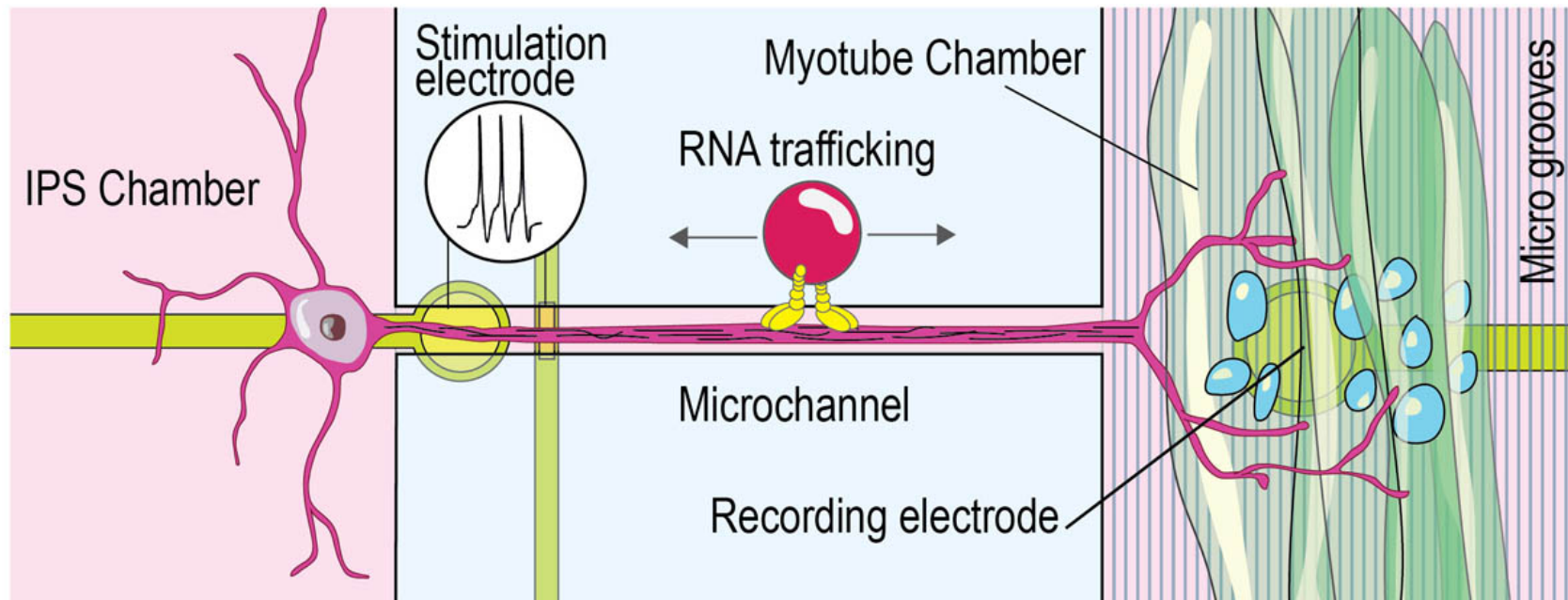
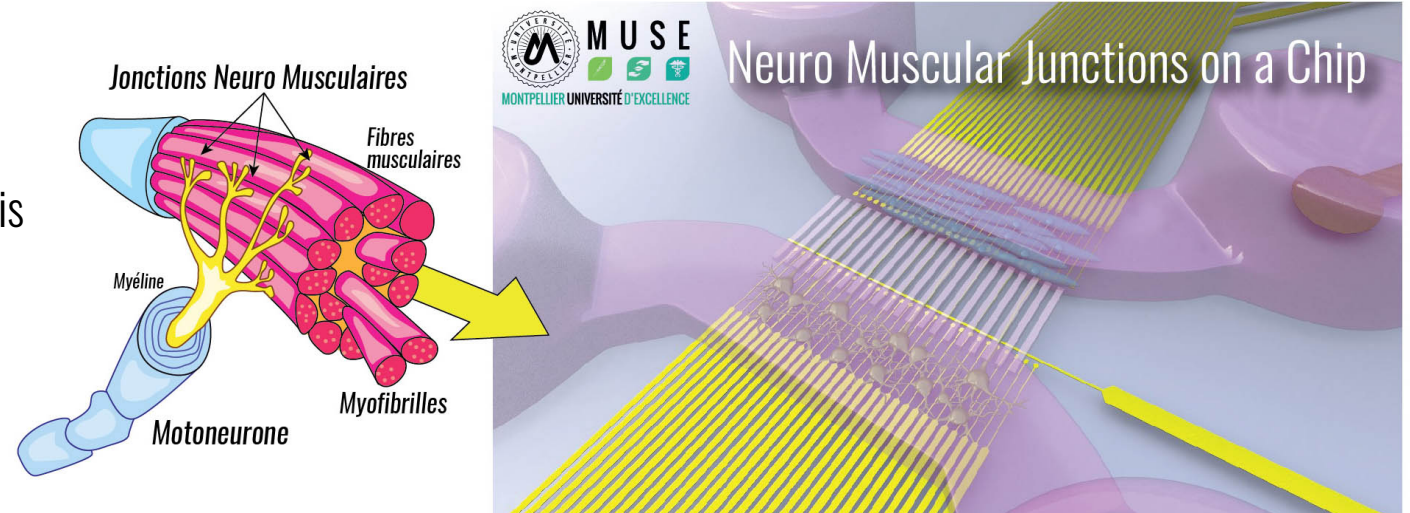
# Neuro Muscular Junctions

iPS cells -> motoneurons / myocytes -> myofibrils

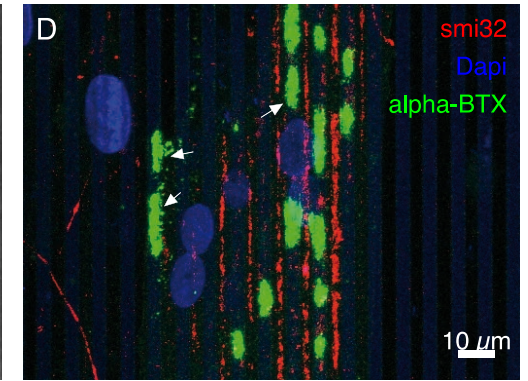
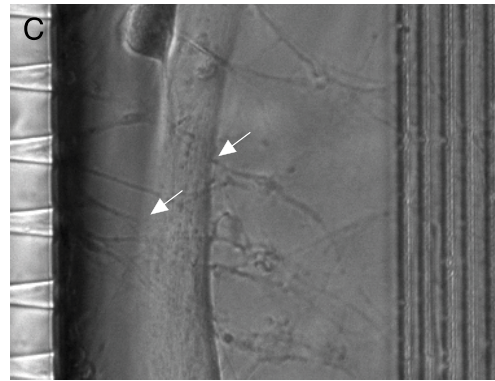
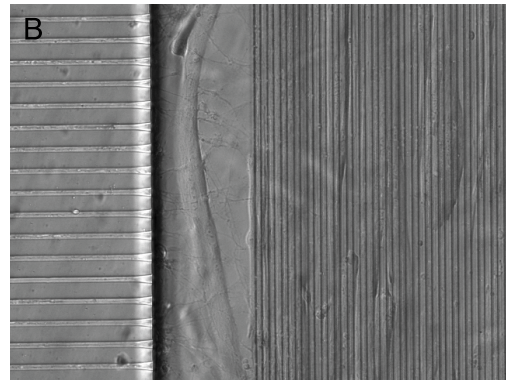
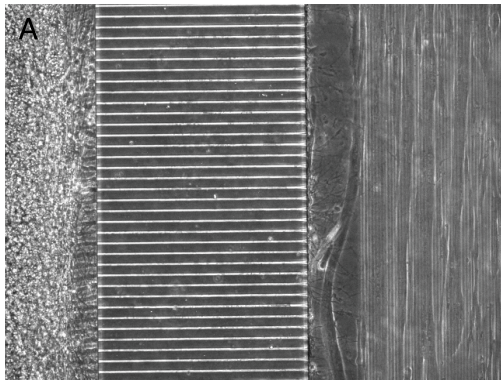
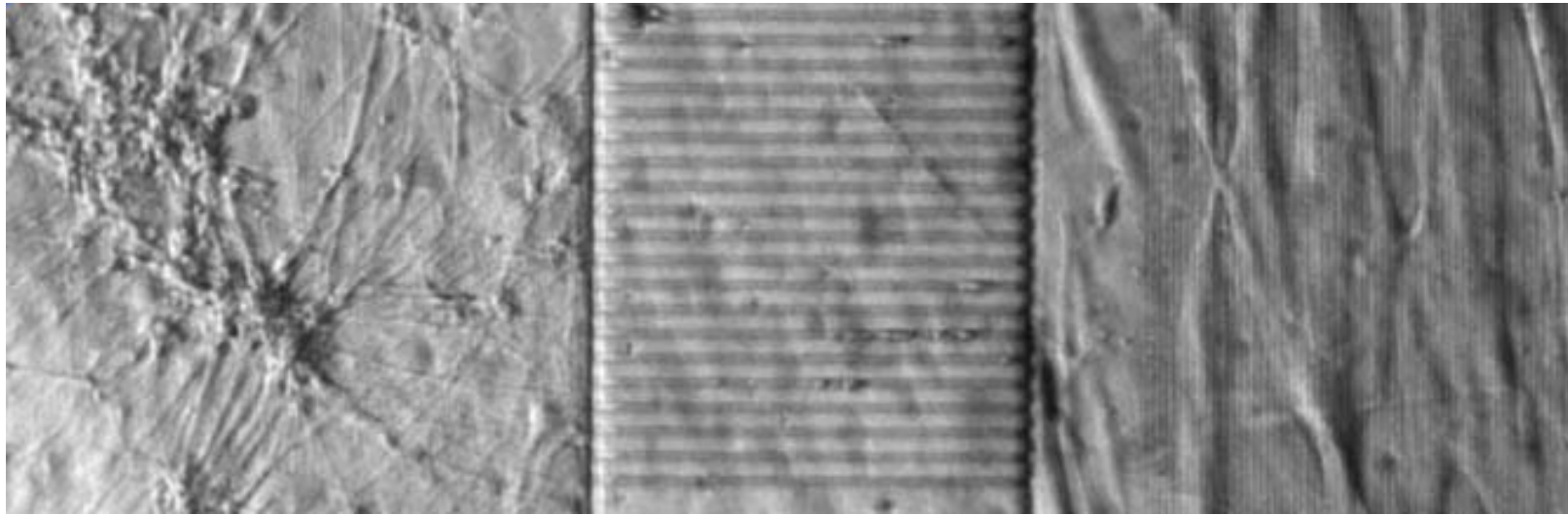
## All human model

ALS model : Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

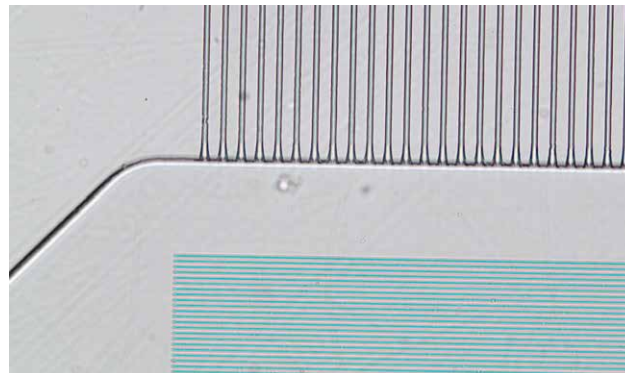
SMA model : Spinal Muscular Atrophy



# Neuro Muscular Junctions

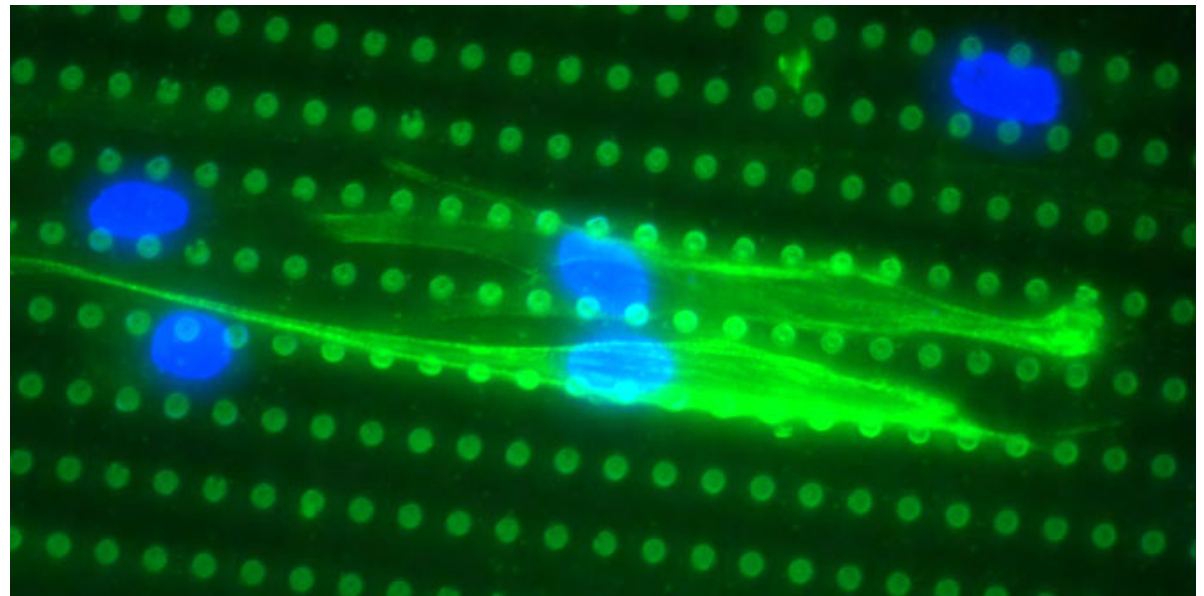
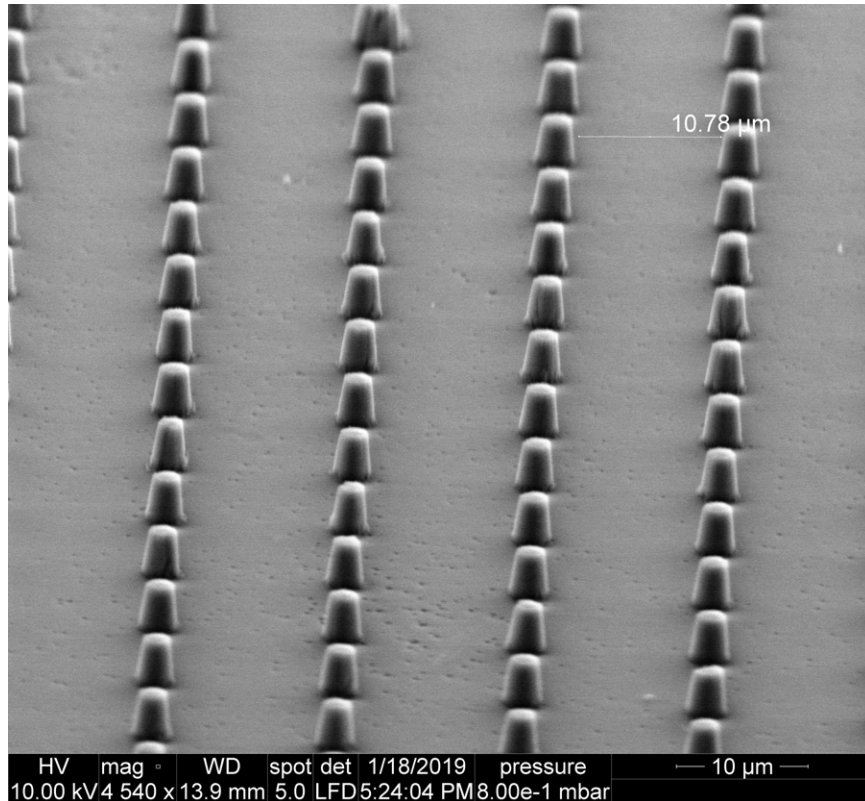


Micro grooves in the Myo chamber  
Alignment of Myocytes -> fusion toward Myotubes



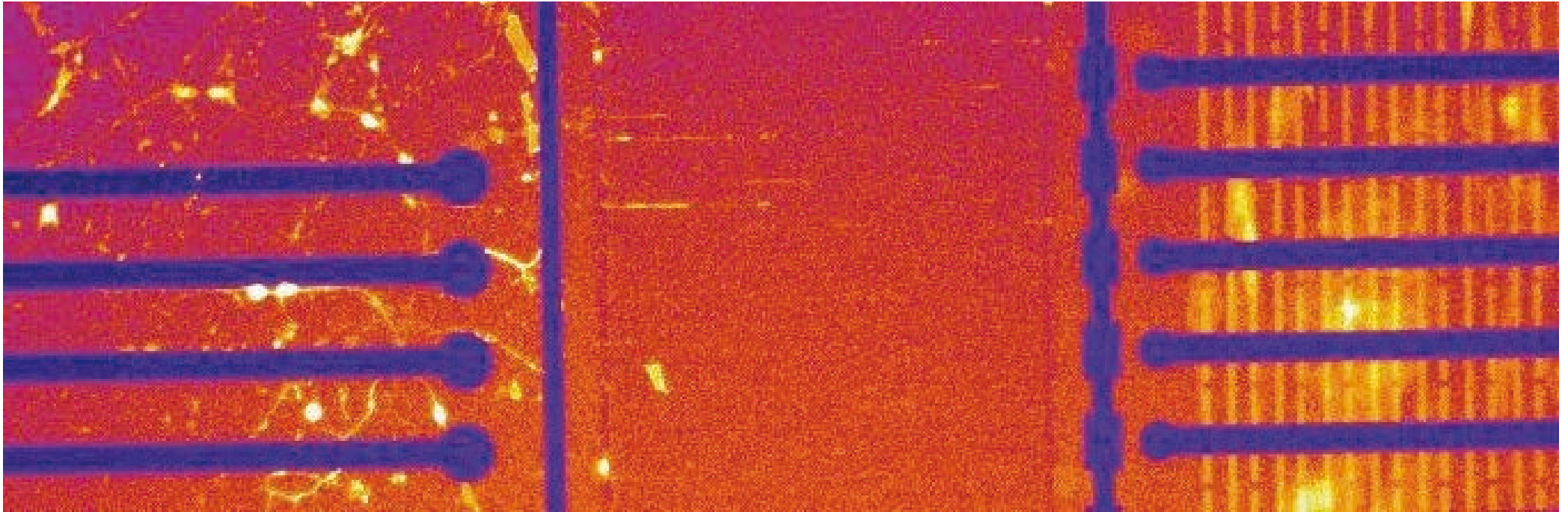
# Neuro Muscular Junctions

Micro pillars for cell alignment/fusion



# Neuro Muscular Junctions

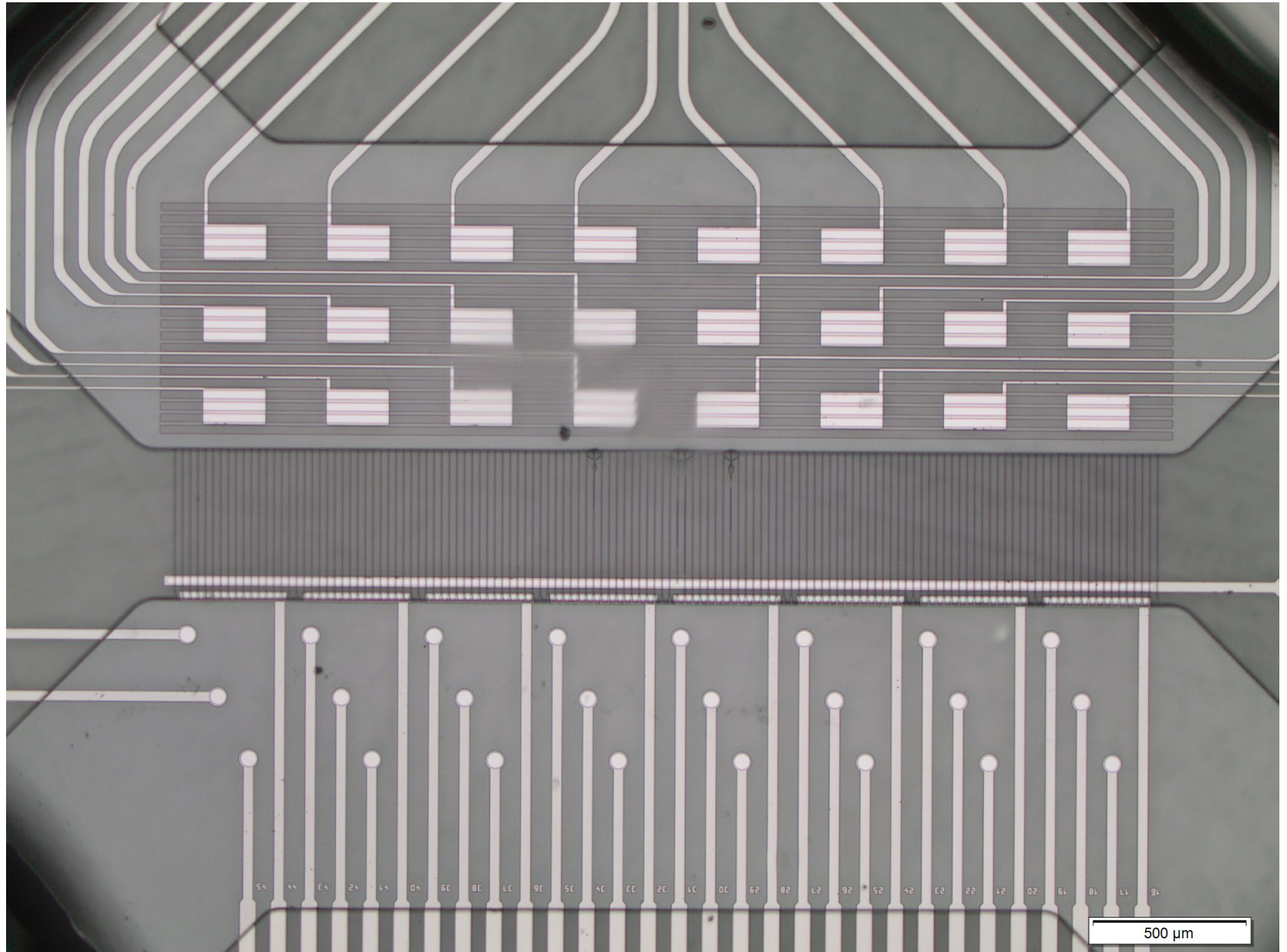
Neuron stimulation



# Neuro Muscular Junctions

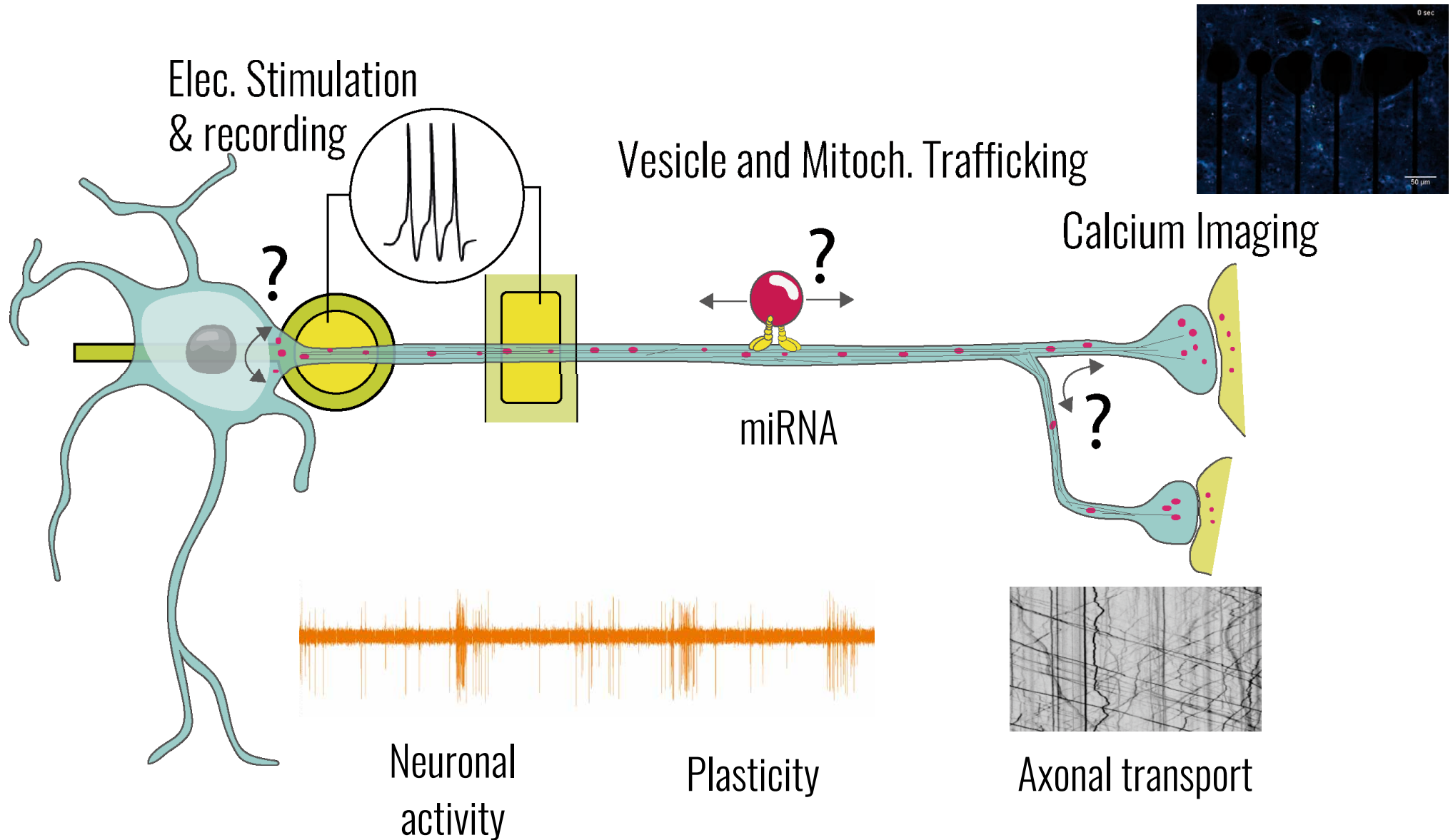
**Muscle chamber**

**Motoneuron chamber**



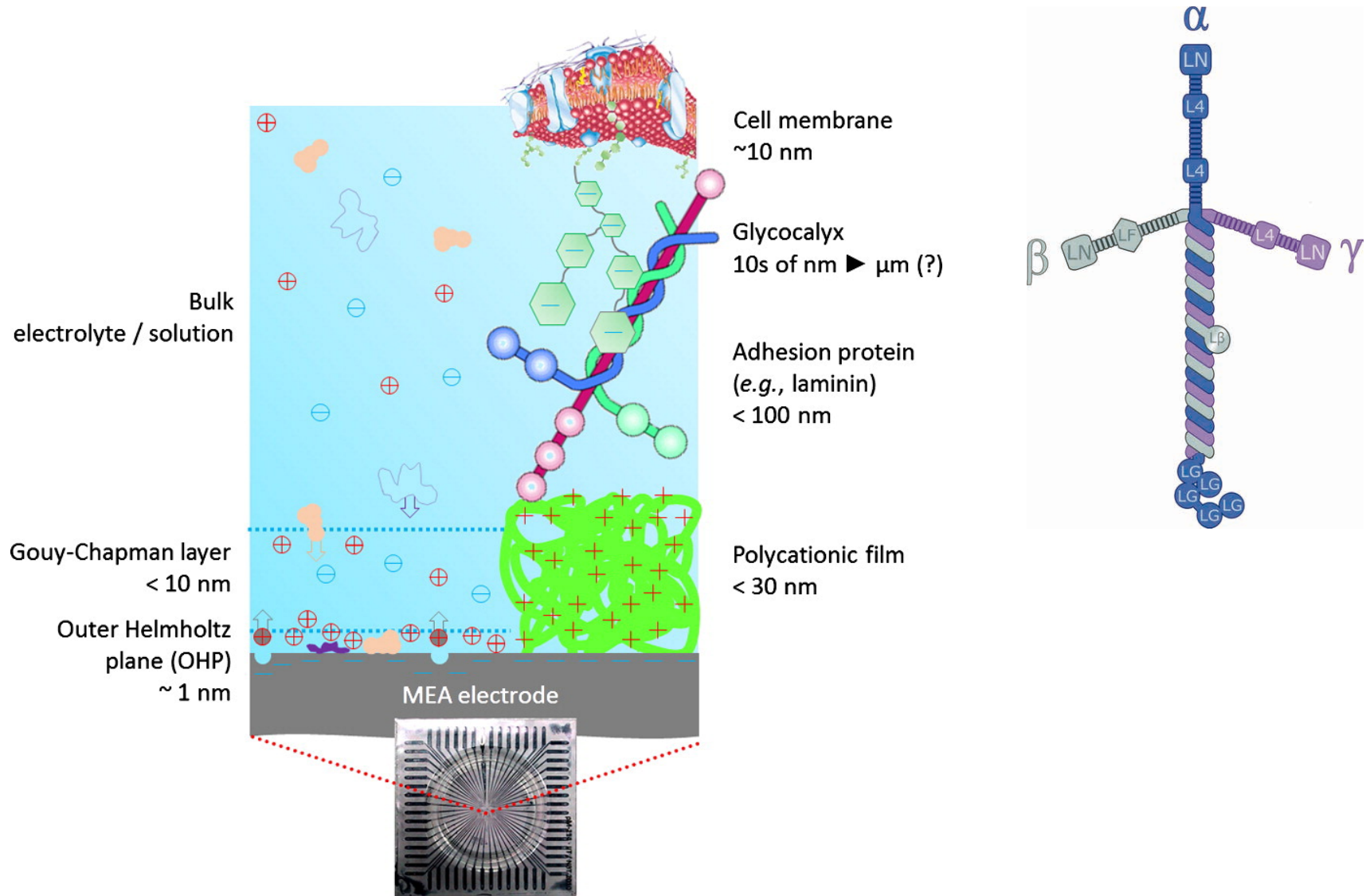
# Summary

## Integration of Microfluidic and Micro Electrode Arrays





# Cell adhesion

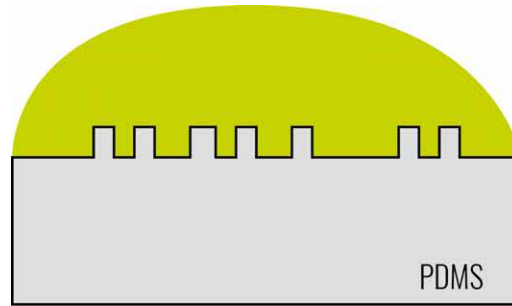


Integrins are transmembrane receptors that facilitate cell-extracellular matrix (ECM) adhesion.

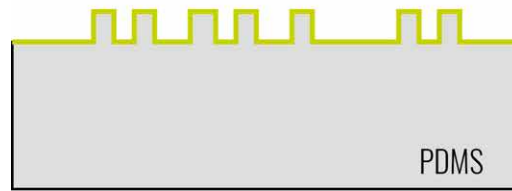
# Micro contact printing

PDMS can be used for deposition by contact printing

Surface activation  $O_2$  Plasma



Wetting on PDMS 20mn



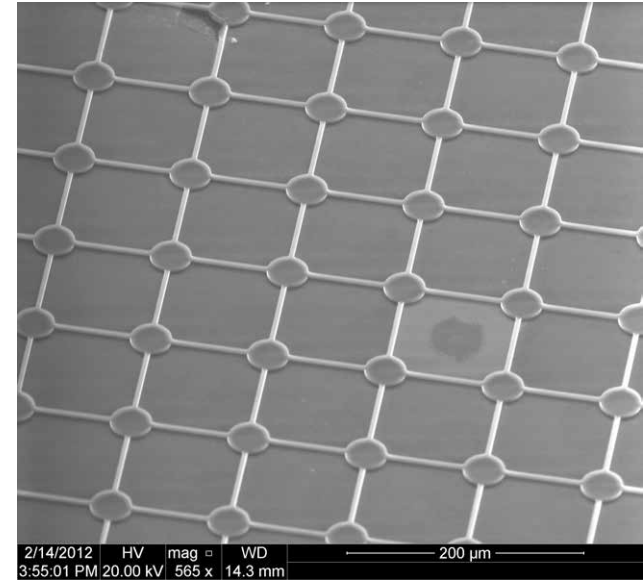
Rinse, blow drying  $N_2$



Stamping



Passivation (PLL-PEG)



# Micro contact printing

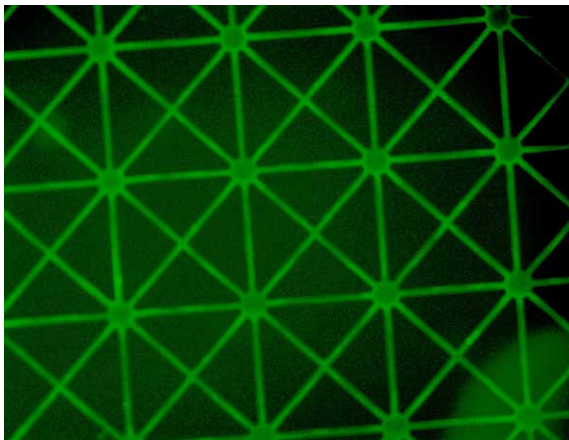
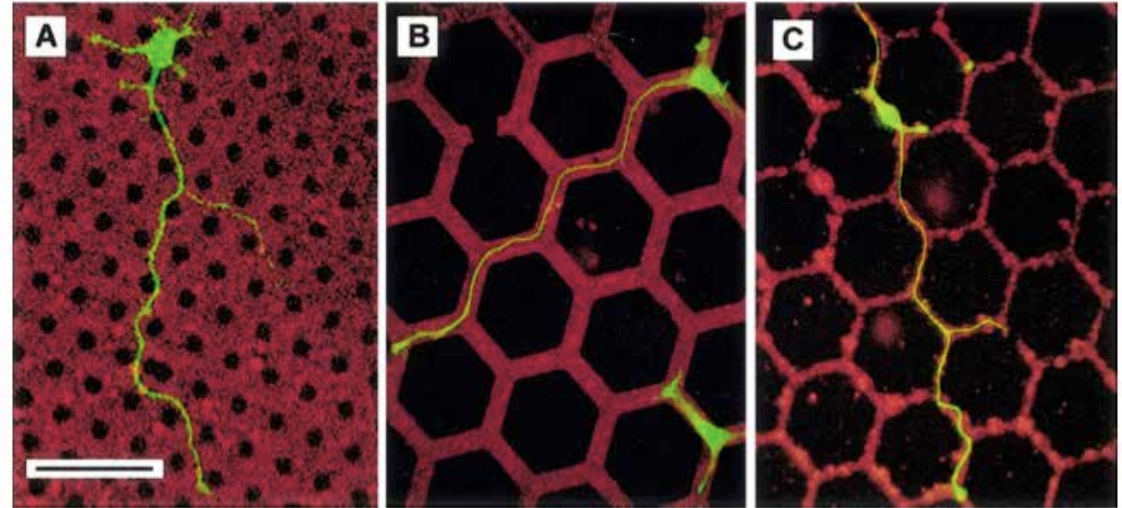
Proteins used for cellular culture

Poly-L-Lysine

Polyornithine

Laminine

Fibronectine



PLL-FITC

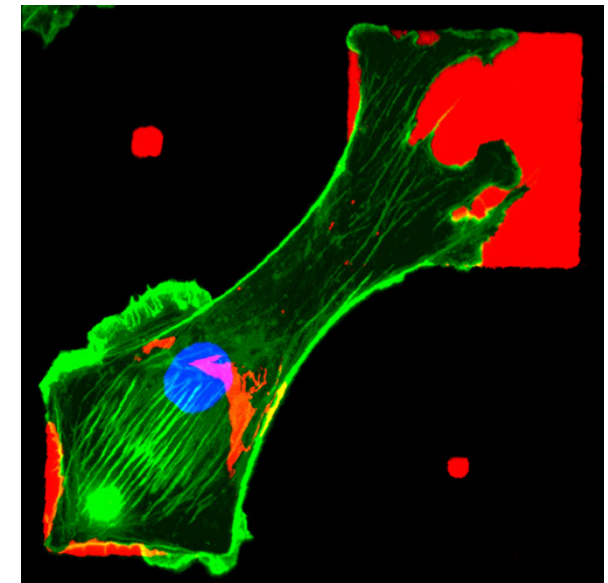
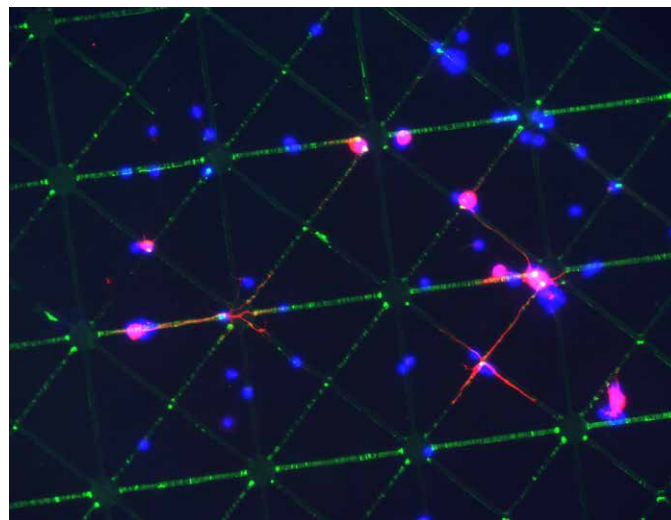


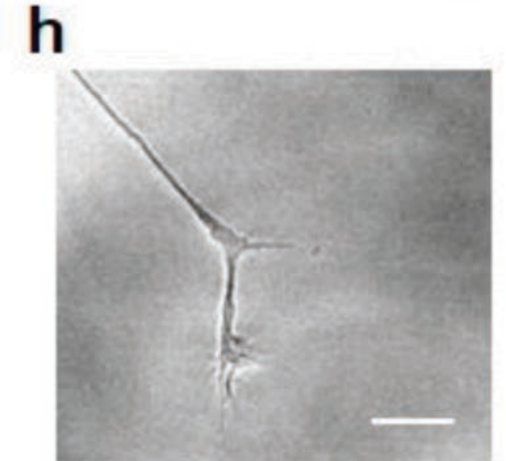
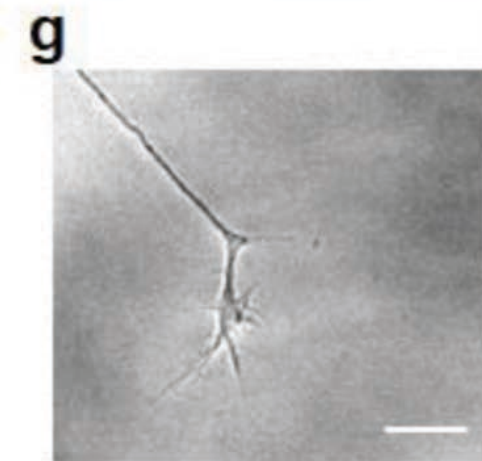
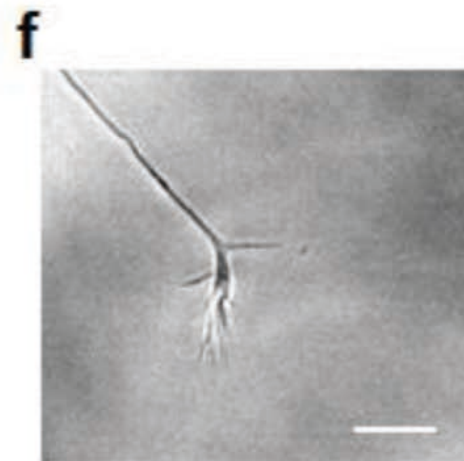
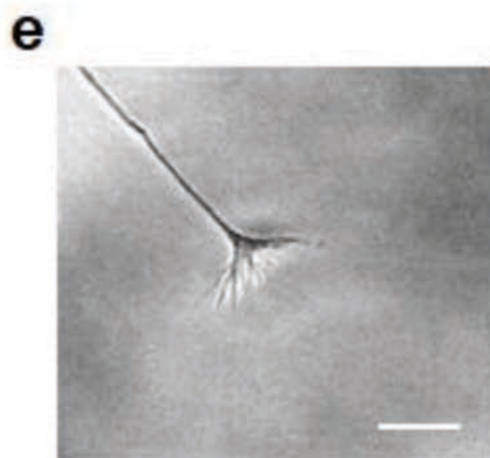
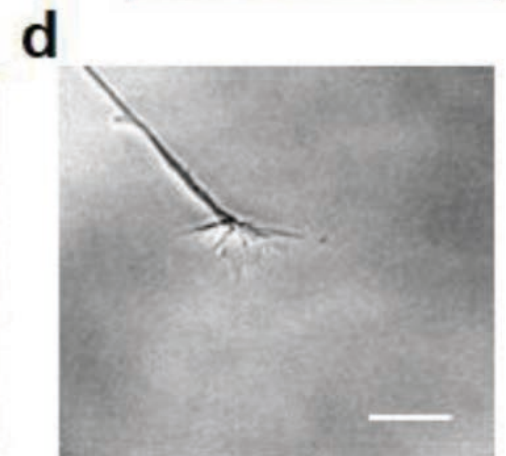
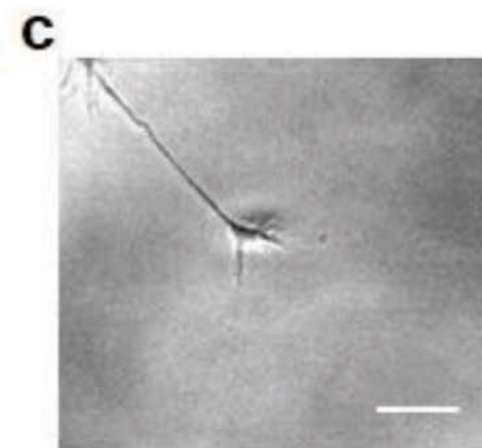
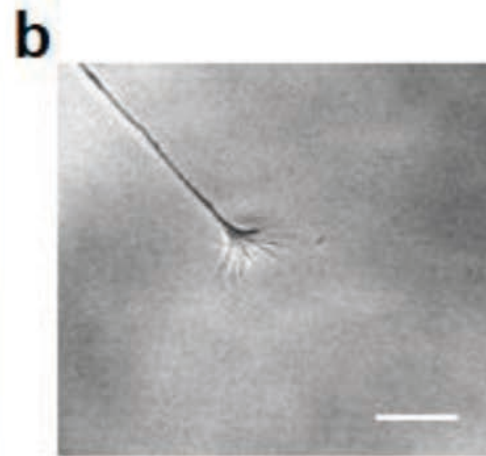
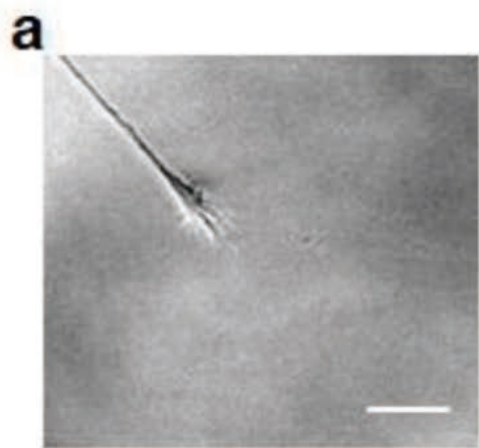
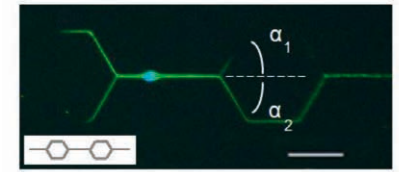
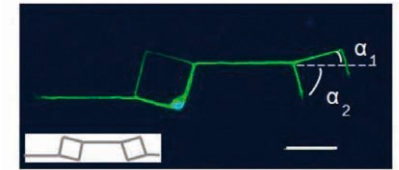
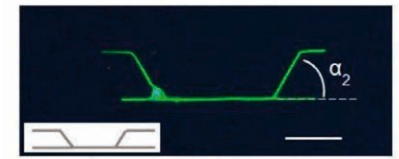
Image : (actin cytoskeleton shown in green; nucleus in blue) initially was plated on a single square (50 x 50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) extracellular matrix adhesive island (red) that was created with a microcontact printing technique.

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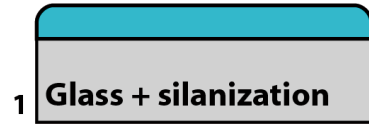
Neuronal branching on patterned structures



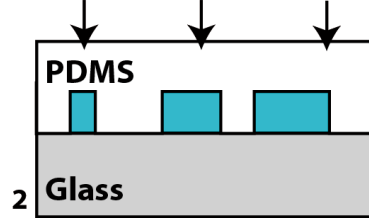
# Micro contact printing PEG-DMA

- Non-immunogenicity
- Non-antigenicity
- Protein rejection
- 2,5 D cell culture pattern
- Confinement
- Cell adhesion selectivity

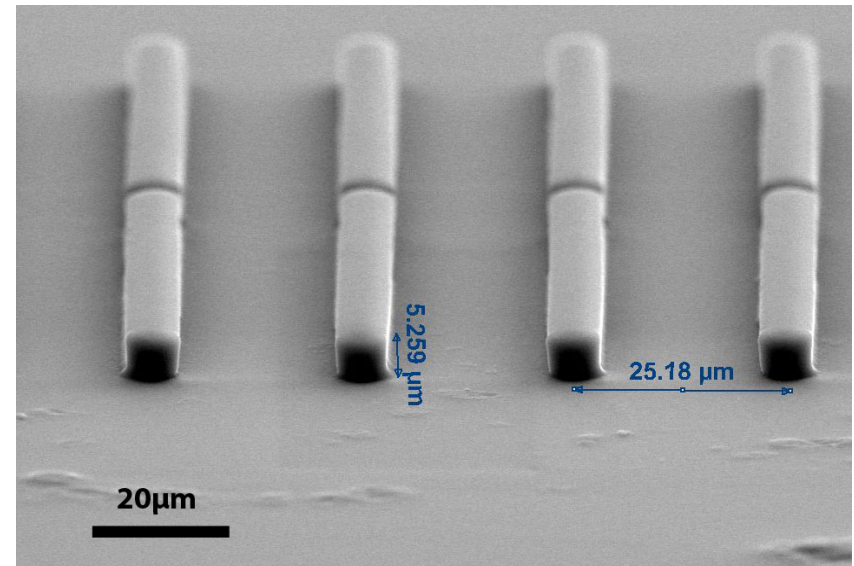
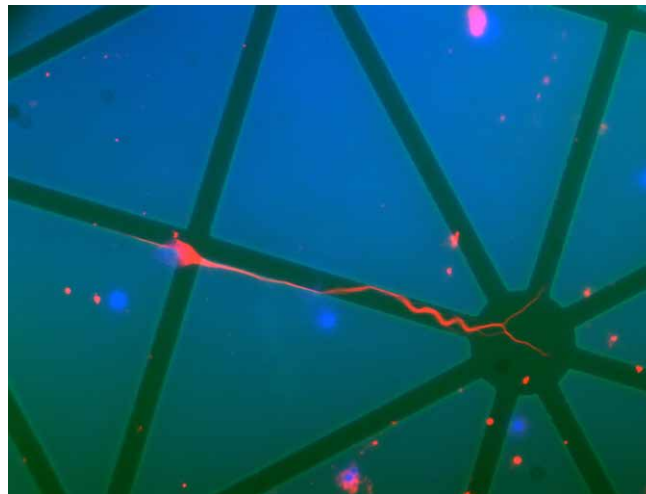
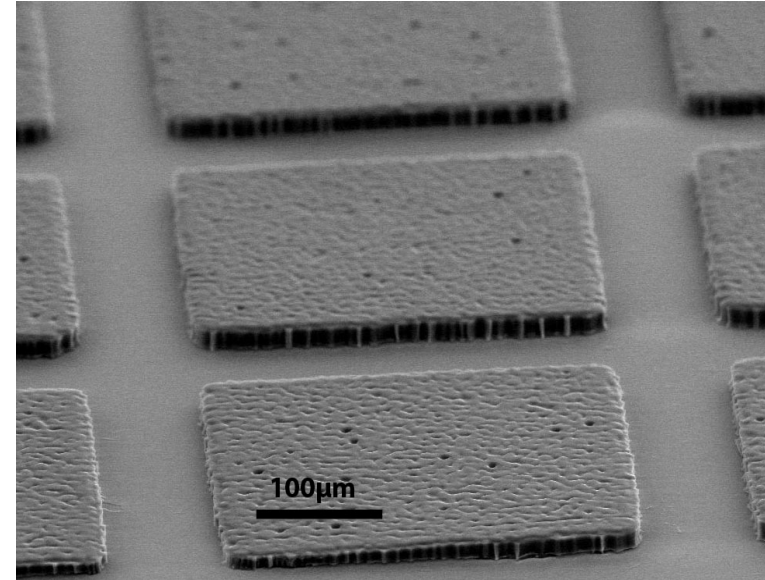
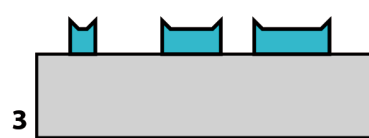
## PEG-DMA Spin coating



## UV photopolymerization



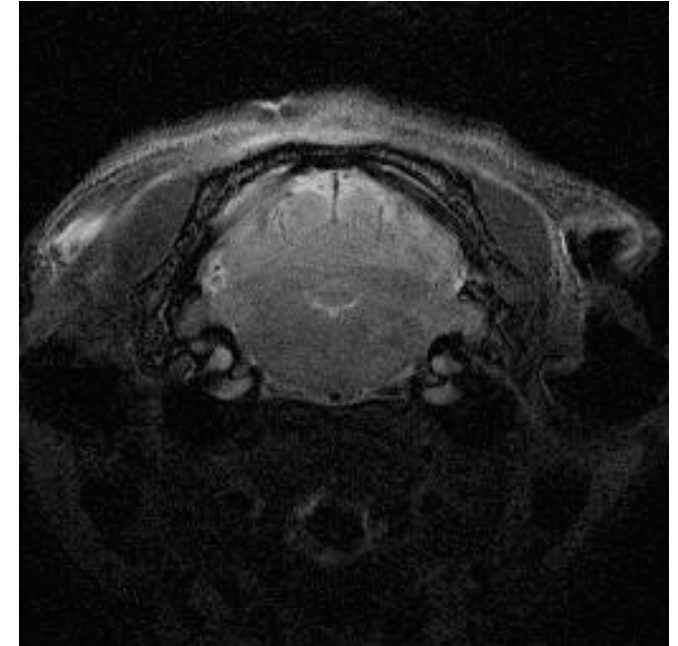
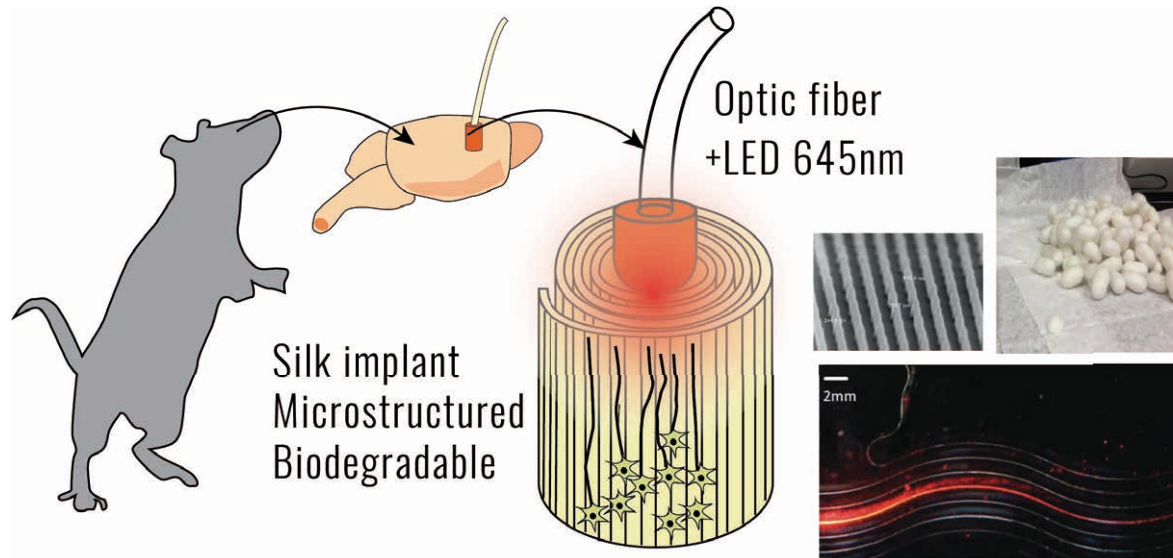
## Peeling + RIE clean



# Toward In Vivo

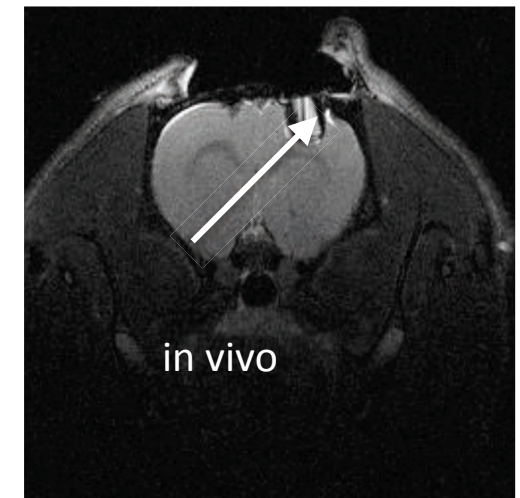
Braindage project (FRM, GIN, IES)

Optical stimulation + topography growth guidance



Spine stimulation with deformable electrodes

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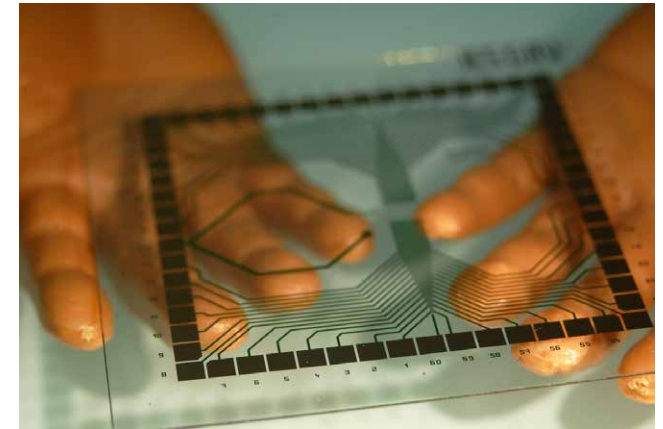
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