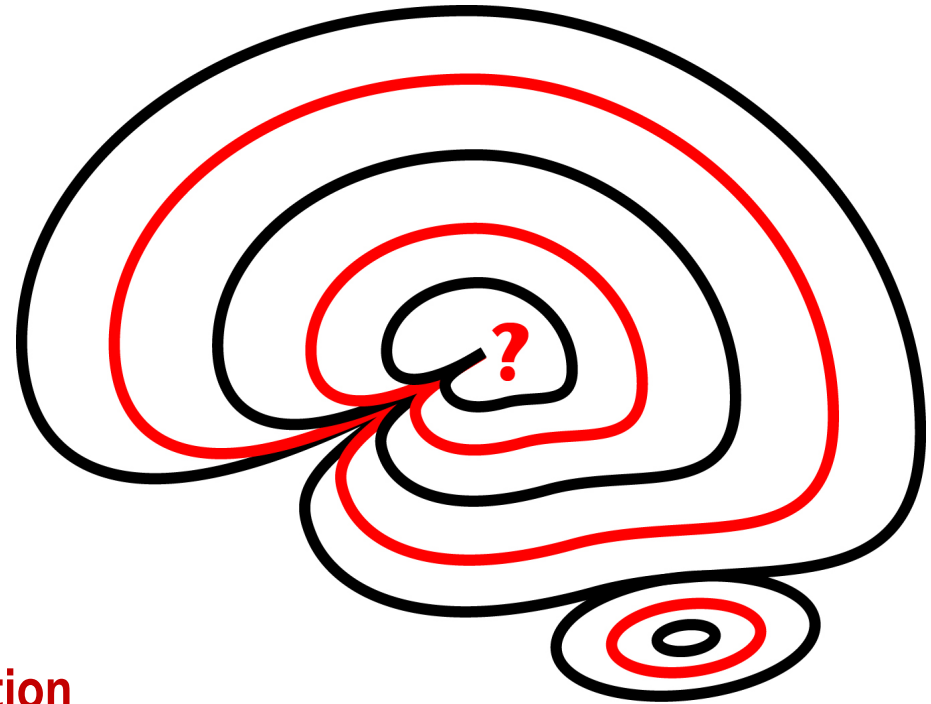


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Cellular Mechanisms of Brain Function

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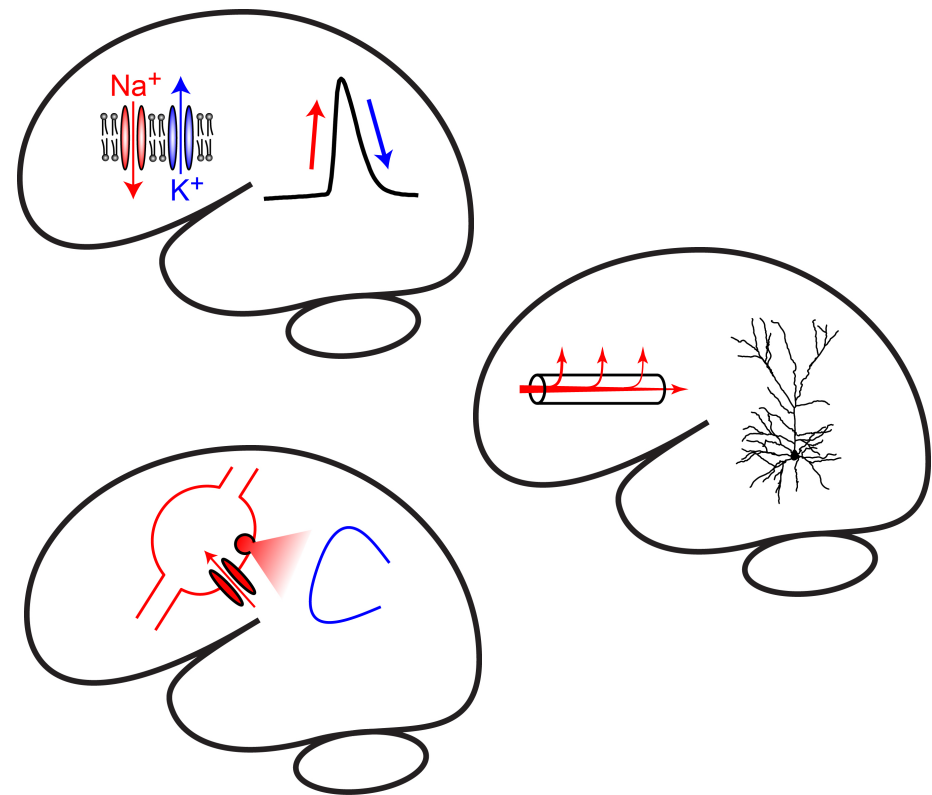


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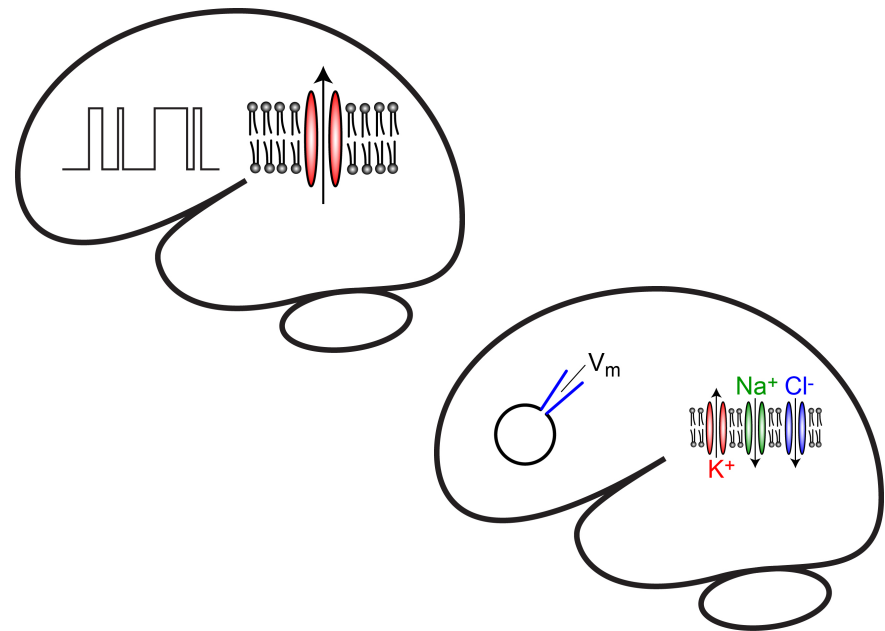
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- Week 7 – Brain function and behavior

Biophysics of neurons and synapses



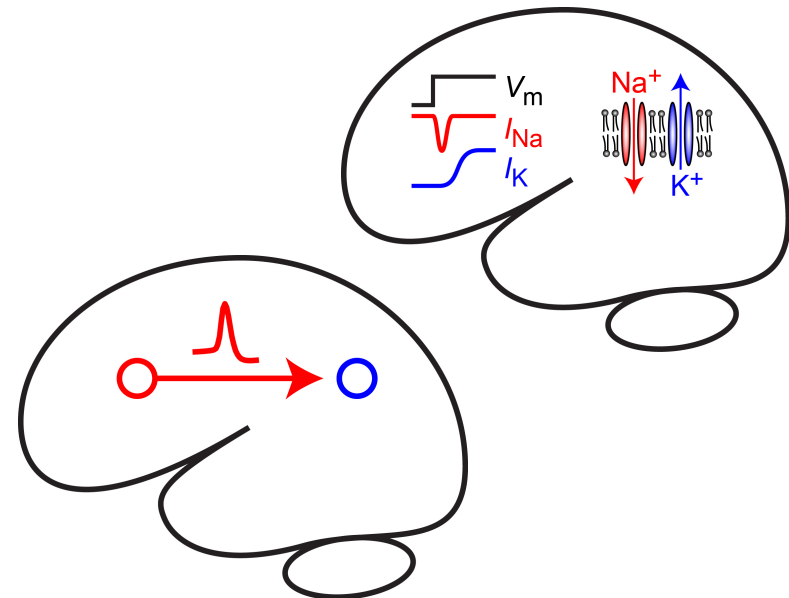
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- 1.2 The cell membrane
- 1.3 Ion channels
- 1.4 Membrane potential
- 1.5 Cable properties



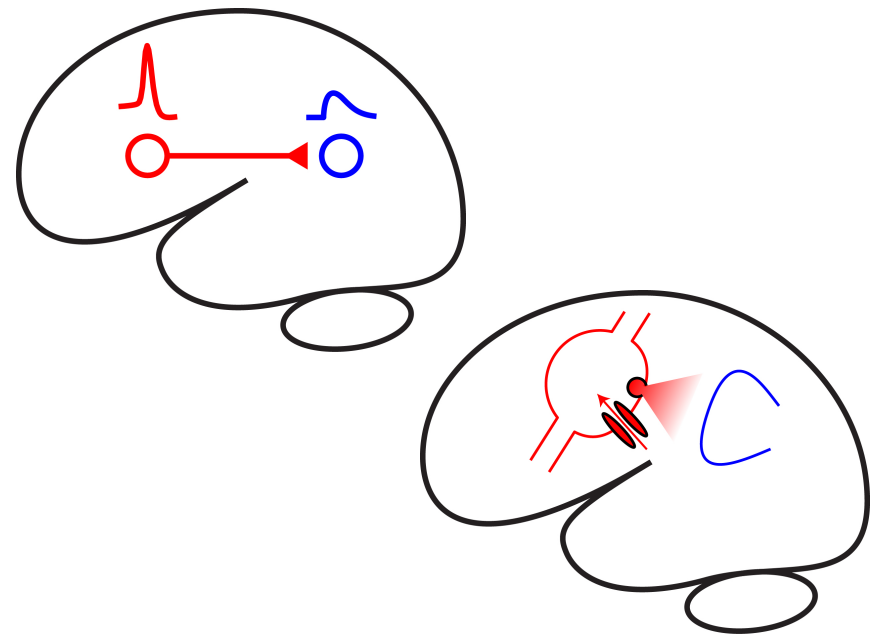
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- 2.1 Voltage-gated channels
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- 2.3 The action potential
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- 2.5 Whole-cell recordings

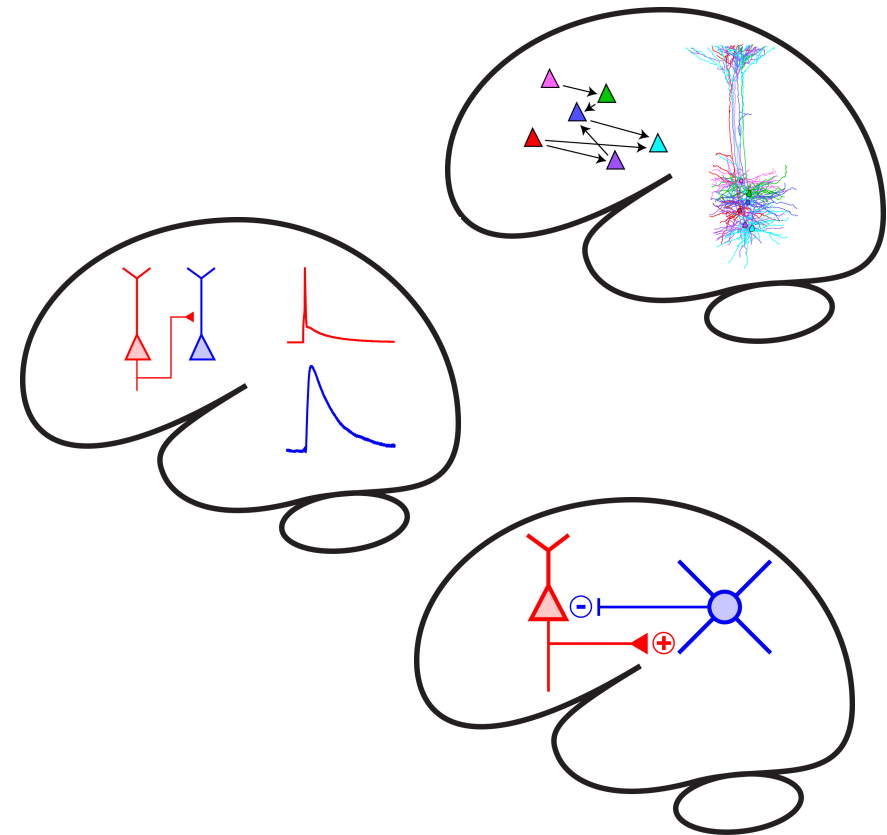


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- 3.1 Synaptic transmission
- 3.2 Neurotransmitter release
- 3.3 Presynaptic dynamics
- 3.4 Presynaptic modulation
- 3.5 **Electron microscopy**

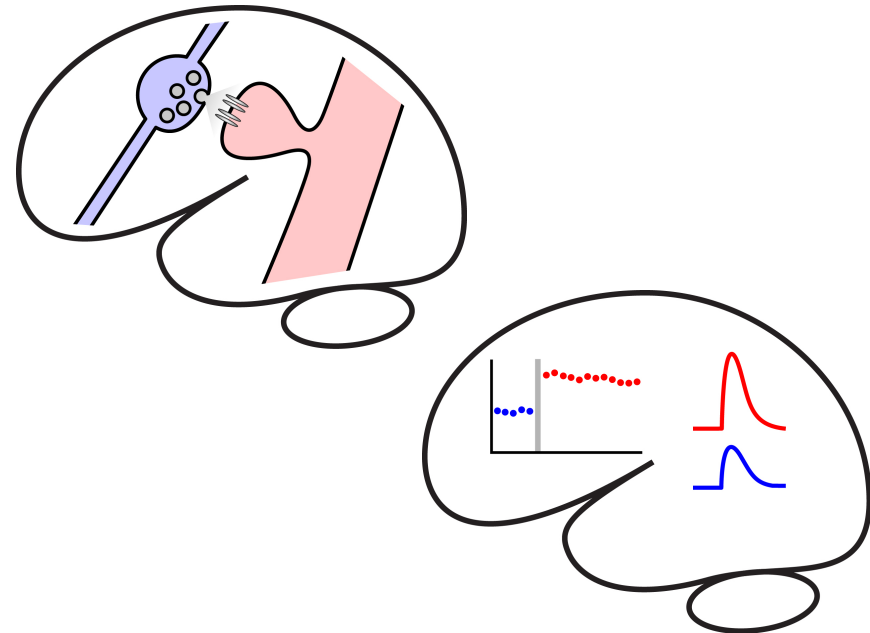


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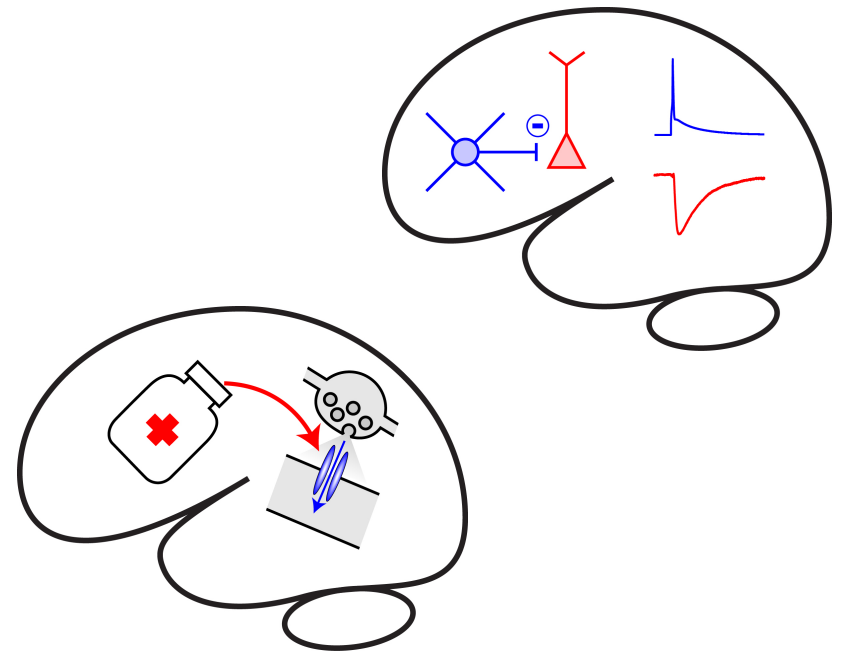
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- 4.1 Glutamate receptors
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- 4.4 Synaptic plasticity
- 4.5 Dendritic spines

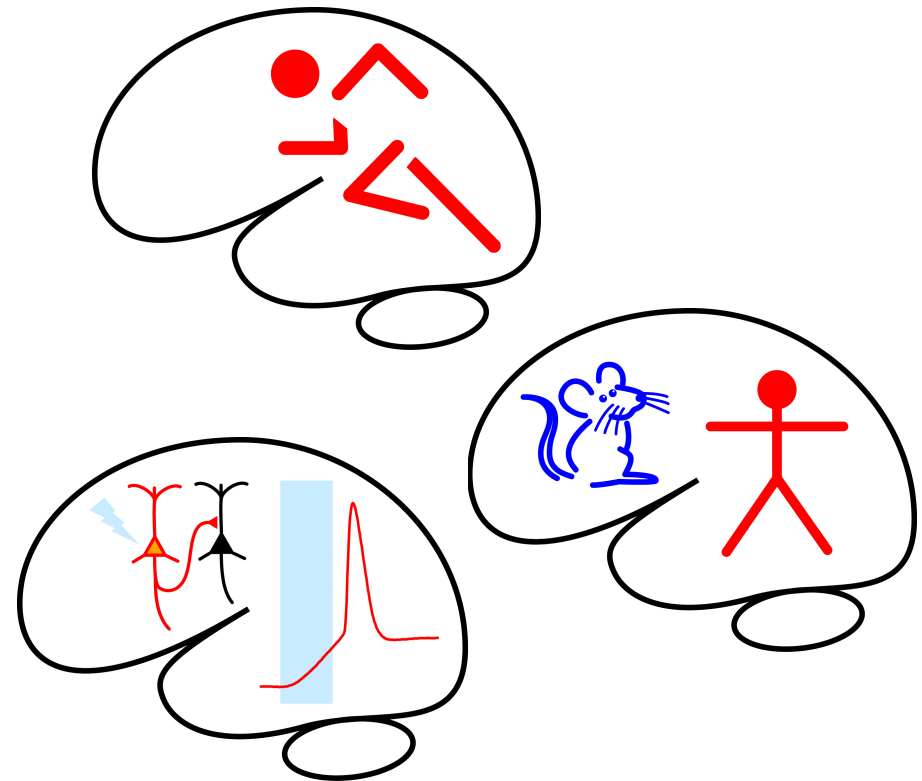


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- 5.1 GABAergic inhibition
- 5.2 Inhibitory synaptic conductances
- 5.3 Benzodiazepines
- 5.4 GABAergic projections
- 5.5 Neocortical inhibition

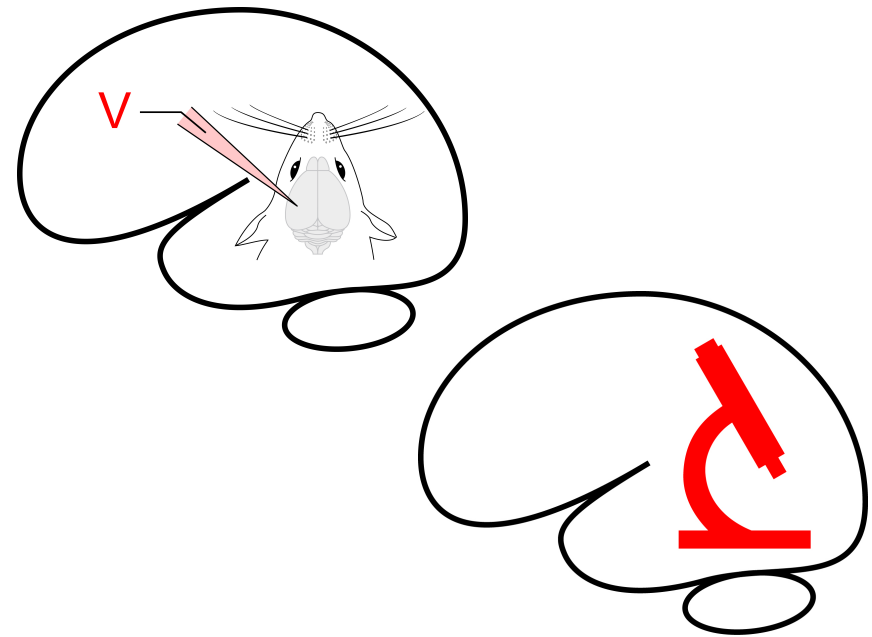


Brain function and behavior



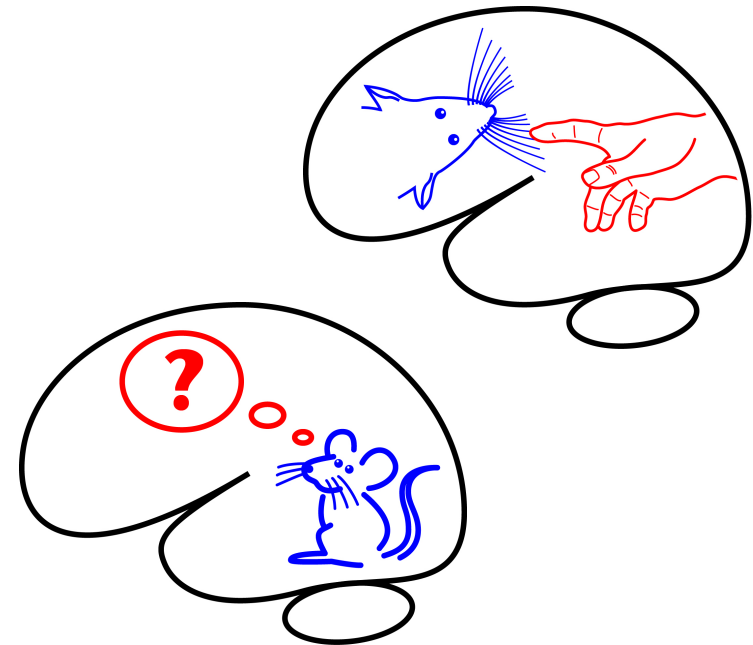
Week 6

- 6.1 Brain function and behavior
- 6.2 Man and mouse
- 6.3 Imaging the brain in action
- 6.4 *In vivo* electrophysiology
- 6.5 Controlling brain function



Week 7

- 7.1 Sensorimotor interactions
- 7.2 Sensory perception
- 7.3 Learning
- 7.4 Brain dysfunction
- 7.5 Concluding remarks



Cellular mechanisms of brain function

- Unitary elements of the brain, neurons and synapses, are beginning to be understood in biophysical detail.
- Neuronal networks involving specific cell-types are being delineated at high resolution.
- The next major challenge for neuroscience is to causally link neuronal function to behavior.