

SBML Model Report

Model name: “hodgkin-huxley squid-axon 1952”



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1 General Overview

This is a document in SBML Level 2 Version 3 format. This model was created by the following three authors: Maria Schilstra¹, Catherine Lloyd² and Lukas Endler³ at March 31st 2005 at 1:09 p.m. and last time modified at February second 2011 at eleven o’ clock in the afternoon. Table 1 provides an overview of the quantities of all components of this model.

Table 1: Number of components in this model, which are described in the following sections.

Element	Quantity	Element	Quantity
compartment types	0	compartments	1
species types	0	species	0
events	0	constraints	0
reactions	0	function definitions	0
global parameters	27	unit definitions	2
rules	18	initial assignments	0

Model Notes

This is an implementation of the Hodgkin-Huxley model of the electrical behavior of the squid axon membrane from:

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A quantitative description of membrane current and its application to conduction and excitation in nerve.

A. L. Hodgkin and A. F. Huxley. (1952) Journal of Physiology 119(4): pp 500-544; pmID: [12991237](#) .

Abstract:

This article concludes a series of papers concerned with the flow of electric current through the surface membrane of a giant nerve fibre (Hodgkin,Huxley & Katz, 1952; Hodgkin & Huxley, 1952 a-c). Its general object is to discuss the results of the preceding papers (Part I), to put them into mathematical form (Part II) and to show that they will account for conduction and excitation in quantitative terms (Part III).

This SBML model uses the same formalism as the one described in the paper, contrary to modern versions:

- * V describes the the membrane depolarisation relative to the resting potential of the membrane
- * opposing to modern practice, depolarization is negative , not positive , so the sign of V is different

- * inward transmembrane currents are considered positive (inward current positive), contrary to modern use

The changeable parameters are the equilibrium potentials(E_R, E_K, E_L, E_{Na}), the membrane depolarization (V) and the initial sodium and potassium channel activation and inactivation coefficients (m, h, n). The initial values of m, h, n for the model were calculated for $V = 0$ using the equations from the article: $n_{t=0} = -n_{V=0} / (-n_{V=0} + -n_{V=0})$ and equivalent expressions for h and m .

For single excitations apply a negative membrane depolarization ($V < 0$). To achieve oscillatory behavior either change the resting potential to a more positive value or apply a constant negative ionic current ($I < 0$).

Two assignments for parameters in the model, α_n and α_m , are not defined at $V = -10$ resp. -25 mV. We did not change this to keep the formulas similar to the original publication and as most integrators seem not to have any problem with it. The limits at $V = -10$ and -25 mV are 0.1 for α_n resp. 1 for α_m .

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2 Unit Definitions

This is an overview of six unit definitions of which four are predefined by SBML and not mentioned in the model.

2.1 Unit `time`

Name millisecond

Definition ms

2.2 Unit `mV`

Name mV

Definition mV

2.3 Unit `substance`

Notes Mole is the predefined SBML unit for substance.

Definition mol

2.4 Unit `volume`

Notes Litre is the predefined SBML unit for volume.

Definition l

2.5 Unit `area`

Notes Square metre is the predefined SBML unit for area since SBML Level 2 Version 1.

Definition m²

2.6 Unit `length`

Notes Metre is the predefined SBML unit for length since SBML Level 2 Version 1.

Definition m

3 Compartment

This model contains one compartment.

Table 2: Properties of all compartments.

Id	Name	SBO	Spatial Dimensions	Size	Unit	Constant	Outside
<code>unit_compartment</code>	<code>unit_compartment</code>		3	1	litre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

3.1 Compartment `unit_compartment`

This is a three dimensional compartment with a constant size of one litre.

Name `unit_compartment`

4 Parameters

This model contains 27 global parameters.

Table 3: Properties of each parameter.

Id	Name	SBO	Value	Unit	Constant
V	V	0000259	0.000	mV	<input type="checkbox"/>
V _{neg}	V _{neg}	0000259	0.000	mV	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	E	0000259	0.000	mV	<input type="checkbox"/>
I	I		0.000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i _{Na}	i _{Na}		0.000		<input type="checkbox"/>
i _K	i _K		0.000		<input type="checkbox"/>
i _L	i _L		0.000		<input type="checkbox"/>
m	m		0.053		<input type="checkbox"/>
h	h		0.596		<input type="checkbox"/>
n	n		0.318		<input type="checkbox"/>
E _R	E _R	0000259	−75.000	mV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C _m	C _m	0000258	1.000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g _{Na}	g _{Na}	0000257	120.000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g _K	g _K	0000257	36.000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g _L	g _L	0000257	0.300		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
E _{Na}	E _{Na}	0000259	−190.000	mV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
E _K	E _K	0000259	−63.000	mV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
E _L	E _L	0000259	−85.613	mV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
V _{Na}	V _{Na}	0000259	−115.000	mV	<input type="checkbox"/>
V _K	V _K	0000259	12.000	mV	<input type="checkbox"/>
V _L	V _L	0000259	−10.613	mV	<input type="checkbox"/>
alpha _m	alpha _m		0.000		<input type="checkbox"/>
beta _m	beta _m		0.000		<input type="checkbox"/>
alpha _h	auxiliary alpha _h		0.000		<input type="checkbox"/>
beta _h	beta _h		0.000		<input type="checkbox"/>
alpha _n	alpha _n		0.000		<input type="checkbox"/>
beta _n	beta _n		0.000		<input type="checkbox"/>

5 Rules

This is an overview of 18 rules.

5.1 Rule V_{neg}

Rule V_{neg} is an assignment rule for parameter V_{neg} :

$$V_{neg} = V \quad (1)$$

Derived unit mV

Notes $V_{neg} = -V$

5.2 Rule E

Rule E is an assignment rule for parameter E :

$$E = V + E_R \quad (2)$$

Derived unit mV

Notes $E = V + E_R$

5.3 Rule V_L

Rule V_L is an assignment rule for parameter V_L :

$$V_L = E_L - E_R \quad (3)$$

Derived unit mV

Notes $V_L = E_L - E_R$

5.4 Rule β_n

Rule β_n is an assignment rule for parameter β_n :

$$\beta_n = 0.125 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{V}{80}\right) \quad (4)$$

Notes $\beta_n = 0.125 * \exp[V / 80.0]$

5.5 Rule α_h

Rule α_h is an assignment rule for parameter α_h :

$$\alpha_h = 0.07 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{V}{20}\right) \quad (5)$$

Notes $\alpha_h = 0.07 * \exp[V / 20.0]$

5.6 Rule V_{Na}

Rule V_{Na} is an assignment rule for parameter V_{Na} :

$$V_{Na} = E_{Na} - E_R \quad (6)$$

Derived unit mV

Notes $V_{Na} = E_{Na} - E_R$

5.7 Rule V_K

Rule V_K is an assignment rule for parameter V_K :

$$V_K = E_K - E_R \quad (7)$$

Derived unit mV

Notes $V_K = E_K - E_R$

5.8 Rule i_K

Rule i_K is an assignment rule for parameter i_K :

$$i_K = g_K \cdot n^4 \cdot (V - V_K) \quad (8)$$

Notes $i_K = g_K * n^{4.0} * (V - V_K)$

5.9 Rule i_{Na}

Rule i_{Na} is an assignment rule for parameter i_{Na} :

$$i_{Na} = g_{Na} \cdot m^3 \cdot h \cdot (V - V_{Na}) \quad (9)$$

Notes $i_{Na} = g_{Na} * m^{3.0} * h * (V - V_{Na})$

5.10 Rule i_L

Rule i_L is an assignment rule for parameter i_L :

$$i_L = g_L \cdot (V - V_L) \quad (10)$$

Notes $i_L = g_L * (V - V_L)$

5.11 Rule β_m

Rule β_m is an assignment rule for parameter β_m :

$$\beta_m = 4 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{V}{18}\right) \quad (11)$$

Notes $\beta_m = 4.0 * \exp[V / 18.0]$

5.12 Rule `alpha_n`

Rule `alpha_n` is an assignment rule for parameter `alpha_n`:

$$\text{alpha_n} = \frac{0.01 \cdot (V + 10)}{\exp\left(\frac{V+10}{10}\right) - 1} \quad (12)$$

Notes `alpha_n` = 0.01 * (V + 10.0)/(exp[0.1 * (V + 10.0)] - 1.0)

5.13 Rule `alpha_m`

Rule `alpha_m` is an assignment rule for parameter `alpha_m`:

$$\text{alpha_m} = \frac{0.1 \cdot (V + 25)}{\exp\left(\frac{V+25}{10}\right) - 1} \quad (13)$$

Notes `alpha_m` = 0.1 * (V + 25.0)/(exp[0.1 * (V + 25.0)] - 1.0)

5.14 Rule `beta_h`

Rule `beta_h` is an assignment rule for parameter `beta_h`:

$$\text{beta_h} = \frac{1}{\exp\left(\frac{V+30}{10}\right) + 1} \quad (14)$$

Notes `beta_h` = 1.0/(exp[0.1 * (V + 30.0)] + 1.0)

5.15 Rule `V`

Rule `V` is a rate rule for parameter `V`:

$$\frac{d}{dt}V = \frac{I - (i_Na + i_K + i_L)}{Cm} \quad (15)$$

Notes `dV/dt` = (I - (i_Na + i_K + i_L))/Cm

5.16 Rule `m`

Rule `m` is a rate rule for parameter `m`:

$$\frac{d}{dt}m = \text{alpha_m} \cdot (1 - m) - \text{beta_m} \cdot m \quad (16)$$

Notes `dm/dt` = `alpha_m` * (1.0 - m) - `beta_m` * m

5.17 Rule `h`

Rule `h` is a rate rule for parameter `h`:

$$\frac{d}{dt}h = \text{alpha_h} \cdot (1 - h) - \text{beta_h} \cdot h \quad (17)$$

Notes `dh/dt` = `alpha_h` * (1.0 - h) - `beta_h` * h

5.18 Rule n

Rule n is a rate rule for parameter n :

$$\frac{d}{dt}n = \text{alpha_n} \cdot (1 - n) - \text{beta_n} \cdot n \quad (18)$$

Notes $dn/dt = \text{alpha_n} * (1.0 - n) - \text{beta_n} * n$

A Glossary of Systems Biology Ontology Terms

SBO:0000257 conductance: Measure of how easily electricity flows along a certain path through an electrical element. The SI derived unit of conductance is the Siemens

SBO:0000258 capacitance: Measure of the amount of electric charge stored (or separated) for a given electric potential. The unit of capacitance is the Farad

SBO:0000259 voltage: Difference of electrical potential between two points of an electrical network, expressed in volts

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