

# Dendritic Integration 2

Foundations of Cellular Neuroscience

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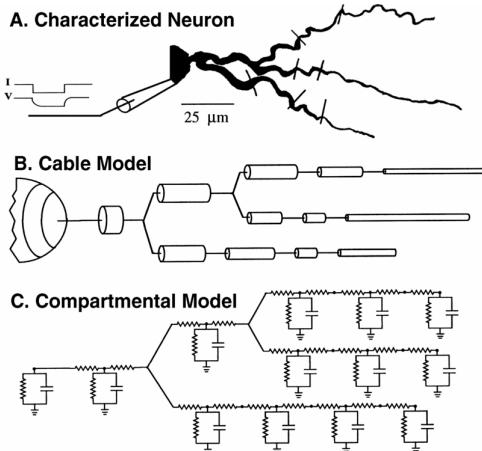
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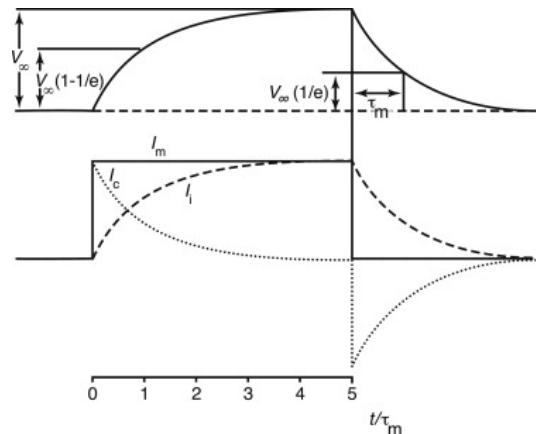
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# Key concepts

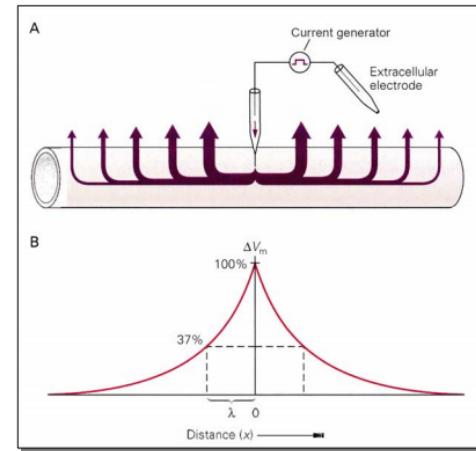
## Input Resistance



## Time constant $\tau = RC$

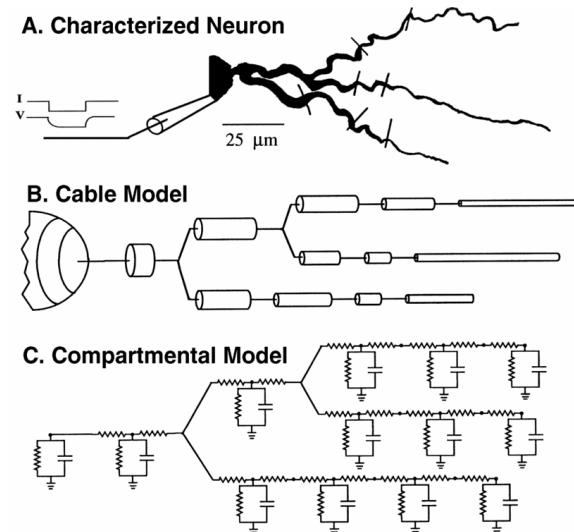
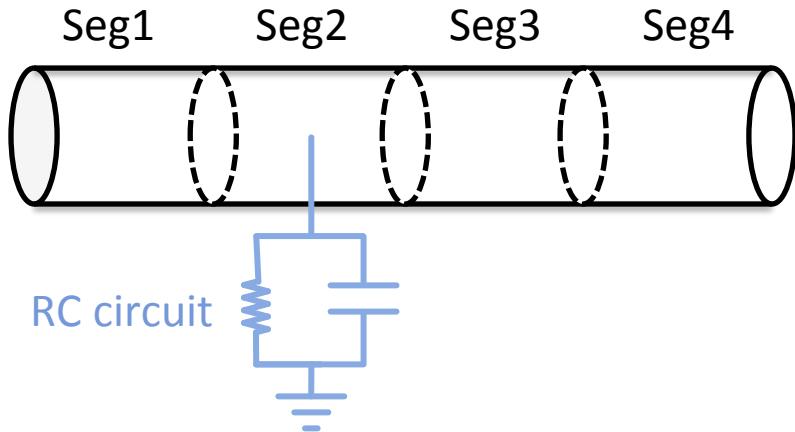


## Space constant $\lambda = \sqrt{Rl} m / Rl \cdot d / 4$



# Cable theory

Complex morphologies can be broken into simple segments



# Outline

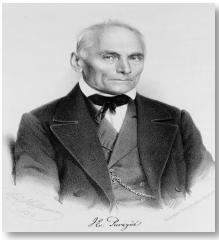
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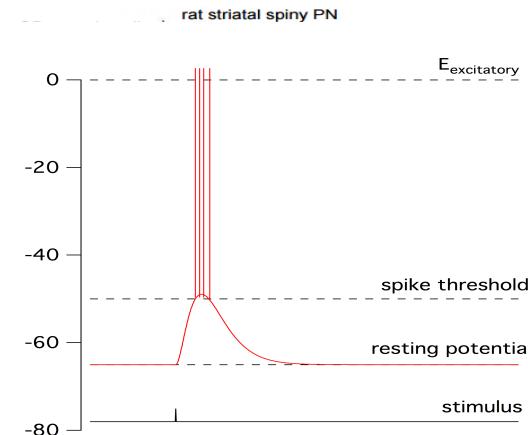
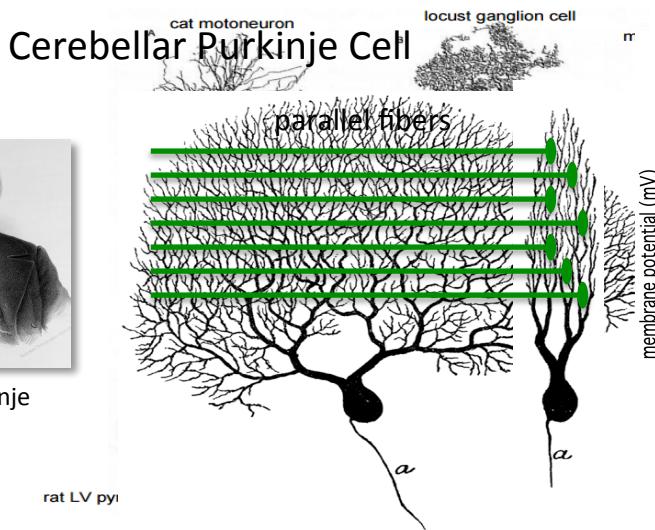
## Today

- Spatial/temporal summation
- Integrating excitation/inhibition
- EPSP attenuation
- Back-propagating action potentials
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# Different neurons integrate differently



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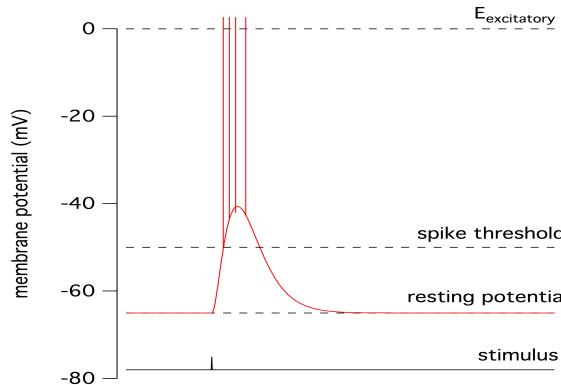
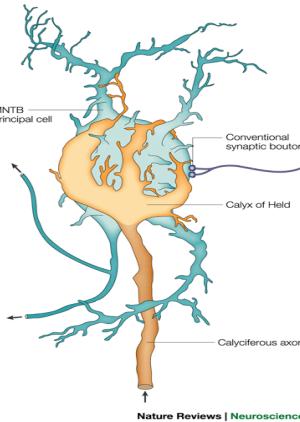
*"spatial summation"*

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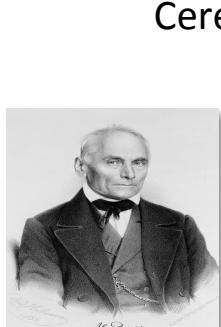
## MNTB neuron (Calyx of Held)



Hans Held

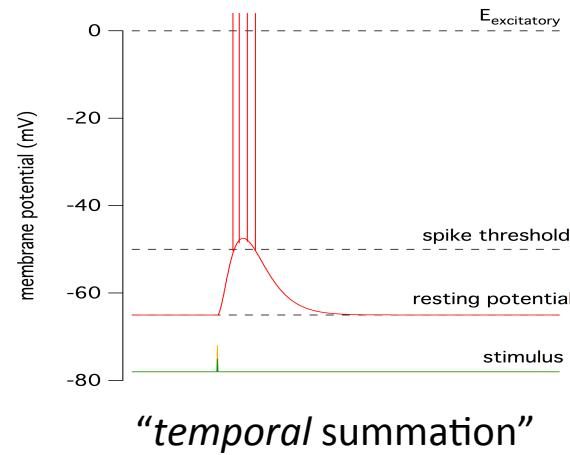
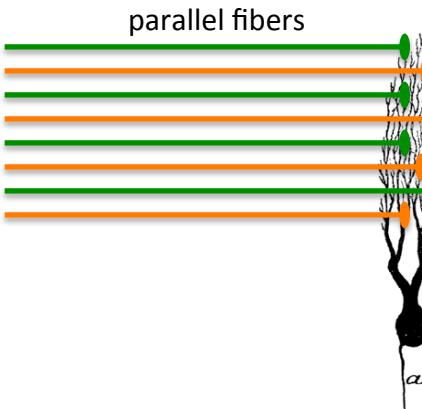


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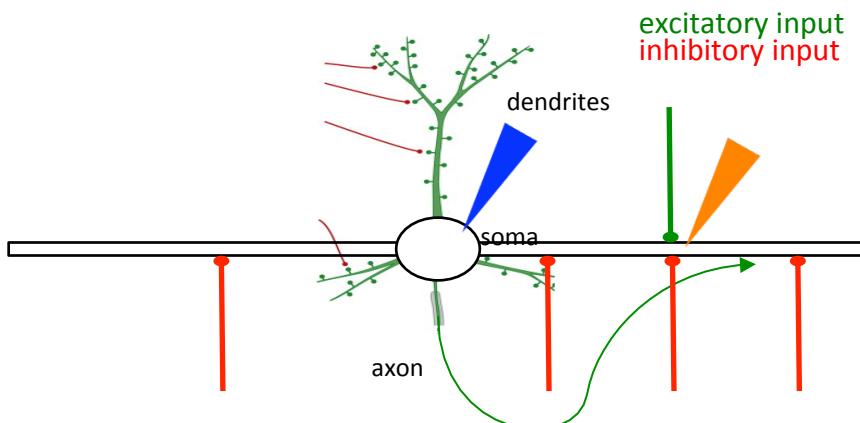


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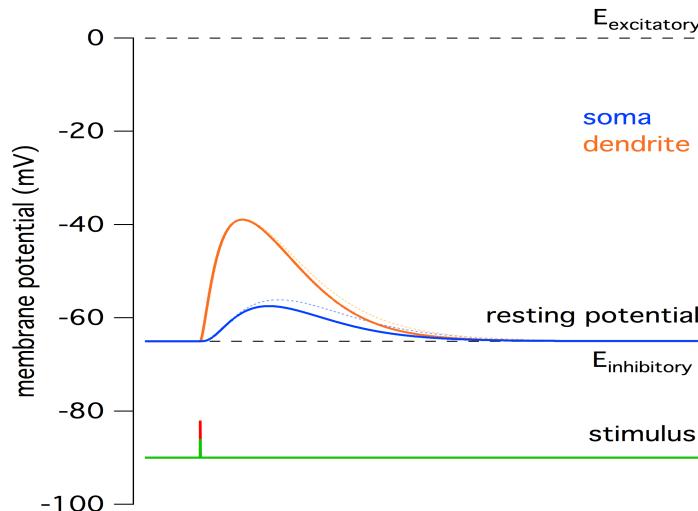
## Cerebellar Purkinje Cell



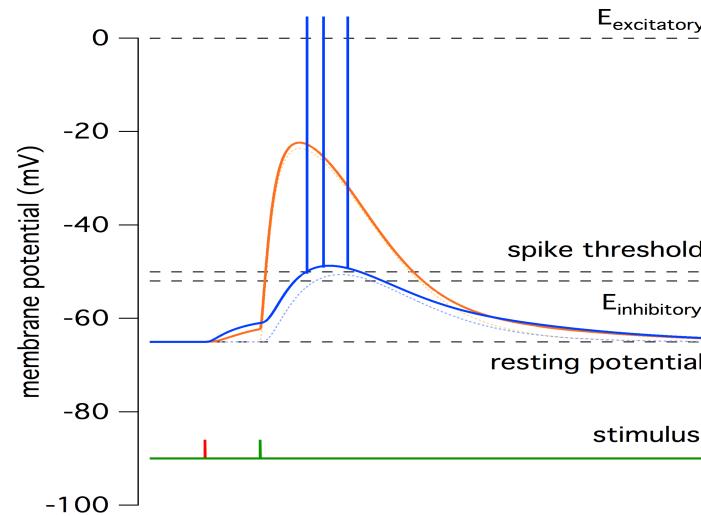
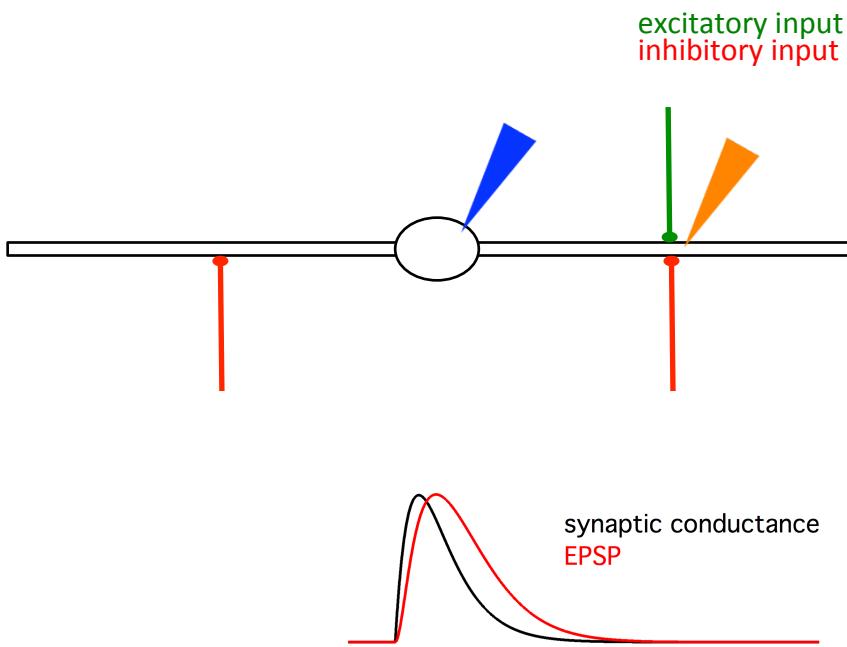
# Integrating excitation and inhibition



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# Can inhibition actually be excitatory?

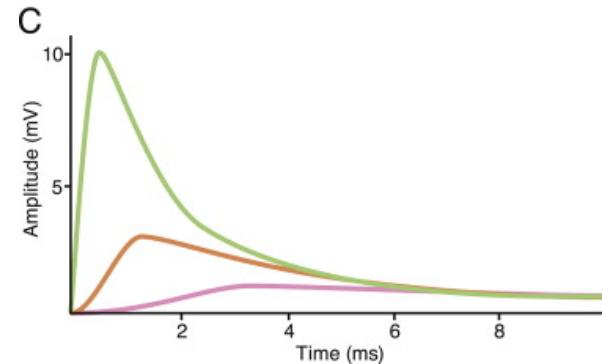
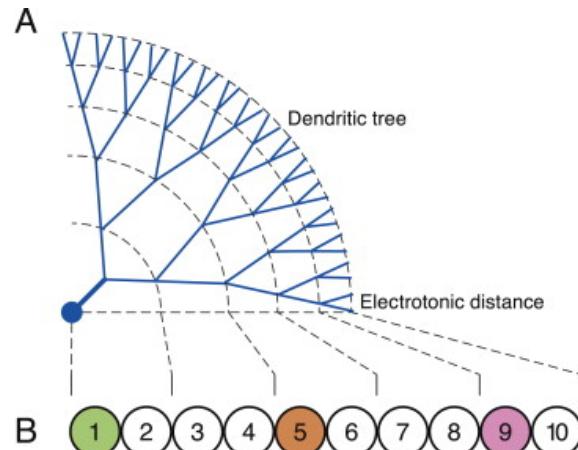


# EPSP attenuation

Excitatory Post-Synaptic Potential (EPSP)

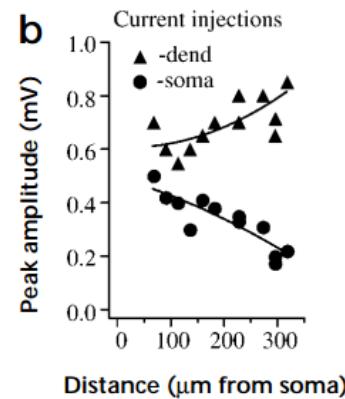
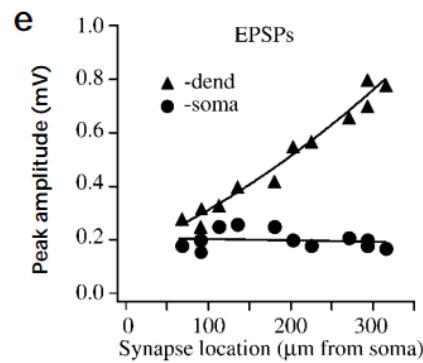
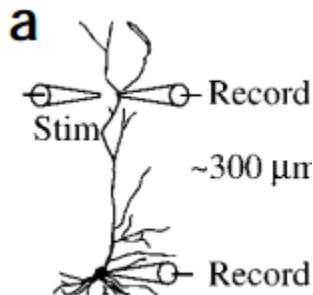


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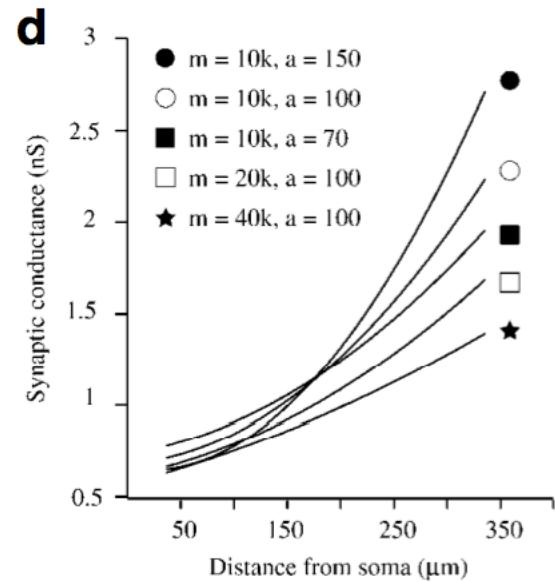
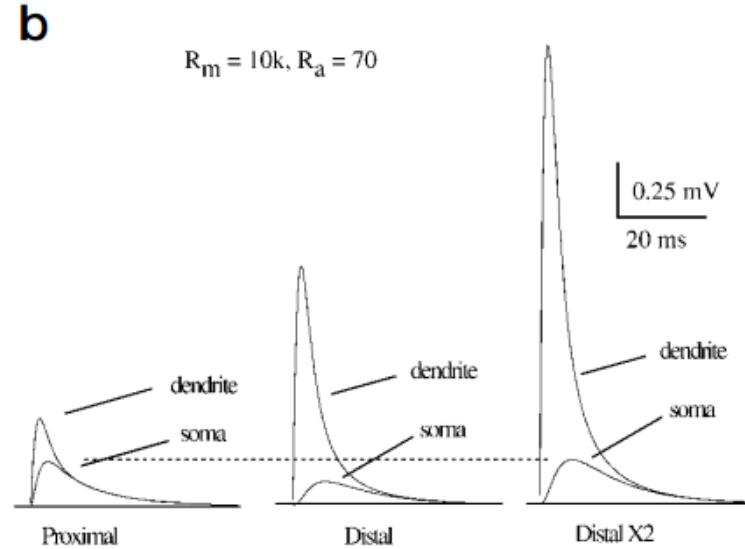
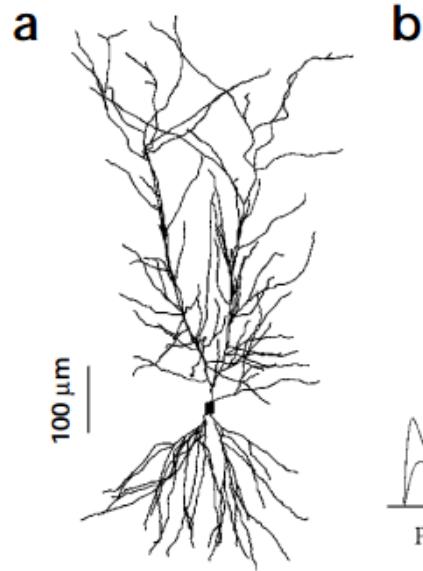
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Magee and Cook 2000

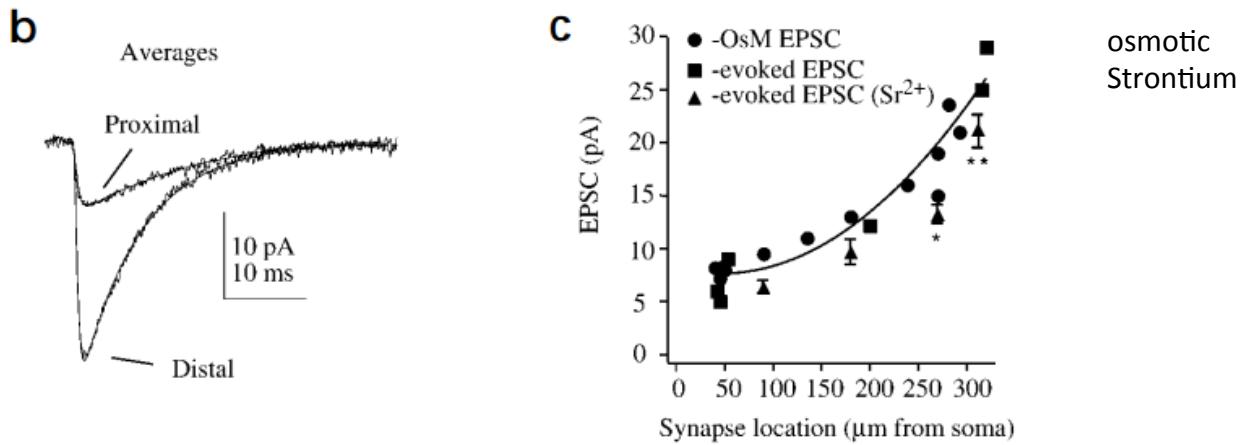
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Simulation



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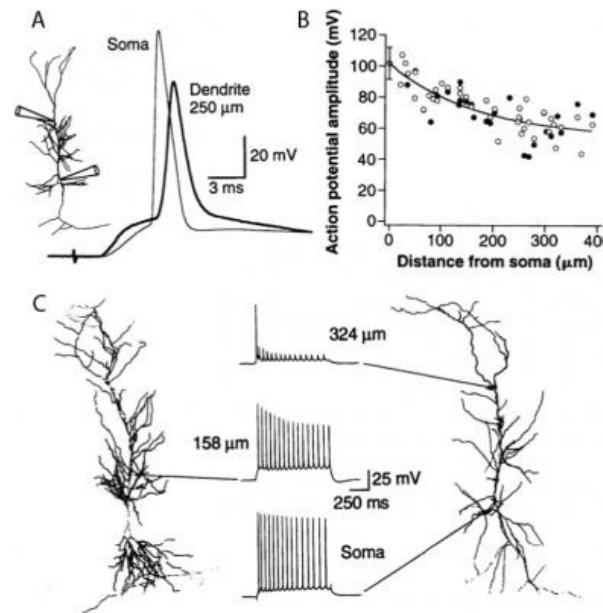
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$\text{Na}^+$  channels

Backpropagating Action Potentials

Some dendrites have enough  $\text{Na}^+$  channels to support AP back-propagation



A. Simultaneous somatic and dendrite recording showing action potential backpropagation in a CA1 pyramidal neuron.

B. Attenuation of backpropagating action potential amplitude as a function of dendritic recording distance.

C. Activity-dependent attenuation of backpropagating action potential amplitude at different dendritic recording locations.

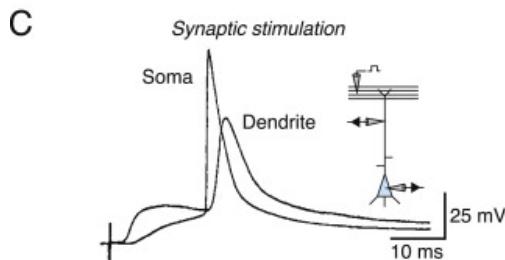
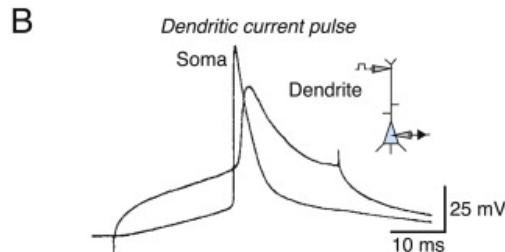
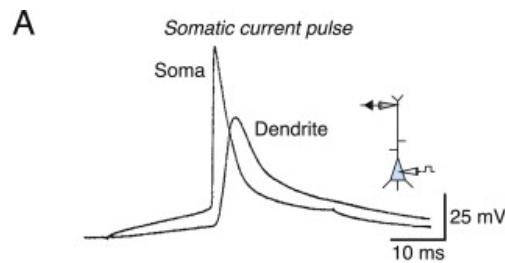
Figure adapted from Spruston et al., 1995.

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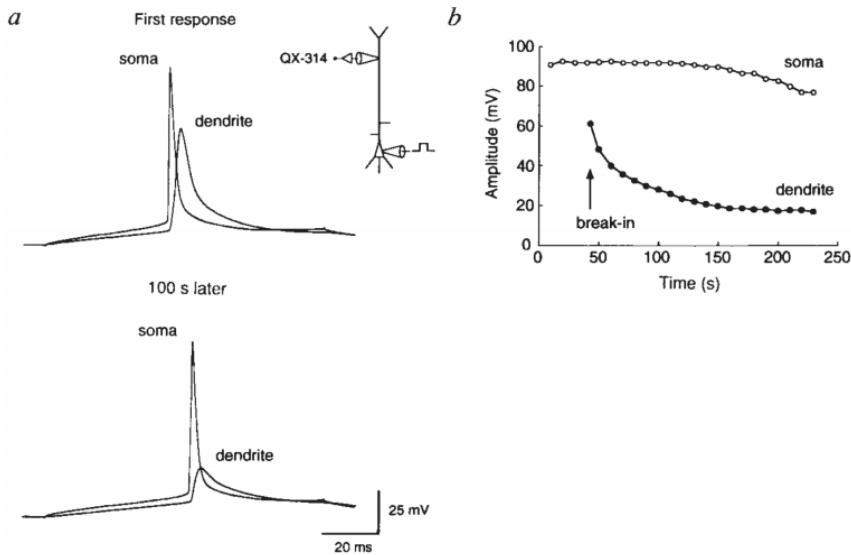
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Stuart and Sakmann 1994

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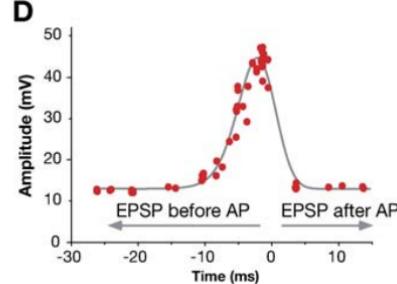
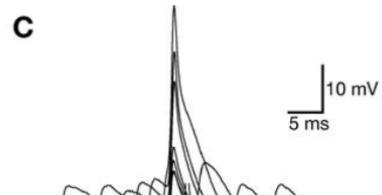
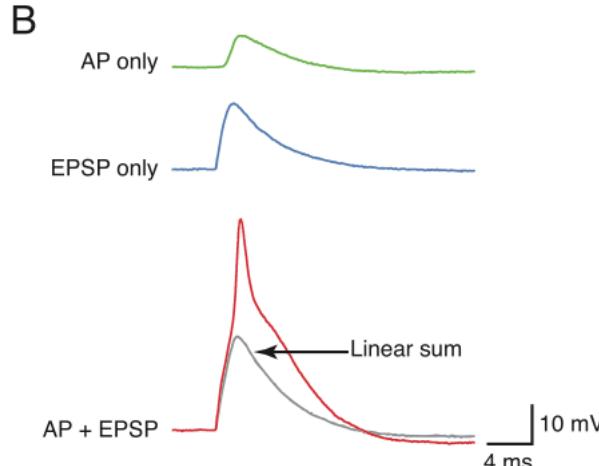
How to prove that  $\text{Na}^+$  channels are required for bAP?



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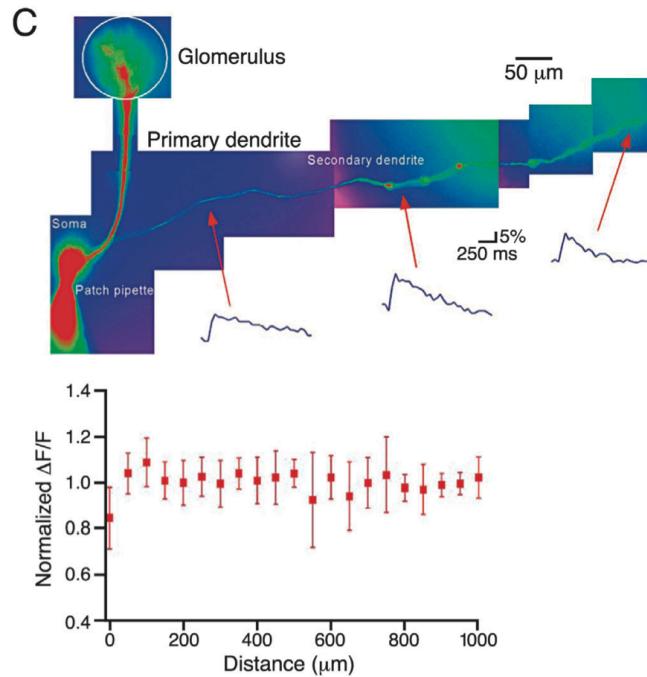
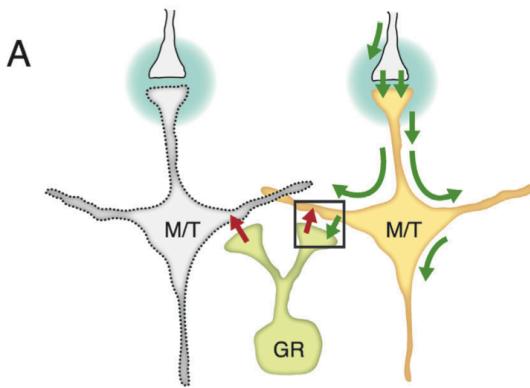
Backpropagating Action Potentials can allow non-linear integration



Stuart and Häusser 2001

# Are bAPs functional?

GR: granule cell  
M/T: mitral cell



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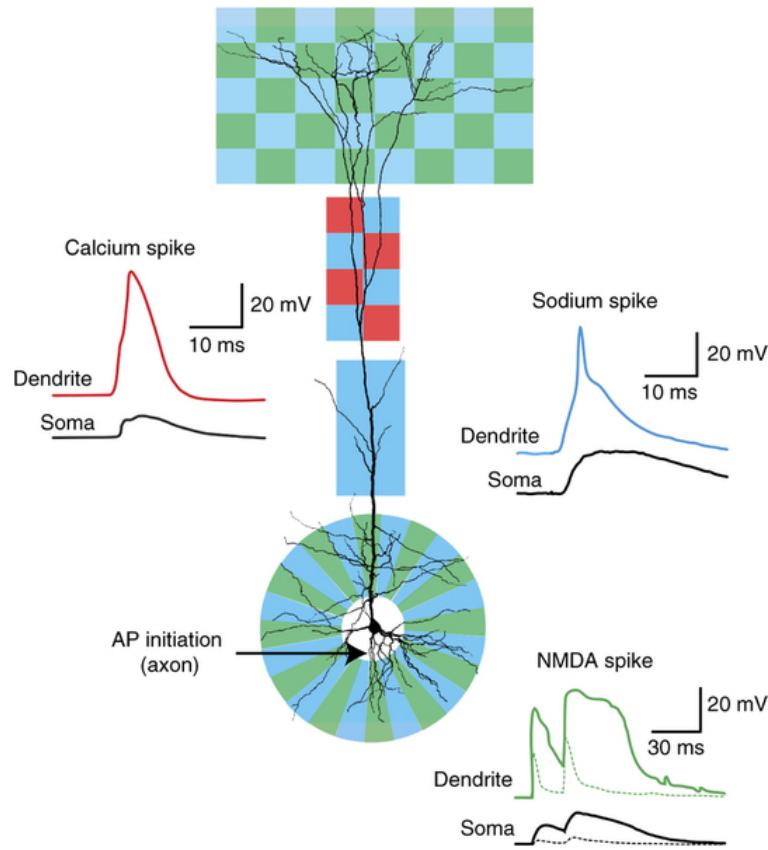
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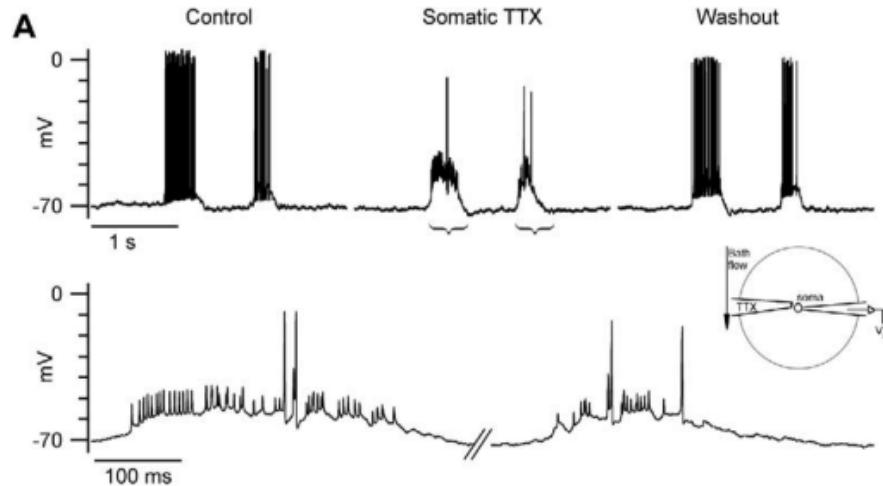


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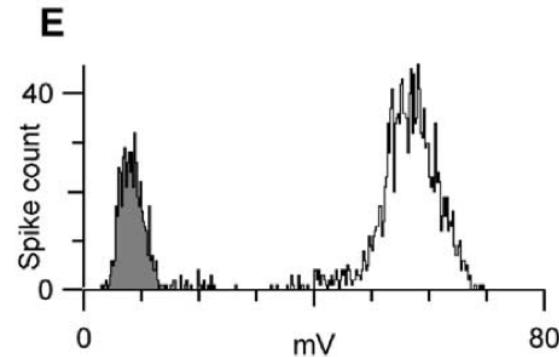
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Dendritic spikes

Some dendrites have enough  $\text{Na}^+$  channels to support dendritic AP generation



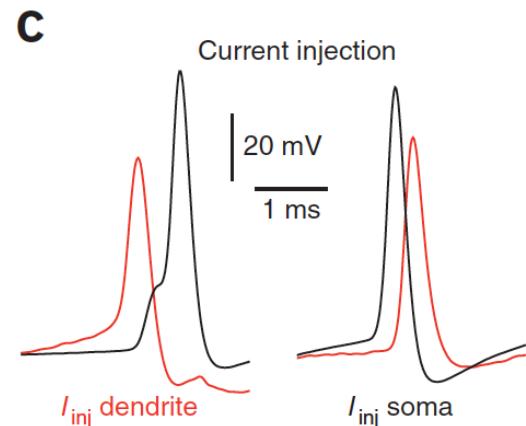
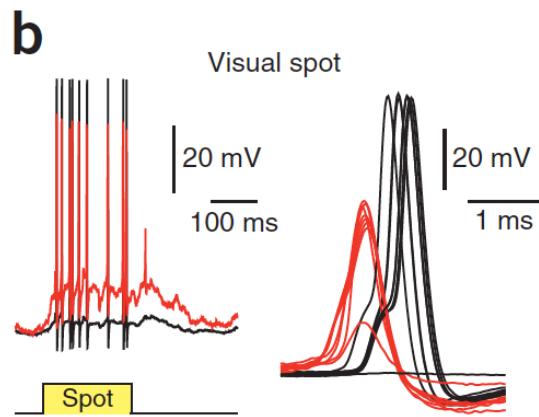
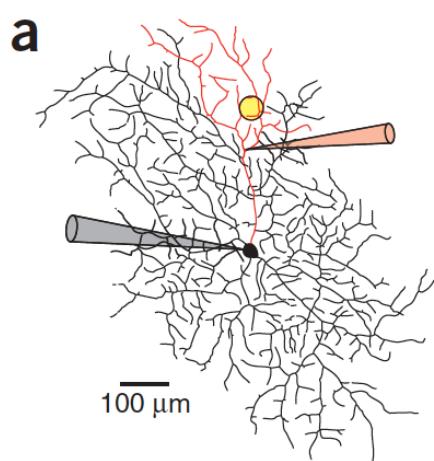
somatic recordings from rabbit retinal ganglion cell



Oesch et al 2005

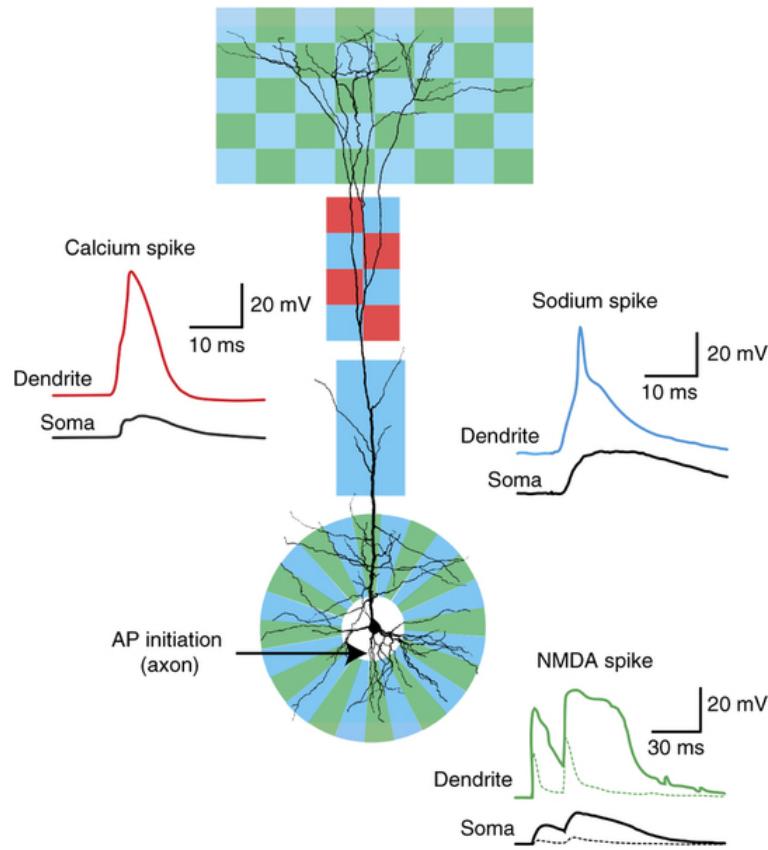
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somatic and **dendritic** recordings from rabbit retinal ganglion cell



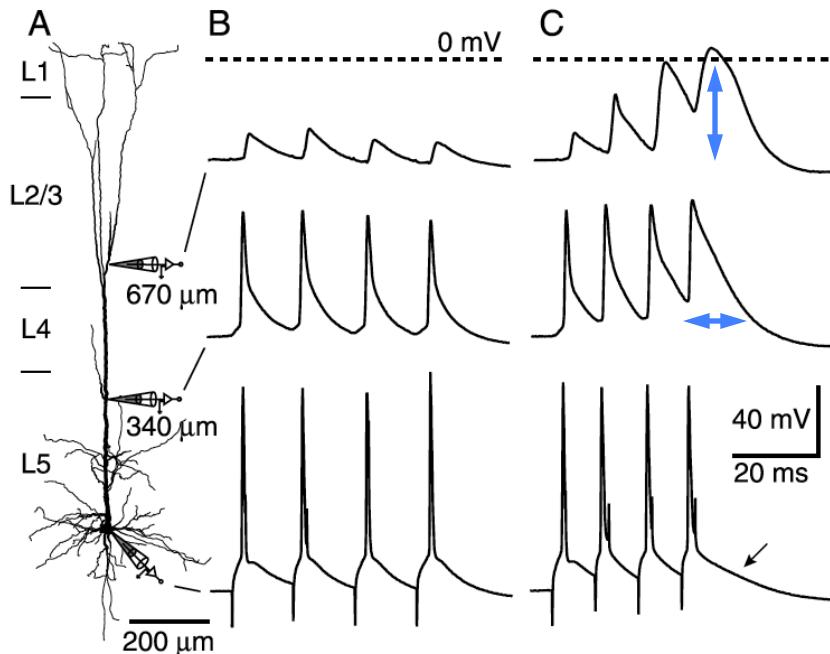
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# Dendritic spikes



# Dendritic calcium spike

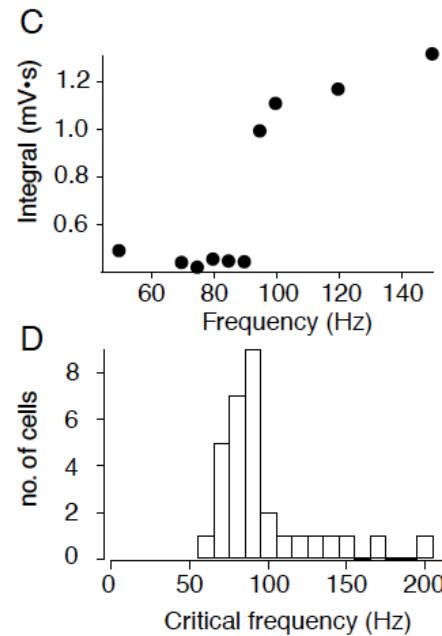
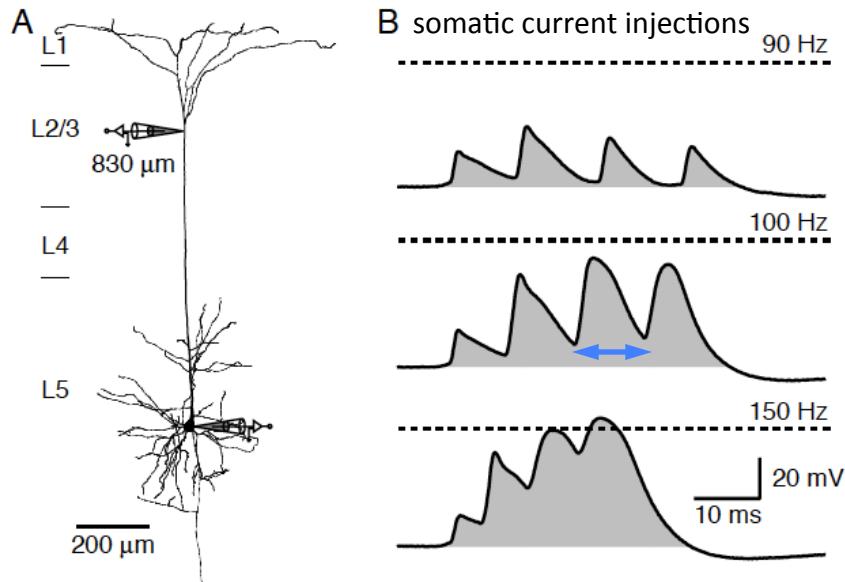
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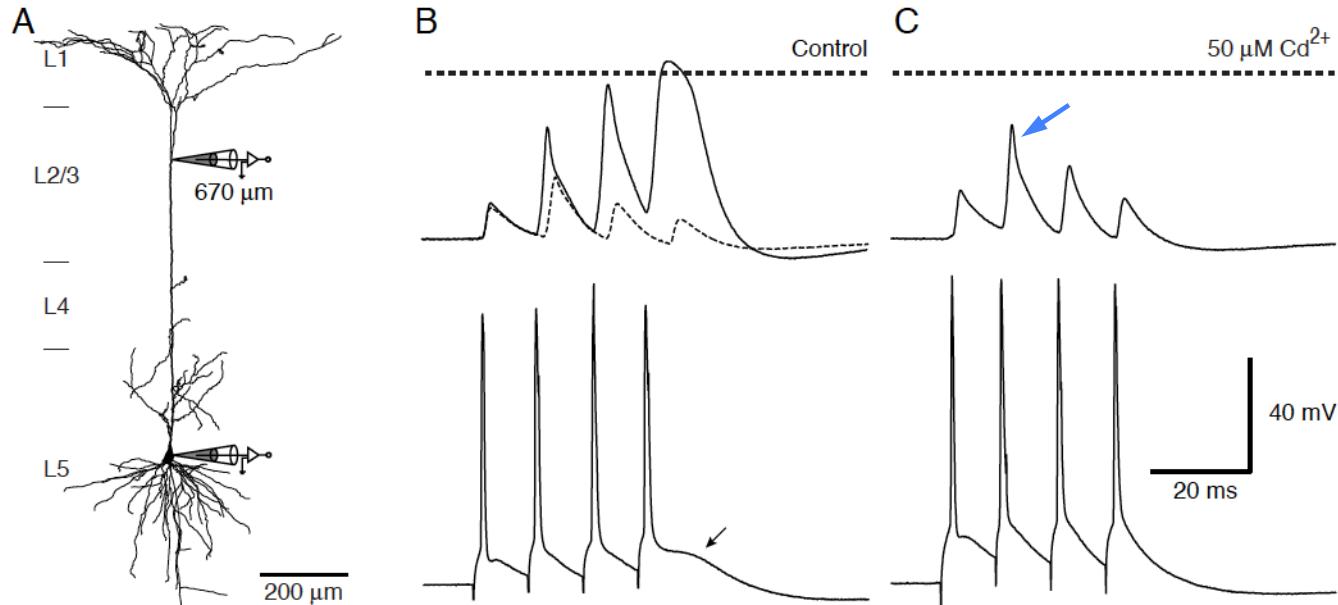


What will you observe in Ca imaging  
if this is caused by temporal summation?

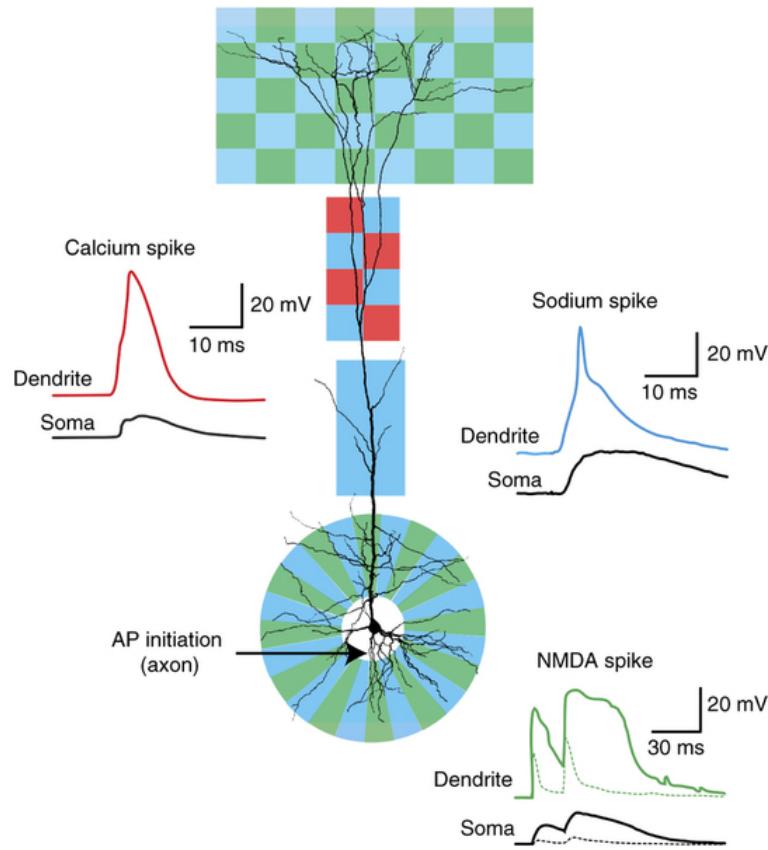
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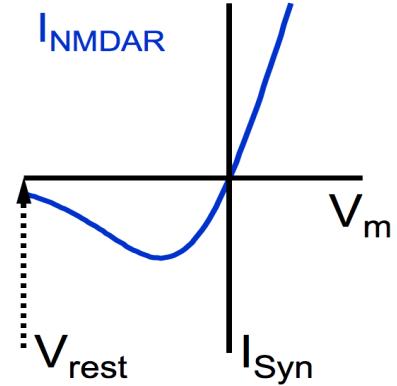
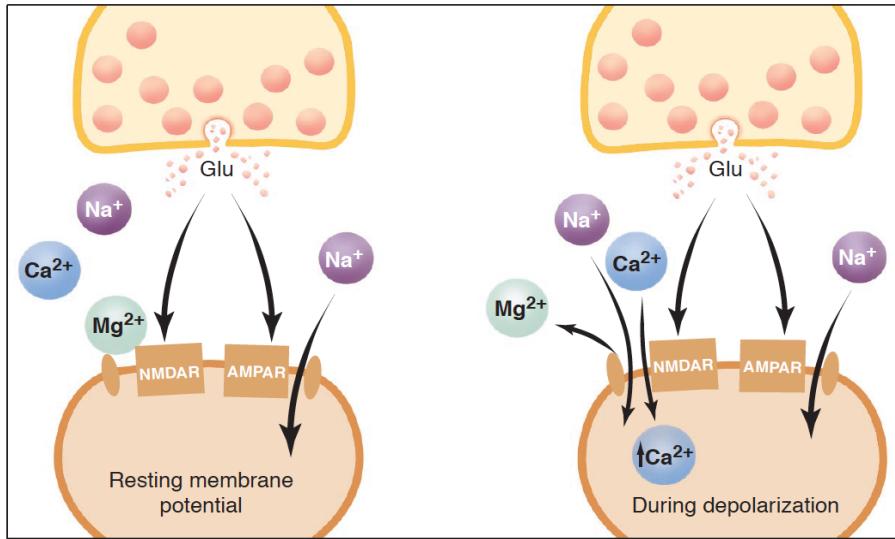
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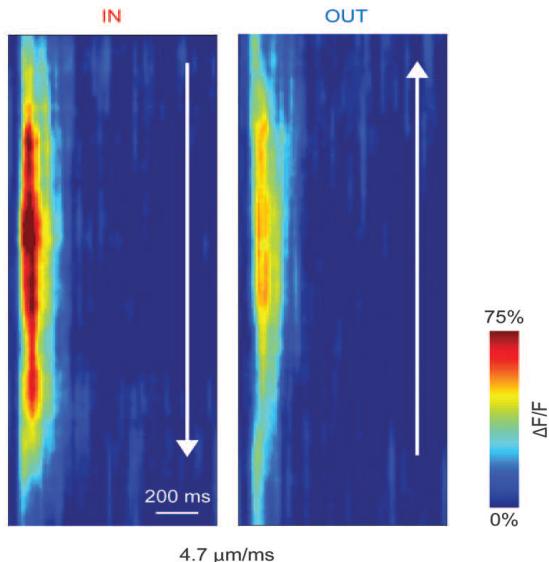
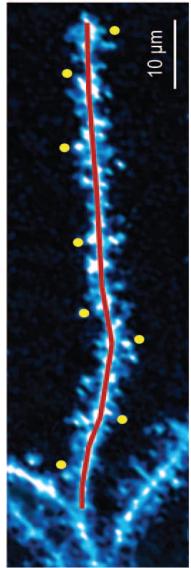
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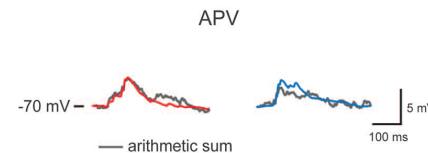
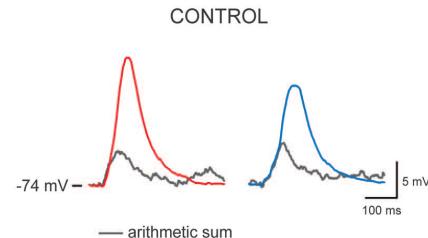
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Cortical pyramidal neurons

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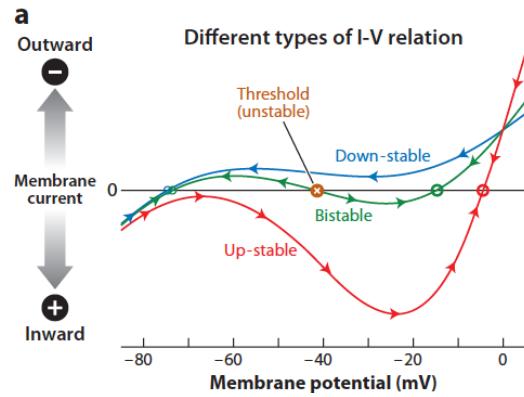


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Branco, et al. (2010) *Science*

# NMDA spike



# Dendritic computations

