

# HODGKIN-HUXLEY MODEL

- This model tells us how neurons generate and propagate electrical signals known as action potentials (also spikes)

Figure 1: Membrane potential and gating variable dynamics

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_m \frac{dV}{dt} &= -g_{Na} m^3 h (E_{Na} - V) - g_K n^4 (E_K - V) - g_L (E_L - V) \\
 \frac{dm}{dt} &= \alpha_m(V) (1 - m) - \beta_m(V) m \\
 \frac{dh}{dt} &= \alpha_h(V) (1 - h) - \beta_h(V) h \\
 \frac{dn}{dt} &= \alpha_n(V) (1 - n) - \beta_n(V) n
 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 2: Hodgkin-Huxley model system of differential equations

## ⚙️ Final Two Differential Equations

(Standard 2-variable Hodgkin-Huxley reduction)

Assume  $m \approx m_\infty(V)$  and  $h \approx h_\infty(V)$ . Then the reduced system becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_m \frac{dV}{dt} &= -g_{Na} m_\infty(V)^3 h_\infty(V) (V - E_{Na}) - g_K n^4 (V - E_K) - g_L (V - E_L) + I_{ext} \\
 \frac{dn}{dt} &= \frac{n_\infty(V) - n}{\tau_n(V)}
 \end{aligned}$$

## □ Parameter Definitions

- $C_m$ : membrane capacitance
- $g_{Na}, g_K, g_L$ : maximum conductances
- $E_{Na}, E_K, E_L$ : reversal potentials

And the voltage-dependent steady-state functions:

$$m_\infty(V) = \frac{\alpha_m(V)}{\alpha_m(V) + \beta_m(V)}, h_\infty(V) = \frac{\alpha_h(V)}{\alpha_h(V) + \beta_h(V)}, n_\infty(V) = \frac{\alpha_n(V)}{\alpha_n(V) + \beta_n(V)}$$

Time constant for  $n$ :

$$\tau_n(V) = \frac{1}{\alpha_n(V) + \beta_n(V)}$$

### Parameter roster

## Mission Parameters: Hodgkin-Huxley Squid Giant Axon Model

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Units	Strategic Purpose
Membrane Capacitance	C_m	1.0	μF/cm²	Stores the electrical charge across the membrane.
Max Sodium Conductance	g_Na	120.0	mS/cm²	Determines the maximum possible influx of sodium ions; powers the spike's rising phase.
Max Potassium Conductance	g_K	36.0	mS/cm²	Determines the maximum possible efflux of potassium ions; drives the spike's falling phase.
Leak Conductance	g_L	0.3	mS/cm²	Represents the passive flow of other ions, primarily chloride; stabilizes the resting potential.
Sodium Potential	E_Na	50.0	mV	The Nernst potential for sodium. The 'target' voltage the spike aims for during its upstroke.
Potassium Potential	E_K	-77.0	mV	The Nernst potential for potassium. The

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Leak Potential	$E_L$	-54.387	mV	'target' voltage for hyperpolarization. The combined potential for leak ions, chosen to ensure the resting state is stable.

These constant are measured and pysically grounded

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