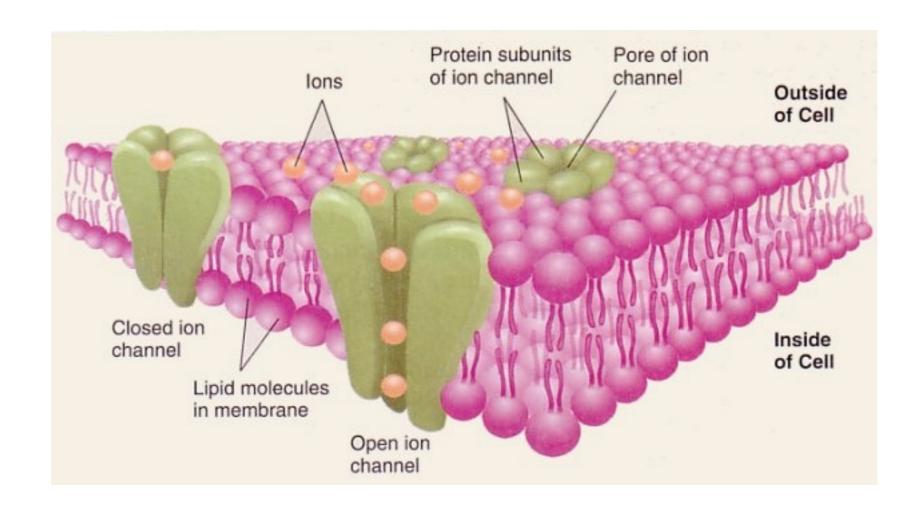
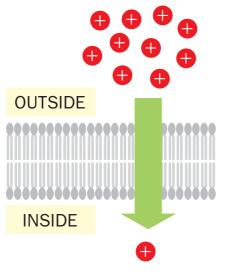
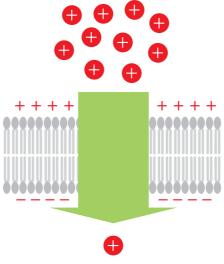
Single Neuron Dynamics



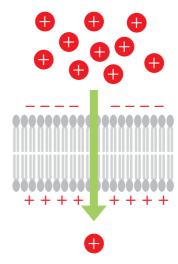
What determines the resting potential of a neuron?



chemical gradient alone; no membrane potential



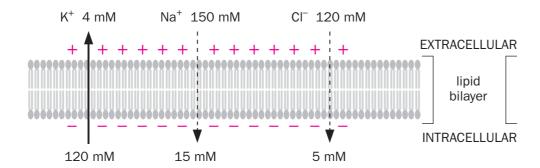
chemical gradient and electrical gradient driving ion movement in the same direction



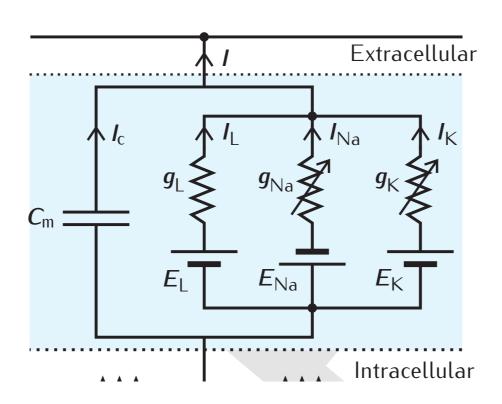
chemical gradient and electrical gradient driving ion movement in opposing directions

Ion pump



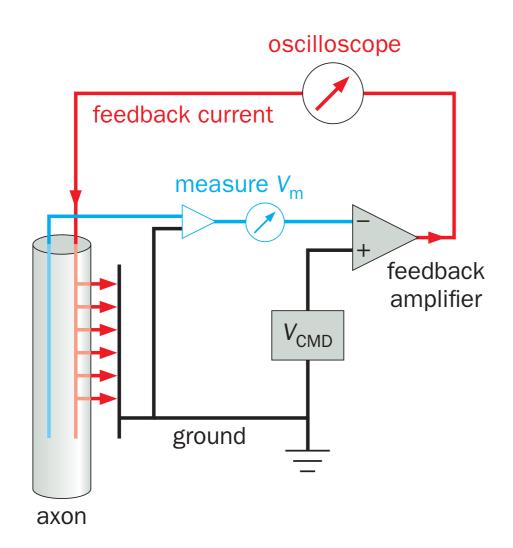


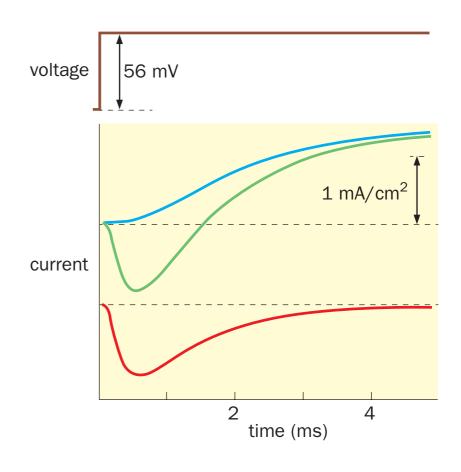
The Equivalent Electronic Circuit of a Neuron



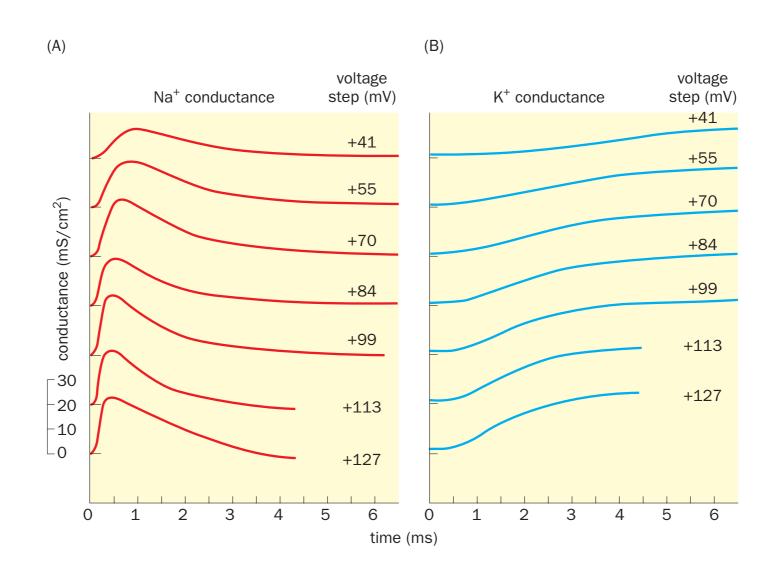
$$C_m \frac{dV}{dt} = -\sum_i g_i(V)(V - E_i) - \bar{g}_L(V - E_L) + I_e$$

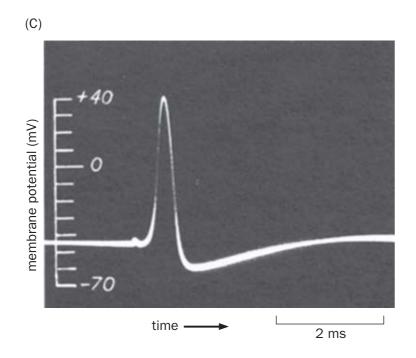
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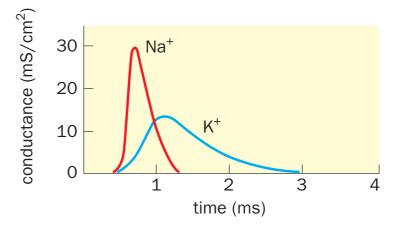


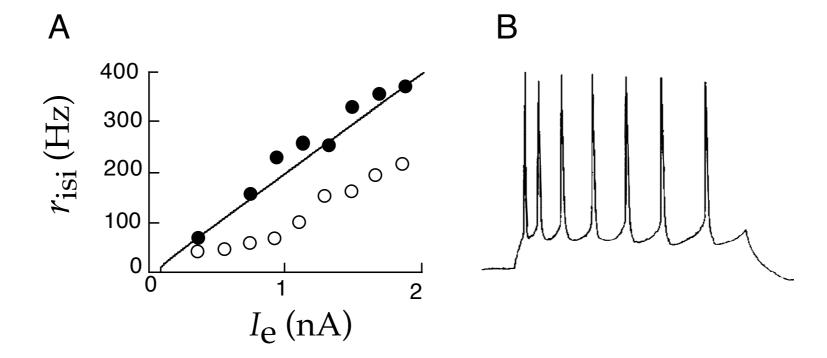


Voltage-gated Conductance









Squid Giant Axon

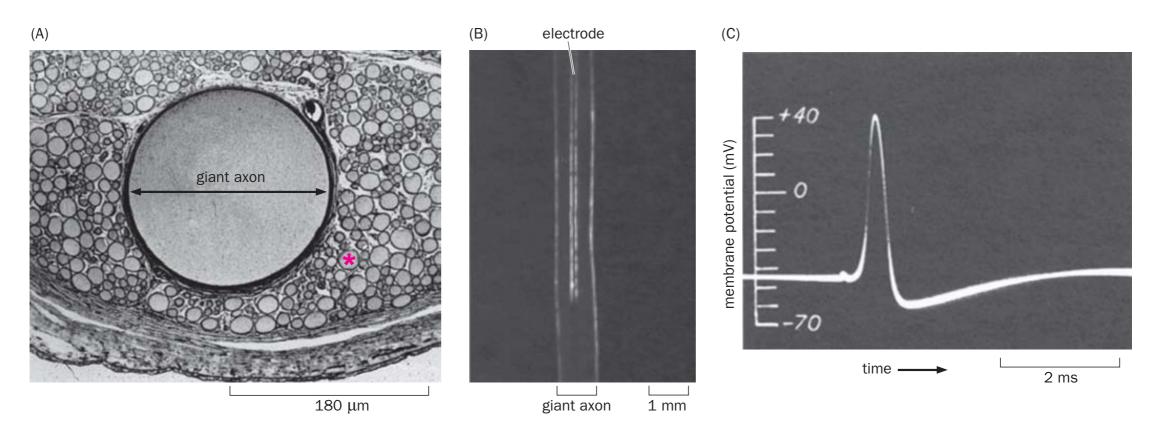
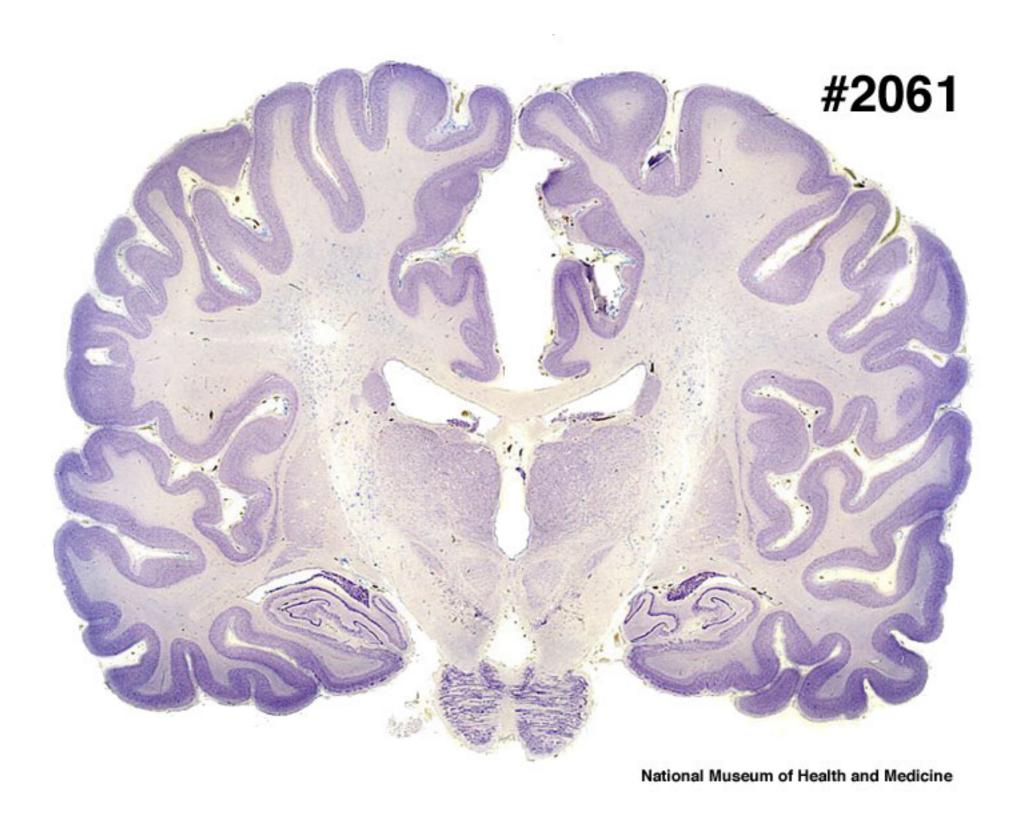


Figure 2–19 Studying action potentials in the squid giant axon. (A) Electron micrograph of a cross section of a squid giant axon showing its large diameter (~180 μm for this sample) as compared to neighboring axons (for example, the axon indicated by *). (B) Photograph of an electrode inserted inside a squid giant axon whose diameter is close to 1 mm. (C) An action potential recorded from the squid giant axon. (A, courtesy of Kay Cooper and Roger Hanlon; B, from Hodgkin AL & Keyes RD [1956] *J Physiol* 131:592–616; C, from Hodgkin AL & Huxley AF [1939] *Nature* 144:710–711. With permission from Macmillan Publishers Ltd.)

Gray and White Matter



Myelinated axons

