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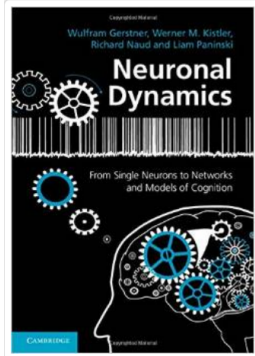
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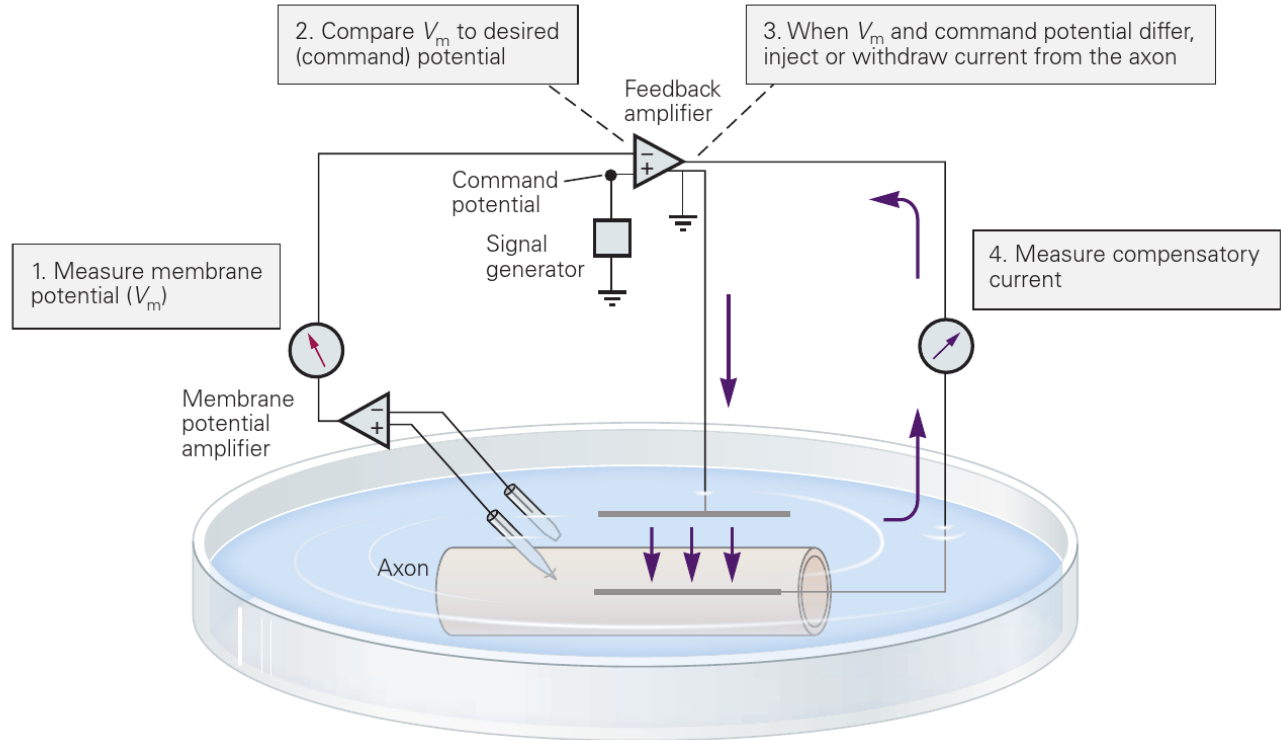
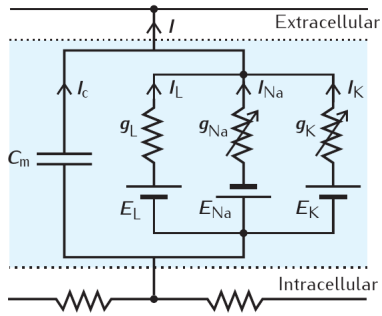
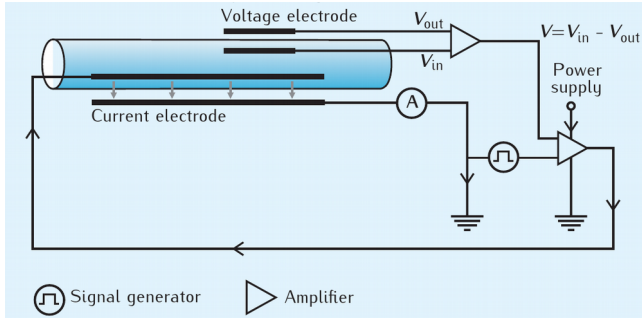
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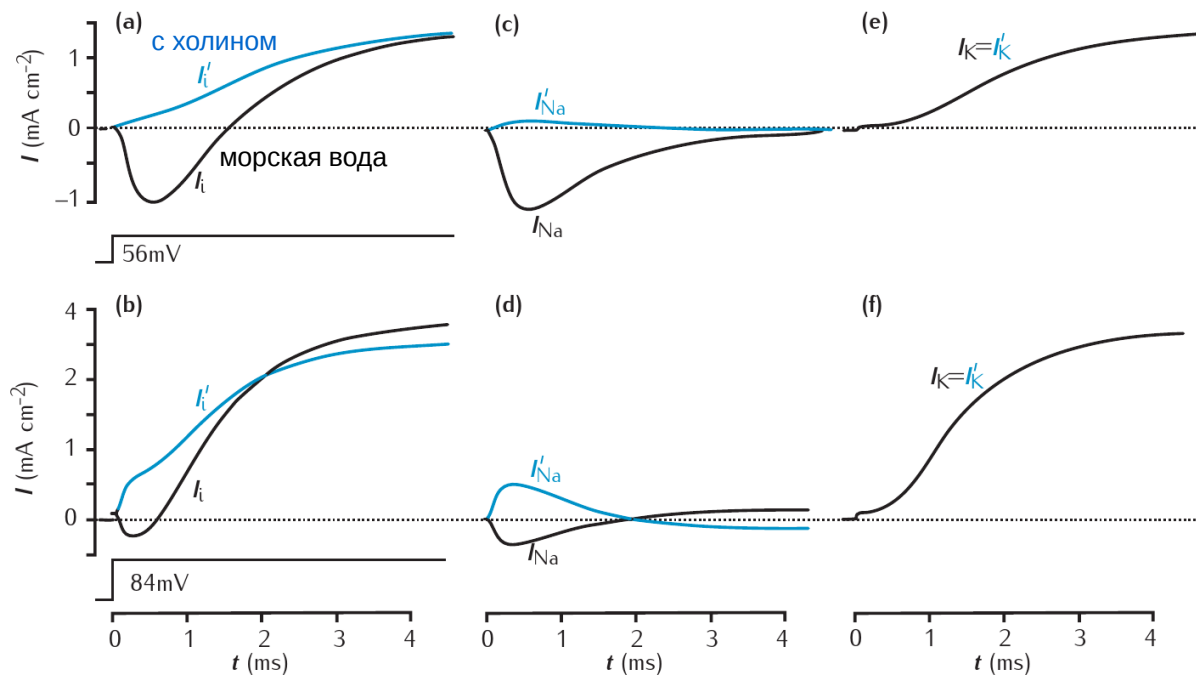
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- <http://lcn.epfl.ch/~gerstner/NeuronalDynamics-MOOC1.html>
- <http://neurondynamics.epfl.ch/lectures.html>
- <https://senselab.med.yale.edu/ModelDB/ModelList.cshtml?id=13733&allsimu=true>
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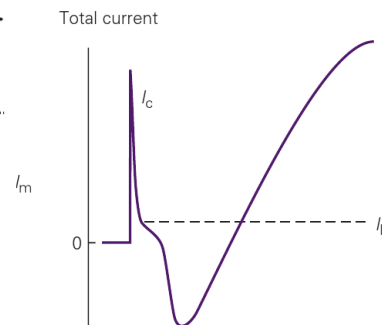
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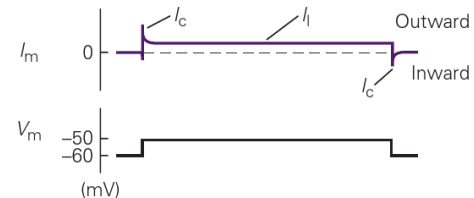
Ходжкин-Хаксли: разделение токов на I_{Na} и I_K



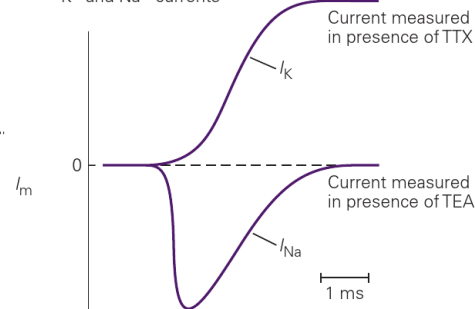
B Currents from large depolarization



A Currents from small depolarization



K⁺ and Na⁺ currents

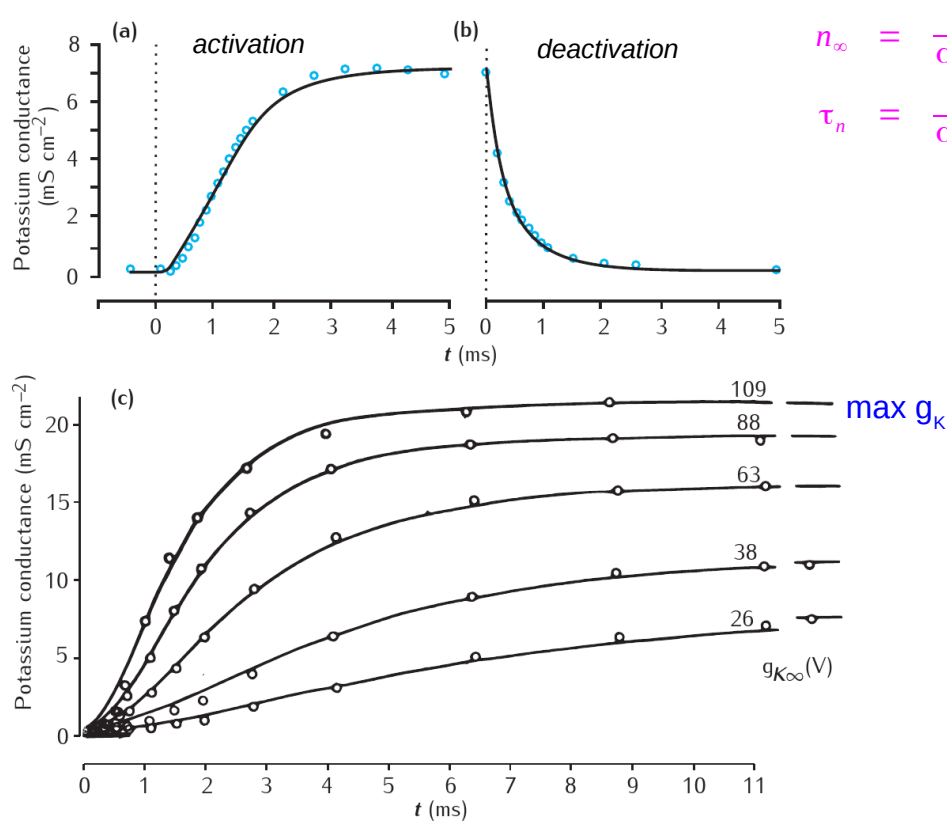


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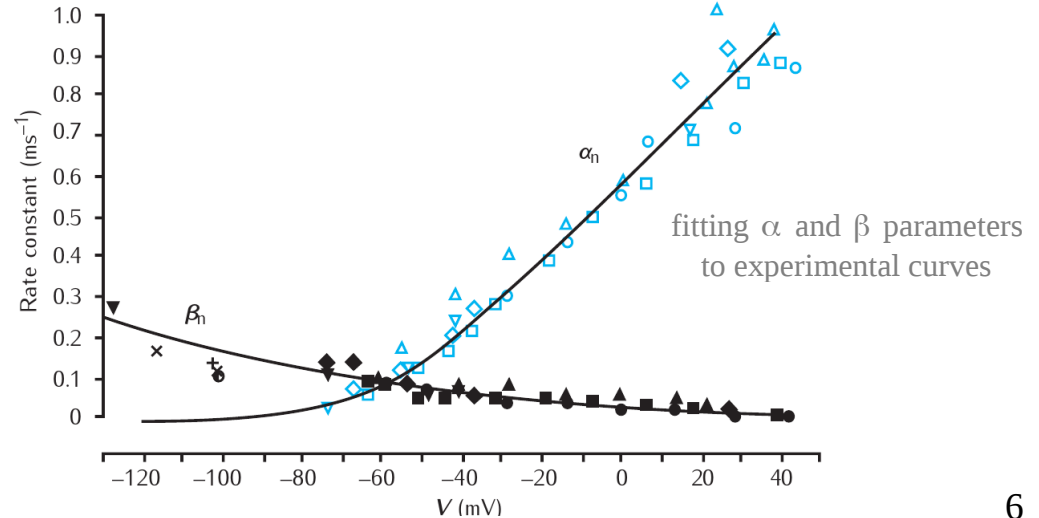
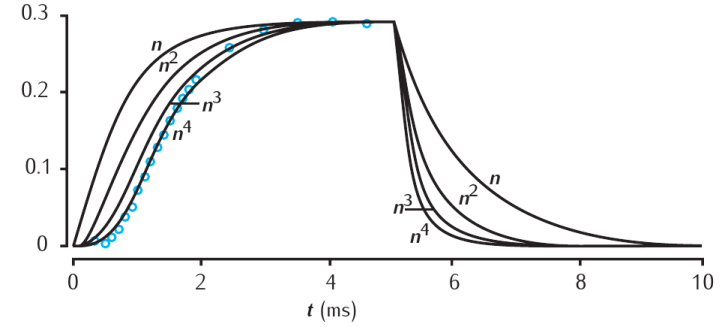
Potassium current in the HH model

Dependence of K conductance on potential



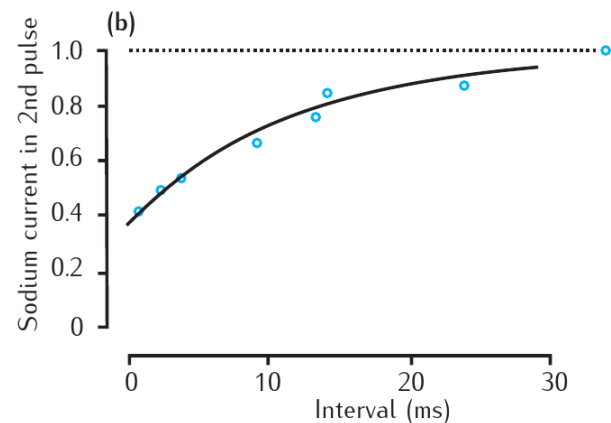
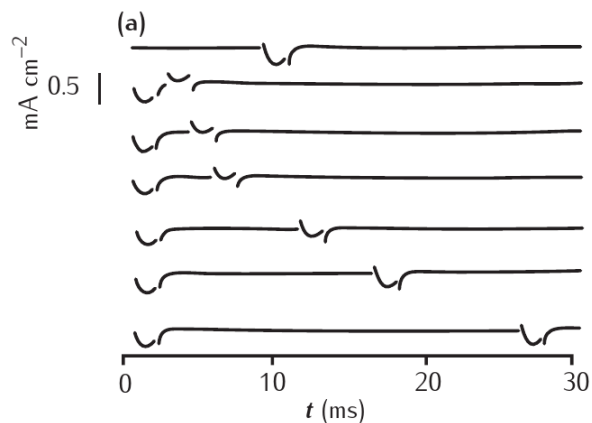
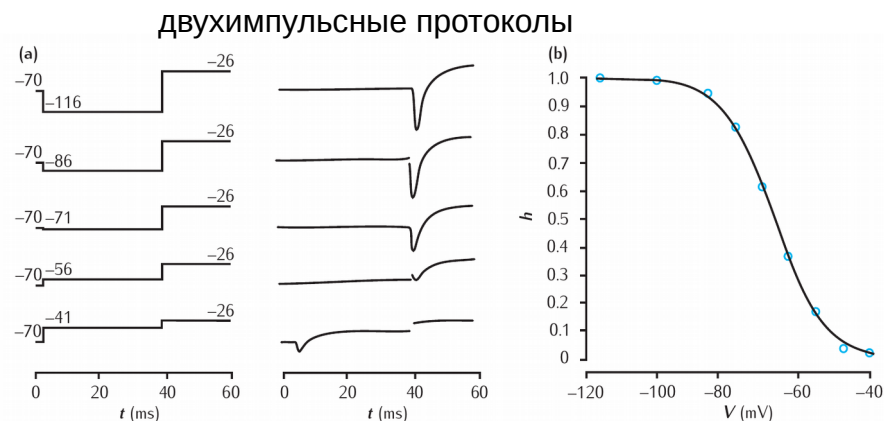
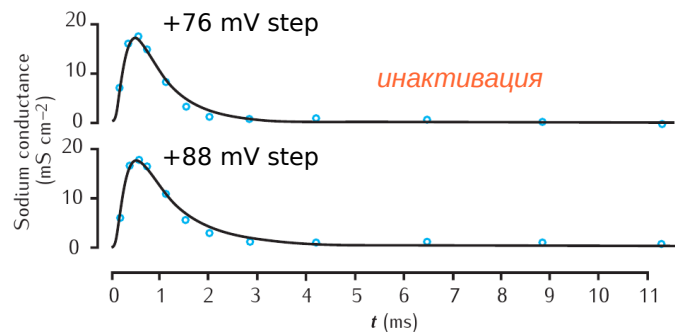
$$n_{\infty} = \frac{\alpha_n}{\alpha_n + \beta_n}$$

$$\tau_n = \frac{1}{\alpha_n + \beta_n}$$

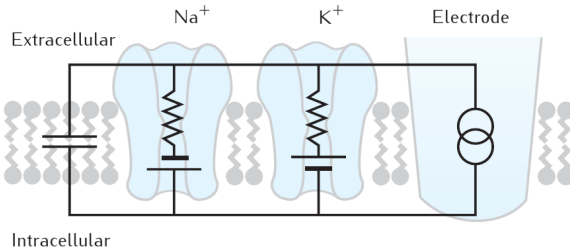


Sodium current in the HH model

$$I_{Na} = \bar{g}_{Na} m^3 h (V - E_{Na})$$



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- 1) $I_i = g_i (V - E_{iNernst})$ Instantaneous I-V relationship is linear
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- 4) $\alpha_w = f_1(V), \beta_w = f_2(V)$ Gate kinetic rates are nonlinear functions of Vm

$$I_k = \bar{g}_K n^4 (V - E_K)$$

K-current (through Kv channels)

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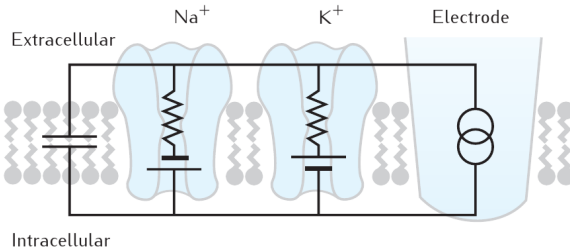
Na-current (through Na-v-channels)

$$I_L = \bar{g}_L (V - E_L)$$

Non potential-sensitive leak

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \alpha_n (1 - n) - \beta_n n$$

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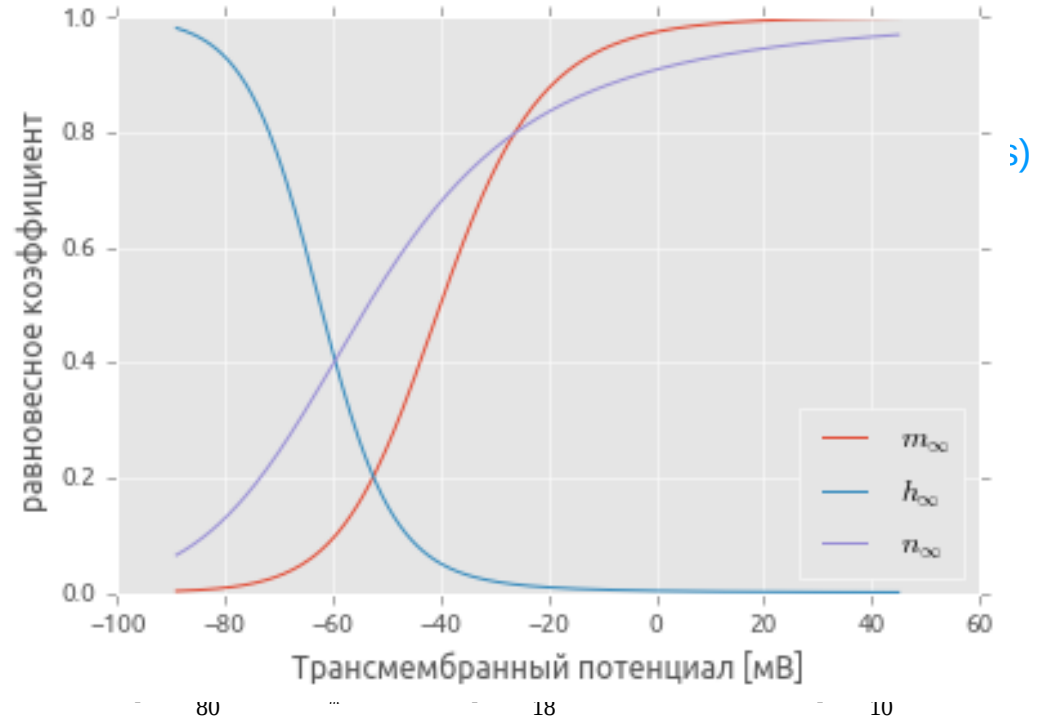


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α_n

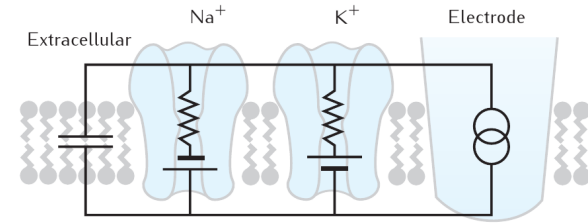
β_n

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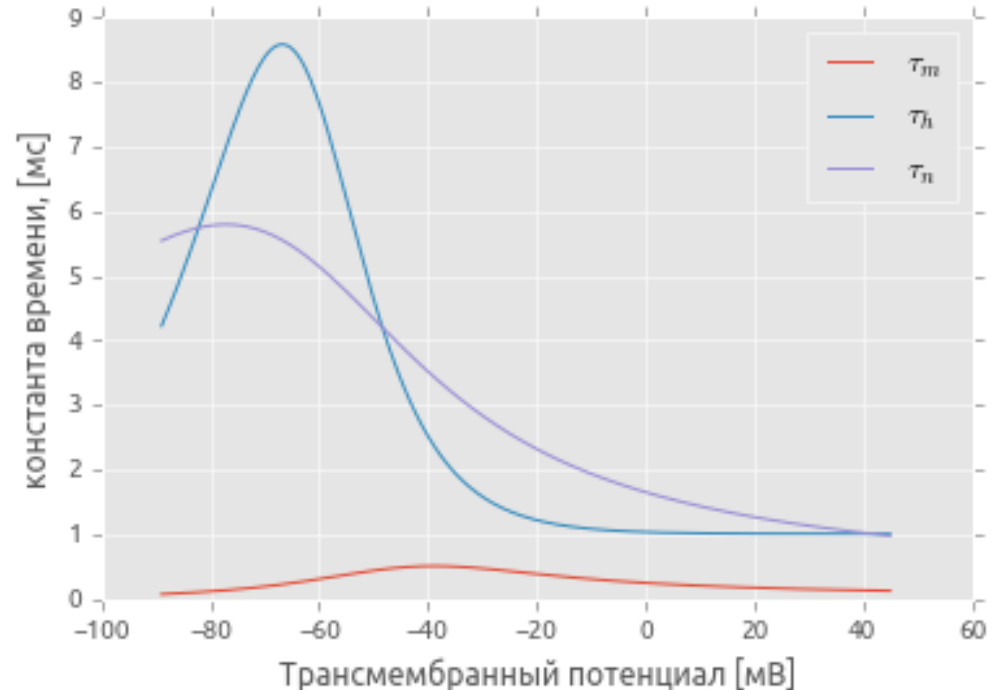
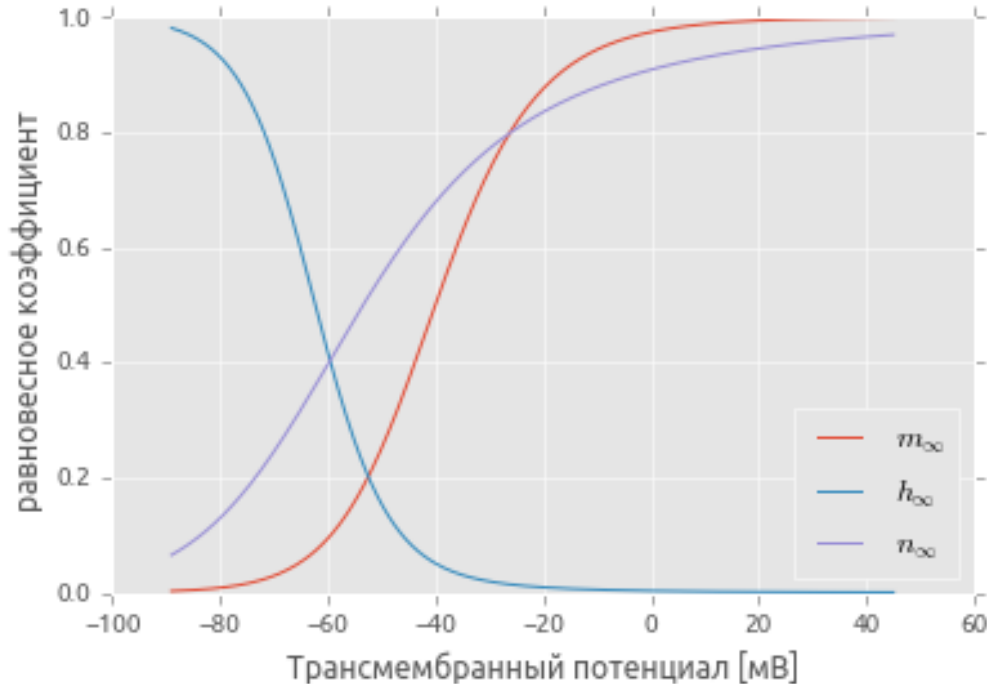
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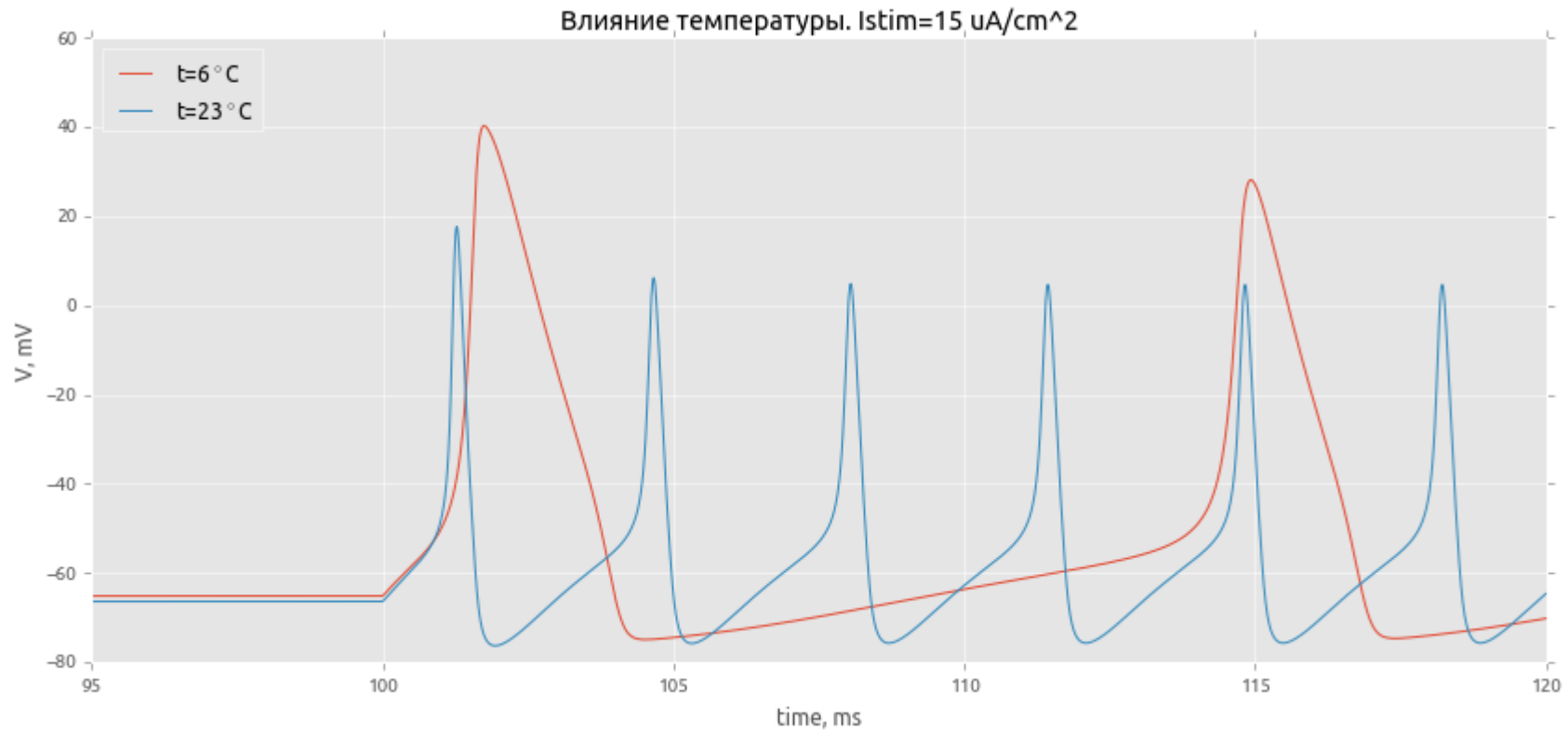
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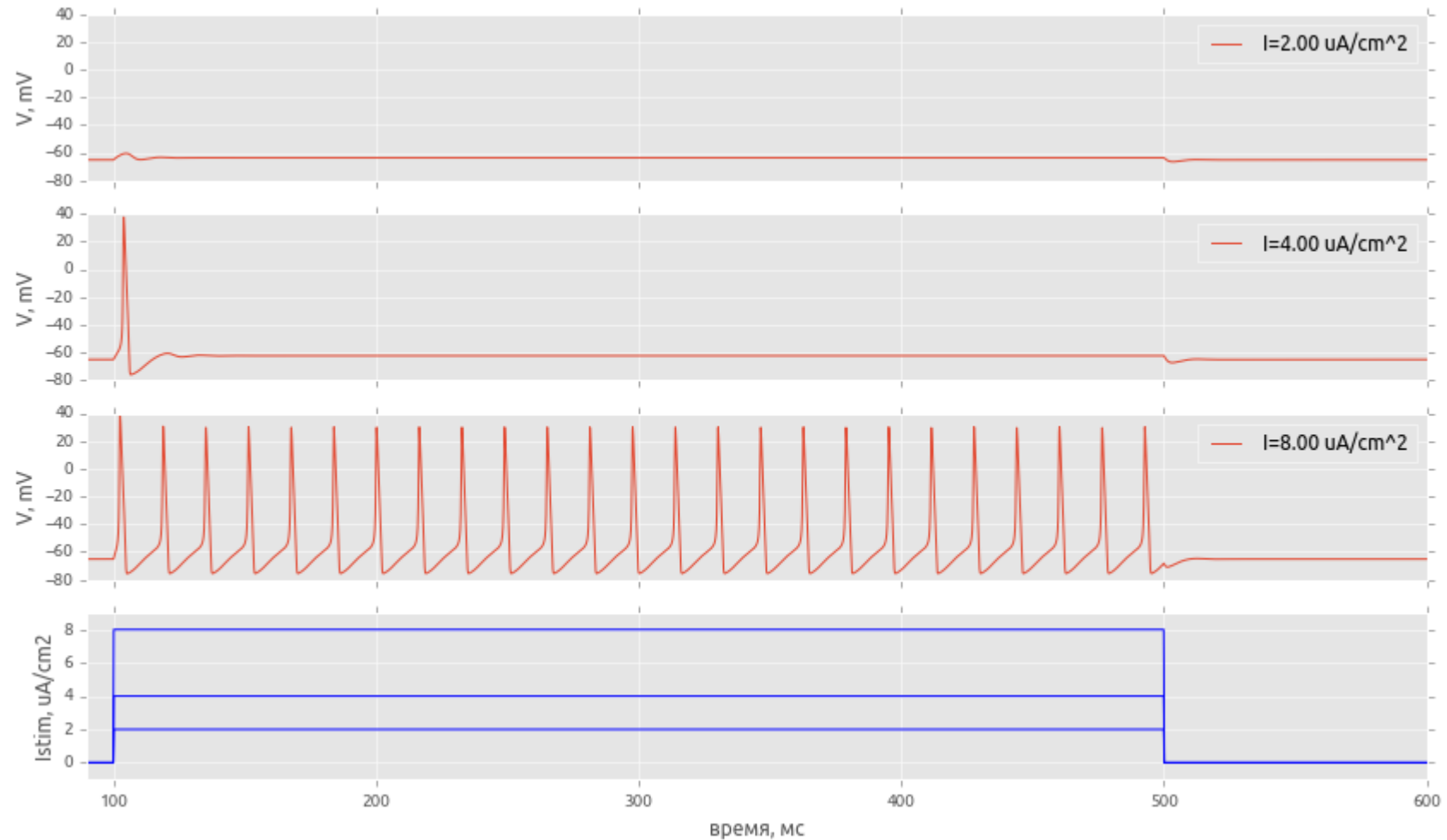


Effect of temperature

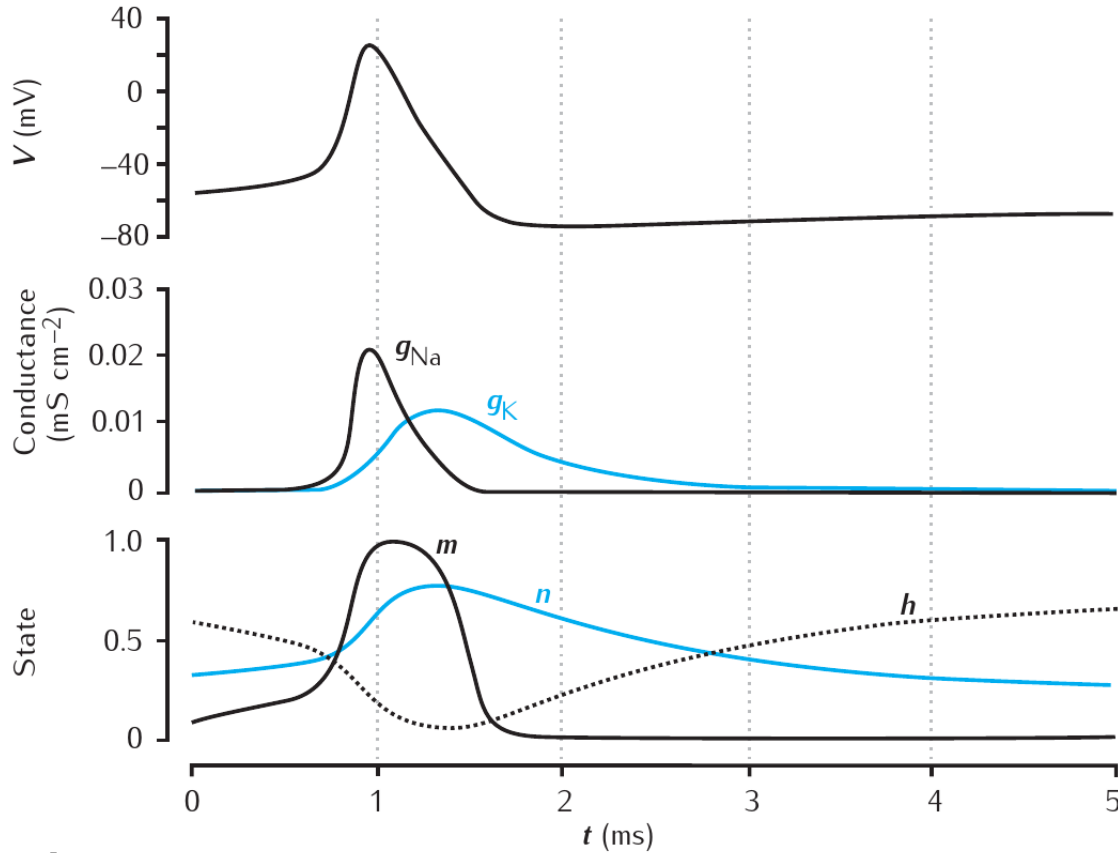
$$\alpha(T) = \alpha(T_0) Q_{10}^{\frac{T-T_0}{10}}$$



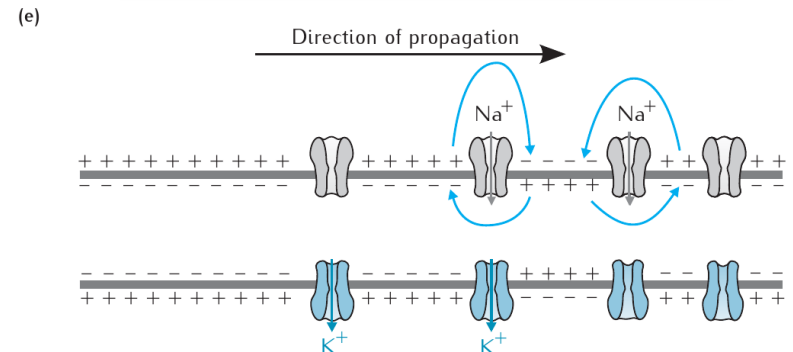
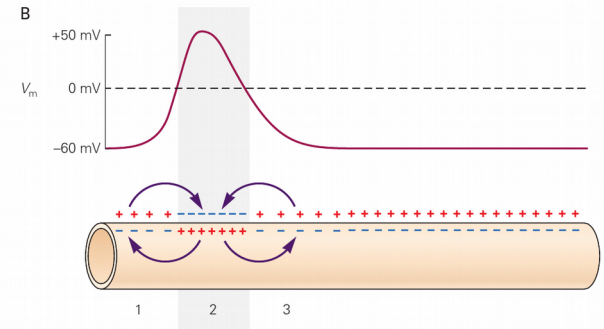
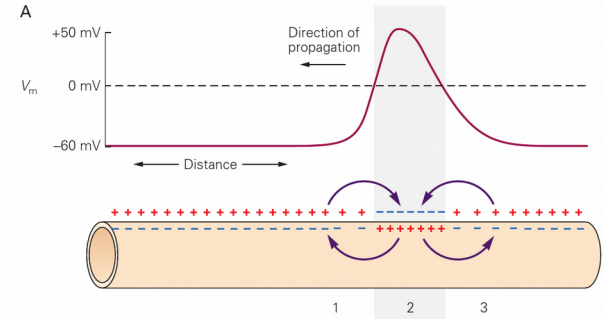
Response of the HH model to current pulses: Class 2



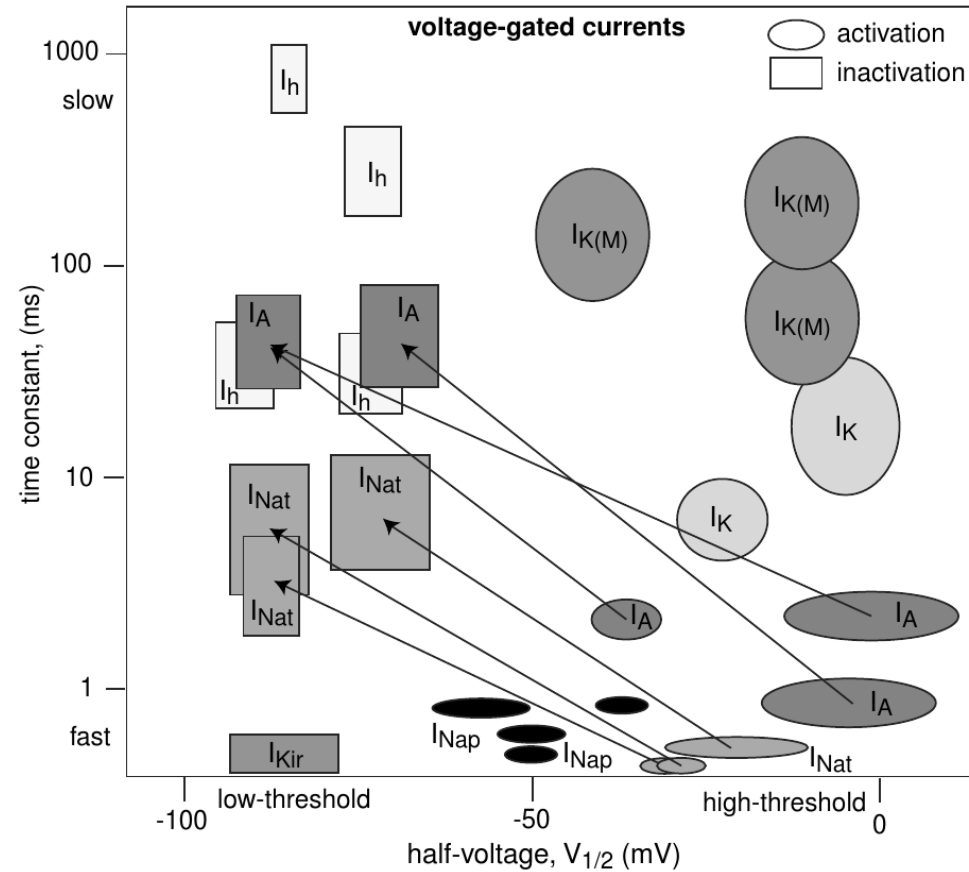
Generation and conduction of spike in the squid axon



$$C_m \frac{dV}{dt} = I_{electrode} - \bar{g}_L(V - E_L) - \bar{g}_{Na} m^3 h (V - E_{Na}) - \bar{g}_K n^4 (V - E_K)$$



The zoo of ion currents

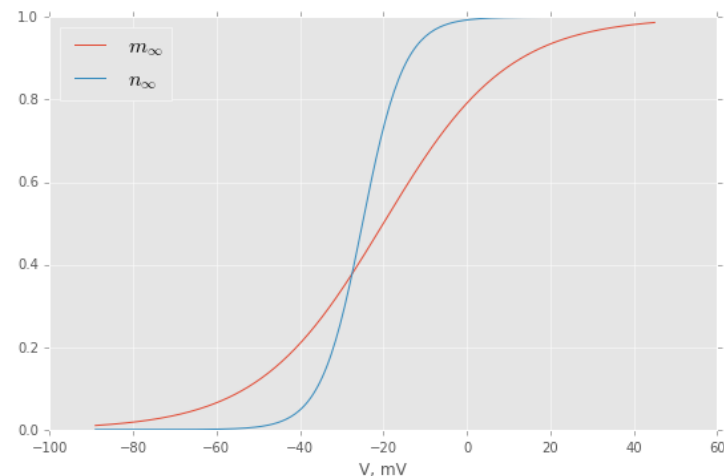


$I_{Na,p} + I_K$ -model:

$$C\dot{V} = I - \bar{g}_K n(V - E_K) - \bar{g}_{Na} m_\infty(V)(V - E_{Na}) - g_l(V - E_l)$$

$$\tau_n \dot{n} = (n_\infty(V) - n)$$

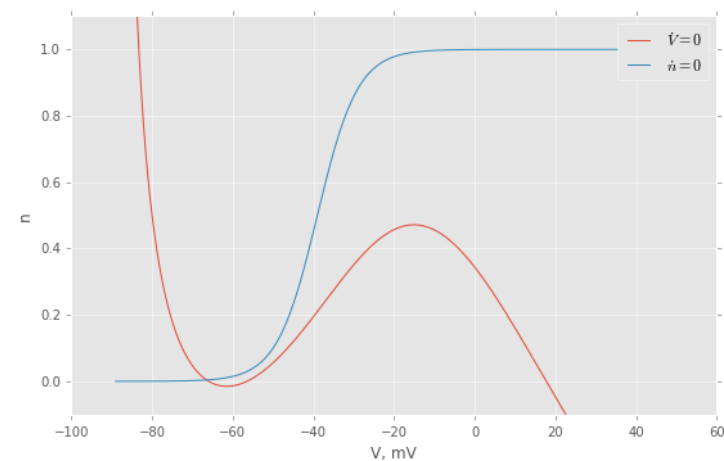
$$x_\infty = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\frac{V_x^{0.5} - V}{k_x})}$$



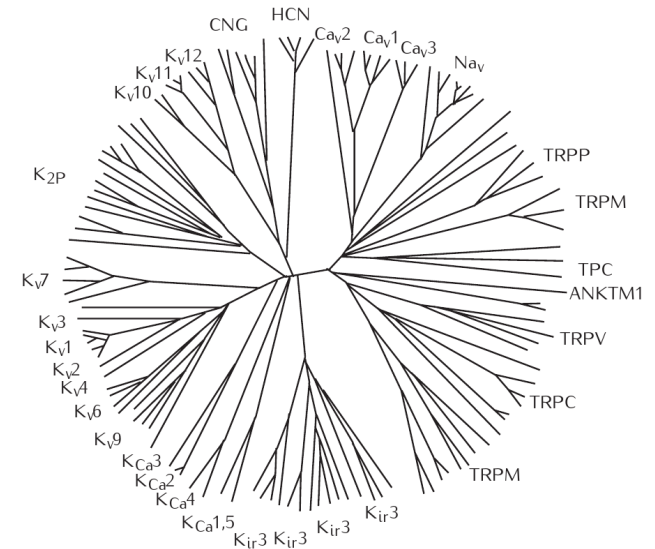
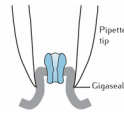
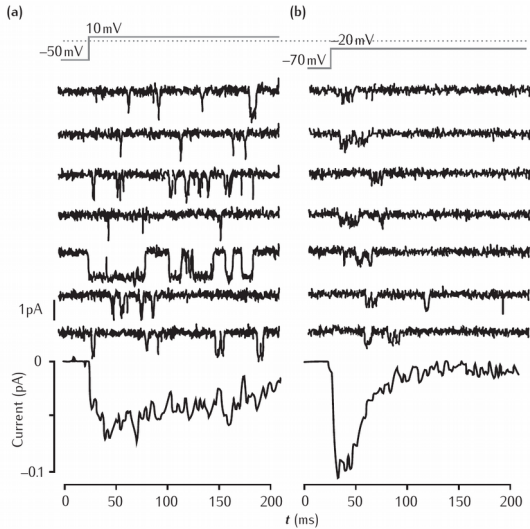
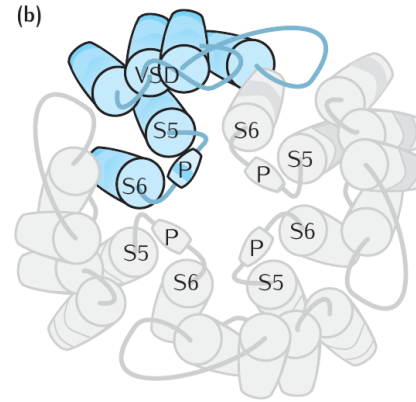
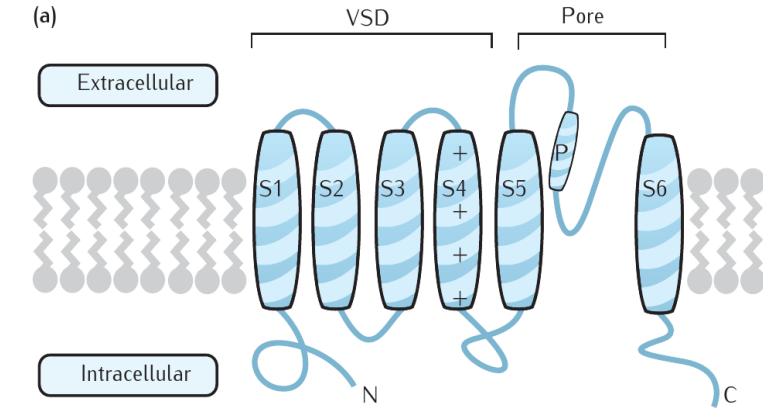
Nullclines:

$$\dot{V} = 0 \rightarrow n(V) = \frac{I - \bar{g}_{Na} m_\infty(V - E_{Na}) - g_l(V - E_l)}{\bar{g}_k(V - E_k)}$$

$$\dot{n} = 0 \rightarrow n(V) = n_\infty(V)$$

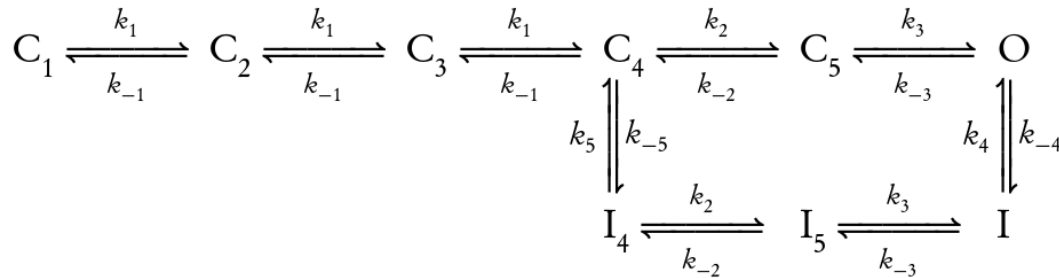


More detailed channel models



Markov models and kinetic schemes

Na_v-channel (Vandenberg & Bezanilla 1991):



Why does everyone still uses HH formalism and independent gating particles?

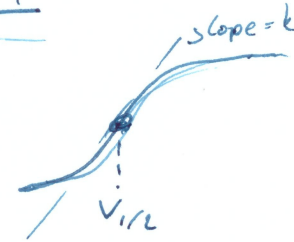
- less parameters to fit
- less equations
- accurate enough
- when sub-ms accuracy is not required
- for large ensembles of channels

Parameterization of gating kinetics

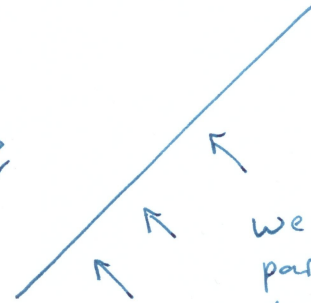
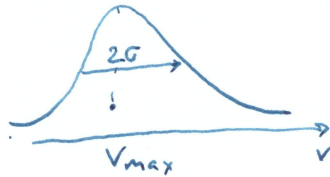
Empirical:

X_{∞} : Boltzman function :

$$\frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{V_{1/2} - V}{k}\right)}$$



Z : gaussian:



we will use this parameterization due to its simplicity.

read more on thermodyn. models:

- . Tsien & Noble 1969
- . Destexhe, Huguenard 2000 JCN

or: Markov models (stochastic)

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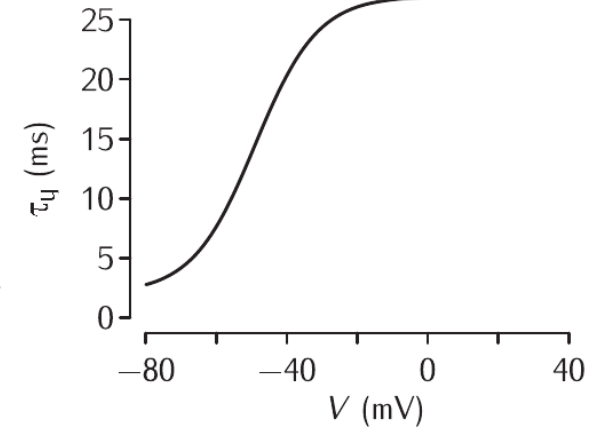
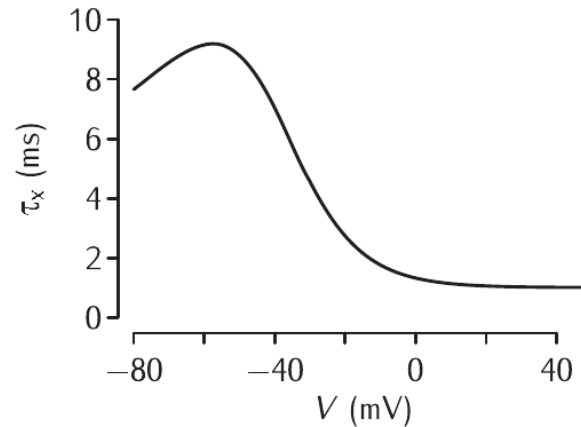
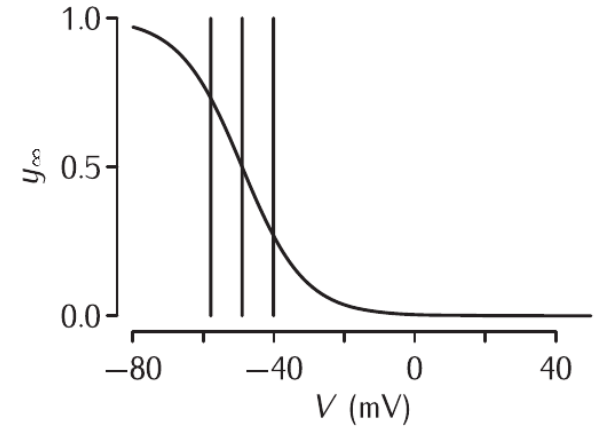
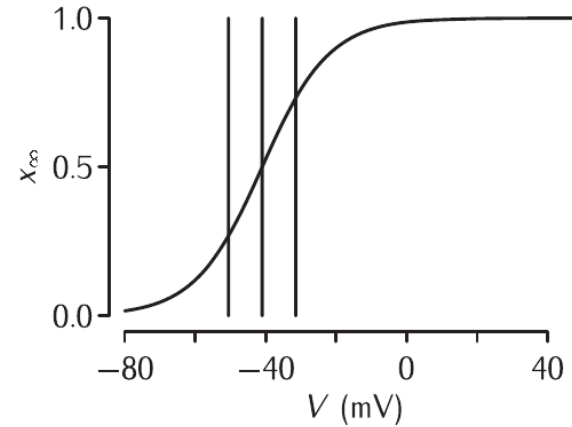
Thermodynamic-based models

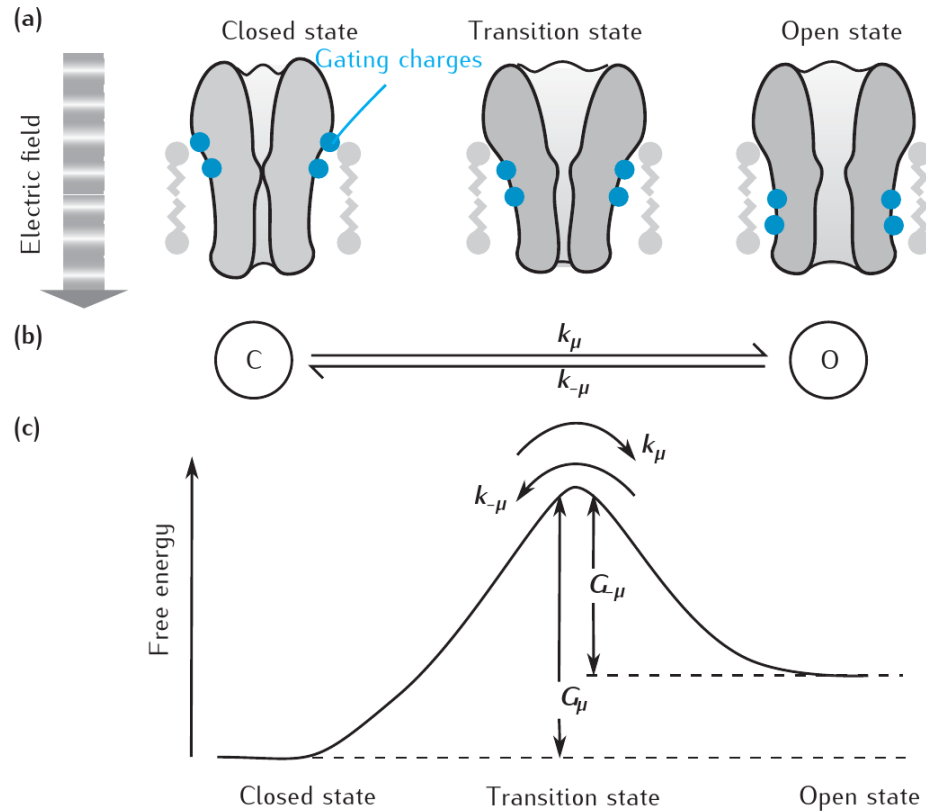
$$x_{\infty} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-(V - V_{1/2})/\sigma)},$$

$$\tau_x = \frac{1}{\alpha'(V) + \beta'(V)} + \tau_0,$$

$$\alpha'_x(V) = K \exp\left(\frac{\delta(V - V_{1/2})}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$\beta'_x(V) = K \exp\left(\frac{-(1 - \delta)(V - V_{1/2})}{\sigma}\right).$$





$$k_μ = \frac{k_B T}{h} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G_μ}{RT}\right) = \frac{k_B T}{h} \exp\left(\frac{\Delta S_μ}{R}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta H_μ}{RT}\right)$$

$$\Delta H_μ(V) = \Delta H_μ^{(0)} - \delta_μ z_μ F V,$$

$$\Delta H_{-μ}(V) = \Delta H_{-μ}^{(0)} + (1 - \delta_μ) z_μ F V.$$

