Neural oscillations:

Insights from computational modeling

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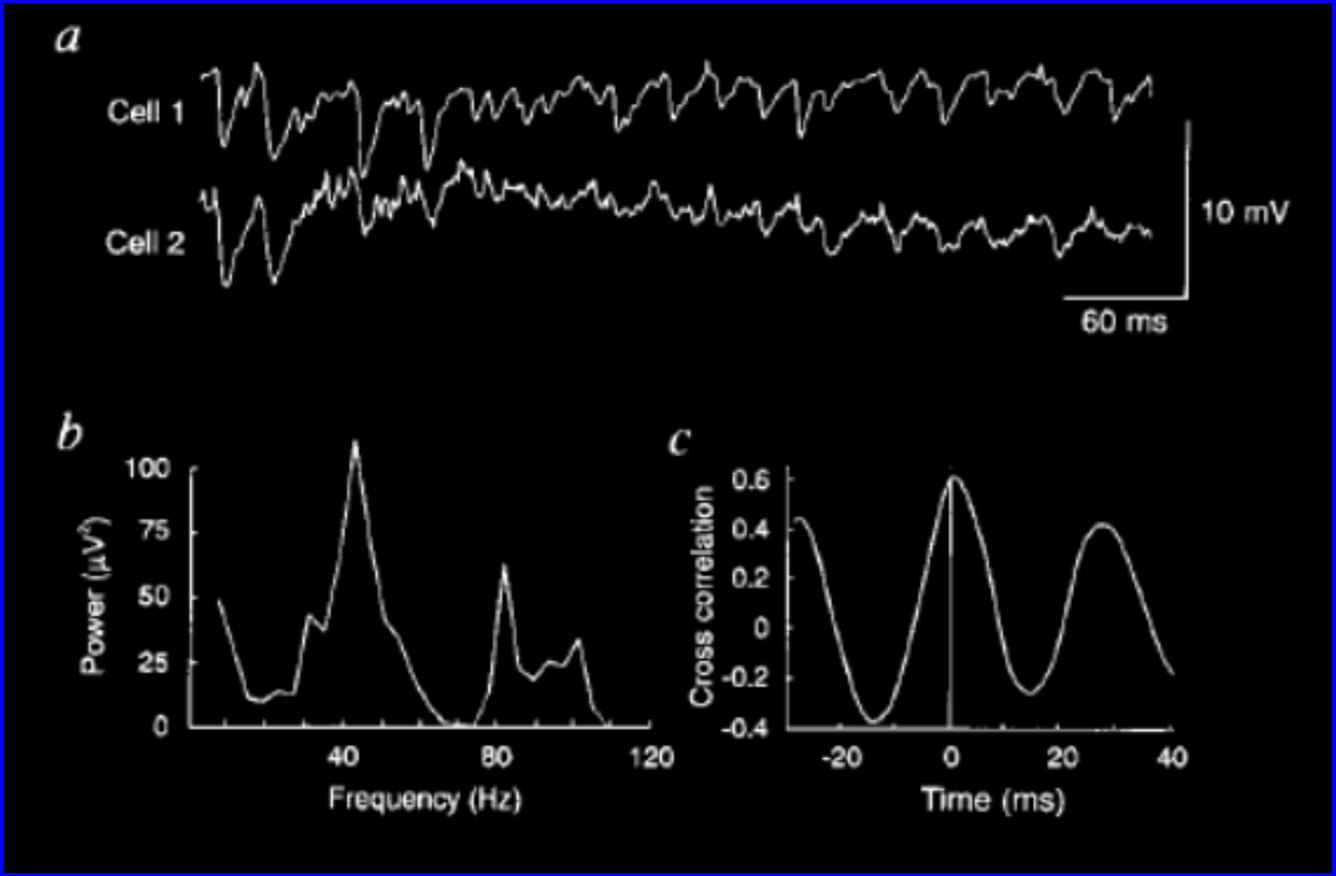
Neuronal oscillations: functions

- Sleep
  - Generate activity that is independent of sensory input
  - May play roles in memory consolidation or reprioritization.
  - Spindles, delta, sharp-wave ripple complexes
- Awake behavior
  - Exploration – theta
  - Sensory binding & attention – gamma
  - Sensory discrimination – olfaction
- Pathology
  - Epilepsy
  - Parkinson's disease

Non-linearities and oscillations

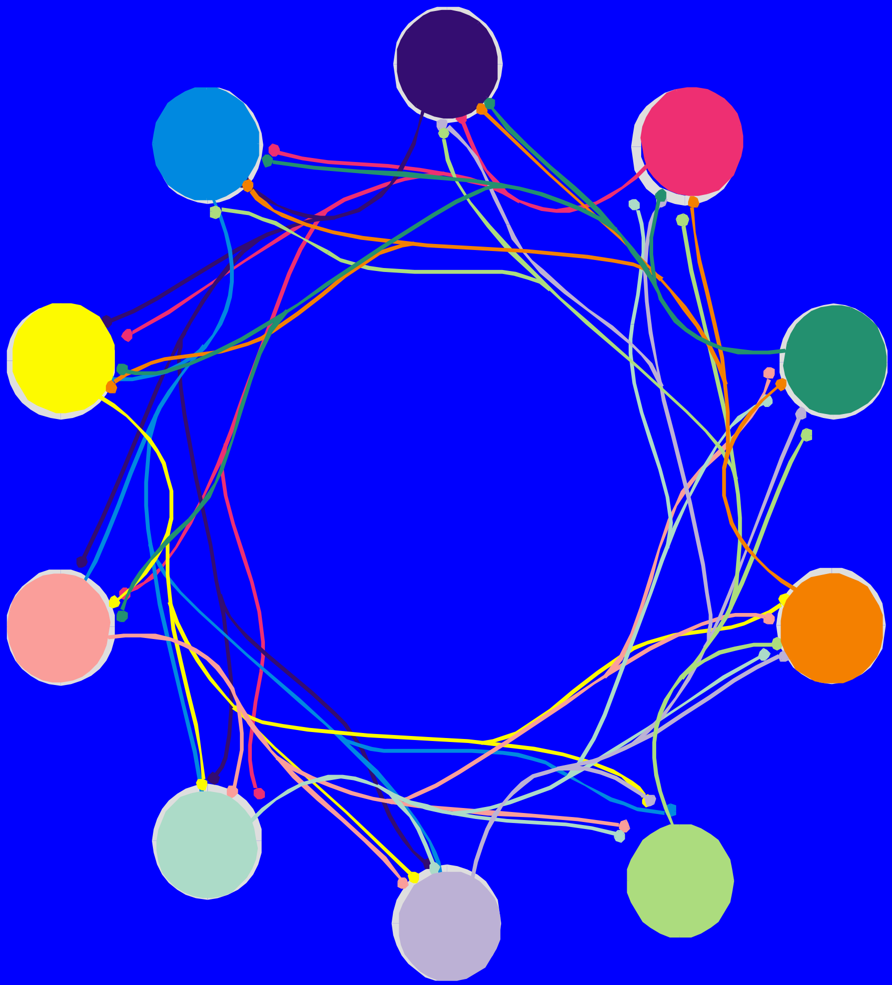
Gamma oscillations develop in cortical networks in absence of excitatory connectivity



Glutamate application, synaptic excitation blocked

Whittington et al, 1995

Ring inhibitory networks



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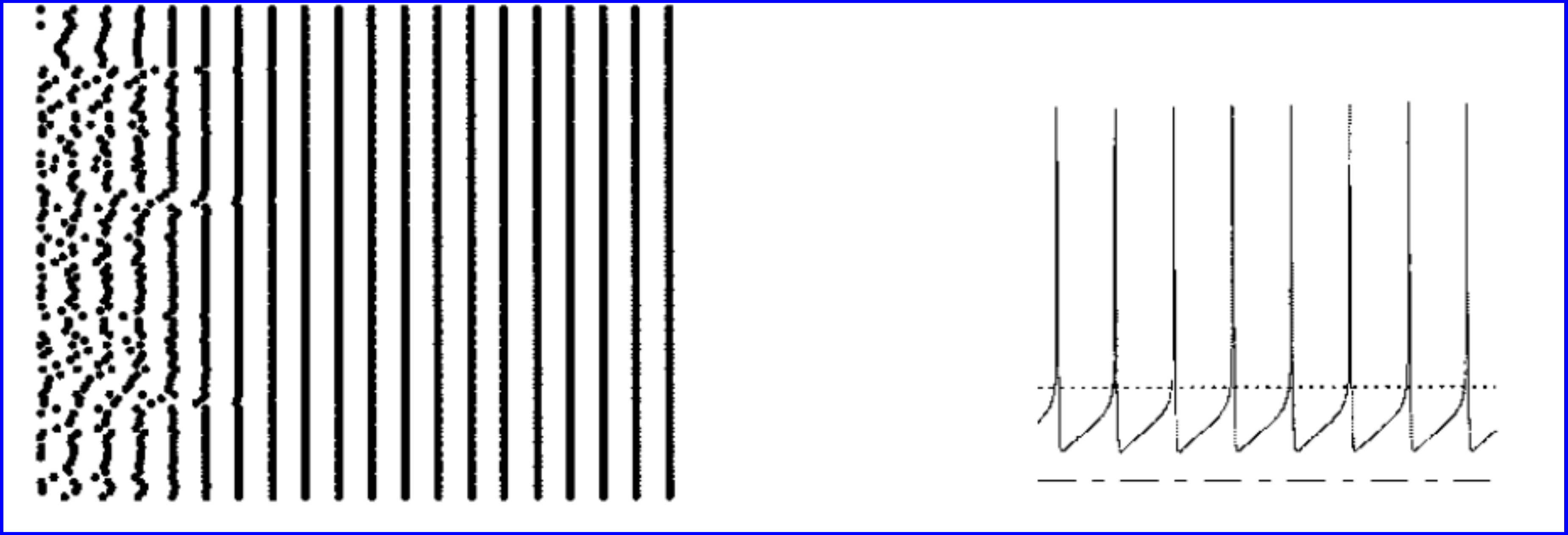
Uniform network, random initial conditions: perfect synchrony



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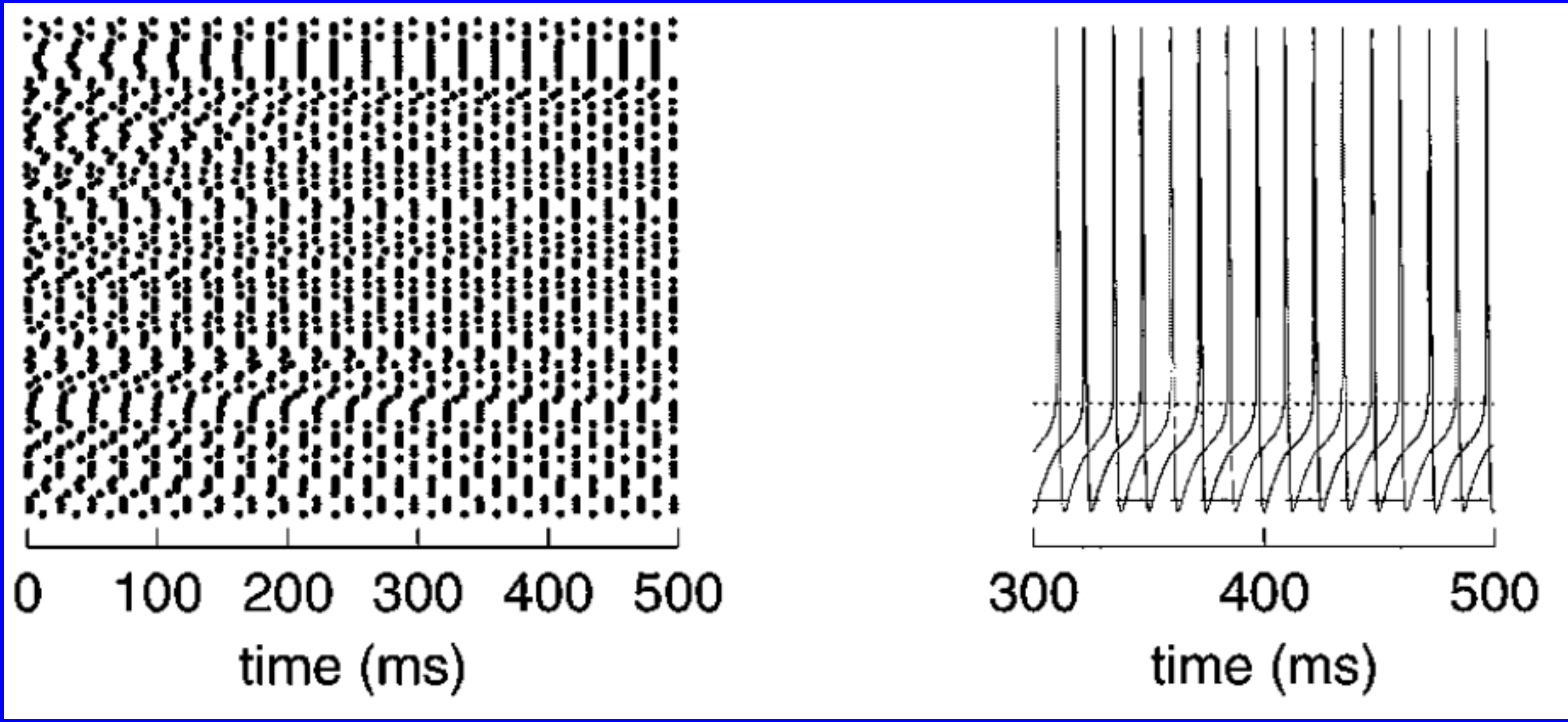
Uniform network, random initial conditions, deep AHP: antiphase synchrony



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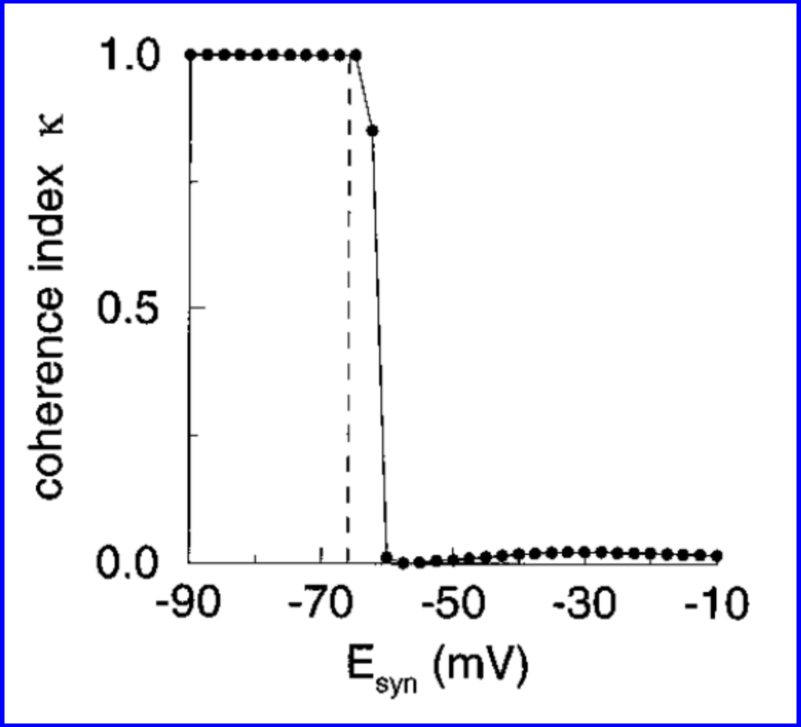
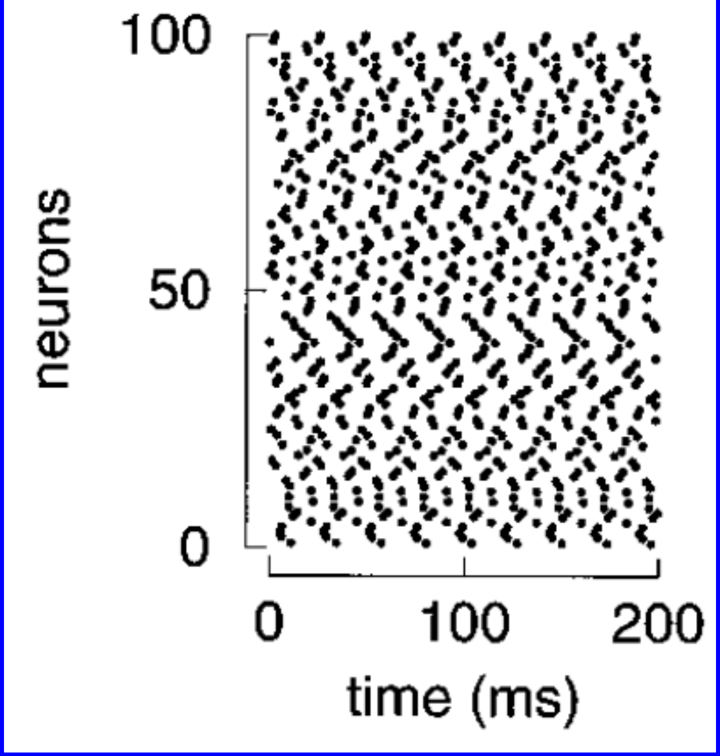
Synchrony as a function of E-syn



E-syn = 0 : ≈ excitatory



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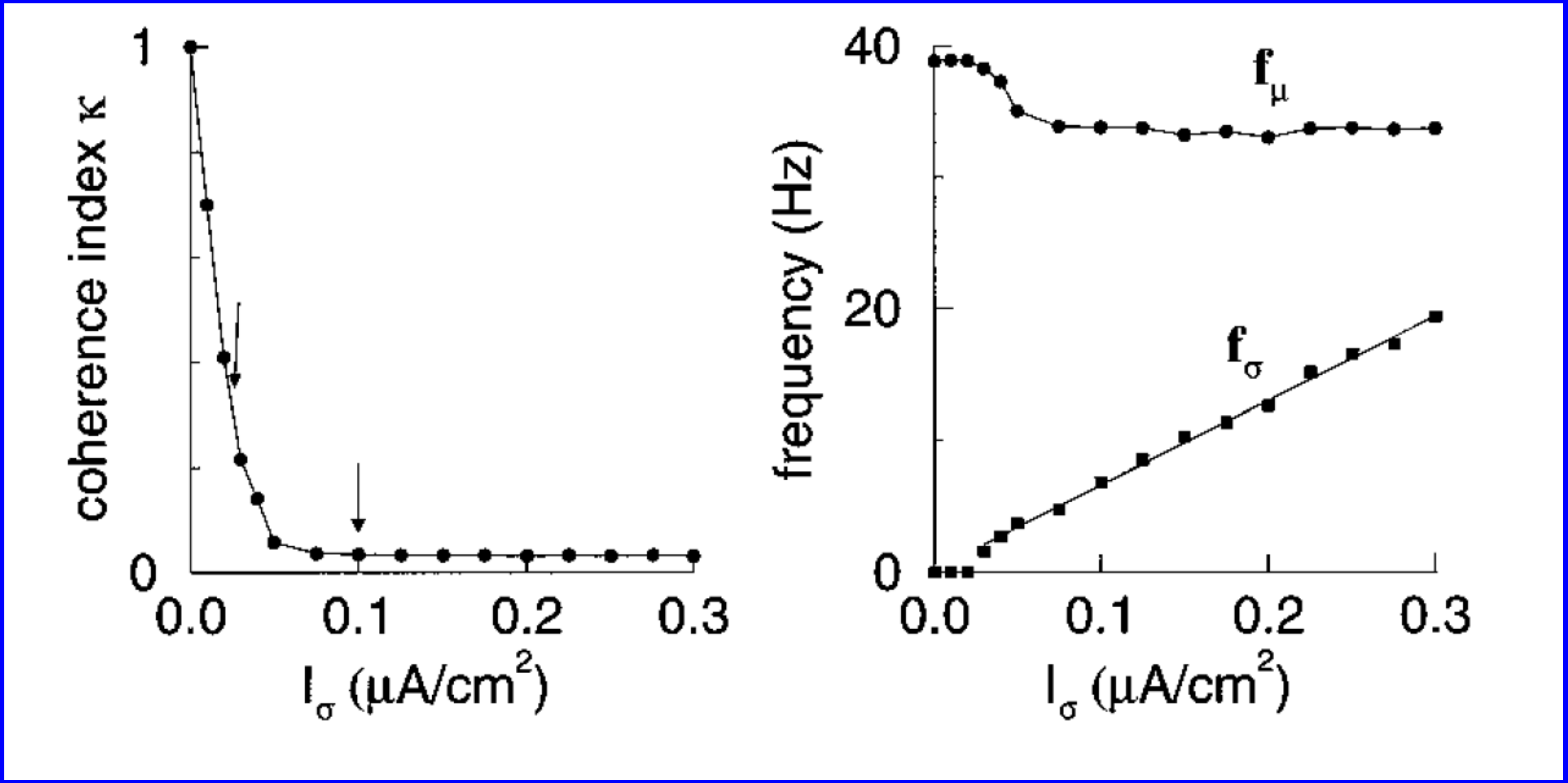
Heterogeneous network: Gamma is common output, while coherence is not



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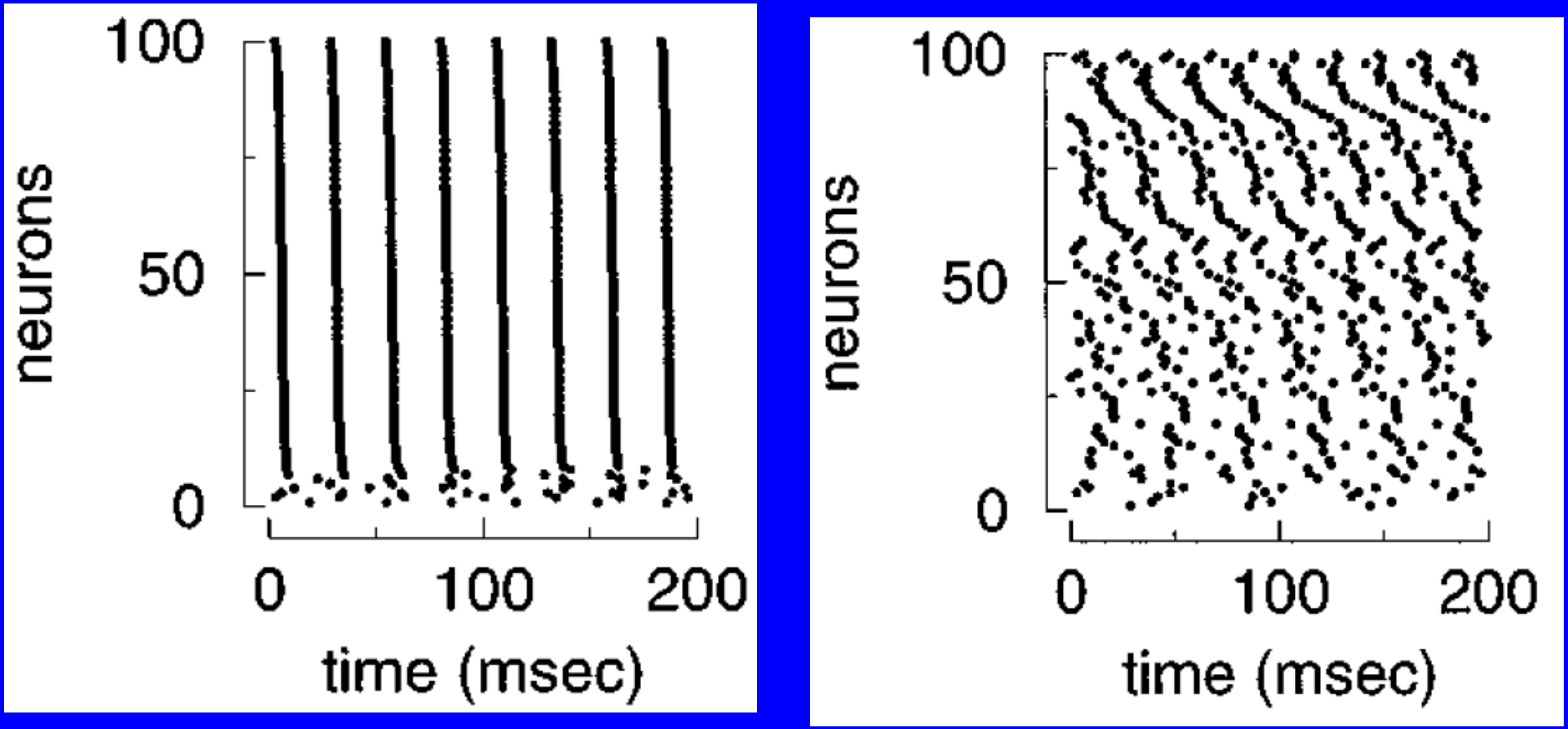

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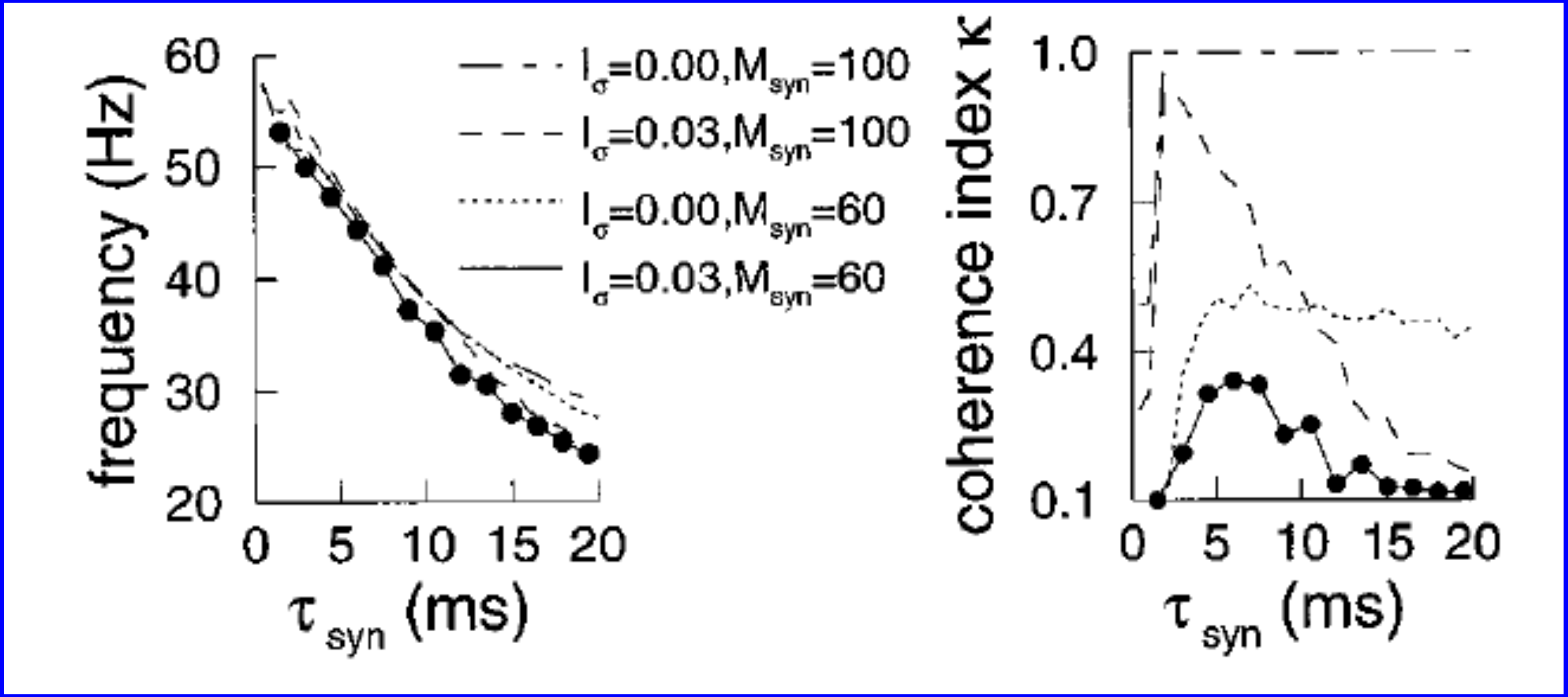
Dependence on synaptic properties: Time constant of decay governs network frequency, and indirectly, coherence



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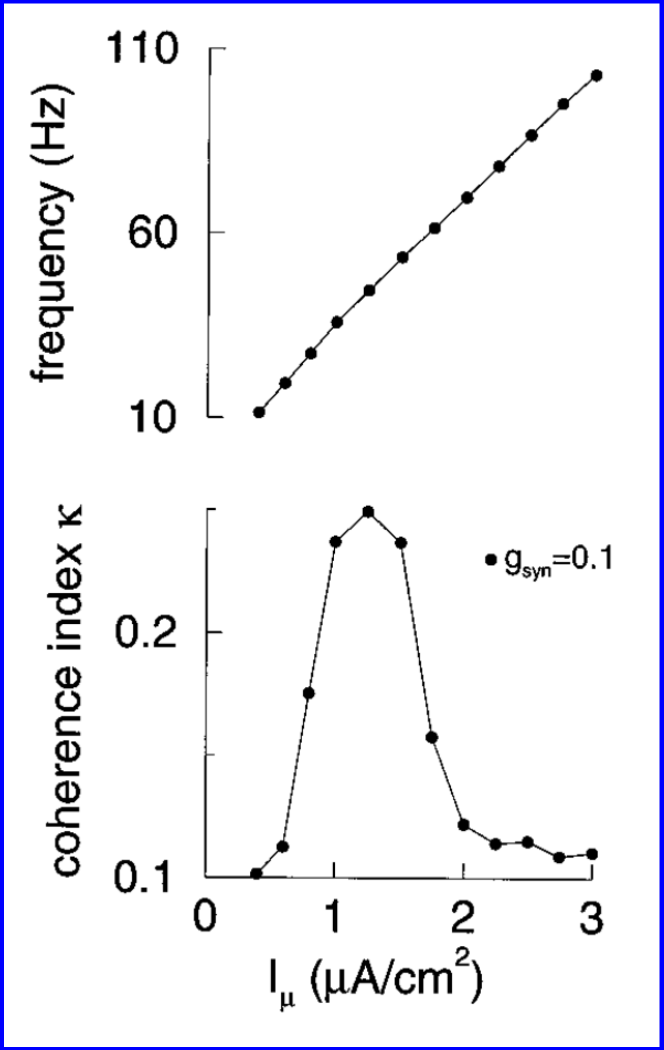
Coherence only in gamma frequencies



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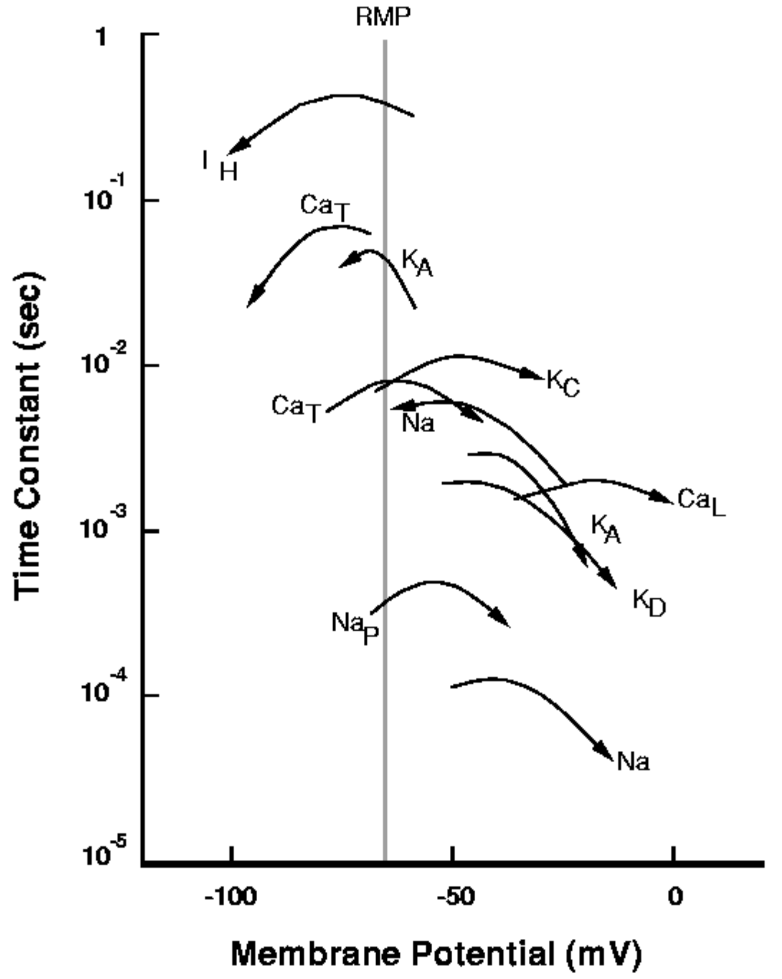
Neurons as active computational devices

Dynamics of peri-threshold voltage gated ion channels



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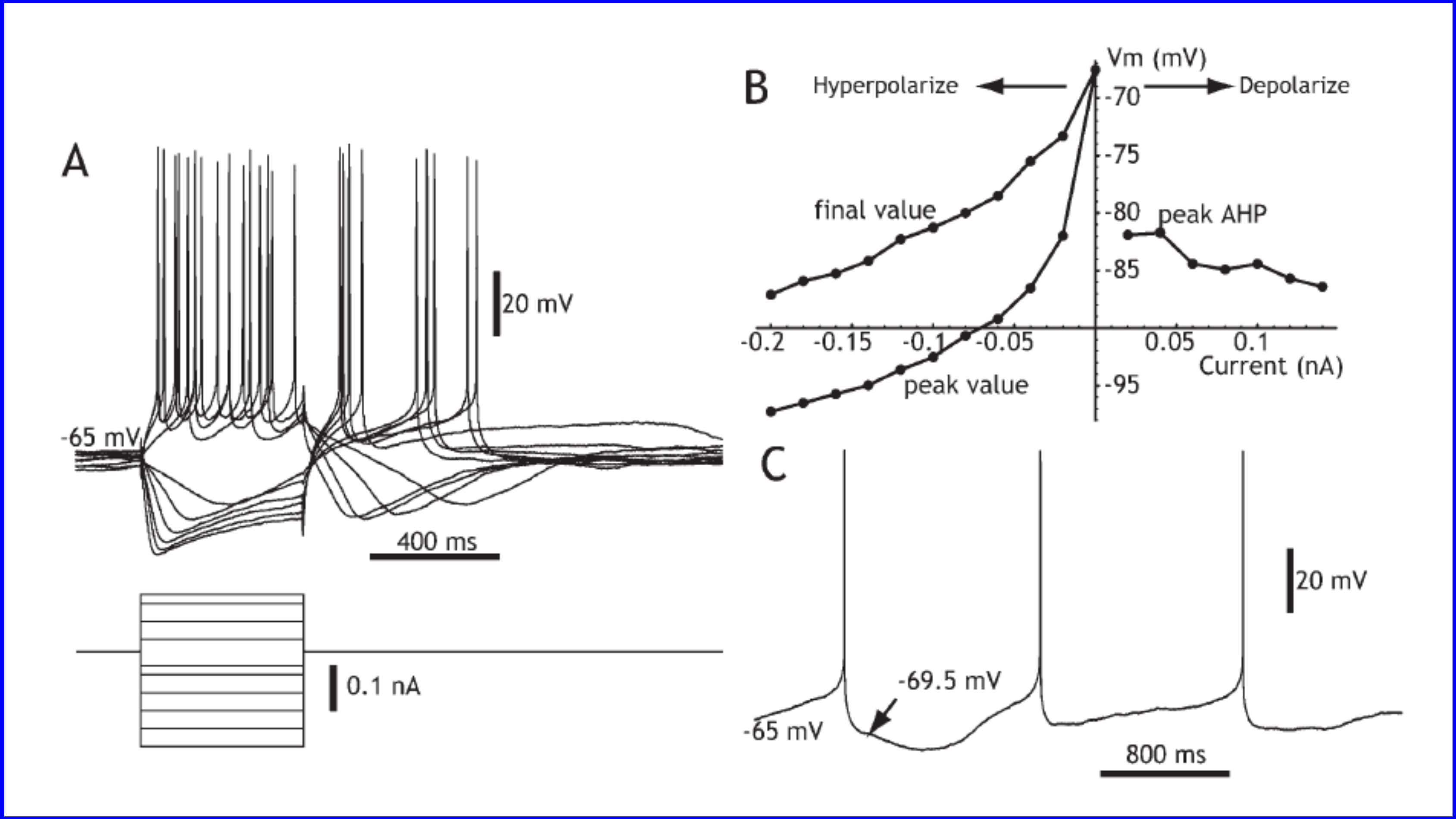
Bistable membranes

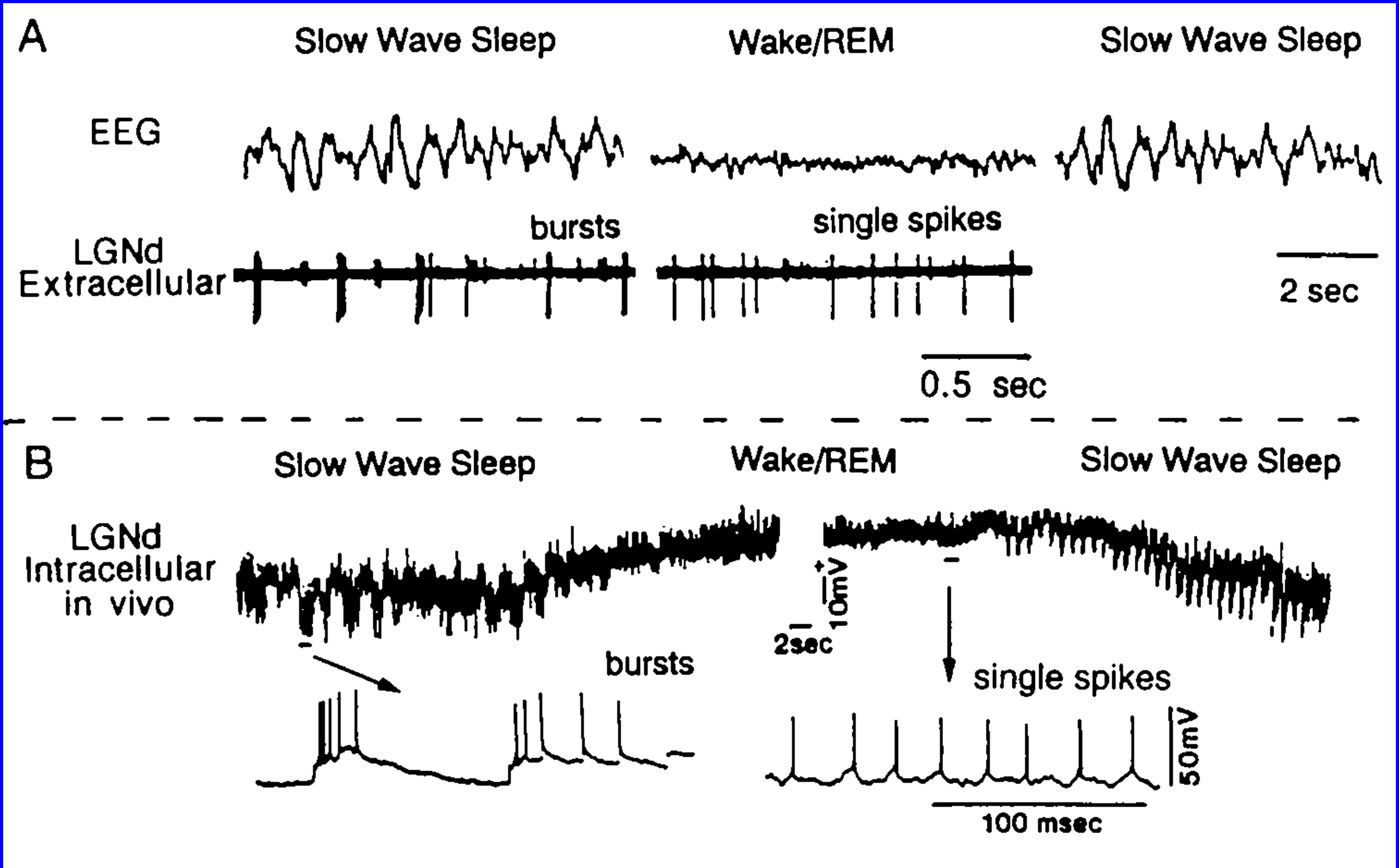
Membrane bistability from non-linearity of ion channel gating



Wilson, 2005

Thalamic oscillators, cells and circuits

Relay neuron have state dependent firing modes



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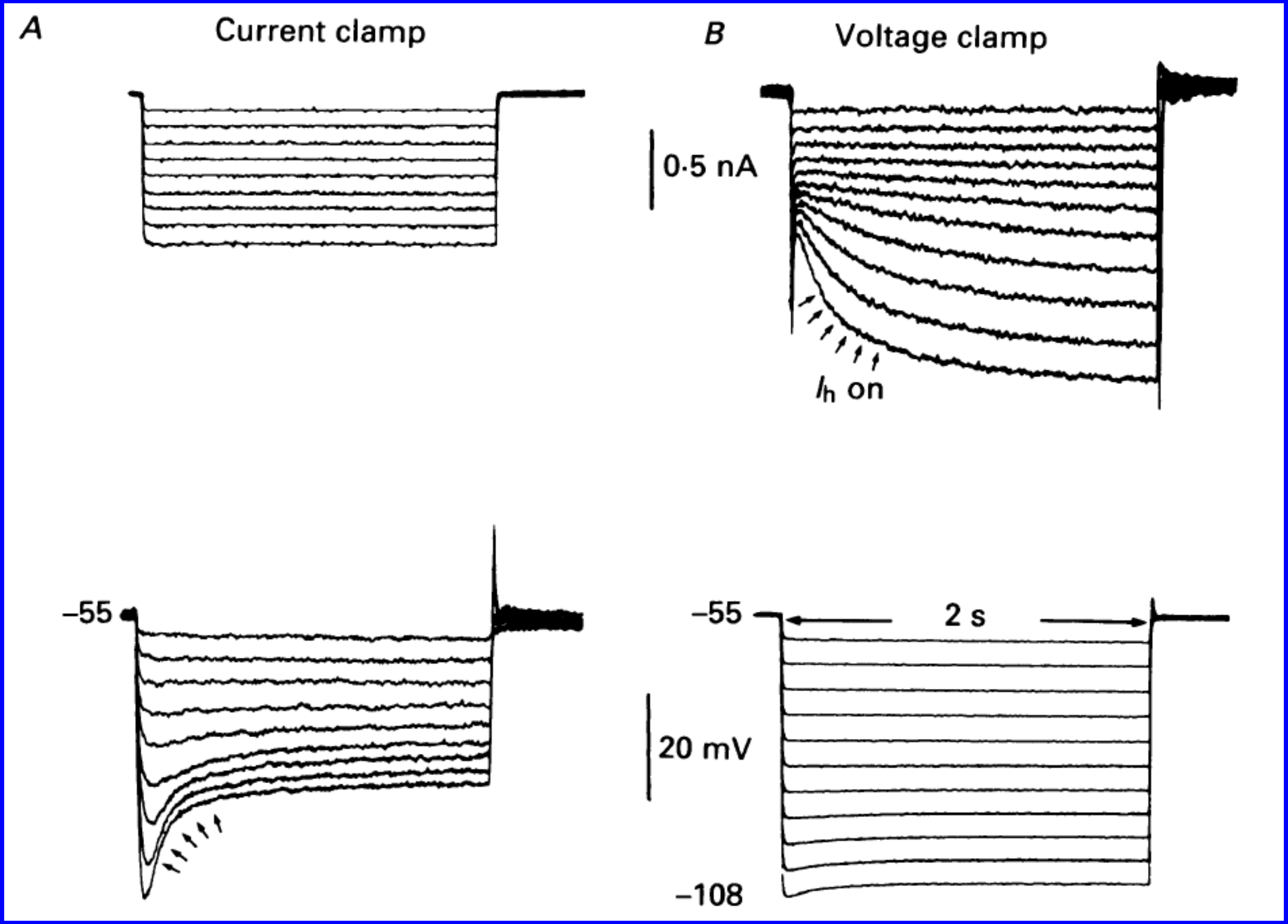
I-h, a hyperpolarization activated current with interesting dynamics



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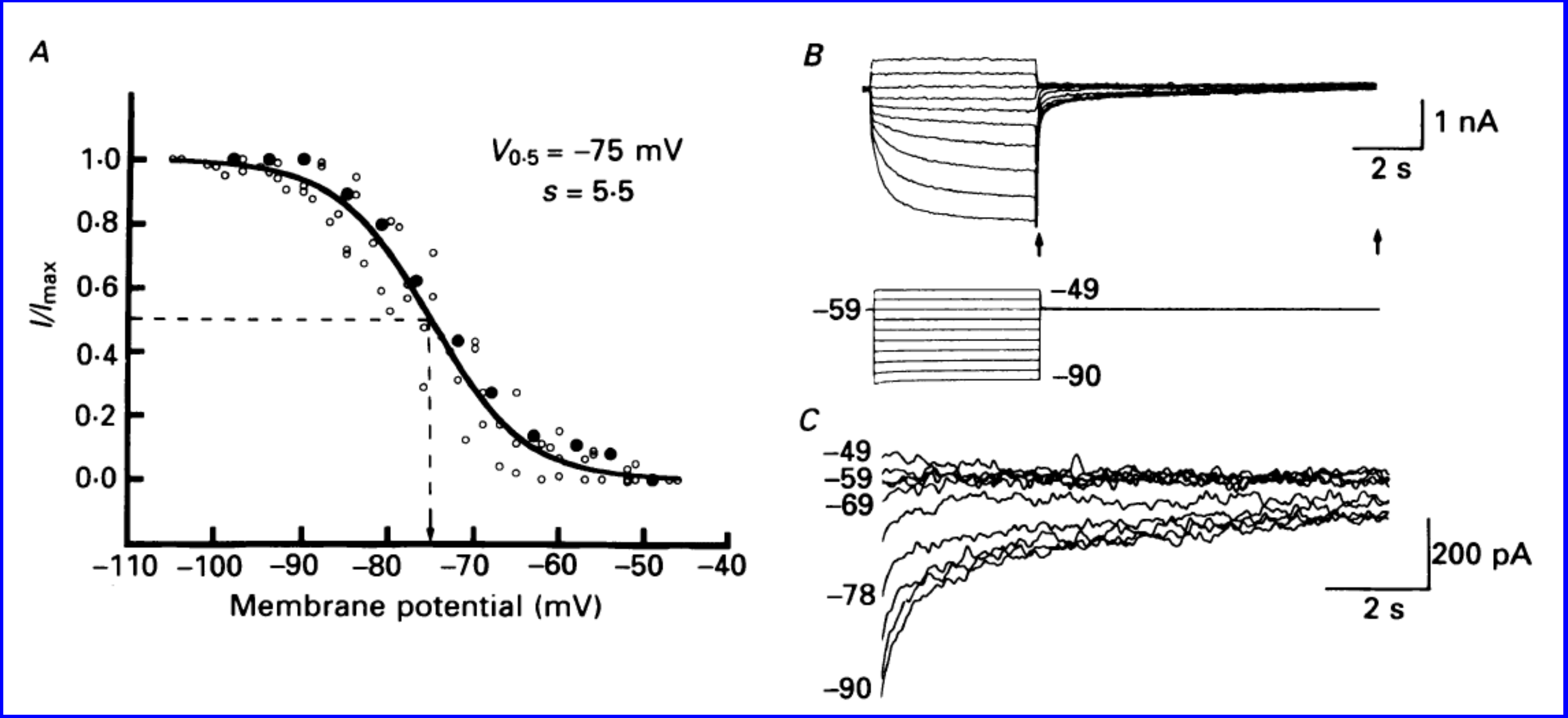
Properties of I-h, steady state activation



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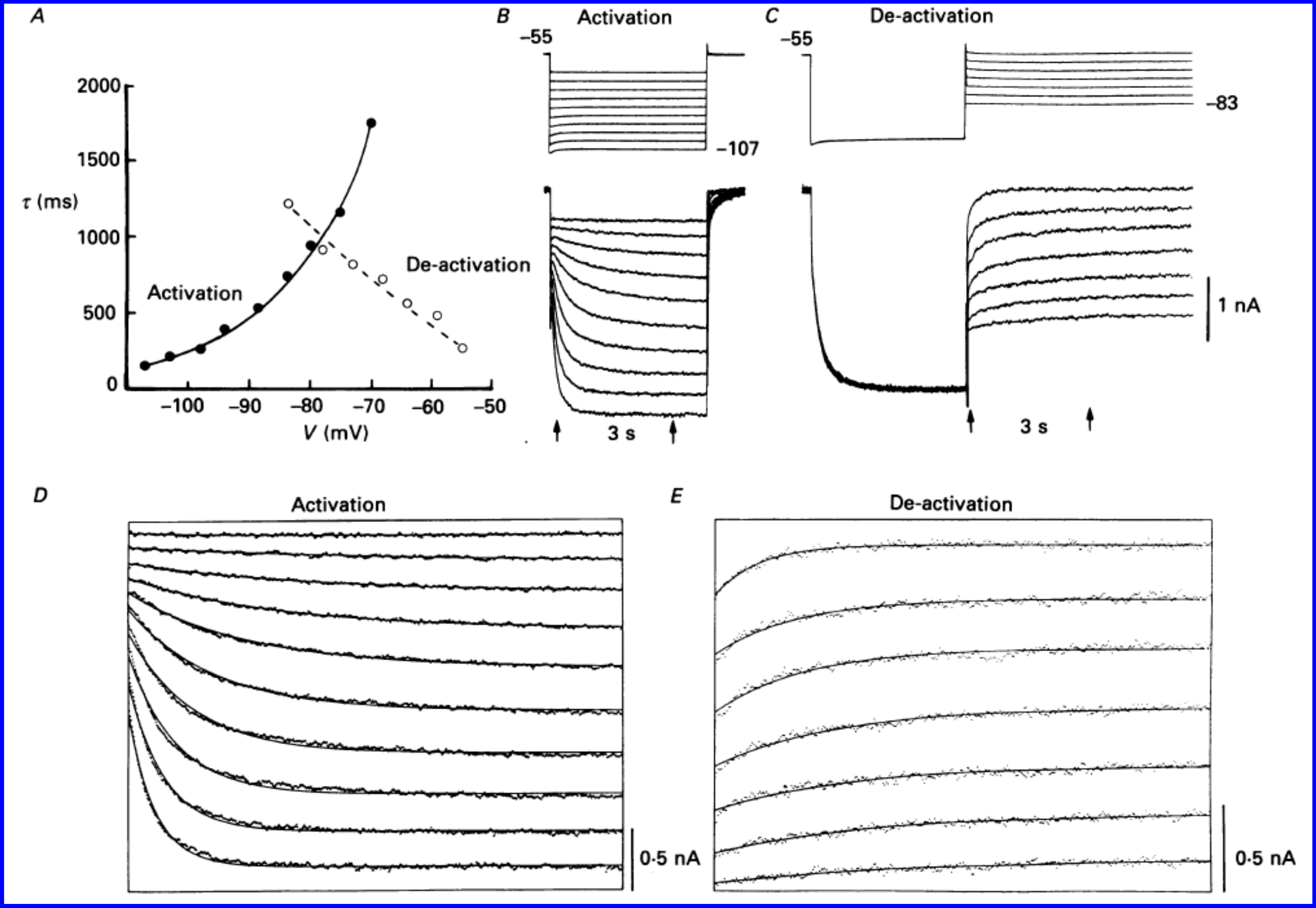
Properties of I-h, activation/deactivation rates



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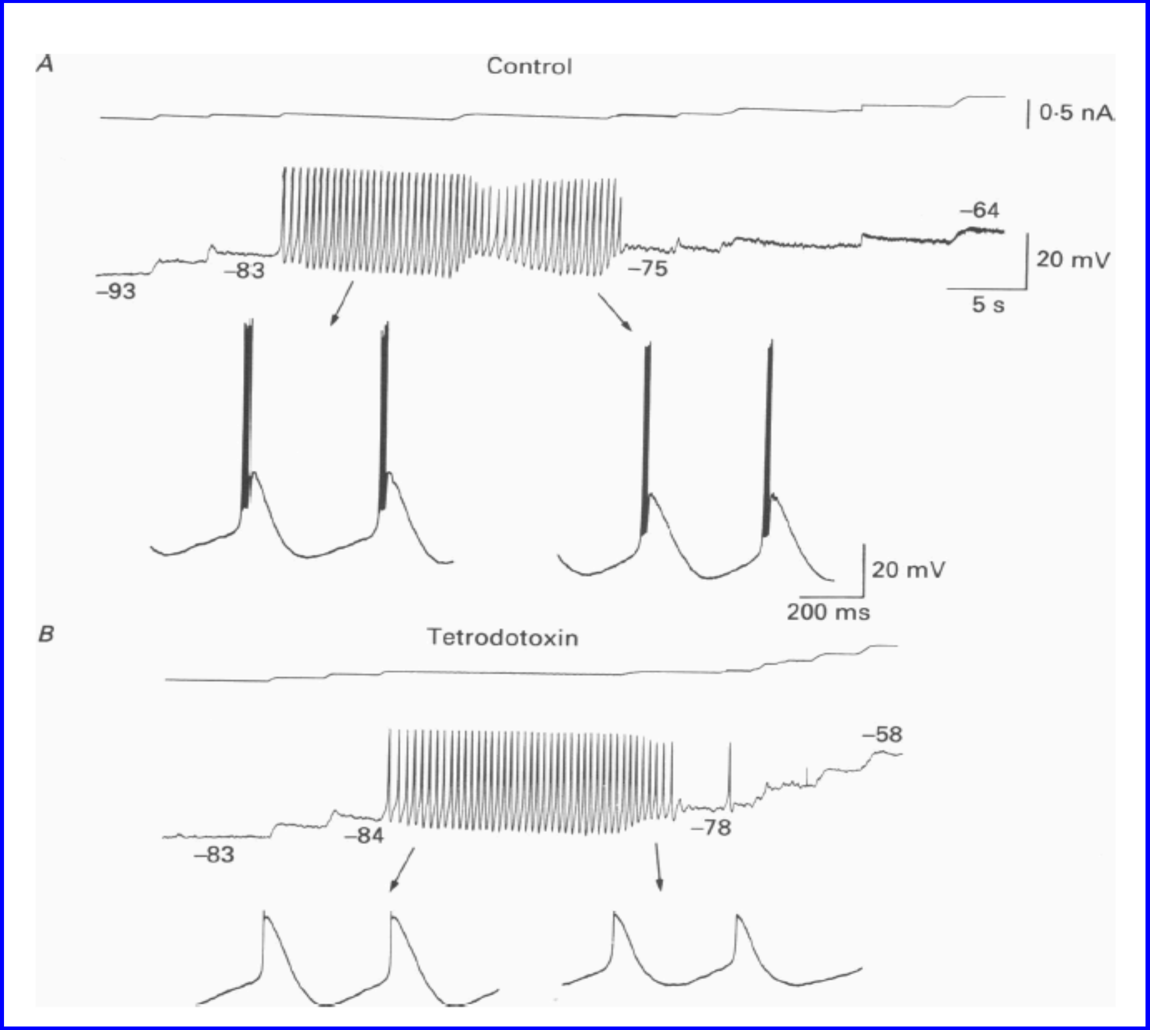
Thalamic relay neurons are intrinsic oscillators: dependence on sub-threshold conductances



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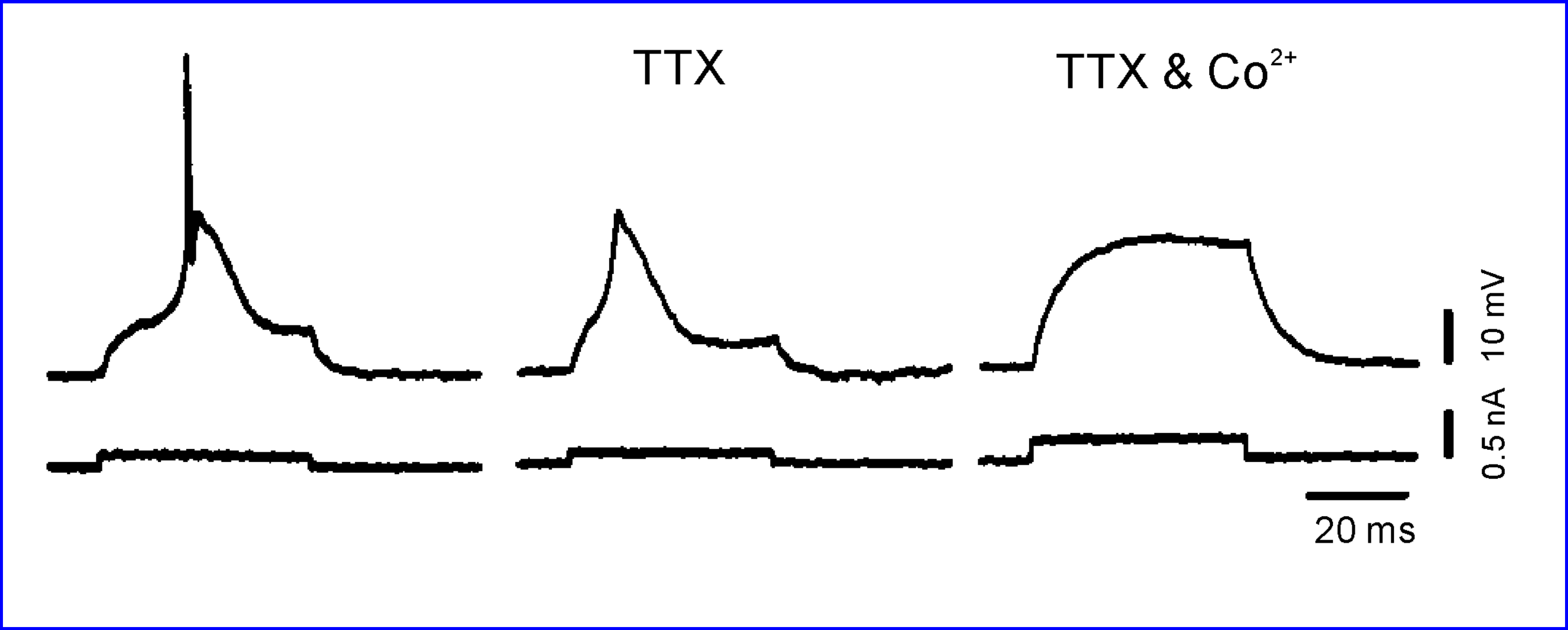
Basis of the burst: the low threshold spike (LTS)



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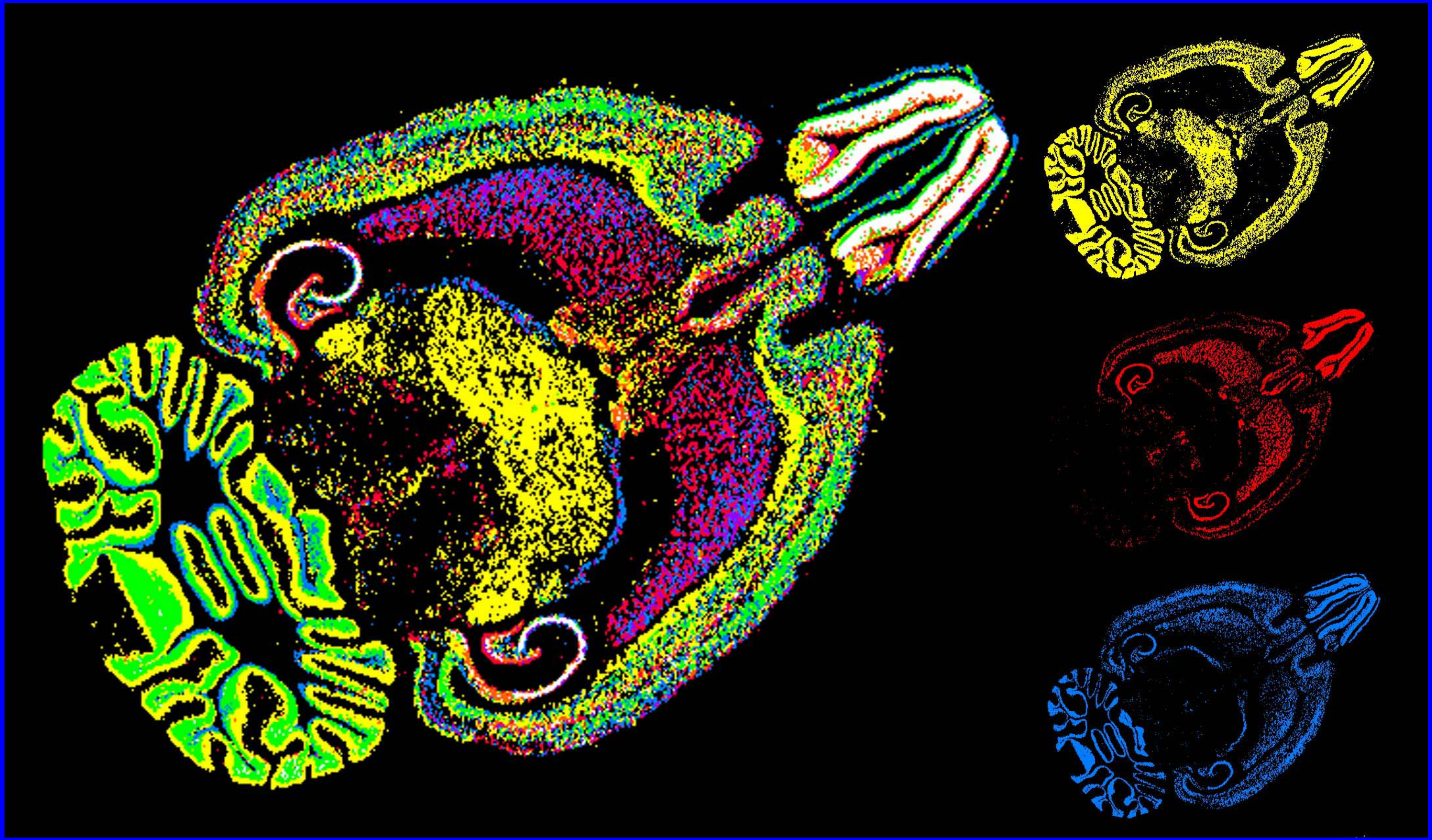
T type calcium channel genes in thalamus



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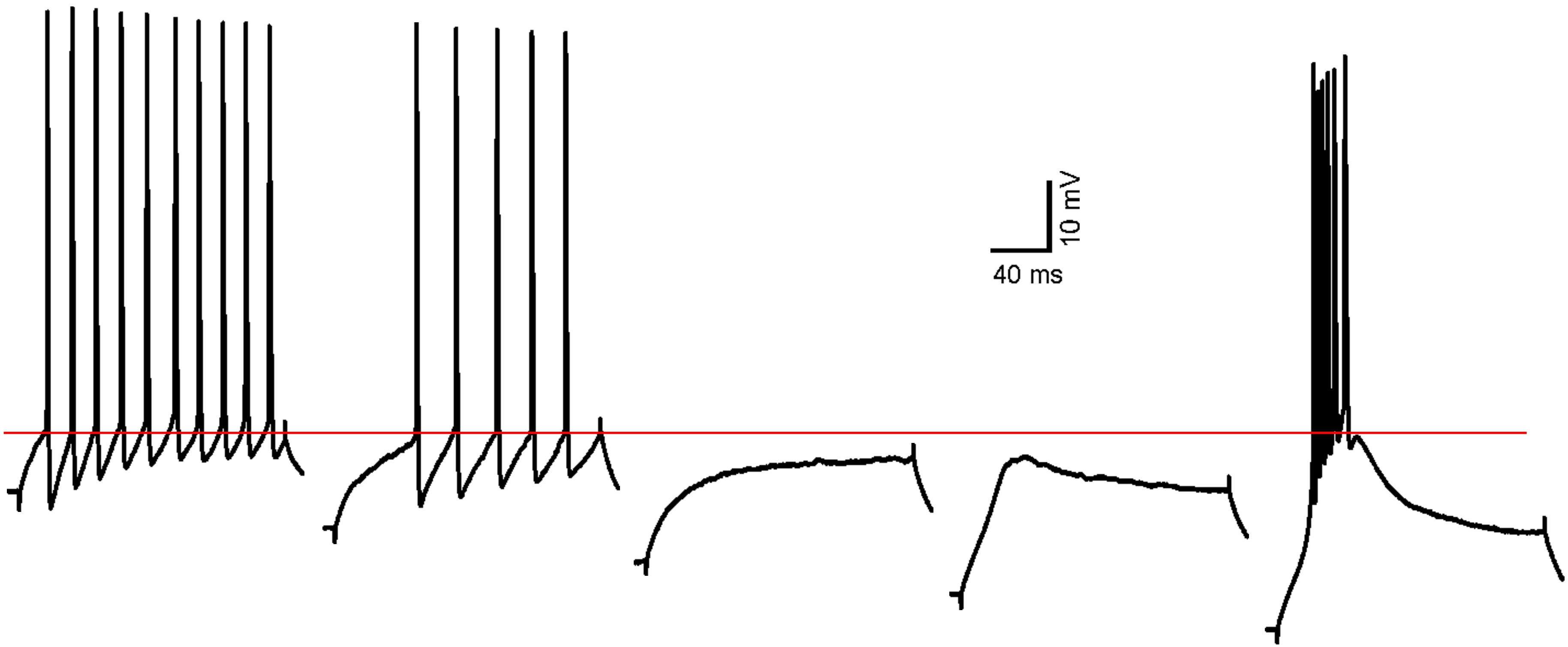
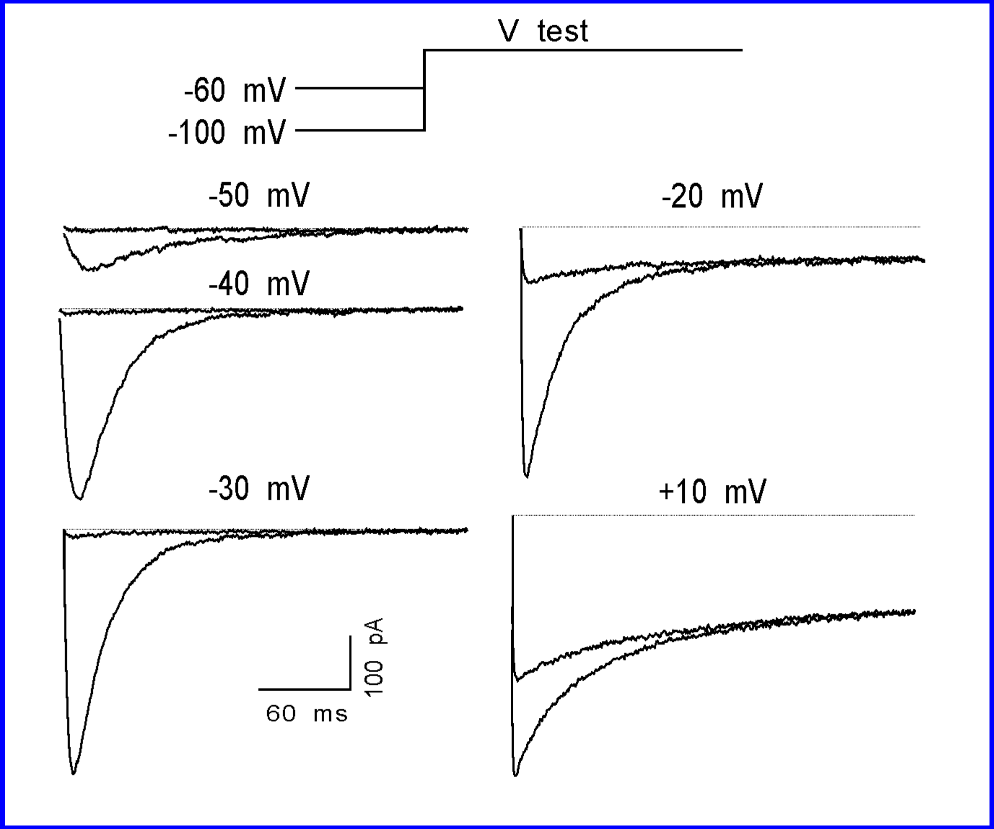
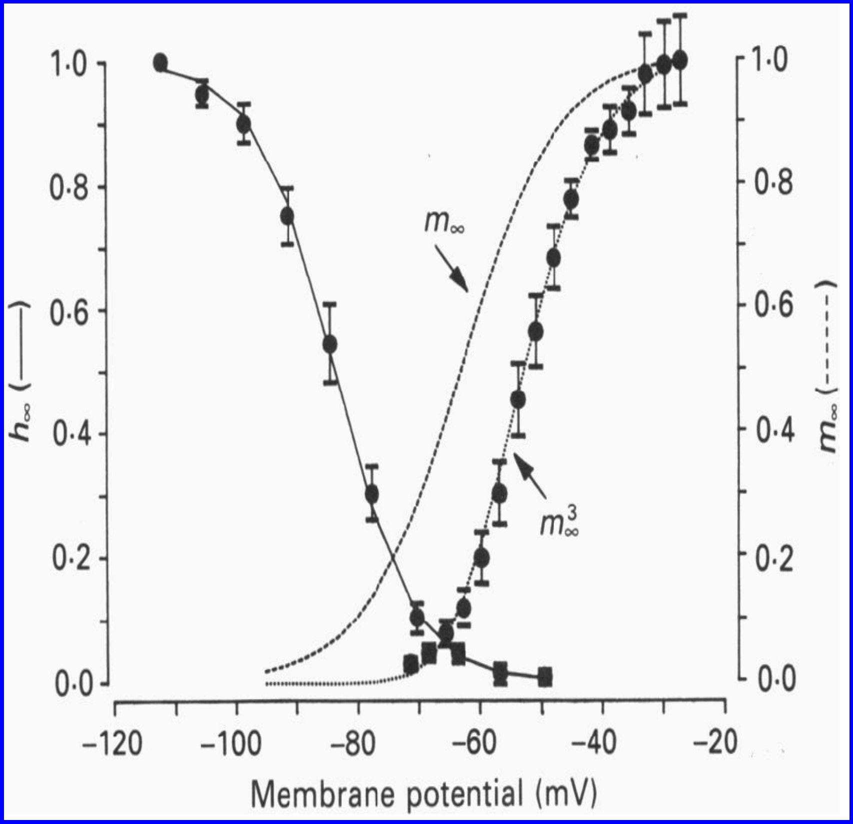
Paradoxical excitability in thalamic relay neurons



Isolation of I_T based on voltage clamp protocols: Hodgkin-Huxley-esque approach





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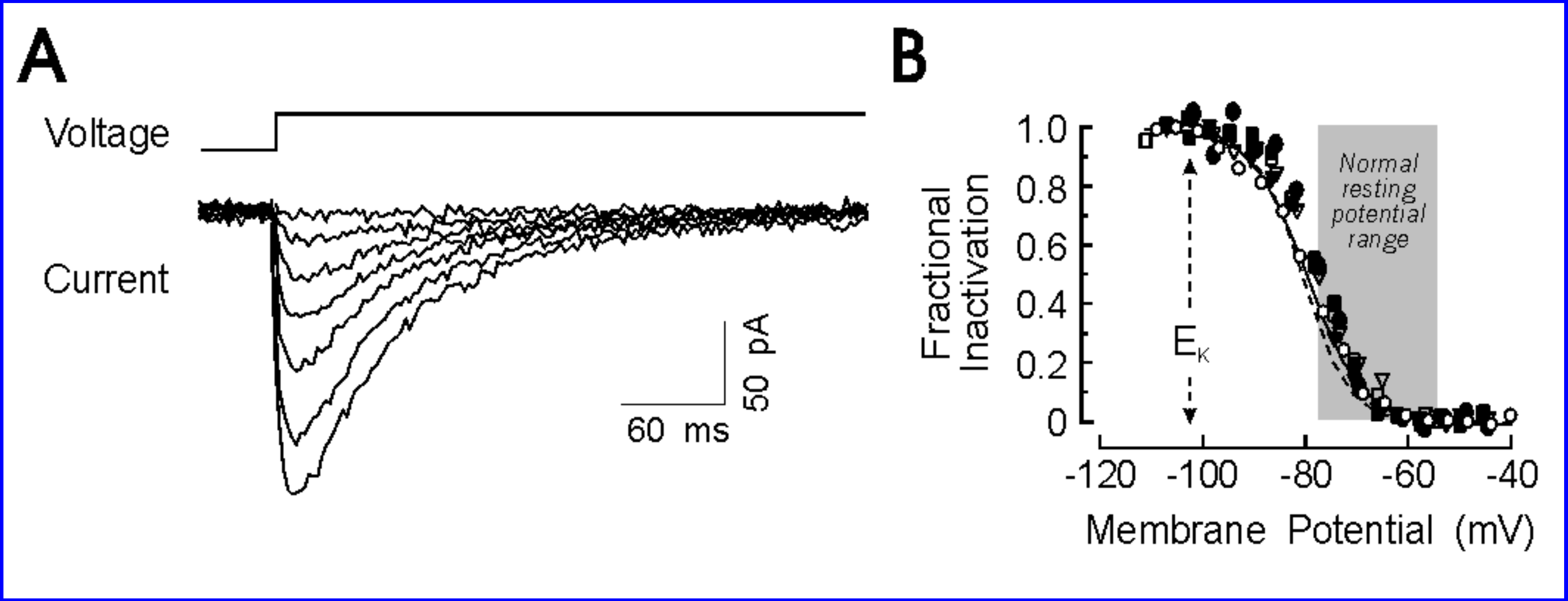
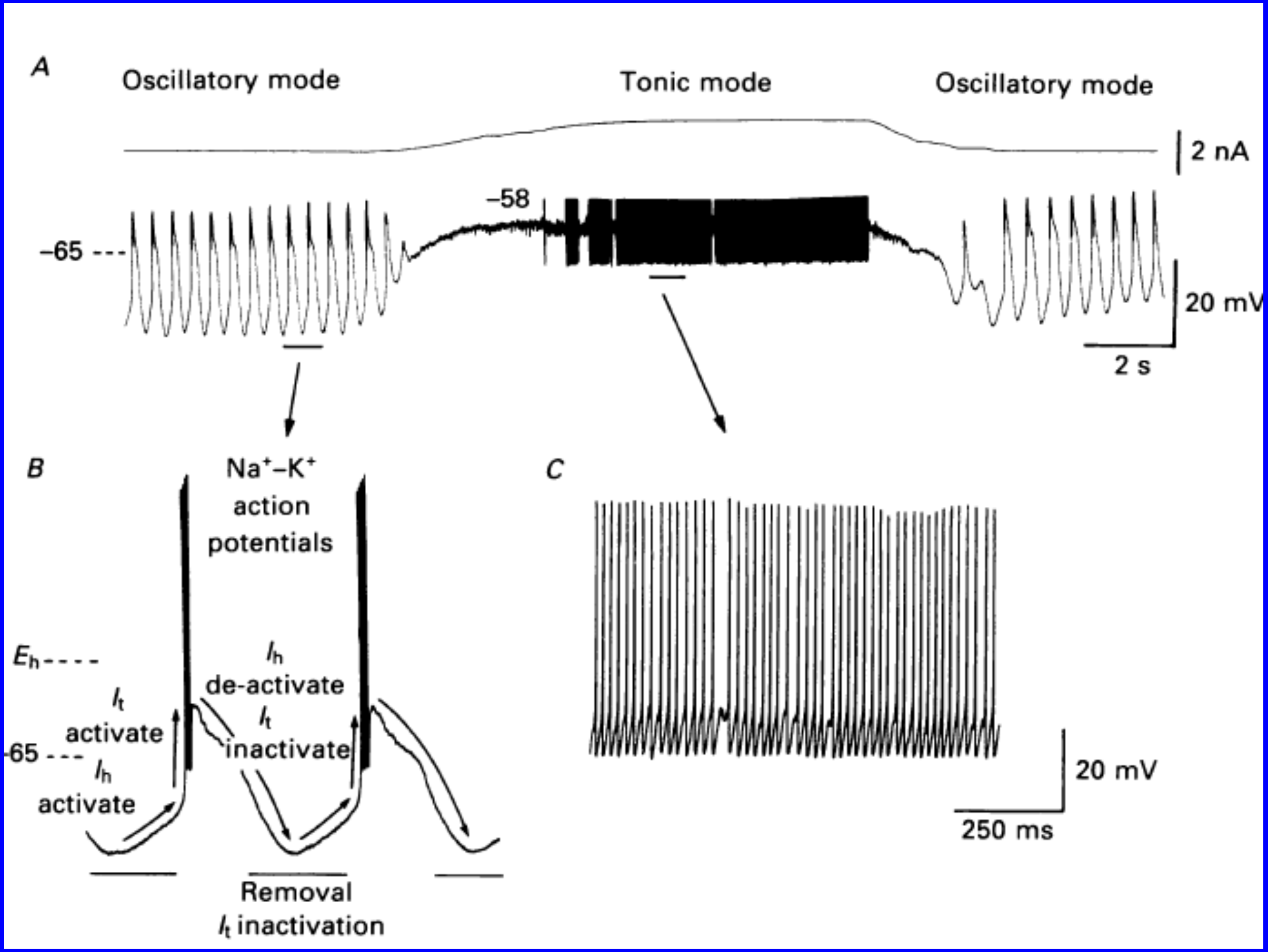
I-t is significantly inactivated at rest



I-h is partner with I-t in intrinsic oscillations



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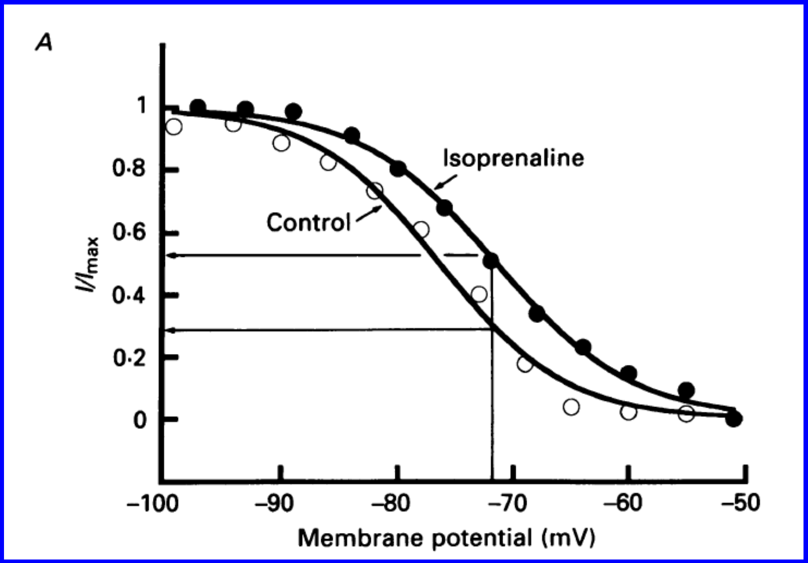

There are models available for cells with complex properties

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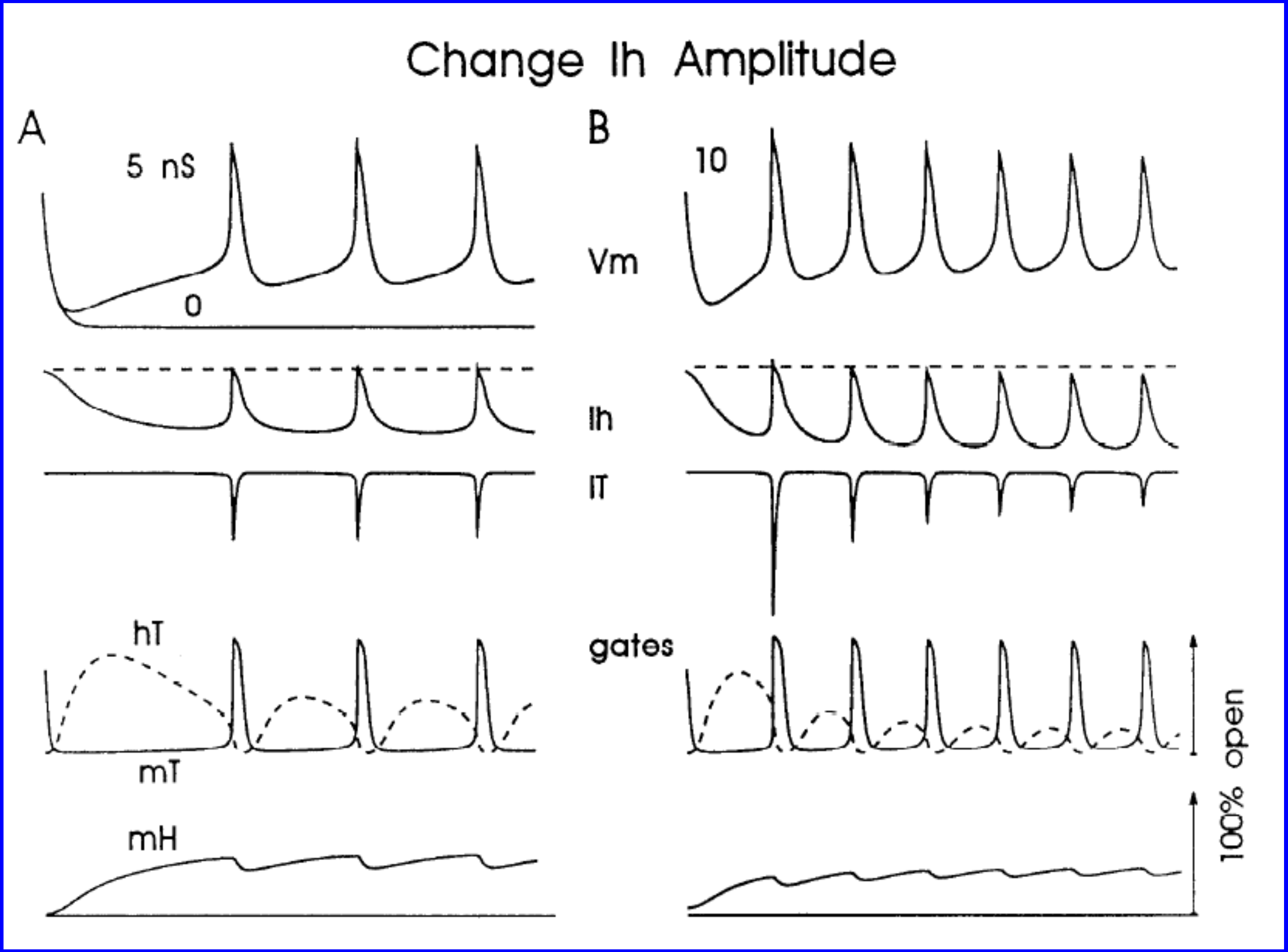
Can systematically vary different parameters to determine, e.g. sensitivity and necessity



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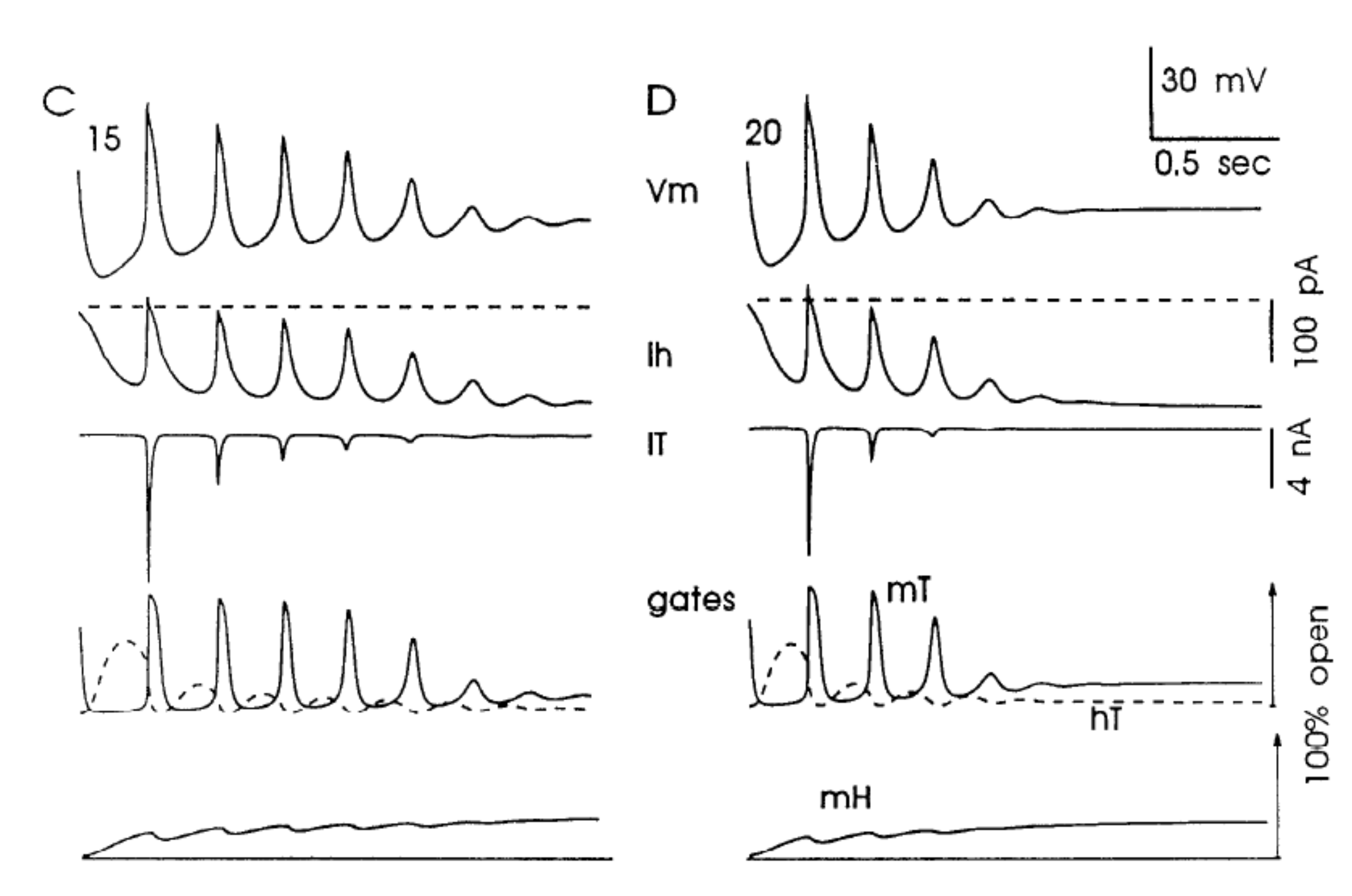
Too much of a good thing?



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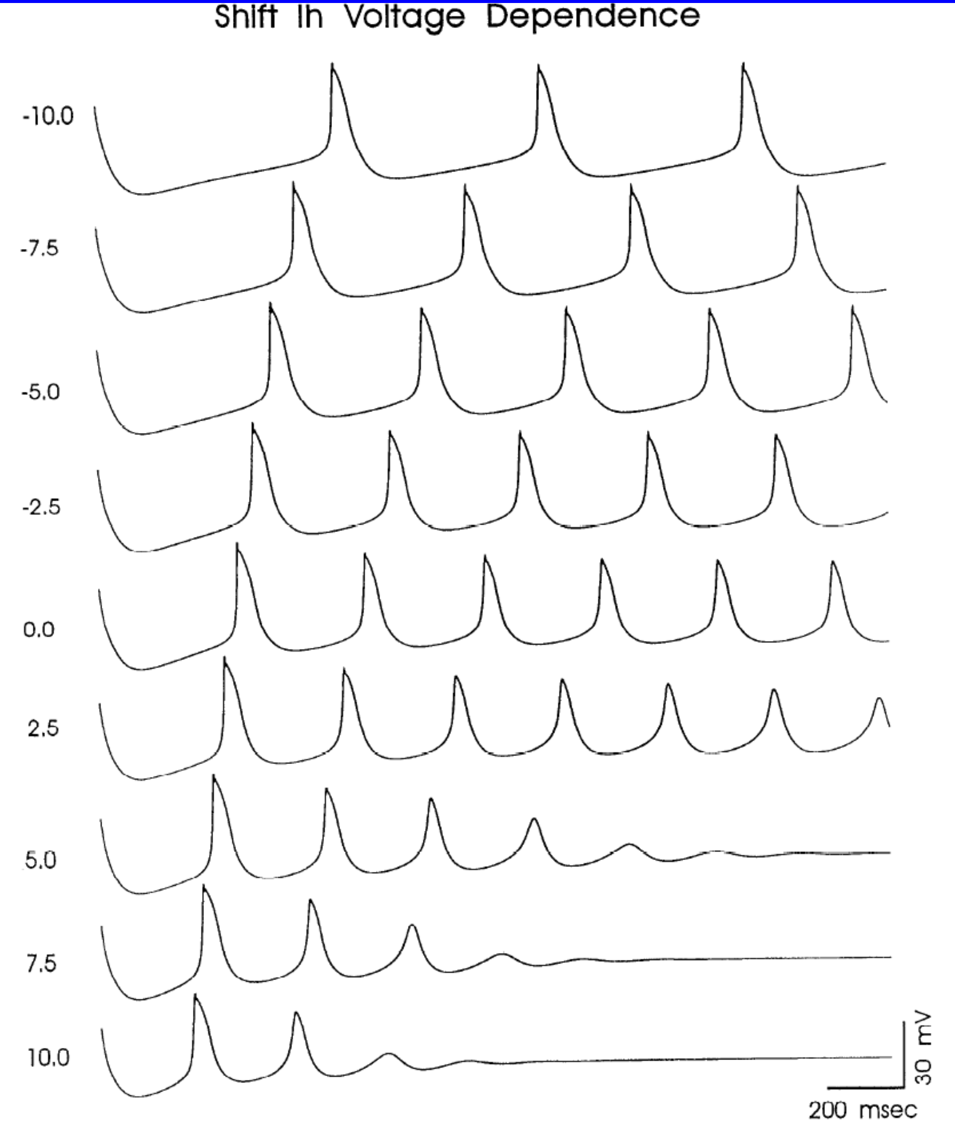
Modulation of I-h modifies network strength and structure



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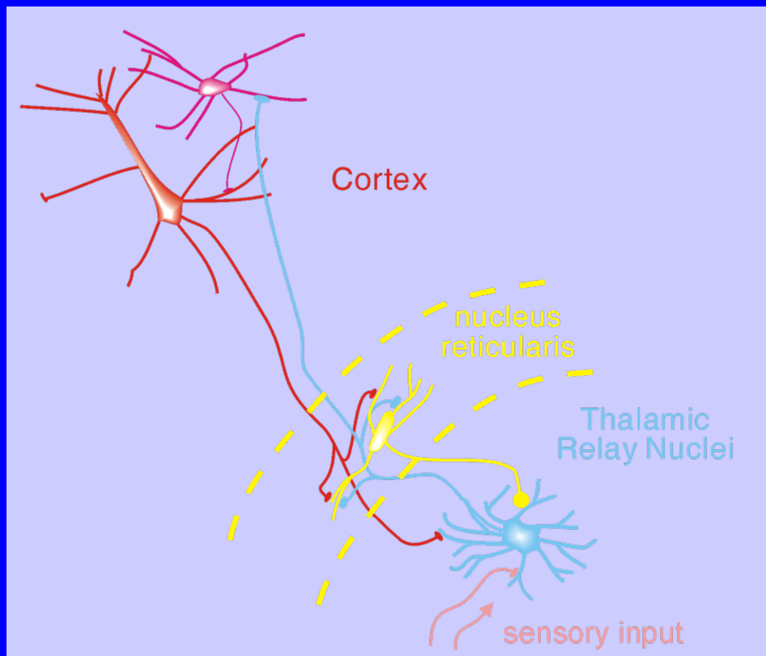
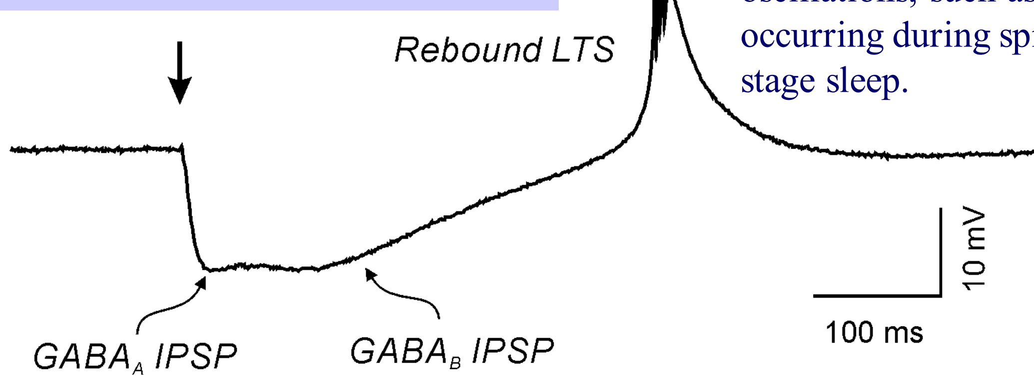
Post inhibitory rebound in thalamus and sleep rhythms





When active, thalamocortical cells receive recurrent (feedback) inhibition from neurons of the thalamic reticular nucleus (TRN). The inhibitory feedback in turn, leads to post-inhibitory rebound low threshold spike, re-excitation of TRN, and recurrent network oscillations, such as those occurring during spindle-stage sleep.

Summary, oscillations

- Oscillations can be generated in neural networks
  - through synaptic interactions, usually inhibitory
  - Through the intrinsic voltage dependent properties of neural elements

Summary, oscillations

- Recurrency promoted by membrane bistability
  - Between depolarized and hyperpolarized states
    - » The latter is associated with activity
    - » the former is generally associated with quiescence
  - Bistability is a result of non-linearities in the V/I relationship of neurons

Summary, oscillations

- Non-linearities in neural membranes
  - N-shaped I/V curves
    - Different from passive cells with largely linear I/V curves
  - N-shaped I/V curves with more than one positive crossing of current axis will have more than one stable point
  - Interactions with synapses (e.g. inhibition) or voltage gated ion channels (H-channels) result in reentrant transitions between stable states, and ultimately, oscillations