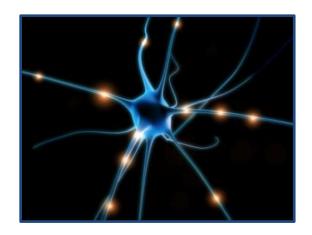
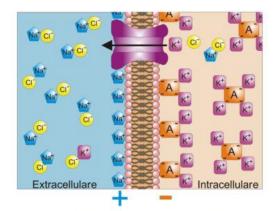
# Neuron modeling



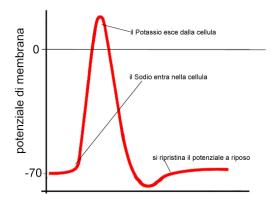
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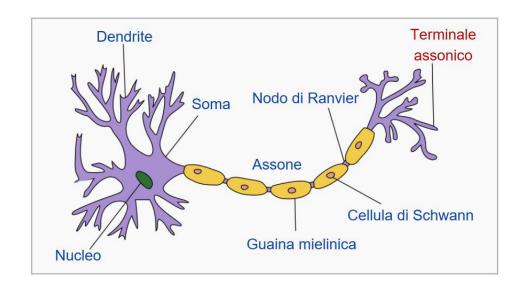


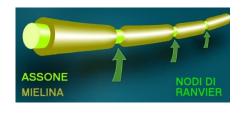


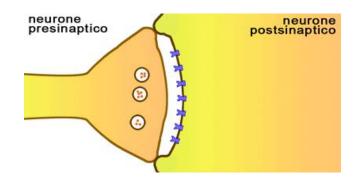
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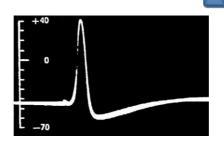




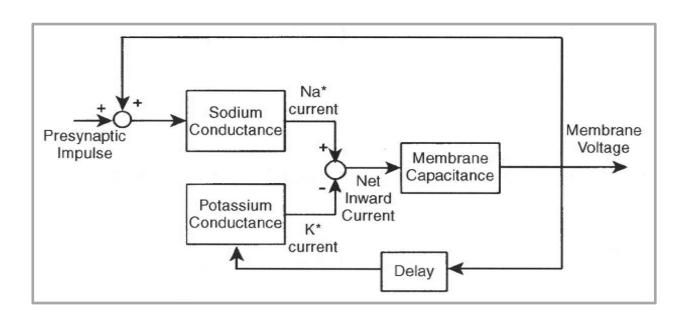


#### **Action potential generation**

Il **potenziale d'azione** è un evento di breve durata (ms) in cui il potenziale elettrico di membrana di una **cellula eccitabile** aumenta rapidamente e scende seguendo una traiettoria coerente



#### **Control system with positive and negative feedback**



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# A QUANTITATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MEMBRANE CURRENT AND ITS APPLICATION TO CONDUCTION AND EXCITATION IN NERVE

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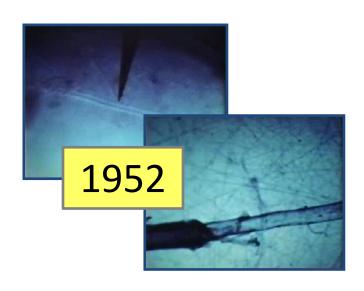
This article concludes a series of papers concerned with the flow of electric current through the surface membrane of a giant nerve fibre (Hodgkin, Huxley & Katz, 1952; Hodgkin & Huxley, 1952 a-c). Its general object is to discuss the results of the preceding papers (Part I), to put them into mathematical form (Part II) and to show that they will account for conduction and excitation in quantitative terms (Part III).

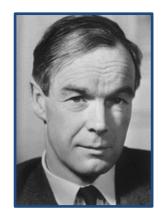


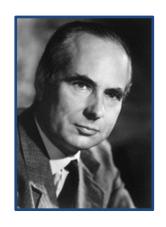


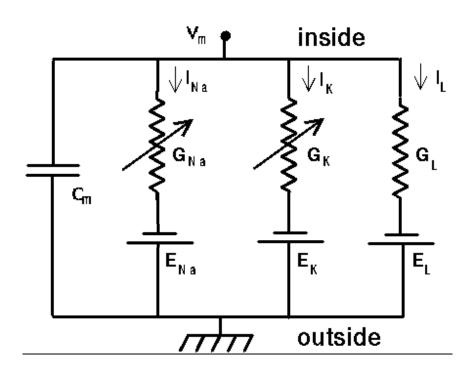
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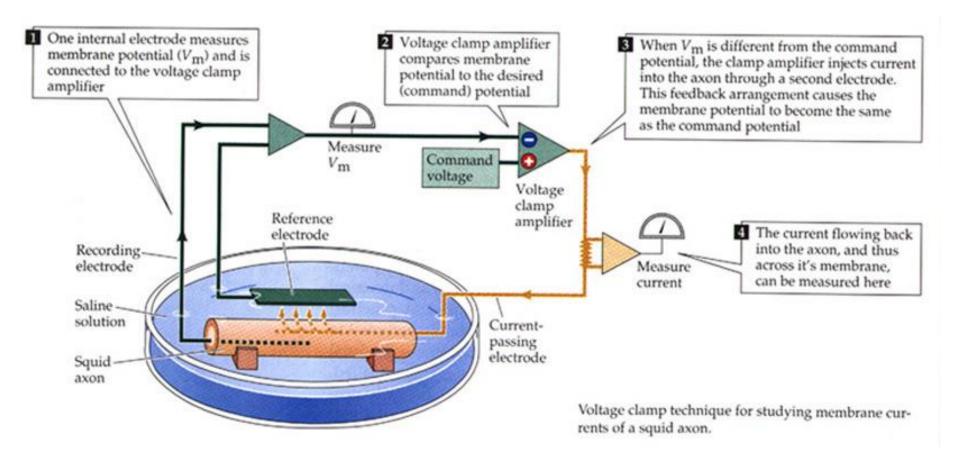






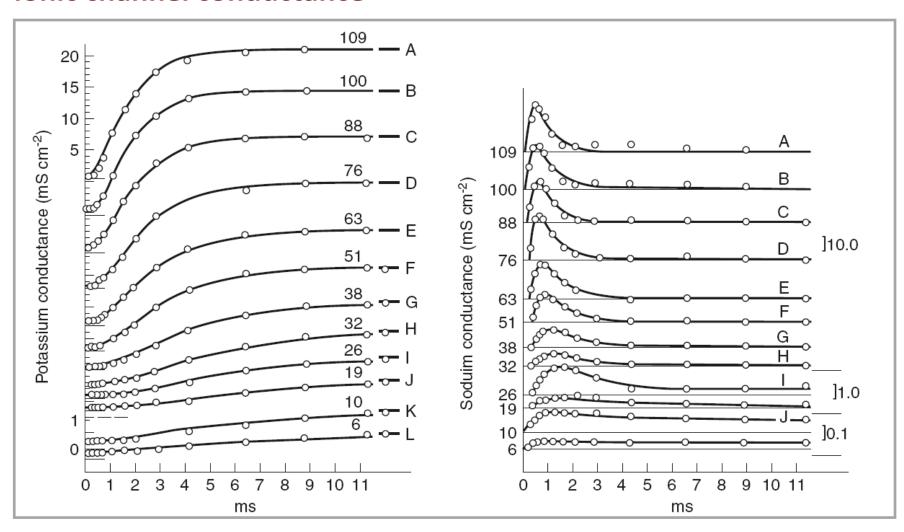


**Equivalent circuit** 



Voltage clamp (to open the loop)
Cole & Marmont

#### Ionic channel conductance

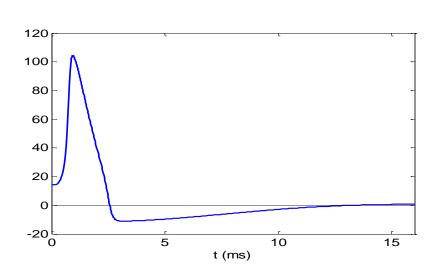


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#### **Equations**

$$C_m \frac{dv}{dt} = -\bar{g}_{\rm K} n^4 (v - v_{\rm K}) - \bar{g}_{\rm Na} m^3 h (v - v_{\rm Na}) - \bar{g}_{\rm L} (v - v_{\rm L}) + I_{\rm app},$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{dm}{dt} &= \alpha_m (1-m) - \beta_m m, \\ \frac{dn}{dt} &= \alpha_n (1-n) - \beta_n n, \\ \frac{dh}{dt} &= \alpha_h (1-h) - \beta_h h. \end{split}$$



$$\alpha_m = 0.1 \frac{25 - v}{\exp\left(\frac{25 - v}{10}\right) - 1},$$

$$\beta_m = 4 \exp\left(\frac{-v}{18}\right),$$

$$\alpha_h = 0.07 \exp\left(\frac{-v}{20}\right),$$

$$\beta_h = \frac{1}{\exp\left(\frac{30 - v}{10}\right) + 1},$$

$$\alpha_n = 0.01 \frac{10 - v}{\exp\left(\frac{10 - v}{10}\right) - 1},$$

$$\beta_n = 0.125 \exp\left(\frac{-v}{80}\right).$$

#### NUMERICAL METHODS

#### Membrane action potentials

Integration procedure. The equations to be solved are the four simultaneous first-order equations (26), (7), (15), and (16) (p. 518). After slight rearrangement (which will be omitted in this description) these were integrated by the method of Hartree (1932-3). Denoting the beginning and end of a step by  $t_0$  and  $t_1$  (=  $t_0$  +  $\delta t$ ) the procedure for each step was as follows:

- (1) Estimate  $V_1$  from  $V_0$  and its backward differences.
- (2) Estimate  $n_1$  from  $n_0$  and its backward differences.
- (3) Calculate  $(dn/dt)_1$  from eqn. 7 using the estimated  $n_1$  and the values of  $\alpha_n$  and  $\beta_n$  appropriate to the estimated  $V_1$ .
  - (4) Calculate  $n_1$  from the equation

$$n_1 - n_0 = \frac{\delta t}{2} \left\{ \left( \frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}t} \right)_0 + \left( \frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}t} \right)_1 - \frac{1}{12} \left[ \Delta^2 \left( \frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}t} \right)_0 + \Delta^2 \left( \frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}t} \right)_1 \right] \right\};$$

 $\Delta^2(dn/dt)$  is the second difference of dn/dt; its value at  $t_1$  has to be estimated.

- (5) If this value of  $n_1$  differs from that estimated in (2), repeat (3) and (4) using the new  $n_1$ . If necessary, repeat again until successive values of  $n_1$  are the same.
  - (6) Find  $m_1$  and  $h_1$  by procedures analogous to steps (2)-(5).
  - (7) Calculate  $\bar{g}_{K}n_{1}^{4}$  and  $\bar{g}_{N_{0}}m_{1}^{3}h_{1}$ .
- (8) Calculate  $(dV/dt)_1$  from eqn. 26 using the values found in (7) and the originally estimated  $V_1$ .
- (9) Calculate a corrected  $V_1$  by procedures analogous to steps (4) and (5). This result never differed enough from the original estimated value to necessitate repeating the whole procedure from step (3) onwards.

The step value had to be very small initially (since there are no differences at t=0) and it also had to be changed repeatedly during a run, because the differences became unmanageable if it was too large. It varied between about 0.01 msec at the beginning of a run or 0.02 msec during the rising phase of the action potential, and 1 msec during the small oscillations which follow the spike.



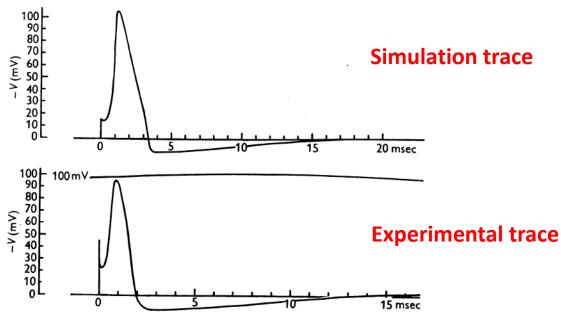


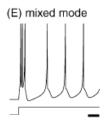
Fig. 13. Upper curve: solution of eqn. (26) for initial depolarization of 15 mV, calculated for 6° C. Lower curve: tracing of membrane action potential recorded at 9·1° C (axon 14). The vertical scales are the same in both curves (apart from curvature in the lower record). The horizontal scales differ by a factor appropriate to the temperature difference.

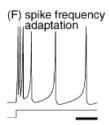


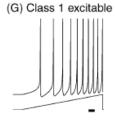


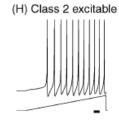
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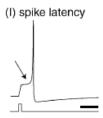


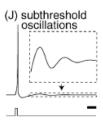


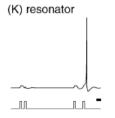


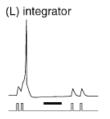


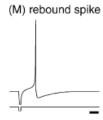


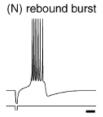


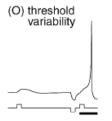


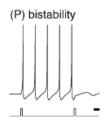


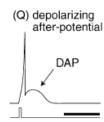


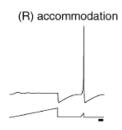


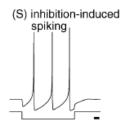


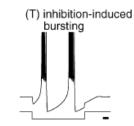






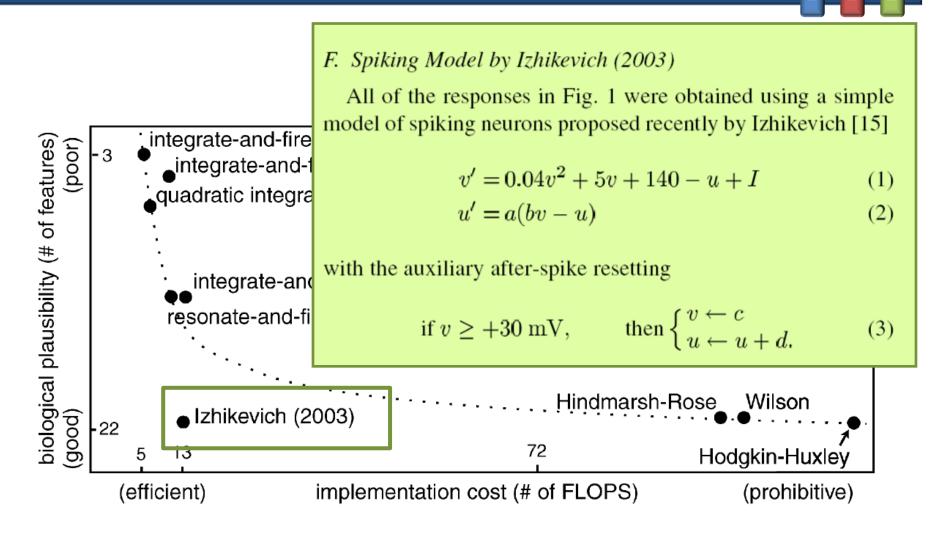






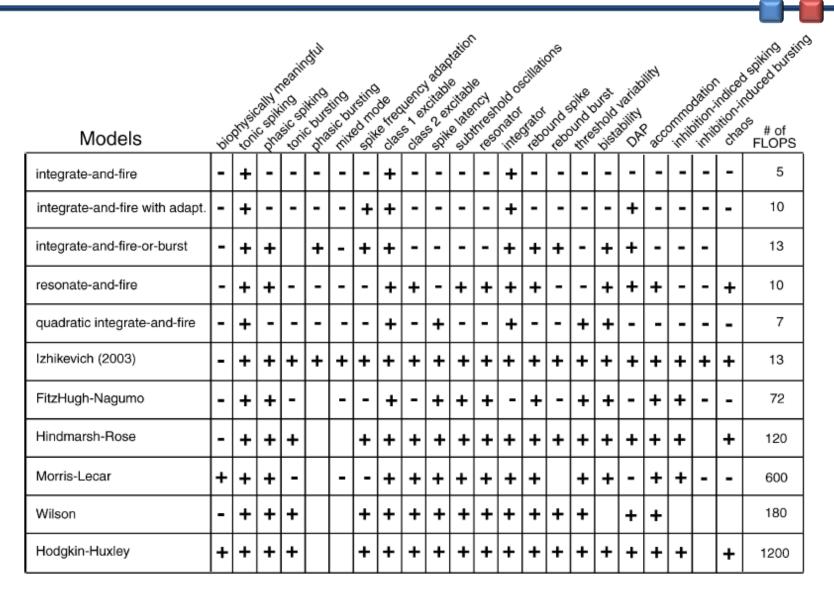
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